



STRAWBERRY AND HEALTH: AN EXTRAORDINARY LINKAGE

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BERRIES: AN INNOVATIVE HEALTHY CHOICE



Relevant biological and nutritional qualities



STRAWBERRY (*Fragaria X Ananassa*, Duch.)

✓ One of the most commonly consumed berries, both in fresh and processed forms;



✓ Relevant source of bioactive compounds due to its high level of Vitamin C, folate and phenolic constituents which express relevant antioxidant capacities;



✓ The most studied berry from the agronomic, genomic and nutritional point of view

STRAWBERRY QUALITY

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Antioxidants, Phenolic Compounds, and Nutritional
Quality of Different Strawberry Genotypes

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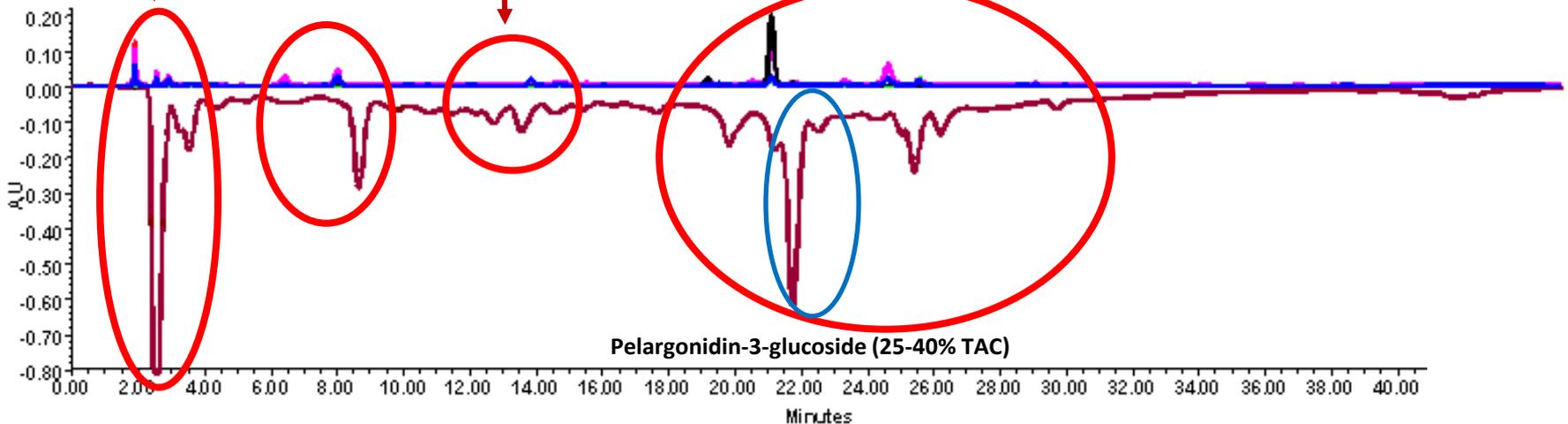
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Highly-polar antioxidants
+++ vitamin C (>30% TAC)

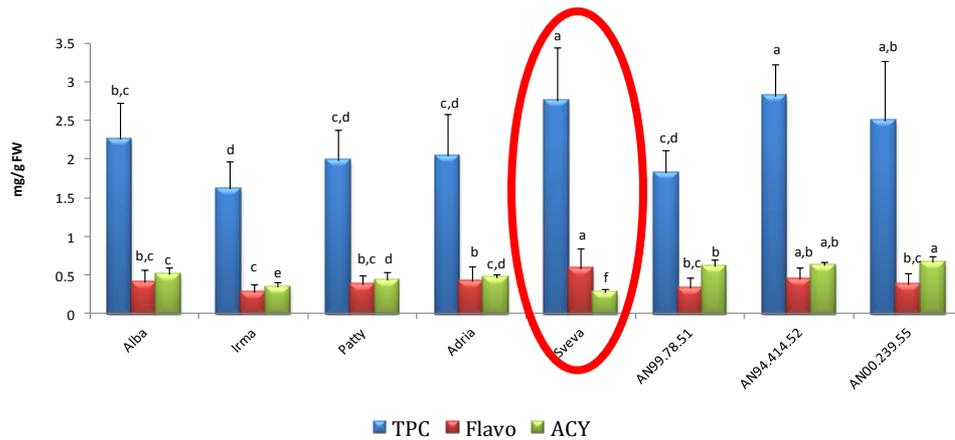
Phenolic acids

HCA Derivatives

+++ Anthocyanins/EA
deriv.
-- Flavonols

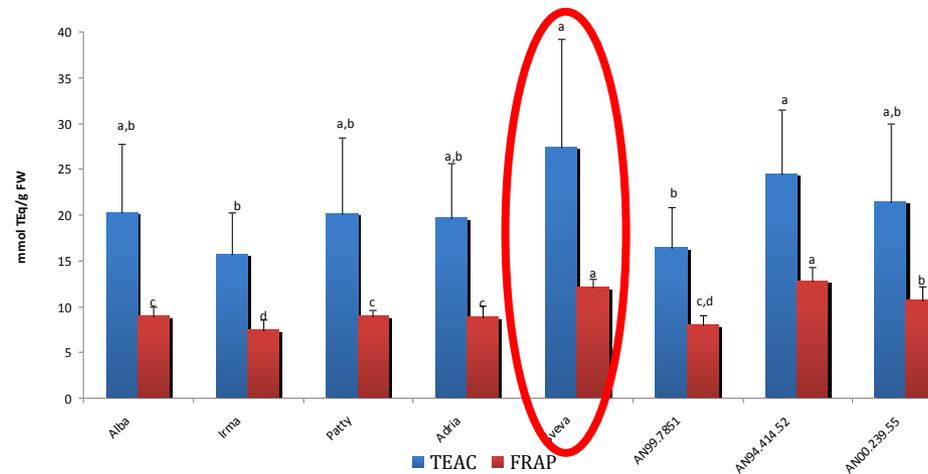


STRAWBERRY QUALITY



Total content of phenols,
flavonoids and
anthocyanins

Total Antioxidant
capacity



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Human dermal fibroblast - HDF

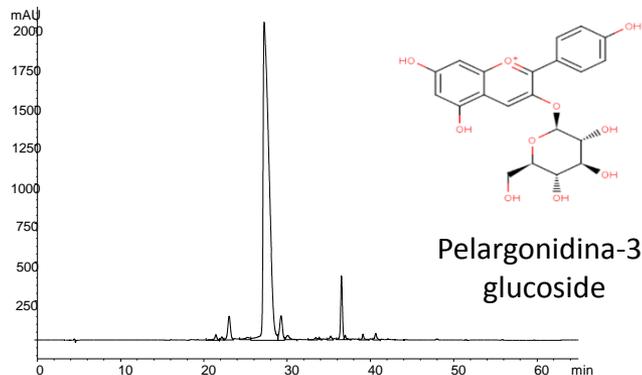
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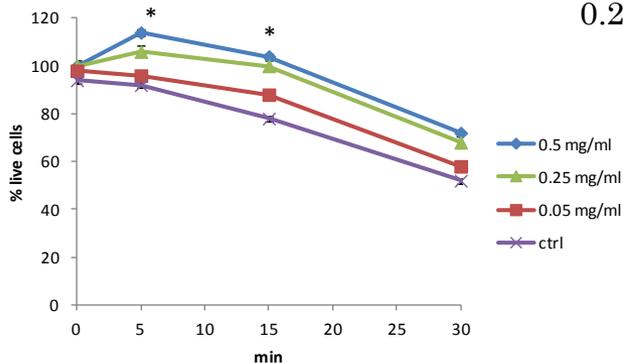
HPLC-DAD-MS

analysis



- High content of pelargonidin-3-glucoside
- Relevant total antioxidant capacity
- High content of Vitamin C

Cell viability

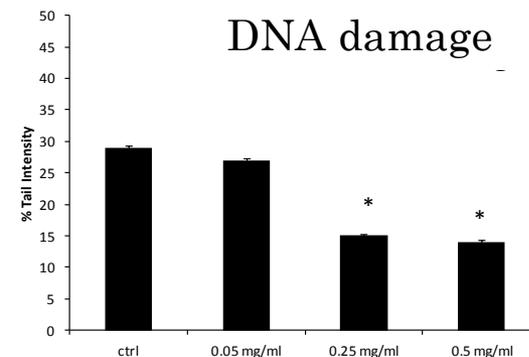


Incubation for 24 hours with different concentrations of the extracts (0.5 – 0.25 – 0.05 mg/ml)

UV-A
treatment
275 kJ/m²



DNA damage



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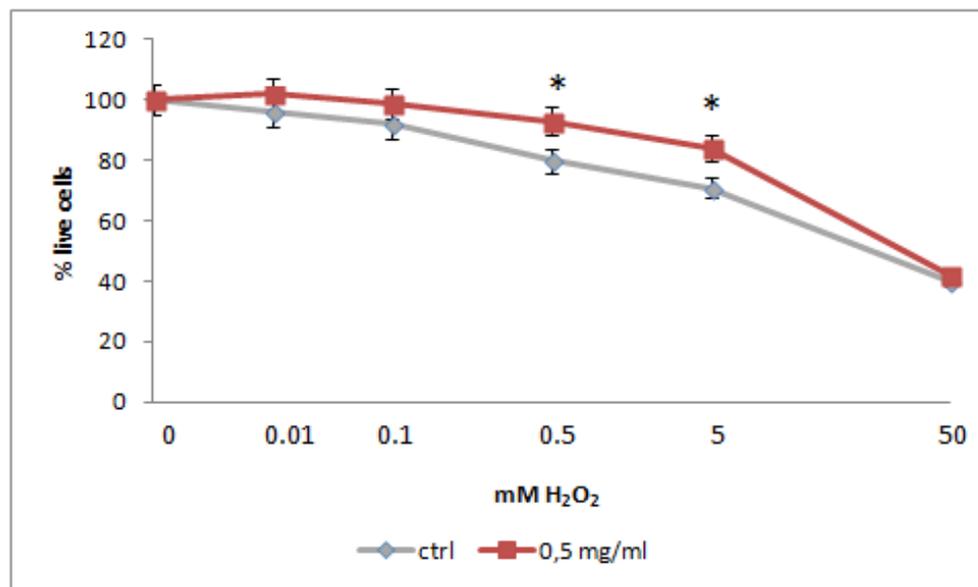


