

病態生化学分野

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◇研究目的

本分野は、病態の生化学的研究を行うとともに、和漢薬を含む種々の薬物の病態に及ぼす効果を生化学的、免疫学的、あるいは遺伝学的に研究することを目的としている。

和漢薬を中心に、構造の明らかにされた成分あるいは化合物を用いて、種々の病態に有効な薬物の探索とその作用機序を分子レベルで解明する。「証」といわれる病態変化／徴候を遺伝子工学的、免疫学的手法等を駆使してその遺伝的背景を解析し、薬物の効果発現との関連性からその科学的基盤を解明する。現在、癌、免疫、アレルギー疾患などを中心にして検討を行っている。

◇研究概要

I) がん転移機構の解明とその制御

- 1) がん転移に対するケモカインの作用機序解明と治療への応用
- 2) がん癌転移病態モデルの作製とその形成に關与する標的分子の探索
- 3) 伝統薬物を中心としたがん転移の抑制物質の探索

II) シグナル伝達分子による病態制御機構の解析

- 1) TAK1 キナーゼ活性化の分子機構
- 2) TNF- α シグナルと ErbB 受容体シグナルのクロストーク
- 3) 自然免疫シグナルに影響を及ぼす漢方薬の探索

III) 漢方方剤テーラーメイド治療法の開発

- 1) 漢方医学の証の解明を目指した血漿プロテオミック・パターン解析

◇原著論文

- 1) **Matsuo M., Sakurai H., Ueno Y., Ohtani O. and Saiki I.: Activation of ERK and PI3K/Akt pathways by fibronectin requires integrin α -mediated ADAM activity in hepatocellular carcinoma: a novel functional target for gefitinib. *Cancer Sci.*, **97**: 155-162, 2006.**

Abstract: We have shown that the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) tyrosine kinase inhibitor gefitinib ('Iressa', ZD1839) inhibits the development of intrahepatic metastases of hepatocellular carcinoma CBO140C12, and EGFR transactivation by tumor necrosis factor- α is a possible target of gefitinib. In the present study, we focused on the fibronectin (FN)-dependent signaling pathway to further elucidate the antimetastatic activity of gefitinib in CBO140C12 cells. We initially observed that FN induced activation of extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK), p38 and Akt, as well as cell proliferation and CBO140C12 cell invasion. These responses were mediated by EGFR tyrosine kinase, because gefitinib inhibited these effects of FN. FN-induced ERK, p38 and Akt activation was partly blocked by the Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD)-pseudo-peptide FC-336, anti- α v integrin antibody RMV-7, the broad-spectrum matrix metalloprotease inhibitor GM6001 and the broad spectrum a disintegrin and metalloprotease (ADAM) inhibitor TAPI-1. But these inhibitors had no effect on EGF-induced signaling pathways, suggesting that integrins and ADAM may be upstream components of EGFR in these responses. These results suggest that FN-induced activation of ERK, p38, Akt, cell proliferation and invasion was mediated, at least in part, via integrins, ADAM and EGFR, and that this FN-induced signaling pathway might be involved in the antimetastatic activity of gefitinib.

- 2) **Lee S-J., Sakurai H., Koizumi K., Song G.Y., Bae Y.S., Kim H-M., Kang K-S., Surh Y-J., Saiki I. and Kim S.H.: MAPK regulation and caspase activation are required in DMNQ S-52 induced apoptosis in Lewis lung carcinoma cells. *Cancer Lett.*, **233**: 57-67, 2006.**

