

## Cell Cycle Arrest by Hybrid Liposomes for Human Lung Carcinoma Cells

Yuji Komizu, Mamiko Yukihiro, Yoko Matsumoto\* and Ryuichi Ueoka

Division of Applied Life Science, Graduate School of Engineering, Sojo University, Japan

### Abstract

Hybrid liposomes (HL), composed of L- $\alpha$ -dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine and polyoxyethylene(23) dodecyl ethers, were simply prepared by the sonication method. In this study, we investigated the effects of HL on cell cycle and apoptosis in human non-small cell lung cancer cells. Induction of cell cycle arrest at the G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase and apoptosis by HL were observed in human non-small cell lung cancer cells (A549, H460 and H23). HL treatment also resulted in the induction of cyclin-dependent kinases inhibitor p21<sup>WAF1/CIP1</sup> and p27<sup>KIP1</sup> and a decrease in the protein expressions of cyclins D1 and E. It is noteworthy that the treatment of A549 cells with HL inhibited phosphorylation of Akt in a time- and dose-dependent manner. Furthermore, HL treatment inhibited the filopodia formation in A549 cells. These results suggest that HL-induced cell cycle arrest at the G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase could be associated by the up-regulation of cdk inhibitor p21 and p27 through blocking Akt signaling.

**Keywords:** Akt; Apoptosis; Cell cycle arrest; Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor; Filopodia; Hybrid liposome; L- $\alpha$ -Dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine; Non-small cell lung cancer

**Abbreviations:** C<sub>12</sub>(EO)<sub>23</sub>: Polyoxyethylene(23)DodecylEthers; Cdk: Cyclin-Depndent Kinase; DMPC: L- $\alpha$ -Dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine; NSCLC: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer; HL: Hybrid Liposomes

### Introduction

Non-small cell lung carcinoma (NSCLC), including adenocarcinoma, squamous-cell lung carcinoma, and large-cell lung carcinoma, is the most common form of lung cancer and accounts for the most deaths of any cancer worldwide. This cancer is relatively insensitive to chemotherapy such as cisplatin, paclitaxel and gemcitabine compared to small cell lung carcinoma (SCLC) [1,2]. In recent years, molecular targeted therapeutics have attracted much attention as an efficient therapy for NSCLC on the basis of molecular level studies on human cells [3]. Targeted molecules include specific proteins expressed in NSCLC such as epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) receptor and anaplastic lymphoma kinase (ALK), and so on. However, the treatment options for NSCLC with EGFR mutations and ALK rearrangements are very limited [3,4]. Therefore, novel treatment strategies directed against NSCLC are needed.

We have produced hybrid liposomes (HL) that can be simply prepared by sonicating a mixture of vesicular and micellar molecules in buffer solutions [5]. HL, composed of L- $\alpha$ -dimyristoylphosphatidylcholine (DMPC) and polyoxyethylene (23) dodecyl ethers (C<sub>12</sub>(EO)<sub>23</sub>), are effective for inhibiting the growth of various cancer cells *in vitro* [6-9], *in vivo* [10,11] and clinical applications [12]. Recently, we have reported that HL composed of 90 mol% DMPC and 10 mol% C<sub>12</sub>(EO)<sub>23</sub> induced apoptosis in various cancer cells including NSCLC (A549, H460, H23 and H520) cells [9,13-15]. Furthermore, HL-induced apoptosis in A549 cells was caused by the activation of caspases-3, -8, -9 and the reduction of mitochondrial membrane potential [15]. Significantly, the HL distinguished between cancer cells and normal cells which had higher and lower membrane fluidities respectively, and fused and accumulated preferentially into the membranes of cancer cells for NSCLC cells [9], colorectal cancer cells [13] and hepatocellular carcinoma cells [15]. More recently, we have reported that HL inhibits the growth of colorectal cancer (HCT116) cells through the induction of cell cycle arrest at G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase along with apoptosis [16]. However, the research for the effects of HL on the cell cycle and their regulatory molecules for NSCLC is very limited.

In this study, we investigated the effects of HL composed of 90 mol% DMPC and 10 mol% C<sub>12</sub>(EO)<sub>23</sub> on the cell cycle and apoptosis of NSCLC (A549, H460 and H23) cells *in vitro*, and found the induction of cell cycle arrest at G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> phase through blocking Akt signaling along with apoptosis.

### Material and Methods

#### Preparation of hybrid liposomes (HL)

HL composed of 90 mol% DMPC and 10 mol% C<sub>12</sub>(EO)<sub>23</sub> was prepared by the following methods. Briefly, DMPC (NOF, Tokyo, Japan) and C<sub>12</sub>(EO)<sub>23</sub> (Sigma Chemical, St Louis, MO, USA) were mixed in 5% glucose solution and sonicated with a bath type sonicator (VS-N300, VELVO-CLEAR, Tokyo, Japan) at 45°C under a nitrogen atmosphere with 300 W, followed by filtration with a 0.20  $\mu$ m filter.

