

# Plant polyphenols: possible long-term treatments to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes and the metabolic syndrome



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# Unified Criteria for Clinical Diagnosis of the Metabolic Syndrome

Increased waist circumference	Population-specific definition		
Increased triglycerides (or medication)	≥150 mg/dl		
Reduced HDL cholesterol (or medication)	<40 mg/dl in men <50 mg/dl in women		
Increased blood pressure (or medication)	Systolic ≥130 or Diastolic ≥ 85 mmHg		
Increased fasting blood glucose (or medication)	> 100 mg/d1		





### **Unifying theory**

about central obesity and related type II diabetes mellitus (TIIDM), cardiovascular disease (CVD) and cancer. All conditions seem to be linked by the concept of the **metabolic syndrome**, but the

underlying causes are not known. (McGill AT1 Causes of metabolic syndrome and obesity-related co-morbidities Part 1: A composite unifying theory review of human-specific co-adaptations to brain energy consumption. Arch Public Health. 2014 Sep 1;72(1):30)

Insufficient consumption of food micronutrients and plant chemicals with anti-oxidant activity

Excessive intake of energy-dense food



Dysfunction of NRF2 cellular protection system and of other metabolic pathways

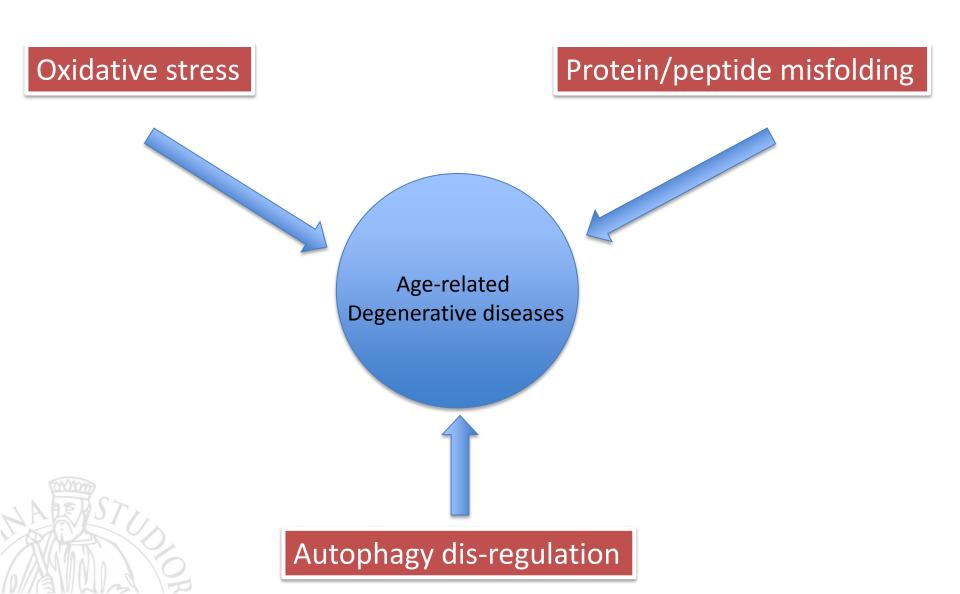


Inefficient metabolism of excess energy forces central and non-adipose cells to store excess toxic lipids.



Oxidative stress and metabolic inflammation, allow susceptibility to infectious, degenerative atherosclerotic cardiovascular, autoimmune, neurodegenerative and dysplastic diseases







#### **Clinical syndrome**

Alzheimer's disease

Spongiform encephalopathies

Parkinson's disease

Familial Danish dementia

Familial British dementia
Fronto-temporal dementias

Hereditary cerebral amyloid angiopathy

Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

Dentatorubro-pallido-Luysian atrophy

**Huntington disease** 

Cerebellar ataxias

Kennedy disease

Spino cerebellar ataxia 17

Primary systemic amyloidosis

Secondary systemic amyloidosis

Senile systemic amyloidosis
Familial amyloid polyneurop./cardiomyopathy

Hemodialysis-related amyloidosis

Tierriodiarysis-related arrivioladsis

Familial amyloid polyneuropathy III
Finnish hereditary systemic amyloidosis

Type II diabetes

Medullary carcinoma of the thyroid

**Atrial amyloidosis** 

Hereditary non-neuropathic system. amyloidosis

Injection-localized amyloidosis

Hereditary renal amyloidosis

#### Fibril component

**Aβ peptides** (1-40, 1-41, 1-42, 1-43); Ptau

**Prion** (whole or fragments)

 $\alpha$ - synuclein (wt or mutant)

