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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a composition comprising a complex of delphinidin and a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin for use as an antiphlogistic and/or immunosuppressive.

(57) Zusammenfassung: Die Erfindung betrifft eine Zusammensetzung umfassend einen Komplex aus Delphinidin und einem Sulfoalkylether- $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin zur Verwendung als Antiphlogistikum und/oder Immunsuppressivum.



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**DELPHINIDIN COMPLEX AS AN ANTIPHLOGISTIC OR  
IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE ACTIVE INGREDIENT**

5 The invention relates to the use of compositions comprising

- a complex composed of delphinidin and a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin and/or
- delphinidin or the salts thereof

as an anti-inflammatory and/or an immunosuppressant.

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Responses of the immune system are mediated by the components of the innate and acquired immune system. The innately nonspecific immune system encompasses all responses to antigens and exogenous stimuli (bacteria, 15 viruses, fungi, etc.) which start from macrophages, monocytes and granulocytes, and also humoral defense mechanisms including interferon, defensins and acute phase proteins. The acquired or adaptive immune system encompasses all specific defense responses which start 20 from lymphocytes, more particularly from B lymphocytes (B cells) and T lymphocytes (T cells). Under certain conditions, the responses of the immune system itself can be the cause of diseases or disease-relevant states. Such diseases or states are, for example, acute 25 and chronic inflammations, sepsis, autoimmune diseases or rejections following an organ, cell or tissue transplant. In the event of these and other states, in which there is an inadequate or undesired immune response, immunosuppression by means of anti- 30 inflammatories or immunosuppressants is necessary from a clinical point of view.

An anti-inflammatory or antiphlogistic substance is a substance capable of reducing or inhibiting an 35 inflammation or one of its manifestations in part or in full, at once or after a delay. An antiphlogistic substance can either be directed to soluble mediators such as cytokines or modulate the expression of certain

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cellular surface receptors involved in an inflammatory response, such as, for example, MHC class II molecules. An immunosuppressant substance is a substance which acts on the immune system, resulting in an immediate or delayed reduction in the activity of the immunological system. An immunosuppressant substance is used when there is an excessive immune response, for example against endogenous molecules or tissue or against transplanted tissue, for example autoimmune diseases, type I diabetes, multiple sclerosis or rheumatoid arthritis. Anti-inflammatories currently used are, for example, acetylsalicylic acid, diclofenac, indomethacin or glucocorticoids. From the group of immunosuppressants, cell division inhibitors (azathioprine), calcineurin inhibitors (tacrolimus, cyclosporine, pimecrolimus) and hydrocortisone are used.

In daily clinical practice, hydrocortisone is used for inflammation inhibition and immunosuppression and is for example applied locally in the rectum to alleviate inflammatory symptoms in the case of inflammatory bowel disease, such as ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, or in the case of other inflammations of the lower part of the intestine, such as proctosigmoiditis. Likewise known is the use of hydrocortisone in creams and ointments for application to the skin in the case of inflammatory or allergic skin diseases such as eczemas, neurodermitis, psoriasis, sunburn, skin infections and insect bites, in order to bring about an alleviation of complaints such as itching or inflammations.

Whereas the short-term administration of even high hydrocortisone doses is generally still well tolerated by the body, undesired adverse effects do occur in the case of longer treatment and, more particularly, in the case of internal administration of the active ingredient. The internal administration of the active

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ingredient has two substantial adverse effects. Firstly, hydrocortisone promotes the retention of water from the urine into the blood. This increases the amount of blood; the pressure in the blood vessels increases and hence the blood pressure. By this means, it is also possible that high blood pressure occurs long-term. Secondly, hydrocortisone can trigger cardiac arrhythmias. Hydrocortisone increases the excretion of potassium with urine. This can lead to a potassium deficiency which promotes cardiac arrhythmias. Therefore, such preparations are typically applied in clinical practice only from the age of six and for no longer than two weeks.

It is an object of the present invention to provide an effective anti-inflammatory and/or immunosuppressant as an alternative or supplement to anti-inflammatories or immunosuppressants known from the prior art, such as hydrocortisone.

This object is achieved by the compositions and uses claimed in the independent claims, with advantageous embodiments of the invention being disclosed in the dependent claims. The fact that this object is actually achieved is evidenced by the *in vitro* and *in vivo* experimental results relating to the anti-inflammatory and antiphlogistic effect of delphinidin and delphinidin/sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin in the examples 6-11 according to the invention.

Firstly, some terms used in the context of the invention will be explained.

The complex according to the invention or the composition according to the invention are used to treat a subject or individual suffering from an indication and/or requiring a prophylactic treatment,

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which is preferably selected from the group consisting of

- inflammatory states or inflammatory diseases,
- diseases associated with inflammatory tissue changes,
- 5 - rejections following a transplant and
- autoimmune diseases.

“Inflammatory states or inflammatory diseases” in the context of the present invention encompass indication such as, for example, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic polyarthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, spondylitis, osteoarthritis, sepsis, septic shock, cerebral malaria, a chronic inflammatory lung disease, silicosis, sarcoidosis, reperfusion syndrome, neurodegenerative or neuroinflammatory diseases, such as Crohn’s disease, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson’s disease, ulcerative colitis, fever in the case of infections and also depressions which are likewise caused by inflammatory tissue responses [Pace *et al.* (2006), Increased stress-induced inflammatory responses in male patients with major depression and increased early life stress. *Am. J. Psychiatry.* 163(9): 1630-3].

25 Inflammatory responses can likewise be observed in the course of a reduced myocardial and/or cerebral blood supply (ischemia), more particularly after restored blood supply (reperfusion), in which the necrotic swelling of the cells leads to the break-up of the cell membrane and associated release of the constituents of the cytoplasm, which cause an inflammatory response. The complex according to the invention or the composition according to the invention thus also has, according to the invention, a use which can be considered to be that of tissue and/or organ protection in the context of cerebral and/or myocardial ischemia and correlate with the clinical symptoms of stroke and of myocardial infarction. In a preferred embodiment of

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the invention, the use of the complex according to the invention or the composition according to the invention by the affected tissue or organ averts or softens additional damage (reperfusion paradox), as evidenced  
5 in the investigations of exemplary embodiment 10.

Atherosclerosis-associated diseases, including in particular stroke, coronary heart disease (CHD) and peripheral artery occlusive disease, affect people in  
10 industrial countries to a considerable extent. Currently, over 7 million people die each year as the result of ischemic heart diseases. CHD causes an inadequate blood supply and associated insufficient supply of oxygen to the cardiac muscle (myocardial  
15 ischemia), and the consequence of this is that myocardial infarction and cardiac death may occur. CHD is divided into 6 progressive forms: stable angina pectoris, acute coronary syndrome (unstable angina pectoris and acute myocardial infarction), sudden  
20 cardiac death, chronic heart failure, cardiac arrhythmias and also silent myocardial ischemia. With advancing myocardial ischemia, cell death of the cardiocytes ensues owing to "random" (necrosis) and "programmed" (apoptosis) cell death, with the necrotic  
25 swelling of the cells leading to the break-up of the cell membranes with release of the cytoplasmic constituents responsible for the inflammatory response.

"Diseases associated with inflammatory tissue changes"  
30 include indications such as from the group consisting of Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and cancer.

The term "subject" encompasses living animals and humans.  
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The term "composition comprising a complex composed of delphinidin and a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin and/or delphinidin or the salts thereof" includes the

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composition as a monopreparation, i.e., without any further therapeutically active components. Alternatively, the composition can comprise at least one further therapeutically active substance. Said  
5 further therapeutically effective substance is preferably selected from the group of the anti-inflammatories, of the antibodies against inflammatory cytokines, of the soluble receptors of inflammatory cytokines or of the immunosuppressants and particularly  
10 preferably selected from the group consisting of acetylsalicylic acid, diclofenac, indomethacin, cyclosporine, azathioprine, bortezomib, melphalan, prednisone, vincristine, carmustine, cyclophosphamide, dexamethasone, thalidomide, doxorubicin, cisplatin,  
15 etoposide and cytarabine.

