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Jar cell response to oxidative stress in an *in-vitro* model

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In this study, the response of choriocarcinoma cells (JAR) to tumor necrosis factor- α (TNF- α) mediated oxidative stress was searched with the intention of offering new approaches for placental pathologies. Cells were cultured in DMEM containing 10% FBS in a humidified incubator at 37°C with 5% CO₂. Time and concentration depended preliminary experiments were performed. The effects of TNF- α (100ng) on NF- κ B pathway, cell proliferation and apoptotic cell death and the effect of pentoxifylline (PTX) (10 mM) on TNF- α mediated NF- κ B expression in choriocarcinoma cells were investigated by immunocytochemical techniques. Cell proliferation rate was detected by PCNA, on the other hand determination of apoptotic cells was performed by anti-caspase-8. Staining intensities were semi-quantitatively evaluated by HSCORE. As a result of immunocytochemical staining; we determined that NF- κ B expression was significantly changed at both nuclear and cytoplasmic levels according to the application time of TNF- α . TNF- α induced nuclear NF- κ B levels was significantly lowered in choriocarcinoma cells when TNF- α was combined with PTX. In only PTX applied group, there was no nuclear NF- κ B immunoreactivity in these cells. According to our results, PTX may be a potent therapeutic agent targeting NF- κ B related signalling pathways.

Biography

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Anti-proliferative and immunomodulatory activities of different jelly fig achenes extract on human leukemic cell

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This study aimed to investigate the anti-proliferative and immunomodulatory activity of jelly fig achenes extract, which was divided into pectin esterase inhibitors (PEI), crude polyphenols extract (CP), and purified polyphenols extract (PP) and their increase in anti-proliferative activity by combining with Sunitinib, a commercial cancer medicine. DPPH radical scavenging ability of PEI, CP, and PP extracted from jelly fig achenes tended to increase as the concentration increased and the inhibition capacity reached more than 75% at the concentration of 89.4, 78.3, and 46.8 μ g/ml, respectively. Purified polyphenols (PP), which contain anthocyanin about 0.25 \pm 0.02 mg gallic acid equivalent/g, has higher reducing power than α -tocopherol and (BHA) at the concentration lower than 200 μ g/ml. PEI of jelly fig achenes have anti-proliferative effect on U937 and K562 cells. After 24 h treatment, the anti-proliferative effect of PEI reached 75% and increased to 82% by addition of 1 μ g/ml sunitinib. Moreover, PP extract of jelly fig achenes could inhibit the proliferation of U937 and K562 cells up to 92% and it increased to 100% by addition of 1 μ g/ml sunitinib. Beside anti-proliferative effect, PEI and PP also could induce nuclear stain, DNA fragmentation, and increase in Sub-G1 cell cycle population, which support the finding that anti-proliferative effect of PEI and PP were triggered through apoptosis. Moreover, PEI, CP and PP could significantly inhibit IL-2, IL-4, IL-10 and γ -IFN on blood lymphocytes at the concentration less than 100 μ g/ml, while PP showed highest inhibition on IL-4, IL-10 and γ -IFN. In conclusion, PP extract of jelly fig achenes revealed the highest anti-proliferative and immunomodulatory activities.

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