



Identifying the Potential of *Qur'anic* Recitation on the Proliferation of Chondrocytes Derived from Rabbit Articular Cartilage: *Work in Progress*

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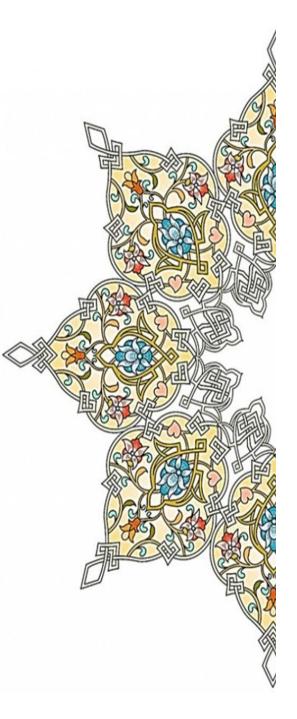
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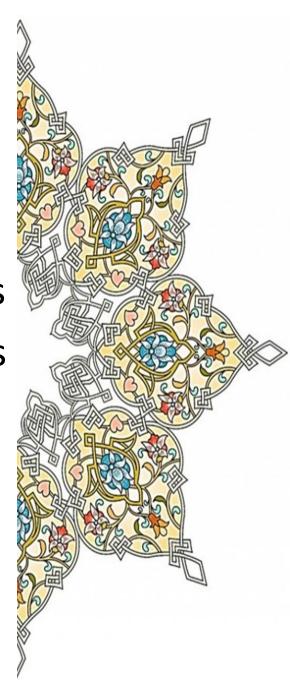
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INTRODUCTION

- In *Islam*, Qur'anic recitation is a method for treatment since Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).
- Known to have therapeutic effects (Norsiah, et al., 2014).
- Qur'anic verse on Healing.

قُلْ هُوَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا هُدًى وَشِفَاءً

"Say: It is a guide and a healing to those who believe;.."
 Al-Fussilat (41:44)

 "And We sent down in the Qur'an such things that have healing and mercy for the believers." Al-Isra (17:82)

(translation by Ibnu Kathir, Abdullah Yusof Ali & Mamaduke Picktall)

Qur'anic verses treatment on cell cultures ??



INTRODUCTION

Articular Cartilage

Damage &

Degeneration

- White tissue
- Covers the joints
- Made up from cell known as CHONDROCYTES
- Metabolically active
- Lack with blood supply
- Limited ability to repair itself
- Minor injury

INTRODUCTION

Articular Cartilage



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OBJECTIVE

This study aims to identify the potential of *Qur'anic* recitation, particularly *Surah Al-Fatihah* on the proliferation of chondrocytes derived from the rabbit articular cartilage.



MATERIALS & METHOD

1. Sample Collection

- Ethical approval IIUM/IACUCAPPROVAL/2015/ (5) (24)
- Obtained & transported the samples back to laboratory
- 2. Chondrocytes Isolation
- Sample Processing
- Enzymatic digestion

- 3. Chondrocytes Culture
- Initial seeding concentration is 50,000 cells/cm2
- Maintained in 37°C humidified incubator at 5%
 CO₂ atmosphere

4. Chondrocytes Treatment

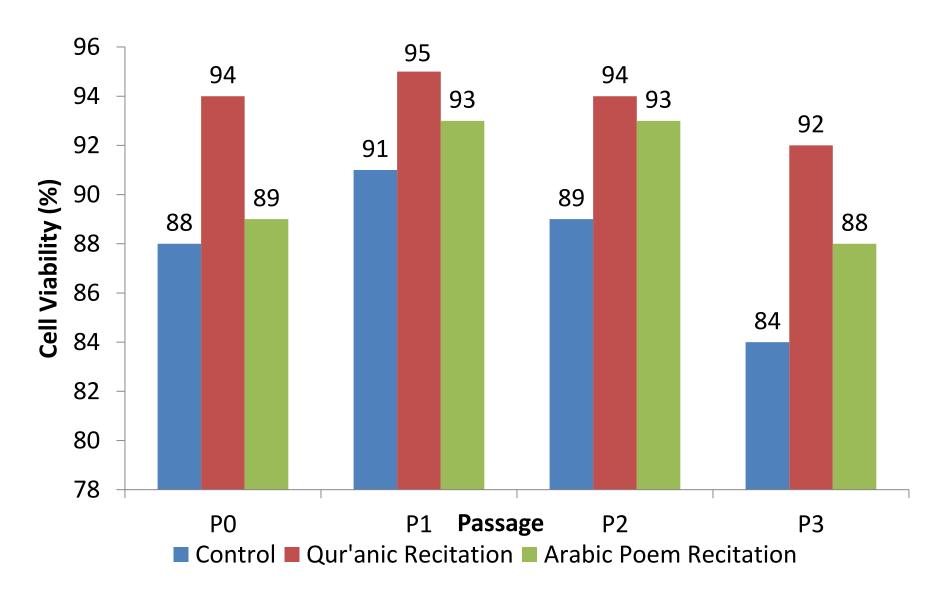
- Divided into 3 groups
- Exposed the cell cultures
- 5. Cell Count and Viability

