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*Physical activity and health in Chinese children*

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PHD Hongzhen Wang; Zhejiang A&F University, School of Food and Health  
*Secondary metabolites engineering of medicinal plant*

Associate professor Kirsi Laitinen, University of Turku, Institute of Biomedicine, Faculty of Medicine; *Early Nutrition and Health - research group*

University teacher Marika Kalpio; University of Turku, Department of Life Technologies / Food Chemistry and Food Development  
*Method for analyzing chiral triacylglycerols (TAGs) in nutritionally important lipids*

Professor Baoru Yang; University of Turku, Food Chemistry and Food Development Unit  
*Lipids in Infant Nutrition*

Professor Qing Gu; Zhejiang Gongshang University, Food Microbiology  
*Probiotics and Human Health*

Researcher Zhan Ye; Jiangnan University, School of Food Science and Technology  
*Dietary lipid gastrointestinal digestion and enteral health*

Research fellow, Associated Professor Lina Zhang; Jiangnan University  
*Digestibility and allergenicity of milk proteins*

Researcher Jie Zheng; Jinan University, Department of Food Science and Engineering: *Interactions between amino acids and polyphenols with reactive aldehydes in foods*

Project Researcher Kaile Kubota University of Turku, Department of Nursing Science  
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Professor Yumei Zhang; Peking University, School of Public Health; *Food active ingredients, Nutrition & Health*

# Finland-China Food and Health Network (2021-2024)

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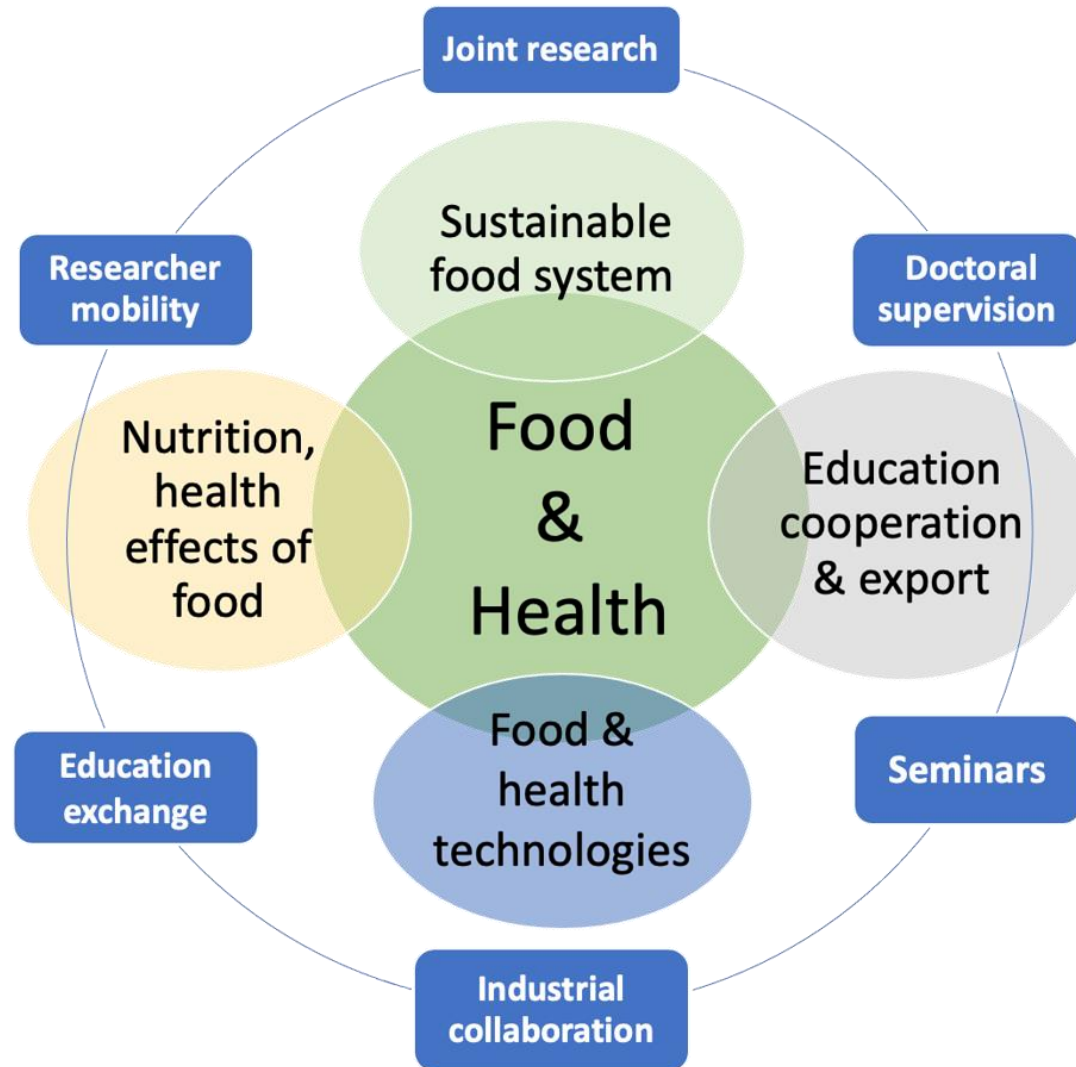
# Finland – China Food and Health Network

## Long term goals:

- To enhance cooperation between Finnish and Chinese HEIs
- To build up a unique platform for multidisciplinary research and academia-industrial collaboration
- To generate top level science and innovation with strong impact
- To support business partnerships between Finland and China
- To enhance awareness and branding of Finland and China to enhance mobility of experts between the two countries



# Finland – China Food and Health Network



# Participating Finnish Institutions

- University of Turku  
(coordinator)
- University of Helsinki
- University of Eastern  
Finland
- University of Oulu
- Tampere University
- University of Vaasa
- Åbo Akademi University

## Universities of Applied Sciences:

- Seinäjoki
- Centria
- Laurea
- Häme
- Savonia
- Jyväskylä
- LAB
- Satakunta
- Tampere
- Lapland
- Vaasa
- Kajaani
- Karelia

# Action plan for 2021 - 2022



2021

- Support from the Ministry of Education and Culture, Finland
- Establishment of the network in 2021 with Finnish institutes
- Building on active research contacts with Chinese collaborators

Kick-off  
Event

- Kick-off event (Nov.1, 2021) with almost 40 Chinese and Finnish researchers presenting, over 130 registered participants
- Focus on building more research co-operation in cooperation and together with Chinese partners; universities and companies

2022

- Network co-operation develops with joint actions like seminars, project planning, supervision, exchange and identifying industrial co-operators, for example.
- Creating dialogue between Chinese and Finnish researchers and companies
- Mapping educational co-operation possibilities

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FCFH - Finland - China Food and  
Health network:  
Subgroup Nutrition, health  
effects and food  
Kick-off 1.11.2021



# Aim

- To create **multidisciplinary actions** among Finnish and Chinese Universities and Research Institutes
  - To maintain and support existing collaborations
  - To facilitate new, potential collaborations
- Main focus in research collaboration, but educational activities are supported
- Interested institutes have discussed and presented the main focus areas, but they are open for discussion

# Suggested topics for the common interests

## 1. Child and maternal health and wellbeing

- Infant health
- School children nutrition
- Interested institutes/Finland: UTU, UTA, UH, SeAMK, UO

## 2. Metabolic diseases

- Diet, food and physical activity, lifestyle modifications
- Novel bioactive molecules
- Gut microbiota related metabolism
- Obesity related metabolic disorders, such as fibrosis, inflammation
- Traditional fermented foods, also from the view point of microbes used in the processing
- Functional Materials for bioactive molecules delivery and metabolic disease related tissue engineering
- Interested Institutes/Finland: UEF, UO, UH, UJ, ÅAU, UTU, SeAMK

# Potential Institutes noted in the discussions

## FINLAND:

- University of Turku
- University of Eastern Finland
- University of Oulu
- University of Helsinki
- University of Jyväskylä
- University of Tampere
- Åbo Akademi
- Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences

## CHINA

- Peking University
- Sun Yat Sen
- University of Hong Kong
- Shenzhen University
- China Medical University
- Shenyang University
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Shenzhen Polytechnic
- Beijing Sport University
- Zhejiang University



# Research and Educational collaboration in the fields of Nutrition, Health and Food Safety

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SeAMK 

# Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences (SeAMK)

**International – Entrepreneurial - Best for the Student**

**Faculties: Business and Culture, Food and Agriculture, Health Care and Social Work, Technology**



**Bachelor Degree Programmes in English:**

- **Agri-Food Engineering**
- **Automation Engineering**
- **International Business**
- **Nursing**

**Master Degree in International Business Management**

**Profile Areas: Sustainable Food Solutions, Smart and Energy Efficient Systems, Welfare and Creativity, Entrepreneurship and Growth**

- 5,000 full-time students - 10 % international
- 21 Bachelor and 13 Master Programmes
- 21 Double Degree and Joint Programmes in nine countries
- 210 partner universities in 52 countries (China since 1996)
- 80 enterprises in the same Campus (triple-helix)
- South Ostrobothnia is the Food Province of Finland, (e.g. Atria plc.)

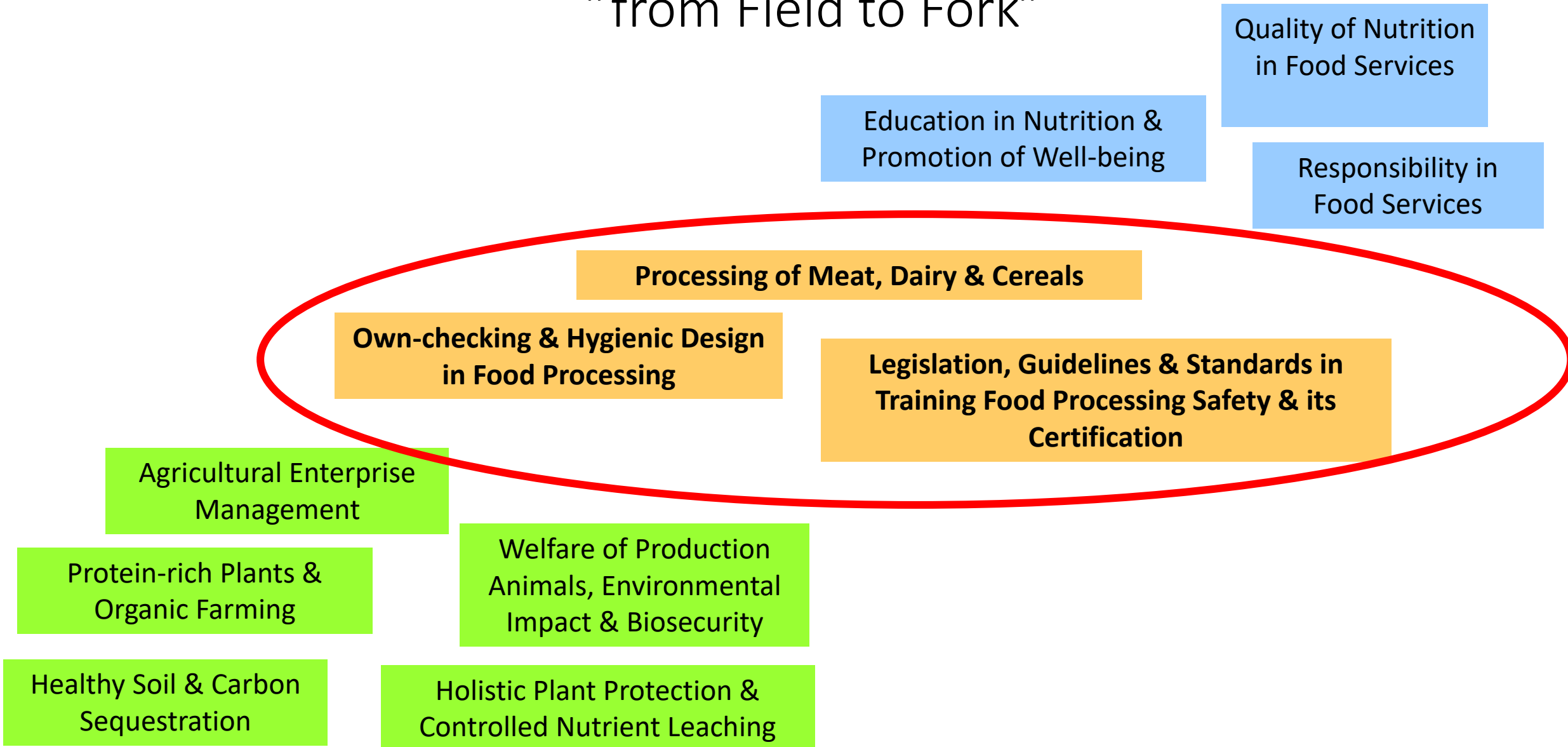
**Rated as the best UAS 2020 in Finland by the graduates**

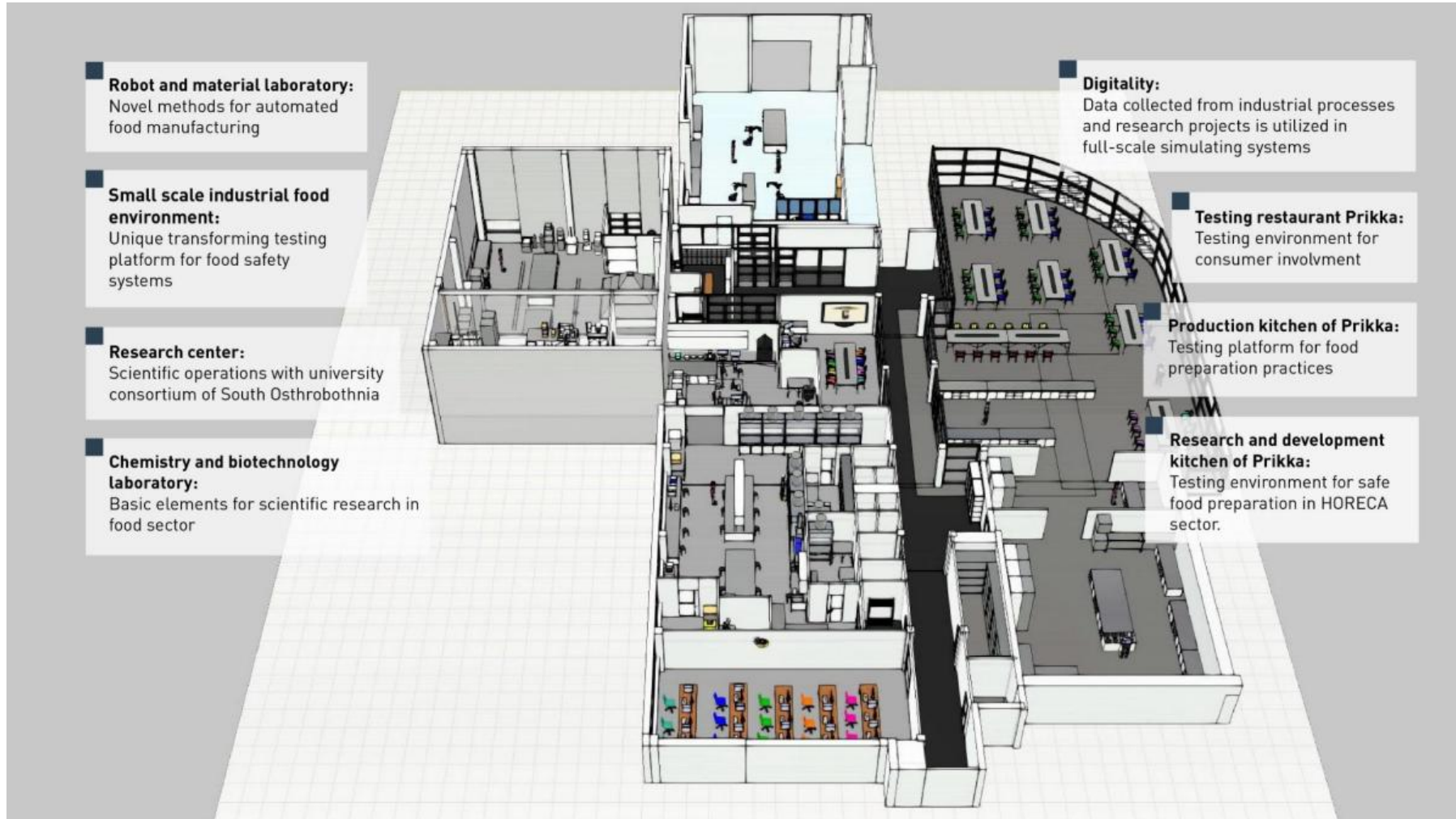
# Sustainable agri-food solutions

in agriculture, food processing & hospitality management



# SeAMK Highlights within the Research and Education Themes "from Field to Fork"





Picture/Kuva: Karri Kallio & Jarmo Alarinta

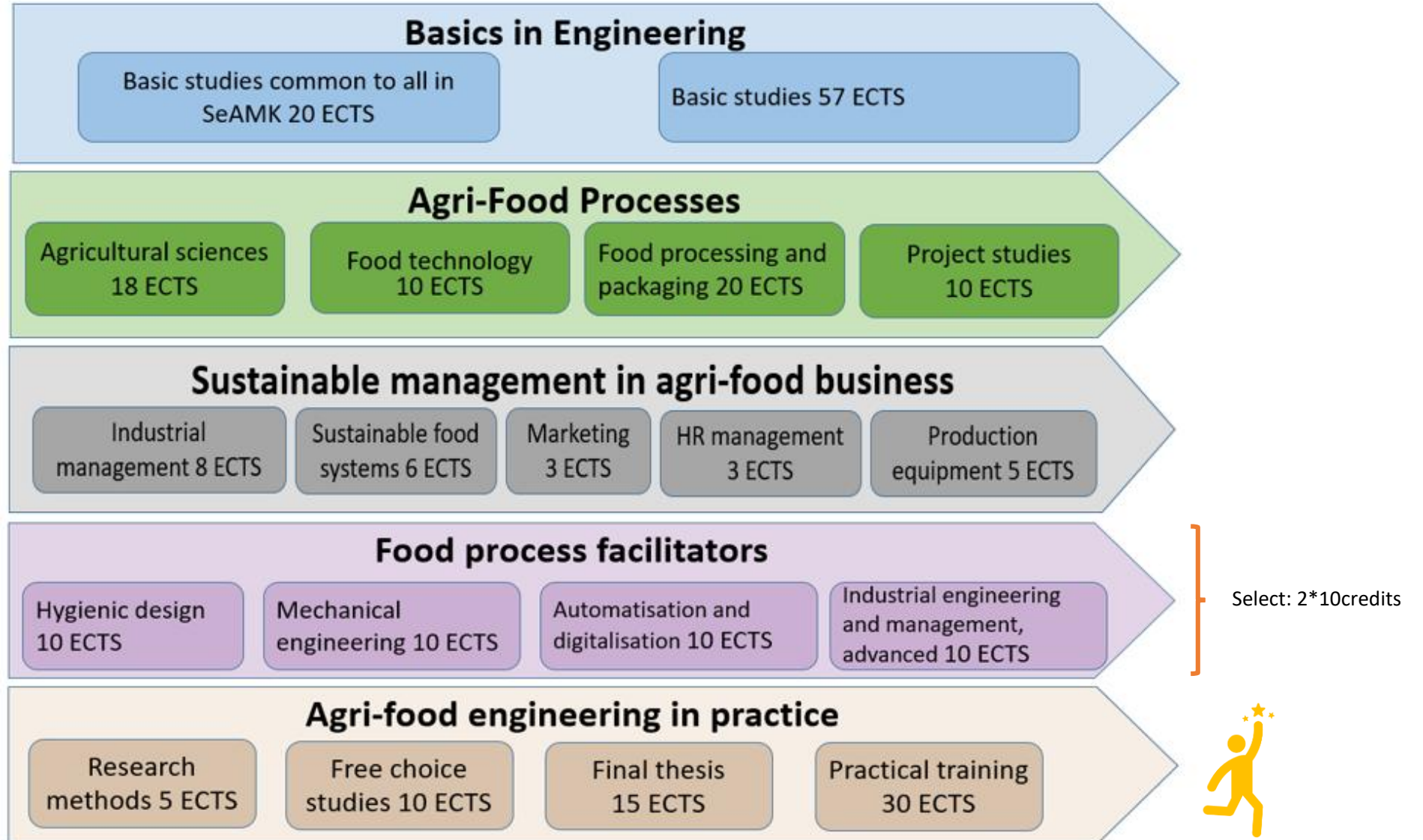


# RDI - Sustainable Agri-Food Solutions

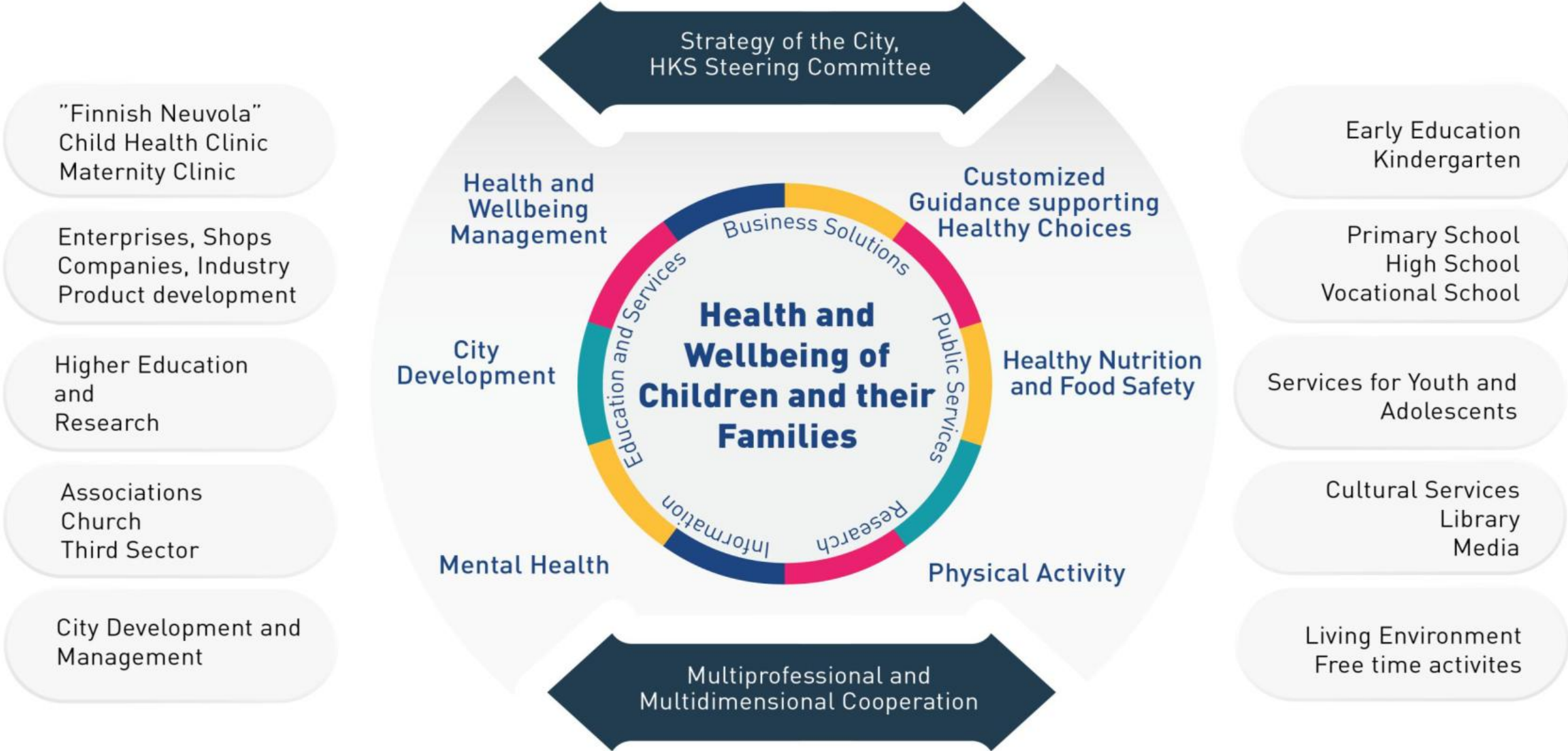
- We have an experienced and **multidisciplinary group** of experts, **totally 45 persons**
- The **annual volume** of projects is about **1.2 M€**
- **150 publications/annually**
- The **main funding** comes from the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (**EAFRD**), European Regional Development Fund (**ERDF**), **Interreg Europe**, **Horizon 2020** and **Erasmus+**
- More information on sustainable food chain studies and **RDI activities can be found on the website [www.seamk.fi](http://www.seamk.fi)**

# Agri-Food Engineering (AFE) Bachelor Degree Programme

4 years / 240 ECTS credits, starting in September 2022



# Healthy Kids of Seinäjoki® Platform



# Healthy Kids of Seinäjoki

**Aim: Supporting overall Health and Wellbeing of Children, Adolescents and their Families**

**Roots on obesity and overweight prevention of children and prevention of long-term illnesses**

## **Research interests in supporting health and wellbeing of children:**

- *Health and Wellbeing Management*
- *City and Living Environment Development and Management*
- ***Guidance supporting Healthy Choices based on the needs of the Family***
  - ***Healthy Nutrition, Food Safety, School Meals***
  - *Physical Activity and Exercise supporting Health*
  - *Multiprofessional and Multidimensional Cooperation*
    - ***Child Obesity and overweight prevention***
- ***New Product Innovations with the companies and industry***
  - ***Effectiveness of the interventions and methods***

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# Physical activity and health in Chinese children

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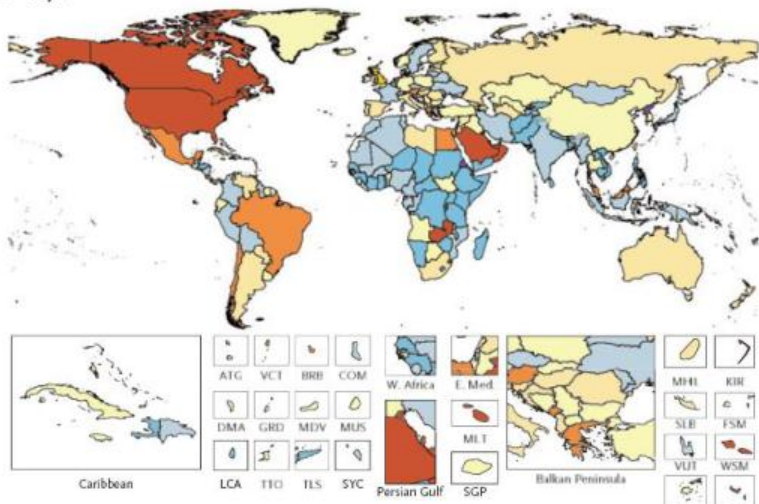
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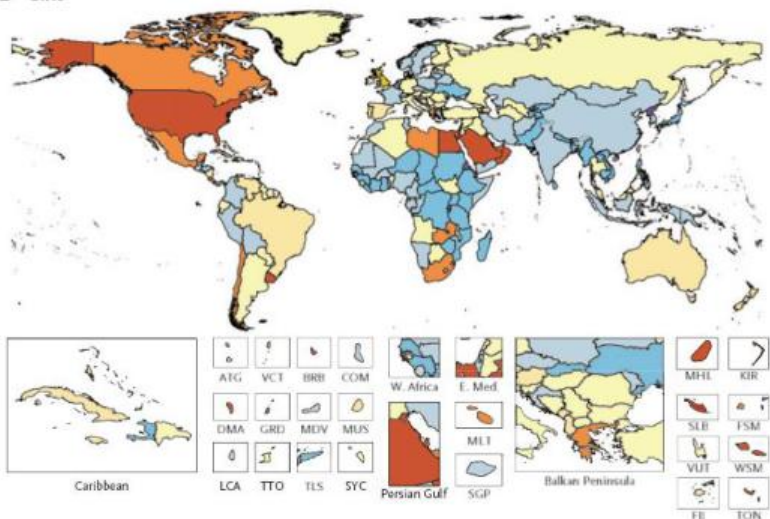
# Chinese Obese Children

Prevalence of Obesity ■ <0.01 ■ 0.01-0.029 ■ 0.03-0.049 ■ 0.05-0.069 ■ 0.07-0.089 ■ 0.09-0.109 ■ >0.11

C Boys



D Girls



Prevalence of Obesity at the Global Level (Reilly et al., 2017)

表 3-2 我国 7-18 岁学龄儿童超重肥胖检出率及预测率(%)

		1985	1995	2000	2005	2010	2014	2020	2030
超重	小计	2.1(497)	4.1(1014)	7.4(1761)	8.7(2001)	9.6(1880)	12.2(2198)	13.8(2439)	17.3(3057)
	城市男	1.2	5.1	11.8	13.3	14.6	17.1	21.0	26.8
	乡村男	3.2	3.8	6.5	8.2	9.3	12.6	13.2	16.4
	城市女	2.9	5.5	8.0	8.7	8.6	10.6	12.1	14.7
	乡村女	1.3	2.2	3.4	4.6	6.0	8.3	8.6	10.9
肥胖	小计	0.5(118)	2.5(619)	4.6(1095)	6(1380)	5.0(979)	7.3(1315)	8.5(1502)	10.7(1891)
	城市男	0.2	5.1	8.7	11.4	8.6	11.1	14.3	18.1
	乡村男	0.9	1.5	3.4	5.1	4.5	7.7	7.9	10.2
	城市女	0.5	2.6	4.1	5.0	4.1	5.8	6.8	8.5
	乡村女	0.3	1.1	2.3	2.6	2.5	4.5	4.6	5.9
合计	小计	2.6(615)	6.7(1658)	12(2855)	14.7(3380)	14.6(2859)	19.4(3496)	22.3(3941)	28.0(4948)
	城市男	1.4	10.2	20.5	24.6	23.2	28.2	35.3	44.9
	乡村男	4.1	5.3	9.9	13.3	13.8	20.3	21.1	26.5
	城市女	3.4	8.0	12.1	13.7	12.7	16.4	18.9	23.2
	乡村女	1.6	3.3	5.7	7.2	8.6	12.8	13.2	16.8

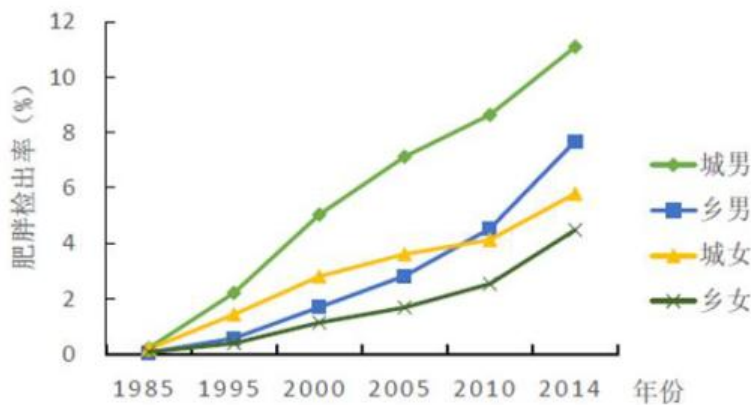


图 1-7 我国城乡学生肥胖检出率及变化 (%) (1985-2014 年) (Zhang L, et al., 2021)

It was predicted in the official report that there will be **MORE THAN 49 MILLION** overweight/obese children in China in 2030.



