Treatment of chronic wounds with cultivated autologous

keratinocytes as suspension in fibrin glue. [German]

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Abstract:

Cultivated keratinocytes have been used for treatment of chronic wounds. Our group developed a

new application form, using a suspension of subconfluently cultivated keratinocytes in fibrin glue

(keratinocyte-fibrin-glue-suspension = KFGS), which has successfully been used in burn patients.

Altogether 8 patients (average: 57 yrs.) with complex chronic wounds of different origin were treated

with KFGS. All wounds, which had been existing from 4 months to 14 years, showed good

reepithelization. Up to now there has been observed stable wound closure for 4 years after grafting.

This study demonstrates the wound healing potence of a keratinocyte-fibrin-glue-suspension also for

chronic wounds. Fibrin glue seems to be both an ideal application vehicle as a biological matrix for

the cultivated keratinocytes. The transplantation of cultivated autologous keratinocytes as

suspension in fibrin glue is a promising way in the treatment of chronic wounds.