## NMR MOLECULAR RECOGNITION STUDIES ON NATURAL EXTRACTS FROM EDIBLE PLANTS

Identification of Bioactive Compounds / Nutraceuticals

**STD** (Saturation Transfer Difference) and **transferred NOESY** exps FOOD as "Drug": Functional Foods Prevention through Diet

# NMR-BASED IDENTIFICATION OF Aβ LIGANDS IN GREEN AND ROASTED COFFEE EXTRACTS



## CGAS PRESENT IN GREEN AND ROASTED COFFEE BIND Aβ OLIGOMERS



# NMR CHARACTERIZATION OF 5-CQA BINDING TO $\ensuremath{\mathsf{A}\beta}$ OLIGOMERS



## **5-CQA** AND COFFEE EXTRACTS INHIBIT Aβ PEPTIDE AGGREGATION AND Aβ-INDUCED NEUROTOXICITY



#### Citotoxicity assay in human SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cells







+ bA 10 uM



### RCES CONTAIN ANOTHER ANTI-AMYLOIDOGENIC SPECIES: MELANOIDINS



### COFFEE EXTRACTS AND MELANOIDINS COUNTERACT OXIDATIVE STRESS AND MODULATE SOME AUTOPHAGIC PATHWAY



Coffee extracts and melanoidins prevent H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and rotenone induced citotoxicity

#### Coffee extracts and melanoidins modulate LC3 and lamp2A mRNA levels









# IDENTIFICATION OF LIGANDS AND INHIBITORS OF $A\beta 1-42$ oligomerization in Hop extracts



<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of 15 mg of the extract in boiling water of four hop varieties. All the samples were dissolved in deuterated PBS, pH 7.5, 25°C.

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### ... TRYING TO DEMONSTRATE THE HEALING ACTIVITY OF IMPERATORIA EXTRACTS...

Imperatoria (*Peucedanum* ostruthium) is a medicinal plant traditionally employed in Austria and Italy.



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Imperatoria extracts from leaves and rhizome show a significant content of polyphenols, among which chlorogenic acids (CGAs)

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#### ... WE DISCOVERED THEIR ANTI-AMYLOIDOGENIC ACTIVITY...



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1 nm

# DI-SUBSTITUTED CGAs are the A $\beta$ Ligands showing the highest affinity



- Di-substituted CQAs are the best ligands of Aβ1-42 oligomers, as they showed relative STD intensities higher than mono-substituted CQAs and thus higher affinities for the target.
  - Also glycosylated flavonoids and furanocoumarins bind Aβ1-42 oligomers.
  - The co-presence of these compounds in the same extract allows obtaining a significant biological activity.

## Hop Extracts Anti-amyloidogenic Activity: Prevention of $A\beta$ -induced Citotoxicity

boiling water extracts phenol-enriched extracts



Hop extract effect on the viability of neuronal cells treated with  $A\beta$ 1-42 protein of increasing concentrations.

Comparison between boiling water hop extracts and hop phenol-enriched extracts.

All extracts protect cell against Aβ oligomers-induced citotoxicity

Extract enrichment (XAD-4 or flash chromatography) in polyphenols compounds increases the biological activity

# Hop Extracts Anti-amyloidogenic Activity: Inhibition of $A\beta$ oligomerization



#### Molecular recognition of Hop extract with $A\beta 1-42$ peptide



1) 1H NMR spectrum of the 20 mg of the AcOEt extract of *Hop tettnang*; 2) 1H NMR spectrum of the mixture containing A $\beta$ 1-42 (160 uM) and 20 mg of the AcOEt extract of *Hop tettnang*; D) STD-NMR spectrum of this mixture at 2s saturation time All the samples were dissolved in deuterated PBS, pH 7.5, 25 °C.

### Molecular recognition of Hop extract with $A\beta 1-42$ peptide



A) 600 MHz 2D-NOESY of 20 mg AcOEt extract of Hop, with a mixing time of 0.9 s. B) trNOESY of the mixture containing A $\beta$ 1-42 (160 uM) and 20 mg of AcOEt extract of Hop, with a mixing time 0.3 s. Both samples were dissolved in deuterated PBS, at pH 7.5 and 25°C. Positive cross-peak are in blue; negative, in red. C) STD NMR spectrum of the mixture containing A $\beta$ 1-42 (80 uM) and 15 mg of AcOEt extract of Hop

