

Immunomodulatory and antioxidant effects of spray-dried encapsulated kale sprouts after *in vitro* gastrointestinal digestion

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Table S1. Composition of artificial digestive juices

Compound	Artificial saliva	Gastric juice	Intestinal juice	Bile juice
Distilled water	500 mL	500 mL	500 mL	500 mL
NaCl	58.5 mg	2.752 g	7.012 g	5.259 g
KCl	74.5 mg	0.824 g	0.564 g	0.375 g
NaHCO ₃	1.05 g		3.388 g	5.785 g
Urea	0.2 g	0.085 g	0.1 g	0.25 g
Na ₂ HPO ₄		0.266 g		
CaCl ₂ *2H ₂ O ₂		0.399 g		
NH ₄ Cl		0.306 g		
KH ₂ PO ₄			80 mg	
MgCl ₂			50 mg	
α-amylase	1.0 g			
Pepsin		2.5 g		
Pancreatin			9 g	
Lipase			1.5 g	
Bile salts				30 g
pH	7.0 ± 0.2	2.0 ± 0.2	7.0 ± 0.2	7.0 ± 0.2

Table S2. Bioaccessibility of lutein in encapsulated and non-encapsulated 7-day-old Red Russian kale sprouts treated with selenium and sulfur.

	Non-Encapsulated			Encapsulated		
	Ctrl	S	Se	Ctrl	S	Se
Raw kale	2.8 ¹ ± 0.1 b ²	11.3 ± 1.2 c	9.5 ± 0.4 c	1.3 ± 0.1 b	8.4 ± 0.5 b	8.57 ± 0.2 b
Mouth	2.9 ± 0.2 b 3.40% ³	12.85 ± 1.4 b 12.10%	10.8 ± 1.1 b 11.70%	1.4 ± 0.1 b 5.90%	11.1 ± 0.7 b 24.20%	13.3 ± 0.4 a 35.20%
Stomach	3.7 ± 0.1 a 23.40%	14.74 ± 1.7 a 23.20%	12 ± 1.5 a 20.90%	1.6 ± 0.1 a 20.90%	12.3 ± 1.6 a 31.70%	14.4 ± 1.3 a 40.60%
Intestine	4.1 ± 0.1 a 31.40%	16.67 ± 1.2 a 32.40%	12.4 ± 1.5 a 23.10%	1.8 ± 0.1 a 28.30%	14.2 ± 1.4 a 40.10%	15.9 ± 1.5 a 45.40%

¹ Concentration is reported mg per 100 g of kale (DW). ² Different letters in the same column indicate statistical differences in the concentration of each compound between treatments using the least significant difference (LSD) test ($p < 0.05$). ³ Percentage values represent the proportion of liberation of lutein with respect to the control. Abbreviations: non-encapsulated (NE), encapsulated (E), selenium (S), and sulfur (S).

Table S3. Bioaccessibility of individual phenolic compounds in encapsulated and non-encapsulated 7-day-old Red Russian kale sprouts treated with selenium and sulfur.

