

41. **Yasuhisa Saiki** : Application of Statistics on the Field of Plant Internal Morphology. III.*¹ On Japanese Aconites. (1).

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Aconites distribute widely in northern hemisphere of the earth reaching to arctic zone from warm and temperate one. Hitherto, these tuberous roots have been known to be famous plant poisons and to be essential important drugs possessing many remedial effects in each regions of the world, especially in China.

In Japan, though these plants grow widely in whole districts too, but their classifications are quite obscure. According to Nakai¹⁾ there are about 70 species in this country, so their distinctions are not easy.

Chemical studies on their components were carried out by Majima,²⁾ Suginome,³⁾ Ochiai⁴⁾ and their co-workers. According to their works, many difficult questions exist in the components, for alkaloids of aconitine and atisine types vary widely by kinds and habitats, so the pharmacological and toxic actions of native aconites are thought to be different by each origin. Furthermore, their toxicities are different by preparations, and their exact toxic and effective doses are unknown, so Japanese aconites are considered to be very dangerous. Thus the study of Japanese aconites is one of the problems in pharmacy and social hygiene,

The author planned the study of internal structure of Japanese aconites as an aid to the solution of these questions, and collected from many localities each species, and explored their structures.

However, these structures resemble well each other, and are difficult to distinguish. Then, statistical methods were introduced for them and as the results following consequences were obtained.

Internal Structure of Tuberous Roots

At first, internal structure of tuberous root of aconites in cross section is expressed briefly. Most external part is covered with epidermis.*³ Beneath of it, cortex consists of about 10 layers of parenchyma which includes many scattered stone cells commonly. Inside of cortex, endodermis distinctly observs. Central cylinder surrounded by endodermis occupies most parts of tuberous root, and consisted mainly of parenchymatous cells of fundamental tissue, containing xylem and phloem and does not include other lignificated cell commonly. Phloem is scattered in othside portion of cambium ring and consists of smaller celles in diameter than ohter cells. Xylem consists of vessels and xylem parenchyma that is obscure at border, and is arranged inside of cambium.

Cambium ring, as showh in Fig. 2, appears different and in this feature several studies were performed, for example Indian aconites⁵⁾ were classified by this, moreover

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*³ In many literatures, this part is written to be metaderm except Youngken's "Text Book of Pharmacognosy" and Gathercoal & Wirth's "Pharmacognosy." The author maintains theory of endodermis from observation of growing process.

1) T. Nakai : Bulletin of Natl. Sci. Museum (Tokyo), 32, 1 (1953).

2) Majima, Morio : Nippon Kagaku Zasshi, 51, 200 (1930), etc.

3) Suginome, *et al.* : Proc. Jap. Acad., 22, 119, 122 (1950), etc.

4) E. Ochiai, *et al.* : Yakugaku Zasshi, 72, 816 (1952); 75, 545, 550, 634, 990 (1955), etc.

5) Kirtikar, Basu : "Indian Medicinal plants." Part I, 9~34.

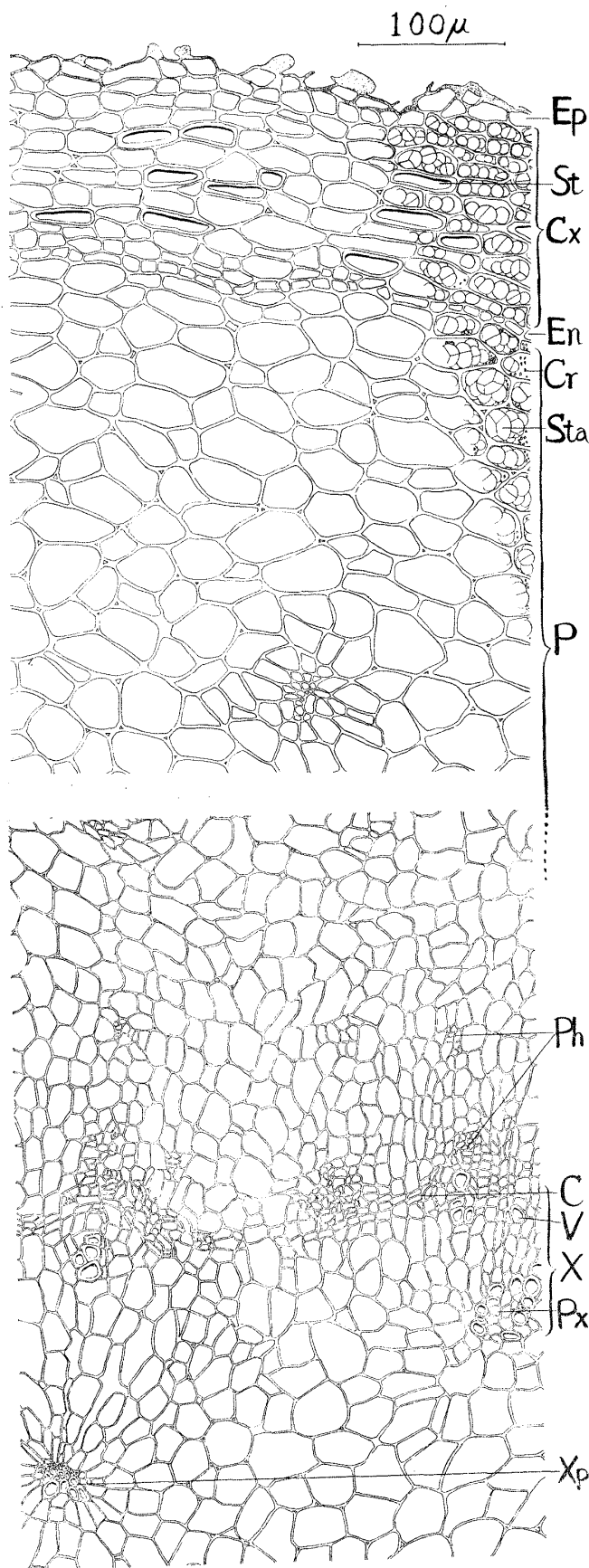


Fig. 1. The Cross Section of
Tuberous root of *Aconitum*
yesoense NAKAI.

