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(57) Abstract: A method for obtaining extracts from cocoa fruit constituents is described, which comprises the steps of: a) subjecting cocoa fruit constituents to wet grinding in a polar solvent and separating a liquid phase from the wet ground mixture to obtain a hydrophilic extract; b) optionally separating residual solids from the hydrophilic extract; c) adsorbing the hydrophilic extract on a non-ionic macroporous resin; d) desorbing the hydrophilic extract from the non-ionic macroporous resin with a water-miscible organic solvent to obtain a polyphenolic extract; and e) concentrating the polyphenolic extract to obtain a polyphenolic concentrate. In further aspects, extracts obtained by the aforementioned process and food compositions, food supplements, medical compositions or cosmetic compositions comprising the aforementioned extracts are described.



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