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# **New Progress in the Research on Sericulture Resource Utility**

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# The comprehensive utilization of sericulture resources



## mulberry resources

Mulberry leaves

Mulberry branches

Mulberry fruit

White mulberry root-bark

## silkworm resources

Young silkworms

Silkworm pupa

Silkworm moth

Silkworm excrement

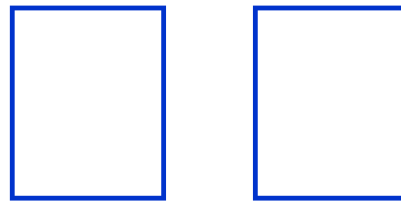
Natural silk





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# Sericulture



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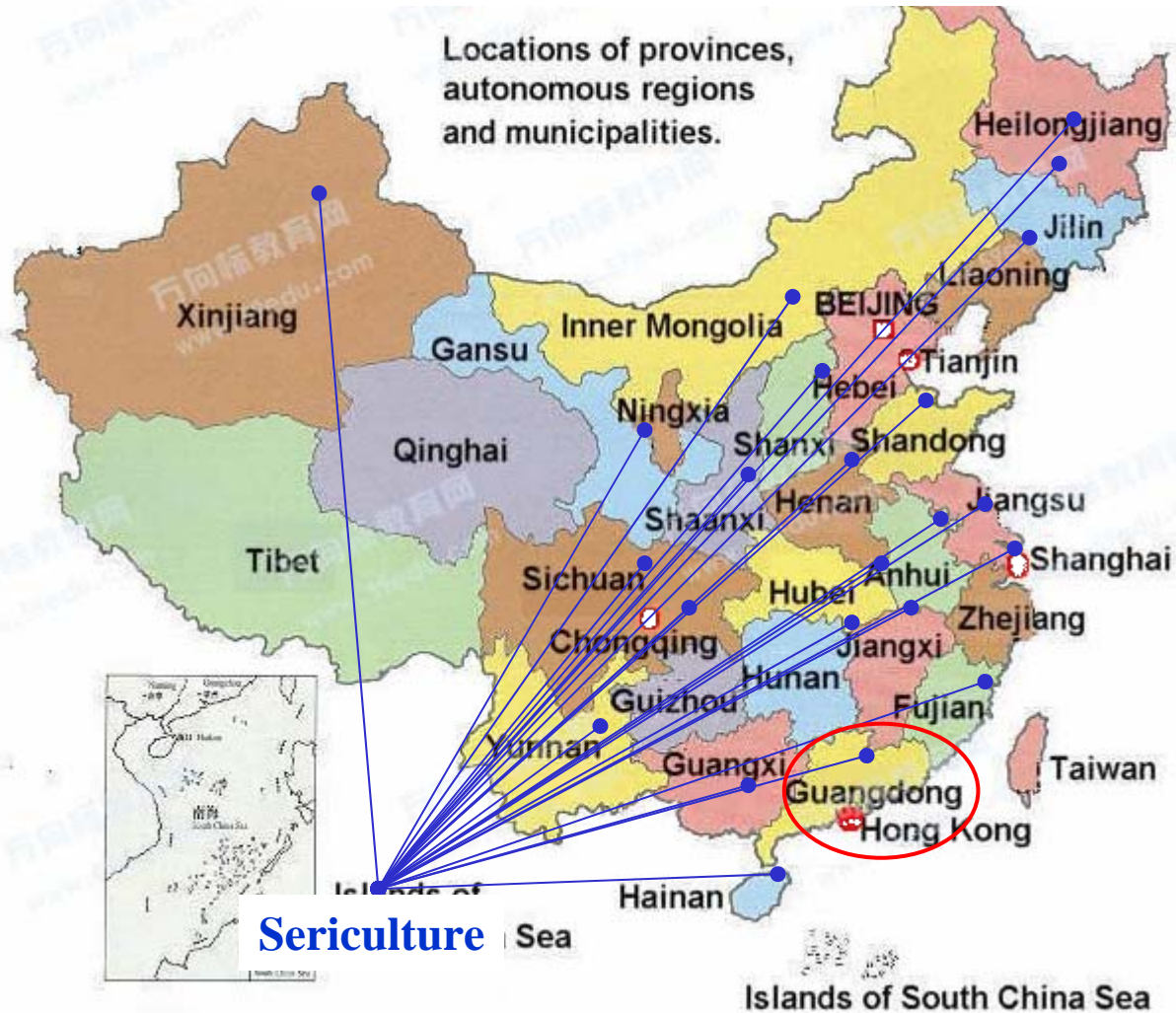
## Mulberry & Silkworm

Sericulture is treasure



# Sericulture distribution

Locations of provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities.



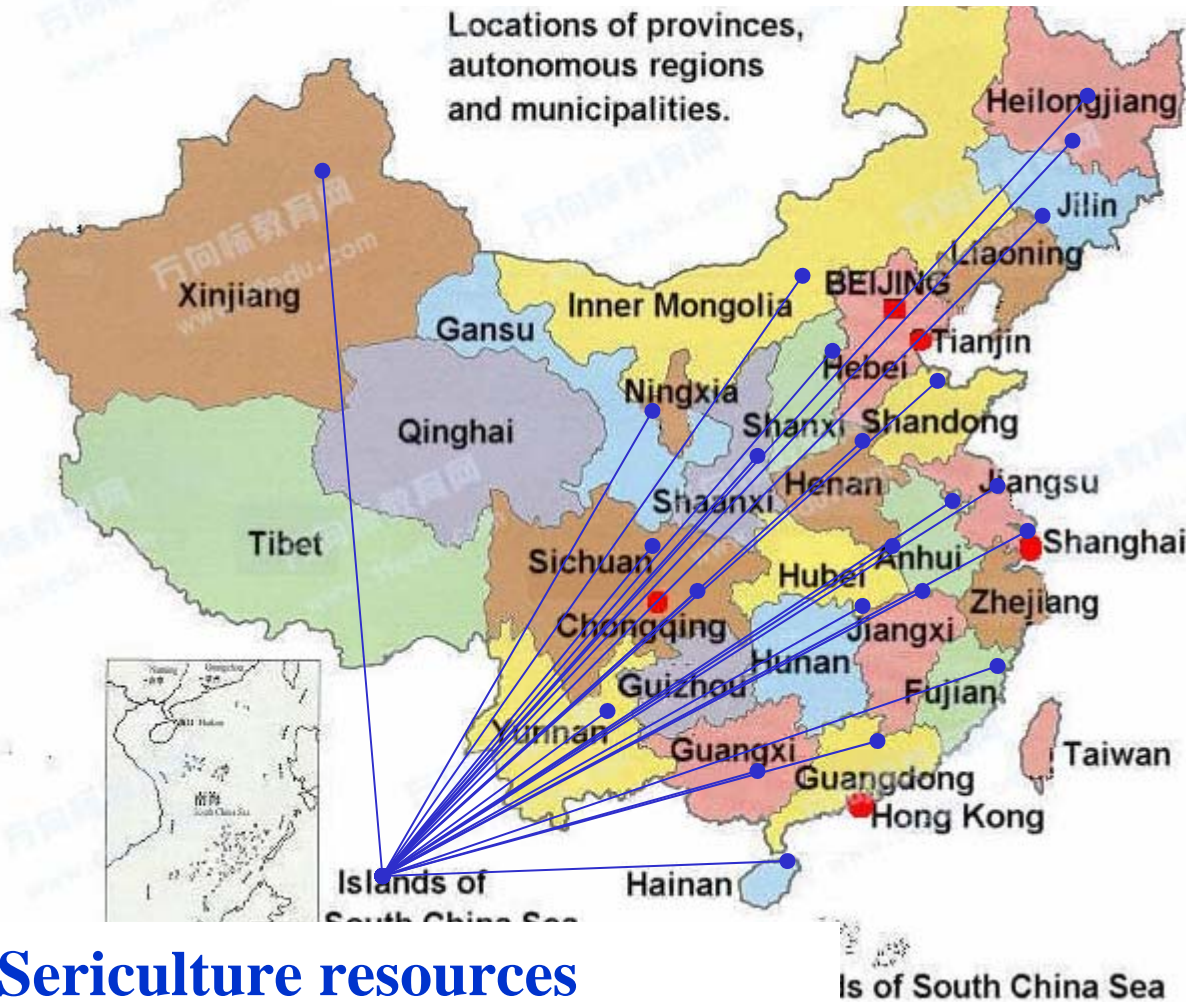
Sericulture resources distributed over 1300 counties and 28 provinces

Sericulture Sea

Islands of South China Sea



# Plenty of resources of Sericulture



6000kiloton  
Fresh  
cocoon  
annually in  
China

- 120KT raw silk
- 480KT pupae
- 1800KT branch
- 600KT fruits
- 900KT excrement
- 810Kt redundant

**Sericulture resources  
distributed over 1300 counties  
and 28 provinces**



# What and How do China do it?





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# 1. The present status of sericulture development in China

- Sericulture production scale has resumed growth, efficiency gradually picked up.
- The sericulture production regions are gathering to the western China.
- The enterprise structure have been continuously adjusted and optimized.
- Sericulture industry has begun to diversify.

