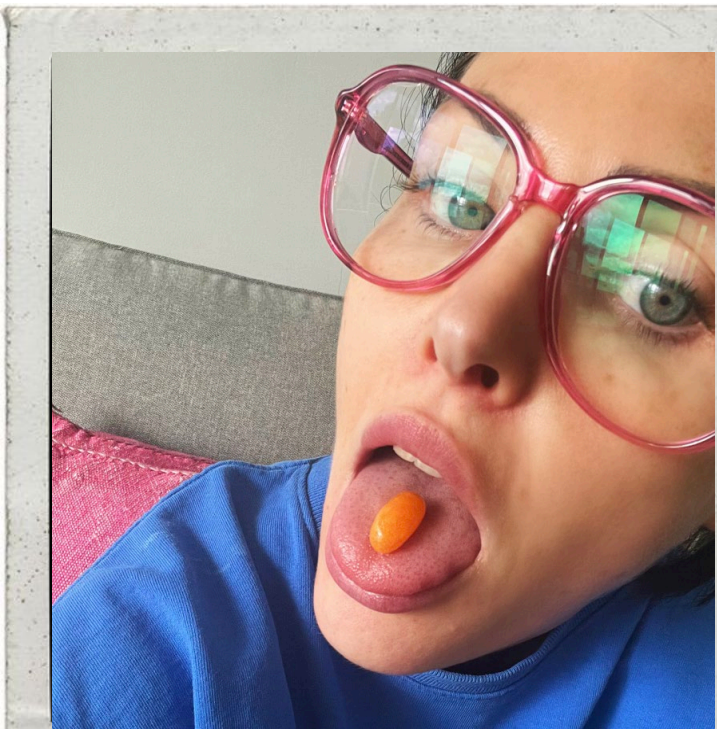


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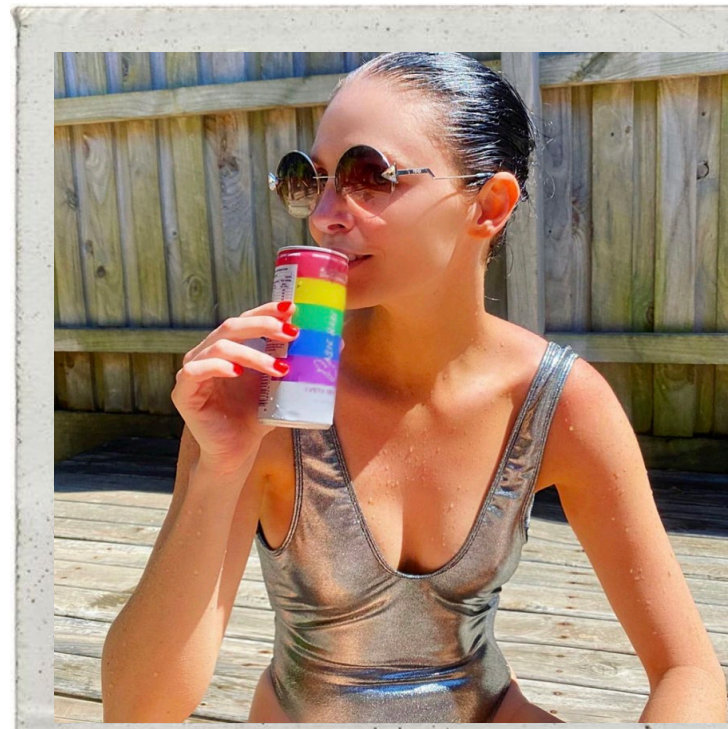
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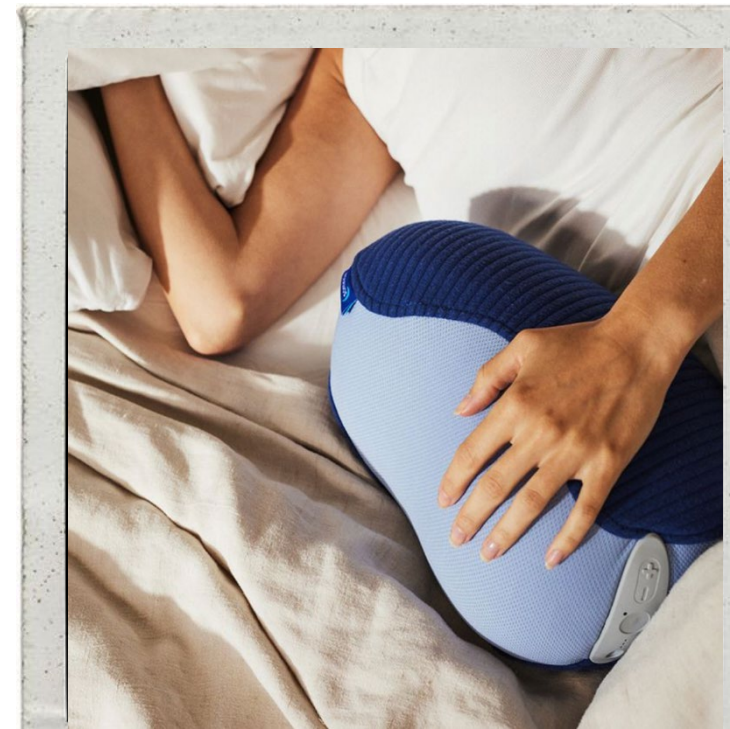
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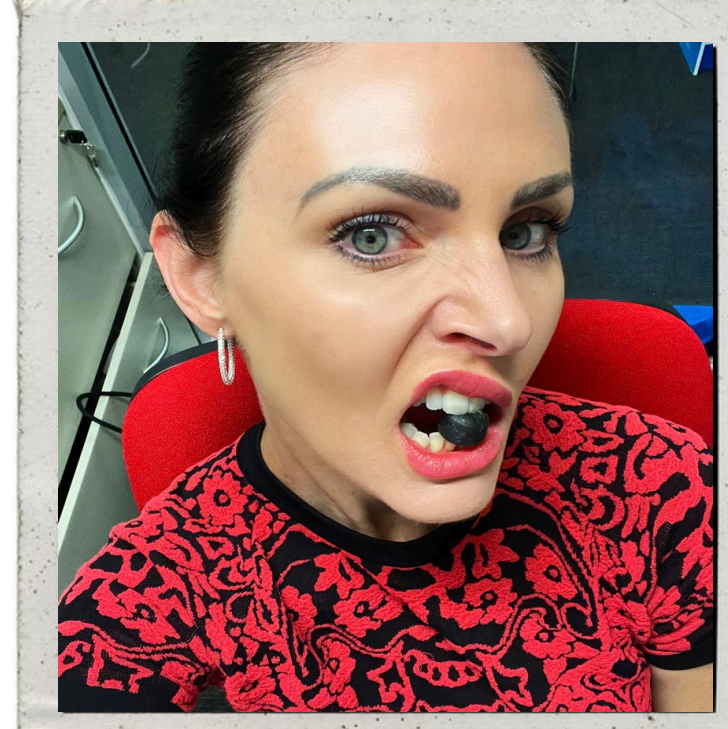
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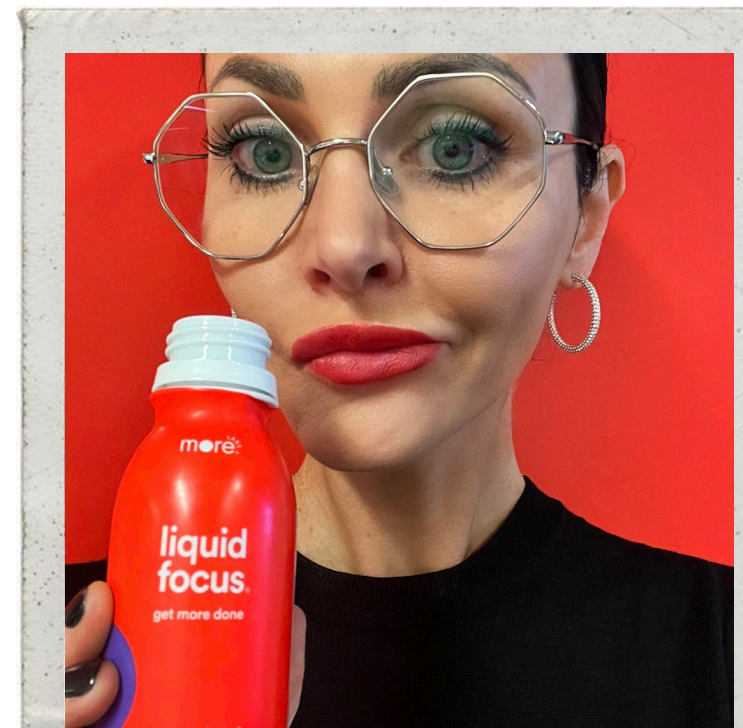
