

# Evidence Based Botanicals in the Treatment of Inflammation

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# Why do I choose/use Enfla-Mend Px & T-Cell balance Px & other RF products??

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# Our topic and objectives...

- Inflammation is a primary factor in heart disease, arthritic disease, digestive disorders, respiratory inflammation, diabetes, cancer and aging in general.
- Some botanical agents are shown to have broad acting anti-inflammatory effects for all these complaints
- I use the term INFLAM-aging with patients



## ***NF-kB Support***

Enfla-Mend Px is a comprehensive botanical formula that mediates activity of prostaglandins by balancing NF-kB (Nuclear Factor- Kappa B).

- Offers a full range of curcumin bio-constituents for optimal potency and activity.
- Provides powerful antioxidant activity.
- Boswellia extract offers unique properties that balance NF-kB.
- Supports healthy joint and muscle function.

# Supplement Facts

Serving Size: 3 capsules

Servings per Container: 25

|   | Amount per Serving | %DailyValue |
|---|--------------------|-------------|
| Boswellia extract, 65% boswellic acid (Boswellia serrata) | 600 mg             | †           |
| California Poppy (Eschscholzia californica)               | 375 mg             | †           |
| Organic Turmeric Root, 4% curcuminoid, volatile oil       | 300 mg             | †           |
| Turmeric (Meriva®) Phytosome™, 95% curcuminoids           | 300 mg             | †           |
| Bromelain 2000 GDU (Ananas comosus)                       | 225 mg             | †           |
| Quercetin   | 75 mg              | †           |
| Resveratrol   | 75 mg              | †           |
| Black Pepper extract, 95% Piperine                        | 7.5 mg             | †           |

## Minimum Constituent BioMarker Per Dose

|                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| Boswellic Acid | 312 mg |
| Curcuminoids   | 60 mg  |
| Piperine       | 6 mg   |

All Organic Herbs are Certified Organic

† Daily Value not established

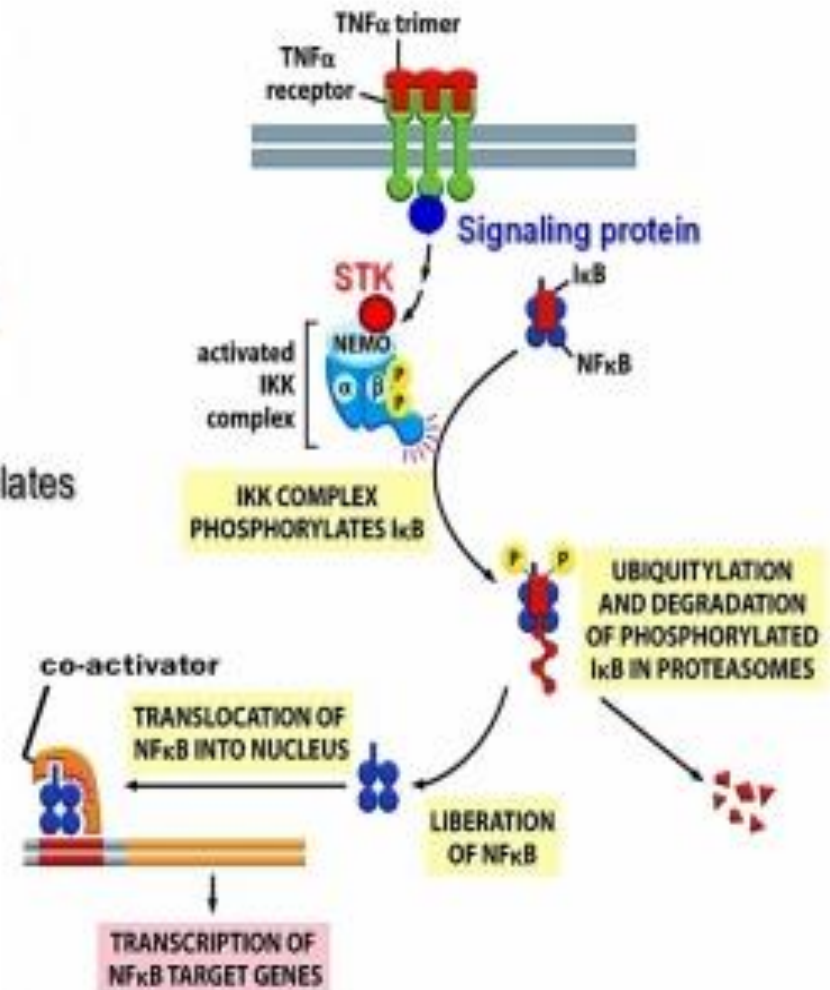
Other Ingredients: Vegetable Capsule (cellulose)

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## MECHANISM (Activated):

1. **TNF $\alpha$**  & **TNF $\alpha$ -R** bind as trimers.
2. **TNF $\alpha$**  alters the **TNF $\alpha$ R-tails**.
3. **Signaling protein** docks on altered tail.
4. The signaling proteins activates an **STK**.
5. **STK** phosphorylates I $\kappa$ B kinase kinase (**P-IKK**).
6. **P-IKK** phosphorylates **I $\kappa$ B/NF $\kappa$ -B**
7. **I $\kappa$ B** is marked for proteolysis & releases **NF $\kappa$ -B**
8. **NF $\kappa$ -B** in the nucleus, binds co-activator & stimulates inflammatory gene expression.



# CURCUMIN health benefits:



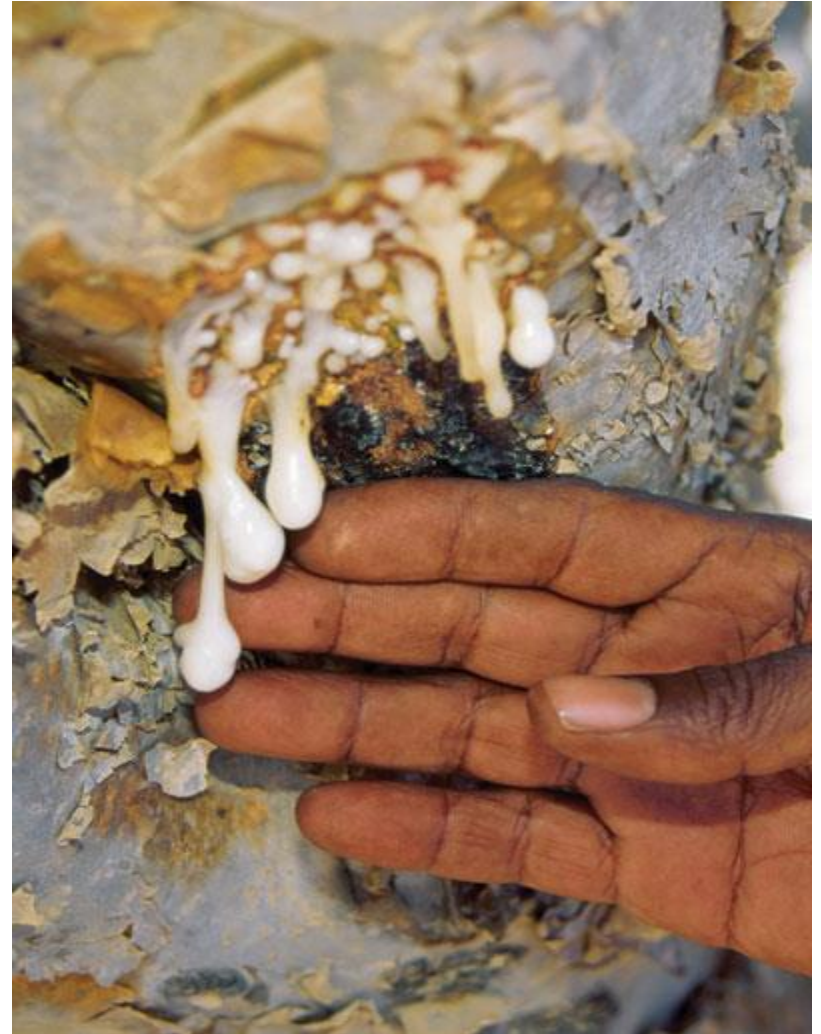
*Boswellia serrata*  
(*Salai/Salai guggul*)

- *Boswellia serrata* (*Salai/Salai guggul*), is a moderate to large sized branching tree of family Burseraceae (Genus *Boswellia*), grows in dry mountainous regions of India, Northern Africa and Middle East.

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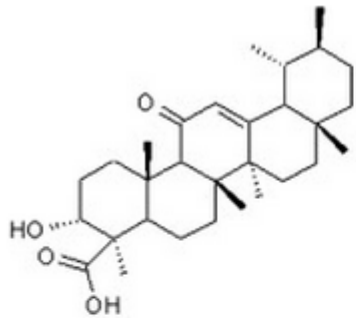
*Boswellia serrata*  
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- The oleo gum-resins contain 30-60% resin, 5-10% essential oils, which are soluble in the organic solvents, and the rest is made up of polysaccharides.

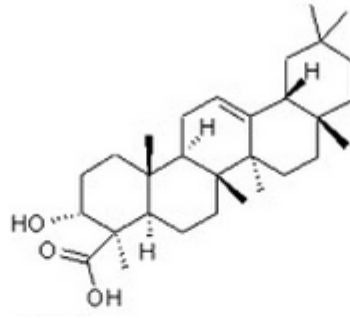
*Boswellia serrata*  
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- The resinous part of *Boswellia serrata* possesses monoterpenes, diterpenes, triterpenes, tetracyclic triterpenic acids and four major pentacyclic triterpenic acids i.e.  $\beta$ -boswellic acid, acetyl- $\beta$ -boswellic acid, 11-keto- $\beta$ -boswellic acid and acetyl-11-keto- $\beta$ -boswellic acid, responsible for inhibition of pro-inflammatory enzymes.

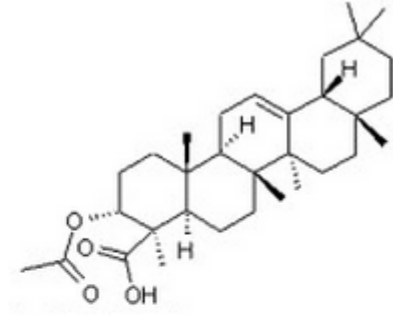
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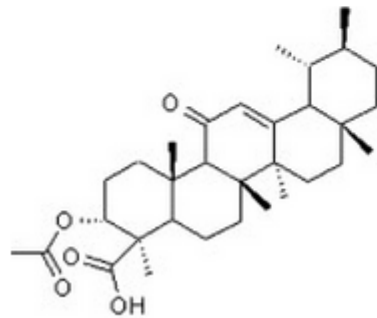
**11-keto- $\beta$ -Boswellic Acid**



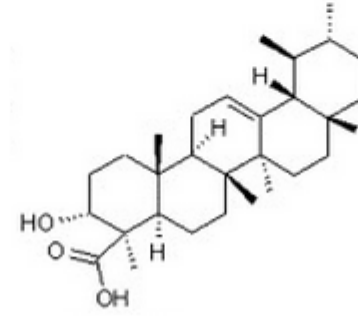
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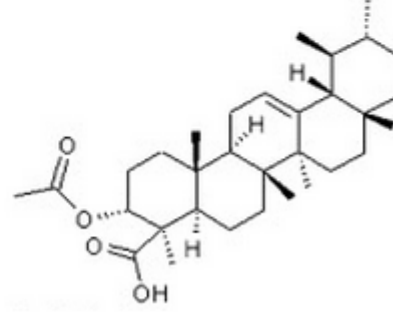
**Acetyl- $\alpha$ -Boswellic Acid**



**3-O-Acetyl-11-keto- $\beta$ -Boswellic Acid**

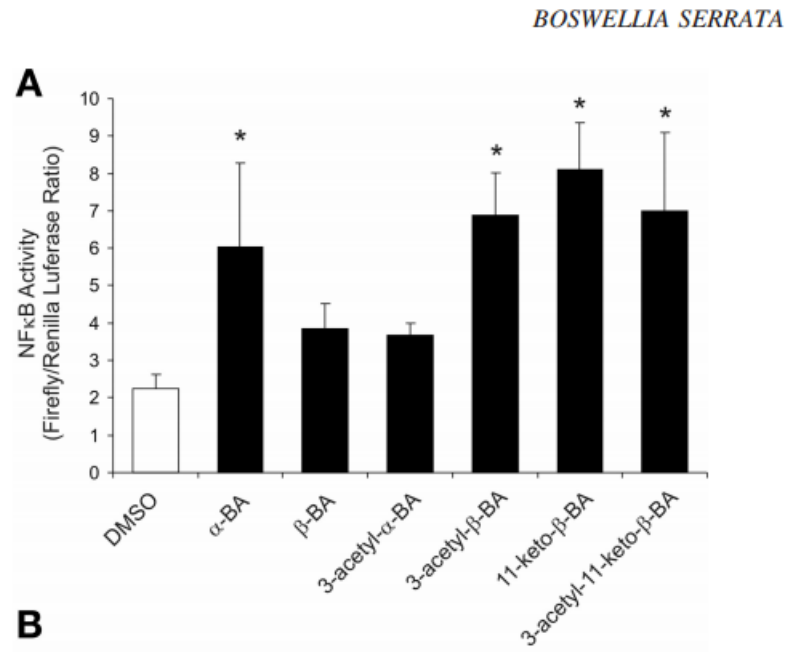


**$\beta$ -Boswellic Acid**



**Acetyl- $\beta$ -Boswellic Acid**

# Fractions of Boswellic acid and inhibition of NFκB



# Fractions of boswelliic acids

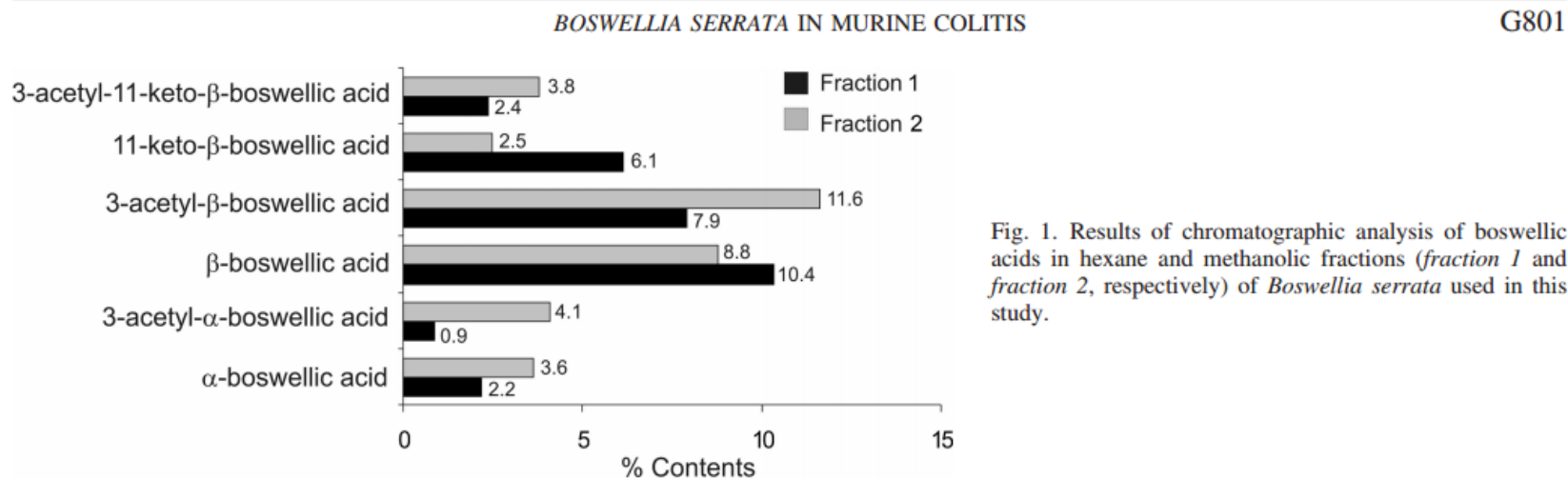


Fig. 1. Results of chromatographic analysis of boswelliic acids in hexane and methanolic fractions (*fraction 1* and *fraction 2*, respectively) of *Boswellia serrata* used in this study.

