

***F*UNCTIONAL FOODS TO ENHANCE HEALTH**

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Food Safety



Hippocrates: The Father Of Medicine

(ca. 400 BC)

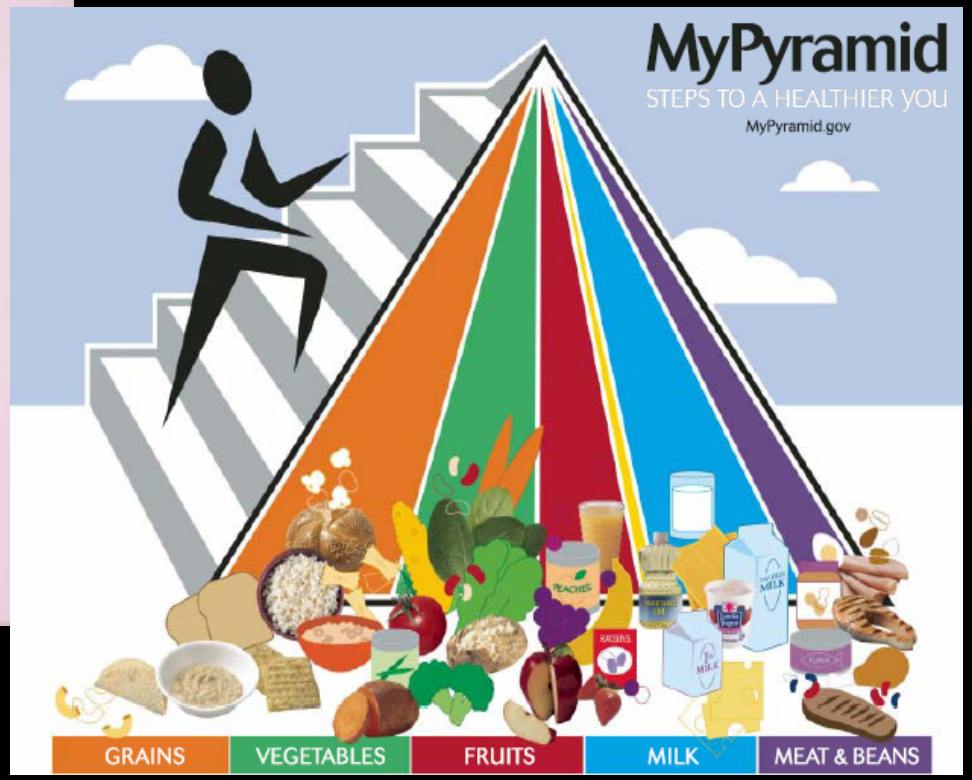
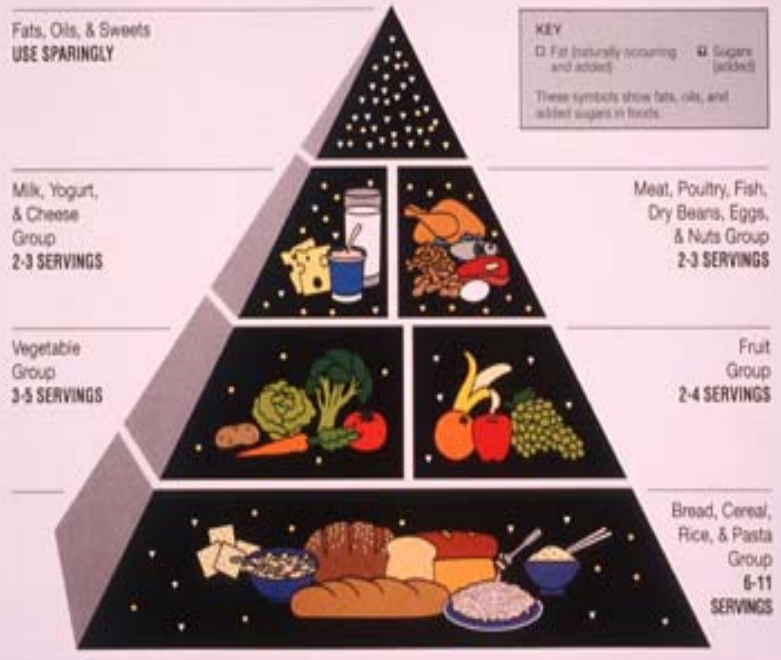


***N*utritional Value: Diet and Disease Prevention**

- ◆ Historical Identification of Deficiency Disease
 - ❖ infectious agent
 - ❖ nutrient identification
- ◆ Dietary Guidelines
- ◆ Food Guide Pyramid

Food Guide Pyramid

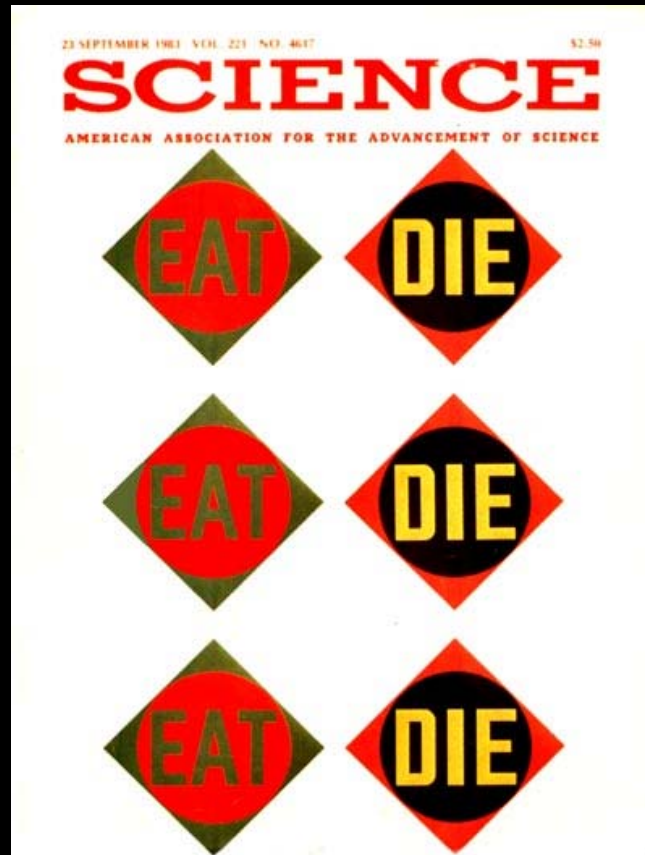
A Guide to Daily Food Choices



Parcelsus: Father of Toxicology and Pharmacology (1493-1541)



The Dose Makes The Poison



*E*thnobotany: Folk Medicine

- ◆ Identification by population (human and animal) use
- ◆ Varied chemistry within plant species
- ◆ Active components depend on plant cycle, ecology, soil and climate

Therapeutic plants were identified, the active components isolated, and new pharmaceuticals designed to treat specific diseases.