The present invention also provides methods for treating a subject suffering from an inflammatory state or an inflammatory disease, from a disease associated  
20 with inflammatory tissue changes, a rejection following a transplant or an autoimmune disease, with a therapeutically effective amount of the composition according to the invention being administered to the subject. As already mentioned, the composition  
25 according to the invention can be administered alone or in combination with at least one other therapeutic agent. The composition according to the invention can be administered simultaneously with the other therapeutic agent, which can be a constituent of the  
30 same composition or is provided in another composition. Alternatively, the composition according to the invention can be administered before or after the administration of the other therapeutic agent. The composition according to the invention can be  
35 administered via the same administration route as the other therapeutic agent or via another administration route.

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In the context of the present invention, the term "treatment" means attaining the following results in full or in part: total or partial reduction of the symptoms; improvement of at least one of the clinical symptoms or disease-associated indicators; delaying, suppressing or protecting against the progression of the disease; or totally or partly delaying, suppressing or protecting against the breakout or emergence of the disease. The subject to be treated is a person or animal, preferably a mammal. The veterinary medical treatment encompasses not only the treatment of livestock or wild animals (e.g., sheep, cats, horses, cows, pigs), but also laboratory animals (e.g., rats, mice, guinea pigs, apes).

The composition according to the invention is preferably provided and administered as a pharmaceutical composition. The term "pharmaceutical composition" encompasses one or more active ingredients and one or more inert ingredients acting as carrier for the active ingredient(s). The pharmaceutical compositions make it possible to administer the complex according to the invention or the composition according to the invention orally, rectally, parenterally, including intraperitoneally, percutaneously, subcutaneously, intramuscularly, intravenously, ophthalmically, pulmonally or nasally. A parenteral form of administration can, for example, be a tablet, capsule, solution, suspension or dispersion. An ophthalmic, pulmonal or nasal form of administration can, for example, be an aerosol, solution, cream, paste, lotion, gel, ointment, suspension or dispersion. Corresponding techniques for formulation and administration are known from the prior art; see, for example, "Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences" (Mack Publishing Co., Easton Pa.). For example, the compositions according to the invention can be administered to a target intravenously by means of a

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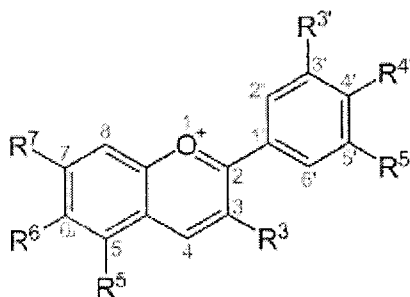
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pharmaceutically acceptable carrier (e.g., physiological salt solution). In the case of injection, one option is formulation in an aqueous solution, preferably in physiologically acceptable buffers (e.g., Hanks' solution, Ringer's solution or physiologically buffered saline solution). In the case of parenteral administration, including intravenous, subcutaneous, intramuscular and intraperitoneal administration, an aqueous or oily solution or a solids formulation is likewise a possibility. The proportion of the active ingredient in the pharmaceutical composition can vary and is typically between 2 and 60% by weight of the administration unit. The proportion of active ingredient is appropriately selected such that an effective dose is attained. In a preferred embodiment of the invention, the delphinidin or the salts thereof and/or the complex composed of delphinidin and the sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin is used in a pharmaceutical preparation for the controlled and/or delayed release of the delphinidin.

"Salt" or "pharmaceutically acceptable salt" means any pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound of present invention, which salt can release the pharmaceutically effective active ingredient or the active metabolite thereof after administration. Salts of the compositions and complexes of the present invention can be derived from inorganic or organic acids and bases.

The anthocyanidin delphinidin can be used in "pure form" or "purified", meaning that undesired components have been removed.

"Anthocyanidins" have the basic structure reproduced below.



The substituents in this formula are selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxyl group and methoxy group.

Cyclodextrins which can be complexed according to the invention with the anthocyanidin delphinidin are cyclic oligosaccharides composed of glucose molecules linked by  $\alpha$ -1,4-glycosidic bonds.  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin has seven glucose units. In the case of a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, hydroxyl groups of the glucose unit are etherified in a sulfoalkyl alcohol. According to the invention, generally only some of the 21 hydroxyl groups of a  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin are etherified. The production of sulfoalkyl ether cyclodextrins is familiar to a person skilled in the art and described in, for example, US 5,134,127 or WO 2009/134347 A2.

Sulfoalkyl ether groups are used in the case of cyclodextrins in the prior art to increase the hydrophilicity or water solubility. Sulfoalkyl ether groups contribute to a particular extent to increasing the stability of the complex composed of anthocyanidins and appropriately substituted  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, thus substantially improving the storage stability and formulability of the especially oxidation-sensitive anthocyanidins. The complex according to the invention can be formulated as a storage-stable aqueous solution or solid, as will be shown in more detail below.

Particular preference according to the invention is given to the complexation of the active ingredient delphinidin with a sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, and this, surprisingly, increases the solubility and stability of the active ingredient. An attempt to explain this, without restricting the scope of protection, is that the negatively charged sulfoethyl units interact electrostatically with the positively charged anthocyanidin delphinidin and, among the alkyl groups, the ethyl group has the optimal length to allow an appropriate interaction from a sterical point of view. It should be noted at this point that it is not possible to make a generally valid statement that any desired active ingredient, for example delphinidin, in a complex with a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin leads to an improvement in the solubility and stability. By way of example, reference should be made at this point to table 1 in Ueda *et al.*, "Evaluation of a Sulfoethyl Ether  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin as a Solubilizing/Stabilizing Agent for Several Drugs", Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy, 24(9), 863-867 (1998), in which the solubilities of various active ingredients alone, in a complex with sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin and in a complex with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin are contrasted. From the solubility values shown therein (SBE7- $\beta$ -CD vs.  $\beta$ -CD), it can be seen that exactly the opposite is the case for a third of the investigated active ingredients in a complex with sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin, i.e., the complex composed of active ingredient and sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin results in a significantly lower solubility compared to the complex with  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

Preferably, the degree of substitution of the cyclodextrin with sulfoalkyl ether groups is from 3 to 8, more preferably from 4 to 8, more preferably from 5 to 8, more preferably from 6 to 7. Likewise usable are sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrins having a similar

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degree of substitution; for instance, appropriate cyclodextrins having a medium degree of substitution of from 6 to 7 are, for example, described in the aforementioned WO 2009/134347 A2 and commercially available under the trade name Captisol®. Likewise usable are appropriate cyclodextrins having a degree of substitution of from 4 to 5, for example 4.2.

The anthocyanidin used according to the invention in pure, salt or complexed form is delphinidin. The chemical structure corresponds to the above-reproduced formula having the following substitution pattern

	R <sup>3'</sup>	R <sup>4'</sup>	R <sup>5'</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>5</sup>	R <sup>6</sup>	R <sup>7</sup>
Delphinidin	-OH	-OH	-OH	-OH	-OH	-H	-OH

The invention further provides an aqueous solution of the composition according to the invention for use as a medicament according to the claims.

The production of the complex according to the invention and of an appropriately aqueous solution comprises the following steps:

- a) producing an aqueous solution of the sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin,
- b) adding and mixing the anthocyanidin delphinidin to produce the complex.

