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Phytochemical profiles and their hypoglycemic effects of tree peony seed coats

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| No. | RD | PF | EG | SA | SB | VF | AD | UN I | UN II |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|
| S1 | 0.31±0.10 | 0.56±0.11 | 0.54±0.12 | 24.37±2.53 | 209.17±23.60 | 30.96±3.03 | 113.24±9.77 | 47.70±5.50 | 32.10±2.32 |
| S2 | 0.30±0.05 | 0.37±0.04 | - | 25.86±1.95 | 227.17±18.77 | 47.23±2.26 | 145.75±12.52 | 12.84±2.21 | 46.55±3.44 |
| S3 | 0.15±0.06 | 0.53±0.12 | - | 23.09±2.76 | 197.38±22.18 | 34.83±3.12 | 177.12±24.61 | 16.94±1.99 | 42.72±2.94 |
| S4 | 0.08 ± 0.02 | $0.40{\pm}0.07$ | - | 24.05±3.07 | 209.17±9.80 | 55.93±3.67 | 181.24±18.92 | 8.14±1.24 | 47.12±3.40 |
| S5 | 0.12±0.03 | 0.42±0.05 | 0.49±0.10 | 21.52±1.18 | 187.99±12.86 | 28.77±2.27 | 119.37±8.67 | 28.06±2.34 | 32.12±1.95 |
| S6 | 0.01±0.00 | 0.59±0.14 | 0.16±0.02 | 25.92±3.34 | 232.99±30.67 | 41.96±2.90 | 162.76±10.02 | 11.29±1.29 | 47.38±3.41 |
| S7 | 0.32±0.14 | 0.47±0.10 | 0.07±0.01 | 16.15±2.10 | 132.46±14.29 | 71.77±5.24 | 115.97±6.50 | 19.31±1.05 | 26.74±1.66 |
| S8 | 0.12±0.05 | 0.45±0.08 | 0.26±0.04 | 27.44±3.17 | 240.43±25.40 | 35.78±1.80 | 145.57±13.51 | 23.82±1.81 | 39.55±2.73 |
| S9 | 0.16±0.02 | 0.51±0.12 | 0.05±0.01 | 23.57±2.06 | 199.65±21.69 | 52.88±4.31 | 108.41±9.75 | 34.47±2.94 | 31.97±2.01 |
| S10 | 0.64±0.15 | 0.34±0.03 | 1.87±0.24 | 25.83±1.92 | 216.82±17.92 | 43.45±2.99 | 105.58±10.04 | 28.73±1.12 | 35.46±1.97 |
| S11 | 0.58±0.22 | 0.46±0.05 | 0.87±0.22 | 24.07±2.30 | 197.11±15.33 | 54.44±3.27 | 100.95±12.38 | 13.16±1.50 | 36.20±2.25 |
| S12 | 0.26±0.07 | 0.42±0.05 | 3.24±0.57 | 20.51±1.18 | 190.63±8.96 | 62.45±5.00 | 140.31±12.67 | 26.26±1.33 | 35.59±1.59 |
| S13 | 0.18±0.00 | 0.25±0.07 | - | 18.11±1.37 | 156.07±23.07 | 32.98±1.66 | 154.67±19.18 | 38.38±2.94 | 35.15±2.92 |
| S14 | 0.25±0.02 | 0.66±0.12 | 3.96±0.53 | 21.76±1.56 | 190.87±17.94 | 74.75±4.54 | 182.08±21.60 | 12.64±1.17 | 42.35±3.13 |
| S15 | 0.16±0.02 | 0.50±0.04 | 2.36±0.32 | 19.41±2.33 | 180.60±12.89 | 48.38±3.30 | 204.34±16.36 | 14.08±2.11 | 47.95±2.85 |
| S16 | 0.21±0.03 | 0.55±0.10 | 0.07±0.01 | 19.76±1.27 | 189.43±21.37 | 41.03±3.55 | 182.36±15.49 | 18.03±1.53 | 39.43±2.39 |
| S17 | 1.05±0.34 | 0.08±0.03 | 2.14±0.20 | 17.76±3.44 | 118.10±22.96 | 20.32±4.38 | 35.60±4.72 | 3.51±0.92 | 17.23±1.50 |
| S18 | 0.55±0.17 | 0.44±0.02 | 2.86±0.18 | 25.76±1.86 | 242.64±27.90 | 66.40±2.93 | 193.60±18.77 | 26.26±2.33 | 47.22±2.26 |
| S19 | 0.14±0.01 | 0.50±0.07 | - | 19.96±2.39 | 169.97±18.72 | 34.90±3.12 | 77.75±7.04 | 60.17±5.28 | 21.40±1.52 |
| S20 | 0.21±0.02 | 0.65±0.06 | 0.07±0.02 | 29.16±2.16 | 278.26±16.40 | 20.25±3.65 | 154.37±11.29 | 7.35±7.04 | 46.60±3.60 |
| S21 | 9.26±2.20 | 0.05±0.01 | 0.25±0.04 | 7.04±1.04 | 35.11±4.29 | 12.50±1.72 | 100.50±6.53 | 4.14±1.02 | 15.89±1.87 |
| S22 | 6.86±1.87 | 0.06±0.01 | 0.19±0.03 | 7.50±0.92 | 42.33±3.95 | 4.21±0.88 | 76.00±5.49 | 4.20±0.88 | 14.50±1.29 |
| S23 | 1.96±0.63 | 0.22±0.04 | 0.19±0.02 | 0.69±0.24 | 2.93±0.77 | 8.23±1.42 | 99.87±3.92 | 3.87±1.30 | 14.84±0.98 |
| S24 | 14.91±2.69 | 0.08±0.02 | 0.18±0.04 | 0.31±0.09 | 0.69±0.16 | 0.91±0.28 | 155.01±14.68 | 5.17±0.94 | 22.70±1.07 |
| S25 | 6.29±1.08 | 0.10±0.00 | 0.03±0.00 | 2.96±0.84 | 9.86±1.30 | 0.27±0.05 | 14.49±2.05 | 1.03±0.37 | 11.00±0.84 |
| S26 | 1.85±0.75 | 0.04±0.01 | - | - | - | 0.08±0.02 | 38.63±4.08 | 1.71±0.45 | 12.64±1.16 |

