



# The possibility of using olive leaves as a source of polyphenols in the light of circular economy

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# SUSTAINABILITY



## Economic sustainability focuses on:

Balancing profits with ethics

***A circular economy***

Job creation and stability

## Environmental sustainability focuses on:

Responsible use of natural resources

Better management of waste

Minimising carbon footprint

## Social sustainability focuses on:

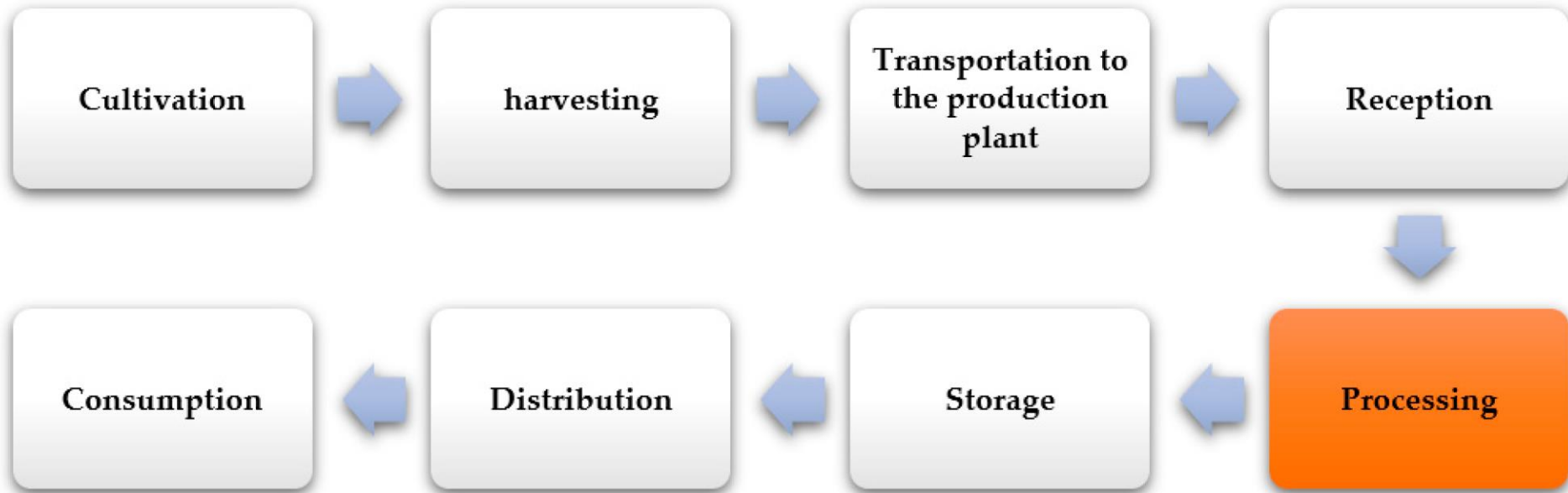
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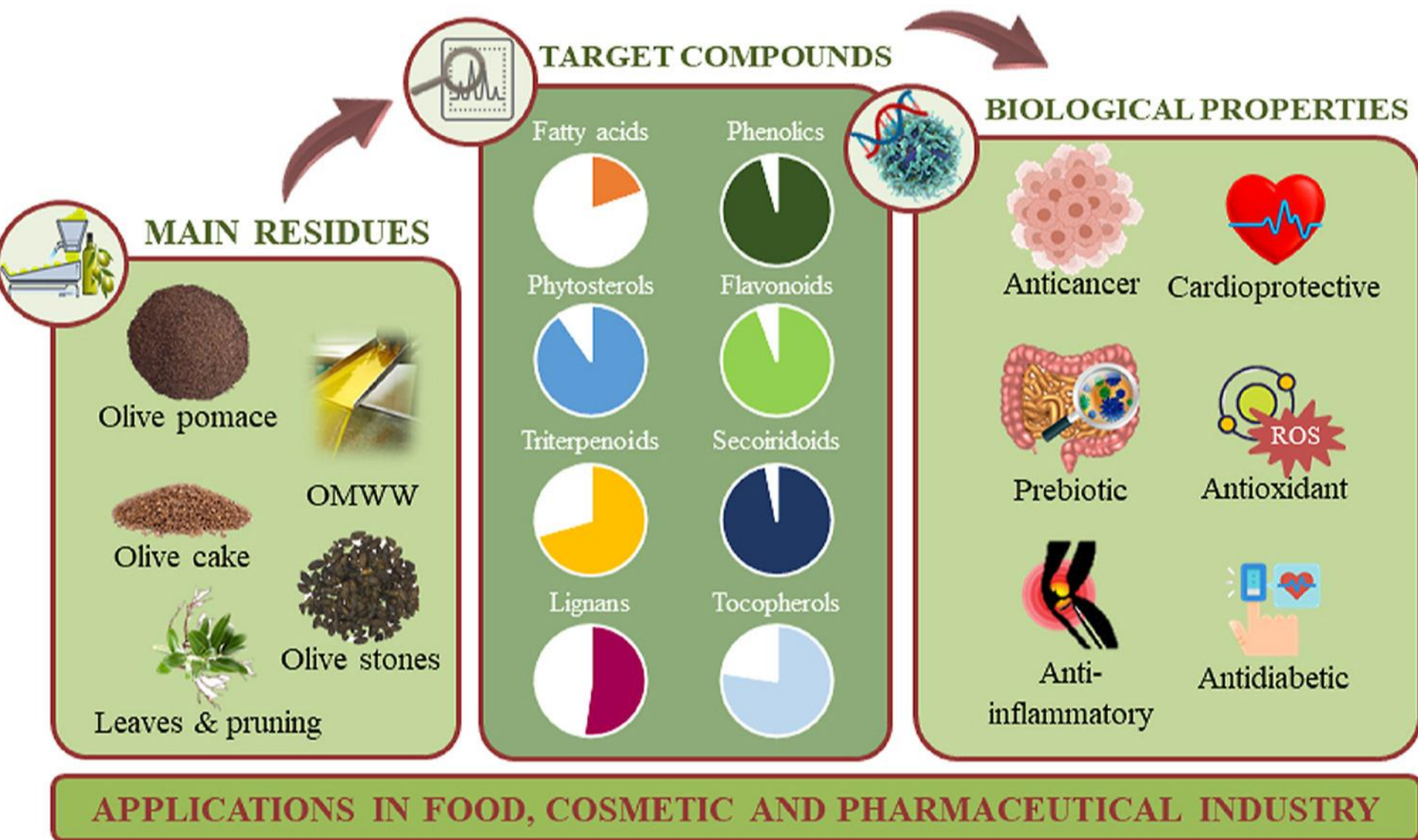
Employee wellbeing