## AKBA Demonstrates Multifaceted Bioactivities

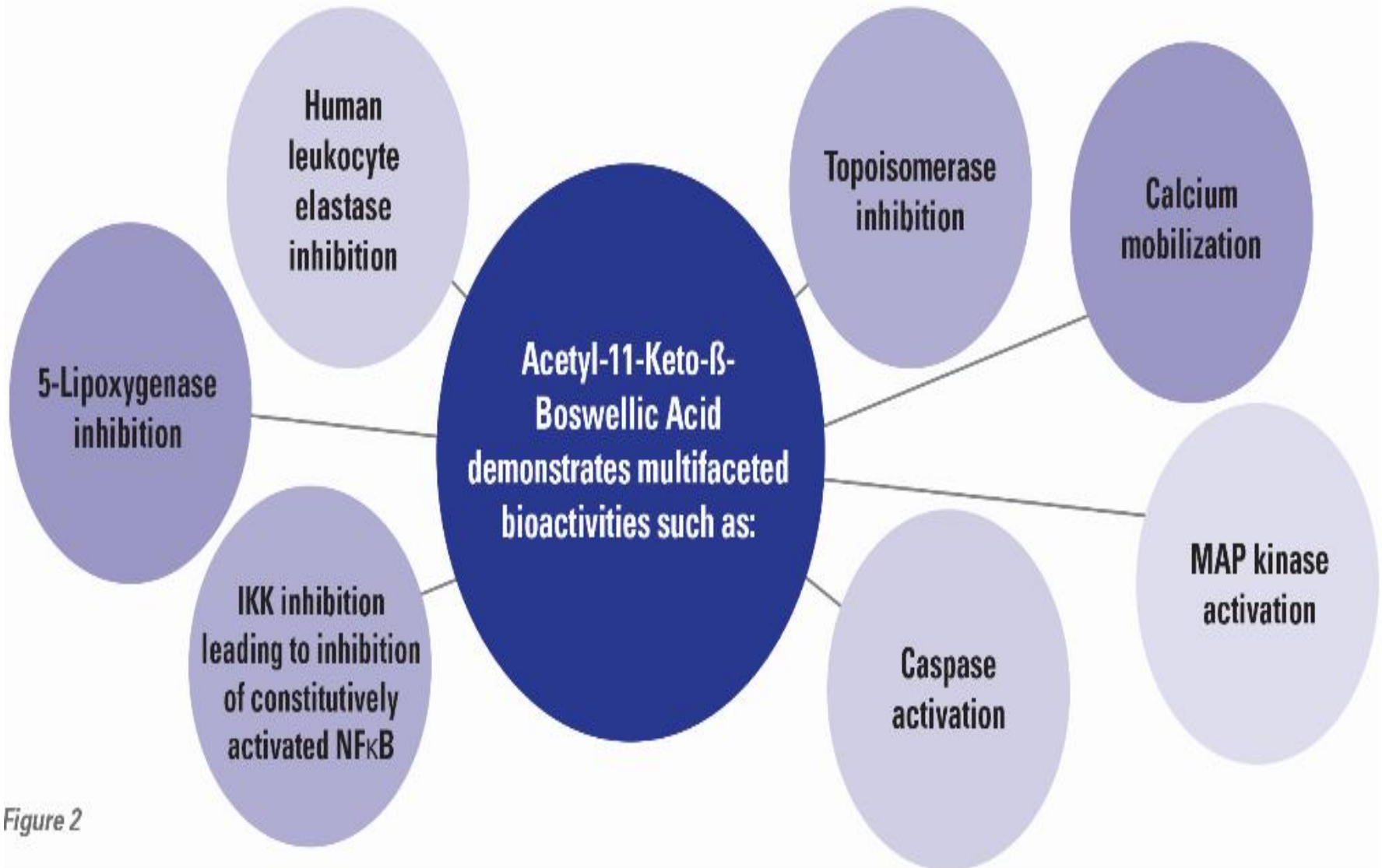
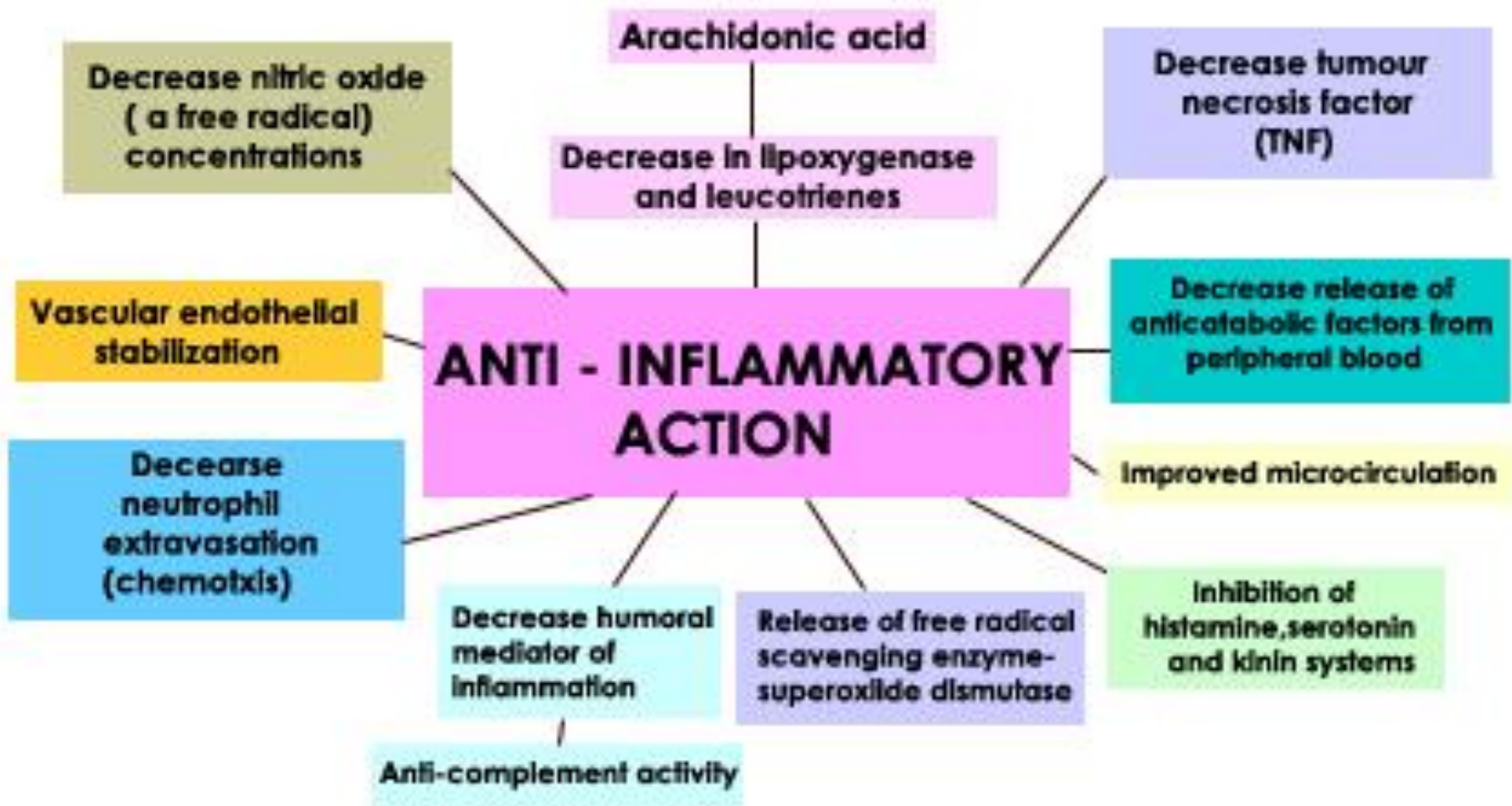


Figure 2

# Effects of Boswellia triterpenoids



Z Gastroenterol. 2001 Jan;39(1):11-7.

## [Therapy of active Crohn disease with Boswellia serrata extract H 15].

[Article in German]

[Gerhardt H<sup>1</sup>](#), [Seifert F](#), [Buvari P](#), [Vogelsang H](#), [Reppes R](#).

### Author information

### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** The purpose of this clinical trial was to compare efficacy and safety of the Boswellia serrata extract H15 with mesalazine for the treatment of active Crohn's disease.

**PATIENTS AND METHODS:** Randomised, double-blind, verum-controlled, parallel group comparison for which 102 Patients were randomised. The per protocol population included 44 patients treated with H15 and 39 patients treated with mesalazine. As primary outcome measure the change of the Crohn Disease Activity Index (CDAI) between the status of enrolment and end of therapy was chosen. H 15 was tested on non-inferiority compared to standard treatment with mesalazine.

**RESULTS:** The CDAI between the status of enrolment and end of therapy after treatment with H15 was reduced by 90 and after therapy with mesalazine by 53 scores in the mean. In this non-inferiority-trial the test hypothesis was confirmed by the statistical analysis. The difference between both treatments could not be proven to be statistically significant in favor to H15 for the primary outcome measure. The secondary efficacy endpoints confirm the assessment of the comparison of H15 and mesalazine. The proven tolerability of H15 completes the results of the shown clinical efficacy.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The study confirms that therapy with H15 is not inferior to mesalazine. This can be interpreted as evidence for the efficacy of H15 according to the state of art in the treatment of active Crohn's disease with Boswellia serrata extract, since the efficacy of mesalazine for this indication has been approved by the health authorities. Considering both safety and efficacy of Boswellia serrata extract H15 it appears to be superior over mesalazine in terms of a benefit-risk-evaluation.

Boswellia is not inferior to NSAID mesalazine

## **Boswellia serrata extract for the treatment of collagenous colitis. A double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, multicenter trial.**

Madisch A<sup>1</sup>, Miehlke S, Eichele O, Mrwa J, Bethke B, Kuhlisch E, Bästlein E, Wilhelms G, Morgner A, Wigglinghaus B, Stolte M.

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Some had complete remission with  
Boswellia

### **Abstract**

**BACKGROUND AND AIMS:** The objective of this study was to investigate the effect of Boswellia serrata extract (BSE) on symptoms, quality of life, and histology in patients with collagenous colitis.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS:** Patients with chronic diarrhea and histologically proven collagenous colitis were randomized to receive either oral BSE 400 mg three times daily for 6 weeks or placebo. Complete colonoscopy and histology were performed before and after treatment. Clinical symptoms and quality of life were assessed by standardized questionnaires and SF-36. The primary endpoint was the percentage of patients with clinical remission after 6 weeks (stool frequency  $\leq 3$  soft/solid stools per day on average during the last week). Patients of the placebo group with persistent diarrhea received open-label BSE therapy for a further 6 weeks.

**RESULTS:** Thirty-one patients were randomized; 26 patients were available for per-protocol-analysis. After 6 weeks, the proportion of patients in clinical remission was higher in the BSE group than in the placebo group (per protocol 63.6%; 95%CI, 30.8-89.1 vs 26.7%, 95%CI, 7.7-55.7;  $p=0.04$ ; intention-to-treat 43.8% vs 26.7%,  $p=0.25$ ). Compared to placebo, BSE treatment had no effect on histology and quality of life. Five patients discontinued BSE treatment prematurely. Discontinuation was due to adverse events ( $n=1$ ), unwillingness to continue ( $n=3$ ), or loss to follow-up for unknown reasons ( $n=1$ ). Seven patients received open-label BSE therapy, five of whom achieved complete remission.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Our study suggests that BSE might be clinically effective in patients with collagenous colitis. Larger trials are clearly necessary to establish the clinical efficacy of BSE.

[J Clin Invest.](#) 2001 Aug;108(4):601-9.

## **Blocking Smad7 restores TGF-beta1 signaling in chronic inflammatory bowel disease.**

[Monteleone G](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Kumberova A](#), [Croft NM](#), [McKenzie C](#), [Steer HW](#), [MacDonald TT](#).

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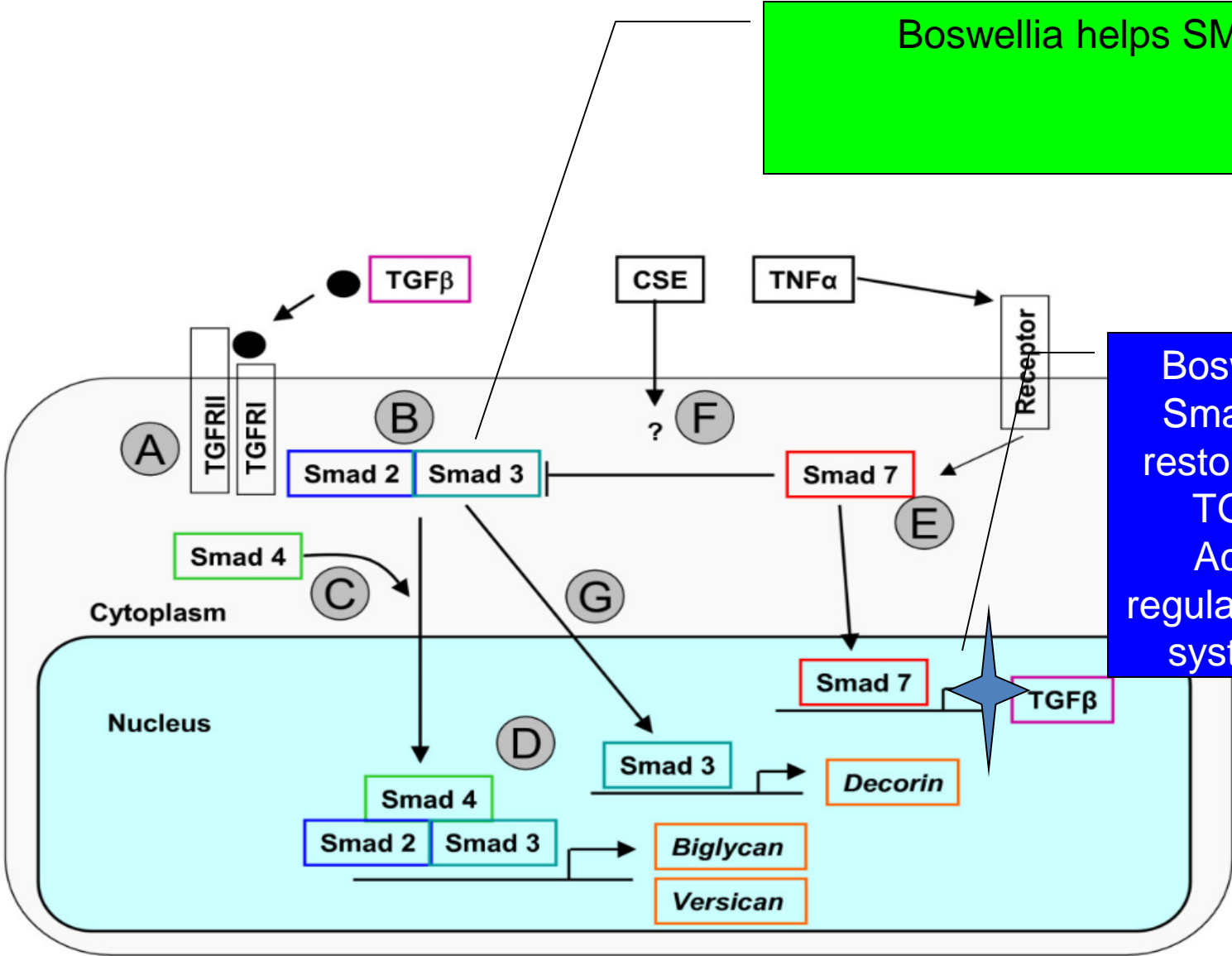
#### **Abstract**

TGF-beta1 functions as a negative regulator of T cell immune responses, signaling to target cells using the Smad family of proteins. We show here that Smad7, an inhibitor of TGF-beta1 signaling, is overexpressed in inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) mucosa and purified mucosal T cells. Both whole tissue and isolated cells exhibit defective signaling through this pathway, as measured by phospho-Smad3 immunoreactivity. Specific antisense oligonucleotides for Smad7 reduce Smad7 protein expression in cells isolated from patients with IBD, permitting the cells to respond to exogenous TGF-beta1. TGF-beta1 cannot inhibit proinflammatory cytokine production in isolated lamina propria mononuclear cells from patients with Crohn disease (CD), but inhibition of Smad7 restores TGF-beta1 signaling and enables TGF-beta1 to inhibit cytokine production. In inflamed mucosal tissue explants from patients with CD, inhibition of Smad7 also restores p-Smad3 and decreases proinflammatory cytokine production, an effect that is partially blocked by anti-TGF-beta1. These results show that Smad7 blockade of TGF-beta1 signaling helps maintain the chronic production of proinflammatory cytokines that drives the inflammatory process in IBD and that inhibition of Smad7 enables endogenous TGF-beta to downregulate this response.

