

HIV-1 DISEASE OF HUMAN PENILE EXPLANT TISSUE AND INSURANCE BY APPLICANT MICROBICIDES

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Abstract

Objective

Elements overseeing occasions between introduction of male genital mucosa surfaces and the foundation of contamination are inadequately perceived. Moreover, little is thought about the security and viability of microbicides on male genital mucosa.

Designs

Here we present a novel penile tissue explant model to describe the instruments of HIV-1 contamination of male genital tissue and assess up-and-comer microbicides.

Methods

Mucosal explant culture conditions were resolved for glans, urethra and prepuce got from sex reassignment and circumcision. Thickness and circulation of CD4+ and CD1a+ cells were envisioned by microscopy. In vitro HIV-1 disease was dictated by estimating p24 discharge, while microbicide biocompatibility and adequacy were surveyed by estimation of tissue feasibility, cytokine articulation and p24 creation.

Results

Refined glans and prepuce indicated tantamount epithelial thickness yet a few contrasts in CD4+ and CD1a+ cell thickness. All tissue locales analyzed (prepuce, glans, meatus, urethra) were similarly helpless to R5 HIV-1 contamination, which was gainfully dispersed by transient cells emigrating from tissue. Conversely, X4 HIV-1 neglected to taint mucosal tissue and scattering by transitory cells was less proficient. The three up-and-comer microbicides PMPA, Genius 2000 and Cyanovirin-N, demonstrated great tissue similarity and productive avoidance of HIV-1 disease, causing just minor changes in tissue cytokine profile.

Conclusion

The depicted model gives a helpful model to examine the determinants of HIV-1 contamination of male genital tissue and is probably going to be a significant device for the future advancement of microbicide applicants and ideas.

INTRODUCTION

33 million individuals are living with HIV, half of them grown-up men [1]. Contrasts in the effectiveness of male-to-female HIV transmission versus female-to-male are dubious [2–8], and may rely upon a few components thought to impact the danger of female-to-male transmission [6, 7, 9], including circumcision [7, 10–12]. Late prophylactic preliminaries exhibit that circumcision could give > half security against HIV disease [13–15], yet gives no insurance to female accomplices of HIV+ men [16, 17]. Clarifying the relationship among circumcision and decreased HIV obtaining may give significant knowledge into the instrument of transmission and advancement of intercession systems. Past reports recommend that a higher thickness and a more shallow presence of Langerhans cells along with decreased keratinisation of the internal layer of prepuce, may expand HIV procurement in uncircumcised men [18–21]. Be that as it may, determinants of HIV contamination in men are not completely perceived, and their portrayal may help microbicide advancement. Current microbicides have been intended to forestall female obtaining [22, 23], accepting bi-directional security [24]; nonetheless, no examinations have tried the adequacy of microbicides against penile contamination and their possible part in shielding men from insertive vaginal or rectal intercourse.

Utilizing male genital tissue as an ex vivo model of HIV-1 transmission, we assess the recurrence of HIV target cells in prepuce, glans and urethra and their differential powerlessness to disease. Besides, we assess competitor microbicides for security and viability against HIV transmission.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Patients and tissue

Penile tissue was acquired after sexual orientation reassignment at Charing Cross Clinic, London, UK. All subjects had stopped hormonal treatment at least a month and a half preceding medical procedure. Prepuce tissue was acquired after elective circumcision at St. George's College of London, UK. All tissue was gathered with composed agree as indicated by LRC rules. Penis and prepuce were cut into 2–3 mm³ explants containing both epithelium and stroma. Tissue explants were refined in RPMI 1640 medium enhanced with glutamax, 10% FCS, penicillin and streptomycin.

Estimation of tissue feasibility

Tissue explants were refined for 10 days, with half medium substitution each 2–3 days. Tissue feasibility was estimated by MTT color decrease as recently depicted [25].

Immunohistochemistry

Tissue blocks were inserted in OCT, separated (12µm) and recolored. LCs were recognized by CD1a (OKT 6 hybridoma (ATCC)), CD4+ cells by hostile to CD4 (clone Q4120, Sigma). Jackass hostile to mouse auxiliary antibodies were formed to Cy3, Cy5, Rhodamine Red-X formed (Jackson Immunolabs), and Oregon Green (Atomic Tests). Zenon Alexa Fluor 647 (Sub-atomic Tests) was used for immune response light. Epithelium was recolored with WGA formed with Alexa fluor 594 (Atomic Tests).

Imaging of tissue cuts

Pictures were gathered on a DeltaVision RT framework utilizing a 40× oil objective, an Olympus IX71 magnifying lens, and dissected utilizing deconvolution microscopy programming. Thirty z-segments, 0.5µm separated, were gathered per picture field. All estimations were acquired through the "Measure Separations" device, utilizing a standard two point technique.

Assurance of microbicides cytotoxicity

Mixes utilized in this examination were Cyanovirin-N (Biosyn Inc.; Huntingdon Valley, USA), Ace 2000 (Indevus Drug, USA) and PMPA (Gilead Sciences, USA). Cyanovirin-N was given unformulated, while Professional 2000 and PMPA were gel defined mixes. Fake treatment definitions containing the equivalent excipients as the dynamic item were additionally given. All mixes were weakened into culture media. Likely harmfulness of microbicides was estimated as recently depicted [25].

Cells and viral societies

PM1 cells (Helps reagent venture, NIBSC, Potters Bar, UK) were refined in RPMI 1640 medium enhanced with glutamax, 10% FCS, penicillin and streptomycin. HIV-1BaL and HIV-1LaV were developed on PBMCs as recently portrayed [26] and the TCID50 decided.

