



Clinical application of DUTCH test in a woman diagnosed with breast cancer

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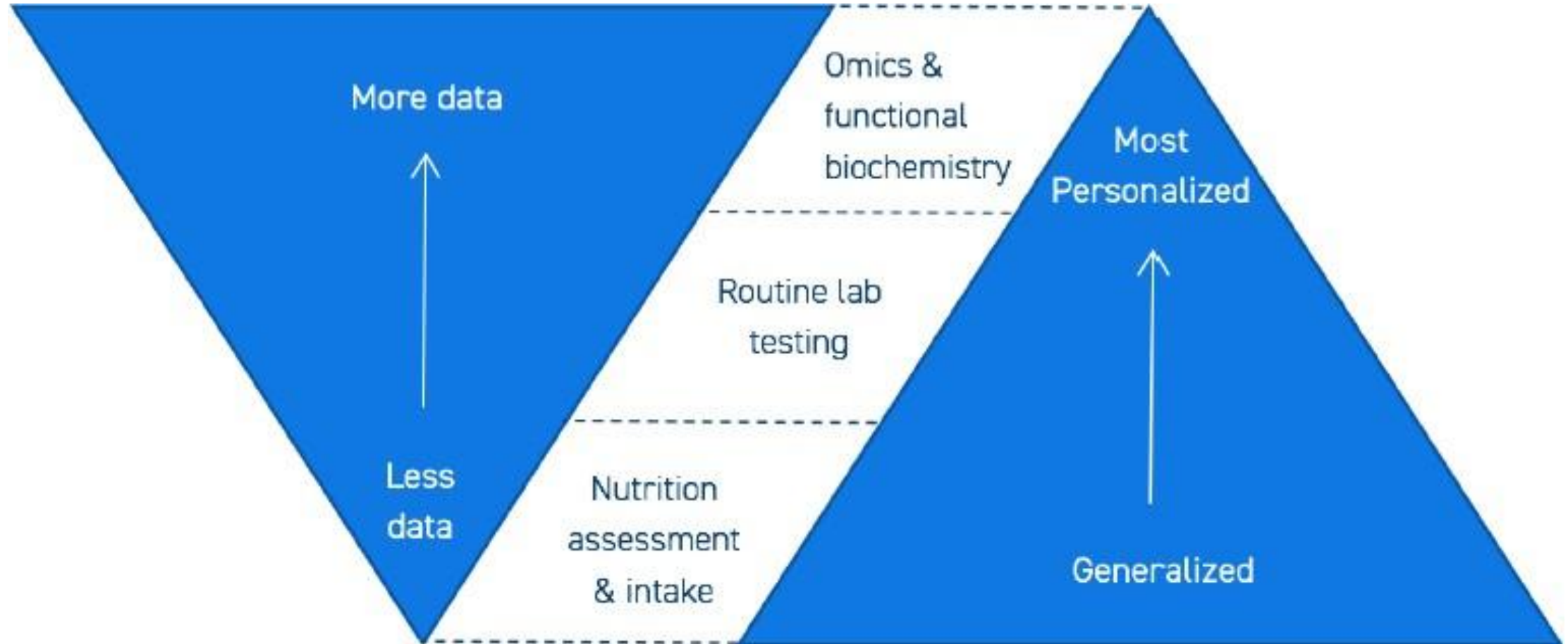
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LET'S
GO!

Personalized Nutrition: Interactions Between Data and Outcome



Meet Jayne

- A 48 year old female with a diagnosis of triple positive breast cancer with nodal involvement to the left breast.
- Whilst Jayne had shown intuition to her own wellness and self-compassion for years she had lost touch with this in the period immediately before diagnosis and had started smoking again (having not for 10 years)
- Diagnosed June 2021 after finding a lump in her breast
- A biopsy, ultrasound and mammogram confirmed the diagnosis
- Treatment already completed:
 - Paclitaxol weekly for 12 weeks
 - Phesgo 3 weekly
 - Then surgery
 - Kadcylla 14 cycles
 - Radiation: 15 sessions
 - Anastrozole (now took self off) and periods have returned

Other significant considerations

- Vegan diet
- Runs low on iron
- Stress a huge trigger and whilst lots of work has been done on this: anxiety is still a factor
- ACEs as a child
- 1 seven year old child who was breast fed for 4 years
- No previous significant medical history
- Diarrhea through treatment which is still ongoing
- No family history of cancer
- Diagnosis of osteopenia since treatment
- COVID mid treatment which triggered loss of smell
- BMI: 19 (dropped to 17 during treatment)
- Liver enzymes still elevated post treatment
- Has historically done a lot of yoga but currently swimming

Plan 1

Focus on diversity for the gut (vital for oestrogen excretion)

Broccoli sprouts (client happy to sprout)

Liver supporting foods and herbal teas

Time restricted eating

Sleep hygiene

Load bearing exercise

EMF exposure

DUTCH as stopped anastrozole

Lifecode genomics: hormones and detoxification

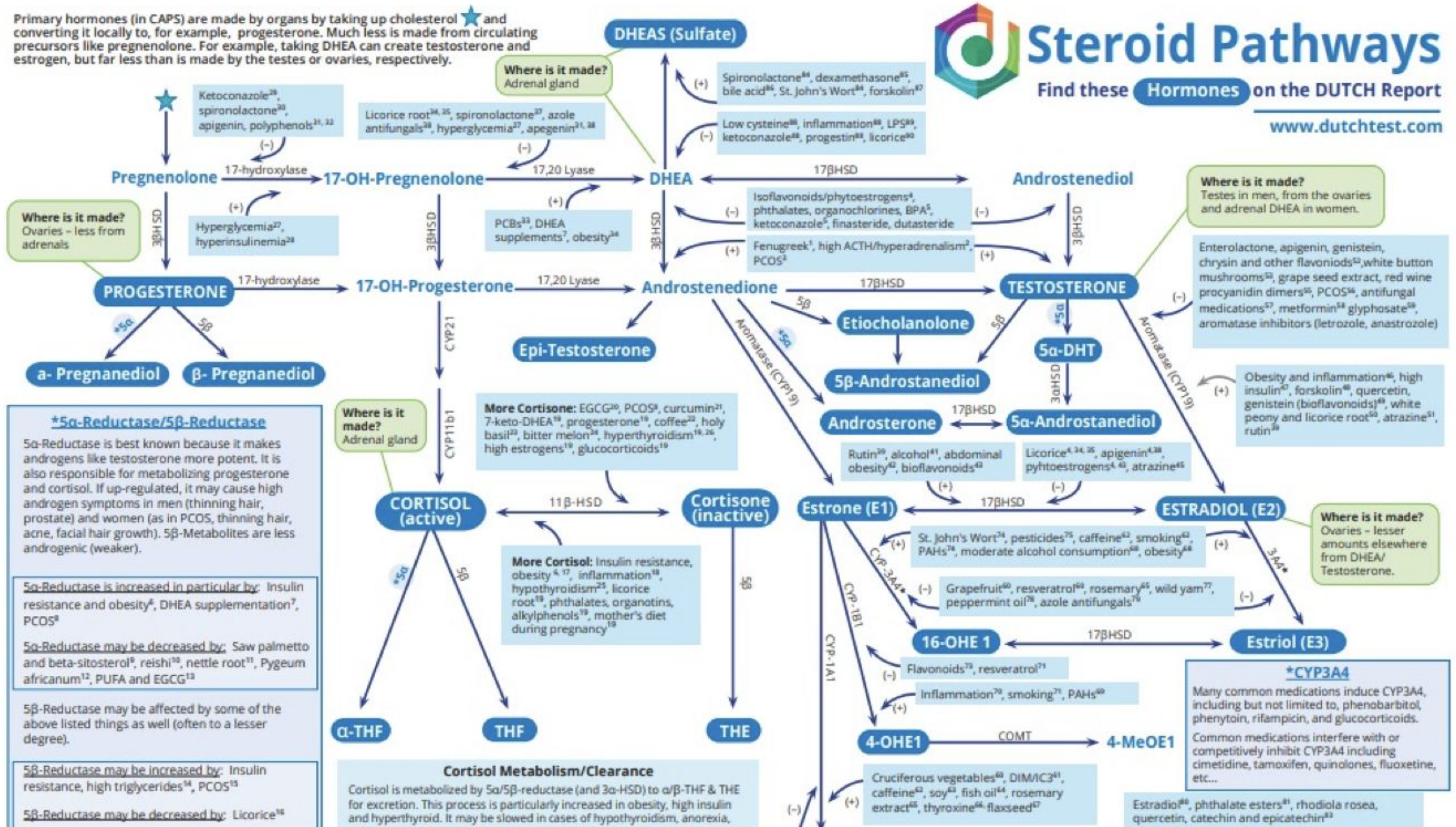
Primary hormones (in CAPS) are made by organs by taking up cholesterol and converting it locally to, for example, progesterone. Much less is made from circulating precursors like pregnenolone. For example, taking DHEA can create testosterone and estrogen, but far less than is made by the testes or ovaries, respectively.



