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Salmonella

B. subtilis

Salmonella typhimurium

M. loriformis

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Animals were housed in a controlled environment with a 12-hour light/dark cycle and a temperature of 22°C ± 2°C. Food and water were provided ad libitum.

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The frequency of aberrant crypt foci was determined by the dissection method described by papers such as Shanahan et al. (2000). The results are shown in the table below:

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6) Analysis of DNA adducts

DNA adducts were detected by the method described by Goto et al. (2002). The results are shown in the table below:

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1) Antimutagenicity of M. loriformis

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