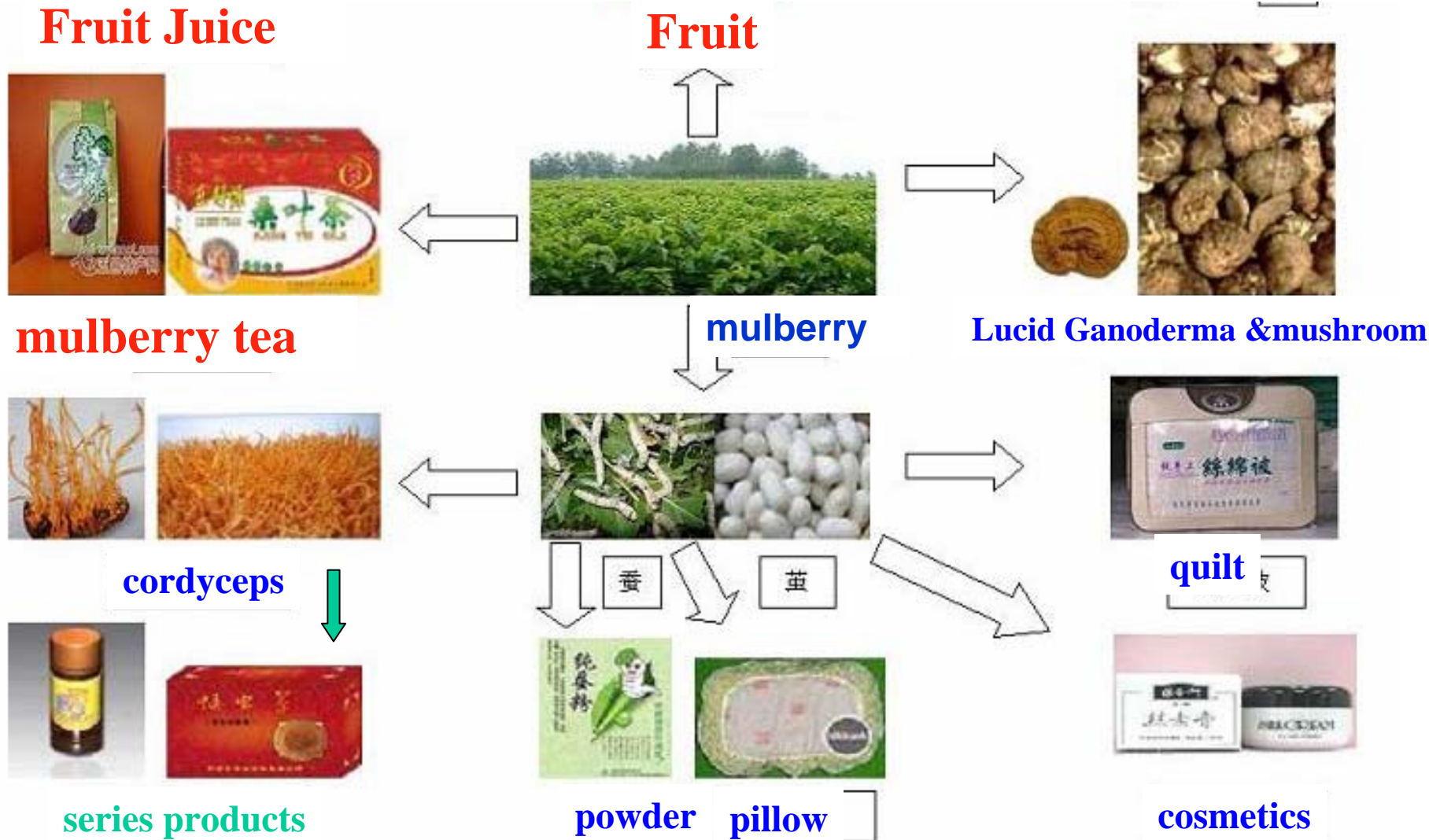






## **2. The development and utilization of sericulture resources in China**

# 2.1 Comprehensive utilization of sericulture resources technology has achieved preliminary results





## 2.2 Comprehensive utilization of mulberry resources

- The mulberry tree resources utilization include the deep processing and exploitation of **mulberry leaves, mulberry Branch, mulberry fruit, *Morus alba*** and so on.



1. 801 Kha(hm<sup>2</sup>)
2. >3000 special germ plasm resource
3. 15 species and 4 varieties
4. 1300 counties

# 1) Utilization of Mulberry leaves







# The chemical constituents of Mulberry leaves

## 1) General Nutrition

- **Sugar, Amino acids, microscale elements**

## 2) Characteristics of chemical constituents

- **Alkaloids**
- **Flavonoids and flavonoid glycosides**, 1-deoxynojirimycin(DNJ) □ N-methyl-1-deoxynojirimycin □ fagomine □ 4-O- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosylfagomine □
- **Steroidal components**
- **Essential oil**



桑叶 桑科 桑树 *Morus alba* L. 叶  
功效：疏散风热，清肺润燥，平肝明目。





# Studies on the extraction, purification and immunoregulation of Mulberry Leaves

**Flavonoids** Extract Process optimization,  
Ultrasound&microwave, Leaf mass  
percentage concentration , times of  
Extraction



# The immunoregulation evaluation of mulberry leaf flavonoids

Table 1 The effect of flavonoids from mulberry leaves in affecting the immune organ of mice (mg/g,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ )

Groups	n	Spleen index	Thymus index
Control	10	3.80±0.03	1.73±0.31
Low-dose	10	4.41±0.04	2.04±0.58
Medium dose	9	4.59±0.07	2.13±0.61
High dose	9	4.50±0.05	2.29±0.71

Note: Control, normal saline. low, medium and high dose groups are 200, 300, 400 mg / (kg.bw.d) ,respectively .





**Table 2 The effects of flavonoids from mulberry leaves in affecting the monocyte-macrophage phagocytic activity in mice ( $\bar{x} \pm s$ )**

Groups	n	Correction expurgation index
Control	10	4.13±0.43
Low-dose	10	<b>5.41±0.32**</b>
Medium dose	10	<b>5.50±0.24**</b>
High dose	10	4.97±0.21*

**Note: Control, normal saline. low, medium and high dose groups are 200, 300, 400 mg / (kg.bw.d) ,respectively ,\*level of significance**



**Table 3 The effects of flavonoids of mulberry leaves in forming antibody in mice ( $\pm s$ )  $\bar{x}$**

Groups	n	Antibody formation calculation $\square$ AFC $\square$
Control	10	1.18 $\pm$ 0.04
Low-dose	8	1.37 $\pm$ 0.03*
Medium dose	10	1.39 $\pm$ 0.02*
High dose	10	1.44 $\pm$ 0.05*

**Note: Control, normal saline. low, medium and high dose groups are 200, 300, 400 mg / (kg.bw.d) ,respectively**



**Table 4 The effect of flavonoids from mulberry leaves to the humoral immune in mice (Hemolysin,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ )**

Groups	n	Hemolysin
Control	10	116.10±12.69
Low-dose	10	132.22±11.27*
Medium dose	10	134.97±13.08*
High dose	10	136.23±10.01*

**Note: Control, normal saline. low, medium and high dose groups are 200, 300, 400 mg / (kg.bw.d) ,respectively**





**Table 5 The effect of flavonoids from mulberry leaves in affecting the proliferation of spleen lymphocytes in mice (Survival Rate,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ )**