Education



# Food waste in agri food chain





## Olive leaves

**By-product in olive growing.**

**Olive leaves represent 10 % of the mass of olive tree.**

**On average, we get 25 kg of olive leaves per year on one pruned tree.**

**Applications:**

**in cosmetics**

**nutrition**

**pharmaceutical industry**

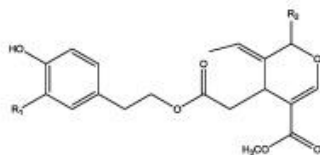
**Lowering of total and esterified cholesterol in the blood**

**hypoglycemic effect, antioxidant, antimicrobial and antifungal effect**

**Oleuropein inhibits lipoxygenase, modulates signaling pathways, suppresses inflammation**

# Polyphenolic in olive tree leaves

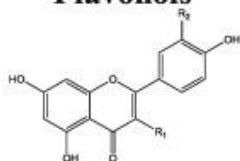
## Secoiridoids



Oleuropein ( $R_1=OH, R_2=Glc$ )  
Ligstroside aglycone ( $R_1=H, R_2=OH$ )  
Oleuropein aglycone ( $R_1=OH, R_2=OH$ )

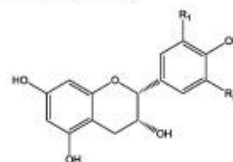
## Flavonoids

### Flavonols



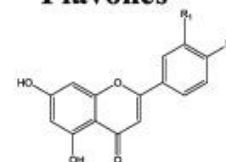
Quercetin ( $R_1=OH, R_2=OH$ )  
Isorhamnetin ( $R_1=OH, R_2=OCH_3$ )  
Rutin ( $R_1=Rut, R_2=OH$ )

### Flavanols



Catechin ( $R_1=OH, R_2=H$ )  
Gallocatechin ( $R_1, R_2=OH$ )

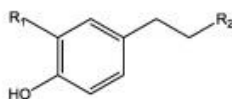
### Flavones



Apigenin ( $R_1=H, R_2=OH$ )  
Luteolin ( $R_1, R_2=OH$ )

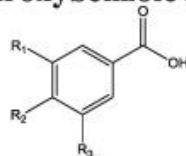
## Simple phenols

### Phenylethanoids



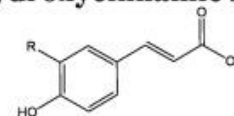
Tyrosol ( $R_1=H, R_2=OH$ )  
Hydroxytyrosol ( $R_1, R_2=OH$ )

### Hydroxybenzoic acids



*p*-hydroxybenzoic acid ( $R_1, R_3=H, R_2=OH$ )  
Gallic acid ( $R_1, R_2, R_3=OH$ )

### Hydroxycinnamic acids



*p*-coumaric acid ( $R=H$ )  
Caffeic acid ( $R=OH$ )  
Ferulic acid ( $R=OCH_3$ )

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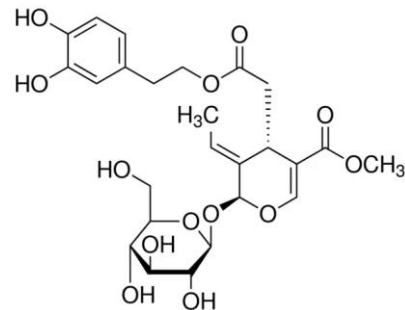
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Olive production residues

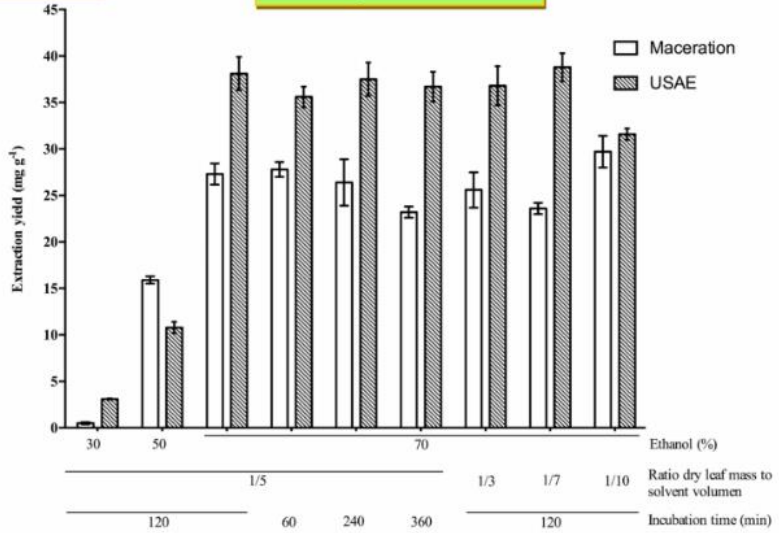
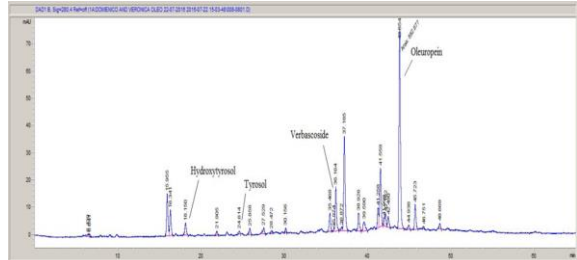
# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds

Preparation and analysis of olive leaf extracts  
 Optimization of the extraction process

