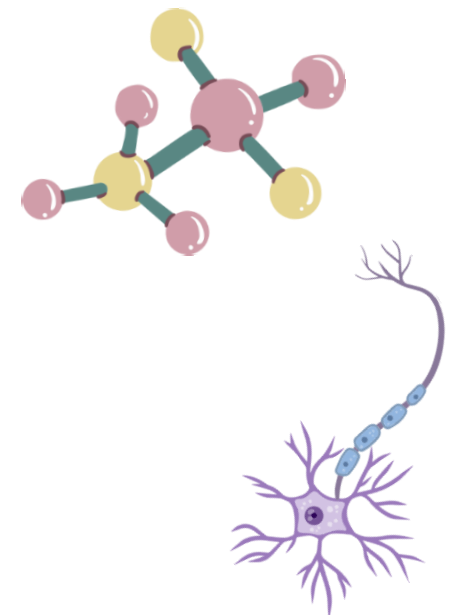


# **Foodomics study of bioactive compounds from plants, algae and agrifood by-products against Alzheimer Disease**

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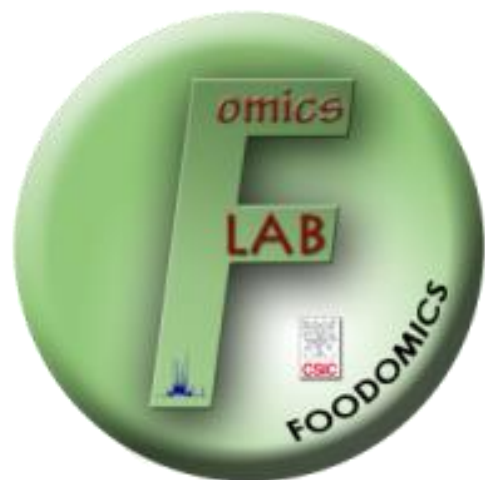
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# Thank you!

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**130 students from 26 countries at the Foodomics Lab**





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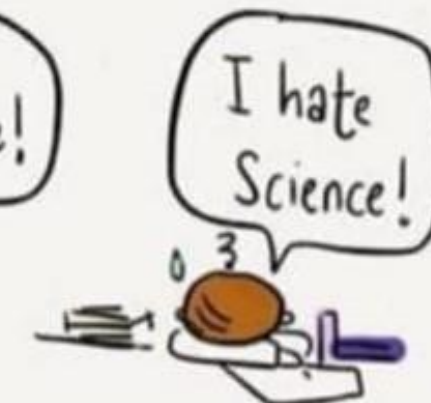
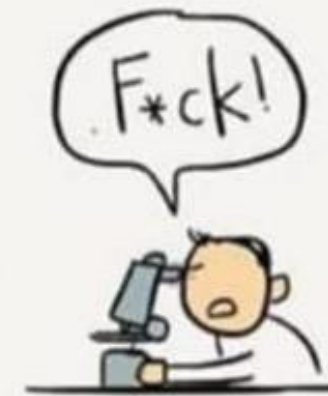
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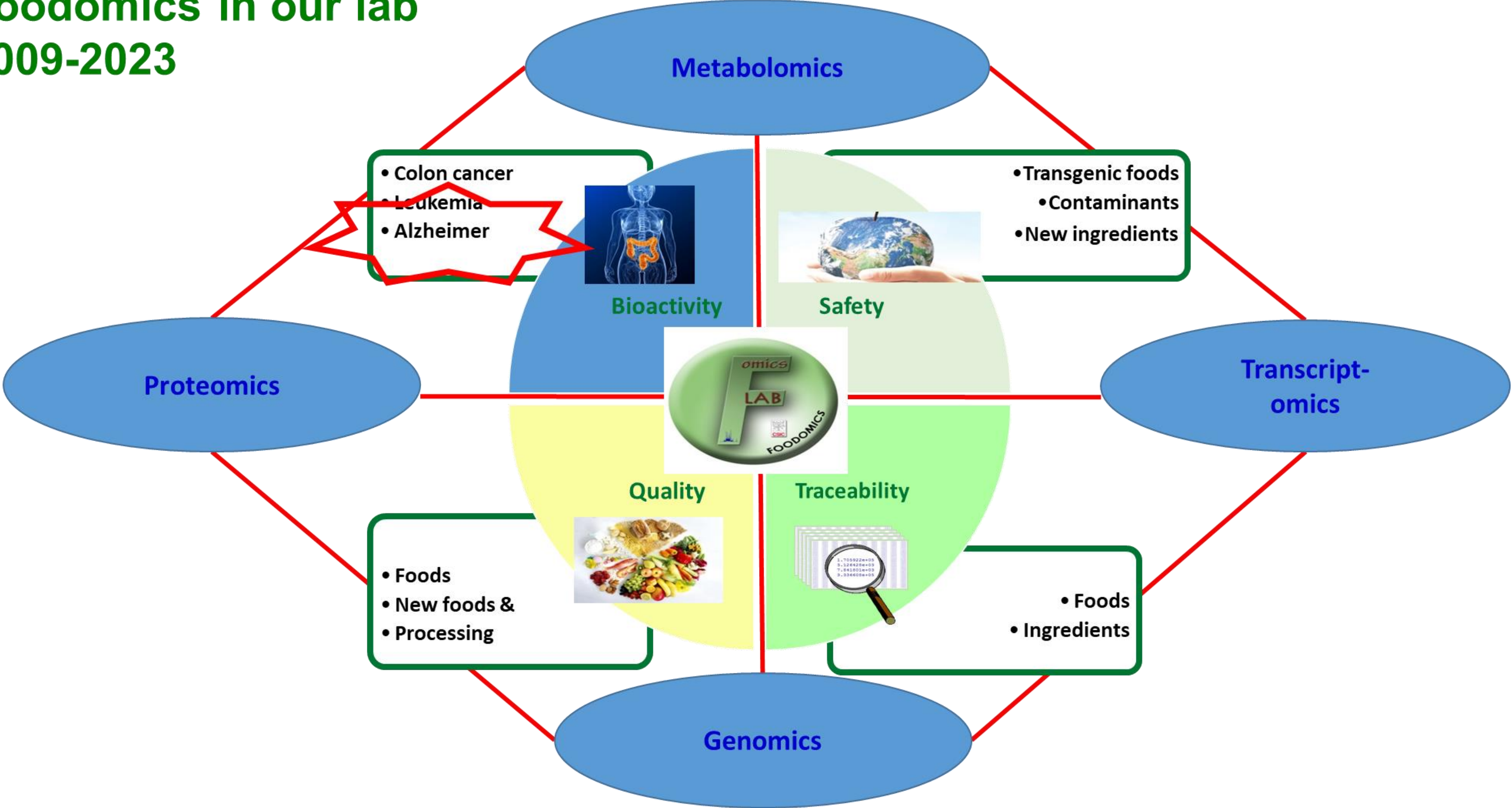


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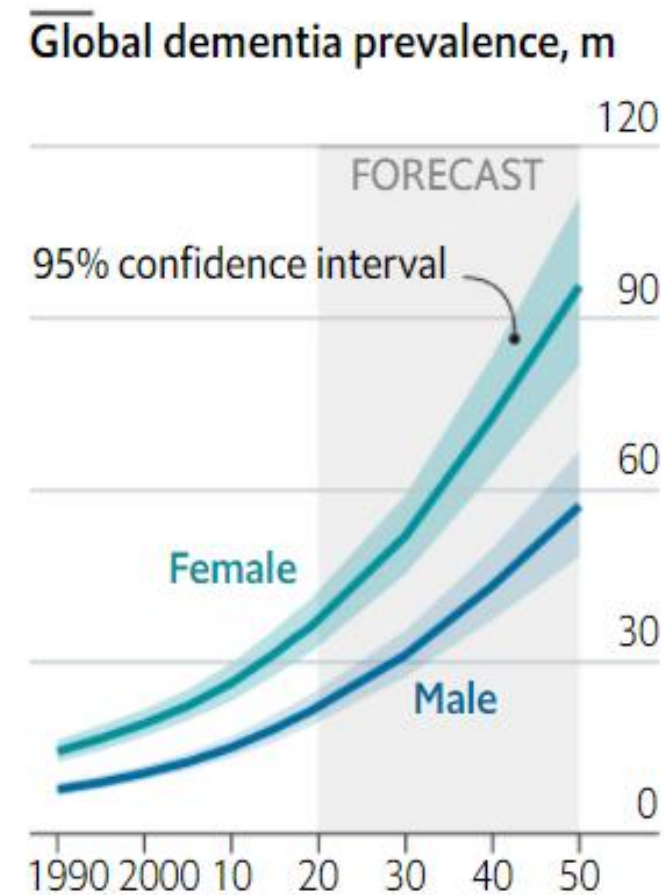


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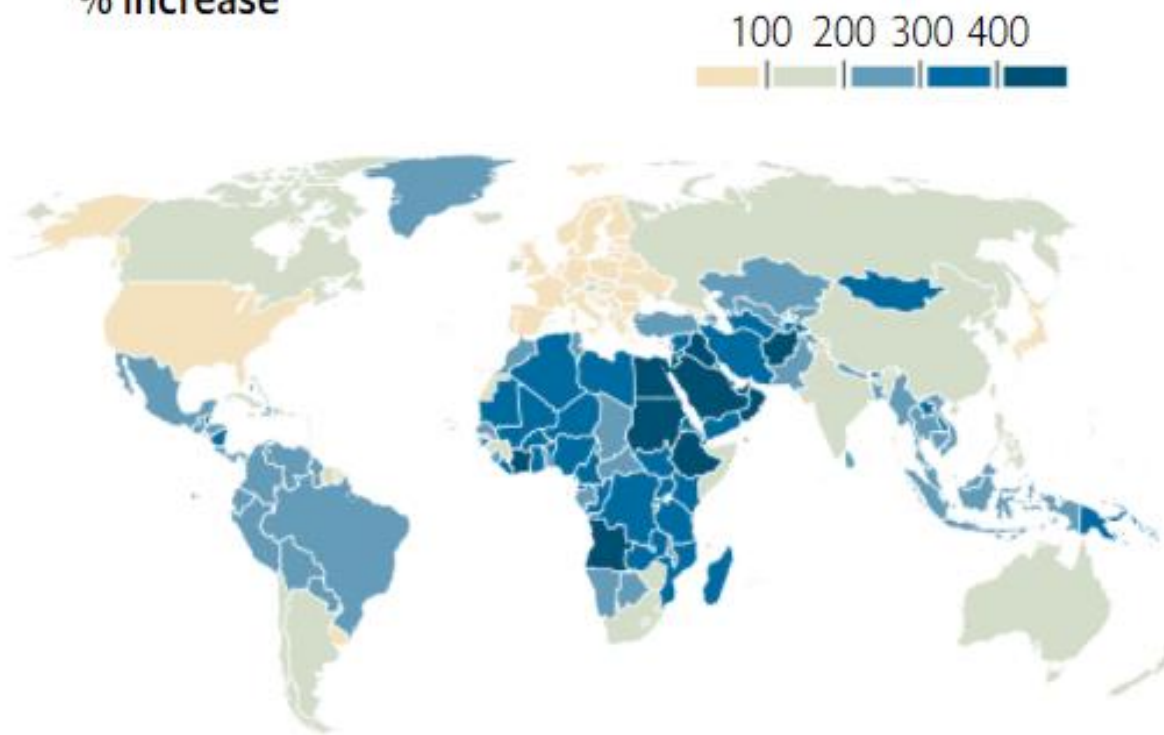




## A heavy burden



Dementia prevalence, 2019-50 forecast,  
% increase



- Around 55 million of people were diagnosed with dementia in 2020, with forecasts reaching 78 million by 2030 and 153 million in 2050.
- Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the main neurodegenerative disorder and represents nearly 60–70% of dementia cases.

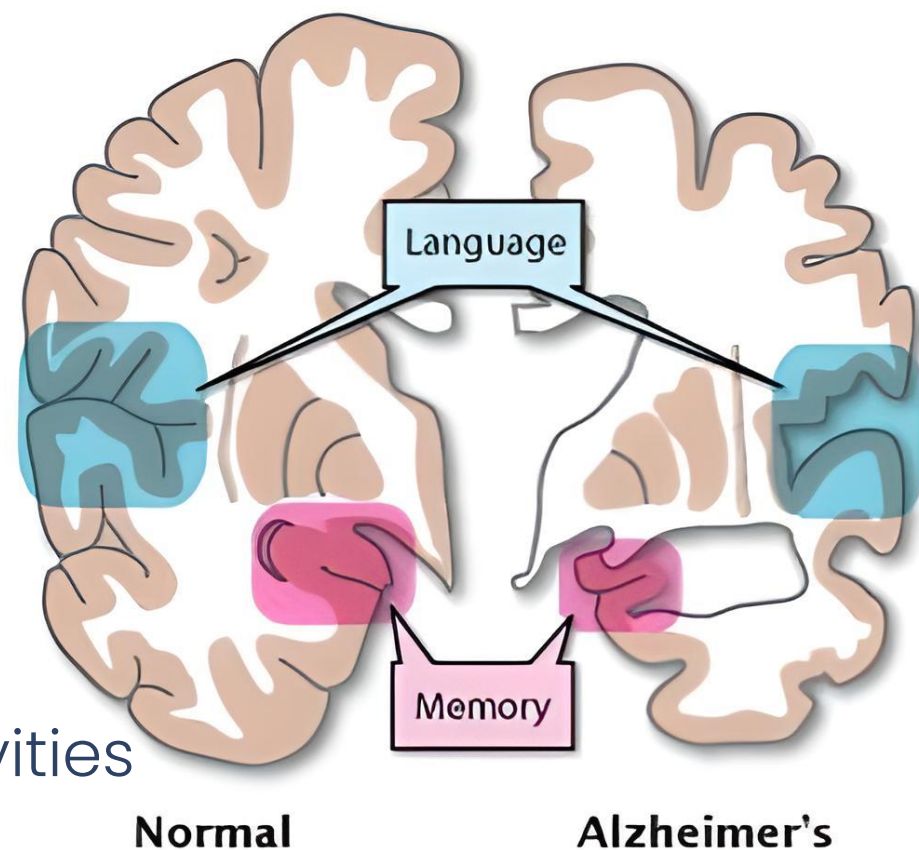
Source: "Estimation of the global prevalence of dementia in 2019 and forecasted prevalence in 2050: an analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2019", by Emma Nichols et al., *Lancet*, 2022

# ! No cure for AD

Existing palliative treatment consists of the use of drugs such as galantamine and rivastigmine, used to increase the acetylcholine neurotransmitter.



Brain Cross-Sections



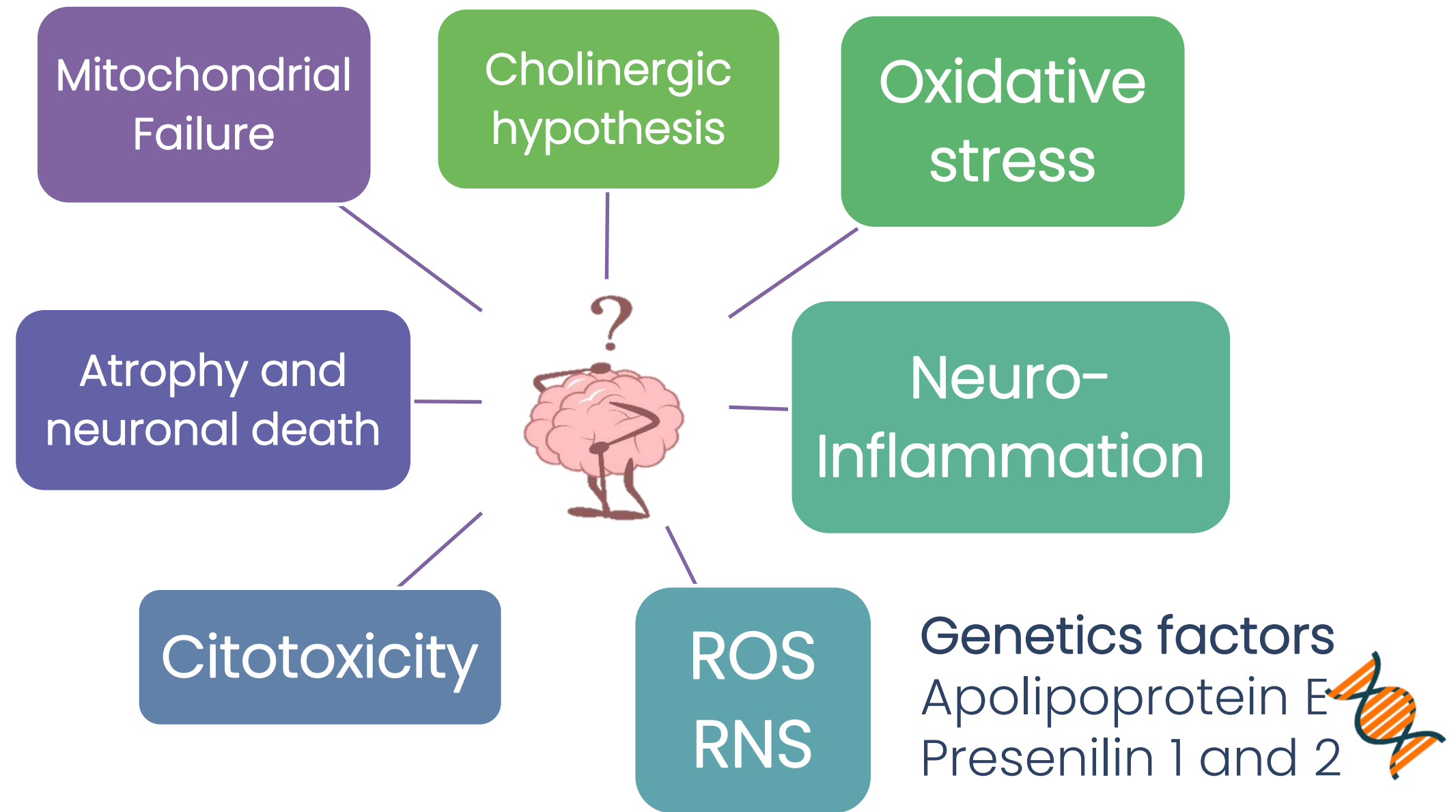
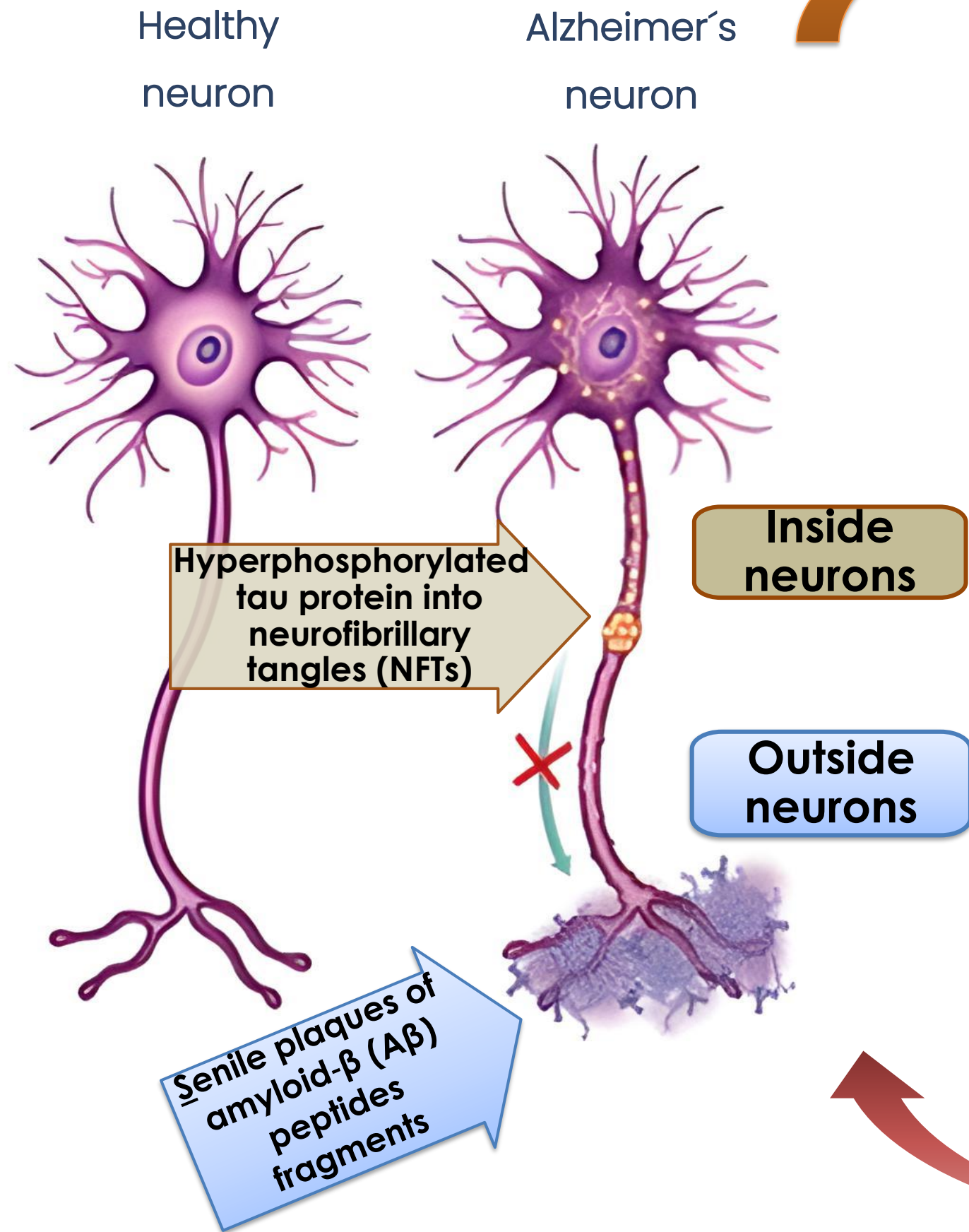
AD affects to ...  
Cognitive function  
Thinking abilities  
Performing daily activities

# ! Multifactorial disease

Nowadays, AD is considered a progressive, irreversible and incurable disease, mainly due to their complex and multifactorial nature.



# AD HALLMARKS



Environmental factors  
Lifestyle   
Nutritioin 

## MULTIFACTORIAL DISEASE



In this context...

Natural products from plants are gaining importance as a source of **bioactive molecules** with high pharmacological and/or nutraceutical value and **neuroprotective potential**



In particular, some **by-products from agri-food industry** have shown great potential for **revalorization** and generation of high added value products, due to their content in **bioactive molecules** with beneficial effects on health.



Andrade et al. (2019) *Int. J. Mol. Sci*, 20, 2313  
Zhang T et al. (2020) *Alzheimer's Dis* 78, 887–904



LOW-GENETIC  
FACTORS

Lifestyle, diet,  
surrounding environment

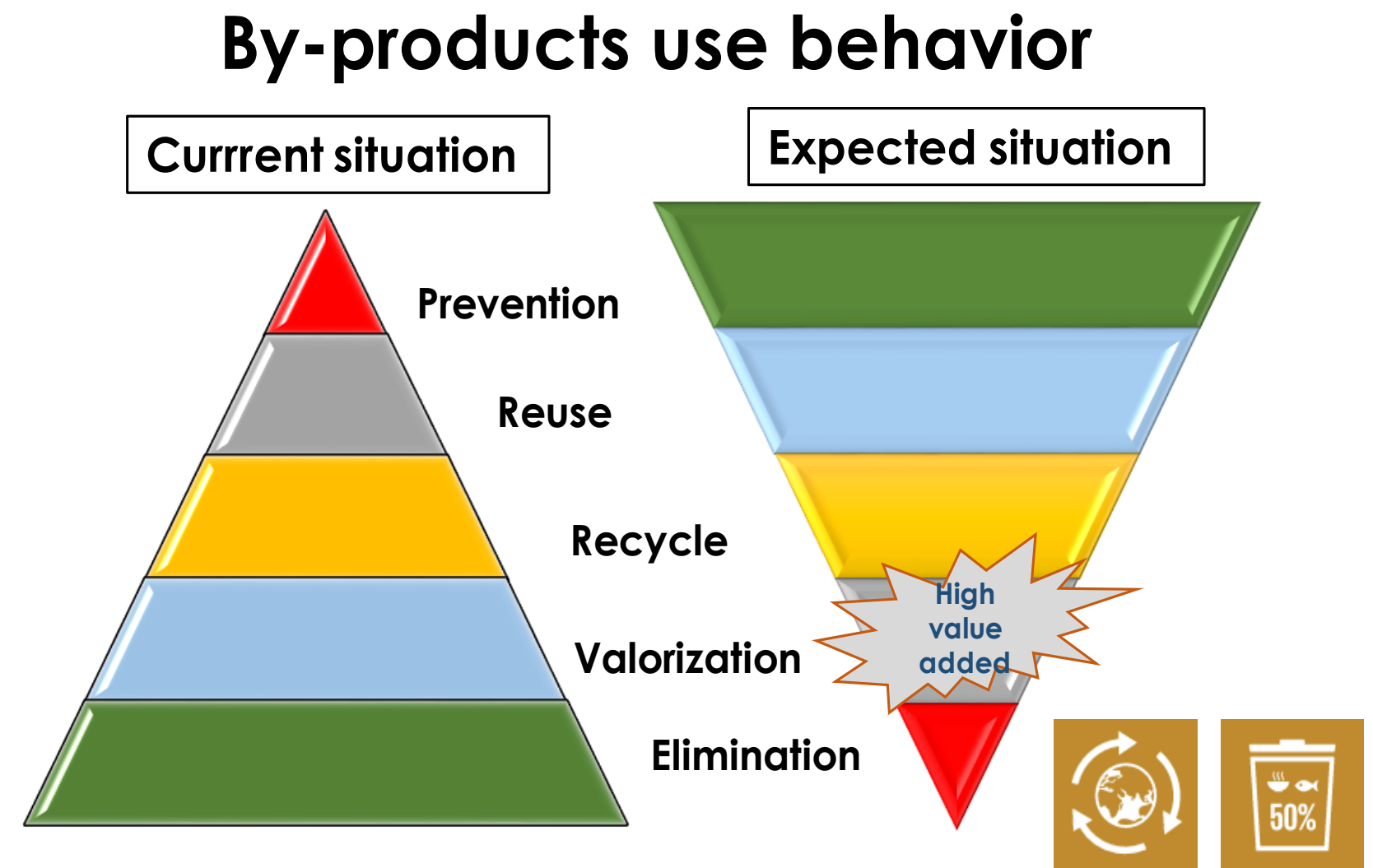




According to the UN Environment Programme's Food Waste Index Report 2021, nearly one billion tonnes of food is wasted globally each year.

Traditionally, food waste is incinerated or disposed in landfills with the subsequent **air/water pollution**, and soil/food contamination

Revalorization of **agricultural by-products** has been suggested as a major opportunity to reduce the **environmental impact** and to improve the economical exploitation of **new products** such as nutraceuticals or functional foods



# OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the **neuroprotective** potential against **AD** of extracts rich in bioactive compounds obtained from **food by-products, plants and algae**.





# || METHODOLOGY



# Extraction of bioactive compounds



## Green Technologies



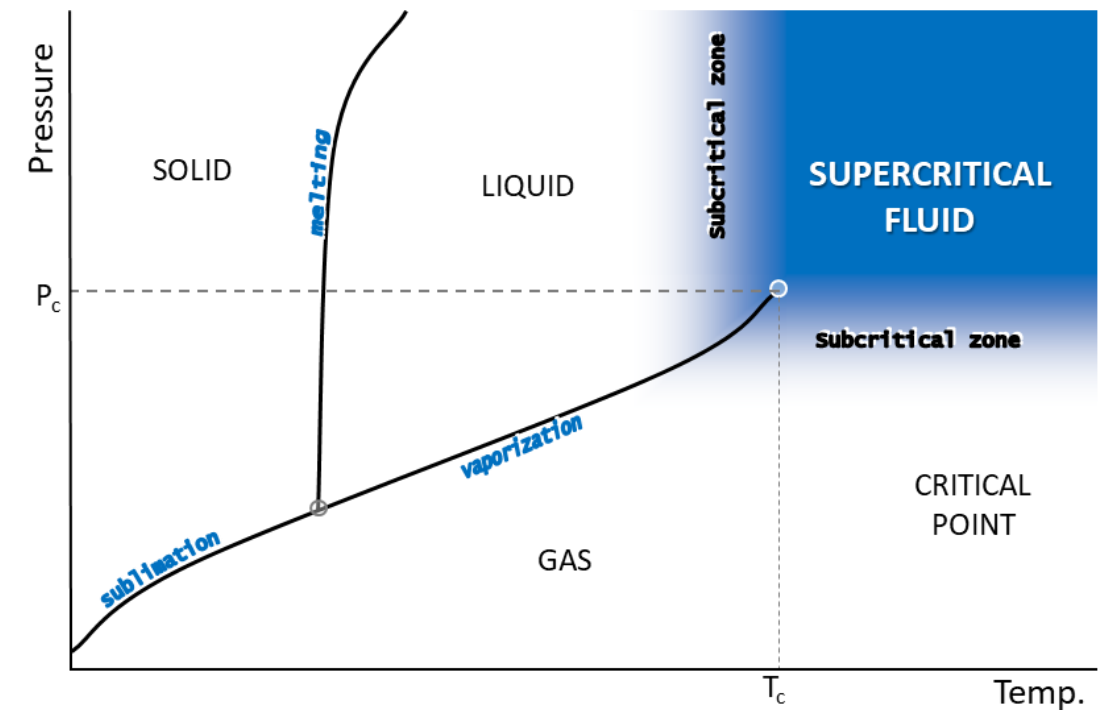
Pressurized liquid extraction (PLE)



Supercritical Fluid Extraction (SFE)



Ultrasound-Assisted Extraction (UAE)



GRAS SOLVENTS (CO<sub>2</sub>, EtOH, water, ethyl acetate...)

### Thermodynamic properties of Liquid & Gas

Low viscosity + Diffusivity

Density to liquids



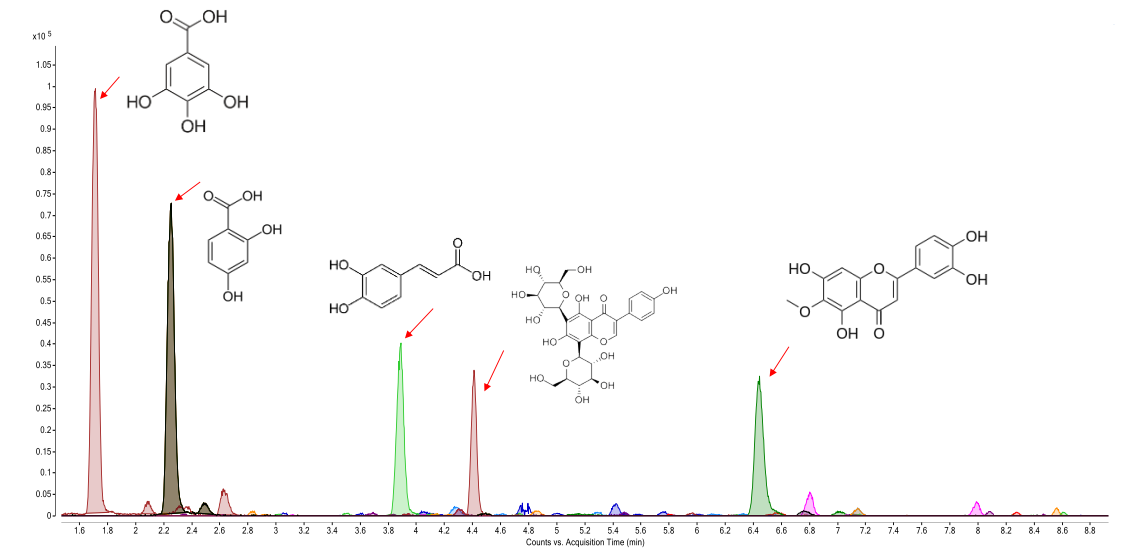


# Characterization of bioactive compounds

## Advanced analytical techniques



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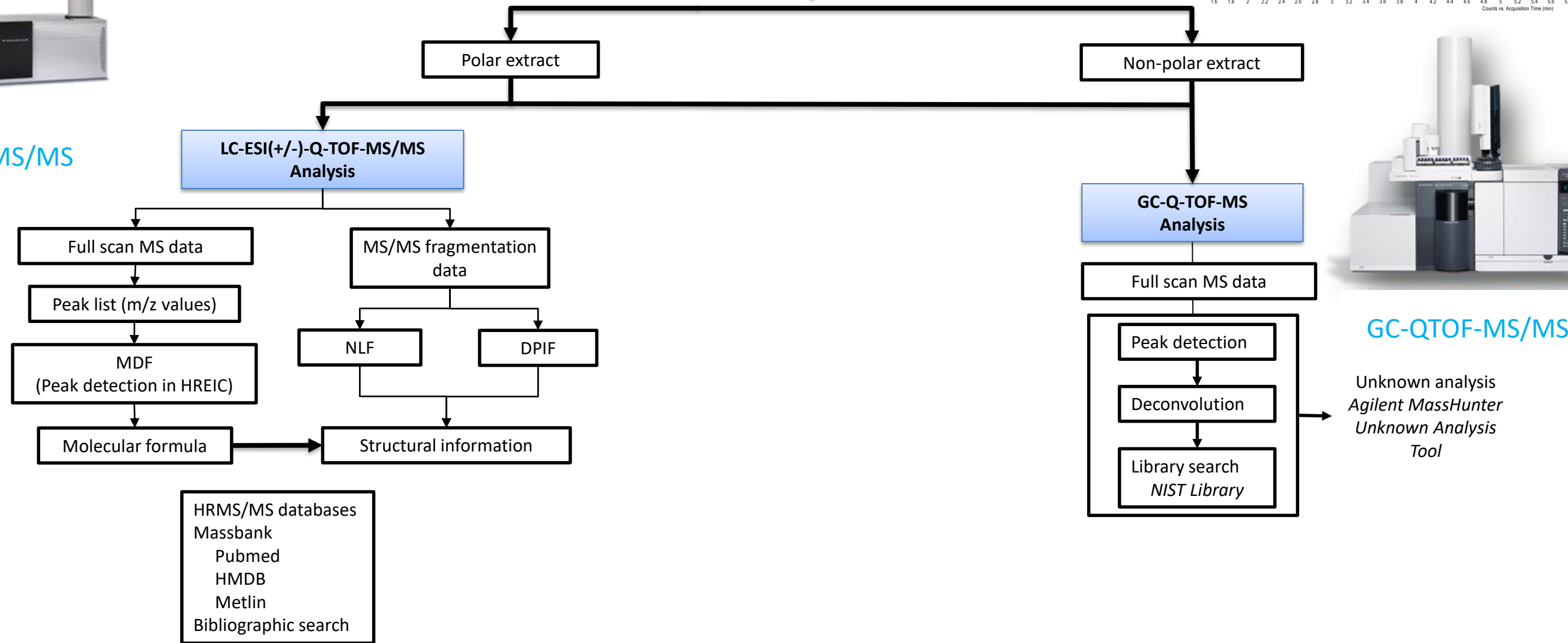
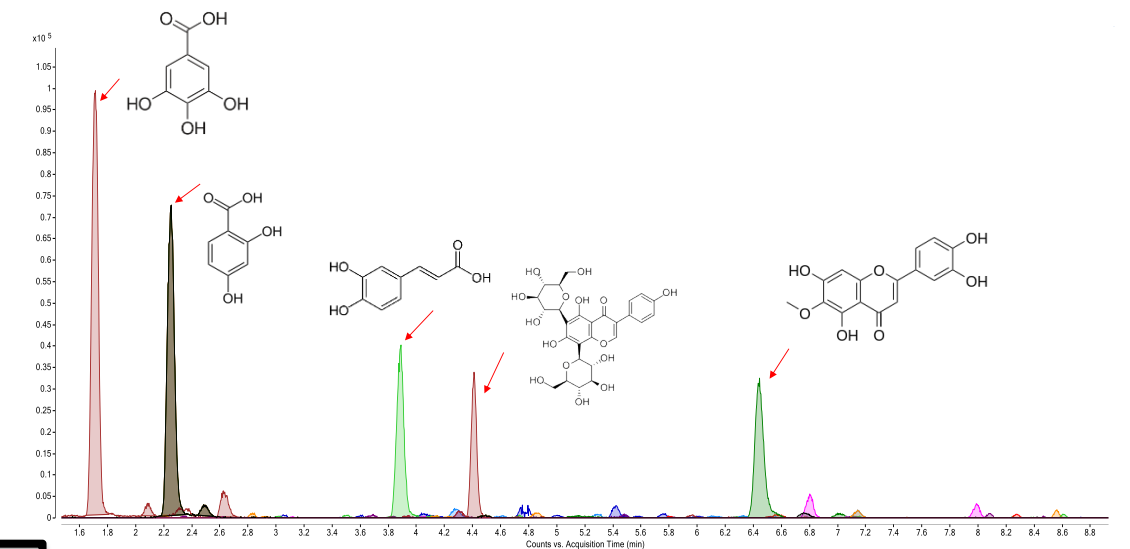
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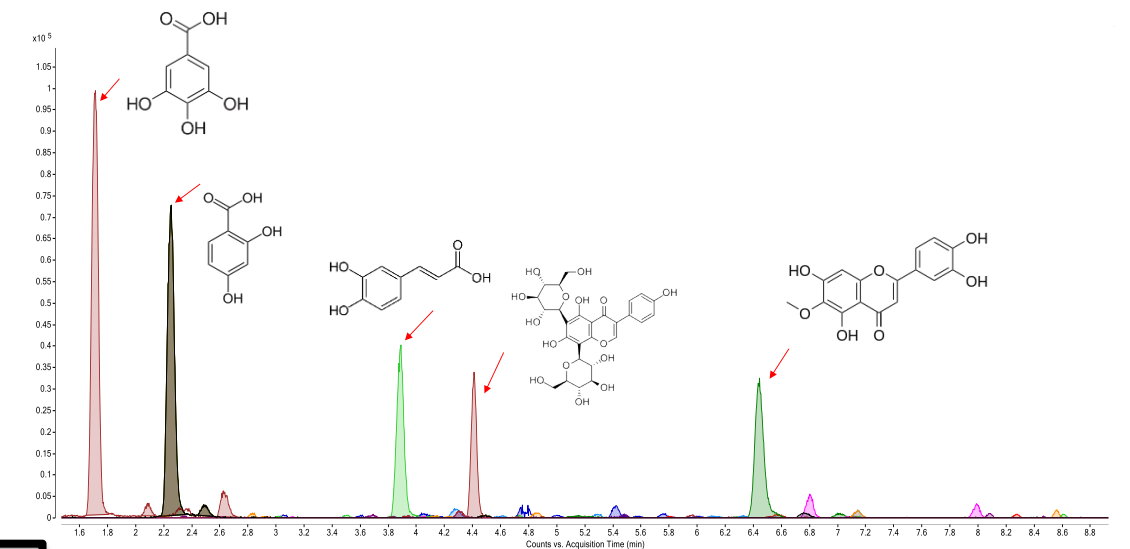
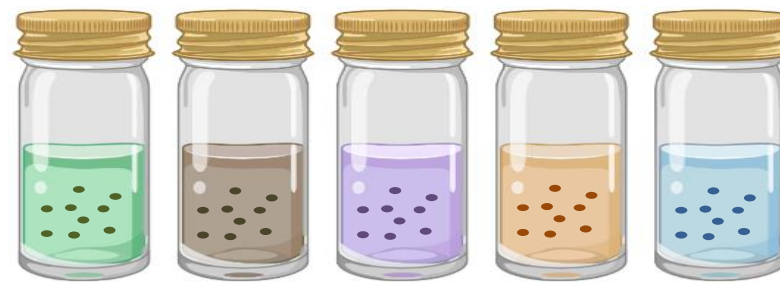


