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BGF-IMMUNE® 1,3-BETA-GLUCAN 85%: COMPARISON OF BETA-GLUCANS

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Materials and Methods

Materials

Raw 264.7 cell line, LPS, Endotoxin kit, MTS, PMS, NO kit, cDNA synthesis kit,

PCR kit, Beta-Glucans

Incubation time

• 24h, 37°C, 5% CO₂ incubation

| Sample | Description |
|--------|---|
| BGH | BGF-Immune® Beta-Glucan (1,3 linkage from fermentation) |
| YGW | Other branched chain Beta-Glucan (Yeast derived) |

^{* &}quot;LPS" means Lipopolysaccharide.

Concentration

Prepare samples at 1% in DMSO sol'n

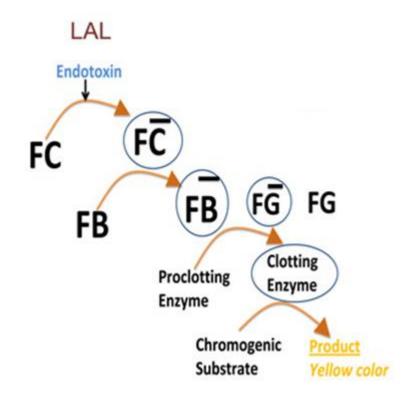
• Beta-Glucan conc. (µg/ml): 10, 30

LPS conc.: 200ng/ml

^{** &}quot;Cont." means control; tested without Beta-Glucan

Endotoxin assay method

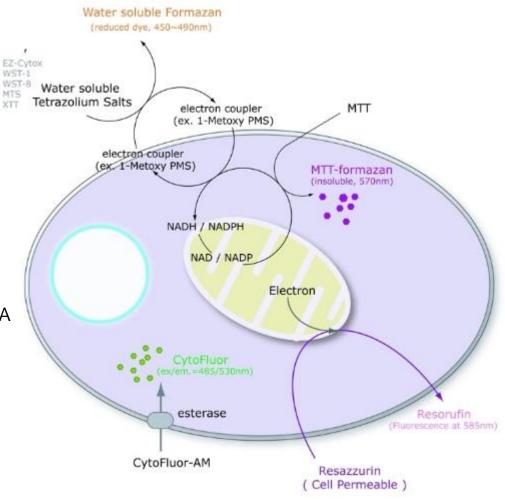
- ① Treatment of betaglucan to the cells
- (2) Harvest the media in 24 hrs
- 3 Distribute samples on 96 wells
- 4 Distribute LAL lysate to the well
- (5) React at 37°C for 6min
- 6 Distribute a substrate
- 7) React at 37°C for 10min
- ® Determine absorbance at 410nm with ELISA reader



Cell viability test

Cell viability: MTS assay

- ① Raw264.7 cell is treated with betaglucan
- ② Removal of media in 24 hrs
- 3 Add MTS + PMS mixture
- 4 Incubate 1~4 hrs in a CO2 incubator
- 5 Determine absorbance at 490nm with ELISA reader

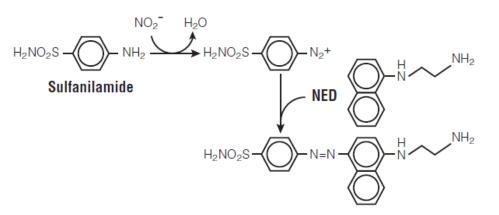


Live cell Assays

Nitric Oxide assay

Nitric Oxide

- ① Treatment cells with betaglucan
- 2 Harvest the media in 24hrs
- 3 Distribute samples on 96wells
- 4 Add sulfanilamide, then incubate samples for 10~15 min
- S Add NED, then incubate it in a dark room for 10~15min
- 6 Determine absorbance at 520~550nm with ELISA reader