	Non-Encapsulated						Encapsulated					
	Ctrl	S		Se		Ctrl	S		Se			
4-O-CQA												
Raw kale	89.2 ¹ ± 8.0 a ²	41.7 ± 3.8 a		68.9 ± 6.2 a		79.2 ± 6.1 a	40.1 ± 3.6 a		59.9 ± 5.4 a			
Mouth	68.6 ± 6.2 b	23% ³	39.2 ± 3.5 a 6%		53.7 ± 4.8 ab 22%		63.3 ± 5.7 b 20%		34.8 ± 3.1 a 13%		50.5 ± 4.5 b 16%	
Stomach	46.3 ± 4.2 c	48%	24.6 ± 2.2 b 41%		39.9 ± 3.6 b 42%		44.4 ± 4.0 c 44%		27.0 ± 2.4 b 32%		41.9 ± 3.8 c 30%	
Intestine	11.3 ± 1.0 d	87%	16.3 ± 1.5 c 61%		19.4 ± 1.7 c 72%		29.4 ± 2.6 d 63%		19.0 ± 1.7 c 53%		34.9 ± 3.1 d 42%	
3-O-H-K												
Raw kale	58.2 ± 5.2 a	41.2 ± 3.7 a		36.6 ± 3.3 a		45.2 ± 4.1 a	37.2 ± 3.3 a		33.6 ± 3.0 a			
Mouth	43.6 ± 3.9 b	25%	33.5 ± 3.0 ab 19%		33.2 ± 3.0 a 9%		37.1 ± 3.3 b 18%		31.6 ± 2.8 b 15%		27.4 ± 2.5 ab 18%	
Stomach	24.5 ± 2.2 c	58%	21.8 ± 2.0 b 47%		24.6 ± 2.2 b 33%		23.3 ± 2.1 c 48%		24.1 ± 2.2 c 35%		22.5 ± 2.0 b 33%	
Intestine	6.2 ± 0.6 d	89%	15.1 ± 1.4 c 63%		17.0 ± 1.2 c 54%		15.5 ± 1.4 d 66%		19.7 ± 1.8 d 47%		21.5 ± 1.9 b 36%	
Sinapic acid												
Raw kale	78.3 ± 7.0 a	37.0 ± 3.3 a		50.3 ± 4.5 a		69.3 ± 6.2 a	24.0 ± 2.2 a		43.3 ± 3.9 a			
Mouth	63.0 ± 5.7 ab	19%	30.4 ± 2.7 b 18%		43.2 ± 3.9 a 14%		54.4 ± 4.9 b 21%		19.4 ± 1.7 b 19%		35.8 ± 3.2 a 17%	
Stomach	39.6 ± 3.6 b	49%	20.2 ± 1.8 c 45%		26.6 ± 2.4 b 47%		33.8 ± 3.0 c 51%		17.8 ± 1.6 b 26%		29.3 ± 2.6 b 32%	
Intestine	8.4 ± 0.8 c	89%	14.4 ± 1.3 d 61%		17.1 ± 1.5 c 66%		27.3 ± 2.5 d 61%		8.8 ± 0.8 c 63%		25.8 ± 2.3 c 40%	
Ferulic acid												
Raw kale	32.4 ± 2.9 a	29.4 ± 2.6 a		24.6 ± 2.2 a		28.4 ± 2.6 a	27.1 ± 2.4 a		21.6 ± 1.9 a			
Mouth	25.2 ± 2.3 ab	22%	26.4 ± 2.4 a 10%		21.0 ± 1.9 a 15%		24.7 ± 2.2 a 13%		24.1 ± 2.2 a 11%		17.4 ± 1.6 b 20%	
Stomach	18.8 ± 1.7 b	42%	18.2 ± 1.6 b 38%		6.5 ± 0.6 b 74%		14.9 ± 1.3 b 48%		20.0 ± 1.8 b 26%		14.1 ± 1.3 c 35%	
Intestine	3.8 ± 0.3 c	88%	13.5 ± 1.2 c 54%		8.8 ± 0.8 b 64%		9.6 ± 0.9 c 66%		11.2 ± 1.0 c 59%		10.9 ± 1.0 d 50%	

Table S3. (Continuation) Bioaccessibility of individual phenolic compounds in encapsulated and non-encapsulated 7-day-old Red Russian kale sprouts treated with selenium and sulfur.

	Non-Encapsulated						Encapsulated					
	Ctrl		S		Se		Ctrl		S		Se	
1-S-2-FG												
Raw kale	27.1 ¹ ± 2.4 a ²		38.0 ± 3.4 a		43.4 ± 3.9 a		27.1 ± 2.4 a		36.7 ± 3.3 a		42.4 ± 3.8 a	
Mouth	20.1 ± 1.8 b		26% ³		31.6 ± 2.8 b		17%		37.6 ± 3.4 b		13%	
Stomach	6.0 ± 0.5 c		78%		10.8 ± 1.0 c		72%		17.8 ± 1.6 c		59%	
Intestine	2.6 ± 0.2 cd		90%		6.6 ± 0.6 d		83%		15.1 ± 1.4 d		65%	
1,2-diS-2-FG												
Raw kale	12.0 ± 1.1 a		7.3 ± 0.7 a		11.6 ± 1.0 a		9.0 ± 0.8 a		6.0 ± 0.5 a		8.6 ± 0.8 a	
Mouth	9.5 ± 0.9 b		21%		5.0 ± 0.4 ab		32%		10.2 ± 0.9 a		12%	
Stomach	4.8 ± 0.4 c		60%		3.4 ± 0.3 b		54%		6.1 ± 0.5 b		48%	
Intestine	0.8 ± 0.1 d		94%		1.4 ± 0.1 c		80%		2.5 ± 0.2 c		79%	
K-3-O-s-so7-O-g												
Raw kale	34.1 ± 3.1 a		43.8 ± 3.9 a		27.0 ± 2.4 a		37.1 ± 3.3 a		41.1 ± 3.7 a		24.0 ± 2.2 a	
Mouth	25.7 ± 2.3 b		25%		38.5 ± 3.5 b		12%		21.6 ± 1.9 b		20%	
Stomach	7.8 ± 0.7 c		77%		18.2 ± 1.6 c		58%		9.3 ± 0.8 c		66%	
Intestine	3.4 ± 0.3 d		90%		8.0 ± 0.7 d		82%		4.0 ± 0.4 d		85%	
Quercetin												
Raw kale	24.2 ± 2.2 a		39.0 ± 3.5 a		24.3 ± 2.2 a		19.2 ± 1.7 a		38.0 ± 3.4 a		23.3 ± 2.1 a	
Mouth	17.9 ± 1.6 b		26%		29.2 ± 2.6 b		25%		19.6 ± 1.8 ab		19%	
Stomach	5.4 ± 0.5 c		77%		17.6 ± 1.6 c		55%		8.8 ± 0.8 c		64%	
Intestine	2.3 ± 0.2 d		90%		6.1 ± 0.6 d		84%		3.8 ± 0.3 d		84%	

