

## Supplementary materials

# Structural characterization, acute toxicity assessment and protective effects of selenylated apple pectin on dextran sulfate sodium-induced ulcerative colitis

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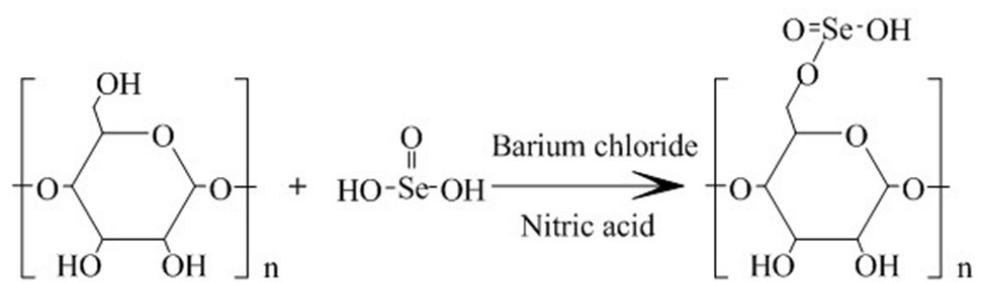
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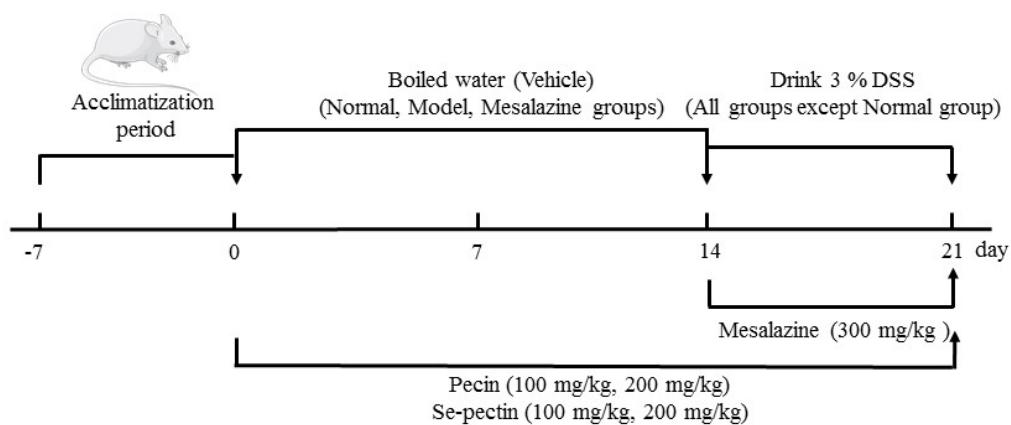
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**Fig. S1.** Synthesis process of selenium-polysaccharide.



**Fig. S2.** The in vivo experimental scheme. Here, Pectin: non-selenylated apple pectin; Se-pectin: selenylated apple pectin.

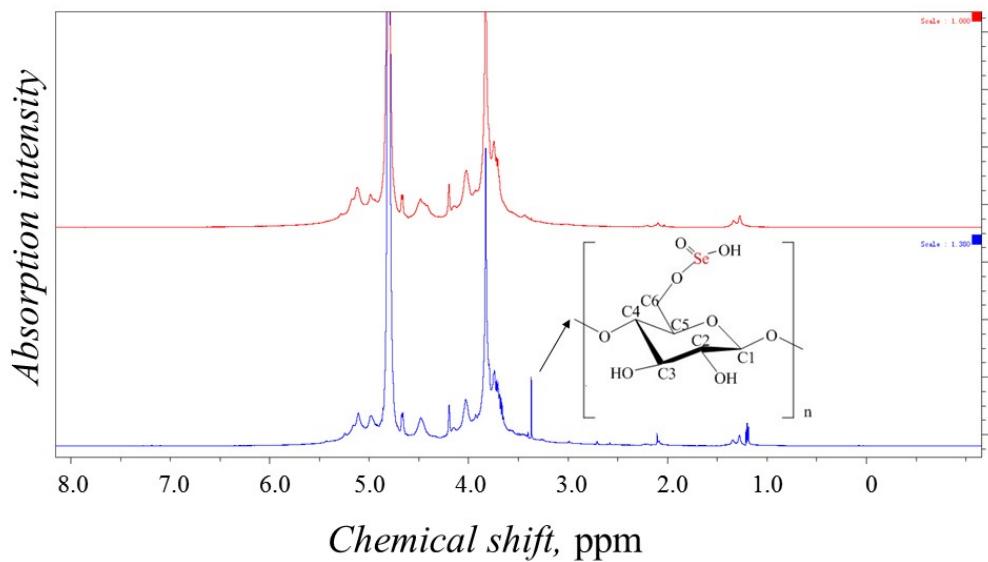
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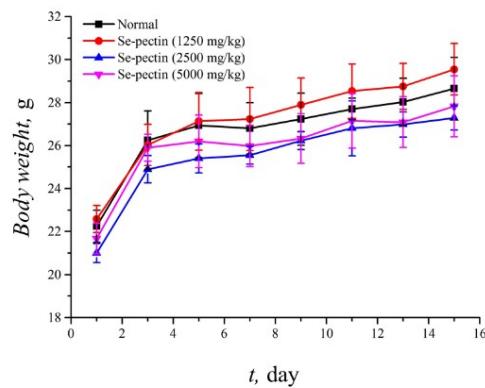


