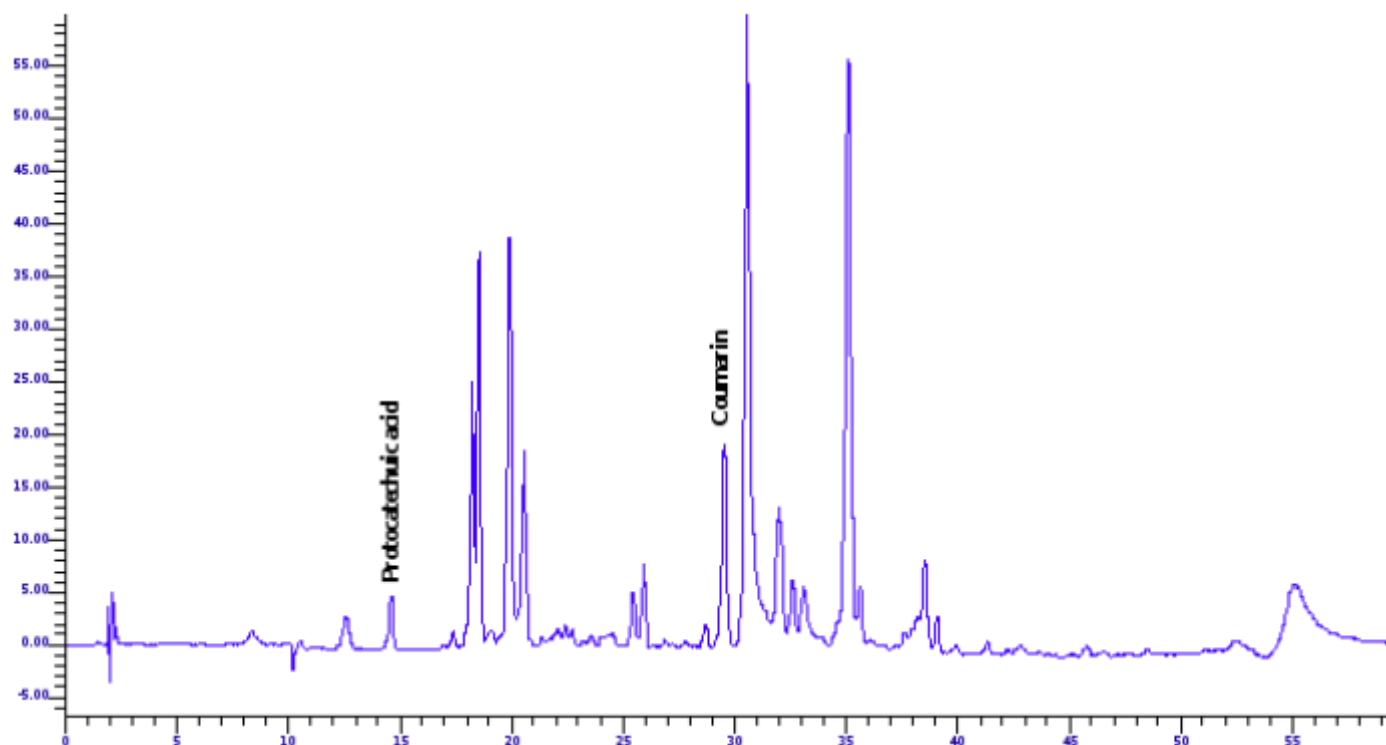


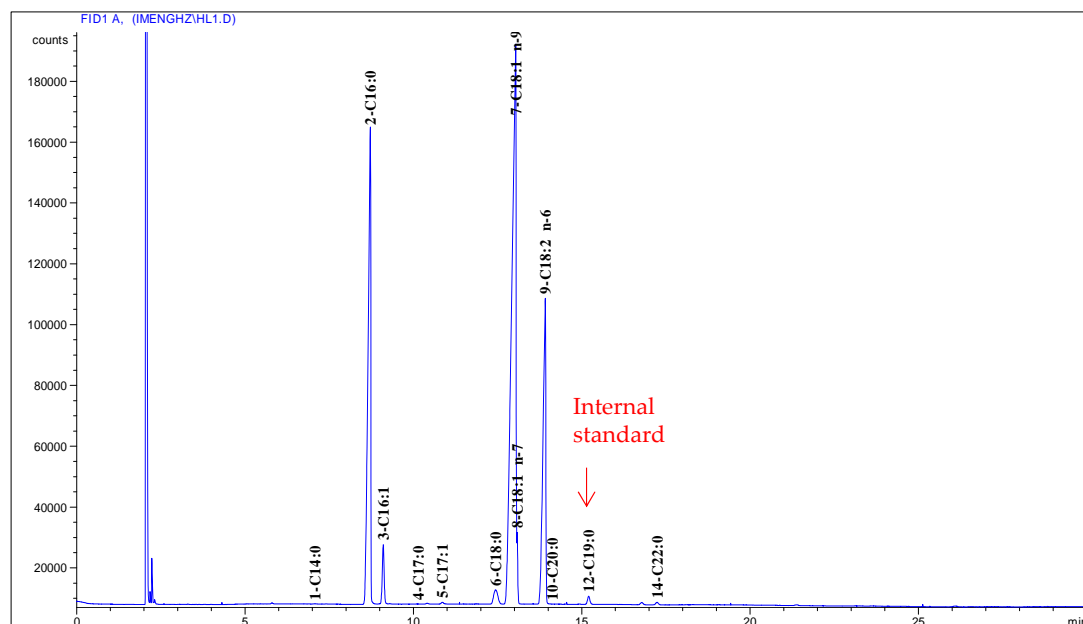
Supplementary Figure S1: Different stages of preparation of the *Pistachia lentiscus* L. seed oil (PLSO) with seeds collected in Tunisia (area of Tabarka).



Supplementary Figure S2: polyphenols chromatogram obtained by HPLC (protocatechuic acid and coumarin were identified based on their UV spectra (280 nm)). The other peaks were not characterized.

