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Antitoxic Effects of Binding of Quercitrin and Cadmium on NIH 3T3 fibroblasts

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This study was carried out to develop the antitoxic compound about cytotoxicity of cadmium on NIH 3T3 fibroblasts. These cells divided into 3 groups: control groups (cadmium only) or MTT50 group (NIH 3T3 fibroblasts, 53.4 μ M cadmium) and experimental group (53.4 μ M quercitrin). MTT assay was performed to evaluate the cytotoxicity of cell organelles. The light microscopic study was carried out to morphological changes of cultured NIH 3T3 fibroblasts. The results indicated that quercitrin showed detoxification effect on cytotoxicity of cadmium in 53.4 μ M. According to the spectroscopic of 1 : 1 complex of cadmium and quercitrin, it showed that this formation of complex eliminated cadmium from NIH 3T3 fibroblasts.

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Regulation of Immune Response by Genistein in BALB/c mice

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High soy consumption leading to high exposures of soy flavones has been associated with a reduced risk of cancers at many sites. As part of a study focusing on the chemopreventive mechanisms, we previously demonstrated that genistein was an effective immune stimulator in an in vivo murine system. In this study we examined the effects of genistein on mitogen-stimulated activation of murine thymocytes and on the phagocytosis of peritoneal macrophages in vitro. Genistein significantly decreased the proliferation of murine thymocytes activated with concanavalin A in a dose-dependent manner. Also, genistein induced DNA fragmentation of murine thymocytes. Furthermore, we found that genistein suppressed the production of nitric oxide and the phagocytic activity in murine peritoneal macrophages in a dose-dependent manner. In summary, the present study is to provide direct in vitro evidence that demonstrates the ability of genistein at high concentrations to decrease thymocytes and macrophages activation.

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Solvent Extracts from *Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* Regulates Melanogenesis

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Melanogenesis is a physiological process resulted in the synthesis of melanin pigments, which have a role in protecting skin from the damaging effect of ultra-violet(UV) radiation. The main aim of the present study was to examine the effect of *Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* on melanogenesis. Cells were cultured in the presence of various solvent extracts from *Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica* for 48 h, and there were estimated activity of tyrosinase, a key enzyme, in melanogenesis. Among the four solvent extracts tested, EtOAc extract mostly increased tyrosinase activity. EtOAc extract increased the melanin contents and tyrosinase activity in a dose-dependent manner. Especially, it was observed that 100 μ g/ml