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The role of microRNA-125b in calcitriol-induced differentiation of human leukemia and lymphoma cells

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Adults leukemia and lymphoma incidents in 2014

Leading New Cancer Cases and Deaths – 2014 Estimates



*Excludes basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ carcinoma except urinary bladder.

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From 2006 to 2010, overall leukemia incidence rates increased slightly (by 0.5% per year).

http://www.cancer.org/acs/groups/content/@research/documents/webcontent/acspc-042151.pdf



The most common cancers among children and adolescents

Estimated Cases for Childhood and Adolescent Cancers, US, 2014



Estimates are for malignant cancers only and are rounded to the nearest 10. In addition, 730 children and 630 adolescents will be diagnosed with benign and borderline brain tumors in 2014. CNS = central nervous system

* Includes ganglioneuroblastoma.

†Bone tumors include osteosarcoma and Ewing sarcoma.

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About 40 % of all cancer incidents in children are leukemias and lymphomas



Hemopoiesis is the proliferation and differentiation of the formed elements of blood





The human leukemia and lymphoma WHO classification

 Fable 2. WHO classification of myeloid neoplasms and acute leukemia

Myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPN)

	Chronic myelogenous leukemia, BCR-ABL1-positive
	Chronic neutrophilic leukemia
	Polycythemia vera
	Primary myelofibrosis
	Essential thrombocythemia
	Chronic eosinophilic leukemia, not otherwise specified
	Mastocytosis
	Myeloproliferative neoplasms, unclassifiable
N	lyeloid and lymphoid neoplasms associated with eosinophilia and
	abnormalities of PDGFRA, PDGFRB, or FGFR1
	Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms associated with PDGFRA rearrangement
	Myeloid neoplasms associated with PDGFRB rearrangement
	Myeloid and lymphoid neoplasms associated with FGFR1 abnormalities
Ν	/yelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasms (MDS/MPN)
	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia
	Atypical chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR-ABL1-negative
	Juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia
	Myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasm, unclassifiable
	Provisional entity: refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts and thrombocyto
٨	lyelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)
	Refractory cytopenia with unilineage dysplasia
	Refractory anemia
	Refractory neutropenia
	Refractory thrombocytopenia
	Refractory thrombocytopenia
	Refractory neutropenia
	Refractory anemia
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The WHO classification system is based on recently published, peer-reviewed data

Acute myeloid leukemia and related neoplasms

Acute myeloid leukemia with recurrent genetic abnormalities AML with t(8;21)(q22;q22); RUNX1-RUNX1T1 AML with inv(16)(p13.1q22) or t(16;16)(p13.1;q22); CBFB-MYH11 APL with t(15;17)(q22;q12); PML-RARA AML with t(9;11)(p22;q23); MLLT3-MLL AML with t(6;9)(p23;q34); DEK-NUP214 AML with inv(3)(q21q26.2) or t(3;3)(q21;q26.2); RPN1-EVI1 AML (megakaryoblastic) with t(1;22)(p13;q13); RBM15-MKL1 Provisional entity: AML with mutated NPM1 Provisional entity: AML with mutated CEBPA Acute myeloid leukemia with myelodysplasia-related changes Therapy-related myeloid neoplasms Acute myeloid leukemia, not otherwise specified AML with minimal differentiation AML without maturation AML with maturation Acute myelomonocytic leukemia Acute monoblastic/monocytic leukemia Acute erythroid leukemia Pure erythroid leukemia Erythroleukemia, erythroid/myeloid Acute megakaryoblastic leukemia Acute basophilic leukemia Acute panmyelosis with myelofibrosis Myeloid sarcoma Myeloid proliferations related to Down syndrome Transient abnormal myelopoiesis Myeloid leukemia associated with Down syndrome Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm Myeloid leukemia associated with Down syndrome

Myeloid proliferations related to Down syndrome



Table 2. WHO classification of myeloid neoplasms and acute leukemia (continued)

Acute leukemias of ambiguous lineage

Acute undifferentiated leukemia

Mixed phenotype acute leukemia with t(9;22)(q34;q11.2); BCR-ABL1

Mixed phenotype acute leukemia with t(v;11q23); MLL rearranged

Mixed phenotype acute leukemia, B-myeloid, NOS

Mixed phenotype acute leukemia, T-myeloid, NOS

Provisional entity: natural killer (NK) cell lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma

