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**Nanotechnology-based
polyphenol delivery systems
for the treatment of
Neurodegenerative and
Neuro-Oncology diseases**



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Proposed biological processes triggered by dietary polyphenols

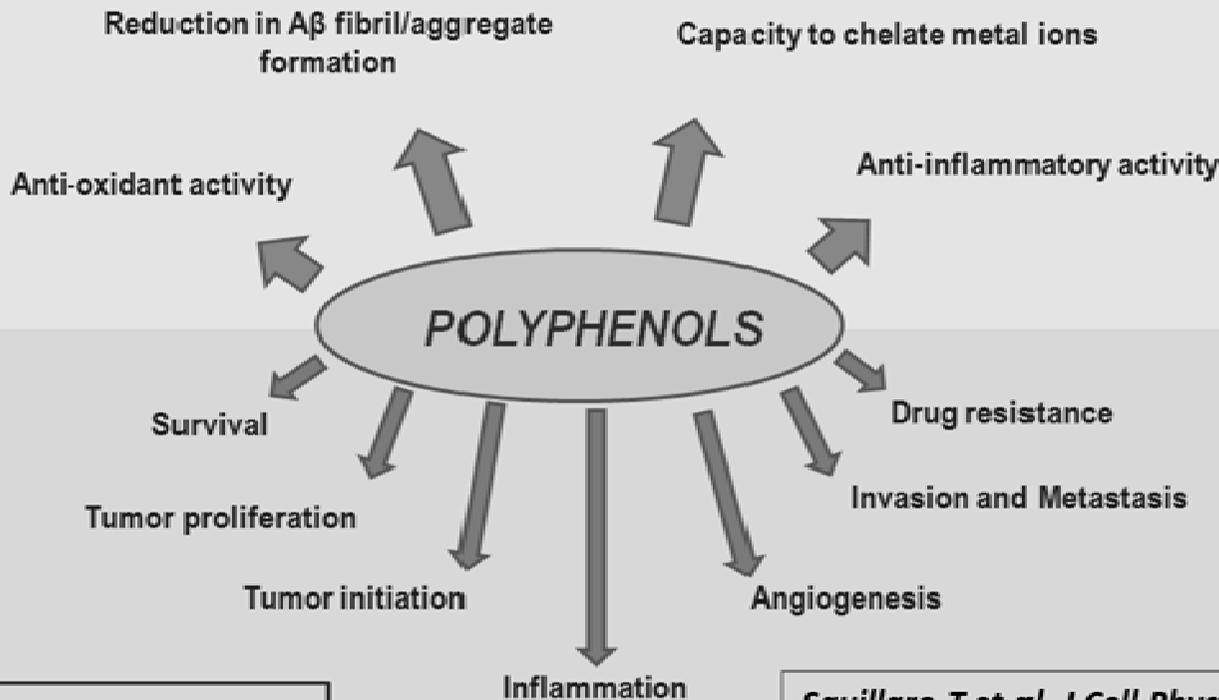
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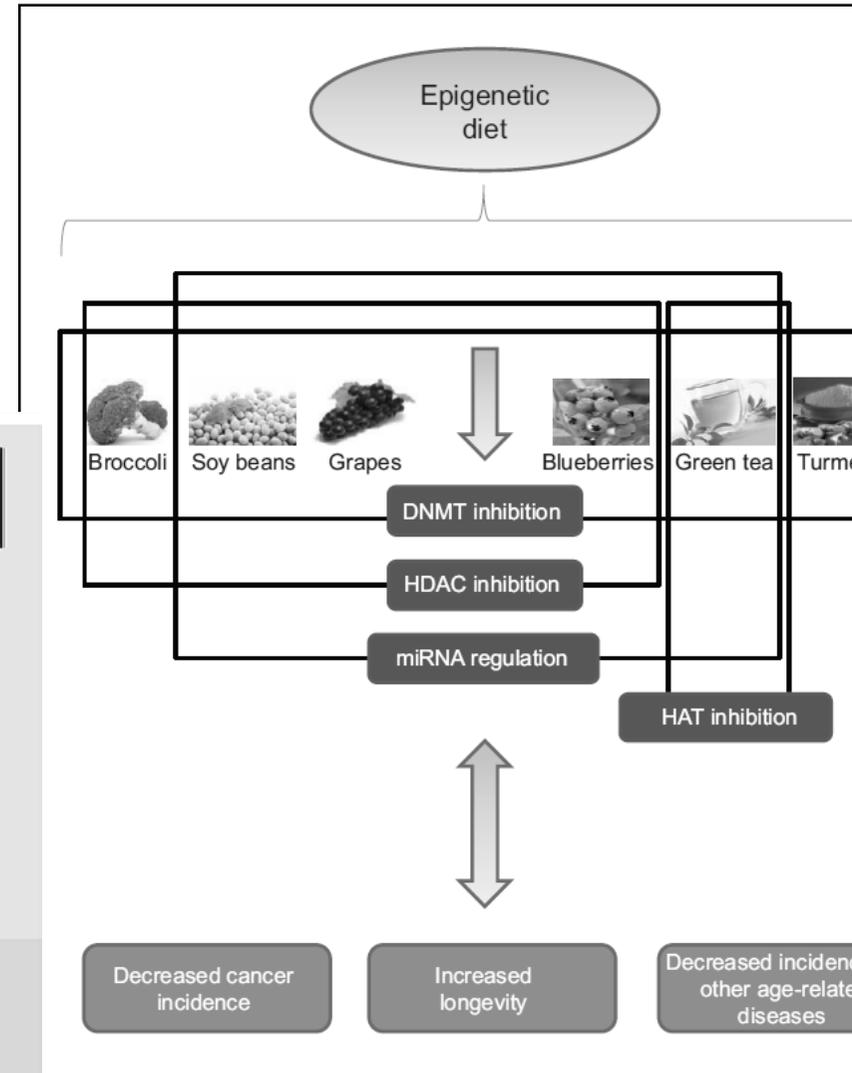
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NEURODEGENERATIVE DISORDERS
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DNA methyltransferase (DNMT) inhibition
Histone deacetylase inhibition (HDAC inhibition)
Histone acetyltransferase (HAT) inhibition
MicroRNAs (miRNAs) regulation

