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## Nutraceutica, Alimenti Funzionali e Integratori: Risorsa e Strumento della Medicina

### NUTRACEUTICA E NUTRIGENOMICA

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**Nutrizione**



**Farmaceutica**



**Nutraceutica**

studio di alimenti che hanno una funzione benefica sulla salute umana.

“ Un alimento può essere definito ‘ **funzionale**’ se è dimostrata in maniera soddisfacente la sua capacità di influenzare positivamente una o più funzioni fondamentali dell’organismo, al di là degli effetti strettamente nutrizionali, in modo che determini un miglioramento dello stato di salute e di benessere e/o una riduzione del rischio di malattia.

Gli alimenti funzionali **devono rimanere alimenti** e devono dimostrare i loro effetti in concentrazioni comparabili a quelle normalmente assunte con la dieta:  
**non sono pillole né capsule ma parti di un normale regime dietetico.»**

*The European Commission's Concerted Action on Functional Food Science in Europe (FuFoSE), coordinated by International Life Science Institute (ILSI) Europe*

« **Alimenti nei quali alcuni componenti sono stati aggiunti, eliminati o modificati**»

*Scientific concept of functional foods in Europe Consensus document*

*The British Journal of Nutrition, 81 (1999), pp. S1–S27*

**Nutraceutico**= componente bioattivo contenuto in un alimento funzionale con proprietà curative di comprovata efficacia

- **micronutrienti (vitamine e acidi grassi)**
- **non nutrienti (fitocomposti e probiotici)**

# Alimenti funzionali

**Table 1**

Functional foods classification, some sources, and examples of bioactive substances.

Functional food	Bioactive component (nutraceutic)	Source (s)	
Micronutrients	Vitamins	Retinol (vitamin A) $\alpha$ -tocopherol (vitamin E) Calciferol (vitamin D <sub>3</sub> )	Walnuts, almonds, hazelnuts, spinach, fish oil
	Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs)	Omega 3 Fatty acids: eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)	Salmon, tuna and others fish oils
Nonnutrients Phytochemicals	Carotenoids	Beta-carotene lutein, zeaxanthin lycopene	Carrots, pumpkin, collards, kale, spinach, tomatoes, watermelon
	Phenolic acid derivatives	Caffeic acid Ferulic acid Gallic acid Curcumin	Coffee, pears, apples, corn, curcumin, vanilla
	Flavonoids	Flavonols (quercetin) Isoflavones Coumarins Anthocyanidines Stilbenes (resveratrol)	Berries, cherries, red grapes, tea, cocoa, apples, citrus fruits, onion, broccoli, cranberries, strawberries, soybeans
	Sulfides/thiols	Diallyl sulfide S-allyl cysteine sulfoxide 1,2-vinyldithiin	Garlic, onions, banana, cruciferous vegetables
	Dietary fiber (prebiotic)	Fructooligosaccharides Neoglicans	Whole grains, onions, chicory, agave, some fruits
	Probiotics	PUFAs induction <i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (var. <i>boulardii</i> ) Bifidobacteria and <i>Lactobacillus</i> genus <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain Nissle1917 (EcN) Compound VSL3	Certain yogurts and other cultured dairy and no-dairy applications

- Increased consumption of fruit and vegetables for the primary prevention of cardiovascular diseases. **Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2013.**
- Health benefits of fruit and vegetables. **Adv Nutr. 2012;** 3:506-16
- Population-level changes to promote cardiovascular health(on behalf of the PEP section of the EACPR). **Eur J Prev Cardiol. 2013;** 20(3):409-21
- Intake of fruit, berries, and vegetables and risk of type 2 diabetes in Finnish men: the Kuopio Ischaemic Heart Disease Risk Factor Study. **Am J Clin Nutr. 2014** doi: 10.3945/ajcn.113.069641.
- Systematic review and meta-analysis of school-based interventions to improve daily fruit and vegetable intake in children aged 5 to 12 y. **Am J Clin Nutr. 2012;**96(4):889-901.
- Health effects of mixed fruit and vegetable concentrates: a systematic review of the clinical investigations. **J Am Coll Nutr. 2011;** 30(5):285-94.
- Conformity to traditional Mediterranean diet and cancer incidence: the Greek EPIC cohort. **Br J Cancer 2008;** 99:191-5

Public Health Nutr. 2013 Nov 29;1-14. [Epub ahead of print]

## Mediterranean diet and health status: an updated meta-analysis and a proposal for a literature-based adherence score.

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#### Abstract

**OBJECTIVE:** To update previous meta-analyses of cohort studies that investigated the association between the Mediterranean diet and health status and to utilize data coming from all of the cohort studies for proposing a literature-based adherence score to the Mediterranean diet.

**DESIGN:** We conducted a comprehensive literature search through all electronic databases up to June 2013.

**SETTING:** Cohort prospective studies investigating adherence to the Mediterranean diet and health outcomes. Cut-off values of food groups used to compute the adherence score were obtained.

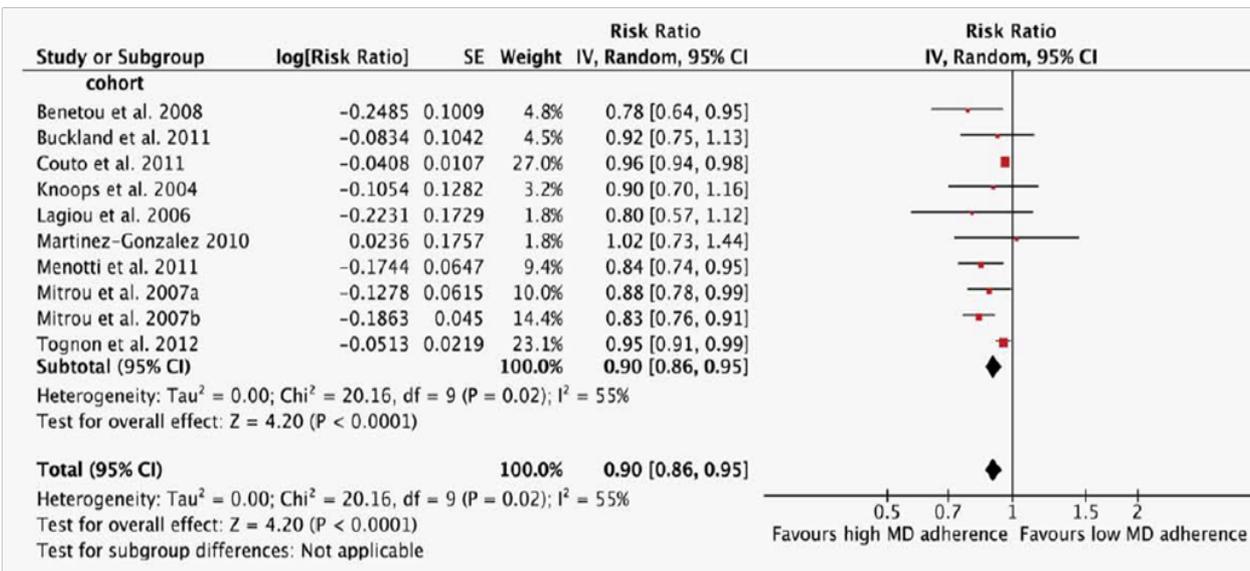
**SUBJECTS:** The updated search was performed in an overall population of 4 172 412 subjects, with eighteen recent studies that were not present in the previous meta-analyses.

**RESULTS:** A 2-point increase in adherence score to the Mediterranean diet was reported to determine an 8 % reduction of overall mortality (relative risk = 0.92; 95 % CI 0.91, 0.93), a 10 % reduced risk of CVD (relative risk = 0.90; 95 % CI 0.87, 0.92) and a 4 % reduction of neoplastic disease (relative risk = 0.96; 95 % CI 0.95, 0.97). We utilized data coming from all cohort studies available in the literature for proposing a literature-based adherence score. Such a score ranges from 0 (minimal adherence) to 18 (maximal adherence) points and includes three different categories of consumption for each food group composing the Mediterranean diet.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The Mediterranean diet was found to be a healthy dietary pattern in terms of morbidity and mortality. By using data from the cohort studies we proposed a literature-based adherence score that can represent an easy tool for the estimation of adherence to the Mediterranean diet also at the individual level.

# Adherence to Mediterranean diet and risk of cancer: A systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies

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## What's new?

Adherence to a “Mediterranean Diet” is associated with **significant improvements in health status**, including a **lower overall risk of cancer, especially colorectal and aerodigestive cancers**.

J Alzheimers Dis. 2014;39(2):271-82. doi: 10.3233/JAD-130830.

## Association of mediterranean diet with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease: a systematic review and meta-analysis.

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### Abstract

**BACKGROUND/OBJECTIVE:** To conduct a systematic review of all studies to determine whether there is an association between the Mediterranean diet (MeDi) and cognitive impairment.

**METHODS:** We conducted a comprehensive search of the major databases and hand-searched proceedings of major neurology, psychiatry, and dementia conferences through November 2012. Prospective cohort studies examining the MeDi with longitudinal follow-up of at least 1 year and reporting cognitive outcomes (mild cognitive impairment [MCI] or Alzheimer's disease [AD]) were included. The effect size was estimated as hazard-ratio (HR) with 95% confidence intervals (CIs) using the random-effects model. Heterogeneity was assessed using Cochran's Q-test and I<sup>2</sup>-statistic.

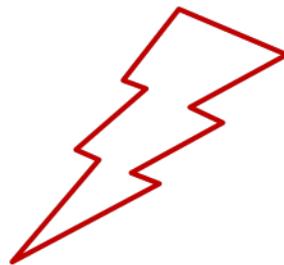
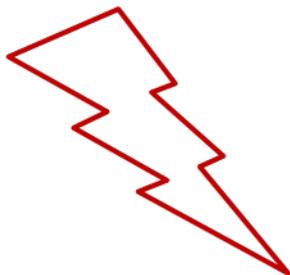
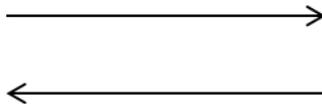
**RESULTS:** Out of the 664 studies screened, five studies met eligibility criteria. Higher adherence to the MeDi was associated with reduced risk of MCI and AD. The subjects in the highest MeDi tertile had 33% less risk (adjusted HR = 0.67; 95% CI, 0.55-0.81; p < 0.0001) of cognitive impairment (MCI or AD) as compared to the lowest MeDi score tertile. Among cognitively normal individuals, higher adherence to the MeDi was associated with a reduced risk of MCI (HR = 0.73; 95% CI, 0.56-0.96; p = 0.02) and AD (HR = 0.64; 95% CI, 0.46-0.89; p = 0.007). There was no significant heterogeneity in the analyses.