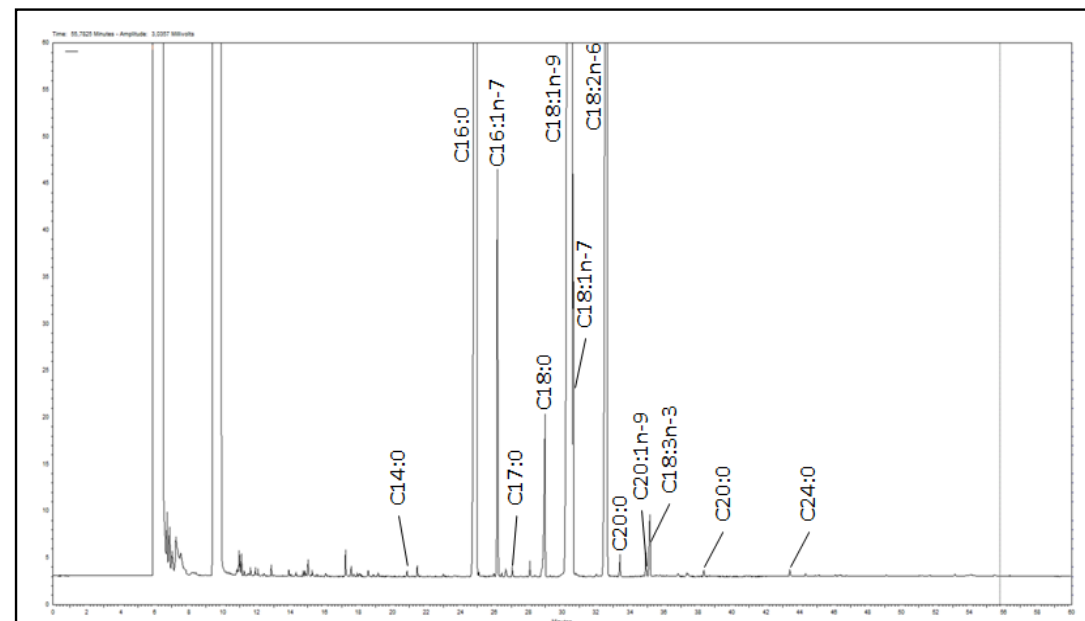
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