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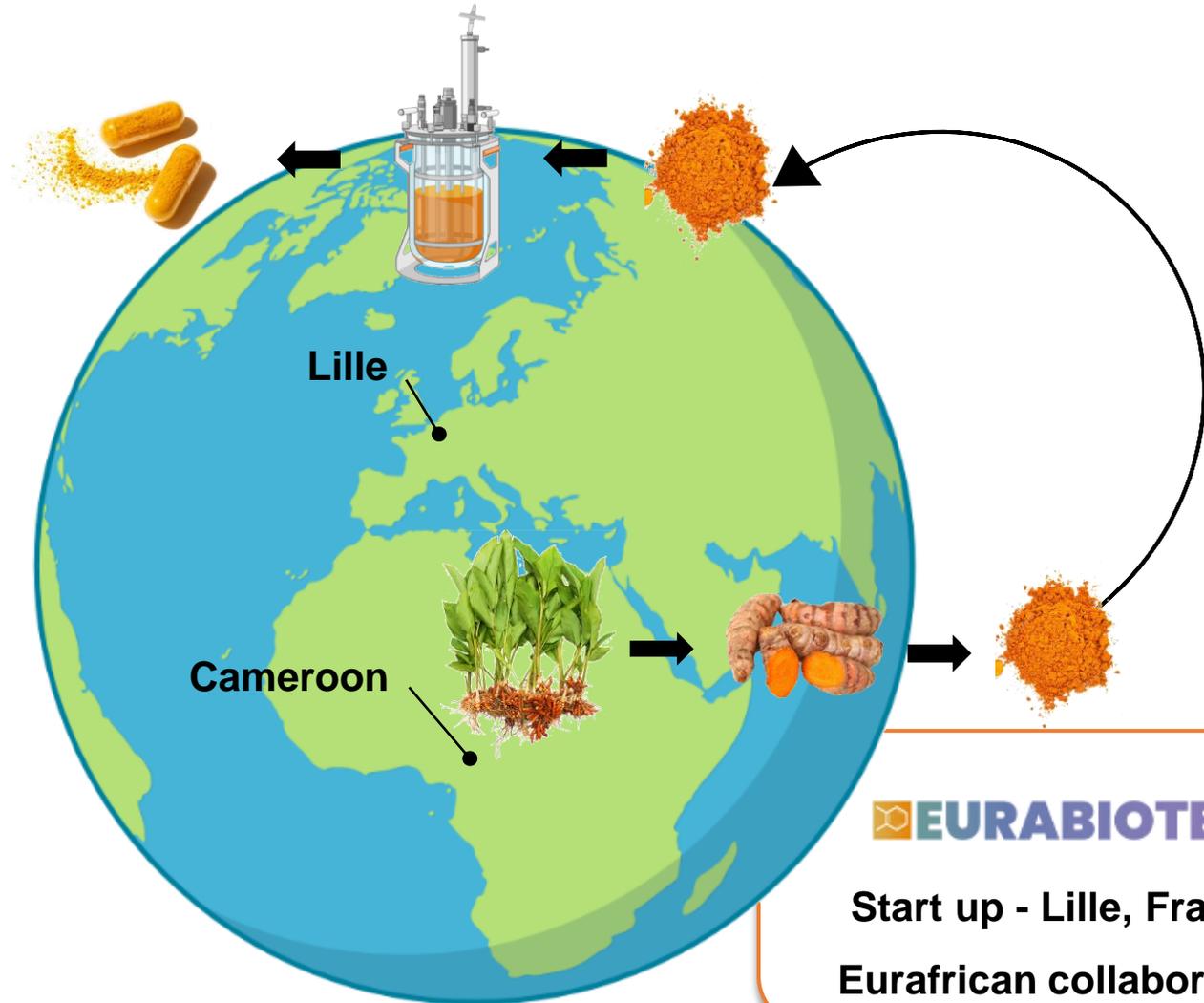
Innovative turmeric extracts



High titration in active molecules



Increased health effects



**EURABIOTECH**

Start up - Lille, France  
Eurafrican collaboration

# Curcuma longa



Family: *Zingiberaceae*      94 different species

(Theplantlist.org)

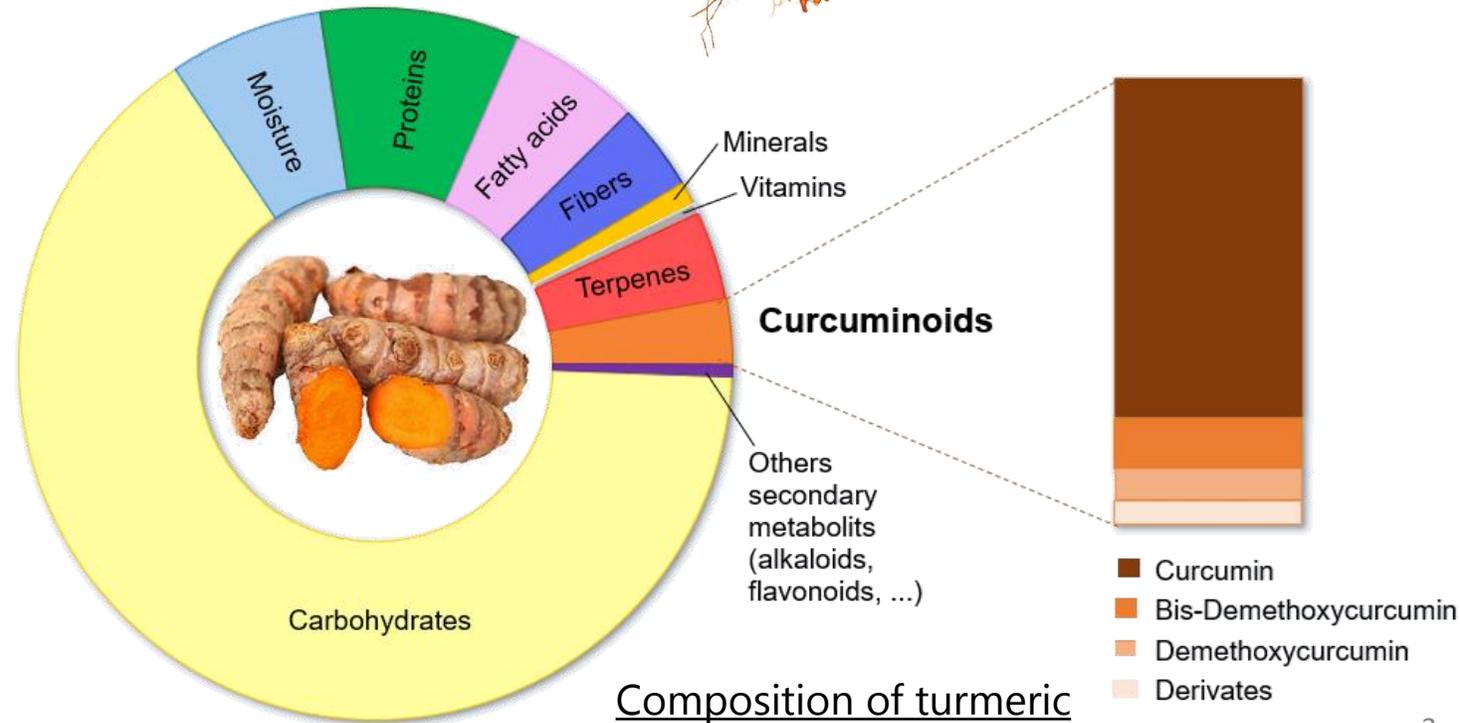


Origin : Asia (Southeast)  
Cultivation : Asia, **Africa**, South America



World distribution of turmeric production

(Encyclopedia of life)