Abstract: 6-(1-Hydroxyimino-4-methylpentyl)5,8-dimethoxy 1,4-naphthoquinone S-52 (DMNQ S-52) was reported to have cytotoxic activity against L1210 leukemia cells. In the present study, we investigated the apoptotic mechanism of DMNQ S-52 in vitro and in vivo in murine solid cancer cells. DMNQ S-52 exerted cytotoxicity against Lewis lung carcinoma (LLC) cells (IC₅₀=12.3 μ M). DMNQ S-52 increased Annexin V positive cell population in a concentration-dependent manner. DMNQ S-52 also induced apoptosis through caspase-mediated pathway, including activation of caspase-3, cleavage of Poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) and decreased expression of Bcl-2 in LLC cells in a time and concentration-dependent fashion. DMNQ S-52 activated the phosphorylation of c-Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK) and p38 as well as abrogated the expression of extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) in a time-dependent manner at 10 μ M. Similarly, cell proliferation inhibition by DMNQ S-52 was masked by caspase inhibitor Z-Asp-Glu-Val-Asp-fluoromethylketone (Z-VAD-FMK), JNK inhibitor SP600125 and p38 inhibitor SB203580, but not by MEK inhibitor U0126. Furthermore, i.p. administration of DMNQ S-52 at 5 mg/kg resulted in a potent inhibition of the growth of LLC cells implanted on the right flank of C57BL/6 mice compared to untreated control. Immunohistochemical analysis revealed the decreased tumor cell proliferation and increased tumor cell apoptosis in DMNQ S-52 treated tumor sections using terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase-mediated deoxyuridine triphosphate nick-end labeling (TUNEL) and proliferation cell nuclear antigen (PCNA). Taken together, these findings demonstrate that DMNQ S-52 may exhibit anti-tumor activity by inducing apoptosis via caspases and mitogen activated protein (MAP) kinase-dependent pathways.

- 3) **Yasumoto K., Koizumi K., Kawashima A., Saitoh Y., Arita Y., Shinohara K., Minami T., Nakayama T., Takahashi Y., Yoahie O. and Saiki I.: Role of CXCL12 in peritoneal carcinomatosis of gastric cancer. *Cancer Res.*, **66**: 2181-2187, 2006.**

Abstract: Peritoneal carcinomatosis is a frequent cause of death in patients with advanced gastric carcinoma. Because chemokines are now considered to play an important role in the metastasis of various malignancies, we hypothesized that they may be involved in the development of peritoneal carcinomatosis by gastric carcinoma. Human gastric carcinoma cell lines, which were all highly efficient in generating malignant ascites in nude mice upon i.p. inoculation, selectively expressed CXCR4 mRNA and protein. In particular, NUGC4 cells expressed CXCR4 mRNA at high levels and showed vigorous migratory responses to its ligand CXCL12. CXCL12 enhanced proliferation and rapid increases in phosphorylation of protein kinase B/Akt and extracellular signal-regulated kinase of NUGC4 cells. We also showed that AMD3100 (a specific CXCR4 antagonist) effectively reduced tumor growth and ascitic fluid formation in nude mice inoculated with NUGC4 cells. Additionally, we examined human clinical samples. Malignant ascitic fluids from patients with peritoneal carcinomatosis contained high concentrations of CXCL12 (4.67 ng/mL). Moreover, immunohistochemical analysis showed that 22 of 33 primary gastric tumors with peritoneal metastasis were positive for CXCR4 expression (67%), whereas only 4 of 16 with other distant metastasis were positive (25%). Notably, 22 of 26 CXCR4-expressing primary tumors developed peritoneal metastases (85%). CXCR4 positivity of primary gastric carcinomas significantly correlated with the development of peritoneal carcinomatosis ($P < 0.001$). Collectively, our results strongly suggest that the CXCR4/CXCL12 axis plays an important role in the development of peritoneal carcinomatosis from gastric carcinoma. Thus, CXCR4 may be a potential therapeutic target for peritoneal carcinomatosis of gastric carcinoma.

