

1 **Minimization of hazard risk from fresh-cut galangals using natural**
2 **biosurfactant fermented from sour cherry**

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29 **Abstract**

30 This investigation aimed to assess the effects of washing fresh galangal rhizomes on their
31 quality and safety using natural based non-ionic biosurfactant (50-200 mg L⁻¹) produced from
32 waste sour cherries fermentation. Chlorine-free water and 8 mg L⁻¹ chlorine dioxide were used as
33 control sanitizer treatments. The efficiency of removing *S. rolf sii* mycelium, dimethoate, and lead
34 (Pb) was tested. The results revealed that 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF reduced the membrane fluidity, and
35 damaged vegetative hypha of *S. rolf sii*. Due to removing pesticide and heavy metals, 200 mg L⁻¹
36 BSF was found to be the most effective in controlling dimethoate and Pb levels during storage at
37 4 °C for 7 days, which met the standard of maximum residue level (MRL). It might be concluded
38 that BSF could remove all hazards from contaminated fresh galangals. The washing procedure
39 prototype in this study could be practically used as a sanitation standard operating procedure
40 (SSOP) in food safety management in fresh-cut industry.

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43 safety management

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49 1. Introduction

50 Fresh-cut produce is prevalently obtained from leafy vegetables, tropical fruits, herbs and
51 spices. However, microbial outbreaks still remain (Mritunjay & Kumar, 2015) due to improper
52 post-harvest handling and washing steps (Murray, Wu, Shi, Jun Xue, & Warriner 2017). Fresh-
53 cut products have been linked to numerous pesticides and heavy metals in different regions of the
54 world (Ahmed, Siddique, Rahman, Bari, & Ferdousi, 2019). According to the 2017 FDA food
55 code (2013), galangals (*Alpinia galanga* (L.) Willd.), have a high risk of pathogens and filth.
56 Galangal extracts have been used in food and pharmaceutical formulations due to their
57 antimicrobial properties (Oonmetta-aree, Suzuki, Gasaluck, & Eumkeb, 2006). However, the
58 rhizome of edible galangal is contaminated with a soilborne pathogen, *Sclerotium rolfsii* (Xie,
59 Huang, & Vallad, 2014), which possesses a special hazardous structure called sclerotia (mycelium
60 clump). Meanwhile, organophosphate pesticides, especially dimethoate, as well as lead (Pb),
61 persist and have adverse effects in soil layer and irrigation (Lin, Tsai, Wu, Yeh, & Saalia, 2006;
62 Thummajitsakul et al., 2018).

63 Rinsing and soaking steps are considered as critical control points (CCPs) in fresh-cut
64 produce processing for food safety management based on SSOP (Tzamalís, Panagiotakos, &
65 Drosinos, 2016). The International Commission on Microbiological Specifications for Foods
66 (ICMSF) proposed a preventative action for managing hazard levels in food products, which must
67 rely on the significant concept of food safety objective (FSO) (Augustin & Guillier, 2018). For
68 this reason, aqueous chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) has been recognized as a sanitizer in washing steps
69 (Malka & Park, 2022). The ClO₂ is permitted by the FDA according to the food safety policy of
70 Food safety management (ISO 22000). Unfortunately, owing to safety and efficacy concerns, the
71 use of chlorine for the sterilization of fresh-cut produce has been banned in many countries, such

72 as Belgium, Switzerland, and Netherlands (Deng, Mujumdar, Pan, Vidyarthi, Xu, Zielinska, &
73 Xiao, 2020).

74 Biosurfactants (BSF) have been applied as an alternative natural-based sanitizer in potato
75 washing in the production process to decrease microbial load (Mule & Bhatena, 2012). BSFs are
76 FDA-approved wetting agents, solubilizers, eco-friendly and have low acute mammalian toxicity
77 (Nitschke & Costa, 2007). Additionally, low-cost renewable substrates for natural microbial
78 fermentation, such as orange peelings and banana waste, have been reported (George &
79 Jayachandran, 2009). The BSF-substances mentioned above are mostly amphiphilic compounds
80 containing both hydrophobic and hydrophilic moieties owing to BSF fermentation (Nitschke &
81 Costa, 2007). Carbon substrates from agricultural waste have been optimally metabolized by
82 predominant microorganisms, especially *Bacillus subtilis* and *Lactobacillus plantarum* (Sharma,
83 Soni, Kaur, & Kaur, 2014; Sittisart & Gasaluck, 2022). Therefore, it is possible to apply these as
84 sanitizing agents for washing fresh produce.

