

## Development of Inhibitors of $\beta$ -Amyloid Plaque Formation

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Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most common form of dementia in the aging population and is clinically characterized by a progressive loss of cognitive abilities. Pathologically, it is defined by the appearance of senile plaques - extracellular insoluble, congophilic protein aggregates composed of amyloid  $\beta$  ( $A\beta$ ) and neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs) - intracellular lesions consisting of paired helical filaments from hyperphosphorylated cytoskeletal tau protein as described by Alois Alzheimer a century ago. These hallmarks still serve as the major criteria for a definite diagnosis of the disease. Consequently, one of the key strategy for drug development in this disease area focuses on reducing the concentration of cerebral  $A\beta$  plaque by using substances that inhibit  $A\beta$  fibril formation.

We focused on developing inhibitors by synthesizing several kinds of aromatic molecules. The synthetic compounds were initially screened to evaluate the effective compound by tioflavin T fluorescence assay. The selected effective compounds were tested cytotoxicity and protective effect from  $A\beta$ -induced neuronal toxicity by cell based MTT assay with HT22 hippocampal neurons. The BBB permeability on effectors was also tested in in vitro co-culture model (HUVEC/C6 cell line). The behavior test was carried out in mutant APP/PS1 transgenic mouse model of Alzheimer's disease. And inhibition of  $A\beta$  fibril formation by the effective compound was monitored with transmitted electron microscopic images.

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1994년 11월 5일 그는 “내 생애의 황혼으로 이끌어 갈 여행을 시작한다”며 알츠하이머병을 알고 있음을 알린 후 10년만인 2004년 6월5일 그 생을 마감하며 미 캘리포니아주 시미밸리의 '로널드 레이건

친애하는 미국인 여러분

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마지막으로 나에게 이 나라의 대통령으로써 일할 수 있었던 큰 영광을 준 여러분들께 감사드립니다. 언제일지 모르나 하나님께서 당신의 집으로 나를 부를 때, 나는 조국에 대한 깊은 사랑과 조국의 장래에 대한 영원한 희망을 가지고 떠날 것입니다. 이제 나는 내 인생의 황혼기로의 여행을 시작합니다. 미국의 앞날에는 항상 밝은 아침이 있을 것임을 믿습니다. 감사합니다. 친구들! 신의 축복이 있기를 기원합니다.

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## Alzheimer's Disease (AD)

- 1907년 독일인 의사  
Alois Alzheimer 에 의해 발견
- 기억력 장애와 편집증적인  
망상을 보인 뇌신경질환을  
앓다가 사망한 51세의 환자
- 병리학적인 부검소견상
  - Senile Plaque (노인성 반)  
 $\beta$ -Amyloid ( $A\beta$ )
  - Neurofibrillary Tangle  
(NFT, 신경섬유 뭉치)  
*Tau protein*



Alzheimer

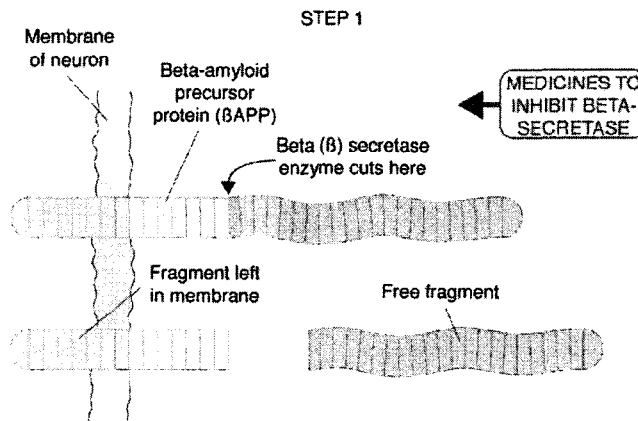


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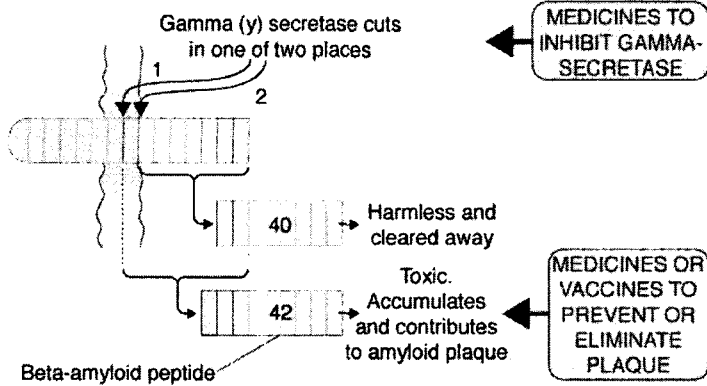
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## β-Amyloid

