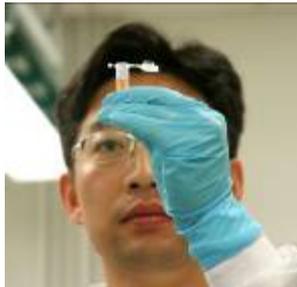




# Healthy Eating Never Tasted So Delicious



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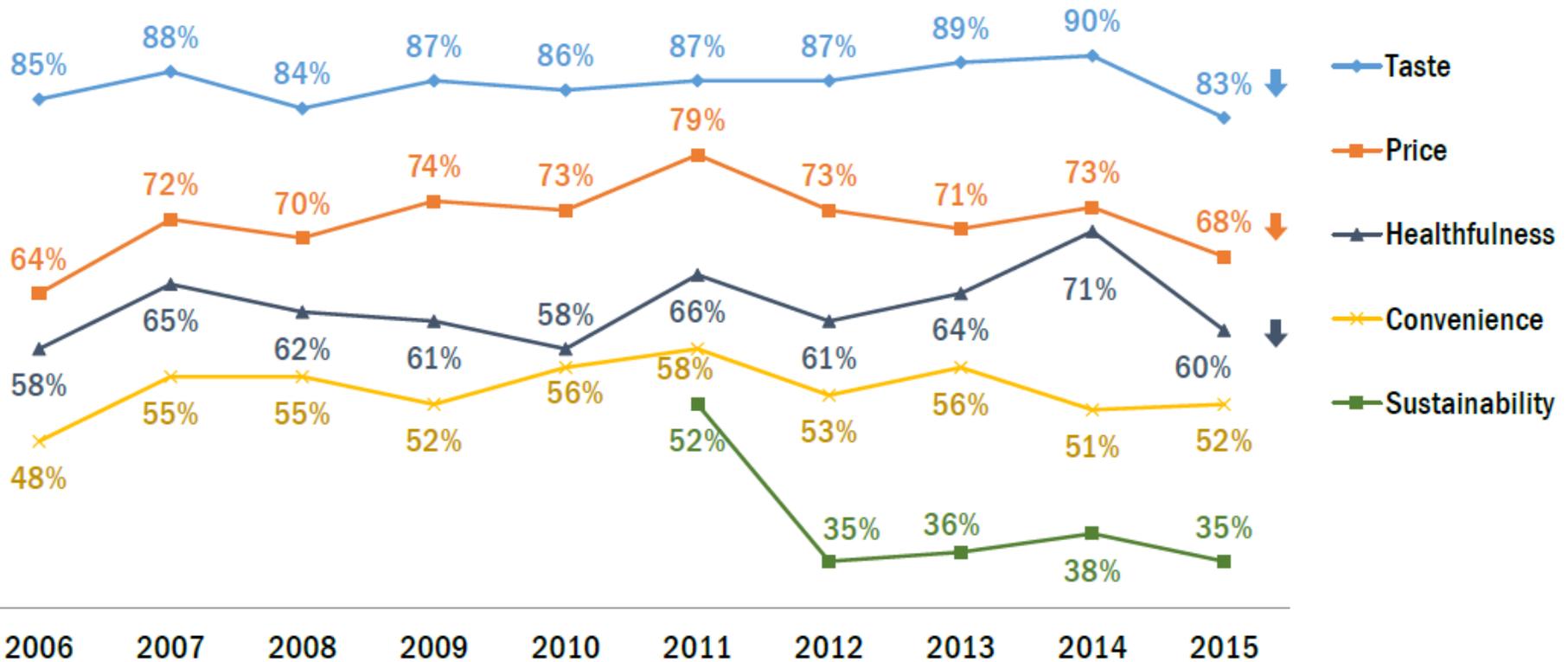




The McCormick Science Institute advances scientific understanding of the potential health benefits of culinary spices and herbs



# Taste (flavor) drives the decision to buy foods and beverages



Source: IFIC Food & Health Survey, 2015. N=1,007 consumers

...and spices and herbs make foods taste great!



# Spices and herbs have a long history of use for health



*“An herb is the friend of physicians and the praise of cooks”*

Charlemagne - 9<sup>th</sup> Century



# Scientific evidence on the beneficial physiological effects of spices and herbs is accumulating



- Oxidative stress markers
- Inflammatory markers
- Blood glucose
- Insulin sensitivity
- Blood lipids
- Endothelial function
- Energy metabolism
- Hunger/satiety
- Pain associated with physical activity

# A spice blend inhibits formation of oxidative products in grilled burgers



## Antioxidant-rich spice added to hamburger meat during cooking results in reduced meat, plasma, and urine malondialdehyde concentrations<sup>1-4</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** Emerging science has shown the effect of oxidation products and inflammation on atherogenesis and carcinogenesis. Cooking hamburger meat can promote the formation of malondialdehyde that can be absorbed after ingestion.

**Objective:** We studied the effect of an antioxidant spice mixture on malondialdehyde formation while cooking hamburger meat and its effects on plasma and urinary malondialdehyde concentrations.

**Design:** Eleven healthy volunteers consumed 2 kinds of burgers in a randomized order: one burger was seasoned with a spice blend, and one burger was not seasoned with the spice blend. The production of malondialdehyde in burgers and malondialdehyde concentrations in plasma and urine after ingestion were measured by HPLC.

**Results:** Rosmarinic acid from oregano was monitored to assess the effect of cooking on spice antioxidant content. Forty percent (19 mg) of the added rosmarinic acid remained in the spiced burger (SD) after cooking. There was a 71% reduction in the malondialde-

Fogelman et al (1) reported that malondialdehyde, an obligate product of the oxidation of arachidonic acid by lipoxygenase pathways, could cause Schiff's base formation with the  $\epsilon$  amino groups of apolipoprotein B lysine residues in LDL. Altered lipoproteins bind to macrophage scavenger receptors, resulting in cholesteryl ester accumulation and the formation of foam cells. Oxidatively modified LDL is present in the artery walls of animals and humans with atherosclerosis and leads to destabilization of atherosclerotic plaques (2-4).

Malondialdehyde can also react with deoxyadenosine and deoxyguanosine in DNA and form DNA adducts that are mutagenic. Thus, the formation of malondialdehyde has implications for atherogenesis and carcinogenesis (5). Inhibition of the formation of malondialdehyde by antioxidants during the cooking of hamburger meat may result in reduced concentrations of malondialdehyde in plasma and urine as the result of inhibition of malondialdehyde formation ex vivo or the inhibition of its

