

Supplementary materials:

The Effects of *Sorbus aucuparia* L. Fruit Extracts on Oxidative/Nitrative Modifications of Human Fibrinogen, Impact on Enzymatic Properties of Thrombin, and Hyaluronidase Activity In Vitro

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Materials and Methods

Effects on Oxidative/Nitrative Modifications of Fibrinogen

SDS-PAGE analysis of the ONOO⁻-induced changes in the isolated fibrinogen was performed according to Marchelak et al.[19] using a Mini-Protean Electrophoresis Cell (Bio-Rad) and 4-20% Mini-PROTEAN TGX Precast Gels (Bio-Rad). The running buffer was composed of 10x Tris/Glycine/SDS running buffer (Bio-Rad, Hercules, CA, USA) and deionized water (1:9, *v/v*). The protein was stained using a mixture of 0.125% (*w/v*) Coomassie Brilliant Blue R250 (Thermo Scientific, Waltham, MA USA), 10% (*v/v*) acetic acid, 50% (*v/v*) methanol, and deionised water. Then, the Coomassie dye was removed by aspiration, and gels were covered with the destaining solution (10% acetic acid, 25% methanol, deionized water), which was changed several times until the background staining was removed.

Western-blot analysis of the ONOO⁻-induced changes in the blood plasma fibrinogen was performed using 4-15% Mini-PROTEAN TGX Precast Gels (Bio-Rad) as described above for SDS-PAGE analysis, but without the staining and destaining steps [19]. The electrophoretic transfer onto Immobilon[®]-P polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membrane (Sigma-Aldrich) was performed using the Mini Trans-Blot Cell (Bio-Rad). The membrane was activated by wetting in methanol for 5 seconds and then rinsing with deionised water. The transfer buffer was a mixture of 25 mM Tris, 192 mM glycine, 20% (*v/v*) methanol, 0.05% (*w/v*) SDS and deionized water (pH 8.3). The overnight transfer in a Mini Trans-Blot Module (Bio-Rad) was carried out at 4°C, 30 V. The membrane was blocked for 1.5 h with 5% defatted dry milk solutions in TBS-T, and incubated for 1 h with the 1:5000 dilution of Goat Anti-Fibrinogen Antibody (Sigma-Aldrich). The membrane was washed six times for 5 min each with TBS-T, incubated for 1 h with the 1:5000 dilution of Rabbit Anti-Goat IgG H&L (HRP) Secondary Antibody (Abcam, Cambridge, UK), and then washed again. The bands corresponding to fibrinogen were visualised by luminol-enhanced chemiluminescence (ECL) system and recorded on the X-ray film.

The molecular weight (MW) on SDS-PAGE and Western Blots was estimated with the Precision Protein Plus Dual Colour standards (Bio-Rad). The MW of an unknown band was determined using a standard curve of the log (MW) versus the retention factors R_f of the standards. The strong linear relationship ($r > 0.99$, $p < 0.05$) between the protein MW and migration distances confirmed the reliability in predicting MW. Densitometric analysis was performed with ImageJ software (National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MA, USA; Version 1.53e).

Results

Table S1. Correlation coefficients (*r*) and probability (*p*) values of the linear relationships between phenolic contents of *S. aucuparia* fruit extracts and their activity parameters.