In step a), preference is given to producing an aqueous solution containing from 5 to 10% by weight of the cyclodextrin used. In the context of the invention, particular preference is given to adjusting the pH of the aqueous solution during or after, though preferably before, the addition of the delphinidin to a pH of 7 or less, preferably 6 or less, more preferably 5 or less, more preferably from 4 to 5. It has been found that said pH makes it possible to set a relatively high concentration of the complex in aqueous solution.

The concentration of the delphinidin, calculated as chloride, is preferably at least 0.5 mg/ml, more preferably at least 1.0 mg/ml, more preferably at least 1.5 mg/ml, more preferably 2.0 mg/ml. The particularly preferred concentration range of at least 2.0 mg/ml can be set in particular, in the context of a preferred embodiment, in an aqueous solution having a pH between 4 and 5.

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As part of the production, the mixing of the constituents of the aqueous solution can be effected by stirring; preferred mixing times are from 2 to 20 h. Preference is given to working in the dark in order to avoid a light-induced oxidation.

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The invention further provides a solid for use as a medicament, which solid is obtainable according to the invention by removing the solvent from an above-described aqueous solution according to the invention. The removal can preferably be effected by freeze-drying (lyophilization). Both the aqueous medicamentous solution according to the invention and the medicamentous solid have a high storage stability.

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The invention shall now be described below in detail in the examples with reference to the attached figures, without being restricted thereto.

30 Figure 1 shows the *in vitro* efficacy profile of the prophylactic administration of delphinidin and/or simultaneous administration thereof with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on cells compared to cells treated only with LPS (control).

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- 5 Figure 2a shows the *in vitro* efficacy profile of the simultaneous administration of delphinidin or hydrocortisone with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on cells compared to cells treated only with LPS (control).
- 10 Figure 2b shows the *in vitro* efficacy profile of the simultaneous administration of delphinidin with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on cells compared to cells treated only with LPS (control).
- 15 Figure 3 shows the *in vitro* efficacy profile of delphinidin on cells when using a varying delphinidin concentration compared to cells treated with hydrocortisone.
- 20 Figure 4 shows the influence of delphinidin and dexamethasone on the mRNA expression of Ccl7 [chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 7] in cEND cells after TNF $\alpha$  [tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$ ] treatment or untreated cells *in vitro*.
- 25 Figure 5 shows the influence of delphinidin on the mRNA expression of the tight junction protein claudin-5 in cEND cells after TNF $\alpha$  [tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$ ] treatment or untreated cells *in vitro*.
- 30 Figure 6 shows the *in vivo* influence of intraplantarally administered delphinidin/sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin on a CFA (complete Freund's adjuvant)-induced inflammation of the rat hind paw.

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Figure 7 shows the acute *in vivo* mouse myocardial infarction model used in example 10 with time course and the affected cardiac regions.

Figure 8 shows solubilities of delphinidinSBECD.

Figure 9 shows the experimental protocol of use of delphinidinSBECD in the model as per figure 7.

Figure 10 shows the infarct size as a percentage of the ischemic region for delphinidinSBECD compared to the control group.

### Examples

#### I. Production of a complex composed of delphinidin and cyclodextrins

##### 1. Materials used:

The following cyclodextrins are used:

$\alpha$ -CD	ID No: CYL-2322
$\beta$ -CD	ID No: CYL-3190
$\gamma$ -CD	ID No: CYL-2323
(2-Hydroxypropyl)- $\beta$ -CD	ID No: L-043/07
Sulfobutyl ether $\beta$ -CD	ID No: 47K010111

Delphinidin chloride was purchased from Extrasynthese.

##### 2. Determination of the delphinidin content

The content of delphinidin chloride in the delphinidin-containing compositions was determined by using a

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reverse-phase HPLC method. This used the following reagents:

Purified water

5 Methanol for chromatography

Formic acid, p. a.

1 M Hydrochloric acid as volumetric solution.

10 The column used was a Waters X Bridge™ C18, 35 µl,  
150 mm x 4.6 mm.

The mobile phases were as follows:

Channel A: water (950 ml), methanol (50 ml), formic acid (10 ml)

15 Channel B: water (50 ml), methanol (950 ml), formic acid (10 ml)

The following gradient program was used:

Time [min]	Percent channel B
0	0
5	0
25	60
30	100

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Stop time: 35 min

Posttime: 8 min

Flow rate: 1 ml/min

25 Injection volume: 20 µl

Column temperature: 30°C +/- 2°C

UV/Vis detector: 530 µm for the assay, 275 µm for detecting impurities

Integrator: area

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Solutions and sample preparation:

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Dilution solution 1: mixture of 100 ml of methanol and  
2.6 ml of M HCl

5 Dilution solution 2: mixture of 100 ml of 40% methanol  
and 2.6 ml of 1 M HCl

10 Calibration solution: a delphinidin reference solution  
was produced by weighing out 10 mg of delphinidin  
chloride into a 10 ml flask and dissolving it in  
dilution solution 1. After it was dissolved, it was  
diluted approximately 10-fold using dilution solution 2  
to produce an approximate concentration of 0.1 mg/ml.

15 The control calibration solution was produced in the  
same manner. The calibration solutions were immediately  
analyzed by means of HPLC, since delphinidin chloride  
is unstable in solution.

20 Production of the test solutions:

To determine the delphinidin content of solids produced  
according to the invention (with regard to production,  
see further below), about 50 mg of this composition  
were weighed out in a 10 ml flask. This was then  
25 dissolved in dilution solution 2 and further diluted  
with the same dilution solution 2 until an approximate  
delphinidin concentration of 0.1 mg/ml was set.

30 The determination of the delphinidin content in the  
samples was calculated with the aid of the Agilent  
ChemStation software using the calibration with the  
described external standard.

35 **Example 1:** Complexation of delphinidin with SBE- $\beta$ -CD

In this example, the complexation of delphinidin by  
means of various cyclodextrins and the solubility of  
the complex in aqueous solution are investigated.

Neutral aqueous solutions containing 10% by weight of the particular cyclodextrin were produced. In the case of  $\beta$ -CD, a concentration of only 2% by weight was selected because of the insufficient solubility.

5 ml of each of the aqueous cyclodextrin solutions and of pure water were filled into glass flasks. An excess of delphinidin chloride was then added. The required excess amount was 10 mg for the solutions of  $\alpha$ -,  $\beta$ - and  $\gamma$ -cyclodextrin and 15 mg for the solutions of HPBCD (2-hydroxypropyl- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin) and SBE- $\beta$ -CD.

The suspensions were stirred in the dark at 30°C for 20 h. This was followed by filtration through a membrane filter having a 0.22  $\mu$ m pore size.

The attainable solubilities are reproduced in table 1 below.

Cyclodextrin	Cyclodextrin concentration	Delphinidin chloride
-	0	0.07 mg/ml
$\alpha$ -CD	10%	0.14 mg/ml
$\beta$ -CD	2%	0.05 mg/ml
$\gamma$ -CD	10%	0.21 mg/ml
HPBCD	10%	0.19 mg/ml
SBE- $\beta$ -CD	10%	0.66 mg/ml

It is apparent that the complexation and the resulting increase in solubility is far better for SBE- $\beta$ -CD than for the other cyclodextrins.

**Example 2:** Influence of pH

In this example, the influence of pH on the solubility of a delphinidin/SBE- $\beta$ -CD in aqueous solution was investigated. In accordance with the instructions of example 1, aqueous solutions of SEB- $\beta$ -CD were produced, though said solutions were adjusted with 1 M HCl to the acidic pH levels stated in table 2. Delphinidin chloride was then added and further processed in accordance with the instructions of example 1, the only deviation being that the stirring time was limited to 2.5 h. The results are reproduced in table 2 below.

pH	Delphinidin chloride
6.0	0.60 mg/ml
4.8	2.12 mg/ml
4.1	2.03 mg/ml

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It is apparent that, for pH levels between 4 and 5, the solubility of the complexed delphinidin chloride increases by about a factor of 3 with respect to a neutral pH.