Steroid Pathways

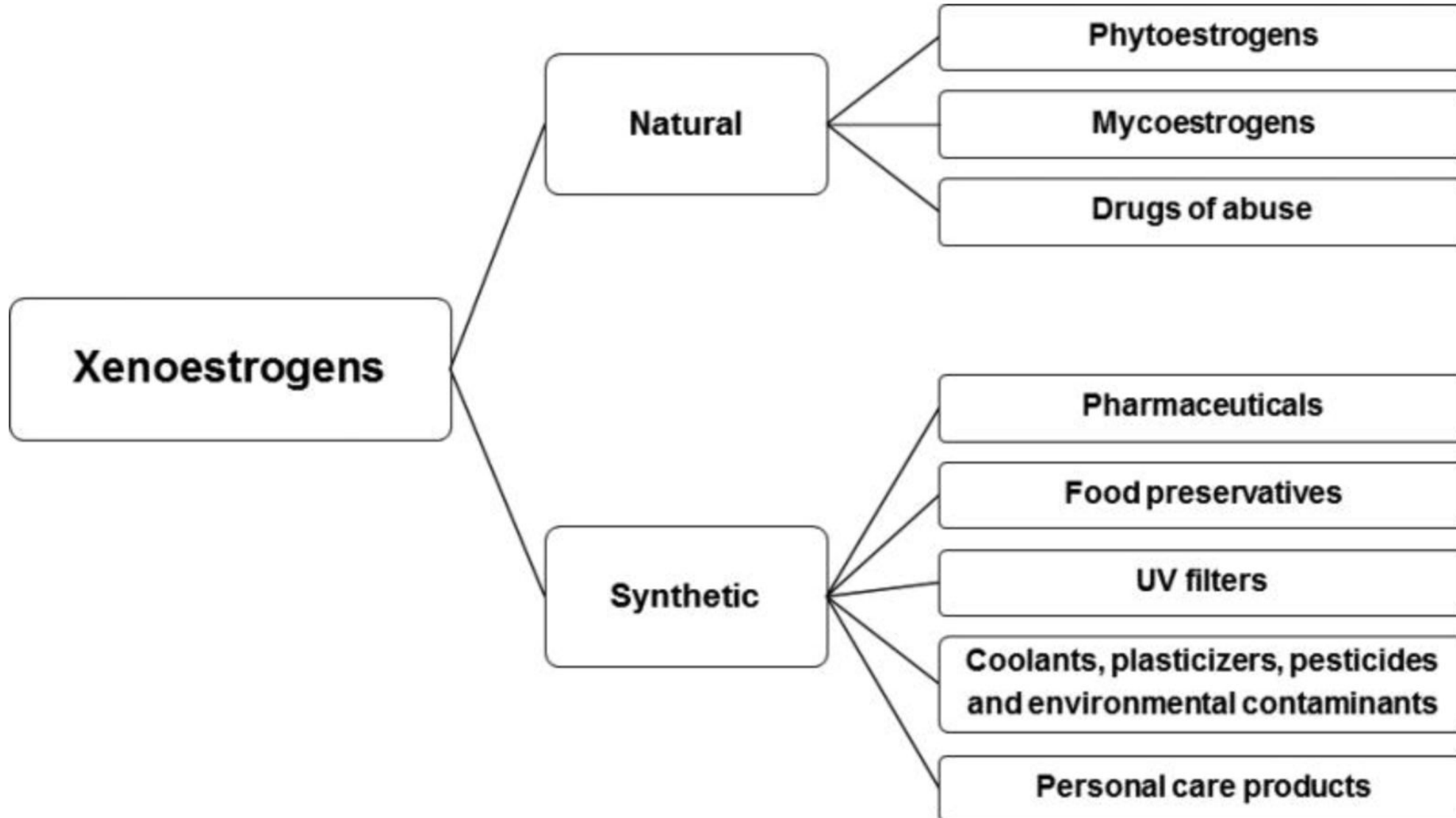
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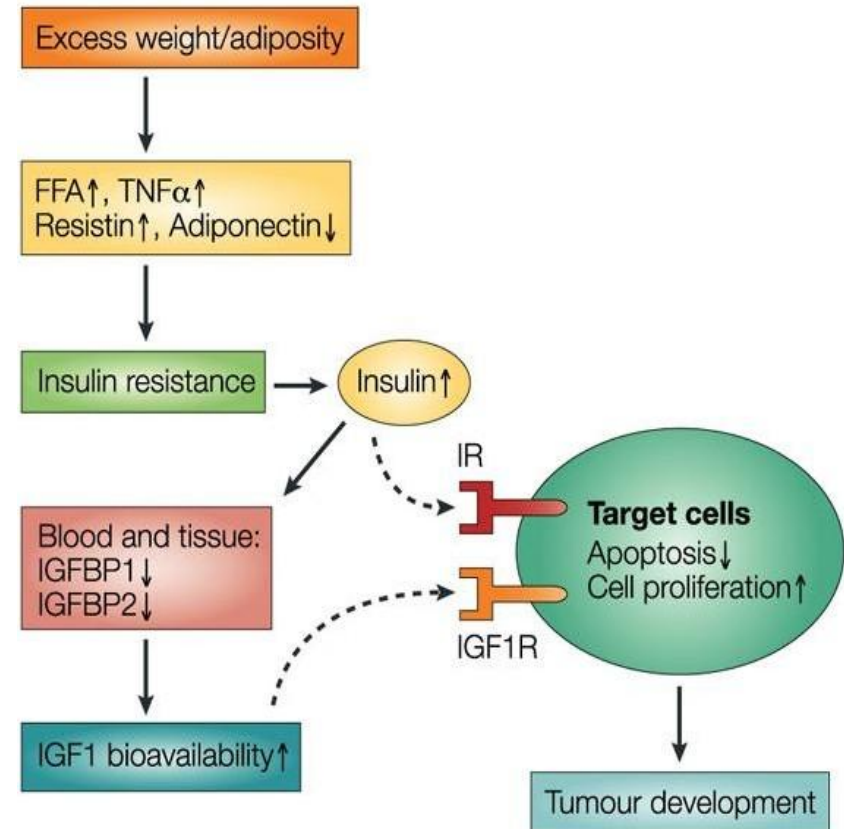
“Epidemiological data strongly suggest that a woman's risk of developing breast cancer is directly related to her lifetime estrogen exposure. Estrogen replacement therapy in particular has been correlated with an increased cancer risk.”