# Diet and PA Related to Obesity

- Overall, about 55.2% of the adolescents consumed fast food at least 1 d/w, and 10.3% did so 4–7 d/w. **BMI, physical activity and sedentary behavior** were correlated with fast food consumption (Li et al., 2020)
- Time spent in **MVPA** was positively associated with achieving the healthy zones for **BMI, upper body strength and flexibility** (Marques et al., 2015)
- Being sedentary and inactive** would increase the risk of overweight/obesity (Crowe et al., 2020)

**Table 3.** Association risk factors for fast-food consumption in five regions and total.

	Africa Region	Americas Region	Eastern Mediterranean Region	Southeast Asia Region	Western Pacific Region	Total
Age	1.061 (1.008–1.116)	0.917 (0.880–0.954)	1.004 (0.959–1.052)	1.113 (1.069–1.159)	0.856 (0.824–0.888)	0.937 (0.920–0.954)
Sex	0.712 (0.641–0.792)	1.121 (1.041–1.207)	1.076 (0.986–1.174)	1.220 (1.123–1.326)	1.064 (0.993–1.140)	1.081 (1.043–1.120)
BMI	0.975 (0.961–0.989)	0.983 (0.974–0.992)	1.019 (1.010–1.029)	1.002 (0.991–1.013)	1.028 (1.021–1.035)	0.994 (0.990–0.999)
Food insecurity	1.252 (0.971–1.614)	2.438 (1.972–3.014)	1.218 (0.939–1.581)	0.921 (0.700–1.211)	1.602 (1.317–1.948)	1.535 (1.385–1.702)
Fruits consumption	1.599 (1.432–1.786)	1.154 (1.069–1.245)	1.222 (1.115–1.339)	1.585 (1.454–1.728)	1.007 (0.937–1.081)	1.208 (1.164–1.253)
Vegetables consumption	1.299 (1.160–1.455)	1.431 (1.305–1.569)	1.233 (1.113–1.367)	1.454 (1.332–1.588)	1.303 (1.209–1.404)	1.517 (1.458–1.578)
Soft Drinking consumption	2.066 (1.837–2.322)	2.655 (2.420–2.913)	3.354 (3.064–3.670)	2.355 (2.169–2.559)	2.377 (2.218–2.547)	2.254 (2.173–2.338)
Smoking	1.667 (1.301–2.135)	1.429 (1.192–1.714)	1.664 (1.346–2.056)	0.943 (0.725–1.226)	1.762 (1.488–2.087)	1.491 (1.262–1.632)
Physical active	1.151 (1.022–1.298)	1.065 (0.982–1.154)	1.283 (1.156–1.424)	1.493 (1.361–1.638)	1.484 (1.374–1.602)	1.258 (1.209–1.308)
Sedentary behavior	1.580 (1.421–1.757)	1.284 (1.193–1.382)	2.178 (1.994–2.378)	2.096 (1.926–2.282)	1.432 (1.336–1.534)	1.491 (1.439–1.545)

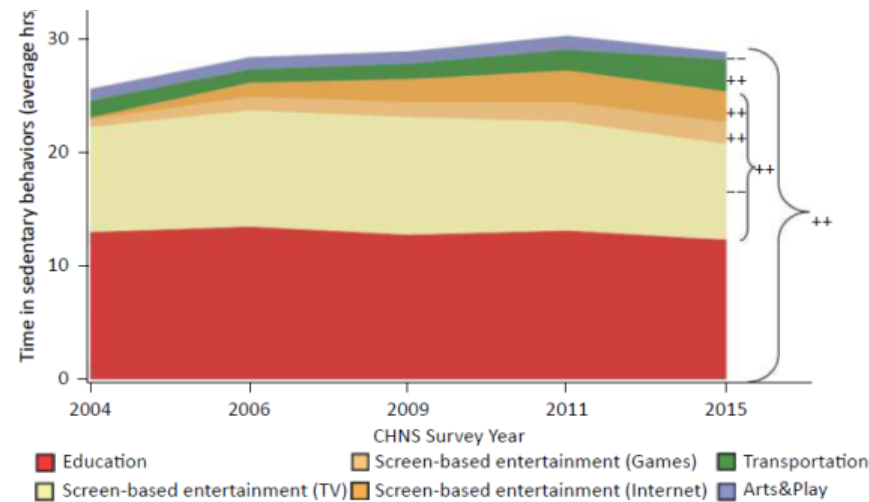
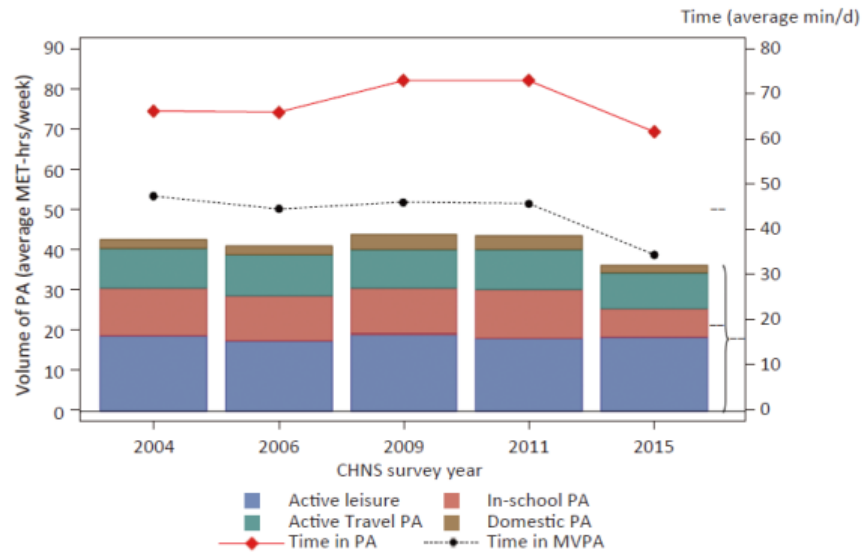
**TABLE 2.** Associations between MVPA and sedentary time with being categorized as being in the HFZ.

Achieve HFZ	MVPA	MVPA <sup>a</sup>	Sedentary Time	Sedentary Time <sup>a</sup>
BMI <sup>b</sup>				
Unhealthy zone	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)
Healthy zone	1.004 (1.000–1.008)*	1.004 (1.000–1.008)*	1.000 (0.999–1.001)	1.000 (0.999–1.001)
Push-ups <sup>b</sup>				
Unhealthy zone	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)
Healthy zone	1.005 (1.002–1.009)**	1.006 (1.003–1.010)**	1.000 (0.999–1.001)	1.000 (1.000–1.002)
Curly-ups <sup>b</sup>				
Unhealthy zone	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)
Healthy zone	0.997 (0.992–1.003)	0.995 (0.989–1.001)	0.998 (0.997–1.000)*	0.998 (0.997–0.999)**
Sit and reach <sup>b</sup>				
Unhealthy zone	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)	1.000 (reference)
Healthy zone	1.020 (1.016–1.023)***	1.018 (1.014–1.022)***	0.998 (0.997–0.998)***	0.999 (0.998–1.000)**
Fitness composite score <sup>c</sup>	0.002 (0.001–0.003)***	0.003 (0.002–0.004)***	0.000 (0.000–0.000)	0.000 (0.000–0.000)

**Table 2** Associations between combinations of physical activity and screen time recommendations with excess weight

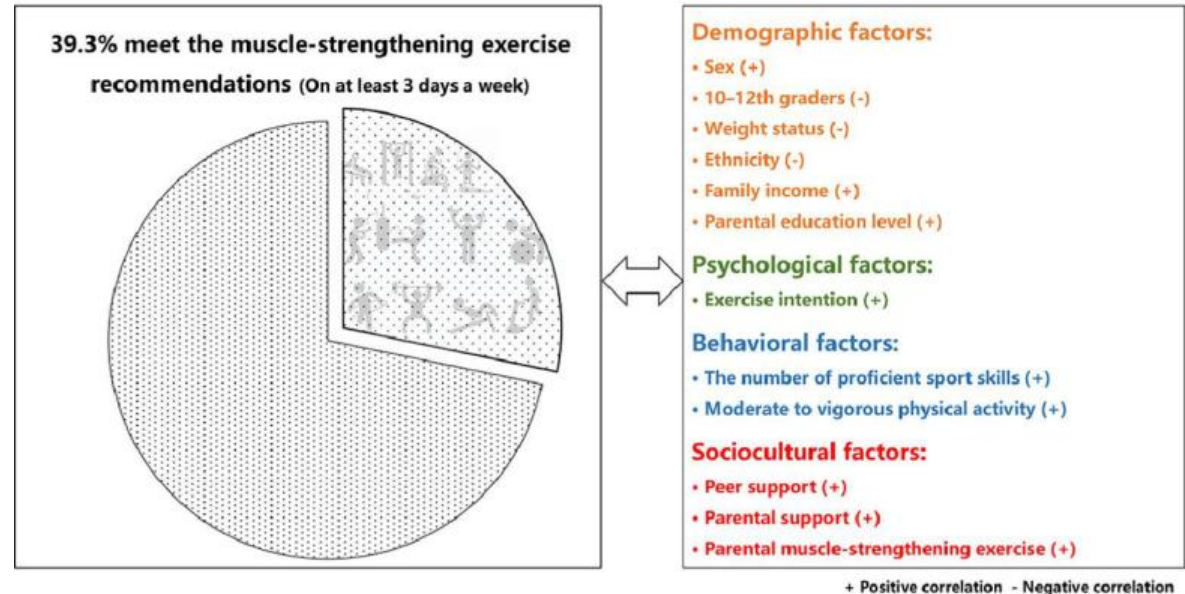
	Overweight or obesity (n = 9913)	
	OR (95% CI)	p value
Model 1		
Active and not sedentary	Reference	
Active and sedentary	1.38 (0.95–1.99)	0.088
Inactive and not sedentary	1.49 (1.17–1.91)	0.002
Inactive and sedentary	1.83 (1.38–2.43)	<0.001

# Physical Activity and Sedentary Behaviour

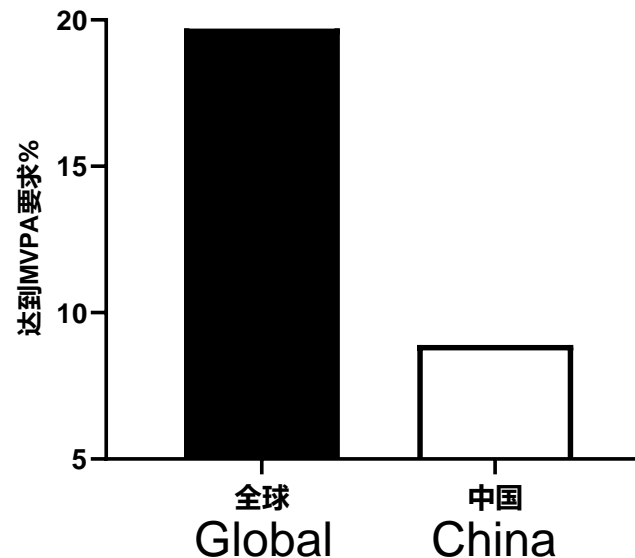


A declining PA and a increasing SB trend among Chinese children was observed from 2004 to 2015 (Yang et al., 2021).

## Prevalence and Correlates of Meeting the Muscle-strengthening Exercise Recommendations



Xin et al., 2021



The proportion of 13–15-year-olds doing more than 60 min of MVPA per day is 19.7% (Hallen et al., 2012), while only **8.9% Chinese children** reached the goal (李培红等, 2016)

# NSFC-AF

- Physical activity and sedentary patterns of Finnish and Chinese children (2019-2021)
- Sedentary behavior and physical activity in school-aged children: objectively measured sedentary time and associations with muscle inactivity and activity level (2021-2023)

# Thank you !

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# Research Progress of Food and Herbal Medicine in Zhejiang A&F University



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# About Us

The College of Food and Health originated from the subject of **Food Science and Engineering** established in 2001. And the **Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)** was created in 2003, which was the only professional subject with traditional Chinese medicine resources in Zhejiang Province.



# Faculty and Students

The college consists of a diverse group of individuals, including 63 faculty and staff, more than 1120 undergraduate students and 163 graduate students.



# Complete student training system

## Subjects

### Programs



Undergraduate

Food Science and Engineering  
Food Quality and Safety  
Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM)  
Biopharmaceutics



Master

Academic master program

Food Science and Engineering  
Chemical Biology

Professional master program

Food Processing and Safety  
Traditional Chinese Medicine



Doctor

Wildlife Protection and Utilization

# Developing History



Approved as an emerging characteristic specialty construction point in Zhejiang Province.

Approved as a first-class professional construction point in Zhejiang Province.

Traditional Chinese Medicine major was officially approved.

2019

2014

2003

2009

2018

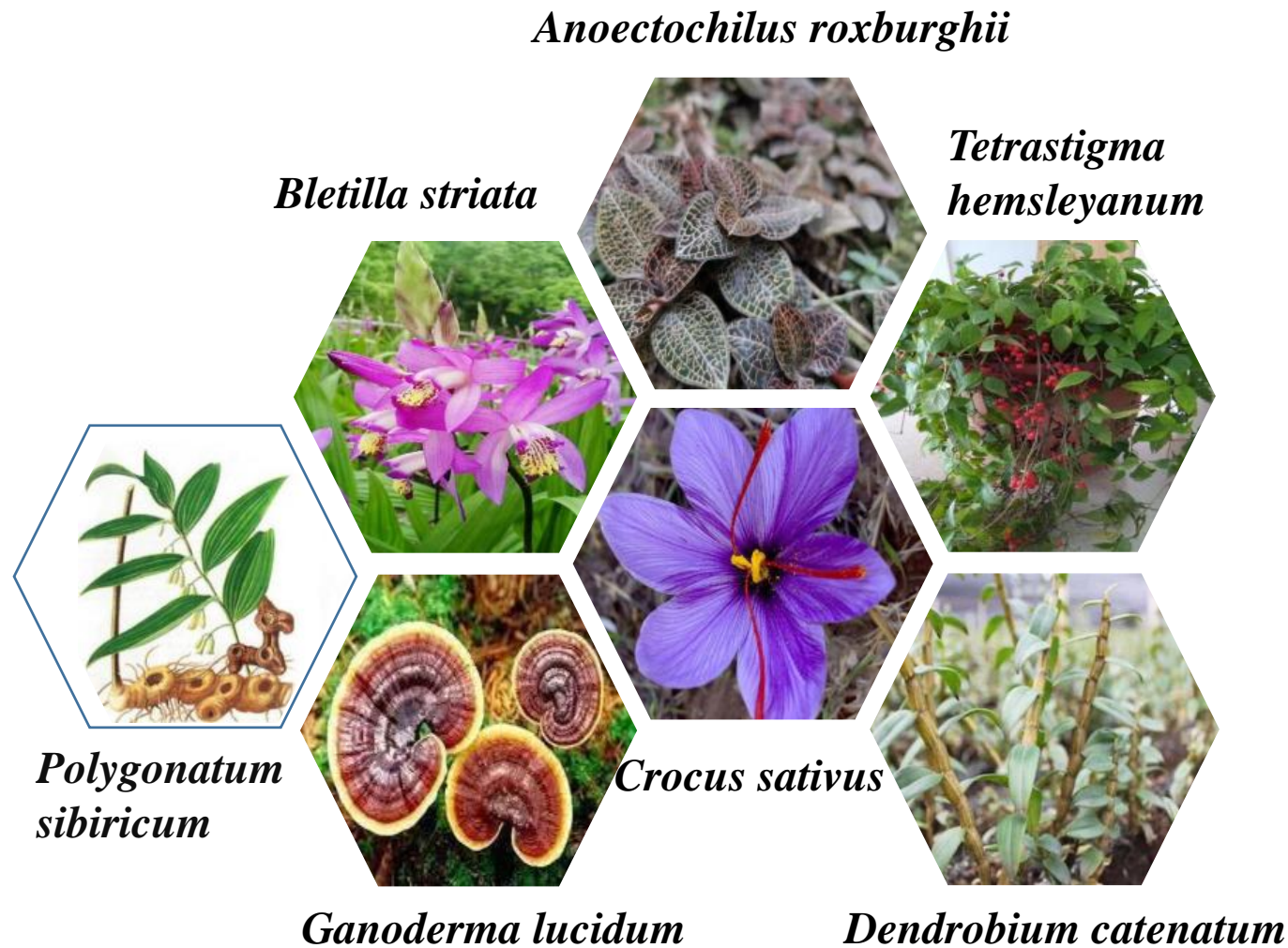
Zhejiang A&F University school-level key construction major.

Approved as master of Chinese medicine, trinity enrollment.





# Research Interests of TCM



## 3 main fields

Protection and Sustainable Utilization of TCM

Functional Screening and Evaluation of TCM

Bioengineering of TCM and Developing New Health Supplements

# ① Protection and Sustainable Utilization of TCM

## *Main contents*

- ◆ Germplasm investigation and preservation of TCM
- ◆ Reproductive ecology and evolution
- ◆ Introduction, domestication, and breeding of TCM



## *Objective*

- **Disentangle** Temporal and spatial distribution and evolution pattern of genetic variation of TCM
- **Reveal** Evolution and adaptive mechanism of TCM
- **Formulate** Strategy for TCM protection

## ② Functional Screening and Evaluation of TCM

### *Main contents*

By using patch clamp, protein coupled affinity chromatography and other technologies, an efficient **screening platform** to identify **functional ingredients** of TCM was constructed, and compounds in active components were also fished by cell models containing related target molecules.

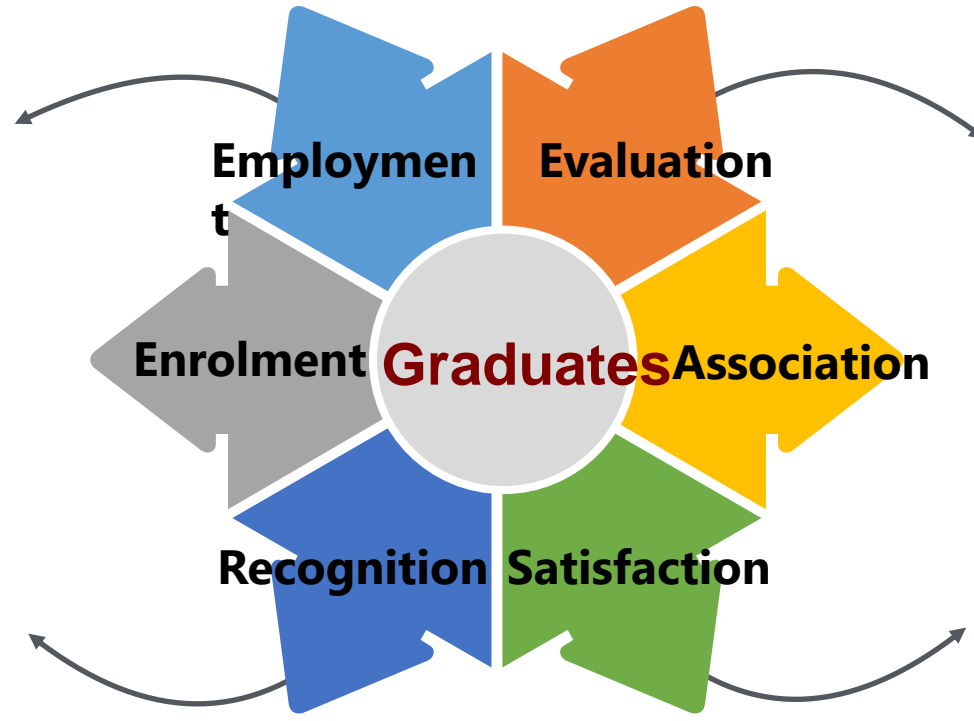
# ③ Bioengineering of TCM and Developing New Health Supplements

## *Main contents*

The **fermentation culture system** was constructed by the in vitro culture of medicinal fungi, endophytes, and tissue cells on purpose to introduce functional ingredients into yeast and other **microbes**. As a result, it enriches and generates large-scale products of functional ingredients by **microbial fermentation**.

# Graduate Quality

✦ High employment competitiveness and enrollment rate



✦ High evaluation from employers and long-term cooperation

✦ High recognition of employment and better follow-up development

✦ Supporting the development of ethnic medicine





**Thank you!**

**College of Food and Health, ZAFU**



健康生态绿色

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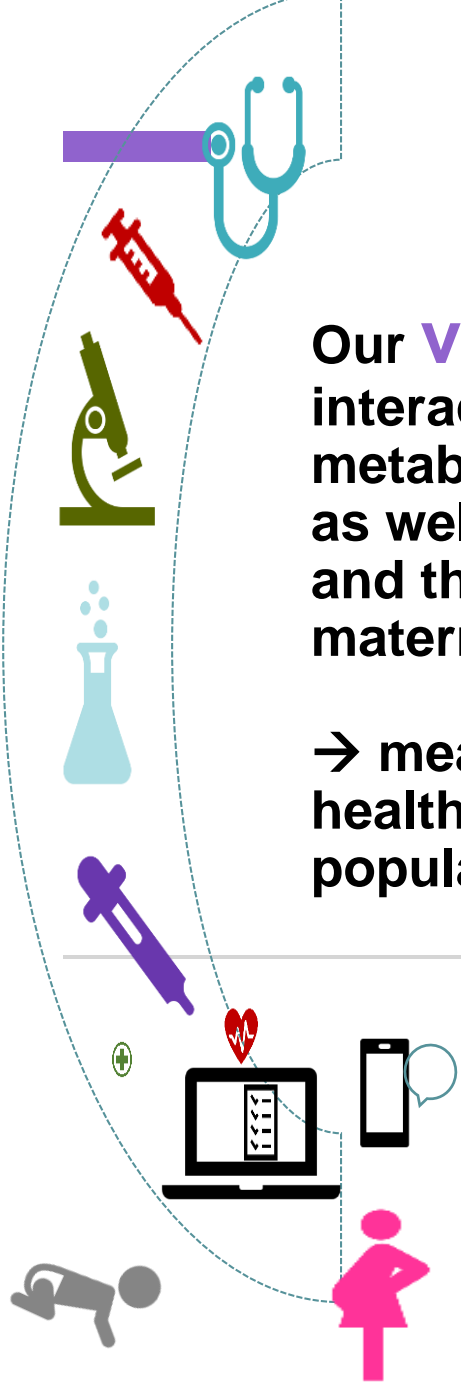



OVERWEIGHT/OBESE



GESTATIONAL DIABETES





Our **vision** is to uncover interactions between diet, metabolism and microbiome, as well as behavioral factors, and their contribution to maternal and child health.

→ means for advancing better health in these susceptible populations.



