

# Does Processing of Foods Impact Cancer Risk?

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# Reference Article

## Can Food Processing Enhance Cancer Protection?

Erdman, Jeffery, Hendrickx, Cross and Lampe.

**Nutrition Today (in press, 2014)**

Based upon symposium at the 2013  
American Institute for Cancer Research  
Meeting

# Outline of Presentation

- Food processing – a perspective
- Cancer incidence – role of diet
- Ying and Yang of processing foods
- Illinois studies on prostate cancer
- Recommendations/ Conclusions



# What is Food Processing?

It is the transformation of raw ingredients into food, or of food into other forms

Source: Wikipedia



# Historical Look

“The growth of towns and cities involved larger needs (for food) and new difficulties in storage and transportation ..... gradually transformed food production from an **occupation** to a **business**”

Prescott and Proctor. Food Technology. 1935

# Prehistoric Food Processing Procedures

- Fermentation
- Sun Drying
- Preservation with salt
- Various types of heating and smoking



# Modern Industrial Food Processing

- Fermentation (with and without salt)
- Dehydration - sun, spray, freeze, hot air, etc.
- Thermal procession – canning (Appert), pasteurization (Pasteur), UHT, etc.
- Separations – dry milling, membrane, centrifugation, etc.
- Freezing – (Birdseye) and refrigeration



# Benefits

- Protection from microbiological and chemical hazards
- Provision of a diversity of foods year-round
- Reduction of food shortages
- Reduction of spoilage while maintaining consistent taste and acceptability
- Increase convenience and reduce time needed to prepare foods

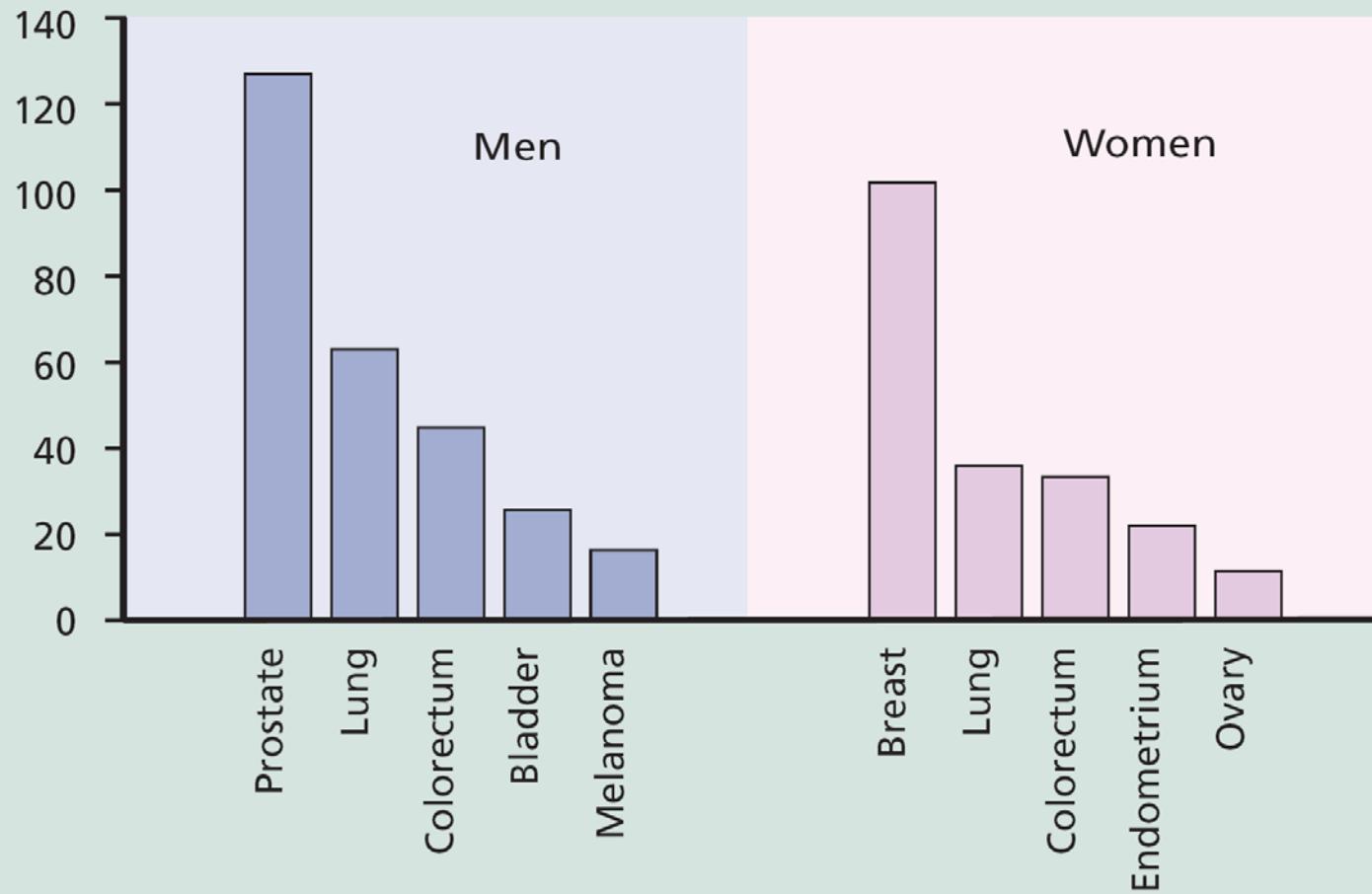
# Cancer Incidence

- Does it vary throughout the world?
- Genetics and/or Environment?

# Age-standardised rates of common cancers

USA

Age-standardised rate per 100 000



Data from International Agency for Research on Cancer<sup>20</sup>

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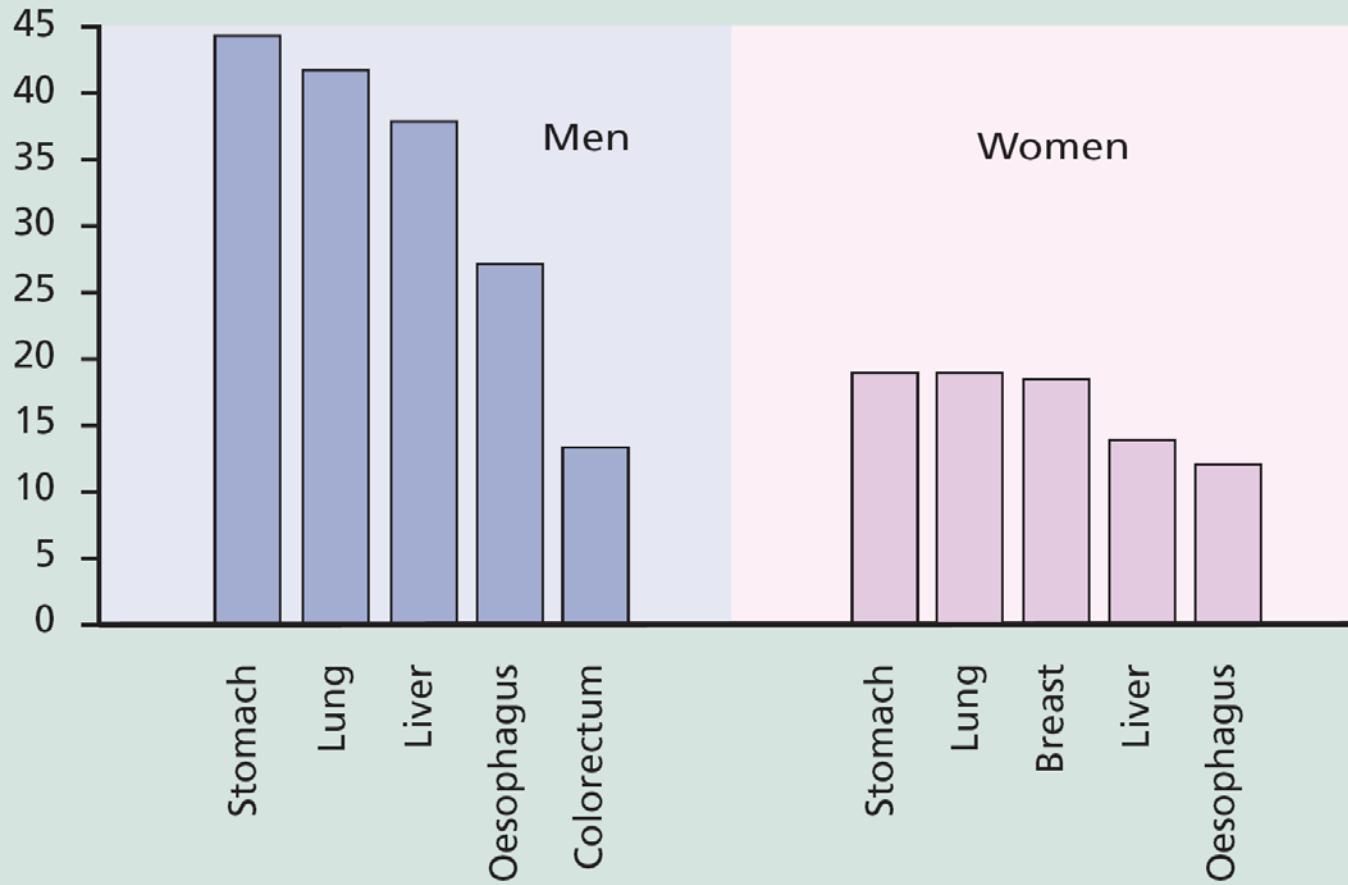


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# Age-standardised rates of common cancers

China

Age-standardised rate per 100 000



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## Estimated Deaths

### Male

Lung & bronchus	
90,810 (31%)	
Prostate	
28,660 (10%)	
Colon & rectum	
24,260 (8%)	
Pancreas	
17,500 (6%)	
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	
12,570 (4%)	

