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Influence of Ilex extracts and their fractions on kidney structure and performance

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Ilex paraguariensis

Ilex paraguariensis is a species of the holly family (Aquifoliaceae). It occurs in the wild in South America (Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay). Name (*Ilex paraguariensis*) of the plant gave the French botanist Auguste de Saint Hilaire in 1822.



Yerba Mate tea, an infusion made from leaves of tree *Ilex paraguariensis*, is widely consumed traditional beverage in South America. It is rapidly gaining world market, either as a tea or as ingredient in formulated foods or dietary supplements due to its properties.



Influence of Yerba Mate

Phenolic compounds present in the yerba mate leaves have anti-inflammatory properties, prevent obesity and diabetes, as well as reduce the oxidation of LDL cholesterol levels, which affects the increase in risk of heart disease (Heck et al., 2007, Burris et al., 2012, Valerga et al., 2013).



LIPID METABOLISM, OBESITY OXIDATION

INFLAMMATION MUTAGENESIS

Decreases oxidative stress,
Markers in plasma,
Increases mRNA antioxidant enzymes

Protects fatty acids from oxidation,
most noticeable in liver

Human intervention study,
Lowers LDL,
Increases HDL

Inhibits pancreatic lipase
activity in vitro
Antiobesity effect?

Protection
paraoxynase 1
activity from inactivation
by HOCl

AMPK Activity

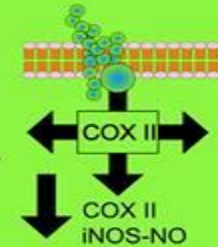
Uncouples electron transport

Decrease weight gain in mice fed
with a high fat diet

Antifungal against *Malassezia furfur*

Protection from DNA
damage by hydrogen
peroxide,
Increased DNA repair
in treated mice

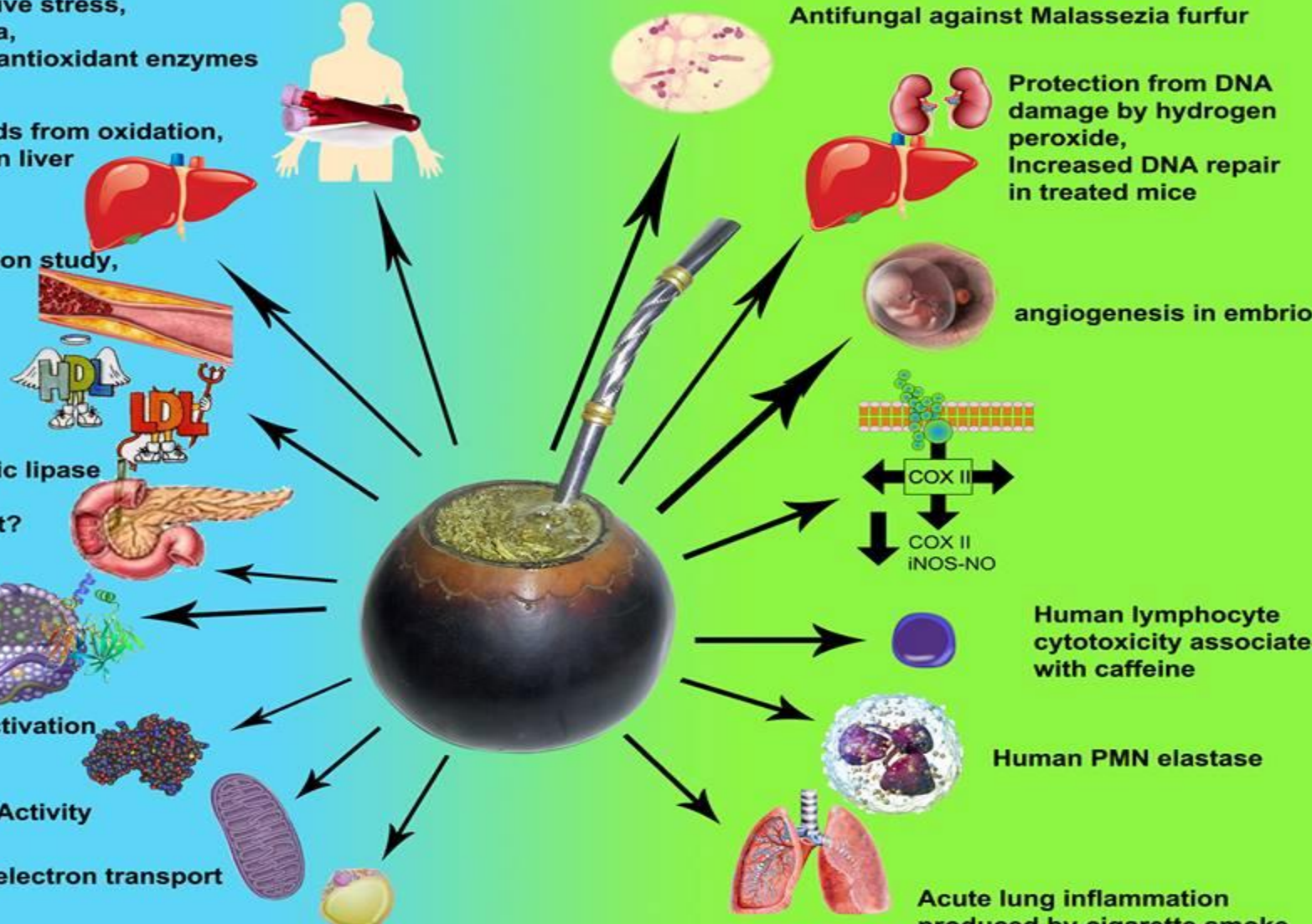
angiogenesis in embryo



Human lymphocyte
cytotoxicity associated
with caffeine

Human PMN elastase

Acute lung inflammation
produced by cigarette smoke



Aim of Study

It was observed that the infusion of leaf extracts increase urination in animal models. Based upon our earlier studies on detailed characterization of polyphenolic, saponin and terpenoid fractions from plants belonging to the *Ilex* sp. we decide to investigate on animal models the effects of *I. paraguariensis* and *Ilex x meserveae* Blue Angel extract on kidney structure in animals feed normal and hypercholesterolemic diet.