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H_2O_2
treatment / 1h



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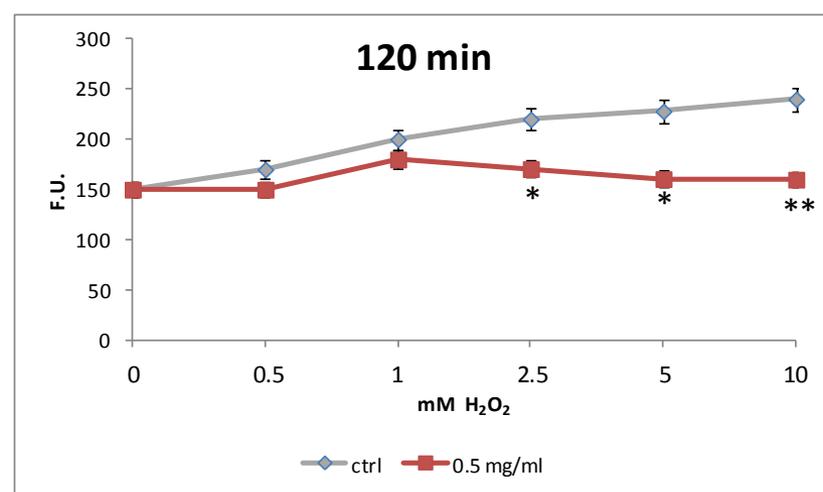
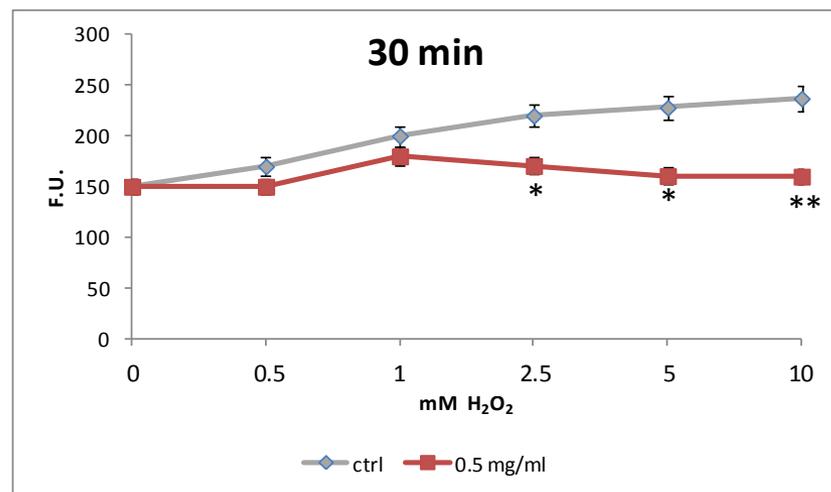
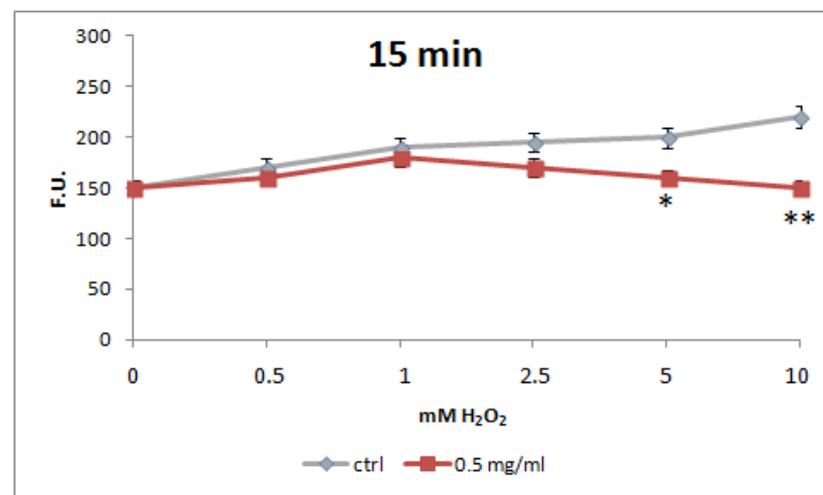
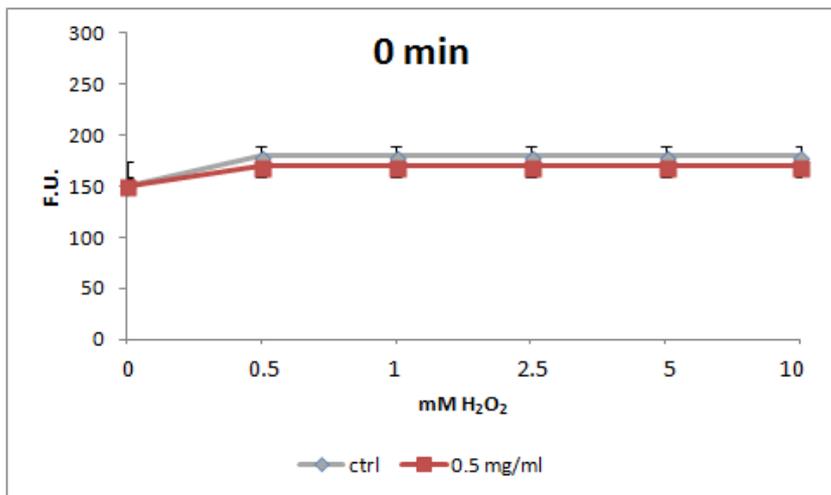


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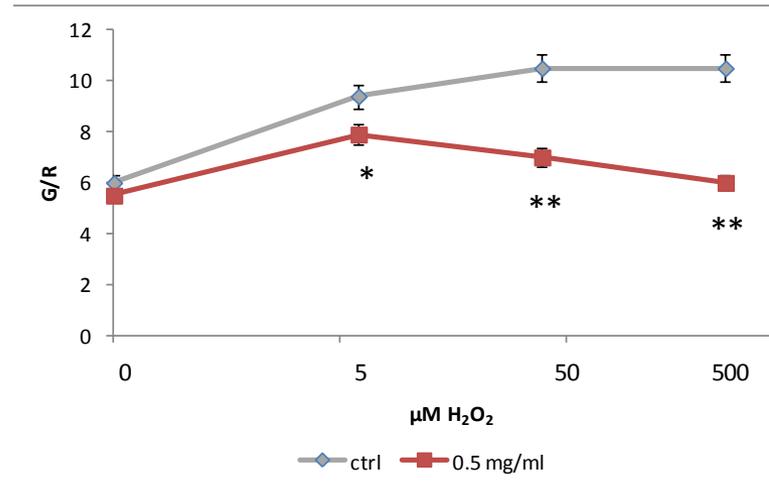
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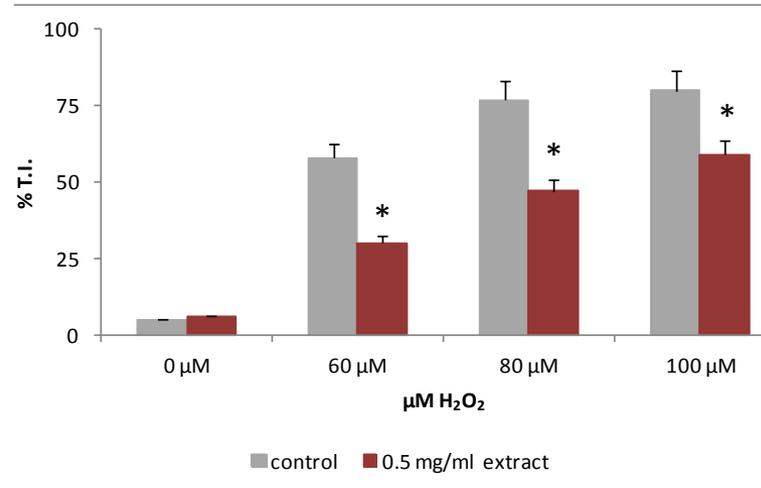
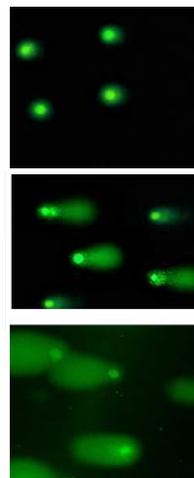
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Lipid
peroxidation

DNA
damage

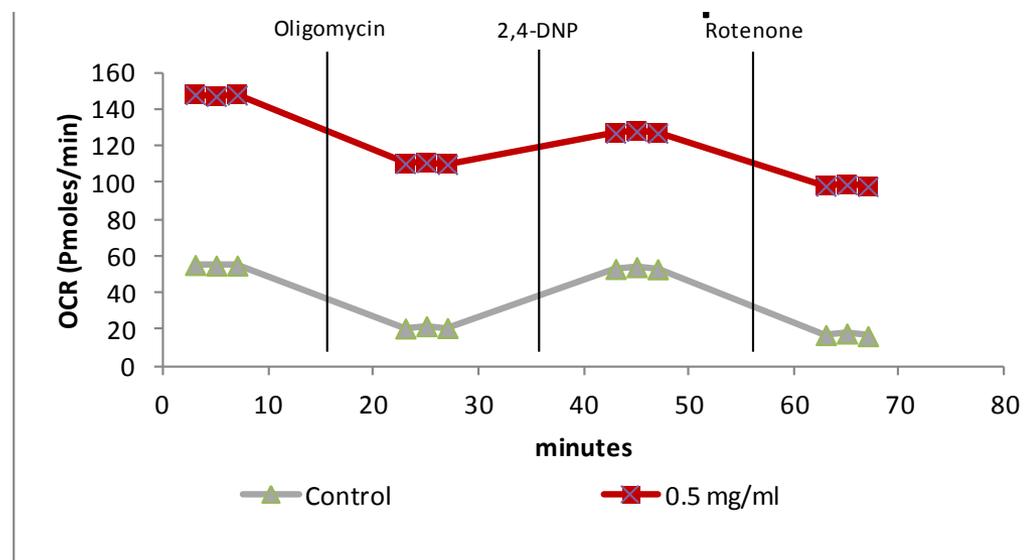
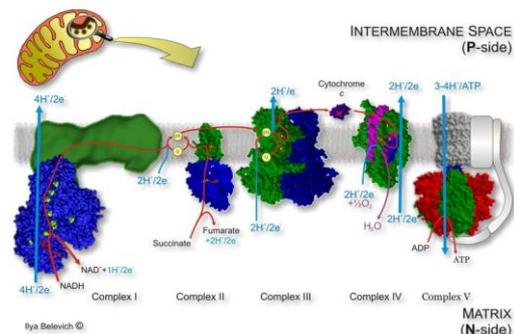


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H_2O_2
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Seahorse XF-24: Mitochondrial respiration
(OCR)



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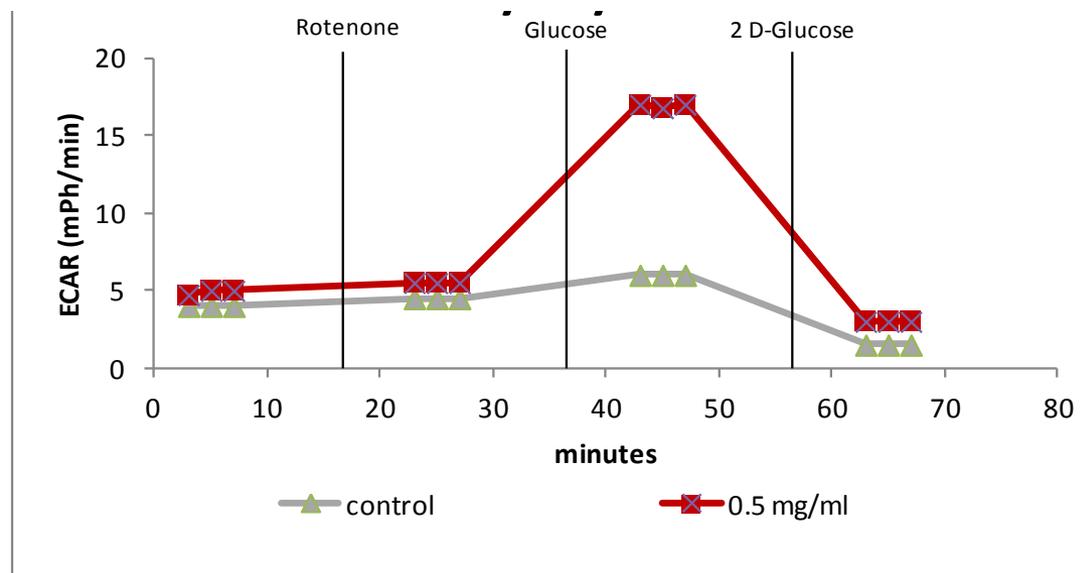
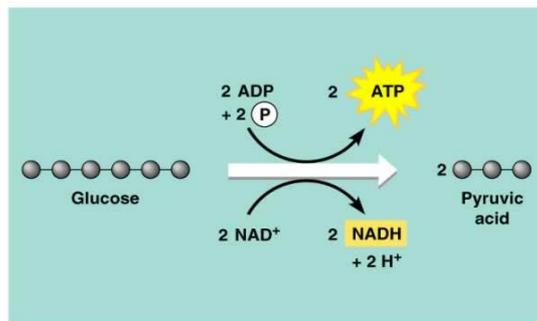
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**H₂O₂
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Seahorse XF-24: Glycolysis (ECAR)



