Moderate drinking and the ageing brain; a potential fit for smart ageing? Effects of the consumption of non-alcoholic beer

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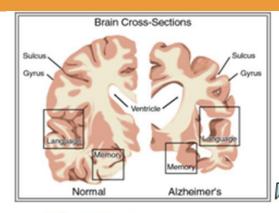




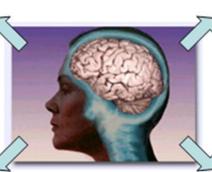


- The most common form of dementia in the elderly
- There is no clear consensus on the preventive measures available to prevent the development of this disease

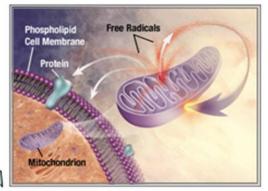




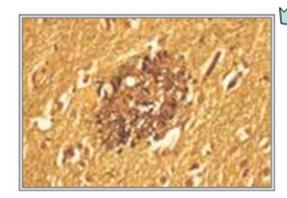
Pérdida de neuronas colinérgicas



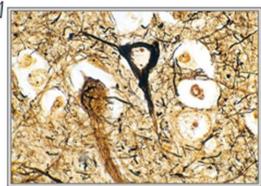
Enfermedad de Alzheimer



Estrés oxidativo



Placas de beta-amiloide



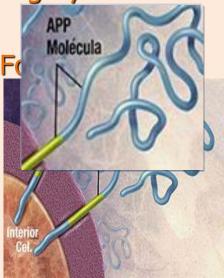
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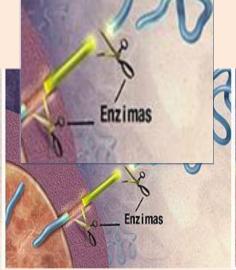


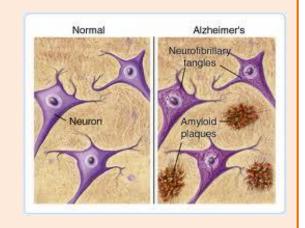
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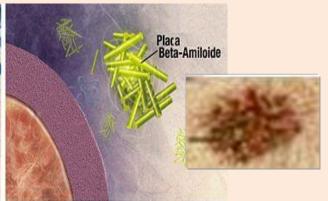
Accumulation of amyloid-ß peptides

Highly toxic





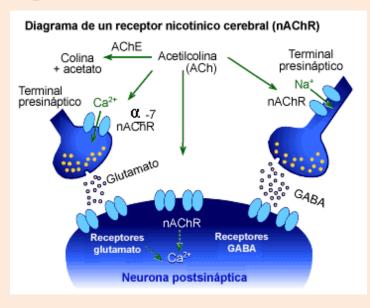




CHOLINERGIC HYPOTHESIS

Correlation between cholinergic deficiency and loss of patients'

