

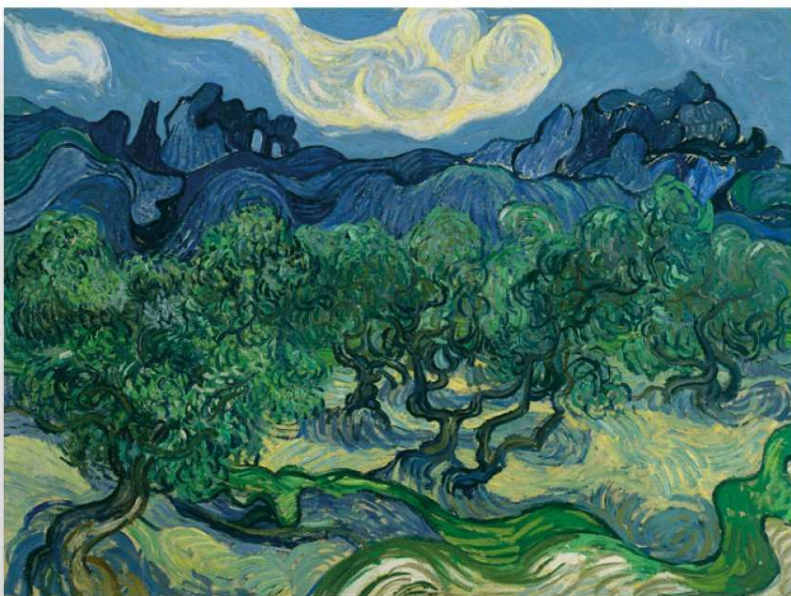


HELLENIC REPUBLIC

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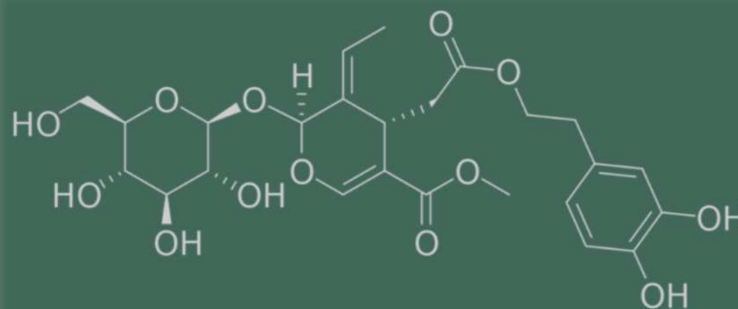
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Exploitation of olive oil industry
products and by-products for
pilot isolation and semi-synthesis
of promising medicinal agents

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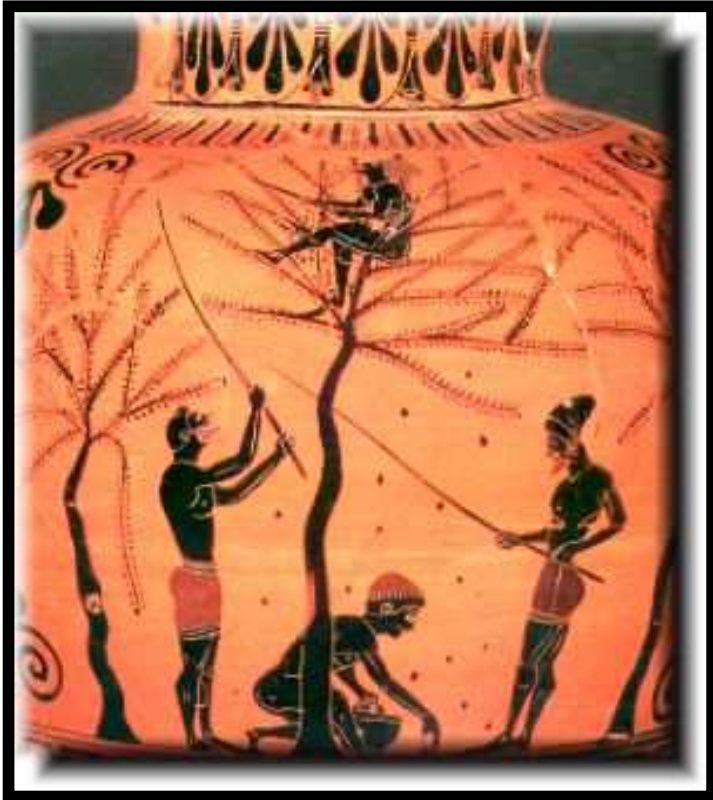
Olea Europaea L.



**The domesticated
olive tree seems to
have coexisted with
humans for about
8.000 years**

Zohary, D., Hopf, M., & Weiss, E. 2012. Domestication of plants in the old world, 4th ed. Oxford University Press, New York.

O.O. apart its nutritional value has important medicinal properties



Olive harvest. Pot of the 6th century BC, *British Museum*.

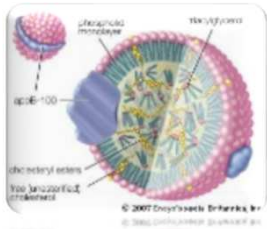
Hippocrates used olive oil in more than 60 remedies



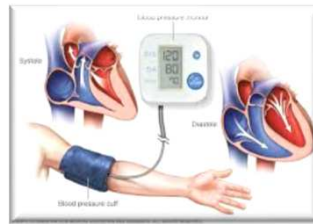
First report on olive oil production in 6000 BC



Hippocrates treating a patient (*Kos Archaeological Museum*)



Glucose metabolism:
prevention of diabetes type II

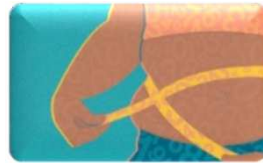


Osteoporosis:
favorable effect on bone calcification and bone mineralization

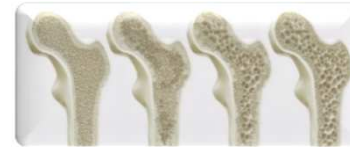
Reduction of the risk of neurodegenerative diseases: preventing age-related cognitive decline, memory loss, dementia and Alzheimer's disease



Lipid metabolism:
LDL, total cholesterol, triglycerides



Blood pressure:
diminish the risk of hypertension, vasodilator capacity



Digestive system:
inhibits gastric motility, stimulates the digestion of lipids and prevents the onset of gallstones



Prevent platelet aggregation:
improves blood circulation

Biological Impact of Olive Oil



Prevention oxidative stress:
prevents the development of certain types of skin cancer

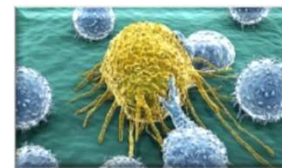
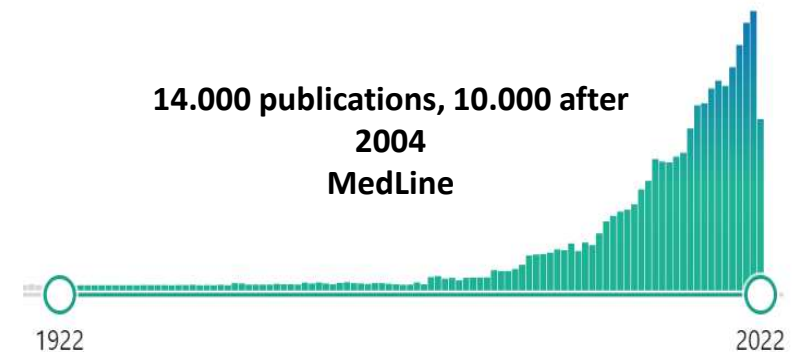
Antimicrobial properties:
reduction of the microbial activity



Anti-inflammatory properties: decreasing C reactive proteins and pro-inflammatory genes

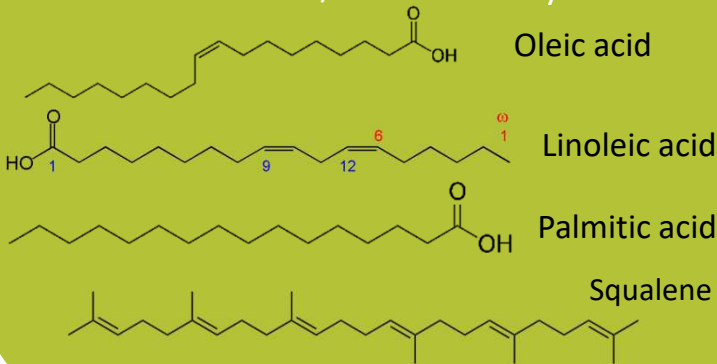
Antitumor properties:
breast, prostate, endometrium, digestive tract, etc.

14.000 publications, 10.000 after 2004 MedLine



Chemical Composition Of Olive Oil

Mixed triglyceride esters of mono-/poly-unsaturated, saturated fatty acids

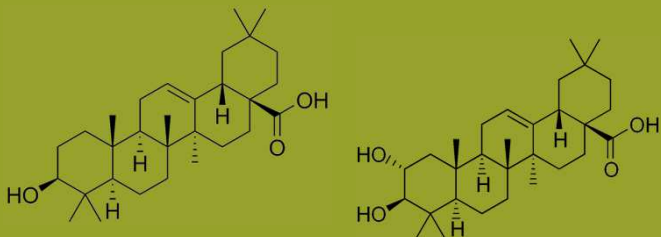


- Lipophilic fraction
- Polyphenol fraction

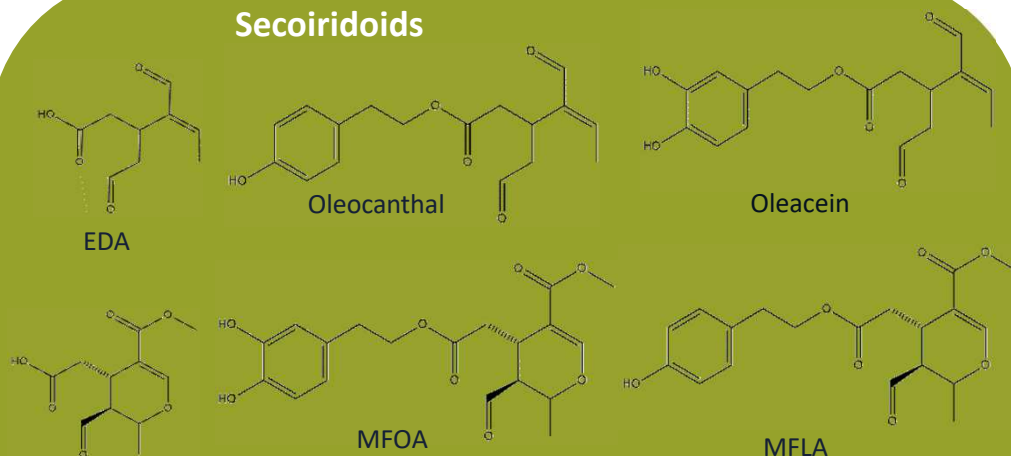
Triterpenes

Oleanolic acid

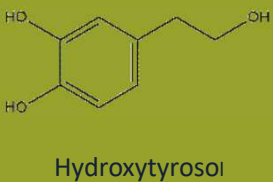
Maslinic acid



Secoiridoids

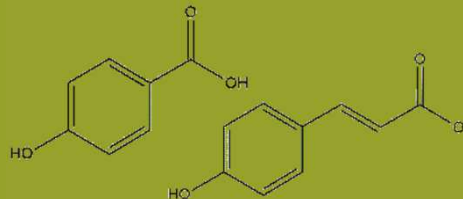


Phenylalcohols

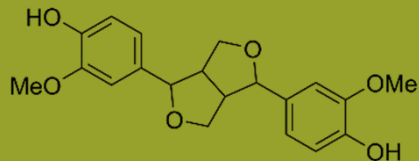


Elenolic Acid

Phenolic Acids



Lignans



Olive Oil health benefits – recent advances



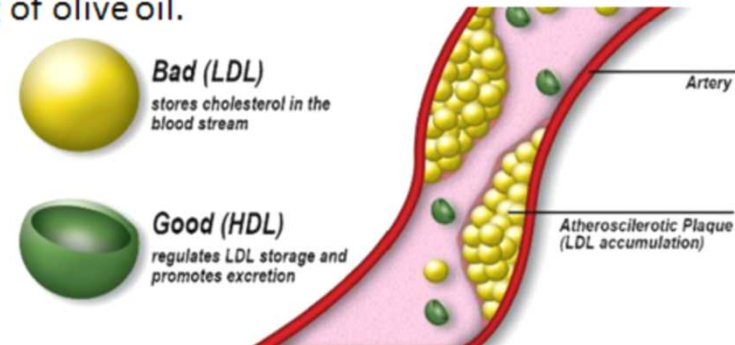
- ID 1706: “squalene idrocarburo” and
- “Antioxidant activity, with protection of body tissue
- and skin from oxidant agents (UV rays)”

EFSA Scientific opinion (2011):

Olive oil polyphenols contribute to the protection of blood lipids from oxidative stress.

Conditions for use:

The claim may be used only for olive oil which contains at least **5 mg of hydroxytyrosol** and its derivatives (e.g. oleuropein complex and tyrosol) per 20 g of olive oil.



<http://www.efsa.europa.eu/fr/efsajournal/pub/2033>

OO major dialdehyde bioactives

Vol 437 | 1 September 2005

nature

BRIEF COMMUNICATIONS

Ibuprofen-like activity in extra-virgin olive oil

Enzymes in an inflammation pathway are inhibited by oleocanthal, a component of olive oil.

Newly pressed extra-virgin olive oil contains oleocanthal — a compound whose pungency induces a strong stinging sensation in the throat, not unlike that caused by solutions of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug ibuprofen¹. We show here that this similar perception seems to be an indication

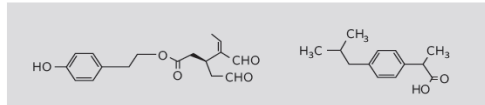
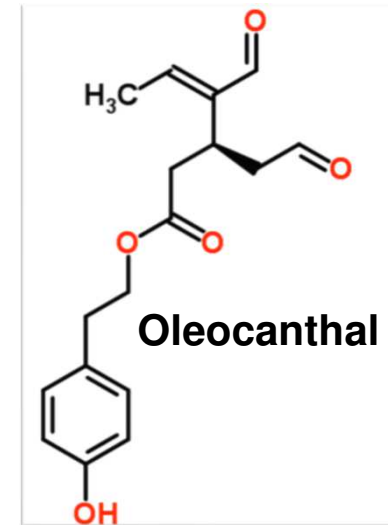
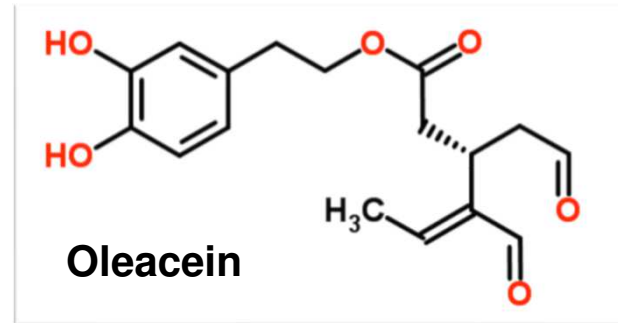


Figure 1 | Structures of (-)-oleocanthal (left) and the anti-inflammatory drug ibuprofen (right). How they underpin the similar throat-irritating and pharmacological properties of the two compounds is unclear as yet.

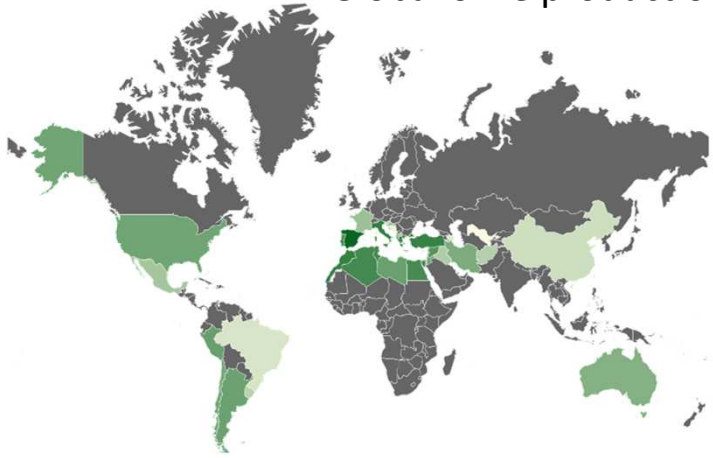
inhibitor of the cyclooxygenase enzymes COX-1 and COX-2, but not of lipoxygenase⁴, which catalyse steps in the biochemical inflammation pathways derived from arachidonic acid. We find that, like ibuprofen, both enantiomers of oleocanthal cause dose-dependent inhibition of COX-1 and COX-2 activity



- ✓ Olive oil dialdehydes
- ✓ Anti-inflammatory

Oleacein: decarboxylate aglycon of oleuropein
 Oleocanthal: decarboxylate aglycon of ligstroside

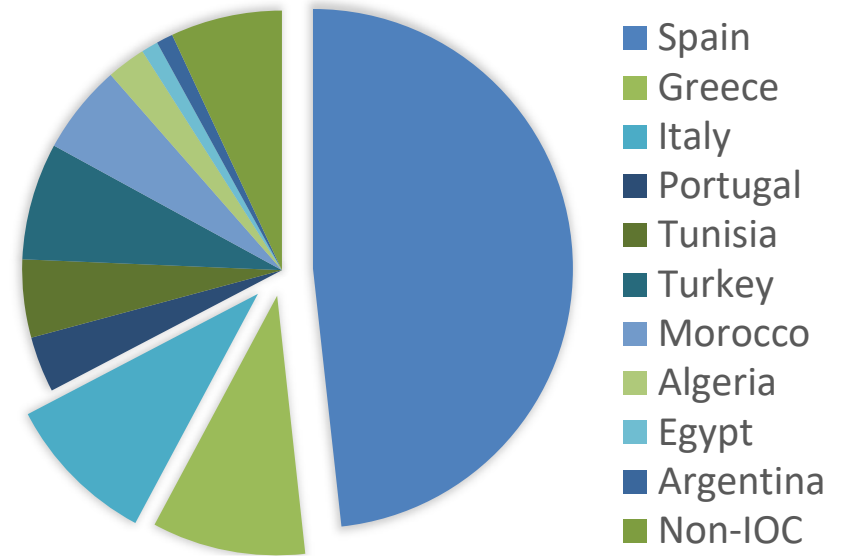
Global olive production



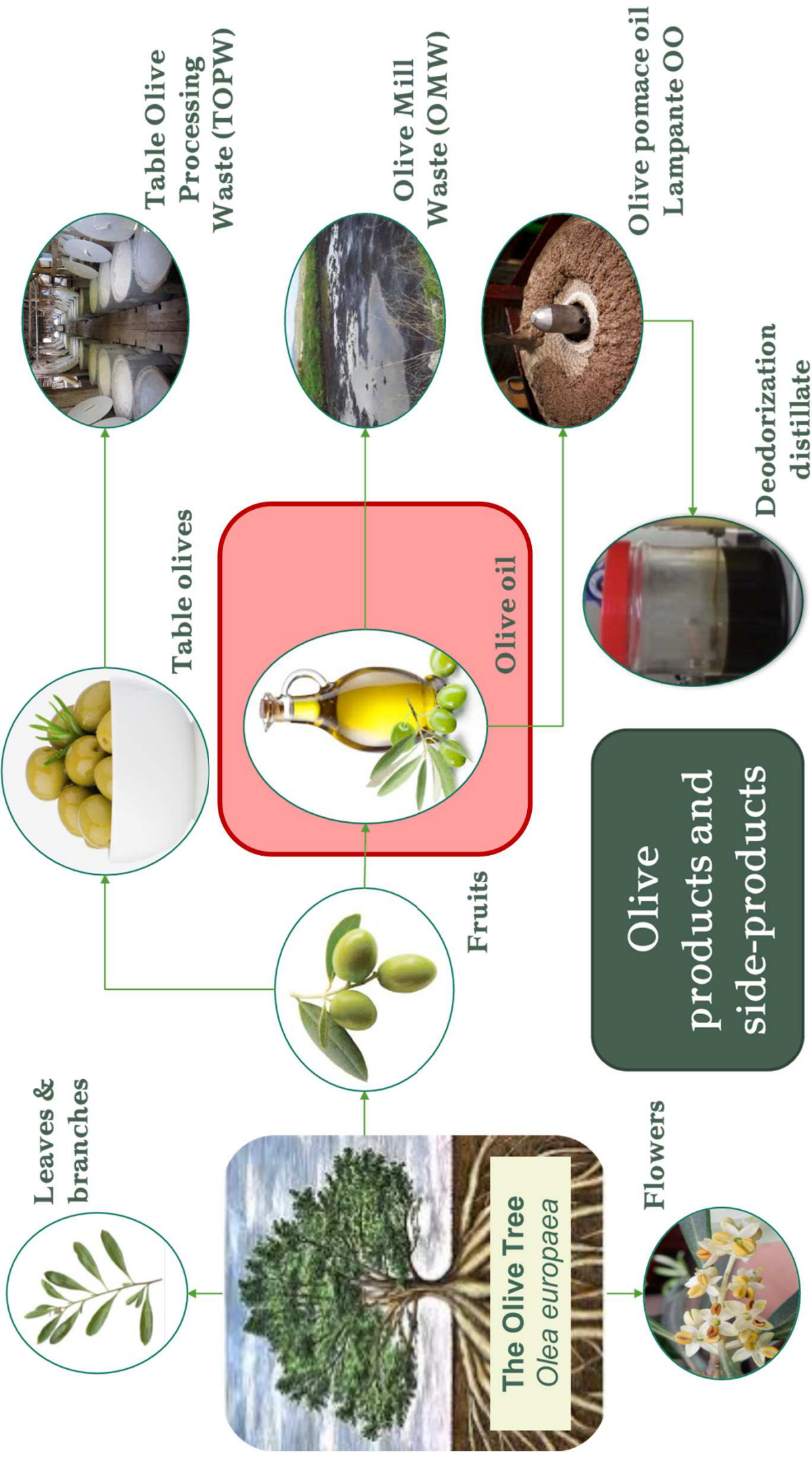
Region	% in global OO production
EU	80
AFRICA	9
ASIA	6
AMERICA	3
AUSTRALIA	2

2020-21 Olive Oil global production

3 millions tons of olive oil
600 millions olive trees



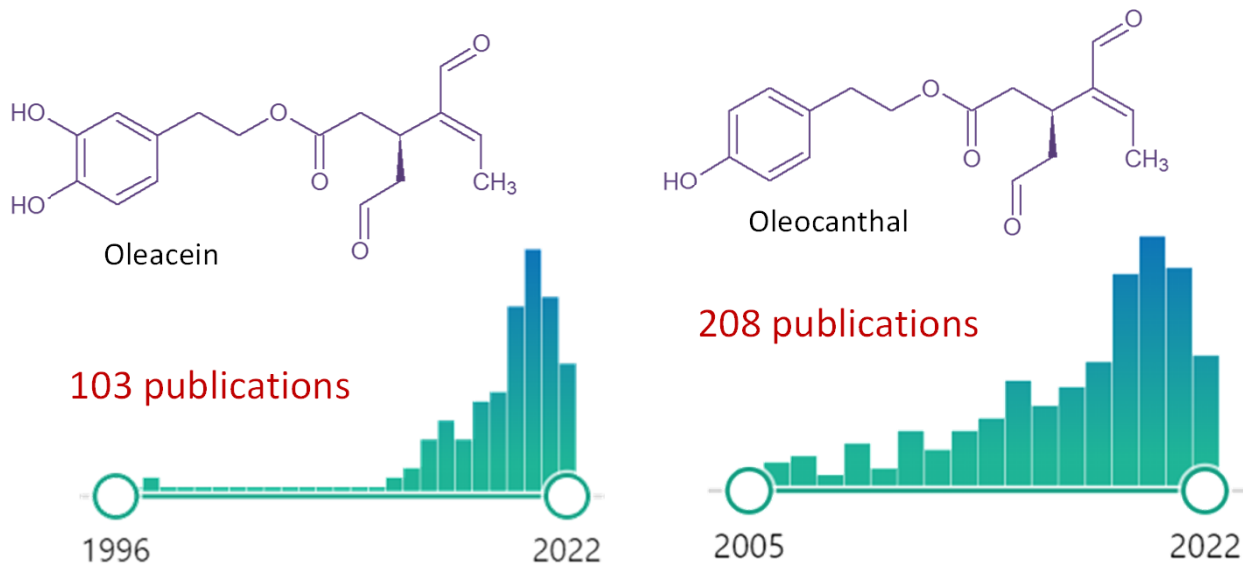
- 🚩 Olive tree: **main crop globally** utilized for table olives and olive oil production
- 🚩 **Greece: 2nd producer in the world (2020)**
- 🚩 More than **130 million olive trees** are cultivated for **olive oil** production (about 300.000 tns annually)
- 🚩 **20 million olive trees** are cultivated for **table olives production**



- The limited availability of these secoiridoids hinders their more in-depth pharmacological studies.

