

Antioxidant Activity Improvement Potential of Active Constituent of *Emblca officinalis*

OBJECTIVE

To investigate the effect of polyphenolic compound: ellagic acid on various antioxidant activities in Gallus gallus laying hens.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A total of 120-birds + 12-cocks of local yellow-brown laying hens of 28-weeks old were equally divided into 4-groups. The experimental diet was offered from 28 to 44 weeks of age as follows; Group A was control diet without ellagic acid while Groups B, C, and D had 50, 100, and 200 mg/kg of ellagic acid respectively. At the end of the experiment, blood was collected from 2 birds per replicate and serum was separated. The quantity of total antioxidant capacity (T-AOC), total superoxide dismutase (T-SOD), glutathione peroxidase (GSH-Px), and malondialdehyde (MDA) in serum and liver were measured using standardized kit-based assay protocols.

RESULTS

**Effects of different levels of ellagic acid on serum (I) and liver
(II) antioxidant indices of laying hens during the whole experimental period**

Groups	T-SOD U/ml	T-AOC, U/ml	GSH-Px, U/ml	MDA, nmol/ml
A	417.2 ± 11.47 ^a	4.22 ± 0.14 ^a	1330.50 ± 0.41 ^a	9.85 ± 0.18 ^a
B	429.6 ± 10.06 ^a	4.26 ± 0.32 ^a	1376.10 ± 0.44 ^a	9.12 ± 0.46 ^a
C	480.6 ± 14.65 ^b	5.18 ± 0.02 ^b	1590.24 ± 0.89 ^b	7.64 ± 0.38 ^b
D	510.0 ± 8.56 ^{ab}	5.57 ± 0.38 ^{ab}	1620.57 ± 0.32 ^{ab}	7.36 ± 0.16 ^a I

Groups	T-AOC, U/ml	T-SOD (U/mg pro)	GSH-Px (U/ml)	MDA (nmol/mg pro)
A	1.75 ± 0.06 ^a	98.36 ± 2.68 ^a	33.46 ± 1.43 ^a	0.76 ± 0.02 ^a
B	1.82 ± 0.03 ^a	97.52 ± 2.47 ^a	33.48 ± 1.56 ^a	0.68 ± 0.04 ^a
C	2.10 ± 0.001 ^b	102.52 ± 3.0 ^b	35.96 ± 1.74 ^b	0.54 ± 0.04 ^b
D	2.20 ± 0.02 ^{ab}	102.93 ± 3.0 ^{ab}	35.46 ± 1.74 ^{ab}	0.50 ± 0.03 ^c II

^{abc}Means values within the same column with different superscript differ significantly (p < 0.05)

CONCLUSIONS

Ellagic acid at 100 mg/kg significantly decreased malondialdehyde concentration and increased total antioxidant capacity, glutathione peroxidase, and total superoxide dismutase in serum and liver samples of laying hens (p<0.05).

Reference:

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