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ANTI-INFLAMMATORY ACTIVITIES OF PHYSALIN A FROM *PHYSALIS ANGULATA* THROUGH THE INHIBITION OF MMP-9, NF-KB, AND MAPK ACTIVATION *IN VITRO* AND *IN VIVO*

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First part

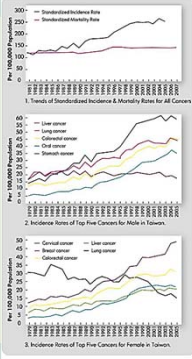
**Anti-cancer research
in Our Lab**

Background of our lab. in anti-cancer research

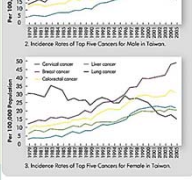
Changes in Ten Leading Causes of Death

1992	Rank	2007
Cancers, leukemia, metastasis, and cells (except deaths of the newborn)	1	Malignant neoplasms
Pneumonia	2	Heart diseases
Tuberculosis, all forms	3	Cerebrovascular diseases
Heart diseases	4	Diabetes mellitus
Vascular diseases affecting central nervous system	5	Accidents
Causes of perinatal mortality	6	Pneumonia
Nephritis and nephrosis	7	Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis
Malignant neoplasms (excluding neoplasms of lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues)	8	Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, and nephrosis
Bronchitis	9	Suicide
Malaria	10	Hypertensive diseases

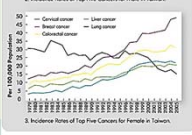
Source: Department of Health



1. Trends of Standardized Incidence & Mortality Rates for All Cancers




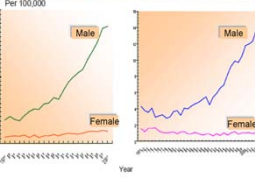
2. Incidence Rates of Top Five Cancers for Males in Taiwan



3. Incidence Rates of Top Five Cancers for Female in Taiwan

Risk factors of Oral Cancer

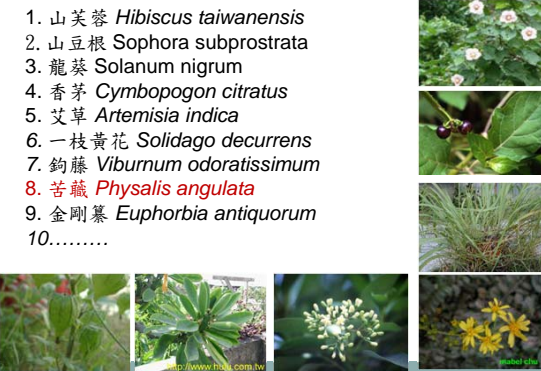
- Betel nut (the Institute of Oral Pathology)
- Tobacco (J Oral Pathol)
- Alcohol (Global Cancer)
- Diet and nutrition
- Ultraviolet light
- HPV infection


Michael Ericksen
Dean, institute of public health

✦ **Anticancer research in TCM and folk herbs**

1. 山芙蓉 *Hibiscus taiwanensis*
2. 山豆根 *Sophora subprostrata*
3. 龍葵 *Solanum nigrum*
4. 香茅 *Cymbopogon citratus*
5. 艾草 *Artemisia indica*
6. 一枝黃花 *Solidago decurrens*
7. 鈎藤 *Viburnum odoratissimum*
8. 苦蕒 *Physalis angulata*
9. 金剛纂 *Euphorbia antiquorum*
10.



Physalis angulata (Solanaceae)
Usage: Herb tea
涼茶 (清涼退火)
Extinguish the fire inside the body



1992
Chiang et al.,
Inhibitory effects of physalin B and physalin F on various human leukemia cells in vitro.

2001
Lee et al.,
Effects and mechanisms of PA on cell death in human lung squamous cell carcinoma.

2003
Makino et al.,
Cytotoxic activity of physalins possessing modified skeletal structures against HeLa cells.

2005
Vieira AT et al.,
Mechanisms of the anti-inflammatory effects of the natural secosteroids physalins in a model of intestinal ischaemia and reperfusion injury.