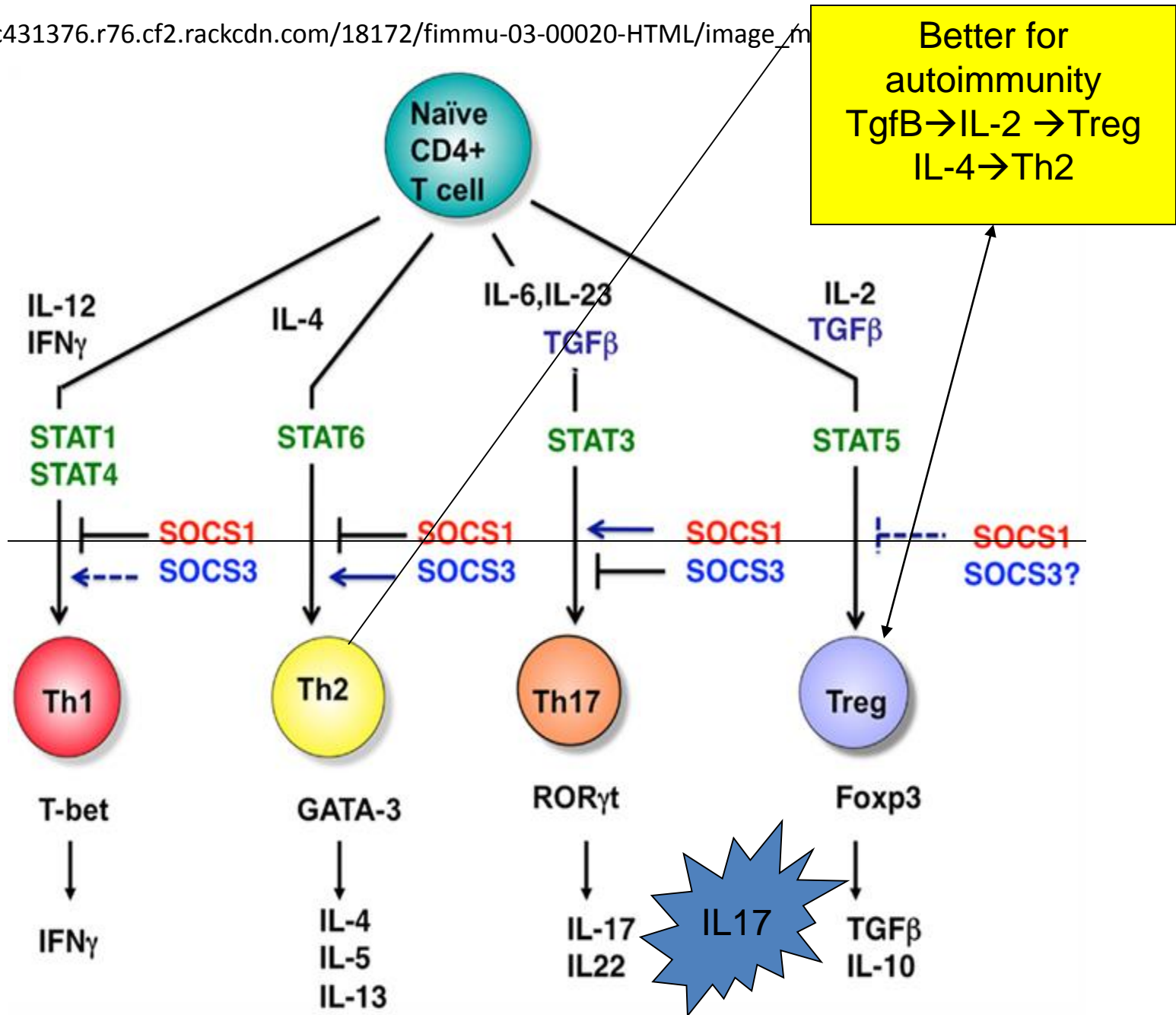
#### **Comment in**

TGF-beta/Smad signaling defects in inflammatory bowel disease: mechanisms and possible novel therapies for chronic inflammation. [J Clin Invest. 2001]

Boswellia helps SMAD3



Boswellia blocks Smad7 and thus restores Smad 3 & TGFβ, which Acts to down regulate the immune system in colitis



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[Phytomedicine](#). 2010 Sep;17(11):862-7. doi: 10.1016/j.phymed.2010.03.003. Epub 2010 Aug 8.

## Modulation of the immune system by *Boswellia serrata* extracts and boswellic acids.

[Ammon HP](#).

[+ Author information](#)

### Erratum in

[Phytomedicine](#). 2011 Feb 15;18(4):334.

### Abstract

Extracts from the gum resin of *Boswellia serrata* and some of its constituents including boswellic acids affect the immune system in different ways. Among the various boswellic acids 11-keto-beta-boswellic acid (KBA) and acetyl-11-keto-beta-boswellic acid have been observed to be active. However, also other boswellic acids may exhibit actions in the immune system. In the humoral defence system a mixture of boswellic acids at higher doses reduced primary antibody titres; on the other hand lower doses enhanced secondary antibody titres following treatment with sheep erythrocytes. In the cellular defence boswellic acids appear to increase lymphocyte proliferation whereas higher concentrations are even inhibitory. Moreover, BAs increase phagocytosis of macrophages. BAs affect the cellular defence system by interaction with production/release of cytokines. Thus, BAs inhibit activation of NFkappaB which is a product of neutrophil granulocytes. Consequently a down regulation of TNF-alpha and decrease of IL-1, IL-2, IL-4, IL-6 and IFN-gamma, which are proinflammatory cytokines by BEs and BAs has been reported. Suppressions of the classic way of the complement system was found to be due to inhibition of the conversion of C3 into C3a and C3b. However, which of these pharmacological actions contribute to the therapeutic effects and which is finally the best dosage of a standardized extract needs further examination. And it is also a question whether or not a single BA will have the same therapeutic effect as a standardized extract. Among the mediators of inflammatory reaction, mast cell stabilisation has been described by a BE. Inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis appears to play only a minor role as far as the anti-inflammatory effect is concerned. On the other hand the inhibitory action of BAs on 5-LO leading to a decreased production of leukotrienes has received high attention by the scientific community since a variety of chronic inflammatory diseases is associated with increased leukotriene activity. At the end of the cascade of events in the cellular immune system as far as it directs to various tissues of the body - i.e. autoimmune diseases - formation of oxygen radicals and proteases (for example elastase) play an important destructive role. Here, BEs as well as BAs have been found to be inhibitory. From the pharmacological properties of BEs and BAs it is not surprising that positive effects of BEs in some chronic inflammatory diseases including rheumatoid arthritis, bronchial asthma, osteoarthritis, ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease have been reported.

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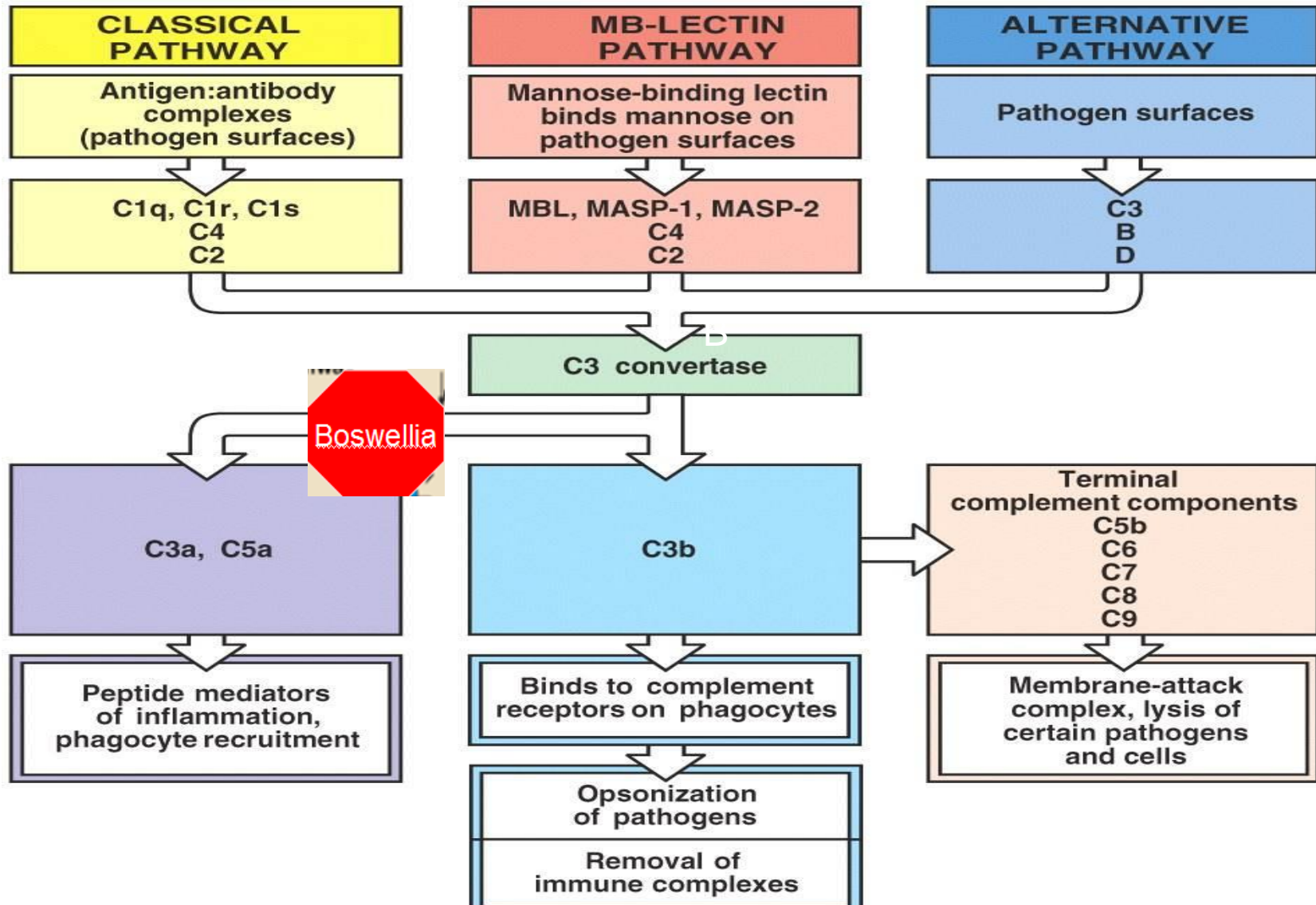
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Boswellia modulates  
c3 into C3a & C3b

Stops NFkB



# Your Cartilage & Collagen doesn't stand a chance when these pathways are activated!



*Aliment Pharmacol Ther.* 2013 Oct;38(8):854-63. doi: 10.1111/apt.12464. Epub 2013 Aug 25.

## Systematic review: the efficacy of herbal therapy in inflammatory bowel disease.

Ng SC<sup>1</sup>, Lam YT, Tsoi KK, Chan FK, Sung JJ, Wu JC.

### Author information

#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** Complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), particularly herbal therapy, is widely used by patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) but controlled data are limited.

**AIM:** To systematically review the literature on the efficacy of herbal therapy in the treatment of ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's disease (CD).

**METHODS:** Publications in English and non-English literatures (MEDLINE, EMBASE, EBM Reviews, AMED, Global Health) were searched from 1947 to 2013 for controlled clinical studies of herbal therapy in IBD. Outcome measures included response and remission rates.

**RESULTS:** Twenty-one randomised controlled trials (14 UC; 7 CD) including a total of 1484 subjects (mean age 41, 50% female) were analysed. In UC, aloe vera gel, *Triticum aestivum* (wheat grass juice), *Andrographis paniculata* extract (HMPL-004) and topical Xilei-san were superior to placebo in inducing remission or response, and curcumin was superior to placebo in maintaining remission; *Boswellia serrata* gum resin and *Plantago ovata* seeds were as effective as mesalazine, whereas *Oenothera biennis* (evening primrose oil) had similar relapse rates as omega-3 fatty acids in the treatment of UC. In CD, *Artemisia absinthium* (wormwood) and *Tripterygium wilfordii* were superior to placebo in inducing remission, and preventing clinical recurrence of post-operative CD respectively.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Randomised controlled trials of herbal therapy for the treatment of IBD show encouraging results but studies remain limited and heterogenous. Larger controlled studies with stricter endpoints and better-defined patient groups are required to obtain more conclusive results on the use of CAM therapies in IBD.

Boswellia was as effective as allopathic drugs for UC and Crohn's

# AKBA from Boswellia Prevented Intestinal Polyposis better than aspirin

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[Drug Discov Ther.](#) 2014 Feb;8(1):25-32.

## The comparative study of acetyl-11-keto-beta-boswellic acid (AKBA) and aspirin in the prevention of intestinal adenomatous polyposis in APC(Min/+) mice.

[Wang R<sup>1</sup>](#), [Wang Y](#), [Gao Z](#), [Qu X](#).

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Boswellia induces  
apoptosis in the polyps

### Abstract

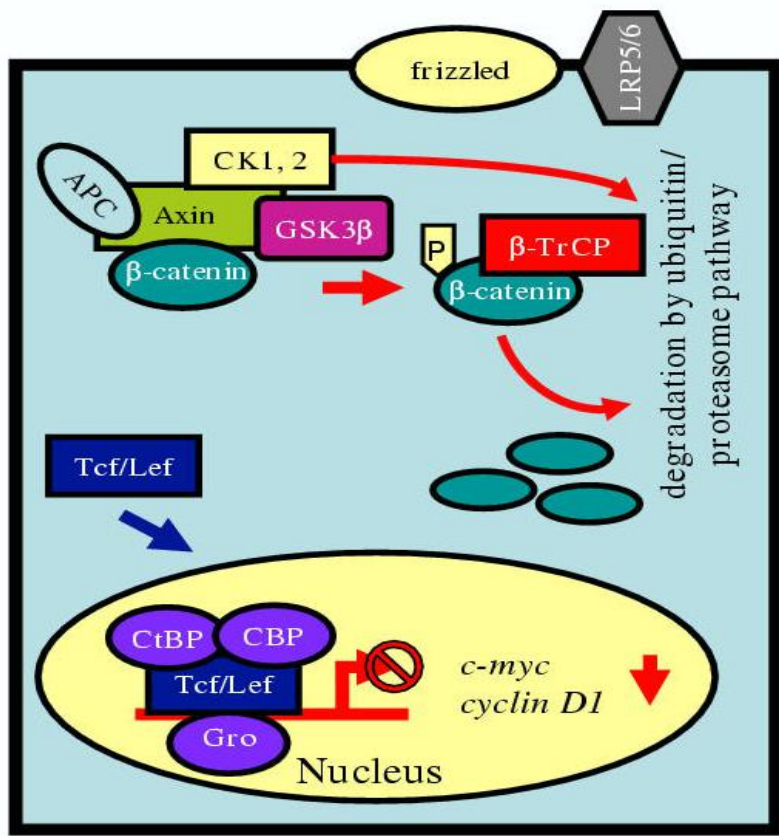
Acetyl-11-keto-beta-BA (AKBA), a component of the gum resin of *Boswellia serrata*, has been recognized as a promising agent for the prevention of intestinal tumorigenesis. Aspirin, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), has also been considered to have the activity against intestinal tumorigenesis. However, the prevention of colonic cancer is insufficient and no definitive recommendation has been made for clinic use. Herein, we compared the efficacy of AKBA with that of aspirin in an adenomatous polyposis coli intestinal neoplasia consecutive weeks. Mice were sacrificed by anesthetizing. The whole intestine was removed from each mouse. The number, size and histopathology of intestinal adenomatous polyps were examined under microscopy. The adenomatous polyps were removed for further analysis by the assays of western blotting and immunohistochemical staining. AKBA significantly prevented the formation of intestinal adenomatous polyps without toxicity to mice. Statistical analysis indicated that AKBA's activity both in the prevention of small intestinal and colonic polyps was more potently than aspirin. Histopathologic examination revealed that AKBA's effect, that is the reduction of polyp size and degree of dysplasia, was more prominent in larger sized polyps, especially those originating in colon. These effects of AKBA were associated with its role in the induction of apoptosis in carcinomas. The assays of western blotting and immunohistochemistry staining indicated that the efficacy of AKBA might arise from its activity in the modulation of the Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway and NF- $\kappa$ B/COX-2 pathway in adenomatous polyps. Conclusion, AKBA by oral application prevented intestinal tumorigenesis more potential than aspirin.

