◇研究目的
薬物代謝工学分野は和漢薬の薬効、毒性発現に関与する代謝系の分子生物学的研究を発展させることを設置目的とし、(1) 和漢薬の薬効発現に関与する腸内細菌の役割の解明、(2) LC/MS/MS による和漢薬成分分析と薬物動力学的研究、(3) AIDS、C 型肝炎ウイルスに有効な天然薬物の探索、(4) 霊芝、樟芝などの担子菌類の薬効評価、(5) 内分泌調節作用を有する和漢薬の研究などを研究テーマとしている。

◇研究概要

Ⅰ） 和漢薬の薬効発現に関与する腸内細菌の役割の解明
天然薬物中に多く存在する C-配糖体の腸内細菌による開裂反応を puerarin を用いて検討した。ヒトの糞便から単離した PUE 株は C-配糖体のグルコースの 6 位を重水素で置換した 

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[\text{6}^\text{2H}_2-\text{6}^\text{2H}_2]\text{puerarin}
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を代謝し daidzein と重水素を含むグルコースを生成することから加水分解的に C-C 結合を開裂していることが判明した。

Ⅱ） LC/MS/MS による和漢薬成分分析と薬物動力学的研究
Swertia 属植物の LC/MS/MS による成分分析を行ない、含まれる成分を指標としたプロファイアルを作成した。また主成分 swertiamarin を動物に経口的に投与し、含窒素代謝物 gentianine, (R)-gentianol, (S)-gentianol が生成することを証明した。

Ⅲ） AIDS、C 型肝炎ウイルスに有効な天然薬物の探索
天然薬物中に存在するトリテルペンの A 環の開裂した化合物や化学的に合成した種々の類似化合物の HIV-1 プロテアーゼに対する阻害作用を検討した結果、これら化合物は相当するトリテルペンより強い阻害活性を示した。

Ⅳ） 霊芝、樟芝などの担子菌類の薬効評価
赤霊芝、紫芝から各種ラノスタン型トリテルペンを単離し、苦味活性、抗腫瘍活性を比較検討した。また、ベトナム産の黄芝から A 環の開裂した新規トリテルペンを単離し、HIV-プロテアーゼに対する阻害効果を調べた。

Ⅴ） 内分泌調節作用を有する和漢薬の研究
当帰芍薬散の効果を下垂体摘出ラット、卵巣摘出ラットを用いて解析した結果、当帰芍薬散は視床下部における PACAP, PACI を経由して性腺刺激ホルモンの分泌を促進していることが示唆された。
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原著論文

Abstract: Plant lignans, such as pinoresinol diglucoside, secoisolariciresinol diglucoside and arctiin, are metabolized to mammalian lignans, enterolactone or enterodiol, by human intestinal bacteria. Their metabolic processes include deglucosylation, ring cleavage, demethylation, dehydroxylation and oxidation. Here we isolated an intestinal bacterium capable of demethylating arctigenin, an aglycone of arctiin, to 2,3-bis(3,4-dihydroxybenzyl)butyrolactone (1) from human feces, and identified as an *Eubacterium* species (*E*. sp. ARC-2), which is similar to *Eubacterium limosum* on the basis of morphological and biochemical properties and 16S rRNA gene sequencing. By incubating with *E*. sp. ARC-2, arctigenin was converted to 1 through stepwise demethylation. Demethylation of arctigenin by *E*. sp. ARC-2 was tetrahydrofolate- and ATP-dependent, indicating that the reaction was catalyzed by methyltransferase. Moreover, *E*. sp. ARC-2 transformed secoisolariciresinol to 2,3-bis (3,4-dihydroxybenzyl)-1,4-butanediol by demethylation.


