

Physapubescin selectively induces apoptosis in VHL-null renal cell carcinoma cells through down-regulation of HIF-2a and inhibits tumor growth

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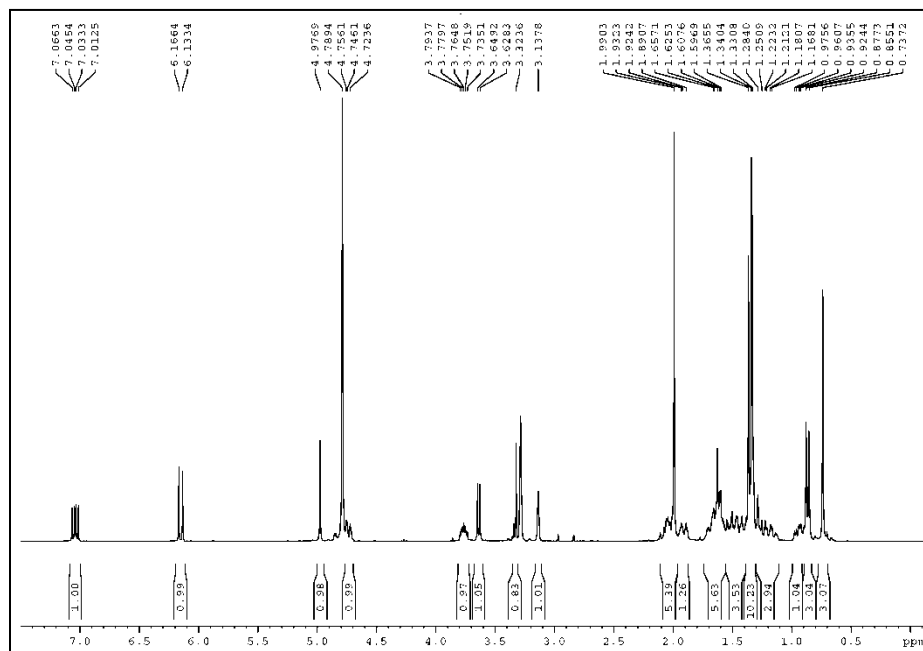
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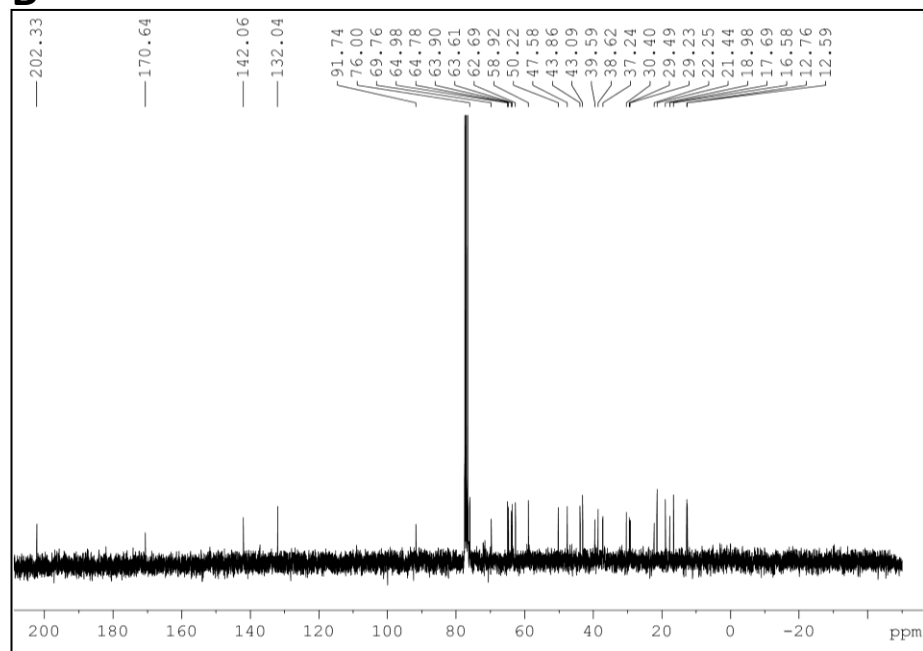
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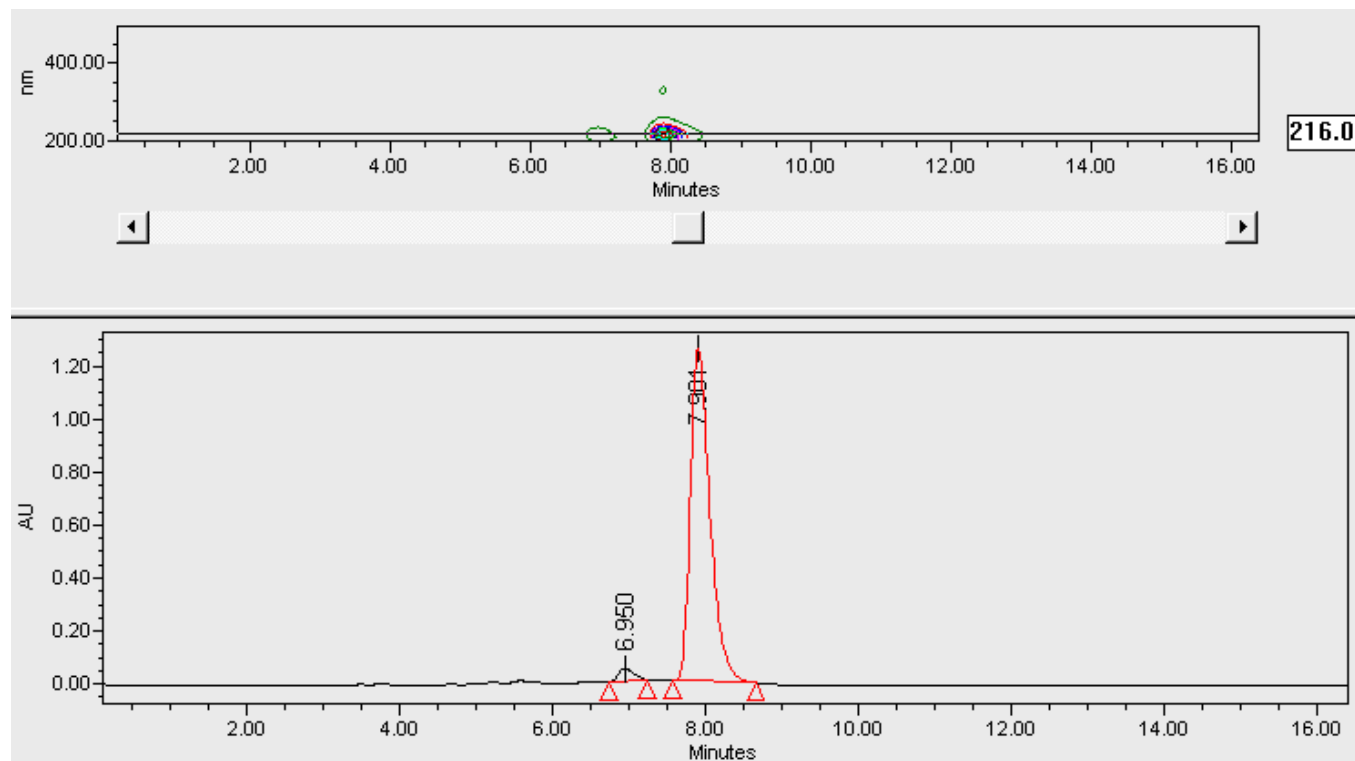
