

X-ray radiation effect of C-arm on adipose tissue-mesenchymal stem cell viability and population doubling time

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ABSTRAK

Latar belakang: Sel punca mesenkimal asal jaringan lemak (AT-MSCs) lebih mudah diisolasi dibandingkan asal sumsum tulang. Prosedur injeksi sel punca secara minimal invasif memerlukan panduan mesin sinar-X yang dapat memengaruhi viabilitas dan waktu penggandaan. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk melihat pengaruh sinar-X terhadap viabilitas dan waktu penggandaan populasi sel punca AT-MSCs.

Metode: Sel punca adiposa yang tersimpan di UPTTKSP RSCM FKUI, dilakukan thawing, propagasi kemudian dipaparkan pada berbagai dosis radiasi sinar-X dari mesin C-arm. Viabilitas sel punca diukur dan dikultur untuk menilai waktu penggandaan sel. Uji linier dikerjakan untuk membandingkan viabilitas sel pasca-thawing, post-propagasi, post-radiasi sebelum kultur, pasca-kultur setelah radiasi dan antara kelompok dosis radiasi. Uji Kruskal-Wallis menilai waktu penggandaan populasi di antara bermacam dosis radiasi, dan uji Wilcoxon menilai waktu penggandaan sebelum dan setelah radiasi.

Hasil: Periode konfluens rata-rata AT-MSCs pasca-radiasi adalah 4,33 hari. Tidak ada perbedaan bermakna viabilitas sel punca sebelum dan setelah paparan sinar-X ($p=0,831$). Tidak terdapat korelasi antara viabilitas sel punca sebelum kultur setelah dipaparkan berbagai dosis radiasi sinar-X ($p=0,138$, $r=0,503$). Tidak ada perbedaan bermakna waktu penggandaan populasi sel punca yang dikultur setelah paparan sinar-X dan sel punca tidak dikultur setelah paparan sinar-X dan di antara kelompok sel punca yang dipaparkan berbagai dosis sinar-X ($p=0,792$).

Kesimpulan: Waktu penggandaan populasi dan viabilitas sel punca adiposa tidak dipengaruhi oleh paparan sinar-X hingga 32,34 mgray.

ABSTRACT

Background: Adipose tissue derived mesenchymal stem cells (AT-MSCs) are relatively easy in isolation procedure compared to bone marrow-derived. Minimally invasive MSC injections need C-arm as guidance that potentially influence the cell viability and doubling time. This study aimed to determine the effect of C-arm X-ray exposure on AT-MSC viability and population doubling time (PDT).

Methods: This experimental study used cryopreserved adipose tissue derived MSCs stored in Stem Cell Medical Technology Integrated Service Unit Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital. Cells were thawed, propagated, and exposed to varying doses of C-arm X-ray radiation. Stem cell viability was measured, and then the cells were cultured to assess their PDT. Generalized linear models test was used to compare cell viability between post-thaw, post-propagation, post-radiation, post-culture post-radiation, and control and between radiation dose groups. Kruskal-Wallis test assessed PDT between various radiation doses in post-radiation groups. Wilcoxon test was used to assess PDT between pre-radiation and post-radiation groups.

Results: Mean confluence period of adipose MSCs post-irradiation was 4.33 days. There was no statistically significant difference in MSC viability after X-ray exposure between pre- and post-irradiation groups ($p=0.831$). There was no correlation between post-irradiation viability and radiation dose ($p=0.138$, $r=0.503$). There were no significant differences in PDT between pre- and post-culture post-irradiation groups and between various radiation doses in post-irradiation groups ($p=0.792$).

Conclusion: MSC viability and PDT were not influenced by radiation exposure up to 32.34 mgray.