**CONCLUSIONS:** While the overall number of studies is small, pooled results suggest that a higher adherence to the MeDi is associated with a reduced risk of developing MCI and AD, and a reduced risk of progressing from MCI to AD. Further prospective-cohort studies with longer follow-up and randomized controlled trials are warranted to consolidate the evidence. Systematic review registration number: PROSPERO 2013: CRD42013003868.

**KEYWORDS:** Alzheimer's disease; Mediterranean diet; meta-analysis; mild cognitive impairment; systematic review

Studi epidemiologici

Studi di intervento



**componenti nutraceutici**

Processi metabolici

Flora intestinale



**Meccanismo d'azione**

Systems biology

Omics techniques:  
Genomica  
Trascrittomica  
Proteomica  
Metabolomica



- Può l'espressione genica in risposta a processi metabolici influenzare lo stato di salute di un individuo?
- La relazione tra risposta metabolica e espressione genica può essere il risultato delle interazioni fra genotipo e nutrienti/ambiente?
- La comprensione di queste interazioni può portare alla prescrizione di diete specifiche per ogni individuo?

# Nutrigenomica

Studia i meccanismi con i quali gli alimenti funzionali possono influenzare l'espressione genica

} il trascrittoma → profilo degli RNA  
il proteoma → profilo delle proteine  
il metaboloma → profilo dei metaboliti

**Obiettivo finale:** comprendere come il cibo interferisce con il codice genetico e come l'organismo risponde a queste interferenze modificando il fenotipo.

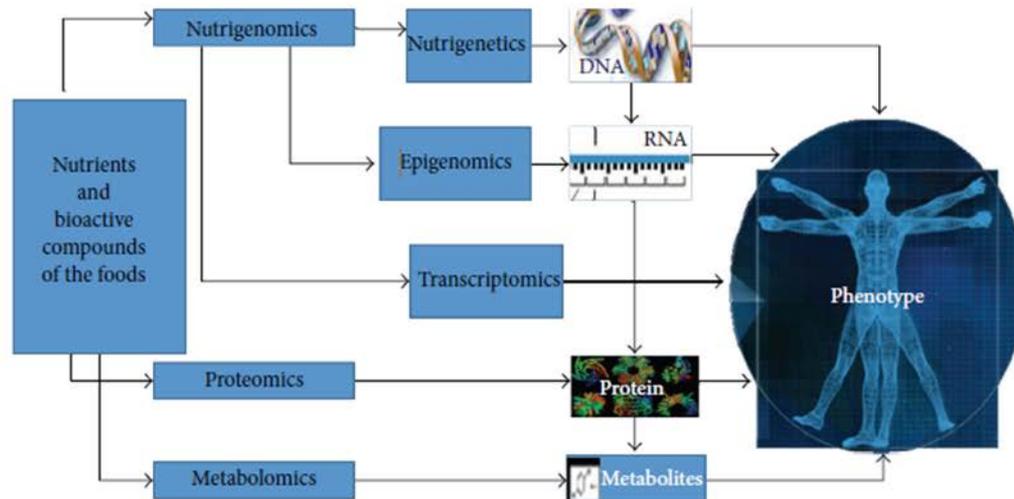
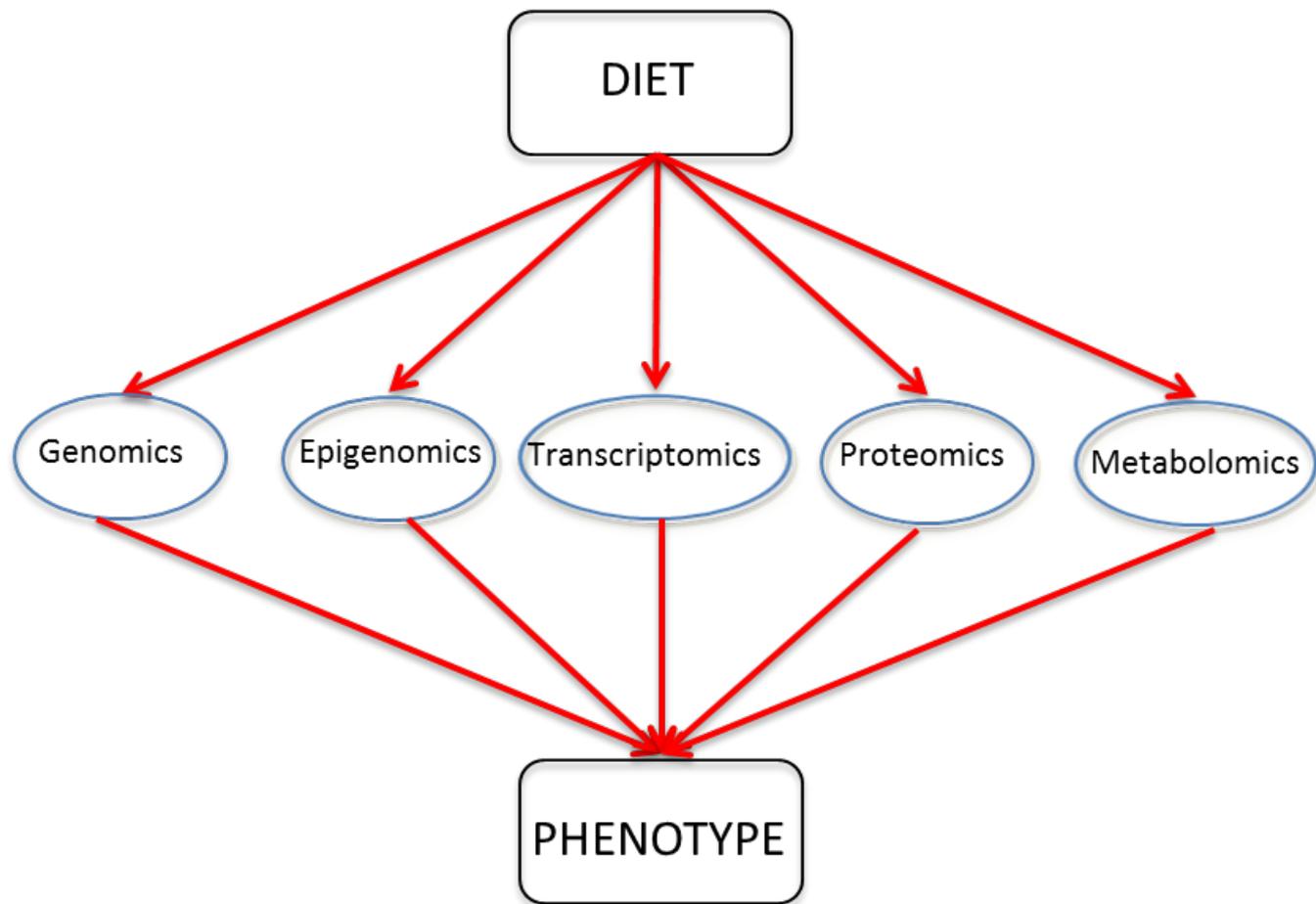


FIGURE 1: "Omics" sciences used in understanding the relationship between nutrition versus health versus disease (source: [4], with modifications; [9] with modifications).



# Studi Nutrigenomici

- Correlare modifiche dell'espressione genica a risultati sistemici
- Mettere insieme i risultati delle diverse tecniche «omiche» con lo studio classico dei biomarcatori



**Visione olistica di come la dieta può influenzare i nostri geni**

**Evidence-based medicine**



**High level of scientific evidence**



**Nutritional recommendation**

**Randomized, controlled double-blind, clinical intervention trials ( level I of evidence)**

**Large cohort studies (level II of evidence)**

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## Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet

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**Table 1.** Summary of Dietary Recommendations to Participants in the Mediterranean-Diet Groups and the Control-Diet Group.

Food	Goal
<b>Mediterranean diet</b>	
Recommended	
Olive oil*	≥4 tbsp/day
Tree nuts and peanuts†	≥3 servings/wk
Fresh fruits	≥3 servings/day
Vegetables	≥2 servings/day
Fish (especially fatty fish), seafood	≥3 servings/wk
Legumes	≥3 servings/wk
Sofrito‡	≥2 servings/wk
White meat	Instead of red meat
Wine with meals (optionally, only for habitual drinkers)	≥7 glasses/wk
Discouraged	
Soda drinks	<1 drink/day
Commercial bakery goods, sweets, and pastries§	<3 servings/wk
Spread fats	<1 serving/day
Red and processed meats	<1 serving/day
<b>Low-fat diet (control)</b>	
Recommended	
Low-fat dairy products	≥3 servings/day
Bread, potatoes, pasta, rice	≥3 servings/day
Fresh fruits	≥3 servings/day
Vegetables	≥2 servings/day
Lean fish and seafood	≥3 servings/wk
Discouraged	
Vegetable oils (including olive oil)	≤2 tbsp/day
Commercial bakery goods, sweets, and pastries§	≤1 serving/wk
Nuts and fried snacks	≤1 serving /wk
Red and processed fatty meats	≤1 serving/wk
Visible fat in meats and soups¶	Always remove
Fatty fish, seafood canned in oil	≤1 serving/wk
Spread fats	≤1 serving/wk
Sofrito‡	≤2 servings/wk

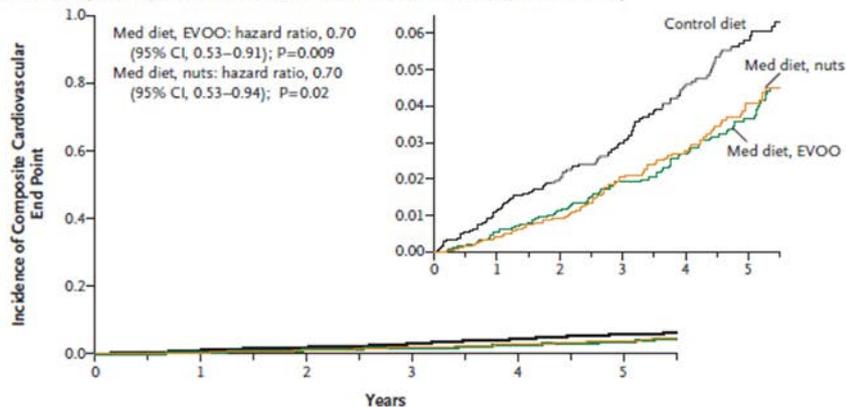
## PREDIMED trial (Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea)

Studio a bracci paralleli, multicentrico, randomizzato

7447 soggetti ( donne e uomini; 55-80 anni)

