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Estrogen action is exerted in target tissues via binding to one of the two estradiol receptors (ER or ER ) each of which is encoded by unique genes. Estradiol receptors act as dimers to regulate transcriptional activation [56].

The present study demonstrates that the expression of VEGF, an endothelial cell-specific mitogen and permeability factor, in myometrium, perimetrium and perivascular area was increased significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) in soy phytoestrogens fed group (G2) than control (G1). This effect was associated with an increase in uterine vasculature with presence of newly formed blood vessels in G2. These findings agree with previous results of Ikeda et al. [70] and Mosquette et al. [71] who investigated the positive effect of phytoestrogens on VEGF and

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