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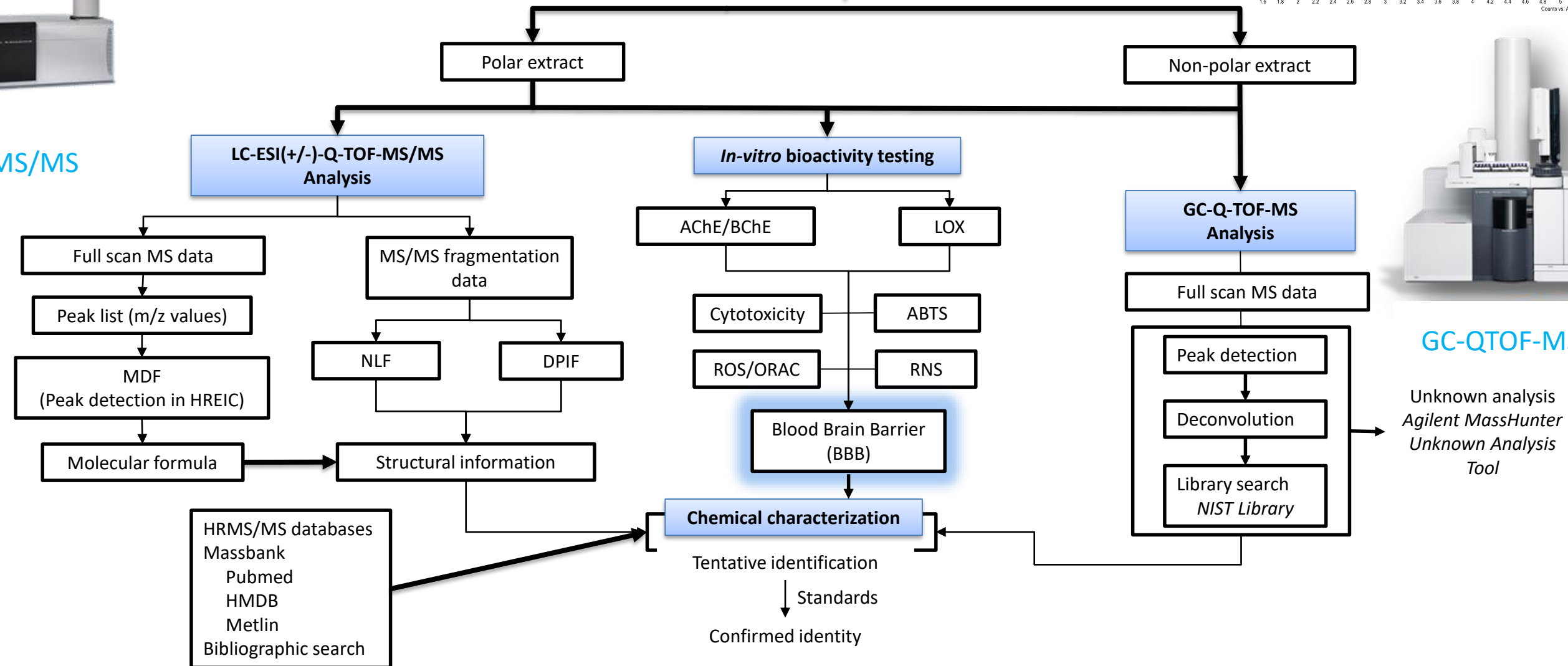
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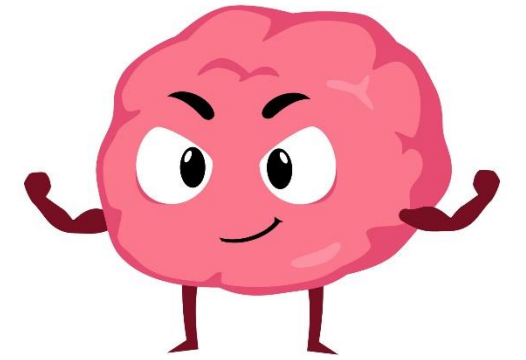


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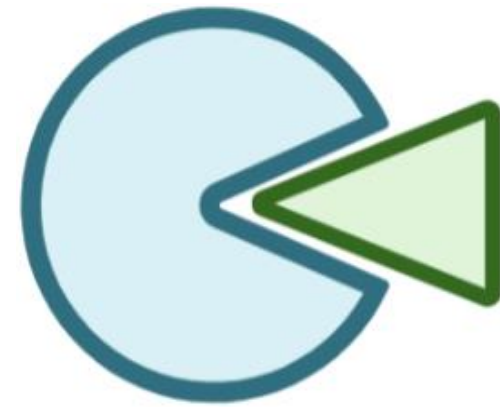


# NEUROPROTECTIVE ASSESSMENT

Biological evaluation of bioactive compounds against Alzheimer's disease hallmarks

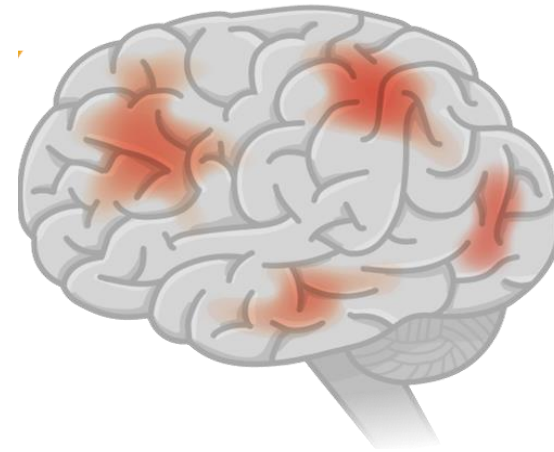


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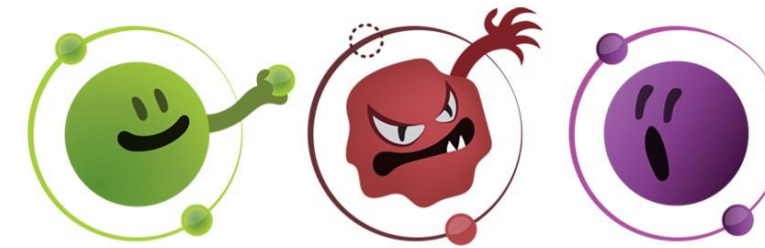
AChE / BChE  
Inhibition

2 Neuroinflammation



LOX Inhibition

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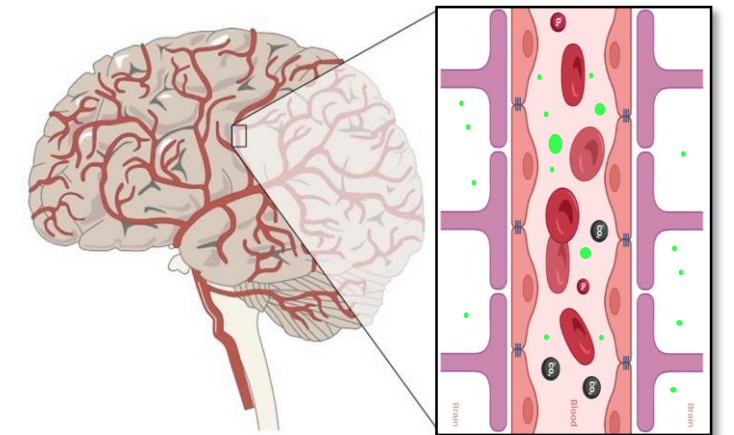
Antioxidant

Free radical

Healthy cell

ABTS – ROS – RNS

4 CNS accessible



Blood–brain barrier  
(BBB) MODEL

5 Cytotoxicity assay

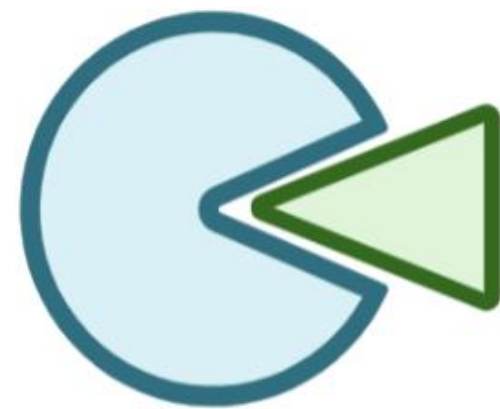


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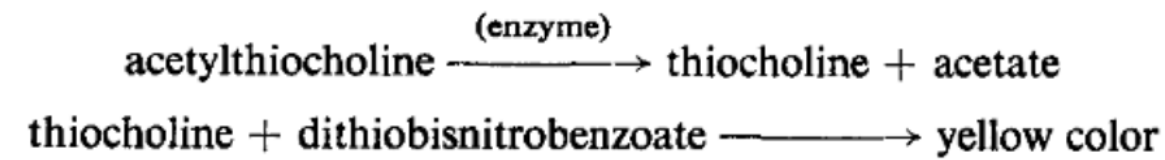




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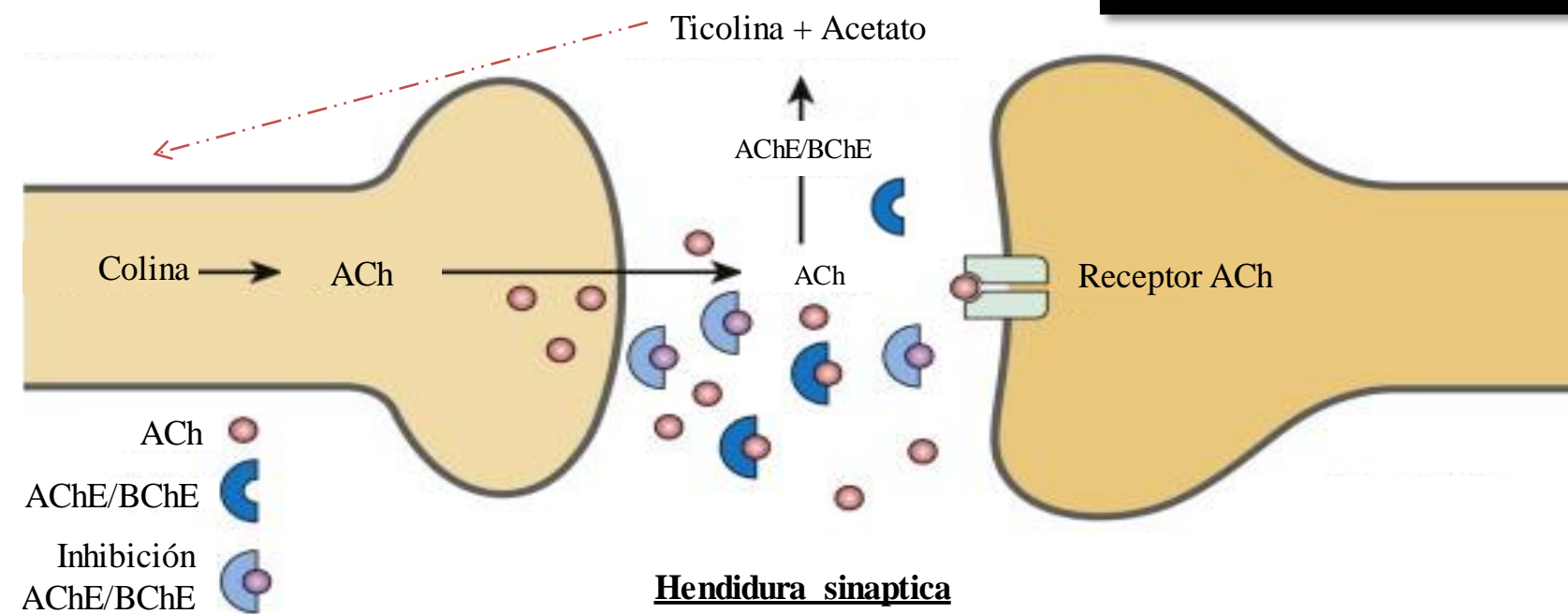
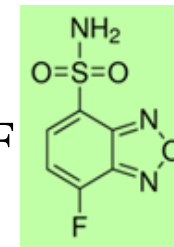
AChE / BChE Inhibition



Ellman colorimetric method 1961

Sinapsis colinérgica

ABD-F



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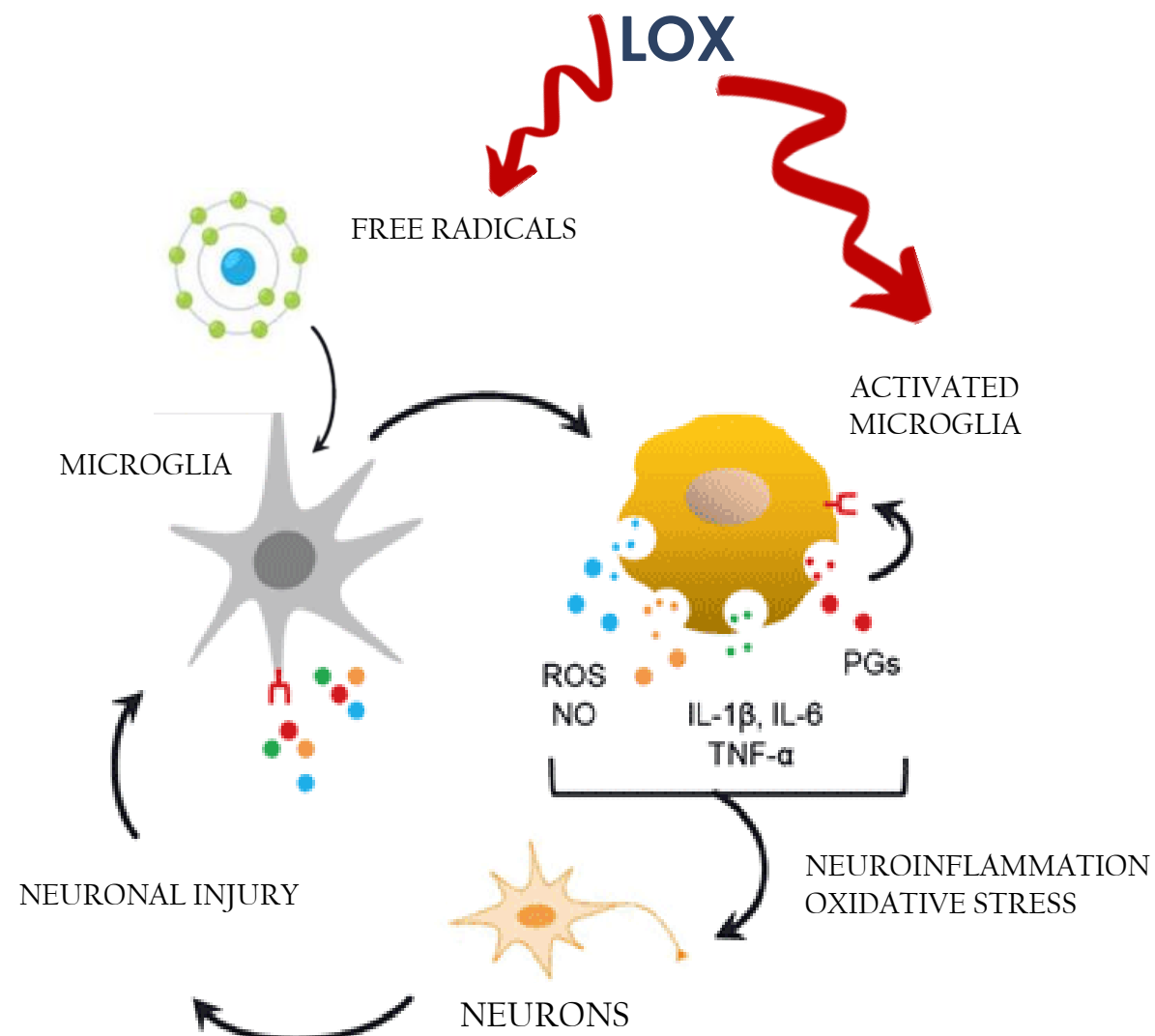
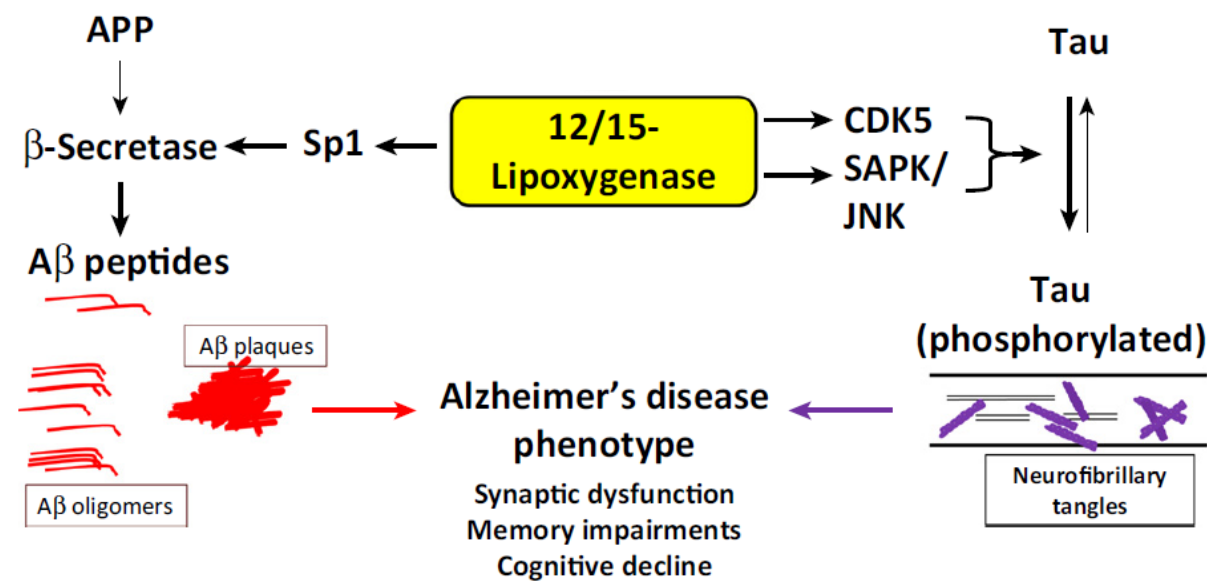
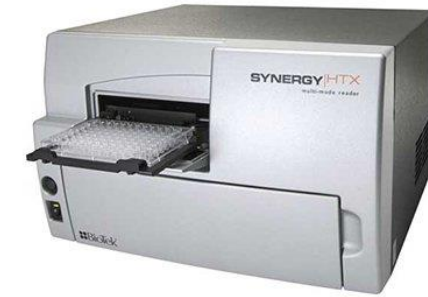
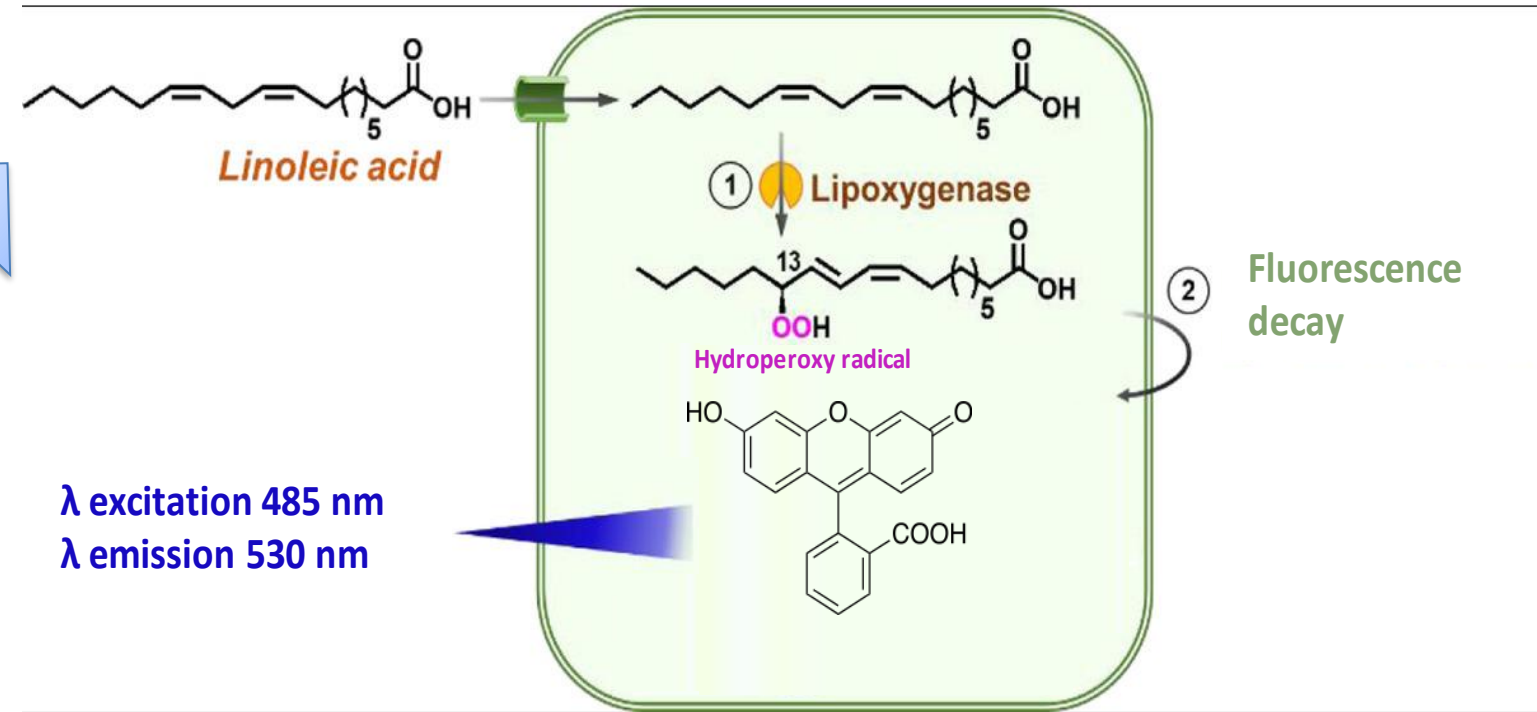
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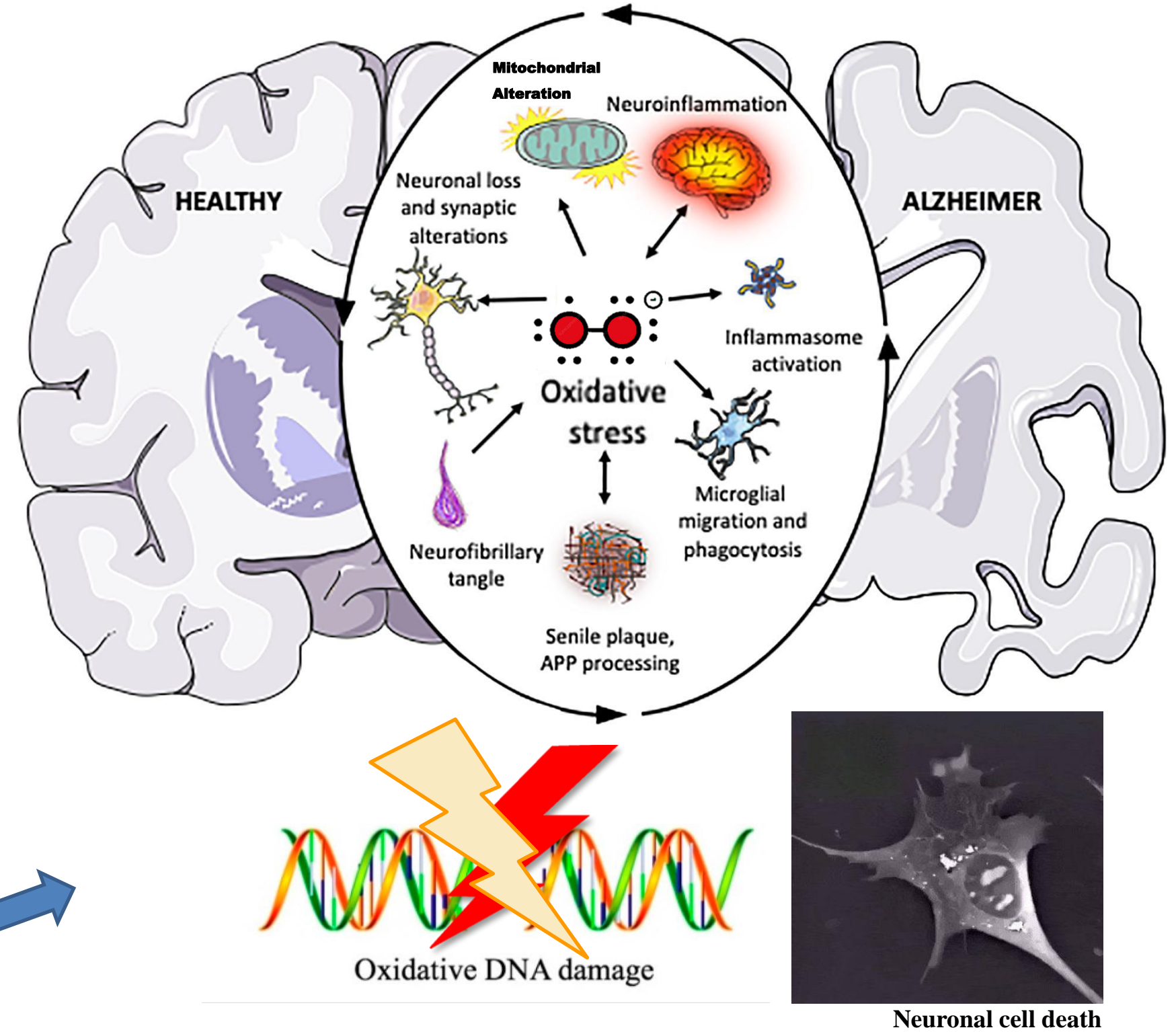
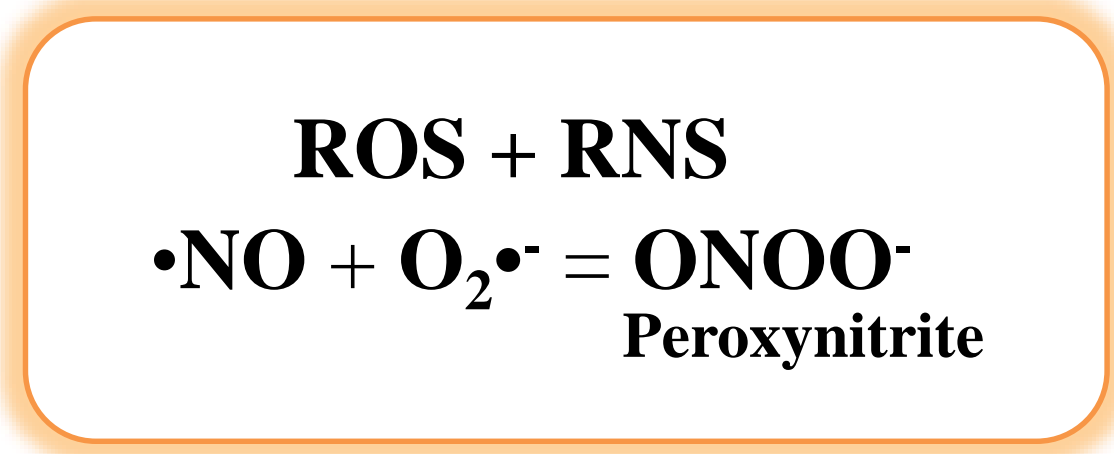
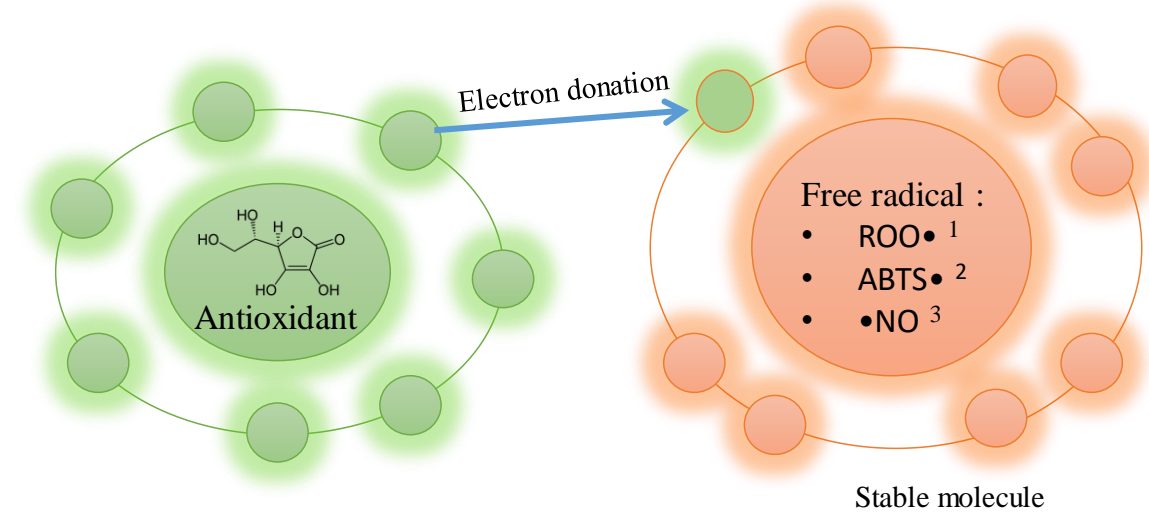


LOX Inhibition





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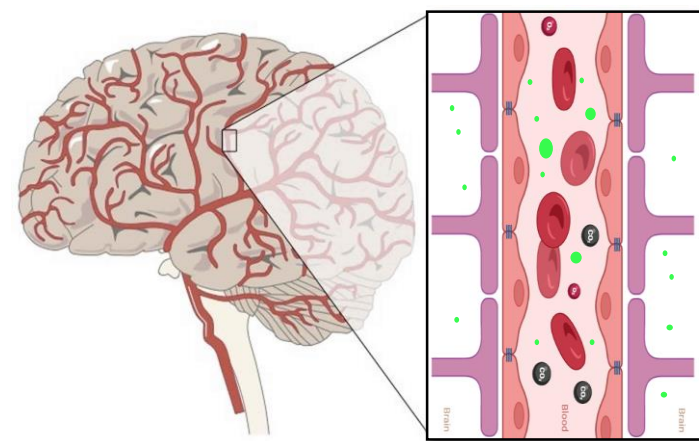
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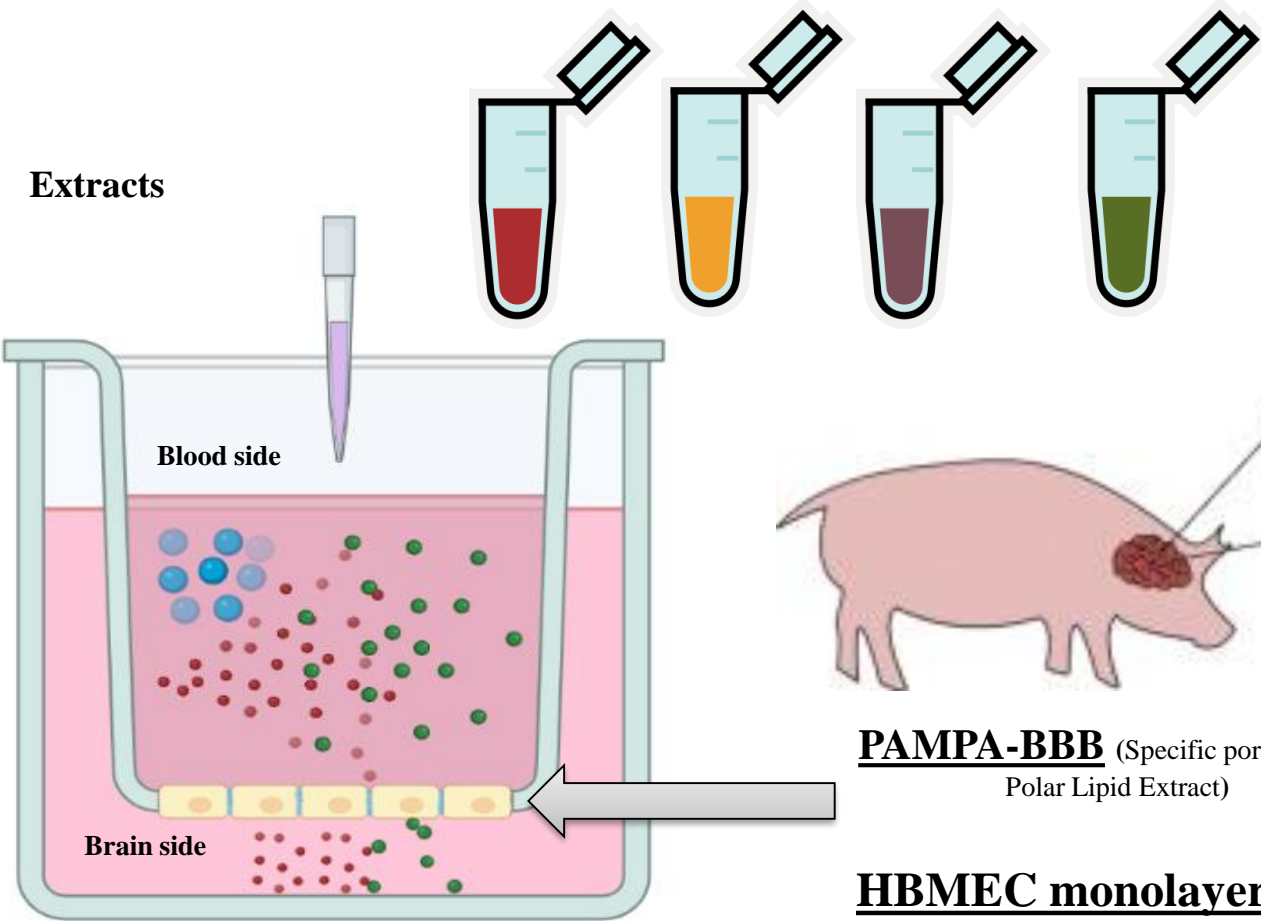
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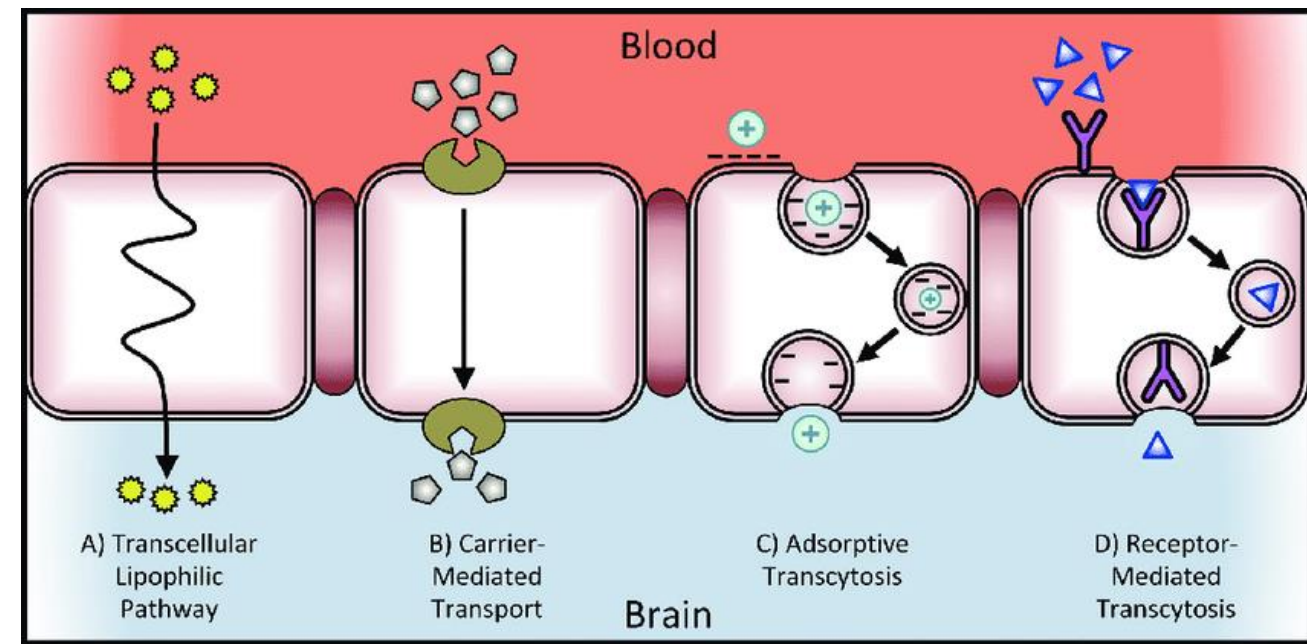
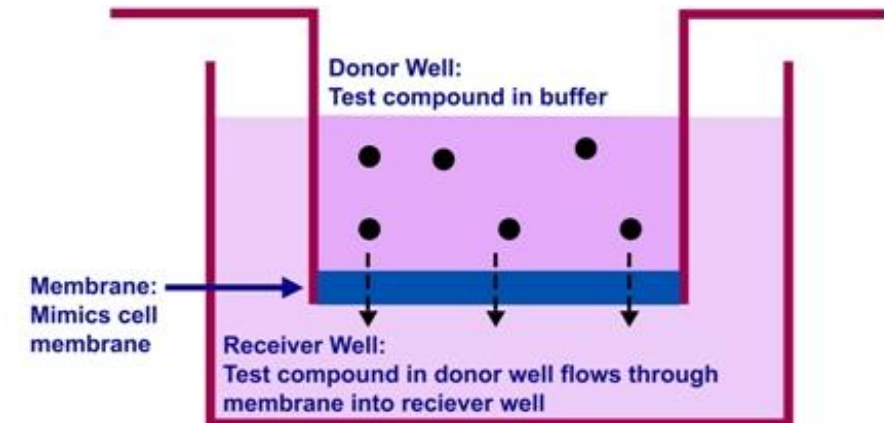
Blood-brain barrier (BBB) MODEL



