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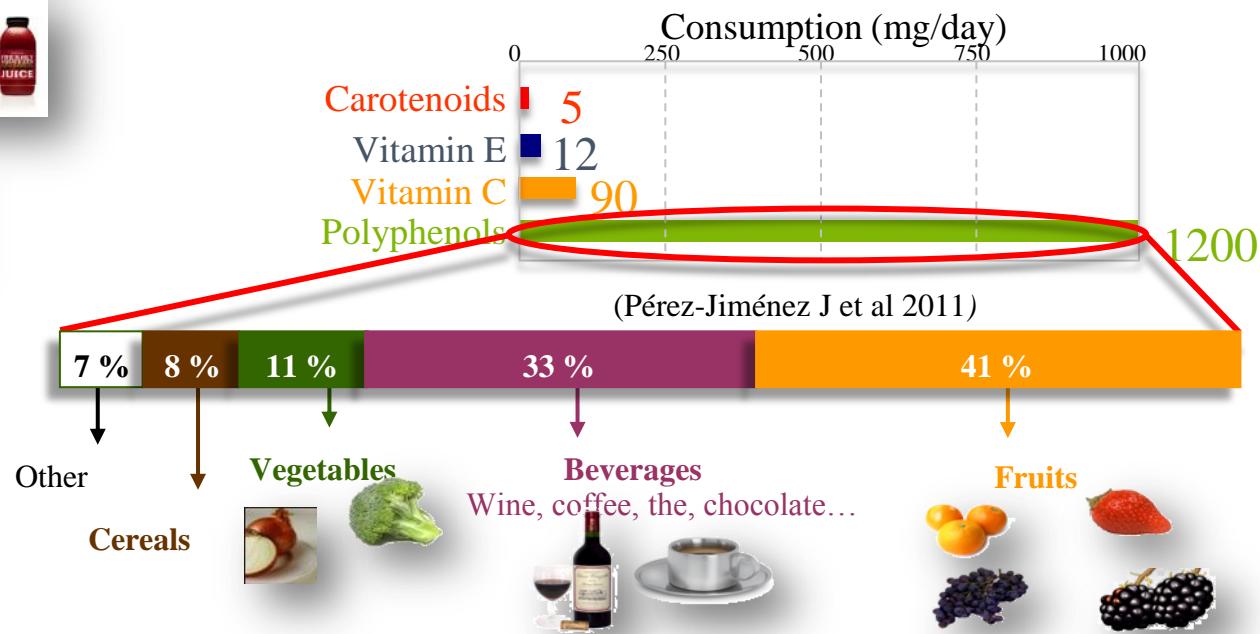
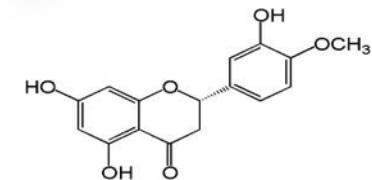
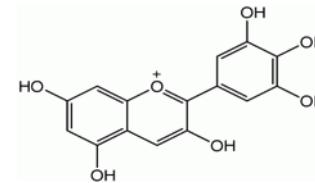
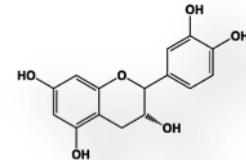
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# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS

- Phytonutrients
- Confer organoleptic properties to plant foods
- Most abundant dietary antioxidants



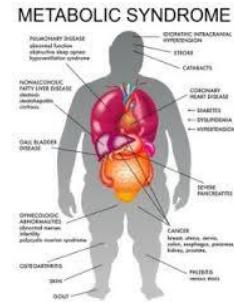
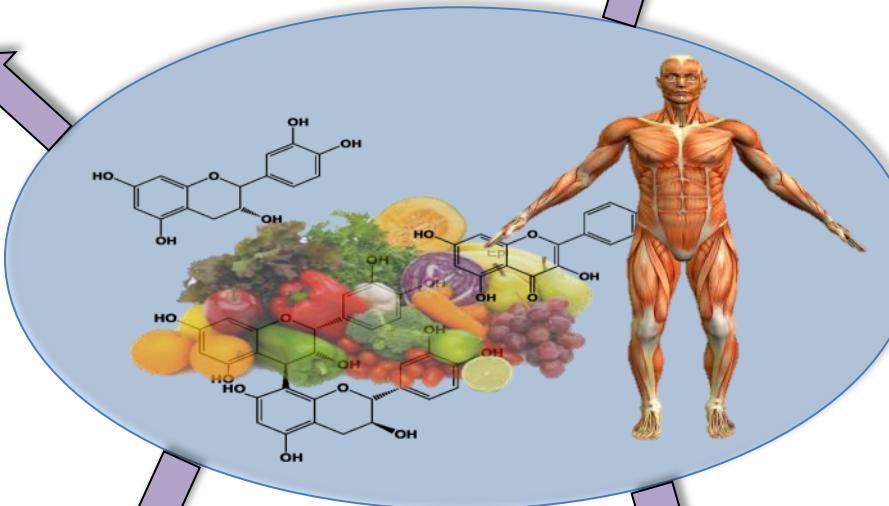
# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS AND HEALTH



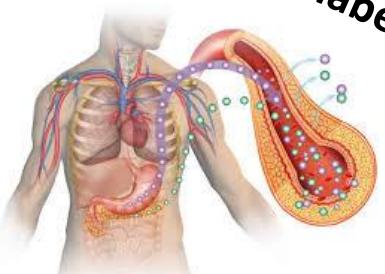
Cardiovascular diseases



Cancer



Metabolic syndrome



T2 Diabetes

Neurodegenerative Diseases



# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS AND NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTIONS



Blueberry-induced changes in spatial working memory correlate with changes in hippocampal CREB phosphorylation and brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) levels



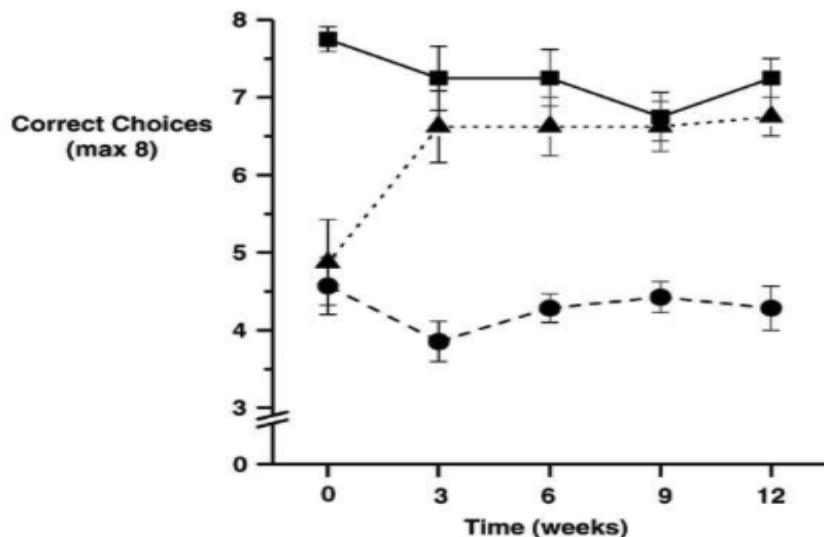
Claire M. Williams <sup>a,1</sup>, Manal Abd El Mohsen <sup>b,1</sup>, David Vauzour <sup>b</sup>, Catarina Rendeiro <sup>b</sup>, Laurie T. Butler <sup>a</sup>, Judi A. Ellis <sup>a</sup>, Matthew Whiteman <sup>c</sup>, Jeremy P.E. Spencer <sup>b,\*</sup>

Free Radical Biology & Medicine 45 (2008) 295–305

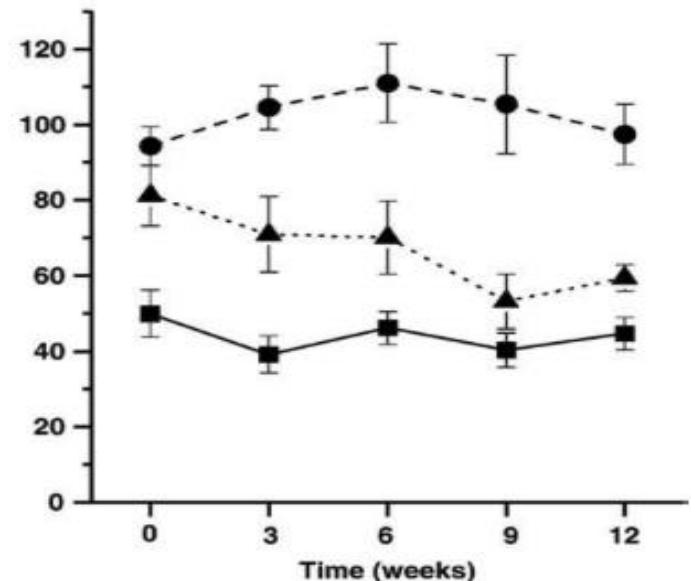
■ : “young” 9-month-old rats

● : “old” 21-month-old rats

▲ : “old” 21-month-old rats supplemented with a 2% BB diet

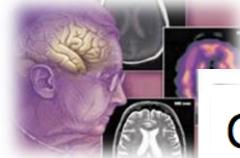


Time required for  
Correct Choice  
(Seconds)



Blueberry diet improves the performance of aged animals in spatial working memory tasks

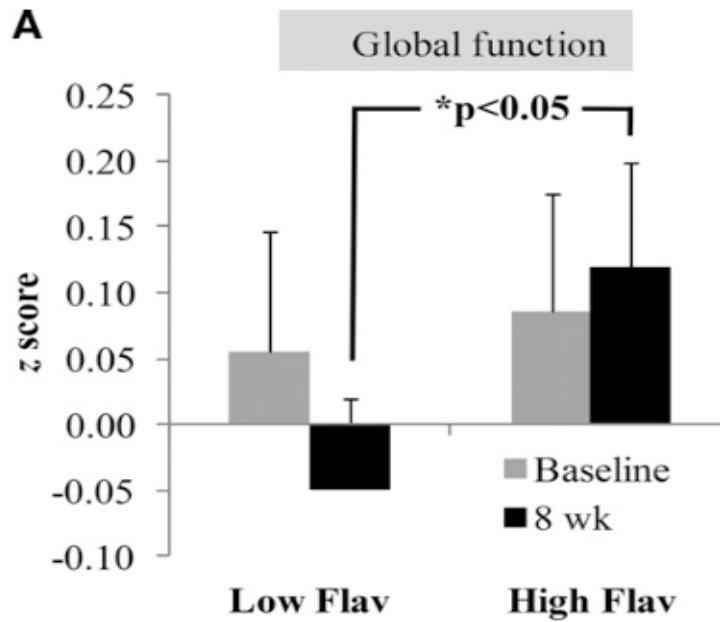
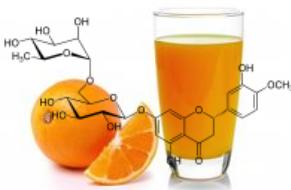
# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS AND NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTIONS



Chronic consumption of flavanone-rich orange juice is associated with cognitive benefits: an 8-wk, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in healthy older adults<sup>1–3</sup>

Rebecca J Kean, Daniel J Lamport, Georgina F Dodd, Jayne E Freeman, Claire M Williams, Judi A Ellis, Laurie T Butler, and Jeremy PE Spencer

Am J Clin Nutr 2015;101:506–14. Printed in USA. © 2015 American Society for Nutrition



**Flavanone-rich orange juice is beneficial for cognitive function in healthy older adults  
with no significant effects on mood or blood pressure**

# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS AND NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTIONS

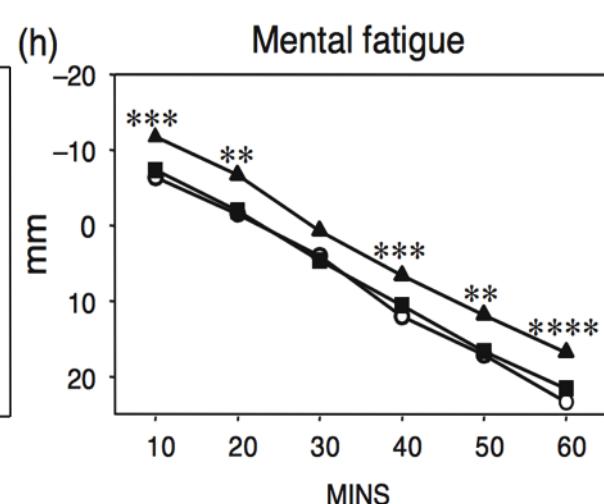
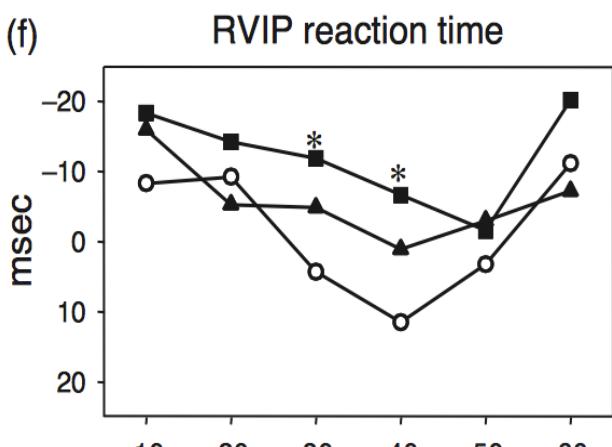
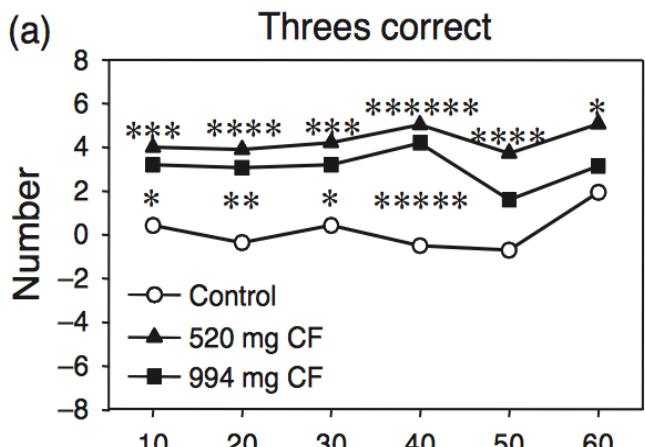


## Consumption of cocoa flavanols results in acute improvements in mood and cognitive performance during sustained mental effort

Andrew B Scholey<sup>1</sup>, Stephen J French<sup>2</sup>, Penelope J Morris<sup>2</sup>,  
David O Kennedy<sup>3</sup>, Anthea L Milne<sup>3</sup> and Crystal F Haskell<sup>3</sup>

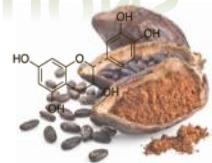
*Journal of Psychopharmacology* 2010 24(10) 1505–1514

### Cognitive Demand Battery



Cocoa flavanols beneficially affect cognitive function regarding performance and mood during highly effortful cognitive processing

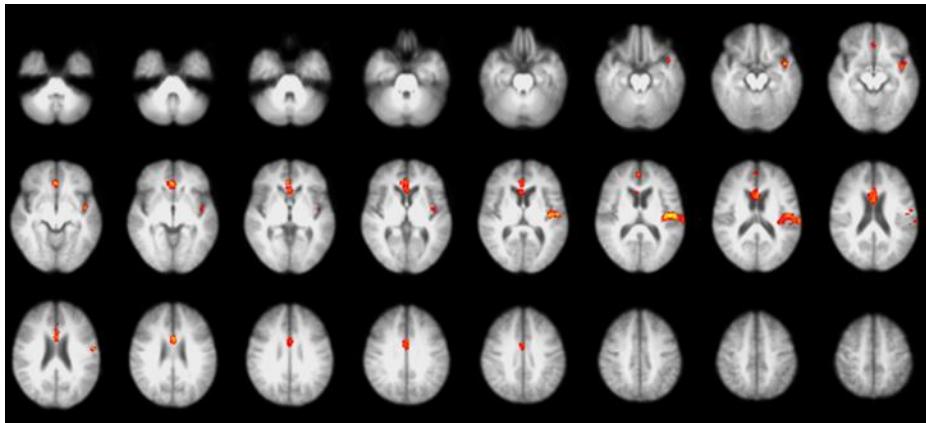
# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS AND NEUROLOGICAL FUNCTIONS



## The effect of flavanol-rich cocoa on cerebral perfusion in healthy older adults during conscious resting state: a placebo controlled, crossover, acute trial

Daniel J. Lampert<sup>1</sup> · Deepa Pal<sup>1</sup> · Christina Moutsiana<sup>1</sup> · David T. Field<sup>1</sup> ·  
Claire M. Williams<sup>1</sup> · Jeremy P. E. Spencer<sup>2</sup> · Laurie T. Butler<sup>1</sup>

