

A Study on the Storage of Major Cultural Herbal Medicine Materials, *Scutellariae Radix*

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Abstract

To develop optimal storage method of root of *Scutellariae Radix*, which has been grown as major cultural herbal medicine materials, root of *Scutellariae Radix*, was stored for 10 months with different packing materials and sealing methods. The loss in dry weight as influenced by packing materials and sealing methods was the lowest at vacuum packing and followed by complete sealing methods with transparent polyethylene film. The ratio of root rot during the storage period was not significantly different between packing materials but was significantly different between sealing conditions. Conclusively, vacuum packing and complete sealing with polyethylene film appears to be optimal for storage of *Scutellariae Radix*.