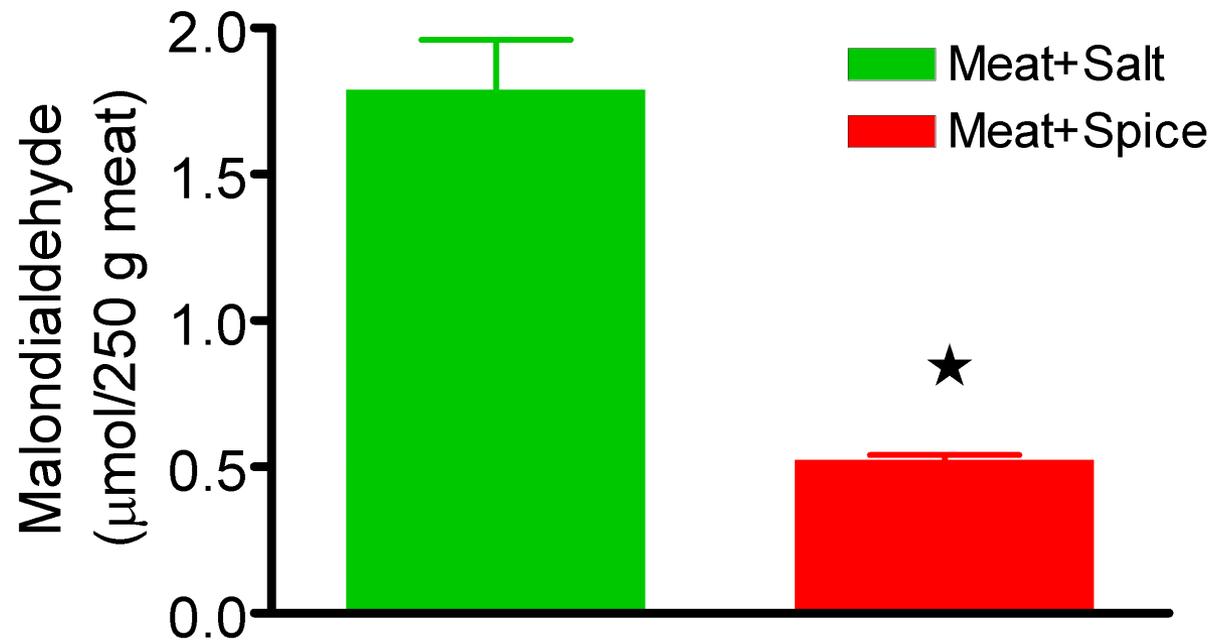
# Spice blend used



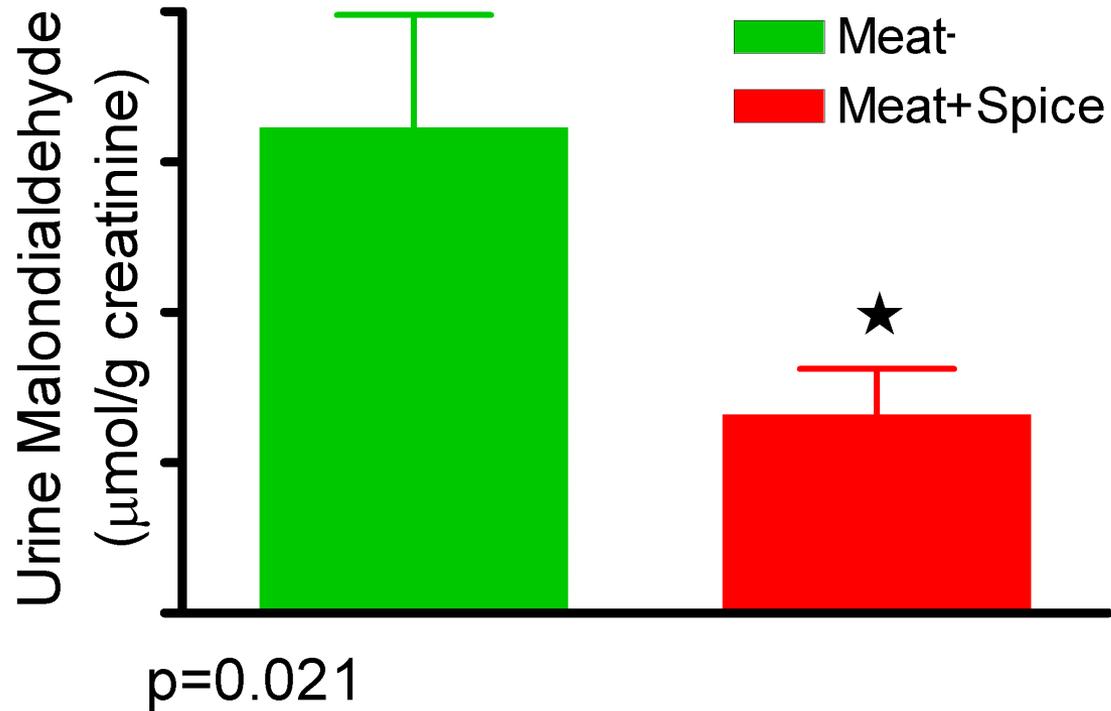
Spice	Grams/250 g patty	%
Cloves, ground	0,48825	4,34%
Cinnamon, ground	0,48825	4,34%
Oregano, mediterranean, ground	2,94413	26,17%
Rosemary, ground	0,48825	4,34%
Ginger, ground	1,22175	10,86%
Black pepper, ground	0,73238	6,51%
Paprika, ground	3,42450	30,44%
Turmeric, ground	1,46250	13,00%
Spice Mixture	11,25	100,0%



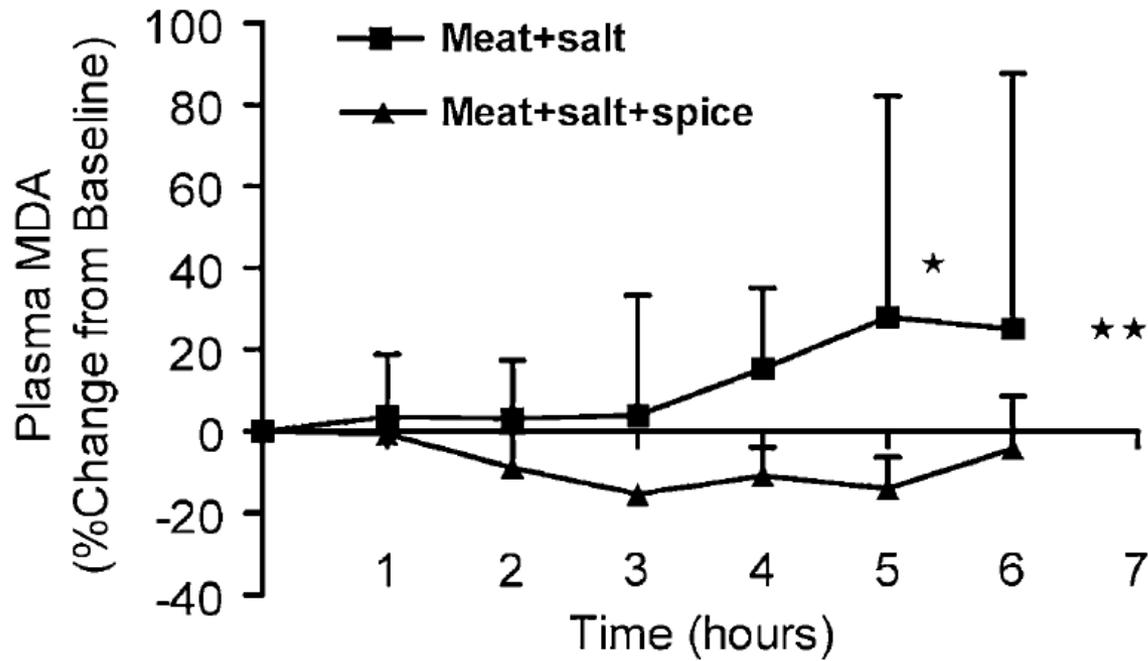
# Lipid oxidation in the burger



# Urinary malondialdehyde concentration



# Plasma malondialdehyde concentrations



# Turmeric plus black pepper are the most effective



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FOOD COMPOSITION AND ANALYSIS

## Turmeric and black pepper spices decrease lipid peroxidation in meat patties during cooking

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### Abstract

Spices are rich in natural antioxidants and have been shown to be potent inhibitors of lipid peroxidation during cooking of meat. Turmeric contains unique conjugated curcuminoids with strong antioxidant activity. Piperine, one of the main constituents of black pepper, is known to increase the bioavailability of curcuminoids in mouse and human studies when consumed with turmeric. We investigated whether adding black pepper to turmeric powder may further inhibit lipid peroxidation when added to meat patties prior to cooking. The addition of black pepper to turmeric significantly decreased the lipid peroxidation in hamburger meat. When investigating the antioxidant activity of the main chemical markers, we determined that piperine did not exhibit any antioxidant activity. Therefore, we conclude that other black pepper ingredients are responsible for the increased antioxidant activity of combining black pepper with turmeric powder.

### Keywords

Black pepper, hamburger, lipid peroxidation, malondialdehyde (MDA), turmeric

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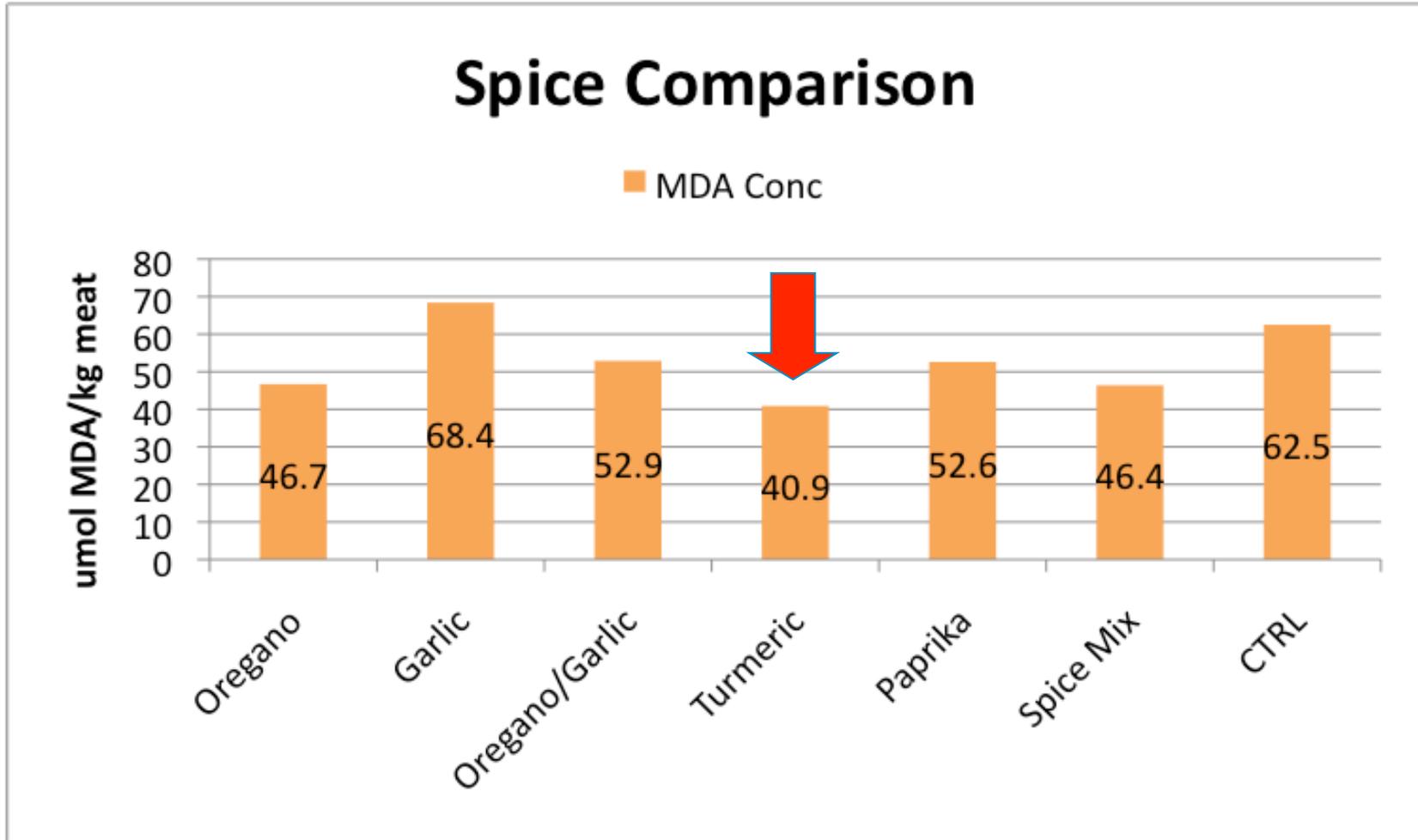
Source: Zhang et al., *Int J Food Sci Nutr* 2015;66:260