- 4) **Fukasawa K., Fujii H., Saitoh Y., Koizumi K., Aozuka Y., Sekine K., Yamada M., Saiki I. and Nishikawa K.: Aminopeptidase N (APN/CD13) is selectively expressed in vascular endothelial cells and plays multiple role in angiogenesis. *Cancer Lett.*, 243: 135-143, 2006.**

Abstract: Proteolytic enzyme-mediated degradation of the extracellular matrix (ECM) is crucial for the formation of both tumor metastasis and angiogenesis. Recently, several reports have suggested that aminopeptidases are involved in this process, but precisely how is largely unknown. We found here that aminopeptidase N (APN/CD13) was selectively expressed in vascular endothelial cells including human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC) and human aortic endothelial cells (HAEC), and was not detectable in a majority of normal cells and tumor cell lines we examined. RNA interference (RNAi) of APN resulted in the inhibition of capillary tube formation of HUVEC on Matrigel. APN siRNA suppressed the migration of HUVEC through a fibronectin-coated Transwell membrane, and reduced the cellular adhesion to Matrigel and various adhesion molecules including type IV collagen, type I collagen and fibronectin. These findings suggest that APN is a multifunctional protein with important roles in vascular endothelial morphogenesis during angiogenesis.

- 5) **Choo M-K., Sakurai H., Koizumi K., and Saiki I.: TAK1-mediated stress signaling pathways are essential for TNF- α -promoted pulmonary metastasis of murine colon cancer cells. *Int. J. Cancer*, 118: 2758-2764, 2006.**

Abstract: We have recently established a TNF- α -promoted metastasis model, in which the ability to metastasize to the lung was enhanced by stimulation of cultured colon 26 cells with TNF- α before intravenous inoculation. To investigate intracellular events in metastatic cascades of TNF- α -treated cancer cells, we have focused on the stress signaling pathways to c-Jun N-terminal kinase (JNK) and p38. Treatment with a specific inhibitor, SP600125 or SB203580, in vitro suppressed TNF- α -induced migration and pulmonary metastasis. Activation of endogenous TAK1, a mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAP3K) regulating the JNK and p38 MAPK pathways, was induced rapidly by TNF- α , and co-transfection of TAK1 with its activator protein TAB1 stimulated activation of JNK and p38 MAPKs, which led to activation of the transcription factor AP-1. The activation of stress signaling pathways by TAK1 resulted in enhanced migration to fibronectin in vitro and metastasis to the lung in vivo without

affecting cell proliferation in vitro and tumor growth in vivo. Moreover, knockdown of endogenous TAK1 using small interfering RNA (siRNA) suppressed the TNF- α -induced JNK/p38 activation, migration and pulmonary metastasis. These results indicate that TAK1-mediated stress signaling pathways in cancer cells are essential for TNF- α -promoted metastasis to the lung.

- 6) **Saitoh Y., Koizumi K., Minami T., Sekine K., Sakurai H. and Saiki I.: A derivative of aminopeptidase inhibitor (BE15) has a dual inhibitory effect of invasion and motility on tumor and endothelial cells. Biol. Pharm. Bull., 29: 709-712, 2006.**

Abstract: Bestatin is an inhibitor of aminopeptidase N (APN)/CD13 and aminopeptidase B. In our previous report, bestatin inhibited the tumor cell invasion and the angiogenesis induced by the inoculation of B16-BL6 melanoma cells into mice and capillary formation on human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) in vitro. The results show that the enzymatic activity of APN is deeply involved in tumor invasion and angiogenesis. We investigated the effect of three bestatin derivatives on A375 human melanoma cells and in vitro. All the derivatives inhibited the activity of APN, but BE15 was most effective and controlled the migration of A375 cells and HUVECs and capillary formation of HUVECs. Furthermore, the bestatin derivatives had an inhibitory effect not only on aminopeptidase activity but also on cell motility. Compared with bestatin and the other derivatives, BE15 had a marked inhibitory effect on the formation of capillary structure by HUVECs in vitro. These results suggest that new anti-metastatic and anti-angiogenic agents, which have a dual inhibitory effect on the degradation of the extra cellular matrix and cell motility, may be developed from bestatin.