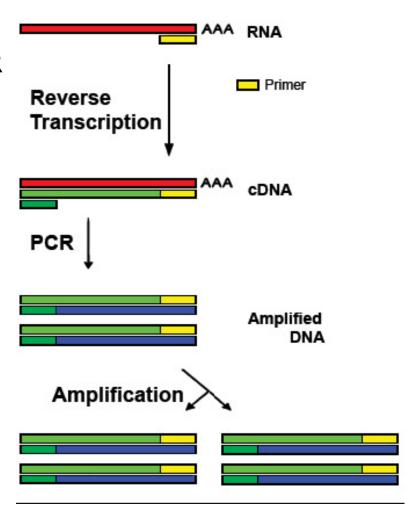


Azo Compound

| NO ₂ - Conc. (μΜ) | Nitrite Standard Reference Curve | Experimental Samples |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 100 | A O O O | 0000000 |
| 50 | $B \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$ | 0000000 |
| 25 | 0000 | 0000000 |
| 12.5 | DOOO • | 0000000 |
| 6.25 | E O O O | 0000000 |
| 3.13 | F O O O | 0000000 |
| 1.56 | $G \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc \bigcirc$ | 0000000 |
| 0 | H 🔾 O O O 🖷 | 0000000 |

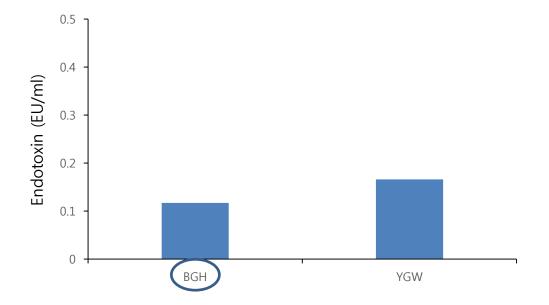
mRNA expression level assay for cytokines

- Cytokine analysis by using RT-PCR
 - 1 Treat cells with betaglucan
 - Remove the media in 24hrs
- ③ Extract RNA by the cell lysis
- 4 cDNA synthesis with the RNA
- (5) PCR with PCR kit
- 6 DNA determination on agarose gel



Toxicity test

<Endotoxin>

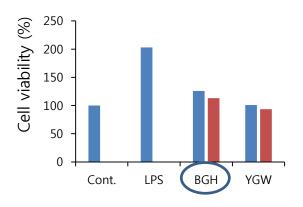


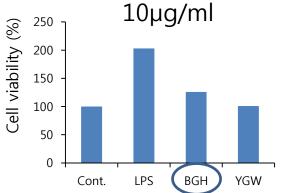
| Sample | Endotoxin (EU/ml) |
|--------|-------------------|
| BGH | 0.117 |
| YGW | 0.166 |

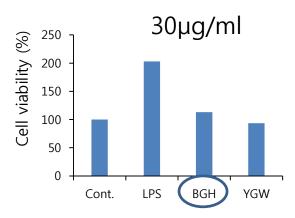
➤ Under USA FDA guideline, the endotoxin level of below 0.5 EU/ml is regarded as non-toxic. Reference: FDA LAL Test Guideline (2009) Bacterial endotoxin test. USP 32 (85)

Cell Viability Test







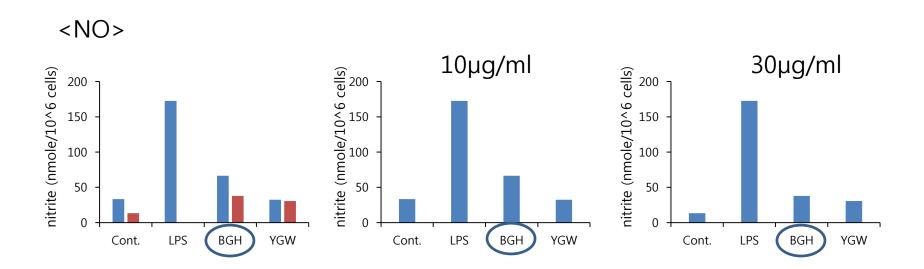


▶BGH showed a little higher viability than YGW.

