



Baicalein Inhibits Growth of Cervical Carcinoma Via Inducing Apoptosis of Tumor Cells *In Vivo*

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SUMMARY. In the present study, the effects of baicalein were investigated on cervical cancer cell (U14)-bearing mice *in vivo*. By oral treatment with baicalein (30, 60 mg/kg body weight), the tumor growth inhibition percentage was 36.59 and 43.40 %, and the increment percentage of survival time was 49.46 and 51.75 %, respectively. Baicalein significantly induced apoptosis of tumor cells. Treatment with baicalein (30 mg/kg body weight) significantly decreased the expression of mutant p53 from 70.51 to 40.77 %, increased the expression of Bax from 21.12 to 31.61 %. Treatment with baicalein (60 mg/kg body weight) remarkably decreased the expression of mutant p53 to 44.13 from 70.51 %, increased p19ARF to 16.63 from 10.85 %, and Bax to 35.02 from 21.12 %, respectively. The present results demonstrated that baicalein present growth-inhibitory and apoptosis-inducing activities in cervical cancer cell (U14)-bearing mice *in vivo*.

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