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**Example 3:** Production of a solid according to the invention

In this example, a complex according to the invention is formulated as a solid. For the purposes of comparison, a delphinidin/HPBCD complex and a delphinidin/starch formulation are prepared as solids.

**Example 3.1:** Delphinidin/SBE- $\beta$ -CD

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5 g of SEB- $\beta$ -CD were dissolved in 40 ml of distilled water to give a clear solution. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 4.8 using 1 M HCl. 0.11 g of delphinidin chloride was then added and stirred in the

dark at 27°C for 2 h. The homogeneous liquid was vacuum-filtered through a cellulose nitrate membrane filter having a pore size of 0.45 µm. The solution was frozen and then freeze-dried at -48°C and a pressure of  
5 about 10.3 Pa (77 mTorr). The lyophilisate was ground and sieved through a sieve of 0.3 mm mesh size.

**Example 3.2:** Delphinidin/HPBCD

10 The procedure was the same as for example 3.1, but a significant amount of material was filtered off during the filtration, indicating that the solubilization was distinctly less effective than when using SBE-β-CD in accordance with example 3.1.

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**Example 3.3:** Delphinidin/starch formulation

5 g of starch were suspended in 40 ml of distilled water. A white suspension was obtained. The pH of the  
20 solution was adjusted to 4.6 using 1 M HCl. 0.11 g of delphinidin chloride was then added and stirred in the dark at 27°C for 2 h. The homogeneous liquid obtained was freeze-dried, ground and sieved as in example 3.1.

25 Example 3.1 is in accordance with the invention, and examples 3.2 and 3.3 are comparative examples.

**Example 4:** Stability experiments

30 The solids according to examples 3.1 to 3.3 were stored under the following conditions:

- 8 days at room temperature in brown, screwed glass containers,
- 35 - subsequently 22 days at room temperature in glass containers under an oxygen atmosphere in the dark.

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The last 22 days of the above-described storage were carried out in glass vials having a volume of 20 ml. 250 mg of each of the samples already stored for 8 days beforehand were filled into said vials, and these were  
 5 closed and sealed using a rubber stopper. By means of two injection needles, the headspace of the vials was flushed with pure oxygen. The samples were then stored in the dark.

10 The delphinidin content of the solids (calculated as delphinidin chloride and specified in % by weight) was determined by means of the above-described HPLC method. The results are in table 3 below.

	Course of time [days]				
	Start	2	8	19	30
Example 3.1	1.69	1.52	1.55	1.40	0.93
Example 3.2	1.30	1.20	1.14	1.03	0.68
Example 3.3	1.60	1.59	1.56	1.53	1.15

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The results show that, according to the invention, it is possible to produce a delphinidin complex which has a high stability and thus a good shelf life even under a pure oxygen atmosphere. The complex further has a good  
 20 solubility in aqueous solutions, more particularly slightly acidic solutions, making it possible according to the invention to formulate delphinidin in a varied manner. The stability of the solid according to the invention is as good as a formulation containing starch  
 25 (example 3.3); however, this comparative example cannot be formulated in an aqueous solution.

**Example 5:** Stability experiments in aqueous solution

30 The content of delphinidin chloride in the delphinidin-containing solutions was determined by using a reverse-

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phase HPLC method similar to the one already described above. This used the following reagents:

Purified water

5 Methanol for chromatography

Formic acid, p. a.

1 M Hydrochloric acid as volumetric solution.

10 The column used was a Waters X Bridge™ C18, 35 µl,  
150 mm x 4.6 mm.

The mobile phases were as follows:

Channel A: water (770 ml), methanol (230 ml), formic acid (10 ml)

15 Channel B: water (50 ml), methanol (950 ml), formic acid (10 ml)

The following gradient program was used:

Time [min]	Percent channel B
0	0
5	0
20	20
25	100

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Stop time: 25 min

Posttime: 8 min

Flow rate: 1 ml/min

25 Injection volume: 20 µl

Column temperature: 30°C +/- 2°C

UV/Vis detector: 530 µm for the assay, 275 µm for detecting impurities

Integrator: area

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Solutions and sample preparation:

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Dilution solution 1: mixture of 100 ml of methanol and  
2.6 ml of 1 M HCl

5 Dilution solution 2: mixture of 100 ml of 50% methanol  
and 2.6 ml of 1 M HCl

10 Calibration solution: a delphinidin reference solution  
was produced by weighing out 10 mg of delphinidin  
chloride into a 10 ml flask and dissolving it in  
dilution solution 1. After it was dissolved, it was  
diluted approximately 10-fold using dilution solution 2  
to produce an approximate concentration of 0.1 mg/ml.

15 The control calibration solution was produced in the  
same manner. The calibration solutions were immediately  
analyzed by means of HPLC, since delphinidin chloride  
is unstable in solution.

20 Production of the test solutions:

To determine the delphinidin content of an aqueous  
solution according to the invention, delphinidin/SBE- $\beta$ -  
CD of example 3.1 (according to the invention) and  
delphinidin (comparative example) were dissolved in  
25 0.9% NaCl solution until a starting concentration  
(based on the delphinidin) of 1.584 mg/ml (example  
according to the invention) or 0.0216 mg/ml  
(comparative example) was set. The solutions were  
produced at room temperature and then stored in closed  
30 vials in the dark at 37°C.

35 After 1, 2, 3 and 4 h, the delphinidin content was  
determined. The table below specifies the ascertained  
content as a percentage of the above-stated starting  
concentration.

Time [h]	Delphinidin, uncomplexed	Delphinidin/ SBE- $\beta$ -CD
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0	100%	100%
1	8.3%	80.7%
2	6.5%	74.5%
3	5.6%	64.7%
4	5.1%	62.8%

The determination of the delphinidin content in the samples was calculated with the aid of the Agilent ChemStation software using the calibration with the described external standard.

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**Example 6:** *In vitro* efficacy profile of the prophylactic administration of delphinidin and/or simultaneous administration thereof with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on cells compared to cells treated only with LPS (control).

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### Methodology

For healthy test subjects, the concentration of NF $\kappa$ B in the nucleus of monocytes after stimulation with LPS and/or delphinidin was assayed by means of immunofluorescence nuclear staining for NF $\kappa$ B and expressed in relation to nonstimulated cells. NF $\kappa$ B is activated by various stimuli, especially inflammatory and stress-associated stimuli. Inactive NF $\kappa$ B proteins are bound in the cytosol to inhibitor proteins of the I $\kappa$ B family (Baeuerle and Baltimore, 1988, Activation of DNA-binding activity in an apparently cytoplasmic precursor of the NF- $\kappa$ B transcription factor, Cell (53), 211-7; Baeuerle and Baltimore, 1988, I  $\kappa$ B: a specific inhibitor of the NF- $\kappa$ B transcription factor, Science (242), 540-6), and the stimulus-dependent proteolytic degradation of various I $\kappa$ B

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members brings about the nuclear migration of NF $\kappa$ B (Ghosh *et al.*, 1988, NF-kappa B and Rel proteins: evolutionarily conserved mediators of immune responses, *Annu Rev Immunol* (16), 225-60) and therefore the

5 determination of the extent of the translocation of NF $\kappa$ B from the cytosol into the nucleus is an appropriate detection means for the inflammatory or antiphlogistic effect of compositions to be investigated.