¹ Concentrations are reported mg per 100 g of kale (DW). ² Different letters in the same column indicate statistical differences in the concentration of each compound between treatments using the least significant difference (LSD) test ($p < 0.05$). ³ Values in parentheses represent the percentage of degradation with respect to the control. Abbreviations: non-encapsulated (NE), encapsulated (E), selenium (S), sulfur (S), 4-O-caffeoylquinic acid (4-O-CQA), 3-O-hexoside kaempferol (3-O-H-K), 1-sinapoyl-2'-feruloylgentiobiose (1-S-2-FG), 1,2-disinapoyl-2-feruloylgentiobiose (1,2-diS-2-FG) and kaempferol 3-O-sophoroside-7-O-glucoside (K-3-O-s-so7).

Table S4. Bioaccessibility of individual glucosinolates in encapsulated and non-encapsulated 7-day-old Red Russian kale sprouts treated with selenium and sulfur.

	Non-Encapsulated						Encapsulated					
	Ctrl		S		Se		Ctrl		S		Se	
GIB												
Raw kale	0.1 ¹ ± 0.0	a ²	4.0 ± 0.4	a	1.2 ± 0.1	a	ND	a	2.4 ± 0.2	a	0.5 ± 0.0	a
Mouth	ND	b 100% ³	3.1 ± 0.3	b 23%	1.0 ± 0.1	b 16%	ND	a	2.1 ± 0.2	a 15%	0.4 ± 0.0	a 12%
Stomach	ND	b 100%	2.1 ± 0.2	c 46%	0.7 ± 0.1	c 41%	ND	a	1.4 ± 0.1	b 41%	0.3 ± 0.0	b 39%
Intestine	ND	b 100%	ND	d 100%	ND	d 100%	ND	a	ND	c 100%	ND	c 100%
PRO												
Raw kale	1.9 ± 0.2	a	3.6 ± 0.3	a	2.0 ± 0.2	a	1.6 ± 0.1	a	2.2 ± 0.2	a	1.4 ± 0.1	a
Mouth	1.5 ± 0.1	a 21%	3.1 ± 0.3	ab 12%	1.8 ± 0.2	a 10%	1.4 ± 0.1	a 11%	1.9 ± 0.2	a 10%	1.3 ± 0.1	a 9%
Stomach	1.0 ± 0.1	b 45%	2.2 ± 0.2	c 39%	1.3 ± 0.1	b 37%	1.0 ± 0.1	b 38%	1.5 ± 0.1	b 33%	0.9 ± 0.1	b 36%
Intestine	ND	c 100%	ND	d 100%	ND	c 100%	0.3 ± 0.0	c 81%	0.6 ± 0.1	c 71%	0.5 ± 0.0	c 65%
GRA												
Raw kale	24.7 ± 2.2	a	157.1 ± 14.1	a	111.5 ± 10	a	23.5 ± 2.1	a	149.6 ± 13.5	a	103.5 ± 9.3	a
Mouth	18.8 ± 1.7	b 24%	138.5 ± 12.5	b 12%	93.8 ± 8.4	a 16%	18.8 ± 1.7	a 20%	132.2 ± 11.9	a 12%	88.9 ± 8.0	a 14%
Stomach	13.1 ± 1.2	c 47%	97.0 ± 8.7	c 38%	84.4 ± 7.6	b 24%	15.2 ± 1.4	b 35%	99.3 ± 8.9	b 34%	80.1 ± 7.2	b 23%
Intestine	12.3 ± 1.1	c 50%	82.9 ± 7.5	d 47%	75.1 ± 6.8	b 33%	6.5 ± 0.6	c 72%	85.0 ± 7.7	c 43%	73.3 ± 6.6	b 29%
GNP												
Raw kale	8.9 ± 0.8	a	9.5 ± 0.9	a	11.6 ± 1.0	a	6.9 ± 0.6	a	8.6 ± 0.8	a	10.6 ± 1.0	a
Mouth	6.3 ± 0.6	b 29%	8.6 ± 0.8	b 9%	9.2 ± 0.8	a 21%	5.1 ± 0.5	a 26%	7.9 ± 0.7	a 8%	9.5 ± 0.9	b 11%
Stomach	4.4 ± 0.4	c 50%	6.0 ± 0.5	c 37%	6.5 ± 0.6	b 44%	4.6 ± 0.4	b 34%	6.4 ± 0.6	b 25%	6.6 ± 0.6	c 37%
Intestine	ND	d 100%	ND	d 100%	ND	c 100%	2.0 ± 0.2	c 72%	2.8 ± 0.2	c 68%	2.9 ± 0.3	d 73%