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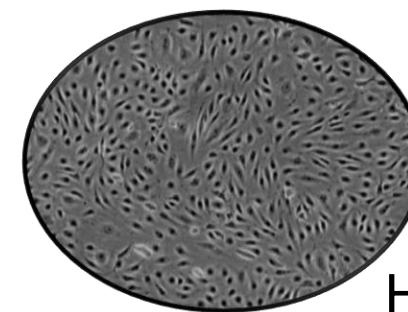
**HBMEC monolayer**

Brain Polar Extract Phospholipid Profile	
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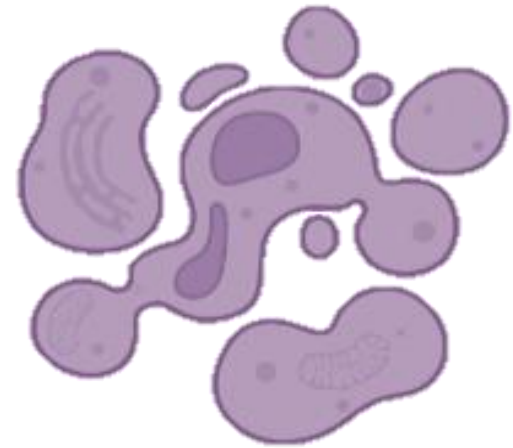
Human brain microvascular endothelial cells



NEUROVASCULAR LABORATORY



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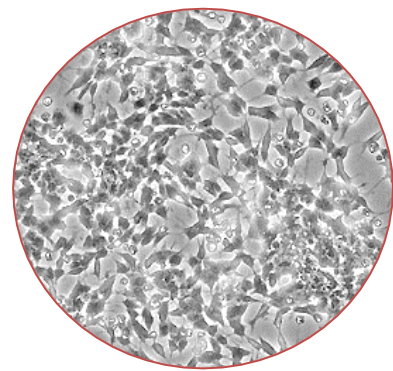


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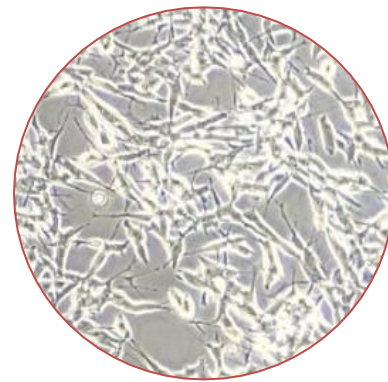
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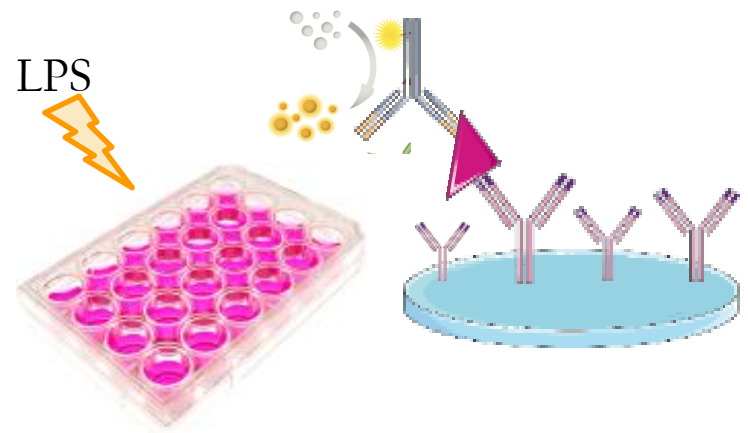
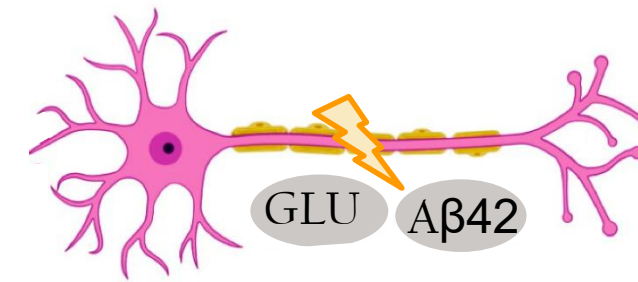
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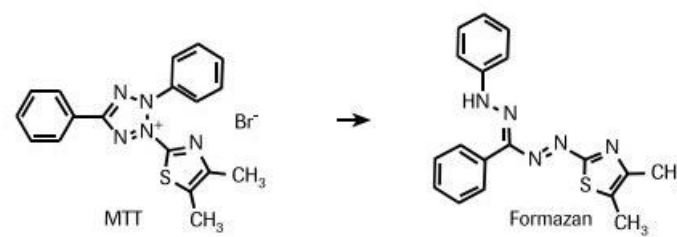
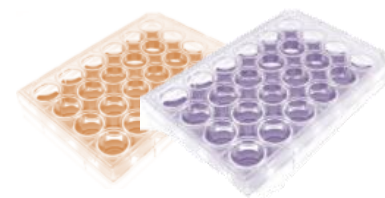
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NEUROPROTECTIVE POTENTIAL AGAINST NEUROTOXIC AGENTS



INFLAMMATORY RESPONSES

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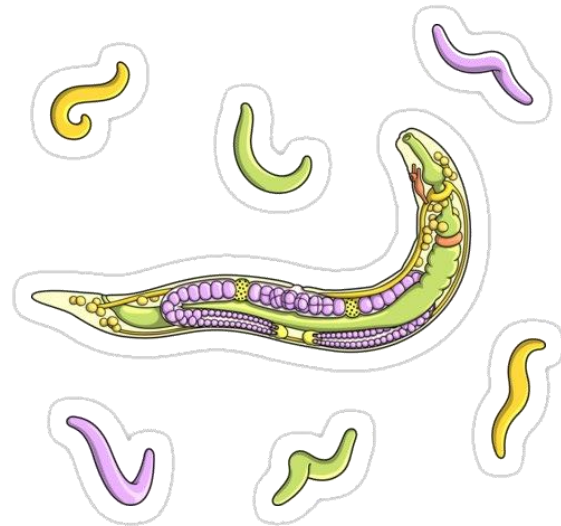


6 *C.elegans in vivo*  
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BIOLOGICAL PROPERTIES

1 mm



Short life cycle

Adulthood in 3 days

Easy cultivation

Life expectancy

21 days at 25°C

Rapid reproduction

Hermaphrodite

*Caenorhabditis elegans*

Invertebrate animal

Homology of 80% with the human genome



Rapid  
Cheap

Low ethical limitations



Mammalian models



Laborious  
Expensive  
Ethical limitations



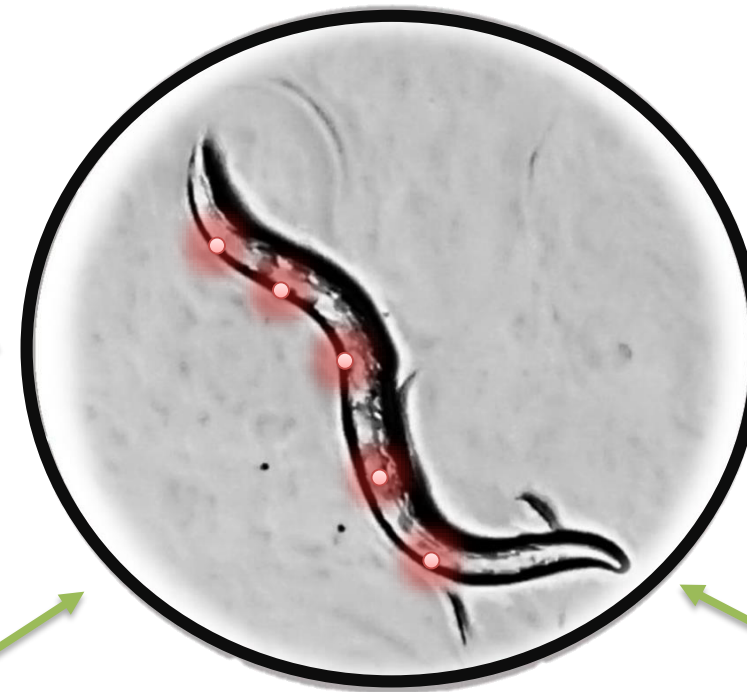


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CL4176 STRAIN

Human Aβ<sub>42</sub> Expression



Mechanism of disease

Test drugs and therapies

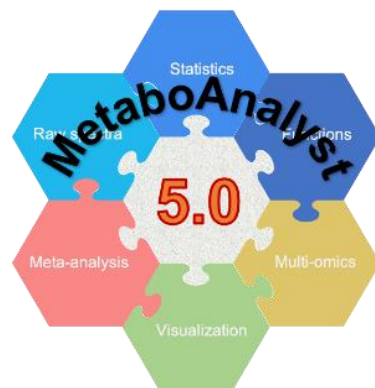


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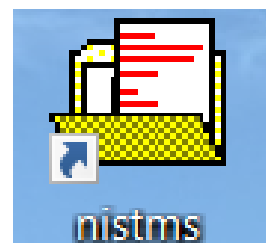
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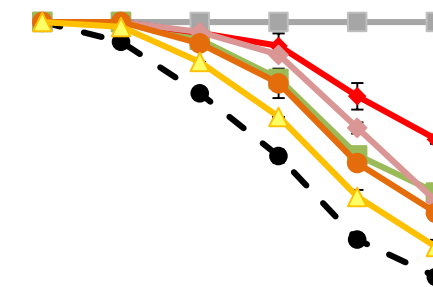


MS-DIAL



NIST MS

Paralysis assay



WormBase

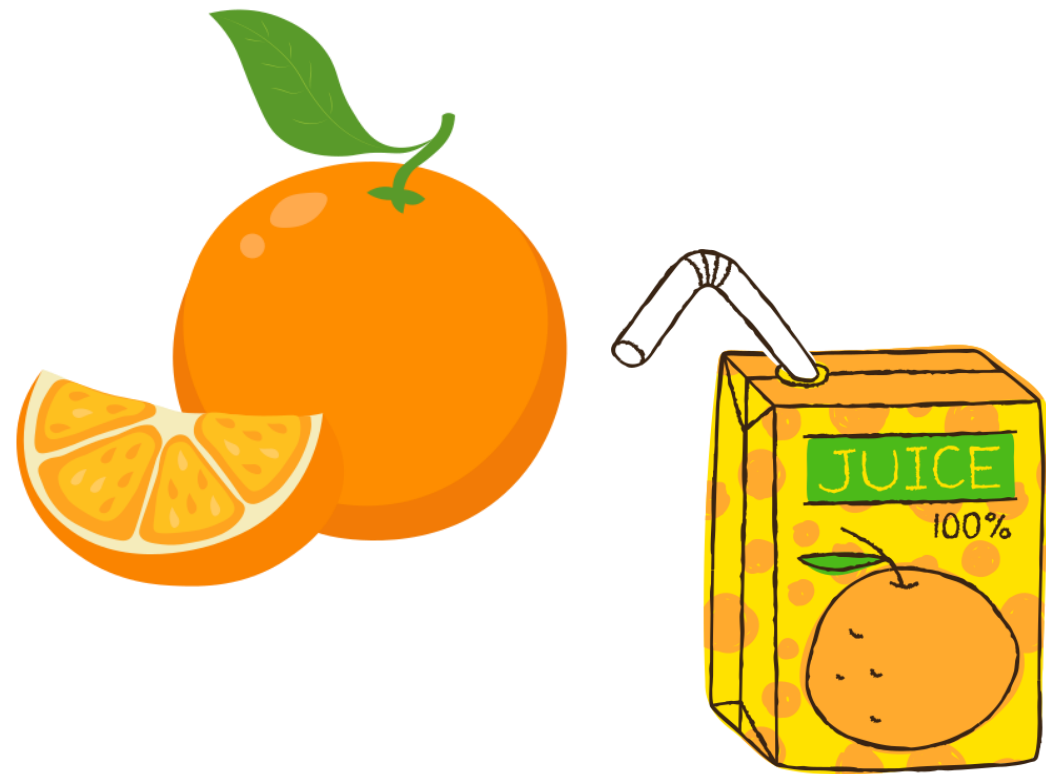
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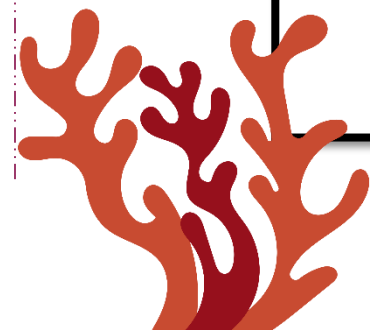
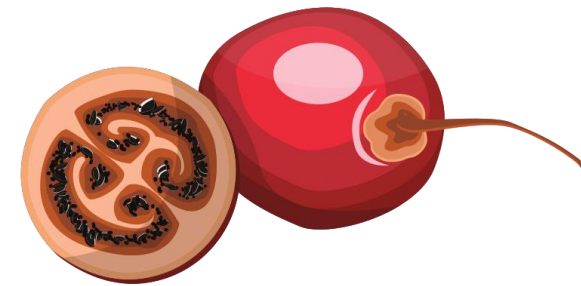
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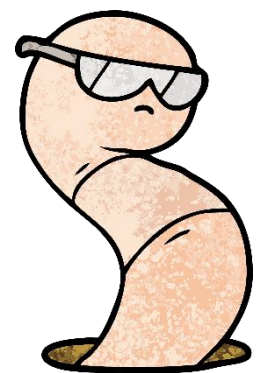
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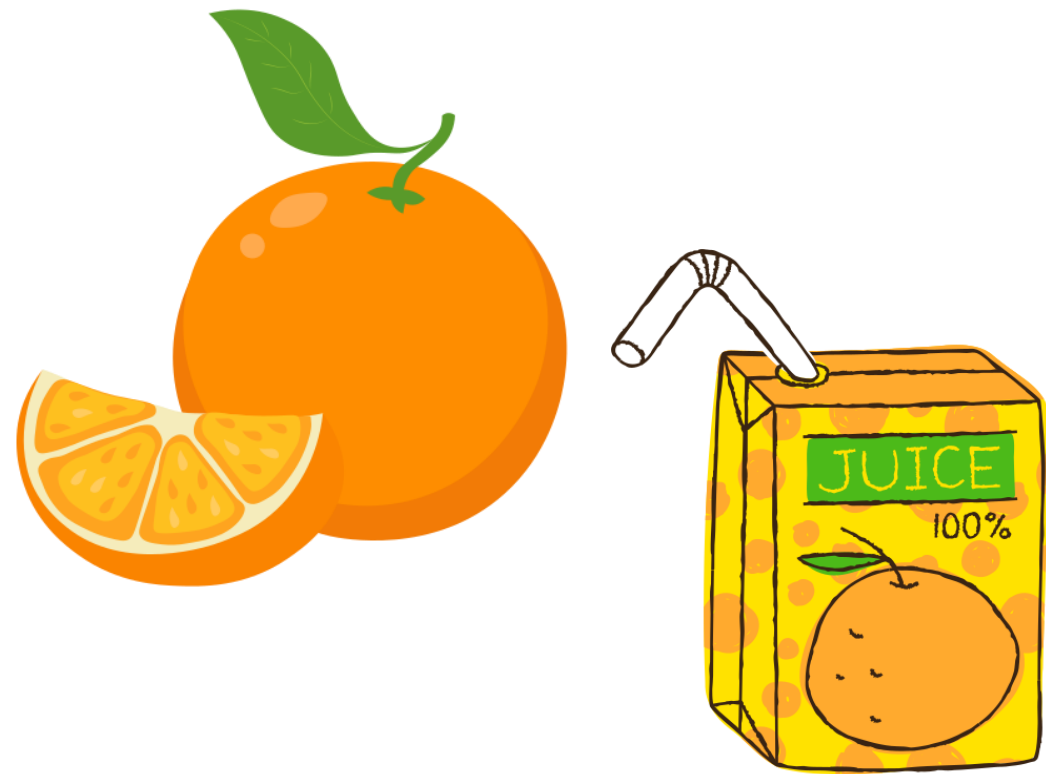
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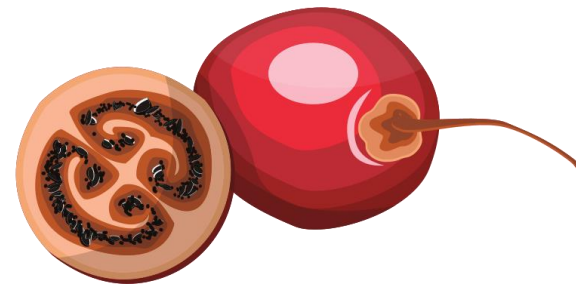
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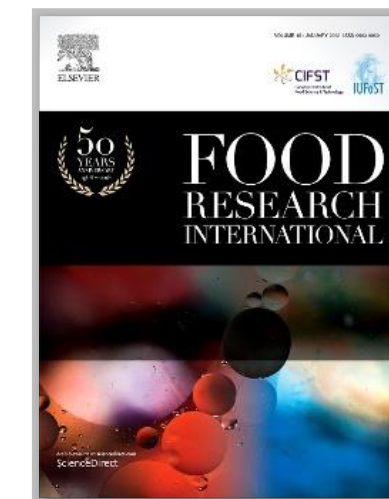
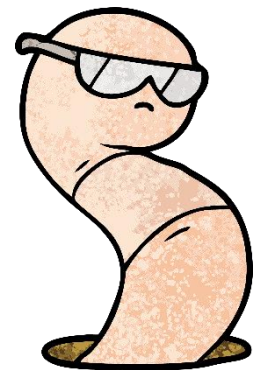
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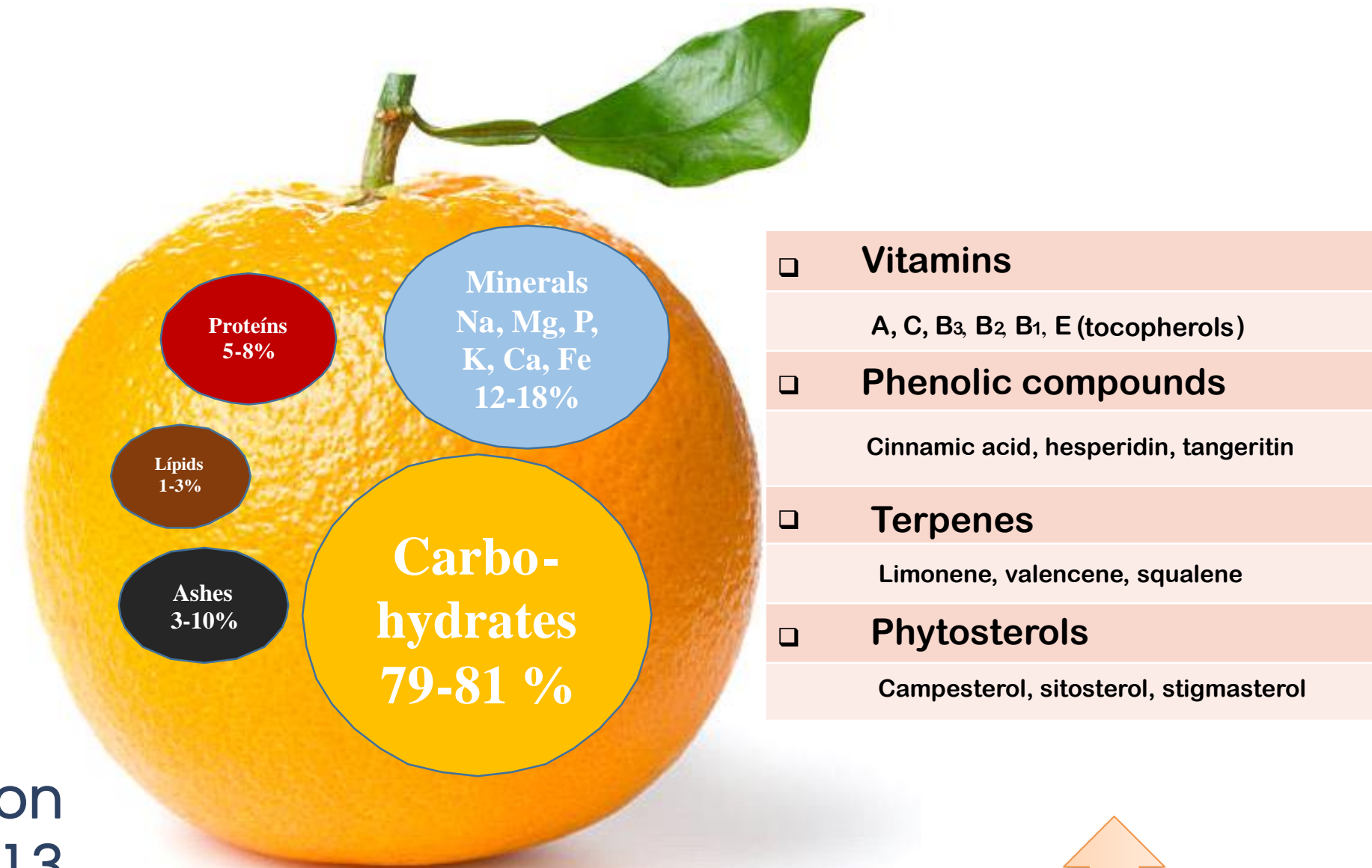
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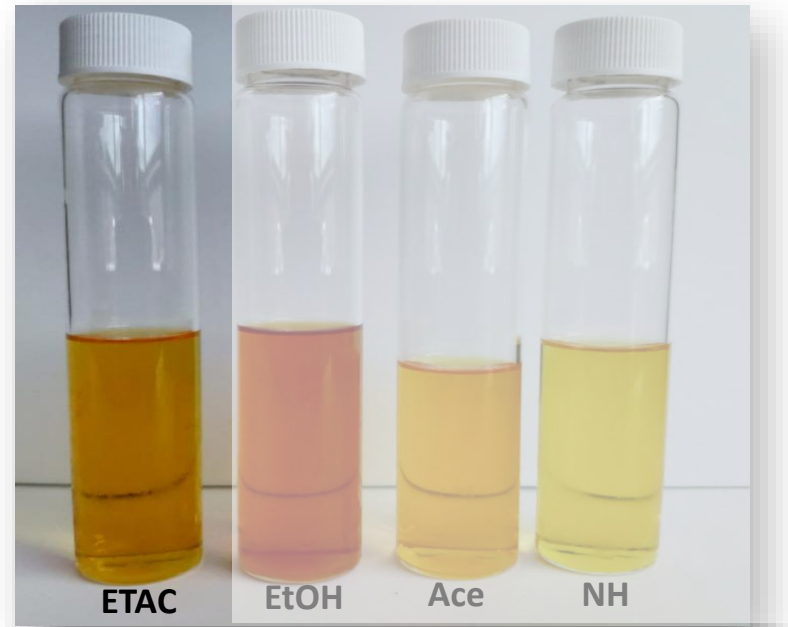




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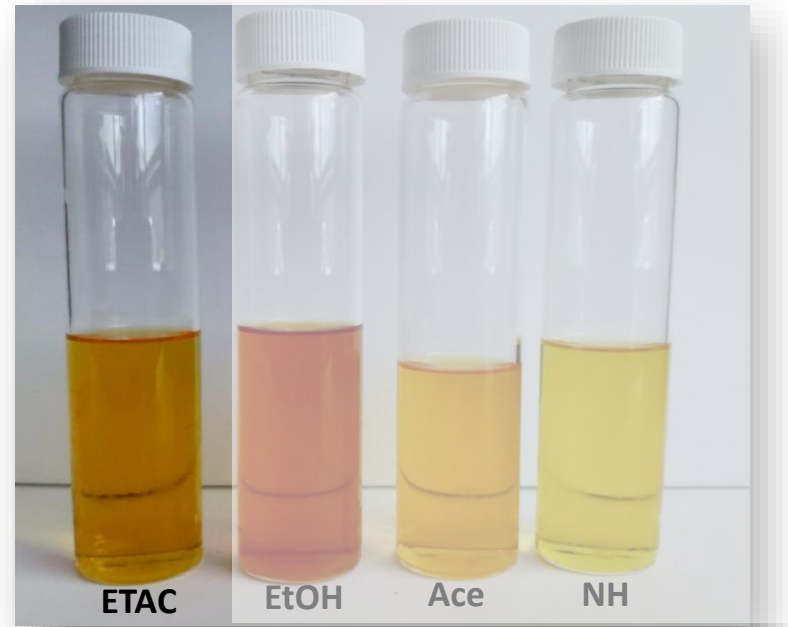
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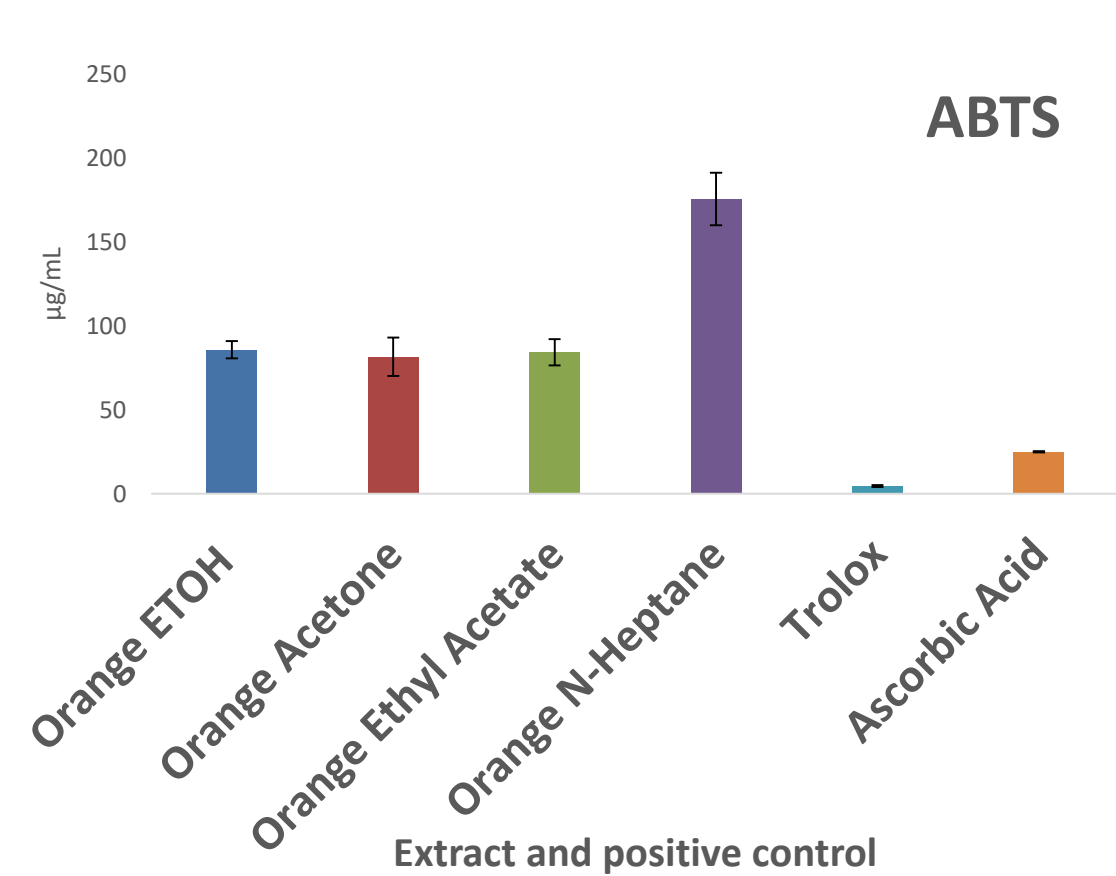
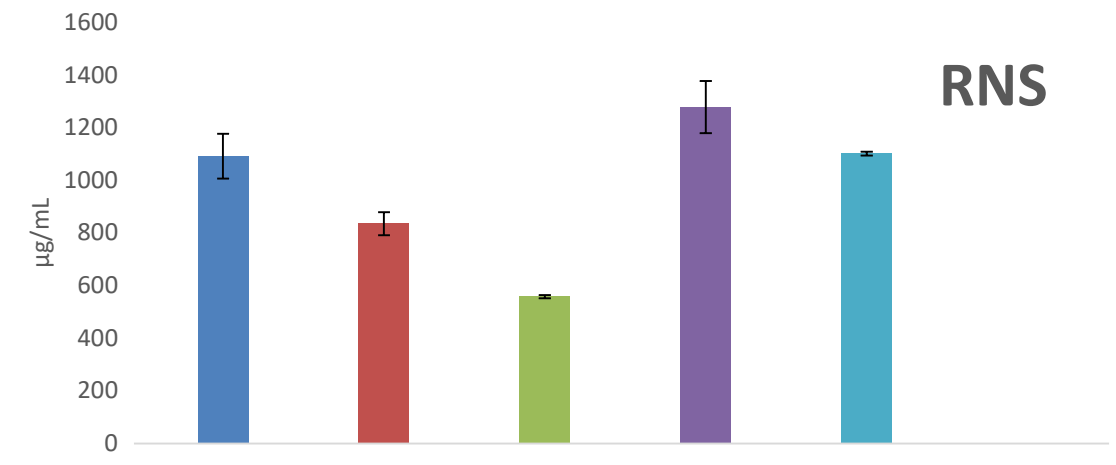
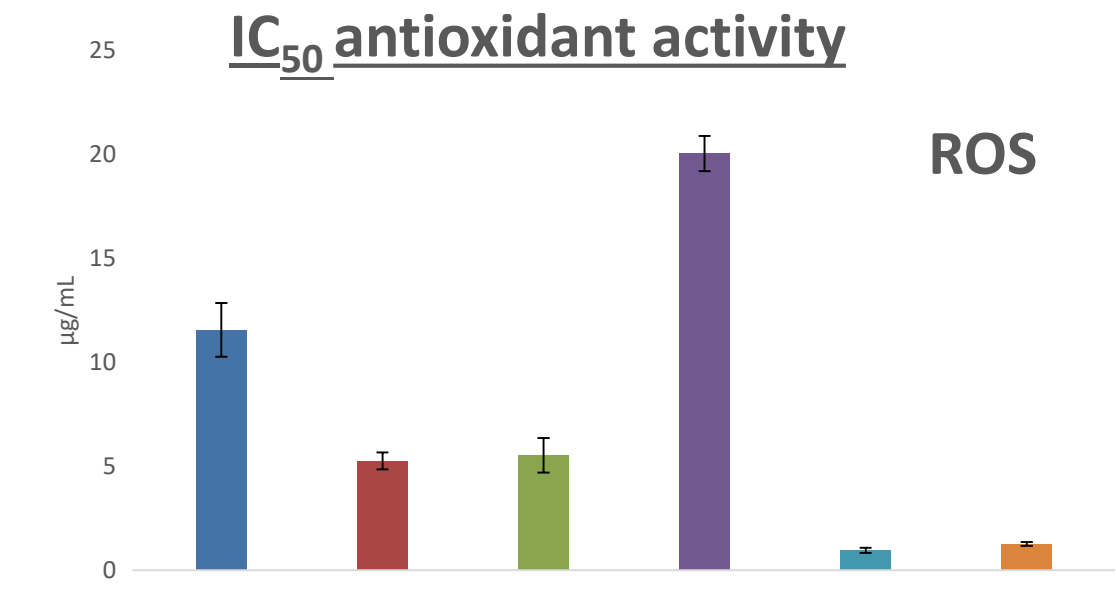
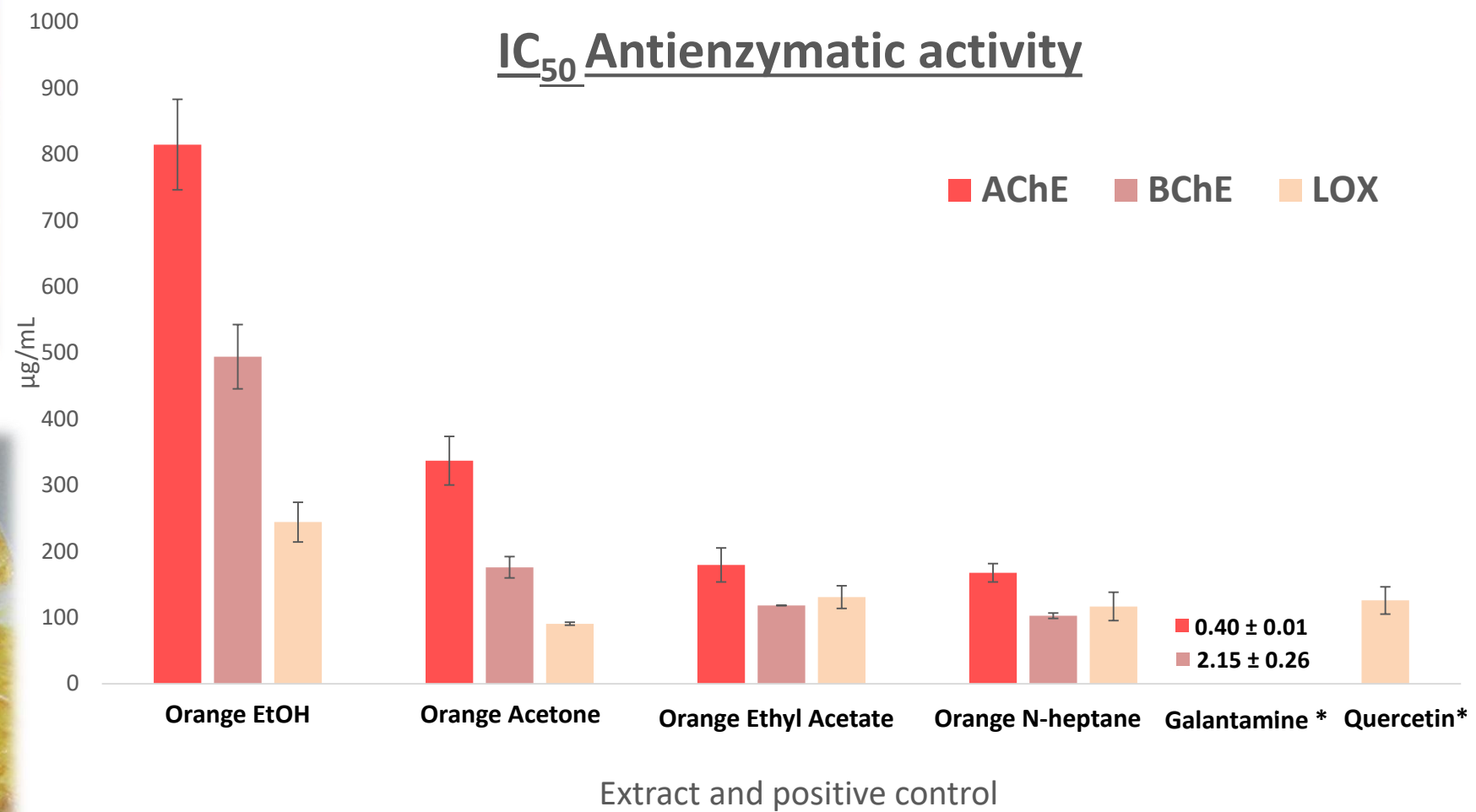




