

Supplementary Material Catalogue

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Part 1 sTables

sTable1 Allocation of Subject in Each Centre

| | Huashan Hospital | Xiyuan Hospital CACMS | West China Hospital of Sichuan University | The First Affiliated Hospital of Henan University of TCM | Jiangsu Province Hospital of TCM |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Treatment Group (Subject) | 40 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Treatment Group (Subject) | 40 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Control Group (Subject) | 40 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Total: 360 | 120 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |

sTable 2. The gradient elution for quantitative analysis of BSFC

| Time (min) | 0.1% Formic acid water (%) | Acetonitrile (%) |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 0 | 87 | 13 |
| 1 | 87 | 13 |
| 2.5 | 70 | 30 |
| 5 | 50 | 50 |
| 7 | 20 | 80 |
| 7.5 | 10 | 90 |
| 10 | 10 | 90 |
| 10.5 | 87 | 13 |
| 15 | 87 | 13 |

sTable 3. The gradient elution for quantitative analysis of BSYQ

| Time (min) | 0.1% Formic acid water (%) | Acetonitrile (%) |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| 0 | 92 | 8 |
| 8 | 74 | 26 |
| 16 | 65 | 35 |
| 23 | 10 | 90 |
| 26 | 10 | 90 |

sTable 4 . Adverse events

| Adverse events | BSFC | BSYQ | Placebo | F | P |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|
| | | | | Chi-square | P-Value |
| N(missing) | 103(0) | 109(0) | 105(0) | 0.43 | 0.8066 |
| Frequency of adverse events | 25 | 24 | 21 | | |
| rate (%) | 24.27 | 22.02 | 20.00 | | |
| | | | | Chi-square | P-Value |
| N(missing) | 103(0) | 109(0) | 105(0) | 0.2167 | 0.897 |
| Patients with adverse events (%) | 15(14.56) | 15(13.76) | 13(12.38) | | |
| Patients without adverse events (%) | 88(85.44) | 94(86.24) | 92(87.62) | | |

sTable 5. Adverse responses

| Adverse responses | BSFC | BSYQ | Placebo | F | P |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|---------|
| | | | | Chi-square | P-Value |
| N(missing) | 103(0) | 109(0) | 105(0) | 0.57 | 0.7518 |
| Frequency | 24 | 21 | 20 | | |
| Rate (%) | 23.30 | 19.27 | 19.05 | | |
| | | | | Chi-square | P-Value |
| N(missing) | 103(0) | 109(0) | 105(0) | 0.029 | 0.986 |
| Patients with adverse response (%) | 15(14.56) | 15(13.76) | 15(14.29) | | |
| Patients without adverse response (%) | 88(85.44) | 94(86.24) | 90(85.71) | | |

Part 2 sFigures

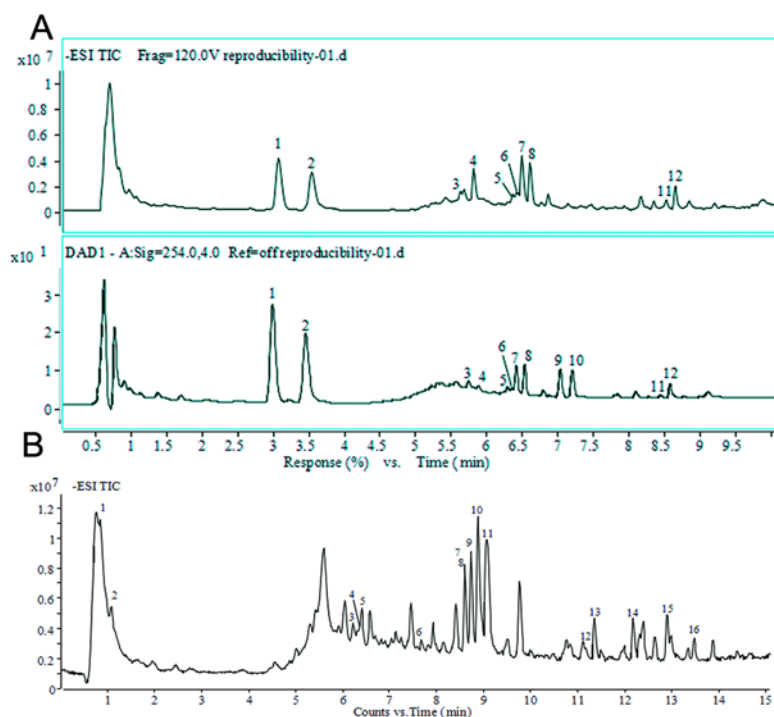


Figure 1. (A) Total ion chromatography (above) and UV chromatography (below) of the BSFC formula(Formula A). (B) Total ion chromatography of the BSYQ formula(Formula B).

