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## 香料の緑膿菌の抗菌薬感受性増強効果

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### Effects of Fragrance Ingredients on the Antibacterial Agents Susceptibility of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

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#### Abstract

We screened 1022 kinds of fragrance ingredients (206 kinds of natural and 816 kinds of synthetic fragrance ingredients) for the enhanced effect on the susceptibility of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* against antibacterial agents. Total 6 kinds of ingredients (2 of ketones, esters and acids) showed increased effect on antibacterial susceptibility of *P. aeruginosa*. We estimated the effects of these fragrance ingredients by using a checkerboard method, to clarify the additive and/or synergy effects of all ingredients in the combination with  $\beta$ -lactams, aminoglycosides and quinolones. In particular, Diacetyl, Allyl *iso*-thiocyanate and Propionic acid exerted synergy effects on the combination with GM or ABPC. Furthermore, we evaluated the effects of these fragrance ingredients on the efflux pumps of *P. aeruginosa*, but they did not show inhibitory effects on efflux pumps of *P. aeruginosa*. We demonstrated that fragrance ingredients possessed the enhanced efficacy on the susceptibility of *P. aeruginosa* against several antimicrobial agents. This finding has been found to be useful in suggesting the possibility of a new treatment for *P. aeruginosa* infections.

**Key words:** fragrance ingredients, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, antibacterial agents, synergistic effect, efflux pump.