85 The main purpose of post post-harvest washing process is to prevent cross-contamination.
86 Challenges in validating wash processes were indicated by a working group that was established
87 to define validation procedures (Murray et al., 2017). A challenge test based on
88 artificial inoculation of fresh produce with surrogate microorganisms could be generally
89 implemented (Beuchat, Harris, Ward, & Kajs, 2001; Busta et al., 2003; Chalmers et al., 2022).
90 Truchado, Gómez-Galindo, Gil, and Allende (2023) recently demonstrated that sodium
91 hypochlorite and chlorine dioxide were used as a sanitizer for testing the growth potential of
92 artificially contaminated leafy greens with *L. monocytogenes* and *Escherichia coli* O157:H7.

93 So far, very few studies have reported on the effect of natural-based BSF on the reduction
94 of hazard risks in galangals. With this background, the aim of this study was to ascertain the

95 efficacy of natural-based sanitizer (non-ionic biosurfactant; BSF) produced from waste sour
96 cherries fermentation (Gasaluck, 2011; Sittisart, Mahidsanan, & Gasaluck, 2016). The results
97 demonstrated the minimization of *S. rolfsii*, dimethoate, and Pb under artificial contamination. The
98 experiment was aligned with the existing applicable regulations and it achieved a good practice
99 prototype of fresh-produce washing procedure.

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101 **2. Materials and methods**

102 **2.1 Galangal preparation**

103 Galangal was obtained from a local market (Suranakhon market, Nakhon Ratchasima province,
104 Thailand). One kilogram of galangal was rinsed with tap water for 2 min at 30 °C.

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106 **2.2 *S. rolfsii* mycelium preparation**

107 *S. rolfsii* DOAC 2312 was obtained from the Plant Protection Research and Development Office,
108 Department of Agriculture, Thailand. It was cultured on potato dextrose agar (PDA) with 10%
109 (v/v) tartaric acid at 25 °C, stored at 4 °C and sub-cultured monthly. *S. rolfsii* was cultured on
110 PDA plate then incubated at 25°C for 7 days. A 5 mm diameter agar piece with mycelium was
111 moved into a flask containing PDB 50 mL and cultured in a shaking incubator at 125 r.p.m. at 25
112 °C for 7 days. The mycelium was collected through Whatman filter paper No.1. Twenty grams of
113 wet mycelium was used for further tests (Kishore, Pande, Rao, & Podile, 2005).

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118 **2.3 *S. rolf sii* mycelium challenge test**

119 Twenty grams of dry weight basis mycelium was suspended into 3 L of 0.85% (w/v) sodium
120 chloride solution. One kilogram of galangal was dipped into that suspension for 20 sec and
121 incubated at 25 °C for 72 h.

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123 **2.4 Dimethoate and Pb challenge test**

124 One kilogram of galangal was dipped separately into 3 L of the dimethoate solution 0.2 mg kg⁻¹
125 galangal for 2 min. For the **Pb-treated samples**, 1 kg galangal was dipped into 3 L of lead (II)
126 acetate trihydrate distilled with water solution of 1.0 mg kg⁻¹ for 2 min (Beyer & Biziuk, 2008).
127 The solution was allowed to absorb into the galangal before drying for 60 min at room
128 temperature, then transferred to the washing process.

