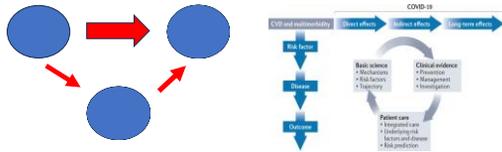


Direct, indirect risk, (long term) Epidemiologic

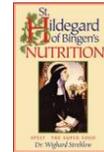


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Nutrition, Foods , Health

Nutrition is the biochemical and physiological process by which an organism uses food to support its life.

Hippocrates, "Let food be thy medicine, and let medicine be thy food"



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Foods, functions, claims



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Biotechnology and Agriculture, development

Plant Selection

- Agriculture begins with the collection and planting of seeds from wild plants
- Occurs in 8 locations throughout the world between 7000-12000 years ago
- Selections were made based on yield, seed size, and taste



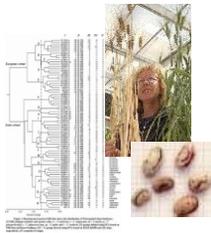
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Landraces, Diversity

Refers to the particular kinds of old seed strains and varieties that are farmer-selected in areas where local subsistence agriculture has long prevailed. Landraces are highly adapted to specific locales or groups.

Definition : modified by native and also immigrant farmers.

The term is usually applied to varieties of corn, squash, and beans that were domesticated by native farmers,



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GREEN Revolution

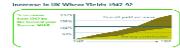
Term coined by U.S. Agency 1968] Movement to increase yields by using:

- . New crop cultivars
- . Irrigation
- . Fertilizers
- . Pesticides
- . Mechanization

A planned international effort funded by: Rockefeller Foundation

Ford Foundation
Many developing country governments

Purposed to eliminated hunger by improving crop performance Norman Borlaug (1970 Nobel price)

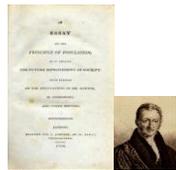
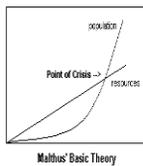


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T. Malthus: 1766- 1834 Crisis in food production



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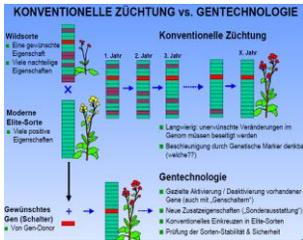
Ester Boserup – 1960s – 70s (agric. Intensification)
Julian Simon – 1970s - 80s (human capital)

Neutralist or Revisionist Theory

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Pflanzenzüchtung
Breeding, yield, time for development



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Klassische Züchtungsmethoden

Auslesezüchtung/Selektionszüchtung
 Die Auslesezüchtung hängt mit dem Ansatz von Genotypengemischen (vorh. genetische Linien, auch Wildpflanzen) an. Aus dem nach gemeinsamer Abblüte erzeugten Saatgut werden Pflanzen mit vorteilhaften Eigenschaften ausgewählt (Züchtwahl, Massenauslese).

Kombinationszüchtung
 Die Kombinationszüchtung ist eine Kreuzung verschiedener Genotypen (Linien). Es entsteht ein neuer Genotyp.

Heterosiszüchtung
 In der Heterosiszüchtung werden bei Fremdbefruchtern (Mais, Roggen...) in mehrjähriger Züchtung aus heterozygoten Ausgangspflanzen nahezu homozygoten Inzuchtlinien gezüchtet. Kreuzt man zwei solche Linien, tritt bei der F1 Generation oft eine auffällige Mehrleistung gegenüber der Elternformen auf. Dies nennt man „Heterosis-Effekt“.

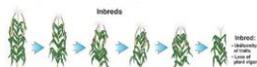
Hybridzüchtung
 Die Hybridzüchtung ist ein Beispiel für Heterosiszüchtung, zur Erzielung einer hohen markt- oder betriebsgerechten pflanzlichen Produktion durch Bastardwüchsigkeit. So werden bei der Hybridzüchtung geeignete, gesondert gezüchtete Inzuchtlinien einmalig miteinander gekreuzt (Einfachhybride). Die Nachkommen der ersten Generation (F1) einer solchen Kreuzung haben gegenüber der Elterngeneration ein üppigeres Wachstum (Heterosis-Effekt).
 Für den „Lohnzucht“ bedeutet dies jedoch, dass die Saatgut jedes Jahr wieder neu bezogen werden muss, wenn er den Ertragsvorteil gegenüber Nicht-Hybriden weiterhin erhalten will, da der Heterosis-Effekt nur in der F1-Generation auftritt und danach wieder verloren geht.

Mutationszüchtung
 Bei der Mutationszüchtung werden Samen bestrahlt oder Neutronenstrahlen, Kälte- und Wärmeshocks oder anderen Mutagenen ausgesetzt, um neue Eigenschaften durch Mutation zu erzielen, die einen positiven Effekt aufweisen. Damit wird die Züchtung neuer Sorten erheblich beschleunigt.

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Hybridzüchtung, Heterosis

- Three Main Principles
 - Inbreeding
 - Hybridization
 - Heterosis
- Main Goals
 - Increase the homozygosity at all or specific loci in the plant genome
 - Produce a plant which breeds true
 - Produce uniform plants

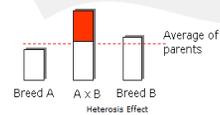


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Hybrid: Heterosis effect

The purpose of crossing is to make use of the heterosis effect partly to improve fertility and partly to combine the different characteristics for which the lines were previously selected. For meat production a desirable quality in the final product is to produce large numbers of rapidly growing individuals. This requires good fertility in the mother combined with good growth rate in the progeny.

The heterosis effect makes the hybrid pigs better than the average of the parents. The traits with the lower heritability show the largest heterosis effect. This is particularly true for fertility, mothering abilities and body structure, which have a low heritability.



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Introducing new traits in a plant family:(Random) Mutation Breeding

Examples of plants that were produced via mutation breeding are given in the table below

Crop	Cultivar Name	Method Used to Induce Mutation
Rice	Golden 79	Gamma rays
	Golden 100	Cosmic rays
Wheat	Janak	Cosmic rays
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Wheat	Janak 100	Cosmic rays

Only a few flower cultivars have been developed via mutation breeding, among them some of the cultivars of Abutilon, Begonia, carnation, chrysanthemum, statice, and zinniparquet.

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Why Radiation Induced Mutation?

Piero Lagoda, Head of the FAO/IAEA Plant Breeding and Genetics Section, explains why "induced mutation breeding" is a practical, sustainable solution to the world's food crisis.

"It's one of the most efficient tools to the global agricultural community to broaden the adaptability of crops in the face of climate change, rising prices, and soils that lack fertility or have other major problems," says Lagoda.

Induced mutation leads to the development of new plant varieties. However, plant breeding requires years to do years of research to produce a promising new variety. A breeder looking for pest resistance, for example, might find the characteristics in a wild variety with poor quality and yield. This wild variety will be crossed with a plant that does have good quality and yield, and any offspring containing the desired traits will then be selected and propagated.

Induced mutation from space-born seeds is becoming an alternative to conventional breeding. Through the International Space Station, the IAEA provides the seed and the expertise. The national agricultural research institutions plant breeders make the next step, selecting and propagating plants to achieve the desired result," says Lagoda.

"Induced mutation breeding is not producing anything that is not produced by nature itself. There is no chemical intervention in a plant after mutation induction. Through the Technical Cooperation Programme, the IAEA provides the tool and the expertise. The national agricultural research institutions plant breeders make the next step, selecting and propagating plants to achieve the desired result," says Lagoda.

Both conditions have been met: researchers have crossed strains to create new plants. "This tool is a plant genetic diversity endangered technology as necessary to perform long-term."

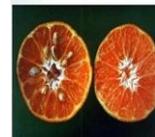
Radiation Breeding: Irradiation



Irradiator at Institute of Radiation Breeding Ibaraki-ken, JAPAN (<http://www.ibr.aifrc.go.jp/>)

Mutation breeding

Since the start of the citrus breeding programme five cultivars have been released from the conventional breeding programme. Currently final market evaluation of selected hybrids B21, B24 and Q28 is underway to determine if they can be commercialised. Hybrids B22, B27 and B24 are in the process of semi-commercial evaluation.



Mutation breeding is currently conducted as a replacement to the conventional breeding programme. It is an economical and time saving method to alter a single characteristic (e.g. seediness) of a cultivar, without changing the rest of its genetic composition. Conventional breeding, followed by mutation breeding, can provide a means of producing new seedless cultivars with a wider range of colour, quality and time of maturity.

Falkie Freeman reported on the AIC/ITC's success with citrus mutation breeding in the January 1999 issue of the Institute's quarterly magazine, *Herbologia*. Contact Mrs Dr's Human at E-mail: human@aic.gov.au to order a copy of the article.

Tissue culture , Clones ?



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Somaclonal variation

- Production of a new variety of Japanese butterbur using somaclonal variation.(upper:new variety, lower:native variety)

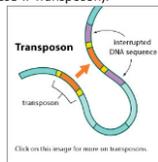


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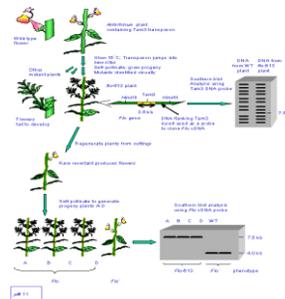
Breeding using transposons

Ein Transposon ist ein DNA-Abschnitt bestimmter Länge im Genom, der seine Position im Genom verändern kann (Transposition). Man unterscheidet Transposons, deren mobile Zwischenstufe von RNA gebildet wird (Retroelemente oder Klasse-I-Transposon), von denjenigen, deren mobile Phase DNA ist (DNA-Transposon oder Klasse-II-Transposon).



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Transposon tagging

The molecular isolation of transposable elements now permits the cloning of genes in which the element resides. The major advantage of this system is that genes whose function is not known can be cloned

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Molecular marker directed breeding

Welcome to Innovative Methods for Rice Breeding - Combining Participatory Plant Breeding (PPB) with Molecular Marker Techniques



This photo shows women farmers in Odisha (Eastern India) making selections from hybrid rice we made using marker assisted selection (MAS) to improve yield and drought tolerance. They are still in selection for plant height and flowering time in the bulk population. These farmers selected the only plants with long and thin straw.

The project is funded by the [Eggs Science Programme of ICRISAT](#), managed by the [Centre for Agro-Zone Studies](#), University of Wairua, Waikato.

Through this website we aim to provide a useful and interesting resource for all those interested in improving rice breeding methods.

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Neutralist or Revisionist Theory

Allen Kelley/Ron Lee/Simon Kuznets/Nat'l Academy of Sciences 1986 Report - mid 1980s to the present. Focus on longer-term, policy feedbacks, mixed impacts, renewable resources & property rights.
Population Matters by Nancy Birdsall et al - 1990s (surveys confirm overall negative impact of population growth on per capita output growth across a large # of countries)

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Landuse and property

conservation : exploitation

use : property



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Nature and property

Science 13 December 1968:
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Articles
The Tragedy of the Commons

Garrett Hardin
professor of biology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

When a resource is held "in common," with many people having "ownership" and access to it, Hardin reasoned, a self-interested "rational" actor will decide to increase his or her exploitation of the resource since he or she receives the full benefit of the increase, but the costs are spread among all users.

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Am 2. August 1940 landete der österreichische Nationalökonom Ludwig Edler von Mises (1881 bis 1973) in New York. Die Welt war in Aufruhr, der Krieg wüthete, als wir von Europa Abschied nahmen“, schreibt seine Frau Margit 1978 im Vorwort zu den Erinnerungen ihres Mannes. Als jüdischer Intellektueller, der zu allem Überflus auch noch den Kapitalismus rechtfertigte, war für von Mises an österreichischen Universitäten kein Platz.

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Who Was Friedrich Hayek? What Was His Economic Theory?

Friedrich Hayek was a Swiss economist, well known for his extensive contributions to the field of economics and political philosophy. Hayek's approach really stems from the justification of economic and empirical facts based on his knowledge. He is particularly famous for his defense of free-market capitalism and is remembered as one of the greatest critics of the socialist movement.

Die Tea Party begann im Kaffeehaus

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What Is Keynesian Economics?

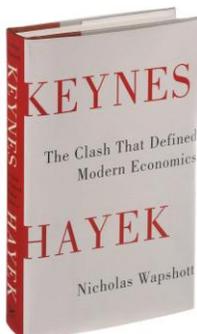
FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT, September 2014, Vol. 51, No. 3
Sawar Jahan, Annet Sabor Mahmut, and Chris Pappageorgiou

The central tenet of this school of thought is that government intervention can stabilize the economy. Just how important is money? Few would deny that it plays a key role in the economy.

During the Great Depression of the 1930s, existing economic theory was unable either to explain the causes of the severe worldwide economic collapse or to provide an adequate public policy solution to jump-start production and employment.

British economist John Maynard Keynes spearheaded a revolution in economic thinking that overturned the then-prevailing idea that free markets would automatically provide full employment—that is, that everyone who wanted a job would have one as long as workers were flexible in their wage demands (see box). The main plank of Keynes's theory, which has come to bear his name, is the assertion that aggregate demand—measured as the sum of spending by households, businesses, and the government—is the most important driving force in an economy. Keynes further asserted that free markets have no self-balancing mechanisms that lead to full employment. Keynesian economists justify government intervention through public policies that aim to achieve full employment and price stability.

Keynesians believe that, because prices are somewhat rigid, fluctuations in any component of spending—consumption, investment, or government expenditures—cause output to change. If government spending increases, for example, and all other spending components remain constant, then output will increase.



As Keynes stood to the left, so Mises stood to the right—and for the right. While Keynes would arm the government with extraordinary peacetime powers—oblivious to the Actonian principle that power corrupts—Mises called for limited, non-interventionist government.

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Nature and property. Public goods

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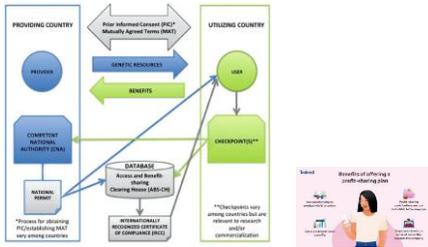
Self-organization and Social Capital (building public goods)

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Benefit sharing, genetic resources



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Cloning, Definition



Cloning is the process of making an identical copy of something

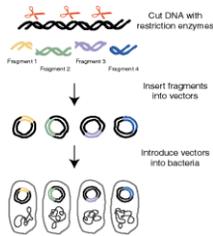
In biology, it collectively refers to processes used to

- copies of DNA Fragments (molecular cloning)
- cells (cell cloning)
- organism

The term also covers when organisms such as bacteria, insects or plants reproduce asexually.

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DNA cloning:



To clone a piece of DNA, DNA is cut into fragments using restriction enzymes that recognize specific sequences of bases in DNA. The fragments are pasted into vectors that have been cut by the same restriction enzyme. Vectors (e.g., plasmids or viruses) are needed to transfer and maintain DNA in a host cell.

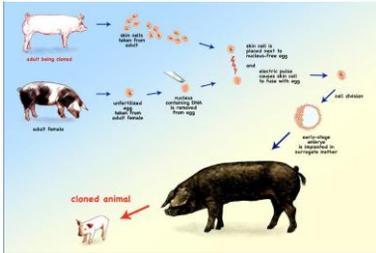
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Reproductive Cloning

Reproductive cloning is a technology used to generate an animal that has the same nuclear DNA as another currently or previously existing animal. Dolly was created by reproductive cloning technology. In a process called "somatic cell nuclear transfer" (SCNT), scientists transfer genetic material from the nucleus of a donor adult cell to an egg whose nucleus has been removed. The reconstructed egg containing the DNA from a donor cell must be treated with chemicals or electric current in order to stimulate cell division. Once the cloned embryo reaches a suitable stage, it is transferred to the uterus of a female host where it continues to develop until birth.

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Reproductive Cloning



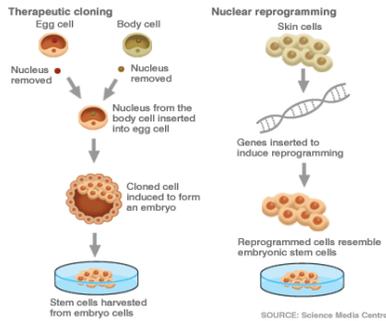
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Therapeutic Cloning

Therapeutic cloning, also called "embryo cloning," is the production of human embryos for use in research. The goal of this process is not to create cloned human beings, but rather to harvest stem cells that can be used to study human development and to treat disease. Stem cells are extracted from the egg after it has divided for 5 days. The extraction process destroys the embryo, which raises a variety of ethical concerns. Many researchers hope that one day stem cells can be used to serve as replacement cells to treat heart disease, Alzheimer's, cancer, and other diseases.

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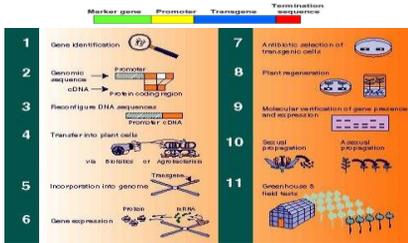
Horticultural cloning

All plants which are originated from vegetativ reproductions are clones. They have been derived from a single individual, multiplied by some process other than sexual reproduction. Examples are bananas, grapes and potatoes.



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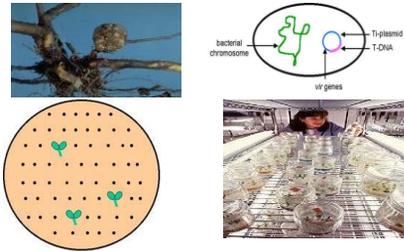
GM plants, Transferring traits in ways which are not used in nature: GMOs



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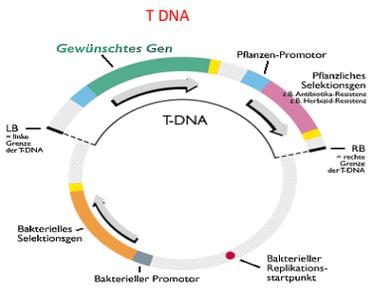
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Agrobact. tumefaciens



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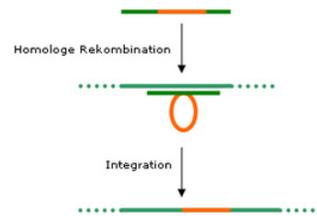
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Homologic recombination



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Herbicide Resistant Soybean



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Herbicide Resistance: more or less herbicide? depending on local agricultural background



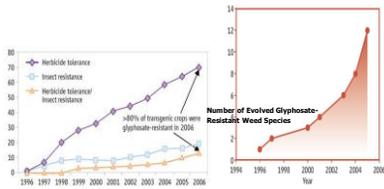
- Roundup Ready Soy, Corn, Canola
- Allows post-emergence herbicide spraying
- Increases yield
- Facilitates no-till farming
- 89% U.S. Soy crop (2006)

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Old and new Problems: Resistance

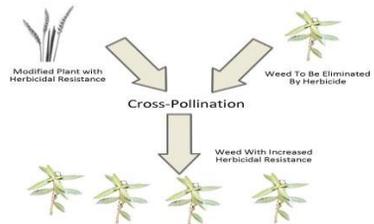
Herbicide Resistant Weeds Evolve



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Herbicide resistance, gene transfer



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Gene flow: multiresistant Rape

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Detection of feral transgenic oilseed rape with multiple-herbicide resistance in Japan

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Repeated monitoring for escaped transgenic crop plants is sometimes necessary, especially in cases where the crop has not been approved for release into the environment. Transgenic oilseed rape (Brassica napus) was detected along roadsides in central Japan in a previous study. The goal of the current study was to monitor the distribution of transgenic oilseed rape and occurrence of herbicide-resistant transgenic B. napus with leaf pubescence in newly released transgenic B. napus in the area of Japan in 2006. The progenies of 22 B. napus (22 B. napus and 22 B. napus maternal plants from 19 sampling sites in seven past areas) were screened for herbicide-resistance. Transgenic herbicide-resistant events were detected from 22 B. napus maternal plants growing at seven sampling sites in two past areas. A portion of the progeny from two transgenic B. napus plants had both glyphosate resistance and glufosinate resistance transgenes. Therefore, two types of transgenic B. napus plants are likely to have recombined with each other. Since the glufosinate-resistant transgenic strain of oilseed rape has not been developed intentionally for commercial purposes. As found in the previous study, no transgenic events were detected from 22 sites of B. napus, and more extensive sampling is needed to determine whether introgression into these wild species has occurred.

Keywords: Brassica / evolution / glufosinate / glyphosate / herbicide / introgression / monitoring / transgenic plant

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Insect resistance, BT maize



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BT resistance: B. thuringiensis proteins

Insect Resistant Maize



Corns hybrid with a Bt gene (left) and a hybrid susceptible to European corn borer (right). Source: Monsanto

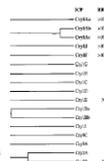


FIG. 1. Nucleotide sequence similarity of domain II of B. thuringiensis toxin and oxidase subunit III of diatom toxin (BTX) of diamondback moth larvae. The diamondback was

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Roundup ready, Monsanto



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Maiszünsler: wirtschaftlich bedeutendster Maischädling

Es gibt mehrere Strategien zur Bekämpfung des Maiszünslers:

- mechanisch durch Zerkleinern und Unterpfügen der auf dem Feld verbliebenen Pflanzenreste
- chemisch durch Einsatz von Insektiziden
- biologisch mit Hilfe von Trichogramma (Schlupfwespen)
- BT Toxin Präparate
- gentechnisch vermittelte Insektenresistenz besitzt (Bt-Mais)

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Bt Corn



- Natural insecticide from *Bacillus thuringiensis*
- Non-toxic to humans
- Target insect: corn borer
- Potential to:
 - reduce insecticide use
 - reduce mycotoxins
- 40% U.S. Corn crop Bt (2006)

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Bt Concerns

- Bt pollen harms non-target species?
- Bt crops select for resistant insects
- Bt pollen can drift to organic fields
- Food system failed to keep Bt Starlink corn out of human food products

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Disease Resistance, viruses



Genetically engineered papaya resistant to papaya ringspot virus

- Cantaloupes
- Cucumbers
- Corn
- Rice
- Papaya
- Potatoes
- Soybeans
- Squash
- Tomatoes
- Wheat

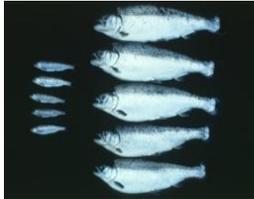
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Growth-enhanced fish

Salmon Growth hormone expressed in cold waters & unlinked from seasonal temp.

Auto-transgenic mud loach: β -actin promoter linked to GH gene.



(Dietz et al. 1994)



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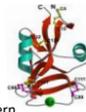
GM Salmon



- Probleme der Lachsindustrie
- gv Lachs von Aqua Bounty
- Produktionssteigerung über Ernährung, Krankheitsresistenz
- Gefahr für die Wildlachspopulationen
- Abhängigkeit des Fischfutters
- Umweltverschmutzung durch Lachszucht

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- Atlantischer Lachs von Aqua Bounty
- **Wachstumshormon-Gen** des Chinook Lachs
- **Frostschutz-Protein-Gen**
- bessere Entwicklung in kalten kanadischen Gewässern
- Wachstum über das ganze Jahr
- normales Gewicht in der Hälfte der Zeit erreicht



BELFORD-CHRIST, O.L. et al.: Factors to consider before production and commercialization of aquatic genetically modified organisms: the case of transgenic salmon. *Environmental Science & Policy* 12: 170-180, 2009.

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GMO tobacco, expression of human proteins in plants



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**GMOs in development:
CLAIMED BREEDING OBJECTIVES**

SCHUTZ VOR TROCKENHEIT

Genomanalyse für Trockentoleranz

Moos

Übertragung & Testung

Zur Zeit in Entwicklung

Übertragung in Mais

Dürre-Resistenz

Gen Transfer

Toleranz-Gen

Kontrolle

Eispflanze

- Einzelbar nicht nur in EU & NAFTA
- Auch für lokale Kulturen für Schwellenländern

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CLAIMED BREEDING OBJECTIVES

GESUNDE ERNÄHRUNG

Omega-3-Fettsäuren zur Vorbeugung von Herz-Kreislauferkrankungen

- Empfehlung der Deutschen Herzstiftung: 1-2 Gramm Omega-3 Fettsäure pro Tag
- Bislang konventionelle Quelle: Fisch und Meeresfrüchte
- Die verfügbare Menge an Fisch und Meeresfrüchten ist begrenzt.

