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The book also consists of two chapters that will present about the investigation of bone microstructures acquired from human samples. In this study there will be combination of bone histomorphology, imaging processing and computational method analysis thus also a new biomedical engineering application. Traditionally, the investigation of bone microstructures was performed by forensic officer by looking through microscope and their expert estimation by years of experience.

However, by having the engineers joining this investigation we could help the forensic officer to perform the analysis through computational method and automated analysis. Therefore the accomplishment of the six chapters will give an idea for the reader on what to expert in the field of research the so called “Cell Engineering”.

**Keywords:** Cell culture, human samples, computational method, automated analysis



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# Dedication

This book is dedicated to the memory of my mother,  
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Mother, only you who can inspire me.  
You are my inspiration.

I miss you and the time we spent together.  
The words I could not tell you, ***Mother I love you.***  
May Allah grant you paradise.

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# Preface

Biomedical engineering is an interesting field to study, research and explore. It's a merging of few disciplines into one focused specialization. In early days these fields were separated from each other such as science and engineering. Biomedical field merged from science discoveries and engineering as a technical and technological development. By combining these fields it becomes a multi-disciplinary research and it is termed as "Biomedical Engineering" as in the title of this book. Further, in this book we will show the studies performed that will potentially demonstrate the types of applications involved in this field. Other than that, the chapters included here will show the studies involved critically in the applications of "Cell Engineering" as in one of the important and focused area in Biomedical research.

This book comprises of six chapters in total. The first four chapters demonstrating the studies which involve cell culture with bioinstrumentation experimental work identifying the potential solutions for wound healing applications via exploitation of high voltage electric field or micro second pulse electric field. The high voltage exposure on cells have shown interesting findings which gives us an idea on how to develop a drug free wound healing method in the nearest future.

The other two chapters will demonstrate about the investigation of bone microstructures acquired from human samples. In this study there will be combination of bone histomorphology, image processing and computational method analysis thus also a new biomedical engineering application. Traditionally, the investigation of bone microstructures was performed by forensic officer by looking through microscope and their expert estimation by years of experience. However, by having the engineers joining this investigation we could help the forensic officer to perform the analysis through computational method and automated analysis.







Therefore the accomplishment of the six chapters will give an idea for the reader on what to expect in the field of research the so called “Cell Engineering”.

Finally, I hope this small effort may have an important impact on contribution towards introducing Biomedical Engineering as an important academic & research field to specialize on particularly in Malaysia.

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# Chapter One

## ELECTROPORATION EFFECT ON HT29 CELL LINE PROLIFERATION RATE

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Mohamad Nazib Adon*

### ABSTRACT

Electroporation is a method of increasing cell membrane permeability and conductivity as a result of subjecting the cell to high intensity but a short electric field. Electroporation has been broadly used in medicine and biotechnology for cell fusion, electro-chemotherapy, gene-therapy, tumor cell ablation and sterilization of liquid food and water. In this study, the effect of electroporation on the cell size dynamics and growth of colon cells line HT29 are investigated. The primary aim is to see if electroporation can be used to increase the growth rate of cell lines that in turn can be used for wound healing application. With the help of BTX830 Electroporator, a 4mm cuvette and a voltage of 240V for duration of 500 $\mu$ s are used in electroporating the HT29 cells. The cells are then seeded in a flask and placed under appropriate physiological environment for observation. The electroporated cells are found to reach 96.1% confluence after 64 hours of seeding whereas the non-electroporated cells reached 76% confluence after 64 hours. Interestingly, both the electroporated cells and the non-electroporated cells attained a maximum length of 34.76 $\mu$ m $\pm$ 0.69 and 29.73 $\mu$ m $\pm$ 1.35 respectively after 24 hours of seeding. The study revealed that electroporation has an influence on the cell length and proliferation rate of HT29 cells line. This could be that the electric field facilitated the synthesis of the extracellular matrix protein and assisted the cell in taking more nutrients for growth and proliferation due to the pore formation during pulsing and the stimulation of the cell cytoskeleton restructuring.



