The Effect of *Nerium oleander* Extract on Neuroinflammation

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**Abstract**

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**Experimental Approach**

**Results**

- **Figure 1.** Effect of PBI-05204 on BV2 cell viability.
- **Figure 2.** Induction of pro-inflammatory cytokines upon LPS-stimulation in BV2 cells. Cells were treated with 50 ng/ml LPS with or without PBI-05204 for 3 hr and mRNA levels of each gene were measured by qRT-PCR.

**Results – cont’d**

- **Figure 3.** Induction of pro-inflammatory cytokines upon LPS-stimulation in BV2 cells. Cells were treated with 50 ng/ml LPS with or without PBI-05204 for 6 hr and mRNA levels of each gene were measured by qRT-PCR.

**Conclusion**

- PBI-05204 reduces mRNA expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines such as IL-1β and IL-6.
- Collectively, our data strongly suggest anti-inflammatory effect potential of PBI-05204.

**Future Direction**

- PBI-05204: Cognitive deficit, Neuroinflammation, AD-related pathology

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