## Dietary intake of fat and fibre according to reference values relates to higher gut microbiota richness in overweight pregnant women

Henna Röytiö<sup>1</sup>, Kati Morkkala<sup>1</sup>, Tero Vahlberg<sup>2</sup> and Kirsi Laitinen<sup>1\*</sup>

Original research *Gut* 2021;**70**:309–318. doi:10.1136/gutjnl-2020-321643

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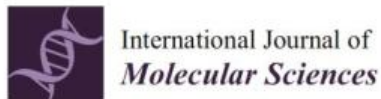
## Development of a stand-alone index for the assessment of diet quality in elementary school-aged children

Ella Koivuniemi<sup>1,\*</sup> , Outi Nuutinen<sup>2</sup>, Markus Riskumäki<sup>3</sup>, Tero Vahlberg<sup>3</sup>  and Kirsi Laitinen<sup>4</sup> 

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## Parental and Child Factors Associated With 2- to 6-Year-Old Children's Diet Quality in Finland

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## Overall Dietary Quality Relates to Gut Microbiota Diversity and Abundance

Kirsi Laitinen \* and Kati Mikkola

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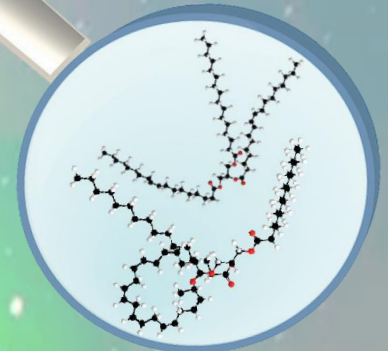
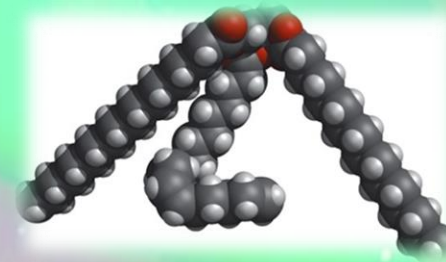


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# Method for analyzing chiral triacylglycerols (TAGs) in nutritionally important lipids

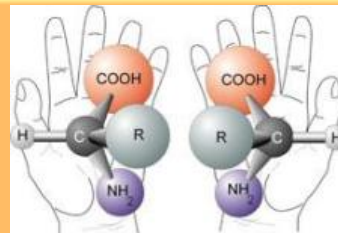


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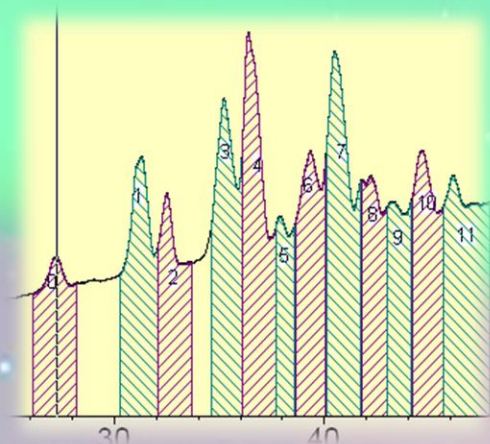
To understand

- the role of chirality in fats and oils
- the impact of the TAG regioisomers and enantiomers on metabolism, bioavailability, digestion, absorption, transport, and common health as well as on physicochemical properties



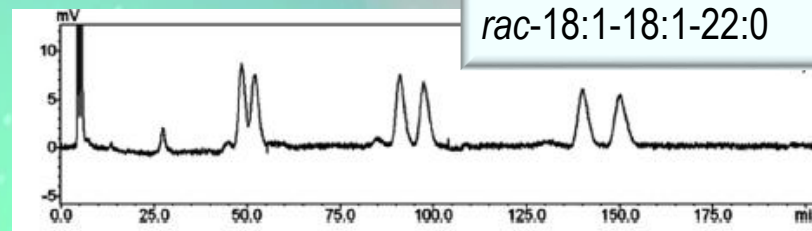
# Chiral chromatography connected with sample recycling system and MS detection

Lipid extraction, TAG fractionation, FA composition, ECN distribution, Semipreparative RP-HPLC

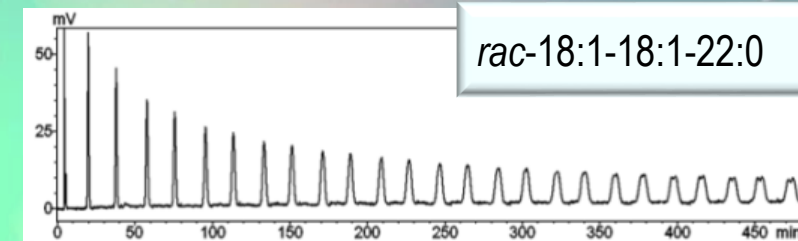


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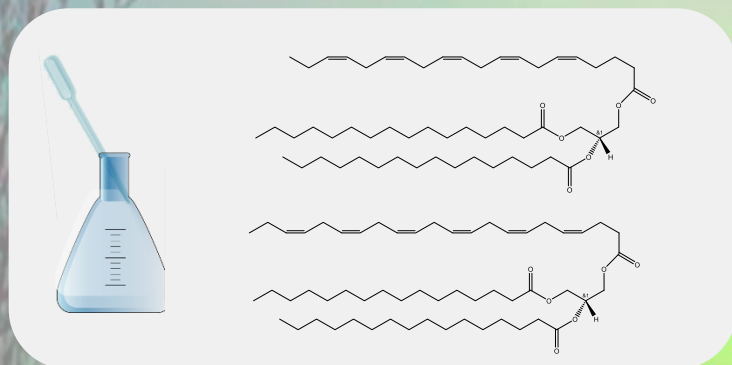
## Chiral chromatography + sample recycling



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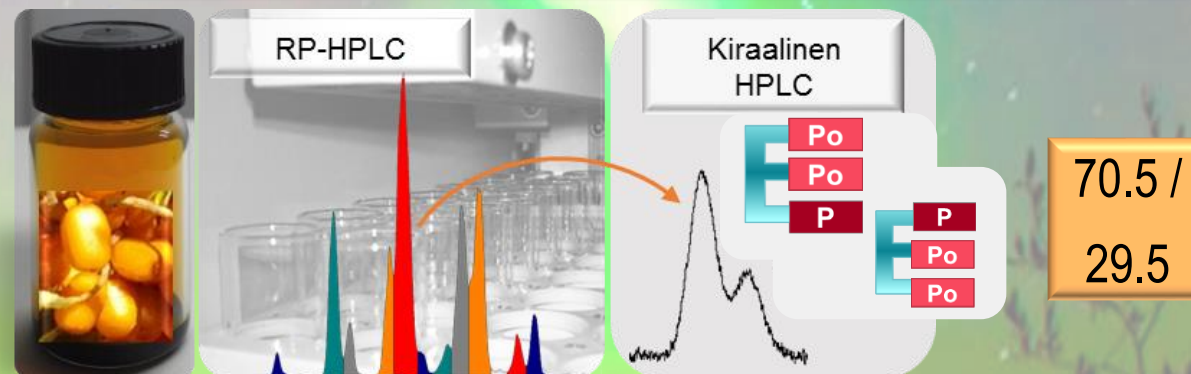
Chemoenzymatic synthesis, University of Iceland



21 synthesized, 17 enantio-separated

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MS detection (HPLC-ESI/APCI-MS, direct inlet MS)



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Method for analyzing chiral TAGs  
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# Lipids in Infant Nutrition

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# Lipids in Infant Nutrition

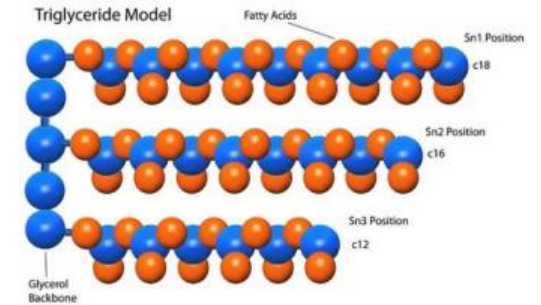
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fatty acids

Specific positional  
distribution of fatty  
acids in fat molecules

Diversified lipid  
classes in fat droplet  
and membranes



Complexity of large  
number of molecular  
species



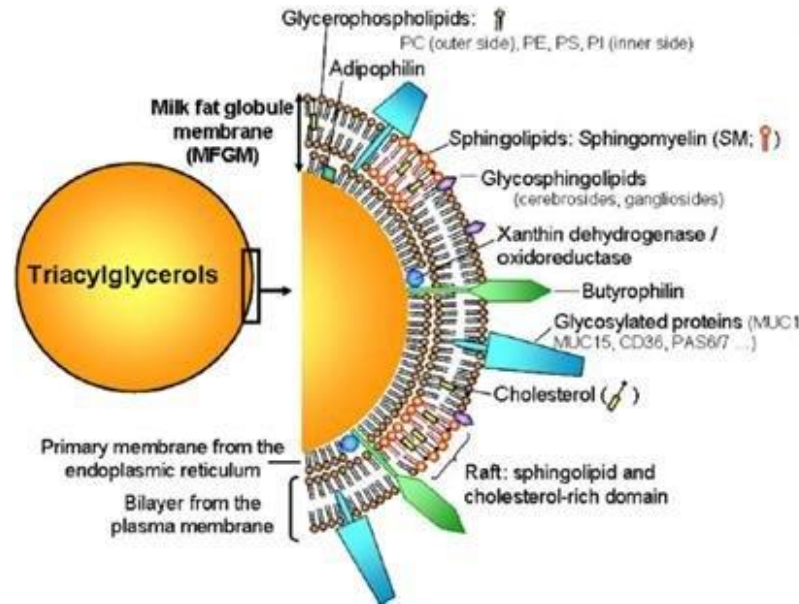
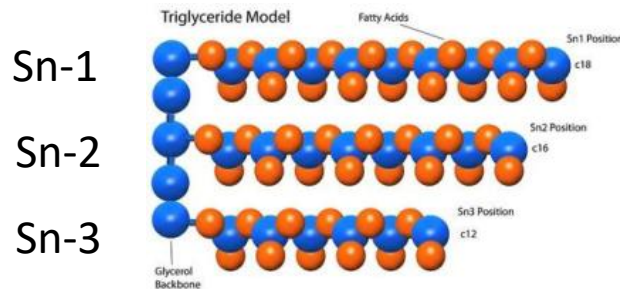
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lactating stage

# Our interest and approach



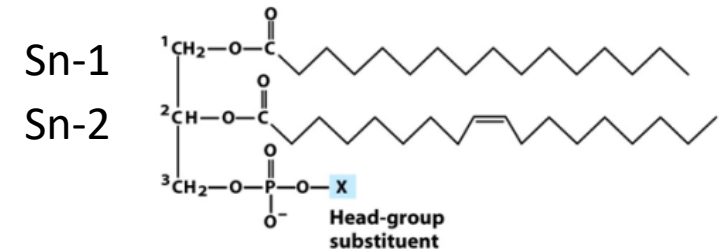
## Triacylglycerols

- Analysis of regio- and stereoisomers (MS/MS)



## Glycerophospholipids

- Regioisomeric analysis using MS/MS



- Human milk, infant formula, other natural fats and oils
- Understanding the significance of regio/stereoisomeric structure for fat digestion and nutrition in infants

# Direct infusion and ultra-high-performance liquid chromatography/electrospray ionization tandem mass spectrometry analysis of phospholipid regioisomers

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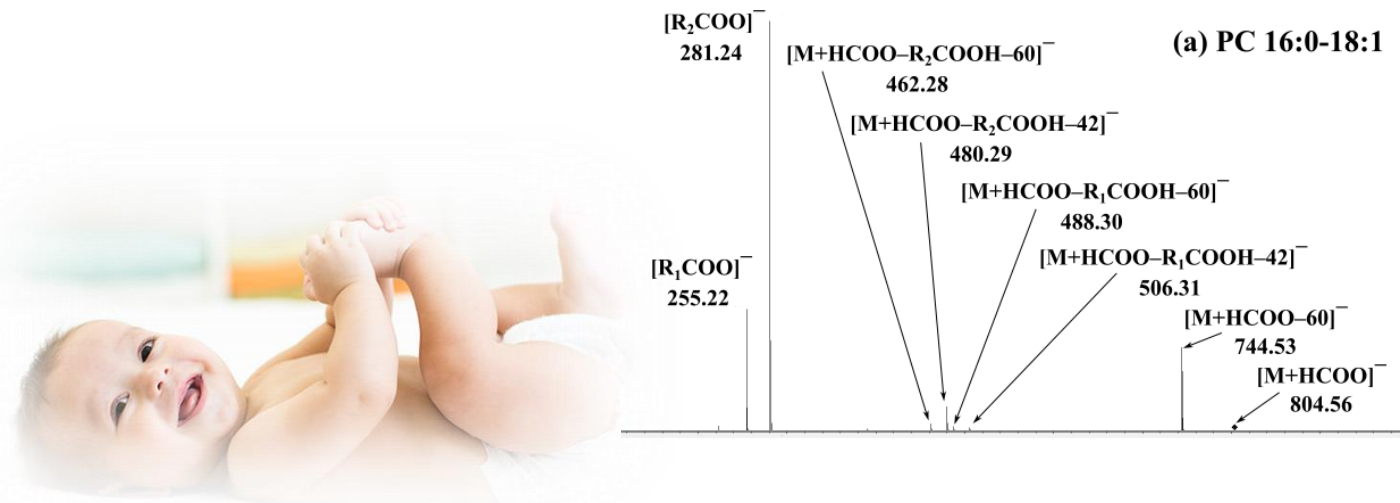
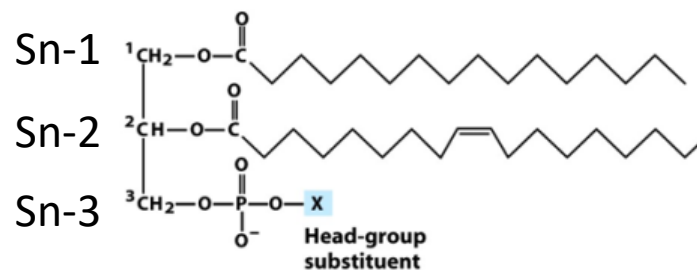
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**Rationale:** Phospholipids are important components of cell membranes that are linked to several beneficial health effects such as increasing plasma HDL cholesterol levels, improving cognitive abilities and inhibiting growth of colon cancer. The role of phospholipid (PL) regioisomers in all these health effects is, however, largely not studied due to lack of analytical methods.

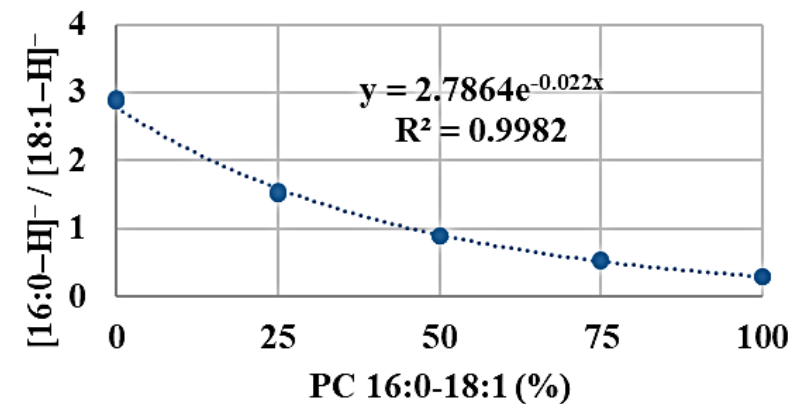
**Methods:** Electrospray ionization mass spectrometry in negative mode produces structurally informative fragment ions resulting from differential dissociation of fatty acids (FAs) from the sn-1 and sn-2 positions, primarily high-abundance  $[R_2COO]^-$  ions. The fragment ion ratios obtained with different ratios of regiopure phospholipid reference compounds were used to construct calibration curves, which allow determination of regioisomeric ratios of an unknown sample. The method was developed using both direct infusion mass spectrometry (MS) and ultra-high-performance liquid chromatography and hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography mass spectrometry (UHPLC-HILIC-MS).

**Results:** The produced calibration curves have high coefficients of determination ( $R^2 > 0.98$ ) and the fragment ion ratios in replicate analyses were very consistent. A test mixture containing 60/40% ratios of all available regioisomer pairs was analyzed to test and validate the functionality of the calibration curves. The results were accurate and reproducible. However, regioisomeric quantification of certain chromatographically overlapping compounds is restricted by the relatively wide window in precursor ion selection of the MS instrument used.

**Conclusions:** This method establishes a framework for analysis of phospholipid regioisomers. Specific regioisomers can be quantified using the existing data, and method development will continue with improving chromatographic separation and exploring the fragmentation patterns and efficiencies of different PL classes and FA combinations, ultimately to refine this method for routine analysis of natural fats and oils.




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# Regiospecific Analysis of Triacylglycerols by Ultrahigh-Performance-Liquid Chromatography–Electrospray Ionization–Tandem Mass Spectrometry

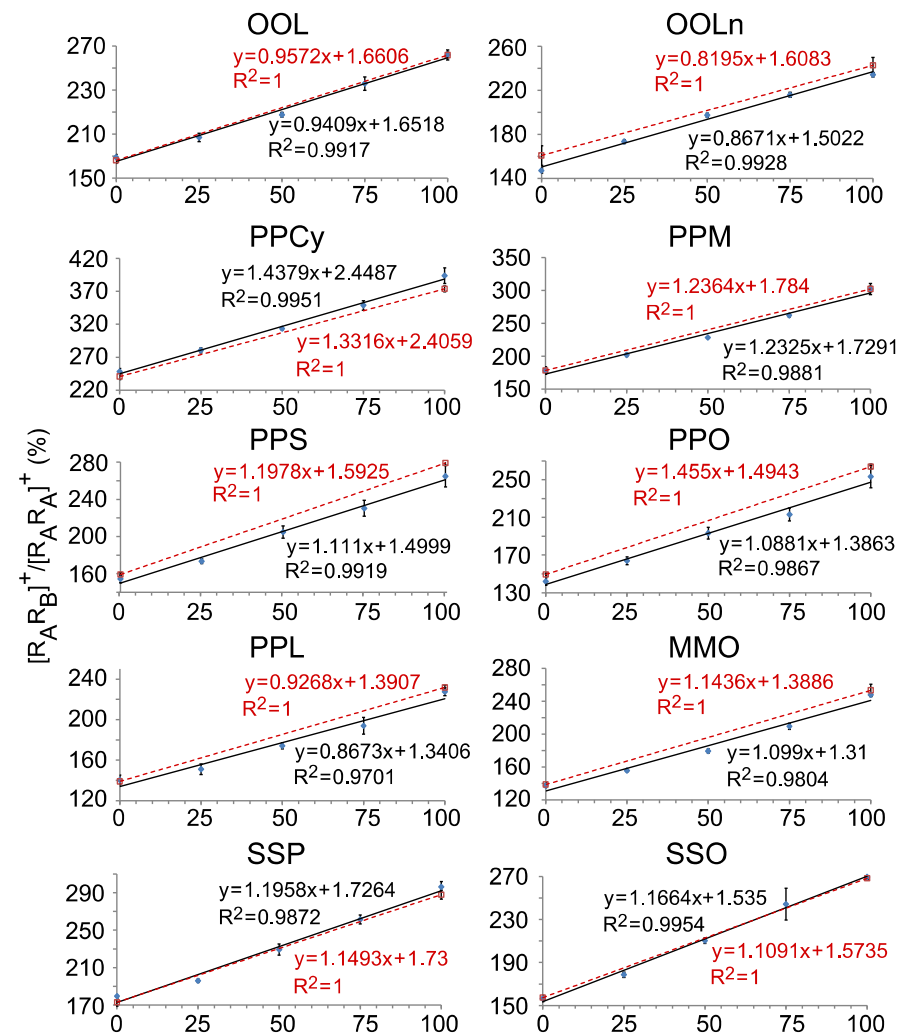
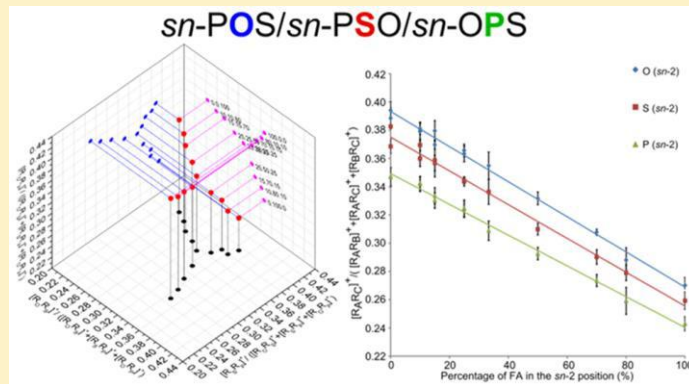
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 Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** An ultrahigh-performance-liquid chromatography–electrospray ionization–tandem mass spectrometry (UHPLC–ESI–MS/MS) method was developed for the analysis of AAB and ABC type triacylglycerol (TG) regioisomers. Excellent linear regressions were established between the ratio of  $[RR]^+$  product ions and the proportion of regioisomers of TGs. The method was further optimized by analysis of 18 regiospecific pairs of AAB type TGs and five triplets of regioisomers of ABC type TGs with acyl carbon number (ACN) ranging from 36 to 54 and the number of double bonds (DB) from 0 to 7. Reverse linear relationships were recognized between the slope of the calibration curve and the number of double bonds of the *sn*-2 fatty acids.

Negative linear regressions were found between the intercepts of the calibration curves and the sum of ACN + DB of *sn*-2 fatty acids. The method was highly repeatable as shown by the low deviation and high stability of the calibration curves at different concentrations and between different periods of analysis. This is the first time that calibration curves for the ABC type TGs are reported. The results provide crucial and novel information for reliable and quantitative determination of regioisomeric TGs in natural fats and oils.





# Probiotics and Human Health

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# Probiotics

## Definition of probiotics from WHO & FAO

“live microorganisms which when administered in adequate amounts confer a health benefit to the host”

### Types of Probiotics

#### 1. Bacteria

*Lactobacillus*

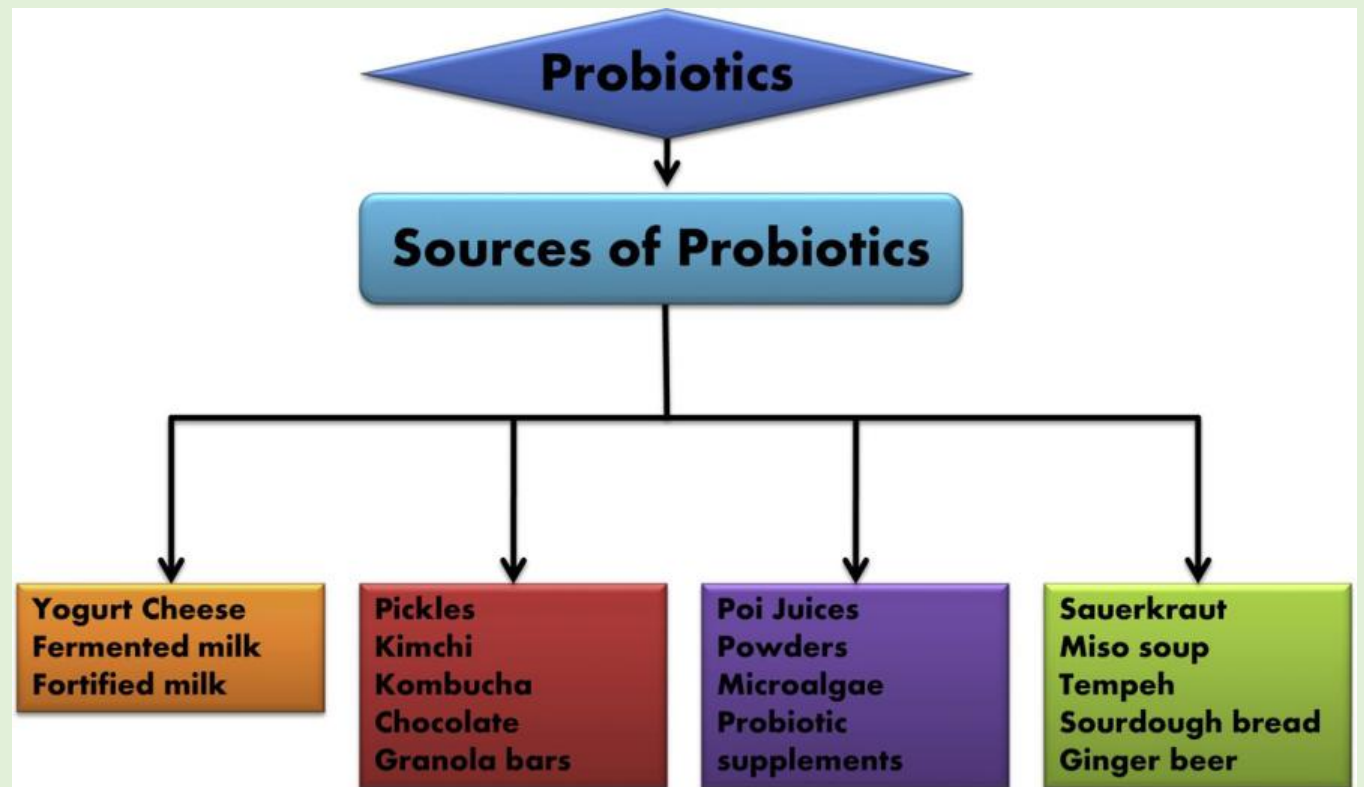
*Bifidobacterium*

#### 2. Yeast

*Saccharomyces boulardii*

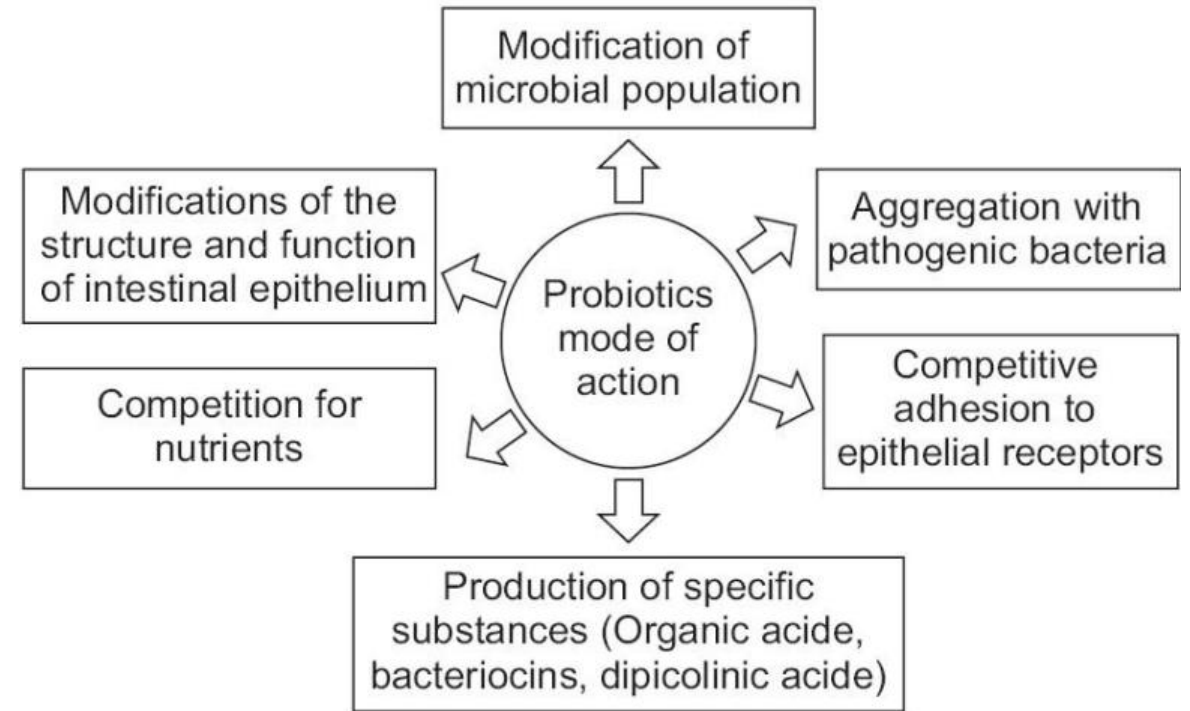
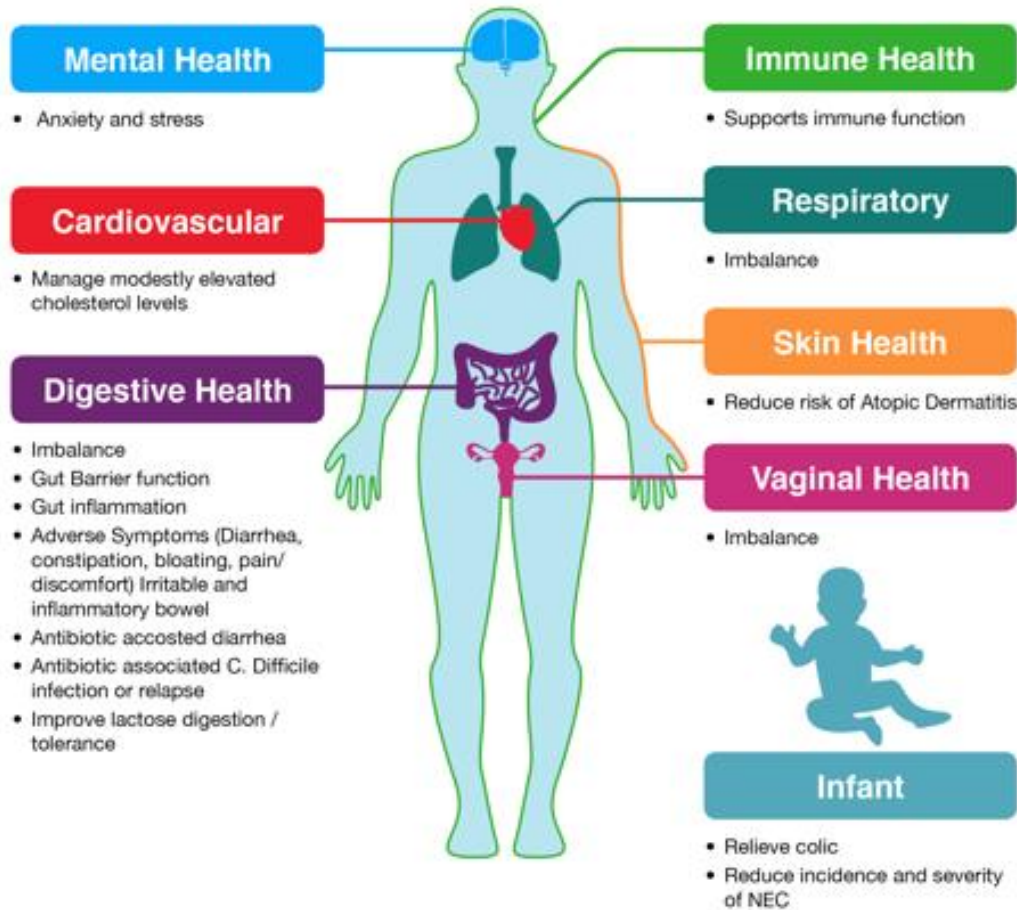