Produktion in der Pflanze in Entwicklung

Vorteile der Pflanze

- Höhere Produktqualität
- Umweltschonendes Herstellungsverfahren
- Kostengünstige Produktion
- Ausreichend verfügbar

In Entwicklung & Feldversuche

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Claimed breeding objectives

VERRINGERUNG VON ALLERGENEN & GIFTEN

Weizen, Mais, Reis: Gluten-frei In Entwicklung

Blockade der Gene für Gluten-Produktion

Ziel: Risikofreier Konsum für Zöliakie-Patienten

Erdnuss In Entwicklung

Unterdrückung der Synthese von Allergie-auslösenden Proteinen

Maniok (Cassava): Linamarin-Reduktion In Entwicklung

Blockade der Gene für Linamarin-Produktion

Linamarin wird in Blausäure umgewandelt und kann so zu Vergiftungen führen

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BREEDING OBJECTIVES

PFLANZEN ZUR BIO-PRODUKTION

Gentechnisch veränderte Stärkekartoffel für technische Anwendungen

Was wurde geändert? Feldversuche

Ein Gen, für ein Merkmal (Stärke), wurde abgeschaltet

Ergebnis

Knollen, die veränderte & optimierte Stärke enthalten

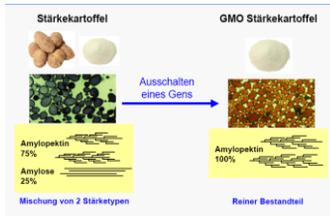
Vorteile der optimierten Stärke

- Verbesserte Produktqualität
- Optimierung von Produktionsprozessen
- Einsparung von Energie und Ressourcen
- Ersatz von synthetischen nicht-abbaubaren Produkten

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Breeding objectives



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GMO Trees



GENETICALLY MODIFIED TREES: PRODUCTION, PROPERTIES, AND POTENTIAL

CONCLUSIONS
Tree genetic modification is most likely to be acceptable to the public in two areas: where greater productivity from reduced plantation forest areas can be shown to increase areas left to nature's own devices, and in restoring threatened trees to damaged landscapes, such as the elm. Whichever aspects of GM trees advance most rapidly in the future, environmental risk assessment should always be carried out, on a case-by-case basis, until a sufficient body of knowledge on the anticipated benefits and the possible risks of this exciting technology is established.

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GM Flowers

Auto Toyota Turns to GMO Flowers to Relieve it of Prius Manufacturing Pollution

Source: DailyTech | ir - October 30, 2009

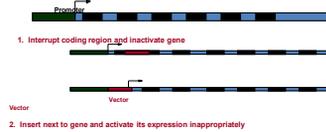
A rather unusual way of rectifying manufacturing emissions has been developed by the world's leading automaker.

Are you overcome with guilt about how much carbon, sulfur, nitrous, and other emissions girdles were pumped into the atmosphere in the making of your new Toyota Prius? Do you feel dirty?

Well, Toyota has just the thing for you. It has genetically engineered two new options of flowers that soak up air pollution.



Safety: Random integration, Insertional mutagenesis

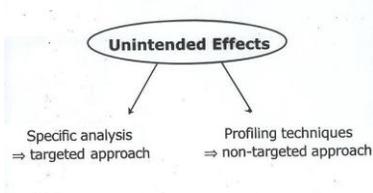


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Safety assessment of transgenic food



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All approved DNA inserts as described by Monsanto in their original ETC application for marketing (Koch/Monsanto, 2000). The location of each insert is the copy number of the insert in the genome.



b) Transgenic DNA inserts and unidentified DNA inserts revealed (unapproved DNA inserts). The additional sequence elements are present in the genome of the host plant. The ETC inserts are located in the main insert and a separate 72 bp insert of the ETC insert (21 months, 2007). A factor in the transgenic DNA insert (the same document) is located in the genome of the host plant.



Figure: Schematic of the DNA inserts in Monsanto's Roundup Ready soy. An alternative approach also used to illustrate the impact of the DNA insert (E35S - could never occur) on the product, CDS - could never occur) is shown. The ETC insert is located in the genome of the host plant. The unapproved DNA insert is located in the genome of the host plant. The ETC insert is located in the genome of the host plant. The unapproved DNA insert is located in the genome of the host plant. For functions see main text.

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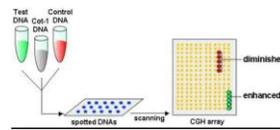
Toxicology Assessment: Difficulties Animal Feeding Studies Whole Foods

- Small doses to be fed (bulk, satiety)
- Nutritional imbalance of the diet
- Many confounding factors
- Small safety margins, if any
- Insufficient sensitivity for specific endpoints



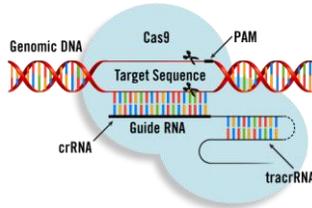
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Detection of unintended effects in vitro, in vivo



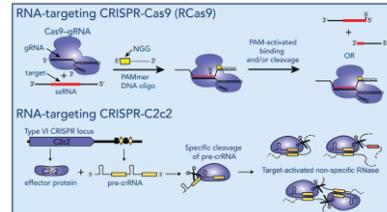
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CRISPR/CAS9



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Targeting RNA



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CRISPR-Cas9

Broad Application of CRISPR-Cas9 Technology

Technical advantages for basic plant biology and crop breeding

- Targeted gene mutation (multiple or redundant genes)
- Site-specific integration and gene stacking
- Gene replacement via homologous recombination
- Site-directed mutagenesis to create allelic variation
- Chromosomal engineering such as deletion or translocation
- Modification and labeling of multiple genomic sites
- Transcriptional modulation of multiple genes and pathways
- Epigenome editing such as methylation and demethylation
- Cisgenesis without introducing undesirable foreign DNA

Economic, regulatory and societal benefits:

- Reduce costs for precise and efficient molecular breeding
- Eliminate or significantly reduce regulatory requirements
- Alleviate public concerns about GM crops

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CRISPR-Cas9, applications

Near-term Applications for Crop Breeding

1. Targeted deletion of single or multiple genes for transgene-free, mutational breeding in various crop species.
2. Site-specific integration and precise gene stacking for transgenic or cisgenic breeding.
3. Multiplex editing to create allelic variation at quantitative trait loci to improve multiple agronomic traits (yield, quality, disease resistance and abiotic stress tolerance).

Genome editing in rice for SPT8A conversion in Pita

Rice Variety	Resistant with AVR-Pi9a	Purpose	Rice Type	Q	SSR	SNP	CRIS
Yusheng-1000	Yes	Japanica	I	R	H	D	A
Pita	Yes	Indica	I	R	H	D	A
CRIS401	No	Indica	I	R	H	D	S
Thailand1	No	Japanica	S	S	D	V	S

Table after Bryan et al. (2006), The Plant Cell

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Video gene editing

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International group of economists, geneticists calls for relaxed EU gene-editing rules to promote food security
 Natalie Padgett | [Comment](#) | April 2, 2019

With renewed attention to biotechnology and regulation, some plant breeding technologies such as gene editing could make an important contribution to global food security, say a group of plant geneticists and economists.

Genome editing is going to be high on next Parliament agenda, MEP says
 Supporters

Genome editing of human embryos has been widely criticised by the European Union.

BREAKING: CRISPR Could Be Causing Extensive Mutations And Genetic Damage After All
 CRISPR has been heralded as one of the most important breakthroughs in modern science, but there could be hidden and potentially dangerous side effects to the use of the gene editing technology, a new study warns.

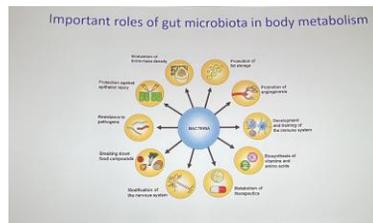
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Novel food, functional food, pro-, pre-, syn-, postbiotics

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KEYNOTE LECTURE 1
 "The role of gut microbiome and its interaction with diet in health and disease"
 Prof. Konstantinos Gerasimidis, University of Glasgow, UK.



Ernährung und Mikrobiom sind eng verbunden mit nicht-übertragbaren Erkrankungen.



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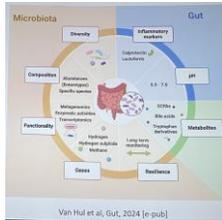
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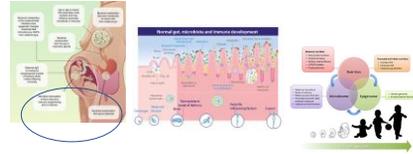


Das Zusammenspiel von Mikrobiota und Darmgesundheit beeinflusst entscheidend wesentliche Vorgänge im Körper.



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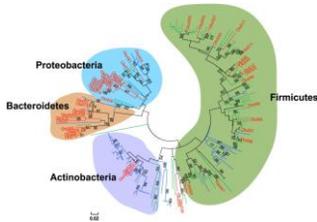
Development of microbiota, I.S., and epigenetic system, imprinting



Development prenatal, interaction with I.S., epigenetic maternal factors, Diversity:delivery, breastfeeding, imprinting in 1000 days of life

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Structure microbiota



Microbiome - a collection of microbial genomes

Microbiota - a collection of microbes

- As many bacteria as host cells in human body
- 150x more bacterial genes than our human genome

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GI Microbiota

HUMAN GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

Stomach & Duodenum
 $10^{10} - 10^{12}$ CFU/mL
Helicobacter
Streptococcus

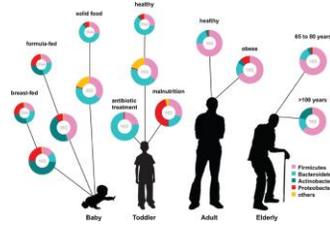
Jejunum & Ileum
 $10^4 - 10^6$ CFU/mL
Bacteroides
Streptococcus
Lactobacillus
Bifidobacteria
Fusobacteria

Colon
 $10^{10} - 10^{12}$ CFU/mL
Bacteroides
Prevotella
Facaelbacterium
Ruminococcus
Roseburia
Clostridium
Bifidobacteria
Collinsella
Desulfovibrio
Bilophila
Akkermansia
Methanobrevibacter

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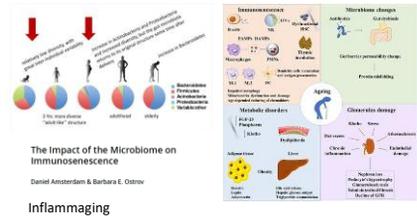
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Aging and Microbiota

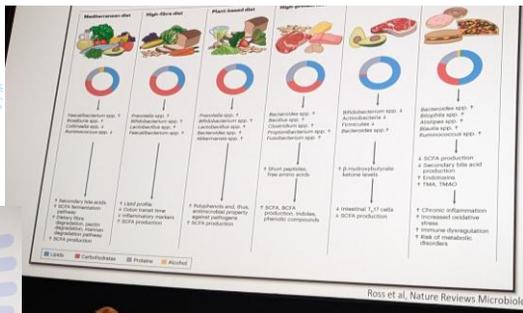


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Interactions Microbiota diversity - I.S.- epigenetic system in senescence

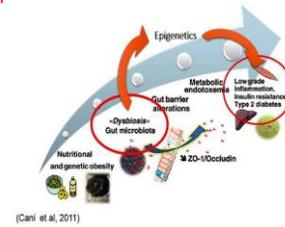


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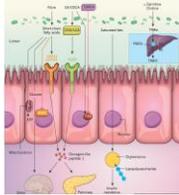
Bacterial cell wall components and Inflammation: dysbiosis, LPS and gut permeability; obesity as a model



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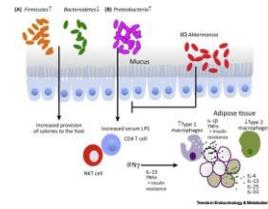
Endotoxins, saturated fats/ chylomicrons trigger inflammation, insulin resistance; SCFAs may trigger GLP1 activation

GLP1: incretin improves DMII and obesity



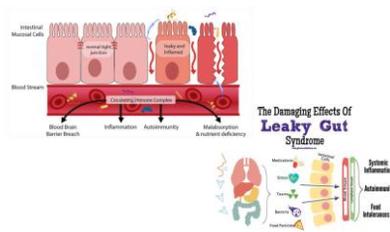
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Obesity: Firmicutes: Bacteroidetes; Akkermansia and the cell wall



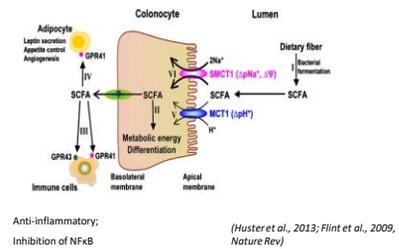
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leaky gut: a major health problem



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Microbiota metabolites: SCFAs bind to G-Protein-Receptors GPR 41/43 (FFARs)



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Microbiota and fermentation products
e.g. SCFAs

Clostridial cluster IV (Ruminococcaceae)	Clostridial cluster XIVa (Lachnospiraceae)
<i>Faecalibacterium prausnitzii</i> <i>Butyrivococcus</i> <i>Clostridium leptum</i>	<i>Eubacterium hallii</i> <i>Anaerostipes coli</i> <i>Roseburia</i> spp. <i>E. rectale</i> spp.
Resistant starch	Non starch Polysaccharides

(Louis and Flint, 2009, FEMS) 105

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Pathways and cross feeding for SCFAs/
Butyrate

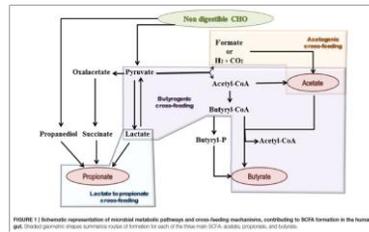
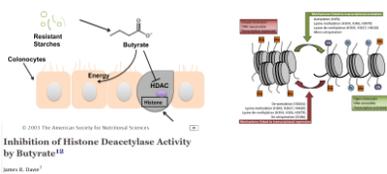


FIGURE 1 | Biochemical representation of essential metabolic pathways and cross-feeding mechanisms, contributing to SCFA formation in the human gut. Citrate generation involves fermentation routes of fermentation such as the non-starch polysaccharides, acetate, succinate, and lactate.

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Butyrate and epigenetic histone modulation



Inhibition of Histone Deacetylase Activity by Butyrate¹⁸
James R. Lupton

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Butyrate and epigenetics

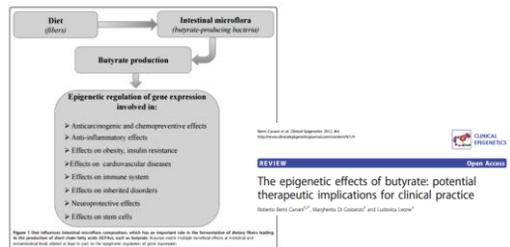


Figure 1 | Diet influences intestinal microflora composition, which has an important role in the formation of dietary fiber leading to the production of short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) such as butyrate. Butyrate acts as a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor and is associated with increased histone acetylation in gut. For the regulatory modulation of gene expression.

Review
The epigenetic effects of butyrate: potential therapeutic implications for clinical practice
Roberto Soto-Carmona^{1,2}, Margherita Di Costanzo¹ and Ludovica Lorenzi¹

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Butyrate: apoptosis, autophagy, mi- RNAs regulating inflammation, vitro

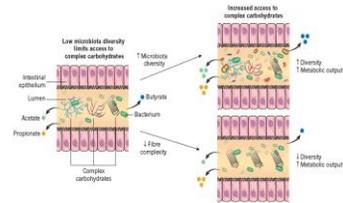
Table 1. Anti-cancer properties of butyrate through regulating miRNA and gene expression.

TREATMENT	TYPE OF STUDY	METHODS	CANCER CELLS	TARGETS	EFFECT OF BUTYRATE	CITATIONS
NaB	In vitro	PCR	HT-29 (Human CRC cells)	MUC2 gene	NaB can inhibit MUC2 gene expression	39
NaB	In vitro	RT-PCR	HCT-116, A549 (Human CRC cells)	Dysregulation-related protein 1 (DRP1)	NaB induces apoptosis in CRC	40
NaB, EGCG	In vitro	PCR	HCT-116, HCT-29 (Human CRC cells)	P21, P53, NF- κ B, p46, HDAC1, DNMT1, survivin	NaB promotes apoptosis and inhibits DNA damage, cell cycle arrest in CRC cells	41
NaB	In vitro	RT-PCR, Western blot analysis, MTT proliferation assay	DHAP, PC9 cells (Human prostate cancer cells)	ARX1	NaB inhibits proliferation and cell survival in PC9 cells and upregulates ARX1 expression in prostate cancer	42
Butyrate, TSA	In vitro	Northern blot analysis, H-Ras RT-PCR, DNA transfer analysis	HT-29, HT-118 (Human CRC cells)	P21 mRNA	Butyrate induces P21 mRNA expression in an immediate early fashion	43
NaB	In vitro	Western blot analysis, qRT-PCR	BuNet (lymphoma cell line)	c-Myc protein	Butyrate regulates miR-143, miR-145, and miR-201	44
NaB	In vitro	Western blot analysis, PCR	MDA-MB-231 and MCF7 (Human breast cancer cells)	miR-201	NaB upregulates miR-201	45

Abbreviations: ARX1, Apoptosis 1; DNMT1, DNA methylase 1; HDAC1, histone deacetylase 1; MUC2, Mucin 2; NaB, sodium butyrate; NF- κ B, nuclear factor- κ B; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; qRT-PCR, reverse transcription quantitative PCR; RT-PCR, reverse PCR; TSA, Trichostatin A; P21, cyclin dependent kinase inhibitor 1; P53, tumor suppressor protein 53; DRP1, DNA replication protein 1; MTT, 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide; ARX1, androgen receptor X1; c-Myc, myc proto-oncogene protein; miR-143, miR-145, and miR-201, microRNAs.

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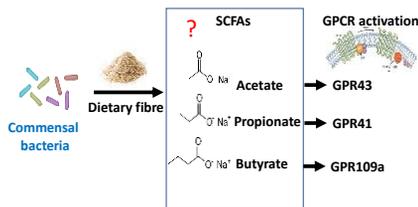
Diet dictates the production of SCFAs, diversity of the microbiota, many types of complex carbs



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Mechanism of action of fibre: Short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs)?

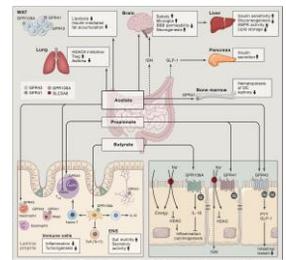
- SCFAs are major metabolites produced by the microbiota



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The gut microbiome and SCFAs

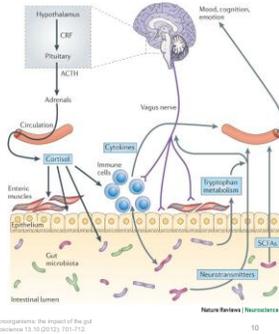
- not defined as a hallmark of aging, causal relationships have been observed between the microbiome and age
- Firmicutes, Bacteroidetes and Actinobacteria
- Inter-individual changes are determined by genetic, age, diet, health and geographic origin
- Composition and diversity declining with age
- Epigenetically active metabolites – SCFAs
 - Target HDACs, GPCRs, used for energy production
 - declines with aging
- Decline leads to obesity, inflammation, insulin resistance with further DM2, cardiovascular disease, neurological disorders...



1. Background 2. Hypothesis 3. Study design 4. Results & Discussion 5. Limitations 6. Conclusion and Outlook

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Gut-Microbiota-Brain Communication

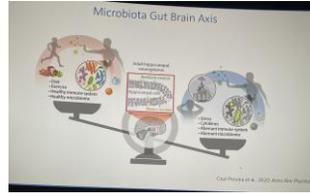


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SESSION 3: Mental HEALTH
Lifestyle factors and the gut-brain axis: relevance to Alzheimer's Neurogenesis

Prof. Yvonne Nolan, University Cork, Ireland



Mikrobiota mit Einfluss auf die Neurogenese im Hippokampus



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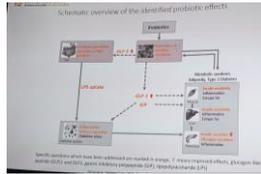
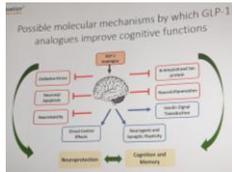
Session 8: Gut Metabolism

Gut microbiome and its interaction with host metabolic and neurological functionsn Nordic-medit., Diet

Prof. Marie-Christine Simon, University of Bonn, Germany



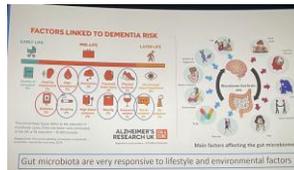
GLP1 receptor im Rortex, hippocampus, GLP improves cognition, Alzheimer Prophylaxe ?, probiotics stimulate GI microbiota , enhance GLP1



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Lifestyle-Faktoren beeinflussen das Mikrobiom

Midlife phase ist wichtig

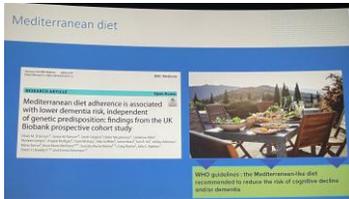


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Positiver Einfluss der mediterranen Ernährung



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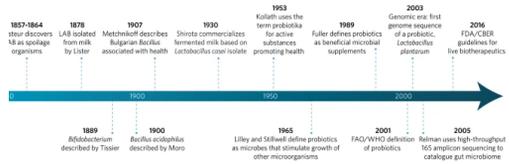
Interventions, examples

- Fasting, CR
- Probiotika, Prebiotika, Synbiotika, Postbiotika
- Epigenetic active foods, mi RNAs

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Probiotic

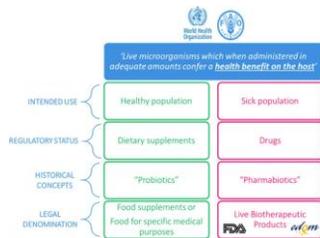
- Positive effects on health already 100 years ago suggested by Nobel Prize winner Elie Metchnikoff [Metchnikoff, 2004]
- Definition: "live microorganisms that, when administered in adequate amounts, confer a health benefit on the host" [FAO/WHO, 2002]
- Over 8000 research articles published since 2002 → several probiotic products on the market [Hill et al., 2014]
- Cell components of probiotics able to induce effects in host [Dotan and Rachmilewitz, 2005] but requirement for survivable cells remains a crucial factor for efficacy [Ma et al., 2004]



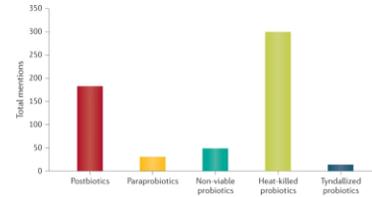
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Antimicrobial substances

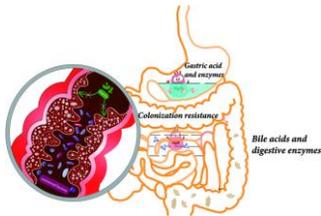
- Probiotics produce various antimicrobial acting substances
- Examples: lactic acid, hydrogen peroxide, microcines, deconjugated bile acids [Oelschlaeger, 2010], bacteriocins [Maqueda et al., 2008]
- Antibiotics also produced by probiotics → reuterin:
 - Broad-spectrum antibiotic
 - Active against yeast, gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria, fungi, viruses, protozoa
 - Produced by strain ATCC55730 from *L. reuteri* [Cleusix et al., 2007]

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Species

- Lactobacilli:
 - Present in GIT, oral cavity and vagina of humans [Walter, 2008]
 - Widespread use in production and fermentation of foods → ability to convert hexose sugars to lactic acid → preservation [Fijan, 2014]
 - Excellent for use as probiotics: high tolerance to acid and bile, capability to adhere to intestinal surfaces [Tulumoglu et al., 2013]
- Bifidobacteria:
 - First colonizers of the human gut together with lactobacilli [Turroni et al., 2012]
 - Well known for resistance against bile salts [Fijan, 2014]

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Species

- **Bacillus species:**
 - Either spore-forming aerobic or facultative aerobic, gram positive bacteria
 - *B. subtilis*, *B. cereus*, *B. coagulans* are members with probiotic characteristics [Fijan, 2014]
- **Escherichia coli Nissle 1917:**
 - Able to colonize the gut and compete with resident and pathogenic bacteria through multiple fitness factors [Behnsen et al., 2013]
 - Stimulation of epithelial defensin production → restoration of disturbed gut barrier
 - „Sealing effect“ on tight junctions of enterocytes [Sonnenborn and Schulze, 2009]

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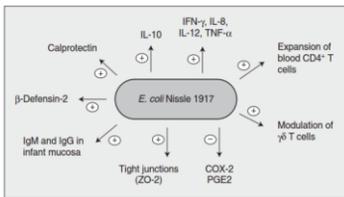


Figure 2. Various ways of immune modulation by *E. coli* Nissle 1917 (summary of data from in vitro and in vivo experiments) [Behnsen et al., 2013]

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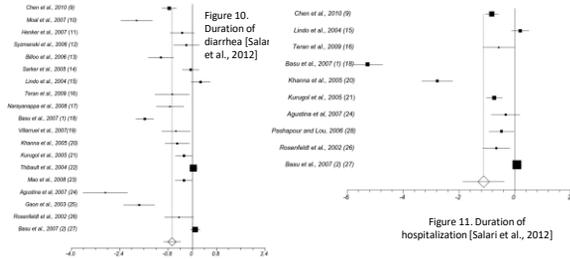
Probiotics for diarrhoeal diseases YY Lee et al.