| <i>r(p)</i> for: | Total phenolics | Total mono- and dicaffeoylquinic acids | Total other hydroxycinnamic acid derivatives | Total hydroxybenzoic acid derivatives | Total flavonoids | Total oligomeric and polymeric proanthocyanidins |
|------------------------|-----------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|--|
| SDS-PAGE | 0.9728 | 0.9097 | 0.9587 | 0.5716 | 0.7900 | 0.1321 |
| HMW | (0.000)* | (0.000)* | (0.000)* | (0.052) | (0.002)* | (0.682) |
| SDS-PAGE | 0.9580 | 0.8896 | 0.9420 | 0.5607 | 0.7915 | 0.1735 |
| Aα | (0.000)* | (0.000)* | (0.000)* | (0.058) | (0.002)* | (0.590) |
| SDS-PAGE | 0.8402 | 0.7746 | 0.8352 | 0.5089 | 0.7187 | 0.1198 |
| Bβ | (0.001)* | (0.003)* | (0.001)* | (0.091) | (0.008)* | (0.711) |
| SDS-PAGE γ | 0.8776 | 0.8027 | 0.8479 | 0.4788 | 0.7481 | 0.3331 |
| | (0.000)* | (0.002)* | (0.000)* | (0.115) | (0.005)* | (0.290) |
| Western blot | 0.7962 | 0.7261 | 0.7970 | 0.4495 | 0.7406 | 0.1857 |
| HMW | (0.002)* | (0.008)* | (0.002)* | (0.143) | (0.006)* | (0.563) |
| Tyrosine nitration | 0.9538 | 0.9517 | 0.9395 | 0.3830 | 0.7403 | 0.1126 |
| | (0.000)* | (0.000)* | (0.000)* | (0.219) | (0.006)* | (0.728) |
| APTT | 0.0042 | -0.0095 | 0.0486 | 0.0662 | 0.1009 | -0.1991 |
| | (0.990) | (0.977) | (0.881) | (0.835) | (0.755) | (0.535) |
| PT | -0.3547 | -0.3379 | -0.3624 | -0.0013 | -0.4545 | -0.3008 |
| | (0.258) | (0.283) | (0.247) | (0.997) | (0.138) | (0.342) |
| TT | 0.6034 | 0.5345 | 0.6188 | 0.4015 | 0.5952 | 0.0671 |
| | (0.038)* | (0.073) | (0.032)* | (0.196) | (0.041)* | (0.836) |
| Amidolytic activity | 0.7098 | 0.6101 | 0.6761 | 0.2650 | 0.7786 | 0.6999 |
| | (0.010)* | (0.035)* | (0.016)* | (0.405) | (0.003)* | (0.011)* |
| Proteolytic activity | 0.7267 | 0.6109 | 0.6830 | 0.3669 | 0.7424 | 0.6674 |
| | (0.007)* | (0.035)* | (0.014)* | (0.241) | (0.006)* | (0.018)* |
| Fibrin density | 0.6721 | 0.6701 | 0.6650 | 0.0471 | 0.6943 | 0.4280 |
| | (0.017)* | (0.017)* | (0.018)* | (0.884) | (0.012)* | (0.165) |
| Hyaluronidase activity | 0.7599 | 0.5809 | 0.6785 | 0.8375 | 0.0609 | -0.8275 |
| | (0.240) | (0.419) | (0.321) | (0.162) | (0.939) | (0.172) |

Activity and concentration parameters according to Fig. 1–5, S1 and Table 1–2. For correlation studies, the activity parameters were calculated as the percentage of the increase (SDS-PAGE bands intensity for Aα, Bβ, and γ chains; and APTT, PT, and TT) or the decrease (SDS-PAGE bands intensity for HMW aggregates; Western blot HMW intensity; tyrosine nitration; amidolytic and proteolytic activity of thrombin; and fibrin density), depending on the desired effect on the tested parameter in the samples treated with the investigated extracts versus the ONOO⁻-treated plasma in the absence of the analytes (for SDS-PAGE, Western blot and C-ELISA assays) or control samples (for blood clotting times and thrombin activity tests). The influence on hyaluronidase activity was expressed as equivalents of HP per extract dry weight (mg HP/mg dw). Asterisks mean statistical significance of the estimated linear relationships (**p* < 0.05). All statistically significant correlations are printed in bold.

