

## Poster

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## BACKGROUND

Warfarin is a known anticoagulant drug, frequently used in order to prevent thrombosis and thromboembolism. In the organism, this drug binds to serum albumin, the most abundant protein in the human body. Diterpenes are substances present in non-filtered coffee that interact with the albumin structure. Seric albumin is known as a nutritional risk indicator used frequently in clinical context. However its accuracy has been questioned several times throughout the last decade. 1

## AIM

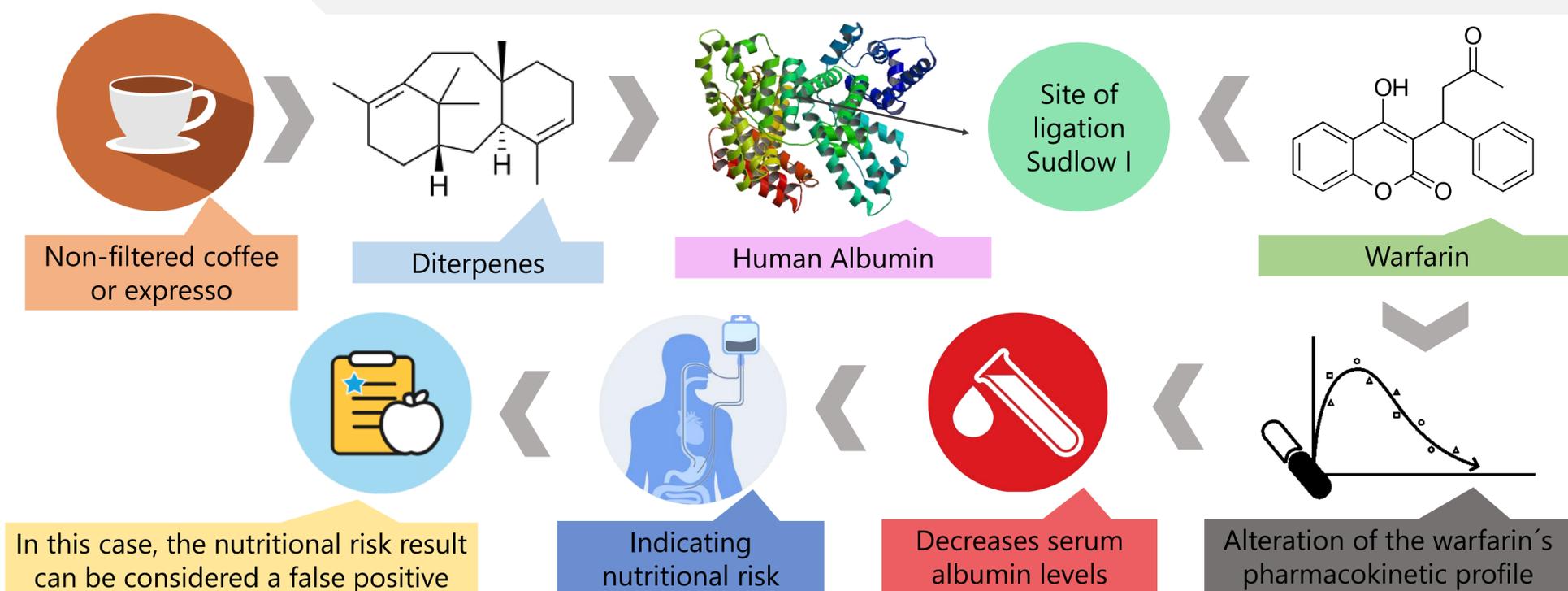
This study aims to understand how the relationship between warfarin and diterpenes influences the nutritional diagnosis.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

It was conducted a review process, recurring to scientific the databases PubMed and Scholar Google until March 28, 2019, using the terms "diterpenes", "malnutrition", "seric albumin" and "warfarin". Then the articles were selected taking into account the filters "FreeFullText" and "Humans".

## RESULTS

The human albumin secondary structure suffers a conformational alteration increasing its affinity for drugs that bind at sudlow I, in this case, warfarin.



## CONCLUSION

The combined intake of diterpenes and warfarin may culminate in a nutritional diagnosis error, due to hypoalbuminemia status caused. Therefore, seric albumin cannot be considered an accurate nutritional risk indicator in these cases.

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