Non toxic anti-inflammatory « small molecules » : from pro-drugs to metabolites Patrizia A d'Alessio, MD PhD

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## At the heart of plants' components are « small molecules »



- Low molecular weight (≤ 1KDa) organic compounds involved in the regulation/modification of biological processes
- Natural (or artificial), many have a beneficial effect against diseases.
- They can be administered orally and some are excellent anti-inflammatory agents.
- They are considered different from biologics but may have similar effects.

## The monoterpene *d*-Limonene and its metabolite Perillyl Alcohol (POH)



### Potent « small molecules »!

# Anti-inflammatory drugs are efficient but only on a fraction of the population





Only 25% responders ! AND SIDE EFFECTS

## What will we be talking about?

- Inflammation at the edge of chronic diseases vs aging
- Requiring a drug devoid of adverse effects
- Bio-guided research aimed at non toxic antiinflammatory molecules
- « Small molecules » and terpenoids
- Lowering pro-inflammatory cytokines (pre-clinical)
- RISTOMED EU FP7 first-in-human study on « terpenoid geroprotectors » (clinical study)
- Enhanced RISTOMED project integrating NEW WHO criteria



# Chronic « silent » inflammation has been identified as a mechanism of aging

Review > Ann N Y Acad Sci. 2000 Jun;908:244-54. doi: 10.1111/j.1749-6632.2000.tb06651.x.

## Inflamm-aging. An evolutionary perspective on immunosenescence

C Franceschi<sup>1</sup>, M Bonafè, S Valensin, F Olivieri, M De Luca, E Ottaviani, G De Benedictis

## **1O** Common Chronic Conditions for Adults 65+



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68% have 2 or more chronic conditions





#### REVIEW

#### Proteomics

#### Aging Biomarkers: From Functional Tests to Multi-Omics Approaches

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 « When it comes to switch from biomarker-based metrics to the characterisation of aging profiles », …

## **Biomarkers**

## WHO 2015 : « Vitality » as a component of « Intrinsic Capacity » (IC)

(IC) a multidimensional indicator of health, accounting for mental and physical capacities that are crucial to older people to continue doing **what they value most**.

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**Research Article** 

Intrinsic Capacity: Validation of a New WHO Concept for Healthy Aging in a Longitudinal Chinese Study

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Validating intrinsic capacity to measure healthy aging in an upper middleincome country: Findings from the ELSI-Brazil

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> J Natl Cancer Inst. 2001 Dec 19;93(24):1843-51. doi: 10.1093/jnci/93.24.1843.

Selective activation of cervical microvascular endothelial cells by human papillomavirus 16-e7 oncoprotein

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Together with our academic partners, we started to look for native botanical ingredients contained in edible plants

## BIO-GUIDED RESEARCH : identification of a **non toxic** anti-inflammatory molecule





The monoterpene d-Limonene best candidate discovered in the Halfordia kendack plant in Viet Nam / China rain forest

## First step : reversibility of inflammatory markers relevant to **cell senescence**

ICAM-1 Actin Normal Activation by TNF- $\alpha$ Reset by d-Limonene

- Young cell's pre-stressed state with low adhesion molecule expression;
- Response to cytokine stimulation generates a senescent phenotype;
- ✓ 80% reversibility of the process is possible with d-Limonene

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Anti-Inflammatory Senescence Actives 5203-L Molecule to Promote Healthy Aging and Prolongation of Lifespan

## French National Innovative research award

Patent on monoterpene's effect on senescent cells reversibility in vitro ...





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## Followed by pre-clinical work to elucidate PK & define therapeutic windows



Preclinical validation and mechanism of action in a colitis model : inflammatory cytokines inhibition via transcription factor NF-κB inhibition



Effect comparable to ibuprofen for low-dose *d*-Limonene

Life Sciences. 2013;92:1151-1156



Anti TNF-a, IL-6, IL-1β, IFN-γ effect & Inhibition of NF-kB AISA PRE-CLINICAL studies in skin : wound healing model and first distinction between **pro-drug and metabolite** 



## POH : neo-angiogenesis inhibition

Anti-Inflammatory & Anti-Allergy Agents in Medicinal Chemistry, 2014, 13, 000-000

Skin Repair Properties of *d*-Limonene and Perillyl Alcohol in Murine Models

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## Tissue repair in an auto-immune disease model