Groups	n	Cell Survival Rate □%□
Control	10	18.79±1.76
Low-dose	10	23.68±1.51*
Medium dose	10	<b><u>26.09±0.99</u>**</b>
High dose	10	24.42±0.71*

**Note: Control, normal saline. low, medium and high dose groups are 200, 300, 400 mg / (kg.bw.d) ,respectively ,\*level of significance**



**Table 6 The effect of flavonoids from mulberry leaves in affecting the Spleen lymphocyte differentiation conversion rate in mice  
(Stimulation index,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ )**

Groups	n	Stimulation index(SI)
Control	10	1.88±0.02
Low-dose	10	2.45±0.07*
Medium dose	10	2.51±0.03*
High dose	10	<b>2.71±0.04**</b>

**Note: Control, normal saline. low, medium and high dose groups are 200, 300, 400 mg / (kg.bw.d) ,respectively \*level of significance**



**Table 7 The effect of flavonoids of mulberry leaves in affecting the Erythrocyte C3b receptor in mice (% ,  $\bar{x} \pm s$ )**

Groups	n	C3b(%)
Control	10	14.71±1.21
Low-dose	10	16.01±1.19*
Medium dose	10	17.05±0.99*
High dose	10	17.98±1.04*

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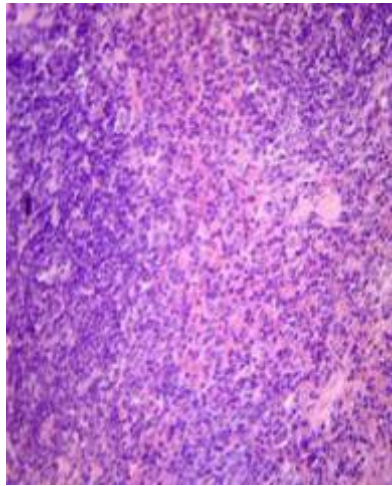
**Table 8 The effect of flavonoids of mulberry leaves in affecting the erythrocyte immune complex in mice (%),  $\bar{x} \pm s$**

Groups	n	RBC-IC □ % □
Control	10	14.29±1.52
Low-dose	10	12.73±1.01*
Medium dose	10	12.16±0.94*
High dose	10	11.03±1.17*

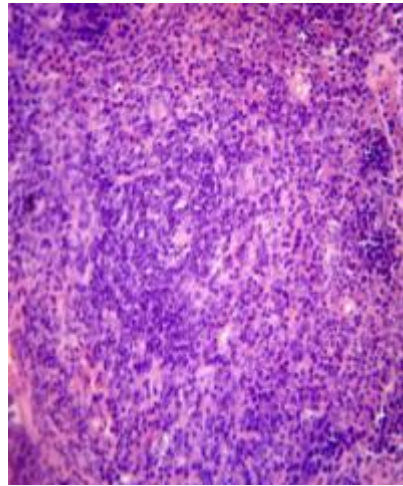
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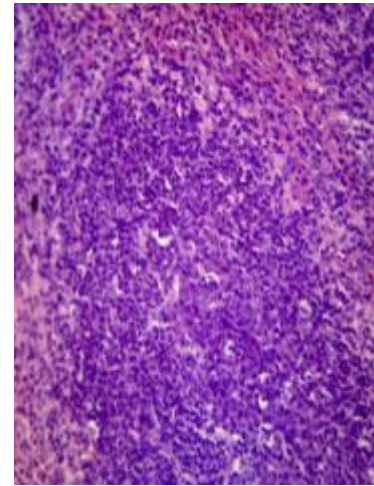
# Comparison on the Tissue sections of spleen in mice



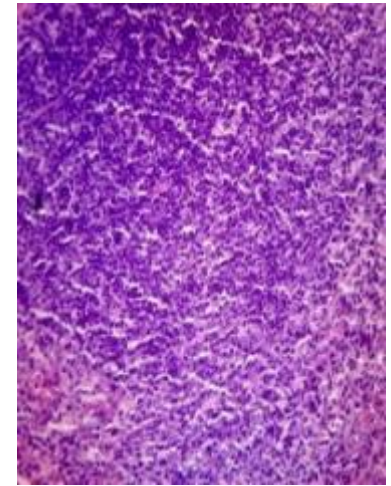
Control



Low-dose



Medium dose



High dose

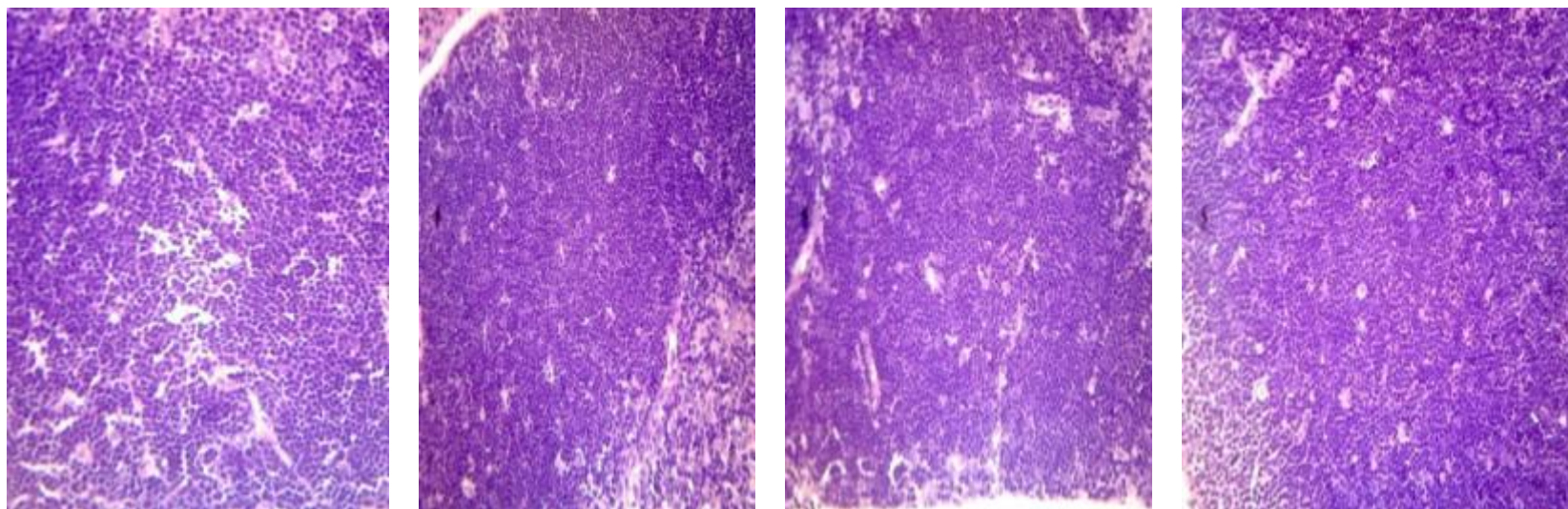
Tissue sections of spleen in mice HE staining 10 × 20

•Each group can promote the proliferation and differentiation of spleen lymphocytes. Compared with the control group, the splenic corpuscle was increased and the number of lymphatic also increase, and the middle dose group results are the best.





## Comparison on the Tissue sections of thymus in mice



Control

Low-dose

Medium dose

High dose

Tissue sections of thymus in mice HE staining 10 × 20

Flavonoids in mulberry leaves can stimulate the proliferation and differentiation of murine thymocytes.

