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## Structure design examinations of 3-dimensional textile scaffolds using for tissue engineering in vitro

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### Introduction

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V5	1.5	58.7	91	middle (16 needle gauge)
V6	5	191	87	fine (28 needle gauge)
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V8	2.51	83	98	fine (28 needle gauge)
V9	2.57	152	96	fine (28 needle gauge)
V10	1.45	56.6	97	fine (28 needle gauge)
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Table 1: Production setting parameter of used non woven fleeces

### Objectives

The aim of this study was to examine the proliferation behaviour of human gingival fibroblasts on poly glycolide (PGA) fleece samples of various thickness and porosity (tab. 1). The fleece samples were produced in cooperation with the Institute for Textile Technology (ITA) RWTH Aachen (fig. 1, 2).

### Material and Methods

Proliferation was examined by determining the live cell count (WST-1-test), and total protein content (BCA-test). These results were subsequently verified with a proliferation analysis (BrdU-test) of each of the fleece samples. In order to standardise the results, all experiments were conducted using human fibroblasts of a single cell line at passage five (fig. 3). Likewise, the initial colonisation of the fleece samples was standardised with  $5 \times 10^5$  cells/fleece. The live cell count and total protein content were determined after 0, 1 hours, and 14 days. The proliferation analysis was conducted after 14 days.

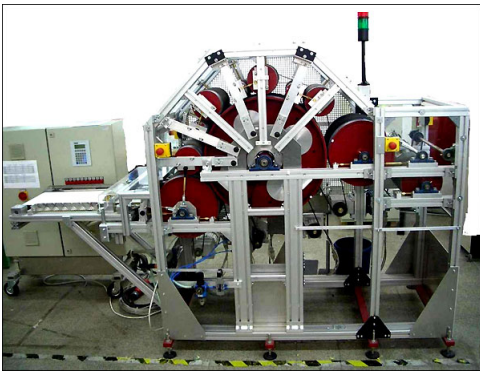


Fig. 1: Laboratory Carding Machine

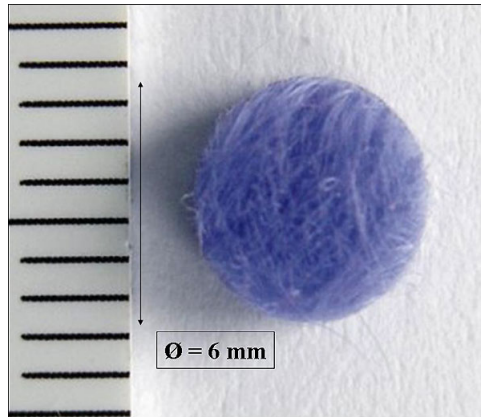


Fig. 2: Non woven scaffold made of PGA

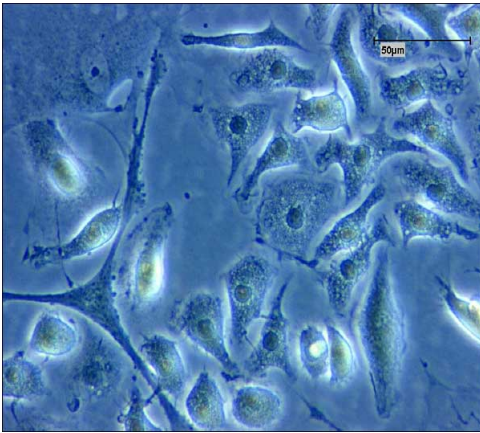


Fig. 3: Primary gingival fibroblasts, 5th. passage

## Results

Large pore structure had a negative effect on the proliferation of gingival fibroblasts, the initial cell loss was between 40% and 80% (fig. 4), cytotoxicity could not be demonstrated. Increasing thickness also negatively influenced proliferation. All fleece samples showed cell growth at 14 days, however, the cell growth rates varied significantly from fleece to fleece (fig. 5, 6).

