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Abstract

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Antioxidant Capacities of Hot Brewed Tea vs. Cold Brewed Tea

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Prussian Blue is a pigment that has been synthesized throughout history for various uses in art, medicine, and chemistry. This pigment is primarily utilized as a colorimetric indicator that evaluates the concentration of phenols and polyphenols within a sample. These chemicals belong to a group called antioxidants that neutralize harmful free radicals in the human body. This study is focused on discovering the best method of synthesizing the Prussian Blue reagent in a range of concentrations to create a calibration curve. This calibration curve will be used to compare the antioxidant capacities of various cold-brew teas to hot-brew teas.