

# Effects of Natural Herbal Extracts and Their Components on Cardiac Disorders of Metabolic Syndrome Animal Models

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## Backgrounds:

To investigate whether anthocyanin and *Andrographispaniculata* extracts could inhibit cardiac cell apoptosis in diabetes and obesity respectively.

## Materials and Methods:

Diabetes was induced in five-week-old male wistar rats using streptozotocin, then progressed for 1 weeks, and the treatment of extract product from purple rice, anthocyanins were gavage for 4 weeks constantly. Obesity was induced of four-week-old male C57/BL6 mice, high-fat diet by 45 kcal% were fed for ten months, and then *Andrographispaniculata* extracts were gavage for 1 weeks. Moreover, cardiac diastolic and systolic function was assessed using ecocardiography, and heart weight, cardiomyocyte morphology, protein level were also assessed individually.

## Results:

As a result, anthocyanins and *Andrographispaniculata* extracts both significantly inhibited Fas-dependent and mitochondria-dependent apoptotic protein activation, prevented cardiomyocyte disarray and even restored cardiac function of diabetes and obesity animal hearts. Moreover, the progression of heart failure is through pathological hypertrophy to cause cardiomyocytes apoptosis, then lead to cardiac fibrosis, finally cause cardiac contractile dysfunction in diabetes and obesity animal hearts. However, anthocyanins and *Andrographispaniculata* extracts both reversed the heart damage effects, all the results were identified by western blot assay and histopathological analysis in the hearts of diabetes and obesity animal.

## Conclusion:

Metabolic Syndrome may cause cardiac hypertrophy and cardiomyocyte apoptosis finally lead to fibrosis and cardiac dysfunction, but gavage natural herbal extracts anthocyanins and *Andrographispaniculata* prevented all those unhealthy effect of diabetes and obesity hearts.

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