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analysis of phenolics from food, food waste, and medicinal plants; biological activities and mechanisms of action; health benefits from in vivo evaluation; and the development of novel phenolics-based nutraceuticals and functional ingredients.

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