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The following procedure was carried out and shown in figure 1 from left to right, with the stimulation/incubation of the cells (1 ml in each case of RPMI-1640 comprising 1 million cells in the

15 exponential growth phase) taking place at 37°C in a well of a 24-well polystyrene cell culture dish and the specified concentrations being final concentrations:

- "1.5h 10 $\mu$ g LPS" - Stimulation of the cells for 1.5 h with 10  $\mu$ g/ml LPS (control)
- "24h prestim. 5 $\mu$ M Del-C1; 1.5h 10 $\mu$ g LPS" - 24 h prestimulation of the cells with 5  $\mu$ M delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium) and then 1.5 h stimulation with 10  $\mu$ g/ml LPS
- "1.5h 5 $\mu$ M Del-C1 + 10 $\mu$ g LPS" - 1.5 h stimulation of the cells with 10  $\mu$ g/ml LPS and 5  $\mu$ M delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium)
- "24h prestim. 5 $\mu$ M Del-C1; 1.5h 5 $\mu$ M Del-C1" - 24 h prestimulation of the cells with 5  $\mu$ M delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium) and then renewed stimulation with 5  $\mu$ M delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640

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cell medium) for 1.5 h

"24h prestim. - 24 h prestimulation of the cells  
5µM Del-Cl; with 5 µM delphinidin chloride  
1.5h 5µM Del-Cl (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell  
+ 10µg LPS" medium) and then renewed  
stimulation with 5 µM delphinidin  
chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640  
cell medium) and 10 µg/ml LPS for  
1.5 h

### Results

As is apparent from figure 1, a prophylactic  
5 administration of 5 µM delphinidin for 24 h before the  
stimulation of the cell immune response with LPS  
(weakly) inhibits the subsequent 1.5 h LPS-mediated  
immune response ("24h prestim. 5µM Del-Cl; 1.5h 10µg  
10 LPS" versus "1.5h 10µg LPS"); the inhibition of the  
immune response is less than in the case of  
simultaneous administration of delphinidin in  
combination with LPS ("1.5h 5µM Del-Cl + 10µg LPS"),  
and can, by means of prophylactic and repeated addition  
of 5 µM delphinidin coupled with the addition of LPS  
15 ("24h prestim. 5µM Del-Cl; 1.5h 5µM Del-Cl + 10µg  
LPS"), be further intensified (additive effect).

**Example 7:** *In vitro* efficacy profile of the  
simultaneous administration of delphinidin or  
20 hydrocortisone with lipopolysaccharide (LPS) on cells  
compared to cells treated only with LPS (control).

### Methodology

25 A procedure analogous to the methodology in example 5  
was carried out and shown in figures 2a and 2b from  
left to right, with the stimulation/incubation of the  
cells (1 ml in each case of RPMI-1640 comprising 1

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million cells in the exponential growth phase) taking place at 37°C in a well of a 24-well polystyrene cell culture dish and the specified concentrations being final concentrations:

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Figure 2a:

- "1.5h 10µg LPS" - Stimulation of the cells for 1.5 h with 10 µg/ml LPS (control)
- "1.5h 5µM Del-Cl + 10µg LPS" - 1.5 h simulation of the cells with 10 µg/ml LPS and 5 µM delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium)
- "1.5h hydrocortisone + 10µg LPS" - Stimulation of the cells for 10<sup>-5</sup> M hydrocortisone and 10 µg/ml LPS for 1.5 h

Figure 2b:

- "1.5h 10µg LPS" - Stimulation of the cells for 1.5 h with 10 µg/ml LPS (control)
- "1.5h 10µM Del-Cl + 10µg LPS" - 1.5 h simulation of the cells with 10 µg/ml LPS and 10 µM delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium)

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### Results

As is apparent from figure 2a, the LPS-mediated immune response of the cells is, in the case of simultaneous administration of 5 µM delphinidine ("1.5h 5µM Del-Cl + 10µg LPS"), inhibited at least just as well as by means of addition of hydrocortisone ("1.5h hydrocortisone + 10µg LPS") used as comparison. In a repeat experiment shown in figure 2b, it was confirmed that the LPS-mediated immune response of the cells is significantly

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reduced in the case of simultaneous administration of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  delphinidin ("1.5h 10 $\mu\text{M}$  Del-Cl + 10 $\mu\text{g}$  LPS").

**Example 8:** *In vitro* efficacy profile of delphinidin on cells when using a varying delphinidin concentration compared to cells treated with hydrocortisone.

#### Methodology

10 A procedure analogous to the methodology in examples 5 and 6 was carried out and shown in figure 3 from left to right, with the stimulation/incubation of the cells (1 ml in each case of RPMI-1640 comprising 1 million cells in the exponential growth phase) taking place at 15 37°C in a well of a 24-well polystyrene cell culture dish and the specified concentrations being final concentrations:

"1.5h 2.5 $\mu\text{M}$  Del-Cl" - 1.5 h stimulation of the cells with 2.5  $\mu\text{M}$  delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium)

"1.5h 5 $\mu\text{M}$  Del-Cl" - 1.5 h stimulation of the cells with 5  $\mu\text{M}$  delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium)

"1.5h 10 $\mu\text{M}$  Del-Cl" - 1.5 h stimulation of the cells with 10  $\mu\text{M}$  delphinidin chloride (dissolved in RPMI-1640 cell medium)

"1.5h hydrocortisone" - 1.5 h stimulation of the cells with 10<sup>-5</sup>  $\mu\text{M}$  hydrocortisone

Results

As is apparent from figure 3, with increasing delphinidin concentration, there is also an increase in the delphinidin-mediated inhibition of the cell immune response (dose effect), with the inhibitory effect at an appropriately high concentration being comparable to that of hydrocortisone.

10 **Example 9:** Cell-protective (antiphlogistic/anti-inflammatory) effect of delphinidin on the blood-brain barrier, more particularly influence of delphinidin compared to dexamethasone on the mRNA expression of Ccl7 [chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 7] in cEND cells  
15 after TNF $\alpha$  [tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$ ] treatment or untreated cells *in vitro*.

Methodology

20 To investigate the antiphlogistic effect of delphinidin, use was made of an *in vitro* model of the blood-brain barrier, cEND cells (Forster, C. *et al.*, Occludin as direct target for glucocorticoid-induced improvement of blood-brain barrier properties in a murine *in vitro* System. J Physiol 565 (Pt 2), 475  
25 (2005)). Said *in vitro* model consists of the microvascular endothelial cells which were isolated from the murine brain capillaries and immortalized. The cells are seeded on cell culture vessels coated with collagen IV (constituent of the basal lamina around the  
30 brain capillaries).

Exposure of cEND cells to tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF $\alpha$ ) and determination of the Ccl7 mRNA expression as  
35 a marker for inflammation. The reference substance selected for an antiphlogistic effect was dexamethasone, a synthetic steroid hormone having a strong antiphlogistic effect, and the effect of

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delphinidin in relation to the effect of dexamethasone was plotted in the graph shown in figure 4. This was followed by RNA isolation and qPCR analyses of the proinflammatory cytokine, Ccl7 (chemokine (C-C motif ligand 7), also known as Mcp-3 (monocyte chemotactic protein-3).

