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# ***Azione ed effetti benefici dell'etanolo e dei polifenoli del vino***

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**(1846-1906)**



Enologo italiano, volontario garibaldino nel 1866.

Nel 1873 fondò le prime stazioni sperimentali di viticoltura su basi scientifiche, e nel 1876, a **Conegliano**, la prima scuola di viticoltura ed enologia in Italia.

Si occupò molto del problema delle bonifiche, per le quali elaborò piani originali, che, attuati in Lombardia e nell'Agro romano, fecero risorgere l'agricoltura in molte plaghe abbandonate.

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## Wine and cardiovascular disease

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In caso di mancato recapito si restituisca al mittente  
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# Moderate consumption of red wine, but not gin, decreases erythrocyte superoxide dismutase activity: A randomised cross-over trial<sup>☆</sup>

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Decreased tumor necrosis factor-induced adhesion of human  
monocytes to endothelial cells after moderate alcohol  
consumption<sup>1–3</sup>

*Am J Clin Nutr* 2004;80:225–30.

Eva Badía, Emilio Sacanella, Joaquim Fernández-Solá, José María Nicolás, Emilia Antúnez, Domenico Rotilio,  
Giovanni de Gaetano, Alvaro Urbano-Márquez, and Ramon Estruch

Different effects of red wine and gin consumption on inflammatory biomarkers of atherosclerosis: a prospective randomized crossover trial  
Effects of wine on inflammatory markers

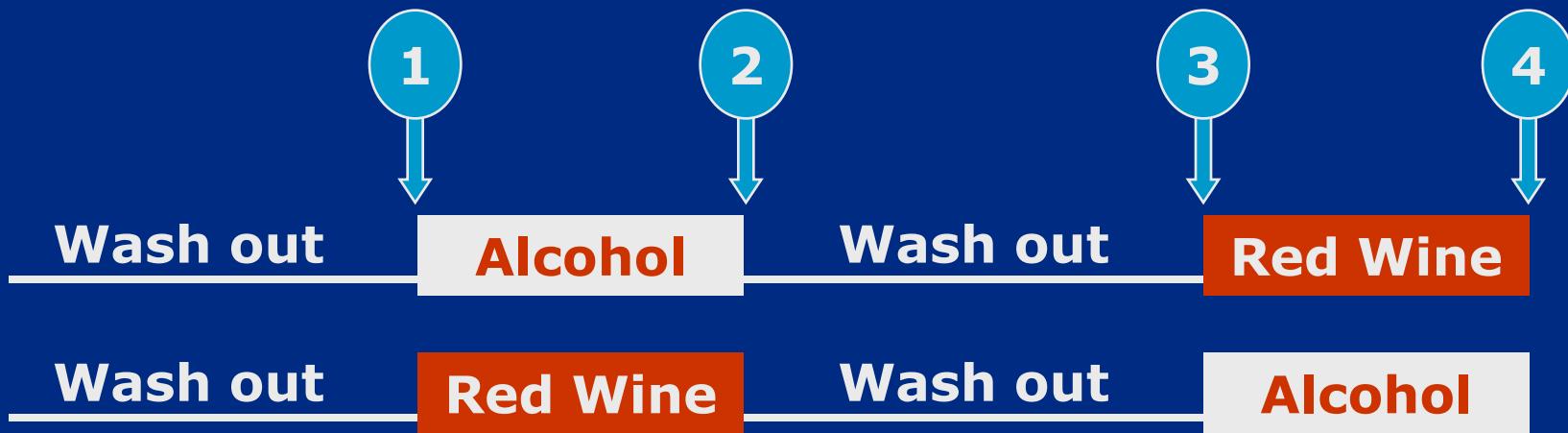
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Atherosclerosis 175 (2004) 117–123



## Main Results

A controlled, prospective, randomized, cross-over study in 40 healthy Spanish volunteers

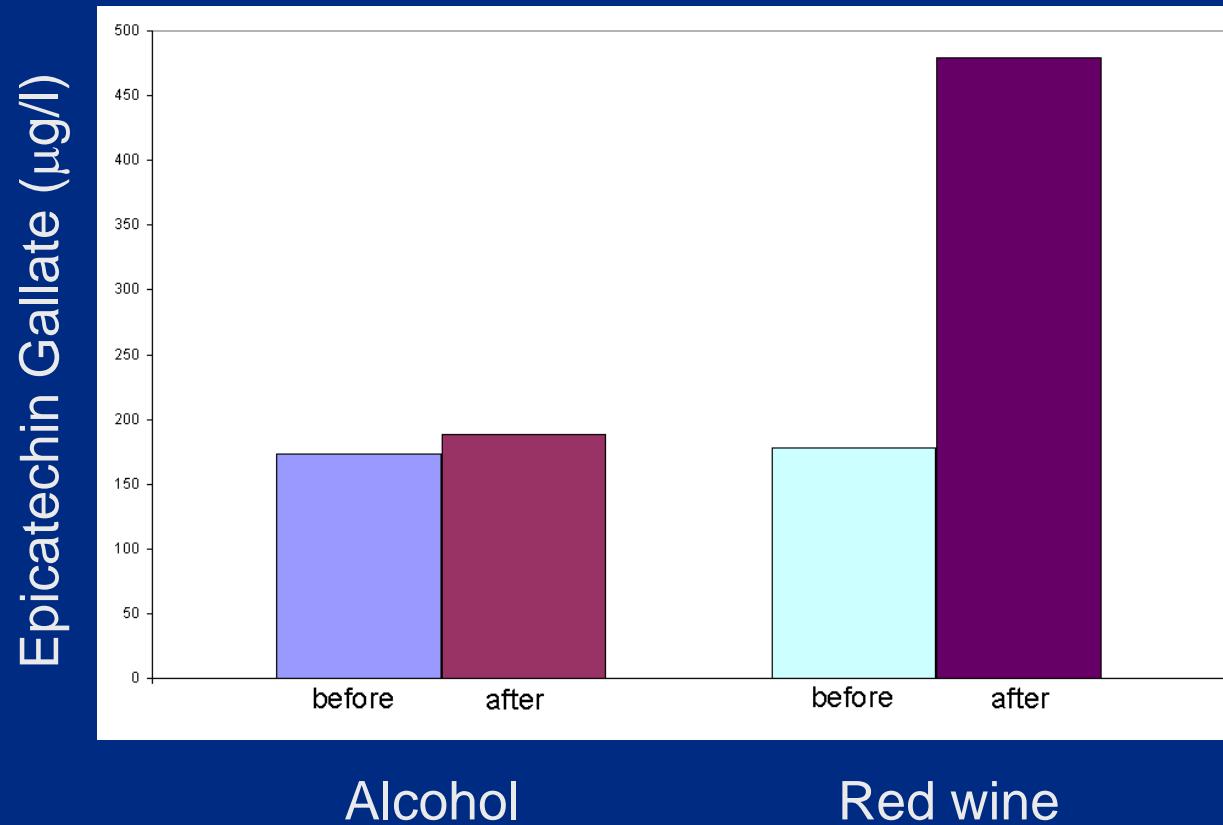


30 g alcohol/day – 28 days supplement and 14 days wash-out



## Main Results

### Effects on blood polyphenols levels





## Main Results

### Effects on cholesterol

**Both alcohol and red wine**



HDL cholesterol (the "good" one)