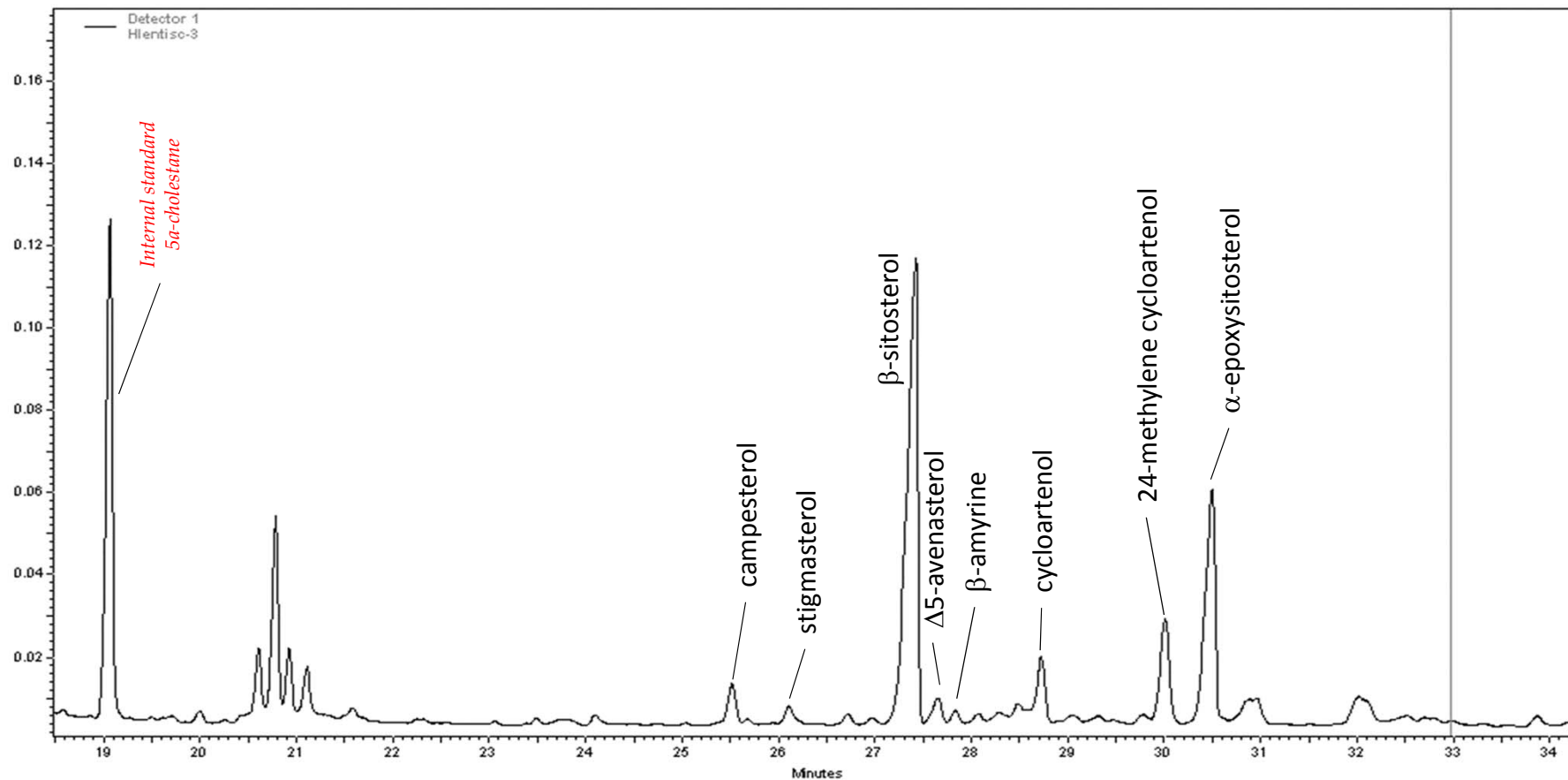