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Synergistic Interplay between Curcumin and Polyphenol-Rich Foods in the Mediterranean Diet: Therapeutic Prospects for Neurofibromatosis 1 Patients

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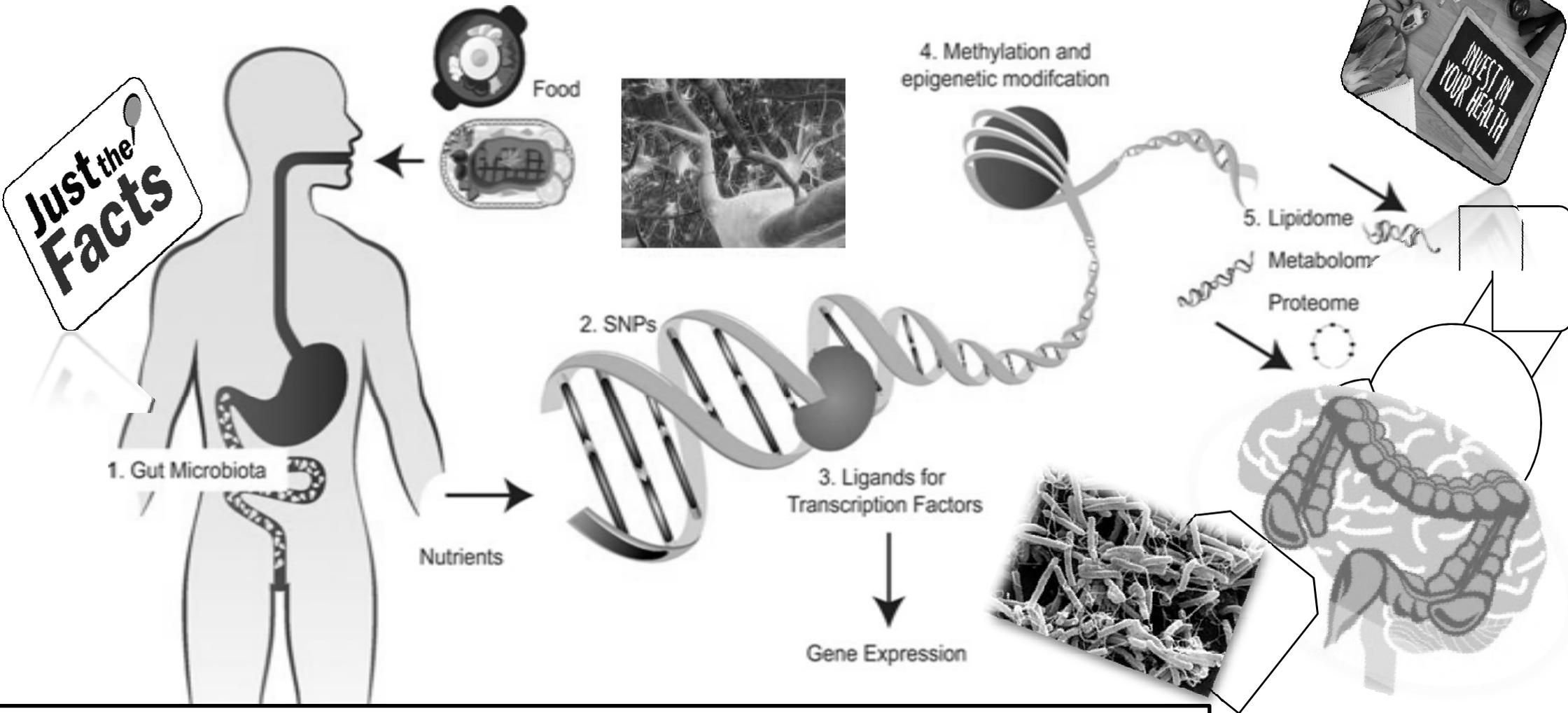
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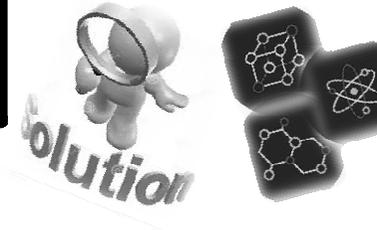
Polyphenol bioavailability: a limitation for their clinical potential