- Ep: epidermis
- Cx: cortex
- St: stone cell
- En: endodermis
- P: parenchymatous cell of
fundamental tissue
- Ph: phloem
- C: cambium
- X: xylem
- Xp: protoxylem
- V: vessel
- Px: xylem parenchyma
- Cr: crystal
- Sta: starch grain

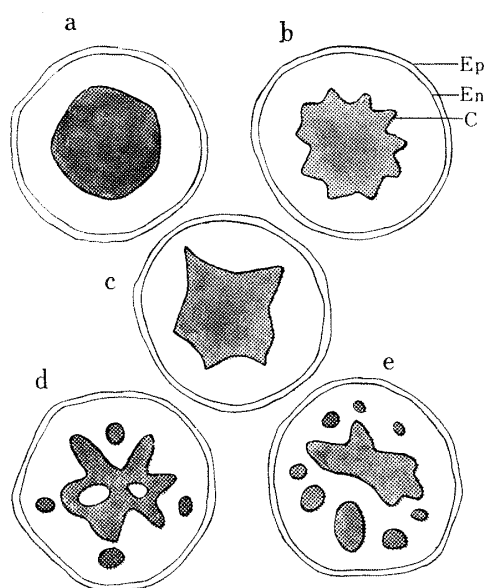


Fig. 2. Schematic diagrams about
Forms of Cambium rings

- a : circular ring
 b : sinuate circular ring
 c : polygonal ring
 d : state possessing of small
 isolated rings
 e : state separated in several
 small rings
 Ep : epidermis
 En : endodermis
 C : cambium

developmental history of abnormal cambium reported in detail by Kumazawa.⁶⁾ However this feature differs by individuals, diameter and cut portion of root, furthermore intermediate form is appeared, so that cambium rings do not seem to be of strict distinction. The author tried to treat this feature mathematically as following.

Statistical Methods

Measuring the Form of Cambium—Concerning the form of cambium next two specific values are used.

When E, C and S are decided as following in a cross section of root;

- E.....area surrounded by endodermis
 C.....area surrounded by cambium rings
 (gray-colored portion in Fig. 2)

S.....total length of surroundings of cambium rings,

that are E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$, are calculated from these values. But in case of measuring of C, area surrounded by isolated cambium ring is plus in occurrence of outside of main cambium, while is minus in occurrence of inside. Besides populations of E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ are assumed to belong to normal distribution in each tested material.

Sampling Method—Difference of values of E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$, produced by various sectional levels in a tuberous root, are as shown in experimental of this report. According to this, E/C are not different by cut portion, but $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ has tendency to become small generally in case of small diameter, however is observed little distinction when cut portion is sampled from an interval between the largest portion and one of 2/3 of the largest in diameter of root. So the author took sample of a section at random in above mentioned portion.

Moreover, mother and daughter roots are treated similarly, for their internal structures which seem to be same from result of stochastical study as shown in experimental. And difference among mother and daughter roots does not exist in consideration of growing process of tuberous root.

Stochastical calculation—Two specific values E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ are treated mathematically with one pair in a section. As this method, distribution range of these

6) Kumazawa : Bot. Mag. Tokyo, 44, 914~925 (1937).

paired values are calculated by mean of rejectancial ellipse.⁷⁾ And averages of these values are also calculated by method of fiducial ellipse.⁸⁾ Thus ellipses can easily be drawn and are compared each other.

Result and Conclusion

Real statistical values of Japanese aconites collected in each locality are shown in experimental part, and the results of calculation are listed in Table I, moreover are illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4.

TABLE I. Rejectancial and Fiducial Ellipses about Abnormality of Cambium rings (in confidence 95%)