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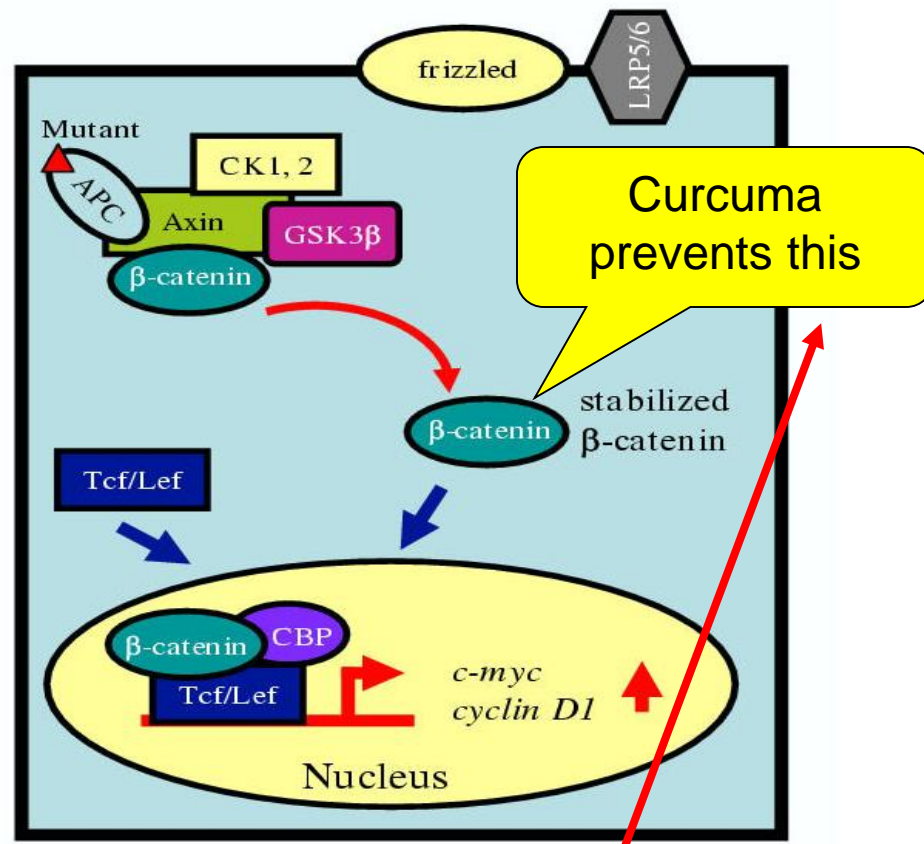


### A. Normal colonic epithelial cells



Controlled cell growth

### B. Colon cancer cells



Uncontrolled cell growth

# Boswellia may inhibit ulcers; this is critical in treating rheumatic dz, as NSAIDS can cause ulcers & Leaky gut

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*Phytomedicine*. 2008 Jun;15(6-7):408-15. doi: 10.1016/j.phymed.2008.02.017. Epub 2008 Apr 18.

## The gastric ulcer protective effect of boswellic acids, a leukotriene inhibitor, in *Wistar-Kyoto* rats.

Singh S<sup>1</sup>, Khajuria A, Taneja SC, Khajuria RK, Singh J, Johri RK, Qazi GN.

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### Abstract

Aim of the study is to evaluate the anti-ulcer efficacy of the boswellic acids (BA), a triterpenoid known as anti-inflammatory/anti-arthritic agent, which is in clinical use. The reason for the study is that, the known non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) are full of side effects especially ulceration which is at the top. BA, although, used as an anti-arthritic agent yet it is not only devoid of ulcer production but protective also. The activity evaluation was done by the following universally accepted animal models viz., pyloric ligation, ethanol-HCl, acetylsalicylic acid, indomethacin and cold restrained stress-induced ulceration in rats. Results of the present study revealed that BA possess a dose dependent antiulcer effect against different experimental models. It showed different degree of inhibition of the ulcer score towards different ulcerogenic agents. The ulcer score against various ulcer inducing agents viz., pyloric ligation, ethanol/HCl, (acute and chronic) acetylsalicylic acid, indomethacin and cold restraint stress, was inhibited by 39%, 38%, 51%, 31%, 37% and 42% respectively at 250mg/kg. From the data it is concluded that BA inhibited ulcer production non-specifically in all the experimental models, whereby, it is not possible to propose a single specific mechanism. Nevertheless it is possible that BA might be acting by increasing the gastric mucosal resistance and local synthesis of cytoprotective prostaglandins and inhibiting the leukotriene synthesis.

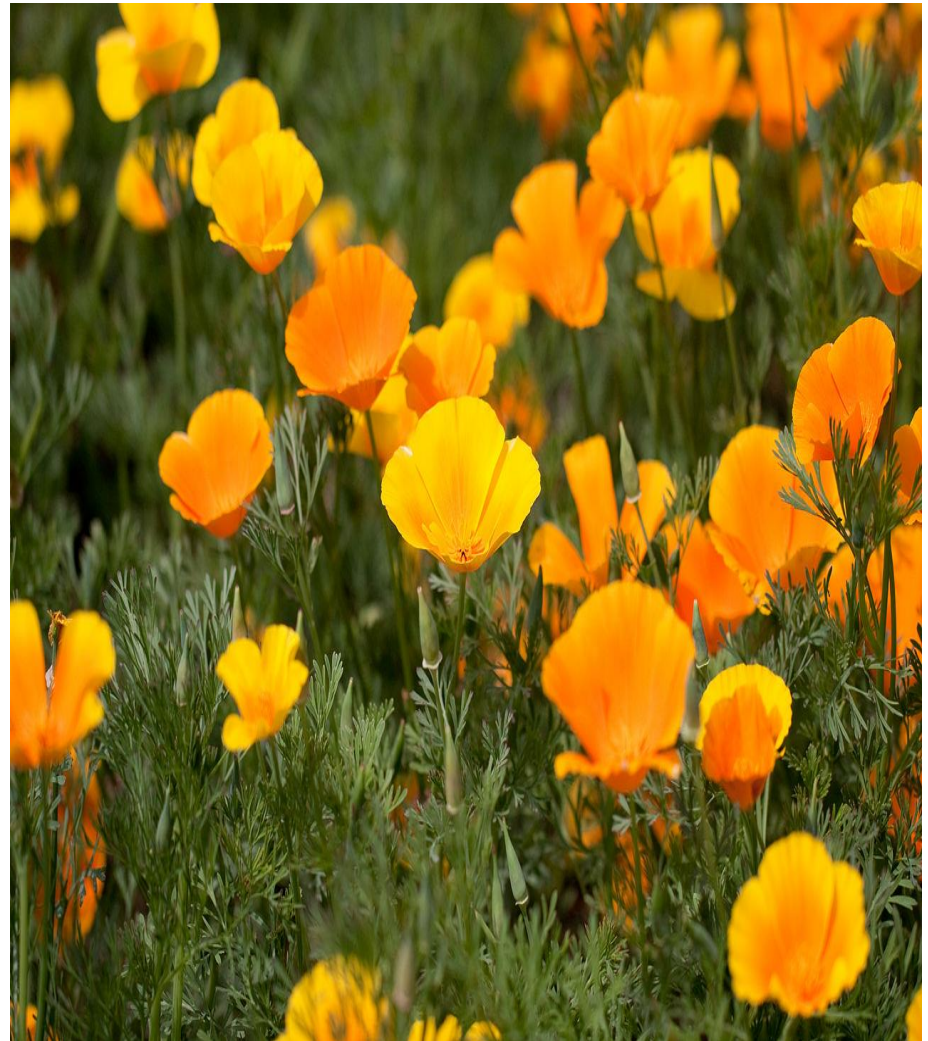
Boswellia blocks Leukotrienes and may increase protective prostaglandins

# California Poppy



# Eschscholzia is a fast acting herb in EnFlamend known to reduce pain and anxiety

- California Poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*) is the official state flower of California.
- The plant grows to 60 cm, has feathery foliage and velvety, golden-orange flower petals.
- It is a member of the Papaveraceae.



# Ethnobotany of *Eschscholzia*

- Western coastal Indians used the seed as a general pain killer, especially as a toothache remedy
- Also used externally for its antimicrobial properties as a poultice for sores and other skin disorders, its extract has been shown to be a very effective antispasmodic aiding in muscle spasms, cramps, convulsions and chronic coughs, which are a type of spasm

# History of *Eschscholzia*

- California Poppy was a commonly used herb in native American and Hispanic societies, and gained considerable interest from medical practitioners in the late 1800's, when it was added to the Park-Davis drug catalog as "*an excellent soporific and analgesic, above all harmless.*"

# The Eclectics on California Poppy....

- *Eschscholzia* was stated to be an “...analgesic and soporific without the dangers attending opiates, quieting pain and producing (a) calm sleep” (1893).
- Externally, the various Poppies can be used to treat pain and arrest local inflammation, used as a lotion, liniment, or plaster

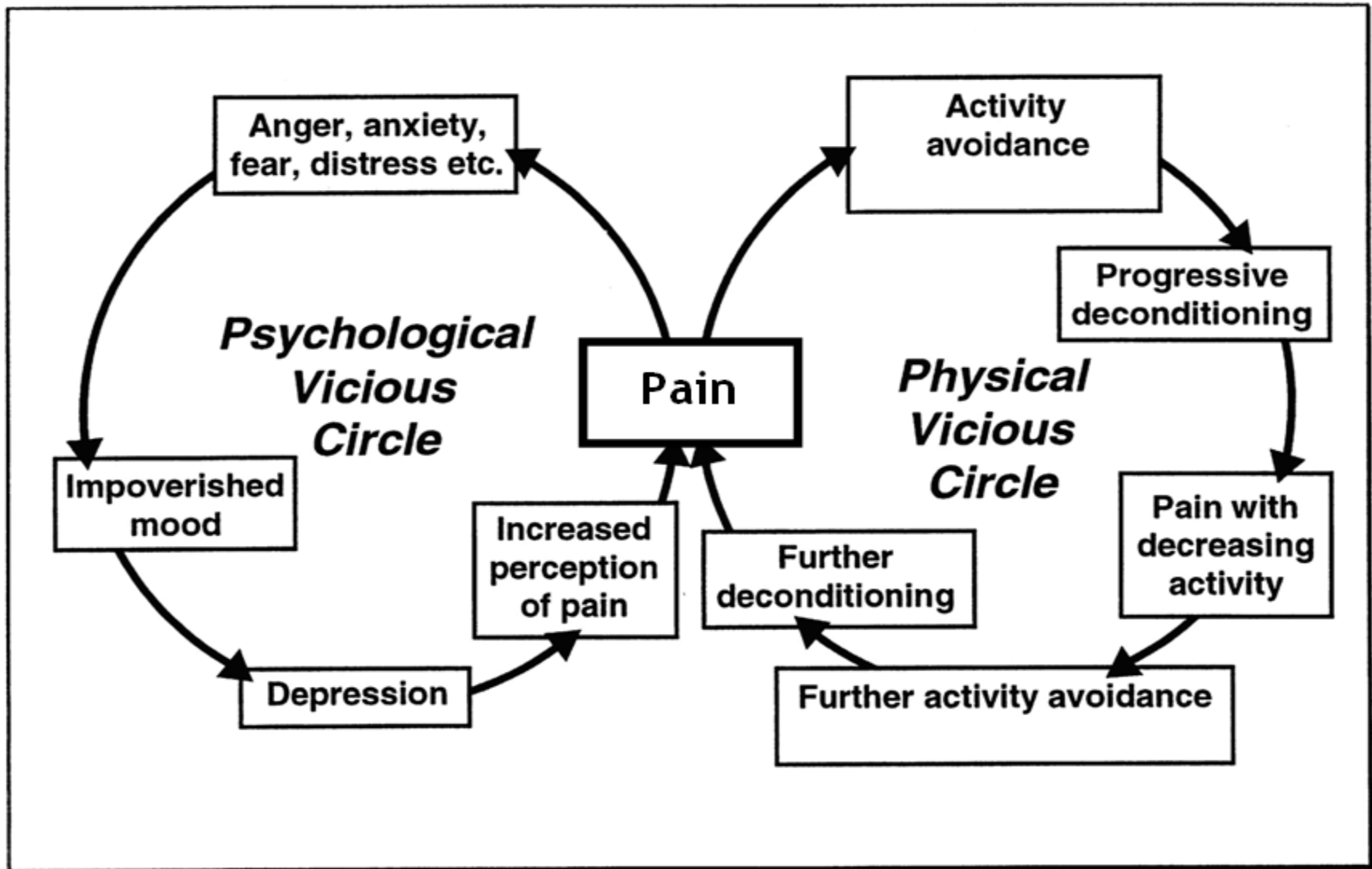
# *Eschscholzia* Constituents

- Like the Opium Poppy, California Poppy contains a variety of isoquinoline alkaloids including very small amounts of morphine and codeine.
- Large varieties of other isoquinolines, including: californidine, californinec helerythrine, chelilutin ch elirubine, coptisine, crypt ocavine, cryptopine, escho lidine, escholine, scholine, eschsoltzidine, protopine and sanguinarine.

# Clinical Studies

- California Poppy (CP) extract inhibits degradation of catecholamines and synthesis of epinephrine (adrenaline) in vitro.
- Preserving catecholamines may explain the Pain relieving and endorphin activity of CP.
- Alkaloids from CP enhance (GABA) binding to receptors, which may indicate a benzodiazapine-like activity.

# Pain cycle broken by EnFlamend and its herb Eschscholzia....



# Eschschooltia

Benzodiazepine receptors

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[Phytother Res.](#) 2001 Aug;15(5):377-81.

## Neurophysiological effects of an extract of *Eschscholzia californica* Cham. (Papaveraceae).

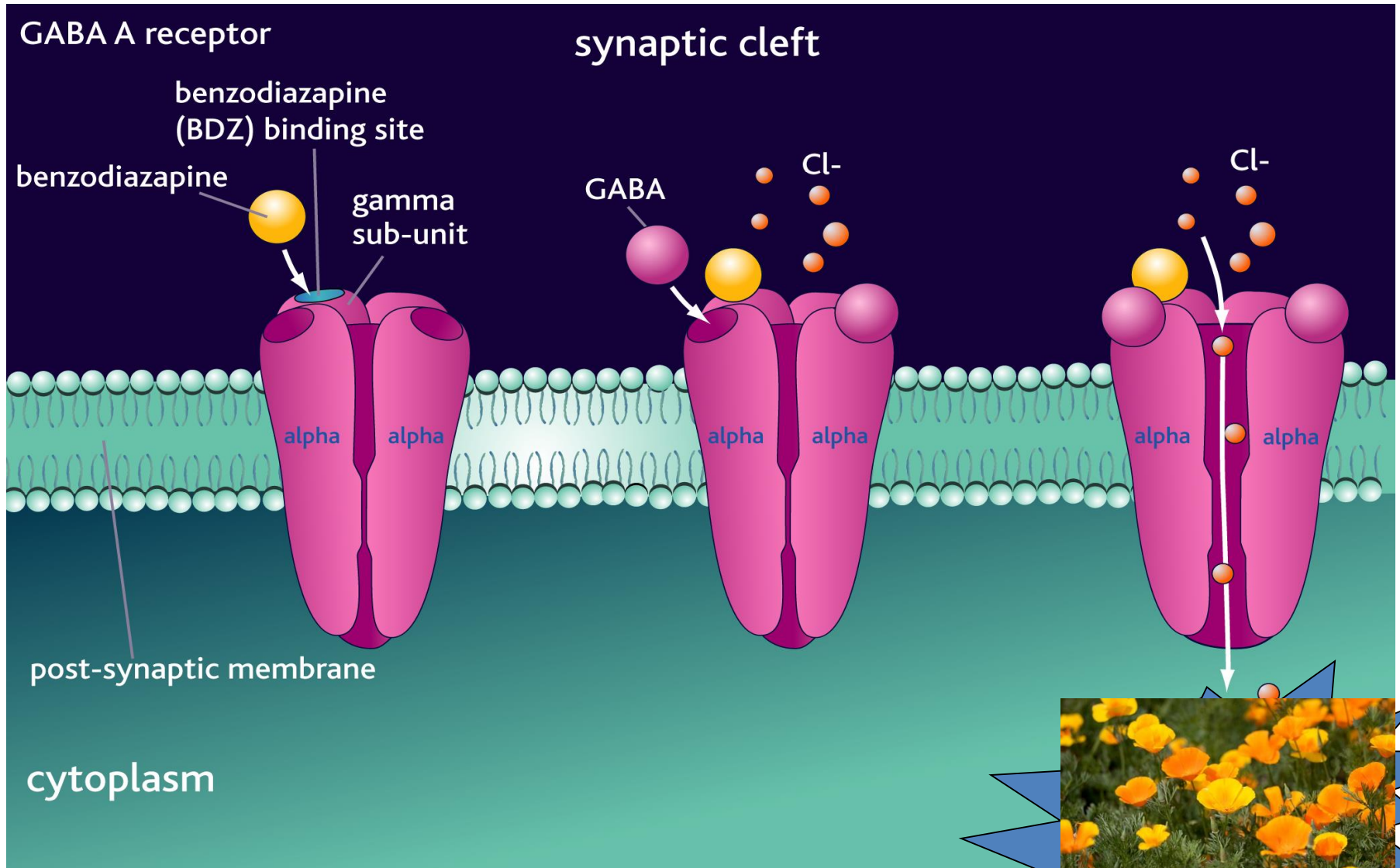
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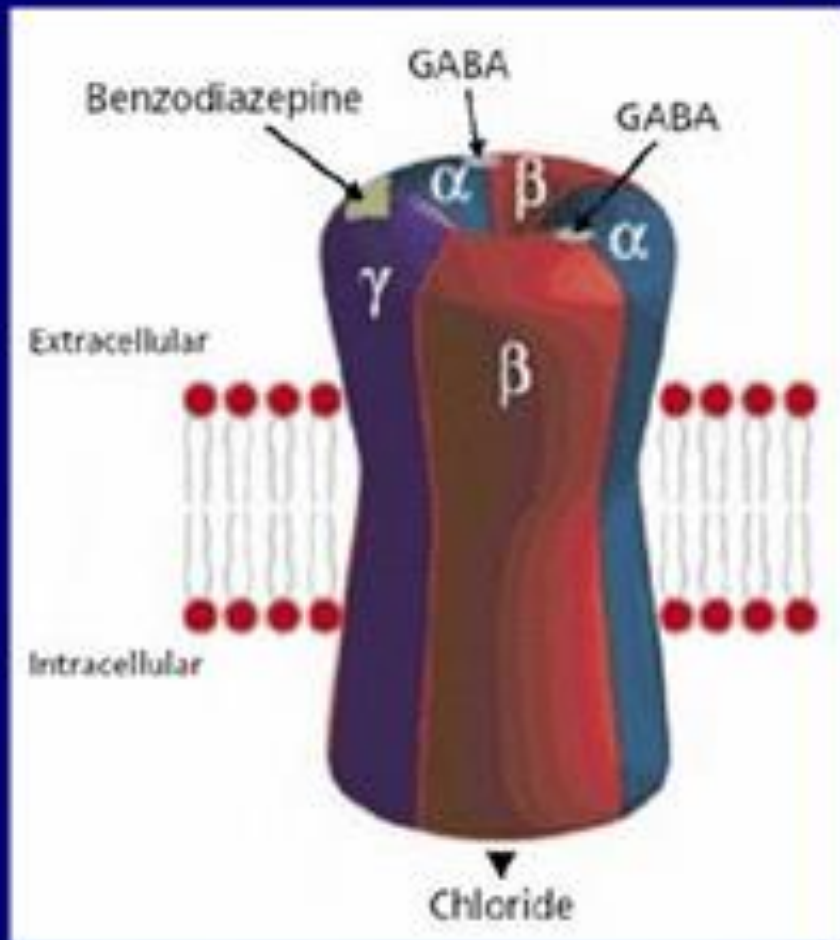
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An aqueous alcohol extract of *Eschscholzia californica* (Ec) has been evaluated for benzodiazepine, neuroleptic, antidepressant, antihistaminic and analgesic properties, in order to complete the study of the sedative and anxiolytic effects previously demonstrated. The plant extract did not protect mice against the convulsant effects of pentylenetetrazol, and did not cause muscle relaxant effects but appeared to possess an affinity for the benzodiazepine receptor: thus, flumazenil, an antagonist of these receptors, suppressed the sedative and anxiolytic effects of the extract. The Ec extract induced peripheral analgesic effects in mice but did not possess antidepressant, neuroleptic or antihistaminic effects.

