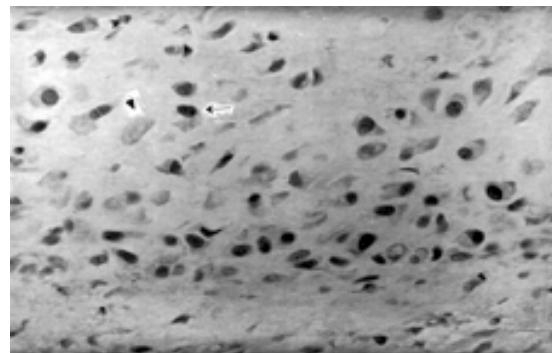


**Fig 2.** Schematic demonstration of the pertinent steps of Photoshop-based image analysis. Image analysis is performed of digitized representative fields within the fracture callus slide. A: The Magic Wand tool is used to select each areas of fracture callus. The selected area is automatically highlighted. B: The Histogram tool in the Image menu generates a graph, in which each vertical line represents the number of pixels in the area.

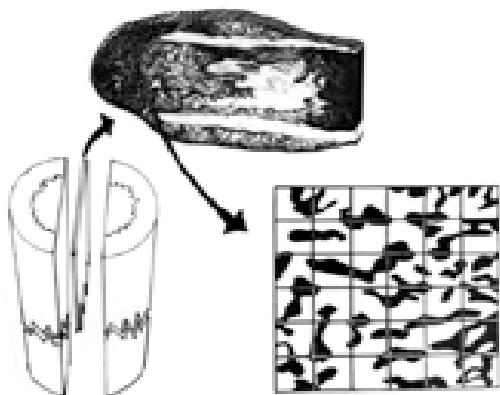
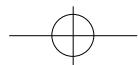
Magic Wand tool	click
(Fig. 2-A). Magic Wand tool	
Tolerance value(0-255)	15-20
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(Fig. 2-B),	pixel 가

2) PCNA



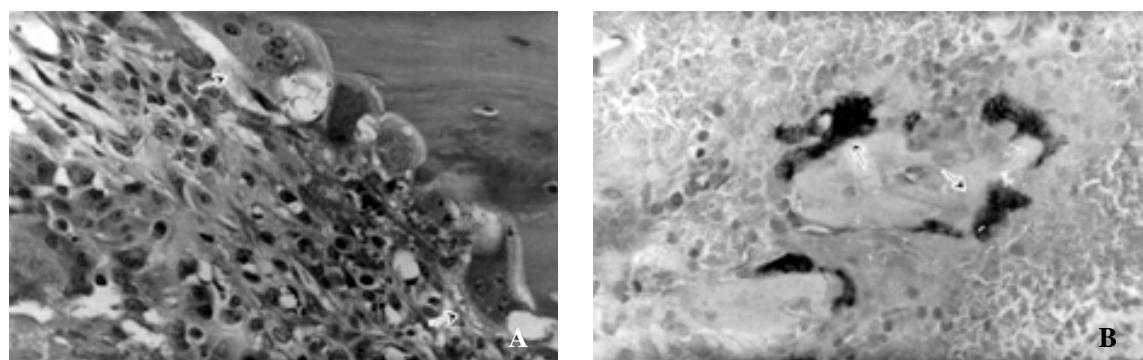
**Fig 3.** Immunohistochemical staining for PCNA shows nuclear positivity in osteochondrous portion of the callus (arrow). The arrow head indicates nuclear negative osteoblast (x 400).

(Ultravision Mouse Tissue Detection System, Anti-Mouse, HRP/AEC; Lab vision, UMTDS)	secondary antibody (UMTDS)	60
30 가	. Streptoavidin peroxidase (UMTDS)	
pepsin 37	30	30
Ultra block(UMTDS)	DAB	Triton x-100 (1%)
Rodent block (UMTDS)	Mayer 's Hematoxylin	30
PCNA (NCL-PCNA, Novocastra) 4	PCNA	
PBS 30	Weinberg <sup>7)</sup> 4)	(Fig. 3), Harris
	400	Point-counting technique (Fig.
	grid	eyepiece