Composition of turmeric

(Ikpeama *et al.*, 2014 ; Zhang & Kitts 2021)

# Why *Curcuma longa* ?

## Uses since 6000 years (FAO)

Gastro-intestinal system

Traditional use (EMA, WHO)

Phytotherapy use (ESCOP)

↗ Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics,

## Nutraceuticals

→ **Anti-inflammatory**

→ **Antioxydant**

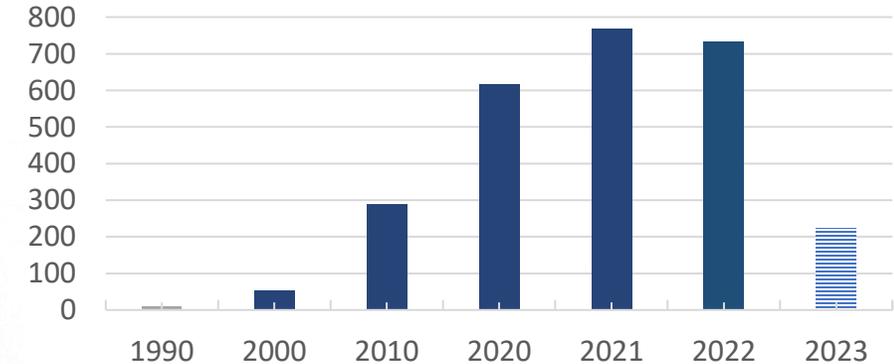
→ **Anti-cancer**

→ **Anti-diabetic**

→ **Antibacterial**

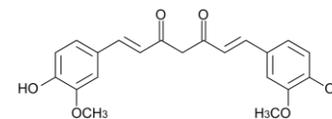


Number of publications

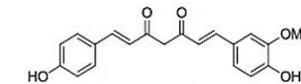


## Scientific publications about turmeric per year

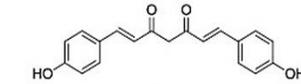
(PubMed, Key word : turmeric)



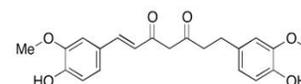
Curcumin



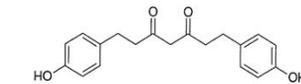
Demethoxycurcumin



Bis-demethoxycurcumin



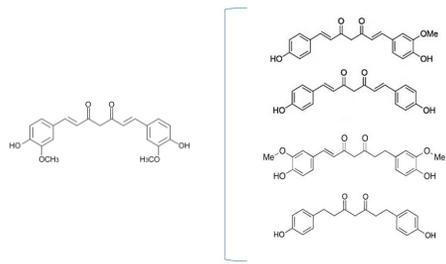
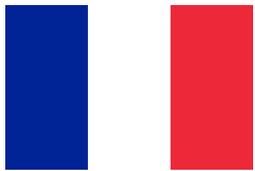
Dihydrocurcumin



Tetrahydrocurcumin

## Molecular representation of curcumin and some of its derivatives

# Regulatory context of supplements



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EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

**DGCCRF**  
Direction générale de la concurrence,  
de la consommation et de la répression des fraudes

**Declaration of marketing for supplements**

**anses**

**Maximum Daily Dose :**  
Curcumin: 180 mg/j  
Tetrahydrocurcumins: 140 mg/j

**Food and Drugs Act**

Natural Health Products Regulations

- Natural and Non-prescription Health Products Directorate
- Marketed Health Products Directorate
- Health Products and Food Branch Inspectorate

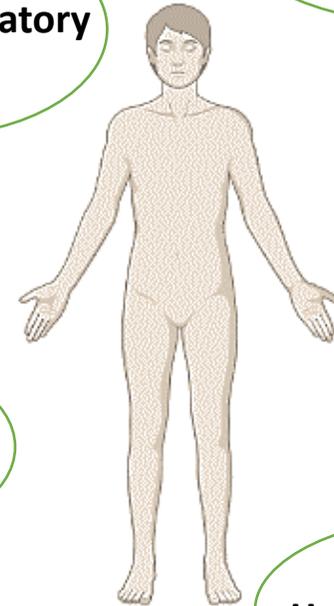
**Product and site licences**

# Why ferment turmeric ?



Anti-inflammatory  
3, 4, 12, 13

Antioxydant  
1, 2, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14



Anti-obesity  
9, 13

Probiotic  
5

Hepato-protective  
8, 9, 15

Anti-cancer  
13

**Lactic acid bacteria** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14

**Aspergillus sp.** 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15

**Trichoderma sp.** 11

**Rhizopus sp.** 12, 13

1 Pianpumepong *et al.*, 2010, 2 Yong *et al.*, 2023 ; 3 Kim *et al.* 2011 ; 4 Yong *et al.*, 2019 ; 5 Singhal *et al.*, 2016 ; 6 Choi *et al.*, 2013 ; 7 Kim *et al.*, 2014 ;

8 Kim *et al.*, 2014 ; 9 Kang *et al.*, 2015 ; 10 Sulasiyah *et al.*, 2018 ; 11 Mohamed *et al.*, 2016 ; 12 Kim *et al.* 2017 ; 13 Lim *et al.* 2022 ; 14 Lu *et al.* 2023 ; 15 Lee *et al.* 2022

# Project's strategy

## 1) Characterization



Isolation & Identification

*C. longa's* micro-organisms



Bioactive molecules

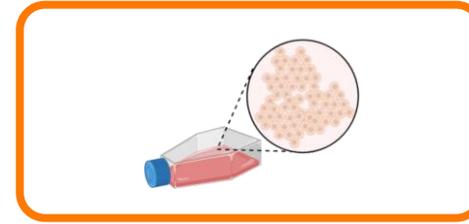
(Qualitative & quantitative)

