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Effect of cocoa powder in the prevention of cardiovascular disease: biological, consumption and inflammatory biomarkers. A metabolomic approach.

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El grup d'antioxidants naturals treballa amb projectes relacionats amb la investigació de polifenols trobant en les següents línies d'investigació:

- Anàlisi de Polifenols en Aliments i Mostres Biològiques per Espectrometria de Masses
- Estudis Clínics i Epidemiològics
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<http://www.ub.edu/depnutricioibromatologia/Grup%20Antioxidants/en/integrantes.html>

Google: "Antioxidants naturals"







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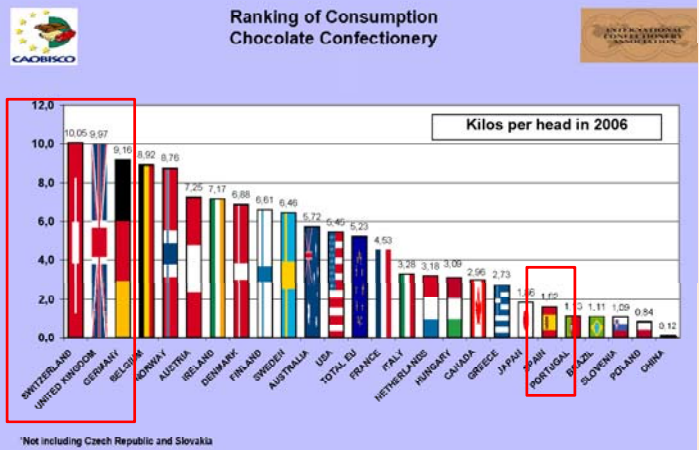





CONSUMPTION OF CHOCOLATE



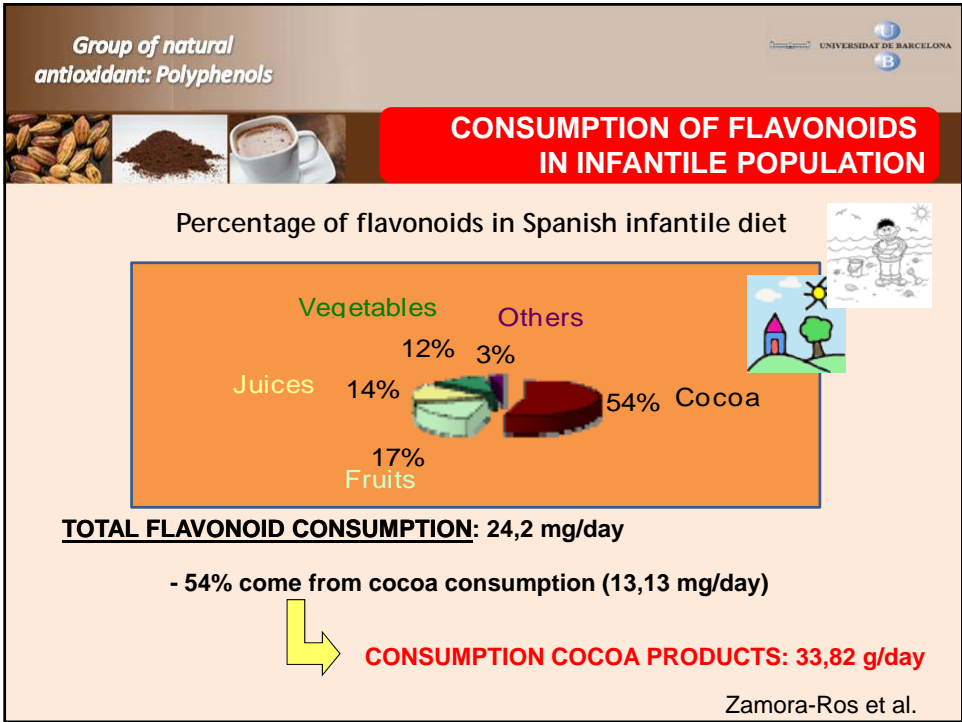
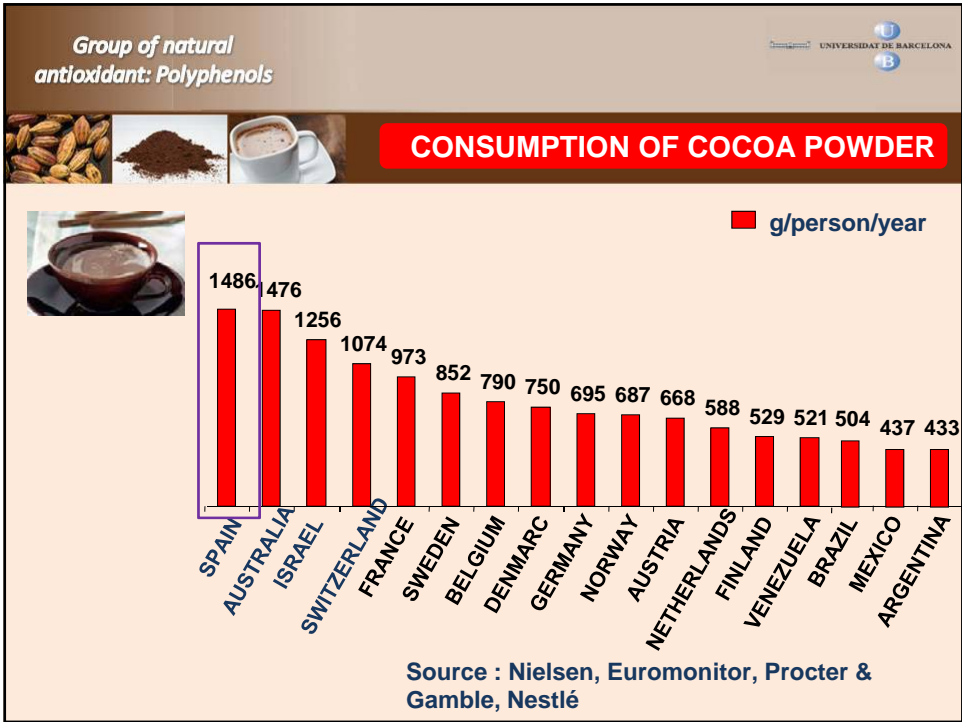
Ranking of Consumption Chocolate Confectionery



*Not including Czech Republic and Slovakia



Reports of ACNielsen, Euromonitor International and Caobisco. Association of the Chocolate biscuit and confectionery industries of the EU. <http://www.caobisco.com>



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Cocoa Phytochemicals

CN1C=NC2=C1C(=O)N(C)C2=O theobromine
CC(C)C1CCNC1=O diketopiperazine
OC(=O)CC(O)C(=O)NCC(=O)C=Cc1ccc(O)c(O)c1 N-phenylpropeonyl-L-aminoacids
POLYPHENOLS: FLAVONOIDS
 flavan-3-ols
 Procyanidins

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FLAVONOIDS

Flavanones
 Naringenin: $R_1=H, R_2=H, R_3=H$
 Hesperetin: $R_1=CH_3, R_2=OH, R_3=H$

Dihydroflavonols
 Dihydrokaempferol: $R_1=H, R_2=H$
 Dihydroquercetin: $R_1=OH, R_2=H$
 Dihydromyricetin: $R_1=OH, R_2=OH$

Flavan-3-ols
 (-)-Epicatechin: $R_1=OH, R_2=H$
 (+)-Catechin: $R_1=H, R_2=OH$

Isoflavones
 Daidzin: $R_1=H, R_2=glucoside$
 Daidzein: $R_1=H, R_2=H$
 Genistin: $R_1=OH, R_2=glucoside$
 Genistein: $R_1=OH, R_2=H$

Proanthocyanins
 B-type procyanidin dimer: $R_1=OH, R_2=H$

COCOA 5-10% Monomers (Epicatechin, catechin)
 Oligomers
 > 90% Polymers (proanthocyanidins)
 Andres-Lacueva et al. *J Agr Food Chem*, 2008

Proanthocyanidins may account for a major fraction of the total polyphenols ingested in Western diets (Scalbert, 2000)

Andres-Lacueva, C.; Medina-Rejon, A.; Llorach, R.; Urpi-Sarda, M. et al. 2009. Phenolic compounds. Chemistry and occurrence in fruits and vegetables.