Name of plant	Coordinate of centre		Inclination of axis (θ)	Standard form of Ellipses	
	(\bar{x})	(\bar{y})		Rejectancial	Fiducial
<i>Aconitum sachalinense</i>	3.75	1.18	45'	$x^2/2.42^2 + y^2/0.21^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.37^2 + y^2/0.032^2 = 1$
<i>A. yesoense</i>	3.21	1.17	85.5°	$x^2/0.31^2 + y^2/1.84^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.038^2 + y^2/0.22^2 = 1$
<i>A. lucidusculum</i>	3.75	1.20	89.3°	$x^2/0.22^2 + y^2/2.24^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.028^2 + y^2/0.29^2 = 1$
<i>A. subcuneatum</i>	3.62	1.72	45'	$x^2/3.33^2 + y^2/0.59^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.47^2 + y^2/0.084^2 = 1$
<i>A. Zuccarinii</i>	2.89	1.27	30'	$x^2/0.51^2 + y^2/0.39^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.087^2 + y^2/0.068^2 = 1$
<i>A. aizuense</i>	3.03	1.25	1.3°	$x^2/0.96^2 + y^2/0.64^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.15^2 + y^2/0.10^2 = 1$
<i>A. Mazimai</i>	3.06	1.45	4.5°	$x^2/2.89^2 + y^2/0.73^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.36^2 + y^2/0.090^2 = 1$
<i>A. Okuyamai</i>	3.10	1.23	8.6°	$x^2/1.21^2 + y^2/0.20^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.24^2 + y^2/0.039^2 = 1$
<i>A. iwatekense</i>	3.60	1.20	4.7°	$x^2/2.26^2 + y^2/0.20^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.36^2 + y^2/0.032^2 = 1$
<i>A. spp.</i> (Shimoburo)	3.67	1.24	95.3°	$x^2/0.20^2 + y^2/1.03^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.037^2 + y^2/0.31^2 = 1$
<i>A. spp.</i> (Iwaya)	3.32	1.41	3.8°	$x^2/1.30^2 + y^2/0.82^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.26^2 + y^2/0.16^2 = 1$
<i>A. spp.</i> (Akataki)	3.55	1.17	10'	$x^2/1.40^2 + y^2/0.17^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.38^2 + y^2/0.047^2 = 1$
<i>A. spp.</i> (Sōma)	3.73	1.33	1.3°	$x^2/1.84^2 + y^2/0.55^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.39^2 + y^2/0.093^2 = 1$
<i>A. japonicum</i>	4.46	1.19	0°	$x^2/2.77^2 + y^2/0.29^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.34^2 + y^2/0.035^2 = 1$
<i>A. deflexum</i>	4.63	1.19	1.1°	$x^2/3.54^2 + y^2/0.26^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.75^2 + y^2/0.055^2 = 1$
<i>A. senanense</i>	3.57	1.26	88.7°	$x^2/0.19^2 + y^2/1.83^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.047^2 + y^2/0.46^2 = 1$
<i>A. sanyoense</i>	3.49	1.27	2.3°	$x^2/2.29^2 + y^2/0.33^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.41^2 + y^2/0.059^2 = 1$
<i>A. grossidentatum</i>	2.73	1.28	78.2°	$x^2/0.47^2 + y^2/1.39^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.14^2 + y^2/0.42^2 = 1$
var. <i>shikokianum</i>	3.39	1.16	85.5°	$x^2/0.17^2 + y^2/1.35^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.022^2 + y^2/0.18^2 = 1$
<i>A. crassipes</i>	3.69	1.23	88.1°	$x^2/0.36^2 + y^2/0.99^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.090^2 + y^2/0.25^2 = 1$
<i>A. kiusianum</i>	5.02	1.19	35'	$x^2/5.00^2 + y^2/0.17^2 = 1$	$x^2/0.88^2 + y^2/0.030^2 = 1$

Next, as considering the experimental, results all rejectancial ellipses are intricate in each species, so Japanese aconites are considered to be difficult in distinction by forms of cambium, and it is almost impossible usually to distinguish anatomically by a few samples of each aconite. However in several kinds the values differ considerably in ranges of ellipses from the other species, for example coordinate of two means of *Aconitum subcuneatum* NAKAI are pointed out of rejectancial ellipses of many other kinds.

Method of fiducial ellipse can congress of ability of distinction using mean values even when individuals can not be determined.

Furthermore, as considering experimental using this method, many following facts are recognized. At first, inaconites of Hokkaidō district, *A. subcuneatum* NAKAI has so large values of $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ that it can be distinguished easily from other *nse* FR. SCHM. species; distinctions among *A. lucidusculum* NAKAI, *A. yesoense* NAKAI and *A. sachalinense* are obscure, latter two kinds are however distinguished roughly each other by values of E/C. Next, in kinds of northern Honshu, as shown in Fig. 3, *A. subcuneatum* NAKAI is most abnormal in its cambium; followingly *A. Mazimai* NAKAI, *A. Zuccarinii*

7) This method is found in many works of statistics, for example, Torii, Takahashi, Doi: "Suikeigaku," 64~74 (1957). Tōdai-Shuppankai, Tokyo.

8) *Idem*: *Ibid.*, 73 (1957), Tōdai-Shuppankai, Tokyo.