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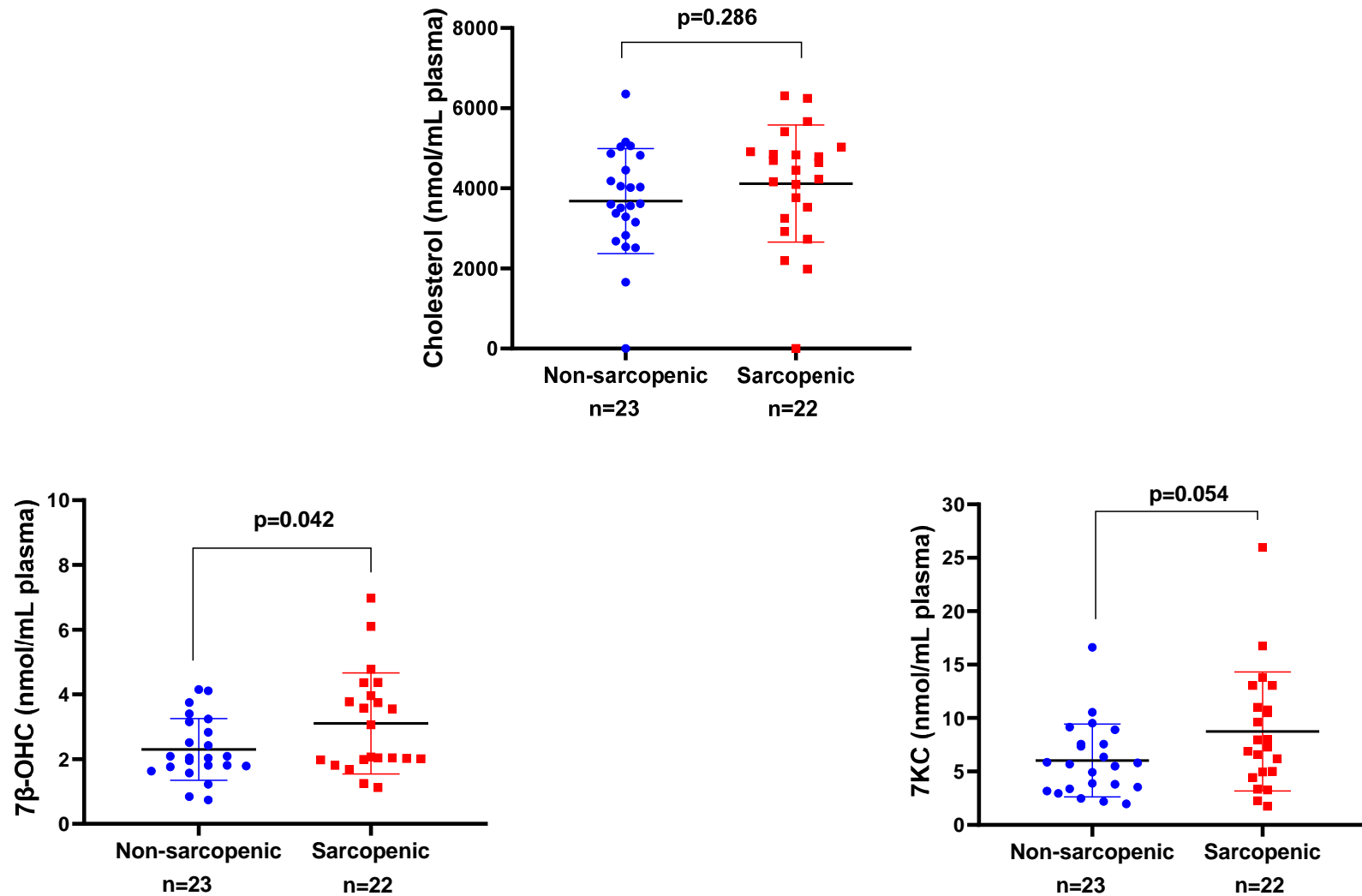


