

Improved rupturing of irradiated microcapsules, using O₂ generation by redox reaction of L-ascorbic acid (AA) by radiation, and targeted anticancer drug using those microcapsules

S. Harada¹, S. Ehara¹, K. Ishii², K. Sera³ and S. Goto⁴

¹ Department of Radiology, School of Medicine, Iwate Medical University
19-1 Uchimaru, Morioka, Iwate 020-8505, Japan

²Department of Quantum Science and Energy Engineering, School of Engineering, Tohoku University
6-6 Aramaki Aza Aoba, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi 980-8579, Japan

³Cyclotron Research Center, Iwate Medical University
348-58 Tomegamori, Takizawa, Iwate 020-0173, Japan

⁴Takizawa Institute, Japan Radioisotope Association
348-1 Tomegamori, Takizawa, Iwate 020-0173, Japan

Abstract

This study was to determine whether redox reaction of L-ascorbic acid by irradiation could generate oxygen and increase rupturing of irradiated microcapsule. The microcapsules were generated by spraying a mixture of 0.1% alginate, hyaluronic acid, and 10% L-ascorbic acid (AA) into a 0.3 mmol/l solution of CaCl₂ and FeCl₂. A 1.0 x 10¹⁰ / 1ml solution of microcapsules were irradiated, and oxygen concentration and rupturing of microcapsules were measured. We showed that the redox reaction of AA generated oxygen, which increased rupturing of microcapsules. We also showed the increased concentration of anticancer drug when they were subcutaneously injected around the MM4 tumors (mice breast cancer), which were inoculated in the left hind legs of C3He/N mice.