## Effect of hot water extracted Lycium barbarum and Rehmannia glutinosa on carbon tetrachloride-induced liver injury in rats

## 中文摘要

本研究探討以熱水粗萃取枸杞與地黃中多醣之成分, 餵予雄性 Sprague-Dawley 老鼠,並以四氯化碳(CCl4)誘發肝傷害,探討對肝臟病理切片、血漿中肝功能指 標、脂質代謝與抗氧化能力、發炎反應及纖維化的影響。將老鼠隨機分成四組(每 組 10 隻) : 正常飲食+腹腔注射橄欖油、正常飲食+注射 CCl4、CCl4+一倍 (1 x)劑量組 (1xHE,分別添加枸杞地黃熱水萃取物各 0.05% (w/w) 於飼料中)、 CCl4+三倍 (3x) 劑量組 (3xHE,分別添加枸杞地黃熱水萃取物各 0.15% (w/w) 於飼料中)。一倍劑量與三倍劑量組於誘發肝傷害前一週即開始給予枸杞地黃熱 水萃取物,之後每週注射一次 CCl4, 實驗爲期八週。結果顯示給予枸杞地黃熱 水萃取物一週後,可顯著降低血漿三酸甘油酯。八週期間,一倍與三倍劑量均可 顯著降低血漿 GOT、GPT 活性與三酸甘油酯含量,且三倍劑量可降低肝臟總膽 固醇濃度。病理切片結果顯示一倍與三倍劑量均可抑制由 CCl4 所造成肝細胞壞 死、發炎細胞聚集與纖維化之情形。在發炎反應方面一倍與三倍劑量均可抑制肝 臟中 tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ )、interleukin-1 (IL-1 $\beta$ )含量, 一倍劑量可 提升肝臟中抗發炎細胞激素 interleukin-10 (IL-10)之含量。且一倍與三倍劑量具抑 制肝臟導致纖維化的重要因子 transforming growth factor- $\beta 1$  (TGF- $\beta 1$ )之含量的 功能,且可减少肝臟中膠原蛋白之前驅物羥基脯胺酸(hydroxyproline)含量,對 於肝纖維化具有抑制的功能。但血漿總膽固醇含量、肝臟中脂肪堆積與三酸甘油 酯含量、總抗氧化狀態與脂質過氧化產物無差異。因此,給予枸杞地黃熱水萃取 物可降低四氯化碳誘發肝傷害老鼠血漿 GOT、GPT 活性,並藉由降低發炎反應, 達到抑制肝臟損傷及纖維化之功能。

## 英文摘要

This study investigated the effects of hot water extracted Lycium barbarum and Rehmannia glutinosa (HE) on hepato- pathological examination, liver functions, lipid metabolism, antioxidative function, as well as inflammation and fibrosis in male Sprague Dawley rats with carbon tetrachloride (CCl4)-induced liver injury. Rats (n = 10 per group) were randomly divided into: normal diet + peritoneal injection of olive oil (normal), normal diet+CCl4 injection (CCl4), 1 HE (0.05% HE for each)+CCl4 (1? HE), and 3 HE (0.15% HE for each)+CCl4 (3? HE) groups. Hot water extracted Lycium barbarum and Rehmannia glutinosa were given in the 1 HE and HE groups a week prior to the induction of liver injury. Rats were injected with CCl4 once a week for 7 weeks. The results showed that plasma triglycerides decreased significantly after rats were given HE for one week. Both 1 and 3 HE treatments for 8 weeks decreased not only plasma GOT and GPT activities, but also triglyceride contents. The 3 HE treatment reduced liver cholesterol contents. The pathological examination showed both 1 and 3 HE diminished necrotic hepatocytes, chemoattraction of inflammation cells, and fibrosis. Both 1 and 3 HE treatments reduced tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ) and interleukin-1 (IL-1  $\beta$ ). The 1? HE treatment increased interleukin-10 (IL-10) contents. Both 1? and 3? HE treatments suppressed transforming growth factor-β1 (TGF-β1) concentraction. However, HE did not affect plasma cholesterol, hepatic fat accumulation, hepatic total antioxidant status, and lipid peroxides. Therefore, HE can decrease CCl4-induced liver injury rats plasma GOT and GPT activities, and prevent liver injury and fibrosis by down-regulation of inflammation.