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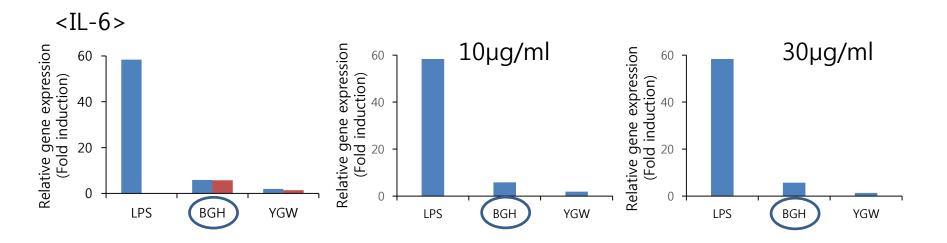
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Nitric Oxide Formation



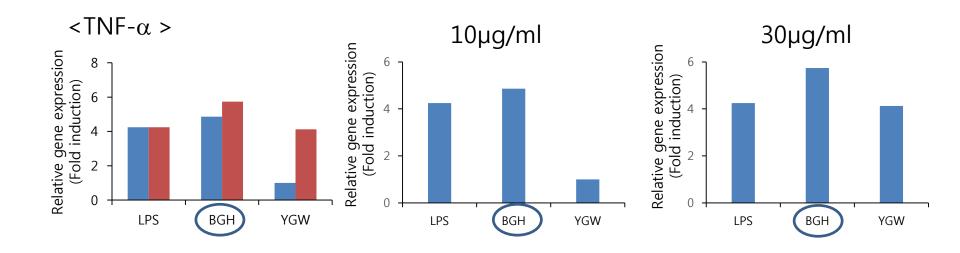
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IL-6 Gene Expression



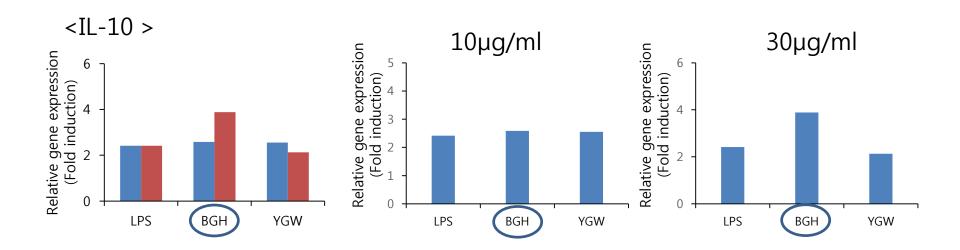
> IL-6 gene expression level with BGH was higher than that with YGW

TNF- α gene expression



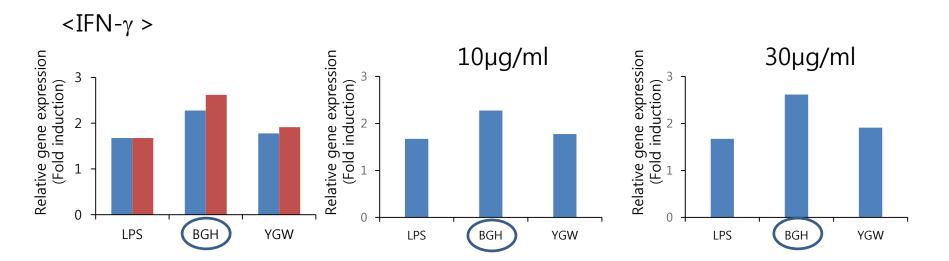
>TNF-alpha gene expression level with BGH was higher than that with YGW

IL-10 gene expression



>IL-10 gene expression level with BGH was higher than that with YGW

IFN-γ gene expression



> IFN-γ gene expression level with BGH was higher than that with YGW

Conclusions

- BGF-Immune® Beta-Glucan is not toxic to the normal cells
- As seen from data collected and evaluated, BGF-Immune® linear chain Beta-Glucan (1,3 linkage) shows a little higher gene expression level with immune related cytokines such as interferongamma, IL-6, IL-10 and TFF-alpha than the comparisons with branched Beta-Glucan from yeast.