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# Chapter Two

## ELECTROPORATION STUDY ON HT29 CELL LINE ATTACHMENT PROPERTIES

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### ABSTRACT

Electroporation as a process of exposing cell membrane to an external electric field is found not only to open pores in the cell membrane but also affect the cytoskeletal and signaling path ways of the cell. This chapter investigates the effect of electroporation on colon cell line, HT29 adhesion properties as a preliminary study on our desire to design a potential application of electroporation for wound healing. The study shows that when a single HT29 cell is electroporated with 600V/cm and 500 $\mu$ s pulse duration. The cell is attached to the monolayer 12 minutes after electroporation from floating state and spread to a distance of 38.98 $\mu$ m  $\pm$  1.03 in one hour. While non-electroporated cell line for control under the same condition attached to monolayer after 37 minutes from floating state and spread to a distance of 31.7 $\mu$ m  $\pm$  0.78 in one hour. The study shows that electroporated HT29 cell line attached faster and spread wider than non-electroporated HT29 cell line. This could be used to facilitate cell migration for wound healing application.

### INTRODUCTION

Electroporation is a method of increasing cell membrane permeability and conductivity as a result of subjecting the cell to high intensity but short electric field. Electroporation has been broadly used in medicine and biotechnology for cell fusion, electro-chemotherapy, gene therapy, tumor cell ablation and sterilization of liquid food and water.

Even though, successes have been recorded in cell suspension culture, many applications in biology and biotechnology required cells that adhere onto a substrate. Adhesion of cells to each other and their



## CONCLUSION

This study shows that the electroporation has a significant effect on HT29 cells line attachment. Thus, exposing HT29 cell line with 600V/cm electric field strength and 500 $\mu$ s pulse duration made the cells to attach faster to the monolayer for growth and development than Non-electroporated cells. Thus, it could be concluded that pulse electric field stimulated integrin, cadherin, filopodia and lamellipodia that are cell to cell and cell to substrate adhesion molecules. Therefore, the study could be useful to understand cell migration in wound healing application, since cell adhesion forms the basis of cell migration and other physiological processes.

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# Chapter Three

## PULSE ELECTRIC FIELD EFFECT ON THE GROWTH OF HELA CELLS

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### ABSTRACT

Electroporation (EP) is a process of bio-physical effect on cells exposed to an external electrical field. It is gaining applications in medical treatments, especially to create pores through cell membrane and allow uptake of DNA into a cell. Therefore, in the theoretical evaluation of electroporation, transmembrane potential and characteristics of cell growth rate is the target of analysis. In this study we used cervical cancer cells (HeLa cells) as sample for electroporation, because HeLa cells is one of the most well-known cell lines, and easy to harvest continuously for large numbers of cells in order to perform in-vitro experimental tests. This study shows activity of HeLa cells exposed to high voltage of 2700V/cm with a pulse length of 10 $\mu$ s. The analysis shows that the HeLa cell growth rate with EP is 50% faster than normal growth rate.

### INTRODUCTION

Electricity has been used in medicine for centuries, even long before the effect of electric and magnetic fields on biological tissue were in anyway understood. In the last decade modern science and technology have made the use of electromagnetic devices in medicine. Measurements of internal electric fields are taken routinely in diagnostics and electric stimulation of excitable tissues is used to sustain life, rehabilitate injuries and improve the quality of life in general. Electric fields can affect not only excitable tissues, such as muscles and nerves, but also non-excitabile tissues, either thermally, by generating heat inside the tissue or by inducing structural changes down to cellular membranes. Numerous studies in the 1960s and 1970s have demonstrated that appropriate electric pulses can achieve electropermeabilization



many biomedical applications. The current findings give us extra dimensions to explore further down to cellular level which may contribute towards wound healing applications.

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# Chapter Four

## PULSE DURATION EFFECT ON GROWTH RATE OF HELA CELLS

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### ABSTRACT

Electroporation is the application of controlled direct current (DC) electrical pulses which are applied to living cells and tissues for a short duration of time. The pulse induce transmembrane potential which causes reversible break down of the cellular membrane. This action results in permeation or “pore formation” of the cell membrane which allows small molecules and large molecules to be introduced into the cell. During this process the cellular up take of the molecules continue until the pores close which can take milliseconds to minutes. In this study, we measured the relation between amplitude and duration in the Electroporation process. We have used cervical cancer cells (HeLa cells) to be the sample in this study. Cells are submitted to single pulse at constant field strength of 1kV/cm along with various pulse durations from 30 $\mu$ s to 600 $\mu$ s. Overall, the outcome of this research shows that pulse duration equal to 100 $\mu$ s assisted HeLa cell growth rate tremendously in comparison to the pulse durations of 30 $\mu$ s, 300 $\mu$ s and 600 $\mu$ s.