Table 2 Summary of immunomodulators for use of probiotics in diarrhoeal diseases

Condition	Treatment efficacy	Probiotic efficacy
Acute infectious diarrhea		
Adults	Treatment: Lactobacillus rhamnosus GG, Saccharomyces boulardii (CNM1119)	Lactobacillus parvorum B2106; Lactobacillus reuteri DSMZ 9783
Children	Treatment: <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG, <i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119)	
Prophylaxis		
Antibiotic-associated diarrhea		
Adults	Treatment: <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG, <i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119); Lactobacillus acidophilus; Lactobacillus casei (Shirataki); <i>L. reuteri</i> ATCC 55194; Streptococcus thermophilus; and mixture of Lactobacillus acidophilus C1201 + <i>L. casei</i> L22020 + <i>L. rhamnosus</i> C107	Bifidobacterium infantis 35619; Lactobacillus reuteri DSMZ 9783; <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG; <i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119)
Children	Treatment: <i>L. rhamnosus</i> GG, <i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119)	
Prophylaxis		
Chemotherapy-associated diarrhea		
Adults	Treatment: Mixture of <i>L. acidophilus</i> 33.019 + <i>L. casei</i> B2309 + <i>L. rhamnosus</i> C1201; mixture of Bifidobacterium infantis + <i>L. acidophilus</i> , <i>L. rhamnosus</i> , <i>L. casei</i> (DSMZ 9783), <i>L. casei</i> (DSMZ 9783), <i>S. thermophilus</i>	<i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119)
Children		
Diarrhea		
Adults	Treatment: <i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119)	
Children		
Infants found (pre-diarrhea)		
Adults	Treatment: Bifidobacterium infantis 35619; Escherichia coli DSMZ 9783; Lactobacillus parvorum B2106; <i>S. boulardii</i> (CNM1119)	<i>B. bifidus</i> MBB076; V5145

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Treatment of acute diarrhea with probiotics – meta-analyses



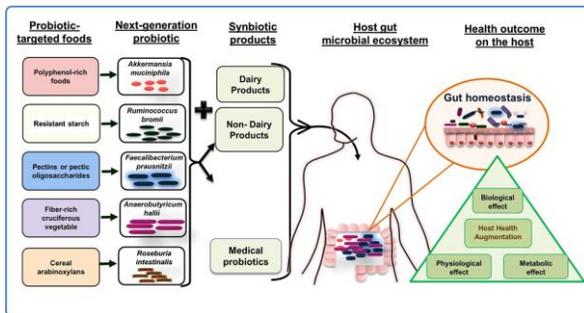
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Methods: We conducted searches of MEDLINE, EMBASE, CENTRAL, PsycINFO, CINAHL, ProQuest, LILACS, and Web of Science up to February 2020 to identify randomized controlled trials (RCTs) investigating the efficacy of probiotics associated with or without pharmacological or psychological therapies for patient-important outcomes including relief of depressive, anxiety and stress symptoms, cognitive functions, adverse events and quality of life. We used the GRADE approach to rate the overall certainty of the evidence by outcome. The protocol of the systematic review was registered with PROSPERO and published under the number CRD4202016329.

Results: 16 RCTs including 1,125 patients proved eligible. Results suggested a significant improvement in using Beck Depression Index (MD, -3.20 [95% CI, -5.91 to -0.49], $p = 0.02$; $I^2 = 21\%$, $p = 0.28$) for depression symptoms and State-Trait Anxiety Inventory (STAI) (MD, -6.88 [95% CI, -12.35 to -1.41], $p = 0.01$; $I^2 = 24\%$, $p = 0.25$) for anxiety with overall certainty in evidence rated as moderate and low, respectively. However, Depression Scale (DASS-Depression) (MD, 2.01 [95% CI, -0.80 to 4.82], $p = 0.16$; $I^2 = 0\%$, $p = 0.62$), Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRAS) (MD, -2.41 [95% CI, -10.55 to 5.72], $p = 0.56$; $I^2 = 87\%$, $p = 0.006$), Anxiety scale (DASS-Anxiety) (MD, 0.49 [95% CI, -4.05 to 5.02], $p = 0.83$; $I^2 = 74\%$, $p = 0.05$), and Stress Scale (DASS-Stress) (MD, 0.84 [95% CI, -2.64 to 4.33], $p = 0.64$; $I^2 = 34\%$, $p = 0.22$) showed no significant decrease in the relief of depression, anxiety and stress symptoms of probiotics compared to placebo with overall certainty in evidence rated as very low for all outcomes. We also found no differences in the Beck Anxiety Index (BAI) (MD, -3.21 [95% CI, -6.50 to 0.08], $p = 0.06$; $I^2 = 0\%$, $p = 0.88$) with overall certainty in evidence rated as low. Results suggested a non-statistically significantly effect of probiotics in the adverse events outcomes.

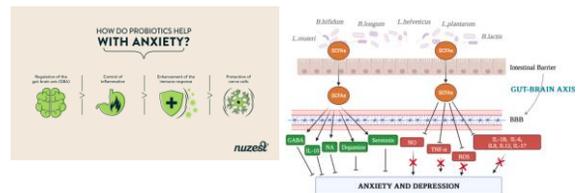
Conclusions: The current review suggests that probiotics may improve symptoms of depression and anxiety in clinical patients. However, given the limitations in the included studies, RCTs with long-term follow-up and large sample sizes are needed.

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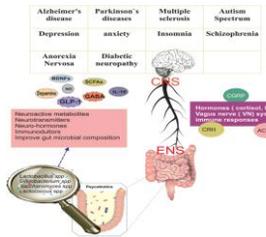


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Probiotics and anxiety

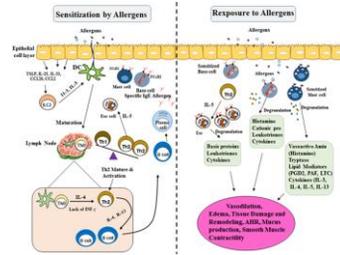


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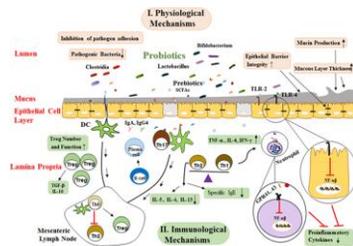


a significant decrease in depressive symptoms favoring probiotics containing strains such as *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, *Lactobacillus casei*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactobacillus salivarius*, *Bifidobacterium bifidum*, *Bifidobacterium lactis*, *Bifidobacterium breve*, and *Bifidobacterium longum* (MD: -2.69, CI95%: -4.22/-1.16, p value: 0.00). Conversely, RCTs using HAMD showed a non-significant reduction in depressive symptoms (MD: -1.40, CI95%: -3.29/0.48, p value: 0.14). RCTs employing DASS and MADRS scales also showed no significant differences.

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Beneficial effects of Lactobacillus casei strain Shirota on academic stress-induced sleep disturbance in healthy adults: a double-blind, randomised, placebo-controlled trial

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Abstract

The present study examined whether *Lactobacillus casei* strain Shirota (LcS) improves sleep quality under psychological stress. A double-blind, placebo-controlled trial was conducted in healthy 40-year-old medical students exposed to academic examination stress. The trial was repeated over two consecutive years in different groups of students, and the data were pooled. For 8 weeks prior to and 2 weeks after a national standardized examination, a total of 68 and 69 subjects received a daily dose of 100 ml of LcS-fermented milk or non-fermented placebo milk, respectively. Study measures included subjective anxiety, overnight single-channel electroencephalography (EEG) recordings, and the Open Sleepwake Annotate (OSA) sleep inventory scores of subjective sleep quality. Total OSA scores were significantly lower than baseline on the day before the exam and recovered after the exam, indicating a stress-induced decline in sleep quality. There was a significant positive effect of LcS treatment on OSA factors for sleep-onset

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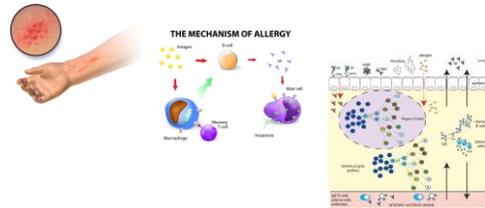


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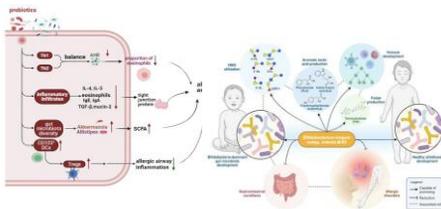
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Meta-analysis probiotic allergy

Methods
 We performed a comprehensive search on PubMed, Cochrane Library, EMBASE for relevant publications from 1 Jan 2000 to 1 July 2021. Physical examinations, Pediatric Rhinoconjunctivitis Quality of Life Questionnaires (PRQLQs), Total Nasal Symptom Score (TNSS), Nasal or Eye Symptom Score (NSS or ESS), serum allergen-specific IgE, and eosinophil were used as evaluating indicators for AR and allergic asthma in children and adolescents. The meta-analysis was performed using Review Manager (RevMan, Version 5.3).

Results
 15 randomized controlled trials (RCTs) with a total of 1388 participants were included for the meta-analysis. Among them, 729 patients treated with probiotics served as the probiotics group, and 659 patients with placebo as control group. Significantly greater reduction in PRQLQs from baseline to endpoint [SMD = -2.57, 95% CI [- 4.66, -0.48] P < 0.01], NSS (SMD = -1.43, 95% CI [- 1.63, -1.23], P < 0.01) and ESS (total MD = -1.67, 95% CI [- 1.79, -1.55], P < 0.01) were observed in probiotics group compared to control group. Probiotics have no significant effect to serum IgE and eosinophils (P > 0.01).

Conclusion
 The results of this meta-analysis indicated that probiotics treatment may reduce PRQLQs, NSS, ESS in patients with allergic airway disease. More research involving the mechanism of probiotics are needed to clarify the role of probiotics in AR and allergic asthma in children and adolescents.

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Clinical Efficacy of Probiotics for Allergic Rhinitis: Results of an Exploratory Randomized Controlled Trial

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Background: Allergic Rhinitis (AR) is an atopic disease affecting the upper airways of predisposed subjects exposed to aeroallergens. This study evaluates the effects of a mix of specific probiotics (*L. acidophilus* PS9056, *L. rhamnosus* LP9420, *B. lactis* B9017, and *B. longum* BL02040) on symptoms and fecal microbiota modulation in subjects with AR. **Methods:** Probiotic effects were evaluated at the beginning (T0), at four and eight weeks of treatment (T1 and T2, respectively), and after four weeks of follow-up from the end of treatment (T3) (n = 19) compared to the placebo group (n = 22). AR symptoms and quality of life were evaluated by the mini rhinitis quality of life questionnaire (MiniRQLQ) at each time point. Allergic immune response and fecal microbiota compositions were assessed at T0, T2, and T3. The study was registered on ClinicalTrials.gov (NCT05344352). **Results:** The probiotic group showed significant improvement in the MiniRQLQ score at T1, T2, and T3 vs. T0 (p < 0.01, p < 0.05, p < 0.01, respectively). At T2, the probiotic group showed an increase in Dorea, which can be negatively associated with allergic diseases, and *Fusicatenbacter*, an intestinal bacterial genus with anti-inflammatory properties (p-value FDR-corrected = 0.0074 and 0.013, respectively). Conversely, at T3 the placebo group showed an increase in *Bacteroides* and *Fluminococcaceae* unassigned (p-value FDR-corrected = 0.033 and 0.023, respectively) which can be associated with allergies, while the probiotic group showed a significant increase in the *Prevotella/Bacteroides* ratio (p-value FDR-corrected = 0.023). **Conclusions:** This probiotic formulation improves symptoms and quality of life in subjects with AR, promoting a shift towards anti-inflammatory and anti-allergic bacterial species in the intestinal microbiota.

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Probiotics effect the Epigenetic regulation

Epigenetic aspects of new probiotic concept – a pilot study

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The novel probiotic approach consisting of *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* var. *boulardii* and *oc-tacosanol* had a positive effect on regulating the expression of certain miRNAs and mRNAs important for regulating inflammation and adipogenesis, which are essential for obesity onset and control. , in print

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Pro-, prebiotika und SCFAs



Butyrate and beta-hydroxybutyrate are similar due to their structure and additionally seem to have similar physiological influencing properties. That's why literature was obtained examining their effects on depression through fasting, caloric restriction and pre- and probiotic administration. A meta-analysis was conducted with the three included pre- and probiotic intervention trials and is able to show a significant increase of butyrate (MD 0.34; [0.02 - 0.67]) and an improvement of depression scores (ESMD 0.15; [-0.35 - 0.70]) through the pre- and probiotic interventions. Furthermore, a correlation between butyrate and depression scores (rs = 1.87; p = 0.17) was calculated, which suggests a connection between butyrate and depression, as well as pre- and probiotic administration as possible depression ameliorating interventions. Additionally, three studies were qualitatively analyzed examining fasting as intervention. A possible connection between fasting, beta-hydroxybutyrate and depression was found. Caloric restriction as potential long-term intervention was mentioned as alternative as well as further needed studies stated.

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Prediction of individual responses to prebiotics and probiotics intervention

A Prebiotics and Probiotics Task Forces' collaboration

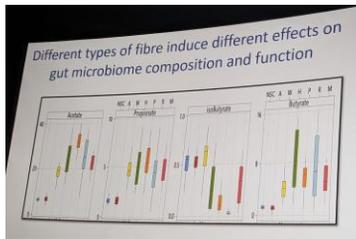
Background and Objectives: Individuals show a broad range of responses to dietary interventions and vary widely in their susceptibility to nutritional challenges or stressors. Consequently, anticipating individual specific responses to a given pre- or probiotic intervention and selection of the most appropriate target population for demonstrating the benefits of such an intervention is challenging. This activity will review state-of-the-art in silico, in vivo, and in vivo approaches for the rational design and testing of personalized interventions. The main objective is to provide a path forward highlighting tools and approaches that enable personalized prebiotics interventions that improve human health and well-being.

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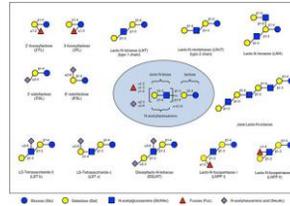
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Human milk oligosaccharide composition



Human milk oligosaccharide composition blueprint. HMO composition follows a basic blueprint shown in the center. HMOs can contain 5 different monosaccharides in different number and linkages, namely glucose (blue circle), galactose (yellow circle), N-acetyllactosamine (blue square), fucose (red triangle), and sialic acid (purple diamond).

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Breastmilk formula

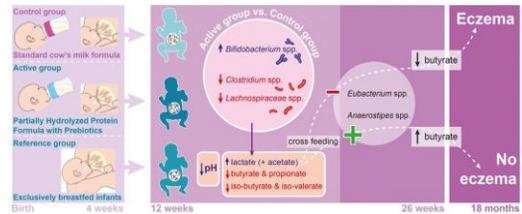


Das Oligosaccharid, das der Muttermilch am nächsten kommt, ist derzeit das 2'-Fucosyllactose (2'-FL) – ein sogenanntes Human Milk Oligosaccharid (HMO).

Muttermilch (breast milk) ist die natürliche Nahrung für Säuglinge und enthält alle wichtigen Nährstoffe, Antikörper und Enzyme, die das Immunsystem des Babys stärken und seine Entwicklung optimal unterstützen. Sie passt sich außerdem an die Bedürfnisse des Kindes an – etwa durch Veränderungen in der Zusammensetzung während des Stillens oder über die Zeit. Formulanahrung (formula milk) ist eine industriell hergestellte Alternative, die auf Kuhmilch- oder Pflanzenbasis basiert und mit Vitaminen, Mineralstoffen und anderen Nährstoffen angereichert wird, um Muttermilch so gut wie möglich nachzuahmen. Trotz großer Fortschritte kann sie jedoch nicht alle lebenden Immunstoffe und Enzyme enthalten, die Muttermilch auszeichnen. Der Versuch, Muttermilch in der Zusammensetzung näherzukommen, konzentriert sich heute auf Zusatz von Prä- und Probiotika, um die Darmflora zu fördern, langkettige Fettsäuren (DHA, ARA) zur Unterstützung der Gehirn- und Sehtwicklung, optimiertes Proteinverhältnis (mehr Molken- als Kaseinprotein), Zugabe von bioaktiven Komponenten wie Oligosacchariden, die das Immunsystem stärken sollen. → Ziel dieser Entwicklungen ist es, Formulanahrung funktionell immer ähnlicher zur Muttermilch zu machen – auch wenn sie deren komplexe, lebendige Zusammensetzung noch nicht vollständig erreichen kann.

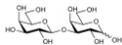
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Formula: breast fed

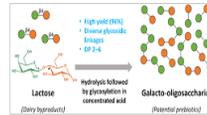


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GOS



Galactooligosaccharide (GOS) sind tatsächlich ein wichtiger Bestandteil vieler Formulanahrungen, aber sie unterscheiden sich etwas von den echten Human Milk Oligosacchariden (HMOs) wie 2'-Fucosyllactose. Hier ein Überblick über GOS im Vergleich und ihre Wirksamkeit: Was GOS ist: GOS sind präbiotische Ballaststoffe, die meist aus Laktose (Kuhmilchzucker) industriell hergestellt werden. Sie gehören nicht zu den natürlichen HMOs der Muttermilch, wirken aber ähnlich, indem sie das Wachstum nützlicher Darmbakterien fördern – vor allem von Bifidobakterien und Lactobazillen.



Milk replacer plus galacto-oligosaccharides significantly improved gut architectural features and villus/crypt ratio throughout the gastrointestinal tract, increased the number of goblet cells and revealed a differential abundance of beneficial probiotic bacteria, particularly Lactobacillus and Bifidobacterium.

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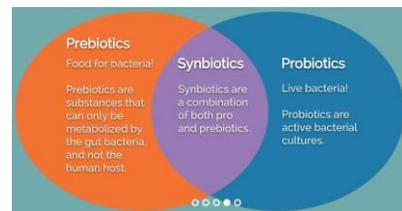
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At this time, on the basis of currently available data, supplementation with probiotics for prevention of allergies in children cannot be recommended, even if it is possible to underline the net benefit in high-risk infants in the prevention of eczema, as this effect is predominantly constant across studies available in the literature. However, the optimal strains, dose and timing, and duration of supplementation are still unknown, although a combined pre- and post-natal intervention appeared of stronger benefit. Moreover, the evidence for recommendation of prebiotic supplementation in infants who are not exclusively breastfed is of very low certainty and quality. Therefore, conclusive evidence is still lacking to be able to recommend routine use of pre/probiotics for allergic preventive purposes.

The bifidogenic effect of human milk (rich in oligosaccharides) is well-known. Prebiotics have long been added to infant milk formulas to mimic these functional characteristics of breast milk (52, 80, 81). A combination of galacto-oligosaccharide (GOS) and fructo-oligosaccharide (FOS) (soGOS 90% plus LFOS 10%) was prebiotic of choice in a number of intervention trials. Acidic oligosaccharides (AOS), polydextrose (PDX) (with or without lactulose), different content of lactose, oligofructose plus inulin have also been tested (Table 1). Modification of intestinal microbiota represents the principal way by which this effect has been orchestrated (93) and has been reported in several studies (82, 90, 92, 94, 95). The 2'-fucosyllactose (2'-FL) human milk oligosaccharide (HMO), the most plentiful HMO in most human milk, has been recently synthesized and is now commercially available in few supplemented infant formulas, bringing the composition closer to human milk (95).

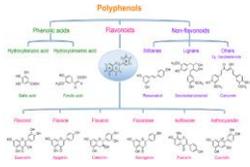
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Synbiotics



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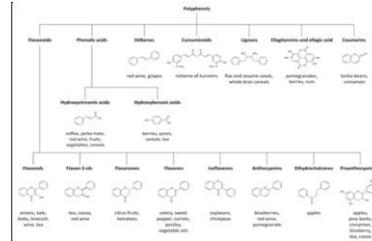
Polyphenols



Polyphenols are molecules chemically characterized by the presence of at least one aromatic ring with one or more hydroxyl groups attached. Polyphenols are plant secondary metabolites that are thought to help plants to survive and proliferate, protecting them against microbial infections or herbivorous animals, or luring pollinators. Polyphenols are found in many medicinal and edible plants which represent important alimentary sources, including fruits, vegetables, beverages (such as tea and red wine) and extra virgin oil

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Polyphenols and their plant sources,



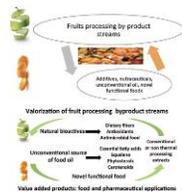
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Types and classification of bioactive compounds from food

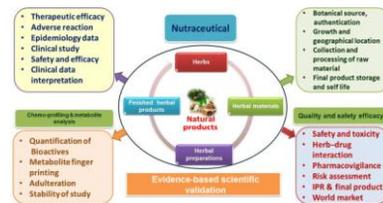
Major Food Bioactive Compounds (FBCs) sources and classification



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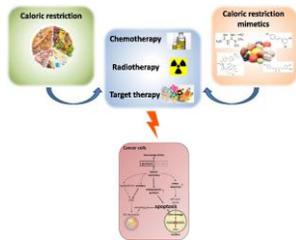


Nutraceuticals



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The best nutraceutical for healthy aging:CR fasting, taken as an example for desired activities



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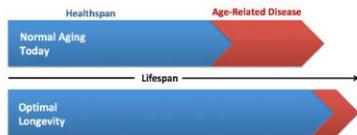
Fasting

- abstain from all/or some kinds of food or drink for a defined time. Has been implicated in religious cultures through out the world
- Voluntary in contrast to starvation,
- Hippocrates (460- 370 v.Chr) und Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)
- 20th century: Dr. Buchinger (Witzenhausen 1878-1966),
- CR: fasting, intermitted fasting, alternative day fasting.. without malnutrition



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So, can we increase health span by fasting, CR ?