- No CVD al momento dell'arruolamento
- T2D o almeno 3 fattori di rischio (fumo, ipertensione, alto c-LDL, basso c-HDL, sovrappeso/obesità)
- Dieta mediterranea + **EVOO** (1 lt/settimana)
- Dieta mediterranea + **noci/mandorle/nocciole** (30 gr/die)
- Dieta di controllo (**low fat**)

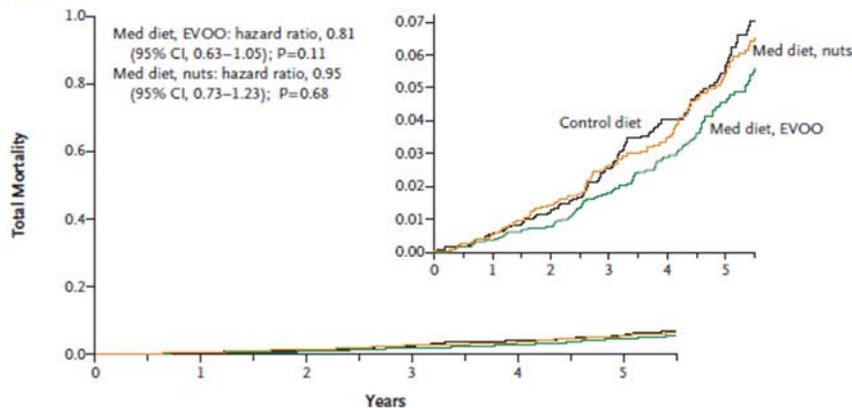
**A Primary End Point (acute myocardial infarction, stroke, or death from cardiovascular causes)**



**No. at Risk**

Control diet	2450	2268	2020	1583	1268	946
Med diet, EVOO	2543	2486	2320	1987	1687	1310
Med diet, nuts	2454	2343	2093	1657	1389	1031

**B Total Mortality**

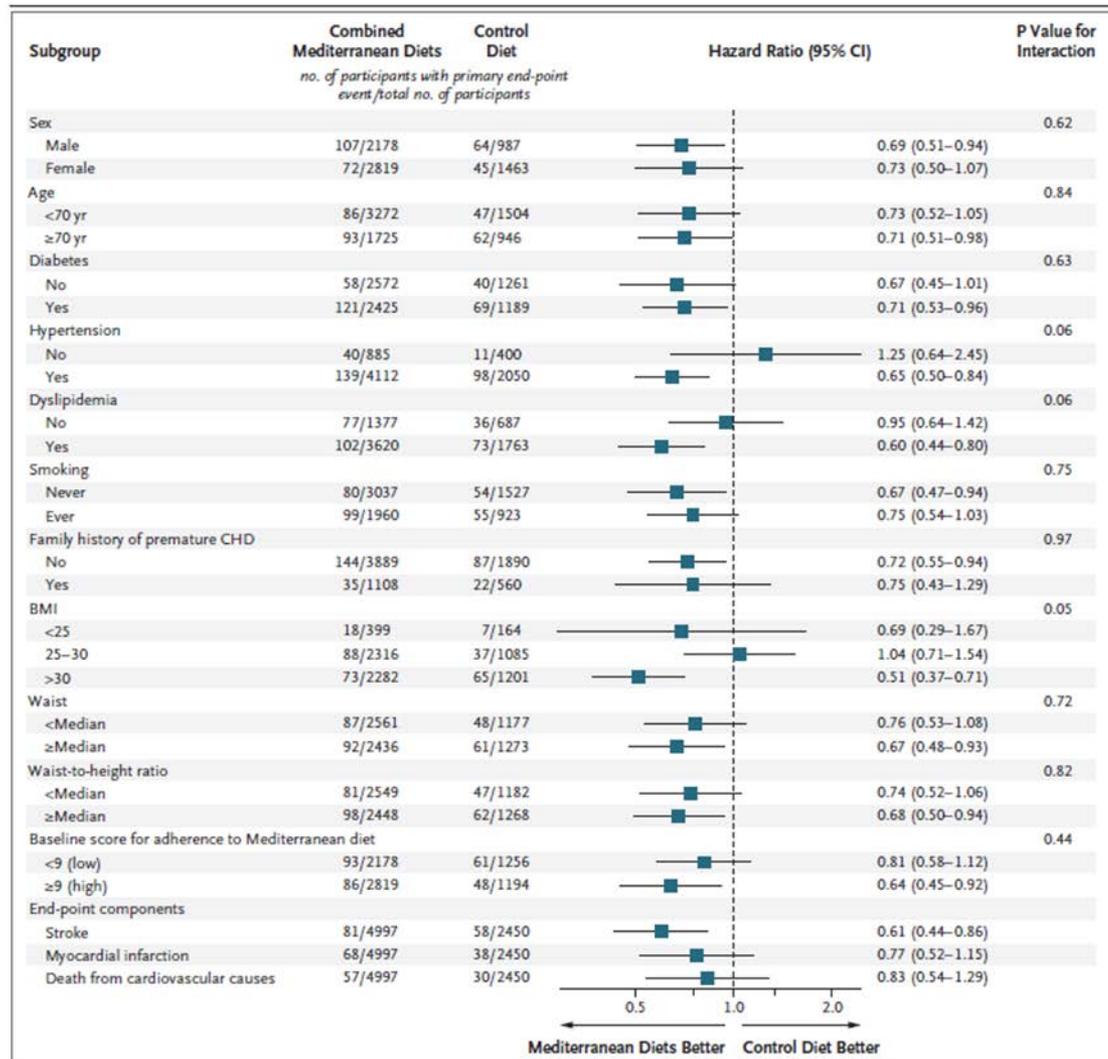


**No. at Risk**

Control diet	2450	2268	2026	1585	1272	948
Med diet, EVOO	2543	2485	2322	1988	1690	1308
Med diet, nuts	2454	2345	2097	1662	1395	1037

**Figure 1. Kaplan–Meier Estimates of the Incidence of Outcome Events in the Total Study Population.**

Panel A shows the incidence of the primary end point (a composite of acute myocardial infarction, stroke, and death from cardiovascular causes), and Panel B shows total mortality. Hazard ratios were stratified according to center (Cox model with robust variance estimators). CI denotes confidence interval, EVOO extra-virgin olive oil, and Med Mediterranean.



**Figure 2. Results of Subgroup Analyses.**

Shown are adjusted hazard ratios for the primary end point within specific subgroups. Squares denote hazard ratios; horizontal lines represent 95% confidence intervals. Hazard ratios indicate the relative risk in both intervention groups merged together (vs. the control group) within each stratum. Hazard ratios were stratified according to recruiting center and were adjusted for sex, age (continuous variable), family history of premature coronary heart disease (CHD) (yes or no), smoking (never smoked, former smoker, or current smoker), body-mass index (BMI) (continuous variable), waist-to-height ratio (continuous variable), hypertension at baseline (yes or no), dyslipidemia at baseline (yes or no), and diabetes at baseline (yes or no). Scores for adherence to the Mediterranean diet range from 0 to 14, with higher scores indicating greater adherence.

BMC Med. 2014 May 13;12(1):78. doi: 10.1186/1741-7015-12-78.

## Olive oil intake and risk of cardiovascular disease and mortality in the PREDIMED Study.

Guasch-Ferré M, Hu FB, Martínez-González MA, Fitó M, Bulló M, Estruch R, Ros E, Corella D, Recondo J, Gómez-Gracia E, Fiol M, Lapetra J, Serra-Majem L, Muñoz MA, Pintó X, Lamuela-Raventós RM, Basora J, Buil-Cosiales P, Sorlí JV, Ruiz-Gutiérrez V, Martínez JA, Salas-Salvadó J<sup>1</sup>.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** It is unknown whether individuals at high cardiovascular risk sustain a benefit in cardiovascular disease from increased olive oil consumption. The aim was to assess the association between total olive oil intake, its varieties (extra virgin and common olive oil) and the risk of cardiovascular disease and mortality in a Mediterranean population at high cardiovascular risk.

**METHODS:** We included 7,216 men and women at high cardiovascular risk, aged 55 to 80 years, from the PREvención con Dieta MEDiterránea (PREDIMED) study, a multicenter, randomized, controlled, clinical trial. Participants were randomized to one of three interventions: Mediterranean Diets supplemented with nuts or extra-virgin olive oil, or a control low-fat diet. The present analysis was conducted as an observational prospective cohort study. The median follow-up was 4.8 years. Cardiovascular disease (stroke, myocardial infarction and cardiovascular death) and mortality were ascertained by medical records and National Death Index. Olive oil consumption was evaluated with validated food frequency questionnaires. Multivariate Cox proportional hazards and generalized estimating equations were used to assess the association between baseline and yearly repeated measurements of olive oil intake, cardiovascular disease and mortality.

**RESULTS:** During follow-up, 277 cardiovascular events and 323 deaths occurred. Participants in the highest energy-adjusted tertile of baseline total olive oil and extra-virgin olive oil consumption had 35% (HR: 0.65; 95% CI: 0.47 to 0.89) and 39% (HR: 0.61; 95% CI: 0.44 to 0.85) cardiovascular disease risk reduction, respectively, compared to the reference. Higher baseline total olive oil consumption was associated with 48% (HR: 0.52; 95% CI: 0.29 to 0.93) reduced risk of cardiovascular mortality. For each 10 g/d increase in extra-virgin olive oil consumption, cardiovascular disease and mortality risk decreased by 10% and 7%, respectively. No significant associations were found for cancer and all-cause mortality. The associations between cardiovascular events and extra virgin olive oil intake were significant in the Mediterranean diet intervention groups and not in the control group.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Olive oil consumption, specifically the extra-virgin variety, is associated with reduced risks of cardiovascular disease and mortality in individuals at high cardiovascular risk.

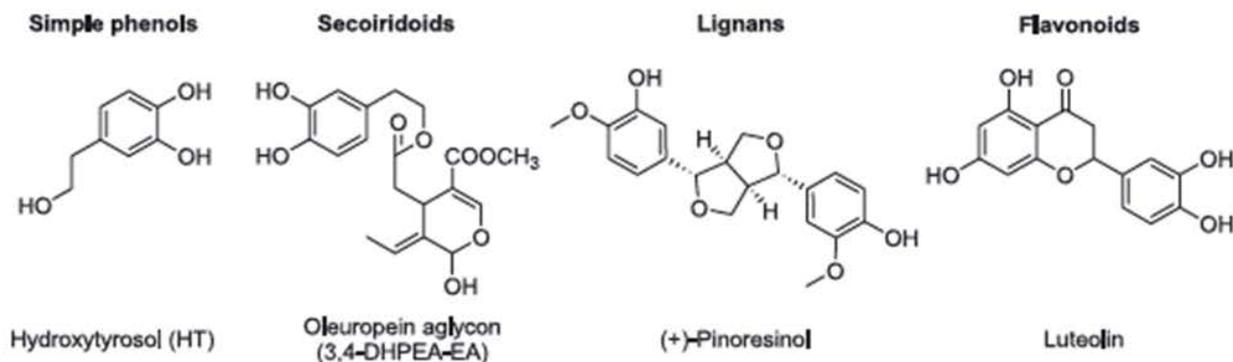
**TRIAL REGISTRATION:** This study was registered at controlled-trials.com (<http://www.controlled-trials.com/ISRCTN35739639>). International Standard Randomized Controlled Trial Number (ISRCTN): 35739639. Registration date: 5 October 2005.



