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A Novel Anti-Cancer Strategy Through Biological Metal Overloading in Cancer Cells via pH-sensitive Metallo-organic Nanoparticles

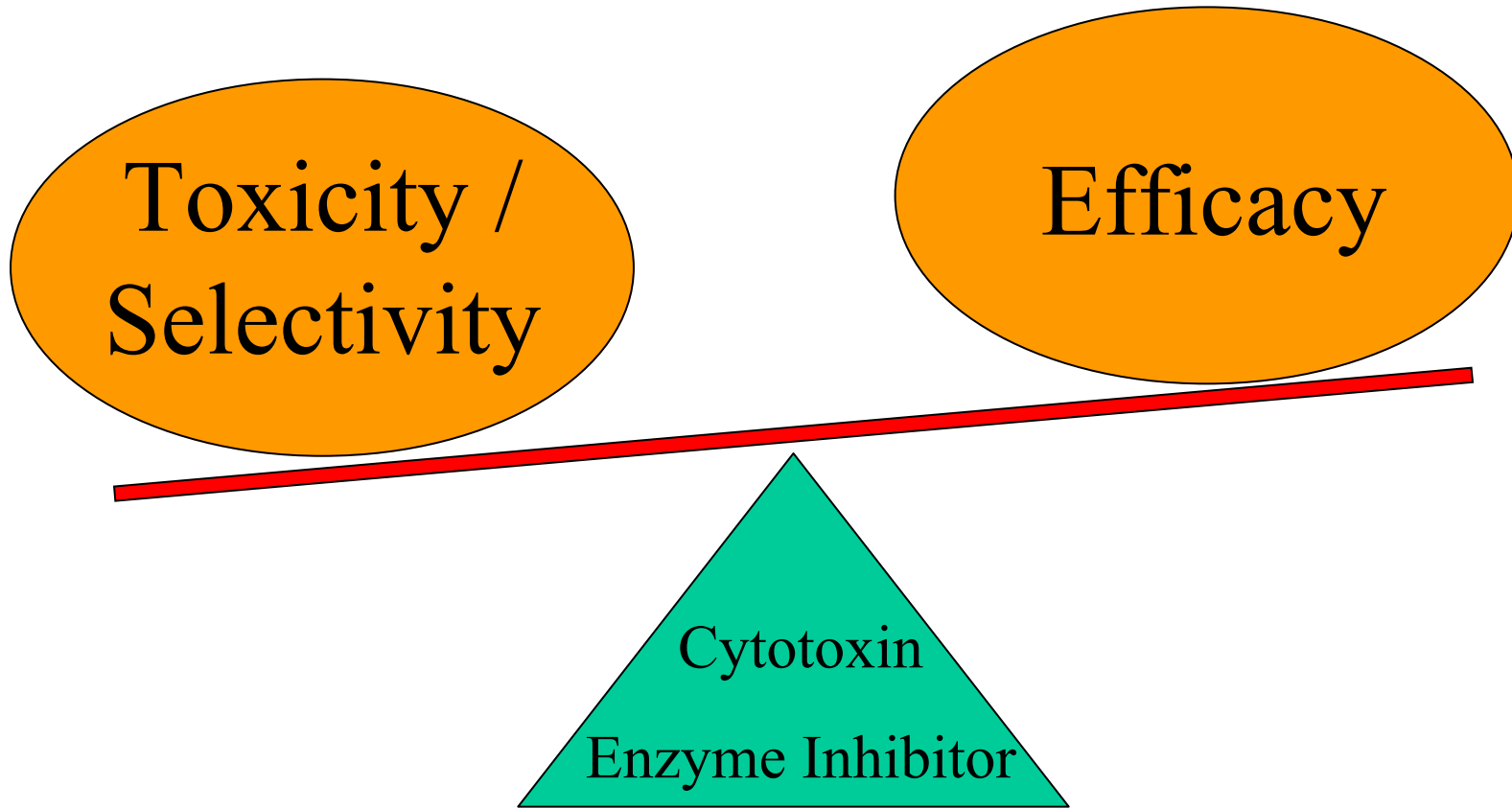
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Challenges & Limitations in Anti-cancer Medicines: Seesaw Dilemma



Which side to leverage?