**Fig. S3.** The appearance of non-selenylated (a) and selenylated (b) apple pectins.

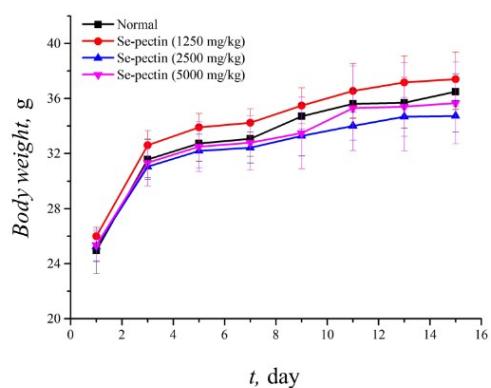


**Fig. S4.** One dimensional  $^1\text{H}$  Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (1 D  $^1\text{H}$  NMR) spectrum of non-selenylated (blue line) and selenylated (red line) apple pectins.

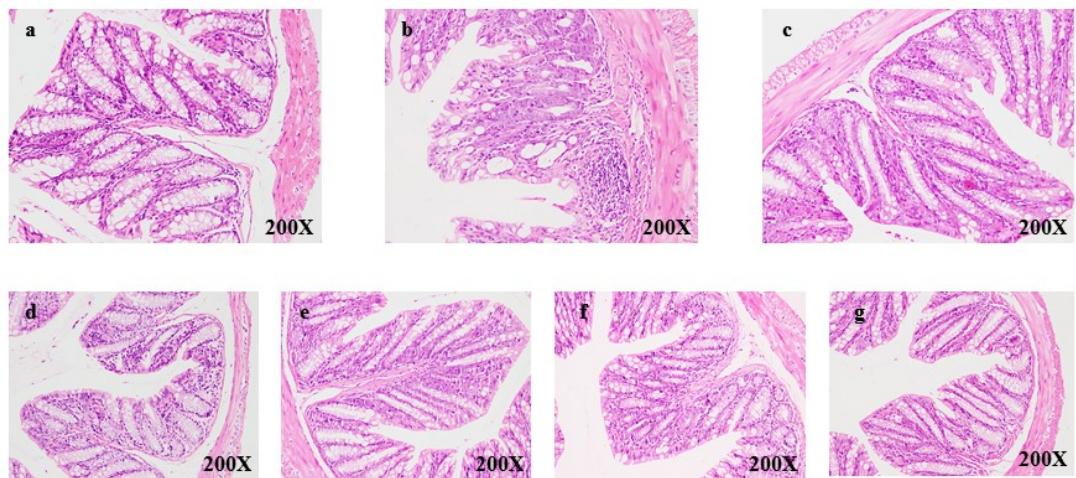
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**Fig. S5.** Changes in body weight of female (a) and male (b) mice.



**Fig. S6.** Hematoxylin-Eosin stained colon tissues (Magnification 200 ×) in mice of Normal (a), Model (b), Mesalazine (300 mg/kg) (c), Pectin (100 mg/kg) (d), Pectin (200 mg/kg) (e), Se-pectin (100 mg/kg) (f) and Se-pectin (200 mg/kg) (g) groups.