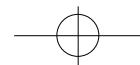


**Fig 4.** Histologic section and point counting method were used to quantitate new bone formation and the immunohistochemical activity(PCNA, TRAP, TUNEL). The point counting technique was used at a magnification of 400. The area between the lines was analyzed. The areas analyzed were (1)endochondral new bone, (2)intramembranous new bone, (3)mesenchymal layer, (4)hypertrophic chondrocyte layer, (5)proliferative chondrocyte layer.

	hematoxylin	0.5% ammonia	10
	H&E	TRAP	
	(x 200)		
	100	grid	TRAP
			(Fig. 5).
3)	TRAP	4)	TUNEL
acid phosphatase, leukocyte kit (Sigma, 387)		TACS In situ Apoptosis Detection Kits (Trevigen)	
0.5M $\ell$ Fast Garnet GBC Base			,
solution 0.5M $\ell$ Sodium Nitrite Solution	2	protein kinase	20
37	45M $\ell$ , Naphthol AS-	5	(permeabilization)
B1 Phosphate Solution 0.5M $\ell$ , Acetate Solution 2M $\ell$ , Tartrate		5	TdT Labelling buffer
Solution 1M $\ell$	37	37	, Anti-FITC HRP-
40	conjugate	37	DAB
		30	Mayer 's hematoxylin



**Fig 5.** Osteoclast in the fracture callus. A: Multinuclear osteoclasts are present at the peripheral area of the bony trabecula(arrows, H&E, x 400). B: Tartrate resistant acid phosphatase(TRAP) stain shows positive osteoclasts(arrows, x 400).

**Table 1.** The percentage of composition of fracture callus measured by image analyzer.

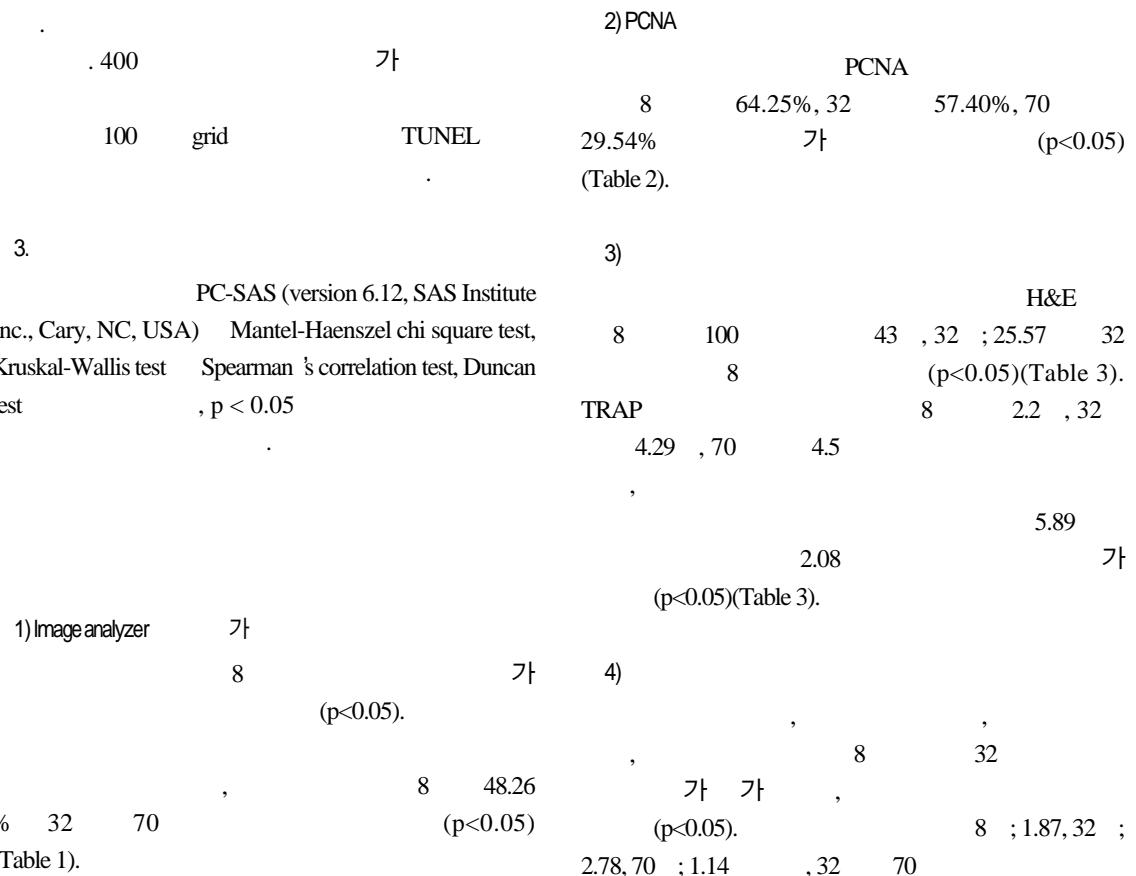
Age	endochondral newbone	intramembranous newbone*	mesenchymal layer	cartilage layer
8wk	20.30	22.32	48.26	16.06
32wk	17.07	9.23	66.42	13.06
70wk	23.54	6.90	57.27	20.19