◆ Theory – A lesson from nature

Excitotoxic Calcium Overload in a Subpopulation of Mitochondria Triggers Delayed Death in Hippocampal Neurons

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Zinc toxicity on neonatal cortical neurons: involvement of glutathione chelation

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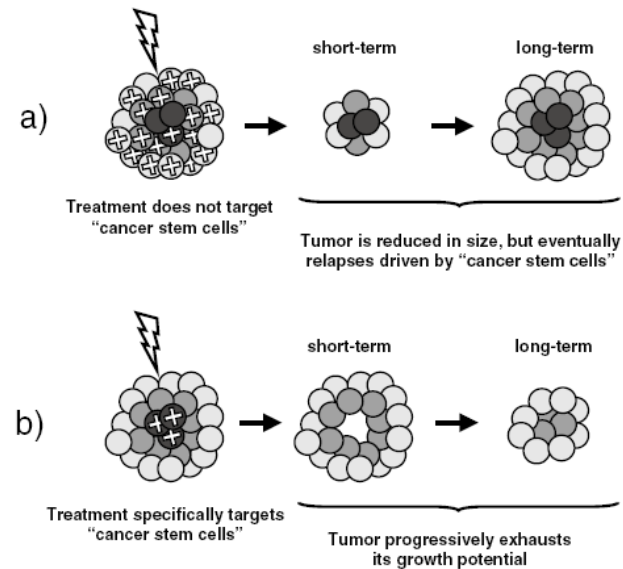


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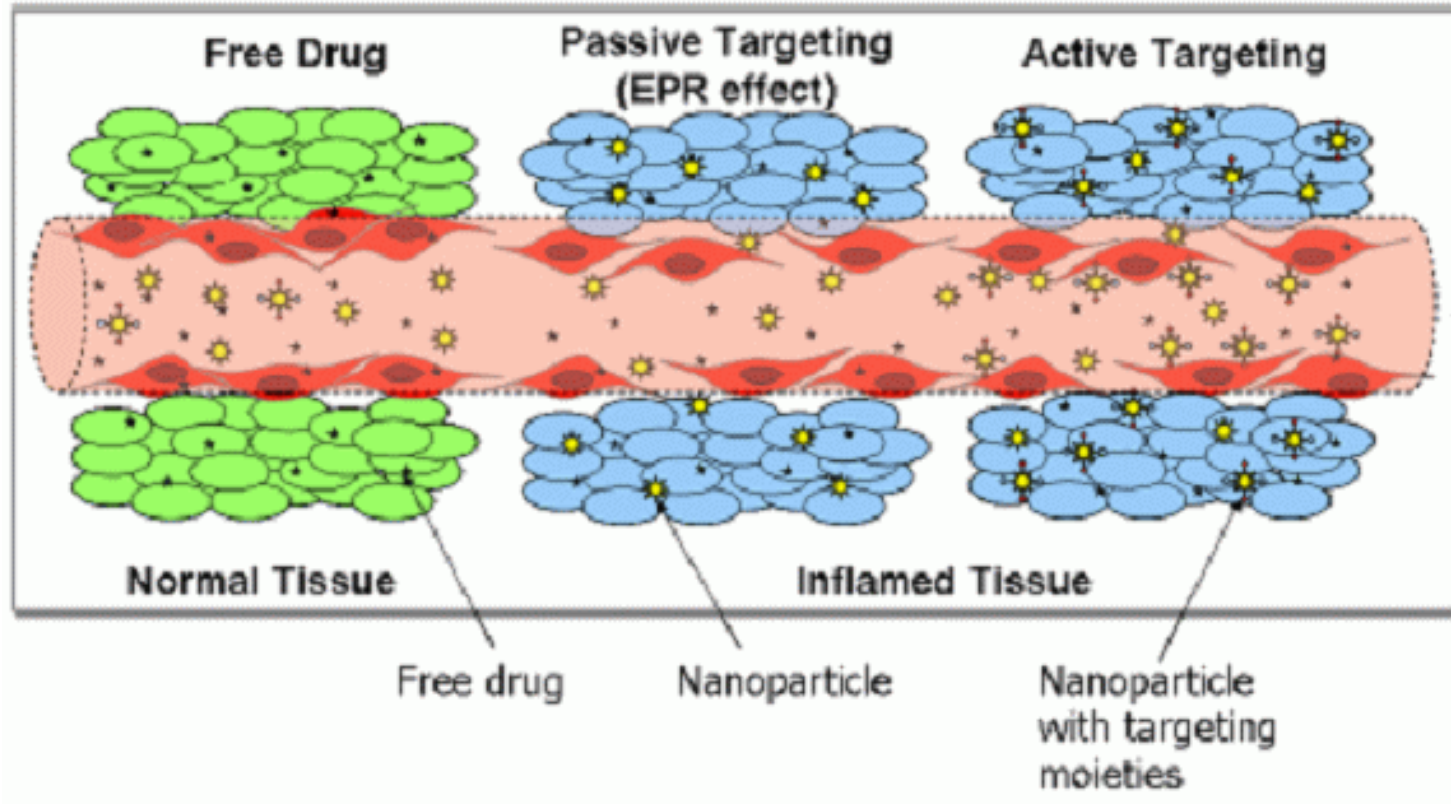
Impact of the cancer stem cell (CSC) model on the design and evaluation of antitumor treatments.