#### Dynamic light scattering method

The size of HL was measured with an electrophoretic light scattering spectrophotometer (ELS-8000, Otsuka Electronics, Japan). The size of HL was shown in the supplementary Figure S1. Using a He-Ne laser as light source, a 633 nm laser line by 10 mW power was applied with a scattering angle 90°. The hydrodynamic diameter ( $d_{hy}$ ) of HL was calculated by Stokes-Einstein equation ( $d_{hy} = kT / (3\pi\eta D)$ ), where  $k$  is Boltzmann's constant,  $T$  is the absolute temperature,  $\eta$  is the viscosity of solvent and  $D$  is the diffusion coefficient).

**\*Corresponding authors:** Yoko Matsumoto, Division of Applied Life Science, Graduate School of Engineering, Sojo University, 4-22-1 Ikeda, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto 860-0082, Japan, Tel: +81-96-326-3956; Fax: +81-96-326-0522; E-mail: [matumoto@life.sojo-u.ac.jp](mailto:matumoto@life.sojo-u.ac.jp)

Dr. Chunyuan Jin, Department of Environmental Medicine, NYU School of Medicine, 57 Old Forge Road, Tuxedo, NY 10987, USA, Tel: 1-845-731-3602; Fax: 1-845-351-5472

**Received** December 12, 2013; **Accepted** January 15, 2014; **Published** January 21, 2014

**Citation:** Komizu Y, Yukihiro M, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2014) Cell Cycle Arrest by Hybrid Liposomes for Human Lung Carcinoma Cells. J Carcinog Mutagen 5: 157. doi:10.4172/2157-2518.1000157

**Copyright:** © 2014 Komizu Y, et al. This is an open-access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original author and source are credited.

## Cell culture

Human non small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) cell lines were used in lung adenocarcinoma (A549 and H23) and large cell carcinoma (H460). A549 cells were obtained from the RIKEN cell bank (Ibaraki, Japan). H23 and H460 cells were obtained from the American Type Cell Culture (ATCC, Manassas, VA, USA). A549 cells were cultured in D-MEM medium (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, CA, USA) and H23 and H460 cells were cultured in RPMI-1640 medium (Life Technologies) containing penicillin (100 units/ml), streptomycin (50 µg/ml) and 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, MA, USA) in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> humidified incubator at 37°C.

## Cell cycle analysis by using flow cytometry

Cells were seeded at a density of  $4.0 \times 10^4$  cells per well in 6 well plates (Sumitomo Bakelite, Tokyo, Japan) and incubated in a humidified atmosphere of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> at 37°C. After 24 hours, HL was added into each well and the plates were incubated for 6, 24 or 48 hours. Subsequently, cells were centrifuged and resuspended in Ca<sup>2+</sup>/Mg<sup>2+</sup>-free phosphate buffered saline (PBS (-)) containing 40 µg/ml propidium iodide (PI, Molecular Probes, Eugene, OR, USA), 1 mg/ml RNase and 0.1% Triton X-100 in a dark room. The DNA contents and percentage of cells in each phase of cell cycle were analyzed by a flow cytometer (Epics XL system II, Beckman Coulter, Brea, CA, USA) [16].

## Caspase activity

The active caspase-3 activity was measured using PhiPhiLuxG1D2 (OncoImmunin, Gaithersburg, MD, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Cells ( $2.0 \times 10^4$  cells/ml) were treated with 400 µM HL for 24 hours, incubated with 10 µM PhiPhiLux-G1D2 substrate for 30 min, and then the caspase-3 activity was visualized by a confocal laser scanning microscope (TCS-SP, Leica, Mannheim, Germany).

## Enzyme immunometric assay

Cells were seeded at a density of  $4.0 \times 10^4$  cells per well in 6 well plates and incubated for 24 hours. Then, HL was added at 200 µM and the plates were incubated for 48 hours. After the treatment with trypsin, the cells were centrifuged at 1200 rpm for 5 min, washed with PBS (-), and resuspended in cell lysis buffer solution containing 50 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM EGTA, 1% Triton X-100, 1% sodium deoxycholate and 0.1% SDS. Then, p21<sup>WAF1/CIP1</sup>, p27<sup>KIP1</sup>, or p53 in the cell lysates was assayed using a TiterZyme<sup>®</sup> human p21 Enzyme Immunometric Assay Kit (Assay Designs, Ann Arbor, MI, USA), a TiterZyme<sup>®</sup> human Total p27<sup>KIP1</sup> Enzyme Immunometric Assay Kit (Assay Designs), or a Human p53 ELISA Kit (Abcam, Cambridge, MA, USA) according to the manufacturer's recommendations [16,17].

