

Performance Status (ECOG 基準)

Grade	定義
0	全く問題なく活動できる。発病前と同じ日常生活が制限なく行える
1	肉体的に激しい活動は制限されるが、歩行可能であり、軽作業や座っての作業は行うことができる。例：軽い家事、事務作業
2	歩行可能で自分の身の回りのことはすべて可能だが作業はできない。日中の50%以上はベッド外で過ごす。
3	限られた自分の身の回りのことしかできない。日中の50%以上をベッドか椅子で過ごす。
4	全く動けない。自分の身の回りのことは全くできない。完全にベッドか椅子で過ごす。

ECOG = Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group

この基準は全身状態の指標であり、局所症状で活動性が制限されている場合は、臨床的に判断する

急送一次報告書

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(1) 症例に関する情報

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(2) 有害事象の分類

有害事象発生日	(西暦)	年	月	日
分類	<input type="checkbox"/> プロトコール治療中もしくは治療中止・終了後 30 日以内のすべての死亡 <input type="checkbox"/> 治療に関連して発生した予期されない Grade4 の非血液毒性 <input type="checkbox"/> その他			

有害事象の概要(有害事象の具体的内容, 関連する検査データ, 因果関係に関する考察などを含む)

(3) 有害事象と因果関係が疑われる治療

薬物療法 放射線治療 外科的治療 その他の治療

(4) プロトコール治療との因果関係についての報告者の評価

明確に関連あり(definite) 恐らく関連あり(possible)
 関連あるかもしれない(possible) ありそうにない(unlikely)
 関係ない(not related) 評価不能

処理日 : (西暦) 年 月 日 研究事務局署名:

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有害事象の内容とプロトコール治療との因果関係

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(5) 症例報告の詳細 (別紙添付 ___ 枚)

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IV. 研究成果の刊行に関する一覧表

Arsenic Trioxide Induces Apoptosis Through JNK and ERK in Human Mesothelioma Cells

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Malignant mesothelioma is an aggressive tumor of serosal surfaces, which is refractory to current treatment options. Arsenic trioxide (As_2O_3) is used clinically to treat acute promyelocytic leukemia, and also to inhibit proliferation of several solid tumors including hepatoma, esophageal, and gastric cancer *in vitro*. Here we found that As_2O_3 inhibited cell viability of a mesothelioma cell line, NCI-H2052. As_2O_3 induced apoptosis of NCI-H2052 cells, which was accompanied by activation of c-Jun NH₂-terminal kinase (JNK) 1/2, extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK) 1/2, and caspase-3. zVAD-fmk, a broad-spectrum caspase inhibitor, inhibited As_2O_3 -induced apoptosis and activation of caspase-3, but not that of JNK 1/2 and ERK 1/2. Small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) targeting JNK 1/2 suppressed As_2O_3 -induced caspase-3 activation and apoptosis, indicating that JNK 1/2 regulate As_2O_3 -induced apoptosis through caspase cascade. Furthermore, JNK 1 siRNA abrogated As_2O_3 -induced JNK2 phosphorylation and JNK2 siRNA abrogated As_2O_3 -induced JNK 1 phosphorylation, suggesting that JNK 1 and JNK 2 interact with each other. Moreover, JNK 1 siRNA, but not JNK 2 siRNA, abrogated As_2O_3 -induced ERK 1/2 phosphorylation. JNK 2 siRNA together with PD98059, a specific MAPK/ERK kinase inhibitor, suppressed As_2O_3 -induced apoptosis more significantly than JNK 2 siRNA alone. These results indicated that As_2O_3 induces apoptosis of NCI-H2052 cells mainly through JNK 1/2 activation, and that ERK 1/2 is involved in As_2O_3 -induced apoptosis when JNK 1/2 are inactivated.

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Malignant mesothelioma is an aggressive tumor arising from mesothelial cells of serous membranes including pleura, peritoneum, and pericardium (Robinson et al., 2005; Vogelzang, 2008; Tsao et al., 2009). Malignant mesothelioma is highly resistant to most chemotherapeutic agents (Vogelzang, 2008) and radiation, and surgical therapy generally show limited efficacy (Goudar, 2005; Vogelzang, 2008). So far combinations of pemetrexed and cisplatin appear to be the best chemotherapy regimen for malignant mesothelioma although the median survival was 12 months (Vogelzang et al., 2003). Malignant mesothelioma still remains an incurable disease.

