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### **Title- Development of a pneumatic pressure-driven microphysiological systems**

Recently, microphysiological systems (MPS) are attracting attention as a new in vitro culture system that reconstructs three-dimensional tissue structure, blood flow, and mechanical movement on a microfluidic device to reproduce organ function in vivo [1]. However, there are limited examples of multi-throughput medium circulation in MPS have been reported. We have developed a pneumatic pressure-driven perfusion culture system [2, 3], and applied this system to a pneumatic pressure-driven medium circulation for endothelial cell culture under physiological shear stress [2]. More recently, we have reported a multi-throughput multi-organ-on-a-chip system based on a pneumatic pressure-driven medium circulation platform with a microplate-sized format as a novel type of MPS [3]. A plate-formatted multi-organ microfluidic device can be used for an eight-throughput two-organ system or four-throughput four-organ system by adopting the corresponding microfluidic plate. Our pneumatic pressure-driven MPS possesses the following advantages for the application to the drug discovery: simultaneous operation of multiple multi-organ culture units, design flexibility of the microfluidic network, pipette-friendly liquid handling interface, and applicability to experimental protocols and analytical methods widely used in microplates. Therefore, we believe that our multi-organ culture platform will be an advantageous research tools for drug discovery

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