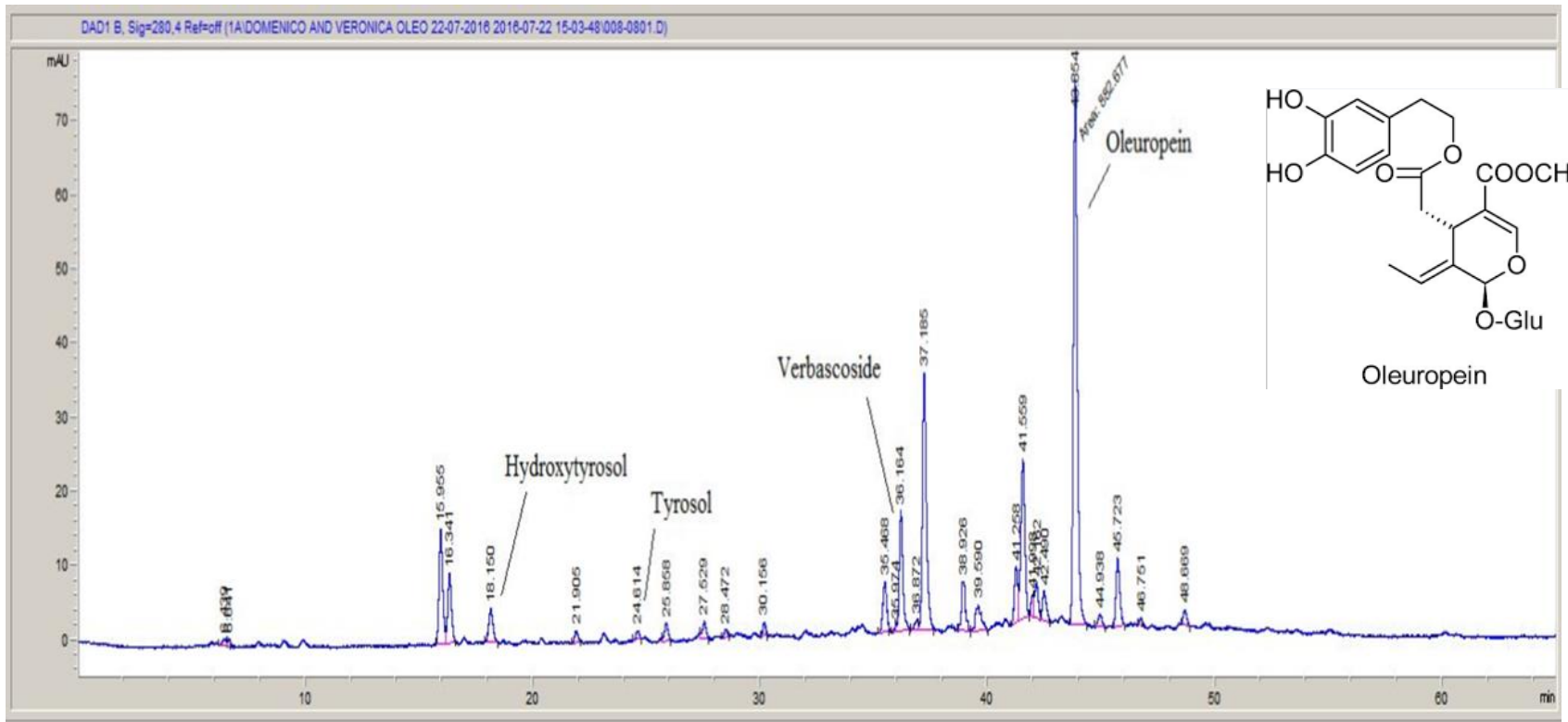
Ethanol extracts were prepared using ultrasound, lyophilized and stored.



HPLC-DAD detection of olive leaf extract

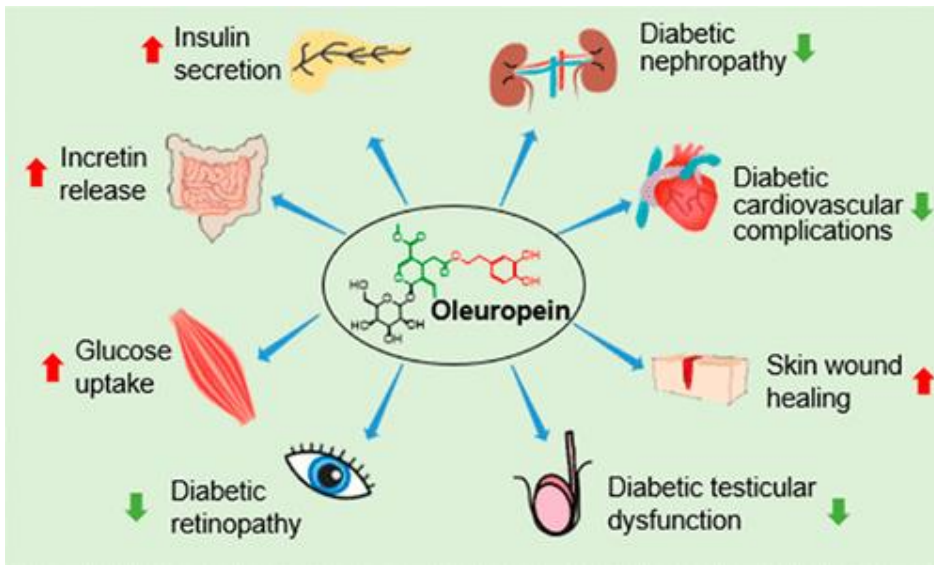


# OLIVE LEAF EXTRACT



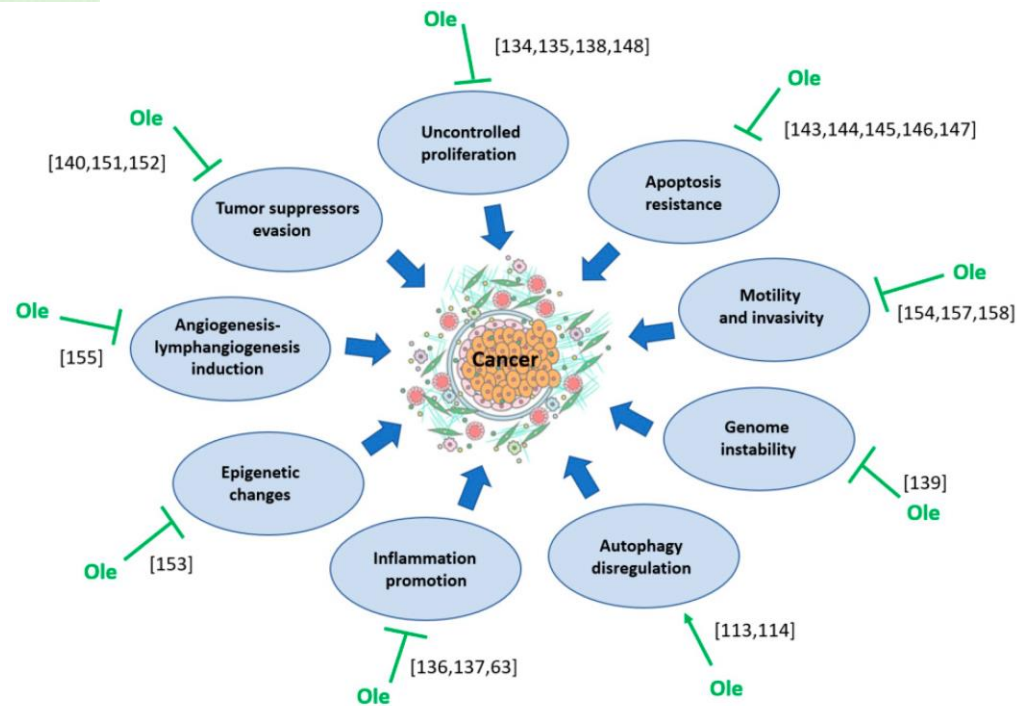
HPLC chromatograph of olive leaf extract