ADan (34 AA fragment of Bri-277)
ABri (34 AA fragment of Bri-277)

Tau (wild-type or mutant)

Cystatin C (minus a 10-residue fragment)

Superoxide dismutase

Atrophin 1

**Huntingtin** (whole or poly(Q) fragment)

Ataxins (whole or poly(Q) fragments)

Androgen receptor (whole or poly(Q) fragment)

**TATA box-binding protein** (whole or poly(Q) fragments)

Ig light chains (whole or fragments)

Serum amyloid A (whole or 76-residue fragment)

Transthyretin (whole or fragments)

Transthyretin (over 45 variants)

β<sub>2</sub>-microglobulin

**Apolipoprotein A1** (fragments)

Gelsolin (71 amino acid fragment)

IAPP (fragment) (amylin)

Calcitonin (fragment)

ANF

Lysozyme (whole or fragments)

Insulin

Fibrinogen (fragments)

Tissue deposits composed mainly of fibrillar polymers of specific peptides or proteins are the histopathological hallmark of amyloid diseases ...

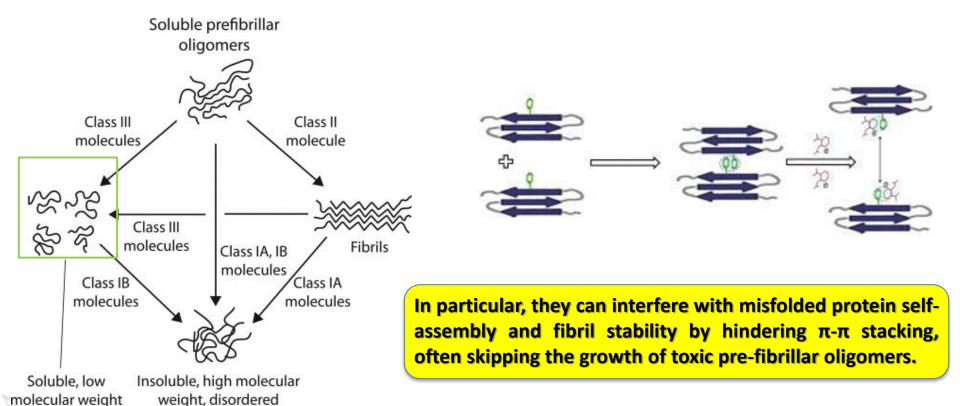


species

aggregates

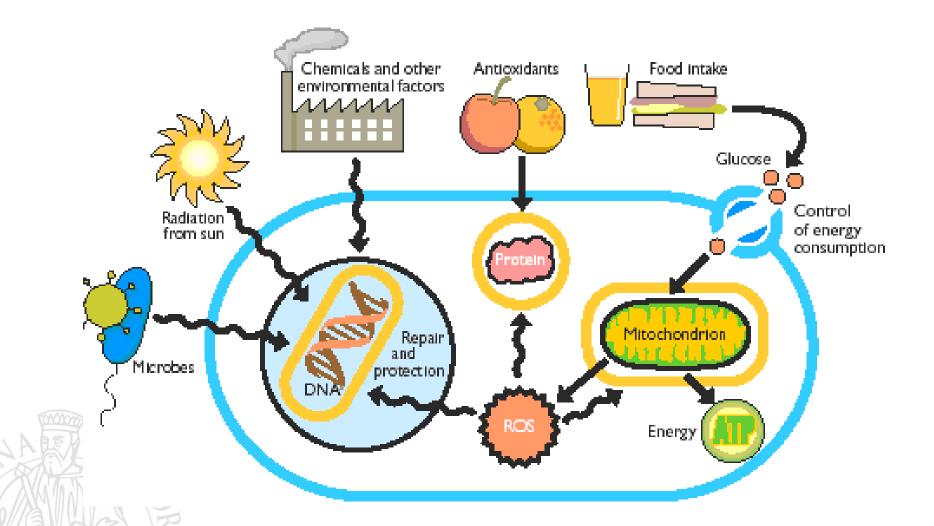
Ruolo degli integratori nutrizionali nel trattamento del diabete mellito e dei dismetabolismi correlati: recenti acquisizioni dalla ricerca biochimica e clinica