The following procedure was carried out and shown in figure 4 from left to right:

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- "untreated" - Control without stimulus
- "dex" - Dexamethasone
- "Del-C1 0.1 $\mu$ M" - Delphinidin (0.1  $\mu$ mol)
- "Del-C1 1 $\mu$ M" - Delphinidin (0.1  $\mu$ mol)
- "TNF $\alpha$  24h" - Exposure to TNF $\alpha$  for 24 h
- "TNF $\alpha$  48h" - Exposure to TNF $\alpha$  for 48 h
- "TNF $\alpha$  then dex" - Exposure to TNF $\alpha$  for 24 h, then addition of dexamethasone and exposure for a further 24 h
- "TNF $\alpha$  then Del-C1 0.1 $\mu$ M" - Exposure to TNF $\alpha$  for 24 h, then addition of delphinidin (0.1  $\mu$ mol) and exposure for a further 24 h
- "TNF $\alpha$  then Del-C1 1 $\mu$ M" - Exposure to TNF $\alpha$  for 24 h, then addition of delphinidin (1  $\mu$ mol) and exposure for a further 24 h

### Results

Treatment with TNF $\alpha$  led to the rise in Ccl7 mRNA expression by twofold compared to untreated cells.

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Addition of delphinidin in the two selected concentrations of 0.1  $\mu$ M and 1  $\mu$ M leads to a distinct suppression or inhibition of the TNF $\alpha$ -induced rise in Ccl7 mRNA expression. Interestingly, the addition of delphinidin alone to the cell culture medium without prior TNF $\alpha$  exposure also led to the suppression of Ccl7 expression in the cEND cells. A strong effect was likewise detected in the case of dexamethasone used as comparison.

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From the measured results, it can be concluded that the antiphlogistic effect of delphinidin on the blood-brain barrier after inflammation is at least equivalent to the hitherto "gold standard" dexamethasone.

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**Example 10:** (Effect of delphinidin on the barrier properties of the blood-brain barrier, more particularly influence of delphinidin on the mRNA expression of the tight junction protein claudin-5 in cEND cells after TNF $\alpha$  [tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$ ] treatment or untreated cells *in vitro*)

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#### Methodology

The surrogate marker used for the tightness of the barrier was the expression of the tight junction protein claudin-5 (Forster C. Tight junctions and the modulation of barrier function in disease. Histochem Cell Biol. 2008; 130: 55-70) and the procedure carried out was analogous to example 8.

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#### Results

The TNF $\alpha$  treatment led to the decrease in claudin-5 mRNA expression, and the addition of delphinidin after 24 hours counteracted this TNF $\alpha$ -mediated decrease in claudin-5 mRNA expression in the two selected concentrations (0.1  $\mu$ M and 1  $\mu$ M), as shown in figure 5.

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Interestingly, the addition of delphinidin alone to the cell culture medium without prior TNF $\alpha$  exposure also led to the increase in claudin-5 mRNA expression.

- 5 From the measured results, it can be concluded that the barrier of the blood-brain barrier after inflammation strongly increases under the influence of delphinidin.

**Example 11:** *In vivo* influence of delphinidin/sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin on a CFA (complete Freund's adjuvant)-induced inflammation of the rat hind paw.

#### Methodology

- 15 a) CFA-induced inflammation of the rat hind paw

CFA is induced intraplantarally at a dose of 150  $\mu$ l into the right hind paw of a rat under isoflurane anesthesia. The inflammation and the ensuing pain in the inflamed paw develops within 2 to 96 h. Up to this time point, there is no significant difference in the eating pattern, body weight, core temperature or the general activity level compared to the untreated animals (Stein *et al.*, Unilateral inflammation of the hindpaw in rats as a model of prolonged noxious stimulation: alterations in behavior and nociceptive thresholds, *Pharmacol Biochem Behav.*, 1988; 31(2): 445-51).

- 30 b) Administration of H<sub>2</sub>O (control) and delphinidin/sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (delphinidin/SE $\beta$ CD) in different doses

96 hours after aforementioned step a), the rats are injected intraplantarally under isoflurane anesthesia with 100  $\mu$ l of H<sub>2</sub>O (control) or 100  $\mu$ l of delphinidin/SE $\beta$ CD at different doses (2.50 mg/ml and 5.00 mg/ml) into the right hind rat paw.

## c) Algesiometric measurement method

The rats were habituated to the corresponding  
5 experimental conditions as follows:

For the habituation to the Randall-Selitto test, the  
animals were kept relaxed under a wood pulp 3 x per day  
in the first three days in order to habituate them to  
10 the circumstances of the experiment.

The above-mentioned treatment step b) took place on the  
fourth day, and, starting from time point 0 after the  
injection, the paw pressure threshold was measured by  
15 means of the Randall-Selitto test (instrument from Ugo  
Basile) after 5, 15, 30, 60, 120 and 240 minutes.

Each paw, ipsilateral and contralateral, is measured  
three times at an interval of at least 10 s. For the  
20 Randall-Selitto test, the rat is kept relaxed under  
wood pulp and the paw put on a small platform. Then, an  
increasing pressure is exerted on the paw from above  
via a stamp until the rat pulls away the paw (Stein *et*  
*al.*, Intrinsic mechanisms of antinociception in  
25 inflammation: local opioid receptors and beta-  
endorphin, *J Neurosci.* 1990; 10(4): 1292-8; Rittner *et*  
*al.*, Pain control by CXCR2 ligands through Ca<sup>2+</sup>-  
regulated release of opioid peptides from  
polymorphonuclear cells, *FASEB J.* 2006; 20(14): 2627-  
30 9).

### Results

With regard to the FAC-induced inflammatory stimulus in  
35 the paw of the rats, the mechanical pain threshold  
thereof was investigated. From the ascertained paw  
pressure threshold values shown in graphic form in  
figure 6, it can be deduced that the pain threshold in

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the case of the administration of delphinidin/SE $\beta$ CD is significantly reduced with respect to the control injection with H<sub>2</sub>O, more particularly in the first 120 minutes, with the strongest effect already appearing 5 minutes after the administration of delphinidin/SE $\beta$ CD. This applies to the two measured doses of 2.5 mg/ml and 5.00 mg/ml delphinidin/SE $\beta$ CD, it likewise being possible to deduce a dose-dependency from the significantly stronger effect of the higher concentration in the measurement points of the first 30 minutes.

**Example 12:** Cardioprotection by means of delphinidin/sulfobutyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin (delphinidinSBECD)

#### Methodology and results

In example 11, a possible postconditioning effect of delphinidinSBECD was investigated compared to a control group. To this end, in the *in vivo* - *in situ* mouse myocardial infarction model with the time courses shown in figures 7 and 9 using the methodology described in Redel *et al.*, 2008 [Redel *et al.*, Impact of Ischemia and Reperfusion Times on Myocardial Infarct Size in Mice *In Vivo*. Experimental Biology and Medicine (2008), 233:84-93] and Stumpner *et al.*, 2012 [Stumpner *et al.*, Desflurane-induced post-conditioning against myocardial infarction is mediated by calcium-activated potassium channels: role of the mitochondrial permeability transition pore. British Journal of Anaesthesia (2012), 108(4): 594-601], the resulting infarct size was evaluated and shown graphically in figure 10. Figure 10 specifies mean  $\pm$  SEM; IS = infarct size; AAR = area at risk and \* = significantly different from the control group, if  $p < 0.05$ . The data are shown as mean  $\pm$  standard error of the mean (SEM).

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From the ascertained IS and %AAR values shown in graphic form in figure 10, it can be deduced that the administration of delphinidinSBECD leads to a significant reduction in infarct size with respect to

5 the control group.

