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## **Appetite suppressing Phytonutrients for combating Obesity**

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## ABSTRACT (upto 300 words)

An appetite suppressant can be an excellent tool in weight management if used safely and effectively. There are some medicinal plants that have been reported to be acting as appetite suppressors or appetite killers. Some of these plants are Caralluma fimbriata, Hoodia gordonii, Camellia sinensis (Green Tea), Capsicum annuum (Sweet/ Bell Pepper), Plantago ovata (Psyllium/Plantain Fiber), Saffron Extract, XanoLean, Flaxseeds, Ginger. Umeboshi Plums. Prunus dulcis (Almonds), Ilex paraguariensis (Yerba Mate) and Garcinia cambogia, Aloe vera, Bee Pollen and Evening Primrose Oil. These types of herbal plants/supplements can be especially useful for people suffering from obesity for their weight management. Obesity increases risk of diseases and health problems, such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure. This talk therefore aims to explore and provide an insight about the medicinal plants and the important phytochemicals with appetite suppressing activity and potential for combating obesity.

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