Supplementary Figure S3: Fatty acid chromatograms obtained by GC. (A) Chromatogram obtained at the University of Monastir (Monastir, Tunisia) with (C19:0) used as internal standard;

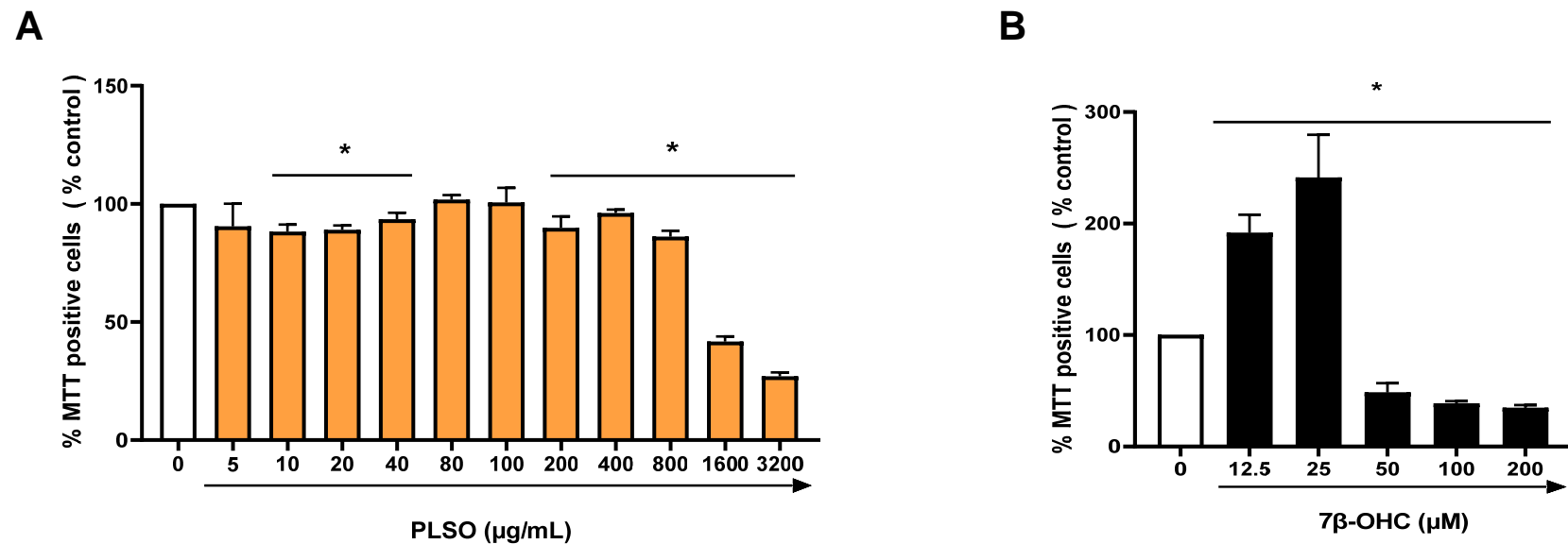
(B) chromatogram obtained at INRAE (Dijon, France) without internal standard.



Supplementary Figure S4: Phytosterols chromatogram obtained by GC-FID.



Supplementary Figure S5: Plasma levels of cholesterol, 7β-hydroxycholesterol and 7-ketocholesterol in sarcopenic patients and non-sarcopenic patients. 45 adults from 65 years old and more (23 men, 22 women) were recruited over a period of 1 month from January to February 2019. All participants were recruited from a nursing home (Sousse, Tunisia). The Test Timed Up and Go (TUG) was used to classify patients as sarcopenic (22 subjects; age= 80 ± 4.16 ; female/male= 15/7), and non-sarcopenic (23 subjects; age= 70.84 ± 4.38 ; female/male= 7/16). Oxysterols as well as cholesterol were measured by GC-MS in the plasma of non-sarcopenic and sarcopenic subjects. In sarcopenic patients, 7β-OHC level was significantly higher than in non-sarcopenic subjects whereas no significant difference in 7KC and cholesterol level was observed.

