

Supplementary Materials: Study of Anti-Inflammatory and Analgesic Activity of Scorpion Toxins DKK-SP1/2 from Scorpion *Buthus martensii* Karsch (*BmK*)

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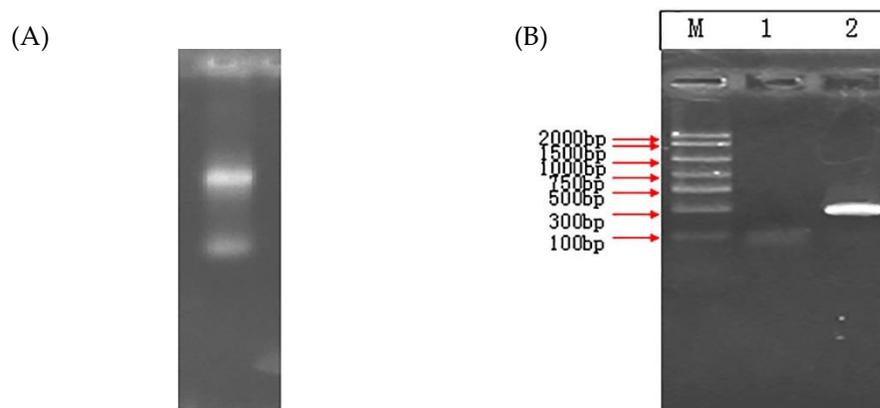
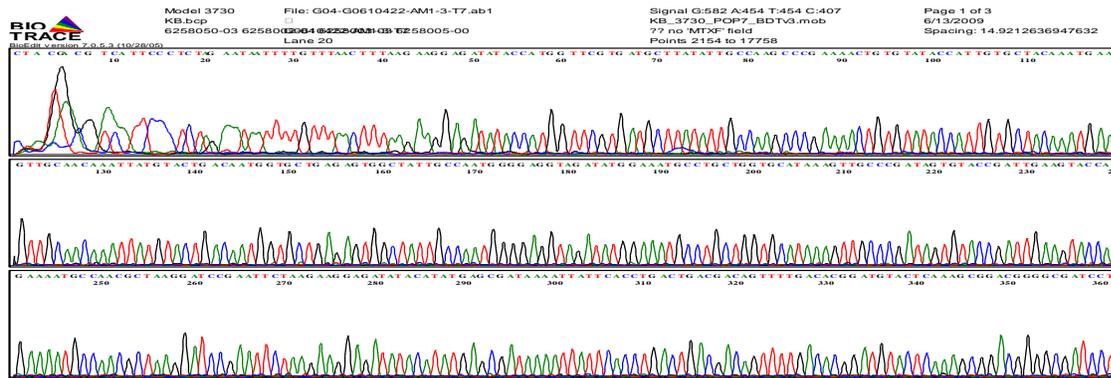
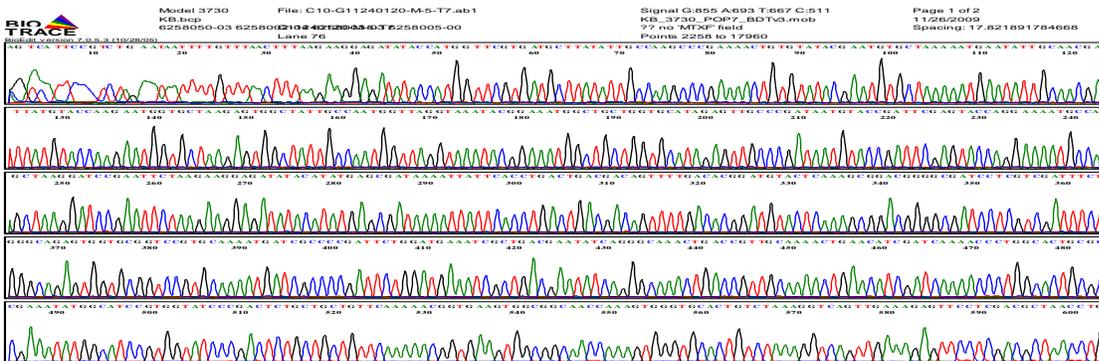


Figure S1. The RNA extraction and cDNA cloning. (A) Total RNA from scorpion tail. (B) The cDNA target gene of *BmK* by 1.5% agarose gel. Lane M: DL2000; Lane1: The negative as control(water); Lane2: The double-stranded target cDNA.