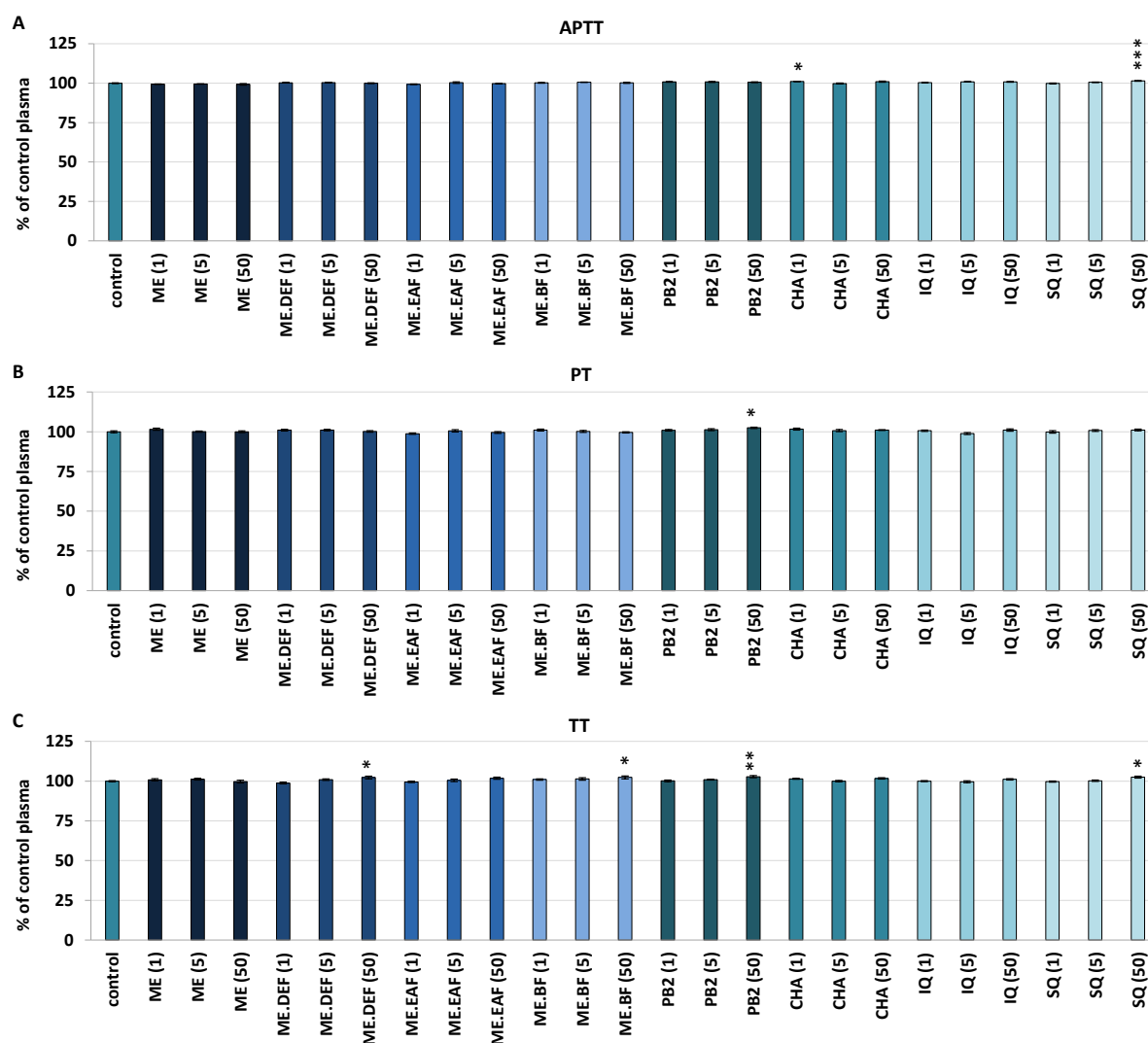
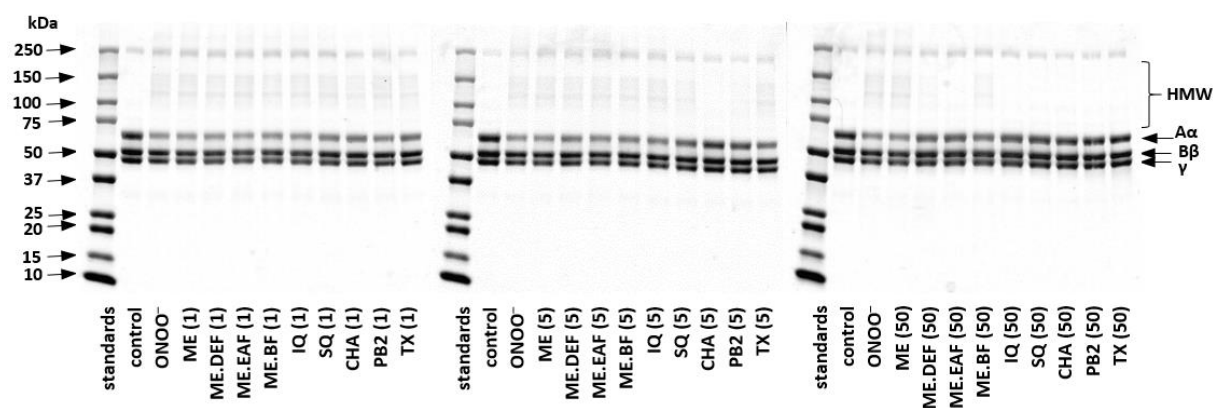
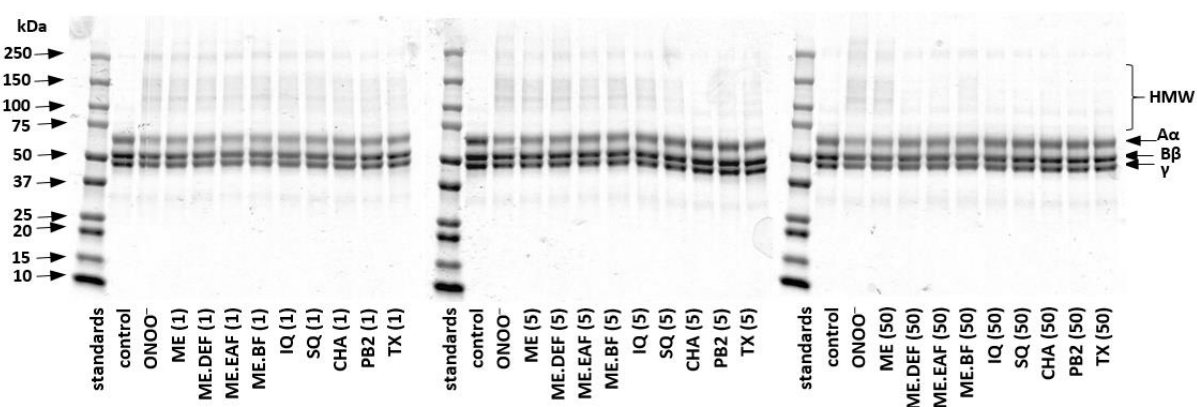