## Cell cycle-regulatory proteins by flow cytometry

Cyclin D1 and E proteins expression were detected by immunocytochemistry using a flow cytometer [18,19]. Cells were treated with 200 µM HL for 48 hours. Briefly, cells were washed with PBS(-), trypsinized, centrifuged and fixed in fixation buffer (75% ethanol in PBS(-)) for 2 hours at -20°C. Cells were washed with a washing buffer (0.1% NaN<sub>3</sub> and 2% FBS in PBS(-)) and permeabilized with cold permeabilization buffer (0.25% Triton-X 100 in washing buffer) for 5 min on ice. After that, cells were washed twice with a washing buffer and stained with FITC conjugated anti-cyclin D1 (1 µg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, DCS-6, SANTA CRUZ, Santa Cruz, CA, USA) or FITC conjugated anti-cyclin E (1 µg/10<sup>6</sup> cells, HE12, SANTA CRUZ) for 30

min on ice in the dark. Mouse anti IgG<sub>2a</sub> or IgG<sub>2b</sub> served as the isotype control. Cells were washed and measured by a flow cytometer.

Phospho-Akt (p-Akt) protein expression was detected by immunocytochemistry using flow cytometer. Cells were treated with HL for 3 or 24 hours. Briefly, cells were washed with PBS(-), trypsinized, centrifuged and fixed in fixation buffer (4% paraformaldehyde in PBS(-)) for 10 min at 37°C. Cells were centrifuged at 1500 rpm × 5 min and permeabilized with cold 90% methanol in PBS(-) for 30 min on ice. After that, cells were washed twice with an incubation buffer (0.5% bovine serum albumin in PBS(-)) and blocked in the incubation buffer for 10 min at room temperature. Cells were stained with Alexa Fluor 488 conjugated anti-phospho-Akt (2 µl/10<sup>6</sup> cells, D9E, Cell Signaling Technology, Danvers, MA, USA) for 1 hour at room temperature in the dark. Rabbit monoclonal antibody IgG was served as the isotype control. Cells were washed and measured by a flow cytometer. The percentage of relative protein expression was calculated using the formula: (mean-fluorescence intensity of HL-treated cells)/(that of untreated cells) × 100%.

## Total internal reflection fluorescence microscopy

To assess the filopodia formation of A549 cells, the cells were analyzed by total internal reflection fluorescence (TIRF) microscopy [20]. The cells ( $2.0 \times 10^4$  cells/mL) were seeded in glass bottom dishes (Mat Tek, Flint, MI, USA) and incubated for 24 hours. Subsequently, the cells were treated with 200 µM HL for 3 hours. The cells were washed with PBS (-) and fixed with a 10% formaldehyde solution for 10 min at room temperature. After washing with PBS (-), the cells were permeabilized with 0.1% Triton X-100 for 10 min at room temperature. After that, the cells were incubated with 0.3 units/mL of rhodamine-labeled phalloidin (Molecular Probes) for 30 min. The stained cells were observed with a TIRF microscope system (IX71, Olympus, Tokyo, Japan) equipped with an air-cooled CCD camera (EM-CCD C9100-13, Hamamatsu Photonics, Hamamatsu, Japan).