### INTRODUCTION

Biological effects of microsecond pulsed electric fields ( $\mu$ sPEF) have been intensively investigated over the last decade. Some researcher have been studying the biological effect of  $\mu$ sPEF and found that the transient increase in the permeability of cell membranes is used to introduce DNA or other molecules into cells. This phenomenon is potentially, the basis for many in vivo applications such as electro chemotherapy and gene therapy. However, it still lacks a comprehensive theoretical basis. This research involves in-vitro technique to evaluate specific cellular



## CONCLUSION

This study observes experimentation of four pulse duration effect on growth rate of HeLa cell. Analysis shows that pulse duration plays a decisive role in increasing growth rate of HeLa cell. From this work it is concluded that, HeLa cell when exposed to 1kv/cm pulse with duration of 100 $\mu$ s the growth rate over time is greater when compared to growth rate of HeLa cell exposed with 30 $\mu$ s, 300 $\mu$ s and 600 $\mu$ s pulse duration. However, this research requires further investigation to identify the critical process of growth rate which might lead us on innovating potential applications. Finally, the current finding does give us a dimension to explore further down to the cellular level which may contribute towards wound healing applications.

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## Chapter Five

### HUMAN BONE HISTOMORPHOLOGY STUDIES FOR GENDER IDENTIFICATION

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#### ABSTRACT

Bone consists of histological parameters or pattern that can be analyzed to determine different characteristics of a person or animal to which it belongs. Human-animal, gender, age, height and weight are some characteristics on which work has been done. Kerley in 1965 was the first to present microstructural computational method to determine age from human bone sample. This opened doors for research on age, gender and other characteristics determination. In literature main focus of research has been on age estimation. Gender estimation on the contrary has been a byproduct of age estimation or its left open to questions. Bone microstructural parameter differences change from people belonging to different regions and races and no parameters are set as standard for all human. At the same time, region and race specified age and gender estimation work has been done. This chapter discusses in detail the journey of gender estimation from bone histology. This includes selection of microstructural parameters used by different researchers, region and race of humans from which bones were taken and selection of the type of bone to analyze. Compilation of these researches giving concluding discussion on histological gender estimation from bone samples is also given. A proposed automated gender identification system which can identify gender from human bone sample using bone histomorphology is also given in this chapter. The proposed system is divided into two parts. In the first part bone samples are selected, manually analyzed and differences in microstructural parameters in males and females are observed. While in second part these observations are used to design computer aided automation system. Lastly the proposed system is concluded while giving its importance in multiple aspects.



researchers used different microstructural parameters in their research, depending on which of the parameters showed prominent differences in age and gender estimation. This chapter categorizes these parameters into two groups observed and derived. In each group some generally used parameters by researchers in literature are given. After Kerley work in 1965, some researchers while working on age estimation claimed no gender differences in microstructural parameters. Based on this gender estimation became a byproduct of age estimation or was left with significant answers. This chapter compiles researches mainly focusing on gender estimation and which, while working on age estimation also estimated gender differentiating parameters. An automated design for gender estimation is discussed in details. This design is divided into two major parts. First part is biological aspect of research. In this part bone samples are prepared and manually observed. In second part image processing is introduced to automatically detect and observed microstructural parameters. Automated detection and observation of one of the parameter which is haversian canal is discussed for two samples. These two samples are ninety years old female and fifty six years old male Malaysian citizens. This observation agrees with literature related to gender estimation which is also discussed in this chapter.

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## Chapter Six

### Human age prediction at death via bone microstructures image processing

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#### ABSTRACT

The skeleton of human changes with increasing age due to change in bone density. Bone tissues have the capability to store the information of these variations which can be used to predict age from human remains after their death. This study discusses the process and factors that affect human skeleton with increasing age. The techniques to carry out human age estimation are discussed as well. Several methods for estimating human age at death using bone cross-sections have been proposed, which show that there is a strong correlation between increasing age and bone micro structures. These methods relied on manual calculation of various statistical measures from microscopic bone images and produced qualitative conclusions from their samples. Microscopic analysis of osteons, haversian canal and circumferential lamella were analyzed in these techniques to estimate human age. This chapter presents an automatic method of human age at death estimation using image processing and pattern recognition techniques. Bone samples are taken from ulna, radius, humerus, femur, tibia and fibula of Malaysian population. Ten different bone microstructures are selected for analysis in order to create regression equation for age estimation. Selected microstructure are extracted using image preprocessing and texture extraction algorithms. This chapter provides significant implications in the computation of fragmentary skeletal remains and forensic population samples for age estimation purpose.



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