Keywords: AT-MSCs, population doubling time, irradiation, viability

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Stem cells are regarded as future treatment for a variety of diseases due to their differentiation, proliferation, and regeneration capability. Mesenchymal stem cell (MSC) is a type of stem cell, which can be found in bone marrow, adipose tissue, umbilical cord, brain, liver, muscle, skin, and embryo.¹⁻⁵ Although MSCs can be found in many kinds of tissues and organs, they constitute only one among 10^6 adult bone marrow stromal cells, and only one among 10^4 umbilical cord cells.¹ A study by Lubis et al² reported that MSCs, which were collected from iliac crest could be cultured *in vitro* so that they could meet the need for cell therapy. Adipose tissue-mesenchymal stem cells (AT-MSCs) are increasingly utilized in clinical practice. Compared to other types of MSCs, AT-MSCs are relatively easy in isolation procedure, can be obtained less painful from various sites (e.g. abdomen, thigh, upper arm, back, yellow marrow, etc), and have similar regenerative and differentiation ability as bone marrow MSCs.⁵⁻⁷ Moreover, for allogeneic use, AT-MSCs may be obtained from waste of liposuction. However, AT-MSCs sensitivity to irradiation has not been reported yet.

In orthopedic clinical practice, stem cells are utilized for the treatment of segmental bone defect, articular cartilage and tendon local defect, spinal fusion, and neuronal regeneration.^{1,2,7} Direct implantation of MSCs for spinal cord injury was relatively safe and may improve neurological deficit.⁸⁻¹¹ Intraspinal implantation of MSCs can be done either by open surgery¹² or by minimally invasive technique using C-arm image intensifier that causes X-ray radiation in Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital. Minimally invasive intraspinal implantation procedure mimics vertebroplasty procedure in term of C-arm guided to reach the lesion or spinal cord as an implantation target.¹³ Intraspinal implantation in conjunction with open surgery is applied especially for acute injury patient needing immediate surgery. For this case, allogeneic MSCs implantation is a treatment of choice because the cells are available in a laboratory. Minimal invasive intraspinal implantation is applied for chronic or delayed cases without canal problem. If this procedure is done in operating theatre with C-arm imaging intensifier. X-ray image guides the needle to put cells into the lesion precisely. This process it is very important for the cells to directly spreading spinal cord damage without repair the systemically throughout the human body.

A study showed that ionizing radiation up to 10 Gy did not alter functional characteristics and marker expression of MSCs.¹⁴ However, Kurpinski et al¹⁵ suggested that 0.1 Gy of X-ray may inhibit MSC cycle without interfering osteogenic differentiation *in vitro*. Irradiation was also found to inhibit stem cell proliferation and differentiation at two weeks post-exposure.¹⁶

Laboratories that produced MSCs are now available in Indonesia and the researchers have capabilities to do MSC isolation and culture as well. However, there was no study, which addressed the viability and proliferation capability of AT-MSCs after X-ray radiation exposure of C-arm image intensifier. The present study aimed to evaluate viability and proliferation ability of MSCs after X-ray radiation exposure of the machine.

METHODS

The study design was *in vitro* laboratory experimental study held in Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital in February 2015. This study was approved by Ethical Committee for Medical Research of Faculty of Medicine Universitas Indonesia-Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital with No. 164/UN2.F1/ETIK/II/2015.

This research used cryopreserved AT-MSCs. The cells were derived from a healthy donor, a 19-year-old girl who had an open reduction and internal fixation in September 2014. With patient's consent, some adipose tissue was harvested from femoral region by surgery procedure, processed, and the cells were cultured in two cycles before finally were cryopreserved. The inclusion criteria were the cells should expressed positive CD73 and CD90 markers, and were negative for CD34 marker. The cells were indeed mesenchymal stem cells as was the criteria of International Society for Cell Therapy (ISCT). Exclusion criteria were if there was not enough cells obtained for one batch of experiment and cultures were contaminated during experiment. Sample size (n) was set three for each group.