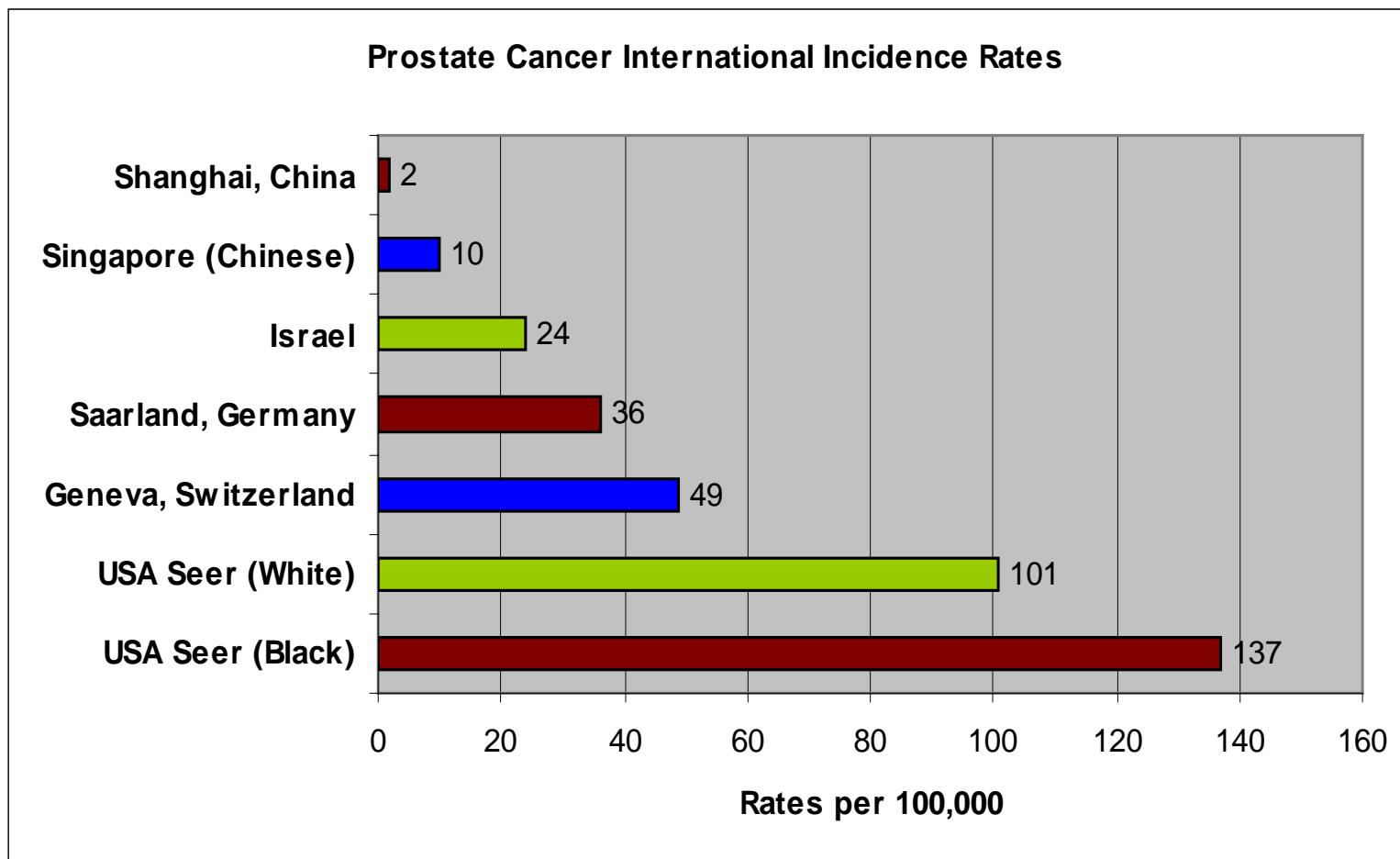
### Female

Lung & bronchus	
71,030 (26%)	
Breast	
40,480 (15%)	
Colon & rectum	
25,700 (9%)	
Pancreas	
16,790 (6%)	
Ovary	
15,520 (6%)	

# Genetics or Environment?

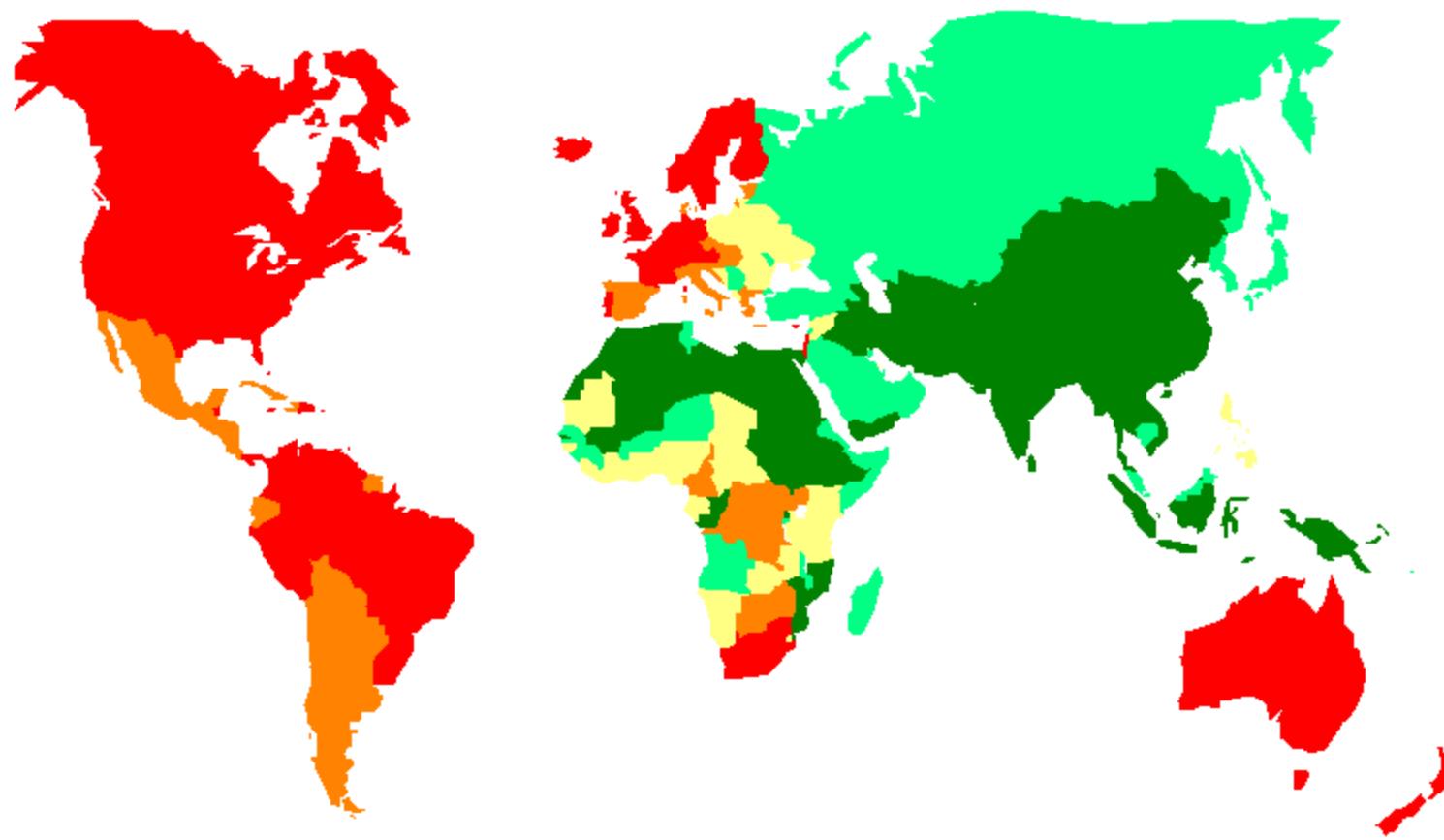
- **Smoking** is a major environmental factor
  - 90% of lung cancer is related to smoking
  - 30% of all cancers are related to smoking





—Stanford, et al. Prostate Cancer Trends 1973-1995  
1999; NIH Pub. No. 99-4543 Ed

Prostate  
Age-Standardized incidence rate per 100,000



■ < 7.4 ■ < 13.8 ■ < 24.5 ■ < 40.7 ■ < 124.8

GLOBOCAN 2002, IARC

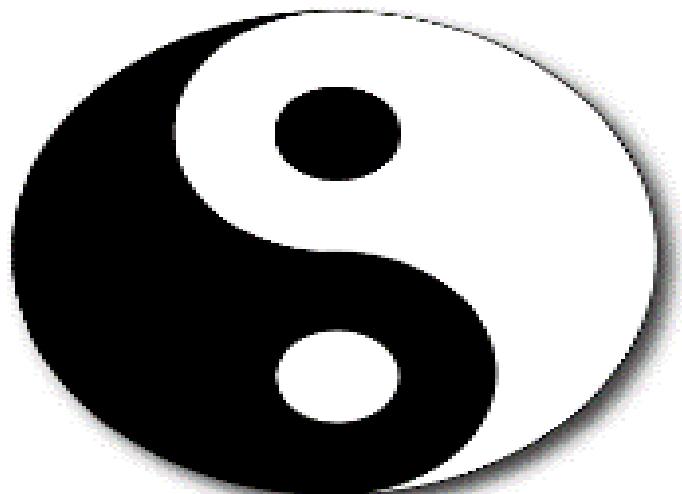
# Genetics or Environment?

- Both are important!
- Genetics is more related to early onset, aggressive cancers

How much will dietary choices impact cancer incidence, severity and timing?

- Sir Richard Doll predicted in 1981 that 35% of cancer incidence was due to dietary factors

# Ying -Yang of Food Processing





# Ying -Yang of Cooking

- Excess heat reduces vitamin C, folic acid, and some B vitamins
- Appropriate heating reduced food safety concerns and enhances digestibility of foods and bio-accessibility to nutrients for absorption

## Lycopene bioavailability enhanced by:

Cooking releases lycopene by disrupting cell walls and tissue structures

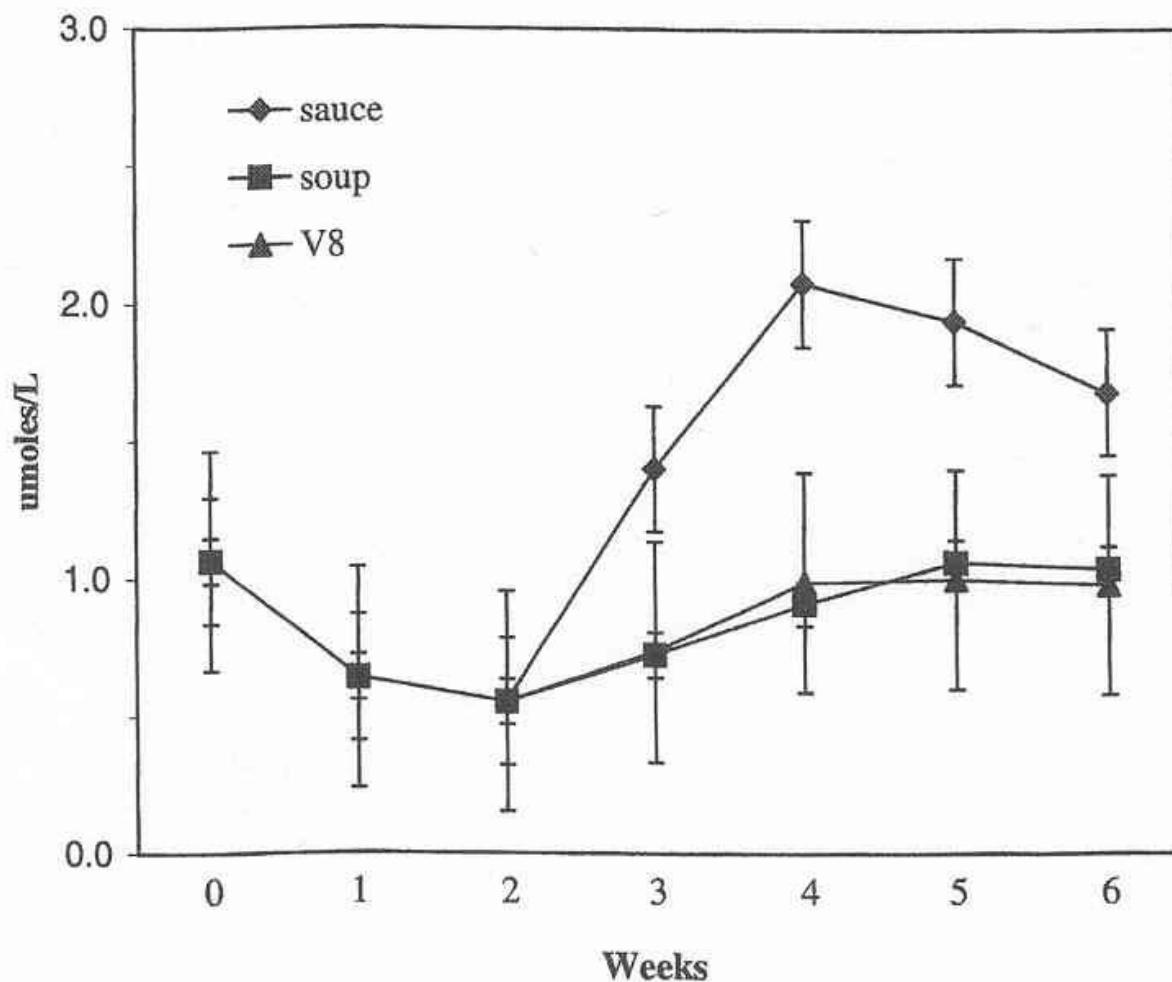
Heat weakening and dissociates lycopene-protein complexes