So what contributes to age related diseases/premature aging



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Aging/ health are defined by its hallmarks

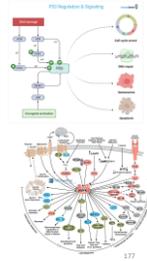
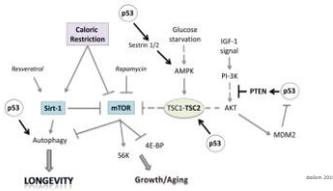


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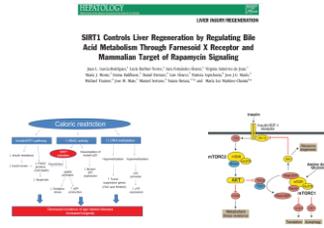
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Short term Caloric restriction mechanisms :
 AMPK, SIRT, mTOR, p53



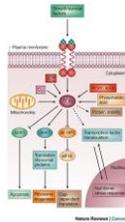
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Fasting pathways: Sirt, mTOR pathways



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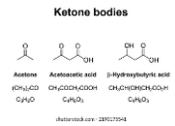
mTOR, Rapamycin immune-suppressiv,
 longevity relevant



Inhibition of the protein kinase mechanistic target of rapamycin (mTOR) with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved therapeutic rapamycin promotes health and longevity in diverse model organisms.

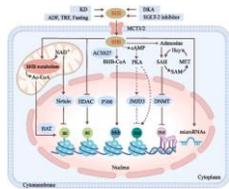
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Fasting > 3 days, Buchinger fasting, production of Butyrate and ketogenic molecules



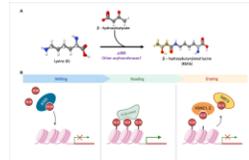
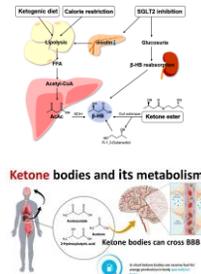
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Ketone bodies



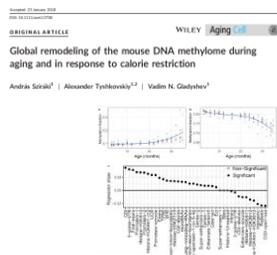
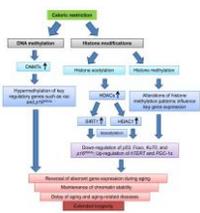
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Histones, Aging



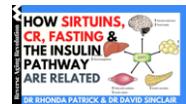
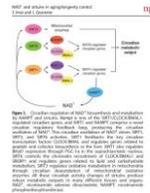
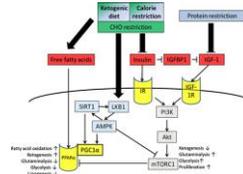
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Caloric restriction, fasting and aging change epigenetic CpG-methylation structure



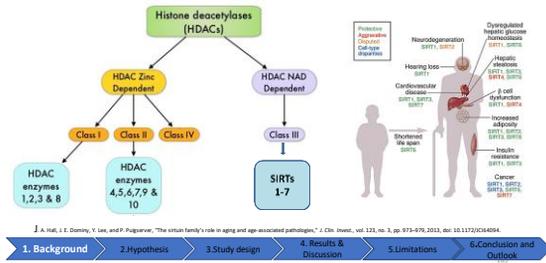
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Fasting and sirtuins



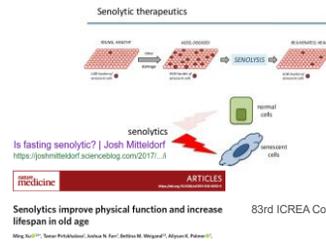
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Histone deacetylases, Sirtuins



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Caloric restriction: Rejuvenation by senolysis? role for autophagy ?



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Fasting and Microbiota

Wienener klinische Wochenschrift
 Increased gut microbiota diversity and abundance of *Faecalibacterium prausnitzii* and *Akkermansia* after fasting: a pilot study
 Conclusion: Our results show that acute restriction where no restriction to prebiotic-rich, fermenting material supplementation. An additional intervention with a prebiotic, towards increased antibiotic resistance gut microbial population.

Why Your Gut Microbes Love Intermittent Fasting
 Did you know that most of the cells that make up your body aren't human at all? Some of them are microbial... and when you fast with the LIFE Fasting Tracker app, they fast too.

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Effect of Plant Ingredient and Diet on Microbiota and Metabolites

Ingredient	Amount	Amount	Amount
Probiotic (Lactobacillus)	100 mg	100 mg	100 mg
Probiotic (Bifidobacterium)	100 mg	100 mg	100 mg
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STUDY SENOLYTICS, SENESCENCE MARKERS IN BRDU TREATED PRE-ADIPOCYTES, ADIPOCYTES, 3T3

Research Article
Epigenetic Cells Effectively Affects Senescence and Anti-SASP via SETD3 in 3T3-L1 Preadipocytes in Comparison with Other Senolytic Substances

Published in *Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology* | Volume 10 | Article 1234567 | DOI: 10.3389/fcell.2022.1234567

Keywords: SETD3, Adipogenesis, Senescence, Anti-SASP, Epigenetics, 3T3-L1, Preadipocytes, Senolytics

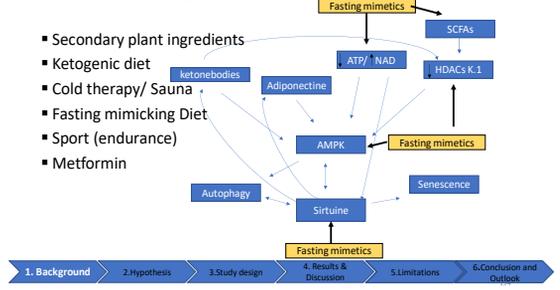
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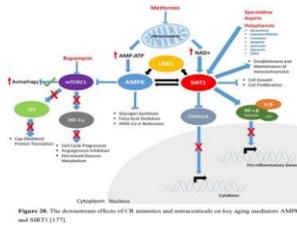
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Fasting or Fasting mimetics?



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CR, fasting mimetics



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Aging, longevity, big business, science

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Examples, Resveratrol

Resveratrol

Resveratrol is a stilbenoid, a type of natural phenol, and a phytoalexin produced by several plants in response to injury or when the plant is under attack by pathogens, such as bacteria or fungi. Sources of resveratrol in food include the skin of grapes, blueberries, raspberries, mulberries, and peanuts. Wikipedia

Previous studies have demonstrated that resveratrol is well-absorbed following oral administration, with ~75% of the dose absorbed. Following absorption, resveratrol undergoes rapid and extensive metabolism leading to low bioavailability

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Resveratrol Vitro : Vivo

Can resveratrol supplement change inflammatory mediators? A systematic...
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Resveratrol polyphenols

- Epigenetic changes: ↓ Global DNA 5-hmC, ↑ Global DNA 5-mC, ↓ Inflammation, ↓ Oxidative stress
- Mitochondrial dysfunction: ↑ Mitochondrial dysfunction

Novel food ?!

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Green tea extract, EGCG, Catechines

Epigallocatechin gallate

Epigallocatechin gallate, also known as epigallocatechin-3-gallate, is the ester of epigallocatechin and gallic acid, and is a type of catechin. EGCG – the most abundant catechin in tea – is a polyphenol under basic research for its potential to affect human health and disease. Wikipedia

- Inhibiting DNA methyltransferase
- Inhibiting histone deacetylase
- Inhibiting histone ubiquitination
- Anti-inflammatory: Inhibits expression of NF- κ B, iNOS, COX-2
- Anti-proliferative: Inhibits epigenetic and cell cycle regulation
- Anti-angiogenic: Inhibits tumor angiogenesis
- Anti-oxidative and pro-oxidative: Inhibits reactive oxygen species (ROS) and reactive nitrogen species (RNS)
- Anti-apoptotic: Inhibits apoptosis
- Anti-metastatic: Inhibits metastasis

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Astaxanthin



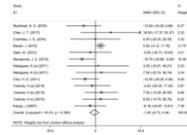
Astaxanthin
Chemical compound

Astaxanthin is a keto-carotenoid with various uses including dietary supplement and food dye. It belongs to a larger class of chemical compounds known as terpenes built from five carbon precursors, isopentenyl diphosphate, and dimethylallyl diphosphate. Wikipedia

Astaxanthin ist ein natürlicher, orangeroter Farbstoff. Er zählt zu den Carotinoiden, genauer gesagt zu den sauerstoffhaltigen Xanthophyllen. Das sind farbige Inhaltsstoffe bestimmter Pflanzen. Es wurde früher auch als Hämatochrom bezeichnet (von altgriechisch „haima“ für „Blut“ und „chroma“ für „Farbe“). Die Substanz wird hauptsächlich von Mikroalgen wie der Blutregenalge (Haematococcus pluvialis), aber auch der roten Hefe Phaffia rhodosyza und dem Bakterium Paracoccus carotinifaciens gebildet.¹

Astaxanthin dient der Alge als natürlicher UV-Schutz und als Molekül zur Nährstoffbindung: Um unter schwierigen Umweltbedingungen wie starker Sonneneinstrahlung, Wasser- oder Sauerstoffmangel zu überleben, stellt sie ihre Stoffwechselfvorgänge ein und bildet zum Schutz eine blutrote Zyste, deren Pigmente aus Astaxanthin bestehen.²

Das Carotinoid ist jedoch nicht nur im Plankton enthalten, sondern gelangt über die Nahrungskette in das Tierreich. Wassertiere wie Lachs, Garnelen, Forellen, Krill oder Krabbe, aber auch Flamingos fressen die Mikroalge. Sie erhalten durch Astaxanthin ihre rötliche Färbung und schützen sich damit ebenfalls vor den schädlichen Auswirkungen von UV-Licht und aggressiven Sauerstoffradikalen.³ Der Nährstoff ist auch ein wichtiger Zusatz in Futtermitteln und hilft bei der gesunden Aufzucht von Jungfischen.⁴



Anthocyanins



HEALTH BENEFITS OF anthocyanins

...antioxidants that give plants their rich purple, blue or red color

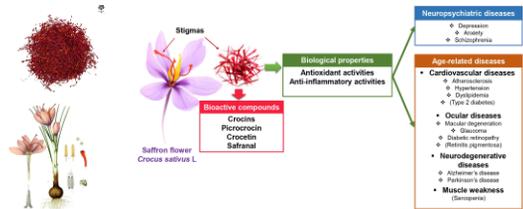
SOURCES:

- blueberry
- black mulberry
- blackberry
- black raspberry
- blackberry
- blueberry
- red onion
- red cabbage
- red beans
- black rice
- pomegranate
- grape seed extract
- ...and more!

- boost immune system
- improve brain functions
- prevent cancer development
- anti-inflammatory
- protect from diseases
- fight viruses
- balance blood sugar
- maintain healthy weight
- fight free radicals
- support heart health

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Saffron



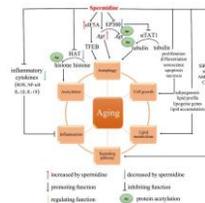
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Spermidin



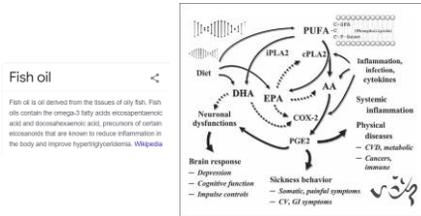
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Spermidin mechanisms



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Fishoil, EPA, DHA



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Longevity and beyond



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Bluezones



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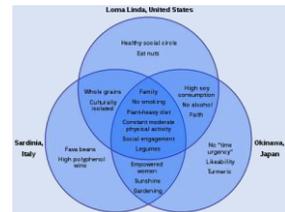
Blaue Zonen sind Regionen der Welt in denen Menschen viel länger als der Durchschnitt leben sollen. Das Konzept wird von Dan Buettner vertreten und wurde erstmals im November 2005 im Magazin National Geographic in der Titelseite „The Secrets of a Long Life“ von Buettner vorgestellt.

Buettner identifizierte fünf Regionen, die er als „Blaue Zonen“ betrachtet: Okinawa (Japan), Sardinien (Italien), die Nicoya-Halbinsel (Costa Rica), Ikaria (Griechenland) und unter den Siebenten-Tags-Adventisten in Loma Linda, Kalifornien.

Er gibt eine Erklärung, basierend auf Daten und Beobachtungen aus erster Hand, warum diese Bevölkerungsgruppen gesünder und länger leben.

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Von den Bluezones lernen wir persönliche, regional spezifische Massnahmen gegen vorzeitiges Altern, alters-bedingte Erkrankungen, Zentral: bioaktive Moleküle



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Die Menschen in den Blauen Zonen haben gemeinsame Lebensstil-Merkmale, die zu ihrer Langlebigkeit beitragen. Sechs gemeinsamen Merkmale der Menschen in Okinawa, Sardinien und den Blauen Zonen von Loma Linda:

- Familie – wichtiger als andere Anliegen
- Nicht rauchen
- Pflanzenbasierte Ernährung – der Großteil der verzehrten Nahrung stammt aus Pflanzen.
- Ständige moderate körperliche Aktivität – ein untrennbarer Bestandteil des Lebens.
- Soziales Engagement – Menschen jeden Alters sind sozial aktiv und in ihre Gemeinschaften integriert.
- Hülsenfrüchte – häufig konsumiert

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Buettner: Faktoren die den Lebensstil der Menschen in den blauen Zonen behandeln:

- Mäßige, regelmäßige körperliche Aktivität.
- Lebensinhalt.
- Stressabbau.
- Mäßige Kalorienzufuhr.
- Pflanzenbasierte Ernährung.
- Mäßiger Alkoholkonsum; überwiegend Wein.
- Engagement in der Spiritualität oder Religion.
- Engagement im Familienleben.
- Engagement im gesellschaftlichen Leben.

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Bluezones limitations

Das Bluezones Konzept wurde durch Arbeiten von Gianni Pes und Paulain 2004 im Journal of experimental Gerontology erstmals erstellt. Dan Buettner, Gründer von BlueZones.com und mehrfacher New York Times Bestseller-Autor baute auf deren demografische Arbeit auf. Kritik kam unter anderem von Harriet Hill 2021. Sie schrieb für Science-Based Medicine, dass es keine kontrollierten Studien über die Hundertjährigen in den Blue Zones gäbe und dass die Ernährung in den Blue Zones auf Spekulationen und nicht auf Beweisen durch eine strenge wissenschaftliche Methode beruhe.

Ich teile deshalb die Bedenken von SJ Newman und bin sehr froh, dass auch seine Kritik zu einer genaueren Evaluation der Daten auf denen das Bluezones Konzept beruht führen wird. Leider ist es richtig, dass Daten, die so lange in die Vergangenheit reichen wie zB das Alter schwierig sind und z.B. viele Daten während des Weltkrieges verloren gingen. Besonders sind auch die Ernährungsgewohnheiten von sehr vielen Faktoren abhängig. Lifestyle und Ernährung können kaum voneinander getrennt werden. Neue bioinformatische Analysemethoden werden hier verbesserte Aussagen bringen und vielleicht auch neue Regionen einbeziehen. Auch fehlen die Konsequenzen von persönlichen Einflüssen (siehe mein Buch personalised nutrition). Und die neuen Möglichkeiten und Analysemethoden der Epigenetik müssen in ein überarbeitetes Bluezones Konzept eingebracht werden.

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D. Sinliar and the endless life



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Scientific Innovations & Theories of David Sinclair

1. Sirtuins and NAD⁺ Pathway

1. Sinclair has done foundational work on sirtuins, a class of proteins (enzymes) that are NAD⁺-dependent deacetylases. sinclair.hms.harvard.edu/2nad.com/2
2. His lab showed that as organisms age, **NAD⁺ levels decline**, which impairs sirtuin function. [PubMed+1](#)
3. By boosting NAD⁺ (e.g., via NAD⁺ precursors like NMN), sirtuins can be reactivated, which in turn supports genomic stability, stress resistance, metabolic health, and potentially longevity. providence.elsevierpure.com/2nad.com/2
4. He also helped discover **sirtuin-activating compounds (STACs)**, such as resveratrol and synthetic molecules (e.g., SIRT1720), which can enhance the activity of SIRT1. [nad.com+1](#)

2. Information Theory of Aging / Epigenetic Reprogramming

1. Sinclair has contributed to a provocative theory often called the **"Information Theory of Aging."** The idea: aging is not just about accumulating damage (mutations) but about the **loss of epigenetic information** — i.e., the "software" of our cells becomes corrupted. [PMC+2 PubMed+2](#)
2. In a landmark 2023 Cell paper, his team showed that artificially inducing DNA double-strand breaks in mice (without causing mutations) can make their cells "age" (in terms of their epigenetic landscape), but that this process can be **reversed** by reprogramming factors (partial Yamanaka factors). [PMC](#)
3. This suggests that some aspects of aging are **reversible**, because the "backup" epigenetic instructions are still there and can be "rebooted." [TIME+1](#)
4. This idea is also being translated into experiments: for instance, Sinclair's lab has done **partial cellular reprogramming** (using 3 of the 4 Yamanaka factors) in mice to restore more youthful epigenetic patterns without turning cells fully into stem cells. [TIME](#)

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1. Optimized / Minimal Cocktail (2-Compound)

1. More recently (discussed by community sources and follow-up analysis), there is mention of a **"2-compound" (2c) cocktail** that is a simplified version of the 7-molecule mix. According to a summary: **RepSox + Translucipromine** alone may be sufficient to restore several aging phenotypes (genomic instability, epigenetic dysregulation, senescence, oxidative stress) in cells. [Fight Aging!](#)
2. This is significant because a smaller, simpler cocktail may be easier to develop more safely, but *this is still very early-stage research.* [Fight Aging!+1](#)

2. Other "Stack" Molecules Outside Reprogramming

Besides the reprogramming cocktails, Sinclair often talks about more classical longevity molecules / supplements:

1. **NAD⁺ precursors:** NMN (nicotinamide mononucleotide) and NR (nicotinamide riboside) remain central. [nad.com+1](#)
2. **Spermidine:** which stimulates autophagy. [nad.com](#)
3. **Metformin:** Sinclair includes this in his "stack." [nmn.com+1](#)
4. **Senolytics / other drugs:** In a summary of "8 anti-aging medicines," his group (with other researchers) names rapamycin, GLP-1 agonists (e.g. Ozempic), senolytic-like molecules. [nad.com](#)

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Key Recent Molecules / "Recipes" in Sinclair's Age-Reversal Thinking

1. Chemical Cocktails for Epigenetic Reprogramming

1. In a 2023 paper, Sinclair's lab (Fang et al.) reported **six chemical cocktails** that, in human/senescent cells, restored a more youthful gene expression profile *within a week.* [Aging-US+2PMC+2](#)
2. Importantly, these cocktails didn't erase cell identity (i.e., they didn't fully turn cells into stem cells) — they partially reprogrammed them. [Aging-US](#)
3. The base (or "core") small molecules used in these cocktails include:
 1. **Valproic acid (VPA)** — a histone deacetylase (HDAC) inhibitor. [PMC+1](#)
 2. **CHIR-99021** — a GSK3 α/β inhibitor, which affects signaling pathways. [PMC+1](#)
 3. **E-616452** (also called *RepSox*) — a TGF- β signaling pathway inhibitor. [PMC](#)
 4. **Tranlycypromine** — affects histone modification / epigenetics. [PMC](#)
 5. **Forskolin** — increases cAMP (activates adenylyl cyclase). [PMC](#)
4. In addition to these, different cocktails also included: **TTNPB**, **Y-27632**, **SAG** (Smoothened agonist), **ABT-869**, **sodium butyrate**, **α -ketoglutarate**. [ResearchHub](#)
5. Concentrations used in their cell experiments (in vitro) included, for example: VPA ~ 250 μ M, CHIR99021 ~ 10 μ M, RepSox ~ 10 μ M, Tranlycypromine ~ 5 μ M, Forskolin ~ 50 μ M. [ResearchHub](#)

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1. Stem Cell Exhaustion & Rejuvenation

Aging is closely linked to the *decline in both number and function* of stem cells (hematopoietic, muscle satellite cells, neural stem cells, mesenchymal stem cells).

Approaches:

- **Reactivating dormant stem cells**
Using signals like Wnt, Notch, or TGF- β inhibitors to restore youthful function.
- **Reducing stem cell senescence**
Removing senescent cells (with senolytics) can restore a more youthful stem-cell niche.
- **Niche rejuvenation**
Repairing the microenvironment that stem cells depend on — ECM, signaling molecules, inflammation levels.

2. Stem Cell Replacement or Transplantation

Replacing aging stem cell pools with younger or engineered cells.

Examples:

- **Hematopoietic stem cell (HSC) transplantation**
Can partially rejuvenate immune function.
- **Mesenchymal stem cell (MSC) therapies**
Reduce inflammation, modulate immune response, and support tissue repair.
- **Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs)**
Reprogrammed from adult cells; can be converted into youthful, patient-specific tissue.

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3. Partial Cellular Reprogramming ("Yamanaka Reset")

A groundbreaking concept:
Short pulses of Yamanaka factors (OSKM) can *rejuvenate cells without wiping identity*.
Effects observed in research:

- Reduced epigenetic age
- Improved mitochondrial function
- Enhanced tissue repair
- Reversed age-associated gene expression

The challenge:
Avoiding tumor formation by **preventing full reprogramming**.

4. Tissue Engineering & Organoid Replacement

Instead of repairing in place, you *grow replacement tissue* using stem cells.
Examples:

- Organoids for liver, kidney, or gut
- Engineered skin or cartilage
- Lab-grown thymus for immune rejuvenation

This allows **young, functional tissue** to replace aged structures.

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5. Clearing Damaged Cells to Support Stem Cell Health

Stem cells decline partly due to:

- inflammation
- Accumulated DNA damage
- Senescent cell burden
- Mitochondrial dysfunction

Approaches:

- Senolytics** (remove senescent cells)
- Autophagy boosters** (rapamycin, fasting mimetics)
- Redox balance / mitochondrial repair**

These create a cleaner "internal environment" that supports stem cell renewal.

6. Gene Editing to Enhance Stem Cell Longevity

Using CRISPR or epigenetic editing to modify stem cell behavior.
Concepts:

- Boost genomic stability**
- Increase telomerase expression**

(Carefully—raises cancer risk if uncontrolled)

- Correct age-associated mutations
- Enhance DNA repair pathways (e.g., SIRT6, FOXO3)

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7. Secretome & Exosome-Based Rejuvenation

Stem cells release **exosomes** containing growth factors, microRNAs, and signaling molecules.

Potential effects:

- Reduced inflammation
- Enhanced tissue repair
- Improved collagen production and wound healing
- Mitochondrial transfer to damaged cells

This allows *rejuvenation without transplanting live cells*.



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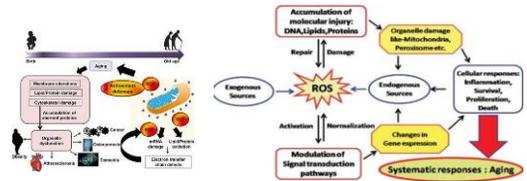
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Autophagy	Apoptose
Senolytic	DNA repair
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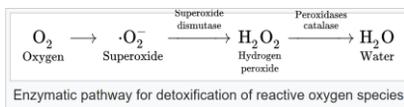
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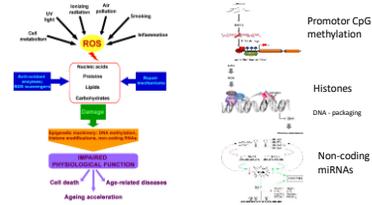
Antioxydants

Antioxydant	Solubility	Concentration in human serum (µM)	Concentration in liver tissue (µmol/kg)
Ascorbic acid (vitamin C)	Water	50-60 ^[1]	280 (human) ^[1]
Glutathione	Water	4 ^[1]	6,400 (human) ^[1]
Lipoic acid	Water	0.1-0.2 ^[1]	4-5 (pig) ^[1]
Uric acid	Water	200-400 ^[1]	1,600 (human) ^[1]
Carotenoids	Lipid	β-carotene: 0.5-1 ^[1] retinol (vitamin A): 1-3 ^[1]	5 (human, total carotenoids) ^[1]
α-Tocopherol (vitamin E)	Lipid	10-40 ^[1]	50 (human) ^[1]
Ubiquinol (coenzyme Q)	Lipid	g ^[1]	200 (human) ^[1]



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Ros, stress impairs all mechanisms of the epigenetic machinery -> aging



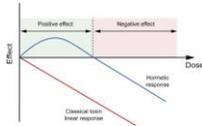
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Stress and Mitomeresis



EGG and EGGG are considered antioxidants, which means they counteract or prevent oxidative stress in the body caused by aggressive free radicals of oxygen," said senior co-author Professor Michael Ristow, a researcher in the Department of Health Sciences and Technology at ETH Zurich and the Department of Human Nutrition at the Friedrich Schiller University Jena, and his colleagues. "Until now, it was assumed that these catechins neutralize free radicals and thus prevent damage to cells or DNA." "One source of oxygen free radicals is metabolism; for example, when the mitochondria – the powerhouses of the cell – are working to produce energy." "We took a closer look at how catechins act in the nematode worm *Caenorhabditis elegans* and came to a different, seemingly paradoxical conclusion: rather than suppressing oxidative stress, green tea catechins promote it." In their experiments, the researchers found that applying the green tea catechins EGGG and EGG at a low dose extends the lifespan of *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The long-term effects also included reduced fat content in the nematodes after 5 days of catechin treatment. "EGG and EGGG initially increase oxidative stress in the short term, but that this has the subsequent effect of increasing the defensive capabilities of the cells and the organism," they explained.

