

SKLJI was tested for analgesic effects in the acetic acid-induced writhing test and the Randal-Sellitto model. At 0.1, and 1 mg/kg (i.v., i.m.), SKLJI significantly reduced the writhes number induced by acetic acid injection in mice. Higher dose of diclofenac (4.5, 45 mg/kg) was needed to elicit a similar effect. In the paw pressure test, SKLJI showed a significant effect at 10 mg/kg (i.v.), similar to potency of 100 mg/kg (p.o.) acetaminophen or 5 mg/kg (i.v.) diclofenac. To search for the mode of action, arachidonic acid cascades and other inflammatory mechanisms were investigated. SKLJI significantly inhibited LTB₄ production induced by calcium ionophore A23187 in human whole blood, and also significantly reduced TNF- α release in human whole blood. The major components of SKLJI were LO and SW, which also showed potent anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects.

These results suggest that SKLJI is a new herbal injectable agent with anti-inflammatory and analgesic effects and that its two active major ingredients are LO and SW.

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Inhibitory effects of berberine on morphine-induced behavioral sensitization in mice

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The present study was investigated the effect of berberine on the development of behavioral sensitization by morphine, methamphetamine, and cocaine. Repeated administration of morphine (10 mg/kg), methamphetamine (2 mg/kg), and cocaine (15 mg/kg) produced behavioral sensitization in mice. Pretreatment with berberine (2 mg/kg) did not inhibit methamphetamine- and cocaine-induced behavioral sensitization. However, Pretreatment with berberine significantly inhibited morphine-induced behavioral sensitization.

In this experiment, pretreatment with berberine did not decrease postsynaptic dopamine receptor supersensitivity induced by apomorphine 24h after morphine sensitization, suggesting that inhibition by berberine of morphine-sensitization is not related to the dopaminergic system. However, berberine was significantly reduced the morphine-induced NR2A and NR2B expression in the cortex and was tend to decrease morphine-induced NR1 expression, compared with morphine-treated group.

These results indicate that NMDA receptor subunit expression plays an important role in modulating of morphine-induced sensitization and suggests that inhibitory effect by berberine of morphine-induced behavioral sensitization are mediated by the inhibition of NMDA systems.

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Anti-angiogenic activity of mycelial extracts from *Cordyceps militaris*, *Cordyceps scarabaeicola* and *Paecilomyces tenuipes*

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Dongchunghacho is traditionally believed to be effective against various diseases. It includes many different genera such as *Cordyceps*, *Paecilomyces*, *Torrubiella* and *Podonectria*. The three fungus strains, *Cordyceps militaris*, *Cordyceps scarabaeicola* and *Paecilomyces tenuipes* were

individually cultivated as suspension cultures in potato dextrose broth. Mycelia obtained from each suspension culture were extracted with 70% ethanol. All three 70% ethanolic extracts showed strong anti-angiogenic activity in the chick embryo chorioallantoic membrane (CAM) assay, which was dose-dependent. Cordycepin, an inhibitor of RNA synthesis identified in some *Dongchunghacho* species, also showed anti-angiogenic activity in the CAM assay. Anti-inflammatory and analgesic activities of the ethanolic extracts were examined using croton oil-induced ear edema assay and writhing test, respectively.

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Neuroprotective Effect of *Polygalae Radix* on the Brain Ischemia Induced by Four-Vessel Occlusion in Rats

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The effects of methanolic extracts of *Polygalae Radix* (PR 100mg/kg) was tested to evaluate on the neuroprotective activity (92% $p < 0.001$) on global cerebral ischemia. Based on bioassays guided fractionation, butanol soluble fraction (BtOH 25mg/kg) had the neuroprotective effect (87% $p < 0.001$) of global cerebral ischemia in rat. Oxygen free radical injury plays an important role in neuronal damage induced by brain ischemia and reperfusion. The effects of PR as a free radical scavenger was studied using transient global ischemia model. In a model of ischemia reperfusion with 4-vessel occlusion for 10 min and restoration of circulation for a period of 20 min. PR inhibited Fe²⁺ induced MDA production and showed 58% protection from tissue damage as compared with control. These results showed that PR could be has a neuroprotective effect against neuronal damage following global ischemia.

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NK cell and macrophage activation is associated with antimetastatic effect of Korean mistletoe lectins

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The inhibitory effect of the lectins (KML-C) isolated from Korean mistletoe (KM; *Viscum album coloratum*), on tumor metastases produced by highly metastatic murine tumor cells, B16-BL6 melanoma, colon 26-M3.1 carcinoma and L5178Y-ML25 lymphoma cells, was investigated in syngeneic mice. An intravenous (i.v.) administration of KML-C (20-50 ng/mouse) 2 days before tumor inoculation significantly inhibited lung metastasis of both B16-BL6 and colon 26-M3.1 cells in experimental lung metastasis models. The effect of KML-C on inhibition of tumor metastasis was also observed. In the assay for natural killer (NK) cell activity, i.v. administration of KML-C (50 ng/mouse) significantly augmented NK cytotoxicity against NK-sensitive Yac-1 tumor cells 2 days after KML-C treatment. In addition, treatment with KML-C (50 ng/mouse) resulted in induction of tumoricidal activity by peritoneal macrophages against B16-BL6 cells. These results suggest that KML-C has immunomodulating activity which enhances the host