

Radioprotective Effects of Danggui(*Angelica gigas* Nakai) in Mice

(Danggui, *Angelica gigas*)
 12 Gy, 6.5 Gy, 2 Gy
 apoptosis
 가 (p<0.0005),
 가 (p<0.05).
 가
 가

Abstract

In order to determine the radioprotective effects of Danggui (*Angelica gigas*), known as a blood tonic in traditional Oriental herbs, the extract of Danggui was administered to mice and then the mice were irradiated with γ -rays. The effects of the extract on jejunal crypt survival, endogenous spleen colony formation and apoptosis in jejunal crypt cells were investigated in mice irradiated with 12 Gy, 6.5 Gy, 2 Gy of γ -rays, respectively. The administration of Danggui extract protected the jejunal crypts (p<0.0005) and increased the formation of endogenous spleen colony (p<0.05). These results indicated that Danggui might protect stem cells of renewal tissues as well as bone marrow hematopoietic system. For the protection of bio-organism from radiation, both protection of stem cells and augmentation of hemopoiesis and immune function might be required. In other reports, Danggui showed stimulatory effects on hemopoiesis and immune function. Therefore, Danggui might be a useful radioprotector, especially since it is a relatively nontoxic natural product.

(Key words : Danggui (*Angelica gigas*), radioprotector, jejunal crypt, spleen colony)

1.

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가

가

가

1949 Patt *et al* [1]

thiol

factor

, granulocyte colony-stimulating factor

, interleukin-1, tumor necrosis

가

[2-6].

[9, 10].

가

[8, 9]

(Danggui, *Angelica gigas*)

50% kg 100g

, interleukin-2

[10-14],

가

가

, 12,

6.5, 2 Gy

apoptosis

2.

2.1

apoptosis

7

ICR

7

ICR

2.2

, 10

가

8

200g 10

2.3

(Gamma-cell Elan 3000, Nordion International, Canada)

⁶⁰Co

(: 10.9Gy/ min)

12Gy,

6.5Gy, apoptosis

2Gy 1

2.4

8 ICR 6 , ,
3 1mg 36
12 2 . 3.5
8-10
8 가

2.5

8 ICR 9 ,
1mg 36 12 2
9
Bouin 2 .

2.6 apoptosis

8 ICR 4 , ,
6
Carnoy's 8-10
hematoxylin-eosin DNA fragments *in situ*
apoptosis detection kit(APOPTAG TM, Oncor, Gaithersburg, MD, U. S. A.) *in situ*
DNA end-labeling (ISEL) 40
, 가 17 Paneth cell
, Paneth cell 4
(base) , apoptotic cell
apoptotic body가 ,

3.

3.1

가
157 ,
20 (p<0.0005)
54 가 (Table 1, Fig. 1).

3.2

가
3.4 (p<0.05) 가 (Table 2).

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Table 1. Effect of Danggui on intestinal crypt survival in irradiated mice(Mean \pm SD)

| Groups | Crypts per circumference |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Untreated control | 157.00 \pm 14.81 |
| Irradiation control (12Gy) | 19.67 \pm 6.09 |
| Danggui + irradiation | 54.90 \pm 7.87* |

Water extracts of Danggui (1mg/animal) was given i.p. at 36 and 12 hours before irradiation.
*p<0.0005 as compared with irradiation control group.

Table 2. Effect of Danggui on endogenous spleen colony formation in irradiated mice at ninth day after irradiation (Mean \pm SD)

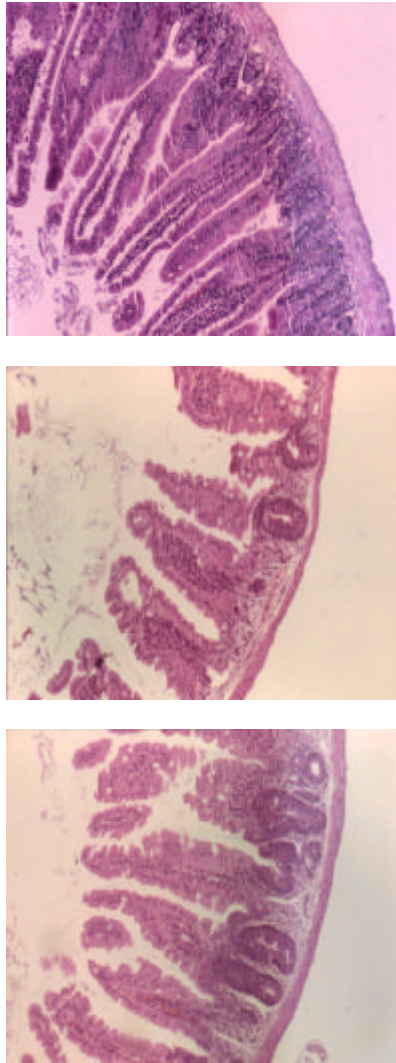
| Groups | Number of colony |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Irradiation control (6.5Gy) | 2.11 \pm 1.69 |
| Danggui + irradiation | 7.2 \pm 6.24* |

Water extract of Danggui (1mg/animal) was given i.p. at 36 and 12 hours before irradiation.
*p<0.05, as compared with irradiation control group.

Table 3. Effect of Danggui on incidence of cell death by apoptosis in crypt of intestine following irradiation (Mean \pm SD)

| Groups | Apoptotic cell per crypt | |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Base | Total |
| Untreated control | 0.071 \pm 0.036 | 0.091 \pm 0.032 |
| Irradiation control (2Gy) | 4.688 \pm 1.138 | 4.938 \pm 1.194 |
| Danggui + irradiation | 3.812 \pm 0.625 | 4.194 \pm 0.124 |

Water extract of Danggui (1mg/animal) was given i.p. at 36 and 12 hours before irradiation.



**Fig. 1. Photomicrograph of transverse sections of mouse jejunum.
(Top, normal; Middle, radiation; Low, extract Danggui + radiation)**