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130 **2.5 BSF (sanitizing agent) washing treatment**

131 **The production of BSF was obtained from our previous experiment (Gasaluck, 2011; Sittisart,**
132 **Mahidsanan, & Gasaluck, 2016).** The effectiveness of BSF washing was evaluated (James,
133 Ngarmsak, & Rolle, 2010). The impurities in galangal samples were rinsed out with water for 2
134 min before being soaked in sanitizing agents as follows: chlorine-free water (CFW), 8 mg L⁻¹
135 aqueous chlorine dioxide (ClO₂), BSF 50, 100, 150 and 200 mg L⁻¹ for 5 min. The samples were
136 drained aseptically for 30 min, then packed in perforated plastic bags (LLDPE) and stored at 25
137 °C and 4 °C. The population of mold was monitored on days 0 and 7, and a quantitative analysis
138 of the reduction of pesticide and heavy metals in galangal were performed after washing.

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141 **2.6 Analysis of microbial risk level in galangals**

142 All samples were made from serial dilutions with 0.1% (w/v) sterile peptone water. Aliquots of
143 0.1 mL samples were then spread on PDA and incubated in a dark condition at 25 °C for 72 h
144 (USFDA 2001). Microbial risk level was calculated according to the food safety objective (FSO)
145 value by the following equation (Cole, 2004).

$$146 \quad H_0 - \sum R + \sum I \leq FSO$$

147 Where FSO is defined as the food safety objective, H_0 is the initial level of the hazard, $\sum R$ is the
148 total (cumulative) reduction of the hazard and $\sum I$ (total cumulative) is the increase of the hazard.

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150 **2.7 Analysis of membrane fluidity**

151 The change in membrane dynamics was carried out by DPH fluorescence probe according to
152 Mahidsanan, Gasaluck, and Eumkeb (2017). Various concentrations of BSF aqueous (50-200 mg
153 L⁻¹) were tested with *S. rolfsii* mycelium.

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155 **2.8 Analysis of morphological changes in Sclerotia by Scanning electron microscopy (SEM)**

156 *S. rolfsii* was cultured on PDA at 25 °C for 14 days, then washed with 0.05 mM PBS. Sclerotia
157 was added into a 125 mL flask containing 50 mL of PDB and treated with a series of sanitizing
158 agents, followed by shaking incubation (125 r.p.m.) at 25 °C for 3 days. All samples were washed
159 twice with 0.05 mM PBS, then fixed with 2 % (w/v) glutaraldehyde for 18 h. The sclerotia were
160 subjected to dehydration with an increasing concentration of ethanol (0 - 100 % v/v) and dried at
161 50 °C overnight (Ordóñez-Valencia et al., 2015). The dehydrated sclerotia were placed on gold-
162 coated staff base, with untreated sclerotia serving as a control in this experiment. The

163 morphological changes were observed under scanning electron microscope (SEM; JEOL JSM-
164 6010IV).

165 **2.9 Analysis of pesticide residues in galangals**

166 Twenty-five grams of galangal samples (100 °C, 4 h) were extracted with 100 mL of a mixture
167 (acetone, dichloromethane and sodium chloride at the ratio of 5:4:1, respectively) and
168 homogenized at 11,000 r.p.m. for 2 min. Fifteen grams of sodium sulfate anhydrous was added
169 into the supernatant, shaken for 1 min, filtrated through cotton and eluted with acetone. The
170 pesticide residue was detected by a chromatography-flame photometric detector (Agilent Gas
171 Chromatography, Column: DB 1701 J&W 0.25mm x 250 µm x 30 m), model 6890N (Parveen &
172 Masud, 2002).

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174 **2.10 Analysis of Pb residues in galangals**

175 Half a gram of dried galangal samples (450 °C) were digested in polytetrafluoroethylene and
176 incubated at 95 °C in a water bath for 2 h. The volume was adjusted to 25 mL with deionized water
177 then the samples were filtered with Whatman paper No.42. Each of 20 µL filtrates and the standard
178 solution were injected to Inductively Coupled Plasma Mass Spectrometry (ICP-MS). The gas flow
179 rate used was 0.9 min L⁻¹ with a makeup gas rate of 0.2 min L⁻¹, the applied power was 1500 W,
180 and the monitored plasma zone was 7 mm above the upper load coil (Zhong, Ren, & Zhao, 2016).