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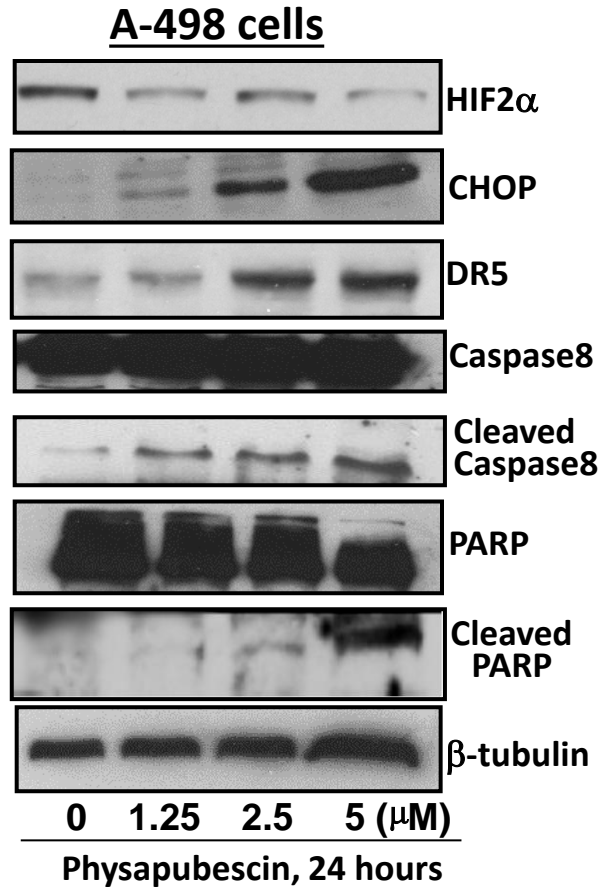
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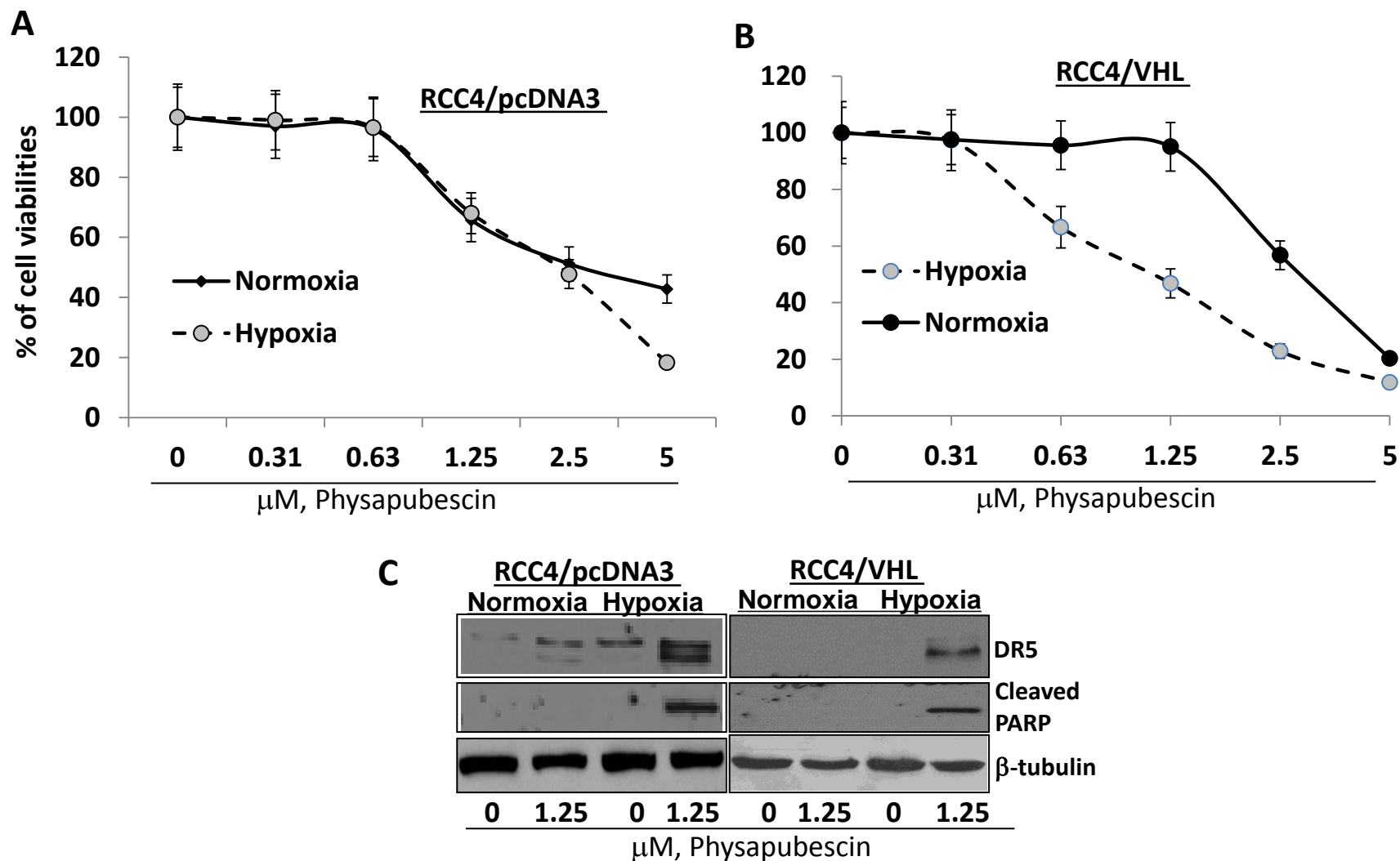
Supplementary Fig.1 Chemical characterization of physapubescin from *Physalis pubescens* L.. **A**, ¹H NMR spectrum (300 MHz, in CD₃OD) of physapubescin. **B**, ¹³C NMR spectrum (75 MHz, in CDCl₃) of physapubescin.



