

Evaluation of Anti-inflammatory Effect of 5-Hydroxy- 3', 4', 7- Trimethoxyflavone: A Combined Molecular Docking and Molecular Dynamics Simulation Studies

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Abstract – *In vitro* chemical inhibitory examine uncovered that HTMF show inhibitory movement against LOX catalyst. From the spectroscopic examinations, it was watched that the fluorescence of LOX has been extinguished because of associating with HTMF and shows solid restricting nature with LOX. The anti-inflammatory capability of HTMF in LPS-prompted macrophage cell line was likewise explored and the compound demonstrated mitigating impact by restraining NO age, PGE2 and cytokines generation, iNOS and COX-2 mRNA articulation. The inhibitory impact is for the most part related to the capacity of the compound worried to down-direct the provocative middle people (iNOS and COX-2) biosynthesis at a transcriptional level. Keeping in mind the end goal to think about the system of activity further, atomic docking was utilized to contribute more helpful data amongst HTMF and LOX, iNOS and COX-2, for example, dynamic site, restricting mode and essential buildups. The aftereffects of atomic docking thinks about demonstrated the HTMF having more good connection with better docking score, docking vitality and restricting free vitality. To additionally approve the atomic docking ponders, sub-atomic elements recreations were done for LOX-HTMF, iNOS-HTMF and COX-2-HTMF edifices.

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INTRODUCTION

Irritation is a host barrier system that is delivered because of tissue damage, destructive chemicals or disease caused by pathogens (Kumar et al., 2007; Medzhitov, 2008; Ashley et al., 2012). Irritations might be of intense or constant sort and are clinically described via cardinal indications of agony, swelling, redness, warmth and loss of work, as created because of a fiery manhandle (Mequanint et al., 2011). Amid the provocative process, in filtrated cells are fortified to radiate go between, for example, bradykinin, serotonin, histamine, prostaglandins (PGE2), leukotrienes and nitric oxide (Mequanint et al., 2011). The arrival of every one of these go between add to different obsessive conditions viz. joint inflammation, atherosclerosis, malignancy, diabetes, stoutness, metabolic disorder, hypersensitivities and other immune system issue (Moro et al., 2012; Vogl et al., 2013). The delightful treatment for a large portion of these states of the related aggravation is inaccessible. Be that as it may, the general treatment in view of steroidal and non-steroidal calming drugs (NSAIDs) exist which have a few unfriendly impacts (McGettigan and Henry,

2011). Along these lines, the look for new calming drugs still speaks to an imperative field in tranquilize revelation process.

COX is an intracellular rate-limiting enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of arachidonic acid into prostaglandins and thromboxanes (Dubois et al., 1998). COX-1 and COX-2 exhibit about 60% of overall sequence similarities, even though the sequence homology in the catalytically important regions is much higher in both. COX-1 is a constitutive enzyme and may function mainly as a house-keeping enzyme, as their range of cellular levels differ slightly. COX-2 is an inducible enzyme, which is regularly induced by proinflammatory cytokines, growth factors and carcinogens, and plays patho-physiological role in the complex of chronic inflammation as well as in control of cell growth (Subbaramaiah et al. 1996; Palomer et al., 2002). The standard COX inhibitors inhibit all types of COX, due to their lack of selectivity and leads to peptic ulceration and dyspepsia. Hence, there is a need for selective COX-2 inhibitors that would inhibit inflammation as effectively as NSAIDs without side effects. Several natural compounds like

catechin, confertiflorin, costunolide, curcumin, cyaniding, epigallocatechin, oleanolic acid, parthenolide, resveratrol, tectorigenin etc., were found to exert their inhibitory effects on COX-2 at enzymic and genetic levels (Perera et al., 2003). Recently, a diterpenoid furanolactone, columbin is reported as a COX-2 inhibitor and their anti-inflammatory effects were studied through in vitro, in silico and in vivo studies (Abdelwahab et al., 2012).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In vitro soybean LOX hindrance measure

In vitro LOX inhibitory action of HTMF was measured utilizing spectrophotometric technique. Quickly, 160 pl of sodium phosphate cradle (100 mM, pH 8.0), 10 pl of test and 20 pl of soybean LOX (1.13.11.12) sort I-B arrangement were blended and hatched at 25°C for 10 min. The response was then started by the expansion of linoleic corrosive substrate (10 pl, 300 mM) arrangement. With the arrangement of (9Z, 11E)- (13E)- 13-hydroperoxyoctadeca-9, 11-dienoate, the adjustments in the absorbance at 234 nm were measured for 6 min. The inhibitory measure was performed within the sight of test tests in various focuses running from 0.39-25 ig/ml. Nordihydroguaiaretic corrosive (NDGA), an inhibitor of the 5-LOX protein, was utilized as a positive control.