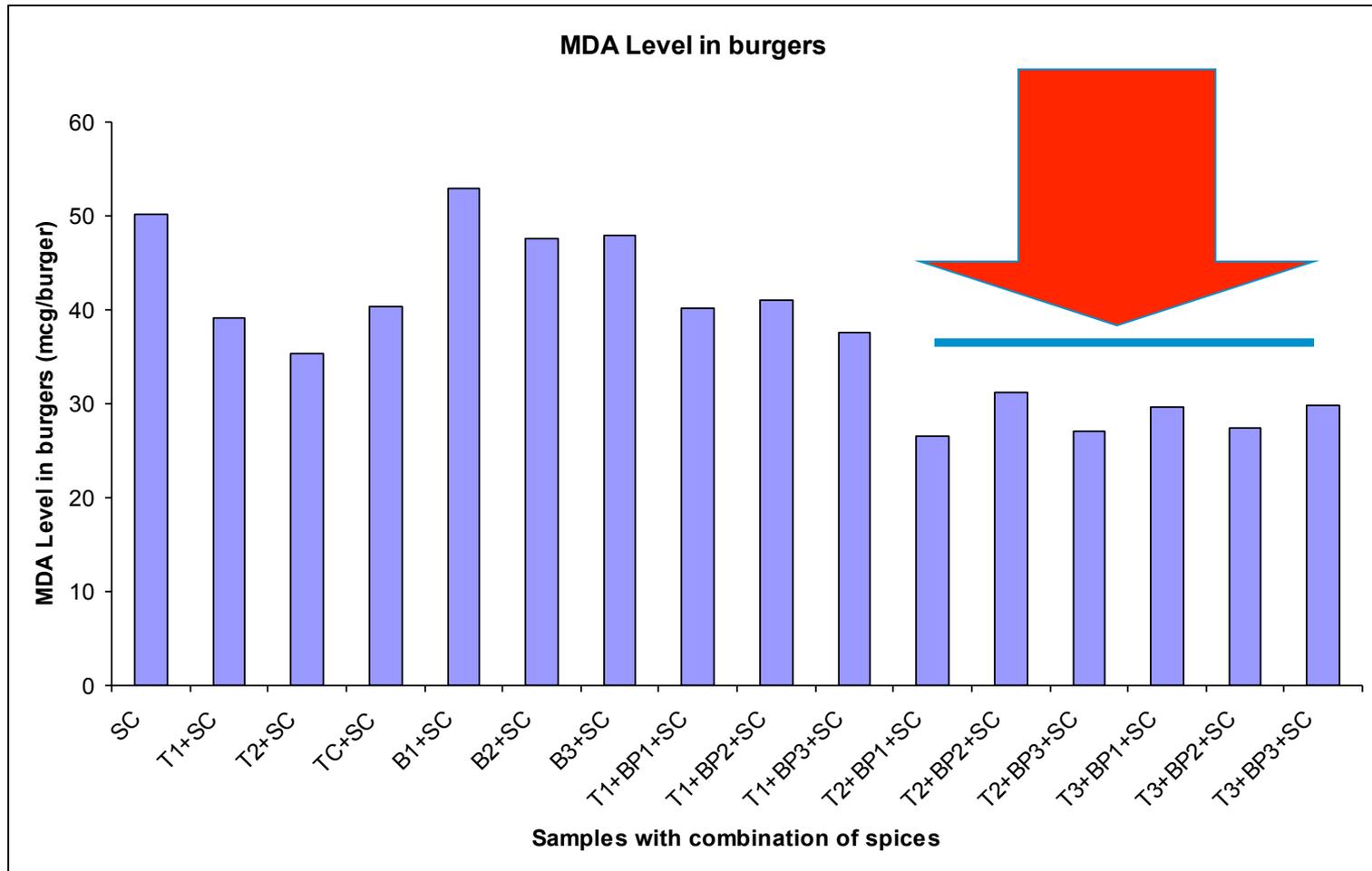
# Effect of individual spices on MDA formation



# Turmeric was the most potent spice



# A combination of turmeric and black pepper works better than either spice alone for reduction in MDA formation



**Turmeric:** T1=1.5 g; T2= 3.0 g; T3= 6.0g  
**Black pepper:** BP1= 0.12 g; BP2=0.36 g; BP3=1.08 g;  
**SC:** Table salt 1.0 g

# The same spice blend also improves arterial function



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## Research: Treatment

### Decrease of postprandial endothelial dysfunction by spice mix added to high-fat hamburger meat in men with Type 2 diabetes mellitus

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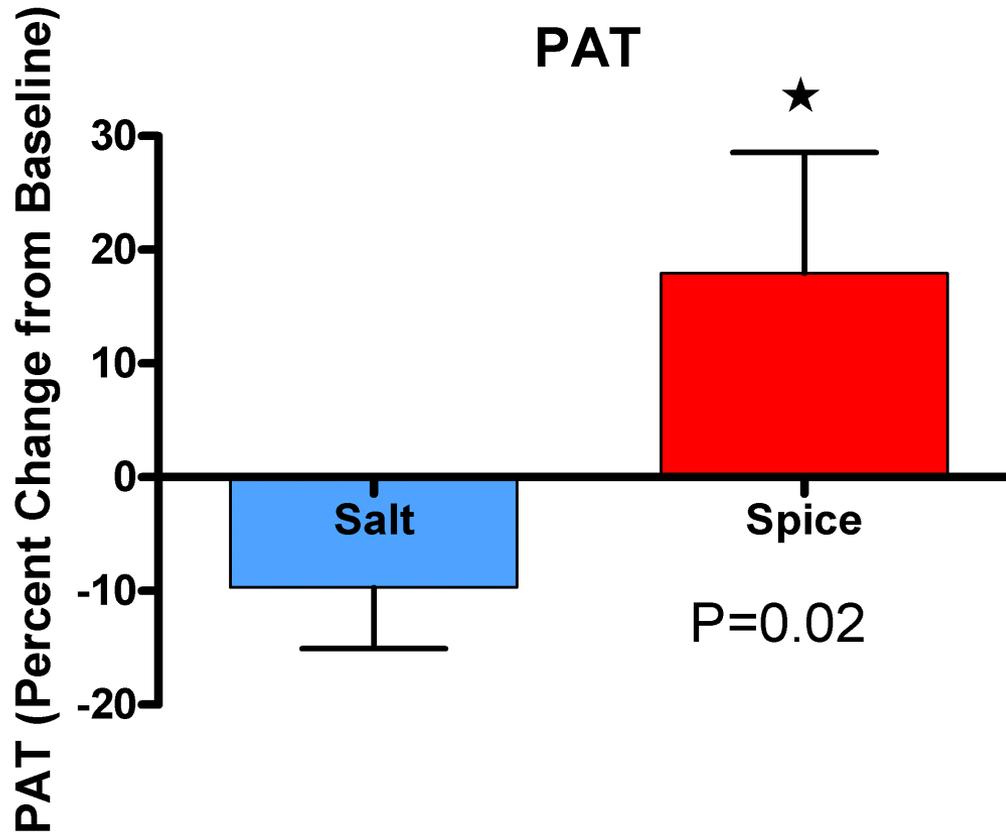
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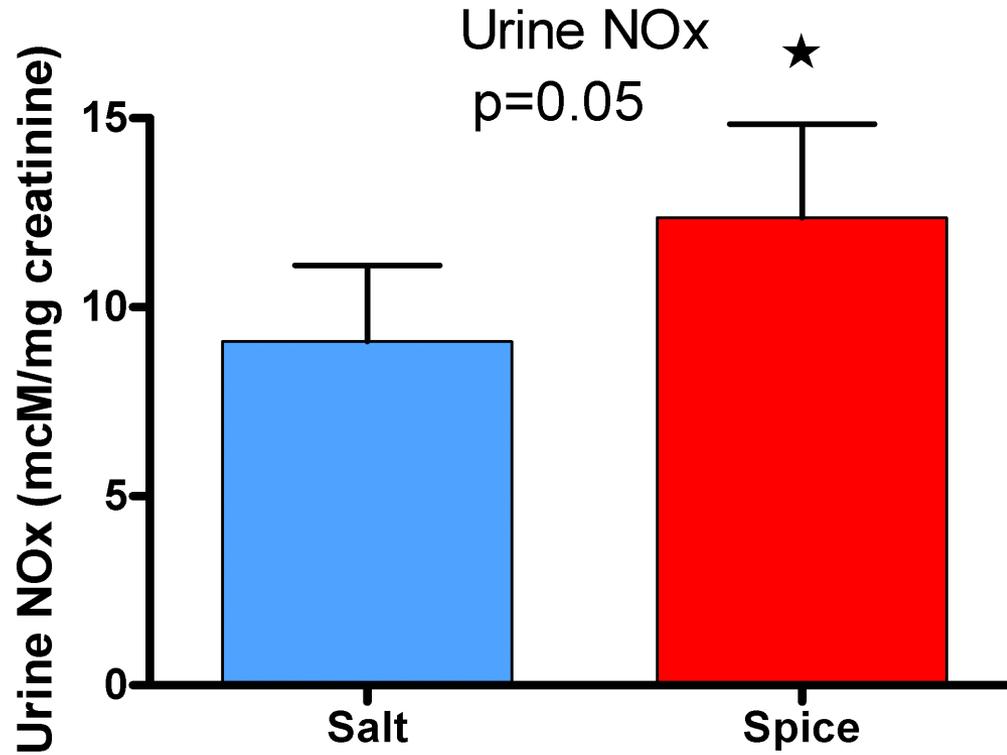
**Aims** Consumption of a high-fat diet has been demonstrated to promote endothelial dysfunction, possibly through an increase in lipid peroxidation and decrease in serum nitric oxide. The present study was designed to investigate whether consumption of a hamburger cooked with a polyphenol-rich spice mixture will reduce postprandial lipid oxidation and endothelial dysfunction in men with Type 2 diabetes.