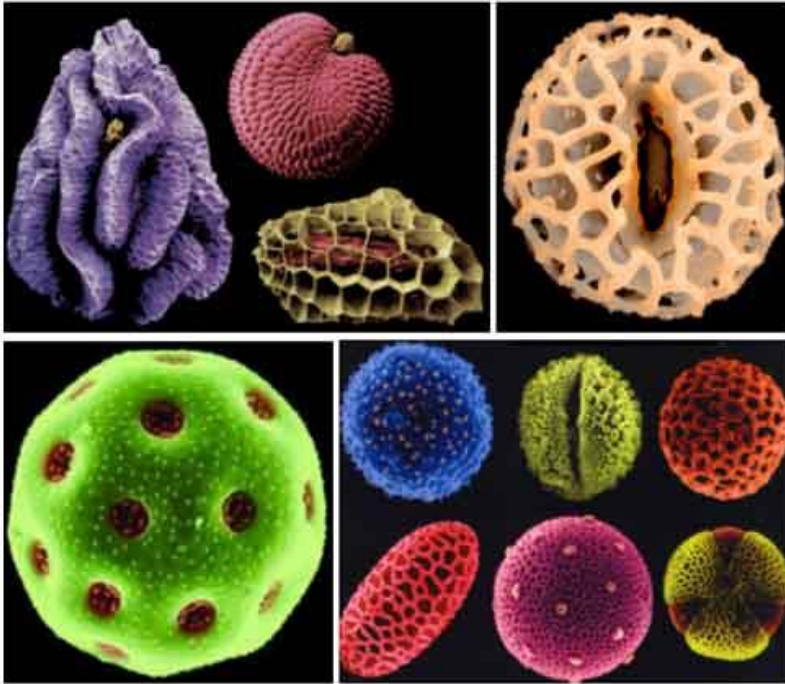


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### Effect of oleuropein (Ole) on the factors contributing to cancer development.

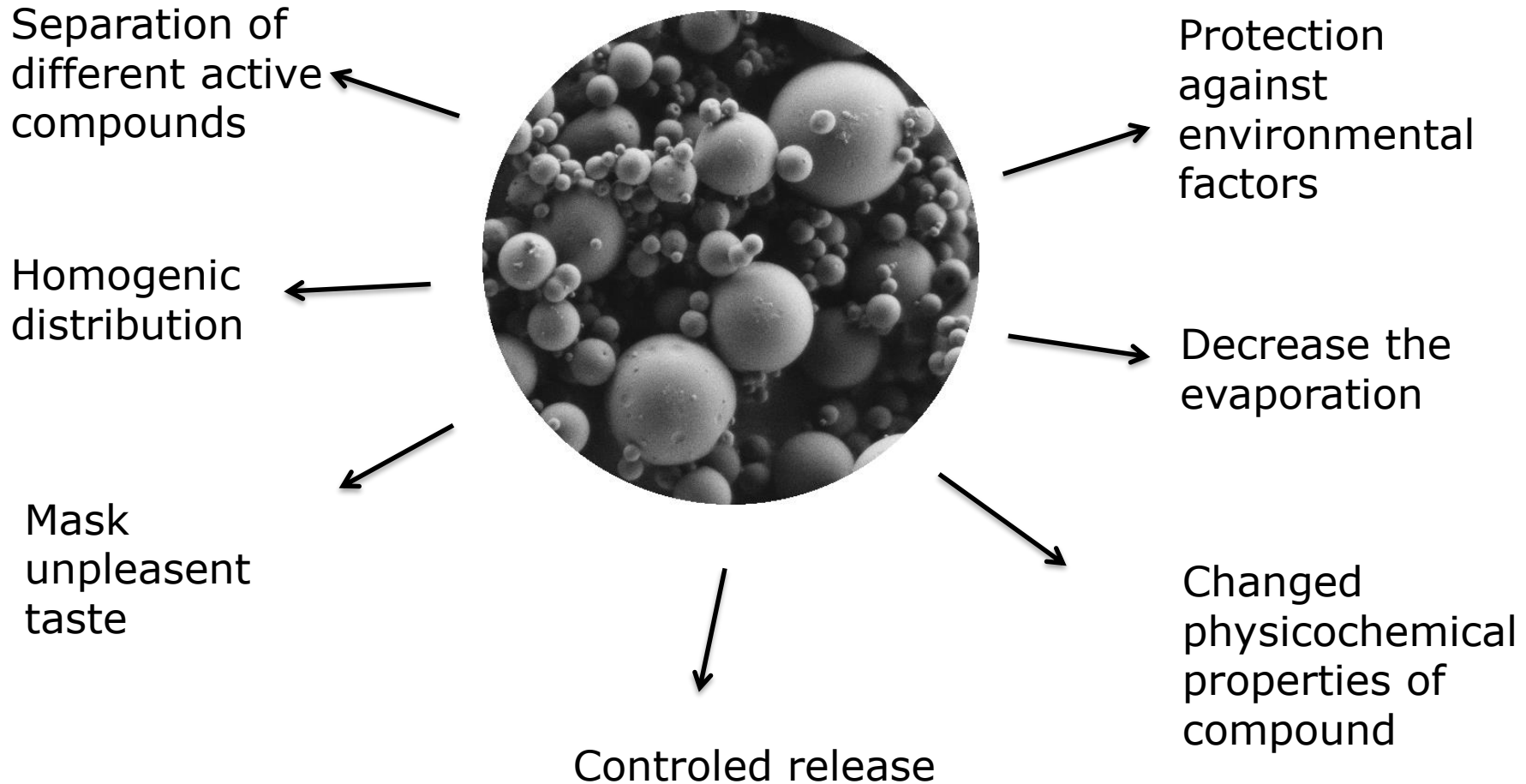


# Encapsulation technologies



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# Encapsulation of bioactive compounds