\*; The percentage of intramembranous newbone in the younger was higher than the older( $p < 0.05$ ).

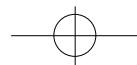
**Table 2.** The percentage of PCNA positive cells in rat femur callus ( $\times 400$ ).

Age	Endochondral osteoblast*	Hypertrophic chondrocyte	Proliferative chondrocyte	Mesenchymal layer	Intramembranous osteoblast
8wk	64.25	29.00	74.74	49.17	44.77
32wk	57.40	15.26	86.56	49.14	38.36
70wk	29.54	12.35	79.49	57.81	38.39

\*; At 2 weeks after injury, the PCNA positive endochondral osteoblast( $p < 0.05$ ) was declined with aging. But, the PCNA positive intramembranous osteoblast was not different with aging in the rat callus( $p < 0.05$ ).







Photoshop (color, 17).  
saturation, hue, luminosity) color index PCNA 가  
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Bonnarens 4) MMP-9, TRAP, the vitronectin receptor, calcitonin receptor TRAP

PCNA 36 kD polypeptide 가  
late G1 S DNA 가 ,  
PCNA

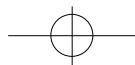
H&E

PCNA 36, 1-2, 3 PCNA 2 가 PCNA 가

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6) **TUNEL** 17), 가



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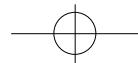
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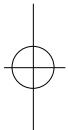
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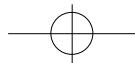
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**Abstract**

## The Effects of aging process on fracture healing in rat callus

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**Purpose :** Patient age significantly influences the rate of fracture healing. The rate of healing declines with increasing age. The authors compared the aging effect on fracture healing in the callus of rat femur by the light microscopy.

**Materials and Methods :** In this study the unilateral, closed fractures were created in the femur of 18 Sprague-Dawley rats. The rats were killed in three age group(8 weeks:7, 32weeks:6, 70weeks:5) at 2 weeks after fracture. The composition of fracture callus(new bone, cartilage, mesenchymal layer) was measured by image analyzer with H-E stain. Immunohistochemical stain (PCNA, TUNEL, TRAP) positive cells were counted for the comparing of cellular activity according to the aging.

**Results :** The percent of intramembranous new bone in the younger rat(8 week:22.32%) was higher than the older ones(30 week:7.09%, 70 week:5.37%). The percent of PCNA positive osteoblast in the newbone decreased according to the aging(8 week:64.25%, 30 week:57.40%, 70 week:29.54%). The number of osteoclast in the osteochondral junction at the 8 week(43) was more than that of 30 week(25.57) and 72 week(29.87). The number of TRAP positive osteoclast was not different as aging, but the number of osteoclast in the osteochondral junction(5.89) was more than that in the metaphyseal area(2.08).

**Conclusions :** More new bone was found in younger rat. There was a strong correlation ( $p<0.05$ ) between age and PCNA activity. More number of active osteoblast and osteoclast was found in younger rat femoral fracture callus, which indicated rapid fracture healing in younger age.

**Key words :** Fracture healing, Age, Histomorphometry, Immunohistochemistry

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