LDL cholesterol (the "bad" one) oxidation rate



LDL/HDL ratio



## Main Results

### Effects on adhesion molecules

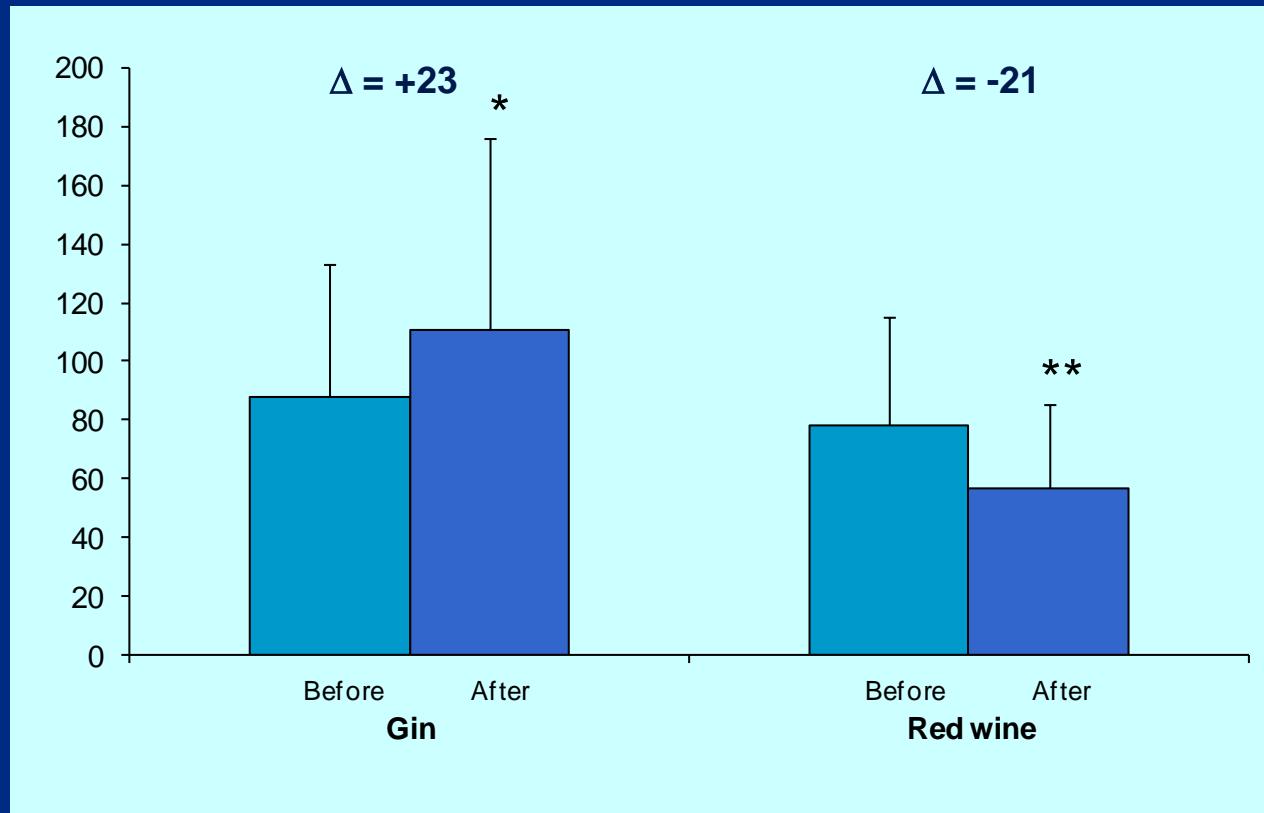
**Red wine but not alcohol**

↓ MONOCYTE ADHESION MOLECULES  
LFA1, MAC-1, VLA-4, MCP-1

↓ SOLUBLE ADHESION MOLECULES  
VCAM, ICAM-1

# The adhesive molecule MAC-1 (CD11b/CD18) plays a crucial role in platelet-leukocyte interaction

Effect of red wine and gin on MAC-1 expression on human monocytes

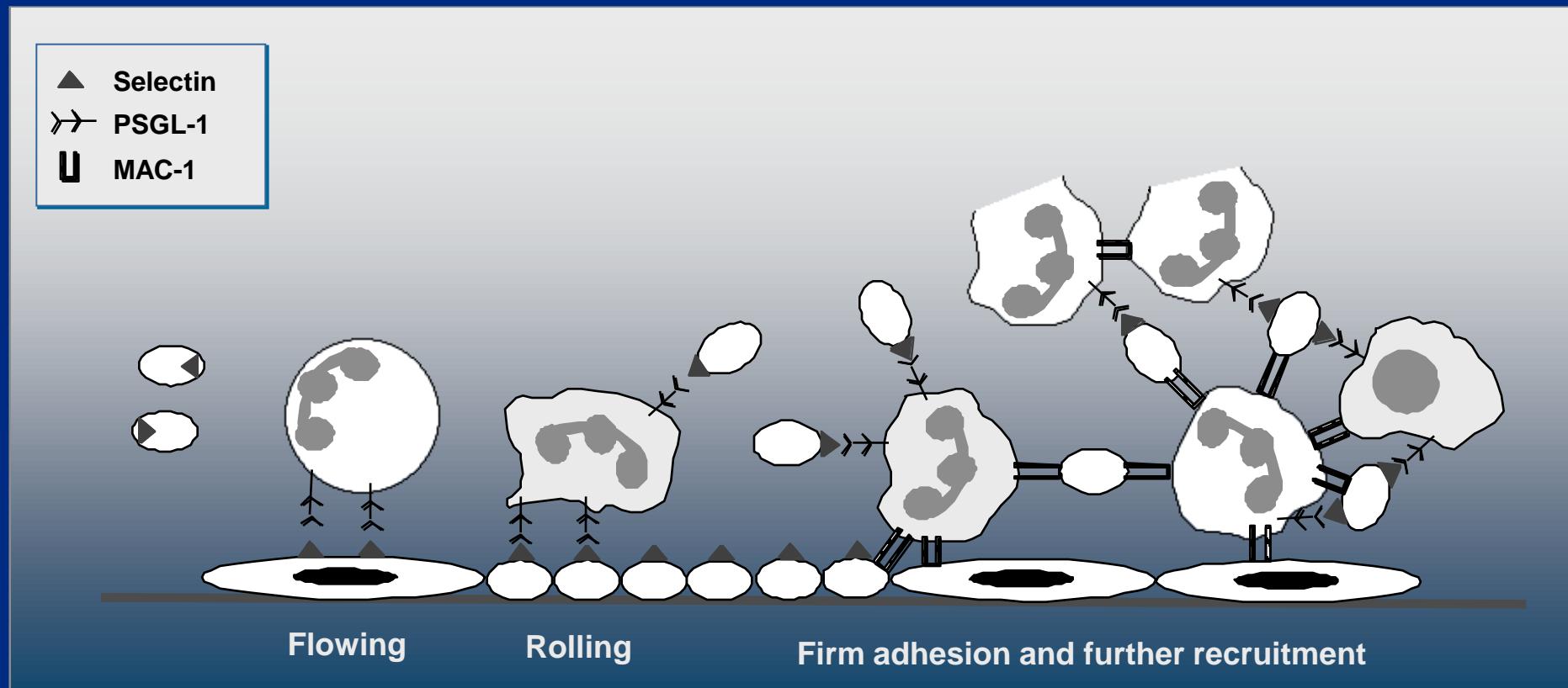


\* p<0.05

\*\*p<0.01

# Hypothetical sequence of interactions between PMN leukocytes and activated platelets or injured endothelial cells

## Role of MAC-1



de Gaetano et al. Trends Pharmacol Sci 2003

# Alcohol-free red wine prevents arterial thrombosis in dietary-induced hypercholesterolemic rats: experimental support for the 'French paradox'