## 2) Fermentation process development



Fermentation assays

## 3) Bioactivity assays



Cytotoxicity

Anti-inflammatory assays



Antioxydant assays

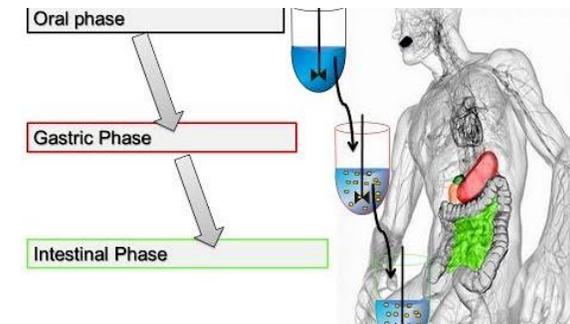


In vivo assays

## 4) Prototype



Simulated gastrointestinal digestion



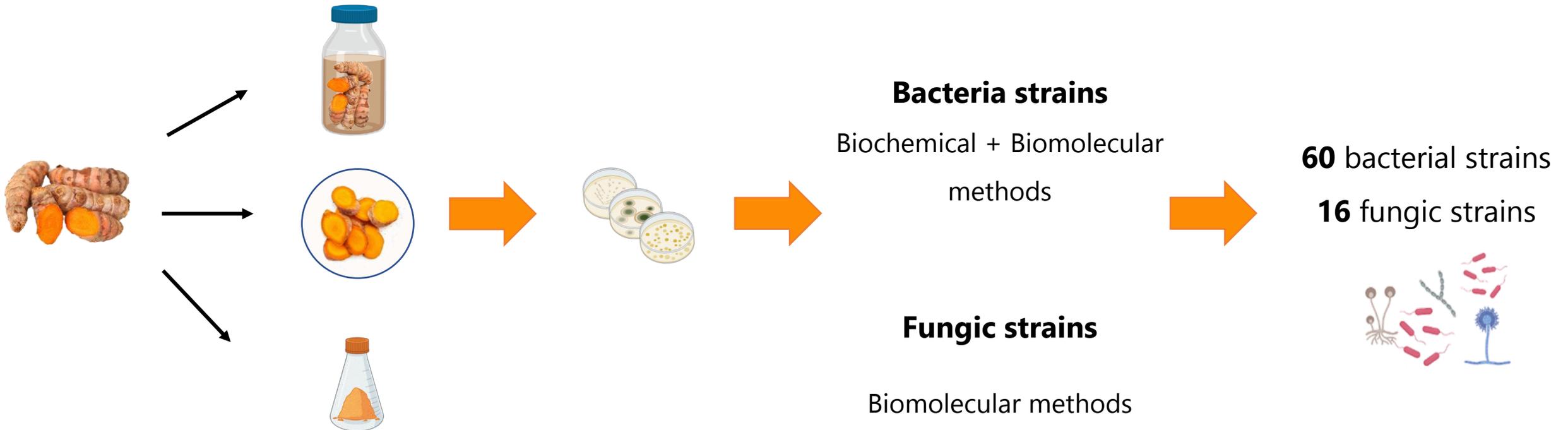
→ **INFOGEST In Vitro Model**

(Minekus *et al.*, 2014)

# 1- Strain selection criteria

## Isolation

## Identification



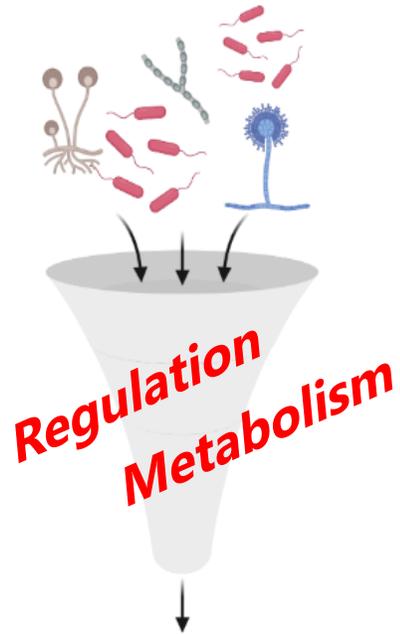
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→ Minimal inhibitory concentrations (MICs)

