

# **Berry Polyphenols in the Prevention of Primary and Recurrent Breast Cancer**

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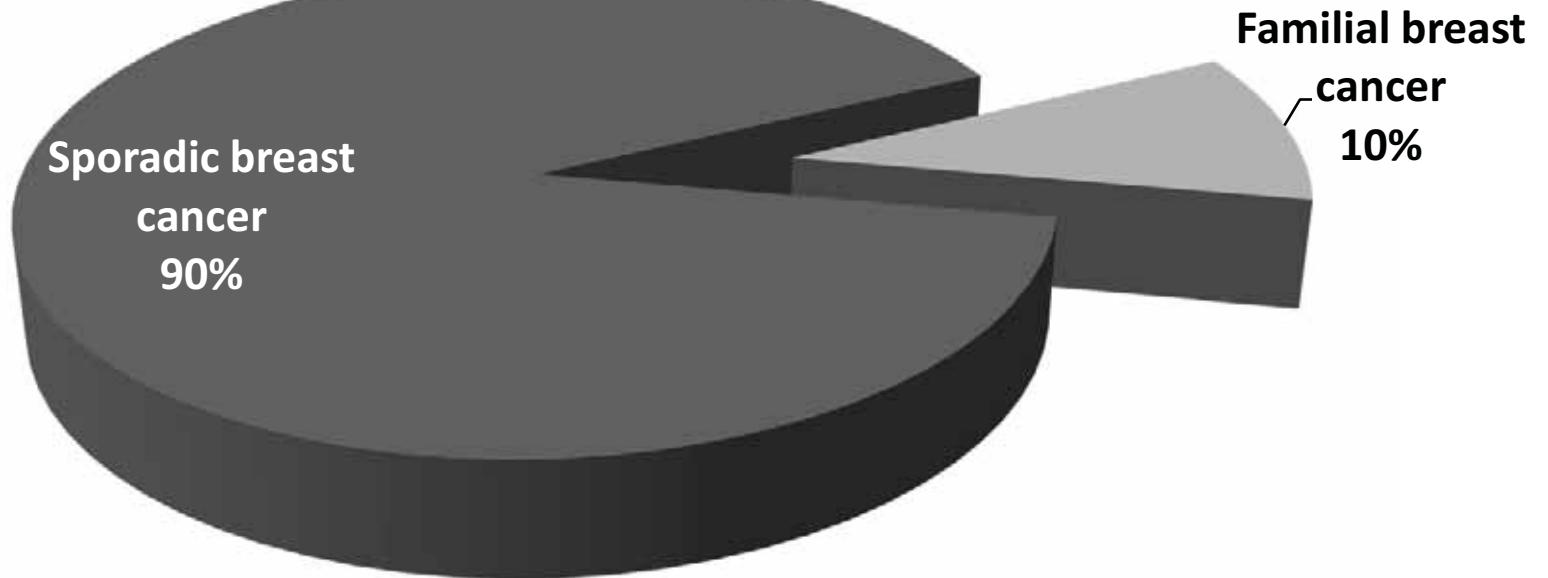
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# Overview

- Breast cancer – incidence and risk factors
- Selection of berries for breast cancer prevention
- Berries in mammary tumor prevention
- Mechanisms by which berries prevent breast cancer
- Future directions