OO as a source of unique secoiridoid dialdehydes

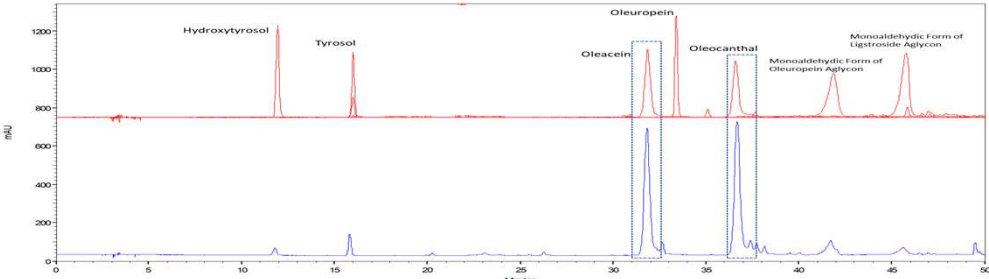
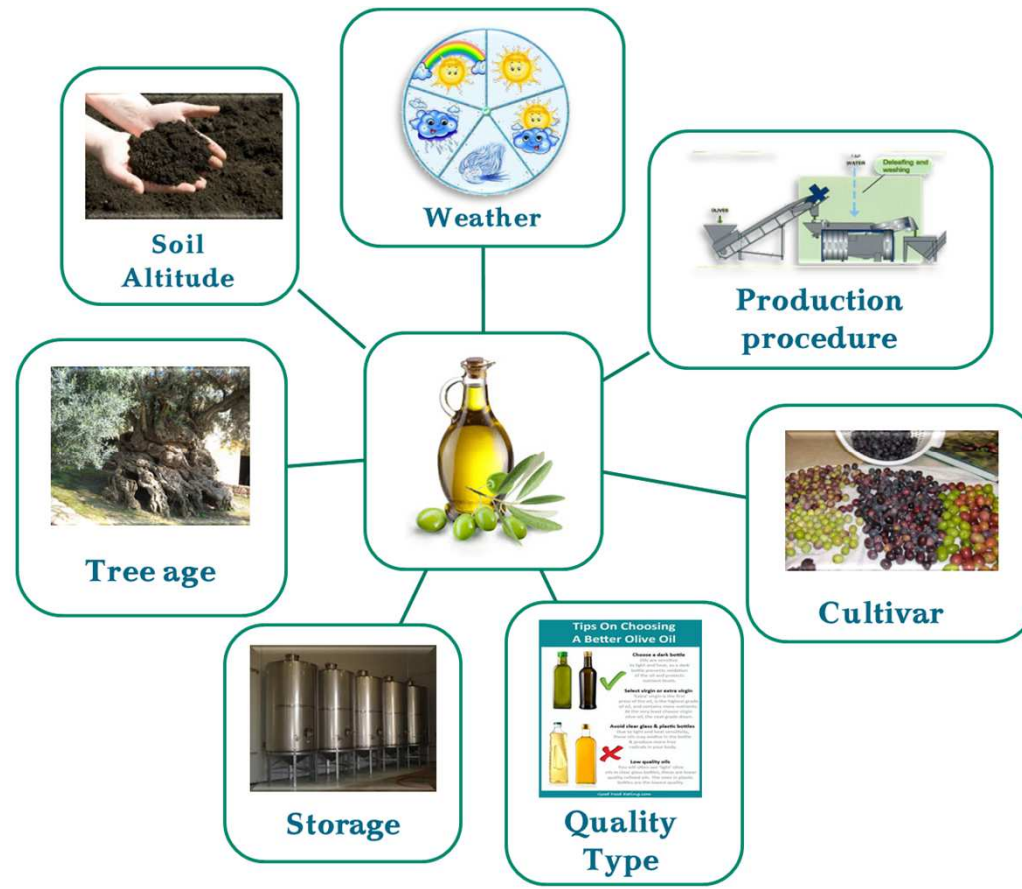
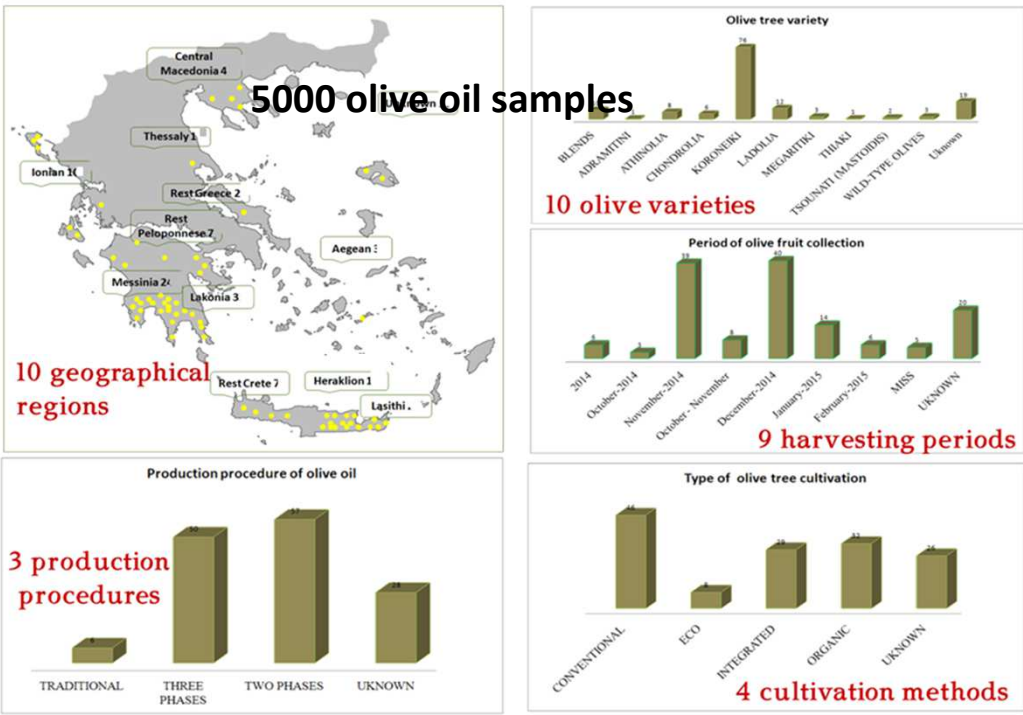
- 🌀 Oleocanthal and oleacein are unique secoiridoid dialdehydes present in olive oil
- 🌀 Extensive research on their bioactivity started after the 2000s



1g of oleocanthal 30.000 euros

Mapping of Greek olive oil for the discovery of OO with a high percentage of phenols and particularly Oleocanthal and Oleacein

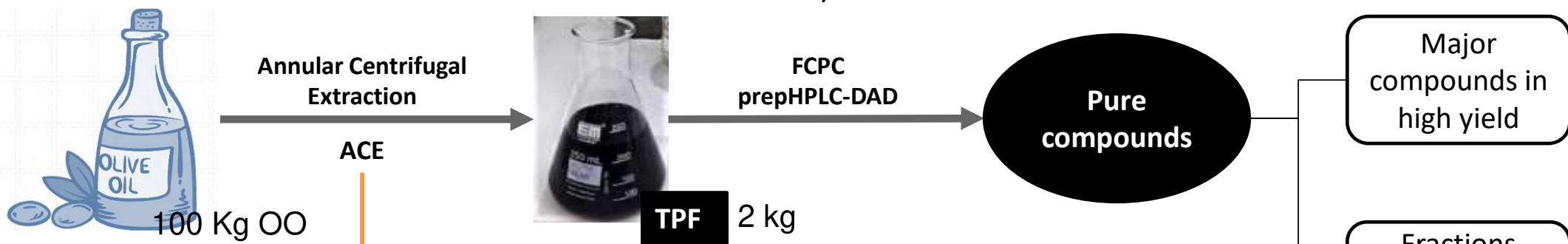
5000 olive oil samples



Nikou et al. Comparison survey of EVOO polyphenols and exploration of healthy aging-promoting properties of oleocanthal and oleacein, **Food and Chemical Toxicology** 2019/1/21

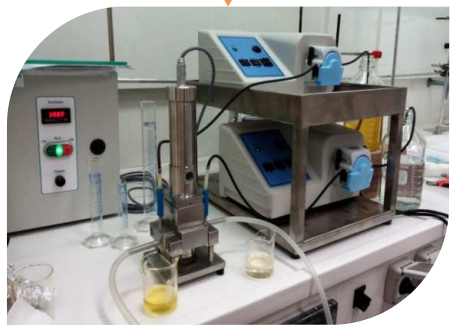
✓ **58%** of OO samples meet the EU regulation 432/2012, containing more than 250 mg of HT/Kg

Recovery of OO polyphenols ($T_{\text{otal}} P_{\text{olyphenolic}} F_{\text{ractions}}$), in collaboration with prof. J.H. Renault, Reims University



Efficient scale-up to pilot

Suitable for industrial scale applications



Lab scale extractor BXP012®



Pilot scale extractor BXP190®

The use of ACE allowed:

- ✓ The development of a continuous process
- ✓ The treatment of large volume of OO
- ✓ Very high process productivity
- ✓ Recycling of solvents

Extracting conditions

Upper phase:

- Olive oil: 75 Kg
- Hexane: 100 Kg
- Upper phase feed: 3 L/min

Lower phase:

- Isopropanol: 100 Kg
- Water: 75 Kg
- Lower phase feed: 3 L/min

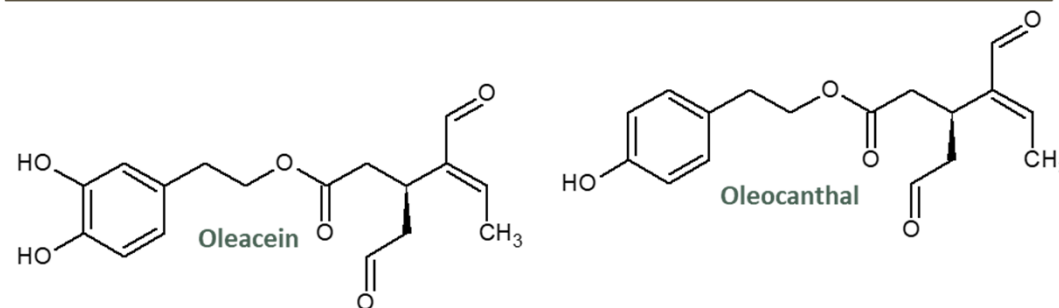
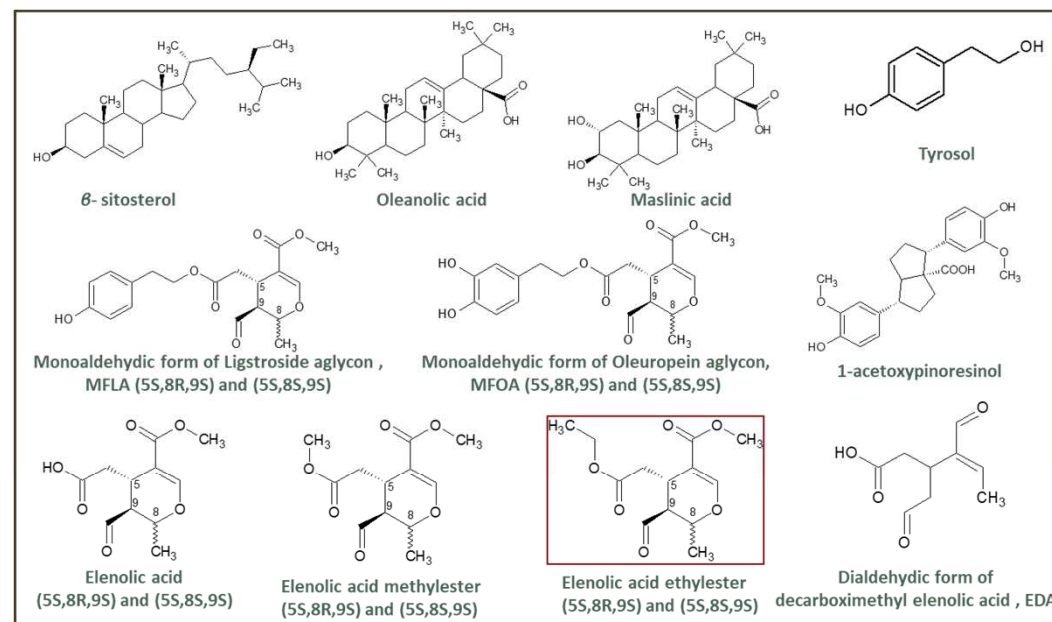
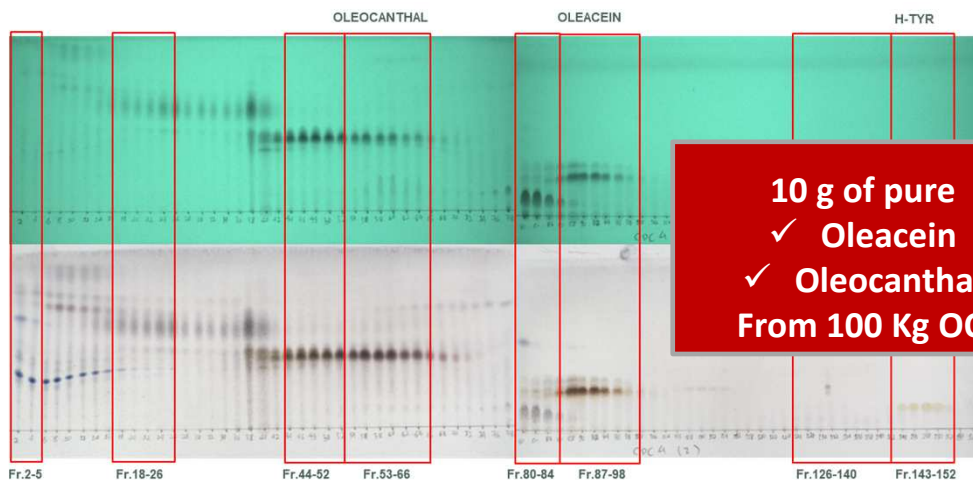
Rotation speed: 750 RPM

Angelis, Apostolis, et al. "Pilot continuous centrifugal liquid-liquid extraction of extra virgin olive oil biophenols and gram-scale recovery of pure oleocanthal, oleacein, MFOA, MFLA and hydroxytyrosol." *Separation and Purification Technology* 255 (2021): 117692.

FCPC1000 fractionation of TPF

Column volume	1000 mL
Pumping mode	Ascending
Flow rate (mL/min)	20 mL/min .
Rotation speed (rpm)	900 rpm
Injection Volum	5 g

System	Volume composition of used solvent systems				Mobile phase (mL)
	<i>n</i> -hex	EtOAc	EtOH	H ₂ O	FCPC1000
S ₁	4	1	2	3	500
S ₂	3	2	2	3	500
S ₃	2	3	2	3	2000
S ₄	1	4	2	3	1000



Angelis, Apostolis, et al. "An integrated process for the recovery of high added-value compounds from olive oil using solid support free liquid-liquid extraction and chromatography techniques." *Journal of chromatography A* 1491 (2017): 126-136.

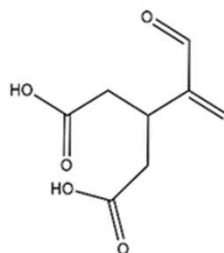
Isolation of new minor compounds from OO

Fractions from CPC
with unknown
composition and
minor compounds



prepHPLC-DAD

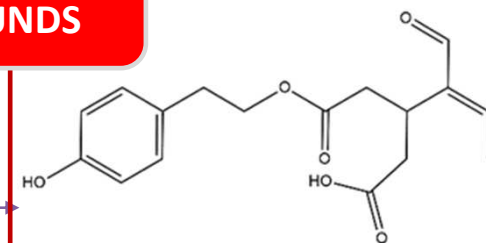
Isolation of
EDA acid for the first time
in Olive Oil



EDA Acid

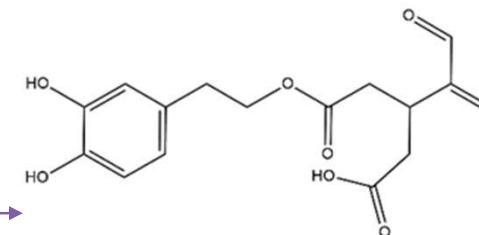
Recovery : approx.
0.14mg/100ml EVOO

**NEW
COMPOUNDS**



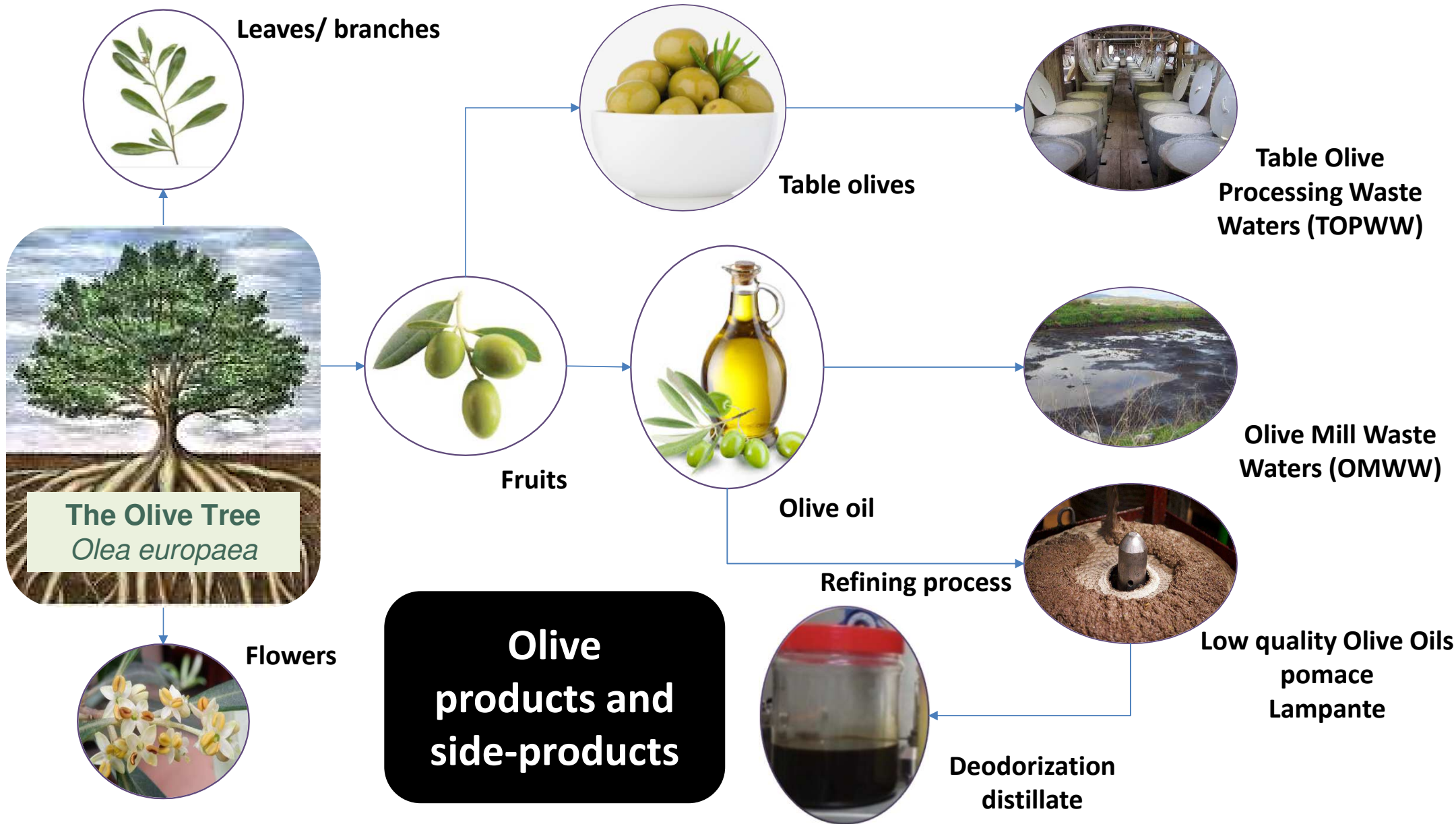
Oleocanthalic Acid

Recovery : approx.
0.2mg/100ml EVOO



Oleaceinic Acid

Recovery : approx.
0.11mg/100ml EVOO



Olive side-products –environmental impact



5 lt of OMWW are produced / 1 lt of olive oil

15 m. tons/year

1.2 lt of TOPWW are produced/1 Kg of table olives

2 m. tons/year



Difficult management

The biophenols in olive oil and table olives is 1-2% of the available pool of biophenols in the untreated olive fruit

The rest 98% is lost in the side products

Olive mill waste are disposed into:

- streams, which end up to the sea
- the soil forming lagoons

Olive side-products –environmental impact



10-30 kg of olive leaves and branches/tree during the olive oil production and during olive tree pruning

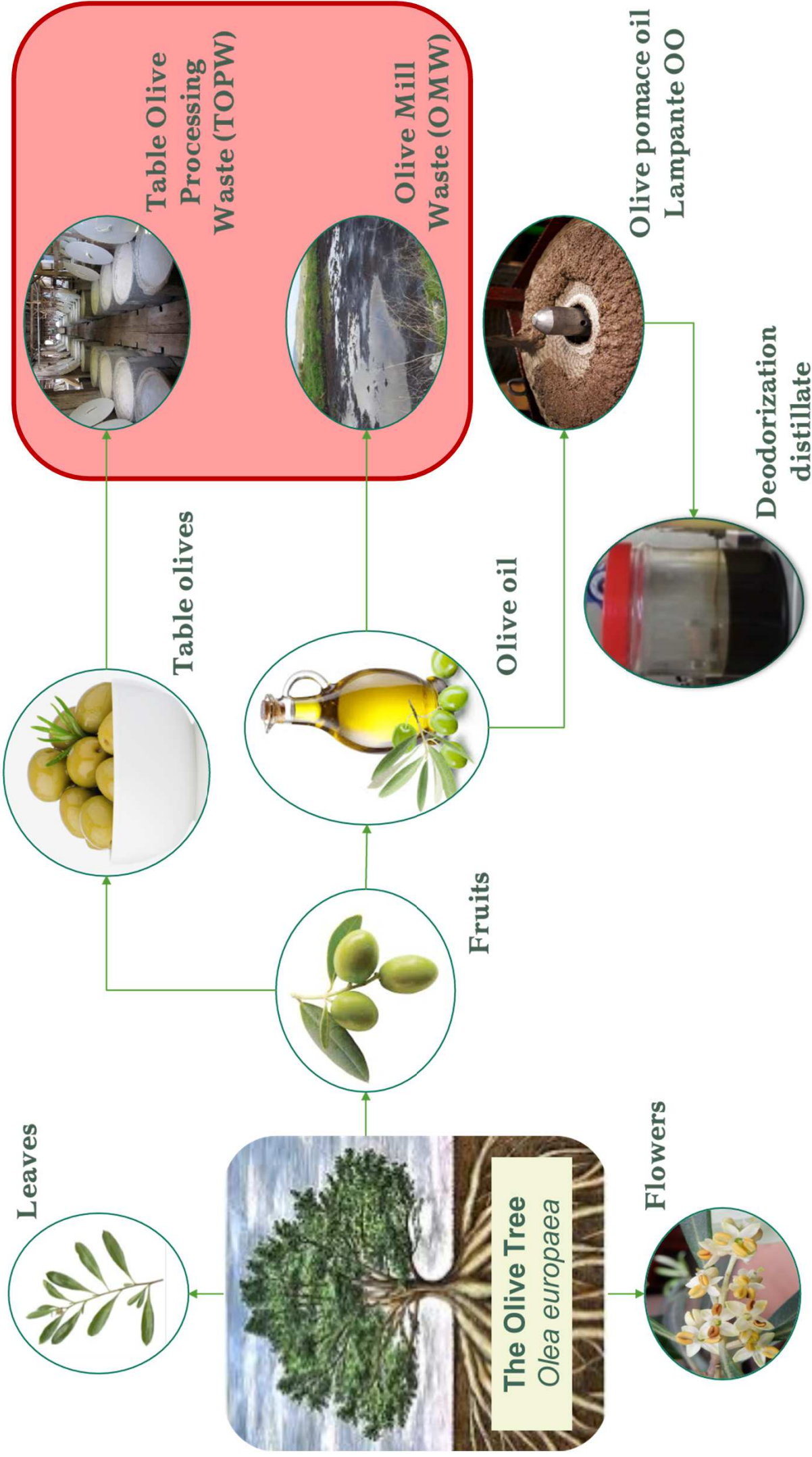
80% of the production becomes untreated biomass
20% are used as compost or animal feed

Burning of olive tree leaves is a major source of organic aerosol production in the Mediterranean

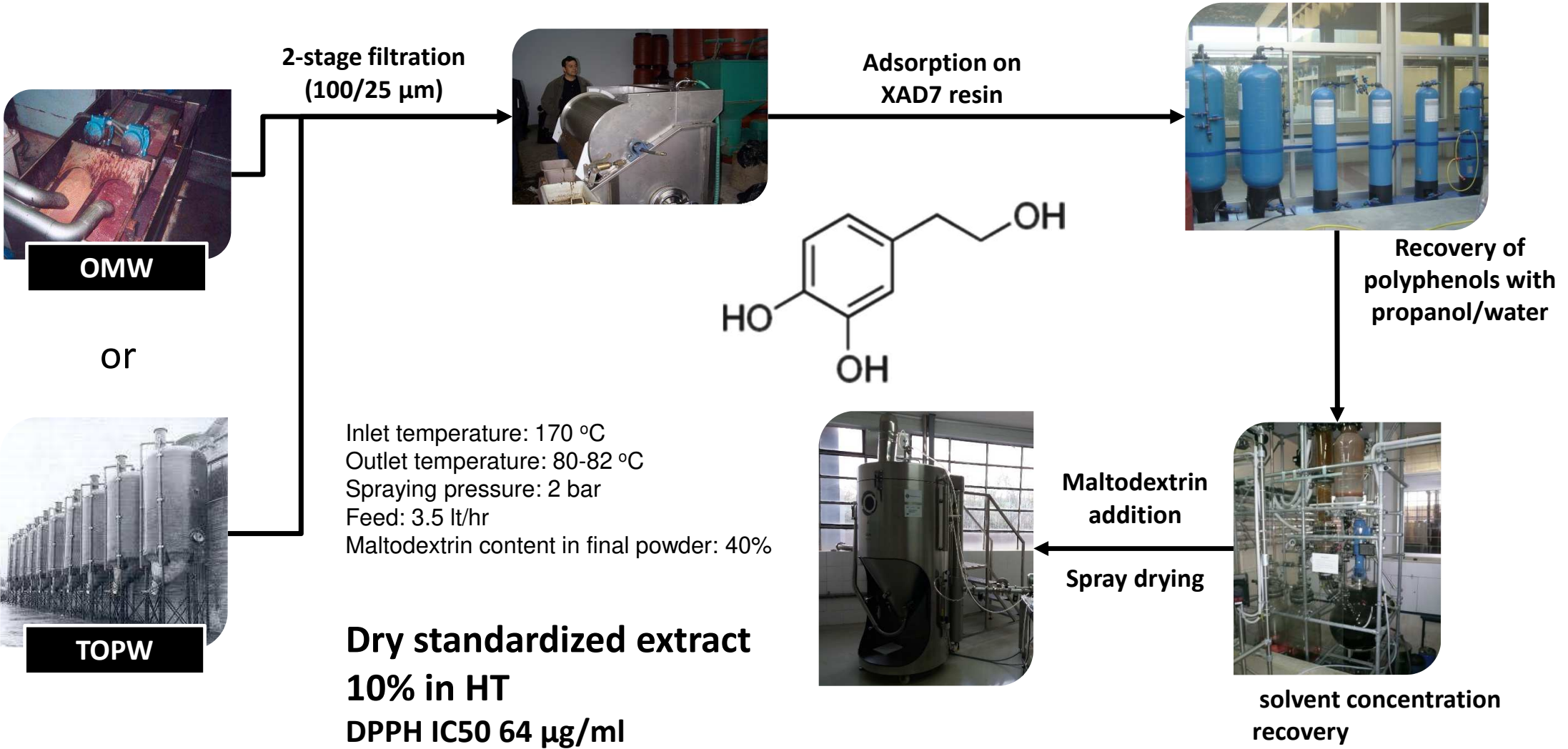
Liangou, Aikaterini, et al. "A Method for the Measurement of the Water Solubility Distribution of Atmospheric Organic Aerosols." *Environmental Science & Technology* 56.7 (2022): 3952-3959.