- Elevato contenuto di MUFA
- Elevato contenuto di polifenoli

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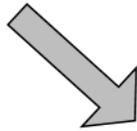


**Figure 1.** Main classes of OOPC with representative compounds.

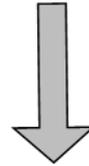


**Attività antiossidante**

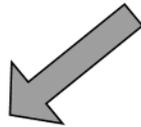
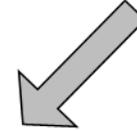
**Ionising radiation**



**Aerobic metabolism**



**Oxidants  
Toxicants**

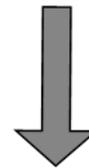
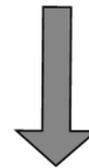
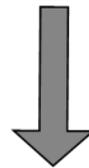
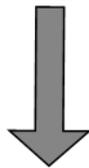


**Perossidazione  
lipidica**

**Danno al  
DNA**

**Attivazione  
genica**

**Alterazioni  
proteiche**



**Arteriosclerosi  
Malattie cardiache**

**Cancro  
invecchiamento**

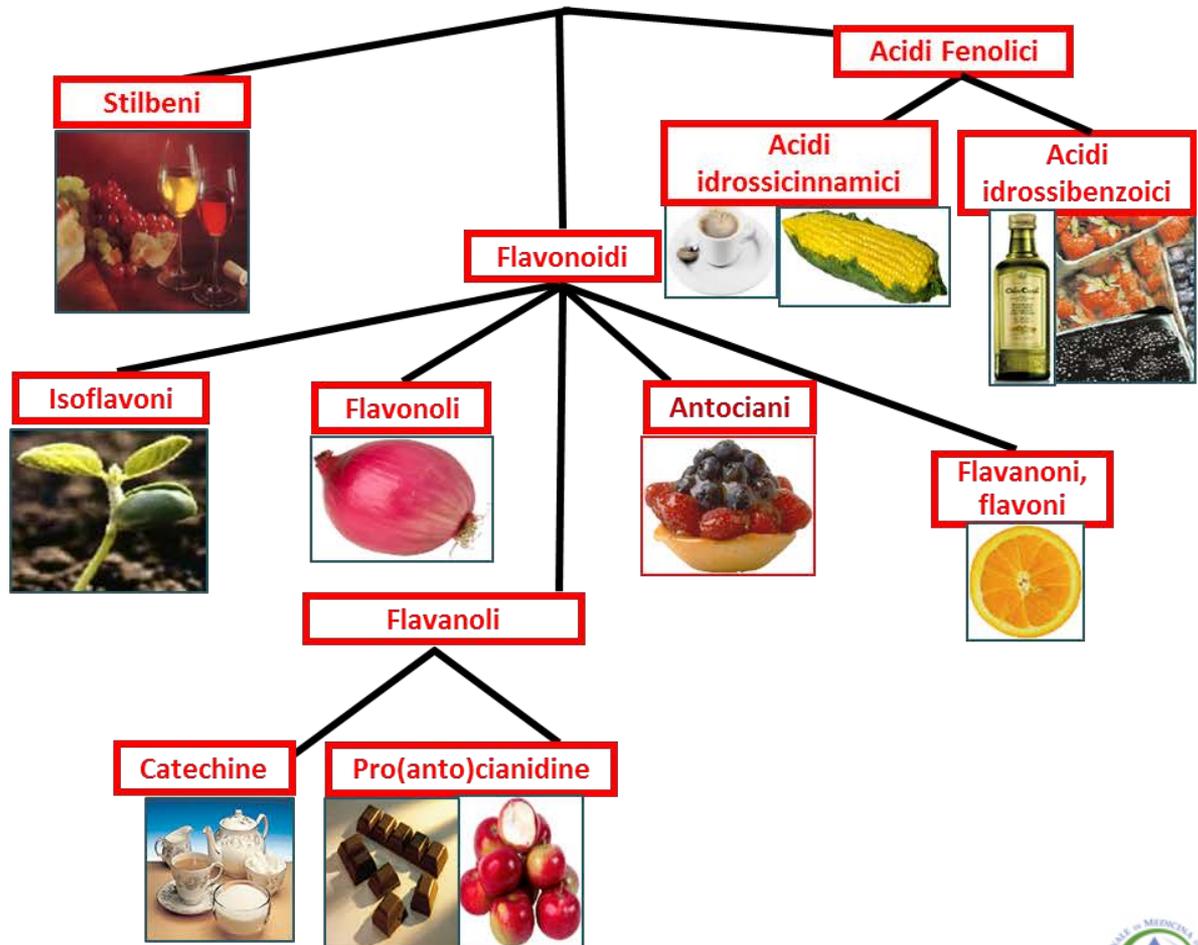
**Replicazione  
virale**

**Disordini  
neurodegenerativi**

# Difese antiossidanti esogene

**Vitamine antiossidanti**

**polifenoli**



## I Polifenoli

- Sono assorbiti in quantità piuttosto bassa ed i loro livelli ematici sono molto più bassi di quelli di vitamine come ascorbato e tocoferoli
- Sono modificati durante i processi metabolici

# Polifenoli

Antiossidanti e non solo....

## Attività biologiche

Modulatori di  $\rightarrow$  vie di segnale intracellulare  
attività enzimatiche  
recettoriale

- Oleuropeina
  - Acido protocatecuico
- Macrofagi murini J774 A.1

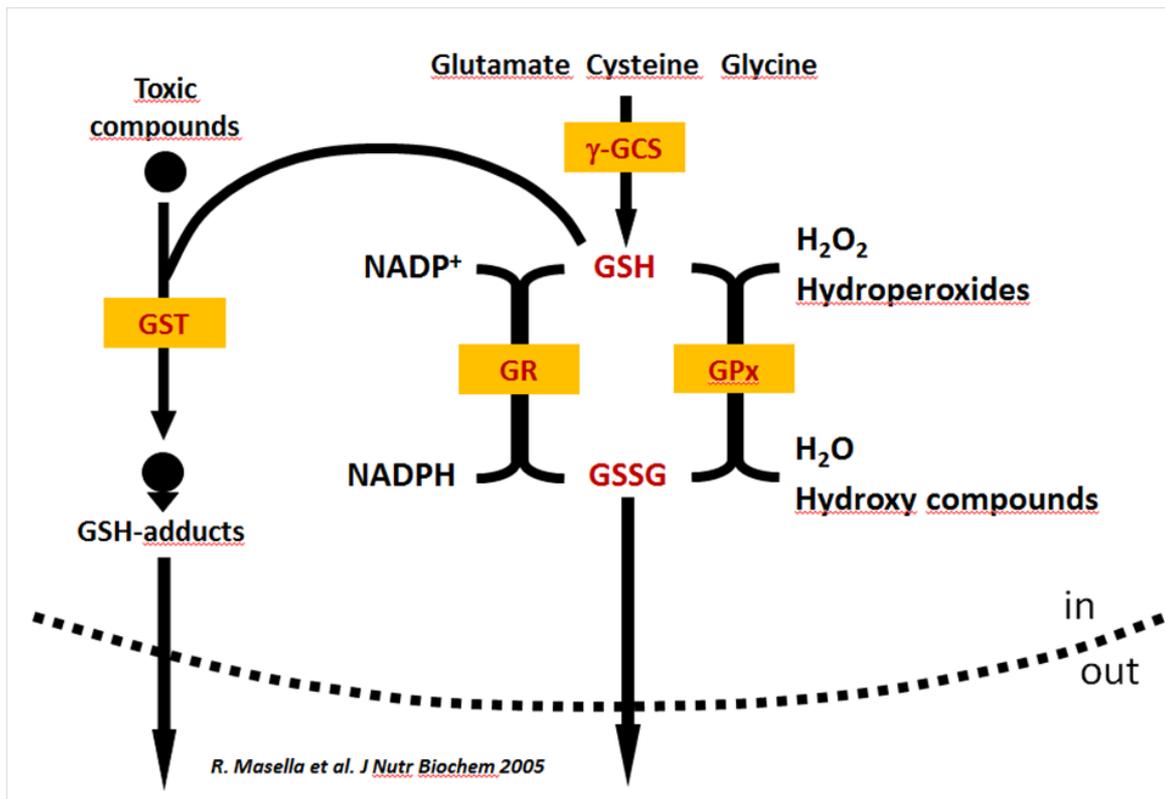
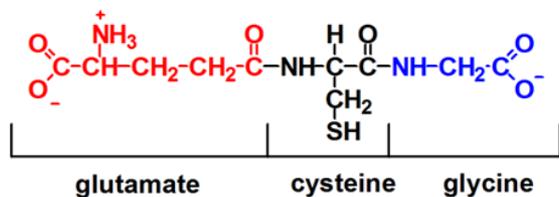
I due polifenoli proteggono le LDL  
dall'ossidazione anche quando non sono  
presenti nel mezzo di coltura.

