Opportunities and Challenges for Evaluating the Health Significance of Functional Foods and Their Components

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National Academy of Sciences Defines Functional Foods:

"encompass potentially healthful products," including "any modified food or food ingredient that may provide a health benefit beyond the traditional nutrients it contains.

Recent Report

Institute of Food
Technologists
IFT Experts Report
March 24, 2005



http://members.ift .org/IFT/Research /IFTExpertReport s/functionalfoods_ report.htm

Hippocrates Proclaimed almost 2500 years ago:

Let thy food be thy medicine and thy medicine be thy food

There Are Always A Few Skeptics!

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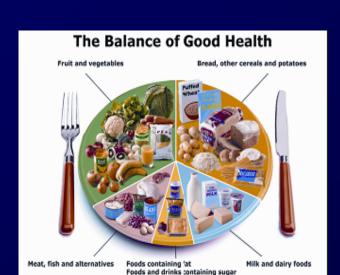


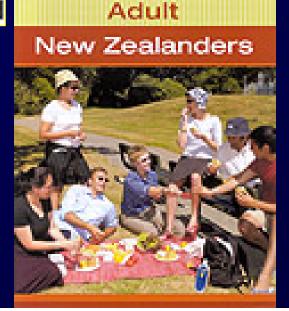
"Snow White was poisoned by an apple,
Jack found a giant in his beanstalk, and look
what happened to Alice when she ate the mushroom!
And you wonder why I won't eat fruit and vegetables!?"

Public Health Approach

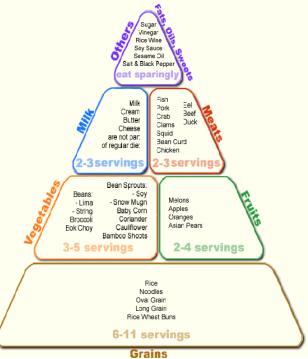








Eating for Healthy



Suspect Functional Foods





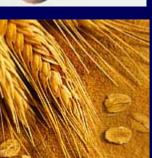
Tomatoes



- Broccoli
- Garlic
- Nuts
- Salmon
- Oats
- Blueberries
- Green tea
- Red wine













Time Magazine: January 21, 2002

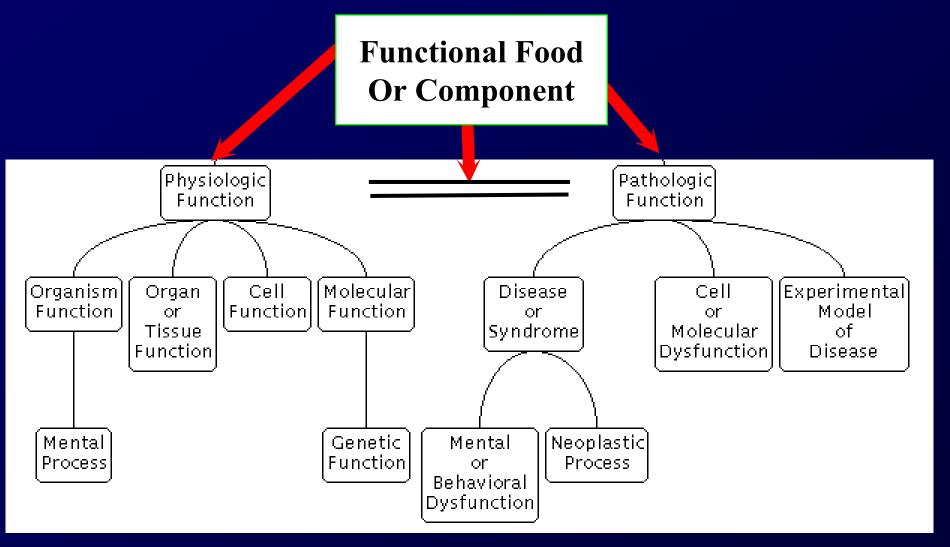
Consumers are Bombarded With Many Confusing Messages



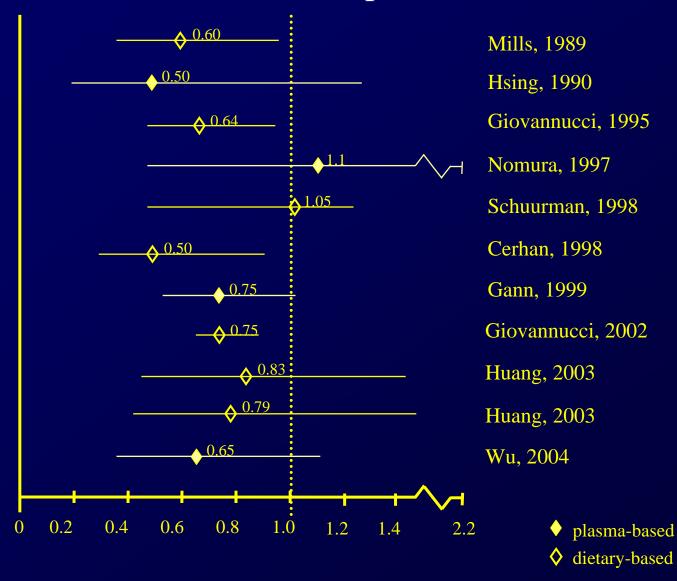


Messina (2006) Personal Communication

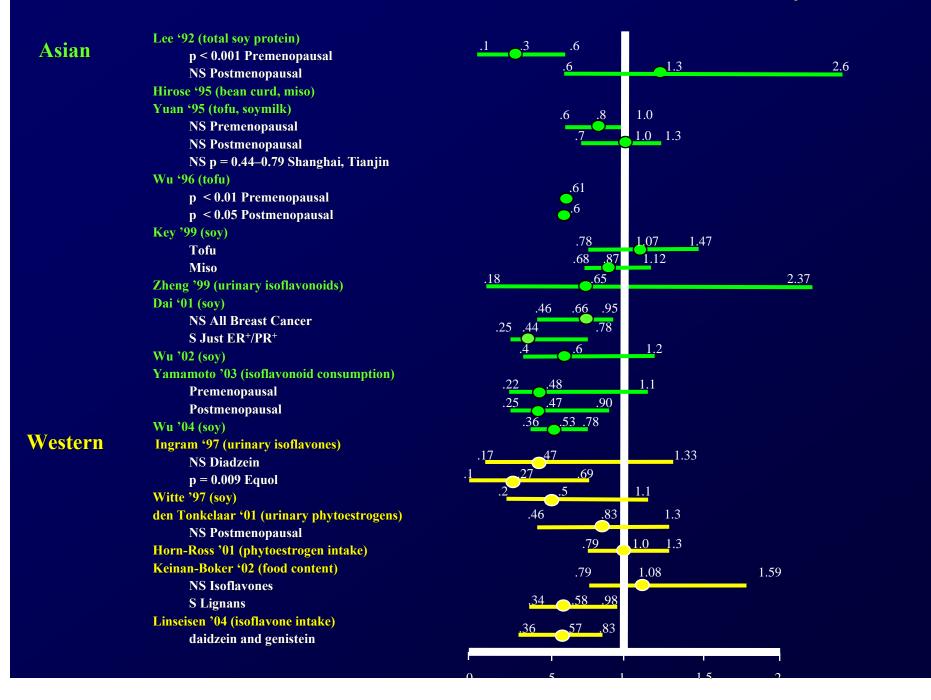
Question Remains About True Site of Action of Functional Foods and Health Benefits



RR (95% CI) High vs. Low Tomato Intake or Lycopene Prostate Cancer: Prospective Studies



