

# AaTs-1: a Tetrapeptide from *Androctonus australis* Scorpion Venom, Inhibiting U87 Glioblastoma Cells Proliferation by p53 and FPRL-1 Up-Regulations

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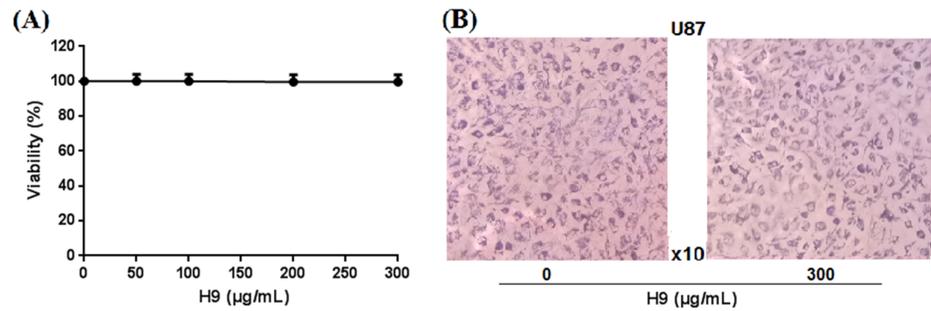
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**Table S1.** Effect of H9 on mice viability/Lethality test.

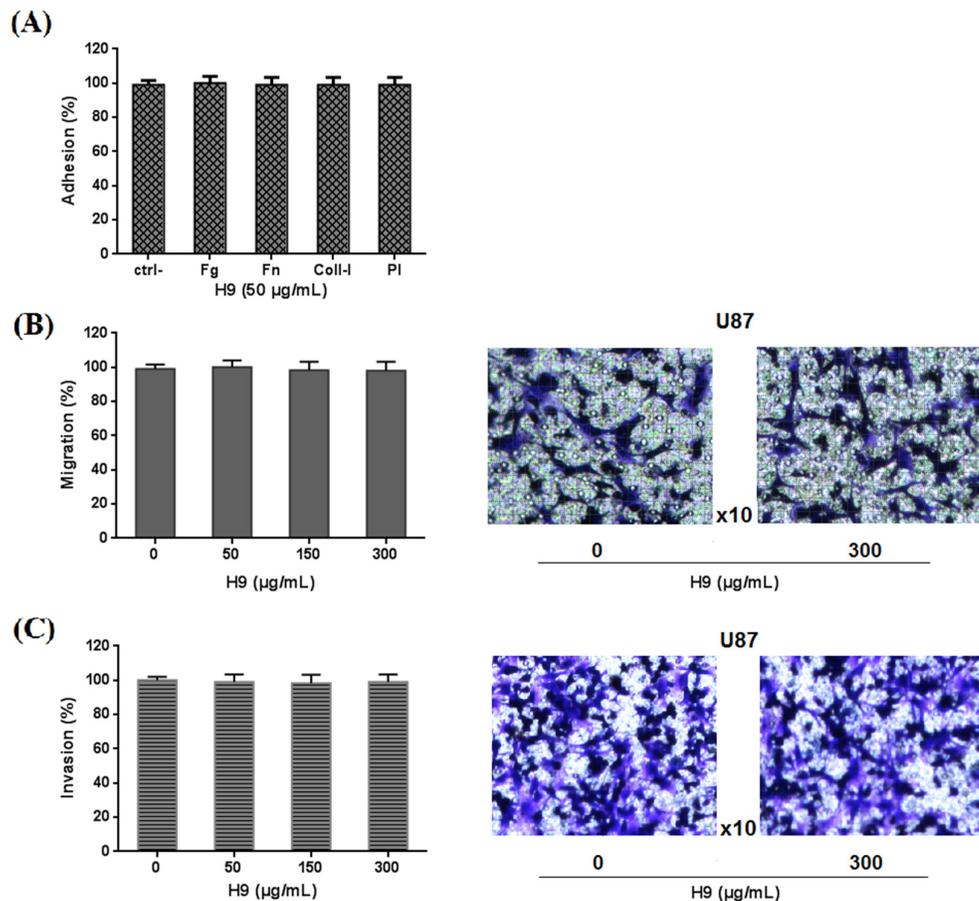
Group	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Mice number	3	6	6	6	6	6	6
Administration	Intracerebro-ventricular injection						
Solution/injection	0.1% BSA in water			H9 in vehicle			
n	(vehicle)						
Volume/injection							5
n							μL
Dose (μg)	0	1	1.5	2	2.5	3	3.5
Mortality	0/3	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6	0/6

Figure S1



**Figure S1. Effect of H9 on U87 cell viability (A). Microscopic observation of U87 cells after treatment with MTT (B).** Cells were incubated with different concentrations of the tested molecule. After 24 h, cells were treated with MTT (0.5 mg/mL). The crystals formed after the reduction of MTT by mitochondrial dehydrogenases were dissolved with DMSO. The quantification of live cells was achieved by measuring absorbance at 560 nm. A negative control was used in the same condition with mock-treated cells. Cells treated with 0.1% Triton X-100 were used as positive control.

