

Coronavirus (Covid-19) and TCM: Scientific Research and Clinical Evidence

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U.S. Map



Critical Trends



COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU)



Total Confirmed

2,432,092

Confirmed Cases by
Country/Region/Sovereignty

761,991 US
200,210 Spain
178,972 Italy
154,098 France
146,200 Germany
125,850 United Kingdom
86,306 Turkey
83,817 China
83,505 Iran
47,121 Russia

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185

countries/regions

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Cumulative Confirmed Cases

Active Cases

Incidence Rate

Case-Fatality Ratio

Testing Rate

Hospitalization Rate

Esri, FAO, NOAA

Total Deaths

166,794

23,660 deaths
Italy20,852 deaths
Spain19,718 deaths
France16,509 deaths
United Kingdom14,451 deaths
New York City New York US

Deaths

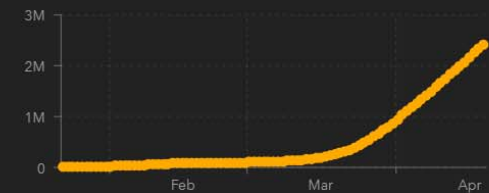
Recovered

Total Test Conducted in U.S.

3,893,815

617,555 tested
New York US280,900 tested
California US260,724 tested
Florida US182,710 tested
Texas US170,688 tested
New Jersey US

US Tested



Confirmed

Logarithmic

Daily Cases

- Johns Hopkins University. 4/20/2020.

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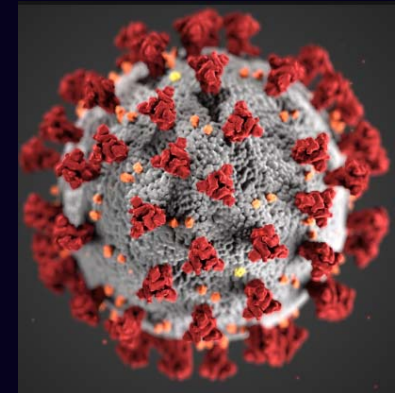
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- Clinical Trials. 4/20/2020.

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Biology

- Seven known coronaviruses that affect human
- MERS from MERS-CoV (34.3% fatality rate)
- SARS from SARS-CoV (9.6% fatality rate).
- Covid-19 from SARS-CoV-2 (1.38% to 3.4% fatality rate).
- 96% genome identity



- [Report of the WHO-China Joint Mission on Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) 16-24 February 2020.](#)
- https://emcrit.org/ibcc/covid19/?fbclid=IwAR31Xy-vkhL39xSWNAqkx3fECRR2yQLVbyWD2EOOoDG7FYv2WXqdQm7Lu_U#biology
- <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com/articles/how-do-sars-and-mers-compare-with-covid-19#SARS>

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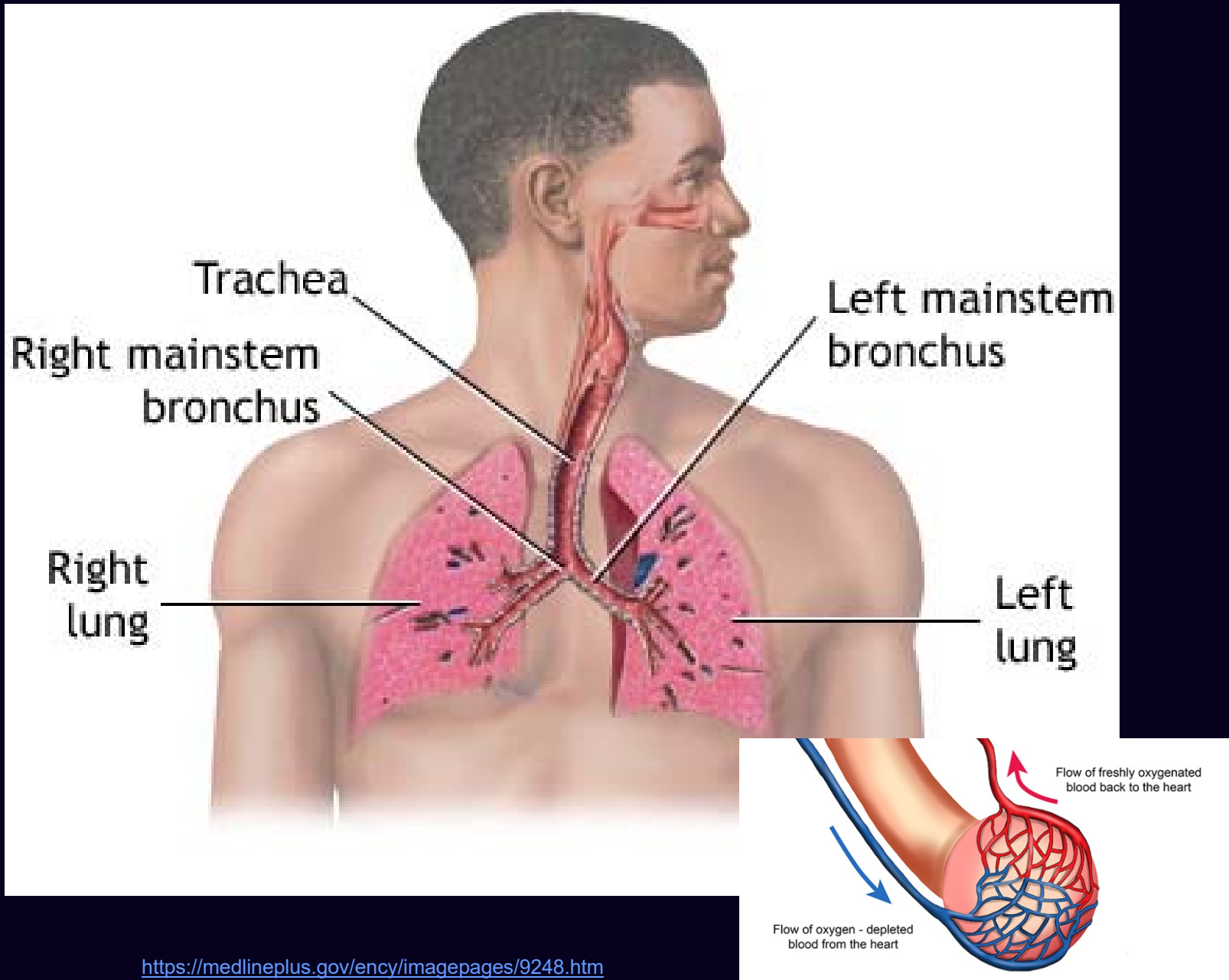
- Respiratory tract
 - Upper: sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, sore throat, lost sense of taste and smell
 - Lower: dry cough, sputum production, shortness of breath
- Gastrointestinal tract
- Systemic

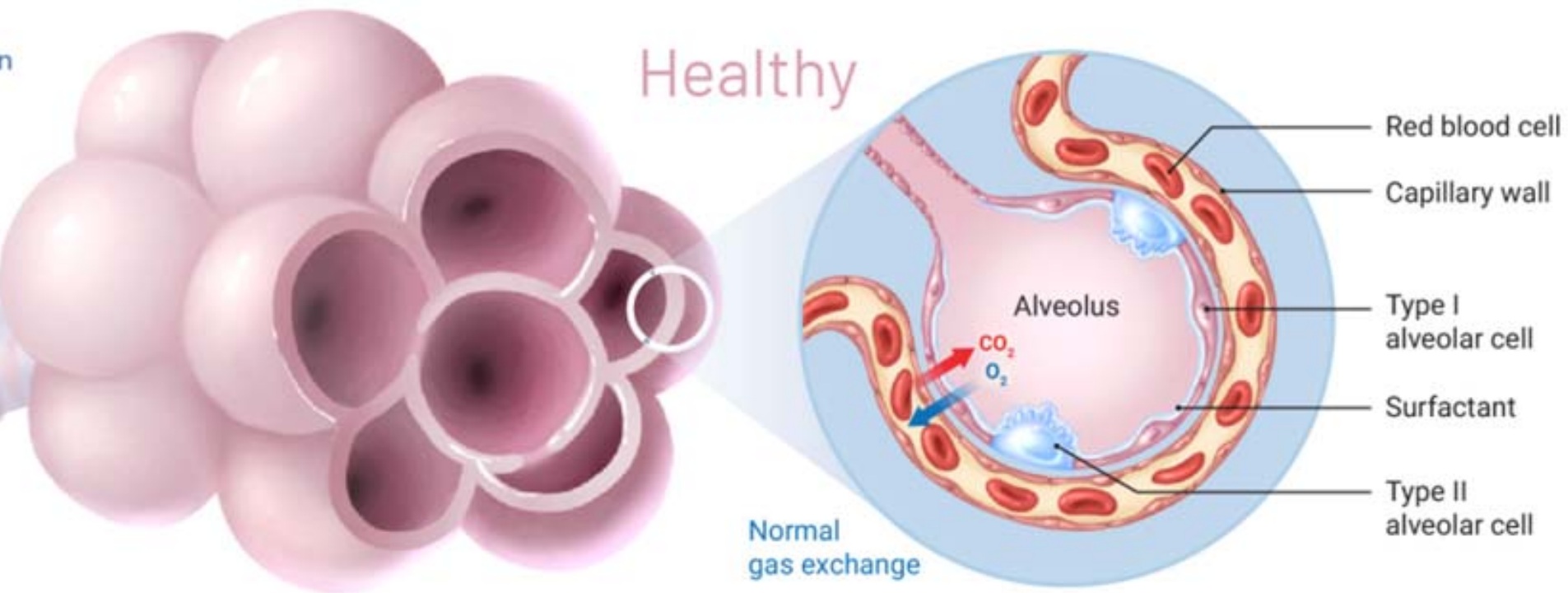
Clinical Manifestation

- Respiratory tract
- Gastrointestinal tract
 - 5-10% of patients can present initially with diarrhea or nausea, *before* fever and dyspnea
- Systemic

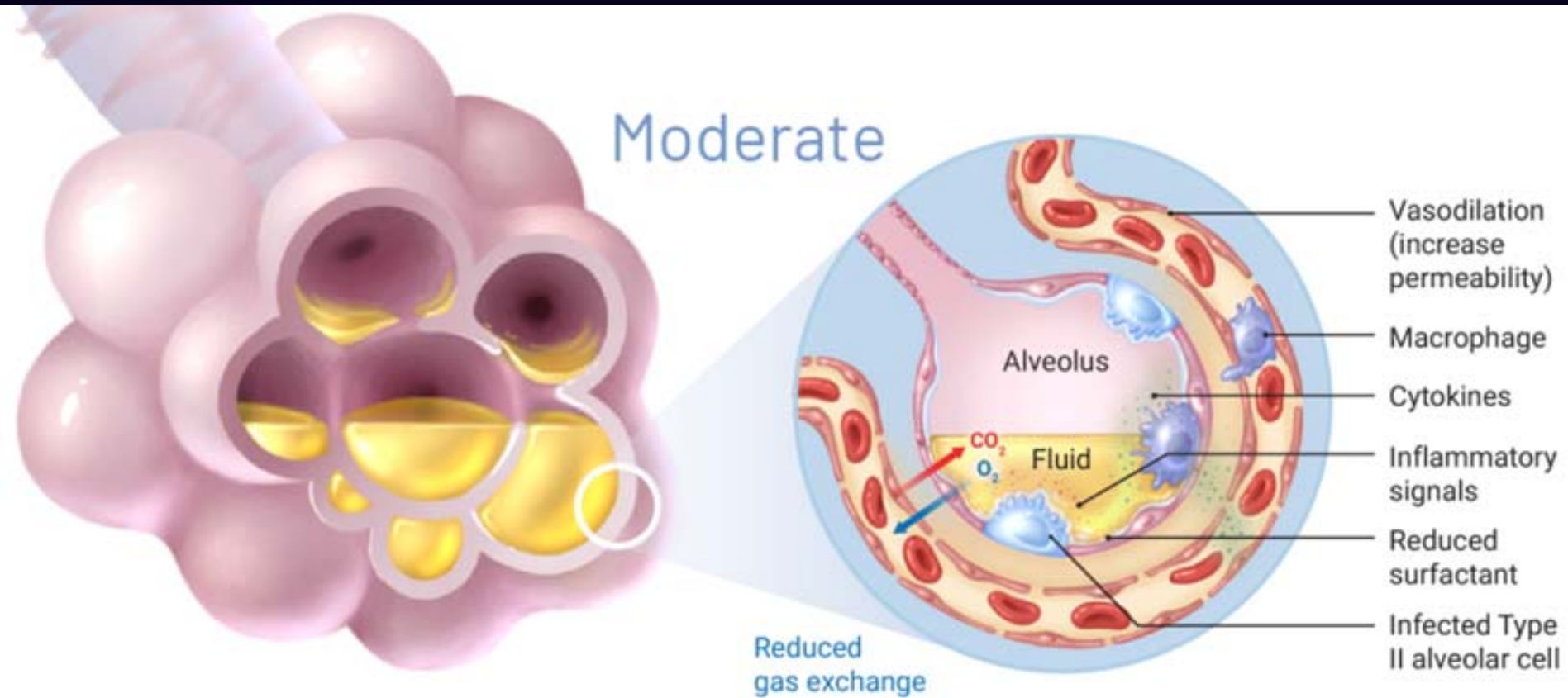
Clinical Manifestation

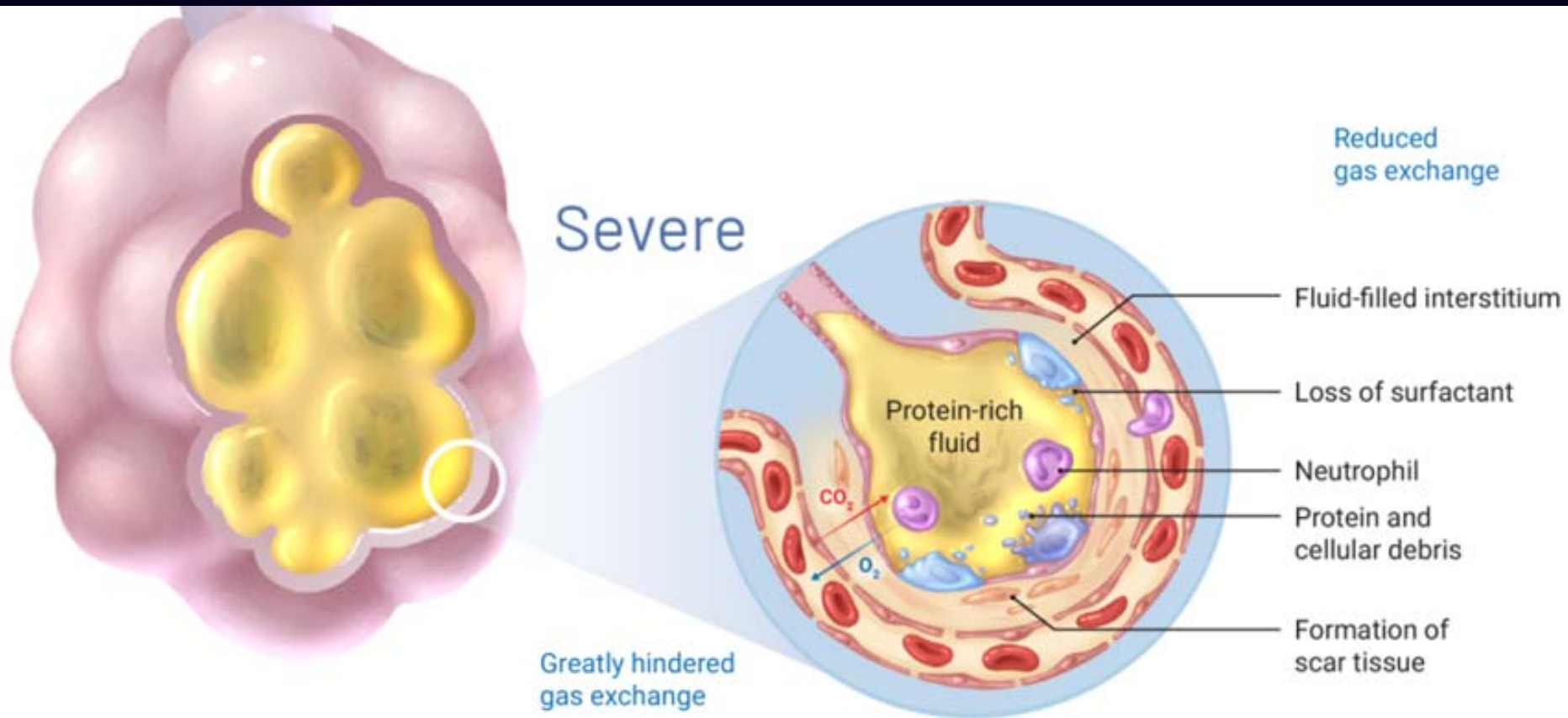
- Respiratory tract
- Gastrointestinal tract
- Systemic
 - fever, lethargy, muscle pain, headache and dehydration.

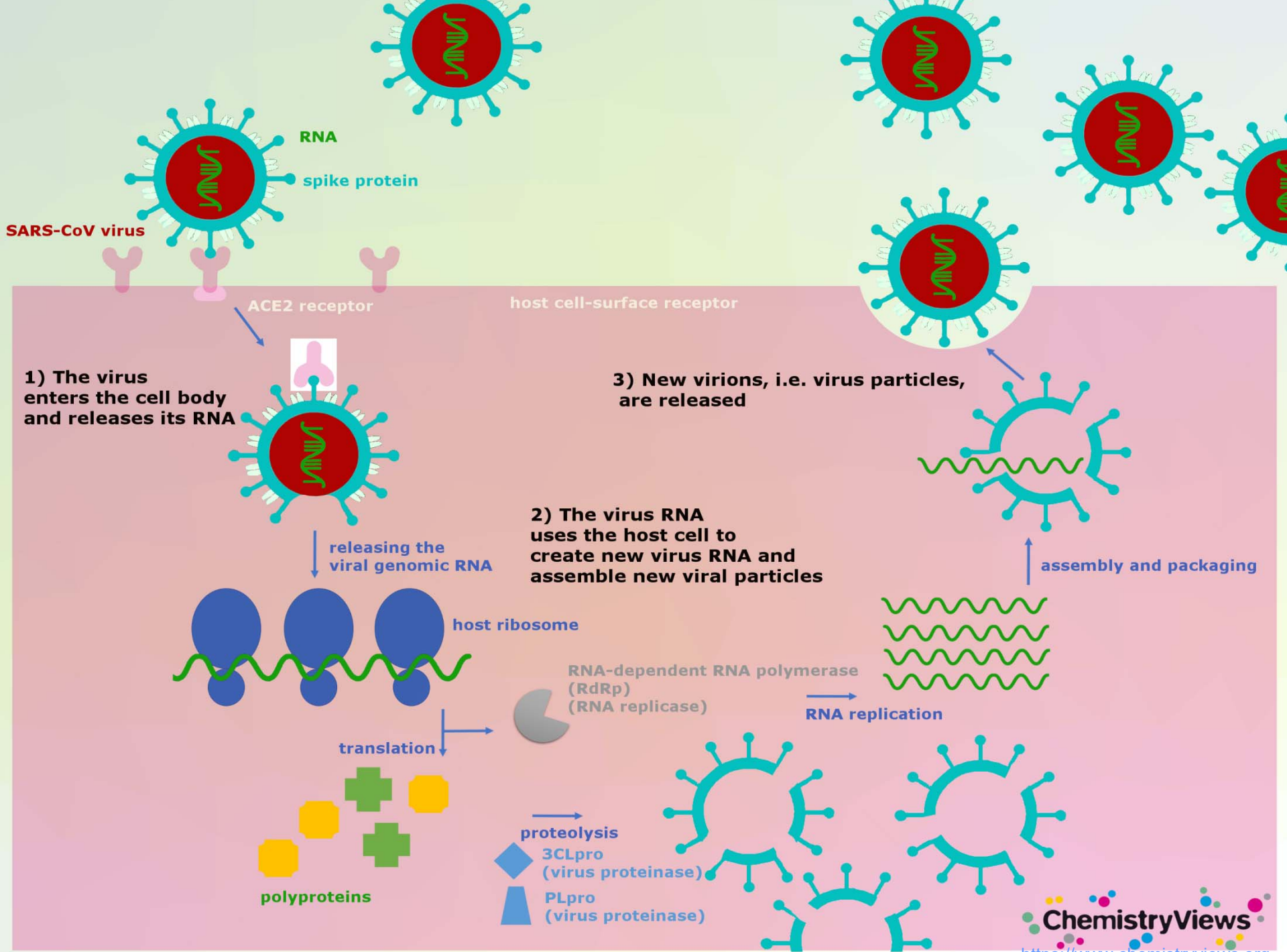




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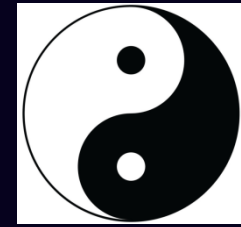








Diagnosis



- Covid-19

Wind-Cold at the exterior

Wind-Heat at the exterior

Damp Warmth in Early Phase

Damp Cold in the Lung

Damp Heat Obstructing the Lung

Damp Heat Afflicting the Lung

Toxic Stagnation Obstructing the Lung

Toxic Heat in the Lung

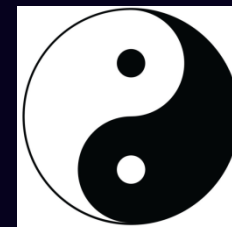
Epidemic Toxins Blocking the Lung

Shaoyang Syndrome with Damp

Closed Interior and Abandoned Exterior



Treatment



- None

Gě Gēn Tāng 葛根湯 (Kudzu Decoction)

Chái Gě Jiě Jī Tāng 柴葛解肌湯 (Bupleurum and Kudzu Decoction to Release the Muscle Layer)

Má Xīng Gān Shí Tāng 麻杏甘石湯 (Ephedra, Apricot Kernel, Licorice, and Gypsum Decoction)

Má Xīng Yì Gān Tāng 麻杏薏甘湯 (Ephedra, Apricot Kernel, Coicis, and Licorice Decoction)

Xiǎo Xiàn Xiōng Tāng 小陷胸湯 (Minor Sinking into the Chest Decoction)

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

Shè Gān Má Huáng Tāng 射干麻黃湯 (Belamcanda and Ephedra Decoction)

Wǔ Líng Sǎn 五苓散 (Five-Ingredient Powder with Poria)

Qīng Fēi Pái Dú Tāng 清肺排毒湯 (Clear the Lung and Expel Toxin Decoction)

Sì Nì Tāng 四逆湯 (Frigid Extremities Decoction)

Yín Qiào Sǎn 銀翹散 (Honeysuckle and Forsythia Powder)

Sāng Jú Yǐn 桑菊飲 (Mulberry Leaf and Chrysanthemum Decoction)

Sān Rén Tāng 三仁湯 (Three-Nut Decoction)

