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(57) **Abstract:** The isolation, characterization, and use of a highly potent antioxidant, found in selected foods, is described herein. The antioxidant is formulated alone as a nutritional supplement or is combined with other consumable products, such as foods, beverages, vitamins, herbal extracts, or other antioxidants. Methods for identifying and quantifying the antioxidant in food and beverages are also provided. The activity of this component in selected foods, beverages and nutritional supplements is described.

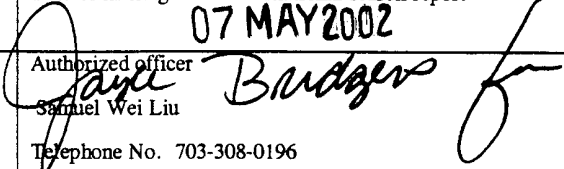


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