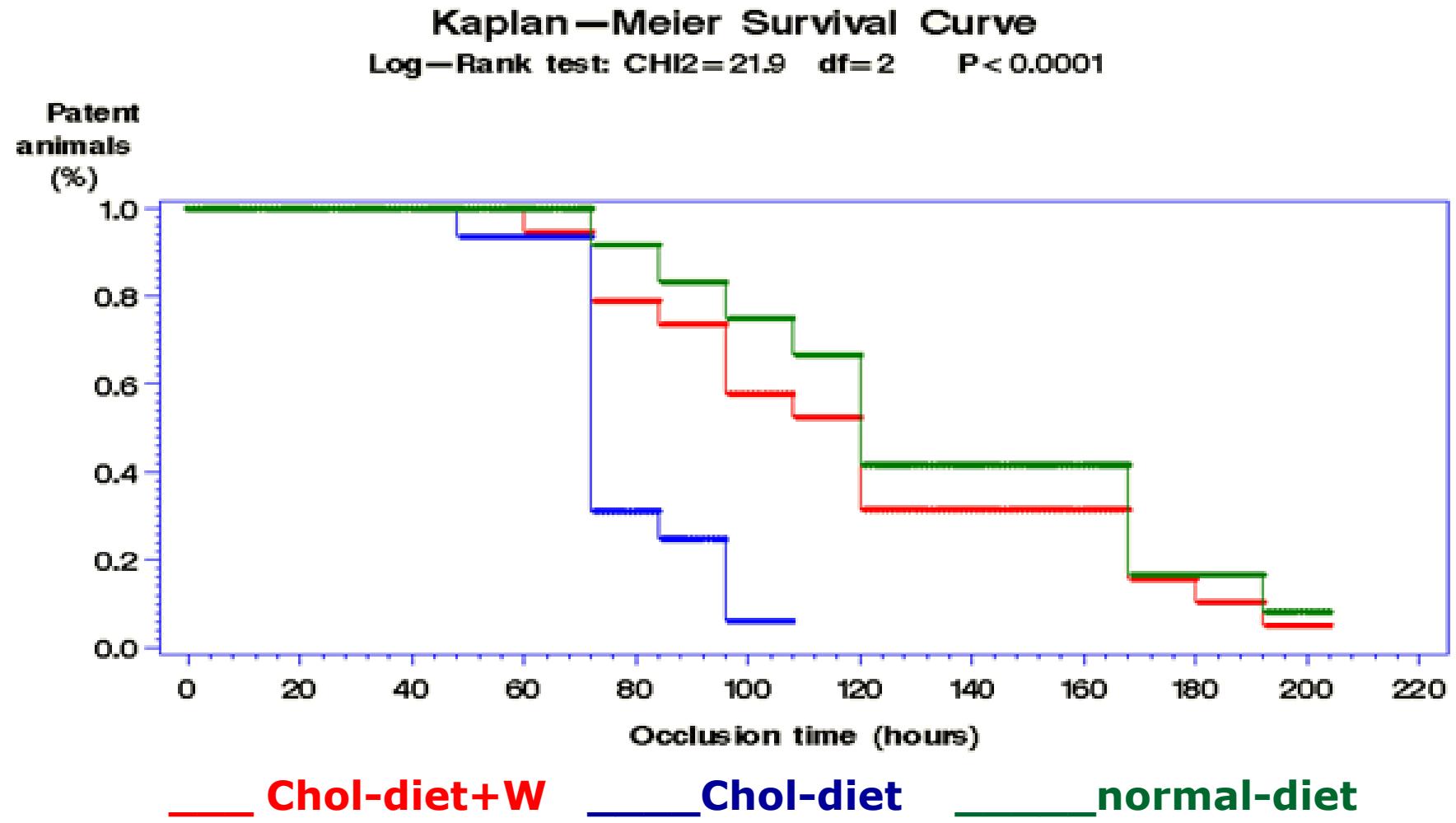
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**Table 2** Lipid plasma levels (mean  $\pm$  SE) with or without cholesterol-rich diet (with or without 5 months' alcohol-free red wine)

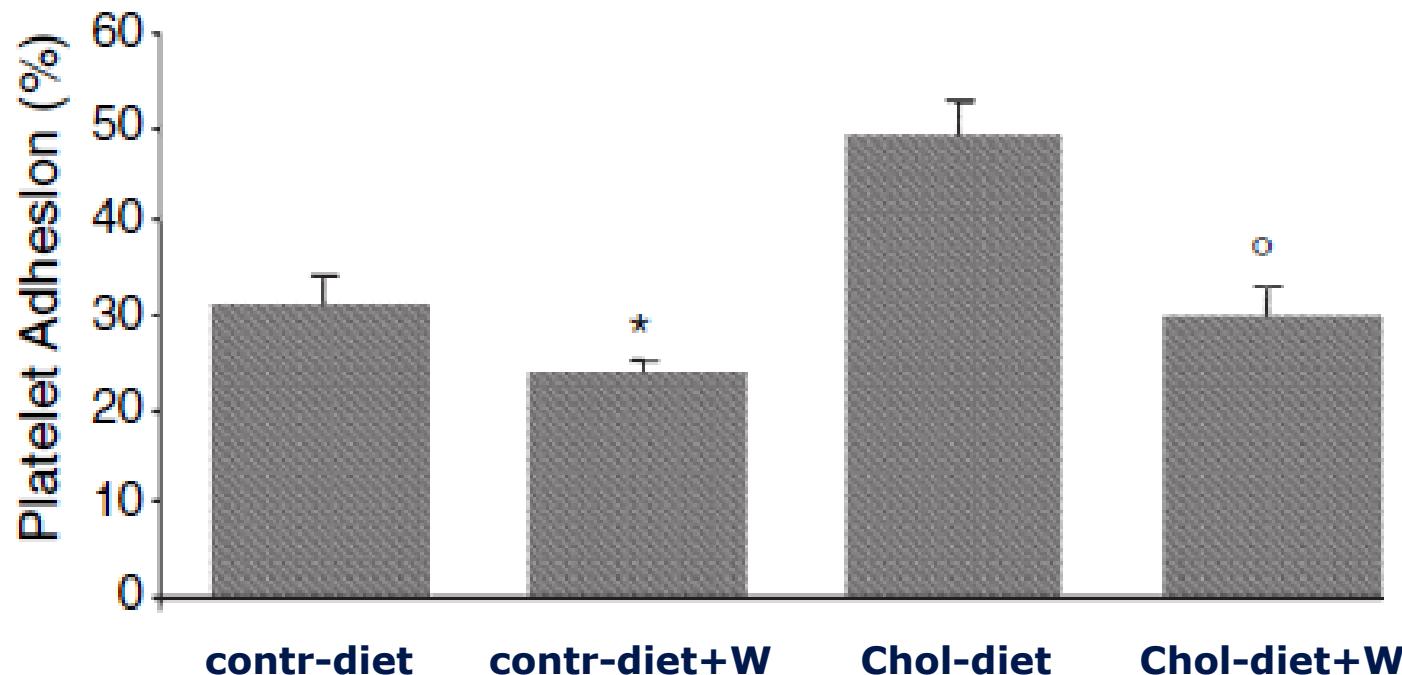
|  | contr-diet   | Chol-diet     | Chol-diet+ W  |  |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|
| Cholesterol (mg dL <sup>-1</sup> )     | 54 $\pm$ 3   | 538 $\pm$ 32* | 693 $\pm$ 43  |  |
| HDL Cholesterol (mg dL <sup>-1</sup> ) | 33 $\pm$ 3   | 87 $\pm$ 4*   | 107 $\pm$ 7†  |  |
| Triglycerides (mg dL <sup>-1</sup> )   | 70 $\pm$ 4   | 231 $\pm$ 24* | 393 $\pm$ 29† |  |
| Occlusion time (h)                     | 174 $\pm$ 20 | 70 $\pm$ 9*   | 125 $\pm$ 23† |  |