2007
Castro DP et al.,
Immune depression in Rhodnius prolixus by secosteroids, physalins.

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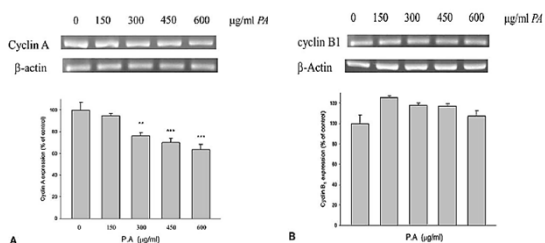
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Ismail et al.,
A novel cytotoxic flavonoid glycoside from *Physalis angulata*.

2002
Kuo et al.,
The antiproliferative activity of PA is through p53-dependent and p21-dependent apoptotic pathway in human hepatoma cell lines.

2004
Wu et al.,
Antihepatoma activity of PA and P. peruviana extracts and their effects on apoptosis in human Hep G2 cells.

2005
Magalhães HI, et al.,
In-vitro and in-vivo antitumour activity of physalins B and D from *Physalis angulata*.

Effects of PA on mRNA expression of cyclin A and cyclin B1 in HSC-3 cells.

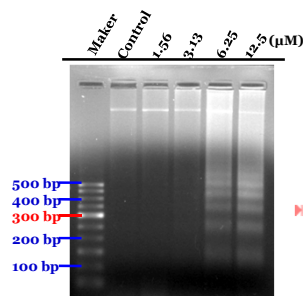


Physalin A induced G2/M arrest with decreasing mRNA expression in cyclin A levels, dose dependently.

Methods

- 1. Proliferation
 - Morphology
 - MTT assay
 - Cell cycle analysis (Flow cytometry)
 - Western blot
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 - Wound healing assay
 - Transwell migration assay
 - Matrigel invasion assay
 - Confoal image
 - Western blot

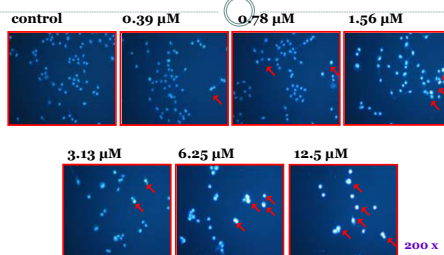
Physalin A on DNA damage with DNA ladder assay



To analyze the DNA fragmentation, HSC-3 cells were treated with Physalin A for 24 hr. Fragmented DNA was extracted and analyzed on 2 % agarose gel electrophoresis with containing EtBr.

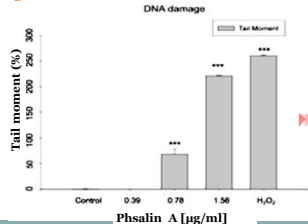
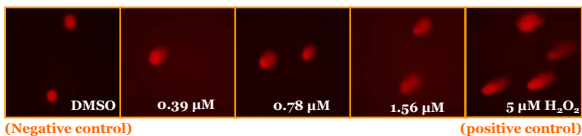
▶▶ Physalin A could induced DNA damage with DNA ladder assay (apoptosis) in HSC-3 cells.

Effects of PA on DNA condensation with DAPI stain



▶▶ Cells were harvested after 24 h of PA treatment. After fixing, the cells were stained with DAPI. Stained nuclei were then observed under a fluorescent microscope. PA induced DNA condensation in HSC-3 cells.

