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Effects of a pomegranate extract in models of intestinal inflammation invitro and in-vivo

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Abstract

Inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs) include Crohn's Disease and Ulcerative Colitis which are correlated with strong inflammatory conditions of the colon and small intestine. Even though IBDs are classified as idiopathic it has been hypothesized a multifactorial etiopathogenesis. Nowadays the treatment of IBD is based on drugs able to reduce symptoms and inflammation, but they are only palliative and can present several side effects. Current evidence strongly supports a role of polyphenols in the prevention of various diseases, including IBDs. Anti-inflammatory properties of polyphenols could contribute, as supportive therapy, to enhance the effects of the conventional therapeutic strategies to the management of IBD. Pomegranate is a fruit of great interest, due to its multiple beneficial effects on human health resulting from the high concentrations of bioactive compounds which can be found not only in the most common parts of the fruit but also in its waste products.



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