Psychopharmacology (2015) 232:3227–3234



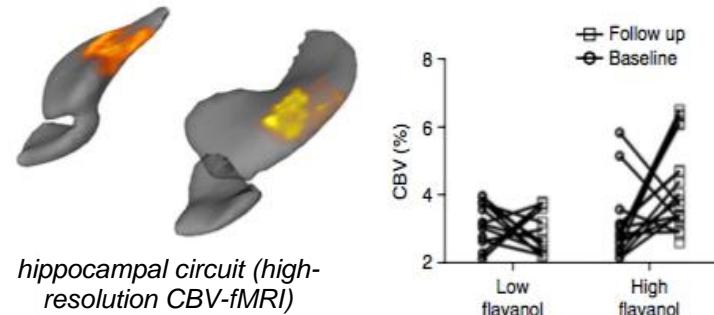
Increase in blood flow in brain 2h post-consumption of the high flavanol drink

nature neuroscience 26 October 2014; doi:10.1038/nn.3850



## Enhancing dentate gyrus function with dietary flavanols improves cognition in older adults

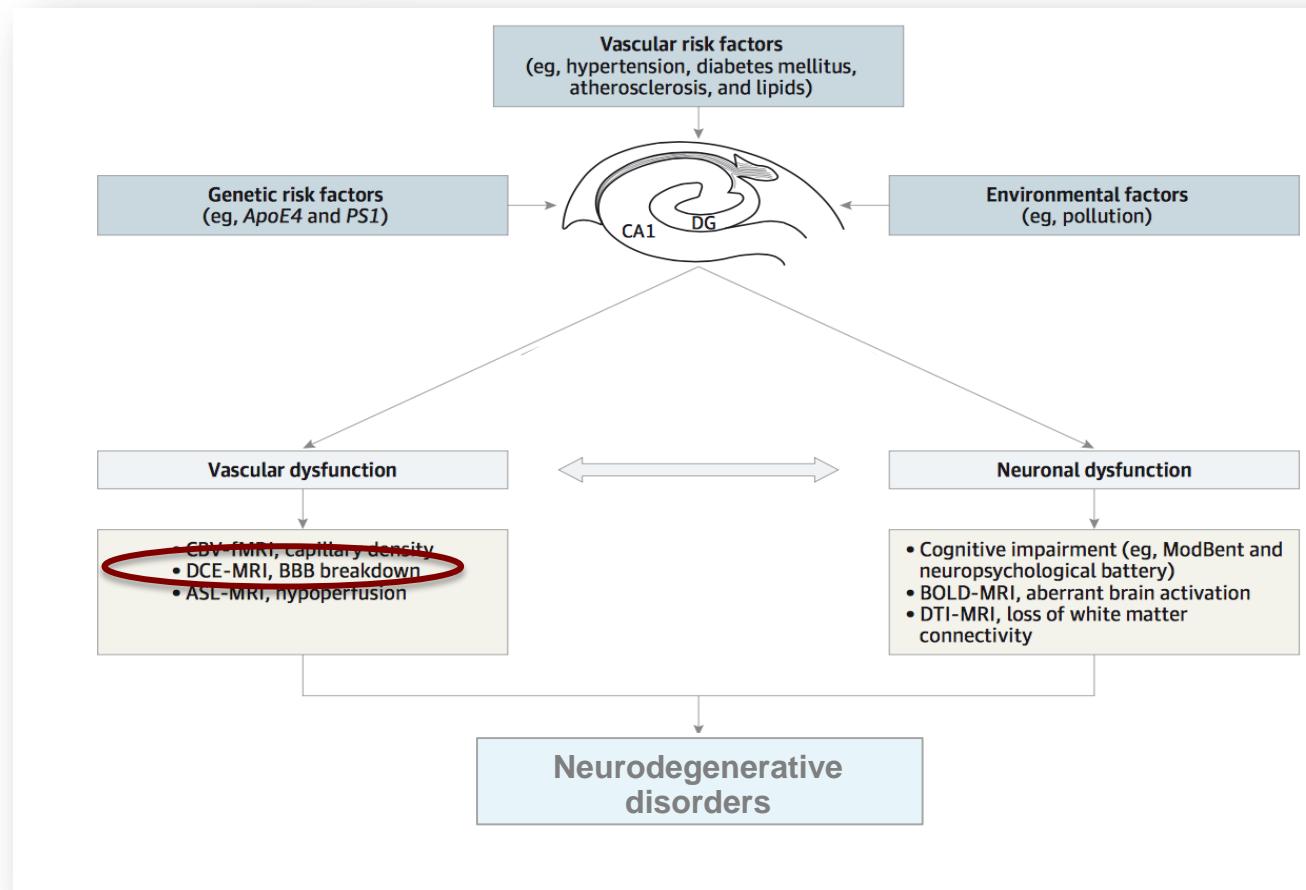
Adam M Brickman<sup>1,2,8</sup>, Usman A Khan<sup>1,2,8</sup>, Frank A Provenzano<sup>1,2,8</sup>, Lok-Kin Yeung<sup>1,2</sup>, Wendy Suzuki<sup>3</sup>, Hagen Schroeter<sup>4</sup>, Melanie Wall<sup>5,6</sup>, Richard P Sloan<sup>5,6</sup> & Scott A Small<sup>1,2,5,7</sup>



The dentate gyrus (DG) is a region in the hippocampal formation whose function declines with age and is therefore considered as source of age-related memory decline.

A high-flavanol intervention enhances DG function (cerebral blood volume and cognitive function)

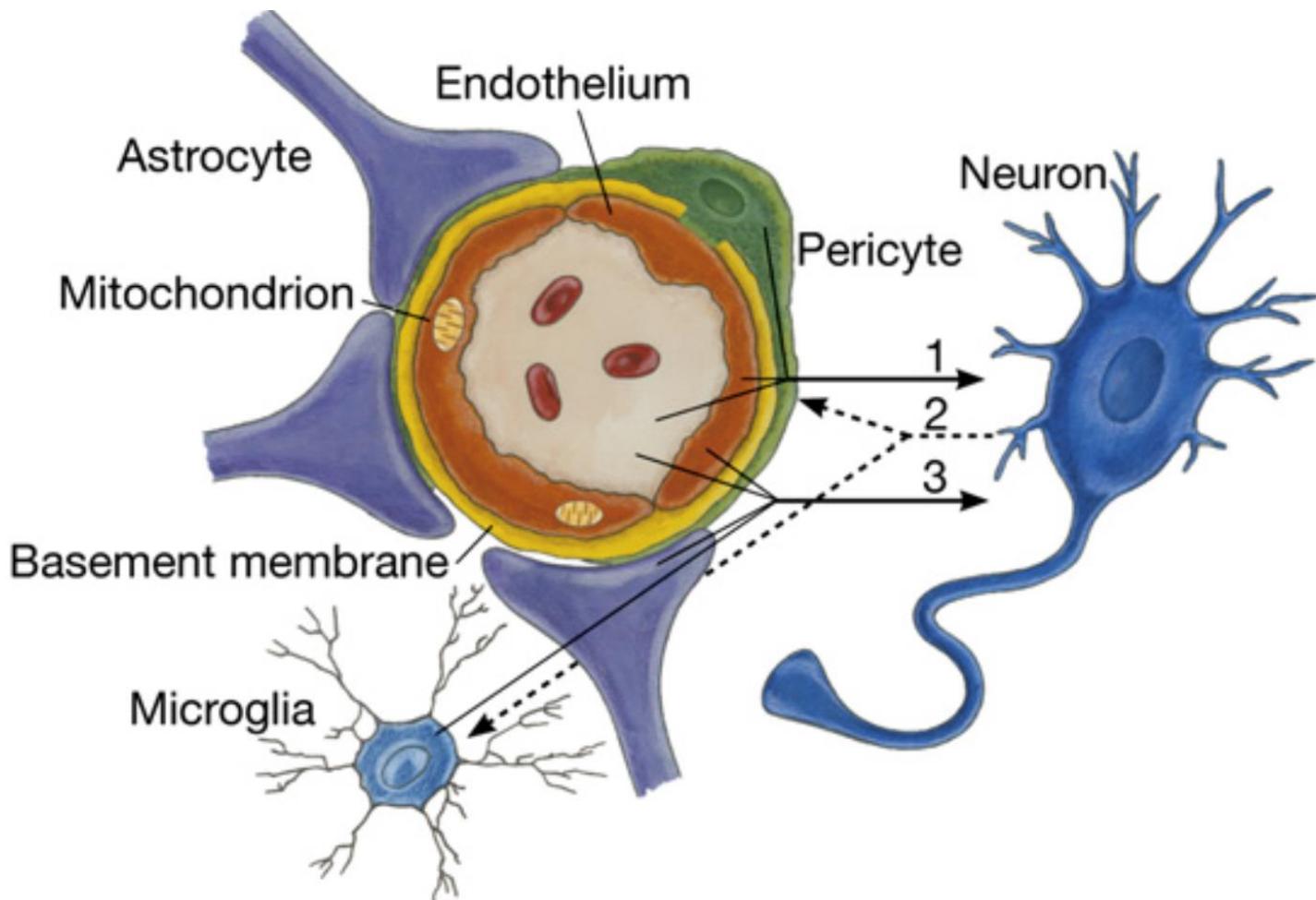
# ORIGINS OF NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS: BLOOD-BRAIN-BARRIER



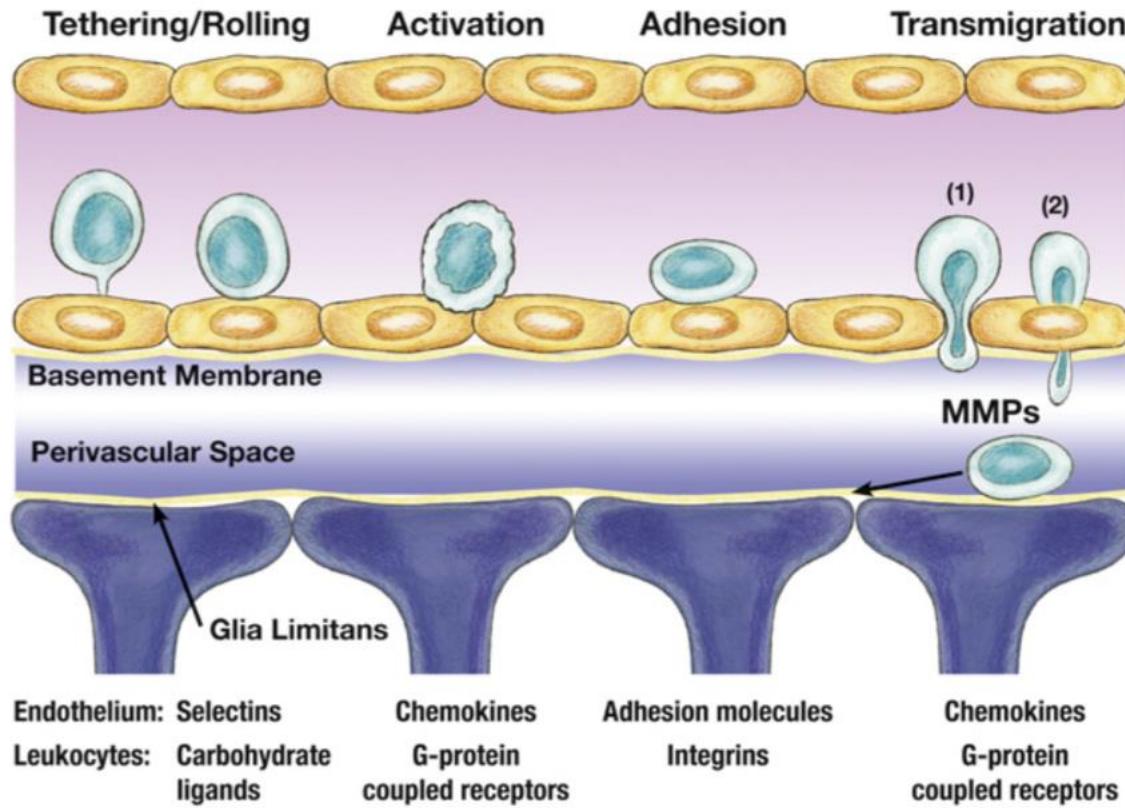
- BBB dysfunction, a key contributors to the pathogenesis of neurodegenerative disorders
- BBB breakdown is an early event in the aging human brain that begins in the hippocampus and may contribute to cognitive impairment.

# STRUCTURE OF BLOOD-BRAIN-BARRIER

## - NEUROVASCULAR UNIT -



# DYSFUNCTION OF BLOOD-BRAIN-BARRIER



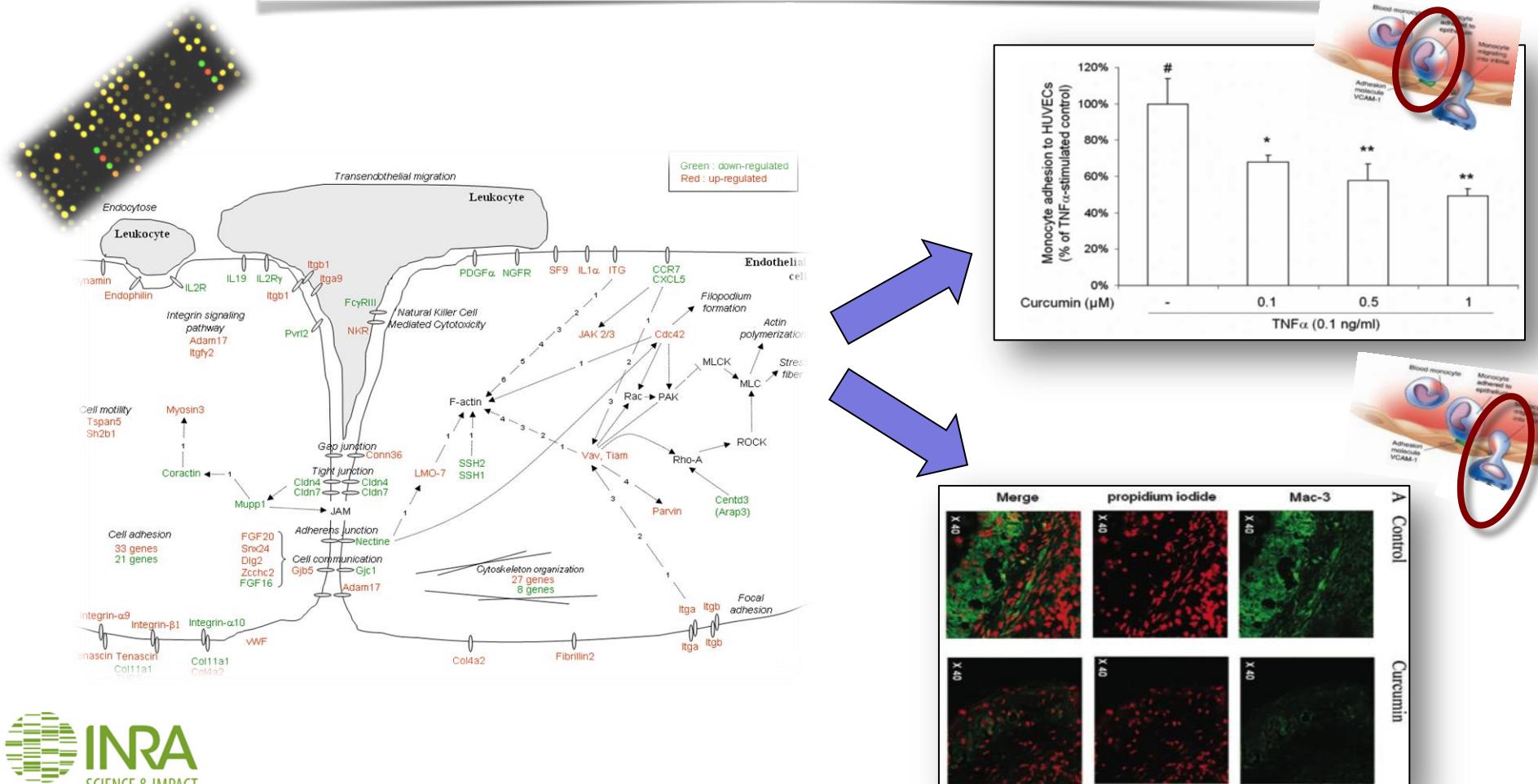
# POLYPHENOLS AND ENDOTHELIAL CELL FUNCTION



## Dietary curcumin inhibits atherosclerosis by affecting the expression of genes involved in leukocyte adhesion and transendothelial migration

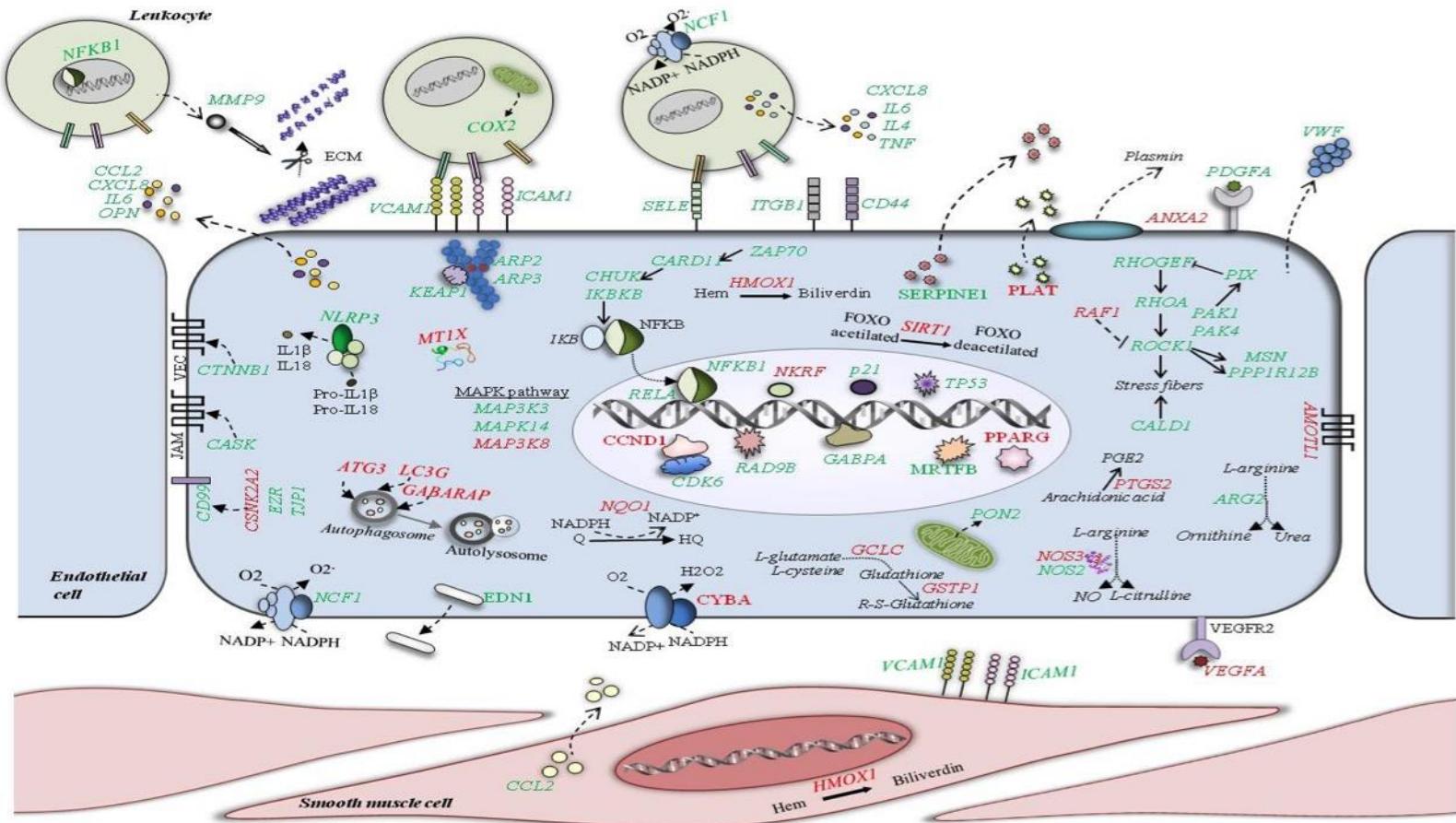
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Mol. Nutr. Food Res. 2012, 00, 1–12