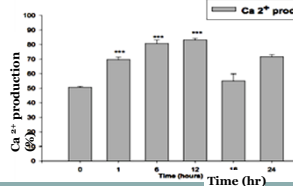
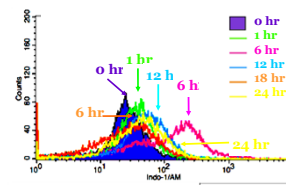
Physalin A on DNA damage by Comet assay



HSC-3 cells were treated with Physalin A (0.39, 0.78, 1.56 µg/ml) for 24 hr and applied to Single cell electrophoresis

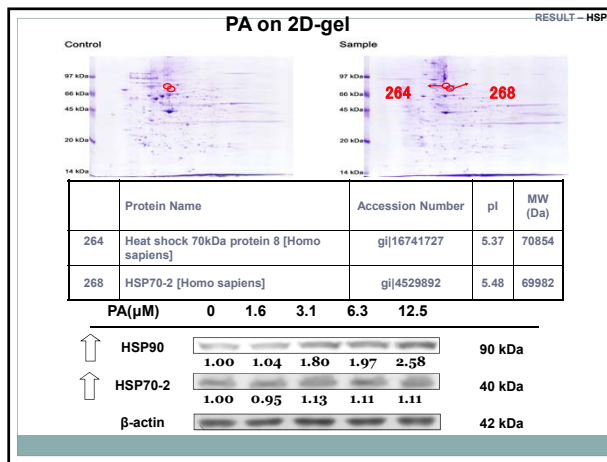
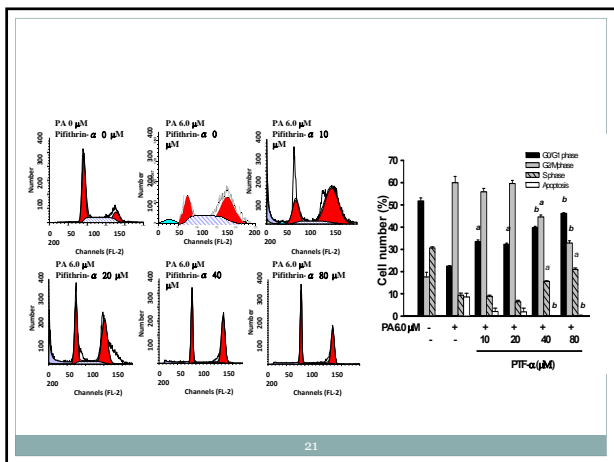
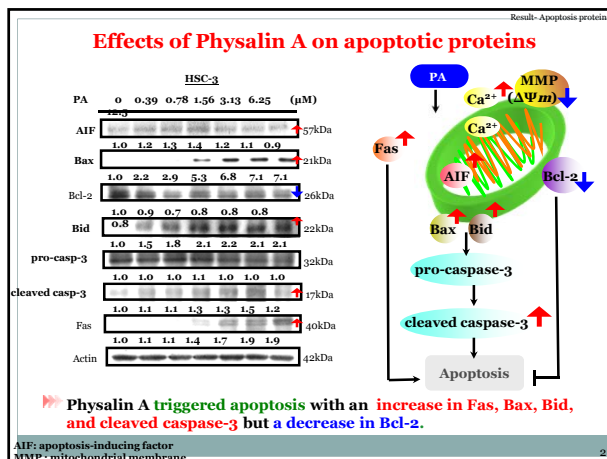
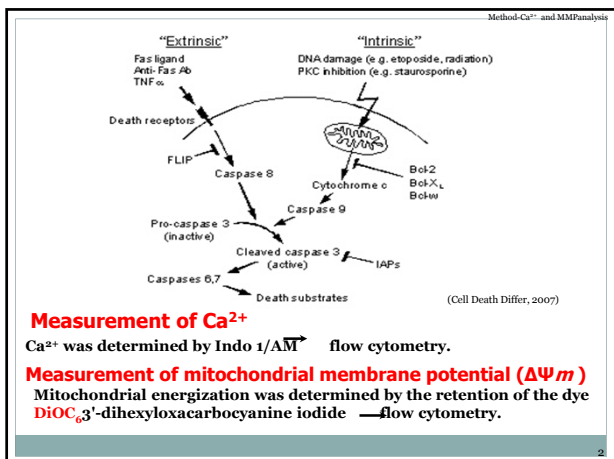
▶▶ Physalin A induced DNA damage dose dependent by the Comet assay in HSC-3 cells