### Different sources of probiotics





# Beneficial Effects of Probiotics



## Mode of Action





# Main Research Interests



## Probiotics and gut health

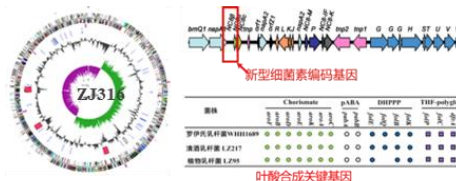
Probiotic genome and function; key technologies for preparation and industrialization of probiotics

### Strain bank construction

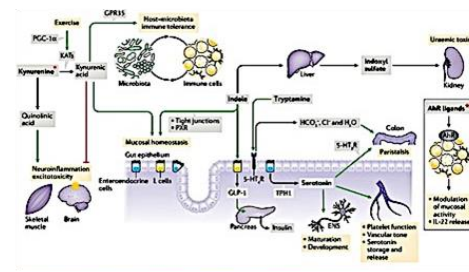


### Function revelation

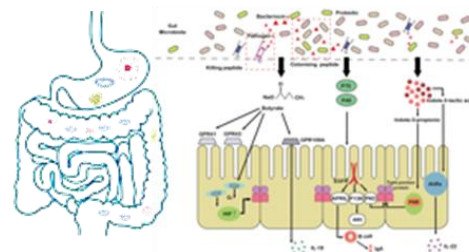
gene level



metabolic level



gastrointestinal regulation



### Industrial application



beverages      fermented dairy  
fermented fruit & vegetable      fermented meat  
fermented beans      fermented cereal

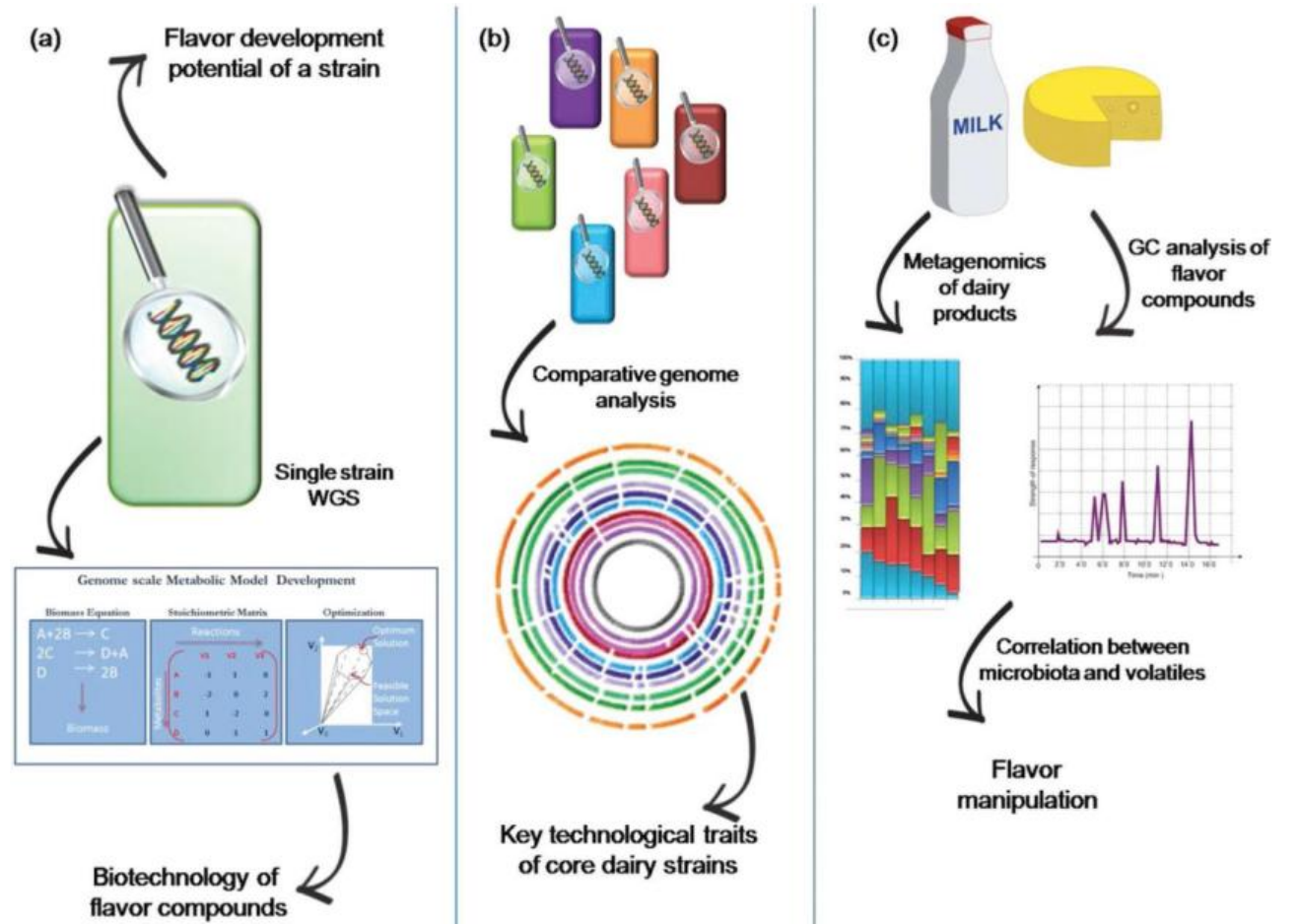




# Main Research Interests

## Flavor and microbial metabolism regulation of microflora in natural fermented foods

Collection of new microbial resources in different fermented products, such as fruit wines, cheese, milk, pickle, fermented fish product; flavor and metabolic regulation of these fermented food products





# Academic Achievements

National funding

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National research awards

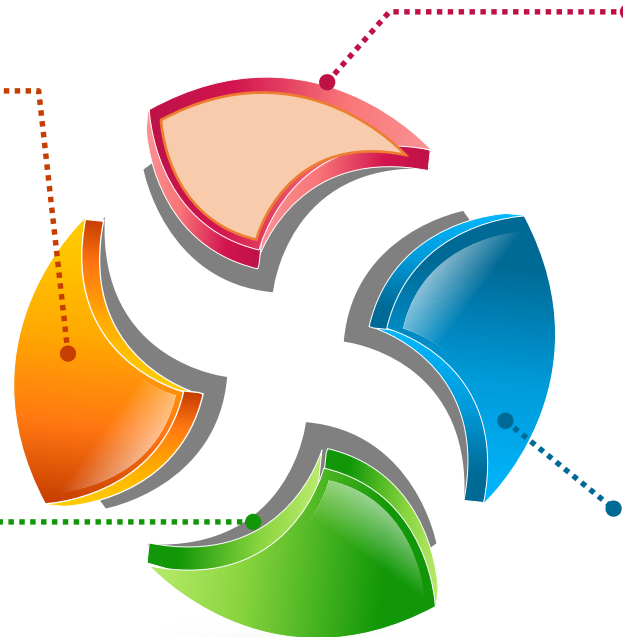
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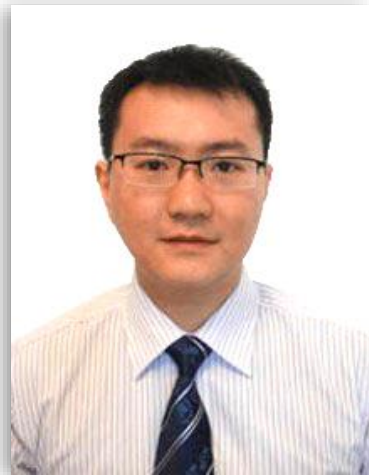
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# Dietary lipid gastrointestinal digestion and absorption, and the enteral health

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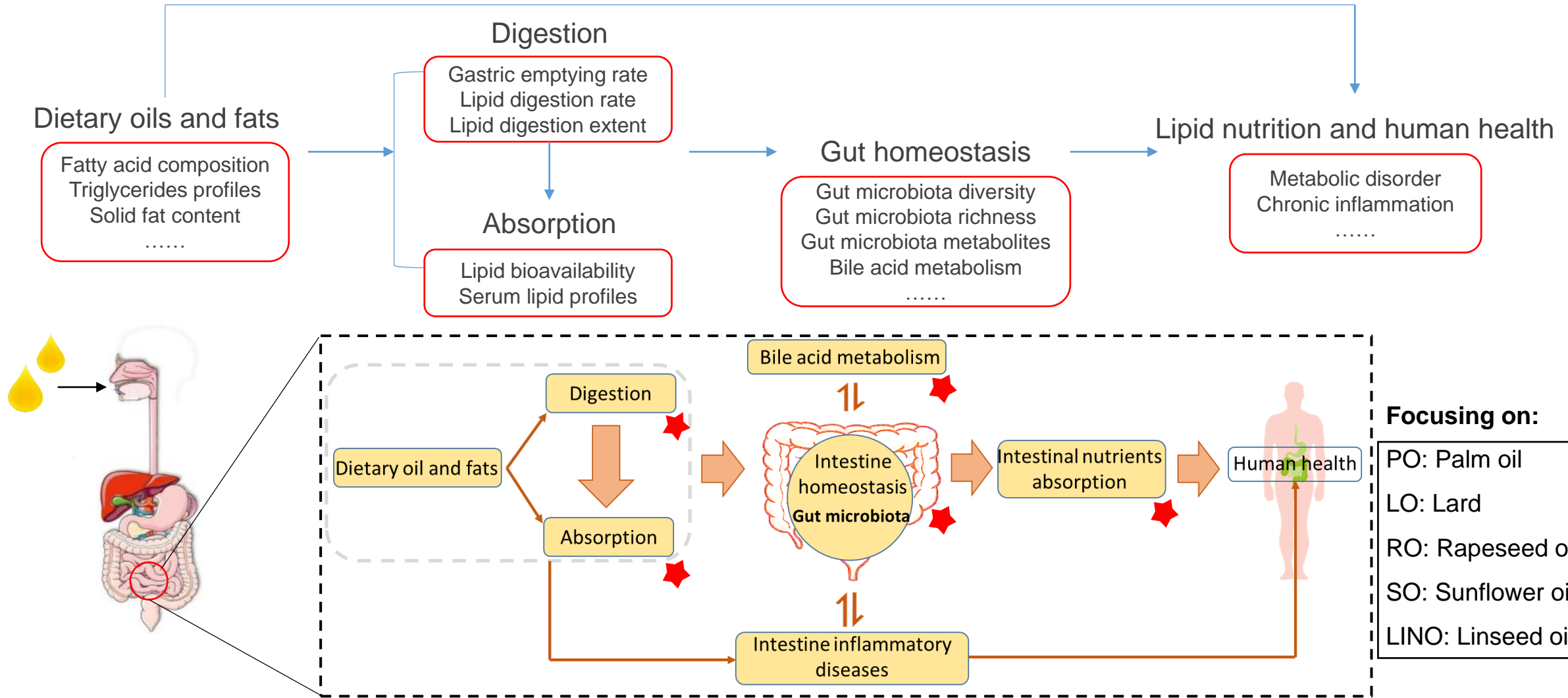
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1. Backgrounds
2. Main work
3. Future efforts



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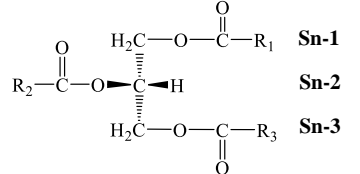
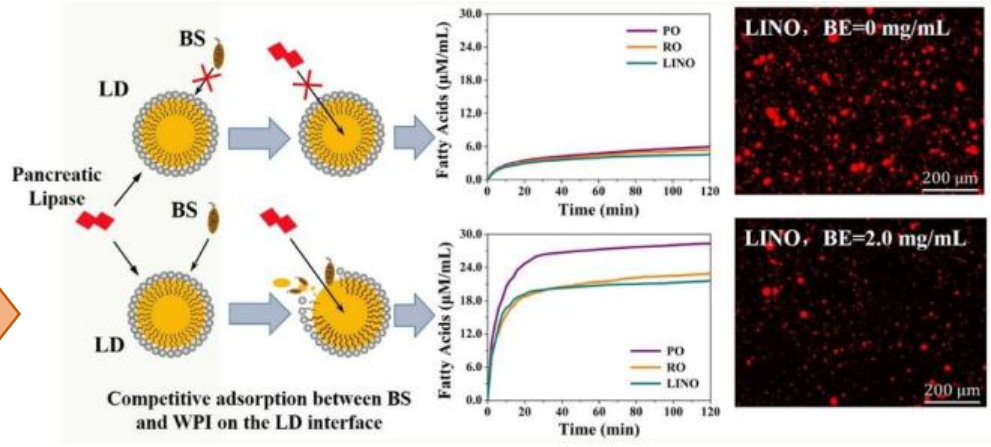
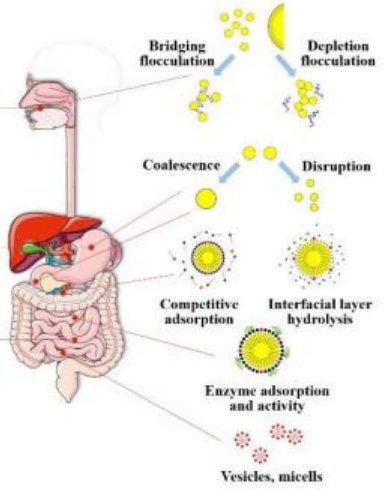


- Dietary lipid composition affects their gastrointestinal digestion and absorption fates;
- Long-term unbalanced dietary lipid intake may affect the human health by influencing the gut homeostasis and the nutrients absorption

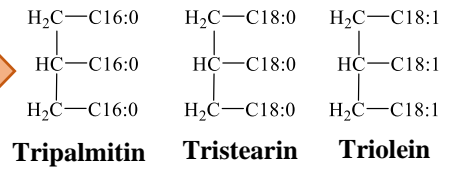
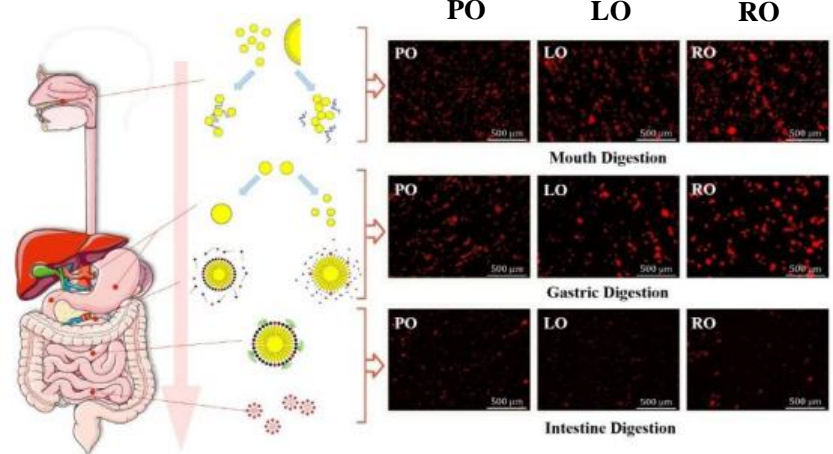


## 2. Main work

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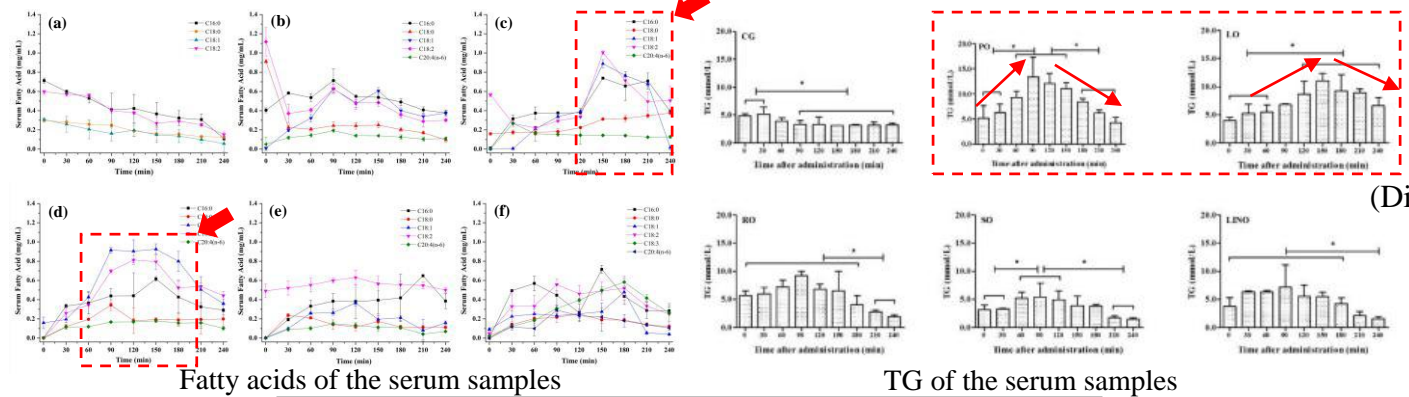
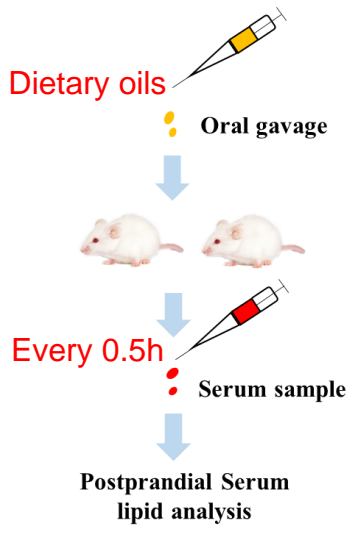


1. Digestion rate: PO > RO > LINO
2. Bile salt affinity: PO > RO ≈ LINO
3. Dietary oil rich in short chain fatty acids showed higher digestion efficiency.



TG structure;  
 Unsaturation degree  
 ↓  
 Emulsion behavior  
 Bile acid affinity  
 ↓  
 Fatty acid release  
 Digestion kinetics

### SD rats oral gavage administration

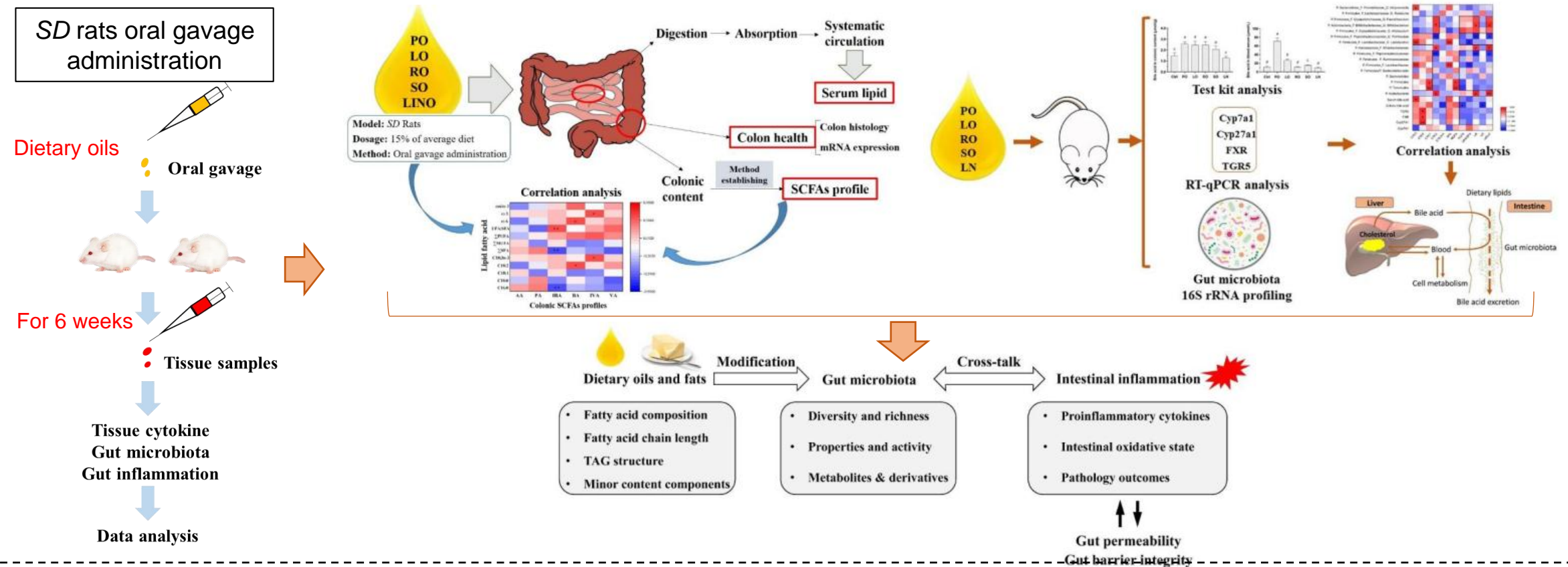


Dietary oils → Digestion and absorption  
 (Different in composition)

↓  
 Systematic circulation  
 ↓  
 Serum lipid profiles  
 Serum fatty acid composition  
 In postprandial (0~240 min)

### Correlation analysis

Serum lipid profile	Fatty acid composition of the five dietary oils									
	C16:0	C18:0	C18:1	C18:2	C18:3n3	SFA	MUFA	PUFA	UFA/SFA	ω6/ω3
TG	0.555*	0.169	0.234	-0.528*	-0.146	0.519*	0.233	-0.494	-0.391	-0.443
TC	0.347	-0.034	-0.263	0.558*	-0.534*	0.303	-0.277	0.018	-0.416	0.718**
LDL-C	0.805**	0.354	-0.024	-0.011	-0.630*	0.787**	-0.025	-0.467	-0.793**	0.196
HDL-C	-0.241	-0.754**	-0.05	0.032	0.369	-0.393	-0.082	0.279	0.475	-0.007
LDL-C/HDL-C	0.587*	0.861**	0.032	-0.102	-0.560*	0.717**	0.062	-0.471	-0.778**	0.015



### Representative publications:

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## 3. Future efforts

1. The individual fatty acid within the TAGs molecules on the dietary lipid intestinal absorption should be illustrated.
2. The molecular nutrition of different fatty acids with regard to the gut microbiota homeostasis are deserve to be explored.
3. Underlying mechanisms of the individual fatty acids on the gut health and human nutrition still need to be uncovered.