Table S4. (Continuation) Bioaccessibility of individual glucosinolates in encapsulated and non-encapsulated 7-day-old Red Russian kale sprouts treated with selenium and sulfur.

	Non-Encapsulated			Encapsulated		
	Ctrl	S	Se	Ctrl	S	Se
4-HGB						
Raw kale	0.1 ¹ ± 0.0 a ²	0.7 ± 0.1 a	0.4 ± 0.0 a	ND	0.4 ± 0.0 a	1.2 ± 0.1 a
Mouth	0.1 ± 0.0 a 20% ³	0.4 ± 0.0 b 49%	ND b 100%	ND	0.3 ± 0.0 b 67%	1.1 ± 0.1 b 10%
Stomach	0.0 ± 0.0 b 56%	0.3 ± 0.0 b 65%	ND b 100%	ND	ND c 100%	0.8 ± 0.1 c 37%
Intestine	ND c 100%	ND c 100%	ND b 100%	ND	ND c 100%	ND d 100%
GER						
Raw kale	0.1 ± 0.0 a	0.2 ± 0.0 a	0.4 ± 0.0 a	ND	0.5 ± 0.0 a	0.4 ± 0.0 a
Mouth	0.1 ± 0.0 a 27%	0.2 ± 0.0 a 14%	0.3 ± 0.0 b 21%	ND	0.5 ± 0.0 a 9%	0.2 ± 0.0 a 34%
Stomach	0.1 ± 0.0 a 76%	0.1 ± 0.0 b 45%	0.1 ± 0.0 c 52%	ND	0.3 ± 0.0 b 37%	ND b 100%
Intestine	ND a 100%	ND c 100%	ND d 100%	ND	ND c 100%	ND c 100%
GBS						
Raw kale	5.0 ± 0.5 a	20.8 ± 1.9 a	10.8 ± 1.0 a	2.7 ± 0.2 a	16.1 ± 1.5 a	9.5 ± 0.9 a
Mouth	3.7 ± 0.3 b 26%	16.5 ± 1.5 b 21%	8.2 ± 0.7 b 24%	2.0 ± 0.2 a 24%	14.0 ± 1.3 a 13%	8.6 ± 0.8 a 9%
Stomach	3.4 ± 0.3 b 33%	13.2 ± 1.2 c 37%	7.8 ± 0.7 b 28%	1.8 ± 0.2 b 31%	11.2 ± 1.0 b 30%	6.0 ± 0.5 b 36%
Intestine	2.0 ± 0.2 c 60%	12.0 ± 1.1 c 42%	4.7 ± 0.4 c 56%	1.6 ± 0.1 b 38%	9.3 ± 0.8 c 42%	5.9 ± 0.5 b 38%
4-MGBS						
Raw kale	16.4 ± 1.5 a	33.6 ± 3.0 a	59.5 ± 5.4 a	14.5 ± 1.3 a	28.5 ± 2.6 a	49.2 ± 4.4 a
Mouth	12.5 ± 1.1 b 24%	27.6 ± 2.5 b 18%	48.5 ± 4.4 b 18%	11.9 ± 1.1 a 18%	23.3 ± 2.1 a 19%	41.9 ± 3.8 b 15%
Stomach	8.8 ± 0.8 c 47%	19.3 ± 1.7 c 43%	34.0 ± 3.1 c 43%	9.3 ± 0.8 b 36%	18.4 ± 1.7 b 35%	32.4 ± 2.9 c 34%
Intestine	4.1 ± 0.4 d 75%	14.4 ± 1.3 d 57%	9.3 ± 0.8 d 84%	4.0 ± 0.4 c 72%	14.4 ± 1.3 c 49%	13.9 ± 1.3 d 72%