***Low bioavailability of polyphenols is due to:
intrinsic factors (chemical structure, molecular weight and low hydrosolubility);
extrinsic factors (low stability in the gastrointestinal tract, extensive phase I and
metabolism and rapid elimination)***

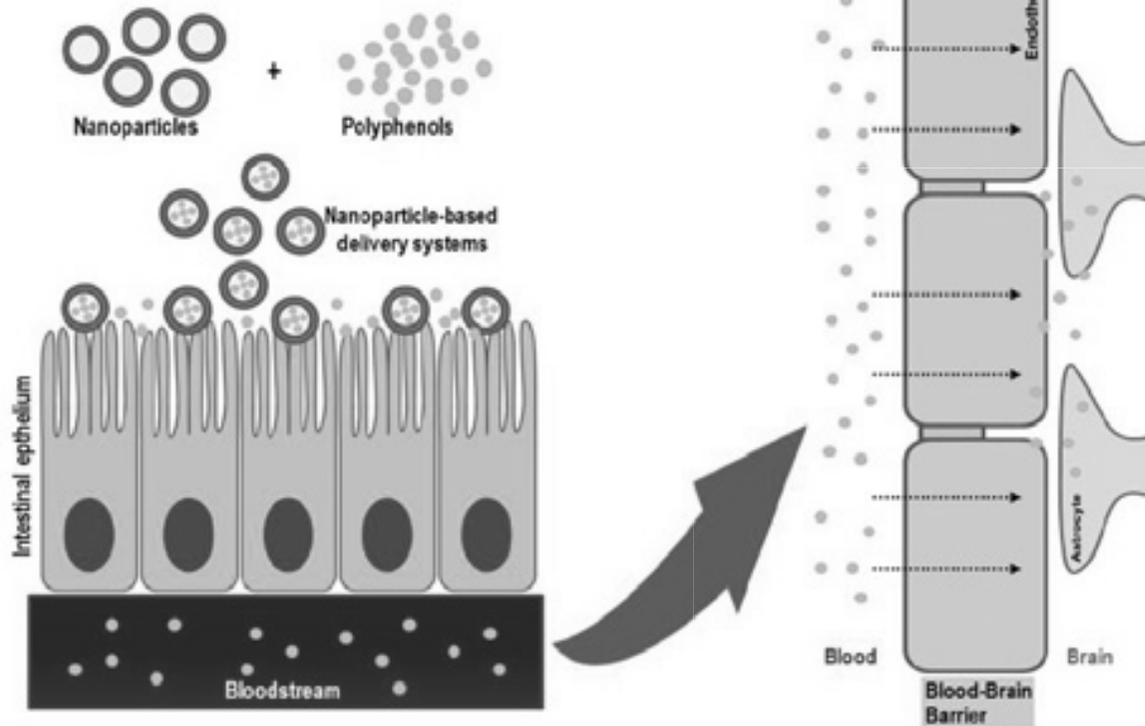


Nanotechnology-based delivery systems: an innovative strategy for polyphenol application in clinical practice



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- *protect them from stomach acid condition;*
- *ameliorate their absorption across gastrointestinal tract;*
- *enhance their bioavailability;*
- *transport them to target organs;*
- *improving their ability to cross the blood-brain barrier;*