Extraction and quantitative and qualitative identification of biologically active compounds in *Ilex* sp.



Isolation of polyphenol, saponin and terpene fraction from *Ilex* sp.



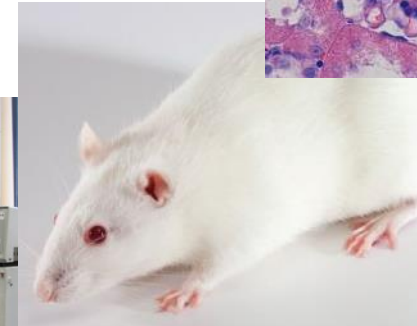
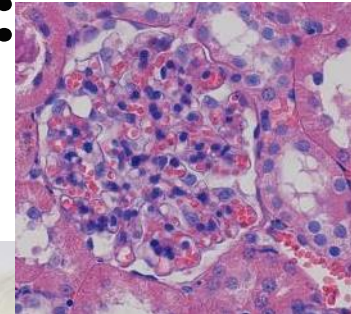
Study of the effect of the extract and individual fractions biologically active substances from *Ilex* sp. applied on animal models



Microscopic examination



The experiment:



Material and Methods -Plant material ILEX SP.



Ilex x meserveae 'Blue Angel'



Ilex paraguayensis

Material and Methods - Extracts preparation

Collecting and buying leaves

- Leaves of *Ilex paraguariensis* bought in shop
- Laves of *Ilex meserveae* 'Blue Angel' collected in University Herbarium

Preeliminary preparation of biological material

- Drying leaves
- Milling material

Water
extraction

Extraction of
poliphenolic
fraction
(Zwyrzykowska
et al 2015)

Extraction of
terpenoid
fraction with
Soxhlet
apparatus

Extraction of
saponin
fraction

Material and Methods – *in vivo* study

1st group



- I** – rats fed a standard feed (SF),
- II** – rats receiving SF and water extract of *Ilex paraguariensis* (50 g/l),
- III** – rats receiving SF and water extract of *Ilex × meserveae* (50 g/l),
- IV** – rats receiving SF and polyphenol fraction from *Ilex × meserveae* (10 mg / kg of BW),
- V** – rats receiving SF and saponin fraction from *Ilex × meserveae* (10 mg / kg of BW),
- VI** – rats receiving SF and terpenoid fraction from *Ilex × meserveae* (10 mg / kg of BW),

The second group (Ia–VIa) was fed with hypercholesterolemic diet (20 g of cholesterol / kg standard feed) (HCHD) and was divided in the same manner as the first group.

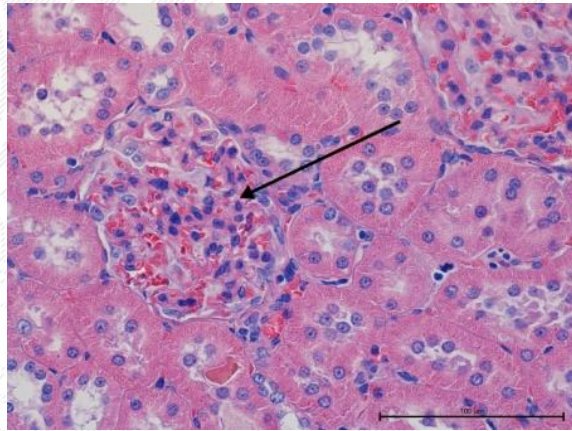
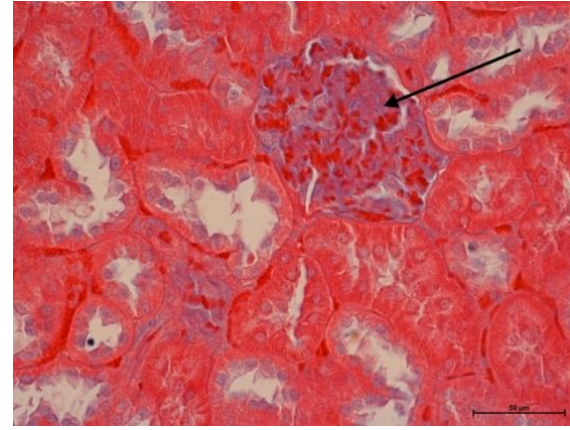
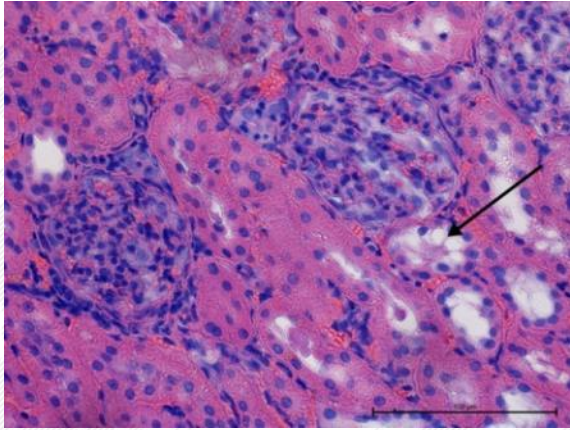
- Ia** – rats receiving HCHD feed ,
- Ila** – rats receiving HCHD feed and the extract of *Ilex paraguariensis* (50 g/l)
- IIla** –rats receiving HCHD feed and the extract from *Ilex meserveae* (50 g/l),
- IVa** – rats receiving HCHD feed and of polyphenolic fraction of *Ilex meserveae* (10 mg/kg BW).
- Va** rats receiving HCHD feed and saponin fractions of *Ilex meserveae* (10 mg/kg BW);
- VIa** – rats HCHD feed and terpenoid fractions of *Ilex meserveae* (10 mg/kg BW),

