



THE POWDER OF PLANTS: EXPLORING HERBAL NUTRACUETICLES

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ABSTRACT

Nutraceuticals are bioactive compounds derived from food sources that provide health benefits beyond basic nutrition. This seminar report presents an extensive overview of nutraceuticals, including their definition, classification, advantages, bioactive components, probiotics, safety considerations, regulatory frameworks, and future prospects. The increasing prevalence of lifestyle-related disorders has created demand for preventive healthcare strategies, where nutraceuticals play a vital role. Functional foods, dietary supplements, antioxidants, and probiotic-based products contribute to maintaining physiological balance and improving quality of life. Advances in nanotechnology, nutrigenomics, and microbiome research are shaping the future of nutraceutical development. This report highlights the importance of scientific validation, quality control, and standardized regulatory practices to ensure safety and efficacy in modern healthcare.

KEYWORDS: - Nutraceuticals, nanotechnology, Dietary Fibers, Bioactive Components.

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1. INTRODUCTION

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8. FUTURE PROSPECTS AND CONCLUSION

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