Details of Technology



Name of Technology	Ca ²⁺ signal transmission inhibitor obtained from magnolia	Life Science
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What kind of technology is this?



Components in magnolias inhibit Ca²⁺ signal transmission and can be expected to be effective for hypertension, cancer, allergy, type 2 diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, etc.

Using a screening system for the survey of the causes for lifestyle-related diseases, the activity of plant extracts was examined. When the activity was observed, the active component (bioprobe) was isolated and purified, the structure was identified, and the mode of action was studied (chemical biology). In the screening using yeast with a mutated gene involving Ca^{2+} signal transmission ($\Delta zdsl$), we identified futoenone (left in the figure below) and burchellin (right in the figure below) from magnolias as Ca^{2+} signal transmission inhibitors and have submitted a patent application for them.

What are its applications?

- ①Development of the functional substances themselves as drugs or as the basis for new drugs
- ②Magnolia processed products based on the property of the functional substances

Related patents	Ca ²⁺ signal transmission inhibitor, Japanese Patent Laid-Open No. 2006-225361	
Related materials	Kimura, K, et al. "Plant-derived Ca ²⁺ signal transmission inhibitor screened with yeast." <i>Bioscience and Industry, 64</i> 214-218 (2006). Kimura, K, "Development of naturally occurring organic compounds functional food and pharmaceuticals." <i>Industrial Chemistry, 58(7), 6</i> 74 (2007).	

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