| Main compounds in Formula A | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| No. | Compounds | ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ tablet) |
| 1 | Psoralenoside | 4.53\pm0.14 |
| 2 | Isopsoralenoside | 2.96 \pm 0.10 |
| 3 | Naringin | 0.239 \pm 0.007 |
| 4 | Hesperidin | 1.12 \pm 0.04 |
| 5 | Epimedin A | 0.221 \pm 0.009 |
| 6 | Epimedin B | 0.214 \pm 0.008 |
| 7 | Epimedin C | 1.33 \pm 0.01 |
| 8 | Icariin | 0.618 \pm 0.018 |
| 9 | Coryfolin | 0.158 \pm 0.003 |
| 10 | Corylifolinin | 0.126 \pm 0.003 |
| 11 | Baohuoside-I | 1.30 \pm 0.03 |
| 12 | Psoralen | 0.0552 \pm 0.0012 |

| Main compounds in Formula B | | |
|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| No. | Compounds | ($\mu\text{g}/\text{mg}$ granule) |
| 1 | Catalpol | 1.97 \pm 0.21 |
| 2 | Leonuride | 0.221 \pm 0.009 |
| 3 | Calycosin-7-O- β -D-glucoside | 0.183 \pm 0.003 |
| 4 | Hyperoside | 0.127 \pm 0.003 |
| 5 | Acteoside | 0.246 \pm 0.005 |
| 6 | Formononetin-7-O- β -D glucoside | 0.0946 \pm 0.002 |
| 7 | Epimedin A | 0.472 \pm 0.010 |
| 8 | Calycosin | 0.167 \pm 0.011 |
| 9 | Epimedin B | 1.59 \pm 0.02 |
| 10 | Epimedin C | 3.01 \pm 0.22 |
| 11 | Icariin | 3.14 \pm 0.08 |
| 12 | Formononetin | 0.0943 \pm 0.0022 |
| 13 | Astragaloside IV | 1.17 \pm 0.10 |
| 14 | Astragaloside II | 0.447 \pm 0.003 |
| 15 | Baohuoside-I | 0.964 \pm 0.033 |
| 16 | Astragaloside I | 0.479 \pm 0.003 |

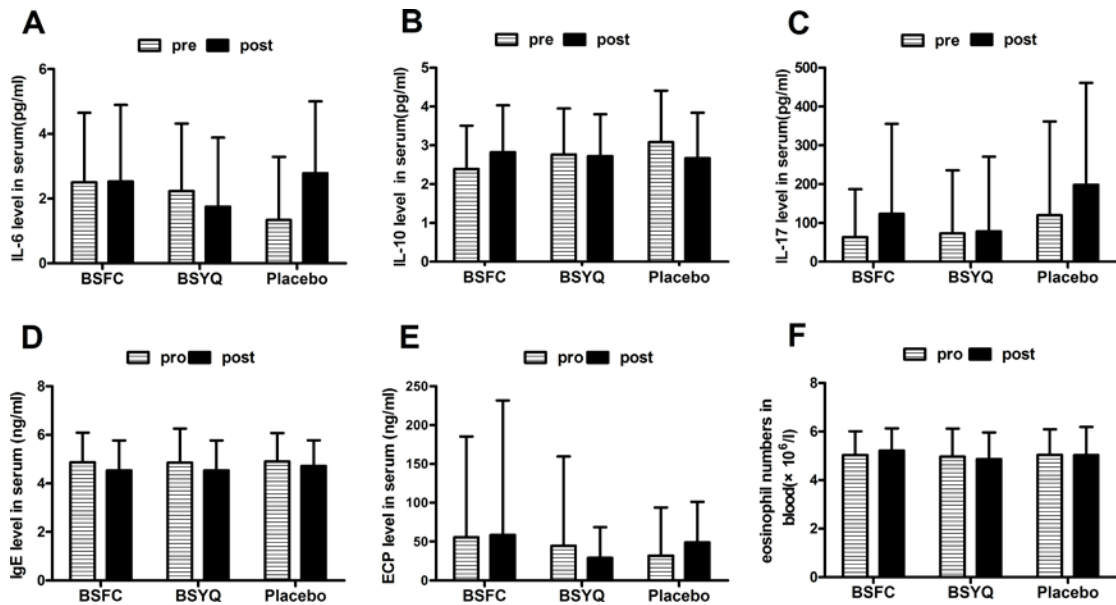


Figure 2. Effects of 6 months of treatment with two formulae or placebo on serum (A) IL-6, (B)IL-10, (C) IL-17, (D) IgE , (E) ECP and (F) eosinophil numbers. Data are means \pm SDs, in addition to IL-17 and ECP (the data were normal distribution), other data were log-transformed. The IL-17, IL-10, IL-6, IgE and ECP were determined by ELISA. For eosinophil numbers count, twenty microliters of peripheral blood collected from a finger stick were diluted in 380 ml staining buffer. The leukocytes were counted by using a hemacytometer. The absolute eosinophil number was calculated. For ELISA measure, venous blood samples were obtained from all patients before and 6 months after treatment. Serum IL-6, IL-10, IL-17, IgE and ECP were measured by commercial ELISA kit (Anogen Yes Biotech Laboratories Ltd, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada and edical & Biological Laboratories Co.,Ltd.Nagoya, Japan) according to the manufacturer's instructions