

## Aldose Reductase Inhibitory Activity of Rutin from Tartary Buckwheat

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## Objective

AR, the key enzyme in the polyol pathway, acts an important role in the pathogenesis of diabetic complications. AR inhibitors (ARI) can prevent or reverse early abnormalities in diabetic complications. Nevertheless, none of ARI has achieved worldwide use because of limited efficacy or undesirable reaction. So then, evaluating natural sources for ARI potential may lead to the development of safer and more effective agents against diabetic complications. This study focuses on AR inhibition of rutin from tartary buckwheat.

## Materials and Methods

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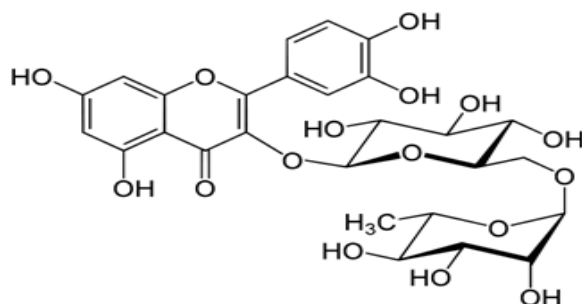
Rat lenses were removed from Sprague-Dawley rats (250-280 g) and preserved by freezing it until use. These were homogenized and centrifuged at 10,000 rpm (4°C, 20 min) and the supernatant was used as an enzyme source. AR activity was spectrophotometrically determined by measuring the decrease in absorption of  $\beta$ -NADPH at 340 nm for a 4 min period at room temperature with DL-glyceraldehydes as a substrate. The assay mixture contained 0.1 M potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7.0), 0.1 M sodium phosphate buffer (pH 6.2), 1.6 mM NADPH, and test sample (in DMSO) with 0.025 M DL-glyceraldehyde as substrate in quartz cell.

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## Results

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The rat lens AR inhibition of rutin from tartary buckwheat was 64.29% at 1.0 mg/ml. Quercetin known as a very strong AR inhibitor ( $IC_{50}$  value, 0.19 mg/ml) in natural constituents was used as a positive control. The  $IC_{50}$  value of rutin was 0.66 mg/ml.

Table 1.  $IC_{50}$  of rutin from tartary buckwheat on rat lens AR inhibition

Compounds	Concentration (mg/ml)	AR inhibition <sup>1)</sup> (%)	$IC_{50}$ <sup>2)</sup> (mg/ml)
Rutin	1.0	64.29	0.66
	0.5	49.44	
	0.1	16.31	
Quercetin <sup>3)</sup>	0.5	73.32	0.19
	0.1	47.91	
	0.05	35.68	

<sup>1)</sup> Inhibition rate was calculated as percentage with respect to the control value.

<sup>2)</sup>  $IC_{50}$  value was calculated from the least-squares regression equations in the plot of the logarithm of at three graded concentrations vs % inhibition.

<sup>3)</sup> Quercetin was used as a positive control.

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