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Antioxydants, mithormesis

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 Antioxidants have the ability to scavenge free radicals in the human body and have been suggested to exert their protective effect of dual-labeled antioxidants such as cardiovascular disease (CVD) markers and type 2 diabetes. However, evidence from experimental studies using various antioxidants, including vitamin C, vitamin E, ubiquinol, zinc or selenium, does not support the hypothesis that antioxidants decrease risk of these diseases. Experimental studies highlight a lack of effectiveness on the safety of antioxidant levels of molecules in high doses of antioxidant supplements and suggest that long-term harm cannot be ruled out, particularly in smokers.

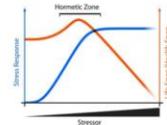


Figure 11. Mithormesis Theoretical curve showing how low doses of a stressor may have beneficial effects by activating intracellular stress response pathways. If the stressor exceeds the capacity of the stress response system to maintain homeostasis, then deleterious phenotypes are observed.

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Novel foods, functional foods and epigenetics

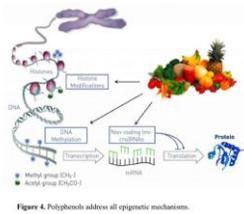
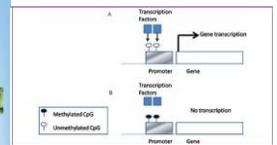


Figure 4. Polyphenols address all epigenetic mechanisms.

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DNA, CpG methylation



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Mi RNAs, non coding RNAs

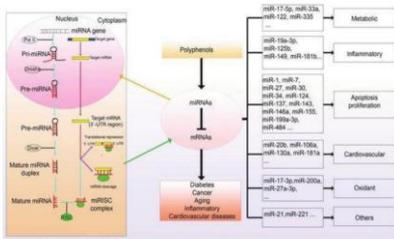
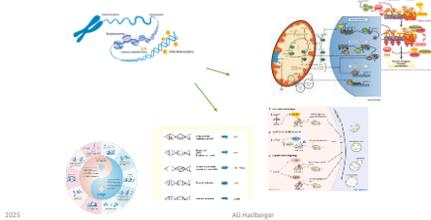


Figure 9. Polyphenols and ncRNAs

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Epigenetics regulates aging mechanisms involved in telomere attrition, mitochondrial functions, autophagy, I.S./inflammation, senescence and DNA-repair



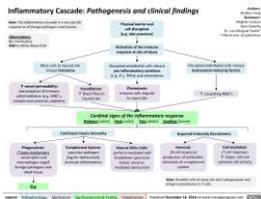
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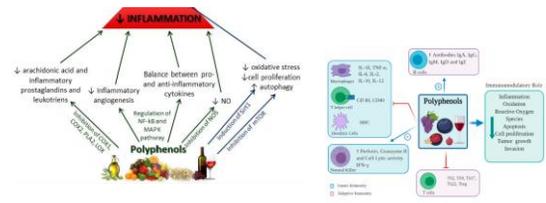
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Polyphenols and Inflammation mechanisms



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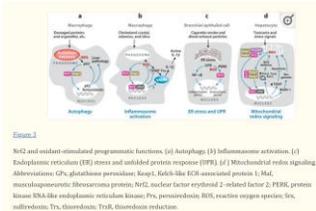
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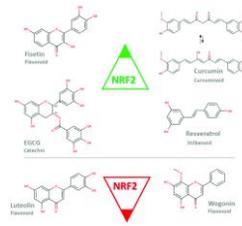
Polyphenols and NRF2

The nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2 (Nrf2) is an emerging regulator of cellular resistance to oxidants. Nrf2 controls the basal and induced expression of an array of antioxidant response element-dependent genes to regulate the physiological and pathophysiological outcomes of oxidant exposure.



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NRF2 agonists, antagonists



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Neuro-inflammation

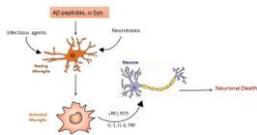


Figure 1. Microglial cells respond differently depending upon type and intensity of activation signals [17].

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Polyphenols, spermidine and microglia

Spermidine mechanisms

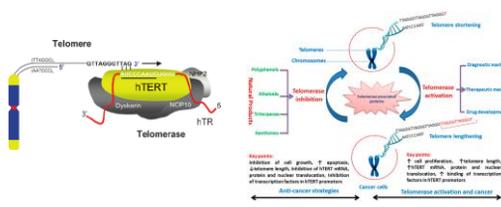
Neuroinflammation is a key component of Alzheimer's disease (AD) pathogenesis. Polyphenols and spermidine have been shown to modulate microglial activation and reduce neuroinflammation. Spermidine, a polyamine, is involved in various cellular processes, including autophagy and mitochondrial function. The diagram illustrates how polyphenols and spermidine interact with microglial signaling pathways to exert neuroprotective effects.

Autophagy and mTOR's Disease:

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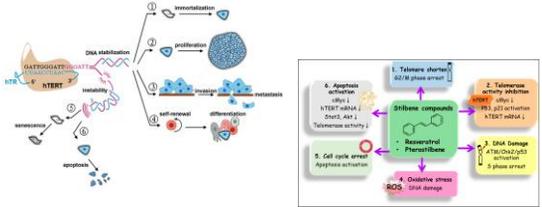
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Telomers, telomerase



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Polyphenols in the regulation of telomerase, hTERT



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Anti-aging agent	Source	Positive efficacy	Ref.
Cyanostigmin (TA-65)	Attagalus membranaceus	Telomerase activator	[5, 41]
GESNO	GRNMs/TAT2	Telomerase activator	[40]
AGSNO	Synthetic thiazol compounds	Telomerase activator	[40]
Geminin	Sea urchin	Telomerase activator	[4]
Crocin acetic extract	Crocin acetic	Telomerase activator	[26]
Malic acid	Olive-ponzo oil	Telomerase activator	[36]
Bioresveratrol	Natural phenol	SIRT1 activator	[6, 33]
NAD	Coenzyme	SIRT1 activator	[34]
LLD300/epidiorides	Phytolic derivatives	SIRT1 activator	[24, 38]
Genistein	Natural isoflavone	SIRT1 activator	[33]
Melatonin	Hormone	SIRT1 activator	[4]
Nitrofen	Synthetic compound	Sensitizes via Rb2/Rb4-L	[21]
Disulfide-Quercetin	Natural flavonoid	Sensitizes via p53/p21, tyrosine kinase	[30]
Fraxin	Natural polyphenol	Sensitizes via Rb2/Rb4	[40]
17-DMAG	Synthetic compound	Sensitizes via HR230	[41]
Gallic-acampyris	Substrate of SA-β-galactosidase	Sensitizes via SA-β-galactosidase	[35]
SIR3	Substrate of SA-β-galactosidase	Sensitizes via SA-β-galactosidase	[35]

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EGCG telomerase, cmyc, hTERT

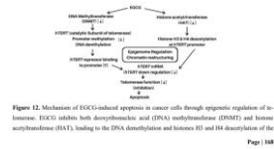
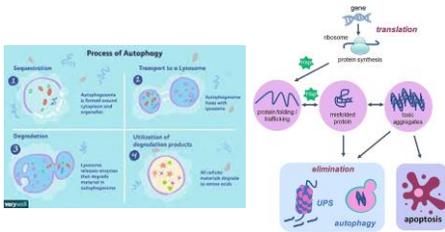


Figure 12. Mechanism of EGCG-induced apoptosis in cancer cells through epigenetic regulation of telomerase. EGCG inhibits both deacetylase and histone acetyltransferase (HAT), leading to the DNA demethylase and histone H3 and H4 deacetylation of the... Page | 188

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Human telomerase: reverse transcriptase (hTERT) promoter, respectively. These events result in the epigenetic...

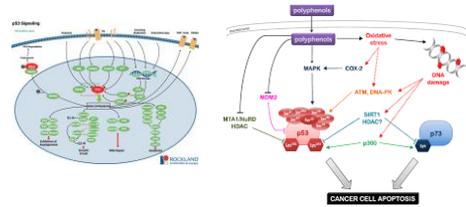
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Autophagy, apoptosis



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Apoptosis, p53 and polyphenols



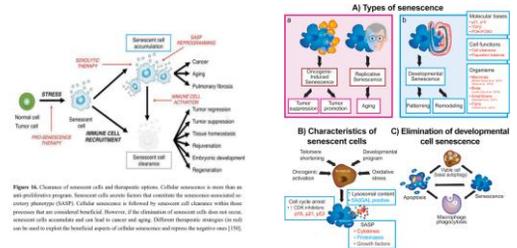
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Polyphenols and senescence

Review
Natural Polyphenols Targeting Senescence: A Novel Prevention and Therapy Strategy for Cancer
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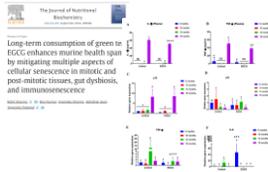
Figure 2. Potential functions of resveratrol and tumor therapy. Resveratrol inhibited tumor cell proliferation, promoted apoptosis, promoted autophagy, inhibited telomerase activity and telomerase expression, and inhibited cancer cell senescence. Resveratrol therapy for cancer prevention, tumor drug inhibition resistance and tumor cancer cell senescence for cancer therapy. SAHF: senescence-associated secretory phenotype (SASP); SA-β-gal: SA-β-galactosidase; ROS: reactive oxygen species.

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Senolytics between rejuvenation of tissues and cancer prevention

Table 1. Polyphenols and polyphenol derivatives as cancer cell senescence inducers and their effect.

Classification	Compound	Substructure	Reference
Resveratrol and Resveratrol Derivatives	Resveratrol	3,5,4'-trihydroxy-stilben-3-ol	[1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31,32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40,41,42,43,44,45,46,47,48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55,56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66,67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76,77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90,91,92,93,94,95,96,97,98,99,100,101,102,103,104,105,106,107,108,109,110,111,112,113,114,115,116,117,118,119,120,121,122,123,124,125,126,127,128,129,130,131,132,133,134,135,136,137,138,139,140,141,142,143,144,145,146,147,148,149,150,151,152,153,154,155,156,157,158,159,160,161,162,163,164,165,166,167,168,169,170,171,172,173,174,175,176,177,178,179,180,181,182,183,184,185,186,187,188,189,190,191,192,193,194,195,196,197,198,199,200,201,202,203,204,205,206,207,208,209,210,211,212,213,214,215,216,217,218,219,220,221,222,223,224,225,226,227,228,229,230,231,232,233,234,235,236,237,238,239,240,241,242,243,244,245,246,247,248,249,250,251,252,253,254,255,256,257,258,259,260,261,262,263,264,265,266,267,268,269,270,271,272,273,274,275,276,277,278,279,280,281,282,283,284,285,286,287,288,289,290,291,292,293,294,295,296,297,298,299,300,301,302,303,304,305,306,307,308,309,310,311,312,313,314,315,316,317,318,319,320,321,322,323,324,325,326,327,328,329,330,331,332,333,334,335,336,337,338,339,340,341,342,343,344,345,346,347,348,349,350,351,352,353,354,355,356,357,358,359,360,361,362,363,364,365,366,367,368,369,370,371,372,373,374,375,376,377,378,379,380,381,382,383,384,385,386,387,388,389,390,391,392,393,394,395,396,397,398,399,400,401,402,403,404,405,406,407,408,409,410,411,412,413,414,415,416,417,418,419,420,421,422,423,424,425,426,427,428,429,430,431,432,433,434,435,436,437,438,439,440,441,442,443,444,445,446,447,448,449,450,451,452,453,454,455,456,457,458,459,460,461,462,463,464,465,466,467,468,469,470,471,472,473,474,475,476,477,478,479,480,481,482,483,484,485,486,487,488,489,490,491,492,493,494,495,496,497,498,499,500,501,502,503,504,505,506,507,508,509,510,511,512,513,514,515,516,517,518,519,520,521,522,523,524,525,526,527,528,529,530,531,532,533,534,535,536,537,538,539,540,541,542,543,544,545,546,547,548,549,550,551,552,553,554,555,556,557,558,559,560,561,562,563,564,565,566,567,568,569,570,571,572,573,574,575,576,577,578,579,580,581,582,583,584,585,586,587,588,589,590,591,592,593,594,595,596,597,598,599,600,601,602,603,604,605,606,607,608,609,610,611,612,613,614,615,616,617,618,619,620,621,622,623,624,625,626,627,628,629,630,631,632,633,634,635,636,637,638,639,640,641,642,643,644,645,646,647,648,649,650,651,652,653,654,655,656,657,658,659,660,661,662,663,664,665,666,667,668,669,670,671,672,673,674,675,676,677,678,679,680,681,682,683,684,685,686,687,688,689,690,691,692,693,694,695,696,697,698,699,700,701,702,703,704,705,706,707,708,709,710,711,712,713,714,715,716,717,718,719,720,721,722,723,724,725,726,727,728,729,730,731,732,733,734,735,736,737,738,739,740,741,742,743,744,745,746,747,748,749,750,751,752,753,754,755,756,757,758,759,760,761,762,763,764,765,766,767,768,769,770,771,772,773,774,775,776,777,778,779,780,781,782,783,784,785,786,787,788,789,790,791,792,793,794,795,796,797,798,799,800,801,802,803,804,805,806,807,808,809,810,811,812,813,814,815,816,817,818,819,820,821,822,823,824,825,826,827,828,829,830,831,832,833,834,835,836,837,838,839,840,841,842,843,844,845,846,847,848,849,850,851,852,853,854,855,856,857,858,859,860,861,862,863,864,865,866,867,868,869,870,871,872,873,874,875,876,877,878,879,880,881,882,883,884,885,886,887,888,889,890,891,892,893,894,895,896,897,898,899,900,901,902,903,904,905,906,907,908,909,910,911,912,913,914,915,916,917,918,919,920,921,922,923,924,925,926,927,928,929,930,931,932,933,934,935,936,937,938,939,940,941,942,943,944,945,946,947,948,949,950,951,952,953,954,955,956,957,958,959,960,961,962,963,964,965,966,967,968,969,970,971,972,973,974,975,976,977,978,979,980,981,982,983,984,985,986,987,988,989,990,991,992,993,994,995,996,997,998,999,1000]
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Effect of EGCG consumption on innate immune functions. Animals were divided into four control groups and four EGCG fed groups, and one group each from control and EGCG groups was sacrificed after every 4 months of feeding till 18 months of animal age. Plasma levels of (A) IL-1β (B) TNF-α.

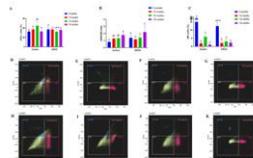
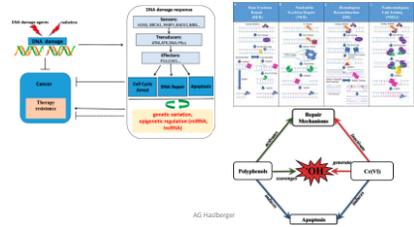


Fig. 7. Effect of EGCG consumption on splenic T cell proliferation and activation. Animals were divided into four control groups and four EGCG fed groups, and one group each from control and EGCG groups was sacrificed after every 4 months of feeding till 18 months of animal age. Abundance of (A) CD3+ cells (B) CD4/CD8 ratio (C) NK cells.

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Aging DNA-damage response, DNA-repair, Epigenetics, Polyphenols



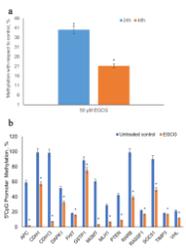
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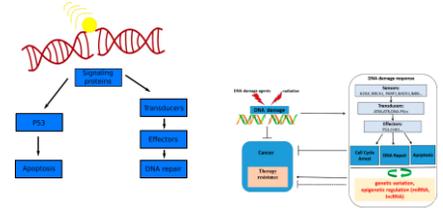
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MGMT and MLH1 DNA repair enzymes and promotor methylation, EGCG



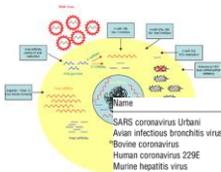
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RNA and Corona viruses



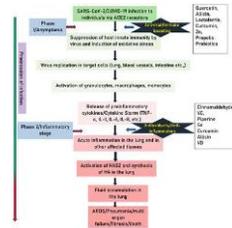
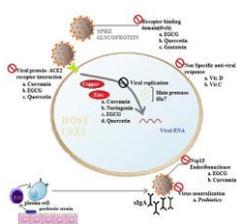
Name	Abbrev.	Accession	Length	Base composition
SARS coronavirus Urbani	SARS	AJ278741	29,727	(0.28, 0.26, 0.21, 0.31)
Avian infectious bronchitis virus	AIBV	NC_001451.1	27,608	(0.29, 0.16, 0.22, 0.33)
Bovine coronavirus	BCoV	NC_003945.1	31,028	(0.27, 0.15, 0.22, 0.36)
Human coronavirus 229E	HCoV	NC_002645.1	27,317	(0.37, 0.17, 0.20, 0.35)
Marine hepatitis virus	MHV	NC_001846	31,357	(0.26, 0.18, 0.24, 0.32)
Porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus	PEDEV	NC_003436.1	28,033	(0.25, 0.19, 0.23, 0.33)
Transmissible gastroenteritis virus	TGV	NC_002366.2	28,588	(0.29, 0.17, 0.21, 0.33)
Rubella virus	RUV	NC_001545.1	9,755	(0.15, 0.36, 0.31, 0.15)
Equine arteritis virus	EAV	NC_002532.2	12,704	(0.21, 0.26, 0.26, 0.27)
Rabies virus	RV	NC_001542.1	11,932	(0.29, 0.22, 0.23, 0.26)
Human immunodeficiency virus 1	HIV-1	NC_001802.1	9,181	(0.36, 0.16, 0.24, 0.22)

S. No.	Molecule	Target	Type of Study/ Techniques Used	Results	Study, Year, Reference
1	Leadin	SARS-CoV-2	• Frontal affinity chromatography • Phage display • HTT assay with wild-type SARS-CoV-2	• Leadin inhibited SARS-CoV-2 infection in a dose-dependent manner • IC_{50} was 10.6 μ M; CC_{50} was 0.033 mM; LD_{50} in mice was 322.2 mg/kg	Yi et al. 2020**
2	Quercetin	SARS-CoV-2	• Inhibition of nucleocapsid protein	• IC_{50} of 88.4 μ M and CC_{50} of 3.05 mM	Yi et al. 2020**
3	GCG ligandomycin	SARS-CoV-2	• Expression of nucleocapsid protein and its inhibition • Phorbol ester binding	• 91% inhibition at 500 μ M • IC_{50} of 67 μ M • Binding energy of -14 kcal/mol	Hajjari et al. 2021**
4	Quercetin	SARS-CoV-2	• Expression of nucleocapsid protein and its inhibition • Phorbol ester binding	• 85% inhibition at 500 μ M • IC_{50} of 23.8 μ M • Binding energy: -10.3 kcal/mol	Hajjari et al. 2021**
5	EGCG	SARS-CoV-2	• Inhibition of nucleocapsid protein • Phorbol ester binding • Phorbol ester binding	• 85% inhibition at 500 μ M • IC_{50} of 7.9 μ M • Binding energy: -11.7 kcal/mol	Hajjari et al. 2021**
6	Kanamycin	HR23c	• HTT assay using wild-type HR23c • Phorbol ester binding	• Found to be effective in the 100-1000 μ M range on wild-type HR23c • Inhibits capsid protein cleavage	Lin et al. 2017**
7	Hesperetin	SARS-CoV-2	• Cell free and cell-based assays	• IC_{50} of 80 μ M in cell free assay; IC_{50} of 8.3 μ M in cell-based assay and a CC_{50} of 210 μ M	Lin et al. 2020**
8	Quercetin	ACE2	• Gene silencing • Phorbol ester binding • Phorbol ester binding	• Quercetin Abolished ACE2 expression • In addition, it was found to alter the expression of HR23c (HR23c gene encoding human protein that serves as target for the SARS-CoV-2)	Chakraborty 2020**

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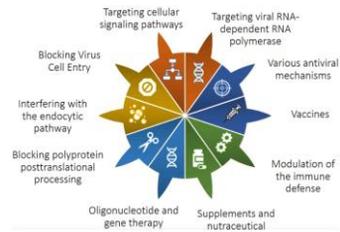
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Covid, SARS-2



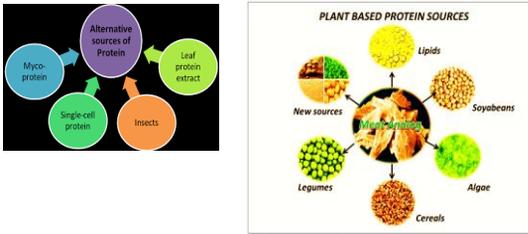
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A mega market



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Proteins from microorganisms, single-cell proteins (SCPs)

Algae SCP	Bacteria SCP	Yeast SCP	Fungi SCP
<p>Algae SCP</p> <p>Algae are a diverse group of photosynthetic organisms that can be used as a source of SCP. They are rich in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Algae SCP can be used in a variety of food products, including meat alternatives, dairy alternatives, and snacks.</p>	<p>Bacteria SCP</p> <p>Bacteria are a diverse group of microorganisms that can be used as a source of SCP. They are rich in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Bacteria SCP can be used in a variety of food products, including meat alternatives, dairy alternatives, and snacks.</p>	<p>Yeast SCP</p> <p>Yeast are a diverse group of microorganisms that can be used as a source of SCP. They are rich in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Yeast SCP can be used in a variety of food products, including meat alternatives, dairy alternatives, and snacks.</p>	<p>Fungi SCP</p> <p>Fungi are a diverse group of microorganisms that can be used as a source of SCP. They are rich in protein, vitamins, and minerals. Fungi SCP can be used in a variety of food products, including meat alternatives, dairy alternatives, and snacks.</p>

Plant- and fungus-based substitutes are frequently made with soy (e.g. tofu, tempeh, and textured vegetable protein), but may also be made from wheat gluten as in seitan, pea protein as in the Beyond Burger, or mycoprotein as in Quorn.

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Plant-based proteins

- Made from soy, peas, lentils, wheat, or other proteins mixed with ingredients such as oils
 - Binding agents such as methylcellulose may be added
- May be called "meat analogues", "veggie burgers"
- Some products have been formulated to "bleed" like meat
 - Impossible™ burger uses genetically engineered soy leghemoglobin
 - Beyond Meat® uses beet juice



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Single cell proteins

What is single cell protein??

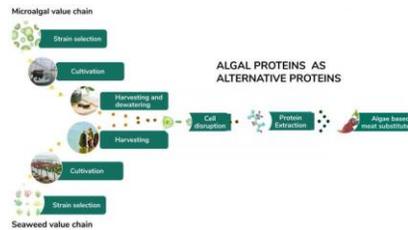
• Single cell protein (SCP) refers to crude or refined proteins of algae, bacterial, yeast, or other origin, which is used either as animal feed or human food.