# Breast Cancer- Causes

## Causes

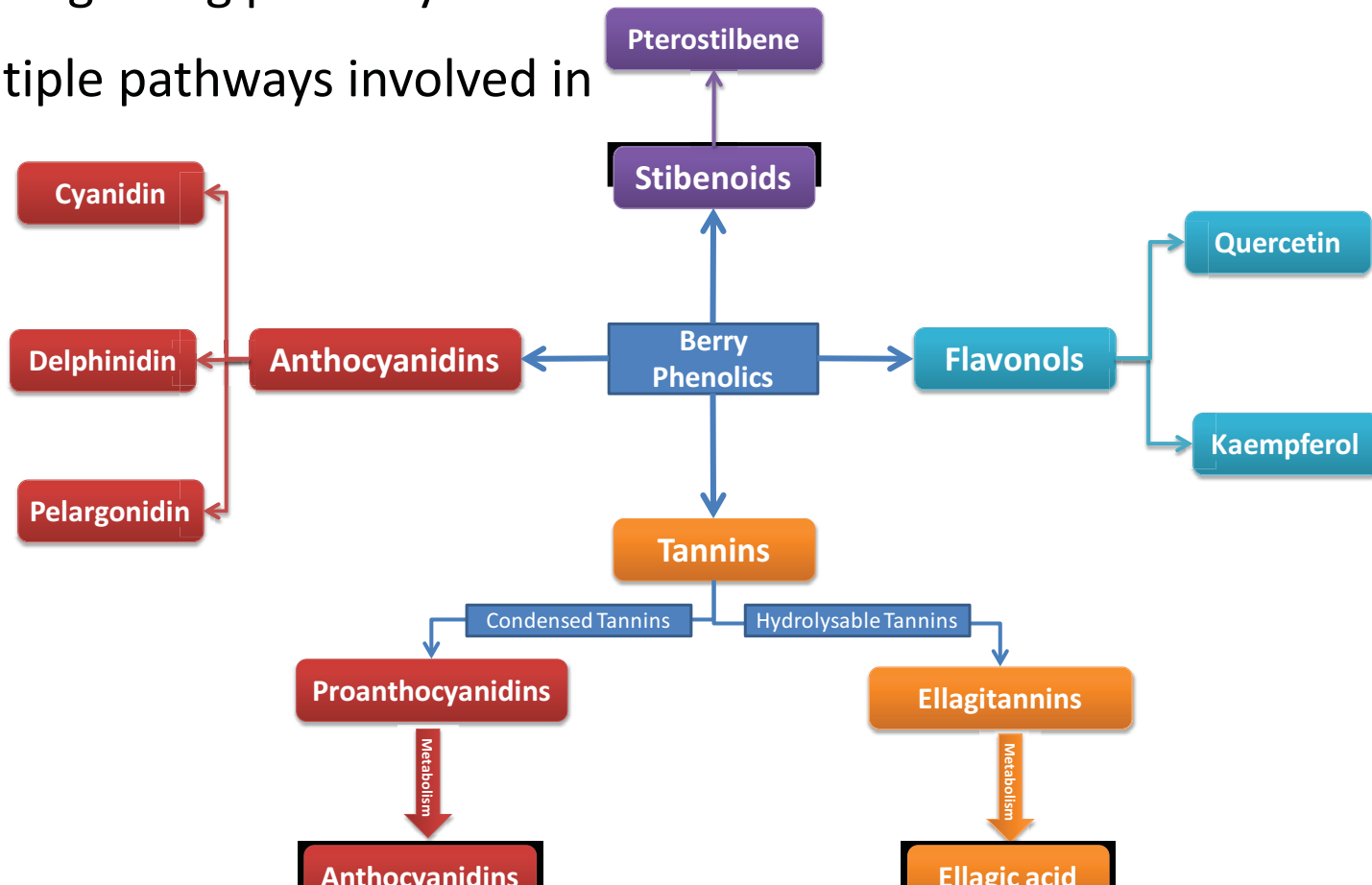


# Breast cancer- risk factors

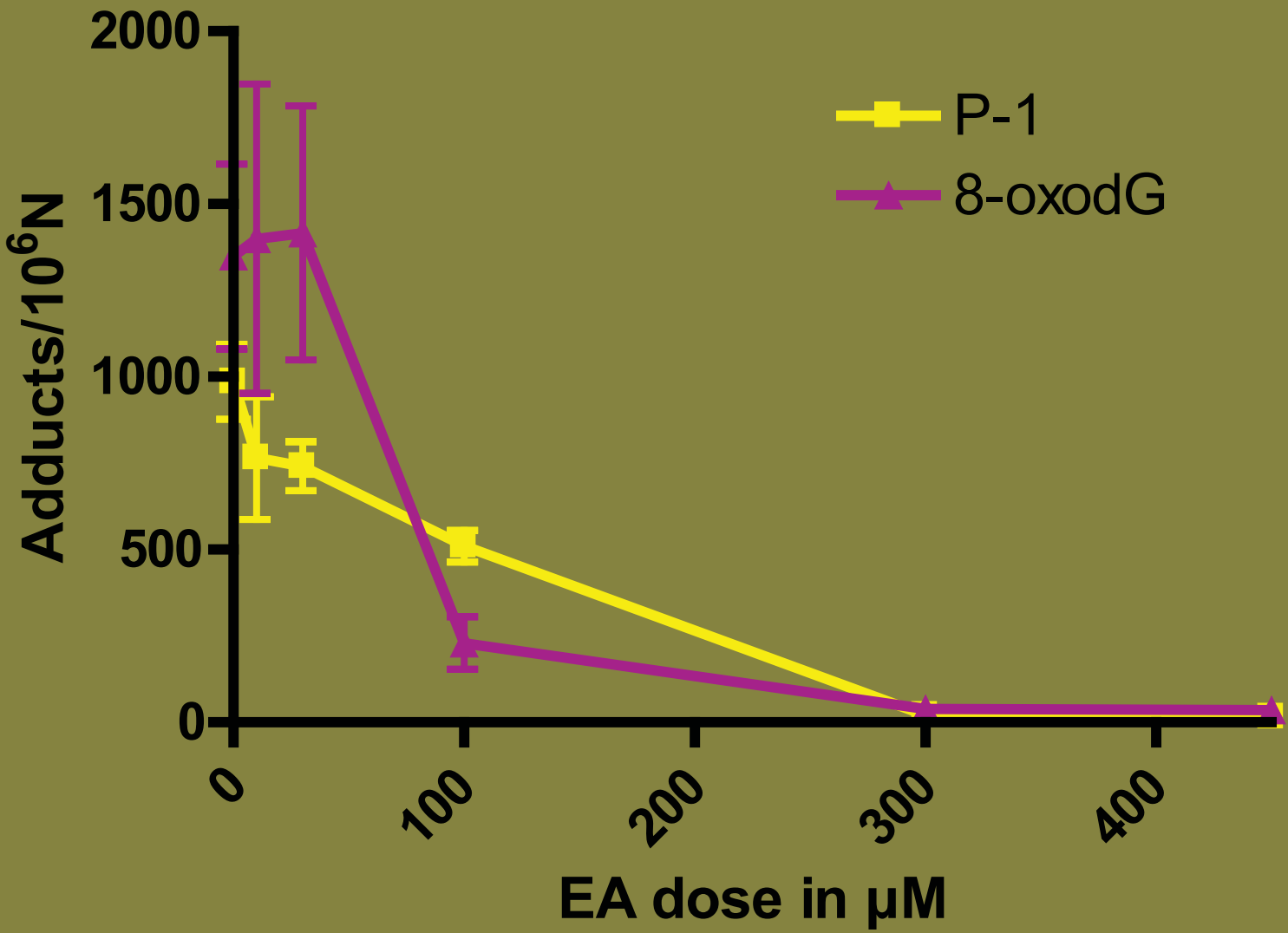
Non-Modifiable Risk Factors	Modifiable Risk Factors	Hormonal Risk Factors
Age ↑	Diet	Cumulative exposure to estrogen ↑
Gender	Alcohol ↑	Age at menarche and menopause
Genetics	Smoking ↑	Parity
Family history ↑	Body weight ↑	Lactation ↓
Previous breast disease ↑	Exercise ↓	Hormone replacement therapy ↑
	Radiation	

# Berry polyphenols

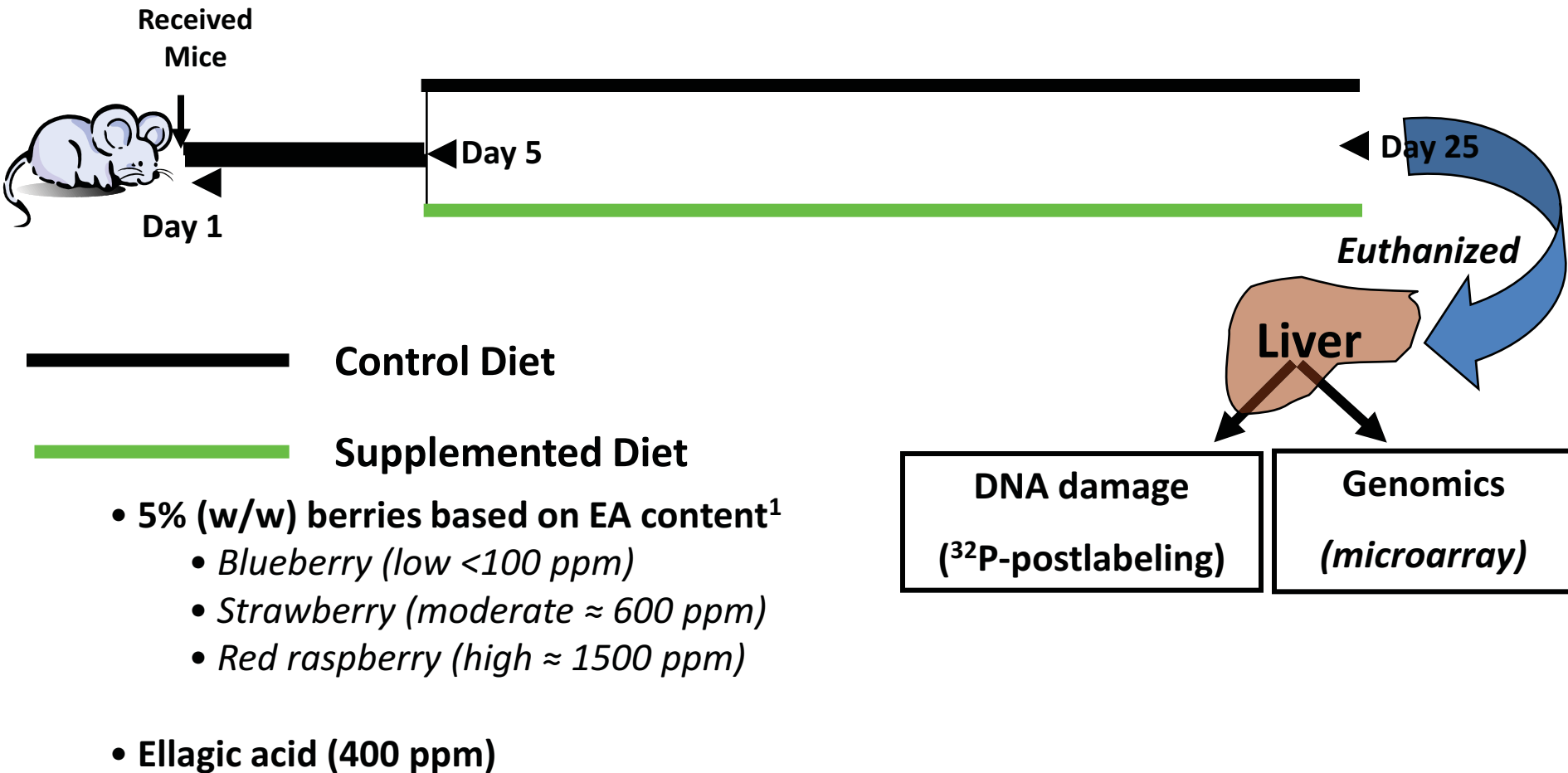
- ❖ Excellent antioxidant properties
- ❖ Interaction with Estrogen receptor
- ❖ Cause cell-cycle arrest
- ❖ Interfere with cell-signaling pathways
- ❖ Interact with multiple pathways involved in carcinogenesis