Abstract: Through an anti-estrogenic bioassay-guided fractionation of methanol extract of *Mansonia gagei*, three new coumarins, called mansorins I (1), II (2) and III (3) and a new naphthoquinone, mansonone I (4), were isolated. Their structures were determined based on their NMR data and CD spectroscopy. The anti-estrogenic activity of the fractions and the isolated compounds were investigated using a yeast two-hybrid assay method expressing estrogen receptors α(ERα) and β(ERβ). In addition, an ERα competitor screening system (ligand binding screen) was used to verify the binding affinities of the isolated compounds to the estrogen receptor. 1,2-Naphthoquinones (mansonones) showed more binding affinities to ER in both assay systems. All the tested compounds showed higher binding affinities to ERβ than to ERα in the yeast two-hybrid assay. Mansonones F and S showed the most potent estrogen binding and estrogen antagonistic effects.


Abstract: Through an estrogenic activity bioassay-guided fractionation of the 70% ethanolic extract of *Cassia tora* seeds two new phenolic triglucosides, torachrysone 8-O-[(β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→3)-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→6)-O-β-D-glucopyranoside)] (1) and toralactone 9-O-[(β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→3)-O-β-D-glucopyranosyl(1→6)-O-β-D-glucopyranoside)](2), along with seven known compounds were isolated. The structures of the new compounds were elucidated on the basis of spectroscopic and chemical evidence. The estrogenic activity of the fractions and the isolated compounds were investigated using the estrogen-dependent proliferation of MCF-7 cells. In addition, the yeast two hybrid assay expressing estrogen receptor α(ERα) and β(ERβ) and the ERα competitor screening assay (ligand binding screen) were used to verify the binding affinities of the isolated compounds to ER.
Furthermore, a naringinase pre-treatment of the 70% alcoholic extract of *Cassia tora* seeds resulted in a significant increase in its estrogenic activity. From the naringinase pre-treated extract six compounds were isolated, among which 6-hydroxymusizin and aurantio-obtusin showed the most potent estrogenic activity, while torachrysone, rubrofusarin and toralactone showed a significant anti-estrogenic activity. Finally, the structure requirements responsible for the estrogenic activity of the isolated compounds were studied by investigating the activity of several synthetic compounds and chemically modifying the isolated compounds. The basic nucleus 1,3,8-trihydroxynaphthalen (T3HN) was found to play a principal role in the binding affinity of these compounds to ER.


**Abstract:** In the course of our experiments on the metabolic conversion of lignans to the estrogenic substances enterodiol (END) and enterolactone (ENL) by human intestinal flora, we isolated two anaerobes, *Ruminococcus* sp. END-1 and strain END-2, capable of oxidizing END. The former selectively converted (−)-END to (−)-ENL, while the latter selectively converted (+)-END to (−)-ENL, indicating enantioselective oxidation by intestinal bacteria.


**Abstract:** During the course of experiments on the transformation of lignans to phytoestrogenic substances, such as enterodiol (END) and enterolactone (ENL) by human intestinal flora, we isolated a previously isolated bacterium, *Eubacterium* (E.) sp. strain SDG-2, capable of phenolic p-dehydroxylation in the biotransformation of secoisolariciredinol diglucoside to END and ENL, was concluded to be *Eggerthella* (Eg.) *lenta* (Eg. sp. SDG-2) on the basis of 16S rRNA gene sequence analysis. The bacterium could transform (+)-dihydroxyenterodiol (DHEND, 3a) to (+)-END (1a), but not for (−)-DHEND (3b) to (−)-END (1b) under anaerobic conditions. By incubation of a mixture of (+)- and (−)-dihydroxyenterolactone (DHENL, 4a and 4b) with Eg. sp. SDG-2, only (−)-DHENL (4b) was converted to (−)-ENL (2b), selectively. On the other hand, we isolated a different bacterium, strain ARC-1, capable of dehydroxylation of (−)-DHEND (3b) to (−)-END (1b) from human feces. Strain ARC-1 could transform not only (−)-DHEND (3b) to (−)-END (1b), but also (+)-DHENL (4a) to (+)-ENL (2b). However, the bacterium could not transform (+)-DHEND (3a) and (−)-DHENL (4b). Both bacterial strains demonstrated different enantioselective dehydroxylation.