## Results and Discussion

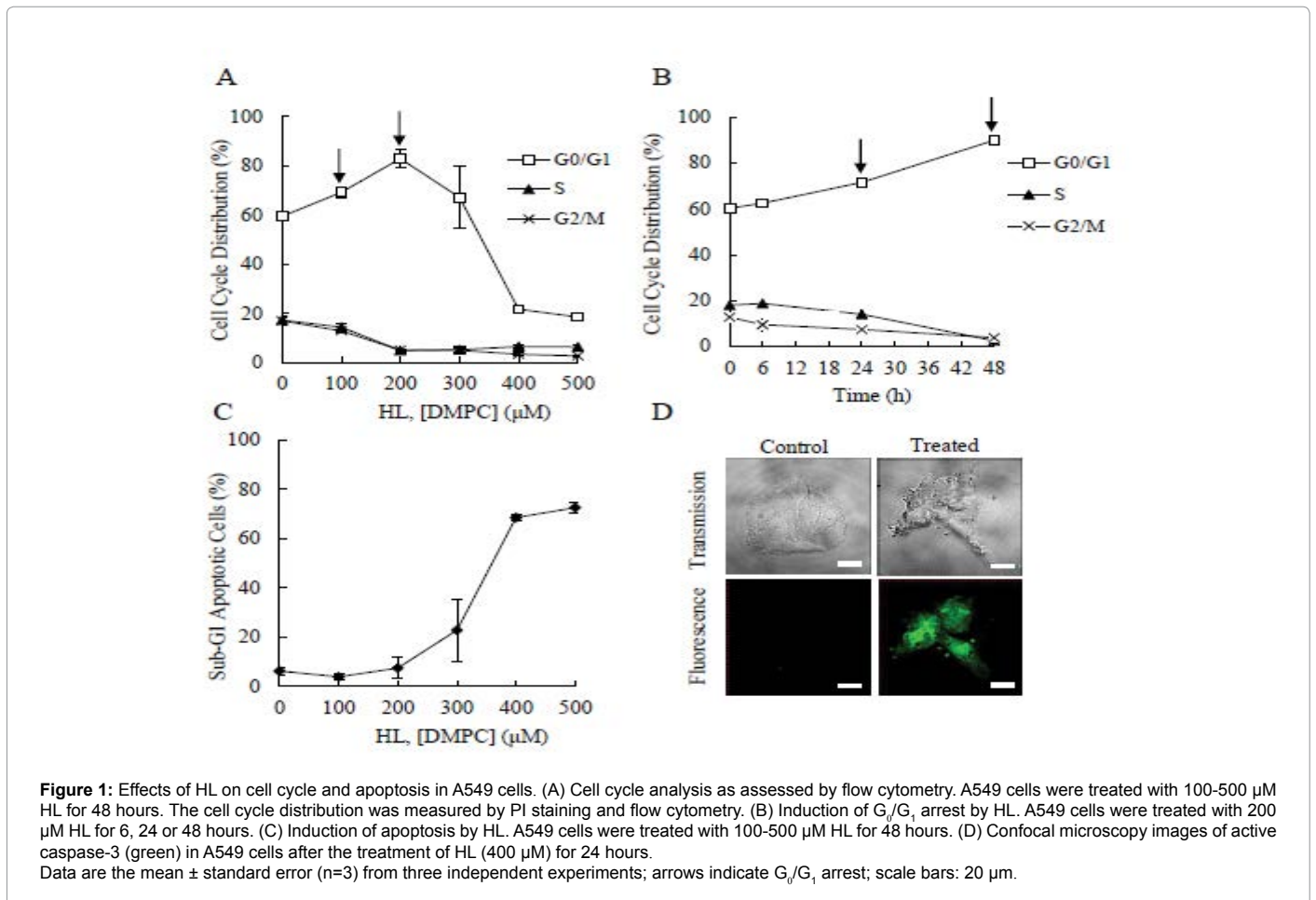
First, we examined the cell cycle analysis of A549 cells treated with HL using flow cytometry. As shown in Figures 1A and 1B, HL-treated A549 cells were significantly blocked in the G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> populations in a dose- and time-dependent manner. On the other hand, the sub-G<sub>1</sub> populations of A549 cells gradually increased in the higher concentration range ([DMPC]=300-500 µM) as shown in Figure 1C. Furthermore, the treatment with 400 µM HL induced the activation of caspase-3 (Figure 1D). In addition, similar results were obtained in H460 and H23 cells (Supplementary Figures S2 and S3). With respect to the concentration of HL having anti-growth activity, we have previously reported that HL inhibited the growth of NSCLC (A549, H460 and H23) cells at 50% inhibitory concentration ranging from 229 to 255 µM for DMPC concentration [13]. These results indicate that the growth inhibition by HL could be mediated by the induction of G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> cell cycle arrest or apoptosis for NSCLC cells.

Progression through the cell cycle can be regulated by cyclins and their associated cyclin-dependent kinases (cdk). It is well known that G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> arrest is associated with the up-regulation of cdk inhibitor p21<sup>WAF1/CIP1</sup> and p27<sup>KIP1</sup> and the down-regulation of cyclin D1 and cyclin E, which play key roles in regulating the entry of cells at the G<sub>1</sub>/S transition check point [21,22]. We have already reported that HL-induced G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> arrest in human colorectal cancer (HCT116) cells was mediated through an increase in p21 [16]. Thus, we examined the effects of HL on several cell cycle regulatory proteins, including p21,

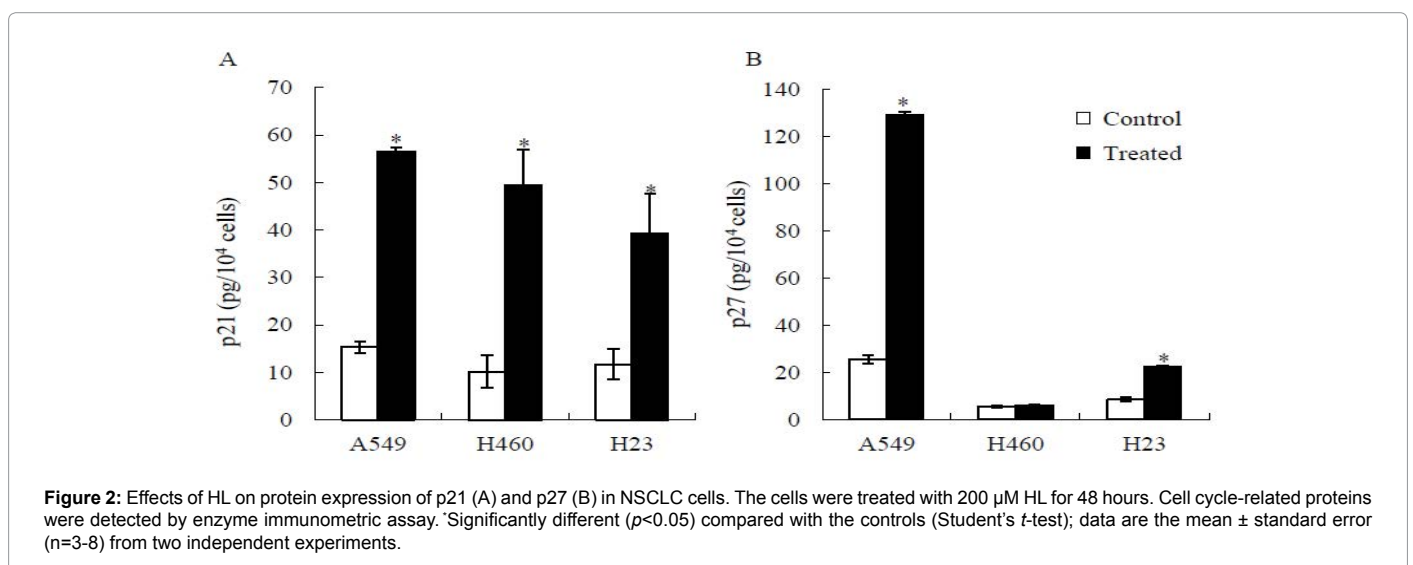
p27, cyclin D1 and cyclin E protein. The expression of p21 and p27 protein was significantly increased after the treatment with 200  $\mu$ M HL (Figures 2A and 2B). On the other hand, the expression of cyclin D1 and cyclin E protein was significantly decreased after the treatment with 200  $\mu$ M HL (Figures 3A and 3B). In addition, similar results were