# Effect of ellagic acid on 4-hydroxy estradiol-induced oxidative DNA damage

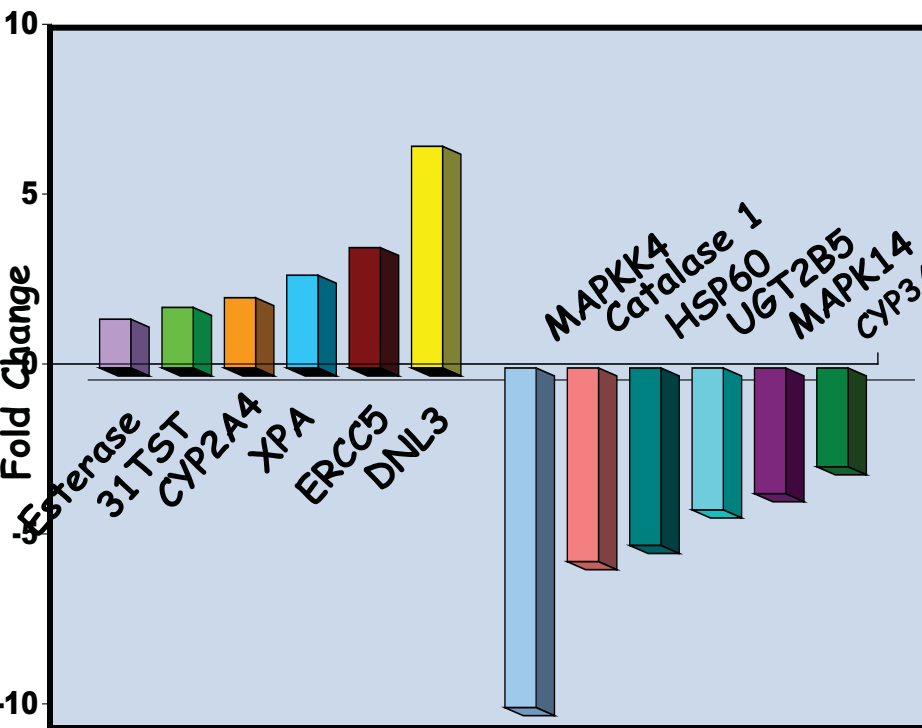


# Next step-*in vivo* study (Short-Term)

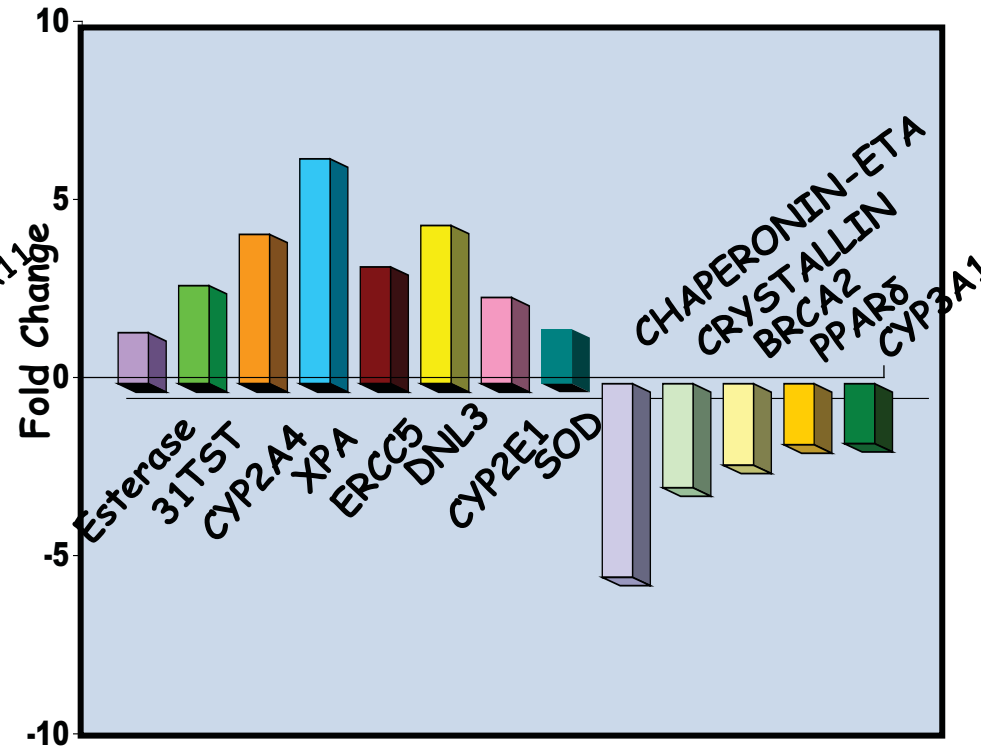


# Short-term *in vivo* study

## Raspberry supplemented diet

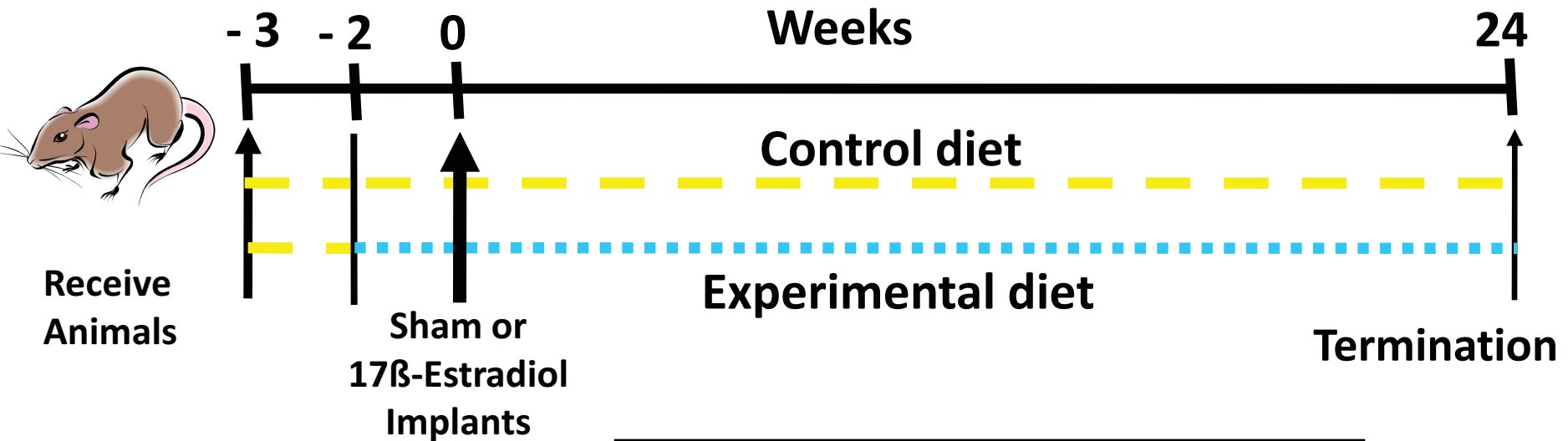


## Ellagic acid supplemented diet



These diets also significantly reduced baseline hepatic-DNA damage in a similar fashion

# Next step- tumorigenesis study

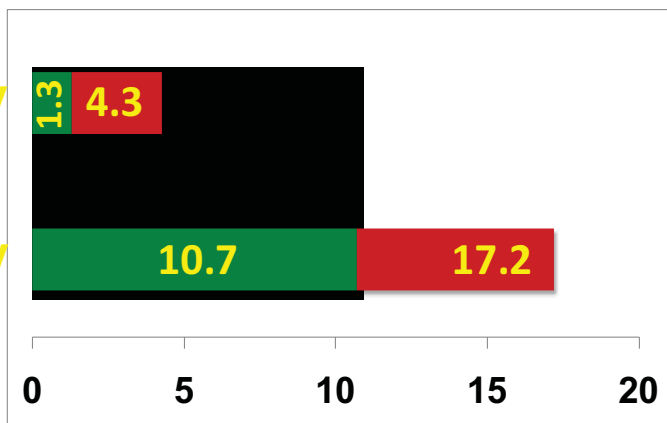


DIET	DOSE
Control (AIN 93M)	NA
Blueberry	2.5% (w/w)
Black raspberry	2.5% (w/w)
Ellagic acid	400 ppm

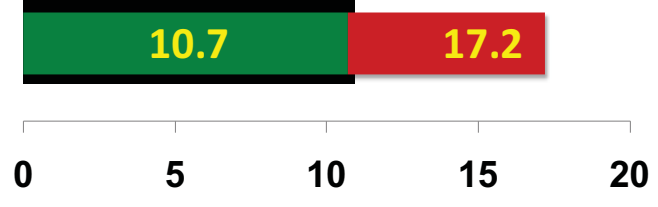
# Rationale for berry types used

DIET	DOSE	Ellagic acid content	Anthocyanin content
Blueberry	2.5% (w/w)	Low (<100 ppm)	Moderate ( $\approx$ 4000 ppm)
Black raspberry	2.5% (w/w)	High ( $\geq$ 1500 ppm)	High ( $\approx$ 7000 ppm)
Ellagic acid	400 ppm	Pure compound	

