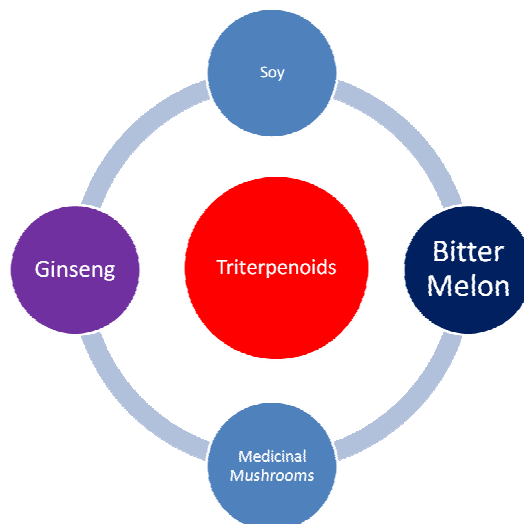


Bitter melon (*Momordica charantia*) extracts can influence cultured adipocytes cells and prevent lipid accumulation

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Interest



Question

- Can a bitter melon extract prepared from both the seed and flesh influence cultured adipocyte function?
- If so does it have any implications for biological response?

Why Adipocytes?

Increased number of adipocytes (hyperplasia)

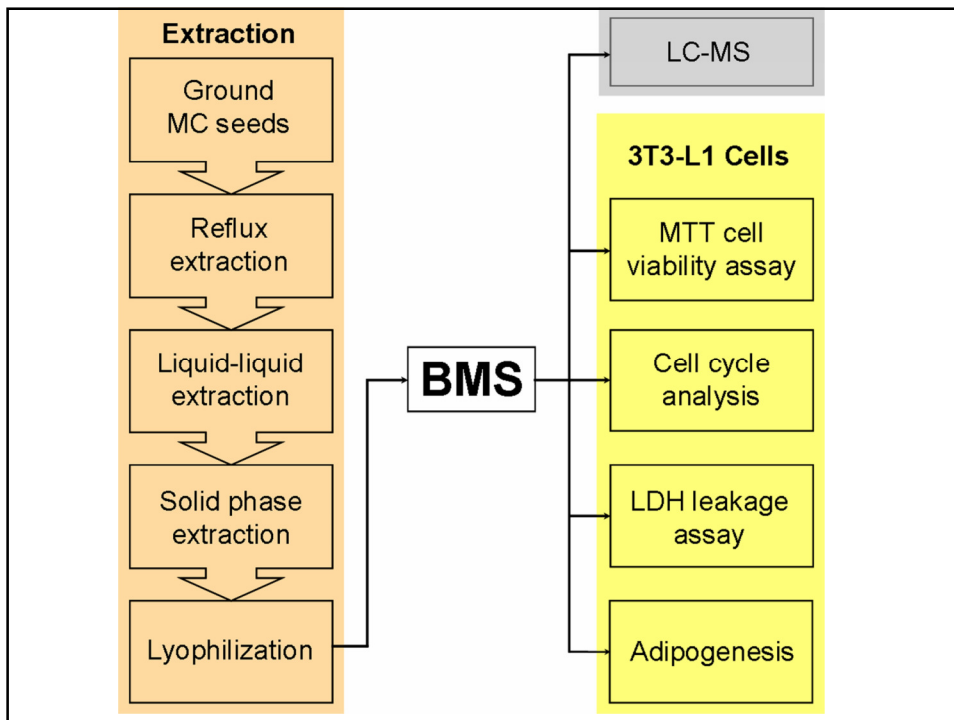
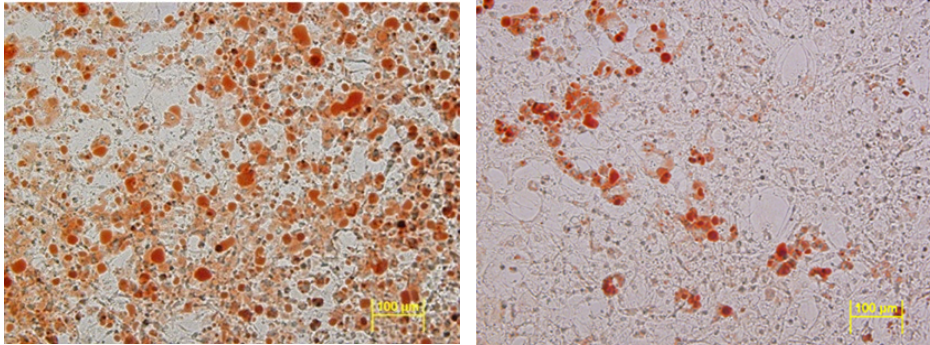
Enlarged size of adipocytes (hypertrophy)

