


Curcumin and Metabolic Diseases

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CURCUMIN

The 21ST Century Cure

PREVENT AND REVERSE:

- ◊ Cancer ◊ Depression and dementia
- ◊ Digestive disorders ◊ Diabetes
- ◊ Pain and arthritis ◊ Heart disease

And more!



Effect of Curcumin on Chronic Kidney Disease



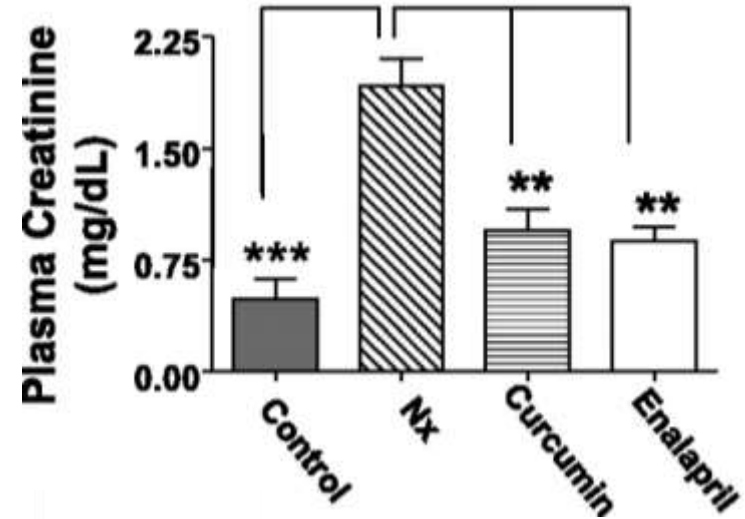
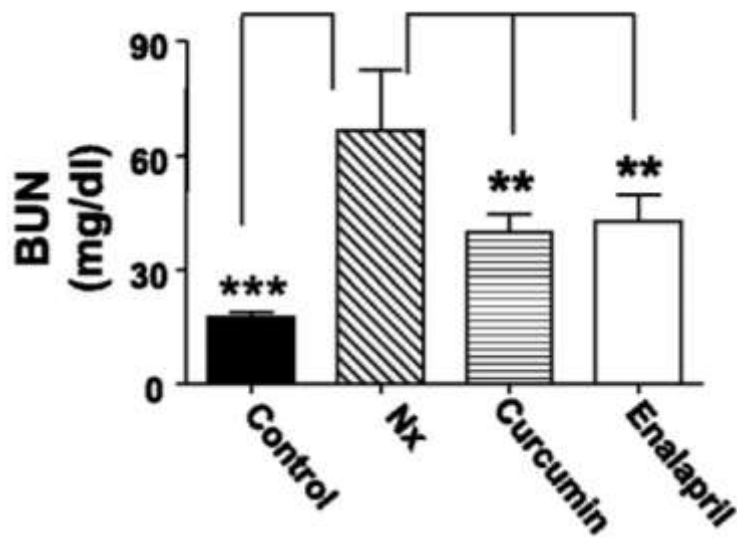
Control: **Sham surgery**

NX: **5/6th Nephrectomy**

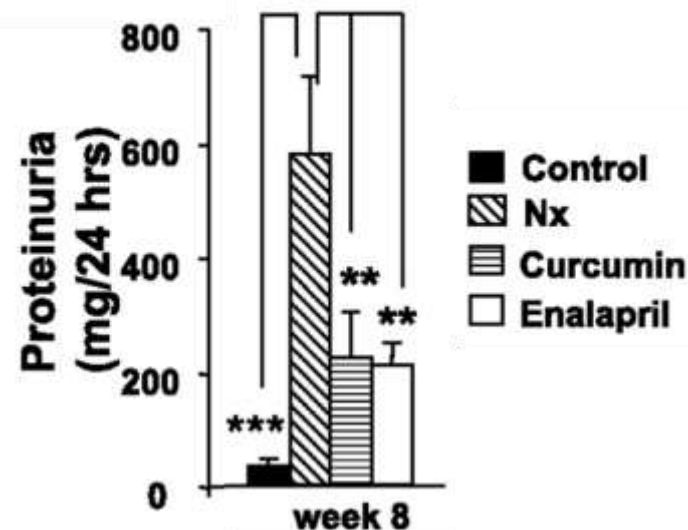
Supplementation
with **Curcumin or Enalapril**