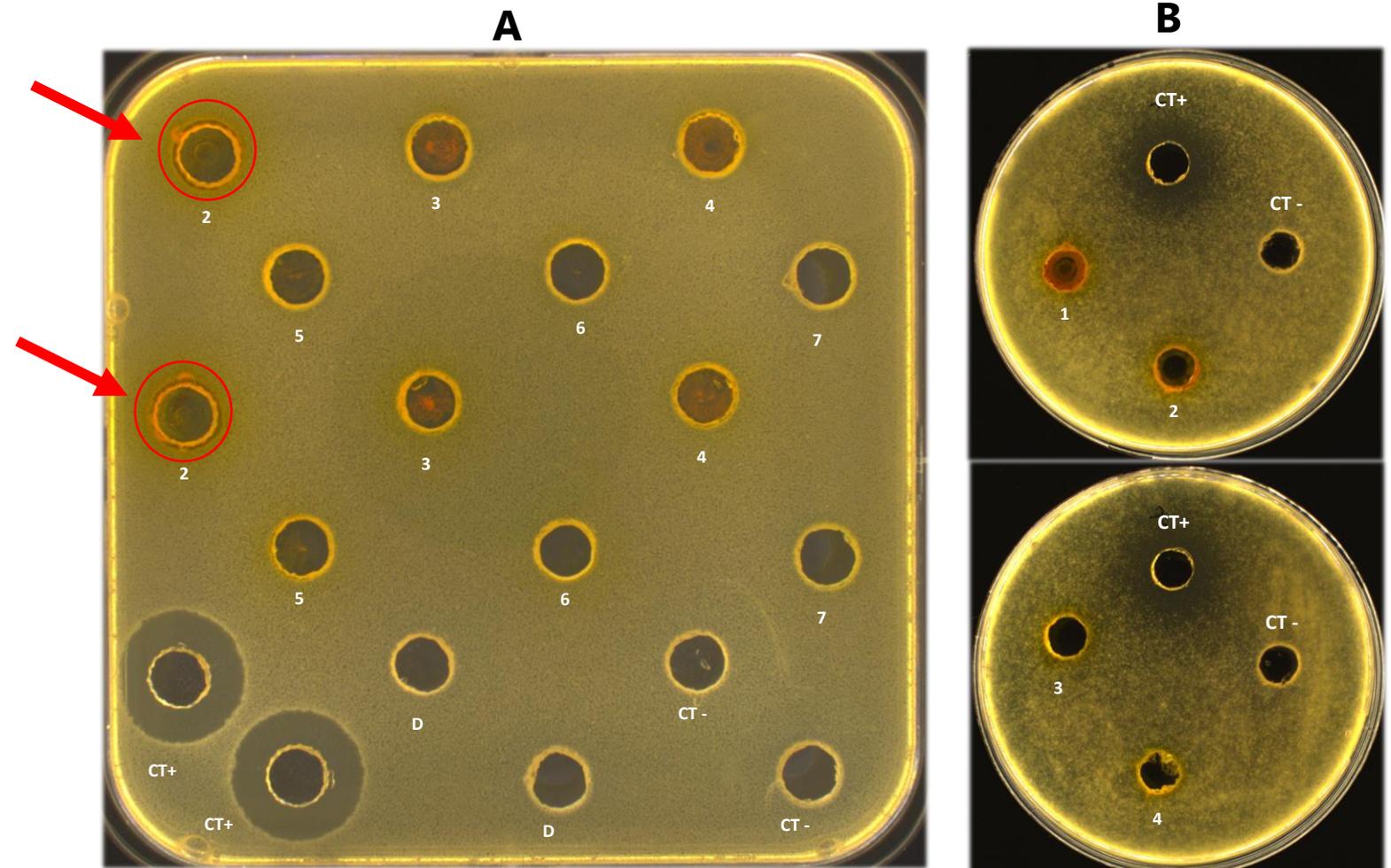
## Screening

60 bacteria strains

16 fungic strains



Candidate strains



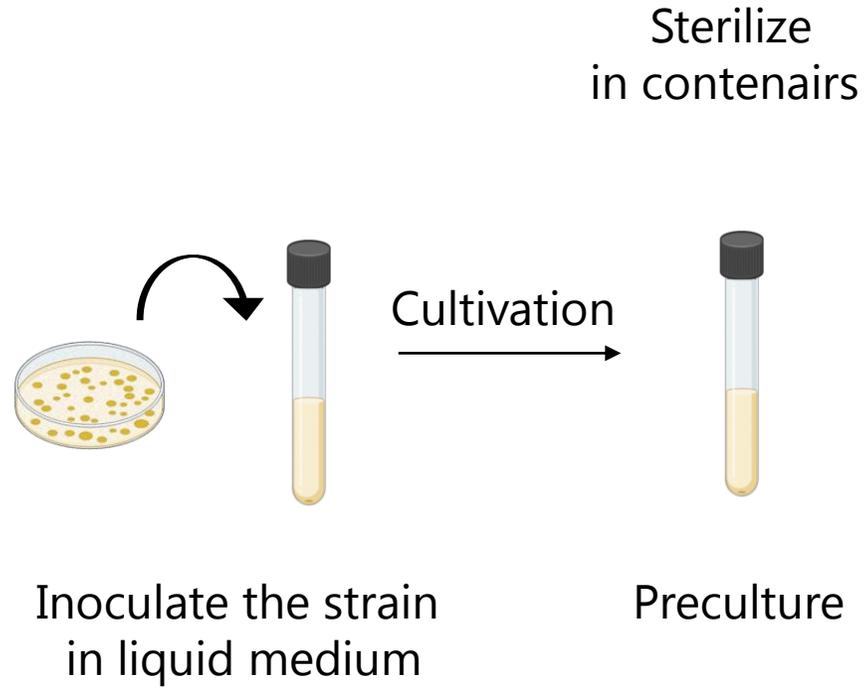
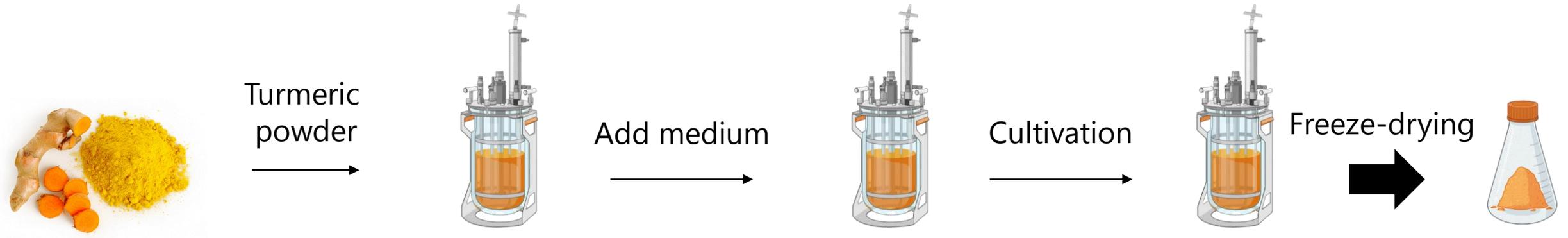
MICs of curcumin against a **bacterial strain (A)** and **fungic strain (B)** isolated from turmeric

Curcumin : (1) 2 mg/ml ; (2) 1 mg/ml ; (3) 0,5 mg/ml ; (4) 0,25 mg/ml ; (5) 0,125 mg/ml ; (6) 0,062 mg/ml ; (7) 0,031 mg/ml

Positive control (CT +): (A) neomycin [30 µg/ml] / (B) cycloheximide [10 µg/ml] ;

