

# Antioxidant Properties of Natural *p*-Terphenyl Derivatives from the Mushroom *Thelephora ganbajun*

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The antioxidant activity *in vitro* of three poly(phenylacetyloxy)-substituted 1,1':4',1''-terphenyl compounds from the edible mushroom *Thelephora ganbajun* were investigated. The IC<sub>50</sub> values of compounds **1–3** for lipid peroxidation in rat liver homogenate were 400, 48, 54  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. Compounds **1–3** increased superoxide dismutase (SOD) activity with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 182, 74, 204  $\mu\text{M}$ . They were also assessed on the DPPH (1,1-diphenyl-2-picrylhydrazyl) radical scavenging activity with EC<sub>50</sub> values of 49, 1233, 55  $\mu\text{M}$ .

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