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Flavanones, polyatomic phenoles of plant origin, exert essential biological fun functions.¹ They are used widely in medicine as efficient bioantioxidants.² The most efficient of them is probably dihydroquercetin; we recently patented an original method of its isolation.³

Phosphorylation of flavanoid systems presented difficulties because of the presence of many reactive functional groups in their molecules.

The phosphorylation of 3′,4′,5,7-tehramethoxydihydroquercetin with phosphorous acid halides and amides was performed for the first time.

The obtained phosphites readily add oxygen, selenium, and sulfur and form complexes with transition metals.

In addition, the possibility was shown for the regioselective phosphorylation of dihydroquercetin at the phenolic hydroxyl in position C_7 by phosphorous acid amides. When an excess of phosphorylating agent is used, cyclophosphorylation of the pyrocatechin fragment of the molecule also occurs.

Products of these reactions were isolated and purified by crystallization and column chromatography. Their structure was supported by ³¹P, ¹H, and ¹³C NMR spectroscopy.

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