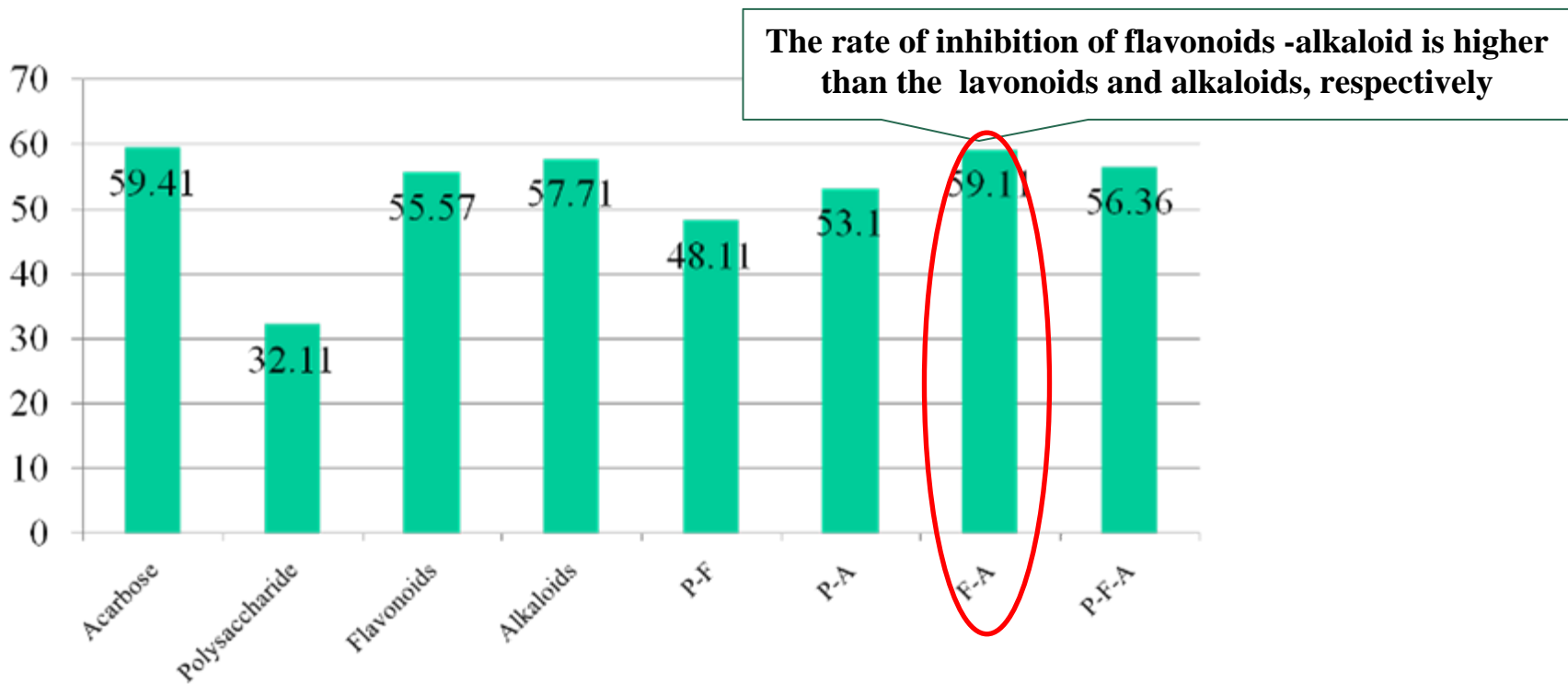


# Mulberry leaf alkaloid extraction and functions



# Hypoglycemic Active Substances from Mulberry Leaves and Their Synergistic Effect on Hypoglycemic Activity

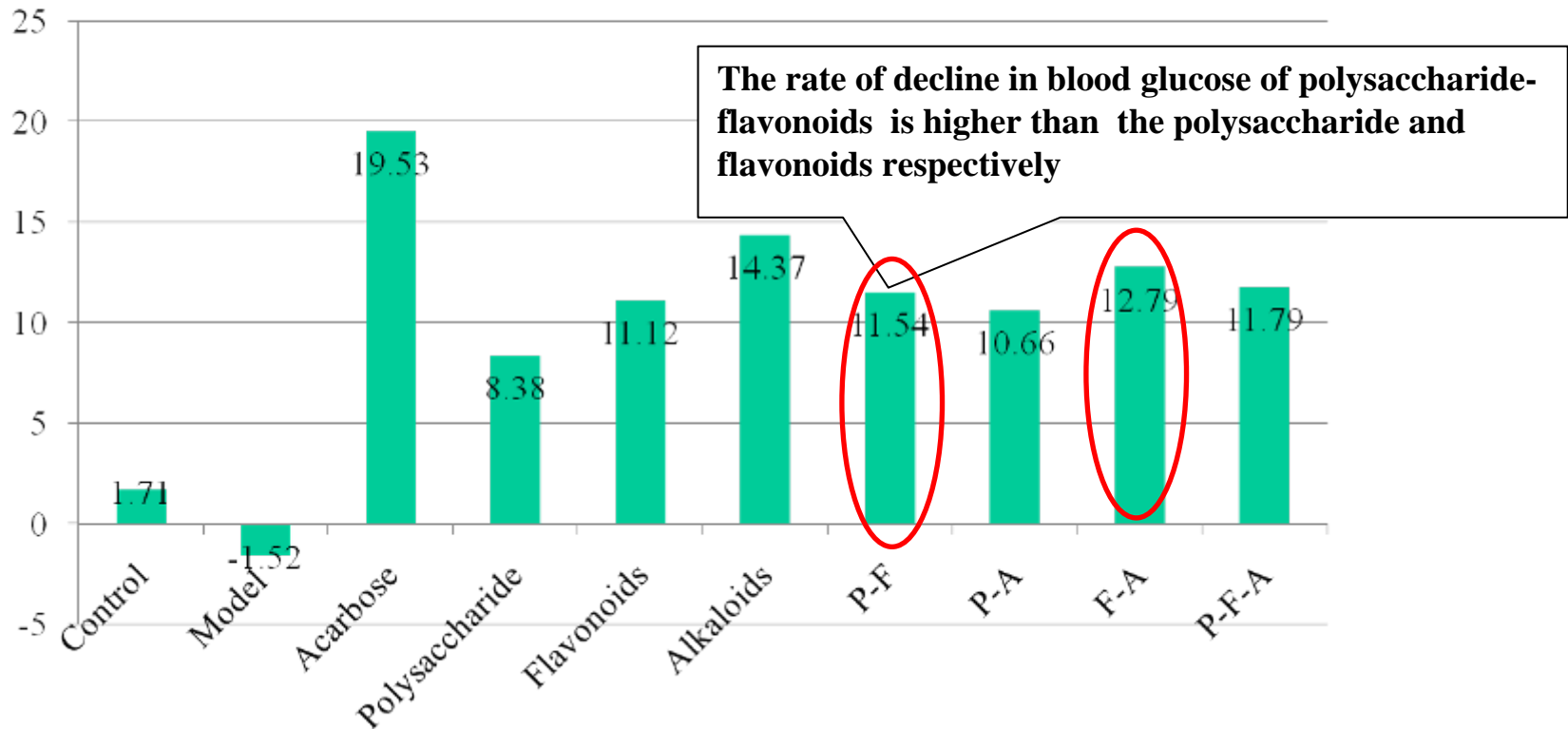
The effect of Polysaccharides, flavonoids and alkaloids on the  $\alpha$ -glucosidase enzyme activity



Note: P-F, Polysaccharide-flavonoids(1:1); P-A, Polysaccharide-alkaloids(1:1); F-A, Flavonoids-alkaloids(1:1); P-F-A, Polysaccharide - flavonoids - alkaloids (1:1:1)



## The effect of polysaccharides, flavonoids and alkaloids on the rate of decline in blood glucose of diabetic mice



Note: **P-F**, Polysaccharide-flavonoids(1:1); **P-A**, Polysaccharide-alkaloids(1:1); **F-A**, Flavonoids-alkaloids(1:1); **P-F-A**, Polysaccharide - flavonoids - alkaloids (1:1:1)

- Polysaccharide and flavonoids from mulberry leaves have synergistic effect in lowering the blood glucose of diabetic mice



# Mulberry leaves flavor drinks



Xia Sang Ju Ji Chinese herb tea

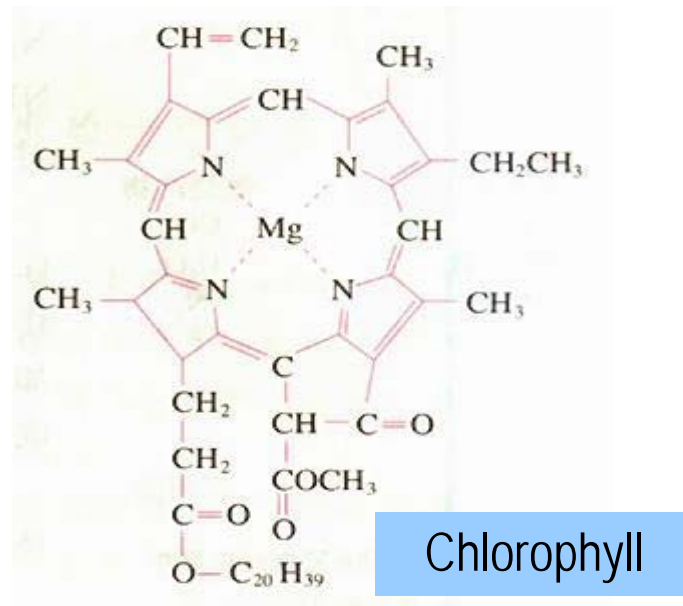






# Pigment from mulberry and silkworm feces

Uses: food and Cosmetics coloring, health food and medicine...