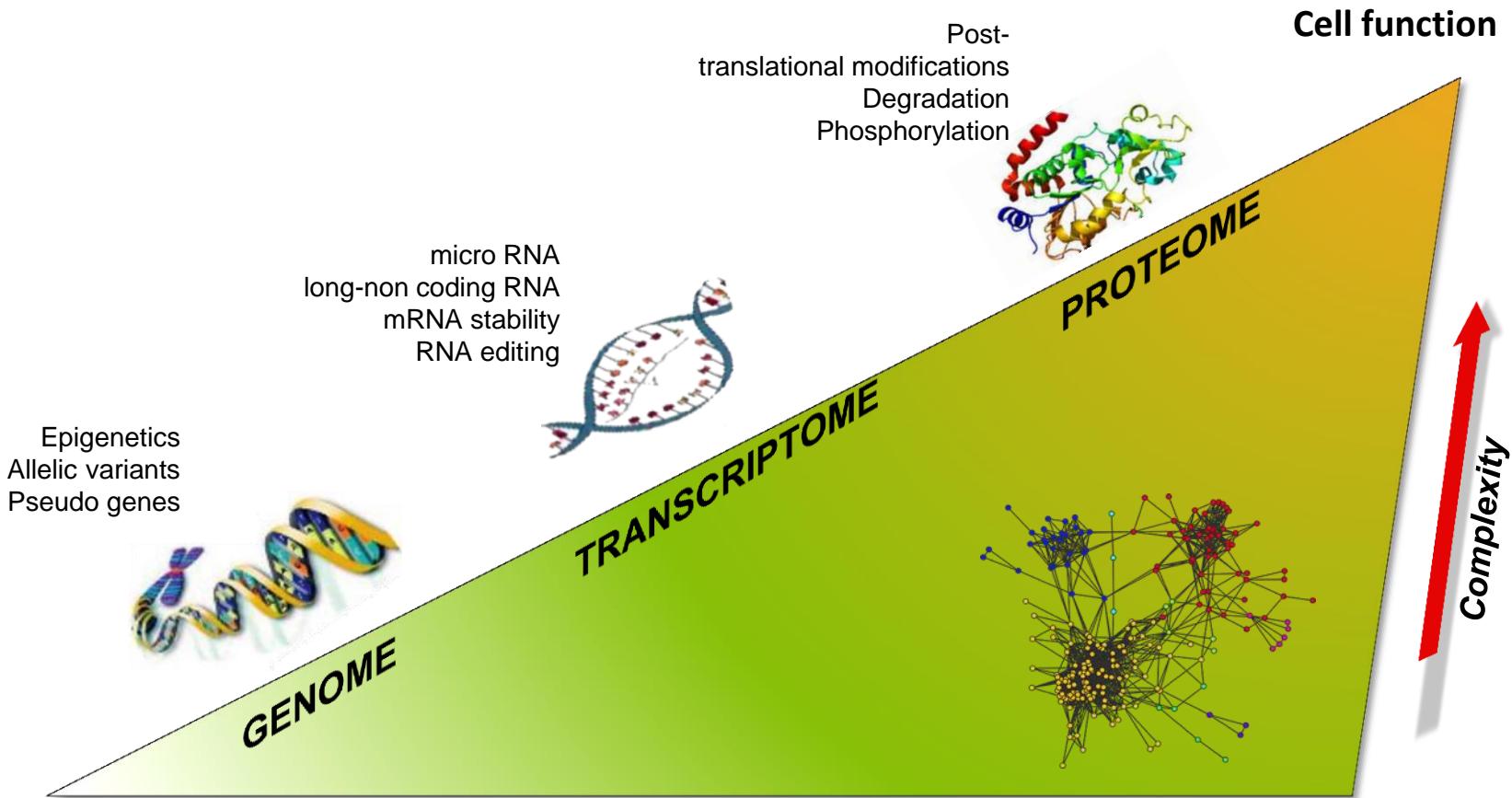


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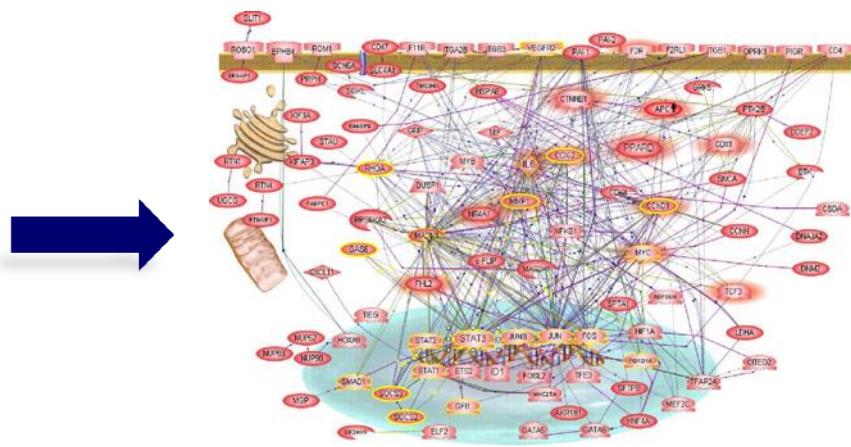
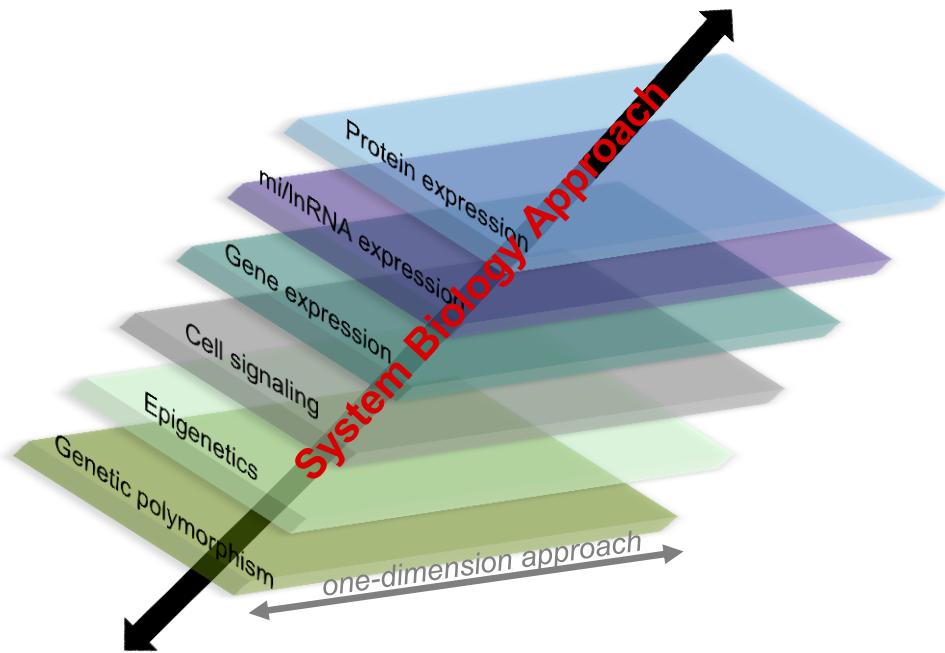
## - NUTRIGENOMIC EFFECTS -



# CELL FUNCTION REGULATION

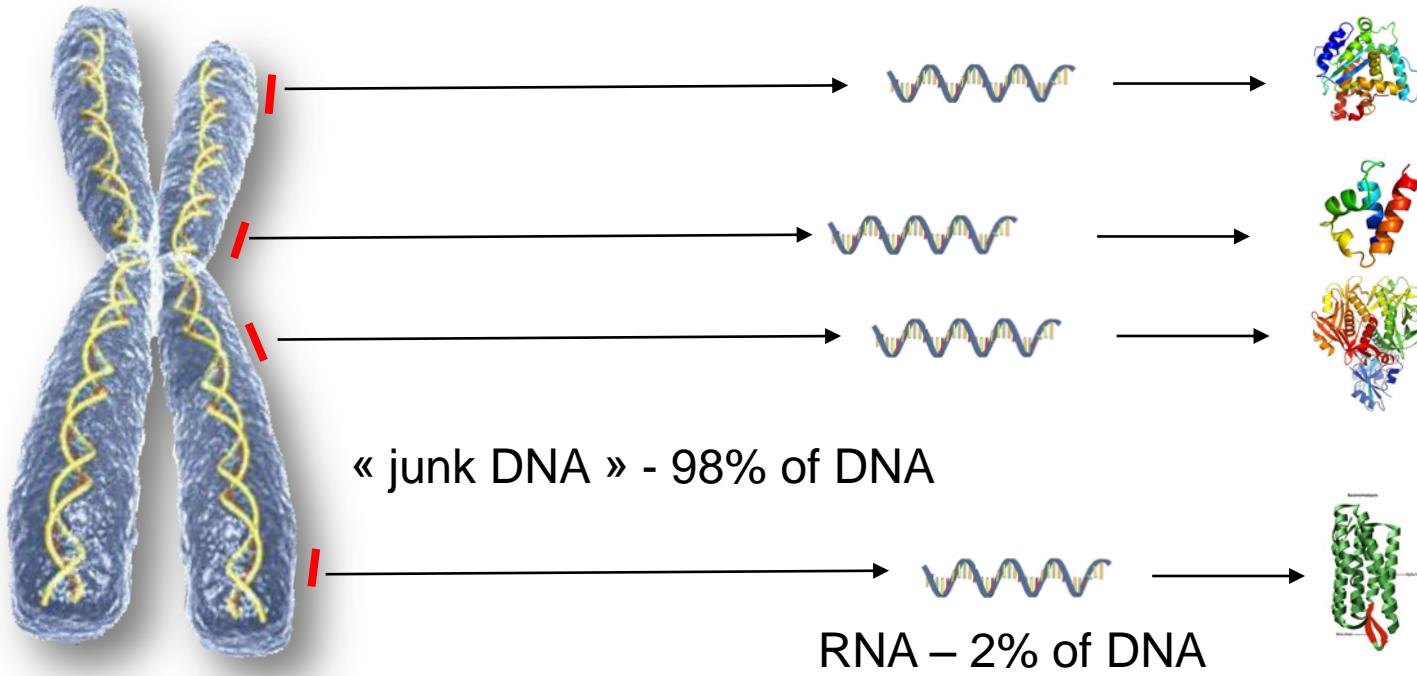


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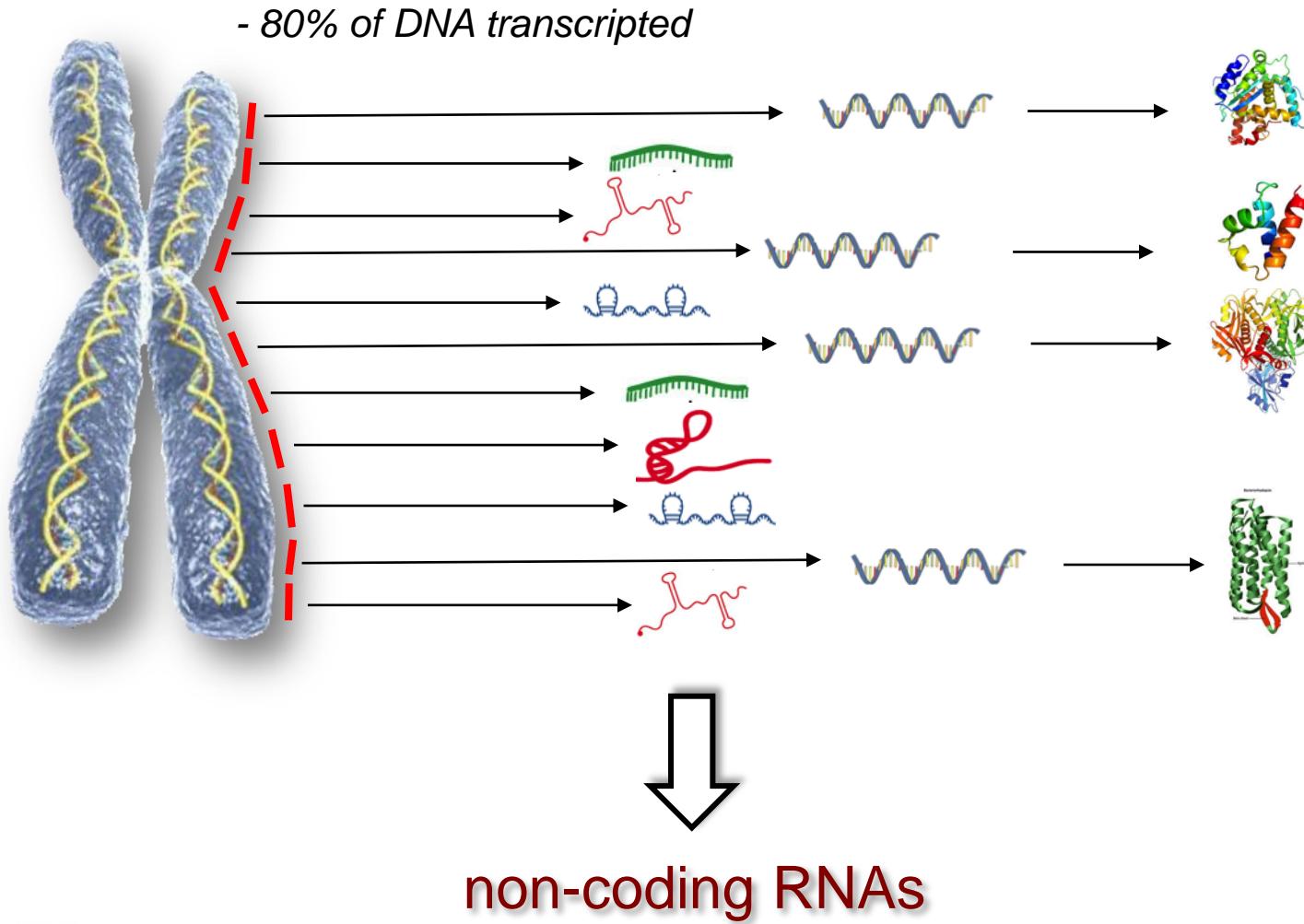


