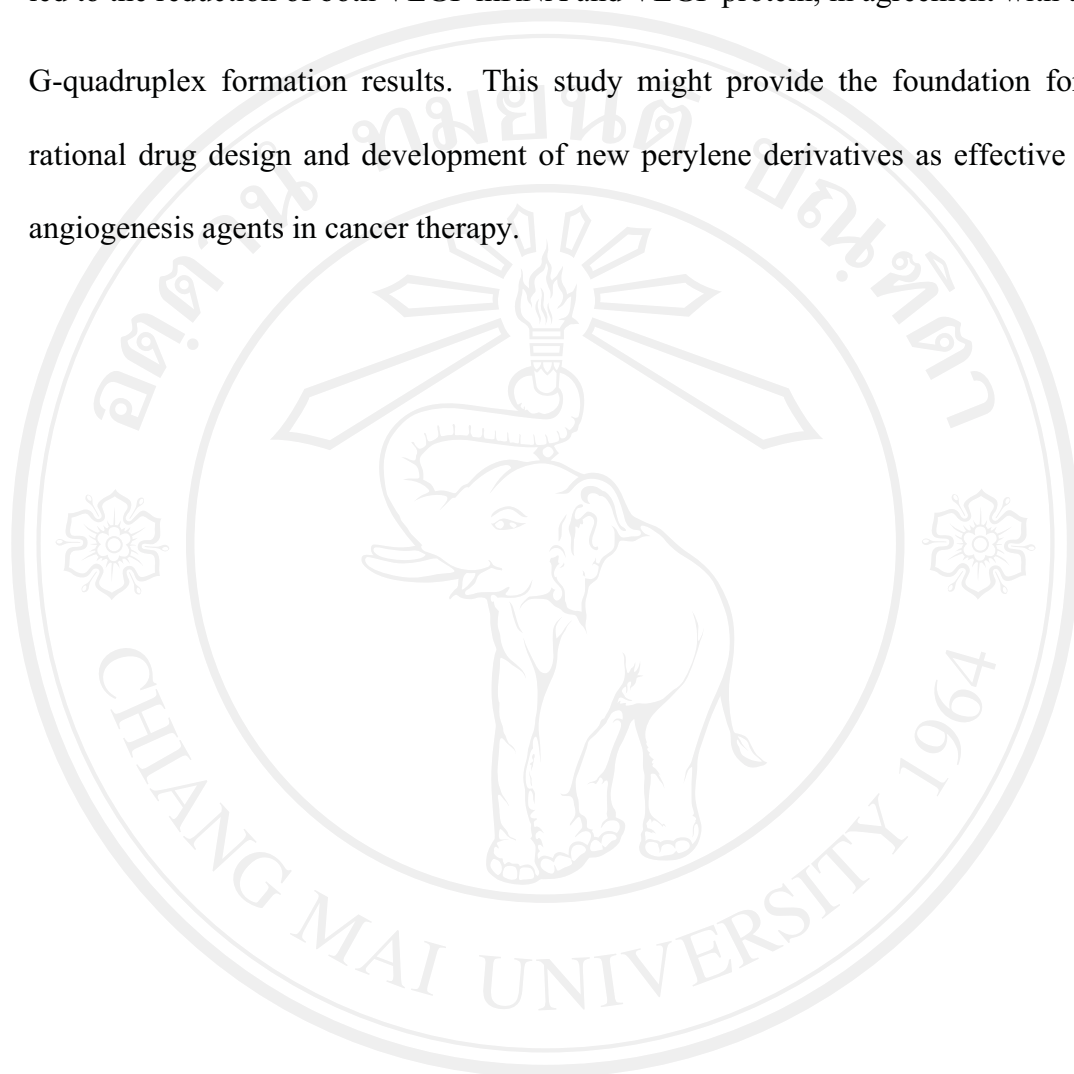


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### ABSTRACT

The proximal promoter region of the human vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) gene contains a guanine-rich strand that can form an intramolecular G-quadruplex and act as a transcriptional repressor. In this study, we compared 3 new perylene derivatives: PM1, PM2, and PM3, to the well-studied G-quadruplex ligands, TmPyP<sub>4</sub> and PIPER, in term of G-quadruplex formation, G-quadruplex preferential binding, and the ability to inhibit the VEGF expression in A549 lung cancer cells. We demonstrated that all four perylene derivatives, PIPER, PM1, PM2 and PM3, can preferentially induce intramolecular G-quadruplex formation from a duplex containing this guanine-rich motif *in vitro*, in which PM2 induced G-quadruplex

formation at the lowest concentration. Incubating A549 lung cancer cells with PM2 led to the reduction of both VEGF mRNA and VEGF protein, in agreement with the G-quadruplex formation results. This study might provide the foundation for the rational drug design and development of new perylene derivatives as effective anti-angiogenesis agents in cancer therapy.



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