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EVALUATION OF DIGESTIBILITY AND BIOACCESSIBILITY OF CHLOROGENIC ACIDS CONTENT IN DIFFERENT SAMPLES OF COFFEE SILVERSKIN

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Coffee silverskin (CS) is the skin that covers the green coffee beans and represents the major by-product during coffee roasting. This tegument is rich in phenolic compounds like chlorogenic acids that have a high antioxidant activity1 and several health benefits2. To achieve these specific benefits, polyphenols must be released into the gastrointestinal tract in order to become available for intestinal absorption. The aim of this work was then to evaluate chlorogenic acids digestibility and bioaccessibility under gastric and duodenal conditions using an in vitro digestion model. Two coffee varieties, C. arabica and C. canephora both “natural” and “washed” were roasted at three different temperatures and CS was milled (120 μm). The obtained samples were submitted to salivary, gastric and duodenal digestion3. Due to difference in the polyphenols concentration, it was necessary to normalize the results with two different indices, the percentage of digestibility and the percentage of bioaccessibility3, evaluating respectively the amount of polyphenols present in the complete digesta (supernatant and pellet) and the supernatant fraction after each step of digestion. Obtained results showed that CS from “natural” arabica represents the best source of bioaccessible polyphenols due to the highest values of duodenal digestibility (37.11%) and duodenal bioaccessibility (46.39%).