Effects of PA-42 on Ca²⁺ production by flow cytometry

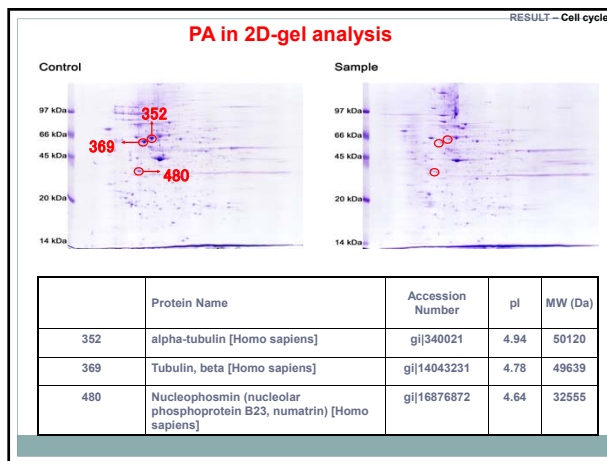


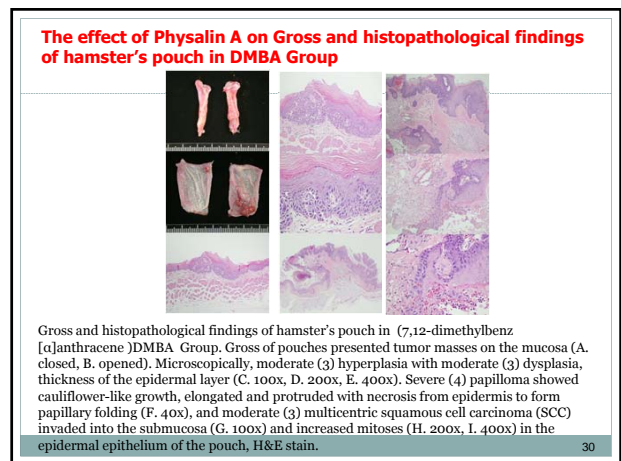
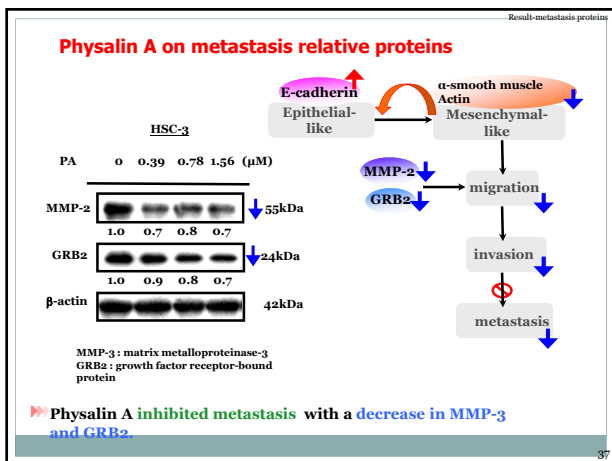
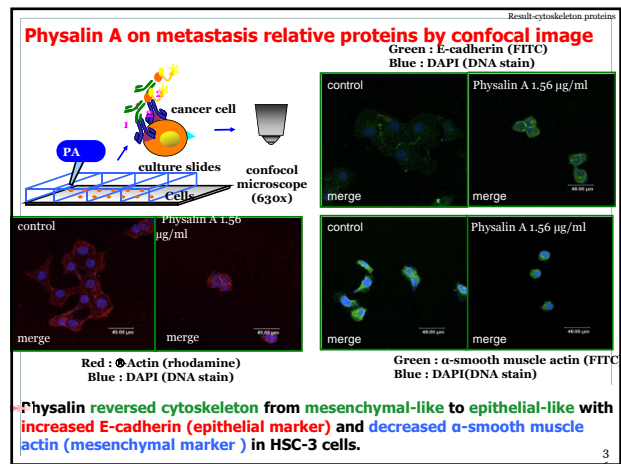