AT-MSC samples were taken from tissue bank at Stem Cell Medical Technology Integrated Service Unit, Cipto Mangunkusumo Hospital, CMU 2 Building, 5th floor, Jl. Diponegoro 71, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Preparation of AT-MSCs

Cryopreserved AT-MSCs were thawed, and washed in complete medium (1% penicillin/streptomycin, 1% amphotericin B, 1% heparin (1,000 U), 1% glutamax-L, and 10% platelet rich plasma containing α -MEM) and were propagated in T25 flasks, and when confluence was reached, MSCs were harvested using TrypLE Select, neutralized by an equal amount of complete medium, and viability was directly assessed using trypan blue exclusion method. Viability was calculated as percentage ratio of the number of living and total cells. Furthermore, population doubling time (PDT)^{17,18} was calculated.

C-arm X-Ray exposure

Mesenchymal stem cells were divided into ten groups (one control group and nine treatment groups), which were put in Eppendorf tubes that contained 1×10^5 cells/100 μ L medium. MSCs of treatment groups were exposed to X-ray from the C-arm image intensifier (Siemens Siremobil Compact L X-ray tube). First group was the control group that did not receive any X-ray exposure. Group II, III, and IV received 50 kV of X-ray exposure for 60, 120, and 240 seconds respectively. Group V, VI, and VII received 60 kV of X-ray exposure for 60, 120, and 240 seconds respectively. Group VIII, XI, and X received 70 kV of X-ray exposure for 60, 120, and 240 seconds respectively. X-ray exposure in each group was repeated three times. X-ray exposure on MSCs was measured by TLD100-H dosimeter, and the dose was interpreted by Harshaw TLD 3500. After X-ray exposure, all groups were evaluated for their viabilities. All experiments were done in *duplo*.

Mesenchymal stem cells were then cultured in complete medium at 37°C with 5% CO₂. The cells were observed and the medium was renewed every two days. When the cells in control group were in 80 to 90% confluent, all cells in all groups were harvested, viability was assessed and PDT was calculated.

Population doubling time measurement

Population doubling time (PDT) was calculated using the equation:

$$PDT = \frac{\log 2 \times \Delta T}{\log (NH) - \log (NI)}$$

NH= harvested cell number

NI= cell number at seeding

Δt = time from seeding to harvesting (in days)

Data collection and analysis

Data were collected at pre-irradiation, post-irradiation, and post-irradiation-and-culture to evaluate viability and PDT for all groups. Statistical analyses were done with SPSS version 17.0 by generalized linear model to evaluate differences in viability between study groups. Spearman test was used to calculate correlation between pre-irradiation, post-irradiation, and post-irradiation-and-culture viability for all groups. One-way Anova test or Kruskal-Wallis test as alternative was used to evaluate the significant difference of post-irradiation population doubling time between study groups. Pearson test (if data distribution was normal) or Wilcoxon test (if data distribution was abnormal) was used to evaluate the significant difference between pre-irradiation and post-irradiation population doubling time between groups.

RESULTS

AT-MSCs post-culture confluent at day four post-culture can be seen in Figure 1. Viability showed slight difference between X-ray exposure group (Figure 1 B, 1C and 1D) compared to control group (Figure 1A). Before the cells were harvested, we had observed a retraction in cultured AT-MSCs with exposure strength of 50 kVp, at all exposure duration (Group II, III, and IV), which can be seen in Figure 2D. Table 1 shows the mean values of viability and PDT at various irradiation doses and control at pre-irradiation, post-irradiation, and post-irradiation-and-culture. Mean difference due to irradiation waiting time in control group was 5.07% while mean difference of AT-MSCs post-exposure viability for all groups was 7.61%.

The shortest post-irradiation-and-culture PDT was 2.04 days, found at 8.82 mSv dosage (group VIII); the longest PDT was 15.83 days, found at 5.53 mSv dosage (group IV). Mean post-irradiation-and-culture PDT for experimental groups was 38% longer than that of control group. There was no significant difference between viability values at pre-irradiation,

post-irradiation, and post-irradiation-and-culture ($p=0.831$) (Figure 1). There was correlation between post-irradiation viability and irradiation dose, but it was not statistically significant ($r=0.503$; $p=0.138$). Table 2 shows median, minimum, and maximum values of PDT at various irradiation doses, at pre-and post-irradiation. There was no statistically significant difference between pre-irradiation and post-irradiation PDT in all experimental groups. Moreover, there was no statistically significant difference of post-irradiation

population doubling time between irradiation doses ($p=0.792$).