Source: Li et al., *Diabetic Med* 2013;30:590

# Spice improved endothelial function vs. baseline



# Spice increased urinary nitric oxide (n=8)



# As well as other physiological functions



## **A High Antioxidant Spice Blend Attenuates Postprandial Insulin and Triglyceride Responses and Increases Some Plasma Measures of Antioxidant Activity in Healthy, Overweight Men<sup>1-3</sup>**

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### **Abstract**

There is much interest in the potential of dietary antioxidants to attenuate in vivo oxidative stress, but little characterization of the time course of plasma effects exists. Culinary spices have demonstrated potent in vitro antioxidant properties. The objective of this study was to examine whether adding 14 g of a high antioxidant spice blend to a 5060-kJ (1200 kcal) meal

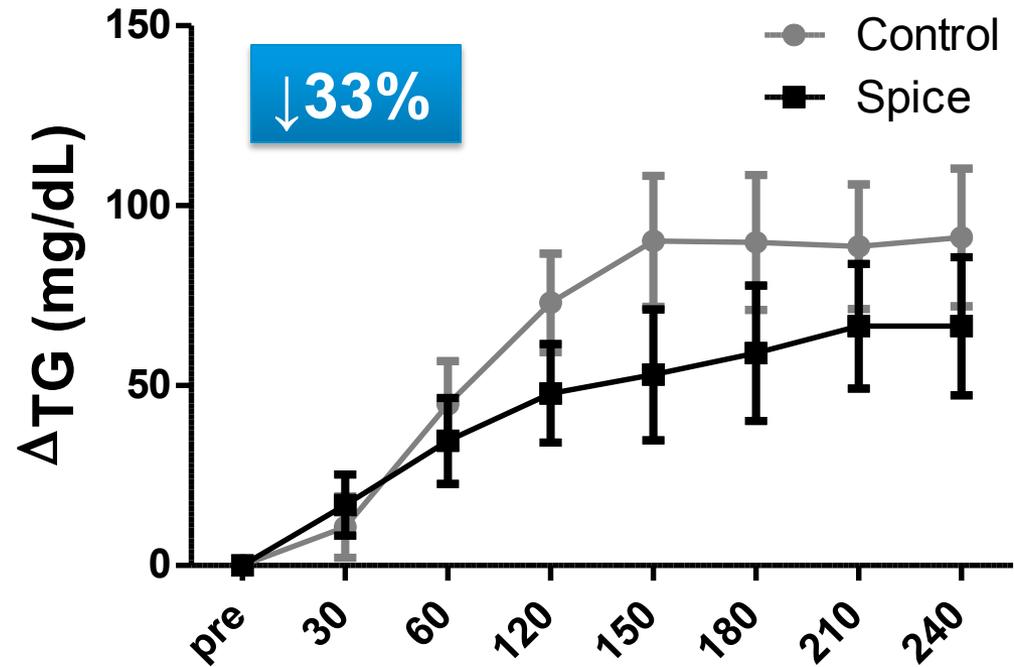
# Significant reduction in postprandial triglycerides



Treatment by time *P*-interaction < 0.05



~1200 kcal meal, with or without spice blend (~50 g total fat, 23 g SFA)

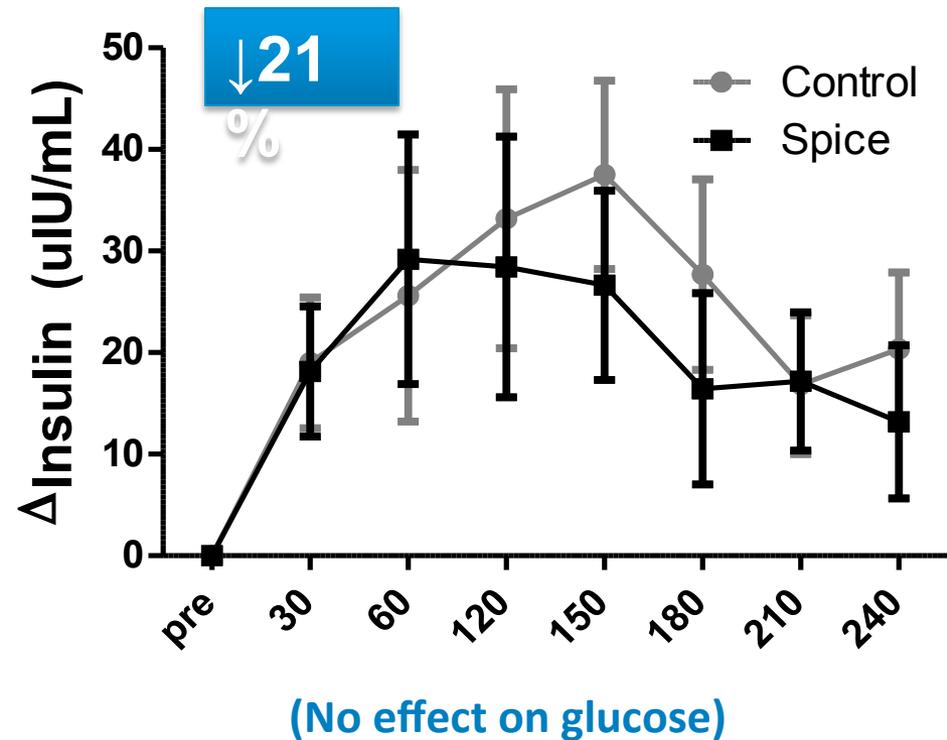


# Significant reduction in postprandial insulin



Meal was well tolerated, no GI side effects, participants rated control and spice meals similarly.

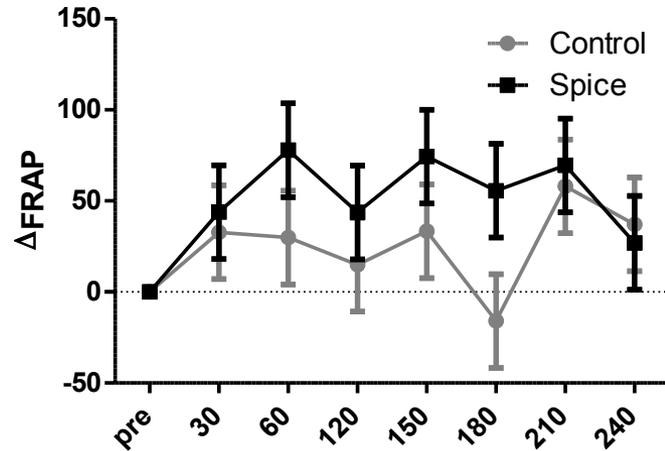
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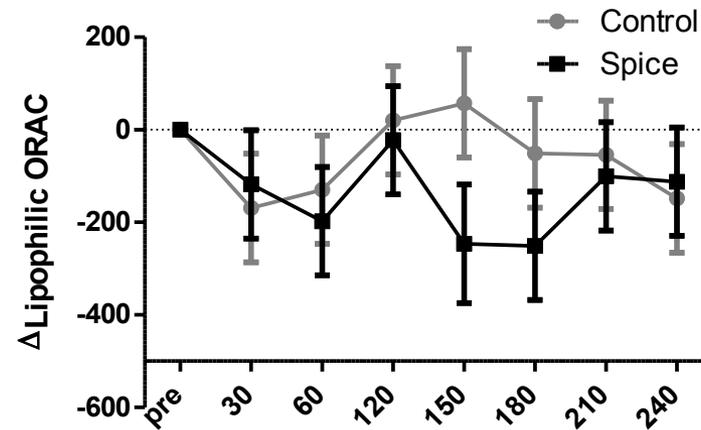
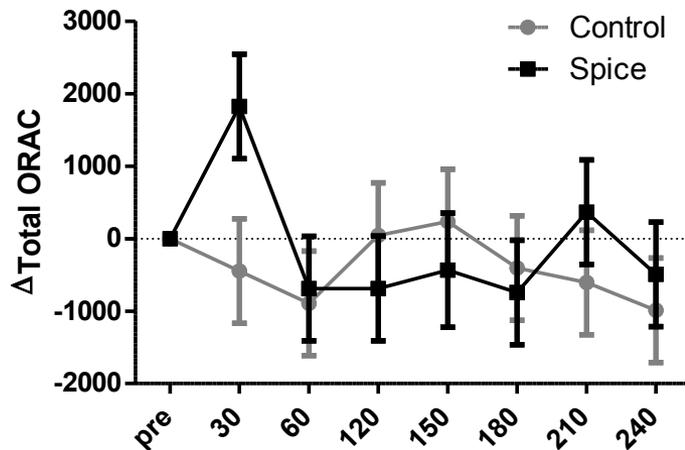
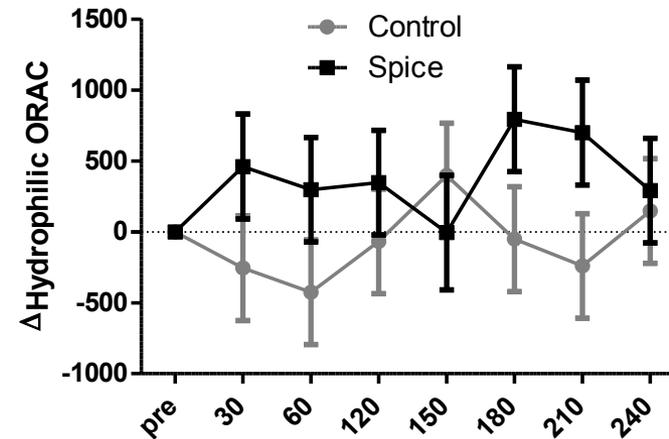
# Significant increases in antioxidant capacity of serum



$p = 0.009$  for effect of treatment



$p = 0.02$  for effect of treatment





## Spicy Food May Boost Metabolism



New research suggests that a little spice may ramp up your metabolism. (Niels Busch/Getty Images)



# Spices could prevent heart disease

**Adding some spice to your food can protect you from physical damage and reduce the stress that fatty foods place on your heart**

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You can still enjoy your favourite fatty meals without feeling too guilty if you add a bit of spice. Eating a diet rich in turmeric, cinnamon and paprika will protect your body from the effects of fatty foods.