Vehicle TPA TPA + *d*-Lim TPA + POH lesion mimicks Atopic dermatitis



TPA 12-O-Tetradecanoylphorbol-13-Acetate POH Perillyl alcohol

## Observational study in intermediate psoriasis

### INTERMEDIATE PSORIASIS



Global Journal of Dermatology & Venereology, 2015, 3, 1-4





## **Case study** ATOPIC DERMATITIS

(eczema) worsened by repeated topic cortisol treatment

High levels of zonulin / anti-food IgG

Partial restoration after 10 days cure with **anti-inflammatory** terpenoids

Gut barrier repair, with restitution of skin quality

Visible **mood** amelioration **Rejuvenation** effect





## AISA PRE-CLINICAL studies on mood: FOB on **pro-drug and metabolite** effects

#### activation of the vagal tone

Motivational effect in **rodents** 



Mood modulation effect in humans



Figure 3 Gender partition and CES-D variation in diet versus diet plus OPE

PRIME 2012; 30-37

## Rejuvenation Res. **2014**;17:145-149

## Endogenous enhancer effect valuable from 40 ys on



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> Anti-Stress Effects of *d*-Limonene and Its Metabolite Perillyl Alcohol

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## Pointing to

◆ dopamine increase by *d*-Limonene

Fukumoto S, Sawasaki E, Okuyama S, et al. (2006) Flavor components of monoterpenes in citrus essential oils enhance the release of monoamines from rat brain slices. *Nutr Neurosci* 9: 73–80. https://doi.org/10.1080/10284150600573660

Anti-inflammatory effects offered by monoterpens administered orally or topically in animals



- ✓ were found back in Citrus Sinensis peel extract (OPE)
   of the same botanical Genus, as rich in d-Limonene;
- AISA standing for Anti-Inflammatory Senescence Actives was administered in human studies as soft gel capsules

## Oral administration of a non toxic antiinflammatory active : first-in-human study « Healthy aging by Nutrition » FP7 Capacities



Randomized control trials

Impact of diet and nutraceutical supplementation on inflammation in elderly people. Results from the RISTOMED study, an open-label randomized control trial\*

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Clinical Nutrition 2016:35:812-818



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### Diet vs Nutraceutical supplementation

collected early in the morning before (D0) and after the diet period (D56).

#### 2.2. Diet

The RISTOMED diet was personalized by a dietician using the RISTOMED-Health dietary Services (www.ristomed.eu) [12]. Each participant received a personal login to the RISTOMED website, and was trained by a dietician to get the personalized diet from the web platform. Recipes and daily menus were formulated taking into account traditional and personal eating habits. The nutritional pattern was established in agreement with the current dietary recommendations for elderly people, specific attention being given to the intake of food compounds that can affect inflammation, oxidative stress and gut microbiota [i.e. Poly Unsaturated Fatty Acids – PUFA n-6/n-3 ratio – antioxidant vitamins (vitamin E, C and carotenoids) and minerals (zinc and selenium), polyphenols and soluble dietary fiber].

The RISTOMED diet provided ~15% of energy as proteins, 50-60% as carbohydrates and ~35% as lipids. The latter were 15-20% Mono-Unsaturated Fatty Acids (MUFA), provided by virgin olive oil, ~8% Saturated Fatty Acids (SFA) and ~7% PUFA with 0.5%  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid and 2% linoleic acid. The daily recommended intake of uncooked Argan oil (25 mL), when required in the study arm, was given in partial replacement of an equal amount of extra-virgin olive oil. Dietary fiber intake was ~35 g/day with an insoluble/soluble fiber ratio of around 1:1, related to the prebiotic activity generally assigned to soluble fiber [16]. Polyphenols' intake was established at >400 mg/day (as phenolic acids plus flavonoids;

[17]). The intake of vitamins and minerals was referenced to the WHO program "Keep fit for life" [18]. The minimum water need for elderly people is 1–1.5 mL/kcal/day and it was recommended to use a calcium-rich water ( $Ca \ge 150 \text{ mg/L}$ ).

On the website, participants recorded their weight weekly and described the compliance to the diet and to the nutraceutical supplementation daily. After 2 and 6 weeks (D14 and D42) from the beginning of the intervention, the nutritionist/dietician contacted by phone each participant to verify his/her compliance to the diet and to the nutraceutical supplementation.

#### 2.3. Nutraceutical supplementation

VSL#3 probiotic blend (ACTIAL Farmaceutica Lda) is formulated as a granulated powder of 112 billion lyophilized bacteria per capsule in defined ratios of 4 strains of Lactobacillus (*Lactobacillus paracasei*, *Lactobacillus plantarum*, *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, and *Lactobacillus delbrueckii* subsp. *bulgaricus*), 3 strains of Bifidobacterium (*Bifidobacterium longum*, *Bifidobacterium breve*, and *Bifidobacterium infantis*) and *Streptococcus thermophilus*. The product was administered orally, 2 capsules daily on an empty stomach with a glass of water.