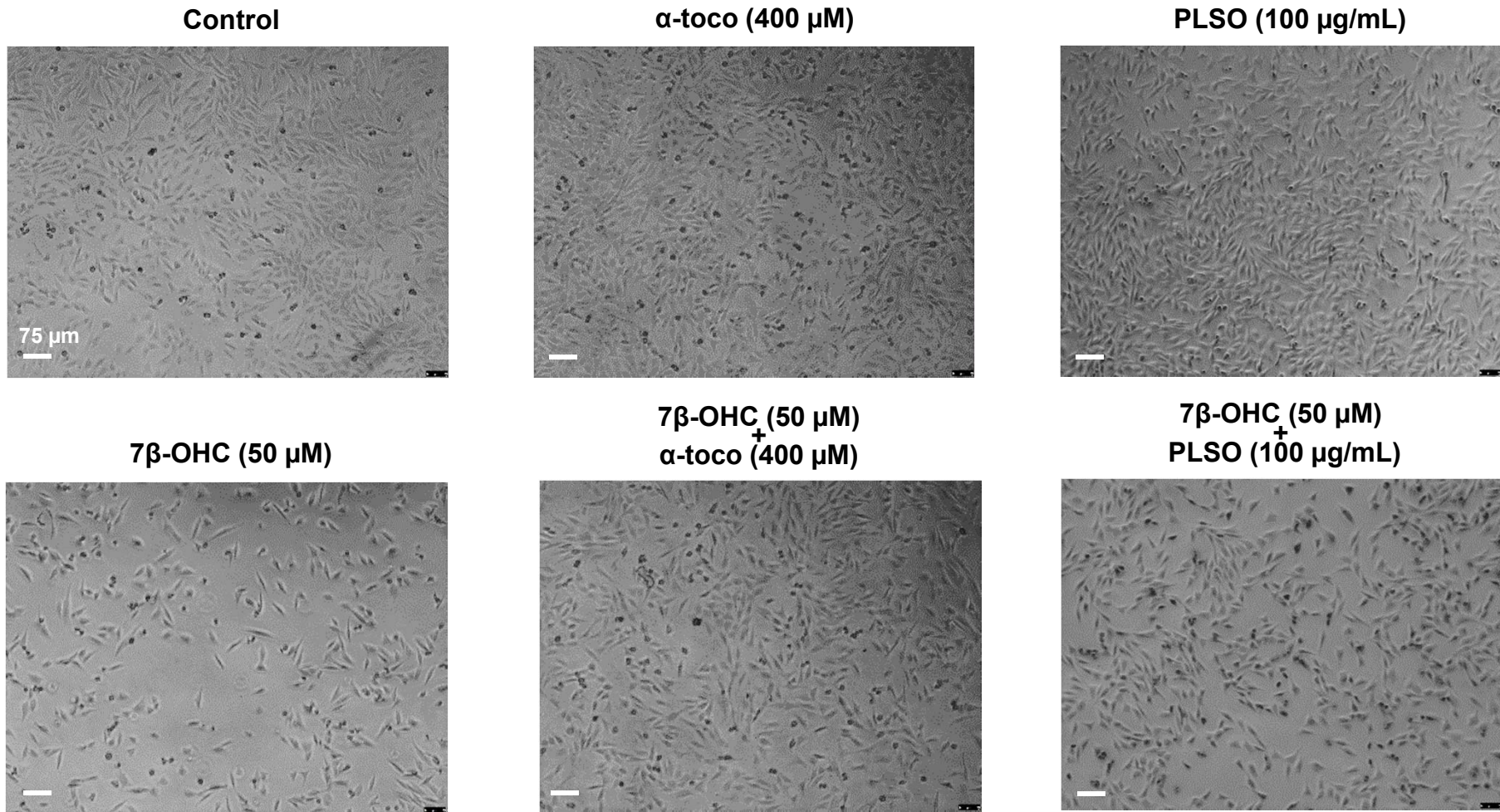


Supplementary Figure S6: Evaluation with the MTT assay of the effects of *Pistacia lentiscus* L. seed oil (PLSO) and 7β-hydroxycholesterol on C2C12 cell viability. A: C2C12 cells were incubated with PLSO at different concentrations (5-3,200 µg/mL; 24 h).