- **Diminuzione di radicali liberi prodotti**
- **Aumento del GSH**

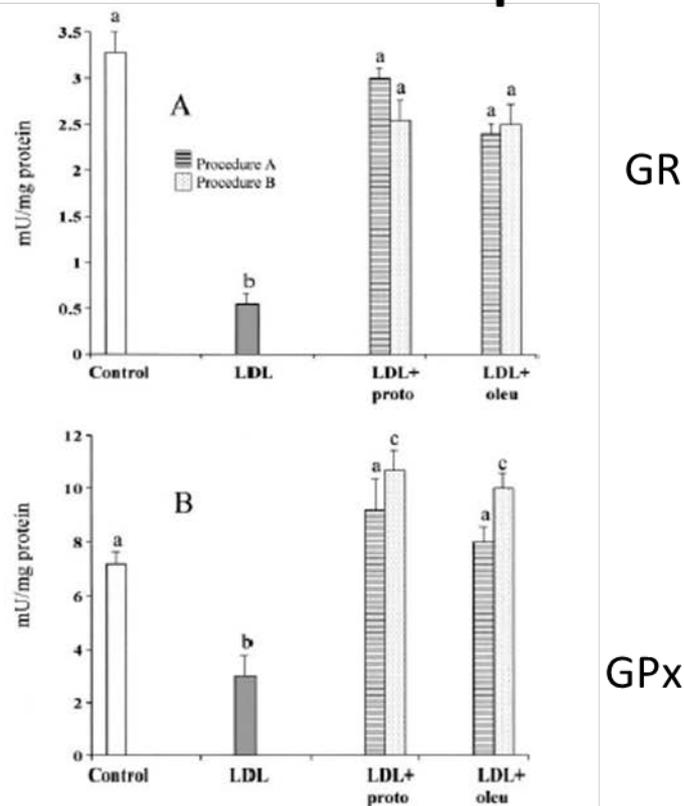
**Polifenoli dell'olio di oliva innescano processi  
cellulari di difesa.**

# Difese antiossidanti endogene

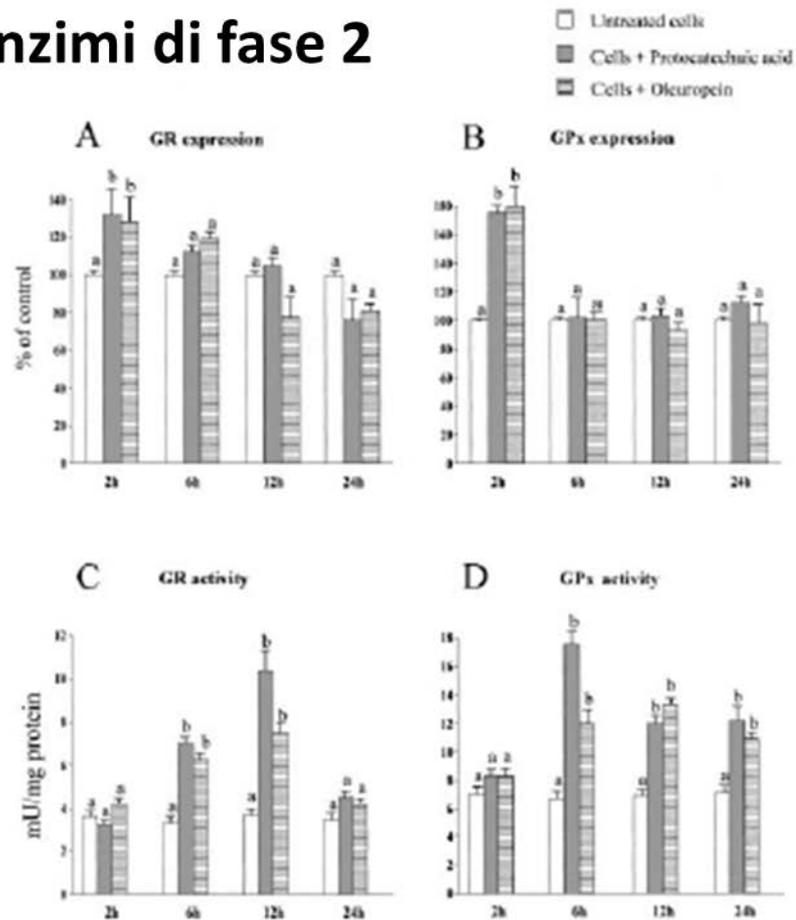
## Glutathione (GSH)



## Espressione di enzimi di fase 2

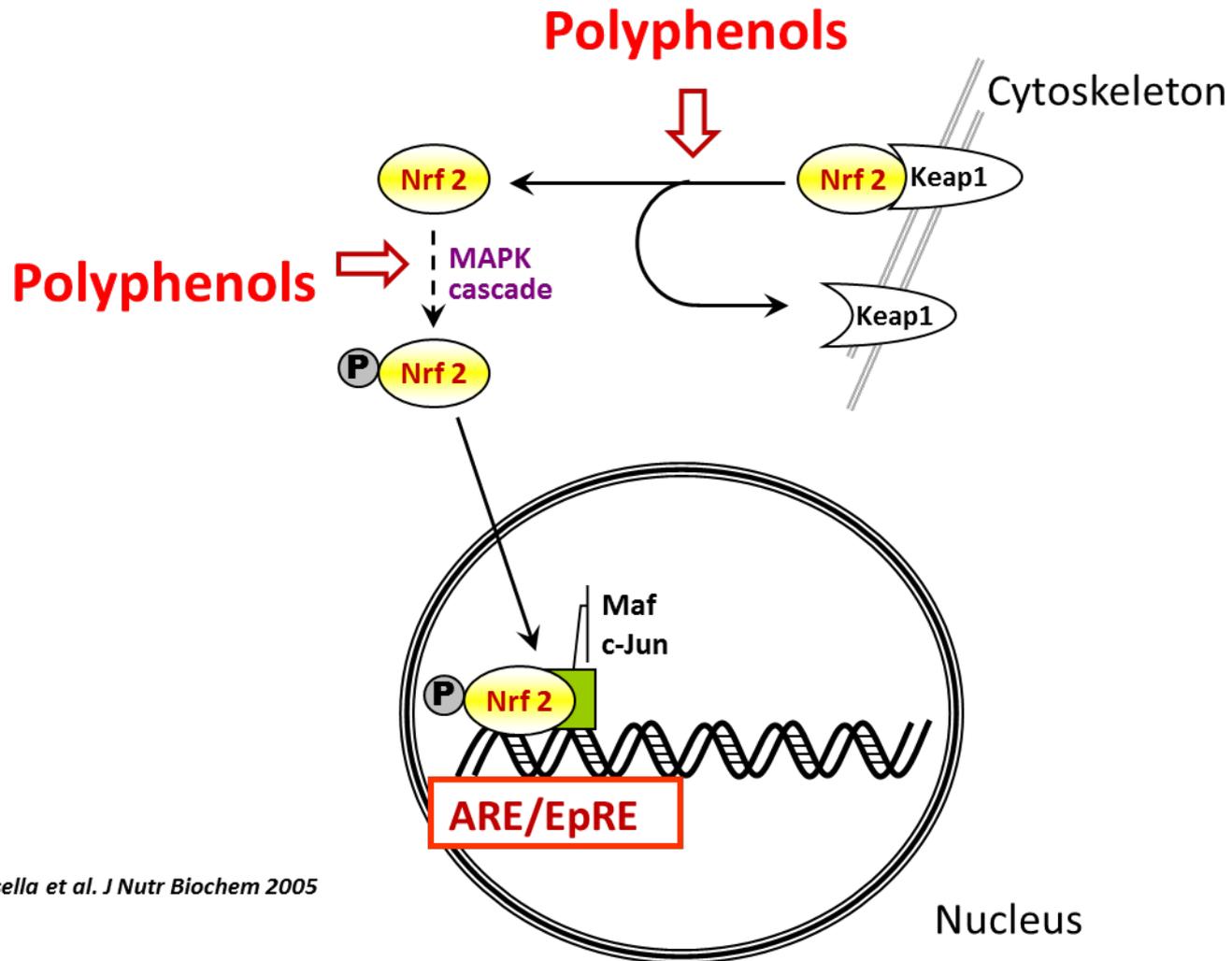


**FIGURE 2** Biophenols restore GR (A) and GPx (B) activities in J774 A.1 macrophage-like cells following both procedure A or procedure B. Activities were measured after a 24-h incubation with LDL (0.2 g protein/L). Values are means  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 4$ . Bars without a common letter differ,  $P < 0.05$ . LDL - cell exposed to LDL; LDL + proto - cell exposed to LDL and protocatechuic acid; LDL + oleu - cell exposed to LDL and oleuropein.

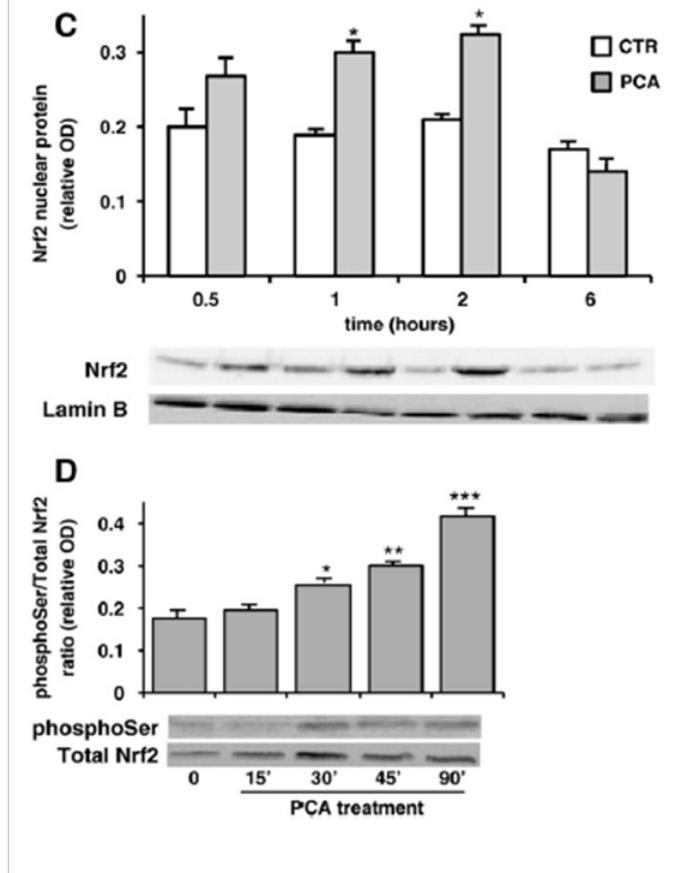
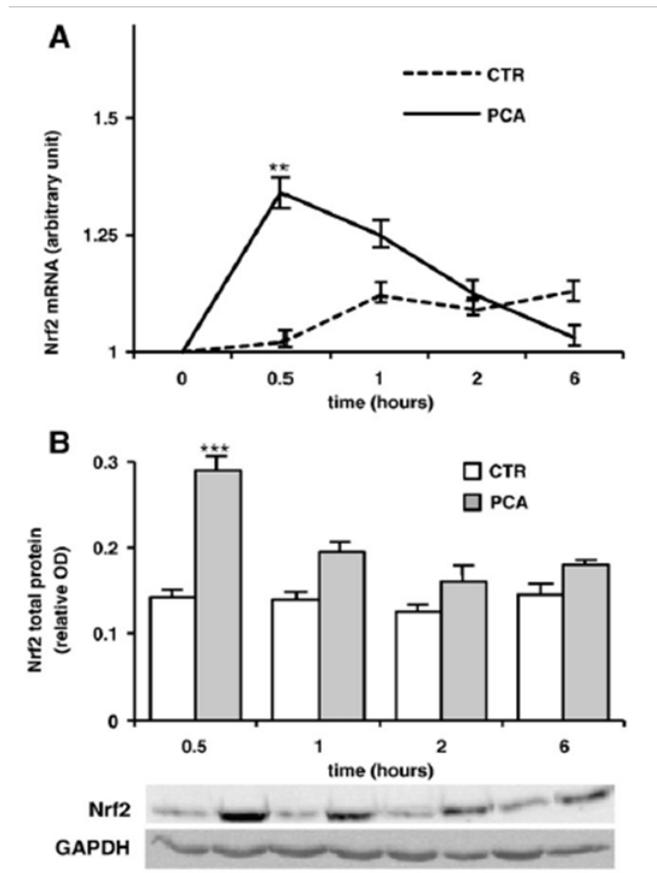


**FIGURE 4** Direct effect of the biophenols on DNA transcription of GSH-related enzymes in J774 A.1 cells incubated with protocatechuic acid and oleuropein following procedure B. (A) Semiquantitative RT-PCR time-course evaluation of mRNA for GR and GPx. (B) Time-course evaluation of GR and GPx activities. Values are means  $\pm$  SEM,  $n = 4$ . Bars without a common letter differ,  $P < 0.05$ .

