Supplementary data

Extraction, purification and anticancer activity studies on triterpenes in pomegranate peel

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Figure S1. Standard curve of triterpene.



Figure S2. The total ion chromatography of TPP.



Caspase-3







GRB2 Concentration (µg/mL) Concentration (µg/mL) 0 6.25 25 50 Concentration (μg/mL) 0 6.25 25 50 kDa kDa 0 6.25 25 50 55 -40 35 25 25 15 Marker Marker Marker Marker













Figure S3. The image of the uncropped and unprocessed Western blot labelled with closest molecular mass markers. Note: The target proteins were labelled with the red box, which were shown in the manuscript. And the bands labelled with blue boxes were the replicate experiments. Some of the raw images contained multiple bands, which may be caused by poor specificity of primary antibody. Therefore, the corresponding bands of the target proteins were determined by the molecular weight compared with the Marker.

Factor	Level			
	-1	0	1	
Ethanol Concentration (%)	70	80	90	
Solid-liquid Ratio (g/mL)	1:20	1:30	1:40	
Ultrasonic Power (W)	100	200	300	
Ultrasonic Temperature (°C)	50	60	70	

Table S1. Level table of Box-Behnken test factors.

Gradient						
1	0 min	98% A	2% B			
2	2 min	98% A	2% B			
3	15 min	0% A	100% B			
4	17 min	0% A	100% B			
5	17.1 min	98% A	2% B			
6	20 min	98% A	2% B			

 Table S2. The liquid-phase separation gradient conditions of TPP.

	Ethanol Concentration (%)	Solid-liquid Ratio (g/mL)	Ultrasonic Power (W)	Ultrasonic temperature (°C)	Triterpene Content (μg/mg)
1	70	1:20	200	60	206.38
2	90	1:20	200	60	224.35
3	70	1:40	200	60	205.21
4	90	1:40	200	60	234.25
5	80	1:30	100	50	220.39
6	80	1:30	300	50	221.3
7	80	1:30	100	70	251.91
8	80	1:30	300	70	229.68
9	70	1:30	200	50	188.94
10	90	1:30	200	50	190.24
11	70	1:30	200	70	169.39
12	90	1:30	200	70	228.6
13	80	1:20	100	60	246.95
14	80	1:40	100	60	237.84
15	80	1:20	300	60	226.19
16	80	1:40	300	60	227.95
17	70	1:30	100	60	174.58
18	90	1:30	100	60	225.94
19	70	1:30	300	60	201.35
20	90	1:30	300	60	207.56
21	80	1:20	200	50	216.5
22	80	1:40	200	50	186.35
23	80	1:20	200	70	248.51
24	80	1:40	200	70	233.21
25	80	1:30	200	60	281.48
26	80	1:30	200	60	280.95
27	80	1:30	200	60	269.73
28	80	1:30	200	60	251.01
29	80	1:30	200	60	275.48

 Table S3. Experimental scheme and results of triterpenes extracted from pomegranate peel.

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F Value	p-value Prob > F	
Model	22573.14	14	1612.37	9.43	< 0.0001	significant
A-Ethanol Concentration (%)	2271.23	1	2271.23	13.28	0.0027	
B-Solid-liquid Ratio (g/mL)	161.85	1	161.85	0.95	0.3471	
C-Ultrasonic Power (W)	158.27	1	158.27	0.93	0.3523	
D-Ultrasonic Power (°C)	1577.35	1	1577.35	9.22	0.0089	
AB	30.64	1	30.64	0.18	0.6785	
AC	509.63	1	509.63	2.98	0.1063	
AD	838.39	1	838.39	4.9	0.0439	
BC	29.54	1	29.54	0.17	0.684	
BD	55.13	1	55.13	0.32	0.5792	
CD	133.86	1	133.86	0.78	0.3912	
A ²	13476.9	1	13476.9	78.82	< 0.0001	
B ²	1654.15	1	1654.15	9.67	0.0077	
C ²	2274.43	1	2274.43	13.3	0.0026	
D ²	5665.13	1	5665.13	33.13	< 0.0001	
Residual	2393.87	14	170.99			
Lack of Fit	1766.41	10	176.64	1.13	0.4946	Not significant
Pure Error	627.45	4	156.86			
Cor Total	24967.01	28				

 Table S4. Results of variance analysis of quadratic regression equation model of response surface.

No.	Name	Formula	Molecular Weight	RT [min]	CAS	Peak area
1	Corosolic acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_4$	472.7	13.22	4547-24-4	457400
2	Ursolic Acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_3$	456.7	15.069	77-52-1	8560
3	Betulinic acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_3$	456.7	14.842	472-15-1	63030
4	Oleanic acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_3$	456.71	15.03	508-02-1	4820
5	Ginsenoside-Ro	$C_{48}H_{76}O_{19}$	957.119	8.86	34367-04-9	984
6	Maslinic acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_4$	472.7	13.077	4373-41-5	656500
7	Asiatic Acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_5$	488.7	10.75	464-92-6	3644000
8	Dipsacoside B	$C_{53}H_{86}O_{22}$	1075.238	6.756	33289-85-9	34780
9	Isomangiferolic acid	$C_{30}H_{48}O_3$	456.36	14.72	13878-92-7	50130
10	Betulonic acid	$C_{30}H_{46}O_3$	454.68	11.061	4481-62-3	67210
11	Cucurbitacin I	$C_{30}H_{42}O_7$	514.293	0.67	2222-07-3	16500
12	Kaji-ichigoside F1	$C_{36}H_{58}O_{10}$	650.85	6.71	95298-47-8	162337

Table S5. The information of identified triterpene	compounds.
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