

**13,17-BIS(1-CARBOXYPROPIONYL)CARBAMOYLETHYL-3,8-BIS(1-DECANYLOXYETHYL)-2,7,12,18-TETRAMETHYL-PORPHYRINATO GALLIUM (III) IN THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN LEUKEMIA CELLS PROLIFERATION**

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**BACKGROUND/AIMS:** We controlled the growth of leukemia cells by LED light irradiation in the presence of the 13,17-bis (1-carboxypropionyl) carbamoylethyl-3,8-bis (1-decanyloxyethyl) -2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-porphyrinato gallium (III). We analyzed the mechanisms of the decrease in cell proliferation.

**METHODS:** We cultured the human leukemia cell line KG-1 in the presence of 13,17-bis(1-carboxypropionyl)carbamoylethyl-3,8-bis(1-decanyloxyethyl)-2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-porphyrinato gallium (III) and irradiated the 525nm light. We analyzed the proliferation of these cells and observed them under the microscope. Caspase activity was observed.

**RESULT:** 525nm green light induces a reduction in KG1 cell proliferation effectively in the presence of 100nM 13,17-bis(1-carboxypropionyl) carbamoylethyl -3,8-bis(1-decanyloxyethyl) -2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-porphyrinato gallium (III). We observed the fragmentation of the nucleus of these cells morphologically. We found that the activity of the caspase-3 was increasing in these cells.

**DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS:** These findings suggest the possibility of photodynamic purging of leukemia cells using 13,17-bis (1-carboxypropionyl) carbamoylethyl-3,8-bis (1-decanyloxyethyl) -2,7,12,18-tetramethyl-porphyrinato gallium (III).

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