Isolation and Identification of Antioxidative Substances from Chungkookjang

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(Abstract)

The methanol extracts of chungkookjang produced by starter showed DPPH radical-scavenging activity. The methanol extracts were solvent fractionated to obtain ethyl acetate-soluble neutral and acidic fractions. Ethyl acetate-soluble fraction also showed DPPH radical-scavenging activity. EtOAc-soluble neutral fraction was purified and isolated through silica gel adsorption column chromatography, Sephadex LH-20 column chromatography and HPLC. The isolated substances were identified as genistein and daidzein by MS and NMR analyses. In addition, ethyl acetate-soluble acidic fraction was carried out silica gel adsorption column chromatography, and then confirmed 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, 3-methoxy-4-hydroxybenzoic acid, and 3,4-dihydroxybenzoic acid by GC-MS.

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