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Soluble dietary fibers from solid-state fermentation of wheat bran by the fungus *Cordyceps cicadae* and their effects on colitis mice

Two soluble dietary fibers were extracted from unfermented and fermented wheat bran by solid-state fermentation with *Isaria cicadae Miquel*, namely, UFSDF and FSDF. Their composition and structural properties were analyzed, and their effects on mice with ulcerative colitis were studied. Our study showed that solid-state fermentation of wheat bran by *Isaria cicadae Miquel* altered the structure of FSDF. FSDF significantly attenuated the symptoms of DSS-induced colitis in mice. Altogether, soluble dietary fiber from wheat bran fermented using fungi could be a functional food component with potential for colitis relief.



