

# Oxidization Resistance *in Vivo* for Raspberry Flavone

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## ABSTRACT

The experiments on the effect of oxidization resistance *in vivo* for raspberry flavone extract manifests that the extract of raspberry flavone could effectively increase CAT, SOD and GSH-Px enzyme activity in rats' liver, kidney, blood and skeletal muscle and decrease decomposition product of lipid peroxidization, with a significant antioxidant effect.

**Keywords:** Raspberry; Flavone; Rats

## 1. Introduction

Flavonoid compound extensively exist in plants' fructification, stems, flowers and leaves, possessing a great many kinds of biological activities. Domestic and overseas scholars have studied and proved that flavonoid compounds are anti-neoplastic, antibacterial, anti free radical and anti-virus. In recent years, there are related reports on the studies on flavone oxidization resistance in plants, but few on raspberry flavone oxidization resistance [1,2].

## 2. Materials and Method

### The first extract of raspberry flavone

Weigh and take 100 g comminuted raspberry (first grade, bought from the pharmacy of Heng shui City Hospital of Chinese medicine. It was comminuted and sieved with 60 mesh and ready for use after drying at 50°C) to put into triangular flask, and adding into 1 L 95% alcohol, which was conducted extract at 50°C with 36h of extraction. During extraction, sonic extract was done at the 12<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> hour, with 300W of ultrasonic power and 25min of ultrasonic time. When the extract was at 50°C (Ultrasonoscope, JL-60DTH Shanghai Tianpu Analytical Instrument Co., Ltd.), jolt it constantly. After extraction, vacuum filtrate and vacuum freeze-dry to get the powder of crude extraction.

### The second extract of raspberry flavone

The crude extraction liquid of raspberry flavone achieved in last step (rotated membrane evaporimeter, RE201D Shanghai Bocai Instrument Co., Ltd.) was vacuum rotated and evaporated to gain paste-like solids,

which were dissolved by ultrasound after adding into purified water. Extract for three times by petroleum ether, and the upper aqueous layer was taken to be extracted for three times by ethyl acetate, and yellow powder was got after vacuum rotation and evaporation.

### The purified products of raspberry flavone

The powder of raspberry flavone extraction got in previous step was dissolved by 70% alcohol and purified by AB-8 resin column (chemically pure Nanjing University Synthetic Resin Co., Ltd.), and then yellow powders were gained after vacuum rotation and evaporation.

### The grouping and preparation of experimental rats

The rats for experiments (purchased from Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Experimental Animal Institute): 3-week old male rats were used whose weights were between 80 and 100 g.

The grouping and preparation of experimental rats: randomly divide rats into 5 groups with 7 rats in each group as high dose raspberry flavone group, low dose group, positive control group, negative control group and blank group. Force and feed blank group on normal saline and base without cholesterol every day; force feed negative control group on normal saline and cholesterol base every day; force and feed positive control group on V<sub>E</sub> and base with cholesterol every day, while the V<sub>E</sub> feeding amount was calculated according to 0.0025 g/kg (body weight); feed high and low dose groups on fodder with cholesterol and high and low dose of raspberry flavone extraction every day. The raspberry flavone extraction was calculated based on 400 mg/kg and 100 mg/kg rat's weight; the addition amount of cholesterol in base was 0.5%. After 6 weeks' feeding, rats were fast for 12 h, and 7 rats were randomly taken to conduct experiments.

The fundamental ingredient of base (%): starch: 50;

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soybean oil: 5.6; cellulose compound: 3.2; mineral element compound: 6.7; mixed vitamin: 1; protein: 23.2; water: 9.8.

#### The collection of rats' liver and kidney samples

After 12 h' fasting, the experimental rats which were fed for 6 weeks were anaesthetized by 4% pentobarbital sodium, and the dose was based on 40 mg/kg rats' weight. Take about 100 mg rats' skeletal muscle, renal cortex and liver, and 10 ml blood. Add 0.9% normal saline for 10 ml/g. Grind tissues to get tissue homogenate, which was centrifuged at 4°C, 4000 rpm for 15 min, and take the supernatant to detect CAT, SOD and GSH-Px enzyme activity, and detect MDA [3].