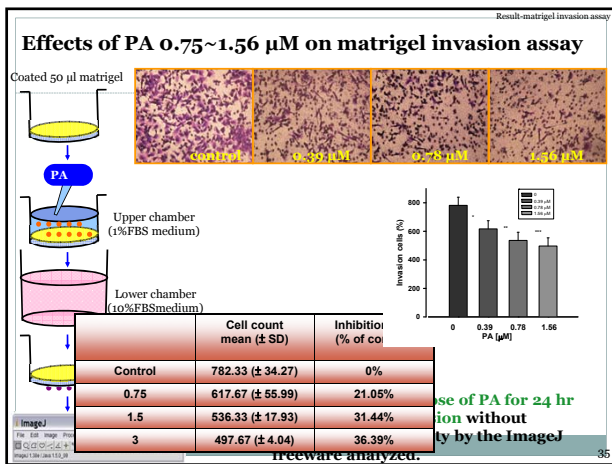
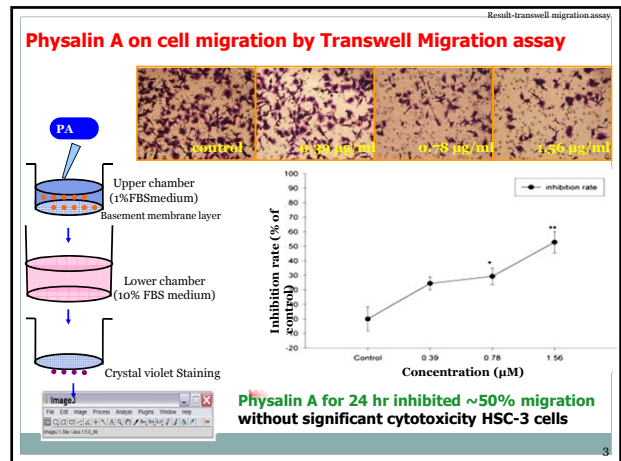
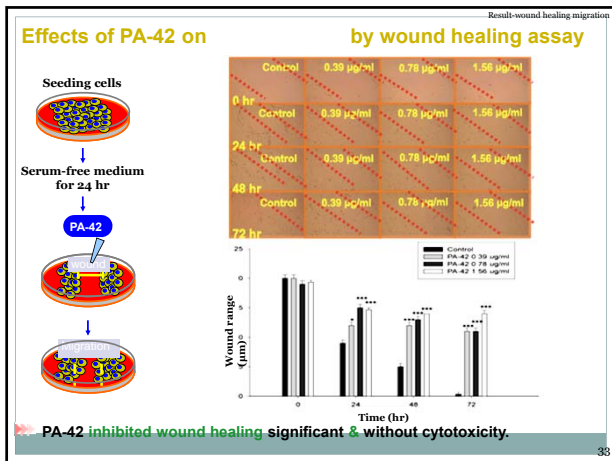
Cells were harvested various hour of PA

▶▶ PA-42 could increase Ca⁺⁺ production at 6-12 h in HSC-3 cells mostly.