obtained in HCT116 cells (Supplementary Figures S4 and S5). These results strongly suggest that HL induced G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> arrest in NSCLC cells via the up-regulation of cdk inhibitor p21 and p27.

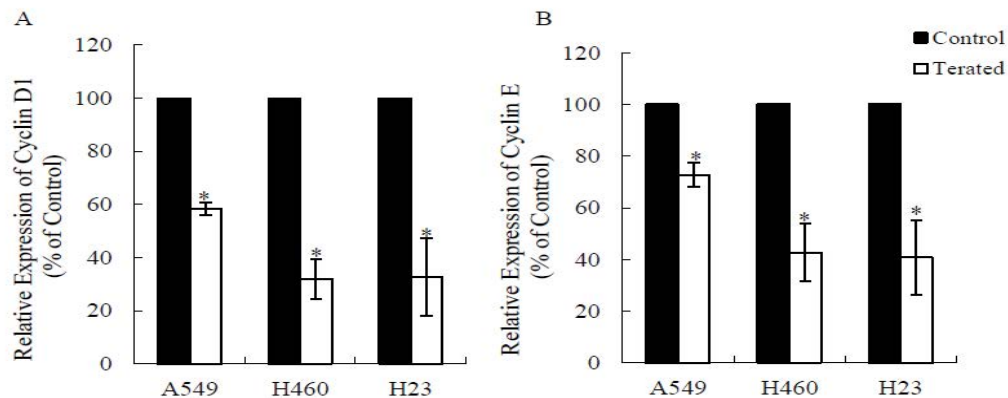
Expression of the p53 tumor suppresser protein plays an important role in either cell cycle arrest or apoptosis by various drugs [23,24].



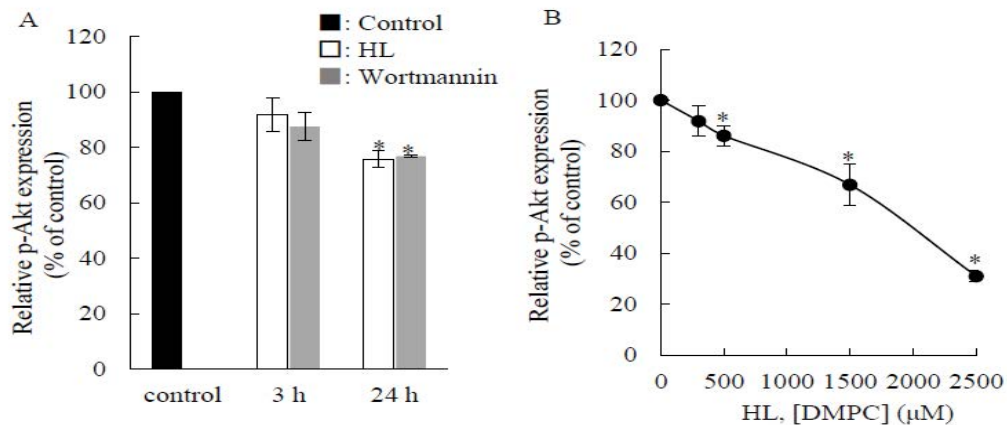
**Figure 1:** Effects of HL on cell cycle and apoptosis in A549 cells. (A) Cell cycle analysis as assessed by flow cytometry. A549 cells were treated with 100-500  $\mu$ M HL for 48 hours. The cell cycle distribution was measured by PI staining and flow cytometry. (B) Induction of G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> arrest by HL. A549 cells were treated with 200  $\mu$ M HL for 6, 24 or 48 hours. (C) Induction of apoptosis by HL. A549 cells were treated with 100-500  $\mu$ M HL for 48 hours. (D) Confocal microscopy images of active caspase-3 (green) in A549 cells after the treatment of HL (400  $\mu$ M) for 24 hours. Data are the mean  $\pm$  standard error (n=3) from three independent experiments; arrows indicate G<sub>0</sub>/G<sub>1</sub> arrest; scale bars: 20  $\mu$ m.



