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Biotechnology of Medicinal Plants

Phytochemicals--substances that may reduce the risk and even the progression of cancer, heart disease, and other debilitating conditions--occur naturally in fruits, vegetables, grains and nuts. This invaluable guide shows how to make phytochemicals part of a healthful eating plan.

Phytochemicals in Human Health Protection, Nutrition, and Plant Defense

Fruit and Vegetable Phytochemicals: Chemistry, Nutritional Value and Stability provides scientists in the areas of food technology and nutrition with accessible and up-to-date information about the chemical nature, classification and analysis of the main phytochemicals present in fruits and vegetables - polyphenols and carotenoids. Special care is taken to analyze the health benefits of these compounds, their interaction with fiber, antioxidant and other biological activities, as well as the degradation processes that occur after harvest and minimal processing.

Engineering Trouble

Global dietary recommendations emphasize the consumption of plant-based foods for the prevention and management of chronic diseases. Plants contain many biologically active compounds referred to as phytochemicals or functional ingredients. These compounds play an important role in human health. Prior to establishing the safety and health benefits of these compounds, they must first be isolated, purified, and their physico-chemical properties established. Once identified, their mechanisms of actions are studied. The chapters are arranged in the order from isolation, purification and identification to in vivo and clinical studies, there by covering not only the analytical procedures used but also their nutraceutical and therapeutic properties.

Phytochemicals in Health and Disease

Our results suggest that consumption of both fruits rich in phytochemicals may impart desirable health benefits in the prevention of CVD. We propose that the additive and synergistic effects of phytochemicals in cranberries and apples are responsible for the inhibition of LDL oxidation, the induction of LDL receptors, and increased uptake of cholesterol by hepatocytes. Incorporating cranberries and apples in a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains is thus recommended for dietary modification for the prevention of CVD.

Phytochemicals in Nutrition and Health

Phytonutrients in Food: From Traditional to Rational

Usage offers an overview of phytonutrients and reveals techniques related to the extraction, separation, identification and quantification of these compounds. The book focuses on the connection between the discovery and characterization of new molecules, explores new applications of well-known compounds and their relative effects for human health, analyses the processes of extraction, identification and production, and explains the protocols and precautions to avoid degradation, significant loss, or production of secondary reactions during production. Intended for researchers, product developers, nutritionists, food chemists, pharmacologists, pharmacists and students studying these topics, this book provides an invaluable reference. Focuses on the connection between the discovery and characterization of new molecules in phytonutrients Explores new applications of well-known compounds and their relative effects on human health Analyzes the processes of extraction, identification and production Explains the protocols and precautions to avoid degradation, significant loss, and the production of secondary reactions during production

Green Gold

Dried fruits serve as important healthful snack items around the world. They provide a concentrated form of fresh fruits, prepared by different drying techniques. With their unique combination of taste/aroma, essential nutrients, fibre, and phytochemicals or bioactive compounds, dried fruits are convenient for

healthy eating and can bridge the gap between recommended intake of fruits and actual consumption. Dried fruits are nutritionally equivalent to fresh fruits, in smaller serving sizes, in the current dietary recommendations of various countries. Scientific evidence suggests that individuals who regularly consume generous amounts of dried fruits have lower rates of cardiovascular disease, obesity, various types of cancer, type-2 diabetes, and other chronic diseases. Dried fruits also have the advantage of being easy to store and distribute, available around the year, readily incorporated into other foods and recipes, and present a healthy alternative to salty or sugary snacks. Dried Fruits: Phytochemicals and Health Effects is divided into three sections preceded by introductory chapters that provide an overview of dried fruits (their composition, phytochemicals and health applications) as well as the cancer chemopreventive effects of selected dried fruits (amla fruits or Indian gooseberries, avocados, berries, mangoes, mangosteens, persimmons, prunes, raisins, kiwi fruits, and other dried fruits). The first section covers the most popular dried berries (blackberries, blackcurrants, blueberries, cranberries, gojiberry, mulberries, raspberries, and strawberries); the second section discusses non-tropical dried fruits (apples, apricots, cherries, citrus fruits, figs, nectarines, peaches, pears, prunes, and raisins); and the final section addresses tropical dried fruits (açai fruits, bananas, dates, guavas, papayas, mangoes, passion fruits, and pineapples). Contributors to this volume are internationally renowned researchers who have provided a comprehensive account of the global perspectives of

the issues relating to phytochemicals and health effects of dried fruits. The book will serve as a resource for those interested in the potential application of new developments in dried fruits' nutraceuticals and functional foods. Biochemists, chemists, food scientists/technologists, nutritionists, and health professionals, from academia, government laboratories, and industry will benefit from this publication. Although this book is intended primarily as a reference book, it also summarises the current state of knowledge in key research areas and contains ideas for future work. In addition, it provides easy to read text suitable for teaching senior undergraduate and post-graduate students.

Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition

Shahidi (biochemistry, Memorial U. of Newfoundland) and Ho (food science, Rutgers U.) present a monograph from an international group of scientists that contains 37 papers discussing plant bioactives in a varied range of research areas. Specific topics include variables affecting the phytochemical contents of garlic and their health benefits, the role of flavonols and anthocyanins from fruits and vegetables in cancer prevention, and antioxidative and cytotoxic components of highbush blueberry. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Nutrition and Metabolism

Proceedings of the 38th Annual Meeting at the
Phytochemical Society of North America on

Phytochemicals in Human Health Protection, Nutrition and Plant Defense, held July 26-31, 1998 in Pullman, WA, USA

Biodiversity and Human Health

Nutrition and Metabolism Second Edition Edited by Susan A Lanham-New, Ian A Macdonald and Helen M Roche Edition In this second edition of the second title in the acclaimed Nutrition Society Textbook Series, Nutrition and Metabolism has been revised and updated to meet the needs of the contemporary student. Groundbreaking in their scope and approach, the titles in the series: Provide students with the required scientific basics of nutrition in the context of a systems and health approach Enable teachers and students to explore the core principles of nutrition, to apply these throughout their training, and to foster critical thinking at all times. Throughout, key areas of knowledge are identified Are fully peer-reviewed, to ensure completeness and clarity of content, as well as to ensure that each book takes a global perspective Nutrition and Metabolism is an essential purchase for students of nutrition and dietetics, and also for those students who major in other subjects that have a nutrition component, such as food science, medicine, pharmacy and nursing. Professionals in nutrition, dietetics, food science, medicine, health sciences and many related areas will also find much of great value within its covers.

Superfood and Functional Food

Talk of genetically engineered organisms (GEOs) has moved from the hushed corridors of life science corporations to the front pages of major newspapers. This book examines these issues from the diverse perspectives of sociology, geography, law environmental studies and political science.

Phytochemicals of Nutraceutical Importance

Nutraceuticals are bioactive phytochemicals that protect or promote health and occur at the intersection of food and pharmaceutical industries. This book will cover a wider spectrum of human health and diseases including the role of phytonutrients in the prevention and treatment. The Book includes chapters dealing with biological and clinical effect, molecular level approach, quality assurance, bioavailability and metabolism of a number phytochemicals and their role to combat different diseases.

Phytochemicals

Phytochemicals are plant derived chemicals which may bestow health benefits when consumed, whether medicinally or as part of a balanced diet. Given that plant foods are a major component of most diets worldwide, it is unsurprising that these foods represent the greatest source of phytochemicals for most people. Yet it is only relatively recently that due

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recognition has been given to the importance of phytochemicals in maintaining our health. New evidence for the role of specific plant food phytochemicals in protecting against the onset of diseases such as cancers and heart disease is continually being put forward. The increasing awareness of consumers of the link between diet and health has exponentially increased the number of scientific studies into the biological effects of these substances. The Handbook of Plant Food Phytochemicals provides a comprehensive overview of the occurrence, significance and factors affecting phytochemicals in plant foods. A key objective of the book is to critically evaluate these aspects. Evaluation of the evidence for and against the quantifiable health benefits being imparted as expressed in terms of the reduction in the risk of disease conferred through the consumption of foods that are rich in phytochemicals. With world-leading editors and contributors, the Handbook of Plant Food Phytochemicals is an invaluable, cutting-edge resource for food scientists, nutritionists and plant biochemists. It covers the processing techniques aimed at the production of phytochemical-rich foods which can have a role in disease-prevention, making it ideal for both the food industry and those who are researching the health benefits of particular foods. Lecturers and advanced students will find it a helpful and readable guide to a constantly expanding subject area.