Blueberry

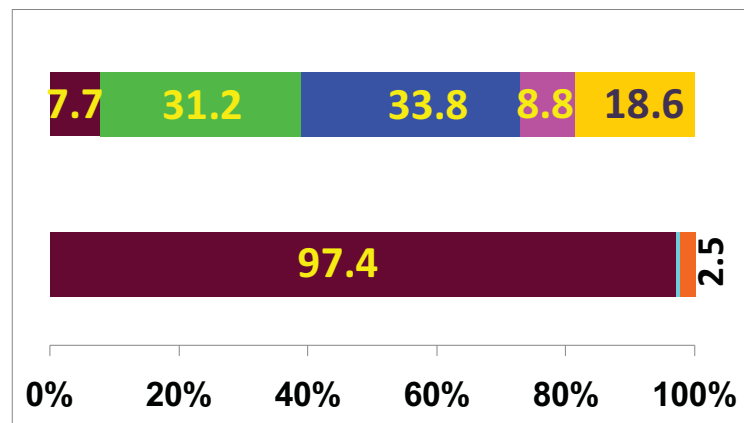


Black Raspberry



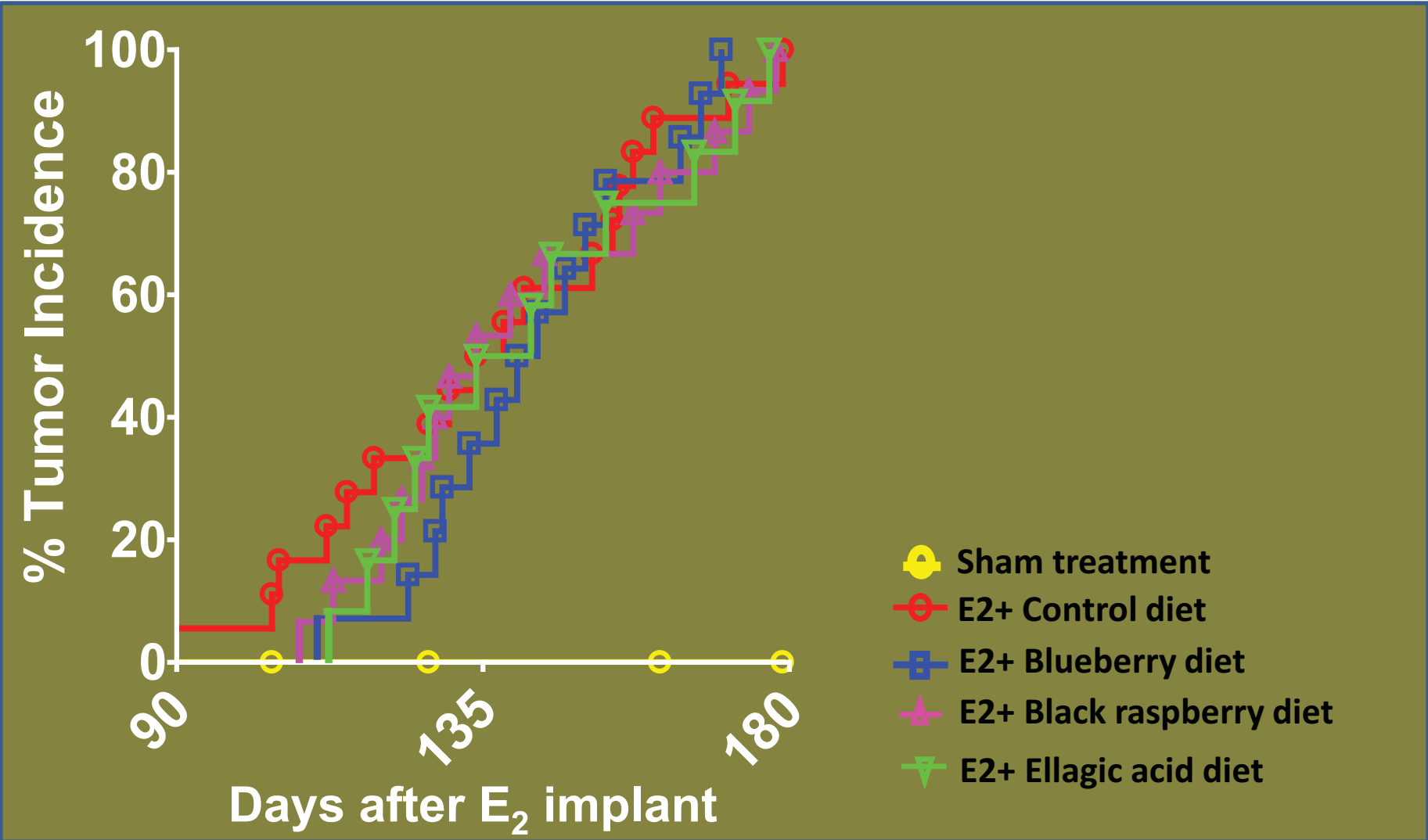
mg/ g dry wt

■ Anthocyanins ■ Total Phenolics



■ Cyanidin ■ Delphinidin ■ Malvidin  
 ■ Petunidin ■ Pelargonidin ■ Peonidin

# Berry diets increase mammary tumor latency



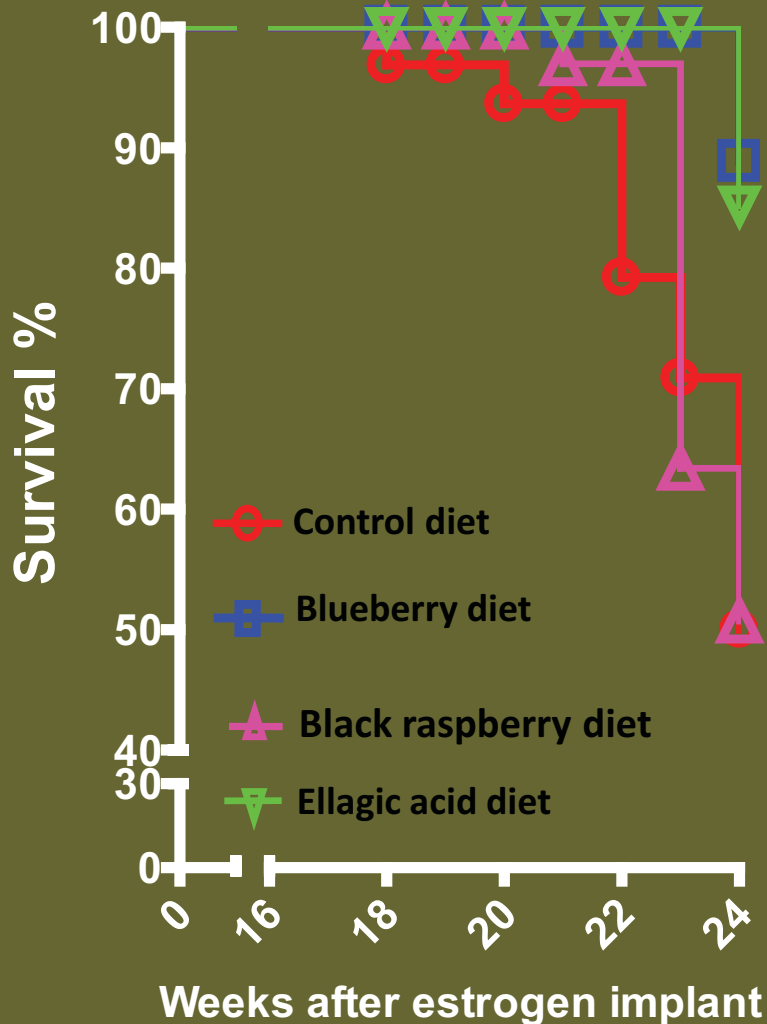
# Estrogen treatment associated morbidity in ACI rats



# Berry diets reduce treatment-associated morbidity in ACI rats



# Berry diets diminish treatment-associated mortality



Morbidity score – 1 to 5  
(1- best; 5-worst. )

