

Microbial Hydroxylation and Reduction of the Diterpene Psiadin

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Microbial bioconversion studies conducted on the diterpene psiadin have revealed that it was metabolized by *Aspergillus niger* (NRRL 2295) to give 2 α -hydroxydeoxopsiadin, *Cunninghamella blakesleeana* (ATCC 8688a) to give 11 β -hydroxypsiadin, and *Cylindrocephalum aureum* (ATCC 12720), *Gongronella butleri* (ATCC 22822), *Kloeckera africana* (ATCC 20111), and *Kluyveromyces marxianus var. lactis* (ATCC 2628) to yield 7 α -hydroxypsiadin. Their structures have been established on the basis of spectral data. The structure and relative stereochemistry of 7 α -hydroxypsiadin was confirmed by single-crystal X-ray analysis.