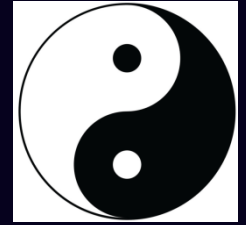
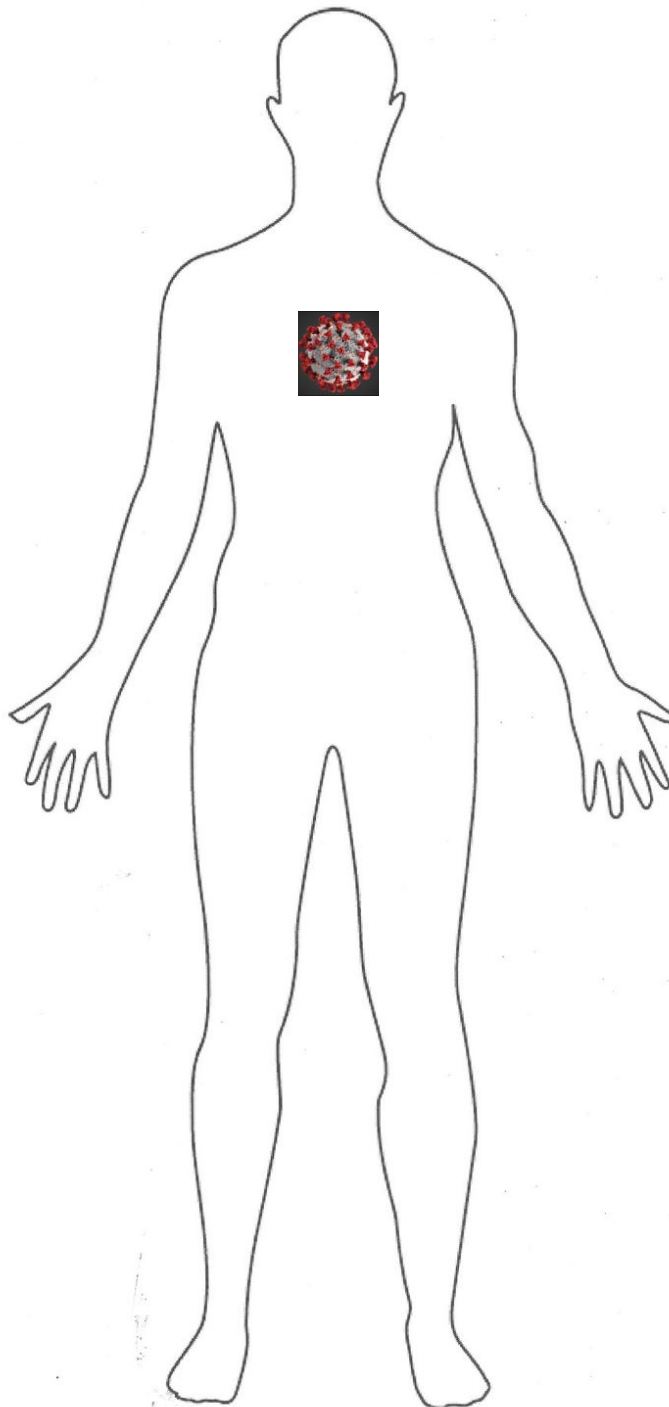
Qīng Wēn Bài Dú Yǐn 清瘟敗毒飲 (Clear Epidemics and Overcome Toxin Decoction)

Gān Lù Xiāo Dú Dān 甘露消毒丹 (Sweet Dew Special Pill to Eliminate Toxin)

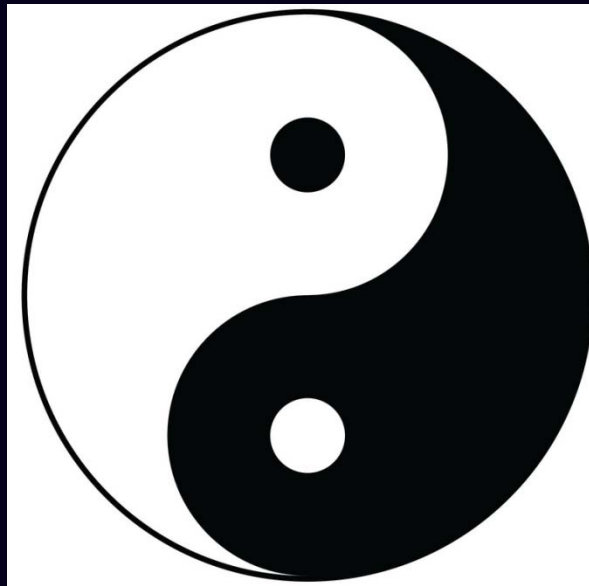
Pǔ Jì Xiāo Dú Yǐn 普濟消毒飲 (Universal Benefit Decoction to Eliminate Toxin)

Dá Yuán Yǐn 達原飲 (Reach the Membrane Source Decoction)

Shā Shēn Mài Dōng Tāng 沙參麥冬湯 (Glehnia and Ophiopogonis Decoction)

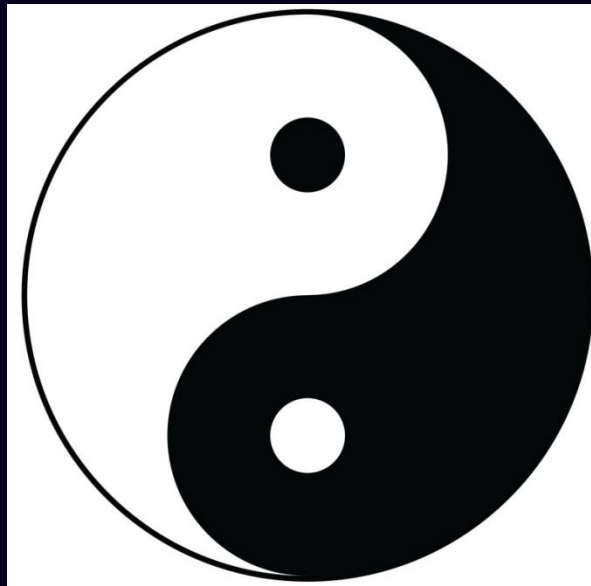


Shang Han
伤寒
(Cold Damage)



Wen Bing
温病
(Warm Disease)

Shang Han
伤寒
(Cold Damage)



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- 伤寒论 *Shang Han Lun*
(Discussion of Cold-Induced Disorders)
 - Taiyang
 - Yangming
 - Shaoyang
 - Taiyin
 - Shaoyin
 - Jueyin



Gě Gēn Tāng 葛根湯 (Kudzu Decoction)

- *Ge Gen* (Radix Puerariae Lobatae) 12g
- *Ma Huang* (Herba Ephedrae) 9g
- *Gui Zhi* (Ramulus Cinnamomi) 6g
- *Bai Shao* (Radix Paeoniae Alba) 6g
- *Zhi Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae Praeparata cum Melle) 6g
- *Sheng Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis Recens), *qie* (sliced) 9g
- *Da Zao* (Fructus Jujubae), *bo* (opened) 12 pieces [3 pieces]

Gě Gēn Tāng 葛根湯 (Kudzu Decoction)

- Releases the exterior and muscle layer
- Promotes generation of body fluids
- *Taiyang* syndrome with wind-cold invasion: severe muscle stiffness of the neck and back, aversion to cold, with or without fever, aversion to wind, absence of perspiration, and diarrhea.

Gě Gēn Tāng 葛根湯 (Kudzu Decoction)

- Antipyretic
- Anti-inflammatory

- Kurokawa M, Kumeda CA, Yamamura J, Kamiyama T, Shiraki K. Antipyretic activity of cinnamyl derivatives and related compounds in influenza virus-infected mice. *Eur J Pharmacol* 1998 May 1;348(1):45-51.
- Ozaki Y. Studies on antiinflammatory effect of Japanese Oriental medicines (kampo medicines) used to treat inflammatory diseases. *Biol Pharm Bull* 1995 Apr;18(4):559-62.

Má Xìng Gān Shí Tāng 麻杏甘石湯 (Ephedra, Apricot Kernel, Licorice, and Gypsum Decoction)

- *Ma Huang* (Herba Ephedrae) 12g [5-9g]
- *Ku Xìng Ren* (Semen Armeniacae Amarum) 50 kernels [9g]
- *Shi Gao* (Gypsum Fibrosum), *fen sui* pulverized) 24g [18g]
- *Zhi Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae Praeparata cum Melle) 6g

Má Xìng Gān Shí Tāng 麻杏甘石湯 (Ephedra, Apricot Kernel, Licorice, and Gypsum Decoction)

- Ventilates Lung qi
- Clears Lung heat
- Relieves cough and dyspnea
- Cough and dyspnea in Lung heat syndrome caused by exterior pathogenic factors: unremitting fever, thirst with a desire to drink, rhinalgia, coughing, dyspnea, with or without perspiration, a thin, white or thin, yellow tongue coating, and a slippery, rapid pulse.

Má Xìng Gān Shí Tāng 麻杏甘石湯 (Ephedra, Apricot Kernel, Licorice, and Gypsum Decoction)

- *Ma Huang* - Antiasthmatic
- *Ku Xing Ren* - Antitussive
- *Shi Gao* - Antipyretic
- *Zhi Gan Cao* - Anti-inflammatory

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Antitussive, anti-pyretic and toxicological evaluation of Ma-Xing-Gan-Shi-Tang in rodents

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Abstract

Background: Ma-Xing-Gan-Shi-Tang (abbreviated as MXGST), an important Chinese herbal prescribed for cough, bronchial inflammation and fever from pneumonia, consists of four medicinal herbs, including Ephedrae herb, Semen Pruni Armeniacae, licorice and Gypsum. These components, especially Ephedrae and Semen Pruni Armeniacae, possess antitussive activities, but they have severe adverse effects.

Methods: The pharmacological activities of MXGST extract in clinical use were investigated with citric acid-induced cough, acetylcholine/histamine-induced bronchial contraction and lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced fever in rodents. The subacute toxicology of MXGST extract was evaluated after a 28-day repeated oral administration in rats.

Results: Each gram of MXGST extract contained 60 ± 8 μg of ephedrine, 480 ± 40 μg of glycyrrhizic acid and 440 ± 8 μg of amygdalin according to high performance liquid chromatography and a photodiode array detector. MXGST extract produced pronounced, dose-dependent antitussive effects in guinea pigs and reduced hyperthermic syndrome induced by LPS in rats. MXGST extract blocked the bronchial contraction induced by acetylcholine/histamine. Oral administration of MXGST extract for 28 days did not cause any hematological, biochemical or histological changes in rats.

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- *Ma Huang* stimulates “sympathomimetic α - and β -adrenergic receptors” with ephedra alkaloids”
- *Ku Xing Ren* “inhibits central cough center with amygdalin”
- *Shi Gao* alleviates “hyperthermia via decreasing the hypothalamus prostaglandin E2 levels”
- *Gan Cao* regulates “pituitary adrenal axis”

THE EFFECTS OF MA-XING-GAN-SHI-TANG ON RESPIRATORY RESISTANCE AND AIRWAY LEUKOCYTE INFILTRATION IN ASTHMATIC GUINEA PIGS

Shung-Te Kao, Tsung-Jen Yeh, Chang-Chi Hsieh, Hung-Bo Shiau, Feng-Tsgh Yeh & Jaung-Geng Lin

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- MXGST exhibits direct β -adrenoceptor agonist activity.
- MXGST ... reduction of neutrophil infiltration into lung tissue and reduce lung inflammation.

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

- *Chai Hu* (Radix Bupleuri) 24g [12g]
- *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae) 9g [9g]
- *Ban Xia* (Rhizoma Pinelliae), *xi* (washed) 0.5 cup [9g]
- *Sheng Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis Recens), *qie* (sliced) 9g [9g]
- *Ren Shen* (Radix et Rhizoma Ginseng) 9g [6g]
- *Zhi Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae Praeparata cum Melle) 9g [5g]
- *Da Zao* (Fructus Jujubae), *bo* (opened) 12 pieces [4 pieces]

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

- Harmonizes *shaoyang*
- *Shaoyang* syndrome: alternating spells of fever and chills, chest and hypochondriac fullness and discomfort, irritability, a bitter taste in the mouth, lack of appetite, nausea, vomiting, vertigo, a dry throat, a thin, white tongue coating, and a wiry pulse.

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

- Hepatitis, viral hepatitis, chronic hepatitis, hepatic fibrosis and carcinoma, hepatocellular carcinomas, jaundice, cholecystitis, cholelithiasis, pancreatitis, fever, fever in cancer, nephritis, chronic renal insufficiency, acute tonsillitis, infectious parotitis, stomatitis, common cold, influenza, measles, bronchitis, pneumonia, pulmonary tuberculosis, cough, allergic rhinitis, bronchial asthma, reflux esophagitis, antral gastritis, gastritis, gastric pain, gastric prolapse, constipation, Meniere's syndrome, dizziness, seizures, migraine, angina, depression, chronic fatigue syndrome, morning sickness, postpartum infection, postpartum fever, dysmenorrhea, premenstrual syndrome, and malaria.

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

- Hepatoprotective
- Antihepatic fibrosis
- Cholagogic
- Anti-inflammatory
- Effect on temperature regulation
- Antiulcer
- Antiasthmatic
- Antiallergic
- Antioxidant
- Antitumor
- Antitumor and antimetastatic
- Effect on hypercholesterolemia and hyperlipidemia

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

Complementary medicine: a review of immunomodulatory effects of Chinese herbal medicines¹⁻³

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Shosaiko-to (Chinese name: Xiao-Chai-Hu-Tang)

Shosaiko-to, or Xiao-Chai-Hu-Tang, is a hot-water extract from seven species of medicinal plants (*see* Table 1 for the individual constituents and their proportions) (30). It has been used clinically to treat chronic hepatitis B, bronchial asthma, and nephrotic syndrome and has been observed to be a general immunostimulant in mice (30-32). In view of the use of Shosaiko-to in treating hepatitis B, its *in vitro* effects on peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) from eight patients with hepatitis B and four healthy control subjects were examined (36). Of the eight patients with chronic active hepatitis B, four had anti-hepatitis B antibodies to the viral envelope (anti-HBe) and four were positive only for hepatitis B viral envelope antigen (HBeAg). The PBMCs from all three groups of donors were cultured under five conditions: 1) in the presence of different concentrations of Shosaiko-to, 2) with purified hepatitis BeAg, 3) with recombinant antigen to the hepatitis B viral core (rHBcAg), 4) with purified HBeAg plus Shosaiko-to, or 5) with rHBcAg plus Shosaiko-to. The supernates were assayed for interferon γ (IFN- γ) with an enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) by using rabbit polyclonal antibody to recombinant IFN- γ . In the control subjects,

Shosaiko-to alone was found to induce IFN- γ production in a dose-dependent manner whereas neither of the hepatitis B antigens alone or in combination elicited a response. In the control group, addition of antigens had no effect on Shosaiko-to-induced production of IFN- γ . By contrast, in the PBMCs from all the infected subjects, Shosaiko-to augmented hepatitis B antigen-induced IFN- γ production significantly and in a dose-dependent manner. Because IFN- γ is known to participate in host-defense mechanisms against viral infections, the authors speculated that the beneficial effects of Shosaiko-to in hepatitis B, a viral infection, are due in part to its ability to increase IFN- γ production.

Natural killer (NK) cells play an important role in overcoming viral infections. The effect of Shosaiko-to on NK cell activity was examined *ex vivo* in NK cells isolated from peripheral blood, liver, and spleen of female C3H/He mice given oral doses ranging from 500 to 2000 mg/kg (37). In cytotoxicity assays with NK-sensitive and NK-resistant cells,

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

- Immunomodulatory: XCHT significantly significantly inhibits asthmatic over-reaction by reduction of leukocytes, eosinophilic inflammation and downregulation of Th2-type cytokines, chemokines, and decrease of mucus hypersecretion and IgE levels.

Xiǎo Chái Hú Tāng 小柴胡湯 (Minor Bupleurum Decoction)

- **Interferon-alpha** in patients with pre-existing chronic hepatitis or liver cirrhosis. While the herbs have not been shown to injure the lung tissues, but they may over stimulate the neutrophils to release granulocytes, elastase and oxygen radicals, which subsequently damage lung tissue. The fibroblasts that repair the damaged tissue may increase the risk of pulmonary fibrosis.
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Shè Gān Má Huáng Tāng 射干麻黃湯 (Belamcanda and Ephedra Decoction)

- *Ma Huang* (Herba Ephedrae) 12g [9g]
- *She Gan* (Rhizoma Belamcandae) 9g [6-g]
- *Sheng Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis Recens) 12g [9g]
- *Xi Xin* (Radix et Rhizoma Asari) 9g [3g]
- *Zi Wan* (Radix et Rhizoma Asteris) 9g [6g]
- *Kuan Dong Hua* (Flos Farfarae) 9g [6g]
- *Ban Xia* (Rhizoma Pinelliae) 0.5 cup [9g]
- *Wu Wei Zi* (Fructus Schisandrae Chinensis) 0.5 cup [3g]
- *Da Zao* (Fructus Jujubae) 7 pieces [3 pieces]

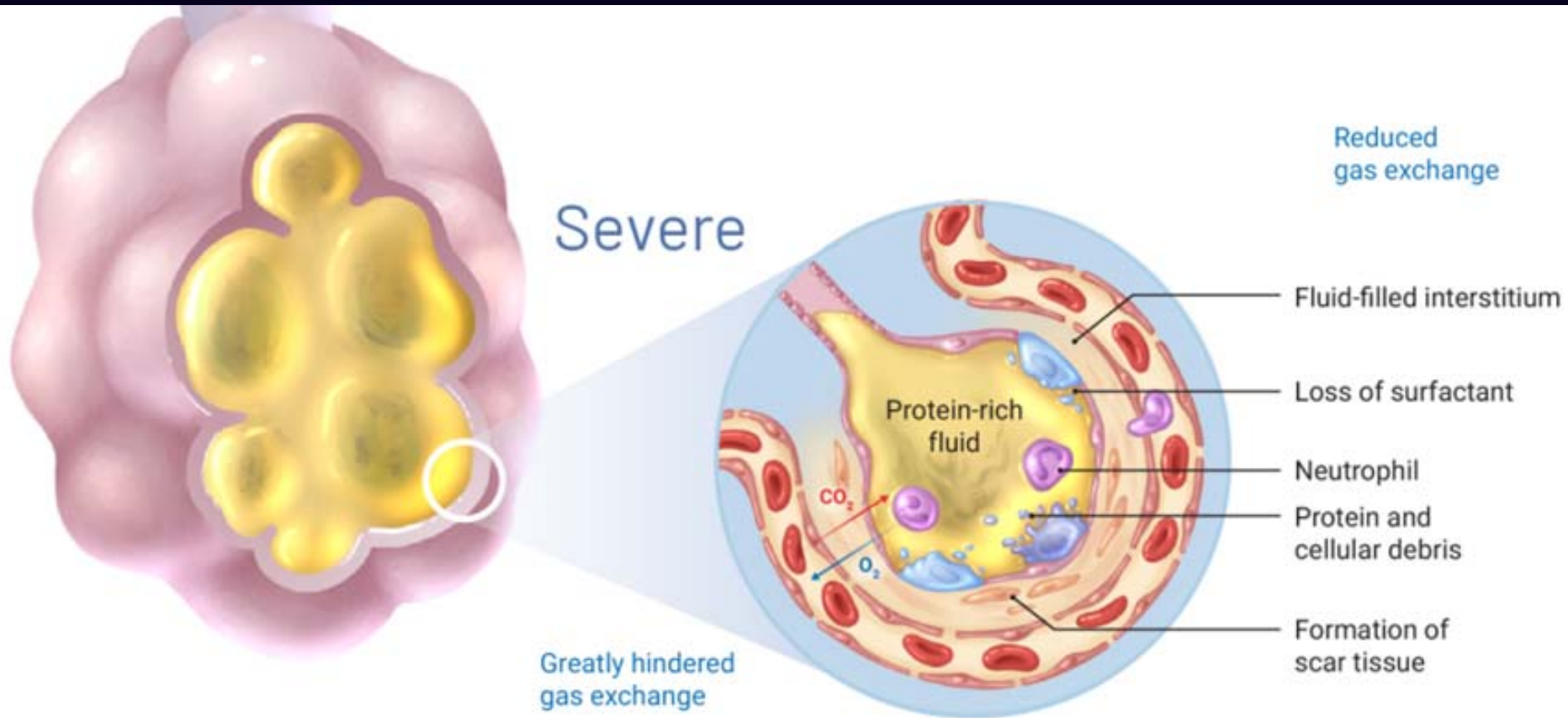
Shè Gān Má Huáng Tāng 射干麻黃湯 (Belamcanda and Ephedra Decoction)

- Ventilates the Lung and dispels phlegm
- Directs Lung qi downward and stops coughing
- *Tan yin* (phlegm retention) with reversed flow of Lung qi: excessive coughing, dyspnea, profuse, clear, watery sputum, rattling sounds in the throat, a feeling of fullness and stifling sensation in the chest and diaphragm, heaviness and pain of the body, swollen face and extremities, and a white, slippery tongue coating.

Shè Gān Má Huáng Tāng 射干麻黃湯 (Belamcanda and Ephedra Decoction)

- *Tán Yǐn* 痰飲
- *Tan* 痰 (visible phlegm, tangible phlegm); phlegm
- *Yin* 飲 (invisible phlegm, intangible phlegm); rheum

Tán Yǐn 痰饮



Shè Gān Má Huáng Tāng 射干麻黃湯 (Belamcanda and Ephedra Decoction)

- Antiasthmatic
- Antitussive
- Expectorant

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Shegan-Mahuang Decoction ameliorates asthmatic airway hyperresponsiveness by downregulating Th2/Th17 cells but upregulating CD4⁺ FoxP3⁺ Tregs

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ABSTRACT

Ethnopharmacological relevance: Shegan-Mahuang Decoction (SMD), also named Yakammaoto or Shegan-Mahuang Tang, is a classic formula of traditional Chinese medicine with nine herbs, including *Asarum sieboldii* Miq., *Aster tataricus* L.f., *Ephedra sinica* Stapf, *Belamcanda chinensis* (L.) Redouté, *Pinellia ternata* (Thunb.) Breit., *Schisandra chinensis* (Turcz.) Baill., *Tussilago farfara* L., *Zingiber officinale* Roscoe, and *Ziziphus jujuba* Mill. SMD was originally discovered by Zhang Zhongjing in Eastern Han dynasty. It has been widely used as traditional medicine to treat flu-like symptoms in China and Japan for around twenty centuries. It was also utilized for the treatment of the early stage of acute asthma. However, the immune mechanisms underlying its therapeutic effects remain unknown.

Aim of the study: This study was set to investigate the effects of SMD on asthmatic airway hyperresponsiveness and its impacts on adaptive immunity in a mouse model of asthma.

Materials and methods: The HPLC fingerprint profile of the water extract of SMD recorded 22 peaks, including those equivalent to guanosine, chlorogenic acid, tectoridin, 6-gingerol and wuweizisu B, as described previously (Yen et al., 2014). Airway hyperresponsiveness was assessed by measuring the airway resistance. Cellular infiltration was measured via H&E staining and immunochemistry while gene expression was analyzed using real-time RT-PCR. Treg frequency was determined through flow analysis whereas cytokine production in the supernatant was evaluated using ELISA. Finally, mTOR and NF-κB signalings were analyzed via Western blotting. **Results:** We found that SMD largely corrected the imbalance of Th cell subsets in asthmatic mice with a significant inhibition of Th2 and Th17 cytokine production, thereby reducing asthmatic airway hyperresponsiveness. Moreover, lung function tests showed that SMD reduced airway hyperresponsiveness while immunohistochemical analyses demonstrated that SMD attenuated pulmonary infiltration of CD3⁺ and CD4⁺ T cells. Further, we observed a significant increase in the proportion of CD4⁺ Foxp3⁺ Tregs in SMD-treated asthmatic mice. We also found that SMD downregulated gene expression of GATA3 and ROR-γt in murine lung tissue. In addition, both mTOR- and NF-κB-related protein expressions were reduced in the lung tissue of SMD-treated mice. SMD inhibited Th2/Th17 cytokine production by CD4⁺ T cells and also their mTOR activity in vitro.

Conclusions: Our findings demonstrate that SMD attenuates asthmatic airway hyperresponsiveness by hindering Th2/Th17 differentiation, promoting CD4⁺ Foxp3⁺ Treg generation and suppressing mTOR and NF-κB activities.

Shegan-Mahuang Decoction ameliorates asthmatic airway hyperresponsiveness by downregulating Th2/Th17 cells but upregulating CD4 + FoxP3 + Tregs

- **Immunomodulatory:** *She Gan Ma Huang Tang* has been shown to effectively regulate the immune system and treat asthmatic airway hyper-responsiveness. *She Gan Ma Huang Tang* downregulates the Th₂ and Th₁₇ differentiation, upregulates T_{reg} generation, and inhibits the excessive cytokine production to alleviate asthmatic airway hyperresponsiveness.