Weight loss > 1 g per day

Hair loss  $\geq 3$

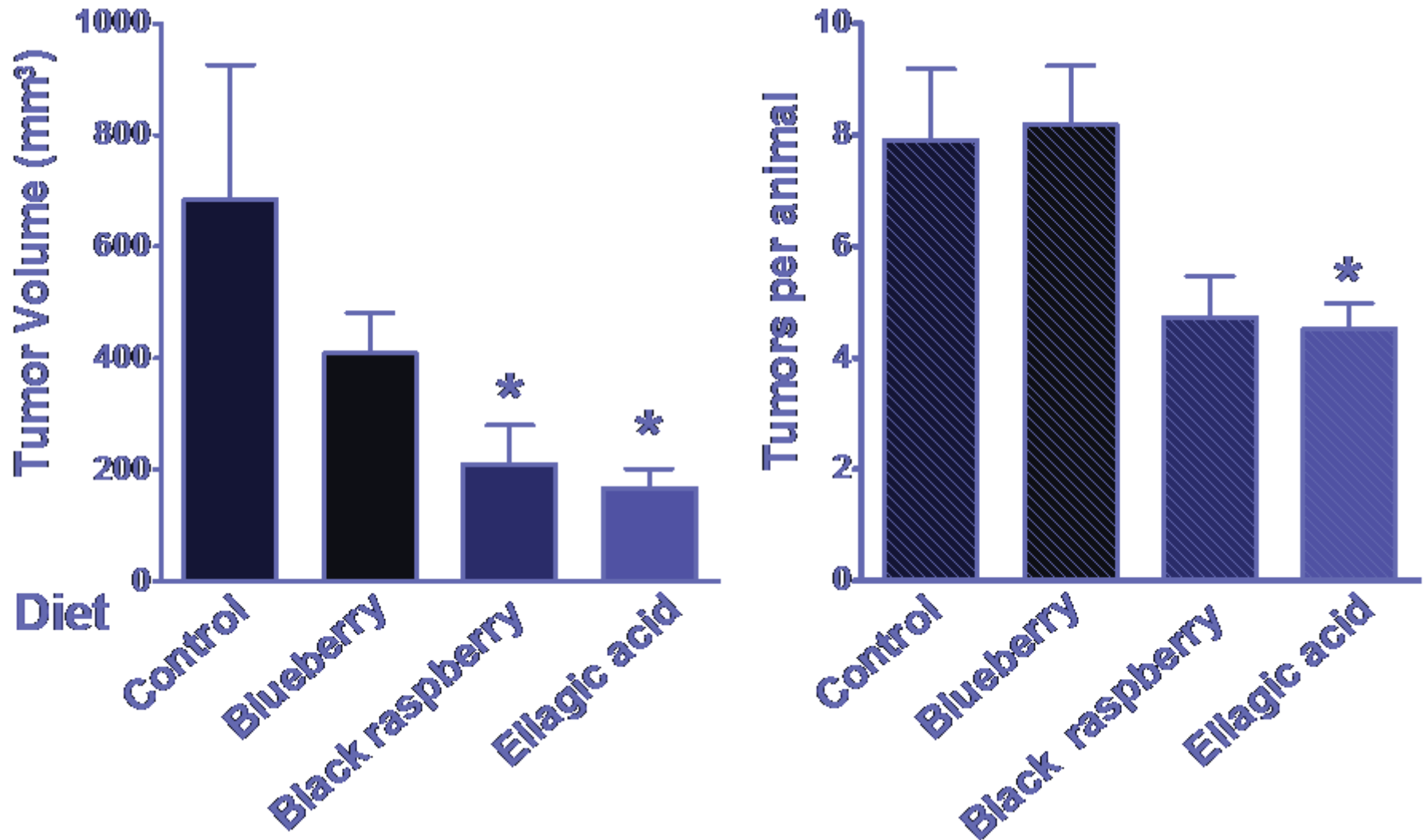
Crouch  $\geq 3$

Eye deposits  $\geq 3$

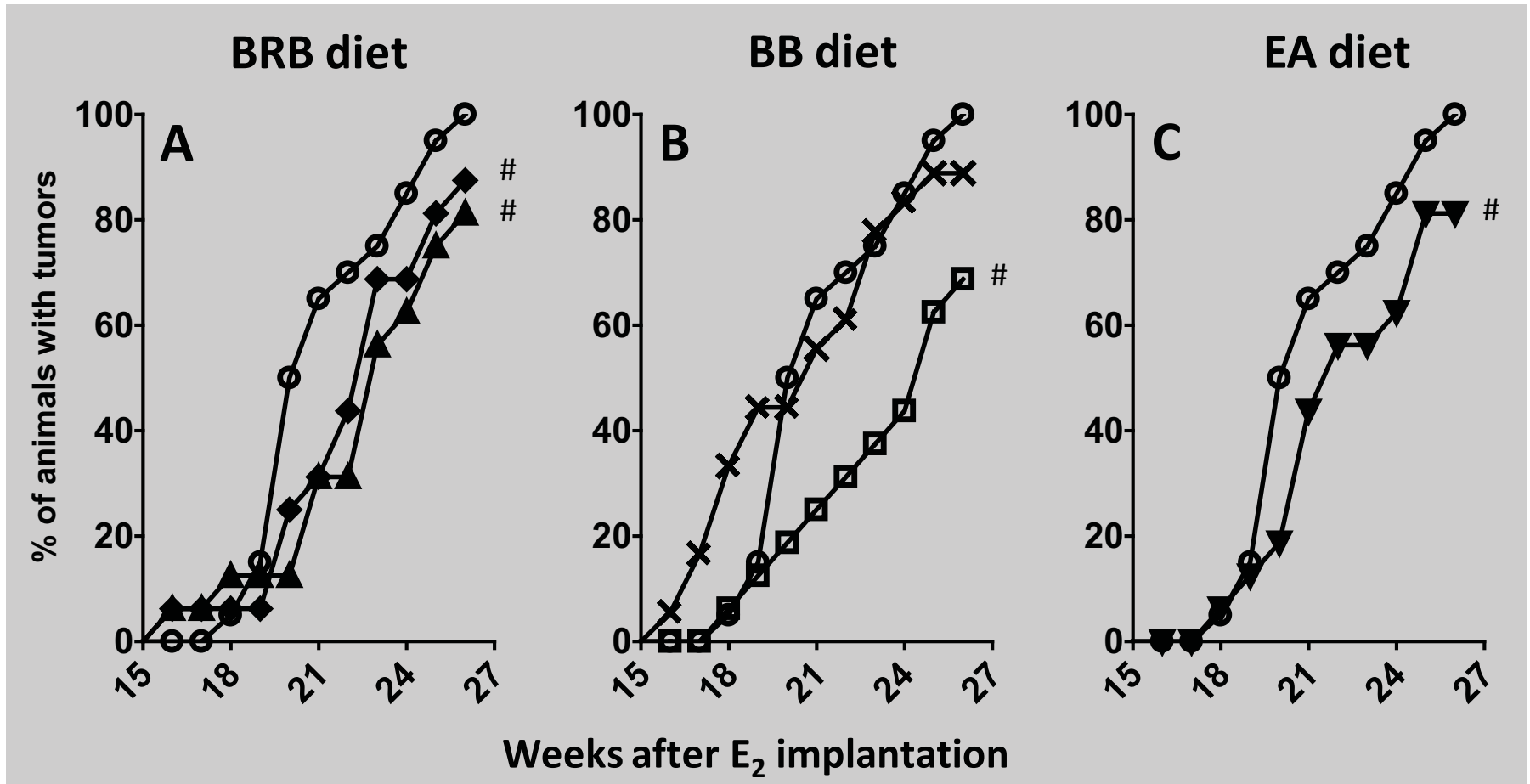
Loss of balance  $\geq 3$

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Tumor size  $\geq 1.3$  cm (not included  
in mortality index)

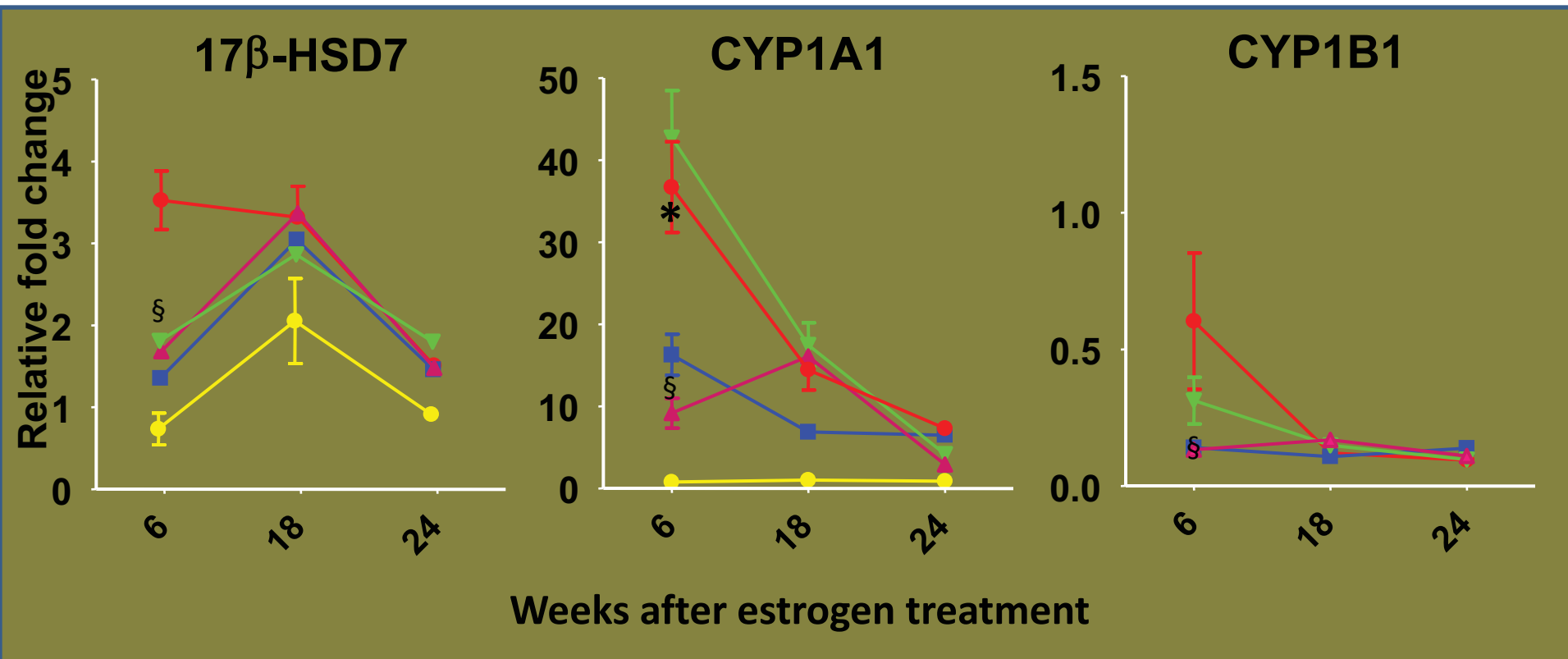
# Berry diets decrease tumor volume and multiplicity