HIV contamination of human male genital parcel tissue explants, and dispersal by transient cells

Tissue explants were presented to HIVBaL or HIVLaV (104 TCID50/explant) for 2 hours. Aldithriol-2 (10 mM) treated infection and medium just were utilized as negative controls. In the wake of washing with PBS, explants were resuspended in medium ± PHA (10µg/ml) short-term. The following day, tissue explants were eliminated and refined ± PHA for 3 days, supplanted by IL-2 (100 IU/ml) for the accompanying 8 days. Transient cells present in for the time being society plates were washed with PBS and co-refined with PM1 (40.000 cells/well) for 7 days. Culture supernatants were reaped each 2–3 days and evaluated for p24 antigen level (Beckman Coulter, UK). Factual examination was performed utilizing two tail T-test.

Screening of up-and-comer microbicides

Tissue explants were treated with medium or compound only preceding presentation to HIV-1BaL (104 TCID50) for 2 h in presence of the compound. The examples were then washed with PBS without compound. The day after transient cells were isolated from tissue as depicted previously. Societies were evaluated for viral replication by p24 ELISA as portrayed.

Cytokine evaluation

Tissue tests were refined with or without compound for 2 hours, washed with PBS and refined in medium short-term. Supernatant was then gathered and 23 cytokines evaluated by in house multiplex dot immunoassay as portrayed [27].

RESULTS

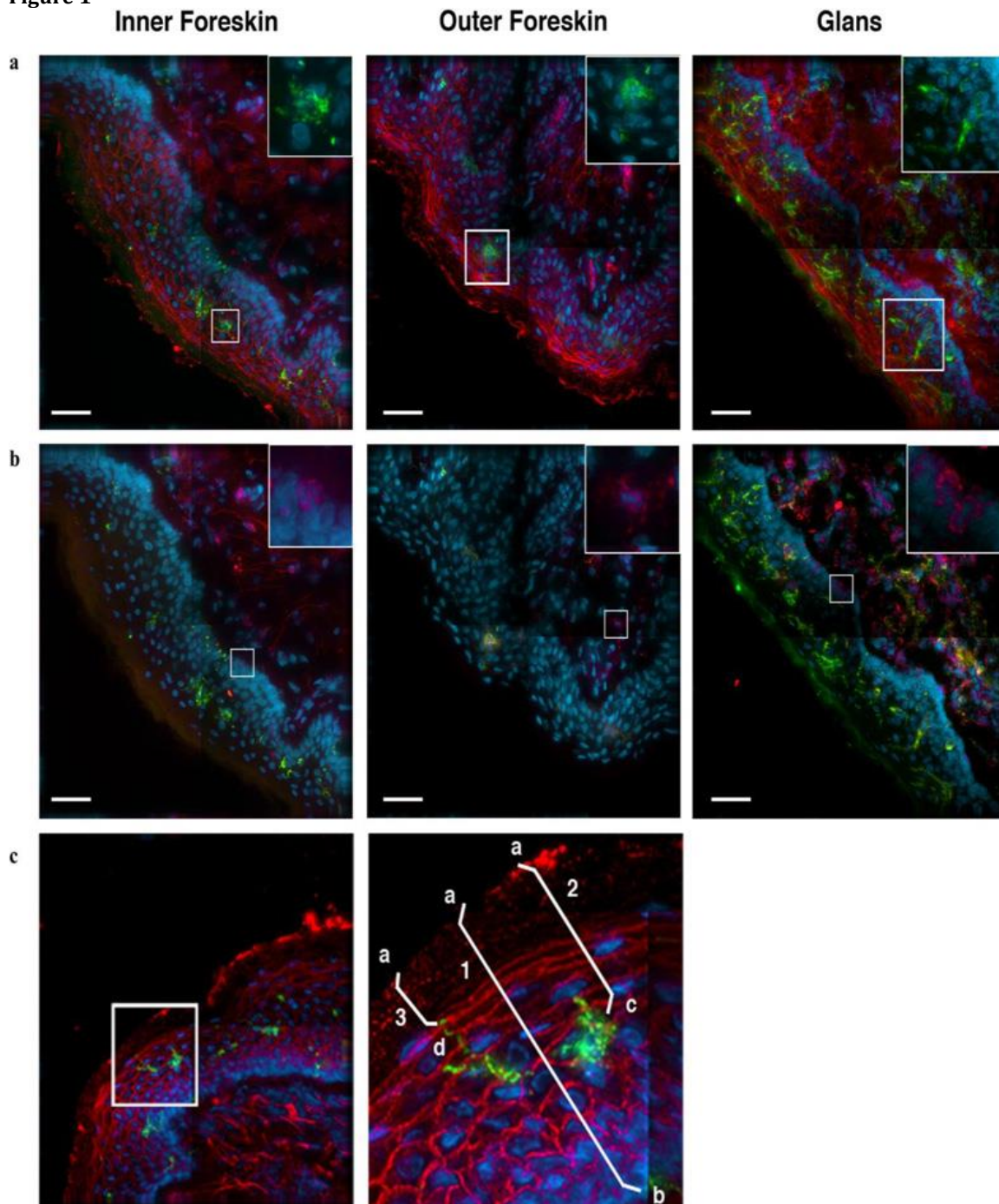
Foundation of ideal culture conditions

Human male genital explant societies were set up by adjusting past strategies created for culture of cervicovaginal tissue [26]. Suitability of explants in culture was surveyed (information not appeared). Glans, meatus and urethra kept up high reasonability for as long as 7 days (normal suitability: 76.5% – 97.8%), with a slight decay by day 10 (62.7% – 76.7%). Internal and external prepuce showed shorter reasonability (75% at day 3 yet 38% by day 7).