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Wǔ Líng Sǎn 五苓散 (Five-Ingredient Powder with Poria)

- *Ze Xie* (Rhizoma Alismatis) 3.75g [15g]
- *Zhu Ling* (Polyporus) 2.25g [9g]
- *Fu Ling* (Poria) 2.25g [9g]
- *Bai Zhu* (Rhizoma Atractylodis Macrocephalae) 2.25g [9g]
- *Gui Zhi* (Ramulus Cinnamomi) 1.5g [6g]

Wǔ Líng Sǎn 五苓散

(Five-Ingredient Powder with Poria)

- Regulates water circulation and dispels dampness
- Warms yang and disperses water accumulation
- Exterior syndrome with accumulation of water and dampness in the interior: headache, fever, irritability, thirst with a strong desire to drink but vomiting immediately after drinking, urinary difficulty, white tongue coating, and a superficial pulse.
- Accumulation of water and dampness in the interior: edema, loose stools, urinary difficulty, vomiting, and diarrhea due to sudden turmoil disorder.
- *Tan yin* (phlegm retention): abdominal pulsation below the umbilicus, vomiting of foamy saliva, vertigo, shortness of breath, and possibly coughing.

Wǔ Líng Sǎn 五苓散 (Five-Ingredient Powder with Poria)

- Diuretic
- Nephroprotective

- *Zhong Yi Fang Ji Xian Dai Yan Jiu* (Modern Study of Medical Formulae in Traditional Chinese Medicine) 1997;1407.
- *Guo Wai Yi Xue Zhong Yi Zhong Yao Fen Ce* (Monograph of Chinese Herbology from Foreign Medicine) 1981;2:121.
- *Zhong Hua Yi Xue Za Zhi* (Chinese Journal of Medicine) 1961;17(1):7.
- *Guo Wai Yi Xue Zhong Yi Zhong Yao Fen Ce* (Monograph of Chinese Herbology from Foreign Medicine) 1983;3:43.

The amelioration of streptozotocin diabetes-induced renal damage by Wu-Ling-San (Hoelen Five Herb Formula), a traditional Chinese prescription

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Abstract

Ethnopharmacological relevance

Wu-Ling-San (Hoelen Five Herb Formula) is a Chinese prescription used to promote water metabolism.

Aim of the study

The present study was undertaken to characterize the effects of Wu-Ling-San on diabetic nephropathy.



Wen-pi-tang-Hab-Wu-ling-san attenuates kidney ischemia/reperfusion injury in mice: A role for antioxidant enzymes and heat-shock proteins

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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of Wen-pi-tang-Hab-Wu-ling-san (WHW) extract, which has been used for treatment of renal diseases, on kidney ischemia/reperfusion (I/R) injury. Thirty minutes of bilateral renal ischemia resulted in disruption of kidney tubular epithelial cells and increased plasma creatinine levels in mice, however these effects were significantly attenuated when WHW was administered prior to I/R. WHW-administration also inhibited post-ischemic decreases of catalase, copper–zinc superoxide dismutase (CuZnSOD), and manganese superoxide dismutase (MnSOD) activity in kidney tissue, leading to decreased tissue hydrogen peroxide levels and lipid peroxidation. Post-ischemic increases of heat-shock protein (HSP)-27 and -72 expressions were greater in mouse



Research Article

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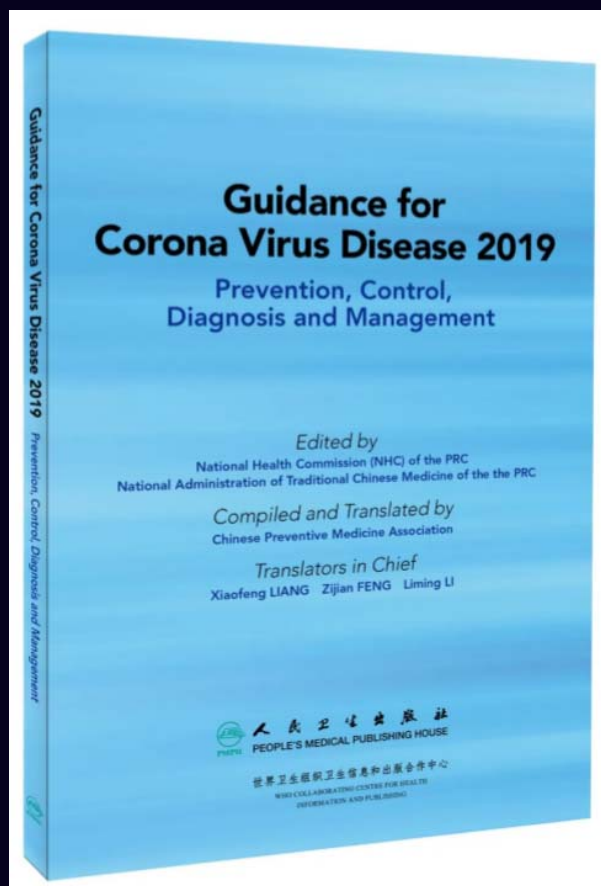


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Abstract

Renal fibrosis is highly implicated as a cause of chronic renal failure, for which suitable therapeutics have not yet been developed. Recently, it was reported that Wen-pi-tang-Hab-Wu-ling-san (WHW) extract attenuates epithelial cells undergoing mesenchymal transition in cultured Madin-Darby canine kidney cells. This study investigated whether WHW extract prevents renal fibrosis induced by ischemia/reperfusion (I/R) in mice. Ischemia/reperfusion resulted in kidney fibrosis at 14 days after the procedure. When WHW was administered orally to mice beginning from 2 days after the onset of ischemia

Qing Fei Pai Du Tang 清肺排毒汤 (Clear the Lung and Eliminate Toxins Decoction)



- Taiyang
- Yangming
- Shaoyang
- Taiyin
- Shaoyin
- Jueyin

Qing Fei Pai Du Tang 清肺排毒汤 (Clear the Lung and Eliminate Toxins Decoction)

- *Ma Huang Xing Ren Gan Cao Shi Gao Tang* 麻杏甘石湯
(Ephedra, Apricot Kernel, Licorice, Gypsum Decoction)
- *Xiao Chai Hu Tang* 小柴胡湯
(Minor Bupleurum Decoction)
- *She Gan Ma Huang Tang* 射干麻黃湯
(Belamcanda and Ephedra Decoction)
- *Wu Ling San* 五苓散
(Five-Ingredient Powder with Poria)

Qing Fei Pai Du Tang 清肺排毒汤

(Clear the Lung and Eliminate Toxins Decoction)

- *Ma Huang* (Herba Ephedrae), 9g
- *Zhi Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae Praeparata cum Melle), 6g
- *Ku Xing Ren* (Semen Armeniacae Amarum), 9g
- *Shi Gao* (Gypsum Fibrosum), 15-30g (pre-decoct)
- *Gui Zhi* (Ramulus Cinnamomi), 9g
- *Ze Xie* (Rhizoma Alismatis), 9g
- *Zhu Ling* (Polyporus), 9g
- *Bai Zhu* (Rhizoma Atractylodis Macrocephalae), 9g
- *Fu Ling* (Poria), 15g
- *Chai Hu* (Radix Bupleuri), 16g
- *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae), 6g
- *Jiang Ban Xia* (Rhizoma Pinelliae Praeparatum cum Zingibere et Alumine), 9g
- *Sheng Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis Recens), 9g
- *Zi Wan* (Radix et Rhizoma Asteris), 9g
- *Kuan Dong Hua* (Flos Farfarae), 9g
- *She Gan* (Rhizoma Belamcandae), 9g
- *Xi Xin* (Radix et Rhizoma Asari), 6g
- *Shan Yao* (Rhizoma Dioscoreae), 12g
- *Zhi Shi* (Fructus Aurantii Immaturus), 6g
- *Chen Pi* (Pericarpium Citri Reticulatae), 6g
- *Guang Huo Xiang* (Herba Pogostemonis), 9g

Qing Fei Pai Du Tang 清肺排毒汤 (Clear the Lung and Eliminate Toxins Decoction)

- 701 patients in 10 provinces with Covid-19:
 - 130 recovered and discharged
 - 51 resolution of s/sx
 - 268 improvement of s/sx
 - 212 stabilization of s/sx
 - 94.3% rate of effectiveness

Qing Fei Pai Du Tang 清肺排毒汤 (Clear the Lung and Eliminate Toxins Decoction)

- 1,262 patients with Covid-19
 - 1,253 recovered and discharged (99.28%)
 - None deteriorated from mild/moderate to severe
 - Symptoms and signs resolved within 3-6 days
 - Negative test for Covid-19 within ~10 days
 - Dated April 17, 2020

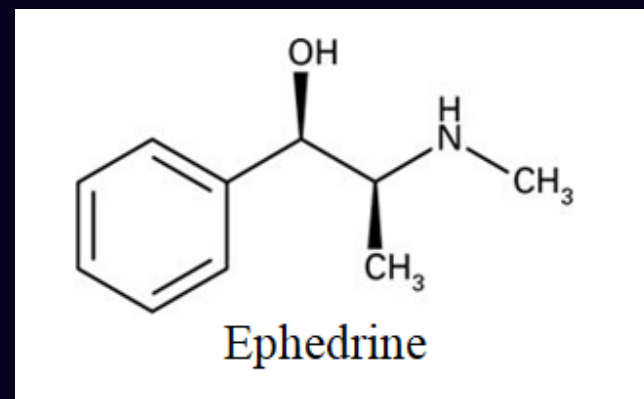
Ma Huang (Herba Ephedrae)

- Releases the exterior through diaphoresis
- Relieves wheezing and dyspnea, stops cough
- Regulates water circulation and relieves edema
- Warms and disperses cold



Ma Huang (Herba Ephedrae)

- *Ephedra sinica*, *Ephedra intermedia*, *Ephedra equisetina*
 - Ephedrine alkaloids 0.481-2.47% (l-ephedrine, d-pseudoephedrine, l-norephedrine, d-norpseudoephedrine, l-methylephedrine, d-methylpseudoephedrine)



Ma Huang (Herba Ephedrae)

- Caution (TCM): *Ma Huang* is extremely acrid and warm, and, if used incorrectly, may induce profuse perspiration and damage the qi and yin of the body. Therefore, it should only be used in conditions having all of the following characteristics: wind, cold, exterior, and excess.
- Caution (WM): anorexia, bulimia, glaucoma, hypertension, seizure, epilepsy, convulsion, hyperthyroidism, prostatic enlargement and diabetes mellitus.

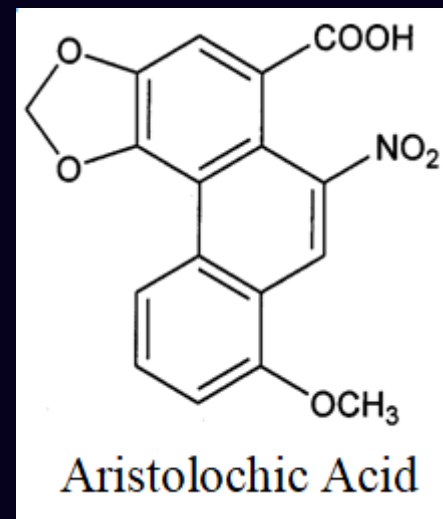
Xi Xin (Radix et Rhizoma Asari)

- Dispels exterior wind-cold
- Warms the lung and resolves phlegm



Xi Xin (Radix et Rhizoma Asari)

- *Asarum heterotropoides* f. *mandshuricum* (Maxim.) Kitag.
(北细辛 *Běi Xì Xīn*; 辽细辛 *Liáo Xì Xīn*);
- *Asarum sieboldii* Miq. var. *seoulense* Nakai.
(汉城细辛 *Hàn Chéng Xì Xīn*);
- *Asarum sieboldii* Miq.
(华细辛 *Huá Xì Xīn*)



Xi Xin (Radix et Rhizoma Asari)

- Caution (TCM):
 - *Xi Xin* is contraindicated in patients with febrile disorders, cough due to yin deficiency and Lung heat, headache due to yin deficiency and yang excess, and perspiration from qi deficiency.
 - *Xi Xin* is contraindicated in pregnant women, children, elderly persons, and individuals with underlying weakness and deficiencies.
- Caution (WM):
 - *Xi Xin* is contraindicated in individuals with pre-existing kidney disorders, as it contains a trace amount of aristolochic acids, which is nephrotoxic and carcinogenic.

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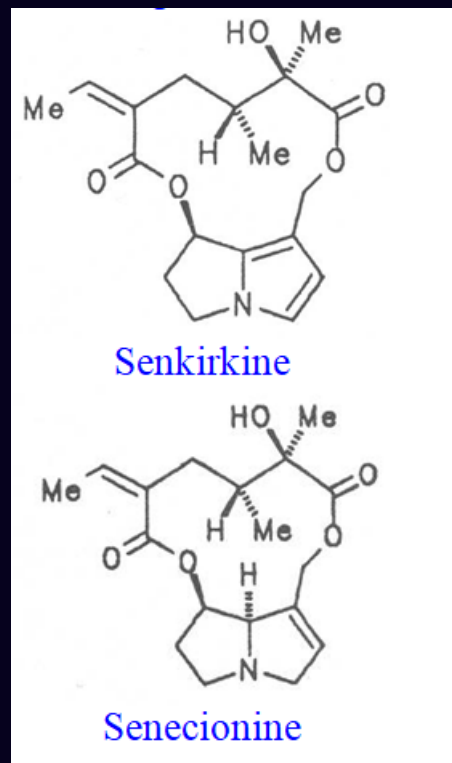
Kuan Dong Hua (Flos Farfarae)

- Moistens the Lung, descends qi, dissolves phlegm, stops cough



Kuan Dong Hua (Flos Farfarae)

- Pyrrolizidine alkaloids:
 - senkirkine
 - senecionine



Kuan Dong Hua (Flos Farfarae)

- Caution (TCM): Acrid and warm, *Kuan Dong Hua* should be used with caution for patients who have coughing caused by yin deficiency, dryness or heat. *Kuan Dong Hua* should also be used with caution for patients with lung abscesses with pus and blood in the sputum.
- Caution (WM): Pyrrolizidine alkaloids (senkirkine and senecionine) are potentially hepatotoxic and carcinogenic. Therefore, *Kuan Dong Hua* must be used with extreme caution, if at all, in individuals with pre-existing liver disorders.

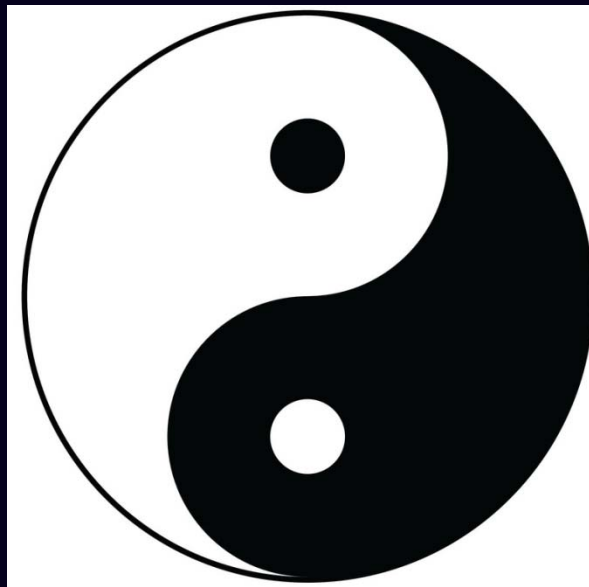
Zhang Boli *

- *Ma Huang* (Herba Ephedrae) – *Xiang Ru* (Herba Moslae) [3-10g]*
- *Xi Xin* (Radix et Rhizoma Asari) – *Gan Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis) 6g*
- *Kuan Dong Hua* (Flos Farfarae) – *Pi Pa Ye* (Folium Eriobotryae) [6-10]#



* Suggested substitutes by Zhang Boli.
Suggested substitute by John Chen.

Shang Han
伤寒
(Cold Damage)



Wen Bing
温病
(Warm Disease)



吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's



- 温疫论 *Wen Yi Lun*
(Discussion of Epidemic Warm Disease), 1642

吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's

- Wu You-Xing lived during the transition from the Ming dynasty to the Qing dynasty, a period dominated by war and characterized by extreme poverty and poor sanitary conditions. As a result, countless epidemics ravaged the country and killed millions of people.

吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's

- At the time, most physicians strictly followed the guidelines of 伤寒 *shang han* (cold damage), and achieved little or no success in treating 温疫 *wen yi* (warm epidemic).

吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's

- Wu observed that *wen yi* (warm epidemic) plagued everyone, starting “from one person to the entire household, from one household to the entire street, and from one street to the entire village.”

吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's

- To better understand the patterns of this kind of disease, Wu risked his life by entering affected households and neighborhoods to personally observe and directly treat those who became ill.



吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's

- After years of clinical observation, Wu stated that epidemics such as *wen yi* (warm epidemic) are “***not*** caused by wind, cold, summer-heat, nor dampness, but rather by 戾气 *li qi* (perverse/pestilence qi).”

吴有性 Wū Yǒu-Xìng, 1580's-1660's

- He elaborated that *li qi* existed in the universe, but had “no sound nor smell, and no shape nor shadow.” Furthermore, he observed that *li qi* may be transmitted from one person to another via “heaven [air borne]” or “earth [direct contact],” and affect weak, deficient individuals (i.e., those with low immunity).

叶桂 Yè Guì, 1666-1745

- 温热论 *Wen Re Lun*
(Discussion of Warm and Hot Disorders)
 - *wei* (defensive) level
 - *qi* (energy) level
 - *ying* (nutritive) level
 - *xue* (blood) level



吴塘 Wú Táng, 1758-1836



- 温病条辨 *Wen Bing Tiao Bian* (Systematic Differentiation of Warm Disease), 1798
 - Upper *jiao*
 - Middle *jiao*
 - Lower *jiao*

Yín Qiào Sǎn 銀翹散 (Honeysuckle and Forsythia Powder)

- *Jin Yin Hua* (Flos *Lonicerae Japonicae*) 30g [15g]
- *Lian Qiao* (Fructus *Forsythiae*) 30g [15g]
- *Jing Jie Sui* (Spica *Schizonepetae*) 12g [4g]
- *Dan Dou Chi* (Semen *Sojae Praeparatum*) 15g [5g]
- *Jie Geng* (Radix *Platycodonis*) 18g [6g]
- *Niu Bang Zi* (Fructus *Arctii*) 18g [6g]
- *Bo He* (Herba *Menthae*) 18g [6g]
- *Zhu Ye* (Herba *Phyllostachys*) 12g [4g]
- *Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma *Glycyrrhizae*) 15g [5g]

Yín Qiào Sǎn 銀翹散 (Honeysuckle and Forsythia Powder)

- Releases the exterior with acrid and cold herbs
- Clears heat and eliminates toxins
- Onset of *wen bing* (warm disease): fever, aversion to cold, slight aversion to wind, slight or absence of perspiration, headache, thirst, a sore throat, cough, a red tongue tip with a thin, white or thin, yellow tongue coating, and a superficial, rapid pulse.

Yín Qiào Sǎn 銀翹散 (Honeysuckle and Forsythia Powder)

- Caution: Wind-heat conditions can change rapidly. Optimal treatment requires close monitoring of clinical presentations and immediate adjustment of the herbal treatment.

Jin Yin Hua (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae)



Jin Yin Hua (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae)

- Clears heat
 - Clears heat and eliminates toxins
 - Treats diarrhea or dysentery caused by toxic heat
- Clears heat
 - Clears heat and eliminates toxins
 - Promotes urination

Jin Yin Hua (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae)

- *Jin Yin Hua* has an antiviral effect against various viruses, including influenza virus, echo virus, herpes simplex virus, pseudorabies virus, cytomegalovirus, avian influenza virus, adenovirus, Newcastle virus, human immunodeficiency virus and SARS coronavirus.^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100} Specifically, one cyclic peroxide from *Jin Yin Hua* shows significant antiviral activities against influenza virus and respiratory syncytial. The homosecoiridoid alkaloids of *Jin Yin Hua* have antiviral activity against the influenza virus H3N2 (A/Hanfang/359/95) and coxsackie virus B₃. The glucosylated caffeoylquinic acid isomers from *Jin Yin Hua* exhibits inhibitory activity against coxsackie virus B₃.
- *Lian Qiao* shows antiviral effect against and influenza virus, coxsackie B virus, echovirus, respiratory syncytial virus, Asian influenza A virus, rhinovirus and others.^{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100}

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Jin Yin Hua (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae)

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Methodology

In silico screening of Chinese herbal medicines with the potential to directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus

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ABSTRACT

Objective: In this study we execute a rational screen to identify Chinese medical herbs that are commonly used in treating viral respiratory infections and also contain compounds that might directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), an ongoing novel coronavirus that causes pneumonia.

Methods: There were two main steps in the screening process. In the first step we conducted a literature search for natural compounds that had been biologically confirmed as against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus or Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus. Resulting compounds were cross-checked for listing in the Traditional Chinese Medicine Systems Pharmacology Database. Compounds meeting both requirements were subjected to absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) evaluation to verify that oral administration would be effective. Next, a docking analysis was used to test whether the compound had the potential for direct 2019-nCoV protein interaction. In the second step we searched Chinese herbal databases to identify plants containing the selected compounds. Plants containing 2 or more of the compounds identified in our screen were then checked against the catalogue for classic herbal usage. Finally, network pharmacology analysis was used to predict the general *in vivo* effects of each selected herb.

Results: Of the natural compounds screened, 13 that exist in traditional Chinese medicines were also found to have potential anti-2019-nCoV activity. Further, 125 Chinese herbs were found to contain 2 or more of these 13 compounds. Of these 125 herbs, 26 are classically catalogued as treating viral respiratory infections. Network pharmacology analysis predicted that the general *in vivo* roles of these 26 herbal plants were related to regulating viral infection, immune/inflammation reactions and hypoxia response.

Conclusion: Chinese herbal treatments classically used for treating viral respiratory infection might contain direct anti-2019-nCoV compounds.

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- *Jin Yin Hua* contains two and *Lian Qiao* contains three compounds that have potential to directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus.

Jin Yin Hua (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae)

- *Jin Yin Hua* and *Lian Qiao* interfere with spike protein binding to ACE2 receptor to block viral entry of SARS-CoV.