Table S1 Phytochemical composition and content (mg/g) in seed coats of three tree peonies (*POSC*, *PDSC* and *PLSC*) located from different production regions.

RD: (E)-resveratrol 3,5-*O*-β-diglucoside, PF: paeoniflorin, EG: ethyl gallate, SA: suffruticosol A, SB: suffruticosol B, VF: trans-ε-viniferin, AD: ampelopsin D, UN I: Unidentified II, UN II: Unidentified II.

The symbol (-) presents that it is below the detection limit.

| Phytochemicals | RD | PF | EG | SA | SB | VF | AD | UN I | UN II |
|---|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|
| (E)-resveratrol 3,5- <i>O-β</i> - diglucoside (RD) | 1.000 | | | | | | | | |
| Paeoniflorin (PF) | -0.673** | 1.000 | | | | | | | |
| Ethyl gallate (EG) | -0.199 | 0.201 | 1.000 | | | | | | |
| Suffruticosol A (SA) | -0.716** | 0.802** | 0.235 | 1.000 | | | | | |
| Suffruticosol B (SB) | -0.723** | 0.834** | 0.239 | 0.989** | 1.000 | | | | |
| trans- <i>ɛ</i> -Viniferin (VF) | -0.618** | 0.711** | 0.506** | 0.701** | 0.706** | 1.000 | | | |
| Ampelopsin D (AD) | -0.245 | 0.630** | 0.252 | 0.519** | 0.591** | 0.572** | 1.000 | | |
| Unidentified I (UN I) | -0.428* | 0.461* | 0.028 | 0.473* | 0.470* | 0.370 | 0.122 | 1.000 | |
| Unidentified II (UN II) | -0.551** | 0.781** | 0.266 | 0.829** | 0.876** | 0.694** | 0.856** | 0.199 | 1.000 |

Table S2 Pearson correlation coefficients among the main phytochemical contents of *Paeonia* seed coats.

**. P < 0.01, correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

*. P < 0.05, correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

| Compound no. | Name/description | IC ₅₀ (µM) | |
|--------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| | Acarbose | 0.022 ± 0.0026 | |
| 1 | (E)-resveratrol 3,5- <i>O</i> -β-diglucoside | >3000 | |
| 2 | Paeoniflorin | >3000 | |
| 3 | Ethyl gallate | >3000 | |
| 4 | Suffruticosol A | 12.44 ± 1.10 | |
| 5 | Suffruticosol B | 12.55 ± 1.11 | |
| 6 | trans- <i>e</i> -Viniferin | 7.75 ± 0.85 | |
| 7 | Ampelopsin D | 3.92 ± 0.27 | |
| 8 | Vateriferol | 3.01 ± 0.18 | |
| 9 | 4-hydroxybenzoic acid | >3000 | |
| 10 | 4-hydroxybenzal-dehyde | >3000 | |
| 11 | Unidentified I | >3000 | |
| 12 | Unidentified II | >3000 | |

Table S3 Inhibitory effects of acarbose and the main compounds of *Paeonia* seed coats on α-glucosidase



Fig. S1. Geographic distribution of different sampled positions of *Paeonia* plants. Names of the numbered positions were listed in Table 1.