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Rotenone 3 μg/ml, Glucose 10 mM, 2-DeoxyGlucose (2-DG) 100mM

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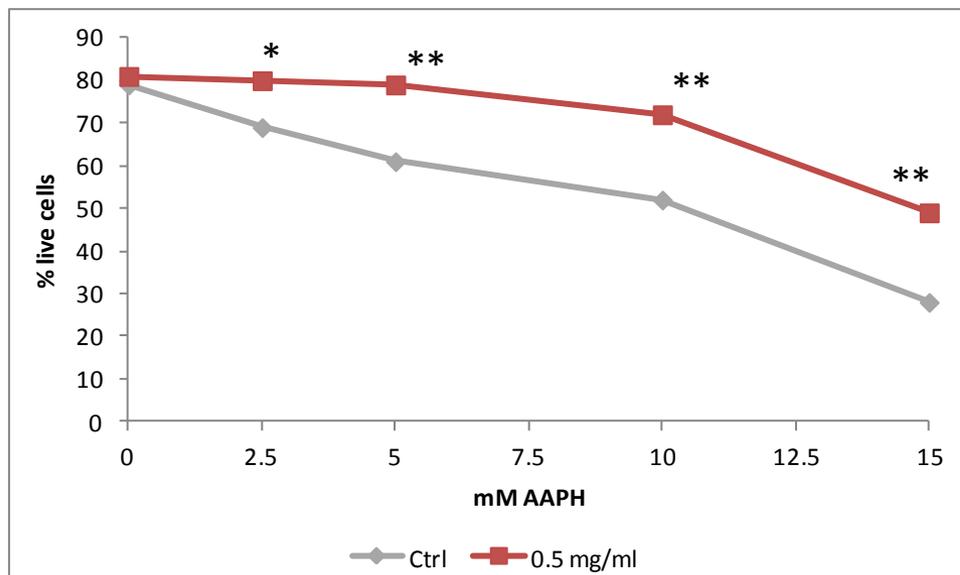


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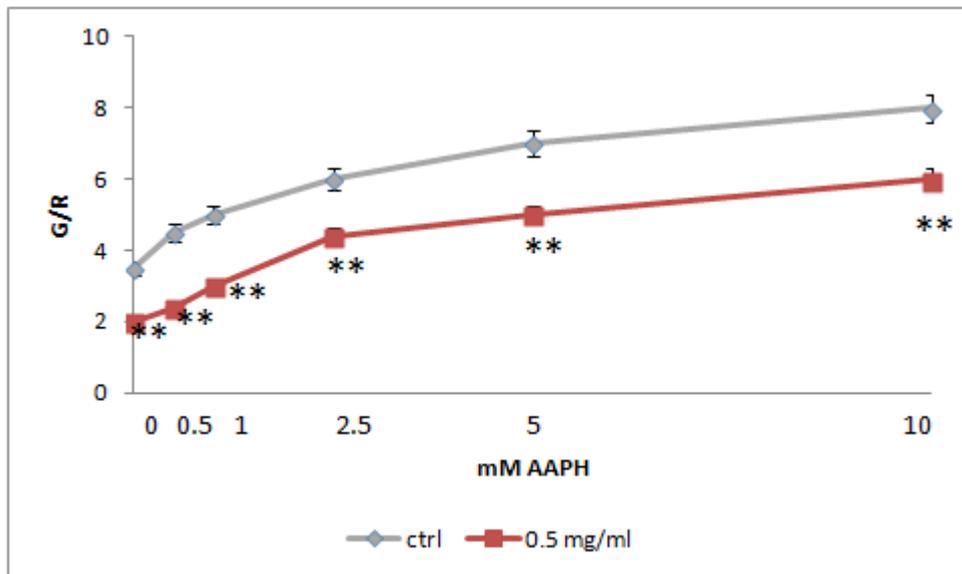


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Lipid peroxidation



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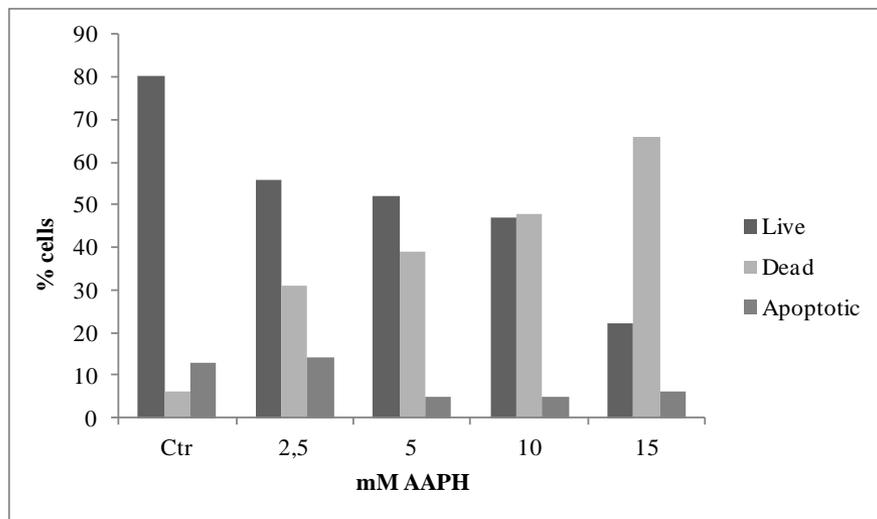
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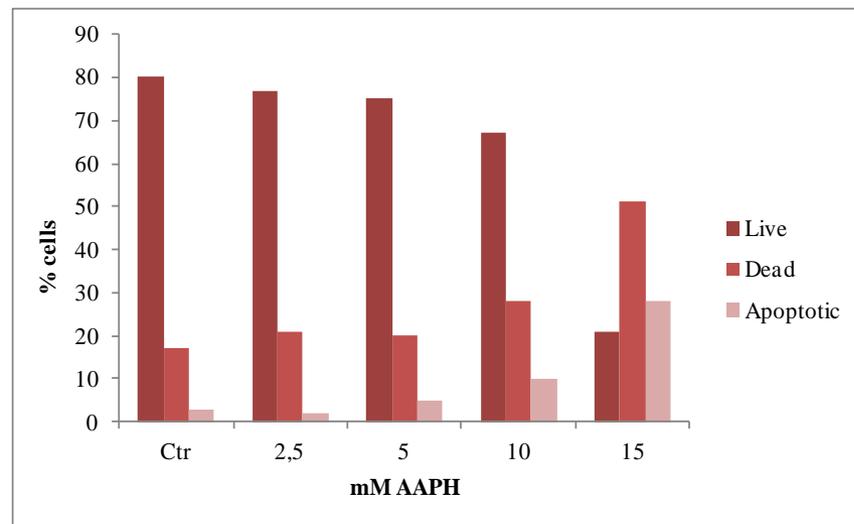
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Live/dead/apoptosis cells by
TALI

Without strawberry



With strawberry



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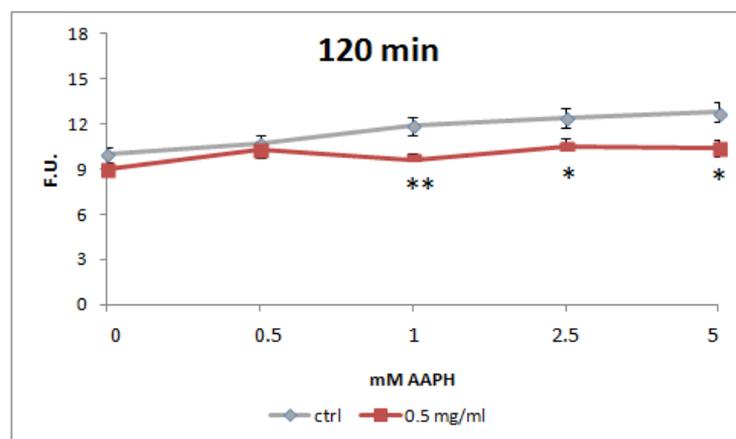
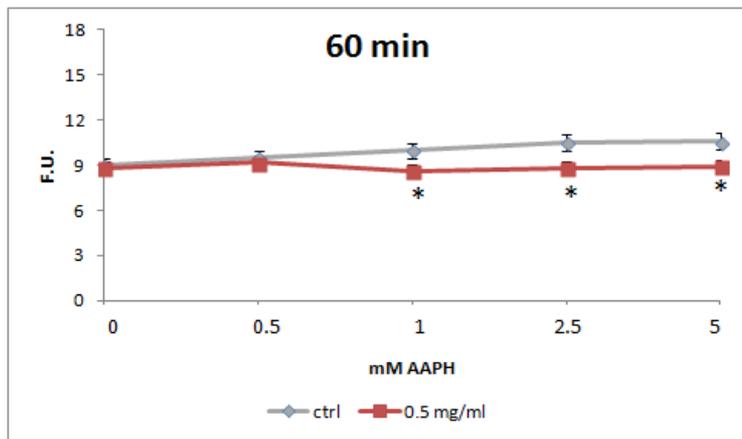
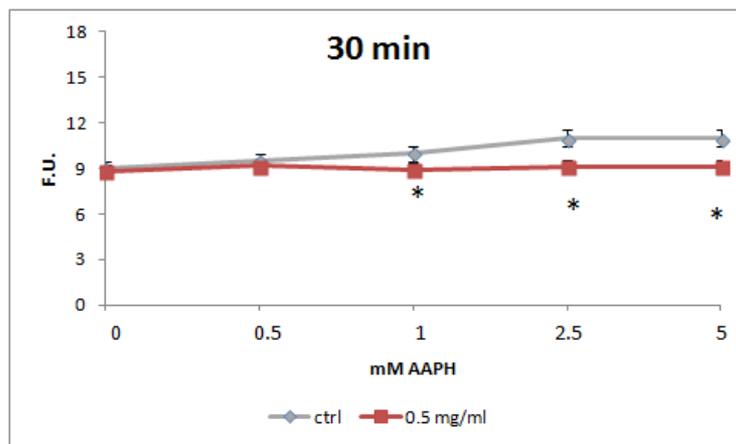
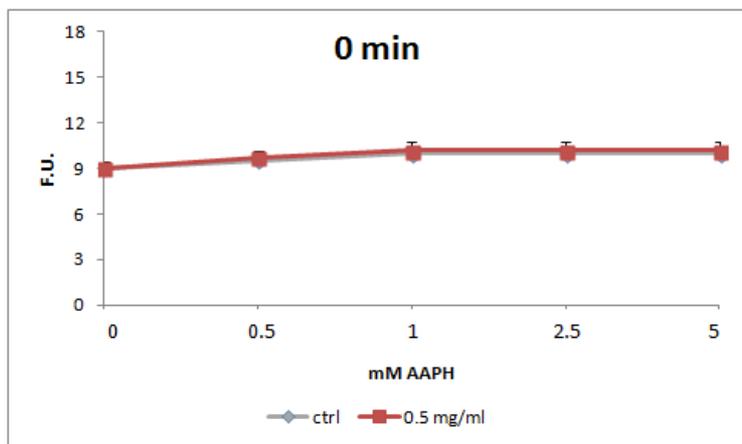
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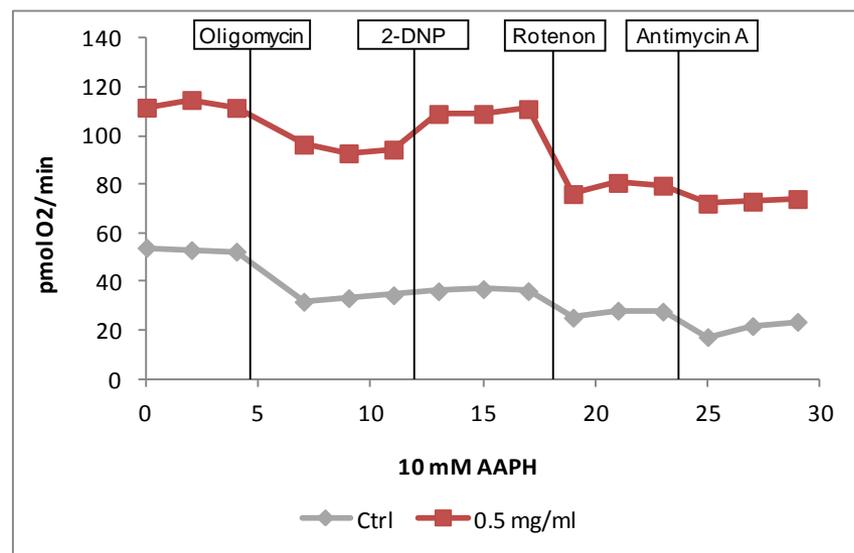
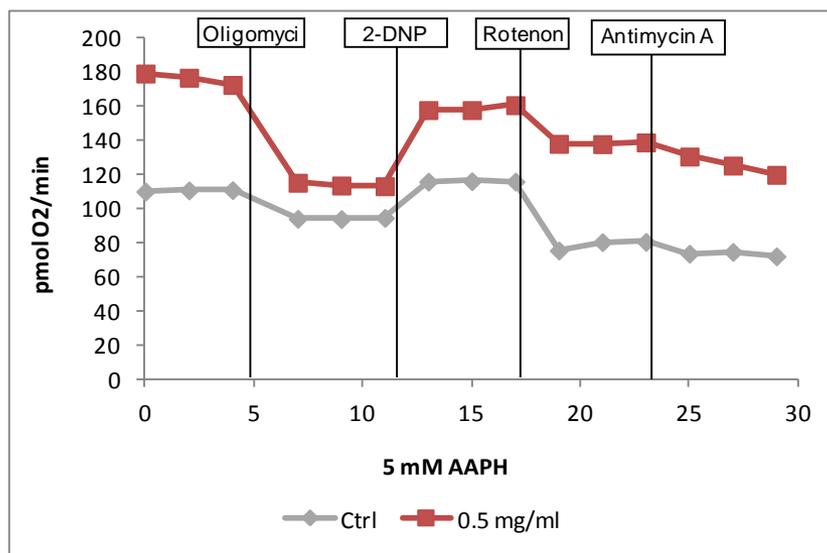
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IN VITRO VERSUS IN VIVO EVIDENCE: HOW TO BYPASS THE GAP?