Healthy Aging and Longevity

Are soy isoflavones neuroprotective? Just how different is one species of Echinacea from another? Which phytochemicals will be effective as therapeutic agents in vivo? Supported by solid scientific research, *Phytochemicals in Nutrition and Health* helps provide answers to these and other probing questions concerning the mechanisms of action associated with beneficial phytochemical groups. It examines new areas such as the efficacy and safety of medicinal herbs, the use of biotechnology to manipulate and enhance the phytochemical profiles of various plants, and the pharmacokinetics of phytochemicals in humans. The editors also expand discussion presented in their previous books on phytochemicals. They explore new research on phytochemicals in the *Vaccinium* family (cranberries, blueberries and bilberries), wine, and oilseeds, and the biological activity of Echinacea in humans. Additional chapters present new information about isothiocyanates, lycopene, carotenoids other than beta-carotene, tocotrienols, and phytoestrogens. Highlighting phytochemicals that have significant potential for promoting health or preventing disease, *Phytochemicals in Nutrition and Health* expands discussions of appropriate research methodologies and new technologies in this exciting field.

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A collection of current knowledge of phytochemicals and health Interest in phenolic phytochemicals has increased as scientific studies indicate these compounds exhibit potential health benefits. With contributions from world leaders in this research area, *Plant Phenolics and Human Health: Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Pharmacology* offers an essential survey of the current knowledge on the capacity of specific micronutrients present in ordinary diets to fight disease. The coverage in this resource: Explains the presence and biochemical properties of phenolics present in fruits and vegetables, as well as in foods derived from their plant sources Provides biochemical explanations on how certain plant phenolics fight cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases, cancer, and other widespread pathologies Focuses on certain phenolics, e.g., flavonoids, stilbenes, and curcuminoids, and provides insights on the biochemical bases used to define their significance in the diet as well as their recommended consumption requirements and toxicity Appropriate for graduate and upper-level undergraduate courses in human and animal nutrition, basic nutritional biology, physiology, pharmacology, and other health-related disciplines, *Plant Phenolics and Human Health: Biochemistry, Nutrition, and Pharmacology* serves as both an invaluable supplementary classroom text and a self-teaching guide for professionals interested in defining the association between diet and health from classical, alternative, and complementary biomedical perspectives.

AgBiotech Reporter

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Early anthropological evidence for plant use as medicine is 60,000 years old as reported from the Neanderthal grave in Iraq. The importance of plants as medicine is further supported by archeological evidence from Asia and the Middle East. Today, around 1.4 billion people in South Asia alone have no access to modern health care, and rely instead on traditional medicine to alleviate various symptoms. On a global basis, approximately 50 to 80 thousand plant species are used either natively or as pharmaceutical derivatives for life-threatening conditions that include diabetes, hypertension and cancers. As the demand for plant-based medicine rises, there is an unmet need to investigate the quality, safety and efficacy of these herbals by the “scientific methods”. Current research on drug discovery from medicinal plants involves a multifaceted approach combining botanical, phytochemical, analytical, and molecular techniques. For instance, high throughput robotic screens have been developed by industry; it is now possible to carry out 50,000 tests per day in the search for compounds, which act on a key enzyme or a subset of receptors. This and other bioassays thus offer hope that one may eventually identify compounds for treating a variety of diseases or conditions. However, drug development from natural products is not without its problems. Frequent challenges encountered include the procurement of raw materials, the selection and implementation of appropriate high-throughput bioassays, and the scaling-up of preparative procedures. Research scientists should therefore arm themselves with the right tools and knowledge in order to harness the vast

potentials of plant-based therapeutics. The main objective of Plant and Human Health is to serve as a comprehensive guide for this endeavor. Volume 1 highlights how humans from specific areas or cultures use indigenous plants. Despite technological developments, herbal drugs still occupy a preferential place in a majority of the population in the third world and have slowly taken roots as alternative medicine in the West. The integration of modern science with traditional uses of herbal drugs is important for our understanding of this ethnobotanical relationship. Volume 2 deals with the phytochemical and molecular characterization of herbal medicine. Specifically, it focuess on the secondary metabolic compounds, which afford protection against diseases. Lastly, Volume 3 discusses the physiological mechanisms by which the active ingredients of medicinal plants serve to improve human health. Together this three-volume collection intends to bridge the gap for herbalists, traditional and modern medical practitioners, and students and researchers in botany and horticulture.