HIV target cell circulation

Genitourinary tissue was separated and recolored with fluorescent antibodies to recognize Langerhans cells (LCs) and CD4+ cells following 0, 3 or 7 days in culture (Figure 1a, b). Fluorescent WGA was utilized to uncover tissue structure and trustworthiness.

Figure 1



ID of LCs and CD4+ cells in epithelial tissue and outline of estimations taken to portray cell limitation

Tissue examples were gathered from sound benefactors and refined for as long as multi week. These examples were solidified in OCT, at that point segmented and recolored with fluorescent antibodies to recognize LCs and CD4+ cells. Pictures are illustrative of internal prepuce, external prepuce and glans tissue examples that were kept for as long as 3 days in culture. A similar picture is appeared in both (an) and (b), with various recoloring designs. (a) LCs are distinguished through recoloring for CD1a (green) and cores (blue). Tissue trustworthiness is shown through recoloring with fluorescent raw grain agglutinin (WGA, red). The boxed region, expanded in the upper right corner, shows LCs (green) and cores (blue). (b) CD4+ cells are distinguished through sure recoloring for CD4 (red). LCs (green) and cores (blue) can likewise be seen, as in the past. The enclosed

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territory is developed the upper right corner and shows trademark CD4+ cells (red) and cores (blue). Scale bars, 40µm.

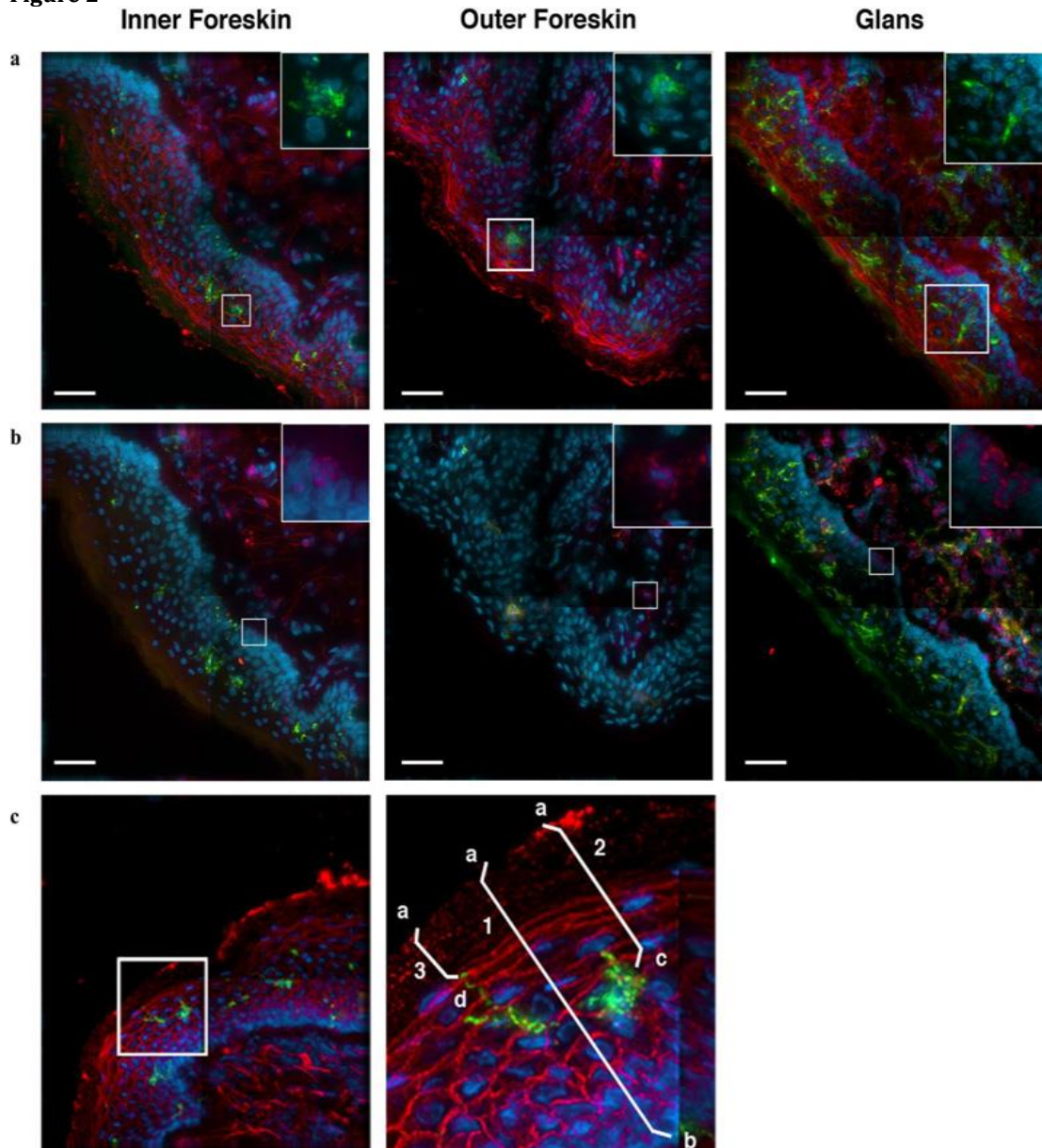
(c). LCs (green) can be seen in this inward prepuce example, which has additionally been recolored with WGA (red) and for cores (blue). The boxed region is augmented at option to show the LC in more noteworthy detail. For every cell contemplated, we estimated (1) epithelial thickness, (2) the separation of the cell body to the surface, and, on account of LCs, (3) the vicinity of the nearest LC projection to the surface. (1) Epithelial thickness was determined from the tissue surface (a) to beneath the epithelial cellular film (b). (2, 3) The nearness of cell bodies and LC projections to surface were dictated by estimating the separation between the tissue surface (an) and either the cell body (c) or LC projection (d).