# Food seasoning



steamed bread, noodle, all kinds of health food for keeping fit and .....





## 2. Utilization of mulberry branches



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Mulberry Chinese herbal medicine



Mulberry branches ingredients for soups



Mulberry Tea branches

Mulberry Paper



Mulberry cosmetic



Mulberry GLS



Mulberry medicine



Charcoal





# 1 The chemical constituents of mulberry branches

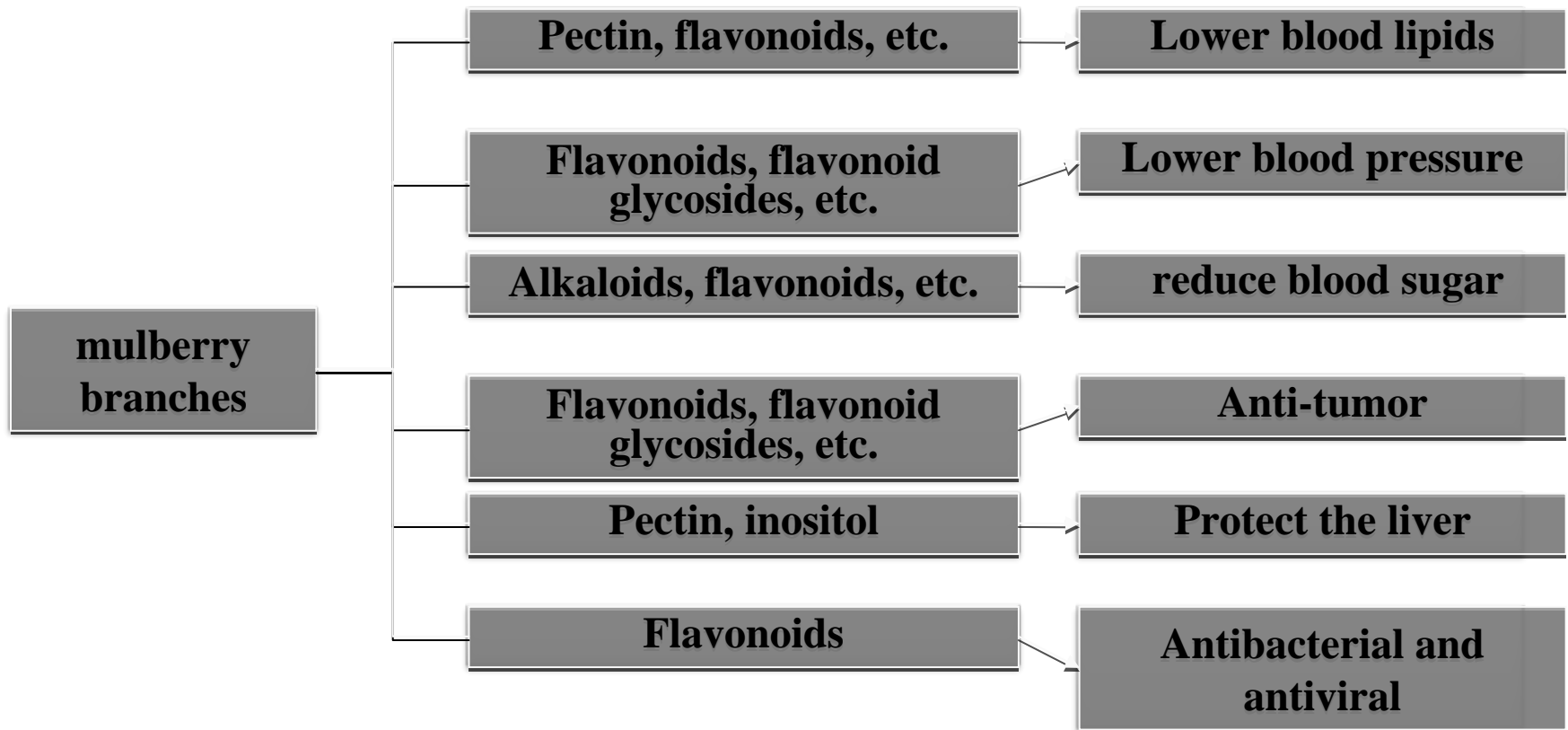
Table Comparison of the chemical composition of different parts of mulberry branches

Materials	Water	Ash	Extract %		Lignin	Poly pentose	Pectin	Cellu-lose	Fiber
	%	%	1%NaOH	benzene-alcohol		%	%	%	%
Xylem	15	2.32	30.99	4.54	19.11	21.76	/	<b>78.83</b>	/
Phloem	20	4.41	34.54	/	9.81	11.28	8.72	/	<b>54.31</b>

Fiber is the main components of mulberry , so the utility of fiber is the key to achieve rational use of high-value .