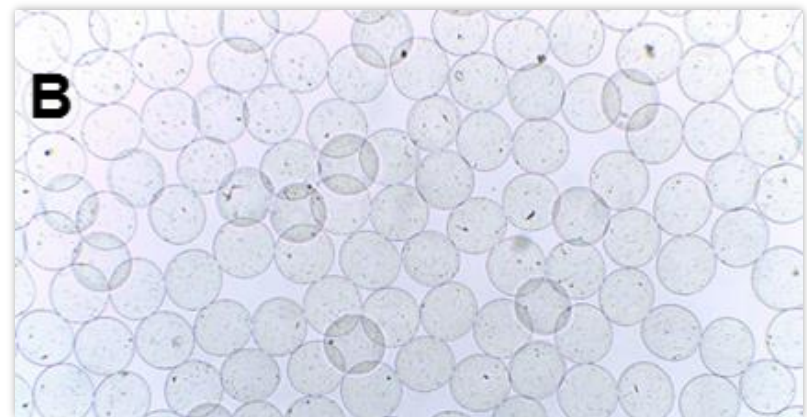
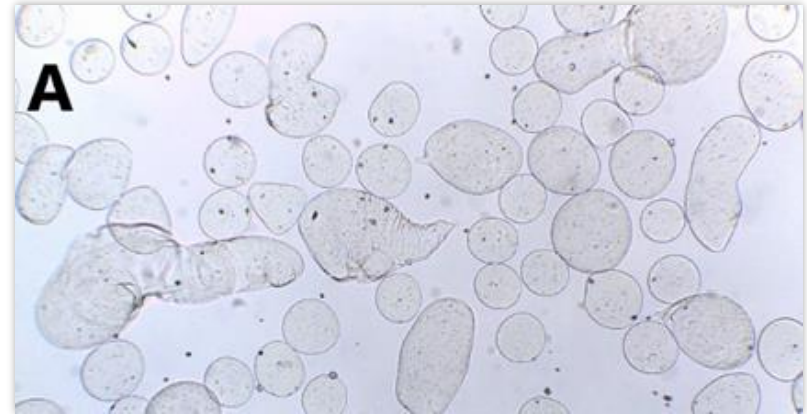
# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds

## Encapsulation of oleuropein and olive leaf extracts in alginate capsules and characterization.

Encapsulation efficiency	
oleuropein (pure substance) 1.8 %	olive leaf extract 4.2 %

	Release	
T(°C)	Oleuropein	Extract
25	100 %	100 %

- (A) Non uniform size and non-spherical shape of capsules prepared under suboptimal conditions;
- (B) Uniform size and spherical shape of capsules prepared under optimal conditions



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### Conclusion:

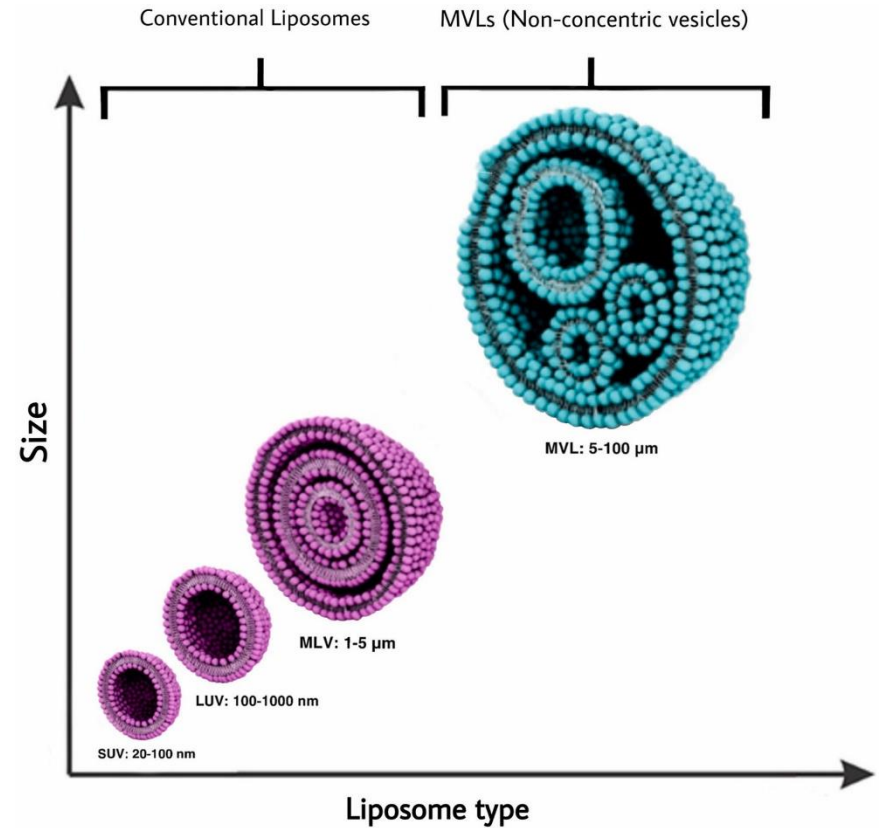
Encapsulation of olive leaf extract in alginate capsules is not sufficiently effective.

The stability of the encapsulated olive leaf extract cannot be analyzed because oleuropein is immediately released from the prepared capsules.

The development of new functional products will take place with the encapsulated extract from proliposomes.

# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds

## Encapsulation of oleuropein and olive leaf extracts into proliposomes

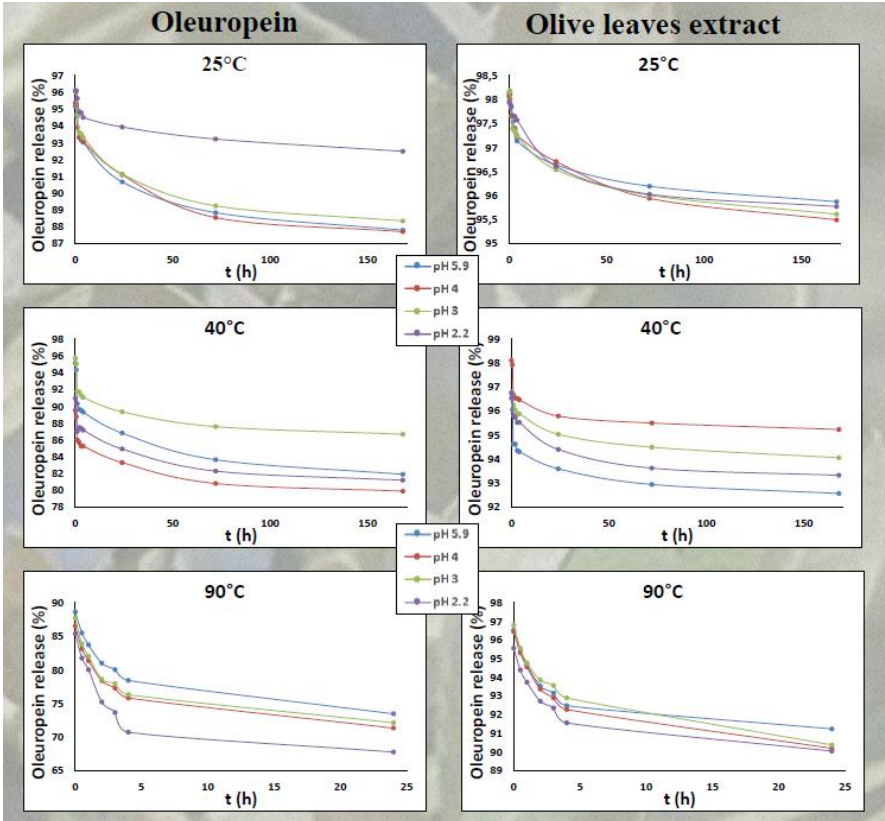


# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds

## Encapsulation of oleuropein and olive leaf extracts into proliposomes

Encapsulation efficiency	
Oleuropein (pure chemical) 75 %	Olive Leaf extract 83 %

