ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF

**BACKGROUND**

*Citrus aurantium* (subspecies *amara*), or Bitter Orange, is a spiny evergreen tree that is native to Southern Vietnam but is now widely cultivated. It is used as a grafting stock for citrus trees, in marmalade, in liqueurs, and it is also cultivated for its essential oils. The extract of Bitter Orange has been used in dietary supplements as an aid to fat-loss, is known to have anti-cellulite properties, and is loaded with vitamins and minerals (especially Vitamin C).

**SCIENCE**

Flavones and flavanones both belong to a group of compounds known as flavonoids. Flavonoids are colorful antioxidants that are found in plants, and in addition to their antioxidant properties, they are also known for their abilities to strengthen capillary walls and assist in circulation. Furthermore, flavanoids are reputed to have anti-inflammatory effects. This may be related to flavanoids’ ability to inhibit enzymes, such as cyclo-oxygenase and lipoxygenase, which act on arachidonic acid in cell membranes to form potent inflammatory substances.

To take advantage of all of these properties, Active Concepts has created ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF from an enriched fraction of Bitter Orange petals. This product is abundant in methoxylated flavones and flavanones so that it may reduce dimply skin by stimulating microcirculation and facilitating the draining of tissues.

**BENEFITS**

ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF is a lipolytic active ingredient that inhibits the activity of the enzyme phosphodiesterase and catalyzes the production of cyclic AMP (cAMP). This stimulates lipolysis, increases the levels of free fatty acids, favors the hydrolysis of triglycerides, and thereby promotes the mobilization of stored fats. In addition, the vasodilating action of ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF activates skin microcirculation; this leads to the progressive elimination of venous stasis and minimizes the appearance of cellulite.
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edema, tissues are decongested and drained, and the appearance of dimply skin is visibly relieved. **ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF** can thus be included in all claims for filtration and slimming actions.

**ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF** is a lipolytic and decongesting active ingredient, recommended in the formulation of all slimming products to smooth, tone, and improve the aesthetic appearance of dimply skin.

**EFFICACY**

According to tests, **ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF** should significantly inhibit the activity of phosphodiesterase III (PDE), which is responsible for the conversion of cAMP to 5'-AMP, and thus favors lipolysis by increasing the intracellular cAMP content.

Inhibition was measured *in-vitro* using a biochemical model based on liquid scintillation quantification of the conversion of cAMP to 5'-AMP by purified human phosphodiesterase III. **ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF** was tested at 1%, 3%, and 5% and was found to significantly inhibit PDE activity by 62%, 92%, and 98%.

**Inhibition of Phosphodiesterase III Activity**

![Graph showing inhibition of PDE activity](image)

**Concentration (%) of ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF**

Figure 1. Results of PDE Activity when **ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF** was tested *in-vitro* at 1%, 3% and 5%.

**Benefits of ABS Orange Polyphenols PBF:**

- Fruit Derived
- Slimming & Toning
- Increased Circulation
- Minimize Appearance of Cellulite

**References:**