

## Supplement 1.

**Table S1. The pharmacological activity of Ginsenoside Rg5 in *in vitro* experiments**

Reference	Ginsenosides	In vitro conc. $\mu$ M	In vitro conc. $\mu$ g/ml	Cells	Results
Wu et al, 2009	<b>Rg5</b>  <b>Rb1</b>  <b>Rc</b>	1  0.01, 0.1  0.01	0.767  0.011, 0.11  0.108	primary medium spiny striatal neuronal cultures (MSN) from the YAC128 HD mouse	Ginsenosides Rg5, Rb1 and Rc protected neurons from glutamate-induced apoptosis in vitro Huntington's disease (HD) assay. Ginsenosides Rd, Re, Rg3, Rh1, Re, Rd, Rk1, Rh4 and Rk3 were inactive or exerted toxic effects in MSN cultures.
Choi et al., 2017	<b>Rg5</b>	26-52  Toxic in 78-104	20-40  Toxic in 60-80	hippocampal HT22 cells	Rg5 exhibits a neuroprotective effect in heat stress-induced apoptosis. <b>Rg5 decreases</b> the production of thermal stress-induced <b>increase of NO</b> , which is an oxidative stress marker, <b>Rg5 reduces</b> antioxidant enzymes <b>HO-1/Nrf2</b> and <b>glutathione reductase</b> production and <b>AchE</b> activity in thermal stress-exposed HT22 cells. Rg5 prevents thermal stress-induced inhibition of <b>CREB</b> , <b>BDNF</b> , and <b>GSK3b</b> , <b>increasing their production</b> in thermal stress-exposed HT22 cells.
Cho et al, 2015	<b>Rg5</b>	10 20	7.7 15.4	Human umbilical vein endothelial cells	Rg5 promotes angiogenesis and vasorelaxation by <b>activating</b> signal transduction pathways downstream of <b>IGF-1R</b> , including <b>ERK</b> , <b>FAK</b> , <b>Akt/eNOS/NO</b> , and Gi-mediated phospholipase C/Ca2/eNOS dimerization pathways. The vasodilative activity of Rg5 was mediated by the eNOS/NO/cGMP axis.
Yang et al, 2017	<b>Rg5</b>	0.1 1 10	- 0.767 7.67	Neonatal rat ventricular myocytes	Rg5 regulation of mitochondrial dysfunctions through <b>Akt activation</b> , and <b>increased ATP production</b> .
Kim et al., 2015	<b>Rg5</b>	25-100	19-96	breast cancer cells (MCF-7)	Rg5 <b>promotes breast cancer cell (MCF-7) apoptosis</b> by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>increasing expression of p53, p21WAF1/CIP1 and p15INK4B</b></li> <li><b>decreasing expression of Cyclin D1, Cyclin E2, and CDK4</b></li> </ul>
Liu et al., 2019	<b>Rg5</b>	100-200	77-154	human gastric cancer cells	Ginsenoside Rg5 induces G2/M phase arrest, apoptosis, and autophagy via <b>activating ROS-mediated MAPK</b> pathways in human gastric cancer

Song et al., 2021	<b>Rg5</b>	50	38	HeLa, A549 and 293T cancer cells	Rg5 inhibits cancer cell migration by <b>inhibiting the NF-<math>\kappa</math>B</b> and erythropoietin-producing hepatocellular receptor A2 signaling pathways
Kim et al, 2019	<b>Rg5</b>	20 40	15.4 30.8	Human umbilical vein endothelial cells	Rg5 <b>suppressed</b> the production of TNF- $\alpha$ and IL-6 and the <b>activation of NF-<math>\kappa</math>B and ERK 1/2</b> by HMGB1-mediated septic responses. Rg5 reduced HMGB1 release in LPS-activated HUVECs via <b>activation the SIRT1-mediated</b> deacetylation of HMGB1
Ahn et al, 2016	<b>Rg5</b>			RAW264.7 Macrophages and human epidermal keratinocytes - HaCaT cells	Rg5 suppresses <b>NF-<math>\kappa</math>B/p38 MAPK/STAT1</b> signaling
Park et al, 2015	<b>Rg5</b>			Pig Kidney Epithelial LLC-PK1 cells	Rg5 ameliorates renal cell damage by <b>inhibiting inflammation and preventing apoptosis</b>
Liang et al., 2015	<b>Rg5</b>	1.25-20	1-15	human cervical cancer cells	Rg5 induces apoptosis and DNA damage
Cheng et al., 2019	<b>Rg5</b> <b>Rb1</b> <b>Rg3</b> <b>Rg1</b> <b>Rh2</b>	131	100	PC12 cells	<b>Rg5 inhibits</b> reactive oxygen species (ROS) and apoptosis

CREB, cAMP-response element-binding protein; GR, glutathione reductase; HO-1, heme oxygenase-1

**Table S2. Doses, bioavailability and the maximal concentration of Ginsenosides in blood of human subjects and animals in pharmacokinetic studies of Ginseng**