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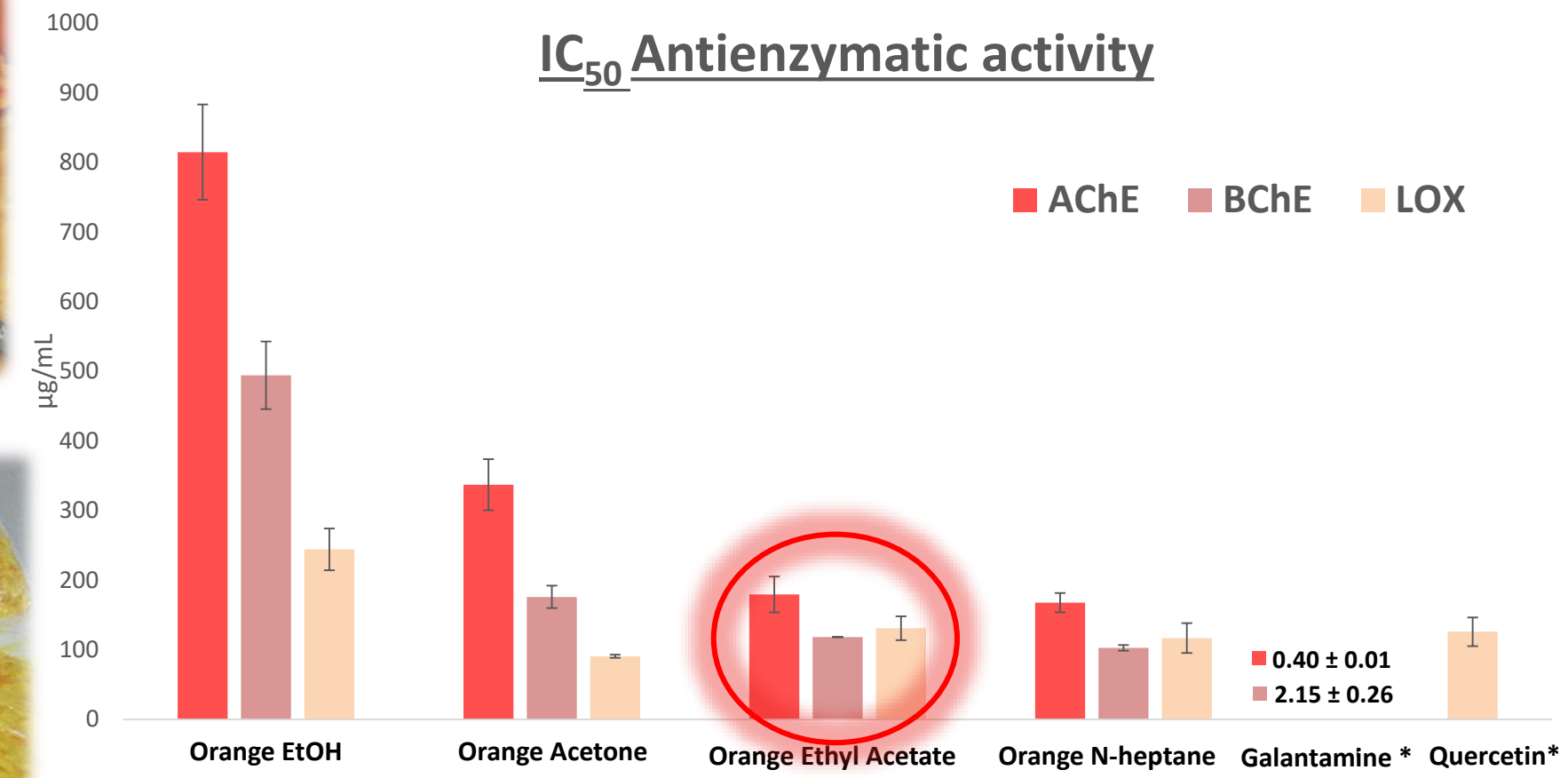




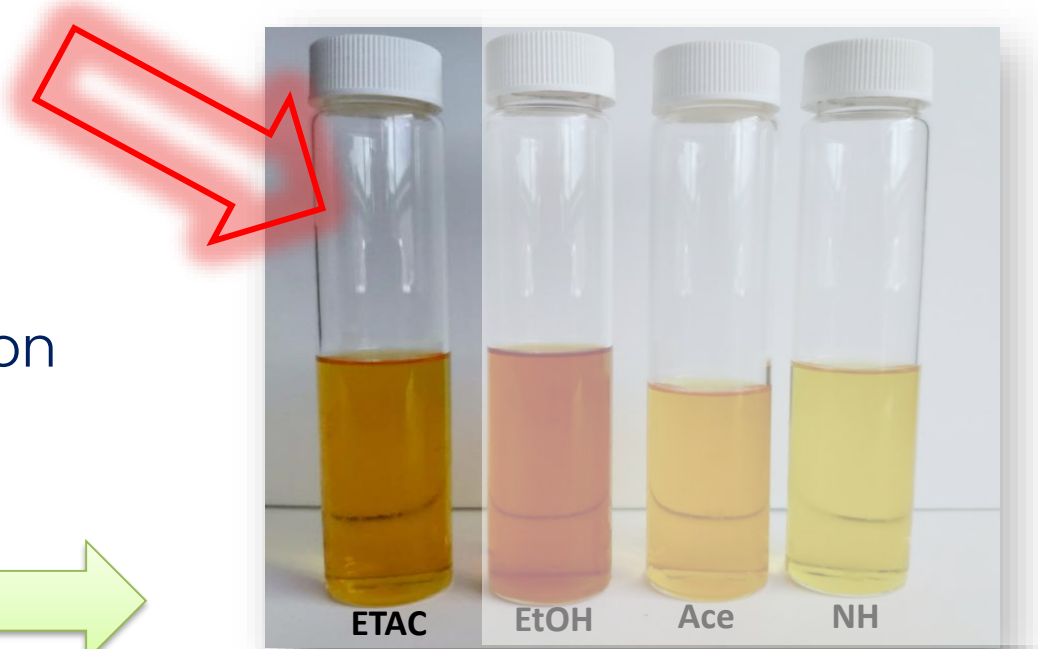
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IC<sub>50</sub> Antienzymatic activity

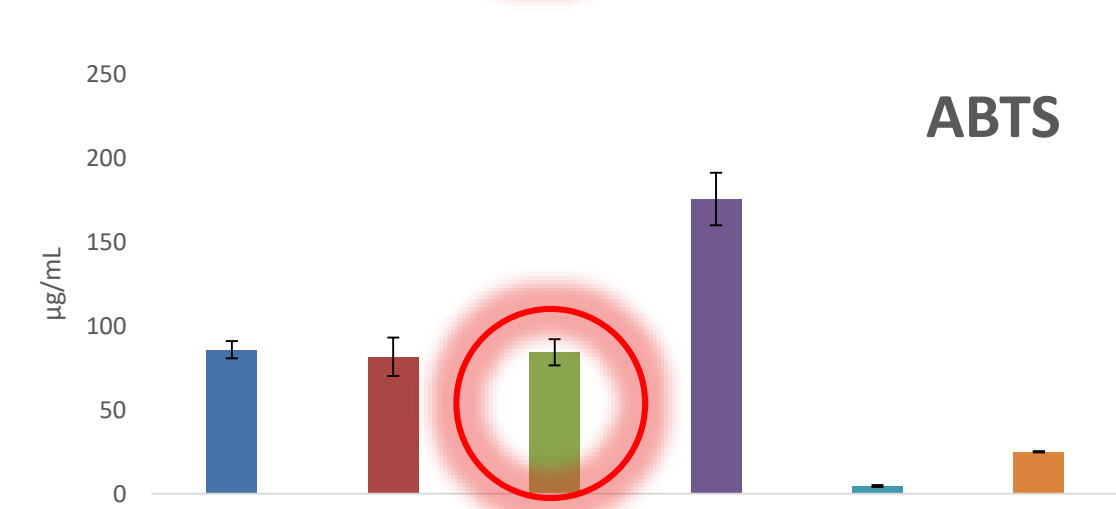
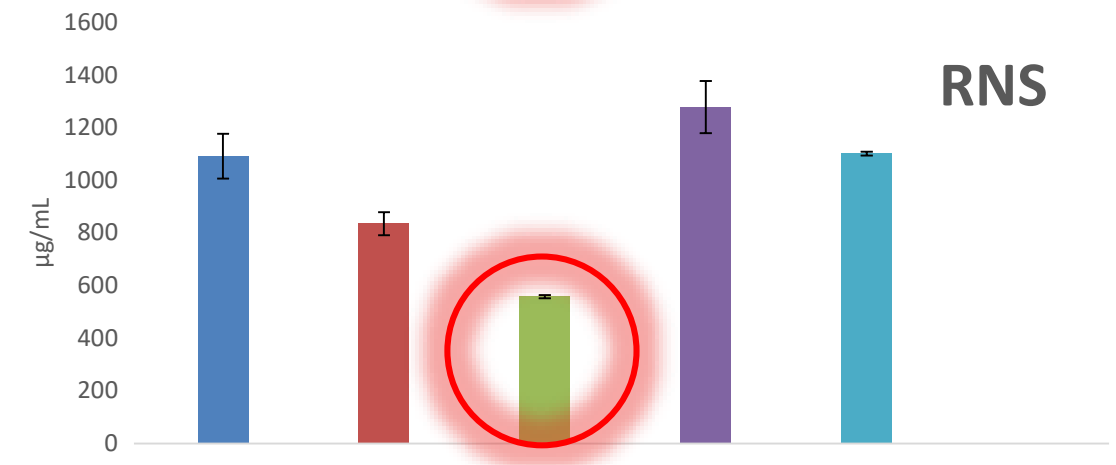
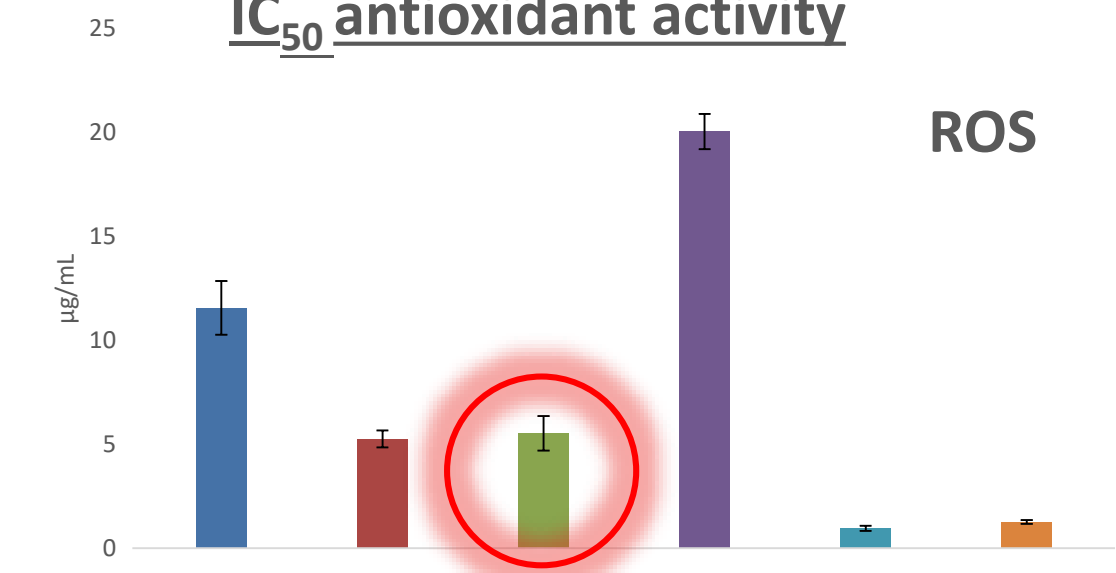


Extract and positive control



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IC<sub>50</sub> antioxidant activity



Extract and positive control





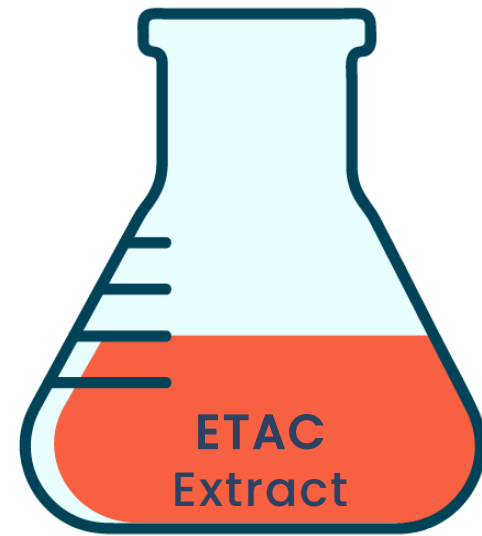
GC-Q-TOF-MS/MS



## PHYTOCHEMICAL PROFILING

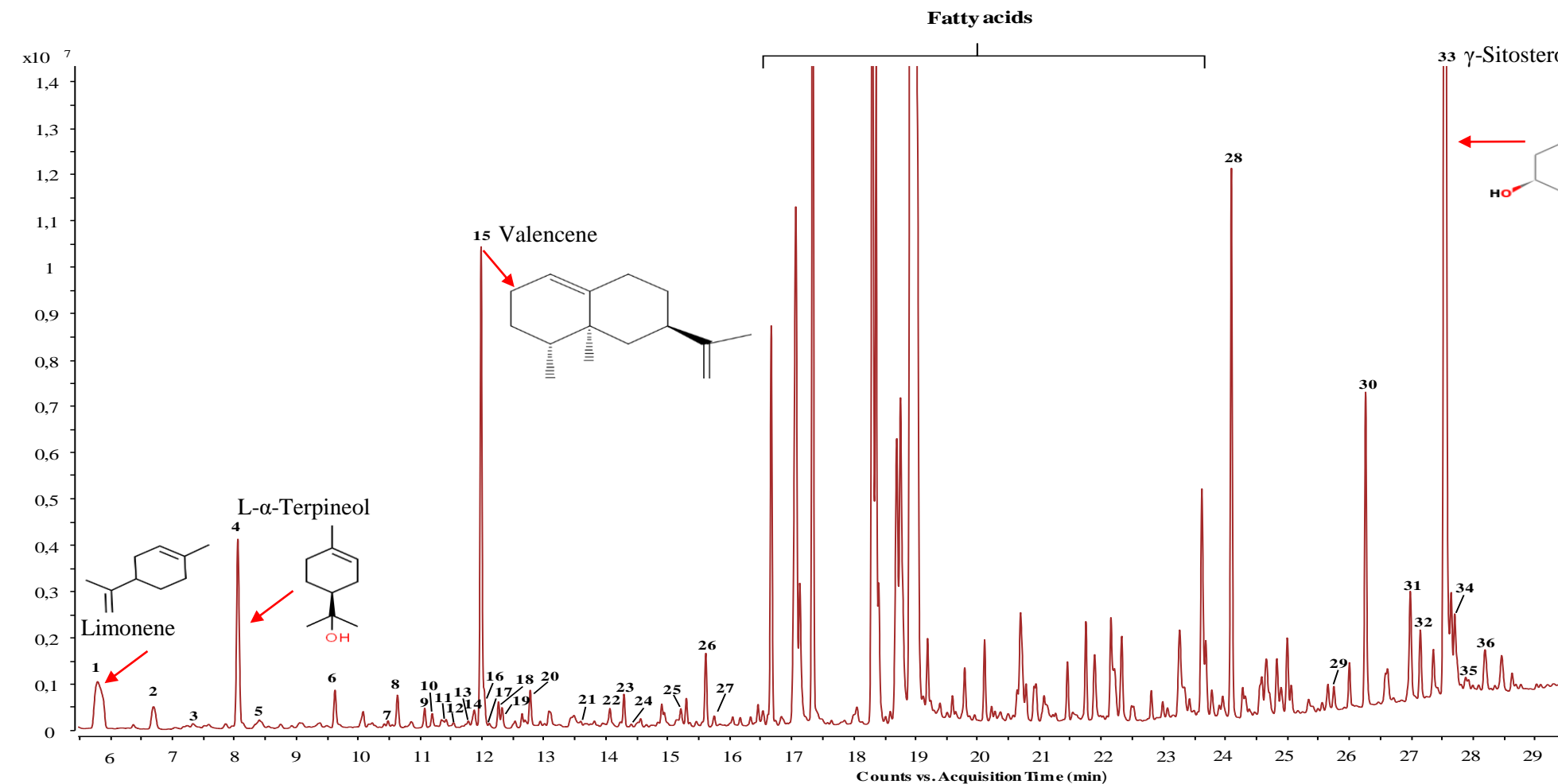


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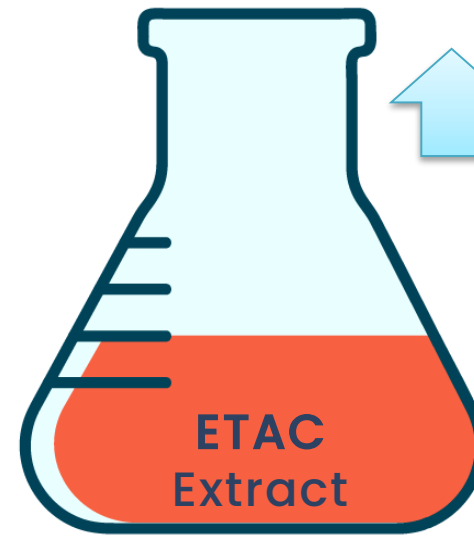




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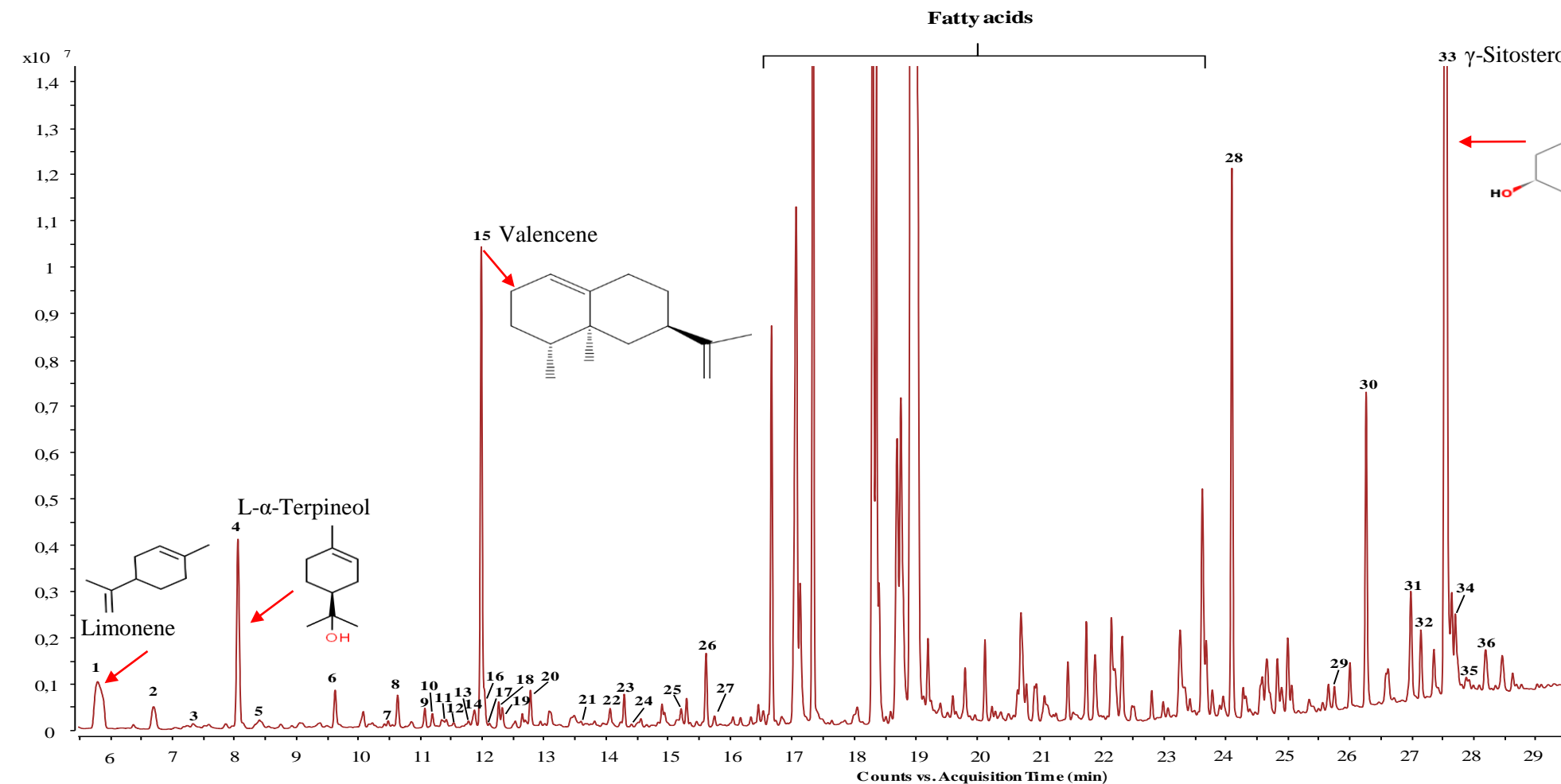


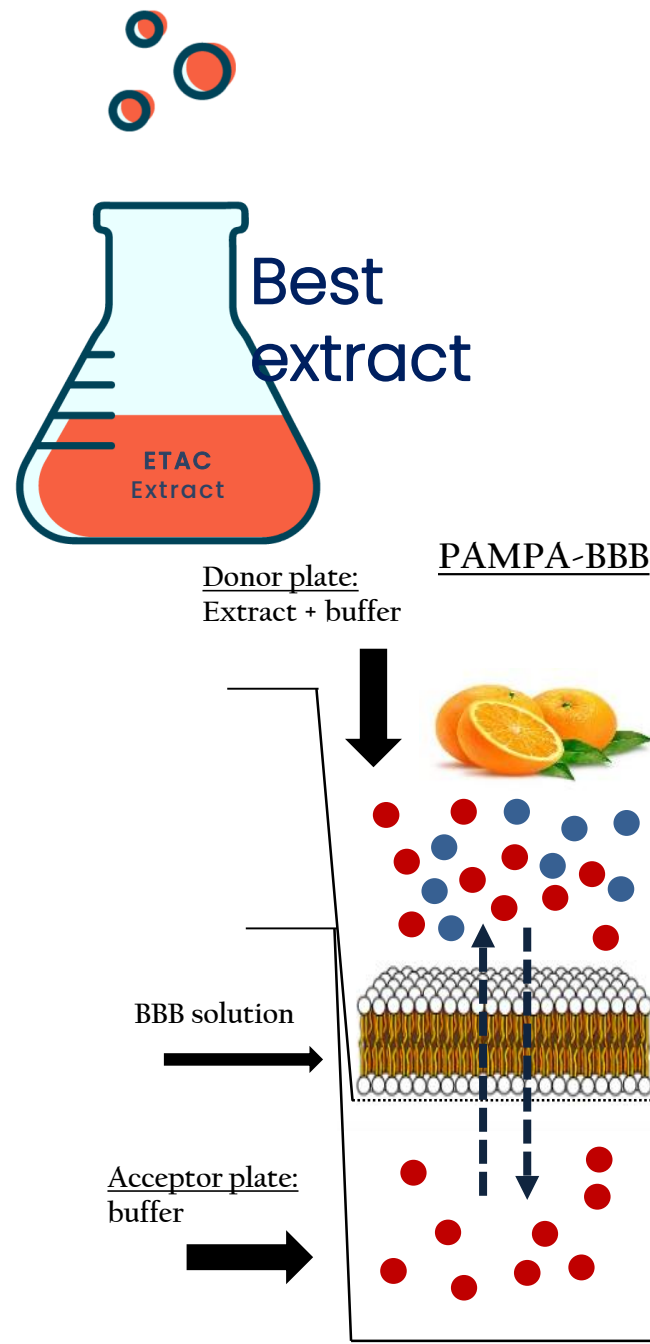
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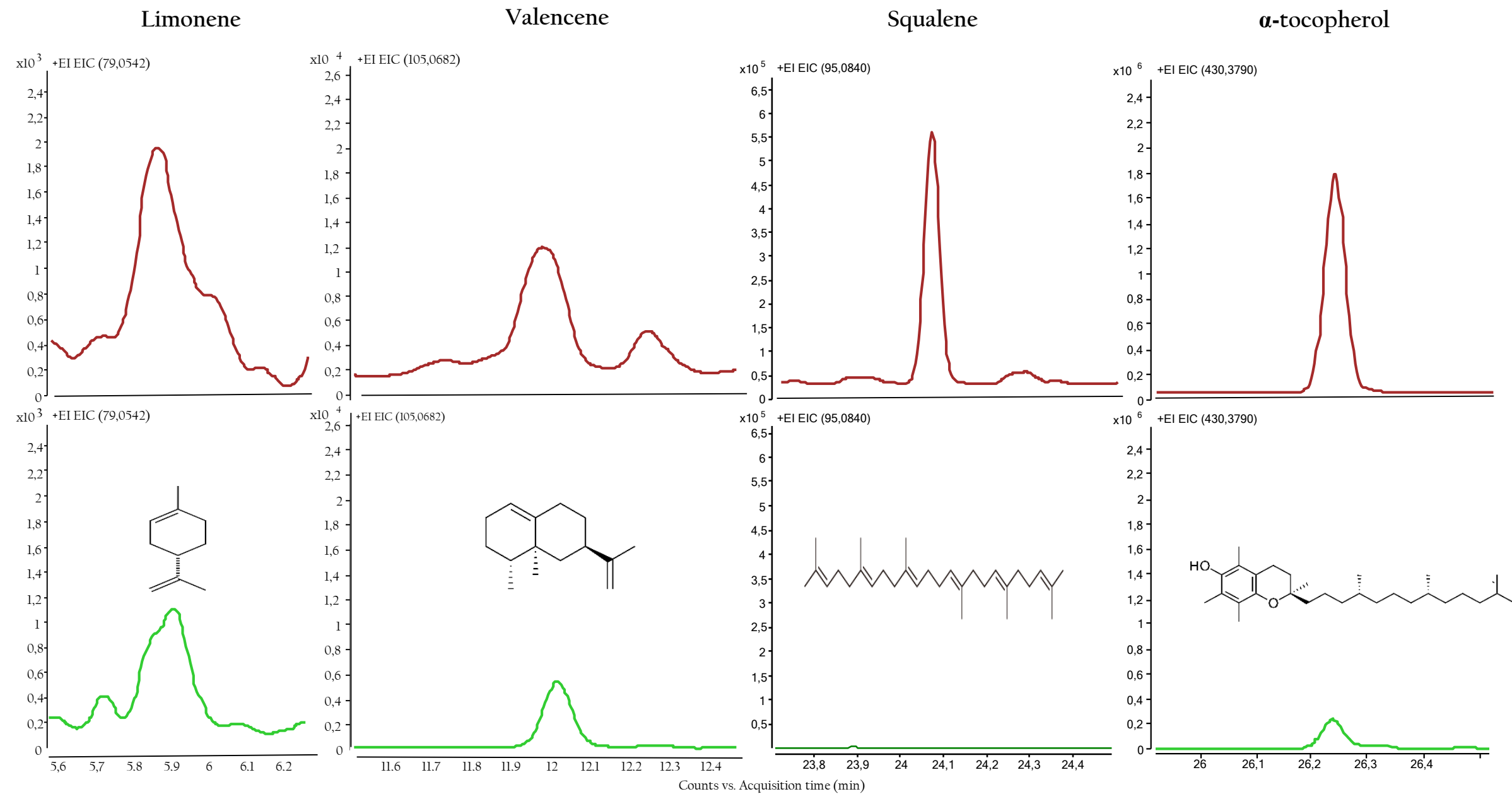
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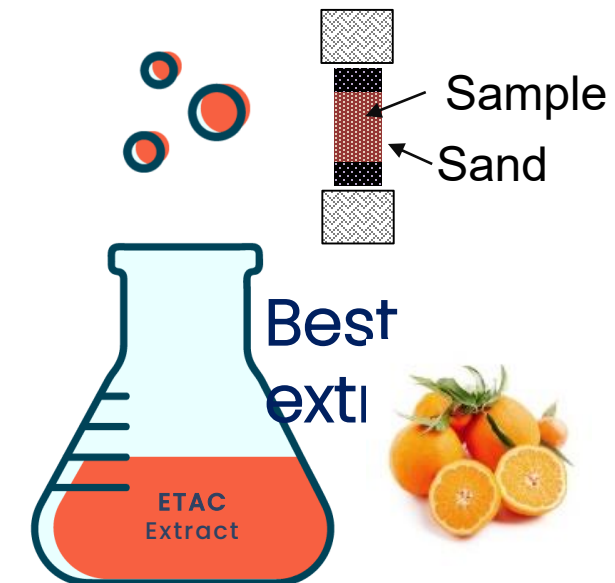




## Parallel artificial membrane permeability assay for the blood-brain barrier (PAMPA-BBB)

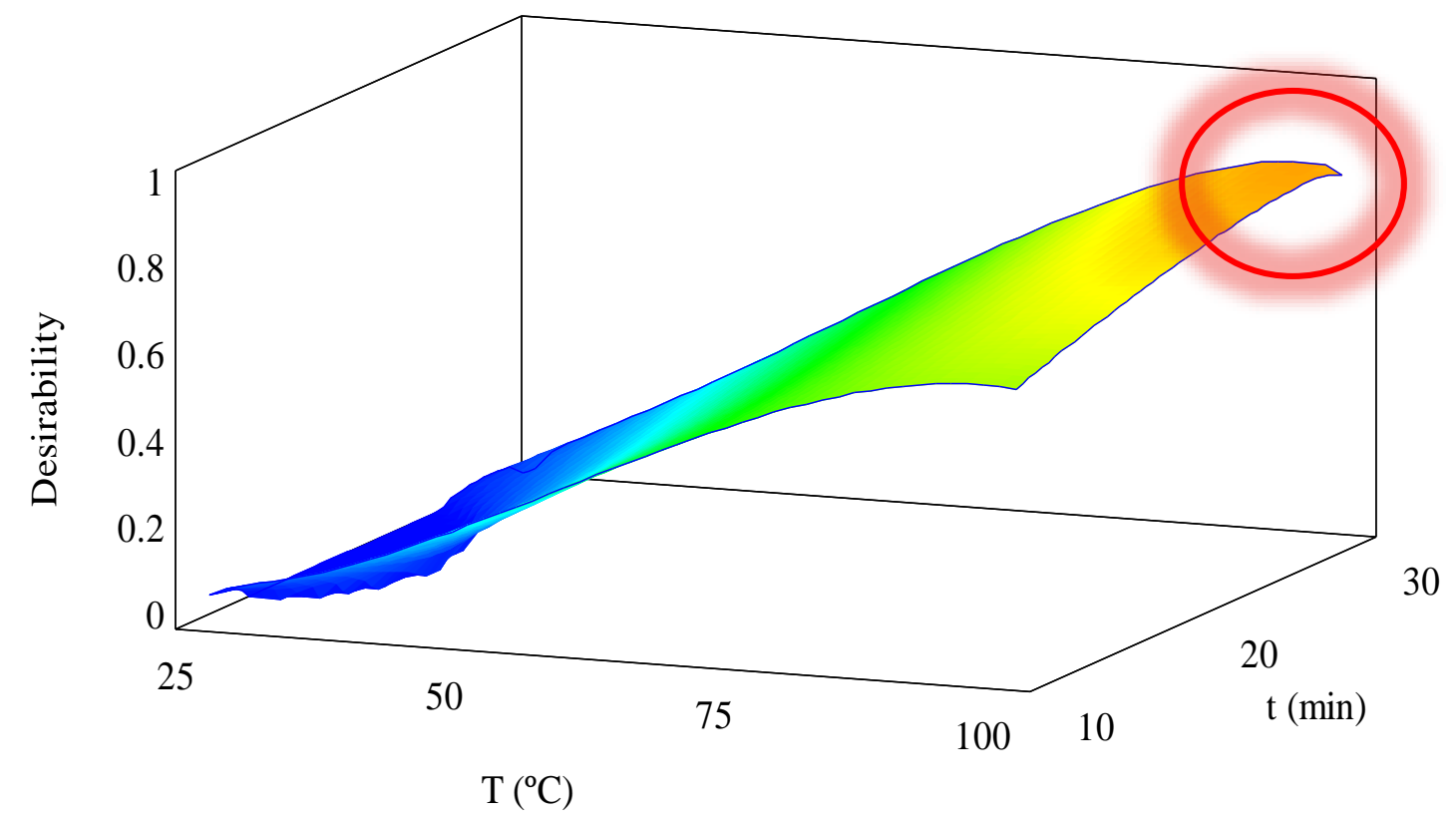




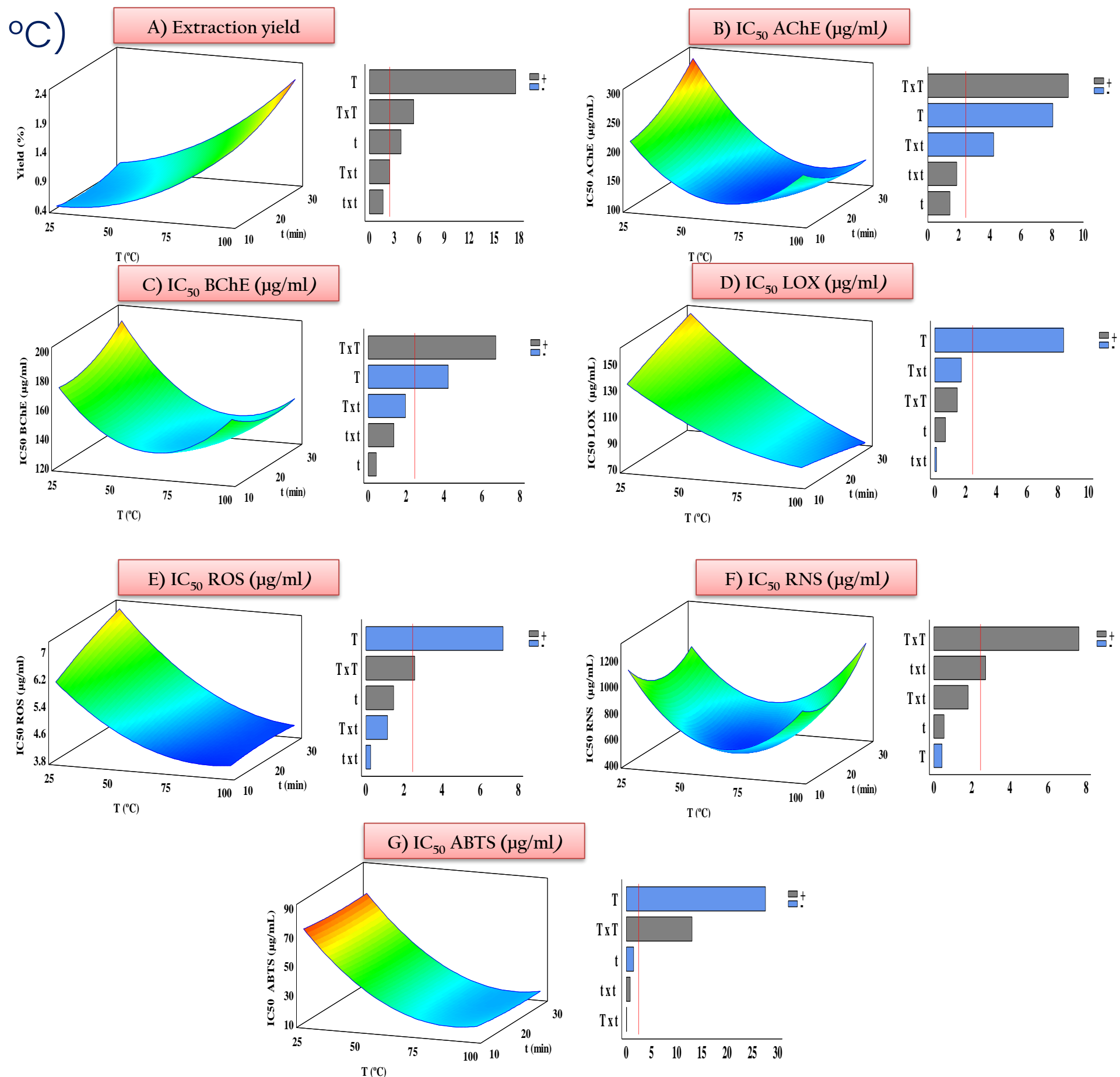


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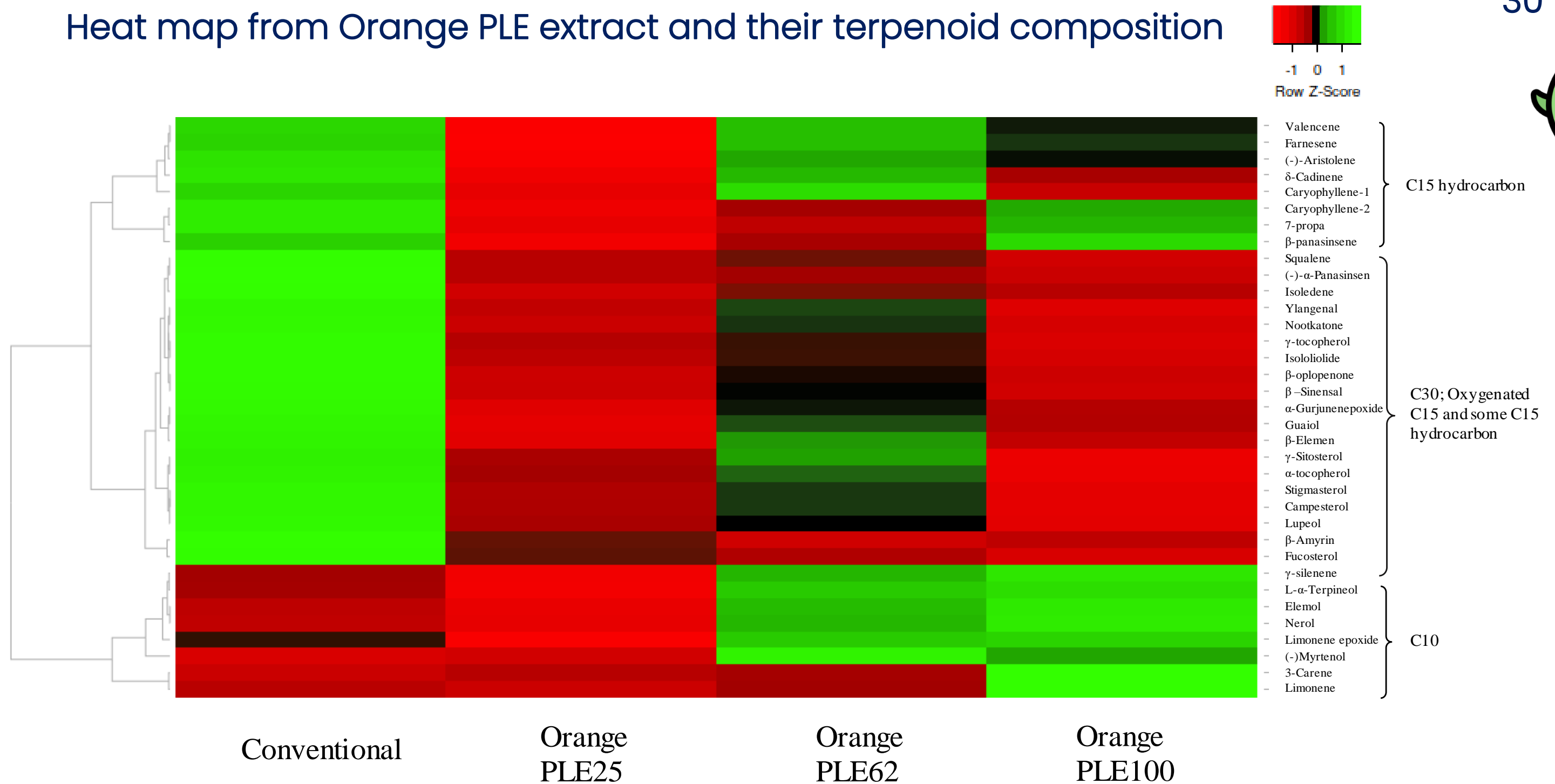
Response surfaces of each response variables and their corresponding Standardized Pareto charts.



