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• 论著 •

# 冰冻对弓形虫 GT1 速殖子体外感染力的影响\*

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**【摘要】** 目的 探讨冰冻不同时间对弓形虫 GT1 速殖子体外感染力的影响。方法 用 HFF 细胞传代 GT1 速殖子 3 次, 刮净培养物, 取 2.0 mL 充分破碎后计数。将剩余培养物中速殖子调至 10 000 个/mL, 分装至 1.5 mL 离心管(100 μL/管), 并随机分成 3 组。上述样品放置于 4 ℃, 分别在 0、12、24、36、48、60 h 时取出样品, 5 管/组, 再置于 4 ℃、-20 ℃ 或 -80 ℃ 保存。待首批冰冻 72 h 时取出全部样品, 于室温(约 22 ℃)完全融化后全量加入预先铺有 HFF 细胞的 6 孔培养板内, 继续培养。于 10 倍物镜下随机选取 3 个视野, 观察并记录感染 3、5、7 d 时的噬斑形成数, 若噬斑总数为 0, 则进行全视野扫描检测。盲传感染 7 d 仍未检测到噬斑形成的培养物, 用全视野扫描盲传 7 d 时各瓶内的噬斑。结果 随机观察 3 个视野, 复苏前 4 ℃ 放置的 GT1 速殖子仅在感染 3 d 时形成的噬斑清晰可辨, 且各孔间无明显不同; -20 ℃ 和 -80 ℃ 冰冻均能减弱 GT1 速殖子的体外感染力。盲传后观察, 经 -20 ℃ 和 -80 ℃ 冰冻 24 h 的 GT1 速殖子仍能在感染 HFF 细胞 7 d 时形成噬斑, 且 -80 ℃ 较 -20 ℃ 冰冻组形成的噬斑数更多; 冰冻 36 h 及以上的 GT1 速殖子未形成噬斑。结论 以 1 000 个速殖子/孔的剂量感染 6 孔培养板内的 HFF 细胞, 4 ℃ 放置不超过 72 h 对 GT1 速殖子体外毒力无显著影响, -20 ℃ 或 -80 ℃ 冰冻 36 h 及以上能减弱弓形虫 GT1 速殖子体外感染力。

**【关键词】** 弓形虫; GT1; 冰冻; 感染

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## Effect of the freezing followed by melting at RT on the infection ability of *Toxoplasma gondii* GT1 tachyzoites *in vitro*

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**【Abstract】** **Objective** To explore the effect of the freezing followed by melting at room temperature (RT) on the infection ability of *Toxoplasma gondii* GT1 tachyzoites *in vitro*. **Methods** *T. gondii* GT1 tachyzoites were passaged for three times using HFF cells, and the cultures at the last time were scraped, 2.0 mL of which were broken and subsequently used for counting parasite. The residual cultures in which the number of parasites was switched to 10 000 per milliliter, were loaded into 1.5 mL tube, 100 μL each. After divided into three groups randomly, all the samples were simultaneously placed at 4 ℃ for freshness, and then the time was as 0 h. Five tubes each group were taken out at 0, 12, 24, 36, 48 and 60 h post placement, and followed to store at 4 ℃, -20 ℃, or -80 ℃. All the samples were fully melted at RT about 22 ℃ when the first ones were frozen for 72 h, and were completely added into 6-well plates to continuously co-culture with HFF cells. The plaques within three visual fields were totally recorded under 10 objective lens at 3, 5, and 7-day post infection (dpi), respectively. If the total number was zero, the full-vision scanning would be performed, which was also used to identify the plaques at 7 d post the blind passage of the cell cultures with no plaque formation detected at 7 dpi. **Results** The results from the three random visual fields showed that the plaques formed by the GT1 tachyzoites stored at 4 ℃ were distinguished only at 3 dpi, and no statistic difference was detected among all the wells containing these parasites. Moreover, the infection abilities of *T. gondii* GT1 tachyzoites were both significantly reduced by the freezing at -20 ℃ and -80 ℃ followed by melting at RT *in vitro*. The data from the blind passages showed that the plaques of the GT1 tachyzoites were still detected at 7 dpi, which were frozen at -20 ℃ or -80 ℃ for 24 h followed by melted at RT before, and the number of plaques formed at -80 ℃ was more than that of -20 ℃. Noteworthily, the plaque cannot be detected during passaging the cell cultures in which the parasites were frozen for not less than 36 h followed by melted at RT.