Physiologically Active Food Components

Identified by Mechanism of Action

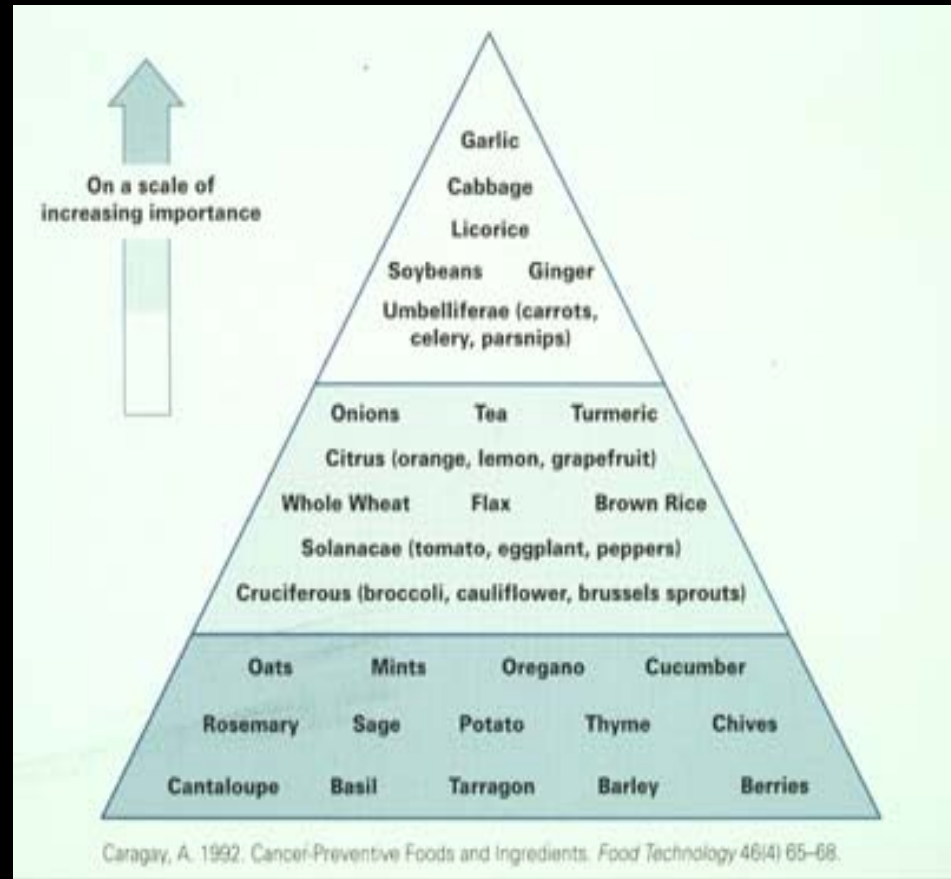
- ◆ **antioxidants**, superoxide quencher; modifiers of oxidative damage and detoxification mechanisms related to oxidative stress; NO Synthetase inducer; enhanced DNA repair; decreased DNA damage/modification
- ◆ **antimutagens, anticarcinogens**, and inducers of enzymes of xenobiotic phase II metabolism; inhibits tumor promotion; antimetastatic agent; inhibits cell proliferation; inhibits angiogenesis.
- ◆ **antimicrobial, antiviral** bioactive substances
- ◆ **enhancers of GI function**, and colonic microflora; decreased risk for cancer and cardiovascular disease
- ◆ **immunomodulators**; stimulates immune function
- ◆ **anti-inflammatory agents**

