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Efficacy Confirmation Test of Immature Asian Pear (*Pyrus pyrifolia* Nakai) Extract on Ovalbumin-Induced Asthma in Mice

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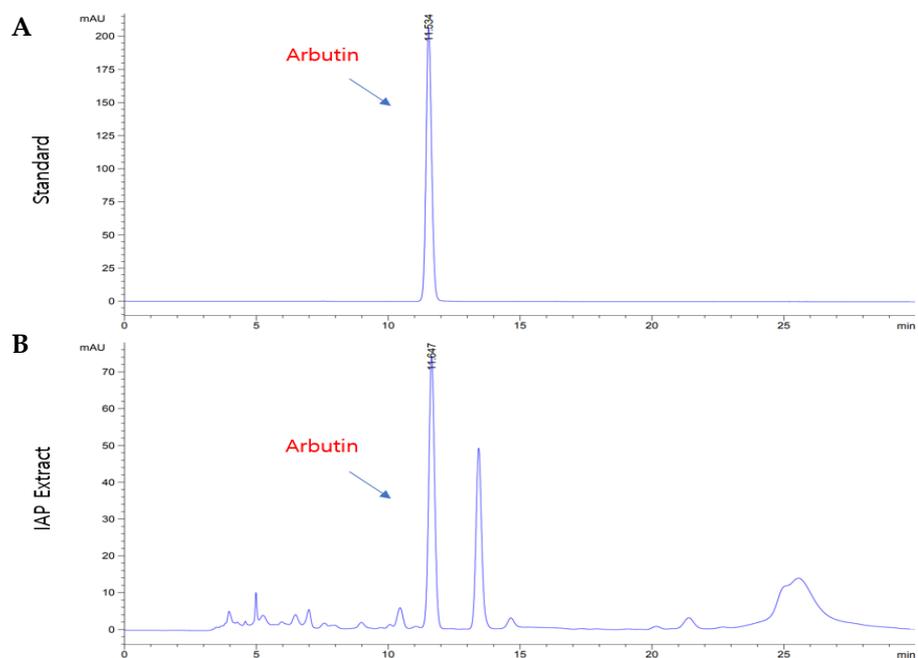


Figure S1. HPLC analysis of standard arbutin (A) and arbutin in the IAP extract (B).

Table S1. Oligonucleotides used for quantitative RT-PCR analysis.

| Target | 5' – 3' | Sequence | GenBank Accession Number |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| NF- κ B | Sense | GCTGCCAAAGAAGGACACGACA | NM_008689 |
| | Antisense | GGCAGGCTATTGCTCATCACAG | |
| PTEN | Sense | TGAGTTCCTCAGCCATTGCTT | NM_008960 |
| | Antisense | GAGGTTTCCTCTGGTCTGGTA | |
| p38 MAPK | Sense | CCGAACGATACCAGAACCTGTC | NM_011951 |
| | Antisense | ACGCAACTCTCGGTAGGTCCTT | |
| PI3K | Sense | ACCATCAGTGGCTCTGCGGTTT | NM_008840 |
| | Antisense | GTGGTCTTCTGGGAACCTCACCT | |
| Akt | Sense | GGACTACTTGCCTCCGAGAAG | NM_009652 |
| | Antisense | CATAGTGGCACCGTCCTTGATC | |
| IL-4 | Sense | ATCATCGGCATTTTGAACGAGGTC | NM_021283 |
| | Antisense | ACCTTGGAAGCCCTACAGACGA | |
| IL-5 | Sense | GATGAGGCTTCCTGTCCCTACT | NM_010558 |
| | Antisense | TGACAGGTTTGGGAATAGCATTTC | |
| β -actin | Sense | CATTGCTGACAGGATGCAGAAGG | NM_007393 |
| | Antisense | TGCTGGAAGGTGGACAGTGAGG | |

RT-PCR: Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction; NF- κ B: Nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells; PTEN: Phosphatase and TENsin homolog deleted on chromosome 10; MAPK: Mitogen-activated protein kinases; PI3K: Phosphoinositide 3-kinase; Akt: Protein kinase B; IL: Interleukin.

Table S2. Body weight gains in intact or OVA-induced allergic asthma mice.

| Groups | Body weights at | | | Body weight gains [B-A] |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| | Initial test article administration [A]* | Last test material administration | 24 h after last test material administration [B]* | |
| Controls | | | | |
| Intact vehicle | 14.56 \pm 0.57 | 18.68 \pm 0.31 | 16.52 \pm 0.49 | 1.96 \pm 0.64 |
| OVA | 14.55 \pm 0.74 | 18.85 \pm 0.59 | 16.63 \pm 0.29 | 2.08 \pm 0.55 |
| Reference | | | | |
| DEXA | 14.40 \pm 0.61 | 17.41 \pm 0.58 ^{ab} | 15.54 \pm 0.47 ^{de} | 1.14 \pm 0.55 ^c |
| Test material groups | | | | |
| IAP ₄₀₀ | 14.30 \pm 0.59 | 18.67 \pm 0.89 | 16.55 \pm 0.96 | 2.25 \pm 0.88 |
| IAP ₂₀₀ | 14.46 \pm 0.64 | 18.64 \pm 0.44 | 16.55 \pm 0.33 | 2.09 \pm 0.62 |
| IAP ₁₀₀ | 14.29 \pm 0.37 | 18.48 \pm 0.44 | 16.39 \pm 0.47 | 2.10 \pm 0.63 |

* All animals were fasted overnight; ^a p < 0.01 as compared with intact vehicle control by THSD test; ^b p < 0.01 and ^c p < 0.05 as compared with OVA control by THSD test; ^d p < 0.01 as compared with intact vehicle control by DT3 test; ^e p < 0.01 as compared with OVA control by DT3 test.

Table S3. Lung weight and gross inspection in intact or OVA-induced allergic asthma mice.

| Groups | Lung weights | | Congestional regions (%) – gross findings |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | Absolute (g) | Relative (%) | |
| Controls | | | |
| Intact vehicle | 0.114 \pm 0.005 | 0.693 \pm 0.038 | 2.50 \pm 1.53 |
| OVA | 0.168 \pm 0.011 ^a | 1.013 \pm 0.085 ^a | 47.47 \pm 10.21 ^d |
| Reference | | | |
| DEXA | 0.122 \pm 0.009 ^c | 0.784 \pm 0.069 ^{ac} | 8.40 \pm 2.24 ^{de} |
| Test material groups | | | |
| IAP ₄₀₀ | 0.127 \pm 0.008 ^{ac} | 0.771 \pm 0.060 ^{bc} | 8.73 \pm 2.88 ^{de} |
| IAP ₂₀₀ | 0.139 \pm 0.006 ^{ac} | 0.840 \pm 0.041 ^{ac} | 18.81 \pm 5.35 ^{de} |
| IAP ₁₀₀ | 0.147 \pm 0.005 ^{ac} | 0.895 \pm 0.031 ^{ac} | 25.96 \pm 5.98 ^{de} |

^a p < 0.01 and ^b p < 0.05 as compared with intact vehicle control by THSD test; ^c p < 0.01 as compared with OVA control by THSD test; ^d p < 0.01 as compared with intact vehicle control by DT3 test; ^e p < 0.01 as compared with OVA control by DT3 test.