Material and methods – histology and histochemistry

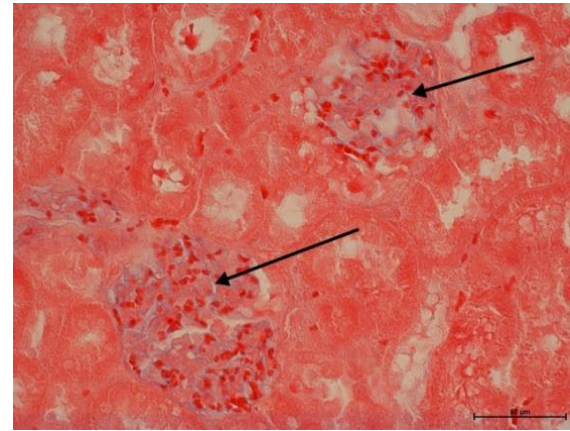
- After 8 weeks the rats were decapitated and material for histological examination was taken.
- The material was fixed in 4 % buffered formalin solution for 3 days, then washed in tap water for 24 h, dehydrated in alcohol series and embedded in paraffin.
- 5 μm thick sections were routinely stained with hematoxylin and eosin and Alcian blue and morphometry was performed.
- The study was carried out using a Nikon Eclipse 80i light microscope coupled with the Nis-Elements Ar software. Statistical analysis was performed in Statistica 6.0.



Results



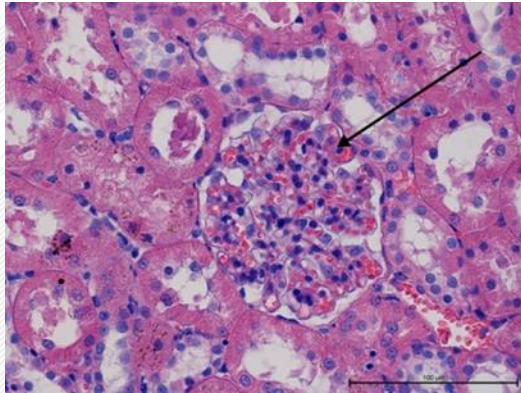
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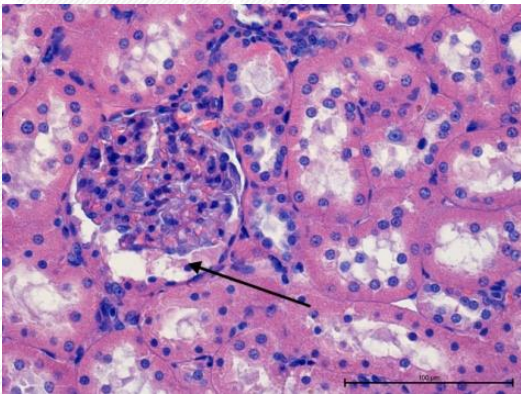
Ia

The changes in the structure of the kidney in control group in normal and HCHD diet. I- Note the lack of the urine in proximal tubules and slightly enlarged distal tubules. Note the high content of proteoglycans (blue color) in capillary tuft of the glomerulus. In group Ia glomerulus is filled with blood and filled with numerous erythrocytes. Mag 400x.

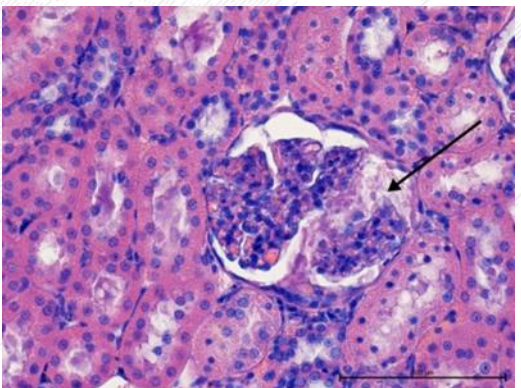
Results – histology Group1



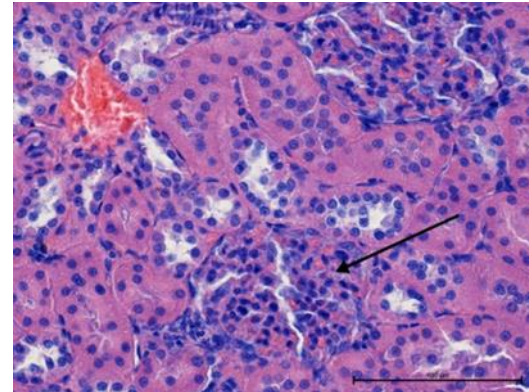
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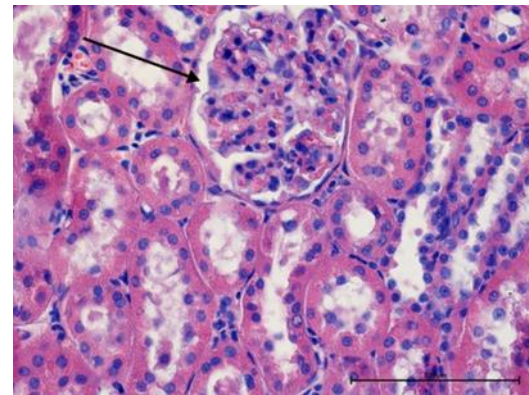
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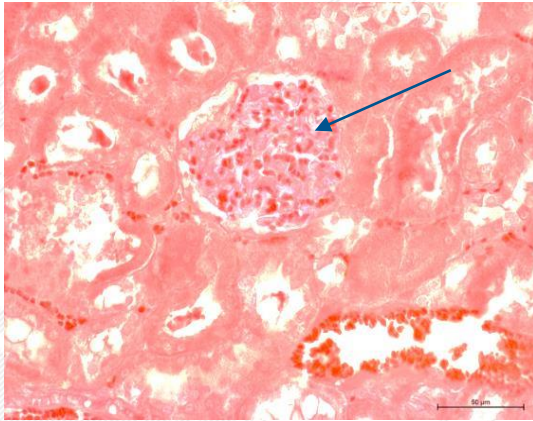
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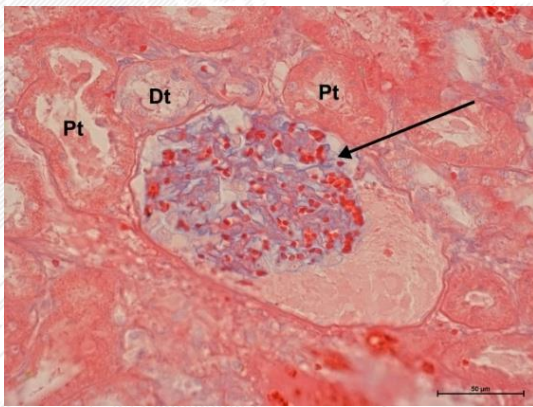
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The changes in the structure of the kidney II, III, IV, V and VI group in normal diet. Glomeruluses with different urine and blood content. Mag 400x.

