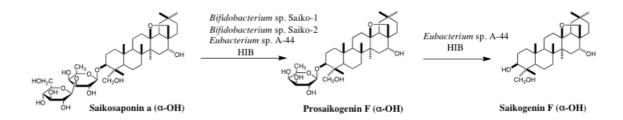
## Saikosaponin a



Transformation of saikosaponin a to prosaikogenin F and saikogenin F by human intestinal bacteria

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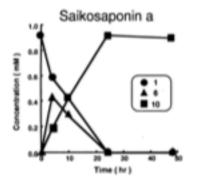


Fig. 1 Time course of metabolism of saikosaponins a (1), by a human fecal suspension.

Symbols : 1, saikosaponin a ; 6, prosaikogenin F ; 10, saikogenin F. [Kida *et al.*, *J. Trad. Med.*, 14, 34-40 (1997)]

## Preparation of a bacterial suspension of human feces

Fresh feces obtained from a healthy young man (age: 25, male) were suspended in five volumes of phosphate buffer (pH 7.2). The fecal suspension thus obtained was used in the following experiments. [Kida *et al.*, *J. Trad. Med.*, **14**, 34-40 (1997)]

## Time course of the metabolism of saikosaponin a by an intestinal bacterial

**suspension** : GAM broth (9 ml) containing saikosaponin a (1) (a final concentration, 1 mM) was incubated with an intestinal bacterial suspension (1 ml) in an anaerobic incubator at 37°C. A 100  $\mu$ m portion was taken out at intervals (4, 10, 24 and 48 hours) and extracted with BuOH (100  $\mu$ l). Five micro liters of the BuOH layer were applied to a TLC plate, which was developed with solvent system A. [Kida *et al.*, *J. Trad. Med.*, **14**, 34-40 (1997)]

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