**Conclusion** 1 000 tachyzoites of *T. gondii* GT1 strain each well is suitable for infecting host cells in 6-well plate, and

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their infection abilities in vitro, which were not disturbed by storing at 4 °C for not more than 72 h, are significantly weakened by the freezing at -20 °C and -80 °C for not less than 36 h followed by melting at RT about 22 °C.

**【Key words】** *Toxoplasma gondii*; GT1; freezing; infection

刚地弓形虫(*Toxoplasma gondii*)简称弓形虫,是一种重要的人兽共患的机会致病性原虫,呈世界性分布,能感染包括人在内的所有温血动物,影响人类健康和畜牧业生产<sup>[1-2]</sup>。弓形虫拥有速殖子、缓殖子和卵囊等多种感染形态,感染途径多样,误食被污染的水与食物和接触包括家畜在内的被感染动物均可引起弓形虫感染<sup>[3-5]</sup>。此外,弓形虫基因型丰富<sup>[6]</sup>,不同基因型的毒力间有时差异很大<sup>[7-8]</sup>。加之速殖子能够突破血脑屏障进入脑组织,且易于体外培养和体内传代,不同感染类型间容易通过人工诱导实现,弓形虫已经成为深入探究人兽共患性病原微生物致病机制和脑内感染引起人或动物行为变化的重要研究对象<sup>[9-10]</sup>。

GT1速殖子(Genotype I)是实验室常见毒株,常被用作研究弓形虫未知基因功能、发病机理和致病机制的重要实验模型<sup>[11-13]</sup>,由其引起的实验室安全隐患亦倍受关注。目前,实验室多用消毒试剂、火灼或水煮的方式对所用物品和废弃物进行消杀,但具体效果并不明确,且消毒试剂处理废液时存在因稀释而达不到理想浓度,火灼或水煮非耐温物品如培养瓶、培养板和细胞爬片时极易引发火灾。有资料显示,冰冻能够影响组织内弓形虫包囊的毒力<sup>[14]</sup>,实验室均具有冰冻设施,与消毒试剂、火灼、水煮相比,冰冻对实验室安全与环境保护更加有利。本研究将模拟实验室日常操作,旨在探究室冰冻对弓形虫GT1速殖子体外感染力的影响,为保障实验室安全提供参考。

## 材料与方法

### 1 材料

**1.1 宿主细胞系和弓形虫毒株** HFF细胞系和弓形虫GT1速殖子均由广西脑与认知神经科学重点实验室保存。

**1.2 主要试剂和仪器** 青、链霉素混合液和高糖型DMEM培养基购自美国Gibco公司;胰蛋白酶-EDTA消化液购自中国Solarbio公司;胎牛血清为以色列Biological Industries公司产品;T25细胞培养瓶和6孔细胞培养板为中国NEST Biotechnology公司产品;CKX53型荧光倒置显微镜购自日本Olympus公司;-80 °C医用低温冰箱购自日本Panasonic公司;BCD-315TNGS型冰箱为海尔智家股份有限公司生产。

### 2 方法

**2.1 细胞复苏与传代** 参考文献[15]的方法用37 °C

水浴复苏HFF细胞和GT1速殖子,用胰酶消化和以一传三的方式传代HFF细胞,5.0 mL/瓶。待GT1速殖子感染HFF细胞80%以上时,刮取培养物,吹打混匀,移取200 μL进行传代。共重复传代3次。用6孔细胞培养板对HFF细胞进行培养,备用。