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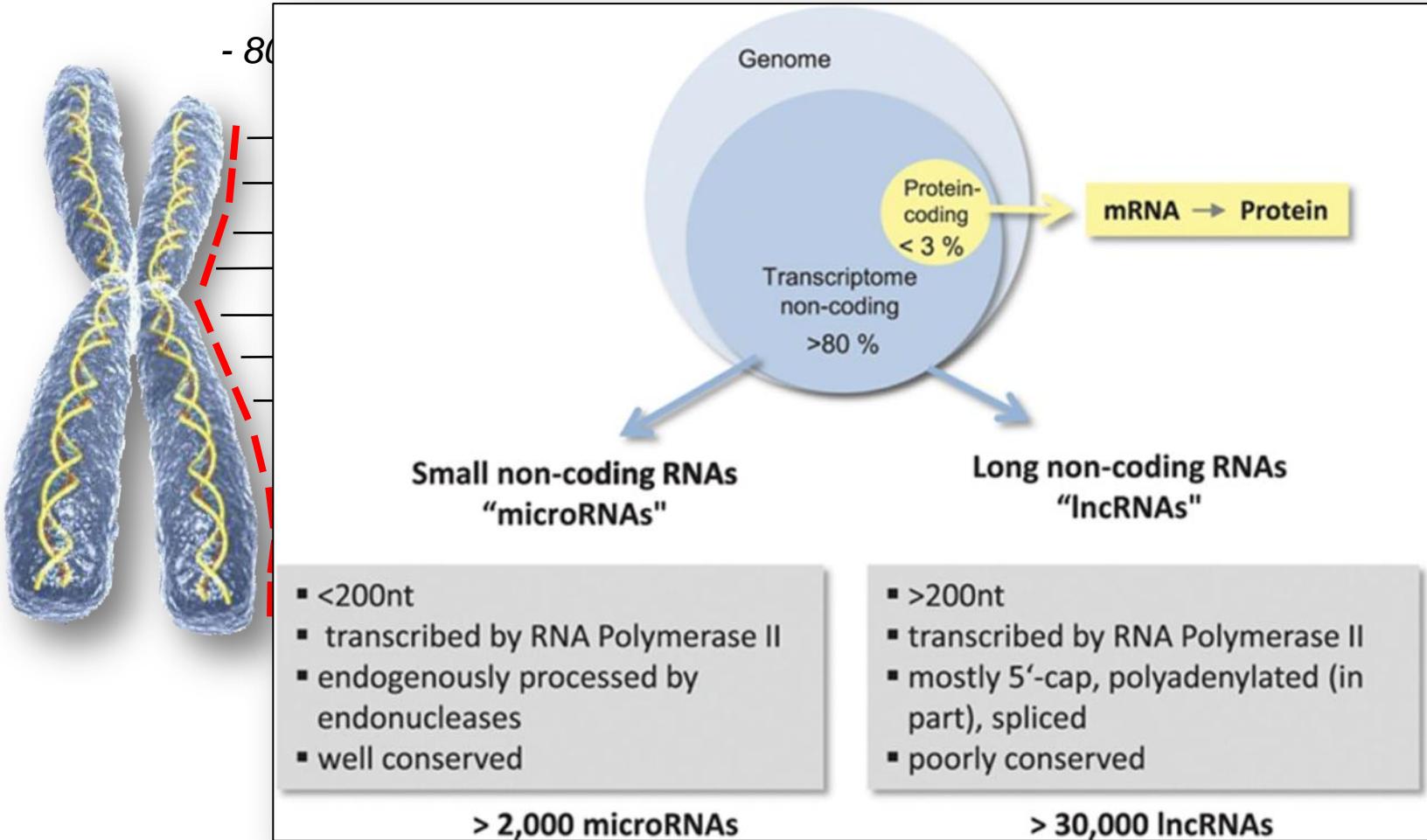
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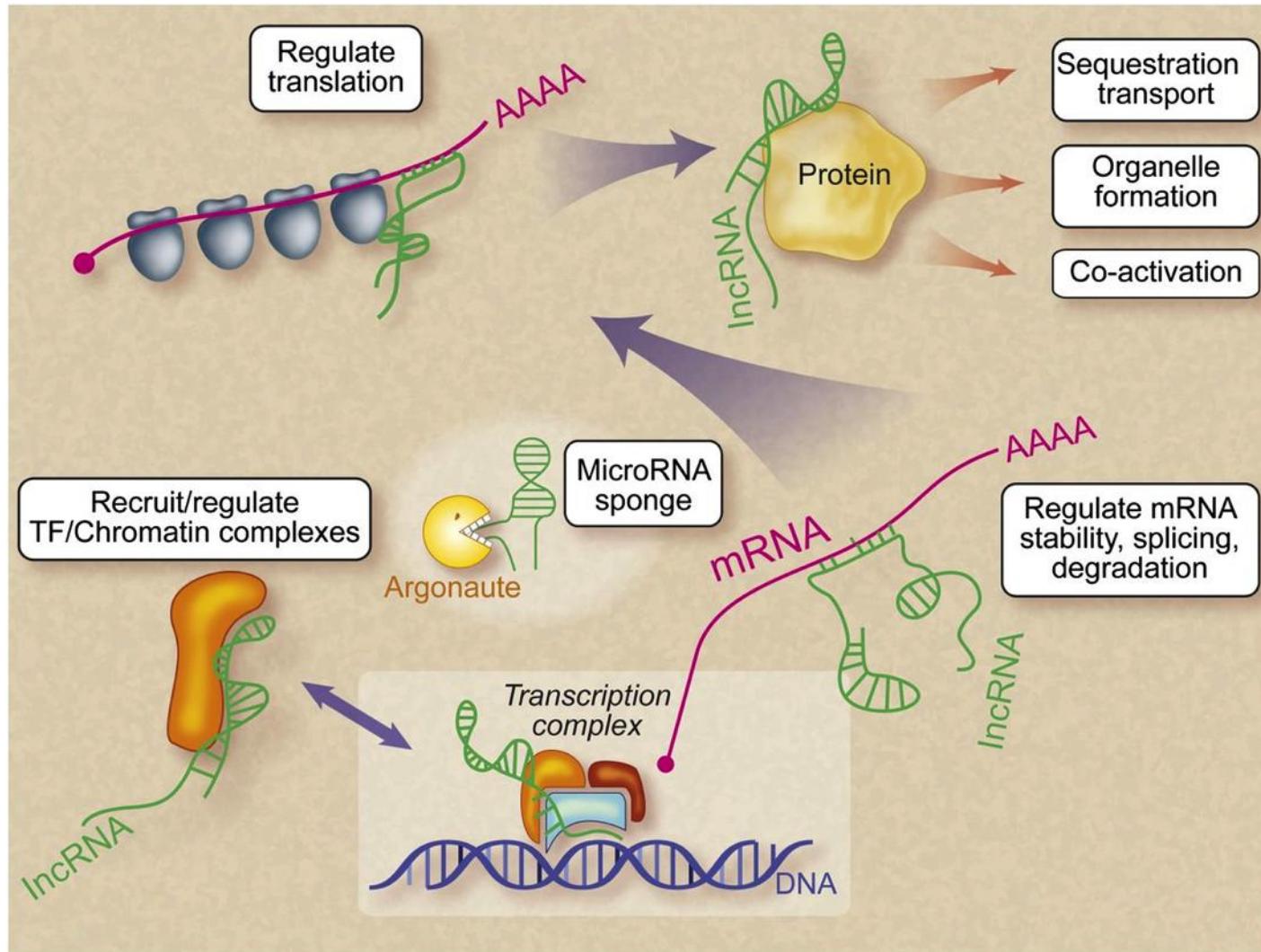
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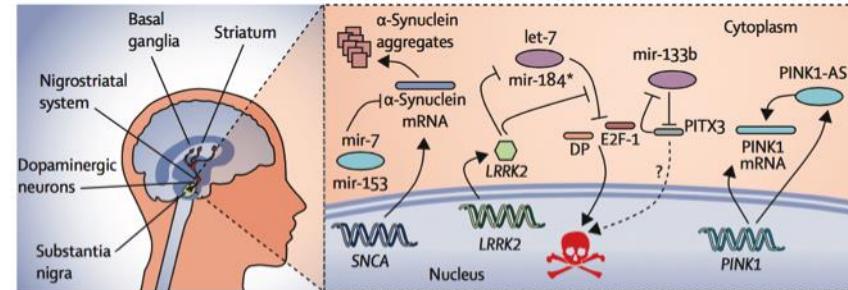
# LncRNAs REGULATE GENE EXPRESSION THROUGH DIVERSE MECHANISMS



# LncRNAs AND NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES

## Non-coding RNA in neural function, disease, and aging

Kirk Szafranski<sup>1†</sup>, Karan J. Abraham<sup>1†</sup> and Karim Mekhail<sup>1,2\*</sup>

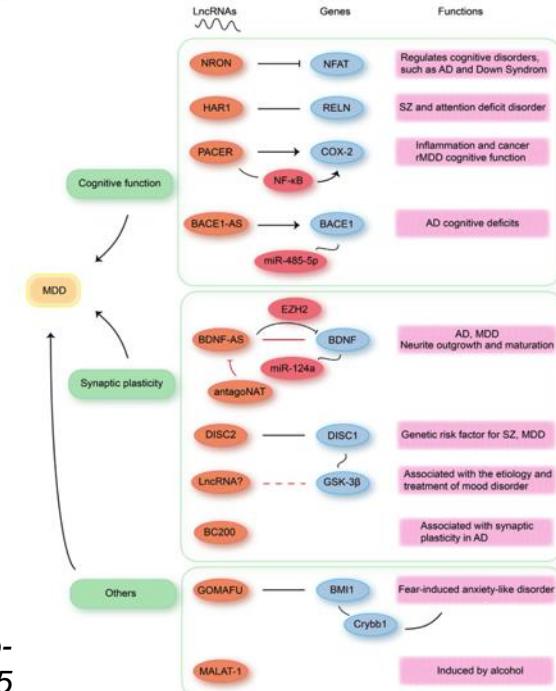


Salta et al., Lancet Neurol 2012

Transcript/protein	Diseases implicated	Proposed mechanism
FUS/TLS	ALS, FTLD	Indirect Drosha interactions regulates various miRNAs
ATX2	ALS, SCA2, PSP	Interactions with RISC components regulates long-term habituation
DGCR8	Prader-Willi syndrome	Microprocessor, can process miRNAs and snoRNAs
n-Tr20	N/A. Neural cell death observed with mutation	tRNA isodecoder necessary for the production of GTPBP2
CLP1	PCH 10	Necessary for maturation of tRNAs
BACE1AS	AD	Stabilization of <i>BACE1</i> which ultimately results in amyloid beta accumulation
ATXN8OS	SCA8	May reduce the amount of KLHL1, may produce toxic dipeptides or sequester RNA binding proteins
UCHL1-AS	AD, PD	Regulates translation of neuroprotective protein UCHL1
NEAT1	ALS, HD, aging	Produces paraspeckle bodies which storage RNAs, potentially for release during stress
C9ORF72	ALS	Abortive transcripts sequester RNA binding proteins and produce toxic dipeptides
SETX	AOA2, ALS	RNA-DNA helicase prevents R-loop formation
Pbp1	ALS, SCA2, PSP	Interacts with RNAs to prevent RNA-DNA hybrids, maintains genomic stability, and cellular lifespan

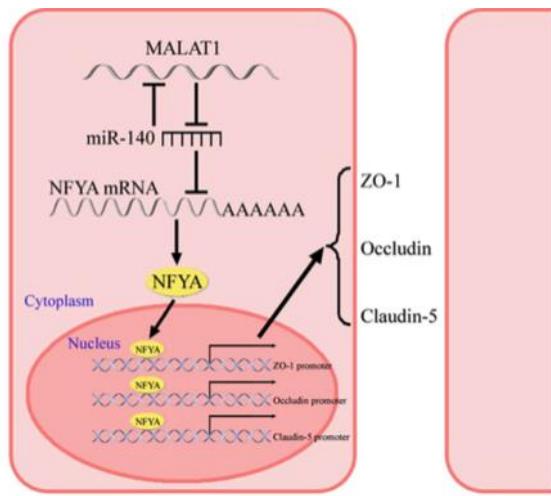
## The link between long noncoding RNAs and depression

Xiao Huang <sup>a</sup>, Yan-li Luo <sup>b</sup>, Yue-shi Mao <sup>c,\*1</sup>, Jian-lin Ji <sup>a,\*1</sup>



Huang et al., Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry 2015

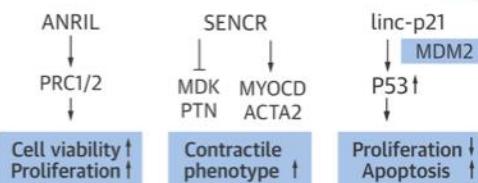
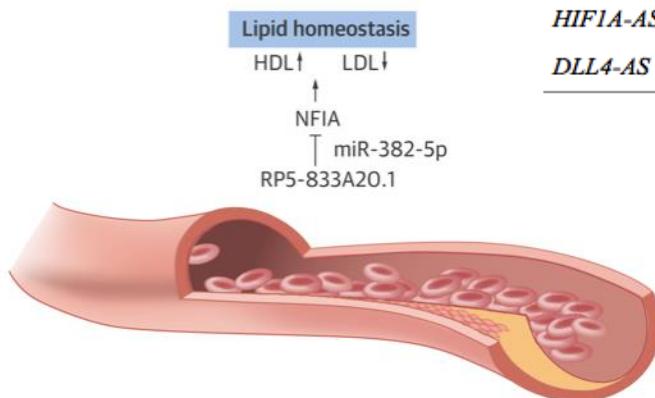
# LONG NON-CODING RNA REGULATE ENDOTHELIAL CELL FUNCTION AND BARRIER



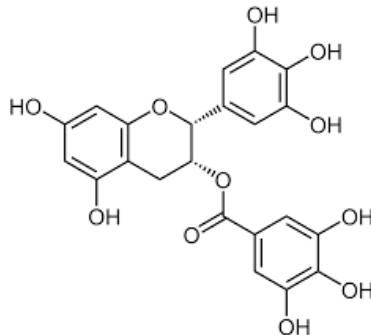
MA et al., ABB 2015

LncRNA	Type/localization	Putative function in SMC
<i>ATG9B</i>	NAT-lncRNA/nuclear+cytoplasmic	↓ <i>NOS3</i> following hypoxia
<i>TIE1-AS</i>	NAT-lncRNA/cytoplasmic	Regulation of EC contact junctions
<i>NRON</i>	Intr-lncRNA/cytoplasmic	↓ EC proliferation/↓ migration
<i>SENCR</i>	antisense oh-lncRNA/cytoplasmic	?
<i>MALAT1</i>	LincRNA/nuclear	Proper angiogenesis
<i>TGFB2-ot1</i>	sense ol-lncRNA/?	ceRNA regulating autophagy
<i>MIAT</i>	LincRNA/nuclear	ceRNA regulating EC function
<i>ASncmtRNA-2</i>	Stem loop/nucleus	Replicative senescence
<i>AGAP2-ASI</i>	NAT-lncRNA/cytoplasm	Proper angiogenesis
<i>HIF1A-ASI</i>	NAT-lncRNA/?	↑ EC apoptosis/↓ EC proliferation
<i>DLL4-AS</i>	NAT-lncRNA/cytoplasm	↑ EC proliferation/↑ EC migration

Miano et al., Cell. Mol. Life Sci, 2015

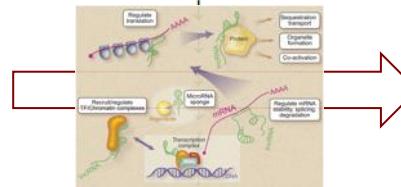


# DIETARY POLYPHENOLS AND lncRNA



**Epigallocatechin gallate**

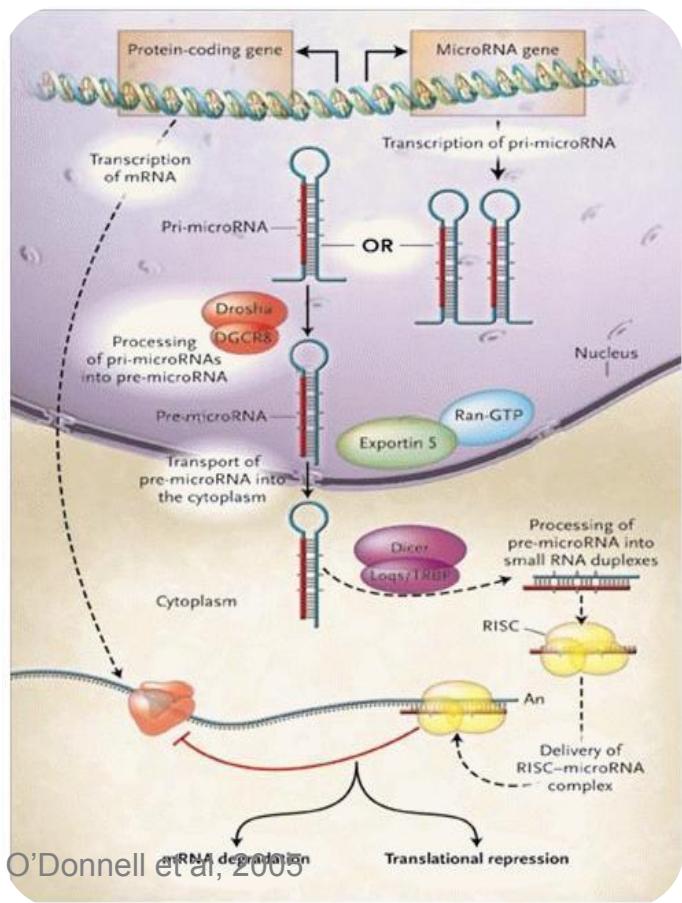
lncRNAs	Change
N342928	↓
NONHSAT015959	↓
N333444	↓
AT088005	↓
TM4SF4-2	↓
AT009251	↓
AT008445	↓
AT068602	↓
AT020294	↓
AT122449	↓
AT068591	↓
PHF17-1	↓
AT098264	↓
n382512	↓
n409611	↓
DCLK3-3	↓
AT101123	↓
ISLR2-3	↓
AT102202	↓
AT115872	↑
AT017383	↑
AT004532	↑
AT027943	↑
ITGB2-3	↑
AT078273	↑
AT016514	↑
AT097214	↑
FAM75A3-1	↑
FAM75A3-2	↑



- *Cholesterol synthesis*
- *Lipid droplets formation*
- *Cell replication*

**EGCG may potentially regulate gene expression through by lncRNAs**

# MICRORNAs



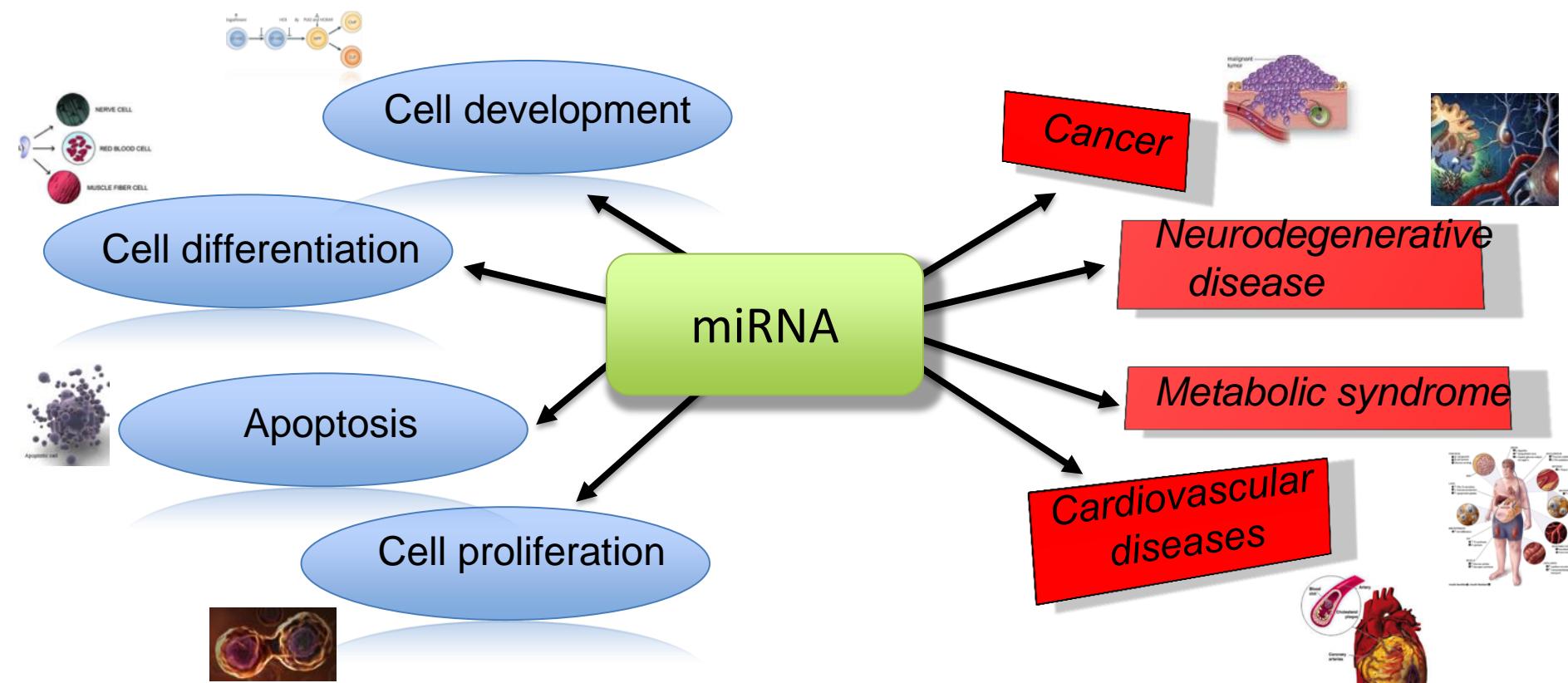
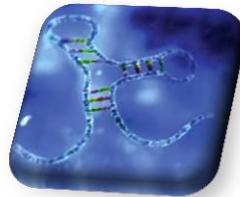
- MicroRNAs (miRNAs) are short non-coding RNA that act as negative regulators of gene expression and protein synthesis in eukaryotic organisms.