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182 **2.11 Functional characterization of washing agents on dimethoate and Pb minimization by** 183 **Attenuated total reflectance-Fourier transform infrared (ATR-FTIR)**

184 The vibration frequency changes in dimethoate and Pb in BSF were determined by ATR-FTIR
185 (Bruker, Karlsruhe, Germany). For 5 min, 0.2 mg L⁻¹ dimethoate and 1.0 mg L⁻¹ Pb solution were

186 alternately subjected to aqueous 8 mg L⁻¹ClO₂ and 50-200 mg L⁻¹ BSF. The vibration frequency
187 was displayed under the functional group and recorded in a controlled chamber
188 at 25 °C. Each spectrum was collected at the wave number 4000-400 cm⁻¹ by averaging 32 scans
189 at 4 cm⁻¹ resolution. The spectral data were analyzed by OPUS 7.0 software.

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191 **2.12 Statistical analysis**

192 The quantitative experiments were performed in triplicates, and the results were presented as the
193 mean ± standard deviation (SD). The differences between treatments at all times $P < 0.05$ were
194 determined by one-way ANOVA and Duncan's multiple range test using SPSS software (Version
195 17.0, Chicago, IL, USA).

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197 **3. Results and discussion**

198 The effectiveness of BSF washing was assessed according to FSO. The reduction of hazard
199 risks (*S. rolfsii*, dimethoate, and Pb) met MRL standard requirement guideline of food safety
200 management system, as demonstrated below;

201 **3.1 The effectiveness of BSF washing on *S. rolfsii* reduction**

202 Table 1 shows that after washing with varying BSF concentrations, the Σ R of galangal
203 were in conformity with FSO standard requirement ($< 4.0 \log \text{CFU g}^{-1}$, Kenneth, 2013). Mule and
204 Bhatena (2012) reported that BSF 10% (v/v) induced spore lysis of *Aspergillus parasiticum*
205 NCIM 898 in potato tubers. However, contact times are also needed (Kumar, Dubey, Tiwari,
206 Tripathi, & Sinha, 2007). Based on food safety management system of the fresh-cut production
207 line (Tzamalís et al., 2016), washing procedure should be effective in minimizing risks (CP/CCP
208 standardized MRL requirement). Chlorine-based compounds are often selected to control

209 microbial hazards in food during washing, but some pathogens have developed resistance (Gu et
210 al. 2020). Other disinfectants might be able to reduce sanitizer-resistant microbiome. The results
211 of this study showed that soaking with 50-200 mg L⁻¹ BSF for 5 min had the potential to control
212 risk factors during the washing step that aligned with FSO. However, for ensure might consider
213 during storage, after washing, the results indicated that a lower ΣR means a higher safety level.
214 This suggests that soaking with 100-200 mg L⁻¹ BSF for 5 min was able to reduce *S. rolf sii* risk
215 in this product during storage at 4 °C.

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217 3.2 The effect of BSF on *S. rolf sii* membrane fluidity

218 Figure 1 shows a significant increase in the fluorescence intensity in the mycelium treated
219 with 50-200 mg L⁻¹BSF and with 8 mg L⁻¹ ClO₂ compared to that of control ($P < 0.05$). In addition,
220 the samples treated with 150 and 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF had higher fluorescence intensity than ClO₂.
221 This might have been due to the electrostatic and hydrophobic chain of nonionic BSF interactions
222 with adjacent phospholipid bilayer via the wall of chitin, β-1,6-glucan, β-1,3-glucan and
223 mannoprotein of the cell membrane (Fatma, Panda, & Beg, 2016). Moreover, the molecular
224 hydrophobicity, adsorption ability and electron density of a polyether and/or polyhydroxyl are the
225 main key factors influencing the antifungal activity of BSF. Once the membrane became
226 misshapen, it dispersed the probe via hydrocarbon tail region of phospholipid bilayer because of
227 high fluorescence intensity (Fesel & Zuccaro, 2016; Sung & Lee, 2010).