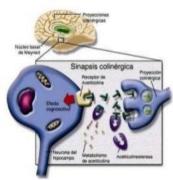
cognitive abilities

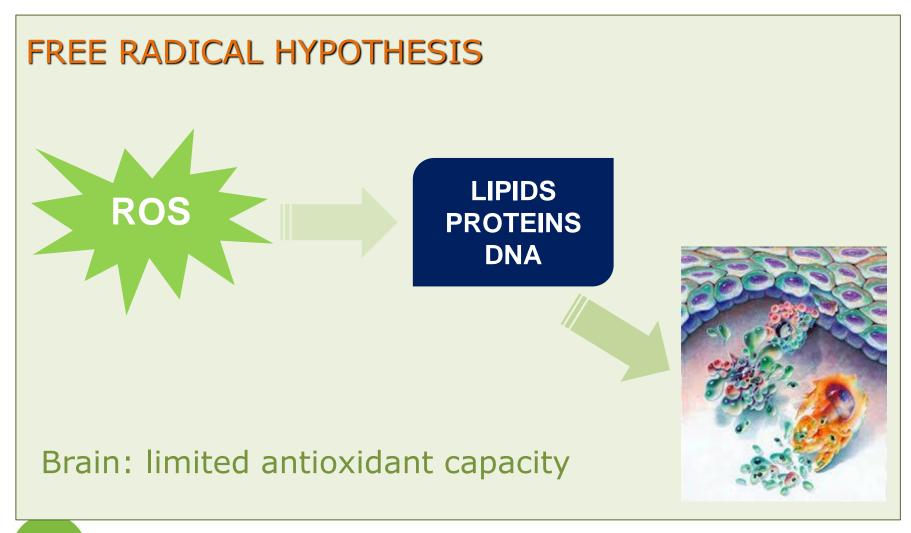


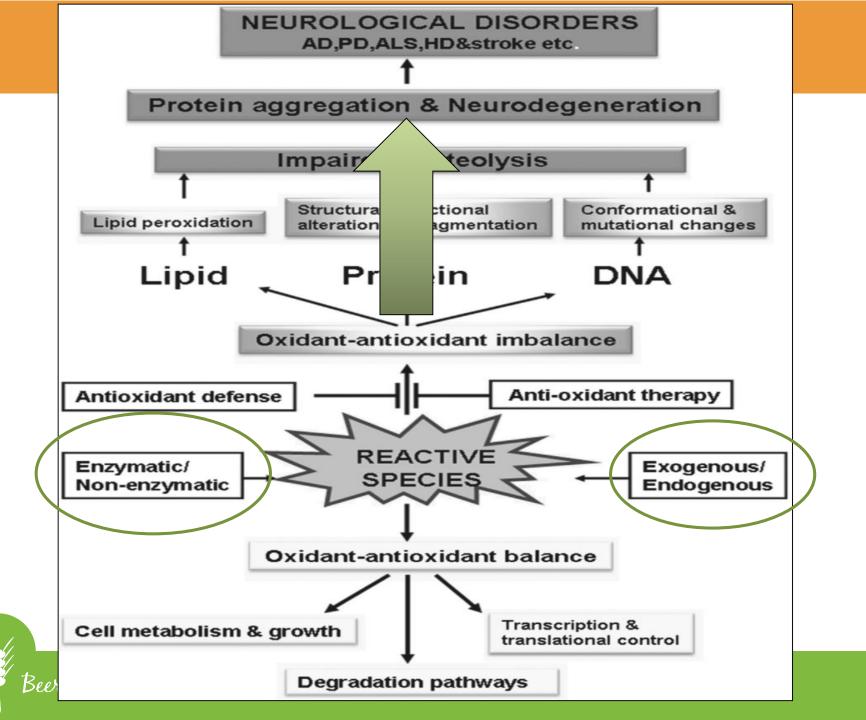
INHIBIDORES DE LA COLINESTERASA CEREBRAL

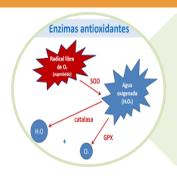
Mejoran el **rendimiento cognitivo**, los **defectos funcionales** y los trastornos de la **conducta**. Indicados en la fase <u>leve-moderada</u>.

- Tacrina: en desuso por RAM
- Donezepilo: inhibidor de la acetilcolinesterasa
- Rivastigmina: inhibidor de la acetilcolinesterasa y de la butilirl-colinesterasa
- Galantamina: inhibidor de la acetilcolinesterasa y modulador de receptores nicotínicos de la Ach







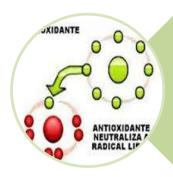


ANTIOXIDANT ENZYMES

Superoxide dismutase

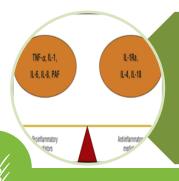
Catalase

Glutathione peroxidase



NON-ENZYMATIC ANTIOXIDANT AGENTS

Albumin, bilirubin
Uric acid, lycopene
Vitamin A, vitamin C, vitamin E



NEUROINFLAMMATORY FACTORS

Immunoproteins and cytokines: generated by neurons, astrocytes and microglia



New development strategies





ALUMINIUM

Neurotoxicity mechanisms

Cell damage
Free radicals
Oxidative

stress

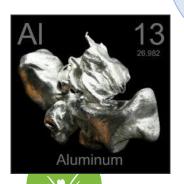
Biphasic action

Pro-oxidant (Fe)