- The term single cell protein was introduced in the 1960s to describe protein-rich foods manufactured from yeasts that served as dietary supplements for livestock and humans.
- The production and utilization of microbial biomass as a source of food proteins gained particular interest as an alternative source for proteins of agricultural origin due to its high content of protein.
- Algae as a source of SCP is a term which refers to either microscopic single-cell true algae or prokaryotic cyanobacteria, and their growth is based on use of carbon dioxide and light energy.
- Quorn is produced from a multi-cellular, filamentous fungus, the term single cell protein is inaccurate and **mycoprotein** is the preferred name.
- **Mycoprotein** is a form of **single-cell protein**, also known as **fungal protein** *Protein derived from fungi, especially as produced for human consumption.

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Protein (and other goodies) from algae



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Algae as human food

• Algae have been used as human food for thousands of years in all parts of the world.

• The most commonly consumed macro algae include the

1. Red algae (Porphyra, Gelidium)
2. Arthrospira (Spirulina)
3. Chlorella (Chlorella) (Nori)
4. Kelp (Laminaria, Kombu)
5. Fucoxanthin (Dulse)
6. Maitake
7. Ulva (Nori)
8. Green algae (Codium, Enteromorpha)
9. Gelidium



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Microalgae as a novel food

Potential and legal framework

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Abstract

Microalgae such as Chlorella and spirulina have high dietary potential, because they contain a large number of nutrients, which seem to make them promising for such human nutrition. They are characterized by fast growth and enable low-resource production of important nutrients, such as n-3 fatty acids.

Although a few approved species of microalgae, there are several thousand microalgae that are not used in human nutrition despite their interesting nutrient profile. The reasons for this are explained in this outline paper and can be traced back to Europe's legal framework for consumer protection. As a result of the regulation on novel foods, foods are only approved for use on the European market after a time-consuming investigation process, in order to protect consumers from unsafe foodstuffs.

Keywords: microalgae, novel food, novel food regulation, n-3 fatty acids, vitamin B₁₂.

Microalgae

The name "Algae" is a collective term for a large phytoplankton group of living things including both plants and bacteria. What they, almost all, have in common is that they contain chlorophyll and are thus able to produce energy from light, carbon dioxide and water through oxygenic photosynthesis (1). They differ from trees and ferns in that algae are not specialized for life on land (2). From this very general definition, microalgae and cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) which have lost the ability to photosynthesize over the course of their development (1, 2).

The algae group is divided into macroalgae and microalgae, whereby macroalgae are multi-

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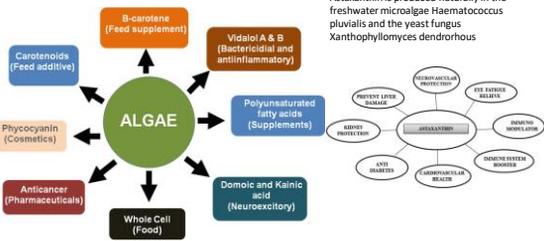
Microalgae in the food industry

Microalgae such as Chlorella and spirulina have considerable dietary potential due to their spectrum of nutrients. They have become a focus of research as early as 1956 and the first microalgae were cultivated and marketed on a commercial scale from 1960 (3). Since then interest in microalgae has steadily increased due to their adaptability and the number of different compounds which can be obtained from them (4, 5). Whereas initially, microalgae were used mostly as nutritional supplements in the form of powders, granules, and tablets, today they are also incorporated into various products like pasta, soups, soft drinks, chocolate, and ice cream (6, 7). In 2018 the global market volume for animal-free products was already 100 billion and with a projected annual growth rate of over 7% the market volume could reach 100 billion dollars by 2025 (8). There are large production plants in countries such as Israel, United States, Australia and China. In Germany, too, there are at least 13 plants producing microalgae (9).

Spirulina is promoted mainly for its protein and vitamin B12 content. Tablets of dried spirulina have a **vitamin B12 content of 120-240 µg/100g**, although B12 is in the form of non-bioavailable pseudovitamin B12 (17). The protein content in spirulina is around 50-60% of the dry mass with a biological value of 50-70 (18). However, even microalgae not approved up to now have major potential. For instance, not only does the dry mass of *Phaeodactylum tricornutum* contain 1.7-5.0% of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) (29), it also contains the carotenoid fucoxanthin.

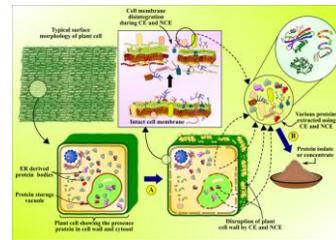
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Goodies from algae



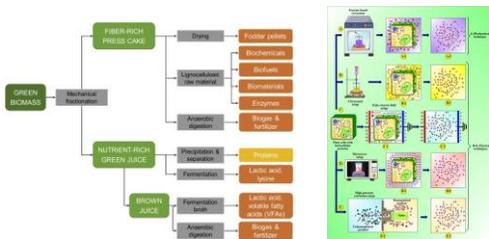
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Plant protein sources, non-conventional extraction techniques (NCE)



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Plant protein sources, methods



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Plant-based proteins- 2

Regulation: FDA regulates

- Daily regulation not required
- Food processors must have risk-based preventive food safety system in place
- Discussion in many states and federal level on what can be called a "burger", "sausage", "meat" or similar terms

EU Novel food ?



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Plant-based proteins- 3

- Food safety considerations: consumers with allergies to wheat, soy, etc should check label
 - Cook to 165F, use same good practices as with meat
- Marketplace status: Available in many restaurants and grocery stores



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Plant-based proteins- nutrition comparison

- Slightly different than meat

Table 1. Nutritional comparison of a regular Whopper® to an Impossible® Whopper® (patty only)

	Regular Whopper®	Impossible® Whopper®
Calories (Kcal)	240	210
Fat (g)	18	12
Saturated Fat (g)	8	7
Trans Fat (g)	1.5	0
Cholesterol (mg)	80	0
Sodium (mg)	230	330
Carbohydrates (g)	0	9
Fiber (g)	0	2
Sugar (g)	0	1
Protein (g)	20	17

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Further nutrition considerations

- Noted **nutrients likely lacking in most beef replacements** and meat replacements include:
 - Monounsaturated fatty acids
 - Vitamins B₃ (niacin), B₁₂*
 - Zinc
 - Choline
 - Selenium
- *Lack of B₁₂ represents a well-known and potentially serious limitation of plant based diets

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Cultured meat is coming

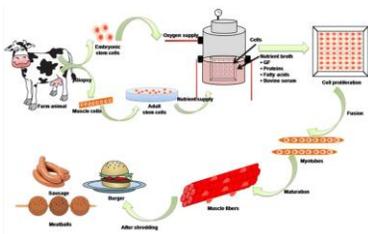


- NOT currently available for many consumers
 - Not currently produced on large scale
- Grown in laboratories from animal cells in culture medium
 - Grown on an edible non-meat scaffold that holds cells in position
- May be called "cultured protein", "clean meat", "lab-grown meat", "in vitro meat", others



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Cultured meat, production



There are three stages in the production of cultured meat.

1. Selection of starter cells,
2. Treatment of growth
3. Scaffolding,

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Cells, media, scaffolds (Gerüst)

- To collect cells that have rapid rate of proliferation.
- Stem cells does not develop toward a specific kind of cells. So **cells such as myosatellite and myoblast cells** are often used.
- Because the cells will helps in producing a structural cells.
- Cells are then treated by applying a solution that promotes tissue growth known as **growth medium**.
- Medium should contain necessary nutrients and appropriate quantities of growth factor.
- Then they are placed in a **bioreactor**, which is able to supply the cells with energetic requirements.
- To **cultured 3 dimensional meat, the cells are grown on scaffold**.
- The idea scaffold is edible so meat does not have to be removed and periodically moves to stretch the developing muscle.
- **Scaffold must maintain flexibility in order to not detach from developing myotubes.**
- Scaffold d must allow **vascularization (creation of blood vessel) in order to develop normal muscle tissue.**

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3D printing ?

- Additive manufacturing:
An Israeli company Meatech proposes to use 3 dimensional printing techniques to improve the texture of cultured meat.
- Scaffold based production technique can be only appropriately used in boneless or ground meats.
- End result of this process would be meat for hamburger and sausages.

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Alternative proteins EU Novel Food law and FDA

Highlights

- EU food law impacts the transformative potential of alternative proteins.
- Insects and cultured meat are novel foods; several microalgae and macroalgae are not.
- The GM Food Regulation applies to all genetically modified or edited foods.
- The names of vegan products have caused controversy.
- The principles of non-discrimination and proportionality are important for fairness.

The Novel Food Regulation focuses on the nutritional and food safety concerns with human foodstuffs, and in microbial proteins the main food safety concerns are the high RNA content, toxic metabolites and contamination of the microbial cultures with other microorganisms (Ritala et al., 2017). T

The biomass produced by cellular agriculture may be harvested and processed for food as such, or its proteins may be extracted to produce a pure protein isolate.

Protein extraction may cause significant changes to the nutritional content of the raw material and the resulting protein isolate may thus be considered a novel food, although the production organisms itself would not fall under Novel Food Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2015/2283

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Table 1. Microorganisms accepted as food in the EU. *Consented in EU countries before 2001.

Scientific name	Common name	Origin	Legal status	Reference	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food
<i>Alicyclobaculum</i> / <i>Bifidobacterium</i>	ATA	Cyanobacterium	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue
<i>Spirulina</i>	<i>Spirulina</i>	Cyanobacterium	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue
<i>Arthrospira platensis</i>	<i>Spirulina</i>	Cyanobacterium	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue
<i>Chlorella</i> / <i>Spirulina</i>	<i>Chlorella</i>	Microalgae	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue
<i>Chlorella</i> / <i>Spirulina</i>	<i>Chlorella</i>	Microalgae	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	<i>Chlorella</i>	Microalgae	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue	Classified microorganism	Classified microorganism	Microorganism	Not used?	EU Novel Food Catalogue
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Proteins from arthropods, insects



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Insekten als Lebensmittel

- in über 200 Ländern als Lebensmittel verzehrt
- v.a. in Asien, Afrika, Lateinamerika



- in Kenia und Thailand
- > Massenzüchtungen

- in westlichen Ländern Säugetiere als Hauptproteinquelle -> kaum Insektenverzehr

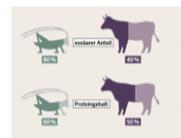
[Garino et al., 2019]

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Gesundheitliche Vorteile von Insekten

- vergleichbare Nährstoffgehalte wie Fleisch und Fisch

- **hohe Gehalte an:**
 - essentielle Aminosäure
 - mehrfach ungesättigten Fettsäuren
 - Ballaststoffen
 - Mineralstoffen: Kupfer, Eisen, Magnesium, Mangan, Phosphor, Selen und Zink



[FAO, 2013]

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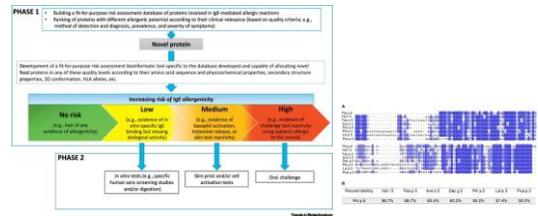
Risikoanalyse-System allergenes Potential

- Verhinderung einer Übertragung von allergenen Material auf andere Lebensmittel
-> Schutz von Allergikern
- Stellung eines Novel Food- Antrags
-> Beweis, dass kein allergenes Protein in Lebensmittel enthalten
-> Vergleich der AS-Sequenz mit Sequenz von allergenen Proteinen



[Garino et al., 2019]

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An 80% sequence identity suggests a very high likelihood of cross-reactivity, but the standard bioinformatic criteria for assessing allergenicity are lower, with a 35% identity over 80 amino acids being the typical threshold for concern. High sequence identity like 80% indicates that two proteins are very similar, increasing the risk of a similar 3D structure and the potential for an immune system response to the new protein, but sequence identity alone is not definitive for predicting allergenicity. Therefore, a result of 80% identity would trigger additional, more rigorous testing, including experimental validation.

Standard allergenicity assessment
 35% identity over 80 amino acids: This is the widely accepted threshold by organizations like the FAO/WHO and CODEX for potential allergenicity.
 Six contiguous amino acids: A match of six or more consecutive identical amino acids is another criterion for potential allergenicity.

High false positive rate: While these criteria are useful, they can result in a high number of "false positives," where a protein is flagged as potentially allergenic but is not in reality.

Why 80% identity is significant
 High similarity: An 80% identity means that 80% of the amino acids are identical in the same position within an alignment, indicating an extremely high level of similarity.
 Structural similarity: Proteins with such high sequence identity are highly likely to have very similar three-dimensional structures, which is crucial for allergenicity. This similarity increases the chance that IgE antibodies can bind to the new protein.

Trigger for further testing: A high percentage of sequence identity, especially when compared against a short window, is often treated as a trigger for further, more complex testing, including experimental assays like IgE binding tests with patient sera.

Risikoanalyse-System Allergene (Mehlwürmer)

- 1. Stufe: Gefahrendentifikation**
-> allergische Reaktionen durch Hautkontakt, Inhalation oder Verdauung
-> IgE-Körper Produktion
- 2. Stufe: Gefahrencharakterisierung:**
-> Bestimmung Grenzwert-Dosis für allergische Reaktion (durch klinische Studie)
-> Effektive Dosis (5%, 10%, 50%)
- 3. Stufe: Aufnahme Beurteilung:**
-> Menge von konsumierten Produkt
-> Konzentration Allergen in Produkt
-> Wahrscheinlichkeit, dass allergenes Produkt aufgenommen wird
-> Charakterisierung und Prävalenz von klinischen Subgruppen
- 4. Stufe: Risiko Charakterisierung**
-> Charakterisierung des Risikos bei verschiedenen Leveln von Allergenen
-> Entwicklung eines sicheren Grenzwertes für allergene LM

[Garino et al., 2019]

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Risiko: biologische und chemische Gefahren

Biologische Gefahren

- pathogene Bakterien
- Mykotoxin-produzierende Pilze
- Parasiten
- Viren
- Antibiotika resistente Gene

Chemische Gefahren

- Schwermetalle
- toxisch-chemische Verbindungen

Abhängig von:

- Spezifische Produktionsmethoden
- Substratverwendung
- Phase der Ernte
- Insektenspezies
- Verarbeitungsmethoden

[Garino et al., 2019]

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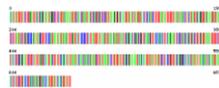
gesetzliche Regelungen

- EU Regulation 2015/2283: Insektenbasierte Lebensmittel gehören zu Novel Food
- EU Regulation 2017/893: Liste mit 7 erlaubten Insektenspezies
 - *Hermetia illucens* (Soldatenfliege)
 - *Musca domestica* (Stubenfliege)
 - *Tenebrio molitor* (Mehlkäfer)
 - *Alphitobius diaperinus* (Getreideschimmelkäfer)
 - *Acheta domestica* (Hausgrille)
 - *Grylodes sigillatus* (Kurzflügelgrille)
 - *Gryllus assimilis* (Stippengrille)

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Nachweismethode Insekten

- Für Gen-Identifikation CO1-Gen verwendet
-> Cytochrom C Oxidase 1-Gen in Mitochondrien aller Tierarten
 - CO1-Gensequenz bei allen Spezies unterschiedlich
• je näher verwandt, desto ähnlicher
 - Gensequenzen erlaubter Insektenspezies in Datenbank „Barcode of Life Data System (BOLD)“ gespeichert
- ⇒ Nachweis durch Vergleich Gensequenz von Probe mit Datenbank



[Garino et al., 2019]

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Lebensmittel und Nanotechnologie

Nanopartikel sind Teilchen mit mindestens einer Dimension im Bereich von ca. 1–100 nm. Durch die winzige Größe ändern sich Eigenschaften wie:

- Löslichkeit
- Reaktivität
- Oberfläche (viel größer im Verhältnis zum Volumen)

Genau diese veränderten Eigenschaften machen Nanopartikel für die Lebensmittelindustrie interessant – aber sie sind auch der Grund für Sicherheitsbedenken.

Wo werden Nanopartikel in Zusammenhang mit Ernährung eingesetzt?

Man muss unterscheiden zwischen:

1. **Direkt im Lebensmittel / Zusatzstoff**
2. **In der Verpackung**, die mit dem Lebensmittel in Kontakt steht
3. **In Nahrungsergänzung / „Functional Food“** als Träger für Vitamine, Antioxidantien usw.

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Nanopartikel als Lebensmittelzusatzstoffe

Historisch wichtiges Beispiel:

- **Titanioxid (E171)** – Weißpigment in Süßwaren, Kaugummi, Desserts, Soßen etc.
 - E171 besteht aus Mikro- und Nanopartikeln (Anteil unter 100 nm).
 - Die EFSA kam 2021 nach Neubewertung zu dem Schluss, dass E171 **nicht mehr als sicher** gelten kann (v.a. wegen möglicher Genotoxizität), und die EU hat die Verwendung als Lebensmittelzusatz untersagt.

Weitere Beispiele, die (auch) Nanogrößen enthalten können:

- **Siliciumdioxid (E551)** als Rieschhilfe in Pulvern
- einige **Farbstoffe** und **Antiklumpmittel**, bei denen ein Teil der Partikel im Nanobereich liegen kann

Für diese Stoffe wird inzwischen explizit geprüft, ob relevante Nanofractionen vorliegen – dafür hat EFSA spezielle Leitlinien für Partikel im Nano-Bereich veröffentlicht.

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Nanotechnologie in Lebensmittelverpackungen

Beispiele für Nanomaterialien in Verpackungen:

- **Nanoclay (Nanoton)** in Kunststoffen
 - macht Folien **stabiler**, **weniger gasdurchlässig** (besserer Sauerstoff- und Aromaschutz), verlängert die Haltbarkeit <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170627>
- **Nano-Silber**
 - antimikrobiell aktiv, soll das Wachstum von Bakterien und Pilzen auf der Lebensmitteloberfläche hemmen (z.B. in Kunststoffen oder Beschichtungen) [EFSA: Nanotechnologie in Verpackungen](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170627)
- **Metallsilber** (z.B. ZnO, TiO₂)
 - UV-Schutz, antimikrobiell, Verbesserung von Barriereigenschaften <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170627>

Nanoencapsulation in Functional Food & Supplements

Ein rasant wachsender Bereich ist die **Nanoencapsulation** von Nährstoffen und bioaktiven Substanzen:

- **Fettsäuren, Vitamine** (z.B. D, E), **Carotinoide, Polyphenole, Probiotika** usw. werden in:
 - Nanosuspensionen
 - Nanoliposomen
 - Protein- oder Polysaccharid-Nanopartikeln eingebaut [ADMI: Nanotechnologie in Verpackungen](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170627)

Zweck: bessere **Löslichkeit** in Wasser, Schutz vor Licht, Sauerstoff, Hitze, **kontrollierte Freisetzung** im Darm, oft deutlich **erhöhte Bioverfügbarkeit** im Vergleich zur „normalen“ Dosis. Systeme finden sich vor allem in:

- Nahrungsergänzungsmitteln
- angereicherten Getränken
- Sport- und Diätprodukten (aber häufig nicht offensiv als „Nano“ beworben, u.a. wegen der kritischen öffentlichen Wahrnehmung).

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Welche Zwecke verfolgt man mit Nanopartikeln in der Ernährung?

Kurz zusammengefasst:

1. **Optik & Textur**
 - intensivere oder stabilere Farben (Pigmente)
 - cremigere Texturen, stabilere Emulsionen
2. **Konservierung & Haltbarkeit**
 - bessere Barriereverpackungen (Nanoclay, Metalloide)
 - antimikrobielle Oberflächen (Nano-Silber)
3. **Ernährungsphysiologie**
 - höhere Bioverfügbarkeit von Vitaminen, Mineralstoffen, Pflanzenstoffen
 - „Targeting“: gezielte Freisetzung im Darm
4. **Information & Qualitätssicherung**
 - „intelligente“ Verpackungen mit Nanopartikeln als Sensoren (z.B. Farbänderung bei Verderb, Gasensoren) [EMC: Nanotechnologie in Verpackungen](https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/press/news/170627)

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Gesundheitsrisiken:

4.1. Allgemeine Problempunkte bei Nanopartikeln

- **Größe & Oberfläche:** Kleine Partikel können biologische Barrieren (Darm, ggf. Blut-Gewebe-Bariere) einfacher überwinden.
- **Umfeldliche / biopersistente Partikel** (z.B. Titanioxid, Metalloide) können sich im Körper anreichern.
- **Reaktive Oberflächen** können oxidativen Stress und Entzündungsprozesse auslösen.
- **Genotoxizität:** Manche Nanopartikel könnten DNA schädigen (direkt oder indirekt über ROS).

Das Problem: Toxikologische Standards sind ursprünglich für „normale“ Chemikalien gemacht, nicht für Nanomaterialien – deshalb hat EFSA eigene Leitlinien für die Risikobewertung von Nanomaterialien in der Nahrungskette entwickelt.

4.2. Beispiel Titanioxid (E171)

Warum verbieten?

- Ein signifikanter Teil der Partikel in E171 liegt im Nanobereich.
- In Tier- und Zellstudien wurden Hinweise auf:
 - DNA-Schäden
 - chromosomale Aberrationen gefunden.
- EFSA konnte keine **sichere Aufnahmemenge (ADI)** mehr ableiten, weil ein mögliches genotoxisches Risiko nicht ausgeschlossen werden konnte – und bei Genotoxizität gibt es per Definition keinen „Unbedenklichkeitswert“.

Daher die Bewertung: **nicht mehr als sicher anzusehen**, was faktisch zum Aus für E171 in Lebensmitteln in der EU geführt hat.

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Gesundheitsrisiken durch Nanopartikel aus Verpackungen

Die Frage ist hier: **Wie viel wandert überhaupt ins Lebensmittel?**

- Studien zu **Nanoclay** in PET-Kunststoffen zeigen häufig **keine oder extrem geringe Migration** ins Lebensmittel.
- Bei **Nano-Silber-Kunststoffen** wurden in einzelnen Untersuchungen **geringe Mengen Silber** im Lebensmittel nachgewiesen, aber deutlich unter toxikologisch relevanten Schwellen

Risiken, über die diskutiert wird:

- mögliche **Störung des Darmmikrobioms** durch antimikrobielle Metalle (Silber, Kupfer)
- mögliche **Bioakkumulation** in Organen bei wiederholter Aufnahme
- unsichere Langzeitwirkungen (viele Studien sind kurz- bis mittelfristig).[PMC+](#)

Der aktuelle Stand vieler Behörden:

Bei **heute zugelassenen** nano-basierten Verpackungsmaterialien sind die erwarteten Expositionen **sehr niedrig**, aber es wird betont, dass die Langzeitrisiken weiter erforscht werden müssen

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Nanosilber

2.1. Antimikrobielle Wirkung

Nanosilber ist eines der effektivsten bekannten antimikrobiellen Nanomaterialien und wirkt gegen: Bakterien (Gram⁺ und Gram⁻), Pilze, Viren (bei einigen Studien nachgewiesen)

Mechanismen:

- Freisetzung von Silberionen (Ag⁺), die für Mikroorganismen toxisch sind, Bindung an bakterielle Zellwände → Strukturzerstörung, Bildung reaktiver Sauerstoffspecies (ROS)
- Hemmung bakterieller Enzyme und DNA-Replikation

Datum ist nanoskaliges Silber **10-100³ wirksamer** als großformatiges Silber.

Typische Anwendungen (mit Bezug zur Ernährung)

a) Lebensmittelverpackungen

- In Kunststoffen und Folien zur **Hemmung von Bakterienwachstum** an der Oberfläche
- Ziel: **Längere Haltbarkeit**, weniger Verderb
- Anwendungsbereiche: Schmelzbehältern, Lebensmittelbehältern, Frischhaltefolien, Kühlboxbeschichtungen

b) Oberflächen in Lebensmittelverarbeitung

- Beschichtungen von Produktionsanlagen, antimikrobielle Arbeitsoberflächen
- Zweck: **Reduktion von Kontaminationen**, hygienisiertere Verarbeitung.

c) Verbraucherprodukte

- angeblich „antibakterielle“ Küchenschwämme, Textilien, Kühlboxen

Silber-Nanopartikel werden in der EU **bisher nicht als Lebensmittelzusatzstoff** zugelassen. Sie dürfen also nicht direkt ins Lebensmittel eingebracht werden, teilweise umstritten und nicht immer reguliert.