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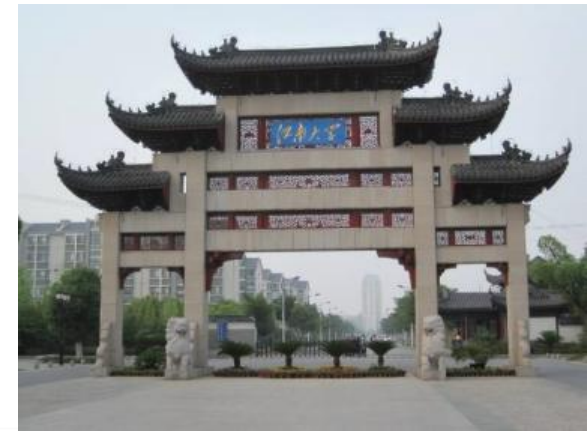
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# Finland – China Food and Health Network kick-off Meeting

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# 1 Background

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**2015.11-2017.9**



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- Glycated proteins in T1D human plasma with high glucose and low glucose level
- Proteome study of human islets

**2017.9-Now**



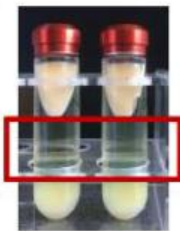
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- Proteomics and glycomics study in human and dairy farm animals

# 2 Research area

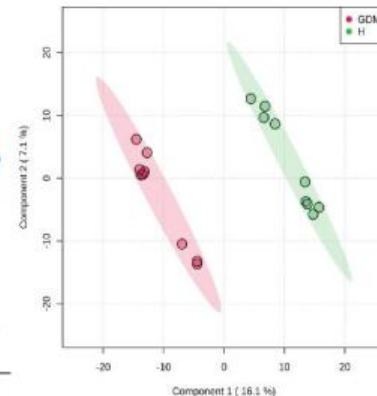
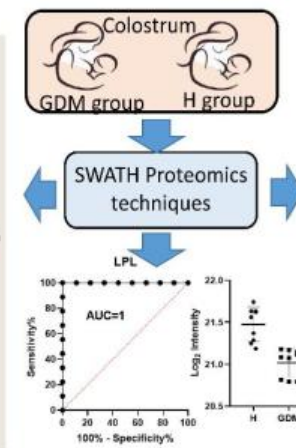
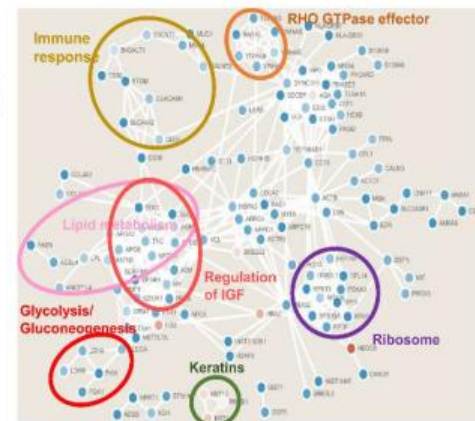
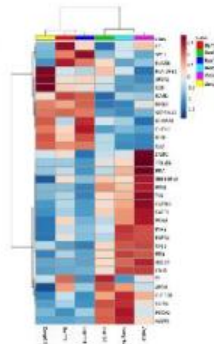
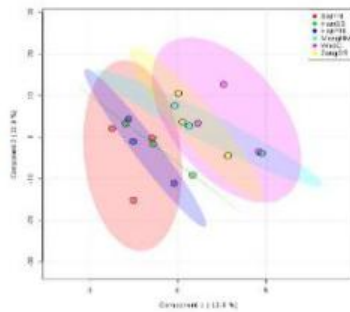
## ◆ Human and animal milk (bovine, caprine, sheep, and camel) composition analysis

- Comparison in milk proteome related to species, geography and healthy status
- Post-translational modification analysis of milk proteins: glycosylation and phosphorylation
- Qualitative and quantitative analysis of oligosaccharides



Human milk serum

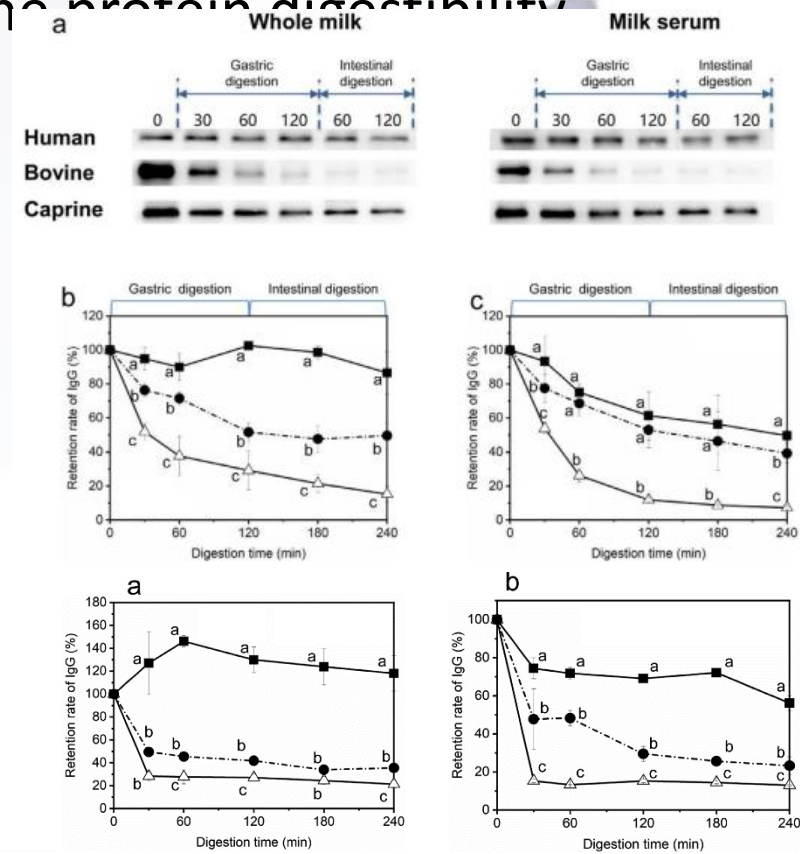
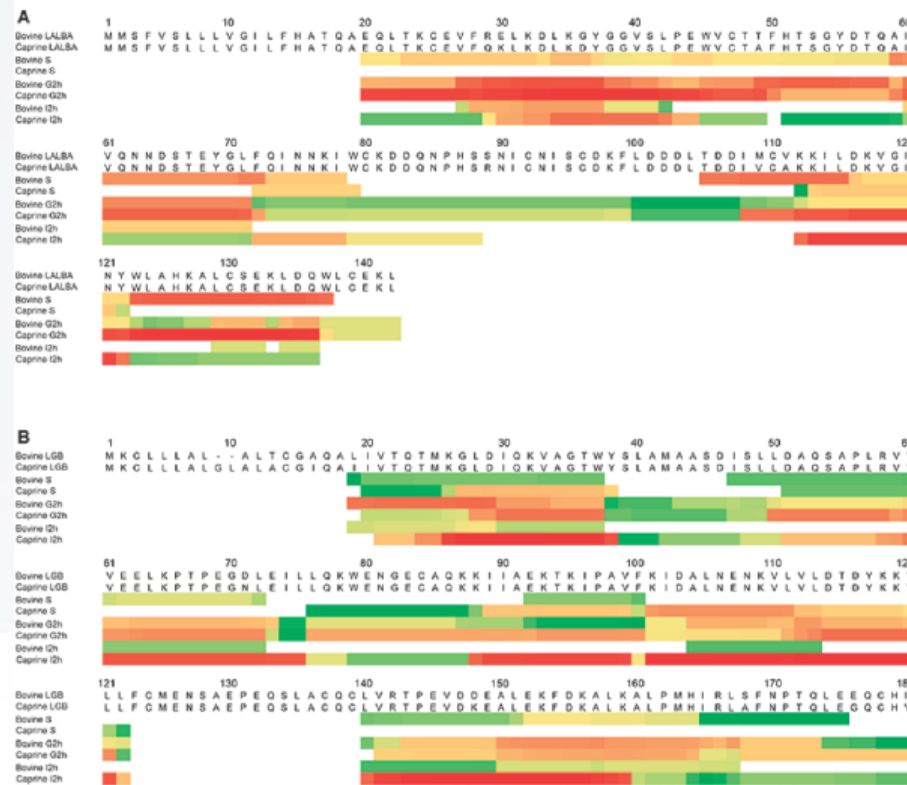
Proteomics  
techniques



# 2 Research area

## ◆ Human and animal milk protein digestibility

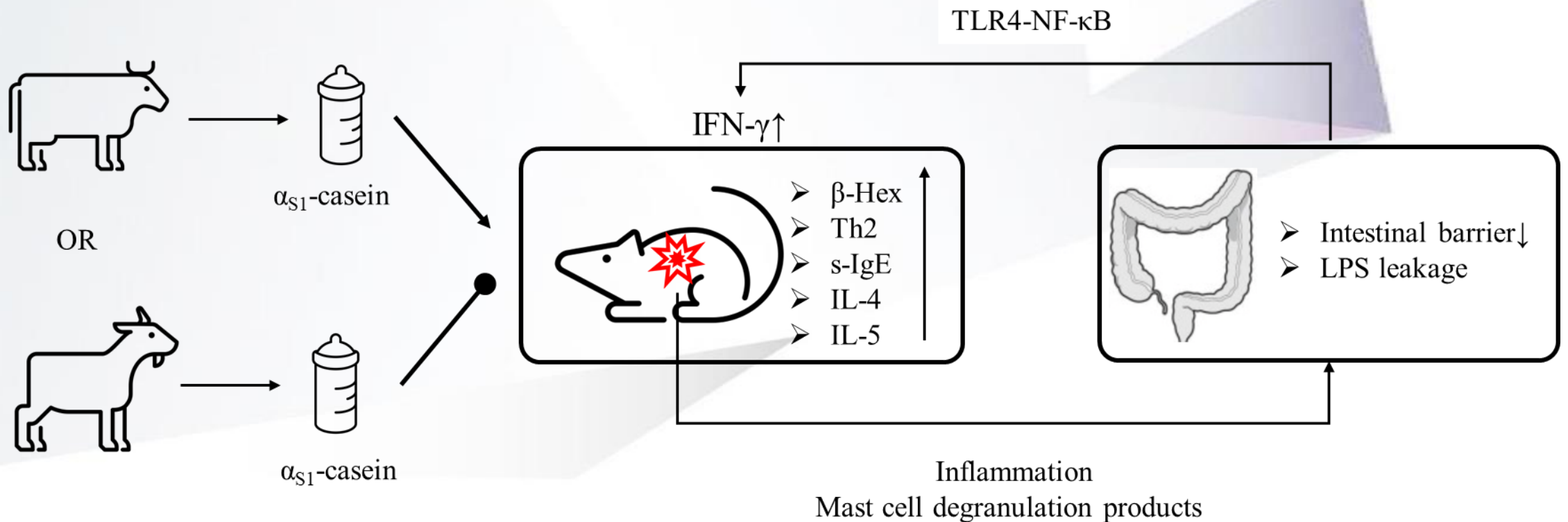
- Milk digestibility analysis: species and processing
- Milk protein absorption: cell and animal model
- Influence of post-translational modification on the protein digestibility



# 2 Research area

## ◆ Milk allergenicity and its influence on neurodevelopment

- Animal model compare the sensitization of  $\alpha_{S1}$ -casein between bovine and caprine milk and the mechanism
- Influence of allergy on neurodevelopment

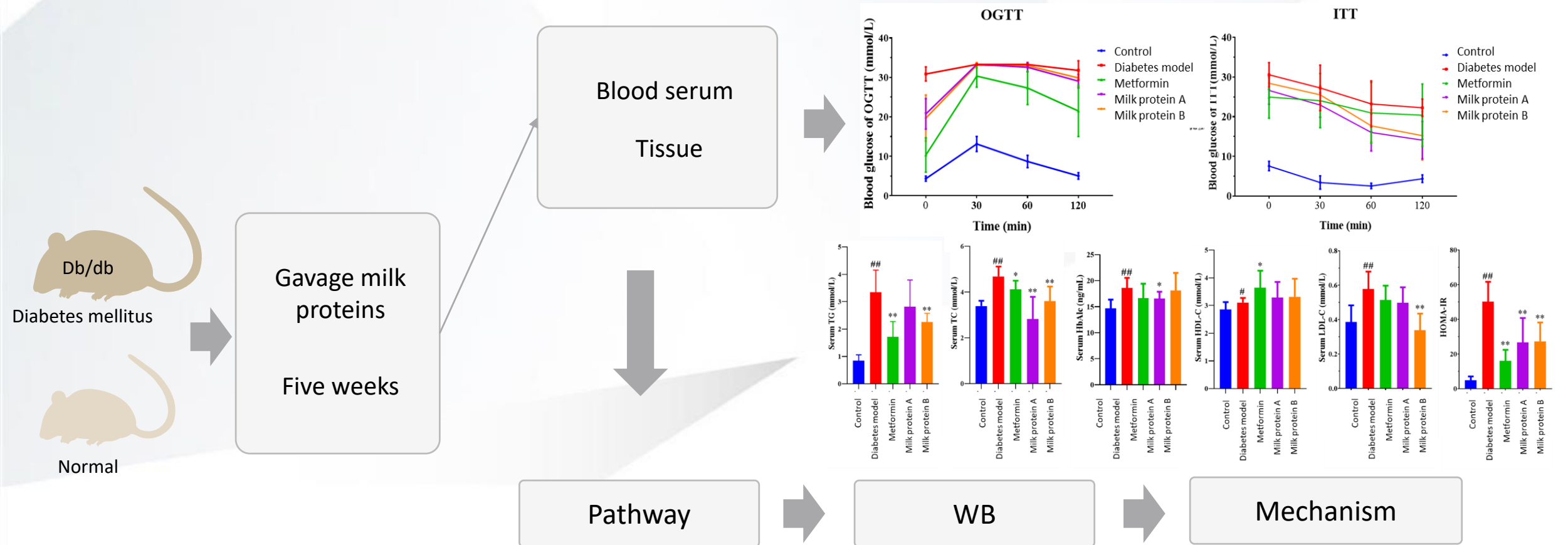




# 2 Research area

## ◆ Milk protein functionality

- The effect of milk protein on regulation of blood glucose of T2D
- The effect of milk protein on anti-inflammation effect



# Thanks for your attention!

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# Interaction between Reactive Carbonyl Compounds and Amino Acids/Phenolic compounds and their safety evaluation

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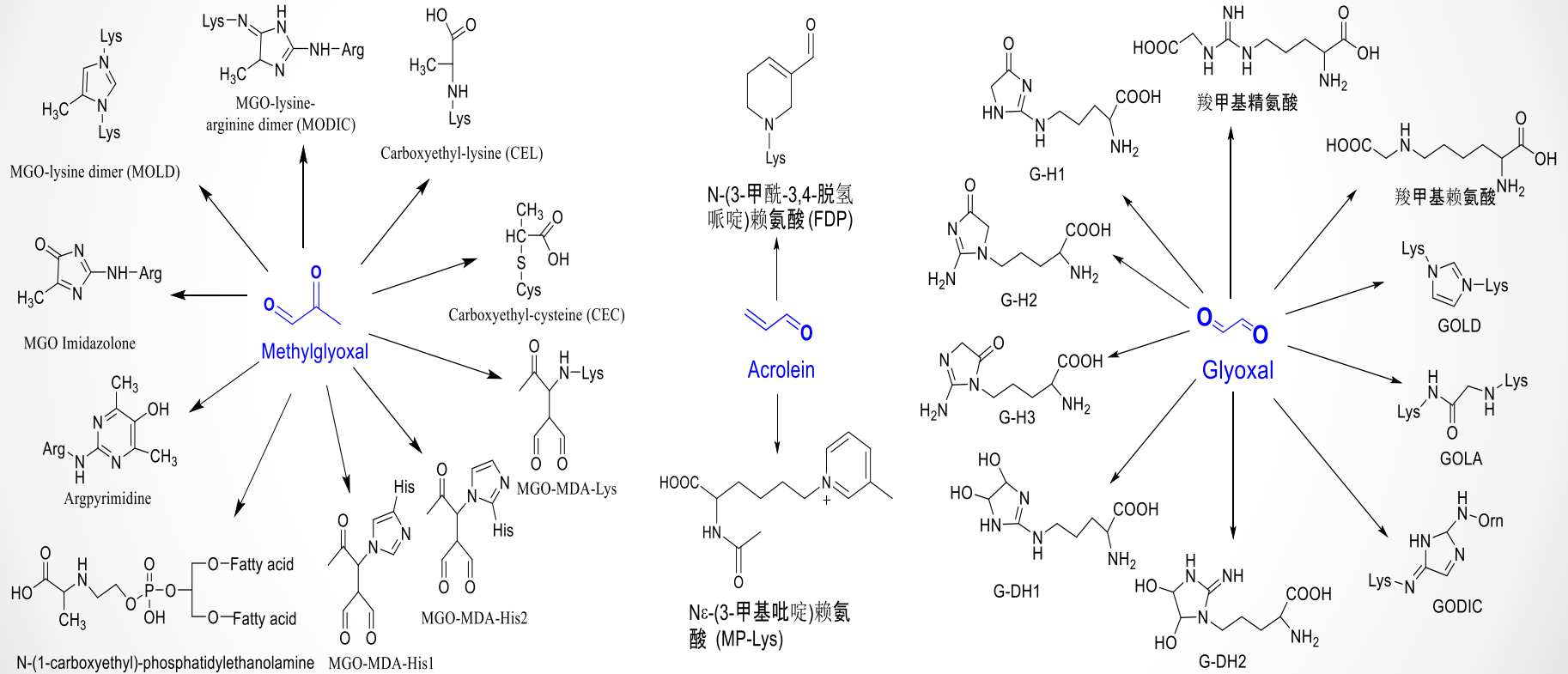




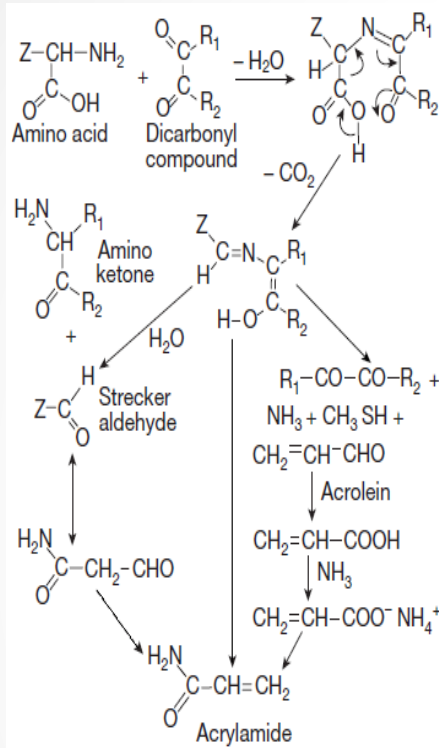
# Reactive carbonyl compounds in foods

Food	GO	MGO	2,3-BD	3-DG	1-DG	3-DGal
Honey	0.2–7.0	nd-761	0–4.3	79–1641 143–1099 <sup>a</sup>		14–46
Candies		nd-1.1		141–1011		nd-36
Bread		nd-28		13–619		nd-47
Cheese	nd	nd		nd-tr		nd-tr
Alkali-treated pretzel		2.5–16		4.5–34		tr-6.4
Cookies	4.8–26.0	1.8–81.4		8.5–385		tr-88
Pasta (cooked)		nd		nd-8.8		nd
Potatoes (cooked/fried)		nd-tr		nd-18		nd
Oils (raw)	< 1.2	nd-0.8				
Oils (cooked)	0.8–4.0	0.2–1.3				

# Precursors of AGEs



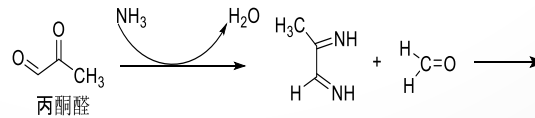
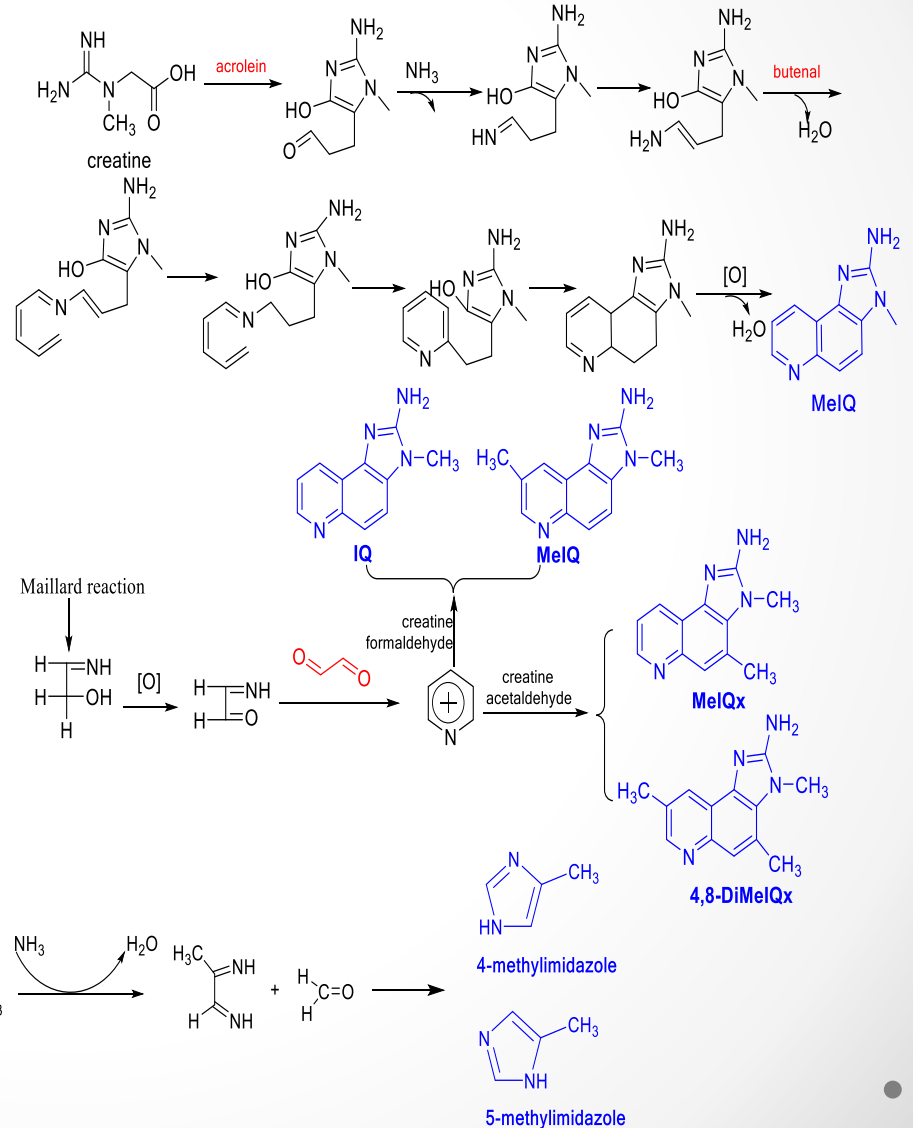
# Precursors of Acrylamide



reactants	acrylamide [ $\mu\text{g/g Asn}$ ]
glucose + asparagines	5.5
fructose + asparagines	7.8
glyoxal + asparagine	2001
<u>methylglyoxal + asparagine</u>	<u>19</u>
diacetyl + asparagine	10
glyceraldehyde + asparagine	100

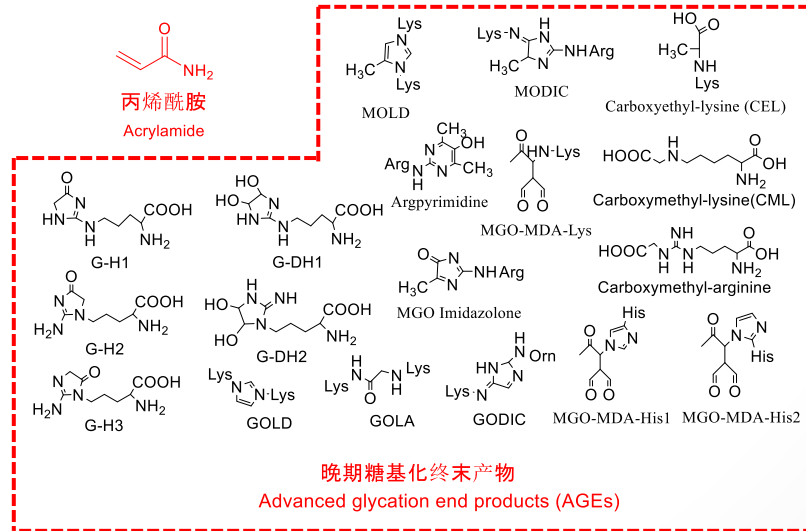
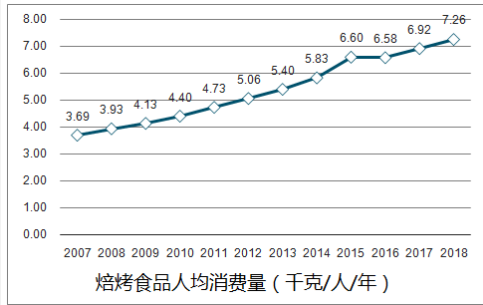
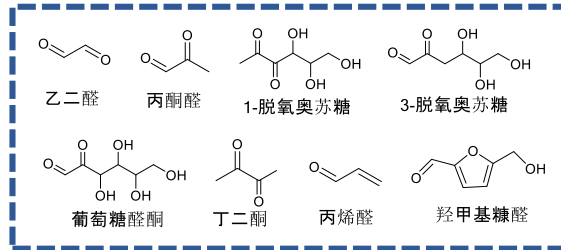
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# Precursors of heterocyclic amines

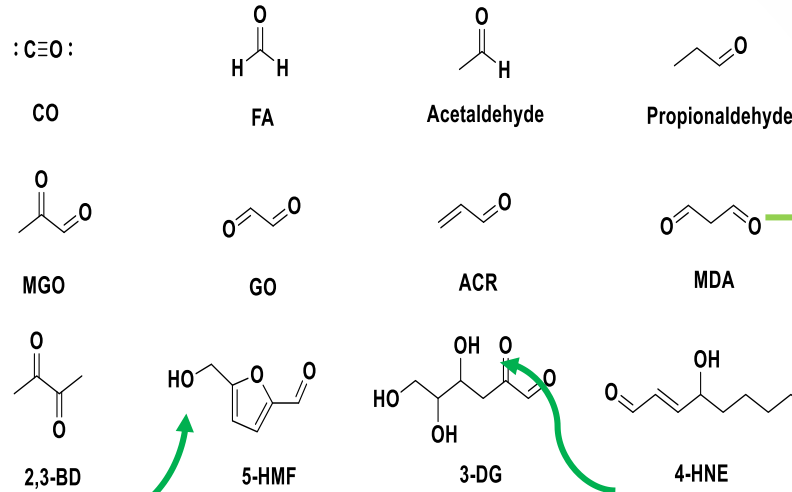




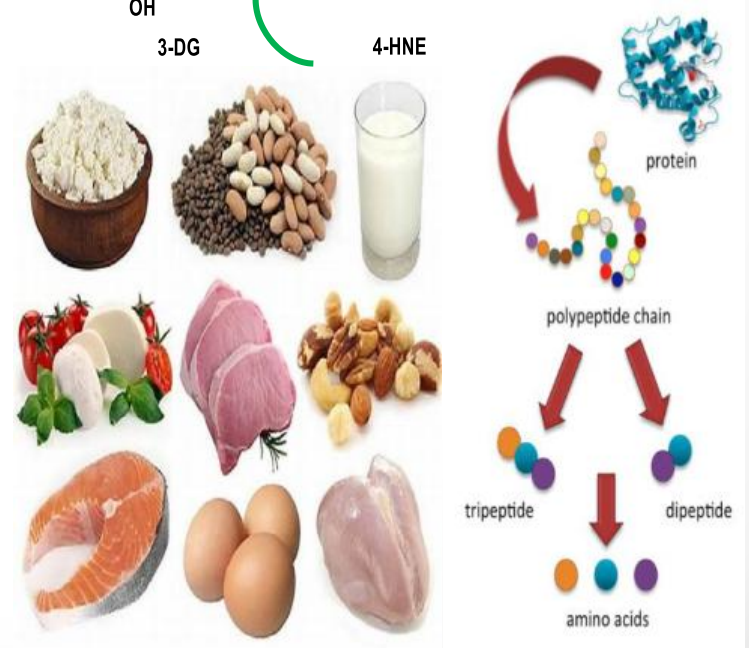
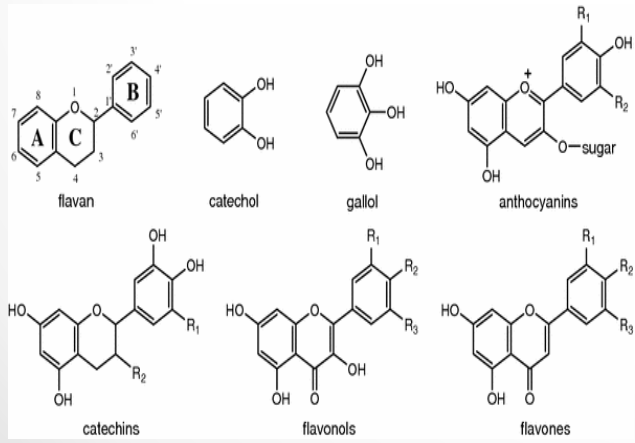
# Reactive carbonyl compounds in thermally processed foods