Antioxidant enzyme inhibition ROS: peroxidation

Cholinergic system

Increased AchE activity







Protective factors

IMPACT ON THE DISEASE BY

Preventing its development

Delaying the onset

Slowing its progression

Reducing its symptoms



BEER



One of the most consumed alcoholic beverages worldwide



Rich in nutrients

- Carbohydrates, amino acids, minerals, vitamins, polyphenols
- Different in vitro biological activities: antioxidant, anti-carcinogenic, antiinflammatory, estrogenic and antiviral

Link with AD: intake could provide an alternative for preventing this pathology

- Silicon: one of the main sources of this element in the diet
- Antioxidant substances contained in hop



Si

28,086

(Ne)3s ²3p²
Silicio

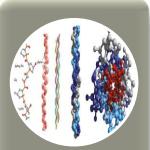


SILICON

Possible therapeutic effects



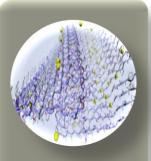
Maintaining the structural integrity of the nails, hair and skin



Global collagen synthesis



Mineralisation and bone health



Reducing the accumulation of metals in Alzheimer's disease



Immune system health



Reducing the risk of atherosclerosis



SILICON

Orthosilicic acid-Aluminium interaction

The simultaneous administration of silicic acid and Al reduces the absorption of Al and increases its clearance from the body

Formation of highly insoluble and inabsorbable hydroxialuminisilicates

Clinical human trials: administration of mineral water rich in silicic acid

Increased urinary excretion of aluminium

Significant reduction in the aluminium body burden



Possible use of silicic acid as a long-term non-invasive therapy to reduce the body burden of Al, decreasing the possibility of suffering Alzheimer's disease

Earlier works



SILICON AND BIOAVAILABILITY

Hypothesis

Si could limit the bioavailability of Al by decreasing absorption in the gastrointestinal tract

Objective

To determine the **effect** of **beer** consumption on the **bioavailability** of **AI**, and the possible link in preventing its neurotoxicity

SILICON AND BIOAVAILABILITY

Acute study: 3 days

- Types: Alcoholic and nonalcoholic beer
- Dose: Moderate-low (0.5 I/day)
 Moderate-high (1 I/day)

Chronic study: 3 months

Type and dose of the most effective beer

Work plan

- NMRI male mice
- Urine, faeces and brain collection
- Intracardiac blood extraction
- Wet mineralisation of organic matter
 - ➤ Determination of Al → ICP-MS
 - ➤ Determination of Si → ICP-OES









Role of beer as a possible protective factor in preventing Alzheimer's disease

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Abstract

Aluminium (Al), a neurotoxin, has lately been implicated as one of the possible causal factors contributing to Alzheimer's disease. Because silicon (Si) intake can affect the bioavailability of aluminium, the object of the present study was to assess whether moderate beer consumption might, as a source of dietary Si, affect the toxicokinetics of Al and thereby limit that element's neurotoxicity.



Intake of alcoholic beer, due to its silicic acid content, interferes with Al absorption and excretion kinetics by decreasing its bioavailability