(a) Antitumor treatments designed and selected for broad cytotoxic activity may kill the majority of cancer cells within a specific tumor tissue and induce dramatic, even complete regression of large tumor masses; however, if any of the CSCs are spared, tumor tissues can be regenerated and cause disease relapse. (b) In contrast, antitumor treatments specifically designed to target CSCs, although theoretically unable to cause rapid shrinkage of tumor lesions, might nonetheless achieve long-term disease eradication by exhausting self-renewal and growth potential of cancer tissues.

Benign biological metals can
KILL UPON
OVERLOADING!

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“Calcium & Iron Bomb” Strategy



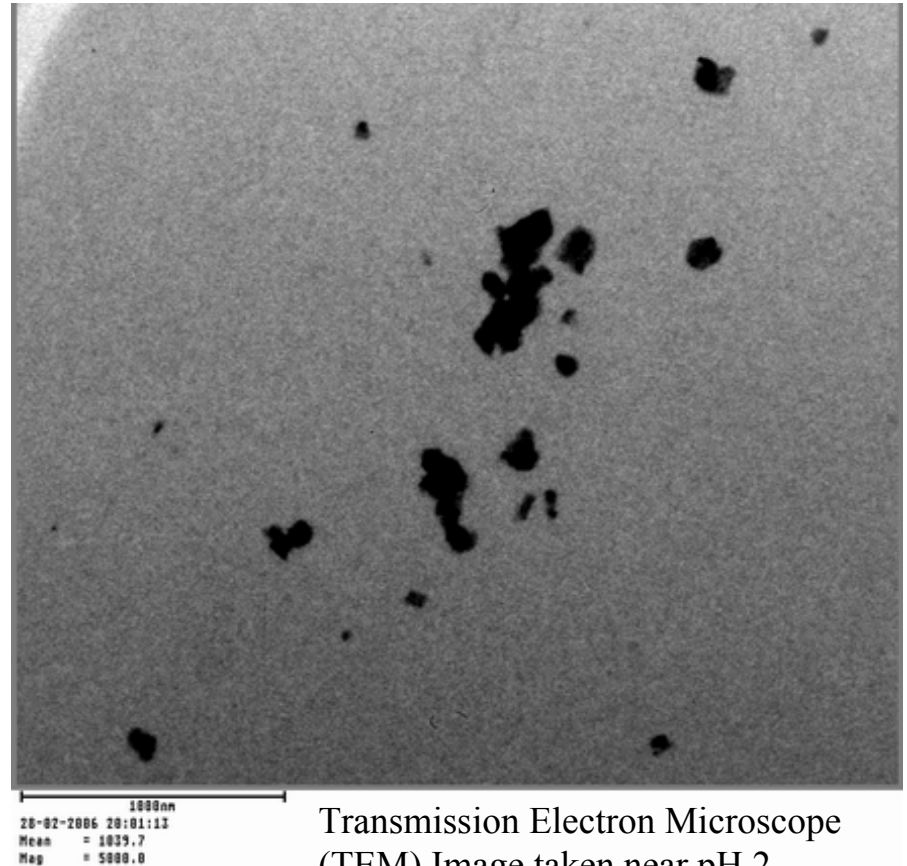
*Source of the depiction unknown

◆ OFeCa-1: The Anti-Cancer Particle

- OFeCa-1
 - pH-sensitive organo-metallic nanoparticles with *iron & calcium* as the main therapeutic components.
 - Degrades near neutral pH, releasing metals.

