







Numerous in vivo and clinical studies have shown that Feiolix supports metabolic health by:

- increasing insulin secretion from pancreatic β cells
- enhancing glucose absorption by skeletal muscle cells
- regulating metabolism by decreasing inflammation and increasing GLP-1 secretion
- increasing satiety through improved leptin signaling
- reducing blood triglycerides and HDL cholesterol
- increasing postprandial (post-meal) thermogenesis
- reducing weight gain from a high fat diet

# What is Metabolic Syndrome and how can Feiolix help?

Metabolic syndrome is diagnosed when a patient has 3 of 5 criteria:

Metabolic Syndrome Criteria <sup>1</sup>	Clinical effects of 12 weeks of Feiolix consumption in adults with Type 2 Diabetes <sup>2</sup>
Central obesity	Prevents weight gain (24% less)
High HbA1c and/or High blood glucose	Decrease HbA1c by -0.86%
	Decrease fasting blood glucose by 36.3 mg/dL
High triglycerides and/or High cholesterol	Decrease blood triglycerides by 38 mg/dL
	Decrease total cholesterol by 17.5 mg/dL
High LDL:HDL ratio	Decrease LDL cholesterol by 18.1 mg/dL, maintain HDL
High blood pressure	Decrease systolic blood pressure by 6.7 mmHg

### **Metabolic Syndrome Pandemic**

- Metabolically healthy people have optimal levels of all five of the above variables.
- Worryingly, over 80% of American adults are metabolically unhealthy<sup>3</sup>.
- Metabolic diseases increase risk and severity of other infections.
- In the first year of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, 89% hospitalisations were attributed to metabolic co-morbidities:
  - 30% attributed to obesity
  - 26% to hypertension
  - 21% to diabetes
  - 12% to heart failure4.

## Feijoa – A complex fruit

Described as tropical and aromatic, with notes of berries, guava, and pineapple, and a pear-like gritty texture, this unique superfruit is beloved by New Zealanders.

The complex flavour and texture is influenced by uniquely high concentrations of a universal signalling hormone known as abscisic acid, as well as anti-inflammatory polyphenols and dietary fibre. These components are also the main health promoting compounds in feijoa.

## **Feiolix Bioactives for Metabolic Health Support**

#### **Abscisic acid**

 Universal signalling hormone found in plants and secreted by the human pancreas

• Binds to the GLUT4 receptor on skeletal muscle

• Binds to the LANCL2 receptor on the β cells of the pancreas.

Abscisic acid

GLUT4 receptors

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{LANCL2} \\ \text{receptors on } \beta \\ \text{cells of pancreas} \end{array}$ 

Stimulates glucose absorption:

Lowers blood glucose (and triglycerides) to healthy levels.

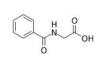
Stimulates GLP-1 Secretion: **Enhances insulin signalling.** 

## **Ellagitannins**

 α & β pedunculagin account for 60% of total polyphenols.
They are converted into antiinflammatory and insulin stimulating urolithins by the gut microbiota.

 Flavans (catechin, gallocatechin, and epicatechin) account for 40% of total polyphenols.
They are converted into antiinflammatory hippuric acid by the gut microbiota.

H O OH Urolithins



Hippuric acid

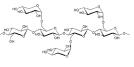
Stimulates insulin secretion from the pancreas: **Insulin signalling increases glucose absorption.** 

Anti-inflammatory:

Improves insulin signalling/decrease insulin resistance.

## **Dietary fibre**

 Xyloglucans in the cell walls of feijoas are converted into propionate by the gut microbiota.



Cell Wall Xyloglucans



Propionate

Increased satiety:

Decreases appetite/reduces blood glucose spikes.

Decreased fat synthesis: **Reduced weight gain.** 



## **Feiolix**

- Natural, whole fruit ingredient
- Proprietary freeze drying technique retaining a high level of bioactives
- Non-GMO
- NZ grown and produced
- Free from added sugars and preservatives

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