- **Collect Plasma**
- **Collect urine**
- **Evaluate Kidney Function**

Supplementation with curcumin attenuates Kidney Disease



- **Nx** – Animal model for kidney disease
- **Enalapril** – Currently used drug for kidney disease



[Ghosh SS et al: Am J Physiol Renal Physiol. 296:F1146-57, 2009](#)

Effect of Curcumin on Diabetes and Heart Disease



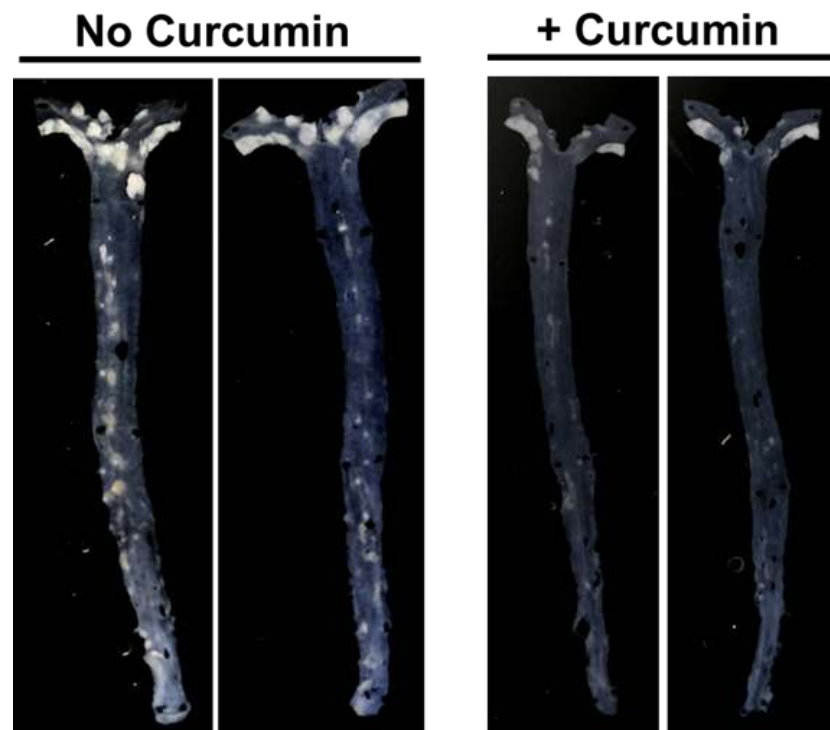
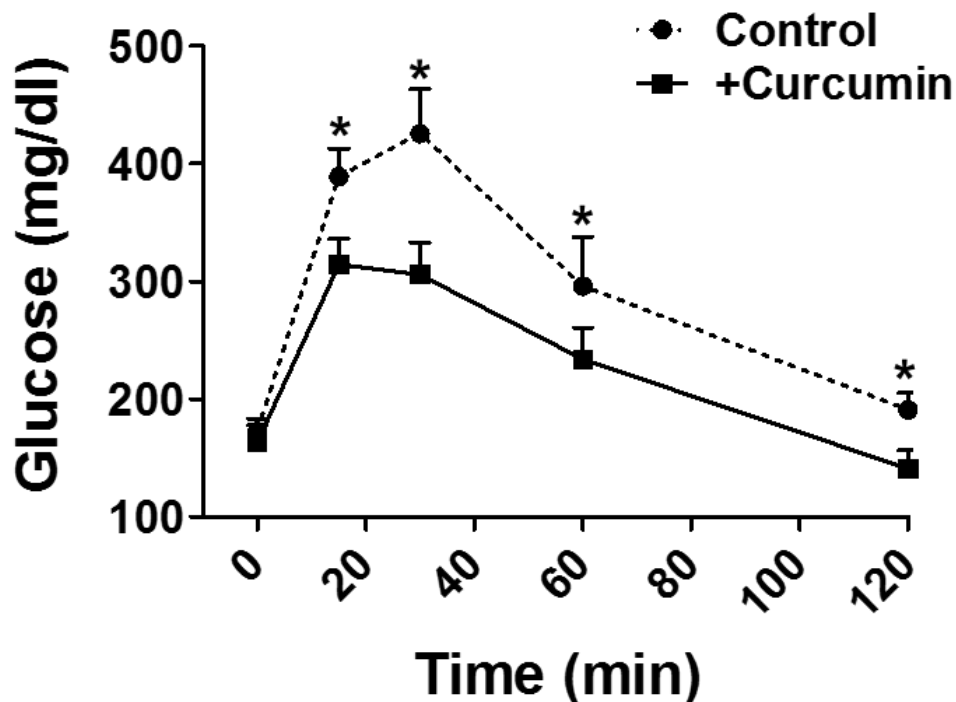
LDLR-/- Mice