Relative Risk of Breast Cancer: Influence of Soy



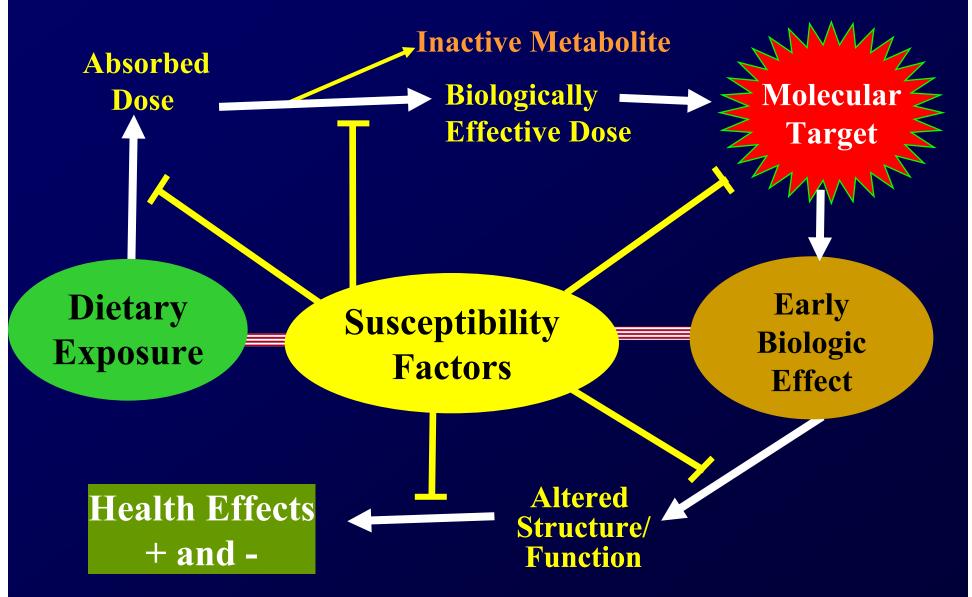
Various Approaches Used to Showcase Functional Foods

- Conventional product marketed with new information
 - Oats soluble fiber claim
- Conventional product with added or enhanced ingredient
 - Spread w/ added plant sterols
- "New" product to deliver functional ingredient
 - Beverages functional teas, water
- Removing negative functionality
 - Oils with heart-healthy profile

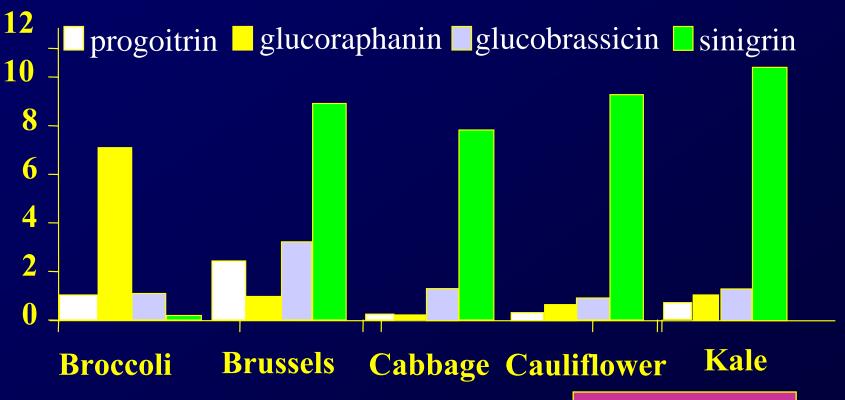
Functional Foods Have Economic Importance

- Estimates of functional foods market vary from \$20 and \$120 billion, depends on what is included
 - Compare to about \$6 billion organics and about \$500 billion total food
- Clear impact in some markets
 - Calcium-enhanced OJ is 1/5 of OJ market
 - Soy beverages rapid growth
 - Functional breads and grains 10% of market

Three Types Biomakers Needed To Truly Assess Benefits



Glucosinolate Variation Among Cruciferous vegetables (µmol/g DryWeight)



S-Glucose N-O-S-O - 3

Kushad et al, J Agric Food Chem. 47(4):1541, 1999

Types of Bioactive Compounds May Vary with New Varieties



Foods May Influence Multiple Processes
Because of Multiple Components

Phytochemical:	Fresh/Canned:	Tomato Sauce:
Lycopene	3.0	15.9
Phytoene	1.9	3.0
Phytofluene	0.8	1.3
β-carotene	1.5	3.2
Cyclolycopene	0.1(juice)	
Quercetin (free)	0.1-0.2	3.8-9.5
Quercetin (conj)	1.2-21.5	10.9-61.4
Naringenin	0.8-4.5	2.5
Chlorogenic acid	0.9-4.2	0.7
Ascorbate	5.0-14.0	
Tomatine	0.5	
* (mg/100 g)		

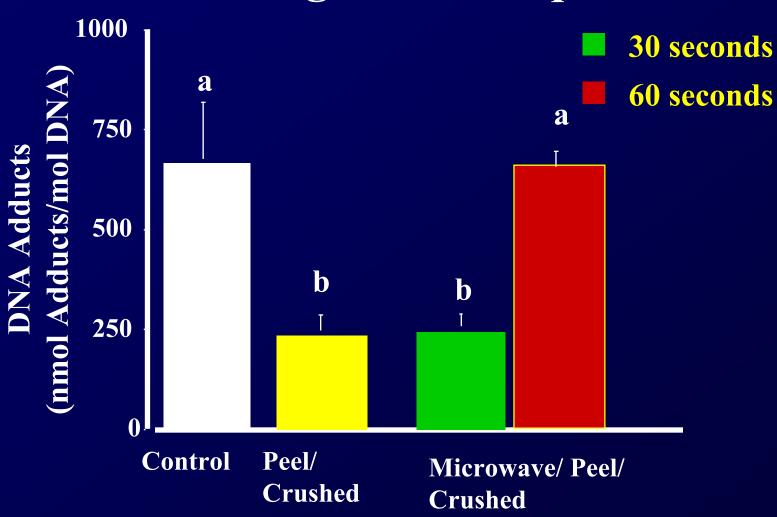
Domestic cooking of tomatoes significantly increases naringenin and chlorogenic acid bioavailability as indicated by plasma levels

Bugianesi et al. Eur J Nutr. 2004 Dec;43(6):360-6

Cooking tomatoes with olive oil/ sausage increases bioavailability of lycopene

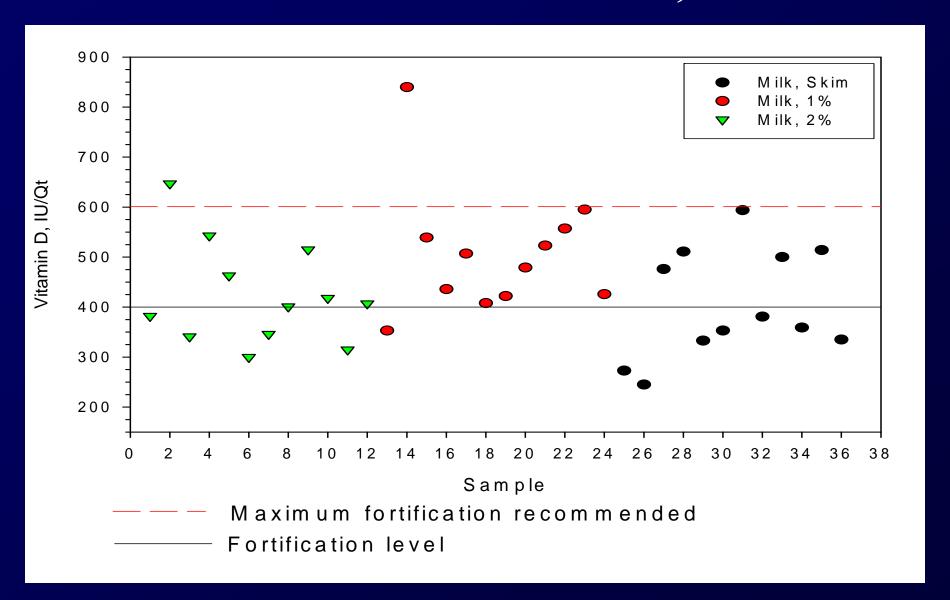
Fielding et al. Asia Pac J Clin Nutr. 2005;14(2):131-6.