(A)



(B)



(C)

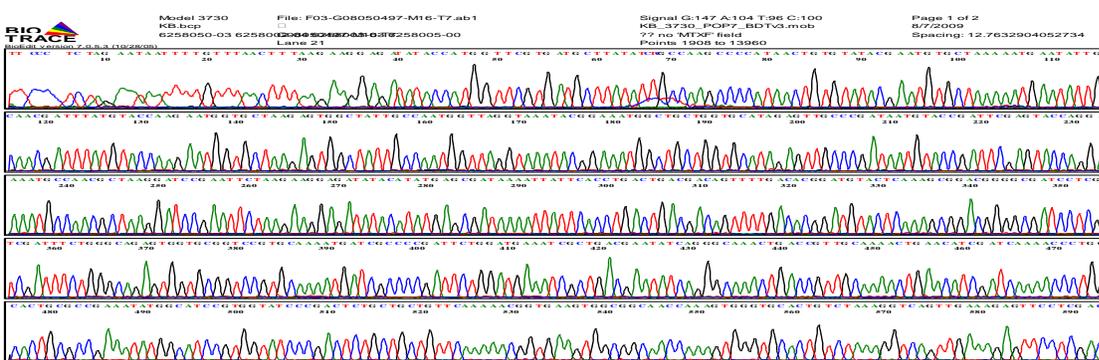


Figure S2. The results of gene sequencing. (A) The sequence of Lane 2,3,12. (B) The sequence of Lane 4,5,8,10. (C) The sequence of Lane 6,7,9,11.

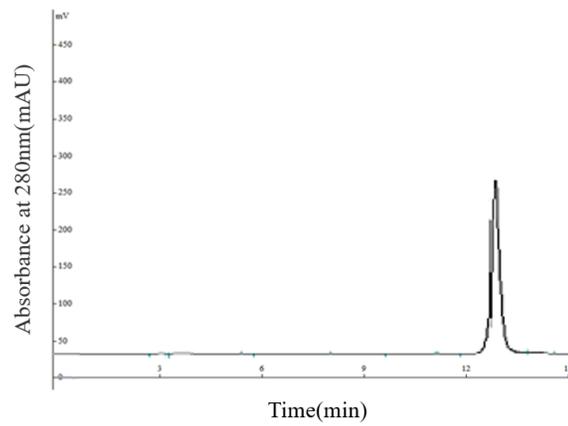
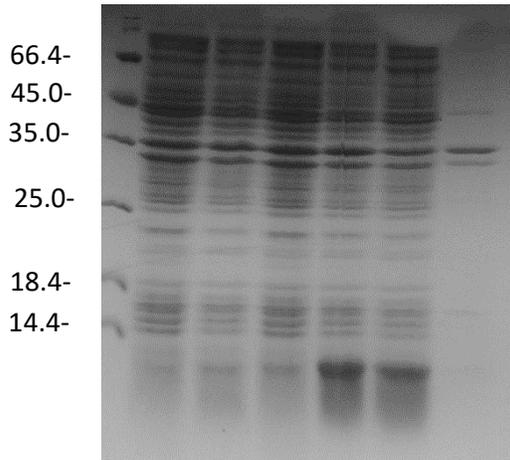


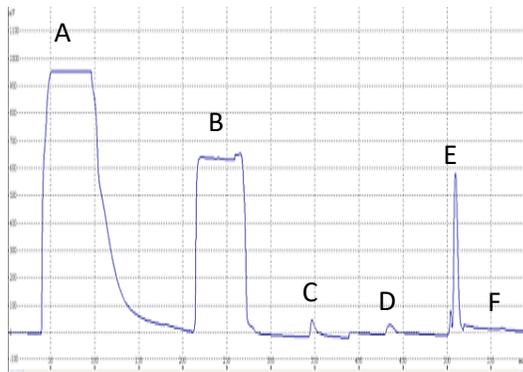
Figure S3. RP-HPLC of DKK-SP1 on a TSK gel Protein C4-300 column.