\* $P < 0.001$  vs. FNL; † $P < 0.01$  vs. FNL + diet. FNL=normolipidemic rats

# Effect of wine on experimental arterial thrombosis in rats fed a hypercholesterolemic diet



## Alcohol-free red wine reduce platelet adhesion to fibrillar collagen



**Fig. 2.** Platelet adhesion to fibrillar collagen (mean  $\pm$  SE) (mean in animals fed standard diet, or standard diet plus 5 months' 'alcohol-free' red wine or cholesterol-rich diet or cholesterol-rich diet plus 5 months' 'alcohol-free' red wine (\* $P < 0.05$  vs. FNL;  $^oP < 0.05$  vs. FNL + D).

# Modulation of haemostatic function and prevention of experimental thrombosis by red wine in rats: a role for increased nitric oxide production

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**Table 1** Quantification of red and white wine antioxidant components

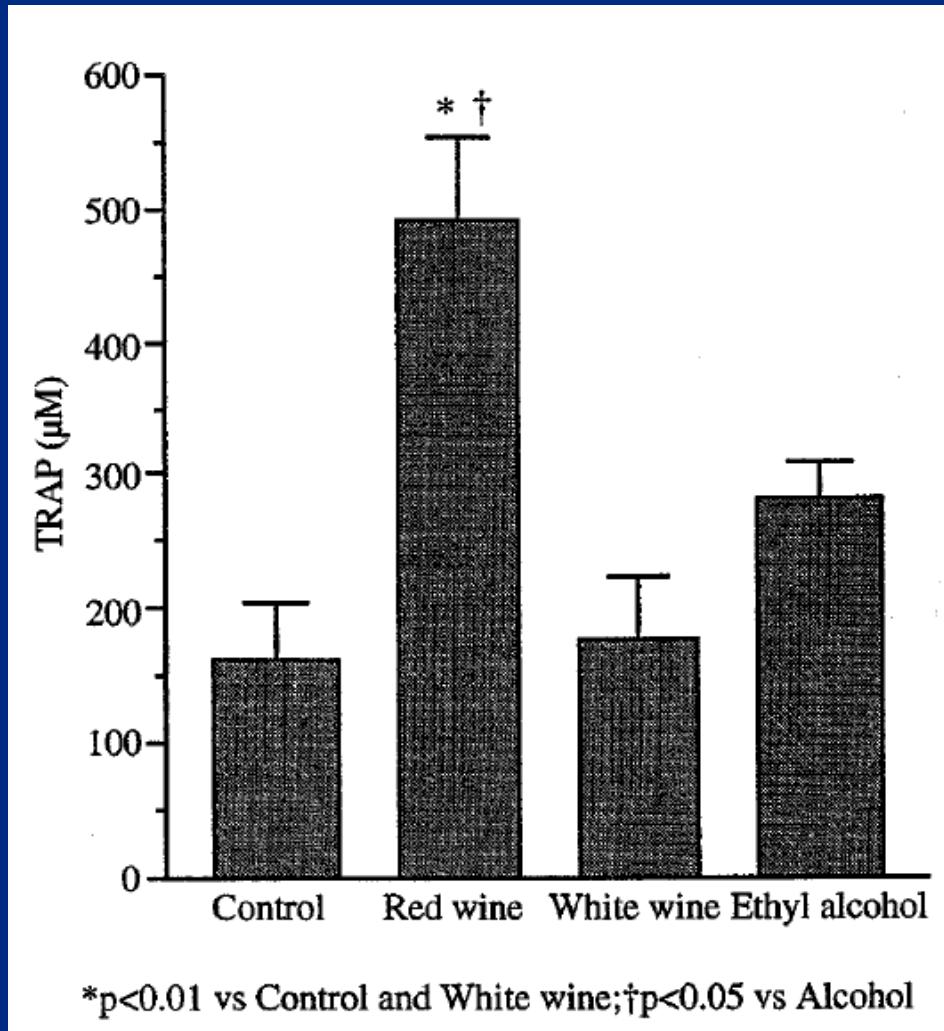
|                          | <i>Red wine</i><br>(mg l <sup>-1</sup> ) | <i>White wine</i><br>(mg l <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|--------------------------|--|--|
| Total phenols*           | 1110 ± 15                                | 458 ± 7                                    |
| Total flavonoids†        | 462 ± 5                                  | 75 ± 4                                     |
| Non coloured flavonoids† | 336 ± 8                                  | < 20                                       |
| Total anthocyanins‡      | 56 ± 3                                   | < 20                                       |
| Free anthocyanins‡       | 36 ± 3                                   | < 20                                       |
| Tannins <sup>+</sup>     | 6.2 ± 0.1                                | 0.5 ± 0.1                                  |

Expressed as \*mg l<sup>-1</sup> of Gallic Acid; †(+)-Catechin;  
‡Cyanidin Chloride; <sup>+</sup>Tannic Acid; mean ± s.d., n = 4.