Heat dissolves crystalline lycopene aggregates

**Result is** that heat enhances absorption of lycopene

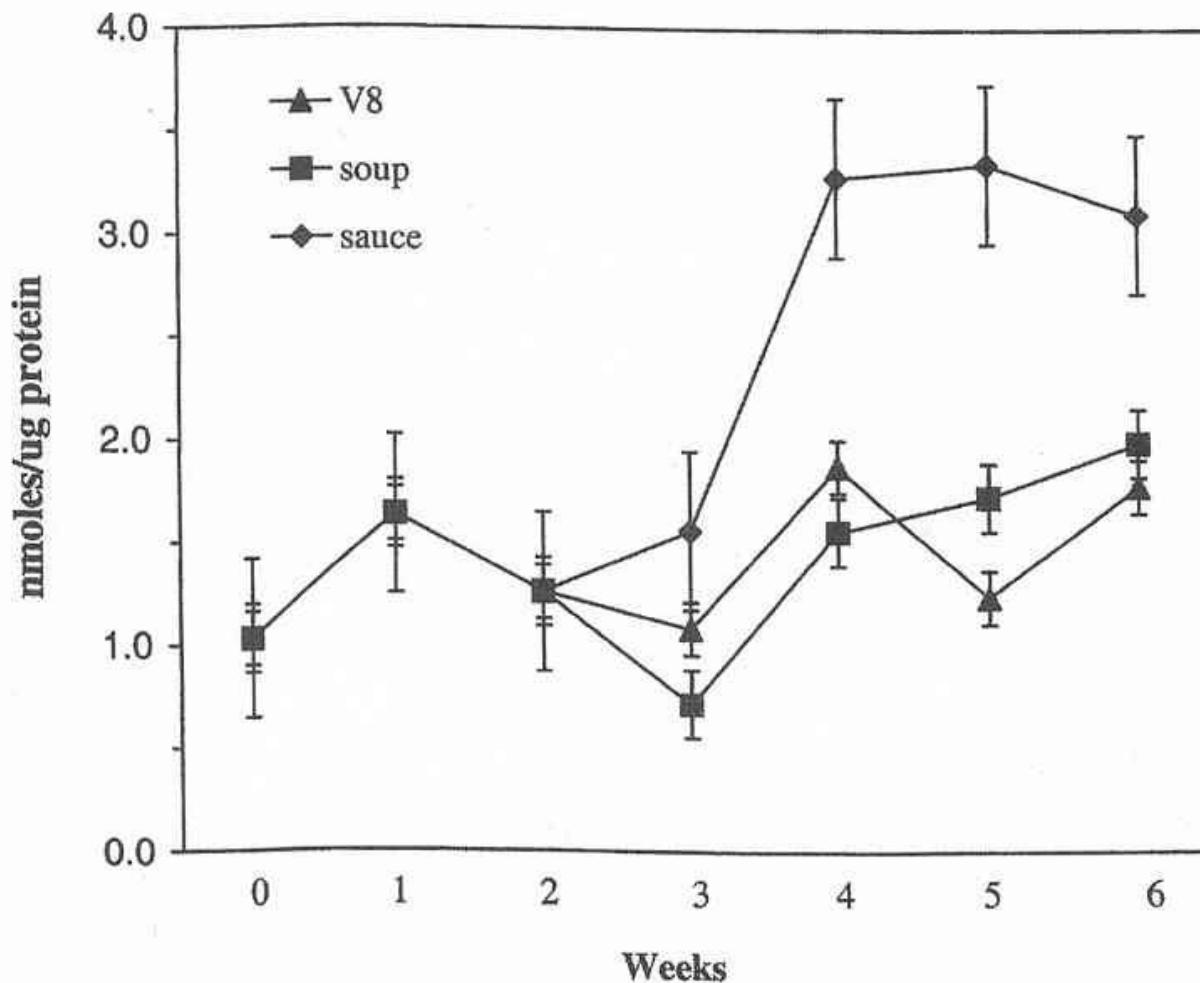


# Blood Lycopene following Daily Intake of Processed Foods



Allen et al., Nutrition & Cancer, 2003

# Buccal Mucosal Lycopene Concentrations



# Cooked and Cured Meat

Evidence strongly suggests:

- Enhanced colorectal cancer risk with high intake of processed meats
- An association of high intake of salted fish and oral cancer
- Cooking meat to “well-done” (grilling or charbroiling) can produce a variety of carcinogens
- Curing with salt, nitrate or nitrite, or by smoking can increase cancer risk

# Cooked and Cured Meat

Meta analysis of studies of red and processed meat and **gastric cancer** risk

1. Processed meat consumption associated with 45% increased risk
2. High intakes of beef, bacon, ham and sausage are risky
3. No association found with pork

Zhu et al, PLOS ONE (Aug, 2013)



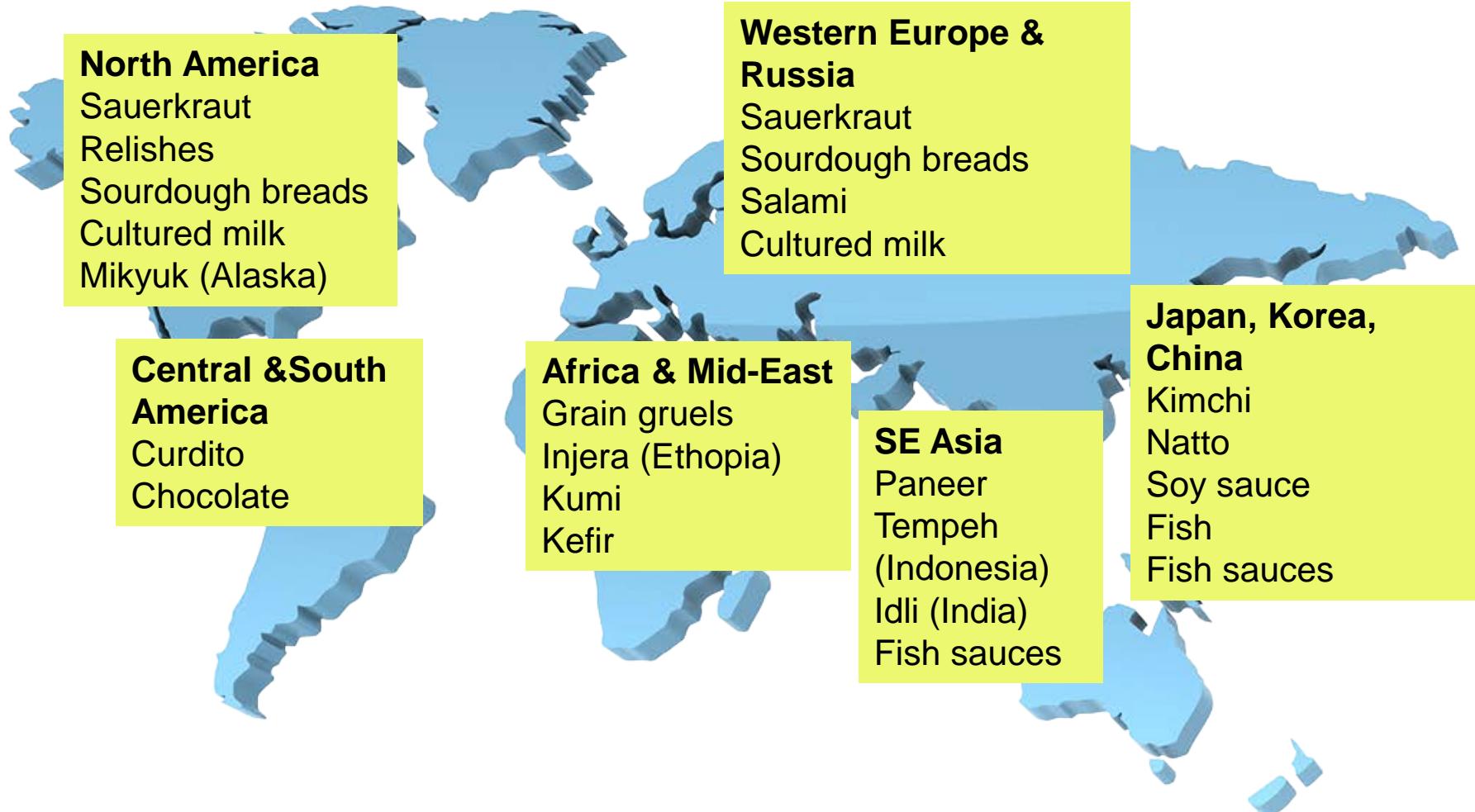
# What should we do regarding red meat?