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Risikobewertung von Nanosilber

Die Risikobewertung ist komplex, da **Nanosilber sowohl Silberionen freisetzt (chemische Toxizität)** als auch **nanomaterialtypische Risiken** besitzt.

3.1. Aufnahmewege

Für Verbraucher:

- **orale Aufnahme** durch Lebensmittelkontaktmaterialien
- **dermal (Hautkontakt)** mit Textilien etc.)
- **inhalativ** (Aerosole, techn. Anwendungen)

Für Erfindung relevant: **orale Exposition** durch Migration aus Verpackungen.

Migrationspotenzial in Lebensmittel

Studien zeigen:

- Bei gut eingebetteten Nano-Silberpartikeln in Polymern (PE, PP, PET) findet meist **sehr geringe bis kaum messbare Migration** statt.
- In einigen Fällen jedoch Migration von **Silberionen** in Lebensmittel, besonders bei:
 - Kontakt mit sauren Lebensmitteln
 - Lagerung über lange Zeit
 - hohen Temperaturen
 - minderwertigen / schlecht stabilisierten Materialien

Grundregeln:

Je besser die Partikel im Kunststoff fixiert sind, desto geringer die Migration.

Die meisten Behälter sehen bei heutigen Anwendungen eher **geringe, aber nicht völlig geklärt** Exposition.

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Toxikologische Aspekte von Nanosilber

a) Silberionen-Toxizität (gut untersucht)

Silberionen können bewirken: Mitochondriale Schäden, Hemmung von Enzymen, oxidative Stressreaktionen
Chronisch hohe Aufnahme kann zu **Argyrie** führen (grau-bläuliche Hautverfärbung, bei extrem hohen Mengen).
Diese Mengen werden durch Lebensmittelkontakt aber **nicht annähernd erreicht**.

b) Spezifische Risiken von Nanosilber (Nanopartikel-Effekte)

Nicht vollständig geklärt, aber Hinweise auf: **Zellstress & oxidative Schäden, DNA-Schädigung** in In-vitro-Studien, mögliche **Einlagerung** in Leber, Milz, Niere
mögliche Auswirkungen auf das **Darmmikrobiom** Hemmung „guter“ Darmbakterien schon bei niedriger Konzentration
Tierstudien zeigen, dass Silber-NP im Körper **langsamer ausgeschieden** werden als Silberionen.

EU (EFSA, ECHA, SCENIHR)

- EFSA hat **keine Zulassung** für Nanosilber als Lebensmittelzusatz oder „active substance“ in direktem Kontakt mit Lebensmitteln erteilt.
- Für Lebensmittelkontaktmaterialien wird Nanosilber **nicht grundsätzlich verboten**, aber es muss nachgewiesen werden, dass:
 - keine nennenswerte Migration erfolgt, und, keine toxikologisch relevanten Mengen aufgenommen werden. ECHA klassifiziert einige Silbernanopartikel als **umweltauglich**, v.a. durch Wirkung auf aquatische Organismen.

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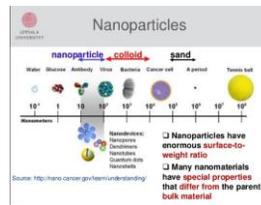
Nanoencapsulation von Nährstoffen / bioaktiven Stoffen

Potenzielle Vorteile:

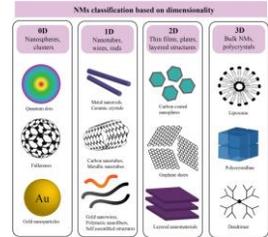
- Bessere Aufnahme kann theoretisch sogar **gesundheitsfördernd** sein (z.B. bessere Versorgung mit Vitamin D, Omega-3, Antioxidantien).
 - Man braucht evtl. **geringere Dosen**, um denselben Effekt zu erzielen. **Mögliche Risiken:**
 - Höhere Bioverfügbarkeit bedeutet auch:
 - stärkere **systemische Exposition** des Körpers
 - mögliche **Überdosierung**, wenn Produkte falsch eingesetzt werden.
 - Die **Trägermaterialien** (z.B. synthetische Polymere, bestimmte Lipide, anorganische Nanopartikel) können eigene toxiskologische Profile haben.
 - Unklar ist häufig:
 - verändern nanoverkapselte Stoffe das **Verteilungsmuster im Körper?**
 - gelangen sie **leichter in empfindliche Organe** (Leber, Gehirn, Plazenta)?
- Regulatorisch gilt in der EU: Lebensmittel mit „**engineered nanomaterials**“ gelten in der Regel als **Novel Food** und benötigen eine eigene Sicherheitsbewertung, bevor sie zugelassen werden.

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NANO particles, nutrition and foods



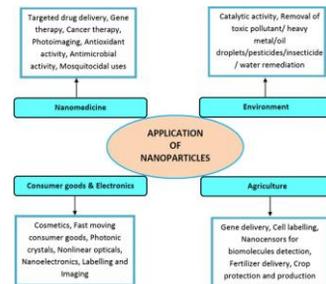
Quantum dots (QDs) are semiconductor particles a few nanometres in size, having optical and electronic properties that differ from larger particles due to quantum mechanics



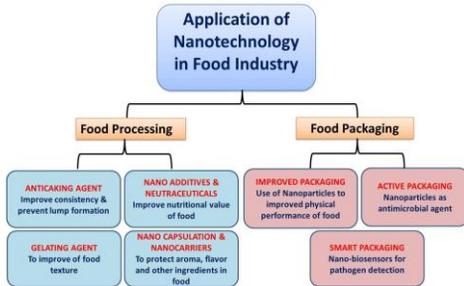
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Agriculture	Food Processing	Food Packaging	Supplements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single molecule detection to determine enzyme-substrate interactions Nanocapsules for delivery of pesticides, fertilizers and other agrochemicals more efficiently Delivery of growth hormones in a controlled fashion Nanosensors for monitoring soil conditions and crop growth Nanochips for identity preservation and tracking Nanosensors for detection of animal and plant pathogens Nanoparticles to deliver DNA to plants (targeted genetic engineering) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nanoparticles to improve bioavailability of nutraceuticals in standard ingredients such as cooking oils Nanoencapsulated flavor enhancers Nanotubes and nanoparticles as gelation and viscosity agents Nanocapsule infusion of plant based steroids to replace a meat's cholesterol Nanoparticles to selectively bind and remove chemicals or pathogens from food Nanoemulsion and -particles for better availability and dispersion of nutrients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antibiotics attached to fluorescent nanoparticles to detect chemicals or foodborne pathogens Biodegradable nanosensors for temperature, moisture and time monitoring Nanoclays and nanofilms as barrier materials to prevent spoilage and prevent oxygen absorption Electrochemical nanosensors to detect ethylene Antimicrobial and antifungal surface coatings with nanoparticles (silver, magnesium, zinc) Lighter, stronger and more heat-resistant films with silicate nanoparticles Modified permeation behavior of foils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nanostat prebiotics to increase absorption of nutrients Cellulose nanocrystal composites as drug carrier Nanoencapsulation of nutraceuticals for better absorption, better stability or targeted delivery Nanocoatings (coated nanoparticles) to deliver nutrients more efficiently to cells without affecting color or taste of food Vitamin sprays dispersing active molecules into nanodroplets for better absorption

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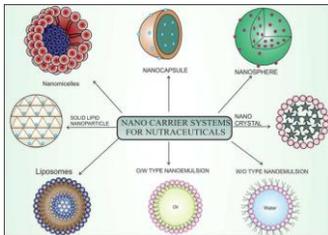
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Nanoparticles: Delivery, stability, release



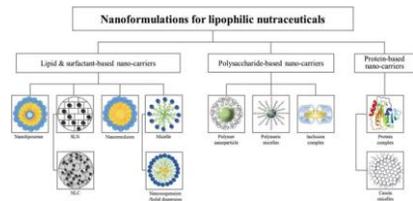
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Nano carriers



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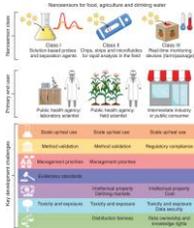
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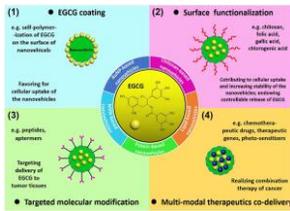


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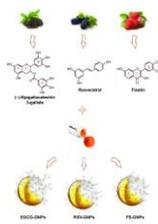


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Nutraceuticals delivery

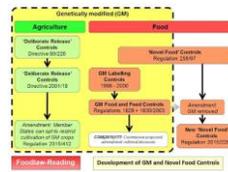


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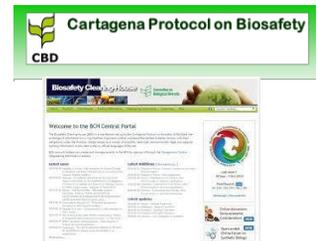


Gold nanoparticles, GNPs

Developments novel food regulation, vertical, horizontal



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Novel Food (EU)

Novel food

- Foods and food ingredients
 - with a new or intentionally **modified primary molecular structure** (eg, fat substitutes);
 - consisting of **microorganisms, fungi or algae**, or can be isolated from this (for example, microalgae oil);
 - consisting of plants or isolated (eg phytosterols), and isolated from animals food ingredients.

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NF categories

1. Food with a new or intentionally modified molecular structure;
2. Food consisting of, isolated from or produced from microorganisms, fungi or algae;
3. Food consisting of, isolated from or produced from material of mineral origin;
4. Food consisting of, isolated from or produced from plants or their parts;
5. Food consisting of, isolated from or produced from animals or their parts;
6. Food consisting of, isolated from or produced from cell culture or tissue culture derived from animals, plants, micro-organisms, fungi or algae;
7. Food resulting from a production process not used for food production within the Union before 15 May 1997, which gives rise to significant changes in the composition or structure of a food, affecting its nutritional value, metabolism or level of undesirable substances;
8. Food consisting of engineered nanomaterials;
9. Vitamins, minerals and other substances used in accordance with Directive 2002/46/EC, Regulation (EC) No 1925/2006 or Regulation (EU) No 609/2013;
10. Food used exclusively in food supplements within the Union before 15 May 1997, where it is intended to be used in foods other than food supplements as defined in point (a) of Article 2 of Directive 2002/46/EC.

e.g.
wild plants can be novel foods if they have not been consumed for human consumption to a significant degree in the EU before 15 May 1997

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Novel foods

What are novel foods?

Novel foods are all foods that have not been used for human consumption to a significant degree within the European Union before 15 May 1997, irrespective of the dates of accession of Member States to the Union, and fall into at least one of the following 10 food categories:

1. with a new or intentionally modified molecular structure (e.g. tagatose, salarim)
2. consist of or are isolated from microorganisms, fungi or algae (e.g. algae oil from the microalgae *Ulkenia* sp.)
3. consist of or are isolated from materials of mineral origin (e.g. clinoptilolite (zeolite))
4. consist of or are isolated from plants and parts of plants (e.g. noni juice (*Morinda citrifolia*), chia seeds(*Salvia hispanica*))
5. consist of or have been isolated from animals or their parts (e.g. insects, oil from Antarctic krill(*Euphausia superba*) , peptides from the fish *Sardinops sagax*)
6. cell and tissue cultures from animals, plants, microorganisms, fungi or algae (e.g. extract from cell cultures of *Echinacea angustifolia*, in vitro meat)
7. food resulting from a production process not used for food production within the Union before 15 May 1997 resulting in a change in composition or structure (e.g. high pressure pasteurised fruit preparations, UV-treated mushrooms(*Agaricus bisporus*), UV-treated baker's yeast(*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*), UV-treated milk)
8. consist of engineered nanomaterials (according to Article 3, Para. 2, lit f)
9. vitamins, minerals and other substances (e.g. iron (II) ammonium phosphate, vitamin K2 (menaquinone), chromium picolinate)
10. used exclusively in food supplements (not permitted in food categories other than food supplements) (e.g. maqui berry (*Aristotelia chilensis*), rose root(*Rhodiola rosea*))

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Novel foods

The Commission considers foods and food ingredients that have not been used for human consumption to a significant degree in the EU before 15 May 1997 novel foods and novel food ingredients.

Applies to foods and food ingredients which satisfy the description and fall into one of the following categories:

Foods and food ingredients:

- which present a new or modified primary molecular structure;
- which consist of micro-organisms, fungi or algae;
- which consist of or are isolated from plants and ingredients isolated from animals;
- whose nutritional value, metabolism or level of undesirable substances has been significantly changed by the production process.

They:

Must be safe for consumers.

Must be properly labelled to not mislead consumers.

Can not be nutritionally disadvantageous.

What the Novel Food Regulation does not cover:

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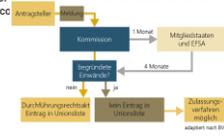
- Food additives;
- Flavourings for use in foods;
- Extraction solvents used in the production of foods;
- GMOs for food and feed.

If foods and/or food ingredients were used exclusively in food supplements, new uses in other foods require authorisation under the Novel Food Regulation e.g. food fortification require authorisation.

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Notification of a traditional food from third countries

There is facilitated market access into the EU for **traditional foods from third countries**. However a **safe history of use of at least 25 years outside the EU has to be proven**. But this only applies to plants, animals, micro-organisms, fungi, algae and cell and tissue cultures. If there are no objections to the notification of the traditional food, it is entered on the Union list by means of an implementing act. **In case of safety concerns, an authorisation procedure with shorter deadlines is possible (Article 16)**. EFSA has also published **guidance** on the notification of traditional foods from third countries. The procedure for notification of a traditional food is regulated in the **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2468**, **particularly in article 16 for authorisation of a novel food as well as a traditional food from third countries**.



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Examples, Stevia

Stevia

Historical Background:

Stevia has been used over centuries by the Guarani people of Brazil and Paraguay, who called it *Kayá he'ê* ("sweet herb"), to sweeten the local *tereré* made of tea, tobacco, and a "sweet herb".

In 1850, botanist **Martin Santiago Stevia** first described the plant as growing in eastern Paraguay and observed its sweet taste.

In 1931, chemists **Alfred and R. Lavie** isolated the glycosides **stevioside** and **rebaudioside** that give the leaves their sweet taste. The exact structures of the aglycone steviol and its glycosides were published in 1955.

Novelty

- In 1991, the FDA refused to approve stevia as a sweetener as an additive in foods. However, in 2008, after the purification process was developed and patented by Coca-Cola, the FDA approved the stevia extract as GRAS.
- Based on the JECFA (Joint Expert Committee on Food Additives) declaration, safe consumption of steviol glycosides for humans is determined to be 4 mg per kg body weight per day.
- It was also agreed by the European Commission in 2011 for use in food in European countries. Steviol glycosides have also been accepted in the US as GRAS (Generally Recognized as Safe).
- Stevia leaf and raw extracts are not treated as GRAS and their import into the US is not allowed for usage as sweeteners. Nutrition Center for Food Safety and Applied (9 February 2018). "Additional Information about High-Intensity Sweeteners Permitted for Use in Food in the United States". FDA.
- Note:** Steviolide was found to be nontoxic in acute toxicity studies.

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Lycopin

Lycopin - Herstellung

- Mit Hilfe spezieller, lebensmittelrechtlich zugelassener Lösungsmittel wird Lycopin aus Tomaten (*Lycopersicon esculentum* L.) extrahiert. Ein Kilogramm Tomaten enthält etwa 20 mg Lycopin.
- Häufiger als der isolierte Farbstoff wird Tomaten-Extrakt eingesetzt. Er gilt, wenn nicht der enthaltene Anteil Lycopin gezielt erhöht wurde, als färbendes Lebensmittel. Wenngleich Tomaten-Extrakt keine E-Nummer trägt, ist er doch in der Zutatenliste aufgeführt.
- Lycopin kann auch chemisch-synthetisch hergestellt werden. Gemäß einer Stellungnahme des Wissenschaftlichen Lebensmittelausschusses der EU vom Dezember 1999 darf synthetisches Lycopin jedoch nicht als Zusatzstoff eingesetzt werden (SCFCS(AD)CO/160 Final). Dies wird damit begründet, dass das synthetische Präparat anders als das durch Extraktion gewonnene zusammengesetzt sei und entsprechende toxikologische Untersuchungen bisher fehlten.

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LM ethnic

2.7 Produkte aus fremden Kulturkreisen

- Noni-Saft (Fruchtsaft aus *Morinda citrifolia*)**
 - Täsonomie, traditionelle Verwendung
 - Herstellung und Verwendungszweck
 - Wirkungsbehauptungen
 - Sicherheitsbewertung von Noni-Saft
- Nangai-Nüsse (Canarium indicum L.) aus südpazifischen Anbau**
 - Täsonomie, traditionelle Verwendung
 - Sicherheitsbewertung von Nangai-Nüssen
 - Entscheidung der Kommission vom 19. Dezember 2000 zum Verbot des Inverkehrbringens von 'Nangaiarosen' als neuartiges Lebensmittel

Sicherheitsbewertung

In seiner Empfehlung vom 4. Dezember 2000 war der SCF für die Auffassung gemäß dem 'Nutzen-Risiko'-Prinzip in den beschriebenen Verbraucherngegründungen abgelehnt.

Die EFSA hat am 8. September 2006 anhand der Sicherheit von Noni-Saft bewertet. Sie hat von der Europäischen Kommission ein von wissenschaftlichen Beauftragten geführtes Gutachten, die zu bewerten, ob die beschriebene Pflanze von einem Patienten einen Nutzen auf die Sicherheit von Noni-Saft haben würde.

Das Gutachten der EFSA hat zu dem Ergebnis, dass es keine wissenschaftlichen Beweise für einen Nutzen-Zusammenhang zwischen dem in den beschriebenen Fällen beschriebenen akuten Hepatitis und dem Verzehr von Noni-Saft gibt.

Unter Berücksichtigung der verfügbaren Informationen ist es anzunehmen, dass der Verzehr von Noni-Saft in den beschriebenen Verbraucherngegründungen einen wesentlichen Nutzen bringt auf die menschliche Gesundheit.

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Baobab

2.7 Baobab-Fruchtfleisch

Taxonomie, traditionelle Verwendung

- Der Baobab, *Adansonia digitata* Linné (1753), wird zur Familie der Bombacaceae (Wollbaumgewächse) gezählt. Heute wird er auch im Afrika-Reisum bezeichnet, da die Früchte gern von Affen gefressen werden.
- Früchte und auch andere Teile (Stamm, Wurzel, Blätter, Blüten und Samen) des Afrikanischen Baobabs werden von der afrikanischen Bevölkerung traditionell vielseitig verwendet.



Sicherheitsbewertung

- Antragsteller hat die traditionelle Verwendung durch Informationen aus der publizierten Literatur sowie aus gezielten Befragungen belegt.
- Es sind - abgesehen von einem laxierenden Effekt bei hohen Aufnahmemengen - keine schädlichen Wirkungen durch Verzehr von getrocknetem Baobab-Fruchtfleisch bekannt geworden.
- Aufgrund der langjährigen Lebensmittellieferung von Baobab-Früchten außerhalb Europas hat der Antragsteller die Sicherheit des Verzehrs von Baobab-Früchten für belegt und unerwartete Studien zur Verfügbarkeit und Toxizität nicht für erforderlich.
- Die zuständige Lebensmittelprüfstelle des Vereinigten Königreiches kam in ihrem Bericht vom 12.7.2007 zu dem Schluss, das getrocknete Baobab-Fruchtfleisch in den vorgeschlagenen Verwendungsmengen für den menschlichen Verzehr unbedenklich ist.

The following facts should be taken into consideration:

- Analytical/compositional and nutritional characteristics of the novel food (including its fate in biological systems);
- Previous history of human exposure;
- Expected applications as a novel food and the predicted exposure;
- Necessity, appropriateness and outcome of animal studies and studies in humans;
- Necessity and outcome of post-launch monitoring

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Novel Food Catalogue

http://ec.europa.eu/food/food/food_safety/novel_food_catalogue/index_en.htm

- lists products of plant and animal origin and other substances subject to the Novel Food Regulation, after EU countries and the Commission agree in the Novel Food Working Group.
- non-exhaustive, and serves as orientation on whether a product will need authorisation under the Novel Food Regulation.
- EU countries may restrict the marketing of a product through specific legislation. For information, businesses should address their national authorities.
- In some cases, it shows EU countries' history of use of food supplements and ingredients used exclusively in food supplements.
- If foods and/or food ingredients were used exclusively in food supplements, new uses in other foods require authorisation under the Novel Food Regulation.

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Authorisations of novel foods and novel food ingredients by Commission Decisions "the placing on the market of...as a novel food ingredient"

2013

- zoaxanthin
- an extension of use of *Chia* (*Salvia hispanica*) seed

2012

- Sovine lactoferrin
- dihydrocapsiate
- Gamma-Cyclodextrin
- novel chewing gum base

2011

- novel chewing gum base
- yeast beta-glucans
- Phosphatidylserine from soya phospholipids
- fermented black bean extract
- phosphated maize starch
- Chromium Picolinate
- chitin-glucan from *Aspergillus niger*
- mycelial extract from *Lentinula edodes* (Shiitake mushroom)
- Chromium Picolinate ingredient
- a Fish (*Sardinops sagax*) peptide product
- a chitin-glucan from *Aspergillus niger*
- a mycelial extract from *Lentinula edodes* (Shiitake mushroom)

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2010

- Ferrous ammonium phosphate
- Ferric Sodium EDTA
- pure and concentrate of the fruits of *Morinda citrifolia* (Noni)

2009

- Chia* seed (*Salvia hispanica*)
- a leaf extract from Lucerne (*Medicago sativa*) simimilolone
- the uses of algal oil from the micro-algae *Schizochytrium* sp.
- the uses of algal oil from the micro-algae *Ulteria* sp.
- a lipid extract from Antarctic Krill *Euphausia superba*
- lycopene
- lycopene from *Blaeskea trispora*
- lycopene oleoresin from tomatoes
- lycopene as a novel food ingredient
- Ice Structuring Protein type III HPLC 12
- Vitamin K2 (menaquinone) from *Bacillus subtilis* natto

2008

- leaves of *Morinda citrifolia* (Noni)
- arachidonic acid-rich oil from *Mortierella alpina* (belong to soil fungi)
- Baobab dried fruit pulp (a tree native to Africa, Australia, Madagascar, Arabian Peninsula)
- allanblackia seed oil (flowering plant in the Cuscutaceae family, African)
- refined echium oil (a genus of 60 species of flowering plant in the family Boraginaceae. Native to North Africa, mainland Europe and the Macaronesian islands)
- alpha-cyclodextrin
- rice drinks with added phytosterols/phytosteranols (Terlika Ltd)

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2006-2007

- oil enriched with phytosterols/phytosterols
- diacylglycerol oil of plant origin
- lycopene from *Blastaria trispora*
- rapeseed oil high in unsaponifiable matter
- maize germ oil high in unsaponifiable matter
- foods and food ingredients derived from genetically modified maize line MDN 863
- rye bread with added phytosterols/phytosterols (Fazer, Pharmacosult)
- foods and food ingredients produced from genetically modified Roundup Ready maize line GA21

2004-2005

- isomaltulose
- foods and food ingredients derived from genetically modified maize line NK 603
- milk based beverages with added phytosterols/phytosterols
- sweet corn from genetically modified maize line B121
- yellow fat spreads, milk based fruit drinks, yoghurt type products and cheese type products with added phytosterols/phytosterols (Berlino Ltd)
- milk type products and yoghurt type products with added phytosterol esters (Pharmacosult Oy Ltd, Formerly Multifibre Health Oy Ltd)
- yellow fat spreads, salad dressings, milk type products, fermented milk type products, soya drinks and cheese type products with added phytosterols/phytosterols

2000-2003

- Saltarin
- oil rich in DHA
- "hot pack"
- coagulated potato proteins and hydrolyzates thereof
- dextran preparation produced by *Leuconostoc mesenteroides*
- pasteurised fruit-based preparations produced using high-pressure pasteurisation
- trehalose
- "yellow fat spreads with added phytosterol esters"
- "phospholipides from egg yolk"

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Refusals of authorisation of novel foods and novel food ingredients by Commission Decisions**2000-2005**

- Betaine
- "Nangai nuts" *Canarium indicum* L (dried seed kernels)
 - <http://old.eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2001:004:0035:0035:EN:PDF>
- Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni plants and dried leaves
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Notel Usage of steviol glycosides from leaf extracts as sweeteners has been accepted (since 2.12.2011, EU food additive legislation)

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Points to consider

- Market access outside EU (many of the novel foods available in Canada, USA, Switzerland and Japan), re-directing of the marketing due to restrictions in Europe?
- Importance of traditional exotic foods to the economics of poor countries and to the diet diversification among EU consumers? The regulation is **criticised** being a non-tariff trade barrier for food that is "exotic" from the EU perspective.
- Would separate categories be needed for exotic traditional foods and "true" novel, innovative foods with no long-term consumption outside the EU?
 - Now extensive data is required of composition, nutritional aspects, intake, toxicology and allergenic potential, also for products that are generally regarded as safe (GRAS) outside the EU
 - Are the requirements even stricter than those required for accepted traditional European foods?
 - Are the scientific requirements proportionate to the potential risks they pose?
 - Currently, the history of safe use outside the EU is not considered - should traditional knowledge be admitted for food safety assessment?
 - Lack of peer-reviewed publications, lack of data from certified laboratories - should be taken into account in project design, product development and trade promotion
 - Traditional knowledge from the local people should be used.
- Would the potato be authorized nowadays (glycoalkaloids)? Wheat (gluten)?