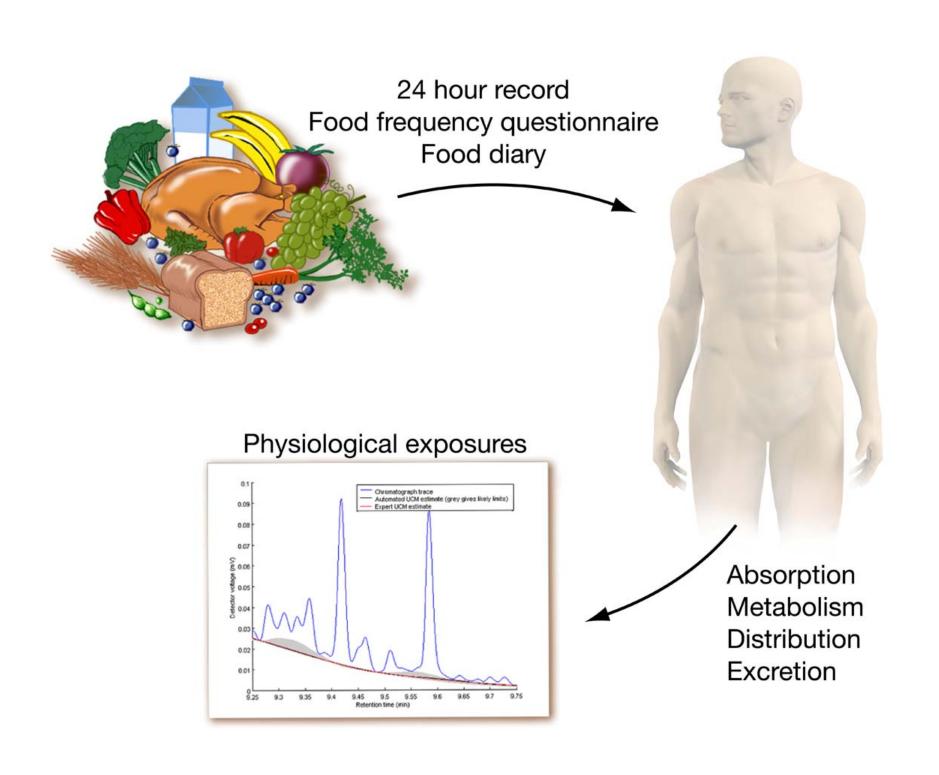
Heating Garlic Can Reduce the Biological Consequences

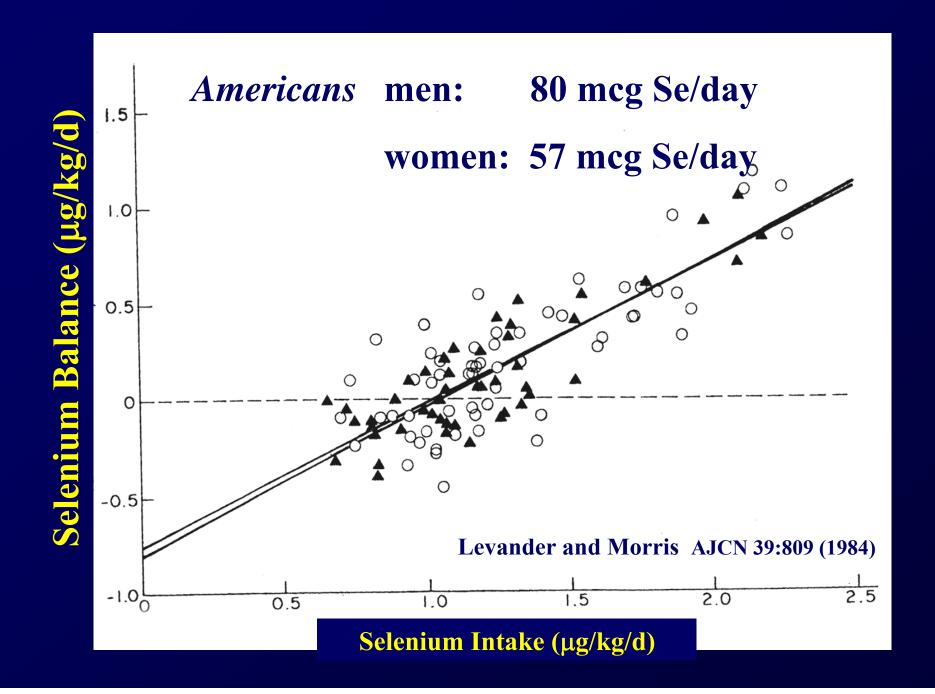


Song and Milner J Nutr 1999;129:657-61

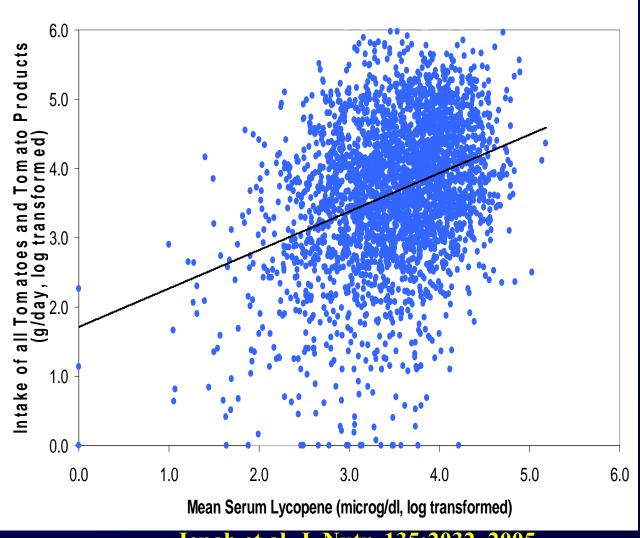
NFNAP Vitamin D in Milk 12 Locations Nationwide, 2001







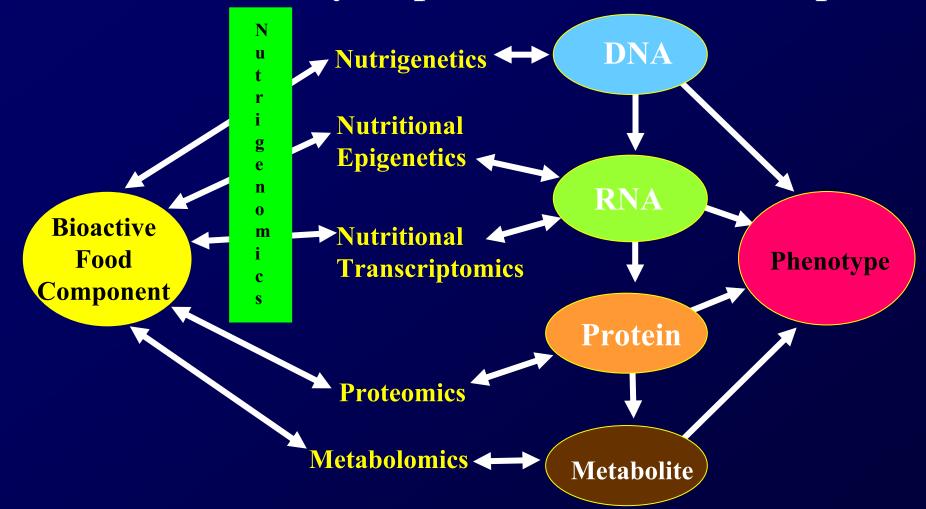
Individual Consumption of All Tomatoes and Tomato Products and Serum Lycopene Levels (EPIC Cross-sectional Study in 3000 subjects)



Corr = 0.23

Jenab et al. J. Nutr. 135:2032, 2005

The "Omics" May Explain Variation in Response



"Nutritional Preemption"
Concept that bioactive food components can be introduced at points of initiation & progression for pathway leading to an unhealthy or lethal phenotype

Many Bioactive Food Components May Influence Health



- Essential Nutrients- Ca, Zn, Se, Folate, C, E
- Non-Essential
 Phytochemicals-

Carotenoids, Flavonoids, Indoles, Isothiocyanates, Allyl Sulfur

Zoochemicals - Conjugated linoleic acid, n-3 fatty acids Fungochemicals - Several compounds in mushrooms Bacteriochemical - Those formed from food fermentations and those resulting from intestinal flora

Human Genome Establishes Microbial Populations?



