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(E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone increases glucose uptake by stimulating GLUT4 translocation to the plasma membrane in 3T3-L1 adipocytes

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Five compounds were isolated from *Portulaca oleracea* L. by bioassay-guided fractionation and HPLC isolation. Among them, (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone showed the highest effect on glucose uptake. This study investigated how (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone increased glucose uptake in 3T3-L1 adipocytes. (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone significantly increased glucose uptake by stimulating GLUT4 translocation to the plasma membrane in 3T3-L1 adipocytes. The increase in plasma membrane GLUT4 expression was caused by IRS-1 phosphorylation, PI3K activation and Akt phosphorylation, and finally stimulated glucose uptake into the cells. But the phosphorylation of PKC λ/ζ was not activated by (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone in the insulin signaling pathway, the phosphorylation of AMPK had been activated, which also stimulated GLUT4 translocation. The glucose uptake increased by (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone was significantly inhibited by the PI3K inhibitor and the AMPK inhibitor in 3T3-L1 adipocytes. These findings suggest that (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone may increase the glucose uptake by stimulating GLUT4 translocation to the plasma membrane via activating the PI3K/Akt and AMPK pathway in 3T3-L1 adipocytes.

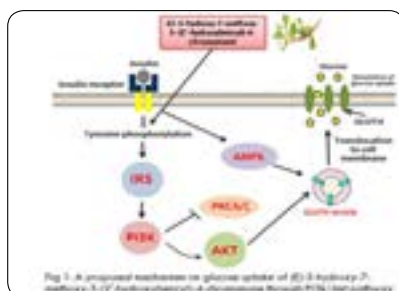


Fig. 1. A proposed mechanism on glucose uptake of (E)-5-hydroxy-7-methoxy-3-(2'-hydroxybenzyl)-4-chromanone through PI3K/Akt and AMPK.

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Biography

Ji Sook Han is currently working as a Professor at Pusan National University, Republic of Korea. She is engaged in research on isolating a bioactive compound from natural plant and investigating its effect for the prevention and treatment of type 2 diabetes. The active compound containing in natural plant may be a good anti-diabetic source by improving insulin resistance or insulin secretory defect. She evaluates the effect and the mechanism of a bioactive compound isolated from natural plant through *in vitro* and *in vivo* study.

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