Fig. S2. Inhibition mechanism of ampelopsin D (a) and suffruticosol B (c) on α -glucosidase and Lineweaver-Burk plots for the inhibition of α -glucosidase by ampelopsin D (b) and suffruticosol B (d).



Fig. S3. Molecular docking of ampelopsin D (a), suffruticosol B (b) and acarbose (c) in the region of the active site of the protein (PDB: 2QMJ).

Supplementary data

The NMR and MS data of the phytochemicals (1-10) isolated from POSC are as follows.

(1) (E)-Resveratrol 3,5-O- β -diglucoside

ESI-MS m/z 553 [M+H]⁺ (C₂₆H₃₂O₁₃). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_{H} : 7.42 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2', 6'), 7.11 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz, H-8), 6.98 (2H, brs, H-2, 6), 6.93 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz, H-7), 6.80 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3', 5'), 6.49 (1H, overlapped, H-4), 4.97 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, H-1", 1"'), 3.97 (2H, d, J = 11.0 Hz, H-6a", 6a"'), 3.30~3.78 (10H, Glu); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_{C} : 160.2 (C-4'), 158.6 (C-3, 5), 141.4 (C-1), 130.7 (C-), 130.6 (C-8), 130.2 (C-2', 6'), 129.0 (C-1'), 126.3 (C-7), 116.5 (C-3', 5'), 109.7 (C-2, 6), 104.8 (C-4), 102.3 (C-1", 1"'), 78.3 (C-3", 3"'), 78.0 (C-5", 5"'), 74.9 (C-2", 2"'), 71.7 (C-4", 4"'), 62.7 (C-6", 6"').

(2) Paeoniflorin

ESI-MS m/z 481 [M+H]⁺ (C₂₃H₂₈O₁₁). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_{H} : 8.05 (2H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, H-2", 6"), 7.61 (1H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, H-4"), 7.48 (2H, t, J = 7.5 Hz, H-3", 5"), 5.44 (1H, s, H-9), 4.74 (1H, overlapped, H-8), 4.54 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, H-1'), 3.86 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, Hb-6'), 3.62 (1H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, Ha-6'), 3.20~3.40 (4H, overlapped, H-3', 5', 2', 4'), 2.59 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, H-5), 2.49 (1H, m, Hb-6), 2.20 (1H, d, J = 12.5 Hz, Hb-1), 1.96 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, Ha-6), 1.82 (1H, d, J = 12.5 Hz, Ha-1), 1.37 (3H, s, H-10); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_{C} : 168.0 (C-7"), 134.4 (C-4"), 131.1 (C-1"), 130.6 (C-2", 6"), 129.6 (C-3", 5"), 106.4 (C-4), 102.2 (C-9), 100.1 (C-1'), 89.3 (C-1), 87.2 (C-2), 78.0 (C-5'), 77.9 (C-3'), 74.9 (C-2'), 72.1 (C-7), 71.7 (C-4'), 62.8 (C-6'), 61.7 (C-8), 44.5 (C-3), 43.9 (C-5), 23.4 (C-6), 19.6 (C-10).

(3) Ethyl gallate

ESI-MS m/z 199 $[M+H]^+$ (C₉H₁₀O₅). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_H : 7.08 (2H, s, H-2, 6), 4.30 (2H, d, J = 7.0 Hz, H-8), 1.37 (3H, t, J = 7.0 Hz, H-9); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_C : 168.6 (C-7), 146.5 (C-3, 4), 139.7 (C-4), 121.8 (C-1), 110.0 (C-2, 6), 61.7 (C-8), 14.6 (C-9).

