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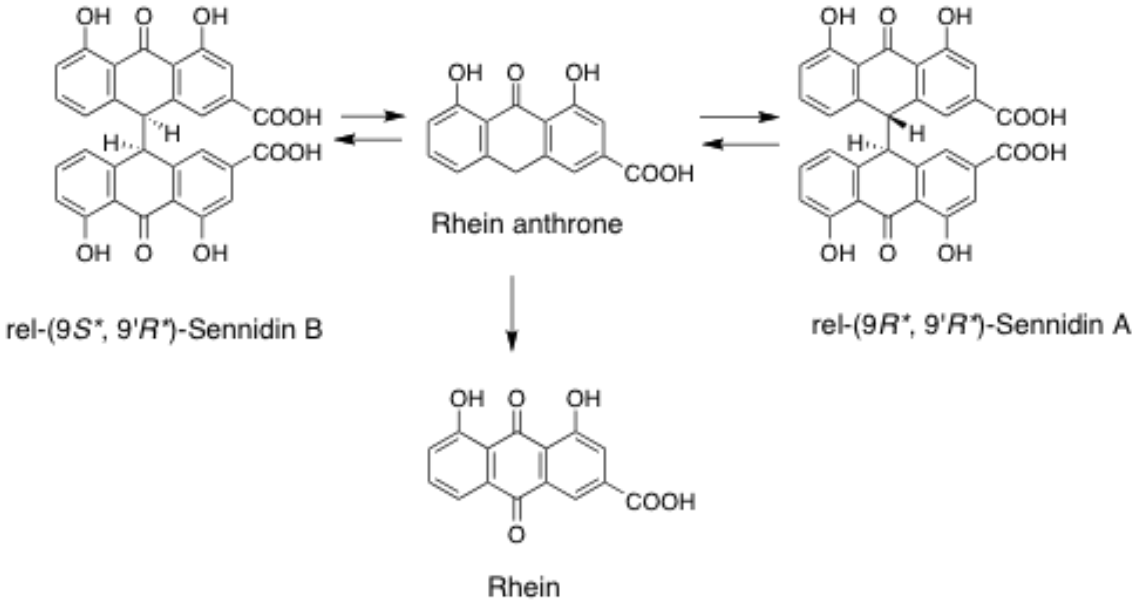

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Preparation of a suspension of rat feces and its supernatant fluid

Fresh feces (20 g) of Wistar rats (female, 180—220 g body weight) were suspended in 100 mM phosphate buffer (200 ml, pH 7.3) containing 0.05% cysteine, which had previously been bubbled through with carbon dioxide to eliminate air. The supernatant fluid was prepared by centrifuging the suspension at 10000 rpm for 10 min. [Hattori *et al*., *Chem. Pharm. Bull*., **30**, 1338-1346 (1982)]

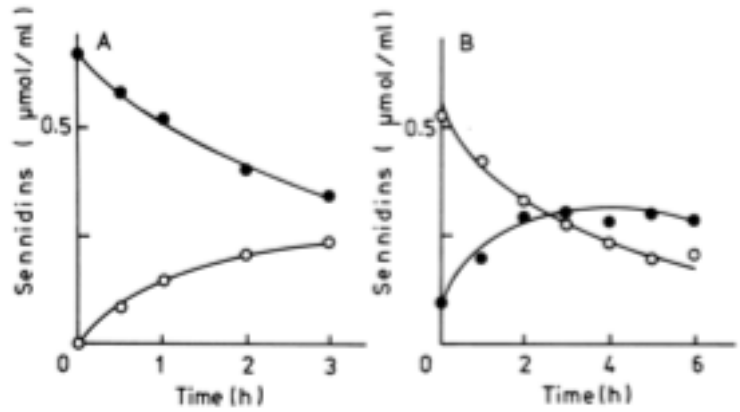

Fig. 1. Isomerization of sennidin A to sennidin B (left) and *vice versa* (right) by anaerobical incubation with a rat fecal mixture.

● , sennidin A; ○, sennidin B. [Hattori *et al*., *Chem. Pharm. Bull*., **30**, 1338-1346 (1982)]

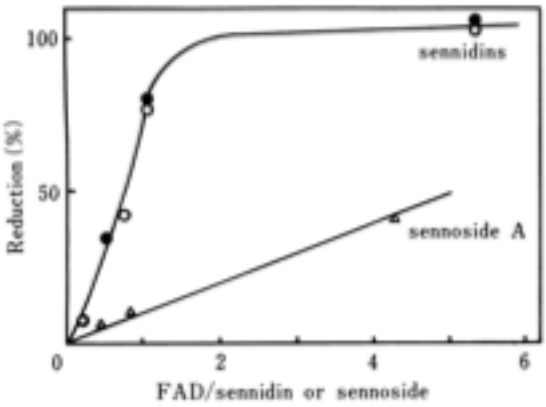

Fig. 2. Non-enzymatic reduction of sennidins and sennoside A by $FADH_2$

Molar ratio of FAD with respect to sennidin or sennoside is represented on the abscissa and reduction (%) of sennidins or sennoside A on the ordinate. [Akao *et al*., *Chem. Pharm. Bull*., **35**, 1998-2003 (1987)]

Non-enzymatic reduction of sennidins, sennosides and methyl orange

Non-enzymatic reduction of these compounds was carried out in a Thunberg-type tube under nitrogen. In the main part of the tube, 0.2—20 μmol of a cofactor such as FAD, FMN, riboflavin or benzyl viologen was first reduced with 4—100 μmol of NADH in

the presence of the purified sennidin reductase in 2 ml of 0.1 m K-phosphate buffer at 37 °C. Then 0.19 μmol of sennidin A or B, 0.23 μmol of sennoside A or B, or 0.20 μmol of methyl orange containing 2 μmol of *p*-chloromercuriphenylsulfonic acid (*p*CMS) (to inactivate the enzyme) in the side arm was mixed with the reduced cofactor in the main tube at room temperature. Rhein anthrone and 8-glucosylrhein anthrone, the reduction products of sennidins and sennosides, respectively, were determined as the azometin derivatives by adding *p*-nitoroso-*N,N'*-dimethylaniline. Reduced methyl orange was determined by measuring the absorbance at 500 nm. [Akao *et al*., *Chem. Pharm. Bull*., **35**, 1998-2003 (1987)]

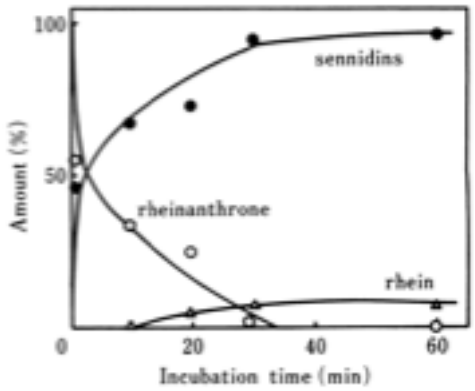

Fig. 3. Aerobic oxidation of rhein anthrone to sennidins A and B

The ordinate represents production (%) of sennidins and rhein and decrease (%) of rhein anthrone on a molar basis. [Akao *et al*., *Chem. Pharm. Bull*., **35**, 1998-2003 (1987)]

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