# *Eschscholzia* binds to GABA Receptors



# GABA<sub>A</sub> Receptor



- BzRAs are allosteric modulators of the GABA receptor complex
- BzRA binding increases the frequency of Cl<sup>-</sup> channel openings in the presence of GABA and prolong miniature inhibitory postsynaptic currents (mIPSC)

GABA=gamma-aminobutyric acid.

Arzneimittelforschung. 1995 Feb;45(2):124-6.

## **Sedative action of extract combinations of *Eschscholtzia californica* and *Corydalis cava*.**

Schäfer HL<sup>1</sup>, Schäfer H, Schneider W, Elstner EF.

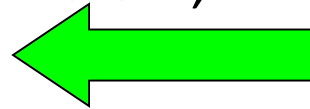
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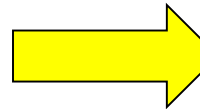
The herbal drug Phytonoxon N (abbreviated as PN) is indicated in nervousness induced insomnia, agitation and/or anxiety. It is composed of alcoholic drug extracts of the plants *Corydalis cava* (20%) and *Eschscholtzia californica* (80%). Both plants are rich in isoquinoline alkaloids derived from tyrosine metabolism. Recent research shows that they may influence the neurotransmitter metabolism.

Enfla-mend Px has 375 Mg of Eschscholtzia per 3 caps, in the range recommended by the worlds leading phytotherapists

- Dosage for pain:
- 1:2, 3-6 ml  
(Mills and Bone 2005)
- 1:5, 1-4 ml, 25% ethanol  
(Hoffmann 2003)
- 200- 800 g dried equivalent,  
per day



Enfla-Mend Px has used the cutting edge technologies to provide practitioners with the best curcumin delivery systems.....



## Supplement Facts

Serving Size: 3 capsules

Servings per Container: 25

|   | Amount per Serving | %Daily Value |
|---|--------------------|--------------|
| Boswellia extract, 65% boswellic acid (Boswellia serrata) | 600 mg             | †            |
| California Poppy (Eschscholzia californica)               | 375 mg             | †            |
| Organic Turmeric Root, 4% curcuminoid, volatile oil       | 300 mg             | †            |
| Turmeric (Meriva®) Phytosome™, 95% curcuminoids           | 300 mg             | †            |
| Bromelain 2000 GDU (Ananas comosus)                       | 225 mg             | †            |
| Quercetin   | 75 mg              | †            |
| Resveratrol   | 75 mg              | †            |
| Black Pepper extract, 95% Piperine                        | 7.5 mg             | †            |

### Minimum Constituent BioMarker Per Dose

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| Boswellic Acid | 312 mg |
| Curcuminoids   | 60 mg  |
| Piperine       | 6 mg   |

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† Daily Value not established

Other Ingredients: Vegetable Capsule (cellulose)

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# *Curcuma longa*

- Curcumin (diferuloylmethane; 1,7-bis[4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl]-1,6-heptadiene-3,5-dione)
- Curcumin is the major bioactive component of turmeric or *Curcuma longa* L., a widely used natural food product in curry powder and food coloring (mustard).

Figure 4: Potential uses of curcumin based on modern technology<sup>[2]</sup>



## Multi-targeteted

**Inflammatory cytokines**  
IL-1, IL-2, IL-5, IL-6, IL-8, IL-12,  
IL-3, MCP-1, MMP-1, MaIP

**Enzymes**  
ATFase, ATPase, Desaturase, FPTase,  
GST, GCL, HO-1, iNOS, MMPs, NOO-1,  
ODC, PMPD, TIMP-3, 5-LOX, Telomerase

**Growth factors**  
TGF  $\beta$ , FGF, HGF,  
PDGF, TF

**Receptors**  
AR, AHR, CXCR4, DR, EGFR, ER- $\alpha$ ,  
FasR, H2R, IL-8R, ITPR, IR, LD-R

**Adhesion molecules**  
ELAM-1, ICAM-1, VCAM-1

**Anti-apototic proteins**  
Bcl-2, BclL, IAP-1

**Protein Kinases**  
IKK, AAKP, Ca<sup>2+</sup> PK, EGFR, ERK, FAK,  
IL-1 RAK, JAK, JNK, MAPK, PhK, PK,  
PKA, PKB, PKC, pp60c-src TK, PTK

**Transcriptional factors**  
AP-1,  $\beta$ -Catenin, CBP, ERG-1, ERE, HIF-1,  
Notch-1, Not-2, NF- $\kappa$ B, PPAR- $\gamma$ , STAT-1,  
STAT-3, STAT-4, STAT-5, WTG-1

**Others**  
Cyclin D1, Cyclin E, HSP 70, MDR

## Mono-targeteted

COX-2 | Celecoxib

EGFR | Erbitux

TNF | Remicade  
Humira  
Enbrel

HER-2 | Herceptin

Bcr-Abl | Gleevac

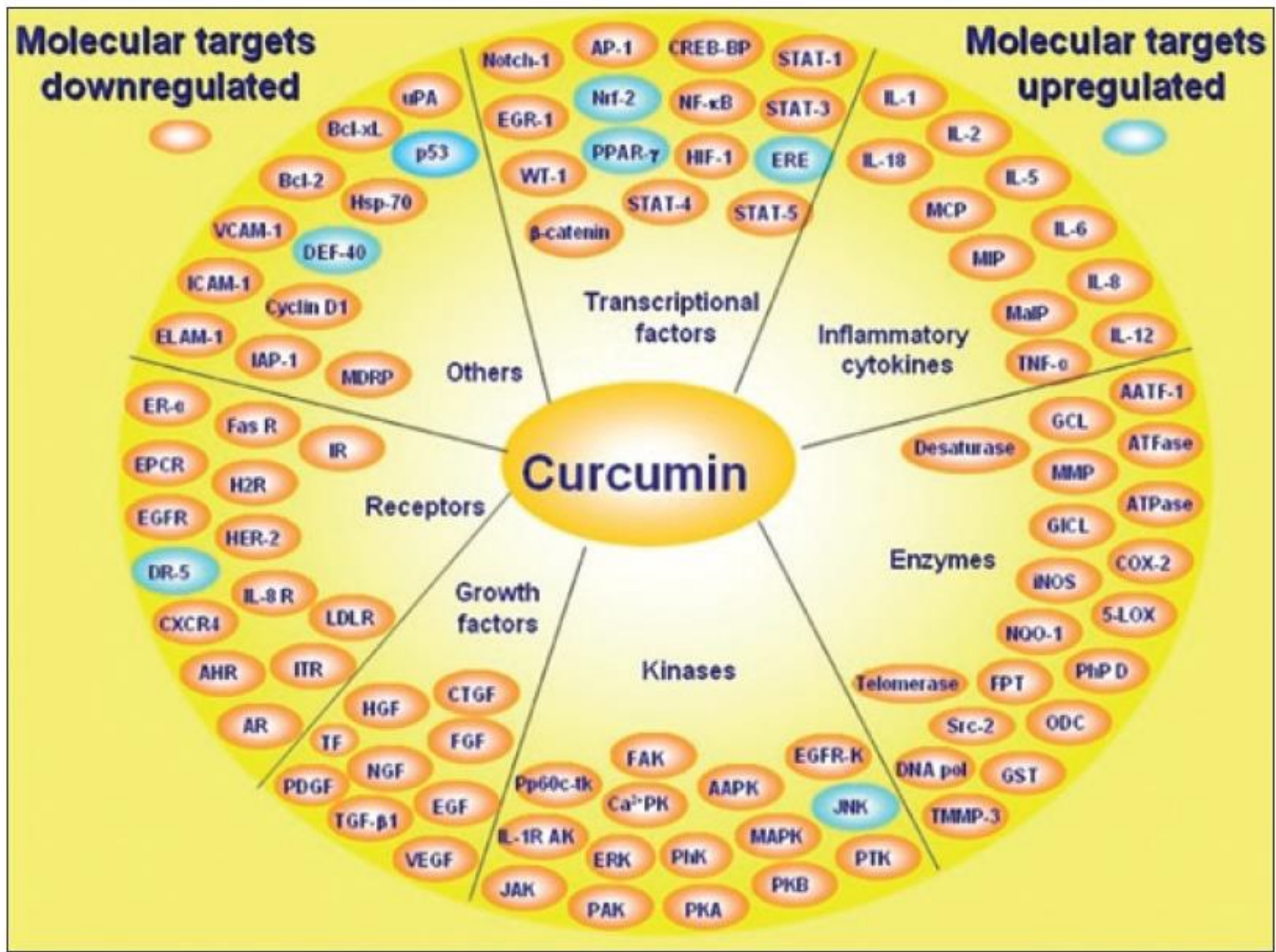
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Tubulin | Paclitaxel

Topoisomerase | Camptothecin

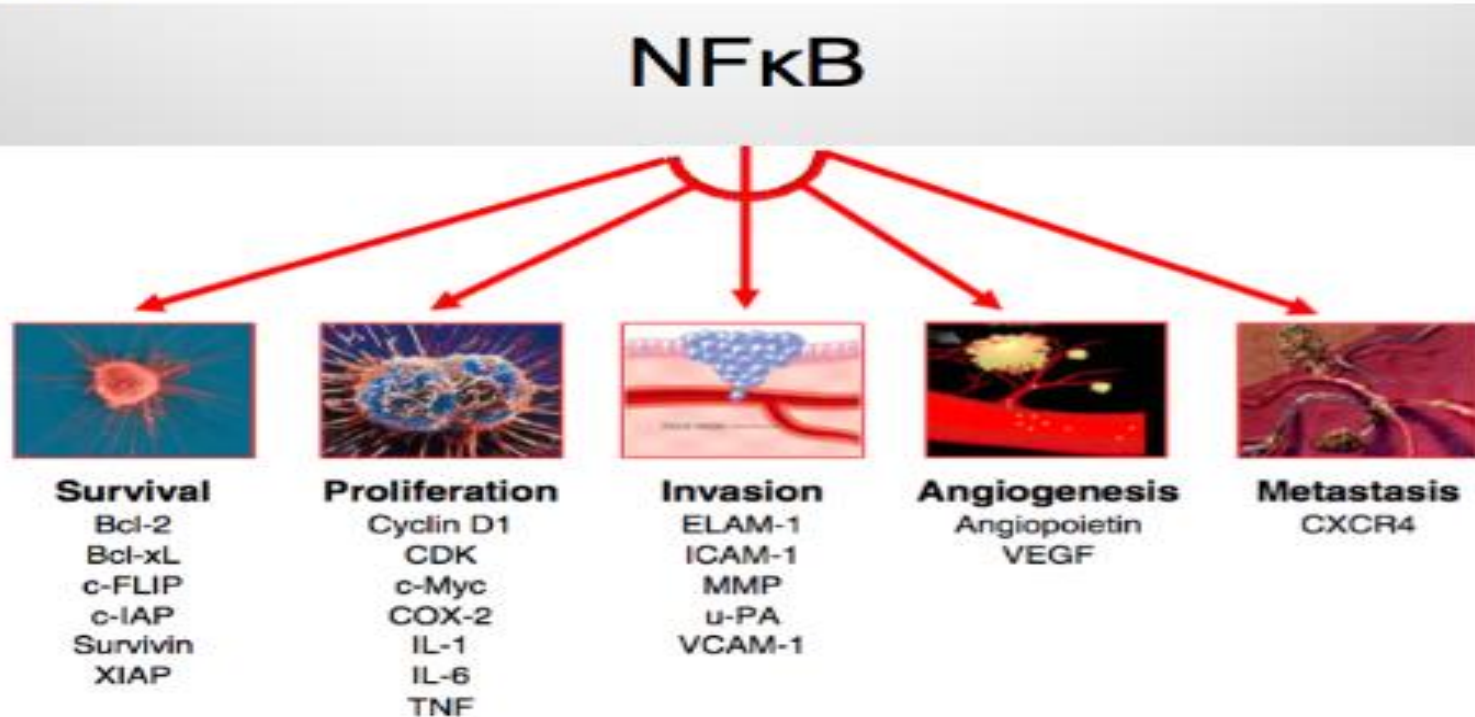
# Curcumin Targets

Figure 8: Proteins, enzymes, receptors modulated by curcumin<sup>[61]</sup>



# Curcuma and its multi-effects downstream of NfKB

a tumor:



Curcumin inhibits NFkB, and is thus able to greatly impact cancer progression. Take a look at this CAT scan from a patient with liver cancer who had *already failed* chemotherapy:

# New mechanism of action of curcuma in Cardiovascular disease

Mol Nutr Food Res. 2012 May;56(5):691-701. doi: 10.1002/mnfr.201100735.

## Molecular mechanism of curcumin on the suppression of cholesterol accumulation in macrophage foam cells and atherosclerosis.

Zhao JF<sup>1</sup>, Ching LC, Huang YC, Chen CY, Chiang AN, Kou YR, Shyue SK, Lee TS.

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### Abstract

**SCOPE:** Curcumin, a potent antioxidant extracted from *Curcuma longa*, confers protection against atherosclerosis, yet the detailed mechanisms are not fully understood. In this study, we examined the effect of curcumin on lipid accumulation and the underlying molecular mechanisms in macrophages and apolipoprotein E-deficient (apoE<sup>-/-</sup>) mice.