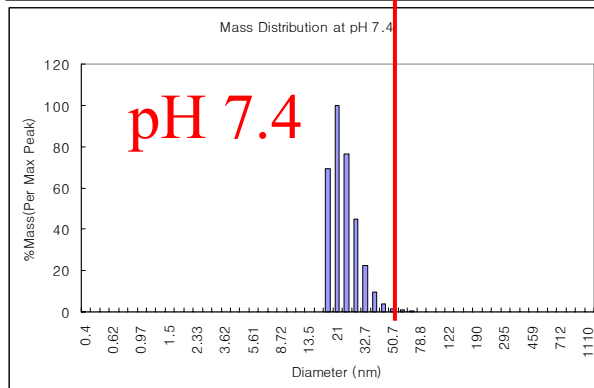
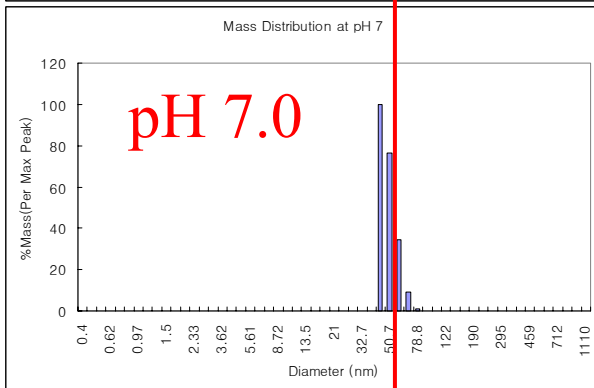
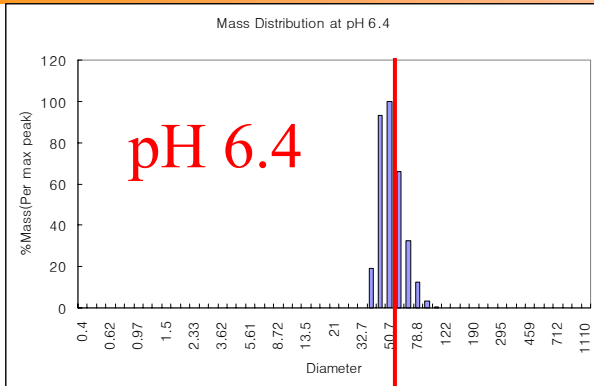
	ppm	dry %
Fe	[Hatched Box]	9.48
Ca		6.44
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Zn		

ICP-MS metal analysis of 11% w/w OFeCa-1 solution (same concentration solution as those used for cell & animal experiments)



Transmission Electron Microscope (TEM) Image taken near pH 2

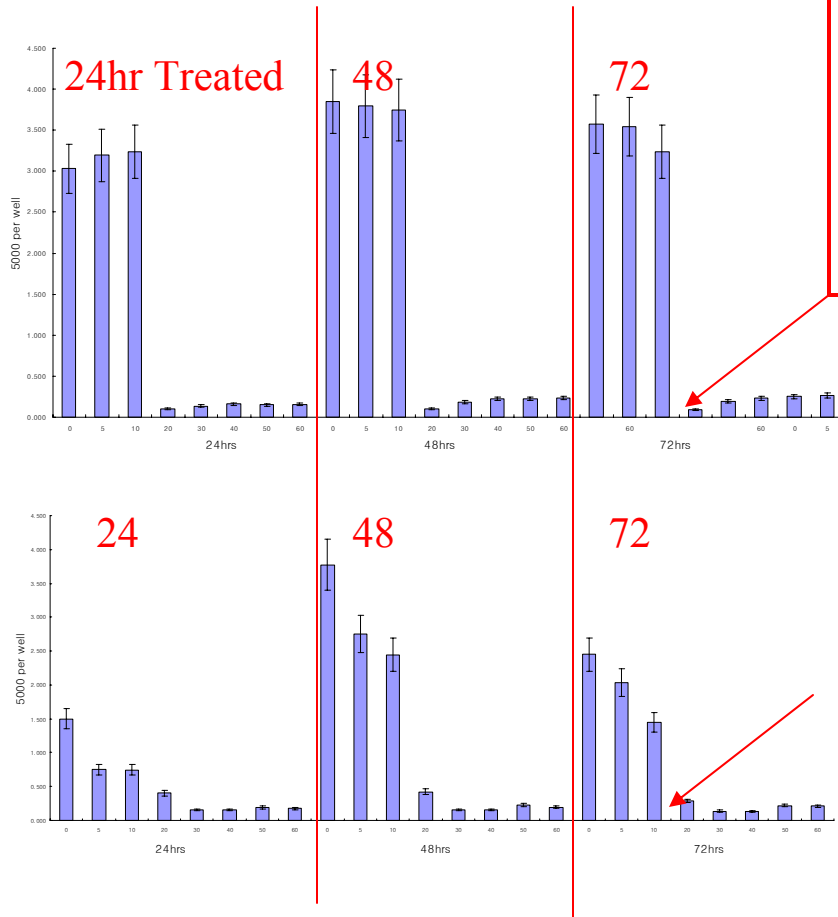
◆ OFeCa-1's Degradation via pH



- Dynamic light scattering results on OFeCa-1 at varying pH, showing pH-dependent degradation of OFeCa-1 near physiological ranges (\sim pH 7).
- Horizontal axis denote nanoparticle sizes in diameter, graphs denote mass distribution, normalized against the norm.
- This degradation property allows OFeCa-1 to “unload” bound metals that, in turn, kill target cancer mass