DMSO control (D) : DMSO 10% ; Negative control (CT -): physiological water

# 2) Development of turmeric fermentation process

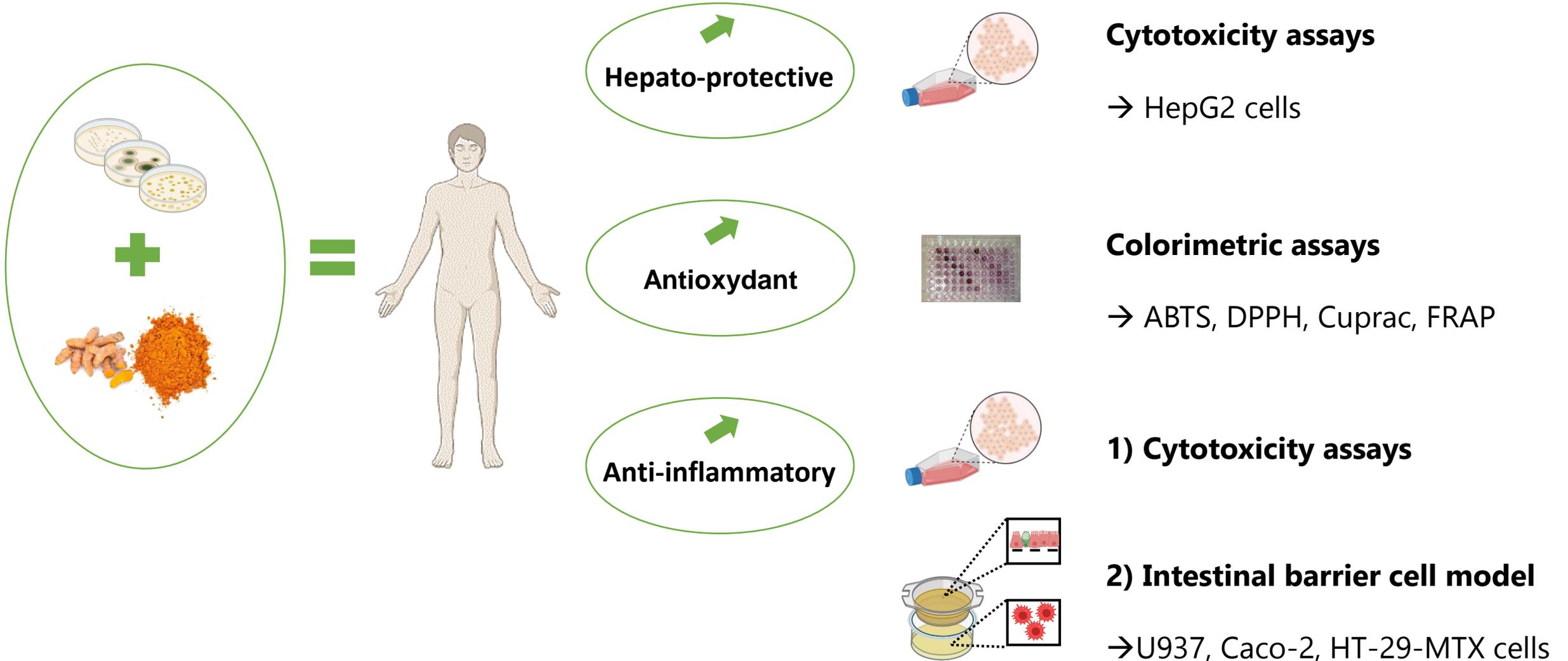


Adjust to desired density

### Analysis

- Growth control : Biomass
- Analysis of curcuminoids (HPLC)
- Antioxidant tests
- Anti-inflammatory tests

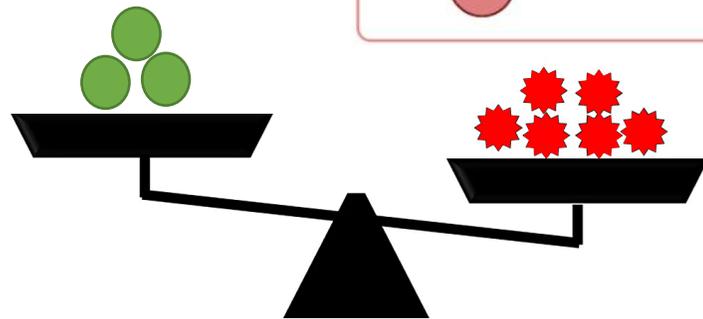
# 3) Characterization of bioactivities



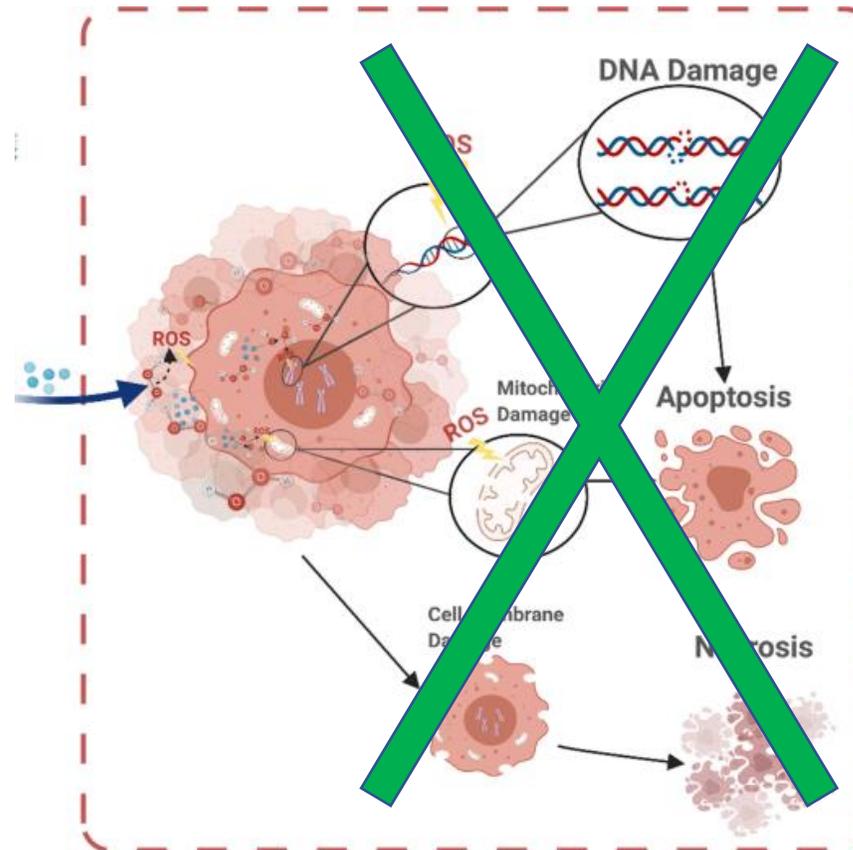
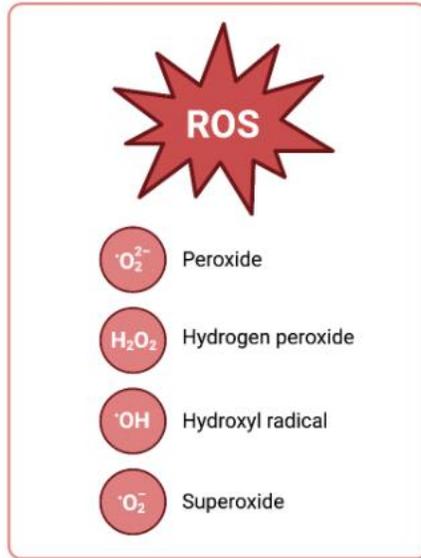
# 3) Antioxydant mechanisms

## Antioxydant

Enzyme, Protein  
Micronutrient  
Polyphenols



Oxydative stress



## Antioxydant mechanisms

- Electron/Proton transfert
- Copper/Iron captation

Cellular repercussions of oxidative stress

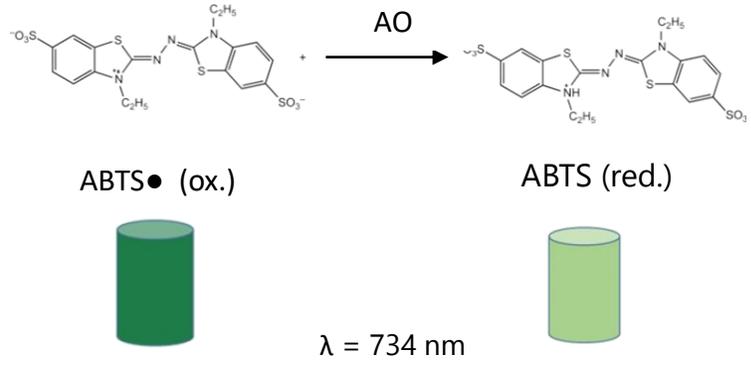
Wang *et al.* 2021, Journal of Nanotechnologies