A team from Penn State University has found that a blend of antioxidant spices can reduce the stress that high fat foods put on your heart by the build up of triglycerides that are stored in fat cells.

'If triglyceride levels are raised too much your risk of heart disease is increased,' says study leader Sheila West. 'We found that adding spices to a high-fat meal reduced triglyceride response by about 30 per cent, compared to a similar meal with no spices added.'



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## Antioxidant-Rich Spices May Assist in Maintaining Ideal Weight

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A study conducted by professors at Pennsylvania State University has revealed that spices rich in antioxidants, such as cinnamon, turmeric, oregano and rosemary, may be of assistance to individuals looking to maintain proper weight.

In the Penn State study, researchers cooked two meals on separate days for six men between 30 and 65 years of age, all of whom were relatively healthy in all aspects except their weight. The food was the same on both occasions – a dinner of chicken curry, Italian bread and a cinnamon biscuit – but the spices that the scientists were testing were only included once.



# Ginger has anti-inflammatory properties



## Ginger (*Zingiber officinale*) Reduces Muscle Pain Caused by Eccentric Exercise

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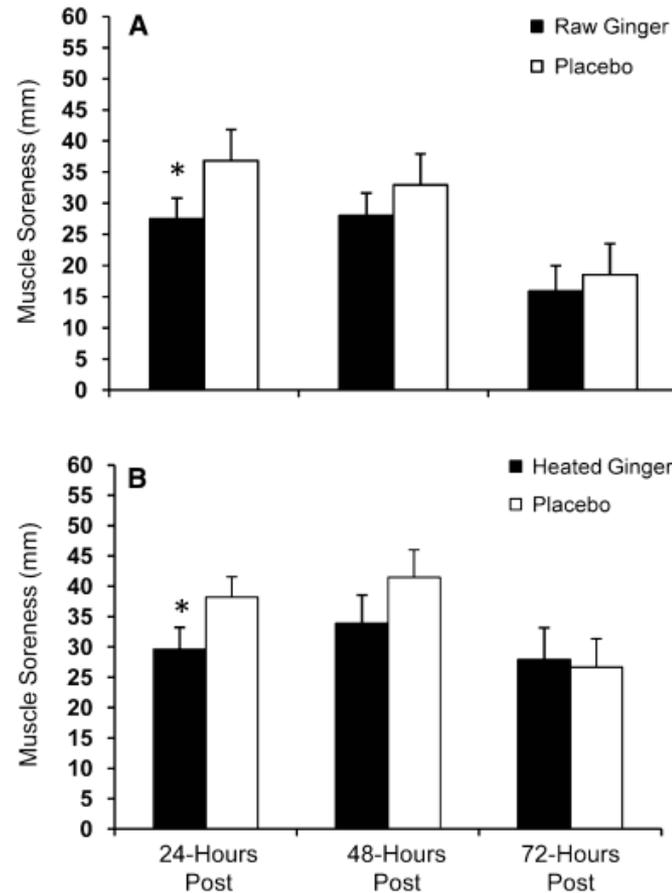
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**Abstract:** Ginger has been shown to exert anti-inflammatory effects in rodents, but its effect on human muscle pain is uncertain. Heat treatment of ginger has been suggested to enhance its hypoalgesic effects. The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of 11 days of raw (study 1) and heat-treated (study 2) ginger supplementation on muscle pain. Study 1 and 2 were identical double-blind, placebo controlled, randomized experiments with 34 and 40 volunteers, respectively. Participants consumed 2 grams of either raw (study 1) or heated (study 2) ginger or placebo for 11 consecutive days. Participants performed 18 eccentric actions of the elbow flexors to induce pain and inflammation. Pain intensity, perceived effort, plasma prostaglandin E<sub>2</sub>, arm volume, range-of-motion and isometric strength were assessed prior to and for 3 days after exercise. Results Raw (25%,  $-0.78$  SD,  $P = .041$ ) and heat-treated (23%,  $-0.57$  SD,  $P = .049$ ) ginger resulted in similar pain reductions 24 hours after eccentric exercise compared to placebo. Smaller effects were noted between both types of ginger and placebo on other measures. Daily supplementation with ginger reduced muscle pain caused by eccentric exercise, and this effect was not enhanced by heat treating the ginger.



# Ginger reduced muscle soreness after eccentric exercise



**Figure 2.** Ratings of arm muscle pain intensity 24, 48, and 72 hours after eccentric exercise. Preexercise muscle pain was “0” on a 0 to 100 VAS scale and is therefore not included. \*Indicates a significant ( $P < .05$ ) difference from placebo. Values are mean  $\pm$  SE.

# Red pepper may be useful in weight management



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## The effects of hedonically acceptable red pepper doses on thermogenesis and appetite

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### ABSTRACT

Previous studies suggest consumption of red pepper (RP) promotes negative energy balance. However, the RP dose provided in these studies (up to 10 g/meal) usually exceeded the amount preferred by the general population in the United States (mean = ~1 g/meal). The objective of this study was to evaluate the effects of hedonically acceptable RP doses served at a single meal in healthy, lean individuals on thermogenesis and appetite. Twenty-five men and women (aged  $23.0 \pm 0.5$  years, BMI  $22.6 \pm 0.3$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>, 13 spicy food users and 12 non-users) participated in a randomized crossover trial during which they consumed a standardized quantity (1 g); their preferred quantity (regular spicy food users  $1.8 \pm 0.3$  g/meal, non-users  $0.3 \pm 0.1$  g/meal); or no RP. Energy expenditure, core body and skin temperature, and appetite were measured. Postprandial energy expenditure and core body temperature were greater, and skin temperature was lower, after test loads with 1 g RP than no RP. Respiratory quotient was lower after the preferred RP dose was ingested orally, compared to in capsule form. These findings suggest that RP's effects on energy balance stem from a combination of metabolic and sensory inputs, and that oral exposure is necessary to achieve RP's maximum benefits. Energy intake was lower after test loads with 1 g RP than no RP in non-users, but

# Energy expenditure increased after pepper-containing soup

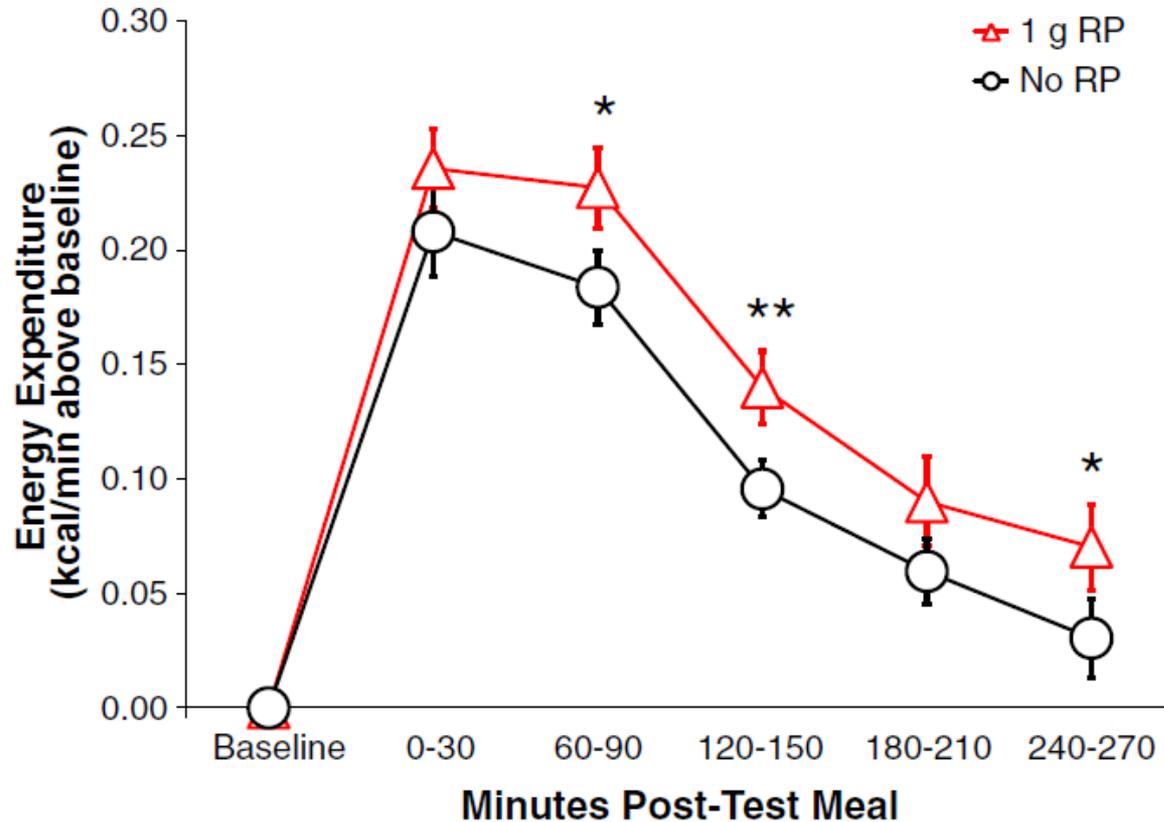
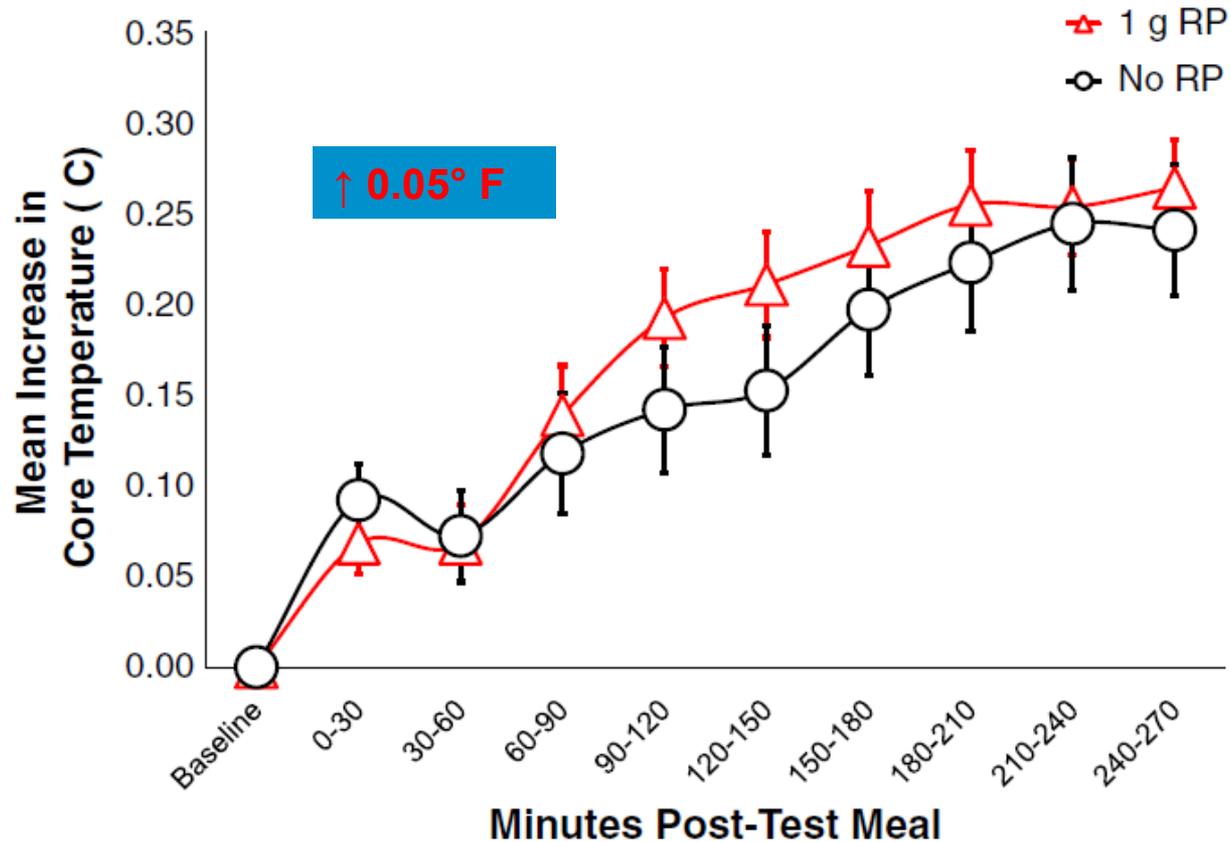