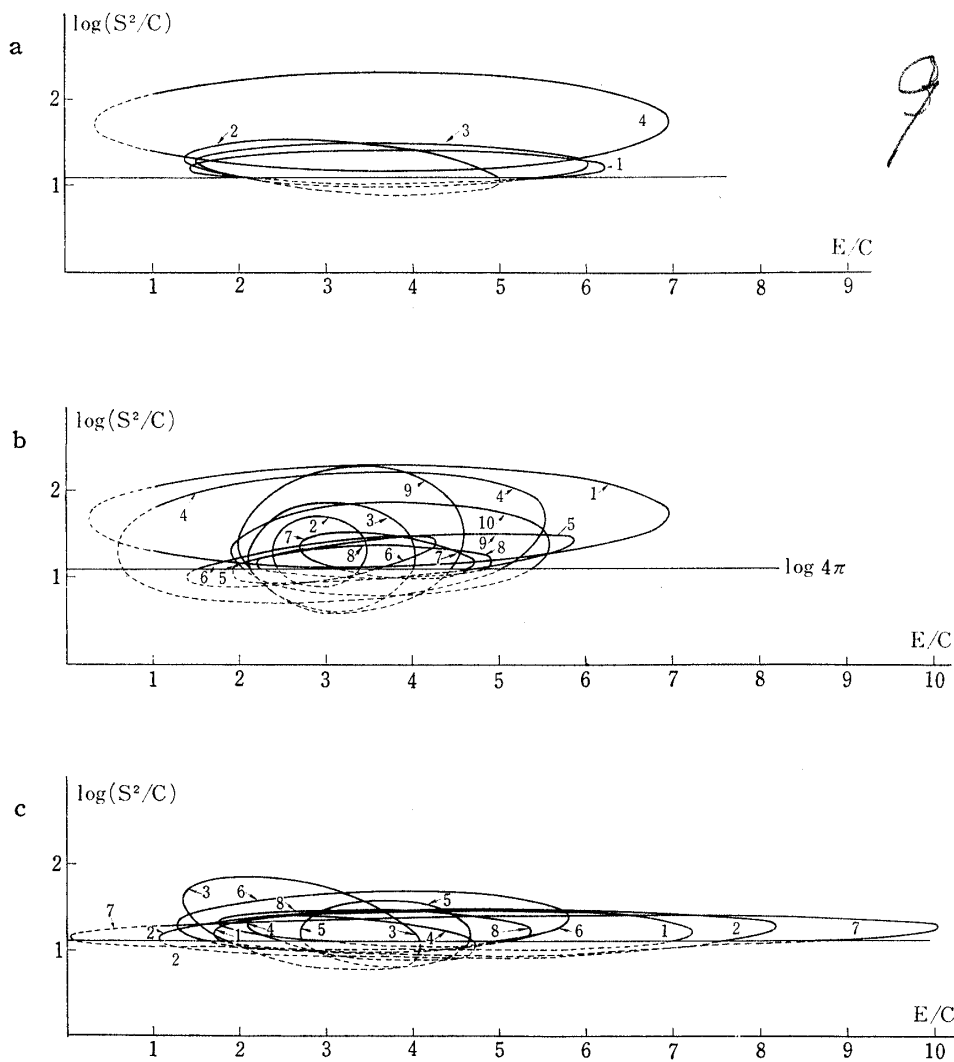


Fig. 3. Rejectantial ellipses of Each species at Confidence, 95%

a.....natives in Hokkaidō district

- 1: *Aconitum sachalinense* FR. SCHMIDT 2: *A. yezoense* NAKAI
 3: *A. lucidusculum* NAKAI 4: *A. subcuneatum* NAKAI

b.....natives in Northern Honshū

- 1: *A. subcuneatum* NAKAI 2: *A. Zuccarinii* NAKAI
 3: *A. aizuense* NAKAI 4: *A. Mazimai* NAKAI
 5: *A. Okuyamai* NAKAI 6: *A. iwatekense* NAKAI
 7: *A. spp.* (Shimoburo) 8: *A. spp.* (Akataki)
 9: *A. spp.* (Iwaya) 10: *A. spp.* (Sōma)

c.....natives in Southern Japan

- 1: *A. japonicum* THUNB 2: *A. deflexum* NAKAI
 3: *A. grossidentatum* NAKAI 4: *A. grossi. var. shikokianum* NAKAI
 5: *A. crassipes* NAKAI 6: *A. sanyoense* NAKAI,
 7: *A. kiusianum* NAKAI 8: *A. senaense* NAKAI

(However, smaller values of E/C than 1.0 and smaller values of $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ than $\log 4\pi$ do not exist theoretically)

NAKAI and unidentified species of Sōma area belong to a little abnormal group, and are distiguishable each other by E/C; then the other species of this district do not exhibit abnormality usually, and their distinctions are very difficult. At last in kinds of southern Japan, all kinds do not possess abnormal cambium usually, and may be separated into three groups by values of E/C,—(1) group of <3, (2) group of 3~4, and (3) group of >4.