(4) Suffruticosol A

ESI-MS m/z 681 [M+H]⁺ (C₄₂H₃₂O₉). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_{H} : 7.14 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2", 6"), 6.99 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2, 6), 6.72 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3", 5"), 6.52 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2', 6'), 6.41 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3, 5), 6.29 (1H, brs, H-12"), 6.23 (1H, s, H-12'), 6.15 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3', 5'), 6.10 (1H, brs, H-12), 6.02 (2H, brs, H-10, 14), 5.96 (1H, brs, H-14"), 5.72 (1H, d, J = 12.0 Hz, H-7"), 5.46 (1H, d, J = 3.0 Hz, H-7'), 4.78 (1H, s, H-8), 4.39 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, H-8"), 3.97 (1H, m, H-8'), 3.72 (1H, d, J = 7.5 Hz, H-7); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_{C} : 160.2 (C-11'), 159.3 (C-11, 13), 159.0 (C-4"), 156.7 (C-13"), 156.5 (C-4), 155.1 (C-13'), 155.0 (C-11"), 154.5 (C-4'), 148.4 (C-9), 144.7 (C-9'), 141.8 (C-9"), 135.5 (C-1), 133.9 (C-1'), 130.9 (C-1"), 130.8 (C-2', 6'), 130.7 (C-2, 6), 130.5 (C-2", 6"), 126.9 (C-10"), 123.0 (C-14'), 117.3 (C-10'), 116.2 (C-3", 5"), 115.4 (C-3, 5), 114.2 (C-3', 5'), 106.8 (C-10, 14), 105.9 (C-14"), 101.9 (C-12"), 101.4 (C-12), 96.2 (C-12'), 91.5 (C-7"), 61.1 (C-7), 54.6 (C-8), 49.6 (C-8"), 48.8 (C-8'), 39.7 (C-7').

(5) Suffruticosol B

ESI-MS m/z 681 [M+H]⁺ (C₄₂H₃₂O₉). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) $\delta_{\rm H}$: 7.57 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2", 6"), 6.96 (2H, brd, H-2', 6'), 6.91 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3", 5"), 6.50 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3', 5'), 6.27 (4H, overlapped, H-3, 5, 2, 6), 6.22 (2H, brd, H-10, 14), 6.19 (1H, s, H-12'), 6.17 (1H, s, H-12"), 6.14 (1H, s, H-12), 5.95 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-14"), 5.86 (1H, d, J = 11.5Hz, H-7"), 5.08 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, H-8'), 4.22 (1H, d, J = 11.5 Hz, H-7'), 4.09 (2H, overlapped, H-8, 8'), 3.81 (1H, d, J = 6.0 Hz, H-7); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) $\delta_{\rm C}$: 160.2 (C-11'), 159.4 (C-11, 13), 159.1 (C-4"), 158.4 (C-13"), 157.2 (C-11"), 156.1 (C-4'), 156.1 (C-4), 155.7 (C-13'), 147.5 (C-9), 147.5 (C-9), 142.4 (C-9"), 135.5 (C-1), 133.8 (C-1'), 133.1 (C-2', 6'), 130.9 (C-1"), 130.5 (C-2", 6"), 129.5 (C-2, 6), 123.6 (C-14'), 122.9 (C-10"), 118.5 (C-10'), 116.5 (C-3", 5"), 115.2 (C-3, 5), 114.7 (C-3', 5'), 107.3 (C-10, 14), 104.9 (C-12"), 103.7 (C-14"), 101.4 (C-12), 96.2 (C-12'), 91.1 (C-7"), 63.1 (C-7), 56.9 (C-8), 47.8 (C-8"), 46.5 (C-8'), 39.7 (C-7'). (6) Trans-ε-viniferin

ESI-MS m/z 455 [M+H]⁺ (C₂₈H₂₂O₆). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_{H} : 7.16 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, H-2,6), 7.11 (2H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, H-2',6'), 6.77 (2H, d, J = 9.2 Hz, H-3,5), 6.67 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-3',5'), 6.64(1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-10'), 6.25 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-12'), 6.81 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz, H-7'), 6.55 (1H, d, J = 16.0 Hz, H-8'), 6.18 (1H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-12), 6.15 (2H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-10,14), 5.34 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-7), 4.35 (1H, d, J = 6.5 Hz, H-8); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_{C} : 133.8 (C-1), 128.5 (C-2,6), 116.0 (C-3, 5), 157.9 (C-4), 94.8 (C-7), 57.5 (C-8), 147.4 (C-9), 107.3 (C-10), 159.6 (C-11,13), 101.9 (C-12), 107.4 (C-14), 130.2 (C-1'), 131.0 (C-2',6'), 115.7 (C-3', 5'), 158.4 (C-4'), 131.7 (C-7'), 126.5 (C-8'), 137.7 (C-9'), 108.9 (C-10'), 159.1 (C-11'), 96.7 (C-12'), 162.8 (C-13'), 120.5 (C-14').