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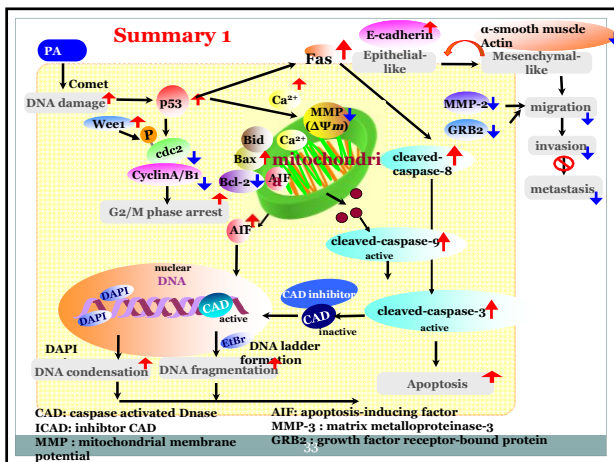
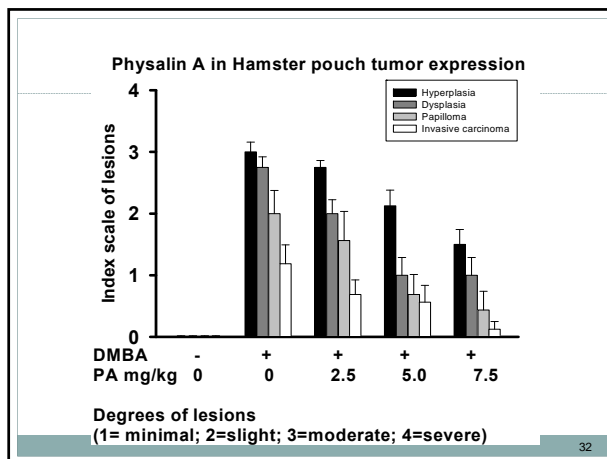




The effect of Physalin A on Gross and histopathological findings of hamster's pouch in DMBA Group

Gross and histopathological findings of hamster's pouch in DMBA + PA 50 mg/kg Group. Gross of pouches presented tumor masses on the mucosa (A. closed, B. opened, animal code. 202). Microscopically, slight (2) hyperplasia with moderate (3) dysplasia, thickness of the epidermal layer (C. 100x, D. 200x, E. 400x). Moderate (3) papilloma showed cauliflower-like growth, elongated and protruded with necrosis from epidermis to form papillary folding (F. 40x), and no (0) multicentric squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) invaded into the submucosa (G. 100x) but increased mitoses (H. 200x, I. 400x) in the epidermal epithelium of the pouch (animal code. 207), H&E stain.

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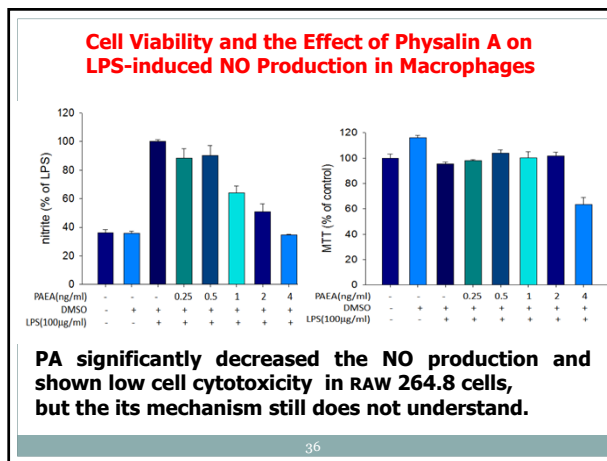
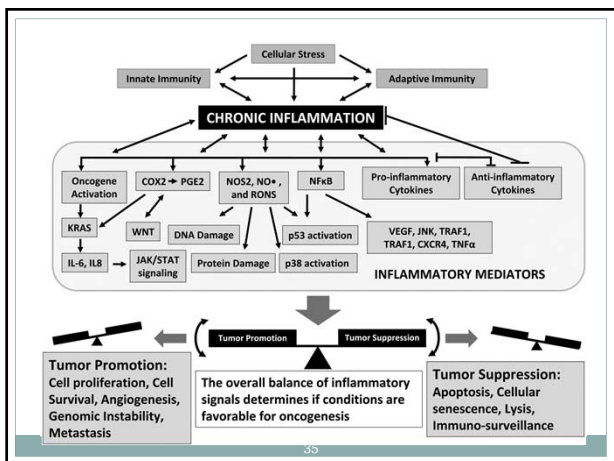