DISCUSSION

In this study, we found a correlation between post-irradiation-and-culture viability and irradiation dose ($r=-0.648$, $p=0.043$). We also found a correlation between post-irradiation viability and irradiation dose, although it was not statistically significant. From those findings, we suspected

Table 1. Mean values of viability and PDT of the study groups at pre-irradiation, post-irradiation, and post-irradiation-and-culture

Group	Exposure strength (kVp)	Exposure duration (second)	Irradiation dose (mSv)	Pre-irradiation viability (%)	Post-irradiation viability (%)	Post-irradiation and culture viability (%)	Post-irradiation and culture PDT
1	0	0	0	97.23	92.16	87.96	3.67
2	50	60	1.53	97.23	86.40	86.62	10.19
3	50	120	3.01	97.23	96.24	87.64	5.88
4	50	240	5.53	97.23	93.04	87.53	15.83
5	60	60	4.35	97.23	94.51	87.76	1.71
6	60	120	8.46	97.23	92.54	85.26	3.48
7	60	240	14.84	97.23	93.28	86.78	2.51
8	70	60	8.82	97.23	94.19	86.74	2.04
9	70	120	18.42	97.23	94.71	79.35	9.62
10	70	240	32.34	97.23	94.75	87.20	2.60

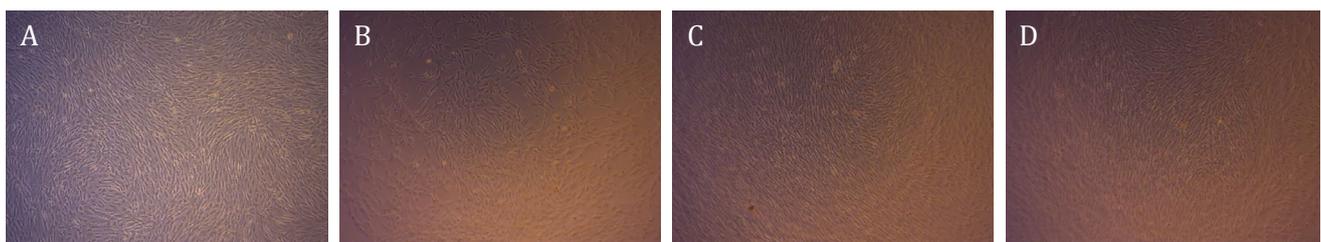


Figure 1. Adipose tissue-mesenchymal stem cells post-culture confluent at day four post-culture. Viability showed slight difference between X-ray exposure group (B, C, and D) compared to control group (A). There was no statistically significant difference pertaining to viability among the groups (magnification 400x)

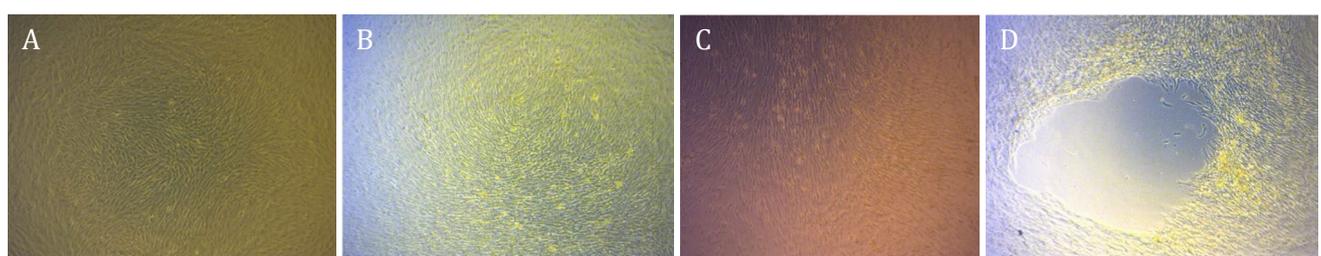


Figure 2. Adipose tissue-mesenchymal stem cells post-culture showed confluent cells post-thawing (A, B, and C). Retraction formation due to over confluence was shown by cells post-culture after radiation (D) (magnification 400x)