In vitro effects



In vivo effects



**Few literature data on strawberry intake
and antioxidant status**

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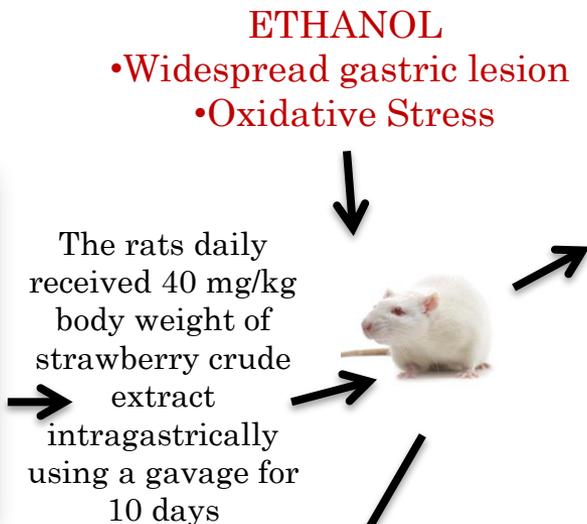
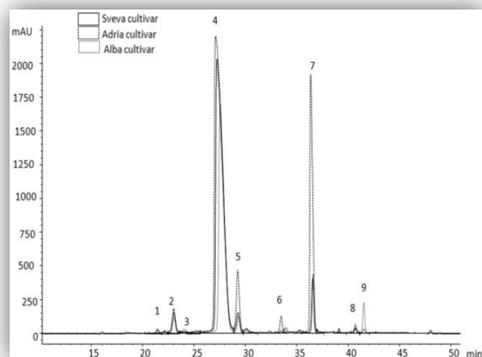
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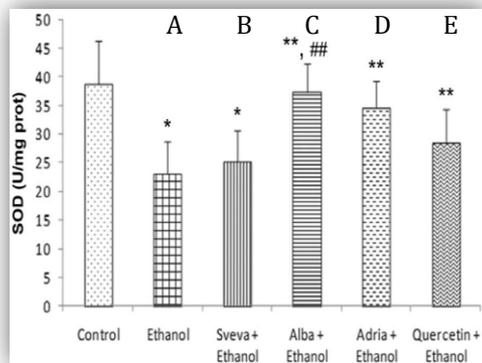
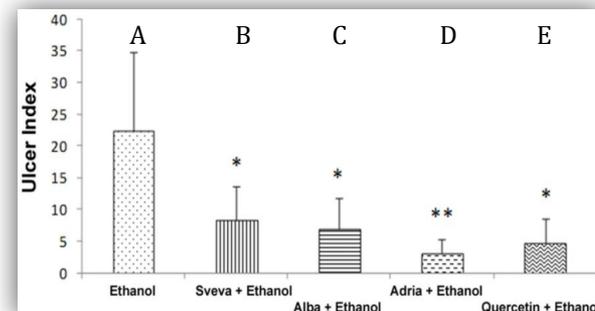


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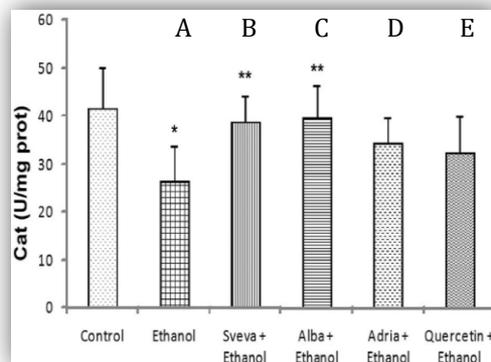
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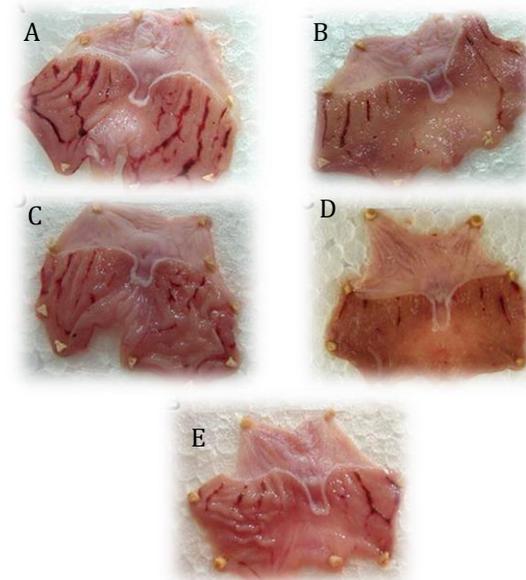
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SOD ACTIVITY



CAT ACTIVITY



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SVEVA

↓ ACY

↑ TAC

ADRIA

↑ ACY

↓ TAC

Peak	Tentative identification	Adria cultivar	Sveva cultivar
		(mg/kg)	(mg/kg)
1	(Epi)afzelechin-(4→8)Pg-3-glucoside	3.798 ± 0.4	1.754 ± 0.1
2	Cy-3-glucoside	32.232 ± 2.1	25.974 ± 2.2
3	Pg 3,5-diglucoside	0.588 ± 0.0	0 ± 0.0
4	Pg 3-glucoside	1157.376 ± 12.0	790.234 ± 7.0
5	Pg 3-rutinoside	97.848 ± 4.0	26.176 ± 2.0
6	Pg 3-malonylglucoside	32.562 ± 3.0	45.62 ± 2.2
7	Pg 3-acetylglucoside	7.114 ± 4.0	3.284 ± 1.0
Total Anthocyanin Content		1331.518 ± 4.6	893.042 ± 2.3

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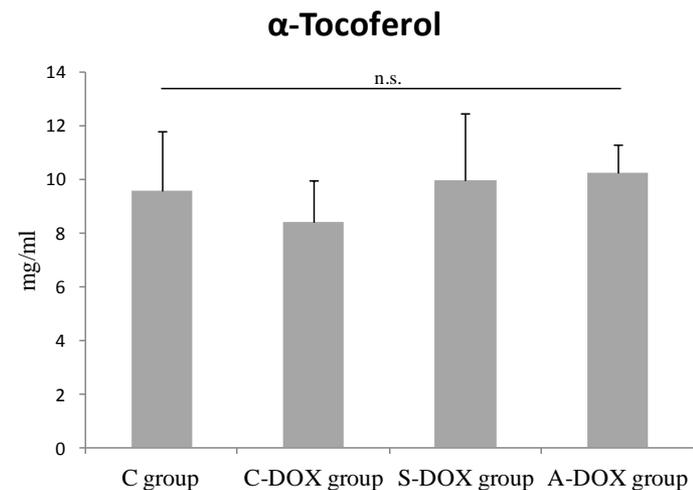
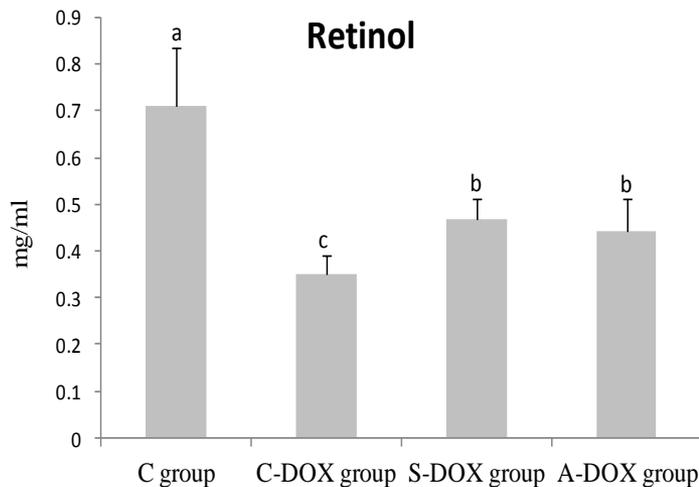
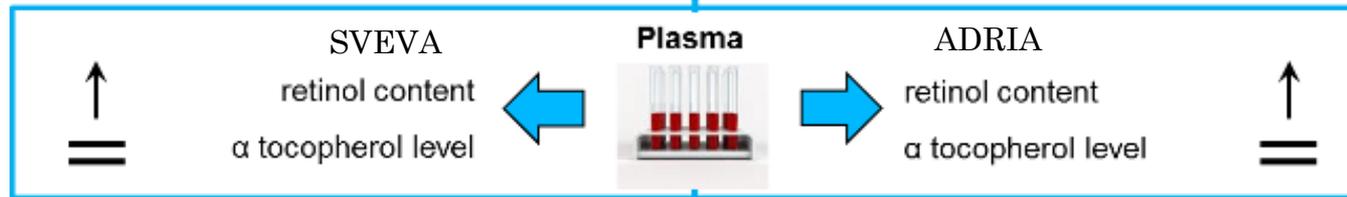
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16 weeks
supplementation
Diet with 10%
strawberry