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COCOA AND HEALTH

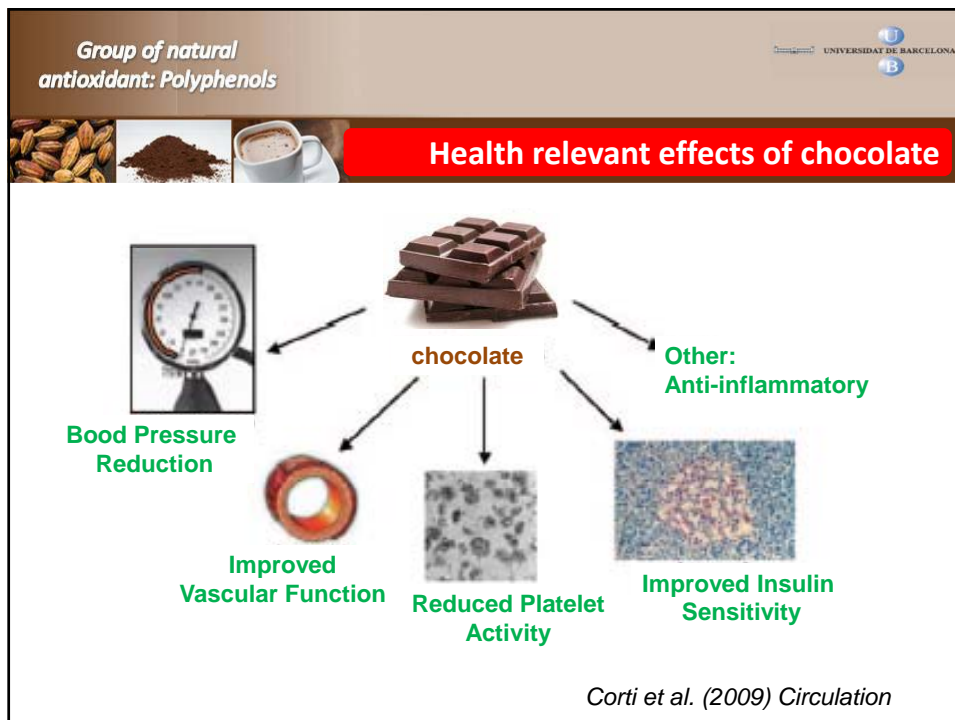
Circulation American Heart Association
Journal of the American Heart Association
Learn and Live.

Contemporary Reviews in Cardiovascular Medicine

Cocoa and Cardiovascular Health March 17, 2009
Roberto Corti, MD*; Andreas J. Flammer, MD*; Norman K. Hollenberg, MD, PhD;
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Because of the limitations of the data available so far, future studies should provide detailed information about the chocolate product used; the exact content in polyphenols, especially flavanols; and most importantly, the flavanol plasma concentrations achieved. Furthermore, it has to be taken into account that cocoa contains many other potentially active substances, eg, theobromine or magnesium, substances not discussed in this review.

Finally, to definitively clarify the protective effects of cacao on cardiovascular health, larger studies with a placebo-controlled prospective design focusing initially on surrogate end points such as carotid atherosclerosis and eventually morbidity and mortality are needed.

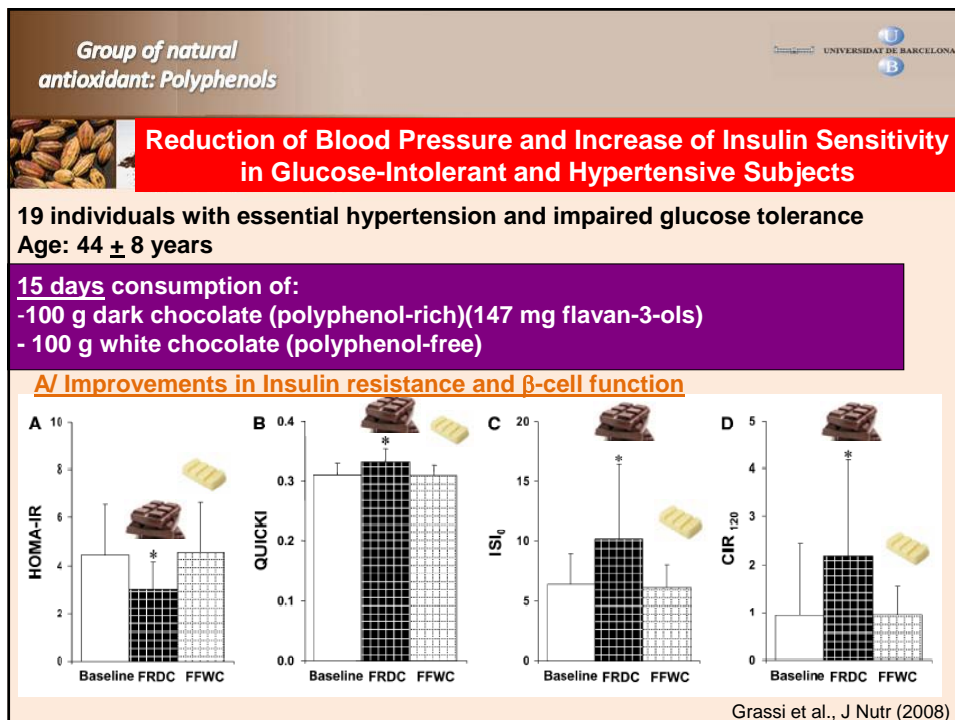


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PREVENTION CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES

SUBJECTS	POLYPHENOL SOURCE	INTERPRETATION	REFERENCE
Human (N=45)	Solid Dark Chocolate bar (containing 22 g cocoa powder) or a cocoa-free placebo bar (containing 0 g cocoa powder).	Improved endothelial function and lowered blood pressure in overweight adults	Faridi Z et al. Am J Clin Nutr. 2008
Human (N=22)	40 g Flavonoid-rich Dark Chocolate	Significant reduction of serum oxidative stress.	Flammer AJ et al. Circulation. 2007
Human (N=44)	6.3 g/day of dark Chocolate containing 30 mg of Polyphenols or matching Polyphenol-free White Chocolate	Efficiently reduced blood pressure and improved formation of Vasodilative Nitric Oxide.	Taubert D et al. JAMA. 2007
Human (N=173)	Cocoa and Tea (Meta Analysis)	Consumption of foods rich in cocoa may reduce blood pressure, while tea intake appears to have no effect	Taubert D et al. Arch Intern Med. 2007



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Reduction of Blood Pressure and Increase of Insulin Sensitivity in Glucose-Intolerant and Hypertensive Subjects

B/ Decrement of Blood pressure

C/ Endothelial function

D/ Lipid profile

Baseline ↔ [Chocolate] ↓ Total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol

No changes HDL cholesterol and TG

E/ Other variables

No changes in:

- CRP
- Serum electrolytes
- Fibrinogen
- Homocysteine
- Uric acid

Grassi et al., J Nutr (2008)

