

## Rodgersia podophylla Leaves Suppress Inflammatory mediators through activation of Nrf2/HO-1 signaling, and inhibition of LPS-induced NF- $\kappa$ B and MAPKs signaling in RAW264.7 cells

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In this study, we elucidated the anti-inflammatory mechanisms of leaves extracts from *Rodgersia podophylla* (RPL) in RAW264.7 cells. RP-L significantly inhibited the production of the pro-inflammatory mediators such as NO, iNOS, IL-1 $\beta$  and IL-6 in LPS-stimulated RAW264.7 cells. RPL increased HO-1 expression in RAW264.7 cells, and the inhibition of HO-1 by ZnPP reduced the inhibitory effect of RPL against LPS-induced NO production in RAW264.7 cells. Inhibition of p38, ROS and GSK3 $\beta$  attenuated RPL-mediated HO-1 expression. Inhibition of ROS inhibited p38 phosphorylation and GSK3 $\beta$  expression induced by RPL. In addition, inhibition of GSK3 $\beta$  blocked RPL-mediated p38 phosphorylation. RPL induced nuclear accumulation of Nrf2, and inhibition of p38, ROS and GSK3 $\beta$  abolished RPL-mediated nuclear accumulation of Nrf2. Furthermore, RPL blocked LPS-induced degradation of I $\kappa$ B- $\alpha$  and nuclear accumulation of p65. RP-L also attenuated LPS-induced phosphorylation of ERK1/2 and p38. Our results suggest that RPL exerts potential anti-inflammatory activity by activating ROS/GSK3 $\beta$  /p38/Nrf2/HO-1 signaling and inhibiting NF- $\kappa$  B and MAPK signaling in RAW264.7 cells. These findings suggest that RPL may have great potential for the development of anti-inflammatory drug.

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