

ANTIOXIDANT AND ANTIMICROBIAL PROPERTIES OF *STEVIA* LEAVES EXTRACTS AND SILVER NANOPARTICLES COLLOIDS

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Abstract. Three extracts of *Stevia rebaudiana* (Bertoni) were prepared using various types of raw materials: leaves of plants grown *ex situ*, leaves of plants grown *in vitro*, callus culture formed on damaged leaves. Composition of the extracts, their activity in the synthesis of silver nanoparticles colloids, as well as antioxidant and antimicrobial properties of the extracts and the colloids were investigated.

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