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Polyphenols amount in different kind of chocolates

Chocolate Type	mg phenols/serving size
dark chocolate (40 g)	951
milk chocolate (40 g)	394
chocolate milk (240 ml)	34
homemade chocolate milk (240 ml)	81
hot cocoa mixes (180 ml)	45
homemade hot cocoa (180 ml)	211


Visioli et al., Crit Rev Food Sci Nutr (2009)

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BIOAVAILABILITY OF POLYPHENOLS FROM COCOA POWDER AND THEIR BENEFICIAL EFFECT IN HEALTH



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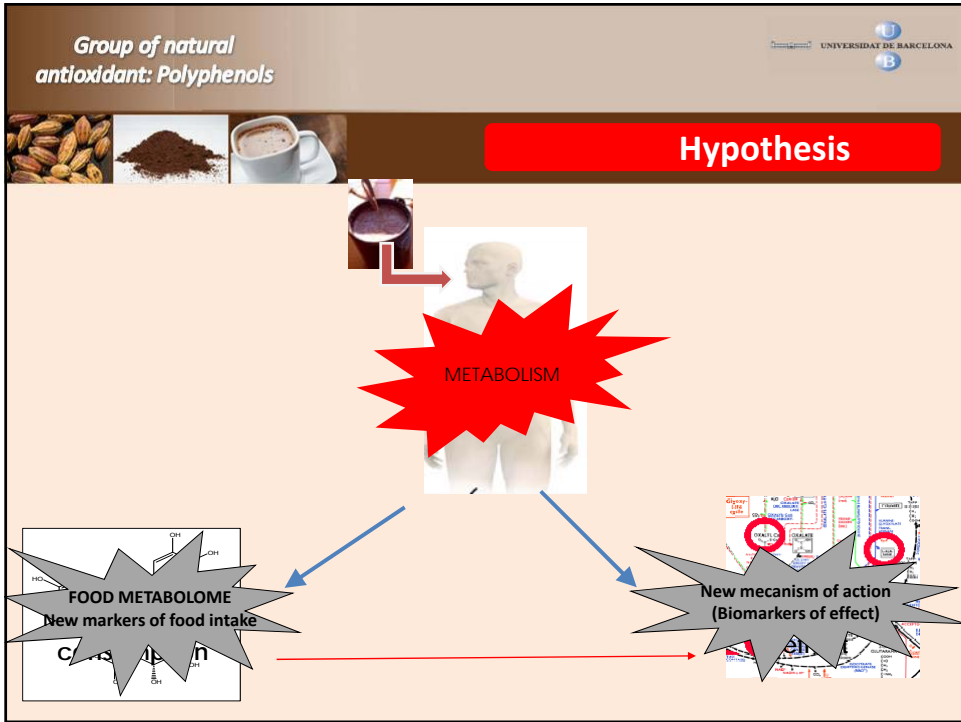


