

## Mutagenicity and Antimutagenicity of Aged Sulfur-Containing Edible Cultivars

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### Objectives

Most of sulfur-containing food materials have various biological and medicinal activities. However, they have been investigated to their biological activity on a case by sample basis. It is necessary that they have to be compare their biological activity using by same conditions and methods for optional use to consumers. In this study, 3 cultivars(garlic (*Allium sativum* L.), onion (*Allium cepa* L.), Korean leek (*Allium tuberosum* R. ), were selected and made aged samples by heating to compare their biological activities (mutagenicity, antimutagenicity and antiradical activity).

### Materials and Methods

**Materials** : The raw materials 3 cultivars [ (garlic (*Allium sativum* L.), onion (*Allium cepa* L.), Korean leek (*Allium tuberosum* R.) ] were purchased in the market. The aged materials were made by using heating systems (autoclave and dry-oven). The aged samples were prepared by 70 % ethanol(EtOH) and then fractionated by hexane, chloroform, ethyl acetate, and butanol from the ethanol extracts.

**Methods** : The mutagenicity and antimutagenicity on Ames strains(TA 98, TA100) of the samples were investigated. The antiradical activity was studied by electron spin resonance spectroscopy(ESR).

### Results

1. The mutagenicity of 70% EtOH extracts of the 3 samples on Ames strain(TA100 and TA98) was shown a weak mutagenicity in the presence of S9 metabolic activation mixture(S9 Mix) and without S9 Mix and also antimutagenicity on the standard mutagens(MNNG, 4NQO and B(a)P) a similar activity. The antiradical activity on superoxide and hydroxyl radicals by ESR did not indicated a strong.

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**Table 1. Mutagenicity of 70 % EtOH Extracts of Sample on Ames Strains**

		Dose (mg/plate)	His + revertant/plate			
			TA 100		TA 98	
			(-S-9)	(+S-9)	(-S-9)	(+S-9)
Spontaneous			170±10	165±4	26±8	22±4
DMSO (100µl)			193±6	125±6	30±4	32±3
MNNG (0.5µg)			1192±12			
B[α]P (10µg)				602±10		174±5
Onion	<i>Allium cepa L.</i>	0.25	187±3	166±5	29±2	25±4
		0.5	194±2	176±2	41±5	37±5
		1	206±1	235±1	52±7	43±4
		2	210±6	253±3	63±7	60±2
Garlic	<i>Allium sativum L.</i>	0.25	169±6	154±9	30±1	22±1
		0.5	236±4	213±2	29±3	22±6
		1	298±5	259±10	39±5	28±4
		2	321±5	294±9	48±1	39±5
Korean Leek	<i>Allium tuberosum L.</i>	0.25	251±7	209±7	20±9	26±4
		0.5	307±1	245±6	40±6	40±2
		1	360±8	312±9	45±5	40±4
		2	395±6	345±3	56±9	46±2

**Table 2. Antimutagenicity on Ames Strain(TA98) of the Fractions of Aged Samples**

Sample (mg/plate)	70% EtOH Ex	Hexane	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	EtOAc	BuOH	Aqueous	MNNG
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	554.00
50	51.29	62.55	45.40	56.23	48.88	47.54	
100	64.97	69.79	44.42	60.41	58.80	49.89	
150	64.70	64.70	47.77	65.50	62.45	53.55	
200	75.31	70.33	56.80	67.52	68.31	62.10	

**Table 3. Antimutagenicity on Ames Strain(TA100) of the Fractions of Aged Samples**

Sample (mg/plate)	70% EtOH Ex	Hexane	CHCl <sub>3</sub>	EtOAc	BuOH	Aqueous	MNNG
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	554.00
50	393.00	342.00	366.33	316.67	318.00	398.67	
100	335.33	313.33	331.00	308.67	306.00	329.33	
150	299.33	321.00	340.67	300.33	265.33	301.00	
200	231.00	277.00	297.67	267.67	275.67	280.00	