The monoterpene AISA 5203-L (*d*-Limonene and its metabolites) extracted from orange peel was administrated orally in soft gel capsules with a meal and a large glass of water. The daily number of soft gel capsules was established for each patient according to the recommended dose of  $10 \pm 1$  mg/kg.

Argan oil, the extra-virgin oil obtained using a cold-pressed technique of kernels contained in the Argania spinosa fruit, was

## Oral administration in the first-in-human study « Healthy aging by Nutrition »



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## Bio-markers of cardio-metabolic syndrome, diabetes, thrombosis

Monoterpens target IL-6 and fibrinogen, but also insulin and markers of insulin resistance\*

\* Homeostasic model assessment of insulin resistance HOMA-IR





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## d-Limonene and **gut barrier repair** *in vitro* study on enterocytes



Table 1 OPE co	1 ontaining 95% of	d-Limonene: eff	ect on epithelia	barrier function	L
	Control	OPE			
		75 µM	150 µM	750 μM	1500 µM
R <sup>t</sup> n P	107 ± 3% 9	106 ± 4% 6 n.s.	112 ± 3% 6 n.s.	132 ± 3% 6 <0.001	153 ± 4% 6 <0.001

Mesure of the electrical resistance (in  $\Omega \cdot cm^2$ ) expressed as percentage of the initial restistance Rt.

#### **Triggers** Causing Inestinal Damage Dietary Proteins Low HCL tibiotics Infections Antibodie Pregnancy Food Allera Menopause Stress Intestina Mucosal Cells leaky and normal ti Inflamed junction **Blood Stream** Circulating Immune Complex **Blood Brain** Inflammation Autoimmunity Malabsorption Barrier Breach & nutrient deficiency

Leaky Gut Syndrome

#### Life Sciences 2013;92:1151-1156

## Gut barrier repair effects on microbiota

Modulation of microbiota ratios following administration of *d*-Limonene



Clostridium cluster IV / Bifidobacteria ratio



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## The neuroactive potential of the human gut microbiota in quality of life and depression

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## « VITALITY » a matter of bacterial metabolites

Faecalibacterium & **Coprococcus** for VITALITY, emotional well-being & Social functioning



Faecalibacterium and Coprococcus, among the producers of propiobutyrate, are associated to good QoL

Coprococcus spp are decreased in case of depression even after correction for the effets of anti-depressants.

# Monoterpens address the gut-brain axis acting as pre-biotics (fibers)



Hydro-Butyrate, Propiobutyrate, Folate, Propionate

> produced by Bifidobacteria Clostridii Enterobacterium Enterococcus Ruminococcus Roseburia

« The Gut-brain axis is relevant to skin aging ». d'Alessio PA PRIME July 2020, Vol 10 Issue 4, 36-42

## 2020-2022 Terpenoid « geroprotectors »

### antioxidants

#### Review **Terpenoids as Potential Geroprotectors**

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## The « small molecule » monoterpene d-Limonene resets body multi-systems



Figure 3 Gender partition and CES-D variation in diet versus diet plus OPE







#### Pro-drug effect

Anti-inflammatory effect enhances **dopamine** 



## Restoration of the gut barrier fights **dysbiosis**

### POH-metabolite effect

### The treatment of chronic inflammtion involves repairing the **gut barrier** with amelioration of the skin







## Anti-inflammatory effects offered by monoterpens administered orally or topically

- The molecular complex identified in Halfordia kendack also present in Citrus
   Sinensis peel extract (OPE) is highlighting the effects of d-Limonene and its metabolite POH:
- representing a valuable strategy in aging prevention - based on the control of the inflammatory reaction in the body



# Redefining inflammatory markers relevant to aging

#### mucosal immunity compliance







#### MDPI

#### Review

The Gut–Vascular Barrier as a New Protagonist in Intestinal and Extraintestinal Diseases

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#### Figure 5. Schematic diagram of intrinsic capacity (16).

# Vitality is the invisible biomarker,

## yet measurable !

Positive grip testStress resillence

# The Centurion transmitting to young Asclepion the recipe for immortality :

## was it a non-toxic anti-inflammatory brew ?

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**REVIEW ARTICLE** 

#### Salutogenesis and beyond

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#### Abstract

In the present hypothesis paper on paradoxes in preventive medicine, which also deals with the indocility of biological functions, the following issues will be addressed. First, a definition of salutogenesis will be given, providing the origin of this notion of health preservation and disease prevention. Then, four paradoxes of the biology of health will be discussed. The first deals with the

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