

**Supplementary Table S1:** Total count (TC) per gram dry weight and number of cases of isolations (NCI) of different fungal genera and species isolated from different nuts on Dichloran Rose-Bengal Chloramphenicol agar at 25°C

<b>Fungal genera and species</b>	<b>Pistachio</b>		<b>Hazelnut</b>		<b>Cashews</b>		<b>Peanut</b>		<b>Almond</b>		<b>Walnut</b>		<b>Chestnut</b>	
<b><i>Aspergillus</i></b>	5827	-	729	-	1889	-	3703	-	2905	-	851	-	718	-
<i>A. flavus</i>	1900	5	235	5	810	5	1122	5	913	5	222	5	199	5
<i>A. fumigatus</i>	633	3	55	2	99	3	313	4	200	3	50	4	39	3
<i>A. niger</i>	1122	5	100	5	612	5	855	5	716	5	158	5	122	5
<i>A. oryzae</i>	322	2	48	3	66	3	180	3	122	4	66	3	55	1
<i>A. parasiticus</i>	1000	5	178	2	189	4	744	3	544	1	218	2	200	5
<i>A. tamari</i>	100	3	-	-	11	4	-	-	5	2	5	1	-	-
<i>A. terreus</i>	15	4	-	-	20	1	-	-	7	3	4	3	-	-
<i>A. japonicas</i>	610	2	90	2	70	1	412	2	333	5	100	5	80	2
<i>A. nomius</i>	21	1	5	1	-	-	15	1	22	4	11	3	5	2
<i>A. wentii</i>	33	1	10	1	5	1	22	1	-	-	-	-	8	1
<i>A. ochraceus</i>	16	2	-	-	7	1	-	-	10	2	10	2	7	3
<i>A. flavipes</i>	55	4	8	2	-	-	40	2	33	1	7	3	3	3
<b><i>Penicillium</i></b>	957	-	213	-	261	-	764	-	609	-	126	-	122	-
<i>P. puberulum</i>	90	2	33	1	21	2	77	1	65	1	-	-	-	-
<i>P. aurantiogriseum</i>	212	1	60	2	51	3	184	2	155	3	33	4	-	-
<i>P. oxalicum</i>	80	4	30	2	38	4	65	5	49	4	18	4	15	1

<i>P. chrysogenum</i>	166	5	30	5	85	5	133	5	100	5	40	5	33	5
<i>P. granulatum</i>	17	3	3	2	11	2	22	3	15	2	-	-	10	1
<i>P. citrinum</i>	110	5	33	5	15	4	90	4	75	4	19	4	25	5
<i>P. comembeti</i>	30	2	3	1	3	1	22	2	16	2	11	3	9	2
<i>P. funiculosum</i>	55	1	-	-	-	-	28	1	19	1	-	-	10	2
<i>P. verrucosum</i>	90	1	5	1	3	2	88	2	71	2	3	2	1	4
<i>P. crustosum</i>	18	3	1	2	-	-	10	3	7	2	2	2	5	1
<i>P. fellutanum</i>	29	3	-	-	15	2	13	2	8	2	-	-	14	1
<i>P. italicum</i>	60	5	15	4	19	4	32	2	29	4	-	-	-	-
<b>Alternaria</b>	108	-	34	-	22	-	77	-	63	-	5	-	10	-
<i>A. Alternata</i>	45	5	15	5	-	-	32	5	28	5	5	4	-	-
<i>A. Tenuissima</i>	63	2	19	4	22	4	45	2	35	3	-	-	10	3
<b>Cladosporium</b>	66	-	15	-	-	-	55	-	-	-	10	-	7	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporoides</i>	66	4	15	2	-	-	55	1	-	-	10	2	7	1
<b>Cochliobolus</b>	77	-	14	-	20	-	33	-	22	2	-	-	3	-
<i>Cochliobolus lunatus</i>	77	1	14	1	20	2	33	2	22	2	-	-	3	2
<b>Botryotrichum</b>	22	-	10	-	19	-	-	-	15	1	-	-	10	-
<i>Botryotrichum piluliferum</i>	22	1	10	1	19	1	-	-	15	1	-	-	10	1
<b>Fusarium</b>	286	-	88	-	31	-	164	-	136	-	25	-	40	-
<i>F. oxysporum</i>	120	5	33	4	18	5	66	4	59	5	-	-	25	5