Extract	(IC 50 µg/mL)						%	
	AChE	BChE	LOX	ABTS	ROS - ORAC	RNS	Yield	
Optimal PLE PLE100	137.1 <sup>de</sup> ± 8.1	147.0 <sup>cde</sup> ± 7.5	76.1 <sup>f</sup> ± 10.4	13.5 <sup>e</sup> ± 0.8	4.4 <sup>d<sup>ef</sup></sup> ± 0.4	1199 <sup>a</sup> ± 98	2.1 <sup>b</sup> ± 0.2	
Conventional	179.2 <sup>c</sup> ± 25.1	102.2 <sup>f</sup> ± 4.5	130.7 <sup>c</sup> ± 7.0	84.1 <sup>a</sup> ± 7.7	5.5 <sup>c</sup> ± 0.1	556.9 <sup>ef</sup> ± 11	0.5 <sup>f</sup> ± 0.0	

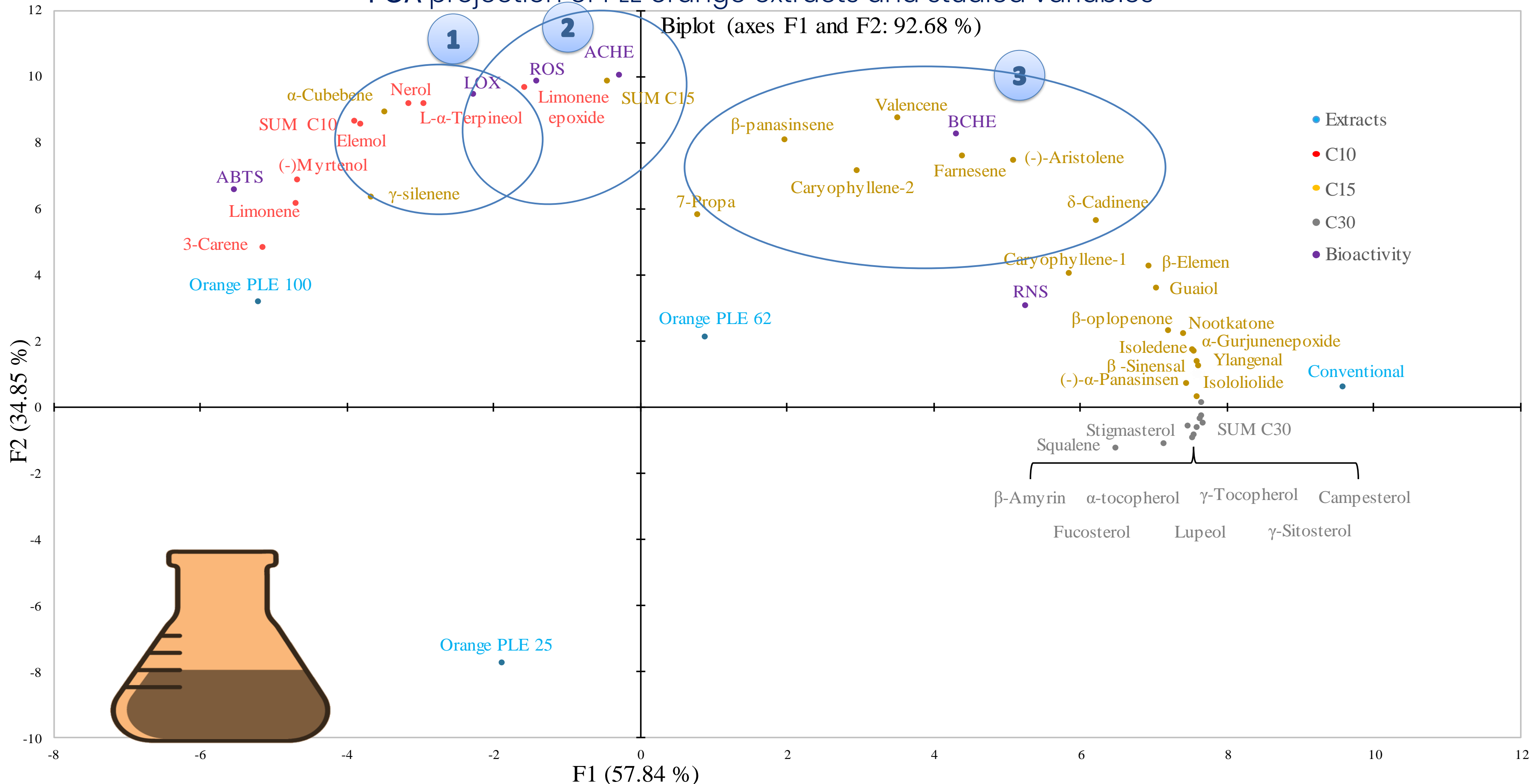
Heat map from Orange PLE extract and their terpenoid composition

30 min vs 24h

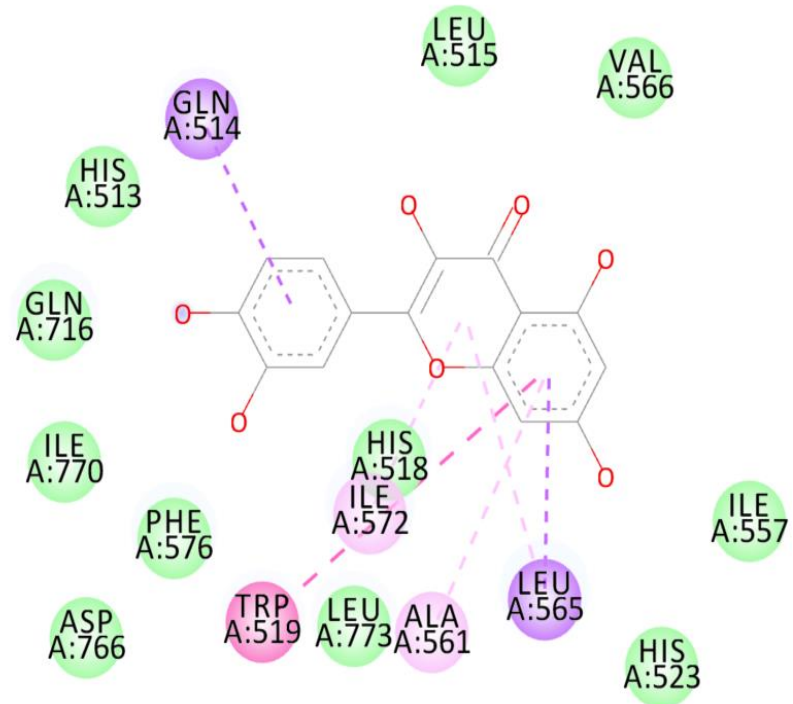




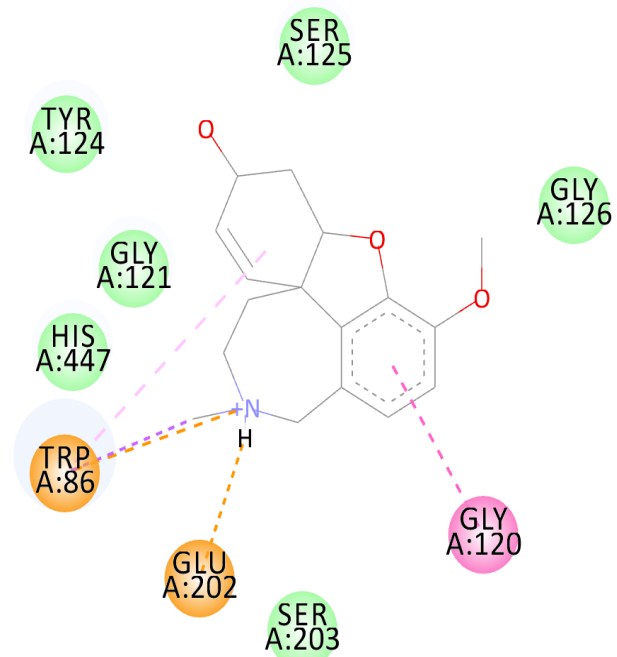
PCA projection of PLE orange extracts and studied variables



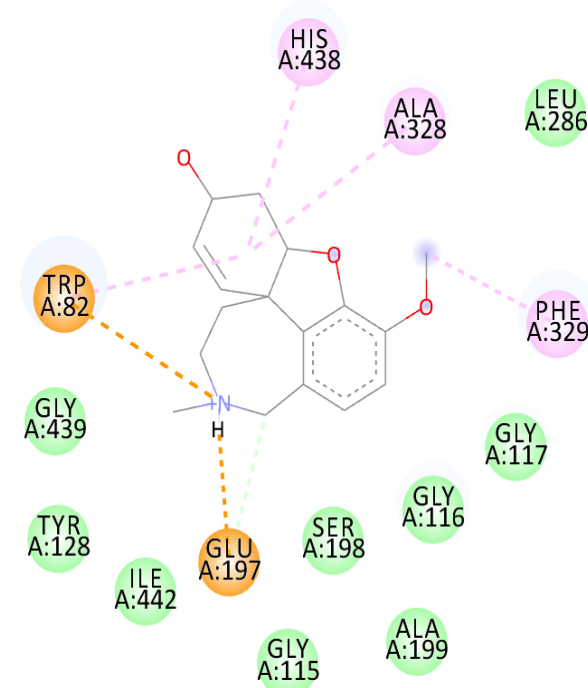
**Control**



**Quercetin – Lipoxigenase - 5,84**



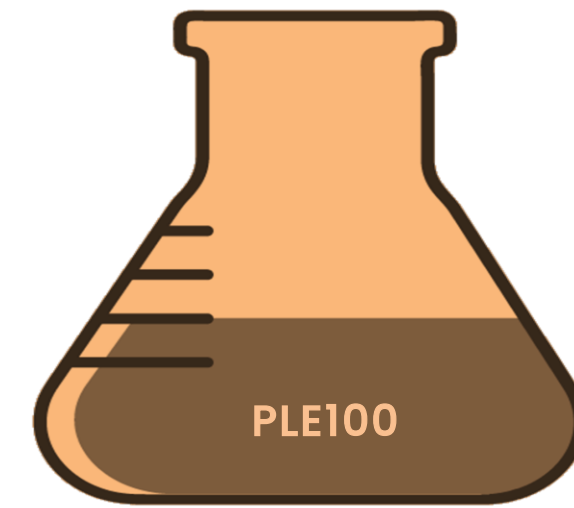
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**Galantamine – BChE - 6,67**

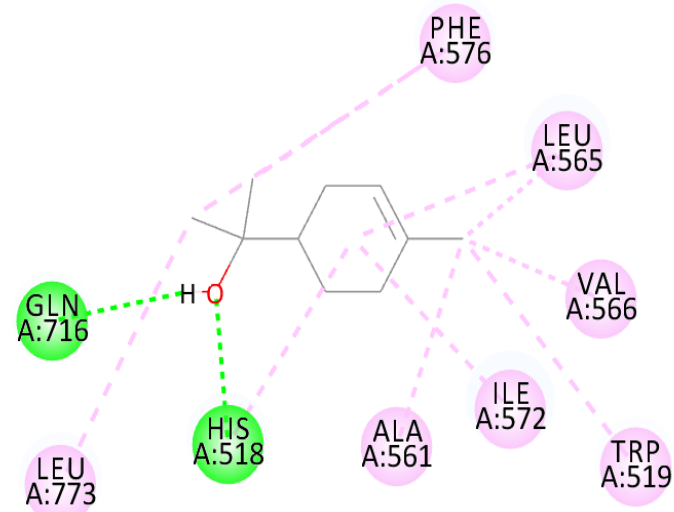
**Bound  
Colour legends**

- van der Waals
- Pi-Sigma
- Alkyl
- Pi-Alkyl
- Salt Bridge
- Carbon Hydrogen Bond
- Pi-Cation
- Conventional Hydrogen Bond



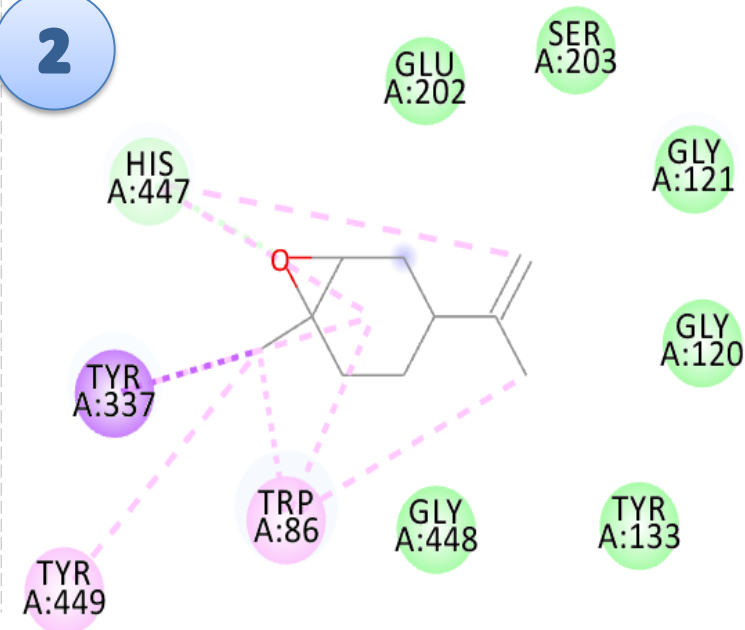
**Natural terpenoids**

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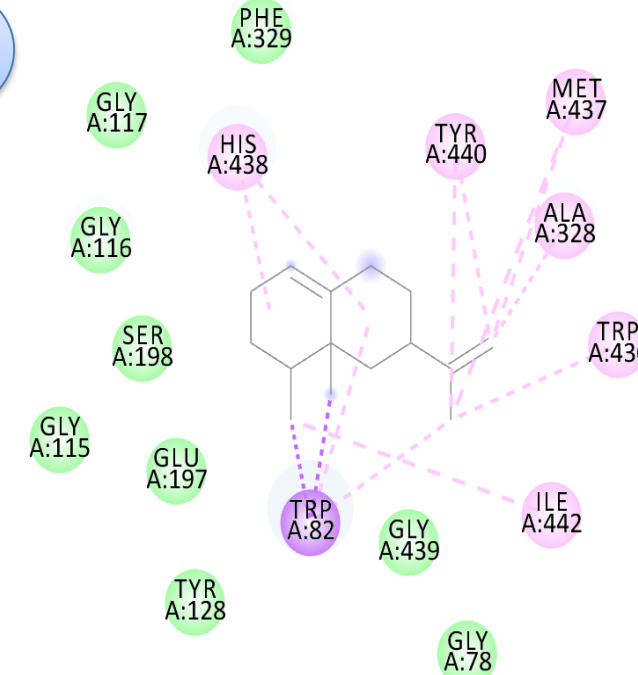
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**Limonene epoxide – AChE -5,54**

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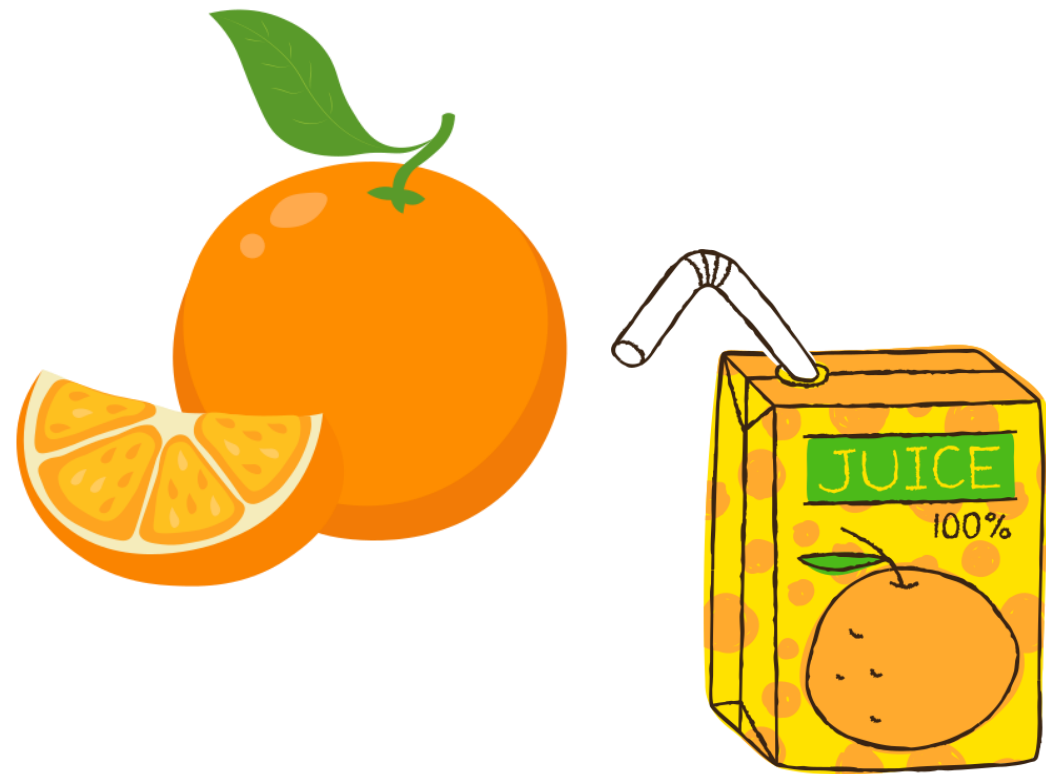
**IN SILICO MOLECULAR DOCKING MODEL**

The enzymes LOX, AChE and BChE docking complexes with different ligands, the controls, that are commonly known inhibitors, and the new complexes performed with different terpenoids. **In red colour are the different binding energies acquired.**



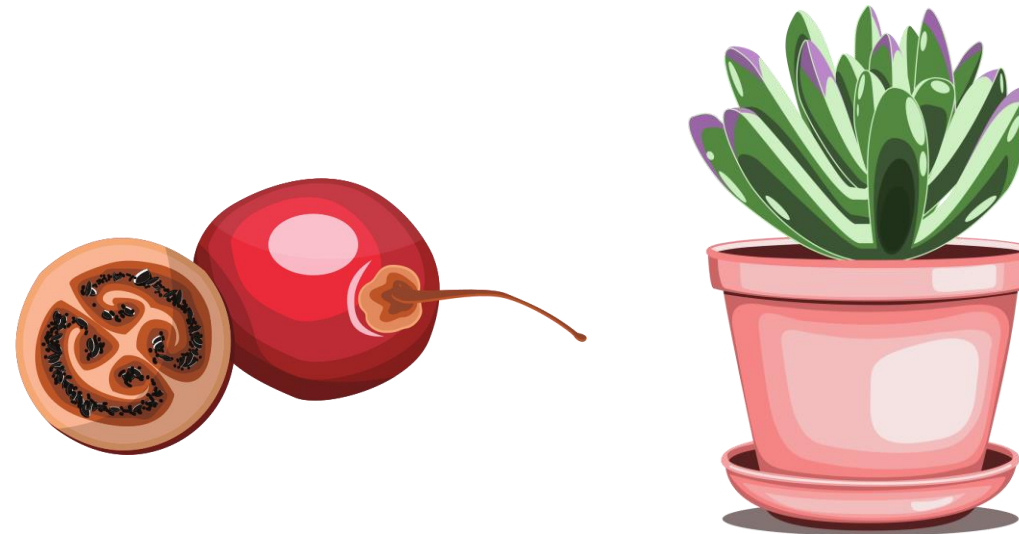
## PART I

Study of the neuroprotective potential of extracts from orange by-products .



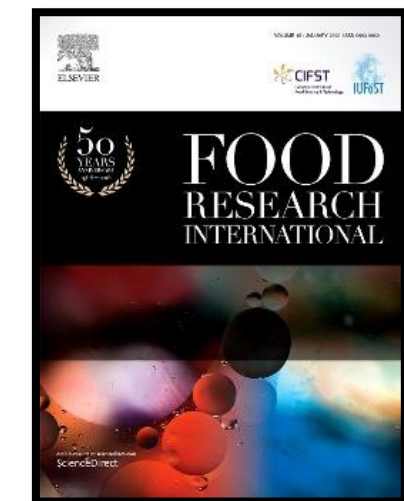
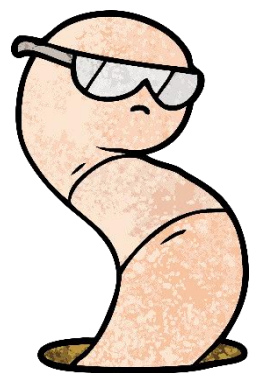
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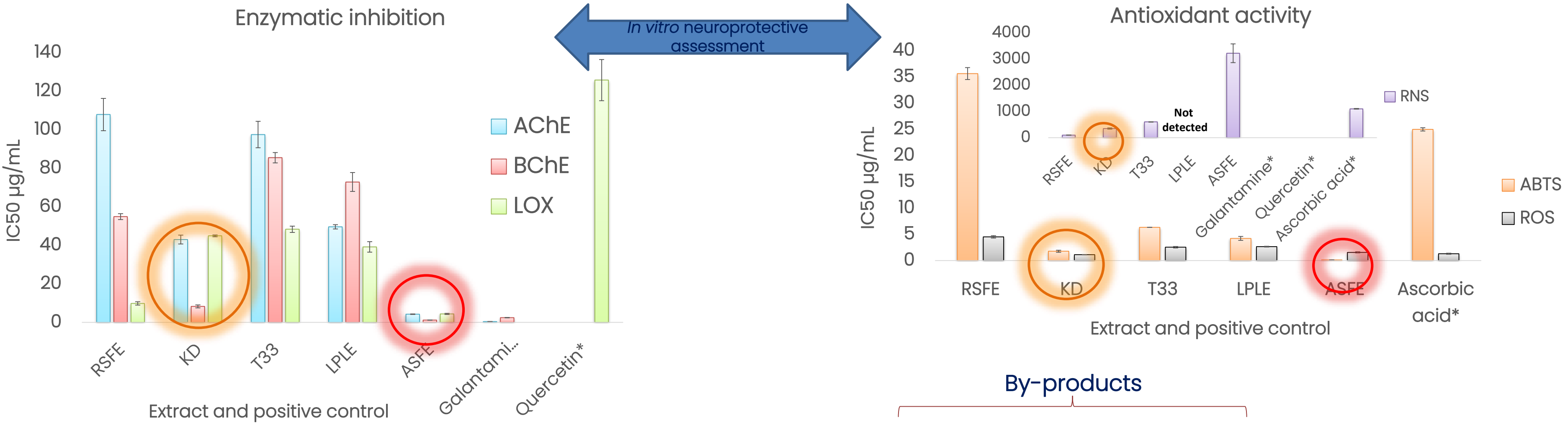
Other natural matrices as a source of neuroprotective compounds and their transport across the BBB.


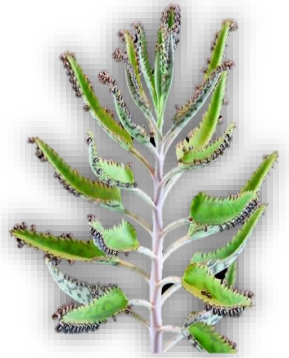





## PART III

Foodomics study of the neuroprotective effect of extracts on *C. elegans* as an *in vivo* model of AD

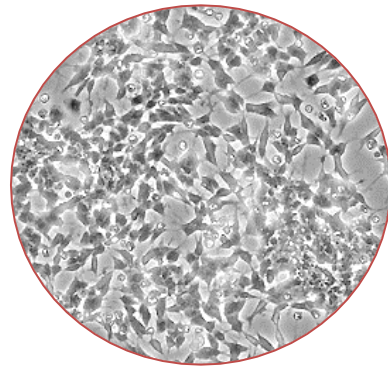




Extract	RSFE	KD	T33	LPLE	ASFE
Plant material	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> L. (Rosemary) (Leaves)	<i>Kalanchoe daigremontiana</i> (Roots)	<i>Cyphomandra betacea</i> (Tamarillo) (Peel)	<i>Nothofagus pumilio</i> (Lenga)	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (Acacia)
Extraction method	SFE	UAE	PLE	PLE	SFE
					



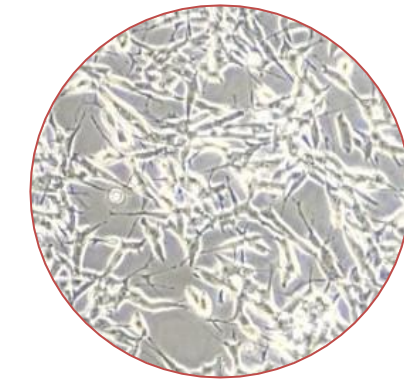
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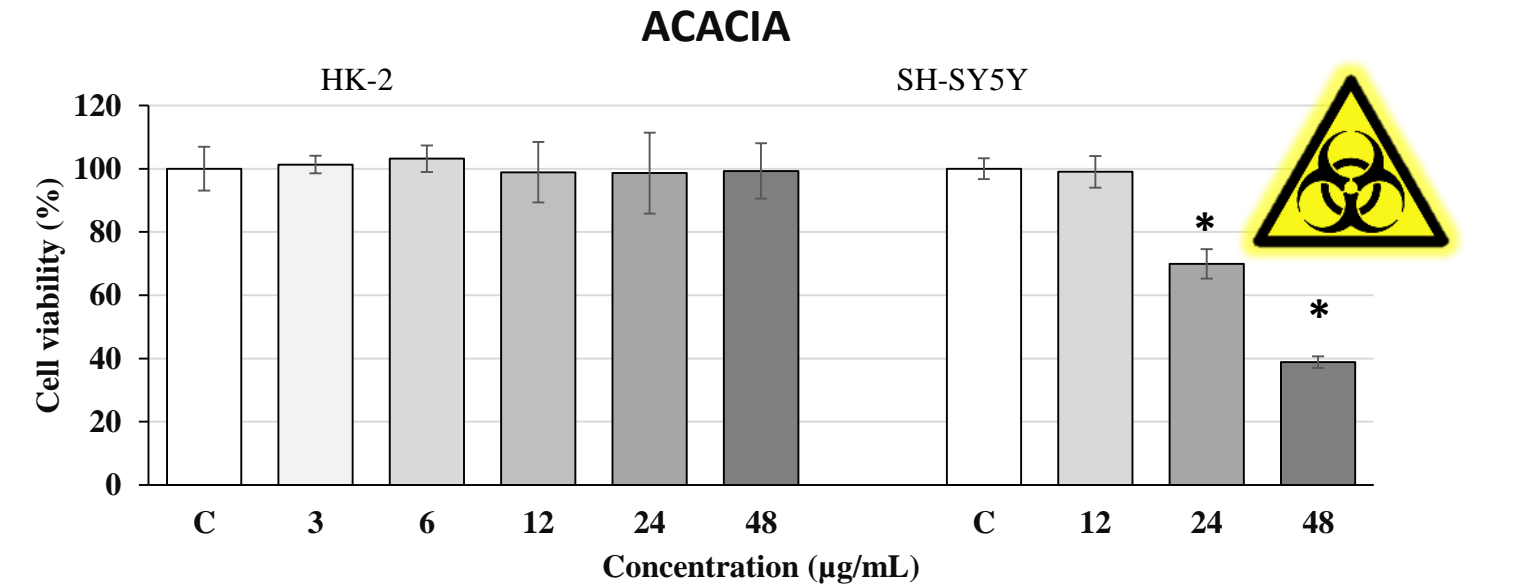
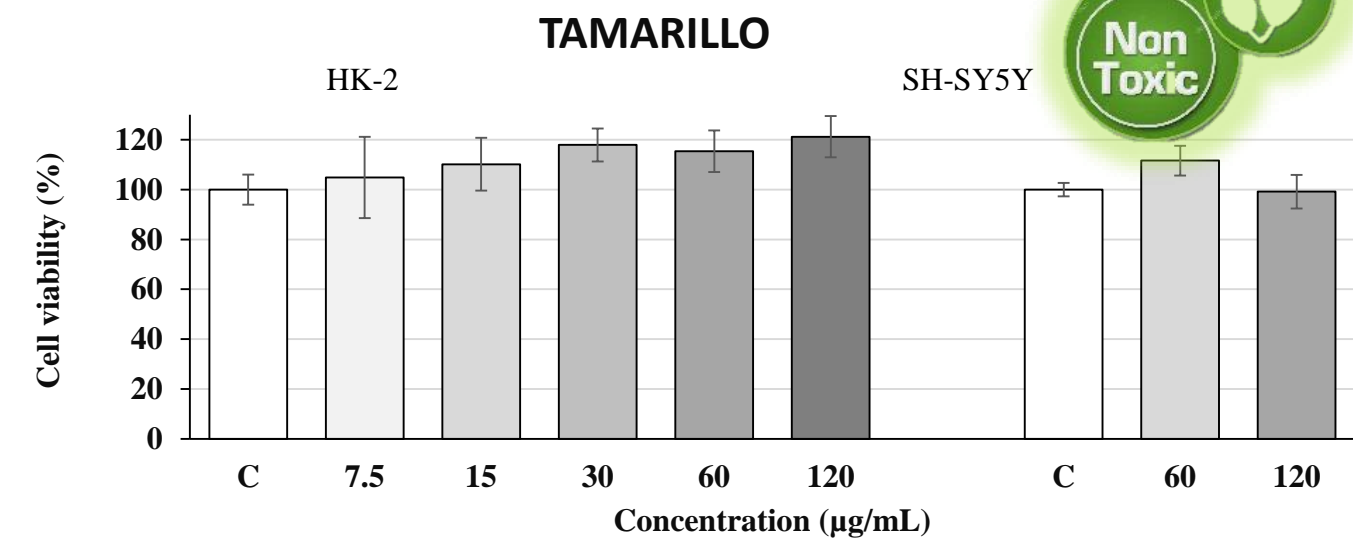
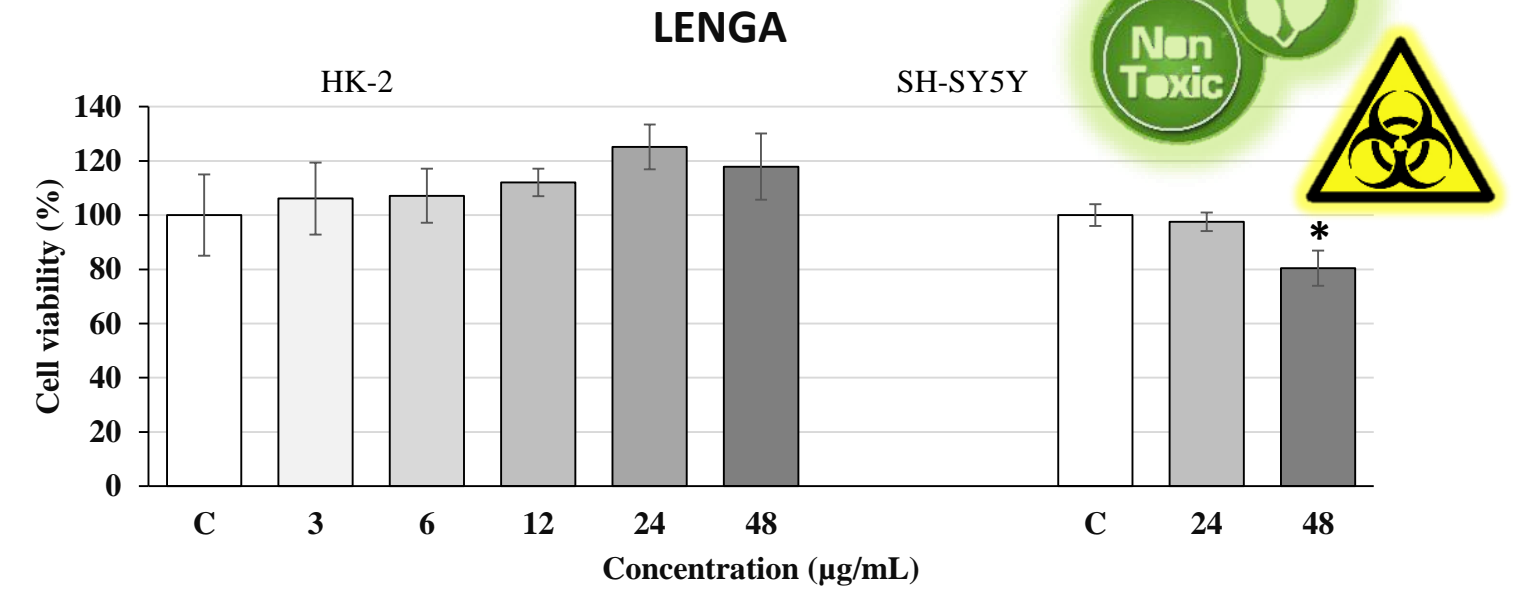
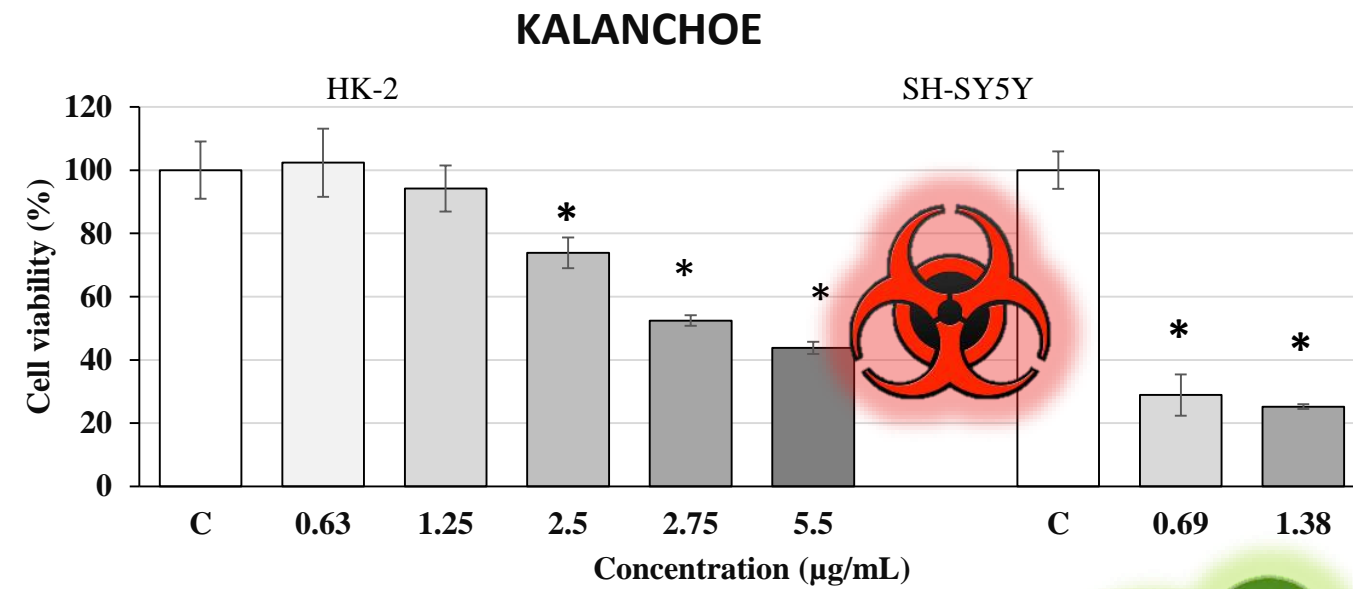
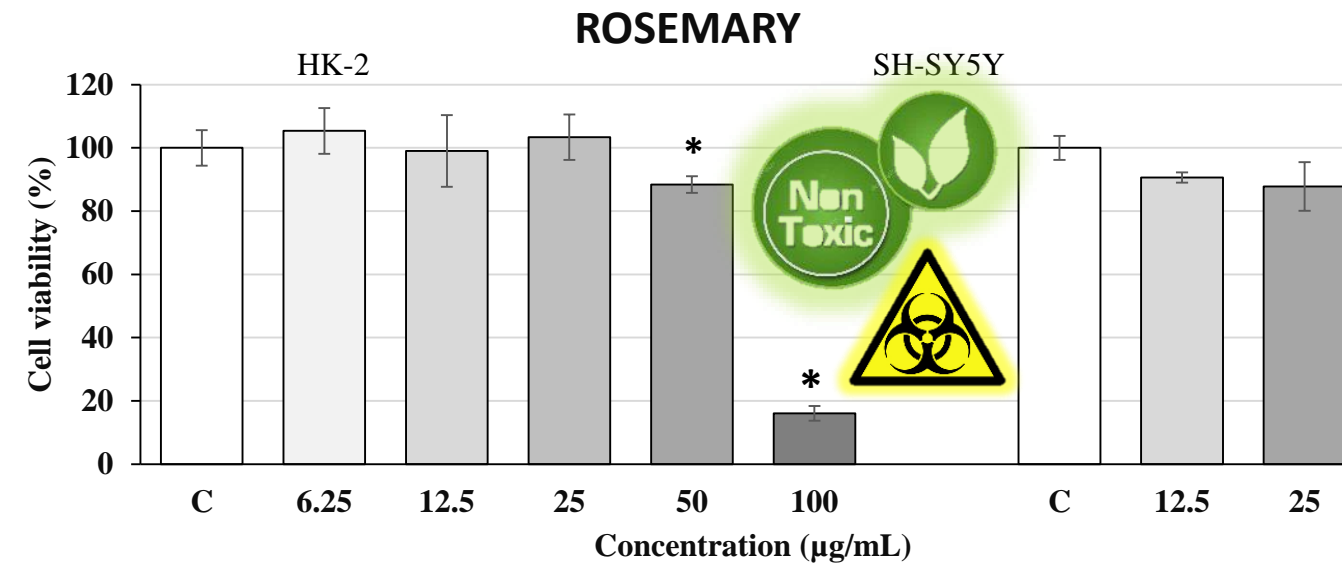
Proximal tubular epithelial cells