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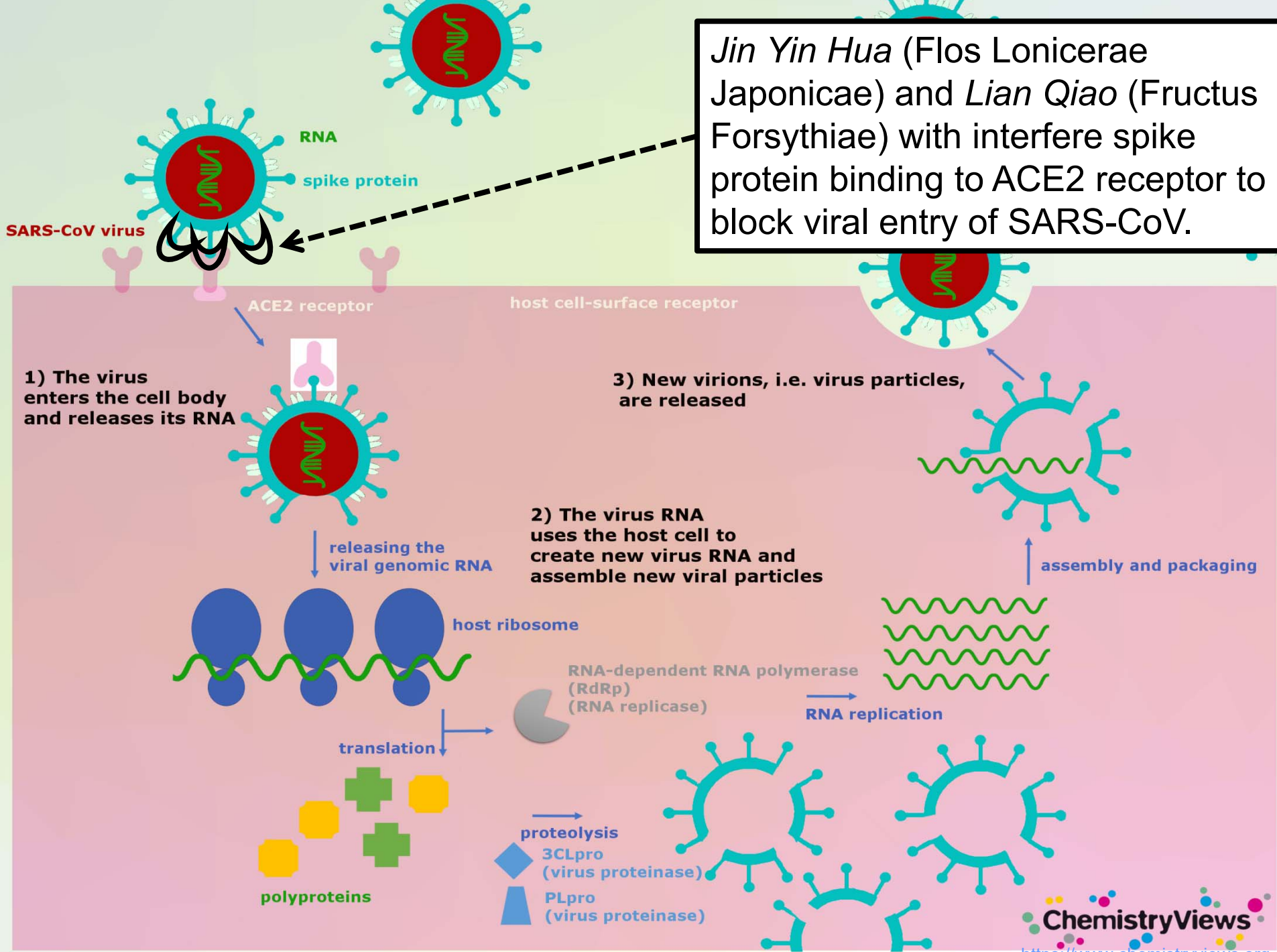
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Jin Yin Hua (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) and *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae) with interfere spike protein binding to ACE2 receptor to block viral entry of SARS-CoV.



Small molecules targeting severe acute respiratory syndrome human coronavirus

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Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is an infectious disease caused by a novel human coronavirus. Currently, no effective antiviral agents exist against this type of virus. A cell-based assay, with SARS virus and Vero E6 cells, was developed to screen existing drugs, natural products, and synthetic compounds to identify effective anti-SARS agents. Of >10,000 compounds tested, 50 compounds were found active at 10 μ M. Of these, 13 are existing drugs (Reserpine 13 μ M), 10 are in clinical development. These 50 compounds were tested again, and compounds 2–6, 10, and 11 were found active at 50% inhibitory concentrations for SARS virus replication (EC₅₀) and host growth (CC₅₀) were determined. The selectivity index (SI = CC₅₀/EC₅₀) was 7.3 for Reserpine, Aescin (SI = 7.3), 6.0 μ M (SI = 2.5), and 11 μ M (SI = 2.5). Additional studies were carried out to determine the mode of action of some active compounds, including ELISA, Western blot analysis, immunofluorescence and flow cytometry assays, and inhibition against the 3CL protease and viral entry. Of particular interest are the two anti-HIV agents, one as an entry blocker and the other as a 3CL protease inhibitor (K_i = 0.6 μ M).

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is an acute respiratory illness caused by infection with a novel human coro-

Materials and Methods

The agents tested in this study include $\approx$ 200 drugs approved by the Food and Drug Administration, >8,000 synthetic compounds, $\approx$ 1,000 traditional Chinese herbs, and $\approx$ 500 protease inhibitors.

in DMSO to 10 mM and translates to assay for antiviral activity. SARS-virus-mediated cytopathic studies were done by cytoxicity, ELISA, Western blot analysis, flow cytometry, expression with SARS-CoV-spike protein antibodies, and protease inhibition.

S-CoV Compounds. Vero E6 cells were seeded in a 96-well plate in DMEM. The culture medium was removed

after a 1-day incubation when the cells reached 80–90% confluence. A solution of 100 μ l of DMEM, with 2% FBS containing the compound to be tested, was placed in three wells. Cells were incubated in a CO₂ incubator at 37°C for 2 h and inoculated with SARS-CoV (H.K. strain) at a dose of 100 TCID₅₀ per well; the cytopathic morphology of the cells was examined by using an inverted microscope 72 h after infection.

- *Jin Yin Hua* (Flos Lonicerae Japonicae) inhibits SARS-CoV replication.

Sāng Jú Yǐn 桑菊飲 (Mulberry Leaf and Chrysanthemum Decoction)

- *Sang Ye* (Folium Mori) 7.5g
- *Ju Hua* (Flos Chrysanthemi) 3g
- *Bo He* (Herba Menthae) 2.4g
- *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae) 4.5g
- *Jie Geng* (Radix Platycodonis) 6g
- *Ku Xing Ren* (Semen Armeniacae Amarum) 6g
- *Lu Gen* (Rhizoma Phragmitis) 6g
- *Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae) 2.4g

Sāng Jú Yǐn 桑菊飲 (Mulberry Leaf and Chrysanthemum Decoction)

- Dispels wind and clears heat
- Ventilates the Lung and arrests coughing
- Early stage of wind-warmth syndrome: cough, mild fever, and slight thirst.

Sāng Jú Yǐn 桑菊飲 (Mulberry Leaf and Chrysanthemum Decoction)

- Antipyretic
- Anti-inflammatory

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Sang Ye (Folium Mori) *Ju Hua* (Flos Chrysanthemi)



Sang Ye (Folium Mori)

Ju Hua (Flos Chrysanthemi)

- Dispels wind-heat
 - Clears Lung heat and moistens dryness
 - Calms the Liver and brightens the eyes
 - Cools the blood and stops bleeding
- Dispels wind-heat
 - Clears the Liver and benefits the eyes
 - Calms Liver yang
 - Clears heat and eliminates toxins

Sang Ye (Folium Mori) *Ju Hua* (Flos Chrysanthemi)

- Antibacterial
- Anti-inflammatory
- Antibacterial
- Antiviral
- Antipyretic

Sang Ye (Folium Mori) Ju Hua (Flos Chrysanthemi)

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Methodology

In silico screening of Chinese herbal medicines with the potential to directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus

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ABSTRACT

Objective: In this study we execute a rational screen to identify Chinese medical herbs that are commonly used in treating viral respiratory infections and also contain compounds that might directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), an ongoing novel coronavirus that causes pneumonia.

Methods: There were two main steps in the screening process. In the first step we conducted a literature search for natural compounds that had been biologically confirmed as against severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus or Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus. Resulting compounds were cross-checked for listing in the Traditional Chinese Medicine Systems Pharmacology Database. Compounds meeting both requirements were subjected to absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion (ADME) evaluation to verify that oral administration would be effective. Next, a docking analysis was used to test whether the compound had the potential for direct 2019-nCoV protein interaction. In the second step we searched Chinese herbal databases to identify plants containing the selected compounds. Plants containing 2 or more of the compounds identified in our screen were then checked against the catalogue for classic herbal usage. Finally, network pharmacology analysis was used to predict the general *in vivo* effects of each selected herb.

Results: Of the natural compounds screened, 13 that exist in traditional Chinese medicines were also found to have potential anti-2019-nCoV activity. Further, 125 Chinese herbs were found to contain 2 or more of these 13 compounds. Of these 125 herbs, 26 are classically catalogued as treating viral respiratory infections. Network pharmacology analysis predicted that the general *in vivo* roles of these 26 herbal plants were related to regulating viral infection, immune/inflammation reactions and hypoxia response.

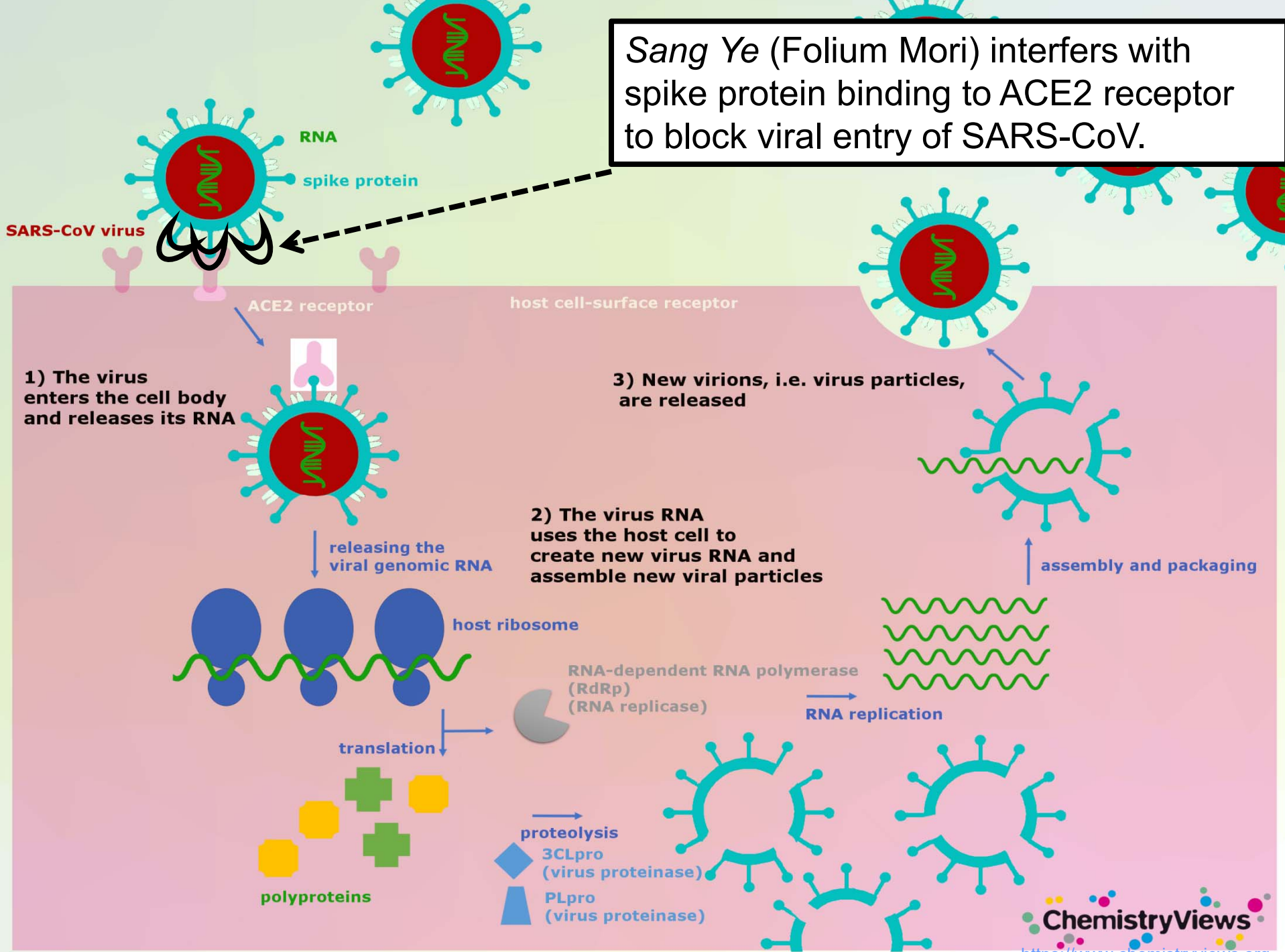
Conclusion: Chinese herbal treatments classically used for treating viral respiratory infection might contain direct anti-2019-nCoV compounds.

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- *Sang Ye* and *Ju Hua* each contains two compounds that have potential to directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus.

Sang Ye (Folium Mori) interferes with spike protein binding to ACE2 receptor to block viral entry of SARS-CoV.



Pǔ Jì Xiāo Dú Yǐn 普濟消毒飲 (Universal Benefit Decoction to Eliminate Toxin)

- *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae), *chao* (dry-fried) with liquor 15g
- *Huang Lian* (Rhizoma Coptidis), *chao* (dry-fried) with liquor 15g
- *Niu Bang Zi* (Fructus Arctii) 3g
- *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae) 3g
- *Bo He* (Herba Menthae) 3g
- *Jiang Can* (Bombyx Batryticatus) 2.1g
- *Xuan Shen* (Radix Scrophulariae) 6g
- *Ma Bo* (Lasiosphaera seu Calvatia) 3g
- ***Ban Lan Gen* (Radix Isatidis) 3g**
- *Jie Geng* (Radix Platycodonis) 6g
- *Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae) 6g
- *Chen Pi* (Pericarpium Citri Reticulatae) 6g
- *Sheng Ma* (Rhizoma Cimicifugae) 2.1g
- *Chai Hu* (Radix Bupleuri) 6g
- *Ren Shen* (Radix et Rhizoma Ginseng) 9g [3g]

Original Source: *Dong Heng Shi Xiao Fang* (Tested and Effective Formulas by Dong Heng) by Li Gao (also known as Li Dong-Heng) in 1266

Pǔ Jì Xiāo Dú Yǐn 普濟消毒飲 (Universal Benefit Decoction to Eliminate Toxin)

- Clears heat and eliminates toxin
- Dispels wind and disperses pathogenic factors
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- *Da tou wen* (swollen head epidemic) with the presence of wind, heat, and toxin in the upper *jiao* and head: redness, swelling and pain of the face and head; red and swollen eyes, difficulty in opening the eyes; fever, aversion to cold, a sore throat, thirst, a dry, red tongue with a yellow tongue coating, and a rapid, forceful pulse.

Ban Lan Gen (Radix Isatidis) *Da Qing Ye* (Folium Isatidis)



Ban Lan Gen (Radix Isatidis)

Da Qing Ye (Folium Isatidis)

- Clears heat, eliminates toxins, cools blood and benefits the throat
- Clears heat and eliminates toxins
- Cools blood and eliminates maculae

Ban Lan Gen (Radix Isatidis)

Da Qing Ye (Folium Isatidis)

- Antibacterial
 - Antitoxin
 - Antiviral
 - Anti-inflammatory
- Antibacterial
 - Antitoxin
 - Antiviral
 - Antifungal
 - Anti-inflammatory

Ban Lan Gen (Radix Isatidis)

- **Antiviral:** *Ban Lan Gen* exerts antiviral effect against influenza A virus, seasonal influenza virus, human or avian influenza virus, novel swine-originating influenza virus, Japanese encephalitis virus, adenovirus, herpes simplex virus, mumps virus, hepatitis B virus, human cytomegalovirus, coxsackie virus, and SARS coronavirus. The hot water extract of *Ban Lan Gen* exerts antiviral activities against influenza A and B viruses by inhibiting the hemagglutination to prevent infection. In addition, *Ban Lan Gen* affects the attachment of influenza virus by interfering with the viral particles, thereby preventing the binding of the virus to the host cell surface. Specifically, indirubin has significant cytotoxicity on swine pseudorabies virus, and an inhibitory effect against influenza virus infection in the human bronchial epithelial cells. Isatindigotindolosides shows antiviral activity against influenza virus. Isoformononetein exhibits antiviral activity against the influenza virus, the herpes simplex virus and coxsackie virus B₃. Isatindigobisindolosides exhibit antiviral activity against both the influenza virus and coxsackie virus B₃. Clemastanin B inhibits different subtypes of human and avian influenza viruses. Lastly, sinigrin, indigo and beta-sitosterol exhibit direct effect to inhibit 3C-like protease (3CL^{Pro}) to inhibit replication of SARS coronavirus.
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Da Qing Ye (Folium Isatidis)

- **Antiviral:** *Da Qing Ye* has antiviral effect against influenza A virus, Japanese encephalitis virus, adenovirus, herpes simplex virus 1 and 2, hepatitis B virus and coxsackie virus. In addition, *Da Qing Ye* extract exhibits antiviral effect against SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 by inhibiting 3-chymotrypsin-like protease (3CLpro) to stop the replication of the virus. ,
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Anti-SARS coronavirus 3C-like protease effects of *Isatis indigotica* root and plant-derived phenolic compounds

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Abstract

The 3C-like protease (3CL^{pro}) of SARS-coronavirus mediates the proteolytic processing of replicase polypeptides 1a and 1ab into functional proteins, becoming an important target for the drug development. In this study, *Isatis indigotica* root extract, five major compounds of *I. indigotica* root, and seven plant-derived phenolic compounds were tested for anti-SARS-CoV 3CL^{pro} effects using cell-free and cell-based cleavage assays. Cleavage assays with the 3CL^{pro} demonstrated that IC₅₀ values were in micromolar ranges for *I. indigotica* root extract, indigo, sinigrin, aloe emodin and hesperetin. Sinigrin (IC₅₀: 217 μM) was more efficient in blocking the cleavage processing of the 3CL^{pro} than indigo (IC₅₀: 752 μM) and beta-sitosterol (IC₅₀: 1210 μM) in the cell-based assay. Only two phenolic compounds aloe emodin and hesperetin dose-dependently inhibited cleavage activity of the 3CL^{pro}, in which the IC₅₀ was 366 μM for aloe emodin and 8.3 μM for hesperetin in the cell-based assay.

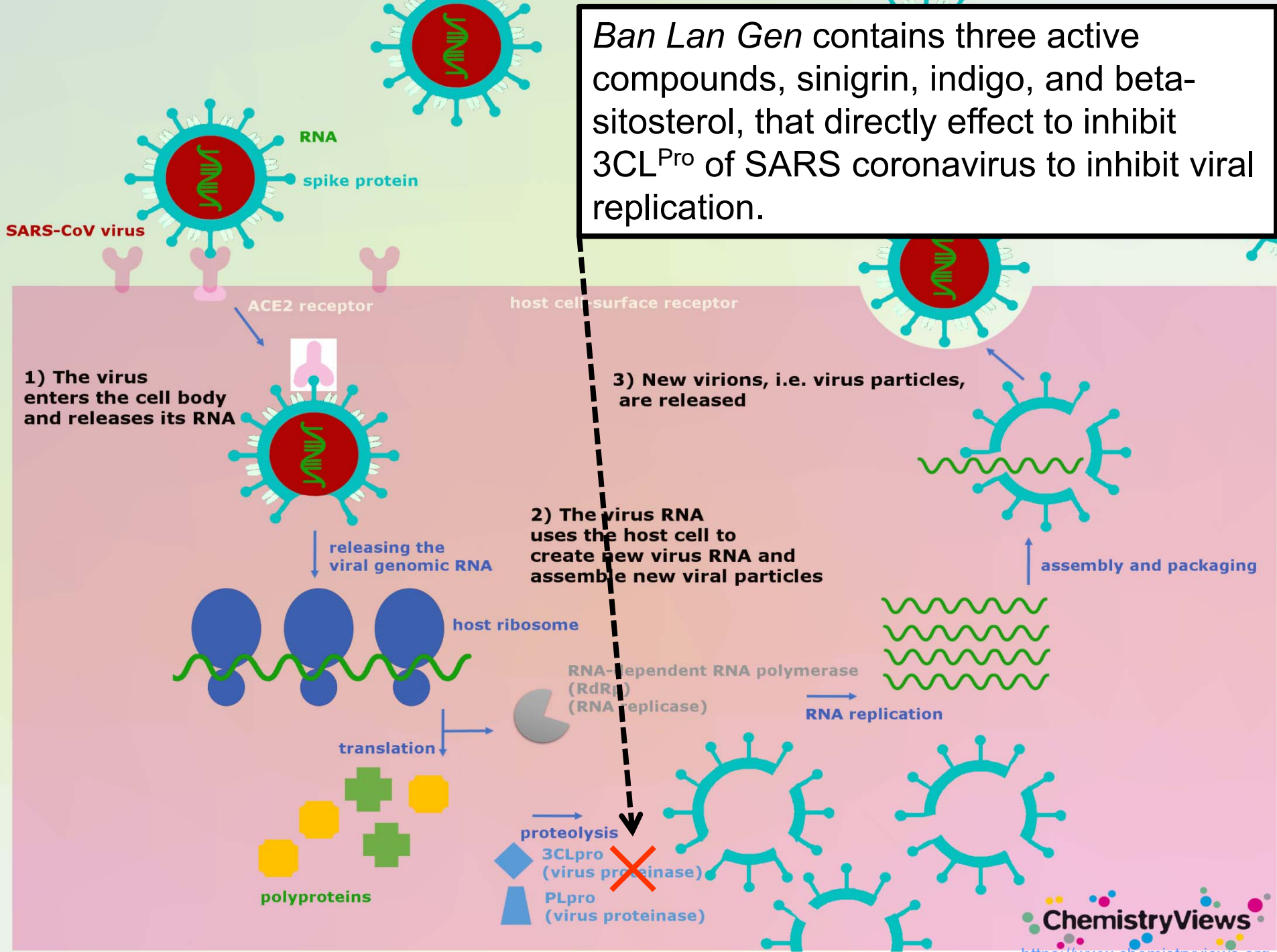
Ban Lan Gen (Radix Isatidis)

- *Ban Lan Gen* contains three active compounds, sinigrin, indigo, and beta-sitosterol, that directly effect to inhibit 3C-like protease (3CL^{Pro}) of SARS coronavirus.



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Ban Lan Gen contains three active compounds, sinigrin, indigo, and beta-sitosterol, that directly effect to inhibit 3CL^{Pro} of SARS coronavirus to inhibit viral replication.



Gān Lù Xiāo Dú Dān 甘露消毒丹 (Sweet Dew Special Pill to Eliminate Toxin)

- *Hua Shi* (Talcum), *shui fei* (refined with water) 450g [15g]
- *Yin Chen* (Herba Artemisiae Scopariae) 330g [11g]
- *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae) 300g [10g]
- *Shi Chang Pu* (Rhizoma Acori Tatarinowii) 180g [6g]
- *Dou Kou* (Fructus Amomi Rotundus) 120g [4g]
- ***Guang Huo Xiang* (Herba Pogostemon) 120g [4g]**
- *She Gan* (Rhizoma Belamcandae) 120g [4g]
- *Bo He* (Herba Menthae) 120g [4g]
- *Chuan Bei Mu* (Bulbus Fritillariae Cirrhosae) 150g [5g]
- *Mu Tong* (Caulis Akebiae) 150g [5g]
- *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae) 120g [4g]

Gān Lù Xiāo Dú Dān 甘露消毒丹 (Sweet Dew Special Pill to Eliminate Toxin)

- Resolves dampness and dissolves turbidity
- Clears heat and eliminates toxins
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- Damp-warmth febrile disorder or epidemic diseases affecting the *qí* (energy) level: fever, lethargy, chest oppression, abdominal fullness, soreness of the extremities, sore throat, swelling of the lower cheeks, yellow discoloration of the skin, vomiting, diarrhea, thirst, scanty, dark, turbid urine, and a pale and white, a thick and greasy, or a dry and yellow tongue coating.

