Article

Anti-Fibrosis Effects of Magnesium Lithospermate B in Experimental Pulmonary Fibrosis: By Inhibiting TGF-βRI/Smad Signaling

Xin Luo ^{1,2}, Qiangqiang Deng ¹, Yaru Xue ^{1,2}, Tianwei Zhang ^{1,2}, Zhitao Wu ³, Huige Peng ¹, Lijiang Xuan ^{1,2,*} and Guoyu Pan ^{1,2,*}

- ¹ State Key Laboratory of Drug Research, Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica, Chinese Academy of Science, 501 Haike Road, Shanghai 201203, China; luoxin17123@163.com (X.L.); qqdeng@simm.ac.cn (Q.D.); xueyaru3@simm.ac.cn (Y.X.); s19-zhangtianwei@simm.ac.cn (T.Z.); huigepeng@163.com (H.P.); ljxuan@simm.ac.cn (L.X.)
- ² School of Pharmacy, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing 100049, China
- ³ School of Chinese Materia Medica, Nanjing University of Chinese Medicine, Nanjing 210033, China; zhitaowu@simm.ac.cn



Figure S1. MLB had no effects in normal mice. mice in MLB group were treated with MLB for seven days (i.p. 50 mg/kg/day), and mice in control group were given saline(n=3). (a) Representative images of hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) and Masson's trichrome stained lung tissue slides. Bars = 50 μm,

magnification: 20 ×. (b) Pathological score assessment about inflammation and fibrosis variables of each lung slices. (c) Relative mRNA expression of Col 1A1, Col 3A1 and α -SMA in mouse lung tissues from different groups was determined by real-time quantitative PCR. Data are presented as the means ± SEM of the group and compared by one-way ANOVA. n.s P>0.05 vs. Control.



Figure S2. MLB could dose-dependently inhibit transcripts of fibrosis in A549 (a) cells and MRC-5 (b) cells. Quiescent cells were treated with TGF- β or both TGF- β and MLB with different dosages for 24 h (A549 cells) or 48 h (MRC-5 cells). Data are presented as means ± SEM of the group and compared by One-Way ANOVA (n = 4); *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001 vs. Control; n.s P>0.05, #P < 0.05, ##P < 0.01, ###P < 0.01 vs. TGF- β .



Figure S3. MLB could not affect the mRNA level of TGF- β RI in TGF- β stimulated A549 cells(a) and MRC-5 cells(b). Quiescent cells were treated with MLB (50 μ M) alone, TGF- β , or both TGF- β and MLB (50 μ M), PFD (50 μ M) and SB431542 (20 μ M) for 24 h (A549 cells) or 48 h (MRC-5 cells).Data are presented as means ± SEM of the group and compared by One-Way ANOVA (n = 4); ***P < 0.001 vs. Control; n.s P>0.05, ###P < 0.001 vs. TGF- β .

Primer sequence						
H-α-SMA	Forward	5'- ATG CTC CCA GGG CTG TTT TC-3'				
	Reverse	5'-CTT TTG CTC TGT GCT TCG TC-3'				
H-CDH 1	Forward	5'- GAG AAC GCA TTG CCA CAT ACA C-3'				
	Reverse	5'- GAG CAC CTT CCA TGA CAG ACC C-3'				
H-Col 1A1	Forward	5'- TGA CGA GAC CAA GAA CTG CC-3'				
	Reverse	5'- GCA CCA TCA TTT CCA CGA GC-3'				
H-Col 3A1	Forward	5'- CGC CCT CCT AAT GGT CAA GG-3'				
	Reverse	5'- TTC TGA GGA CCA GTA GGG CA-3'				
H-GAPDH	Forward	5'- AAG AAG GTG GTG AAG CAG G-3'				
	Reverse	5'- AGG TGG AGG AGT GGG TGT CG-3'				
H-TGF-β1	Forward	5'- CAG CAA CAA TTC CTG GCG ATA-3'				
	Reverse	5'- GCT AAG GCG AAA GCC CTC AAT-3'				
	Forward	5'-ACT TCC AAC TAC TGG CCC TT-3'				
H-IGF-PRI	Reverse	5'-ATG GTG AAT GAC AGT GCG GT-3'				
TT T7' /'	Forward	5'- TGC GTG AAA TGG AAG AGA ACT-3'				
H-Vimentin	Reverse	5'- TCA GGT TCA GGG AGG AAA AGT-3'				
	Forward	5'- GTT TCG GGA GCA GAA CAG AGG-3'				
Μ-α-SMA	Reverse	5'- GAA GCT GGC CGT TCA CTC TA-3'				
	Forward	5'- CAA TGG CAC GGC TGT GTG CG-3'				
M-Col 1A1	Reverse	5'- AGC ACT CGC CCT CCC GTC TT-3'				
M-Col 3A1	Forward	5'- GAG GAA TGG GTG GCT ATC CG-3'				
	Reverse	5'- TTG CGT CCA TCA AAG CCT CT-3'				
M-GAPDH	Forward	5'-AGG TCG GTG TGA ACG GAT TTG-3'				
	Reverse	5'- GGG GTC GTT GAT GGC AAC A-3'				
M-TGF-β1	Forward	5'- CCA CCT GCA AGA CCA TCG AC-3'				
	Reverse	5'- CTG GCG AGC CTT AGT TTG GAC-3'				
M-IL-4	Forward	5'-ATG GAT GTG CCA AAC GTC CT-3'				
	Reverse	5'-AAG CAC CTT GGA AGC CCT AC-3'				
M-IL-6	Forward	5'-CCT ACC CCA ATT TCC AAT GCT C-3'				
	Reverse	5'-GGT CTT GGT CCT TAG CCA CT-3'				

Table S1. PCR primer pairs used for research (H: Human; M: Mice).

Forward 5'-GAA TCC AGG GCT ACA CAG AAC-3' M-IL-13

Reverse

5'-AAC ATC ACA CAA GAC CAG ACT C-3'

Table S2. Information about relative antibodies used for research. (WB: Western blot analysis; IF: Cell
immunofluorescence staining; H: human; M: mouse; R: rat.).

Antidody	Applications	Specics	Specificity	Suppliers	Catalog Number	Dilution Ratio
ACTA2	WB,IF	Rabbit	H,M,R	Proteintech	14395-1-AP	1:2000(WB);
						1:100(IF)
Akt	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#4691	1:1000
				Technology		
Col 1A1	WB,IF	Rabbit	H,M,R	Proteintech	14695-1-AP	1:2000(WB);
						1:50(IF)
E-Cad	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Proteintech	20874-1-AP	1:5000
Fibronectin	WB,IF	Rabbit	H,M,R	Proteintech	15613-1-AP	1:2000(WB);
						1:50(IF)
GAPDH	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#2118	1:1000
				Technology		
JNK	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#9252	1:1000
				Technology		
p-Akt	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#4060	1:1000
				Technology		
p-JNK	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#4668	1:1000
				Technology		
n Smad2	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#3108	1:1000
p-Sillad2				Technology		
Smad2	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Proteintech	12570-1-AP	1:2000
p-Smad3	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Cell Signaling	#9520	1:2000
·				Technology		
Smad3	WB	Mouse	H,M,R	Proteintech	66516-1-Ig	1:2000
Smad7	WB	Rabbit	H,M,R	Proteintech	25840-1-AP	1:2000
TGF-βRI	WB	Rat	H,M	R&D	AF3025	1:1000