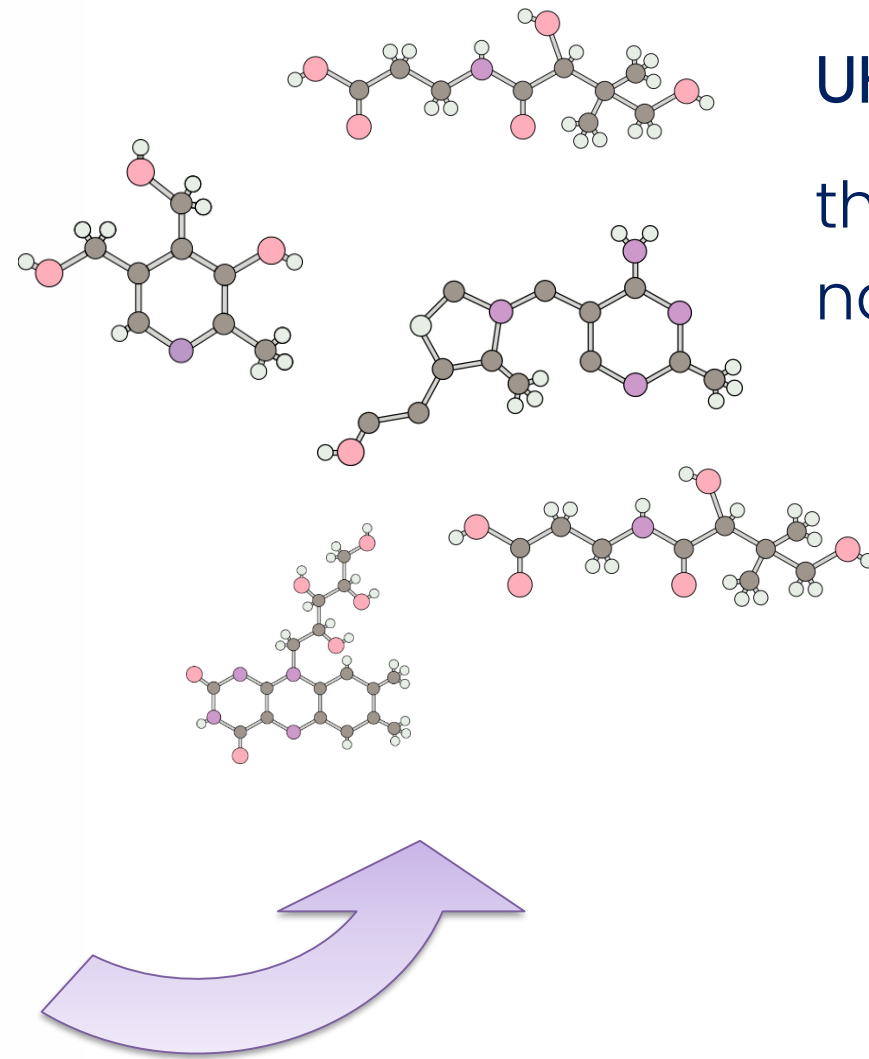
# CYTOTOXICITY ASSAY

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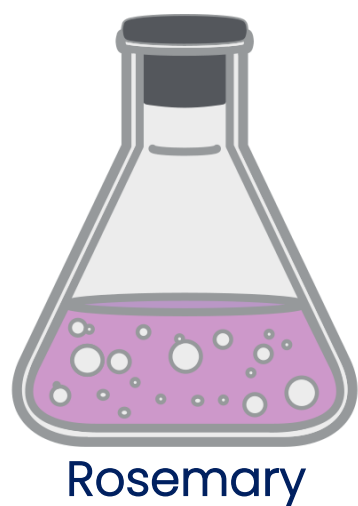
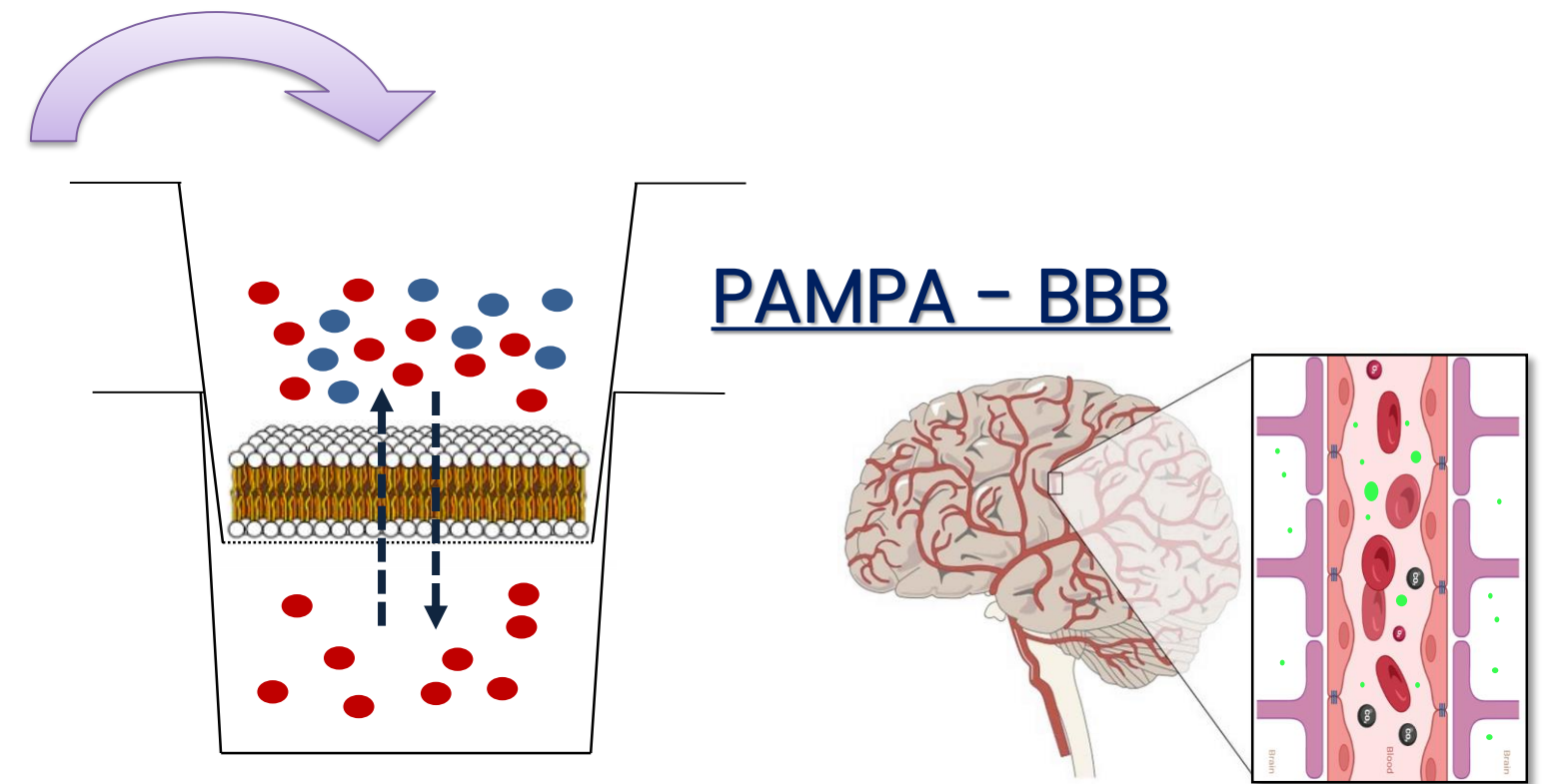


Neuroblastoma





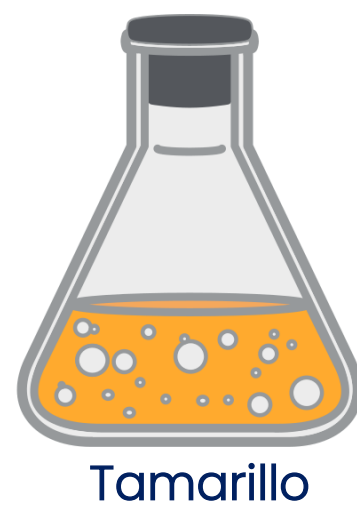
UHPLC-Q-TOF-MS/MS phytochemical profiling allowed the identification of **113** different compounds from the natural matrices studied



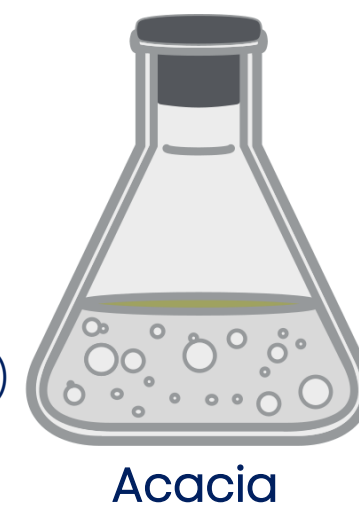
Terpenoids  
Phenolic compound  
(Carnosol, carnosic acid)



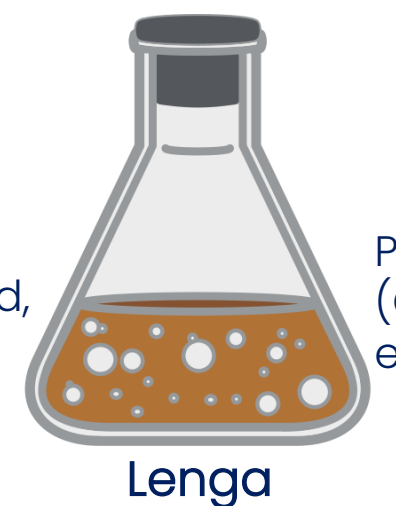
Bufadienolides  
Phenolic acids  
(Vanilic, Syringic and *p*-coumaric acids)



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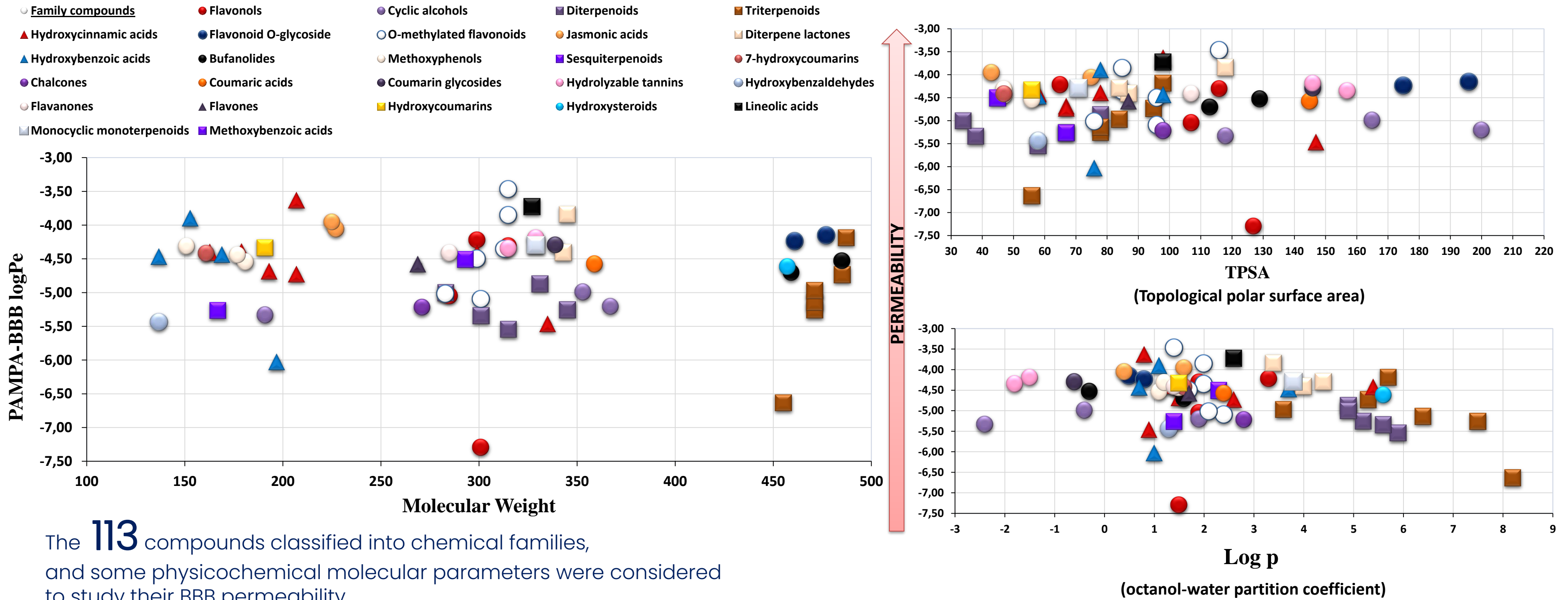


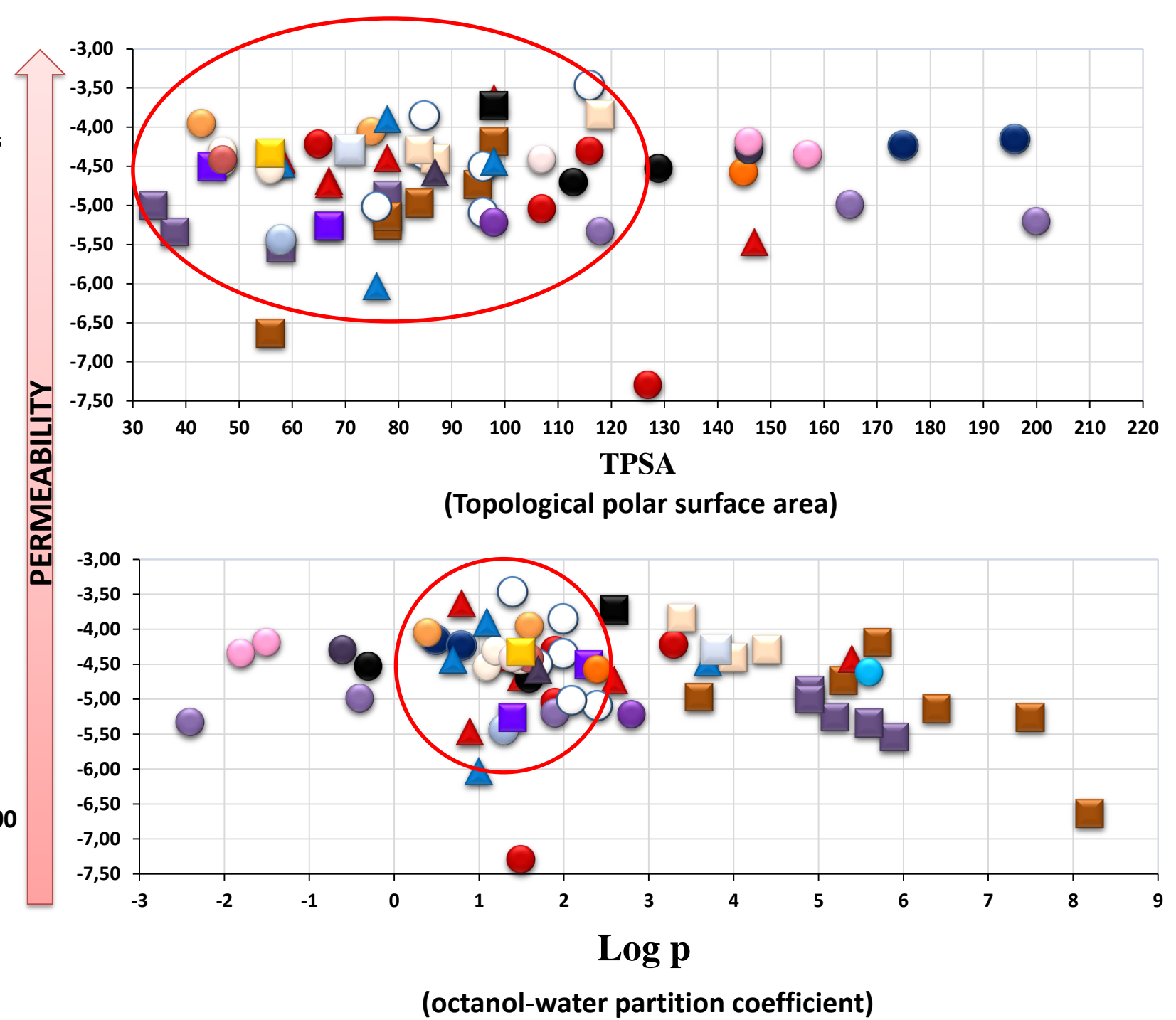
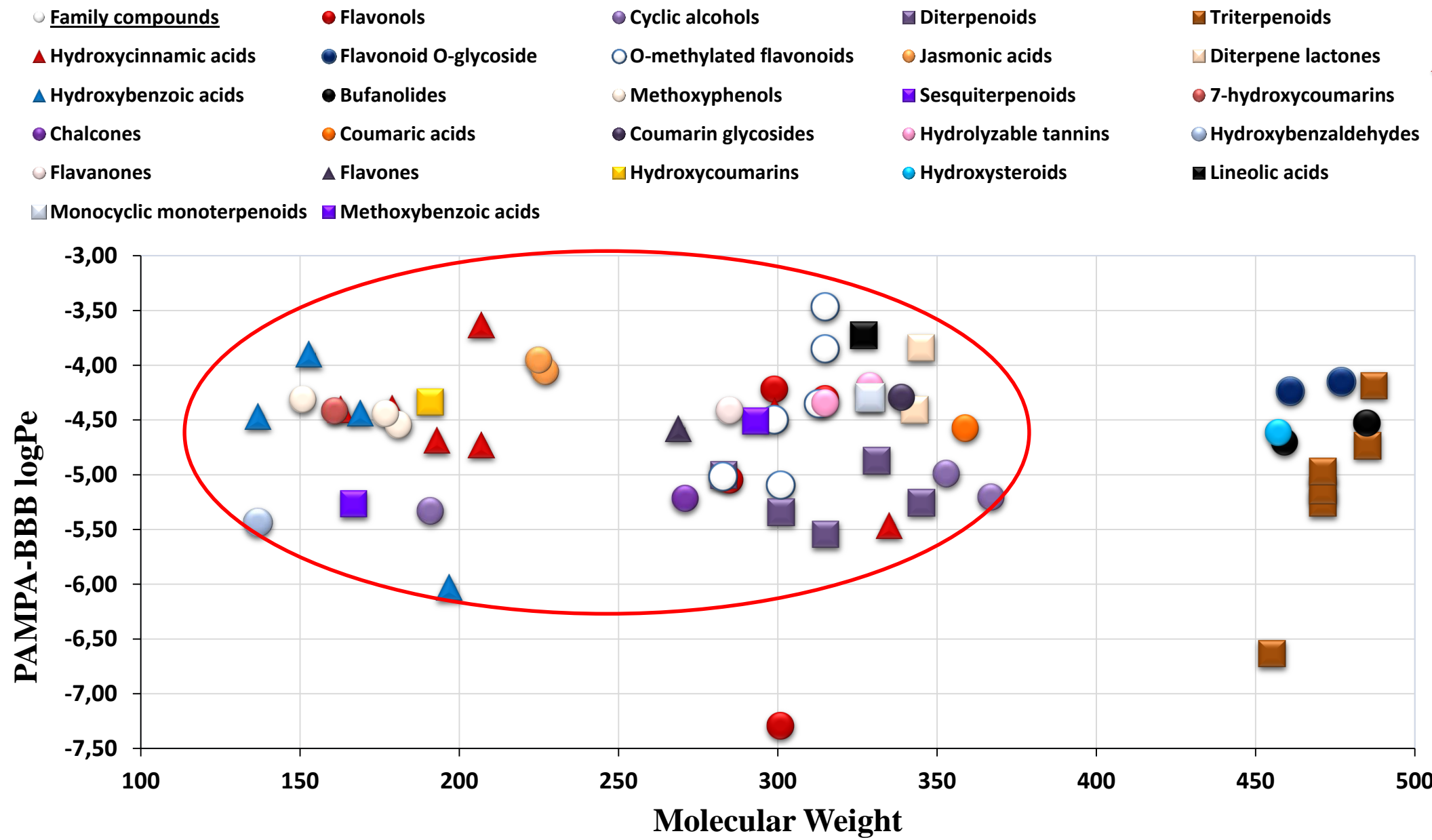
Phenolic compounds  
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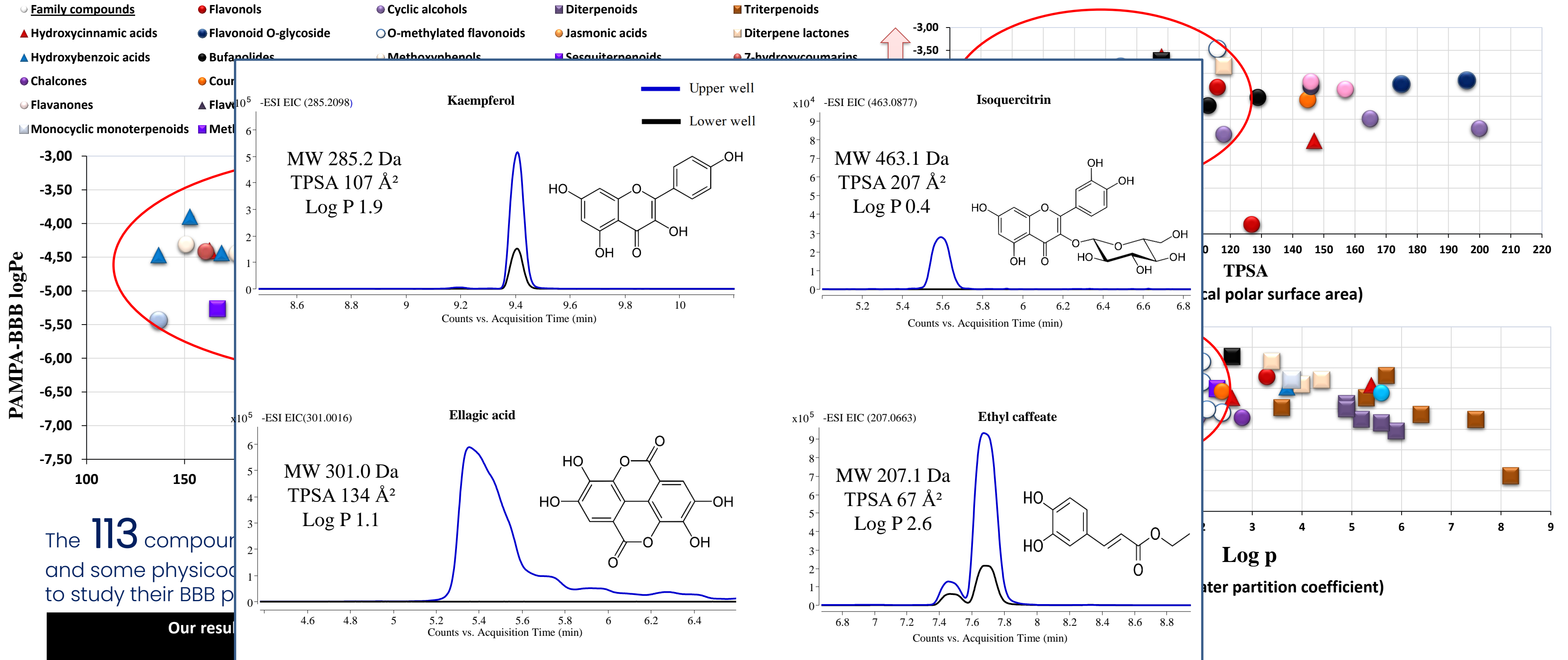
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# R&D: Part II Other natural matrices as a source of neuroprotective compounds and transport across the BBB.

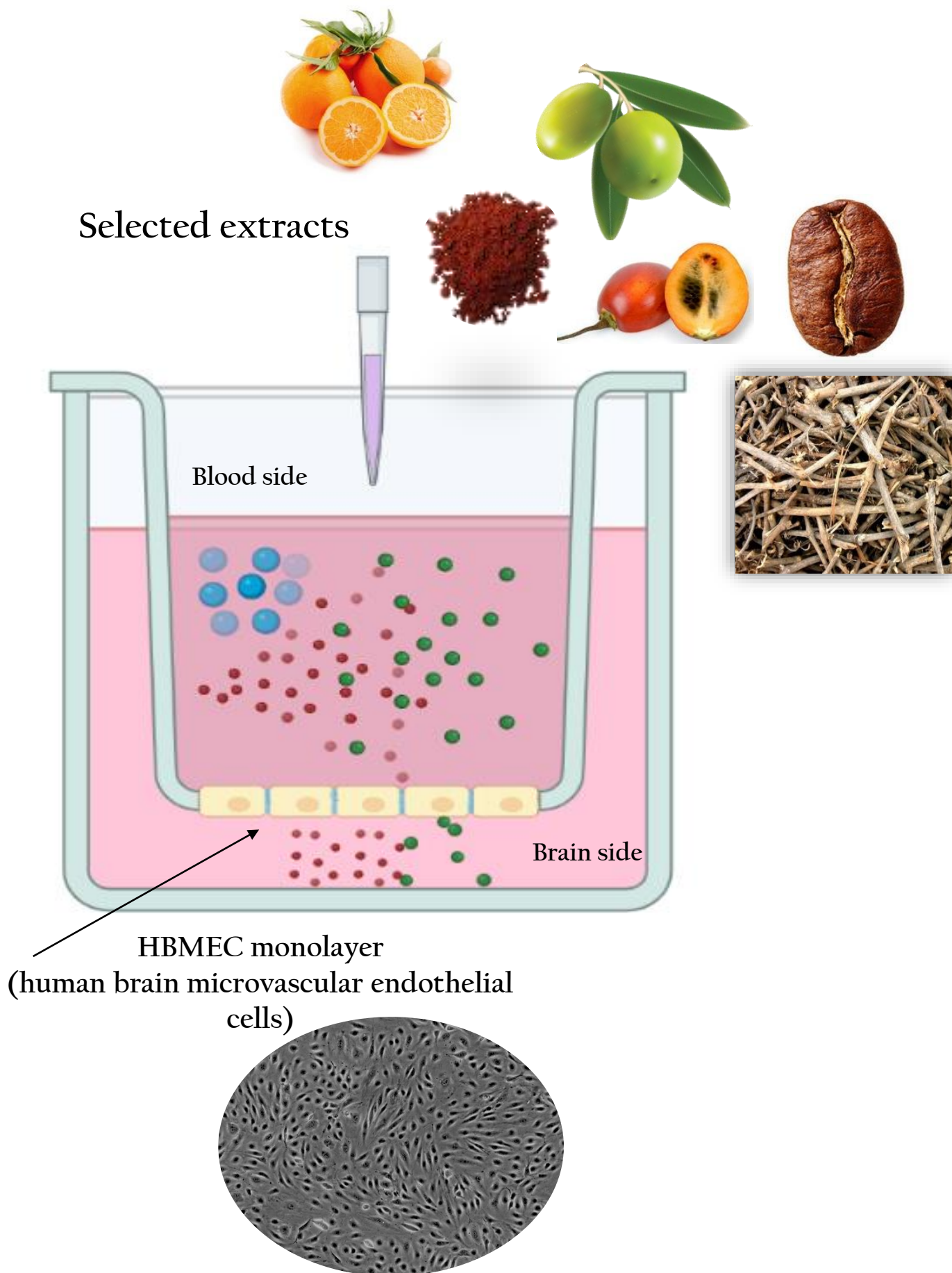


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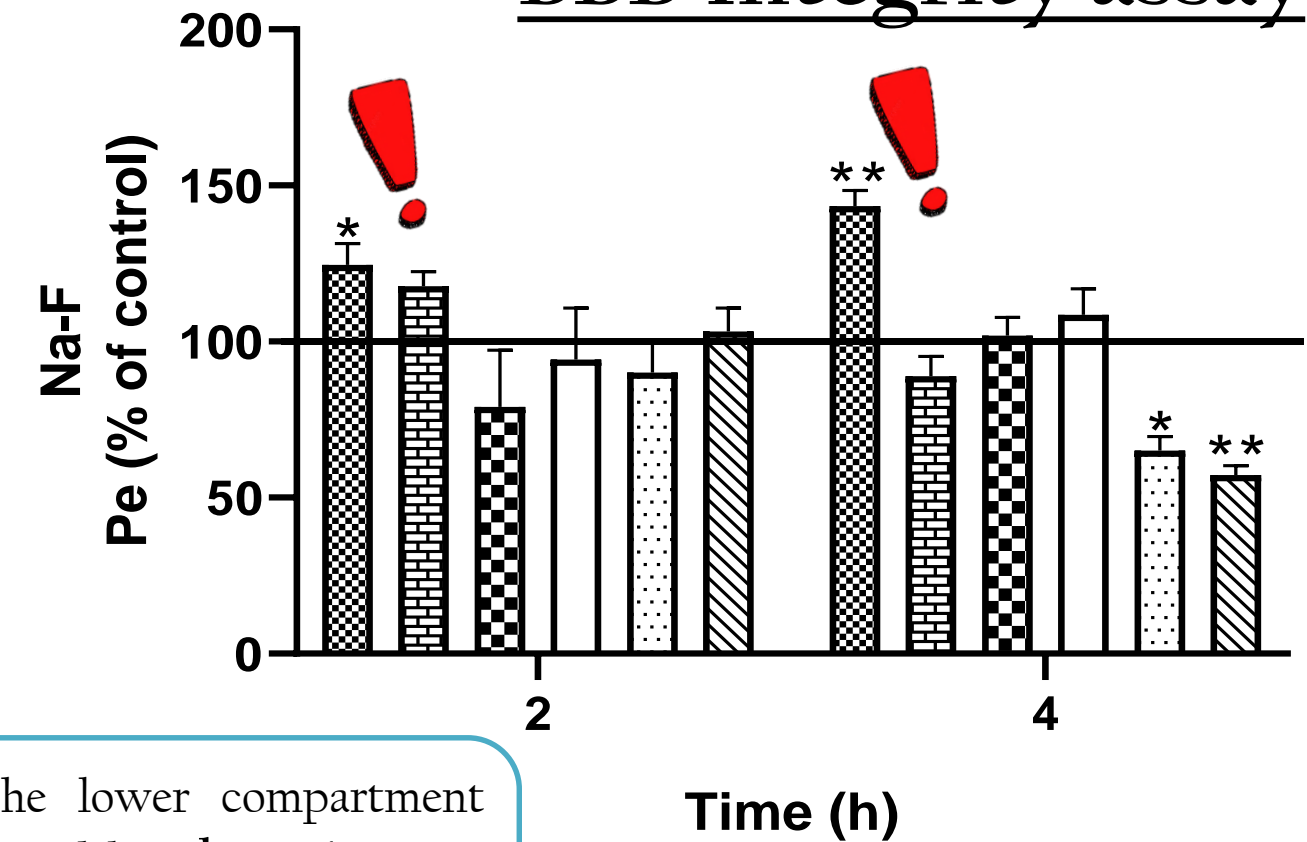
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SH-SY5Y neuroprotection against A $\beta$ <sub>1-42</sub>