STEP 2



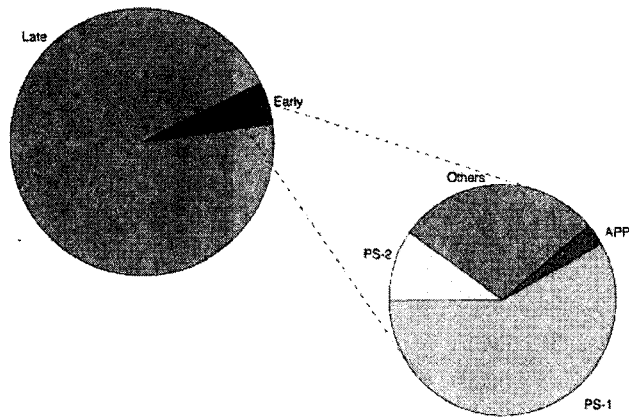
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## Anti-amyloid strategies

Drug Class	Aim	Pros	Cons
β-Secretase inhibitors	Decrease Aβ synthesis	BACE KO mouse are normal	In human ?
γ-Secretase inhibitors	Decrease Aβ synthesis	Decrease Aβ in mouse model	Side-effects associated with lack of other membrane proteins
Metal chelators	Prevention of aggregate formation by metal chelation (Zn, Cu)	In mouse model, decrease Aβ plaque	Harm the brain Clioquinol in combination with Vitamin B12 is in clinical.
Aβ fibril inhibitor	Prevention of aggregate formation	In vitro, decrease Aβ plaque	?
Aβ vaccination	Immune response against Aβ peptide	In TG mouse, decrease Aβ plaque improve cognitive function	Phase II suspended (brain inflammation)
Statins	Decrease Aβ by reducing cholesterol (mechanism unknown)	Reduced risk of developing AD in patients treated with statins	?
NSAIDs	Inhibition of Aβ generation	Reduced risk of developing AD in patients treated with NSAIDs	Side-effects at the gastrointestinal tract following prolonged treatment

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## Relative Frequency Related to Gene Mutation



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## Animal Model (TG Mouse)

Model	Characteristics	Remark
Apoe E4	Impaired spatial learning & memory in 14 months	Jackson Lab.
Psen I	Major gene early-onset familiar AD No A $\beta$ deposits	Jackson Lab.
App2576	A $\beta$ deposits in 12 months	Jackson Lab.
App-Psen I	A $\beta$ deposits in 6-7 months	Jackson Lab.
Psen II	No A $\beta$ deposits	KFDA
App-Psen II	A $\beta$ deposits in 8 months	KFDA

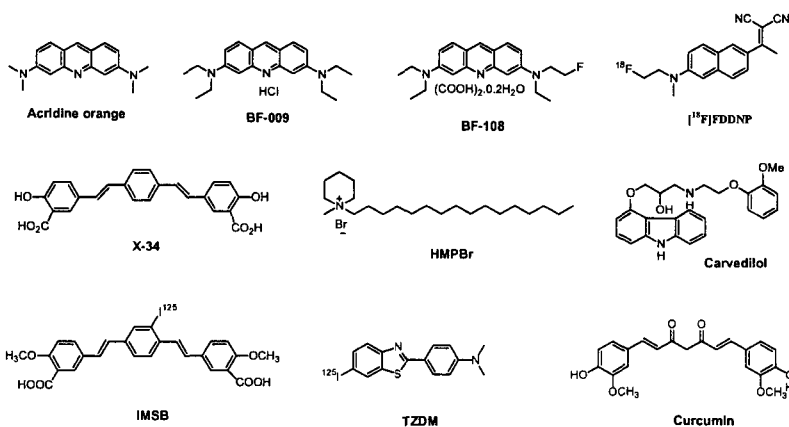
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## Inhibitors of A $\beta$ Fibril Formation