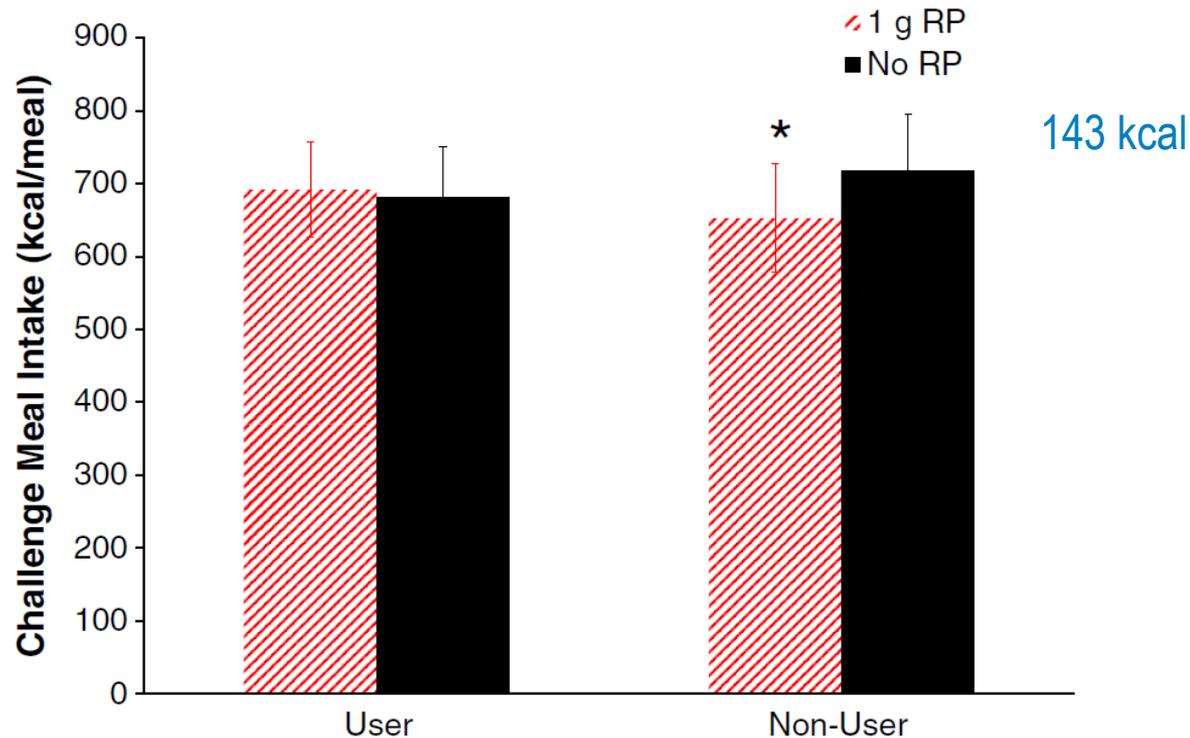
Fig. 2. Mean ( $\pm$  SEM) changes in energy expenditure measured over the 270 min after test loads ( $n = 25$ ) were greater with 1 g RP than no RP ( $p < 0.05$ ). \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\* $p < 0.01$ .

# Core body temperature was also greater



**Fig. 4.** Mean ( $\pm$  SEM) core body temperature measured over the 270 min after test loads ( $n = 25$ ) was greater with 1 g RP than no RP ( $p < 0.05$ ).

# Energy intake from an *ad lib* meal was decreased after 4.5 hours in subjects who did not frequently consume red pepper



**Fig. 6.** Mean ( $\pm$ SEM) energy intake at a challenge meal served 270 min after test loads ( $n = 25$ ) was lower in non-users after test loads with 1 g RP compared to no RP, but did not vary significantly in users ( $p < 0.05$ ). \* $p < 0.05$ .



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## Is weight-loss marvel hiding in your spice rack?

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(CBS) - Can eating more of something help you weigh less? Maybe so, if the something in question is red chili peppers.

A new study shows that adding a bit of ground cayenne pepper to the diet can help people burn calories faster. What's more, the pepper seems to curb people's hunger - especially for fatty, salty, and sweet foods.

# Encouraging data on cinnamon continue to accumulate





# Cinnamon Use in Type 2 Diabetes: An Updated Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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## ABSTRACT

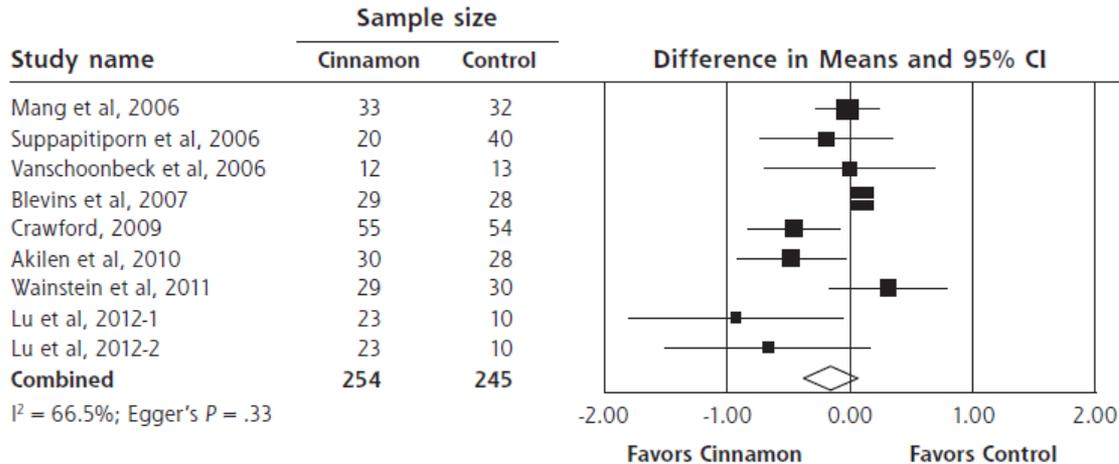
**PURPOSE** Cinnamon has been studied in randomized controlled trials (RCTs) for its glycemic-lowering effects, but studies have been small and show conflicting results. A prior meta-analysis did not show significant results, but several RCTs have been published since then. We conducted an updated systematic review and meta-analysis of RCTs evaluating cinnamon's effect on glycemia and lipid levels.

**METHODS** MEDLINE, Embase, and Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) were searched through February 2012. Included RCTs evaluated cinnamon compared with control in patients with type 2 diabetes and reported at least one of the following: glycated hemoglobin (A<sub>1c</sub>), fasting plasma glucose, total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), or triglycerides. Weighted mean differences (with 95% confidence intervals) for endpoints were calculated using random-effects models.