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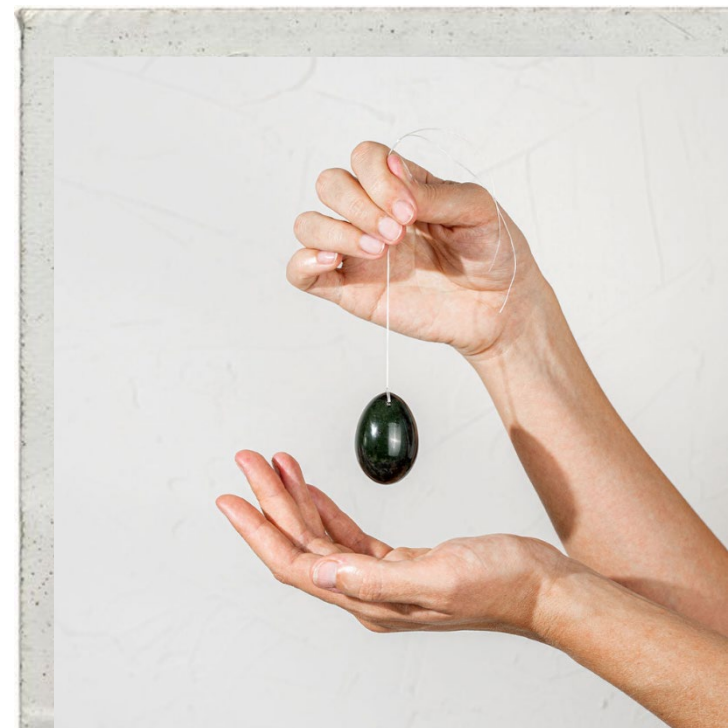
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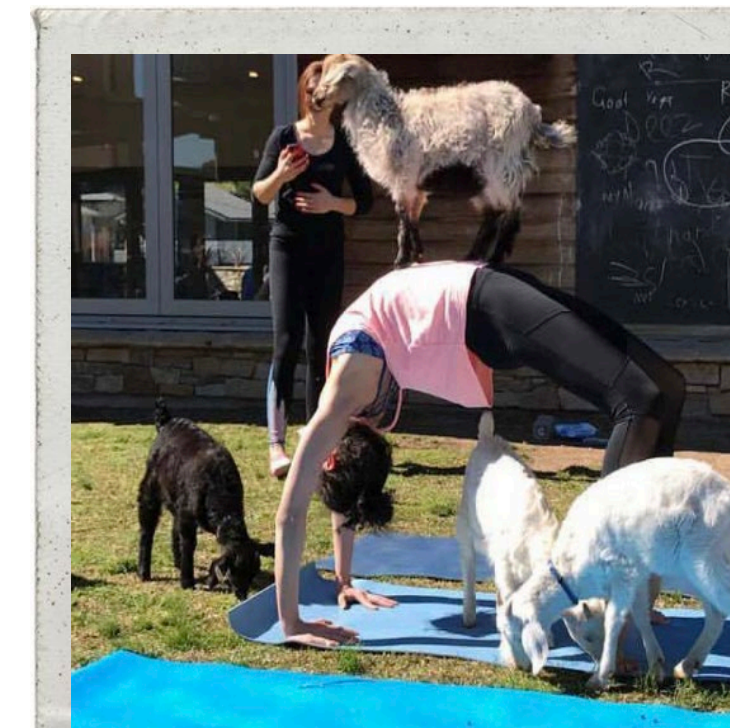
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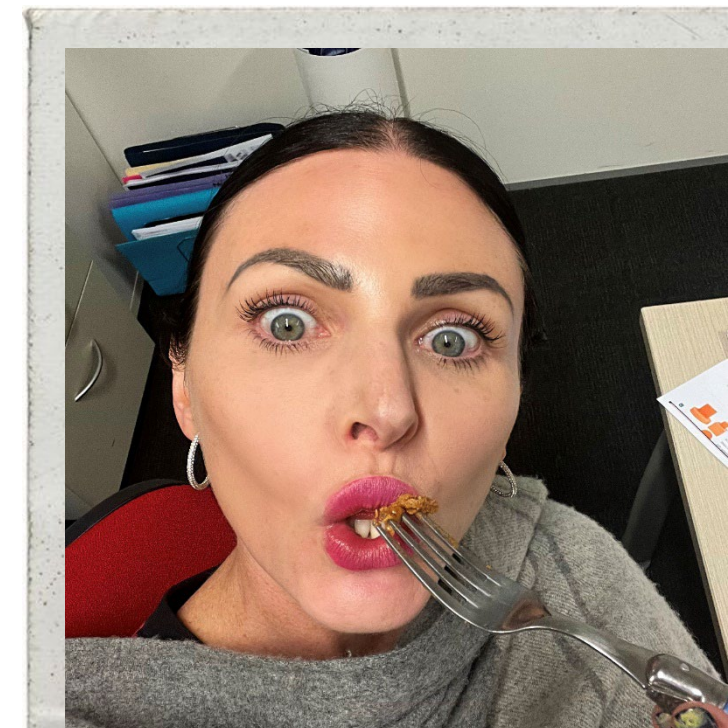
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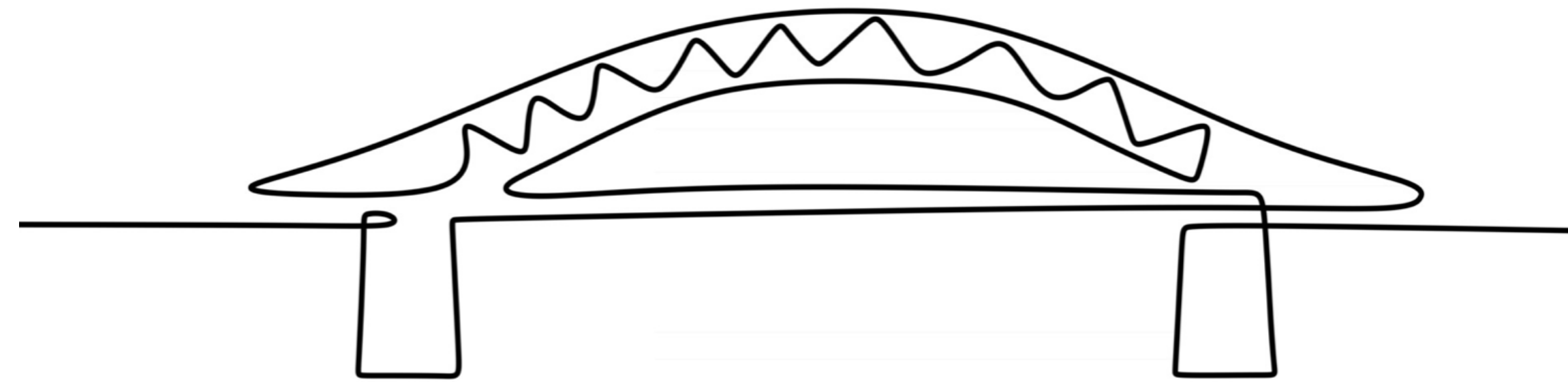
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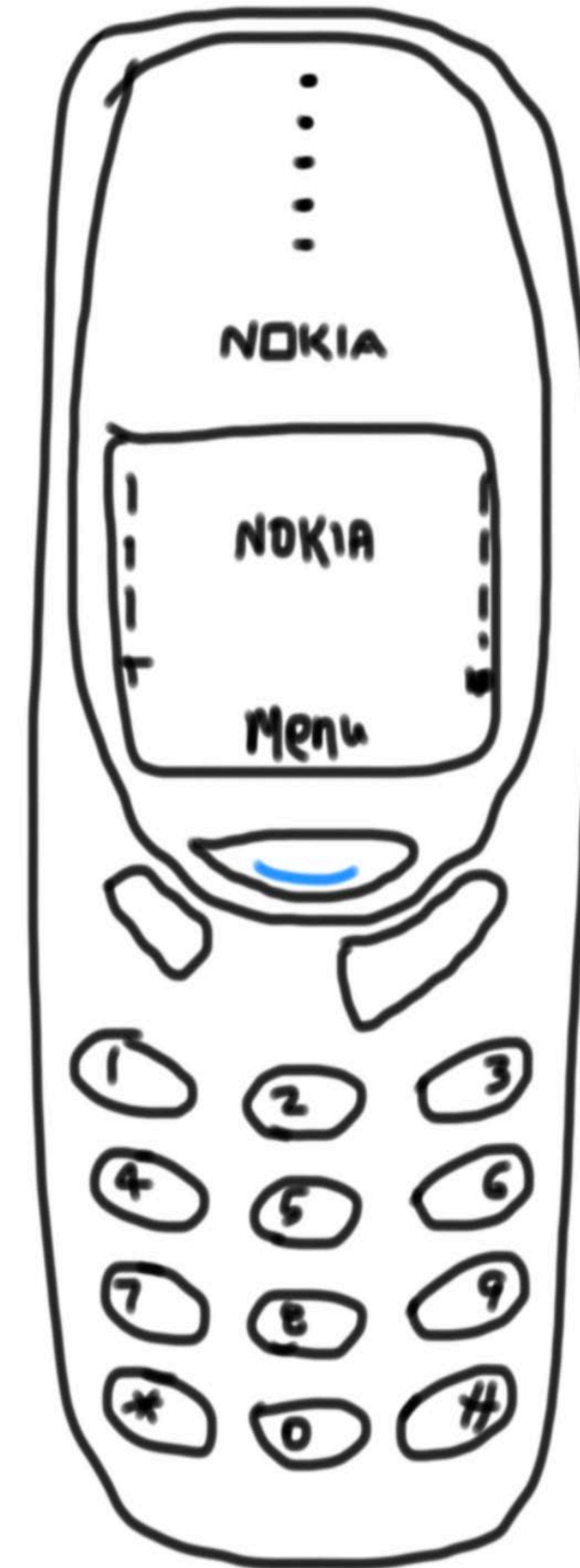
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Abstract: The objective of this investigation was to compare bioavailability of Vitamin D₃ (vitD₃) gummies vs. tablets in healthy adults. An initial pilot trial involving healthy adults ($n = 9$) was conducted followed by a large trial. Healthy participants aged 18–45 years with body mass index (BMI) < 30 and no vitamin D deficiency were randomized to receive 20,000 international units (IU) of vitamin D₃ as gummies or tablets with serial samples obtained to measure plasma vitD₃ at baseline and after a 2-week washout period. The same participants then crossed over to the other form not previously given, with sampling at the same time points. Results were analyzed for vitD₃ concentration by liquid chromatography (LC)-mass spectrometry (MS). In Study 1, results suggested bioavailability was greater with gummies compared to tablets (gummy mean (95% CI): 1474 ng/mL (1393–1555); tablet mean (95% CI): 693–855, $p < 0.0001$). Average peak blood concentration (C_{max}) values were significantly higher with gummies (gummy: 47.3 ng/mL; tablet: 23.4 ng/mL; $p < 0.0001$). VitD₃ gummies demonstrated higher bioavailability than tablets with higher vitD concentrations over time, which may have implications for achieving vitD sufficiency.