◆ Human Cancer Cell Screening

Cancer Survival ↑



Note this occurrence of “critical dosage”, at which point cancer suddenly disappear altogether

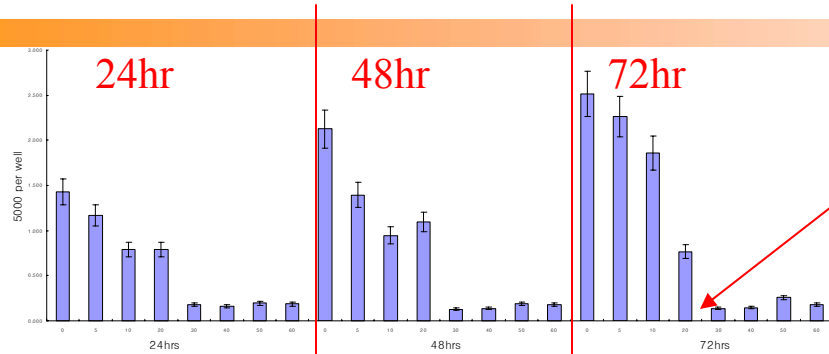
Hep2 (larynx cancer)

293T (kidney cancer)

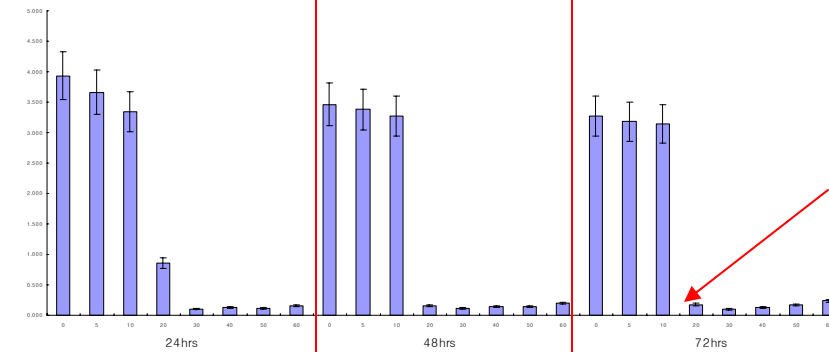
*Cell counting kit-8 (Dojindo, Tokyo) was used to study cell viability.

OFeCa-1 Added (uL/mL Media) →

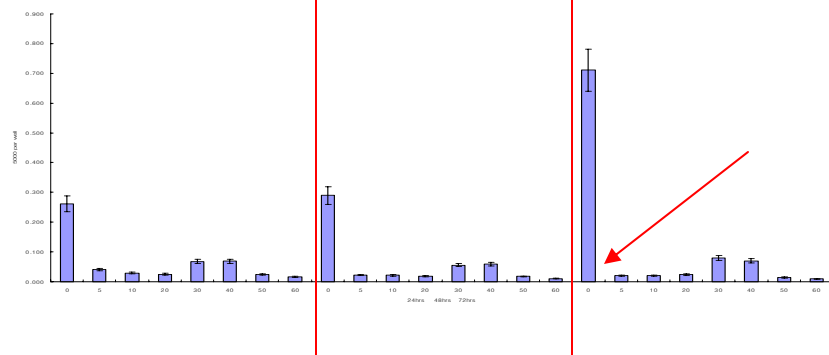
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Ramos (Burkitt's lymphoma)



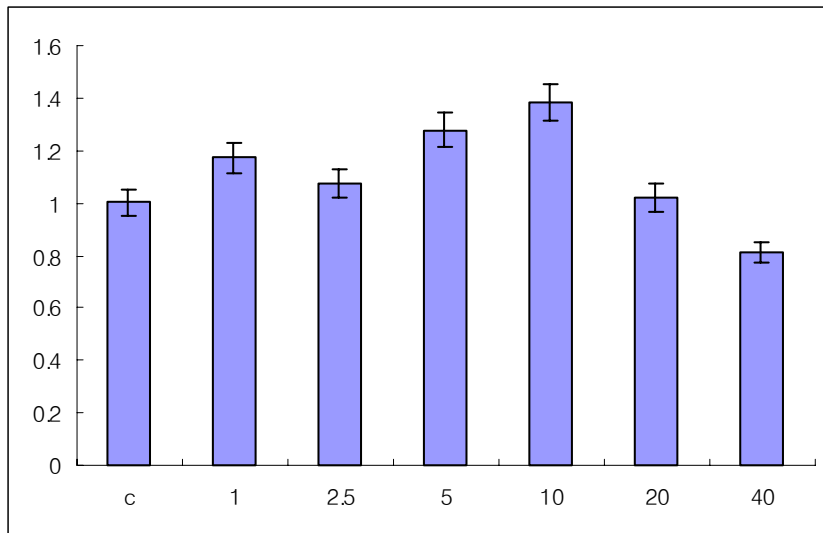
T98g (brain cancer)



H460 (lung cancer)

◆ Toxicity Testing against HSC

HSC survival (A.U.)

