Results The inflammatory score, cardiac interstitial fibrosis score, cardiac apoptotic index, protein expression levels of caspase-3, caspase-8 and caspase-9, HW/BW, level of NO and activity of iNOS, expression levels of iNOS mRNA, and caspase-3, caspase-8 and caspase-9 protein were all significantly higher in the model control group and experimental group than in the normal control group (p < 0.01), and the levels in the model control group were higher than in the experimental group. HW/BW was only slightly elevated in the model control group compared with the experimental group.

Conclusions The development of EAM is related to the NO catalyzed by iNOS. L-NAME protected cardiac myocytes through suppressing the activity of iNOS and further decreased production of NO in EAM. The mechanism may be related to inhibiting the apoptosis of cardiac myocytes mediated by the caspase family and protecting mitochondrial function.

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## EFFECT OF EXTERNAL APPLICATION OF SPIKENARD WATER DECOCTION ON THE MOUSE PAIN MODEL

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Objectives To investigate the effects of external application of a spikenard water decoction on pain model mice.

Methods We investigated the effects of spikenard water decoction on the pain threshold in mice using the hot plate method. After injection of formaldehyde, the effects of spikenard water decoction on the formalin-induced pain incubation period and biting times were observed.

Results Each dose of spikenard water decoction obviously or significantly improved the pain threshold of pain model mice (p < 0.01, p < 0.05), significantly prolonged the pain licking incubation period (p < 0.01) and obviously or significantly reduced the number of instep licks in 5 min and 10 min (p < 0.01, p < 0.05). Conclusions External application of spikenard water decoction

has a good analgesic effect in the mouse pain model.

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## SYNTHESIS OF A NOVEL PROTEIN-FRIENDLY AMPHIPHILIC MATERIAL AND ITS APPLICATION IN PROTEIN DRUG DELIVERY

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Objectives We synthesized an environmentally friendly amphiphilic material PK3-PEI with good mechanical properties, pH sensitivity and biocompatibility, aiming at improving the acidic microenvironment produced by the degradation of polyester compounds and poor mechanical properties of PK3. PK3-PEI spontaneously forms micelles in pH 7.4 PBS and rapidly degrades into non-toxic small molecules in acidic conditions. Surface PEI with large positive charges effectively promotes cell targeting and accelerates the release of drug after entering the cells.

Methods PK3 and PEI were linked using a connection molecule. Activation of -OH groups on PK3 (0.46 g) was accomplished using HMDI (50-fold) in chloroform at 80°C for 4 hours. The

intermediate was precipitated with diethyl ether and incubated with PEI (Mw 2000 kDa, linear, 0.46 g) in chloroform at 80°C for 4 hours. PK3-PEI was collected through repeated precipitation in diethyl ether. For the preparation of PK3-PEI micelles,  $100~\mu L$  of BSA solution (40 mg/mL) and 40 mg of PK3-PEI were dispersed in chloroform in dialysis bags. The PK3-PEI micelles were obtained by dialysis against pH 7.4 PBS.

Results The connection ratio of PK3 and PEI was 1:1. The particle size and  $\zeta$  potential of micelles were 50.3 nm and 25.7 mV, respectively. The *in vitro* release profile showed PK3-PEI had a shorter hydrolysis cycle and higher pH sensitivity than PK3. The MTT assay showed blank PK3-PEI micelles had lower cytotoxicity (4.6%) than free PEI (18.7%). Cellular uptake indicated PK3-PEI micelles had higher uptake efficiency than PK3 (p < 0.01).

Conclusions PK3-PEI micelles have a better degradation curve and targeting effect for the delivery of antitumor drugs and can be used as a promising carrier in cancer treatment.

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## ANTI-GLIOMA ACTIVITY OF RANA TEMPORARIA CHENSINENSIS EGG PROTEIN HYDROLYSATE

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Objectives Rana temporaria chensinensis only live in the Changbai mountain area in the northeast of China. The eggs of R.temporaria chensinensis contain many special ingredients that modulate incretion. This study aimed to investigate the effects of R.temporaria chensinensis egg protein hydrolysate on human glioma  $C_6$  cell proliferation and apoptosis.

Methods We extracted *R.temporaria chensinensis* egg protein (500 mg/mL) and investigated its effects on human glioma C<sub>6</sub> cell cultures, and subjected it to an MTT assay, colony forming assay, Western blot assay and flow cytometry analysis of apoptosis. We further investigated the effects of *R. temporaria chensinensis* egg protein hydrolysate (1.5 g/kg) on glioma development and progression *in vivo* using a mouse model of glioma.

**Results** *R.temporaria chensinensis* egg protein hydrolysate inhibited the proliferation of glioma cells; these effects were mediated by the phosphoinositide 3-kinase (PI3K)/AKT signalling pathway.

Conclusions This study suggested that *R.temporaria chensinensis* egg protein hydrolysate promotes apoptosis of glioma cells both in vitro and in vivo.

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RESEARCH ON LAST MILE DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES IN EARTHQUAKE DISASTERS

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Objectives A model based on time and cost is proposed in order to quantitatively study last mile distribution of emergency medical supplies. Because cost is not particularly important in the