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1. A method for evaluating a regenerated cartilage comprising:

allowing a group of cells containing auricular chondrocytes to stand in the presence of a culture medium;

subsequently collecting at least a portion of a liquid component from the culture medium;

measuring ~~a~~ glial fibrillary acidic protein (GFAP) content of the collected liquid component; and

determining whether a regenerated cartilage that has been obtained or can be obtained from the group of cells is suitable for transplantation ~~based on the GFAP content.~~

~~2. The method for evaluating a regenerated cartilage according to claim 1, wherein the determination process determines that the cartilage is suitable for transplantation~~ when the GFAP content is 0.05 ng or more per 1 mL of the liquid component.

2~~3~~. The method for evaluating a regenerated cartilage according to claim 1, wherein the determination process determines that the cartilage is suitable for transplantation when the GFAP content is 0.5 ng or more per 1 mL of the liquid component.

3~~4~~. The method for evaluating a regenerated cartilage according to claim 1, wherein the determination process determines that the cartilage is suitable for transplantation when the GFAP content is 5 ng or more per 1 mL of the liquid component.

4~~5~~. A method for producing a regenerated cartilage comprising:

allowing a group of cells containing auricular chondrocytes to stand in the presence of a culture medium;

subsequently collecting at least a portion of a liquid component from the culture medium;

measuring the GFAP content of the collected liquid component;

determining whether a regenerated cartilage that can be obtained from the group of cells is suitable for transplantation when~~based on~~ the GFAP content is 0.05 ng or more per 1 mL of the liquid component; and

forming the regenerated cartilage.

5~~6~~. The method for producing a regenerated cartilage according to claim 4~~5~~, wherein the process of forming the regenerated cartilage comprises three-dimensionally culturing chondrocytes using a scaffold material.

~~7. A regenerated cartilage produced by the production method according to claim 5 or 6.~~