# 3) Antioxydant effect : 4 different mecanismisms

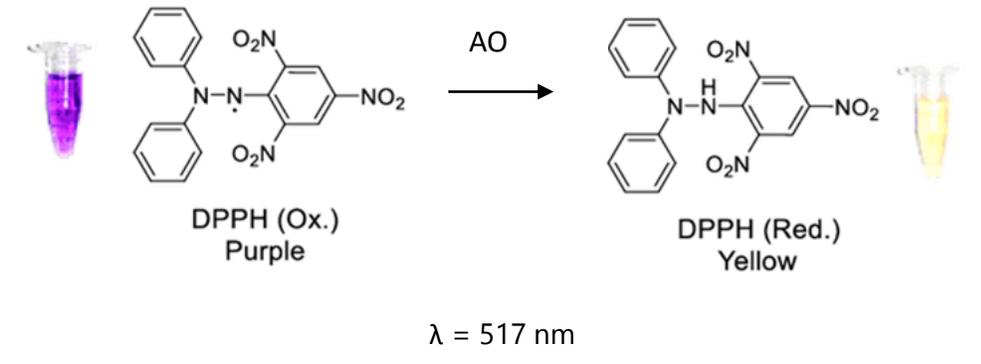
→ Food Industry / Pharmaceutical

Electron / Proton transfert

**ABTS** 2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid)



**DPPH** 2,2-diphenyl 1-picrylhydrazyl

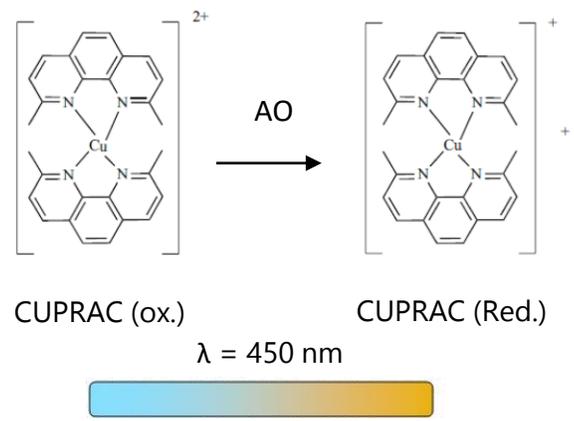


→ Biocontrol

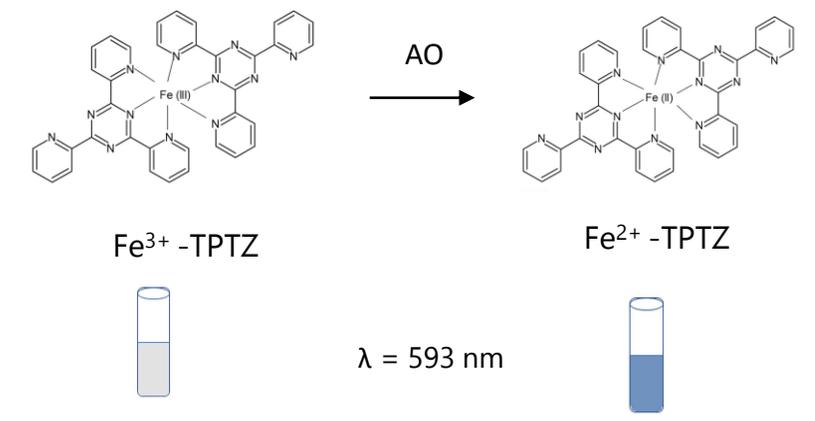
Copper / Iron captation

→ Cosmetology, pharmaceutical

**CUPRAC** Neocuproin (2,9-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline)



**FRAP** TPTZ: ferric2,4,6-tripyridyl-s-triazine



# 3) Cascade of intestinal inflammation

Effect of fermented turmeric

↘ **TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6**

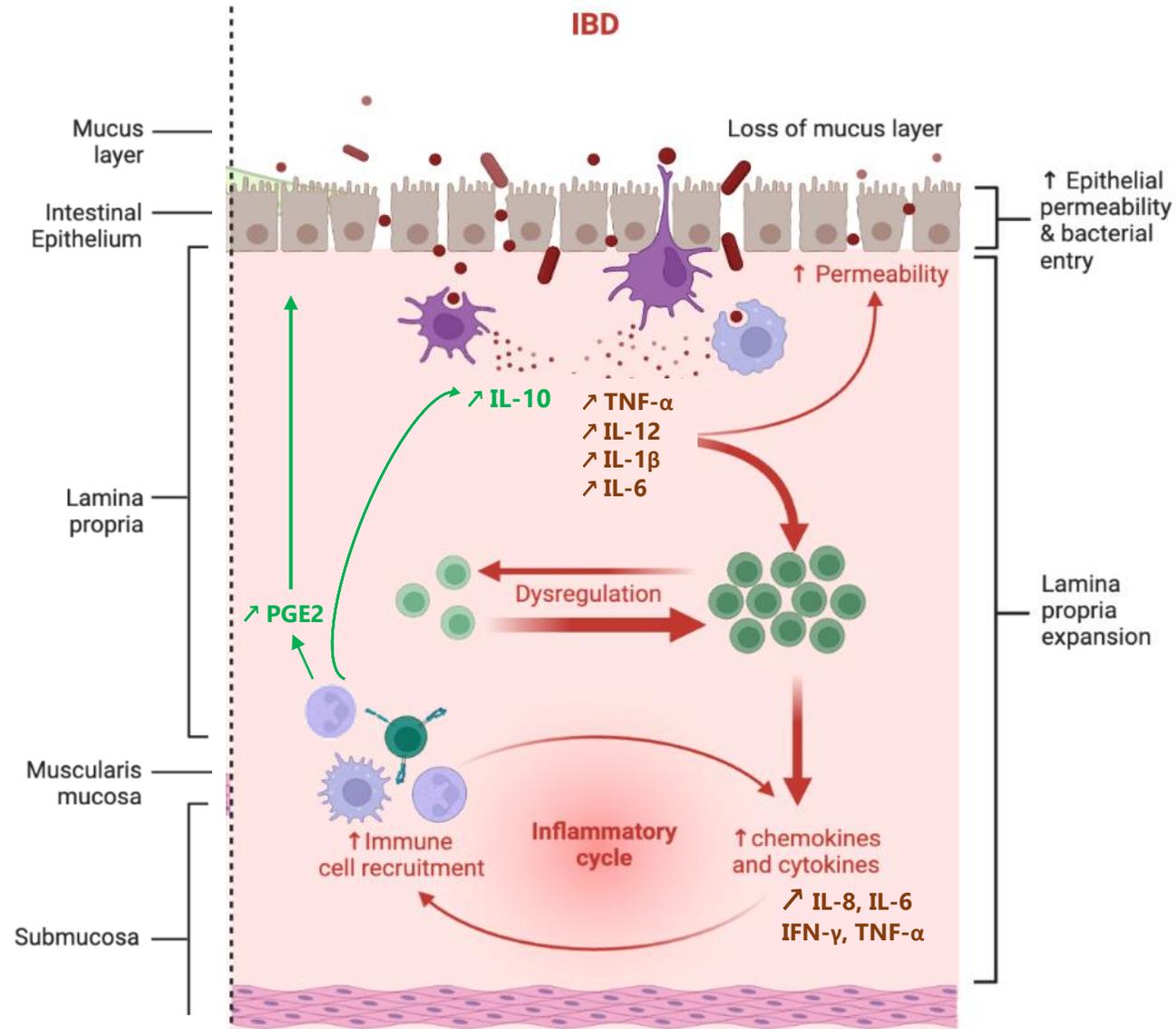
(Tham *et al.* 2010)