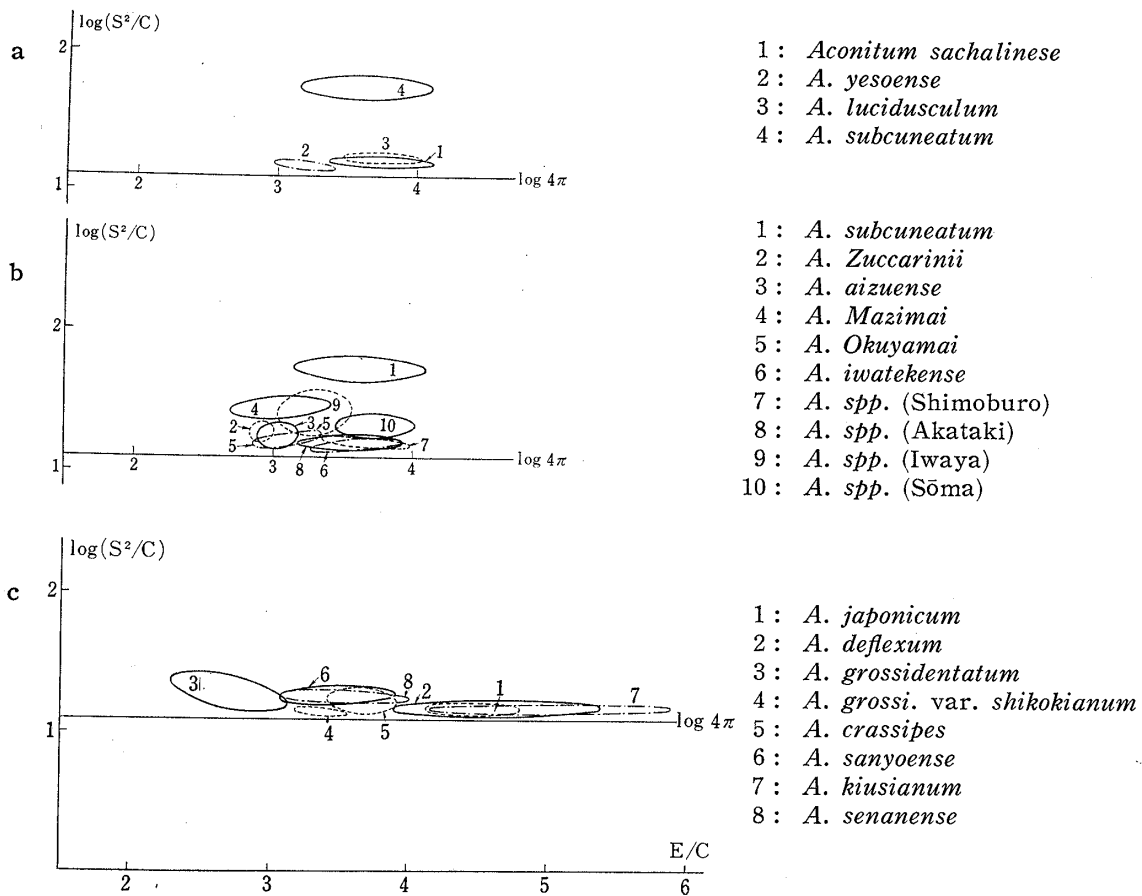


Fig. 4. Fiducial ellipses of Each species at Confidence, 95%
 a.....natives in Hokkaidō b.....natives in Northern Honshū natives in Southern Japan

To (1) *A. grossidentatum* NAKAI belongs, to (3) *A. japonicum* THUNB., *A. deflexum* NAKAI and *A. kiusianum* NAKAI do, and to (2) the other species of this district do, moreover the distinctions within these groups are impossible.

Combining the above deductions, Japanese aconites are separable roughly into five groups,—(2) of southern Japan are added by many species of normal cambiums in other districts; *A. subcuneatum* NAKAI belongs to (4) for abnormal cambium; and to (5) *A. Mazimai* NAKAI, *A. Zuccarinii* NAKAI and unidentified species of Sōma, for considerable abnormal cambium.

However, in above mentioned deductions, some kinds are little considered of variations concerning to habitats, for their localities are selected in order to prevent confusion of similar kinds, so above conclusion may involve with a little variation produced by habitats.

Experimental

Determination of Specific Values—Dried tuberous roots (or crude drug) are cut so as to get homogeneous thin transverse sections (20~40 μ in thickness) by using a sliding microtome. Thus perfect transverse sections are placed on slide glass, and are colored by phloroglucinol-HCl reagent, which simultaneously become limpid by vanishing of starch grains and are recovered in raw states by expansion, afterwards preparations are made by enclosing with glycerol-water.

Next, these preparations are projected on drawing paper at optional magnification by use of epidiascope or book-microreader, and figures of endodermis and cambium rings are drawn. Through these prepared figures, magnified E and C are measured by planimeter, and magnified S is done by curvimeter. At last, specific values of E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ are obtained by calculations from values of magnified E, C and S.

Variation of Specific Values by Sectional levels—Studied materials are tuberous roots of *A. Mazimai* NAKAI; a root is measured from sectional intervals of ca. 1 mm. gradually from thickest portion to root tip. Following values show orderly each maximum of diameter (mm.), E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ in each bracket.

(22, 2.99, 1.40)	(20, 2.84, 1.28)	(20, 2.73, 1.26)	(21, 2.41, 1.21)	(20, 2.63, 1.28)
(19, 2.73, 1.29)	(17, 3.27, 1.27)	(17, 3.17, 1.29)	(17, 2.75, 1.31)	(16, 2.84, 1.36)
(16, 2.66, 1.47)	(12, 3.16, 1.15)	(12, 3.23, 1.17)	(11, 3.26, 1.15)	(10, 3.19, 1.18)
(9, 3.17, 1.11)	(9, 3.84, 1.65)	(9, 4.10, 1.11)	(8, 3.13, 1.19)	(7, 3.11, 1.20)
(7, 3.09, 1.15)	(6, 2.91, 1.12)	(6, 2.68, 1.10)	(6, 2.55, 1.16)	(5, 2.70, 1.15)
(5, 2.71, 1.13)	(5, 2.52, 1.11)	(4, 1.79, 1.10)		

On Mother and Daughter Roots—Results of studies on *A. japonicum* THUNB. growing in Mt. Takakusa of Shizuoka Prefecture, are following.

$$E/C: \begin{cases} \text{mother root} & \bar{x} \dots 4.59 & s^2 \dots 1.02 & n \dots 34 & \sum(x-\bar{x})^2 \dots 33.47 \\ \text{daughter root} & \bar{x} \dots 4.29 & s^2 \dots 1.00 & n \dots 15 & \sum(x-\bar{x})^2 \dots 14.05 \end{cases}$$

Test of variance ratio: $F = 1.02/1.00 = 1.02 \ll F_{14}^{33}(0.05) = 2.27 \therefore$ non-significant.

$$\text{Test of means: } t = \frac{4.59 - 4.29}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{34} + \frac{1}{15} \cdot \frac{33.47 + 14.05}{34 + 15 - 2}}} = 0.94 \ll t_{47}(0.05) = 2.00 \therefore \text{ non-significant}$$

$$\log_{10}(S^2/C): \begin{cases} \text{mother root} & \bar{y} \dots 1.20 & s^2 \dots 0.0161 & n \dots 34 \\ \text{daughter root} & \bar{y} \dots 1.20 & s^2 \dots 0.0129 & n \dots 15 \end{cases}$$

Distinction of variances and means are so non-significant that their calculation is not needed.