(A)

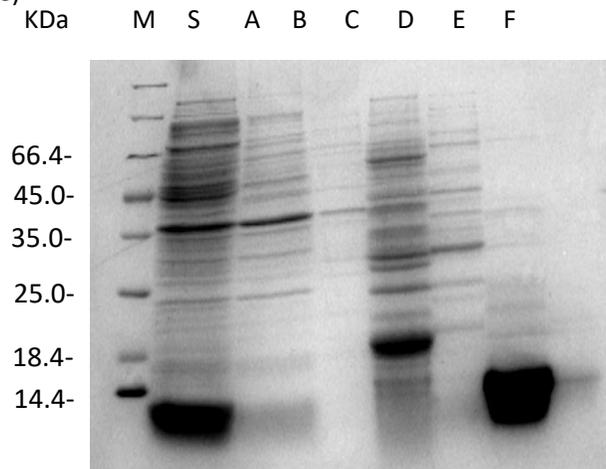


Lane M: Marker;
 Lane 1: Total proteins of IPTG uninduced pSYPU-1b.
 Lane 2: Total proteins of IPTG induced pSYPU-1b.
 Lane 3: Total proteins of IPTG uninduced pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP2.
 Lane 4: Total proteins of IPTG induced pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP2.
 Lane 5: Supernatant of IPTG induced pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP2.
 Lane 6: Precipitate of IPTG induced pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP2.

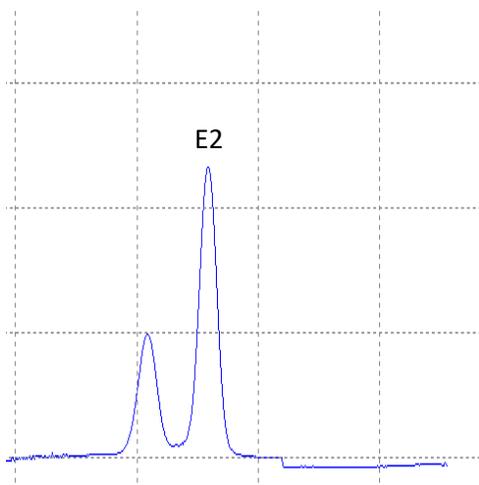
(B)



(C)



(D)



(E)

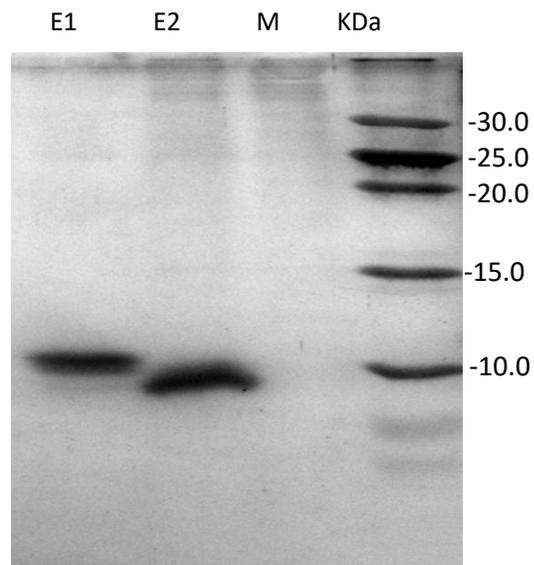
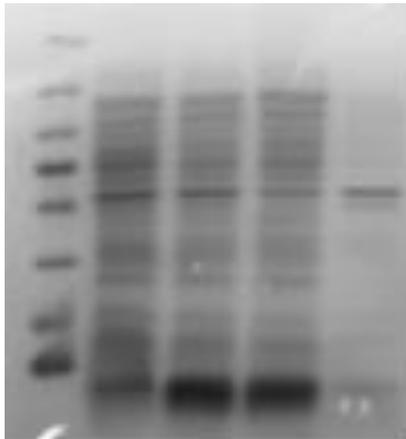