**Figure 2:** Effects of HL on protein expression of p21 (A) and p27 (B) in NSCLC cells. The cells were treated with 200  $\mu$ M HL for 48 hours. Cell cycle-related proteins were detected by enzyme immunometric assay. \*Significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) compared with the controls (Student's *t*-test); data are the mean  $\pm$  standard error (n=3-8) from two independent experiments.



**Figure 3:** Effects of HL on protein expression of cyclin D1 (A) and cyclin E (B) in NSCLC cells. Cells were incubated with 200  $\mu\text{M}$  HL for 48 hours. Then, cell cycle-related proteins were detected by flow cytometry. \*Significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) compared with the controls (Student's *t*-test); data are the mean  $\pm$  standard error (n=3) from three independent experiments.

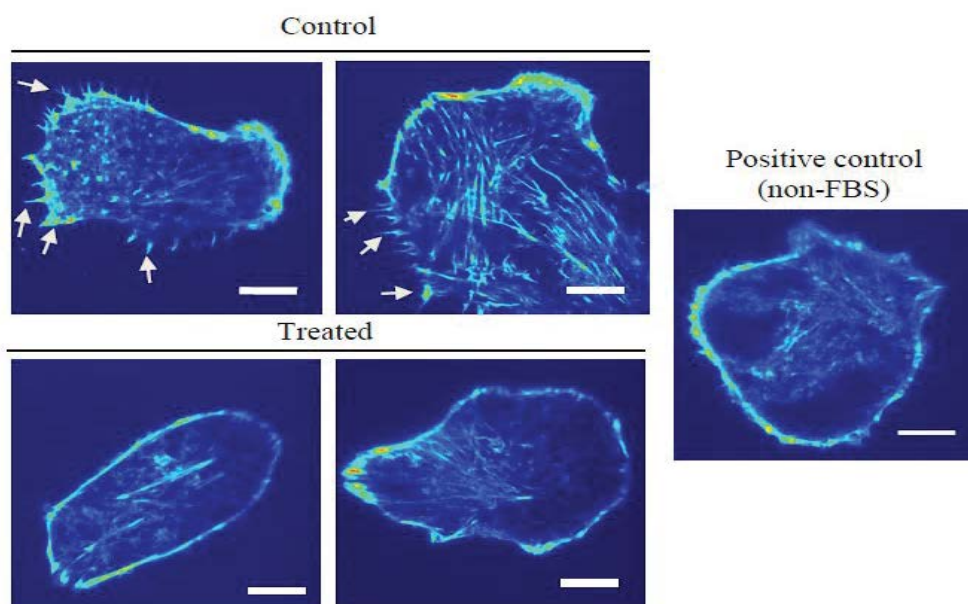


**Figure 4:** Inhibitory effects of HL on phosphorylation of Akt (Ser473) in A549 cells. (A) Cells were incubated with 300  $\mu\text{M}$  HL for 3 or 24 hours. Wortmannin, an inhibitor of PI3K/Akt pathway, was used as a positive control. (B) Cells were incubated with 300-2500  $\mu\text{M}$  HL for 3 hours. Cells were stained with Alexa Fluor 488 conjugated anti-phospho-Akt antibody and analyzed by flow cytometry. \*Significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ) compared with the controls (Student's *t*-test); data are the mean  $\pm$  standard error (n=3) from three independent experiments.

Expression of p21 is also regulated by both p53-dependent and -independent mechanisms [24]. We therefore examined the effects of HL on p53 expression in A549, H460, and HCT116 cells which have wild type p53, and in H23 cells which have mutant p53 [23]. However, treatment with 200  $\mu\text{M}$  HL did not change or slightly decreased the p53 level (Supplementary Figure S6), suggesting that p21 induction by HL in NSCLC cells is p53-independent pathway.

Phosphorylated-Akt (p-Akt) kinases regulate the cell-cycle progress via down-regulation of p21 and p27 [19]. Akt signaling is also implicated in apoptotic mitochondrial pathways via up-regulation of pro-apoptotic proteins and down-regulation of anti-apoptotic proteins [19,20]. Therefore, we examined the inhibition of the expression of p-Akt in A549 cells by HL. Wortmannin, an inhibitor of phosphatidylinositol-3 kinase (PI3K)/Akt kinases, was used as a positive control (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ). The results are shown in Figures 4A and 4B. It is noteworthy that the treatment with HL significantly inhibited phosphorylation of Akt in a time- and dose-dependent manner. These results suggest that HL-induced  $G_0/G_1$  arrest and apoptosis could be mediated by the inhibition of p-Akt expression in A549 cells.