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- TAMARILLO

### BBB Integrity assay



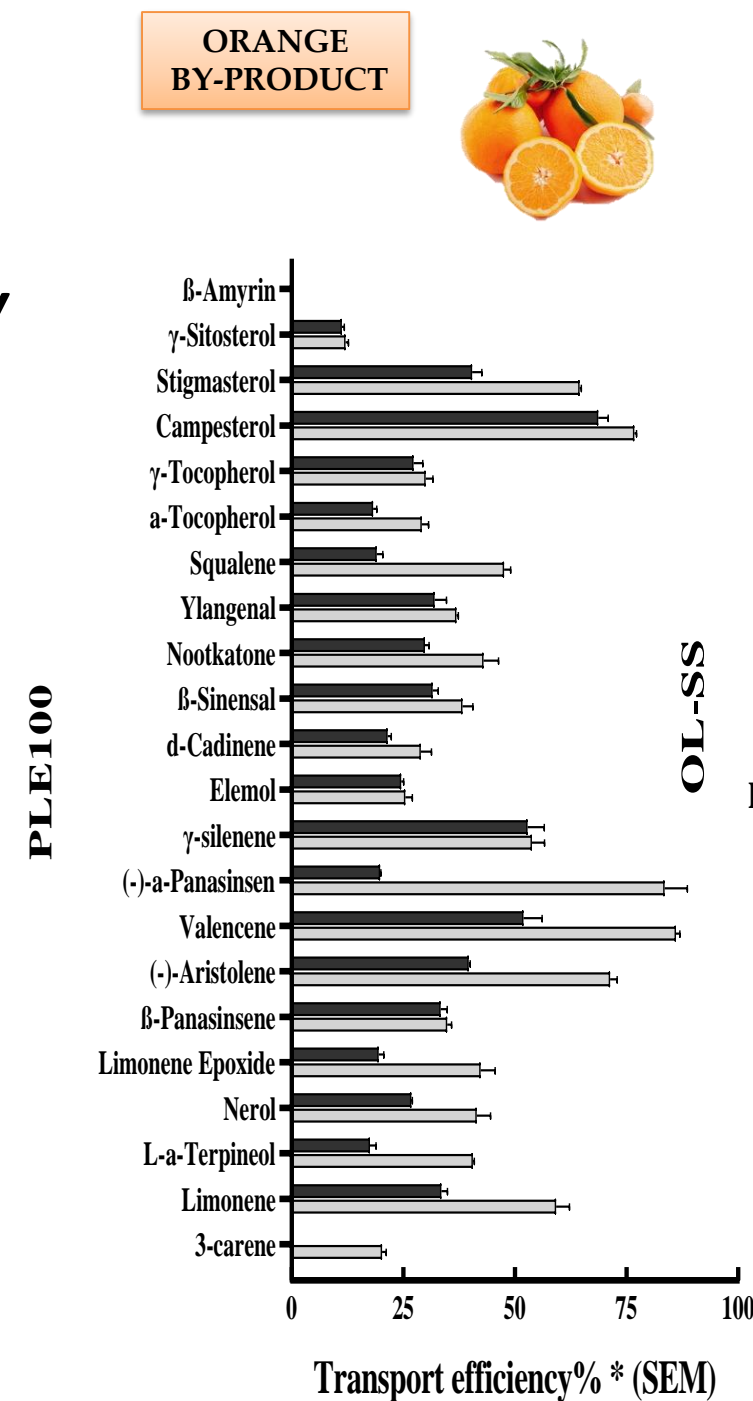
Increased presence of Na-F in the lower compartment indicates a permeability increase caused by alterations on the monolayer integrity and, as a consequence, the loss of barrier functionality



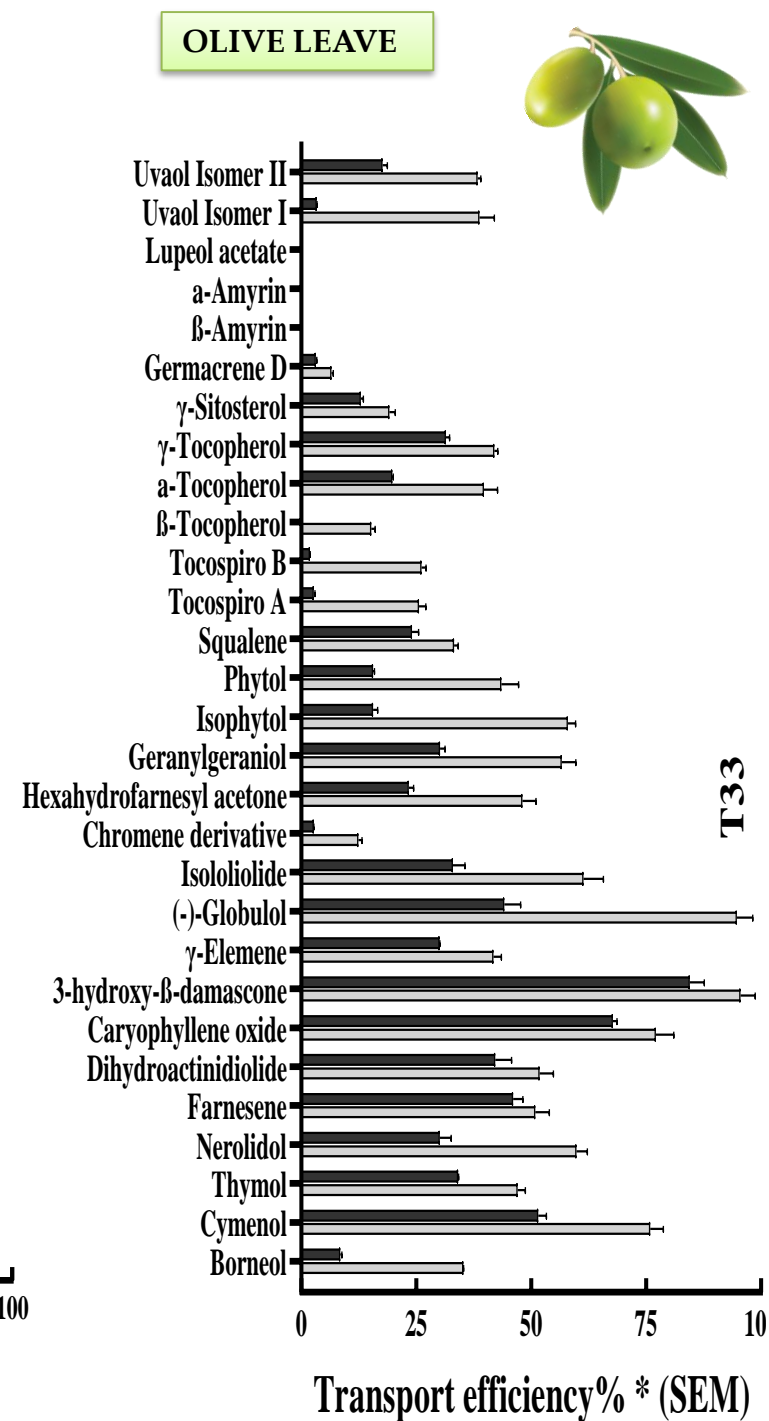
- ✓ Along with MW and TPSA; the logP values, the presence of HBD and HBA should be also considered in BBB permeability.
- ✓ The results of this work reinforce the neuroprotective potential of bioactive molecules such as **low molecular weight terpenoids (C10 and C15)** like limonene epoxide or valencene, as well as phenolic acids and flavonoids from various natural sources, including protocatechuic, ferulic and gallic acids, among other compounds.

**BBB  
PERMEABILITY  
INCUBATION  
TIME**

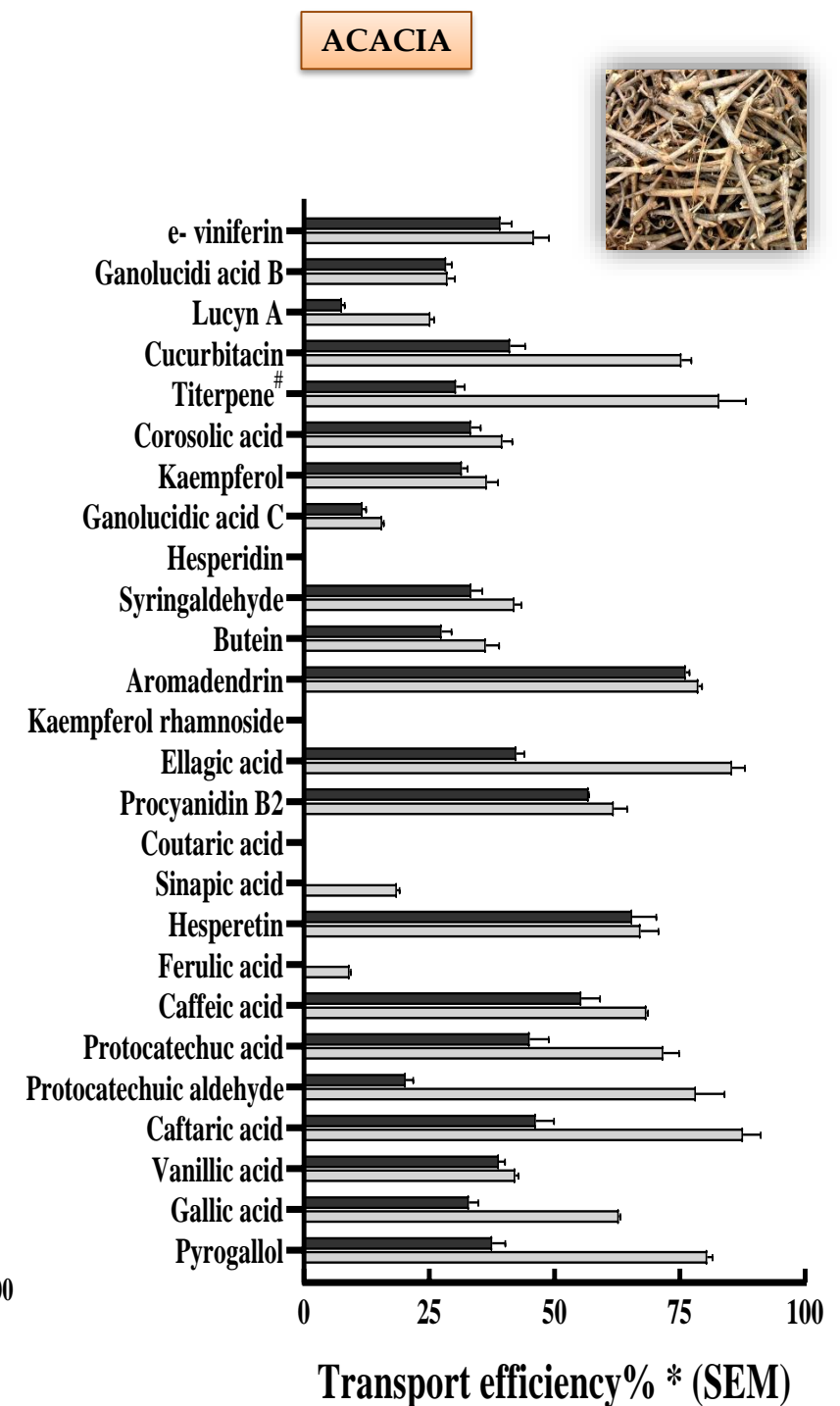
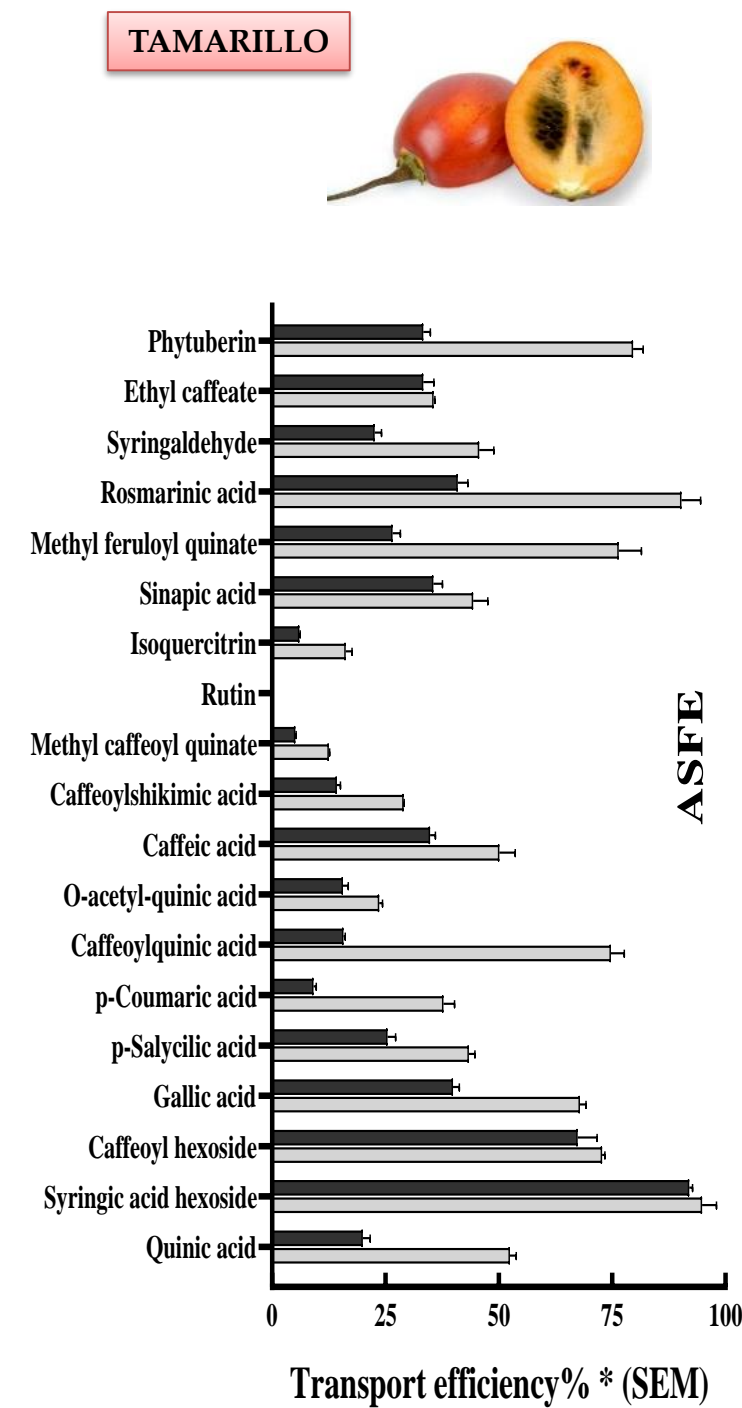
■ 2h  
□ 4h



**OL-SS**

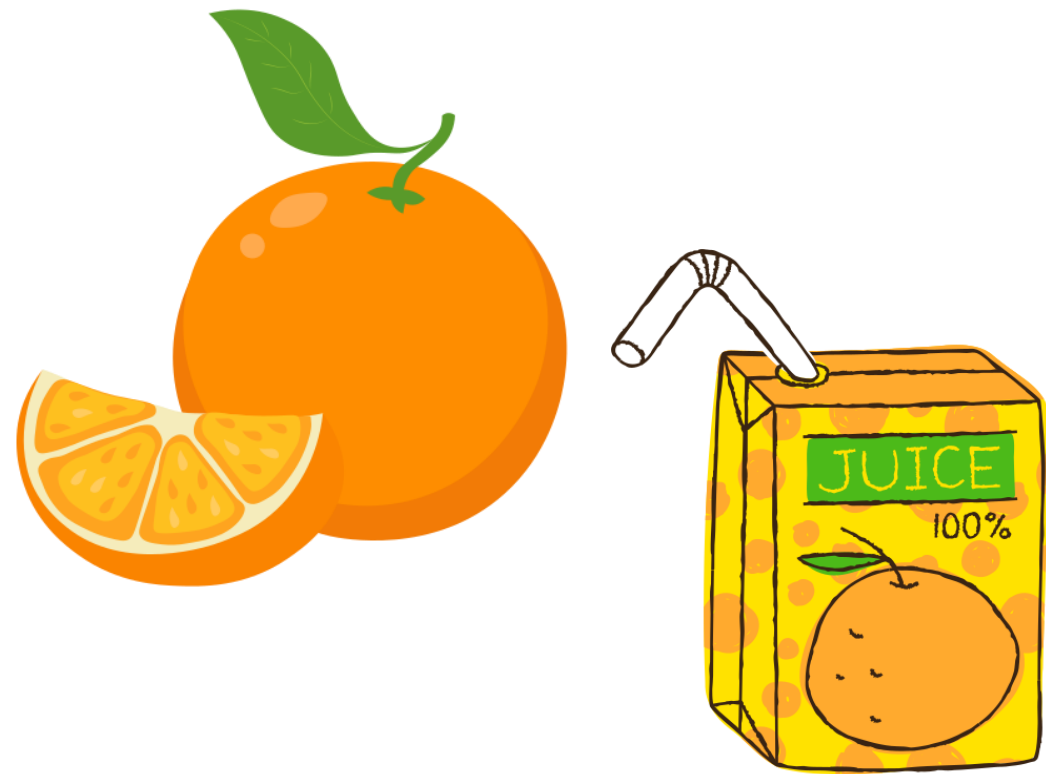


**ASFE**



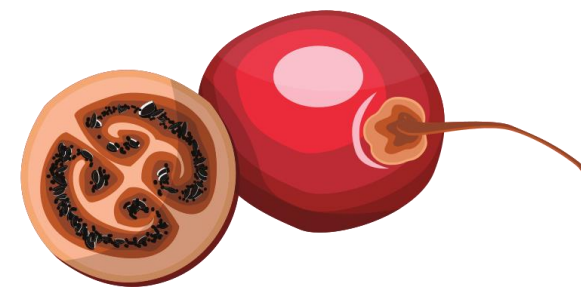
## PART I

Study of the neuroprotective potential of extracts from orange by-products .



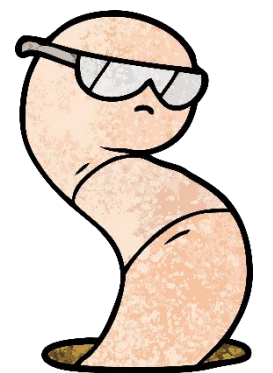
## PART II

Other natural matrices as a source of neuroprotective compounds and their transport across the BBB.



## PART III

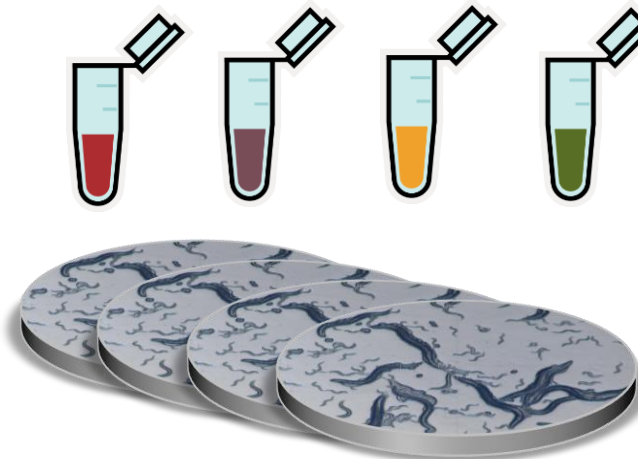
Foodomics study of the neuroprotective effect of extracts on *C. elegans* as an *in vivo* model of AD



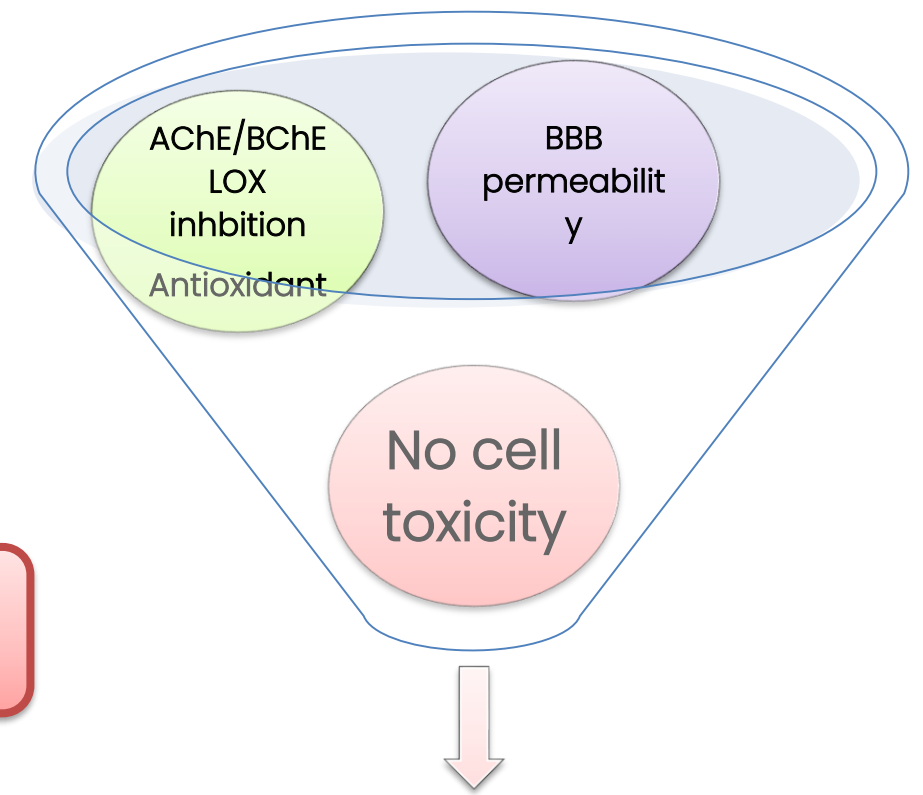


Extractos	AChE	BChE	LOX	ABTS	ROS	RNS
	IC <sub>50</sub> µg/mL (± Desviación estándar)					
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> (ASFE)	4.23 (0.1)	1.20 (0.0)	4.37 (0.2)	0.11 (0.0)	1.56 (0.12)	3218 (358)
<i>Dunaliella salina</i> (DS)	18.9 (0.9)	113 (11)	63.3 (6.5)	16.3 (2.1)	3.41 (0.2)	698.2 (34)
Orange by product (PLE 100)	137 (8.1)	147 (7.5)	76.1 (10)	13.5 (0.8)	4.38 (0.4)	1199 (98)
Olive leaf by product Sand (OL-SS)	144 (29)	183 (22)	104 (11)	82.5 (1.1)	18.2 (0.5)	1036 (114)
Coffee Silverskin (PPC1)	67.2 (5.3)	150 (1.0)	52.2 (5.3)	6.86 (0.0)	6.95 (0.5)	838.2 (99)
<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> (RSFE)	107 (8.4)	54.9 (1.5)	9.82 (0.8)	35.6 (1.1)	4.51 (0.2)	95.35 (6.4)
Orange by product (maceration)	179 (1.2)	118 (0.3)	130 (7.1)	84.1 (7.8)	5.54 (0.1)	556.9 (11)
<i>Kalanchoe daigremontiana</i> (KD)	42.9 (2.3)	8.26 (0.7)	44.9 (0.4)	1.77 (0.2)	1.12 (0.0)	348.5 (25)
Tamarillo (T33)	97.5 (6.8)	85.5 (2.7)	48.3 (1.6)	6.33 (0.0)	2.54 (0.1)	599.7 (5.9)
Olive leaf by product Silica 150P SFE	270 (16)	NR	139 (11)	32.6 (0.11)	NR	NR
<i>Passiflora mollissima</i> by product PLE	194 (15)	206 (7.9)	146 (26)	121 (15)	9.15 (0.8)	292.1 (14)
<i>Physalis peruviana L.</i> by product PLE	803 (103)	930 (46)	406 (24)	54.2 (2.4)	153 (17)	621.3 (33)
<i>Nannochloropsis oceanica</i> PLE	269 (19)	267 (19)	135 (15)	112 (14)	41.3 (3.6)	747.9 (81)
<i>Porphyridium cruentum</i> PLE	668 (44)	768 (11)	278 (22)	145 (18)	95.2 (4.7)	902.5 (120)
<i>Tisochrysis lutea</i> PLE	47.0 (3)	146 (8.4)	28.4 (2.7)	14.6 (0.0)	NR	NR
<i>Haematococcus pluvialis</i> PLE	87.1 (2)	113 (12)	51.8 (4.5)	18.7 (0.4)	NR	NR
American oak PLE	205 (22)	180 (9.7)	97.5 (7.6)	5.58 (0.6)	1.81 (0.1)	3359 (156)
French oak PLE	151 (0.5)	151 (0.5)	33.8 (2.9)	1.7 (0.0)	2.22 (0.2)	ND
Chestnut PLE	121 (1.9)	85.8 (6.5)	83.3 (3.0)	4.15 (0.3)	1.96 (0.2)	4210 (286)
Cherry PLE	80.9 (5.9)	80.9 (5.9)	147 (10)	0.43 (0.0)	0.38 (0.0)	448.8 (11)
<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i> PLE	7.94 (0.9)	1.09 (0.1)	4.64 (0.3)	0.11 (0.0)	1.59 (0.1)	3024 (121)
<i>Lenga native</i> (LPLE)	49.6 (1.0)	72.8 (4.9)	39.1 (2.7)	4.22 (0.4)	2.65 (0.1)	ND
Sarmiento PLE	368 (34)	381 (30)	167 (9.9)	8.81 (0.6)	1.75 (0.1)	1462 (194)
Raspón PLE	60.2 (3.8)	445 (36)	288 (10)	9.74 (0.4)	2.71 (0.0)	3193 (267)
American oak SFE	191 (12)	193 (13)	41.3 (2.2)	7.43 (0.8)	3.23 (0.2)	1217 (18)
French oak SFE	205 (6.1)	121 (9.8)	26.8 (2.4)	2.31 (0.1)	2.97 (0.0)	ND
Chestnut SFE	167 (3.8)	148 (12)	66.9 (4.2)	5.07 (0.6)	3.27 (0.3)	1301 (65)
Cherry SFE	80.1 (10)	67.9 (1.0)	55.6 (4.8)	1.51 (0.1)	0.59 (0.0)	670.8 (35)
<i>Lenga native</i> SFE	76.2 (0.1)	73.5 (4.7)	35.9 (0.4)	1.68 (0.2)	4.02 (0.1)	ND
Sarmiento SFE	368 (34)	722 (24)	118 (9.1)	15.1 (1.7)	2.97 (0.1)	1019 (72)
Raspón SFE	30.6 (2.2)	283 (14)	119 (8)	10.5 (1.2)	2.82 (0.1)	2451 (57)
Control positivo*	0.40 (0.0)	2.36 (0.0)	125 (10)	4.56 (0.4)	0.98 (0.1)	1100 (13)

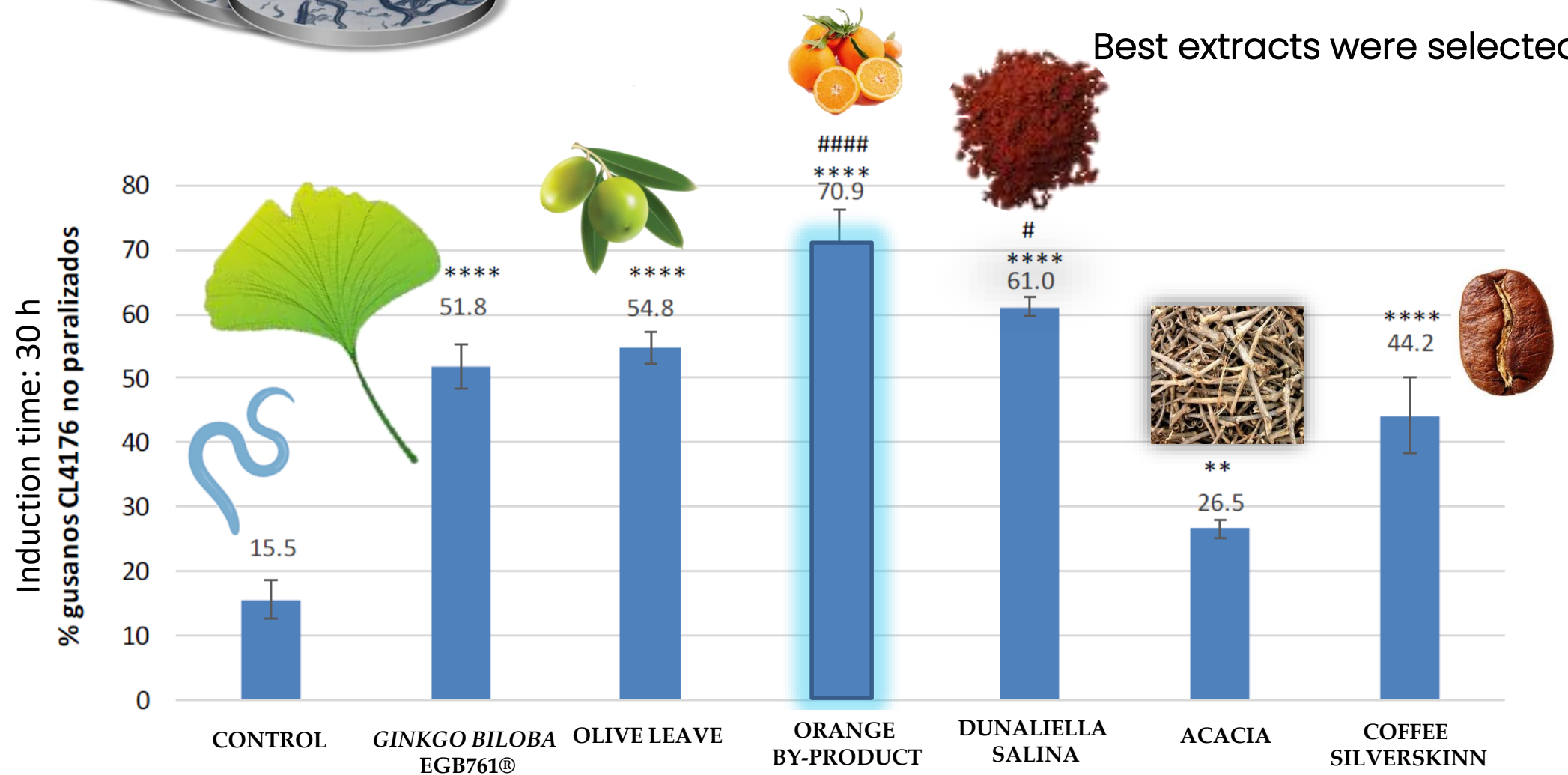
Several extracts were extensively evaluated in terms of *in vitro* neuroprotective capacity

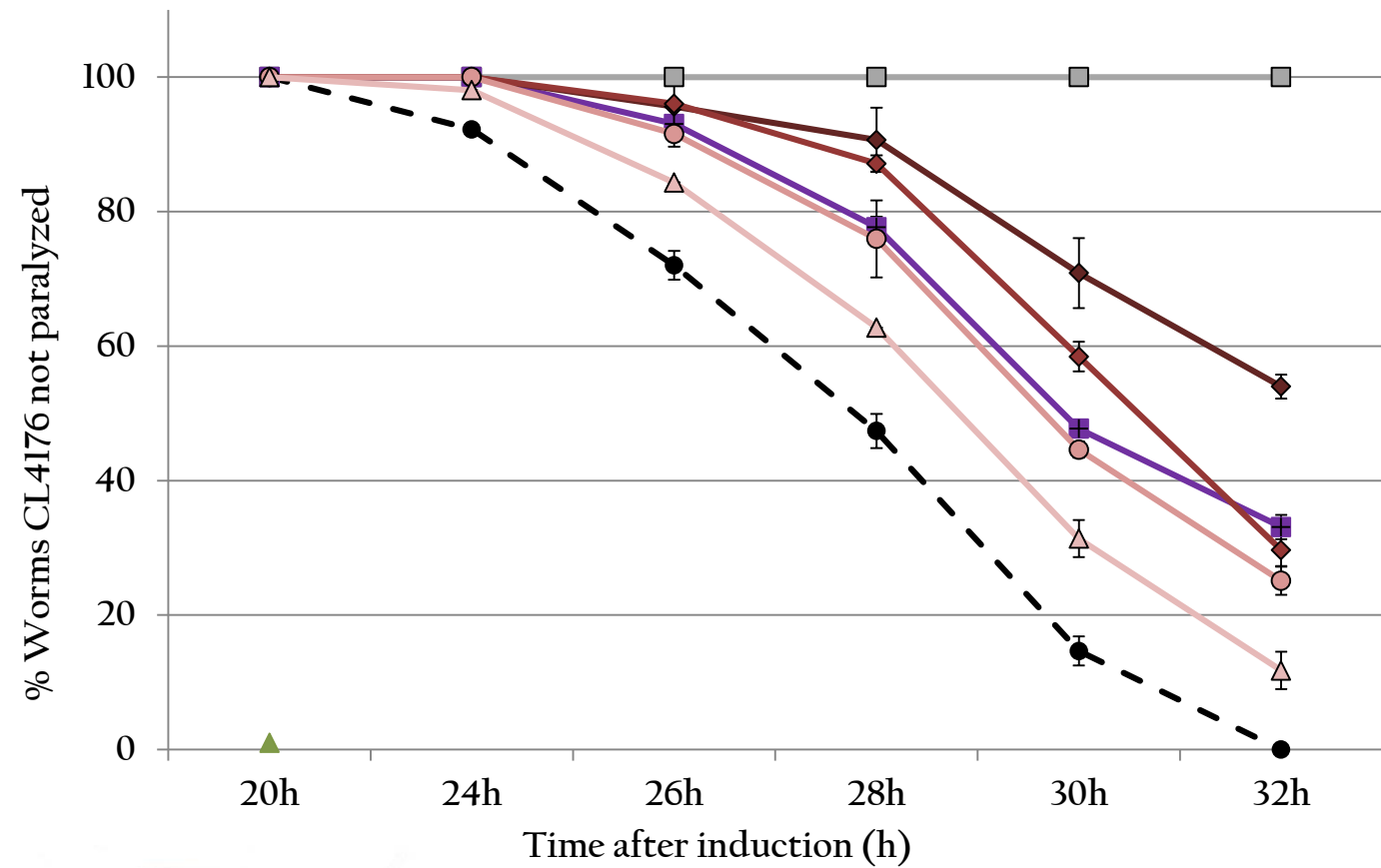


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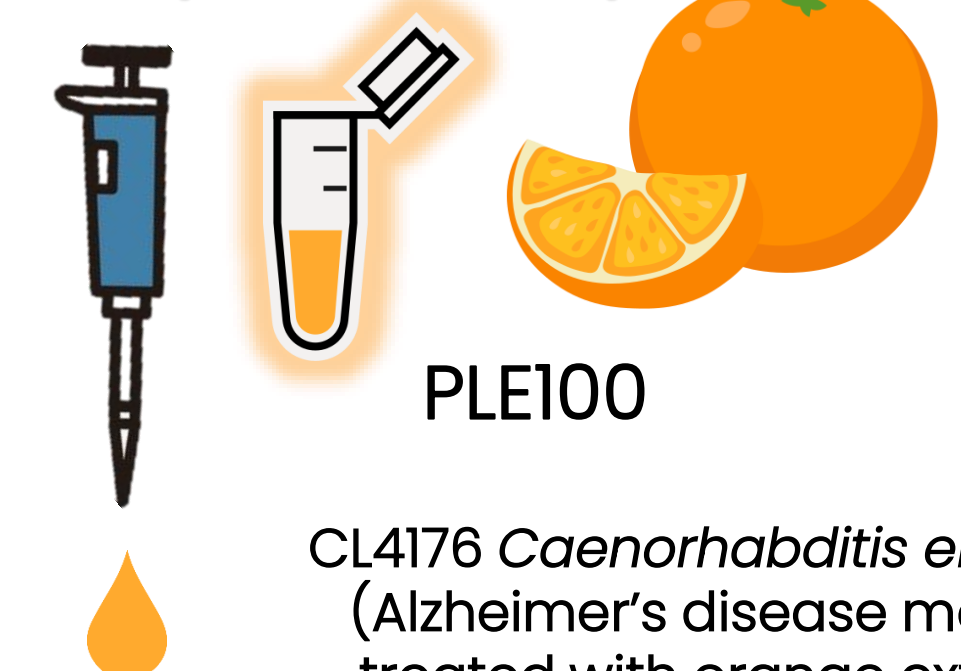
Best extracts were selected





- *C. elegans* (without induction)
- $\beta$ -amyloid induced *C. elegans* (control)
- EGb 761 (100  $\mu$ g/mL) extract positive control
- ◆ PLEI00 (50  $\mu$ g/mL)
- ◆ PLEI00 (25  $\mu$ g/mL)
- PLEI00 (10  $\mu$ g/mL)
- △ PLEI00 (1  $\mu$ g/mL)

