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ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM

Guidelines for Submission of Abstracts

- 1. You are invited to submit abstracts to the 11th CGCM Meeting.
- 2. To support postgraduates to attend the 11th CGCM Meeting, Travel Grants are now open for application.
- 3. Abstract submission deadline: July 6, 2012 (Friday)
- 4. Abstract can be submitted to **centraloffice@tcmedicine.org** with the abstract submission form.
- 5. All abstracts must be submitted in ENGLISH (including the title, abstract text, authors' names, affiliations, figures and graphs).
- 6. The selected abstracts will be invited for poster presentation and published in the meeting abstract book.
- 7. Word limit: 300 words including acknowledgement with no more than 2 tables / graphs / figures.
- 8. Submission of abstracts does NOT constitute registration for the Meeting. All presenters are required to make registration for the Meeting separately.

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Title:

Suppression of breast cancer metastasis by berberine involving Akt pathway modulation

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Content:

Berberine (BBR) is a natural alkaloid known to have anti-tumor activity against a wide variety of human cancer cells. However, whether BBR could repress the breast cancer metastasis was not clear. In this study, we investigated the suppression effect of BBR on breast cancer metastasis and its relevant molecular mechanisms. Our results demonstrated that BBR down-regulates the enzymatic activities and expression levels of matrix metalloproteinase 2 (MMP2) and matrix metalloproteinase 9 (MMP9), two of the metastasis-related enzymes. Suppression of MMP2 and MMP9 by BBR involved in blocking the Akt/NF-κB and AP-1 signaling pathways. Furthermore, the migrating capability of the highly metastatic breast cancer MDA-MB-231 cells was reduced by BBR. In addition, BBR was found to repress the expression of the Akt protein by modulating the mRNA expression level and protein degradation of Akt. Taken together, this study suggests that BBR can reduce the metastatic potential of highly metastatic breast cancer cells. Therefore, we propose that BBR may be a useful adjuvant therapeutic agent in the treatment of breast cancer by targeting the Akt pathway.

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