## 2 The pharmacological effects of mulberry branches





# 3 Utilization of mulberry branches

- (1) Cultivate Edible Fungus



**Jade yellow  
mushroom**



**Pleurotus  
geesteranus**



**mushroom**



**Auricularia  
auricula**



**oyster  
mushroom**

**Guangxi,  
South  
China**



# Mulberry branches cultivate Edible Fungus—



Dried mushroom,



*Ganoderma lucidum*,



mushroom,



edible tree fungus



# Utilization of mulberry branches—— Mulberry Ganoderma lucidum and products





## (2) Production of renewable-based sheet



Mulberry Flooring



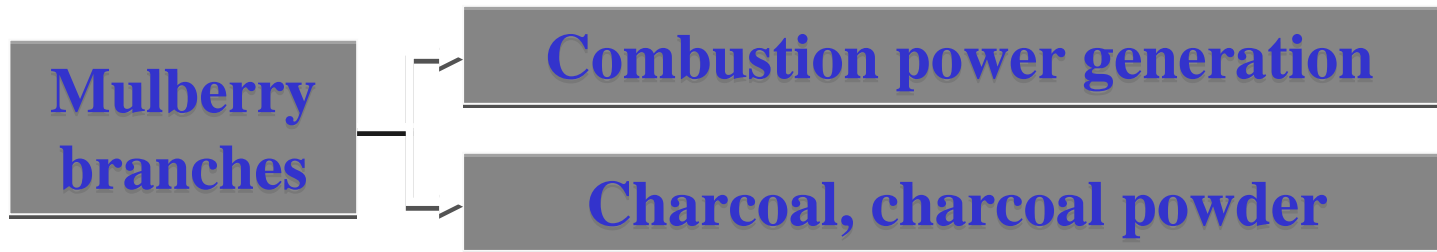




**floor board**

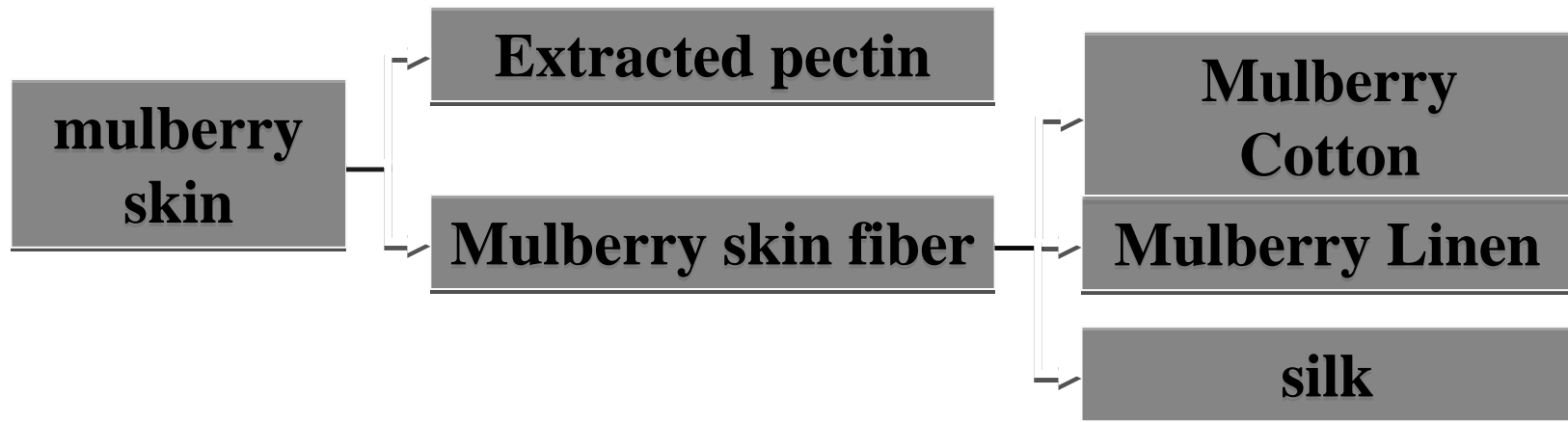
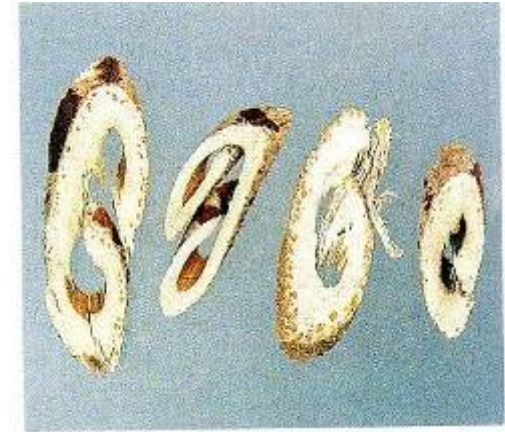


### 3 Utilization of the biomass energy of mulberry branches





## 4 Utilization of mulberry skin









# 3.Utilization of Mulberry fruits



**Mulberry processing factory**

# 3.Utilization of Mulberry fruits



## Mulberry processing products

yoghourt





## 2.3.2 The comprehensive utilization of silkworm resources



- Young silkworms
- Silkworm pupa
- Silkworm moth
- Silkworm excrement
- Silkworm cocoon and silk







# 1. Utilization of Young silkworm



Living Insulin analogue



White muscardine  
for Herbs



# The Utilization of young Yellow Blood Silkworm

- **Nutrition Analysis:** protein, amino acids, fats, vitamins, etc.
- **Pharmacological effects:** lowering blood sugar, lowering blood pressure, protect the liver
- **Product Development:** silkworm powder, silkworm tablets, capsules silkworm



Yellow Blood Silkworm Products for Hypoglycemic and liver protection





## Utilization of Silkworm pupa



# 2.Utilization of Silkworm pupa

## Silkworm Pupa *Cordyceps* and products



## Pupa flavor food



## Silkworm pupa protein health products



Separate the pupa protein by hand





Pupa oil separation





# Juice factory——homogeneous, sterilization equipment







## Pilot production line

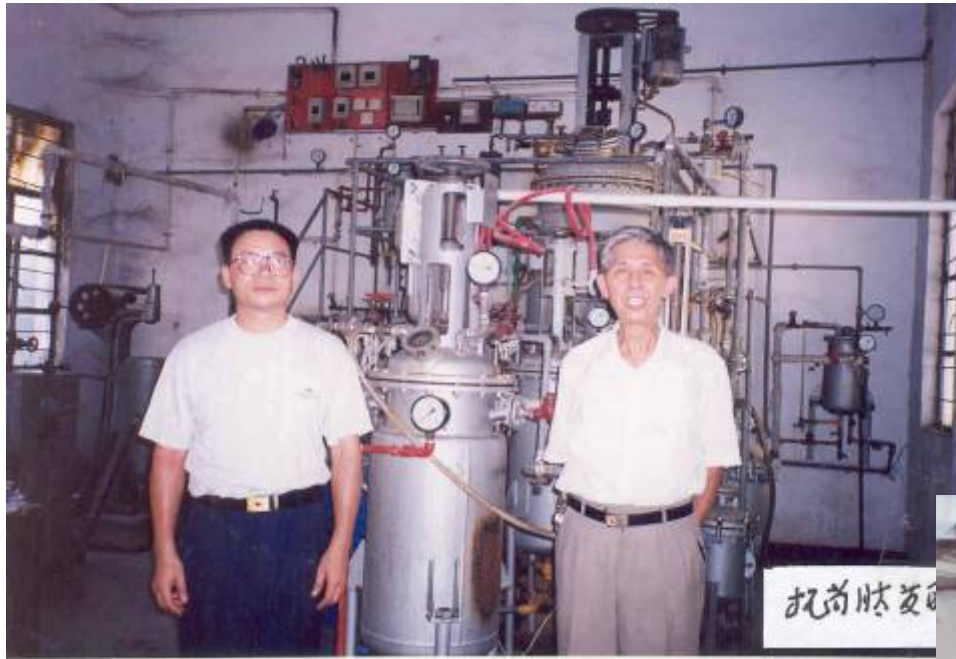




# Pupa nourishing kidney capsule



# Utilization of Silkworm pupa: R & D and industrialization of **Antimicrobial Peptides**







Wild Silkworm, tussah





**Tussah pupa**



12650 *Chouioia cunea* Yang



Fall webworm, *Hlyphantria cunea* Drury



*Trichogramma minutum* propagated with tussah eggs to control the pest of Lepidoptera, e.g. european corn borer, *Prodenia litura*



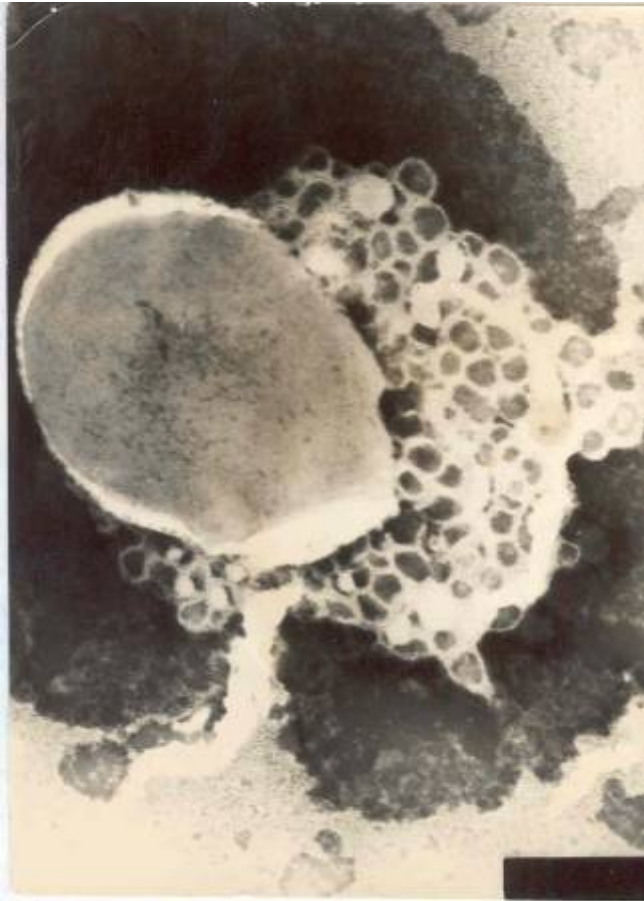


# Antimicrobial Peptides, Cecropin

- **Cecropin** may be developed as new anticancer drug. As it has a cytotoxic effect to selectively destroy the cancer cells but has minimum effect to the normal cells.
- **Cecropin** treated adenocarcinoma cells shown inhibition of cell growth and DNA synthesis indicating by lack of thymidine incorporation. **Cecropin** destroyed the calcium ion channel, resulting in the quick release of the calcium ion from the cancer cell.



# Utilization of Silkworm pupa: antimicrobial peptides





# 3.Utilization of Silkworm moth

- **Males moths** ——  
sparkling wine, health food production, making medicine, etc.
- **Female moths** ——  
sparkling wine, used as feed, fertilizer, etc.