Physiologically Active Food Components

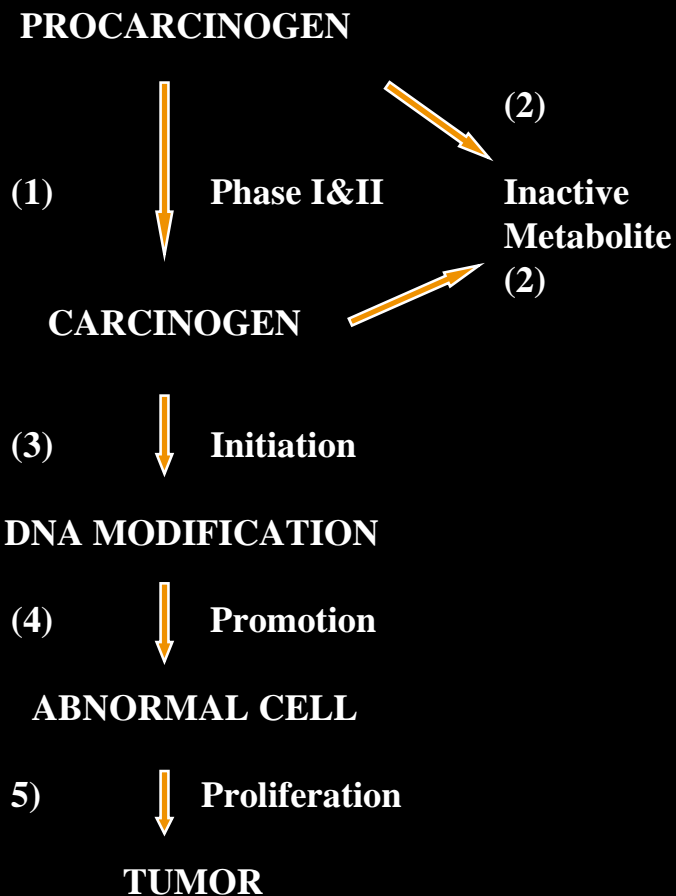
Identified by Mechanism of Action

- ◆ **Neuroregulatory substances:** improve psychological condition, memory enhancement
- ◆ **Modulation of hormones:** relieves symptoms of menopause
- ◆ **Antihypertensives:** control of BP
- ◆ **Hypocholesterolemic agents:** lowers serum cholesterol, reduces CHD
- ◆ diminishes allergenicity
- ◆ **Decreases platelet aggregation:** reduces stroke
- ◆ **Stimulates bone repair:** reduces osteoporosis
- ◆ inhibits macular degeneration

Cancer Protection Pyramid



Anticancer Activity of Phytochemicals



1. Modification of carcinogen activation

- a. Polyphenols
- b. Alkyl
- c. Sulfide
- d. Isothiocyanates;
- e. Monoterpenes
- f. Flavonoids

2. Modification of carcinogen detoxification

- a. Alkyl cysteines
- b. Isothiocyanates

3. Blocks initiation

- a. Polyphenols
- b. Indole
- c. Sulfides
- d. Flavonoids
- e. Protease inhibitors

4. Blocks DNA reactive species

- a. Carotenoids
- b. Polyphenols
- c. Flavonoids
- d. Terpenes
- e. Protease inhibitors
- f. Sulfides
- g. Indoles

5. Blocks cell proliferation

- a. Monoterpenes
- b. Vitamin A, precursors and metabolites

*F*unctional Foods Definition (IFT Panel)

- ◆ Functional foods are foods and food components that provide a health benefit beyond basic nutrition (for the intended population).
 - Examples may include conventional foods; fortified, enriched or enhanced foods; and dietary supplements.
- ◆ Functional foods provide essential nutrients often beyond quantities necessary for normal maintenance, growth, and development, and/or other biologically active components that impart health benefits or desirable physiological effects.

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Functional foods overdose?

Touted as a prescription for profit, some nutraceuticals just might be too good to be true.

FOODS OF TOMORROW
Organic ingredient supplies grow to meet demand

FOOD BUSINESS
The private label/branded product wars

PLANTS OF TOMORROW
Pacific Foods of Oregon milks the health food market

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

A Publication of the Institute of Food Technologists

March 1998

ABCs of Nutraceutical Ingredients

Demographic Targeting Comes of Age • Fat Replacers • Fat-Free and Reduced-Fat Reach Maturity • Food Labeling in Germany • Trans Fatty Acids

*H*HISTORICAL FUNCTIONAL FOODS

- yogurt
 - ❖ anti-aging (Metchnikoff)
 - ❖ intestinal enhancement
 - ❖ live culture
- fiber
 - ❖ bulk (regularity)
 - ❖ soluble fiber (viscosity)