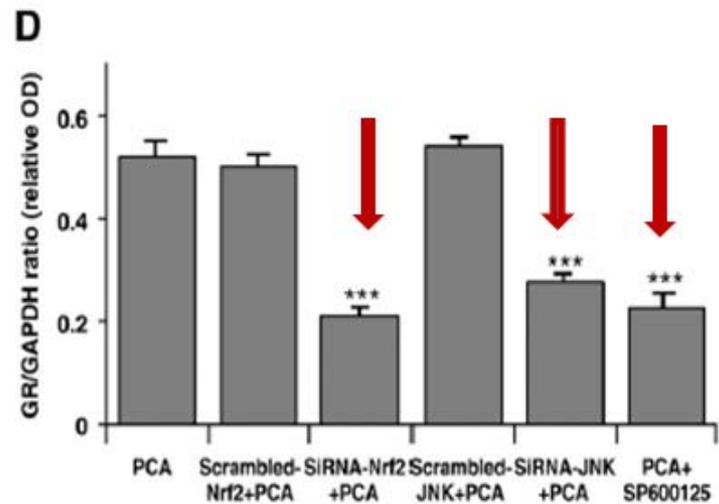
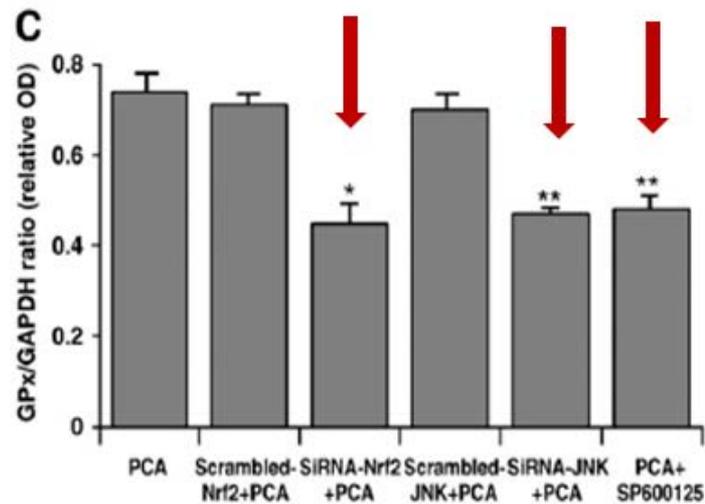
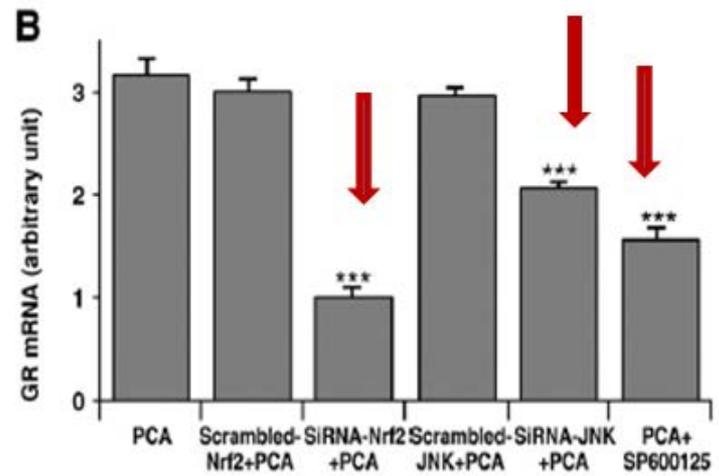
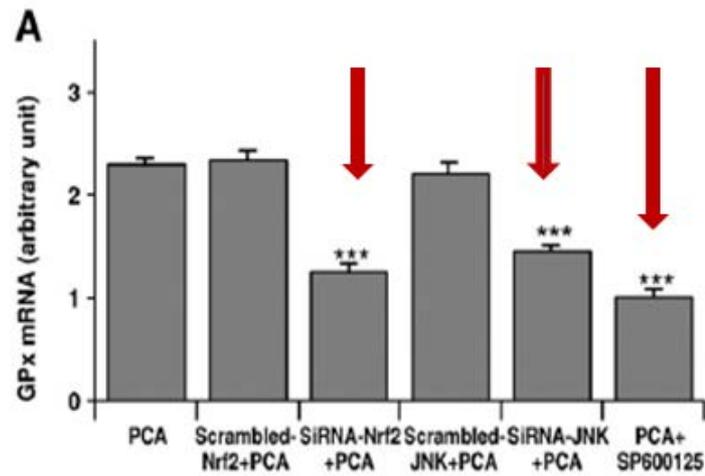
# Meccanismi di regolazione dell'espressione di enzimi di fase 2



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**Table 1.** Randomized, crossover, controlled studies on the antioxidant effect of sustained consumption of phenolic compounds from olive oil on *in vivo* markers of lipid and DNA oxidation

	Olive oil intervention (time)	Daily olive oil dose	Subjects	Washout period	Oxidative markers	Effects
Vissiers <i>et al.</i> (2001) [79]	High-phenol vs Low-phenol (3 weeks)	69 g (in sauces, or baked products)	46 healthy (31 women, 15 men)	2 weeks without olives and olive oil	MDA, FRAP LP, PC LDL-resistance <sup>a)</sup> to oxidation	None
Moschandreas <i>et al.</i> (2002) [80]	High vs Low phenol (3 weeks)	70 g raw	25 healthy (14 women, 11 men)	2 weeks without olives and olive oil	MDA, FRAP LP, PC LDL resistance <sup>a)</sup> to oxidation	None
Marrugat <i>et al.</i> (2004) [66]	Virgin vs Common vs Refined (3 weeks with refined olive oil for cooking)	25 mL (22 g) raw	30 healthy men	2 weeks with re-fined olive oil for raw and cooking purposes	Plasma oxidized LDL LDL resistance <sup>a)</sup> to oxidation Antibodies against oxidized LDL HDL-cholesterol	Decrease with olive oil phenolics  None Increase after virgin olive oil
Weinbrenner <i>et al.</i> (2004) [68]	High vs Medium vs Low phenol (4 days with low phenolic olive oil for raw and cooking)	25 mL raw	12 healthy men	10 days: low phenol olive oil for raw and cooking; very-low antioxidant diet	Plasma oxidized LDL MDA in urine 8-oxodG in urine and lymphocytes  F <sub>2</sub> -isoprostanes	Decrease with olive oil phenolics  None
Visioli <i>et al.</i> (2005) [81]	Virgin vs refined (raw)	40 mL raw	22 lipemic patients (12 men, 10 women)	4 weeks with	Plasma antioxidant capacity F <sub>2</sub> -isoprostanes	Increase with olive oil phenolics None
Fitó <i>et al.</i> (2005) [82]	Virgin vs Refined (raw) (3 weeks, refined olive oil for cooking)	50 mL, raw	Coronary heart disease patients (40 men)	2 weeks with re-fined olive oil for all purposes	Plasma oxidized LDL, LP GSH-Px	Decrease with olive oil phenolics Increase with olive oil phenolics
Salvini <i>et al.</i> (2006) [103]	High vs Low (8 weeks) phenolics	<i>ad libitum</i> in substitution of other fats	10 post-menopausal women	2 weeks (usual diet)	Comet assay for DNA oxidation	Decrease with olive oil
Covas <i>et al.</i> (2006) [84]	Virgin vs Common vs Refined (3 weeks)	25 mL, raw	200 healthy men	2 weeks without olives and olive oil	Plasma oxidized LDL Uninduced dienes Hydroxy fatty acids Antibodies against oxidized LDL F <sub>2</sub> -isoprostanes	Decrease with olive oil phenolics  None

## Olive oil polyphenols enhance the expression of cholesterol efflux related genes *in vivo* in humans. A randomized controlled trial

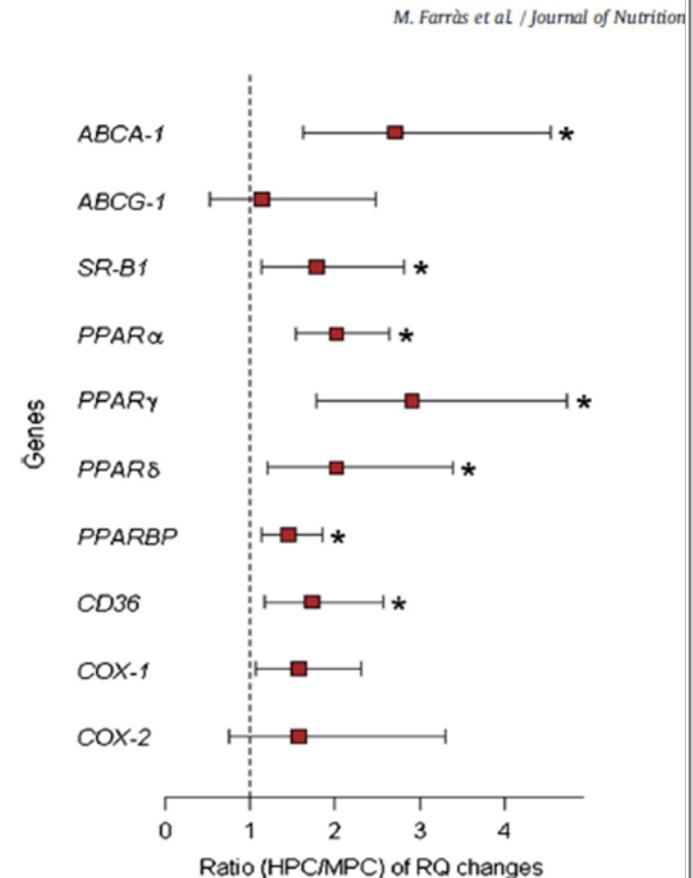
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22 partecipanti ipertesi;  
cross-over randomizzato; a doppio  
cieco.