Supplementary Fig. 2 A representative chromatograph of physapubescine analyzed by HPLC [column: Agilent Zorbax SB-C18, 4.6 × 150 mm, 5 μm; solvent phase: methanol–H₂O (60:40)].



Supplementary Fig.3 Physapubescin decreases the expression of HIF-2 α and increased the expression of CHOP and DR5 leading to activation of caspase cascade in VHL null A-498 cells. Protein expression of HIF-2 α , CHOP, DR5, cleaved caspase-8 and PARP after indicated treatments hours was detected by Western blotting analysis. β -Tubulin was detected as a loading control. A representative blot was shown from three independent experiments.



Supplementary Fig.4 The effects of physapubescin on reducing cell viabilities and modulating expression of related biomarkers are enhanced under hypoxia vs. normoxia conditions. RCC4/pcDNA3 cells were seeded at a density of 5×10^4 cells/well in six well plates under normoxic (21% O₂), hypoxic (1% O₂) conditions. After 24 hours of seeding, (A) cells were treated with 0.05% DMSO or physapubescin at the indicated concentrations for 72 hours. Cell densities were measured by MTT assay. Each value represents mean \pm SEM of three samples for each treatment; (B) the protein expression of DR5 and cleaved PARP at indicated treatments for 24 hours was analyzed by Western blotting. β -Tubulin was detected as a loading control. A representative blot was shown from three independent experiments.