T(°C)	Release	
	Oleuropein	Olive Leaf extract
25	10.9 %	4.3 %
40	17.6 %	6.2 %
90	28.8 %	9.5 %



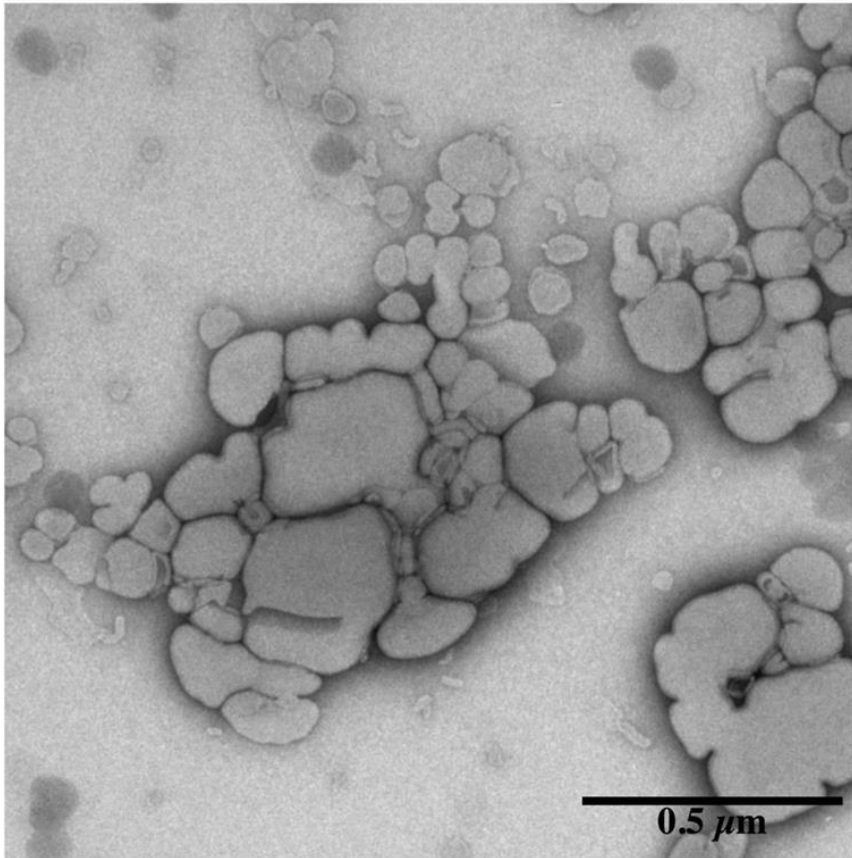
**Conclusion:**

Encapsulation of olive leaf extract into proliposomes is a promising method, as the capsules are stable and the encapsulation efficiency is high.

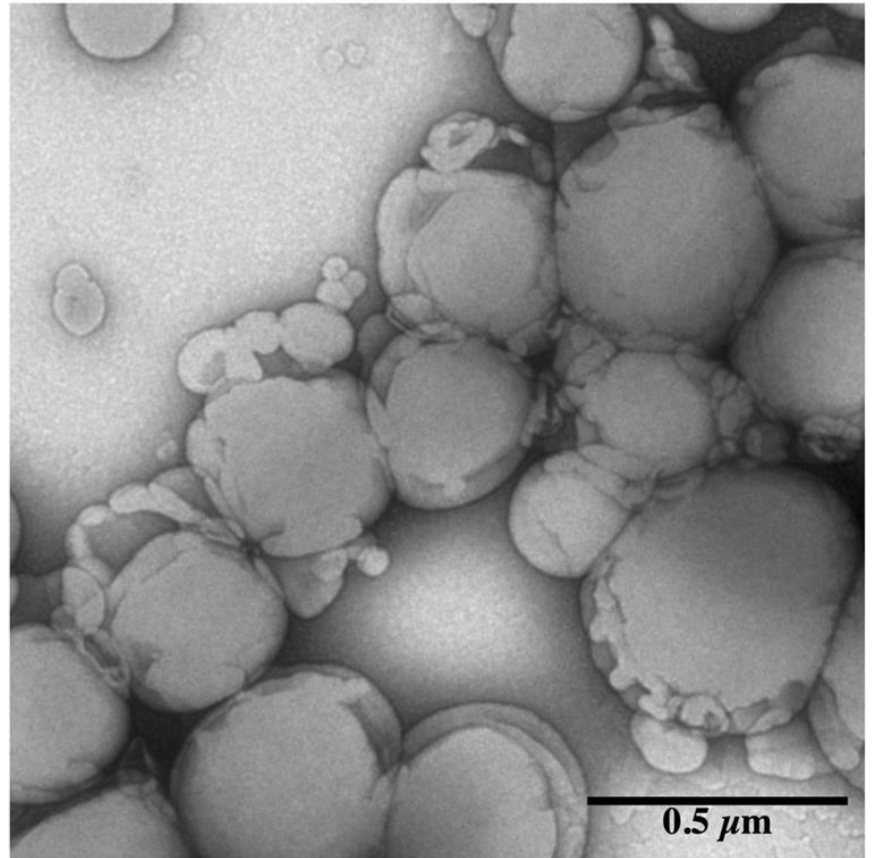
It is interesting to note that the encapsulation efficiency of the olive leaf extract is higher than that of the pure one oleuropein, the release is also lower.