Phytochemicals in Health and Cardiovascular Disease Prevention

Phytochemicals provides original research work and reviews on the sources of phytochemicals, and their roles in disease prevention, supplementation, and accumulation in fruits and vegetables. The roles of anthocyanin, flavonoids, carotenoids, and taxol are presented in separate chapters. Antioxidative and free radicle scavenging activity of phytochemicals is also discussed. The medicinal properties of Opuntia,

soybean, sea buckthorn, and gooseberry are presented in a number of chapters. Supplementation of plant extract with phytochemical properties in broiler meals is discussed in one chapter. The final two chapters include the impact of agricultural practices and novel processing technologies on the accumulation of phytochemicals in fruits and vegetables. This book mainly focuses on medicinal plants and the disease-preventing properties of phytochemicals, which will be a useful resource to the reader.

The Formation, Structure and Activity of Phytochemicals

The human system employs the use of endogenous enzymatic as well as non-enzymatic antioxidant defence systems against the onslaught of free radicals and oxidative stress. Enzymatic antioxidants and non-enzymatic antioxidants work synergistically with each other, using different mechanisms against different free radicals and stages of oxidative stress. Dietary and lifestyle modifications are seen as the mainstay of treatment and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes mellitus. The major aims of dietary and lifestyle changes are to reduce weight, improve glycaemic control and reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, which accounts for 70- 80% of deaths among those with diabetes. It is also important to note that medicinal plants have been used as medicines since ancient time, and continue to play significant role even in modern medicine in management and treatment of chronic diseases.

Impressive numbers of modern therapeutic agents have been developed from plants. Phytochemicals have been isolated and characterised from fruits such as grapes and apples, vegetables such as broccoli and onion, spices such as turmeric, beverages such as green tea and red wine, as well as many other sources. The WHO estimates that approximately 80% of the worlds inhabitants rely on traditional medicine for their primary health care and many medicinal plants have ethno-medical claims of usefulness in the treatment of diabetes and other chronic diseases globally, and have been employed empirically in antidiabetic, antihyperlipidemic, antihypertensive, antiinflammatory and antiparasitic remedies. This book examines the role of antioxidant-rich natural products in management and treatment of diabetes and other chronic diseases.

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Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition, Second Edition is a thorough revision and 20% expansion of the 1998 release, reflecting the continuing scientific advances in the field of human nutrition. Now a four-volume set, nearly 300 articles with concise, up-to-date information are complemented by an award-winning indexing system. Included is expanded coverage of epidemiology of diet-related diseases, functional foods, food safety, clinical nutrition and gastrointestinal disorders. Virtually everyone will find the Encyclopedia of Human Nutrition an easy-to-use resource making it an ideal reference choice for both the professional and the non-professional alike. Also available online via ScienceDirect - featuring extensive browsing, searching, and internal cross-referencing between articles in the work, plus dynamic linking to journal articles and abstract databases, making navigation flexible and easy. For more information, pricing options and availability visit www.info.sciencedirect.com.

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Functional and Preservative Properties of
Phytochemicals examines the potential of plant-based
bioactive compounds as functional food ingredients
and preservative agents against food-spoiling
microbes and oxidative deterioration. The book
provides a unified and systematic accounting of plant-
based bioactive compounds by illustrating the
connections among the different disciplines, such as
food science, nutrition, pharmacology, toxicology,
combinatorial chemistry, nanotechnology and
biotechnological approaches. Chapters present the
varied sources of raw materials, biochemical
properties, metabolism, health benefits, preservative
efficacy, toxicological aspect, safety and Intellectual
Property Right issue of plant-based bioactive
compounds. Written by authorities within the field,
the individual chapters of the book are organized
according to the following practical and easy to
consult format: introduction, chapter topics and text,
conclusions (take-home lessons), and references cited

for further reading. Provides collective information on recent advancements that increase the potential use of phytochemicals. Fosters an understanding of plant-based dietary bioactive ingredients and their physiological effects on human health at the molecular level. Thoroughly explores biotechnology, omics, and bioinformatics approaches to address the availability, cost, and mode of action of plant-based functional and preservative ingredients.

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Polyphenols in Human Health and Disease

Biodiversity and Human Health brings together leading thinkers on the global environment and biomedicine to explore the human health consequences of the loss of biological diversity.