Bacterial Formed Equol May Account for Part of the Anticancer Properties from Soy in Asian-Americans







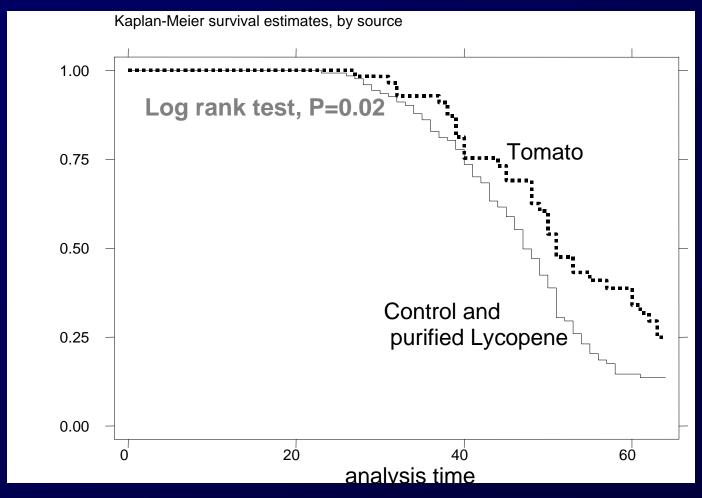
In addition to genistein microorganisms in subpopulations form equol which possesses anticancer properties (J Nutr. 2006 Apr;136(4):946-52. Arch Microbiol. 2005;183:45-55). The mechanism by which equol may offer protection remains unresolved but gene expression differences are evident in equol producers

(Niculescu et al (2006) J Nutr. Biochem



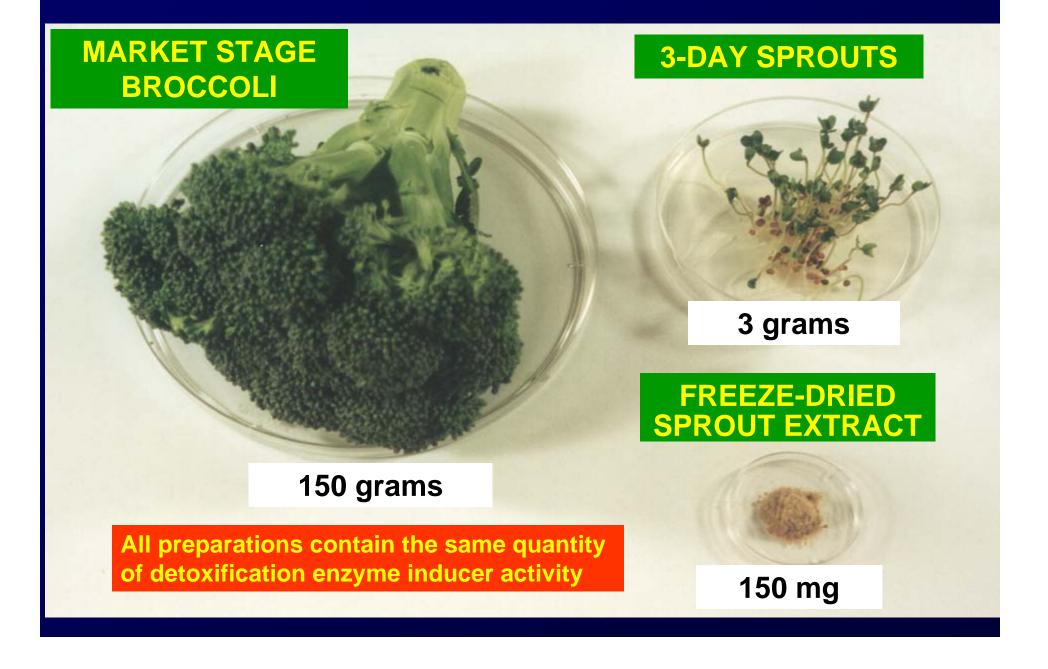
Some Individual Foods Offer Advantages Over Their Isolated Constituents

Tomato Powder but not Lycopene Inhibits Prostate Cancer



Boileau et al. JNCI 95:1578-1586, 2003.

Choices But the Same Biological Response?

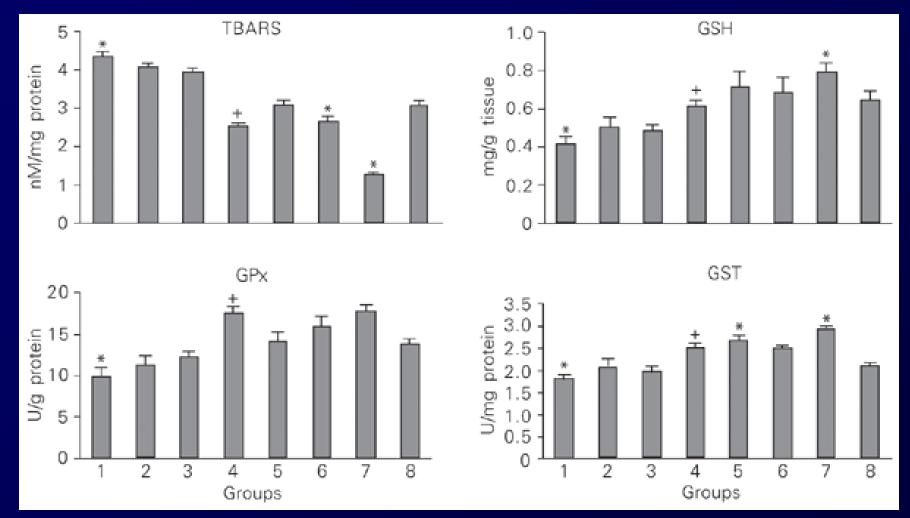


Components are "complex mixtures" - act synergistically



"Caution: This tomato soup combined with our chicken noodle soup can form a lethal nerve gas."

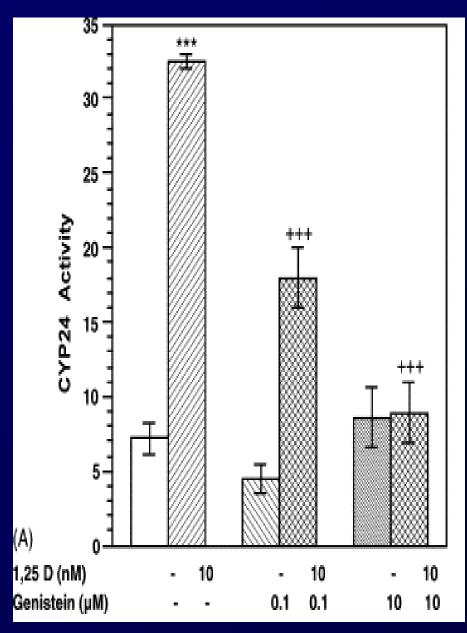
Garlic and Tomato Interactions

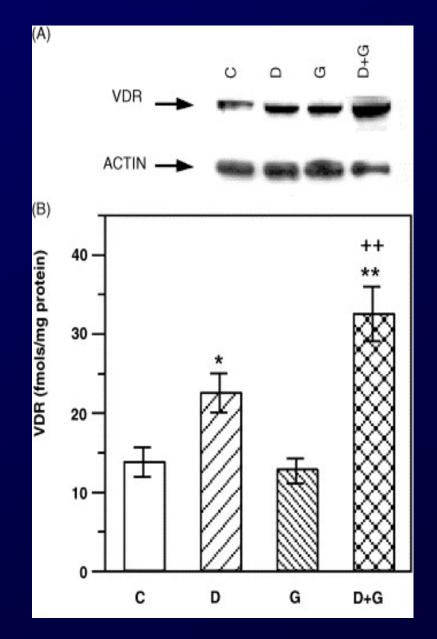


1 = DMBA; 2 = DMBA + tomato; 3 = DMBA + garlic; 4 = DMBA + tomato + garlic; 5 = tomato; 6 = garlic; 7 = tomato + garlic; 8 = control.

