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Production of Polyclonal Antibody against Ginsenoside Rg₃,
Anti-angiogenic Compound from Ginseng, for the
Development of ELISA Methods

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Ginseng study is faced with new era for the crisis of market share overseas and new physiological activities and their compounds. For the overcome of those confronted problems, biotechnological studies on ginseng and the elucidation of action mechanism of new physiological ginseng compounds like ginsenoside Rg₃, compound K and so on should be helpful. From the latter purpose we have been tried to develop ELISA methods for the determination of ginseng saponins and sapogenins (Jung *et al.*, 2002).

ELISA method is one of the most powerful techniques for the determination of active components of natural products in the field of phytochemistry and plant biotechnology because of its simplicity, high sensitivity, and moderate apparatus costs. Recently the needs for the determination method are growing for the use in the field of ginseng biotechnology and the development of new drugs using ginseng components.

Ginsenoside Rg₃(GRg₃) was proven to have anti-angiogenic anti-cancer action (Kitagawa *et al.*, 1993) and is under developing of new drug. But for the development of new drug, highly sensitive quantitative determination method is prerequisite to develop.

GRg₃ was purified from the metabolites of ginsenosdie Rb₁ with the treatment of entero-bateria. A conjugate of GRg₃ linked through its terminal glucose moiety to bovine serum albumin by periodate oxidation method was used as an immunogen.

Scheme 1. Synthesis of GRg₃-BSA conjugate

Rabbits were immunized with the mixture of this immunogen(1 mg) and same volume of Freund's complete adjuvant per one rabbit and several booster injection of half quantity of conjugate and same volume of Freund's incomplete adjuvant over three months. Antiserum was obtained from total blood collected after the titer was reached maximum. With this antiserum competition assay with GRg₃ was tested.

High titer rabbit polyclonal antibodies using GRg₃-BSA congugate as an immunogen were raised. This antibodies showed competitive reaction with GRg₃ and PPD. This antibodies could be used to establish of ELISA method of GRg₃.

ELISA method for the determination of GRg₃ using this antibodies are under construction.

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