- 7) **Fuke Y., Shinoda S., Nagata I., Sawaki S., Nomura T., Ryoyama K., Koizumi K. and Saiki I.: Preventive effect of oral administration of 6-(methylsulfinyl)hexyl isothiocyanate from wasabi (*Wasabia japonica* Matsum) against pulmonary metastasis of B16-BL6 mouse melanoma cells. Cancer Detection Prevention, 30: 174-179, 2006.**

Abstract: AIM: Effect of oral administration of 6-(methylsulfinyl)hexyl isothiocyanate (6-MITC) or a 6-MITC-containing T-wasabi fraction from wasabi root (*Wasabia japonica* Matsum) to inhibit the macroscopic pulmonary metastasis was studied with a murine B16-BL6 melanoma model. METHOD: Two administration routes, subcutaneous or intravenous, and two administration times, prior to or concomitant with tumor inoculation, of 6-MITC or T-wasabi against the metastatic foci formation in C57BL/6J mouse lungs were compared. RESULTS: The number of metastasized foci per lung in either subcutaneous or intravenous injection was significantly reduced by intake of 6-MITC or a T-wasabi fraction. The maximum reduction by a T-wasabi fraction reached to 82%. Fifty-six percent of foci formation was inhibited by a 2 week-prior administration of 6-MITC (200 μ M), whereas only 27% inhibition was obtained by a concomitant administration with tumor inoculation. Neither 6-MITC nor T-wasabi at tested concentrations showed any toxic effects. DISCUSSION: Together with our previous results, a component of the Japanese pungent spice, wasabi appears to inhibit not only tumor cell growth but also tumor metastasis. Therefore, 6-MITC from wasabi is apparently a useful dietary candidate for controlling tumor progression.

- 8) **Nakamura E-S., Koizumi K., Kobayashi M., Saitoh Y., Nakayama T., Sakurai H., Kameda Y., Yoshie O. and Saiki I.: Osteoclasts constitutively produce CC chemokine ligand CCL22 /macrophage-derived chemokine and potentially promote bone metastasis of lung cancer expressing its CCR4. Clin. Exp. Metastasis, 23: 9-18, 2006.**

Abstract: Chemokines are now known to play an important role in cancer growth and metastasis. Here we report that differentiating osteoclasts constitutively produce CCL22 (also called macrophage-derived chemokine) and potentially promote bone metastasis of lung cancer expressing its receptor CCR4. We first examined expression of chemokines by differentiating osteoclasts. CCL22 was selectively upregulated in osteoclast-like cells derived from RAW264.7 cells and mouse bone marrow cells upon

stimulation with RANKL (receptor activator of nuclear factor-kappaB ligand). In addition, a human lung cancer cell line SBC-5 that efficiently metastasized to bone when intravenously injected into NK cell-depleted SCID mice was found to express CCR4. Stimulation of SBC-5 cells with CCL22 induced cell migration and also enhanced phosphorylation of protein kinase B/Akt and extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK). Furthermore, immunohistochemical analysis of bone metastasis lesions demonstrated close co-localization of tartrate-resistant alkaline phosphatase (TRAP)-positive osteoclasts expressing CCL22 and SBC-5 cells expressing CCR4. Collectively, these results suggest that osteoclasts may promote bone metastasis of cancer cells expressing CCR4 in the bone marrow by producing its ligand CCL22.

- 9) **Ogawa H., Gomi T., Nishizawa M., Hayakawa Y., Endo S., Hayashi K., Ochiai H., Takusagawa F., Pitot H.C., Mori H., Sakurai H., Koizumi K., Saiki I., Oda H., Fujishita T., Miwa T., Maruyama M., and Kobayashi M. Enzymatic and biochemical properties of a novel human serine dehydratase isoform. *Biochim Biophys Acta*, 1764: 961-971, 2006.**