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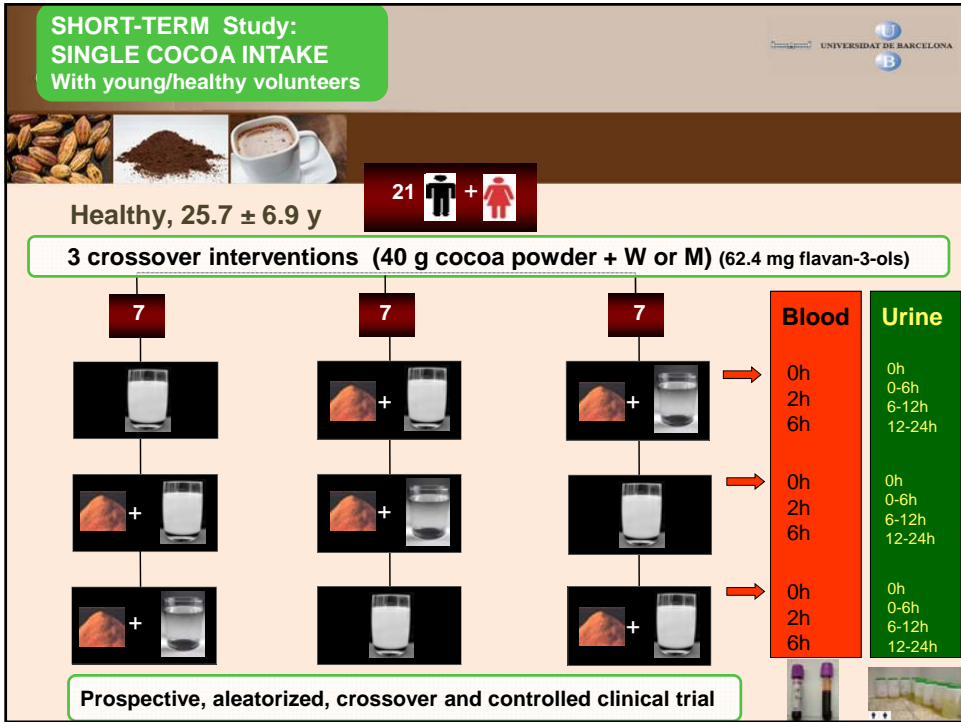
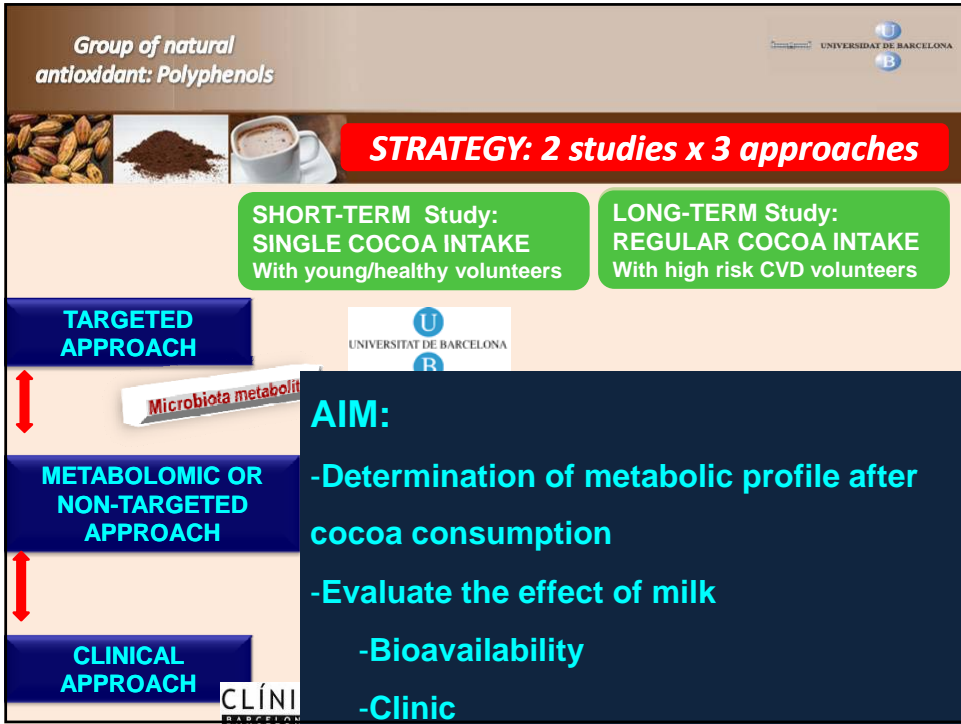
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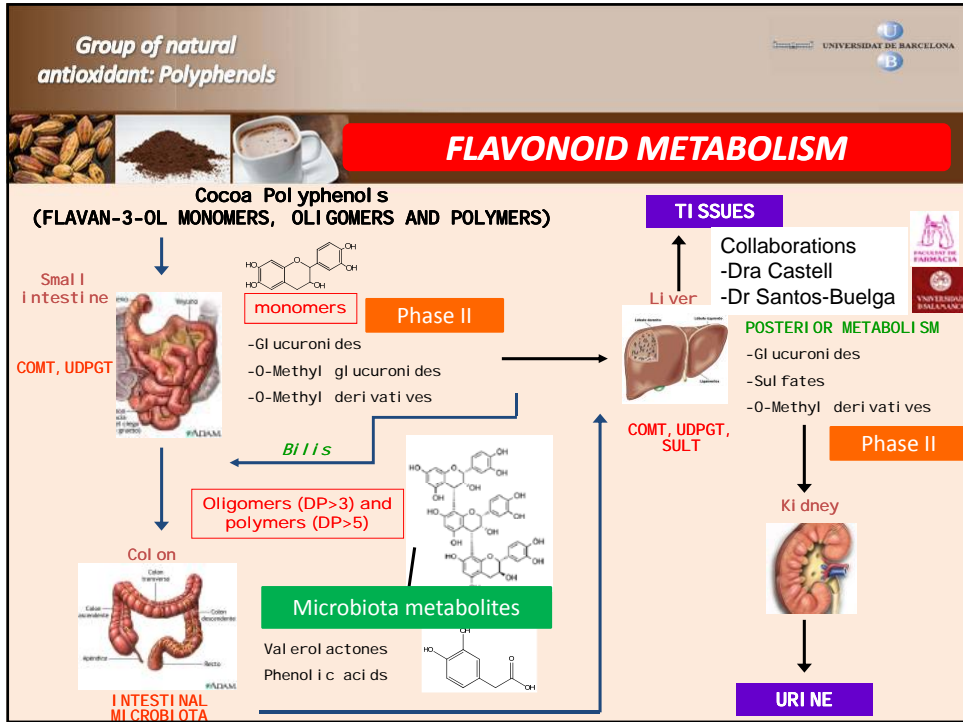
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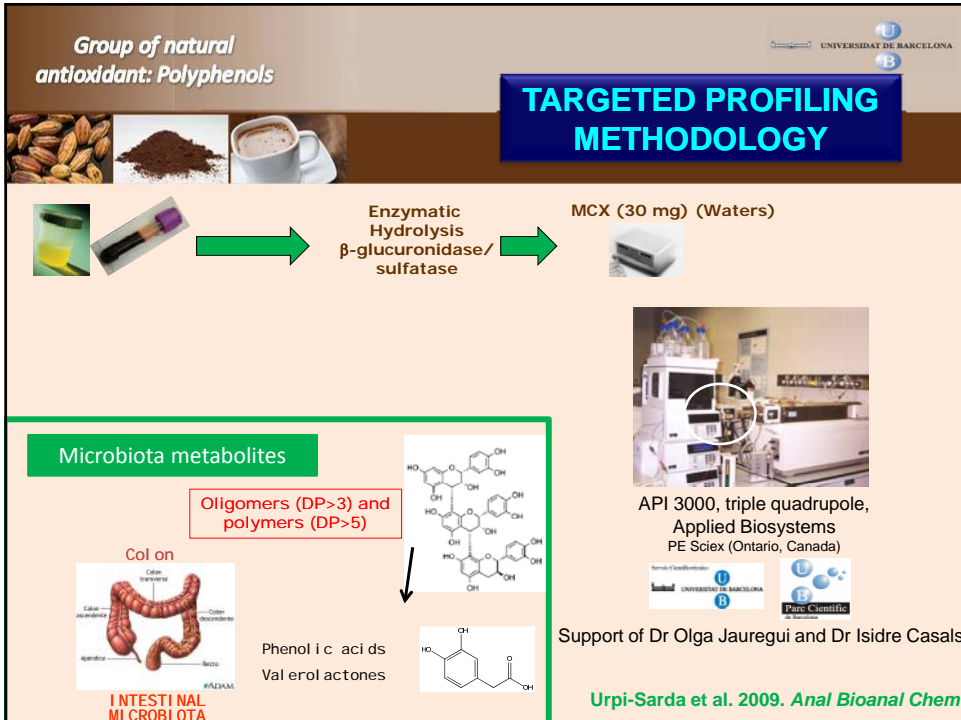