228 3.3 The effect of BSF on *Sclerotia* morphological characteristics

229 As seen in Figure 2, the sclerotia diameter (mm) decreased with varying BSF
230 concentrations of 50, 100, 150 and 200 mg L⁻¹ (0.92, 0.83, 0.74 and 0.62 mm, respectively). A
231 damaged hypha wall appeared at 8 mg L⁻¹ ClO₂ treatment (Fig 2b.) compared to that of untreated

232 sclerotia cells (Fig 2a.), which corresponded to 150 and 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF (Fig 2e., and 2f,
233 respectively). As a result, 150 and 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF affected the sclerotia structure by damaging
234 the outer membrane and vegetative hypha (Ordóñez-Valencia et al., 2015). Moreover, Figures 2E,
235 2e. and 2F, 2f. show the damage in mycelium treated with 150-200 mg L⁻¹ BSF, which were
236 smaller than that of ClO₂. It should be noted that BSF may denature the lipid-protein interface of
237 integral proteins, putting the central medulla of normal hyphae (vegetative hypha) at risk of
238 disruption (Blum & Rodríguez-Kábana, 2004; Wu, Lu, Zhong, Schwarz, Chen, & Rao, 2019).

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240 **3.4 The effectiveness of BSF washing on dimethoate and Pb reduction**

241 As seen in Table 2, a high reduction (%) in dimethoate and Pb was found in 150 and 200
242 mg L⁻¹ BSF based on MRL (EC Regulation No 1097/2005 and CODEX, 2009, respectively). In
243 this study, soaking in 150 and 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF for 5 min was the most effective control measure
244 in achieving the MRL of dimethoate and Pb.

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246 **3.5 Functional characterization of washing agents on dimethoate and Pb minimization**

247 Table 3 demonstrates the ATR-FTIR wavenumber relevant to C-N-H functional group
248 interaction with 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF, which was approximately 2000-2100 cm⁻¹. The band of 1200-
249 1400 cm⁻¹ reflected the aliphatic chain of BSF, which interacted with the C-N-H stretching and
250 was clarified by the aliphatic BSF structure, which enhanced solubility on the left of methyl group,
251 while methoxy group migrated to the N atom to water OH group (Fleming et al., 2012;
252 Wattanaphon, Kerdsin, Thammacharoen, Sangvanich, & Vangnai, 2008). It might be interpreted
253 that the mode of BSF action is accorded to the formation of BSF-pesticide micelles complex,
254 which interact with the hydrogen bonds of water molecules, resulting in a better solubilization

255 of pesticides (López-Prieto, Moldes, Cruz, & Perez Cid, 2020). Likely, lipopeptide biosurfactant
256 obtained from *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* C11 increased the solubility of chlorpyrifos,
257 iprodione and atrazine in water, indicating that it improved the bioavailability of pesticides
258 and, consequently, the efficiency of bioremediation processes (Schalchli et al., 2023).
259 Furthermore, the possible characteristics of microbial strains as BSF producers could accelerate
260 pesticide biodegradability (Pacwa-Płociniczak, Płaza, Piotrowska-Seget, & Cameotra, 2011).

261 As shown in Table 4, no peak for Pb^{2+} vibration ($670-660\text{ cm}^{-1}$) appeared at 150 and 200
262 mg L^{-1} BSF. This could be attributed to the removal of Pb^{2+} cations. The mechanism of Pb (II)
263 adsorption on BSF might have been due to physical adsorption and complexation (BSF micelles)
264 with functional groups and chemical reactions at the complex surface via binding with the
265 hydrogen atom of water, which then would be separated (Pacwa-Płociniczak, et al., 2011).
266 According to da Rocha Junior et al. (2019), crude and isolated BSF could remove heavy metals
267 from contaminated sand. They found that the removal rate for Zn and Cu ranged from 30 to 80%,
268 while the optimum removal rate for Pb was approximately 15%. Surfactins with two -COO-
269 groups can remove heavy metals by binding them through electrostatic interactions at pH levels
270 higher than their pKa. (Yu et al., 2023). Sharma, Rekhi, and Debnath (2022) confirmed that
271 surfactin extracted from *Staphylococcus sciuri subsp. rodentium* strain SE I could be used as an
272 alternative biosorbent and function as a bioremediation agent. The application of BSFs in heavy
273 metals bioremediation is a promising approach because of its eco-friendly nature and
274 biodegradability. Several microorganisms have been investigated for BSF production (da Silva, da
275 Silva, de Lima e Silva, Sarubbo, & de Luna, 2023). However, the potential of surfactant varies
276 with different heavy metals. The removal of heavy metals depends on the category of BSF, its