Excess lipids deposited insulin-sensitive tissues

Physiological dysfunction liver and pancreas

Insulin Resistance, Impaired glucose tolerance

Cultured Adipocytes



Bitter Melon Evidence

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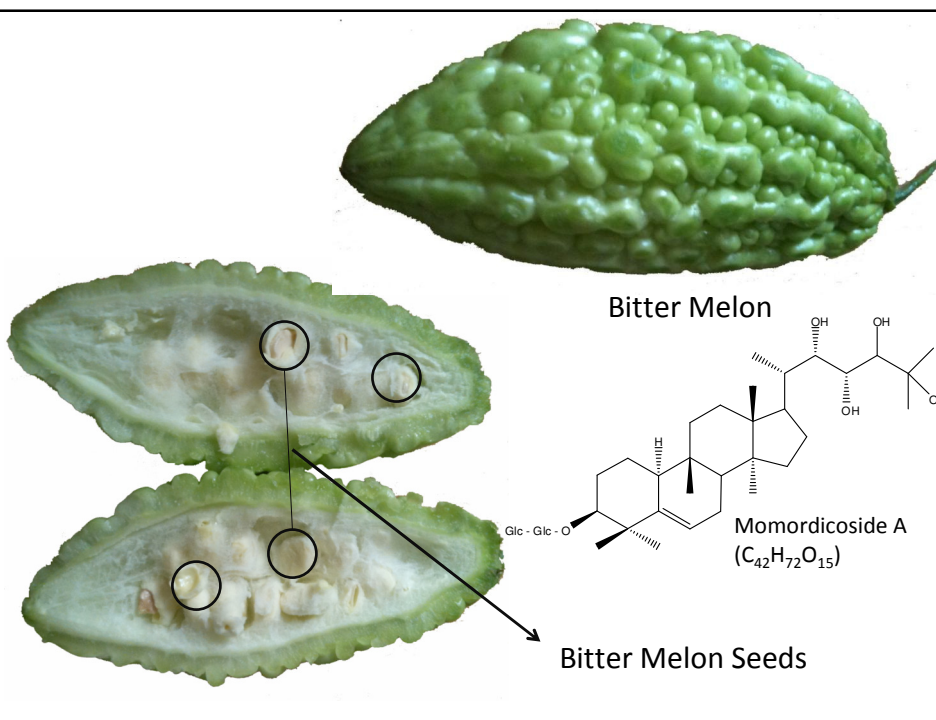
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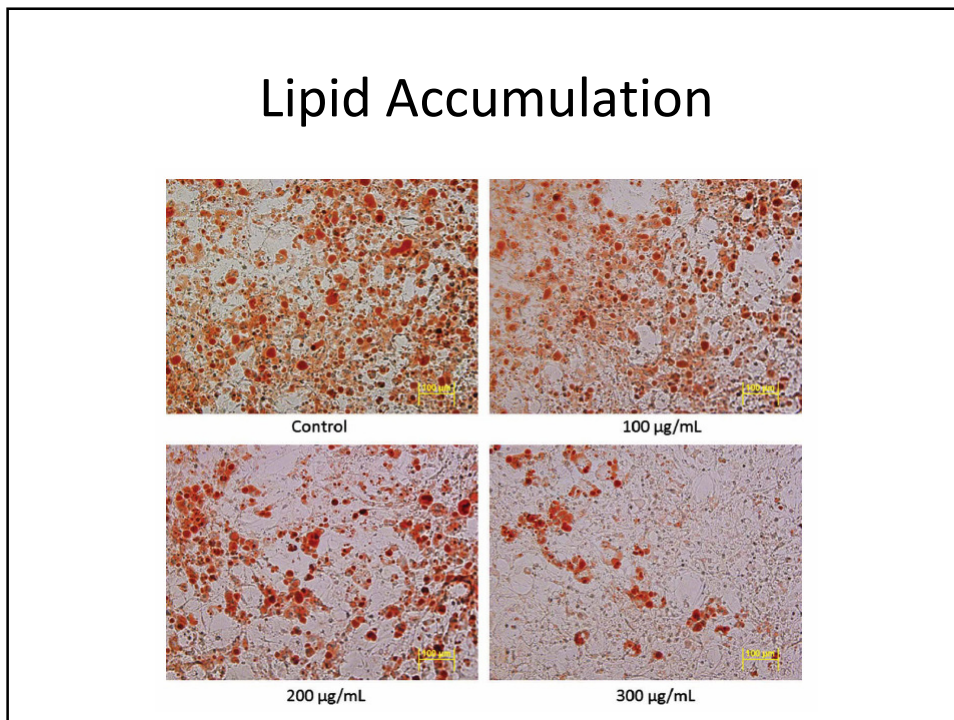
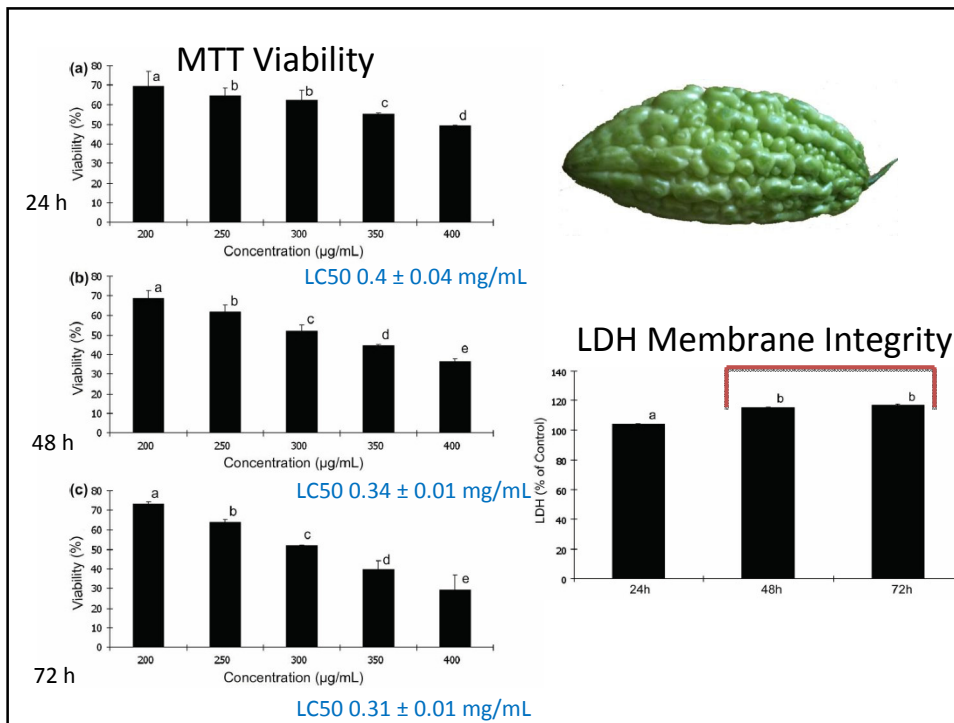