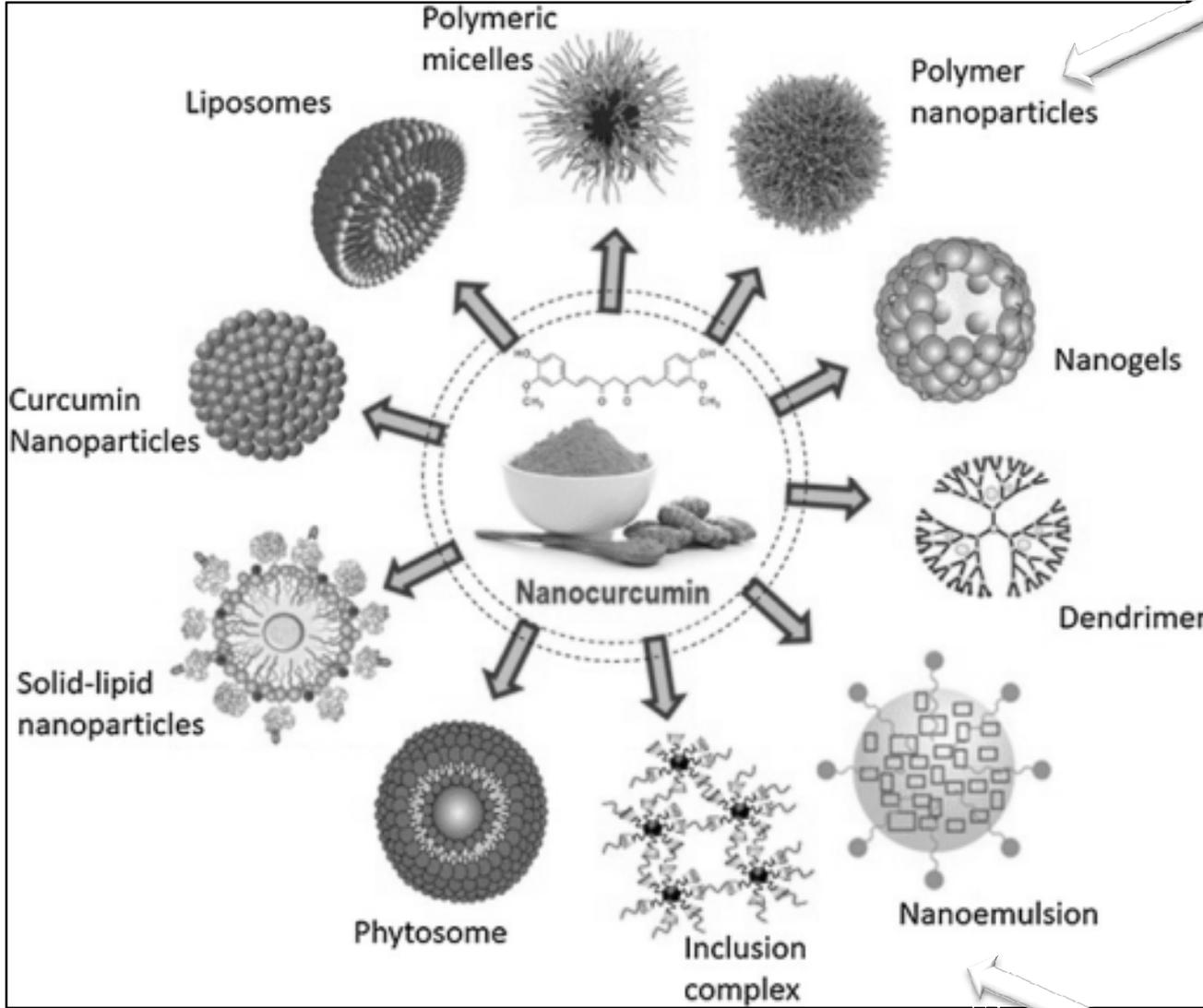
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Different strategies of curcumin nanoformulation preparation

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To date, several nanoparticle-based polyphenol delivery systems have been developed showing both biocompatibility and biodegradability characteristics and high efficacy regarding drug encapsulation, stability, and delivery

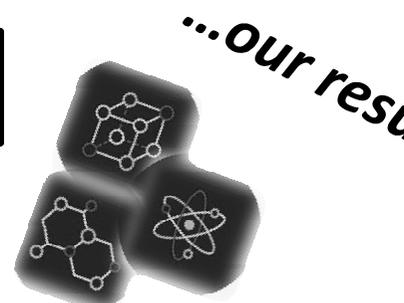
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3. Polymer nanoparticles
4. Nanogels
5. Dendrimer
6. Nanoemulsion
7. Inclusion complex
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9. Solid lipid nanoparticles
10. Curcumin nanoparticles

