

**Table S1:** Tentative annotation of the major anthocyanins detected in the purple corn cob powder<sup>1</sup>

Compound	R <sub>t</sub>	UV/Vis		LC-ESI MS	LC-ESI MS fragments <sup>2</sup>	Structure
		$\lambda_{\max}$				
	<i>min</i>	<i>nm</i>	<i>(m/z) [M+H<sup>+</sup>]</i>			
1	2.48	281/515	449.10	287.13 (Cy) <sup>+</sup>	Cyanidin-glucoside	
2	3.12	280/510	433.11	271.06 (Pg) <sup>+</sup>	Pelargonidin-glucoside	
3	3.53	280/515	463.12	301.07 (Peo) <sup>+</sup>	Peonidin-glucoside	
4	4.10	281/520	535.10	287.13 (Cy) <sup>+</sup>	Cyanidin-malonylglucoside	
5	4.90	280/506	519,11	271.06 (Pg) <sup>+</sup>	Pelargonidin-malonylglucoside	
6	5.27	281/519	549.12	301.07 (Peo) <sup>+</sup>	Peonidin-malonylglucoside	
7	5.32	281/519	621.10	287.05 (Cy) <sup>+</sup>	Cyanidin-dimalonylglucoside	

<sup>1</sup>Peaks 1 to 7 (as indicated in Figure S1) were identified based on photo diode array absorbance and mass fragmentation patterns. The purified substances were analysed by HPLC and ESI-MS. Spectral characteristics, molecular ions and fragments of the different compounds are presented.

<sup>2</sup>Fragments: Cyanidin (Cy); Peonidin (Peo); Pelargonidin (Pg).

Gene	Primer sequence	Gene	Primer sequence
Adiponectin	5'-GCACTGGCAAGTTCTACTGCAA-3' for	CCL2	5'-AGGTCTTCAGCACCTTTGAAT-3' for
	5'-GTAGGTGAAGAGAACGGCCTTGT-3' rev		5'-TCACACTGGTCACTCCTACA-3' rev
Leptin	5'-CCTGTGGCTTTGGTCCTATC-3' for	F4/80	5'-CGTCAGGTACGGGATGAATATAAG-3' for
	5'-GATCTGGTGACAATGGTCTT-3' rev		5'-ATCTTGGAAAGTGGATGGCATAG-3' rev
Perilipin	5'-GGTGTACGGATAACGTGGTAG-3' for	TNF $\alpha$	5'-GAAAAGCAAGCAGCCAACCA-3' for
	5'-GATGTCTCGGAATTCGCTCTC-3' rev		5'-CGGATCATGCTTTCTGTGCTC-3' rev
Resistin	5'-AGAAGGCACAGCAGTCTTG-3' for	Hmox1	5'-GTCCTGAAGAAGATTGCACAGA-3' rev
	5'-GTCCAGTCTATCCTTGCACAC-3' rev		5'-GTCGATGTTCCGGGAAGGTAAA-3' rev
Rbp4	5'-AGACAGTACTCCTTTGTGTTT-3' for	Fpn1	5'-CGGTCTTTGGTCCTTTGATTTG-3' for
	5'-CAATCCATCTGTAAGTGCCTCTC-3' rev		5'-GCAGAAGGTCAAGAAGGTAGTT-3' rev
TGF $\beta$	5'-AGAGCGTCTATCACCCATCT-3' for	CD163	5'-AGTCATCTGCACTGGGAAAG-3' for
	5'-CTCATCCACCACCATGTCTTC-3' rev		5'-GACATGAACTCGGAGCAGATAA-3' rev
Arg1	5'-AGCAGAGGAGGTGAAGAGTA-3' for	TfR1	5'-TCCTGTGCCCCTATGTATCT-3' for
	5'-GTAGTCAGTCCCTGGCTTATG-3' rev		5'-CGAAGCTTCAAGTTCTCCACTA-3' rev
IL10	5'-GAGGCGCTGTCATCGATTT-3' for	Cerulopl.	5'-AGAGAGACTGCAAACCTATTC-3' for
	5'-CACCTTGGTCTTGGAGCTTATT-3' rev		5'-CCTGTGTAGTGATCCGTTGTAAG-3' rev
Cox2	5'-CATCCCAGGCCGACTAAAT-3' for	FtL1	5'-GCCATGGAGAAGAACCTGAA-3' for
	5'-TGGGCATAAAGCTATGGTTAGA-3' rev		5'-TTTCCAGGAAGTCACAGAGATG-3' rev
IL6	5'-CCAGAGTCCTTCAGAGAGATACA-3' for	FtH1	5'-ACTGCACAAACTGGCTACTG-3' for
	5'-CCTTCTGTGACTCCAGCTTATC-3' rev		5'-CGTGGTCACCCAGTTCTTTAAT-3' rev
IL1b	5'-GGTGTGTGACGTTCCCATTA-3' for	Fizz1	5'-TGCCAATCCAGCTAACTATCC-3' for
	5'-ATTGAGGTGGAGAGCTTTCAG-3' rev		5'-CACACCCAGTAGCAGTCATC-3' rev

**Table S2.** Primer sequences utilized for qPCR evaluation of gene expression.

**Table S3.** Body weight gain, energy intake and feed efficiency<sup>1</sup>

	CTR+H <sub>2</sub> O	HF+H <sub>2</sub> O	HF+RED
Body weight gain (g)	13.7±0.5	23.2±0.7****	25.3±1.1****
Energy intake (kcal/week)	85.0±1.4	86.4±1.5	87.4±1.1
Feed efficiency <sup>2</sup>	1.3±0.1	2.2±0.1****	2.4±0.2****

<sup>1</sup>Values are mean ± SEM. <sup>2</sup>Body weight gain (g) / kcal consumed. \*\*\*\*p<0.0001 vs CTR+H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Table S4.** Non-esterified fatty acids (NEFA) in plasma of mice under dietary treatments

	Miristic (C14)	Palmitoleic (C16:1)	Palmitic (C16:0)	Linoleic (C18:2)	Oleic (C18:1)	Vaccenic (C18:1)	Stearic (C18:0)	Total NEFA
CTR+H <sub>2</sub> O	4.73±1.26	39.46±12.34	33.04±7.29	18.10±2.59	44.03±8.04	10.41±3.00	13.68±3.53	163.46±38.05
HF+H <sub>2</sub> O	5.45±0.28	3.41±0.22*	59.03±6.64	42.71±6.40	86.94±21.69**	10.42±0.80	42.84±8.07	250.80±39.20
HF+RED	3.78±0.66	2.67±0.47*	41.32±4.18	32.43±4.67	72.39±11.30	8.27±1.44	29.72±6.09	190.59±26.58

Concentrations are expressed as ng/mL. Results are expressed as mean ±SEM (n=5-6). \*, p<0.05, \*\*, p<0.01 vs CTR+H<sub>2</sub>O.