Recognizable proof of LCs and CD4+ cells in epithelial tissue and delineation of estimations taken to portray cell limitation

For each target cell distinguished, we estimated epithelial thickness, separation of the cell body to tissue surface and separation of the nearest LC projection to tissue surface (Figure 1c). Epithelial thickness was dictated by estimating the separation between the cellular layer and tissue surface, crossing through every cell body. Following 7 days in culture, examples of internal prepuce were seriously divided and needed similarity to respectability. We in this way centered around contrasts in tissue from the inception to 3 days in culture.

In general, normal epithelial thickness for each tissue type stayed comparable all through the 3-day culture period (Figure 2a), albeit internal prepuce diminished (100.4 - 92.4µm) and glans epithelium expanded in thickness (95.8µm - 106.9µm) following 3 days.

Figure 2



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Tissue tests at the commencement of culture (2h, dark bars) and 3 days in culture (dim bars) were recolored to recognize LCs and CD4+ cells and analyzed. (a) Normal thickness of epithelium. (b) Normal separation of LC cell bodies to tissue surface. (c) Normal separation of LC projections to tissue surface. (d) Normal number of LCs found in epithelium per 100 μ m² imaged. (e) Normal number of CD4+ White blood cells identified in each tissue type per 100 μ m² imaged (stroma + epithelium). (f) Normal number of CD4+ Lymphocytes found inside the surface epithelium per 100 μ m² imaged. (g) Normal separation of CD4+ cells, found inside surface epithelium, to tissue surface. Mistake bars signify standard blunder of the mean. P esteems on head of dark bars demonstrate noteworthiness between 2 hours and 3 days in culture. P esteems spreading over dark bars show importance between various tissue destinations following 2 hours in culture. P esteems < 0.05 set apart with *, <0.01 set apart with **, <0.001 set apart with ***.

Thickness and appropriation of LCs and CD4+ cells in genital epithelium

Thus, the normal separation of LC bodies to tissue surface diminished in both inward (73.4 μ m – 66.2 μ m) and external prepuce (71.6 μ m – 61.3 μ m), and expanded in glans (57.3 μ m – 66.7 μ m) epithelium following 3 days in culture (Figure 2b). Upon assessment, we found no change in LCs projection separation to tissue surface after some time for inward prepuce (Figure 2c). Notwithstanding, LCs projections seemed to draw nearer to the tissue surface in external prepuce (59.5 μ m – 47.7 μ m) and farther in glans (41.4 μ m – 54.8 μ m). These progressions no doubt reflect increment in epithelial thickness saw with time.

Next we specified the quantity of LCs saw in each picture. While no distinction in LCs number was seen in inward or external prepuce tests following 3 days (Figure 2d), for glans tissue we saw that the worth diminished from 0.033 LCs/100 μ m² to 0.017 LCs/100 μ m² following 3 days. Likewise, an essentially higher number of LCs were seen in glans contrasted with inward and external prepuce, and in internal contrasted with external prepuce, with a normal of 0.023 and 0.017 LCs/100 μ m² in internal and external prepuce, individually. These qualities diminished to 0.02 and 0.016 LCs/100 μ m² by day 3.

Most of CD4+ cells saw in the tissue examples normally dwell beneath the storm cellar film in mucosal tissue, yet may invade surface epithelium under incendiary conditions [28], while CD4+ LCs only live in the epithelium. No change was watched for CD4+ cell number for internal prepuce more than 3 days in culture, however we recognized a slight increment in external prepuce, from 0.01 to 0.016 cells/100 μ m² (Figure 2e). Conversely, fundamentally less CD4+ cells were found in glans following 3 days in culture. Here we watched 0.037 CD4+ cells/100 μ m² imaged in glans tissue at the inception of culture, diminishing to 0.013 cells/100 μ m² by day 3.

At the point when the thickness of CD4+ cells was looked at between tissue locales, glans tissue was found to contain the most CD4+ cells/100 μ m² at the commencement of the way of life (Figure 2e), while inward prepuce had 0.026 cells/100 μ m² or 2.6 occasions more than external prepuce. By 3 days in culture, the main contrast actually identified was between inward prepuce and glans, with internal prepuce containing 1.6 occasions more CD4+ cells/100 μ m².