Despite their harmful effects, olive tree side-products could be a valuable source of bioactive compounds and chemicals with proved bioactivity

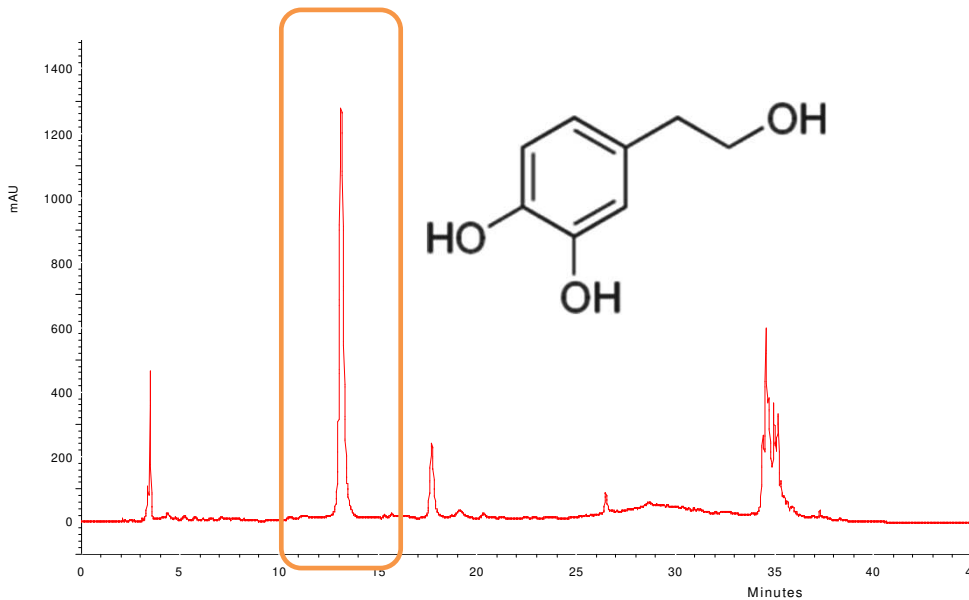


Recovery of biophenols from OMWW/TOPWW



Recovery of biophenols from OMW/TOPW

- ✓ 1000 Lt of TOPWW → 3,3 Kg of phenols extract
- ✓ 1000 Lt of OMWW → 4 Kg of phenols extract



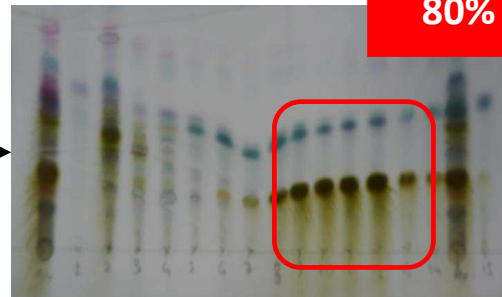
**After treatment with adsorption
resins the remaining waste is:
an odorless yellowish wastewater
with a 99.5% reduced content in
polyphenols and low toxicity**

High purity HT from OMW/TOPW



Fast Centrifugal Partition Chromatography (FCPC)

Cyclohexane / Ethyl acetate /
Ethanol / Water
2/8/1/9, v/v/v/v

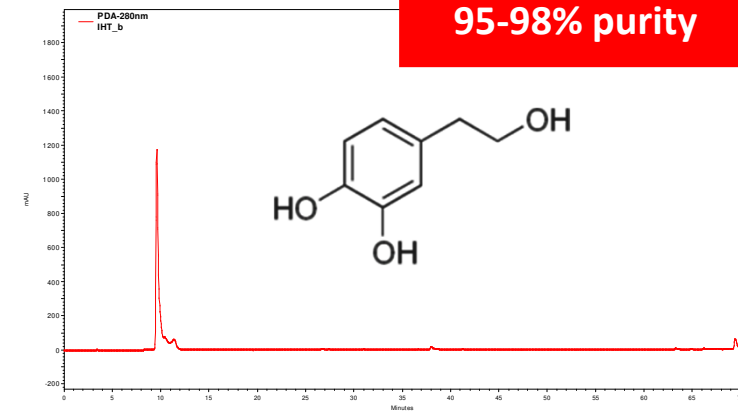


80% purity

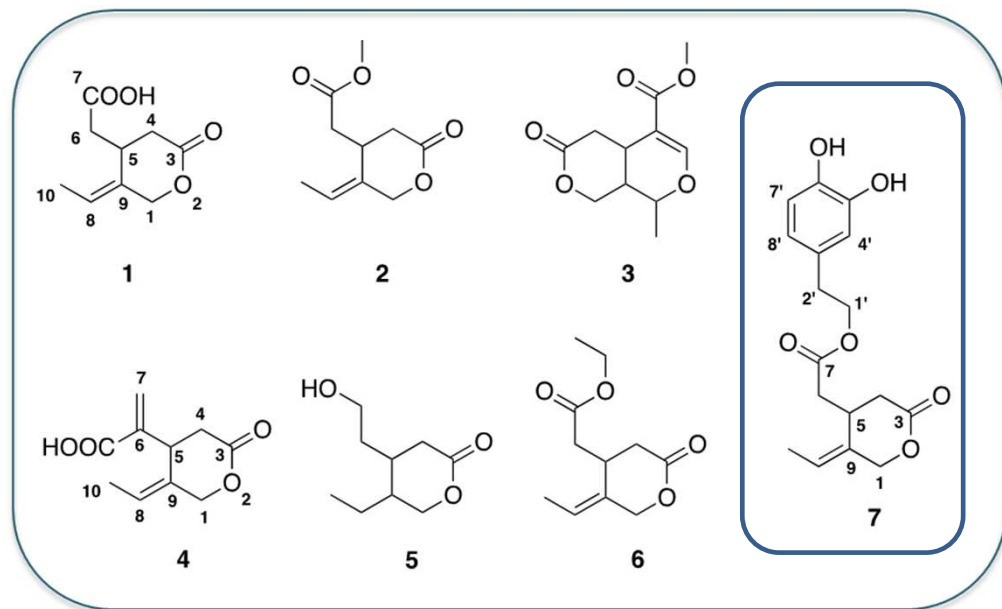
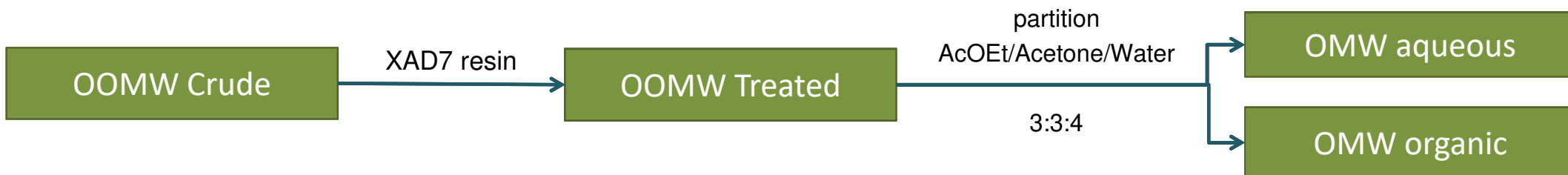
40 g of phenolic fraction
3 g of hydroxytyrosol (80%)

highly pure HT
(200 g from 1000 lt waste
water)

Automated preparative
RP-HPLC

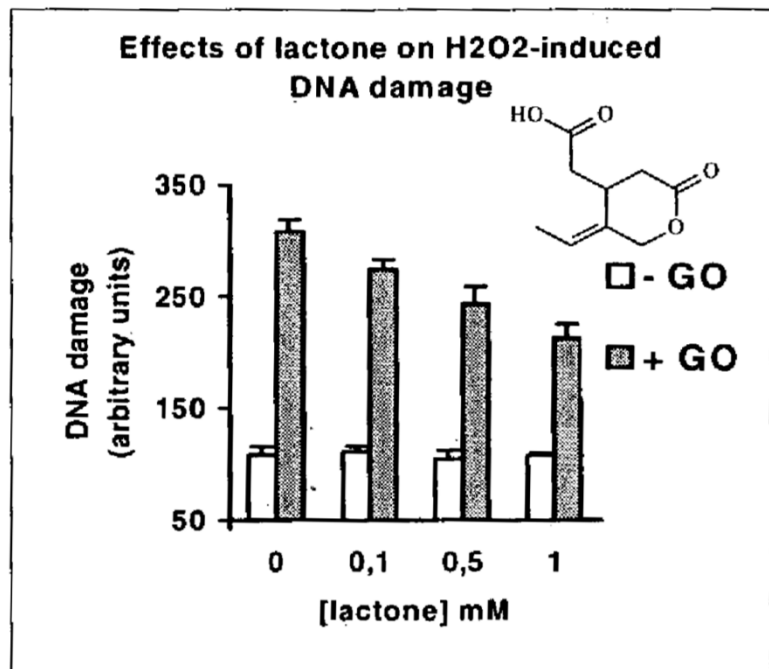


Minor compounds - secoiridoid lactones

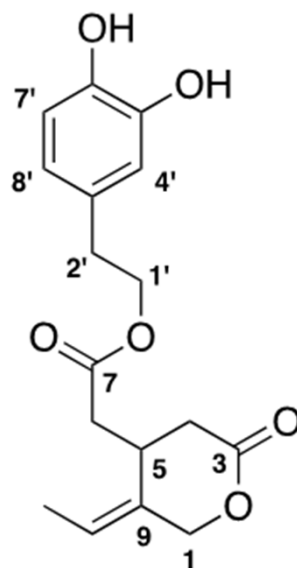
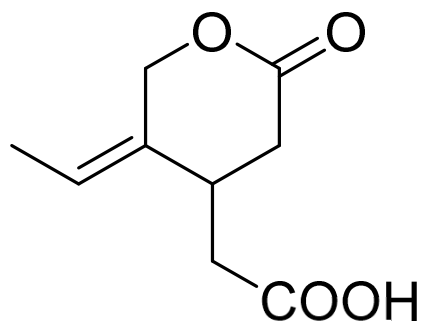


Gradient FCPC
Ascending mode
Lower phase (stationary):
Water/MeOH 9:1
Upper phase (mobile):
cHex (1h) \rightarrow AcOEt in 2h \rightarrow AcOEt

Compound 7 is the first secoiridoid lactone found in OMW that is conjugated with a hydroxytyrosol moiety

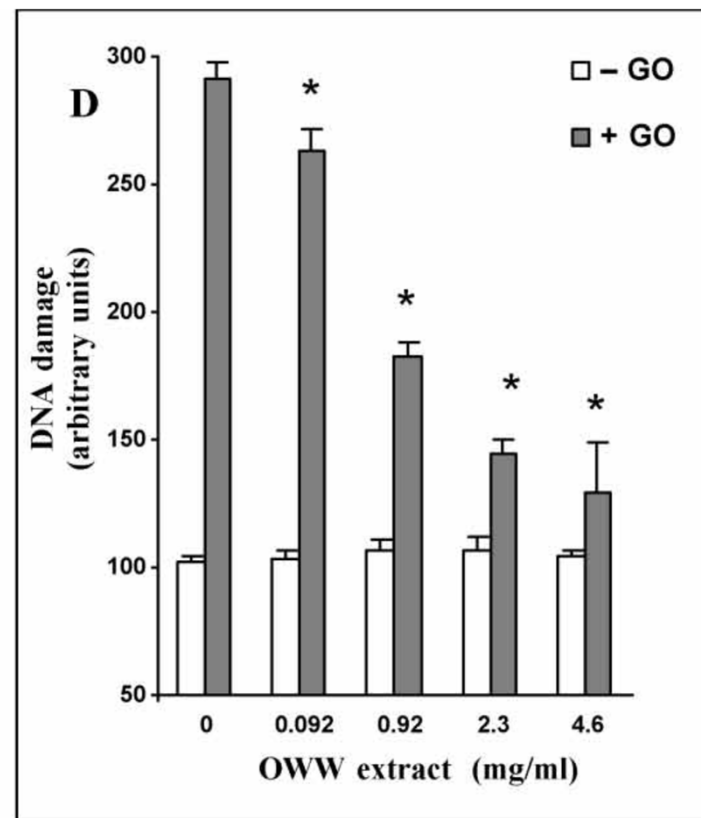


Effect of OMWW lactone on DNA damage, with the presence of glucose oxidase (GO)

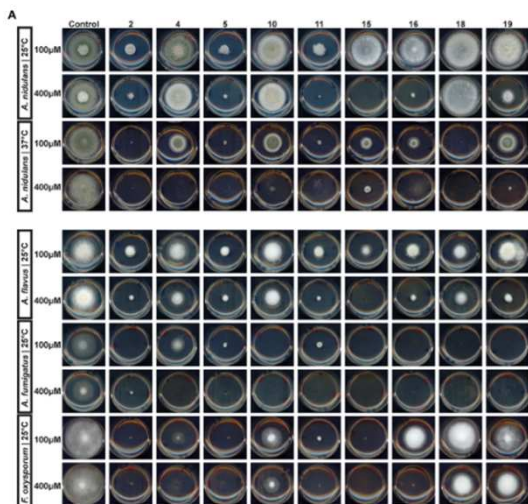


OMW extract offers >50% protection

Antioxidant effect of OMW extract – protection of DNA from oxidative damage (Jurkat cells)

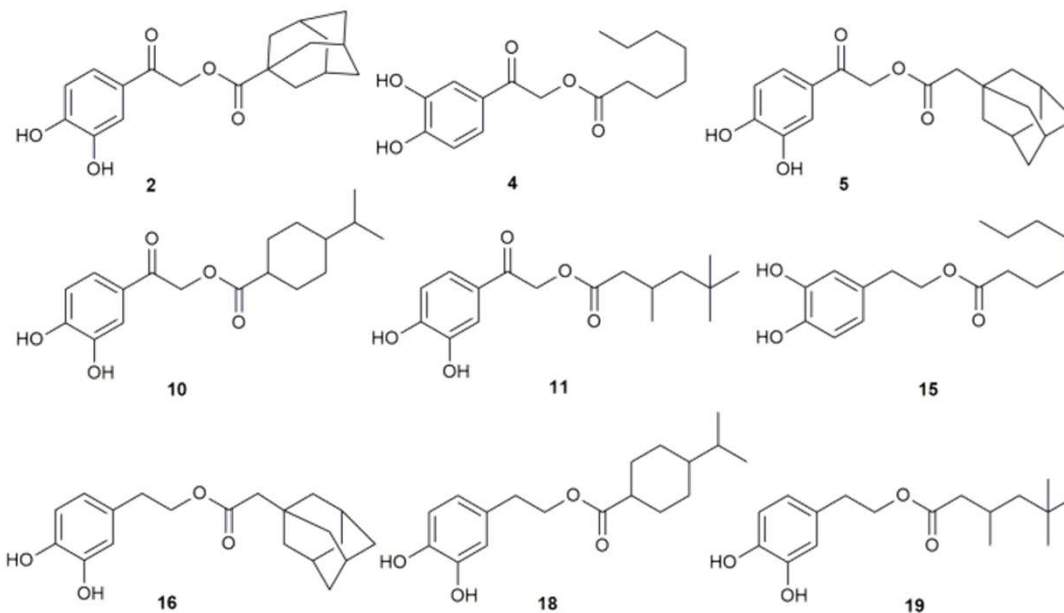
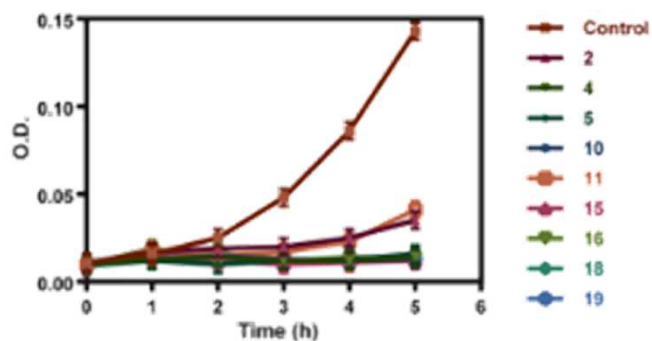


Synthesis of 27 HT analogs with increased lipophilicity



- ❖ Synthesis of HT esters bearing lipophilic chains
- ❖ Evaluation against *Aspergillus sp.*, *Fusarium oxysporum*, and *Candida albicans*.

Growth curve of *Candida albicans* with 100µM of added HT analogs



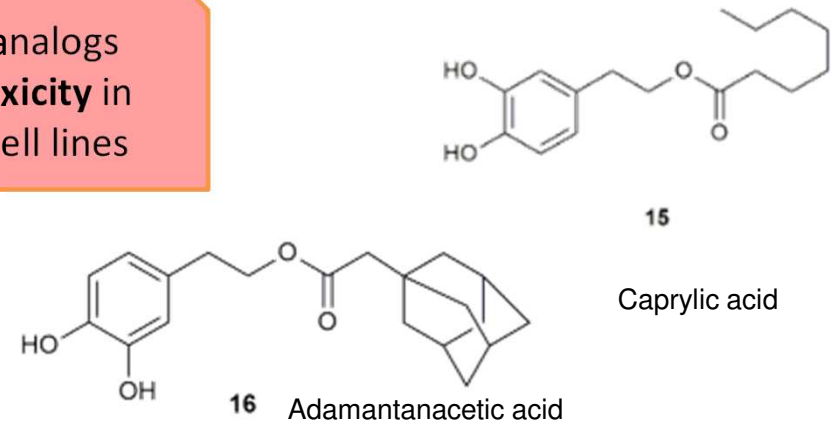
HT analogs more potent antifungals than HT

Approximate concentrations of HT analogs that lead to 50% reduction of fungal growth (IC50)

	HT	2	4	5	10	11	15	16	18	19
<i>A. nidulans</i> 37°C	>400	~50	<100	~50	~100	~50	< 100	<100	~50	~100
<i>A. nidulans</i> 25°C	>400	<100	<200	<100	<200	~100	< 200	<200	< 200	< 200
<i>A. fumigatus</i>	>400	~50	<100	~50	~50	<100	<50	<100	~50	~50
<i>A. flavus</i>	>400	<100	> 100	<100	> 100	<100	<100	~100	~100	> 100
<i>F. oxysporum</i>	>400	<50	<50	<50	~100	<50	<50	<200	<200	<200
<i>C. albicans</i>	>400	~100	~100	~100	~100	~100	~100	~100	~100	~100

Using *Aspergillus nidulans* as an *in vivo* cellular model system, we found that HT analogs act as potent antifungals, by direct disruption of the fungal cell membrane

Most active analogs showed **no toxicity** in mammalian cell lines



From a harmful waste to the scale up production of HT

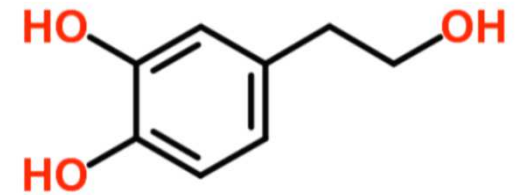
- ❖ The claim of EFSA spurred a new interest for the use and bioactivity of hydroxytyrosol
- ❖ One of the most potent natural antioxidant agent
- ❖ HT is the subject of more than **1700** scientific publications since the 60s
- ❖ Multitude of biological impact

Anti-inflammatory

Anti-cancer

Cardioprotective

Anti-atherogenic



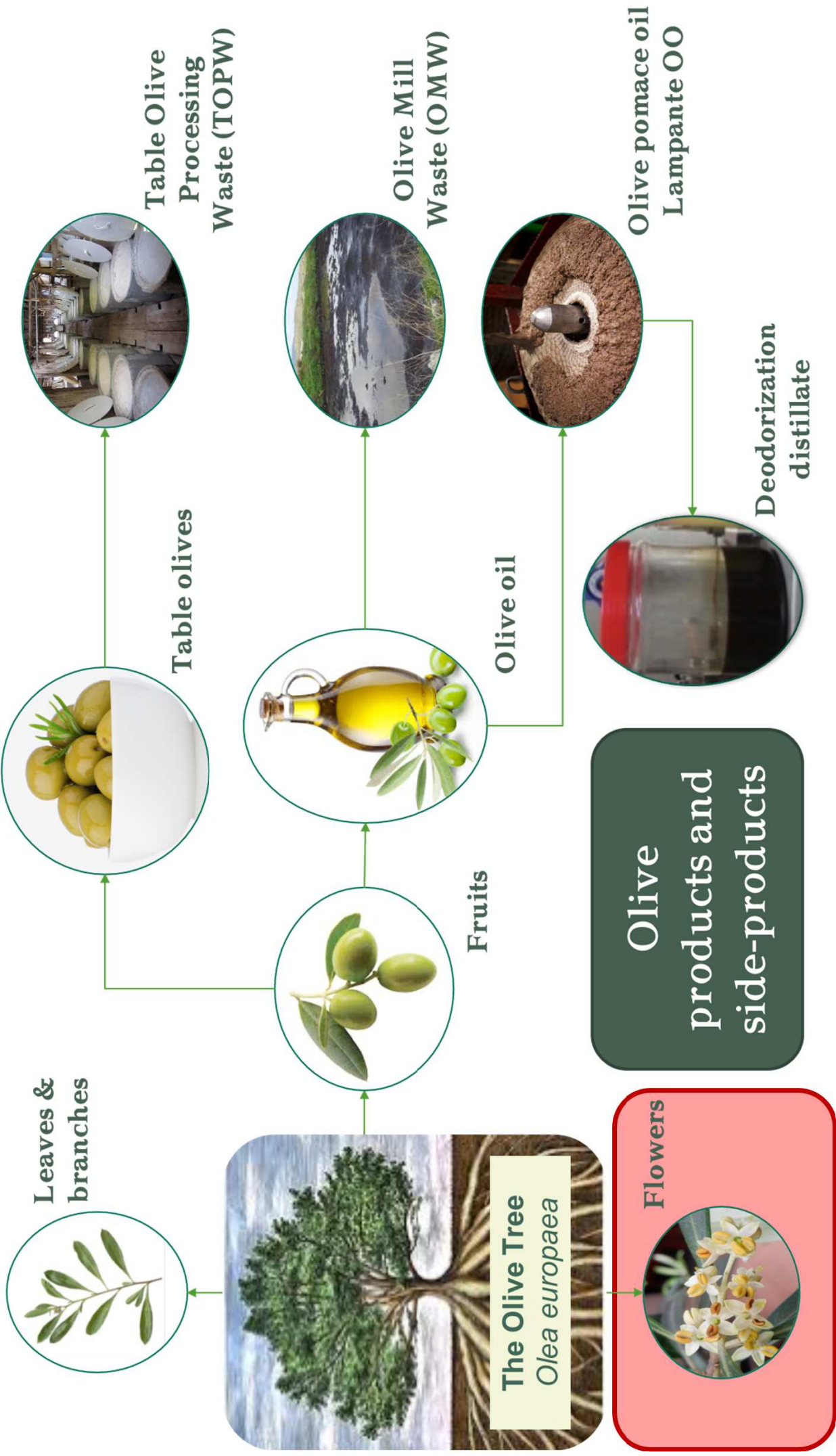
Hydroxytyrosol (HT)