Classification of xenoestrogens

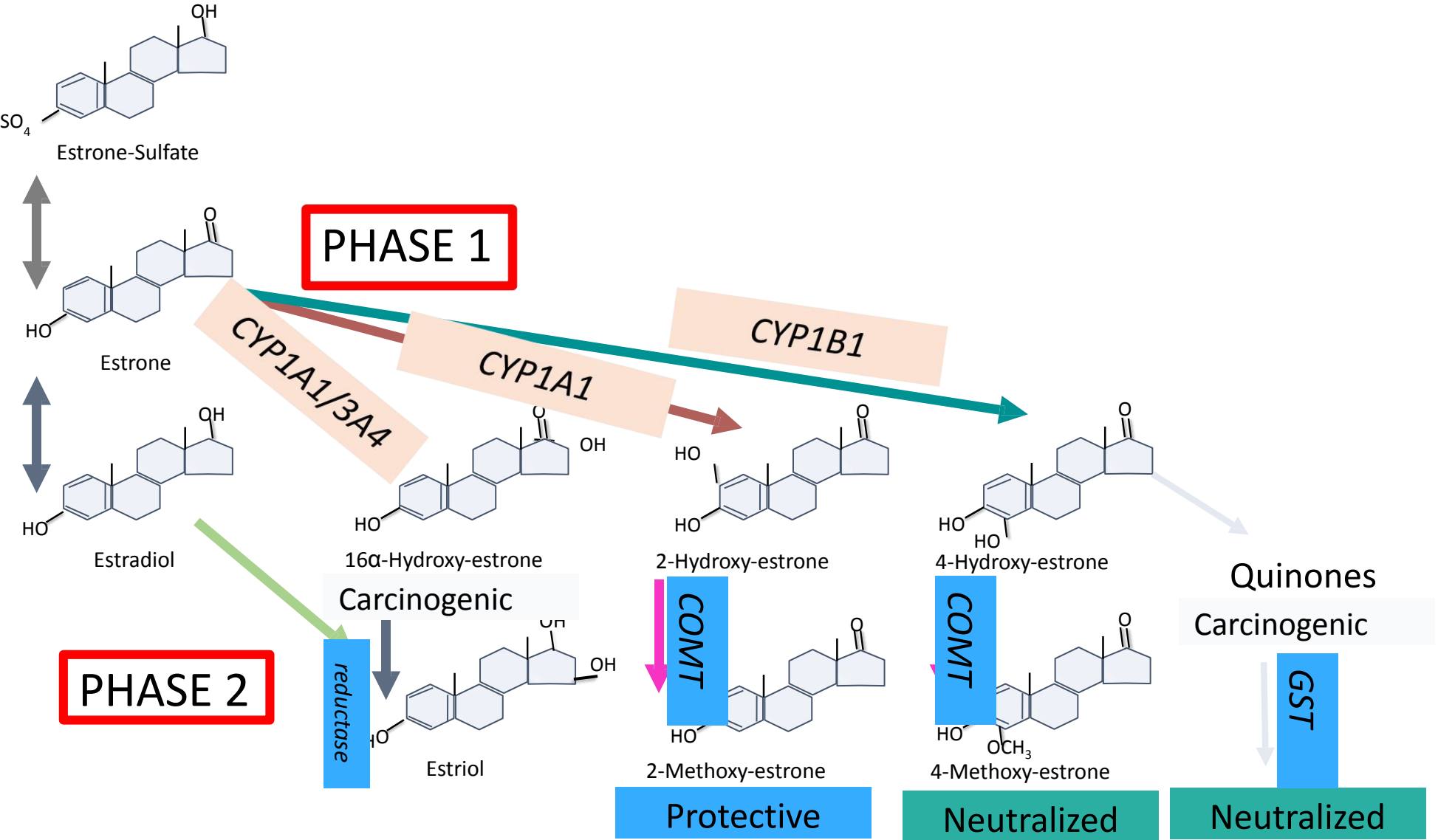


Insulin Resistance- fuels the E2 factory in breast

- Mitogenic
- Anti-apoptotic
- Proangiogenic
- Increases IGF-1
- Pro-inflammatory



Sub-optimal Hormone Metabolism



Influence of *CYP19A1* gene expression levels in women with breast cancer: a systematic review of the literature

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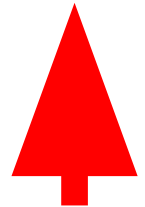
Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed malignant neoplasm in women and is considered a multifactorial disease of unknown etiology. One of the major risk factors is genetic alteration. Changes in *CYP19A1* gene expression levels have been associated with increased risk and increased aggressiveness of breast cancer. Increased *CYP19A1* gene expression and/or aromatase activity are among the major regulatory events for intratumoral production of estrogens in breast malignant tissues. This systematic review aimed to investigate the influence of *CYP19A1* gene expression levels in women with breast cancer. The research was carried out using the PubMed, Scopus, and Web of Science databases. Searches were conducted between February 2 and May 15, 2019. Inclusion criteria were studies published between 2009 and 2019, English language publications, and human studies addressing the gene expression of *CYP19A1* in breast cancer.

A total of 6.068 studies were identified through PubMed (n=773), Scopus (n=2,927), and the Web of Science (n=2,368). After selecting and applying the inclusion and exclusion criteria, six articles were included in this systematic review.

CYP19A1 Codes for Aromatase

SNP - higher activity More Oestrogen

Insulin resistance, Obesity (adipose tissue), Cortisol (stress), Testosterone (and anabolic steroids), Alcohol, Inflammation, Age



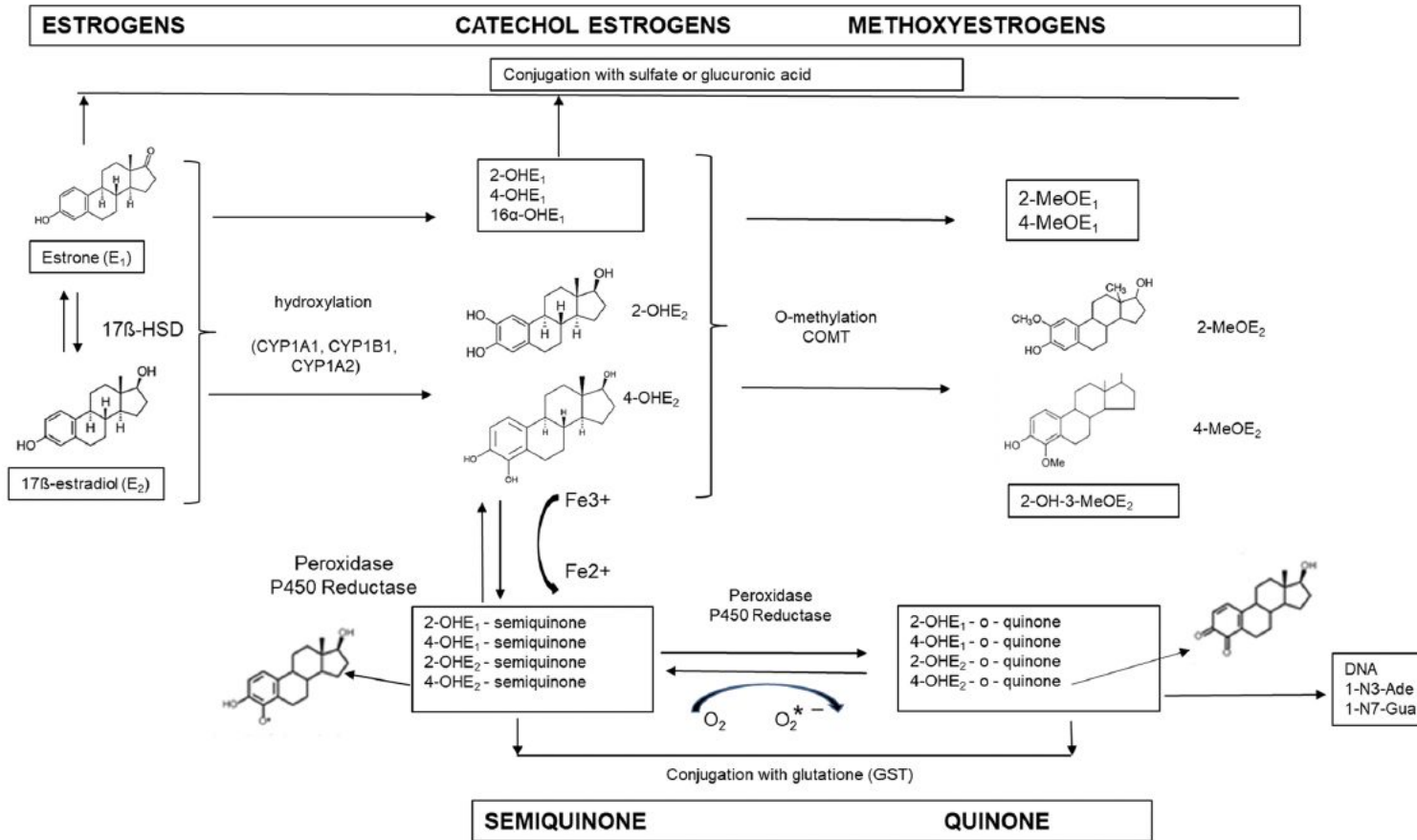
Flavonoids, Zinc, Resveratrol, Green Tea, DIM, Mustard Greens, Broccoli, Olive Oil, Vitamin E, Celery, White Button Mushrooms



Aromatase inhibitor medications - anastrozole, letrozole (in gender transition (F-M) and breast cancer treatment).