Abstract: A cDNA clone similar to human serine dehydratase (SDH) is deposited in the GenBank/EMBL databases, but its structural and functional bases remain unknown. Despite the occurrence of mRNA, the expected protein level was found to be low in cultured cells. To learn about physicochemical properties of the protein, we expressed the cDNA in *Escherichia coli*, and compared the expressed protein with that of a hepatic SDH. The purified protein showed L-serine and L-threonine dehydratase activity, demonstrating to be an isoform of SDH. However, their K_m and V_{max} constants were different in a range of two-order. Removal of Pro128 from the hepatic SDH consisting of 328 residues, which is missing in the corresponding position of the isoform consisting of 329 residues, significantly changed the Michaelis constants and K_d value for pyridoxal 5'-phosphate, whereas addition of a proline residue to the isoform was without effect. These findings suggest the difference in the structures of the active sites of the two enzymes. Another striking feature was that the expressed level of the isoform in *E. coli* was 7-fold lower than that of the hepatic SDH. Substitution of Val for Leu287 in the isoform dramatically increased the protein level. The high yield of the mutated isoform was also confirmed by the *in vitro* transcription and translation experiment. The poor expression of the isoform could be explained by the more stable secondary structure of the mRNA than that of the hepatic SDH mRNA. The present findings may provide a clue as to why the protein level in cultured cells is low.

- 10) **Matsuo M., Koizumi K., Yamada S., Tomi M., Takahashi R., Ueda M., Terasaki T., Obinata M., Hosoya K., Ohtani O. and Saiki I.: Establishment of lymphatic and venous endothelial cell lines from tsA58/EGFP transgenic rats. *Cell Tissue Res*. 326: 749-758, 2006.**

Abstract: The basic biology of blood vascular endothelial cells has been well documented. However, little is known about that of lymphatic endothelial cells, despite their importance under normal and pathological conditions. The lack of a lymphatic endothelial cell line has hampered progress in this field. The objective of this study has been to establish and characterize lymphatic and venous endothelial cell lines derived from newly developed tsA58/EGFP transgenic rats harboring the temperature-sensitive simian virus 40 (SV40) large T-antigen and enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP). Endothelial cells were isolated from the transgenic rats by intraluminal enzymatic digestion. The cloned cell lines were named TR-LE (temperature-sensitive rat lymphatic endothelial cells from thoracic duct) and TR-BE (temperature-sensitive rat blood-vessel endothelial cells from inferior vena cava), respectively, and cultured on fibronectin-coated dishes in HuMedia-EG2 supplemented with 20% fetal bovine serum and Endothelial Mitogen at a permissive temperature, 33 degrees C. A temperature shift to 37 degrees C resulted in a decrease in proliferation with degradation of the large T-antigen and cleavage of poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase. TR-LE cells expressed lymphatic endothelial markers VEGFR-3 (vascular endothelial growth factor receptor), LYVE-1 (a lymphatic endothelial receptor), Prox-1 (a homeobox gene product), and podoplanin (a glomerular podocyte membrane mucoprotein), together with

endothelial markers CD31, Tie-2, and VEGFR-2, whereas TR-BE cells expressed CD31, Tie-2, and VEGFR-2, but no lymphatic endothelial markers. Thus, these conditionally immortalized and EGFP-expressing lymphatic and vascular endothelial cell lines might represent an important tool for the study of endothelial cell functions in vitro.

- 11) **Mori A., Sakurai H., Choo M-K., Obi R., Koizumi K., Yoshida C., Shimada Y. and Saiki I.: Severe pulmonary metastasis in obese and diabetic mice. *Int. J. Cancer.*, 119: 2760-2767, 2006.**

Abstract: Although obesity is known as a risk factor for several human cancers, the association of obesity with cancer recurrence and metastasis remains to be characterized. Here, B16-BL6 melanoma and Lewis lung carcinoma cells were intravenously injected into diabetic (*db/db*) and obese (*ob/ob*) mice. The number of experimental lung colonies was markedly promoted in these mice when compared with C57BL/6 mice. In contrast, tumor growth at the implanted site was comparable when cells were inoculated orthotopically. The use of B16-BL6 cells stably transfected with the luciferase gene revealed that the increased metastasis reflected a difference mainly within 6 hr after the intravenous inoculation of tumor cells. Administration of recombinant leptin in *ob/ob* mice abolished the increase in metastasis early on as well as the decrease in the splenic NK cell number. In addition, depletion of NK cells by an anti-asialo-GM1 antibody abrogated the enhanced metastasis in *db/db* mice. These results demonstrate that metastasis is markedly promoted in diabetic and obese mice mainly because of decreased NK cell function during the early phase of metastasis.

