A Controllable Brain Injury Model with a Defined Size for Evaluation of Tissue Engineered Products

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Abstract
Brain injury has a multiple pathophysiology for which there is no definite treatment. In this regard, tissue engineering is one of the probable strategies for repair of damaged tissue. But creating a proper model for testing the engineered products faced some difficulties, specially, when we want to evaluate the effects of a product on the volume of injury. The current brain injury methods couldn’t provide defined brain tissue damage. We propose a new method to solve the problem. Previously, we introduced a new method for harvesting subventricular tissue from adult rat brain using a modified semi-automatic biopsy needle. We showed that a defined volume of tissue harvested from a specific area of brain without any adverse effect on other regions. We suggest using this biopsy procedure for creating a brain injury model with a defined size. Using this controllable biopsy method, we can test engineered products in a rat model of brain injury and assessed the volume of cavity after performing treatments in different groups.

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