Keywords: vitamin D; cholecalciferol; bioequivalence; bioavailability

1. Introduction

There is increasing evidence that vitamin D supplementation is essential in providing adequate delivery of this prohormone implicated not only in calcium metabolism but also in immune function [1,2]. Historically, the main source of vitamin D was through the interaction of ultraviolet B

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The efficacy of Vitamin C (L-ascorbic acid) supplementation can be assessed by uptake into leukocytes. Vitafusion® Power C gummy is an alternative vitamin C source with similar bioavailability to comparator caplets.

The objective of this study was to evaluate the bioequivalence of vitamin C from a gummy formulation and a comparator caplet in healthy adults.

Healthy men and women, 34.0 ± 11.4 years of age and Body Mass Index (BMI) 24.5 ± 3.6 were randomized examiner-blind, comparator controlled, cross-over trial with two formulations (1000 mg) to caplet (1000 mg) or caplet to gummy. Intake of foods fortified with vitamin C was restricted 7 days prior to each dosing. Blood samples were collected pre-dose and at 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 10, 12 and 24 h post-dose for plasma and leukocytes; and urine was collected pre-dose and at 0-2, 2-4, 4-8, 8-12 and 12-24 h post-dose for L-ascorbic acid analysis.

Results: Vitafusion® Power C gummy and comparator caplet demonstrated similar plasma absorption profiles as there were no significant differences in plasma L-ascorbic acid total Area Under the Curve (AUC)_{0-24h} and T_{max} between gummy and caplet. The caplet did elicit a significantly higher C_{max} than the gummy ($p < 0.05$), however, the difference was numerically small. Leukocyte L-ascorbic acid total AUC_{0-24h} and C_{max} were not significantly different between gummy and caplet, however T_{max} of the gummy group was significantly longer ($p = 0.012$). Urinary L-ascorbic acid levels were also not significantly different between gummy and caplet. There were no serious adverse events and safety parameters remained within normal clinical range for both products.

Conclusion: Vitafusion® Power C gummy exhibited similar Vitamin C absorption and bioavailability to a comparator caplet in healthy adults and were considered bioequivalent.

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Potential bioactive ingredient from elderberry fruit: Process optimization for a maximum phenolic recovery, physicochemical characterization, and bioaccessibility

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Abstract.

BACKGROUND: Dark-skin berries constitute a polyphenol-rich source of interest for the development of functional ingredients.

OBJECTIVE: To develop an elderberry powder, addressing technological aspects for maximum bioactive recovery, including physical quality and bioaccessibility of the antioxidant compounds.

METHODS: An optimization of the combined process of enzyme-assisted extraction and freeze-drying was undertaken. Polyphenols and anthocyanins were quantified by spectrophotometric and HPLC-DAD analysis along processing stages and an *in vitro* digestion model was used to study the antioxidant compound activity through gastrointestinal tract and after transepithelial transport across a Caco-2 cell monolayer. Powder physical properties were also evaluated.

RESULTS: The best extraction conditions were 45°C and 160 ppm enzyme. 10% maltodextrin was the minimum carrier concentration needed to get a freeze-dried powder with good physical properties and maximum bioactive content. The phenolic compounds identified in fruits (mainly cyanidin-based anthocyanins, quercetin-3-rutinoside, catechin and, in smaller amounts, gallic and chlorogenic acids) were also present in the optimum extract and the powder. High bioaccessibility of bioactive compounds and antioxidant activity were obtained after *in vitro* digestion and transepithelial transport.

CONCLUSION: The designed elderberry powder showed great potential as functional ingredient to be used in berry juice-based beverages or other products formulated with fruit powders.

Keywords: Elderberry, freeze-drying, optimization, digestion, intestinal, bioaccessibility



Inhibition of microglial activation by elderberry extracts and its phenolic components

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Elderberry (*Sambucus* spp.) is one of the medicinal plants noted for its cardiovascular, anti-inflammatory and immunomodulatory properties. In this study, we investigated the effects of the American elderberry (*S. nigra*) as well as some of the anthocyanins and flavonols (quercetin) on microglial activation.

Main message

The bioactive compounds cyanidin-3-O-glucoside, quercetin, and gallic acid, as well as ethyl acetate and n-hexane extracts of elderberry (*S. nigra*) and quercetin inhibited microglial activation and proinflammatory cytokines.

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ABSTRACT

Phenolic compounds are important constituents of plant-based foods, as their presence is related to protective effects on health. To exert their biological activity, phenolic compounds must be released from the matrix during digestion in an absorbable form (bioaccessible) and finally absorbed and transferred to the bloodstream (bioavailable). Chemical structure and matrix interactions are some food-related factors that hamper phenolic compounds bioaccessibility and bioavailability, and that can be counteracted by food processing. It has been shown that food processing can induce chemical or physical modifications in food that enhance phenolic compounds bioaccessibility and bioavailability. These changes include: *(i)* chemical modifications into more bioaccessible and bioavailable forms; *(ii)* cleavage of covalent or hydrogen bonds or hydrophobic forces that attach phenolic compounds to matrix macromolecules; *(iii)* damaging microstructural barriers such as cell walls that impede the release from the matrix; and *(iv)* create microstructures that protect phenolic compounds until they are absorbed. Indeed, food processing can produce degradation of phenolic compounds, however, it is possible to counteract it by modulating the operating conditions in favor of increased bioaccessibility and bioavailability. This review compiles the current knowledge on the effects of processing on phenolic compounds bioaccessibility or bioavailability, while suggesting new guidelines in the search of optimal processing conditions as a step forward towards the design of healthier foods.