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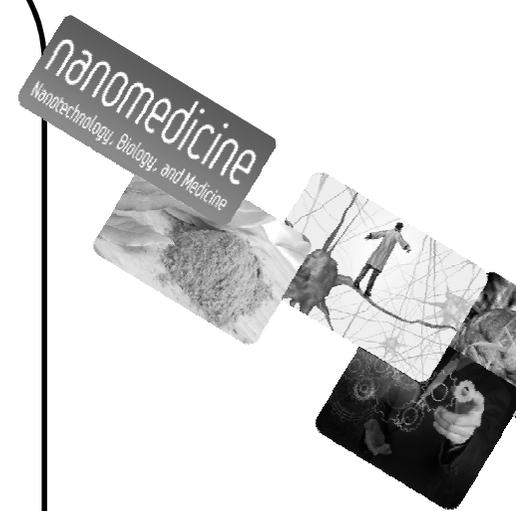
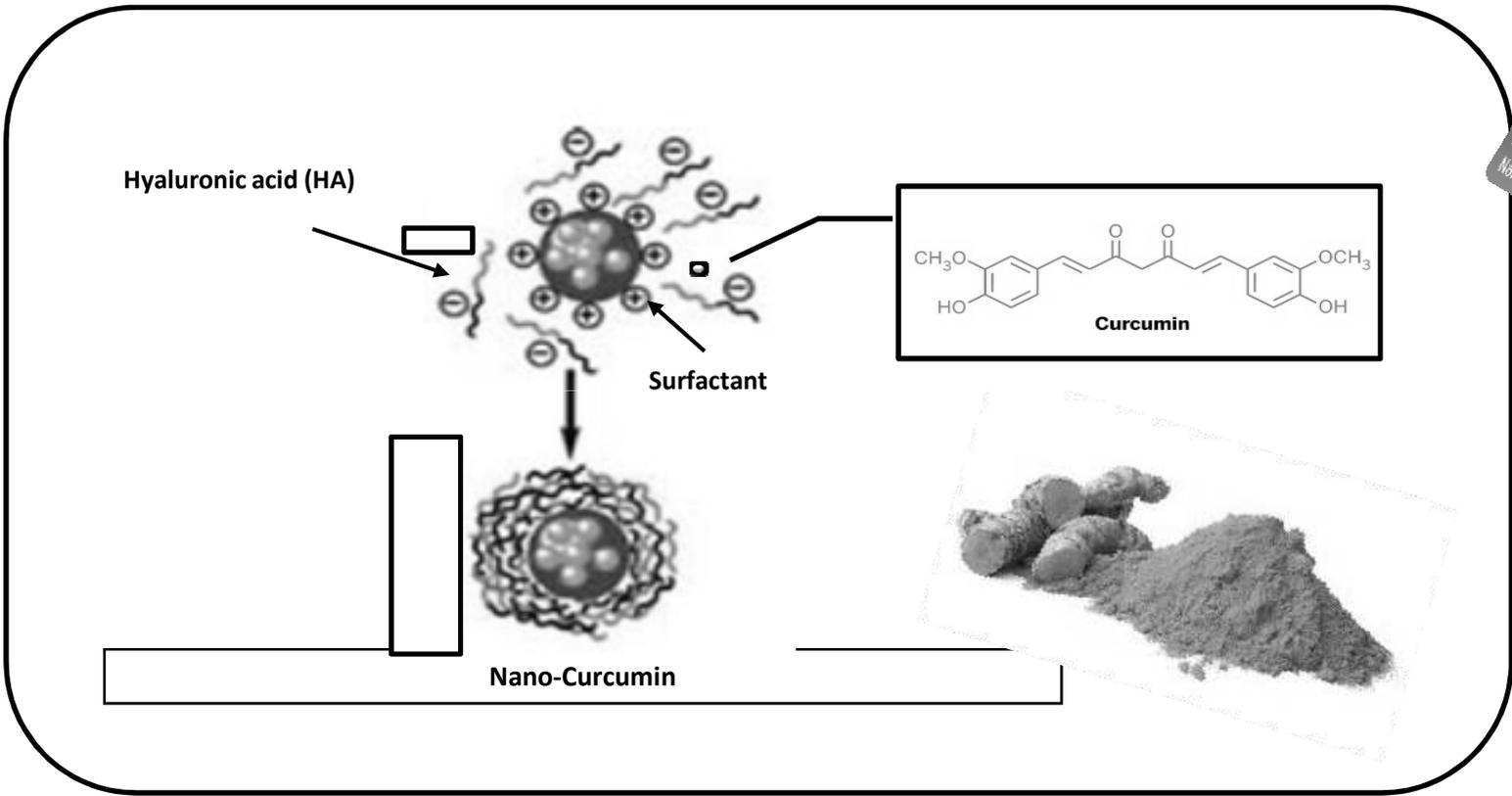
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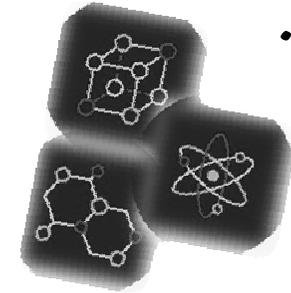


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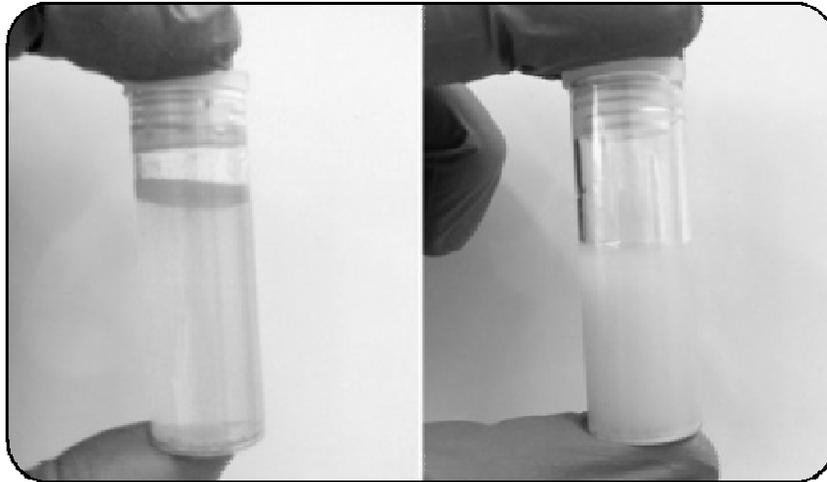