#### The determination of CAT activity

CAT can resolve H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, and this reaction can be rapidly terminated by adding ammonium molybdate. The extra H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, together with ammonium, can form a kind of faint yellow complex compound, and its quantity of generation can be detected at 405 nm, so as to calculate CAT activity. CAT kit used in experiments to detect was A007-1 (Nanjing Jiancheng Bioengineering Institute). 1 umol H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> which was resolved by 1 mg tissue protein was taken as a unit of activity [4], shown by U/ml.

#### The determination of SOD activity

The determination of SOD activity with the method of xanthine oxidase Xanthine and xanthine oxidase reaction system can produce superoxide anion free radical, which oxidized hydroxylamine to form nitrite that demonstrated to be purple when affected by chromogenic agent. The absorbance was detected at 550 nm to calculate SOD activity which was shown by U/mg protein. SOD kit used in experiments was A001-1 (Nanjing Jiancheng Bioengineering Institute).

#### The determination of GSH-Px activity

Glutathione peroxidase can promote H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> to react with reduced type glutathione for generating oxidized glutathione and water. The activity of glutathione peroxidase can be shown by enzymatic reaction velocity. By measuring the consumption of reduced type glutathione in enzymatic reaction, enzyme activity can be obtained. In reaction system, glutathione concentration decreased by 1 umol/L, which was an activity unit. In the experiment,

GSH-Px kit A005-1 was employed to determine [5] (Nanjing Jiancheng Bioengineering Institute).

#### The determination of MDA content

The determination was by means of TBA (Thiobarbituric Acid Test). MDA kit used in the experiments was A003-1 (Nanjing Jiancheng Bioengineering Institute).

#### The determination of total protein content in tissues

By means of Coomassie brilliant blue protein determination kit A045-2 (Nanjing Jiancheng Bioengineering Institute), the determination was conducted and shown by mg/mL.

#### The statistical analysis

SPSS18.0 was used in statistical analysis, and the data was  $x \pm SD$ ,  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

### 3. Results and Conclusion

According to the analysis of oxidization resistance activity data in vitro of *raspberry* flavone extraction, among *raspberry* flavone crude extraction, *raspberry* flavone extract and *raspberry* flavone purified matters, *raspberry* flavone purified matters group has a greater ability in scavenging hydroxyl, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and DPPH than the other two ones. Therefore, *raspberry* flavone purified matters was chosen to be the raw material of rats' *in vivo* oxidization resistance experiments to conduct analysis, while the results are as follows:

#### The results of rats' liver oxidization resistance activity

From **Table 1**, it can be seen that in rats' liver tissues, high dose group has the highest CAT, SOD and GSH-Px activity (cholesterol and high dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters were fed), being significantly different from other four groups ( $p < 0.05$ ); the second highest one is low dose group (low dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters and cholesterol were fed), which differs from some groups remarkably. Between blank, positive and negative groups, there is also some significance of difference, which is small. The high dose purified matters group has an obvious higher MDA content than other groups, being significantly different from other groups ( $p$

**Table 1. The determination result for big mouse liver CAT, SOD, GSH-Px, MDA.**

Treatment	Item	CAT (U/mL)	SOD (U/m)	GSH-Px	MDA (mol/mg)
The Blank control		45.57 ± 1.16	204.06 ± 1.47	626.41 ± 5.34	9.89 ± 0.43
The Negative control		53.58 ± 1.60 <sup>△</sup>	212.25 ± 1.63 <sup>△</sup>	638.70 ± 3.54 <sup>△</sup>	12.96 ± 0.39 <sup>△</sup>
The Positive control		59.09 ± 1.77 <sup>△#</sup>	219.06 ± 1.14 <sup>△#</sup>	647.81 ± 3.85 <sup>△#</sup>	7.23 ± 0.29 <sup>△#</sup>
The low dose group		61.01 ± 1.55 <sup>△#</sup>	229.92 ± 2.35 <sup>△#</sup>	698.09 ± 4.76 <sup>△#</sup>	6.63 ± 0.08 <sup>△#</sup>
The high dose group		69.19 ± 1.38 <sup>△#☆◇</sup>	243.75 ± 1.69 <sup>△#☆◇</sup>	718.25 ± 6.70 <sup>△#☆◇</sup>	4.21 ± 0.13 <sup>△#☆◇</sup>