↘ **TNF- $\alpha$ , IL-6, PGE2, NF- $\kappa$ B**

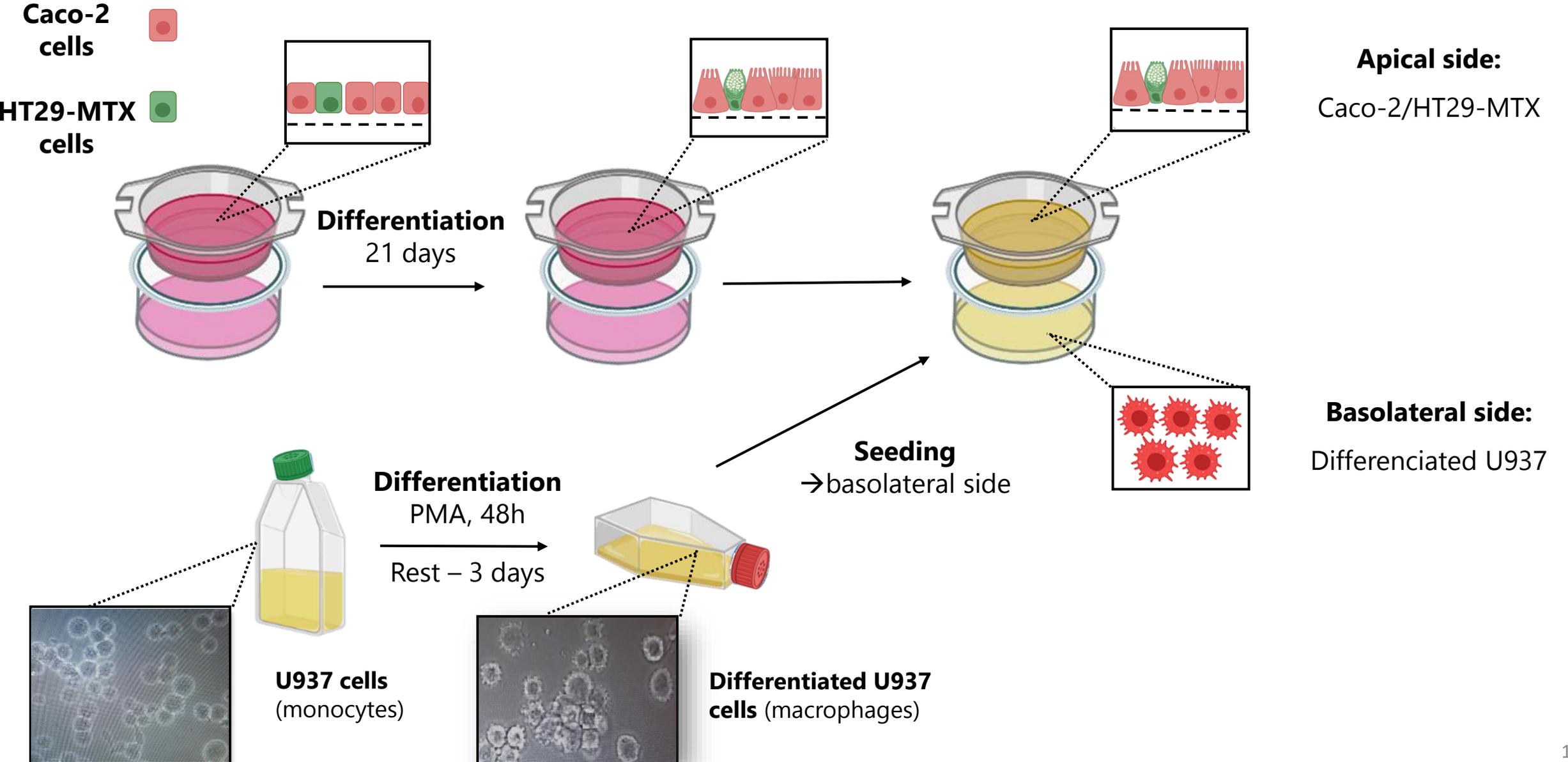
(Kim *et al.* 2017)

↘ **IL-8, IL-12, IL-23**

(Wang *et al.* 2022)

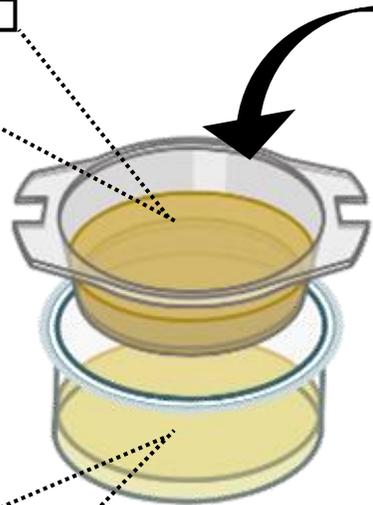
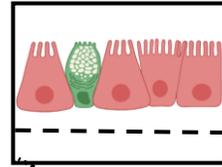


# 3) Anti-Inflammatory effect: Intestinal cell barrier model



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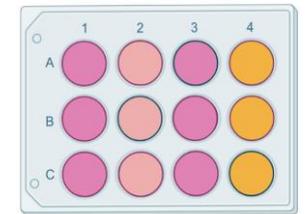
**Apical side:**  
Caco-2/HT29-MTX co-culture



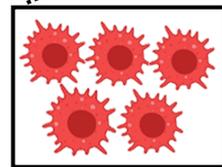
**Apical side:**  
+ Samples  
+ Lipopolysaccharides

Anti-inflammatory control:  
Dexamethason Indomethacin

4h



**Basolateral side:**  
Differentiated U937



## Analysis

Cytokins → TNF-alpha, IL-10, IL-8

Prostaglandin → PGE2



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# → Take-home Message

**Confidentiality of results**



**Many others bioactivity  
mechanisms**

**Many possible strains**



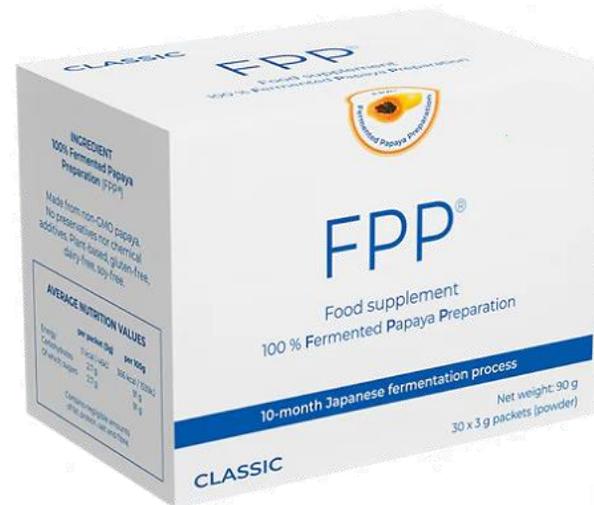
# Fermented Papaya (*Carica papaya* L.)