**Table S1** Scoring standards of Disease Activity Index (DAI).

Loss of body weight (%)	Fecal traits	Hematochezia	Score
0	Normal	Normal	0
1~5	Soft stools	Positive faint blood+	1
5~10	Crumbly stools	Positive faint blood++	2
10~15	Loose stools	Slight blood	3
>15	Diarrhoea	Apparent blood	4

**Table S2** The relative molecular weight distribution of non-selenylated and selenylated apple pectins.

Samples	Time (min)	Molecular weight (Da)	Content (%)
Non-selenylated apple pectin	6.82 - 7.80	$1.30 \times 10^7 \pm 8.17 \times 10^4$	2.8
	8.00 - 14.04	$5.17 \times 10^5 \pm 4.77 \times 10^3$	56.1
	14.27 - 19.05	$6.49 \times 10^4 \pm 6.16 \times 10^3$	23.6
	19.05 - 23.40	$1.88 \times 10^4 \pm 2.96 \times 10^3$	17.4
Selenylated apple pectin	7.04 - 8.09	$2.54 \times 10^7 \pm 2.23 \times 10^5$	3.3
	8.09 - 16.29	$6.03 \times 10^5 \pm 6.89 \times 10^3$	91.5
	16.29 - 19.30	$3.30 \times 10^5 \pm 3.25 \times 10^4$	1.9
	19.30 - 22.66	$4.55 \times 10^4 \pm 9.67 \times 10^3$	3.3

**Table S3** Monosaccharide composition and content of non-selenylated and selenylated apple pectins. Here, Rha-Rhamnose, Ara-Arabinose, Gal-Galactose, Glc-Glucose, Xyl-Xylose, GalA-Galacturonic acid.

Samples	Monosaccharide composition and content (mg/g sample)					
	Rha	Ara	Gal	Glc	Xyl	GalA
Non-selenylated apple pectin	39.1	12.4	224.8	70.2	81.2	465.6
Selenylated apple pectin	27.7	3.6	192.9	57.4	51.4	553.4

**Table S4** Effects of selenylated apple pectin of three doses on organ coefficients of mice.

Gender	Group	Heart (%)	Liver (%)	Spleen (%)	Kidney (%)	Intestines (%)
Male	Normal	0.54±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	4.30±0.27 <sup>a</sup>	0.44±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	1.19±0.09 <sup>a</sup>	7.56±0.68 <sup>a</sup>
	Se-pectin (1250 mg/kg)	0.48±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	4.23±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	0.40±0.07 <sup>a</sup>	1.18±0.09 <sup>a</sup>	7.94±0.75 <sup>a</sup>
	Se-pectin (2500 mg/kg)	0.53±0.09 <sup>a</sup>	4.12±0.16 <sup>a</sup>	0.37±0.05 <sup>a</sup>	1.15±0.08 <sup>a</sup>	8.06±0.48 <sup>a</sup>
	Se-pectin (5000 mg/kg)	0.52±0.04 <sup>a</sup>	4.09±0.17 <sup>a</sup>	0.35±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	1.19±0.10 <sup>a</sup>	7.48±0.95 <sup>a</sup>
Female	Normal	0.49±0.06 <sup>a</sup>	4.53±0.59 <sup>a</sup>	0.31±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	1.32±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	7.49±0.48 <sup>a</sup>
	Se-pectin (1250 mg/kg)	0.49±0.09 <sup>a</sup>	4.44±0.33 <sup>a</sup>	0.29±0.03 <sup>a</sup>	1.42±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	7.33±0.27 <sup>a</sup>
	Se-pectin (2500 mg/kg)	0.55±0.07 <sup>a</sup>	4.62±0.33 <sup>a</sup>	0.32±0.04 <sup>a</sup>	1.53±0.02 <sup>a</sup>	7.59±0.97 <sup>a</sup>
	Se-pectin (5000 mg/kg)	0.53±0.06 <sup>a</sup>	4.71±0.08 <sup>a</sup>	0.31±0.04 <sup>a</sup>	1.54±0.26 <sup>a</sup>	7.28±0.47 <sup>a</sup>

Date are expressed as the mean ± SD.