Small aromatic molecules, including polyphenols, can interfere in several ways with the aggregation of misfolded proteins favoring growth of non-toxic aggregates.





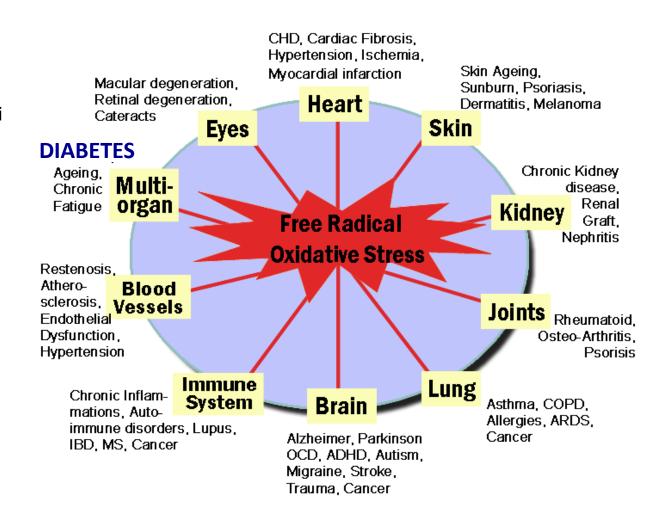
## **FONTI DI RADICALI LIBERI**





# Patologie caratterizzate da STRESS OSSIDATIVO

Uno squilibrio tra produzione di radicali liberi e difese antiossidanti a favore dei primo conduce ad uno stato di stress ossidativo, che numerosi studi indicano essere coinvolto nei processi di invecchiamento, nei tessuti esposti a radiazioni ionizzanti e anche nella patogenesi e nel decorso di diverse patologie degenerative (morbo di Alzheimer, Parkinson, neoplasie, diabete mellito II, ecc.).





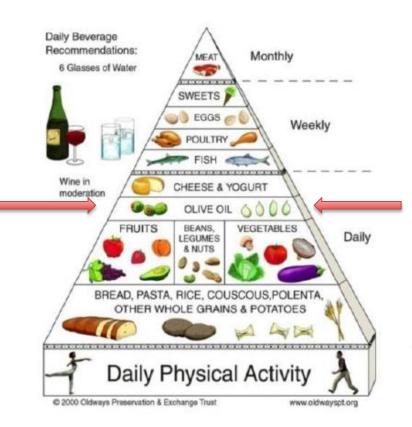
# Beneficial effects of the Mediterranean/Asian diets

- high intake of vegetables
- fruits and nuts
- •legumes, cereals
- •fish
- •olive oil
- •spices
- •relatively low intakes of meat and dairy products
- •Moderate alcohol (red wine)

Polyphenols found in red wine, EVOO and other foods improve learning and behavioral deficits associated with aging and disease

Natural polyphenols are phytoalexins that protect plants against fungal and other microbial pathogens

The Traditional Healthy Mediterranean Diet Pyramid







# Natural Products As Sources of New Drugs over the 30 Years from 1981 to 2010

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...the utility of natural products as sources of novel structures, but not necessarily the final drug entity, is still alive and well. Thus, in the area of cancer, over the time frame from around the 1940s to date, of the 175 small molecules, 131, or 74.8%, are other than "S" (synthetic), with 85, or 48.6%, actually being either natural products or directly derived therefrom. In other areas, the influence of natural product structures is quite marked, with, as expected from prior information, the anti-infective area being dependent on natural products and their structures.