- Limit the number of weekly servings processed and smoked meat
- Heat/grill meats at lower temperatures
- Avoid having fat drop directly on coals or a direct flame
- Control portion size



# What fermented foods do we eat?

legumes ▪ grains ▪ vegetables ▪ fruit ▪ milk ▪ fish ▪ meat



# Pickling

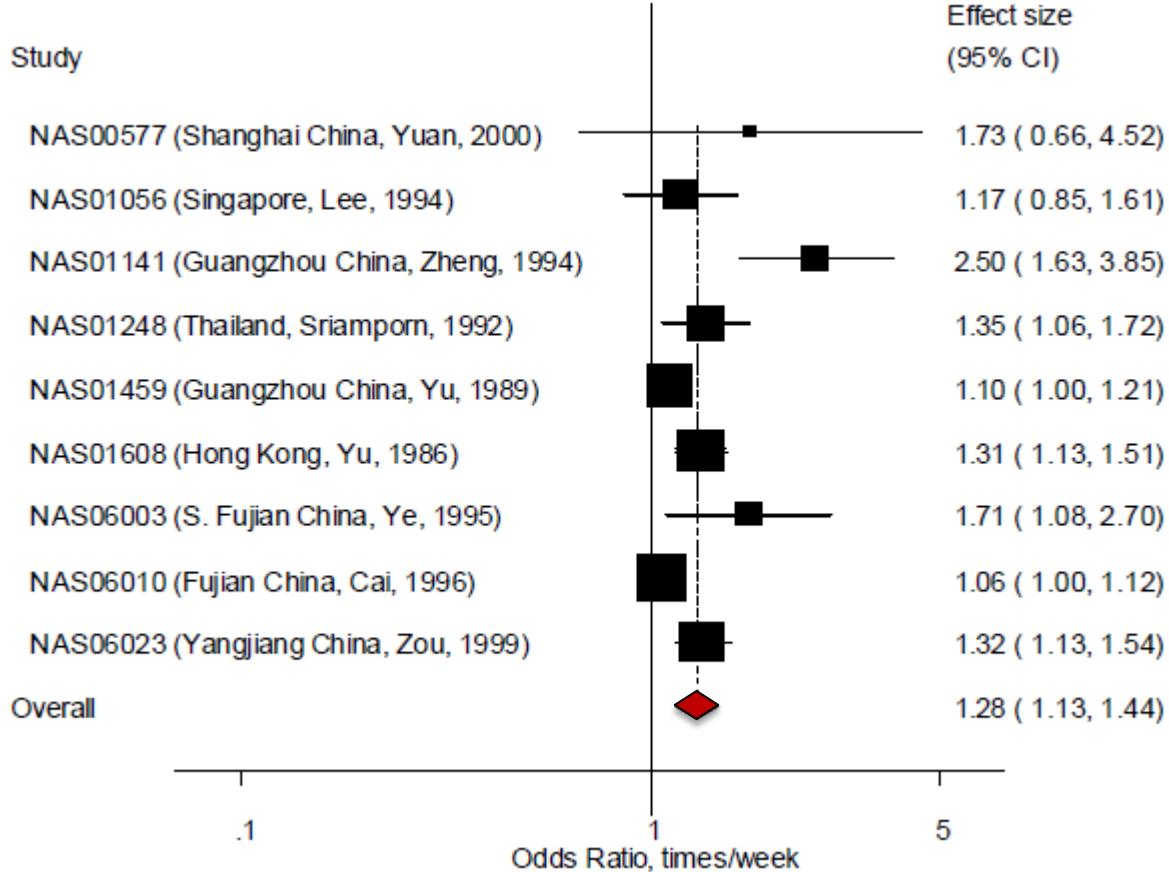
(fermenting in water with or without salt)

- Preserving, soaking or storing in vinegar or brine/salt.
- Fermentation products generated:
  - May cause **adverse effects**:
    - *N*-nitroso compounds (NOCs), mycotoxins
  - May offer **health benefits**:
    - anti-microbial; viable bacteria in non-pasteurized products



*Kimchi*

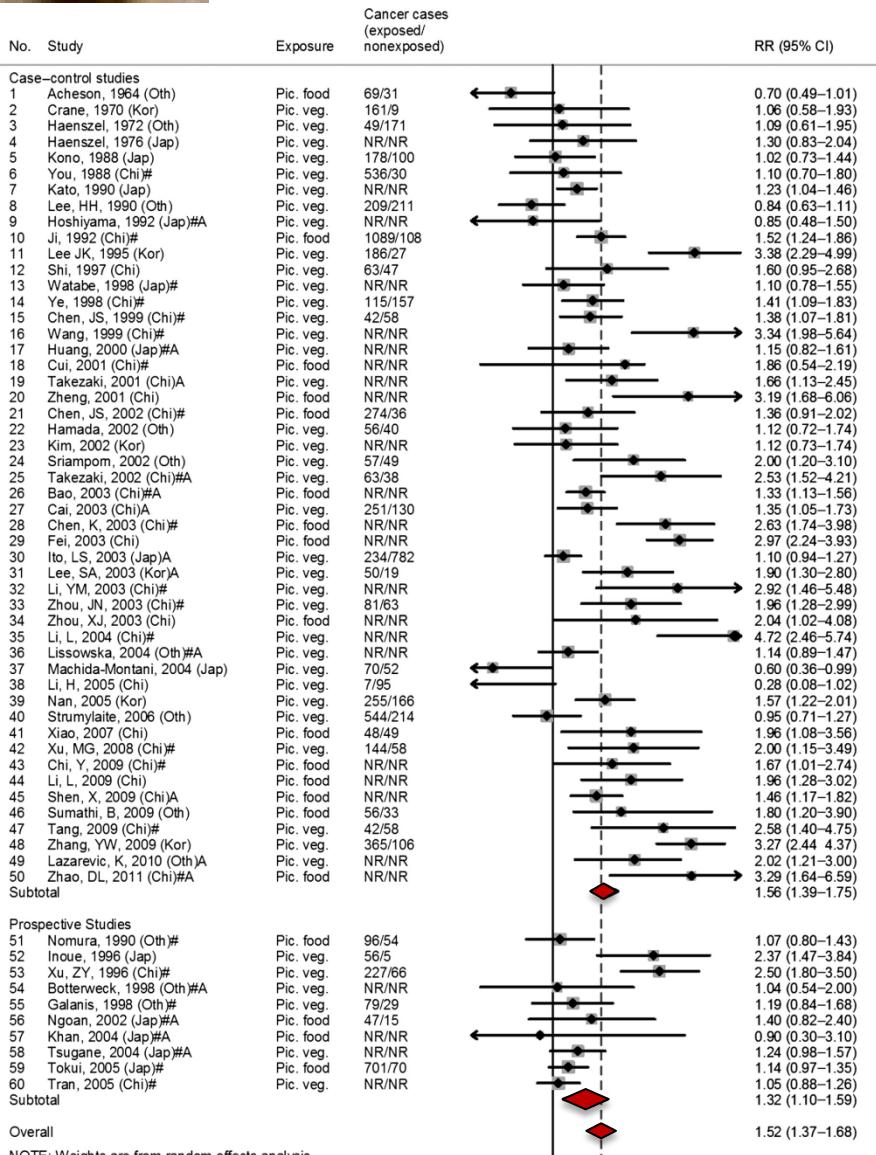
# Salted Fish Intake and Oral Cancer



- High rates in Hong Kong, Singapore, southern China.
- 28% increased risk of oral cancer
- Association appears stronger for early life exposure to salted fish (0-3 y)



# Pickled Food and **Gastric Cancer**: Meta analysis of 60 studies



- high-risk for gastric cancer when pickled foods are eaten daily

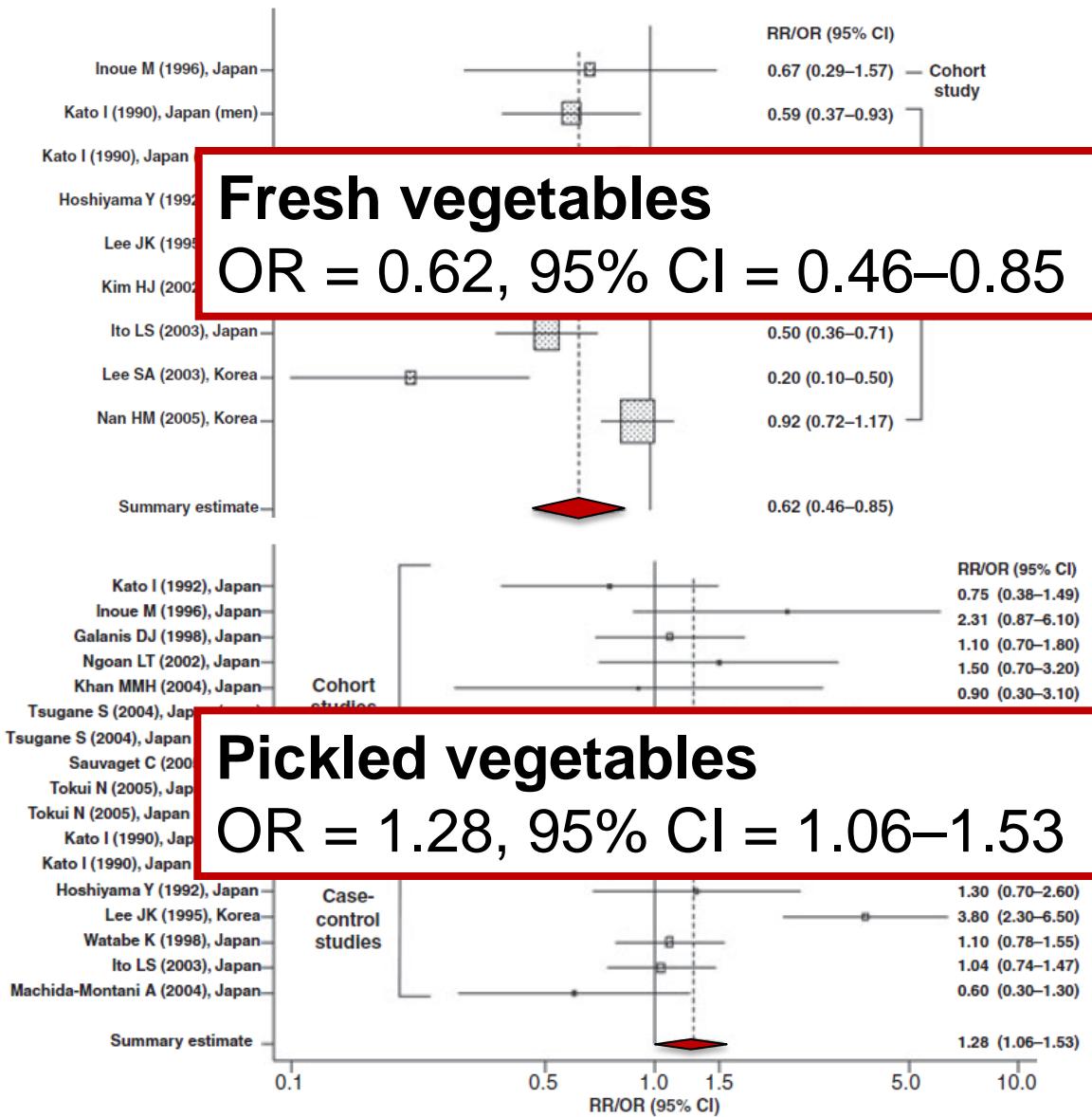
## RESULTS

Overall Risk of Gastric Cancer:

- OR = 1.52 (95% CI 1.37–1.68)

Ren et al, *Cancer Epi Biomarkers Prev*, 21:905, 2012

# Fresh Verses Pickled Vegetable Consumption and Gastric Cancer in Japan and Korea



- Meta analysis of studies of vegetables and gastric cancer risk:

-- 8 fresh  
-- 14 pickled



# Fermented Foods and Cancer

## What do we do?

- Generally in the U.S. there is limited intake of pickled/fermented foods and salted foods - **Moderation**
- They are usually not consumed in isolation
- Fermented dairy products generally provide health benefits, especially if there are live cultures
- Future observational studies will benefit from distinguishing more explicitly between different types of fermented foods

# Crucifers lower risk for cancers more effectively than do vegetables, in general

RR

**0.75 (p=0.43)**

**0.51 (p=0.004)**

**Colon**

**Voorrips et al, 2000**

(low verses high quintile)

**All vegetables**  
**Cruciferous**

**0.81 (p=0.15)**

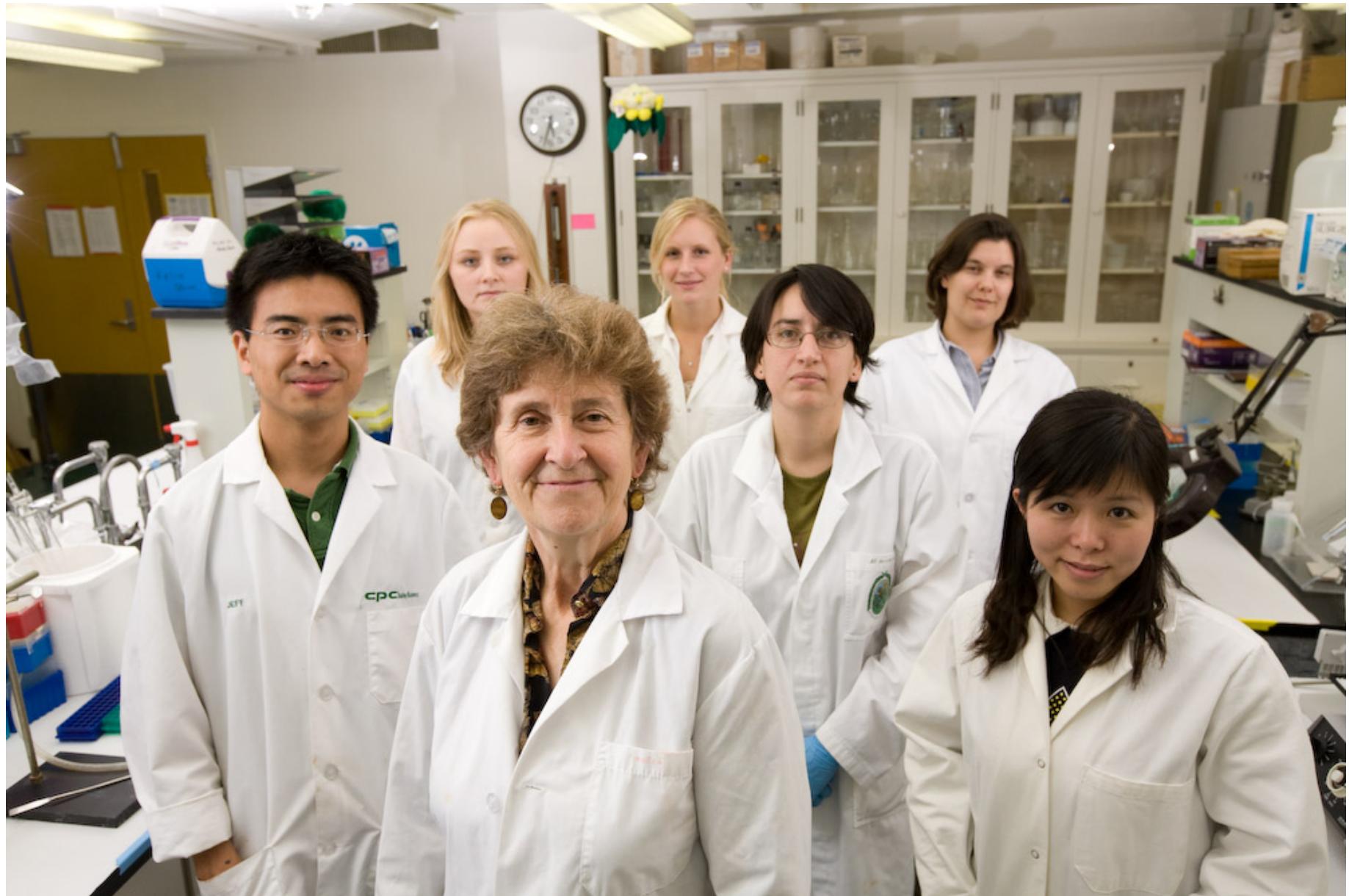
**0.54 (p=0.01)**

**Prostate**

**Cohen et al, 2000**

(ratio <1:>3 servings/wk)





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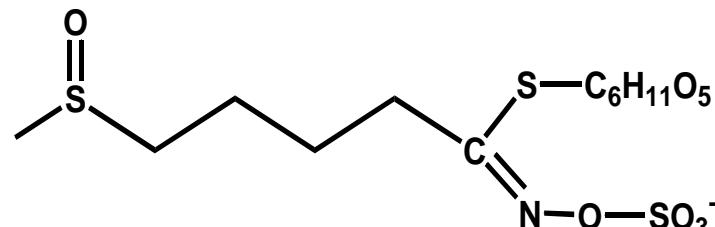
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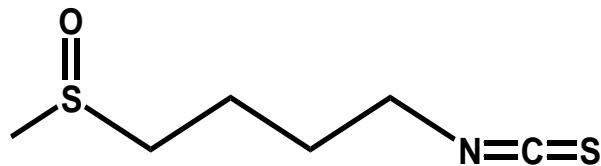
## Broccoli retains substantial amounts of vitamin C during home processing, depending upon the cooking method