Fed a High Fat
High Cholesterol
(Western Diet) for
16 weeks **with or
without oral
curcumin**

Perform Glucose
Tolerance test to
evaluate diabetes

Mice Sacrificed
Evaluate
Atherosclerosis

Supplementation with curcumin attenuates Western Diet-induced Diabetes and heart disease

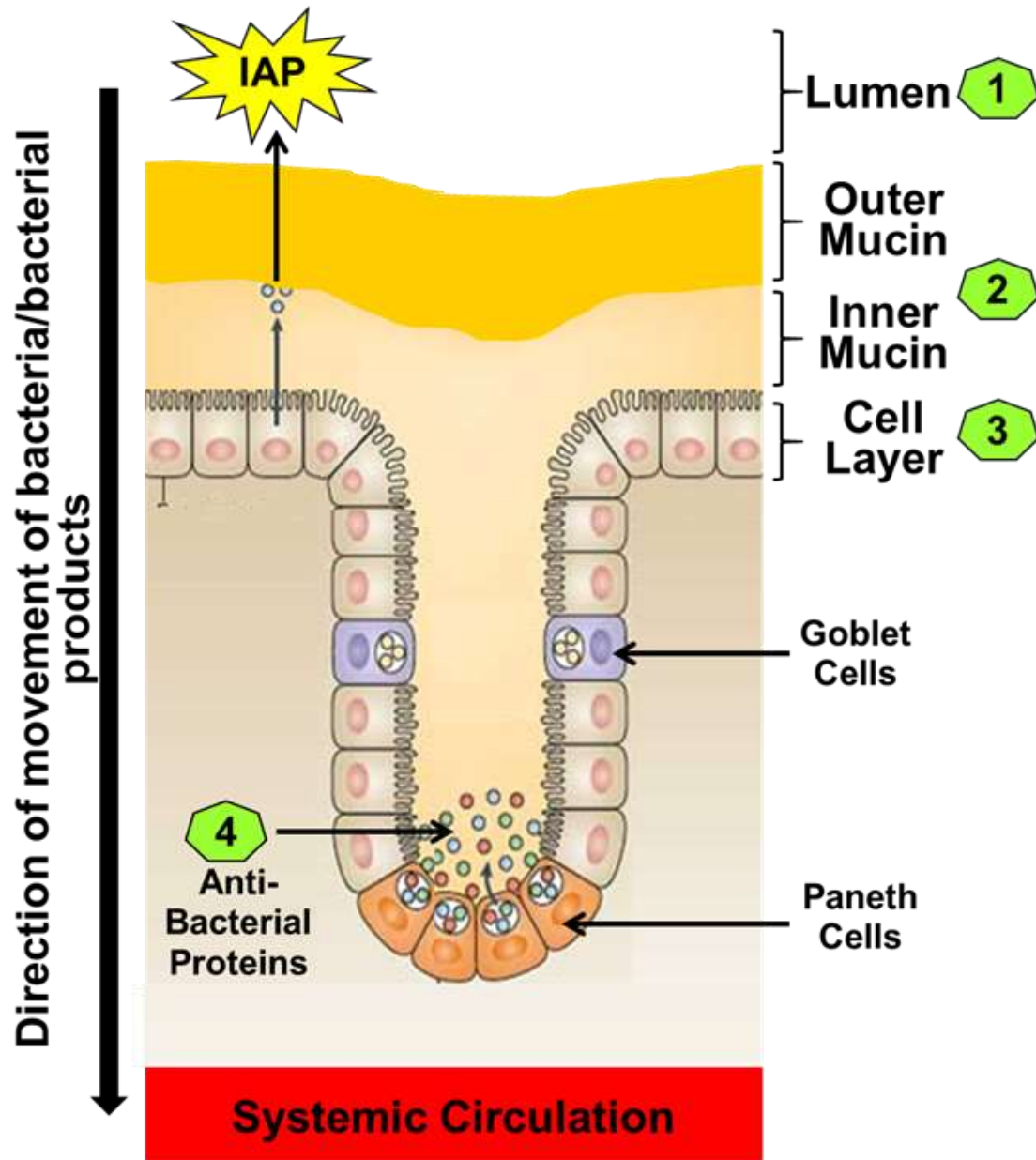


One major problem

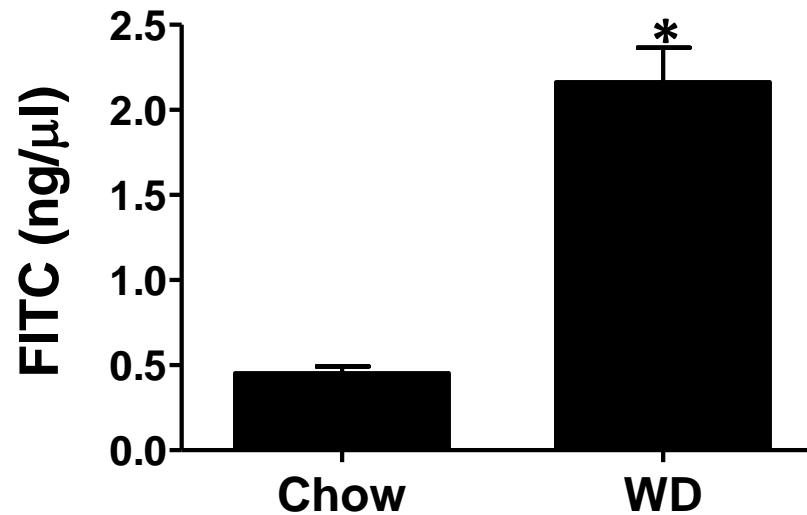
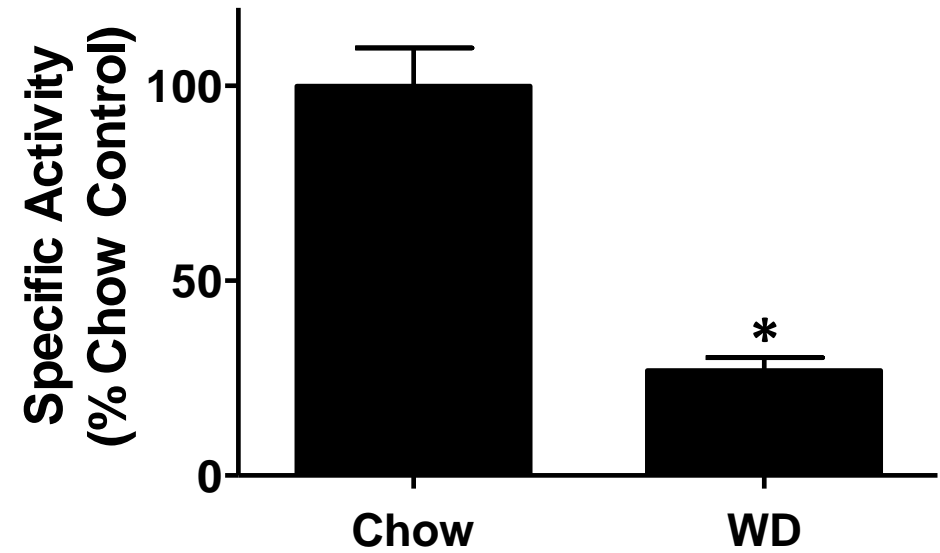
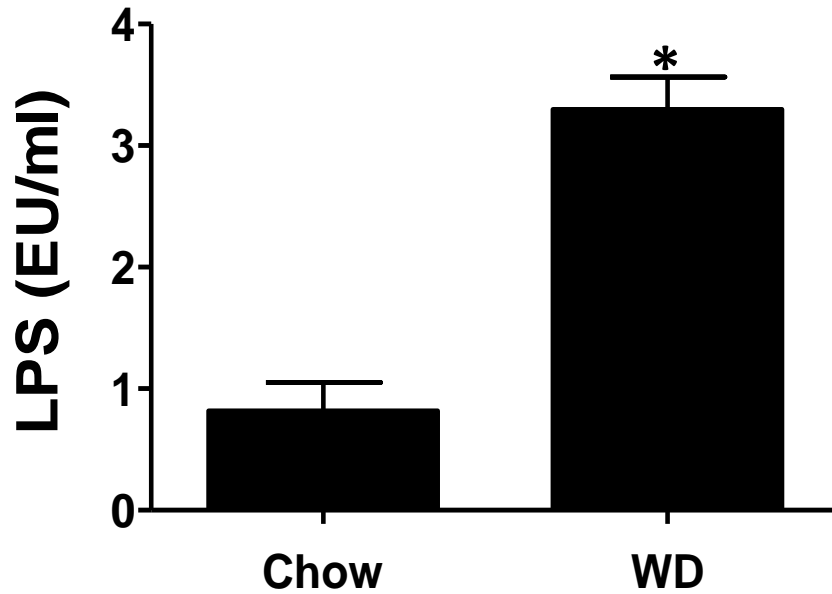
- Curcumin is very poorly absorbed – even after 8 g/day, only ng levels can be detected in the plasma
- Therefore, the **causal** role of curcumin has not been established by animal studies
- Most studies demonstrating beneficial effects of curcumin are performed using cells and these effects are observed with much higher concentrations of curcumin than can be detected in the plasma
- Efforts are, therefore, directed towards making more curcumin available to the target cells

