

## **Phytochemical-derived zingerone nanoparticles fight against cell invasion and metastasis in human oral squamous cell carcinoma**

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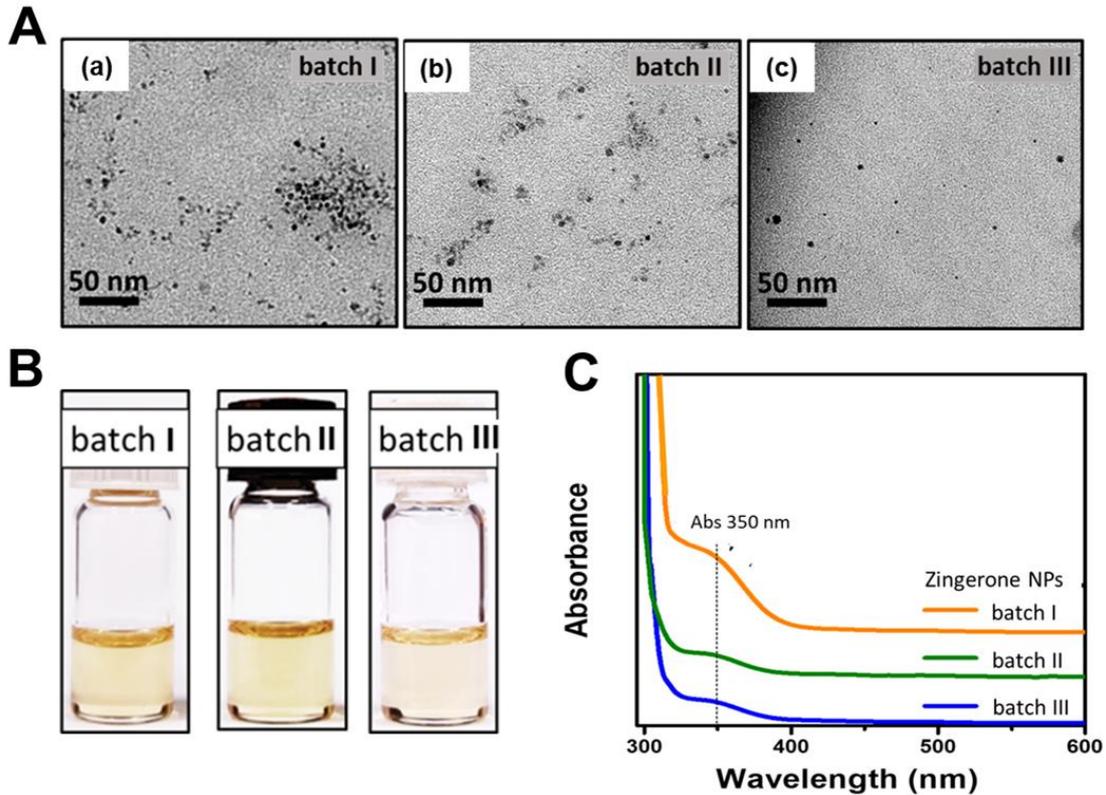
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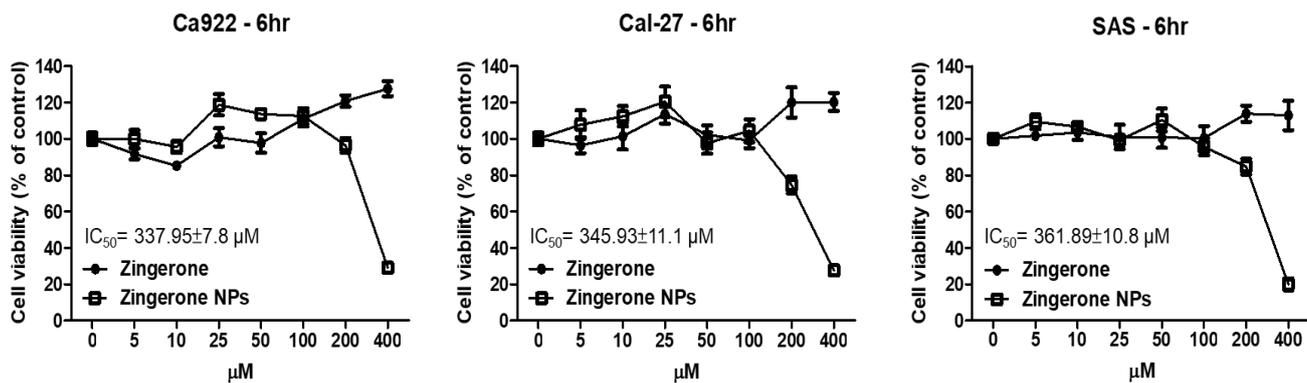
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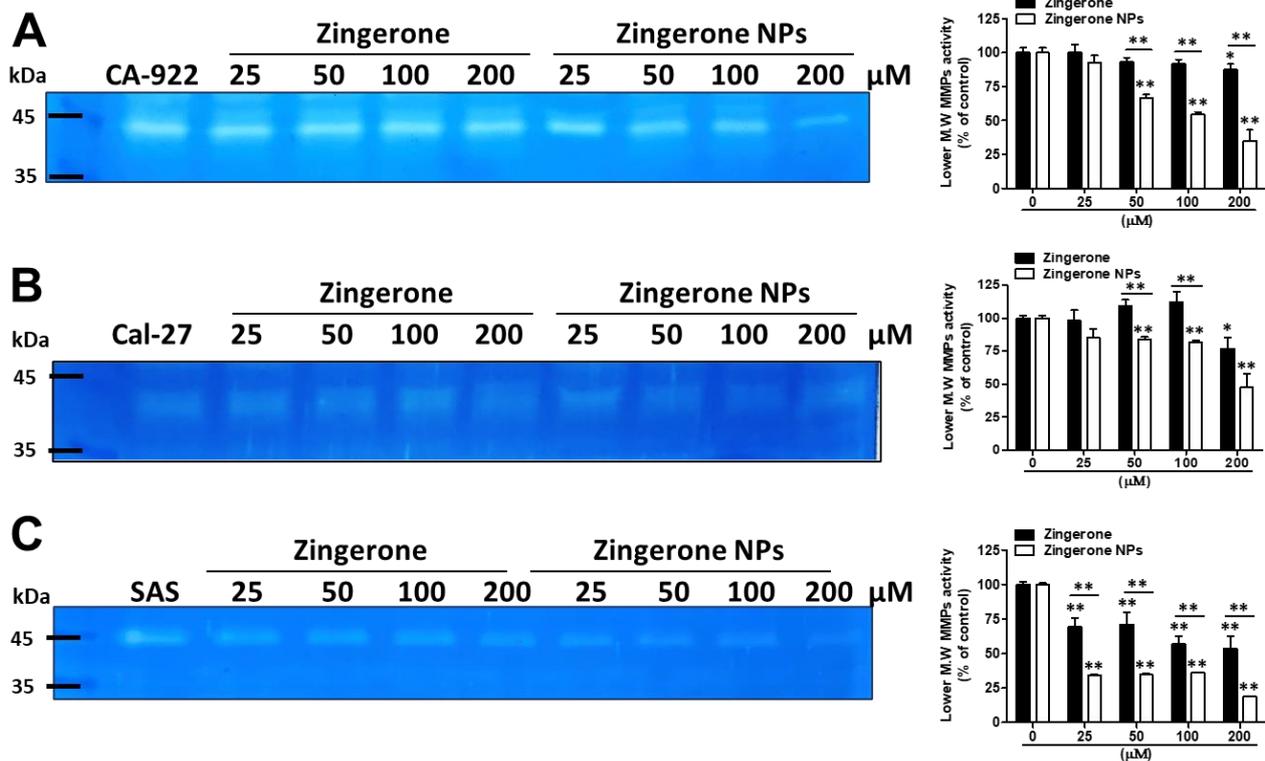
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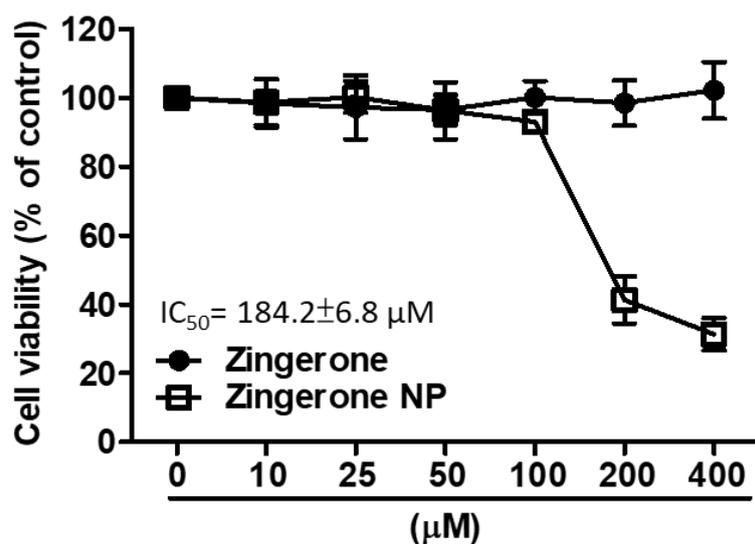
**Figure S1. Characterization of zingerone NPs reproducibility.** To demonstrate the zingerone NP reproducibility, three batches of zingerone NPs, which were fabricated at different times, were subjected to several experiments including TEM, photograph images, and UV absorption spectra. (A) The TEM images showed similar zingerone nanoparticle formation, and the particle sizes calculated were  $1.67 \pm 0.89$  nm,  $2.07 \pm 1.35$  nm and  $1.78 \pm 1.27$  nm in batch I, II and III, respectively. (B) The photographs showed the zingerone NP resulting from three different batches with the same golden yellow color. Moreover, (C) the UV absorption peak of the zingerone NPs was found at 350 nm from three batches (batch I, II and III). These results indicated that zingerone NPs were highly reproducible.