Compound	IC <sub>50</sub>	A $\beta$	Remarks
Acridine orange	32nM <sup>a</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (5 $\mu$ M)	<i>Neuroscience Research</i> , 2004, 65.
BF-009	167nM <sup>a</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (5 $\mu$ M)	
BF-008	135nM <sup>a</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (5 $\mu$ M)	
[18F]FDDNP	457nM <sup>a</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (5 $\mu$ M)	
X-34	452nM <sup>a</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (5 $\mu$ M)	
HMPBr	150 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	<i>Biochem. J.</i> 1999, 283.
Doxorubicin	30 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	
Carvedilol	30 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	
SKF-74652	28 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	
Daunomycin	30 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	
Rolitetraacyclin	59 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	
Benzoquinone	47 $\mu$ M <sup>b</sup>	A $\beta$ 40 (11.6 $\mu$ M)	

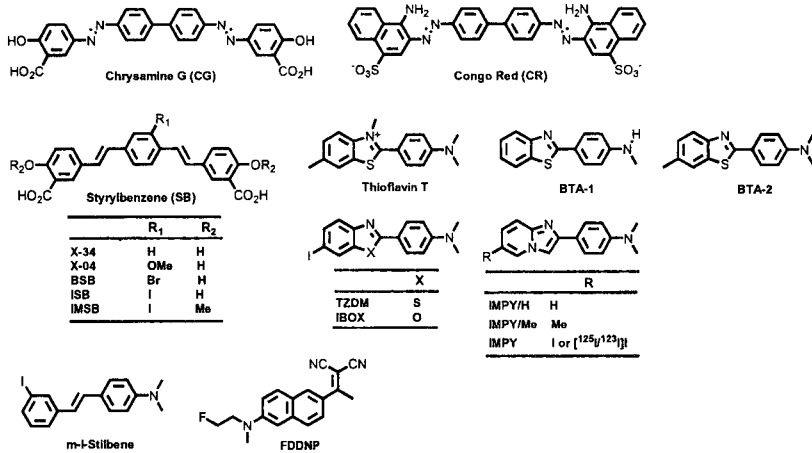
a : ThT assay  
b : Immunoassay

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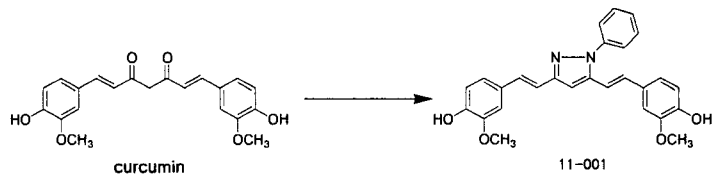
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## Amyloid-fibril specific Agents



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## Curcumin



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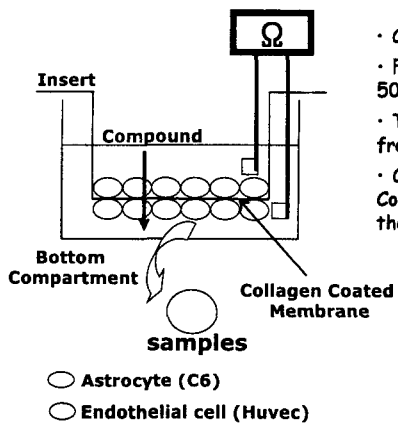
- Neuroprotective Effect
  - HT22 cell, glutamate oxidative stress
  - Rat primary cortical neurons cultured
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- BBB penetration in mouse

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## In Vitro BBB Model

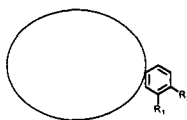
### → In Vitro Co-Culture Models of the BBB



- Control compound → Rhodamine 123
- Final concentration of the compounds → 50  $\mu\text{M}$
- The samples → every 20min for 2 hours from the bottom compartment
- Calculation of the Papp (Permeability Coefficient) value for the permeability of the compounds

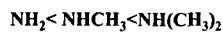
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## In silico BBB



X	R <sub>1</sub>	AlogP R <sub>2</sub>			BBB		
		NH <sub>2</sub>	NHCH <sub>3</sub>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub>	NHCH <sub>3</sub>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
N	OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.0	5.1	5.8	0.06	4.3	0.32
C	OCH <sub>3</sub>	4.3	5.4	6.1	0.26	10.0	3.5