Statistics of Specific Values in each Species—Thereafter, experimental value of E/C is described with x , and one of $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ is done with y , furthermore n shows number of samples, \bar{x} and \bar{y} show the mean values of each x and y , and \sum does a sum. And then many values described in Table I are skipped.

Aconitum sachlinense FR. SCHMIDT*⁴

Localities of studied materials: Uryū Kitamoshiri and Wakkanai in Hokkaidō,

$$n \dots 43 \quad \phi_{11} = \sum(x-\bar{x})^2 \dots 34.94 \quad \phi_{22} = \sum(y-\bar{y})^2 \dots 0.28$$

$$\phi_{12} = \sum xy - n\bar{x}\bar{y} \dots 0.48 \quad A = \phi_{11}\phi_{22} - \phi_{12}^2 \dots 9.56 \quad F_{41}^2(0.05) = 3.22$$

$$\text{from these values, } a_{11} = \frac{(n-2)n \cdot \phi_{22}}{2(n+1) \cdot F_{41}^2(0.05) \cdot A} = 0.182 \quad a_{12} = \frac{-(n-2)n \cdot \phi_{12}}{2(n+1) \cdot F_{41}^2(0.05) \cdot A} = -0.312$$

$$a_{22} = 22.76 \quad \tan 2\theta = \frac{2a_{12}}{a_{11} - a_{22}} = 0.0276.$$

When original point of coordinate is moved at point (\bar{x}, \bar{y}) , and rotated θ , formula of rejectancial ellipse is acquired as follows:

Formula to get coefficients of ellipse is

$$\lambda^2 - (a_{11} + a_{22})\lambda + (a_{11} \cdot a_{22} - a_{12}^2) = 0$$

and its two roots are coefficients.

$$\text{In this material, } \lambda_1 = 0.17 \quad \lambda_2 = 22.77, \quad \text{formula of rej. ellipse, } 0.17x^2 + 22.77y^2 = 1.$$

Aconitum yesoense NAKAI

Localities of studied materials: Sapporo, Oshima-Mori, Hidaka-Urakawa and Iburi-Kutchan in Hokkaidō,

$$n \dots 64 \quad \phi_{11} \dots 33.6 \quad \phi_{12} \dots -2.61 \quad \phi_{22} \dots 1.16 \quad A \dots 32.16 \quad F_{62}^2(0.05) \dots 3.14$$

$$a_{11} \dots 0.362 \quad a_{12} \dots 10.5 \quad a_{22} \dots 0.815 \quad \tan 2\theta \dots -0.161 \quad \text{formula of R. E.} \dots 10.55x^2 + 0.295y^2 = 1.$$

Aconitum lucidusculum NAKAI

Localities of studied materials: Jōzankei, Kitami-Shirataki, Kitami-Oketo, Ishikari-Kanayama and Furano in Hokkaidō.

$$n \dots 58 \quad \phi_{11} \dots 42.7 \quad \phi_{12} \dots -0.55 \quad \phi_{22} \dots 0.41 \quad A \dots 17.2 \quad F_{56}^2(0.05) \dots 3.17$$

$$a_{11} \dots 0.207 \quad a_{12} \dots 0.278 \quad a_{22} \dots 21.5 \quad \tan 2\theta \dots -0.0278 \quad \text{formula of R. E.} \dots 21.5x^2 + 0.20y^2 = 1.$$

Aconitum subcuneatum NAKAI

Localities of studied materials: Yoichi Hokkaidō, Fukaura and Imabetsu in Aomori Pref.

$$n \dots 49 \quad \phi_{11} \dots 337.3 \quad \phi_{12} \dots 10.6 \quad \phi_{22} \dots 4.4 \quad A \dots 1372 \quad F_{47}^2(0.05) \dots 3.20$$

$$a_{11} \dots 0.0902 \quad a_{12} \dots -0.0375 \quad a_{22} \dots 2.87 \quad \tan 2\theta \dots 0.0269 \quad \text{formula of R. E.} \dots 0.09x^2 + 2.87y^2 = 1.$$

Aconitum Zuccarinii NAKAI

Locality of studied materials: Hibara Pref. Fukushima.

$$n \dots 33 \quad \phi_{11} \dots 3.97 \quad \phi_{12} \dots 0.03 \quad \phi_{22} \dots 0.512, \quad A \dots 2.00 \quad F_{31}^2(0.05) \dots 3.31$$

*⁴ For only this species method of calculation is described, else are omitted.