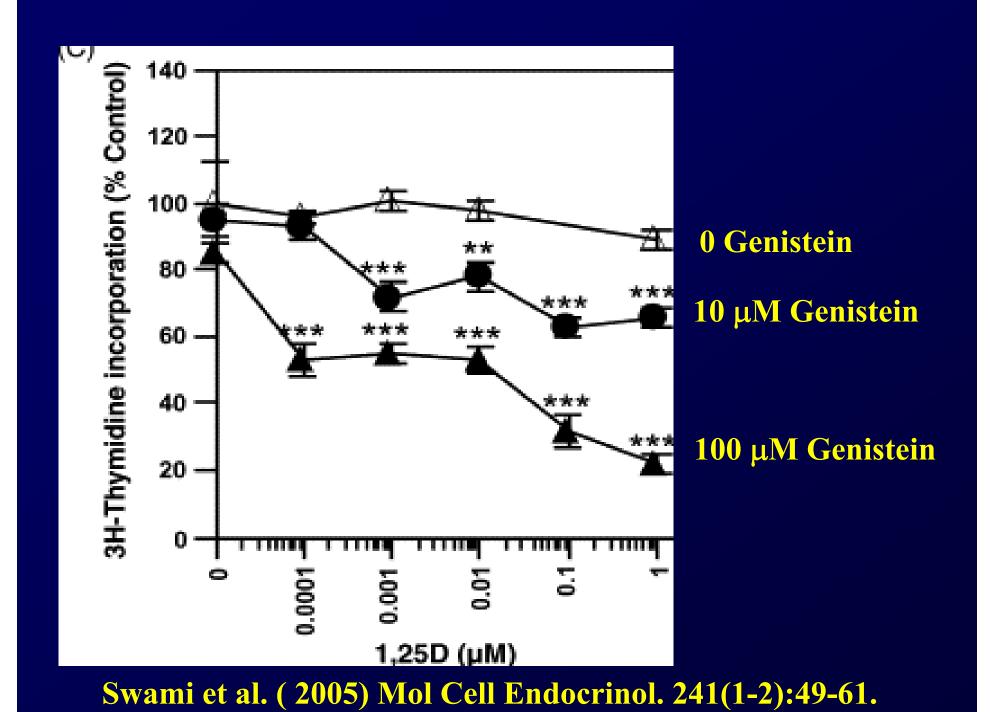
Bhuvaneswari et al. Braz J Med Biol Res, (2004) 37:1029.

Vitamin D and Genistein Interact

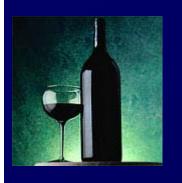




Swami et al. (2005) Mol Cell Endocrinol. 241(1-2):49-61.



Polymeals May Offer Special Attribtes











Fruits and Vegetables 21%

(400 g/day)



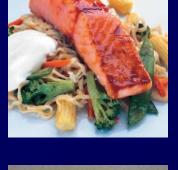
➤ Almonds (68 g/day)
12%

76% decreased risk of CVD











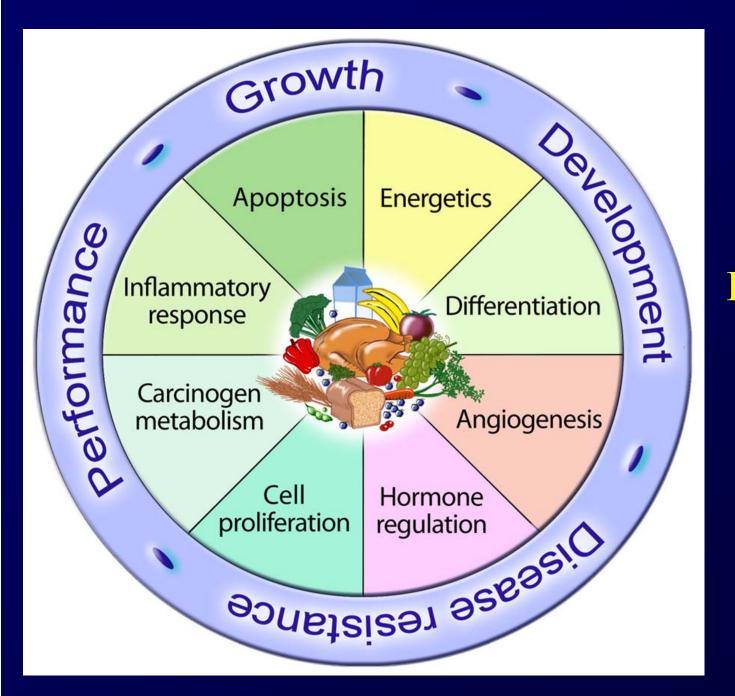
Franco et al. BMJ 329:1447-1450, 2004

Not All Tissues Equally Responsive

Phase III trial with 1,312 skin cancer subjects
Se (200 μg) as Brewers Yeast vs. Placebo, follow-up 6.4 yrs

	Selenium	Placebo	RR	97% CI
Skin Cancer				
Squamous cell	218	190	1.14	0.93-1.39
Basal cell	377	350	1.10	0.95-1.28
Cancer (- Skin)				
Lung	17	31	0.54	0.30-0.98
Prostate	13	35	0.37	0.18-0.71
Colorectal	8	19	0.42	0.18-0.95
All Sites (- Skir	n) 77	119	0.63	0.47-0.85

Clark et al. JAMA 276: 1957, 1996.



Response
Depends on
Intended
Use and
Biological
Process
Being
Modified

Another Questions Must Be "What is the Amount Needed to Bring About a Desired Outcome?"

Typical Intakes?? **Toxicity** Cell Cycle Inhibition **Apoptosis** Differentiation **Immune** Enhancement Carcinogen Anti-Metabolism oxidant **Nutritional Supranutritional** Toxic Exposure

Modified from Combs and Gray, Parmacol. Ther. 79: 179-192, 1998.

Response

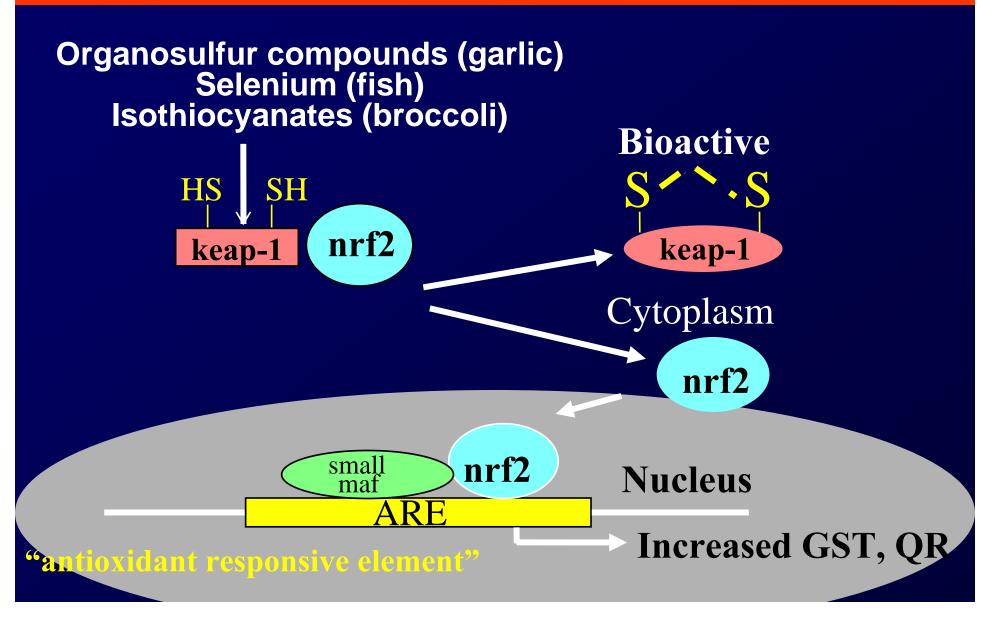
Phase 1 Study of Indole-3-Carbinol

N=17
Indole-3-Carbinol
200 mg BID x 2 wks
Indole-3-Carbinol
400 mg BID x 2 wks

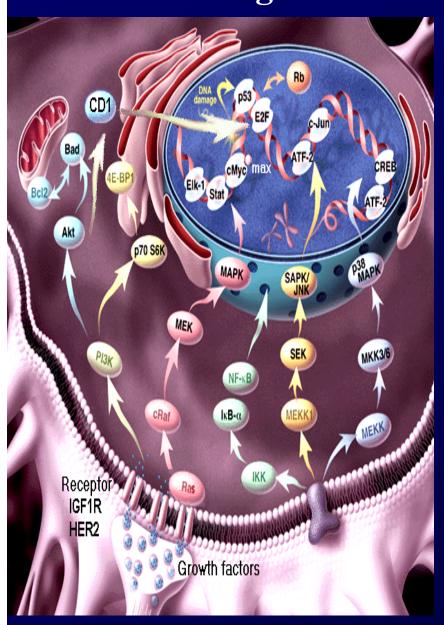
Results: 4x ↑ in CYP1A2 @ 4 wks (16/17) with 800mg 50% ↑ in urinary 2-OH-estrone/16α-OH-estrone ratio with 400 mg, adding more did not change

Reed et al., Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev. 2005 14:1953-60.

Do Combinations Reduce The Quantity Needed For A Response?