Vegetables

The chapters presented in Secondary Metabolism in Model Systems are a microcosm of what the recent completion, or near completion, of various genome projects are enabling biochemists to understand not only about control and regulation of secondary metabolism, and how various pathways relate to each other, but also about its relation to primary metabolism. A major paradigm shift is occurring in the way researchers need to view "secondary" metabolism in the future. It is also clear that model systems, such as the ones discussed in the symposium, are providing new information and insight almost faster than researchers can process it! The volumes in this series contain articles on developing topics of interest to scientists, students and individuals interested in recent developments in the biochemistry, chemistry and molecular biology of

plants. An excellent series volume covering the advances in understanding of gene functions, a high profile area of research due to recent genome projects This book provides essential information on new model systems available to biochemists The chapters in this volume are based on the papers presented in the symposium entitled "Secondary Metabolism in Model Systems"

Polyphenols in Human Health and Disease

In a climate where many unsubstantiated claims are made, it is essential to have access to the best evidence-based knowledge on how to extend healthy life expectancy. Researchers, healthcare practitioners, and policy makers come together annually at the International Research Center for Healthy Ageing and Longevity to discuss, debate, and exchange ideas, and the proceedings of the most recent conference is contained in the chapters of this volume. Now, more than ever, a critical need exists for the development of appropriate policies so that aging is seen as a resource and not as an isolating and segregating experience. Solid research elucidating the processes of aging must be translated into strategies for clinical practice in order to respond to the needs of an aging population. The full spectrum of proven and potential aging interventions including pharmaceutical, nutritional, clinical, educational, policy, complementary, preventive, and restorative means were explored at this international meeting. The topics covered in this volume include the

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following: (1) Nutritional interventions in aging and age-associated disease, both diet and supplements; (2) dementia in an aging population; (3) the new caring -- financial and asset management and substitute decision-making by and for older people; (4) how we improve the quality of research into healthy aging; (5) promoting balance and preventing falls in an aging population; (6) population aging in developing countries; (7) promoting health and well-being of the older community; (8) hormone and metabolic interventions in aging; (9) community attitudes and approaches towards human life extension; (10) respecting the elders in our care; (11) the biology of healthy aging and longevity; (12) basic science and mechanisms of aging and longevity; (13) sustaining optimal aging -- inner strength and mutual support; (14) wellbeing, retirement planning and expectations of the baby-boomer generation; (15) natural and complementary approaches to age-associated disorders; (16) psychosocial predictors of healthy aging and longevity -- lessons from longitudinal studies; (17) healthy longevity -- lessons learned from the world's longest-lived people; (18) the aging brain; (19) baby-boomer work force participation; (20) quality of care and quality of life for the elderly; (21) frontiers of knowledge in biogerontology; (22) behavioural and social interventions for healthy aging and longevity. NOTE: Annals volumes are available for sale as individual books or as a journal. For information on institutional journal subscriptions, please visit www.blackwellpublishing.com/nyas. ACADEMY MEMBERS: Please contact the New York Academy of Sciences directly to place your order (www.nyas.org).

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Proceedings of the International Symposium on Vegetable Safety and Human Health

Antioxidant-Antidiabetic Agents and Human Health

This text provides both review and primary research articles for a broad audience of biologists, chemists, biochemists, pharmacologists, clinicians and nutrition experts, especially those interested in the biosynthesis, structure, function and/or bioactivity of plant natural products. Recurring themes include the evolution and ecology of specialized metabolites, the genetic and enzymatic mechanisms for their formation and metabolism, the systems biology study of their cell/tissue/organ context, the engineering of plant natural products, as well as various aspects of their application for human health. In addition to analysis of current research, new developments in the techniques used to study plant natural products are presented and discussed, taking a detailed look at structure elucidation and quantification, “omic” (genomic/ proteomic/ transcriptomic/ metabolomics) profiling or for microscopic localization. In short, this series combines chapters from researchers that

explain and discuss current topics in the most exciting new research in phytochemistry.

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" well-written and the content is clearly presented. There are plentiful figures and tables, which are effectively labeled and adequately support the content. highly recommended for academic and special libraries. effectively presents current research on phytochemicals in a readable manner." - E-Streams "This landmark volume shows how far the field has advanced . This important volume is filled with reports on what the editors term as the 'new era' in the study of phytochemicals, in which we move from the 'eat more vegetable and fruit' admonition to more detailed information on the biology, molecular biology, regulatory function, and role in human health of phytochemicals. All workers in phytochemicals should get themselves a copy of this valuable book."