Arsenic trioxide (As_2O_3) is an ancient drug used in traditional Chinese medicine, which has been introduced to Western medicine in the last century (Antman, 2001). This drug has attracted wide interest for its ability to induce complete remission in patients with acute promyelocytic leukemia (APL), through induction of apoptosis and differentiation (Chen et al., 1997; Shao et al., 1998). Apoptotic effect of As_2O_3 is also observed in other cancer cells *in vitro*, including neuroblastoma (Akao et al., 1999), ovarian cancer (Du and Ho, 2001), gastric cancer (Zhang et al., 1999), esophageal cancer (Shen et al., 1999), and hepatoma (Oketani et al., 2002). However, the effect of As_2O_3 on mesothelioma cells has not been examined.

Induction of apoptosis usually depends on a common executor, caspase-3 (Kiechle and Zhang, 2002), which also cleaves and inactivates poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP), a DNA repairing enzyme (Decker and Muller, 2002). In As_2O_3 -induced cell death, activation and involvement of caspase-3 has been reported in APL cells (Shao et al., 1998). The mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) pathways constitute a large kinase network that regulates a variety of physiological

processes, including cell growth, differentiation, and apoptosis (Zhang and Liu, 2002). To date, three MAPK pathways have been characterized in detail: c-Jun NH₂-terminal kinase (JNK), p38 and extracellular signal-regulated kinase (ERK). Generally, JNK and p38 are key mediators of stress and inflammation responses evoked by a variety of physical, chemical, and biological stress stimuli. The ERK pathway is mostly induced by growth factors and mediates cell proliferation, but it also mediates apoptosis by stress stimuli (Lee et al., 2003). JNK has two ubiquitously expressed isoforms, JNK 1 and JNK 2, and a tissue-specific isoform, JNK 3. MAPKs have been reported to be involved in As_2O_3 -induced apoptosis of APL cells and other tumor cells (Ramos et al., 2006; Kang and Lee, 2008), with the specific MAPK pathway involved depending on the cell type and stimulus.

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In this study, we investigated cytotoxic and apoptotic effects of As₂O₃ on human mesothelioma cells. As₂O₃ inhibited the proliferation of mesothelioma NCI-H2052 cells and induced apoptosis of the cells at clinically feasible concentrations. Further clarification of cell signaling pathways revealed the involvement of JNK-dependent caspase cascade and ERK-dependent pathway in As₂O₃-induced apoptosis.

Materials and Methods

Cell culture and reagents

Human mesothelioma cell line NCI-H2052 was obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (Rockville, MD). Cells were cultured as monolayers in RPMI-1640 medium (Sigma, St. Louis, MO) with 10% fetal bovine serum (Sigma) under a humidified atmosphere containing 5% CO₂ at 37°C. zVAD(OMe)-fmk (zVAD) and PD98059 were purchased from BIOMOL (Plymouth Meeting, PA). All other chemicals were purchased from Sigma unless otherwise stated.

Treatment with As₂O₃ and inhibitors

Cells (2×10^5) were seeded in a 100 mm-dish (Becton Dickinson Labware, Franklin Lakes, NJ) and cultured for 24 h. Old medium was aspirated, and fresh medium containing As₂O₃ or vehicle (phosphate-buffered saline) was added together with zVAD,

PD98059, or vehicle (dimethylsulfoxide) for inhibition treatment. Cells were then cultured for 2–72 h.

Cell viability analysis

Cells were seeded in a 96-well plate (Becton Dickinson Labware) at 2×10^3 per well. Cell viability was determined by a colorimetric assay using Cell Counting Kit-8 (CCK-8; Dojin Chemical Institute, Kumamoto, Japan). Briefly, after As₂O₃ treatments, WST-8, 2-(2-methoxy-4-nitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(2,4-disulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium, monosodium salt was added in each well. The intensity of color developed was quantified using a micro plate reader (SPECTRAmax PLUS384, Molecular Devices, Sunnyvale, CA) to obtain the number of viable cells (Miyamoto et al., 2002). Color intensity was quantified by a microplate reader (SPECTRAmax PLUS384). Experiments were repeated in quadruplicate.