Drugs-Foods May Have Same Target



Recent News Release suggests:

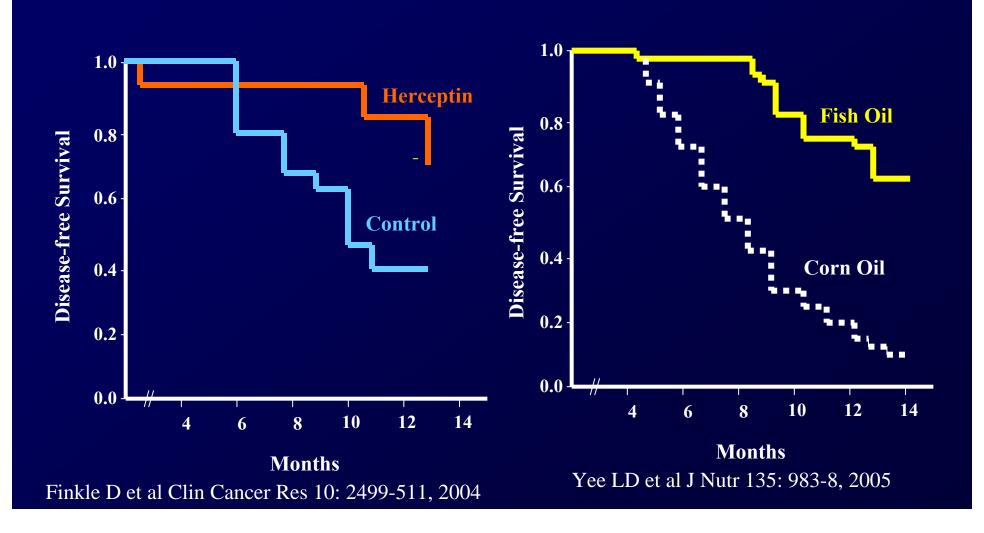
Herceptin is a Novel Pioneering Drug for Personalized Medicine Approach Based on Pharmacogenomics to block Her2-neu expression.

Evidence Has Existed for Some Time:

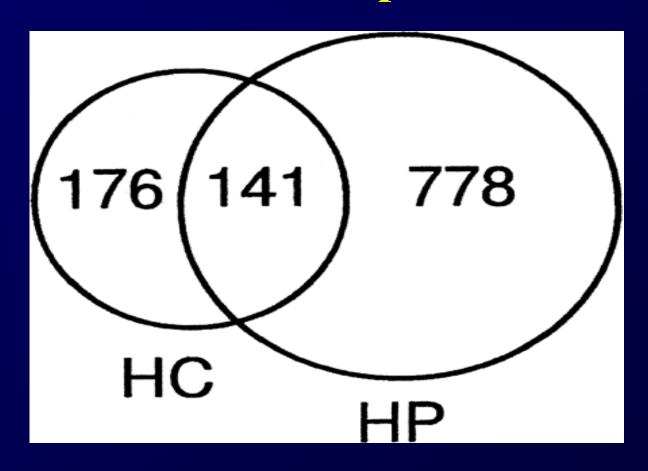
EGCG from Green Tea, Oleic Acid from Olive Oil, and n-3 fatty acids from Fish Oil and Apigenin from parsley, thyme, and peppermint since they also can significantly influence HER2neu expression!

So why are we not being more proactive in showcasing dietary effects?

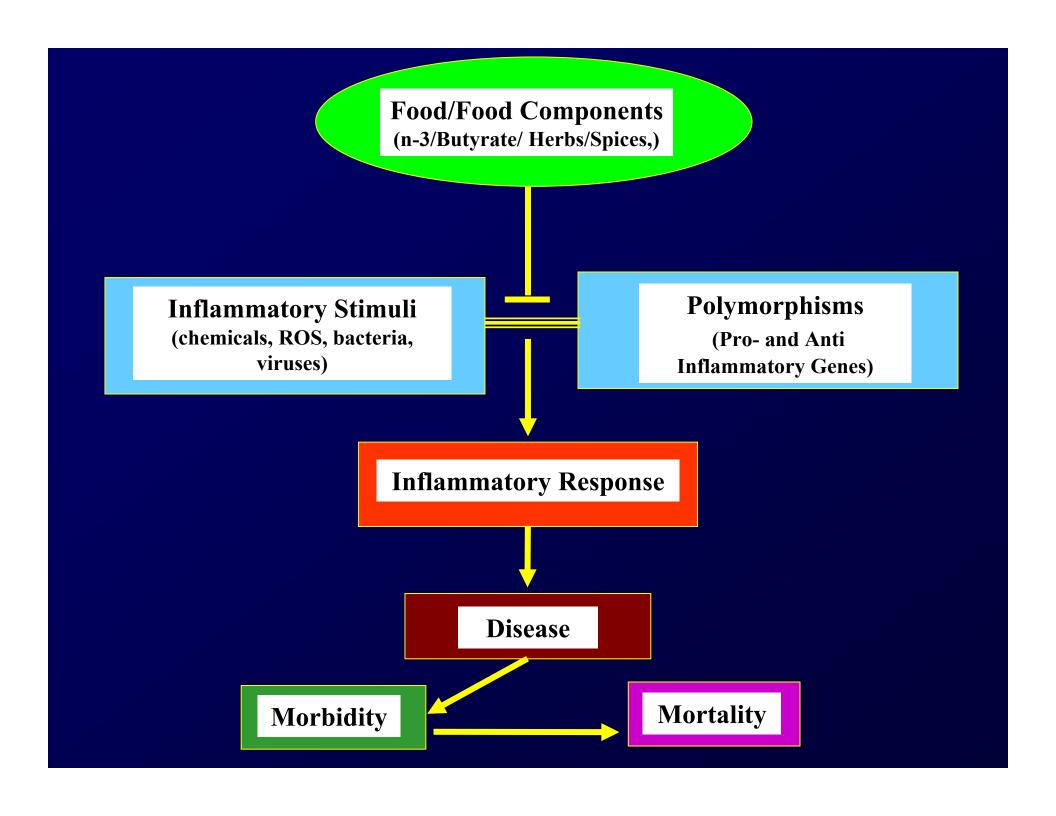
Herceptin and Dietary fish oil increased the latency time to mammary gland tumor development in the HER-2 transgenic mice



Challenge to Foods May Help Identify Those Who Benefit Most to Specific Foods/Components



van Erk et al. (2006) Am J Clin Nutr;84:1233-41



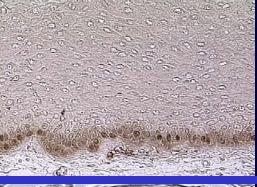
K14-HPV16 Transgenic Mouse

Background Mouse

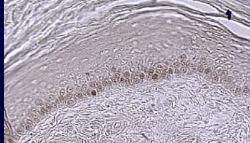
No Estrogen Normal Diet



Estrogen Normal Diet



Estrogen
Diet + I3C



Proliferation Assay: PCNA by immunohistochemistry

Auborn et al, Personal Communication

Elevated thiobarbituric acid reactive substances, conjugated dienes and lowered activities of superoxide dismutase, catalase, glutathione peroxidase, glutathione-S-transferase and reduced glutathione in the liver, heart, kidney, intestine and aorta observed

in rats fed the high fat diet

was minimized or eliminated by supplementation with

black pepper or the active principle of black pepper, piperine.