- 12) **Awale S., Linn T.Z., Than M.M., Swe T., Saiki I. and Kadota S.: *News Letter, The healing art of traditional medicines in Myanmar. J. Trad. Med.*, 23: 47-68, 2006.**

Abstract: Traditional medicines are an integral part of people's culture and are used extensively by the peoples in developing countries for their primary health care. A rich heritage of traditional medical knowledge and the use of plants as medicines still exist in Myanmar which have been inherited from earlier generations. However, many areas in Myanmar are now experiencing rapid changes. Traditional knowledge as well as plants that the traditional healers rely upon are being lost at an alarming rate. Therefore, it is important that immediate steps be taken to protect the important source of traditional knowledge as well as medicinal plant diversity. This paper highlights information and observations on the art of healing performed by the traditional medicine practitioners in Myanmar, their success stories, together with an inventory of some medicinal plants, and traditional knowledge pertaining to their use, including preparation and administration.

- 13) **Suzuki S., Singhirunnusorn P., Nakano H., Doi T., Saiki I. and Sakurai H.: Identification of TNF- α -responsive NF- κ B p65-binding element in the distal promoter of the mouse serine protease inhibitor *SerpineE2*. *FEBS Lett.* 580: 3257-3262, 2006.**

Abstract: Serine protease inhibitor SerpinE2 is known as a cytokine-inducible gene. Here, we investigated whether tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α)-induced expression of SerpinE2 is mediated by the nuclear factor- κ B (NF- κ B) p65 subunit. Both steady state and TNF- α -induced expression of SerpinE2 mRNA were abrogated in p65^{-/-} murine embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs). Reconstitution with wild-type p65 rescued SerpinE2 mRNA expression in an I κ B kinase beta-dependent manner. Electrophoresis mobility shift assay and CHIP assay demonstrated that p65 bound to the κ B-like DNA sequence located at approximately -9 kbp in the SerpinE2 promoter. In addition, TNF- α stimulated luciferase gene expression driven by the κ B-like element in the reconstituted MEFs, but not in p65^{-/-} MEFs. These results indicated that activation of NF- κ B p65 plays an important role in TNF- α -induced expression of SerpinE2.

- 14) **Sakurai H., Choo M-K., Chino A., Tega E., Iwasaki T., Kobayashi H. and Saiki I.: Antimetastatic and immunostimulatory properties of fermented brown rice and rice bran.**

J. Trad. Med., 23: 112-116, 2006.

Abstract: The antimetastatic effect of fermented brown rice by *Aspergillus oryzae* (FBRA), a processed food, was examined in an animal model of metastasis to the liver using mouse colon cancer cells. Mice fed a diet containing 10% FBRA were inoculated with colon 26-L5 cells via the portal vein on day 14. Liver metastasis on day 28 was significantly inhibited by the FBRA-containing diet without an increase in body weight. To investigate the immunostimulatory activity, the cellular functions of macrophages were examined. Intracellular glutathione levels were increased in peritoneal macrophages (PEMs) prepared from mice fed FBRA for 18 days. FBRA did not induce the production of interferon- γ (IFN- γ) by itself, though enhanced the ability of PEMs to produce IFN- γ , but not interleukin-12 or tumor necrosis factor- α , in response to lipopolysaccharide (LPS). These results indicated that oral administration of FBRA inhibited the metastasis of colon 26-L5 cells to the liver through a mechanism leading to a Th1-dominant immune state and activation of macrophages via anti-oxidative properties.

