

**Detection of Single Stranded DNA Breakages of  
Mycotoxins Using The Alkaline Single Cell Gel  
Electrophoresis Assay (Comet Assay)**

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Various kinds of toxic metabolites called mycotoxin were isolated from pathogenic fungi as causal agents of food and feed intoxication in humans and livestock.

To determine the DNA strand breakage in cell level, we performed single cell gel electrophoresis assay (comet assay) for 7 mycotoxins such as trichothecenes (T-2 toxin, deoxynivalenol, nivalenol), dihydrobisfuran (aflatoxin B<sub>1</sub>), isocoumarins (ochratoxin A), fumonisin B<sub>1</sub>, and zearalenol in chinese hamster lung fibroblast cells with and without metabolic activation system. To decide optimum concentration for comet assay, the cytotoxicity of 7 mycotoxins was determined by MTT and trypan blue exclusion assay. T-2 toxin induced dose-dependent DNA damage in the absence of metabolic activation system with statistical significance.

And also, a dose-dependent significant increase of DNA damage of AFB<sub>1</sub> and FB<sub>1</sub> was observed in the presence of metabolic activation system.

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