# EXPERIMENTS BASED ON COMPLEX OBSERVATION – RESOLUTION OF PROTEIN 3D-STRUCTURE

## <sup>1</sup>H Spectra of Proteins



## EFFICIENT RELAXATION RESULTS IN BROAD LINES: THE EFFECT OF INCREASING CORRELATION TIMES



## <sup>1</sup>H Spectra of Proteins : Which info can we obtain?



## BACKBONE ASSIGNMENT – 3D EXPERIMENTS



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## SIDE CHAIN ASSIGNMENT STRATEGIES

Identification of backbone protons:



## <sup>15</sup>N, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>1</sup>H HNCO SPECTRA

<sup>15</sup>N and <sup>13</sup>C labelling are required

Magnetisation is passed from <sup>1</sup>H to <sup>15</sup>N and then selectively to the carbonyl <sup>13</sup>C via the <sup>15</sup>N<sup>H\_13</sup>CO Jcoupling. Magnetisation is then passed back via <sup>15</sup>N to <sup>1</sup>H for detection. The chemical shift is evolved on all three nuclei resulting in a three-dimensional spectrum.



This is the most sensitive triple-resonance experiment. In addition to the backbone CO-N-HN correlations, Asn and Gln side-chain correlations are also visible. It is mainly used to obtain CO chemical shifts which can be used in a program like <u>TALOS</u> to helppredict secondary structure. The HNCO can also be useful for backbone assignment in conjunction with the HN(CA)CO, if the CBCANNH and CBCA(CO)NNH spectra are of bad quality.



## <sup>15</sup>N, <sup>13</sup>C, <sup>1</sup>H HN(CA)CO SPECTRA

#### <sup>15</sup>N and <sup>13</sup>C labelling are required

and CBCA(CO)NNH spectra are of bad

quality.

The magnetisation is transferred from <sup>1</sup>H to <sup>15</sup>N and then via the N-C $\alpha$  J-coupling to the <sup>13</sup>C $\alpha$ . From there it is transferred to the <sup>13</sup>CO via the <sup>13</sup>C $\alpha$ -<sup>13</sup>CO J-coupling. For detection the magnetisation is transferred back the same way: from <sup>13</sup>CO to <sup>13</sup>C $\alpha$ , <sup>15</sup>N and finally <sup>1</sup>H. The chemical shift is only evolved on <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>15</sup>N and <sup>13</sup>CO and not on the <sup>13</sup>C $\alpha$ . The result is a three-dimensional spectrum. Because the amide nitrogen is coupled both to the C $\alpha$  of its own residue and that of the preceding residue, both these transfers occur and transfer to both <sup>13</sup>CO nuclei occurs. Thus for each NH group, two carbonyl groups are observed in the spectrum. But because the coupling between N<sub>i</sub> and C $\alpha$ <sub>i</sub> is stronger than that between N<sub>i</sub> and C $\alpha$ <sub>i-1</sub>, the H<sub>i</sub>-N<sub>i</sub>-CO<sub>i</sub> peak generally ends up being more intense than the H<sub>i</sub>-N<sub>i</sub>-CO<sub>i-1</sub> peak.



An overlay of the HNCO and HN(A)CO spectra makes it very easy to distinguish between  $CO_i$  and  $CO_{i-1}$  for each NH group.

## <sup>15</sup>N, <sup>1</sup>H NOESY-HSQC SPECTRA

<sup>15</sup>N labelling is required

To start with, magnetisation is exchanged between all hydrogens using the NOE. Then the magnetisation is transferred to neighbouring <sup>15</sup>N nuclei and back to <sup>1</sup>H for detection.



This spectrum can be used to obtain restraint for structure calculations. In this case the NOESY mixing time should probably be around 80ms. It can also be used to help assignment, and for small to medium-sized proteins, assignment using this and 15N-TOCSY-HSQC only is possible. In this case it may be useful to use a slightly longer NOESY mixing time.