B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma

B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma, NOS

- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with recurrent genetic abnormalities B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with t(9;22)(q34;q11.2);BCR-ABL 1
- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with t(v;11q23);MLL rearranged
- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with t(12;21)(p13;q22) TEL-AML1 (ETV6-RUNX1)
- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with hyperdiploidy
- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with hypodiploidy
- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with t(5;14)(q31;q32) IL3-IGH
- B lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma with t(1;19)(q23;p13.3);TCF3-PBX1
- T lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma

Vardiman J. et al.: The 2008 revision of the World Health Organization (WHO) classification of myeloid neoplasms and acute leukemia: rationale and important changes Blood Jul 2009, 114 (5) 937-951; DOI: 10.1182/blood-2009-03-209262



What causes leukemia and lymphoma ?

Progenitor cell



Signal transduction

Genetic aberrations

Transcription factors

Growth factors



Epigenetic disorder



miRNAs have important role in the development of chemosensitivity or chemoresistance in cancer including leukemia and lymphoma





Treatments of human leukemia and lymphoma

AML Acute myeloid leukemia	CML Chronic myelogenous leukemia	Lymphoblastic leukemias and lymphomas
 idarubicin cytosine arabinoside 	 tyrosine kinase inhibitors imatinib (Gleevec), dasatinib 	 antimetabolites; 6 - mercaptopurine, fludarabine, methotrexate topoisomerase inhibitors; idarubicin, daunorubicin and doxorubicin, etoposide alkylating agents; cyclophosphamide allkaloidy vinca; vincristine and vinblastine monoclonal antibodies; rituximab , alemtuzumab, gemtuzymab

When there are no signs of leukemia for 5 years, a person is usually considered cured. But if the leukemia doesn't go into remission, or if it comes back within the first few years, treatments may include more chemotherapy, a stem cell transplant, or joining a clinical trial for new treatments



The role of vitamin D in the inhibition of malignant cell proliferation in hematological malignancies is indicative of its future use in cancer therapy

Clinical trials of vitamin D, derivatives, analogs in high dose treatments and combination treatments.

Treatment	Malignancy	No. of patients	Administration	Conclusion	Ref.
Vitamin 1,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	MDS	18	Oral, 2 μg/day	Seven patients developed leukemia by end of 12 weeks; eight patients developed hypercalcemia; no enduring therapeutic effect	[119]
Low dose ara-C, interferon-α, Vitamin 1(OH)D ₃ , retinoic acid combination	MDS, AML	62		A 50% responded favorably to the combination of IFN, Vit D_3 and retinoic acid; marrow hypoplasia seen only in 5 out of 27 patients; treatment potentially toxic	[118]
Vitamin 1(OH)D ₃	MDS, AML, CML	8, 2, 1	Oral, 0.25–10 μg/day	Three patients had partial response, three patients had minor response, rest of the patients did not respond; hematological improvement of 6 responders lasted 1 to 2 months; no hypercalcemia seen	[121]
Low dose ara-C, 13-cis- retinoic acid (13- CRA), Vitamin 1(OH)D ₃	MDS, AML	63, 15		18 (26.1%) Responded to therapy; disease progressed from MDS to AML in 12 out of 27 patients receiving only ara-C; disease progressed in 6 out of 29 patients receiving 13-CRA and 1(OH)D ₃ ; therapeutic effects of 13-CRA and 1(OH)D ₃ on MDS not supported by this study.	[122]
Vitamin 1(OH)D ₃ (Alfacalcidol)	NHL	34	Oral, 1 μg/day	Complete response seen in four patients, partial response seen in four patients; 24% overall response rate; median duration of response 14 months; stabilization of disease in 10 patients (29%), progression to tumor in 16 patients (47%)	[123]
Low doses of ARA-C, Vitamin 1(OH)D ₃	AML			A 17% complete remission, 45% reached only a partial remission; cell differentiation seen in 7 out of 11 patients	[115]
Prednisone, Vitamin 1,25(OH) ₂ D ₃ , 13-cis- retinoic acid	MDS			Long-lasting hematological remission	[124]
Vitamin D ₃	MDS	30	Oral, 4–6 μg/day	7 out of 15 in nontreatment group developed acute leukemia, versus only 1 out of 15 receiving treatment progressed into leukemia	[125]
Cytarabine, hydroxyurea, Vitamin 1,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	AML	29	Oral	13 Patients (45%) obtained complete remission, 10 patients (34%) had a partial response, overall 79% response rate; median remission 9.8 months, overall	[116]