**Figure S2. Cytotoxicity effects of Zingerone NPs at short-term incubation of OSCC cell lines.** Cells were treated with various doses of zingerone and/or zingerone NPs for 6 h. The MTT assay was performed to analyze the cytotoxicity. This data suggested that even the zingerone NPs only induced limited cytotoxicity of these OSCC cell lines at short-term treatment. Moreover, the  $\text{IC}_{50}$  of zingerone NPs was calculated that all higher than  $330 \mu\text{M}$  in these OSCC cell lines. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM of three experiments.



**Figure S3. Effect of zingerone NPs on the enzyme activity of lower molecular weight MMPs in human OSCC cell lines.** Cells were cultured in serum-free DMEM contained with various doses of zingerone and/or zingerone NPs for 24 h. The conditioned media of (A) Ca9-22 cells, (B) Cal-27 cells, and (C) SAS cells were collected to analyze MMPs activity using gelatin zymography assay. The activities of lower molecular weight MMPs (~45 kDa) in these OSCC cell lines were further analyzed and quantitated (right panels). \*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*  $p < 0.01$ .



**Figure S4. Effect of Zingerone NPs on cytotoxicity of normal human bone marrow HS-5 cells.** Normal human HS-5 cells were purchased from ATCC (CRL-11882) and cultured in DMEM medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Gibco). Cells were seeded in a 96-well culture plate ( $2 \times 10^4$  cells/well) for overnight. Cells were then treated with various doses of zingerone and/or zingerone NPs for 24 h. The effect of zingerone and/or zingerone NP on cell viability was analyzed and recorded using an MTT assay. Data are expressed as mean  $\pm$  SEM of three experiments.