**2.2 速殖子的处理与感染** 待GT1速殖子感染HFF细胞80%时,刮净培养物并吹打混匀,移取2.0 mL,用5号针头充分破碎,用血细胞计数板重复计数5次,取平均值。用DMEM培养基将剩余培养物中GT1速殖子调至10 000个/mL,并分装至1.5 mL离心管,100 μL/管,共90管,随机分成3组,30管/组,放置于4 °C冰箱,分别在0、12、24、36、48、60 h时依次随机取出5管/组,并分别置于4 °C、-20 °C或-80 °C条件保存。待首批样品冰冻72 h即最后一批冰冻12 h时取出全部样品,于室温(约22 °C)下至完全融化。

将管内液体充分混匀,全量加入上述6孔细胞培养板,培养板放入湿盒内,置于37 °C、5% CO<sub>2</sub>培养箱培养。分别在感染后的第3、5、7 d用10倍物镜随机选取3个视野进行观察,分别记录各孔内的噬斑形成情况。若3个视野内形成的噬斑总数为0,则对该孔内的细胞进行全视野扫描检测。

**2.3 细胞培养物的盲传** 用胰酶对感染7 d仍未检测到有噬斑形成孔内的培养物进行消化,补加DMEM培养基(含10%胎牛血清)至5.0 mL,吹打混匀后全量加入T25细胞培养瓶,于37 °C、5% CO<sub>2</sub>培养箱内静置培养6 h后更换培养基,继续培养至7 d。用荧光倒置显微镜全视野扫描拍照,记录各瓶内HFF细胞生长情况与噬斑形成总数。

**2.4 统计学分析** 运用SPSS PASW Statistics v18.0系统进行统计学分析,各组所得噬斑数比较采用Student's *t*检验,*P*<0.05为差异有统计学意义。用GraphPad Prism 8软件绘制所得数据图形。

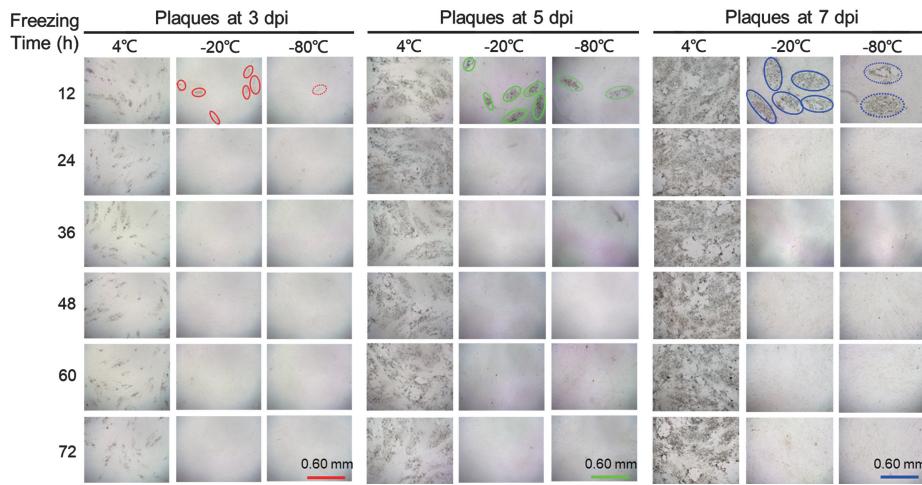
## 结 果

### 1 GT1速殖子感染HFF细胞噬斑形成情况

取4 °C、-20 °C和-80 °C条件下保存12、24、36、48、60、72 h的弓形虫GT1速殖子,置室温(约22 °C)完全融化后分别感染6孔培养板内的HFF细胞,记录感染3、5、7 d时的噬斑形成情况,结果如图1。-20 °C和-80 °C条件下冰冻的弓形虫GT1速殖子噬斑形成能力减弱,除-20 °C和-80 °C冰冻12 h形成的噬斑外,置于4 °C保存的GT1速殖子仅在感染第3 d时