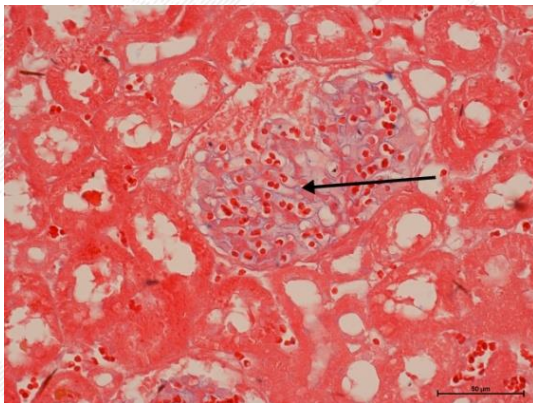
Results –histochemistry Group1



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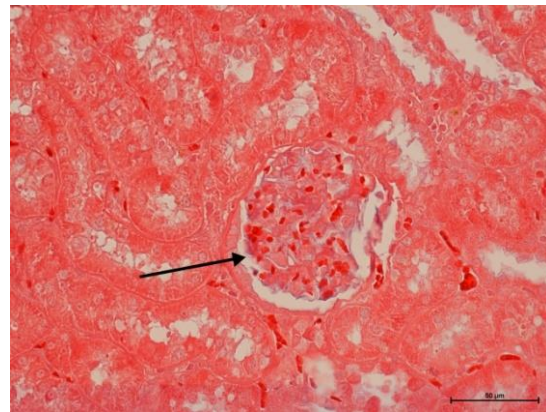
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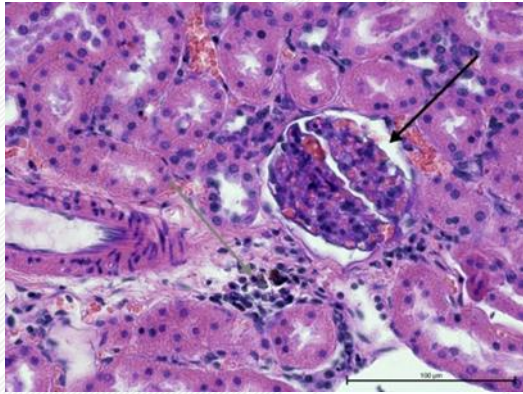
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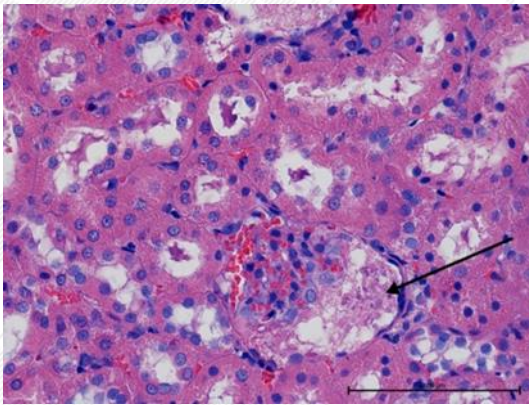
VI

The changes in the structure of the kidney II, III, IV, V and VI group in normal diet. Glomerulus with different proteoglycans content. Note the presence of urine in the glomerulus in II and III group. Different lumen of proximal and distal tubules caused by different level of diuresis. Alcian blue staining. Mag 400x.