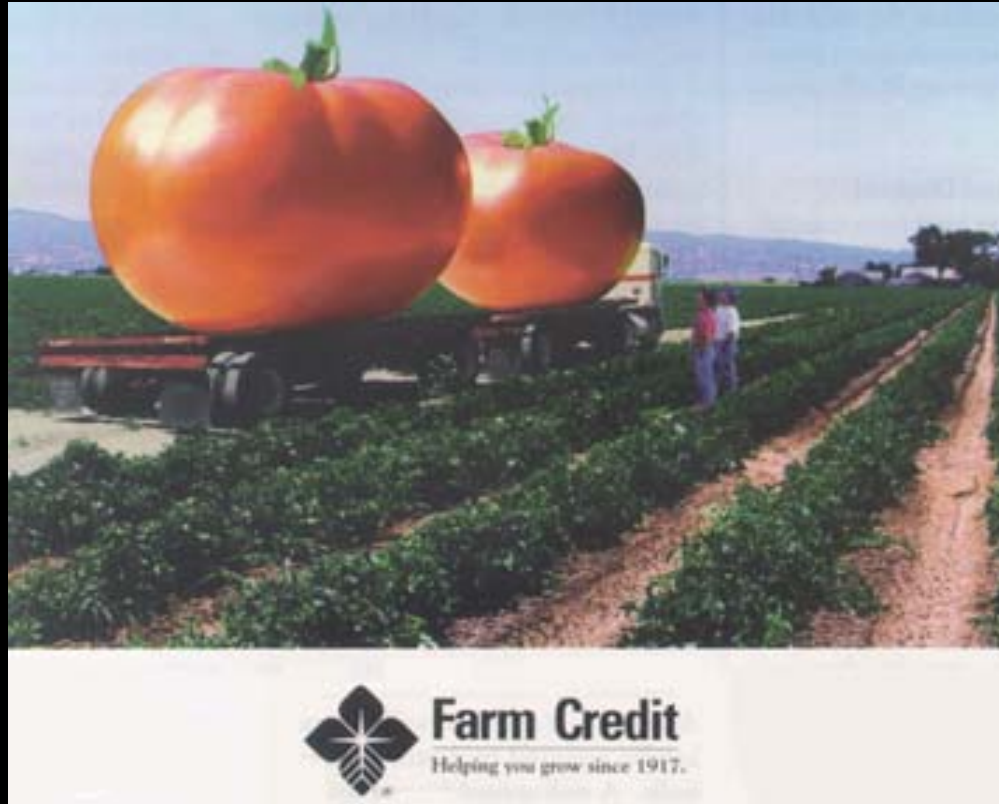
Functional Foods

- ◆ Food that imparts a physiological benefit

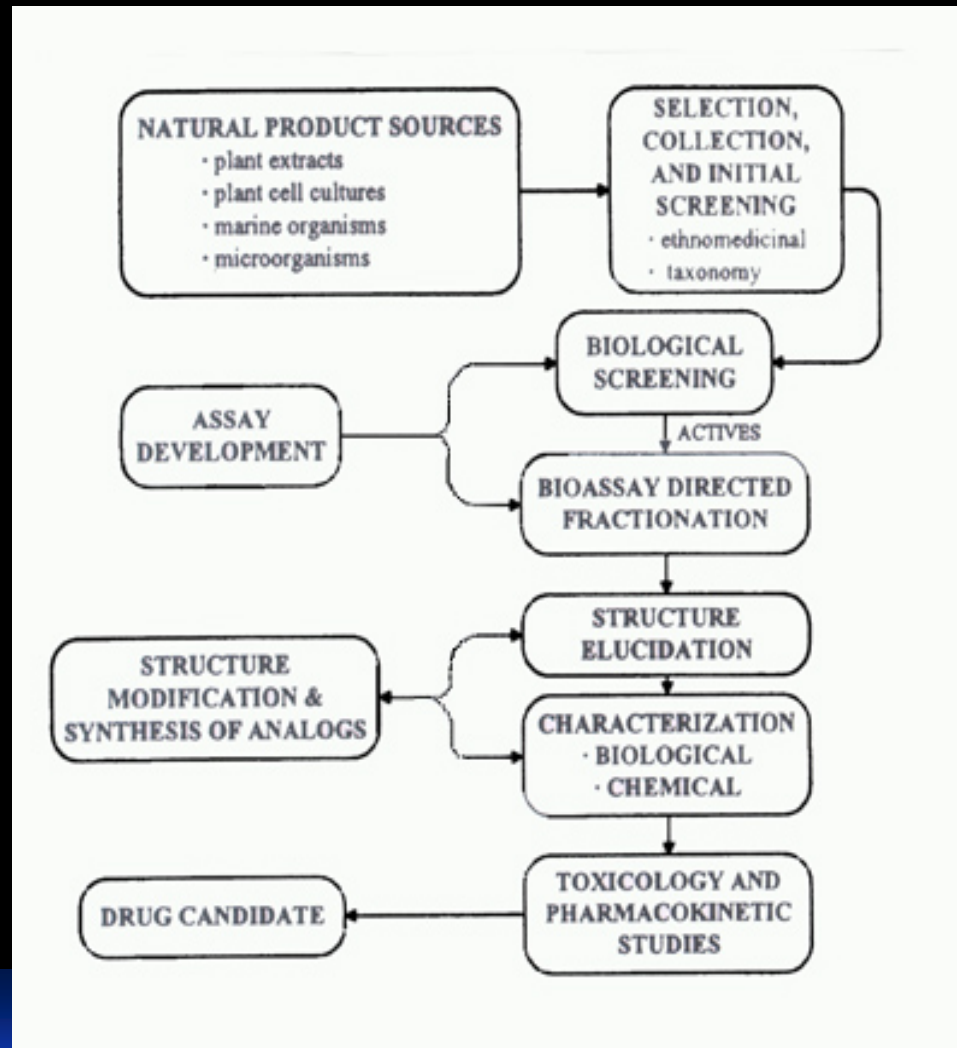
through crop selection, breeding enhancement, biotechnology, added ingredients, or processing modification.



Design of the Functional Tomato



Selection for Bioactive Agents



CLASSIFICATION OF BIOACTIVE FOOD COMPONENTS

A. Isoprenoids

- ❖ Carotenoids, Saponins, Tocotrienols, Tocopherols & Simple terpenes

B. Phenolic Compounds

- ❖ Coumarin, Tannins, Lignin, Anthocyanins, Isoflavones & Flavonols

C. Protein/Amino Acid Based

- ❖ Amino acids, Allyl-S-compounds, Capsaicinoids, Isothiocyanates, Indoles, Folate & Choline; Lactoferrin

D. Complex Carbohydrate

- ❖ Oligosaccharides, Non-starch polysaccharide

E. Fatty Acid Lipids

- ❖ W-3 PUFA, CLA, MUFA, Sphingolipids & Lecithin

F. Microbial

- ❖ Probiotics & Prebiotics

A. ISOPRENOIDS

Carotenoids – Lycopene, Carotene, Lutein/Zeaxanthin

Food Source

Tomatoes,
carrots,
yams,
cantaloupe,
spinach,
sweet potatoes,
citrus fruit,
apricots,
mango,
pumpkin,
kale

Potential Health Benefit

Reduction of cancer
and heart disease;
reduction the risk of
macular degeneration.

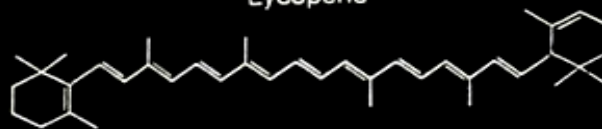
Possible Mechanisms and Functions

Antioxidant activity;
Free radical scavenger;
Singlet oxygen scavenger;
Induction of cell-cell communication,
and growth control;
Inhibition of the proliferation of acute
myeloblastic leukemia;
Modulation of mutagenesis, cell
differentiation, and proliferation;
Differentiation and growth control of
epithelial cells.

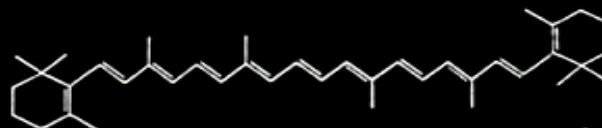
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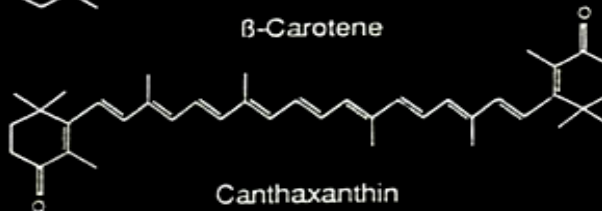
Lycopene