→ *Saccharomyces* sp.

Patil *et al.* 2021

→ Lactic acid bacteria

Chen *et al.* 2017



**Antioxydant - Immune system – Alzheimer disease – Parkinson - Anemia**

Leitão *et al.* 2022

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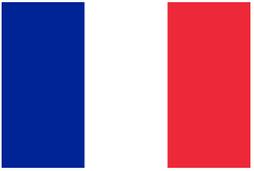

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# Regulatory context of supplements



Commission européenne  
EFSA  
EUROPEAN FOOD SAFETY AUTHORITY

**Food and Drugs Act**  
Natural Health Products Regulations

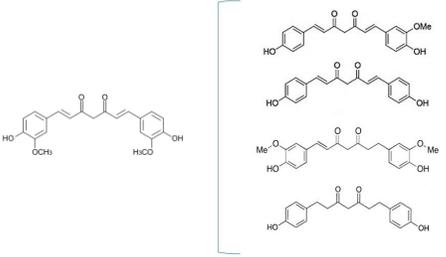
## NOVEL FOODS

“Foods or ingredients whose consumption was negligible or non-existent in the countries of the European Union before **15 May 1997.**”

### Curcumin, Curcuminoids

→ Any process that improves solubility or bioavailability could be subject to the Novel Foods Regulation (EU Novel Food Catalogue).

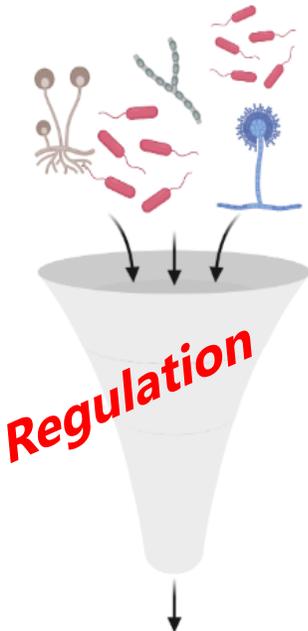
“Foods that have been produced through **new processes**, that do not have a **history of safe** use as a food, or that have been modified by **genetic** manipulation.”



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## Screening

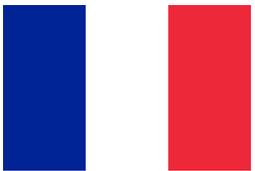
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Candidate strains



## Probiotic



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**Health claims authorized**  
**107 – 109 cells/d**  
**Known strains history**

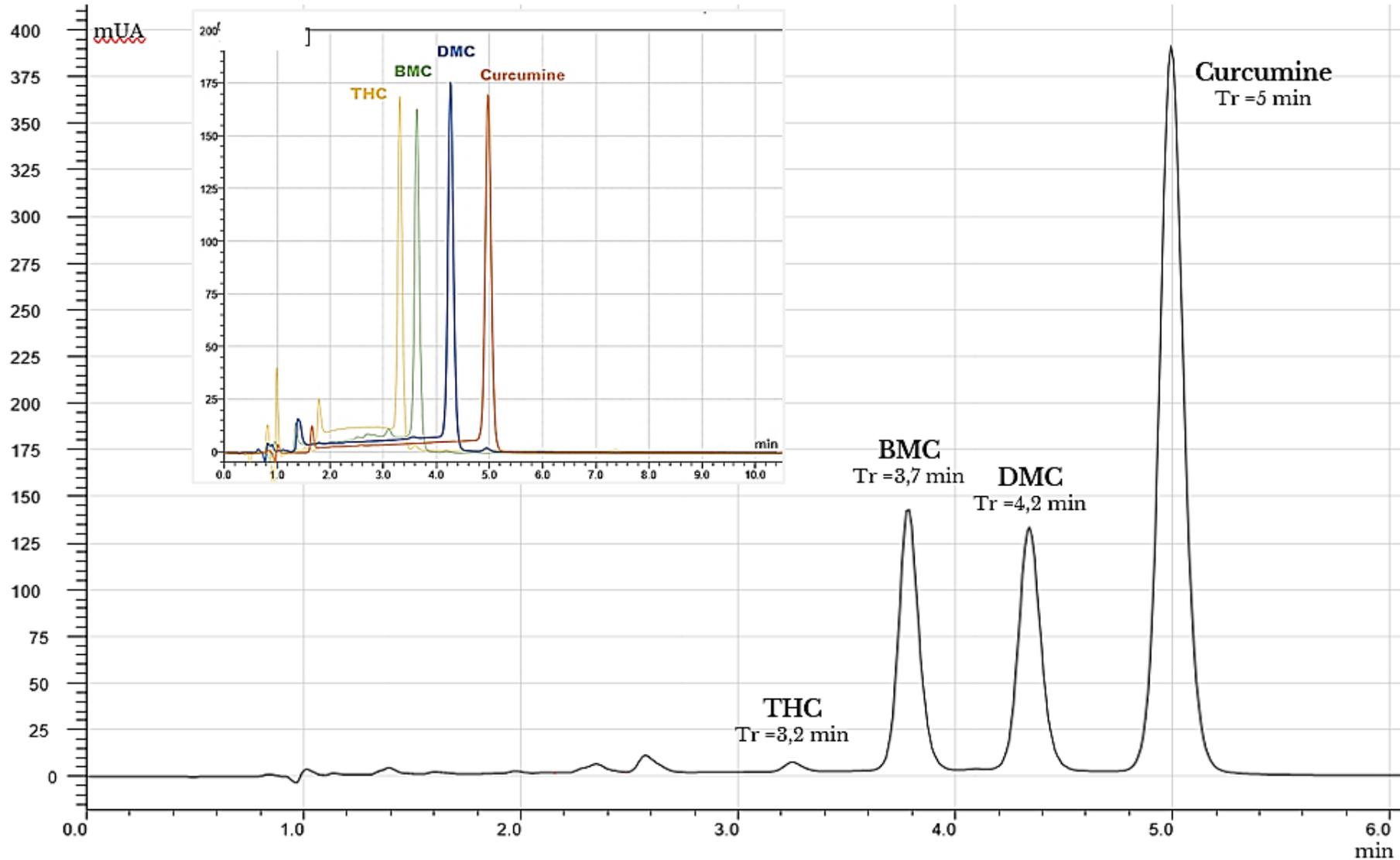
Possible QPS status of safety

**Food and Drugs Act**  
Natural Health Products Regulations  
NNHPD, HPFBI

**Health claims**  
**Posology**  
**Required licences**



# HPLC analysis of turmeric powder



Profil chromatographique de la poudre de curcuma et des standards (HPLC Shimadzu®, colonne PFP, détection-UV 420 nm).  
Curcumine (Tr=5 min), BMC (Tr=3,7 min), DMC (Tr=4,2 min) et THC (Tr=3,2 min).