# **Effect of red wine on platelet adhesion and thrombus formation**

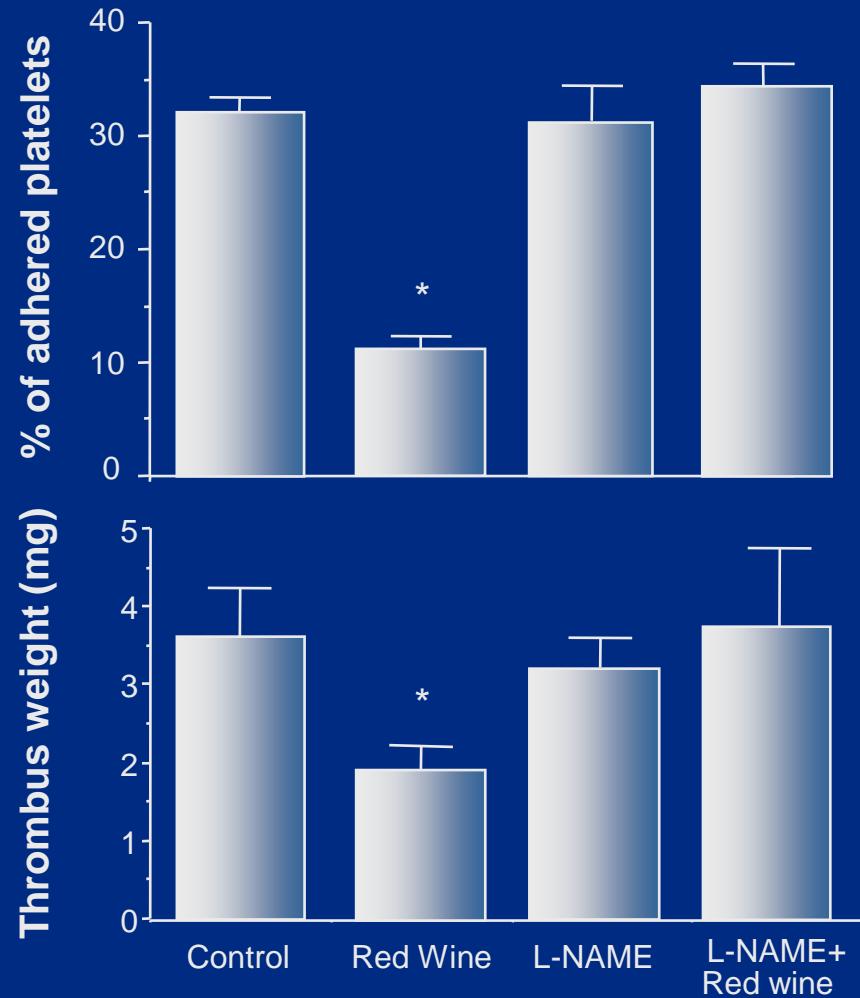
| <b>TREATMENT</b><br>(supplement in drinking water) | <b>Platelet<br/>adhesion</b> | <b>Thrombus<br/>weight</b> |
|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| control  | -                            | -                          |
| ethyl alcohol                                      | =                            | =                          |
| white wine   | =                            | =                          |
| red wine   | ↓                            | ↓                          |
| alcohol-free red wine                              | ↓                            | ↓                          |

# Total radical trapping antioxidant parameter (TRAP)



Wollny et al., Brit J Pharmacol, 1999

# NO inhibition by L-NAME abolishes the effect of red wine on platelet adhesion and thrombus formation



\*p<0.001 vs control

Wollny et al., Brit J Pharmacol, 1999

# **Louis Ignarro**

**premio Nobel 1998 per la  
Fisiologia e la Medicina**

**partecipò all'apertura del  
LXIII Anno Accademico  
dell'Accademia Italiana della  
Vite e del Vino**

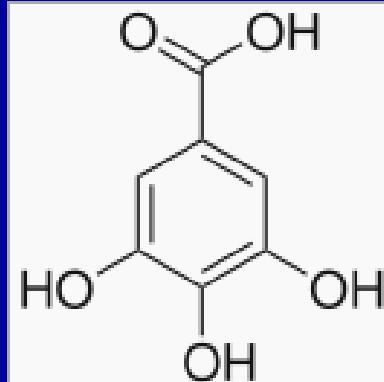
**- 23 marzo 2011, Firenze,  
Accademia dei Georgofili –  
con una Prolusione su “L'ossido  
nitrico e i meccanismi  
patogenetici coinvolti nello  
sviluppo delle malattie vascolari:  
il ruolo dei polifenoli”.**



***"Cito sempre nelle conferenze che presento in giro per il mondo le vostre osservazioni sperimentali sull'effetto stimolante dei polifenoli del vino sull'ossido nitrico (NO) e sulla vasodilatazione NO-dipendente"***

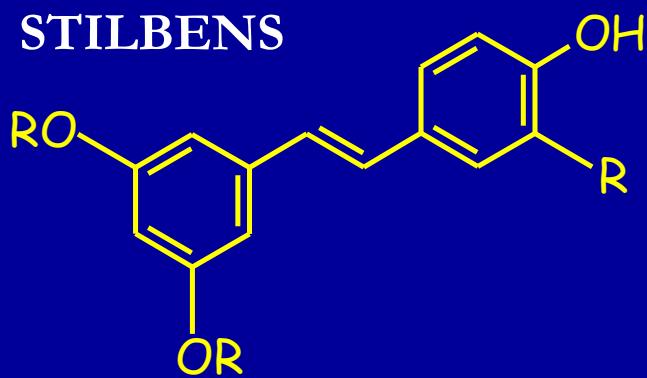
**Da una lettera del prof. IGNARRO  
a Giovanni de Gaetano**