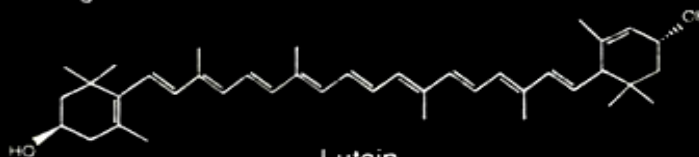
α -Carotene



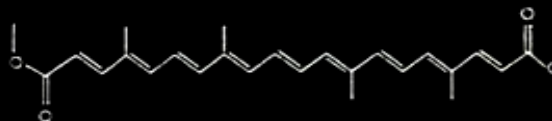
β -Carotene



Canthaxanthin



Lutein



Methyl-Bixin

LYCOPENE CONTENT OF VARIOUS FOODS

<u>Food</u>	<u>Content</u>	<u>Food</u>	<u>Content</u>
◆ Tomatoes, fresh	0.88-4.20	◆ Ketchup	9.90-13.44
◆ Tomatoes, cooked	3.70	◆ Apricot	< 0.01
◆ Tomato sauce	6.20	◆ Apricot, canned	0.06
◆ Tomato paste	5.40-150	◆ Apricot, dried	0.86
◆ Tomato soup, condensed	7.99	◆ Grapefruit, raw pink	3.36
◆ Tomato powder	112-126	◆ Guava, fresh	5.40
◆ Tomato juice	5.00-11.60	◆ Guava juice	3.34
◆ Sun-dried tomato in oil	46.50	◆ Watermelon, fresh	2.30-7.20
◆ Pizza sauce, canned	12.71	◆ Papaya, fresh	2.00-5.30

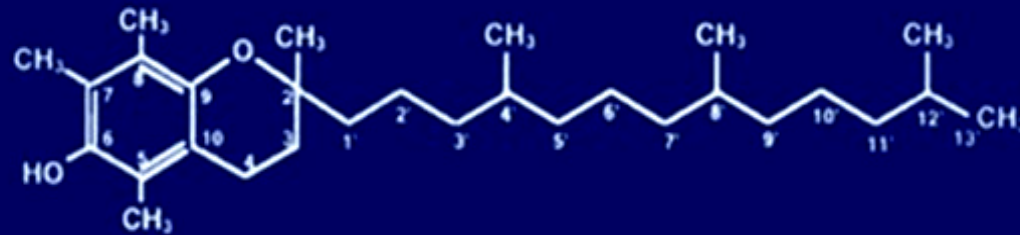
A. ISOPRENOIDS

Tocopherols & Tocotrienols

Food Source	Potential Health Benefit	Possible Mechanisms and Functions
Green leaf vegetables	Antioxidant	Lowering free radical;
nuts	Anticancer	inhibition of lipid peroxidation;
grains	Hypocholesterolemic effects	Inhibition of proliferation of cancer cells;
vegetable oil		Inhibition of HMG-CoA reductase (tocotrienols)

Tocopherols and Tocotrienols

α -TOCOPHEROL



α -TOCOTRIENOL

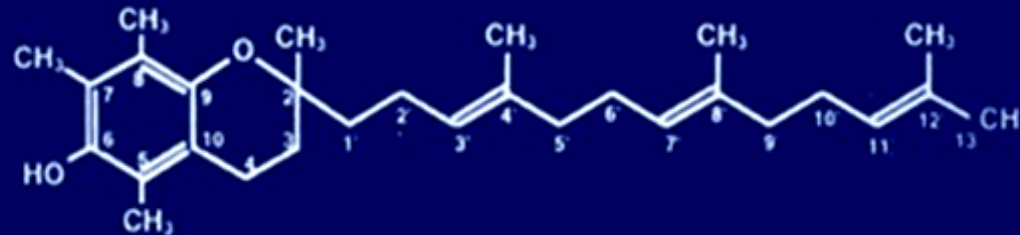


Fig. 2.1. Molecular structures of α -tocopherol and α -tocotrienol

Tocopherols and Tocotrienols

- ◆ α -Tocopherol is the unit standard for vitamin activity, based on E-deficiency fetal resorption
- ◆ All tocopherols and tocotrienols have antioxidant activities: ranking depends on oxidative model used.
- ◆ Tocopherols, tocotrienols and metabolites have activities separate from their antioxidant effect

other: α -tocopherol quinone, γ -tocopherol metabolites (γ -CHEC, LLU- γ)

Tocopherols and Tocotrienols

- ◆ Anti-inflammatory
 - ❖ LPS-stimulated macrophage PGE2 synthesis: α -tocopherol inhibits macrophage but not epithelial cell
 - ❖ COX2 activity: I by γ -tocopherol & γ -CEHC -- not antioxidant effect
- ◆ Natriuretic (regulates cellular fluids related to HT and CVD)
 - ❖ LLU- α is an endogenous natriuretic factor; may I 70pSK channel in apical membrane of kidney
 - ❖ α -tocotrienol increases LLU- α (mechanism unknown)
- ◆ Signal transduction
 - ❖ **tocopherols and tocotrienols I Protein Kinase C** (α -toc $>$ β -, γ -, δ -toc and α -tocotrienol)
 - ❖ α -and γ -tocopherol increase NO generation, NO Synthetase (cNOS); only γ -tocopherol increase cNOS protein expression and I NO₂ formation
- ◆ Platelet adhesion
 - ❖ **γ -tocopherol $>$ α -tocopherol** and quinone, but all decrease adhesion

Tocopherols and Tocotrienols

- ◆ Cholesterol synthesis
 - ❖ γ -tocotrienol I HMG-CoA Reductase in vitro and in animal models
 - ❖ tocotrienols decrease apoB levels in hypercholesterolemic patients, mixed impact on cholesterol levels.
- ◆ Cancer cells
 - ❖ γ -tocopherol > α -tocopherol I prostate cancer cells in vivo and reduces ras p21 oncogenes in colonocytes
 - ❖ γ -tocotrienol I growth of breast, leukemia and melanoma cells
 - ❖ α -, γ -, and δ -tocotrienols and α -tocopherol induce apoptosis in cells