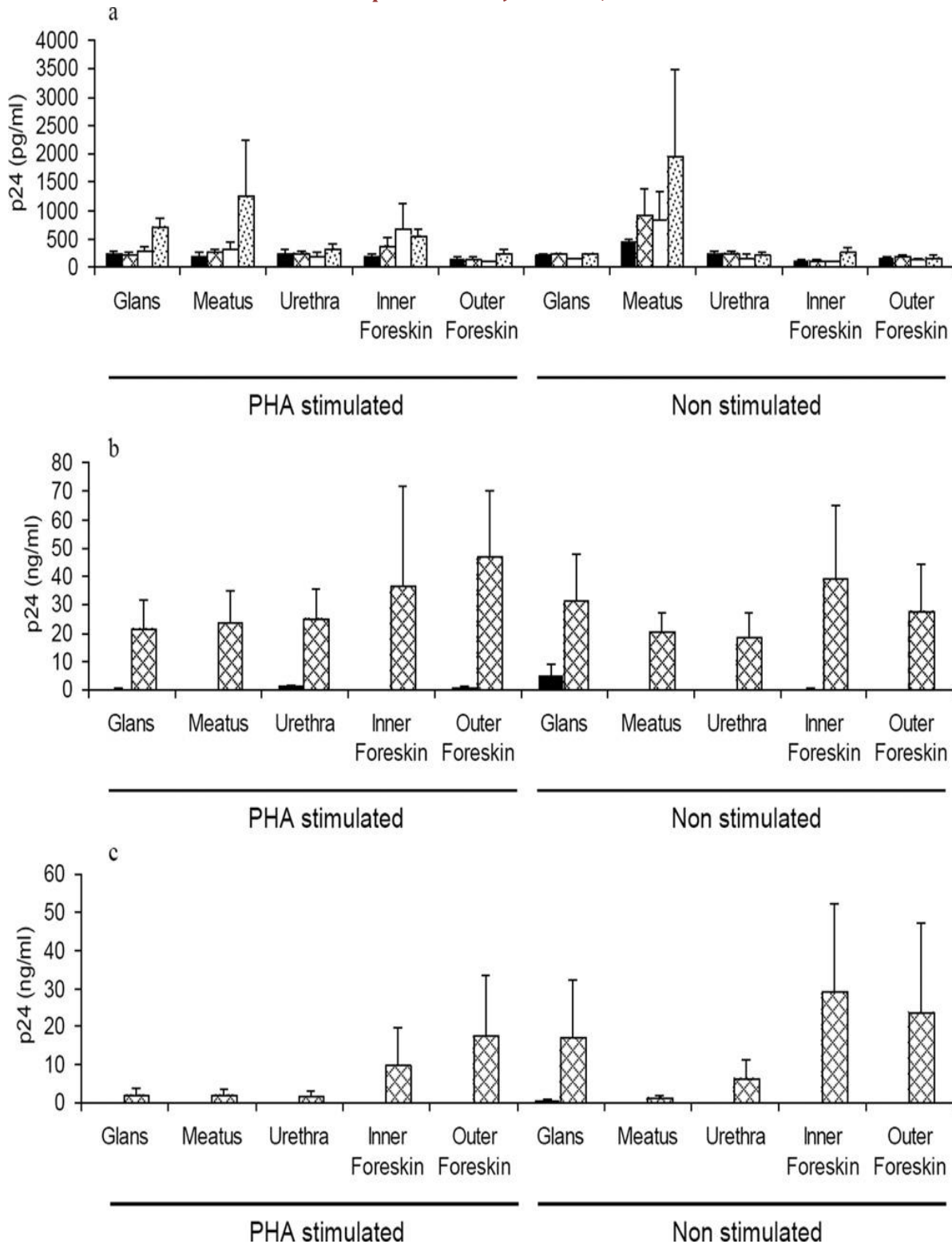
This pattern preceeded for CD4+ cells saw inside surface epithelium (Figure 2f). While no huge contrasts were seen in the quantity of CD4+ cells/100 μ m² of surface epithelium for either internal or external prepuce, glans tissue displayed a 2.7 overlap decline, from 0.0097 to 0.0037 following 3 days. Also, glans demonstrated fundamentally more noteworthy quantities of CD4+ cells in the epithelium contrasted with both inward (0.0019 CD4+ cells/100 μ m²) and external prepuce (0.0009 CD4+ cells/100 μ m²) at the inception of culture.

Notwithstanding these distinctions in cell number, the normal separation of epithelial CD4+ cells to tissue surface stayed unaltered in all tissue types all through the way of life period (Figure 2g).

HIV disease of male genital tissue

Ex vivo defenselessness to HIV-1 contamination and relative proficiency of HIV spread by transient cells was dictated by uncovering glans, urethra and prepuce to either HIV-1BaL (R5 disengage) or HIV-1LAV (X4 separate). HIV-1BaL gainfully contaminated all tissue locales examined (Figure 3a), yet no disease was identified with HIV-1LAV. Cell displaced people from all tissue destinations (\pm PHA) had the option to disperse HIV (BaL and LAV), however the degree of HIV-1LAV p24 in culture supernatant was by and large lower contrasted with HIV-1BaL (Figure 3b,c). No critical contrasts in the degree of HIV-1 disease either between various tissue locales or between actuated versus non-initiated tissue and transient cells were distinguished.