Raw Broccoli	117 mg/100 g
High pressure	88
Steam	117
Microwave	64
Boiling	86

**BUT** glucosinolates require hydrolysis to produce the anti-carcinogen - sulforaphane.

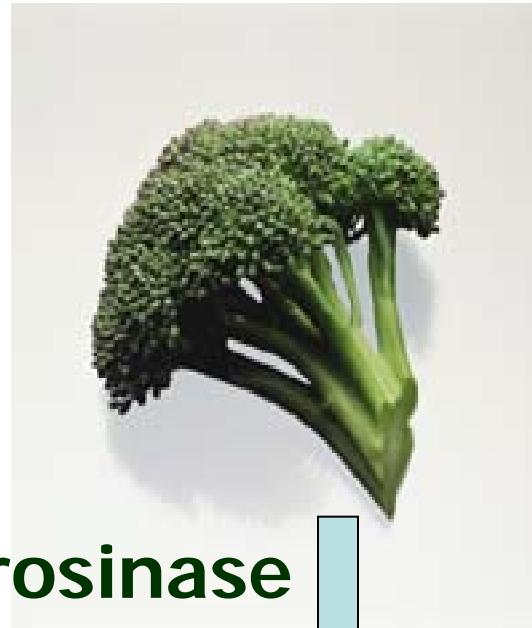


## Glucoraphanin



# Sulforaphane

# Myrosinase



ITC

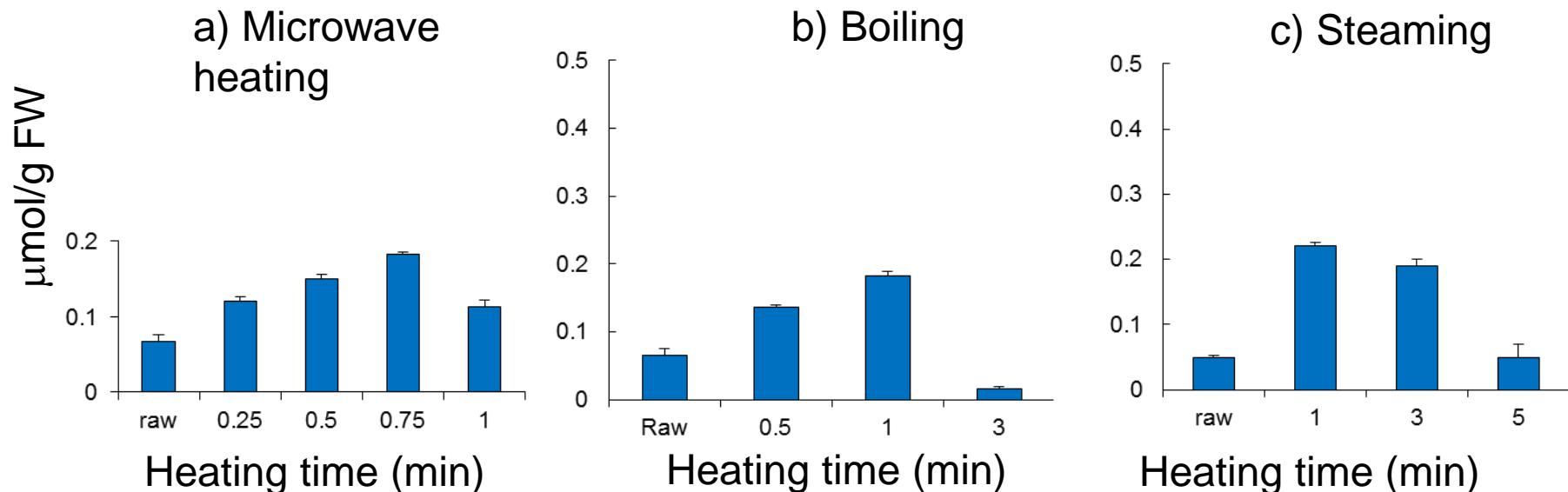
# Isothiocyanate Anticarcinogen



## **Impact of thermal processing on sulforaphane formation in broccoli.**

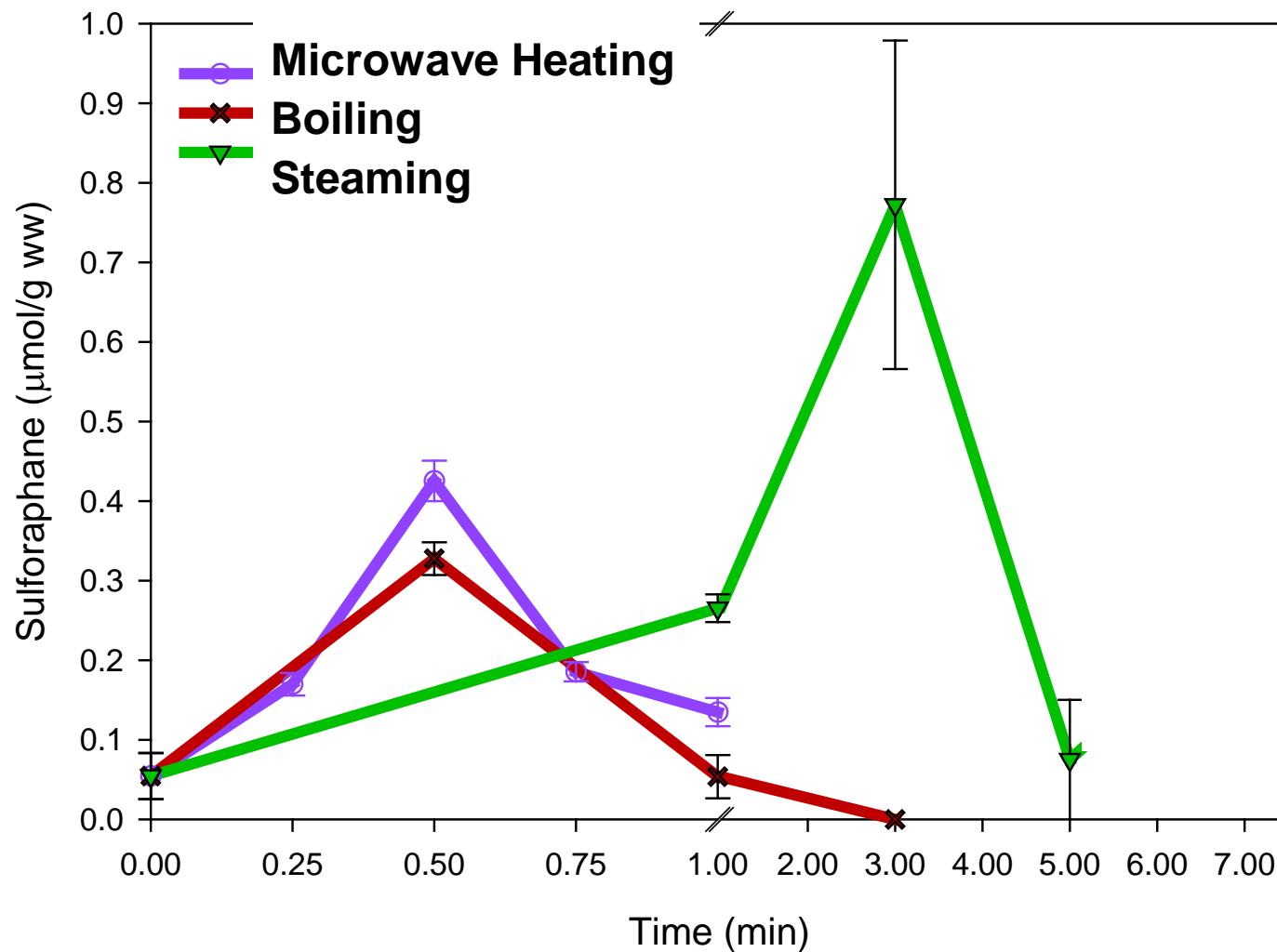


# Impact of heating on glucoraphanin hydrolysis to sulforaphane in fresh Marathon broccoli



Marathon broccoli (n=3; 100 g each, a compilation from 4 heads) was heated by a) microwave in a covered dish with 30 mL water ; b) boiling in 1L water; c) steaming.

# Comparison of Heating Methods for Optimizing GP Hydrolysis to Sulforaphane



# TAKE HOME MESSAGE



**Fact 1: the health effects of broccoli are strong and deserve to be harnessed**

**Fact 2: sulforaphane is so unstable, the plant keeps it conjugated (as glucoraphanin) - when free it rapidly degrades**

**Fact 3: this stable conjugate requires an enzyme myrosinase to release sulforaphane**

**Fact 4: Broccoli processing should protect myrosinase to provide more dietary sulforaphane**



# Relative Risk of Prostate Cancer

	Number of Servings				<i>P</i> for Trend
	0	1-3/mo	1/wk	2-4/wk	
Carrots	1.0	1.18	1.22	1.14	0.540
Spinach	1.0	1.00	0.97	1.22	0.510
Broccoli	1.0	0.96	0.76	1.05	0.170
<b>Tomato Sauce</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.77</b>	<b>0.66</b>	<b>0.001</b>
<b>Tomatoes</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.90</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.91</b>	<b>0.030</b>
<b>Pizza</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.94</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>0.050</b>
Tomato Juice	1.0	1.02	0.85	1.15	0.670

## Lycopene consumption and prostate cancer risk Health Professional Follow-Up Study

- **Zu, K., et al., JNCI 106: online (2014)**
  - *The Giovannucci group at Harvard confirmed ~6,400 prostate cancer from ~49,000 men enrolled in 1986*
  - 1986-2010 – lycopene intake and cancer:
    - Total Prostate Cancer (**RR: 0.92, P = 0.009**)
    - Lethal Prostate Cancer (**RR: 0.72, P = 0.04**)
  - One Prior Negative PSA test
    - Total Prostate Cancer (**RR: 0.88, P = 0.02**)
    - Lethal Prostate Cancer (**RR: 0.47, P = 0.009**)

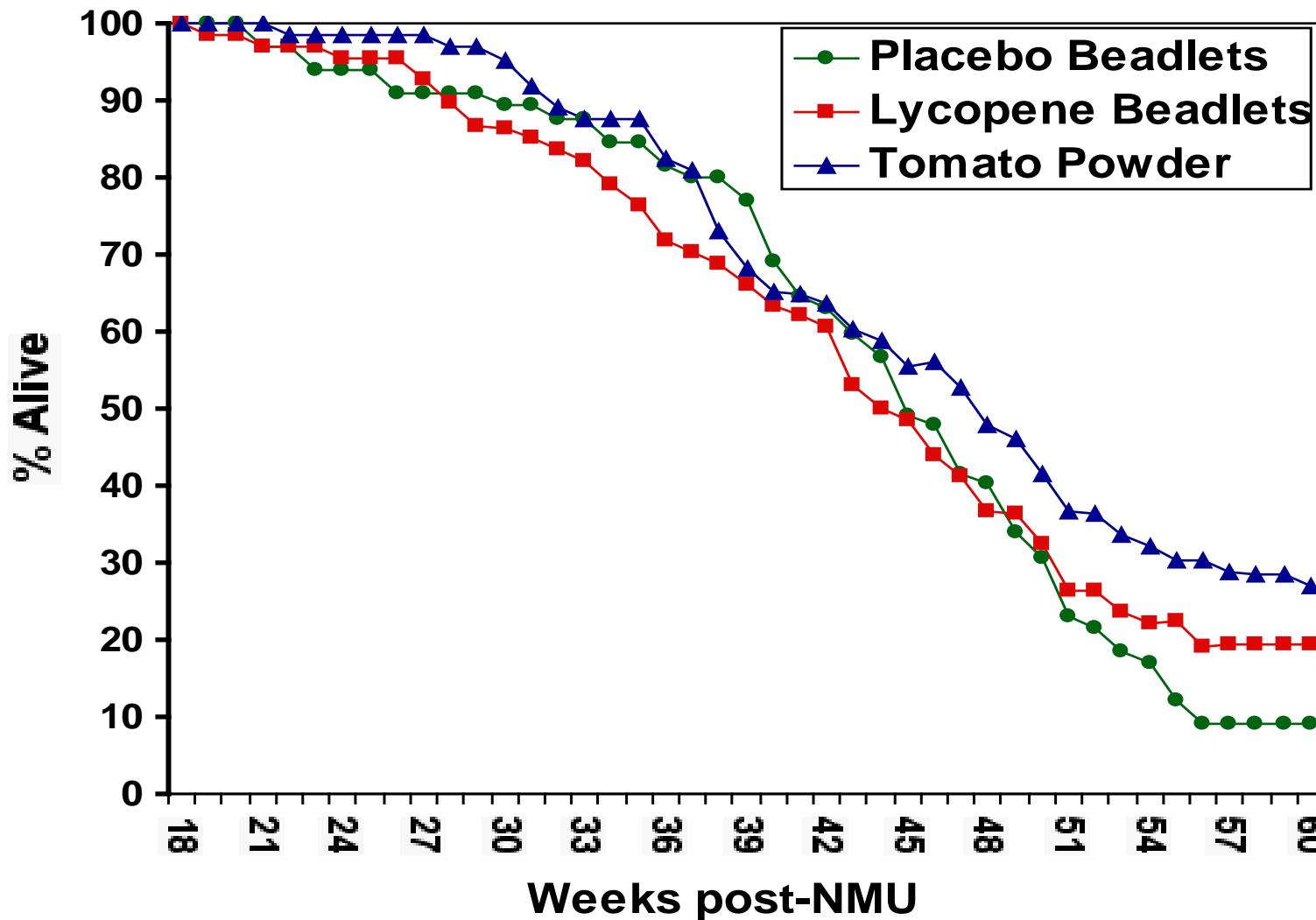


# Impact of Tomato Powder and Lycopene on Chemically-induced Prostate Cancer

- NMU Study in F344 rats on tomato versus lycopene alone
- Design - Diets
  - 10% tomato powder diet
  - Lycopene supplement diet
  - Control AIN-93 diet
- Fed for over 1 year