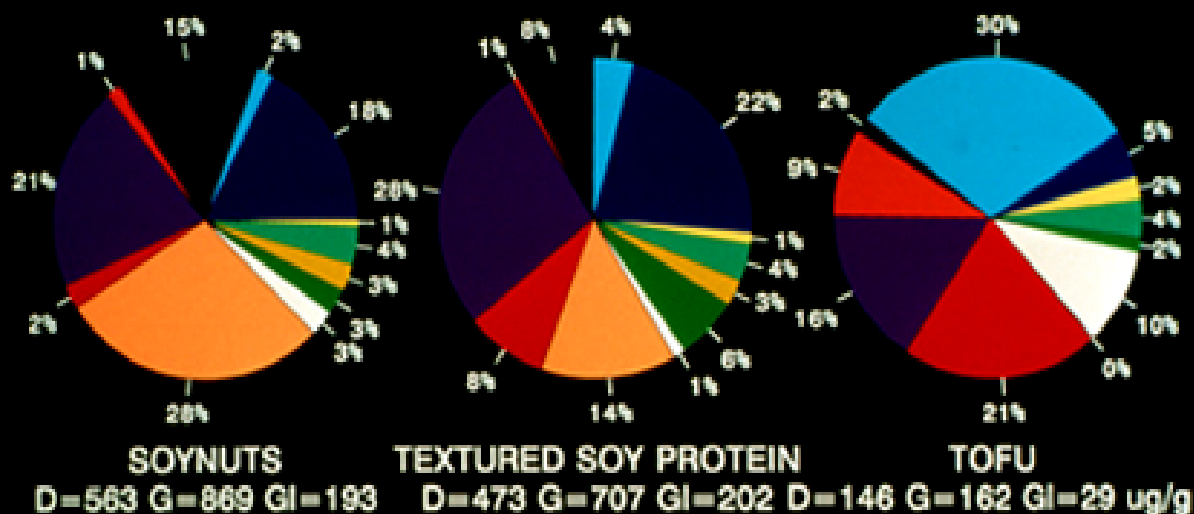
B. Phenolics

Flavonoid Family of Compounds

- ❖ Anthocyanidins
(oenin, cyanidin)
 - ❖ Flavonols
(quercetin, kaempferol)
 - ❖ Flavones
(rutin, luteolin, chrysin, apigenin)
 - ❖ Flavanols
(catechins)
 - ❖ Flavanones
(hesperetin, naringin, taxifolin)
 - ❖ Isoflavones
(genestein, diazein)
 - ❖ Hydroxycinnamate
(ferulic acid, caffeic acid, chlorogenic acid, p-coumaric acid)
- ◆ Black grapes, red wine, raspberries, strawberries
 - ◆ onion, apple skin, berries, black grapes, tea, broccoli
 - ◆ lemon, olive, celery, red pepper, fruit skin, parsley
 - ◆ black grapes, red wine, teas
 - ◆ citrus fruit, citrus peel
 - ◆ soybeans, soy foods, legumes
 - ◆ grain, tomatoes, spinach, cabbage, asparagus, white grapes, olives, apples, pears, cherries, plums, peaches

ISOFLAVONES

COMMERCIAL SOYFOODS



- DAIDZIN
- MAL-DIN
- AC-DIN
- DAIZEIN
- GENISTIN
- MAL-GIN
- AC-GIN
- GENISTEIN
- GLYCITIN
- MAL-GLY
- AC-GLY
- GLYCITEIN

*P*roincipal Polyphenolic Components in Tea

Components	Green Tea	Black Tea
Catechins	30-42	3-10
Flavones	5-10	6-8
Other Flavonoids	2-4	-
Theogallin	2-3	-
Gallic acid	0.5	-
Quinic acid	2.0	-
Theanine	4-6	-
Methylxanthines	7-9	8-11
Theaflavins	-	3-6
Thearubigens	-	12-18

Source: Katiyar and Mukhtar (1996)

Flavonols: Quercetin and Myricetin Contents of Wines and Fruit Juices

Beverage	Quercetin (mg/L)	Myricetin (mg/L)
Wine		
Red chianti	16	8
Red Rioja Otoual	4	9
White Bordeaux	<0.5	<0.5
Fruit Juice		
Apple	2.5	<0.5
Grape	4.4	6.2
Tomato	13	<0.5
Lemon	7.4	<0.5
Orange	5.7	<0.5

B. Phenolics

Active Compound	Food Source	Potential Health Benefit	Possible Mechanisms & Functions
Coumarins	Vegetables, Citrus fruits	Reduction in blood clotting; Anticarcinogenic activity	Anticoagulants; Inhibitors and inactivators of carcinogen and mutagen; Scavengers of superoxide anion
Tannins	Sorghum Hazelnuts Certain berries Grape seed (dry)	Cancer prevention; Reduction of heart disease; Antimicrobial	Antioxidant; Inhibitors of superoxide radicals production and tumor promotion
Lignan	Oilseeds whole-grain cereals legumes vegetables & fruit	Reduction of heart disease Reduction of breast cancer risks	Inhibition of the production of oxygen free radicals by PMN leukocytes in hypercholesterolemia; Decrease in serum cholesterol, LDL-C, and lipid peroxidation product and increase in HDL-C and antioxidant reserve; Inhibition of endogenous estrogens for premenopausal women.
Resveratrol	Grapes Red wine	Anticarcinogenic activity; Cardiovascular protective effects	Antioxidant; Anti-proliferative effect; Induction of growth inhibition and apoptosis; Stimulation of eNOS expression and activity; Phytoestrogen.

C. Protein/Amino Acid Derived

- ◆ Amino acids
- ◆ Allyl-S-compounds
- ◆ Capsaicinoids
- ◆ Isothiocyanates
- ◆ Indoles
- ◆ Folate & Choline
- ◆ Lactoferrin

C. Animal Derived Protein

Lactoferrin

Food Source	Potential Health Benefit	Possible Mechanisms and Functions
Milk	Stimulation of immune system; Antimicrobial agent; Healing gastrointestinal wound	Stimulation of a beneficial gut microflora; Increase in the production and release of cytokines, which may affect the immune system; T-cell dependent augmentation of NK cell activity; Inhibition of the cell migration of certain gastrointestinal cell lines.