Antimicrobial

Antioxidant

PubMed.gov



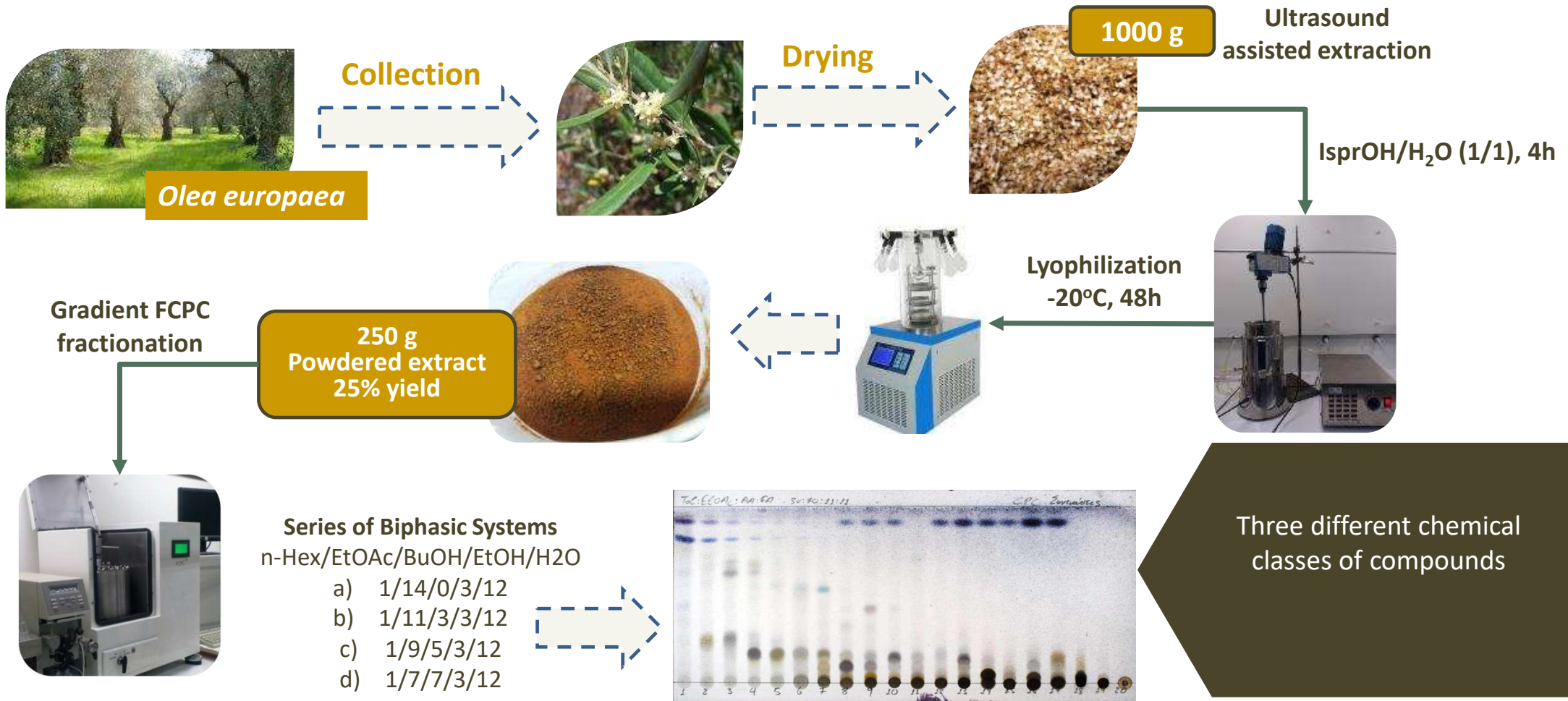


Olive flowers are not an environmental threat
However is an important by product given that 80% of olive flowers fall to the ground before fruiting

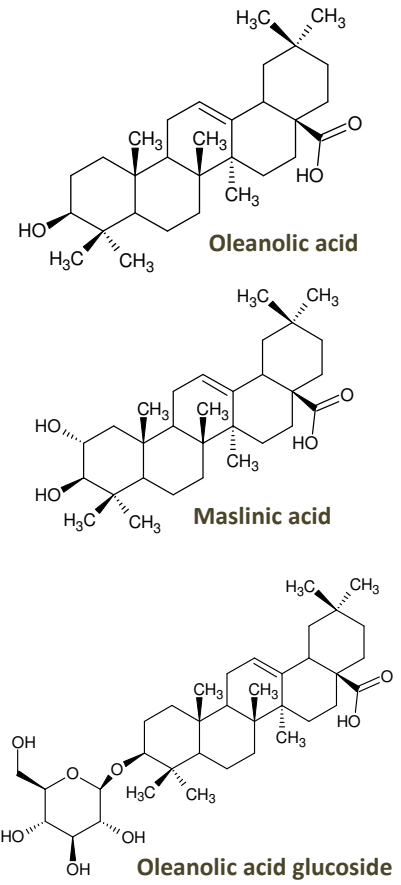


F. Famiana, The cost of flowering in olive (*Olea europaea* L.)
Scientia Horticulturae, 2019, 252, 208-273
0.5 kg/ tree

Olive flowers as a valuable source of antioxidants

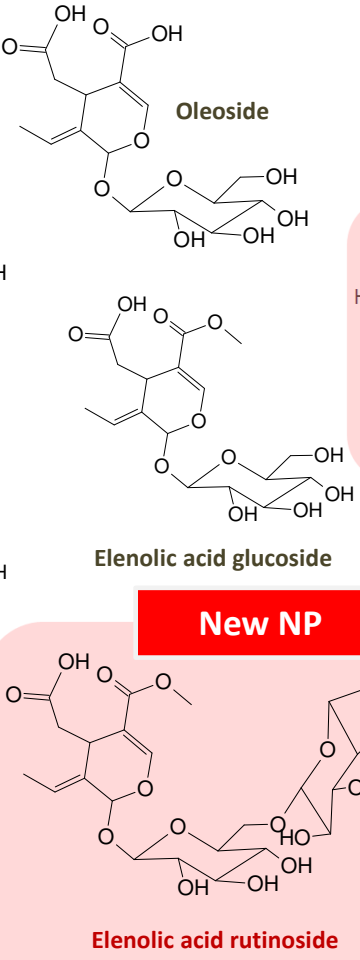
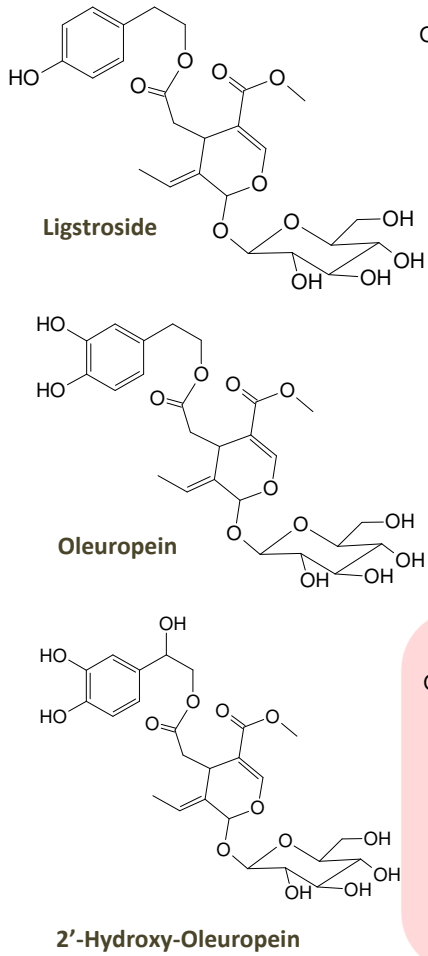
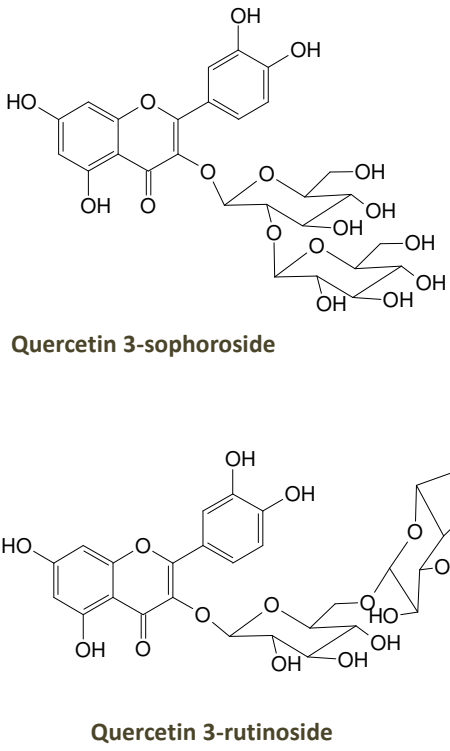


Isolation & Identification of Main Components in Flowers

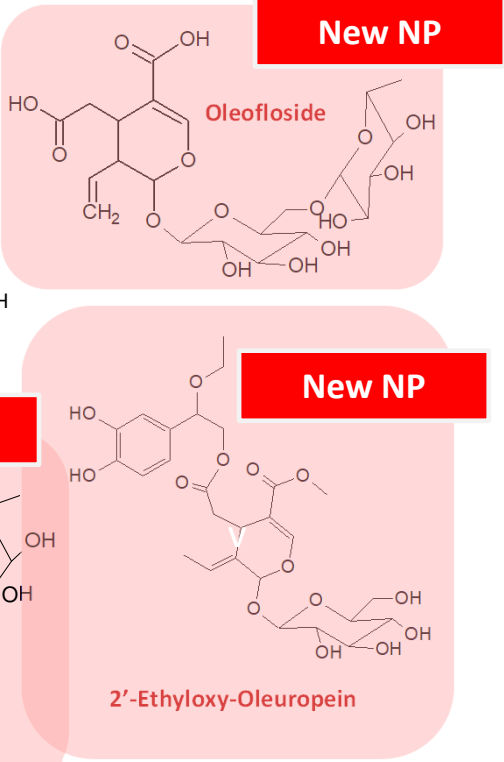


Terpenoids

Flavonoids



Secoiridoids



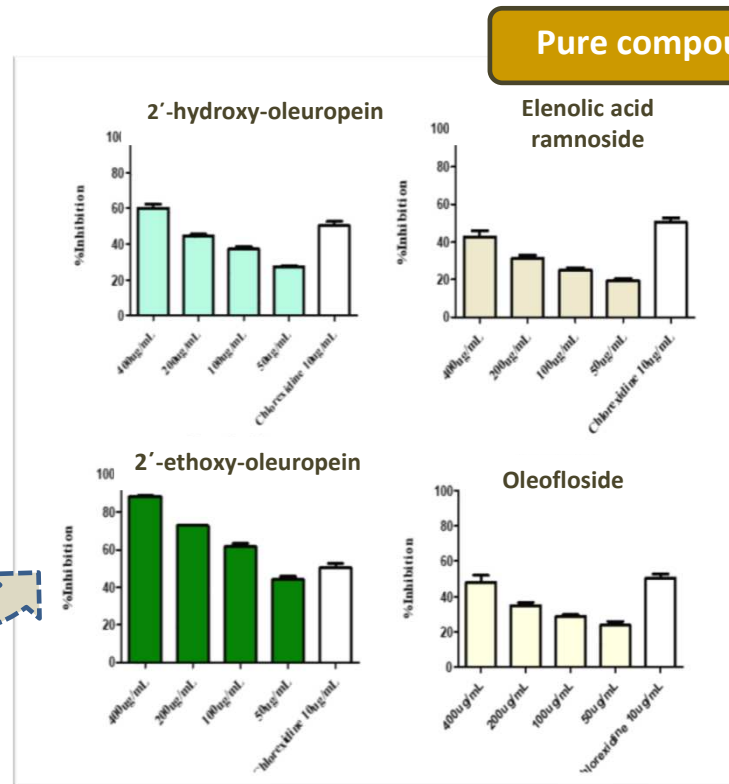
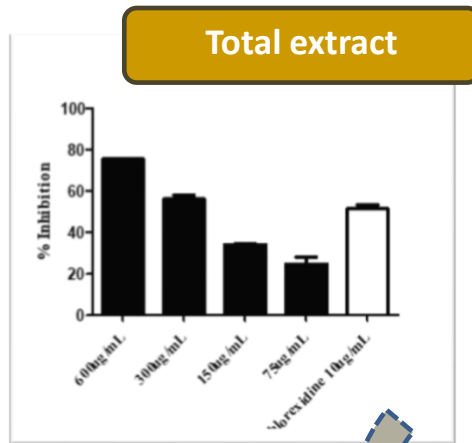
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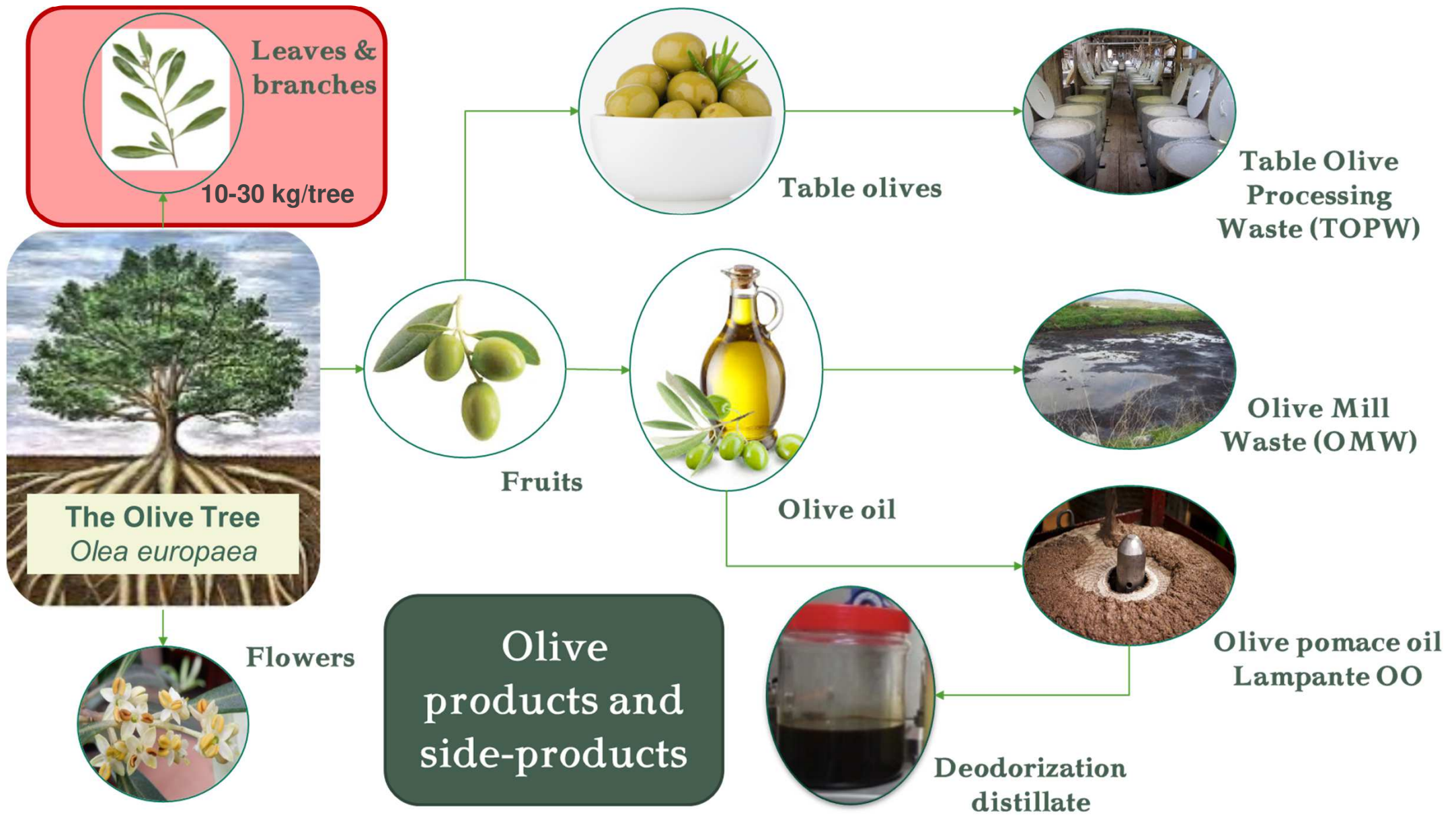
Angelis, Apostolis, et al. "Phytochemical analysis of olive flowers' hydroalcoholic extract and in vitro evaluation of tyrosinase, elastase and collagenase inhibition activity." *Fitoterapia* 143 (2020): 104602.

Collagenase inhibitory activity of flower extracts and compounds



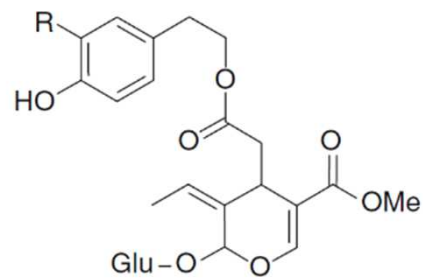
Olive branches are a valuable source of bioactives, with proved antioxidant activity, and their valorization, could offer an alternative source of biophenols and antioxidants, as well as novel applications in food, cosmetic, pharmaceutical and agricultural industry.

Fluorescence Measurement-Parameters:
 Excitation maximum: 320 nm and emission maximum: 405 nm
 Positive control: Chlorhexidine



Chemical composition of leaves & branches

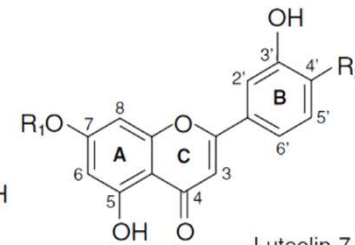
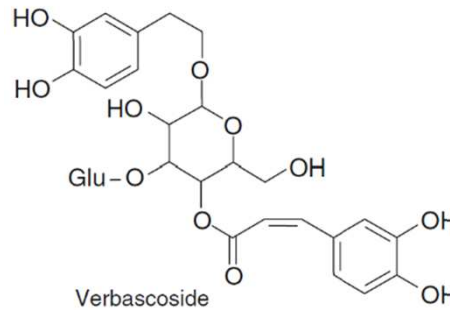
Secoiridoids



Oleuropein : R=OH

Ligstroside : R=H

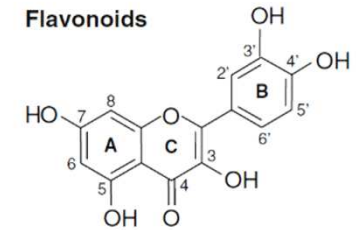
Phenyl ethanoid glucoside



Luteolin-7-O-glucoside (flavone): R₁=Glucose, R₂=OH

Diosmetin (flavone): R₁=H, R₂=OCH₃

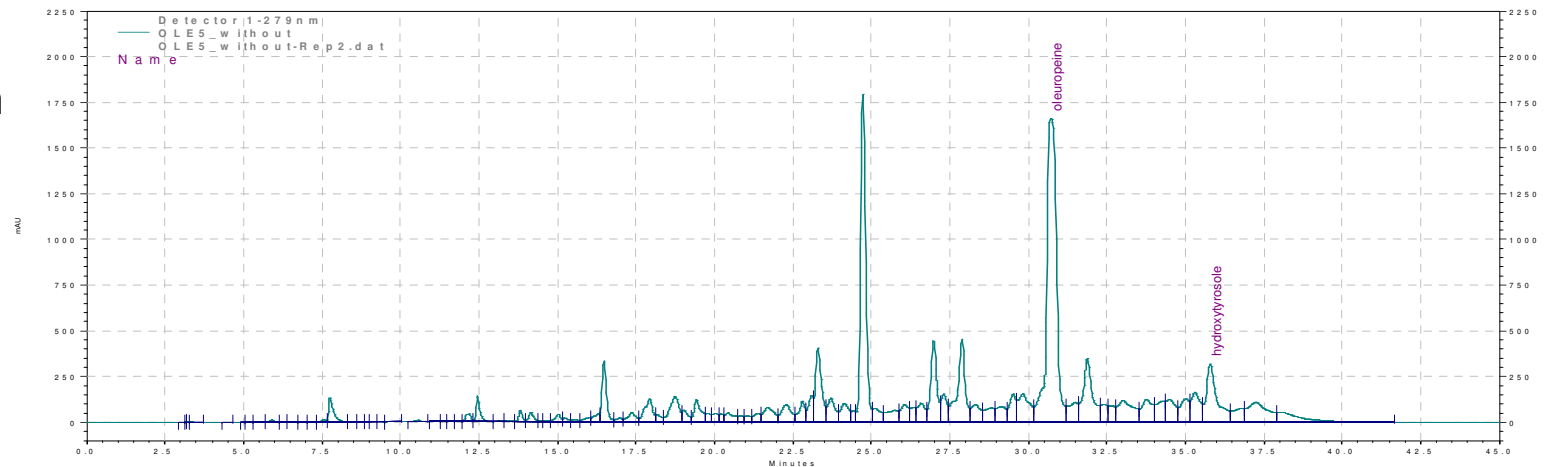
Flavonoids



Quercetin (flavonol)

Oleuropein could be 10% on dry leaves weight

> 100 compounds identified based on LC-HRMS



Michel, Thomas, et al. "UHPLC-DAD-FLD and UHPLC-HRMS/MS based metabolic profiling and characterization of different *Olea europaea* organs of Koroneiki and Chetoui varieties." *Phytochemistry Letters* 11 (2015): 424-439.

Extraction of olive leaves for the recovery of oleuropein



1

ACETONE EXTRACTION

LIMONENE EXTRACTION, ENRICHMENT IN OLEUROPEIN

FCPC PURIFICATION OF OLEUROPEIN

>85% purity

2

METHANOL EXTRACTION Ultrasound

MPLC PURIFICATION OF OLEUROPEIN

>90% purity

Extraction of olive leaves for the recovery of oleuropein (1)



**100 kg leaves
(dried) 4%
oleuropein**

Acetone 800lt
maceration, 4h
Solvent evaporation

**Crude oleuropein
extract**



Limonene
treatment
(elimination of
chlorophylls and
triterpenoids)

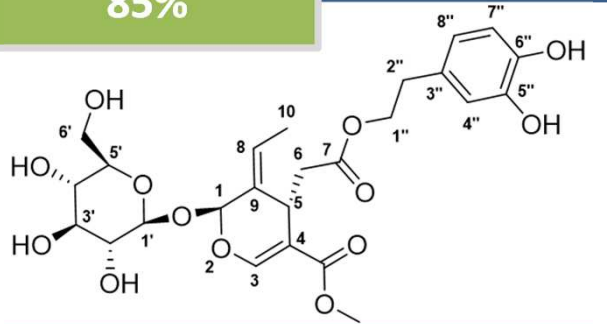
**Enriched oleuropein
extract**

**3 Kg
Oleuropein
85%**

FCPC separation



**9 kg extract 50%
oleuropein**



Extraction of olive leaves for the recovery of oleuropein (2)



150 kg leaves
(dried)

Ultrasound assisted methanol
maceration, 2h, 600lt



Crude oleuropein extract

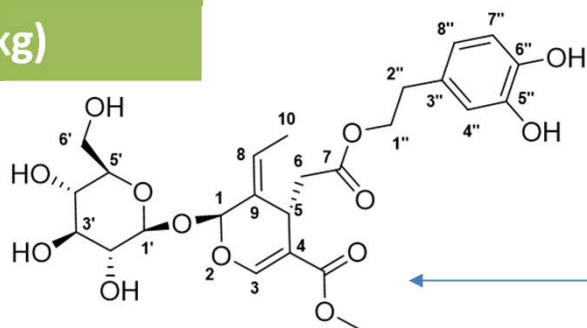


Spray drying

30 kg extract
20% oleuropein



Oleuropein 90%
(4 kg)



Name: FlashPure Ecoflex
C18 3000g
Vcolumn: 5600 mL
Max pressure 84 psi
Max flow 200 mL/min
Starting pressure: 71 psi
Solvent H₂O /MeOH

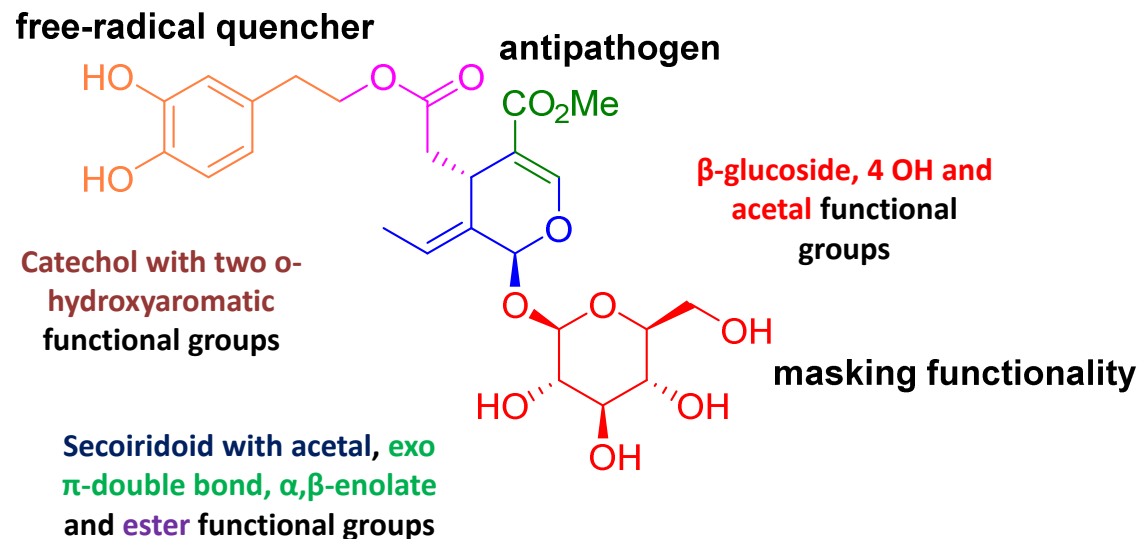
MPLC-DAD/ELSD

**Dry standardized Oleuropein
Extract 20%**

Inlet temperature: 170 °C
Outlet temperature: 80-82 °C
Spraying pressure: 2 bar
Feed: 3.5 lt/hr
Maltodextrin content in final
powder: 40%

From a harmful waste to the scale up production of Oleuropein

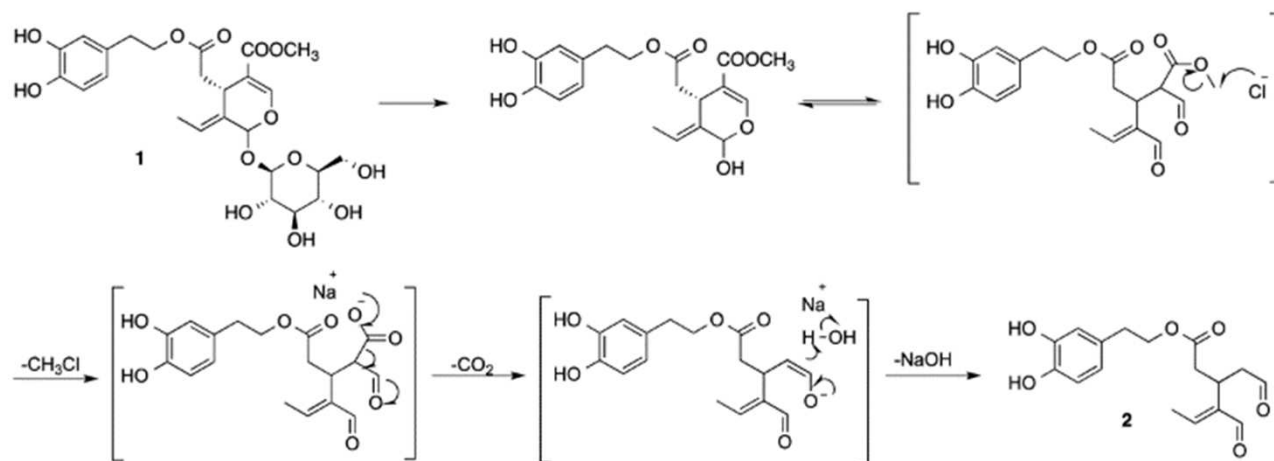
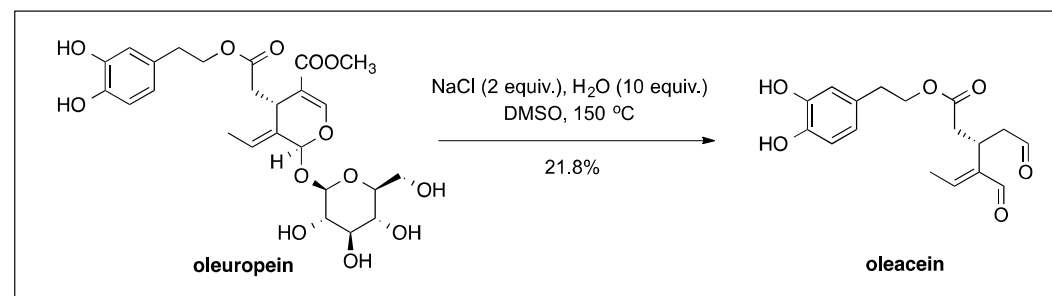
- ❖ Different functional groups define pharmacological activity
- ❖ Oleuropein has a wide spectrum of biological properties such as:
 - ✓ Cardioprotective, antiatherogenic
 - ✓ Antioxidant, anti-ageing
 - ✓ Anti-inflammatory
 - ✓ Antiviral, antimicrobial
 - ✓ Skin protective
 - ✓ cytotoxic (ER negative)



Versatile scaffold
for chemical
modifications!