*Each miRNA can regulate the translation of multiple genes and many genes can be regulated by multiple miRNAs.*

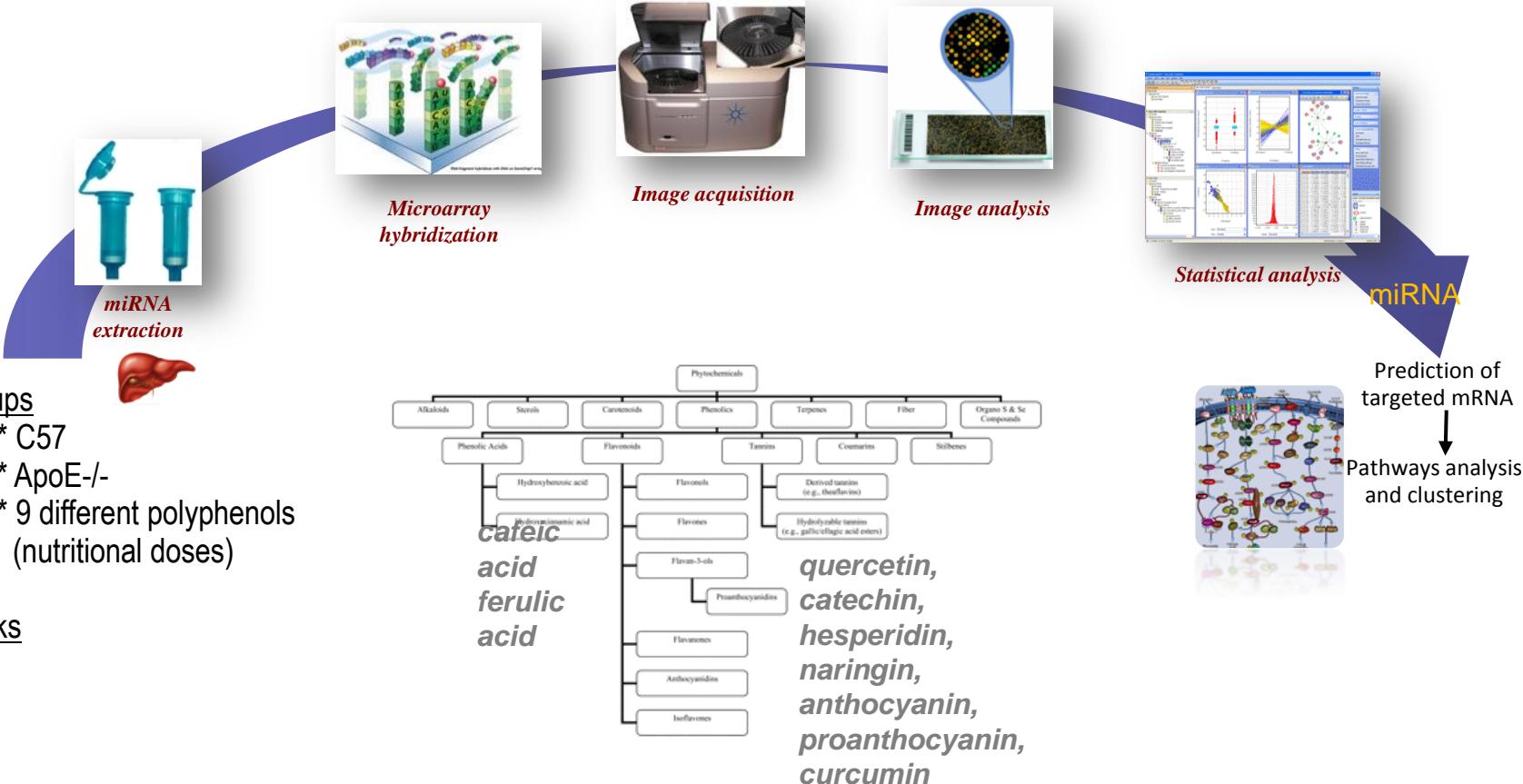


*miRNAs control the post-transcriptional regulation of over 50% of genes*

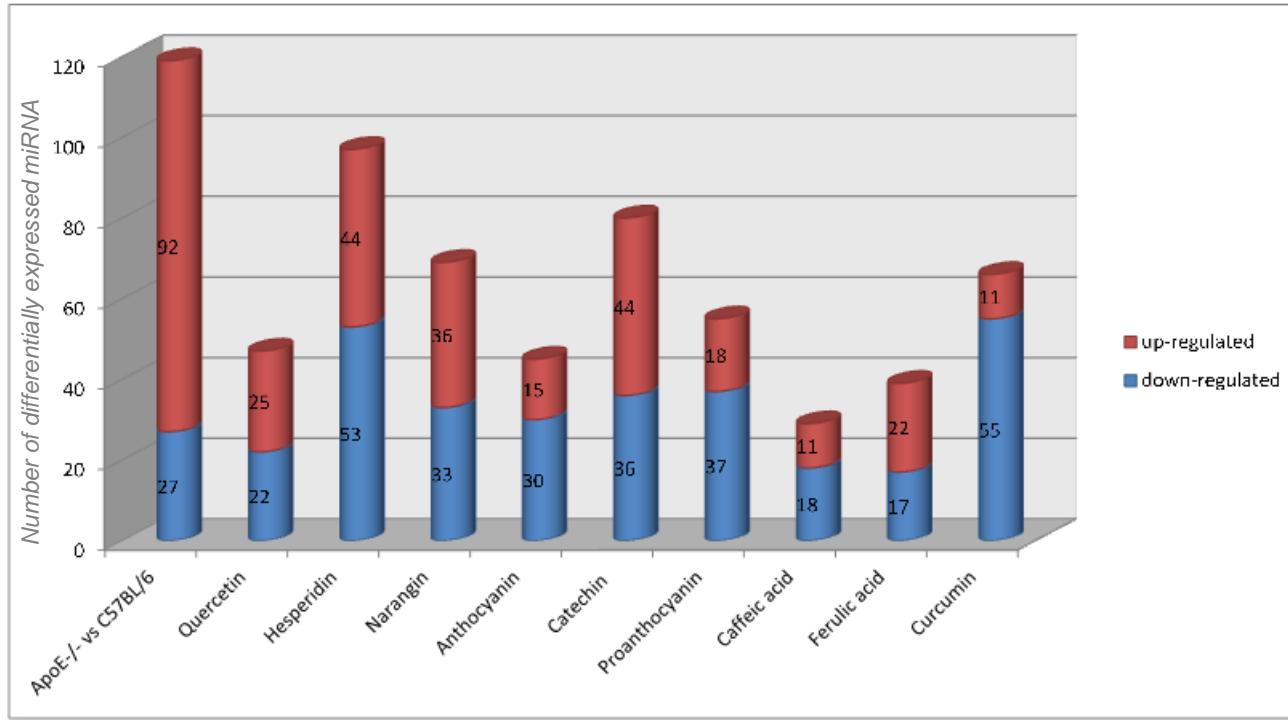
# IMPACT OF miRNA ON CELL PROCESSES AND DISEASE DEVELOPMENT



# EFFECT OF POLYPHENOLS ON miRNAs EXPRESSION IN-VIVO - EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH -

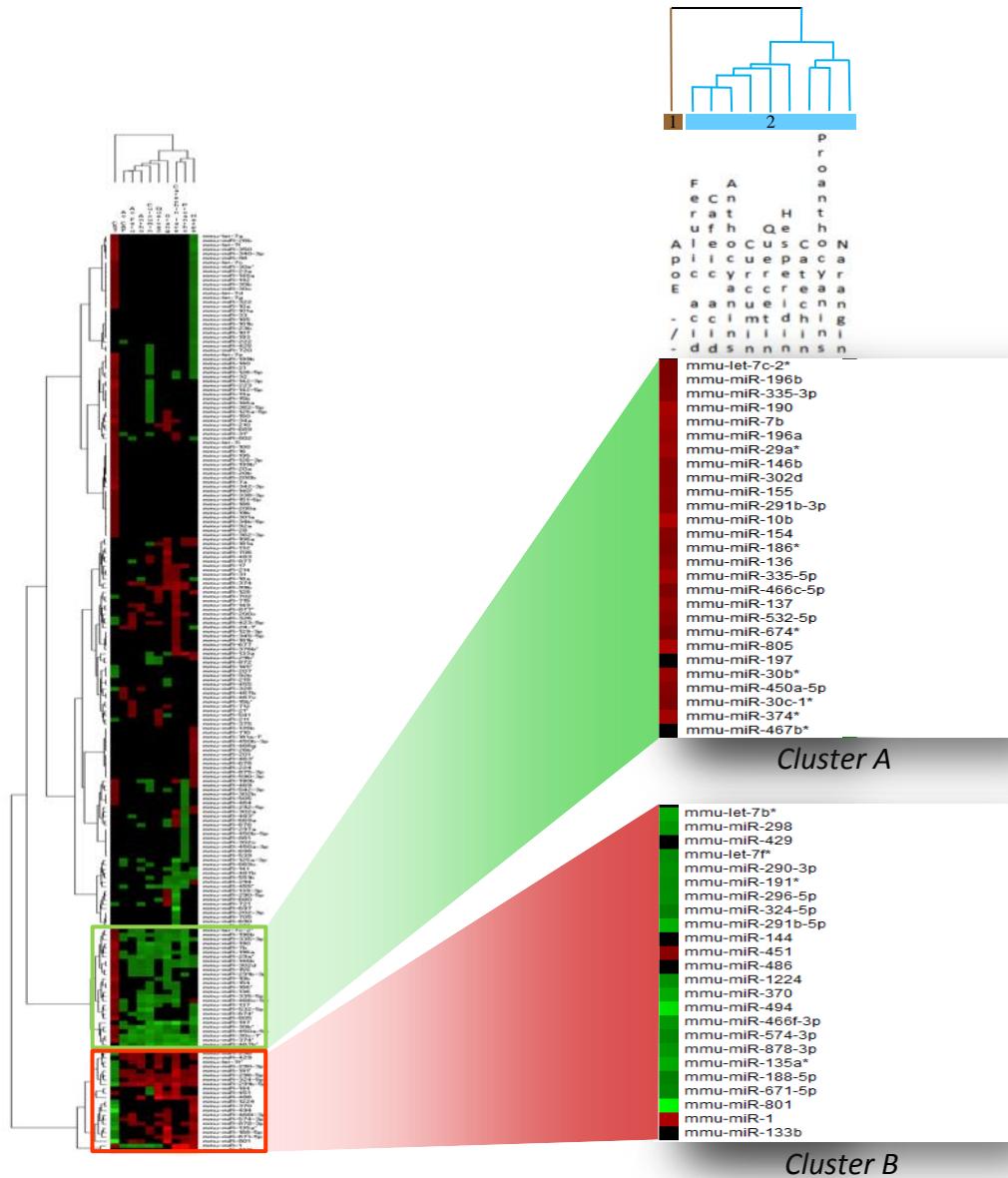


# DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESSED miRNA IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS POLYPHENOL SUPPLEMENTATION



Polyphenols, at nutritional doses, regulate expression of miRNA

# HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING OF miRNA EXPRESSION PROFILES



# FLAVANOLS AND miRNA EXPRESSION IN ENDOTHELIAL CELLS

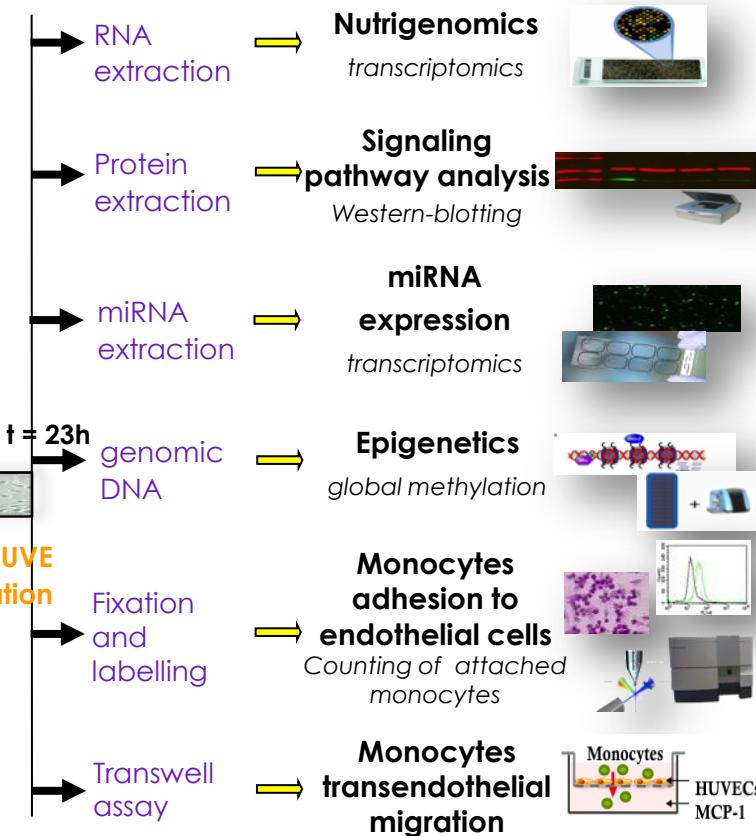
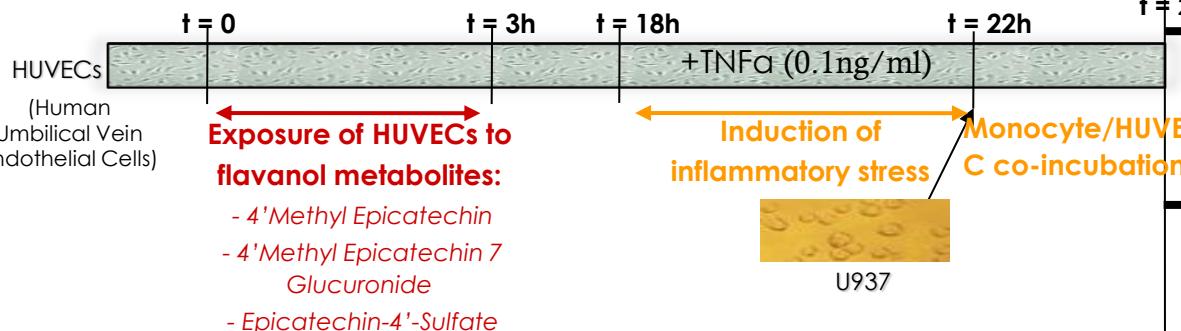
## EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH

### Flavanol plasma metabolites:

- 4'Methyl Epicatechin (4'MEC)
- 4'Methyl Epicatechin 7 Glucuronide (4'MEC7G)
- Epicatechin 4'Sulfate (EC4'S)