**METHODS AND RESULTS:** Treatment with curcumin markedly ameliorated oxidized low-density lipoprotein (oxLDL)-induced cholesterol accumulation in macrophages, which was due to decreased oxLDL uptake and increased cholesterol efflux. In addition, curcumin decreased the protein expression of scavenger receptor class A (SR-A) but increased that of ATP-binding cassette transporter (ABC) A1 and had no effect on the protein expression of CD36, class B receptor type I (SR-BI), or ATP-binding cassette transporter G1 (ABCG1). The downregulation of SR-A by curcumin was via ubiquitin-proteasome-calpain-mediated proteolysis. Furthermore, the curcumin-induced upregulation of ABCA1 was mainly through calmodulin-liver X receptor  $\alpha$  (LXR $\alpha$ )-dependent transcriptional regulation. Curcumin administration modulated the expression of SR-A, ABCA1, ABCG1, and SR-BI in aortas and retarded atherosclerosis in apoE<sup>-/-</sup> mice.

**CONCLUSION:** Our findings suggest that inhibition of SR-A-mediated oxLDL uptake and promotion of ABCA1-dependent cholesterol efflux are two crucial events in suppression of cholesterol accumulation by curcumin in the transformation of macrophage foam cells.

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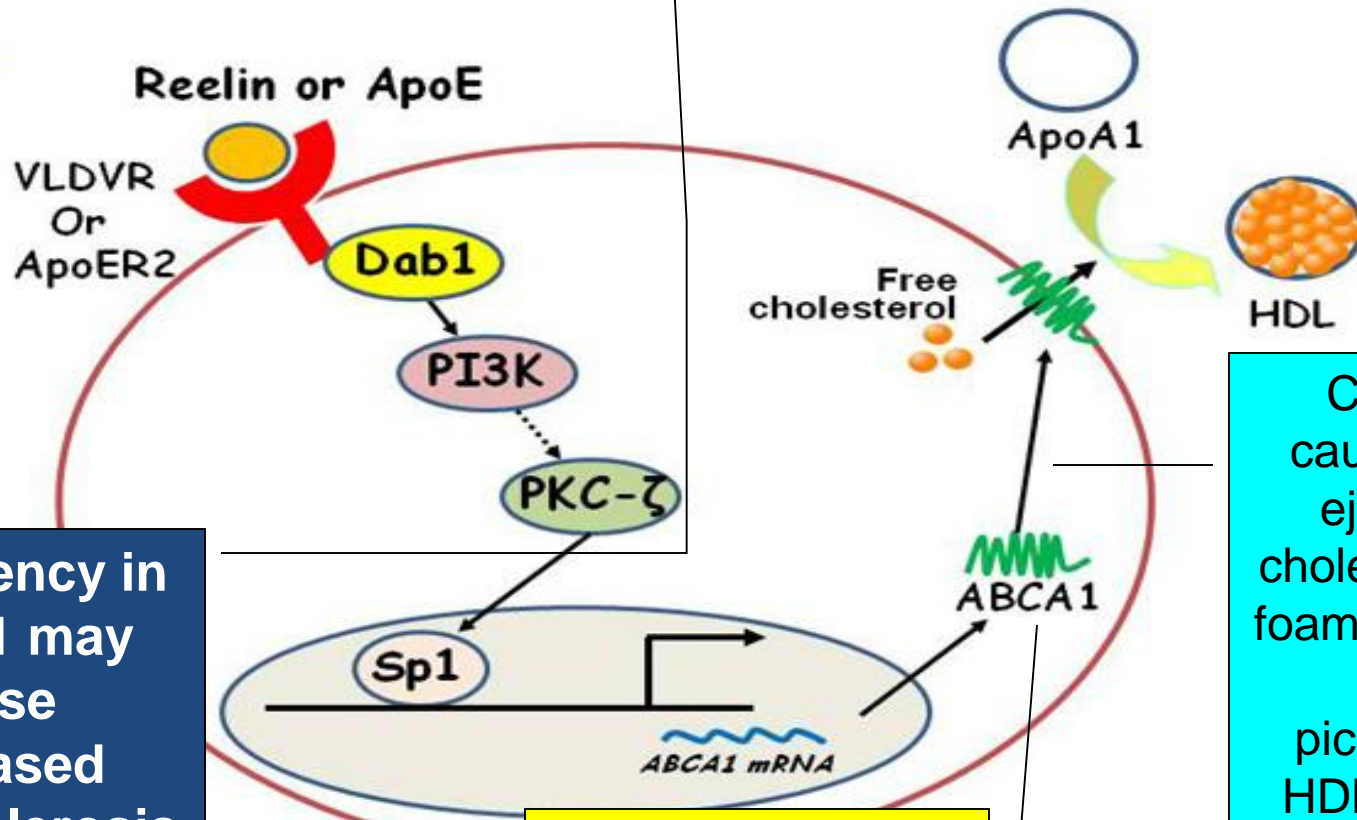
Curcuma lowered  
oxyLDL

What the heck is this??  
How does it work??

ATP binding  
Cassette transporter?

Upregulated  
ABCA1

Pathway for regulating reelin- and ApoE-induced ABCA1 expression. Up to now, data from our laboratory suggest that reelin and apolipoprotein E (apoE) are able to activate very low-density lipoprotein receptor (VLDLR) and apoE receptor 2 (ApoER2), and trigger a signaling cascade involving disabled-1 (Dab1), phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K), protein kinase C- $\zeta$  (PKC- $\zeta$ ) and specificity protein 1 (Sp1), which up-regulates ATP-binding cassette transporter A1 (ABCA1) expression and enhances cholesterol efflux. Increasing evidence indicates that a deficiency in ABCA1 could result in cellular cholesterol accumulation, and thus promoting abnormalities such as atherosclerosis.



A deficiency in ABCA1 may cause increased atherosclerosis

ABCA1 is ATP-Binding cassette transporter A1

Curcumin causes efflux ejection of cholesterol from foam cells which is picked up by HDL & ApoA1

# Smooth muscle migration is essential in the sequence & pathogenesis of atherosclerosis

*Nutr Metab Cardiovasc Dis.* 2010 Feb;20(2):125-32. doi: 10.1016/j.numecd.2009.03.001. Epub 2009 Jun 11.

## Curcumin prevents human aortic smooth muscle cells migration by inhibiting of MMP-9 expression.

Yu YM<sup>1</sup>, Lin HC.

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#### Abstract

**BACKGROUND AND AIM:** The migration of vascular smooth muscle cells from the tunica media to the subendothelial region is a key event in the development of atherosclerosis. Curcumin, which is consumed daily by millions of people, is a polyphenol derived from the plant *Curcuma longa*. In this study, we investigated the effects of curcumin on tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF-alpha)-induced cell migration, the formation of intracellular reactive oxygen species (ROS), the translocation of nuclear factor-kappaB (NFkappaB) and the activation and expression of MMP-9 in human aortic smooth muscle cells (HASMCs).

**METHODS AND RESULTS:** The Matrigel migration assay showed that curcumin (10 and 20 micromol/l) effectively inhibited TNF-alpha-induced migration of HASMCs as compared with the control group. To explain this inhibitory effect, MMP-9 was assayed by gelatin zymography and Western blot. The results indicated that curcumin inhibited MMP-9 activity and expression. Furthermore, the production of ROS and the nuclear translocation of NF-kappaB p50 and p65 induced by TNF-alpha were dose-dependently suppressed by curcumin pretreatment.

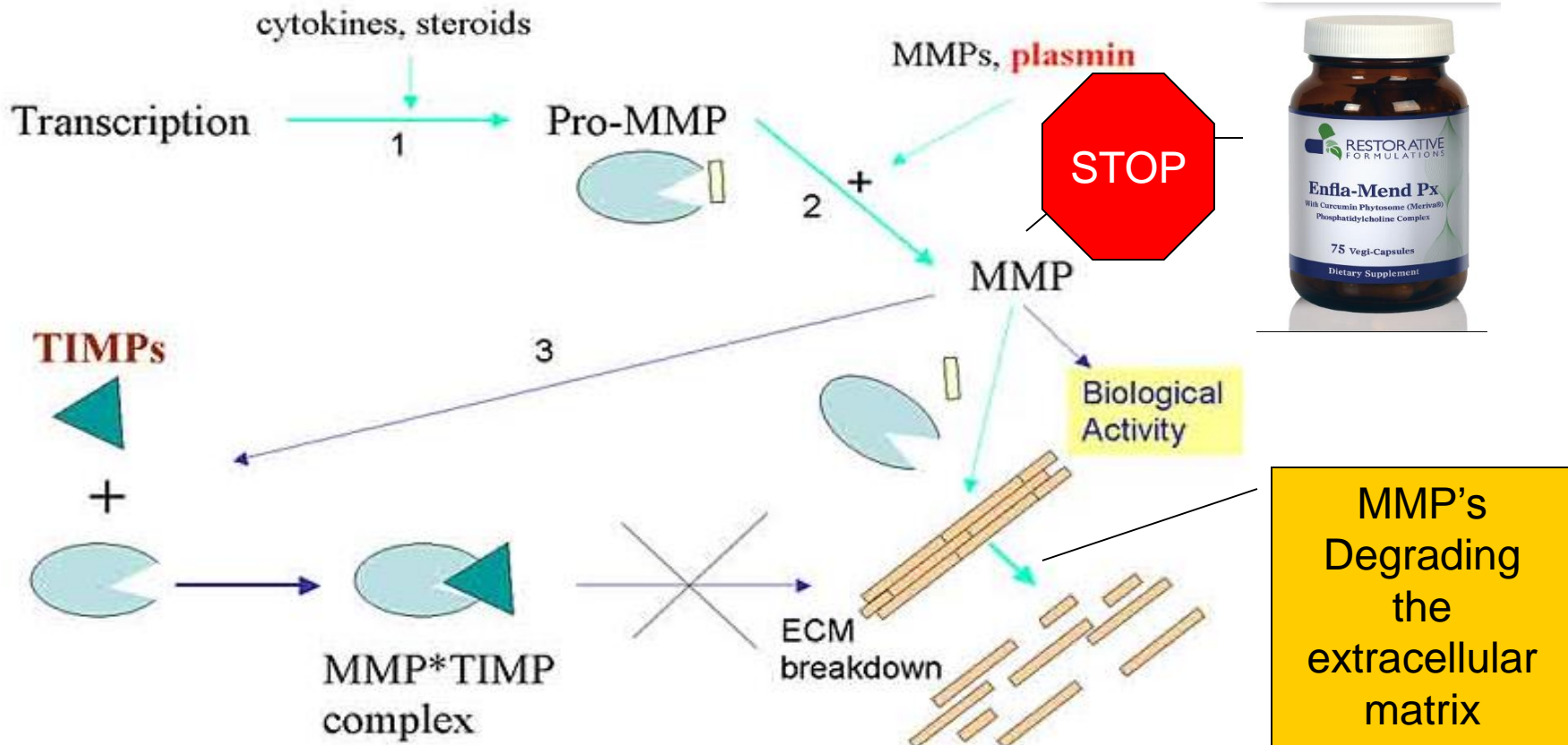
**CONCLUSION:** These results indicate that curcumin has anti-inflammatory properties and may prevent the migration of HASMCs by suppressing MMP-9 expression through down-regulation of NF-kappaB.

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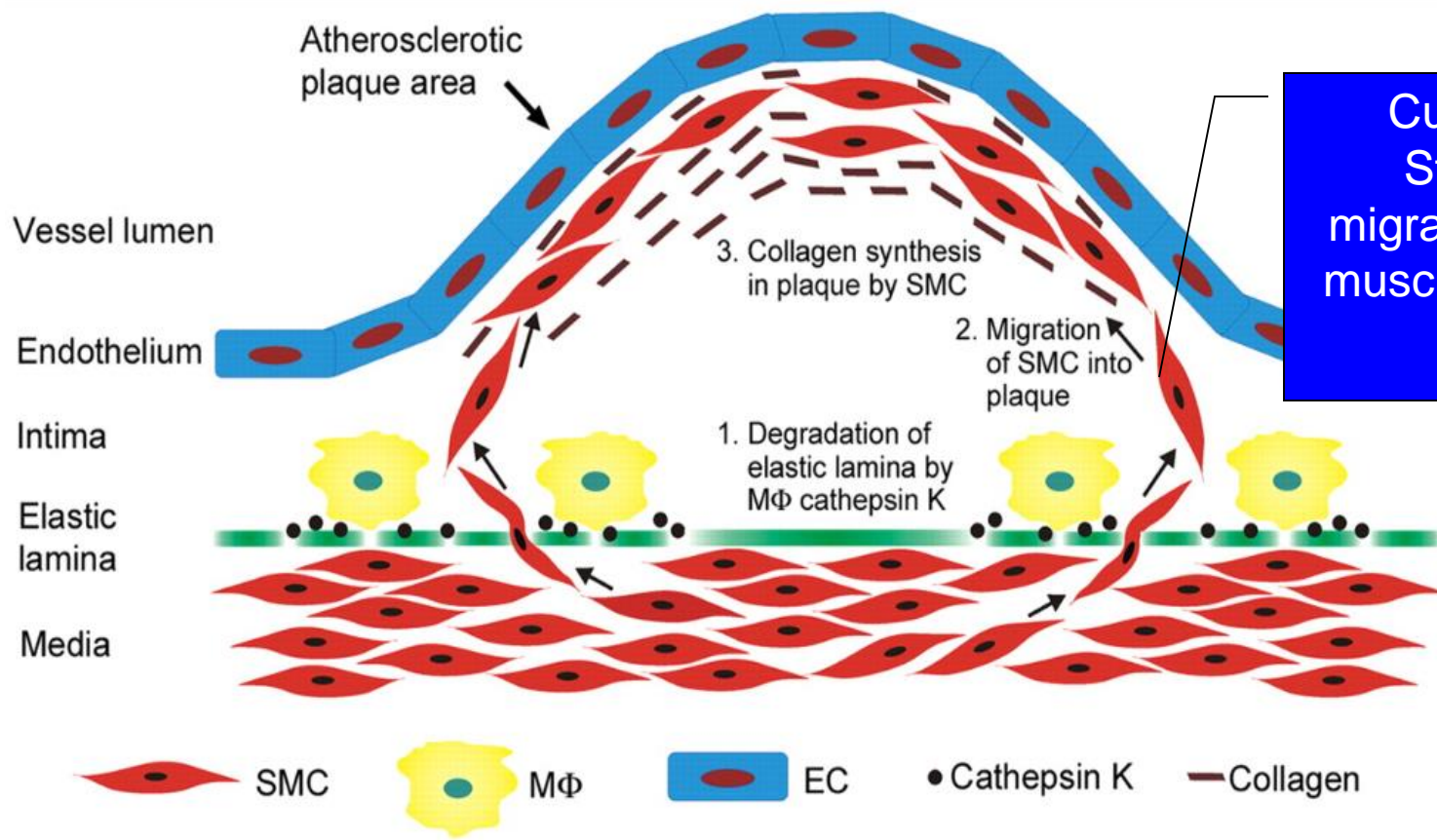
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**Figure 1.** Domain structure of the matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs). Each of the 25 vertebrate MMPs is categorized by domain structure. Abbreviations used: Pre = signal sequence, Pro = propeptide with a free.

## The Metalloproteinase System



**Figure 2.** The metalloproteinase system. Matrix metalloproteinase activity is regulated at the level of transcription (1), activation (2) and regulation at the tissue level by tissue inhibitors of metalloproteinases (TIMPs; 3). Once activated and left uninhibited, MMPs can either degrade extracellular matrix (ECM) inducing classical tissue remodeling or regulate numerous biological activities through the modulation of various cell signaling mechanisms.



Curcuma spp.  
 Stopped this  
 migration of smooth  
 muscle cells into the  
 plaque

# Curcumin is Poorly Absorbed

- Traditionally people have prepared curcumin in fat – heating with butter or oil– creates “liposomes” of a sort: little spheres of fat that carry the curcumin across the intestinal wall.