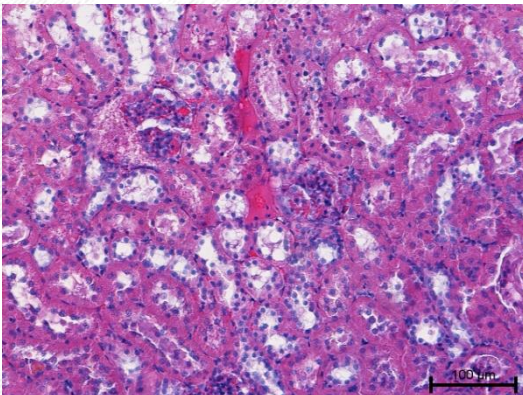
Results – histology Group 2



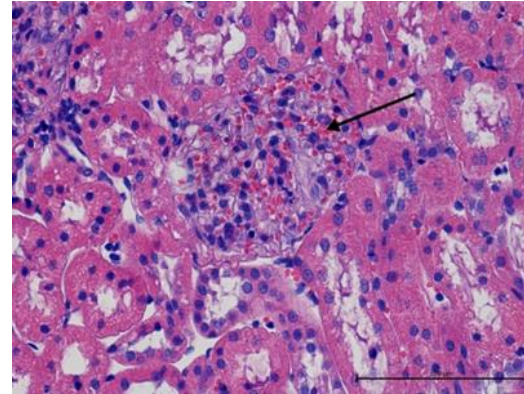
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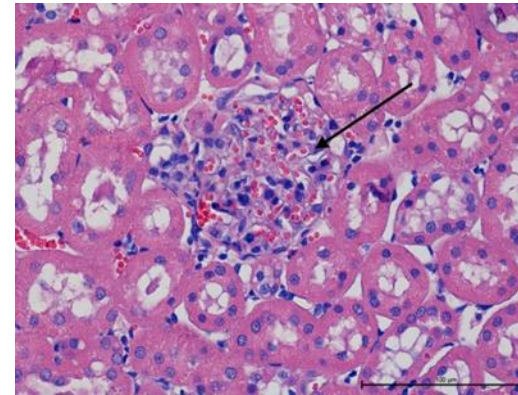
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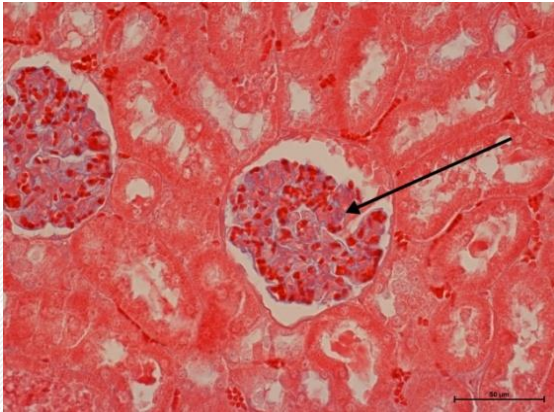
Va



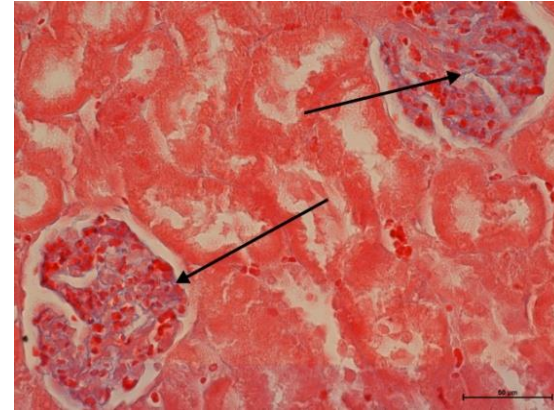
VIa

The changes in the structure of the kidney IIa, IIIa, IVa, Va and VIa group in HCHD diet. Different urine and blood content in glomerulus. Note the presence of leukocytes in the kidney parenchyma in IIa H&E staining. Mag 400x. (IVa-mag 200x)

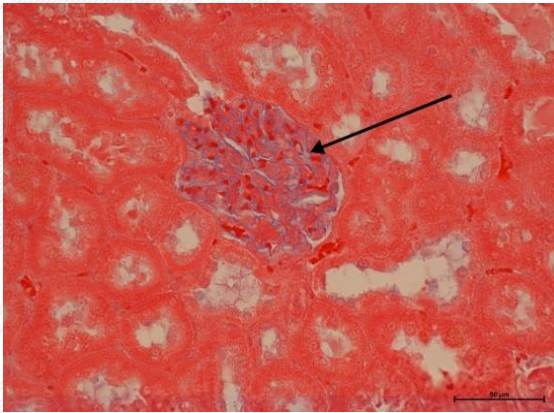
Results –histochemistry Group2



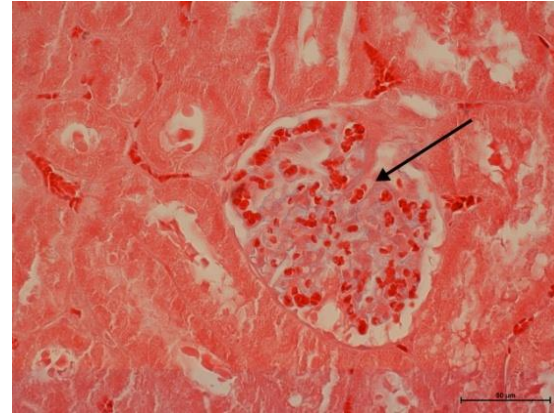
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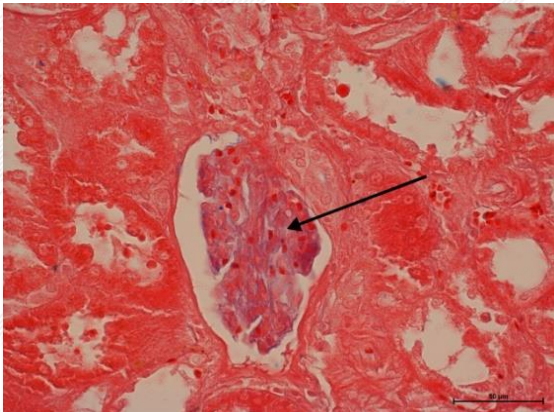
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IIIa