**Claims:**

1. A composition comprising a complex composed of delphinidin and a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin  
5 for use as an anti-inflammatory and/or immunosuppressant.
2. The composition for the use as claimed in claim 1,  
10 wherein the use encompasses the prophylaxis and/or treatment of:  
inflammatory states or inflammatory diseases,  
diseases associated with inflammatory tissue  
changes,  
15 rejections following a transplant, or autoimmune diseases.
3. The composition for the use as claimed in claim 2,  
20 wherein the inflammatory states or inflammatory diseases are rheumatoid arthritis, chronic polyarthritis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, spondylitis, osteoarthritis, sepsis, septic shock, cerebral malaria, a chronic inflammatory lung disease, silicosis, sarcoidosis, reperfusion syndrome, or inflammatory neurodegenerative  
25 diseases.
4. The composition for the use as claimed in claim 2,  
30 wherein the inflammatory states or inflammatory diseases are Crohn's disease, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease, ulcerative colitis, or depressions and fever in the case of infections.
5. The composition for the use as claimed in claim 2,  
35 wherein the diseases associated with inflammatory tissue changes are Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, or cancer.
6. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-5, wherein the sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -

cyclodextrin is a sulfobutyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin or a sulfoethyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

- 5 7. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the degree of substitution of the cyclodextrin with sulfoalkyl ether groups is from 3 to 8.
- 10 8. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the degree of substitution of the cyclodextrin with sulfoalkyl ether groups is from 4 to 8.
- 15 9. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the degree of substitution of the cyclodextrin with sulfoalkyl ether groups is from 5 to 8.
- 20 10. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-6, wherein the degree of substitution of the cyclodextrin with sulfoalkyl ether groups is from 6 to 7.
- 25 11. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-10, wherein the composition comprises a therapeutically effective amount of the complex composed of delphinidin and sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.
- 30 12. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-11, wherein the composition is used as a monopreparation.
- 35 13. The composition for the use according to any one of claims 1-12, wherein the composition comprises at least one further therapeutically active substance.

14. The composition for the use according to claim 13,  
wherein the at least one further therapeutically  
active substance is of anti-inflammatories,  
antibodies against inflammatory cytokines, soluble  
5 receptors of inflammatory cytokines, or  
immunosuppressants.
15. The composition for the use according to claim 13,  
wherein the at least one further therapeutically  
10 active substance is acetylsalicylic acid,  
diclofenac, indomethacin, cyclosporine,  
azathioprine, bortezomib, melphalan, prednisone,  
vincristine, carmustine, cyclophosphamide,  
dexamethasone, thalidomide, doxorubicin,  
15 cisplatin, etoposide, or cytarabine.
16. The composition for the use according to any one  
of claims 1-15, further comprising a  
pharmaceutical excipient and/or additive.  
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17. The composition for the use according to any one  
of claims 1-16, further comprising one or more  
pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, filler,  
odorant, and stabilizer.  
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18. The composition for the use according to any one  
of claims 1-17 in a formulation form for  
administration, wherein the formulation form is  
oral, rectal, or parenteral.  
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19. The composition for the use as according to any  
one of claims 1-17 in a formulation form for  
administration, wherein the formulation form is  
intraperitoneal, percutaneous, subcutaneous,  
35 intramuscular, intravenous, ophthalmic, pulmonal,  
or nasal.
20. The composition for the use as claimed in claim 18  
or 19, wherein the administration form is a

tablet, capsule, suspension, aerosol, solution, cream, paste, lotion, gel, or ointment.

21. The composition for the use according to any one  
5 of claims 1-20, wherein the complex composed of delphinidin and the sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin is used in a pharmaceutical preparation for the controlled and/or delayed release of the delphinidin.  
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22. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a complex composed of delphinidin and a sulfoalkyl ether  $\beta$ -cyclodextrin.

FIG. 1

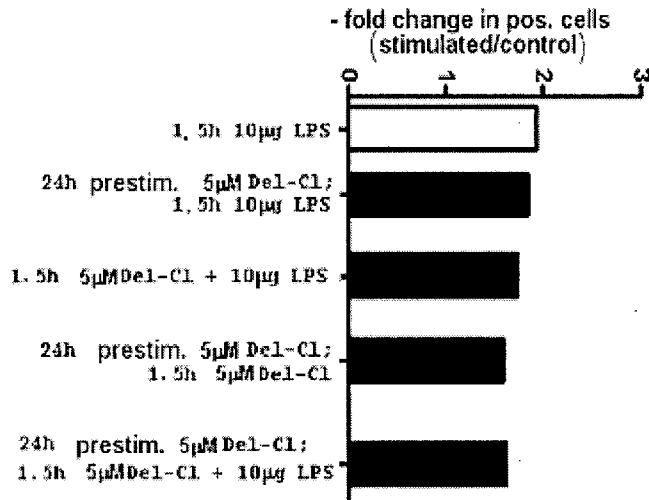


FIG. 2a

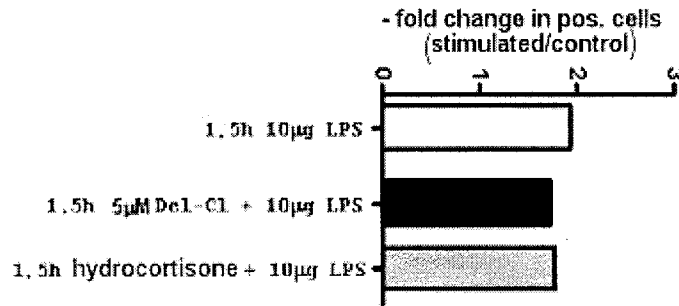


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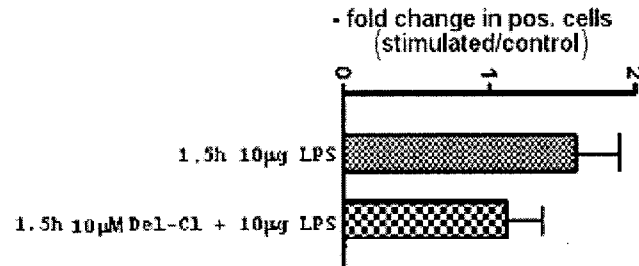
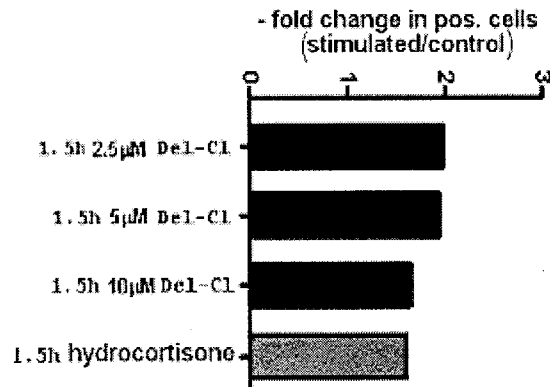


FIG. 3



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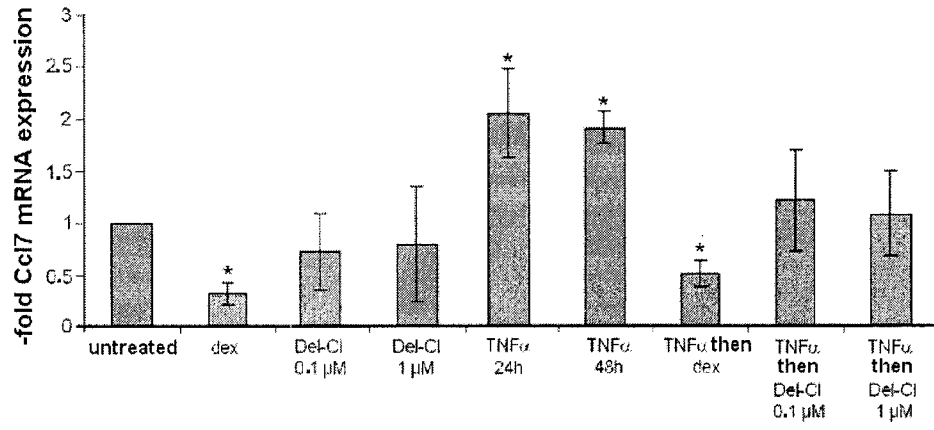