¹ Concentrations are reported mM per 100 g of kale (DW). ² Values in parentheses represent the percentage of degradation with respect to the control. ³ Different letters in the same column indicate statistical differences in the concentration of each compound between treatments using the least significant difference (LSD) test ($p < 0.05$). Abbreviations: ND (No detected), non-encapsulated (NE), encapsulated (E), selenium (S), sulfur (S), glucoiberin (GIB), progoitrin (PRO), glucoraphanin (GRA), gluconapin (GNP), 4-hydroxy-glucobrassicin (4-HGB), glucoeurocin (GER), glucobrassicin (GBS) and 4-methoxy-glucobrassicin (4-MGBS).

1. Cellular antioxidant activity (CAA)

To evaluate the cellular antioxidant activity of intestinal-digested fractions of encapsulated and non-encapsulated kale sprouts, the method described by Ortega-Hernández et. al., [1] was used. Human colorectal adenocarcinoma cells (Caco-2) were obtained from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC® TIB-71™, VA, USA). Cells were cultivated in a DMEM solution containing 5% fetal bovine serum and 1% Pen-Strep antibiotic at 37 °C and 5% CO₂. Cells were seeded at a density of 5×10^4 cells/well on a 96-well plate and allowed to adhere for 16 h. Afterward, cells were treated with 100 µL of intestinal-digested fractions (200, 240, 300, and 400 µg/mL) of encapsulated and non-encapsulated kale treated with Se and S containing DCFH-DA (60 µM). After removing the treatment solutions, the cells were rinsed twice with PBS. Lastly, 100 µL of a 500 µM AAPH solution was added to each well, excluding the wells serving as blank and negative controls. Fluorescence was measured at 538 nm (emission) and 485 nm (excitation) every 2 min for 90 min at 37 °C using a microplate reader. Equation 3 was utilized to calculate CAA values:

$$CAA \text{ Unit} = 1 - \left(\frac{\int SA}{\int CA} \right) \quad (1)$$

where $\int SA$ represents the integrated area under the curve of sample fluorescence versus time, and $\int CA$ represents the integrated area from the control curve.

2. Evaluation of the anti-inflammatory potential by nitric oxide determination

The production of nitric oxide was evaluated using the method described by Ortega-Hernández et al., [1].

2.1. Cell culture

Murine macrophages Raw 264.7 cells and human colorectal adenocarcinoma cells (Caco-2) were obtained from the American Collection Type Culture (ATCC® TIB-71™, VA, USA). The cells were inoculated in a DMEM solution supplemented with 5% fetal bovine serum and 1% Pen-Strep antibiotic at 37 °C and 5% CO₂. Cells were seeded in a 96-well plate (5×10^4 cells/well) and allowed to adhere for 16 h to evaluate the effects of intestinal-digested fractions of kale on cellular antioxidant activity. After that, intestinal-digested fractions of encapsulated and non-encapsulated kale were added to Raw 264.7 (10, 25, and 50 µg/mL) and Caco-2 cells (200, 240, and 400 µg/mL), respectively. After 4 h of incubation, half of the wells were stimulated with LPS at 1 µg/mL, while the remaining wells served as controls for each sample.

2.2. Measurement of nitric oxide

The nitrite concentration in the cell culture supernatant was used as a measure of nitric oxide (NO_x) production. The amount of nitrite in the medium (100 µL) was measured with the Griess Reagent System (Promega, Madison, WI) according to the manufacturer's directions. The absorbance readings were obtained at 550 nm on a Synergy HT plate reader (Bio-Tek Instruments, Inc., VT, USA) after 10 min of incubation. A standard curve of sodium nitrite (1.5-50 µM) was prepared to quantify nitrate concentration.

2.3. Measurement of Raw 264.7 cell viability

Cell viability was tested using the CellTiter 96 AQueous One Solution Cell Proliferation Assay (Promega, Madison, WI). Absorbance values were read with a 96-well microplate reader (Synergy HT, Bio-Tek, Winooski, VM) at 490 nm. The percentage (%) of cell viability was calculated by dividing the absorbance of treated cells by the absorbance of the control (untreated) cells.

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