Poster Presentations - Field D2. Pharmacognosy

[PD2-1] [04/18/2003 (Fri) 13:30 - 16:30 / Hall P]

The DNA Strand-Scission principles of Mucunar birdwoodiana

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During our research program to find DNA strand-scission agents from higher plants, the MeOH extracts of the wood bark of Mucunar birdwoodiana Tutcher. (Leguminosae) exhibited the most potent activity with an IC_{50} value of 4.9 μ g/ml. Thus, detailed laboratory investigation was performed, and led to the isolation of the known compounds, catechin (1) and epicatechin (2) as the active principles. Isolates 1 and 2 showed significant activity with IC_{50} values of 10.8 and 7.5 μ g/ml, respectively (positive control, bleomycin: IC_{50} 3.3 μ g/ml). More details will be discussed in the presentation.

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Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitory Components from the Fruits of Cudrania tricuspidata

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Monoamine oxidase (MAO) is flavin-containing enzyme that catalyzes the oxidation of variety of amine-containing neurotransmitters such as catecholamines and serotonin to yield the corresponding aldehyde. Thus, MAO activity might play important roles in some pathological states of central nervous system diseases such as depression, alcoholism, and schizophrenia. Two known pyranoisoflavones, alpinumisoflavone (1) and 4'-O-methylalpinumisoflavone (2), were isolated from the fruits of Cudrania tricuspidata (Moraceae) by activity-guided isolation method. The structures of these compound were elucidated on the basis of spectral data including 2D-NMR experiments. The isolation, structure determination, and MAO inhibitory effect on these isolates will be discussed in this presentation.

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A Chemical Component of the Marine Alga Ishige Okamurae

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Marine Algae of order Chordariales are rich resources of bioactive metabolites. Methanolic extracts of the brown alga *Ishige Okamurae* exhibited potent antioxidative and butyrylcholinesterase(BChE) inhibitory effects. Bio-guided purification [solvent partition, ODS flash, silica flash, gel-filtration on Sephadex LH 20, ODS HPLC] of them gave a compound 1. Its structure was elucidated by detailed analysis of spectroscopic data of 1 and comparison of literature data. A variety of bioassay for 1 is in progress.

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Monoamine Oxidase Inhibitors from the Whole Plant of Cayratia japonica

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As a part of our ongoing research to discover novel monamine oxidase (MAO) inhibitors of plant origin, we found that a MeOH extract from the whole plant of Cayratia japonica (Vitaceae) strongly inhibited the MAO activity in mouse brain. The EtOAc-soluble fraction was, therefore, subjected to the bioactivity-guided fractionations to isolate the active compounds. The finally purified substances, apigenin (1), luteolin (2), and luteolin-7-O-glucoside (3), were identified by comparison of their spectral data. Of these, apigenin (1) and luteolin (2) showed significant MAO inhibitory activity. The isolation, structure elucidation, and MAO inhibitory activity of these isolates will be presented.

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Phenolic glycosides from Pyrola japonica

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Six known phenolic glycosides, hyperin(2), androsin(3), homoarbutin(4), isohomoarbutin(4a), pirolatin(7) and monotropein(6), together with two new compounds, (1) [mp. $215 \sim 217$ °C, $C_{23}H_{32}O_{11}$] and (5) [mp. $121 \sim 123$ °C, $C_{18}H_{26}O_{8}$] were isolated from the BuOH fraction of *Pyrola japonica*(Pyrolaceae). The structures of the known compounds were determined by chemical and spectroscopic methods. The assignments of the ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR spectra of these compounds were carried out by two-dimensional ¹H-¹H-COSY, NOESY and ¹H-¹³C multiple-bond, multiple-quantum spectroscopic correlation techniques, and previous assignments for 4, 4a and 7 should be revised. The characterization of the two new compounds is now in progress.

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