Guang Huo Xiang (Herba Pogostemon)

- Dispels damp, releases the exterior and relieves summer-damp
- Relieves nausea and vomiting
- Treats fungal infection



Guang Huo Xiang (Herba Pogostemon)

- Antibacterial
- Antiviral
- Antifungal
- Analgesic and anti-inflammatory
- Antipyretic
- Gastrointestinal



基于网络药理学和分子对接技术初步探索“清肺排毒汤”抗新型冠状病毒肺炎作用机制

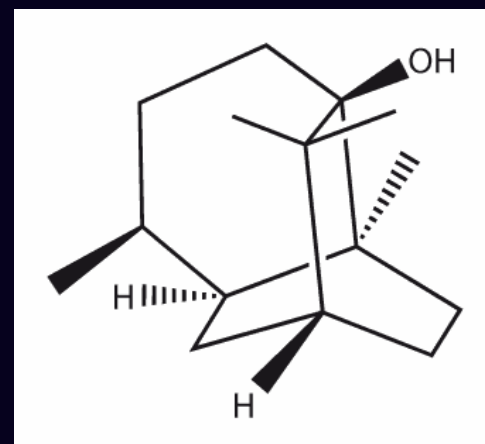
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摘要: 利用中药网络药理学和分子对接技术初步探索“清肺排毒汤”抗新型冠状病毒肺炎 (coronavirus disease 2019, COVID-19) 作用机制。结合中国药典 (2015 版) 以及中药系统药理学数据库及分析平台 (Traditional Chinese Medicine Systems Pharmacology, TCMSP)、OMIM (Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man)、GeneCard、STRING 等在线数据库, 进行一系列网络构建、核心靶点筛选以及信号通路富集分析, 最后对重要化合物进行分子对接预测。结果发现, 清肺排毒汤化合物-肺炎靶点网络包含 292 个化合物和相应靶点 214 个, 核心靶点涉及 AKT1 (AKT serine/threonine kinase 1)、IL6 (interleukin 6)、MAPK8 (mitogen-activated protein kinase 8)、MAPK1 (mitogen-activated protein kinase 1) 和 JUN (jun proto-oncogene) 等。应用 GO (Gene Ontology) 数据库功能富集分析得到 858 个 GO 条目, 应用 KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) 数据库富集筛选得到 122 条有关通路, 其中包含低氧诱导因子-1 (hypoxia inducible factor-1, HIF-1) 通路、Toll 样受体 (Toll-like receptors, TLRs) 通路等已报道与肺炎相关的通路, 也包括 T 细胞受体 (T-cell receptor, TCR) 通路等与肺损伤保护相关的通路。分子对接结果显示, 清肺排毒汤中药材部分核心化合物对新型冠状病毒 (2019-nCoV) 的 3C 类似蛋白酶 (3C-like protease, 3CLpro) 和血管紧张素转换酶 2 (angiotensin-converting enzyme 2, ACE2) 蛋白具有一定的亲和力。本文初步探索了清肺排毒汤抗 COVID-19 的作用机制, 且预测了其药效物质基础, 期待本结果能为进一步确证清肺排毒汤抗 COVID-19 有效成分和作用机制提供帮助。

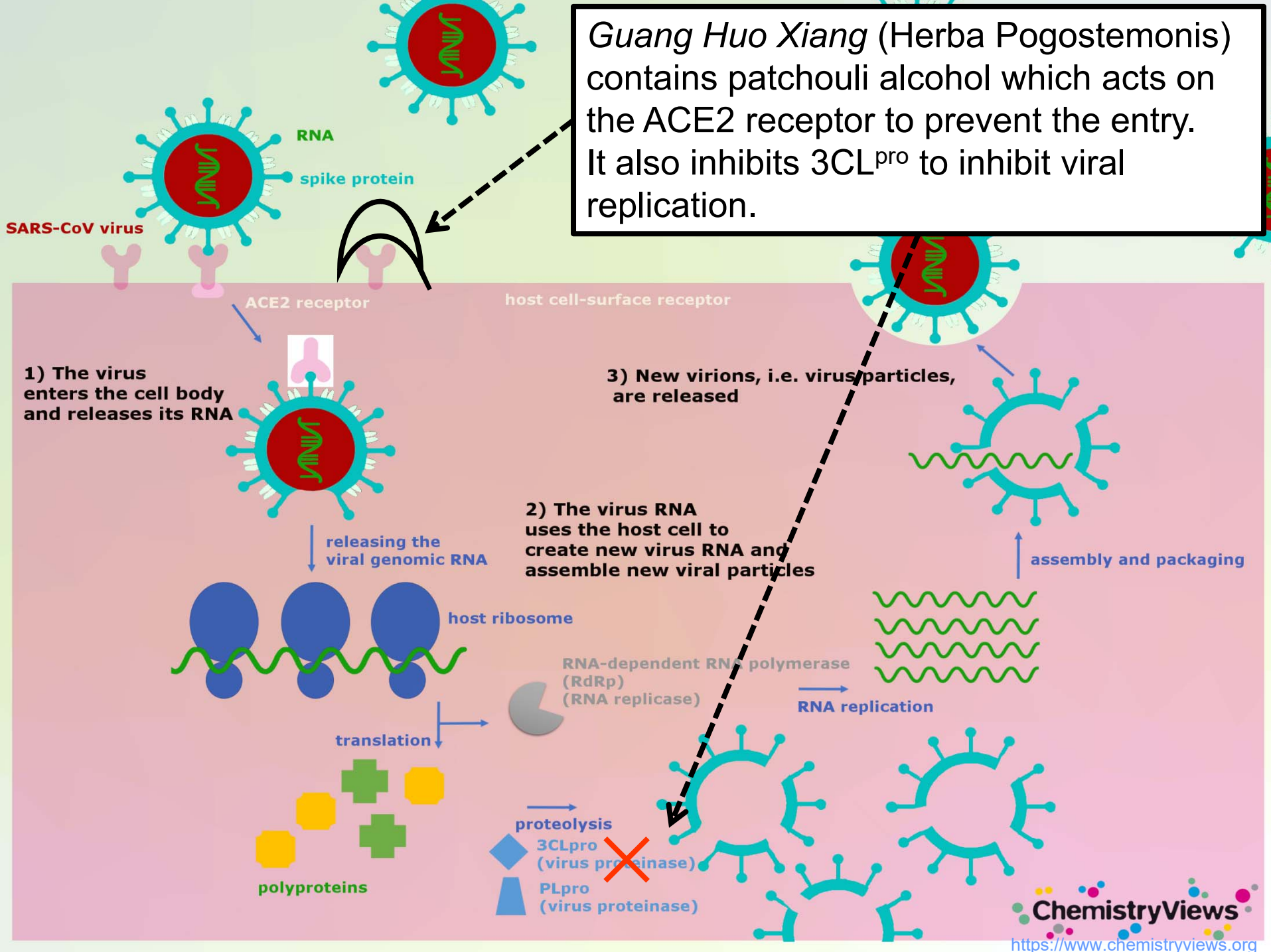
Guang Huo Xiang (Herba Pogostemon)

- Patchouli alcohol acts on the ACE2 receptor to prevent the entry, and inhibits the 3CL^{pro} enzyme activities to suppress the replication, of 2019-nCoV.



Patchouli
Alcohol

Guang Huo Xiang (Herba *Pogostemonis*) contains patchouli alcohol which acts on the ACE2 receptor to prevent the entry. It also inhibits 3CL^{pro} to inhibit viral replication.



Qīng Wēn Bài Dú Yǐn 清瘟敗毒飲 (Clear Epidemics and Overcome Toxin Decoction)

- *Huang Lian* (Rhizoma Coptidis)
- *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae)
- *Zhi Zi* (Fructus Gardeniae)
- *Shi Gao* (Gypsum Fibrosum)
- *Zhi Mu* (Rhizoma Anemarrhenae)
- *Shui Niu Jiao* (Cornu Bubali)
- *Di Huang* (Radix Rehmanniae)
- *Chi Shao* (Radix Paeoniae Rubra)
- *Mu Dan Pi* (Cortex Moutan)
- *Lian Qiao* (Fructus Forsythiae)
- *Xuan Shen* (Radix Scrophulariae)
- *Zhu Ye* (Herba Phyllostachys), fresh
- *Jie Geng* (Radix Platycodonis)
- *Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae)

Qīng Wēn Bài Dú Yǐn 清瘟敗毒飲 (Clear Epidemics and Overcome Toxin Decoction)

- Clears heat and eliminates toxins
- Purges fire and cools the blood
- *Wen yi* (warm epidemics) characterized by excess heat and toxins in the *qi* (energy) and *xue* (blood) levels: high fever, extreme thirst, splitting headaches, dry heaves, mania, delirium, blurred vision, maculae, hematemesis, epistaxis, extreme coldness or convulsions of the four extremities, scorched lips, a dark red tongue body with dry or prickly tongue coating. The pulse may be any of the following: deep and rapid; deep, fine and rapid; or superficial, big and rapid.

Huang Lian (Rhizoma Coptidis) *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae)



Huang Lian (Rhizoma Coptidis)

Huang Qin (Radix Scutellariae)

- Clears Heat and Dries Dampness
 - Sedates Fire, Eliminates Toxins
- Clears heat and dries dampness
 - Clears heat and sedates fire
 - Clears heat and eliminates toxins
 - Calms and stabilizes the fetus

Huang Lian (Rhizoma Coptidis) *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae)

- Antibacterial
 - Antitoxin
 - Antiviral
 - Antifungal and antiparasitic
 - Anti-inflammatory
 - Antidiarrheal
- Antibacterial
 - Antitoxin
 - Antiviral
 - Antifungal
 - Antiparasitic
 - Anti-inflammatory

Short communication

In vitro susceptibility of 10 clinical isolates of SARS coronavirus to selected antiviral compounds

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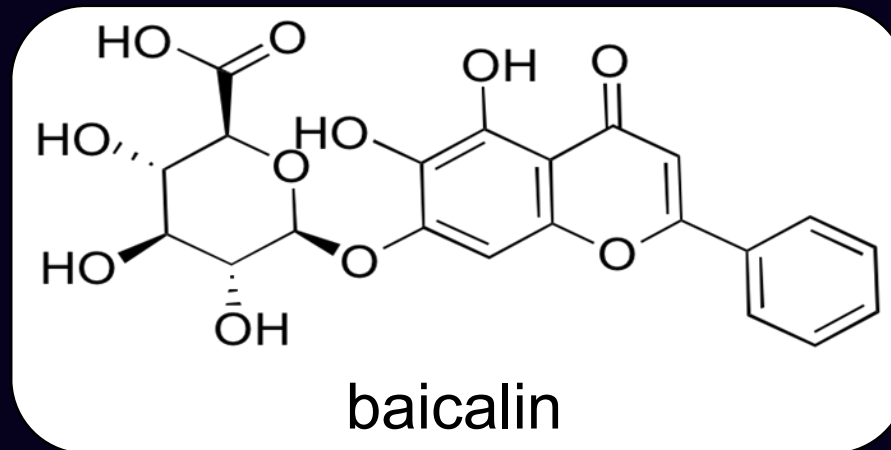
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Abstract

Effective antiviral agents are urgently needed to combat the possible return of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS). Commercial antiviral agents and pure chemical compounds extracted from traditional Chinese medicinal herbs were screened against 10 clinical isolates of SARS coronavirus by neutralisation tests with confirmation by plaque reduction assays. Interferon-beta-1a, leukocytic interferon-alpha, ribavirin, lopinavir, rimantadine, baicalin and glycyrrhizin showed antiviral activity. The two interferons were only active if the cell lines were pre-incubated with the drugs 16 h before viral inoculation. Results were confirmed by plaque reduction assays. Antiviral activity varied with the use of different cell lines. Checkerboard assays for synergy were performed showing combinations of interferon beta-1a or leukocytic interferon-alpha with ribavirin are synergistic. Since the clinical and toxicity profiles of these agents are well known, they should be considered either singly or in combination for prophylaxis or treatment of SARS in randomised placebo controlled trials in future epidemics.

Huang Qin (Radix Scutellariae)

- *Huang Qin* contains baicalin which inhibits the replication of SARS-CoV.



Huang Qin (Radix Scutellariae) interferes with binding to ACE2 receptor to block viral entry. Baicalin which inhibits the replication of SARS-CoV.

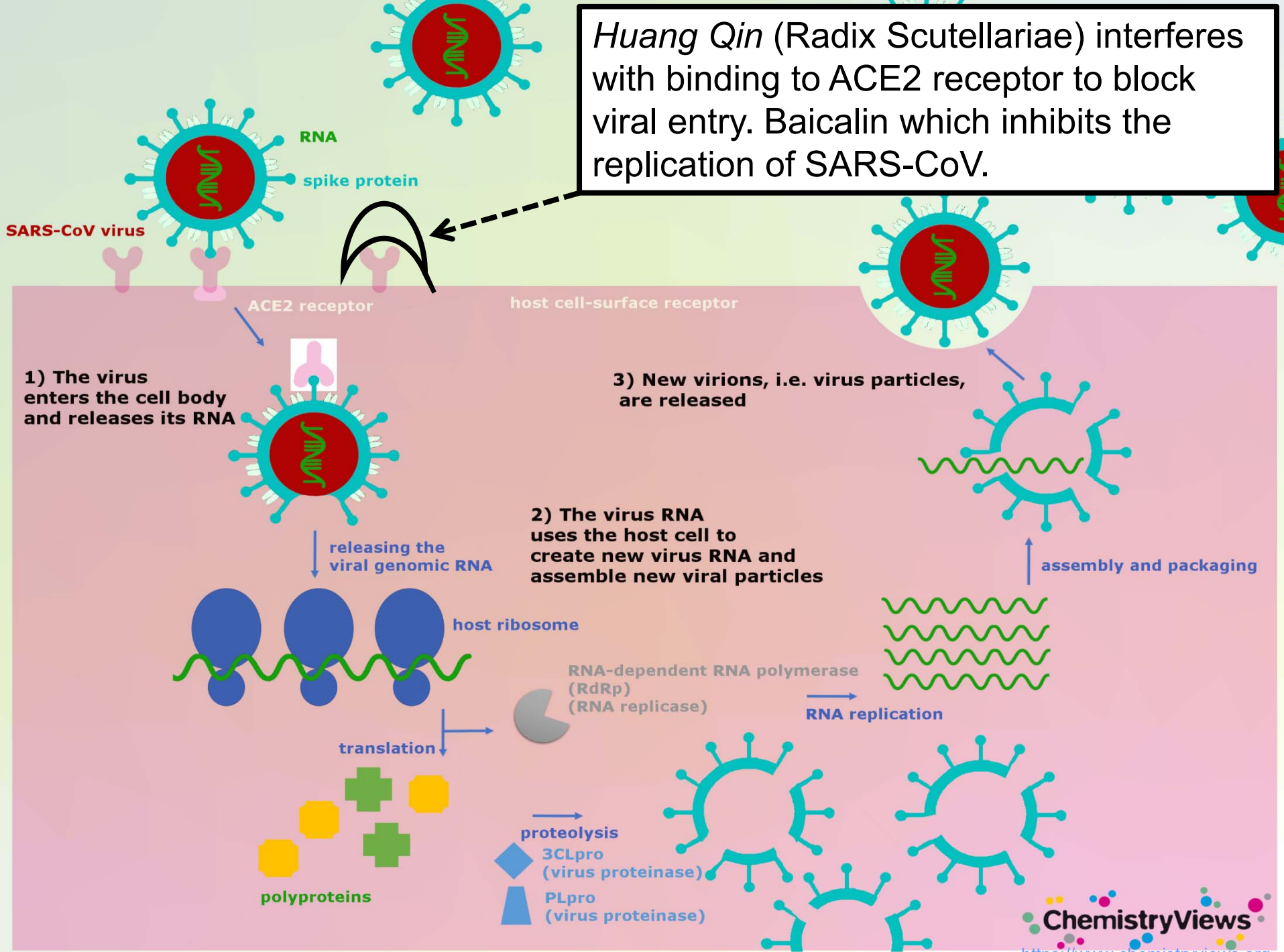


表 2 治疗 COVID-19 中药方案中的高频方剂(频次 ≥ 5)

Table 2 High frequency Chinese medicine formulations for COVID-19 treatment in programs (frequency ≥ 5)

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Ma Xing Gan Shi Tang	麻杏石甘汤	29	清瘟败毒饮	8	Qing Wen Bai du Yin
Yin Qiao San	银翘散	28	参附汤	7	Shen Fu Tang
Xuan Bai Cheng Qi Tang	宣白承气汤	20	三仁汤	7	San Ren Tang
Sheng Jiang San	升降散	19	小柴胡汤	6	Xiao Chai Hu Tang
Ma Xing Yi Gan Tang	麻杏苡甘汤	18	甘露消毒丹	6	Gan Lu Xiao Du Dan
Da Yuan Yin	达原饮	18	竹叶石膏汤	6	Zhu Ye Shi Gao Tang
Huang Lian Jie Du Tang	黄连解毒汤	16	二陈汤	5	Er Chen Tang
Si Ni Jia Ren Shen Tang	四逆加人参汤	16	王氏清暑益气汤	5	Qing Shu Yi Qi Tang
Huo Po xia Ling Tang	藿朴夏苓汤	16	白虎汤	5	Bai Hu Tang
Jie Du Huo Xue Tang	解毒活血汤	15	荆防败毒散	5	Jing Fang Bai Du San

COVID-19;2019 冠状病毒病.

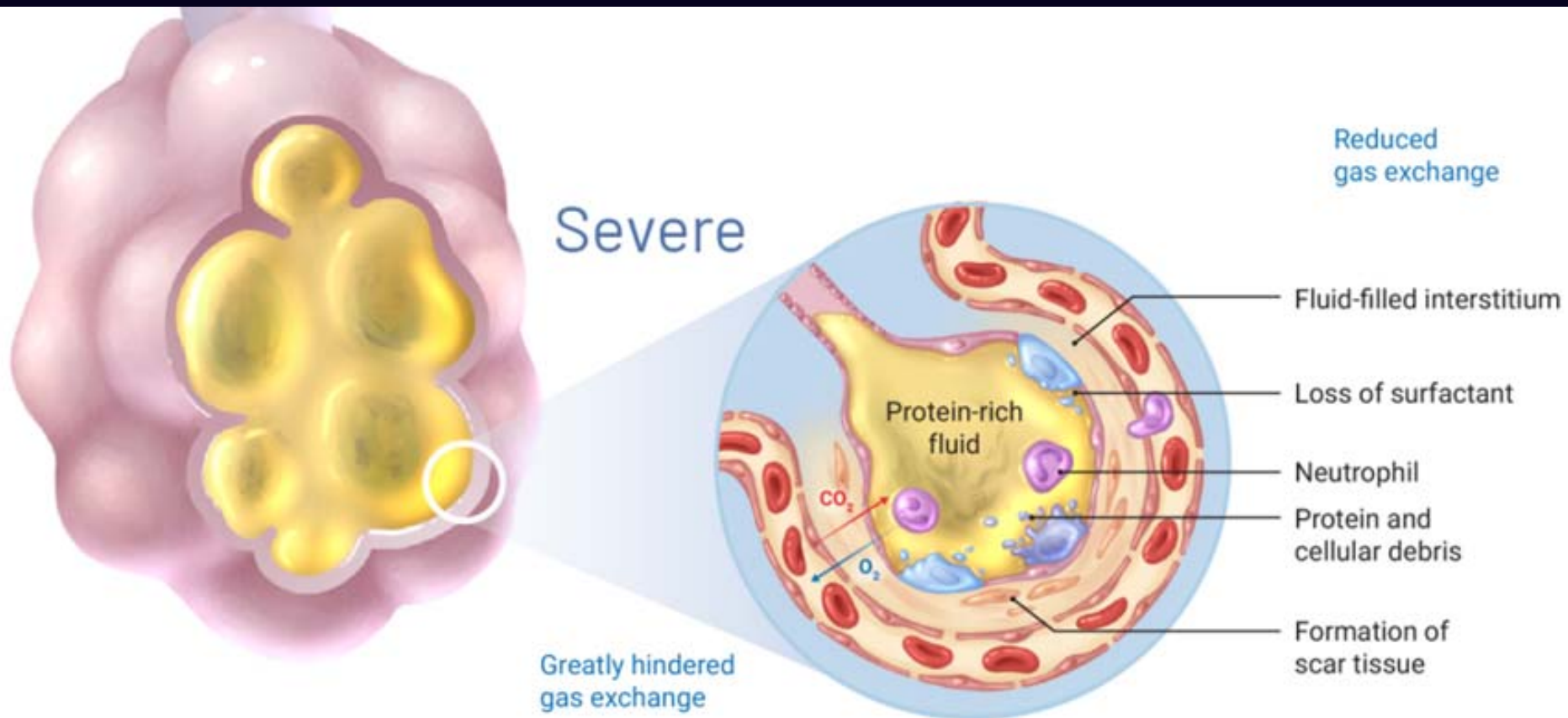
Dá Yuán Yǐn 達原飲 (Reach the Membrane Source Decoction)

- *Bing Lang* (Semen Arecae) 6g
- *Hou Po* (Cortex Magnoliae Officinalis) 3g
- *Cao Guo* (Fructus Tsaoko) 1.5g
- *Zhi Mu* (Rhizoma Anemarrhenae) 3g
- *Bai Shao* (Radix Paeoniae Alba) 3g
- *Huang Qin* (Radix Scutellariae) 3g
- *Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae) 1.5g

Dá Yuán Yǐn 達原飲 (Reach the Membrane Source Decoction)

- Vents the *mo yuan* (membrane source) and eliminates dampness and turbidity.
- Febrile disorders with pathogenic factors affecting the *mo yuan*, causing such symptoms as unpredictable patterns of alternating fever and chills (once every one to three days), chest oppression, nausea, vomiting, headache, irritability, restlessness, a wiry, rapid pulse, and a greasy tongue coating.

Mo Yuan (Membrane Source)

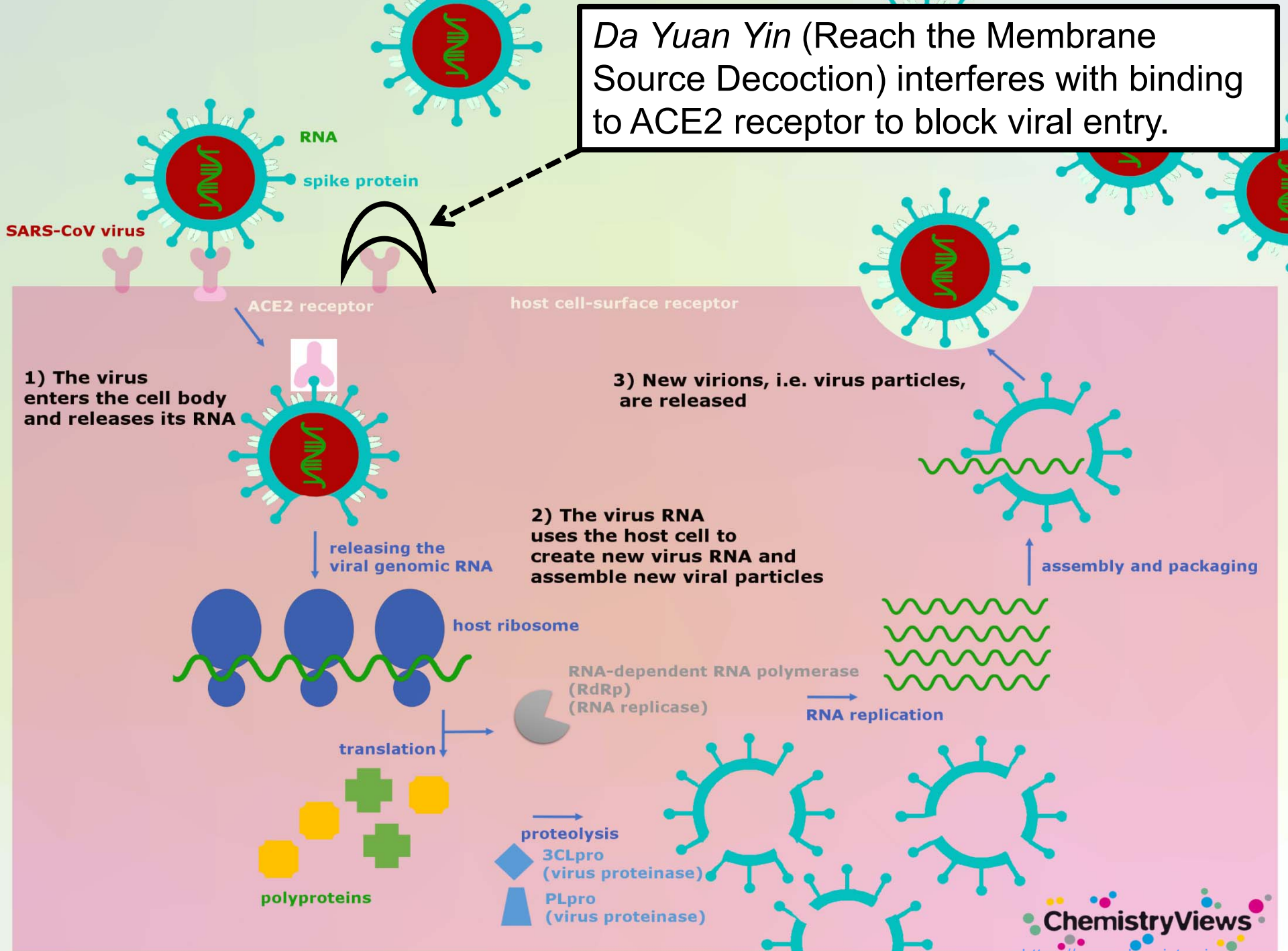


Dá Yuán Yǐn 達原飲 (Reach the Membrane Source Decoction)

- *Da Yuan Yin* has been shown to regulate T cells and bind with ACE2 receptors and may be beneficial for management of 2019 novel coronavirus disease.