In vitro effect of HTMF in lipopolysaccharide-stimulated RAW 264.7 macrophage

Cell culture and culture conditions

Crude 264.7, a mouse macrophage cell line was acquired from National Place for Cell Science (NCCS, Pune, India). Crude 264.7 cells were refined in DMEM supplemented with 10% warmth inactivated FBS, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 2 mM glutamine, 100 pg/ml streptomycin and 50 units/ml penicillin. The cells were brooded at 37°C within the sight of 5% CO₂ and were sub-refined each 2 days.

Cell practicality examine

The practicality of the cells was assessed by MTT colorimetric examine (Mosmann, 1983). The Crude 264.7 cells were seeded into 96-well culture plate at a thickness of 5 x 10⁴ cells/well and hatched overnight at 37°C and 5% CO₂ for connection. The cells were then treated with different groupings of HTMF with (1pg/ml) or without LPS and brooded for 24 h. After brooding, the way of life medium was expelled and 100 pl of crisp DMEM and 20 pl of MTT (5 mg/ml in PBS) arrangement were added to each well. Following 4 h brooding in dim, the media was disposed of again and 100 pl of DMSO was added to each well for the solubilization of formazan stores. The optical thickness of the cells at 570 nm was measured utilizing an ELISA plate peruser (Bio-Rad Labs, CA, USA) and the trial was done in triplicate.

Statistical analysis

The results were represented as mean \pm S.D. Data were statistically analyzed using one way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA). *p* value < 0.05 was considered statistically significant. All calculations were performed using GraphPad Prism Software v 5.01 (GraphPad Software Inc., San Diego, CA).

Molecular docking analysis

Sub-atomic docking examination was performed to locate the conceivable connections associated with the authoritative of HTMF to dynamic destinations of LOX, iNOS and COX-2. To assess the docking examination, the limited ligand EGC, H4B and SC-558 were evacuated and redocked into the coupling site of particular target proteins. The docking technique is solid, as the RMSD estimation of the docked ligand is observed to be under 2.0 Å. The readied ligand atom was docked into the dynamic locales of every protein by utilizing Coast module (Float, rendition 6.1, 2013) in additional exactness (XP) mode. The docking convention was taken after as portrayed in the computational techniques area of Section III.

Restricting free vitality computation

The coupling free vitality figuring of the HTMF atom with the receptors LOX, iNOS and COX-2 were additionally dictated by Prime/MM-GBSA technique as exemplified in computational strategies area of Section III.

Molecular dynamics (MD) simulations of ligand-bound complexes

The protein-ligand complex got from Skim's XP docking was subjected to MD recreations utilizing Desmond sub-atomic progression framework, Rendition 3.8 with OPLS-2005 power field. The complex was solvated in an orthorhombic box containing SPC water particles and killed utilizing an appropriate number of salt counter-particles. The separation between the container divider and protein-ligand complex was set to more than 10 Å to sidestep coordinate associations with its own occasional picture. The vitality minimization of the readied frameworks was done up to a most extreme of 2000 stages utilizing a steepest plummet technique until an inclination edge at 25 kcal mol⁻¹Å⁻¹ was come to and equilibrated utilizing the default convention of Desmond. This equilibrated framework was additionally reenacted at a consistent temperature of 300 K and steady weight of 1 atm with a period advance of 2 fs, for a day and age of 3 ns recreation for all LOX, iNOS and COX-2 protein. The long-extend electrostatic cooperations were computed utilizing smooth Molecule Work Ewald strategy amid MD reproductions. A 9 Å cutoff span esteem was utilized for Coulombic short-run communication cutoff technique. The direction

outlines were caught at each 1.2 ps time step. The RMSD and hydrogen holding communications of the protein-ligand complex was figured for the whole recreations direction with reference to their first edge.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In vitro lipoxygenase inhibition assay

