

ABSTRACT

There is provided a taste-improving agent for a high-intensity sweetener.

A taste-improving agent for a high-intensity sweetener,
5 the taste-improving agent having a carotenoid degradation
product as an active ingredient. The taste-improving agent can
be formulated through a manufacturing method that includes a
step for carrying out an oxidation treatment on carotenoids in
an oil and fat to obtain a carotenoid degradation product. The
10 carotenoid degradation product is preferably obtained by
degrading one or more selected from the group consisting of
carotenes and xanthophylls. The taste-improving agent is
suitably used as a food product ingredient, etc., for
improving the taste of, *inter alia*, a food product that
15 includes a high-intensity sweetener.