<i>F. moniliforme</i>	166	5	55	4	13	4	98	5	77	4	25	5	15	4
<b><i>Rhizopus</i></b>	189	-	13	-	10	-	154	-	122	-	22	-	-	-
<i>R. oryzae</i>	156	4	13	5	-	-	133	5	122	5	15	4	-	-
<i>R. stolonifer</i>	33	5	-	-	10	2	21	3	-	-	7	3	-	-
<b><i>Trichoderma</i></b>	204	-	34	-	53	-	155	-	130	-	20	-	25	-
<i>T. hamatum</i>	71	1	14	1	18	1	66	1	55	4	5	4	18	3
<i>T. harzianm</i>	133	2	20	2	35	3	89	1	75	5	15	3	7	2
<b><i>Bispora</i></b>	47	-	13	-	18	-	33	-	45	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bispora antennata</i>	47	1	13	2	18	1	33	2	45	1	-	-	-	-
<b>Total count</b>	<b>7783</b>		<b>1163</b>		<b>2323</b>		<b>5138</b>		<b>4047</b>		<b>1059</b>		<b>935</b>	
<b>Number of genera</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>10</b>		<b>9</b>				<b>10</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>5</b>	
<b>Number of species</b>	<b>36</b>		<b>33</b>		<b>34</b>				<b>36</b>		<b>25</b>		<b>22</b>	

**Supplementary Table S2:** Antioxidant activity of different concentrations of 5'-HA

Sample ( $\mu\text{g/ml}$ )	conc.	% Inhibition	
		5'-HA	Ascorbic acid
20		26.55 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.04	39.23 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 0.2
40		46.66 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.02	52.36 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 0.6
80		80.31 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 0.41	82.61 <sup>c</sup> $\pm$ 0.2
IC <sub>50</sub>		72.45 $\pm$ 0.36	52.65 $\pm$ 0.41

The means ( $\pm$ ) standard error followed by the same letter in the same column are not significantly different according to ANOVA and Duncan's multiple range tests.<sup>i</sup>

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**Supplementary Table S3:** List of primer sequences used for qPCR

<b>Gene name</b>	<b>Forward primer 5'-3'</b>	<b>Reverse Primer 5'-3'</b>
<i>aflR</i>	F: GCGGCACAGCTTGTCTGA	R: CCGGTATCCCTGCTGCATC
<i>aflS</i>	F: AACGGTCGTGCATGTGGG	R: CGGCCTTAGCTTCTGTCTGC
<i>aflA</i>	F: CCAGTCGGTGGTGTGCAAAA	R: CGCAGCACCCCAGAGCTT
<i>aflB</i>	F: GTCTGCGCAGGCCATTTTC	R: AGCTCTTGGCCTTCAACAGTCTC
<i>aflC</i>	F: CTGACCCCGGCATTTTCG	R: TGCCAGATTCCTCATATTCCCG
<i>aflL</i>	F: CCGATTCGTACCCGAAGAGAC	R: TCGGCAAAGTAGGTACCGAGAT
<i>aflM</i>	F:TCCTGGAGCCATTAAGACTGATATGT	R: GCCAAGCGGGCCTC
<i>aflN</i>	F: CCAGGCTCGCCAGGAAGT	R: AGCTTGAACTCTGGCATAGGAAGG
<i>aflP</i>	F:TATTCTACATGACTATCCCGATGCTG	R: GCGCGACTTGCTTGGGT
<i>aflQ</i>	F: GGGAGGATCGGACACGACA	R: CATGGCCACGAAAAAGCTAGAC
<i>aflW</i>	F: CGATGTCTTTGTGCGGACG	R: GTGTTGCCCGCTAGCACTC
<i>atfA</i>	F: GCAGTTACAGGCACCTTAACACATC	R: CGGCGCTGGGAGTCTT
<i>atfB</i>	F:CAGCGAAGTGCTCAACCTCAAGAACG	R: GATCGCATGGGAGAAACCAGATCG
<i>Sod1</i>	F: CGAGAGCGTACTTGGCCGT	R: TCTTCTTGGACTCCGGGTGTT
<i>catA</i>	F: ATTAAGTTCCCGGATTTTGTCCA	R: GGTACCTCGTTGTGCGGCT
<i>Cat2</i>	F: TGGCAGCAGTGACGGAAAG	R: AGCCCAAGCGGCAACAA
<i><math>\beta</math>-tub</i>	F: AACGTCTACTTCAACGAGGCCA	R: GTACCAGGCTCAAGATCAACGAG