dx.doi.org/10.1021/np200906s | J. Nat. Prod. 2012, 75, 311-335



**Table 2** Plants with positive effects in experimental diabetes mellitus through their antioxidant properties [41].

Plant species	Family
Acanthopanax senticosus Harms	Araliaceae
Albizia lebbeck (L.) Benth.	Mimosaceae
Allium sativum L.	Alliaceae
Amaranthus esculentus Besser	Amaranthaceae
Aralia taibaiensis Z.Z.Wang & H.C.Zheng	Araliaceae
Azadirachta indica A.Juss.	Meliaceae
Camellia sinensis (L.) Kuntze	Theaceae
Capparis decidua Edgew.	Capparaceae
Emblica officinalis Gaertn.	Euphorbiaceae
Ficus carica L.	Moraceae
Ficus bengalensis L.	Moraceae
Gentiana olivieri Griseb	Gentianaceae
Lycium barbarum Lam.	Solanaceae
Momordica charantia L.	Cucurbitaceae
Morinda officinalis F. C. How	Rubiaceae
Musa×sapientum L.	Musaceae
Ocimum sanctum L.	Lamiaceae
Panax ginseng C.A.Meyer	Araliaceae
Phyllanthus amarus Schumach.	Euphorbiaceae
Plantago depressa Willd.	Plantaginaceae
Pueraria lobata (Willd.) Ohwi	Fabaceae
Punica granatum L.	Lythraceae
Scutellaria baicalensis Georgi	Lamiaceae
Silybum marianum (L.) Gaertn.	Asteraceae
Strobilanthes crispa T. Anderson	Acanthaceae
Vaccinium arctostaphylos L.	Ericaceae

# Natural Products for the Treatment of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus\*

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#### Planta Med 2015; 81: 975-994

Da Galega officinalis (capraggine)



# mechanisms of natural products as antidiabetic agents.

- Inhibition of  $\alpha$ -glucosidase and  $\alpha$ -amylase,
- effects on glucose uptake and glucose transporters,
- modification of mechanisms mediated by the peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor,
- inhibition of protein tyrosine phosphatase 1B activity,
- modification of gene expression, and activities of hormones involved in glucose homeostasis such as:
  - · adiponectin,
  - resistin,
  - incretin,
- reduction of oxidative stress are some of the mechanisms in which natural products are involved.





#### Piante medicinali sottoposte a trial clinico per DMT2:

- aloe,
- banaba,
- bitter melon,
- caper,
- cinnamon,
- cocoa,
- coffee,
- fenugreek,
- garlic,
- guava,
- gymnema,
- nettle,
- sage,
- soybean,
- green and black tea,
- turmeric,
- walnut
- yerba mate.

# Composti con potentiale efficacia antidiabetica:

- fucugetina
- palmatina
- berberina
- onochiolo
- amorfrutine,
- trigonellina,
- acidi gimnemici,
- gurmarina
- florizina



Natural polyphenols include many plant molecules (resveratrol, curcumin, epigallocatechin-3-gallate, quercetin, morin, etc.) whose beneficial properties against ageing as well as against many pathological conditions including oxidative stress, cancer, neurodegenerative and cardiovascular diseases, type 2 diabetes and the metabolic syndrome are known since long time and supported by many experimental data both in model animals and in humans.

Resveratrolo

Curcumina

Epigallocatechina-3-gallato

#### Quercetina

#### Morina



# Oleuropein

The major phenol in the extra virgin olive oil and in Olea europea leafs

#### **Glycated: Leaves, drupes**

#### **Activities:**

Antioxidant
Antitumoral
Anti-inflammatory

Aglycone: ripening olives and olive oil

# ß-glucosidase

#### **Prevention/treatment of:**

- Hypertension
- Carcinogenesis
- Type II diabetes
- Atherosclerosis
- •Risk of AD





# Dietary polyphenols, including oleuropein, are adsorbed both in rats and in humans

Mol. Nutr. Food Res. 2013, 57, 2079-2085

DOI 10.1002/mnfr.201200795

2079

FOOD & FUNCTION

Human absorption and metabolism of oleuropein and hydroxytyrosol ingested as olive (*Olea europaea* L.) leaf extract