Kim M. et al.: Application of vitamin D and derivatives in hematological malignancies. Cancer Letters, 319; 8-22; 2012



First therapy using retinoic acid to differentiate the human leukemia cells

Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA Vol. 77, No. 5, pp. 2936–2940, May 1980 Medical Sciences

Induction of differentiation of the human promyelocytic leukemia cell line (HL-60) by retinoic acid*

(retinoids/myeloid differentiation/hematopoiesis)

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ABSTRACT The HL-60 cell line, derived from a patient with acute promyelocytic leukemia, proliferates continuously in suspension culture and consists predominantly (>90%) of promyelocytes. These cells can be induced to differentiate to morphologically and functionally mature granulocytes by incubation with a wide variety of compounds, including butyrate and hypoxanthine and polar planar compounds such as dimethyl sulfoxide and hexamethylene bisacetamide. We have now found that retinoic acid (all-trans-retinoic acid) induces differentiation (as measured morphologically and by the ability to reduce nitroblue tetrazolium) of HL-60 at concentrations as low as 1 nM. Maximal differentiation (approximately 90%) occurs at 1 μ M, a concentration 1/500th to 1/160,000th the concentrations of butvrate (0.5 mM) and dimethyl sulfoxide (160 mM) that promote a similar increase in differentiation. Continuous exposure to induced HL-60 cells have many of the fu of normal peripheral blood granulocyti tosis, complement receptors, chemota reduce nitroblue tetrazolium (NBT) (14 line provides a unique system for stue differentiation *in vitro*.

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Witamin D active form calcitriol induces differentiation of human leukemia cells

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Differentiation of mouse myeloid leukemia cells induced by $1\alpha,\!25\text{-}dihydroxyvitamin D_3$

(vitamin D₃/1*a*-hydroxyvitamin D₃/macrophage/lysozyme activity/phagocytic activity)

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ABSTRACT Mouse myeloid leukemia cells can be induced to differentiate into macrophages in vitro by 1α , 25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, the active form of vitamin D₃. The minimal concentration of 1α , 25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ to induce the cell differentiation was 0.12 nM. The degree of cell differentiation in various markers induced by 12 nM 1a,25-dihydroxyvitamin D3 was nearly equivalent to that induced by 1 μ M dexamethasone, the most potent known stimulator. Among several markers of the differentiation by 1a,25-dihydroxyvitamin D3, phagocytic activity was induced within 24 hr, and this was followed by induction of lysozyme and locomotive activities. Similar changes were also induced by 0.01-1 µM 1a-hydroxyvitamin D3. 25-Hydroxyvitamin D3 and 24R,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ showed only weak inducing activity. These results suggest the possibility that, in addition to its wellknown biological activities in enhancing intestinal calcium transport and bone mineral mobilization, 1a,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₂ is involved in the differentiation of bone marrow cells.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

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> 1α, 25-DIHYDROXYVITAMIN D₃ INDUCES DIFFERENTIATION OF HUMAN MYELOID LEUKEMIA CELLS

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One of such active and less toxic vitamin D analog is 1,24-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, tacalcitol $(1,24-(OH)_2D_3)$ PRI-2191



tacalcitol-PRI-2191



http://www.huidziekten.nl/zakboek/dermatosen/ptxt/Psoriasis.htm

Dose (µg/kg/day)) Calcitriol		1,24-(OH) ₂ D ₃	
	N	Calcium level (mEq/L) \pm S.D.	N	Calcium level (mEq/L) \pm S.D.
Subcutaneous route				
1	3	6.1 ± 0.2	3	5.2 ± 0.3^{a}
1	3	5.6 ± 0.06	2	4.9 ± 0.07
10	3	7.6 ± 0.1	3	6.8 ± 0.5^{a}
10	3	6.0 ± 0.1	3	5.6 ± 0.3
80% propylene glycol	4		$4.6\pm0.1\text{mEq/L}$	
Oral route				
1	2	4.6 ± 0.0^{c}	2	4.6 ± 0.1
1	3	4.6 ± 0.1^{c}	3	4.4 ± 0.2
10	4	6.4 ± 0.5	4	5.3 ± 0.05^{ac}
10	4	5.3 ± 0.05^{bc}	4	5.0 ± 0.2^{bc}
80% propylene glycol	6		$4.1\pm0.4\mathrm{mEq/L}$	
Untreated	5		$3.6\pm0.1\mathrm{mEq/L}$	