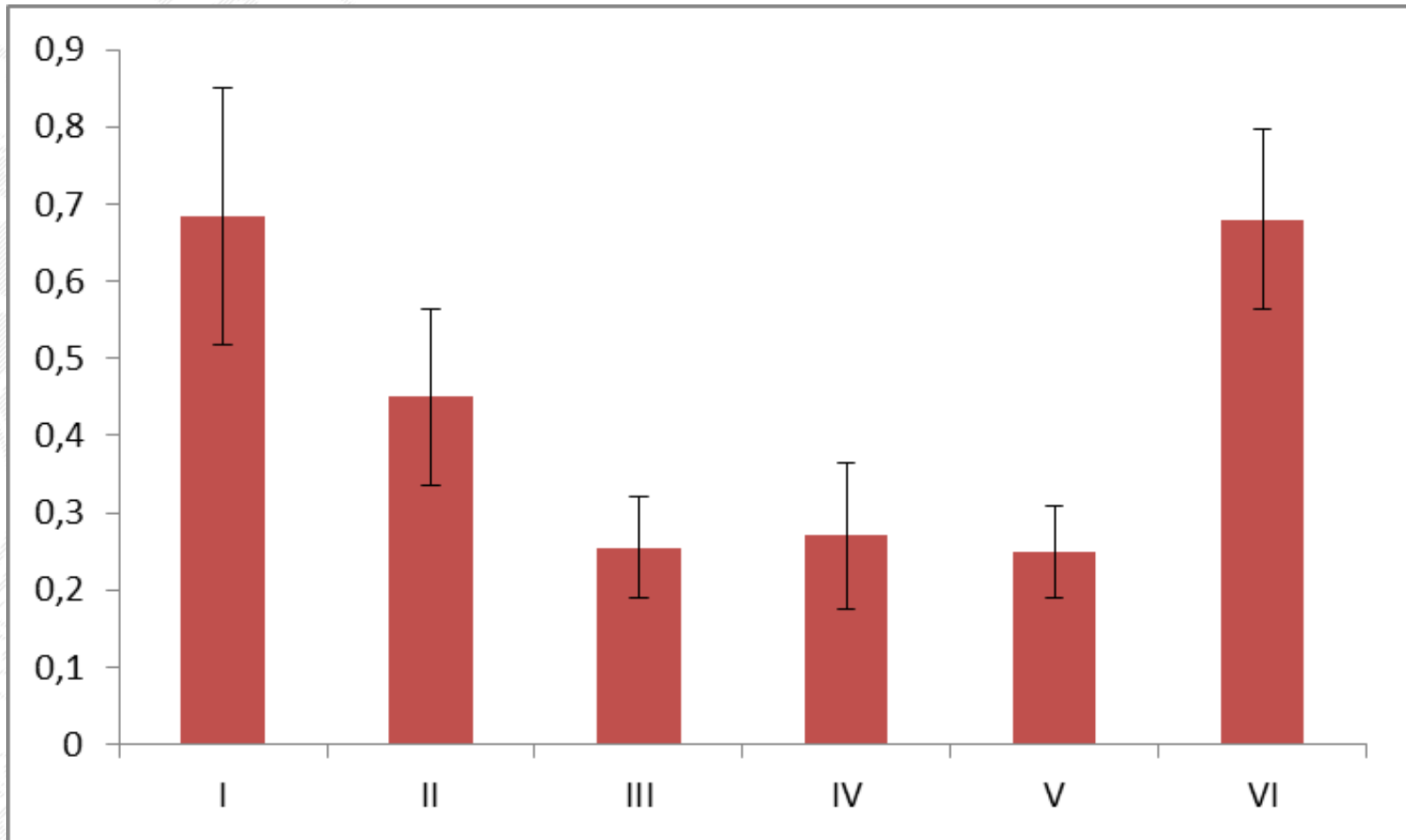
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IVa

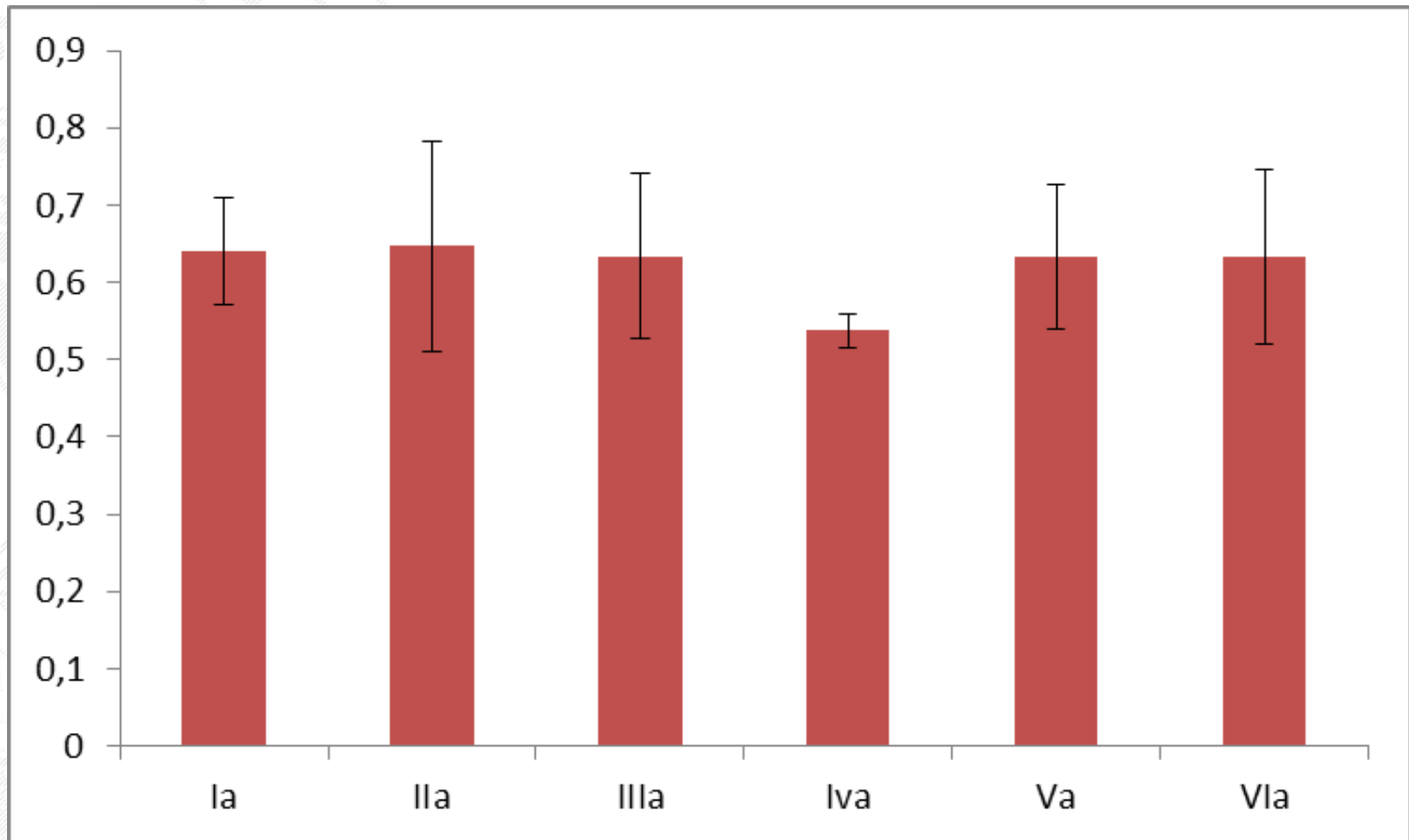
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Results – Polysaccharides content capillary tuft Group1