277 concentration, its interaction with additive substances (acids and bases) and the characteristics of
278 materials (Ochoa-Loza, Noordman, Janssen, Brusseau, & Maier, 2007).

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280 **4. Conclusion**

281 **BSF produced from waste-sour cherries spontaneous fermentation, a non-ionic surfactant,**
282 **could be used as a sanitizer for controlling soilborne pathogen-*S. rolfsii*, dimethoate and Pb risks**
283 **in minimally processed (fresh-cut) galangals to the acceptable standard level. The prototype of**
284 **rinsing galangals with water for 2 min followed by soaking them with 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF for 5 min**
285 **could be a feasible SSOP-based practice in food safety management, especially in controlling *S.***
286 ***rolfsii*, dimethoate, and Pb.**

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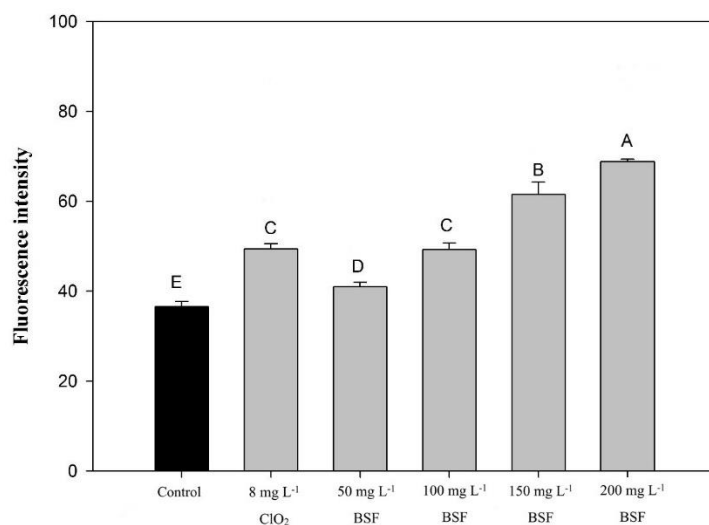
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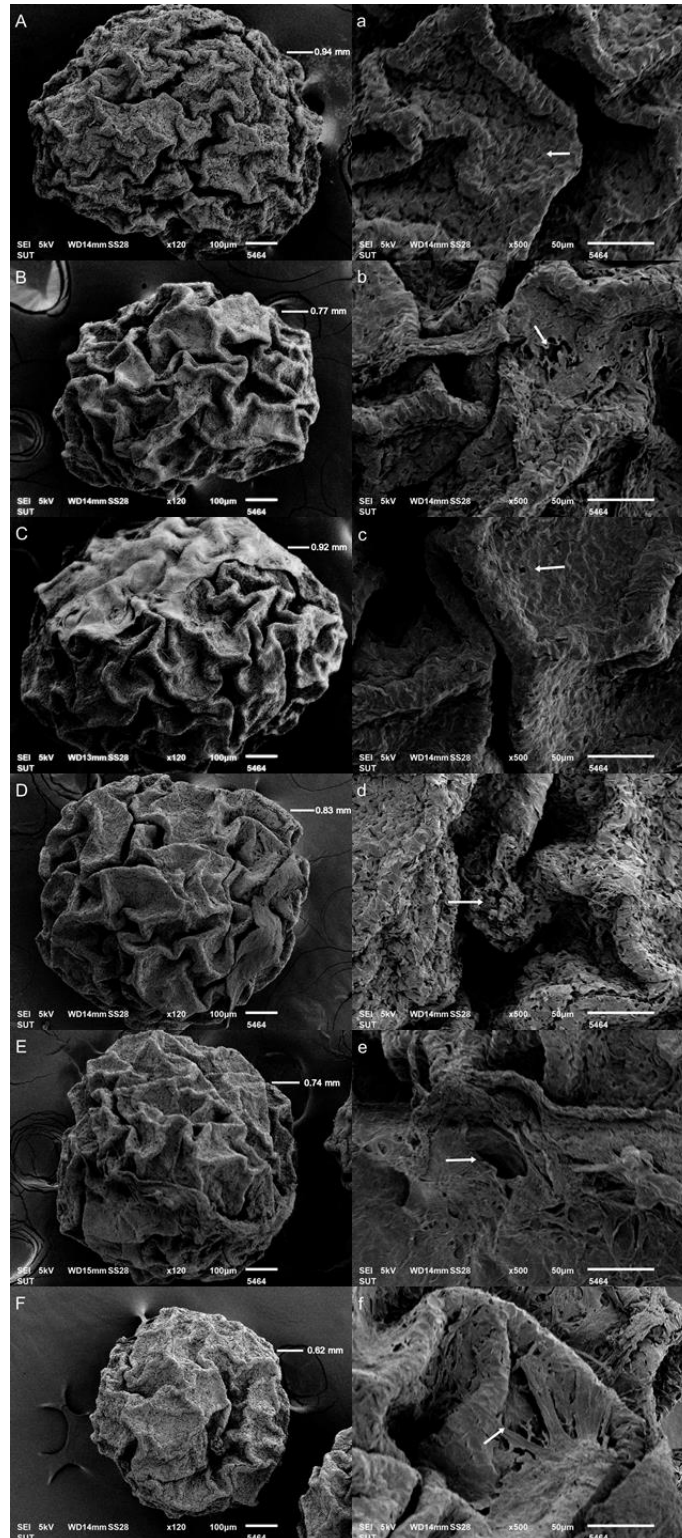