# Characterization - morphology

**a**



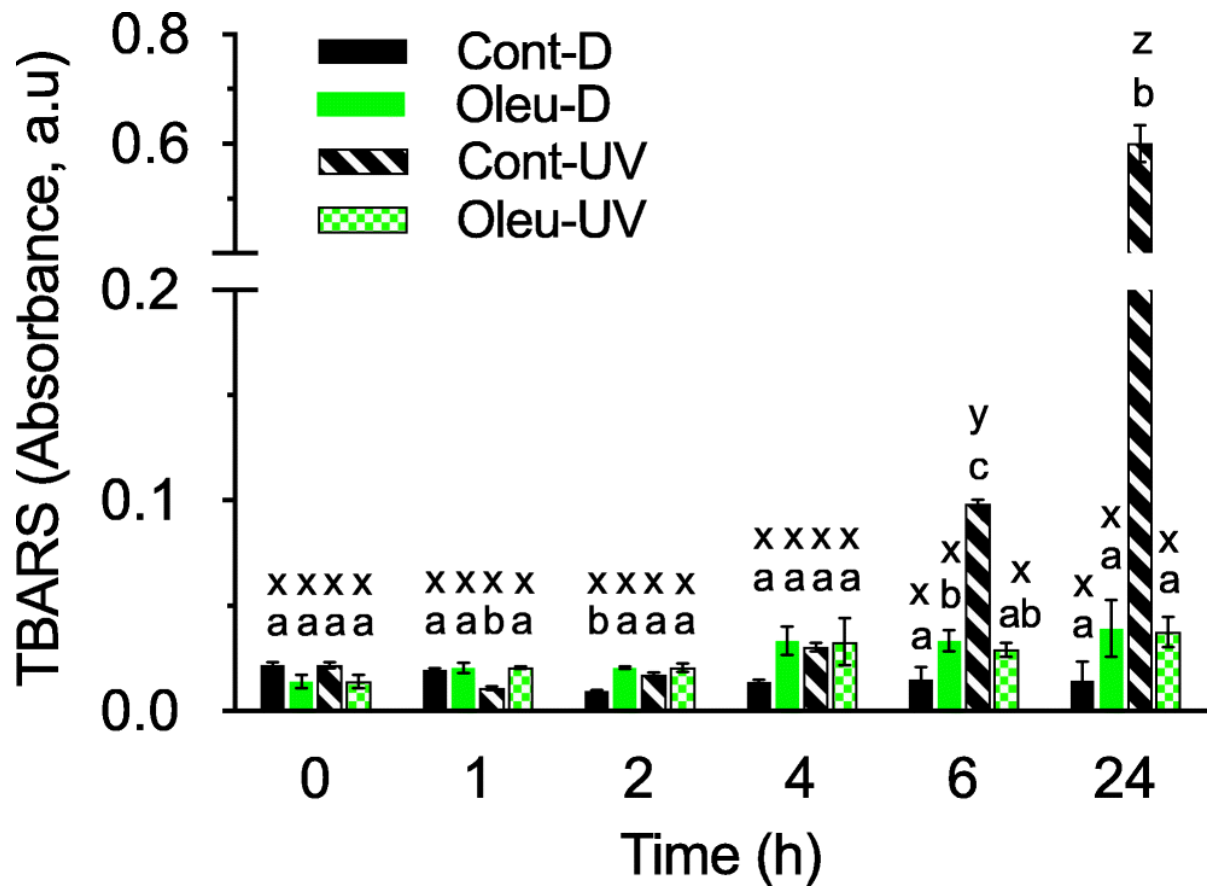
**b**



Representative transmission electron micrographs of PL-90 g liposomes without (a) and with (b) encapsulated OLE  
*Gonzales Ortega, Food biophysics. 2021*

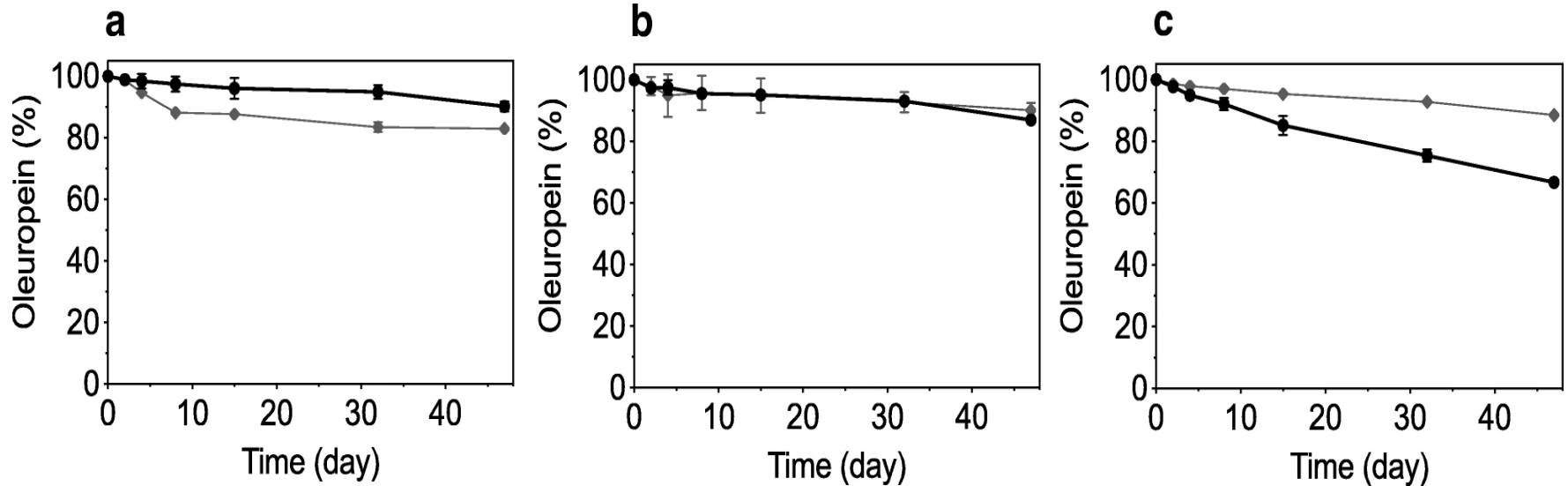


# Peroxidation of PL-90 g liposomes with actively encapsulated oleuropein



Peroxidation of PL-90 g liposomes with actively encapsulated oleuropein (Oleu) using the thiobarbituric reacting substances (TBARS) assay following treatment with UV light (UV) and in the dark (D) at 25 °C. Data are means ± standard deviation (n ≥ 02). *Gonzales Ortega, Food biophysics. 2021*

# Time courses of oleuropein stability



Time courses of oleuropein stability when added as free OLE (●) or PL-90 g OLE liposomes (◇):  
to a commercial lemonade drink (**a**),  
and to a 'model drink' of 10 mM sodium citrate/citric acid buffer, pH 2.87, with 1.2 mg mL<sup>-1</sup> **ascorbic acid** (**b**)  
and without the ascorbic acid (**c**), at 5 °C.  
Data are means ± standard deviation (n = 03)

# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds for the preparation of new food products and nutritional supplements

## Olive leaves preparation for use in food products

1.

- Olive leaves
- Preparation of extract with 70% ethanol
- Extraction in 3 independent parallels
- HPLC determination of hydroxytyrosol and oleuropein in extracts

2.