- Chan KW, et al. COVID-19: An Update on the Epidemiological, Clinical, Preventive and Therapeutic Evidence and Guidelines of Integrative Chinese–Western Medicine for the Management of 2019 Novel Coronavirus Disease. *The American Journal of Chinese Medicine*, Vol. 48, No. 3, 1–26.

Da Yuan Yin (Reach the Membrane Source Decoction) interferes with binding to ACE2 receptor to block viral entry.



Mian Ma Guan Zhong (Rhizoma Dryopteridis Crassirhizomatis)

- Kills parasites
- Clears heat, eliminates toxins
- Stops bleeding

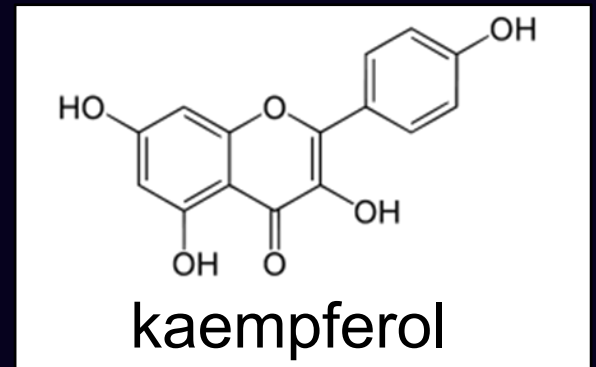


Mian Ma Guan Zhong (Rhizoma Dryopteridis Crassirhizomatis)

- Antiparasitic
- Nematicidal
- Antibacterial
- Antiviral

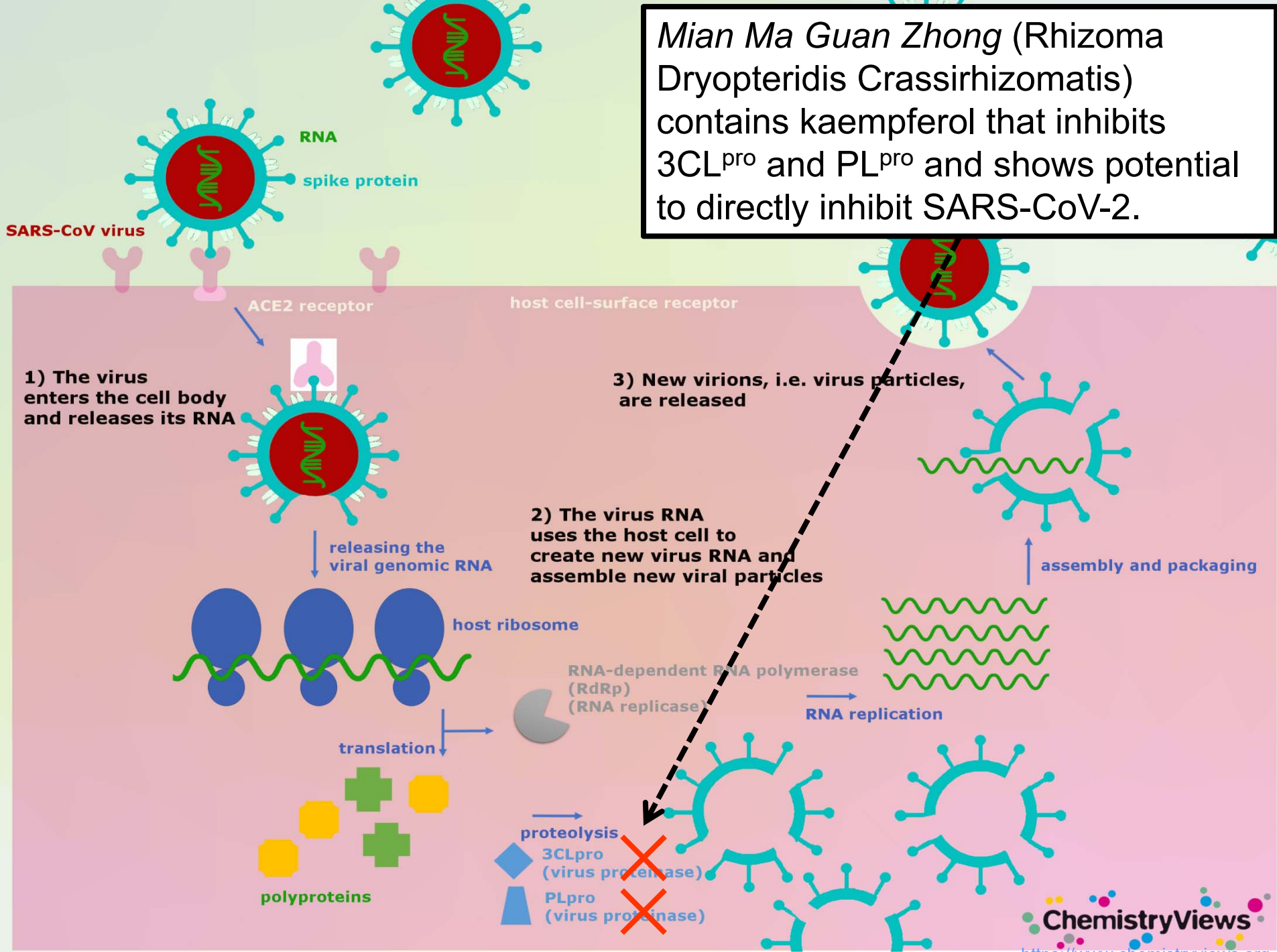
Mian Ma Guan Zhong (Rhizoma Dryopteridis Crassirhizomatis)

- *Mian Ma Guan Zhong* contains kaempferol that inhibits 3CL^{pro} and PL^{pro} and shows potential to directly inhibit SARS-CoV-2.



- Zhang DH, et al. In silico screening of Chinese herbal medicines with the potential to directly inhibit 2019 novel coronavirus. Journal of Integrative Medicine 18 (2020) 152–158.

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Xiang Chun Ye (Folium Toonae Sinensis)

- *Xiang Chun Ye* clears heat and eliminates toxins to treat Lung heat with cough.
- It also clears heat and eliminates toxins from the skin to treat sores and abscesses.



香椿葉



Toona sinensis Roem tender leaf extract inhibits SARS coronavirus replication

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ABSTRACT

Aim of the study: Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a life-threatening disease caused by the SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV). The development of new antiviral agents for SARS-CoV is an important issue. We tried to find potential resource from Traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) for development of new drugs against SARS-CoV.

Materials and Methods: Our team recruited the potential TCM formulae (also known as Kampo) from two TCM books, Shang-Han Lun (Discussion of Cold-Induced Disorders) and Wen-Bing Tiao-Bein (Differential Management of Febrile Diseases). Several herbs, which were believed to be beneficial for SARS by experienced TCM doctors were also recruited. In addition, a vegetable popular in Taiwan, China and Malaysia, the tender leaf of *Toona sinensis* Roem (also known as *Cedrela sinensis*, belongs to the family Meliaceae) was also recruited under the suggestion of botanic experts. These TCM products and plant extracts were then tested for the effectiveness against SARS-CoV in vitro.

Results: Only TSL-1, the extract from tender leaf of *Toona sinensis* Roem was found to have an evident effect against SARS-CoV with selectivity index 12–17.

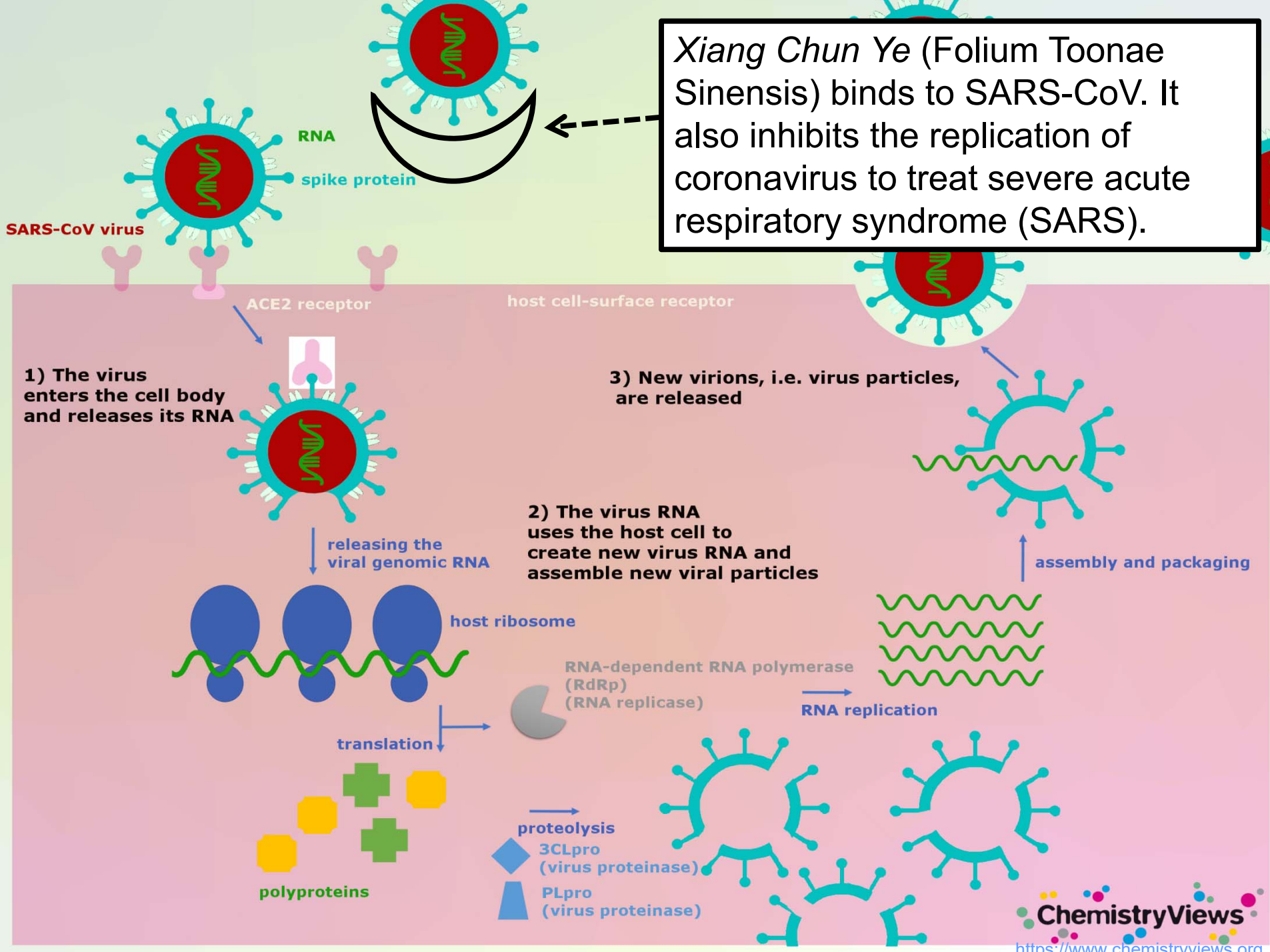
Conclusion: This paper reports for the first time that extract from a vegetable, the tender leaf of *Toona sinensis* Roem, can inhibit SARS-CoV in vitro. Therefore, the tender leaf of *Toona sinensis* Roem may be an important resource against SARS-CoV.

Xiang Chun Ye (Folium Toonae Sinensis)

- *Xiang Chun Ye* (Folium Toonae Sinensis) contains a compound (TSL-1) that selectively bind to SARS-CoV virus to inhibit the cellular entry of the virus into the host cells.
- *Xiang Chun Ye* inhibits the replication of coronavirus to treat severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

- Chen CJ, Michaelis M, Hsu HK, Tsai CC, Yang KD, Wu YC, et al. Toona sinensis Roem tender leaf extract inhibits SARS coronavirus replication. J Ethnopharmacol 2008; 120: 108-111.

Xiang Chun Ye (Folium *Toonae Sinensis*) binds to SARS-CoV. It also inhibits the replication of coronavirus to treat severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).



Xiang Chun Ye (Folium Toonae Sinensis)

- *Xiang Chun Ye* is the most effective herb of all tested from *Shang Han Lun* (Discussion of Cold-Induced Disorders) and *Wen Bing Tiao Bian* (Systematic Differentiation of Warm Disease).

Wu Bei Zi (Galla Chinensis)

- Contains leakage of lung qi, clears deficiency fire
- Binds the intestines
- Consolidates kidney *jing* (essence)
- Restrains sweating
- Stops bleeding
- Eliminates toxins and reduces swelling



Small Molecules Blocking the Entry of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus into Host Cells

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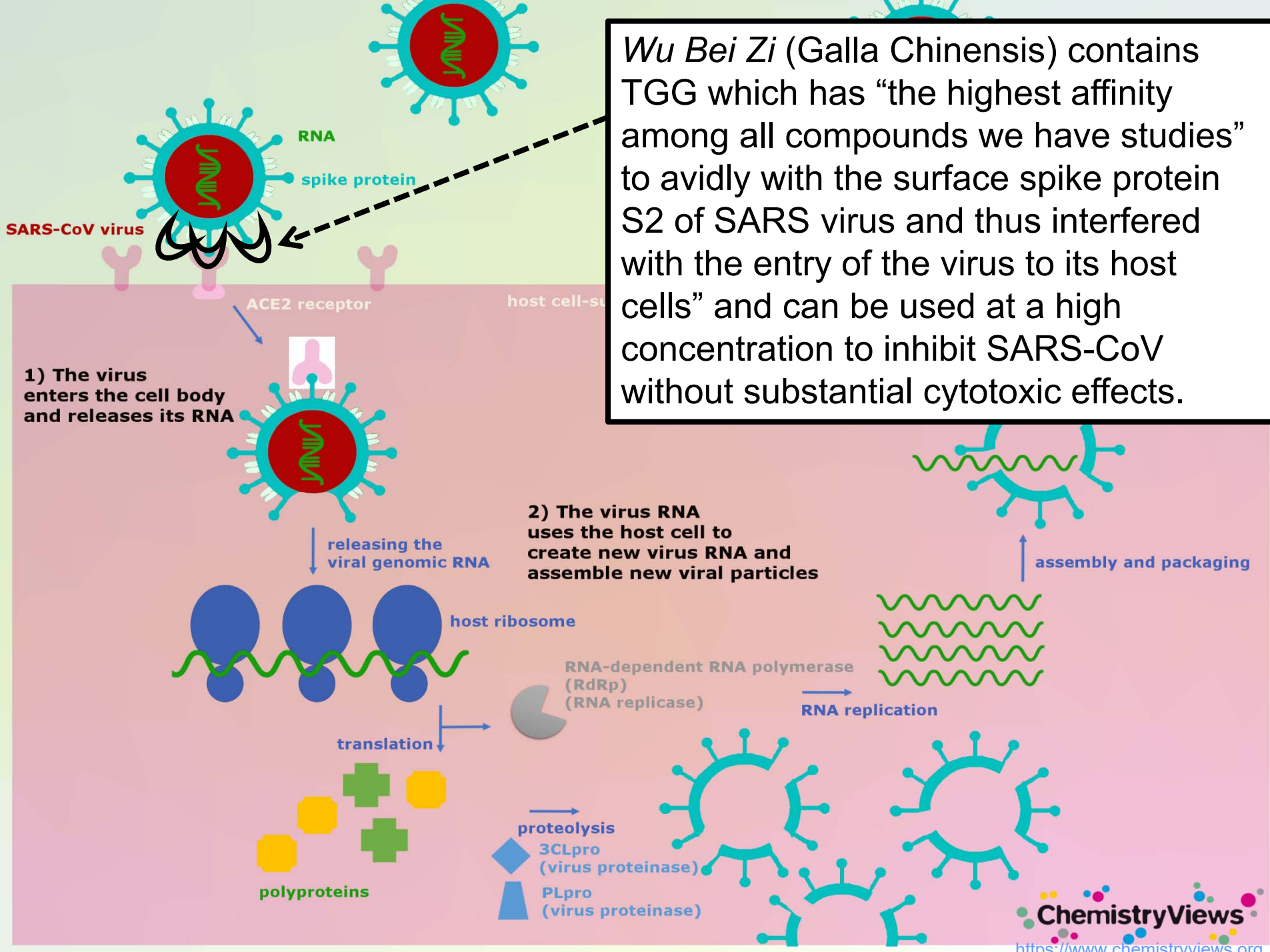
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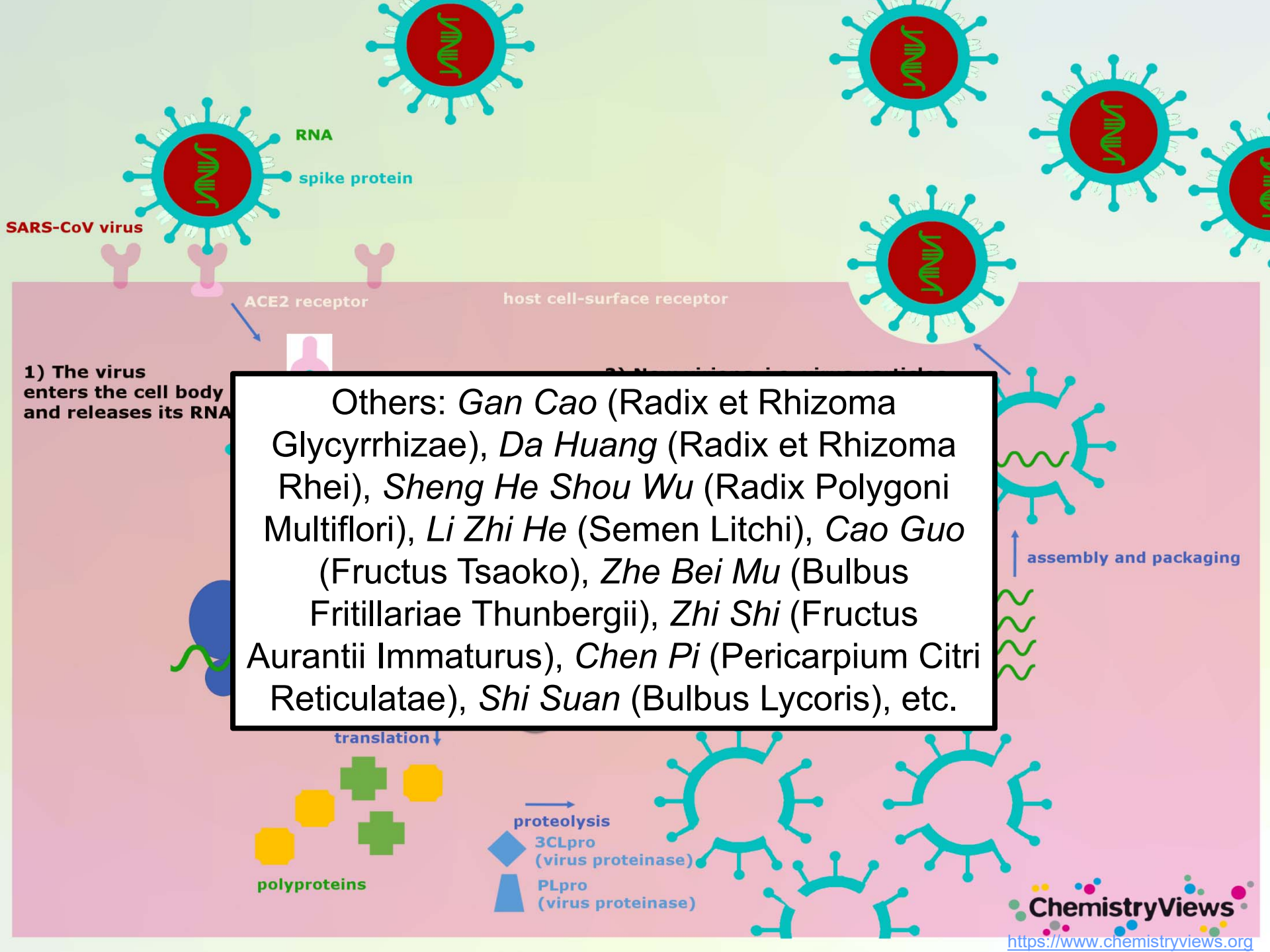
Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) is the pathogen of SARS, which caused a global panic in 2003. We describe here the screening of Chinese herbal medicine-based, novel small molecules that bind avidly with the surface spike protein of SARS-CoV and thus can interfere with the entry of the virus to its host cells. We achieved this by using a two-step screening method consisting of frontal affinity chromatography-mass spectrometry coupled with a viral infection assay based on a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)-luc/SARS pseudotyped virus. Two small molecules, tetra-*O*-galloyl- β -D-glucose (TGG) and luteolin, were identified, whose anti-SARS-CoV activities were confirmed by using a wild-type SARS-CoV infection system. TGG exhibits prominent anti-SARS-CoV activity with a 50% effective concentration of 4.5 μ M and a selective index of 240.0. The two-step screening method described here yielded several small molecules that can be used for developing new classes of anti-SARS-CoV drugs and is potentially useful for the high-throughput screening of drugs inhibiting the entry of HIV, hepatitis C virus, and other insidious viruses into their host cells.

