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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the preparation of a *Cynara scolymus* extract obtainable by fractioning on a resin. The process of the invention allows to obtain an extract, starting from the aerial parts of the plant *Cynara scolymus*, containing three classes of active principles, namely dicaffeoylquinic acids, luteolin and cynaropicrin glycosides, in a constant ratio. Cynaropicrin is stabilized by addition of precise amounts of sulfated amino acids or suitable thio-derivatives. These extracts have hypolipemizing, anti-dyspeptic and vascular anti-inflammatory activities. The extracts are mainly formulated in Enothera biennis oil or in oils rich in ω-3 and ω-6 acids which enhance the vascular activity.

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