

Supplementary Material

Structure-activity relationship of hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives for cooperating with carnosic acid and calcitriol in acute myeloid leukemia cells

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1. Supplementary methods

1.1. Acridine orange and ethidium bromide staining

Cells (5×10^4 /ml) were collected by centrifugation and double stained with 14 µg/ml acridine orange and 14 µg/ml ethidium bromide, as described [1]. Nuclear morphology of stained cells was examined by fluorescent microscopy (Olympus BX60, Olympus corporation, Tokyo, Japan) at a magnification of 400x. The percentage of apoptotic cells was calculated following manual counting of cells with shrunk green (early apoptosis) or red nuclei (late apoptosis) and this number was divided by the total number of cells in an image. Nuclei stained red with no signs of chromatin shrinkage were considered necrotic and were not counted for apoptosis. A minimum of 100 cells per sample were counted.

1.2. Assessment of cell viability using the CellTiter-Glo® ATP assay

Cell viability was determined on the basis of changes in cellular ATP levels using the CellTiter-Glo Luminescent Cell Viability Assay kit (Promega, Madison, WI) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Briefly, KG-1a cells were incubated with test agents for 72 h and then 100 µl cell suspension was transferred into a white-bottom 96-well plate followed by the addition of 100 µl ATP assay buffer. The plate was shaken for 2 min and kept at room temperature for 10 min. Luminescence was then measured in quadruplicate using a SpectraMax Paradigm (Molecular Devices Co., Sunnyvale, CA, USA) plate reader. A similar procedure was used for the preparation of plate blank wells, except that complete cell growth medium was added instead of cell suspension.

1.3. Combination index analysis

The interaction between MCAF and CA in inducing cytotoxicity was assessed by the combination index (CI) analysis using Calcosyn 2.0 software (BIOSOFT, United Kingdom). The CI values were calculated based on the extent of reduction in cell viability (fraction affected) by each agent individually and by the combination at a constant ratio. CI values of <1, 1, and >1 show synergism, additivity, and antagonism, respectively.