LOX have a fundamental influence in film lipid peroxidation with the arrangement of hydroperoxides in the lipid bilayer (Maccarrone et al., 1998). Consequently, LOXs are considered as potential focuses for balanced medication outline and in the recognition of instrument based inhibitors for the treatment of provocative and immune system illnesses (Khan et al., 2010). A few therapeutic plant extricates and confined common mixes were screened for their calming potential utilizing as a part of *in vitro* hindrance of soybean LOX as a regular model in a few viewpoints (response system, motor parameters, press content and so forth.) for mammalian LOXs (Abad et al., 1995; Kuhn et al.,).

In this specific situation, the secluded compound HTMF was assessed to begin with for their *in vitro* capability to repress soybean LOX. The compound HTMF restrained the protein in the scope of 53% at 25 pg/ml, when contrasted with NDGA (74%). The inhibitory impact of HTMF was observed to be measurements subordinate with an IC₅₀ estimation of 23.97 ± 0.82 pg/ml. The chemical action was diminished continuously, with possible concealment as the centralization of compound expanded. So also, serious lipoxygenase lessening was watched for NDGA (positive control) with an IC₅₀ estimation of 11.80 ± 0.42 pg/ml. It is advantageous to express that the compound is a productive radical scrounger and improved LOX inhibitor. On the premise of this outcome, it was conjectured that LOX hindrance might be because of cancer prevention agent properties of the flavone compound, since LOXs are delicate to cell reinforcements.

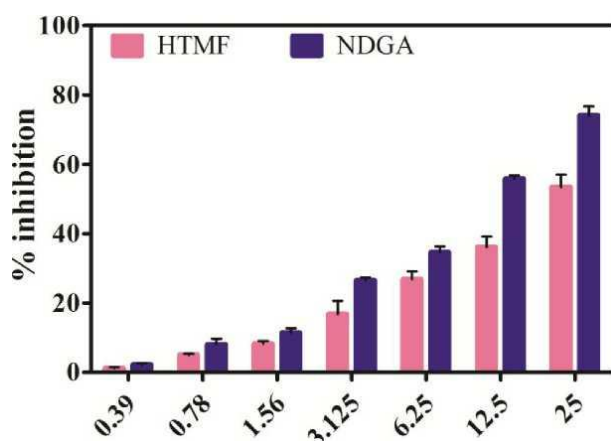


Figure 4.1. Inhibitory activity of various concentrations of HTMF and NDGA (0.39, 0.78, 1.56, 3.125, 6.25, 12.5 and 25 pg/ml) against soybean LOX enzyme. Values are mean \pm S.D of three experiments.

Fluorescence quenching studies of LOX

The *in vitro* restraint test recommends that the conceivable inhibitory impact of HTMF is because of its particular cooperation with the LOX chemical in their synergist focus. To guarantee this announcement and to acquire the data with respect to the coupling attributes of LOX-HTMF, the extinguishing of natural fluorescence of Tyr and Trp deposits of LOX by HTMF was completed. Fluorescence extinguishing estimation is an effective strategy for concentrate the coupling instrument of protein with ligand at an atomic level (Shi et al., 2014). The fluorescence discharge spectra of LOX got within the sight of different convergences of HTMF. Because of excitation of LOX at 280 nm, a wide discharge band focused at 330-340 nm (with a most extreme at 335 nm) framed by the outflow of Tyr and Trp buildups is recognized (Macias et al., 1987). the titration of LOX with expanding groupings of HTMF prompts the extinguishing of the fluorescence of LOX with no adjustment in the outflow most extreme. This shows there is no extensive change in the protein condition inside the coupling site by communication of HTMF atoms. The outcome infers that the fluorescence extinguishing instrument included might be streamlined as far as a static extinguishing process. Similarly, the outflow spectra of LOX within the sight of HTMF is agreed with the discharge extend detailed for regular mixes, for example, resveratrol and quercetin.