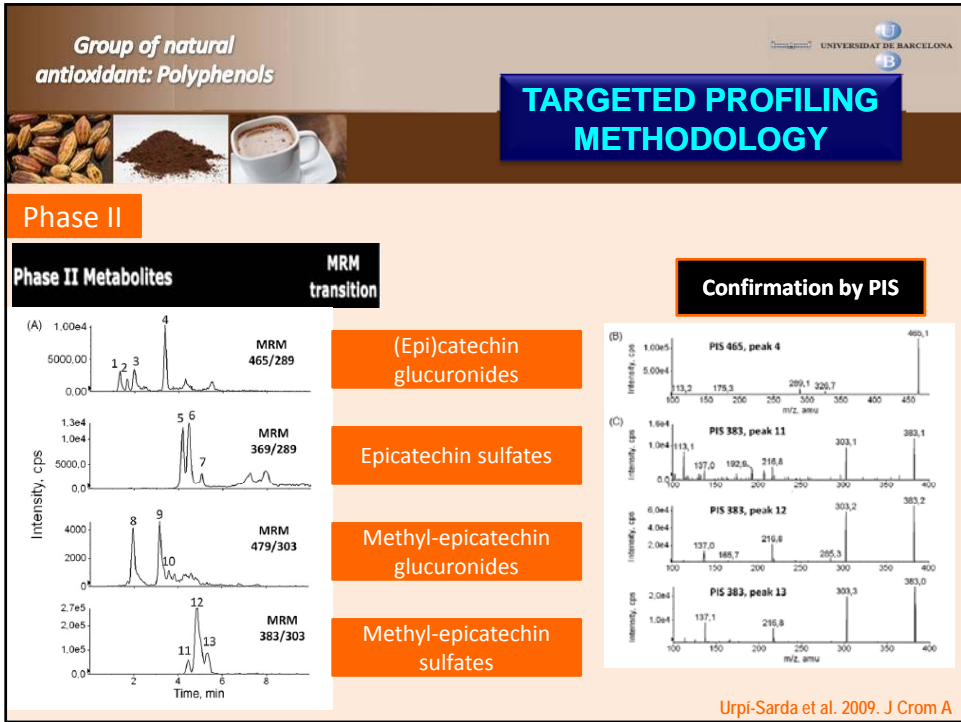
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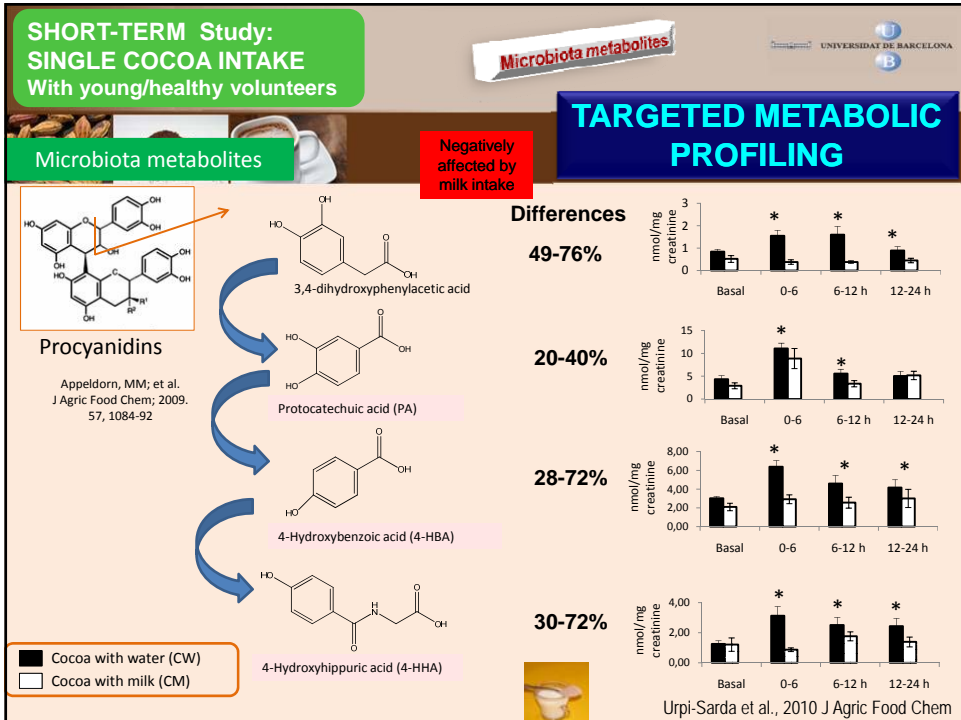
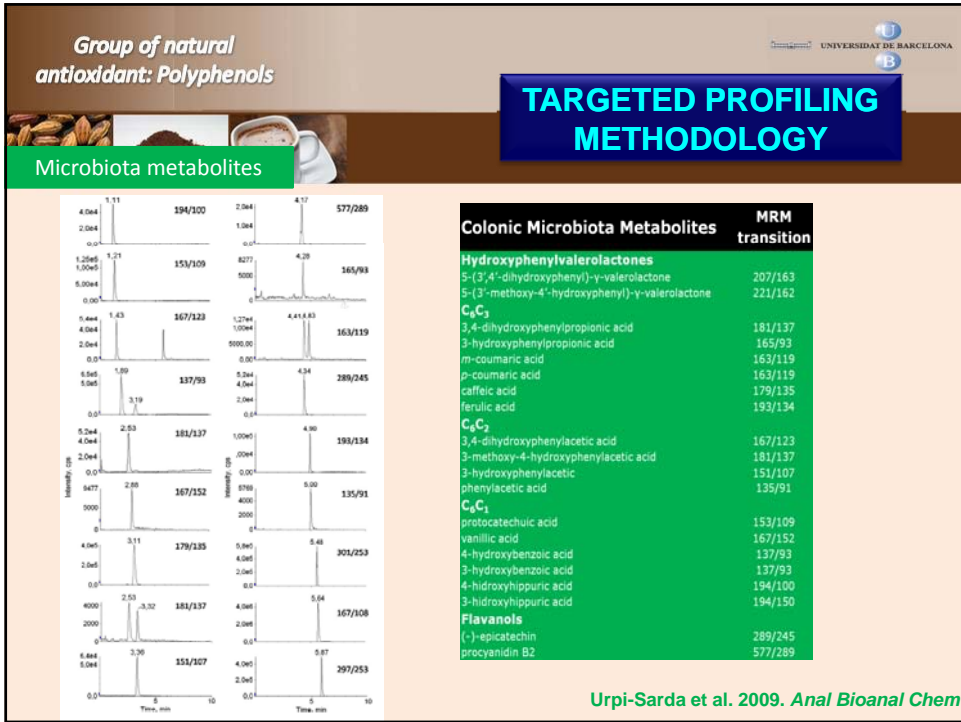
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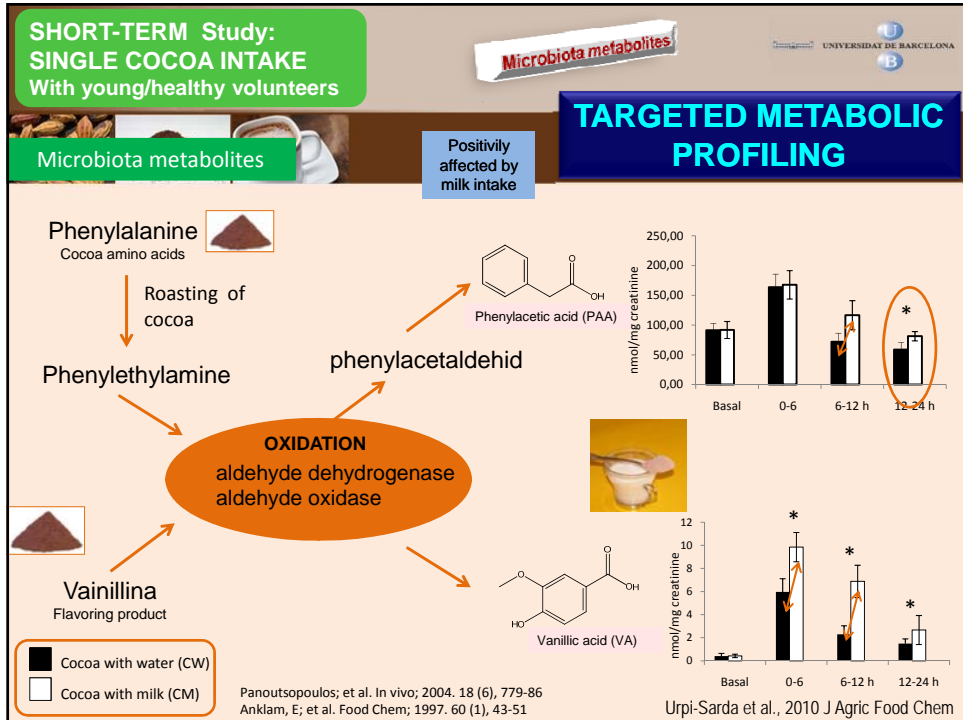
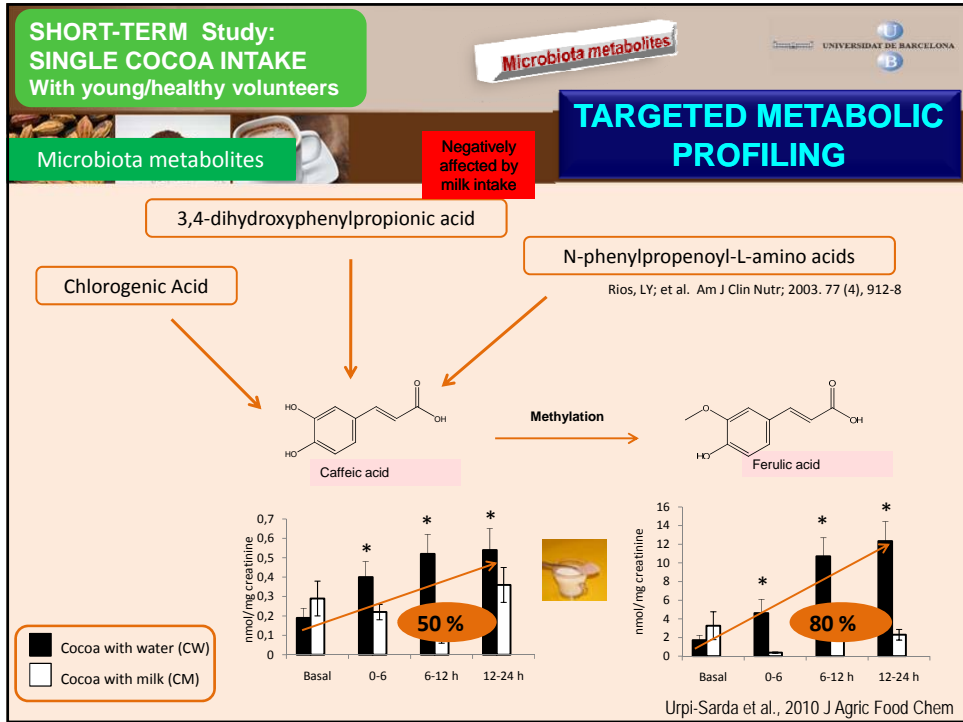