Hydroxylation

CYP1B1 Hydroxylation



SNP - higher activity
more OH-Oestrogens

H. Stress. Inflammation

CG, Olive Oil, broccoli extract

QO1

quinone Dehydrogenase

NP - lowers activity (more risk of oxidative stress, cancer)

Alphoraphane - in mustard, cabbage, horseradish, induces NQO1. B2 is cofactor

STM1/P1

Conjugate Semi-quinones

Glutathione

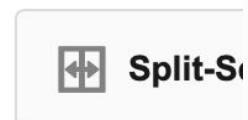
Sequential Action of Phase I and II Enzymes Cytochrome P450 1B1 and Glutathione S-Transferase P1 in Mammary Estrogen Metabolism FREE

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Abstract

The Phase I cytochrome P450 1B1 (CYP1B1) and Phase II glutathione S-transferase P1 (GSTP1) are involved in the sequential metabolism of estradiol (E₂) to catechol estrogen-3,4-quinone (E₂-3,4-Q) and subsequent DNA adduct formation. The present study examined the relationship between DNA adduct levels and genetic polymorphisms in key enzymes of chemical carcinogenesis: CYP1A1, CYP1B1, and GSTP1. The present study examined the relationship between DNA adduct levels and genetic polymorphisms in key enzymes of chemical carcinogenesis: CYP1A1, CYP1B1, and GSTP1.

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Glutathione S-transferases deletions may act as prognosis and therapeutic markers in breast cancer

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Abstract

Breast cancer (BC) is the main worldwide xenobiotic absorption and elimination rate damage and, consequently, tumor development as GSTM1 and GSTT1, and the NAD(P)H oxidoreductase (NQR1) nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) in *NQO1*

Analyses of bulky DNA adduct levels in human breast tissue and genetic polymorphisms of cytochromes P450 (CYPs), myeloperoxidase (MPO), quinone oxidoreductase (NQO1), and glutathione S-transferases (GSTs)

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Abstract

Environmental carcinogens are converted into DNA-reactive metabolites by phase I and phase II enzymes that are involved in the activation and detoxification of xenobiotics. Several of these enzymes display genetic polymorphisms that alter their activity leading to individual variation in DNA damage levels and thus cancer susceptibility. We investigated the relationship between DNA adduct levels and genetic polymorphisms in key enzymes of chemical carcinogenesis: CYP1A1,



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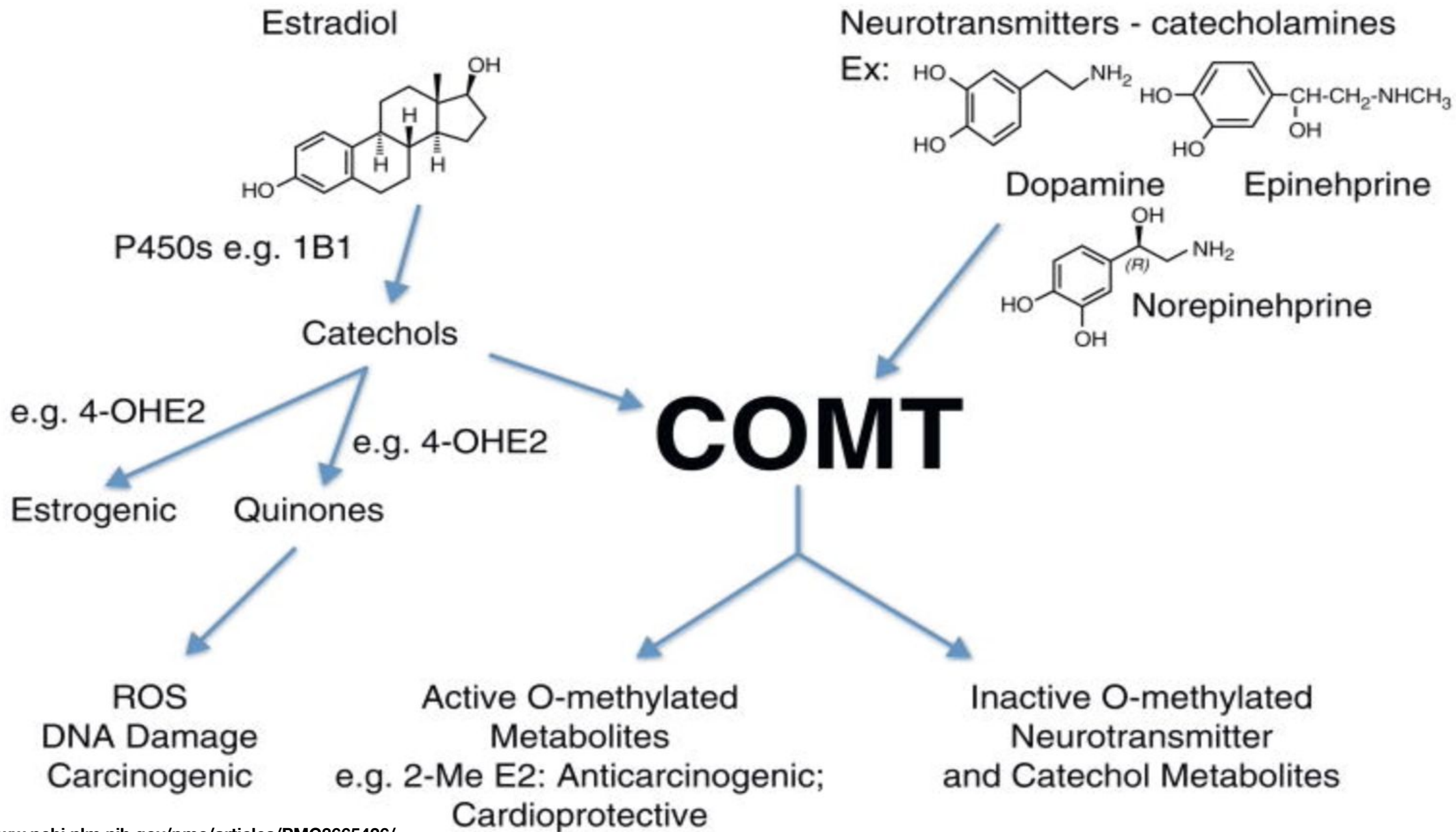
MATERIALS AND METHODS

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Methylation

- Unlocks our bodies healing response
- Responsible for billions of processes every moment
- All based on methyl groups
- Prevention/driver of every chronic issue

Functional roles of methylation

- Gene regulation (activation/inactivation)
- Biotransformation (phase 2)
- Neurotransmitter formation: dopamine, adrenaline and serotonin
- Hormone biotransformation- Estrogens
- Immune cell differentiation (T cells, NK cells)
- Energy metabolism (CoQ10, carnitine, ATP)
- Myelination of peripheral nerves
- RNA and DNA synthesis
- Post-transcriptional modulation (eg Methylcytosine)

Quinones

- Quinones are thought to play a role in carcinogenesis by inducing DNA damage directly or as a result of redox cycling.
- Supplementation with antioxidant nutrients can reduce the oxidation of the catechols and promote greater excretion of these metabolites through the methylation pathway.