# 4. Utilization of silkworm excrement



**silkworm excrement Pillow**



**Silkworm excrement health products**



**Organic fertilizer**



**extract chlorophyll from silkworm excrement**



# Silkworm excrement extract





# 5. The utility of Silkworm cocoon and silk







# Silk cosmetic







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# Silk products with historic culture

**silk brocade book of “Sun Tzu on Art of War”**



XU YAN FIGURE Hanging Scroll, ink and colour on paper Signed Xu Yan, dated dingsi, 1917, with one artist seal. Price □□460,000



## 2.3.3 Sericulture biotechnology development

Lepidopteran model insect

Models of human disease

protein production plant

Insecticide target

Bioactive molecules protein  
expression

Green Chemistry

Biosensors

Interaction between plants  
and insects

Biological control

Biodiversity conservation

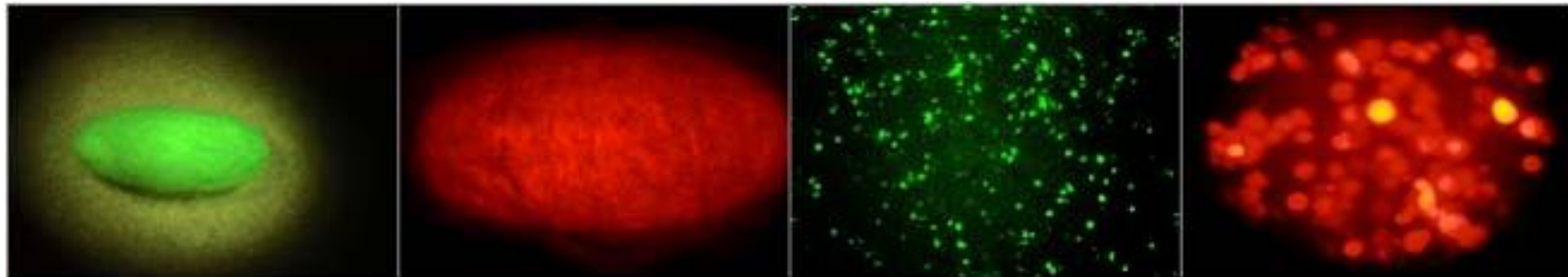
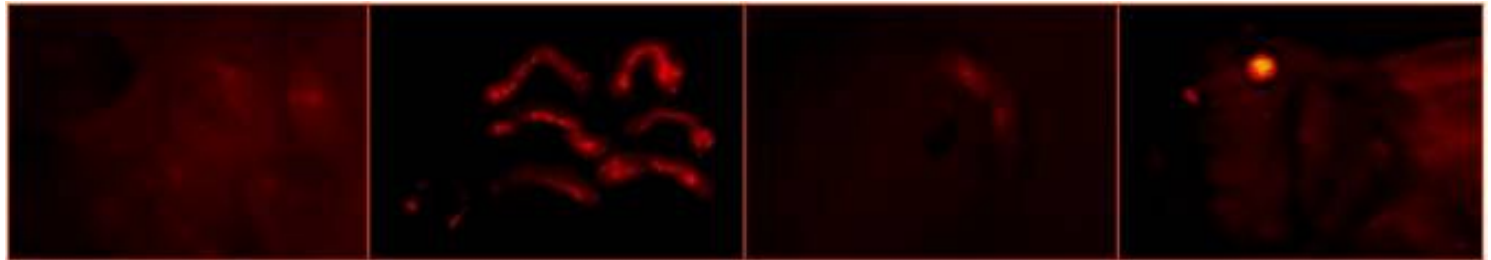
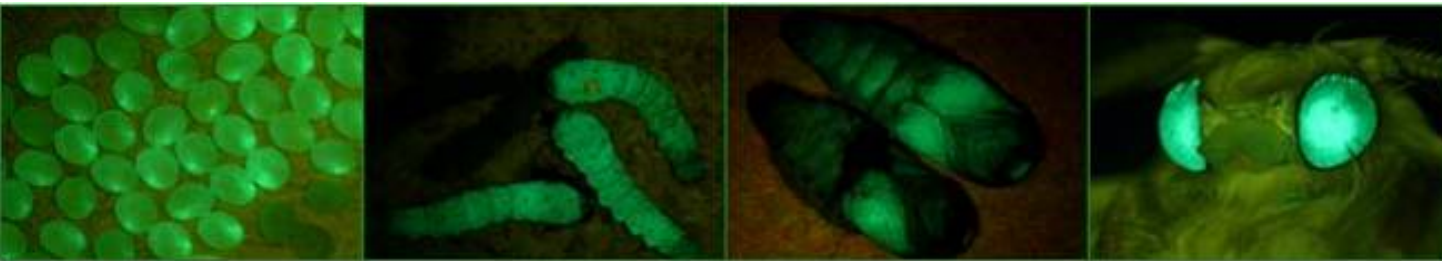
Molecular diagnostics

Disease models



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# Silkworm bioreactor :Using piggy BAC to transgene in Silkworm







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## Factory of silkworm bioreactor



**The world's first genetic engineering oral protein drugs  
produced by "silkworm bioreactor"**





# Silkworm bioreactor.....

**Nattokinase produced from silkworm bioreactor**



**oral insulin products**



**The world's first genetic engineering products produced by "silkworm bioreactor" in Haining, Zhejiang**



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# 3 Problems of the utilization of sericulture resources



# Problems of the utilization of sericulture resources

- **The countryside labor force is lacking**
- **It is hard to promote or carry out the technology level of modern mulberry planting and silkworm feeding**
- **The mechanization level of silkworm feeding and mulberry planting is low**
- **The administrative policies on sericulture is not in place.**





# Existing labor force in rural areas? Town?





**No Concluding & Remarks**

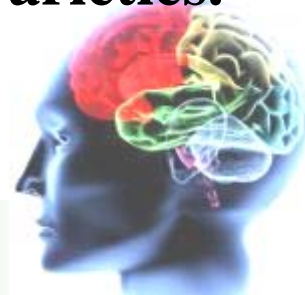


# 4 Trends of the utilization of sericulture resources



# 1 Technology development

- **3-D development of sericulture resources;**
- **Active ingredient extraction technology development;**
- **Deeply Study on processing of silkworm resources;**
- **Sorting out varieties Mulberry active constituents and pharmacological mechanism;**
- **R&D innovation natural health food with Mulberry&silkworm;**
- **Promoting and breeding diversity of silkworm varieties.**







## 2 Market Development

- Expand the application areas, and realize the industrialization
- Develop brand products
- Strengthen public service announcement of silk culture
- Implement market strategy of diversified silkworm products





### **(3) Changing ideas**

- **Silkworm not only for silk, for health**
- **Mulberry not only for silkworm, also for human and most of animals.....**
- **Well equipped machine for the sericulture.....**