30 ml di uno dei due olii di oliva :

- **MPC**= a medio contenuto di polifenoli
- **HPC** = MPC arricchito con un estratto di polifenoli (7 mg /ml di olio)

Dopo 5 h **mRNA** dei geni responsabili del trasporto di colesterolo dalle cellule alle HDL nelle cellule bianche del sangue



*In vivo* nutrigenomic effects of virgin olive oil polyphenols within the frame of the Mediterranean diet: a randomized controlled trial

## 90 Soggetti sani

- TMDVOO extra vergine di oliva ricco in polifenoli
- TMDWOO extravergine di oliva deprivato di polifenoli
- Controllo dieta abituale

**cellule bianche del sangue periferico**

TABLE 4. Change in expression of atherosclerosis-related genes after 3 mo of intervention

Gene symbol	Gene name	Control, n = 20	TMD-global, n = 36	P value
<b>Cholesterol, lipid transport, and metabolism</b>				
<i>ABCA1</i>	ATP-binding cassette, subfamily A, member 1	0.320 ± 0.231	0.051 ± 0.159	0.334
<i>ABCG1</i>	ATP-binding cassette, subfamily G, member 1	0.146 ± 0.127	0.064 ± 0.092	0.608
<i>ANXA1</i>	Annexin A1	0.259 ± 0.229	-0.444 ± 0.161	0.160
<i>ARHGAP15</i>	Rho GTPase activating protein 15	0.448 ± 0.175	-0.040 ± 0.126	0.043
<i>ARHGAP19</i>	Rho GTPase activating protein 19	0.400 ± 0.151	0.134 ± 0.112	0.166
<i>ARHGEF6</i>	Rac/Cdc42 guanine nucleotide exchange factor 6	0.460 ± 0.144	0.157 ± 0.106	0.099
<i>CD36</i>	CD36 molecule (thrombospondin receptor)	0.197 ± 0.170	-0.009 ± 0.126	0.342
<i>CETP</i>	Cholesteryl ester transfer protein, plasma	-0.262 ± 0.331	-0.058 ± 0.257	0.631
<i>MSRI</i>	Macrophage scavenger receptor 1	0.542 ± 0.222	0.253 ± 0.157	0.301
<i>PLA2G4B</i>	Phospholipase A2, group IVB	0.148 ± 0.156	0.082 ± 0.109	0.735
<i>SCARB1</i>	Scavenger receptor class B, member 1	-0.025 ± 0.078	0.085 ± 0.056	0.261
<b>Inflammation</b>				
<i>IFNG</i>	Interferon, $\gamma$	1.048 ± 0.464	-0.109 ± 0.330	0.049
<i>IL10</i>	Interleukin 10	0.915 ± 0.360	0.609 ± 0.270	0.506
<i>CHUK</i>	Conserved helix-loop-helix ubiquitous kinase	0.325 ± 0.192	0.036 ± 0.140	0.236
<i>ADAM17</i>	ADAM metalloproteinase domain 17 (tumor necrosis factor, $\alpha$ , converting enzyme)	0.290 ± 0.153	0.008 ± 0.112	0.148
<i>ADAMTS1</i>	ADAM metalloproteinase with thrombospondin type 1 motif, 1	0.166 ± 0.208	-0.120 ± 0.150	0.277
<i>IFNA1</i>	Interferon, $\alpha$ 1	0.726 ± 0.356	0.001 ± 0.258	0.117
<i>TNFSF10</i>	Tumor necrosis factor (ligand) superfamily, member 10	0.195 ± 0.219	-0.195 ± 0.156	0.157
<i>TNFSF12_13</i>	Tumor necrosis factor (ligand) superfamily, member 12-member 13	-0.021 ± 0.102	0.133 ± 0.075	0.235
<i>IL6</i>	Interleukin 6	-0.017 ± 0.588	0.356 ± 0.401	0.612
<i>IL7R</i>	Interleukin 7 receptor	0.580 ± 0.182	0.095 ± 0.132	0.037
<i>USP48</i>	Ubiquitin specific peptidase 48	0.380 ± 0.179	0.203 ± 0.131	0.431
<i>MPO</i>	Myeloperoxidase	-0.159 ± 0.121	-0.013 ± 0.090	0.343
<i>RGS2</i>	Regulator of G-protein signaling 2, 24 kDa	0.439 ± 0.268	0.289 ± 0.196	0.656
<i>NFKB2</i>	Nuclear factor of $\kappa$ light polypeptide gene enhancer in B-cells 2	-0.098 ± 0.082	0.008 ± 0.063	0.315
<b>Nuclear receptors and fatty acids receptors</b>				
<i>NR1H2</i>	Nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 2	-0.081 ± 0.070	-0.003 ± 0.050	0.369
<i>NR1H3</i>	Nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3	0.166 ± 0.108	0.034 ± 0.077	0.331
<i>PPARA</i>	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor $\alpha$	0.088 ± 0.123	0.068 ± 0.092	0.897
<i>PPARBP</i>	PPAR binding protein	0.341 ± 0.160	0.022 ± 0.105	0.084
<i>PPARG</i>	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor $\gamma$	0.002 ± 0.242	0.235 ± 0.175	0.463
<i>PPARD</i>	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor $\delta$	0.066 ± 0.128	0.010 ± 0.096	0.732
<b>Oxidative stress</b>				
<i>LIAS</i>	Lipoic acid synthetase	0.228 ± 0.197	0.188 ± 0.148	0.874
<i>PTGS1</i>	Prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 1	-0.176 ± 0.171	-0.170 ± 0.117	0.978
<i>PTGS2</i>	Prostaglandin-endoperoxide synthase 2	0.170 ± 0.545	-0.231 ± 0.379	0.557
<i>OLR1</i>	Oxidized low-density lipoprotein (lectin-like) receptor 1	0.521 ± 0.948	0.113 ± 0.580	0.724
<i>OSBP</i>	Oxysterol binding protein	0.219 ± 0.130	0.035 ± 0.093	0.260
<i>ADRB2</i>	Adrenergic, $\beta$ -2, receptor, surface	0.225 ± 0.135	-0.138 ± 0.098	0.036
<i>OGT</i>	O-linked N-acetylglucosamine (GlcNAc) transferase	0.373 ± 0.235	0.014 ± 0.162	0.218
<i>ALDH1A1</i>	Aldehyde dehydrogenase 1 family, member A1	-0.101 ± 0.187	-0.116 ± 0.135	0.949
<b>DNA repair</b>				
<i>CCNG1</i>	Cyclin G1	0.396 ± 0.192	0.004 ± 0.139	0.106
<i>POLK</i>	Polymerase (DNA directed) $\kappa$	0.595 ± 0.275	-0.115 ± 0.204	0.045
<i>TP53</i>	Tumor protein p53	-0.071 ± 0.077	-0.048 ± 0.056	0.812
<i>DCLRE1C</i>	DNA cross-link repair 1C	0.406 ± 0.169	0.052 ± 0.123	0.100
<i>ERCC5</i>	Excision repair cross-complementing rodent repair deficiency, complementation group 5	0.401 ± 0.227	0.049 ± 0.169	0.221
<i>XRCC5</i>	X-ray repair complementing defective repair in Chinese hamster cells 5 (double-strand-break rejoining; Ku autoantigen, 80 kDa)	0.267 ± 0.152	0.000 ± 0.111	0.166

Gene expression changes, adjusted by age and sex, are presented as means  $\pm$  SE of the RQ log<sub>2</sub> ratio (posttreatment vs. basal values).



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## Effect of Mediterranean diet on the expression of pro-atherogenic genes in a population at high cardiovascular risk

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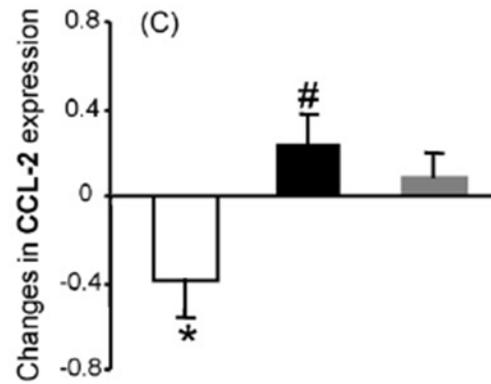
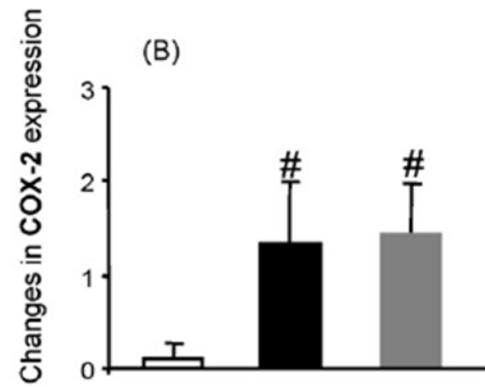
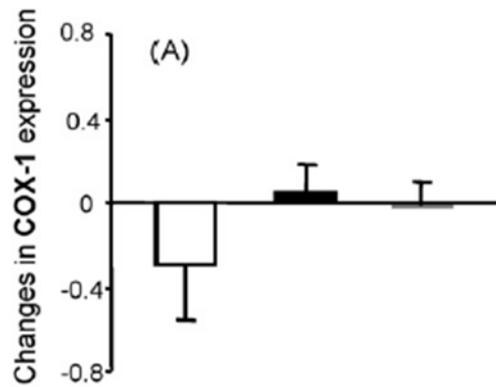
**49 soggetti con almeno 2 fattori di rischio per CHD; 3 mesi di intervento: MD + 1L/sett EVOO o 30 gr/die noci/mandorle/nocciole**