Quinones

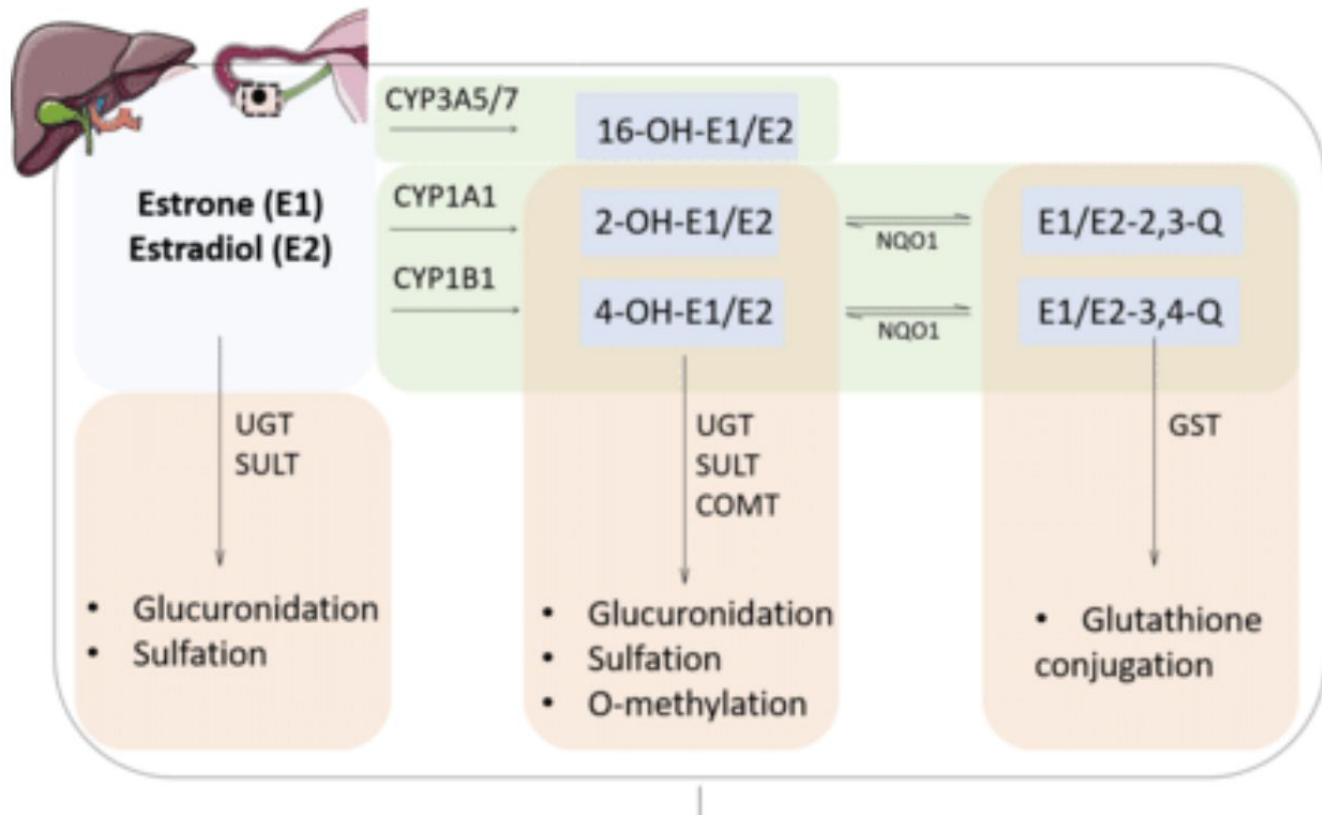
- Formed if methylation does not take place
- Highly reactive
- Damage DNA and promote carcinogenesis
 - Directly
 - Indirectly through the production of free radicals
- Can be “deactivated” by glutathione-S-transferase to produce a mercaptopurate.

Chronic restraint stress massively alters the expression of genes important for lipid metabolism and detoxification in liver

>235 genes were up- or down-regulated by >1.8-fold in their expression levels (by stress).

The elevated expression of a group of genes important for lipid metabolism and detoxification were particularly notable.