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462 **Figure 1.** DPH fluorescence intensity at various concentrations of natural based BSF and aqueous
463 chlorine dioxide. Different letters among the washing agents indicate significant fluorescence
464 intensity differences ($P < 0.05$).

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468 **Figure 2.** SEM images of morphological characteristics of mature sclerotia. Left panel: magnified
 469 image x120 (capital letters). Right panel: magnified image x500 (small letters). Untreated sclerotia

470 (A, a), 8 mg L⁻¹ ClO₂ treated (B, b), 50 mg L⁻¹ BSF treated (C, c), 100 mg L⁻¹ BSF treated (D, d),
 471 150 mg L⁻¹ BSF treated (E, e) and 200 mg L⁻¹ BSF treated (F, f).

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475 **Table 1.** Microbial quality of perforated plastic packaged-galangal after washing and storage at 4
 476 °C and 25°C for 7 days

Washing agents (mg L ⁻¹)	log CFU g ⁻¹								
	After washing			Storage at 4 °C			Storage at 25 °C		
	Initial	Reduction	∑R	Initial	Reduction	∑R	Initial	Reduction	∑R
Control	6.08	0.00	8.16	7.46	-1.38	11.62	9.51	-3.43	13.67
CFW	5.33	0.75	7.41	6.07	0.01	9.48	9.13	-3.05	12.54
ClO₂ 8	0.00	6.08	2.08	5.44	0.64	1.44	6.67	-0.59	2.67
BSF 50	0.00	6.08	2.08	4.90	1.18	0.90	6.69	-0.61	2.69
BSF 100	0.00	6.08	2.08	3.73	2.35	-0.27	4.90	1.18	0.90
BSF 150	0.00	6.08	2.08	3.44	2.64	-0.56	4.53	1.55	0.53
BSF 200	0.00	6.08	2.08	3.40	2.68	-0.60	4.40	1.68	0.40

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478 The equation $H_0 - \sum R + \sum I \leq FSO$; the hazard (*S. rolfsii* viability) $\leq 4 \log \text{CFU g}^{-1}$, H_0 = the initial
 479 level of the hazard, $\sum R$ is the total (cumulative) reduction of the hazard, and $\sum I$ is the increase of
 480 the hazard. **A lower $\sum R$ indicates a higher safety level.**

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486 **Table 2.** Reduced effectiveness of dimethoate and lead (Pb) after washing with chlorine dioxide487 (ClO₂) and various BSF concentrations.