2. Supplementary figures

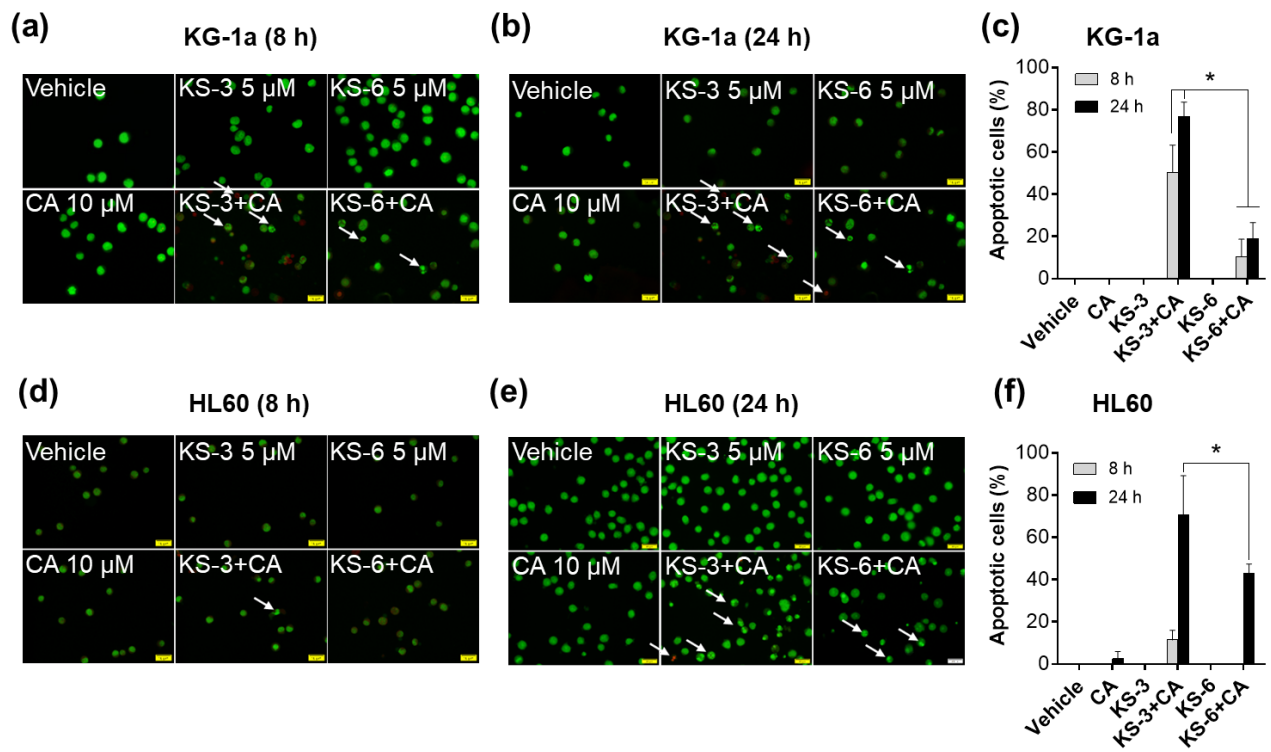


Figure S1. Comparison between the apoptosis-inducing effects of the combinations of KS-3 and KS-6 with carnosic acid. KG-1a cells were cultured with KS-3, KS-6, carnosic acid (CA), or their combinations, for 8 or 24 h. (a, b, d, e) Changes in the nuclear morphology of KG-1a (a, b) and HL60 (d, e) cells stained with acridine orange (green) and ethidium bromide (red) were examined by fluorescence microscopy. Arrows indicate late apoptotic cells and/or apoptotic bodies. (c, f) Averaged percentages of apoptotic cells in the KG-1a (c) and HL60 (f) cell cultures. Cells were enumerated manually (≥ 100 cell counts per sample). The data are the means \pm SD ($n = 3$). *, $p < 0.01$; significant differences between the indicated groups; Student's t test.