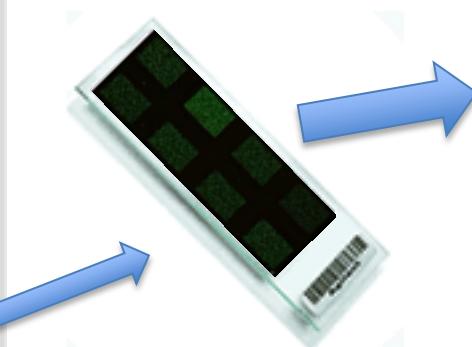
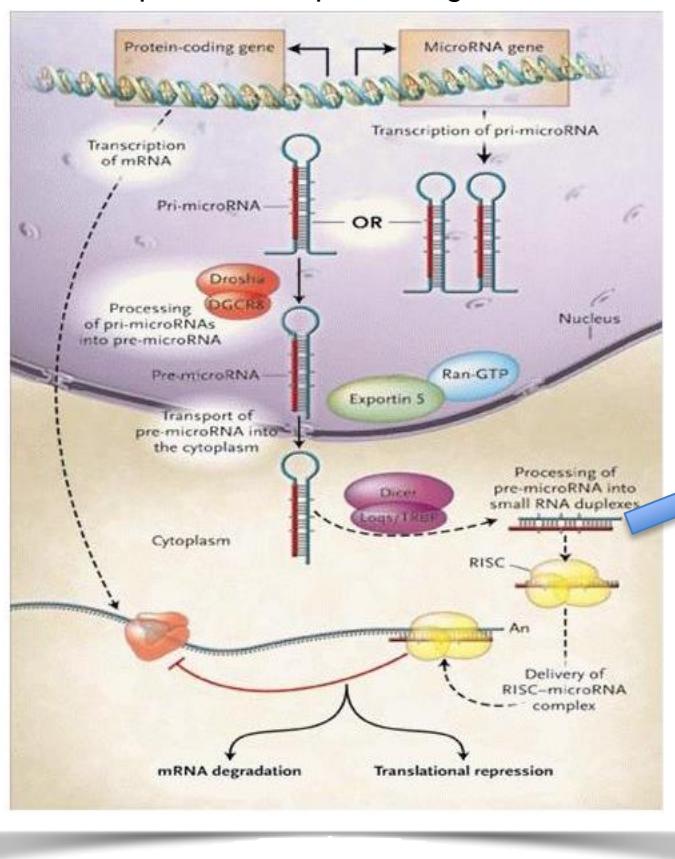
### Flavanol metabolites

- Working concentrations : 0.1 to 2  $\mu$ M

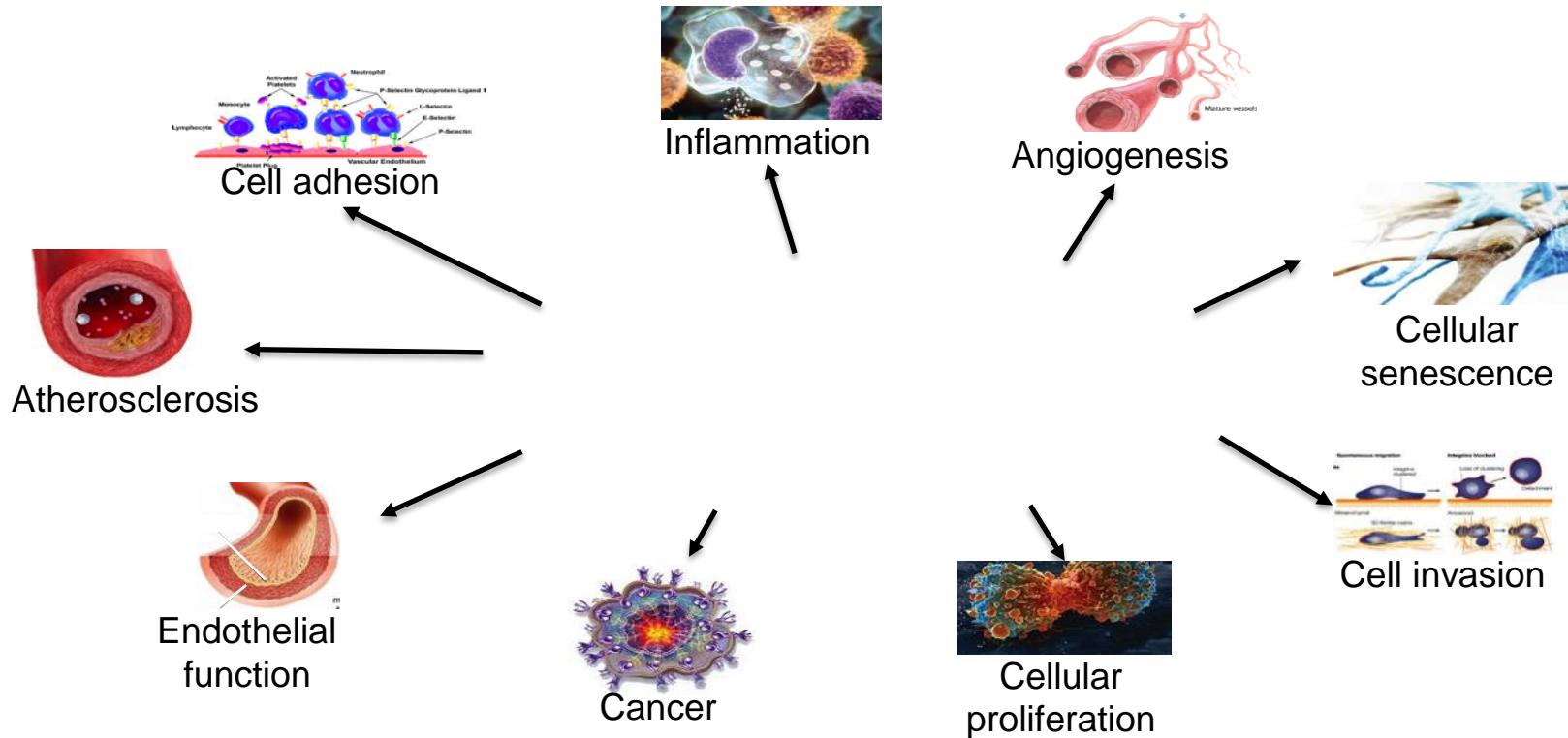


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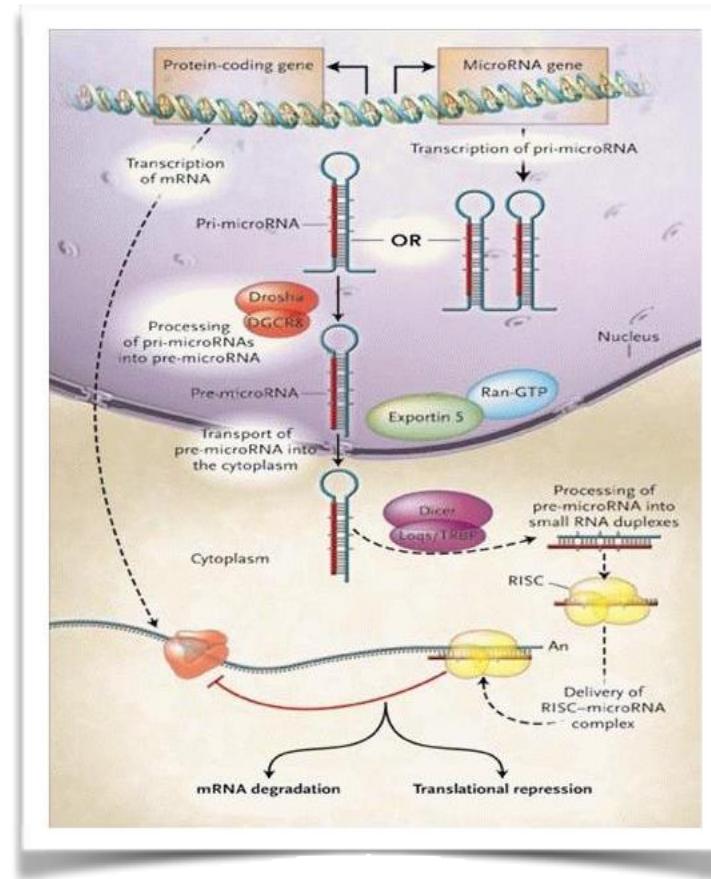
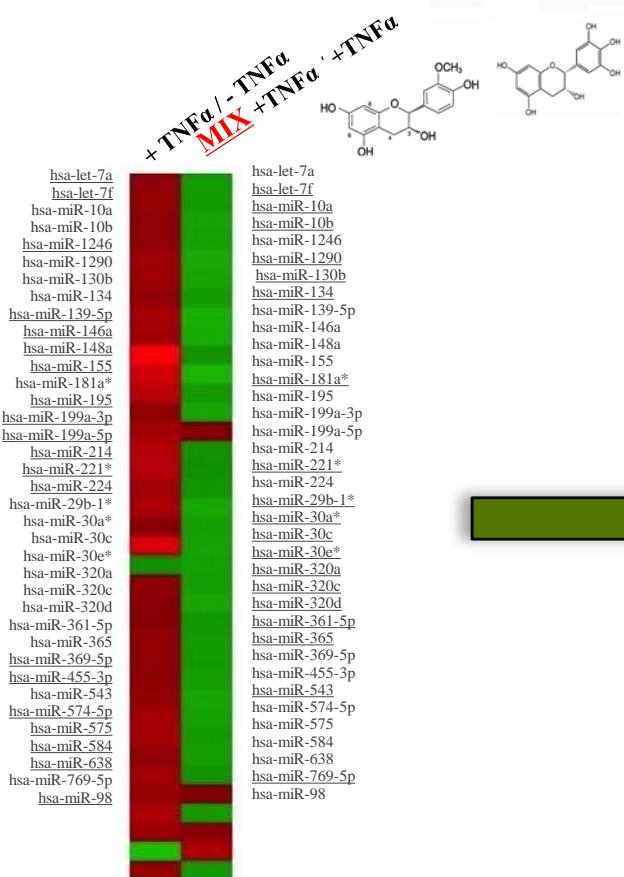
**miRNA:** small, non-coding RNA that are post-transcriptional regulators



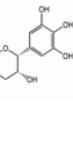
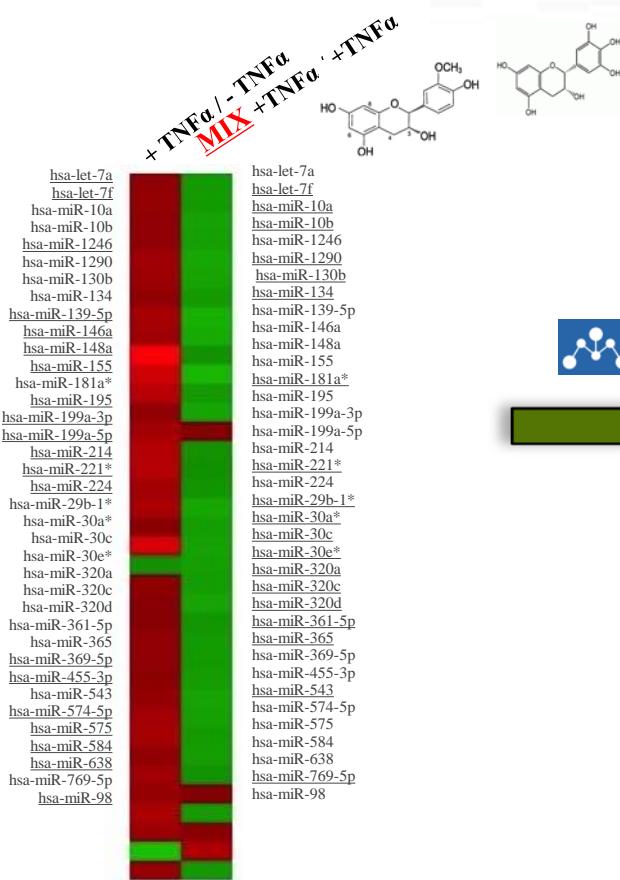
# ROLE OF IDENTIFIED miRNAs



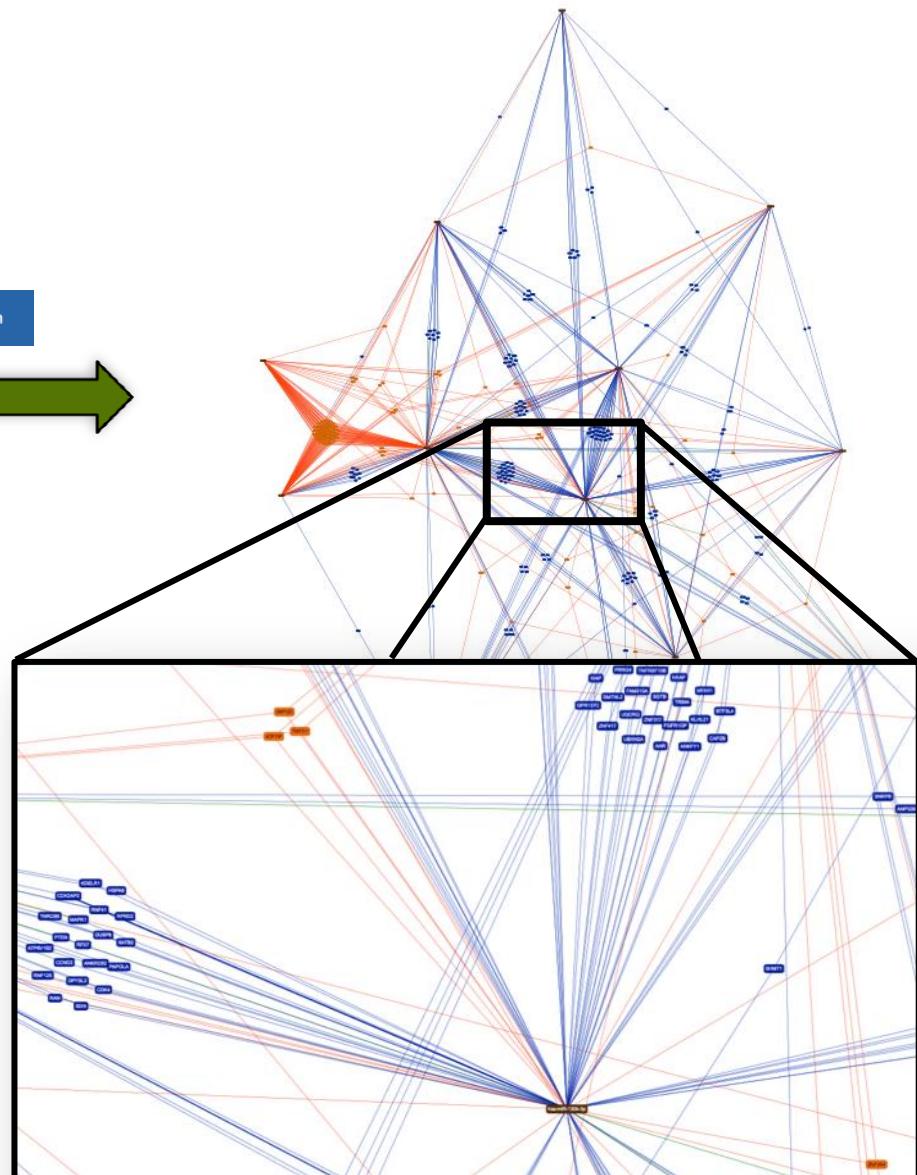
# TARGET GENES OF DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESSED miRNAs



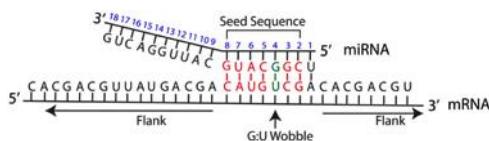
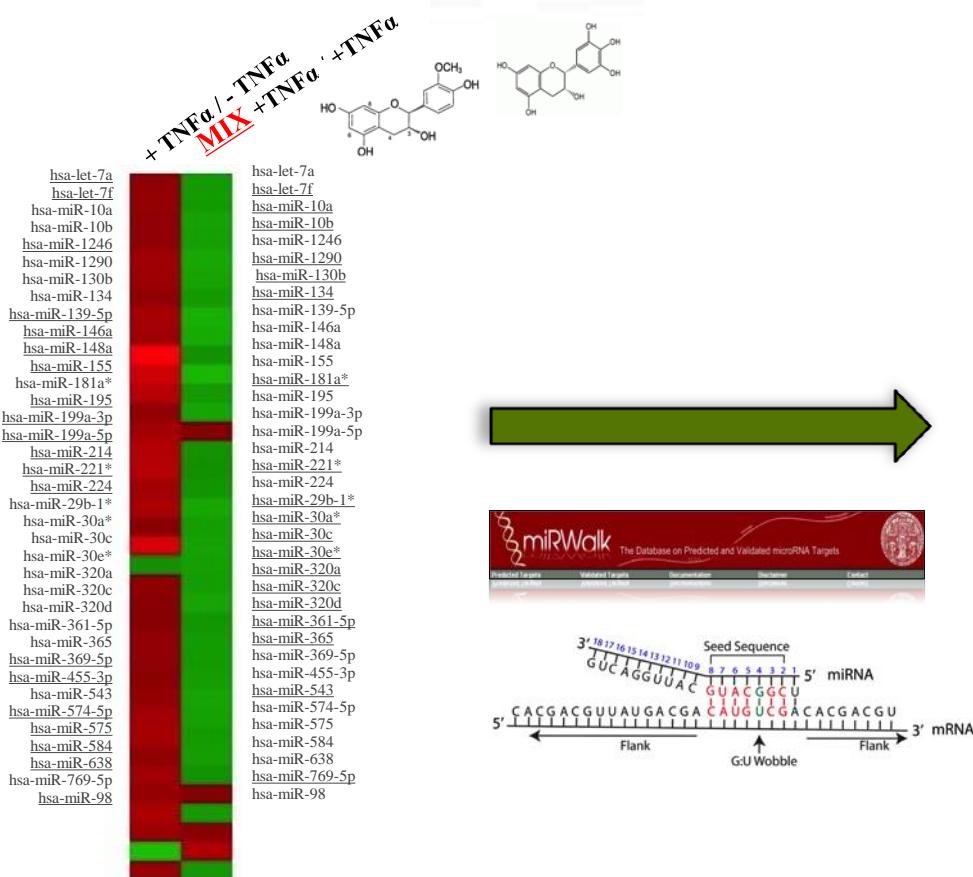
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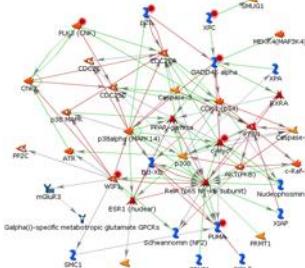