**Boileau et al. J of Natl. Cancer Inst. 95:1578-86 (2003)**

# Survival By Tomato Treatment

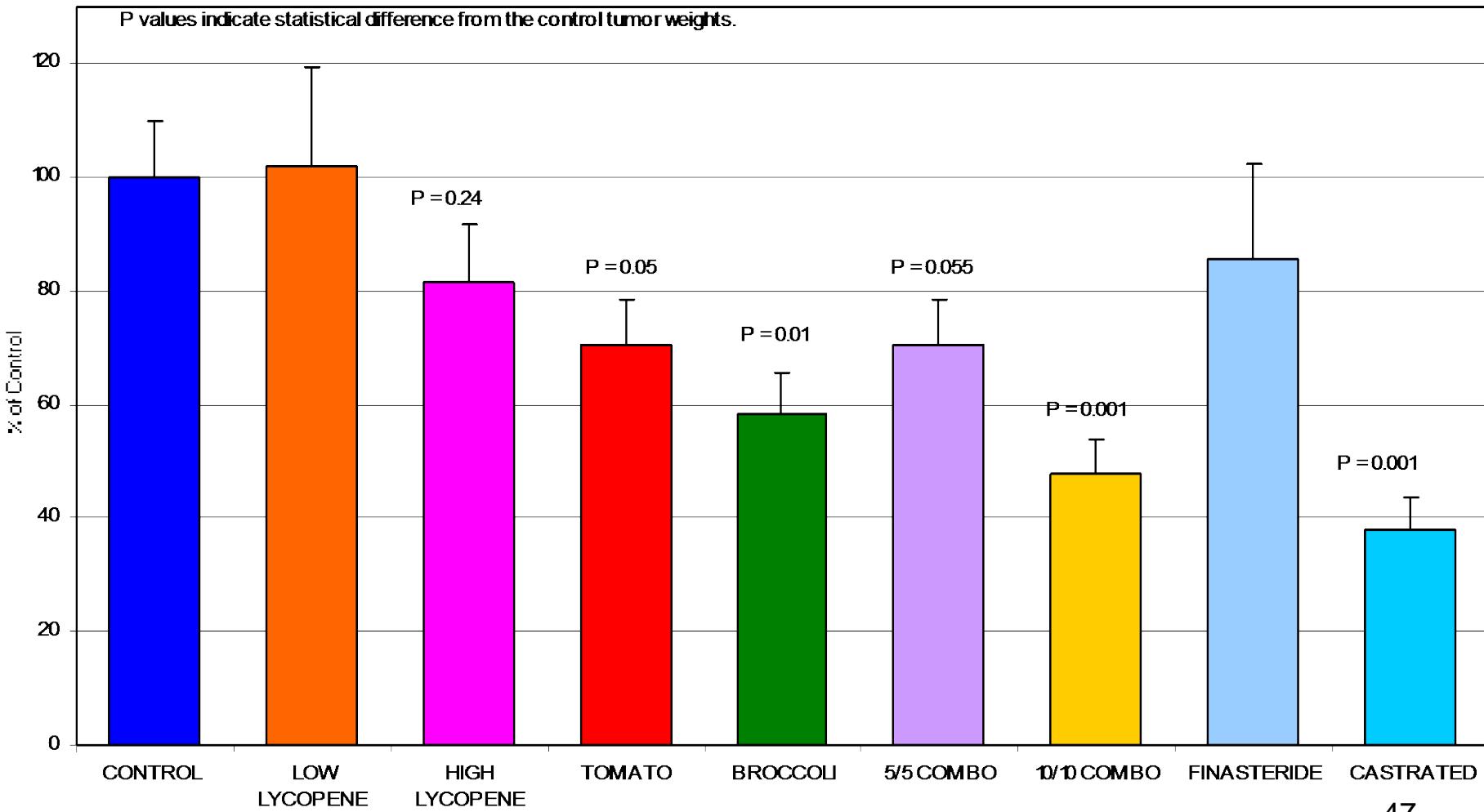


## Impact of Tomato and Broccoli Powder and Lycopene on Transplantable Prostate Tumors

- Transplantable tumor model of prostate cancer in Copenhagen rats
- Tested impact of feeding various dietary treatments including freeze-dried whole **tomato** powder, **broccoli** powder or **lycopene** supplements

**Canene-Adams et al (2007) Cancer Research 67:836-43**

# Dunning Tumor Weights





**Broccoli & Tomatoes:  
Eat Them Together,  
Life Will Be Better**

# Impact of Tomato Powder +/- Soy Germ on Prostate Cancer in TRAMP Mice



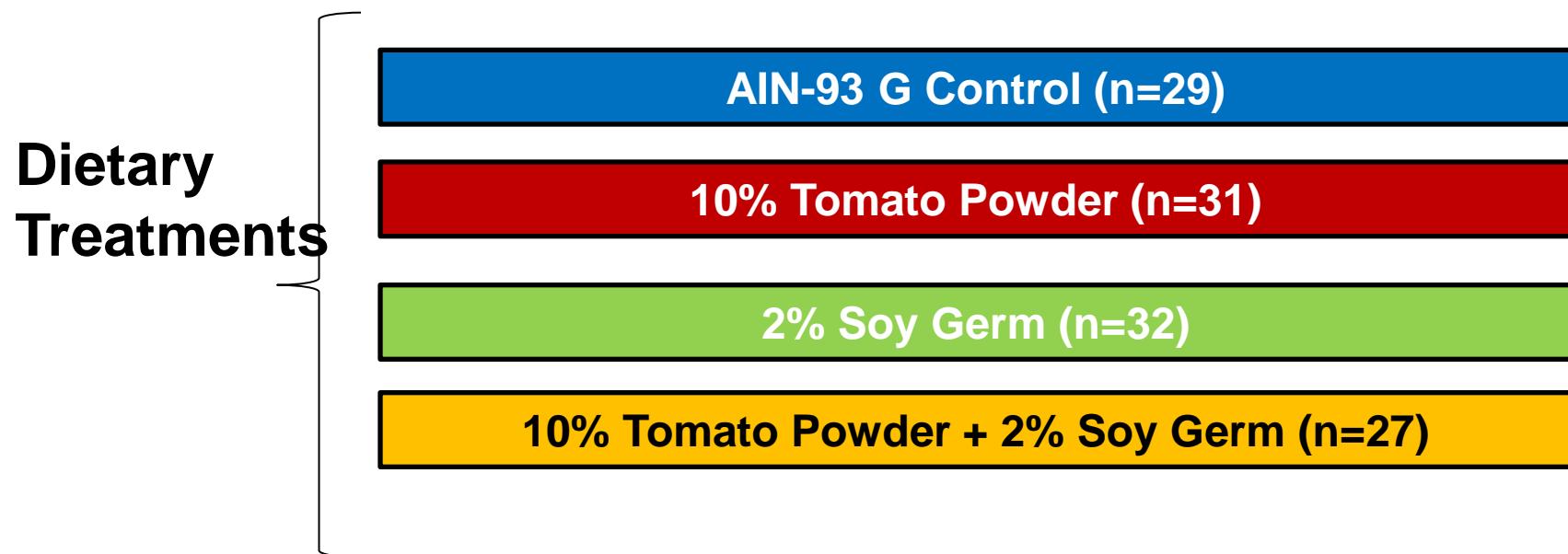
Zuniga, Erdman and Clinton  
University of Illinois  
The Ohio State University

Zuniga et al, Cancer Prev. Res. 2013



# Study Design

- ❖ 3 wk old male C57BL/6 x FVB TRAMP mice acclimated to modified AIN-93G diet for 1 wk
- ❖ Mice randomized to consume experimental diets for 14 weeks



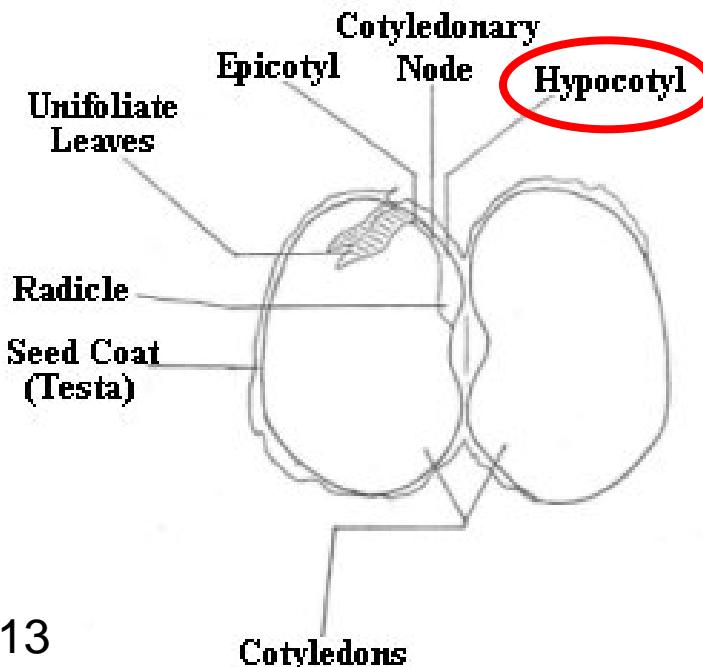


# What is Soy Germ?

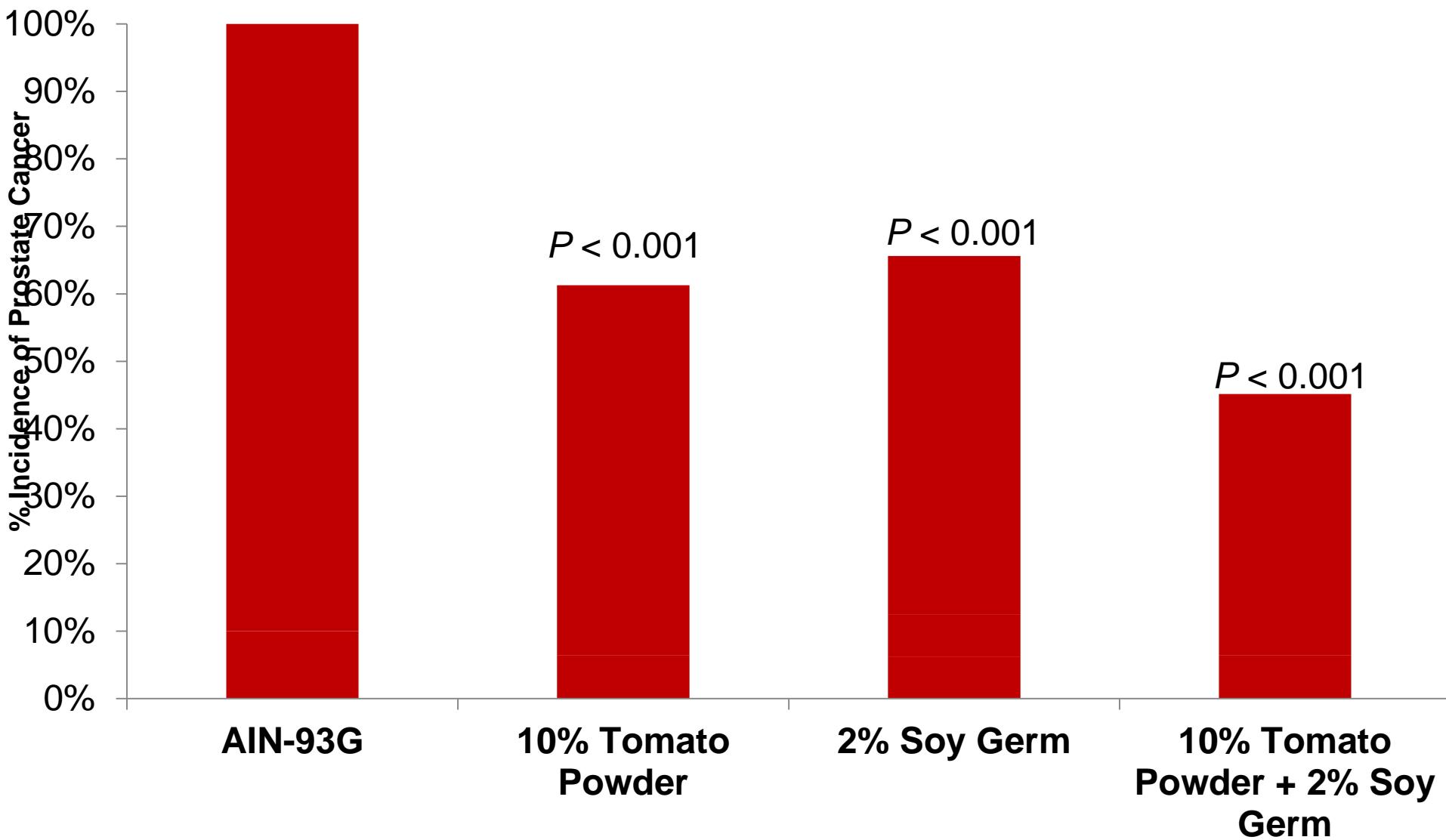
Frutarom Soy  
Germ: SoyLife®  
Complex Micro

 SOYLIFE®

- Phytochemical rich fraction of the soybean.
- Potential anti-carcinogenic properties of becoming studied.
- Unique isoflavone profile