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With young/healthy volunteers

Microbiota metabolites

TARGETED METABOLIC PROFILING

15 studied compounds

7 phenolic acids ↓ excretion
3,4-Dihydroxyphenylacetic acid, protocatechuic acid, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, 4-hydroxyhippuric acid, hippuric acid, caffeic acid and ferulic acid.

2 phenolic acids ↑ excretion
Vanillic acid and phenylacetic acid

= 6 phenolic acids absorption

Milk has a partial effect on the phenolic acid excretion profile after consumption of cocoa powder.

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Nutrición y “-Ómicas”

Proceso celular	Tecnología ómica	Descripción biológica
ADN ↓ Transcripción	Genómica (secuencia, regulación, epigenoma, SNPs)	Lo que podría pasar
ARNm ↓ Traducción	Transcriptómica (MICROARRAYS)	Lo que parece que está ocurriendo
Proteínas ↓ Ocurrencia Actividad	Proteómica (identificación, función, modificaciones post-traducción)	Lo que hace que ocurra
Metabolitos ↓ Respuesta fenotípica	Metabolómica (perfil), Metabonomía (función)	Lo que ha ocurrido o está ocurriendo CONSECUENCIAS

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URINARY METABOLOME MODIFICATIONS

OSC-PLS scores plot

OSC-PLS loading plot

-Kinetic evolution during the 24 h after test-meal intake in the urine fingerprint of both diets, suggesting influence of circadian rhythm of urine
-Clear differences between nutritional interventions

Lorach et al., 2009 J. Proteome Res.
Lorach et al., 2010 J Pharm & Biomed An

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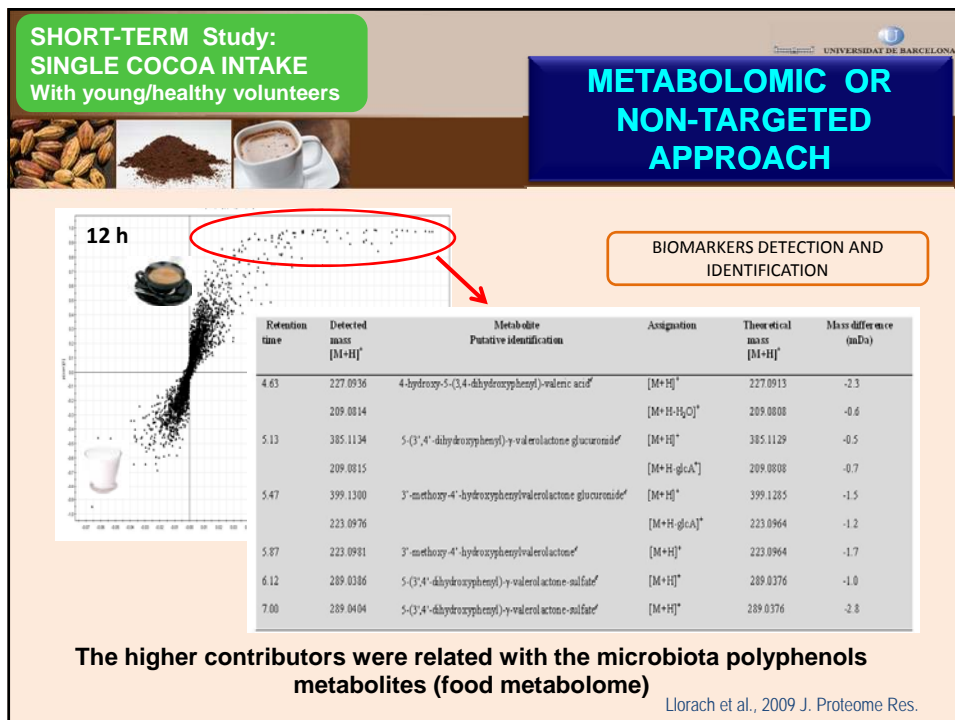
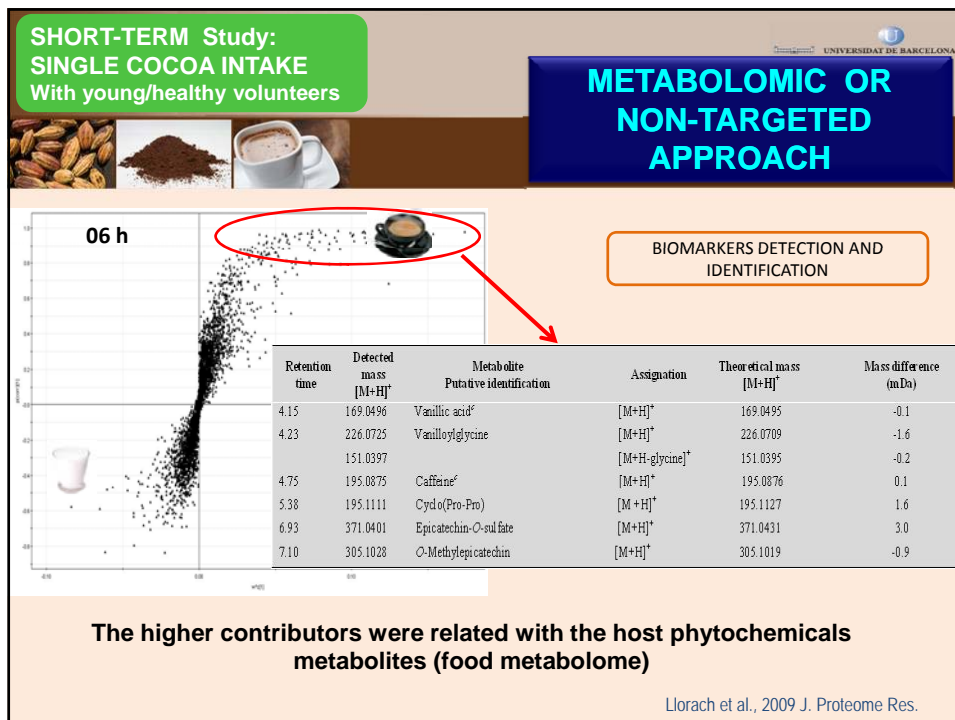
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CONFIDENCE


BIOMARKERS DETECTION AND IDENTIFICATION

Wiklund et al. Anal Chem. (2008)



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Cocoa consumption causes important urinary metabolome modifications during the 24 h after intake

Phytochemical metabolites (food metabolome) are mainly responsible for these differences.

The Metabolomics strategy is a powerful tool for identifying new markers of exposure and is useful for confirming the robustness of some expected metabolites such as polyphenol metabolites

Lorach et al., 2009 J. Proteome Res.

