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Biotransformations of dihydroisosteviol methyl ester and its C-19 alcoholic analogue by *Bacillus megaterium* NRRL B-938 have been investigated. Dihydroisosteviol methyl ester (**18**) was biotransformed to 7α-dihydroisosteviol methyl ester which was hydroxylated at C-7. Its C-19 alcoholic dihydroisosteviol analogue (**19**) was converted to three metabolites. All of them were hydroxylated at the methylene carbon: the metabolite **21** was hydroxylated at C-6 with α-orientation, whereas the metabolite **22** was hydroxylated at C-7 with β-orientation, and the metabolite **23** was hydroxylated at C-1 with α-orientation and C-7 with β-orientation. The metabolites **21-23** have not previously been reported.

These hydroxylated metabolites could not easily be synthesized by chemical method. Microbial transformations by *Bacillus megaterium* NRRL B-938 have made it possible to hydroxylate at unactivated methylene carbons. A number of hydroxylated analogues are available for biological activity valuations.