González-Muñoz et al., 2007



CHRONIC STUDY: EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

Negative control



Deionised water

Positive control



450 mg/L Al(NO₃)₃

Positive group with alcoholic beer



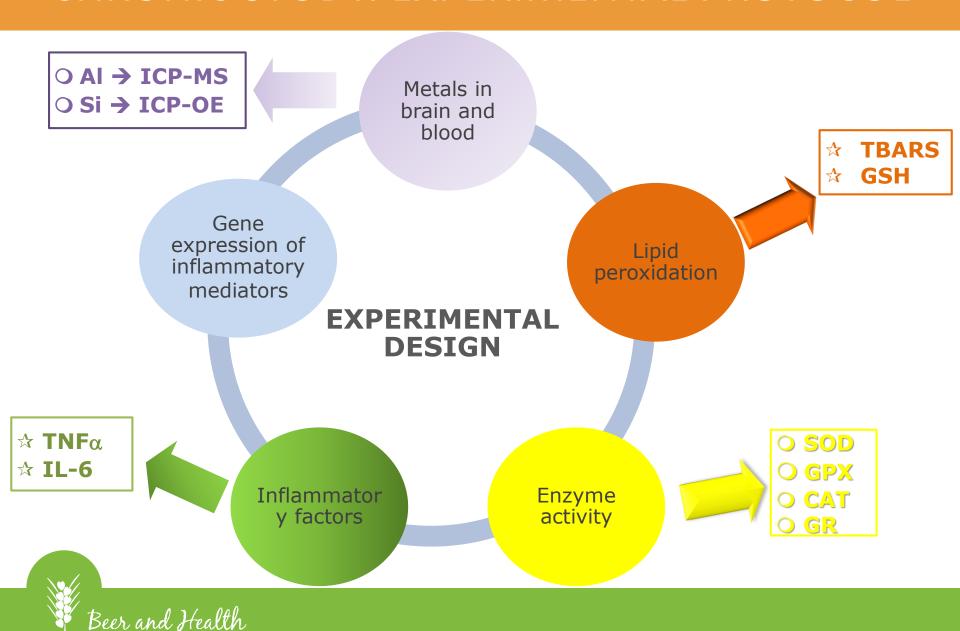
450 mg/L Al(NO₃)₃ + Beer

Positive group with silicic acid



450 mg/L Al(NO₃)₃ + 50 mg/L of silicic acid

CHRONIC STUDY: EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL











Beer consumption reduces cerebral oxidation caused by aluminum toxicity by normalizing gene expression of tumor necrotic factor alpha and several antioxidant enzymes

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Si was able to block the proinflammatory and prooxidant actions induced by Al

González-Muñoz et al., 2008

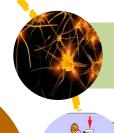


Hypothesis to use beer as an effective prophylactic measure to prevent the development of AD



However, its alcohol content, although not very high, would limit its recommendation to the entire population

Possible effect of non-alcoholic beer and its ingredients (Si and hop)



Neuronal toxicity





Pro-oxidant effects



Specific objectives

To evaluate the degree of cerebral oxidative stress produced by Al and determine the effect of non-alcoholic beer and its components

- Glutathione titration
- Levels of lipid peroxidation (TBARS)

To quantitatively evaluate the effect of non-alcoholic beer and its components:

 Enzyme activity, levels and gene expression of antioxidant defence mechanisms (SOD, CAT, GPx and GR) in the brain of rats intoxicated with Al

To determine the possible involvement of inflammatory mediators

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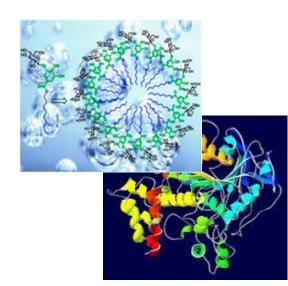
To evaluate the neurological progression of animals that have received the different treatments

 Specific behavioural tests: study of the neurological damage induced by Al and determination of the preventive capacity of beer and its components to alleviate these problems

