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## **Education:**

- Ph.D. in Biochemical and Molecular Nutrition, The Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University, 2019
- M.S. in Nutritional Sciences, Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Toronto, 2014
- B.S in Nutritional Sciences, College of Life Sciences, Kuwait University, 2009

## **Peer-reviewed Publications:**

**Shishtar E**, Rogers GT, Blumberg JB, Au R, Jacques P. Flavonoid intake and MRI markers of brain health in the Framingham Offspring Cohort. J. Nutr. 2020 Jun 1;150(6):1545-1553.

**Shishtar E**, Rogers GT, Blumberg JB, Au R, Jacques P. Long-term dietary flavonoid intake and risk of Alzheimer disease and related dementias in the Framingham Offspring Cohort. Am. J. Clin. Nutr. 2020 Aug 1;112(2):343-353

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Jovanovski E, Li D, Thanh Ho HV, Djedovic V, Ruiz Marques A de C, **Shishtar E**, Mejia SB, Sievenpiper JL, de Souza RJ, Duvnjak L, et al. The effect of alpha-linolenic acid on glycemic control in individuals with type 2 diabetes: A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled clinical trials. Medicine (Baltimore). 2017 May;96(21):e6531.

Komishon AM, **Shishtar E**, Ha V, Sievenpiper JL, de Souza RJ, Jovanovski E, Ho HVT, Duvnjak LS, Vuksan V. The effect of ginseng (genus Panax) on blood pressure: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized controlled clinical trials. J Hum Hypertens. 2016 Oct;30(10):619-26.

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**Shishtar E**, Jovanovski E, Jenkins A, Vuksan V. Effects of Korean White Ginseng (Panax Ginseng C.A. Meyer) on Vascular and Glycemic Health in Type 2 Diabetes: Results of a Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-controlled, Multiple-crossover, Acute Dose Escalation Trial. Clin Nutr Res. 2014 Jul;3(2):89-97.

#### Research in the Media:

## The New York Times

## The Foods That May Lower Dementia Risk

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/19/well/mind/the-foods-that-may-lower-dementia-risk.html

## **NBC Today online**

# Alzheimer's disease and diet: Why berries, tea and apples may lower your risk

 $\underline{https://www.today.com/health/alzheimer-s-disease-diet-flavonoids-berries-tea-apples-may-lower-t181418}$ 

#### Yahoo News

https://news.yahoo.com/alzheimers-disease-diet-why-berries-121307745.html

## **HealthDay**

## Can Fruits, Tea Help Fend Off Alzheimer's Disease?

 $\underline{https://consumer.healthday.com/cognitive-health-information-26/alzheimer-s-news-20/can-fruits-tea-help-fend-off-alzheimer-s-disease-757637.html$ 

## U.S. News

https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2020-05-13/can-fruits-tea-help-fend-off-alzheimers-disease

## WebMD

https://www.webmd.com/alzheimers/news/20200513/fruits-tea-may-help-fend-off-alzheimers-disease#1

## **Wine Spectator**

## Flavonoid-Rich Diet May Reduce Alzheimer's Risk

https://www.winespectator.com/articles/flavonoid-rich-diet-may-reduce-alzheimer-s-risk

## **Daily Mail**

Brain food: Eating and drinking things that are rich in flavonoids such as tea, berries, red wine and dark chocolate could help to stave off dementia, study shows

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-8293389/Flavonoids-tea-berries-red-wine-dark-chocolate-help-stave-dementia.html

## **MSN**

## Berries, apples and tea 'could reduce Alzheimer's risk'

Berries, apples and tea 'could reduce Alzheimer's risk'

# **Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

## Study reveals eating more of these foods may protect against Alzheimer's

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## **Psych Central**

## More Green Tea, Berries and Apples May Halve Risk of Alzheimer's

 $\frac{https://psychcentral.com/news/2020/05/06/more-green-tea-berries-and-apples-may-halve-risk-of-alzheimers/156293.html}{}$ 

# **Pharmacy Times**

Study: More Berries, Apples, Tea May Have Protective Benefits Against Alzheimer <a href="https://www.pharmacytimes.com/news/study-more-berries-apples-tea-may-have-protective-benefits-against-alzheimer">https://www.pharmacytimes.com/news/study-more-berries-apples-tea-may-have-protective-benefits-against-alzheimer</a>

# **Honors & Awards:**

- Kuwait University scholarship recipient (2012-2019)
- Kuwait University honor graduate (2009)
- Kuwait University award for excellence (2006–2007)