- 15) Akashi T., Koizumi K., Nagakawa O., Fuse H. and Saiki I.: Androgen receptor negatively influences the expression of chemokine receptors (CXCR4, CCR1) and ligand-mediated migration in prostate cancer DU-145. Oncol. Rep., 16:831-836, 2006.**

Abstract: We previously reported that androgen receptor (AR) plays a role in the regulation of adhesion to the extracellular matrix and invasion of human prostate cancer cells by influencing the expression of specific integrin subunits. It is now considered that chemokines play a significant role in organ-selective cancer metastasis. In this study, we hypothesized that AR may influence the expression of these chemokine receptors and cell function. The mRNA expression of chemokine receptors in human prostate cancer cell line DU-145 and DU-145 cells expressing AR (DU-145/AR) was investigated by RT-PCR. DU-145 cells selectively expressed CXCR4 and CCR1 mRNA at high levels compared with DU-145/AR cells. DU-145 showed vigorous migratory responses to its ligand CXCL12 (also called stromal-derived factor-1 α , SDF-1 α) and CCL3 (also called macrophage inflammatory protein-1, MIP-1 α). In contrast, neither CXCL12 nor CCL3 affected the migration of DU-145/AR cells. These results indicate that expression of AR down-regulates the migratory responses of human prostate cancer cells via chemokine and its receptor systems.

- 16) Thiefes A., Wolf A., Doerrie A., Grassl G. A., Matsumoto K., Autenrieth I., Bohn E., Sakurai H., Niedenthal R., Resch K. and Kracht M.: The *Yersinia enterocolitica* effector YopP inhibits host cell signaling by inactivating the protein kinase TAK1 in the IL-1 signalling pathway. EMBO reports, 7: 838-844, 2006.**

Abstract: The mechanism by which YopP simultaneously inhibits mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) and nuclear factor- κ B pathways has been elusive. Ectopic expression of YopP inhibits the activity and ubiquitination of a complex consisting of overexpressed TGF- β -activated kinase 1 (TAK1) and its subunit TAK1-binding protein (TAB)1, but not of MEK kinase 1. YopP, but not the catalytically inactive mutant YopP (C172A), also suppresses basal and interleukin-1-inducible activation of endogenous TAK1, TAB1 and TAB2. YopP does not affect the interaction of TAK1, TAB1 and TAB2 but inhibits autophosphorylation of TAK1 at Thr 187 and phosphorylation of TAB1 at Ser 438. Glutathione S-transferase-tagged YopP (GST-YopP) binds to MAPK kinase (MAPKK) 4 and TAB1 but not to TAK1 or TAB2 in vitro. Furthermore, YopP in synergy with a previously described negative regulatory feedback loop inhibits TAK1 by MAPKK6-p38-mediated TAB1 phosphorylation. Taken together, these data strongly suggest that YopP binds to TAB1 and directly inhibits TAK1 activity by affecting constitutive TAK1 and TAB1 ubiquitination that is required for autoactivation of TAK1.

- 17) Yamamoto M., Okamoto Y., Takeda T., Sato S., Sanjo H., Uematsu S., Saitoh T., Yamamoto N., Sakurai H., Ishii K.J., Yamaoka S., Kawai T., Matsuura Y., Takeuchi O., and Akira S.: Key function for the Ubc13 E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme in immune receptor signaling. Nature Immunol., 7: 962-970, 2006.**

Abstract: The Ubc13 E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme is key in the process of 'tagging' target proteins

with lysine 63-linked polyubiquitin chains, which are essential for the transmission of immune receptor signals culminating in activation of the transcription factor NF- κ B. Here we demonstrate that conditional ablation of Ubc13 resulted in defective B cell development and in impaired B cell and macrophage activation. In response to all tested stimuli except tumor necrosis factor, Ubc13-deficient cells showed almost normal NF- κ B activation but considerably impaired activation of mitogen-activated protein kinase. Ubc13-induced activation of mitogen-activated protein kinase required, at least in part, ubiquitination of the adaptor protein IKK γ . These results show that Ubc13 is key in the mammalian immune response.