的噬斑清晰可辨,表明以1 000个速殖子/孔的剂量感染6孔培养板内的HFF细胞较为适合。此外,在用荧

光倒置显微镜进行全视野扫描时,未检测到-20℃和-80℃冰冻24 h及以上的细胞孔内有噬斑形成。



注:红色、绿色、蓝色的实线和虚线椭圆分别指示-20℃和-80℃冰冻12 h的GT1速殖子室温完全融化后感染HFF细胞3、5、7 d时的噬斑,其他时间未见噬斑形成。红色、绿色和蓝色Bar=0.60 mm。

图1 弓形虫GT1速殖子感染HFF细胞的噬斑形成情况

Notes: Plaques on HFF cells at 3, 5 and 7 dpi formed by GT1 parasites that were placed at -20 °C or -80 °C for freezing 12 h followed by melting at RT, were marked with red, green and blue ellipses with the full and dotted lines, respectively. No plaque formation was detected at other time points. Red, green and blue bars equal 0.60 mm.

Fig. 1 Plaques on HFF cells formed by *T. gondii* GT1 tachyzoites at 3, 5, 7 days post infection (dpi)

## 2 冰冻对GT1速殖子体外感染力的影响

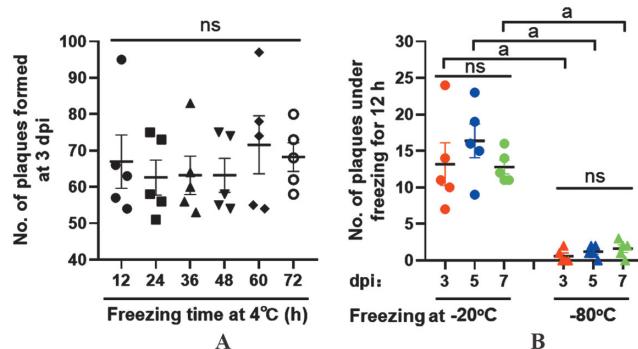
用4℃条件作用12、24、36、48、60、72 h的GT1速殖子经室温放置后感染HFF细胞3 d,于10倍物镜下随机选取3个视野,统计噬斑形成总数,并进行差异性分析。结果显示,各细胞孔内噬斑形成数目间均差异无统计学意义( $t = 0.503$  for 12 h vs 24 h, 0.421 for 12 h vs 36 h, 0.438 for 12 h vs 48 h, 0.425 for 12 h vs 60 h, 0.145 for 12 h vs 72 h, 0.084 for 24 h vs 36 h, 0.090 for 24 h vs 48 h, 0.965 for 24 h vs 60 h, 0.905 for 24 h vs 72 h, 0.000 for 36 h vs 48 h, 0.877 for 36 h vs 60 h, 0.761 for 36 h vs 72 h, 0.908 for 48 h vs 60 h, 0.822 for 48 h vs 72 h 和 0.382 for 60 h vs 72 h,  $P > 0.05$ )(图2 A)。即4℃条件放置不超过72 h对GT1速殖子的体外毒力无显著影响。

检测冰冻的GT1速殖子再感染HFF细胞噬斑形成情况,结果如图2B。-20℃和-80℃冰冻12 h的弓形虫GT1速殖子体外噬斑形成能力减弱,以-80℃条件下冰冻对噬斑形成的抑制作用更强( $t = 4.272$  for 3 d, 6.481 for 5 d 和 10.224 for 7 d,  $P < 0.01$ )。

## 3 无噬斑形成细胞培养物的盲传鉴定

针对弓形虫GT1速殖子经-20℃、-80℃冰冻和室温融化后再感染HFF细胞7 d时未检测到噬斑形成孔内的细胞培养物,用胰酶消化后全部加入T25培养瓶,继续培养7 d,用全视野扫描对各培养瓶内的噬斑形成情况进行盲传鉴定。结果显示,-20℃和一

