

## **Supplementary Materials**

### **Effects of Puerarin on the Ovariectomy-Induced Depressive-Like Behavior in ICR Mice and Its Possible Mechanism of Action**

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**Table S1.** One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) test of TST.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham vs. OVX	<0.001	F(4,36)=13.095
OVX vs. 2	<0.001	
OVX vs. 1(10)	<0.001	
OVX vs. 1(100)	<0.001	

**Table S2.** One-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) test of FST.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham vs. OVX	0.002	F(4,36)=14.729
OVX vs. 2	<0.001	
OVX vs. 1(100)	<0.001	
OVX + 1(10) vs. OVX + 1(100)	0.008	

**Table S3.** Statistical analysis of the effect of puerarin (1) and 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (2) on uterine weight.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham vs. OVX	<0.001	F(4,36)=60.016
OVX vs. 2	<0.001	
OVX vs. 1(100)	0.025	
OVX + 1(10) vs. OVX + 1(100)	0.020	

**Table S4.** Statistical analysis of the effect of puerarin (1) and 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (2) on uterine volume.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham vs. OVX	<0.001	F(4,22)=19.134
OVX vs. 2	0.048	
OVX vs. 1(100)	0.047	

**Table S5.** Statistical analysis of the effect of administration of puerarin (1) on serum corticosterone levels.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham vs. OVX	<0.001	F(4,13)=27.707
OVX vs. 2	0.047	
OVX vs. 1(100)	0.021	

**Table S6.** Statistical analysis of the effects of puerarin (1) and 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (2) on the hippocampal BDNF mRNA expression.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham +OVX	<0.001	-
OVX + 2	0.006	$F(4,15)=5.795$
OVX + 1 (100)	0.012	

**Table S7.** Statistical analysis of the effects of puerarin (1) and 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (2) on the hippocampal ER $\alpha$  mRNA expression.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham + OVX	<0.001	$F(4,14)=24.135$
OVX + 2	0.002	
OVX + 1 (100)	0.008	

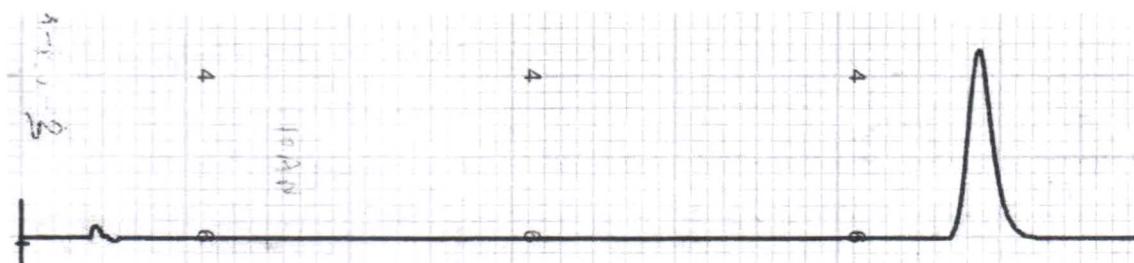
**Table S8.** Statistical analysis of the effects of puerarin (1) and 17 $\beta$ -estradiol (2) on the hippocampal ER $\beta$  mRNA expression.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham +OVX	<0.001	$F(4,14)=24.135$
OVX + 2	<0.001	
OVX + 1 ( 100)	0.003	