Table 2. Median, minimum and maximum values of PDT at various irradiation doses, at pre-and post-irradiation

Irradiation dose (mSv)	Pre-irradiation PDT	Post-irradiation PDT	P
0	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	3.36 (1.55-6.11)	
1.53	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	1.85 (1.81-26.9)	0.109
3.01	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	2.21 (2.04-13.38)	0.109
4.35	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	1.64 (1.51-1.98)	1.000
5.53	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	1.75 (1.73-44.01)	0.109
8.46	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	1.94 (1.63-6.88)	0.285
8.82	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	2.03 (1.58-2.52)	0.593
14.84	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	1.78 (1.66-4.08)	0.109
18.42	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	3.37 (1.87-23.62)	0.285
32.34	1.73 (1.37-3.47)	2.17 (1.55-4.09)	0.109

that some DNA was damaged due to irradiation, but cell death did not occur until the attempt to repair the damage was failed. Some DNA repair mechanism occurs at mitosis; therefore, we found a decrease in post-irradiation-and-culture viability. Viability represents stem cell ability to withstand external stressors. AT-MSCs are sensitive to irradiation. Islam et al¹⁹ suggested that irradiation impaired bone marrow stem cell mitotic and differentiation capability, cell cycle, and gene expression. The reduced viability may increase the amount of MSCs required in clinical practice. The present study showed a tendency of decrease in cell viability after X-ray exposure, although it was not statistically significant. There are several contributing factors to cell viability. Sensitivity to irradiation is affected by cell ability to overcome irradiation related genome damage. In other words, failure to repair post-irradiation cell damage may lead to reduce proliferation ability and cell death.¹⁴

The effect of irradiation to MSCs depends on various factors, including radiation dose, cell/tissue endogenous, and environmental factors. Irradiation affects stem cell through deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) damage, cell cycle impairment, senescence, and cell death related to genetic and epigenetic alteration.²⁰ Cell and tissue injury due to irradiation is caused either by direct macromolecule ionization or by some indirect processes through free radicals from water radiolysis.¹⁹ Ionization and reactions with free radicals may alter structure and function of DNA, lipid, and protein. Those changes may impair cell metabolic function that lead to cell injury

or even cell death. DNA is the most important target macromolecule in cell injury and death.²¹ Free radicals may enter the cell by diffusion through cell membrane and thereby damaging cell macromolecules, particularly DNA. Cell endurance to irradiation is affected by the ability to produce antioxidants and the ability to repair DNA damage.²² There are two mechanisms of DNA repair: non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) and homologous recombination (HR). The NHEJ has six components: Ku70, Ku80, DNA-PK, XRCC4, DNA ligase IV (LigIV), and XRCC4-like factor (XLF). In NHEJ process, DNA damage is identified by Ku proteins; which bind and activate DNA protein kinase. Then end-processing enzymes, polymerase, and DNA ligase IV are called upon and activated. Moreover, HR begins with ssDNA generation. The HR process is affected by MRE11-Rad50-NBS1 (MRN) protein complex. Catalyzed by Rad51, BRCA1, and BRCA2, ssDNA is processed by polymerase, nuclease, helicase and DNA ligase. HR may reintroduce replication process and repair inter-strand DNA crosslink. While NHEJ may occur at all cell cycle, HR can only occur at S and G2 phase.²³

Li et al²⁴ reported that high radiation dose substantially reduced the ability to differentiate, although it did not diminish completely. Furthermore, Pawlik et al²⁵ reported that cell sensitivity to irradiation varied according to its cell cycle; the cell was relatively sensitive during M and G2 phase, and was relatively resistant at the end of S phase. Our study did not check the cell cycle phase, and this fact was the limitation of our study.