Figure 3



Replication of HIVBaL and HIVLAV in penile tissue explants and scattering of the disease by transitory cells

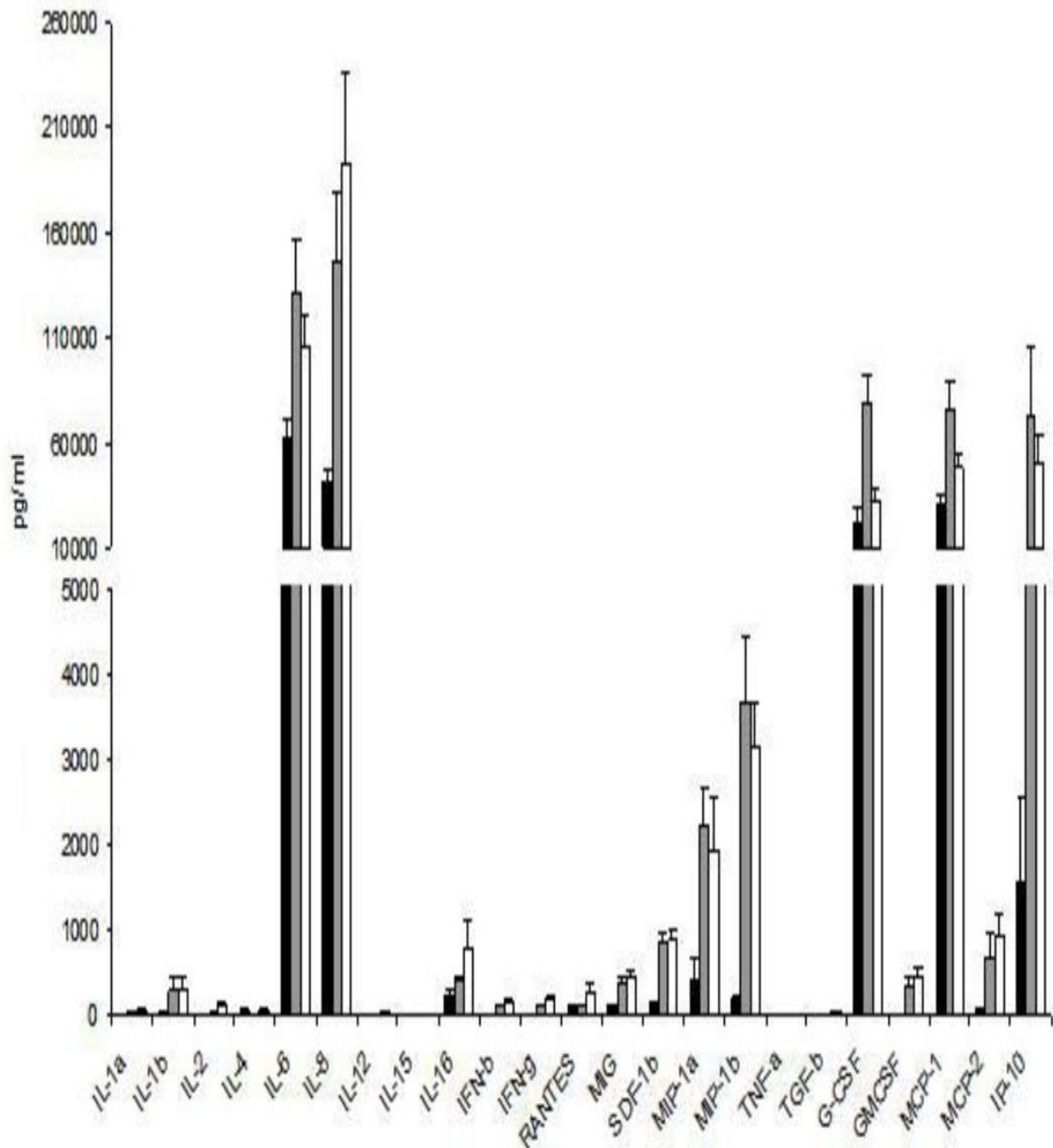
Figure 3a shows the time course of HIVBaL replication in tissue explants at days 4 (dark bars), 7 (dim net bars), 9 (white bars) and 11 (dim dabbled bars) days post disease. Figure 3b and 3c show dispersal of HIVBaL (Figure 3b) and HIVLAV (Figure 3c) contamination by transient cells segregated from various tissue explants, following 4 (dark bars) and 7 (dim net bars) day co-culture with pointer Immune system microorganisms. Information speak to the mean p24 \pm standard blunder of the mean of 3 separate givers; each condition was tried in three-fold. P24 levels for uninfected controls and in the examples presented to AT-2 treated infection were imperceptible

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Cytokine discharge profile of male genital tissue explants

As cytokines can fundamentally adjust tissue weakness to HIV disease, the example of cytokine discharge from glans and prepuce following 24 hours in culture was dissected (Figure 4). IL-1 α , IL-4, IL-12, IL-15, TNF- α and TGF- β were all beneath or at the restriction of location for each of the 3 tissue destinations. Among the cytokines delivered at moderate levels, IFN- β , IFN- γ , MIG, SDF-1 β , GM-CSF and MCP-2 levels were fundamentally higher for both inward and external prepuce contrasted with glans ($p < 0.05$), while IL-2 levels were just higher for external prepuce contrasted with glans ($p = 0.035$). The equivalent was watched for IL-6, IL-8, MIP-1 β , MCP-1, and IP-10 ($p < 0.05$) delivered at higher focuses, while MIP-1 α and G-CSF were just delivered at essentially more elevated levels by inward prepuce ($p < 0.01$) when contrasted with glans. Internal and external prepuce had a practically identical example of cytokine discharge, except for G-CSF, where emission by inward prepuce was fundamentally higher than external prepuce ($p = 0.006$). Generally, both inward and external prepuce exhibited an altogether more elevated level of creation of most emitted cytokines when contrasted with glans.