In vitro tests



Antioxidant capacity FRAP DPPH ORAC

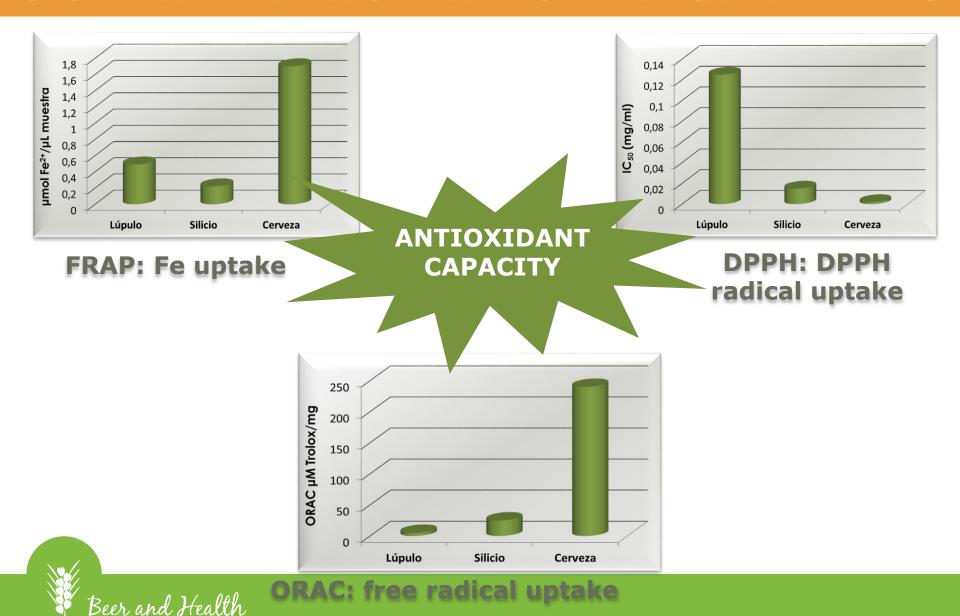


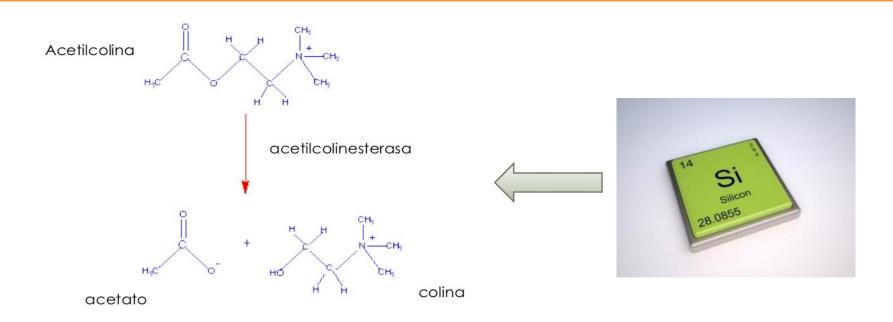
Polyphenol content in beer and hop



Acetylcholinesterase activity







Si demonstrated a capacity to inhibit AChE activity *in vitro*



Possible new mechanism to reverse Al neurotoxicity









Negative control: **Desionized water**

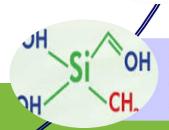




Al + non-alcoholic beer: 450 μg/kg/day Al(NO₃)₃ Beer



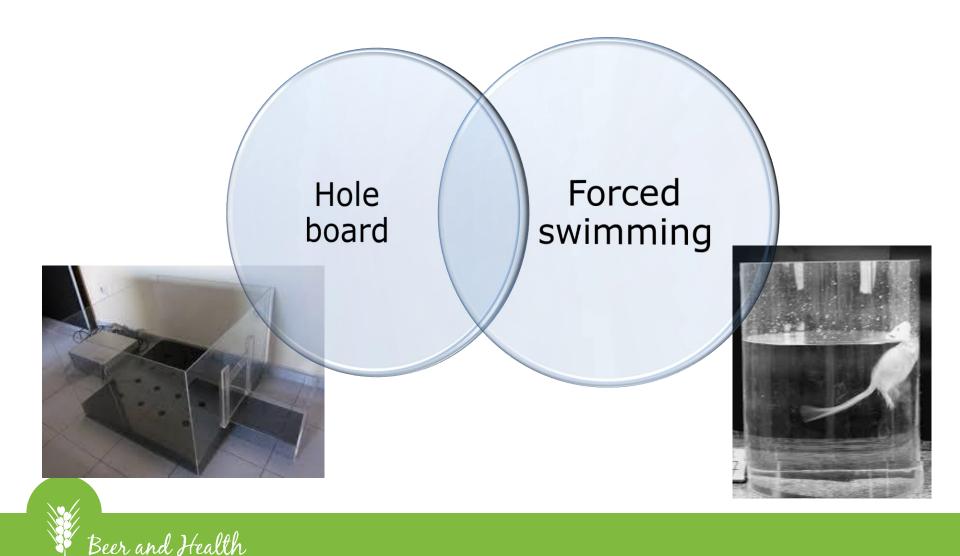
Aluminium + hop: 450 μg/kg/day Al(NO₃)₃ 0.4 mg hop extract