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STRATEGY: 2 studies x 3 approaches

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With high risk CVD volunteers

TARGETED APPROACH

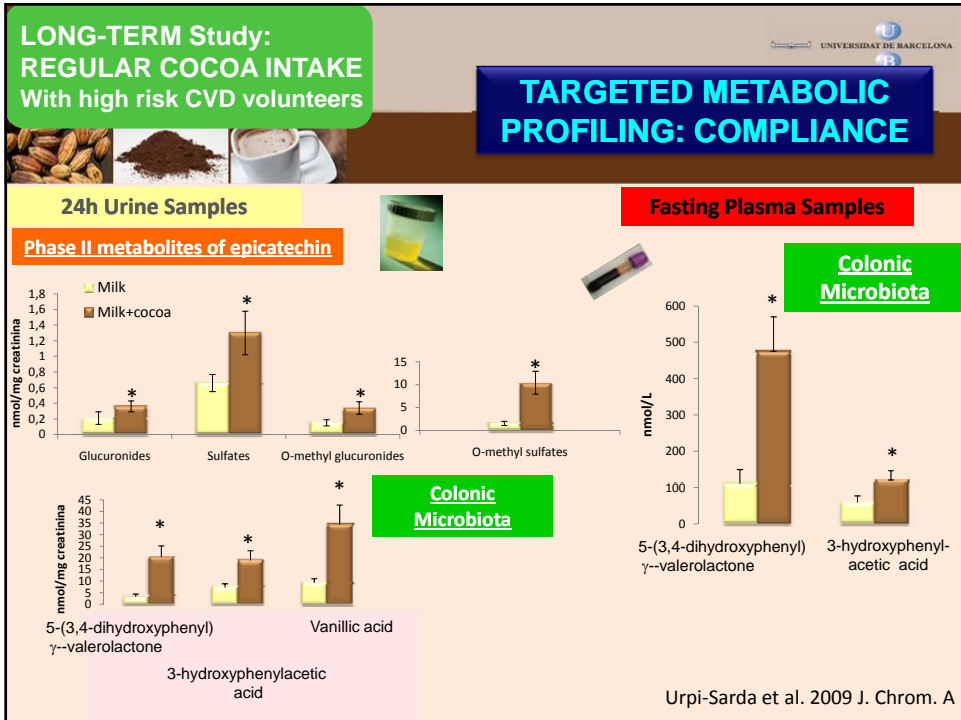
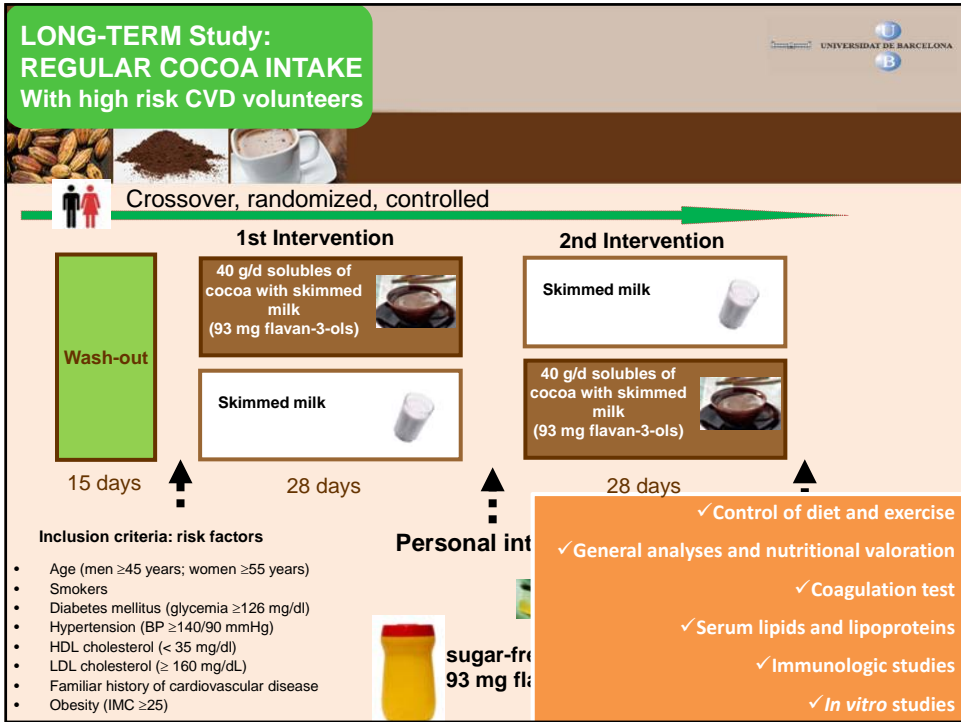
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CLINICAL APPROACH

AIM
To study the phenolic metabolic profile after regular consumption of cocoa and its effect in cardiovascular risk.

Microbiota metabolites

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Compliance was assessed measuring epicatechin metabolites derived from phase II metabolism in 24-h urine samples.


Regular consumption of 40 g cocoa powder with milk per day resulted in a urinary excretion of 18.38 $\mu\text{mol/d}$ of total phase II metabolites of epicatechin (global increment of 458%) in comparison with intake of milk (3.29 $\mu\text{mol/L}$).

Urpi-Sarda et al. 2009 J. Chrom. A

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 *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* *Am J Clin Nutr* 2009;90:1144-50.

Effect of cocoa powder on the modulation of inflammatory biomarkers in patients at high risk of cardiovascular disease¹⁻⁴

Maria Monagas, Nasiruddin Khan, Cristina Andres-Lacueva, Rosa Casas, Mireia Urpi-Sardà, Rafael Llorach, Rosa Maria Lamuela-Raventós, and Ramón Estruch

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Serum Lipids and serum proteins

Triglycerides
 Basal vs LC vs L
 $p=0.045$

cLDL
 Basal vs LC vs L
 $p=0.048$

cHDL
 Basal vs LC vs L
 $p=0.016$

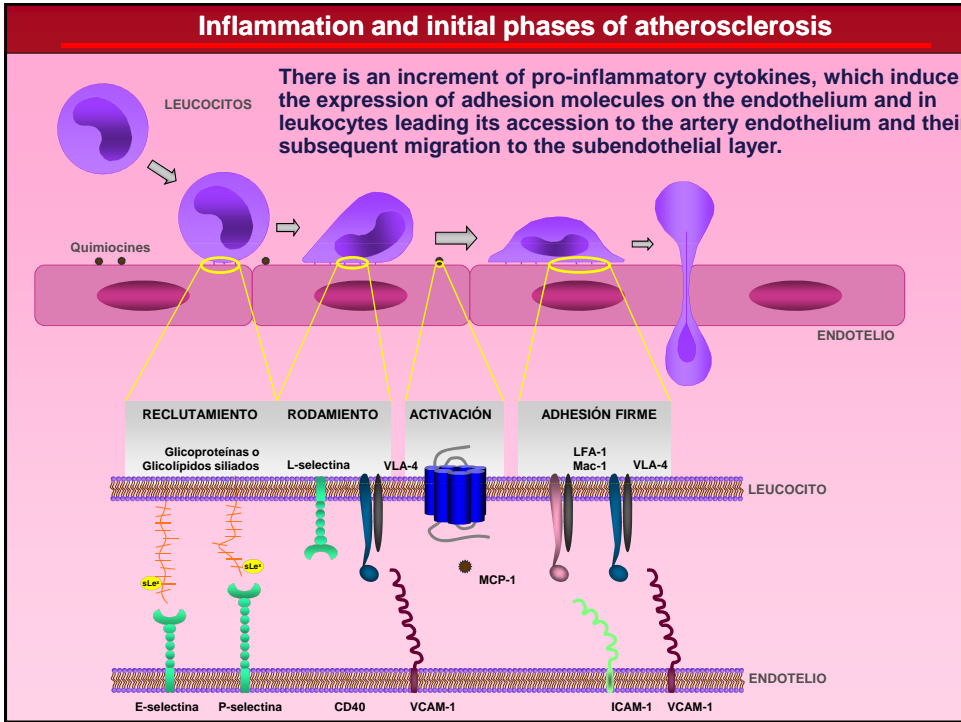
It was observed a significant diminution of triglycerides and cLDL after cocoa consumption with respect to basal status.