Oestrogen Deactivation & Detoxification



Phase 2 Conjugation

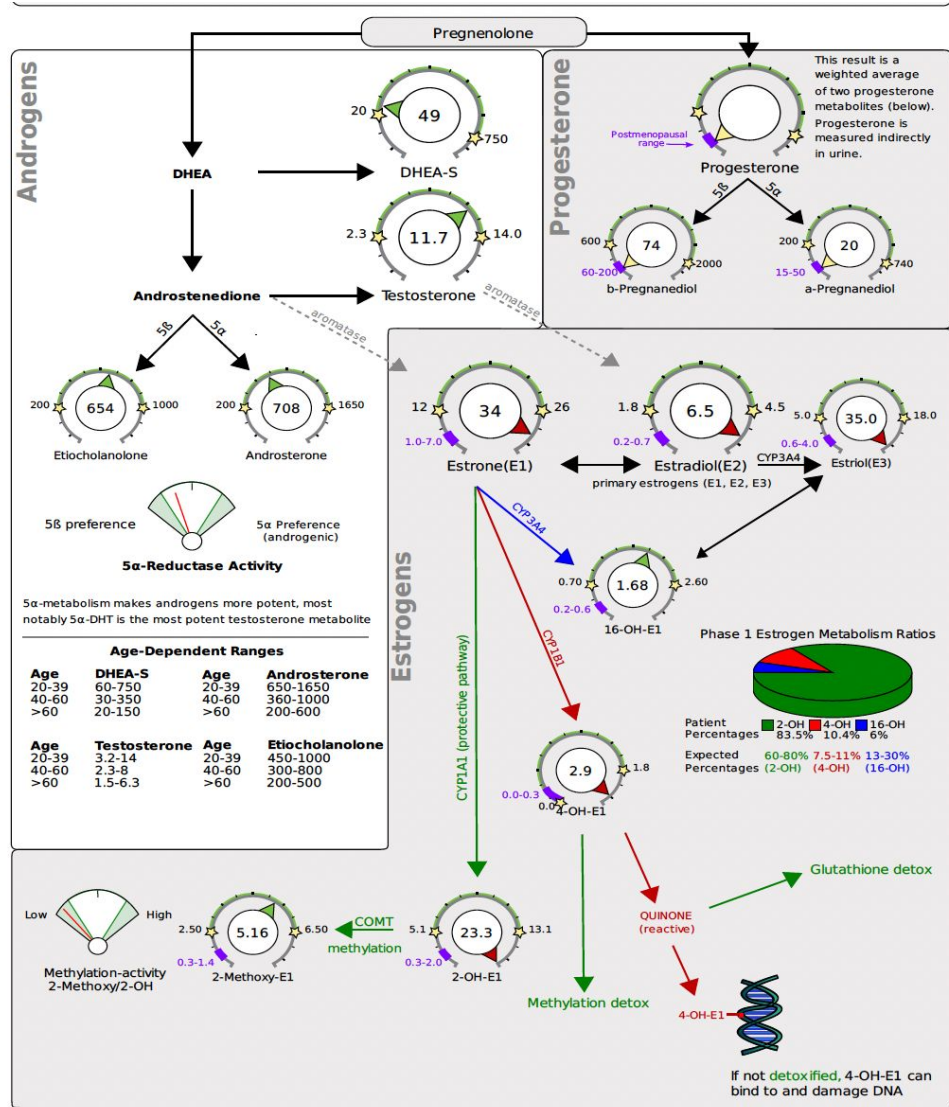
SULTs - Sulphonation/ Sulphation

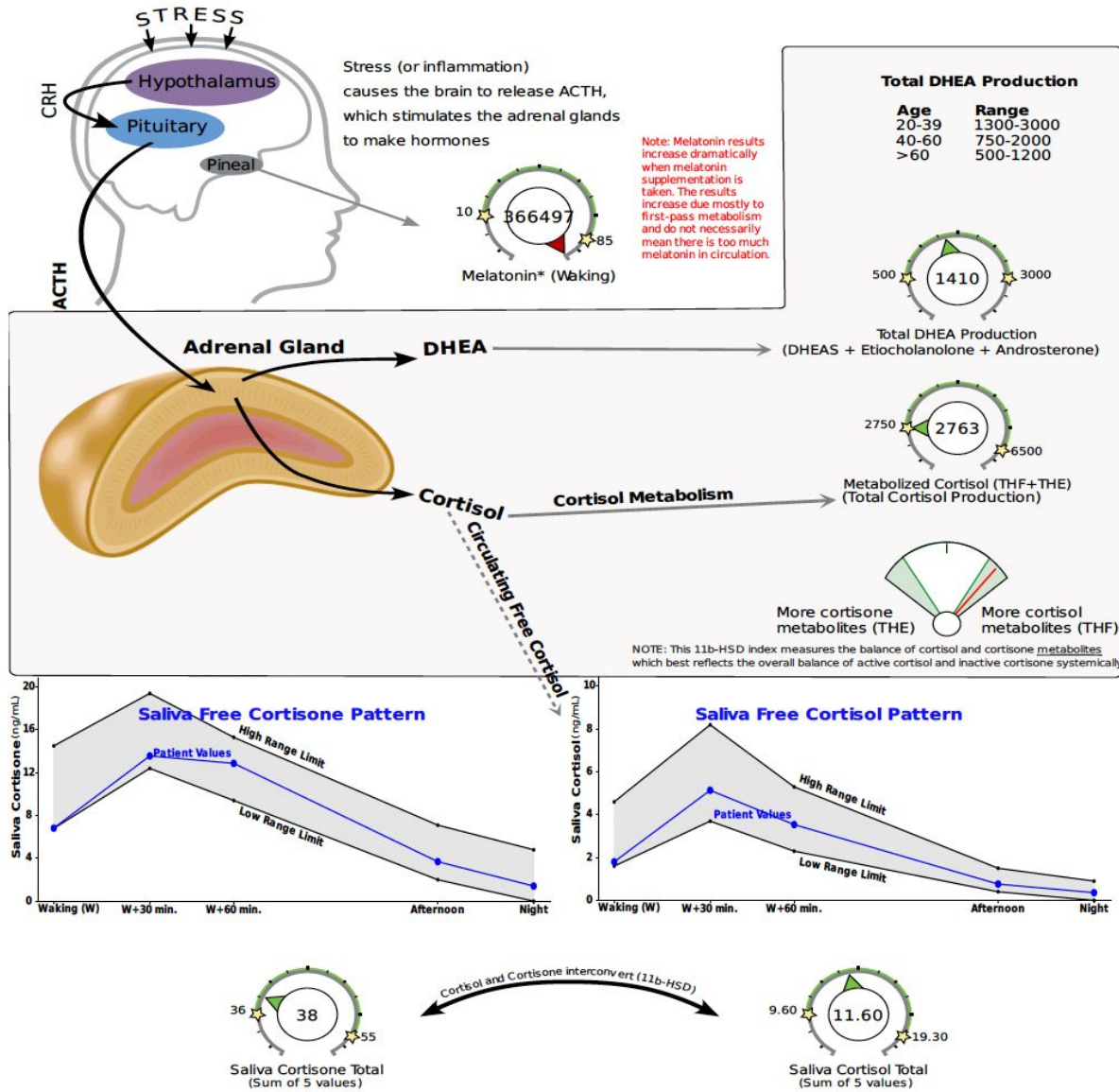
UGTs - Glucuronidation

GSTs - Glutathione

Phase 3 Antiporter

ABCB1 - MDRP1 (multi drug resistance protein)





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Research Articles

Brassica Vegetable Consumption Shifts Estrogen Metabolism in Healthy Postmenopausal Women

Jay H. Fowke, Christopher Longcope, and James R. Hebert

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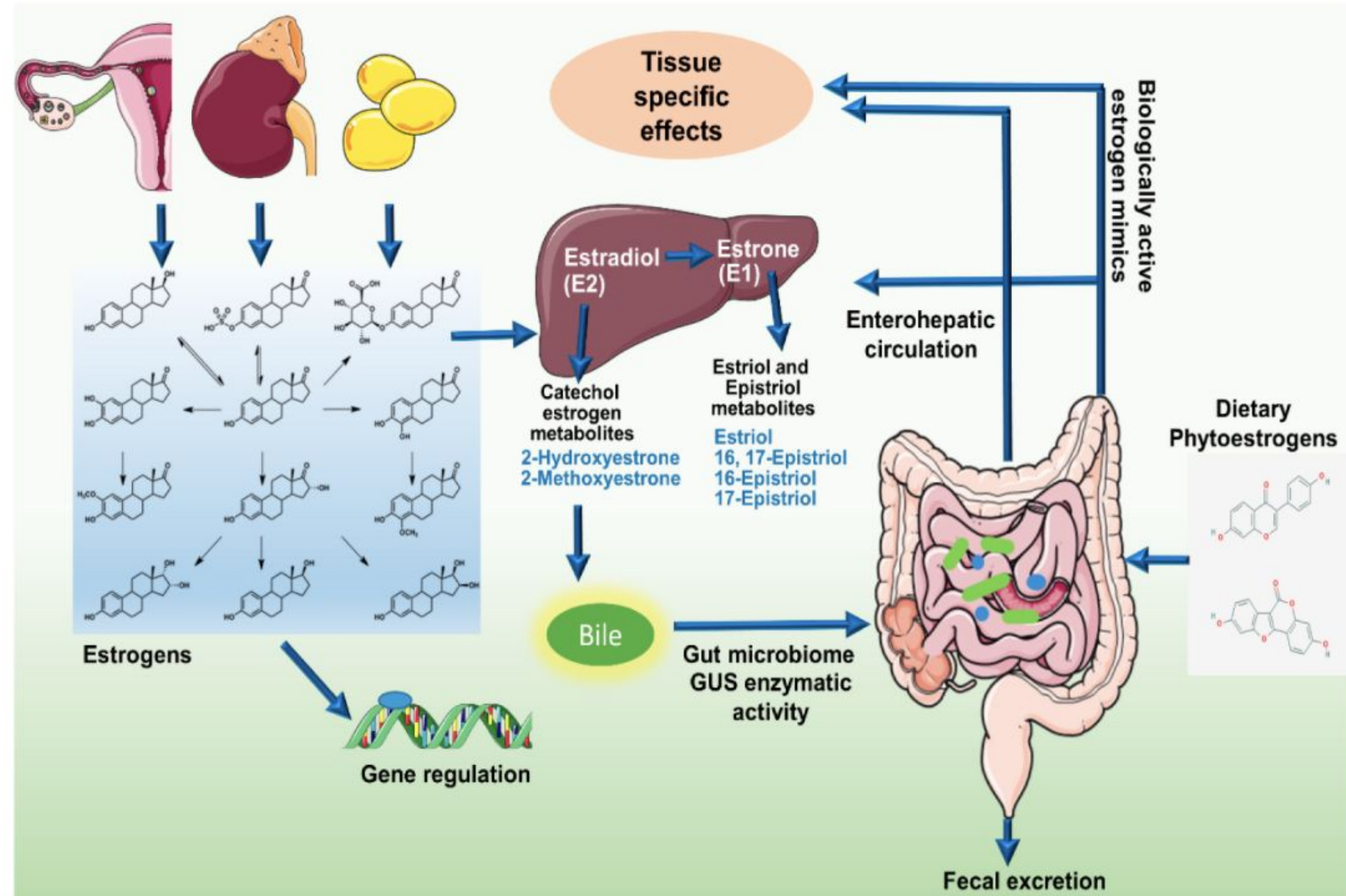
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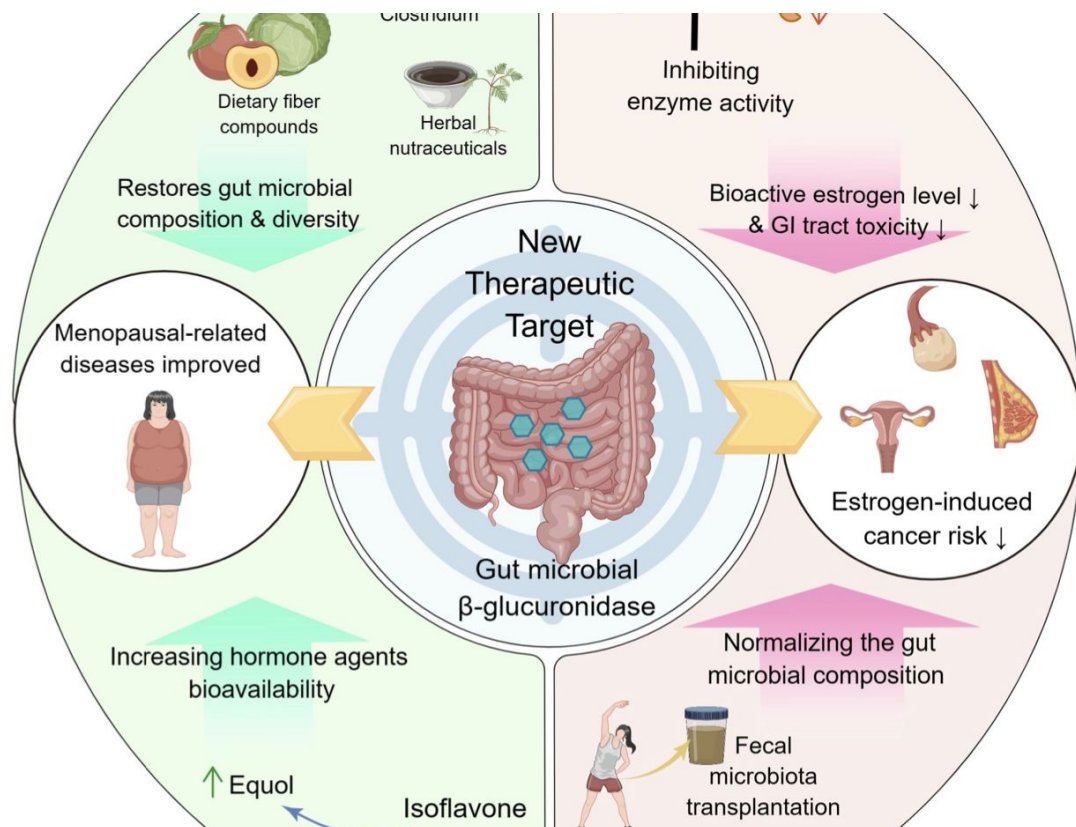
The results of this study indicate that the consumption of *Brassica* vegetables, as prepared and consumed by healthy postmenopausal women in the United States, was significantly