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USA, FDA : no regulations define Novel foods**How are Novel Foods defined by the Food and Drug Administration?**

The United States of America (USA) has different regulatory classification systems and pre-market approval processes. **In the United States, no regulation defines "Novel Foods"; however, any new food ingredient is considered either as a food additive or Generally Recognized as Safe (GRAS).**

A food additive is any substance that is reasonably expected to become a component of food either directly or indirectly; these require pre-market approval. In this case, the applicant needs to submit a Food Additive Petition (FAP) to the USA Food and Drug Administration (FDA). A food additive is any substance that is reasonably expected to become a component of food either directly or indirectly; these require pre-market approval. In this case, the applicant needs to submit a Food Additive Petition (FAP) to the US FDA.

GRAS substances, on the other hand, are exempted from the definition of "food additive" and instead are defined as "substances that are generally recognized, among experts qualified by scientific training and experience to evaluate their safety as having been adequately shown through scientific procedures to be safe under the conditions of their intended use."

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Supplements, NF, functional foods

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Supplements, Food improvements

Food

FOOD IMPROVEMENT AGENTS	
Additives	<p>Food Improvement Agents</p> <p>Food additives, food enzymes and food flavourings are also known as "food improvement agents".</p> <p>Why add food additives, enzymes and flavourings to food?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Among others, food additives preserve, colour and stabilise food during its production, packaging or storage. Enzymes have specific biochemical actions which serve technological purposes at any stage of the food chain Flavourings give or change the odour or taste to food
Enzymes	
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Safe food additives. Relevant For a lifetime daily consumption ?

Setting the "safe level"
As part of its safety evaluations of food additives EFSA seeks to establish, when possible (e.g. when sufficient information is available), an **Acceptable Daily Intake (ADI)** for each substance.

The ADI is the amount of a substance that people can consume on a daily basis during their whole life without any appreciable health risk. ADIs are usually expressed in mg per kg of body weight per day (mg/kg bw/day). The ADI can apply to a specific additive or a group of additives with similar properties. When re-evaluating previously authorised additives, EFSA may either confirm or amend an existing ADI following review of all available evidence.

When there are insufficient data for establishing an ADI, a **margin of safety** may be calculated to determine whether estimated **exposure** might be of potential concern. In other cases, for example, for substances that are already present in the body or regular components of the diet or that did not indicate adverse effects in animal studies, there is no need to set an ADI.

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Supplements, EU upper intake levels

Food supplements

Food supplements are concentrated sources of nutrients (e.g. energy and vitamins) or other substances with a nutritional or physiological effect that are intended to be used "from day to day" (e.g. vitamins, minerals, essential amino acids) in order to supplement or complete the normal diet. They are not intended to be used as a substitute for a complete meal, as a means of weight loss, for medical purposes, or as a means of preventing disease.

Food supplements are intended to correct nutritional deficiencies, maintain or improve overall health conditions, or to support specific physiological functions. They are not medicinal products and are not subject to the pharmaceutical, pharmaceutical or medical laws. Therefore, they are not intended to treat or prevent disease, or to modify physiological functions.

In the EU, food supplements are regulated as food. Member States regulate the names and contents, and the substances used in these products, which can be used in the manufacture of food supplements. For ingredients whose names and contents, the European Commission has established harmonised values to protect consumers against potential health risks and maintain a level of consistency which will be beneficial to those who have effects on health and the use of labels to facilitate selection.

Latest

In May 2014, the EFSA Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS) published its report on the evaluation of sources of vitamins and trace elements in food supplements.

In November 2017, EFSA published the Scientific Opinion on Dietary Reference Intakes for Vitamins (EFSA 2017). The panel members concluded that the current values for vitamins in supplements are generally adequate to meet the needs of the population, but that there is a need to update the values for vitamins A, C, E, K, and B12.

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Supplements, EFSA

Summary of Tolerable Upper Intake Levels (ULs) of vitamins and certain fatty acids

	Unit	Age/sex group					
		0-4 mo	4-12 mo	1-3 y	4-13 y	14-17 y	Adults
VITAMINS							
Biotin		No adequate data to derive a UL					
β-carotene		No adequate data to derive a UL					
Folic acid (synthetic)	μg/d	200	300	400	600	800	1000
Niacin		No adequate data to derive a UL					
Retinol	μg/d	130	320	330	500	700	900
Retinol activity equivalent	μg/d	3	7	8	12	17	23
Thiamin	mg/d	3	3	4	6	8	10
Vitamin A¹	μg RAE/d	500	1100	1300	2000	2400	3000 ²
Vitamin B1		No adequate data to derive a UL					
Vitamin B2		No adequate data to derive a UL					
Vitamin B6	mg/d	—	7	10	13	20	25
Vitamin C		No adequate data to derive a UL					
Vitamin D	μg/d	25	25	50	50	100	100
Vitamin E	mg/d	100	100	100	200	300	300
Vitamin K		No adequate data to derive a UL					
FATTY ACIDS							
DHA, EPA, DPA		No adequate data to derive a UL					

Abb: ULs, tolerable upper intake level; DHA, docosahexaenoic acid; EPA, eicosapentaenoic acid; DPA, docosapentaenoic acid; RAE, retinol activity equivalent; y, year

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Botanicals EU

The screenshot shows the EFSA website's 'Botanicals' page. It features a circular image of various botanical products. Below the image is a 'Milestones' section with a vertical timeline showing key events from 2010 to 2016, including the adoption of the Regulation (EU) No 609/2013 and the issuance of the first authorisation for a botanical product.

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Foods for special medical purposes

The screenshot shows the EFSA website page for 'Scientific and technical guidance on foods for special medical purposes in the context of Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 609/2013'. It includes the title, authors (EFSA Panel on Dietetic Products, Nutrition and Allergies (NDA)), and an abstract section.

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Functional foods (non specifically regulated in EU)



- Functional foods are defined as "any food and food ingredients that may provide health benefit beyond the traditional nutrition that it contains".
- Japan was the first country to recognize functional foods as a separate category when in 1991 it introduced the FOSHU (Foods for Specific Health Use) system to evaluate health claims.
- FSSAI issues Gazette notification for regulations on Nutraceuticals, Functional Foods, Novel Foods and others on 23 December 2016.

Nutraceuticals, Botanicals , EU



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Example, botanical

Botanical name	Family	Substance(s)	Substance(s) of concern	Substance(s) of concern: possible concern for human health	Substance(s) of concern: possible concern for human health
Ashwagandha	Solanaceae	Withanolide	Withanolide	Withanolide	Withanolide
Astragalus	Leguminosae	Astragaloside	Astragaloside	Astragaloside	Astragaloside
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Example EGCG

Green tea is produced from the leaves of *Camellia sinensis* (L.) Kuntze, without fermentation, which prevents the oxidation of polyphenolic components. Most of the polyphenols in green tea are catechins. The Panel considered the possible association between the consumption of (-)-epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG), the most relevant catechin in green tea, and hepatotoxicity. This scientific opinion is based on published scientific literature, including interventional studies, monographs and reports by national and international authorities and data received following a public 'Call for data'. The mean daily intake of EGCG resulting from the consumption of green tea infusions ranges from 90 to 300 mg/day while exposure by high-level consumers is estimated to be up to 866 mg EGCG/day, in the adult population in the EU. Food supplements containing green tea catechins provide a daily dose of EGCG in the range of 5–1,000 mg/day, for adult population. The Panel concluded that catechins from green tea infusion, prepared in a traditional way, and reconstituted drinks with an equivalent composition to traditional green tea infusions, are in general considered to be safe according to the presumption of safety approach provided the intake corresponds to reported intakes in European Member States. However, rare cases of liver injury have been reported after consumption of green tea infusions, most probably due to an idiosyncratic reaction. Based on the available data on the potential adverse effects of green tea catechins on the liver, the Panel concluded that there is evidence from interventional clinical trials that intake of doses equal or above 800 mg EGCG/day taken as a food supplement has been shown to induce a statistically significant increase of serum transaminases in treated subjects compared to control.

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Catechins and regulations

New EU legislation restricts the amount of green tea extract containing (-)-epigallocatechin-3-gallate (EGCG) that can be present in food and sets new labeling requirements. EGCG is a catechin, which are flavonols that may lead to liver damage. Catechins, of which EGCG is the most common type, are found naturally in the leaves of *Camellia sinensis* (L.) Kuntze, the plant that is processed into green tea. A 2018 scientific opinion from the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) concluded that consumption of EGCG exceeding 800 milligrams per day (mg/day) may increase the likelihood of liver damage when taken as a food supplement. EFSA's determination was based on studies that revealed a statistically significant increase of serum transaminases, which are indicative of liver injury, in subjects given EGCG supplements.

Food supplements containing green tea catechins provide a daily dose of EGCG in the range of 5–1,000 mg/day, according to EFSA.

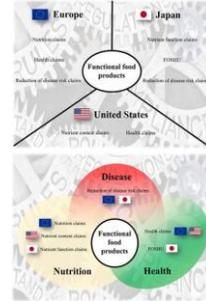
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Examples of Functional Foods Approved as EU Novel Foods

Novel Food / Ingredient	Typical Functional Use	Approved Forms / Notes
Cheese (Sialin® Hämipol)	Omega-3, fibre enrichment	Bread, cereals, yogurt, juice
Algal oil (DHA, EPA)	Brain & heart-support functional products	DHA/EPA-rich oils from Schizochytrium, Ulkenia, Apicocochytrium
Phytosterols / Phytosterols	Cholesterol-lowering foods	Spreads, yogurt drinks, dairy products
Novel juice (Mielin® cis/ole)	Antioxidant-rich beverages	Allowed in drinks and concentrates
Resistant fruit pulp	Vitamin- and fibre-rich functional drinks	Smoothies, bars, beverages
Red yeast rice (Monocolin® K)	Cholesterol management supplements	Soft conditions due to safety concerns
Shell oil (Sialin® Koll)	Omega-3 functional supplements	Capsules, oils
Bioactive lactoferrin	Immune- and gut-health functional dairy	Infant formulae, yogurt, drinks
Stevia (Steviol® glycosides)	Sugar reduction / functional beverages	Approved sweetener from stevia leaves
Fermented (glycolytic) yeast biomass	Protein and B-vitamin enrichment	Bakery, bars, meat alternatives
Novel proteins (e.g., Arctostaphylos, Lactoferrin, Alpha-lactalbumin)	High-protein functional foods	Bars, pasta, snacks, bakery
Fucoidan extract (Brown algae)	Functional drinks, immune-focused products	Extract in beverages & supplements
Coffee berry extract (Lactuca)	Natural caffeine / antioxidant drinks	Functional beverages & shots

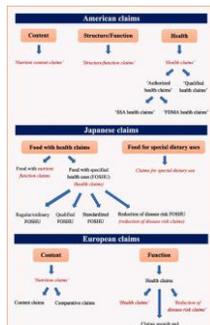
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Kennzeichnung
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Health claim regulation, EU: Klassifikation von Claims

A. Nährwertbezogene Angaben (Nutrition Claims)

Beziehen sich auf die Eigenschaft eines Lebensmittels, z. B.:

- „fettarm“, reich an Vitamin C“, „zuckerfrei“ „proteinreich“
Muss einer abgeschlossenen Liste zulässiger Angaben (Anhang der Verordnung) entsprechen. Frei formulieren ist nicht erlaubt.
- B. Allgemeine gesundheitsbezogene Angaben (Health Claims – Article 13)
Beschreiben allgemeine physiologische Wirkungen:
• „Kalzium wird für die Erhaltung normaler Knochen benötigt“
• „Ballaststoffe unterstützen die Verdauung“
Werden auch „Function Claims“ genannt.

Nur zulässig, wenn von der EU scientific database genehmigt.

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C. Krankheitsbezogene Angaben (Article 14 Claims)

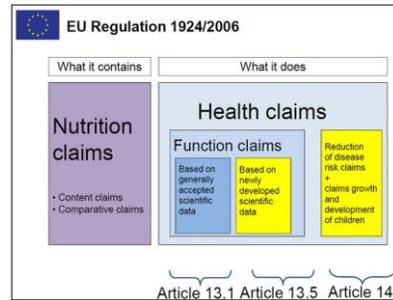
1. Risikoreduktionsclaims

- z. B. „Pflanzensterine senken nachweislich den Cholesterinspiegel. Ein hoher Cholesterinspiegel ist ein Risikofaktor für Herzkrankheiten.“

2. Claims über die Entwicklung und Gesundheit von Kindern

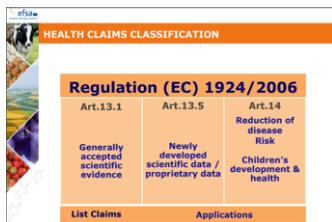
- z. B. „DHA trägt zur normalen Gehirnentwicklung von Kindern bei.“
Erfordern ein *vollständiges* Zulassungsverfahren durch EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) + Zustimmung der Kommission.

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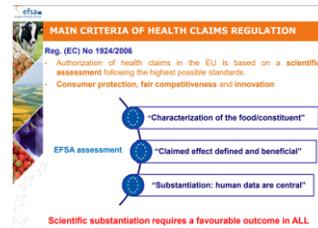
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Health claim classification



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Examples 13.1

FAVORABLE HEALTH CLAIMS (ART 13.1)

Out of **421** IDs related to this area: **42 with favourable outcomes**

- ✓ 14 related to immune function (essential nutrients i.e.: copper, folate, iron, selenium, vit D, A, B12, B6, C, and zinc)
- ✓ 15 related to GI function
 - 10 **bowel function** (e.g. dried prune, lactulose, wheat bran fibre, rye fibre, oat and barley grain fibre)
 - 4 GI discomfort caused by lactose intake in lactose intolerant (e.g. foods with reduced lactose content)
 - 1 reduction of intestinal gas accumulation (e.g. Activated charcoal)
- ✓ 13 related to absorption/digestion
 - 7 Absorption of micronutrients (e.g. Vit C, D, meat or fish, fats)
 - 2 Digestion (e.g. Ca, chloride)
 - 4 **lactose digestion** (i.e. lactase, live yoghurt cultures)



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Examples 13.5

FAVORABLE HEALTH CLAIMS (ART 13.5, 14)

Of **155 applications** related to this area (07/2015):

- ✓ 7 applications under evaluation or validation
- ✓ 90 applications withdrawn during the evaluation
- ✓ 58 applications with opinions adopted/published
 - ✓ 1 with the food not characterised
 - ✓ 5 with insufficient evidence
 - ✓ 45 with cause and effect relationship not established
- ✓ **7 with favourable outcomes:**
 - 3 Immune system (e.g. Vitamin D, Zinc)
 - 3 **bowel function** (i.e. sugar beet fibre) chicory inulin, hydroxyanthracene deriv.)
 - 1 Absorption of micronutrient (e.g. Vitamin C)



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Examples of accepted and non accepted EU health claims (Article 13)

✓ ACCEPTED	NON-ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vitamin C contributes to the reduction of tiredness and fatigue • Calcium is needed for the maintenance of normal bones • Fiber supports normal bowel function 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boosts your energy levels • Strengthens bones • Improves digestion

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Examples of accepted and non accepted EU health claims (Article 14)

✓ ACCEPTED	NON-ACCEPTED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plant sterols have been shown to lower/reduce blood cholesterol. Blood cholesterol is a risk factor in the development of coronary heart disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces the risk of heart attack • Helps prevent vision problems in infants

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Examples of Functional Foods with Claims Not Accepted by the EU

- **Probiotic drinks (general claims)**
- **Non-accepted claims:**
 "Boosts immunity," "improves gut health," "supports digestive balance."
 → Rejected because claims were vague, not measurable, or not proven.
- 2. **Antioxidant-rich products (e.g., berry juices, extracts)**
- **Non-accepted claims:**
 "High antioxidants protect against aging," "neutralizes free radicals," "supports healthy cells."
 → Most antioxidant claims were rejected for lack of proven clinical effect.
- 3. **Collagen-enriched functional beverages**
- **Non-accepted claims:**
 "Reduces wrinkles," "improves skin elasticity," "rebuilds joints."
 → Rejected due to insufficient human evidence.
- 4. **Green tea extract drinks**
- **Non-accepted claims:**
 "Promotes weight loss," "boosts metabolism," "burns fat."
 → EFSA concluded the effect was not sufficiently substantiated.
- 5. **Cranberry functional juices**
- **Non-accepted claims:**
 "Prevents urinary tract infections."
 → Rejected due to insufficient proof of cause-effect in humans.

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Accepted, non accepted in health claim regulation

Functional Food	Example Accepted Claim	Example Non-Accepted Claim
Yogurt with cultures	Improves lactose digestion	"Boosts gut health"
Plant sterol margarine	Lowers blood cholesterol	"Prevents heart attack"
Oat β-glucan products	Maintains normal cholesterol	"Reduces heart disease risk"
Fish/Algal DHA products	Supports normal heart function	"Improves memory"
Cranberry juice	—	"Prevents UTIs"
Probiotic drinks	(Only lactose claim accepted)	"Strengthens immune system"
Collagen drinks	—	"Reduces wrinkles"

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Problems of gut immune claims



No "probiotics", "prebiotics", or "postbiotics" have approved health claims in the EU — with ONE narrow exception.
 Accepted (Article 13): "Live cultures in yogurt improve lactose digestion of the product in individuals who have difficulty digesting lactose." → Applies only to Lactobacillus delbrueckii subsp. bulgaricus and Streptococcus thermophilus. → It is NOT a general "probiotic" health claim. ✗

Rejected or not authorised claims: "Supports immunity" "Promotes healthy gut flora" "Improves digestion" "Strengthens natural defenses" "Any strain-specific claims (e.g., L. rhamnosus GG, B. infantis) Reason: EFSA repeatedly concluded insufficient cause-effect evidence. ✓ 2. PREBIOTICS — Accepted? No prebiotic-specific claims are authorised. This includes inulin, FOS, GOS, XOS, etc. However, certain fibres have accepted claims when they act via physiological effects, not as "prebiotics". ✓ Accepted (but not because they are prebiotics): Wheat bran fibre: "Contributes to intestinal transit." Beta-glucan (oats, barley): "Helps maintain normal blood cholesterol levels." Chicory inulin-type fructans: Claims have not been accepted as prebiotics. ✗ Rejected claims: "Feeds good bacteria" "Supports microbiome balance" "Improves gut health via prebiotic effect" ✗ 3. POSTBIOTICS — Accepted? No postbiotic-related health claims are accepted in the EU (E.g., heat-killed bacteria, metabolites, engineered fermentation products) Examples of rejected/unauthorised claims: "Strengthens immune system" "Reduces inflammation" "Improves gut barrier function" EFSA has not approved any postbiotic as having a cause-effect relationship for a health benefit. 4. Why no claims? EFSA's main arguments in rejections: Lack of strain-specific evidence studies too heterogeneous unclear mechanisms insufficient human RCTs use of non-authorised terminology ("probiotic" considered a health claim by itself) ✗

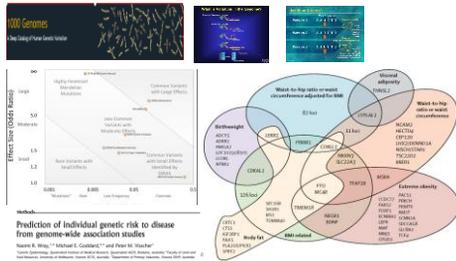
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Really no evidences ?

General public health recommendations
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Commercial promotion of a brand/proprietary strain through claims

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GWAS : SNPs, common variants have often only moderate effects; in different metabolic areas



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despite low penetrance of SNPs, D-T-C genetic testing for nutritional advice

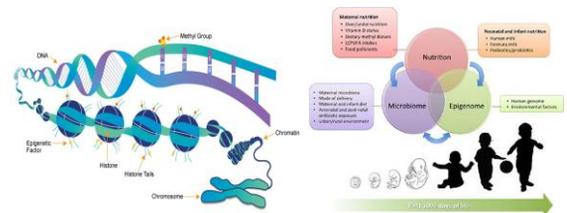
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Missing heritability: what is missing to understand a phenotype: gene- environment interactions, epigenetics, reversibility

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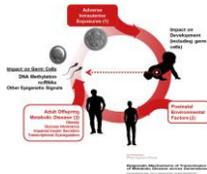
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Epigenetics mechanisms, Interactions, early imprinting



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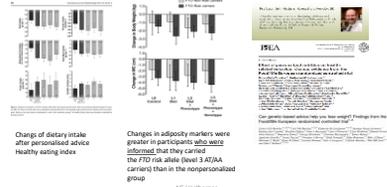
Conclusion: Complex diseases (Aging) can arise from (a mixture of) personal diverse causes, an argument in favor of personally specific interventions (e.g. metabolic disease)



	Metabolic disorder
Hereditary SNPs Somatic mutations	Symptomatic treatment
Epigenetic (hereditary) or acquired methylations, Histone modifications or ncRNA structure	Causative treatment? Epigenetic active additives? mTOR – inhibitors? Nutrition, Lifestyle
Delivery or accessed microbiota dysbiosis	Causative treatment? pro-, pre-, postbiotics? Nutrition, Lifestyle
Psycho-neuro-immune endocrine axis	

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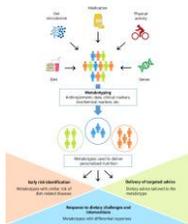
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Definition of metabolotypes from genetic-, microbiota-metabolomics based information, Metabotyping



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Consequences of Metabotypes, diets next step trackers



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Personalisation of additives for Prevention
Monitoring basic hallmarks of health/aging. Use of mixes of supplements, functional foods which address specific mechanisms „Achilles Fersen Concept“



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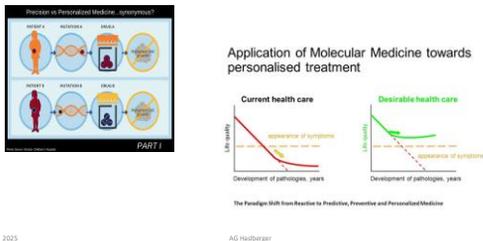
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Importance of good Markers, Nutrition: following the way of personalised, precision medicine, CFDNA ?



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Prevention, intervention, Salutogenesis
personal or precision medicine, synonyme?
personal or precision nutrition, synonyme?



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And what happens to the nutrition pyramid? But already the dietary reference values 1992 US USDA-Pyramide, used an individualised approach, age, lifestyle (work)



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