We hypothesized that curcumin may be acting in the intestine and therefore, its absorption may not be necessary

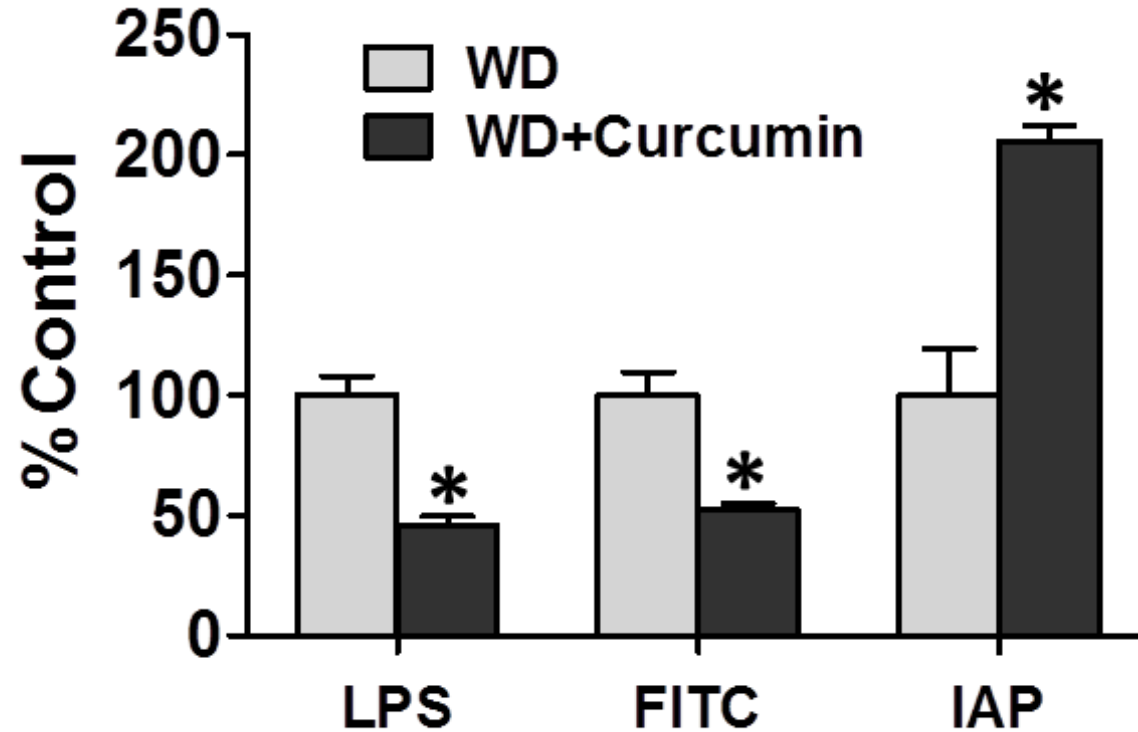
- Intestine contains millions of bacteria that produce toxins (LPS)
- Neither the bacteria nor the toxin is released into the circulation
- Intestinal wall regulates this process and provides a barrier
- If this barrier was not present, the amount of bacterial toxins in the gut are enough to kill a human being!!
- If the intestinal barrier is breached and the intestinal bacteria or the bacterial products are released into the circulation slowly, it will cause inflammation and result in the development of diseases such as diabetes or heart or kidney disease