Second part

Anti-inflammatory research of PA

by Ya-Sing Hsiao
 Undergraduate student study
 from 2011/3 to 2012/6

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Inflammation Pathway

Inflammation Pathway

- **TLR4 pathway (Upstream)**
CD14, MD2, MyD88
- **MAPK pathway**
JNK, ERK, p38...
- **IκK, IκB pathway**
p-IκK, p-IκB...
- **NF-κB pathway**
p50, p65
- **Transcription proteins (Down stream):** COX-2, iNOS, MMPs
- **mediators:** NO, PGs...
- **cytokines:** IL-1β, IL-6, TNF-α ...

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Aim

- In this study, we want to evaluation the anti-inflammatory effects of physalin A.
- *In vitro*: using lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-stimulated mouse macrophage RAW264.7 cells
- *In vivo*: using λ-carrageenan (Carr)-induced hind mouse paw edema model.

COX-2, iNOS, MMPs
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METHODS

In vitro — RAW cell

- MTT assay
- NO assay
- ELISA
- Western
- PCR

In vivo — Carrageenan-induced Paw edema

- NO assay
- ELISA
- Western

mediators: NO PGs
cytokines: IL-1b, IL-6, TNF-α

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RESULTS

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Inhibition of LPS-induced iNOS and COX-2 Protein by Physalin A

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iNOS

PA (μM)	-	-	0.5	1.0	2.0	4.0	-
LPS (100 ng/ml)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Indo. (10 μM)	-	-	+	+	+	+	+

COX-2

PA (μM)	-	-	0.5	1.0	2.0	4.0	-
LPS (100 ng/ml)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Indo. (10 μM)	-	-	+	+	+	+	+

Physalin A treatment could down-regulation of iNOS and COX-2 proteins expression in RAW 264.7 cells.