**Table 2**  
Changes in weight, adiposity, blood pressure, and other cardiovascular-risk factors<sup>a</sup>.

Variable	TMD+VOO	TMD+nuts	Control	P time <sup>b</sup>	P group <sup>c</sup>	P interaction <sup>d</sup>
Weight, kg						
Baseline	73.6 ± 11.6 <sup>e</sup>	76.9 ± 6.6	74.9 ± 13.1	0.488	0.761	0.373
Final	74.0 ± 11.1	76.0 ± 6.3	74.6 ± 13.5			
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>						
Baseline	28.8 ± 2.7	27.7 ± 2.5	29.9 ± 5.5	0.567	0.175	0.539
Final	28.8 ± 2.5	27.4 ± 2.3	29.9 ± 5.4			
Waist, cm						
Baseline	102 ± 10	101 ± 5	105 ± 16	0.007	0.706	0.533
Final	101 ± 8	98 ± 6 <sup>f</sup>	100 ± 10			
Systolic BP, mmHg						
Baseline	153 ± 10	149 ± 18	161 ± 17	0.043	0.006	0.145 <sup>g,h</sup>
Final	147 ± 11 <sup>f</sup>	142 ± 15 <sup>i</sup>	161 ± 11			
Diastolic BP, mmHg						
Baseline	82 ± 9	83 ± 8	87 ± 12	0.021	0.153	0.743
Final	80 ± 9	80 ± 8 <sup>f</sup>	86 ± 11			
Glucose, mg/dL						
Baseline	156 ± 59	144 ± 47	156 ± 59	0.018	0.418	0.011 <sup>g</sup>
Final	132 ± 40 <sup>i</sup>	128 ± 36 <sup>f</sup>	165 ± 79			
Cholesterol, mg/dL						
Baseline	231 ± 31	218 ± 23	205 ± 28	0.014	0.472	0.050 <sup>g</sup>
Final	208 ± 40 <sup>i</sup>	205 ± 18	209 ± 43			
LDL-cholesterol, mg/dL						
Baseline	148 ± 28	143 ± 29	125 ± 29	0.003	0.202	0.207
Final	129 ± 41 <sup>i</sup>	135 ± 19	121 ± 31			
HDL-cholesterol, mg/dL						
Baseline	52.3 ± 12.9	48.1 ± 11.1	48.5 ± 9.9	0.154	0.252	0.201
Final	56.2 ± 14.1 <sup>f</sup>	48.6 ± 10.0	48.4 ± 10.5			
Triglycerides, mg/dL						
Baseline	147 ± 67	127 ± 78	145 ± 68	0.215	0.275	0.405
Final	126 ± 50	106 ± 38	152 ± 84			
Cholesterol/HDL ratio						
Baseline	4.6 ± 1.0	4.7 ± 1.2	4.1 ± 0.68	0.004	0.682	0.041 <sup>g</sup>
Final	3.9 ± 1.1 <sup>i</sup>	4.3 ± 0.8 <sup>f</sup>	4.1 ± 0.73			

**Table 3**  
Changes in inflammatory, lipoprotein receptor and thrombotic gene expression<sup>a</sup>.

Variable	TMD+VOO	TMD+nuts	Control	<i>P</i> time <sup>b</sup>	<i>P</i> group <sup>c</sup>	<i>P</i> interaction <sup>d</sup>
COX-1						
Baseline	1.16 ± 1.03 <sup>e</sup>	1.02 ± 0.94	0.73 ± 0.48	0.289	0.676	0.057
Final	0.80 ± 0.68 <sup>f</sup>	1.04 ± 6.87	0.82 ± 0.49			
COX-2						
Baseline	1.09 ± 0.81	1.18 ± 0.87	0.88 ± 0.93	0.003	0.532	0.612
Final	1.75 ± 1.29	2.67 ± 1.67 <sup>f</sup>	2.20 ± 1.97 <sup>g</sup>			
MCP-1						
Baseline	1.07 ± 1.11	0.52 ± 0.56	0.33 ± 0.40	1.000	0.178	0.013
Final	0.67 ± 0.75 <sup>f</sup>	0.71 ± 0.36	0.54 ± 0.42			
LDLR						
Baseline	0.68 ± 0.46	0.68 ± 0.51	0.54 ± 0.47	0.001	0.787	0.880
Final	0.92 ± 0.54	0.97 ± 0.44 <sup>f</sup>	0.90 ± 0.59 <sup>f</sup>			
LRP1						
Baseline	0.96 ± 0.60	0.75 ± 0.51	0.52 ± 0.61	0.001	0.303	0.017 <sup>g</sup>
Final	1.06 ± 0.65	1.09 ± 0.51 <sup>f</sup>	0.90 ± 0.70 <sup>f</sup>			
CD36						
Baseline	0.93 ± 0.57	0.70 ± 0.53	0.61 ± 0.48	0.011	0.210	0.047 <sup>h</sup>
Final	0.95 ± 0.49	1.08 ± 0.51 <sup>f</sup>	0.69 ± 0.42			
TF						
Baseline	0.68 ± 0.43	0.63 ± 0.55	0.52 ± 0.65	0.064	0.675	0.946
Final	0.86 ± 0.68	0.88 ± 0.72	0.69 ± 0.58			
TFPI						
Baseline	0.99 ± 0.60	0.61 ± 0.47	0.72 ± 0.56	0.789	0.392	0.048 <sup>i</sup>
Final	0.80 ± 0.63	0.85 ± 0.50 <sup>j</sup>	0.74 ± 0.42			



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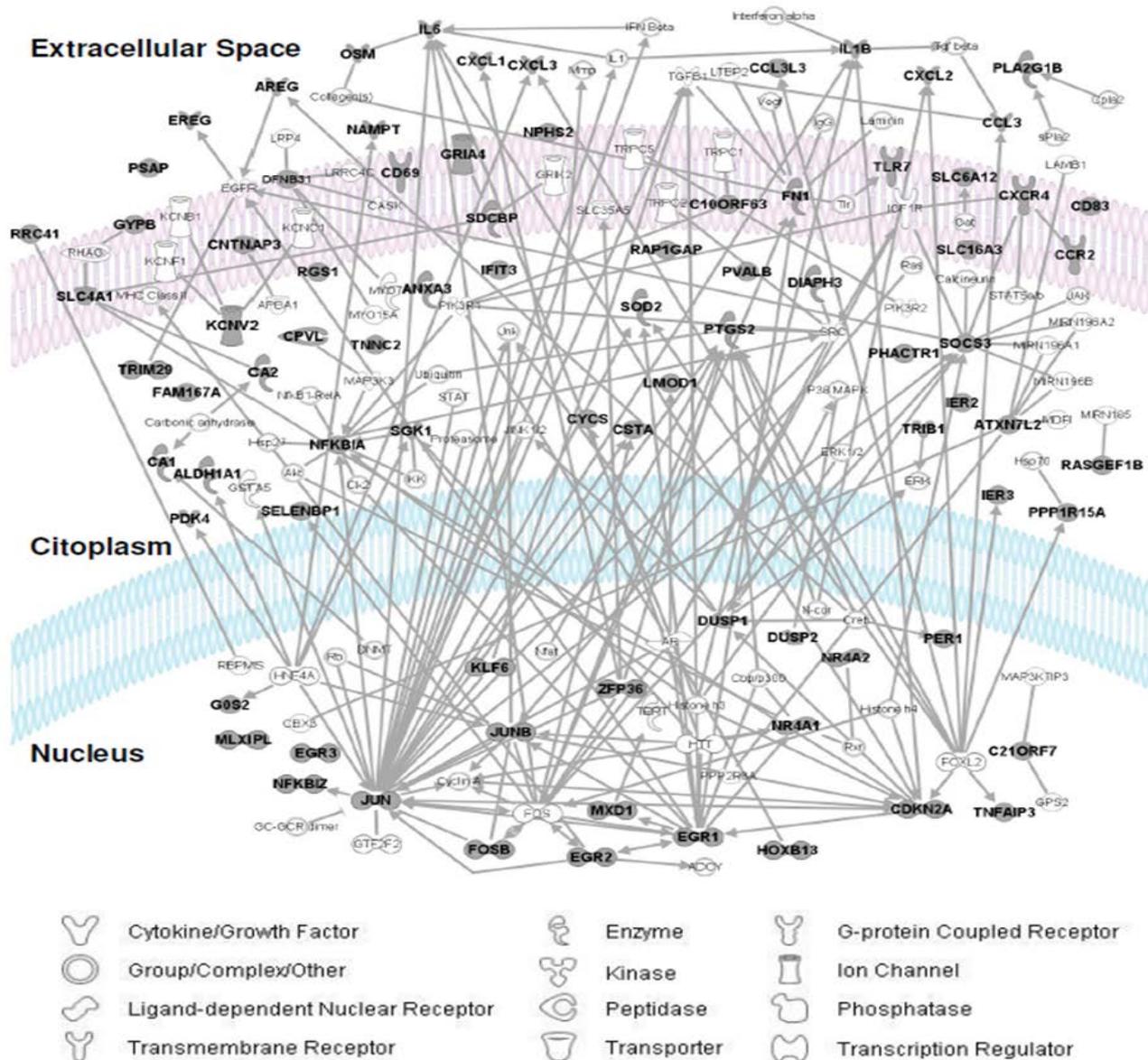
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# Gene expression changes in mononuclear cells in patients with metabolic syndrome after acute intake of phenol-rich virgin olive oil

**Conclusion:** This study shows that intake of virgin olive oil based breakfast, which is rich in phenol compounds is able to repress *in vivo* expression of several pro-inflammatory genes, thereby switching activity of peripheral blood mononuclear cells to a less deleterious inflammatory profile. These results provide at least a partial molecular basis for

20 soggetti ; 40 gr olio con pane; dopo 4 ore prelievo;

**98 geni modulati** da EVOO ad alto contenuto di polifenoli rispetto a EVOO a basso contenuto di polifenoli: **19 iper-espressi, 79 ipo-espressi**



**Figure 3 Ingenuity Pathway Analysis Network.** Network of phenol-rich VOO modulated genes. Gray symbols denote that the gene was found over-expressed or under-expressed by phenols in microarrays analysis.

# Alimenti funzionali ed Health Claims

- Gli health claims sugli alimenti devono essere basati sull'**evidenza scientifica** insieme alla conoscenza dei meccanismi molecolari responsabili dell'effetto salutistico.
- Studi controllati nell'uomo hanno dimostrato **l'effetto protettivo sull'ossidazione delle LDL**, gli **effetti anti-infiammatori**, ed in parte quelli **anti-trombotici**.
- Soltanto l'effetto protettivo di olio extra vergine di oliva capace di fornire almeno **5 mg/die di idrossitirosole** sulla **ossidazione delle LDL è stato accettato come health claim da EFSA**.
- Per il resto gli studi sperimentali **non offrono sufficiente evidenza scientifica** al più alto livello possibile dei reali benefici per la salute

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