Note: "△" stands for the significant difference when compared with blank control; "△#" stands for the significant difference compared with negative control; "△#" stands for the significant difference compared with purified matters of low dose; "△#" stands for the significant difference compared with purified matters of low dose.

< 0.05), which demonstrates that high dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters can increase the enzymes of oxidization resistance and scavenging free radical in rats' liver, benefiting removing the free radical in mice's livers, increasing liver's oxidization resistance, which is effective in oxidization resistance.

**The result of detecting rats' kidney oxidization resistance activity**

Table 2 shows that, being similar to rats' liver experiments, high dose group has the highest CAT, SOD and GSH-Px activity in rats' kidney, being significantly different from other four groups (p < 0.05). The second one is low dose group (low dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters and cholesterol were fed), which differs from some groups remarkably. The high dose purified matters group has a obvious lower MDA content than other groups, being significantly different from other groups (p < 0.05), which demonstrates that high dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters can increase the enzymes of oxidization resistance and scavenging free radical in rats' kidney, being propitious to remove the free radical in mice's kidneys, increasing kidney's oxidization resistance, which is effective in oxidization resistance. This experi-

mental result is consistent with the oxidization resistance of rats' liver.

**The result of detecting rats' blood resistance activity**

From the results of Table 3, CAT, SOD and GSH-Px activity in rats' blood, there is difference in the groups. By comparison, the purified matters of high dose have an obvious higher activity than other groups, being obviously different from others (p < 0.05). Between purified matters of low dose and other groups, there is some significant difference, while the difference is not significant between the remaining groups. It demonstrates that after feeding, *raspberry* flavone purified matters can markedly increase the activity of free radical scavenging enzyme in rats' blood and strengthen the oxidization resistance of rats' blood. MDA, the decomposition product of lipid peroxide, is higher in high dose purified matters group than in other groups, and there is significant difference, which shows that high

**The result of detecting rats' skeleton muscular tissue resistance activity**

The result of Table 4 demonstrates to be consistent with the experimental results above. CAT, SOD, GSH-

**Table 2. The determination result for big mouse kidney CAT, SOD, GSH-Px, MDA.**

Treatment	Item	CAT (U/mL)	SOD (U/m)	GSH-Px	MDA (mol/mg)
The Blank control		84.79 ± 0.93	203.47 ± 2.99	409.40 ± 3.78	18.47 ± 0.86
The Negative control		91.41 ± 1.26 <sup>Δ</sup>	214.30 ± 5.39 <sup>Δ</sup>	423.44 ± 1.89 <sup>Δ</sup>	19.66 ± 0.94 <sup>Δ</sup>
The Positive control		97.36 ± 1.96 <sup>Δ#</sup>	209.71 ± 2.40	440.64 ± 2.19 <sup>Δ#</sup>	15.70 ± 0.56 <sup>Δ#</sup>
The low dose group		105.59 ± 2.24 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	227.02 ± 5.17 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	453.67 ± 2.65 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	13.20 ± 0.55 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>
The high dose group		121.12 ± 1.45 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	248.10 ± 4.47 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	469.40 ± 1.05 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	9.91 ± 0.65 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>

Note: "Δ" stands for significant difference when compared with blank control; "#" stands for the significant difference compared with negative control; "☆" stands for the significant difference compared with positive control group; "◇" stands for the significant difference compared with purified matters of low dose.

