

Toothpaste Can Cause Diabetes, Study Says

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Washington, Jul 24 (Prensa Latina) The titanium dioxide present in toothpaste favors the appearance of diabetes type two, according to research by the University of Texas, United States.

To demonstrate that statement, the authors analyzed small samples of pancreas tissue from 11 volunteers, says an article in the journal *Chemical Research in Toxicology*.

As a result, eight of them suffered from diabetes type two and titanium dioxide (E171) was found in their parts. No trace of the chemical was found in the remaining three people.

The authors announced they expect to repeat the experiment in a larger group of people.

E171 is widely used in cosmetics and food industries for its ability to provide a whitish color to products.

Diabetes type two is a metabolic disorder characterized by high blood sugar levels. Its classic symptoms are excessive thirst, frequent urination and constant

hunger.

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