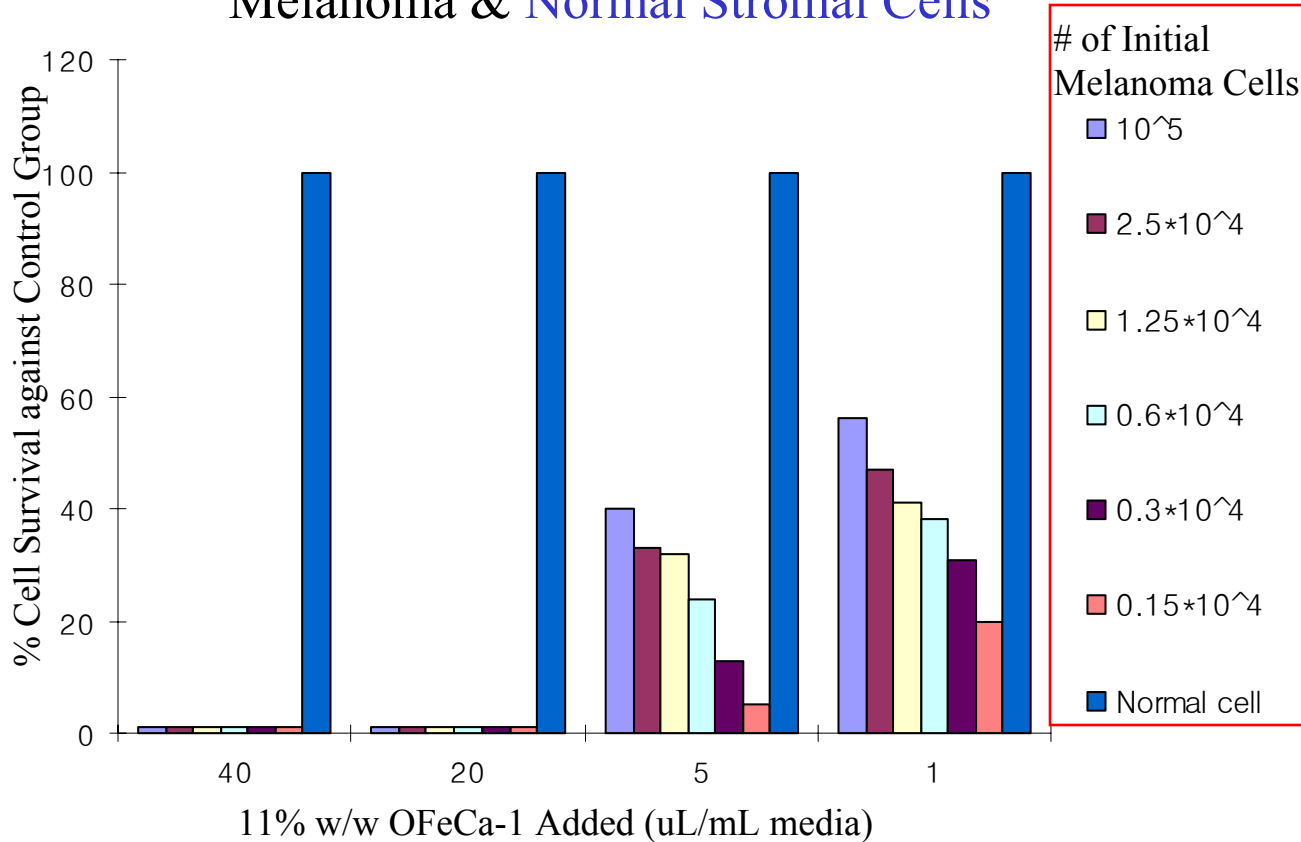


11% OFeCa-1 in Media (uL/mL)

- Adult stem cells such as hair cells & hematopoietic stem cells (HSC: blood stem cell) are easily killed by conventional anti-cancer drugs, leading to hair loss & bone marrow suppression during cancer treatment.
- OFeCa-1, on the other hand, displays no signs of adverse effect on mouse HSC's survival.