Radiation dose unit used in this study is Sievert. Sievert is an international unit of exposure dose or equivalent dose, which is equal to received dose (gray) multiplied by quality factor. Quality factor for X-ray is 1, so 1 sievert = 1 gray. Irradiation dose at the present study was between 1.53-32.34 mSv. Upon the radiation exposure, viability of MSCs was decreased. In accordance with Nicolay et al¹⁴, human MSCs were less radiosensitive than cells that had already differentiated into primary fibroblasts. Irradiation as low as 0.1 gray may inhibit MSC cycle without affecting its osteogenic differentiation *in vitro*.¹⁶ Other study reported that low-dose irradiation may improve osteoblastic differentiation and mineralization *in vitro*.²⁴ We did not explore the differentiation

ability of MSCs after irradiation exposure. This study was not along with data from Liang et al²⁶ that which showed low-dose 50 and 75 mGy radiation improved MSC proliferation compared to control and 100 mGy radiation, due to transition between G1 and S phase of cell cycle.²⁶ Higher dose of radiation at 2-4 cGy caused DNA damage with subsequent transduction signal pathway activation to repair the damage. Moreover, high-dose 4 Gy irradiation caused DNA damage that was followed by cell apoptosis and proliferation.^{19,27} However, according to Singh et al²² radiation exposure *in vivo* up to 9 Gy did not affect proliferation ability. Furthermore, Kurpinski et al¹⁵ suggested that MSCs responded well to radiation exposure by repairing DNA damage.

Mesenchymal stem cells viability in the present study decreased in the majority of experimental group, including all post-irradiation-and-culture groups. The decreased viability of post-irradiation-and-culture groups may be related to senescence of the MSCs itself. Schallmoser et al²⁸ suggested that aging MSCs had impaired cell proliferation, altered phenotype, gene expression, and cell nucleus structure, as well as impaired protein processing and cell metabolism. However, this suggestion was not supported by Zuk et al²⁹ which showed that MSCs were relatively stable, with a senescent rate of 5% at the 10th passage and only 15% at the 15th passage, but the MSCs used in Zuk et al²⁹ study were not cryopreserved, while we used cryopreserved cells which were shown to undergo senescence at lower passages compared to fresh cells.³⁰

Pre-irradiation PDT in the present study was in accordance with Mitchell et al³¹ which reported that MSC PDT at the first to fourth passage was 86.6-112.8 hours. In contrast with However, different with our study, Zhu et al³² reported that MSC PDT at the third passage was 36 hours, and Wall et al³³ reported that until the fifth passage PDT was 45 hours. At the present study, mean post-irradiation PDT was higher than mean pre-irradiation PDT, but did not differ significantly. Pre-irradiation and post-irradiation AT-MSCs were in different passage due to culturing. A study by Gruber et al³⁴ suggested that PDT increased significantly in line with the period of passage. In our study, a small passage difference (only one period of

passage) and small radiation exposure were not enough to produce a statistically significant lengthening of PDT. The findings were also in accordance with Peng et al.³⁵

With doses of 5.53 mSv (group IV) and 18.42 mSv (group IX), PDT was dramatically increased. Those phenomena were not found in any other groups, although all MSCs underwent the same process of thawing. The substantial increase of PDT in groups IV and IX may be caused by difference in cell cycle when exposed to irradiation, or difference in the location of DNA damage. This is one of the weaknesses of our study as we did not specify at which cell cycle the irradiation was done nor the location of DNA damage, as DNA damage due to X-ray radiation usually occurs at random.

Hahn et al³⁶ found a correlation between prolonged PDT and increase in relative resistance to radiation, the lengthening of PDT permitted the cells to repair DNA damage. Nicolay et al¹⁴ admitted that cell failure to repair the radiation-related damage may lead to loss of proliferation ability or cell death. This may decrease the initial number of proliferation capable cells, thereby may prolong the confluence time and PDT. MSCs may retain post-irradiation proliferation ability with x-ray exposure up to 10 Gy. However, MSC PDT may be prolonged up to three times compared to primary fibroblasts.