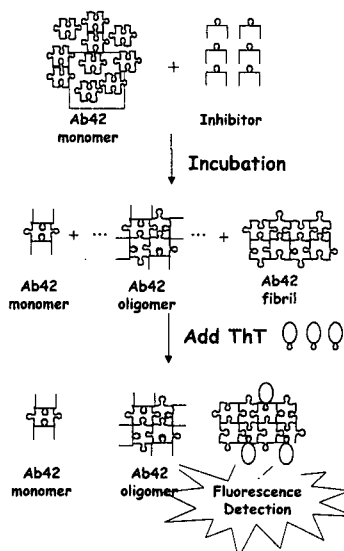
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		NH <sub>2</sub>	NHCH <sub>3</sub>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	NH <sub>2</sub>	NHCH <sub>3</sub>	N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>
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# In vitro Th-T assay



## Preparation of reagent

Ab42 (BACHEM)  
250  $\mu\text{M}$  (DMSO)

Each samples  
(Inhibitors)

Th T  
5  $\mu\text{M}$

## Place reagents into each cell

PBS  
45  $\mu\text{l}$

Ab42  
monomer  
5  $\mu\text{l}$

Inhibitors  
2  $\mu\text{l}$

(Final: 20  $\mu\text{M}$ ) (Final: 25  $\mu\text{M}$ )

## Incubation 1 hr

Reaction Mixture +

Add  
ThT  
150  $\mu\text{l}$

## Record the fluorescence

Ex.: 450 nm  
Em.: 480 nm

### SCREENING

1<sup>st</sup>: % inhibition in 10  $\mu\text{M}$  K<sup>1</sup>ST

2<sup>nd</sup>: % inhibition in 1  $\mu\text{M}$  K<sup>1</sup>ST

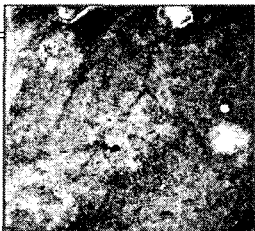
3<sup>rd</sup>: IC<sub>50</sub>

\* Ab42 (25  $\mu\text{M}$ )

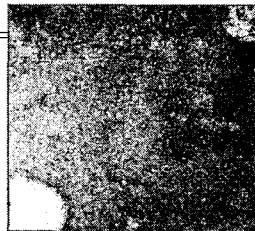
Compound	X=N		X=C		IC <sub>50</sub> * 1 (mM)	In silico AlogP	In vitro BBB (papp)
	R1	R2	R1	R2			
KMS80007	OMe	OH			0.8		
KMS80018	OMe	NH <sub>2</sub>			0.7	4.0	
KMS80029	OMe	NHMe			0.5	5.1	
KMS80019	OMe	NMe <sub>2</sub>			0.8	5.8	6.6
KMS80017	NH <sub>2</sub>	OMe			0.6	4.0	
KMS80034	NHMe	OMe			1.1	5.1	
KMS80035	NMe <sub>2</sub>	OMe			1.1	5.8	16.0
KMS80012			OMe	NH <sub>2</sub>	0.6	4.3	
KMS80030			OMe	NHMe	0.6	5.4	
KMS80013			OMe	NMe <sub>2</sub>	1.0	6.1	67.0
KMS80014			NH <sub>2</sub>	OMe	0.6	4.3	
KMS80015			NHMe	OMe	0.6	5.4	7.2
KMS80036			NMe <sub>2</sub>	OMe	1.1	6.1	
HMPBr					90.0		
IMSB					8		
Acridine orange					0.6		1.03
Curcumine					0.5-0.8		3.75
FDDNP					0.4		
PIB					1.2		
11-011					1.1		

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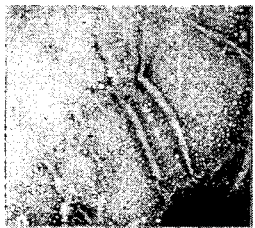
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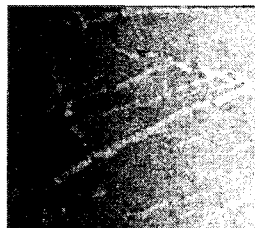
a) KMS 80013 120 μM + Aβ 200 μM  
6 d incubation