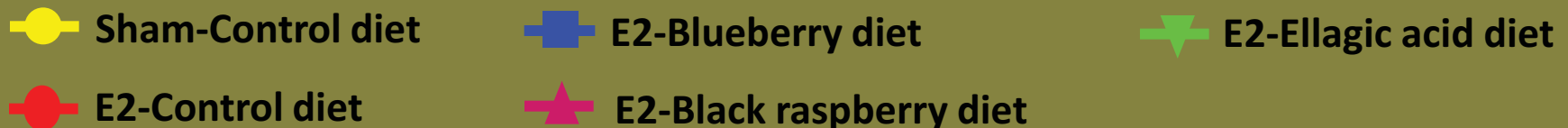
# BERRY DIETS REDUCE TUMOR INCIDENCE



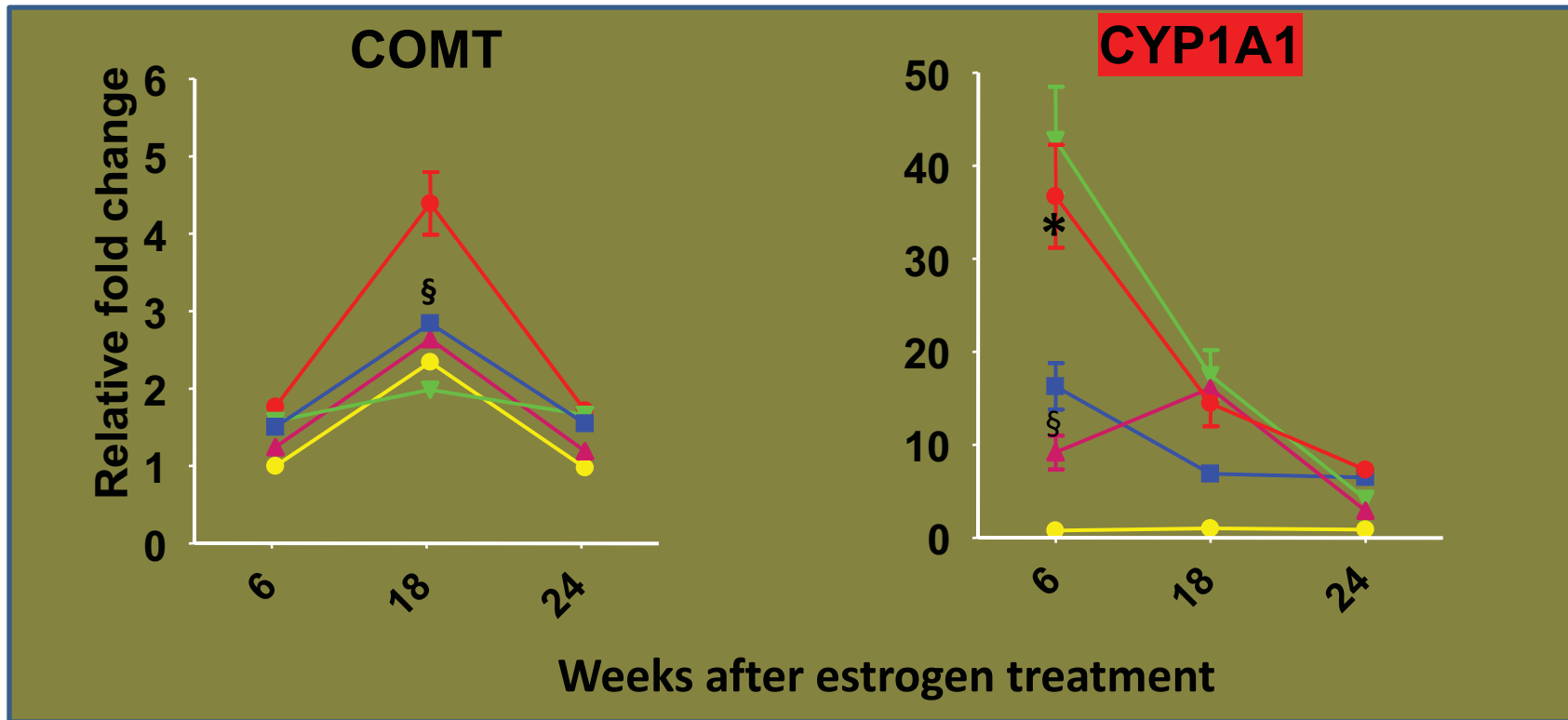
# BERry diets modulate phase I enzymes



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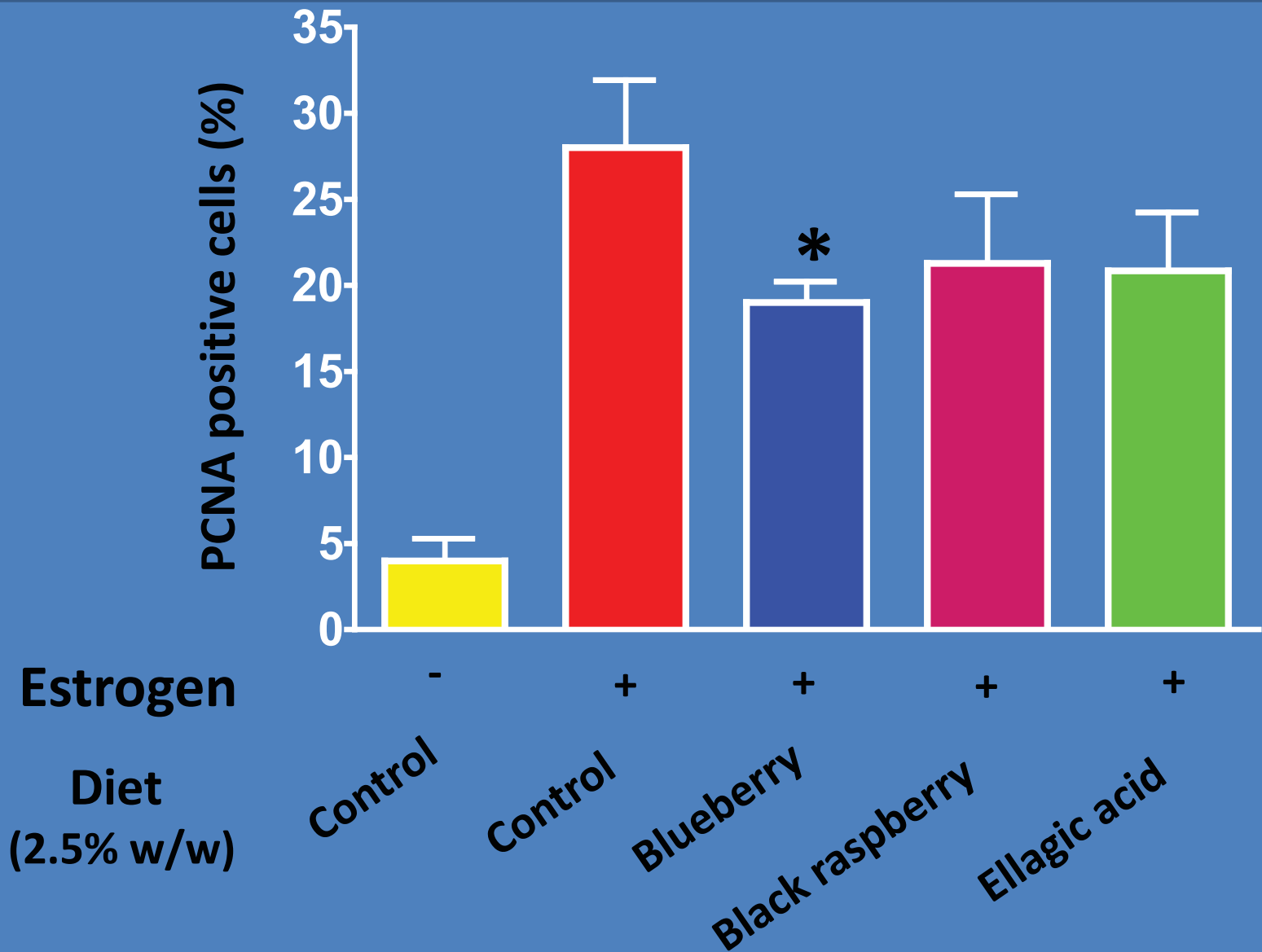
# BERRY diets also modulate phase II enzyme