Schematic representation of nano-curcumin synthesis

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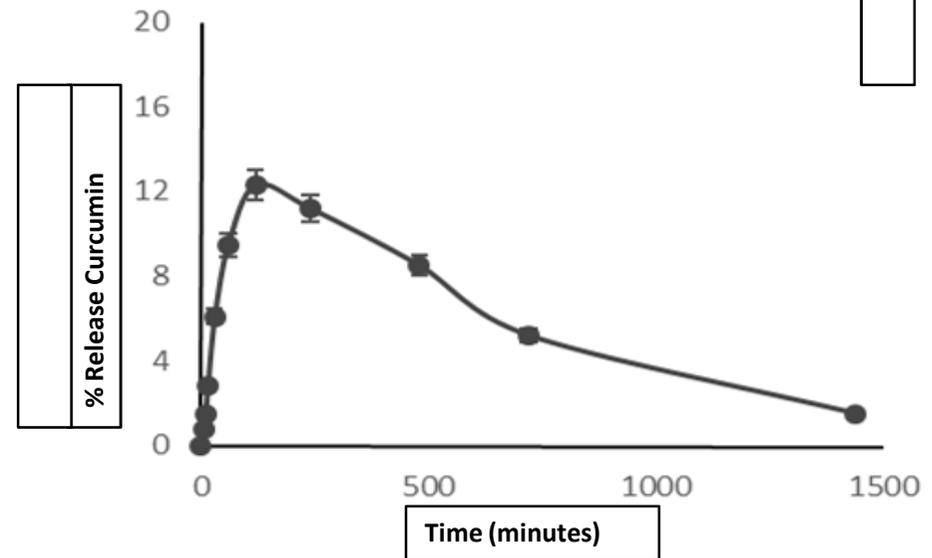


free Curcumin
in water

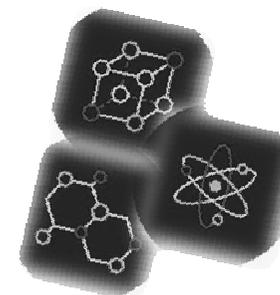
Nano-Curcumin
in water

Nano-curcumin exhibited increased water solubility compared to free curcumin.

Release kinetics of curcumin from nano-curcumin demonstrates a burst release of 60% over the first 4 hours and a subsequent release of 10% over the next 20 hours.



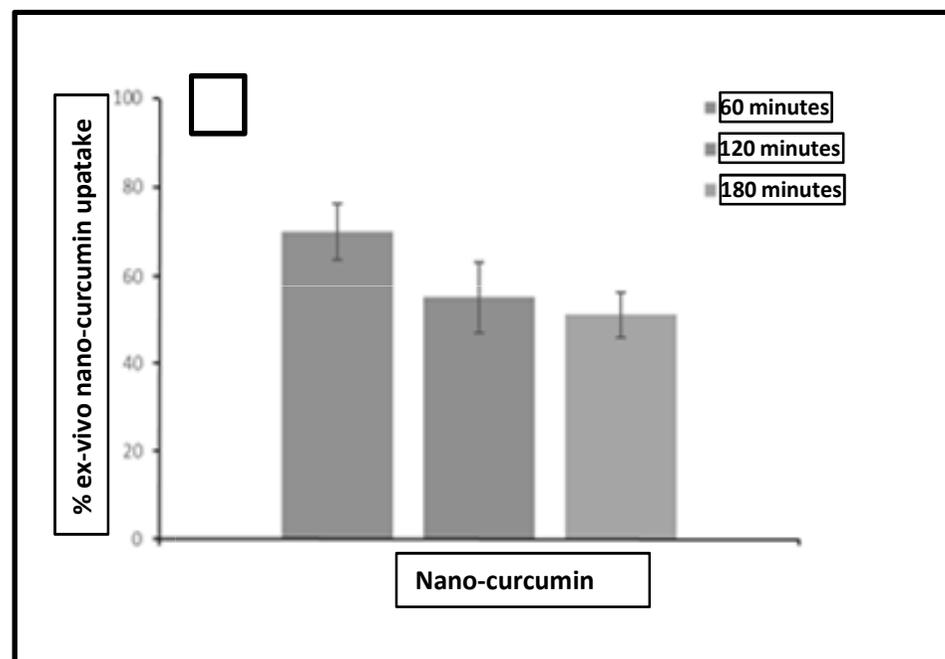
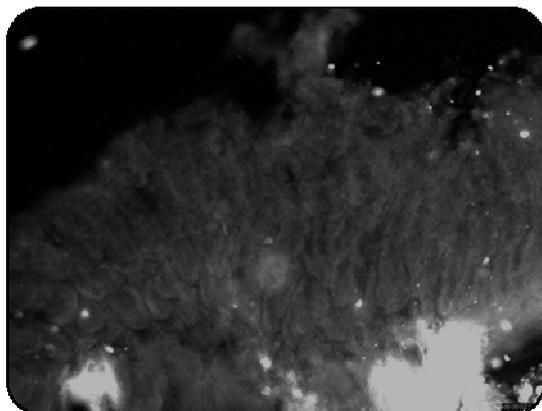
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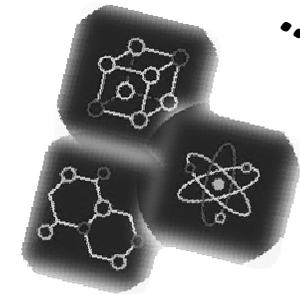
Nano-Curcumin *ex-vivo* uptake

60 minutes uptake



The **human adenocarcinoma *Caco-2* cell line** is a widely used cellular *model* to evaluate the ability of small molecules such as curcumin to **cross the intestinal barrier**, as well as to study their transport mechanisms.