Genomic and non-genomic responses of vitamin D receptor binding to 1,25(OH)₂D₃





Vitamin D target genes are involved in diverse molecular pathways





The intracellular concentration of calcitriol is determined by cytochrome P450 enzyme CYP24A1





MicroRNAs can function as tumour suppressors and oncogenes



Esquela-Kerscher A. and Slack F.: Oncomirs — microRNAs with a role in cancer. Nature Rewievs, Cancer 6, 2006



The targets of miR-125 are involved in different types of disease pathogenesis



in MCF-7 cells

miR-125 consists of three homologs miR-125a, miR-125b-1 hsamiR-125-2 and **miR-125b** regulates vitamin D receptor and CYP24 expression

Sun Y. et al. Diverse functions of miR-125 family in different cell contexts. *Journal of Hematology & Oncology* 2013, 6:6 Mohri T. et al. :MicroRNA regulates human vitamin D receptor. *Int. J. Cancer*: 125, 1328–1333 (2009)



Differences between sensitivity of leukemia and lymphoma cells to calcitriol and its analog

Human myeloid leukemia and lymphoma cells

- o HL-60 acute promyelocytic leukemia (M2)
- o KG-1 acute promielocytic leukemia (M1)
- K562 chronic promielocytic leukemia (M6)
- MV-4-11 bifenotype mielomoncytic leukemia (M5)
- Thp-1 acute monocytic leukemia (M5)
- **Daudi** Burkitt's lymphoma
- o Raji Burkitts lymphoma
- Jurkat acute T cells lymphoma
- o U2932 diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

 CYP24 VDR miR-125b
miR-125b

IC50 nM	HL-60	Thp-1	MV-4-11	
calcitriol	42,40 ± 14,47	39,22 ± 19,50	21,49 ± 6,32	
tacalcitol (PRI-2191)	8,7 ± 2,4	6,43 ± 2,3	2,77 ± 0,99	

Proliferation inhibiton (%)	K562	KG-1	U ₂₉₃₂	Jurkat	Daudi	Raji
calcitriol 1000 nM	30,12 ± 13,83	1,25 ± 1,77	6,09 ± 8,61	11,24 ± 7,71	19,75 ± 14,40	23,55 ± 0,44
tacalcitol (PRI-2191) 1000 nM	32,16 ± 10,06	18,27 ± 6,24	0,48 ± 0,68	17,72 ± 2,14	11,70 ± 13,99	27,64 ± 13,11



The expression level of CYP24, VDR and miR-125b in MV-4-11 bifenotype mielomoncytic leukemia sensitive to calcitriol and its analog



Cell morphology after 120 h with 10 nM calcitriol and analog treatment. May- Grunwald Giemsa staining, 100 x.







Real Time PCR analysis of **VDR** and **CYP24** mRNA and **miR-125b** expression using TaqMan Gene Expression Assay TaqMan MicroRNA Expression Assay, $\Delta\Delta C_{T}$ method



24 h 48 h 72 h 96 h 120 h



The expression level of CYP24, VDR and miR-125b in Thp-1 acute monocytic leukemia sensitive to calcitriol and its analog



Cell morphology after 120 h with 10 nM calcitriol and analog treatment. May- Grunwald Giemsa staining, 100 x.







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The expression level of CYP24, VDR and miR-125b in Jurkat acute T cells lymphoma cells unsensitive to calcitriol and its analog



Cell morphology after 120 h with 10 nM calcitriol and analog treatment. May- Grunwald Giemsa staining, 100 x.



CYP24 expression was undetectable before and after calcitriol and its analog treatmetnt





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Jurkat



The expression level of CYP24, VDR and miR-125b in U2932 diffuse large B-cell lymphoma unsensitive to calcitriol and its analog



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Conclusions

- ✓ The most sensitive to calcitriol and its analog human leukemia and lymphoma cells express CYP24, VDR and miR-125b
- ✓ In Daudi, Jurkat and U2932 human lyhmpoma cell lines calcitriol and its analog didn't induce-CYP24 expression despite of VDR expression
- ✓ The highest changes in the expression of CYP24 was observed in the most sensitive cell line MV-4-11 (fold change about 25 000)
- ✓ In human leukemia cells the VDR expression was similar both on mRNA and protein level independently of treatment





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