- Selection of the most suitable starting material according to the oleuropein content
- Food selection for the preparation of a food product enriched with oleuropein

3.

- Selected liquid/solid yogurts with different fat content ranging from 1.2 to 6.0% fat/100 g of product
- Ground olive leaves were added in amounts of 0.5%, 1% and 3% of the net weight of the food product



# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds

## Olive leaves preparation for use in food products

### •HPLC results

compound	
Hydroksitirozol (mg/g leaves)	<b>0.352 ± 0.004</b>
Oleuropein (mg/g leaves)	<b>37.2 ± 0.1</b>

### •Food products

product	MU liquid yogurt	MU KEFIR	MU yog. without lactose	MU yogurt	Alpsko liquid yogurt	Alpsko creamy yogurt
% fat	1.3	1.5	1.6	3.2	4.0	6.0

### •Enrichment with olive leaves

Netto weight of yogurt (g)	Addition of 0.5% olive leaves	Addition 1% olive leaves	Addition 3% olive leaves
500	2.5	5	15
250	1.25	2.5	7.5
180	0.9	1.8	5.4

# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds

## Olive leaves preparation for use in food products

+ 3 %

+ 1 %

+ 0.5 %



# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds for the preparation of nutritional supplements

## Olive leaf preparation for use in food products

Product	Fats (%)	Netto mass (g)	+ 05 % leaves per net weight			+ 1 % leaves per net weight			+ 3 % leaves per net weight		
			I	T	O	I	T	O	I	T	O
MU liquid yogurt 1.3	1.3	500	4.5	4	3.75	4.1	3.75	2.75	3.5	2.6	1
MU KEFIR 1.5	1.5	250	4.7	4.4	4.25	4.2	4.2	4.1	4.1	3.1	1.5
MU yogurt without lactose	1.6	500	4.88	4.5	4.63	4.56	3.93	3.8	3.25	2.38	1.75
MU yogurt 3.2	3.2	500	4.5	4.2	4.55	4.05	4.08	3.98	/*	/*	/*
Alpsko liquid yogurt	4.0	500	4.55	4.58	4.58	4.18	4.08	3.5	/*	/*	/*
Alpsko creamy yogurt	6.0	180	4.67	4.33	4.67	4.17	3.5	3.5	/*	/*	/*

/\* - We did not evaluate the products due to the extremely bitter taste of the previously evaluated products

# Preparation of extracts rich in phenolic compounds for foods

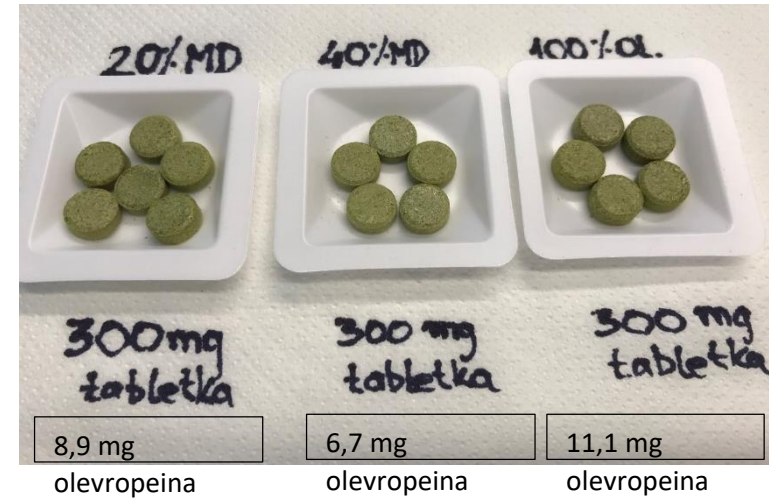
## Olive leaves preparation for use in food products

- The added ground olive leaves create from a soft green color to a more intense color. The **colors are natural** and pleasant.
- The added ground olive leaves **do not affect the smell** of the yogurts themselves.
- The amount of ground olive leaves added affects the texture of the product, which is not disturbing at the lowest concentration, but at higher amounts it depends on **the fat content**.
- The added ground olive leaves have the greatest effect on the taste of the yogurt. The taste is slightly bitter, but unobtrusive, or it is masked with the addition of 0.5% olive leaves, with the addition of 1%, the bitter aftertaste is more intense, but still acceptable in some yogurts, and with the addition of 3% olive leaves, the bitter aftertaste is very disturbing , dominant.

## Conclusion

- For further development, all products with a 0.5% addition of ground olive leaves are suitable, and with a 1% addition, MU KEFIR, MU yogurt 3.2, Alpine liquid yogurt 4.0 are suitable.
- For the preparation of new products, we recommend more finely ground starting material or **encapsulated extract**.

# Nutritional supplements made from olive leaves on the Slovenian market



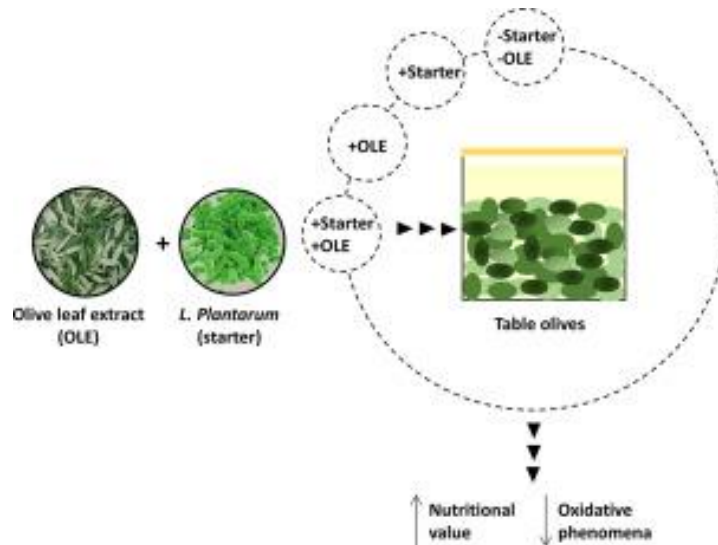
The nutritional supplement in the form of a compressed pill was prepared from ground dry olive leaves and/or with the addition of maltodextrin.

The average weight of one tablet is 300 mg. All tablets have a diameter of 10 mm and a thickness of 4 mm.





## WHAT TO DO NEXT?



Effects of olive leaf extract addition on fermentative and oxidative processes of table olives and their nutritional properties. *Food Res Int.* 2019 Feb;116:1306-1317



Communication

### Solid State Fermentation of Olive Leaves as a Promising Technology to Obtain Hydroxytyrosol and Elenolic Acid Derivatives Enriched Extracts

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