

Anticarcinogenic Activity of Two Samples of Phansomba—*Phellinus merillii* (Murr.) Ryv. and *P. fastuosus* (Lev.) Ryv. on SiHa Cell Lines

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Preliminary experiments to check anticarcinogenic activity using human cervical carcinoma cells (SiHa cell lines) were carried out with samples of Phansomba, namely *Phellinus merillii* (Murr.) Ryv. and *P. fastuosus* (Lev.) Ryv. The work suggests that the hot and cold water extracts as well as hot and cold 50% ethanol ex-

tracts showed anticancerous activity. Although this work is preliminary, we feel that even our other medicinal samples may show positive test results for the above cell lines.

We have already proposed a collaborative project with the National Center for Cell Science, Pune and the Cancer Research Institute, Mumbai.