**Quercetin & resveratrol, powerful anti-inflammatory Agents by themselves.... synergizes absorption kinetics with Meriva Bromelain, piperine & the volatile oils**

**Whole intact Curcuma Wholistic, balanced with Meriva™**

**Meriva™ Phosphatidyl Complex is a Patented and Evidence-based**



**Piperine for ASSIMILATION**

**Bromelain acts As another Absorption synergist, and is a powerful botanical agent By it's own right...**

**Volatile oils intact**

## Comparative Absorption of a Standardized Curcuminoid Mixture and Its Lecithin Formulation

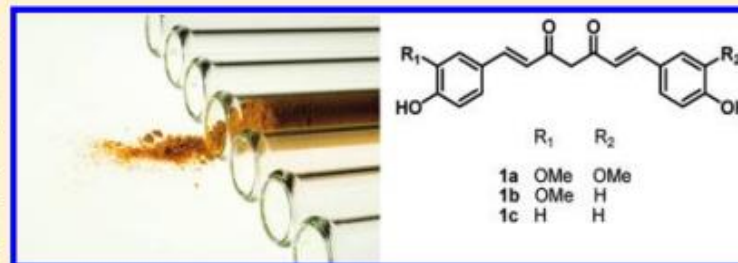
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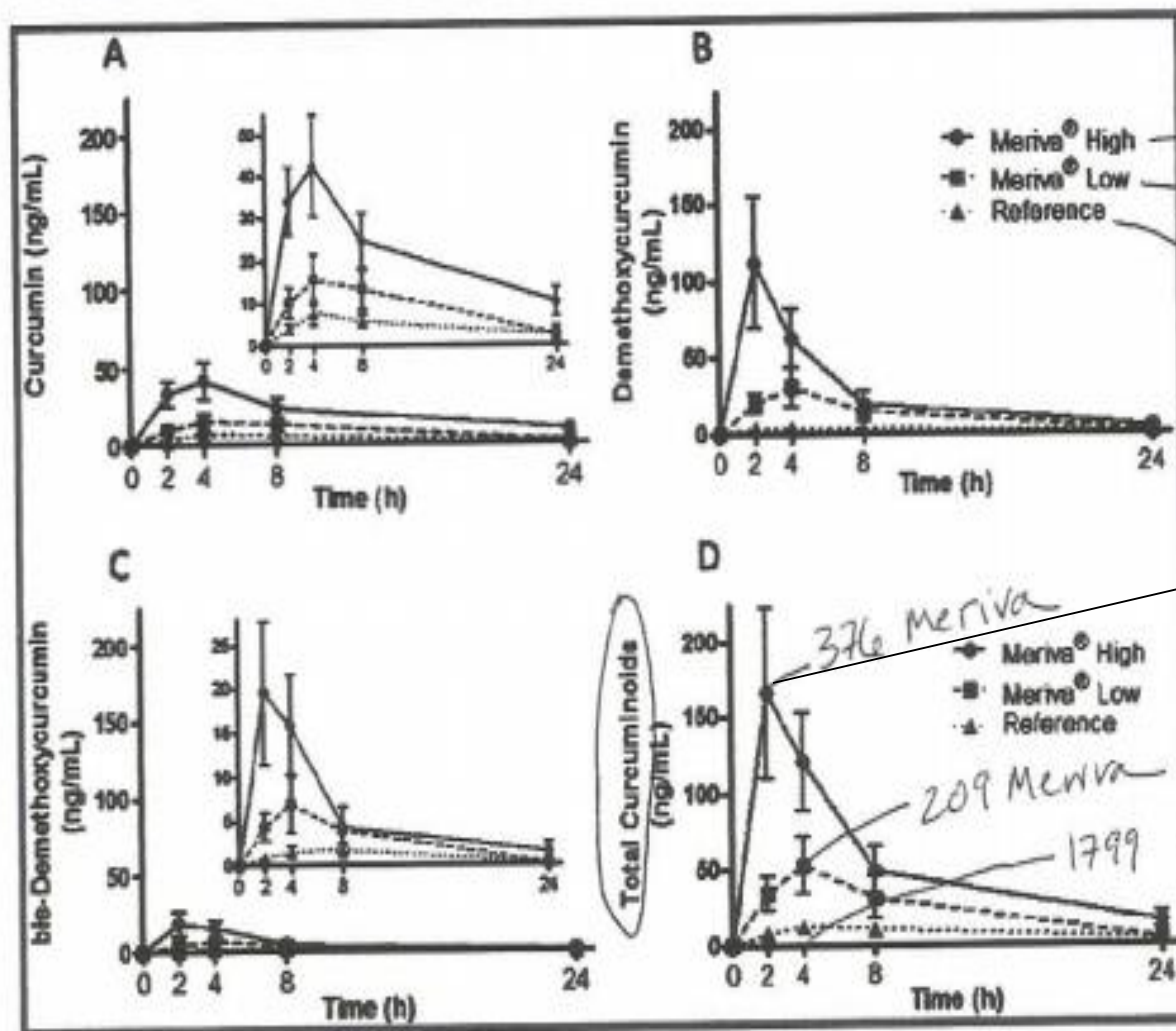
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**ABSTRACT:** The relative absorption of a standardized curcuminoid mixture and its corresponding lecithin formulation (Meriva) was investigated in a randomized, double-blind, cross-over human study. Clinically validated dosages were used for both products, and plasma levels of all three major curcuminoids [curcumin (**1a**), demethoxycurcumin (**1b**), and bisdemethoxycurcumin (**1c**)] were evaluated. Total curcuminoid absorption was about 29-fold higher for Meriva than for its corresponding unformulated curcuminoid mixture, but only phase-2 metabolites could be detected, and plasma concentrations were still significantly lower than those required for the inhibition of most anti-inflammatory targets of curcumin. Remarkably, phospholipid formulation increased the absorption of demethoxylated curcuminoids much more than that of curcumin (**1a**), with significant differences in plasma curcuminoid profile between Meriva and its corresponding unformulated curcuminoid mixture. Thus, the major plasma curcuminoid after administration of Meriva was not curcumin (**1a**), but demethoxycurcumin (**1b**), a more potent analogue in many *in vitro* anti-inflammatory assays. The improved absorption, and possibly also a better plasma curcuminoid profile, might underlie the clinical efficacy of Meriva at doses significantly lower than unformulated curcuminoid mixtures.





376 mg curcumin  
 209 mg curcuminoids  
 1799 mg curcuminoid

Meriva showing better absorption of curcuminoids

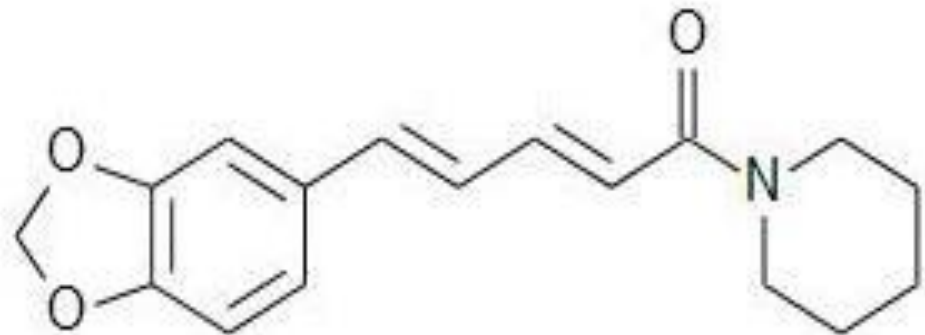
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Figure 1. Pharmacokinetic data for curcumin (1a), demethoxycurcumin (1b), bisdemethoxycurcumin (1c), and total curcuminoids for each dosage. Concentrations are expressed in ng/mL and refer to enzymatically hydrolyzed plasma samples. Circles (●) represent high dosages of Meriva; squares (■) represent low-dose Meriva; and triangles (▲) represent the reference material. Insets (A and C) show an expanded view of the original data. The data shown are baseline subtracted means ± SEM.

99590 curcumin

# Adding Piperine...The science

- Curcumin bioavailability has been improved by co-administering it with piperine.
- Piperine is a piperidine alkaloid found in the fruit of the black pepper (*Piper nigrum*), and is responsible for the pungency of black pepper spice.



# Piperine's Effect on Curcumin

- Piperine improves Curcumin's bioavailability by inhibiting Hepatic phase II glucuronidation
- Piperine also improves intestinal absorption by inhibiting P-glycoprotein-1, a broad-acting xenobiotic efflux transporter).

Piperine inhibits liver degradation of the curcuma, supporting tissue saturation

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Pharmazie. 2012 Jun;67(6):518-24.

## Physiological barriers to the oral delivery of curcumin.

Berginc K<sup>1</sup>, Trontelj J, Basnet NS, Kristl A.

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### Abstract

Curcumin, a principal component from *Curcuma longa*, with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties, is used for the prevention and/or treatment of cancer and chronic diseases. However, curcumin could not achieve its expected therapeutic outcome in clinical trials due to its low solubility and poor bioavailability. The actual intestinal physiological barriers limiting curcumin absorption after oral administration have not been fully investigated. To identify the main barriers curtailing its absorption, in vitro permeability of curcumin and flux of its glucuronide were monitored in rat jejunum and Transwell grown Caco-2 cells. Curcumin was more permeable under acidic conditions, but the permeability was substantially below the permeability of highly permeable standards. Its efflux could not be inhibited by specific Pgp and MRP inhibitors. BCRP was found to participate in curcumin transport, but the Organic Anion Transporting Polypeptide (OATP) did not. The permeability of curcumin significantly increased when the structure of mucus was compromised. The inhibitor of curcumin metabolism, piperin, failed to act as a permeability enhancer. Piperin inhibited Pgp and MRP transporters and decreased the amount of glucuronide transported back into the intestine. Inclusion of piperin in curcumin-containing formulations is highly recommended as to inhibit curcumin glucuronidation and to increase the transport of formed glucuronides into the plasma, therefore increasing the probability of glucuronide distribution into target tissue and inter-conversion to curcumin. It would also be beneficial, if curcumin delivery systems could reversibly compromise the mucous integrity to minimize the non-specific binding of curcumin to its constituents.

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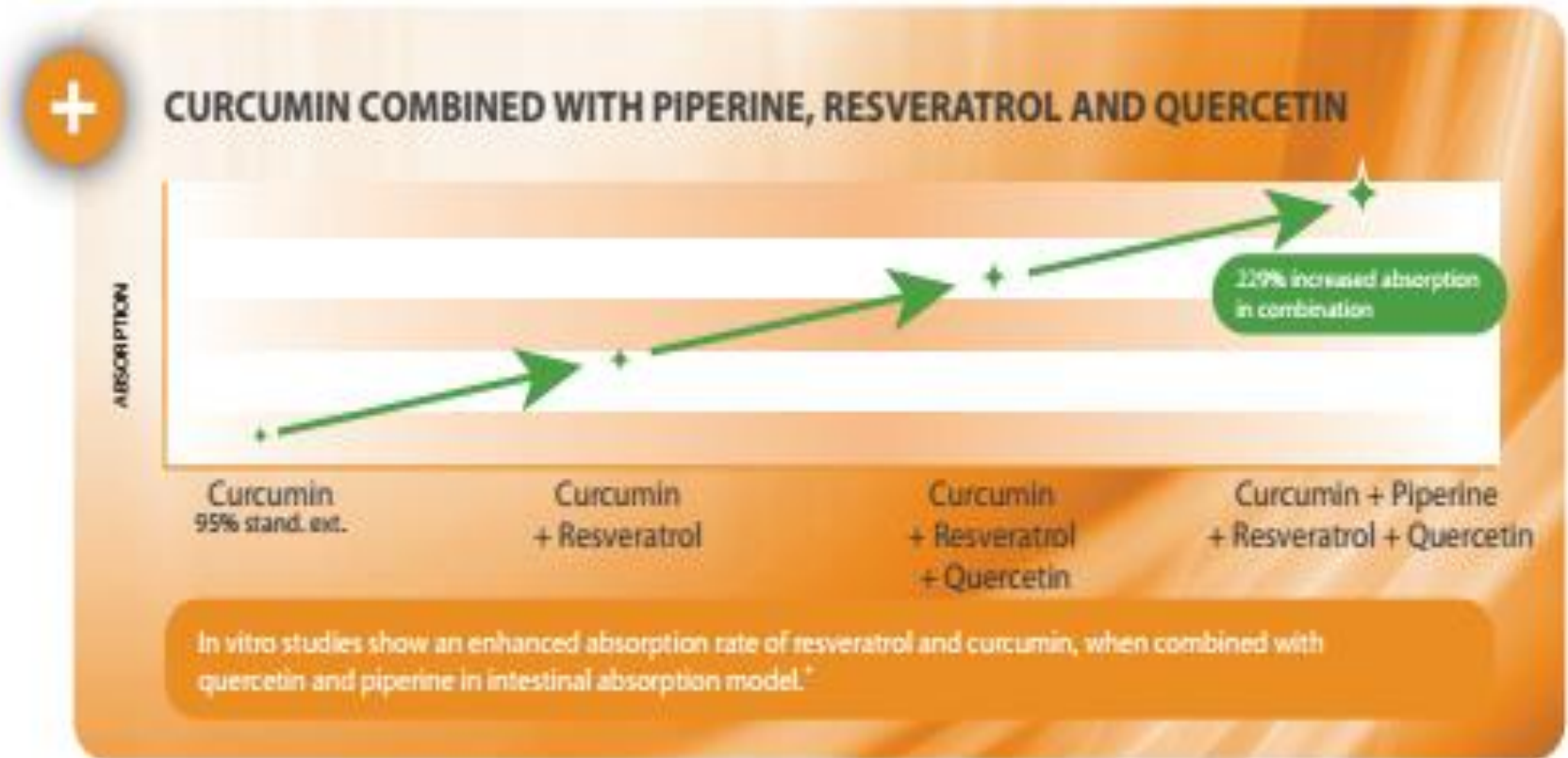
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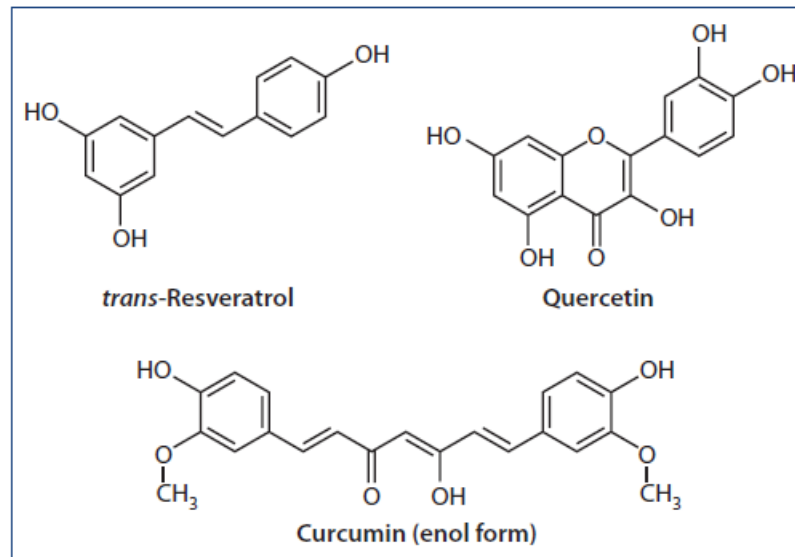


Graph of curcuma plus synergists, not even taking into account EnFlamend uses Meriva, which is superior to regular curcuma



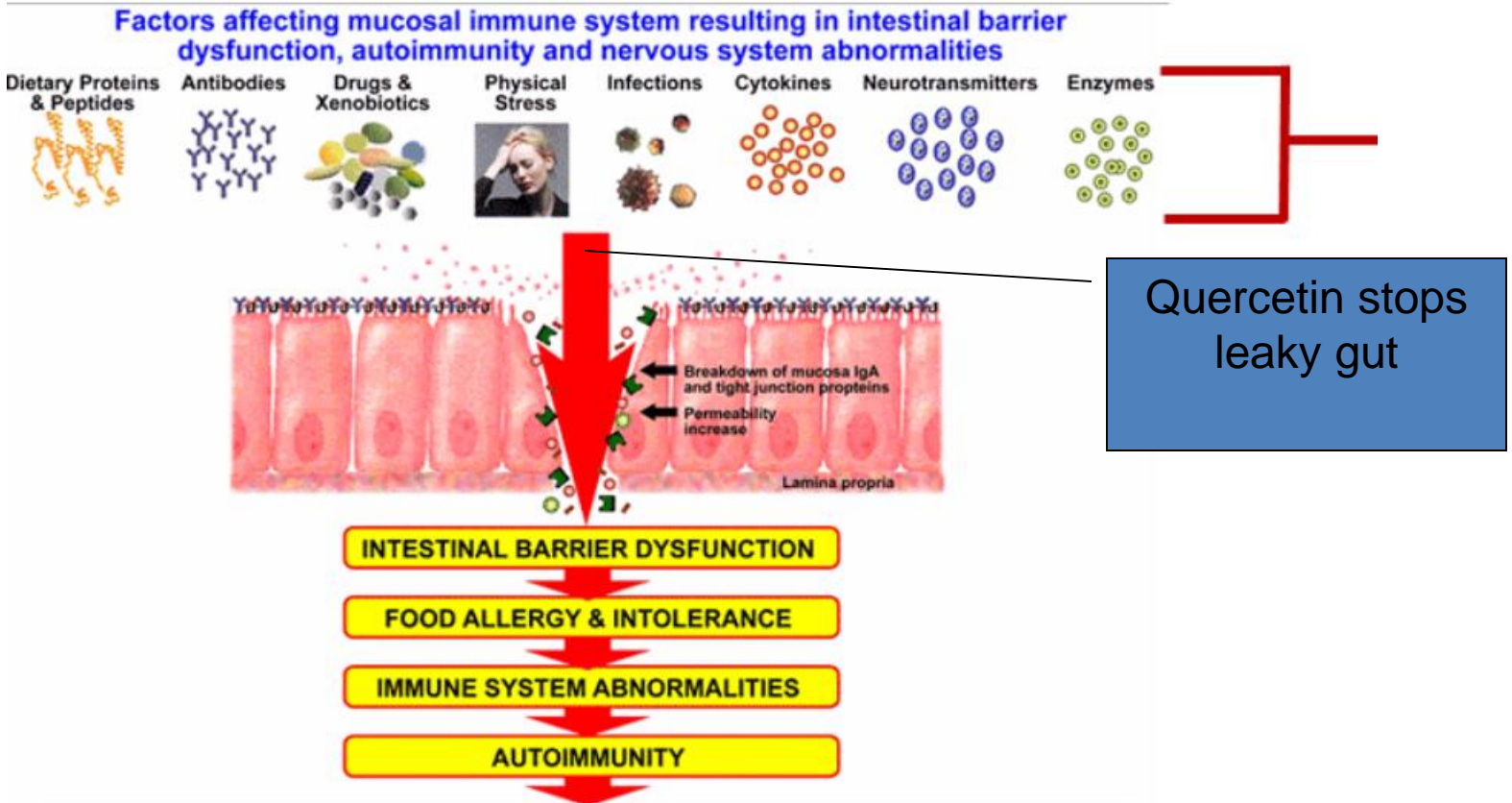
Enfla-Mend Px now incorporates these three key ingredients to increase curcumin absorption, plus the phospholipid-bound form of curcumin, Meriva.