Aluminium + silicon: 450 μg/kg/day Al(NO₃)₃ 50 mg/L silicic acid



In vivo tests: Behavioural tests



In vivo tests: Behavioural tests



Variables indicative of motor activity, exploration and emotionality are recorded





Grooming



Defecation index



Immobility



Curiosity



Rearing



In vivo tests: Behavioural tests







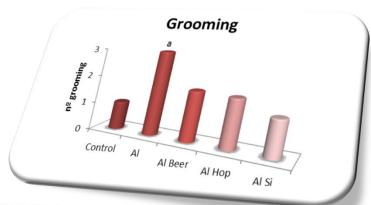
Allows the capacity for learning and memory to be evaluated

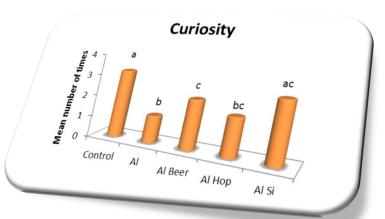


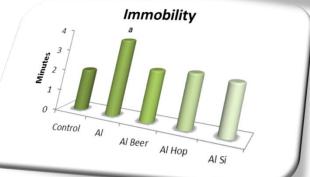
Swimming time and immobility time is recorded

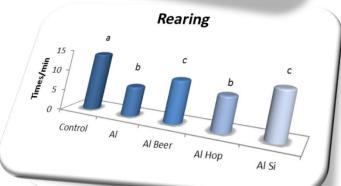
HOLE BOARD TEST

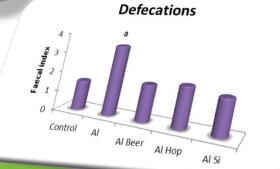
Non-alcoholic beer, Si and hops alleviate the behavioral changes produced by Al