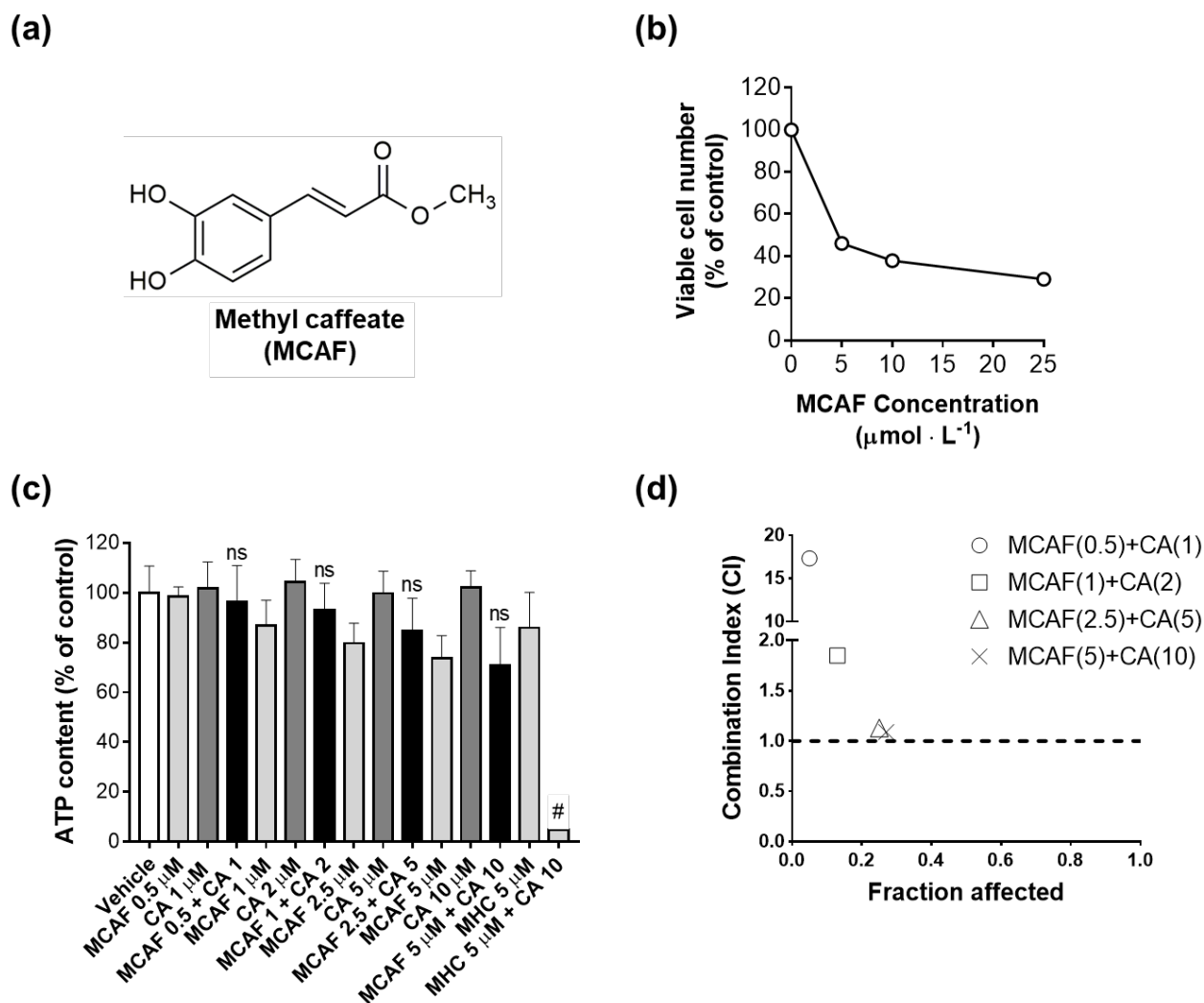


Figure S2. The additional 3-hydroxyl group on the phenolic ring of KS-3 (as in methyl caffeate) abolishes its ability to cooperate with carnosic acid. (a) Molecular structure of methyl caffeate (MCAF). (b–d) KG-1a cells were treated with the indicated compounds, for 72 h followed by the Trypan Blue exclusion assay (b) or the ATP-based cell viability assay (c, d). (b) Concentration-dependent effect of MCAF alone on the number of viable cells. (c) The effects of MCAF and CA, alone and in combination, at the indicated concentrations on cell viability. The data are the means \pm SD ($n=12-16$). #, $p < 0.05$, effect of the MHC+CA combination *vs.* sum of the effects of single agents; Student's *t* test, ns – non-significant. (d) Combination index (CI) analysis of cytotoxicity for the indicated MCAF+CA combinations (μM). The CI values are plotted against the levels of the fraction affected.

3. Supplementary tables

Table S1. The Cartesian coordinates of the carnosic acid anion --- KS-x molecular complexes.

x = 1, 3, 6, 7, 9

Carnosic acid anion --- KS-1

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| O | 2.1072784098 | -1.5017772688 | 4.2508048199 |
| O | 3.4353899221 | -2.4632101524 | 2.7615798166 |
| C | 2.3238292147 | 0.3081460509 | -0.3454162704 |
| C | 2.0906780966 | 1.6975404436 | -0.212635129 |
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| C | 1.8713806635 | 2.497998054 | -1.335979775 |
| C | 2.1112440113 | 0.5793952601 | -2.7757926533 |
| C | 2.5496063785 | -0.6206404965 | 0.7589133628 |
| C | 1.8711913308 | 1.9431980032 | -2.6152700465 |
| C | 2.3871048522 | -0.4292880546 | 2.0821982852 |
| C | 2.6808465625 | -1.5436086339 | 3.0123670347 |
| C | 1.0860563913 | -0.5354067559 | 4.5489061487 |
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Carnosic acid anion --- KS-3

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| O | 2.0540265393 | -1.6906974864 | 4.2134697326 |
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Carnosic acid anion --- KS-6

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| C | 1.922039 | -1.52001 | 2.553811 |
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| C | 1.764366 | -2.672372 | 1.75303 |
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| C | -2.476745 | 2.24758 | 2.205409 |
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| C | 0.789331 | 1.977171 | -2.455256 |
| C | -1.632803 | 0.661268 | -0.971739 |
| C | -1.594522 | -2.020711 | -1.786111 |
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Carnosic acid anion --- KS-7

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| C | 1.807855151 | -0.7029349509 | 3.6258607889 |
| C | 0.9172266047 | -0.1590985382 | 4.7278302651 |
| O | -4.3620550325 | 0.4847784407 | 0.2559585894 |
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| O | 0.6532907268 | -3.2317645711 | 1.474563282 |
| C | -2.1014627514 | 1.6367049689 | -1.1719778613 |
| C | -1.926759905 | 0.7722609501 | 0.1164056671 |
| C | -2.7800056465 | 3.0440060605 | -0.991094495 |
| C | -1.0574514149 | 1.5984008655 | 1.132202169 |
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| H | 2.0549448563 | 1.8985033759 | -3.6130795923 |
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| C | 1.863797292 | -4.3771631512 | -0.0674142349 |
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| H | -0.042947688 | 3.6410783105 | 0.3956391468 |

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| H | -2.2801674834 | -0.2233325232 | 2.286679747 |

Table S2. KS-3 and KS-6 enhance calcitriol-induced differentiation of AML cells significantly stronger than their chemical analogs.

