Supporting Information

Diatretol, an α , α '-dioxo-diketopiperazine, is a potent *in vitro* and *in vivo* antimalarial

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S1. Isolation and taxonomy of Metarhizium anisopliae FKI-7223

The fungal strain FKI-7223 isolated from a soil around root of *Angelica keiskei* collected in Niijima, Izu Islands, Tokyo, Japan. This strain was identified with genus *Metarhizium* by producing branched conidiophores, with apices of branches bearing one to several phialides, and producing conidial chains. The ITS sequence of FKI-7223 was compared to sequences in the GenBank database by BLASTN 2.11.0 analysis (Stephen et al. 1997). The sequence of FKI-7223 was 99.8% similar to the sequence of AESEF 7487 (ex-type of *Metarhizium anisopliae*, GenBank accession number NR_132017). The producing strain FKI-7223 was assigned to the genus *Metarhizium* based on its morphology and sequence analysis.

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Concentration (µg/mL)

| | К1 | | | FCR3 | | |
|----------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|---|
| Х | Mean | SD | N | Mean | SD | N |
| 1.5625 | 95.9883333 | 0.24826062 | 3 | 97.4866667 | 0.30022214 | 3 |
| 0.78125 | 95.941 | 0.08313844 | 3 | 97.3706667 | 0.60855265 | 3 |
| 0.390625 | 56.065 | 0.87527196 | 3 | 75.5273333 | 1.17966789 | 3 |
| 0.195313 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1.30966667 | 1.14739807 | 3 |