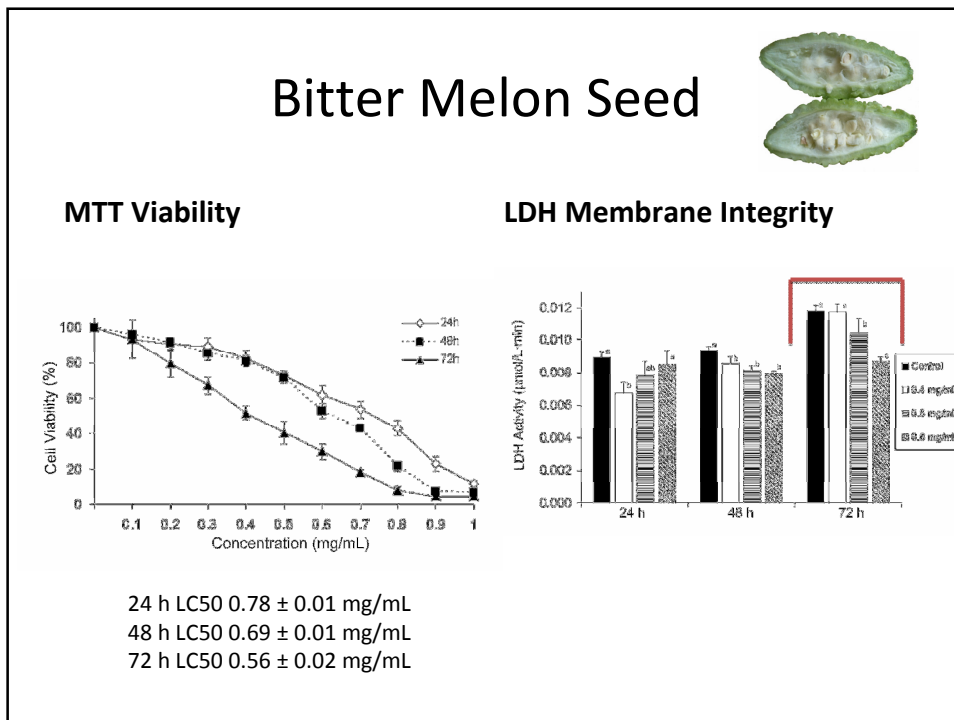
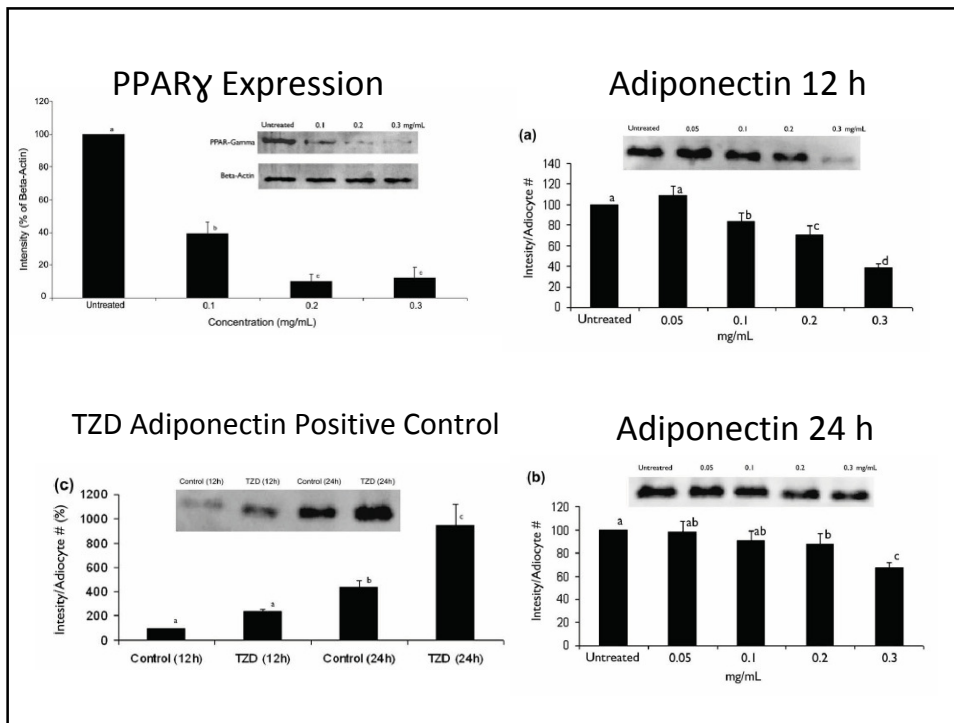
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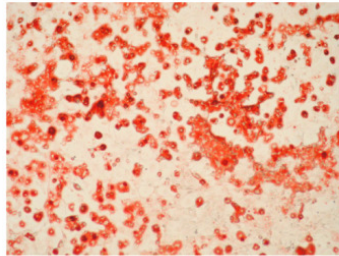
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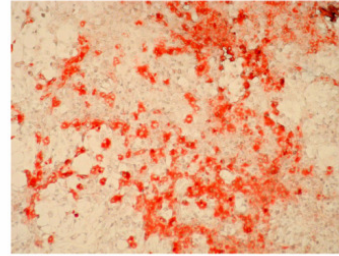