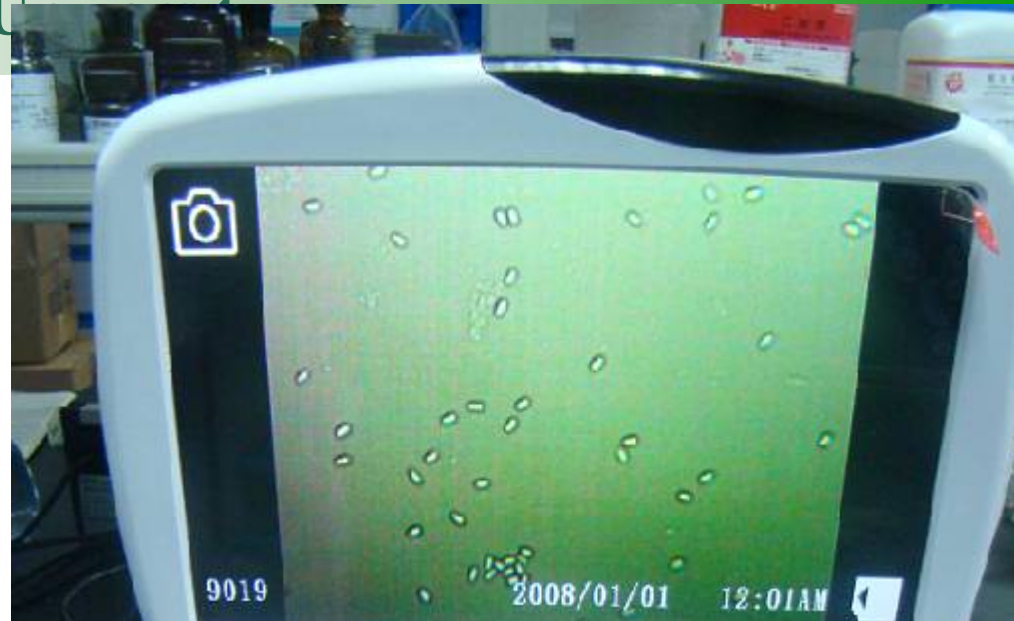


# Microscope changing





# Digital microscope





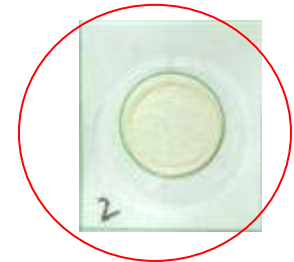


# Detecting the residual Mulberry pesticides

## Detection Card



Results



Negative

positive



# Detection effective chloride card



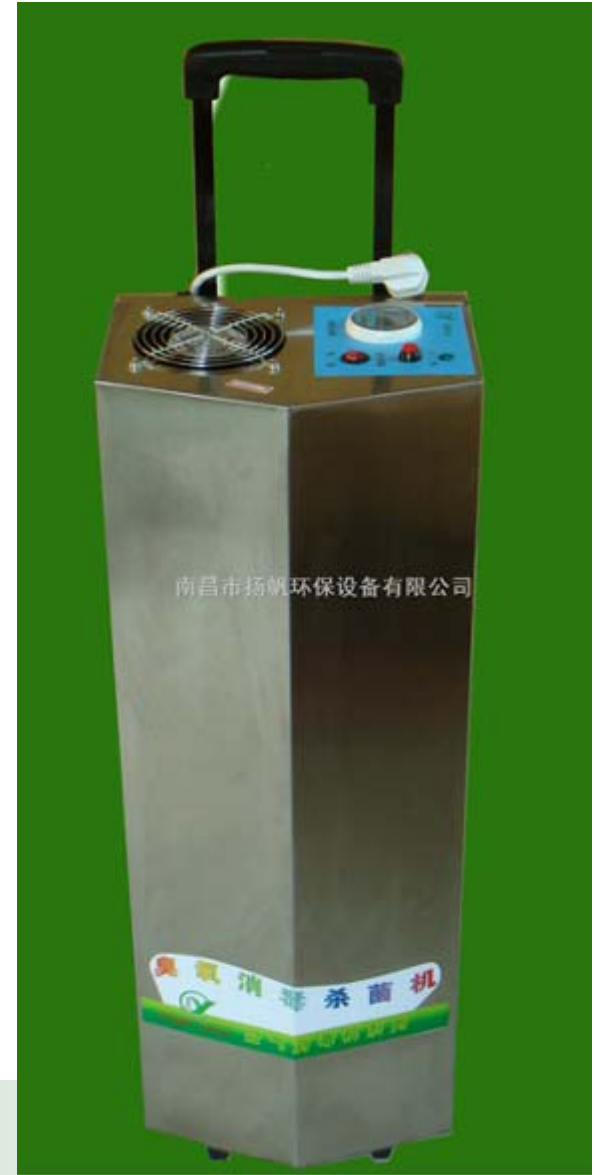


# 4 Sterilizing instruments

Ozone Generator



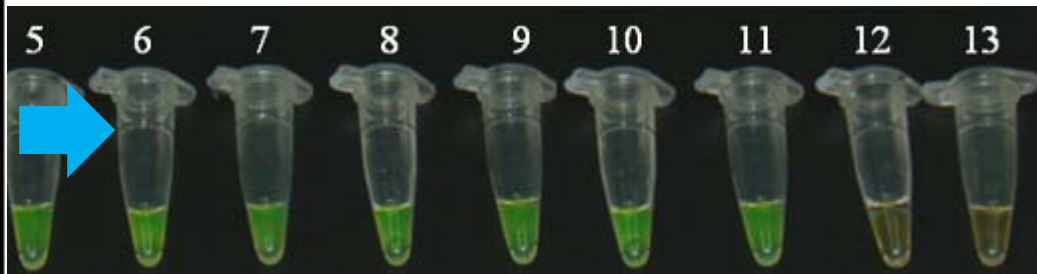
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# Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP)

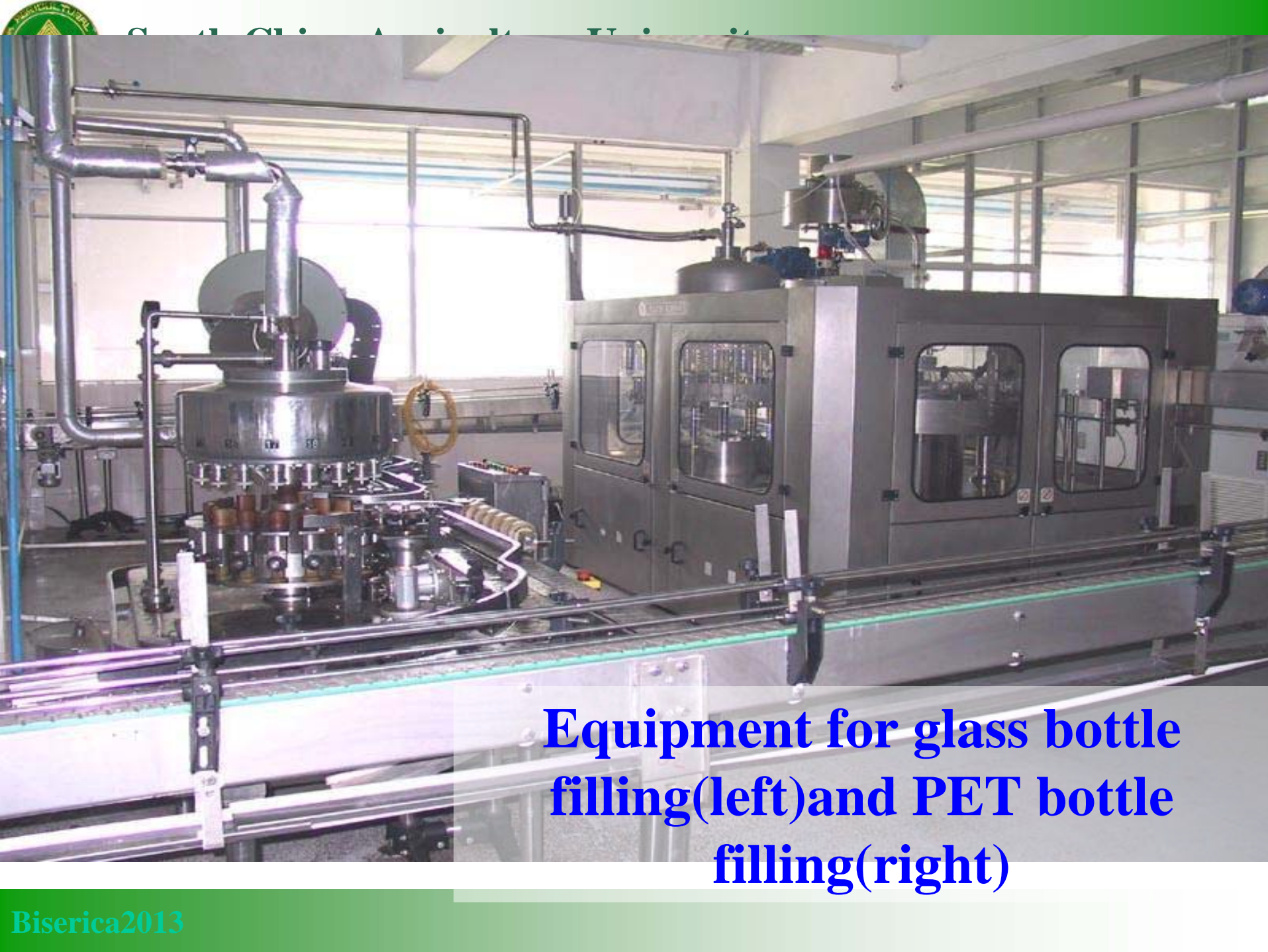
- **Silkworm Pathogens Rapid Diagnostic Kit**



Patent No. 201310026870.1

Diagnostic pebrine Kit





**Equipment for glass bottle filling(left)and PET bottle filling(right)**



# Antibacterial peptide in feeds







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**Thank you for your attention**

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