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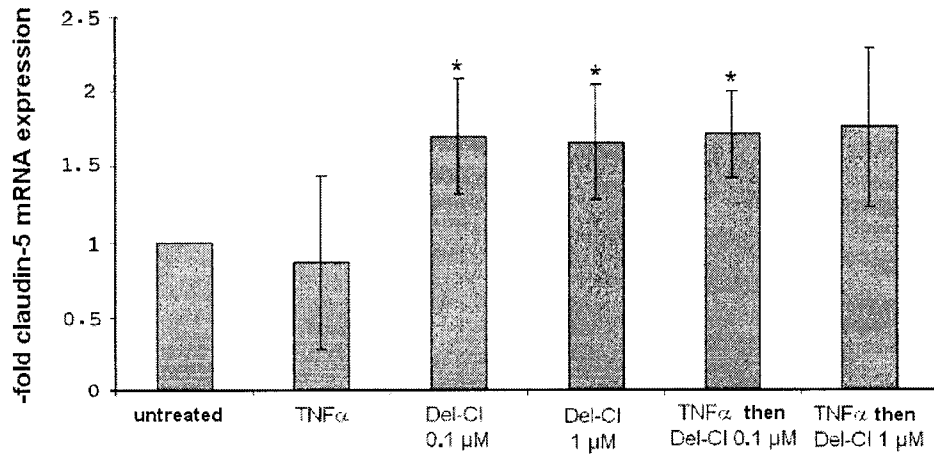
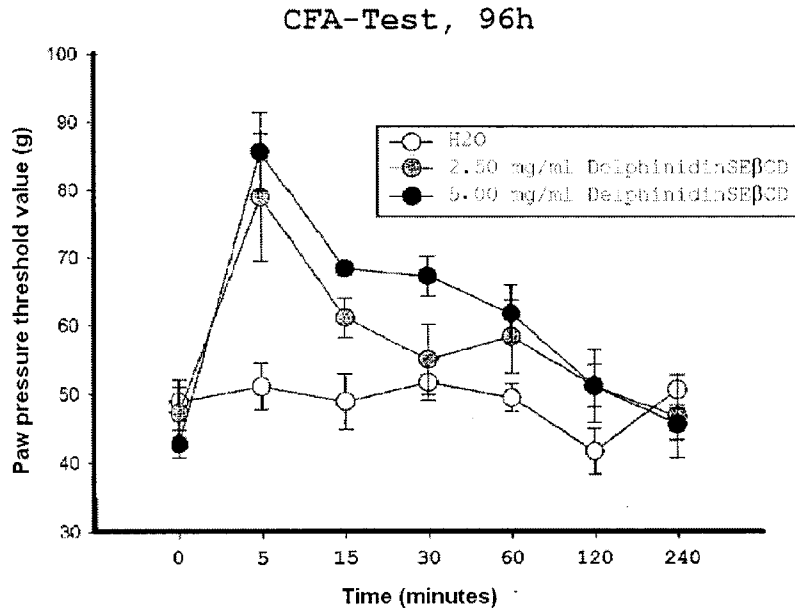
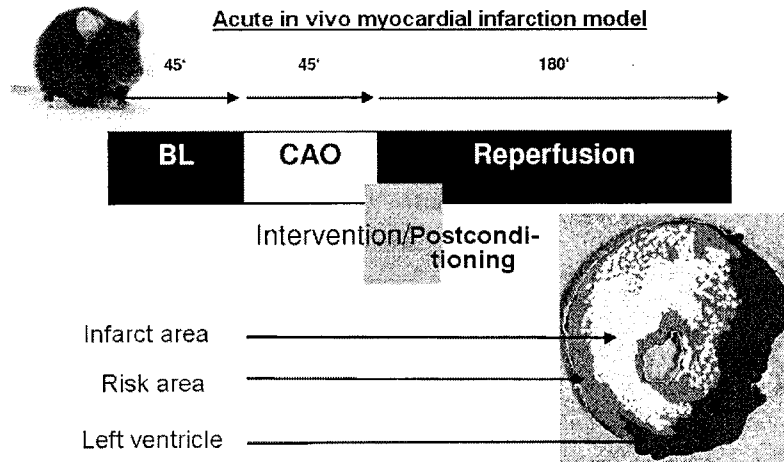


FIG. 5

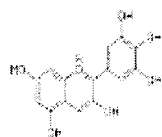


**FIG. 6**



**FIG. 7**

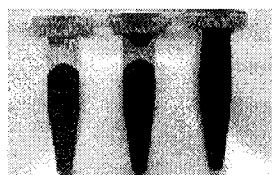
**Solubility of delphinidinSBECD**



**Delphinidin**

Molar Fraction Solubility  
(Kumoro et al. 2010)  
 $53.93 \pm 0.96 \cdot 10^{-6}$   
(at 25°C)  
 $M_{Delphinidin} = 303.25 \text{ g} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

$0.0089 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$

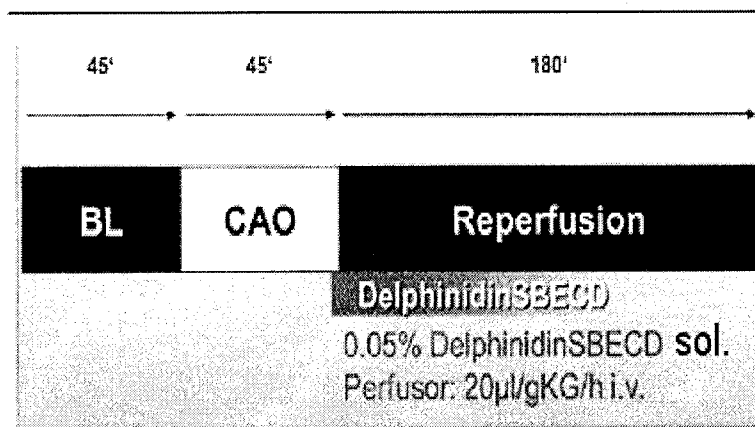


**DelphinidinSBECD**

0.5	5	2.5	$\text{mg} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$
	0.05%	0.5%	2.5%
at 2% delphinidin content			
0.01	0.1	0.5	$\text{mg} \cdot \text{ml}^{-1}$

**FIG. 8**

**DelphinidinSBECD experimental protocol**



**FIG. 9**

Reduction in infarct size by delphinidin/SBECD

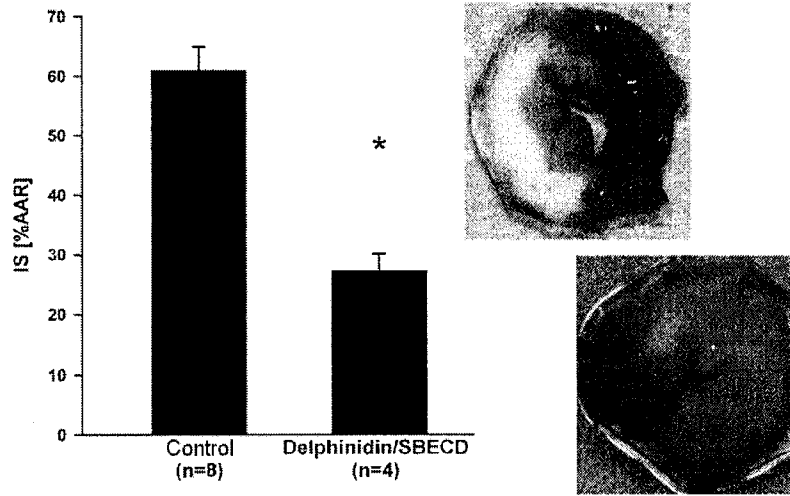


FIG. 10