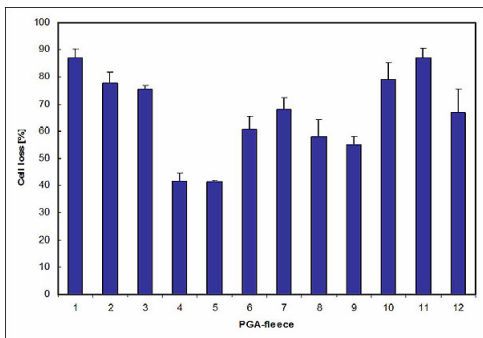


Fig. 4: Cell loss rates of the PGA fleece samples

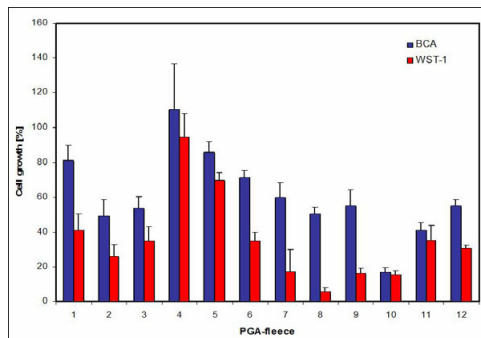


Fig. 5: Protein accretion and cell growth of the PGA fleece samples at day 14

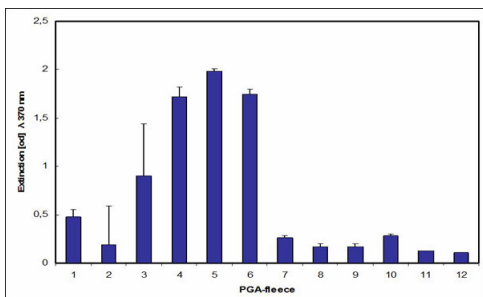


Fig. 6: Cell proliferation after 14 days (BrdU-test)

## Conclusions

Textile PGA fleece is suitable as a scaffold structure for human gingival fibroblasts, however, its structural parameters have a significant influence on the proliferation of these cells (fig. 7, 8). Fleece constructed from knit-de-knit textured fibres with a low porosity of 90% and a thickness of 1.5 mm is recommended for scaffold structures. Investigations using copolymers, which allow the adsorption time to be controlled in order to allow for tissue regeneration, would be worthwhile. The PGA fleece structures used in this study are not suitable for in vivo studies, due to their very short absorption times.

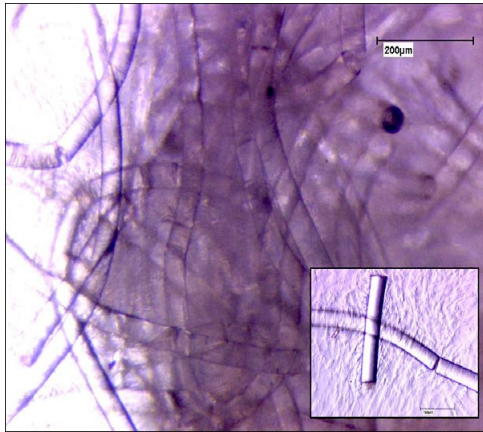


Fig. 7: Light microscopy picture of a PGA fleece seeded with human primary fibroblasts



Fig. 8: Raster electron microscope picture of a PGA fleece seeded with human primary fibroblasts

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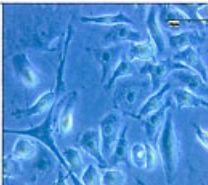


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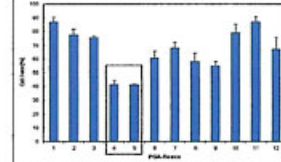


Figure 4: Cell loss rates of the PGA fleece samples. (BCA: λ=550 nm, WST-1: λ=450 nm)

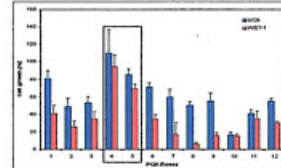


Figure 5: Protein secretion and cell growth of the PGA fleece samples at day 14. (BCA: λ=550 nm, WST-1: λ=450 nm)

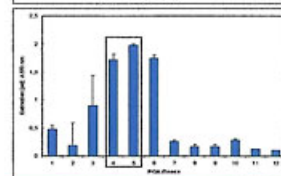


Figure 6: Cell proliferation after 14 days (ReU-test λ=570 nm)

### Discussion & Conclusions

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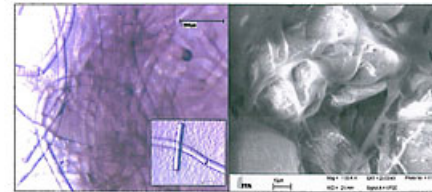


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