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Tradename: ACB Botanical Sugar Complex

Code: 20039

CAS #: 9005-25-8 & 68333-16-4

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Test Performed: Cellular Viability Assay

Introduction

The cellular viability assay is useful for quantitatively measuring cell-mediated cytotoxicity, cell proliferation and mitochondrial metabolic activity. Increased metabolism in a cell indicates ample cellular respiration and adenosine triphosphate (ATP) production. ATP is the molecular energy of cells and is required in basic cell function and signal transduction. A decrease in ATP levels indicates cytotoxicity and decreased cell function while an increase in ATP levels indicates healthy cells.

The cellular viability assay was conducted to assess the ability of **ACB Botanical Sugar Complex** to increase cellular metabolic activity in cultured dermal fibroblasts.

Assay Principle

The assay utilizes a nonfluorescent dye, resazurin, which is converted to a fluorescent dye, resorufin, in response to chemical reduction of growth medium from cell growth and by respiring mitochondria. Healthy cells that are in a proliferative state will be able to easily convert resazurin into resorufin without harming the cells. This method is a more sensitive assay than other commonly used mitochondrial reductase dyes such as MTT. An increase in the signal generated by resazurin-conversion is indicative of a proliferative cellular state.

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Materials

Α.	Kit:	PrestoBlue™ Cell Viability Reagent (Invitrogen, A13261)
В.	Incubation Conditions:	37°C at 5% CO ₂ and 95% relative humidity (RH)
C.	Equipment:	Forma humidified incubator; ESCO biosafety laminar flow hood; Light microscope; Pipettes
D.	Cell Line:	Normal Human Dermal Fibroblasts (NHDF) (Lonza; CC-2511)
E.	Media/Buffers:	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium (DMEM); Penicillin-Streptomycin (50U-50mg/mL); Fetal Bovine Serum (FBS); Phosphate Buffered Saline (PBS)
F.	Culture Plate:	Falcon flat bottom 96-well tissue culture treated plates
G.	Reagents:	PrestoBlue™ reagent (10X)
Н.	Other:	Sterile disposable pipette tips

Methods

Human dermal fibroblasts were seeded into 96-well tissue culture plates and allowed to grow to confluency in complete DMEM. A 10-fold serial dilution was performed resulting in **ACB Botanical Sugar Complex** concentrations on 1%, 0.1%, and 0.01% in complete DMEM and incubated with fibroblasts for 24 hours.

Ten microliters of viability reagent was added to 90µL of cell culture media in culture wells and a fluorometric measurement was taken at 560nm for excitation and 590nm for emission.

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Results

The data obtained from this study met criteria for a valid assay and the controls performed as anticipated.

ACB Botanical Sugar Complex exhibited positive effects on cellular metabolism.

Cellular metabolism results are shown as mean fluorescence units (MFU) and expressed as percentage change, calculated by the below equation:



Figure 1: Cellular Metabolism of ACB Botanical Sugar Complex-treated fibroblasts expressed in terms of percent of control.

Discussion

In this study, **ACB Botanical Sugar Complex** (code 20039) was tested to evaluate its effects on the viability of normal human dermal fibroblasts (NDHF). At concentrations of 1%, 0.1%, and 0.01% **ACB Botanical Sugar Complex**, nor the preservatives contained therein exhibited any inhibition of cell viability. It can therefore be concluded that at normal use concentrations **ACB Botanical Sugar Complex** is not cytotoxic.

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