

## Supplementary Materials

Biological Evaluation and Molecular Docking Study of  
3-(4-Sulfamoylphenyl)-4-phenyl-1*H*-pyrrole-2,5-dione as COX-2 Inhibitor

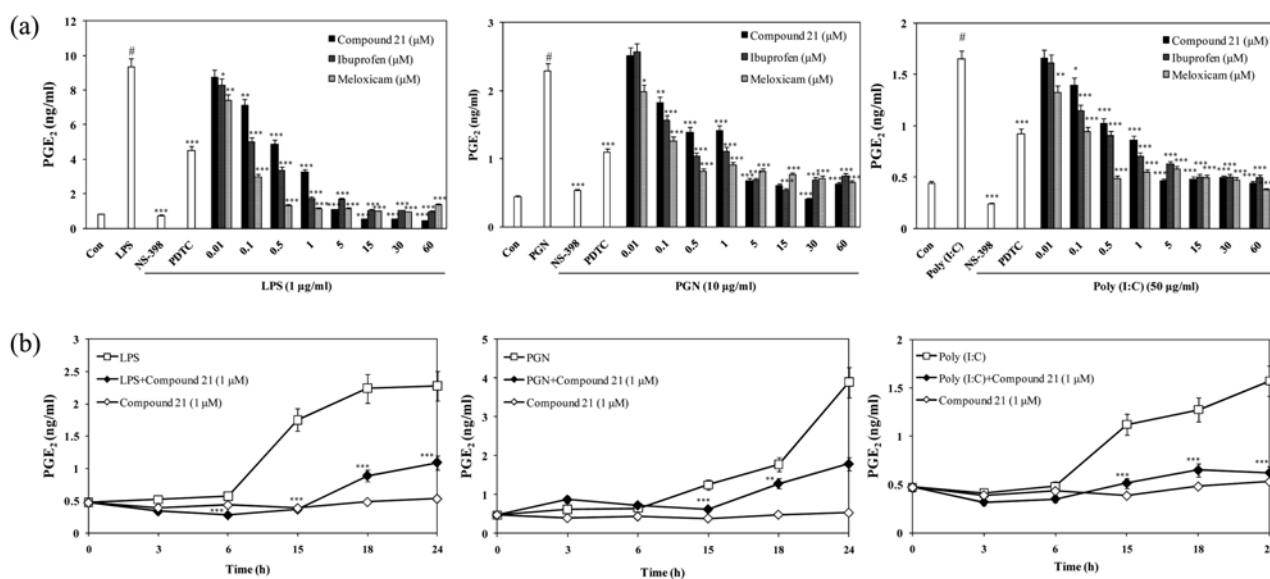
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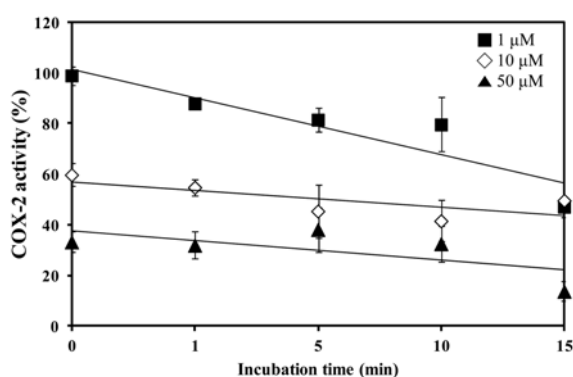
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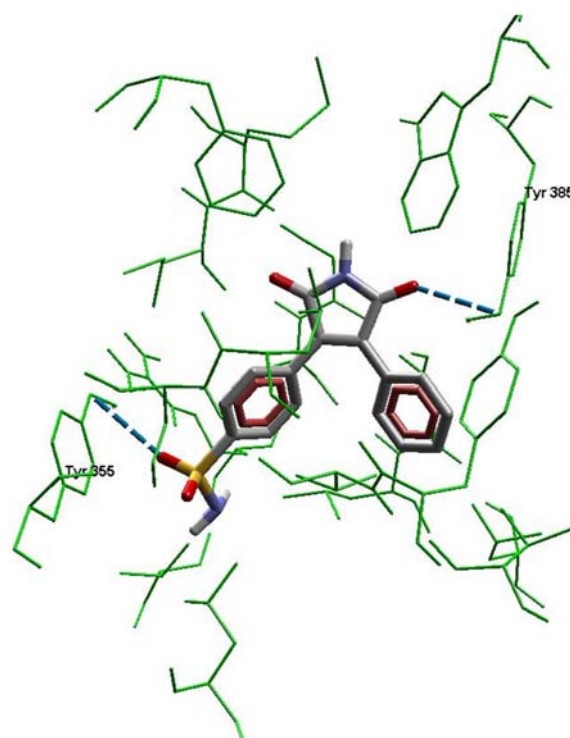