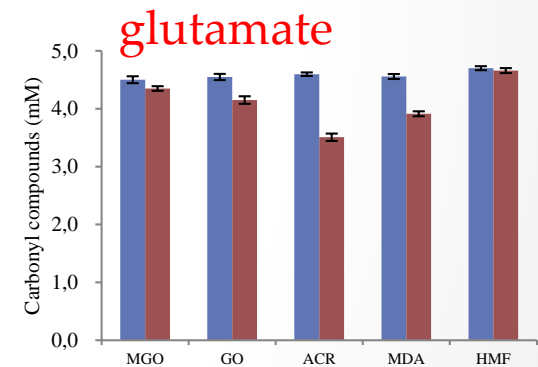
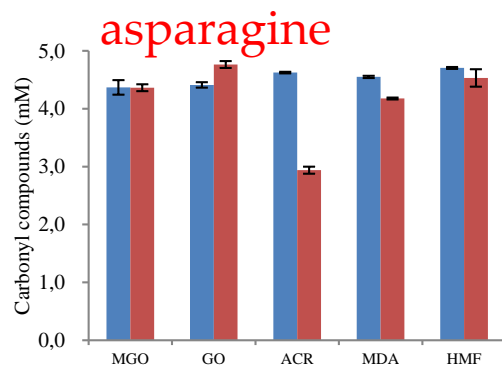
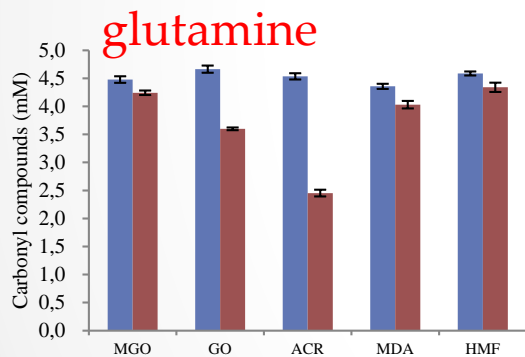
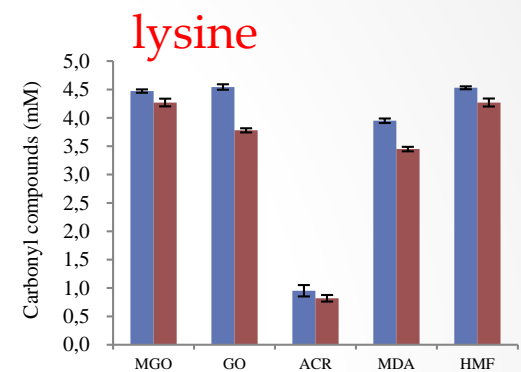
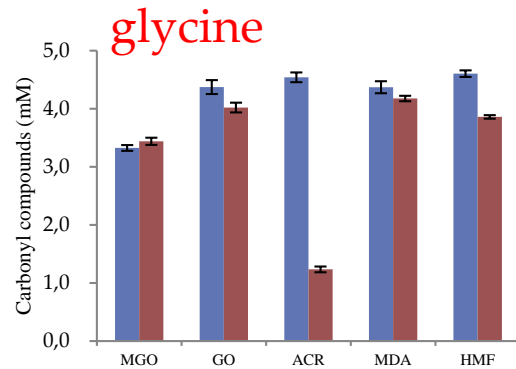
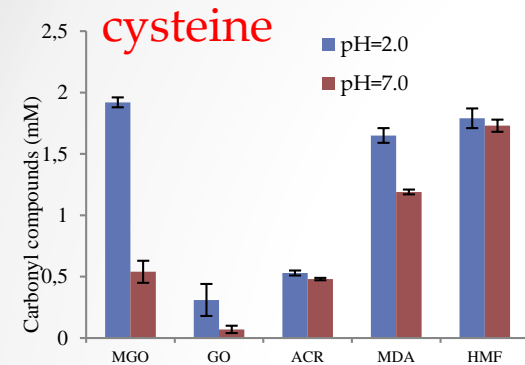
# Control of reactive carbonyl compounds (RCs) with natural ingredients



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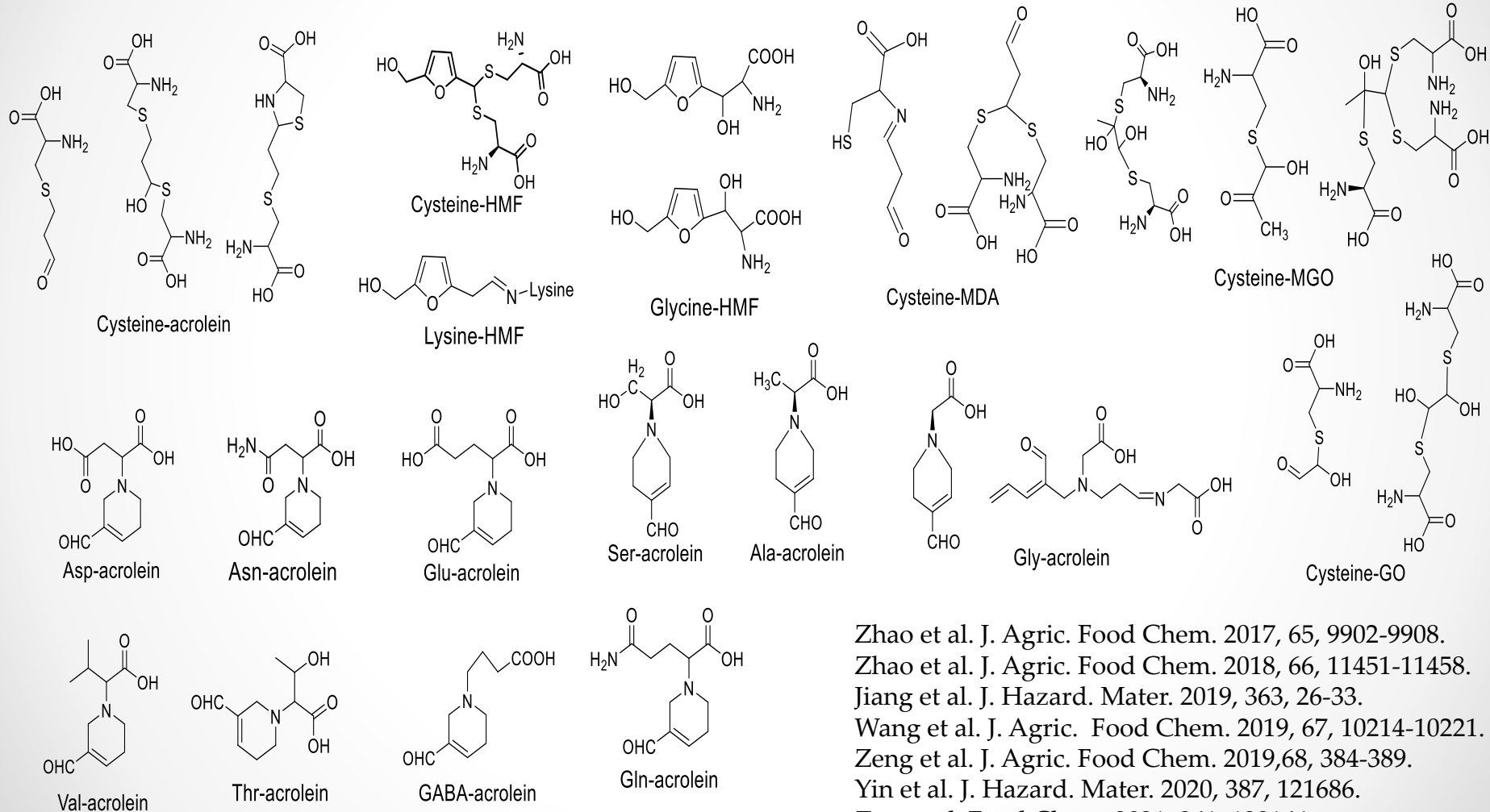


# Scavenging capacity of amino acids for toxic aldehydes

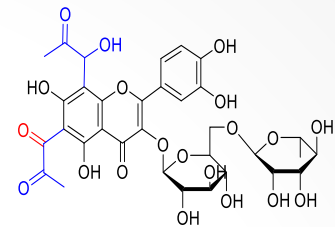
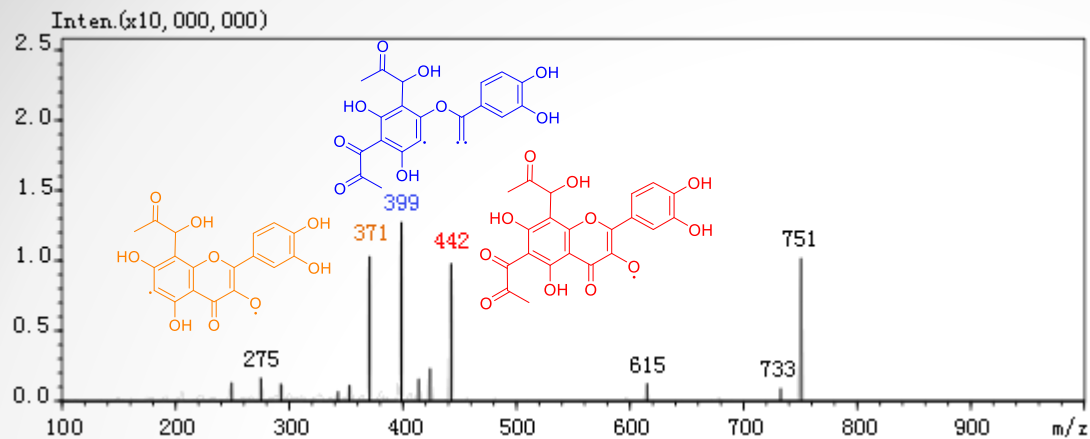


Residual concentration of carbonyl compounds after incubation of 5 mM carbonyl compounds with 50 mM cysteine, glycine, lysine, glutamine, asparagine and glutamate, respectively, at 37 °C for 2 h

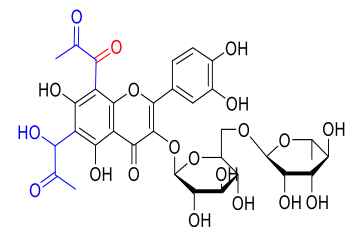
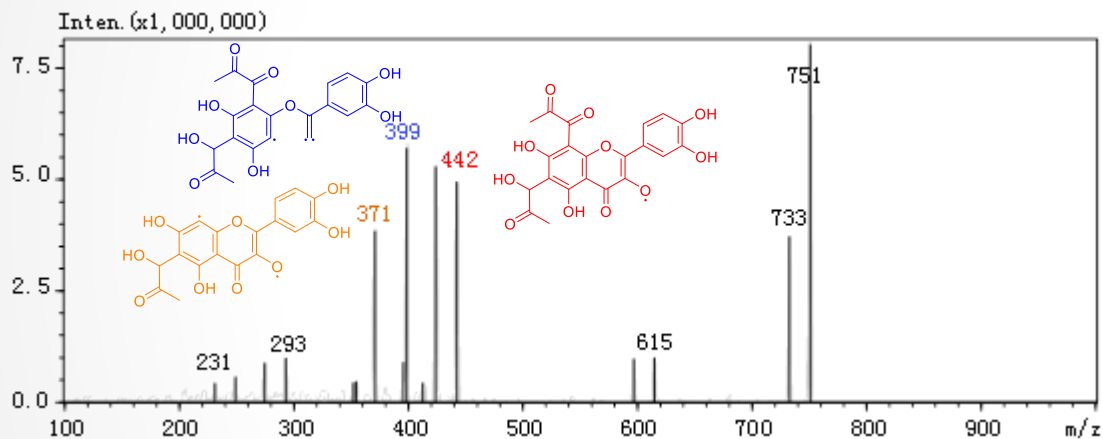
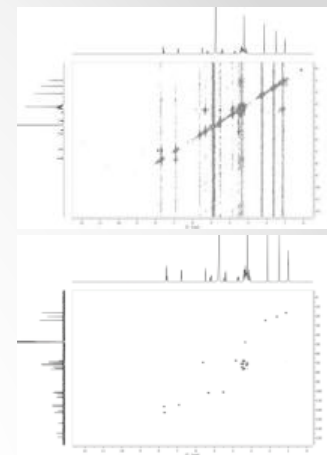
# Adducts we identified forming between amino acids and toxic aldehydes



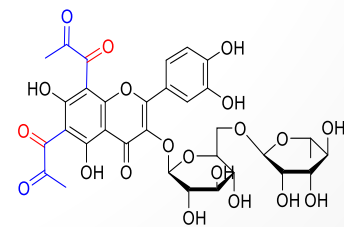
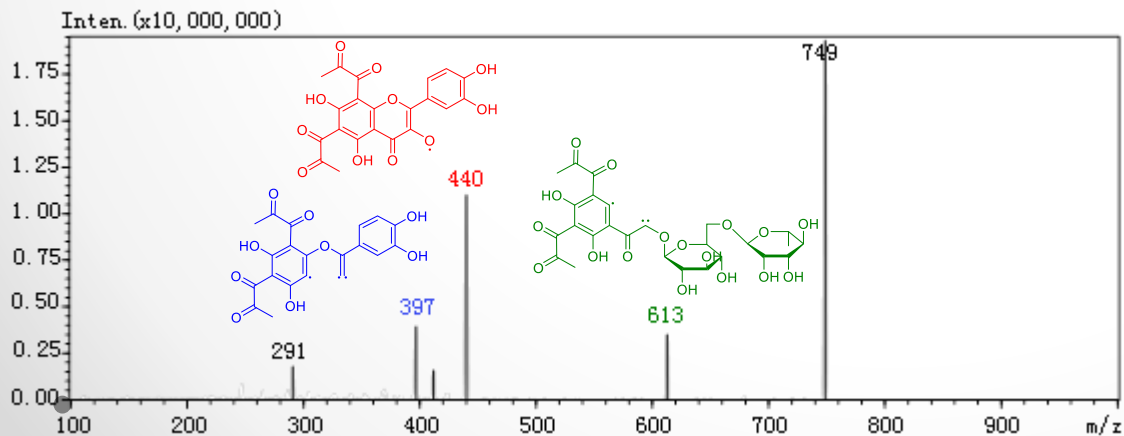
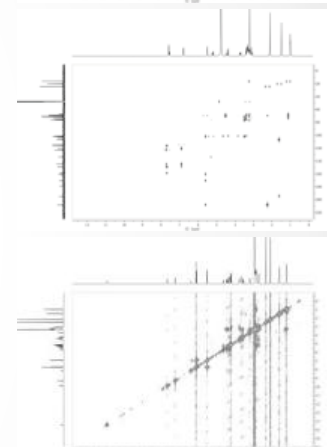
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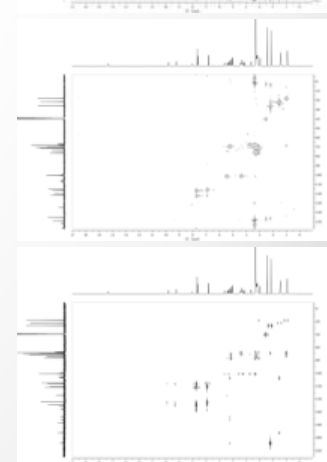
6-(1,2-propanedione)-  
8-(1-acetyl)-rutin



6-(1-acetyl)-8-(1,2-  
propanedione)-rutin



6-(1,2-propanedione)-8-  
(1,2-propanedione)-rutin



Commercial product	Adduct content (mg/kg)		
	Adduct A	Adduct B	Adduct C
No. 1	1.43 ± 0.43 <sup>a</sup>	1.94 ± 0.20 <sup>b</sup>	1.78 ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>
No. 2	1.36 ± 0.23 <sup>a</sup>	2.43 ± 0.30 <sup>a</sup>	2.79 ± 0.18 <sup>a</sup>
No. 3	0.41 ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>	2.85 ± 0.17 <sup>a</sup>	0.29 ± 0.09 <sup>e</sup>
No. 4	0.15 ± 0.05 <sup>b</sup>	--	0.50 ± 0.07 <sup>de</sup>
No. 5	--	--	--
No. 6	0.39 ± 0.07 <sup>b</sup>	0.54 ± 0.04 <sup>c</sup>	0.78 ± 0.01 <sup>c</sup>
No. 7	0.33 ± 0.04 <sup>b</sup>	0.41 ± 0.03 <sup>c</sup>	0.55 ± 0.02 <sup>d</sup>
No. 8	--	--	--
No. 9	--	--	--
No. 10	0.25 ± 0.02 <sup>b</sup>	0.30 ± 0.04 <sup>c</sup>	0.44 ± 0.01 <sup>de</sup>
No. 11	0.20 ± 0.03 <sup>b</sup>	0.17 ± 0.01 <sup>c</sup>	0.29 ± 0.11 <sup>e</sup>
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~ 17950 mg/kg



~ 38 mg/kg

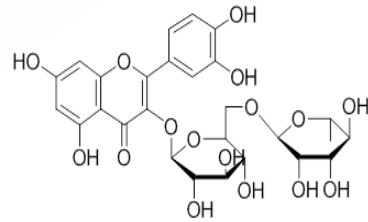


~ 4.7 mg/kg



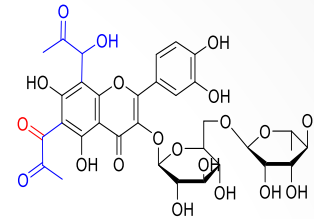
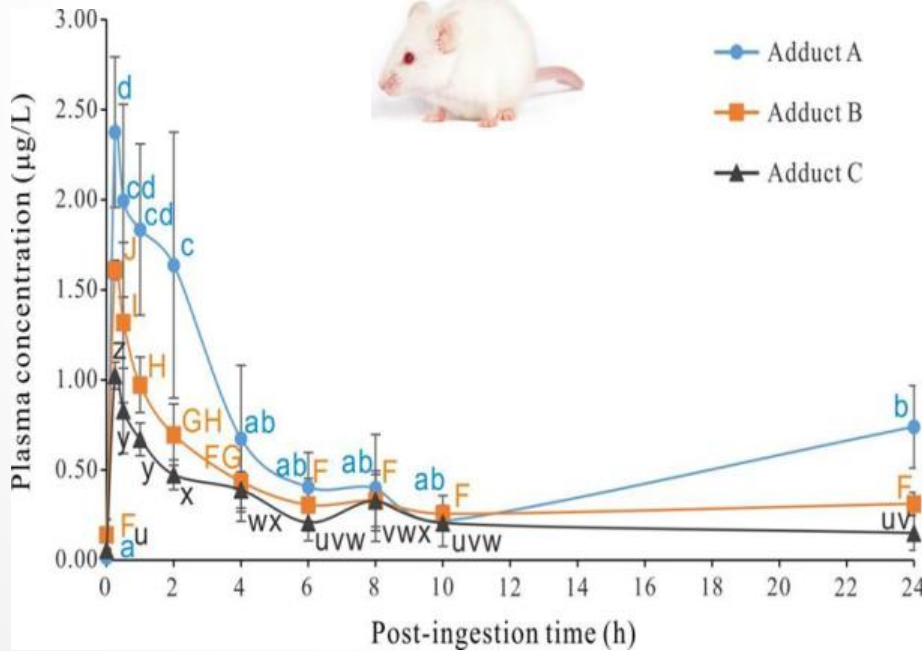
~ 36 mg/kg

# Postprandial variation of plasma levels in rats

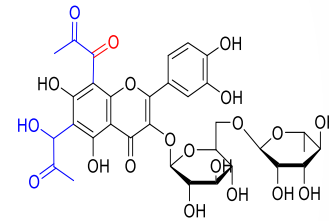


Rutin

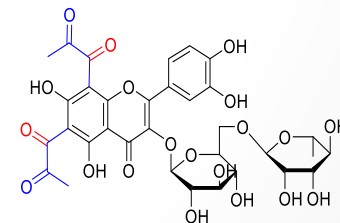
Oral administration  
100 mg/kg BW



Adduct A



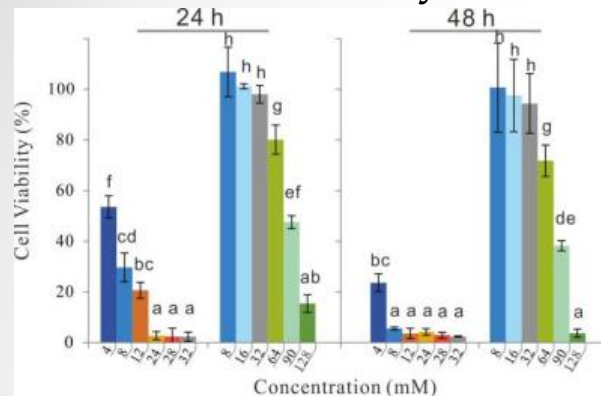
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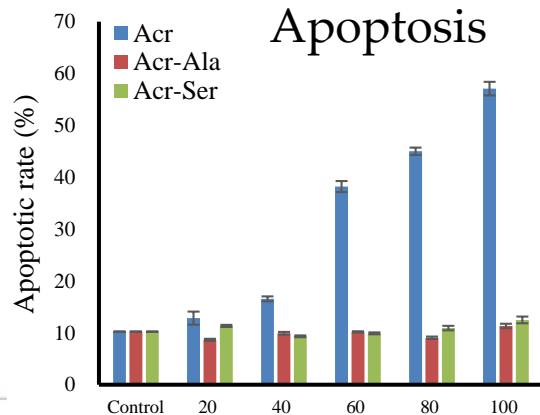
Adduct C

# Cytotoxicity commonly reduced by formation of adducts between RCs and amino acids

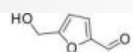
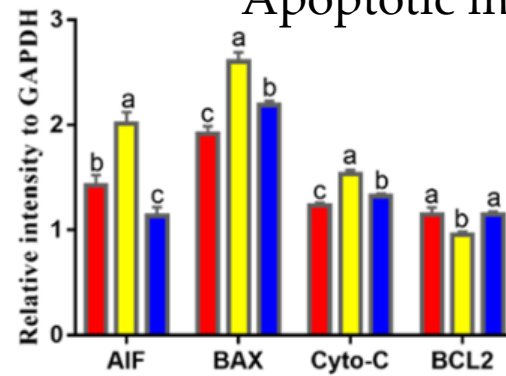
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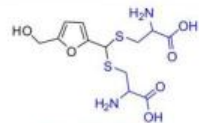
## Apoptosis



## Apoptotic markers

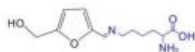


IC<sub>50</sub>=14.95 mM  
5-羟甲基糠醛



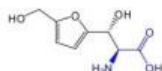
IC<sub>50</sub>=31.26 mM

5-羟甲基糠醛-1-二缩硫醇半胱氨酸 (DCH)



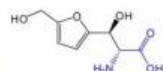
IC<sub>50</sub>=112.70 mM

(E)-N<sub>2</sub>-((5'-(羟甲基)-呋喃-2'-基)亚甲基)-赖氨酸 (HML)



(HGA)

IC<sub>50</sub>=36.50 mM



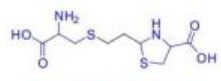
(HGB)

IC<sub>50</sub>=43.47 mM

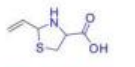
2-氨基-3-羟基-3-(5-(羟甲基)-2-呋喃)丙酸



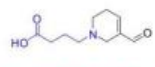
IC<sub>50</sub>=67.9 μM  
丙烯醛



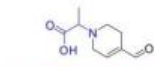
180 μM, 细胞存活 > 97%  
丙烯醛-双半胱氨酸 (ACR-di-Cys)



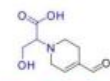
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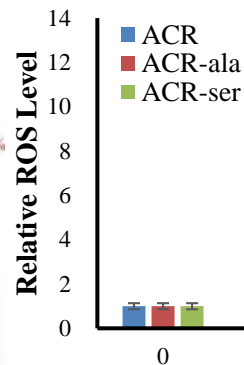
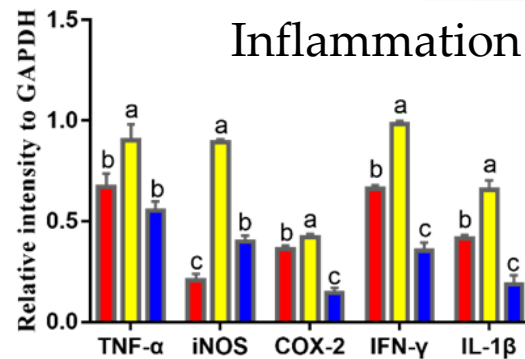
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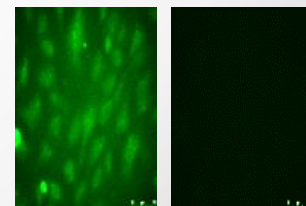
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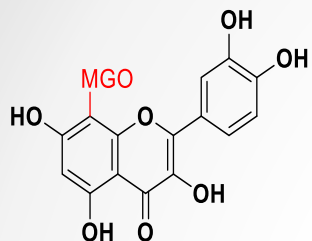
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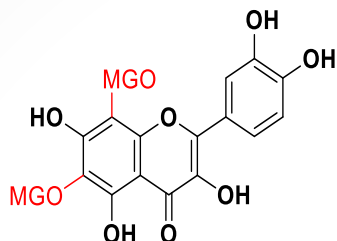
## DNA damage





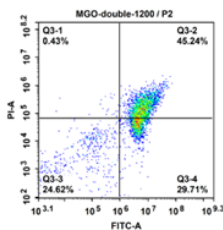
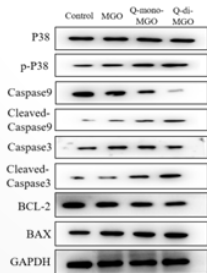


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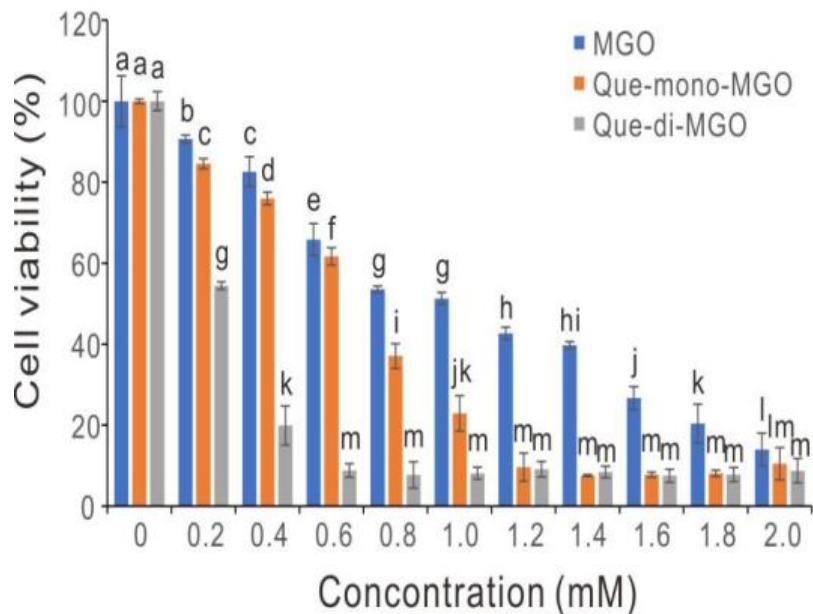


槲皮素-双丙酮醛加合物  
(Que-di-MGO)