Wt extracellulari







Assigned number	Metabolite	chemical shift (ppm) <sup>a</sup>
1	NAD	9.33 (s) 9.15 (d) 8.83 (d) 8.42 (s) 8.19 (m) 6.13 (d) 6.08 (d) 6.02 (d)
2	AMP derivate	8.6 (s) 8.17 (s)
3	UDP derivate	7.95 (d)
4	Histidine	7.8 (s) 7.05 (s) 3.96 (dd) 3.22 (dd) 3.12 (dd)
5	Phenylalanine	7.42 (m) 7.36 (m) 7.32 (d) 3.97 (dd) 3.29 (dd) 3.12 (dd)
6	Tyrosine	7.18 (d) 6.89 (d) 3.97 dd 3.13 (dd) 3.02 (dd)
7	Trehalose	5.18 (d) 3.85 (m) 3.75 (dd) 3.64 (dd) 3.44 (t)
8	Lactate	4,11 (dd) 1.32 (d)
9	Serine	3.94 (m) 3.83 (dd)
10	Glycerol	3.77 (m) 3.65 (dd) 3.55 (dd)
11	Glycerophosphocholine	4.31 (m) 3.6 (dd) 3.22 (s)
12	Lysine	3.7 (m) 3.00 1.87 (m) (t) 1.71 (m) 1.45 (m)
13	Citrate	2.64 (d) 2.52 (d)
14	Succinate	2.39 (s)
15	Glutamate	3.74 (dd) 2.34 (dt) 2.05 (m)
16	Alanine	1.47 (d)
17	Valine	1.03 (d) 0.98 (d)
18	Isoleucine	1.00 (d) 0.94 (t)
19	Formate	8.44 (s)
20	Uracil	7.53 (d) 5.79 (d)
21	Fumarate	6.5 (s)
22	Uracil-6-carboxylate	6.18 (s)
23	Thiamine derivate	5.46 (s)
24	Pyruvate	2.36 (s)
25	Methionine	2.63 (t) 2.12 (s)
26	Acetate	1.91 (s)
27	Ethanol	3.65 (q) 1.71 (t)
28	Aspartate	3.88 (dd) 2.80 (dd)
29	Leucine	3.71 (m) 1.69 (m) 0.95 (t)
30	Glucose	5.22 (d) 4.64 (d) 3.89 (dd) 3.83 (m) 3.73 (m) 3.52 (dd) 3.46 (m) 3.40 (td) 3.23 (dd)
31	Threonine	1.31 (d) 4.24 (m)
32	Phenylacetate	3.52 (s) 7.38 (m) 7.30 (m)
33	Glutathione ox	3.30 ppm (dd) 2.96 ppm (dd)

<sup>a</sup> chemichal shifs are referred to DSS and multiplicities showed in brackets. Abbreviation: (s) singlet, (d) doublet, (t) triplet, (m) multiplet, (dd) double doublet, (td) triple doublet.

## BUDDING YEAST METABOLIC PROFILING WORKING ON INTACT CELLS



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## **CLINICAL METABOLOMICS STUDIES**

NMR metabolic profiling performed on **biofluids from patients**:

- <u>Serum</u> collaboration with Prof. Stefano Aliberti (UNIMI and Policlinico) – Project VIBRO project VIBRO (12/2014-12/2017): Ruolo della colonizzazione ed infezione virale sulle riacutizzazioni ed ospedalizzazioni in pazienti affetti da bronchiectasie
- <u>Urine</u> collaboration with Prof. Stefano Aliberti (UNIMI and Policlinico)
- <u>EBC</u> (Exhaled Breath Condensate) collaboration with Prof. Jan Stolk, Leiden University Medical Center
- <u>BALf</u> (Broncho Alveolar Lavage fluid) collaboration with Prof. Iadarola and Meloni, UNIPV and San Matteo Hospital) - Fondazione CARIPLO, project 2013-0820 (3/2014-12/2016): BALf metabolomics in chronic lung rejection: an innovative approach to identify predictive markers and sub-phenotypes.

Airoldi C., Ciaramelli C., Fumagalli M., Bussei R., Mazzoni V., Viglio S., Iadarola P., Stolk J., 1H-NMR to explore the metabolome of exhaled breath condensate in  $\alpha$ 1-antitrypsin deficient patients: a pilot study, J. Prot. Res., **2016**, 10.1021/acs.jproteome.6b00648



### <sup>1</sup>H-NMR TO EVALUATE THE METABOLOME OF BRONCHOALVEOLAR LAVAGE FLUID (BALF) IN BRONCHIOLITIS OBLITERANS SYNDROME (BOS)



Discrimination of different pathological stages through BALf sample metabolic profiling

Ciaramelli C., Fumagalli M., Viglio S., Bardoni A. M., Piloni D., Meloni F., Iadarola P., Airoldi C., J. Proteome Res., **2017**, 16, 4, 1669-1682



**PLS-DA Analysis** 



#### Cluster Analysis S vs BOS 0p vs BOS I



#### Cluster Analysis S vs BOS I



## Spettroscopia NMR nella scienza degli alimenti e della nutrizione







Applicazioni relative alla caratterizzazione di matrici alimentari, alla loro lavorazione e alla loro stabilità

- Struttura e Funzione
- Compositione
- Qualità e sicurezza degli alimenti
- Identificazione di composti bioattivi tramite STD-NMR