Mesenchymal stem cells proliferation rate was influenced by several factors such as cell source, culture medium composition and quality, such as supplement (FBS, platelet lysate), glucose and glutamine concentration, presence of hypoxia, cell density, flask size, plastic quality, and addition of growth factors. We used α -MEM as basal medium to support ATMSC proliferation. Similar to Suryani et al study¹⁸ we also used 10% platelet lysate since this was better and more economical compared to a commercial medium (Mesencult®) at the first to fifth passage, although in the initial culture Mesencult® was better.

Through an *in vitro* study, Sardjono et al³⁷ found spontaneous differentiation and senescence of ATMSCs after six passages. They suggested that cell viability may decrease after washing process by PBS. They washed the cells in PBS before cell count to minimize trypsin effect that was used

to separate MSCs from the plastic container. Therefore we did not wash the cells as we used tryple Select, which was milder compared to trypsin, in accordance with Pawitan et al³⁸ to minimize the confounding factors.

The duration of radiation exposure was based on C-arm image intensifier usage in clinical practice at our institute, especially for patients with spinal orthopaedic surgery. C-arm at our institution was used for one to three minutes; it was in accordance to Boszczyk et al¹³ in which kyphoplasty assumed X-ray exposure from C-arm for one to two minutes.

The TLD was used to estimate the dose received by AT-MSCs from C-arm image intensifier. Compared to other types of dosimeter, TLD was more sensitive, more durable, more precise (measure X-ray exposure below 1 mGy), more responsive, and more consistent (unaffected by humidity nor magnetic field).³⁹ Moreover, TLD 100-H that was used in this study was a dosimeter of choice for measuring low-dose X-ray exposure in clinical practice.⁴⁰⁻⁴²

In this study, we observed a retraction in cultured AT-MSCs with exposure strength of 50 kVp, at all exposure duration (group two, three, and four) (Figure 2). Retraction at the study of Pawitan et al³⁸ was found as a result of confluence imbalance in the flask; monolayer at the flask periphery and over confluence parts grew upwards, forming multiple layers, due to prolonged culture. These multilayer cells were clearly seen at the beginning, but subsequently became thickened and formed micromasses with blurred appearance due to formation of chondrogenic matrix. We suggested that the retraction in our study represented differentiated cells with a decrease in proliferation ability, thereby lengthen MSC PDT of corresponding study groups. Moreover, differentiated cells were not able to proliferate anymore, leading to a decrease in their viability. This fact was one of the limitations in our study, which might have a consequence on the results.

Age was a contributing factor to biological properties of MSCs, but we supposed that it did not affect our study significantly. MSCs in this study were harvested from a 19-year-old girl. According to Gruber et al³⁴ MSCs collected from

old donors (mean age of 56 years old) showed a longer PDT at the first to fourth passage. In addition, Zhu et al³² reported a decrease in MSC proliferation ability, which correlated well with increasing age. In contrary, Schipper et al⁴³ did not find any significant difference of cell proliferation between three age groups.

Overall, the limitations of our study included the fact that the cells were harvested from a single young donor, and might show different results on older donor. Moreover, we did not check the cell cycle and senescence profile, and some of the cultures were grown to overconfluence. Therefore, further studies are needed to verify our results.

For future directions, we suggest to use cells below passage 10 for fresh cells and for cryopreserved cells below passage five, which are not over confluence to reduce the presence of differentiated and senescent cells. Moreover, as cells from logarithmic phase (in mitotic phase) are more prone to irradiation damage, and as viability and PDT were not influenced by radiation exposure up to 32.34 mGy, we recommend to use radiation exposure up to 32.34 mGy.

In conclusion, MSC viability and PDT were not influenced by radiation exposure up to 32.34 mGy.

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Conflict of interest

The authors affirm no conflict of interest in this study.

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