## Consumption of tomato powder, soy germ, and the combination significantly reduced prostate cancer incidence

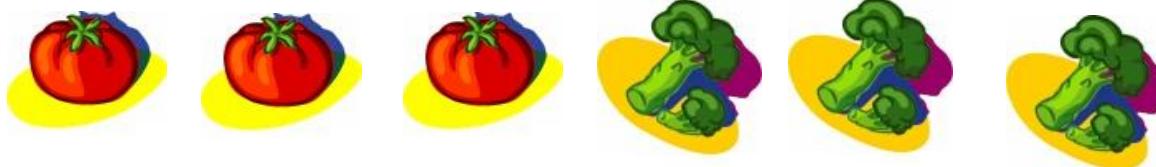


# Cooked or Raw?

- Mild cooking enhances the absorption of bioactives from both **tomato** and **broccoli**

## How Many Servings?

- About 3 servings per week of each vegetable appears to be related to less prostate cancer risk



# Conclusions

**Peto was correct in 1981- about 35 % of cancer related to diet – much has to do with obesity and alcohol – but food and processing choices matter**

- Don't overcook,
- Limit processed red meat consumption
- Maintain weight and exercise
- 2/3 of plate should be plant based

Never too early or too late to follow appropriate general guidelines for cancer reduction

WCRF/AICR web site

[www.dietandhealthreport.org](http://www.dietandhealthreport.org)



## RECOMMENDATIONS

### **BODY FATNESS**

Be as lean as possible within the normal range of body weight

### **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

Be physically active as part of everyday life

### **FOODS AND DRINKS THAT PROMOTE WEIGHT GAIN**

Limit consumption of energy-dense foods  
Avoid sugary drinks

### **PLANT FOODS**

Eat mostly foods of plant origin

### **ANIMAL FOODS**

Limit intake of red meat and avoid processed meat

## **ALCOHOLIC DRINKS**

Limit alcoholic drinks

## **PRESERVATION, PROCESSING, PREPARATION**

Limit consumption of salt

Avoid mouldy cereals (grains) or pulses (legumes)

## **DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS**

Aim to meet nutritional needs through diet alone

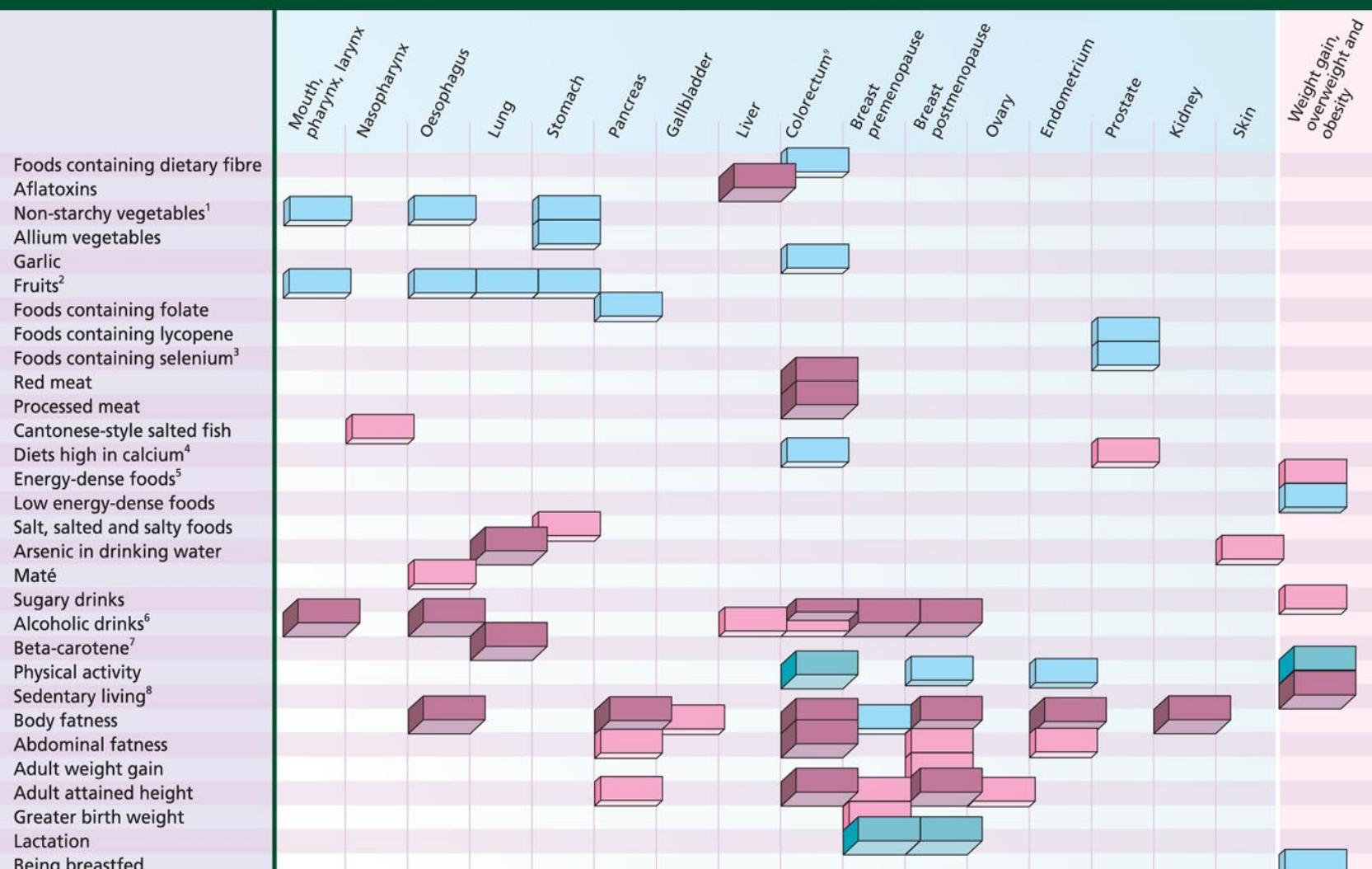
## **BREASTFEEDING**

Mothers to breastfeed; children to be breastfed

## **CANCER SURVIVORS**

Follow the recommendations for cancer prevention

## Summary of 'convincing' and 'probable' judgements



### KEY



Convincing  
decreased  
risk



Probable  
decreased  
risk



Probable  
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risk



Convincing  
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<sup>1</sup> Includes evidence on foods containing carotenoids for mouth, pharynx, larynx; foods containing beta-carotene for oesophagus; foods containing vitamin C for oesophagus

<sup>2</sup> Includes evidence on foods containing carotenoids for mouth, pharynx, larynx and lung; foods containing beta-carotene for oesophagus; foods containing vitamin C for oesophagus

<sup>3</sup> Includes evidence from supplements for prostate

<sup>4</sup> Evidence is from milk and studies using supplements for colon

<sup>5</sup> Includes 'fast foods'

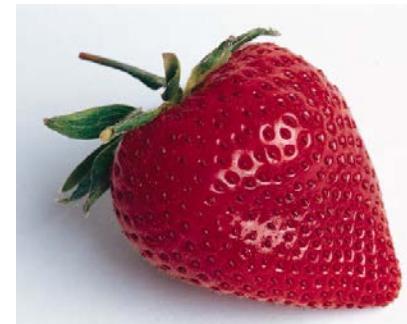
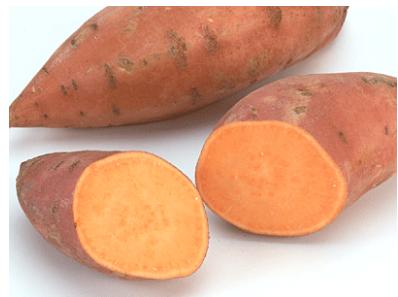
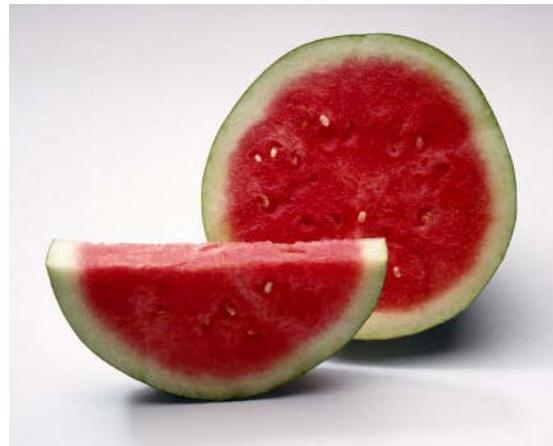
<sup>6</sup> Convincing harm for men and probable harm for women for colon

<sup>7</sup> The evidence is derived from studies using supplements for lung

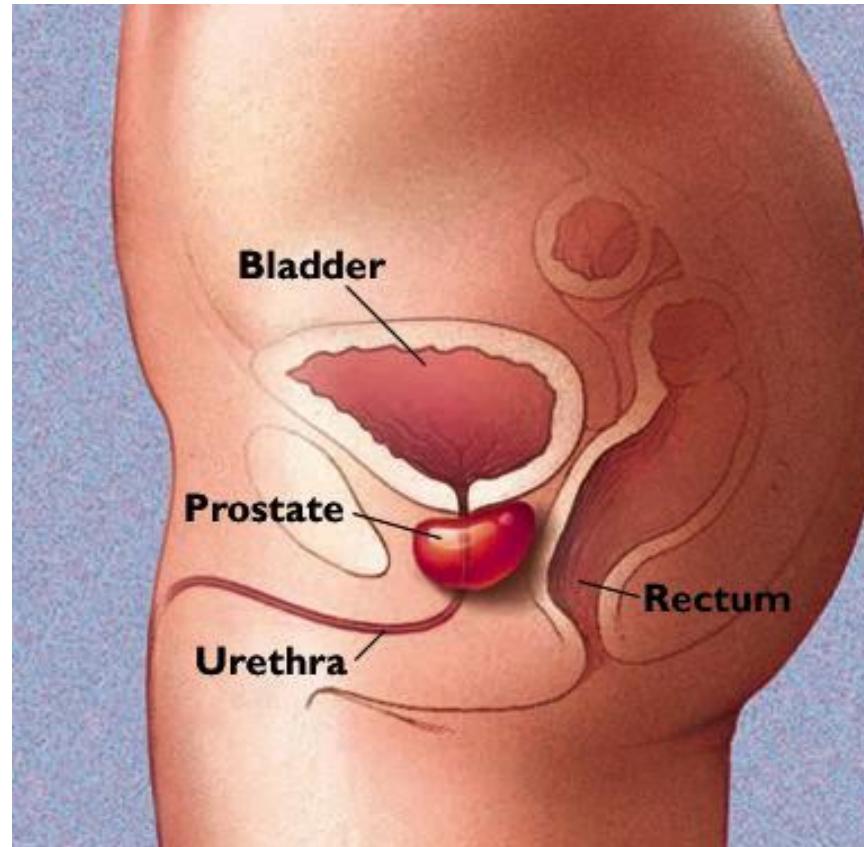
<sup>8</sup> Includes evidence on television viewing

<sup>9</sup> Judgement for physical activity applies to colon and not rectum





# Prostate Gland



<http://www.london-urology.co.uk/prostate%20side%20on.jpg>