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**Stabilization of a hyaluronate-associated gene delivery system using calcium ions**

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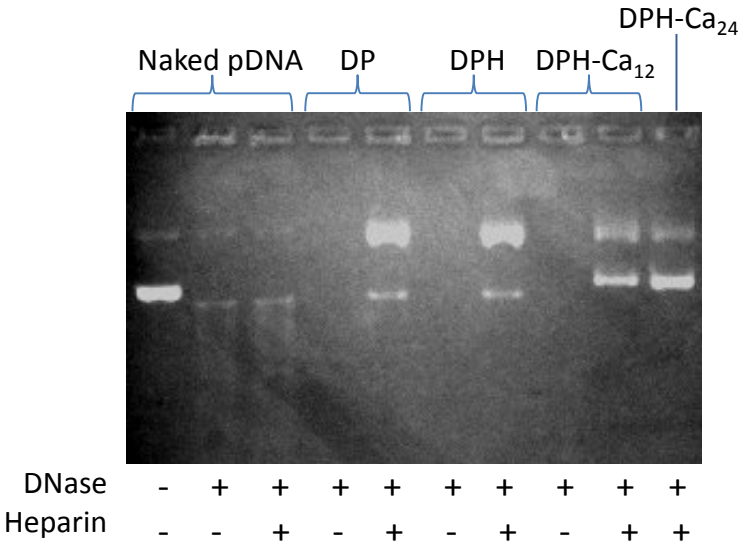
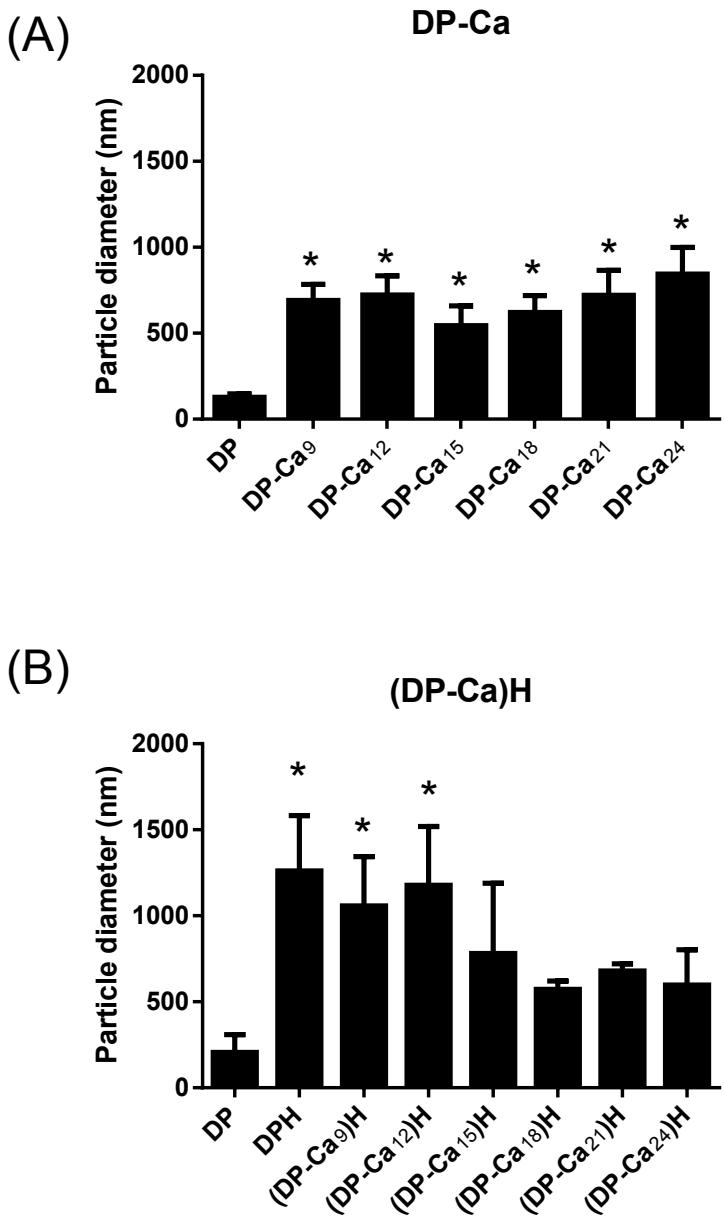
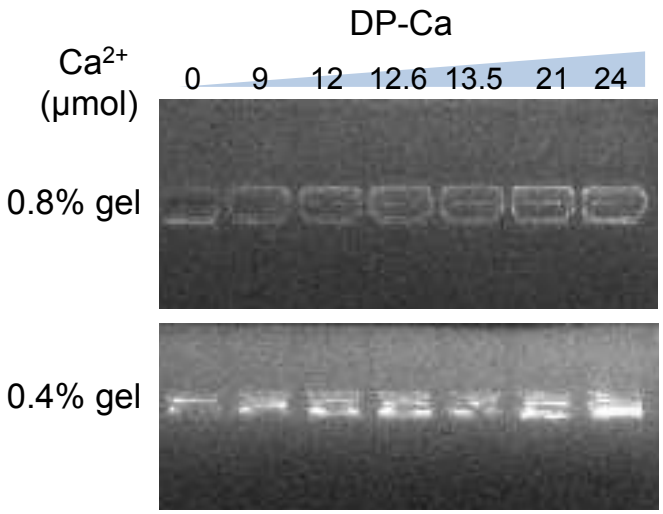
**Supporting Figures**




**Supporting Fig. 1.** Stability of naked pDNA, DP, DPH, and DPH-Ca complexes in the presence of DNase and heparin.




**Supporting Fig. 2.** (A) Particle sizes of DP-Ca complexes prepared with different amounts of $CaCl_2$ (numbers indicate μmol of $CaCl_2$ per 1 μg pDNA). All the DP-Ca were significantly larger than DP (*: $p<0.05$ by Tukey test); no significant difference among DP-Ca's. (B) Particle sizes of (DP-Ca)H complexes, where DP-Ca complexes were first formed varying the amount of $CaCl_2$ (numbers indicate μmol of $CaCl_2$ per 1 μg pDNA), and HA was added subsequently (1 μg of HA per 1 μg pDNA). *: $p<0.05$ vs. DP by Tukey test; no significant difference between DPH vs. (DP-Ca)H's.




**Supporting Fig. 3.** Gel retardation assay of DP-Ca formed with different amounts of $Ca^{2+}$, performed at two gel concentrations (0.8% and 0.4% agarose gels).