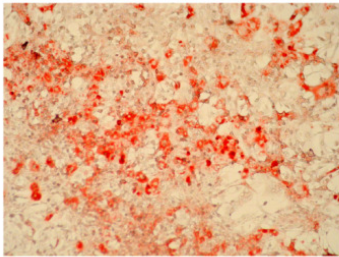
Lipid Accumulation



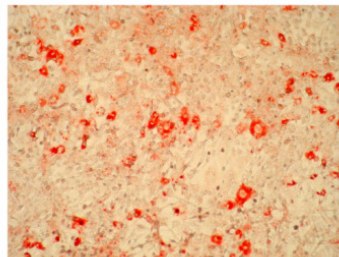
(a) Control Untreated Cells



(b) 0.3 mg/mL



(c) 0.4 mg/mL



(d) 0.5 mg/mL

Comparison

Bitter Melon

- LC50 0.31 ± 0.01 mg/mL
- ↓ cell growth
- ↓ lipid acquisition
- ↓ adiponectin expression
- Limited change on cell cycle
- ↑ LDH release

Bitter Seed

- LC50 0.56 ± 0.02 mg/mL
- ↓ cell growth
- ↓ lipid acquisition
- ↓ adiponectin expression
- Limited change on cell cycle
- ↓ LDH release

Triterpenoid compositional difference?

Triterpenoids

Bitter Melon

Positive ID

- momordicilin
- momordicoside A
- goyaglycoside E
- goyaglycoside g
- momordicoside E

Probable ID

- goyaglycoside a, b, c, d,
momordicoside F2/I, K

Bitter Melon Seed

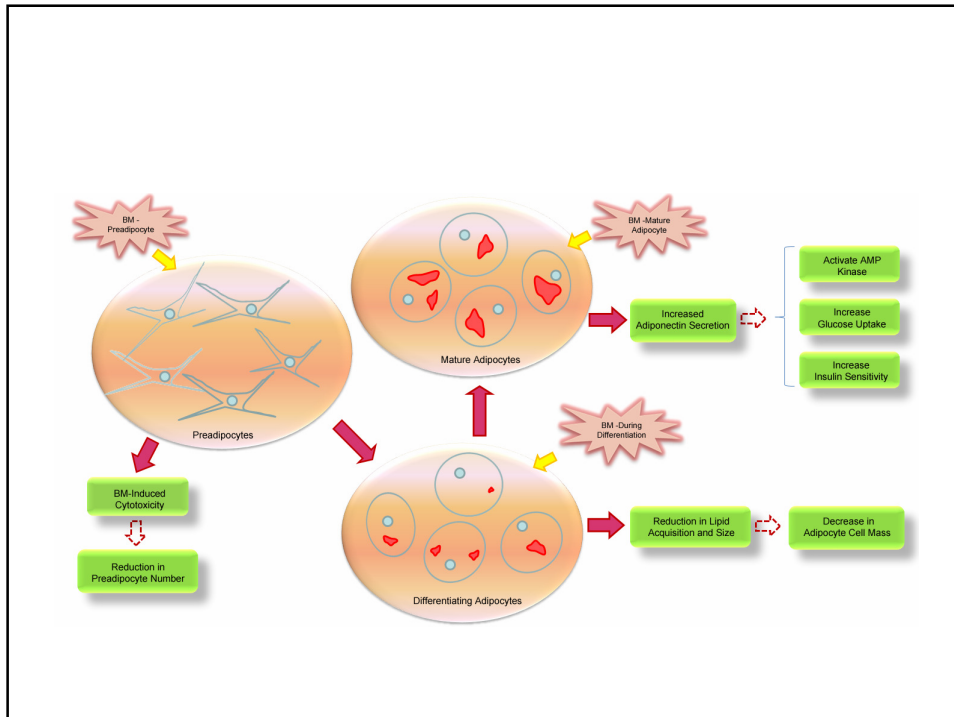
Positive ID

- momordicoside A
- momordicoside D
- goyaglycoside h

Probable ID

- Goyaglycoside E/goyaglycoside f,
momordicoside F2/I

cucurbitane and oleanane-type triterpenoids



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