Figure 4



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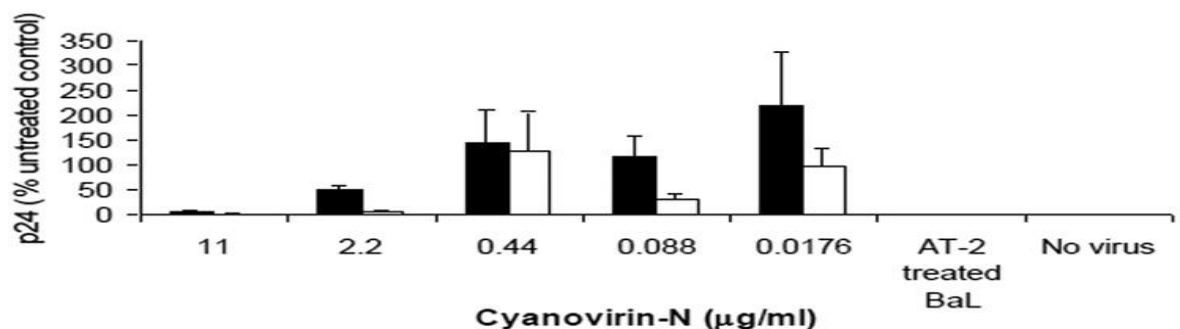
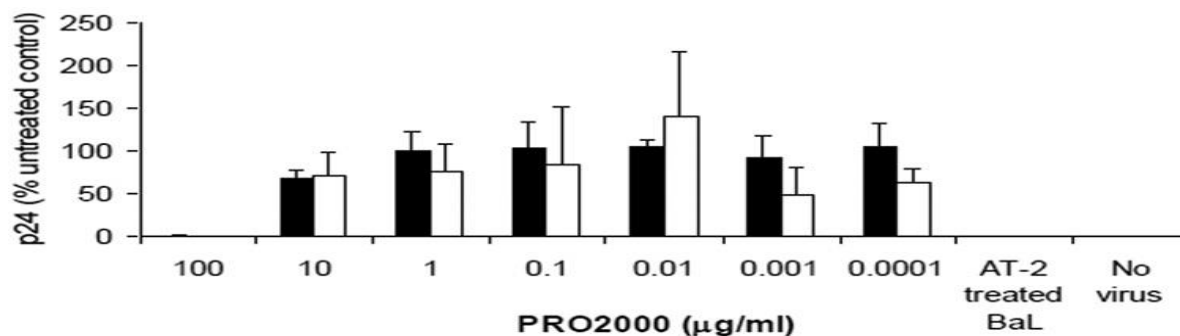
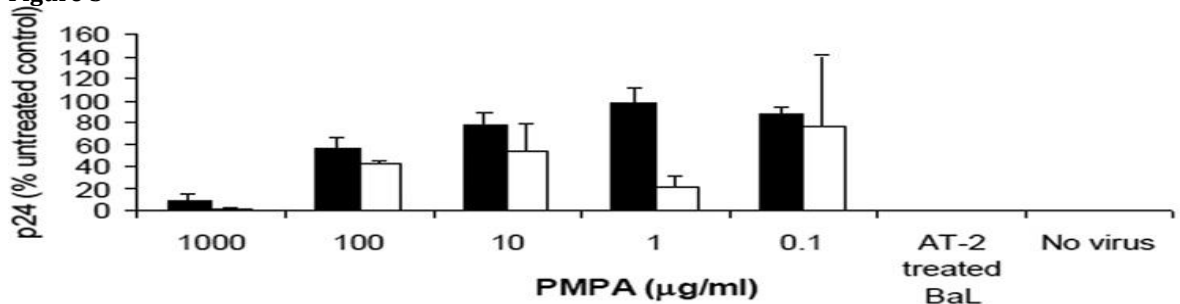
Cytokine creation by male genital tissue

Cytokine articulation was measured in glans (dark bars), inward prepuce (dim bars) and external prepuce (white bars) subsequent to refined tissue explants for 24 hours in medium alone. Information speak to the mean \pm standard mistake of 9 separate benefactors, where every giver was tried in three-fold.

Assessment of microbicide security and adequacy

Professional 2000, PMPA and Cyanovirin-N were tried for their capacity to hinder HIV-1BaL disease and scattering (Figure 5). PMPA and Star 2000 gel fake treatment exhibited no movement against HIV disease (information not appeared). No poisonousness was identified at the most elevated fixations tried for any of the mixes (information not appeared).

Figure 5



Penile tissue explants were presented to compound (PMPA (Figure 5a), Star 2000 (Figure 5b) and Cyanovirin-N (Figure 5c)) only before introduction to HIV-1BaL within the sight of compound for 2 hours. Infection and compound were eliminated and explants refined for the time being. Explants were then isolated from any cells that had moved from the tissue and refined independently for 10 days (dark bars). Viral replication was dictated by estimation of p24 discharge into culture supernatant and is communicated as % of the untreated control. Viral spread by transient cells (white bars) was controlled by p24 discharge following multi day co-culture with pointer Immune system microorganisms. Information speak to the mean \pm standard mistake of 3 separate givers, where every benefactor was tried in three-fold.

Restraint of HIV contamination and viral spread by applicant microbicides

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PMPA at 1 mg/ml (10 overlap weakening of the first 1% stock gel) hindered HIV contamination of glans by 90%, and totally repressed scattering by transitory cells (Figure 5a). Professional 2000 at 100 µg/ml (400 overlay weakening of the first 4% stock gel) repressed disease by 99.4%, and dispersal of contamination was completely stifled (Figure 5b). Cyanovirin-N at 11 µg/ml forestalled HIV replication in tissue (95%) and proliferation of the infection by transient cells (99%) (Figure 5c). Comparable outcomes were acquired when tried on prepuce (information not appeared).