Cells reached the 80% - 90% confluence, growth kinetics analysis was performed

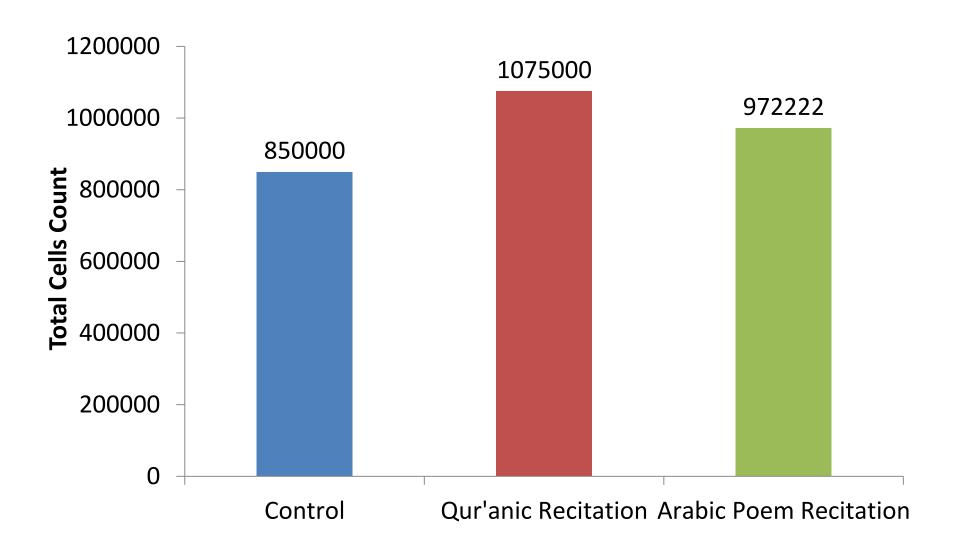
RESULTS & DISCUSSIONS

Cell Viability **Total Cell Count Growth Rate** Total Number of Cell Doubling (TNCD) Population Doubling Time (PDT)