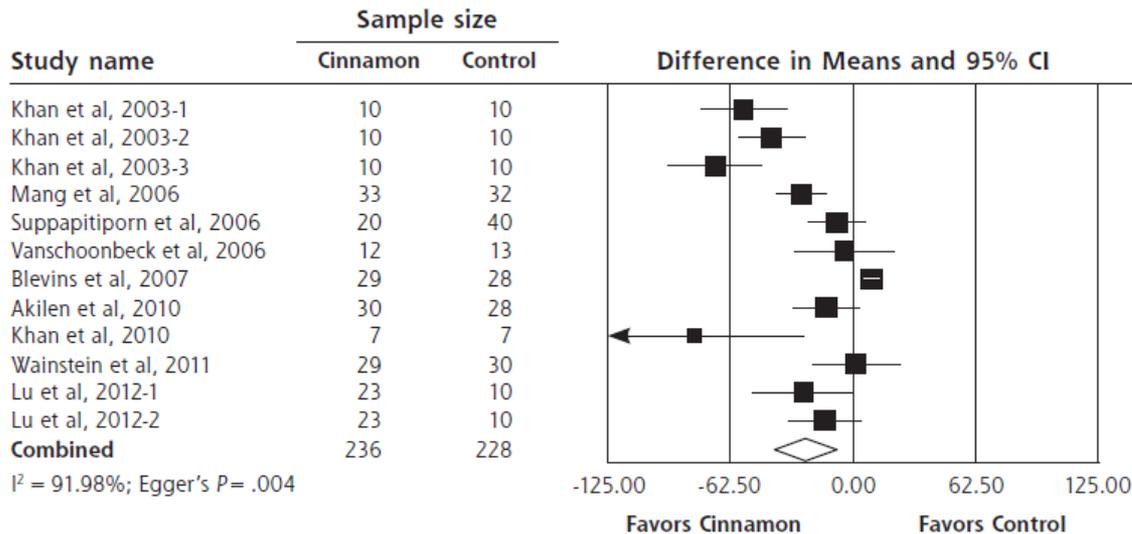
# Fasting blood glucose is reduced (but not Hb A1c)



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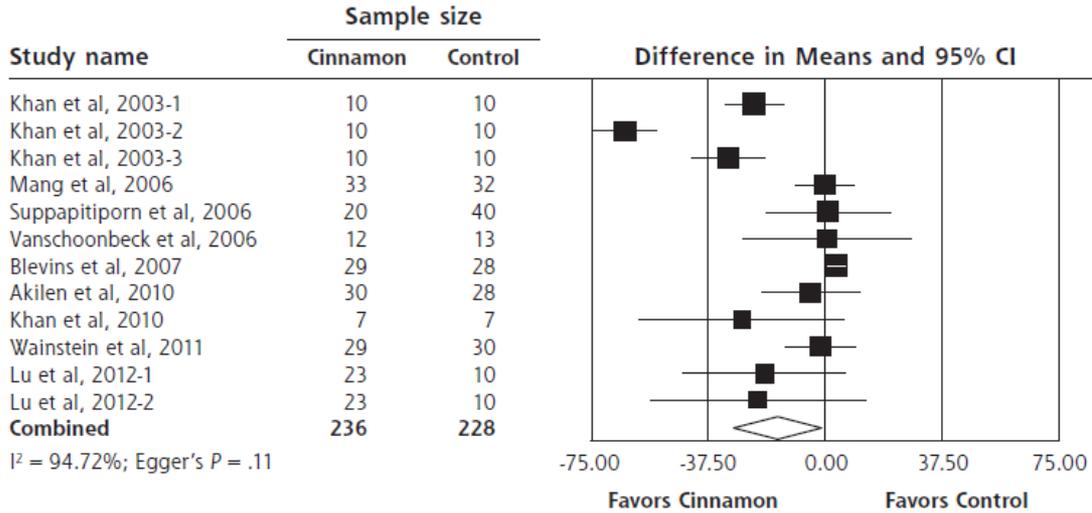
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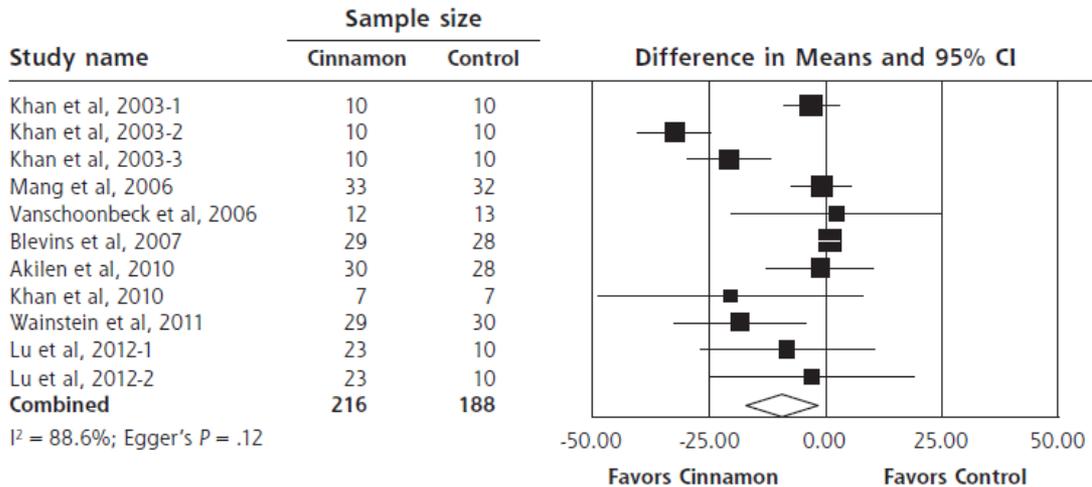
# So are total cholesterol and LDL-C



## A. Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)



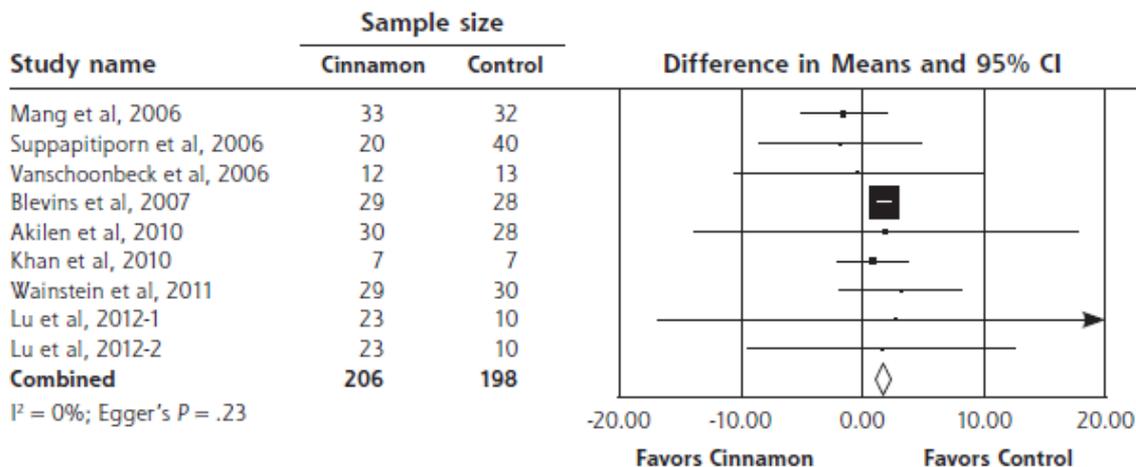
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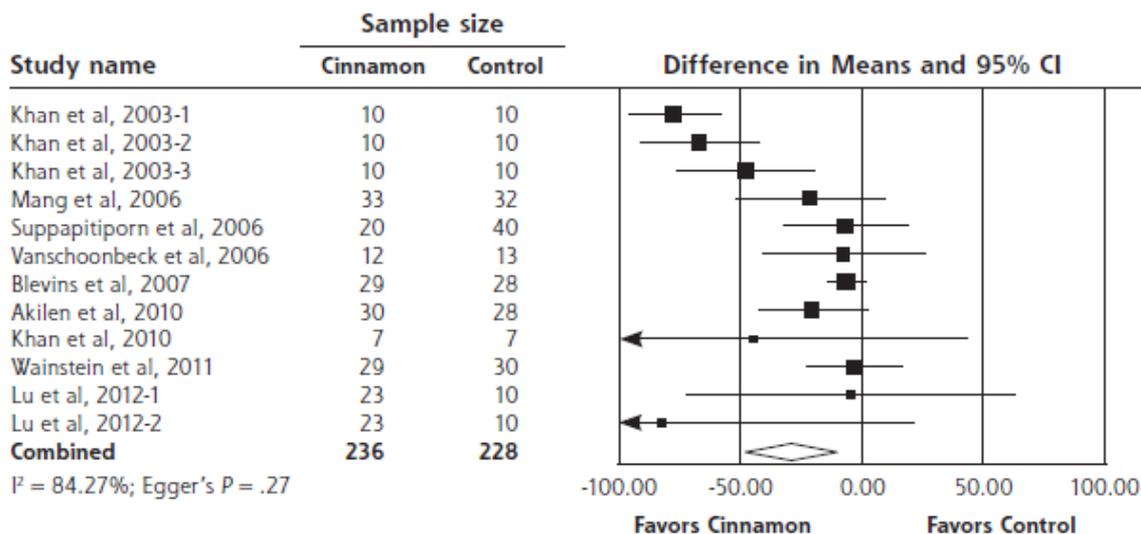
# And good news for HDL-C and triglycerides



## C. HDL Cholesterol (mg/dL)



## D. Triglycerides (mg/dL)



# The garlic data are also becoming compelling





# Garlic Lowers Blood Pressure in Hypertensive Individuals, Regulates Serum Cholesterol, and Stimulates Immunity: An Updated Meta-analysis and Review<sup>1,2</sup>