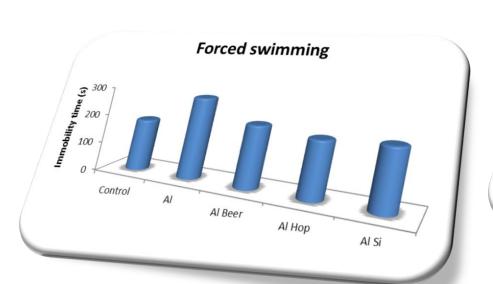


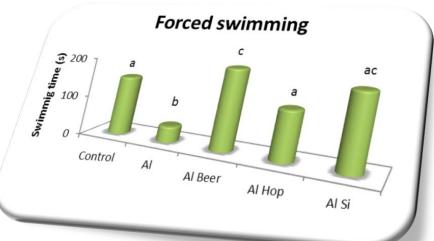




Beer and Health

FORCED SWIMMING TEST

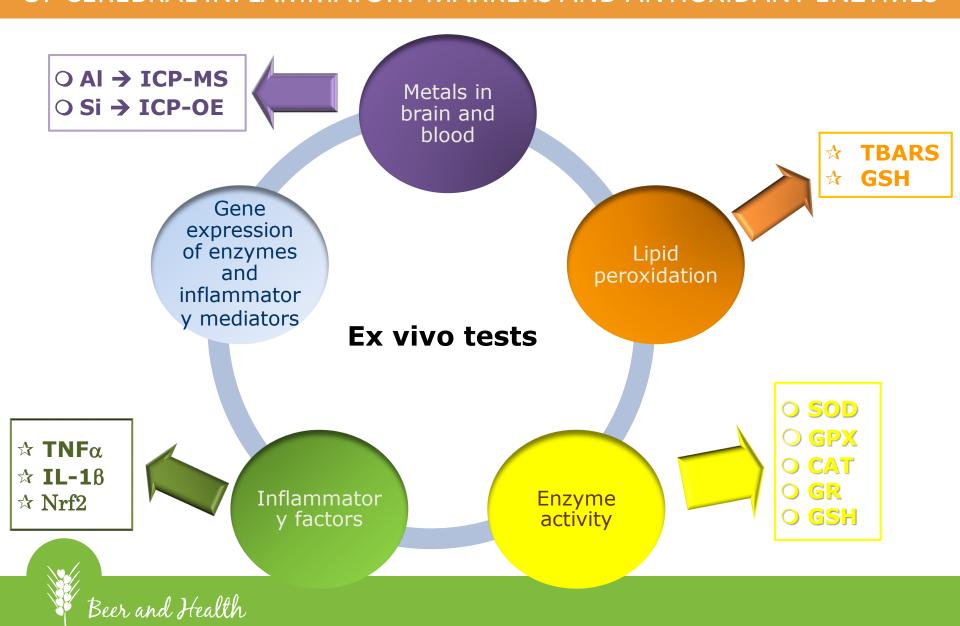


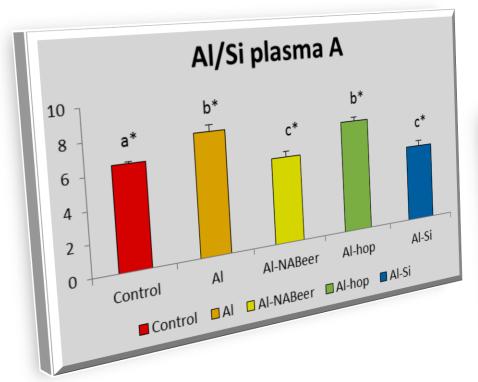


Beer and Si neutralize this effect, obtaining better results than the control animals

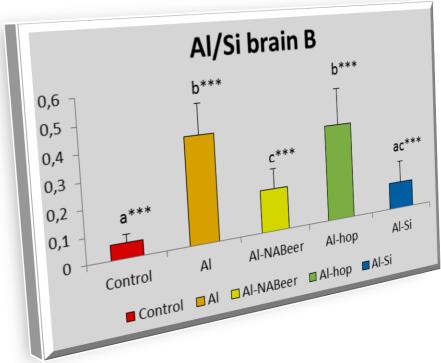
The acetylcholinesterase inhibitory capacity of Si







Al and Si levels in plasma and brain



Hop has no effect at this level: mechanism of action different from chelation



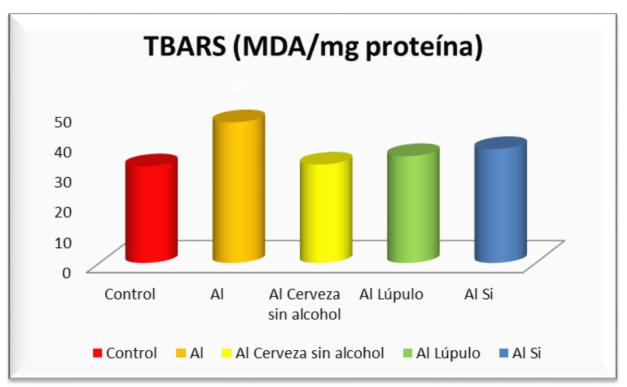
Non-alcoholic beer and silicic acid reduce the accumulation of Al in the brain

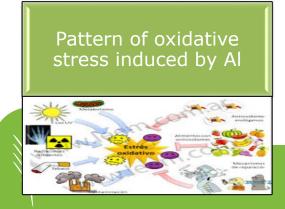


Possible use as a long-term non-invasive therapy to reduce Al in patients with AD

Beer and Health

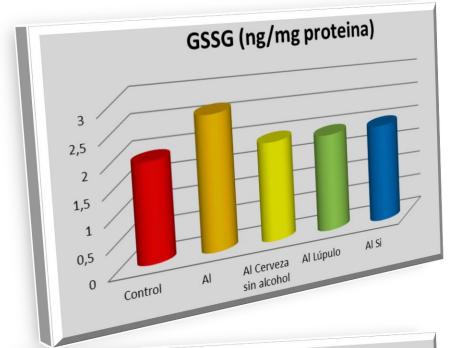
Effect of non-alcoholic beer and its components on lipid peroxidation: TBARS, glutathione and redox index