**Abstract:** Isoline, a major retronecine-type pyrrolizidine alkaloid (PA) from the Chinese medicinal herb *Ligularia duciformis*, was suggested to be the most toxic known PA. Its *in vitro* metabolism was thus examined in rat and mouse liver microsomes, and its toxicity was compared with that of clavine and monocrotaline after i.p. injection in mice. Isoline was more rapidly metabolized by both microsomes than clavine and monocrotaline and converted to two polar metabolites M1 and M2, which were spectroscopically determined to be bisline (a deacetylated metabolite of isoline) and bisline lactone, respectively. Both metabolites were formed in the presence or absence of an NADPH-generating system with liver microsomes but not cytosol. Their formation was completely inhibited by the esterase inhibitors, triorthocresyl phosphate (TOCP) and phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride, but not at all or partially by cytochrome P450 (P450) inhibitors, α-naphthoflavone and proadifen (SKF 525A), respectively. These results demonstrated that both metabolites were produced by microsomal esterase(s) but not P450 isozymes. The esterase(s) involved showed not only quite different activities but also responses to different inhibitors in rat and mouse liver microsomes, suggesting that different key isozyme(s) or combinations
might be responsible for the deacetylation of isoline. Isoline injected i.p. into mice induced liver-specific toxicity that was much greater than that with either chlorovine or monocrotalin, as judged by histopathology as well as serum alanine aminotransferase and aspartate aminotransferase levels. Isoline-induced hepatotoxicity was remarkably enhanced by the esterase inhibitor TOCP but was reduced by the P450 inhibitor SKF 525A, indicating that rodent hepatic esterase(s) played a principal role in the detoxification of isoline via rapid deacetylation in vivo.


Abstract: In this study, three triterpenoids, two steroids and nine flavonoids were isolated from the leaves of Alnus firma Sieb. et Zucc. On the basis of spectroscopic evidence, the structures of these compounds were established as β-amyrin acetate, β-amyrin, β-sitosterol, alnustic acid methyl ester, β-sitosterol glucoside, pinocembrin, alnustinol, quercetin, quercetin-3-O-α-L-arabinofuranoside, quercetin-3-O-α-L-rhamnopyranoside, quercetin-3-O-β-D-glucopyranoside, myricetin-3-O-β-D-galactopyranoside, (+)-catechin and (−)-epicatechin.


Abstract: Sensitive, selective and reliable high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC)-diode array detection (DAD)/electrospray ionization multi-stage mass spectrometry (ESI-MSn) methods have been developed for the characterization of nine 2-glucosyloxycinnamic acid derivatives and quantitative analysis of three of the major 2-glucosyloxycinnamic acid, cis-mellilotoside, trans-mellilotoside and dihydromellilotoside, present in Dendrobium medicinal plants. The identities of the latter three major 2-glucosyloxycinnamic acids were confirmed by comparing their retention times, UV and mass spectra with those of the reference standards. The characteristic ESI-MSn fragmentation patterns of the remaining six 2-glucosyloxycinnamic acid derivatives, which are similar to the three major compounds, have allowed the putative elucidation of their structures. The concentrations of the cis-, trans- and dihydromellitoses were simultaneously determined by HPLC/ESI-MS2 using the multiple reaction monitoring (MRM) mode in extracts of Dendrobium species. The method was validated with respect to the overall intra- and inter-day variation (RSD less than 8%) and the limits of quantification for the cis-, trans- and dihydromellitoses were 0.09, 0.09 and 0.01 μg/mL, respectively.


Abstract: Bio-guided fractionation of the stem of Dendrobium aurantiacum var. denneanum usin a 1,1-diphenyl-2-picryl-hydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging assay, led to the isolation of three 2-glucosyloxycinnamic acid derivates, namely, cis-mellilotoside, trans-mellilotoside and dihydromellilotoside, respectively. Their structures were elucidated through the analysis of unি- and bi-dimensional NMR, UV, IR and MS data. All these three compounds were first reported from the genus Dendrobium and exhibited potent antioxidant activities.