# Quercetin and Resveratrol also offer powerful anti-inflammatory effects

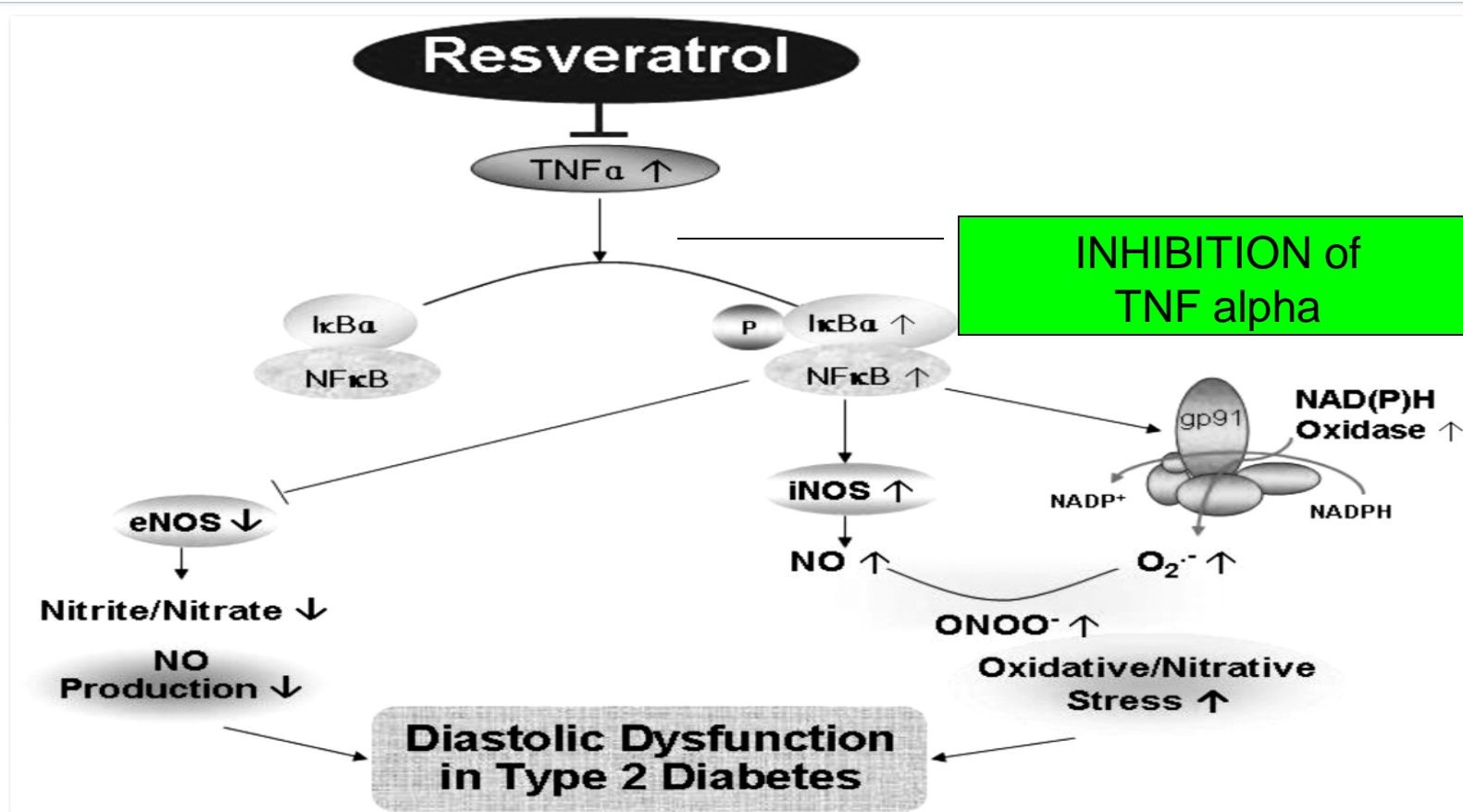


**Figure 1:** Molecular structures of resveratrol, quercetin and curcumin demonstrating the relative similarities of placement of hydroxyl groups along unsaturated carbon chains and the presence of several phenolic groups.

# Quercetin



# Resveratrol in Enfla-mend



Resveratrol has its own effects on oxidative stress by blocking TNF alpha

# Bromelain

## Proteolytic Enzyme From Pineapple



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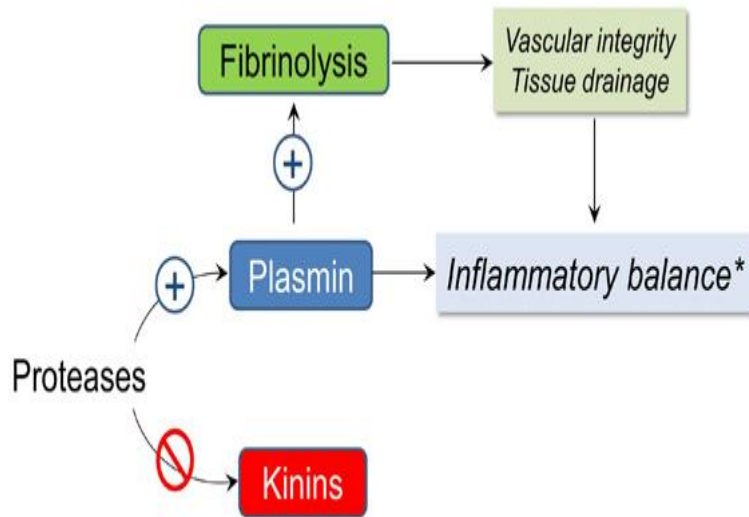
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# Bromelain



# Bromelain modulates cytokines

[Phytother Res.](#) 2013 Feb;27(2):199-204. doi: 10.1002/ptr.4678. Epub 2012 Apr 20.

## **Placebo-controlled randomized clinical trial on the immunomodulating activities of low- and high-dose bromelain after oral administration - new evidence on the antiinflammatory mode of action of bromelain.**

[Müller S](#)<sup>1</sup>, [März R](#), [Schmolz M](#), [Drewelow B](#), [Eschmann K](#), [Meiser P](#).

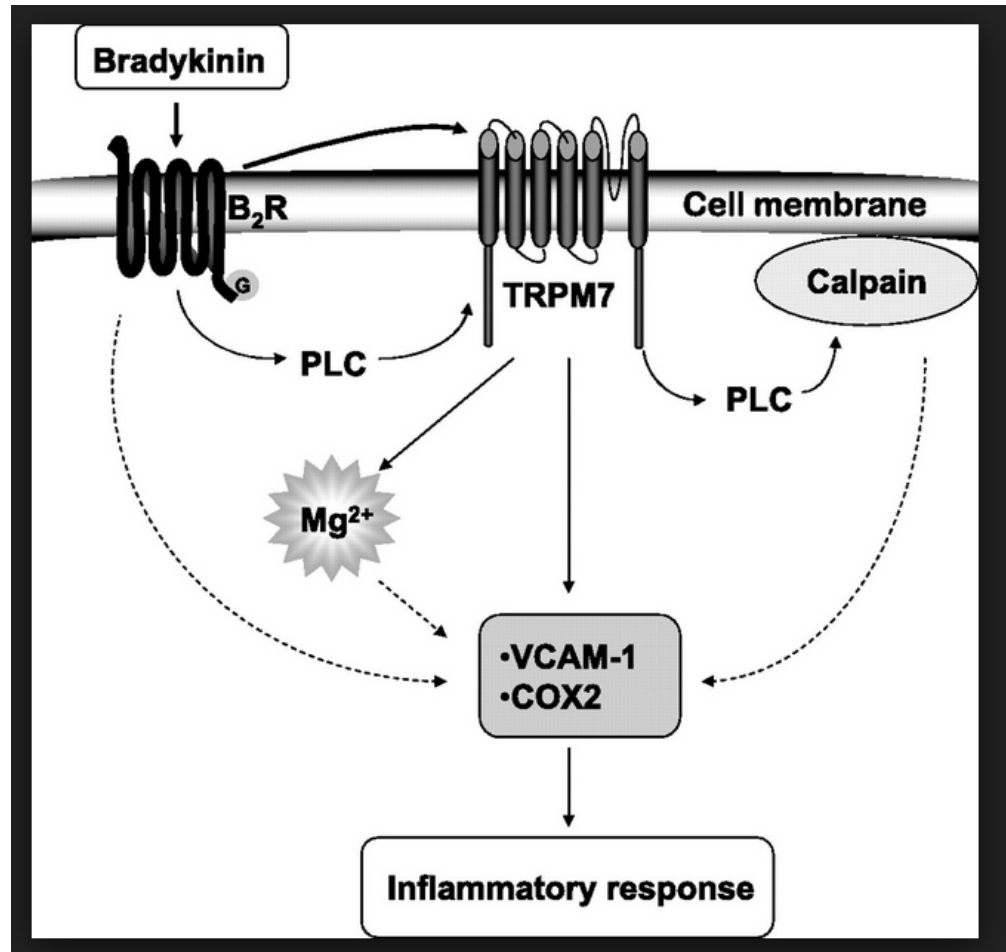
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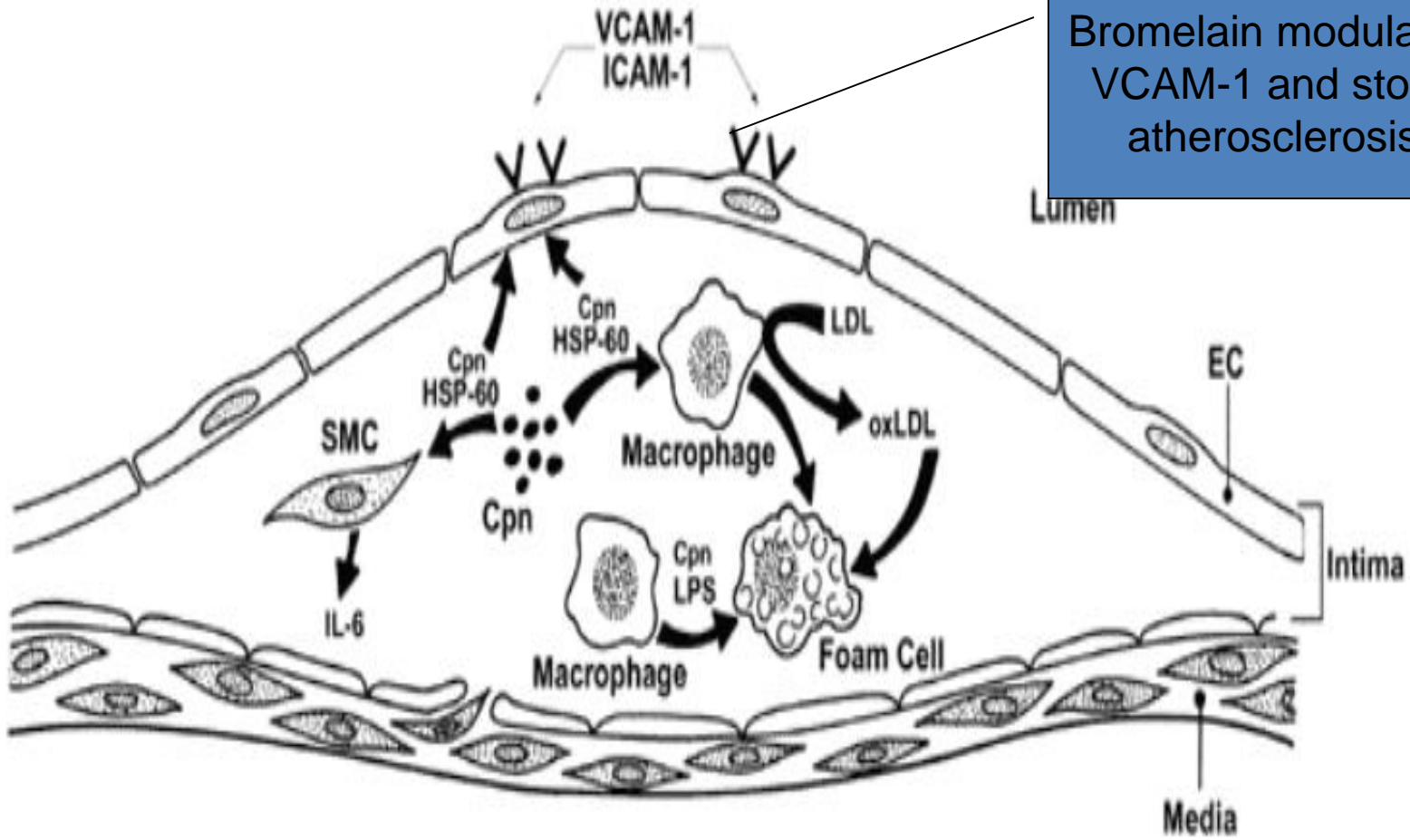
Bromelain has been used for treatment of inflammatory diseases for decades. However, the exact mechanism of action remains poorly understood. While in vitro investigations have shown conflicting effects on the release of various cytokines, no in vivo data were available. In this study, the effects on inflammation-related cytokines of two doses of bromelain were tested in a single dose placebo-controlled 3 × crossover randomized clinical trial. Cytokine circadian profiles were used to investigate the effects of bromelain on the human immune system by using stimulated whole-blood leukocytes. The effects seen in these cultures demonstrated a significant shift in the circadian profiles of the Th1 cell mediator interferon gamma (IFN $\gamma$ ;  $p < 0.043$ ) after bromelain 3000 FIP (Fédération Internationale Pharmaceutique) units, and trends in those of the Th2-type cytokine IL-5 as well as the immunosuppressive cytokine interleukin (IL)-10. This suggests a general effect on the antigen-specific (T cell) compartment of the human immune system. This is the first time that bromelain has been shown to modulate the cellular responses of lymphocyte after oral use. It is postulated that the immunomodulating effect of bromelain observed in this trial is part of its known antiinflammatory activities. Further investigations will be necessary to verify the relevance of these findings to a diseased immune system.

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# Bromelain blocks bradykinin, VCAM-1 and Cox 2



Bromelain modulated VCAM-1 and stops atherosclerosis



# Bromelain versus NSAIDs: an effective and healthier choice

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## **Table 4 .**

### **Conditions in which Bromelain has Documented Therapeutic Benefits**

Angina  
Arthritis  
Athletic and musculoskeletal injuries  
Bacterial infections  
Bronchitis  
Cellulitis  
Cutaneous Staphylococcus infection  
Debridement of Burns  
Dysmenorrhea  
Edema  
Inflammation  
Maldigestion  
Pancreatic insufficiency and Steatorrhea  
Platelet aggregation  
Pneumonia  
Pyelonephritis  
Rectal abscesses  
Sinusitis  
Surgical traumas  
Thrombophlebitis

# Osteoarthritis and Sports Medicine

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