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ブナシメジ由来 Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub> による cAMP 経路の抑制を介した HL-60 細胞の  
アポトーシス誘導

Apoptosis induced by Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub> from *Hypsizigus marmoreus* via  
down-modulation of cAMP signaling pathways in HL-60 cells

We have reported previously that ethyl acetate-extracts from the fruiting body of a Japanese edible mushroom, Buna-shimeji (*Hypsizigus marmoreus*), exhibited strong anti-tumor activities against tumor-bearing mice, and that the main active substance of its extracts was identified as a polyterpene, Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub>. Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub> inhibited the growth of various human cancer cell lines. However, its antitumor mechanism has not been studied in detail. To elucidate its mechanism, we examined Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub>-induced apoptosis in human promyelocytic leukemia HL-60 cells. Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub> strongly inhibited the growth of HL-60 cells in a dose-dependent manner. Formation of apoptotic bodies was observed within 4 hr of Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub> treatment. Pan-caspase inhibitor (Z-VAD-FMK) attenuated anti-proliferation effect of Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub>. Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub>-induced apoptosis was strongly inhibited by cAMP analogue (DBcAMP) or by cAMP-elevating agents (Forskolin and IBMX), whereas p38 MAPK inhibitor (SB203580), JNK inhibitor (SP600125) and calcium chelators (EGTA, BAPTA-AM) had no effect. Thus, these results suggest that Hypsiziprenol A<sub>9</sub> inhibits the growth of HL-60 cells by inducing apoptosis *via* the down-modulation of cAMP signaling pathway.