Wu Bei Zi (Galla Chinensis)

- *Wu Bei Zi* (Galla Chinensis) contains tetra-O-galloyl- β -D-glucose (TGG) that exhibits prominent anti-SARS virus activity.
 - TGG has “the highest affinity among all compounds we have studies” to avidly with the surface spike protein S2 of SARS virus and thus interfered with the entry of the virus to its host cells.
 - TGG can be used at a high concentration to inhibit SARS-CoV without substantial cytotoxic effects.
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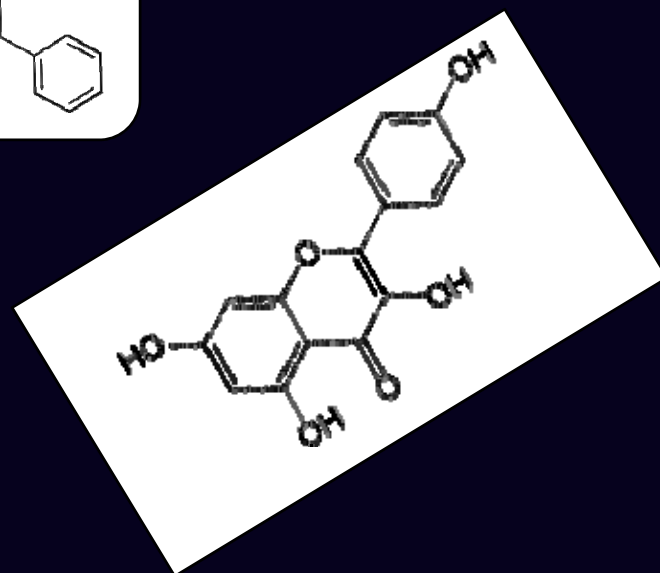
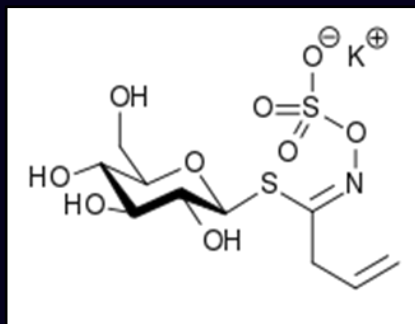
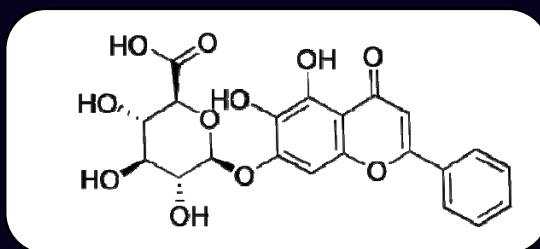
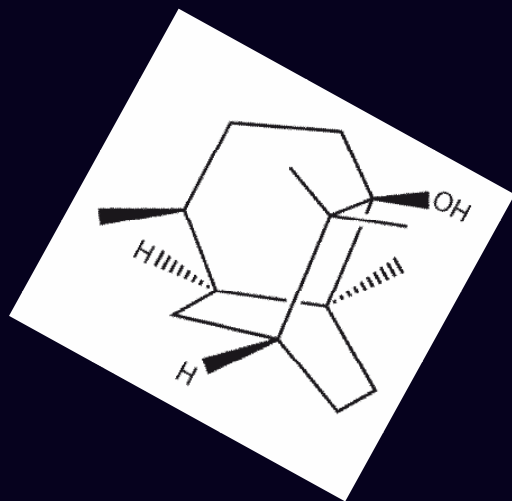
Wu Bei Zi (*Galla Chinensis*) contains TGG which has “the highest affinity among all compounds we have studies” to avidly with the surface spike protein S2 of SARS virus and thus interfered with the entry of the virus to its host cells” and can be used at a high concentration to inhibit SARS-CoV without substantial cytotoxic effects.



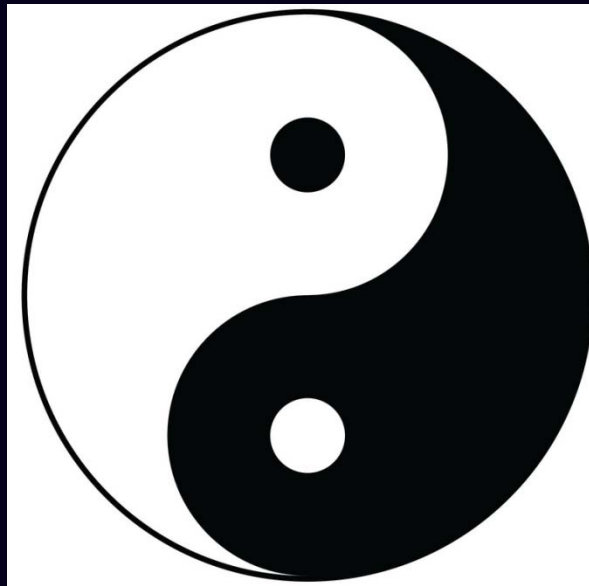


Others: *Gan Cao* (Radix et Rhizoma Glycyrrhizae), *Da Huang* (Radix et Rhizoma Rhei), *Sheng He Shou Wu* (Radix Polygoni Multiflori), *Li Zhi He* (Semen Litchi), *Cao Guo* (Fructus Tsaoko), *Zhe Bei Mu* (Bulbus Fritillariae Thunbergii), *Zhi Shi* (Fructus Aurantii Immaturus), *Chen Pi* (Pericarpium Citri Reticulatae), *Shi Suan* (Bulbus Lycoris), etc.

Structure-Activity-Relationship (SAR)



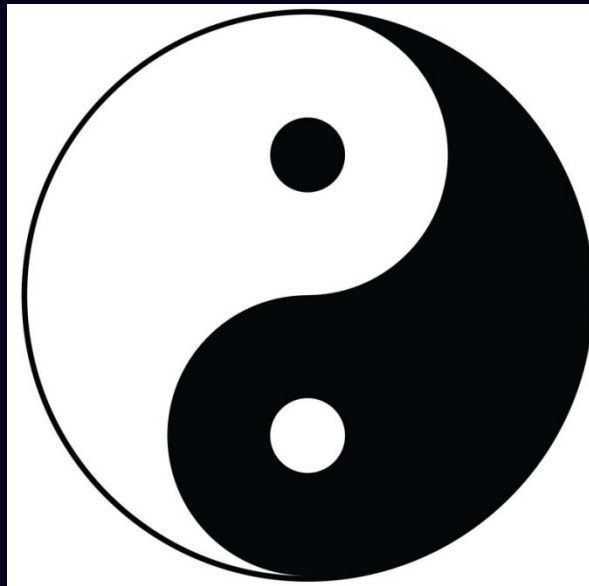
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(Warm Disease)

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Prevention

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Wen Bing
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(Warm Disease)

EDITORIAL



COVID-19 infection: the perspectives on immune responses

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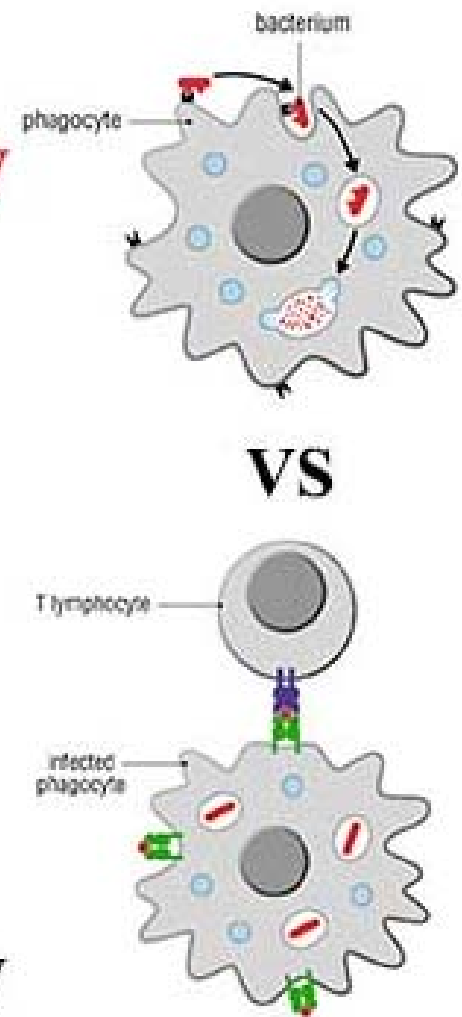
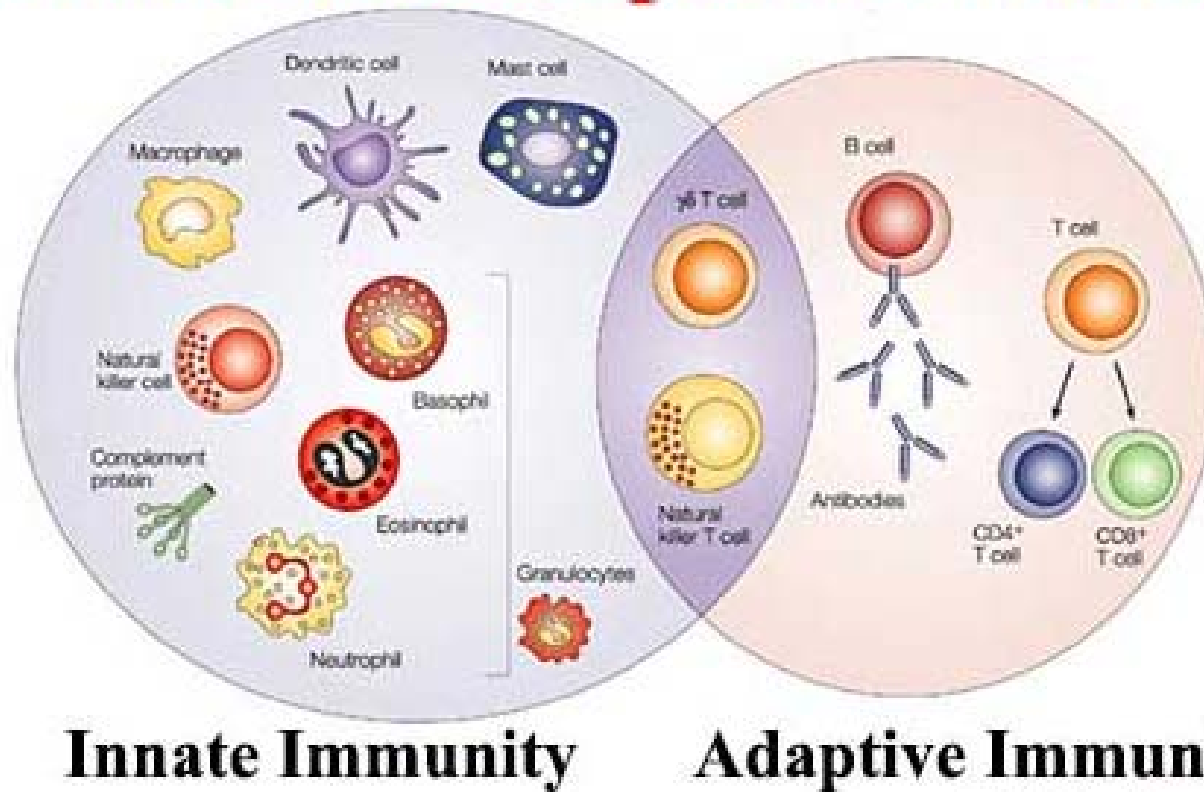
More than 100 years ago, the world was hit by the influenza pandemic, which was followed by the outbreak of COVID-19. The outbreak of COVID-19 infection is spreading worldwide with this virus first identified in Wuhan, China. Clinicians have learned that COVID-19, and its similarity to SARS-CoV-2, can develop severe respiratory distress. In the early stage of CoV-2 infection, an asymptomatic stage I, an asymptomatic detectable virus; stage II, non-severe symptomatic period with the presence of virus; stage III, severe respiratory symptomatic stage with high viral load [2]. From the point of view of prevention, individuals at stage I, the stealth

We believe that the two-phase division is very important: the first immune defense-based protective phase and the second inflammation-driven damaging phase. Doctors should try to boost immune responses during the first, while suppressing it in the second phase.

on remains to be determined. In Wuhan, except for the first phase, it infects all the confirmed cases. There is a higher chance of severe phase [1]. One reason why some develop severe disease is that, by the conventional presentation of infected patients, the disease presentation.

Two-phase immune responses induced by COVID-19 infection

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SARS: understanding the coronavirus

Apoptosis may explain lymphopenia of SARS

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EDITOR—In their review of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) Wong et al emphasise lymphopenia as a hallmark feature.¹ Panesar suggested that glucocorticoids or stimulation of the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis leads to lymphocyte margination and that patients without lymphopenia may have adrenal insufficiency.²

In their review of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) Wong et al emphasise lymphopenia as a hallmark feature.

Children with more severe bronchiolitis from respiratory syncytial virus infection have significantly lower absolute lymphocyte counts than those with mild disease. Bronchiolitis is ubiquitous and, in the developed world, the commonest reason a child under 1 year of age is admitted to hospital. Studies in mice show that not only is the lymphocyte immune response to virus essential in controlling the virus but it also causes disease.⁴ The fact the immune response is both saint and sinner is believed to be why the use of ribavirin has proved less effective in bronchiolitis than was first hoped.



CORRESPONDENCE OPEN

SARS-CoV-2 infects T lymphocytes through its spike protein-mediated membrane fusion

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COVID-19, the novel coronavirus disease caused by SARS-CoV-2 and outbreaked at the end of 2019 in Wuhan, China,¹ becomes a worldwide pandemic. SARS-CoV-2 belongs to the betacoronavirus genus and has 79.5% identity to SARS-CoV. SARS-CoV-2 uses angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) as its host entry receptor.² The clinical manifestations of COVID-19 include pneumonia, diarrhea, dyspnea, and multiple organ failure. Interestingly, lymphocytopenia, as a diagnostic indicator, is common in COVID-19 patients. Xiong and p53 pathway. It has been reported that SARS-CoV-2 especially in peripheral blood lymphocytes.⁴ SARS-CoV-2 respiratory syncytial virus human primary cells. Intrinsic and extrinsic pathways in T lymphocytes. SARS-CoV-2 infect T cells, resulting in lymphocytopenia.

To address this question, we evaluated the susceptibility of T lymphocytes to SARS-CoV-2 infection. To accomplish this, pseudotyped SARS-CoV and SARS-CoV-2 were packaged based on methods described previously.⁷ The pseudoviruses could infect permissive cells (293T/ACE2 and Huh7 cells) expressing the ACE2 receptor, but could not infect nonpermissive cells (HeLa cells) (Fig. 1a). We used pseudovirus with equal infectivity to 293T/ACE2 cells (Fig. 1c) to infect two T lymphocyte cell lines, MT-2 and A3.01, with very low, or close to negative, expression level of hACE2 mRNA (Fig. 1b). Surprisingly, over several replicates, we saw that

inhibits receptor-mediated infection by interacting with HR1 to block the formation of the six-helix bundle (6-HB), further inhibiting fusion between viral and target cell membranes. We found that the EK1 peptide had significant inhibitory activity against SARS-CoV-2 pseudoviruses on MT-2 cells (Fig. 1d), suggesting that virus entry depends on receptor-mediated fusion. However, only a high concentration (40 μ M) of EK1 had inhibitory activity on MT-2 cells. Meanwhile, the IC₅₀ value of EK1 was 2.38

SARS-CoV-2 infects and kills T lymphocytes, but the virus cannot replicate inside the T lymphocytes.

SARS-CoV-2 receptor-mediated infection. SARS-CoV-2 S protein studies.^{7,10} SARS-CoV-2 S protein fused cells in fluorescent. SARS-CoV-2 might infect T cells through S protein-mediated membrane fusion.

To further determine the susceptibility of MT-2 cells to live virus, we used SARS-CoV-2 to infect MT-2 cells and detected the SARS-CoV-2 nucleoprotein (NP) in the cells as reported previously.⁶ Notably, several MT-2 cells were infected with SARS-CoV-2 (Fig. 1f). Quantitatively, the percentage of SARS-CoV-2 NP-positive MT-2 cells was 23.11% higher than that of uninfected cells at 24 h post infection, which is about 4.6-fold of the portion at 1 h (Fig. 1f). This result means that the virus penetrated MT-2 cells at 24 h and infected them.

Given that MERS-CoV can efficiently infect, but not replicate, in

Yù Píng Fēng Sǎn 玉屏風散 (Jade Windscreen Powder)

- *Huang Qi* (Radix Astragali) 30g [6g]
- *Bai Zhu* (Rhizoma Atractylodis Macrocephalae) 60g [12g]
- *Fang Feng* (Radix Saposhnikoviae) 30g [6g]
- The source text states to grind the ingredients into powder. Cook 9g of the powdered herbs and 3 slices of *Sheng Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis Recens) in 1.5 large bowls of water for decoction. Today, this formula may be prepared as a decoction with the doses suggested in brackets, with addition of 3 slices of *Sheng Jiang* (Rhizoma Zingiberis Recens) and 1 piece of *Da Zao* (Fructus Jujubae).

Yù Píng Fēng Sǎn 玉屏風散 (Jade Windscreen Powder)

- Tonifies *wei* (defensive) *qi*
- Consolidates the exterior
- *Wei* (defensive) *qi* deficiency: spontaneous sweating, aversion to wind and cold, increased susceptibility to invasion of exterior pathogens, pale face, pale tongue, white tongue coating, and a floating, deficient pulse.

Huang Qi (Radix Astragali)

- **Immunostimulant:**
 - Administration of *Huang Qi* (Radix Astragali) is associated with promotion of T cells.
 - The polysaccharides from *Huang Qi* (Radix Astragali) have been shown to activate B cells.
- Qu LL, et al. Astragalus membranaceus injection delayed allograft survival related with CD4+ CD25+ regulatory T cells. Transplant Proc. 2010 Nov;42(9):3793-7.
- Shao BM, et al. A study on the immune receptors for polysaccharides from the roots of Astragalus membranaceus, a Chinese medicinal herb. Biochem Biophys Res Commun. 2004 Aug 6;320(4):1103-11.



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JOURNAL ARTICLE

Analysis of immunostimulatory activity of polysaccharide extracted from Yu-Ping-Feng in vitro and in vivo

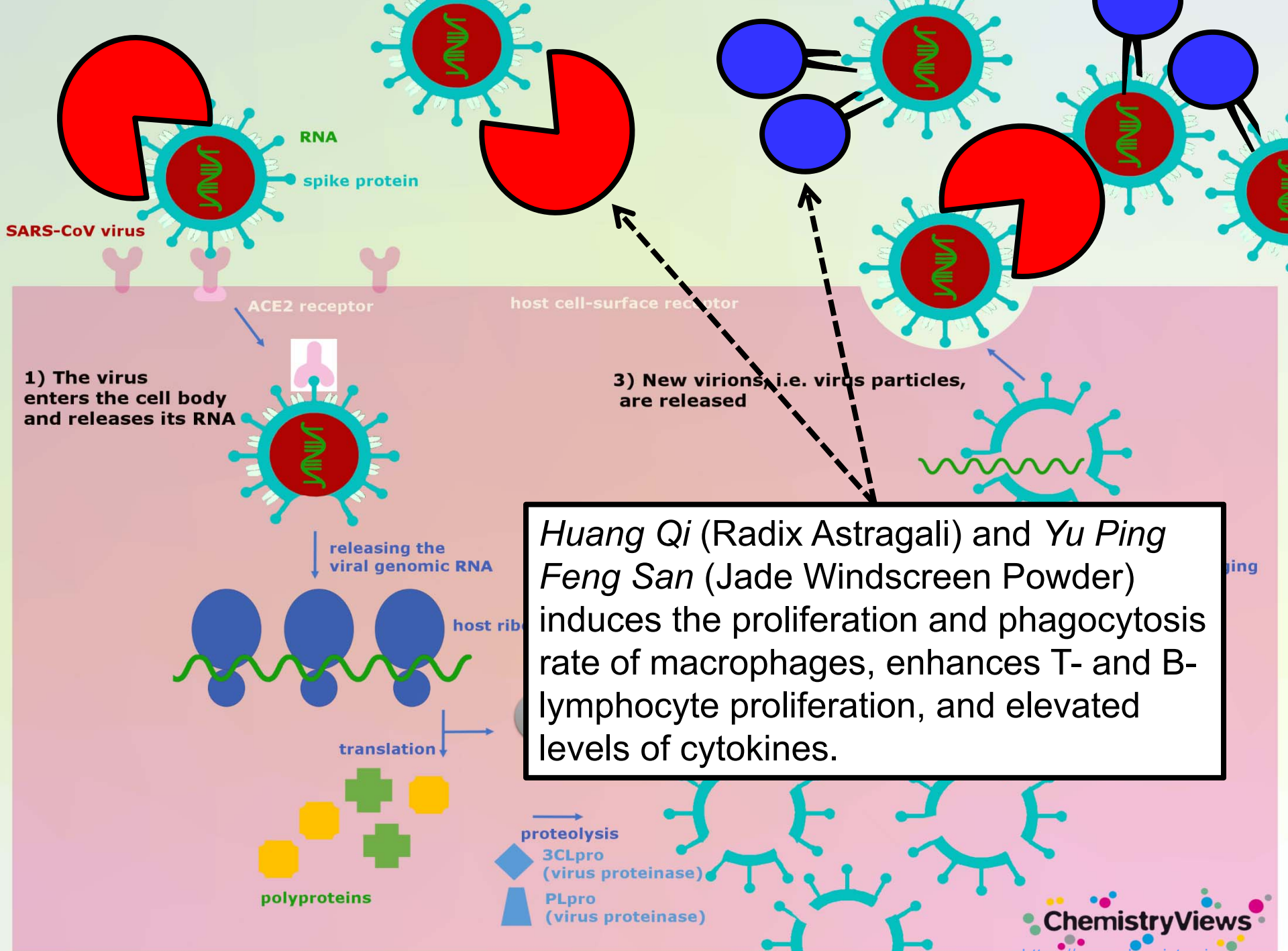
Wentao Fan, Pimiao Zheng, Yang Wang, Pan Hao, Jianzhu Liu, Xiaona Zhao

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As a traditional Chinese multiherbal formula, Yu-Ping-Feng (YPF) is frequently used to treat cold, flu and inflammation-associated diseases. We aimed to evaluate the immunostimulatory effects of polysaccharide isolated from YPF (YPF-PS) in vitro and in vivo. In in vitro experiment, macrophage cell proliferation, phagocytosis rate, cytokine and costimulatory molecule release, T lymphocyte proliferation, cell cycle distribution, CD4+ and CD8+ T cell percentages were determined. To investigate the in vivo effects of YPF-PS treatment, different doses YPF-PS were administered to chicken vaccinated against Newcastle disease. The immune organ index, lymphocyte proliferation, antibody titer, cell cycle distribution, and the cell percentage of CD4+ and CD8+ were assessed. In vitro results indicated that YPF-PS at 15.62µg/mL could increase the LPS-induced macrophage cell proliferation and phagocytosis rate significantly. The levels of cytokine (nitric oxide, tumor necrosis factor-α, interleukin-1β, interleukin-6, and interferon β) and costimulatory molecules (CD80 and CD86) were also considerably enhanced. Moreover, YPF-PS could significantly enhance T lymphocyte proliferation individually or synergistically with phytohemagglutinin. It promoted lymphocyte entry into S and G2/M phases and increased the percentages of CD4+ and CD8+ T cells effectively. In addition, in vivo experiments showed that YPF-PS could enhance serum HI antibody titer. The results about T lymphocyte proliferation, cell cycle distribution, CD4+ and CD8+ cell percentages in chickens were also confirmed. YPF-PS has efficacious immunomodulatory properties and could be used as a new potential immune stimulator for food and medical purposes.

Yù Píng Fēng Sǎn 玉屏風散 (Jade Windscreen Powder)

- **Immunostimulatory:** The polysaccharides isolated from YPFS exhibits significant immunostimulatory effects:
 - induces the proliferation and phagocytosis rate of macrophages
 - enhances T- and B- lymphocyte proliferation
 - elevates levels of cytokine (nitric oxide, tumor necrosis factor-alpha, interleukin-1 beta, interleukin-6, and interferon beta).