## BENZOIC ACIDS



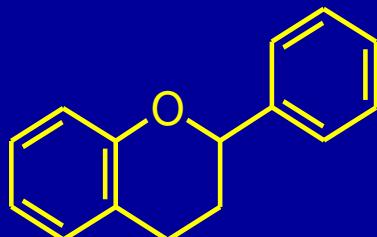
Gallic acid

## STILBENS

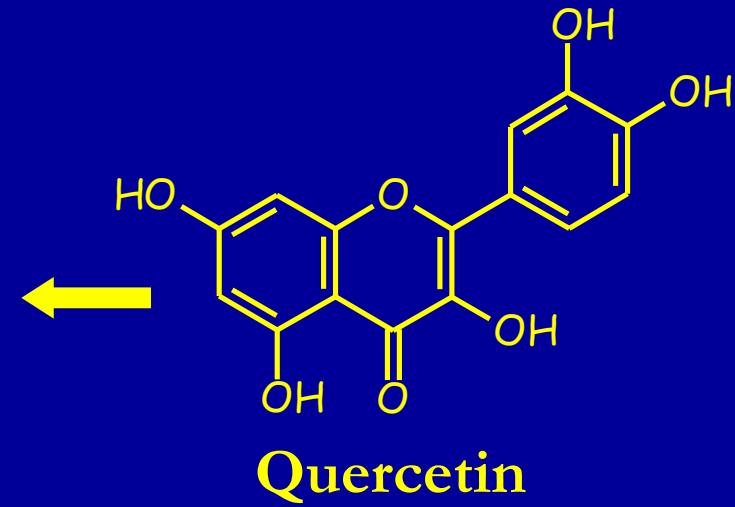


Resveratrol

## FLAVONOIDS



- Flavan-3-ols
- Anthocyanins
- Proanthocyanidins
- Anthocyanidins
- Flavonols

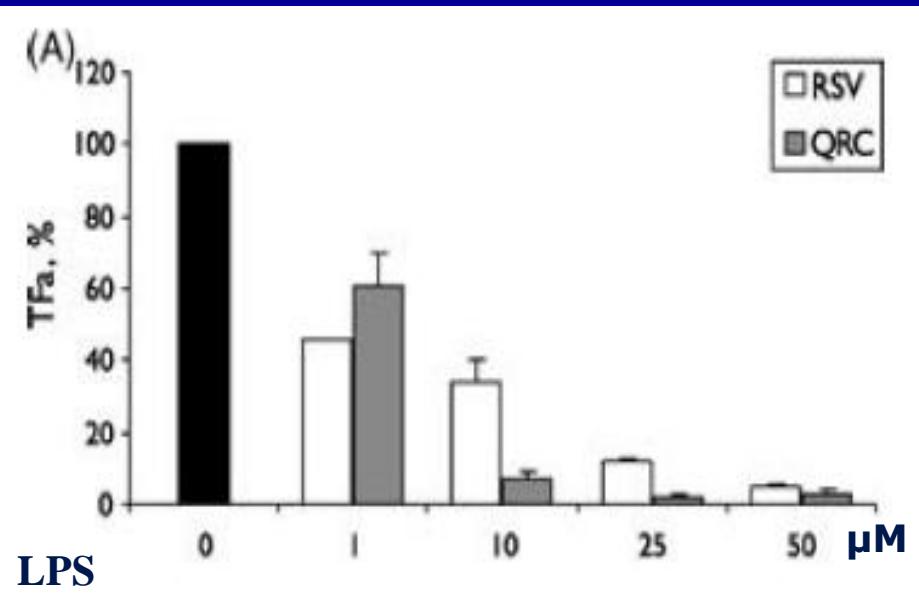


Quercetin

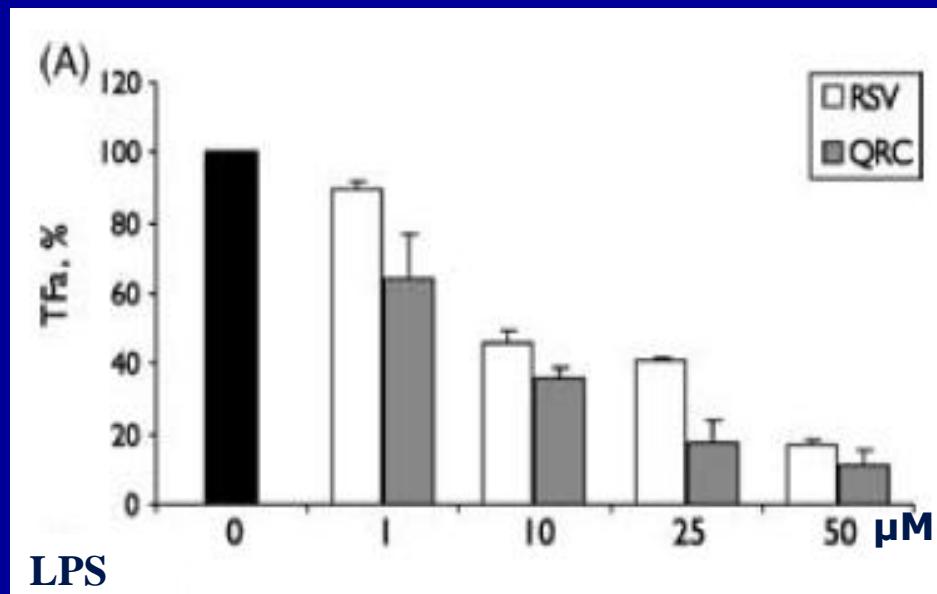
# Resveratrol and quercetin down-regulate tissue factor expression by human stimulated vascular cells

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## Endothelial cells



## Mononuclear cells



# Interactions of gallic acid, resveratrol, quercetin and aspirin at the platelet cyclooxygenase-I level

## Functional and modelling studies

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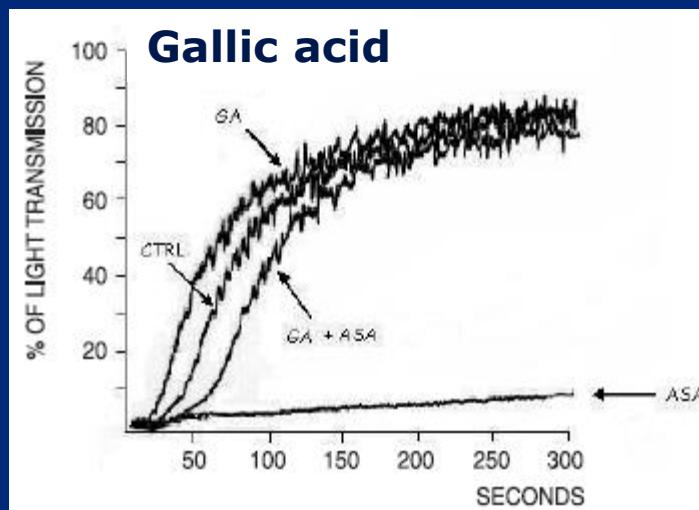
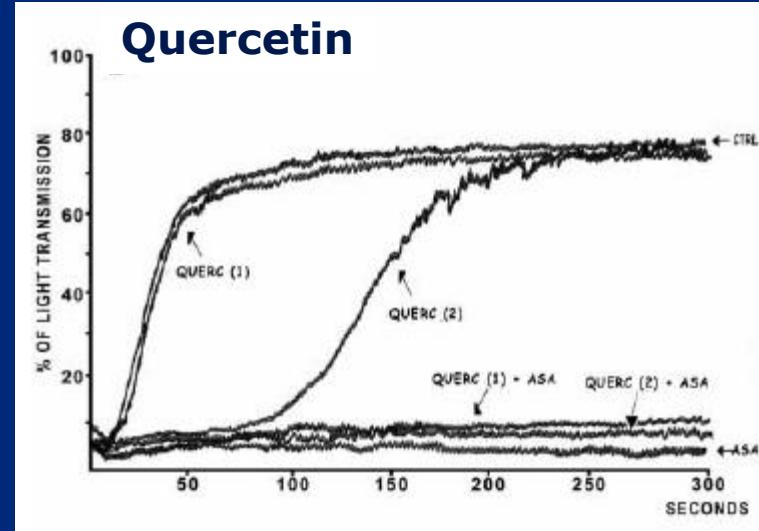
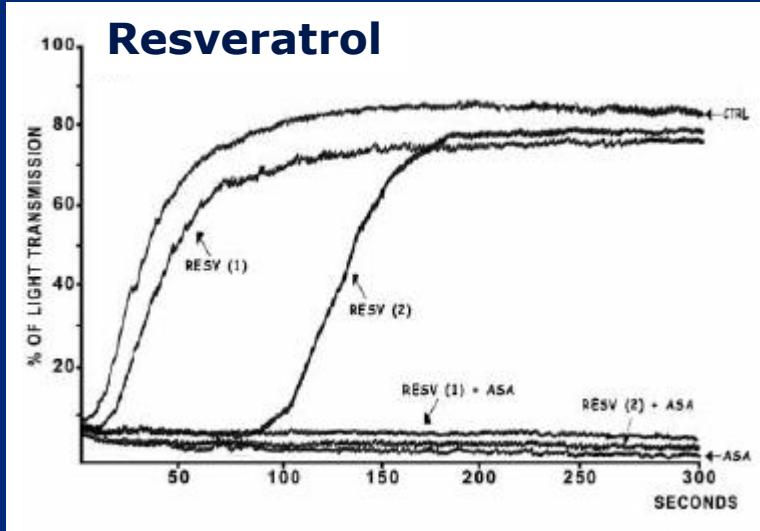
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**Table I: Inhibition ( $\mu\text{M}$ ,  $\text{IC}_{50}$ ) by gallic acid, resveratrol and quercetin of platelet ROS production and platelet aggregation.**