B: C2C12 cells were incubated with different concentrations of 7β-OHC (12.5 - 200 µM; 24 h). Cell viability was determined with the MTT assay,

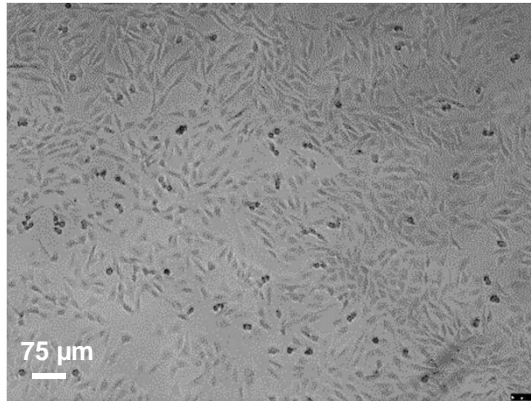
Data are presented as percentage of untreated cells (control).

Data are expressed as mean ± SD of two independent experiments performed in triplicate. The assays were compared to control using a Student's t-test (*p ≤ 0.05).

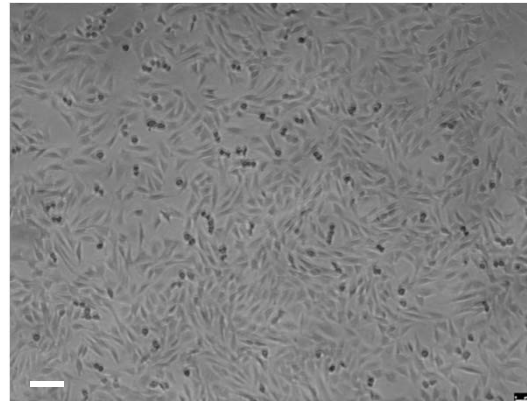


Supplementary Figure S7 A: Effect of 7 β -hydroxycholesterol and *Pistacia lentiscus* L. seed oil (PLSO) on C2C12 cell morphology. C2C12 cells were incubated for 24 h with or without 7 β -OHC (50 μ M) in the presence or absence of PLSO (100 μ g/mL) or α -tocopherol (400 μ M). The protective effect of PLSO or α -tocopherol against 7 β -OHC- induced modification of cell morphology was realized by phase-contrast microscopy. Further, phase-contrast images of C2C12 in vehicles are shown in **Supplementary Figure 4 B**.