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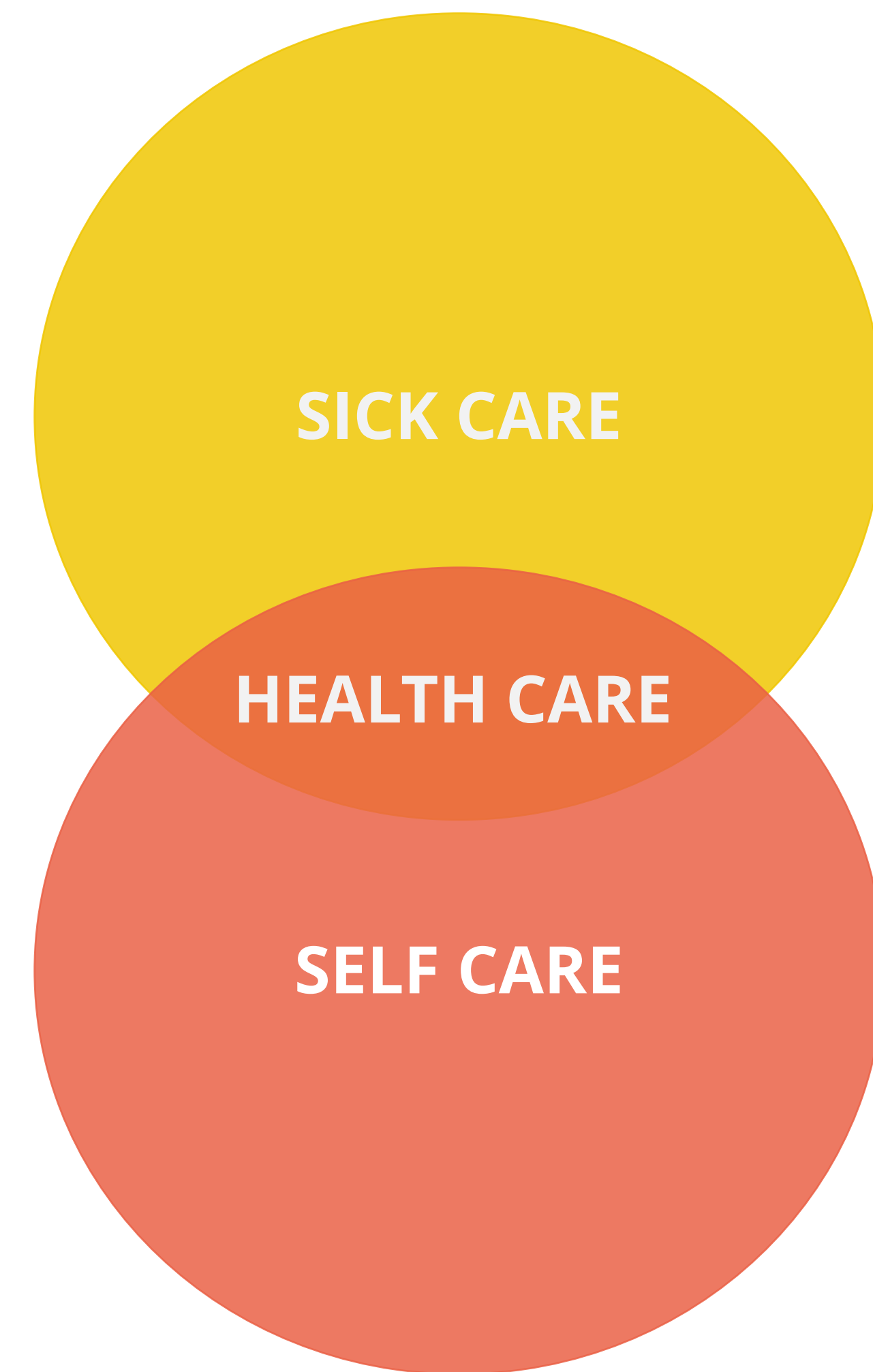
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