

In vitro anti-inflammatory effects of ethanol extract from *Sorbus commixta*

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Objectives

Sorbus commixta has long been used in field of traditional herbal medicine as a tonic for the treatment of many disease. The purpose of this study is to examine its modulatory effects on the functional activation of macrophages under lipopolysaccharide (LPS) treatment. In this study, the 70% ethanol extract of *Sorbus commixta* was prepared and some inflammatory parameters were tested.

Materials and Methods

○ Materials

The ethanol extract of *Sorbus commixta*(L7) is prepared by conventional method. 3-(4,5-Dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide (MTT), Griess reagents, and lipopolysaccharide (LPS, E. coli 0111:B4) were purchased from Sigma (St. Louis, MO). RAW264.7 cells were obtained from ATCC (Rockville, MD, USA). Fetal bovine serum (FBS) was obtained from Hyclone (Hyclone, South Logan, UT, USA). All other chemicals were Sigma grade.

○ Methods

To do these experiments, macrophage-mediated immunological functions such as cytokine production, nitric oxide(NO), tumor necrosis factor (TNF- α) and prostaglandin E₂(PGE₂) production, cell-cell adhesion and RT-PCR were tested according to previous methods using murine macrophage cell line (RAW264.7 and U937 cells).

Results

Sorbus commixta strongly blocked the production of proinflammatory mediators (nitric oxide [NO], tumor necrosis factor [TNF- α]) and prostaglandin E₂[PGE₂](Fig.1) in the RAW264.7 cells, stimulated by lipopolysaccharide (LPS, 2 μ g/ml). Moreover, the mRNA expression levels of iNOS, TNF- α and cyclooxygenase (COX)-2 were also decreased after treatment of *Sorbus commixta* extract(Fig.2). The *Sorbus commixta* extracts also down-regulated the functional activation of β 1- integrins(CD29) assessed by U937 homotypic aggregation(Fig.3). Therefore, these data suggest that *Sorbus commixta* may be able to modulate macrophage-mediated responses and that some of the activities may contribute to expand its therapeutic usage.

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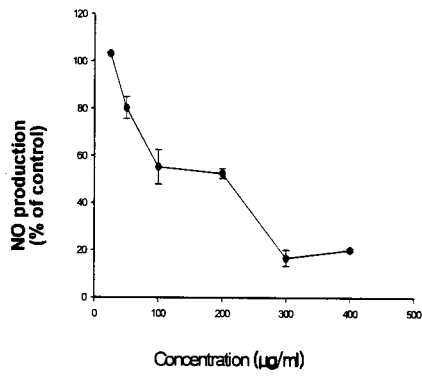


Fig.1A Effect on NO production

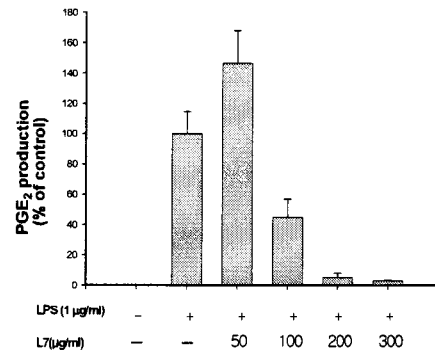


Fig.1B Effect on PGE2 production

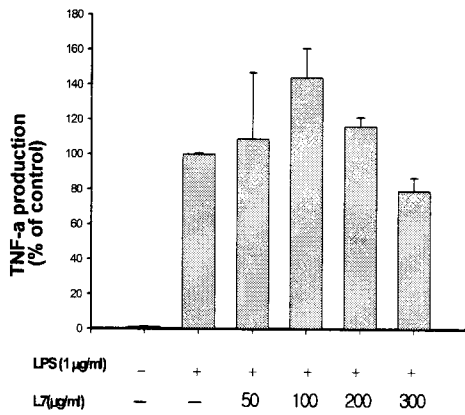


Fig.1C Effect on TNF-α production

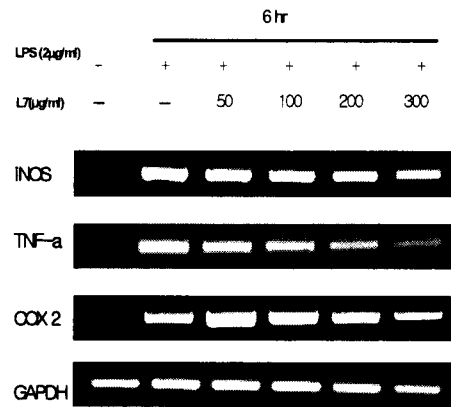


Fig.2 Effect on cytokine production

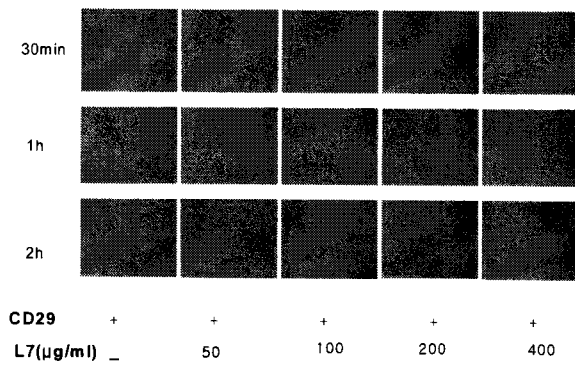


Fig.3 Effect on cell-cell adhesion