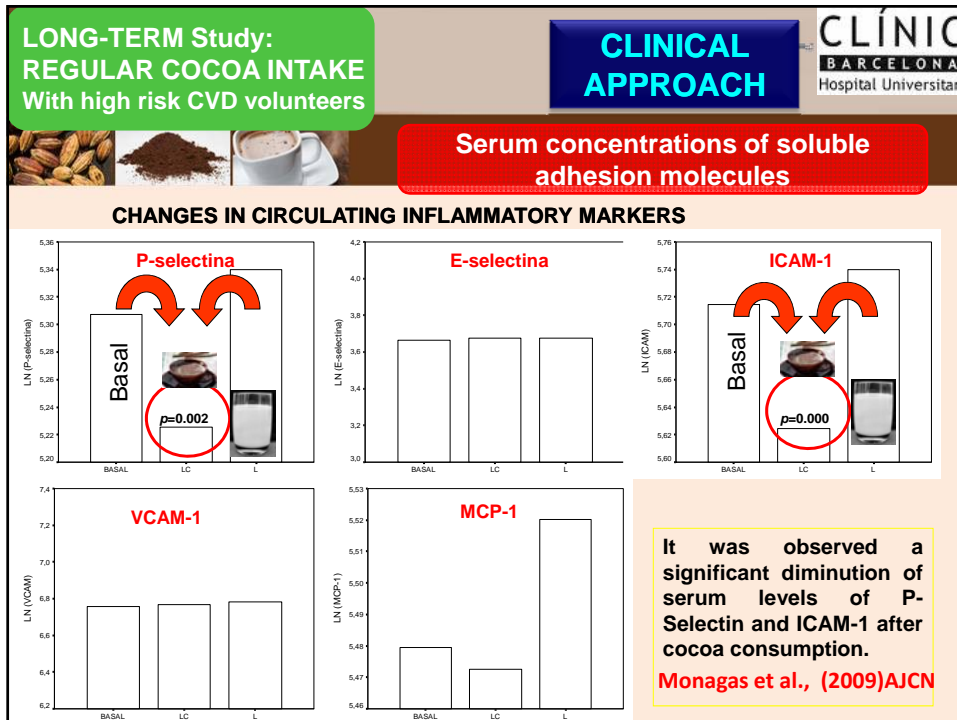
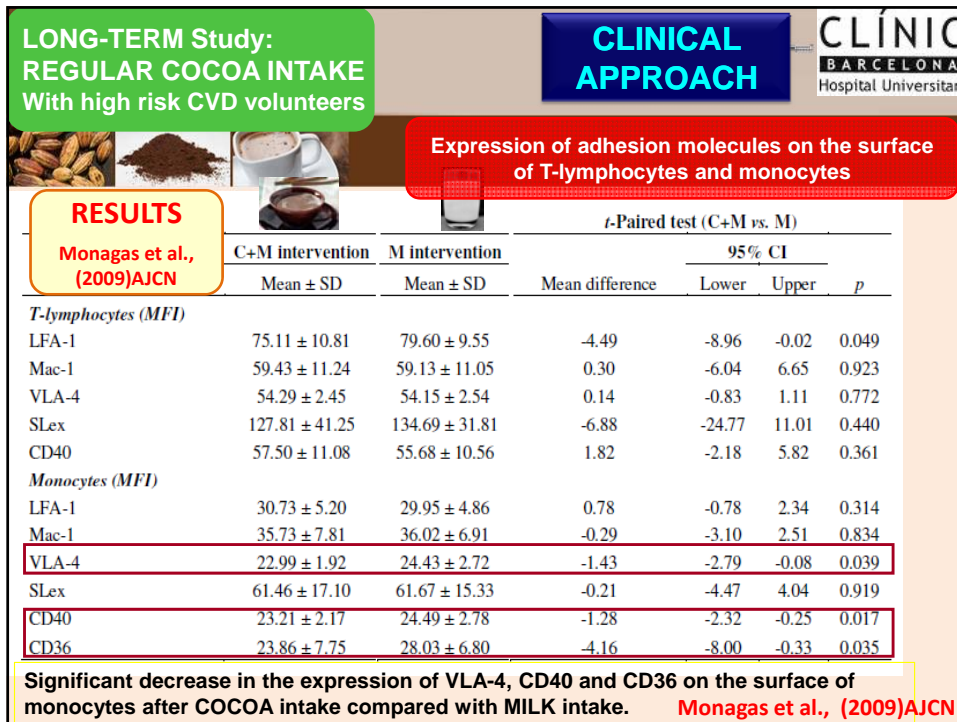
It was observed a significant increase of cHDL after cocoa consumption when compared with basal and with milk intake.

NO CHANGES IN:

- Total cholesterol
- Lipoproteins (including Apo A and Apo B)


Monagas et al., (2009)AJCN






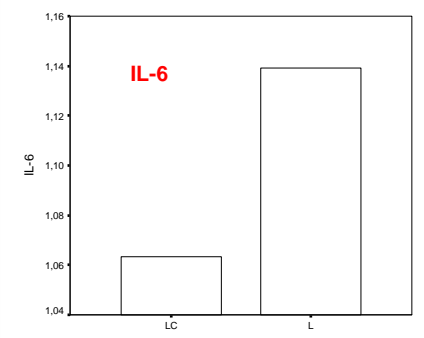
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Serum concentrations of pro-inflammatory cytokines




NO CHANGES in hs-CRP


It was observed a diminution in IL-6 levels after cocoa consumption although without significant difference.

Monagas et al., (2009) AJCN

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CONTRADICTIONARY RESULTS IN LITERATURE

SUBJECTS (n)	INTAKE (flavanol/day)	REDUCTION	NO CHANGES	REFERENCE
Healthy (25)	36.9g dark chocolate + 30.9g cocoa powder for 6 weeks (651 mg/d)		IL-1, IL-6, CRP, TNF- α , P-selectin	Mathur et al. J Nutr (2002)
Individuals with CAD (30 male)	Flavanol-rich chocolate bar and cocoa beverage for 6-week (444 mg/d)		ICAM-1, P-selectin, VCAM-1, E-Selectin,	Farouque et al. Clin Sci (2006)
Hypercholesterol Subjects (49)	2 dark chocolate bars with sterol for 4 weeks (360mg/d)	cLDL, total chol	Hs-CRP, ICAM-1, sCD40L	Allen et al. J Nutr (2008)
Hypercholesterol Women (32)	Flavanol-rich cocoa beverage for 6-weeks (446 mg/d)	VCAM-1	E-Selectin, P-selectin	Wang-Polagruto et al J Cardiovasc Pharmacol (2006)
Healthy women (49)	Dark chocolate for 6-week	ICAM-1	VCAM-1, IL-6, hs-CRP	Kurlandsly et al. Nutr Res (2006)
Individuals with CV risk factors (42)	Cocoa powder for 1-month (93 mg/d)	P-selectin ICAM-1,	VCAM-1, E-selectin, MCP-1, IL6, CRP	Monagas et al. Am J Clin Nutr (2009)

In accordance to our study


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Our results suggest that regular consumption of nutritional doses of cocoa may have an effect on all initial phases of the atherosclerosis process in subjects at high-risk of coronary heart disease .

Monagas et al., (2009)AJCN



Thanks for your attention.



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