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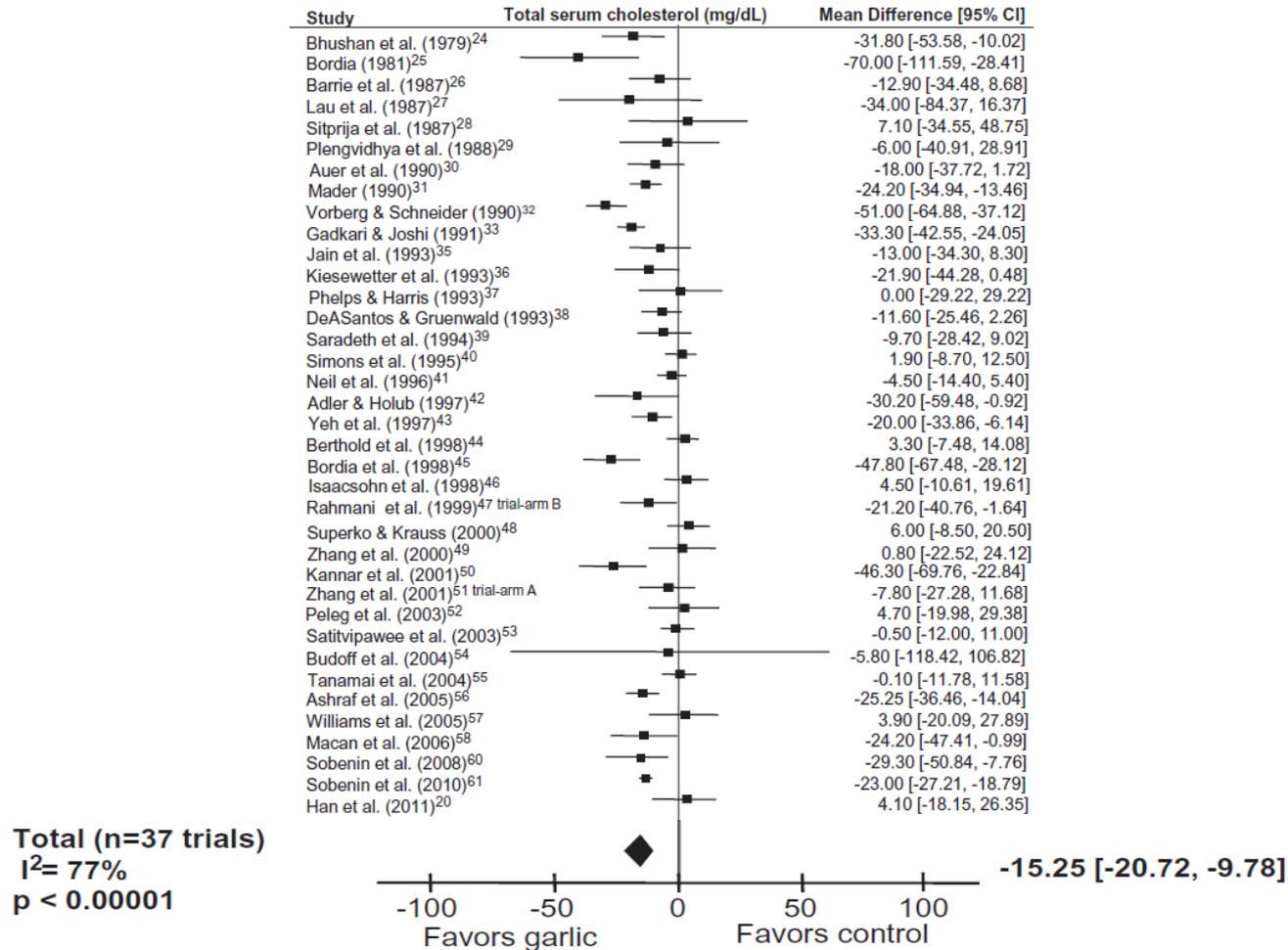
## Abstract

**Background:** Garlic has been shown to have cardiovascular protective and immunomodulatory properties.

**Objectives:** We updated a previous meta-analysis on the effect of garlic on blood pressure and reviewed the effect of garlic on cholesterol and immunity.

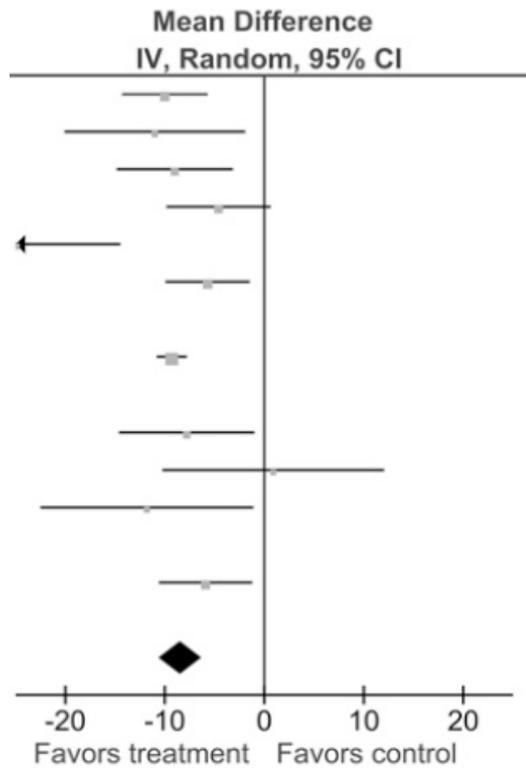
**Methods:** We searched the Medline database for randomized controlled trials (RCTs) published between 1955 and December 2013 on the effect of garlic preparations on blood pressure. In addition, we reviewed the effect of garlic on cholesterol and immunity.

# Garlic appears to have favorable effects on blood cholesterol

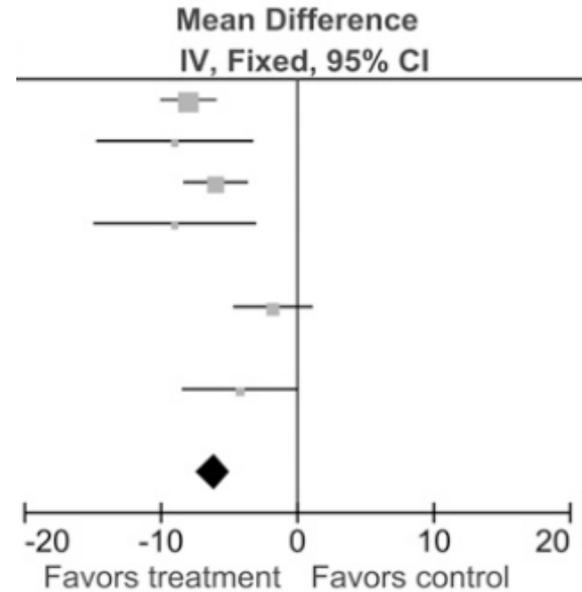


Source Reid et al., *Nutr Rev* 2013;71:282

# And blood pressure



Systolic



Diastolic

Source Ried et al., *J Nutr* 2016;146:389S



# Possible effect of spices and herbs on the microbiome



## Hypothesis:

Spices and herbs can increase the growth of beneficial bacteria and/or inhibit the growth of harmful bacteria *in vitro*

- ❑ Cultures for 48 hours
  - *C difficile*, *Lactobacillus*, *Bifidobacterium*
  - Ginger, Mediterranean rosemary, red pepper, black pepper, turmeric and oregano
  - Aqueous extracts (2-fold serial dilutions)
  
- ❑ Outcome measures
  - Minimum inhibitory concentrations
  - Concentrations resulting in change in appearance
    - Growth stimulation
    - Growth stimulation plateau



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Zhaoping Li

# Potential benefits of long-term increased spice/herb intake



## Hypothesis:

Increased consumption of spices and herbs (2-3 times current) will exert beneficial physiological effects with equal or better liking

- ❑ Controlled feeding study – seasoned vs. control
  - Three month-long interventions
  - Cross-over design
  - 80 overweight or obese healthy adults with at least one other metabolic syndrome risk factor
  
- ❑ Outcome measures
  - Diet satisfaction
  - Blood pressure/arterial function
  - Blood glucose and lipids
  - Inflammatory markers
  - Microbiome



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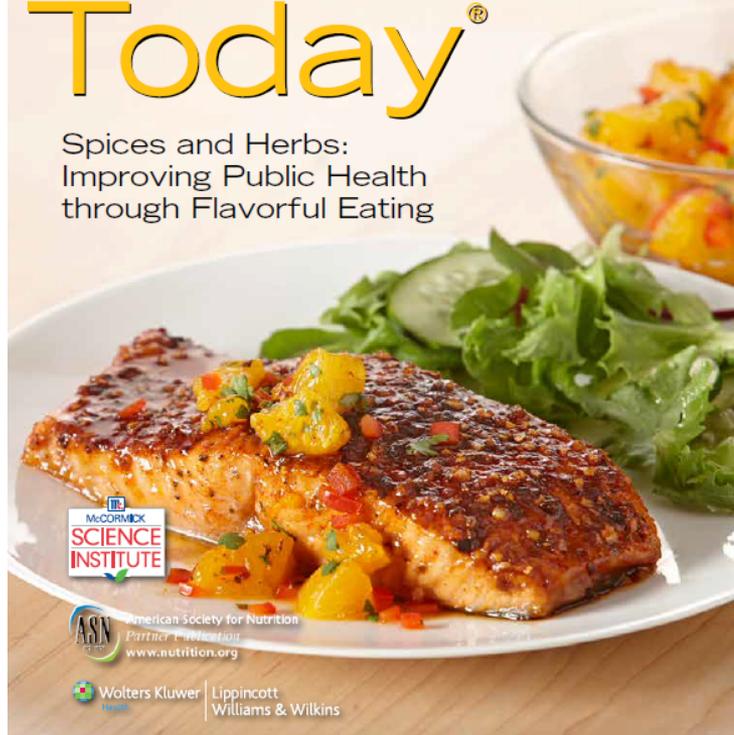
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