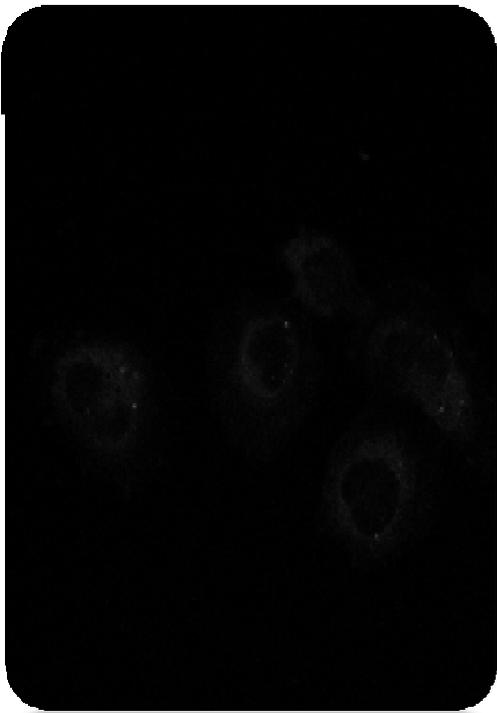
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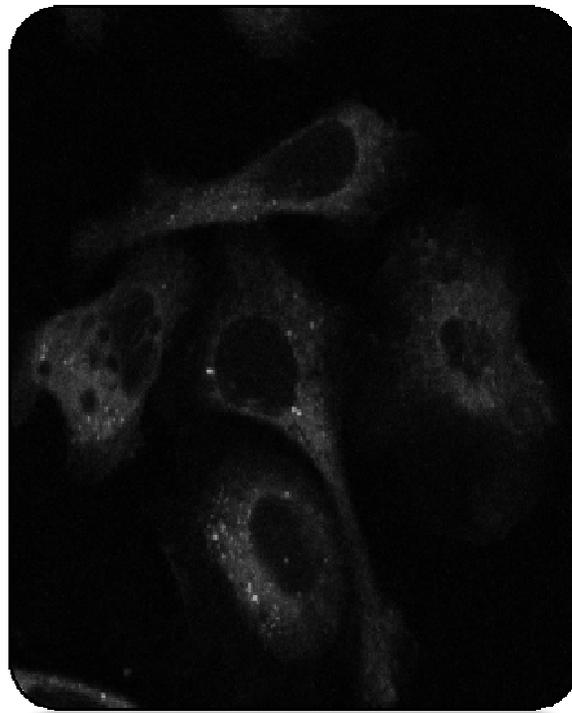
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Nano-curcumin uptake *in vitro*

Free curcumin



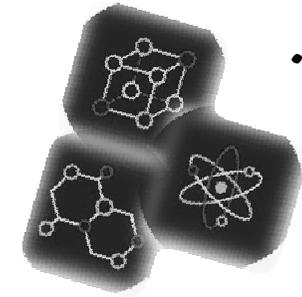
Nano-curcumin



Caco-2 Cells treated with nano-curcumin showed an increase in fluorescence (green) and, thus cellular uptake, when compared with cells that were treated with non-encapsulated curcumin (free curcumin).

Fluorescence was detected under a fluorescence microscope with a GFP filter due to curcumin's auto-fluorescent property. All representative images had similar numbers of cells.

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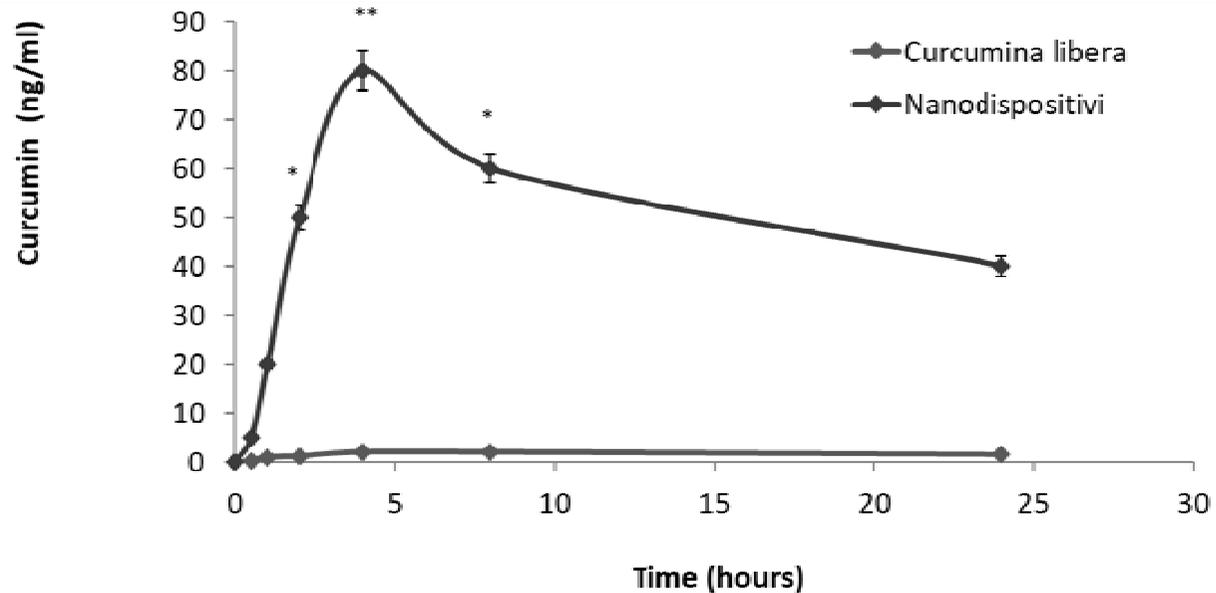
Protocol:

- Single oral dose administered;
- M/F healthy volunteers, aged between 18 and 55 years, BMI between 18.5 and 29.9 Kg/m²;

Sample collection:

- time points of 0 (pre-dose)
 - 1 hour
 - 2 hours
 - 4 hours
 - 8 hours
 - 24 hours
- post-oral dose administration

Pharmacokinetic assay



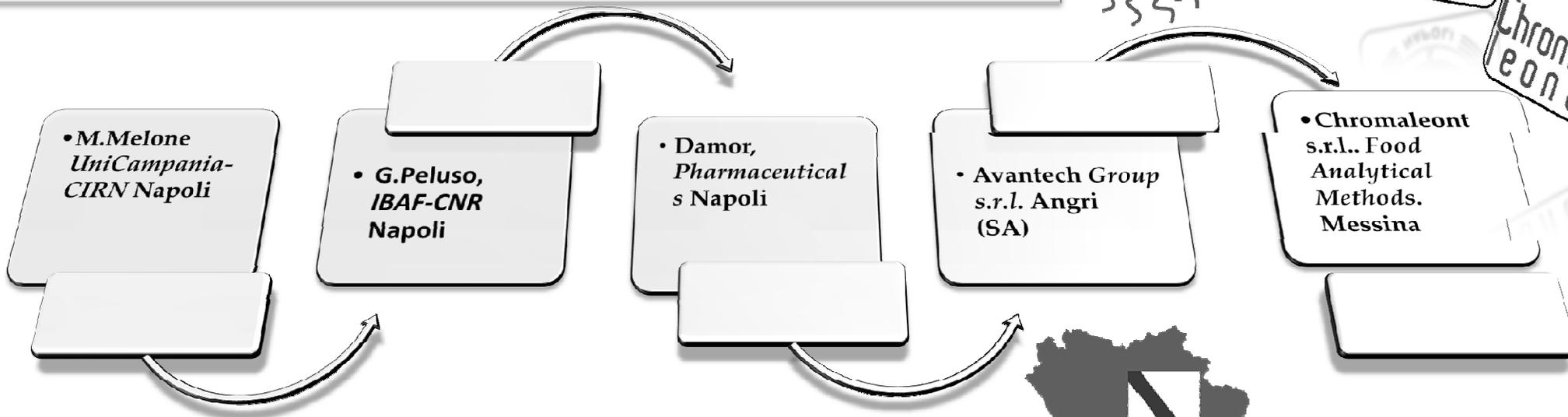
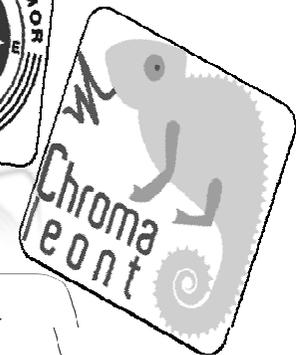
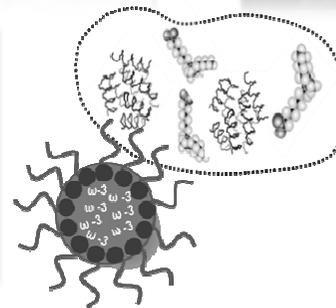
Compared with free drug, the plasma levels of curcumin were remarkable higher (~20-fold) after administration of nano-curcumin than free curcumin from 1 to 24 time points. The difference was most evident at time points 4 and 8 ($p < 0,05$). The results demonstrate that nano-curcumin were able to improve bioavailability of poorly water soluble drugs.

Nanotechnology-based delivery approach



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Tools for the future

Nanocarrier identification to improve the solubility and bioavailability of curcumin and other bioactive molecules (i.e. marine bioactive compounds)



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2 projects

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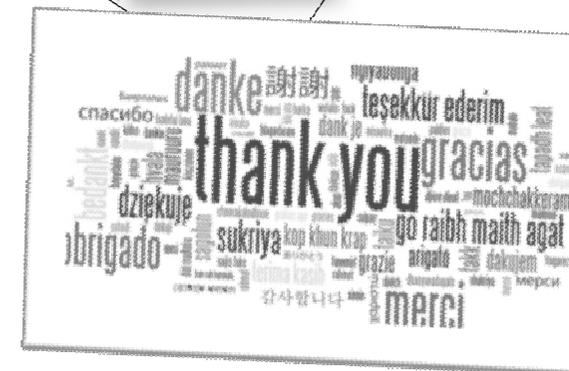


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