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## Suppressive Effects of Polysaccharide Produced by *Bacillus circulans* on Chemical Mutagens-Induced SOS Response in *Salmonella typhimurium*

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The suppressing effects of polysaccharide produced by *Bacillus circulans* on the SOS response of *Salmonella typhimurium* TA 1535/pSK1002 induced by AF-2, MNNG, 4NQO, Trp-P-2, IQ and MeIQx were compared with those of commercial polysaccharides to find a new physiological value as an additive to processed foodstuffs. The native polysaccharide produced by *B. circulans* strongly suppressed SOS response induced by IQ and MeIQx, and the suppression was increased with increasing polysaccharide concentration. Xanthan gum, which is an acidic polysaccharide produced by *Xanthomonas campestris*, and carboxymethyl cellulose (CMC) did not suppress SOS response induced by mutagens.

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