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• Study on the Molecular Mechanisms of Anti-Carcinogenic and Anti-inflammatory Effects of Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor (PPAR) Ligands

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Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor(PPAR)

Eicosanoids

Prostaglandin J2(PGJ2)

15-deoxy-12,14-PGJ2 (15d-PGJ2) PGA1

AGS

PPAR $\alpha$

PPAR $\gamma$  15d-PGJ2 PGA1

15d-PGJ2 PGA1

PPAR

15d-PGJ2 PGA1

JNK Caspase-3

Dominant-negative c-Jun

N-terminal kinase(DN-JNK) JNK Caspase-3

15d-PGJ2 PGA1

JNK JNK

• Cyclopentenone prostaglandins (CyPGs) derivatives of arachidonic acid have been suggested to exert growth-inhibitory activity through peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor (PPAR)-dependent and -independent mechanisms. Here we examined that various eicosanoids on the inhibition of cell proliferation, and found that the terminal derivative of PGJ2 metabolism, 15-deoxy-G12,14-PGJ2 (15d-PGJ2), and PGA1 markedly inhibited growth and induced apoptosis in AGS gastric carcinoma cells. There were no significant increase in DNA-fragmentation in the cells with overexpression of PPAR  $\backslash$  or PPAR  $\wedge$  plasmid, indicating that 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1 induced apoptosis through PPAR-independent pathway, Moreover, 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1 activated the c-Jun

N-terminal kinase (JNK), and the caspase-3 activity in dose- and time-dependent manners. To further examine the role of JNK signaling cascades in apoptosis induced by 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1, we transfected dominant-negative (DN) mutants of JNK into the cells to analyze the apoptotic characteristics of cells expressing DN-JNK plasmid following exposure to 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1. Expression of DN-JNK proteins repressed both of endogenous JNK and caspase-3 activity, and subsequently inhibited apoptosis induced by 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1. These results suggest that CyPGs, such as 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1, activates the JNK signaling pathway, and that JNK activation may be involved in 15d-PGJ2 and PGA1 induced cell death.