Martin de Bock<sup>1</sup>, Eric B. Thorstensen<sup>1</sup>, José G. B. Derraik<sup>1</sup>, Harold V. Henderson<sup>2</sup>, Paul L. Hofman<sup>1,3</sup> and Wayne S. Cutfield<sup>1,3</sup>

#### Human Nutrition and Metabolism

Olive Oil Phenols Are Absorbed in Humans<sup>1</sup>

Maud N. Vissers,\* Peter L. Zock,\* Annet J.C. Roodenburg,† Rianne Leenen† and Martijn B. Katan\*<sup>2</sup>

132:409-17, 2002





A recent clinical trial has shown that intake of OLE and hydroxythyrosol improves insulin sensitivity in patient at risk for type 2 diabetes as well as pain in gonarthrosis







# Another previous study had shown that olive leaf extracts were effective to reduce glycaemia in subjects with type 2 diabetes

JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL FOOD J Med Food 15 (7) 2012, 1–6

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Olive Leaf Extract as a Hypoglycemic Agent in Both Human Diabetic Subjects and in Rats

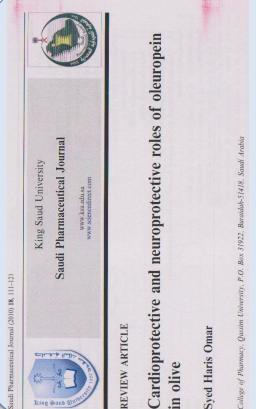
Julio Wainstein, Tali Ganz, Mona Boaz, Yosefa Bar Dayan, Eran Dolev, Zohar Kerem, and Zecharia Madar

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Previous data have also shown that olive-leaf extracts and OLE protect against hepatic steatosis, obesity and drug-cardiotoxicity



Hindawi Publishing Corporation Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine Volume 2014, Article ID 971890, 12 pages http://dx.doi.org/10.1155/2014/971890



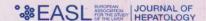
#### Research Article

Olive Leaf Extract Attenuates Obesity in High-Fat Diet-Fed Mice by Modulating the Expression of Molecules Involved in Adipogenesis and Thermogenesis

Ying Shen, Su Jin Song, Narae Keum, and Taesun Park

Department of Food and Nutrition, Brain Korea 21 PLUS Project, Yonsei University, 50 Yonsei-ro, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 120-749, Republic of Korea

Research Article



Oleuropein attenuates hepatic steatosis induced by high-fat diet in mice

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Finally, a very recent study from the Università la Sapienza has shown that administering a daily dose (10 g) of extra virgin olive oil to healthy subjects improves both glycemic and lipid profile, particularly increases post-prandial insulin and reduces glucose and LDL-cholesterol, an effect that may account for the antiatherosclerotic power of the Mediterranean diet.

OPEN

Citation: Nutrition & Diabetes (2015) 5, e172; doi:10.1038/nutd.2015.23



www.nature.com/nutd

#### **ORIGINAL ARTICLE**

Extra virgin olive oil use is associated with improved post-prandial blood glucose and LDL cholesterol in healthy subjects

F Violi<sup>1</sup>, L Loffredo<sup>1</sup>, P Pignatelli<sup>1</sup>, F Angelico<sup>2</sup>, S Bartimoccia<sup>1</sup>, C Nocella<sup>1</sup>, R Cangemi<sup>1</sup>, A Petruccioli<sup>3</sup>, R Monticolo<sup>4</sup>, D Pastori<sup>1</sup> and R Carnevale<sup>1,4</sup>





In conclusion, a growing number of data obtained from clinical trials with human cohorts, animal models and cultured cells support the benefits of the EVOO as well as the utility of nutraceuticals based on pure oleuropein or on eleuropein-enriched olive leaf extracts in prevention and therapy of type 2 diabetes and its related syndromes, notably the metabolic syndrome.







