

Cell. Mol. Biol. Lett., 7, 293 (2002).

Lipid Membrane Perturbation Caused by Some Isoflavones and Phenothiazines, and the Activity of These Compounds as Inhibitors of Multidrug Resistance

Krystyna Michalak¹, Andrzej B. Hendrich¹, Olga Wesolowska¹, Andrzej Pola¹, Barbara Lania-Pietrzak¹, Noboru Motohashi², Yoshiaki Shirataki (白瀧 義明)³ and Joseph Molnarr⁴

¹Department of Biophysics, Wrocław Medical University, PL-50368 Wrocław, Poland; ²Department of Medicinal Chemistry, Meiji Pharmaceutical University, Kiyose, Tokyo 204-8588, Japan; ³Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Josai University, 1-1 Keyakidai, Sakado, Saitama 350-0295, Japan; ⁴Institute of Microbiology, Albert Szent-Gyorgyi Medical University, H-6720 Szeged, Hungary

Perturbations in the biophysical properties of the plasma membrane may result in increased cell accumulation of chemotherapeutic agents in cancer cells. The general aim of our studies is to compare the lipid membrane perturbation caused by two types of new MDR modulators with their biological activity as inhibitors of multidrug transporters in cells. New phenothiazine derivatives-phenothiazine acetylammides-and several plant-derived isoflavones were used as inhibitors of P-gp and MRP1 transporters, respectively.