

# Uptake, Translocation, and Fate of Carcinogenic Aristolochic Acid in Typical Vegetables in Soil–Plant Systems

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**Table S1.** MRM transitions of AAs.

	Quantification ion transition	Collision energy 1 (eV)	Confirmatory ion transition	Collision energy 2 (eV)
<b>AA I</b>	359→298	−10	359→296	−10
			359→324	−13
<b>AA II</b>	329→268	−7	329→238	−10
			329→294	−20

**Table S2.** Linear regression parameters of the calibration curves of the developed HPLC-MS/MS method for the determination of AAs in plant.

	Lettuce		Celery		Tomato	
	AA I	AA II	AA I	AA II	AA I	AA II
<b>Linear range (ng/mL)</b>	50–1000	50–1000	50–1000	50–1000	50–1000	50–1000
<b>Slope</b>	829.78	158.21	632.53	100.06	464.62	57.529
<b>Intercept</b>	2483.9	−2722.1	−9219.4	−1311.5	−11408	−2009.8
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.9990	0.9993	0.9970	0.9987	0.9989	0.9999

**Table S3.** Linear regression parameters of the calibration curves of the developed HPLC-MS/MS method for the determination of AA I and AA II in soil.

	Lettuce and Celery soil		Tomato soil	
	AA I	AA II	AA I	AA II
<b>Linear range (ng/mL)</b>	100~1000	100~1000	100~1000	100~1000
<b>Slope</b>	1545.6	255.6	773.99	228.49
<b>Intercept</b>	−29607	1279.3	55989	−629.47
<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	0.9981	0.9944	0.9981	0.9986

**Table S4.** Limits of detection, intra- and inter-day precision and accuracy of the developed HPLC-MS/MS method for the determination of AA I and AA II in celery.

	Precision			Accuracy		LOD	LOQ
	Concn added (ng/g)	Intraday <sup>a</sup> (%RSD)	Interday <sup>b</sup> (%RSD)	Concn found <sup>c</sup> (ng/g)	Error		
<b>AA I</b>	50	1.8%	5.7%	43.2±1.4	−13.7%	2.0	6.8
	500	6.3%	13.3%	521.2±29.2	4.3%		

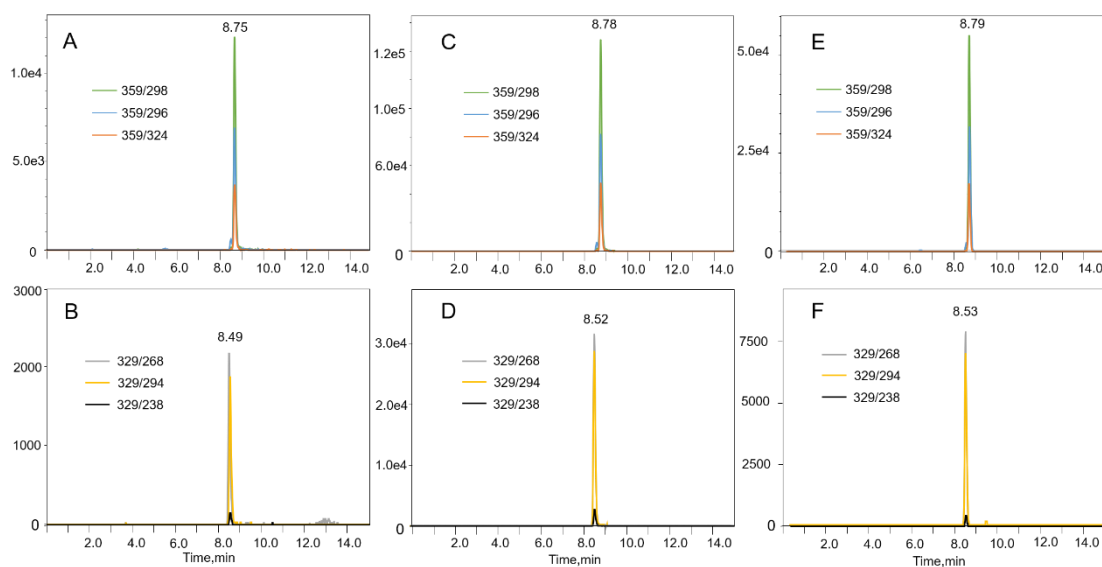
	1000	4.5%	7.2%	975.0±59.2	−2.5%		
AA II	50	4.0%	9.4%	48.5±2.0	−3.1%		
	500	3.9%	17.4%	499.7±20.4	−0.1%	8.5	28.3
	1000	11.4%	15.2%	1026.2±43.1	2.6%		

<sup>a</sup>n=5, <sup>b</sup>n=7, <sup>c</sup>n=3.