The Mediterranean diet is associated with a reduced risk of developing MCI and AD, as well as of MCI conversion to AD (Singh et al., 2014)

Proc Nutr Soc (2013) 140-152

Potential benefits of adherence to the Mediterranean diet on cognitive health

Feart C, Samieri C, Alles B and Barberger-Gateau P



Journal of Alzheimer's Disease 29 (2012) 773–782
Polyphenol-Rich Foods in the Mediterranean
Diet are Associated with Better Cognitive
Function in Elderly Subjects at High
Cardiovascular Risk

Cinta Valls-Pedret<sup>a,b</sup>, Rosa Maria Lamuela-Raventós<sup>b,c,d</sup>, Alexander Medina-Remón<sup>b,c,d</sup>, Melibea Quintana<sup>a</sup>, Dolores Corella<sup>b,e</sup>, Xavier Pintó<sup>d,f</sup>, Miguel Ángel Martínez-González<sup>d,g</sup>, Ramon Estruch<sup>b,b</sup> and Emilio Ros<sup>a,b,\*</sup>

# Effects of dietary extra-virgin olive oil on behaviour and brain biochemical parameters in ageing rats

British Journal of Nutrition (2010), 103, 1674–1683

Vanessa Pitozzi<sup>1</sup>, Michela Jacomelli<sup>1</sup>, Mohamed Zaid<sup>1</sup>, Cristina Luceri<sup>1</sup>, Elisabetta Bigagli<sup>1</sup>, Maura Lodovici<sup>1</sup>, Carla Ghelardini<sup>1</sup>, Elisa Vivoli<sup>1</sup>, Monica Norcini<sup>1</sup>, Marco Gianfriddo<sup>2</sup>, Sonia Esposto<sup>3</sup>, Maurizio Servili<sup>3</sup>, Guido Morozzi<sup>4</sup>, Elisabetta Baldi<sup>5</sup>, Corrado Bucherelli<sup>5</sup>, Piero Dolara<sup>1</sup> and Lisa Giovannelli<sup>1</sup>\*





#### Natural compounds in clinical trial for Alzheimer's disease

	Nam e	Synonym	FDA Status	Company	Target Type	Пъегару Туре
	AC-1204	Caprylic triglyceride, Long-chain triglycerides	2/3	Accera, Inc.	Other	Dietary Supplement
	Apha- Tocopherol	Vitamin E	3		Other	Dietary Supplement
(	Resveratrol	trans-3,4°,5- trihydroxy <i>s</i> tilben e	3,4 Not regulated		Other	Small Molecule
(	Cureumin	diferuloylmethan e, Longvida™	2	Verdure Sciences	Other, Unknown	Dietary Supplement
	Docosahexanoic acid (DHA)	Omega 3 fatty acid	3	Martek Biosciences Corporation	Other	Dietary Supplement
	Epigallocatechin Gallate (EGCG)	Sunphenon EGCg	2/3, 2, 3	Taiyo International	APP and Amyloid- Related, Inflammation, Other	Dietary Supplement



# Other trials with resveratrol

Some of which with yet unpublished outcome....

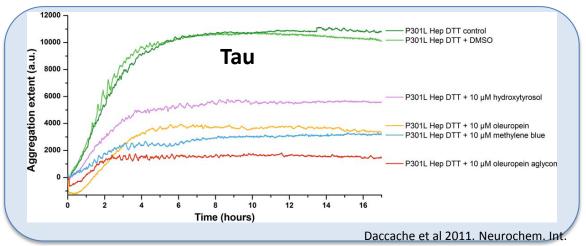
26 Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Study (ADCS) clinical centers under R.S. Turner direction are conducting a Phase 2 trial of resveratrol to assess whether it slows disease progression in people with mild to moderate dementia. The group has just finished collecting data on 120 people who took 0.5 g of resveratrol once in a day steadily increased to 1 g, equivalent to hundreds of bottles of wine, twice daily for a year. "The preliminary results will be presented in November at the Clinical Trials on Alzheimer's Disease (CTAD) meeting".

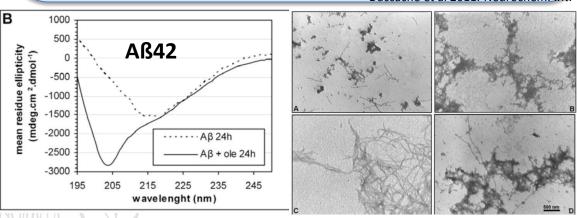
Primary outcomes were change in CSF Aβ and tau biomarkers, safety and tolerability, and change in brain and hippocampal volume as measured by MRI.

