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Chemical characterization of a new sulfated polysaccharide from *Gracilaria chouae* and its activation effects on RAW264.7 macrophages

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Graphical abstract

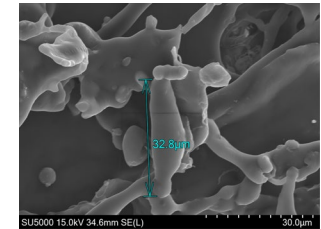
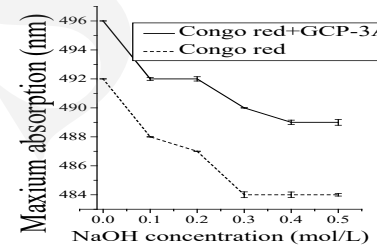
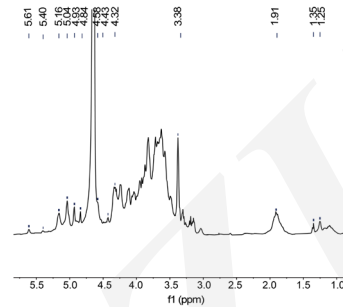
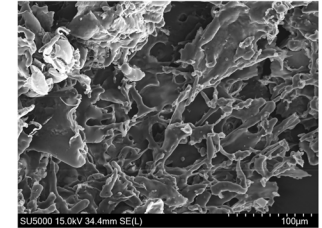
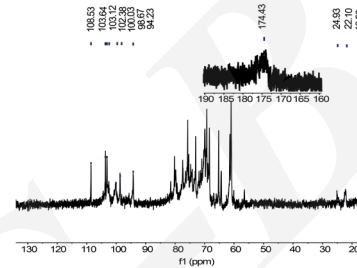
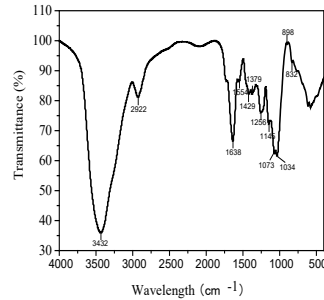
Chemical characterization and surface morphology of GCP-3A



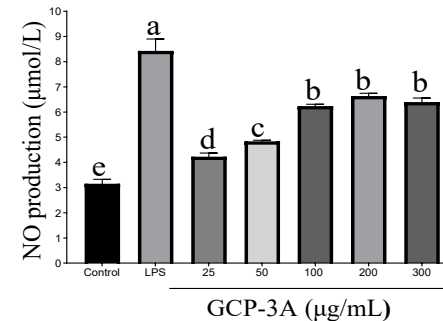
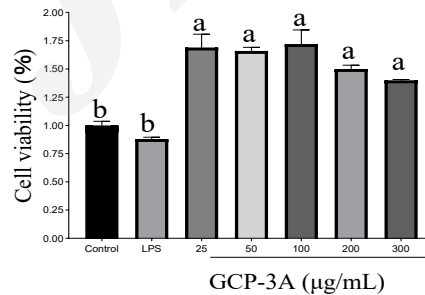
Purification



Two-step column chromatography



Effects of GCP-3A treatment on RAW264.7 macrophages



Highlights

- **A new sulfated polysaccharide GCP-3A from the red seaweed *Gracilaria chouae* was extracted and purified.**
- **Chemical characterization of GCP-3A was firstly studied.**
- **Activation effects of GCP-3A on RAW264.7 macrophages was firstly reported, raising the possibility of applications in functional food and medicine.**