Washing agents (mg L ⁻¹)	Dimethoate*		Lead (Pb)*	
	Residue	Reduction	Residue	Reduction
	ppm	(%)	ppm	(%)
No-wash (control)	0.023±0.000 ^a	0	0.57±0.04 ^a	0
CFW	0.023±0.000 ^a	0	0.29±0.07 ^b	48.54
ClO₂ 8	0.009±0.000 ^c	60.87	0.23±0.05 ^{cd}	65.50
BSF 50	0.011±0.000 ^b	47.97	0.26±0.04 ^{bc}	53.80
BSF 100	0.010±0.002 ^b	50.87	0.20±0.03 ^{bcd}	60.24
BSF 150	0.009±0.000 ^c	60.29	0.19±0.04 ^{cd}	66.08
BSF 200	0.009±0.000 ^c	60.72	0.16±0.03 ^d	71.35

488 * The standard MRL requirements of dimethoate and Pb were 0.2 and 1.0 mg L⁻¹, respectively.

489 All values in the same column were significantly different as determined by the Duncan's

490 multiple range test ($P < 0.05$).

491 **Table 3.** Functional characterization of the washing agents; chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) and various
 492 BSF concentrations action on dimethoate minimization.

Functional group	Frequency range	The wavenumber interaction between sanitizers and dimethoate (cm ⁻¹)					
		Untreated (control)	ClO ₂ 8 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 50 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 100 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 150 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 200 mg L ⁻¹
OH Stretch	~3700	-	3779.30	3781.10	3783.67	3784.01	3779.29
N-H stretching	3300-3400	3319.31	3330.90	3318.74	3319.84	3318.99	3318.69
CO ₂ formation, C-O bond broad	~2300	2360.20 2349.30 2325.41	2345.32	2345.64	2360.29 2349.26 2325.32	2360.25 2349.29 2325.43	2353.41
C-N-H stretching	2000-2100	2073.50	2047.69	2047.47	2047.85	2047.96	-
P-O-CH ₃ and/or CO-N stretching	1600-1700	1636.02	1635.95	1636.09	1636.02	1636.16	1636.00
C=C stretching	~1500	-	1541.51 1507.22	1541.94	-	-	1541.53 1507.24
-CH ₃ stretching	1470-1430	-	1457.37				1457.33
P=S	690-650	671.16 664.36	674.82	674.83 667.14	671.08 664.22	671.14	674.88
O-P-O bending	415-500	449.14	442.20	446.67	471.94	440.76	432.42

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499 **Table 4.** Functional characterization of the washing agents; chlorine dioxide (ClO₂) and various

500 BSF concentrations action on Pb minimization.

Functional group	Frequency range	The wavenumber interaction between sanitizers and Pb (cm ⁻¹)					
		Untreated (control)	ClO ₂ 8 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 50 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 100 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 150 mg L ⁻¹	BSF 200 mg L ⁻¹
water OH Stretch	~3700	3783.82	3779.28	3784.06	3780.73	3780.09	3783.50
alcohol OH stretch	3400-3200	3319.38	3319.66	3319.96	3319.26	3319.40	3330.87
CO ₂ formation, C-O bond broad	~2300	2349.30 2325.38	2351.86	2360.21 2349.29 2325.41	2349.29 2325.37	2359.89	2350.44
C=O conjugate with carboxyl group or -(C=O)-OH	~1600	1636.04	1635.98	1636.09	1636.10	1636.03	1636.05
C=C stretching	~1500		1541.51 1507.22	-		-	-
-CH ₃ , methyl group	1470-1430		1457.36	-		-	-
Pb ²⁺ vibration	670-660	671.11 664.27	-	671.12	671.12	-	-
PO ₄ bending	415-500	468.76	442.23	446.53	442.48	450.65	472.11

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