Adduct formation



Apoptosis  $\uparrow$

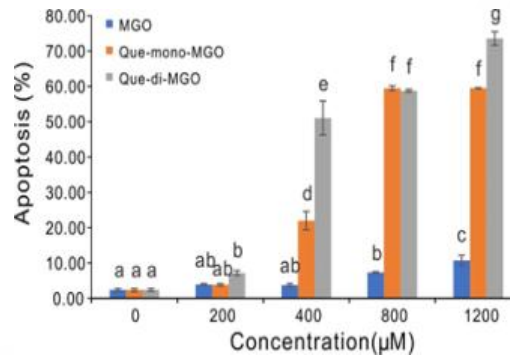


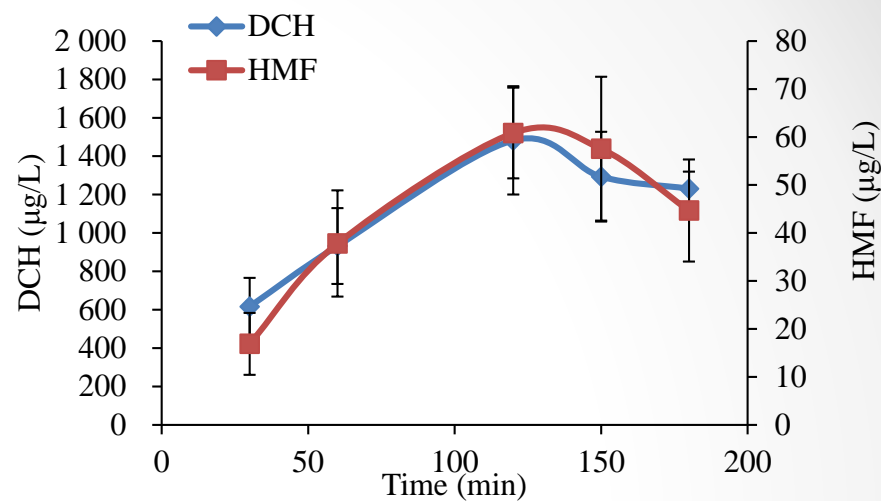
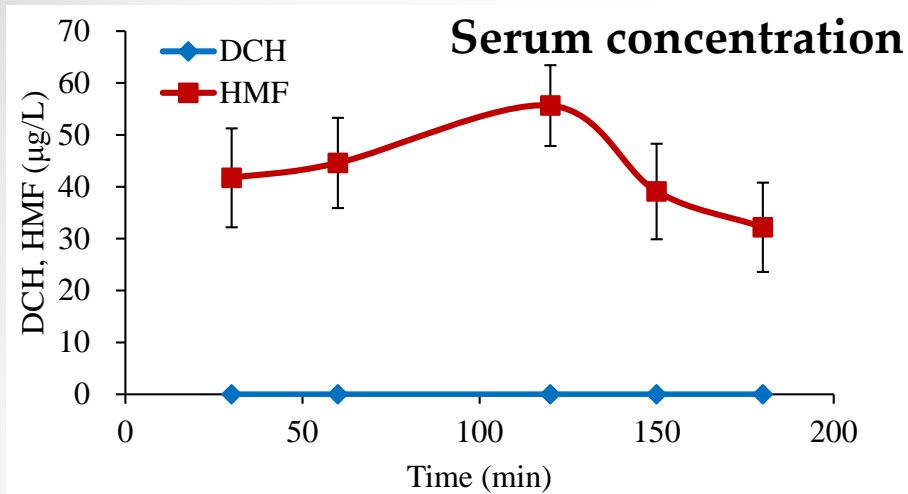
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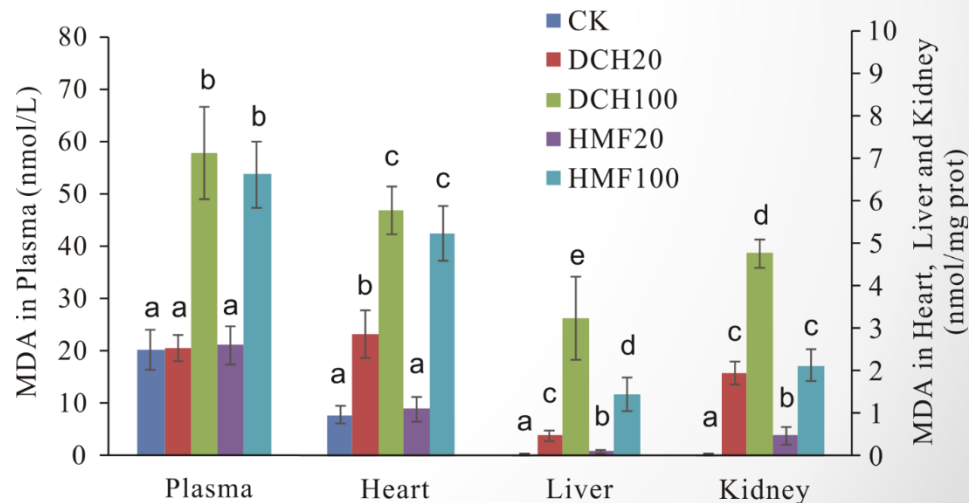
0.59 mM

0.15 mM





		Heart	Liver	Kidney
HMF administration	HMF content	0.4±0.2	0.1	1.2±0.3
	DCH content	ND	ND	ND
DCH administration	HMF content	0.2±0	1.0±0.4	1.1±0.5
	DCH content	5.0±1.3	3.4±1.8	36.5±4.8



# Recent Publications

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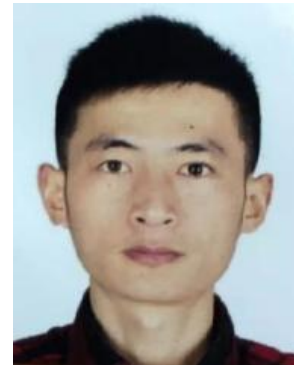
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## Finland-China Food and Health Network (FCFH)

# Food nutrition and health research summary

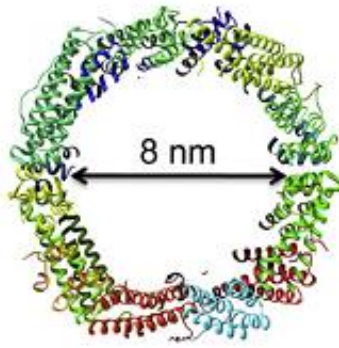
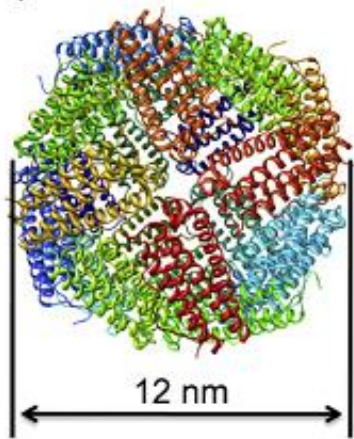
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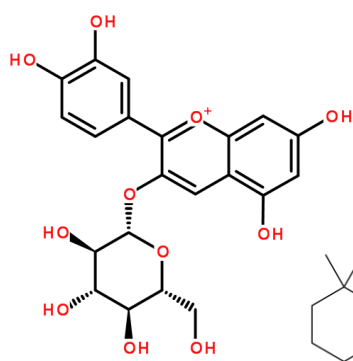
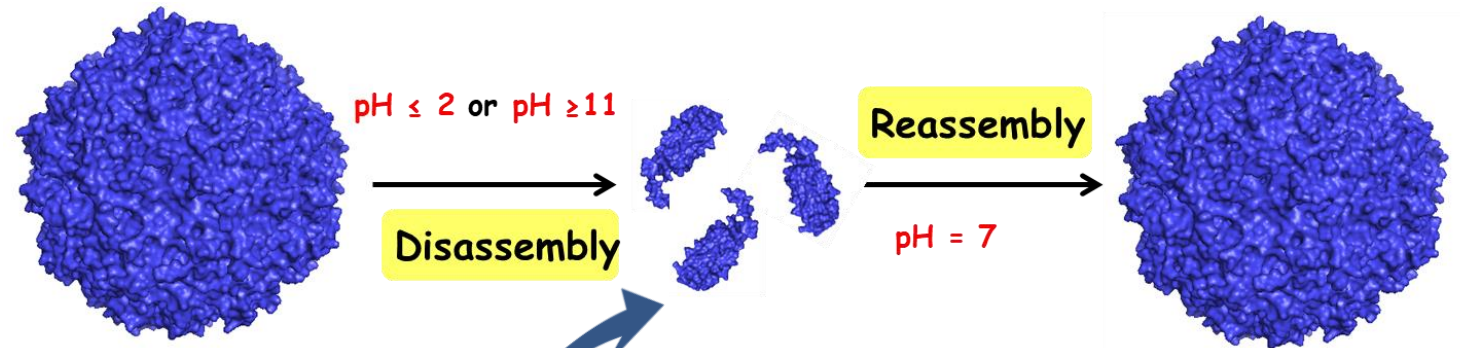
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- Protein nanocage design and applications in encapsulation of nutraceuticals
- Mineral elements transport and regulation
- Natural compounds and chronic diseases
- Cereal production and nutrition

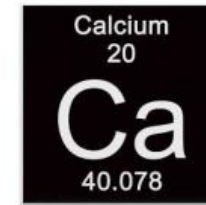
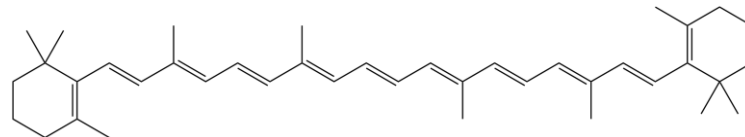
# Encapsulation and delivery of nutraceuticals



## Reversible self-assembly property



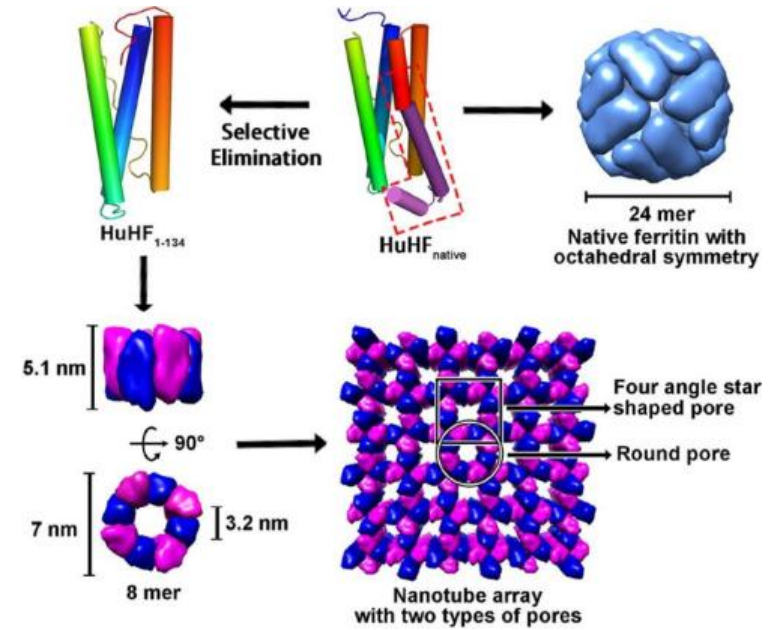
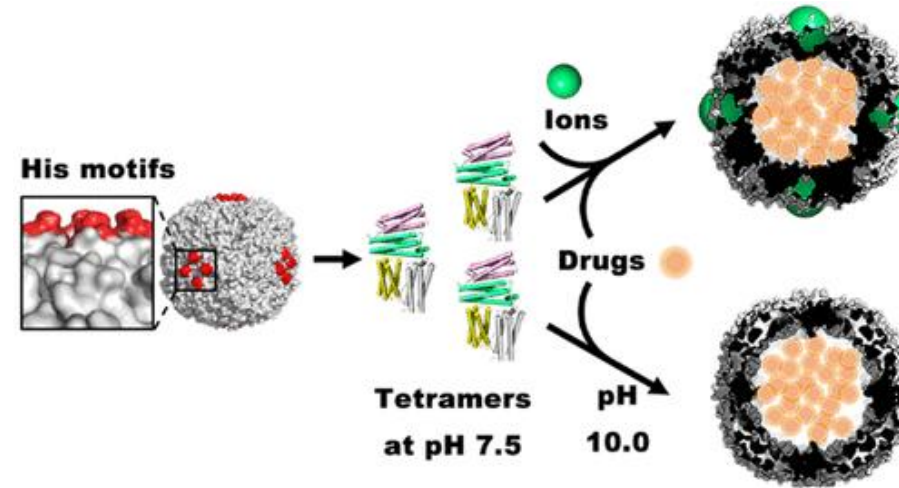
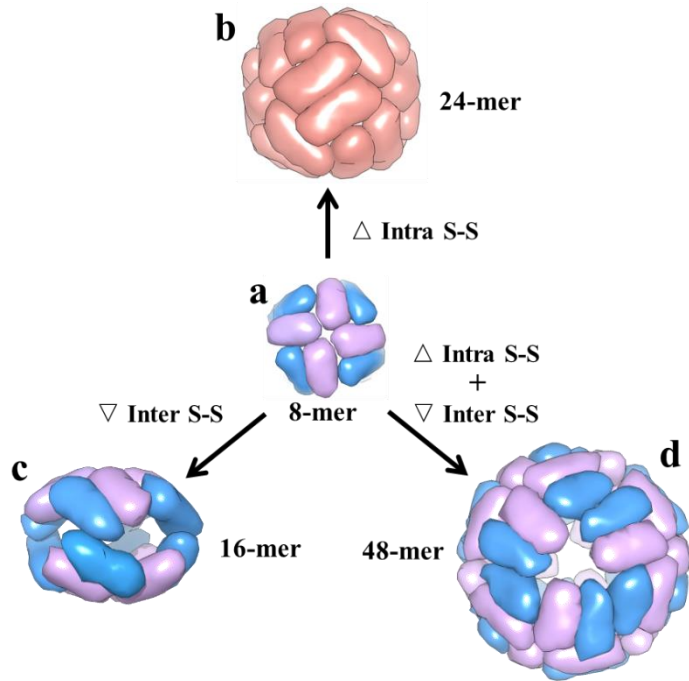
water/lipid soluble pigments



mineral elements

**High selectivity for cancer cells** which overexpress two kinds of receptors: SCARA5 for L-ferritin and TfR1 for H-ferritin.

# Protein cage redesign and applications



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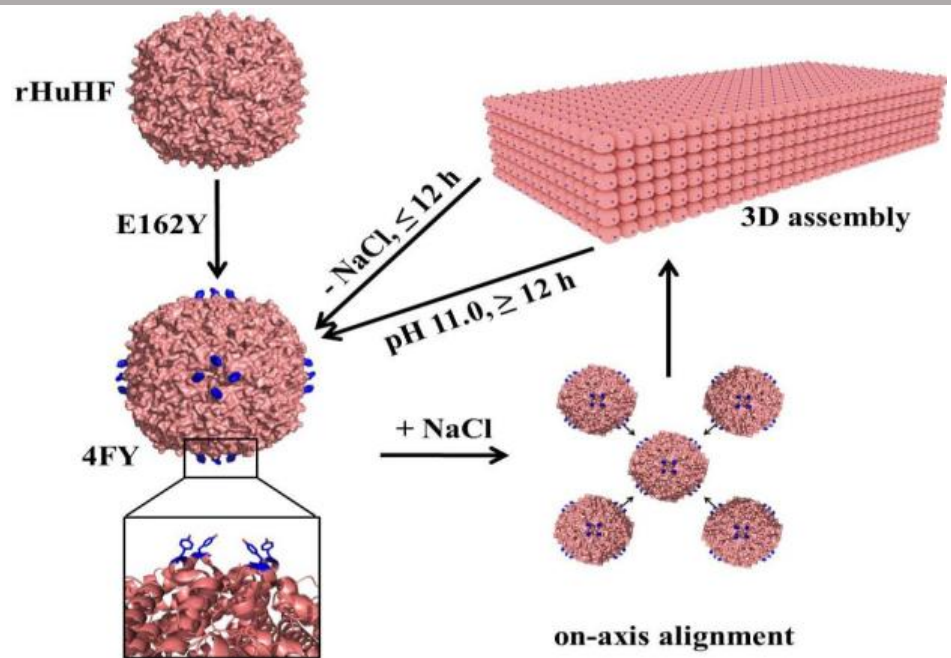
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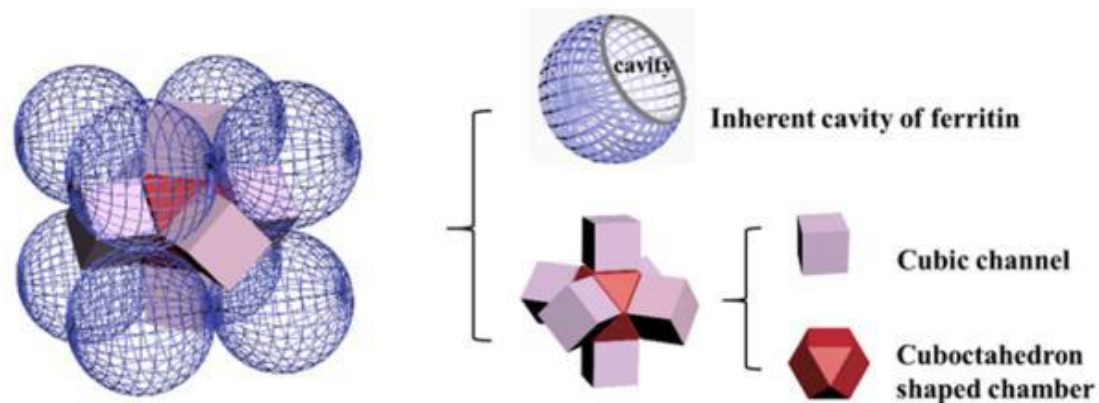
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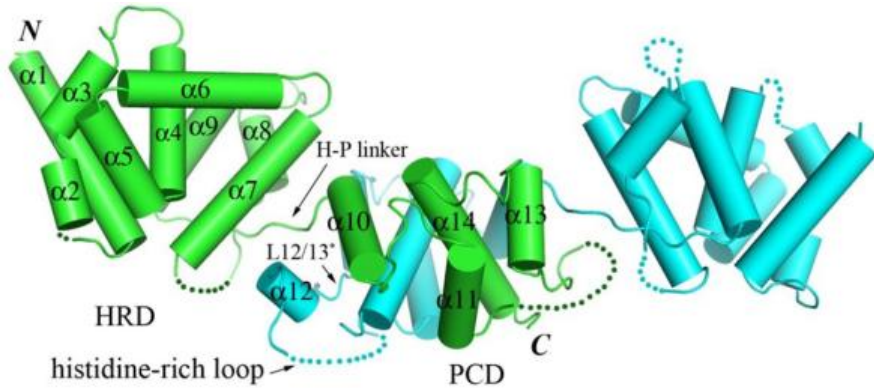
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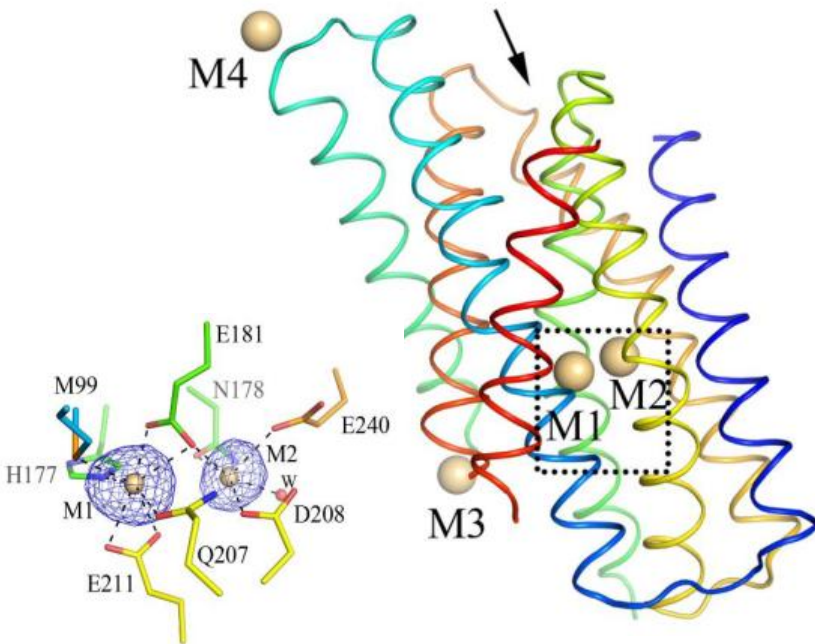
Compartmentalization is a hallmark of living systems. Through compartmentalization, ubiquitous protein nanocages such as viral capsids, ferritin, small heat shock proteins, and DNA-binding proteins from

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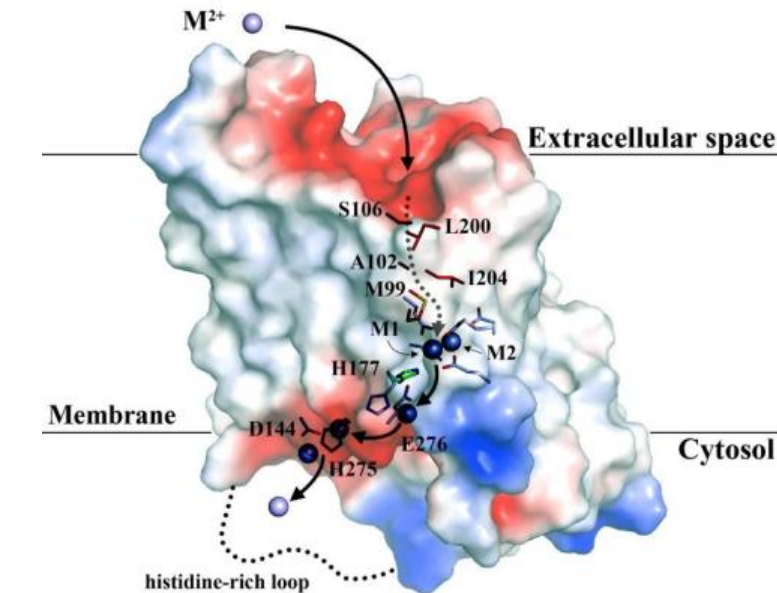
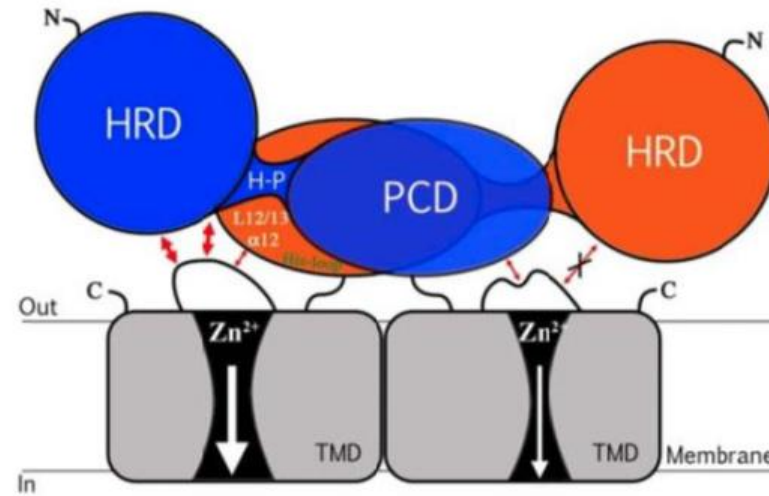
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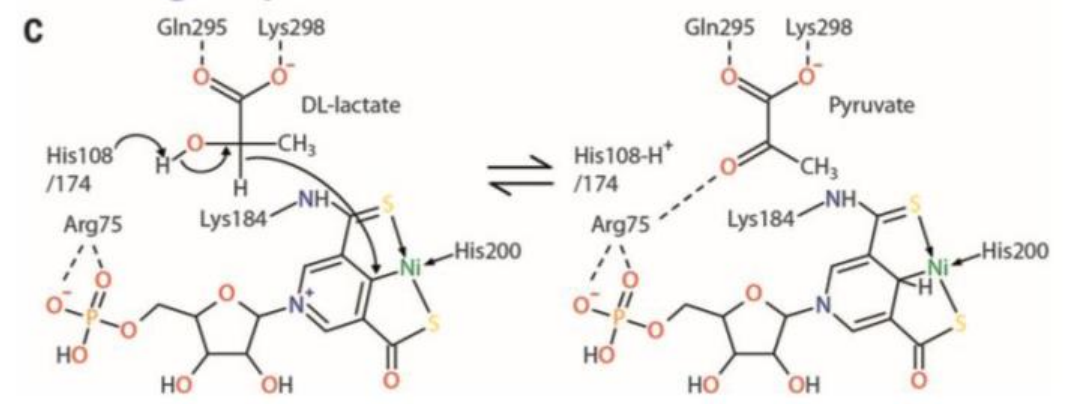
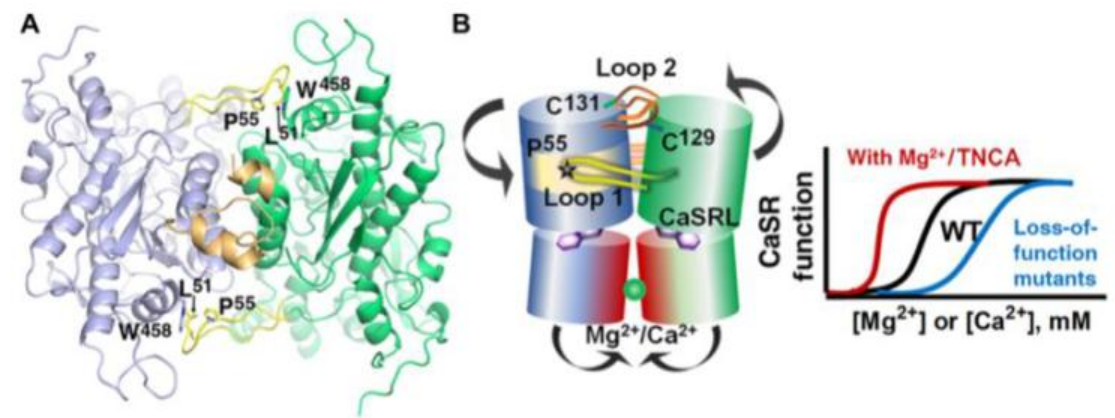
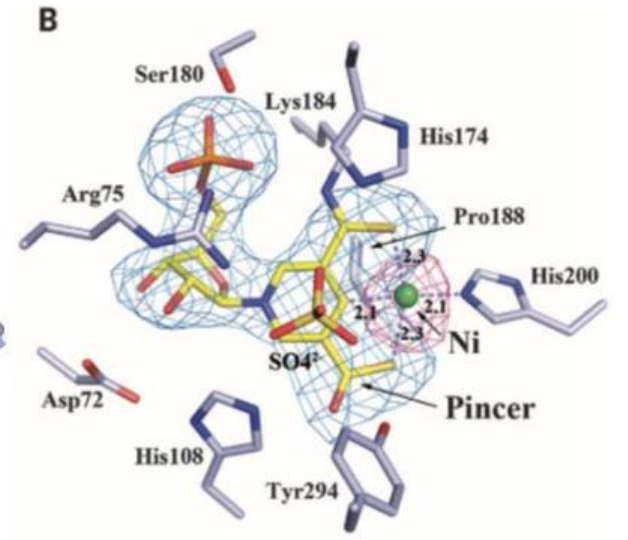
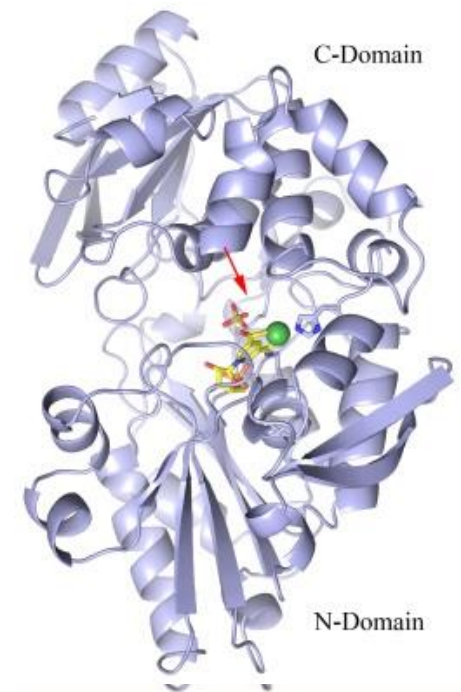
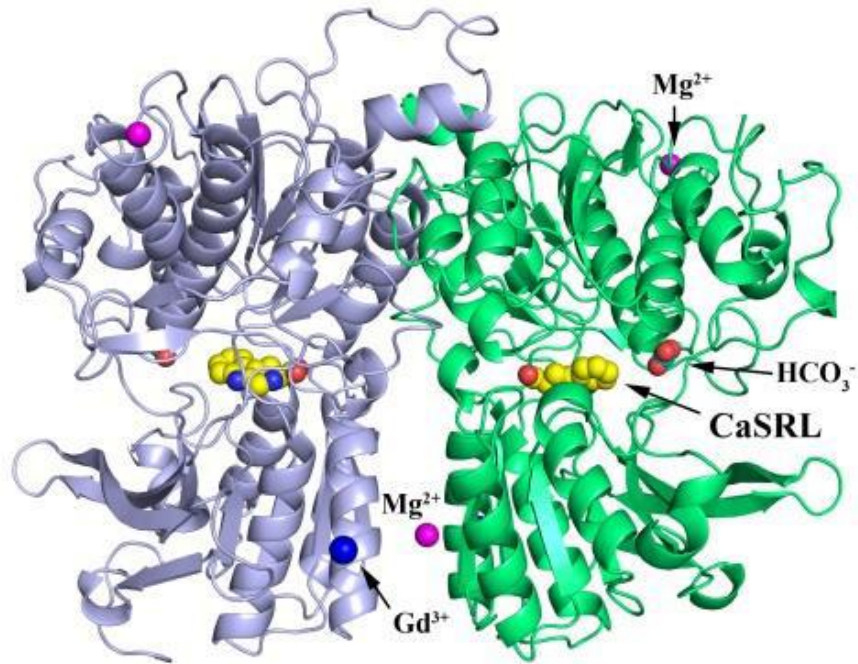
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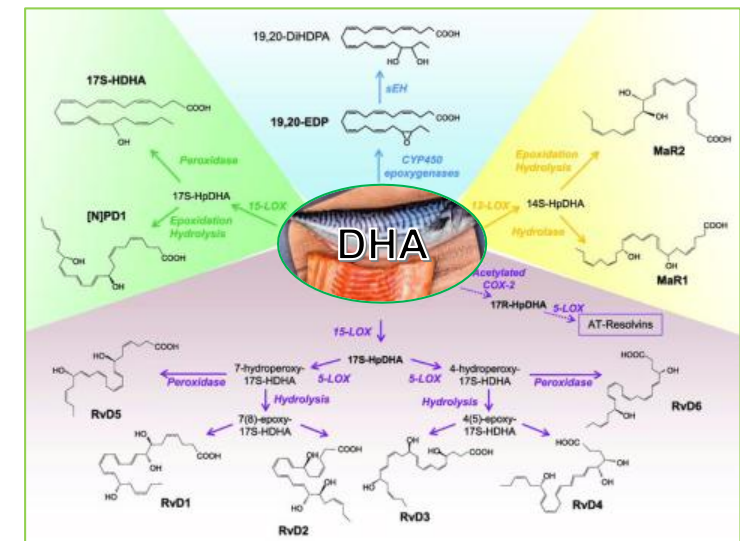
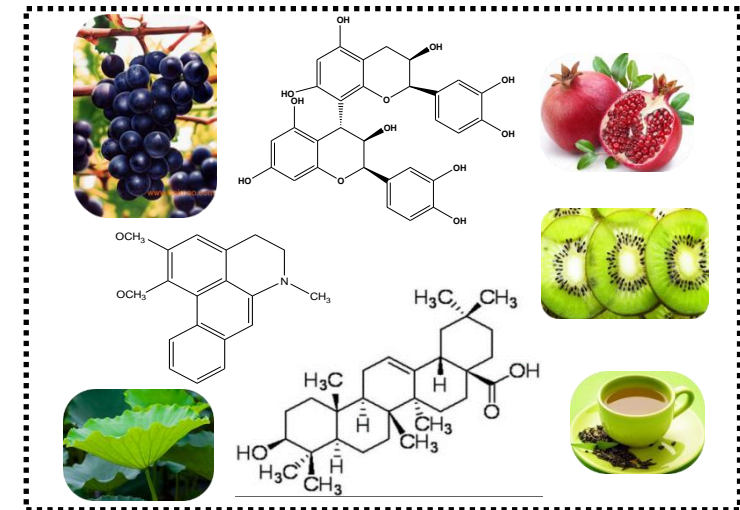
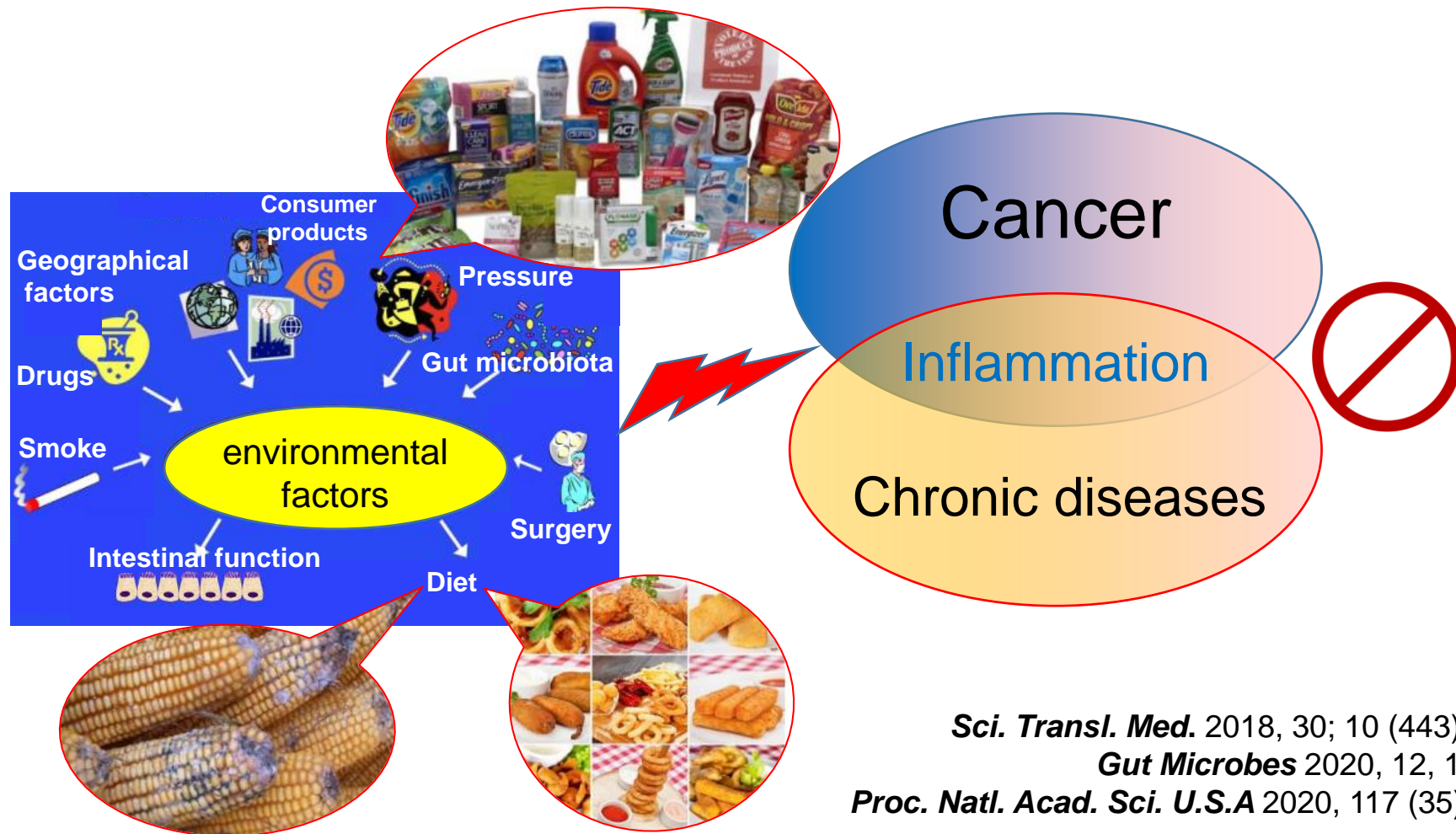
**ZIP4 is a zinc transmembrane transporter which is responsible for the absorption of zinc from diet in small intestine.**