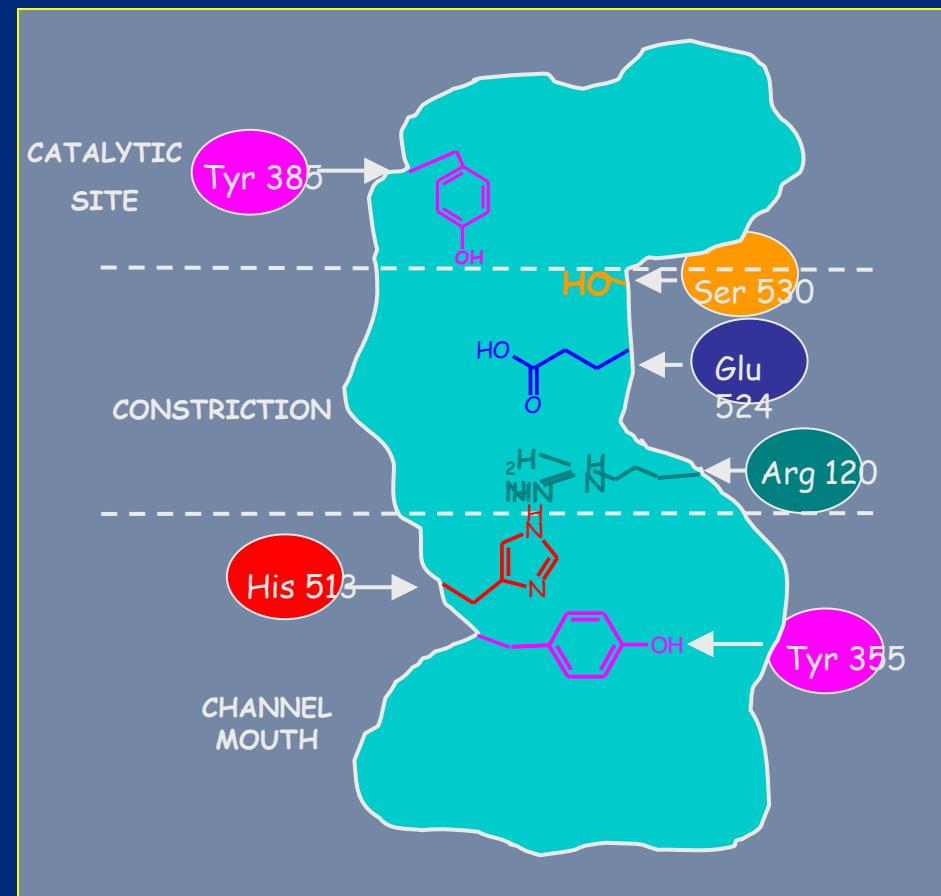
| Polyphenol  | ROS production | Aggregation  |              |
|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
|             |                | AA           | TRAP         |
| Gallic acid | $35 \pm 8$     | >1000        | >1000        |
| Resveratrol | $10 \pm 4$     | $44 \pm 18$  | $270 \pm 55$ |
| Quercetin   | $38 \pm 1$     | $130 \pm 18$ | >400         |

ROS production was induced in washed platelets by  $2.5 \mu\text{M}$  arachidonic acid (AA); platelet aggregation was induced in PRP by AA (0.6–1 mM) or TRAP (10–20  $\mu\text{M}$ ). Data are reported as means  $\pm$  SEM, n=3–6.

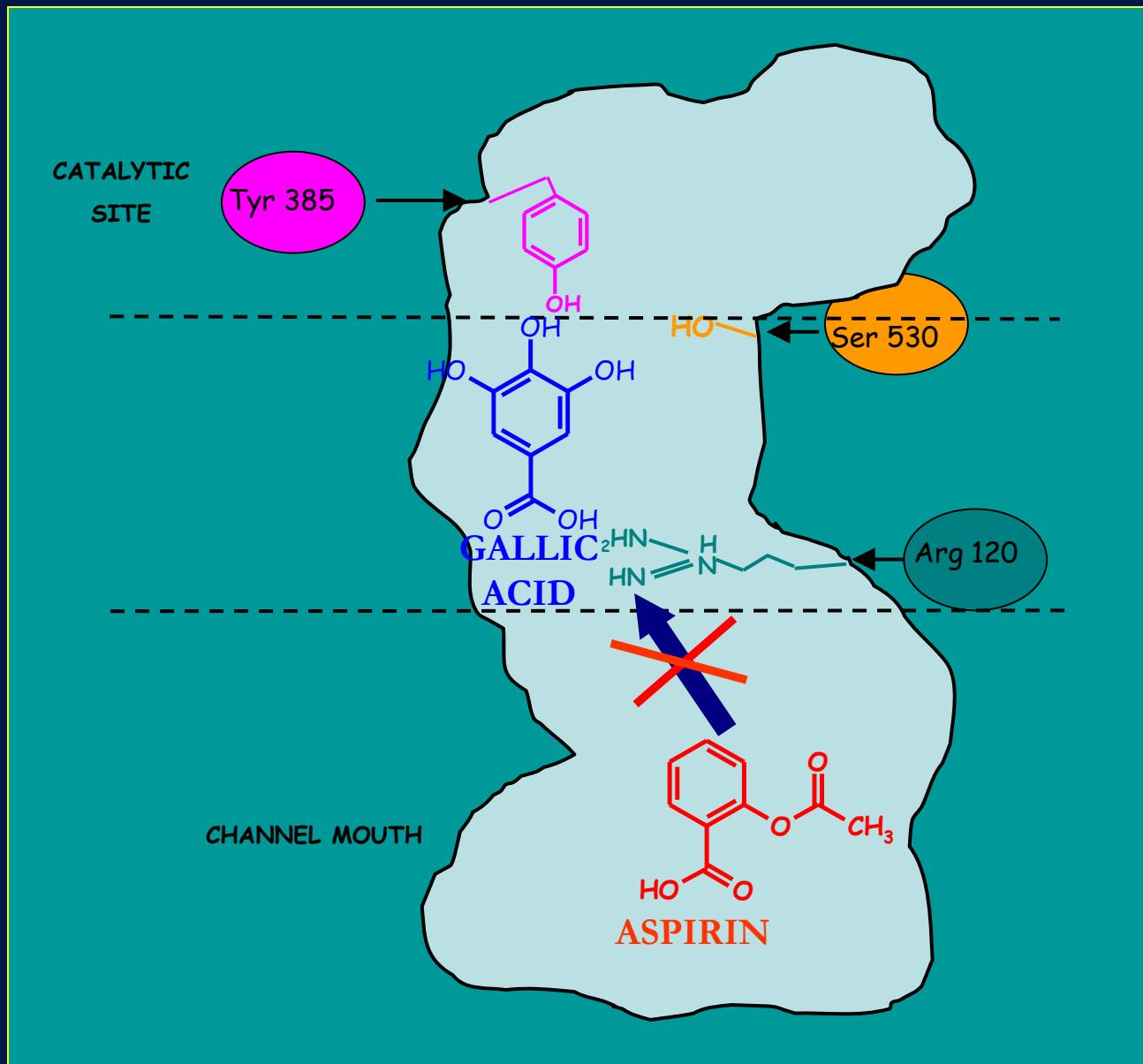
# Dietary polyphenols interact with platelet COX-1 and inhibit or preserve enzyme activity with mechanisms similar to that of aspirin