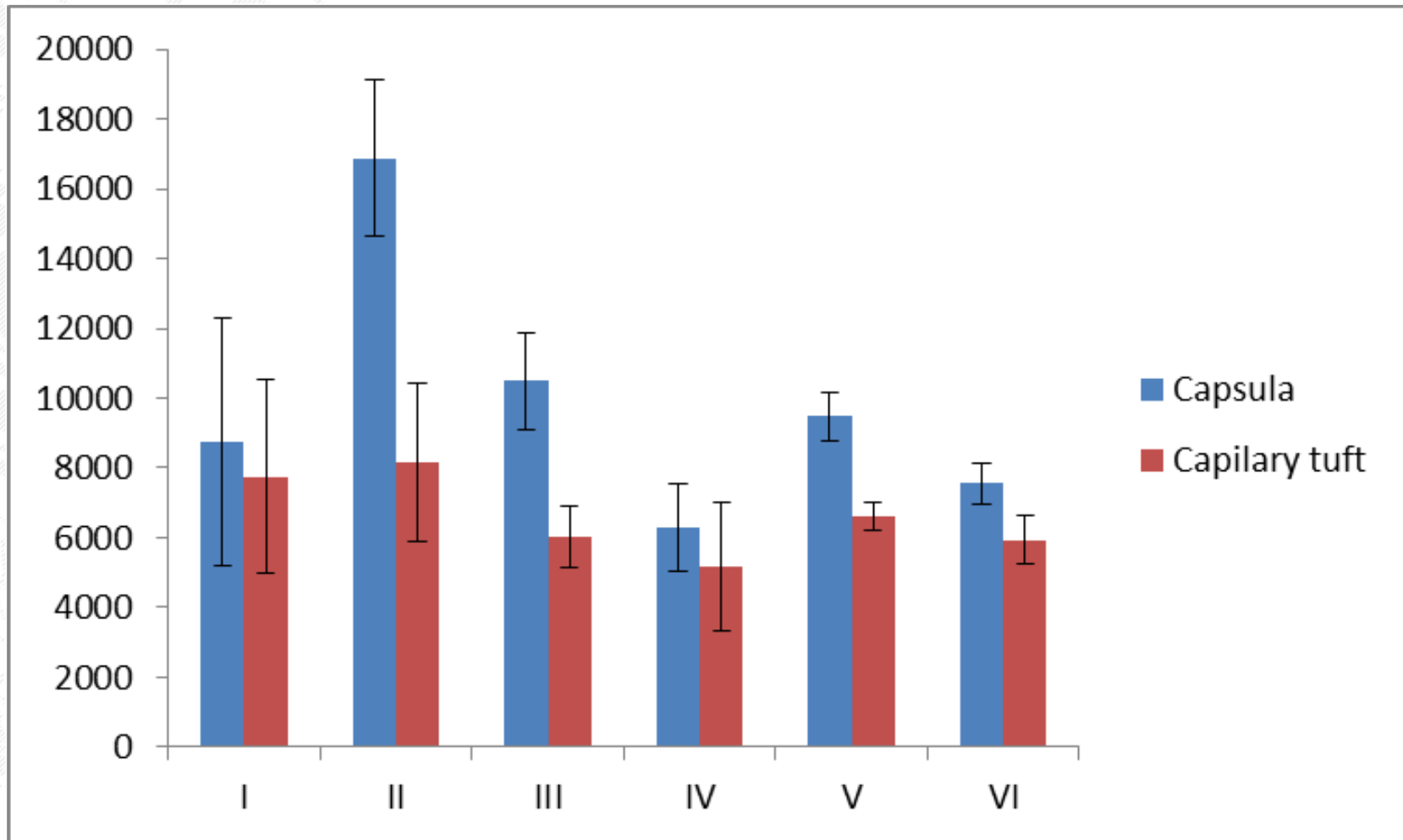
Polysaccharides content In capillary tuft. Differences between II, III, IV, V and VI group are statistically significant at $\alpha = 0,05$.

