## Saikosaponin d

Transformation of saikosaponin d to prosaikogenin G and saikogenin G by human intestinal bacteria

## 代謝実験

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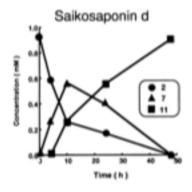


Fig. 1 Time course of metabolism of saikosaponin d (2) by a human fecal suspension.

Symbols: **2**, saikosaponin d; **7**, prosaikogenin G; **11**, saikogenin G. [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 d by an intestinal bacterial suspension: GAM broth (9 ml) containing saikosaponin d (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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