Efficacy against Mouse Cancer Cell

Effect of OFeCa-1 on B16F10
Melanoma & Normal Stromal Cells



- OFeCa-1 shows no toxicity against non-cancerous normal mouse stromal cells.
- Within same range, OFeCa-1 shows powerful anti-cancer activity against mouse melanoma B16F10.

Mouse Model Bearing **Metastatic Lung Cancer**

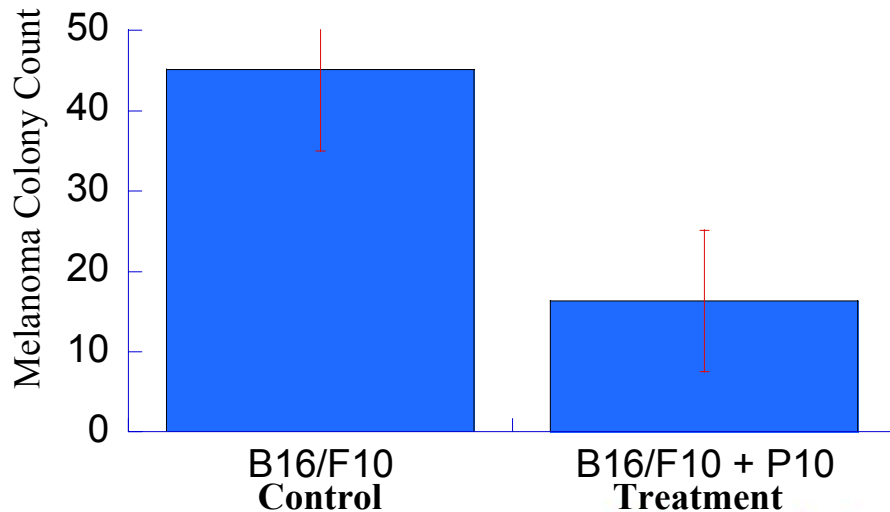
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Effect of sustained administration of OFeCa-1 on intravenous **metastatic** mouse model using B16/F10. OFeCa-1 was passively administered as water-substitute by diluting 11 % OFeCa-1 ten-fold with dietary water. Quick survey showed that the mice consumed roughly 2~3 mL of the diluted OFeCa-1 daily. (A) B16/F10 control. (B) B16/F10 mice fed with 1/10 diluted OFeCa-1. (C) Quantified B16/F10 colonies found in the lungs of test subjects. P10 refers to passively fed 1/10 diluted 11% w/w OFeCa-1 against water.

Experiment terminated before the extinction of melanoma colonies in the treatment group for visual confirmation of successful metastasis

◆ 2W Acute Toxicity Test using SD rats

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1. SUMMARY

To evaluate the acute toxicity after a single oral administration of OFeCa-1, the test article was treated orally to 2 groups of male and female SD rats (5 animals/sex/group) at doses of 0 and 2000 mg/kg. Mortality, clinical signs, body weight changes and gross findings were continually screened for 15 days following the single dose. The results are summarized:

- (1) There were no unscheduled deaths in any groups during the study period.
- (2) In clinical signs, soft stool was observed in the 2000 mg/kg/day group on the dosing day.
- (3) There were no treatment-related body weight changes in any groups during the study period.
- (4) In the necropsy, no treatment-related gross findings were observed in any groups

On the basis of the above results, a single oral administration of the test article to SD rats at dose of 2000 mg/kg resulted in soft stool on the dosing day, and there were no treatment-related effects on mortality, body weight changes and gross findings. Therefore, it was estimated that the lethal dose of the test article might be over 2000 mg/kg for both sexes of rats.

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STATEMENT

Study No.: G06005

TITLE: A Single Oral Dose Toxicity Study of OFeCa-1 in Rats

This study was carried out in compliance with GLP and Testing Guidelines as shown below:

- (1) Good Laboratory Practice Regulation for Non-clinical Laboratory studies (Notification No. 2005-79) issued by Korea Food and Drug Administration on December 21, 2005 ¹⁾
- (2) OECD Principles of Good Laboratory Practice (1997) ²⁾
- (3) Testing Guidelines for Safety Evaluation of Drugs (Notification No. 2005-60) issued by Korea Food and Drug Administration on October 21, 2005 ³⁾

The objectives laid down in the protocol were achieved, and as nothing occurred to adversely affect the confidence of the study, I consider the data generated to be valid.

3.3 Dosage and group assignment

Dosage selection: According to request of the sponsor, 2000 mg/kg was selected as the limit dose, and the vehicle control group treated with distilled water for injection was added.