b) KMS 80013 120 μM + Aβ 200 μM  
6 d incubation



c) Aβ 200 μM only  
6 d incubation

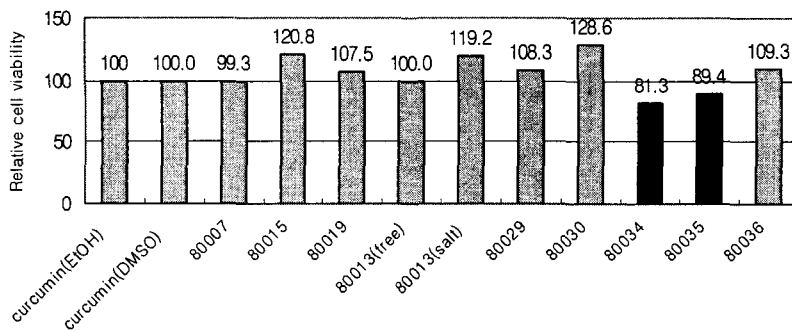


d) Aβ 200 μM only  
6 d incubation

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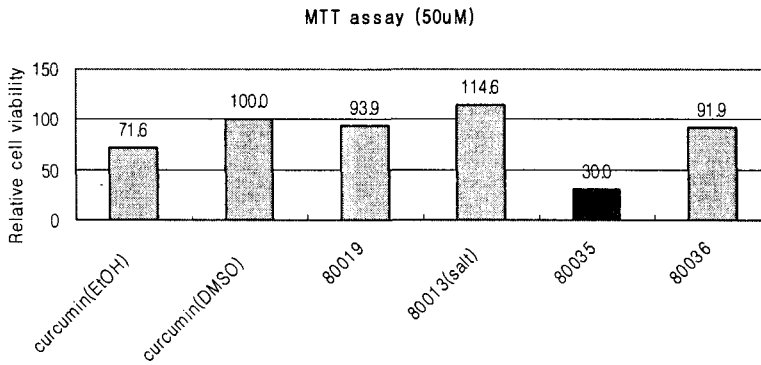
## Cytotoxicity (HT-22)

MTT assay (10uM)



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## Cytotoxicity (HT-22)



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## *In vivo* behavior test

In *in vivo* learning assay, KMS series(KMS80013, KMS80019, KMS90036) were orally administered to APP/PSII transgenic mouse ( $A\beta$  deposits in 3 months).



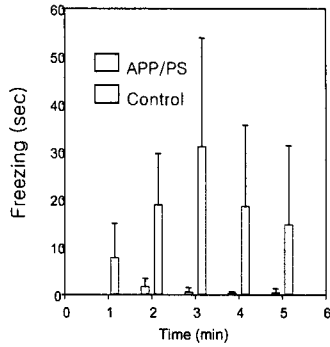
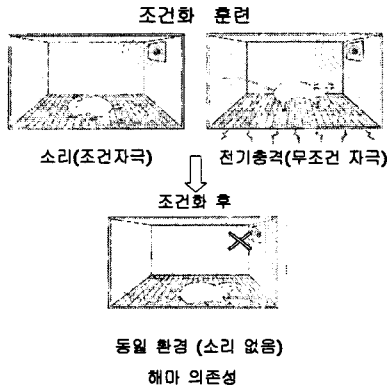
Learning and  
memory loss

KMS series, oral administration

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## Contextual conditioning

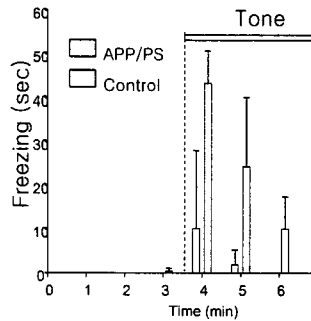
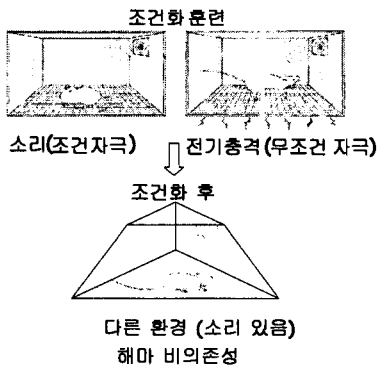


조건화 훈련 후 동일 환경(소리없음)에 처한 경우 **control mouse**는 **freezing** 현상을 보이는 반면, **APP/PS mouse**는 거의 **freezing** 현상을 보이지 않음.



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## Cue conditioning



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