Figure S4. (A) 12.5% SDS-PAGE analysis of pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP2 expressed in *E. coli*. (B) The protein profiles of Nickel chelation affinity chromatography. (C) 12.5% SDS-PAGE analysis of the elution fractions in Figure S4 (B) (Lane S: Sample. Lane A: fractions in permeate. Lane B-E: the corresponding peaks of buffer B, C, E. Lane F: peak of EDTA. (D) The protein profiles of SP Sepharose High Performance chromatography. (E) 15% SDS-PAGE analysis of the elution fractions in Figure S4 (D). Lane M: Marker; Lane E1: peak of buffer E1(TrxA); Lane E2: peak of buffer E2(DKK-SP2).

(A)

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35.0-
25.0-
18.4-
14.4-



Lane M: Marker;

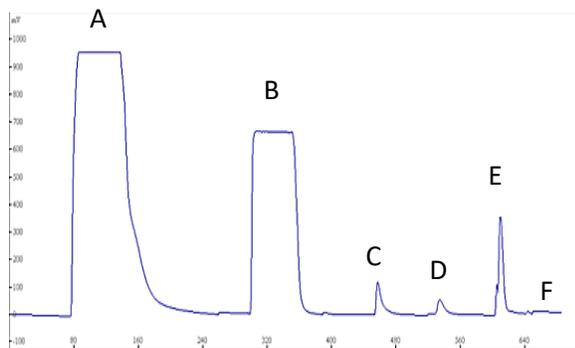
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Lane 4: Precipitate of IPTG induced pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP3.

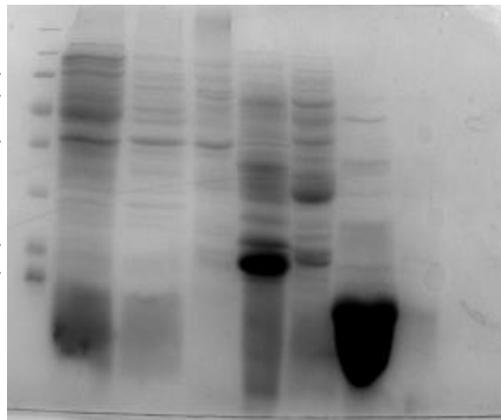
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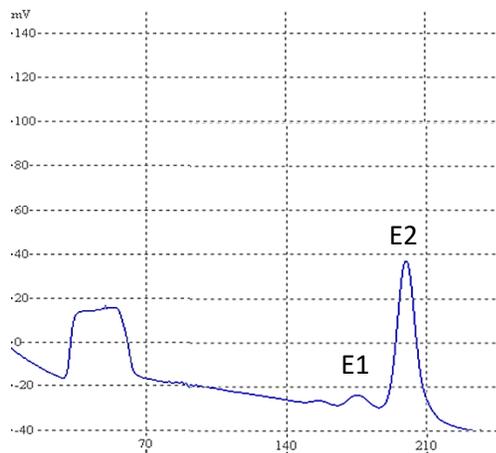
(C)

KDa M S A B C D E F

6.4-
5.0-
5.0-
5.0-
8.4-
4.4-



(D)



(E)

KDa M E1 E2

66.2-
45.0-
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14.4-

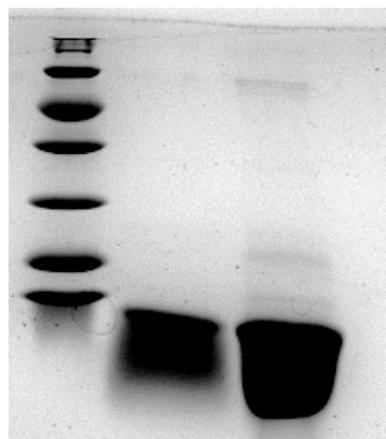


Figure S5. (A) 12.5% SDS-PAGE analysis of pSYPU-1b-DKK-SP3 expressed in *E. coli*. (B) The protein profiles of Nickel chelation affinity chromatography. (C) 12.5% SDS-PAGE analysis of the elution fractions in Figure S5(B) (Lane S: Sample. Lane A: fractions in permeate. Lane B-E: the corresponding peaks of buffer B, C, E. Lane F: peak of EDTA. (D) The protein profiles of SP Sepharose High Performance chromatography. (E) 15% SDS-PAGE analysis of the elution fractions in Figure S5(D). Lane M: Marker; Lane E1: peak of buffer E1(TrxA); Lane E2: peak of buffer E2(DKK-SP3).

