

Microbial Transformation of Selected Flavanones as a Method of Increasing the Antioxidant Properties

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Antioxidant properties of substrates [flavanone (**1**), 6-hydroxy- (**2**), 7-hydroxy- (**3**), 5,7,4'-trihydroxy- (**5**), and 7-methoxyflavanone (**4**)] and products of their microbial transformations, comprising hydroxylation, *O*-methylation, stereospecific reduction, dehydrogenation, and C-ring cleavage of the benzo- γ -pyrone system, were determined. Measurements of the antiradical activity (expressed as IC₅₀ value) of both the substrates and the products led to the determination of the impact of type and location of substituents in the tested flavonoids on changes in their antioxidant activities.

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