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Occurrence of Thiyl Radical on a Myosin derived from Carp by Superoxide Anion Radical

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The mechanism for the beneficial effects of vitamin C (L-ascorbic acid, AsA) on the quality of the heat-induced fish gel, kamaboko, has been proposed by Nishimura $et\ al$. to involve the production of thiyl radical (S·). The generation of S· in myosin by the superoxide anion radical (O₂⁻), produced by the photoactivation of riboflavin, was then examined by electron spin resonance spectroscopy coupled with spin-trapping. Consequently, the production of

spin resonance spectroscopy coupled with spin-trapping. Consequently, the production of $S \cdot$ was observed. This generation of $S \cdot$ in myosin was inhibited by the addition of 100 units (u)/ml superoxide dismutase (SOD), whereas heat-inactivated SOD, catalase (1,200 u/ml), and heat-inactivated catalase did not suppress the generation of $S \cdot$. These results suggested that the generation of $S \cdot$ in myosin occurred due to the presence of O_2^{-1} .

Keywords: <u>vitamin C</u>, <u>improvement mechanism</u>, <u>myosin</u>, <u>superoxide anion radical</u>, <u>thiyl radical</u>, <u>electron spin resonance (ESR)</u>, <u>kamaboko</u>

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