# Mineral elements transport and regulation—CaSR, Lar



# Natural compounds and chronic diseases

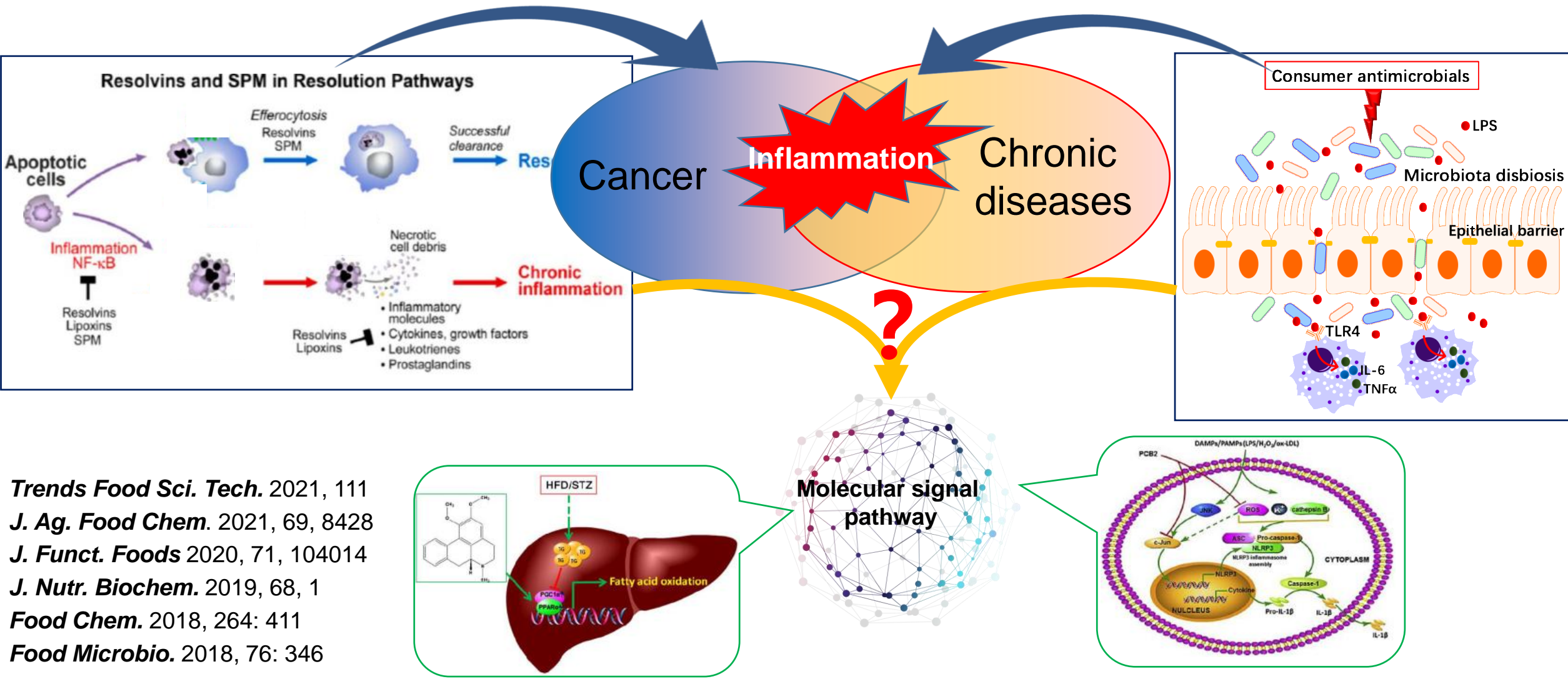
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# Cereal production and nutrition

## Material

- Cereal grain raw materials



Maize



Black Wheat



Rice

- By-products of grain processing



Maize germ meal



Wheat bran



Rice bran

## Processing

- Physical treatment



Superfine grinding



Vacuum freeze drying

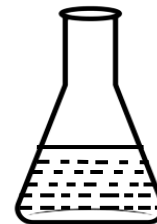
- Biochemical technology



Soaking



Fermentation



Enzymolysis

## Improved quality

- Micronutrients bioavailability

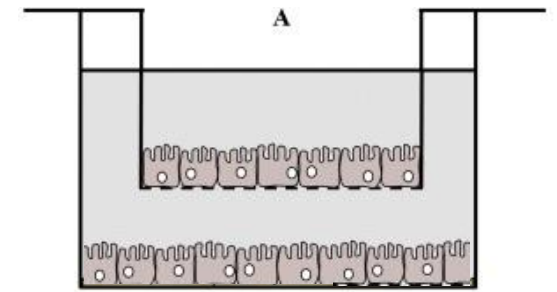


Diagram of two-tier Caco-2 cell culture model

- Low energy density products



# Our team



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# Thank You!

# HEAL Project

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- Gamification and Serious Games
- Design Thinking in Health Technology Innovations



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- Digital Health Promotion
- Gamification and Serious Games
- Application of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

AI-driven Gamified Intervention  
and Intelligent Intervention Support Module to Foster the  
**Health Equity for the Life of Children**

**HEAL**





**All children should have the right to a healthy life and future.**

However, they are prone to health inequalities encompassing their physical, psychosocial and food health.

Health interventions around the world has been developed aiming to promote the health of children. **And yet, we continuously strive to effectively alleviate their health disparities.**



Photo by [call me hungry](#) on [Unsplash](#)

**21%** of school-aged children consume vegetables less than once a day;  
**34 %** eat fruit less than once a day; **42%** drink sodas daily; and **46 %**  
consume fast food at least weekly<sup>1</sup>



Photo by ABC News 2020

In Finland, a recent study showed that 27% of 2- to 16-year- old boys and 17% girls are at high risk of obesity<sup>2</sup>

Food and nutrition play a vital role in everyone's health. It fuels the cognitive development of a child as well as their physical and psychosocial growth.

**However, children and adolescents today are failing their healthy food consumptions and this phenomenon deprive them of having long, productive and healthy lives.**

Global progress towards health equity and its determinants has been slow and largely due to lack of awareness and investment<sup>3</sup>.



**Therefore, we should extend our noble efforts forward  
in making a change and helping the children achieve  
health equity.**



- To foster the health equity of children in middle childhood (6-13 years old)
- To develop a novel and child-centred intervention with the combination of gamification and AI techniques
- To alleviate their subjective nutrition, physical and psychosocial health disparities
- To examine the validity of the approach while considering the ethical issues of digital health promotion and processing of data for use in support for timely research, decision-making and action plans.

VALUE

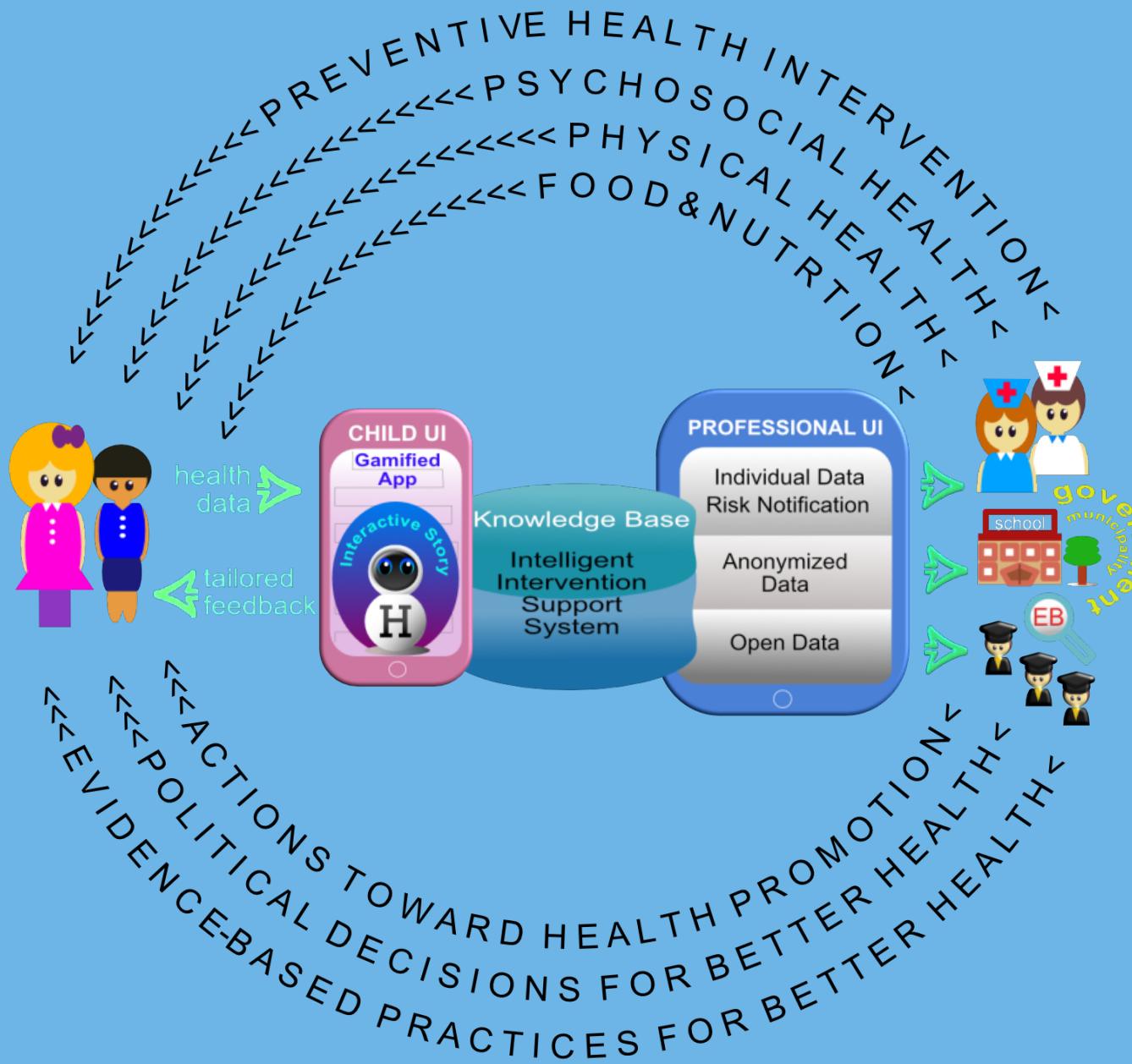


Supports:

- Health Literacy
- Autonomy
- Competence
- Motivation
- Health Behaviour



HEALTH EQUITY OF CHILDREN



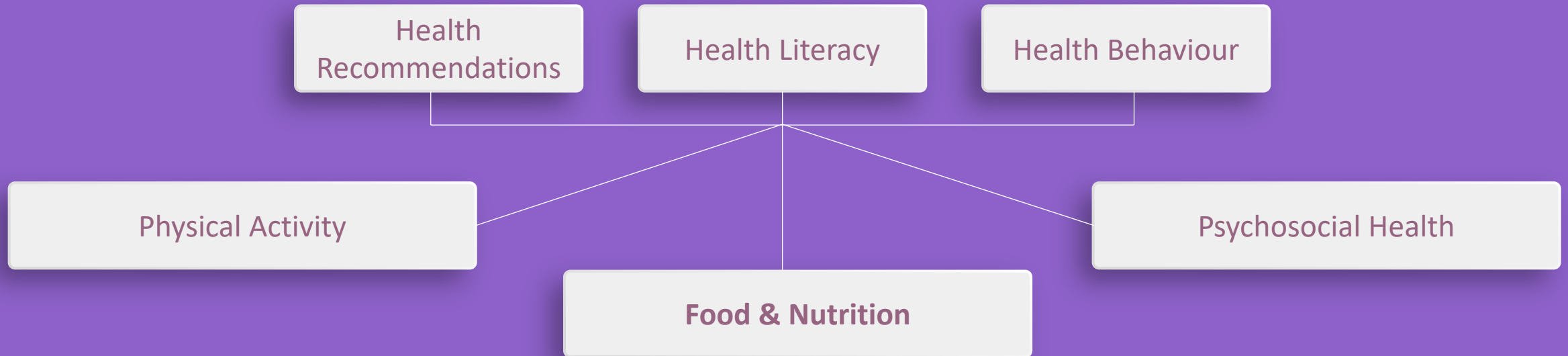
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Supports:

- Tailored Health Counselling
- Predict-Prevent
- Evidence-based Decision Making
- Research
- Secondary Data
- Big Data Analytics
- Increase of Knowledge in Child Health

# Scope of Intervention



# Effective & Sustainable



(Image credit: European Commission 2021)

## Collaborations

- ✓ Collaboration with the University of Tartu, Estonia
- ✓ Collaboration with the University of Lleida, Spain
- 🔍 Collaboration with Chinese Higher Education Institutions for food and nutrition research and development of HEAL intervention

**Thank you! Kiitos! 谢谢!**

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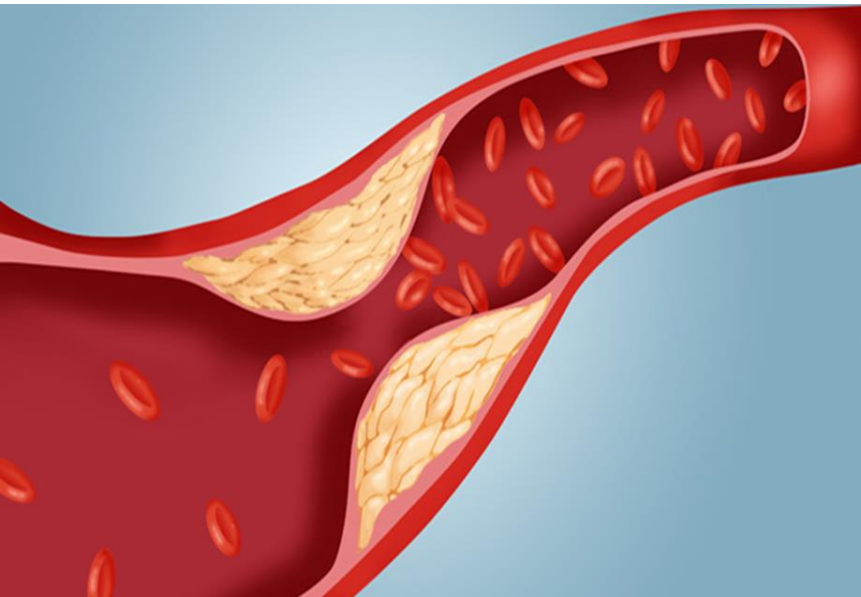


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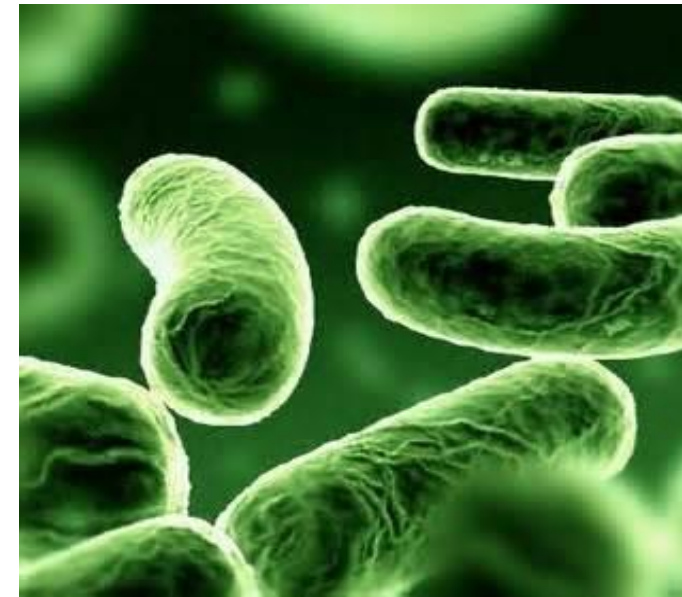
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# Food Active Ingredients, Nutrition & Health



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# Our team—A happy family !

"Dounai group"(豆奶一族: dou means soybean,nai means milk)



- 2** Professors, both Ph.D supervisor;  
Dr. Peiyu Wang , Dr. Yumei Zhang
- 1** Associate Professor;  
Dr. Jianghua
- 1** (Tsinghua) Assistant Professor; Dr. Ai Zhao
- 1** Biostatistics: Dr. Yingdong Zheng
- 1** Postdoc, [Dr. Linwei Tao](#)
- 5** Ph D Students,
- 4** Graduate Students for MS



# Here comes the Team

- **Projects Undertaking:**
- **11** NSFC(National Natural Science Foundation of China) projects, I am PI **5** of them;
- **1** National Scientific key projects of 13<sup>th</sup> five year plan
- **2** Beijing Major Science and Technology Project; **1** Hebei Major Science and Technology Project; **1** Key Project of NSFBJ
- Cooperate Universities: University of TURKU, UC DAVIS, University of Iceland;
- Cooperate with dairy companies: Nestle, Arla, Fonterra, BASF, DSM, Chinese local companies such Yili, Mengniu, Sanyuan, Junlebao etc.
- Cooperated with 10 plus Chinese universities, 15 maternal and children's hospitals, 20 plus community hospitals

In past 5 years  
we undertake  
projects over RMB  
350 M



# Plant active Ingredients

- ✓ Soy Isoflavones and soy active ingredients on Cardiovascular disease & mechanism;
- ✓ **Sea buck thorn fruits juice on hyperlipidemia & prediabetes—cooperated with University of Turku);(2 RCT)**
- ✓ Phytosterols esters added to bovine milk & hypercholestromia
- ✓  **$\beta$ -conglycinin of soybean; (1 RCT)**
- ✓ Lactobacillus casei N1115; (2 RCT)
- ✓ **Prebiotics(inulin) on lactose deficiency (1 RCT)**
- ✓ Anthocyanins from purple potato, blue berries
- ✓ **DHA at different position of triglycerides**

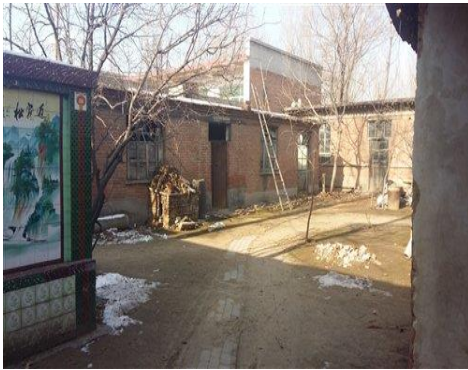
RCT: randomized clinical trials



16 years of experience: from rural Hebei to national and international multi center breast milk research

**2005**

Hebei rural areas  
50 samples



Laishui, Hebei  
Province

**2011** Maternal Infant  
Nutrition & Growth  
580 samples



MING Study  
Beijing,  
Suzhou,  
Guangzhou

**2016**

80 samples



Multicenter: China,  
Finland, Spain,  
South africa

Over 5000 samples  
\*13<sup>th</sup> 5  
years Key  
projects

**2018**

Chinese North &  
South Cohort



Breastfeeding  
cohort study



# Milk active Ingredients

----Nutrients or active ingredients of foods

- ✓ Chinese breast milk fatty acids, milk microbiota, mycobiome & NMR metabolomics are different from Finland, Spain, South Africa; ---multicenter study
- ✓ **The trend of bioactive protein such as  $\alpha$ -lactoalbumin osteopontin, gangliosides, fatty acids, human milk oligosacchrides in human milk whey and casein );---**  
**longitudinal study**
- ✓ **Probiotics on children and adult health:**
  - ✓ **Lactobacillus casei N1115 from Tibet traditional yogurt on Hyperlipidemia; the safety and improve immune function on infants and toddlers (2 RCT)**
  - ✓ **A strain of *Bifidobacterium animalis* subsp. *lactis* on infants, safety and immune;(1RCT)**
  - ✓ **A strain *Bifidobacterium infantis* on children health(1RCT)**

Chinese mother





# Before and After in our Cooperation

## Teaching & Training Programs between China- Finland

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Thanks !

Wonderful future cooperation!

