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#### WOUND HEALING POTENTIAL OF BLACK RASPBERRY SEED OIL

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The skin is subject to various influences from the external environment that lead to minor or serious problems and diseases. Among the most prevalent is trauma, an injury characterized by disrupting the normal anatomical structure and function of the skin caused by a cut, a blow or a burn, which consequently makes the body become more susceptible to infection. On the basis of numerous animal experiments and human studies, plant oils are recognized to play an important role in regenerative processes, whether they are used as an integral part of the diet or an active ingredient in pharmaceutical preparation intended for local application. This study aimed to investigate the wound-healing potential of black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis L., Rosaceae) seed oil, as well as its chemical characterization and antimicrobial activity against the most common skin pathogens. GC-MS analysis was performed to identify the chemical composition of fatty acids in the black raspberry seed oil and revealed that polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) dominated - the most abundant were linoleic (C18:2n-6; 39.30%) and α-linolenic (C18:3n-3; 30.49%) acids, followed by monounsaturated oleic acid (C18:1n-9; 18.94%). The amount of saturated fatty acids (SFA) was notably lower, including palmitic (C16:0; 2.91%), arachidic (C20:0; 1.37%) and behenic (C22:0; 1.01%) acids as the main representatives. The black raspberry seed oil demonstrated significant antimicrobial activity against the bacterial strains Salmonella Typhimurium, Escherichia coli and Bacillus cereus, in addition to antifungal activity against micromycetes Aspergillus fumigatus, A. niger, A. versicolor and Trichoderma viride. After examination of the relative growth rate (%) of HaCaT cells treated with different concentrations of black raspberry seed oil (20–400 µg/mL), by cell viability assay, no cytotoxicity was found (IC<sub>50</sub>  $> 401 \mu g/mL$ ). The wound healing activity, in terms of migratory ability, was evaluated by scratch assay in the same cell line, whereby cell migration into the wounded area was monitored using an Inverted Microscope. The closure of the gap distance (wound closure) was found to be approximately 2-fold higher in cells treated with 200 µg/mL of black raspberry seed oil (41.77%) than in non-treated cells (17.34%). The results showed that black raspberry seed oil is a rich source of PUFA, with promising potential in the treatment of skin wounds associated with infections.

Keywords: Rubus occidentalis, seed, oil, fatty acids, skin wounds

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