80℃冰冻24 h的弓形虫GT1速殖子复苏后仍能在感染HFF细胞7 d时形成噬斑,且-80℃冰冻24 h较-20℃冰冻24 h的速殖子形成的噬斑数更多( $t = 2.772$ ,  $P < 0.05$ );检查盲传-20℃和-80℃冰冻36 h及以上的速殖子感染的细胞培养物,所有培养瓶内均未见噬斑形成(图3)。

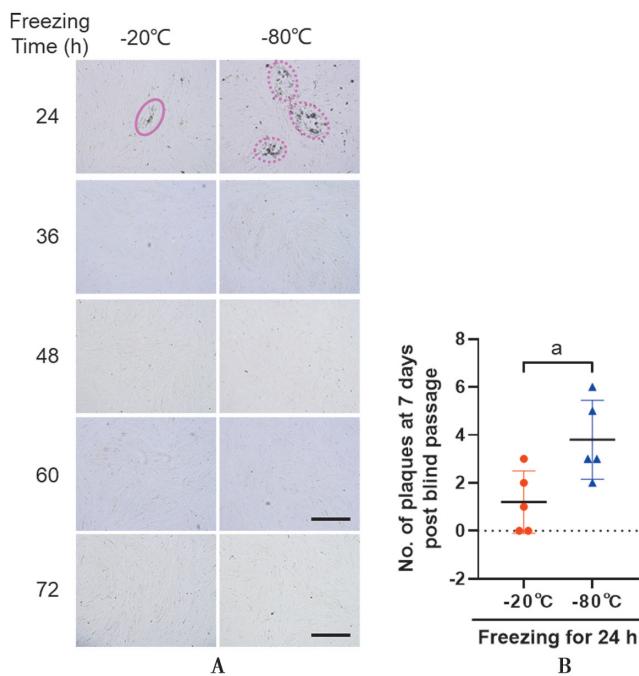


A GT1速殖子于4℃条件作用12、24、36、48、60、72 h,经室温放置后再感染HFF细胞3 d时形成的噬斑数 B 于-20℃或-80℃冰冻12 h和室温融化后再感染HFF细胞3、5、7 d时的噬斑数。组间比较,ns  $P > 0.05$ ; a  $P < 0.01$ 。

图2 冰冻对弓形虫GT1速殖子感染HFF细胞噬斑形成的影响

A Plaques formed by the GT1 tachyzoites on HFF cells at 3 dpi, before which the parasites were placed at 4 °C for 12 h, 24 h, 36 h, 48 h, 60 h, or 72 h followed by arranged at RT B Statistic analysis for the plaques on HFF cells formed at 3, 5, and 7 dpi by the GT1 parasites that were placed at -20 °C or -80 °C for freezing 12 h followed by melting at RT. ns  $P > 0.05$ ; a  $P < 0.01$ .

Fig. 2 Effect of the freezing followed by melting at RT on the plaque formation of *T. gondii* GT1 tachyzoites



A 全视野扫描无噬斑形成细胞孔内培养物盲传7 d时的生长情况(粉色实线、虚线椭圆分别示-20 ℃和-80 ℃冰冻24 h后于室温完全融化的GT1速殖子感染HFF细胞7 d时的培养物盲传7 d所形成的噬斑。盲传冰冻36、48、60、72 h的细胞培养物均未发现噬斑。黑色Bar=0.30 mm B 盲传-20 ℃与-80 ℃冰冻24 h所得细胞培养物噬斑形成比较,a P<0.05。

图3 无噬斑形成细胞培养物的盲传鉴定

A The cell growth of cultures in which no plaque was determined using full-vision scanning before blind passage. The plaques formed by the GT1 tachyzoites in the cultures, which were produced at 7 dpi through co-incubating with the parasites that were placed at -20 °C or -80 °C for freezing 24 h followed by melting at RT, were marked at 7 days post blind passage using the pink ellipses with full and dotted lines. For freezing 36 h, 48 h, 60 h and 72 h, no plaque was detected based on the full-vision scanning. Black bar equals 0.30 mm B Statistical analysis for the plaques formed during the blind passage of cultures containing the parasites that were frozen for 24 h before. a  $P < 0.05$ .