**Doxorubicin
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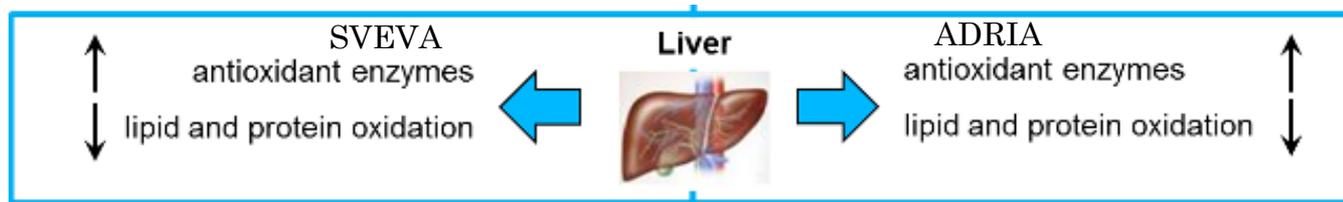
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	GSH ^a	Protein carbonyl content ^a	TBARS ^a	Hydroperoxides ^a
C group	164.39 ± 2.54 ^a	7.65 ± 0.23 ^b	0.46 ± 0.16 ^b	11.42 ± 0.04 ^c
C-DOX group	96.13 ± 1.27 ^c	24.33 ± 2.54 ^a	0.90 ± 0.15 ^a	20.4 ± 0.28 ^a
A-DOX group	139.85 ± 1.04 ^b	8.74 ± 0.93 ^b	0.37 ± 0.06 ^b	12.22 ± 0.37 ^{bc}
S-DOX group	132.67 ± 0.34 ^b	5.71 ± 1.15 ^b	0.42 ± 0.01 ^b	12.96 ± 0.05 ^b

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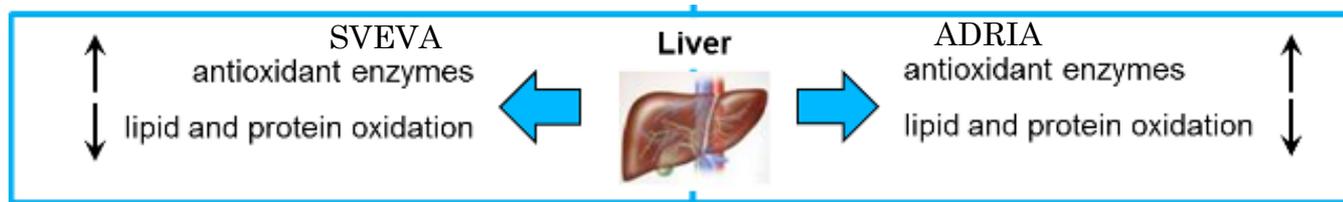
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	GST ^a	GPx ^a	GR ^a	SOD ^b	Catalase ^b
C group	430.01 ± 3.95 ^a	0.55 ± 0.04 ^a	170.96 ± 5.75 ^a	123.33 ± 1.81 ^a	18.98 ± 1.52 ^a
C-DOX group	221.42 ± 27.49 ^b	0.31 ± 0.03 ^b	83.81 ± 4.61 ^b	45.66 ± 0.05 ^c	9.73 ± 0.78 ^b
A-DOX group	425.26 ± 33.43 ^a	0.53 ± 0.07 ^a	167.73 ± 6.02 ^a	106.75 ± 2.68 ^{ab}	19.90 ± 1.78 ^a
S-DOX group	424.02 ± 4.37 ^a	0.52 ± 0.03 ^a	164.13 ± 3.41 ^a	89.18 ± 2.54 ^b	19.40 ± 1.01 ^a

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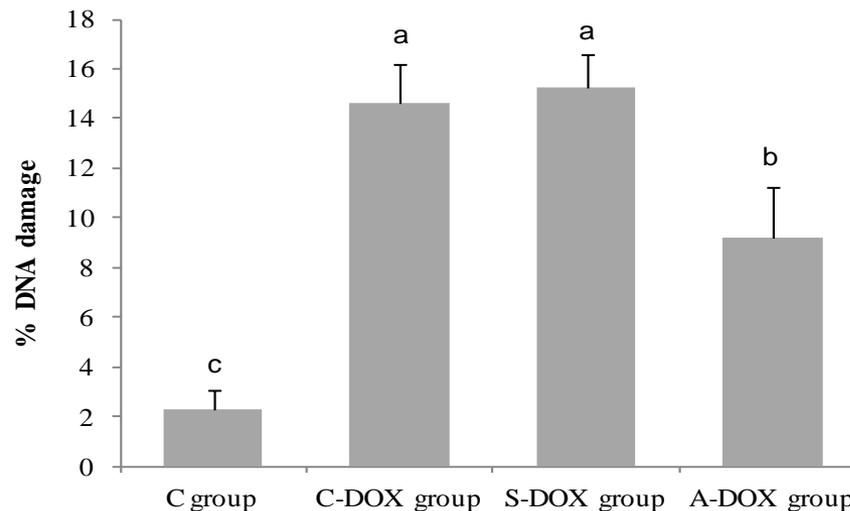
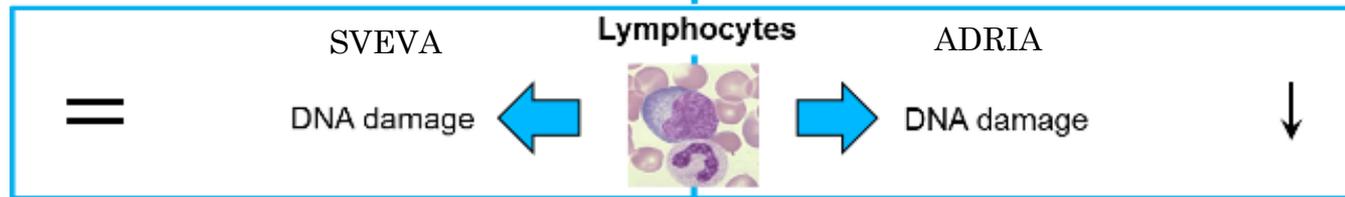
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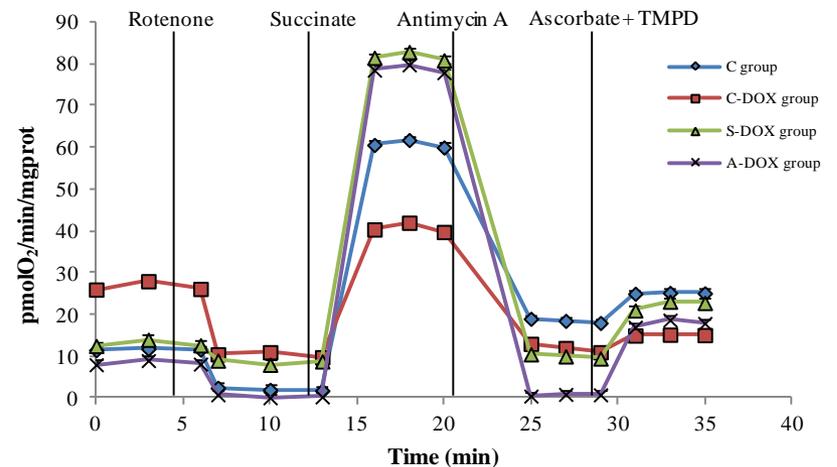
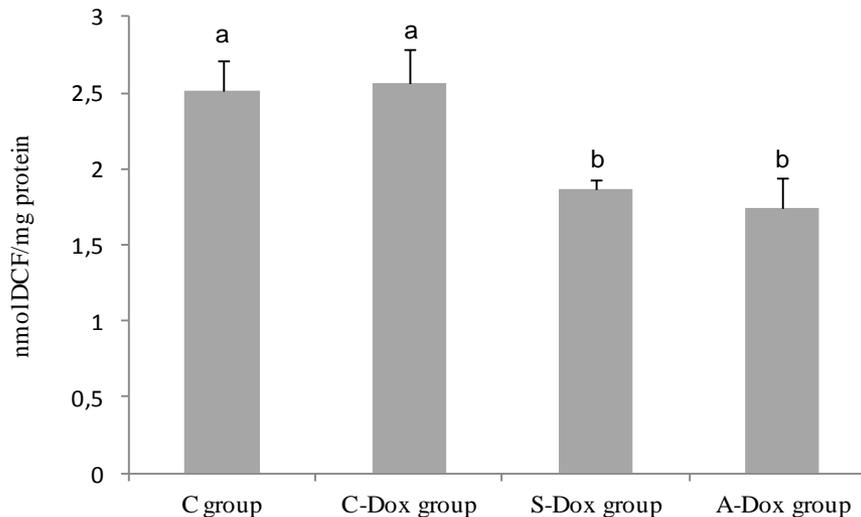
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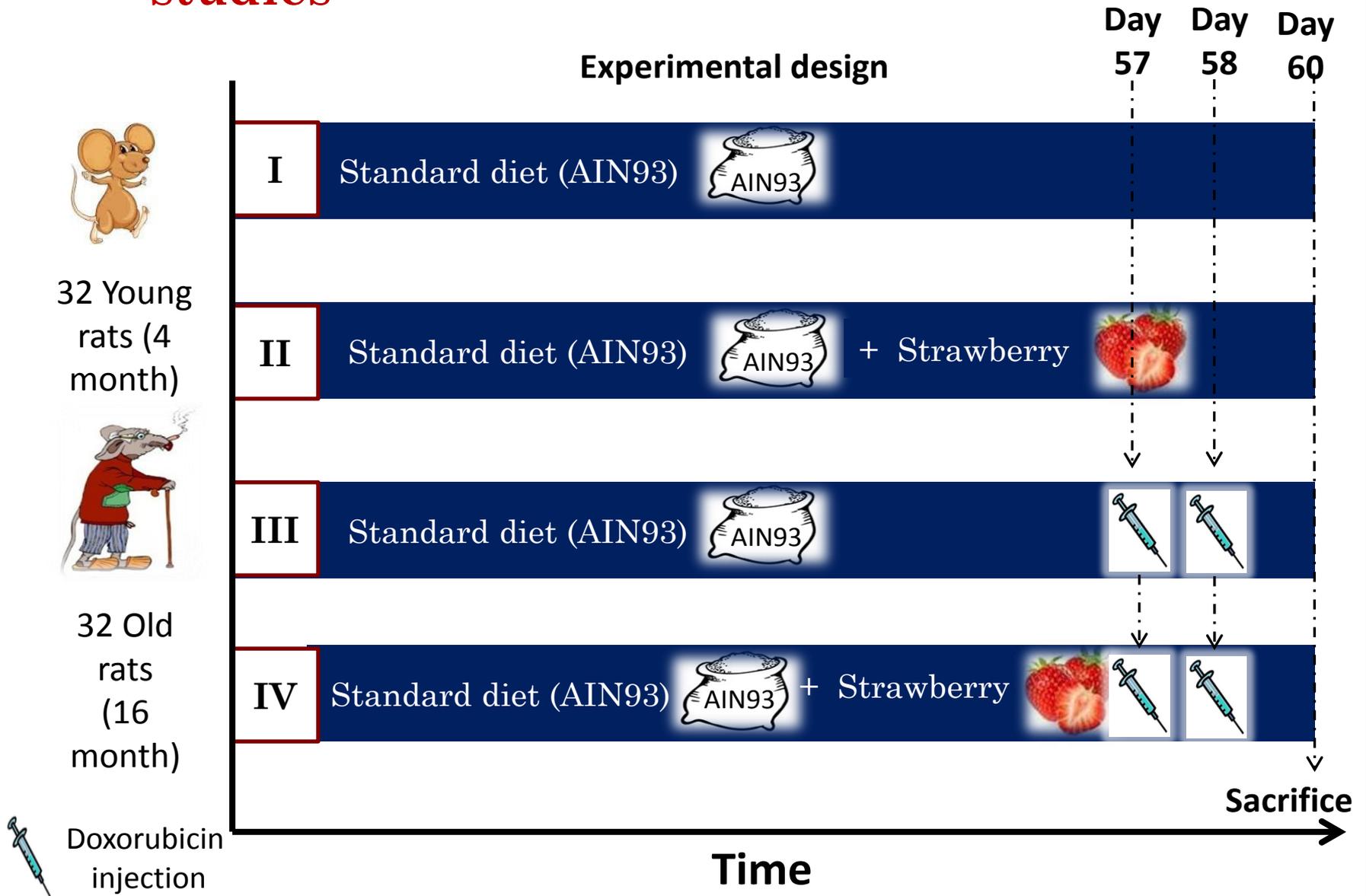