One-step conversion of oleuropein to oleacein

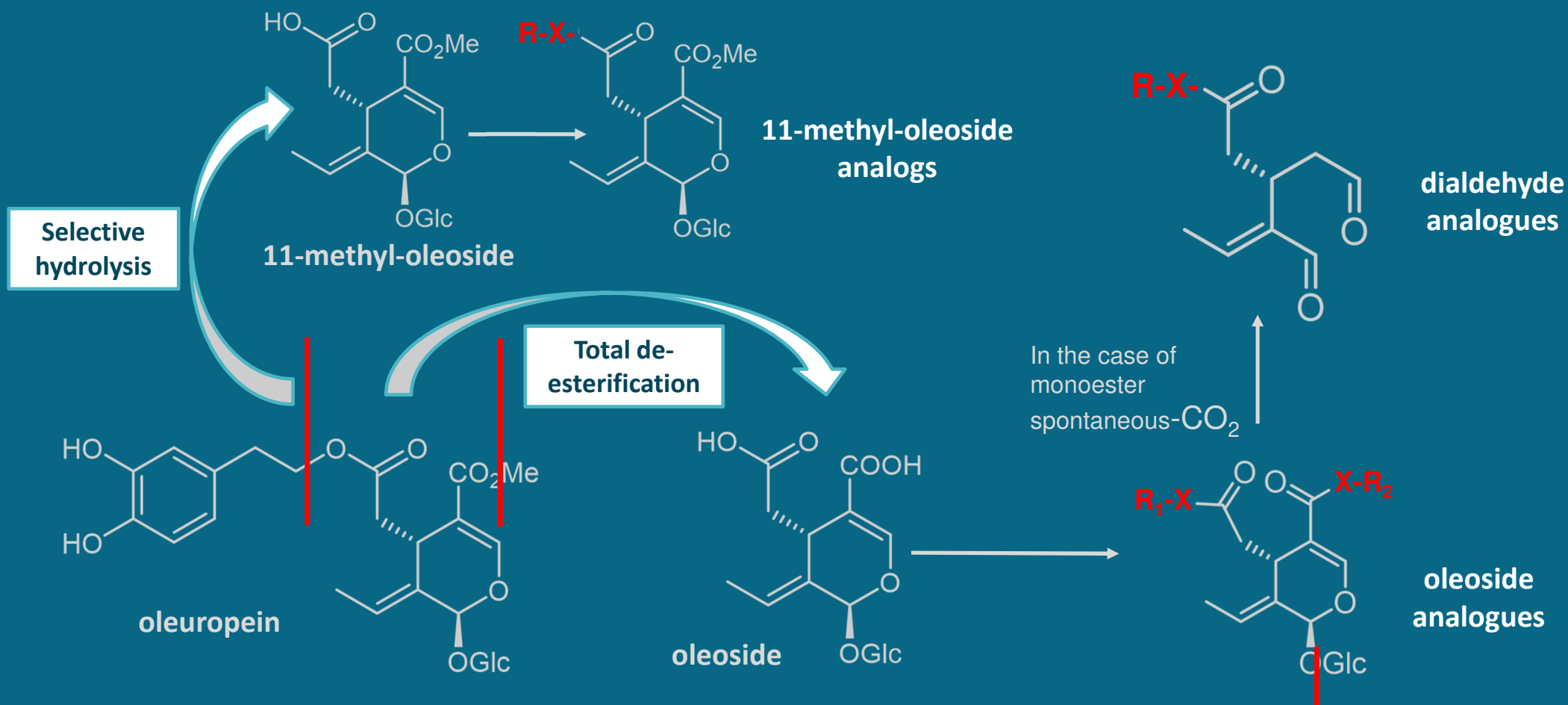
- ❖ Oleacein was produced in one step, by **Krapcho decarbomethoxylation** reaction, in an aprotic solvent (DMSO) and elevated temperature (150°C)
- ❖ Ligstroside (isolated from *Fraxinus* sp) was used for oleocanthal synthesis



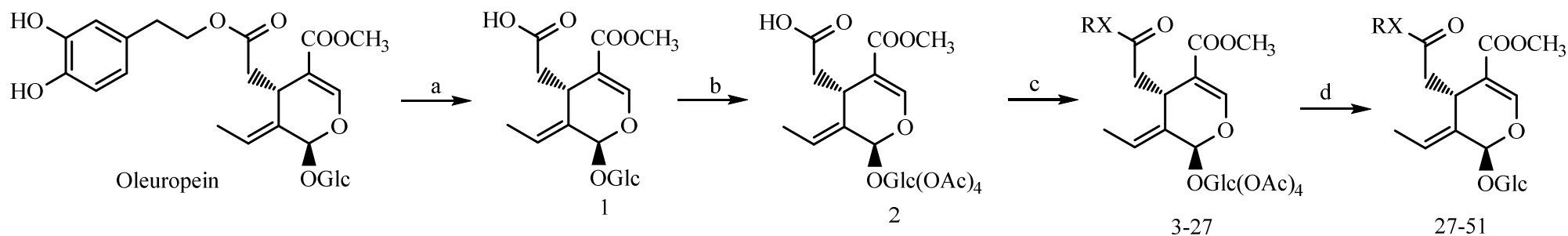
**1-step conversion of
oleuropein to oleacein**

**1-step conversion of
ligstroside to
oleocanthal**

Oleuropein – a robust scaffold leading to bioactive secoiridoids



Semi-synthesis of Oleuropein analogs from 11-methyloleusine



a) NaOH, 1 M, MW, 10 min b) Ac₂O, Pyr, c) i) 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride (Yamaguchi reagent), Et₃N, ii) RX, DMAP, d) Et₂NH, MeOH, RT

- ✓ 51 compounds synthesized
- ✓ *in vitro* screened in SKBR3 Breast Cancer
- ✓ The most active against seven cancer cell lines
- ✓ The most potent was further tested in an *in vivo* melanoma model C57BL/6 mice.

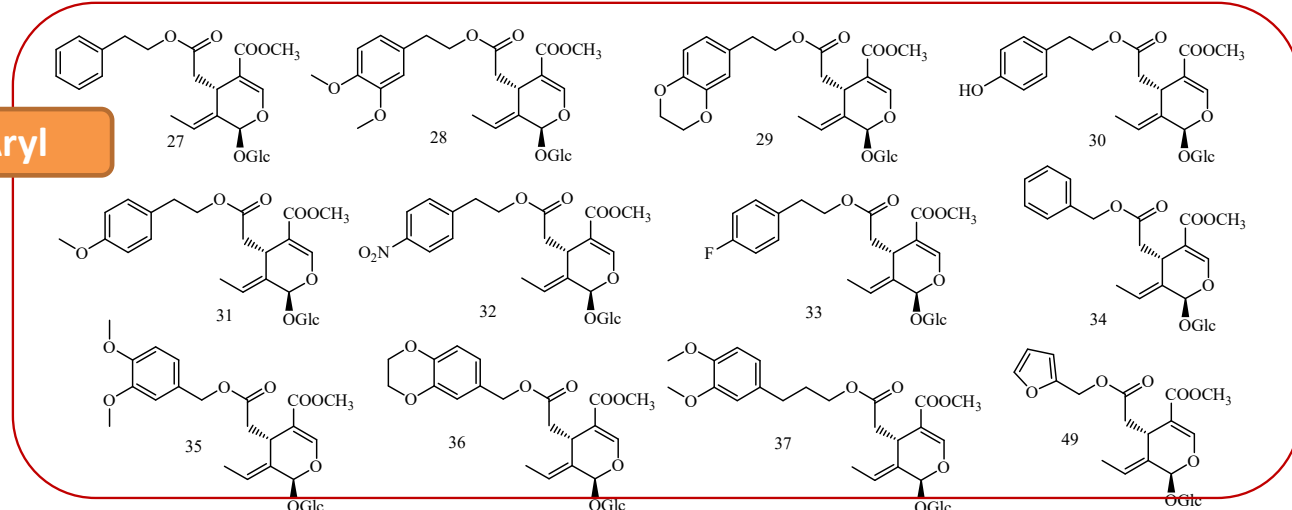
R= alcohols, thiols, amines
as nucleophiles

Oleuropein analogs

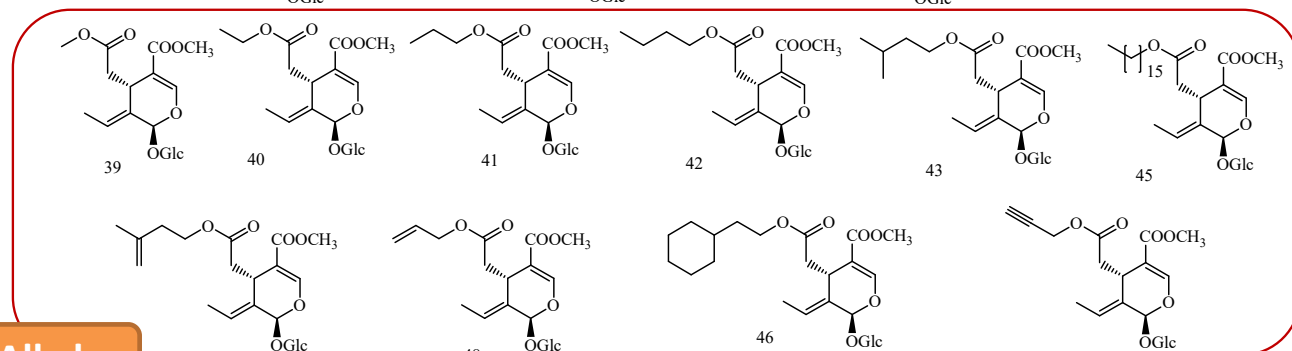
Screening of oleuropein analogs against the human breast cancer cells SKBR3.

COMPOUND	SKBR3 IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)	COMPOUND	SKBR3 IC ₅₀ ± SD (μM)
27	11.02 ± 0.71	40	>15
28	>15	41	>15
29	>15	42	>15
30	>15	43	9.02 ± 0.71
31	>15	44	>15
32	>15	45	1.60 ± 0.42
33	>15	46	2.00 ± 0.71
34	>15	47	>15
35	>15	48	>15
36	>15	49	>15
37	>15	50	>15
38	>15	51	>15
39	>15		

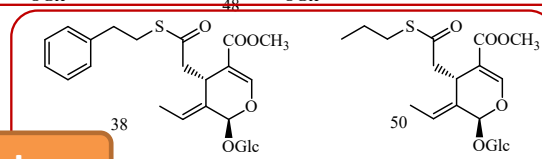
Aryl



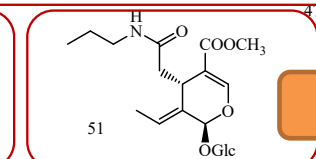
Alkyl



Thioester



Amide

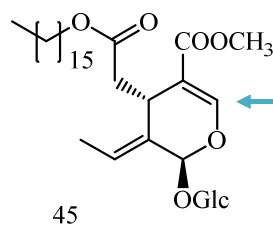
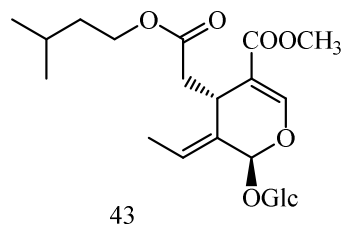
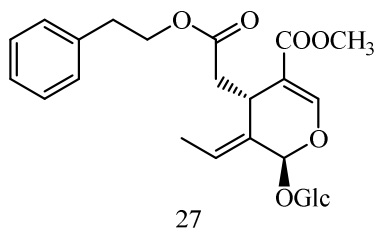


IC₅₀ (μM) of the most active semi-synthetic analogs of oleuropein

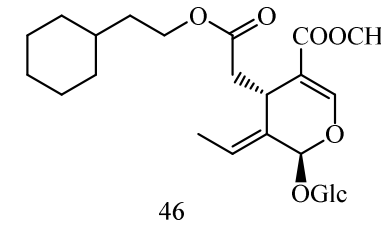
Alkyl group or aromatic without substitution increase lipophilicity enhancing cell membrane permeability

Comp.	IC ₅₀ ± SD (in μM)						
	FM3	HCT-116	HeLa	MCF-7	SKBR3	HL-60	K562
27	28.00 ± 2.00	25.33 ± 2.89	18.51 ± 4.04	19.33 ± 4.04	11.02 ± 0.71	10.33 ± 0.76	20.04 ± 1.20
43	27.67 ± 2.52	26.67 ± 2.08	19.50 ± 2.24	21.33 ± 2.89	9.02 ± 0.71	9.83 ± 0.76	18.00 ± 0.89
45	8.83 ± 1.61	12.33 ± 2.52	2.70 ± 0.23	2.00 ± 0.00	1.60 ± 0.42	0.38 ± 0.04	0.70 ± 0.08
46	9.33 ± 1.53	13.67 ± 3.21	5.60 ± 0.60	5.00 ± 1.00	2.00 ± 0.71	0.48 ± 0.04	0.85 ± 0.07
Oleuropein	268.82 ± 3.1	181.86 ± 2.89	275.60 ± 2.1	161.57 ± 2.08	160.44 ± 1.5 0	54.26 ± 4.04	64.73 ± 3.02

FM3: Melanoma Cell Line; **HT-116:** Colorectal carcinoma cell line; **HeLa:** Cervical carcinoma cell line; **MCF-7:** Breast cancer cell line; **SKBR3:** Breast cancer cell line that overexpresses Her2; **HL-60:** Leukemia cell line; **K562:** Chronic myelogenous leukemia cell line.

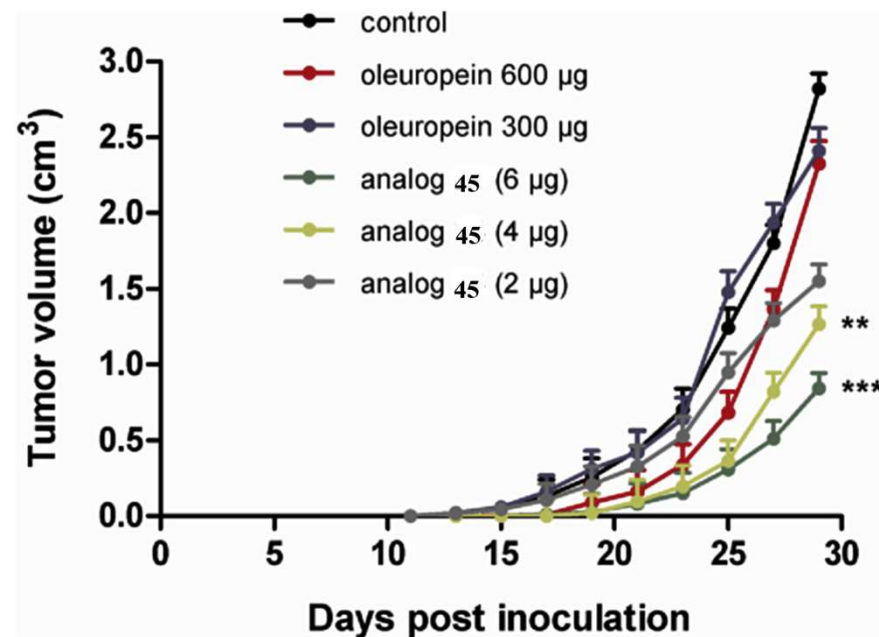
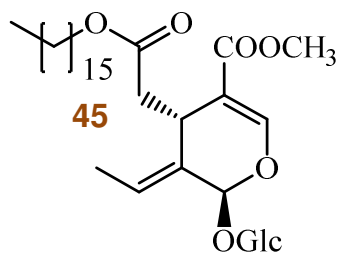


Compound 45 with a palmitic ester group is active in low μM and nM level



Effect of 45 on melanoma cancer tumor growth in a B16.F1 mouse model

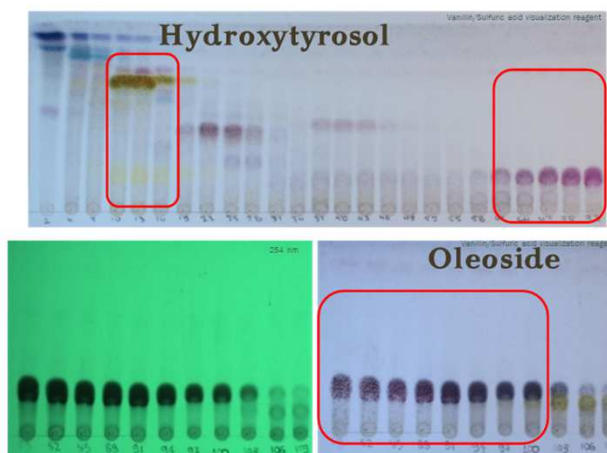
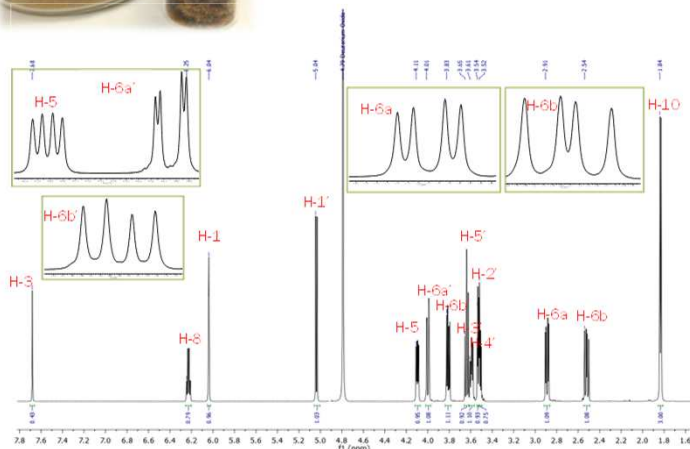
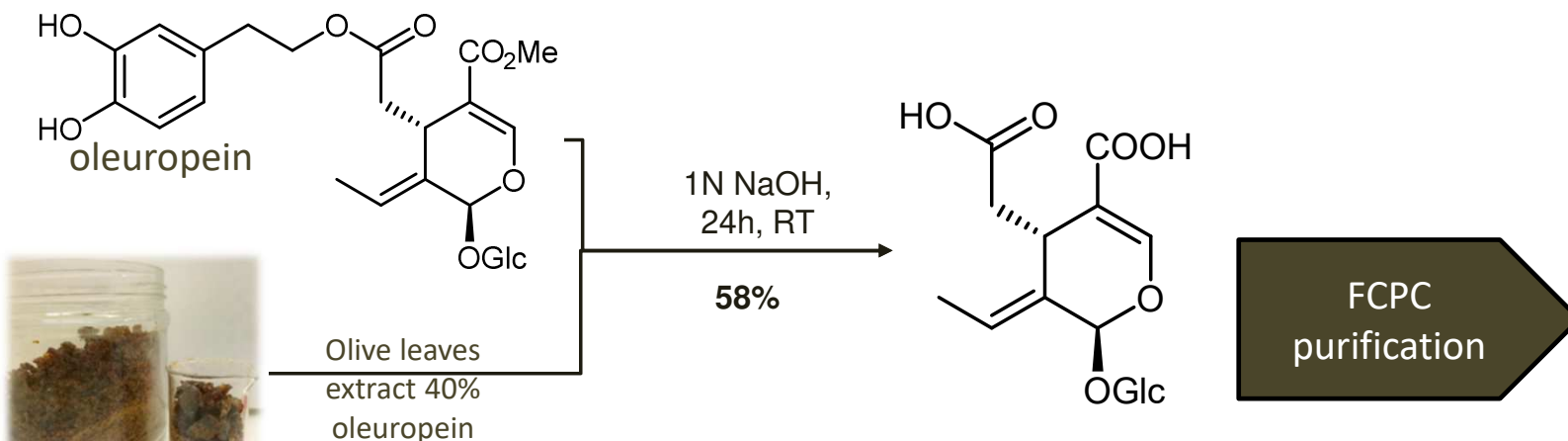
IC ₅₀ ± SD (in μM)	
Comp.	B16.F1
27	41.00 ± 1.44
43	39.12 ± 1.10
45	1.50 ± 0.18
46	5.04 ± 0.31
Oleuropein	283.90 ± 1.82



IC₅₀ values (in μM) of the most active semi-synthetic analogs of oleuropein against the mouse melanoma cell line B16.F1

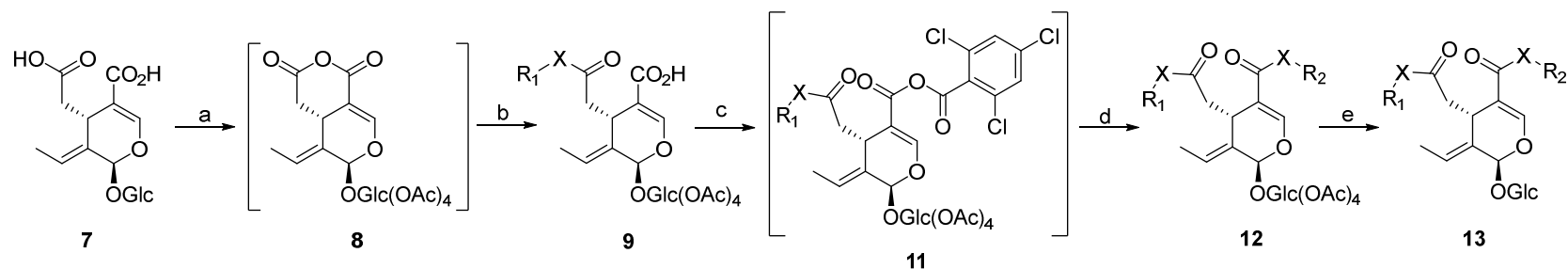
Compound 45 reduces melanoma tumor growth in all three groups compares to oleuropein and control

Semi-synthesis of oleoside and its purification



Prep CPC conditions	
Biphasic system	EtOAc/2-Propanol/EtOH/H ₂ O/AA 8:2:1:10:0,5 v/v/v/v
Column volume	1000 mL
Rotation	800 rpm
Mode	Ascending
Flow rate	15 mL/min
Elution	500 mL,
Extrusion	1000 mL
Inject volume	20 g / 50 mL 1:1 v/v upper/lower phase
Number of fraction	120 of 30 mL

Semi-synthesis of Oleoside Di-esters

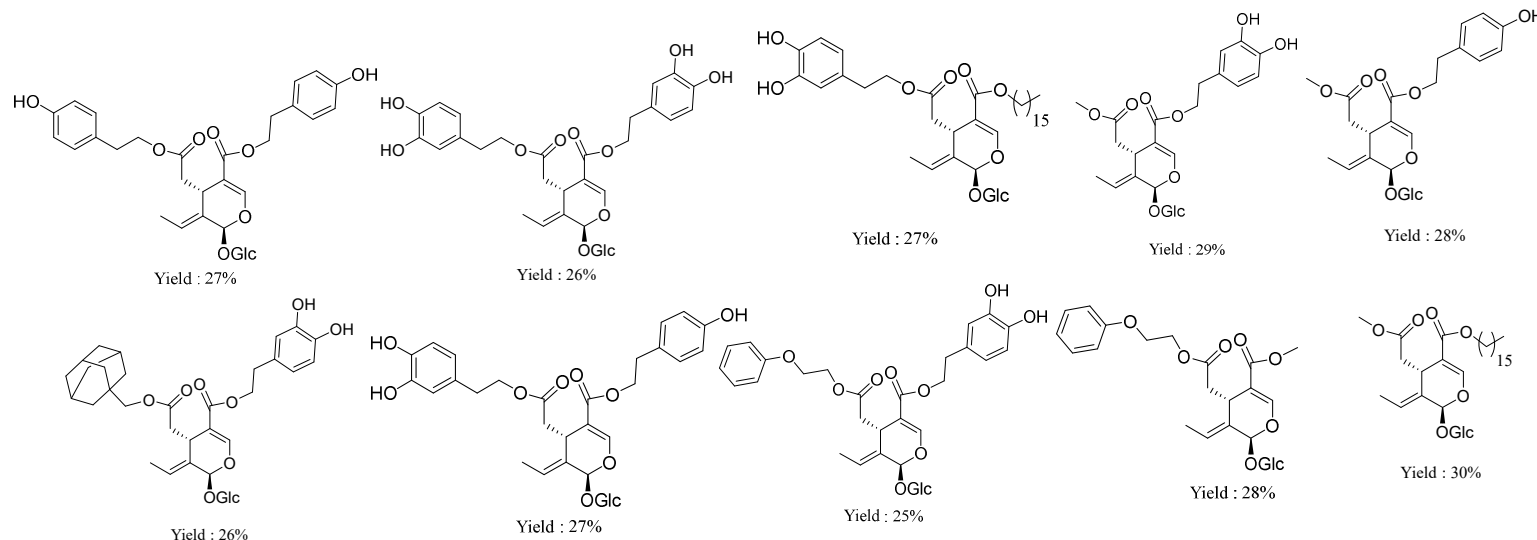


- 22:** R₁ = methyl, X = O, R₂ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O
23: R₁ = methyl, X = O, R₂ = tyrosyl, X = O
24: R₁ = methyl, X = O, R₂ = hexadecanyl, X = O
25: R₁ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O, R₂ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O
26: R₁ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O, R₂ = tyrosyl, X = O
27: R₁ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O, R₂ = hexadecanyl, X = O
28: R₁ = tyrosyl, X = O, R₂ = tyrosyl, X = O
29: R₁ = adamantanemethyl, X = O, R₂ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O
30: R₁ = phenoxyethyl, X = O, R₂ = 3-hydroxytyrosyl, X = O
31: R₁ = phenoxyethyl, X = O, R₂ = methyl, X = O

10 synthetic compounds

a) pyridine, acetic anhydride, RT, 3 hours, b) Et₃N, 4-DMAP, R₁ = alkyl, aryl, X = O, S, DCM, RT, 3h, c) Et₃N, 2,4,6-trichlorobenzoyl chloride, DCM, 0°C → RT, 3h, d) 4-DMAP, R₂X (R₂ = alkyl, aryl, X = O, S), DCM, RT, 3h, e) Et₂NH, MeOH, RT, 6 h.