(a)

| Dunnett's multiple comparisons test | Mean Diff. | 95.00% CI of diff. | Adjusted P Value | Mean Diff. | 95.00% CI of diff. | Adjusted P Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | HL60 | | | U937 | | |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-1+1,25D | 18.31 | 4.478 to 32.15 | 0.0037 | 21.61 | 12.5 to 30.73 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-2+1,25D | 17.44 | 3.118 to 31.76 | 0.0092 | 19.66 | 9.676 to 29.65 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-6+1,25D | 2.291 | -11.54 to 16.13 | 0.9993 | 6.321 | -3.664 to 16.31 | 0.4241 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-7+1,25D | 22.46 | 7.513 to 37.4 | 0.0007 | 16.74 | 7.912 to 25.56 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-8+1,25D | 25.61 | 11.29 to 39.94 | 0.0001 | 23.34 | 14.74 to 31.93 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-9+1,25D | 18.69 | 4.365 to 33.01 | 0.0043 | 21.52 | 13.11 to 29.92 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. KS-12+1,25D | 26.63 | 11.69 to 41.58 | 0.0001 | 22.13 | 13.01 to 31.24 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. pCouA+1,25D | 27.23 | 13.39 to 41.06 | 0.0001 | 21.01 | 12.41 to 29.6 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. FerA+1,25D | 30.99 | 16.04 to 45.93 | 0.0001 | 17.02 | 6.334 to 27.71 | 0.0003 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. MHP+1,25D | 43.54 | 28.59 to 58.48 | 0.0001 | 30.86 | 21.37 to 40.35 | 0.0001 |
| KS-3+1,25D vs. MHMP+1,25D | 43.99 | 29.04 to 58.93 | 0.0001 | 32 | 22.51 to 41.49 | 0.0001 |

(b)

| Dunnett's multiple comparisons test | Mean Diff. | 95.00% CI of diff. | Adjusted P Value | Mean Diff. | 95.00% CI of diff. | Adjusted P Value |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | HL60 | | | U937 | | |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-1+1,25D | 16.02 | 2.187 to 29.86 | 0.015 | 15.29 | 5.308 to 25.28 | 0.0005 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-2+1,25D | 15.15 | 0.8264 to 29.47 | 0.0328 | 13.34 | 2.555 to 24.13 | 0.0078 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-3+1,25D | 2.291- | -16.13 to 11.54 | 0.9993 | 6.321- | -16.31 to 3.664 | 0.4241 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-7+1,25D | 20.17 | 5.222 to 35.11 | 0.0029 | 10.42 | 0.6952 to 20.14 | 0.0296 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-8+1,25D | 23.32 | 9.002 to 37.64 | 0.0002 | 17.01 | 7.502 to 26.53 | 0.0001 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-9+1,25D | 16.39 | 2.074 to 30.72 | 0.0167 | 15.2 | 5.856 to 24.54 | 0.0002 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. KS-12+1,25D | 24.34 | 9.397 to 39.28 | 0.0002 | 15.8 | 5.82 to 25.79 | 0.0003 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. pCouA+1,25D | 24.94 | 11.1 to 38.77 | 0.0001 | 14.68 | 5.172 to 24.2 | 0.0005 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. FerA+1,25D | 28.7 | 13.75 to 43.64 | 0.0001 | 10.7 | -0.7377 to 22.14 | 0.0781 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. MHP+1,25D | 41.25 | 26.3 to 56.19 | 0.0001 | 24.54 | 14.21 to 34.86 | 0.0001 |
| KS-6+1,25D vs. MHMP+1,25D | 41.69 | 26.75 to 56.64 | 0.0001 | 25.68 | 15.35 to 36 | 0.0001 |

Effects of the KS-3+1,25D (a) and KS-6+1,25D (b) combinations were compared to those of the combinations of *p*-coumaric acid (pCouA), ferulic acid (FerA) or their other tested derivatives and 1,25D. The percentages of HL60 and U937 cells double-positive for CD14 and CD11b were obtained from the data shown in **Figure 8**. The differences between various treatment groups were analyzed by one-way ANOVA with Dunnett's post-hoc test (n=5). The differences between means (Mean Diff), 95% confidence intervals for the Mean Diff (95.00% CI of diff.) and P values (Adjusted P Value) are presented.

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