Inhibition of LPS-induced NF-κB Proteins by Physalin A

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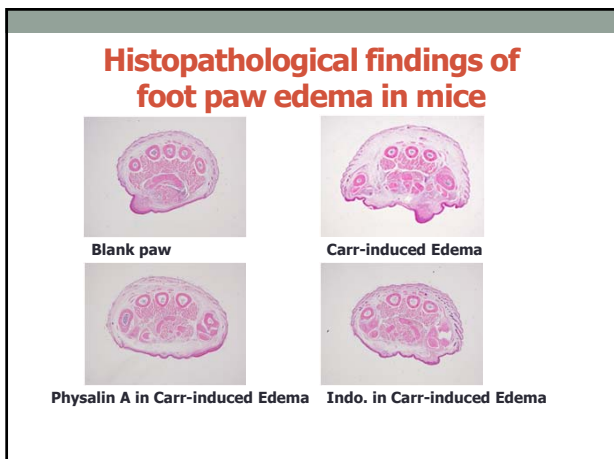
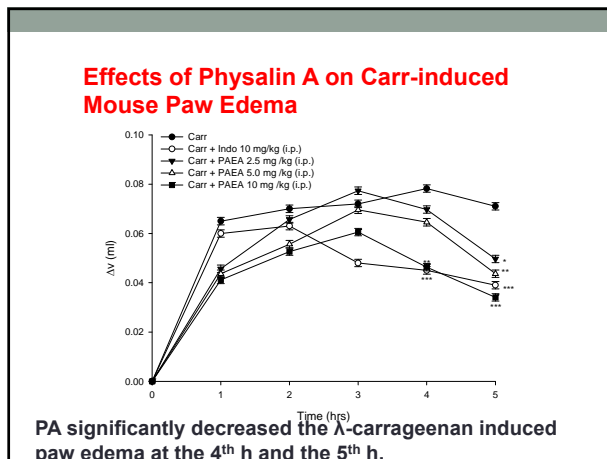
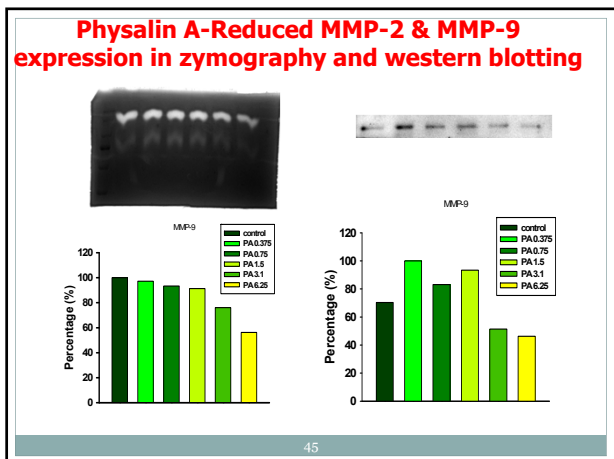
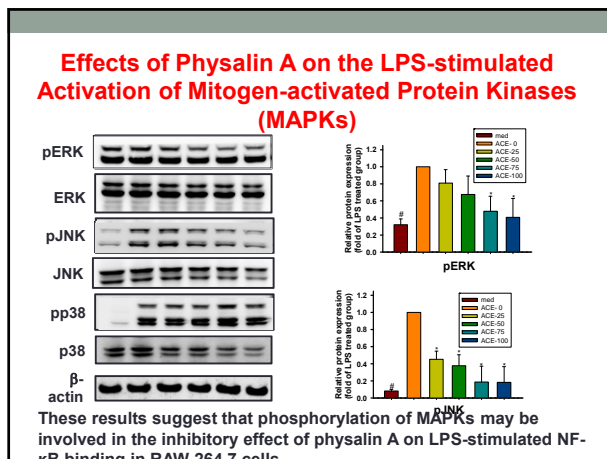
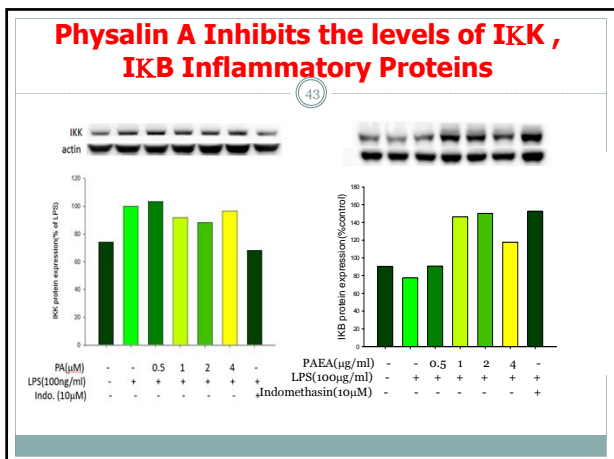
Nuclear p55

PA (μM)	-	-	0.5	1	2	4	-
LPS (100ng/ml)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Indo. (10μM)	-	-	+	+	+	+	+

Nuclear p50

PA (μM)	-	-	0.5	1	2	4	-
LPS (100ng/ml)	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
Indo. (10μM)	-	-	+	+	+	+	+

Down-regulation of p65 proteins, respectively, after the treatment with physalin A at 2 μM compared with the LPS-alone.



Summary 2

1. In *in vitro* tests, RAW264.7 macrophages were treated with physalin A together with LPS, a significant concentration-dependent inhibition of iNOS production was detected.
2. Western blotting revealed that physalin A blocked the protein expression of iNOS, COX-2, Ikk, NF-κB, and MMP-9 in LPS-stimulated RAW264.7 macrophages, significantly.
3. Physalin A also inhibited LPS-induced ERK, and JNK phosphorylation.
4. In *in vivo* tests, physalin A decreased the paw edema at the 4th and the 5th h after λ-carrageenan administration, that physalin A significantly attenuated the iNOS level and edema in the mice hind paw at the 3th-5th h after λ-carrageenan injection.