Secoiridoids including two phenethyl moieties have been isolated as minors (Oleaceae, Cyperaceae)



Synthesis of un-natural di-ester analogs

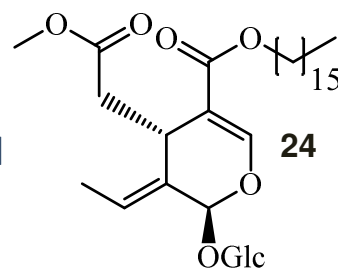
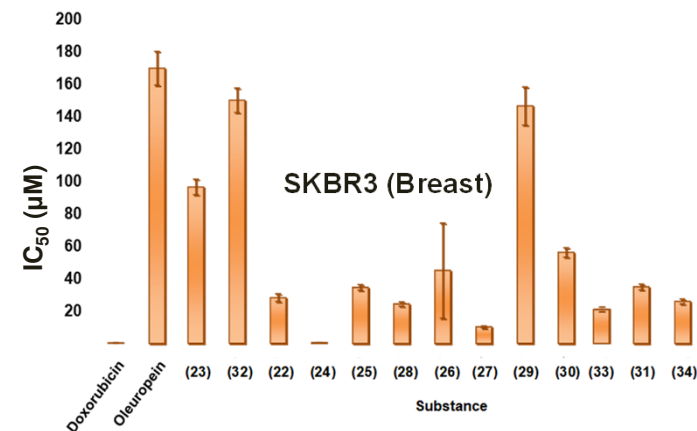
In vitro cytotoxicity of oleoside di-esters

No	R ₁	X ₁	R ₂	X ₂	C10-C9-C8
(22)	—	O		O	
(23)	—	O		O	
(24)	—	O		O	
(25)		O		O	
(26)		O		O	
(27)		O		O	
(28)		O		O	
(29)		O		O	
(30)		O		O	
(31)		O	—	O	
(32)	—	O		O	
(33)		S		O	
(34)		O	H	O	



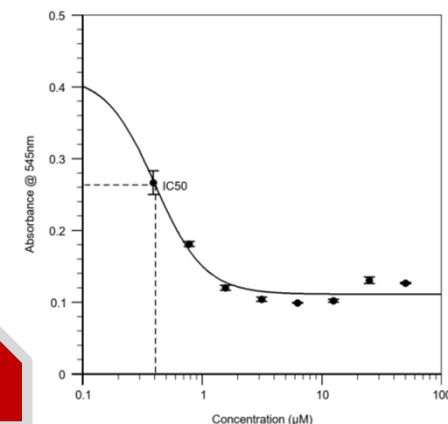
Selective cytotoxicity depending on the substituent R₁ and R₂

- ❖ Compound **24** one palmitic ester group and one methyl group
- ❖ Compound **27** one palmitic and one hydroxytyrosol group
- ❖ Compound **28** two tyrosol groups



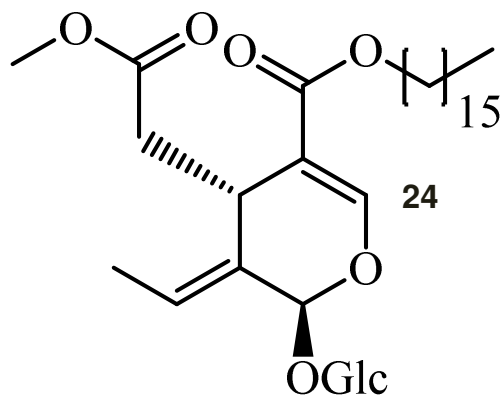
IC₅₀ of 24 in the nanomolar range

Cell viability after treatment of SKBR3 with 24

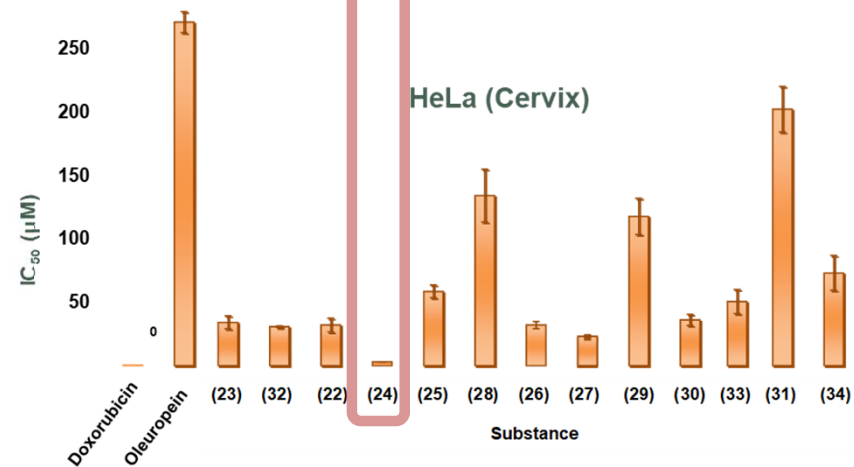
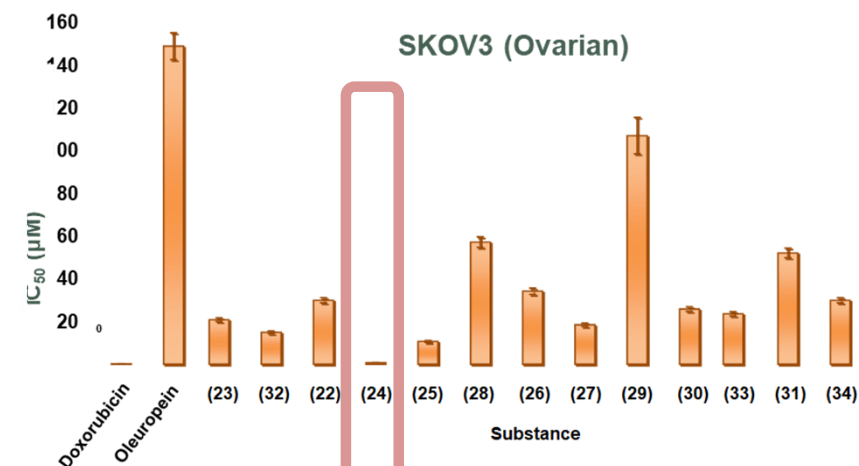
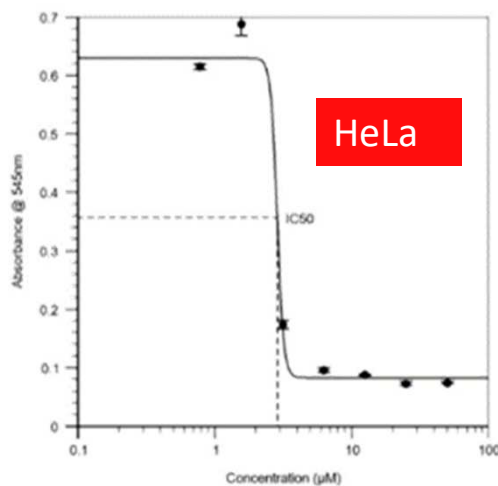
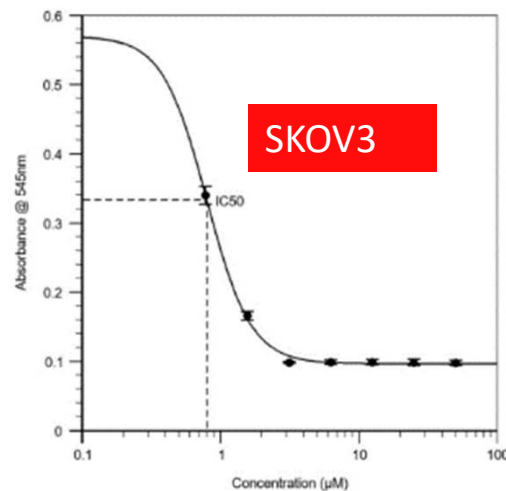


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In vitro cytotoxicity of oleoside di-esters

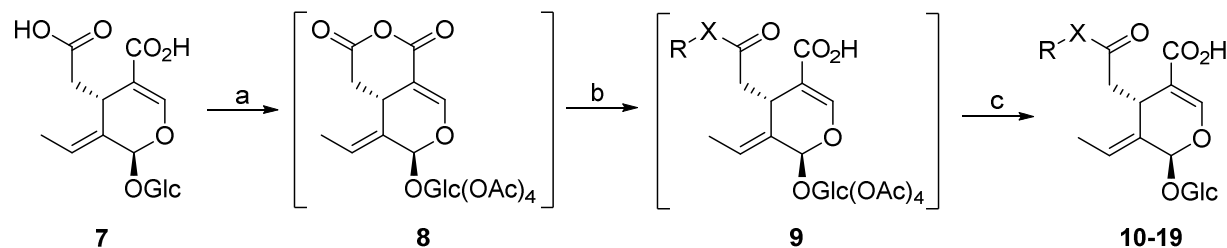


IC_{50} of 24 in the nanomolar range also for HeLa and SKOV3



Semi-synthesis of oleoside mono-esters

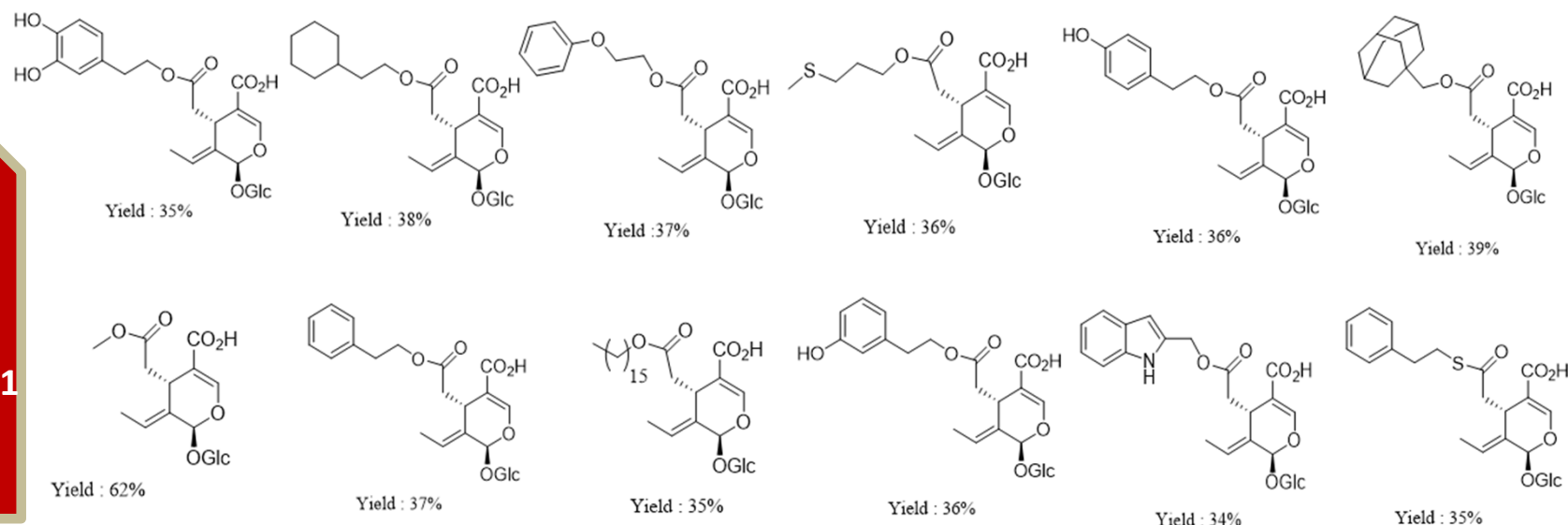
- ✓ Acetylation results in the formation of the mixed anhydride
- ✓ One-pot conjugation with various nucleophiles (DMAP) and deprotection of glucose



10	: R = methyl, X = O
11	: R = cyclohexylethyl, X = O
12	: R = adamantanemethyl, X = O
13	: R = phenylethyl, X = O
14	: R = phenoxyethyl, X = O
15	: R = (1H-Indole-2)-methyl, X = O
16	: R = hexadecanyl, X = O
17	: R = 3-(methylthio)-1-propyl, X = O
18	: R = phenethyl, X = S
19	: R = 3-Hydroxyphenethyl, X = O

12 synthetic compounds

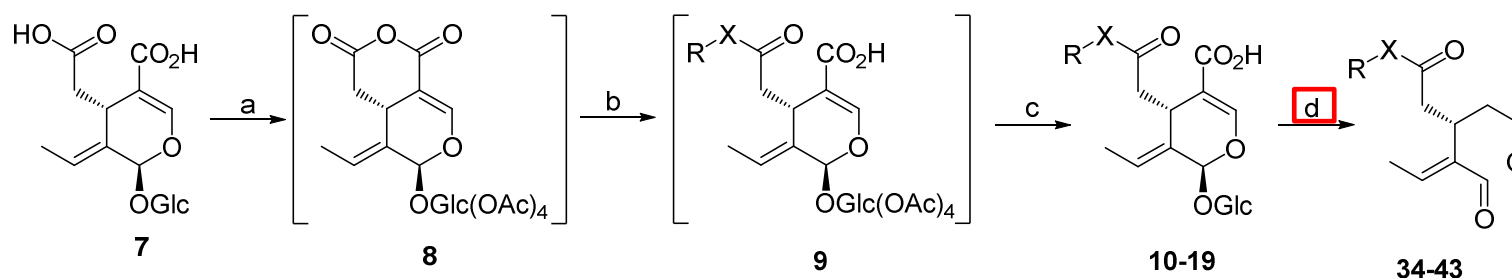
a) pyridine, acetic anhydride, RT, 3h, b) Et₃N, 4-DMAP, R= alkyl, aryl, X= O, S, DCM, RT, 3h, c) Et₂NH, MeOH, RT, 6 h



PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF OLEOCANTHAL, OLEACEIN AND THEIR ANALOGUES
European patent application EP 3 838 885 A1
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Semi-synthesis of dialdehyde analogs

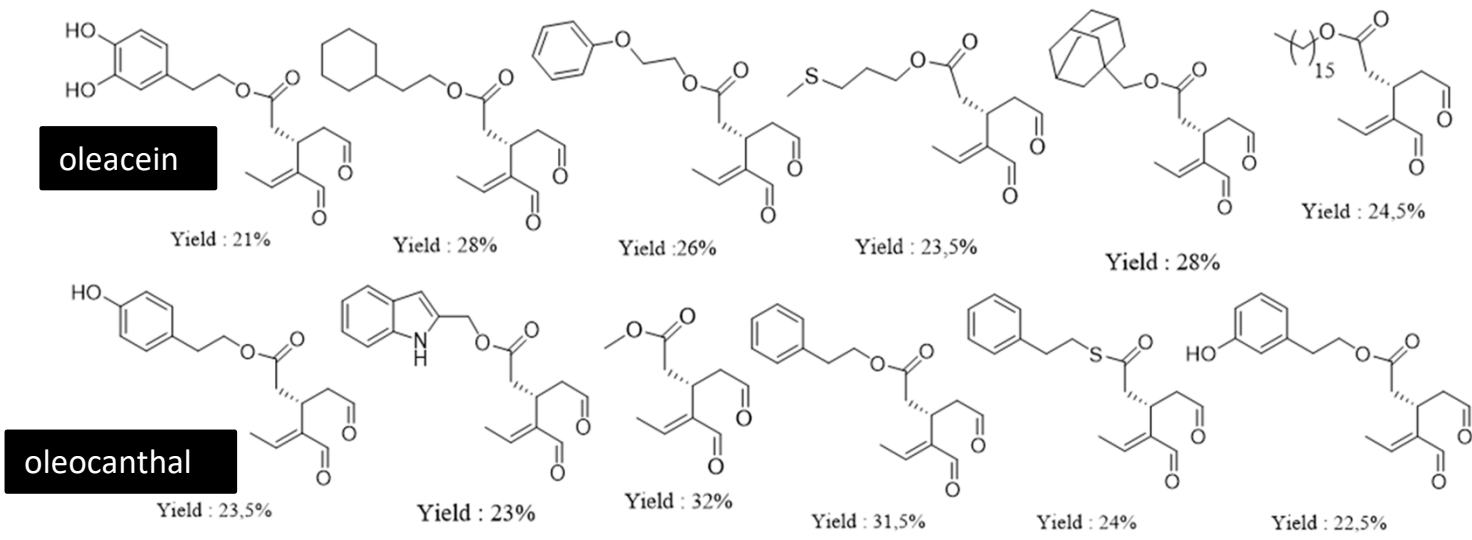
Overall Yield:
21–32%



- 34 : R = methyl , X = O
- 35 : R = cyclohexylethyl, X = O
- 36 : R = adamantanemethyl, X = O
- 37 : R = phenylethyl, X = O
- 38 : R = phenoxyethyl, X = O
- 39 : R = (1H-Indole-2)-methyl , X = O
- 40 : R = hexadecanyl, X = O
- 41 : R = phenethyl, X = S
- 42 : R = 3-(methylthio)-1-propyl, X = O
- 43 : R = 3-hydroxyphenethyl, X = O

a) pyridine, acetic anhydride, RT, 3 hours, b) Et₃N, 4-DMAP, R= alkyl, aryl, X= O, S, DCM, RT, 3h, c) Et₂NH, MeOH, RT, 6 hours d) β -glucosidase, CH₃COOH/CH₃COONa, pH 5, 37 °C, 3 h.

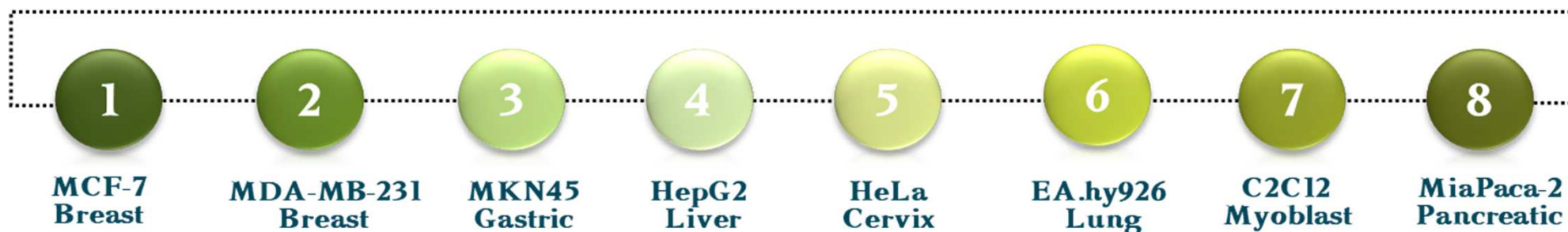
10 g of dialdehyde analogues can be obtained from 10 kg of olive leaves



Treatment with β -glucosidase \rightarrow Sugar hydrolysis and ring opening by spontaneous decarboxylation and formation of dialdehyde

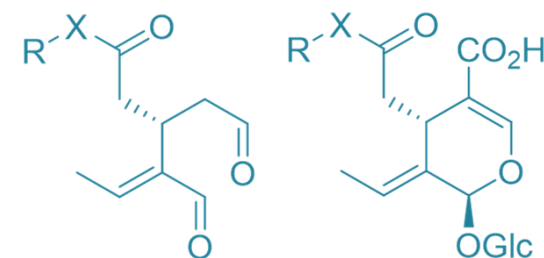
Sarikaki, Georgia, et al. "Biomimetic synthesis of oleocanthal, oleacein, and their analogues starting from oleuropein, a major compound of olive leaves." *Journal of Natural Products* 83.6 (2020): 1735-1739.

In vitro cytotoxicity evaluation of dialdehyde analogs



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Attica Science Ltd, UK & USA, **prof. D. Iliopoulos group**



XTT assay on hormone-dependent &
hormone-independent cell lines

In vitro cytotoxicity of dialdehyde analogues

No	R	X	MCF-7	MDA-MB-231	MKN45	HepG2	HeLa	EA.hy926	C2C12	MiaPaca-2
(3)	Oleuropein		>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50
(34)		O	>50	>50	>50	>50	40.87	>50	>50	>50
(35)		O	>50	>50	>50	41.12	49.31	43.81	>50	>50
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(41)		S	3.57	5	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	2.28
(43)		O	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50	>50
(44)		O	>50	41.21	>50	>50	30.29	>50	46.68	>50
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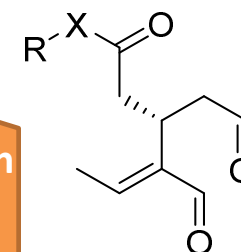
MiaPaca-2 (Pancreatic) cell line

The presence of sulfur:

- Phenylethyl thioyl (41) and 3-methylthio-1-propanyl (42),

Phenylethyl thioyl (41) good cytotoxicity in MCF-7 and MDA-MB-231 breast cell lines

Sulfur increases antiproliferative activity in cancer cell lines



Mechanism of Action of 41 on a panel of kinase and metabolic cancer pathways

p70-S6 (T389) kinase has essential roles in cancer, obesity, diabetes, and aging.

- phenylethylthioyl derivative (**41**) suppressed p70 S6 (T389) expression and thereby it could possibly induce autophagy of cancer cells

p AKT (S473) kinase plays a role in pancreatic and other types of cancer.

- phenylethylthioyl derivative (**41**) downregulated p AKT, and we could hypothesize an anticancer potential of the latter

p AMPK (T172) kinase could be utilized as a key target for the treatment of cancer.

- The dialdehyde derivative (**41**) led to increased p AMPK activation and could be utilized as a potent activator of AMPK

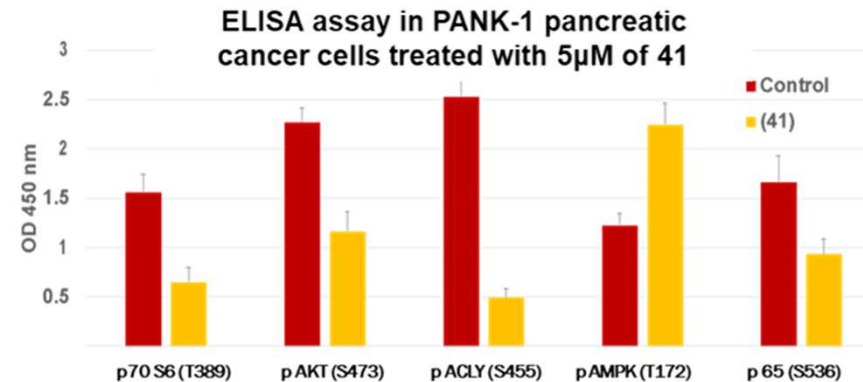
p 65 (S536) kinase could be utilized as a key target for the treatment of cancer.