Plant Phenolics and Human Health

The 44th volume of RAP contains articles based on work presented at the 51st annual meeting of the Phytochemical Society of North America. They were selected to showcase exciting examples of current research in plant chemistry, to highlight the diversity in this field spanning analytical chemistry, ethnobotany, biosynthesis, bioactivity, chemical ecology and biotechnology. Specifically, the perspectives paper by Zerbe and Bohlmann summarizes recent findings on the genes and

enzymes involved in conifer resin biosynthesis, while papers by Timoshenko et al. and Guerrero-Analco et al. highlight progress on toxic lectins and bioactive phytochemicals from Canadian forest plants used by Aboriginals, respectively. Next the contribution by Glover and Murch compares methods used to analyze dementia agents in foodstuffs of Pacific Islands. Two papers by Lisko et al and Berhow et al. both summarize recent findings on the engineering of vitamin C contents of plants and of phytochemicals in the emerging oil crop Camelina. Finally, Cook et al discuss the biosynthesis in plant endophytes of alkaloids which have implications for cattle feeding. Overall, these seven Perspectives and Communications give a very good picture of the state of plant (bio) chemistry research in North America, which is also indicative of the state of the field worldwide.

Handbook of Plant Food Phytochemicals

Phytochemicals - Biosynthesis, Function and Application

Functional and Preservative Properties of Phytochemicals

Polyphenols: Mechanisms of Action in Human Health and Disease, Second Edition describes the mechanisms of polyphenol antioxidant activities and their use in disease prevention. Chapters highlight the

anti-inflammatory activity of polyphenols on key dendritic cells, how they modulate and suppress inflammation, and how they are inactivated or activated by metabolism in the gut and circulating blood. Polyphenols have proven effective for key health benefits, including bone health, organ health, cardiac and vascular conditions, absorption and metabolism, and cancer and diseases of the immune system. They are a unique group of phytochemicals that are present in all fruits, vegetables and other plant products. This very diverse and multi-functional group of active plant compounds contain powerful antioxidant properties and exhibit remarkable chemical, biological and physiological properties, including cancer prevention and cardio-protective activities. Expands coverage on green tea, cocoa, wine, cumin and herbs Outlines their chemical properties, bioavailability and metabolomics Provides a self-teaching guide to learn the mechanisms of action and health benefits of polyphenols

Science

Secondary Metabolism in Model Systems

Increasing knowledge of the various protective effects of phytochemicals has sparked interest in further understanding their role in human health.

Phytochemicals: Health Promotion and Therapeutic Potential is the seventh in a series representing the emerging science with respect to plant-based chemicals. Drawn from the proceedings at the

Plant and Human Health, Volume 1

This book focuses on the usage and application of plant- and animal-based food products with significant functional properties and health benefits as well as their development into processed food. Many chapters in this book contain overviews on superfood and functional food from South America. Details on the functional properties of apiculture products are also included herein. Additionally, an area that is not widely discussed in academia - pet food with functional properties - is also covered. It is hoped that this book will serve as a source of knowledge and information to make better choices in food consumption and alterations to dietary patterns. It is also recommended for readers to take a look at a related book, Superfood and Functional Food - The Development of Superfoods and Their Roles as Medicine.

Fruit and Vegetable Phytochemicals

"This book will be useful to herbalists, Ayurvedic practitioners, drug manufacturers, botanists, biotechnologists, pharmacologists, agriculturists, phytochemists and all those interested in medicinal plants."--BOOK JACKET.

Phytochemicals and Phytopharmaceuticals

The book *Vegetables - Importance of Quality Vegetables to Human Health* provides useful and interesting information on the nutritional qualities of different vegetables and their roles in disease prevention. Quality vegetable production through hydroponic cultivation techniques is also included. The first few chapters discuss the importance of quality vegetables to human diet and health, and noncommunicable disease prevention. Nutritional qualities and bioactive compounds in freshly grown vegetables through hydroponics and soilless cultures are discussed in the middle part of the book. The final chapter describes methods of sea vegetable utilization in food formulation. This book mainly focuses on the nutritional quality of vegetables and disease prevention, their production methods, preparation, and cooking methods, making it a complete and useful resource to readers.

Phytochemicals in Nutrition and Health

Polyphenols in Human Health and Disease documents antioxidant actions of polyphenols in protection of cells and cell organelles, critical for understanding their health-promoting actions to help the dietary supplement industry. The book begins by describing the fundamentals of absorption, metabolism and bioavailability of polyphenols, as well as the effect of microbes on polyphenol structure and function and toxicity. It then examines the role of polyphenols in the treatment of chronic disease, including vascular and cardiac health, obesity and diabetes therapy, cancer treatment and prevention, and more. Explores

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neuronal protection by polyphenol metabolites and their application to medical care Defines modulation of enzyme actions to help researchers see and study polyphenols' mechanisms of action, leading to clinical applications Includes insights on polyphenols in brain and neurological functions to apply them to the wide range of aging diseases

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