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Abstract

A total of 208 samples of commercial pasteurized milk gathered from retail outlets across Japan during the winter season were analysed for aflatoxin M₁ (AFM₁). Japan was divided into 11 regions from north to south, and nine to 45 milk samples from each region were randomly purchased between December 2001 and February 2002. Each milk sample was cleaned up by an immunoaffinity column, and AFM₁ was quantified by liquid chromatography with fluorescence detection in four independent laboratories. The limit of detection of the method was 0.001 µg kg⁻¹. The identity of the putative AFM₁ in milk sample was confirmed by the formation of AFM₁ hemi-acetal with trifluoroacetic acid. Based on the results obtained with spiked samples (0.05 µg AFM₁ kg⁻¹), the mean recovery was 91.4%, the relative standard deviation for repeatability was 4.6%, and the relative standard deviation for reproducibility was 8.0% among four independent laboratories. AFM₁ was detected in 207 (99.5%) of 208 milk samples at 0.001–0.029 µg kg⁻¹, with a mean of 0.009 µg kg⁻¹ and a 90th percentile of 0.014 µg

kg⁻¹. No significant difference of the level of AFM₁ contamination was observed among the regions.

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