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(54) Title: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS EMPLOYING RED RICE FERMENTATION PRODUCTS (57) Abstract Methods and compositions are disclosed which comprise red rice fermentation products, that can be used as natural dietary supplements and/or medicaments for the treatment or prevention of hyperlipidemia and associated disorders and symptoms, such as cardiovascular diseases, cerebrovascular diseases, diabetes, hypertension, obesity, asthenic breathing, chronic headache, chest pain and tightness, limb swelling and distention, loss of appetite and excess expectoration. The methods and compositions are effective in lowering both the serum cholesterol and serum triglyceride levels in human, and can be used for maintaining cardiovascular health. The invention also encompasses particular <i>Monascus</i> strains that yield fermentation products with the desired biological activities.		