Fiber and the microbiome



Dietary Fiber

- Certain types of dietary fibers markedly enhance both phase
- I and II detoxification systems in the liver (rats)
- Higher fecal toxin excretion: via sequestering conjugated xenobiotic and endobiotics in the bile and this reduces level of bacterial deconjugating enzymes in stool.
- High fiber net effect: reduced enterohepatic circulation
- Microbiota – major detoxification facilitation
 - Fermentation of short chain fatty acids (butyrate, propionate, acetate)
 - provide colonocyte energy needs and genomic expression



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Abstract

The microbiome is undoubtedly the second genome of the human body and has diverse roles in health and disease. However, translational progress is limited due to the vastness of the microbiome, which accounts for over 3.3 million genes, whose functions are still unclear. Numerous studies in the past decade have demonstrated how microbiome impacts various organ-specific cancers by altering the energy balance of the body, increasing adiposity, synthesizing genotoxins and small signaling molecules, and priming and regulating immune response and metabolism of indigestible dietary components, xenobiotics, and pharmaceuticals. In relation to breast cancer, one of the most prominent roles of the human microbiome is the regulation of steroid hormone metabolism since endogenous estrogens are the most important risk factor in breast cancer development especially in postmenopausal women. Intestinal microbes encode enzymes capable of deconjugating conjugated estrogen metabolites marked for

Foods and herbs that inhibit aromatase

- Dietary fiber
- Flax seeds
- Soy (isoflavones)
- Grape Seed extract (proanthocyanidins)
- White button mushroom
- Green tea
- Stinging nettle root
- Quercetin
- Vitamin C
- Chrysin
- Zinc

The physiological effect of a “cortisol steal”

- **Less progesterone** and initially an estrogen dominant state
- **More cortisol production and stimulation of aromatase, which leads to estrogen dominant conditions:**
 - Breast Cancer
 - Fibroids
 - Endometriosis
- **Long term decreased formation of androgens and estrogens**
- (inhibition of DHEA pathway to form androgens and estrogens)
 - Explains stress and hot flashes, stress and **decreased libido**

xenoestrogens

Medical Hypothesis: Xenoestrogens As Preventable Causes of Breast Cancer

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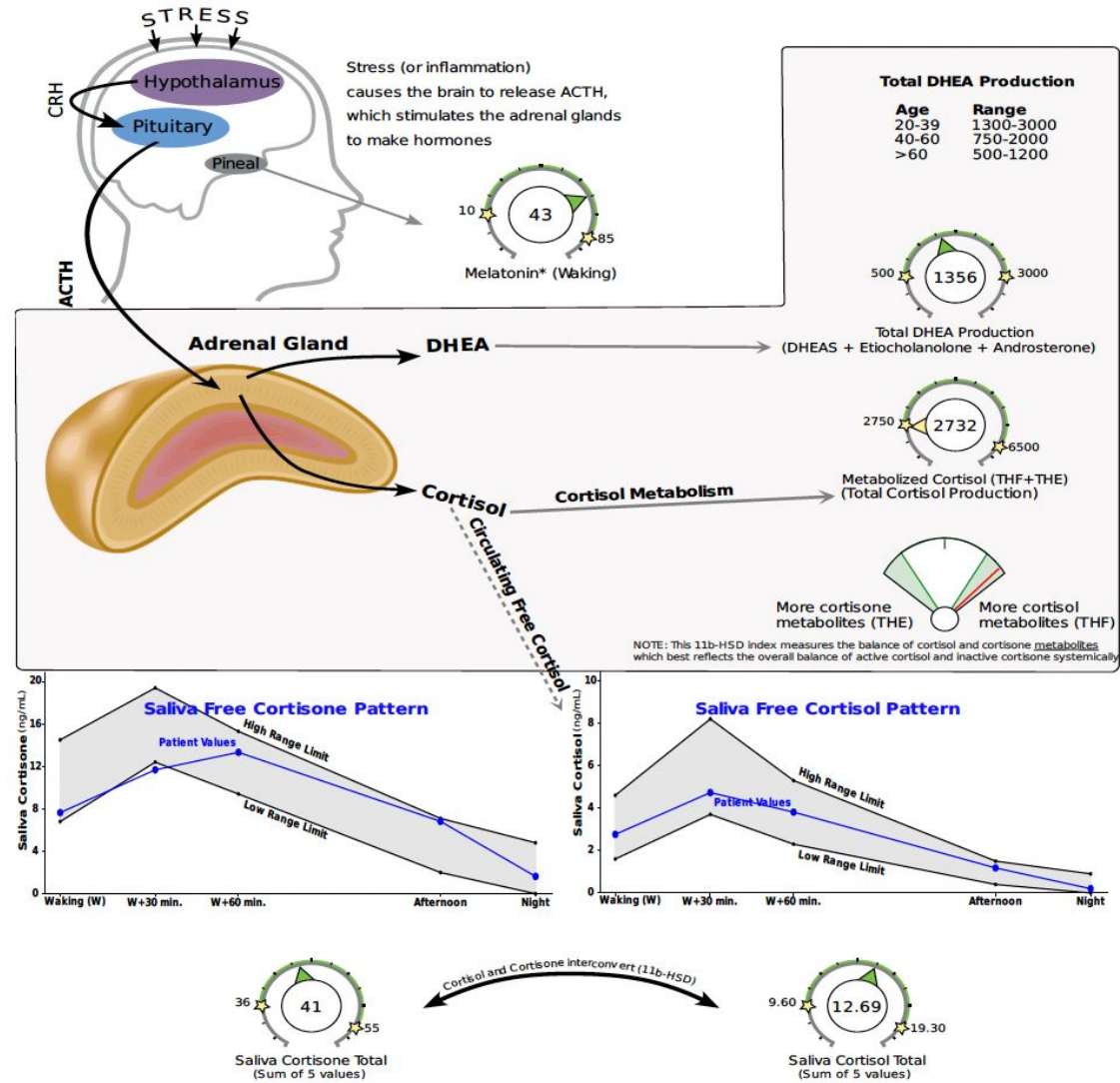
Changes in documented risk factors for breast cancer and rates of screening cannot completely explain recent increases in incidence or mortality. Established risk factors for breast cancer, including genetics, account for at best 30% of cases. Most of these risk factors can be linked to total lifetime exposure to bioavailable estrogens. Experimental evidence reveals that compounds such as some chlorinated organics, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), triazine herbicides, and pharmaceuticals affect estrogen production and metabolism and thus function as xenoestrogens.

After years of puzzling, steady increases in breast cancer, public health researchers are rekindling interest in the role that exposure to xenobiotic agents, such as chlorinated organics and pharmaceutical agents, could play in the development of the disease. Do such substances increase the risk of this most common cancer in women by directly or indirectly altering estrogen production or metabolism? Do they activate or promote breast-cancer susceptibility