- In response to the compound (**41**) treatment of pancreatic cells, the phosphorylation of p65 at S536 was decreased

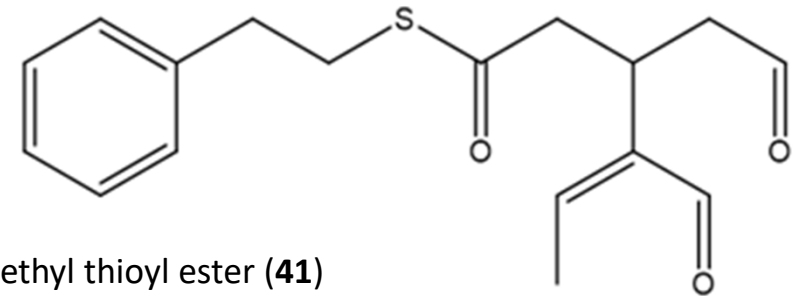
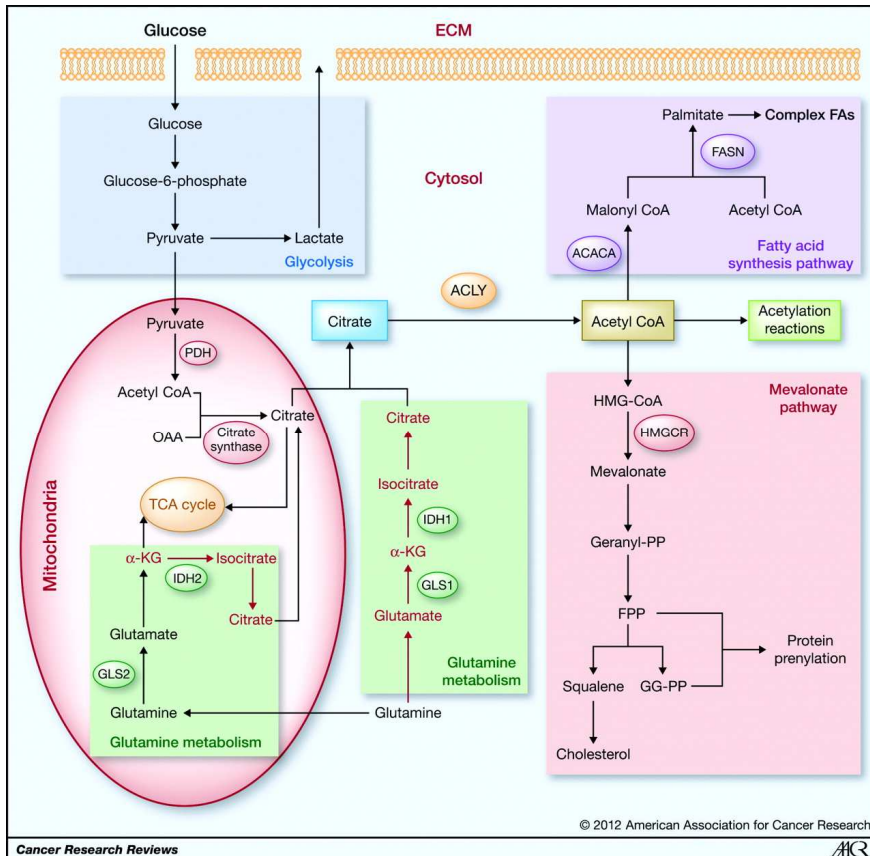
p ACLY could be utilized as a key target for the treatment of cancer.

- phenylethylthioyl derivative (**41**) suppressed p ACLY (S455) expression

These data suggests that **41** is affecting key metabolic pathways, suppressing ACLY enzymatic activity



Role of ATP citrate lyase (ACLY)

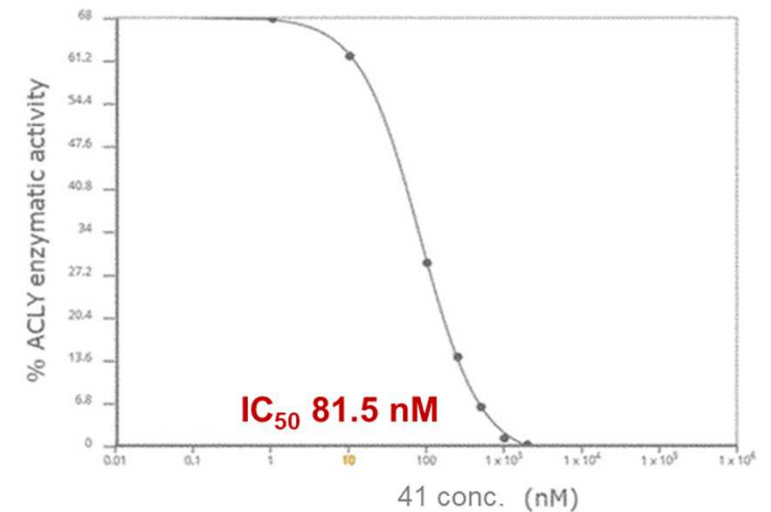


- ❖ **ACLY is an important enzyme involved in lipid biogenesis linked with glucose metabolism.**
- ❖ **This enzyme plays a significant role in cancer cell proliferation and progression**
- ❖ **In many cancer types such as pancreatic cancer, colorectal cancer, breast cancer, non-small cell lung cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma etc., the level of ACLY has been found to be quite high as compared to normal cells**

41 is a direct inhibitor ACLY enzymatic activity

- ✓ **41** is potent ACLY inhibitor with an IC_{50} of **81.5 nM**, whilst Oleuropein and Oleocanthal are inactive ($IC_{50} > 10 \mu M$).
- ✓ An ACLY assay kit (BPS Bioscience) was used to evaluate **41** against ACLY enzymatic activity (Concentrations used: 1, 10, 100, 250, 500, 1000 and 2000 nM)

41 is a direct potent inhibitor of ACLY activity



BMS303141 a well known synthetic commercialized ACLY inhibitor IC_{50} is 130 nM

In vivo studies of 41 (GS27) – HCT-116

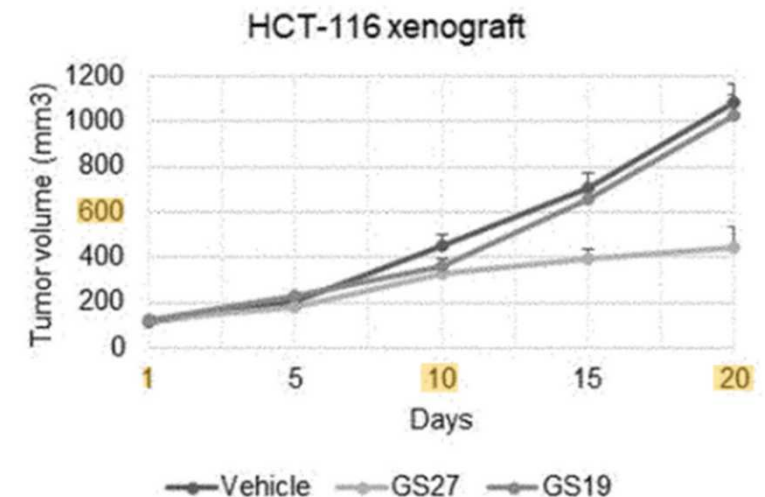
❖ The effect of 41 on colon cancer tumor growth in mice was evaluated in a HCT-116 (human colorectal cancer cell line with a RAS proto-oncogene mutation) xenograft mouse model.

41 treatment showed a 60% reduction of the tumor size

HCT-116 colon cancer tumor growth in mice

❖ Xenograft tumors were generated by injecting HCT-116 colon cancer cells (5×10^6) into the right flank of female nu/nu mice. All mice developed tumors in 10 days with size approximately 100 mm^3 . For each experiment, mice were randomly distributed into equal groups (4 mice per group) that were untreated or treated by **intraperitoneal injections** every 5 days with **20 mg/kg** of GS27 or oleocanthal. Tumor volume was evaluated until 20 days post-treatment.

GS27 suppresses HCT-116 colon tumor growth in xenograft mice relative to GS19 which has no effect



Oleocanthal GS19, showed no in vivo effect

In vivo studies of GS27 (41) – HepG2

- ❖ The effect of GS27 on **liver cancer tumor growth** in mice was evaluated in a **HepG2 xenograft mouse model**.
- ❖ Since hepatocellular carcinoma is often treated with doxorubicin, **results were compared to those obtained with doxorubicin**.

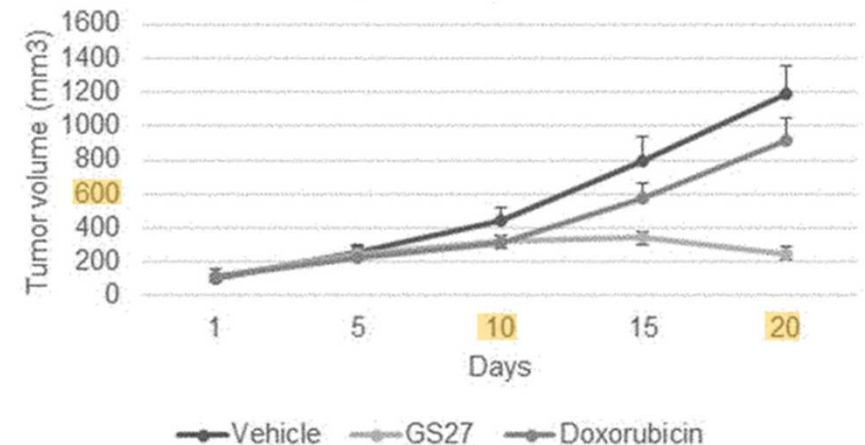
41 treatment showed an 80% reduction of the tumor size in comparison to 13% of doxorubicin.

HepG2 liver cancer tumor growth in mice

GS 27 more active than doxorubicin

- ❖ Xenograft tumors were generated by injecting HepG2 liver cancer cells (2.5×10^6) into the right flank of female nu/nu mice. All mice developed tumors in 10 days with size approximately 100 mm³. For each experiment, mice were randomly distributed into equal groups (4 mice per group) that were untreated or treated **by intraperitoneal injections** every 5 days with **20 mg/kg** of GS27 or doxorubicin. Tumor volume was evaluated until 20 days post-treatment.

GS27 suppresses HepG2 liver tumor growth in mice more effectively than doxorubicin
HepG2 xenograft



In vivo studies of GS27 (41) – AsPC-1

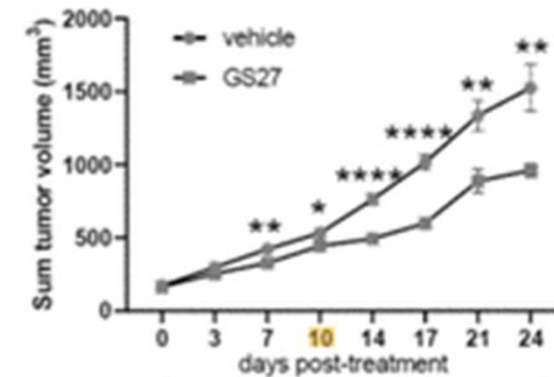
❖ The effect of GS27 on **pancreatic cancer tumor** growth in mice was evaluated in a **AsPC-1 xenograft mouse** model.

41 treatment showed a 34% reduction of the tumor size

AsPC-1 pancreatic cancer tumor in mice

❖ Xenograft tumors were generated by injecting AsPC-1 pancreatic cancer cells (0.5×10^6) into the right flank of male NOD/SCID mice. All mice developed tumors in 10 days with size approximately 100 mm³. For each experiment, mice were randomly distributed into equal groups (5 mice per group) that were untreated or treated by **intraperitoneal injections** every 5 days with **100 mg/kg** of GS27. Tumor volume and the weight of the animals were evaluated until 24 days post-treatment.

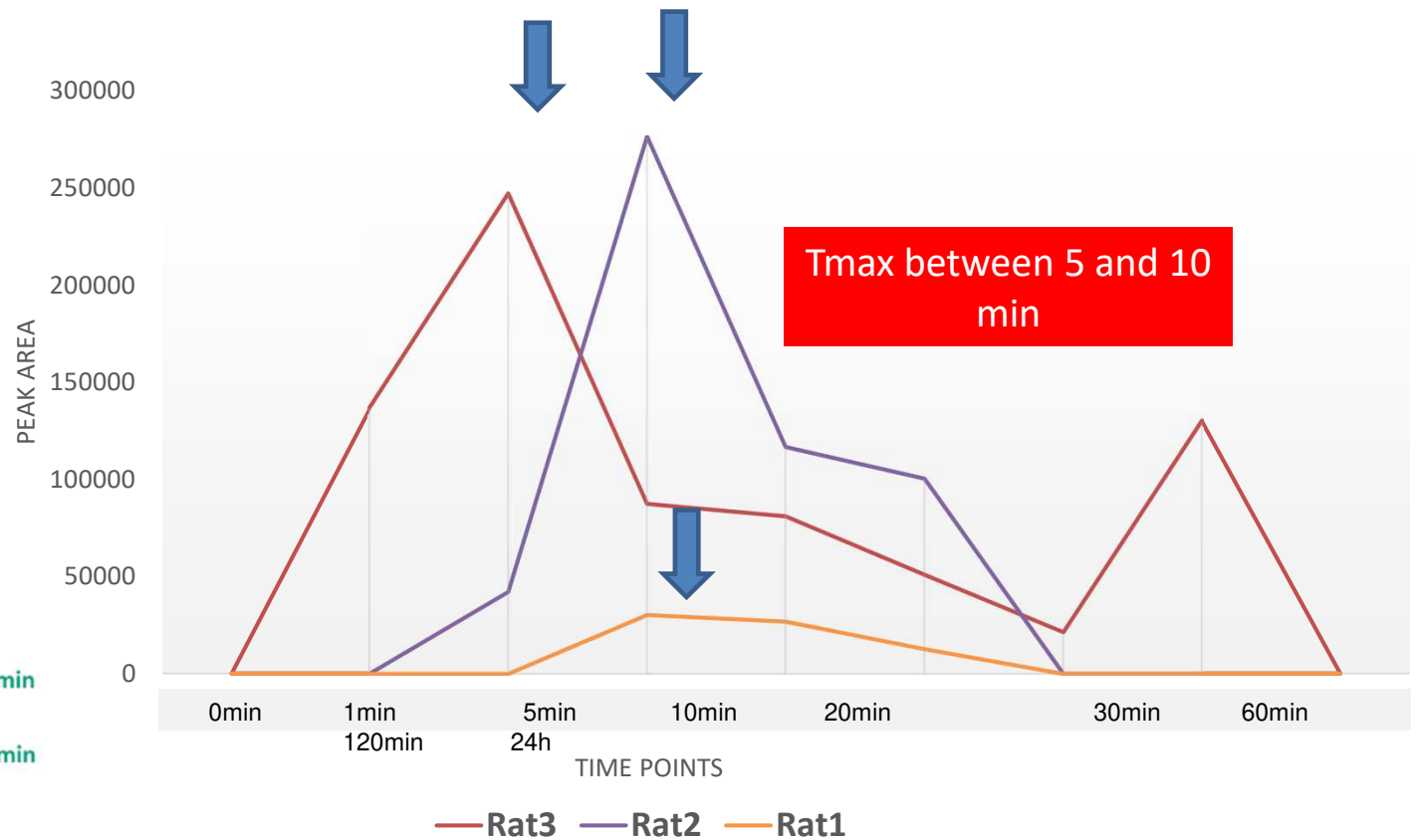
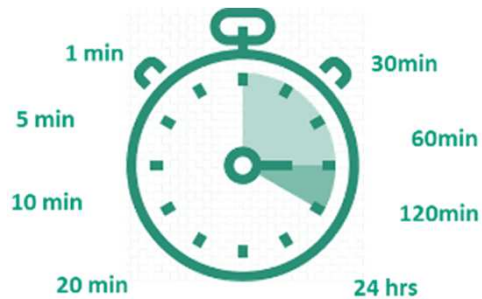
GS27 inhibits AsPC-1 pancreatic cancer tumor growth in mice



*p<0.05, ** p<0.01, *** p<0.001, **** p<0.0001 vs vehicle

Monitoring of (41) in rat plasma samples by LC-HRMS/MS

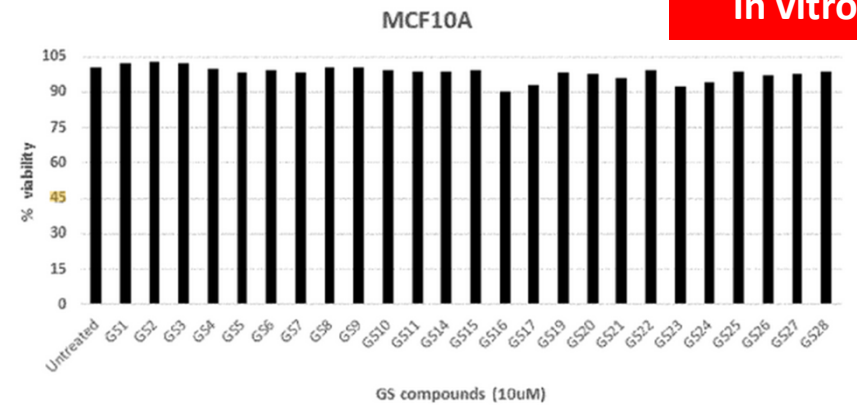
3 male rats (Wistar) between
240-260 grams
100mg/kg of body weight GS27



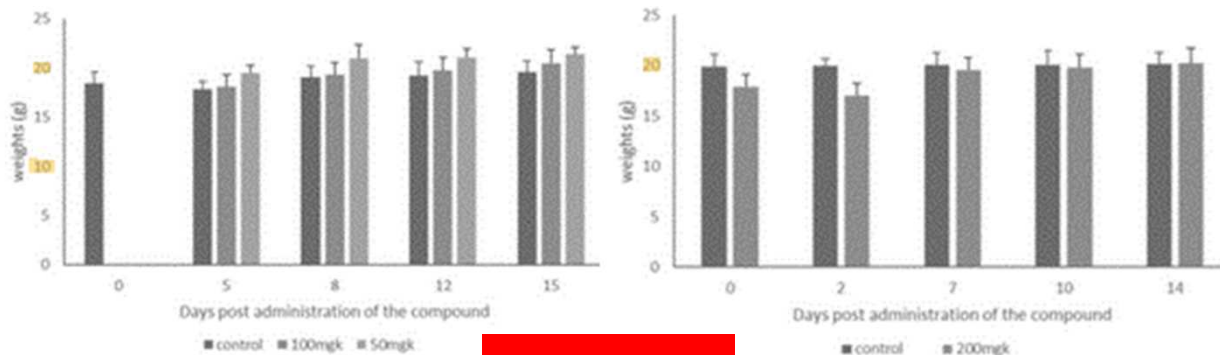
Safety studies of GS27 (41)

❖ A non-tumorigenic epithelial cell line (MCF-10A) was used as control to evaluate the effect of GS compounds on “normal” cells and evaluate potential toxicities. All compounds **do not show any effect on MCF-10A cell growth** (10 μ M) except of GS16 which reduced by 10.1% the MCF-10A cell growth

Dialdehyde analogs do not affect the growth of MCF-10A normal epithelial cells



GS27 maximum tolerated dose (MTD) studies in rodents

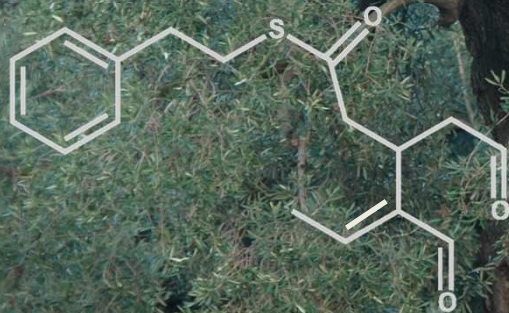


In vivo

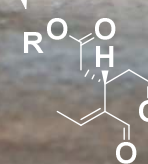
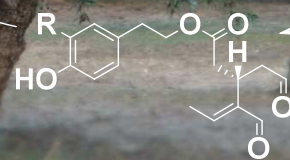
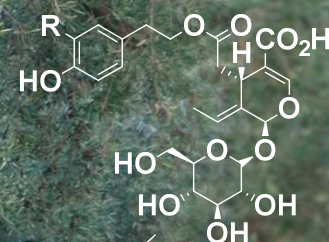
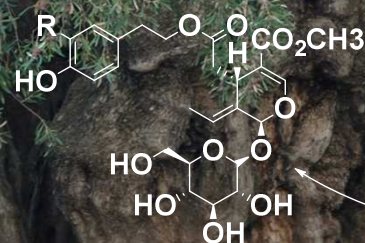
- ❖ GS27 Maximum Tolerated Dose (MTD) studies in male/female mice
- ❖ MTD Studies shows that GS27 is well tolerated up to 100mg/kg for two weeks.
- ❖ There were no changes in animal weight for the study period or neurological changes.
- ❖ Furthermore, there was no toxicity identified in mice treated with 200 mg/kg, thus the MTD is greater than 200 mg/kg

Summarizing....

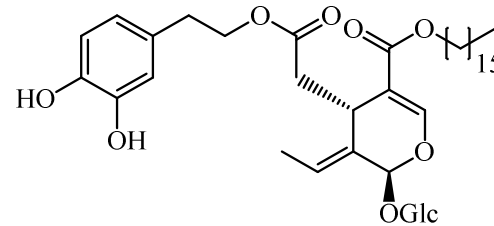
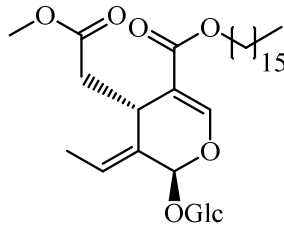
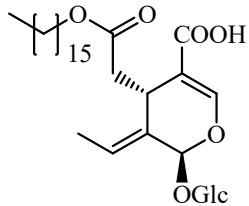
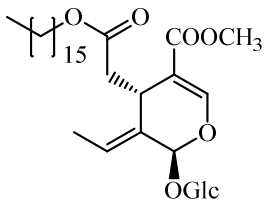
Starting from olive leaves, a biorenewable material, we have synthesized 105 Oleuropein analogs



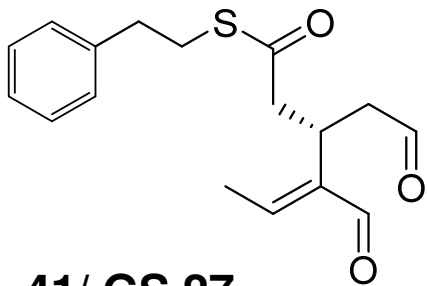
Olea europaea



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The presence of palmitic ester group increase the activity, in vitro & in vivo