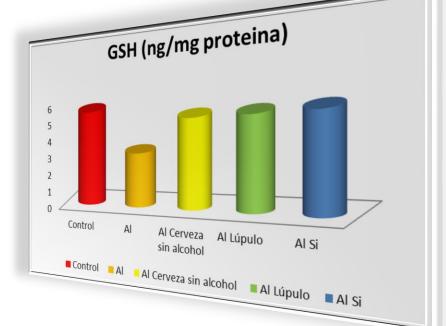


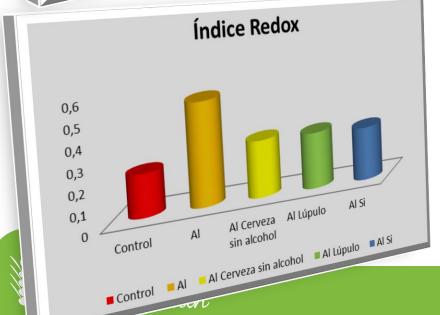






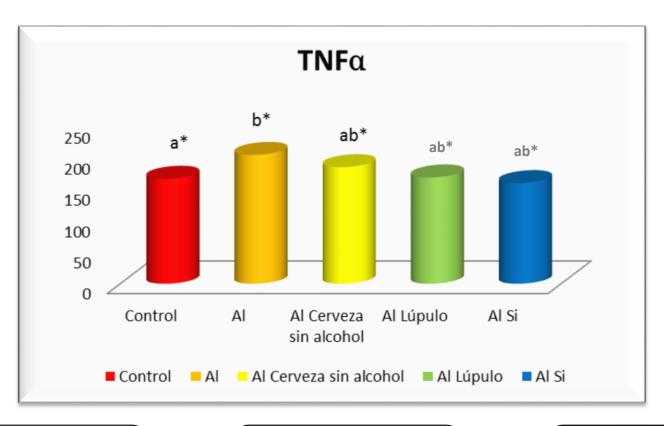








Effect of non-alcoholic beer and its components on TNFq levels



Increased TNFa → inflammatory response of the CNS

Interaction with the cholinergic system



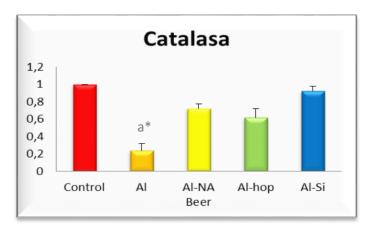
Si → decreased Al body burden (HAS)

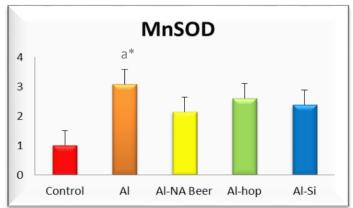


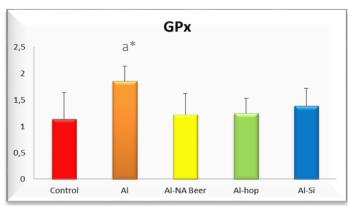
Hop → anti-inflammatory effect exerted by polyphenols

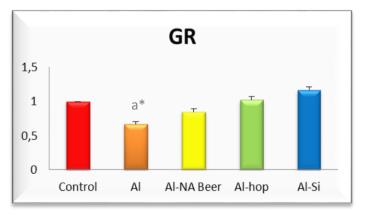


Effect of non-alcoholic beer and its components on gene expression and activity of antioxidant enzymes









The expression and activity of antioxidant enzymes altered by the administration of Al is normalised by treatment with non-alcoholic beer and its components → silicon, hop and beer are able to improve antioxidant defence in the brain

Conclusions



Due to the capacity of its components to alleviate the neurodegenerative effects induced by Al intoxication



Moderate consumption of non-alcoholic beer provides an effective prophylactic measure for preventing the onset and development of AD