Results - Polysaccharides content in capillary tuft Group2



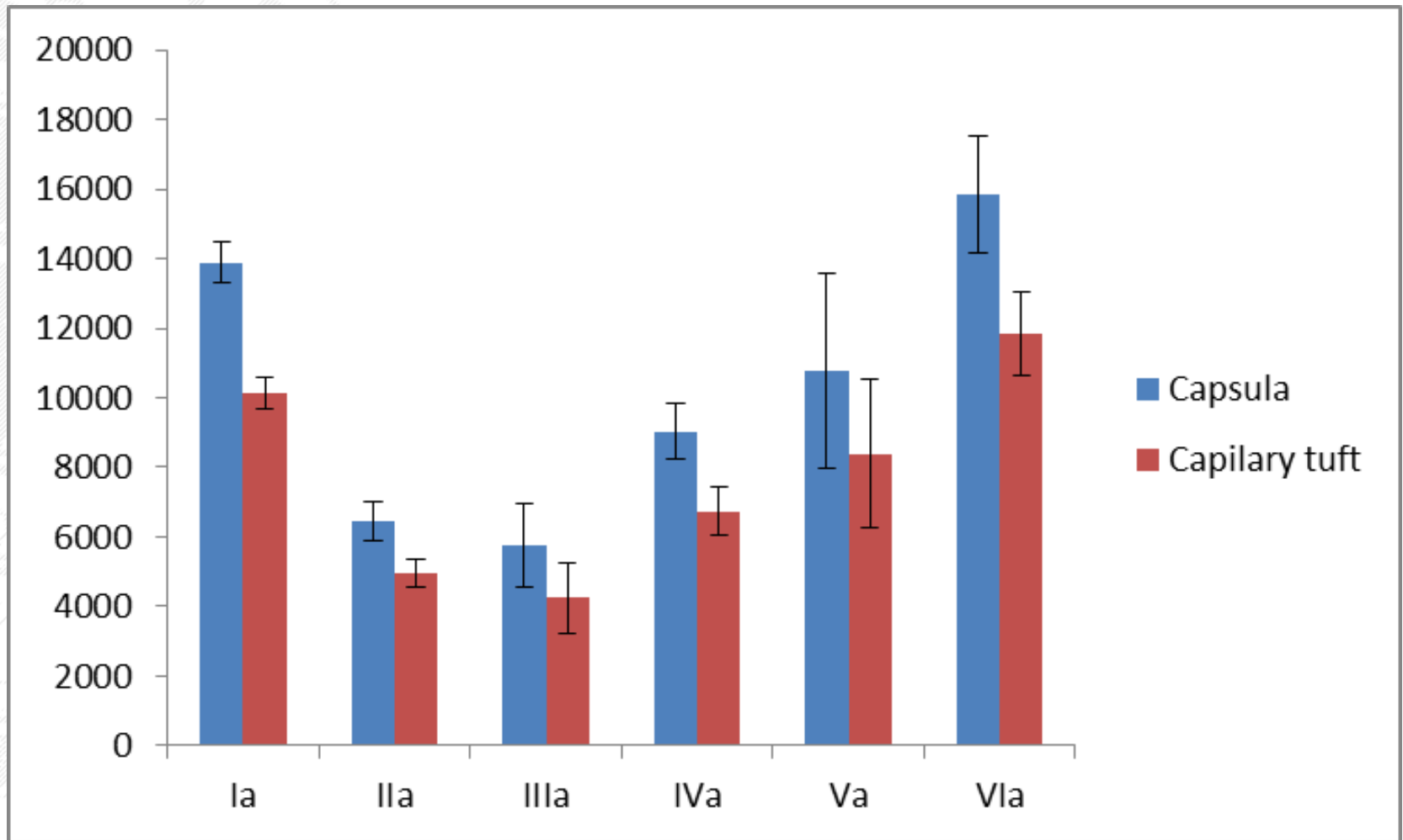
Polysaccharides content In capillary tuft. Difference between control and IVa group is statistically significant at $\alpha = 0,05$.

Results – Morphometry Group 1



Surface area of capsula and capillary tuft in regular diet

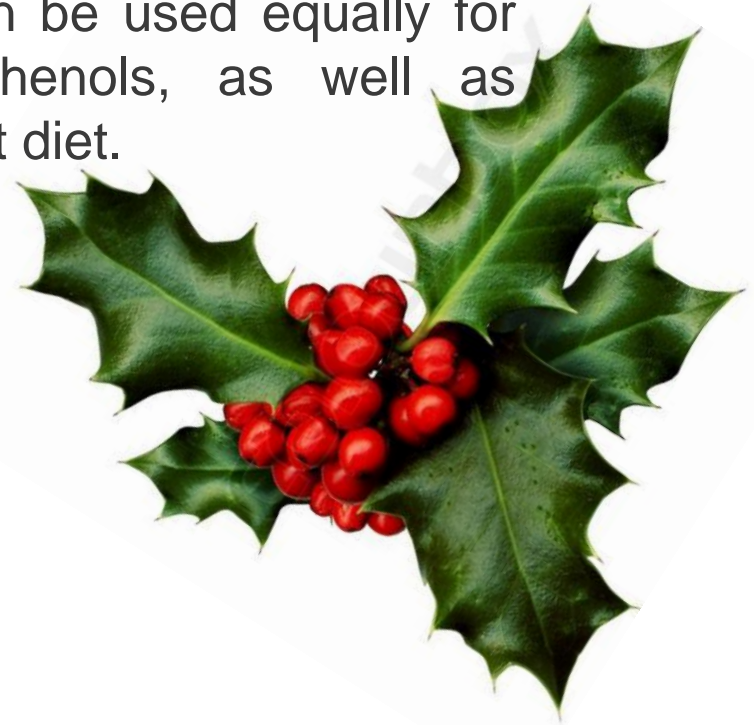
Results- Morphometry Group2



Surface area of capsula and capillary tuft in HCHD diet

Conclusion

In conclusion, extracts of terpenoids and saponins from *Ilex meserveae* seems to have no influence on kidney status. However, polyphenols present in extract as well as in the infusion from *Ilex meserveae* and *Ilex paraguayensis* in normal diet have toxic effect which is decreased by high fat diet. This is synergistic effect and can be used equally for protection of kidney against polyphenols, as well as protection of the kidney against high fat diet.





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