

In vitro inhibition of TNF- α release by *Selaginella bryopteris* on RAW 264.7 macrophage

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Inflammation is one of the important causes, which is responsible for many diseases like cancer, rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, diabetes, etc. Pro-inflammatory cytokines (TNF- α , IFN- γ and IL-1 β etc.) and NO are considered as pivotal mediators in inflammatory conditions like rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn's disease, etc. Thus, inhibition of pro-inflammatory cytokines and NO production are important targets for treatment of inflammatory disorders. On the basis of their reported anti-inflammatory activity several plants were selected and their respective extracts (*n*-Hexane, DCM, EtOAc and MeOH extracts) were subjected for primary screening against pro-inflammatory mediators like TNF- α , IL-1 β and NO, done for the above mentioned activity in RAW 264.7 cell line. Among these tested extracts, the EtOAc extract of whole plants of *Selaginella bryopteris* were found to have maximum inhibitory activity against TNF- α release. To identify the constituents responsible for the shown activity, further phytochemical investigation is carried out which showed the presence of five biflavonoid (namely amentoflavone, hinokiflavone, heveaflavone, bilobetin, and *sequoiaflavone*) and *apigenin*, luteolin and caffeic acid. Phytochemical investigation of the EtOAc extracts of whole plants of *Selaginella bryopteris* and their *in vitro* screening will be discussed in the poster.

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