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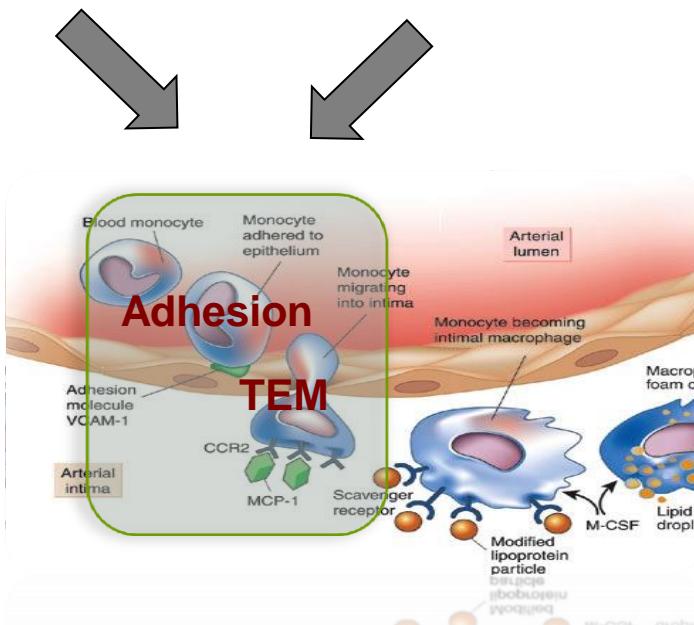


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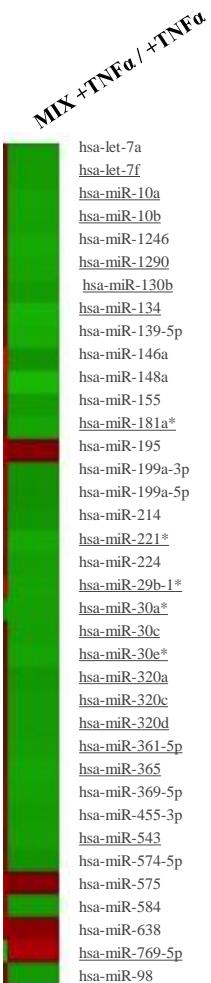
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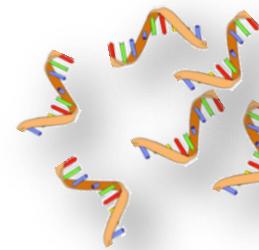
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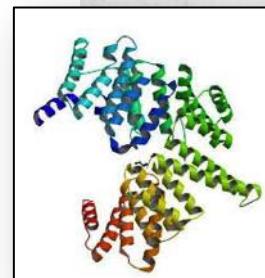
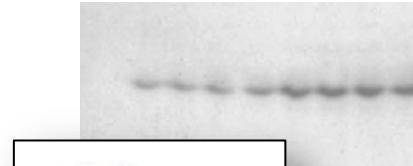
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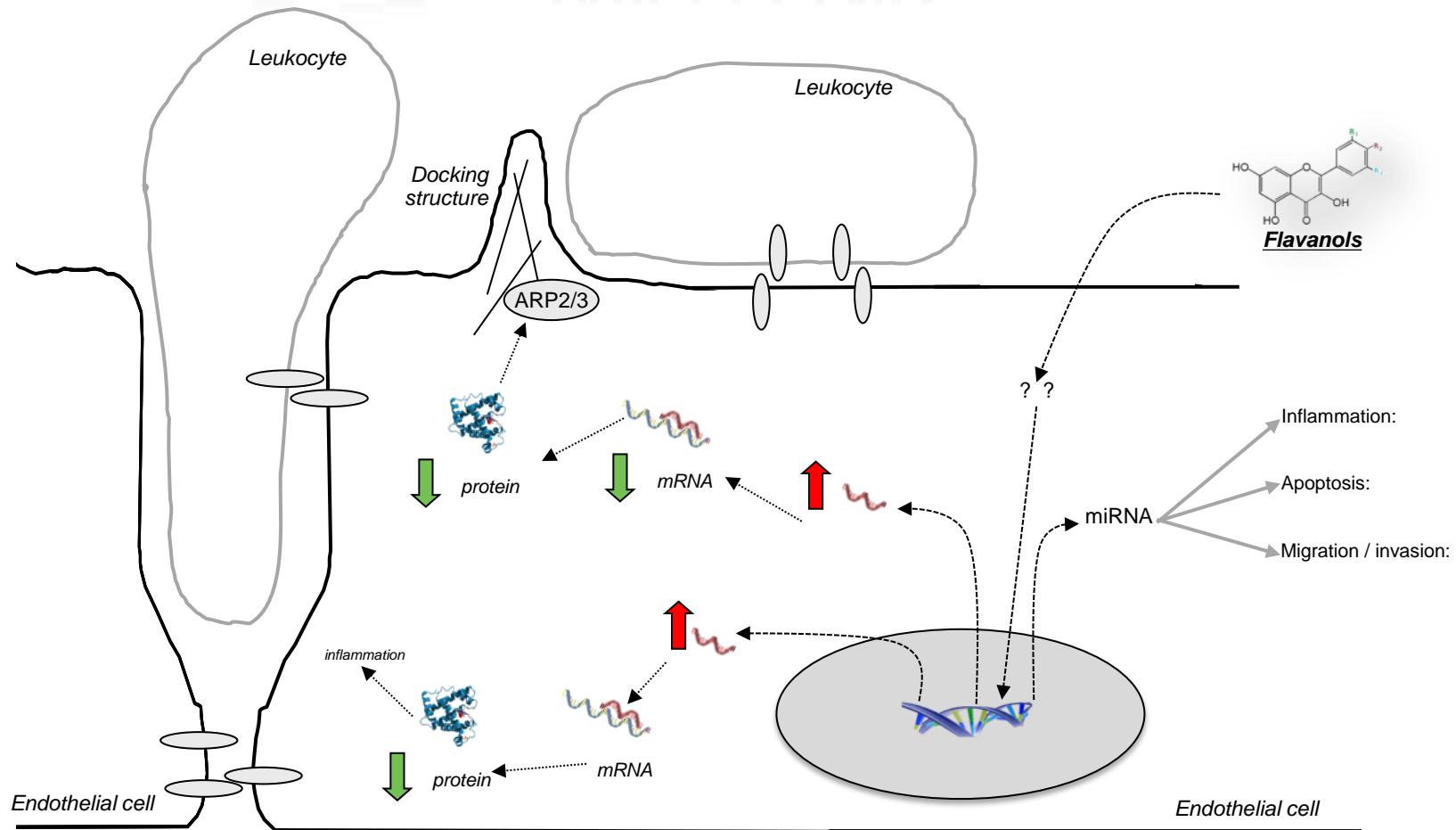
mRNA stability ?



Protein synthesis



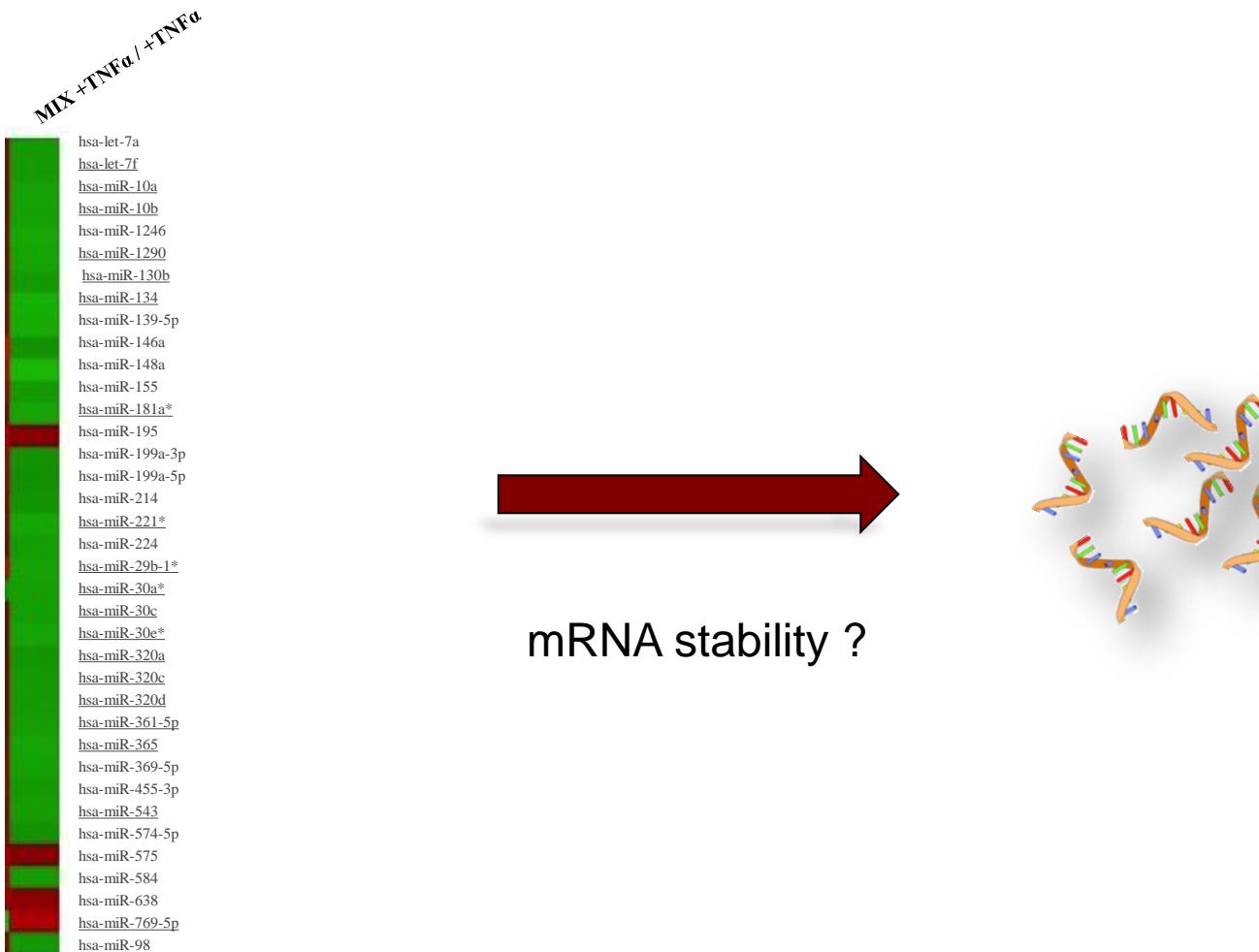
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**miARN decrease protein expression of gene by inhibiting translation and that of gene by decreasing mRNA level**

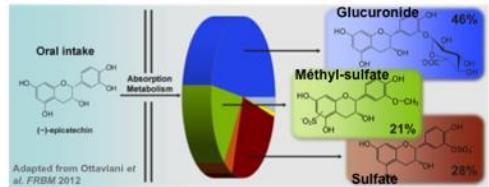
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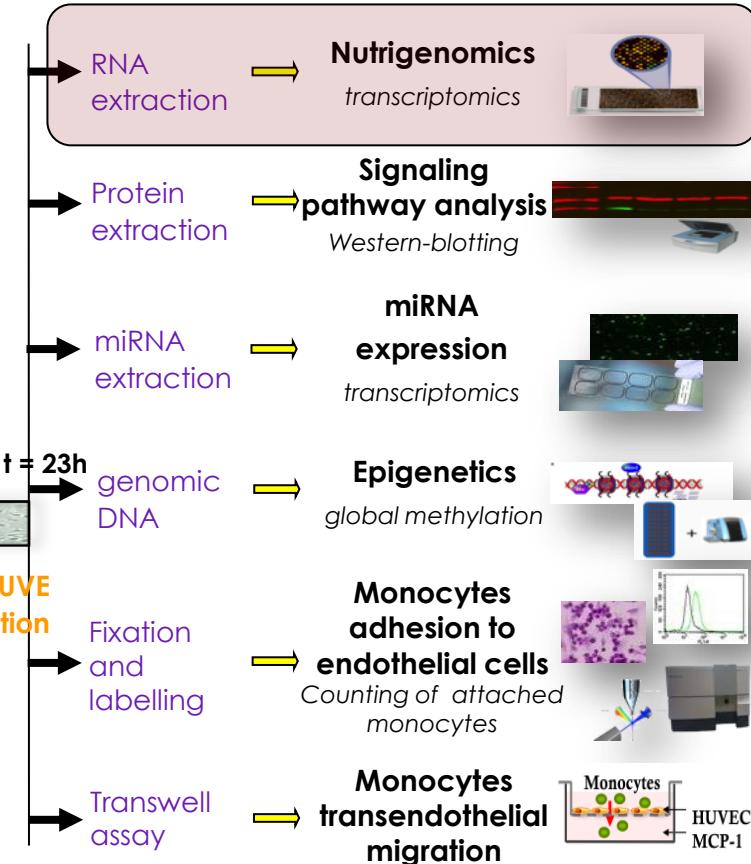
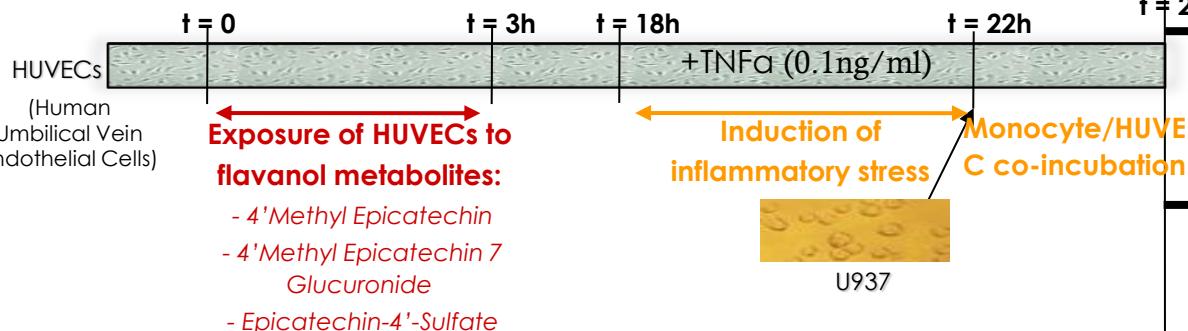


### Flavanol plasma metabolites:

- 4'Methyl Epicatechin (4'MEC)
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- Epicatechin 4'Sulfate (EC4'S)

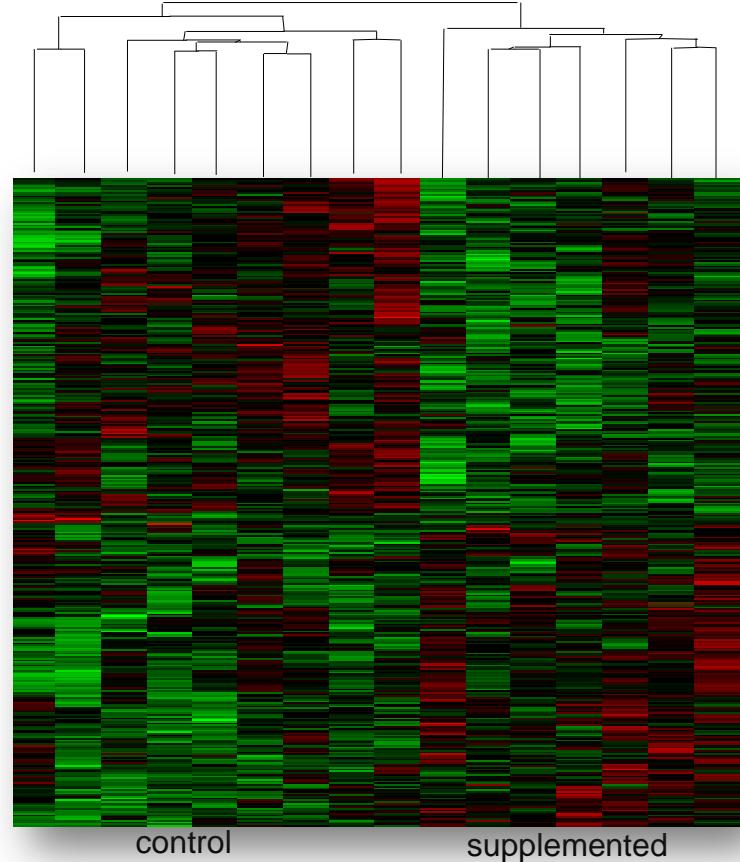
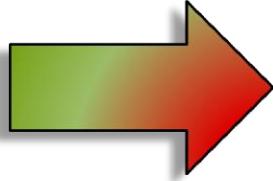
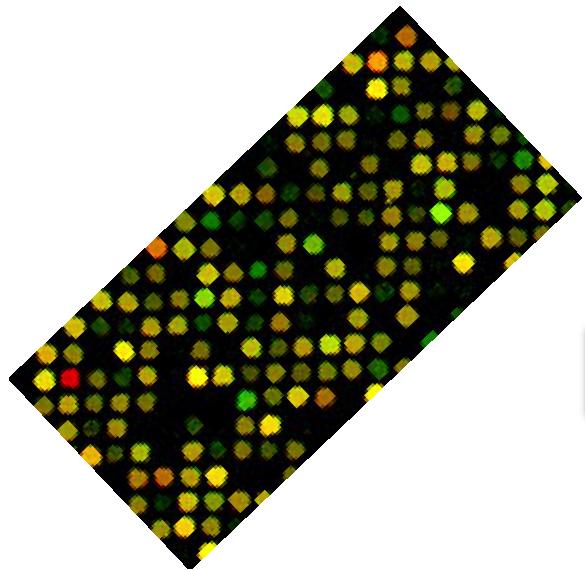
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- Working concentrations : 0.1 to 2  $\mu$ M