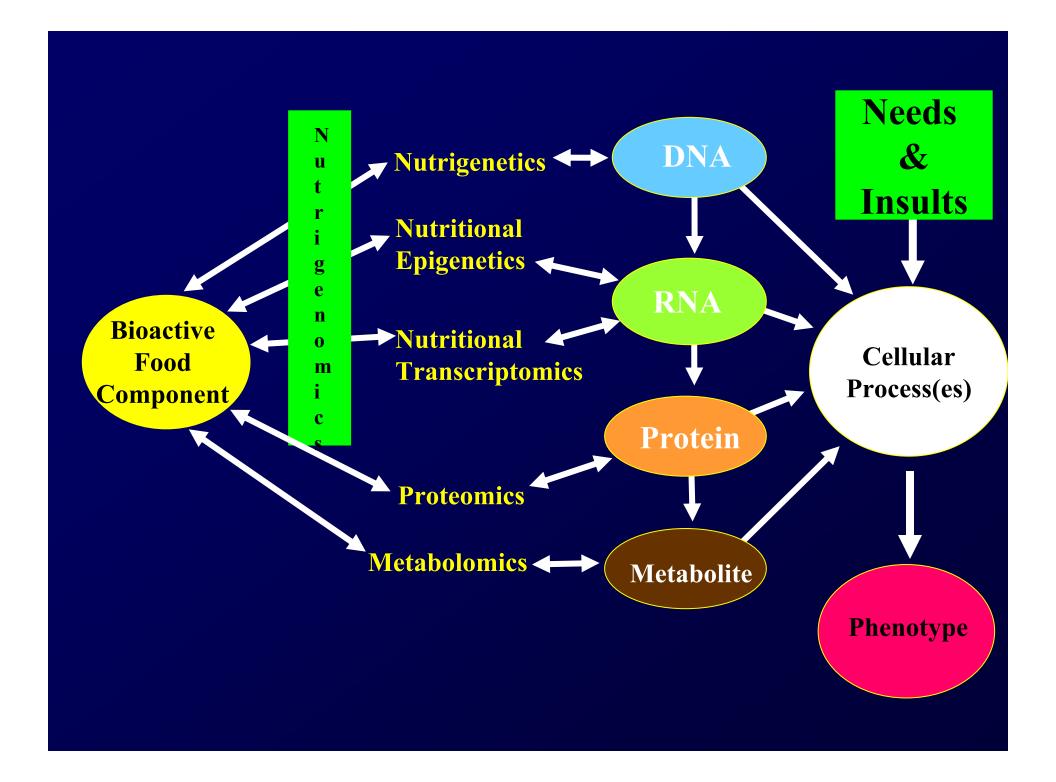
Vijayakumar et al. (2004) Redox Rep.9(2):105-10.

Tea and Human Oral Precancerous Lesions

- A double-blind intervention trial of 59 patients with oral mucosa leukoplakia
- Twenty-nine patients received tea administered orally and topically; 30 patients received placebo treatment
- After 6 months, the size of oral lesion decreased in 38% of the treated group and in 10% of the placebo group; the lesion increased in 3.4% of the treated group and in 6.7% of the placebo group
- The incidence of micronucleated exfoliated oral mucosa cells in the treated group (0.54%) was lower than the control group (1.13%)

Li et al. Proc. Soc. Expr. Biol. Med. 220: 218-224, 1999.

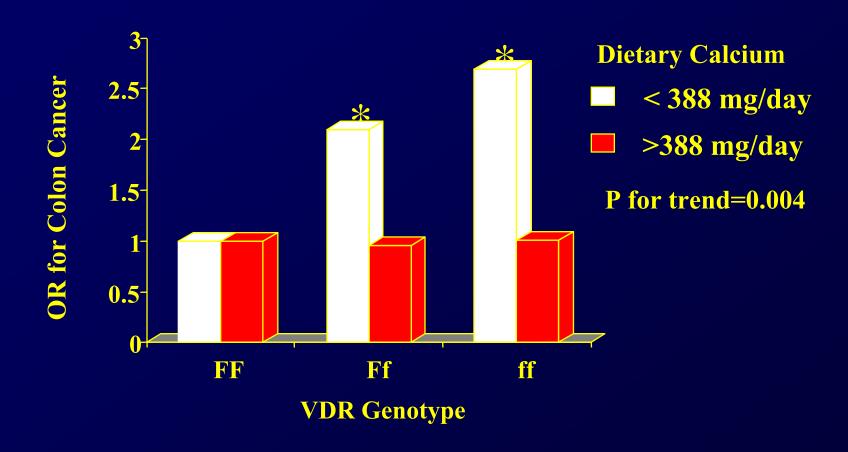
Green tea's anti-cancer effects 'highly unlikely', says FDA





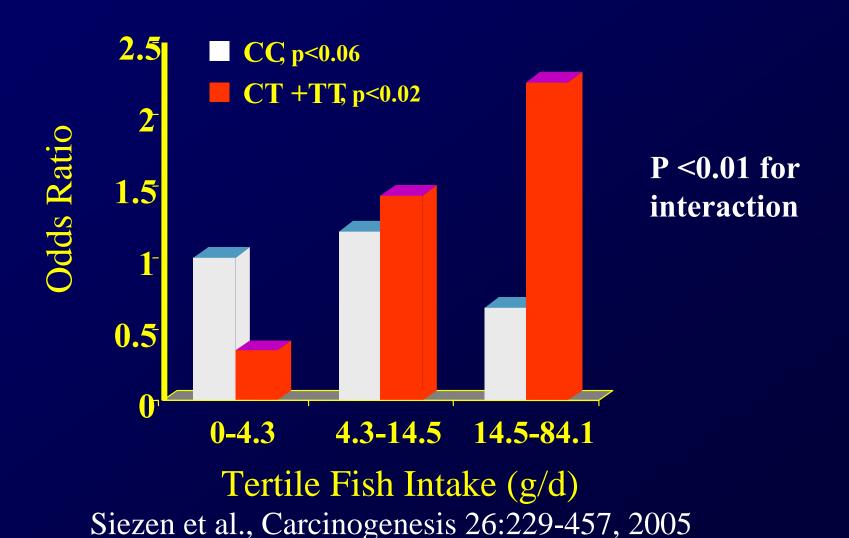
One Size Does Not Fit All! Omic Information Will Help Identify Responders to Foods and Components

Genetic Information May Assist in Identifying Those Who Must Assure Adequate Intakes



Wong et al. Carcinogenesis, 24: 1091-1095, 2003

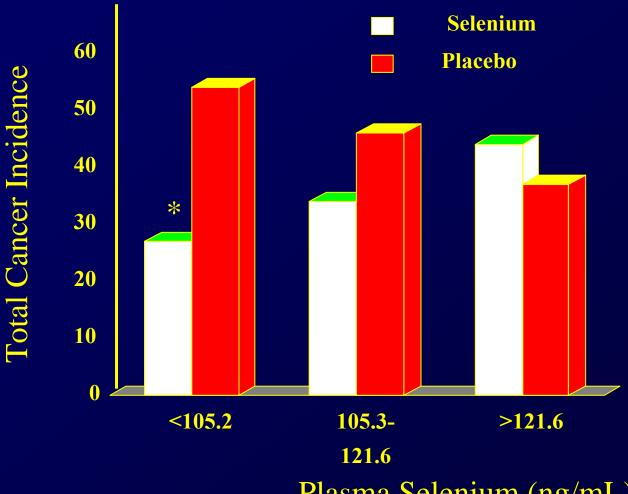
PPAR Genotype, Fish Consumption and Colon Cancer (384 cases and 403 polyp-free controls 789C-->T)





More is Not Always Better. Energy Intakes and Expenditures Are Linked to Health! Possible Harm Not Limited to Calories!

Total Cancer Incidence By Treatment Group and Baseline Plasma Selenium



Plasma Selenium (ng/mL)

Duffield-Lillico et al., (2002) Cancer, Epidem. Biomarkers & Prev., 11: 630

More Folate May Not Be Beneficial to Some

Our results do not support the hypothesis that high folate intake reduces breast cancer risk; instead, they suggest that a high intake, generally attributable to supplemental folic acid, may increase the risk in postmenopausal women.

Stolzenberg-Solomon (2006) Am J Clin Nutr. 83:895-904.

When to Is the Best Time to
Intervene
and
For How Long???

LTR Hypomethylated



Yellow Mouse

High risk cancer, diabetes, obesity & reduced lifespan

When to Intervene??