**Figure 1.** Inhibitory effect of compound **21** on various TLR ligand-induced PGE<sub>2</sub> productions: (a) dose-dependent response (b) time-dependent response at 1 mM concentrations; (A) RAW 264.7 cells were pretreated with/without the indicated concentrations of compound **21** and reference drugs for 1 h before stimulation with LPS (1 μg/mL), PGN (10 μg/mL) or poly(I:C) (50 μg/mL) for 24 h. Controls were not treated with LPS, PGN or poly(I:C) and compounds. NS-398 (5 μM) and PDTC (5 μM) were used as a positive control; (B) RAW 264.7 cells were pretreated with/without compounds **21** (1 μM) for 1 h before stimulation with LPS (1 μg/mL), PGN (10 μg/mL) or poly(I:C) (50 μg/mL) for indicated time. Levels of PGE<sub>2</sub> in the culture media were quantified using enzyme immunoassay (EIA) kits. Values shown are means ± S.D. of three independent experiments. #*p* < 0.05 vs. the control group; \**p* < 0.05, \*\**p* < 0.01, \*\*\**p* < 0.001 vs. LPS-stimulated group; significant differences between groups were determined using ANOVA and Dunnett's post-hoc test.

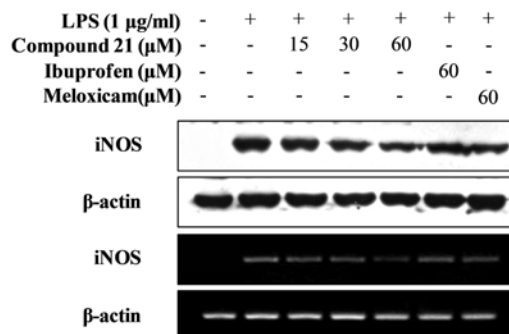
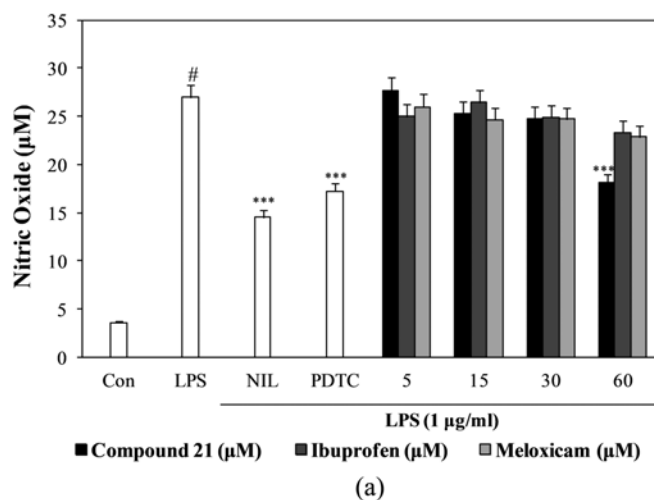
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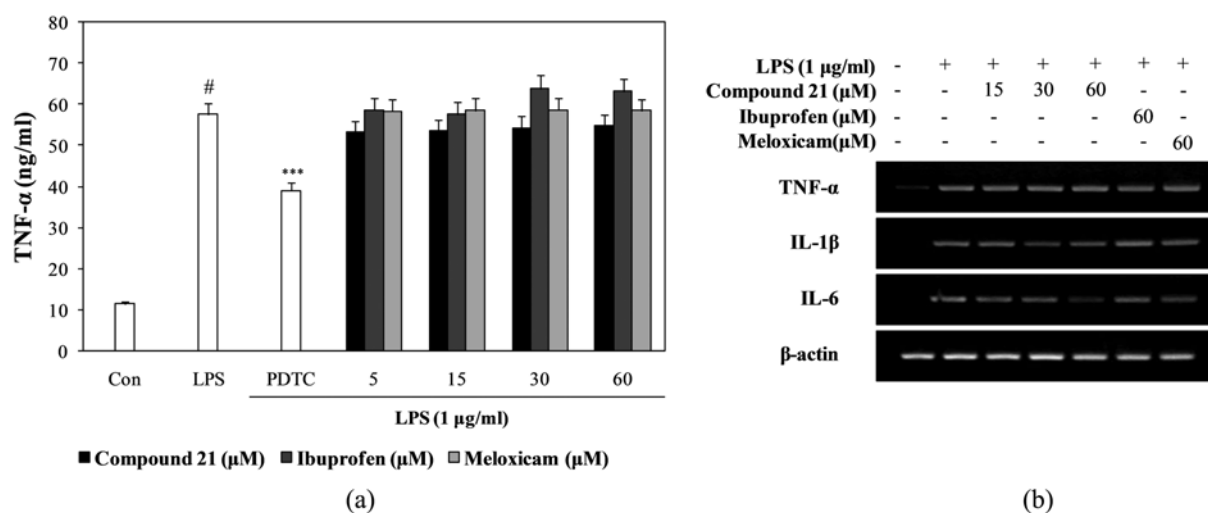
**Figure 2.** Inhibitory effects of compound **21** on recombinant COX-2 enzyme activity. Recombinant COX-2 enzyme was *in vitro* incubated with the compound **21** (1, 10, and 50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for indicated time in 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The reaction was started by the addition of 100  $\mu\text{M}$  arachidonic acid and terminated by addition of HCl solution containing  $\text{SnCl}_2$ . The COX activity assay directly measures  $\text{PGF}_{2\alpha}$  produced by  $\text{SnCl}_2$  reduction of COX-derived  $\text{PGH}_2$ . The prostanoid product is quantified via EIA kits.