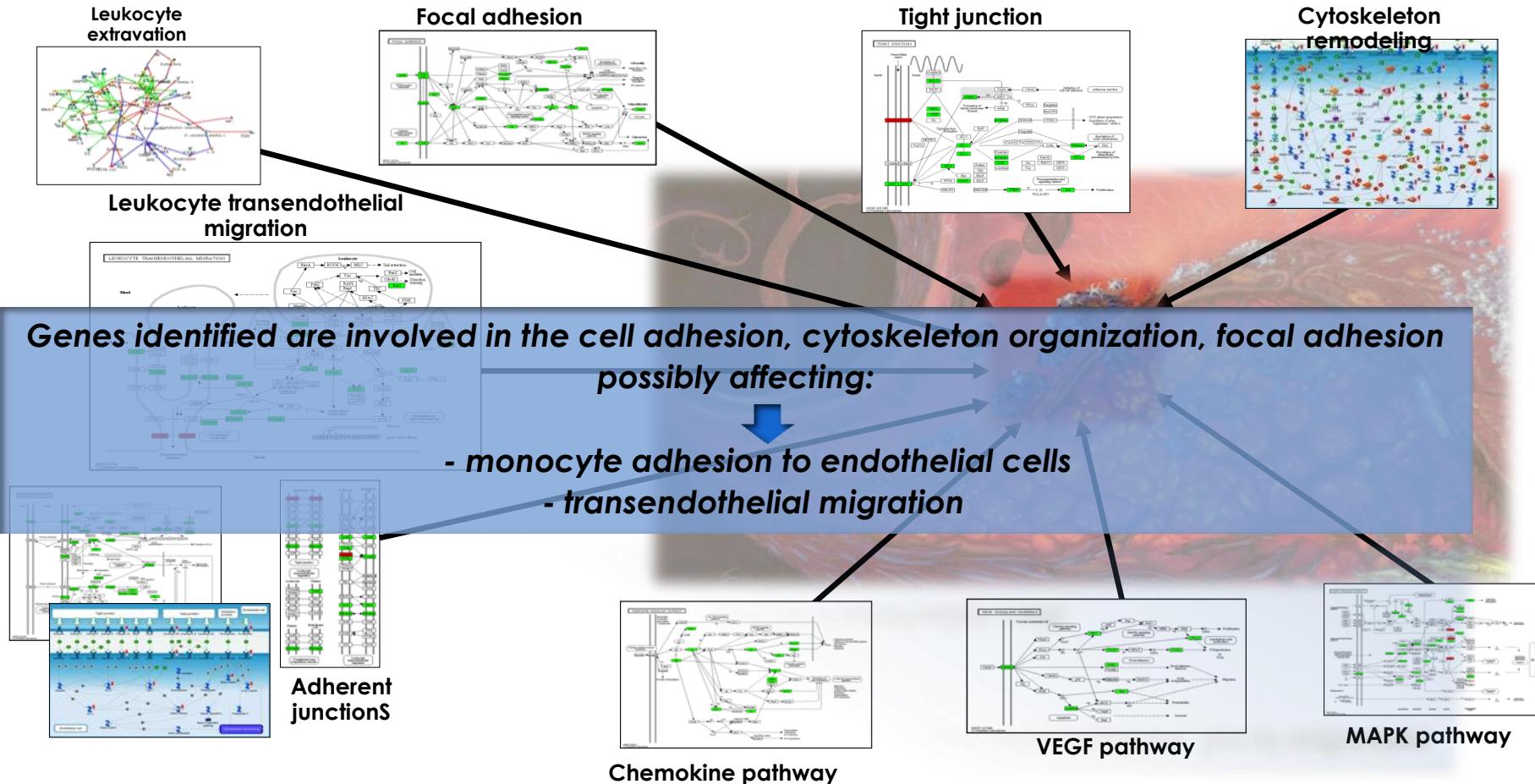
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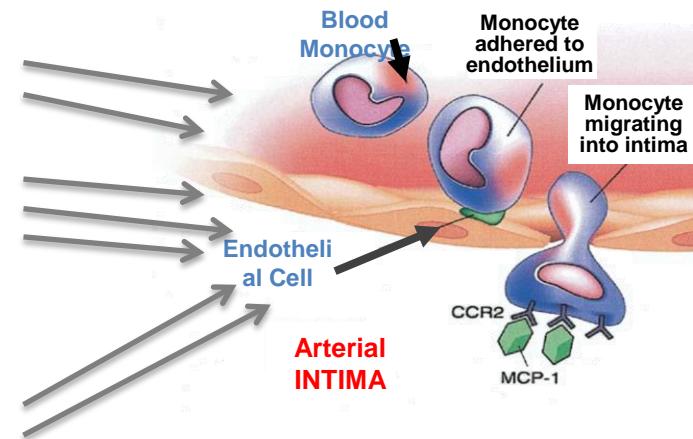
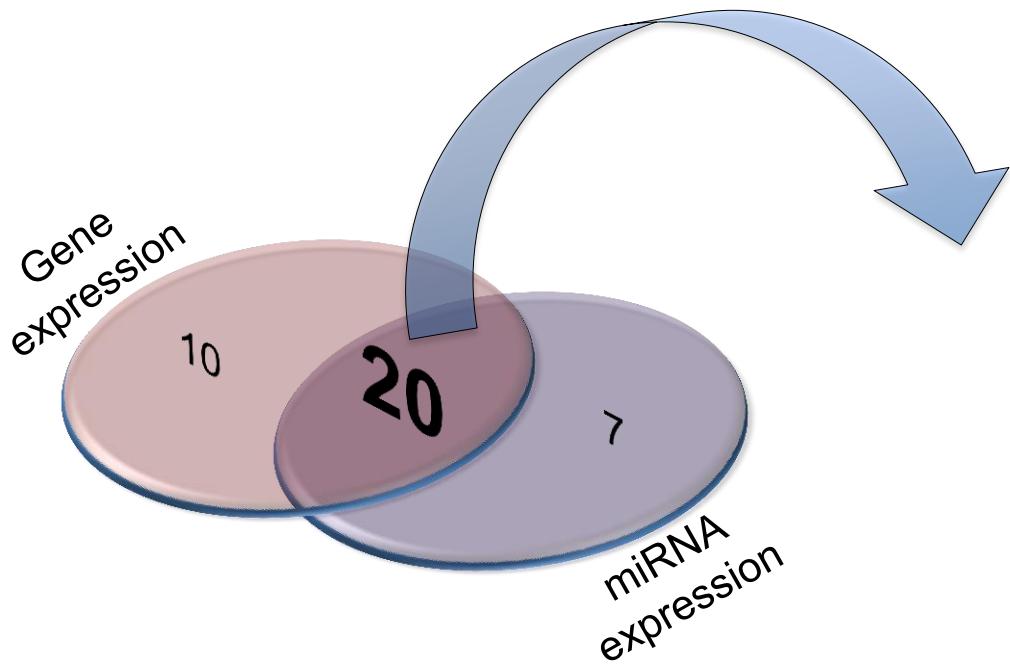
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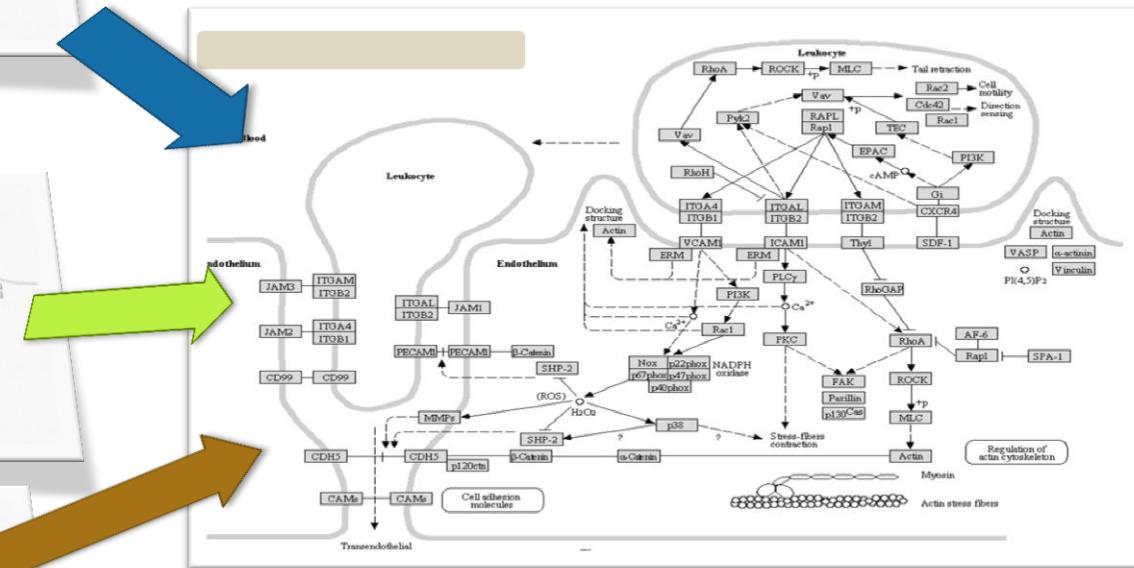
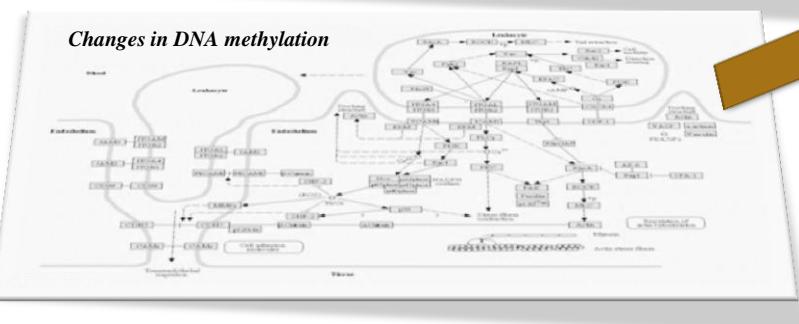
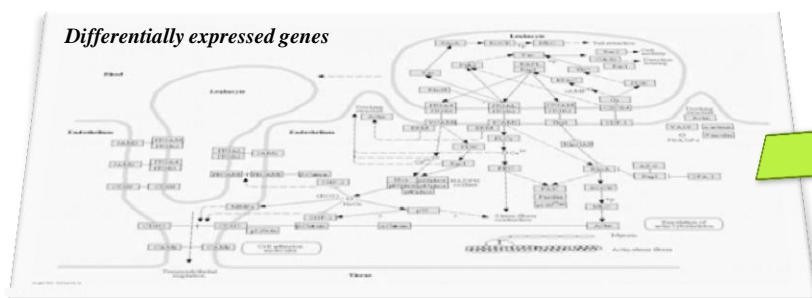
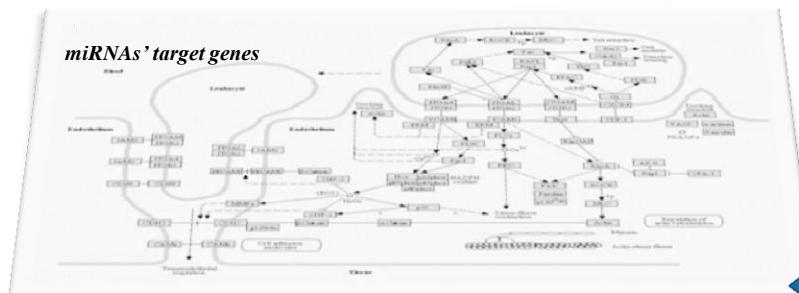
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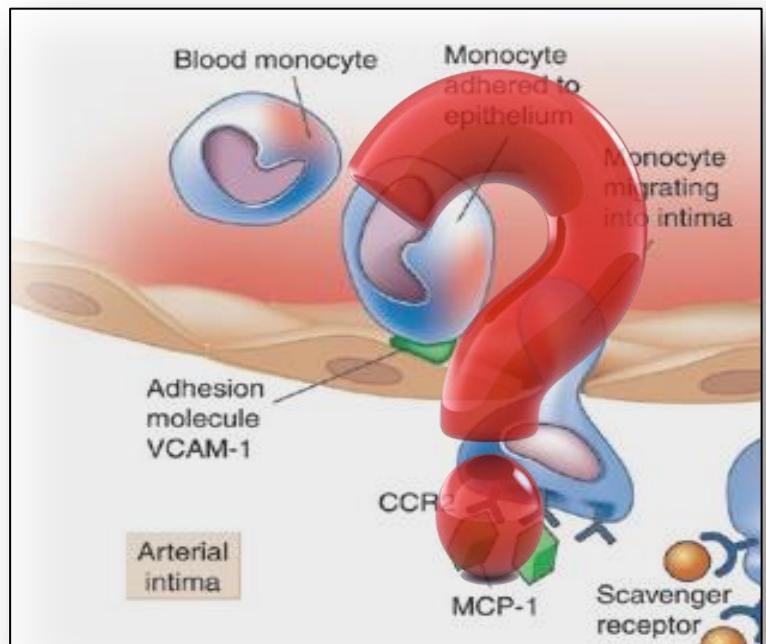
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- Changes in gene expression
- ◆ Changes in DNA methylation
- Target genes of differentially expressed miRNAs

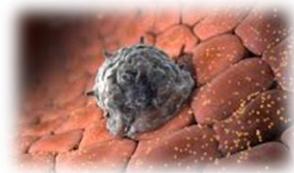
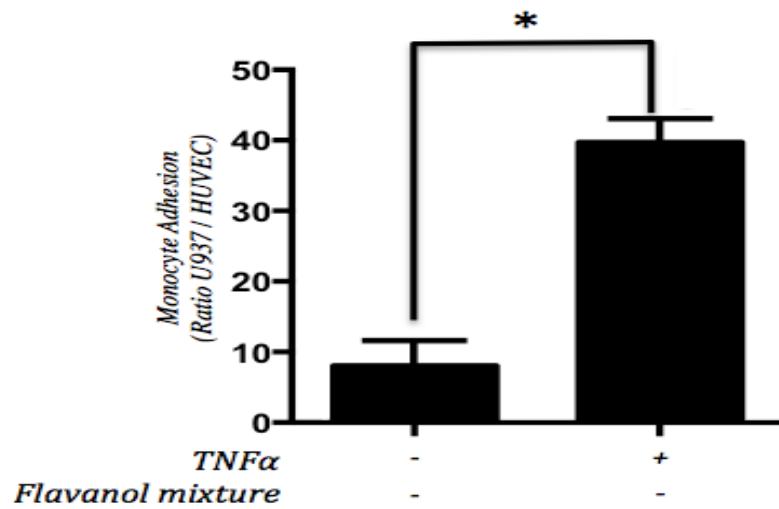
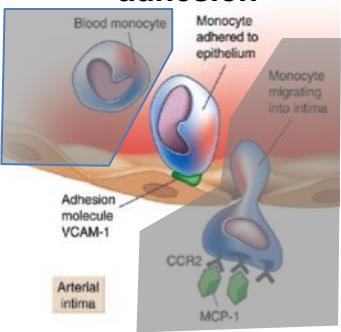
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# FLAVANOLS AND MONOCYTE TO ENDOTHELIAL CELL ADHESION

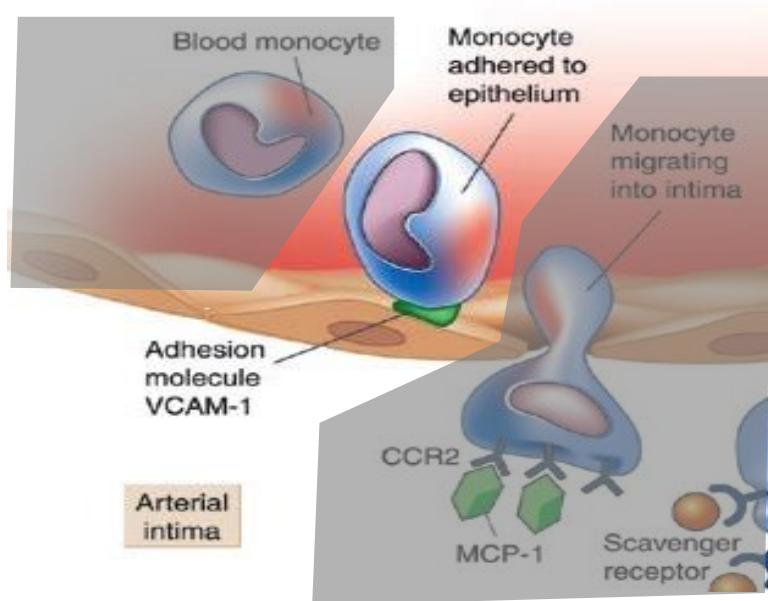
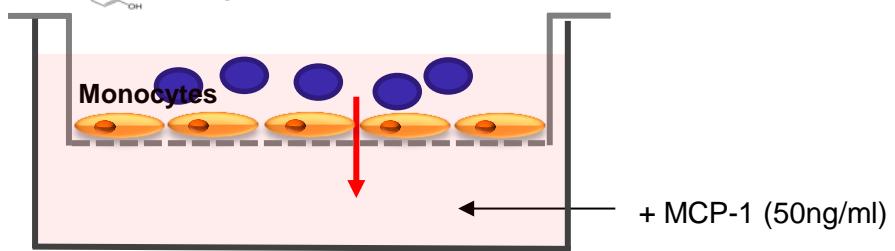
## Monocyte adhesion



# FLAVANOLS AND TRANSENDOTHELIAL MIGRATION



*In-vitro model of transendothelial migration using transwells*





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# TAKE-HOME MESSAGE

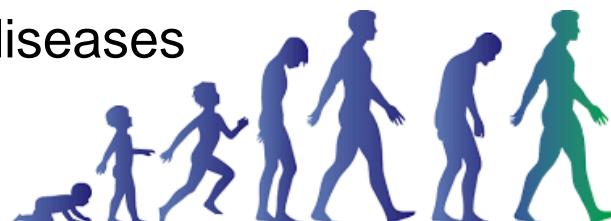
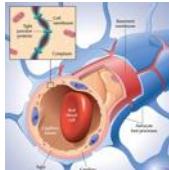
- Non-coding RNA are new important cell regulator
- Play important role in regulation of aging and brain function
- Can be modulated by dietary nutrients, ex. plant food bioactives



*modulate endothelial cell function and BBB → improve brain function*



- Further studies are needed to identify their role and impact of nutrition in prevention of age-related diseases





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