D. Complex Carbohydrate

- ◆ Oligosaccharides
- ◆ Non-starch polysaccharides

E. Fatty Acids

Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA)

Food Source

Dairy products
Cheeses
Meat

Potential Health Benefit

Reduction of cancer; atherosclerosis; and obesity.

Possible Mechanisms and Functions

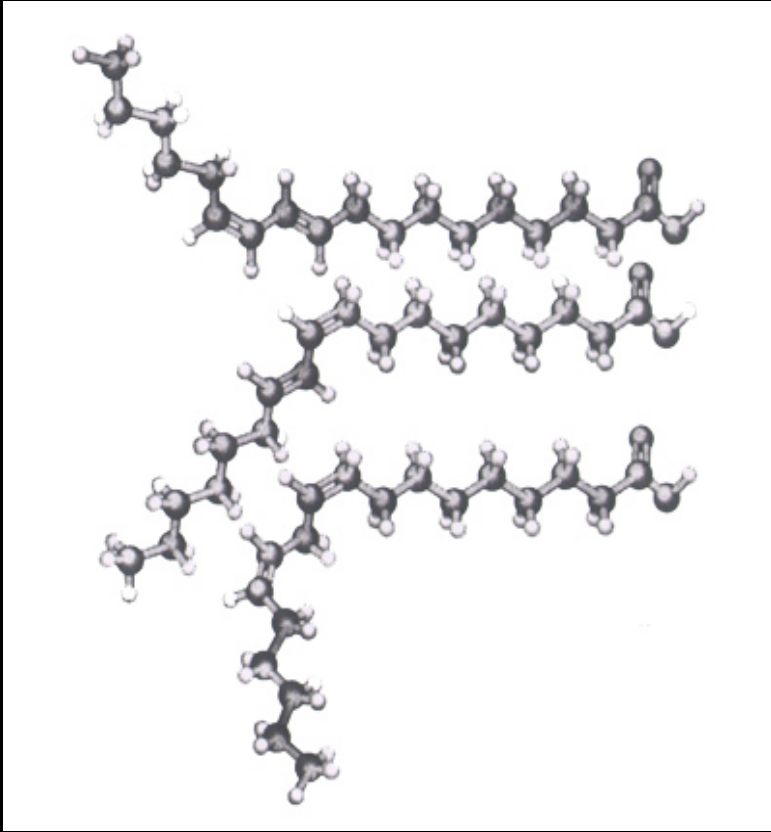
Reduction of cell proliferation, alteration in the components of the cell cycle and induction of apoptosis;

Reduction of the LDL cholesterol to HDL cholesterol ratio and total cholesterol to HDL cholesterol ratio in rabbits;

Decrease in preadipocyte proliferation and differentiation into mature adipocytes, decrease in fatty acid and triglyceride synthesis, and increase in energy expenditure, lipolysis, and fatty acid oxidation.



Conjugated Linoleic Acid



Dietary Source

- dairy foods, ruminant foods;
- 4-6 mg/g lipid

Dietary Intake

- US 70-120 mg/da greatest
in teen and young adults, M>W
- German 250-450 mg/da

Conjugated Linoleic Acid

◆ Impact on Disease

❖ Cancer

- mice and rats, decrease chemically induced tumors
- MCF-7 breast cancer cell line

❖ Atherosclerosis

- rabbit, 1% cholesterol diet - decrease Tot-C, LDL/HDL, TG
- decreased severity of pre-induced lesion (abdominal aorta plaque)

❖ Diabetes Mellitus (type 2)

- Zucker diabetic rats - decrease plasma glucose, insulin, TG & FA

❖ Adipose reduction

- growing animals vs adult humans
- animal dose (1% of diet) vs 2-3 g human

◆ Side Effects

❖ GI disturbance

E. Fatty Acids

Omega-3 fatty acids: docosahexaenoic acid /eicosapentaenoic acid

Food Source	Potential Health Benefit	Possible Mechanisms and Functions
Salmon	Reduction in plasma triacylglycerol;	Reduction in the total and LDL-cholesterol: HDL-cholesterol ratios;
Tuna		Increase in serum HDL-cholesterol;
Other ocean fish	Reduction of heart disease;	Reduction in endogenous production of TG-rich lipoproteins and increase in elimination of TG-rich lipoproteins;
Algae	Prevention of sudden cardiac death or fatal arrhythmias;	Blockage of excessive sodium and calcium current in the heart;
	Anti-inflammatory activity	Antithrombotic effect;
		Decrease in monocyte and neutrophil chemotaxis and decreases in production of proinflammatory cytokines.

EPA and DHA Content in Fish

Fish	(g/100g)
Atlantic Mackerel	2.5
Atlantic Salmon	1.8
Pacific Herring	1.7
Atlantic Herring	1.6
Lake Trout	1.6
Bluefin Tuna	1.6
Sturgeon	1.5
Anchovy	1.4
Sprat	1.3
Sardines (canned/trained)	1.1

JADA 91: 331-337 (1991)

Fatty Acid (% Total Fat)

	α Linoleic (18:3n-3)	Eicosapentaenoic (20:5n-3)	Docosahexaenoic (22:5n-3)
Freshwater fish	1-6	5-13	1-5
Marine fish	1		
Pacific Anchovy		18	11
Mackerel		8	8
Cod fish		9	3
Herring		3-5	2-3
Sardine		3	9-13
Linseed	45-60		
Rapeseed	10-11		
Green Leaves	56		

Modified from Canadian J. Physiol & Pharmacol. 72:945-953, 1994

F. MICROBIAL

Prebiotics: nondigestible but fermentable oligosaccharides

Food Source	Potential Health Benefit	Possible Mechanisms and Functions
Garlic Asparagus Chicory Barley Oatmeal	Intestinal fortification; Stimulation of immune function; Anticarcinogenic effects; Hypolipidemia	Supporting the growth of lactobacilli and bifidobacteria, which are found in the large intestine and are generally considered to be beneficial by stimulating the immune system and protecting body from infection; modulation of lipid metabolism.