Figure S2



**Figure S2. Effect of H9 on U87 cell adhesion, migration, and invasion.**(A) **Adhesion assay:** Cells treated or not treated with H9 were deposited on wells coated with fibronectin (Fn) at 10 µg/mL, fibrinogen (Fg) at 5 µg/mL, collagen-I (Coll-I) at 50 µg/mL, as extracellular matrix (ECM), or poly-L-lysine (Pl) at 20 µg/mL. Cells were allowed to adhere to the substrata for 2 h at 37 °C. (B) **Migration**

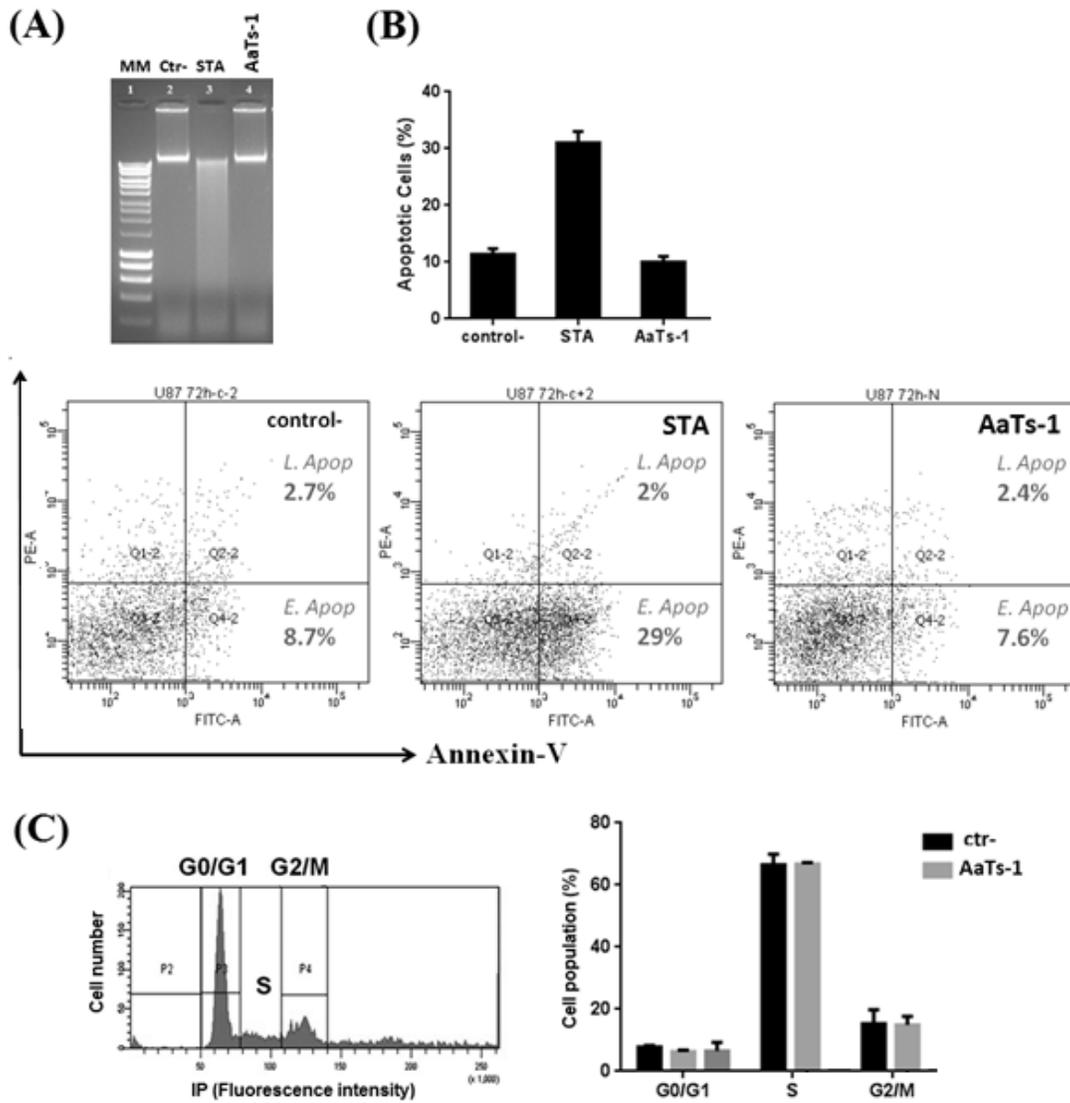
**assay:** Cells pretreated with H9 were added to pre-coated membranes with Fn (5 µg/mL), for 2 h at 37 °C, and allowed to migrate for 5 h at 37 °C in Boyden chambers. **(C) Invasion assay:** Matrigel™ was added on the membrane in Boyden chambers and allowed to solidify for 3 h at 37 °C. U87 cells pretreated with H9 were then added and incubated for 22 h at 37 °C. After incubation, attached cells were fixed, stained by 0.1% crystal violet (**Microscopic observation to the right**), then lysed with 1% SDS and quantified by measuring absorbance at 560 nm.

**Figure S3**

AaTs-1	I <b>WKS</b> ---	4
Tetrapandin-2	L <b>WK</b> T---	4
FPRL-1 ligand	- <b>WKYMVM</b>	6

**Figure S3. Sequence similarity search with AaTs-1.**(A) Multiple sequence alignment by BLAST. AaTs-1: Tetrascorpin from Aah; Tetrapandin-2 from *Pandinus imperator*; WKYMVm FPRL-1-ligand: a FPRL-1 synthetic peptide ligand.

Figure S4



**Figure S4. Genomic DNA, apoptosis, and cell cycle analysis.** U87 cells were treated for 72 h with 0.56 mM of AaTs-1. For each FACS experiment, 10,000 events were analyzed. **(A)** Gel electrophoresis of genomic DNA of U87 cells treated with AaTs-1 (0.56 mM). MM: Molecular marker, STA: Staurosporin, E. Apop: Early apoptosis, L. Apop: Late apoptosis. **(B)** Quantitative analysis of apoptotic cells determined by FACS measurement. **(C)** Effect of AaTs-1 on the progression of the U87 cell cycle.