Maternal
Supplements
with
zinc, methionine
betaine, choline,
folate, B₁₂

Or Genistein LTR Hypermethylated



Agouti Mouse

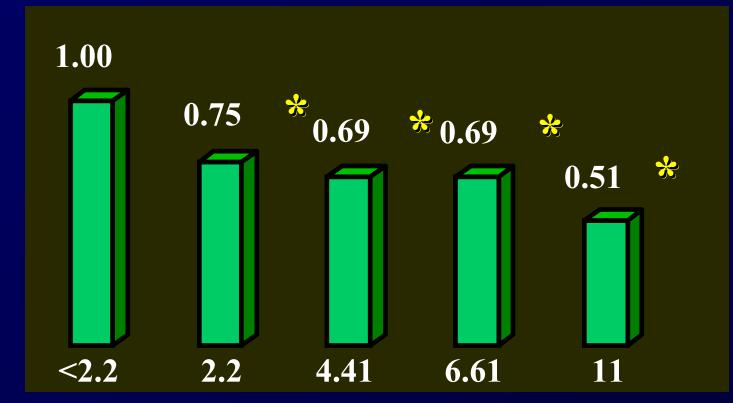
Lower risk of cancer, diabetes, obesity and prolonged life

Cooney et al. J Nutr 132:2393S (2002); Dolinoy et al. Envir. Health Perspect 114: 567 (2006)

Teenage (13-15 y) Soy Intake & Adult Breast Cancer Risk

(Shanghai: 1459 cases, 1556 cont)





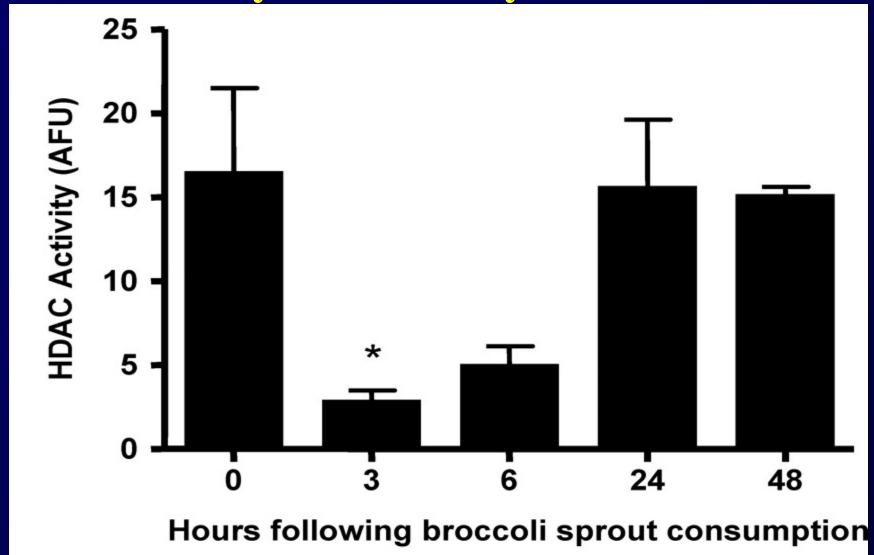
Soy protein intake (g/d)

CEBP 10: 481, 2001

Results: pre/post, x age 47. Other legumes not protective.

Shu et al., Cancer Epid Biomarkers Prev 10:483-488, 2001.

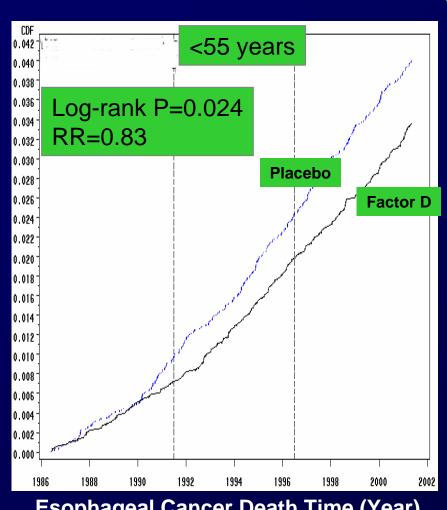
Effect of 68 g of BroccoSprouts on Histone Deacetylase Activity in Humans

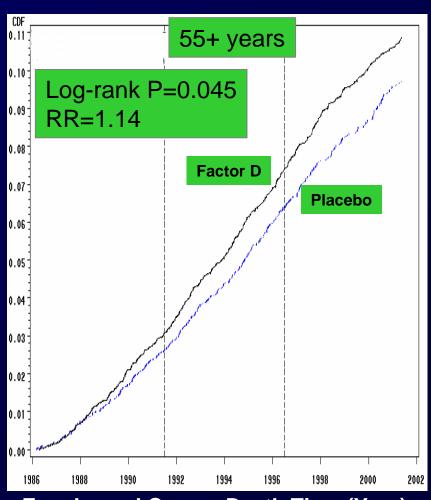


Myzak et al. (2007) Exp Biol Med 232:227-34.

Linxian Nutrition Intervention Trial Esophageal cancer mortality by factor D (N=1515)

Factor D= Selenium, β -carotene, vitamin E

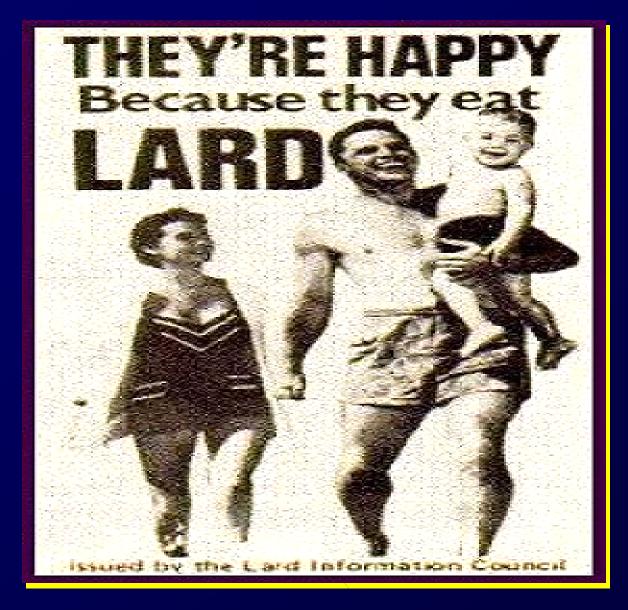




Esophageal Cancer Death Time (Year) Esophageal Cancer Death Time (Year) Taylor, P. et al., Gastroenterology 2005 (abstract)

When I knew all of life's answers, they changed all the questions!





1940's Advertisement United Kingdom. While we have come a long way, we still can not identify who will and will not benefit from dietary intervention strategies

Much Confusion Exist About What Consumers Should and Should Not Do About Eating Behaviors



"Low fat diets don't work. I eat fish every day and my butt still drags on the ground!"

FDA

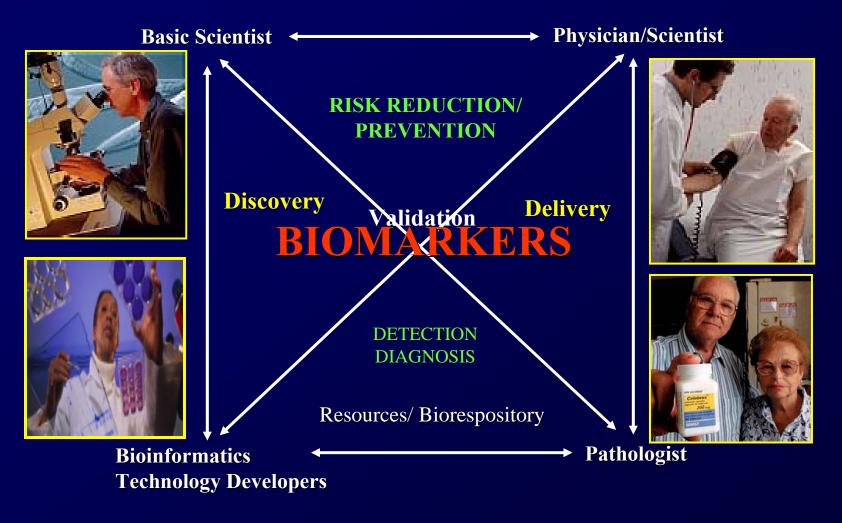
2002P-0122:

Request Rulemaking on Functional Foods & Establish Advisory Committee

Some Issues

- 1. Novel Ingredients-validated response for food required?
- 2. Safety-reasonable certainty of no harm?
- 3. Prior Notification about marketing?
- 4. IFT proposed independent experts to evaluate, not necessarily viewed as authoritative body?
- 5. Is blocking a process consistent with normal regulation associated with taste, aroma or nutritive value characteristics.
- 6. Etc.

Systems Biology Approach Needed for Functional Foods and Biomarkers Related to Health

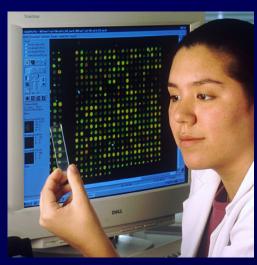


Could Defining a Nutritional Phenotype Be Key to Defining Functional Foods?

The Future Paradigm:

Transform Medicine from Curative to Preemptive







Predictive ←→ Personalized ←→ Preemptive







Participatory