Radix Platycodonis

Platycodon Root is the dried root of Platycodon grandifl orum (Jacq.) A. DC. (Fam. Campanulaceae). Treatment of upper respiratory infections, acute and chronic bronchitis, atopic dermatitis and other skin diseases.

The herb Platycodonis Radix, which has been used for chronic inflammatory diseases for centuries in China, contains platycodin D (PD) as one of its main active constituents. PD exhibited anti-inflammatory, anti-allergic, cholesterol-lowering and neuroprotective properties [1], and exerted remarkable anti-cancer effects on different kinds of cancer cell lines, such as HepG2, MDA-MB-231, U937, K562, and THP-1 etc., by promoting apoptosis, inducing cell cycle arrest, and inhibiting the migration and invasion of cancerous cells [2-5]. Reducing the telomerase activity [3], increasing reactive oxygen species [6], suppressing the epidermal growth factor receptor-mediated Akt and mitogen-activated protein kinase activation [4], and activating the caspase pathway [7] were suggested involved in the anti-cancer mechanism of PD.

Names

Korean bellflower, Chinese bellflower, Japanese bellflower, common balloon flower, or balloon flower and Blue balloon flower

Ayurveda:

Bellflower (Platycodon Grandifloras)

The roots of this herb are used as an antitussive agent, a substance that suppresses coughs. It is used to treat tonsillitis, asthma and pertussis, among other things.

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