a_{11} ...	1.16	a_{12} ...	-0.068	a_{22} ...	9.03	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.0173	formula of R. E.	$3.86x^2 + 6.44y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum aizuense</i> NAKAI									
Localities of studied materials: Sukayu and Towada in Aomori Pref.									
n ...	38	ϕ_{11} ...	9.8	ϕ_{12} ...	1.43	ϕ_{22} ...	2.02	Δ ...	17.75 $F_{36}^2(0.05)$...3.26
a_{11} ...	0.612	a_{12} ...	-0.344	a_{22} ...	2.36	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.393	formula of R. E.	$1.09x^2 + 2.42y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum Mazimai</i> NAKAI									
Localities of studied materials: Sado-Nyūkawa-Mt.Donden in Nigata Pref. and Commercial product from Sado.									
n ...	64	ϕ_{11} ...	85.0	ϕ_{12} ...	6.22	ϕ_{22} ...	6.00	Δ ...	471.3 $F_{62}^2(0.05)$...3.15
a_{11} ...	0.131	a_{12} ...	-0.136	a_{22} ...	1.86	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.157	formula of R. E.	$0.120x^2 + 1.88y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum Okuyamai</i> NAKAI									
Localities of studied materials: Oku-yamadera and Hirashimizu in Yamagata Pref.									
n ...	25	ϕ_{11} ...	4.64	ϕ_{12} ...	0.68	ϕ_{22} ...	0.235	Δ ...	0.626 $F_{23}^2(0.05)$...3.42
a_{11} ...	1.21	a_{12} ...	-3.51	a_{22} ...	24.0	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.309	formula of R. E.	$0.065x^2 + 25.1y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum iwatekense</i> NAKAI									
Localities of studied materials: Kawai, Tōno and Miyako in Iwate Pref.									
n ...	38	ϕ_{11} ...	28.1	ϕ_{12} ...	2.32	ϕ_{22} ...	0.416	Δ ...	6.31 $F_{36}^2(0.05)$...3.26
a_{11} ...	0.355	a_{12} ...	-1.98	a_{22} ...	24.0	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.168	formula of R. E.	$0.195x^2 + 24.1y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum spp. A</i> *5									
Locality of studied materials: Shimoburo, Shimokita Peninsula in Aomori Pref.									
n ...	27	ϕ_{11} ...	3.77	ϕ_{12} ...	-0.30	ϕ_{22} ...	0.163	Δ ...	0.525 $F_{25}^2(0.05)$...3.38
a_{11} ...	1.11	a_{12} ...	2.04	a_{22} ...	25.6	$\tan 2\theta$...	-0.167	formula of R. E.	$25.7x^2 + 0.95y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum spp. B</i> *5									
Locality of studied materials: Iwaya, Shimokita Peninsula in Aomori Pref.									
n ...	25	ϕ_{11} ...	5.37	ϕ_{12} ...	0.33	ϕ_{22} ...	2.23	Δ ...	11.9 $F_{23}^2(0.05)$...3.42
a_{11} ...	0.606	a_{12} ...	-0.090	a_{22} ...	1.46	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.133	formula of R. E.	$0.594x^2 + 1.48y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum spp. C</i> *5									
Locality of studied materials: Akataki, Shimokita Peninsula in Aomori Pref.									
n ...	20	ϕ_{11} ...	4.71	ϕ_{12} ...	0.011	ϕ_{22} ...	0.072	Δ ...	0.338 $F_{18}^2(0.05)$...3.55
a_{11} ...	0.514	a_{12} ...	-0.079	a_{22} ...	3.37	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.0047	formula of R. E.	$0.51x^2 + 3.37y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum spp. D</i> *6									
Localities of studied materials: Namie and Ishikawa in Fukushima Pref. (Province of Sōma)									
n ...	34	ϕ_{11} ...	15.7	ϕ_{12} ...	0.32	ϕ_{22} ...	1.41	Δ ...	22.03 $F_{32}^2(0.05)$...3.30
a_{11} ...	0.298	a_{12} ...	-0.0676	a_{22} ...	3.32	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.0447	formula of R. E.	$0.295x^2 + 3.33y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum japonicum</i> THUNB.									
Localities of studied materials: Mt. Takakusa in Shizuoka Pref. and Mt. Hakone in Kanagawa Pref.									
n ...	67	ϕ_{11} ...	76.9	ϕ_{12} ...	0.04	ϕ_{22} ...	0.857	Δ ...	65.9 $F_{65}^2(0.05)$...3.14
a_{11} ...	0.133	a_{12} ...	-0.0062	a_{22} ...	11.9	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.00105	formula of R. E.	$0.13x^2 + 11.9y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum deflexum</i> NAKAI									
Locality of studied materials: Lake Suwa in Nagano Pref.									
n ...	21	ϕ_{11} ...	33.5	ϕ_{12} ...	0.65	ϕ_{22} ...	0.190	Δ ...	5.94 $F_{19}^2(0.05)$...3.52
a_{11} ...	0.0824	a_{12} ...	-0.282	a_{22} ...	14.53	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.039	formula of R. E.	$0.08x^2 + 14.5y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum senannnse</i> NAKAI									
Localities of studied materials: Mt. Shirouma in Pref. Niigata, Mt. Shōzu and Mt. Tateyama in Toyama Pref.									
n ...	15	ϕ_{11} ...	6.81	ϕ_{12} ...	-0.14	ϕ_{22} ...	0.06	Δ ...	0.389 $F_{13}^2(0.05)$...3.80
a_{11} ...	0.248	a_{12} ...	0.576	a_{22} ...	28.1	$\tan 2\theta$...	-0.0464	formula of R. E.	$28.0x^2 + 0.30y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum sanyoense</i> NAKAI									
Locality of studied materials: Mt. Mafuji in Shizuoka Pref.									
n ...	30	ϕ_{11} ...	22.6	ϕ_{12} ...	0.90	ϕ_{22} ...	0.476	Δ ...	9.91 $F_{28}^2(0.05)$...3.34
a_{11} ...	0.194	a_{12} ...	-0.369	a_{22} ...	9.28	$\tan 2\theta$...	0.0812	formula of R. E.	$0.19x^2 + 9.28y^2 = 1.$
<i>Aconitum crassipes</i> NAKAI									
Locality of studied materials: Mt. Ibuki in Shiga Pref.									