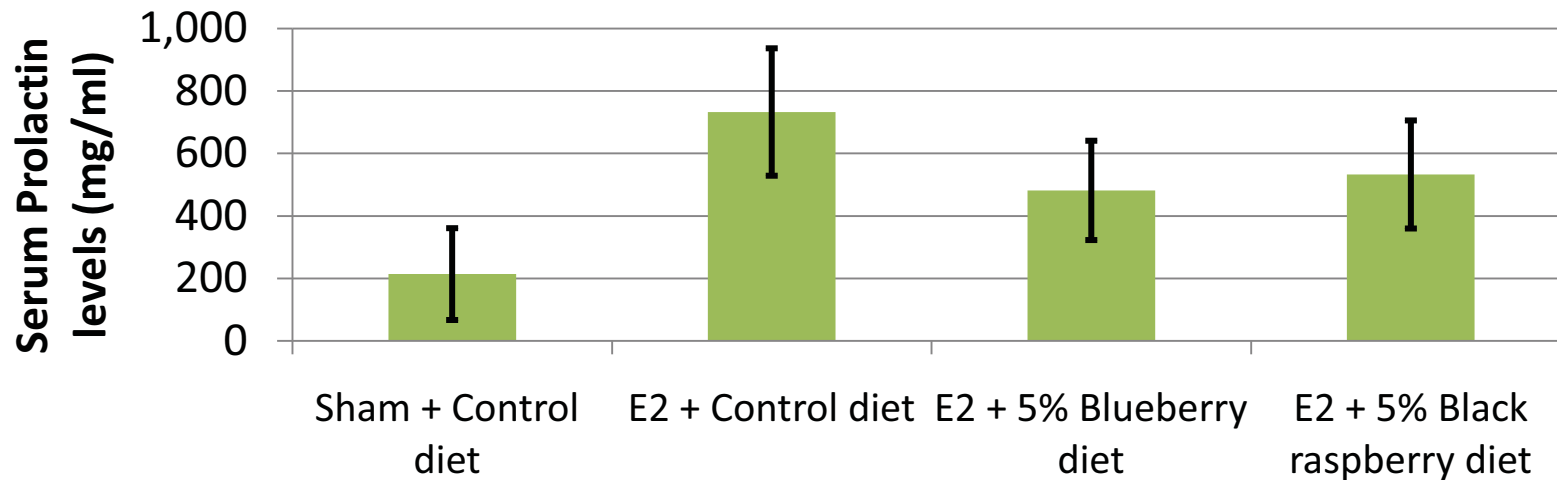
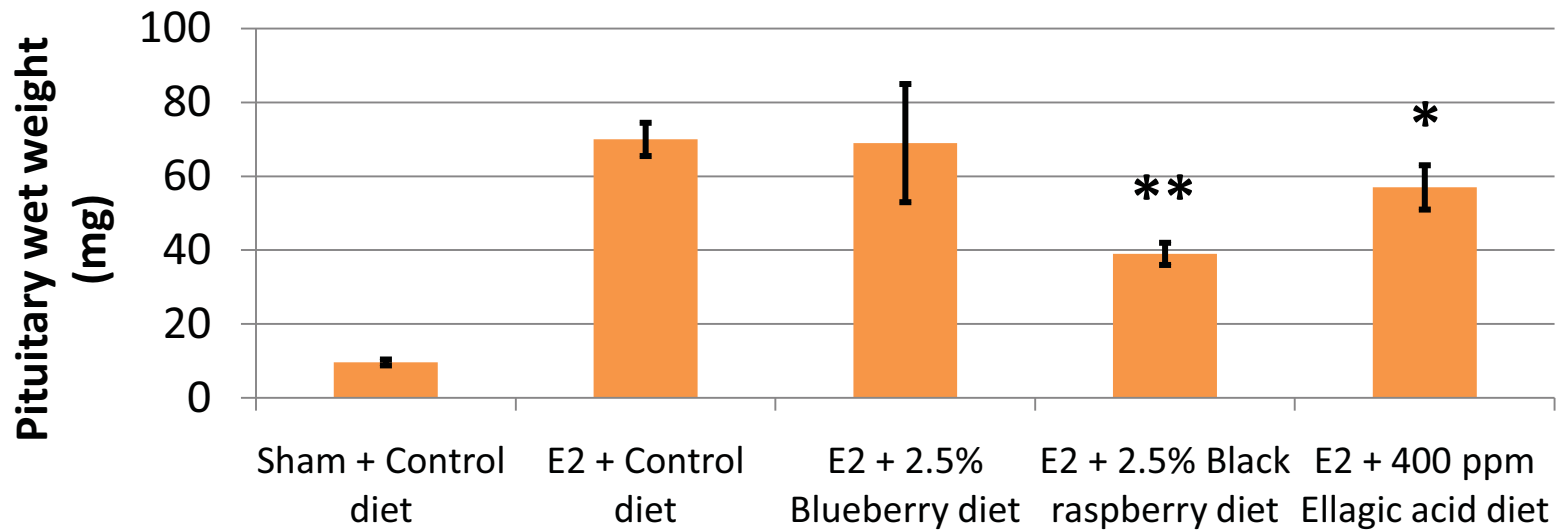
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- Sham-Control diet
- E2-Blueberry diet
- ▼ E2-Ellagic acid diet
- E2-Control diet
- ★ E2-Black raspberry diet

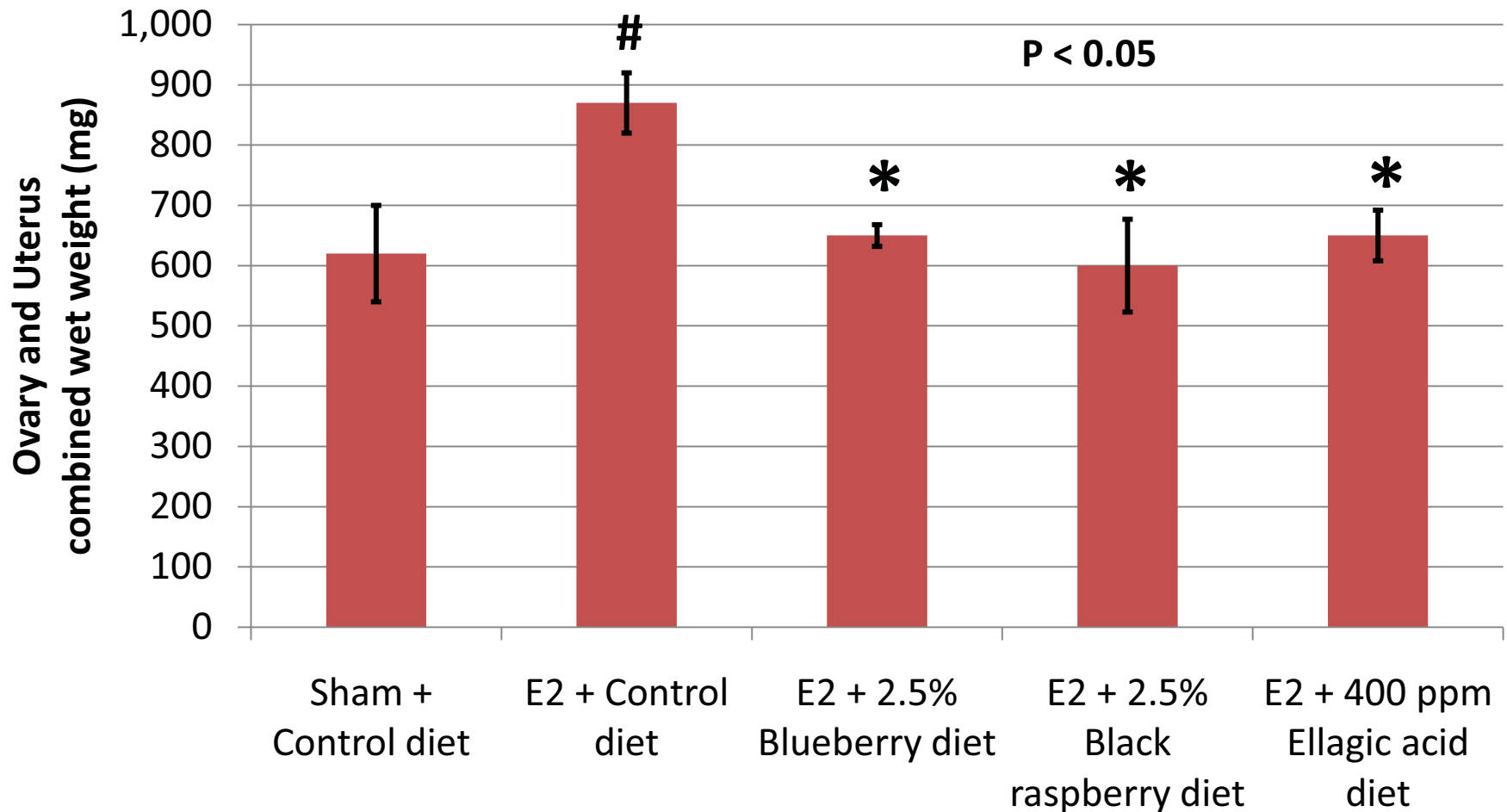
# Berry diets inhibit E2-induced cell proliferation