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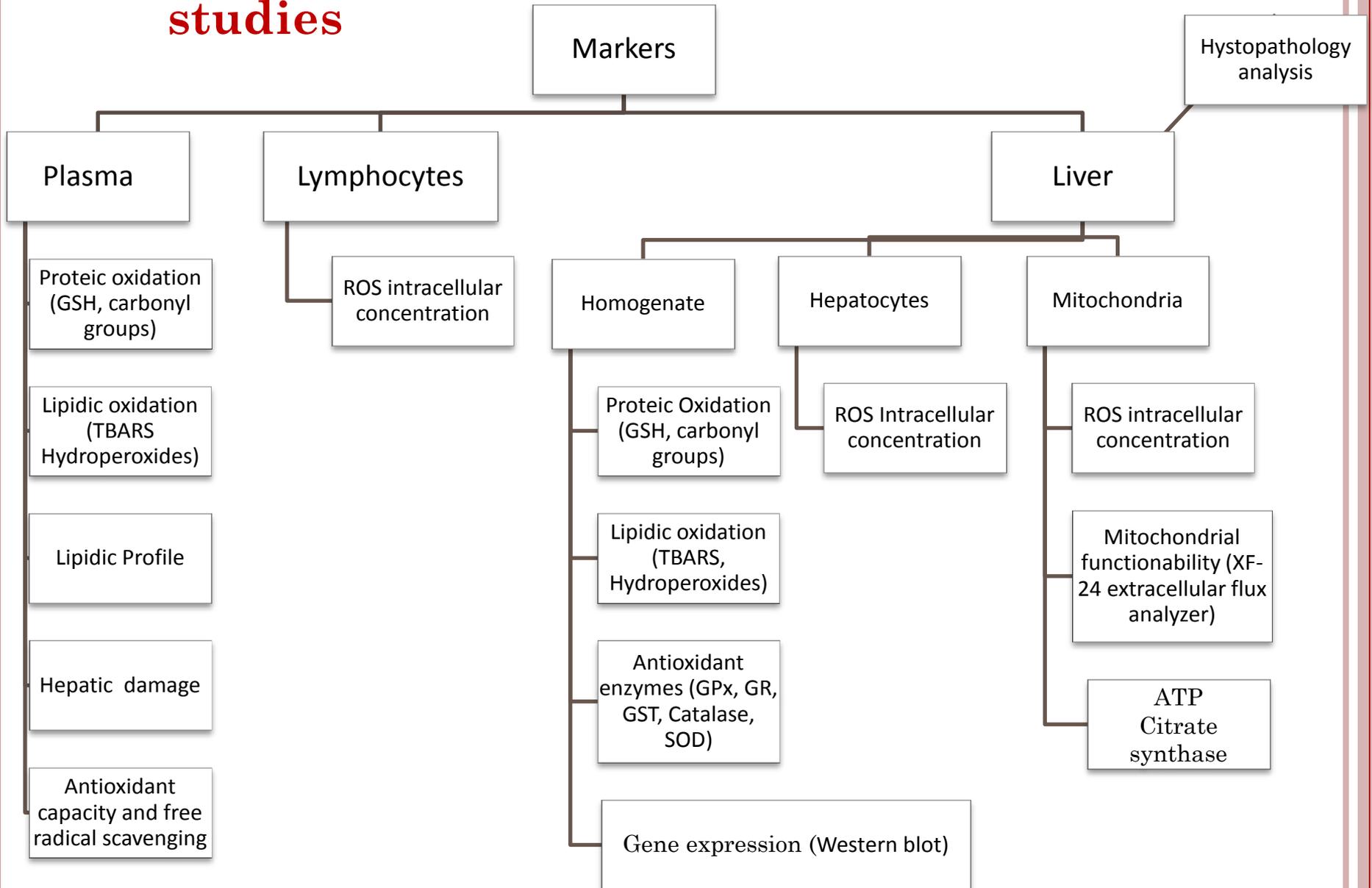
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PLASMA:

- ✓ Improvement of protein and lipid oxidation markers;
- ✓ Improvement of lipidic profile;
- ✓ Attenuation of hepatic damage markers;
- ✓ Decrease of ROS levels.

LIVER:

- ✓ Improvement of protein and lipid oxidation markers;
- ✓ Increase of antioxidant enzymes;
- ✓ Decrease of ROS levels in hepatocytes.

LIVER MITOCHONDRIA:

- ✓ Increase of ATP and cytrate synthase levels;
- ✓ Decrease of ROS levels;
- ✓ Increase of mitochondrial respiration rate;
- ✓ Increase of vitamin E levels.

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Strawberry consumption improves plasma antioxidant status and erythrocyte resistance to oxidative haemolysis in humans

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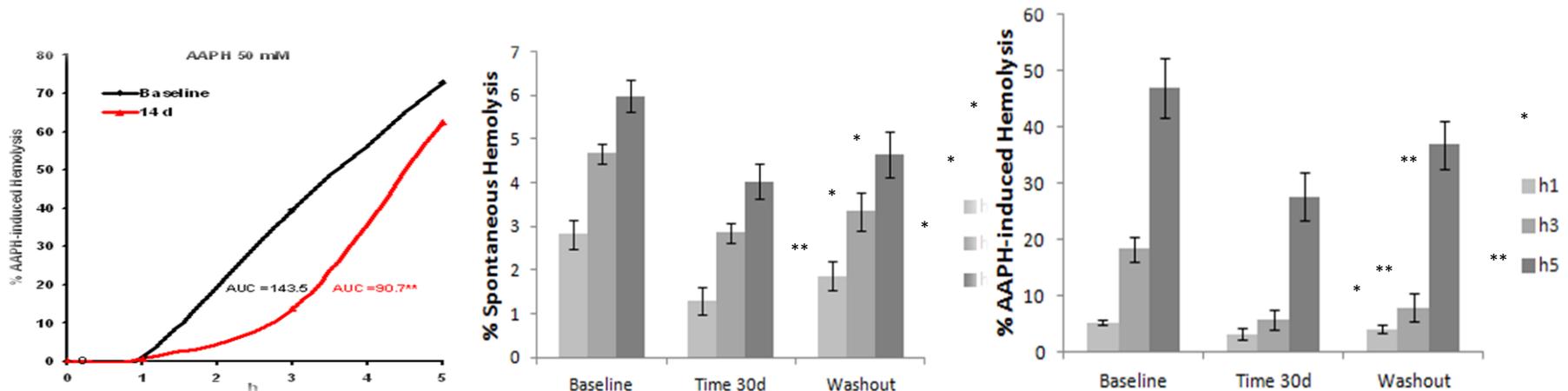
Subjects started a 30-day supplementation period with the consumption of 500 g of fresh strawberries per day



**AFTER STRAWBERRY
INTAKE**



An improved resistance to hemolysis was observed after 30 days of strawberry supplementation and 15 days after the end of the study



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Strawberry intake increases blood fluid, erythrocyte and mononuclear cell defenses against oxidative challenge



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Subjects started a 2-week supplementation period with the consumption of 500 g of fresh strawberries per day



**AFTER STRAWBERRY
INTAKE**



Significant reduction in DNA damage (Comet assay) of lymphocytes exposed to oxidative stress, after strawberry consumption

	Control (untreated cells)		H ₂ O ₂ -treated cells	
	Baseline	2-week STW	Baseline	2-week STW
Comet Area (μm ²)	930.6±29.3	924.9±31	8795.6±397.7	2775±110.4**
Comet Length (μm)	48.2±1.2	50.1±1.6	148.1±33.4	102.6±4.4*
Head Area (μm ²)	754.3±22.4	775.1±11.2	1881.5±264.9	370.2±19.5**
Tail Area (μm ²)	176.4±27.2	189.8±37.2	6914±122.5	2404.9±124.2**

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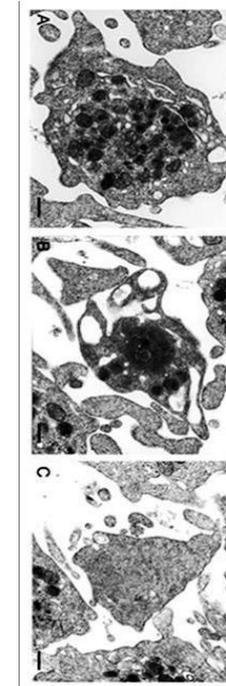
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FRAP	↑
ORAC	↑
Vit C	↑
Uric Acid	→

MDA	↓
8-OHdG	↓
Isoprostane	↓

LDL-C	↓
Total Cholesterol	↓
Triglycerides	↓

Function of the protein	Protein name	Accession n° NCBI
Lipid metabolism and transport	Apolipoprotein A-I preproprotein	gi4557321
	Apolipoprotein A-II preprotein	gi4502149
	Apolipoprotein A-IV precursor	gi93163358
	Apolipoprotein C-III precursor	gi4557323
	Apolipoprotein E precursor	gi4557325
	Clusterin isoform 2 (Apo J)	gi42740907
Blood coagulation	Plasminogen	gi4505881
	Fibrinogen beta chain preproprotein	gi70906435
	Fibrinogen, alpha polypeptide isoform alpha-E preproprotein	gi4503689



A) Resting platelet

B) Central clustering platelets

C) Degranulated platelets

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One-month strawberry-rich anthocyanin supplementation ameliorates cardiovascular risk, oxidative stress markers and platelet activation in humans[☆]

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Anthocyanin supplementation improves serum LDL- and HDL-cholesterol concentrations associated with the inhibition of cholesteryl ester transfer protein in dyslipidemic subjects^{1–4}

Yu Qin, Min Xia, Jing Ma, YuanTao Hao, Jing Liu, HaiYing Mou, Li Cao, and WenHua Ling

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High Anthocyanin Intake Is Associated With a Reduced Risk of Myocardial Infarction in Young and Middle-Aged Women

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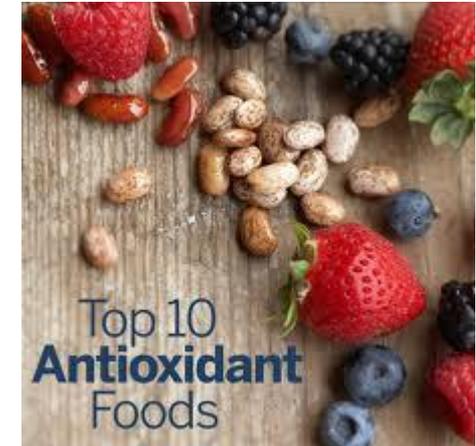
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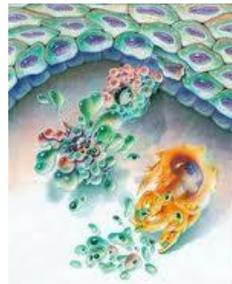


Until today, berries in general were considered to be a rich-natural source of bioactive compounds (mainly polyphenols) with antioxidant properties..