*5 These kinds are difficult to distinguish from *Aconitum Zuccarinii* NAKAI by external appearances, nevertheless their components differ, so are treated tentatively to be another species.

*6 This species resembles to *A. yesoense* NAKAI and *A. kiusianum* NAKAI.

$n \cdots 15$	$\phi_{11} \cdots 10.8$	$\phi_{12} \cdots -0.37$	$\phi_{22} \cdots 0.201$	$A \cdots 2.03$	$F_{13}^2(0.05) \cdots 3.80$
$a_{11} \cdots 0.158$	$a_{12} \cdots 0.292$	$a_{22} \cdots -8.52$	$\tan 2\theta \cdots 0.070$	formula of R. E. $\cdots 7.67x^2 + 1.01y^2 = 1.$	
<i>Aconitum grossidentatum</i> NAKAI					
Locality of studied materials: Tanigumi in Gifu Pref.					
$n \cdots 10$	$\phi_{11} \cdots 1.52$	$\phi_{12} \cdots -0.28$	$\phi_{22} \cdots 0.236$	$A \cdots 0.280$	$F_8^2(0.05) \cdots 4.46$
$a_{11} \cdots 0.686$	$a_{12} \cdots 0.814$	$a_{22} \cdots 4.42$	$\tan 2\theta \cdots -0.436$	formula of R. E. $\cdots 4.59x^2 + 0.516y^2 = 1.$	
<i>Aconitum grossidentatum</i> NAKAI var. <i>shikokianum</i> NAKAI					
Localities of studied materials: Motoyama in Kōchi Pref. and Saijō in Ehime Pref.					
$n \cdots 57$	$\phi_{11} \cdots 15.3$	$\phi_{12} \cdots -1.19$	$\phi_{22} \cdots 0.33$	$A \cdots 3.63$	$F_{25}^2(0.05) \cdots 3.17$
$a_{11} \cdots 0.775$	$a_{12} \cdots 2.79$	$a_{22} \cdots 35.9$	$\tan 2\theta \cdots -0.159$	formula of R. E. $\cdots 36.1x^2 + 0.55y^2 = 1.$	
<i>Aconitum kiusianum</i> NAKAI					
Localities of studied materials: Kakutō in Miyazaki Pref. and Takeda in Ōita Pref.					
$n \cdots 31$	$\phi_{11} \cdots 149.8$	$\phi_{12} \cdots 1.50$	$\phi_{22} \cdots 0.25$	$A \cdots 35.2$	$F_{29}^2(0.05) \cdots 3.33$
$a_{11} \cdots 0.030$	$a_{12} \cdots -0.18$	$a_{22} \cdots 18.0$	$\tan 2\theta \cdots 0.020$	formula of R. E. $\cdots 0.04x^2 + 35.9y^2 = 1.$	

Variation Produced due to Different Localities.

Studied material I;

Kind: *Aconitum iwatekense* NAKAI

E/C :	{	Miyako	$\bar{x} \cdots 4.24$	$s^2 \cdots 0.346$	$n \cdots 19$
		Kawai	$\bar{x} \cdots 3.01$	$s^2 \cdots 0.379$	$n \cdots 15$

Test of variances: $F = 0.379/0.346 = 1.10 \ll F_{18}^{14}(0.05) = 2.29$ \therefore non-significant.

Test of means: $t = 5.19 \gg t_{32}(0.01) = 2.73$ \therefore significant distinction.

$\log_{10}(S^2/C)$:	{	Miyako	$\bar{y} \cdots 1.16$	$s^2 \cdots 0.010$	$n \cdots 19$
		Kawai	$\bar{y} \cdots 1.24$	$s^2 \cdots 0.0174$	$n \cdots 15$

Test of variances: $F = 1.70 \ll F_{18}^{14}(0.05) = 2.29$

Test of means: $t = 2.01 < t_{32}(0.05) = 2.04$ \therefore non-significant.

Studied Material II

Kind: *Aconitum Mazimai* NAKAI

E/C :	{	Nyūkawa	$\bar{x} \cdots 3.55$	$s^2 \cdots 0.559$	$n \cdots 14$
		Commercial (unknown Loc.)	$\bar{x} \cdots 2.92$	$s^2 \cdots 0.218$	$n \cdots 50$

Test of variance: $F = 0.559/0.218 = 2.56 = F_{49}^{13}(0.01) = 2.56$ \therefore a little significant

Test of means (When above result is neglected of significance)

$t = 3.87 > t_{62}(0.01) = 2.66$ \therefore significant

$\log_{10}(S^2/C)$:	{	Nyūkawa	$\bar{y} \cdots 1.61$	$s^2 \cdots 0.173$	$n \cdots 14$
		Commercial	$\bar{y} \cdots 1.40$	$s^2 \cdots 0.0635$	$n \cdots 50$

Test of variance: $F = 0.173/0.0635 = 2.72 > F_{59}^{13}(0.01) = 2.56$

Variances seem to differ by each locality.

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Summary

Many kinds of Japanese aconites resemble well each other in internal structure of their tuberous roots. As the structural feature, the author aimed at the form of cambium, and created two specific values namely E/C and $\log_{10}(S^2/C)$ to study on these forms stochastically. For their statistical calculation rejectancial and fiducial ellipses are selected and as a result Japanese aconites are divided into five types roughly by averages.

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