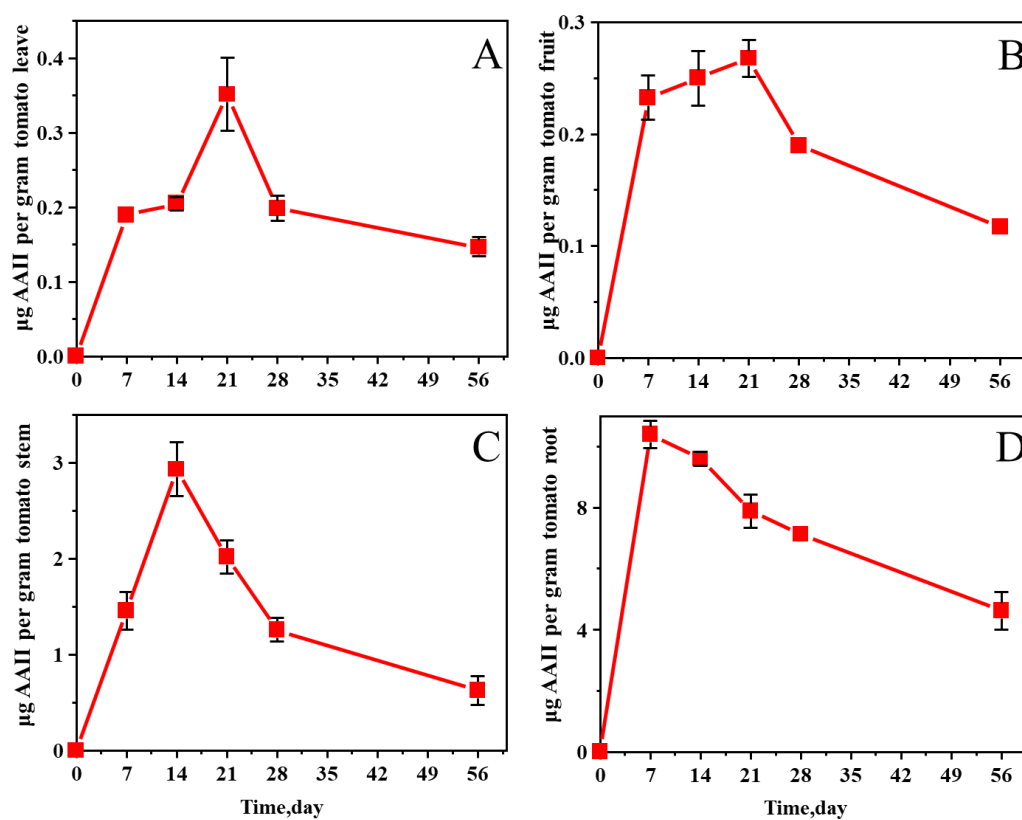
**Table S5.** Limits of detection, intra- and inter-day precision and accuracy of the developed HPLC-MS/MS method for the determination of AA I and AA II in tomato.

	Concn added (ng/g)	Precision		Accuracy		LOD	LOQ
		Intraday <sup>a</sup> (%RSD)	Interday <sup>b</sup> (%RSD)	Concn found <sup>c</sup> (µg/g)	Error		
AA I	50	2.8%	12.2%	51.6±0.7	3.2%		
	500	7.1%	12.1%	433.0±28.4	−13.4%	1.7	5.5
	1000	2.6%	3.9%	931.7±45.9	−6.8%		
AA II	50	4.4%	9.8%	52.6±4.4	5.1%		
	500	2.7%	6.8%	475.4±117.2	−4.9%	8.8	24.4
	1000	3.8%	11.5%	979.7±42.6	−2.0%		

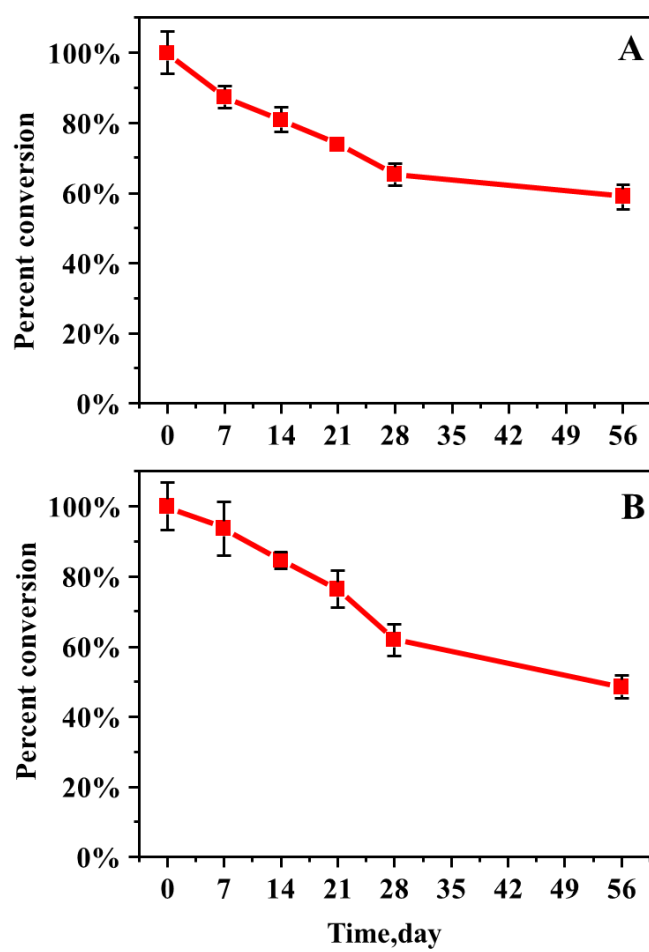
<sup>a</sup>n=5, <sup>b</sup>n=7, <sup>c</sup>n=3.