Research Article

Yu Ping Feng San, an Ancient Chinese Herbal Decoction, Induces Gene Expression of Anti-viral Proteins and Inhibits Neuraminidase Activity

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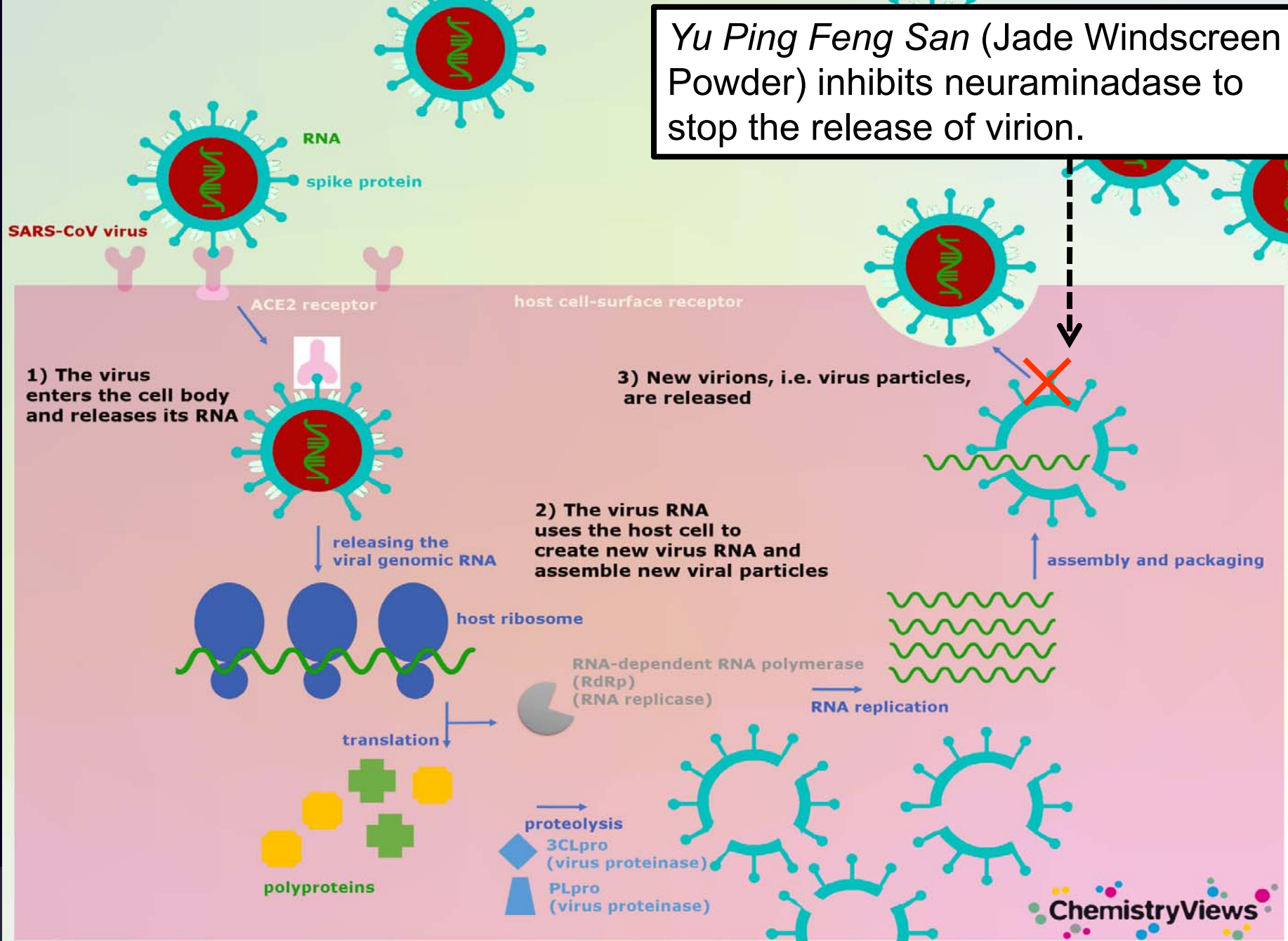


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Abstract

Yu Ping Feng San (YPFS), a Chinese herbal decoction comprised of Astragali Radix (Huangqi), Atractylodis Macrocephalae Rhizoma (Baizhu) and Saposhnikoviae Radix (Fangfeng), has been used clinically for colds and flus; however, the action mechanism of which is not known. Previously, we had demonstrated that YPFS could modulate inflammatory response and phagocytosis in exerting anti-viral and anti-bacterial effects. Here, we further evaluated the bioactivities of YPFS in gene expression regulated by interferon (IFN) signaling and neuraminidase activity of influenza virus A. Application of YPFS onto cultured murine macrophages, the expressions of mRNAs encoding

Yu Ping Feng San (Jade Windscreen Powder) inhibits neuraminidase to stop the release of virion.



Yù Píng Fēng Sǎn 玉屏風散 (Jade Windscreen Powder)

- Caution / Contraindication:
 - pre-existing autoimmune diseases;
 - individuals taking immunosuppressants for organ transplant
 - Covid-19 patients with cytokine storm

The Use of an Herbal Formula by Hospital Care Workers During the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Epidemic in Hong Kong to Prevent Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Transmission, Relieve Influenza-Related Symptoms, and Improve Quality of Life: A Prospective Cohort Study

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Prevention of SARS

- Study: 16,437 hospital care workers, including doctors, nurses and others in Hong Kong
 - 1,063 herb group
 - 15,374 in non-herb group

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- Take one sachet (4g) the herbal supplement daily for 2 weeks.

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Prevention of SARS

- Results:
 - 1,063 herb group; 0 infected (0%)
 - 15,374 in non-herb group; 64 infected (0.4%)
 - $P = 0.035$
- Note: Among 1,063 who took herbs, 19 (1.8%) with minor side effects such as diarrhea, sore throat, dizziness and nausea

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(As a matter of fact, a single arm, self-control, cross-over pilot study focusing on prevention using only KDBFD already started in March 2020).

Subjects will be required to take one sachet of KDBFD (4 g) or placebo once per day for 14 days.

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- *Ling Zhi* 靈芝 (Ganoderma) [6 to 12 g]*
- *Yun Zhi* 雲芝 (Trametes) [9 to 27 g]*

Kwan Du Bu Fei Dang 抗毒補肺湯 (Fight Toxins and Tonify Lung Decoction), modified*

- 80 subjects
- Take one sachet of KDBFD (4g) or placebo once per day for 7 days.
- On day 7: herb group showed increased T-lymphocytes, cytotoxic T-lymphocytes, helper T-lymphocytes, and NK cells
- On day 21: no significant elevation in both groups

Líng Zhī (Ganoderma)

- Nourishes the heart and calms the *shen* (spirit)
- Stops coughing and arrests wheezing
- Tonifies qi and nourishes blood



Yu Xing Cao (Herba Houttuyniae)

- Clears heat, eliminates toxins and drains pus
- Promotes normal urination



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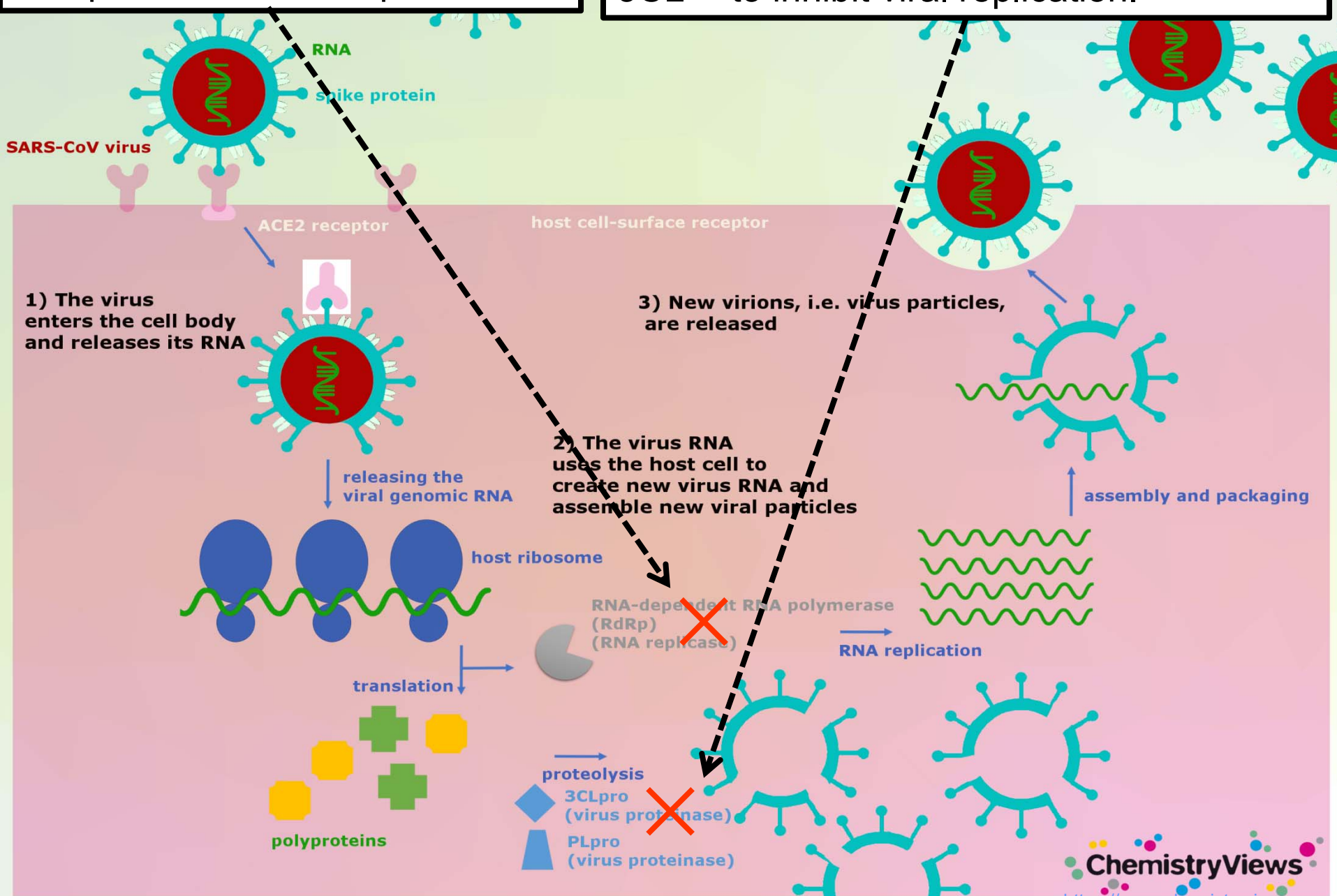
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double-blinded, placebo-controlled study. Only the results of the second study are reported. The results of the first study as well as the immunomodulatory and anti-SARS activities of HC have been published elsewhere.^{1,2}

Volunteers were screened to ensure they were healthy, based on results of their complete blood count, levels of lactate dehydrogenase and creatine kinase, renal function and liver function. A total of 80 healthy subjects were enrolled. Each eligible subject was randomised to receive placebo or KDBFD treatment, according to a computer-generated code list. Neither the investigators nor subjects knew the treatments assigned. The placebo was prepared to appear, smell, and taste indistinguishable from the KDBFD, and was devoid of pharmacological activity and toxicity. Subjects were required to take one sachet of KDBFD (4 g) or placebo once per day for 7 days. Blood samples were collected from them on

Ling Zhi (Ganoderma) inhibits RdRp to inhibit viral replication.

Yu Xing Cao (Herba Houttuyniae) inhibits 3CL^{pro} to inhibit viral replication.





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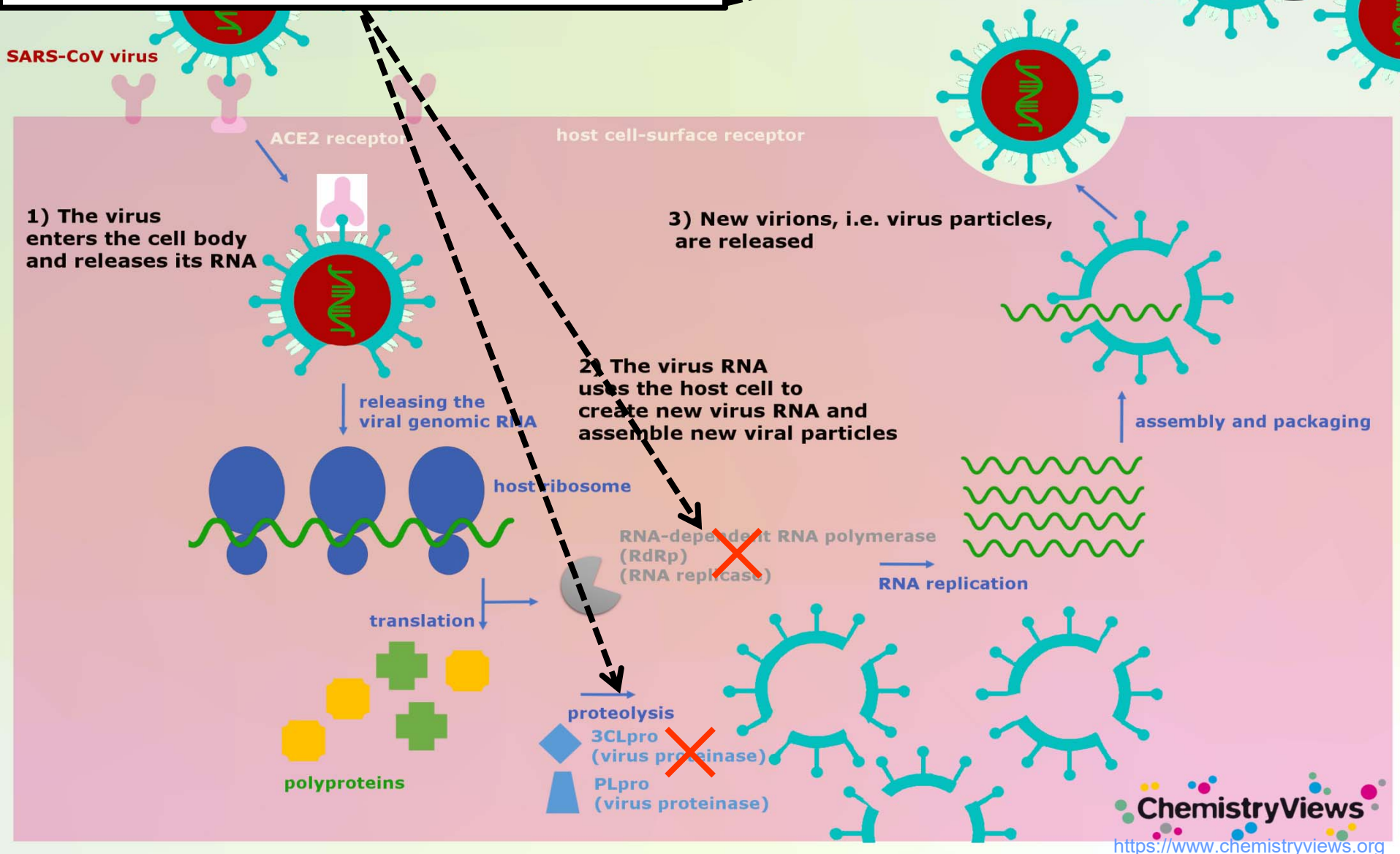
Conclusion: The results of this study provided scientific data to support the efficient and safe use of HC to combat SARS.

Yu Xing Cao (Herba Houttuyniae)

- *Yu Xing Cao* increases the proliferation of two lymphocytes:
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 - CD4+ helper T lymphocytes
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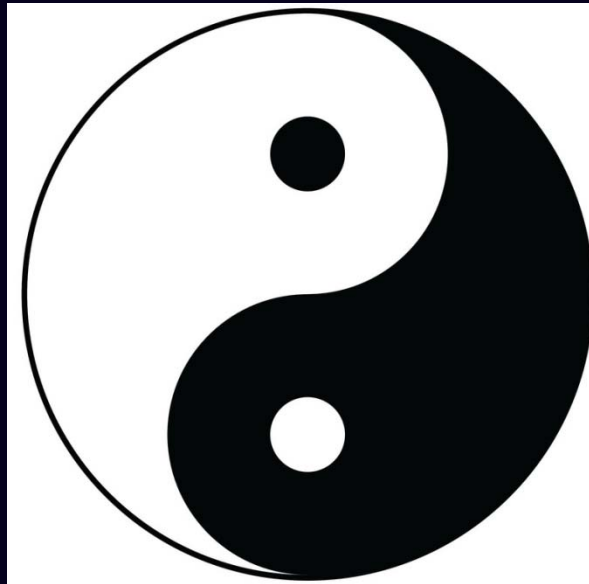
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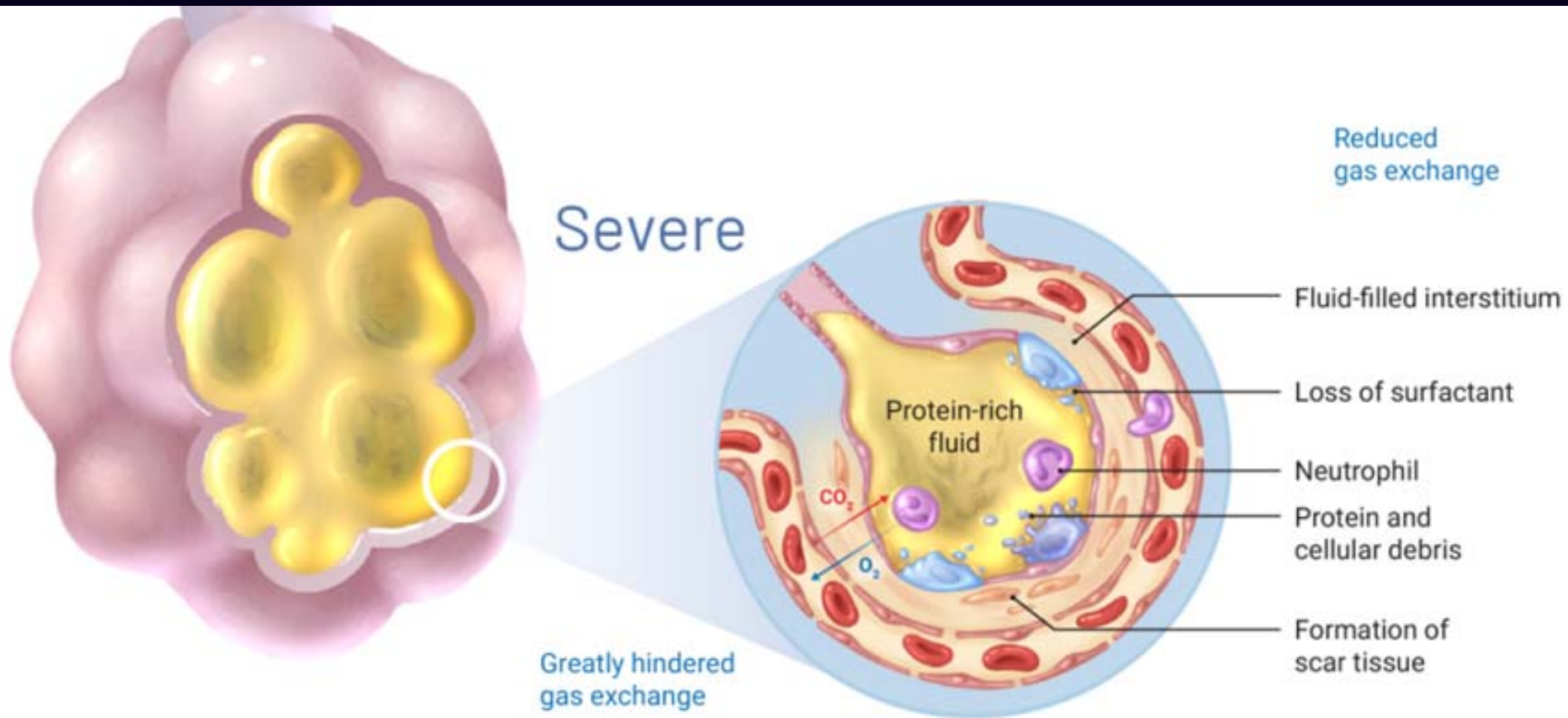
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Shā Shēn Mài Dōng Tāng 沙參麥冬湯 (*Glehnia* and *Ophiopogonis* Decoction)

- Clears and nourishes the Lung and Stomach
- Promotes secretion of body fluids and moistens dryness

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- Indications (TCM): Dryness damaging Lung and Stomach yin: dry throat, thirst, fever, dry coughing, and dry, sticky sputum.
- Indications (WM): Atrophic gastritis, epigastric pain, lung cancer, pneumonia, bronchitis, dry cough, cough and wheezing in children, and diabetes mellitus



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Fuzheng Huayu (Support the Righteousness and Resolve Stasis)

Study Design

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Study Type ⓘ : Interventional (Clinical Trial)

Estimated Enrollment ⓘ : 136 participants

Allocation: Randomized

Intervention Model: Parallel Assignment

Masking: Double (Participant, Investigator)

Primary Purpose: Treatment

Official Title: A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Center Study on the Efficacy and Safety of Fuzheng Huayu on Pulmonary Fibrosis Due to 2019-nCoV

Estimated Study Start Date ⓘ : February 15, 2020

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Arm ⓘ	Intervention/treatment ⓘ
Experimental: Basic Treatment+Fuzheng Huayu Tablet Capcule with N-acetylcysteine+ Tablet with Fuzheng Huayu	Drug: N-acetylcysteine+ Fuzheng Huayu Tablet The subjects will be taking 1 N-acetylcysteine capcule and 4 Fuzheng Huayu tablets three times a day for 24 weeks.
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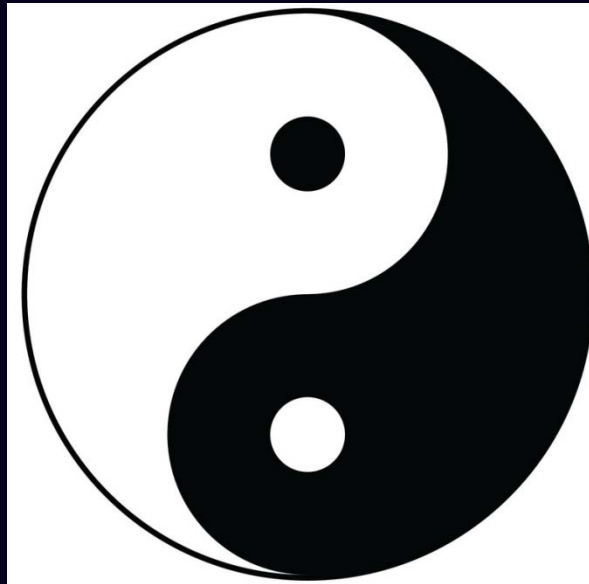
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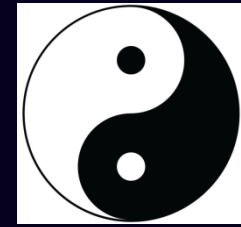
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恢复

Recovery



Summary



WM	Covid-19	TCM
✓	Prevention	✓ ⁺
	Mild (81%)*	✓
✓	Moderate (14%)*	✓
✓	Severe (<5%)*	
	Recovery	✓

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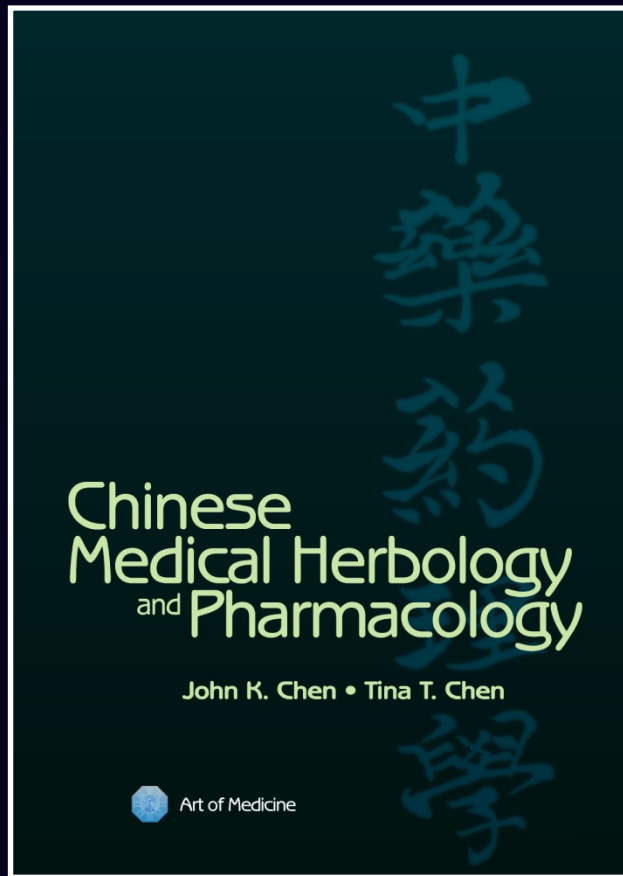
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