41/ GS 27

Phenylethyl thioyl ester

Potential for further development on clinical studies

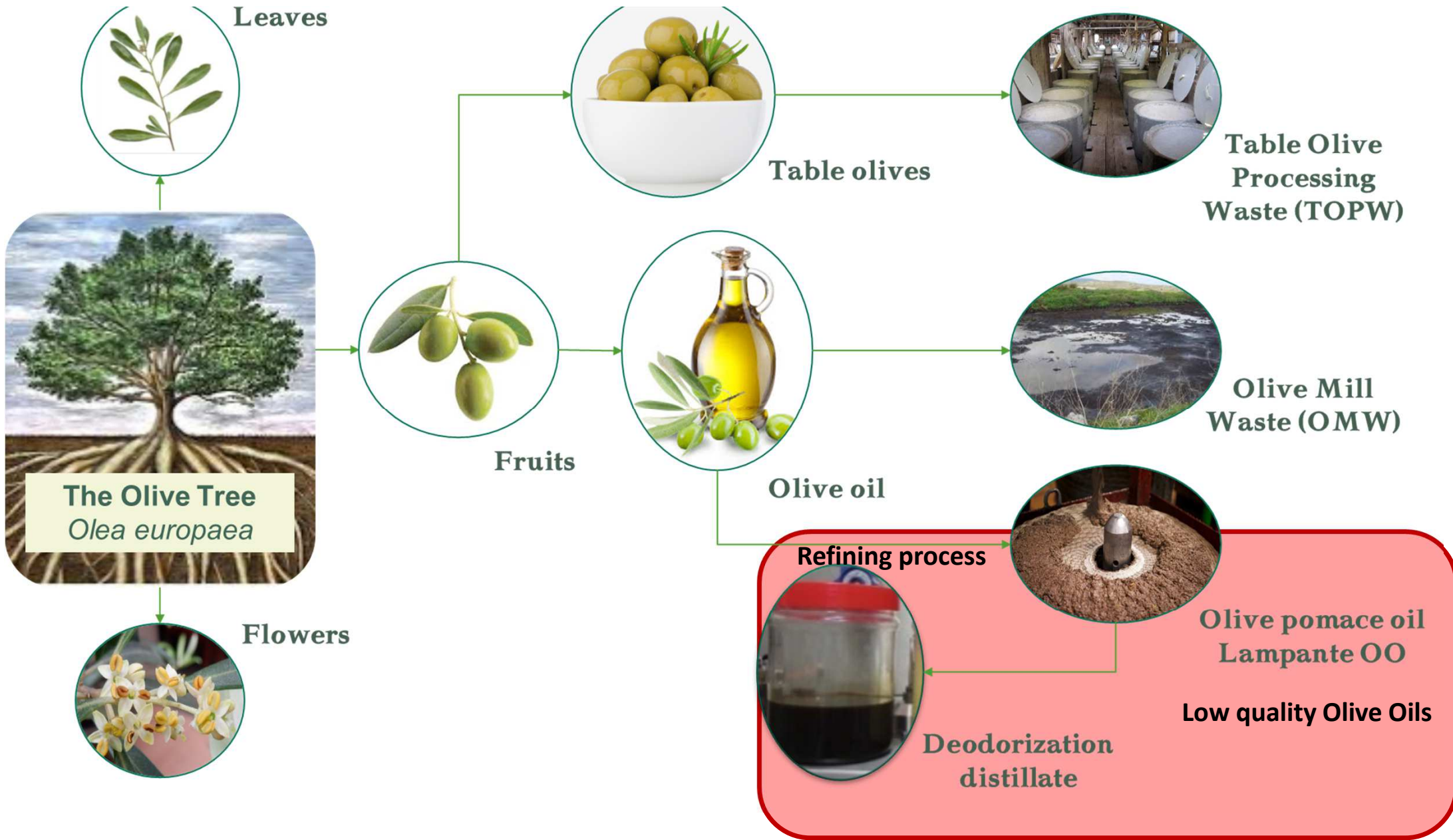
Highly potent in vitro, in vivo

Non toxic

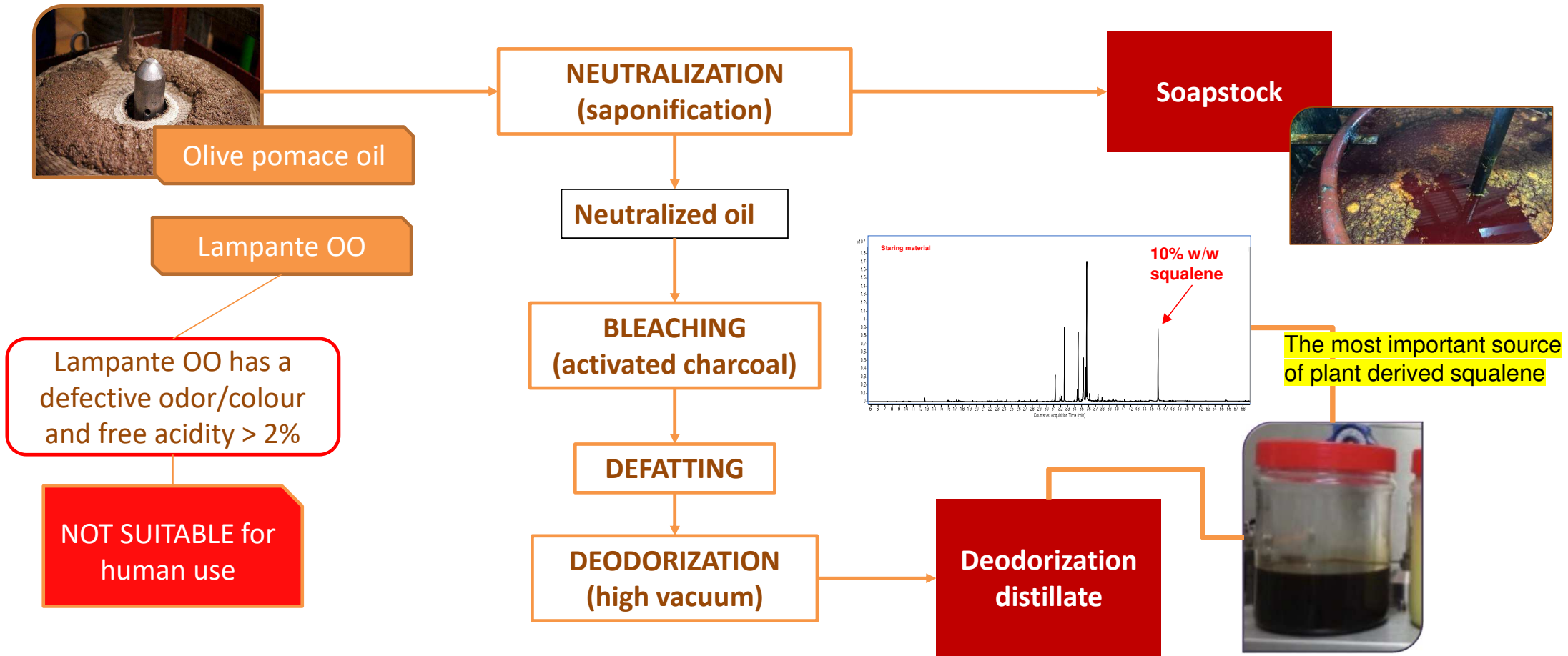
Defined mechanism of action in a specific target

Feasible synthesis 42% total yield from oleoside

1 Kg from 100 Kg olive leaves



Refining procedure of low quality OO



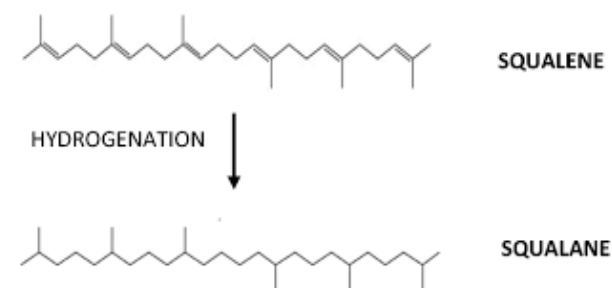
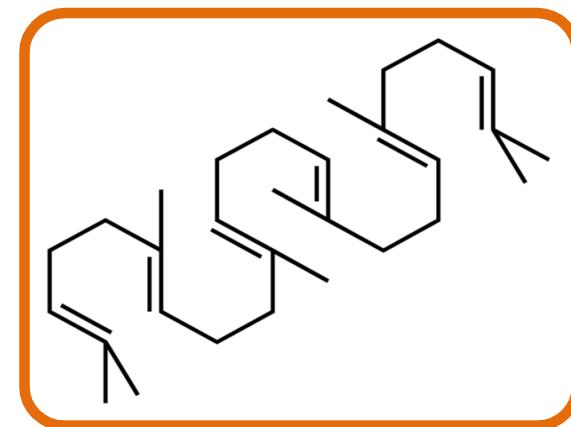
Uses and importance of squalene

- ❖ **Squalene**, is a polyunsaturated triterpenoid
- ❖ Antioxidant activity and skin protective properties
- ❖ Used in sunscreen, eye makeup, lipstick, and many other cosmetic products

Pure squalene is also used as **adjuvant** in **common flu vaccines** containing viral proteins or parts of the virus

Five of the dozens of COVID-19 vaccines under development use squalene

When squalene adjuvants are added, they help stabilize the protein or virus so the vaccine can be stored and shipped without freezing.



Animal vs. plant derived squalene



High demand of high purity squalene from cosmetic/pharmaceutical industry

- ❖ Squalene was originally obtained from shark liver oil
- ❖ The global demand for shark liver oil in 2012 was estimated at 2,200 tons
- ❖ **3,000 sharks are needed to produce 1 ton of squalene**
- ❖ **2 million sharks** are captured and killed for their livers
- ❖ The cosmetic industry has started to shift toward **plant-based squalane in the last decade**

Unilever , L'Oréal, Beiersdorf, LVMH, Henkel, Boots, Clarins, Sisley and La Mer made a commitment to **replace shark squalane in their products with plant squalane.**

On the hunt for alternatives to shark squalene for vaccines

Advocates want vaccine makers to make adjuvants from plant sources instead

by *Melody M. Bomgardner*

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Sharks use it to stay buoyant. Cosmetics makers use it to soften skin. But in the time of COVID-19, squalene's use in vaccine formulations is what's bringing attention—and some **controversy**—to this natural lipid.

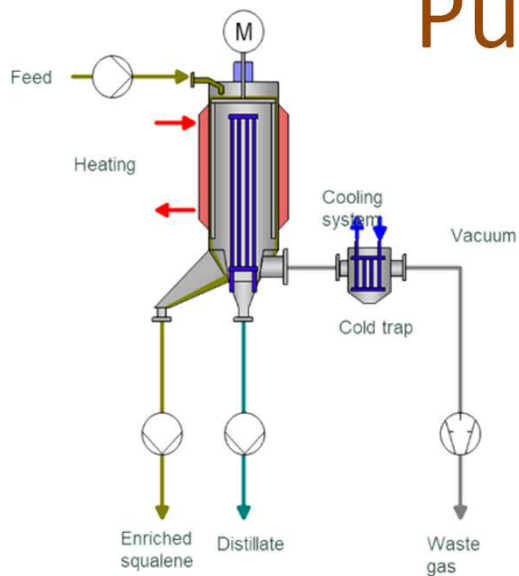
Squalene plays a powerful role in some of the additives, called adjuvants, that boost the body's immune response to a vaccine's active ingredient. And the most concentrated source of high-purity squalene is the livers of sharks, particularly in shark species that live in deep water.

The global trade in pharmaceutical-grade squalene, as for shark parts like fins, relies on sharks caught either on purpose or accidentally with other fish. Most squalene is used to make squalane for cosmetics; demand from the pharmaceutical industry is not known but is thought to be much smaller.

Still, marine conservationists, suppliers of squalene from nonshark sources, and some scientists say vaccine adjuvant makers including GlaxoSmithKline, Merck KGaA, and Novartis should take steps to move to nonshark sources of squalene. "If you care about the ocean, you have to care about sharks," says Stefanie Brendl, executive director of the advocacy group Shark Allies.

<https://cen.acs.org/pharmaceuticals/vaccines/hunt-alternatives-shark-squalene-vaccines/98/i47>

Purification of squalene from OO



Molecular distillation is:

- ✓ 100% totally green technology
- ✓ Free of organic solvents
- ✓ Fast and easy procedure



We are working in collaboration with a USA Pharmaceutical company to purify olive-oil squalene to meet pharmaceutical standards by combination of **Molecular distillation** and **FCPC** technologies



The whole procedure takes place in high temperatures and high vacuum in order to make the separation possible.

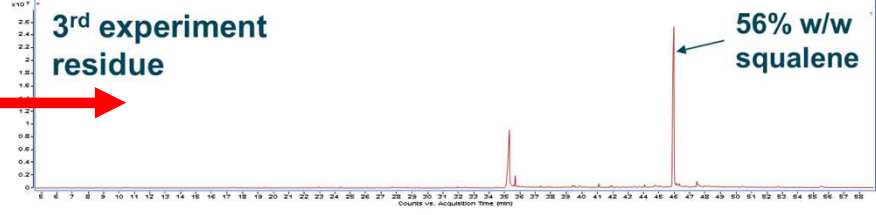
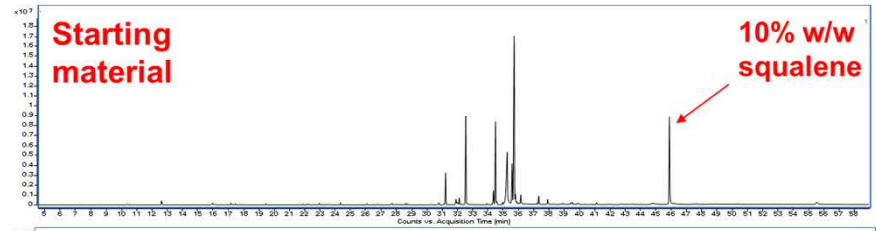
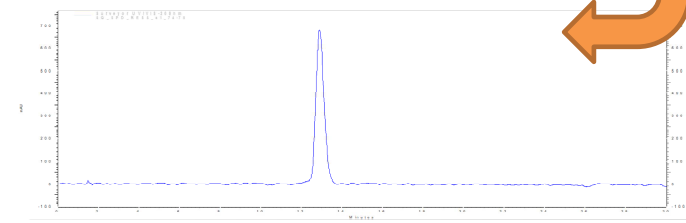
The wipers rotate at high speeds creating a thin film on the surface of the evaporator and combined with the low vacuums and high temperatures the transition of the liquid to a gas face is achieved.

Squalene enrichment from olive oil refinery side-products

Molecular distillation

Sample	Starting material (2000 gr)	1 st experiment residue	2 nd experiment distillate	3 rd experiment residue
Feed speed	20 Hz	20 Hz	20 Hz	20 Hz
Residue speed	18 Hz	13 Hz	18 Hz	10 Hz
Distillate speed	5 Hz	13 Hz	8 Hz	15 Hz
Rotation speed	350 rpm	350 rpm	350 rpm	350 rpm
Feed temperature	70 °C	70 °C	70 °C	70 °C
Evaporator temperature	130 °C	170 °C	130 °C	190 °C
Residue temperature	70 °C	70 °C	70 °C	70 °C
Cooler temperature	50 °C	50 °C	50 °C	50 °C
Pressure	5x10 ⁻² mbar	1x10 ⁻³ mbar	5x10 ⁻² mbar	1 mbar
Residue mass	1347.03 g	671.65 g	373.92 g	180 g
Distillate mass	531.17 g	625.26 g	199.09 g	232.74 g

95% purity after FCPC
 Using a biphasic solvent system consisting of heptane– acetonitrile–butanol (1.8:1.4:0.7, v/v/v)



5.6 times enrichment

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Credit: Shark Allies

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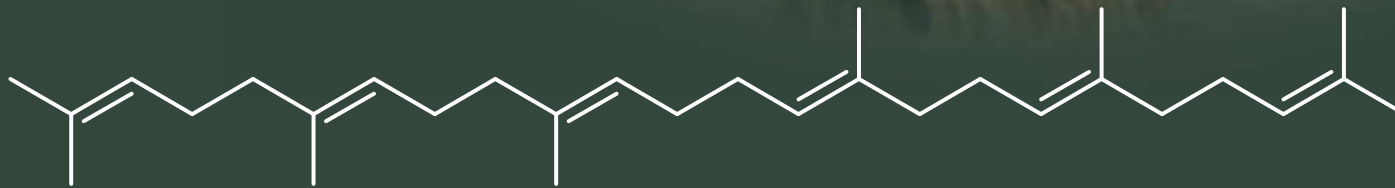
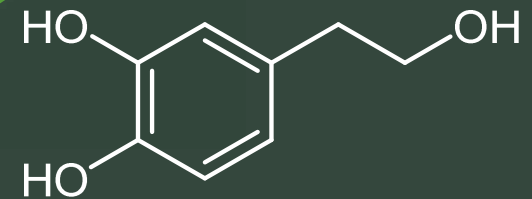
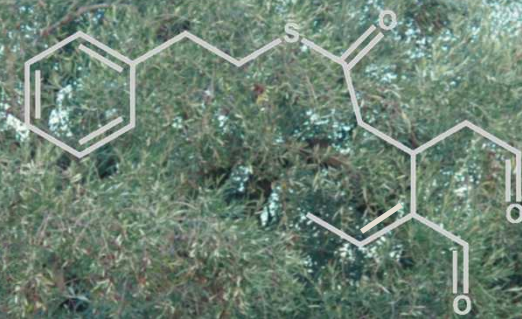
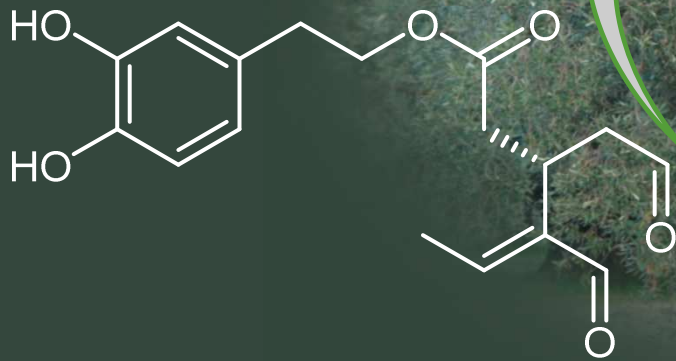
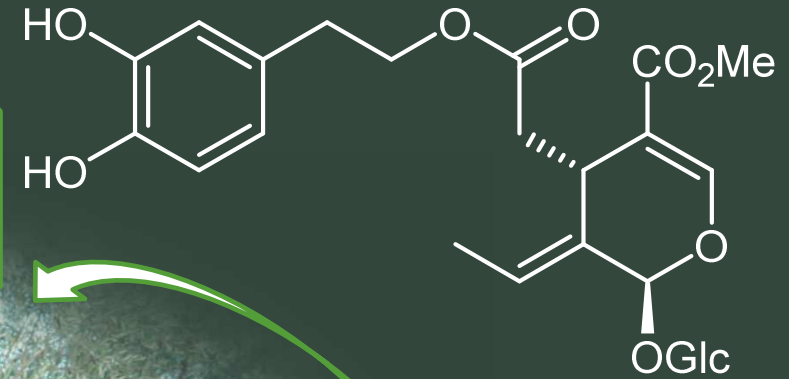
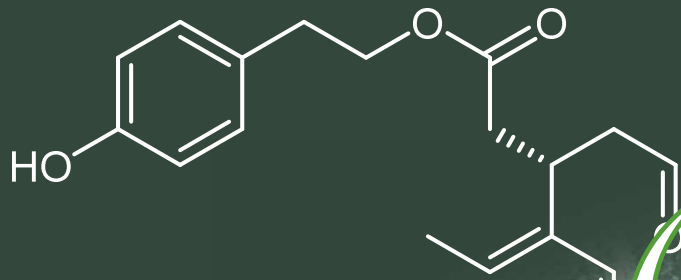
Summarizing.....

Leaves & Branches

Olive oil

Olive Mill & Table Olive Waste

Deodorization distillate



BIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF OLIVE, OLIVE POLYPHENOLS & OLEUROPEIN, OLEOCANTHAL, OLEACEIN and HYDROXYTYROSOL

In vivo cardioprotective activity

In collaboration with:

Department of Pharmacology, School of Pharmacy &
Attikon General Hospital, University of Athens
Prof. I. Andreadou and **Prof. E. Mikros groups**

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Hellenic Pasteur Institute, **Dr H. Dotsika group**

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- Institute of Zoology, Molecular Cell Physiology and Endocrinology, Technical University of Dresden, Germany, **Prof. G. Vollmer group**
- Metabolic Diseases and Micronutrients Unit, INRA Theix, France Prof. **V. Coxam group**
- School of Medicine, University of Athens, **Prof. I. Dontas group**

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Analytics, metabolomics and metabolism

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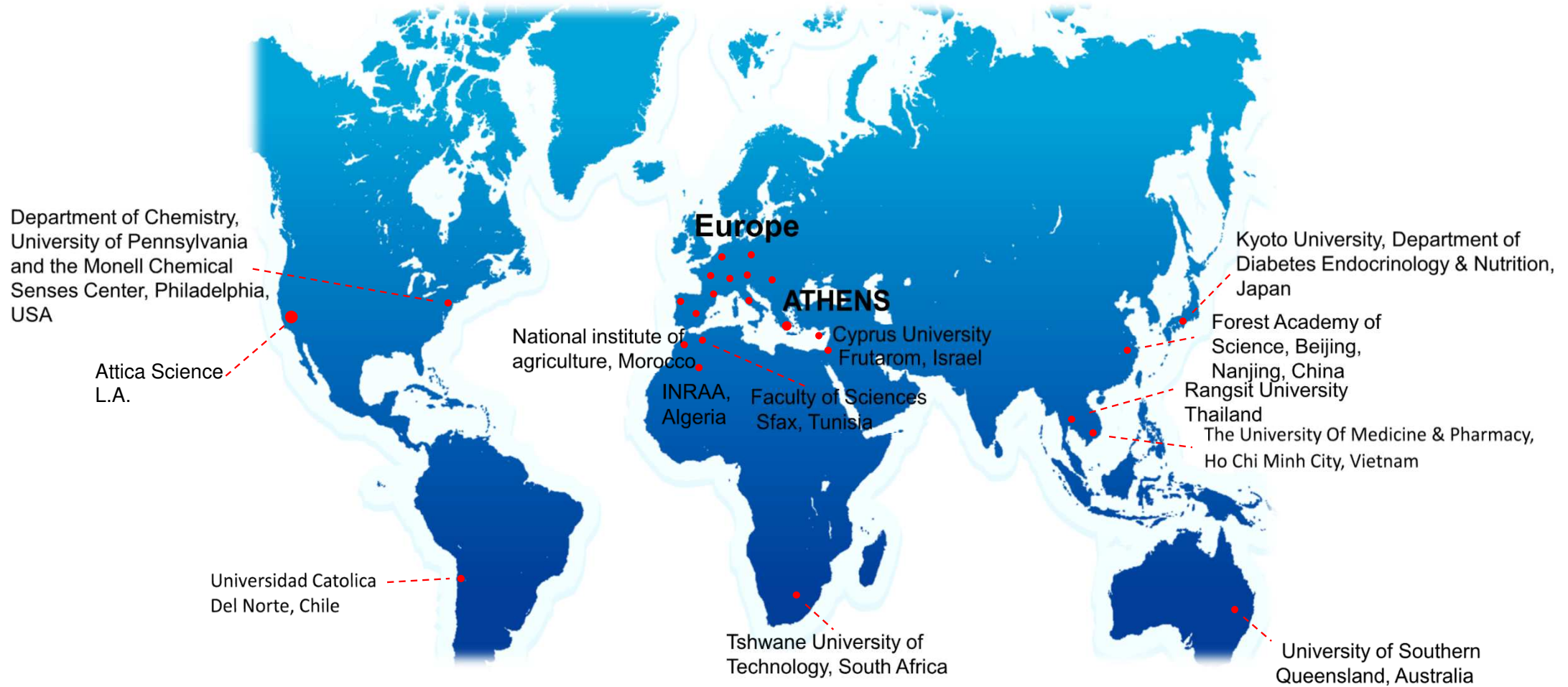
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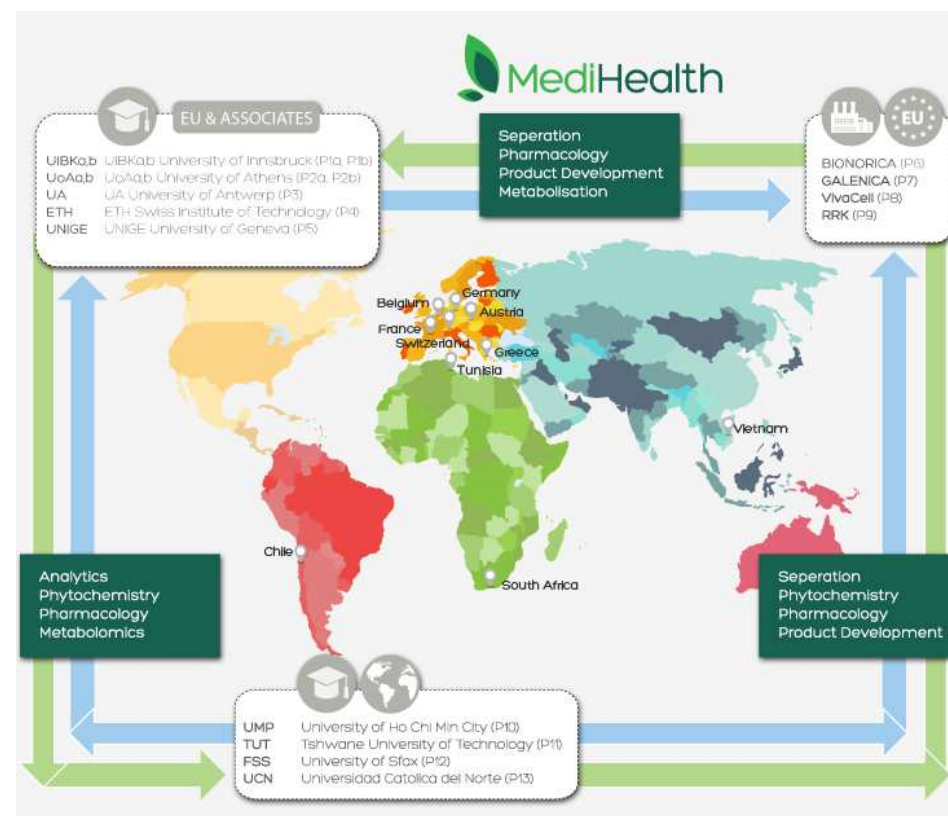


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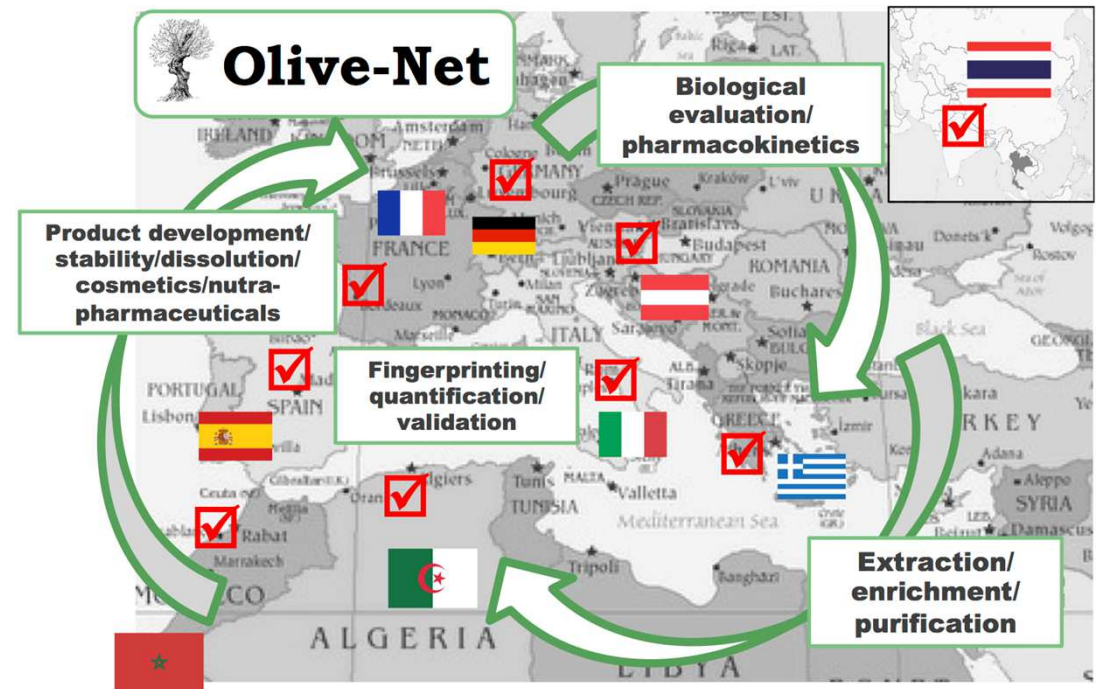
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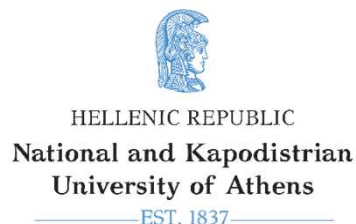
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