

腸管オルガノイド研究の進歩とその展望

Progress and prospects of intestinal organoid research

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SUMMARY

Three-dimensional (3D) models of the human intestine have been actively developed using tissue stem cells or pluripotent stem cells based upon recent advancements of gastrointestinal (GI) development. The 3D model function gut tissues and mimics differentiation into GI organ so-called an intestinal organoid. The intestinal organoids are divided into two distinct types based either on the mucosa epithelium stem cells or pluripotent stem cells (PSCs) as a source. The epithelium organoids composed of various epithelial cell types are applying for various disease models including cancers and also chemical screening system in drug development. The PSCs derived gut organoids can mimic the GI-organogenesis *in vitro* and the tissue architecture, and authors have also succeeded in producing highly matured functional intestinal organoids (Mini-Guts) self-organized from the PSCs in a xenogeneic-free condition. The GI organoids become definite models for human intestinal development, and also are applied to biomedical development such as drug development and regenerative medicine. The development of GI organoid systems can provide accurate and physiologically relevant models in establishing appropriate platforms for the development of new therapeutic strategies.

Here, we summarize the GI organoid models of intestinal development and disease, considering where improvements could be made and potential applications in the fields of basic science and biomedical applications.