- 18) **Yamamoto M., Sato S., Saitoh T., Sakurai H., Uematsu S., Kawai T., Ishii K.J., Takeuchi O., and Akira S.: Cutting Edge: pivotal function of Ubc13 in Thymocyte TCR signaling. *J. Immunol.*, 177: 7520-7524, 2006.**

Abstract The Ubc13 E2 ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme is essential for BCR-, TLR-, and IL-1 receptor (IL-1R)-mediated immune responses. Although Ubc13-deficient mice show defects in BCR-, TLR/IL-1R-, or CD40-mediated activation of mitogen-activated protein kinases, the function of Ubc13 in TCR-mediated signaling and responses remains uncertain. To address this, we here generated T cell-specific conditional Ubc13-deficient mice. The frequency of T lymphocytes was severely reduced in spleens from Ubc13-deficient mice. Moreover, Ubc13-deficient thymocytes displayed defective proliferation in response to anti-CD3/CD28 or PMA/ionophore stimulation. Regarding the signal transduction, although NF- κ B activation was modestly affected, PMA/ionophore-induced activation of Jnk and p38 was profoundly impaired in Ubc13-deficient thymocytes. In addition, PMA/ionophore-mediated ubiquitination of NF- κ B essential modulator (NEMO)/I κ B kinase gamma (IKK γ) and phosphorylation of TGF- β -activated kinase 1 (TAK1) were nearly abolished in Ubc13-deficient thymocytes. Thus, Ubc13 plays an important role in thymocyte TCR-mediated signaling and immune responses.

- 19) **Miyanaga S., Obata T., Onaka H., Fujita T., Saito N., Sakurai H., Saiki I., Furumai T. and Igarashi Y.: Absolute configuration and antitumor activity of myxochelin A produced by *Nonomuraea pusilla* TP-A0861. *J. Antibiotics*, 59: 698-703, 2006.**

Abstract: In the screening of antitumor compounds from microbial secondary metabolites, myxochelin A was isolated from a culture broth of *Nonomuraea pusilla* TPA0861. The absolute configuration was determined to be S by synthesizing both enantiomers from an L- or D-lysine derivative and comparing their specific rotations. Both enantiomers of myxochelin A showed remarkable inhibitory effects on the invasion of murine colon 26-L5 carcinoma cells at non-cytotoxic concentrations.

- 20) **Choo M.K., Kawasaki N., Singhirunnusorn P., Koizumi K., Sato S., Akira S., Saiki I., and Sakurai H.: Blockade of transforming growth factor- β -activated kinase 1 activity enhances TRAIL-induced apoptosis through activation of a caspase cascade. *Mol. Cancer Ther.*, 5: 2970-2976, 2006.**

Abstract: Tumor necrosis factor-related apoptosis-inducing ligand (TRAIL/Apo2L) is a member of the tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α) ligand family that selectively induces apoptosis in a variety of tumor cells. To clarify the molecular mechanism of TRAIL-induced apoptosis, we focused on TAK1 mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase (MAP3K), a key regulator of the TNF- α -induced activation of p65/RelA and JNK/p38 MAPKs. In human cervical carcinoma HeLa cells, TRAIL induced the delayed phosphorylation of endogenous TAK1 and its activator protein TAB1 and TAB2, which contrasted to the rapid response to TNF- α . Specific knockdown of TAK1 using small interfering RNA (siRNA) abrogated the TRAIL-induced activation of p65 and JNK/p38 MAPKs. TRAIL-induced apoptotic signals including caspase-8, -3, and -7 and PARP were enhanced by TAK1 siRNA. Flow cytometry demonstrated that the binding of annexin-V to cell surface was also synergistically increased by TRAIL in combination with TAK1 siRNA. In addition, pretreatment of cells with 5Z-7-oxozeaenol, a selective TAK1 kinase inhibitor, enhanced the TRAIL-induced cleavage of caspases and binding of annexin-V. The TAK1-mediated anti-apoptotic effects were also observed in human lung adenocarcinoma

A549 cells. In contrast, TAK1-deficient mouse embryonic fibroblasts (MEFs) are resistant to TRAIL-induced apoptosis, and treatment of control MEFs with 5Z-7-oxozeaenol did not drastically promote the TRAIL-induced activation of a caspase cascade. These results suggest that TAK1 plays a critical role for TRAIL-induced apoptosis, and the blockade of TAK1 kinase will improve the chances of overcoming cancer.

◇総説

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- 3) 平成 17 年度研究奨励金 財団法人上原記念生命科学財団 (代表：小泉桂一) プロテオミクスによる漢方診断基準の解析
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