**Figure 3.** Docking of compound **21** into the active site of COX-1. Hydrogen bonds are shown in blue.



**Figure 4.** Effects of compound **21** on LPS-induced nitric oxide production and iNOS expression in RAW 264.7 cells (a) Cells were pretreated with/without the indicated concentrations of compound **21** and reference drugs for 1 h before stimulation with LPS (1  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) for 24 h. Amount of NO was determined in using the Griess reaction. Controls were not treated with LPS and compounds. L-NIL (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and PDTC (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) were used as a positive control. Values shown are means  $\pm$  S.D. of three independent experiments. <sup>#</sup> $p < 0.05$  vs. the control group; <sup>\*\*\*</sup> $p < 0.001$  vs. LPS-stimulated group; significant differences between groups were determined using ANOVA and Dunnett's post-hoc test. (b) Lysates and total RNA were prepared from cells pretreated with/without compounds **21** for 1 h before stimulation with LPS (1  $\mu\text{g/mL}$ ) for 24 h or 4 h. The protein and mRNA levels of iNOS were detected by Western blot and RT-PCR, respectively. The experiment was repeated three times and similar results were obtained.



**Figure 5.** Effects of compound **21** on LPS-induced production of TNF- $\alpha$  and mRNA expression of TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , and IL-6 in RAW 264.7 cells (a) Cells were pretreated with/without the indicated concentrations of compound **21** and reference drugs for 1 h before stimulation with LPS (1  $\mu$ g/mL) for 24 h. The production of TNF- $\alpha$  were determined using EIA kits. Controls were not treated with LPS and compounds. PDTC (5  $\mu$ M) were used as a positive control. Values shown are means  $\pm$  S.D. of three independent experiments. <sup>#</sup> $p$  < 0.05 vs. the control group; <sup>\*\*\*</sup> $p$  < 0.001 vs. LPS-stimulated group; significant differences between groups were determined using ANOVA and Dunnett's post-hoc test. (b) Total RNA were prepared from cells pretreated with/without compounds **21** for 1 h before stimulation with LPS (1  $\mu$ g/mL) for 4 h. The mRNA levels of cytokines (TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-1 $\beta$ , and IL-6) were detected by RT-PCR. The experiment was repeated three times and similar results were obtained.