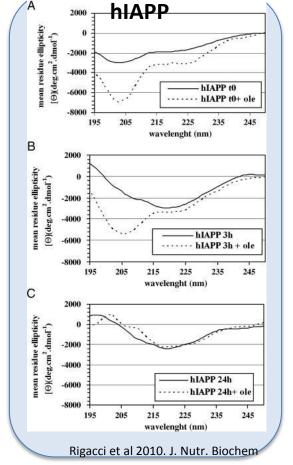




OLE redirects in vitro amyloid aggregation of peptides and proteins skipping the formation of toxic oligomers and favoring the growth of disordered aggregates...







Rigacci et al 2011. Curr. Alz. Res.

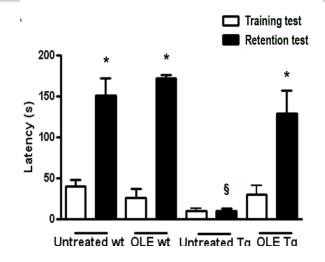


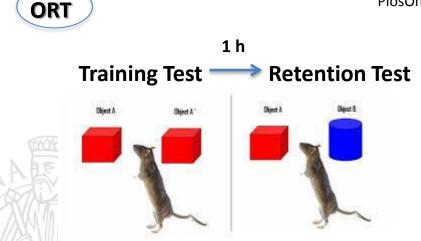
# Oleuropein aglycone ameliorates cognitive functions in young/middle aged TgCNRD8 mice

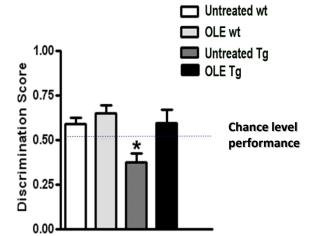
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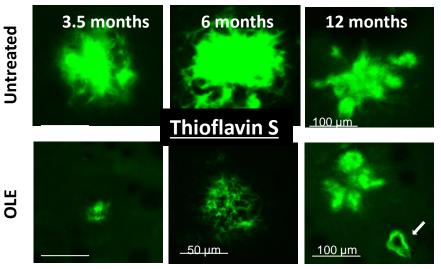
Grossi et al. 2013, PlosOne, 8:e71702





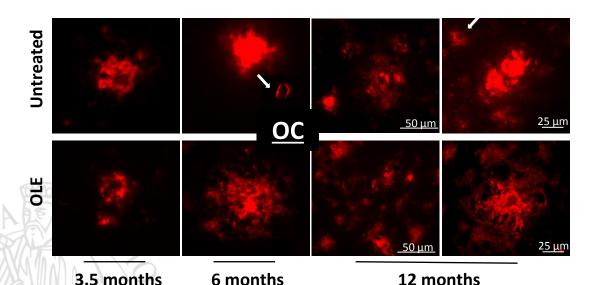






OLE administration results in Aß42 plaque disgregation

#### **CORTEX**





# Dysfunction of autophagy is a key element in the development and progression of AD

Autophagy (2009)

Autophagy protects neuron from A $\beta$ -induced cytotoxicity

Shih-Ya Hung, 1 Wei-Pang Huang, 3 Houng-Chi Liou 1 and Wen-Mei Fu<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

Induction of autophagy might be useful to protect against the toxicity of Aß peptides

*Journal of Alzheimer's Disease* (2014)

Stimulation of Autophagy Prevents Amyloid- $\beta$  Peptide-Induced Neuritic Degeneration in PC12 Cells

Yang Y<sup>1</sup>, Chen S<sup>2</sup>, Zhang J<sup>3</sup>, Li C<sup>3</sup>, Sun Y<sup>2</sup>, Zhang L<sup>3</sup> and Zheng X<sup>4</sup>

The autophagy-related protein beclin 1 shows reduced expression in early Alzheimer disease and regulates amyloid β accumulation in mice Pickford, et al. J. Clin Invest. 2008, 118: 2190–2199.