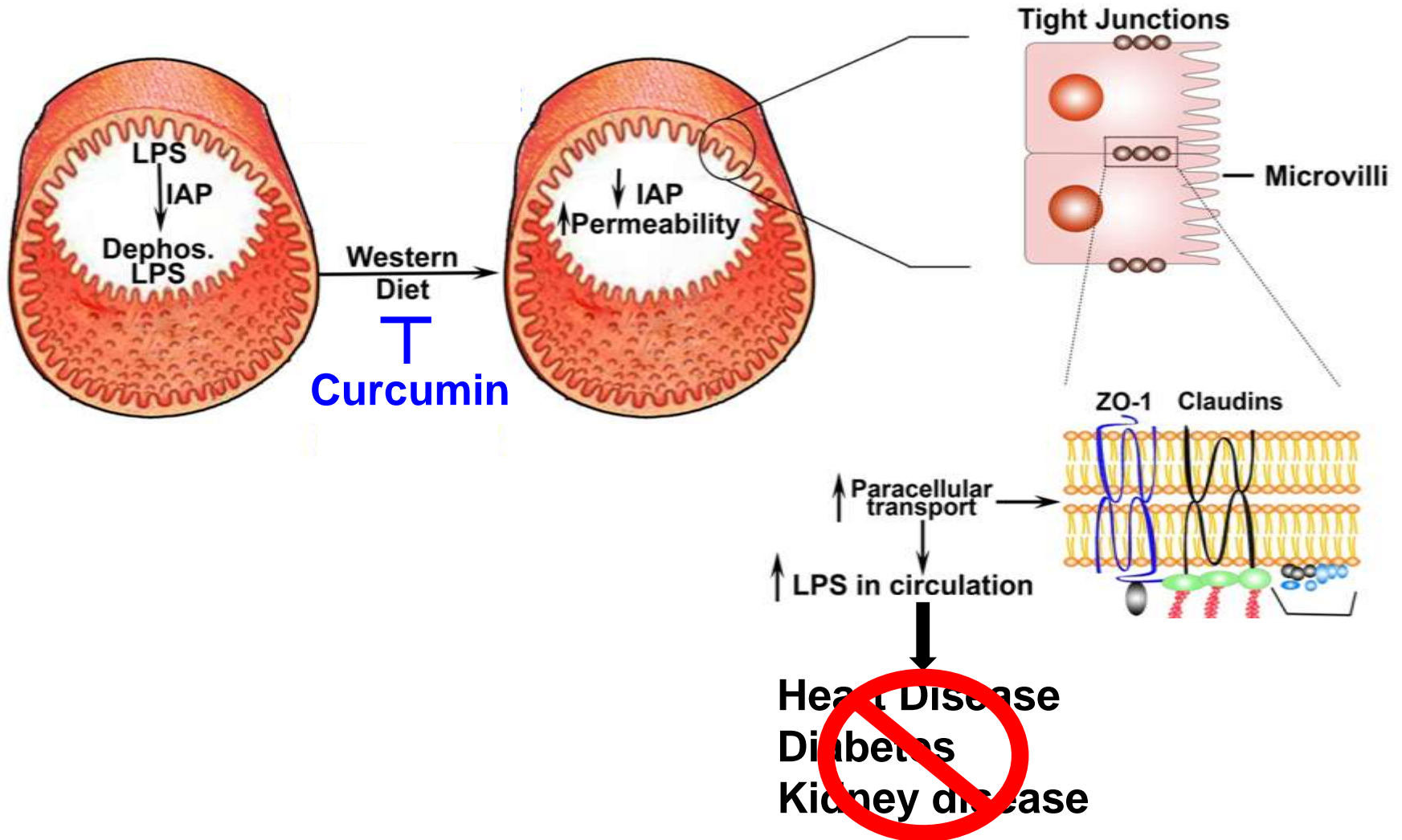
Western Diet feeding promotes translocation of bacterial toxin (LPS) to circulation



Supplementation with curcumin attenuates WD-induced increase in plasma LPS levels



Proposed model for the action of Curcumin



Thank you for your attention



