# OA7. Genetic variations in morphological, pharmaceutical characteristics

# of Epimedium koreanum L.

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## **Objectives**

To obtain basic information on genetic variations in agricultural characteristics, extract yield and icariin contents of native *Epimedium koreanum* plants collected in Korea

#### Materials and Methods

o. Cultivar: 51 lines collected in middle northern area of Korea and acclimated for 5 years

o. Planting density : 40 imes 30  $_{ ext{CM}}$ 

o. Shading level: 50%

o. Fertilizer Application : Organic compost manure ;  $2,000 \, \mathrm{kg}/10a$ 

Dried poultry wastes; 100 kg/10a

o. Icariin content analysis : by HPLC

### **Results**

Most of collected *Epimedium koreanum* exhibited 3 branch and 9 leaf plant type and their icariin contents ranged from 0.11% to 0.97% with an average of 0.41%. When shoots were divided into petiole and lamina, lamina showed highter dry weight and icariin contents than petiole by 0.78g and 1.36%, respectively.

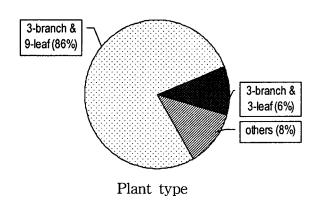
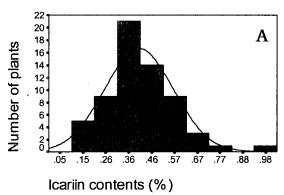


Fig. 1. Morphological variations of *Epimedium koreanum* collected in Kyonggi and Kangwon area. Plant types were classified based upon branch and leaf numbers



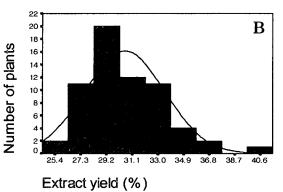


Fig. 2. Histogram of icariin contents (A) and extract yield (B) of *Epimdium koreanum* plants collected in Kyonggi and Kangwon area.

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