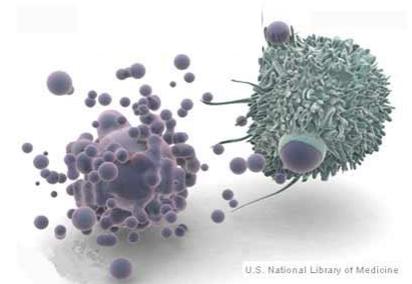


BUT

.....polyphenols don't have only antioxidant properties. They also display other effects, like pro-apoptotic or pro-oxidant effects, that may seem negative but in hyperproliferative cells can have, in turn, positive effects



APOPTOSIS



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N202/1A

High levels of HER 2/neu oncoprotein expression

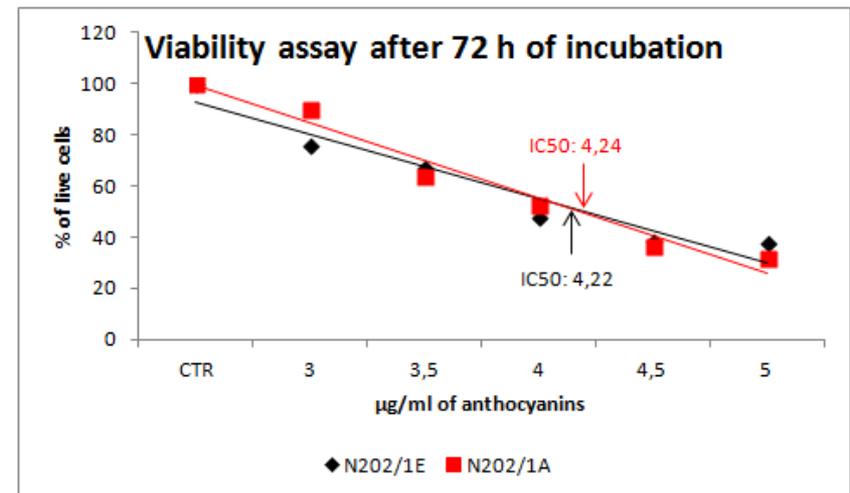
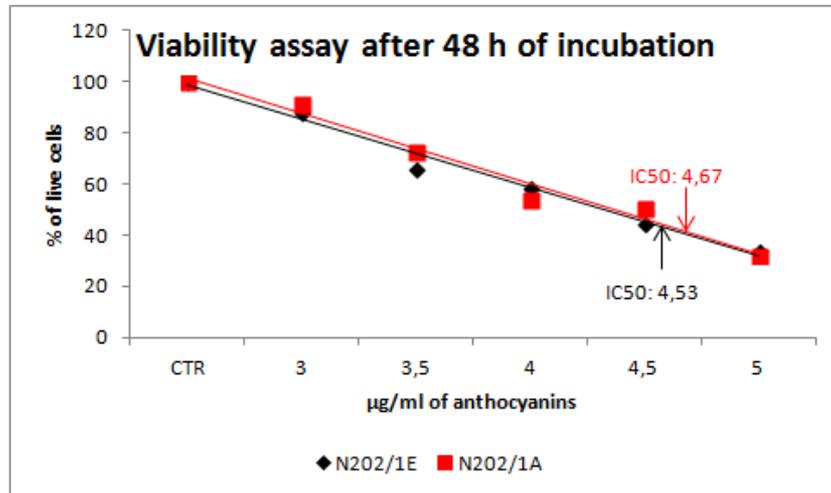
Murine mammary tumoral cell lines

N202/1E

No detectable HER 2/neu oncoprotein expression

Treated with different concentrations of strawberries methanolic extracts

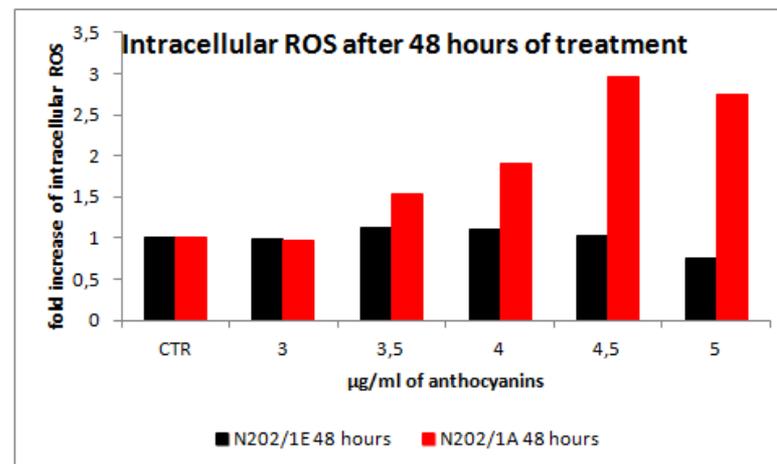
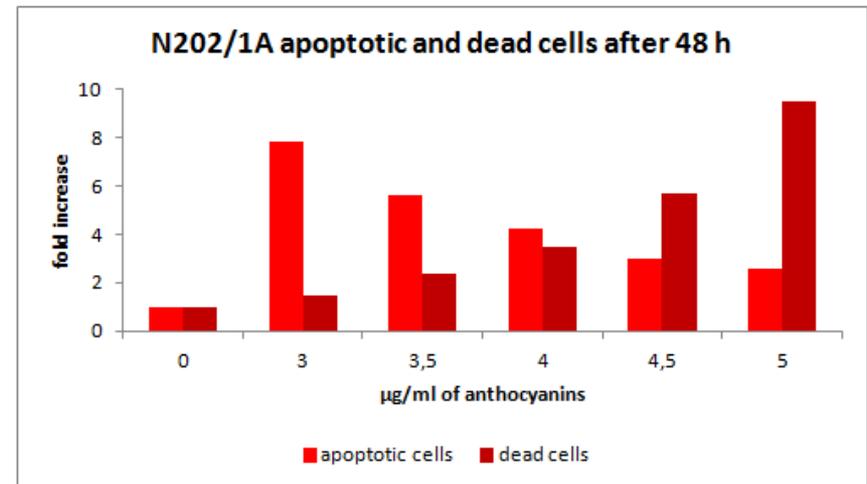
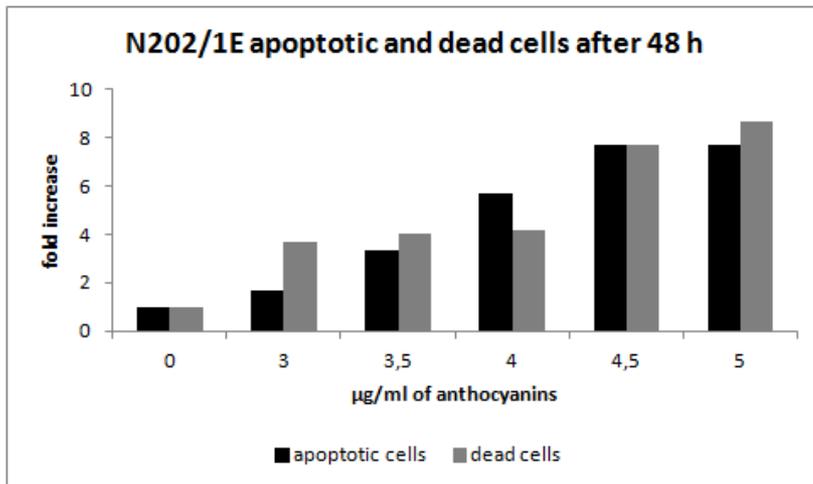
Cell viability



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Apoptosis rate and intracellular ROS concentration after 48 hours of incubation with strawberry methanolic extracts.

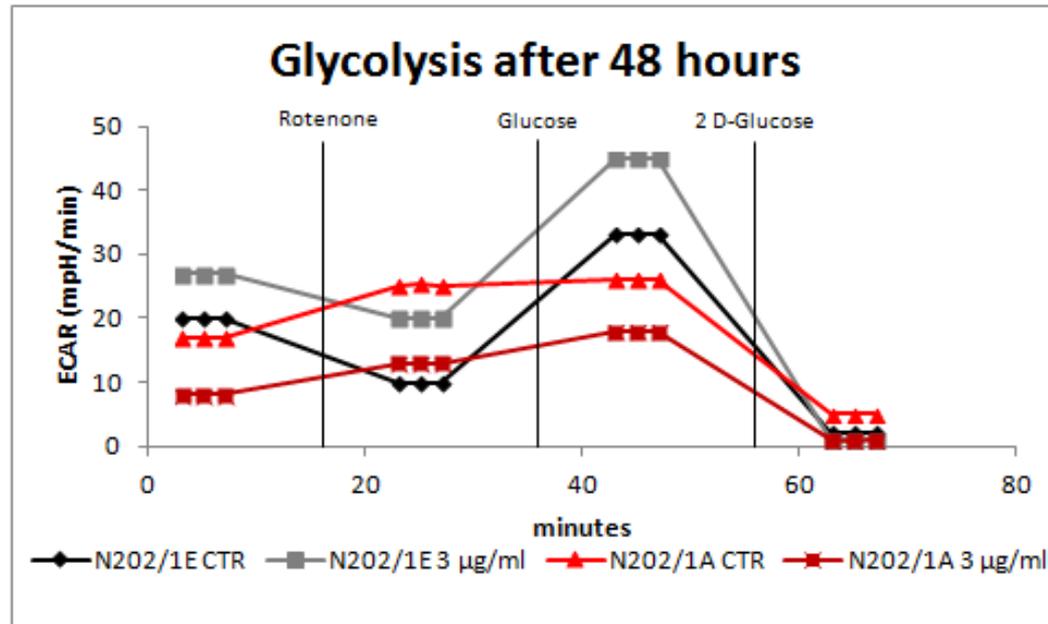


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Seahorse XF-24 : Glycolysis at different concentrations of strawberry extracts