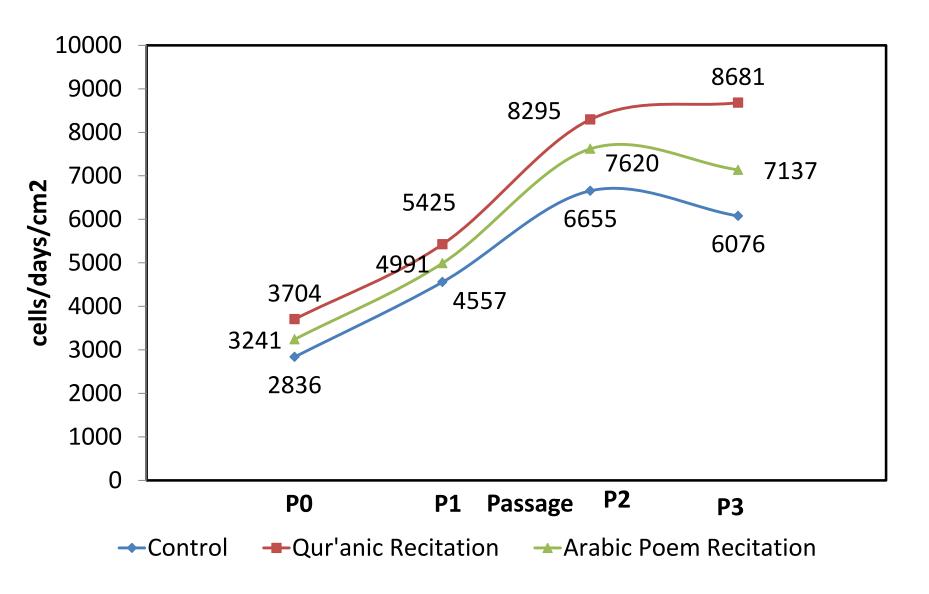
1. Cell Viability



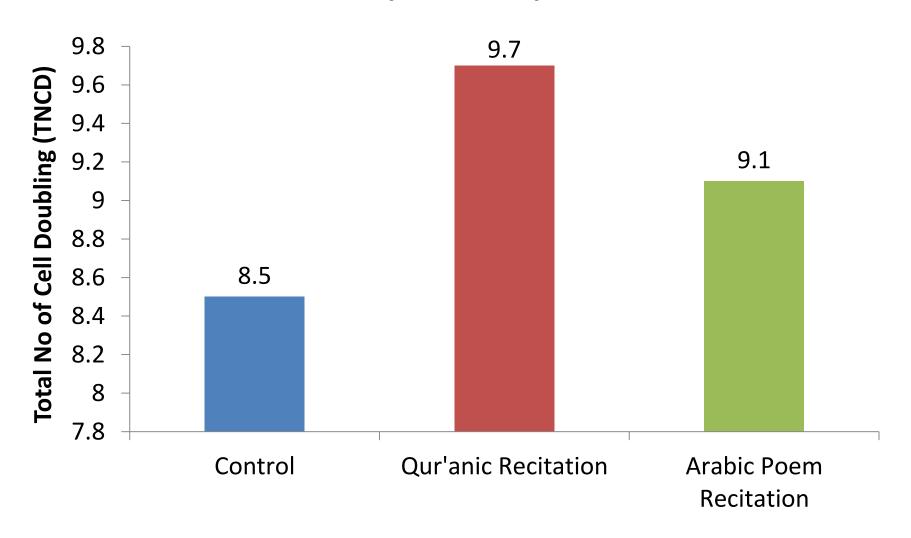
2. Total Cell Count



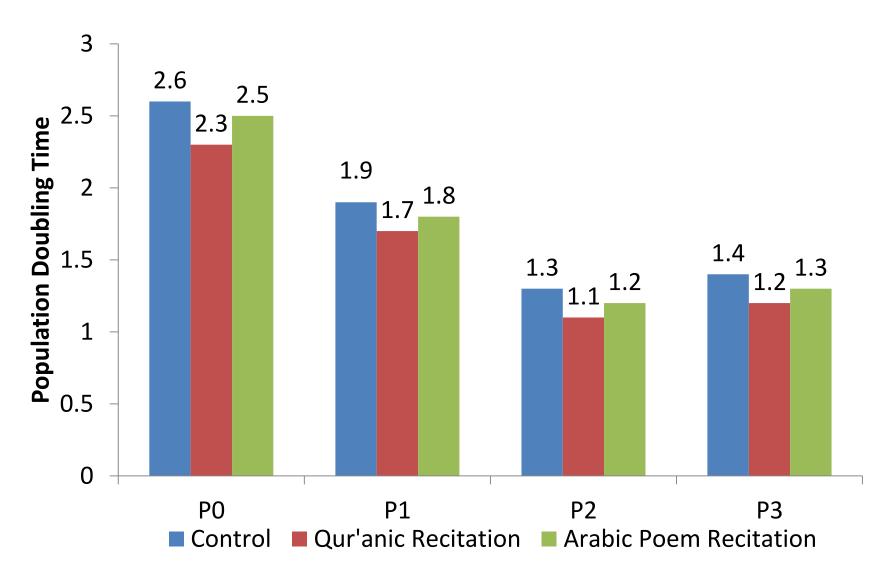
3. Growth Rate



4. Total Number of Cell Doubling (TNCD)



5. Population Doubling Time (PDT)





- This present study demonstrates that the chondrocytes cells exposed to the *Qur'anic* recitation shows a positive effect as proliferation of the cells was found to be increased when compared to the Arabic poem recitation and control groups.
- The chondrocytes culture results optimized in this preliminary work could pave the way for possible applications in treating injuries to articular cartilage and also be a potential approach for cartilage regeneration in tissue engineering.



- 1. Experiment should be conducted in larger scale.
- Studies relating to wound healing assay can be conducted to observe the proliferation from photomicrograph aspect.
- Gene expression analysis using chondrogenic (cartilaginous) markers shall be proposed to see whether or not *Qur'anic* recitation is able to sustain cells (original) phenotype in monolayer culture.
- 4. Future work should also be directed to replicate this study on diseased cells.
- A new variable, such as Western poem recitation shall be introduced.

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