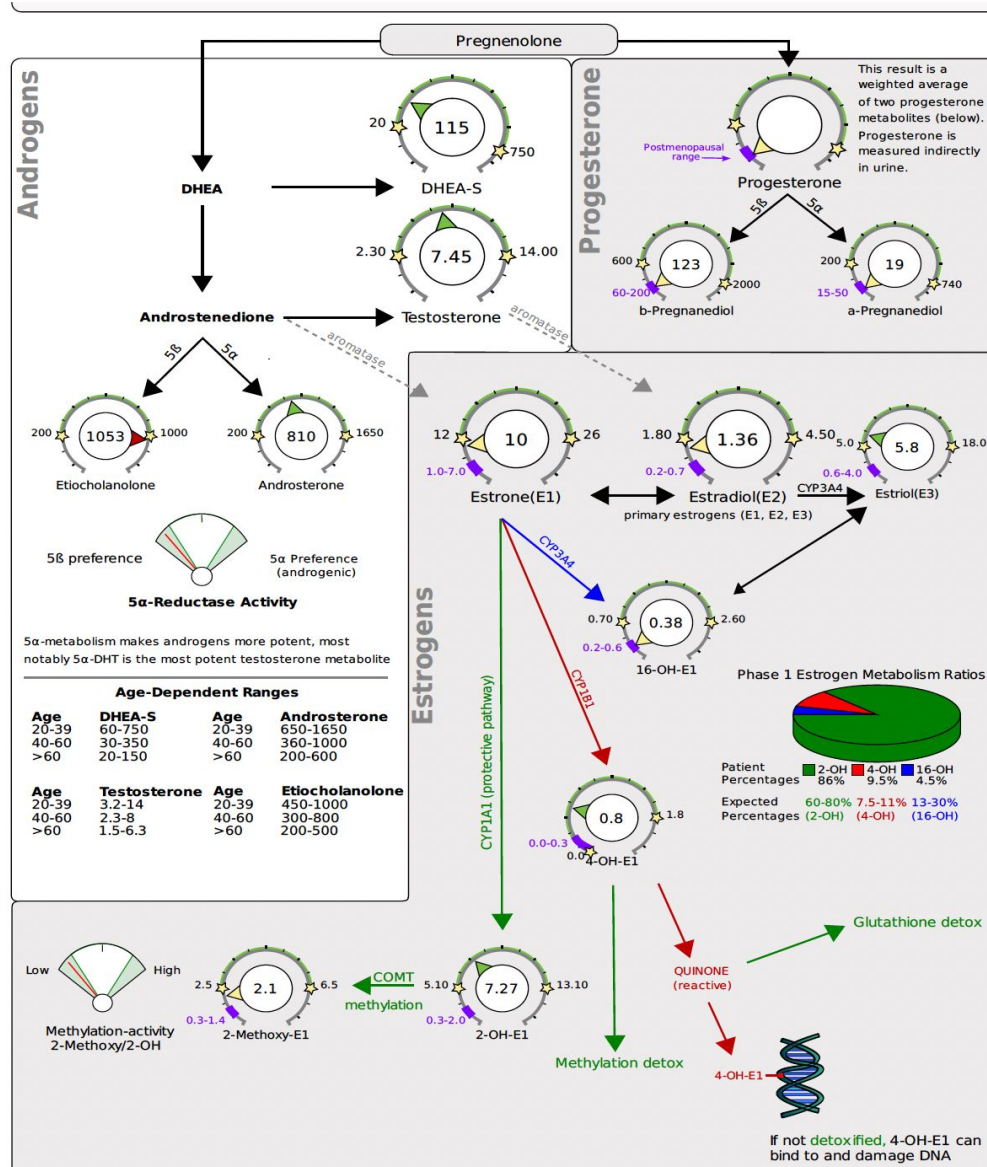
Experimental Evidence

A number of lines of evidence attest to the ability of xenobiotic materials to affect estrogen production (9). Ovariectomy, which reduces endogenous hormones, inhibits the progression of chemically induced mammary tumors, whereas reintroduction of estrogen by implantation stimulates tumor development. Moreover, rat mammary cancers depend on both late and early exposure to estrogen and prolactin (11).

Experimental studies indicate that estradiol metabolism proceeds primarily via two mutually exclusive pathways, each of which is affected by xenobiotic exposures: pathway I to 2-hydroxyestrone (2-OHE1), which has minimal estrogenic activity and is nongenotoxic, or pathway II to 16 α -OHE1, a fully potent estrogen which is also genotoxic (12). Breast cancer risk appears to be linked with these two pathways. Substances that elevate pathway II or inhibit pathway I increase risk, whereas those that inhibit pathway II or elevate



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Managing stress positively

- Relaxation techniques
- Lifestyle strategies
- Exercise
- Sleep
- Targeted nutrients
- Diaphragmatic breathing
- Meditation
- Yoga

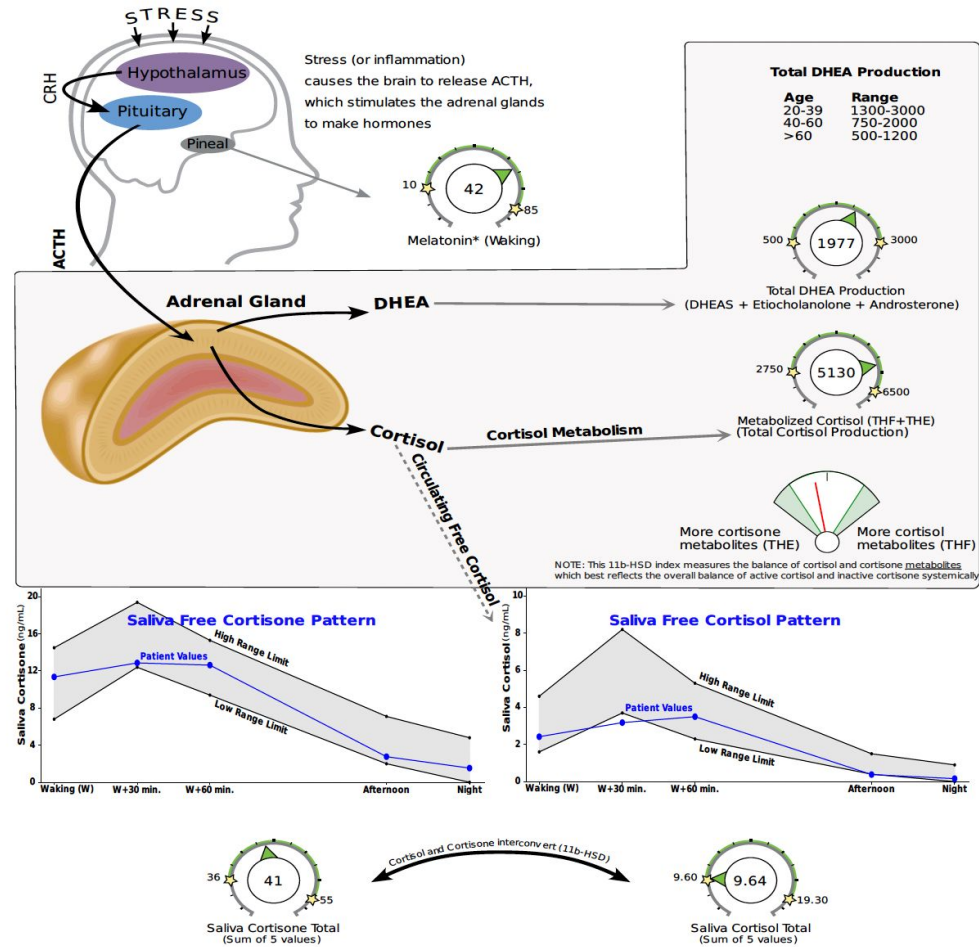
Magnesium and Sleep

Magnesium improves duration and quality of sleep

- Double-blind randomized clinical trial; 46 elderly subjects
 - 500 mg of magnesium oxide (225mg elemental Mg) or placebo daily for 8 weeks.
- **Significant improvements in:**
 - Sleep duration
 - Sleep efficiency
 - ↓ sleep latency
 - ↓ serum cortisol

Parameter	% Change over baseline*	
	Supplement	Placebo
Insomnia severity index	-14.4 (-31.6, 2.8) ^{a,b}	-2.7 (-7.2, 1.6)
Total sleep time (h)	3 (-1.8, 7.6)	-0.19 (-2.3, 1.9)
Sleep time (h)	12 (5.2, 18.9) ^{a,b}	-0.27 (-2.7, 2.2)
Sleep onset latency (h)	-14 (-30.8, 2.7) ^{a,b}	3.7 (-1.0, 8.4)
Early morning awakening (h)	-3 (-5.1, -0.8) ^a	-1.0 (-1.7, -0.3)
Sleep efficiency (h)	9.6 (2.5, 16.7) ^{a,b}	0.1 (-2.9, 3.1)
Serum magnesium (mmol/l)	4.2 (-0.2, 8.5)	-1.3 (-5.5, 2.9)
Serum renin (mIU/ml)	36.7 (18.2, 55.2) ^{a,b}	-5.9 (-13.8, 1.9)
Serum melatonin (pg/ml)	35 (10.5, 59.5) ^{a,b}	-1.1 (-23.6, 21.3)
Serum cortisol (μg/dl)	-8.2 (-19.6, 3.1) ^{a,b}	3.5 (-0.48, 7.6)

^a% change over baseline significant ($P < 0.05$); ^b% change over baseline significantly higher than control ($P < 0.05$); *Figures in parentheses show 95% confidence interval for mean



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