Figure S1. The effects of *S. aucuparia* fruit extracts and their model constituents on blood clotting times of human plasma: activated partial thromboplastin time, APTT (A); prothrombin time, PT (B); and thrombin time, TT (C). The clotting times were monitored in seconds (s) and calculated as % of the control plasma time assumed as 100%. Results are presented as means \pm SE ($n = 10$). Statistical differences: * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, and *** $p < 0.001$ for samples in the presence of the analytes (1, 5, 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) versus control plasma. ME, defatted methanol–water extract (1:1, v/v); ME.DEF, diethyl ether fraction of ME; ME.EAF, ethyl acetate fraction of ME; ME.BF, *n*-butanol fraction of ME; IQ, isoquercitrin; SQ, quercetin 3-*O*- β -sophoroside; PB2, procyanidin B2; CHA, chlorogenic acid. The clotting times for the reference compound, argatroban (ARG, 0.5 $\mu\text{g/mL}$) were as follow: APTT, 77.27 ± 7.17 s (168% of the value for control plasma); PT, 20.93 ± 1.43 s (132% of control plasma); TT, 140.71 ± 12.88 s (831% of control plasma).

Experiment 1



Experiment 2



Experiment 3

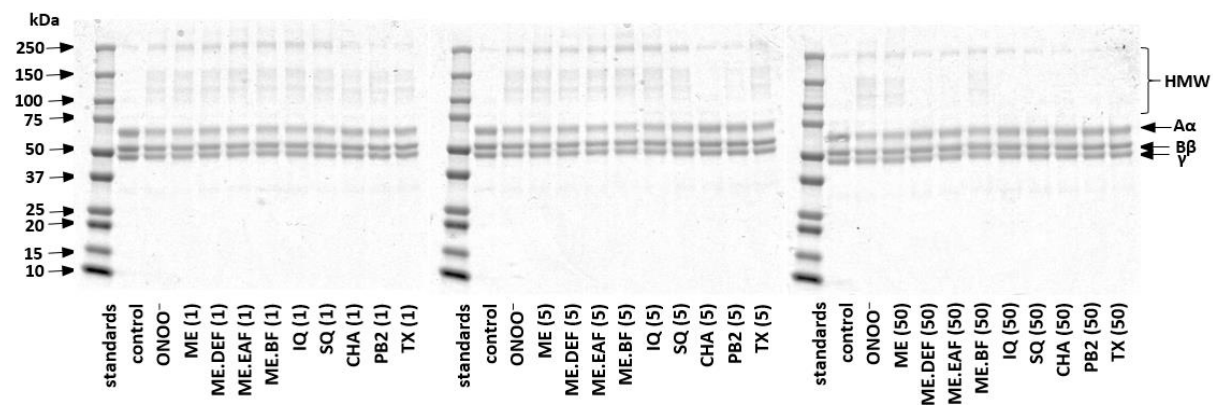
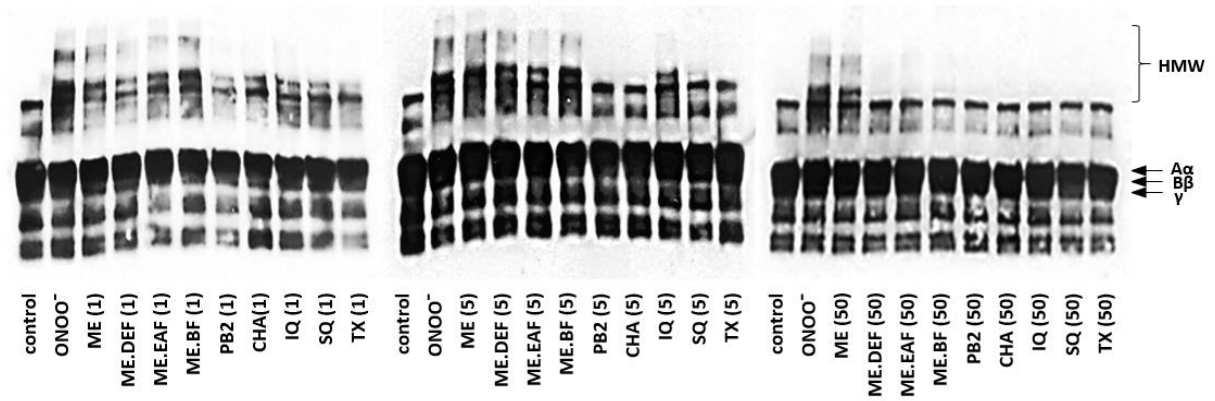
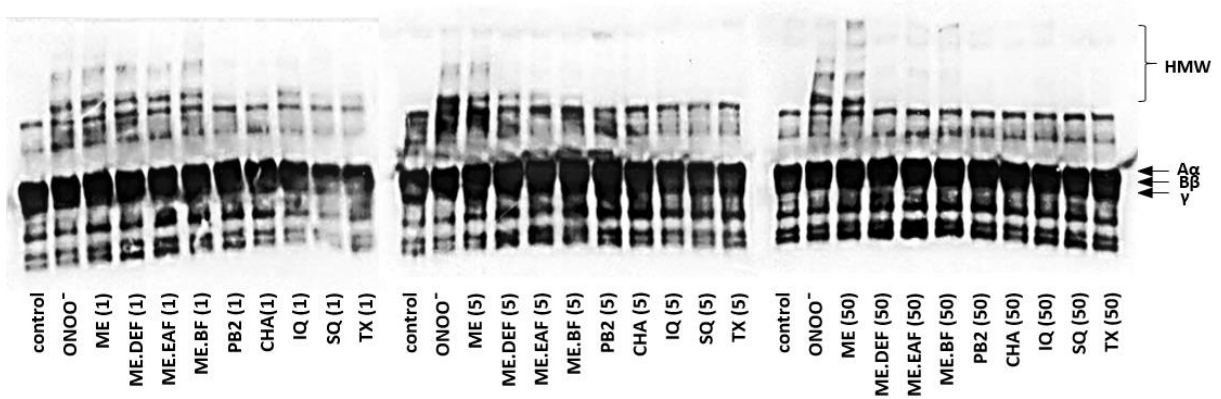


Figure S2. Raw images of all electrophoresis gels (SDS-PAGE). For detail information see Manuscript Figure 1.

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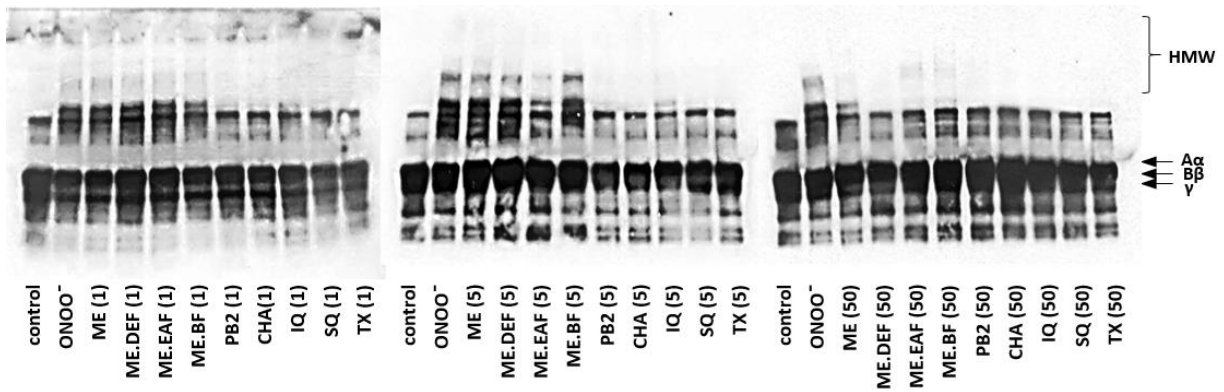


Figure S3. Raw images of all Western blots. For detail information see Manuscript Figure 2.