Reference	Gin-seno-sides	Conc. in blood	Conc. in blood	Bioavaila-bility	Human daily dose Ginseng dry preparation	Human saily dose, Ginseno-sides	In vivo dose of dry preparation, mice/ rats/ dogs	Corres-ponding dose of Ginseng dry preparation in humans
Units		nM	ng/ml	%	mg	mg	mg/kg	mg
Xu et al., 2003	Rb1 Rg1	61447 9504	47130 7290	4.35 18.4			600	5800
Chen et al., 2016	Rb1 Rc Rd Re	104-195 13-26 13-26 4-6.5	80-150 10-20 10-20 3-5				454	14700
Ma et al., 2021	Rg5 Rk1			0.97 0.67				
Yoo et al., 2021	Rg5 Rk1 Rg3 Ck Rb1 Rh2	2-10 1-4 2-10 15 2-4 2-22	1.4-7.6 0.7-2.8 1.6-7.3 11.7 1.8-2.8 1.6-16.9		9000	7-73 1-33 5-39 - 18-49 -		
Zhou et al., 2017	Rg5 Rk1 Rg3 Ck Rb1 Rh2 Rh3	80.8 48.2 100.4 48.2 275.1 328.6 35.2	62 37 77 37 211 252 27				4000	39000
Kim et al., 2013	Rb1 Ck	5.1 11.0	3.9 8.4		9000			
Kim et al., 2018	Rb1 Rg3 Ck Rh2 Gin seng			4.3 2.63 35.0 5,4, 6			4.3 2.63 35.0 5,4, 6 1000	9730
Won et al., 2019	Rb1 Rg1 Rh2 Ginseng			4.35 2.63 6.4			4.35 2.63 6.4 1000	9730

**Table S4. The pharmacological activity of Ginsenoside Rg5 in *in vivo* experiments**

First author, year	Experimental animals	Dose of Rg5, mg/kg	Corresponding human dose of Red Ginseng dry root, mg /BW	Disease model	Effect
Cheng et al., 2019	Male Sprague-Dawley rats	10	5000	Neurodegenerative Disorders	Rg5 protects the brain against ischemic injury <i>in vivo</i> , <b>reducing</b> cerebral ischemic injury, cerebral infarction volume, brain neurological dysfunction of ischemia-reperfusion. The neuroprotective mechanism is associated with <b>inhibition of the expression of Toll-like receptor 4 (TLR4)</b> , nuclear transcription factor P65 ( <b>NF-<math>\kappa</math>B</b> ), the expression of interleukines <b>IL-1<math>\beta</math></b> , <b>IL-6</b> and <b>TNF-<math>\alpha</math></b> and silencing information regulator ( <b>SIRT1</b> ) in the hippocampal region of rats
Chu et al, 2014	Male Wistar rats	5 10 20	2500 5000 10000	Neurodegenerative Disorders	Rg5 improved cognitive dysfunction and attenuated neuroinflammatory responses in streptozotocin (STZ)-induced memory impaired rats. Ginsenoside Rg5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>decreased</b> levels of cytokines <b>TNF-<math>\alpha</math></b> and <b>IL-1<math>\beta</math></b> and <b>acetylcholinesterase (AChE)</b> activity, but</li> <li><b>enhanced</b> choline acetyltransferase (<b>ChAT</b>) activity, the expressions of insulin-like growth factors 1 (<b>IGF-1</b>) brain derived neurotrophic factor (<b>BDNF</b>) and A<math>\beta</math> deposition in the hippocampus and cerebral cortex of STZ rats.</li> </ul>
Kim et al, 2013	Male ICR mice	10	2500	Neurodegenerative Disorders	Ginsenoside Rg5 protects memory deficit by <b>inhibiting AChE activity</b> and <b>increasing BDNF expression</b> and <b>CREB activation</b>
Shao et al, 2018	Male Kunming mice			Mood and behavioral disorders Depression	Ginsenoside Rg5 can exert sedative and hypnotic effects by affecting the GABA nervous system and the serotonin nervous system. Rg5 reduce the locomotor activity of mice and promote the sleep quality index, the sleep latency and prolong the sleep time of mice. Furthermore, Rg5 augmented the <b>GABA/Glu ratio</b> , up-regulating the expression of the <b>GABAA receptor and the GABAB receptor</b> .
Yang et al, 2017	Male ICR mice	50	12000	Metabolic disorders Cardioprotection	Ginsenoside Rg5 increases cardiomyocyte resistance to ischemic injury

Xiao et al, 2017	Male C57BL/6J mice	50	12000	Metabolic disorders Diabetes	<p>Ginsenoside Rg5 Inhibits Succinate-induced Lipolysis in Adipose Tissue and Prevents Muscle Insulin Resistance.</p> <p>Rg5 treatment <b>reduced</b> cellular energy charge, suppressed Endoplasmatic Reticulum stress, , inflammation and <b>cAMP/PKA</b> activation, contributing to lipolysis and insulin resistance.</p> <p>Ginsenoside Rg5 treatment <b>suppressed NLRP3</b> inflammasome activation, preserved PDE3B expression and then <b>reduced cAMP</b> accumulation, contributing to inhibition of lipolysis.</p>
Zhu et al, 2020	C57BL/6 diabetic mice	30 60	7000 14000	Metabolic disorders Diabetes	<p>Rg5 attenuated renal injury in diabetic mice by <b>inhibiting</b> oxidative stress and <b>NLRP3</b> inflammasome activation to reduce inflammatory responses including ROS production, oxidative stress markers (MDA, SOD, and GSH-PX), Nox4 and the expression levels of the NLRP3 inflammasome (NLRP3, ASC, and Caspase-1), the inflammatory cytokines IL-1<math>\beta</math> and IL-18, the expression of NF-kB and the phosphorylation of p38 MAPK in kidney</p>
Kim et al, 2019	Male C57BL/6 mice	0.061 1.1 $\mu$ M	15	Inflammation	<p>Rg5 inhibited HMGB1-mediated hyperpermeability, leukocyte migration, the sepsis-related mortality, and tissue injury in mice.</p>

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