Fig. 3 Identification of the cells produced by blind passaging the cultures in which no plaque was detected before based on the full-vision scanning

## 讨 论

实验室安全非常重要,凡进入实验室工作和学习的人员,都必须严格遵守相关规定<sup>[16~17]</sup>。保障实验室安全,是每一位科研工作者和学习者应尽的义务,更是每一位科研工作者和学习者不可推卸的责任。作为实验室安全的重要组成部分,生物安全尤其是人兽共患性病原微生物的公共卫生安全举足轻重,理当受到重点关注<sup>[18~19]</sup>。

弓形虫是一种机会致病人兽共患性病原微生物,实验室在研究人兽共患性病原致病机制和脑内感染引起人或动物行为变化作用机制中的作用不可忽视<sup>[6~7]</sup>。需要注意的是,弓形虫具有多种感染途径,拥有300多种基因型<sup>[20]</sup>,且不同基因型之间的感染力有时差异很大<sup>[7~8]</sup>。据报道,全球已有约三分之一人群

被弓形虫感染<sup>[21]</sup>,接触被感染动物和误食被弓形虫污染的水与食物已经成为弓形虫感染人的重要途径和方式<sup>[3~5]</sup>。如何排除因实验室消杀不彻底可能造成的生物安全隐患,比如如何避免弓形虫速殖子污染水源可能性事件的发生,值得认真思考。

目前,可能引起实验室对弓形虫速殖子消杀不彻底的因素主要有:①处理废液时所用的消毒试剂达不到理想消杀浓度;②火灼所用物品不完全;③水煮物品浮于水面和(或)游离锅外,导致受热不均。更为重要的是,含有消毒试剂的废液和火灼、水煮过程中产生的废气,均不利于实验室人员的身体健康与环境保护,且火灼和水煮时极易引发火灾。鉴于实验室具备低温冰冻条件,且已有文献报道显示冰冻可减弱组织内弓形虫包囊的感染力<sup>[14]</sup>。可见,运用低温冰冻对弓形虫实验过程中所用物品进行处理更为科学、环保、易行。

本研究以弓形虫常用毒株GT1速殖子为对象,经充分模拟实验室日常操作,着重探讨低温冰冻不同时间后对弓形虫速殖子体外感染HFF宿主细胞能力的影响。结果显示,用1 000个速殖子/孔的剂量对6孔细胞培养板内的HFF细胞进行感染,适合用于评价冰冻对弓形虫GT1速殖子体外感染力的影响,并且4 °C条件放置不超过72 h时的GT1速殖子体外感染力无明显变化。更为重要的是,-20 °C和-80 °C低温冰冻均可减弱弓形虫GT1速殖子体外感染HFF宿主细胞的能力,并且随着冰冻时间的延长,速殖子的感染力减弱越明显。当冰冻36 h及以上时,所有盲传培养瓶内均未发现噬斑形成。

综上所述,本研究通过探究室温融化前冰冻对弓形虫GT1速殖子体外感染能力的影响,明确了-20 °C和-80 °C冰冻不低于36 h均能减弱弓形虫GT1速殖子的体外感染能力,以-20 °C冰冻的效果更好,可为实验室生物安全保障和实验室开展弓形虫GT1速殖子致病机制研究提供参考。关于冰冻对弓形虫RH、ME49、PRU和VEG等其他毒株速殖子体外感染能力的影响有待进一步研究。

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