Actin cytoskeleton dynamics, such as lamellipodia and filopodia, affect the cell division cycle [21,22]. Filopodia formation in cells is also dependent on the activation of PI3K and Akt kinases [23-25]. Thus, we examined the effect of HL on a filopodia formation in A549 cells. The results are shown in Figure 5. The treatment with HL drastically inhibited the filopodia formation in A549 cells. A similar tendency was observed in A549 cells incubated in the serum-starved (non-FBS) medium for 24 hours. These results suggest that the inhibitory effects of HL on expression p-Akt in A549 cells could be related to blocking the actin cytoskeleton dynamics such as filopodia formation. With respect to cell cycle regulation, some researchers have reported that cell cycle arrest was closely associated with metabolic events in plasma membranes [21,22,26-29]. We have previously reported that HL affects the fluidity of plasma membranes [30], cellular lipid constituents [31-37] and lipid microdomain (lipid rafts [30] or caveolae structures [31]) in cancer cells, and trigger the growth-inhibition or apoptosis. Although the mechanistic details are not yet clear, it seems that HL could accumulate in plasma membranes of NSCLC cells [13], change the membrane characteristics related to cell cycle progression, and induce  $G_0/G_1$  phase arrest or apoptosis.



**Figure 5:** HL inhibited filopodia formation of A549 cells. A549 cells were treated with 200  $\mu$ M HL for 3 hours. As positive control, A549 cells were incubated in the serum-starved (non-FBS) medium for 24 hours. Then, the cells were stained with rhodamine phalloidine and observed by TIRF microscope. Scale bars: 100  $\mu$ m; allows indicate the filopodia formation of A549 cells.

## Conclusion

The hybrid nanoparticle, HL composed of 90 mol% DMPC and 10 mol%  $C_{12}(EO)_{23}$ , exerted for the first time the activity against the growth of NSCLC cells by causing apoptosis and arresting cells in the  $G_0/G_1$  phase of the cell cycle through the inhibition of Akt signaling. This study suggests that HL could be applied in novel nanomedicinal chemotherapy for NSCLC.

## Acknowledgements

The technical assistance of Ms Miyazaki M with this research was appreciated. This work was supported in part by a Grant-in-Aid for Science Research from the Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of Japan (No. 23300173). The authors have no conflicts of interest in this work.

## References

- Sörenson S, Glimelius B, Nygren P; SBU-group Swedish Council of Technology Assessment in Health Care. (2001) A systematic overview of chemotherapy effects in non-small cell lung cancer. *Acta Oncol* 40: 327-339.
- Neville AJ, Kuruvilla MS (2010) Lung cancer. *Clin Evid*.
- Sechler M, Cizmiz AD, Avasarala S, Van Scoyk M, Brzezinski C, et al. (2013) Non-small-cell lung cancer: molecular targeted therapy and personalized medicine - drug resistance, mechanisms, and strategies. *Pharmgenomics Pers Med* 6: 25-36.
- Lee JK, Kim TM, Koh Y, Lee SH, Kim DW, et al. (2012) Differential sensitivities to tyrosine kinase inhibitors in NSCLC harboring EGFR mutation and ALK translocation. *Lung Cancer* 77: 460-463.
- Ueoka R, Matsumoto Y, Moss RA, Swarup S, Sugii A, et al. (1988) Membrane matrix for the hydrolysis of amino acid esters with marked enantioselectivity. *J Am Chem Soc* 110: 1588-1595.
- Matsumoto Y, Kato T, Iseki S, Suzuki H, Nakano K, et al. (1999) Remarkably enhanced inhibitory effects of hybrid liposomes on the growth of specific tumor cells. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 9: 1937-1940.
- Nakano K, Iwamoto Y, Takata W, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2002) Specific accumulation and growth inhibitory effects of hybrid liposomes to hepatoma cells in vitro. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 12: 3251-3254.
- Matsumoto Y, Iwamoto Y, Matsushita T, Ueoka R (2005) Novel mechanism of hybrid liposomes-induced apoptosis in human tumor cells. *Int J Cancer* 115: 377-382.
- Komizu Y, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2006) Membrane targeted chemotherapy with hybrid liposomes for colon tumor cells leading to apoptosis. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 16: 6131-6134.
- Ichihara H, Matsuoka Y, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2010) Therapeutic effects of hybrid liposomes on gastric carcinoma involve apoptosis. *Anticancer Res* 30: 2011-2016.
- Ichihara H, Ueno J, Umehayashi M, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2011) Chemotherapy with hybrid liposomes for acute lymphatic leukemia leading to apoptosis in vivo. *Int J Pharm* 406: 173-178.
- Ichihara H, Nagami H, Kiyokawa T, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2008) Chemotherapy using hybrid liposomes along with induction of apoptosis. *Anticancer Res* 28: 1187-1195.
- Yukihiro M, Komizu Y, Tanoue O, Matsushita T, Matsumoto Y, et al. (2010) [Specific accumulation and antitumor effects of hybrid liposomes on the growth of lung tumor cells]. *Yakugaku Zasshi* 130: 1581-1587.
- Komizu Y, Ueoka H, Ueoka R (2012) Selective accumulation and growth inhibition of hybrid liposomes to human hepatocellular carcinoma cells in relation to fluidity of plasma membranes. *Biochem Biophys Res Commun* 418: 81-86.
- Iwamoto Y, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2005) Induction of apoptosis of human lung carcinoma cells by hybrid liposomes containing polyoxyethylenedodecyl ether. *Int J Pharm* 292: 231-239.
- Komizu Y, Ueoka H, Goto K, Ueoka R (2011) Remarkable inhibitory effects of hybrid liposomes on growth of human colon cancer cells through induction of cell cycle arrest along with apoptosis. *Int J Nanomed*: 1913-1920.
- Hsu YL, Kuo PL, Tzeng WS, Lin CC (2006) Chalcone inhibits the proliferation of human breast cancer cell by blocking cell cycle progression and inducing apoptosis. *Food Chem Toxicol* 44: 704-713.
- Erlanson M, Landberg G (1998) Flow cytometric quantification of cyclin E in human cell lines and hematopoietic malignancies. *Cytometry* 32: 214-222.
- Jain P, Giustolisi GM, Atkinson S, Elnenaie MO, Morilla R, et al. (2002) Detection of cyclin D1 in B cell lymphoproliferative disorders by flow cytometry. *J Clin Pathol* 55: 940-945.

