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## 生薬抽出物のスーパーオキシド消去作用

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### Superoxide-Scavenging Activity of Crude Drug Extracts

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#### Abstract

Superoxide( $O_2^-$ )-scavenging activities of 27 crude drug extracts were studied by 3 different  $O_2^-$  assay; the Nitrite method, the NBT method, and the ESR method.

Extracts of Chouji, Gennoshouko, and Daiou showed high  $O_2^-$ -scavenging activities with all the 3 methods. These activities were not reduced by autoclave treatment at 120°C for 15 min. In the ESR method the activities of these 3 crude drug extracts were about 1/15 to 1/20 of that of superoxide dismutase from bovine erythrocytes.

And also extracts of Chouji, Gennoshouko, and Daiou scavenged  $O_2^-$  induced by ultraviolet light irradiation.

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