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### Anti-neutrophilic Inflammatory Secondary Metabolites from Traditional Chinese Medicine, Tiankuizi

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Through bioassay-guided fractionation, thirteen compounds (1-13) isolated from the dry root of *Semiaquilegia adoxoides*, which is called as Tiankuizi in the traditional Chinese medicine. Among these secondary metabolites, four benzoic acid derivatives (1, 2, 4, 5), one 2*H*-pyran-2-one, 4,6-dimethoxy-5-methyl (10) and one 1,2,3-propanetriol (13) were first found in *S. adoxoides*. Compound 10 was a naturally occurring constituent first isolated from natural resource as well. 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid (1) and 3,4-dihyroxybenzoic acid (2) showed selective inhibition against elastase release and superoxide anion generation with IC<sub>50</sub> values of 3.20 and 6.21 µg/mL, respectively. Overall, our studies identified isolates 1 and 2 as promising lead compounds and Tiankuizi (*S. adoxoides*) as a potential plant source of new agents for neutrophilic inflammatory diseases.

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