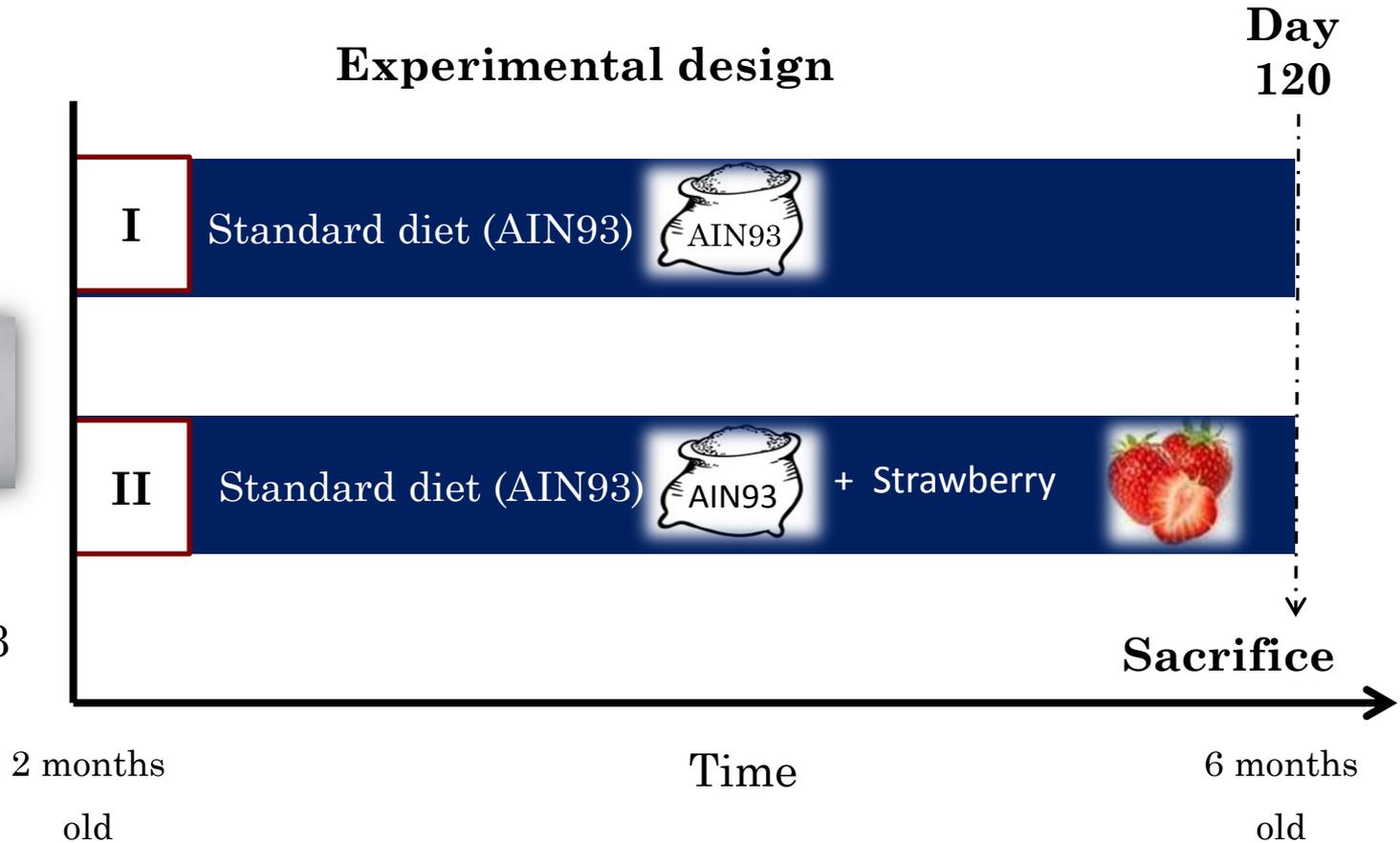
- N202/1E respond to glycolysis inhibitors better than N202/1A;
- Strawberry treatment (for example 3 µg/ml of anthocyanins) is capable to increase the glycolysis in N202/1E, but decreases glycolysis in N202/1A.

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neu-NT



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- Kinetics of breast cancer development
- Lung metastases formation

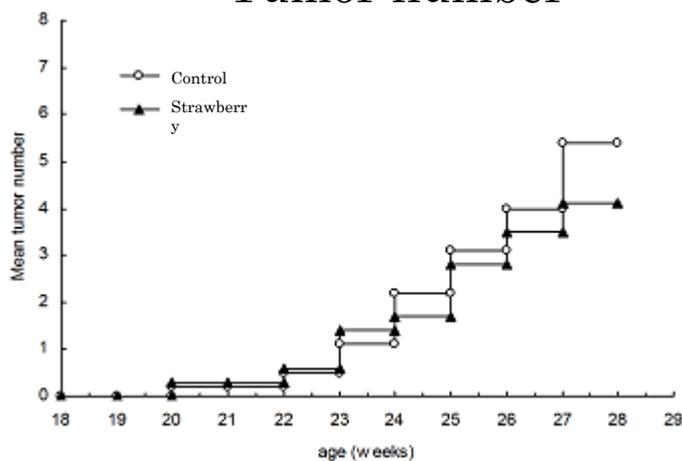
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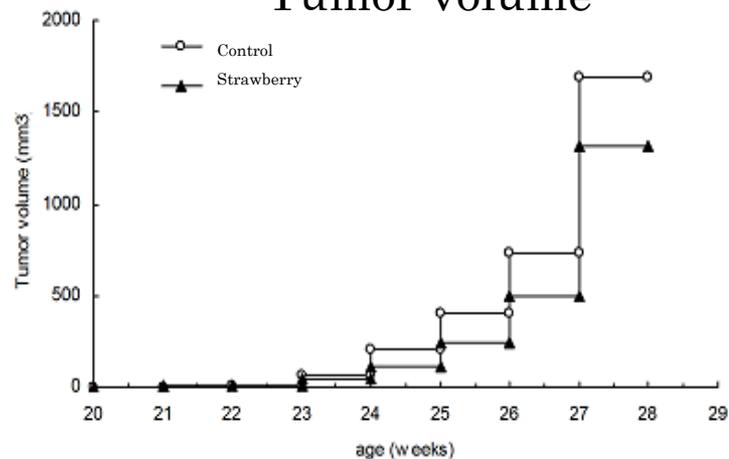
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Kinetics of cancer development

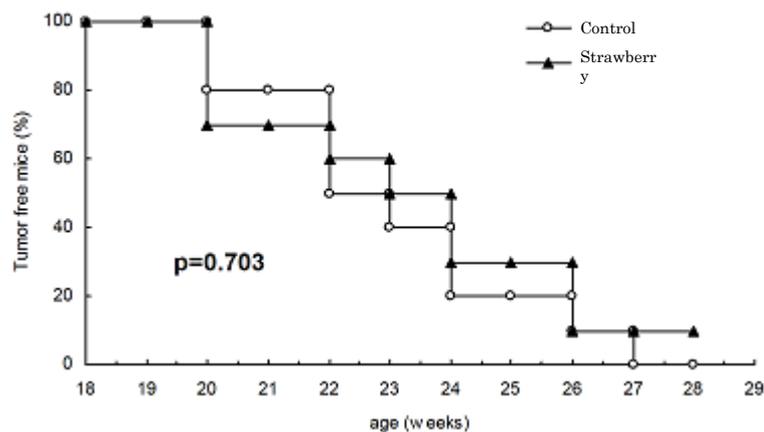
Tumor number



Tumor volume



Tumor free mice



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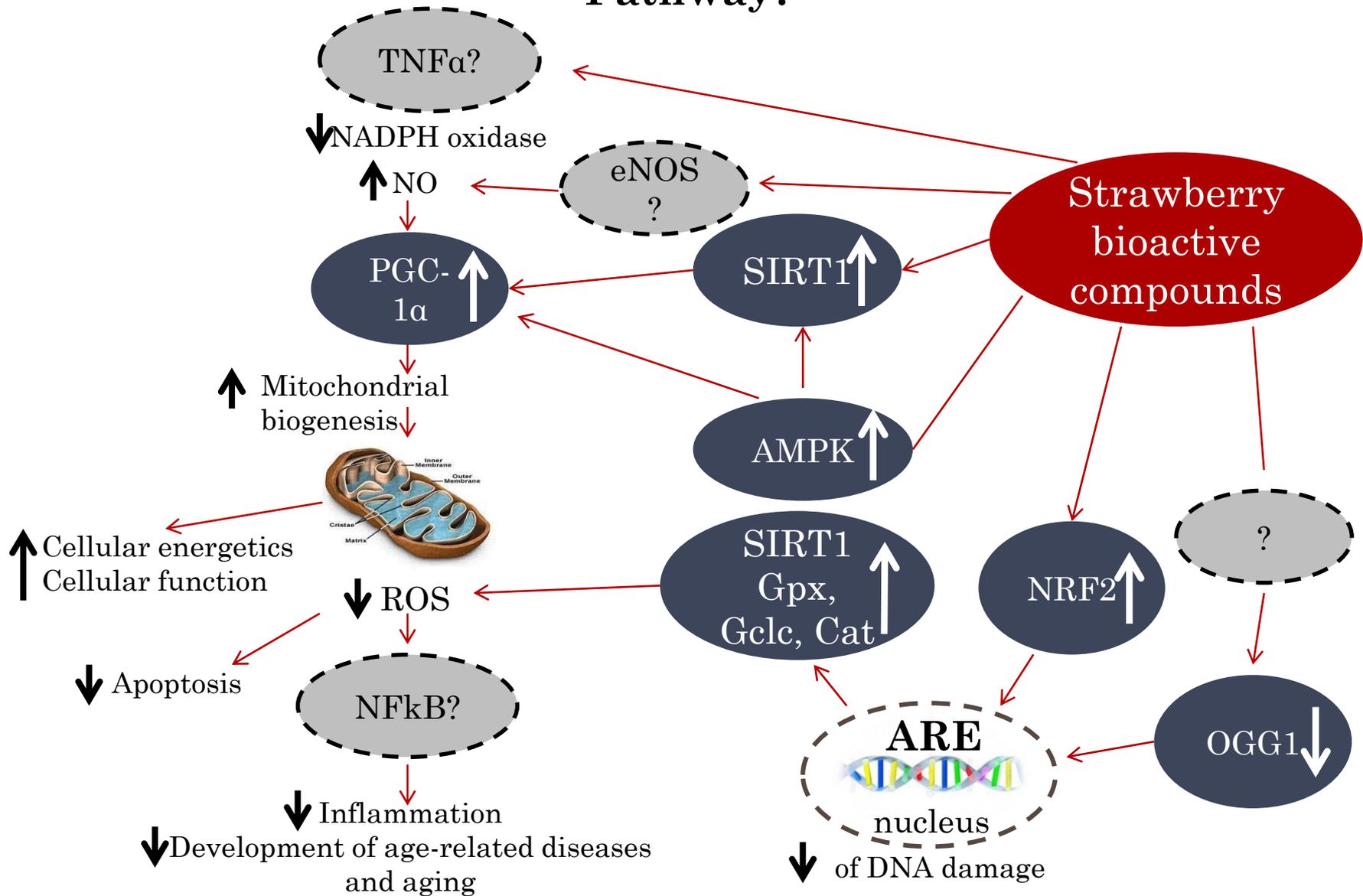
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Lung metastases formation:

- Metastases number
- % mice with metastases
- Metastases size

	Control (10 animals)	Strawberry (10 animals)
Lung metastases		
Mean no. of metastases	0.33	0
Mice with metastases (%)	33.3	0
Mean size of metastases (mm)	1.33	0
Maximum size of metastases (mm)	2	0

Could strawberries protect against oxidative damage through direct or Indirect activation of the SIRT 1/PGC 1 α /NRF 2 Pathway?



Evidences for strawberry health benefits

- Take home messages -



Characterization of the main bioactive compounds and of their antioxidant capacity

Strawberry treatment

In vitro

In vivo



- Protection against UV irradiation in human fibroblasts;
- Improvement of mitochondrial respiration and glycolysis after H₂O₂- and AAPH-induced stress in human fibroblasts.

- Inhibition of viability, increase of apoptosis and intracellular ROS production and impairment of mitochondrial functionality in murine breast cancer cells.

- Improved resistance of erythrocytes to hemolysis;
- Improvement of oxidative stress biomarkers and lipid profile in plasma;
- Reduced DNA damage in lymphocytes after H₂O₂-induced stress.

- Protection against ethanol-induced gastric lesions;
- Reduction of breast tumor number and volume and lung metastases;
- Improvement of antioxidant status and mitochondrial functionality against DOX-induced stress.

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Une nouvelle étude confirme que manger des fraises aide à lutter contre le cholestérol et protégerait des maladies cardiovasculaires.

Des chercheurs britanniques avaient récemment cherché à établir la véracité du proverbe «une pomme chaque matin éloigne le médecin». Il pourrait en être de même pour **les fraises**, selon une nouvelle **étude italo-espagnole**.



Manger des fraises plusieurs fois dans le semaine protégerait des maladies cardiovasculaires.

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