Autophagy, 7:8,1-2

The unfolded protein response and proteostasis in Alzheimer 's disease. Preferential activation of autophagy by endoplasmic reticulum stress. Scheper et al 2011,

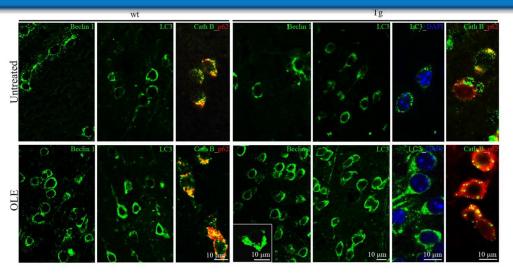
Nat Rev Drug Discov. 2012 September; 11(9): 709-730. doi:10.1038/nrd3802.

Autophagy modulation as a potential therapeutic target for diverse diseases

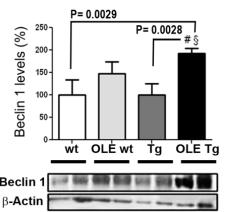
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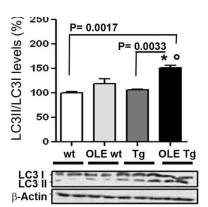


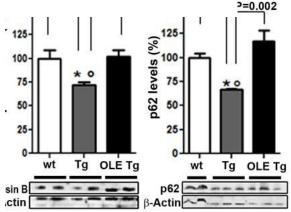
### OLE rescues autophagy in 12 month-old Tg mice...



Luccarini et al., Neurobiol. Aging., 2014 in press.





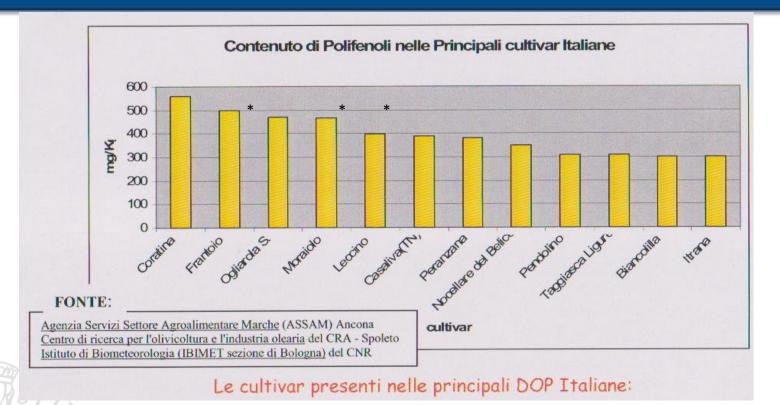


Grossi et al. 2013 PLoS ONE 8(8): e71702.

...as previously shown for 3.5 and 6 month-old Tg mice



The content of oleuropein aglycone in the extra virgin olive oil depends on cultivar, fruit growth and maturation, type of squeezing, conservation, etc.



DOP Chianti Classico: 80% Frantoio, Corregiolo, Moraiolo, Leccino; 20% varietà autoctone





















- Brevetto/i internazionale/I già concessi (no P/P!!)
- Uno o più claims ufficali EFSA/FDA
- Evidenze cliniche di efficacia da più gruppi internazionali indipendenti
- Presentazione aderente a claims/guidelines
- Assenza di toxic effect / Chemical of concern



Alcuni attivi base di integratori in commercio con indicazione di efficacia nella disregolazione del metabolismo glicidico

		Oleuropeine	Berberine	Oligofructose*
-	Brevetto/i internazionale/I <u>d'uso</u> già concesso/i (no Patent/Pending !!)	X		
-	Uno o più claims ufficiali EFSA/FDA	X		X
-	Evidenze cliniche di efficacia da più gruppi di ricerca internazionali indipendenti	X	X	X
-	Presentazione professionale	X	X	
_	Assenza di toxic effect / Chemical of concern	(EFSA) X		X

<sup>\*</sup> Preprebiotic fibre derived from chicory