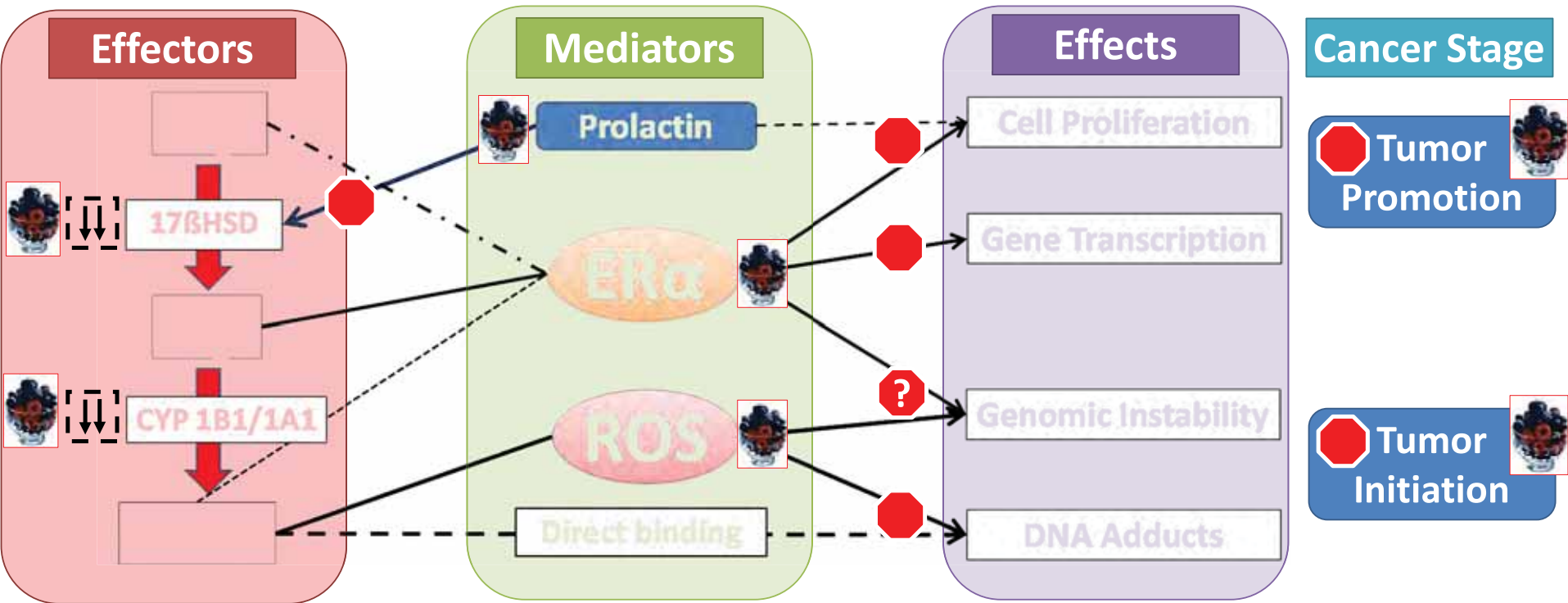
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# Overall mechanism of primary cancer prevention by berries



# So how much berries do you need to eat?

**1 cup a day**

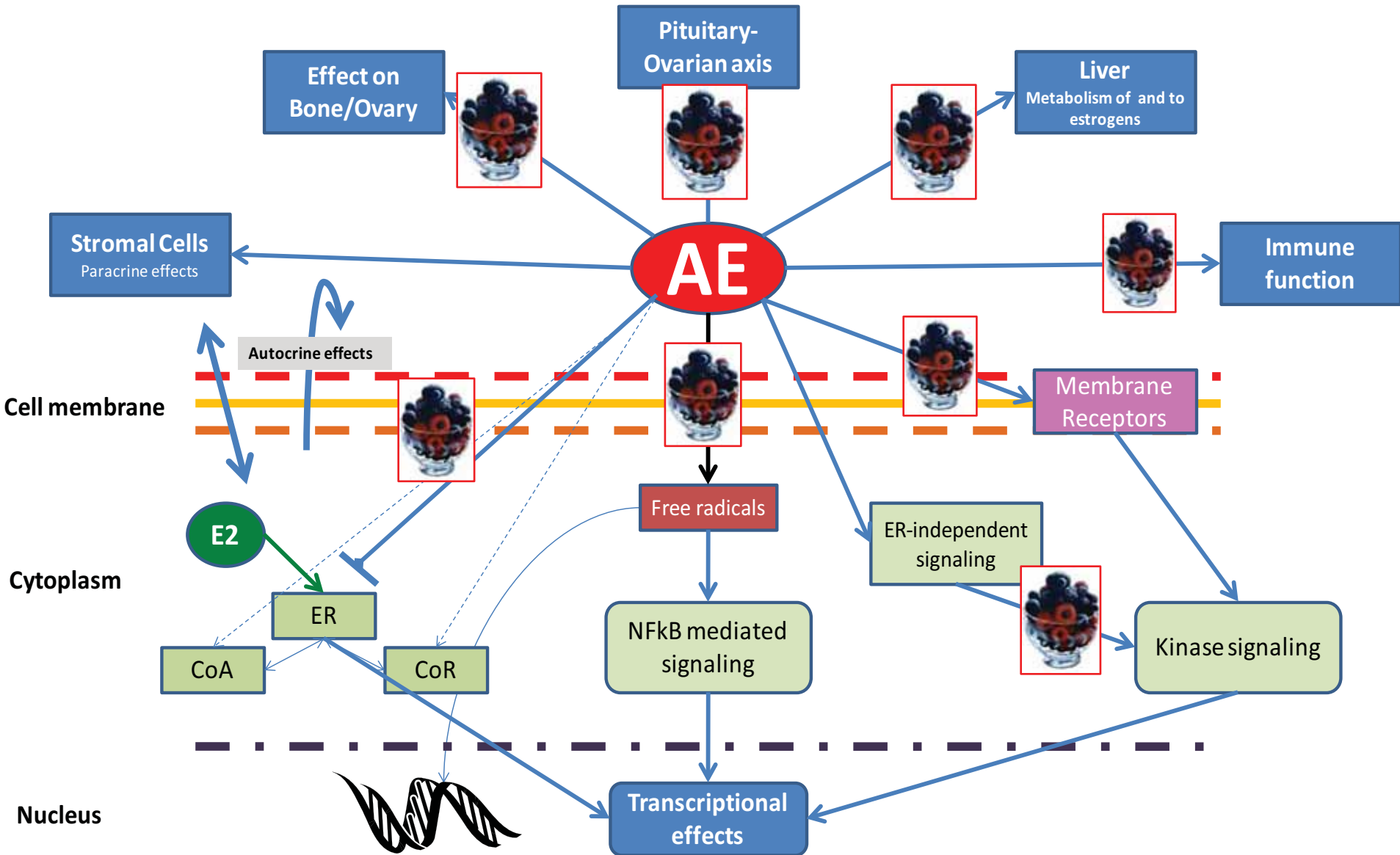
		Control Diet	Blueberry diet			Black raspberry diet		
			1%	2.5%	5%	1%	2.5%	5%
Units								
Berries consumed by rats based on caloric intake (1g feed = 4 kcal)	mg/kcal /day	-	2.5	6.25	12.5	2.5	6.25	12.5
Allometric scaling to human consumption (2,000 kcal/day)	g dried berry powder	-	5	12.5	25	5	12.5	25
Common conversion for dried berries	Tbsp/d	-	0.5	1.25	2.5	0.5	1.25	2.5
<b>Common conversion for fresh berries</b>	<b>Cups/d</b>	-	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

Source: Aiyer et al., *Berries and Cancer Prevention*, Eds Stoner GD and Seeram NP, Springer, 2011

# Future- questions & directions

- Mechanistic
  - What is the effect of berry diets on E2 metabolism and clearance in the liver?
  - What is the effect of berry diets on pituitary-ovarian axis?
  - Do berry diets affect other cell-signaling pathways (ErbB2, MAPK etc) involved in E2-induced tumorigenesis?
- Translational
  - What is the effect of berry-intervention on women who have been diagnosed with breast cancer?
  - What are the possible interactions between berry constituents and current chemotherapy regimens in breast cancer?

# Proposed mechanisms of AntiEstrogen action



Adapted from Clarke et al., 2001

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