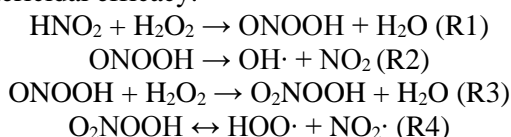


# 過酸化水素添加によるラジカル処理水中の殺菌効果の増強 Enhancement of bactericidal efficacy in radical-activated water through the addition of hydrogen peroxide

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Recently, non-equilibrium atmospheric-pressure plasmas are receiving a lot of attention owing to its great applicability to various agricultural and medical fields. In particular, plasma-activated water (PAW) is one of the most common plasma topics in this decade and it is considered that strong and short-lived oxidants such as hydroxyl radical (OH·) and hydroperoxyl radical (HOO·) are generated through reaction (R1-2) and (R1, 3-4), respectively, and kill the bacteria in PAW. [1,2] However, there are few reports, performing a quantitative measurement of radicals to prove that neutral radicals actually involve in the generation of bactericidal efficacy.



In the previous study, an atmospheric-pressure radical source was employed which selectively supplies electrically-neutral radicals without charged species or optical radiation by extracting them from plasma, to produce radical-activated water (RAW) and the bactericidal efficacy was evaluated using colony forming unit (CFU) of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*). As a result, RAW also showed strong bactericidal efficacy and therefore it was proven that neutral radicals are highly likely to be keys of the efficacy in PAW too.

In the present study, the importance of hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) on the bactericidal efficacy of RAW was investigated by adding H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reagent to DI water and the radical treatment.

*E. coli* (10<sup>8</sup>/mL) was prepared and suspended into deionized waters (DI water), containing H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> of 0, 200, 400, 600, 800, 1000 μM. The suspension was treated using the atmospheric-pressure oxygen radical source (Tough Plasma, Fuji Machine) [3] for 5 min. Colony counting method was used to investigate the number of survivors in the samples.

Figure 1 shows the bactericidal efficacy of RAW as a function of added H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentrations. Clearly, the bactericidal efficacy of RAW did not show any significant changes even when the solution contained 1000μM of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

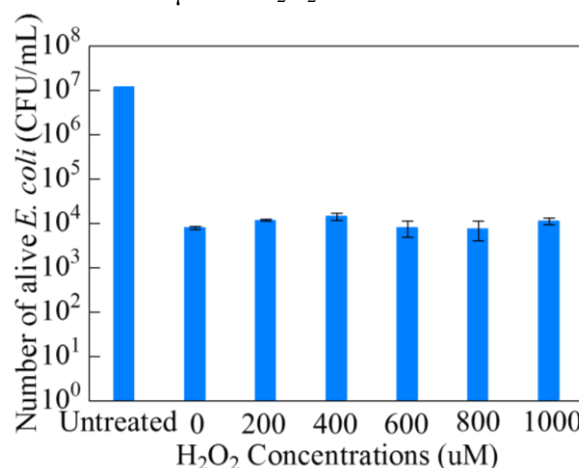


Fig. 1. Bactericidal efficacy in RAW depending on added H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration.

In summary, the importance of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> on the bactericidal efficacy has been investigated and it doesn't seem that the additional H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> has a significant effect on the killing of *E. coli* in our case.

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