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Functional Component Contents in Mature Leaves, Young Shoots, and Adventitious Shoots of Japanese Persimmon 'Saijo'

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The mature leaves of Japanese 'Saijo' persimmon (*Diospyros kaki* Thunb.) are consumed as ingredients in health foods and teas. Levels of ascorbic acid and polyphenols were compared between the mature leaf (M-leaf), young shoot (T-shoot; cultured by watersoaking twigs grown the previous year) and adventitious shoot (A-shoot; obtained from orchard trees). The level of total ascorbic acid (T-AsA) was highest in M-leaves, and though the levels of polyphenols were high in M-leaf and A-shoot, they were remarkably low in T-shoot. Isoquercitrin and astragalin levels were highest in A-shoot, followed by M-leaf, and then T-shoot.

Keywords: astragalin, isoquercitrin, persimmon shoot, total ascorbic acid, total polyphenol

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