In vitro anti-inflammatory effects of HTMF using LPS stimulated RAW 264.7 macrophage cells

Characteristic items are dynamic segments of plant kingdom that can be utilized as pharmaceutical against different sicknesses (Newman et al., 2000). Macrophages assume real parts in inborn invulnerability and they perceive the pathogen-related atoms, for example, LPS (a bacterial endotoxin) and trigger natural resistant reaction through toll like receptor (TLR) flagging (Morgensen, 2009; Chatterjee et al., 2012). Because of the official of LPS to TLR4 receptor, an intracellular tyrosine kinase framework is up-managed, which thusly prompts incitement of the transcriptional factor NF- κ B and at last outcomes in the generation of different fiery go between like TNF- α , IL-1 β , IL-6 (Cohen, 2002). The hindrance of unfriendly macrophage enactment or specifically killing the overproduction of macrophage items was suggested as a promising restorative course against various provocative conditions (Duffield, 2003). Different investigations

have been embraced in the present situation, to better comprehend the sub-atomic instrument of fiery procedures.

Cell reasonability test

The exact assurance of cytotoxicity related with delayed hatching of the cells is the essential for precisely evaluating the natural properties of individual atoms or complex blends (Ayissi et al., 2013).

Computational investigations

The in vitro calming profiles of HTMF were additionally approved by atomic docking and sub-atomic flow thinks about. After approval of the docking precision by utilizing co-solidified ligand, the conceivable introduction and collaborations (hydrogen bond and hydrophobic association) of the HTMF in the dynamic site of the objective proteins, for example, LOX, iNOS and COX-2 were investigated utilizing atomic docking reenactments.

Restricting mode examination of HTMF with LOX

The reactant site of LOX was perceived to comprise of Fe-restricting site by the substrate restricting split from the examination of precious stone structure. Both polar and hydrophobic amino corrosive deposits were available in the substrate restricting pocket of LOX inside 5 Å circle. The basic geometry of the iron-restricting site of LOX catalyst comprise of three amino corrosive deposits including the imidazole N-particles of two histidine buildups His523, His518 and the carboxylate oxygen of the C-terminal Ile857 which chelate with Fe. Amid synergist response, the iron molecule goes about as an electron acceptor or giver inside the dynamic destinations of catalyst (Radmark, 1995).

The docking of mixes uncovered a system of hydrogen bonds, electrostatic and hydrophobic connections between the ligand and protein. The amino corrosive deposits, for example, metal-ligand (His523, His518, and Ile857) and dynamic site buildups (Ile557, Leu560, Leu773, Asn713, Val566, Gln514, and Gln716) were seen as key players in the official of mixes, amid docking examination. From the coast XP docking considers, it was noticed that the both HTMF and NDGA has had comparative method of authoritative in the dynamic site of LOX. The best stance of HTMF and NDGA at synergist site of LOX, 2D communication of HTMF with LOX.

The hydrogen bond was seen between nitrogen gathering of His518 deposit and carbonyl oxygen of pyranone moiety of HTMF at a separation of 2.48 Å and show docking score of - 7.197 Kcal/mol. the connection of NDGA and LOX. The NDGA collaborates with two fundamental deposits His513 and His518 and with one hydrophobic buildup Ile857 through hydrogen holding, by contributing a critical

docking score of - 10.63 Kcal/mol. It was noted from the visual assessment, that these hydrogen bonds has given higher strength to NDGA at the dynamic site. The partiality of HTMF and NDGA against lipoxygenase anticipated by docking examines was well reliable with the in vitro test information.

The docking scores, the most vital connections and separations are condensed in Table 4.2. The docking result demonstrates that both the ligands fit well inside the hydrophobic depression of lipoxygenase, subsequently reinforcing their official to the chemical. The electrostatic condition inside the dynamic site of LOX likewise supports the docked ligands to show 7i-7t stacking connections other than hydrogen holding cooperations. HTMF indicated two ji-7i stacking communications with Phe576 (4.90 Å, 86.01°) and His518 (5.25 Å, 65.58°), while NDGA demonstrated two n-n stacking associations with Phe576 (5.25 Å, 87.03°) and His523 (4.73 Å, 71.50°). The consolidated impact of hydrogen holding and ti-ti stacking collaborations was considered to assume a noteworthy part in the lipoxygenase inhibitory action of HTMF and NDGA. Moreover, the docking comes about affirmed that HTMF does not display any immediate chelation with the non-heme press molecule (Fe-858), yet it was observed to be chelated through His518, one of the synergist group of three deposits.

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