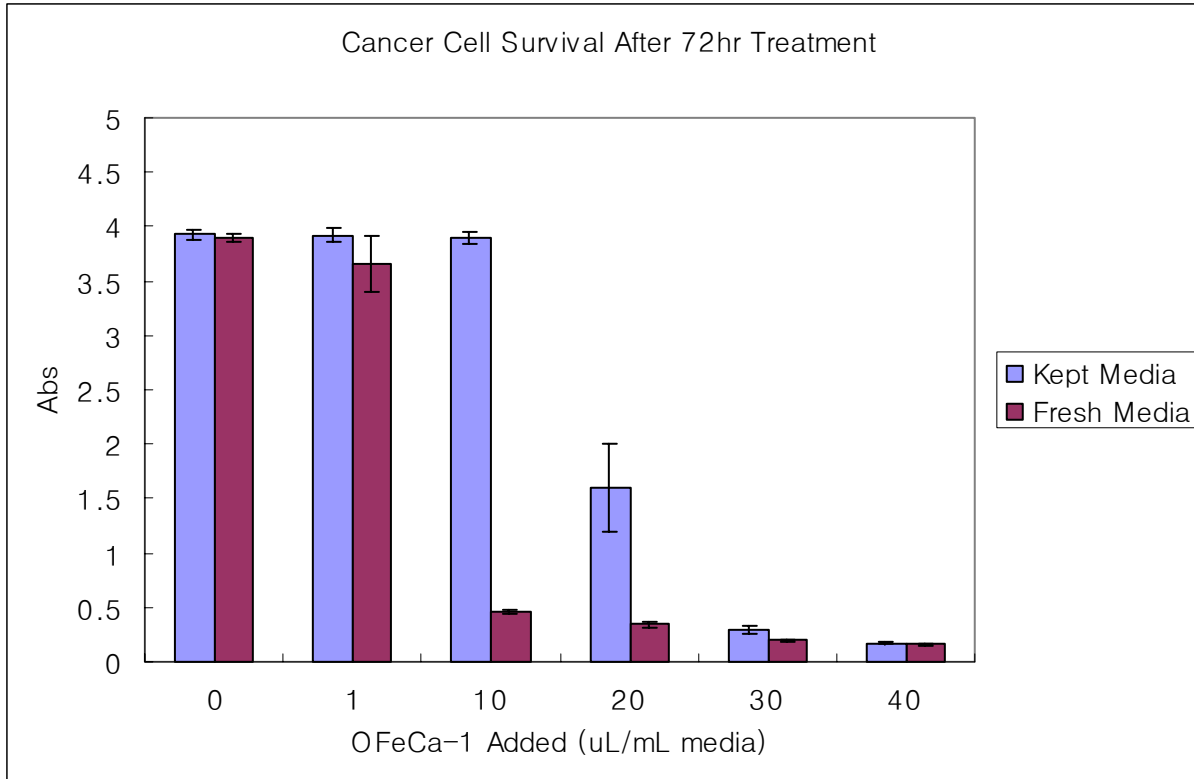
Group assignment, dosing volume, dosage:

Group	Sex	No. of animals	Animal No.	Volume (ml/kg)	Real Dose ^{a)} (mg/kg)	Dose (mg/kg)
Vehicle control	Male	5	1~5	20	0	0
	Female	5	11~15	20	0	0
T1	Male	5	6~10	20	15,385	2000
	Female	5	16~20	20	15,385	2000

^{a)} Real dose was calculated in consideration for purity of the test article provided by the sponsor.



Replenishment Effect: More Effectiveness



- The graph left shows clear evidence of improvement in anti-cancer efficacy of OFeCa-1 upon daily replacement of the media containing OFeCa-1.
- This data indicates that frequent use of OFeCa-1 is likely to be recommended in the future.
- Considering the data thus far, greater dose and more frequent intake of OFeCa-1 is likely to be highly recommended, increasing the demand for OFeCa-1 for extra assurance in cancer treatment.

*B16F10 mouse melanoma as model. Media of appropriate condition were replaced daily for “fresh media” group.

OFeCa-1: Ideal Anti-Cancer Agent

- Ultra-low toxicity*
- Composed only of **biological metals** & organic nanoparticle backbone that degrades into **non-toxic biological metabolites**
- Displays effectiveness against multiple aggressive cancer cell lines (both human & mouse origins)
- Designed to work in **multiple modes**, increasing effectiveness & **reducing chances of resistance development**
- Outlook of **good efficacy against Lung cancer**
- Significantly more effective upon frequent & prolonged use
- Expected to be compatible with conventional chemotherapeutic agents.
- And many more ideal behaviors & properties that qualify OFeCa-1 as an ideal candidate for future **broad-spectrum** cancer treatments.

*Based on toxicity tests against cell-based tests & acute toxicity test using SD rats