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Antioxidant properties of *rapeseed* can be modified by cultivation and biological stress

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Phenolic acids are the main group of phenolic compounds in *rapeseed* and canola seeds. Anti oxidative properties of extracts of phenolic acids from *rapeseed* and Canola are significantly important from the nutritive and technological point of view. Examination of these properties was a subject of many publications and scientific reports. However, the information of the influence of cultivation condition on the antioxidant capacity of *rapeseed* is limited. Materials of the investigation were three cultivars of *rapeseed*: California, Castilla and Nelson F1. The seeds were cultivated using normal (N), intensive (I) and economical (E) technology. In addition, seeds of cultivar Hybryda I was infected by Alternaria brassice. From the defatted plant material, phenolic compounds were extracted with 80% (v/v) methanol. Phenolic compounds present in the crude extracts showed antioxidant and radical scavenging properties as revealed following studies using FRAP, ABTS and DPPH methods. The content of phenolic in the crude extracts ranged from 48 mg/g (Castilla -I) to 61 mg/g (California-N). The weak effect of the cultivation condition on the content of total phenolics was observed for California and Nelson F1. Intensification of agricultural technology decreased the FRAP of the extracts of Nelson F1 and the antiradical properties of California against ABTS cation radical. In the case of Nelson F1 the economic method of cultivation increased the antiradical activity of the extract against DPPH radical. The infection by fungi decreased the content of total phenolics in the *rapeseed* extract and changed the profile of individual phenolic compounds.

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