PMPA, Ace 2000 and CV-N had little impact on the 23 cytokines tried and none influenced cytokine discharge by external prepuce. In any case, Cyanovirin-N at 11 µg/ml expanded creation of SDF-1β (2.8 overlay) and MIP-1β (2.9 crease) in glans, and IL (2 overlap), IFN-β (2.4 overlap), IFN-γ (1.6 overlay), MIG (21.2 crease), GM CSF (1.4 overlay), IP-10 (2.7 crease) and MCP-2 (1.8 overlap) in internal prepuce (p<0.05). Expert 2000 at 100 µg/ml didn't prompt any change in cytokine discharge by both internal and external prepuce, however decreased the creation of SDF-1β 2.3 overlay (p<0.01), MIP-1β (6 overlap), IP-10 (3.1 crease) and MCP-2 (2.7 overlap) (p<0.05) in glans. PMPA 1 mg/ml didn't apply any noteworthy variety in cytokine discharge for all tissue destinations tried, with the main special case of internal prepuce, where SDF-1β discharge expanded 2 overlap (p<0.05).

DISCUSSION

All male genital tissue locales analyzed adjusted well to explant culture, except for prepuce, that lost tissue honesty following 3 days, in all probability mirroring that prepuce epithelium is upheld by a more slender layer of stroma contrasted with the other tissue destinations. Strikingly, prepuce explants delivered more significant levels of cytokines contrasted with glans, proposing a more elevated level of invulnerable actuation. At the inception of culture, the normal number of LCs and CD4+ cells was most prominent for glans > internal prepuce > external prepuce, in concurrence with a past report [19] looking at inward and external prepuce. In any case, another investigation revealed a higher thickness of CD4+ cells and LCs in external prepuce > inward prepuce > glans [18]. These inconsistencies may mirror that in the last investigation tissue was gotten posthumous or that prepuce and glans tissue in this examination were not taken from similar benefactors.

The separation of dendritic projections exuding from LCs bodies were nearest to the epithelial surface for glans > internal = external prepuce. These perceptions additionally vary to those of McCoombe et al., where LCs bodies and projections were especially shallow in internal prepuce. In concurrence with both past examinations [18, 19], CD4+ cells in all tissue locales were prevalently conveyed inside the stroma basic the epithelium. Huge changes in cell number and dendritic projections were seen in culture. The most articulated being the reduction in CD4+ and CD1a+ cells in glans by day 3, recommending a significant relocation of both CD4+ cells and LCs, out of the tissue. Conversely, the quantity of LCs and CD4+ cells in the epithelium of both inward and external prepuce were genuinely steady.

All genital tissue destinations analyzed were helpless to R5 HIV-1BaL contamination, free of safe initiation. Conversely, no contamination was seen with X4 HIV-1LAV. These information affirm a past investigation of human prepuce [19] and mirrors the prevalent CCR5 articulation in prepuce and cervical tissue [19, 29, 30]. Notwithstanding, this isn't the situation for penile glans and urethral meatus, answered to approach levels of CCR5 and CXCR4 articulation [18, 19]. Curiously, transient cells from all male tissue locales likewise specially communicated HIV-1BaL over HIV-1LAV, in concurrence with past perceptions that in vitro determined LCs and DCs specially send R5 infection [31–38].

To explore the likely function of male genital explants as a model for microbicide advancement, we chose three microbicide competitors: Professional 2000, which is in stage III viability preliminaries [39–41]; PMPA gel (tenofovir), which is in stage II preliminaries [42, 43]; Cyanovirin-N, which is in preclinical improvement [44–47]. Professional 2000 at 100 µg/ml, (1/50 of the vaginal gel) gave almost complete concealment of viral disease and spread in penile tissue, with no harmfulness and little balance of cytokine articulation. These information are in concurrence with past investigations of cervical and rectal tissue [25, 26, 48] and with a clinical report exhibiting security for 4% gel applied every day on the penis [49]. PMPA at 1 mg/ml (1/10 of the vaginal gel) showed powerful action against R5 HIV-1BaL contamination of glans tissue and dispersal of infection. Be that as it may, it was less dynamic than a past report utilizing colorectal explants [48]. PMPA showed no poisonousness for penile tissue and little balance of cytokine articulation, in concurrence with human examinations exhibiting great bearableness of PMPA gel 1% applied vaginally [50]. Cyanovirin-N gave 95% security against HIV-1BaL at 11 µg/ml like that seen in cervical explants [46] and at a portion 1/500 of that demonstrated to be defensive in macaques [46, 47]. The capacity to obstruct HIV-1 exchange by transient cells was in concurrence with the capacity of CV-N to hinder DC-SIGN interceded HIV-1 transmission in vitro [51]. Despite the fact that CV-N was not poisonous for male genital tissue explants, we watched a level of cytokine dysregulation following 2 hours presentation to CV-N, in accordance with past reports [52].

In synopsis, this examination portrays an ex vivo model to contemplate the weakness of male genital mucosa to HIV contamination. While we watched a few contrasts in the recurrence of target cells (CD4+ and LCs) between tissue locales, all destinations inspected were powerless to HIV-1 (R5) disease. We found no proof to help

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upgraded vulnerability of inward prepuce comparative with glans and external prepuce. All things considered, circumcision would eliminate 2/3 of the uncovered surface territory of the penis, lessening the opportunity of infection interacting with helpless objective cells. The powerlessness to contamination and the watched restraint by 3 distinctive microbicides, 2 of which are as of now in clinical preliminaries, offer new points of view for the advancement of mixes ready to shield male genital tissue from HIV transmission.

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