(7) Ampelopsin D

ESI-MS m/z 455 [M+H]⁺ (C₂₈H₂₂O₆). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_{H} : 7.01 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-2,6), 6.67 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-3,5), 4.18 (1H, brs, H-7), 4.05 (1H, brs, H-8), 6.05 (2H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, H-10,14), 6.04 (1H, t, J = 2.2 Hz, H-12), 7.09 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-2',6'), 6.57 (2H, d, J = 8.8 Hz, H-3',5'), 6.95 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, H-7'), 6.18 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, H-12'), 6.70 (1H, d, J = 2.2 Hz, H-14'); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_{C} : 137.9 (C-1), 129.0 (C-2,6), 116.5 (C-3, 5), 156.7 (C-4), 59.9 (C-7), 59.0 (C-8), 150.0 (C-9), 106.5 (C-10,14), 159.2 (C-11,13), 101.4 (C-12), 130.2 (C-1'), 131.2 (C-2',6'), 115.9 (C-3', 5'), 157.4 (C-4'), 122.7 (C-7'), 143.8 (C-8'), 148.0 (C-9'), 124.7 (C-10'), 156.4 (C-11'), 103.7 (C-12'), 159.8 (C-13'), 98.5 (C-14').

(8) Vateriferol

ESI-MS m/z 679 [M+H]⁺ (C₄₂H₃₀O₉). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) $\delta_{\rm H}$: 6.74 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H-2",6"), 3.19 (1H, t, J = 10.0 Hz, H-7"), 6.49 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, H-3",5"), 4.18 (1H, d, J = 9.6 Hz, H-8"), 5.76 (2H, d, J = 2.0 Hz, H-10",14"), 6.02 (1H, d, J = 2.1 Hz, H-12"), 6.95 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, H-2,6), 6.86 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, H-3,5), 5.23 (1H, d, J = 3.9 Hz, H-7), 3.92 (1H, dd, J = 10.4 Hz, J = 3.9 HZ, H-8), 6.69 (1H, s, H-12), 7.58 (2H, d, J = 8.6 Hz, H-2',6'), 7.05 (2H, d, J = 8.4 Hz, H-3',5'), 6.17 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz, H-12'), 6.69 (1H, d, J = 2.5 Hz, H-14'); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) $\delta_{\rm C}$: 134.5 (C-1), 131.1 (C-2,6), 116.1 (C-3, 5), 159.2 (C-4), 42.7 (C-7), 55.2 (C-8), 140.2 (C-9), 119.4 (C-10), 155.4 (C-11), 96.8 (C-12), 152.7 (C-13), 125.8 (C-14), 135.4 (C-1"), 132.4 (C-2",6"), 115.5 (C-3",5"), 156.9 (C-4"), 63.4 (C-7"), 59.6 (C-8"), 147.5 (C-9"), 107.7 (C-10",14"), 158.8 (C-11",13"), 101.5 (C-12"), 123.9 (C-1'), 130.7 (C-2',6'), 116.5 (C-3', 5'), 157.8 (C-4'), 152.6 (C-7'), 116.7 (C-8'), 134.3 (C-9'), 124.9 (C-10'), 156.2 (C-11'), 102.6 (C-12'), 155.6 (C-13'), 110.2 (C-14').

(9) 4-Hydroxybenzoic acid

ESI-MS m/z 139 [M+H]⁺ (C₇H₆O₃). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) δ_{H} : 7.85 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2, 6), 6.79 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3, 5). ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) δ_{C} : 170.2 (C-7), 163.3 (C-4), 133.0 (C-2, 6), 122.9 (C-1), 116.0 (C-3, 5).

(10) 4-Hydroxybenzal-dehyde

ESI-MS m/z 123 [M+H]⁺ (C₇H₆O₂). ¹H NMR (600 MHz, MeOD) $\delta_{\rm H}$: 9.73 (1H, s, H-7), 7.74 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-2, 6), 6.88 (2H, d, J = 8.5 Hz, H-3, 5); ¹³C NMR (151 MHz, MeOD) $\delta_{\rm C}$: 192.8 (C-7), 165.4 (C-4), 130.2 (C-1), 133.5 (C-2, 6), 116.9 (C-3, 5).

The NMR spectra (¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR) of these compounds were as follows.





















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