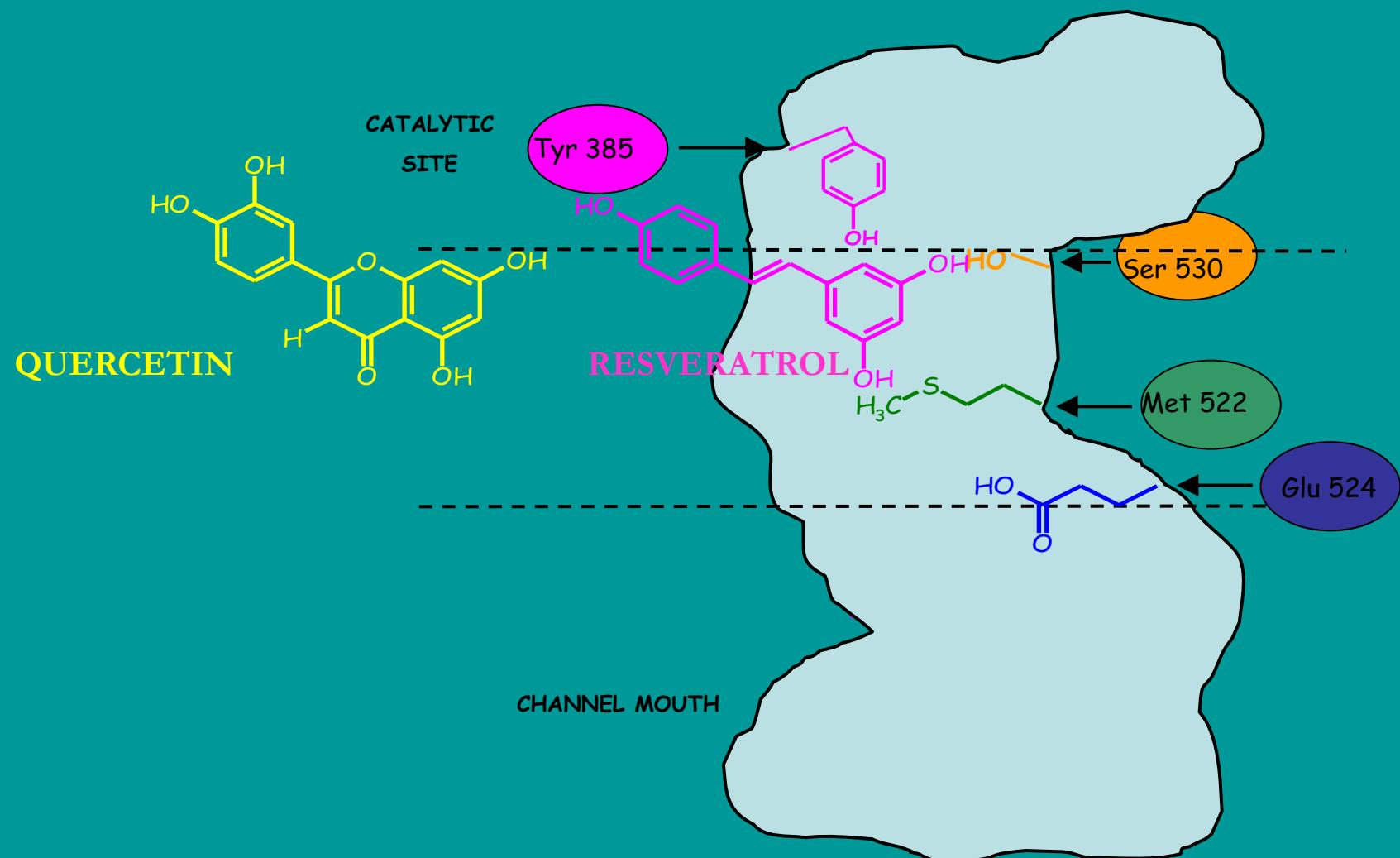
# Molecular modelling: dietary polyphenols interact with the cristal structure of COX-1 and form stable complexes into the COX-1 channel, with functionally relevant interaction geometries and mechanisms similar to that of aspirin



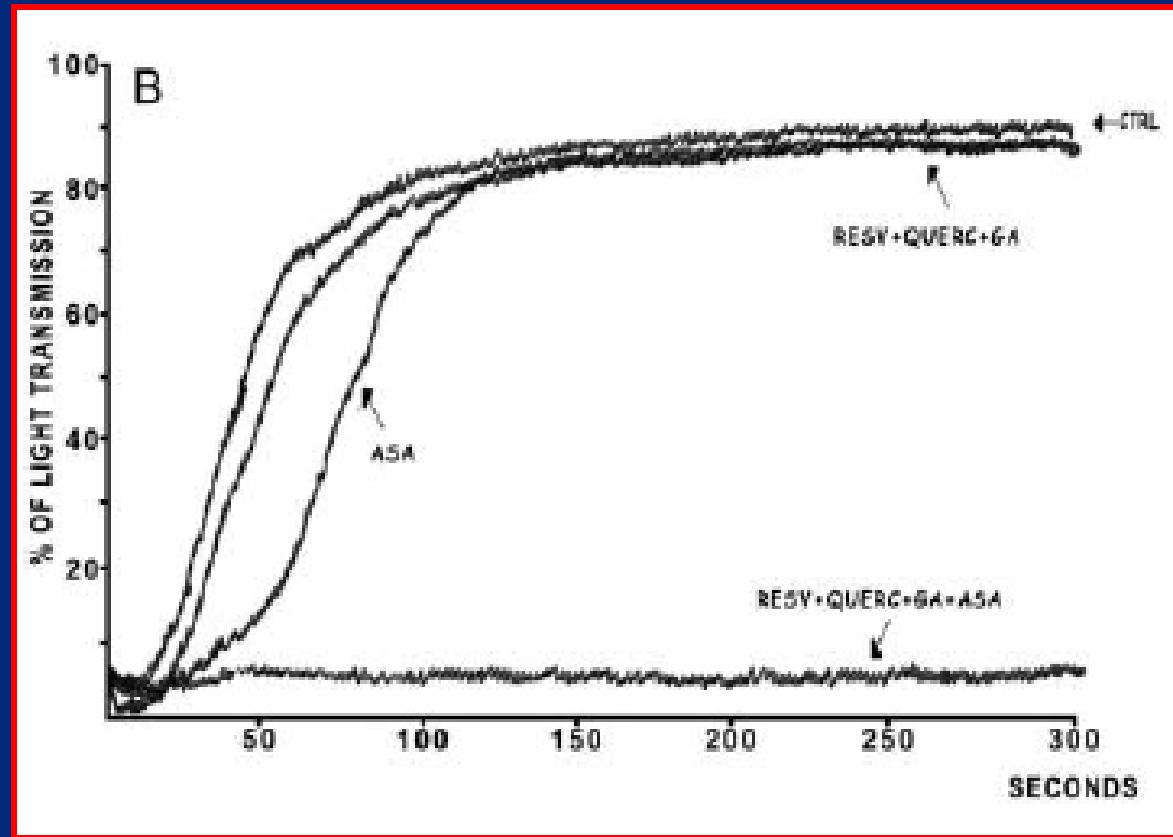
# Gallic acid interaction with COX-1



# Quercetin and resveratrol interaction with COX-1



# "Red wine" polyphenol mixtures potentiate the platelet inhibitory effect of aspirin



Resveratrol 7.5  $\mu$ M  
Quercetin 15  $\mu$ M  
Gallic acid 120  $\mu$ M

Aspirin  $\sim$ 10  $\mu$ M

J Cardiovasc Pharmacol. 2006 Aug;48(2):1-5.

**Resveratrol inhibits aggregation of platelets from high-risk cardiac patients with aspirin resistance.**

Stef G, Csiszar A, Lereia K, Ungvari Z, Veress G.

State Hospital for Cardiology, Balatonfured, Hungary.

# Omaggio a Francesco Orlandi

