Assessing antioxidant activity of strawberry tree honey using DNA plasmid phiX174 RF1: A pilot study

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Research

Strawberry tree honey (*Arbutus unedo* L. – STH), a unique type of monofloral honey with a distinct bitter flavour, is renowned for its abundant phenolic content and powerful antioxidant properties, contributing to various beneficial health effects.

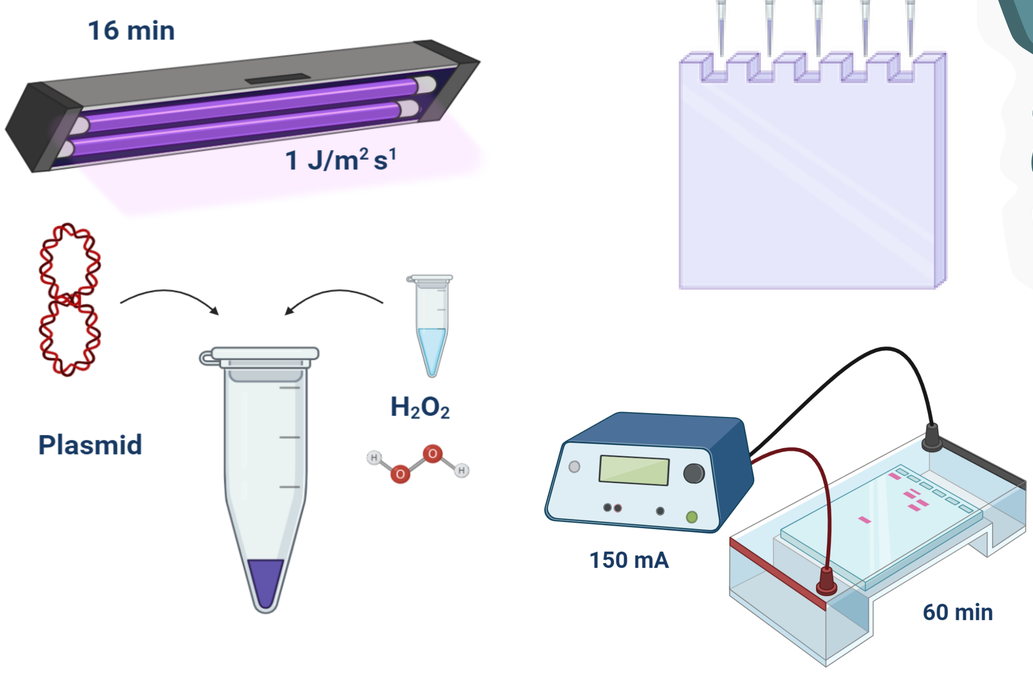
Aim

Evaluate the antioxidant activity of STH, STH phenolic extract (E), and dominant phenolic acid in STH – homogentisic acid (HGA) using DNA plasmid phiX174 RF1.

Methodology

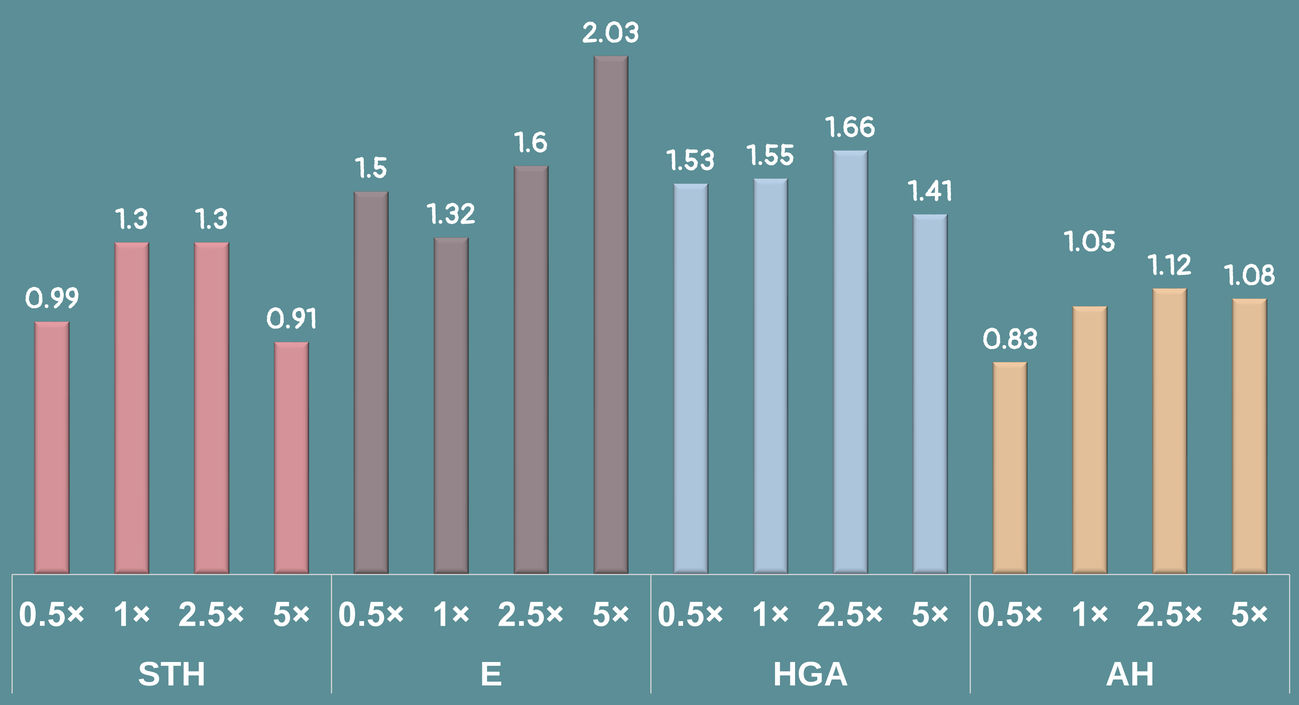
- STH, E, and HGA were tested in four concentrations selected based on the typical daily intake of STH by an adult
- To examine the impact of sugars, artificial honey (AH) was also evaluated

GelAnalyzer 19.1
Free desktop app for 1D gel electrophoresis evaluation



Results

Quotients intensity of tested substances and positive controls



Conclusions

- The antioxidant activity decreases as follows: E > HGA > STH
- The results indicate that the antioxidant character of the E is strongly dependent on the specific mixture of bioactive compounds present

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