**Table 3. The determination result for big mouse blood CAT, SOD, GSH-Px, MDA.**

Treatment	Item	CAT (U/mL)	SOD (U/m)	GSH-Px	MDA (mol/mg)
The Blank control		76.12 ± 2.61	187.39 ± 5.38	391.67 ± 2.53	18.48 ± 0.58
The Negative control		84.47 ± 2.50 <sup>Δ</sup>	200.41 ± 2.56 <sup>Δ</sup>	417.06 ± 4.56 <sup>Δ</sup>	19.17 ± 0.39
The Positive control		92.20 ± 1.37 <sup>Δ#</sup>	208.71 ± 11.47 <sup>Δ</sup>	426.67 ± 6.09 <sup>Δ</sup>	14.55 ± 0.63 <sup>Δ#</sup>
The low dose group		94.89 ± 0.79 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	209.29 ± 1.03 <sup>Δ</sup>	441.38 ± 5.71 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	13.12 ± 0.96 <sup>Δ#</sup>
The high dose group		109.55 ± 1.18 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	232.47 ± 1.85 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	458.98 ± 4.70 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	10.86 ± 0.34 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>

Note: "Δ" stands for significant difference when compared with blank control; "#" stands for the significant difference compared with negative control; "☆" stands for the significant difference compared with positive control group; "◇" stands for the significant difference compared with purified matters of low dose.

**Table 4. The CAT, SOD, GSH-Px, MDA determination result for big mouse skeleton muscular tissue.**

Treatment	Item	CAT (U/mL)	SOD (U/m)	GSH-Px	MDA (mol/mg)
The Blank control		84.04 ± 2.40	193.66 ± 4.30	303.85 ± 6.21	16.80 ± 0.63
The Negative control		90.51 ± 0.90 <sup>Δ</sup>	197.51 ± 1.86	288.01 ± 9.19 <sup>Δ</sup>	17.81 ± 0.46
The Positive control		95.43 ± 1.65 <sup>Δ</sup>	210.17 ± 2.85 <sup>Δ#</sup>	320.06 ± 1.54 <sup>Δ#</sup>	15.40 ± 0.57 <sup>#</sup>
The low dose group		106.66 ± 3.42 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	225.77 ± 4.40 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>	330.94 ± 3.43 <sup>Δ#</sup>	12.24 ± 0.26 <sup>Δ#☆</sup>
The high dose group		122.34 ± 1.20 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	239.74 ± 1.99 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	350.62 ± 2.01 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>	10.17 ± 0.48 <sup>Δ#☆◇</sup>

Note: "Δ" stands for significant difference when compared with blank control; "#" stands for the significant difference compared with negative control; "☆" stands for the significant difference compared with positive control group; "◇" stands for the significant difference compared with purified matters of low dose.

Px activity in rats' musculus skeleti are significantly higher in high dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters than in other groups, while MDA is lower, being significantly different from other groups, followed by low dose *raspberry* flavone purified matters. It shows that *raspberry* flavone purified matters can obviously increase the activity of free radical scavenging enzyme in rats' musculus skeleti, strengthening the oxidization resistance of rats' blood, decreasing lipid peroxidization and improving oxidization resistance.

#### 4. DISCUSSION

1) In recent years, the relation of free radical and many diseases has been increasingly aroused great attention. The development of free radical biomedicine enables the natural antioxidant, high efficient and low-toxic free radical scavenger to be the research hotspot of biological chemistry and medicine and pharmacology [6]. Oxidization resistance is considered to be the most important mechanism of flavonoid compound. The flavonoid compound is well received in western countries, whose oxidization resistance and other biological activities are also gradually paid attention to by Chinese.

2) Dried fruit of *raspberry* is used as both food and medicine, being effective in protecting liver and kidney and preventing and resisting cancers [7]. One of the major functional matters in *raspberry* is flavonoid compound. The identified *raspberry* flavonoid compounds are mainly kaempferol, quercetin and tiliroside, which are special in structure and effective with more than 90% of bioavailability when compared with most flavones.

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