20. Kitajima H, Komizu Y, Ichihara H, Goto K, Ueoka R (2013) Hybrid liposomes inhibit tumor growth and lung metastasis of murine osteosarcoma cells. *Cancer Med* 2: 267-276.
21. Vermeulen K, Van Bockstaele DR, Berneman ZN (2003) The cell cycle: a review of regulation, deregulation and therapeutic targets in cancer. *Cell Prolif* 36: 131-149.
22. Massagué J (2004) G1 cell-cycle control and cancer. *Nature* 432: 298-306.
23. O'Connor PM, Jackman J, Bae I, Myers TG, Fan S, et al. (1997) Characterization of the p53 tumor suppressor pathway in cell lines of the National Cancer Institute anticancer drug screen and correlations with the growth-inhibitory potency of 123 anticancer agents. *Cancer Res* 57: 4285-4300.
24. Gartel AL, Tyner AL (2002) The role of the cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor p21 in apoptosis. *Mol Cancer Ther* 1: 639-649.
25. Chang F, Lee JT, Navolanic PM, Steelman LS, Shelton JG, et al. (2003) Involvement of PI3K/Akt pathway in cell cycle progression, apoptosis, and neoplastic transformation: a target for cancer chemotherapy. *Leukemia* 17: 590-603.
26. Datta SR, Dudek H, Tao X, Masters S, Fu H, et al. (1997) Akt phosphorylation of BAD couples survival signals to the cell-intrinsic death machinery. *Cell* 91: 231-241.
27. Lohez OD, Reynaud C, Borel F, Andreassen PR, Margolis RL (2003) Arrest of mammalian fibroblasts in G1 in response to actin inhibition is dependent on retinoblastoma pocket proteins but not on p53. *J Cell Biol* 161: 67-77.
28. Heng YW, Koh CG (2010) Actin cytoskeleton dynamics and the cell division cycle. *Int J Biochem Cell Biol* 42: 1622-1633.
29. Keely PJ, Westwick JK, Whitehead IP, Der CJ, Parise LV (1997) Cdc42 and Rac1 induce integrin-mediated cell motility and invasiveness through PI(3)K. *Nature* 390: 632-636.
30. Pugacheva EN, Roegiers F, Golemis EA (2006) Interdependence of cell attachment and cell cycle signaling. *Curr Opin Cell Biol* 18: 507-515.
31. Xue G, Hemmings BA (2013) PKB/Akt-dependent regulation of cell motility. *J Natl Cancer Inst* 105: 393-404.
32. Hatten ME, Horwitz AF, Burger MM (1977) The influence of membrane lipids on the proliferation of transformed and untransformed cell lines. *Exp Cell Res* 107: 31-34.
33. Jackowski S (1996) Cell cycle regulation of membrane phospholipid metabolism. *J Biol Chem* 271: 20219-20222.
34. Choi HJ, Chung TW, Kang SK, Lee YC, Ko JH, et al. (2006) Ganglioside GM3 modulates tumor suppressor PTEN-mediated cell cycle progression-transcriptional induction of p21(WAF1) and p27(kip1) by inhibition of PI-3K/AKT pathway. *Glycobiology* 16: 573-583.
35. Zhang XH, Zhao C, Ma ZA (2007) The increase of cell-membranous phosphatidylcholines containing polyunsaturated fatty acid residues induces phosphorylation of p53 through activation of ATR. *J Cell Sci* 120: 4134-4143.
36. Komizu Y, Nakata S, Goto K, Matsumoto Y, Ueoka R (2010) Clustering of lipid rafts in plasma membranes by hybrid liposomes for leukemia cells along with apoptosis. *Chem Lett* 39: 1291-1293.
37. Cao K, Tanaka K, Komizu Y, Tamiya-Koizumi K, Murate T, et al. (2012) Hybrid liposomes affect cellular lipid constituents and caveolae structures. *Bioorg Med Chem Lett* 22: 1731-1733.