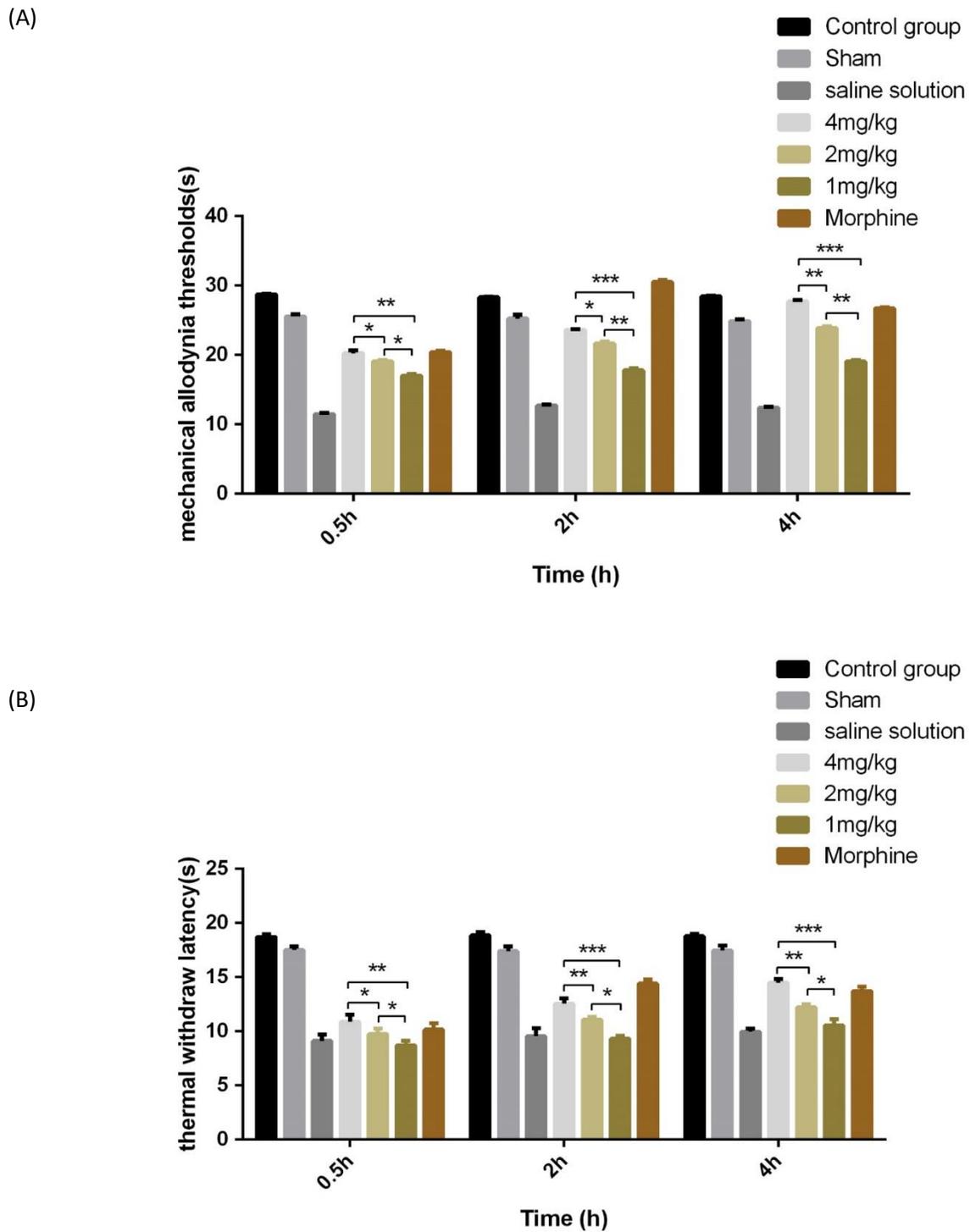


Figure S6. The effects of DKK-SP2 on mechanical allodynia thresholds and thermal withdraw latency were in a dose-dependent manner in a rat ION-CCI model (A) Effect of DKK-SP2 on the mechanical allodynia thresholds was in a dose-dependent manner. (B) Effect of DKK-SP2 on the thermal withdraw latency was in a dose-