Abstract: Triterpenoids and flavonoids isolated from *Alnus firma* S. Z. were found to inhibit HIV-1 virus replication and controlled its essential enzymes. In this study, the inhibition of HIV-1 viral replication and its essential enzymes, such as reverse transcriptase, protease and α-glucosidase, were observed using 18 Korean plant extracts. Among the extracts, the methanol extract of *Alnus firma* leaves showed potent inhibition against the HIV-1 induced cytopathic effect (CPE) in MT-4 cells on microscopic observation (the minimum concentration for complete inhibition of HIV-1 induced CPE, IC50 = 50 μg/mL). Thus, 14 compounds were isolated and identified from the methanol extract of *Alnus firma* leaves. Of these compounds, alnustic acid methyl ester exhibited inhibition against HIV-1 protease, with an IC50 of 15.8 μM, and quercetin, quercitrin and myricetin 3-O-β-D-galactopyranoside displayed inhibition against HIV-1 reverse transcriptase, all with IC50 values of 60 μM. Based on these results, the viral replication inhibition of the methanol extract of *Alnus firma* leaves was adjudged to be acutely related to the protease inhibition activation of alnustic acid methyl ester as well as the reverse transcriptase inhibition activation of flavonoids.


Abstract: The traditional Chinese medicine, Tokishakuyakusan (TS; Dang-Gui-Shao-Yao-San in Chinese), is frequently applied in obstetrics and gynecology departments in Japanese hospitals. The novel neuropeptide, pituitary adenylate cyclase-activating polypeptide (PACAP) that is transiently induced by the gonadotropin surge, plays an important role in the synthesis of estradiol and progesterone in ovarian granulosa cells. Here, we investigated the effect of TS on PACAP in hypophysectomized (HPX) or ovariectomized (OVX) female rats. The weight of the hypothalamus from HPX rats administered with oral TS for one week did not appreciably change. In contrast, TS decreased the weight of the hypothalamus that was increased by ovariectomy. Moreover, TS promoted the expression of PACAP and PACAP type I receptor (PAC1) mRNA and protein in the hypothalamus of HPX and OVX rats. However, bone metabolism that was increased by removing the pituitary or ovaries was not suppressed. These findings suggest that TS promotes the secretion of gonadotrophic hormone through the expression of hypothalamic PACAP, PAC1 mRNA and PAC1 protein.


Abstract: The prescription Tokishakuyakusan (TS; Dang-Gui-Shao-Yao-San in Chinese) is widely used in traditional Chinese medicine. Since delay of ovarian follicle maturation and fall of bone density are known in hypophysectomized (HPX) rats, we investigated the effects of TS on ovaries in HPX rats. Although TS did not recover the ovary weight decreased by hypophysectomy, it recovered the uterine weight. Two weeks after hypophysectomy, the expression of steroidogenic acute regulatory protein (StAR) mRNA was decreased, but recovered by administration of TS. On the other hand, the expression of pituitary adenylate-cyclase activating polypeptide receptor type I (PAC1) and progesterone receptor (PR) mRNA was increased, but reduced by administration of TS. However, the expression of estrogen receptor(ERα) mRNA did not synchronize with PAC1 mRNA and PR mRNA expression. Moreover, TS was demonstrated to promote the follicle maturation by histological analysis, and to decrease significantly the urinary deoxypyridinoline (DPD) level. These findings suggest that TS promotes the maturation of follicles and suppresses the bone metabolism associated with pituitary hormones.

Abstract: Derivatives of chlorogenic acid or its analogues were synthesized by coupling protected chlorogenic acid or its analogues with p-octyloxyaniline and selected amino acids. Most of the compounds exhibited significant potency against Cryptococcus neoformans and Candida species with low toxicity to brine shrimps. The 4,5-dihydroxyl groups in the quinic acid moiety were necessary for the activity and introduction of a free amino group increased the inhibitory activity against Aspergillus fumigatus.

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