LATEST CLINICAL RESEARCH PROVES HEALTH BENEFITS OF PECAN NUTS



Latest clinical research news highlights that there are major health benefits of the bioeffects of pecan nuts. Not only this, but their constituents are also huge source of excellent dietary ingredients. The health-promoting effects have been finally confirmed by a joint group of scientists, who have gather together to summarize the reports examining the physiological effects of pecan nuts dietary intake. They also aimed at describing the positive health influence of their bioactive constituents.

The pecan tree belongs to the hickory family. **Pecan nuts** (Carya illinoinensis) are one of the most popular edible nuts native to Mexico and North America. They have high levels of monounsaturated fats. Precisely, over 70% - the highest among all the nuts.

Interestingly enough, despite of having that much fat, these nuts can reduce obesity. Moreover, dietary intake of lipids, precisely polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids, help in the battle against extra weight as well as in minimizing the occurrence of obesity. As a rich source of dietary fatty acids,

pecans are also abundant in epigallocatechin-3-gallat. Standing under the abbreviation EGCG, this constituent is a polyphenol, that also happens to have a variety of health-beneficial qualities.

But what the scientists find and conclude with the body of evidence they had collected? First and foremost, besides being good for obesity management strategies, this valuable food can mitigate inflammation. It can actually reduce how much inflammatory mediator molecules are being synthesized by the body. In this sense, pecans are also great for those, who are mainly on the Western diet. The latter is associated with the overconsumption of saturated fatty acids, thus inducing pro-inflammatory effects.

The latest clinical research also finds that not only pecans, but nuts in general can reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease and metabolic disorders. In fact, diets rich in these types of foods modulate the blood level of cholesterol, adiposity, and insulin resistance, and therefore are great food ingredient for those combating diabetes and coronary heart disease.

In general, the available data indicates that pecan nuts exert health-promoting benefits similar to those of almonds and walnuts. The summary of available studies leads to finally bringing about greater understanding of the protective effects of diverse tree nuts on human physiology.

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