Flow cytometric analysis of apoptosis

Apoptosis was analyzed by flow cytometry using an Annexin V (Ax)-FITC Kit (Medical & Biological Laboratories Co. Ltd, Nagoya, Japan) according to the manufacturer's protocol (Vermes et al., 1995; van Engeland et al., 1996; de Cupis et al., 2003). Briefly, NCI-H2052 cells (1×10^5) treated with As₂O₃ were trypsinized, washed and then labeled with Ax-FITC and propidium iodide (PI). The fluorescence intensity was measured using a Cytomics FC 500

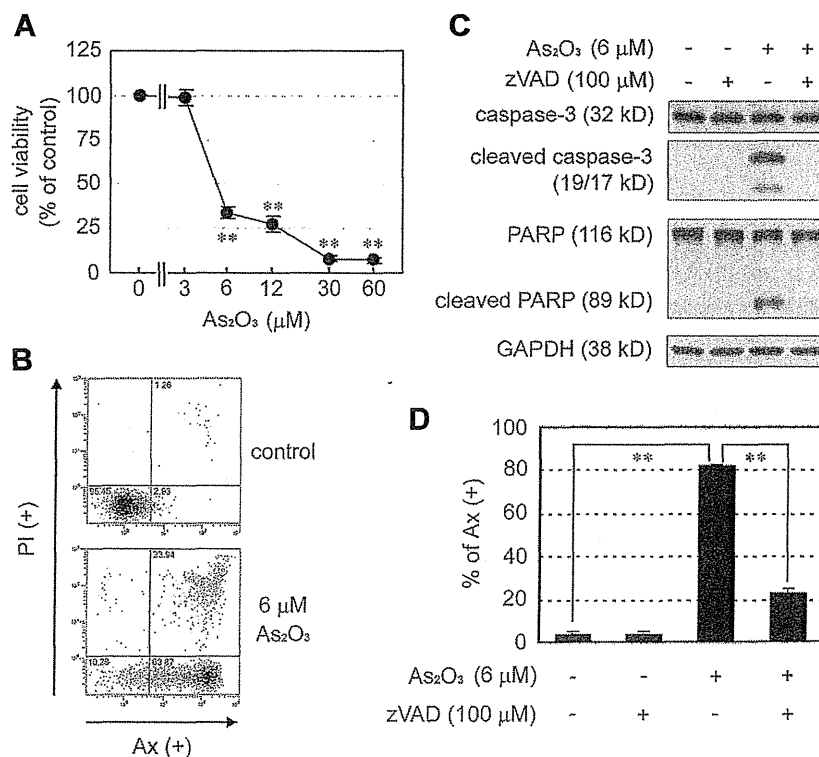


Fig. 1. As₂O₃ induces apoptosis of mesothelioma cells. **A:** As₂O₃ inhibits proliferation of human mesothelioma cell line. Human mesothelioma NCI-H2052 cells were treated with As₂O₃ for 72 h at the indicated concentrations. Cell proliferation was assessed using a colorimetric CCK-8 assay as described in Materials and Methods Section. **B:** Flow cytometric analysis using double staining with Ax and PI in NCI-H2052 cells. The numbers of early apoptotic cells (Ax+/PI-) and late apoptotic and necrotic cells (Ax+/PI+) were significantly increased 72 h after the treatment with 6 μM As₂O₃. **C:** As₂O₃ activates caspase-3, which was inhibited by zVAD(OMe)-fmk (zVAD). Cell extracts were prepared from NCI-H2052 cells treated with 6 μM As₂O₃ alone or together with 100 μM zVAD for 24 h. **D:** As₂O₃-induced apoptosis of NCI-H2052 cells is suppressed by zVAD. NCI-H2052 cells were treated with 6 μM As₂O₃ alone or together with 100 μM zVAD for 72 h, and analyzed for Ax(+) apoptotic cells by flow cytometry. The experiments in B and C were performed three times and the representative data are shown.