dependent manner. All data was presented as mean \pm SEM. $n = 12$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S1. Effect of DKK-SP1 on mortality of mice.

Dose (mg/kg)	Total Mice	Dead Mice	Individual Survival Time (Days) (Mean Survival Time \pm SEM)	Mortality %
NS	12	0	14	0
10	12	0	14	0
15	12	2	10, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14 (13.67 \pm 0.72)	17
20	12	5	7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14 (12.17 \pm 6.14)	42
25	12	8	5, 6, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14 (10.08 \pm 11.58)	67
30	12	12	3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 11, 12, 13 (7.50 \pm 10.75)	100

After the intravenous injection of DKK-SP1, the mortality of mice was monitored for 14 days. The results were shown in Table S1 and the LD₅₀ values was 20.57mg/kg (95%CI, 18.09~23.14mg/kg) by Bliss method.

Table S2. Effect of DKK-SP2 on mortality of mice.

Dose (mg/kg)	Total Mice	Dead Mice	Individual Survival Time (Days) (Mean Survival Time \pm SEM)	Mortality %
NS	12	0	14	0
10	12	0	14	0
15	12	4	6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14 (12.42 \pm 7.24)	33
20	12	7	7, 9, 10, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14 (11.83 \pm 5.31)	58
25	12	10	4, 4, 6, 8, 8, 10, 11, 11, 13, 13, 14, 14 (9.67 \pm 12.22)	83
30	12	12	2, 3, 5, 5, 6, 7, 7, 9, 9, 10, 12, 13 (7.33 \pm 10.56)	100

After the intravenous injection of DKK-SP2, the mortality of mice was monitored for 14 days. The results were shown in Table S2 and the LD₅₀ values was 18.09 mg/kg (95%CI, 15.63~20.38mg/kg) by Bliss method.

Table S3. Effect of DKK-SP3 on mortality of mice.

Dose (mg/kg)	Total Mice	Dead Mice	Individual Survival Time (Days) (Mean Survival Time \pm SEM)	Mortality %
NS	12	0	14	0
0.7	12	0	14	0
2.1	12	2	9, 11, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14 (13.33 \pm 2.39)	17
3.5	12	4	7, 9, 11, 12, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14, 14 (12.58 \pm 5.24)	33
4.9	12	9	3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 13, 14, 14, 14 (9.92 \pm 13.91)	75
6.3	12	12	2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5, 6, 8, 8, 9, 11, 12 (6.33 \pm 9.72)	100

After the intravenous injection of DKK-SP3, the mortality of mice was monitored for 14 days. The results were shown in Table S3 and the LD₅₀ values was 4.31mg/kg (95%CI, 3.63~5.00mg/kg) by Bliss method.

Table S4. Effect of DKK-SP2 on acetic acid writhing test.

Group	Dose/mg·kg ⁻¹	Writhing times	Inhibition rate/%
NS	--	38.4 \pm 2.0	--
	0.2	39.0 \pm 2.1	0.0
DKK-SP2	0.8	25.5 \pm 2.8*	33.6
	1.4	10.1 \pm 3.7**	73.7
	2.0	8.2 \pm 3.4***	78.6
	2.6	1.6 \pm 2.3***	95.8
	3.2	0.0 \pm 0.0	100.0

The results are shown in Table S4, from which it can be measured that the half effective dose (ED₅₀) of DKK-SP2 is 1.04mg/kg (95%CI, 0.78~1.26mg/kg) by Bliss method. All data was presented as mean \pm SEM. $n = 12$, * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.