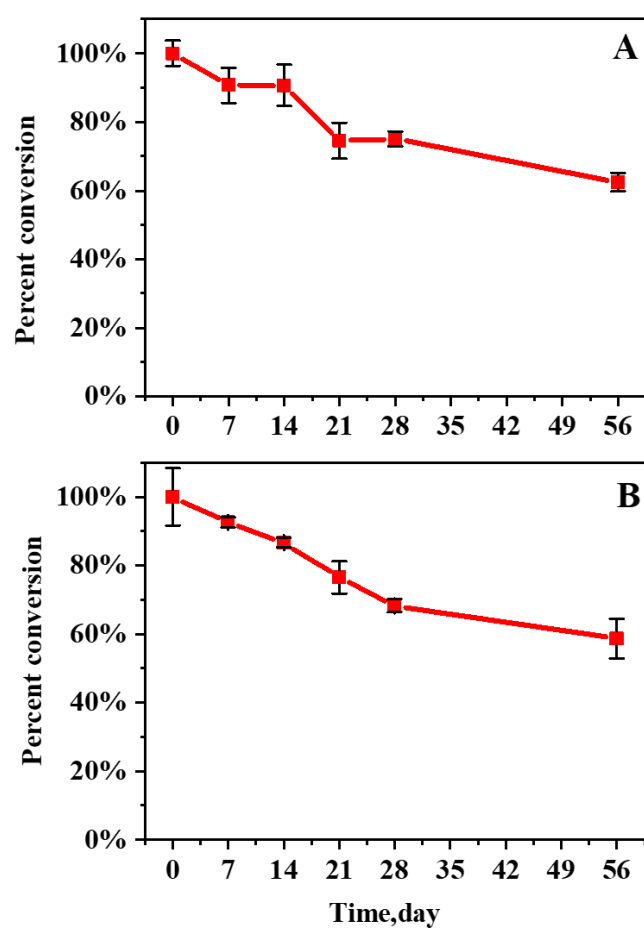
**Figure S1.** Typical LC-MS/MS chromatograms from MRM of AAs in lettuce (A: AA I; B: AA II), celery (C: AA I; D: AA II), and tomato (E: AA I; F: AA II) samples grown in AA-contaminated soil.



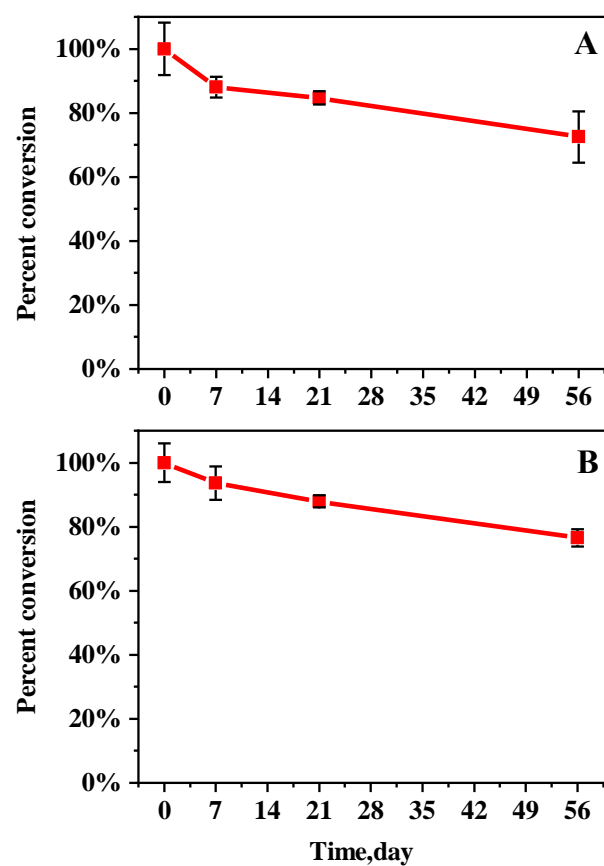
**Figure S2.** Concentration changes of AA II in tomato leaves (A), fruits (B), stems (C), and roots (D) grown in AA-contaminated soil.



**Figure S3.** Percentage change of AA I (A) and AA II (B) from initial soil concentration in the soil where celery was grown.



**Figure S4.** Percentage change of AA I (A) and AA II (B) from initial soil concentration in the soil where tomato was grown.



**Figure S5.** Percentage change of AA I (A) and AA II (B) from initial soil concentration in the soil without plant growth.