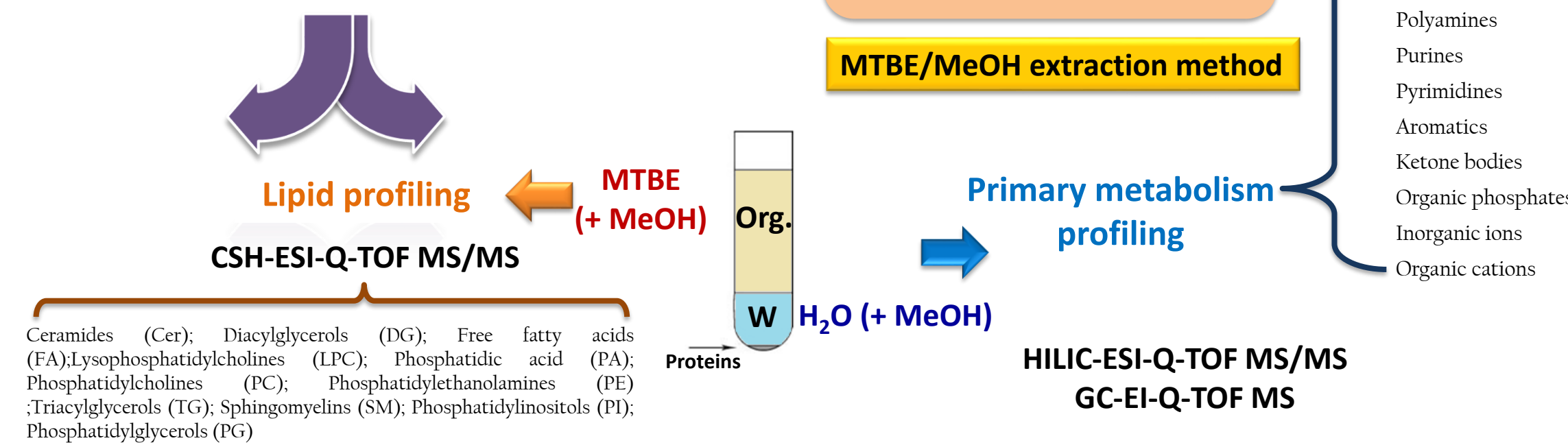
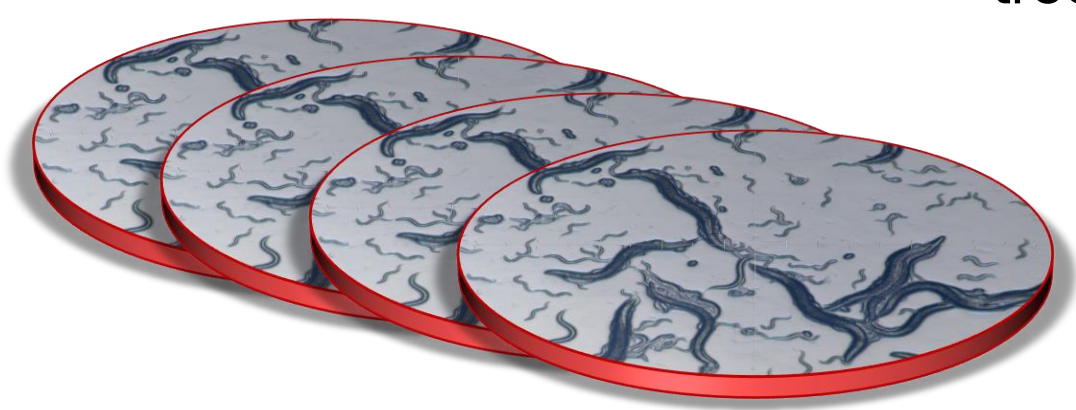
### Paralysis assay



Orange extract neuroprotects in a dose-dependent manner against the  $A\beta$ -peptide paralysis toxicity

More efficient at 50  $\mu$ g/mL compared to the *Ginkgo biloba* EGb761® control extract at 100  $\mu$ g/mL

**TRANSCRIPTOMICS**  
RNA-Seq  
Illumina NextSeq 2000



- Ceramides (Cer); Diacylglycerols (DG); Free fatty acids (FA); Lysophosphatidylcholines (LPC); Phosphatidic acid (PA); Phosphatidylcholines (PC); Phosphatidylethanolamines (PE); Triacylglycerols (TG); Sphingomyelins (SM); Phosphatidylinositols (PI); Phosphatidylglycerols (PG)

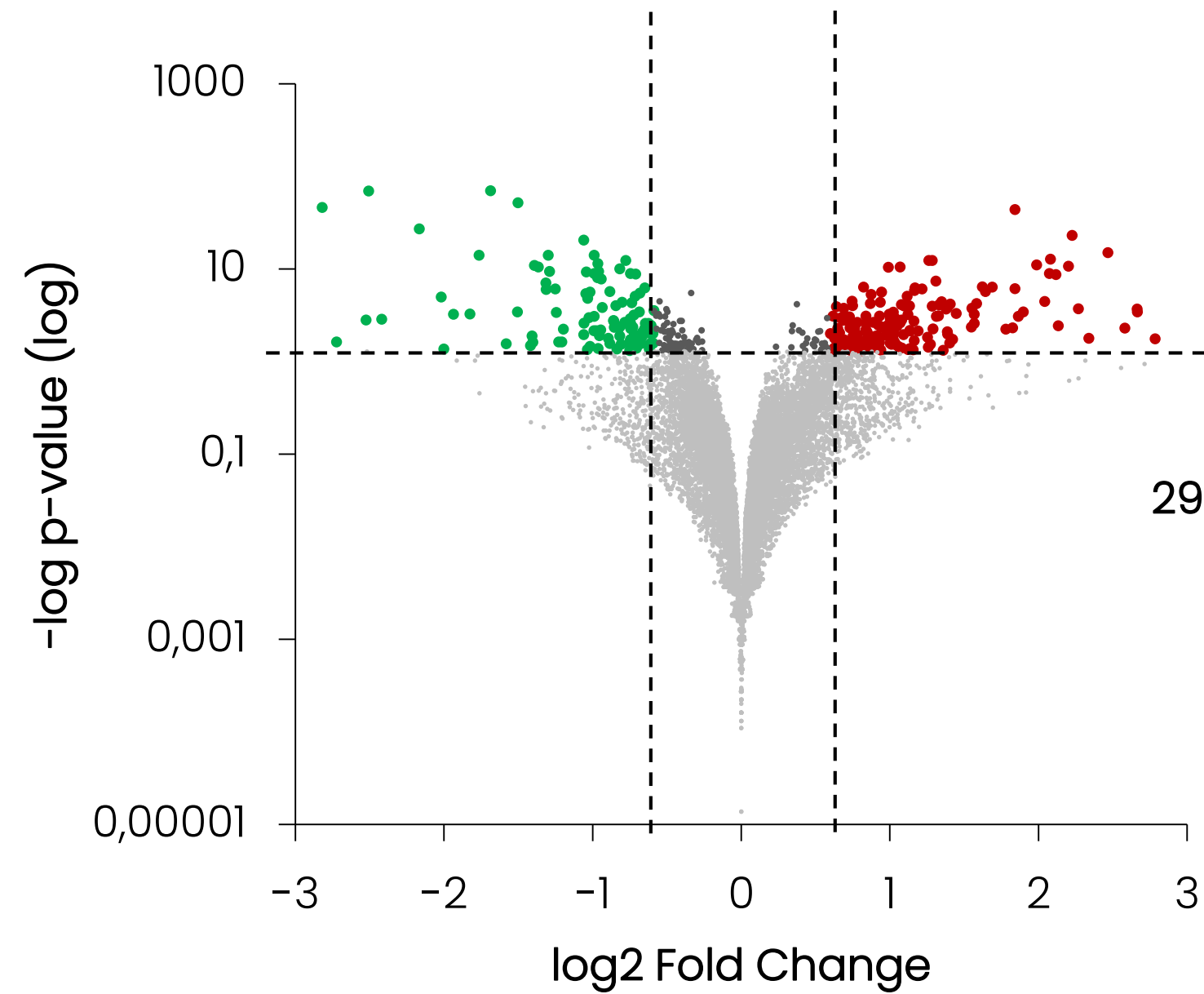




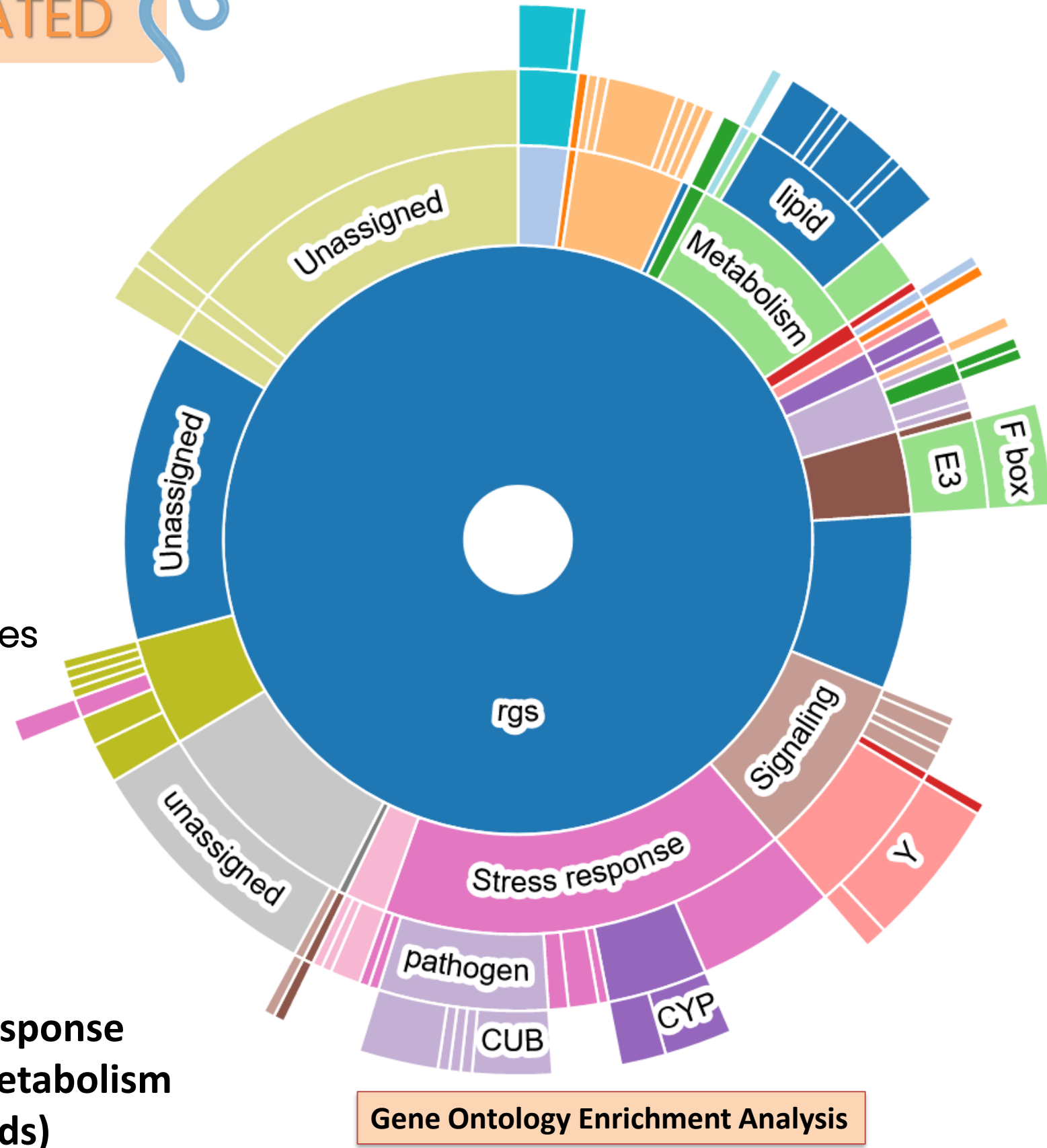
**PLE100-TREATED vs NON-TREATED**



**Transcriptomics analysis – RNA Seq**



**Stress response**  
**Nutrient metabolism (Lipids)**

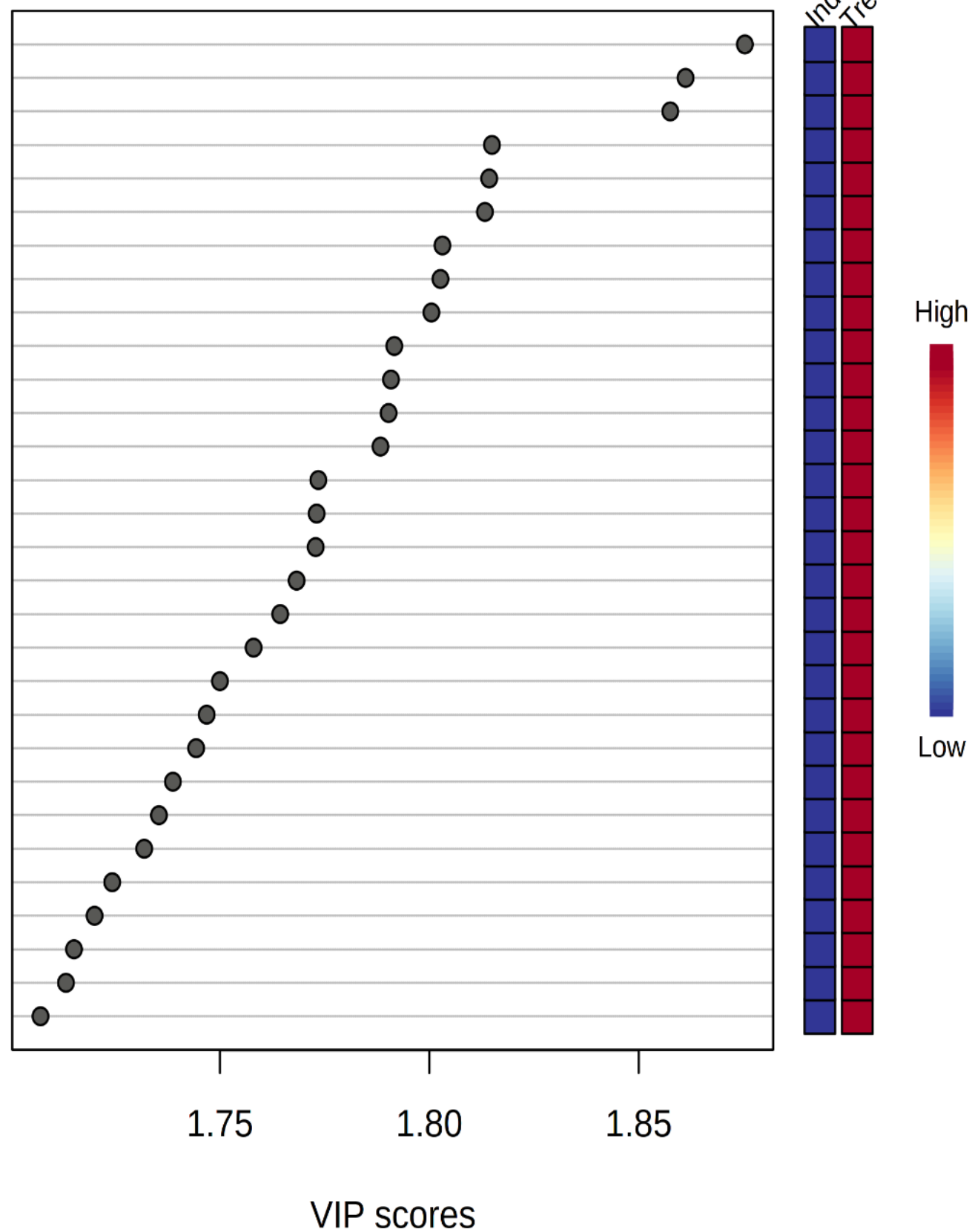


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# Metabolomics analysis

Phosphatidylcholines (PCs)  
Unsaturated fatty acids  
Sphingomyelins (SMs)

- TG 58:8|TG 18:1\_20:3\_20:4
- PC p-36:1|PC o-36:2A
- PE 35:1
- TG 56:10
- TG 58:9|TG 18:1\_20:4\_20:4
- TG 54:7
- TG 58:7|TG 18:1\_20:2\_20:4
- TG 52:5|TG 18:1\_16:2\_18:2
- TG 56:9|TG 18:1\_18:3\_20:5
- TG 55:10|TG 15:0\_20:5\_20:5
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- TG 55:9|TG 18:2\_18:2\_19:5
- TG 53:7|TG 15:1\_18:2\_20:4
- PC 31:0
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- PC 32:0B
- PE 32:0
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- TG 53:6|TG 17:1\_17:1\_19:4
- PC 32:0A
- TG 60:11
- TG 54:10|TG 14:0\_20:5\_20:5
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- PC 37:6A
- TG 54:9
- Citrulline



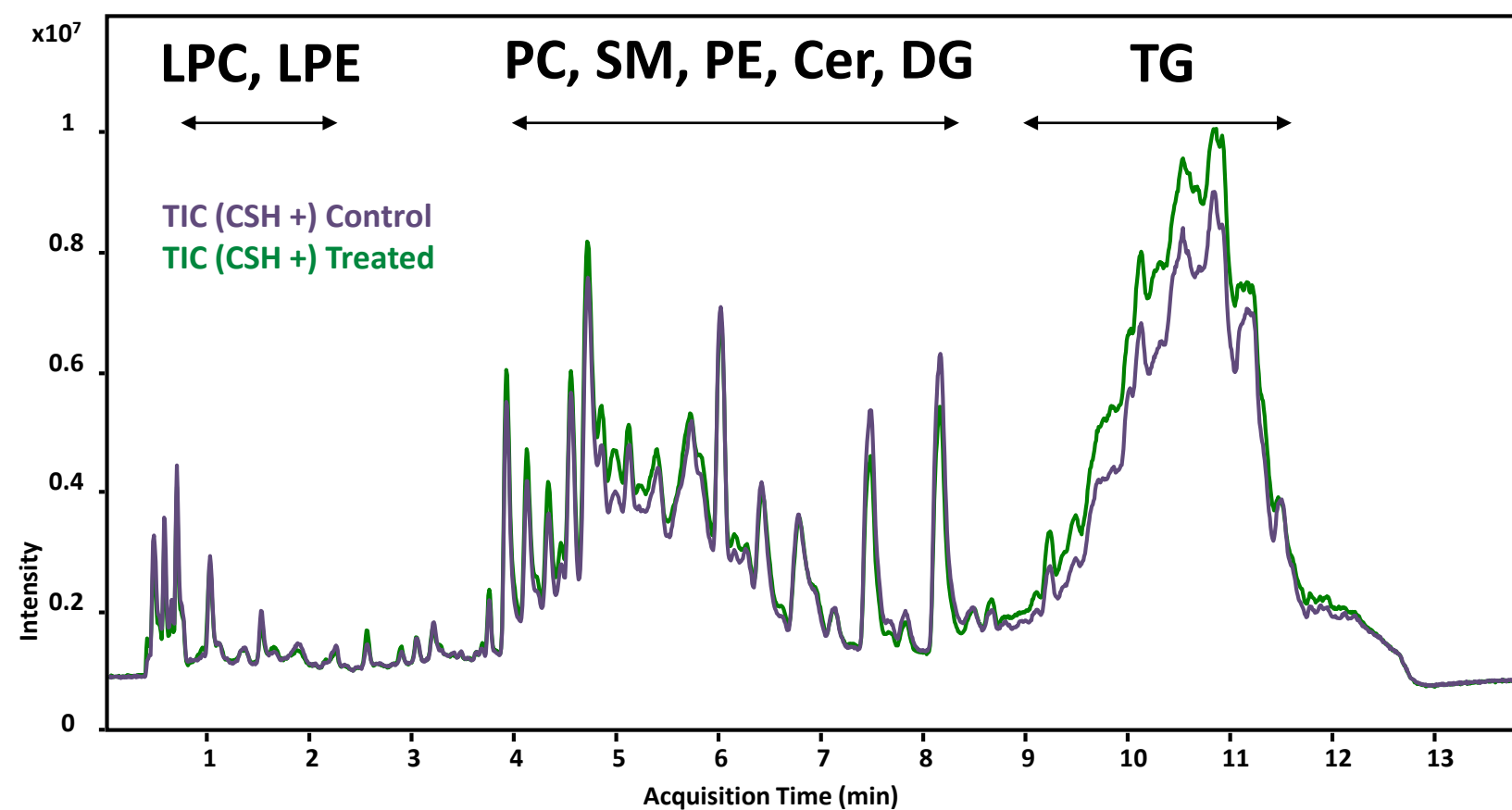
39 metabolites significantly altered after extract treatment

36 ↑

824  
ANNOTATED  
COMPUNDS

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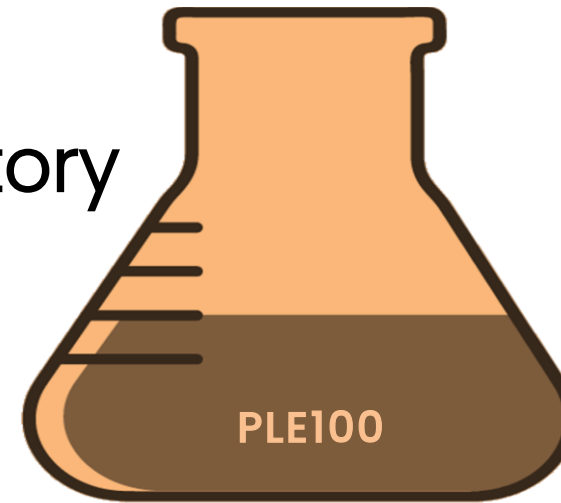
CSH-ESI-Q-TOF MS/MS (+/-)  
HILIC-ESI-Q-TOF MS/MS (+/-)  
GC-EI-Q-TOF MS





# Neuroprotective mechanisms

Antioxidant  
Anti-inflammatory  
AChE inhibitor



Terpenoids  
Carotenoids  
PUFAs  
Phytosterols

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**Cholinergic transmission**  
**Anti Aβ aggregation**  
**Neuronal stability and synapsis**

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Accumulation of Aβ plaques

Direct  
(ROS/RNS)      Indirect  
Hormesis

Antioxidant response

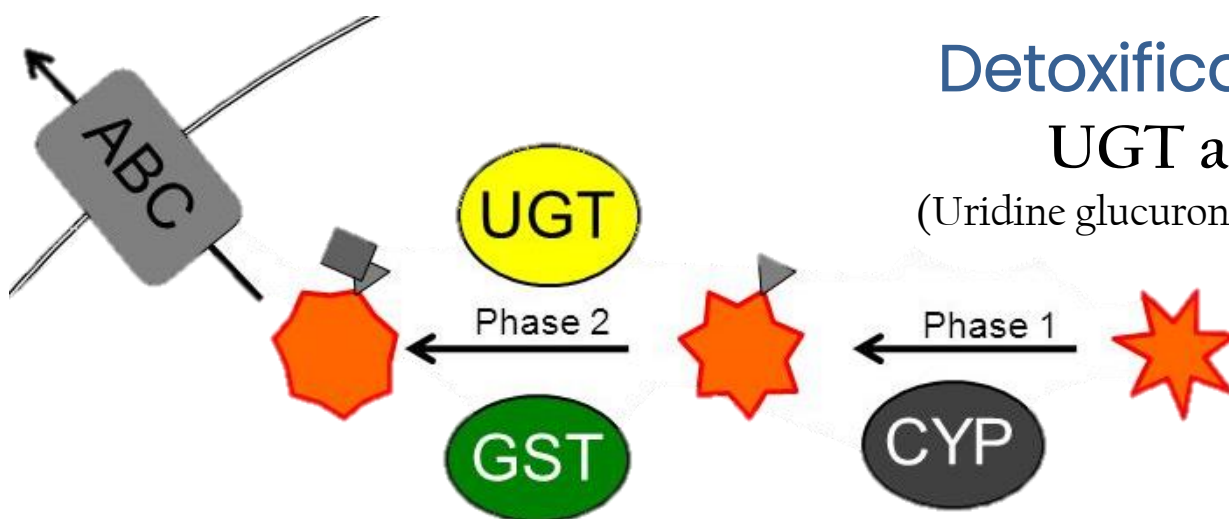
*gst-14; sod-3*

(Glutathione S-transferase; superoxide dismutase)

Detoxification mechanisms

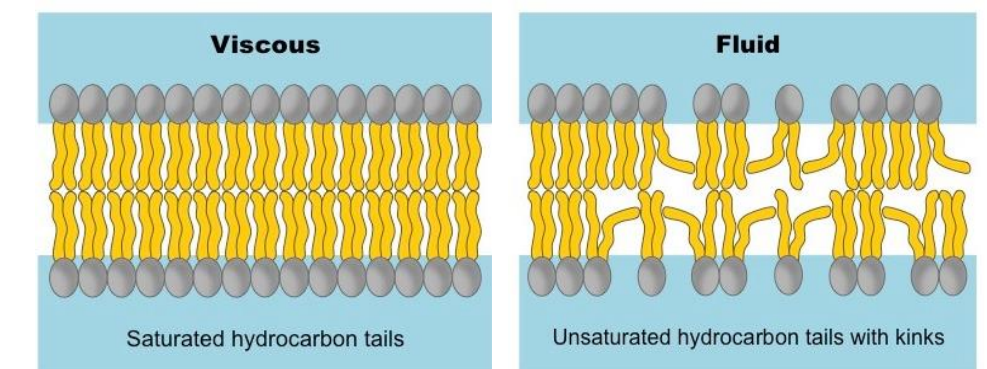
UGT and CYPs families

(Uridine glucuronosyltransferase; cytochrome P450)



Lipid metabolism

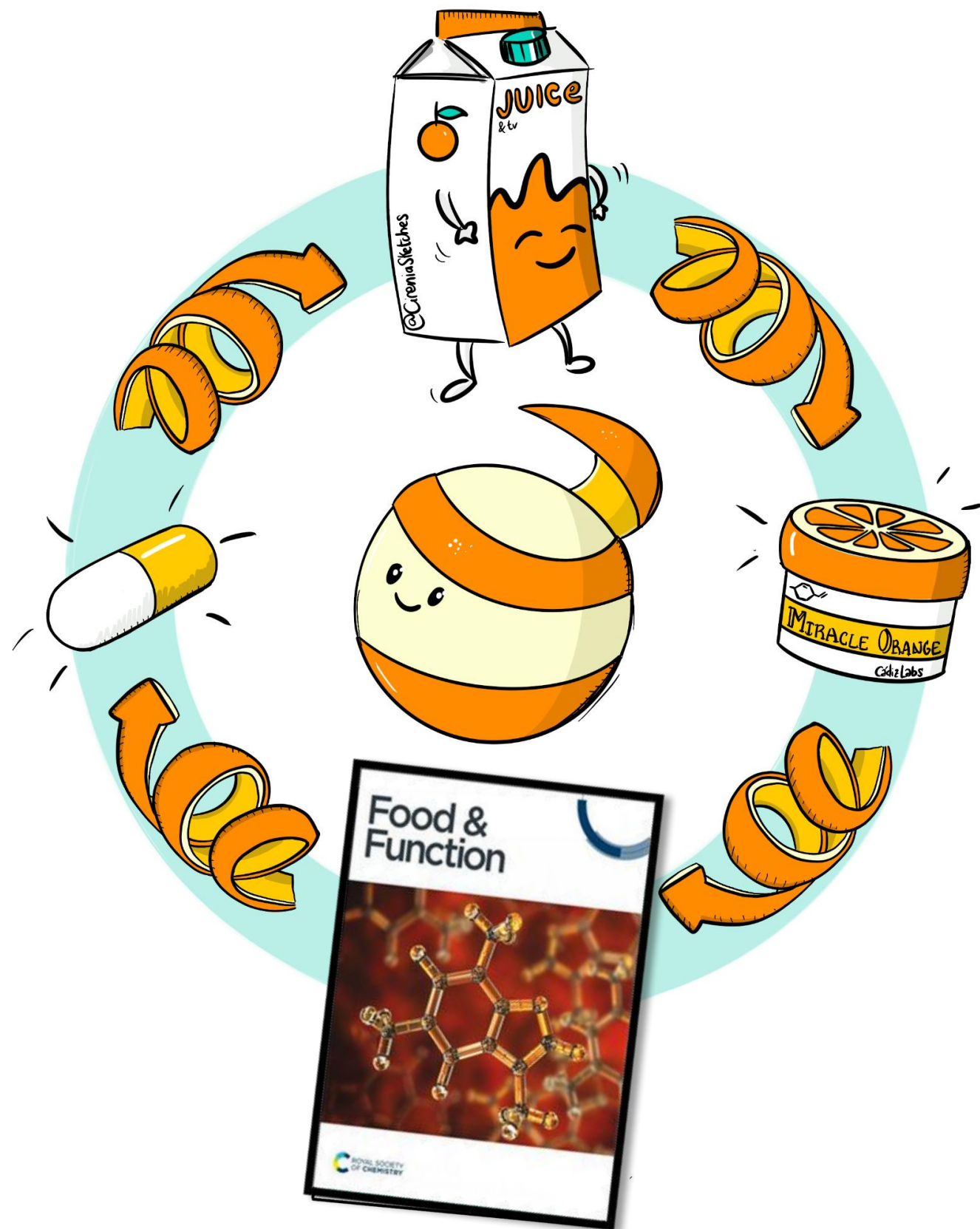
Many gens altered related to:  
beta-oxidation of lipids  
acyl transferase enzymes  
Sphingolipid metabolism



Phosphatidylcholines (PCs)  
Unsaturated fatty acids  
Sphingomyelins (SMs)

Membrane fluidity





## GENERAL CONCLUSION

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This work shows the potential of plant/algae biomasses and food by-products as renewable and sustainable sources of bioactive compounds. The neuroprotective potential of high value-added bioactive compounds from these biomasses has been verified using *in vitro* assays, permeability studies through the BBB, and Foodomics studies using an *in vivo* model.

## FUTURE WORK

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The promising neuroprotective capacity of extracts will be confirmed in experiments against AD in mammals; and if the positive results are confirmed, they will be studied in humans.



Compressed CO<sub>2</sub> Technologies for the Recovery of Carotenoid-Enriched Extracts from *Dunaliella salina* with Potential Neuroprotective Activity

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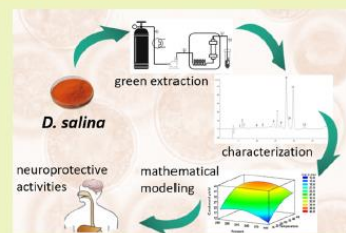
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**ABSTRACT:** Natural carotenoids from microalgae have attracted huge interest for their potential health benefits. Among microalgae species with high carotenoid content, *Dunaliella salina* has been highlighted since it is able to accumulate relatively high amounts of  $\beta$ -carotene and other carotenoids of industrial interest when grown under specific conditions. In the present contribution, extractions based on carbon dioxide under sub- and supercritical conditions have been optimized to improve the recovery of carotenoids and extract purity from *D. salina*. An experimental design was employed to investigate the effect of pressure and temperature variations ranging from 250 to 400 bar and from 15 to 45 °C, respectively. The chemical characterization of the carotenoid extracts was carried out by high-performance liquid chromatography with diode-array detection (HPLC–DAD). Moreover, inhibition of the acetylcholinesterase activity of all of the extracts was measured using a recently developed *in vitro* fluorescence methodology. High carotenoid yield and purity were obtained at 302–313 bar and 45 °C. Nine carotenoids were identified and three other compounds were recognized as carotenoids and quantified. Acetylcholinesterase activity inhibition could be satisfactorily explained by a partial least-squares model (63% explained variance in cross-validation) built considering the chemical composition of the different extracts. The model indicates a positive effect of lutein and 15-*cis*- $\beta$ -carotene, the negative effect of zeaxanthin and cryptoxanthin, and the ratio of 9-*cis*- $\beta$ -carotene/all-*trans*- $\beta$ -carotene and 9-*cis*- $\beta$ -carotene/total carotenoids in the inhibition of acetylcholinesterase enzyme.

**KEYWORDS:**  $\beta$ -carotene, carotenoids, compressed CO<sub>2</sub> extractions, *Dunaliella salina*, *in vitro* fluorescence AChE methodology

*In vitro* neuroprotective potential of terpenes from industrial orange juice by-products

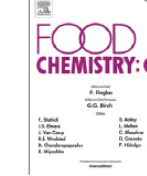
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*Citrus sinensis* (orange) by-products represent one of the most abundant citric residues from orange juice industrial production, and are a promising source of health-promoting compounds like terpenes. In this work, different extraction solvents have been employed to increase terpene extraction yield and selectivity from this orange juice by-product. A set of bioactivity assays including enzymatic (acetylcholinesterase (AChE), butyrylcholinesterase (BChE) and lipoxygenase (LOX)) as well as antioxidant (ABTS, reactive oxygen species (ROS) and reactive nitrogen species (RNS)) activity tests have been applied to investigate the neuroprotective potential of these compounds. New fluorescence-based methodologies were developed for AChE and BChE assays to overcome the drawbacks of these tests when used *in vitro* to determine the anticholinergic activity of colored extracts. Comprehensive phytochemical profiling based on gas chromatography coupled to quadrupole time of flight mass spectrometry (GC–qTOF–MS) analysis showed a high content of mono- and sesquiterpenes in the extracts obtained with ethyl acetate, whereas *n*-heptane extracts exhibited a large amount of triterpenes and carotenoids. From a neuroprotective activity point of view, ethyl acetate extract is the most promising due to its anticholinergic activity and antioxidant capacity. Finally, a multivariate data analysis revealed a good correlation between some monoterpenes (e.g. nerol or limonene) and the antioxidant capacity of the natural extract, while a group of sesquiterpenes (e.g.  $\delta$ -Cadinene or nootkatone) showed correlation with the observed AChE, BChE and LOX inhibition capacity. Hydrocarbons mono- and sesquiterpenoids reveal high capacity *in vitro* to cross the blood–brain barrier (BBB).

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## Neuroprotective potential of terpenoid-rich extracts from orange juice by-products obtained by pressurized liquid extraction

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## ABSTRACT

Pressurized liquid extraction (PLE) conditions were optimized to improve the recovery of orange (*Citrus sinensis*) by-products terpenoids. The neuroprotective potential of the PLE extracts were tested against a set of *in vitro* assay (antioxidant (ABTS), reactive oxygen/nitrogen species (ROS/RNS)) as well as enzymatic tests (acetylcholinesterase (AChE), butyrylcholinesterase (BChE) and lipoxygenase (LOX)). Gas chromatography coupled to high-resolution mass spectrometry (GC–q-TOF–MS) analysis revealed a higher enrichment in mono- and sesquiterpenoids of the PLE extracts with the highest neuroprotection capacity. *In silico* molecular docking analysis showed the specific interaction of representative terpenoids with enzymes active sites. The results demonstrate that the selected extract at 100 °C and 30 minutes possesses high antioxidant (ABTSIC50 = 13.5  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ; ROSIC50 = 4.4  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ), anti-cholinesterase (AChEIC50 = 137.1  $\text{vg L}^{-1}$ ; BChEIC50 = 147.0  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ) and anti-inflammatory properties (against IL-6 and LOXIC50 = 76.1  $\mu\text{g mL}^{-1}$ ), with low cytotoxicity and protection against L-glutamic acid in cell models.



## Blood–Brain Barrier Permeability Study of Potential Neuroprotective Compounds Recovered From Plants and Agri-Food by-Products

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Plants and agri-food by-products represent a wide and renewable source of bioactive compounds with neuroprotective properties. In this research, various green extraction techniques were employed to recover bioactive molecules from *Kalanchoe daigremontiana* (kalanchoe), epicarp of *Cyphomandra betacea* (tamarillo), and cooperage woods from *Robinia pseudoacacia* (acacia) and *Nothofagus pumilio* (lenga), as well as a reference extract (positive control) from *Rosmarinus officinalis L.* (rosemary). The neuroprotective capacity of these plant extracts was evaluated in a set of *in vitro* assays, including enzymatic [acetylcholinesterase (AChE), butyrylcholinesterase



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## In Vitro Study of the Blood–Brain Barrier Transport of Natural Compounds Recovered from Agrifood By-Products and Microalgae

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**Abstract:** Agrifood by-products and microalgae represent a low-cost and valuable source of bioactive compounds with neuroprotective properties. However, the neuroprotective effectiveness of therapeutic molecules can be limited by their capacity to cross the blood–brain barrier (BBB) and reach the brain. In this research, various green extracts from *Robinia pseudoacacia* (ASFE), *Cyphomandra betacea* (T33), *Coffea arabica* (PPC1), *Olea europaea L.* (OL-SS), *Citrus sinensis* (PLE100) by-products and from the microalgae *Dunaliella salina* (DS) that have demonstrated *in vitro* neuroprotective potential were submitted to an *in vitro* BBB permeability and transport assay based on an immortalized human brain microvascular endothelial cells (HBMEC) model. Toxicity and BBB integrity tests were performed, and the transport of target bioactive molecules across the BBB were evaluated after 2 and 4 h of incubation using gas and liquid chromatography coupled to quadrupole-time-of-flight mass spectrometry (GC/LC-Q-TOF-MS). The HBMEC–BBB transport assay revealed a high permeability of representative neuroprotective compounds, such as mono- and sesquiterpenoids, phytoosterols and some phenolic compounds. The obtained results from the proposed *in vitro* BBB cellular model provide further evidence of the neuroprotective potential of the target natural extracts, which represent a promising source of functional ingredients to be transferred into food supplements, food additives, or nutraceuticals with scientifically supported neuroprotective claims.

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