Nondigestible Fermentable Oligosaccharides

- ◆ Fructooligosaccharide (FOS), as example
- ◆ Physiological Actions
 - ❖ enhances intestinal bacteria
 - ❖ lower hepatic glucose production; no effect on fasting plasma glucose or insulin
 - ❖ lowered serum cholesterol
 - ❖ animal - decreased plasma TG
- ◆ Side Effects
 - ❖ flatus (>30 g FOS/da)
 - ❖ abdominal cramps and diarrhea (>50 g FOS/da)

F. MICROBIAL

Probiotics: lactobacilli, bifidobacteria

Food Source

Potential Health Benefit

Possible Mechanisms and Functions

Fermented dairy foods:

Yogurt

Kefir

Enhancement of immune function;

Prevention of diarrhea;

Anticarcinogenic effects

Alter the intestinal microflora balance, inhibition the growth of harmful bacteria



Functional Food Products

- ◆ The examples of functional food products provided here are only representative of a larger effort to provide a healthy and safe diet.
- ◆ Some of the functional products identified here are already available in the marketplace, while others are being developed and some indicate opportunities for future project development.
- ◆ Designing of new delivery systems enables benefits from the use of each active functional food ingredient to be provided to a broader consumer population.

However, the new food products must taste good!



Soy Foods

- ◆ Tofu and other soy products are prepared using calcium coagulation of the protein, providing the food products with a ready source of calcium, high quality protein, and phytoestrogens.
- ◆ Flavoring of soy milk to enhance consumption.
- ◆ Textured soy protein can be formulated into a variety of new products, including meat substitutes.
- ◆ Roasted soy nuts (soybeans) as a healthy snack food.
- ◆ Soy butter, a substitute for peanut butter.

Dairy Products

milk, cheese, yogurt and protein (casein and whey) isolates

- ◆ Phospho-peptides produced by partial hydrolysis of casein enhance calcium absorption
- ◆ A milk based product has been developed, replacing fat with β -glucan + Oatrim (USDA) to lower cholesterol.
- ◆ Plant sterols can be added to milk and yogurt beverages to aid lowering of cholesterol.
- ◆ Prebiotic oligosaccharides can be added to milk or yogurt; even though not digested, calcium absorption increased an additional 18% .
- ◆ The dairy cow can be challenged with specific microorganisms, producing specific gamma globulins
 - isolated from the milk they can be used in therapeutic situations for calves (currently) and perhaps humans (in the future).

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ω -3 Fatty Acids

may reduce the risk of CHD, ocean fish, algae, in their diet.

- ◆ Designer oils containing eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexanoic acid (DHA) can be created and blended with other oils as ingredients to create specialty products, such as salad dressing, cooking oils or margarine.
- ◆ Growth incubators have been designed to promote the continuous production of the algae, allowing recovery and extraction of pure ω -3 fatty acids.
- ◆ The algae can be incorporated into feed products for egg laying poultry and for fish grown by aquaculture on fish farms.

Delivery Mechanisms for Bioactive Agents

Functional Foods

Designer Food Products



Cereal

- ◆ Ready to eat breakfast cereals are one of the early functional foods, delivering the fiber, and nutrient value, in a palatable form.
- ◆ RTE cereal is coated with vitamins and some minerals acting as a convenient nutrient delivery system, and should provide a delivery system for functional food ingredients.

Eggs

a nutritionally sound product in a self contained package

- ◆ Addition of cholestyramine to the chicken diet reduces the cholesterol content of eggs. Natural nutraceutical compounds may produce the same effect.
- ◆ Chickens fed marigolds or dietary carotenoids, incorporate greater β -carotene levels into their egg yolks (bright red-orange color). Similar feeding of other phytochemicals could transform eggs into a functional food.
- ◆ Chickens fed ω -3 fatty acids or algae incorporate the ω -3 fatty acids into the egg yolk, a rapidly growing consumer health product.

Margarines/spreads/cooking oils

- ◆ Phytosterols, stanols and sterols have esters that are GRAS approved, food grade ingredients
 - commercially available in margarine.
- ◆ Phytosterols can be incorporated into other foods, such as chocolate candy, yogurt and smoothies
 - health stores have added phytochemicals and herbs to smoothies for years.
- ◆ Esters of the phytosterols can be created using CLA, DHA or EPA to enhance the delivery of multiple phytochemicals in a single product.
 - The esters are hydrolyzed during digestion releasing the fatty acid ester.

Orange juice

- ◆ Calcium fortification of beverages, such as orange juice, and snack foods is not new, but can contribute to bone repair and prevention of osteoporosis.
- ◆ Nano-dispersion of phytosterols, imbedded in a lecithin liposome, into orange juice enables more people to benefit from the cholesterol lowering effects of the plant nutraceutical.
- ◆ Addition of other phytochemicals could be delivered by a similar mechanism.

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Chewing gum

- ◆ Inclusion of zinc allows coating of the throat and possibly decreases colds.
- ◆ Inclusion of cinnamic aldehyde was added to provide a cinnamon flavor, but was determined to act as an antimicrobial agent and prevent bad breath.
- ◆ Inclusion of oligosaccharides (in Japan) as a prebiotic to promote beneficial bacteria in the gastrointestinal tract.
- ◆ Inclusion of vitamins in a chewable form; other functional ingredients could be used as well.

The Value of Efficacious Functional Foods

To date, the average consumer has been willing to pay a higher price for health foods and nutritional and herbal supplement products.

What price the consumer will consistently pay for these and future value added products remains unknown?

But if the manufacturer can assure the consumer of an efficacious product that will provide an identifiable health benefit, they will spend more of their disposable income on “healthy” functional foods.

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In Closing....

Functional Foods Hold Great Promise

- ◆ The criterion for efficacy must be based on the mechanism of action of the specific compound and the lowest possible safe exposure level
- ◆ Over promotion of functional foods before efficacy is established could damage the credibility of the whole category of compounds and their food products, and deter delivery of their potential health benefits