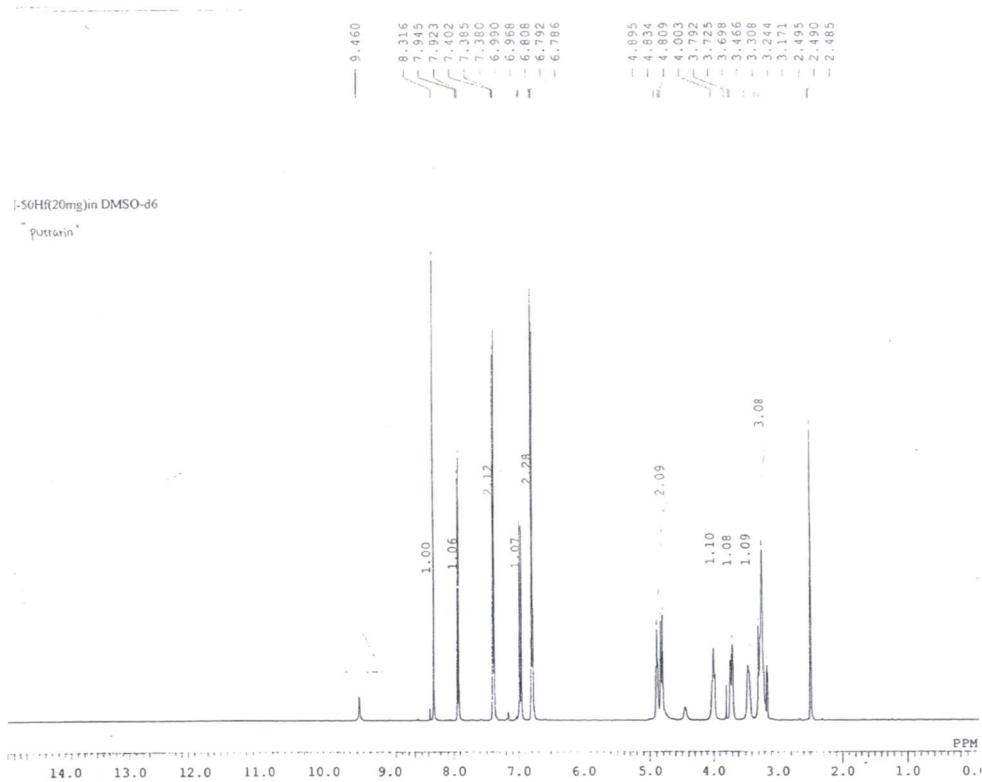
**Table S9.** Statistical analysis of the effects of puerarin (1) on the neurogenesis in the dentate gyrus area in the hippocampus.

Group comparison	One-way analysis of variance	
	P	F (DF <sub>between group</sub> , DF <sub>residual</sub> )
Sham vs. OVX	<0.001	$F(3,11)=46.83$
OVX vs. 2	<0.001	
OVX vs. 1 (100)	<0.001	
OVX+1(10) vs. OVX+1(100)	<0.001	

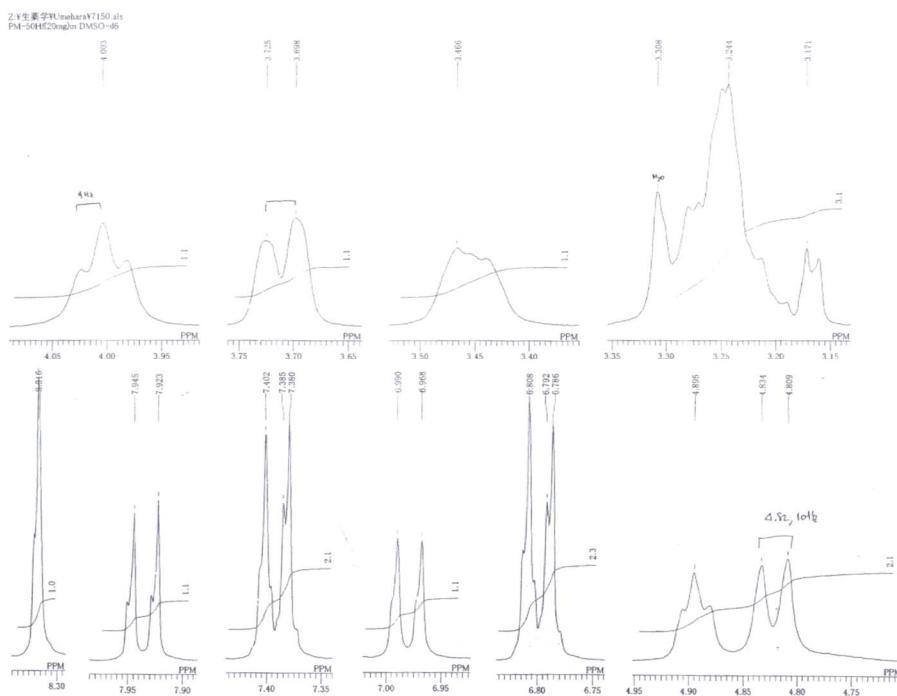
**Figure S1.** HPLC chromatogram of puerarin (1) from root bark of *Pueraria candollei* var. *mirifica*.



**Figure S2.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of puerarin (**1**) (400 MHz, DMSO-*d*6)



**Figure S3.** Expansion of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of puerarin (**1**) (400 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ )



**Figure S4.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of puerarin (**1**) (100 MHz, DMSO-*d*6)