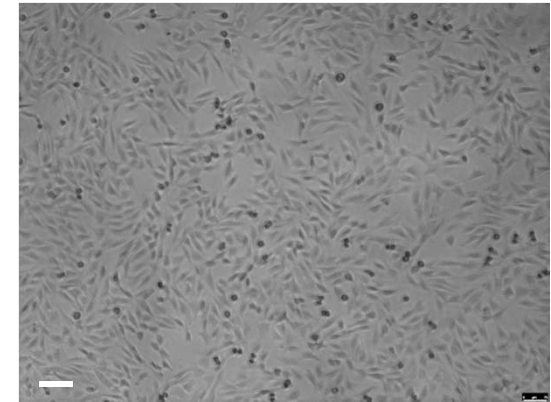
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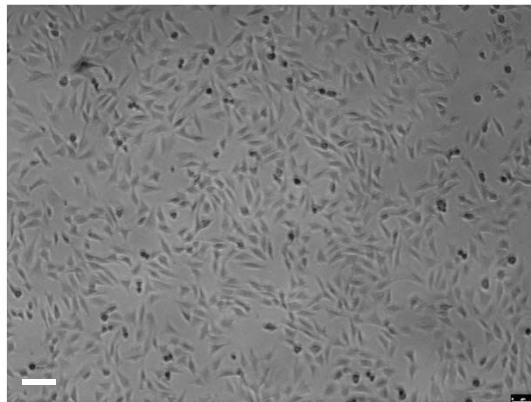
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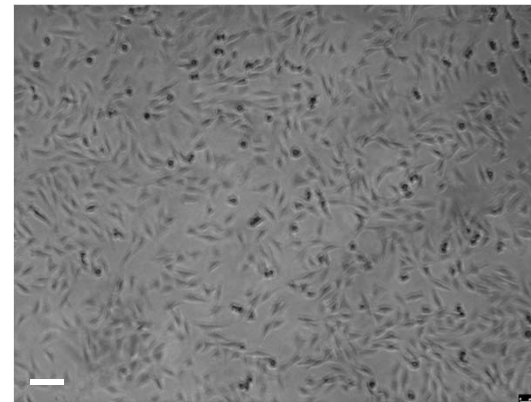
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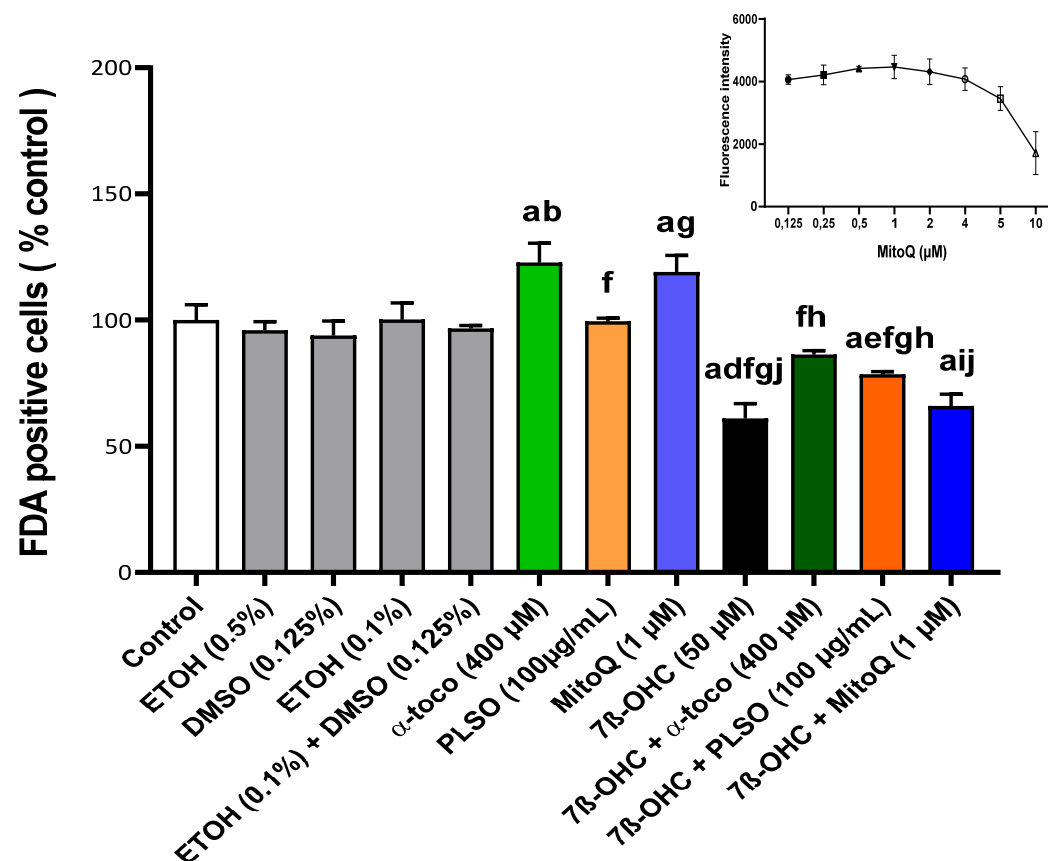
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EtOH 0.1%+DMSO 0.125%

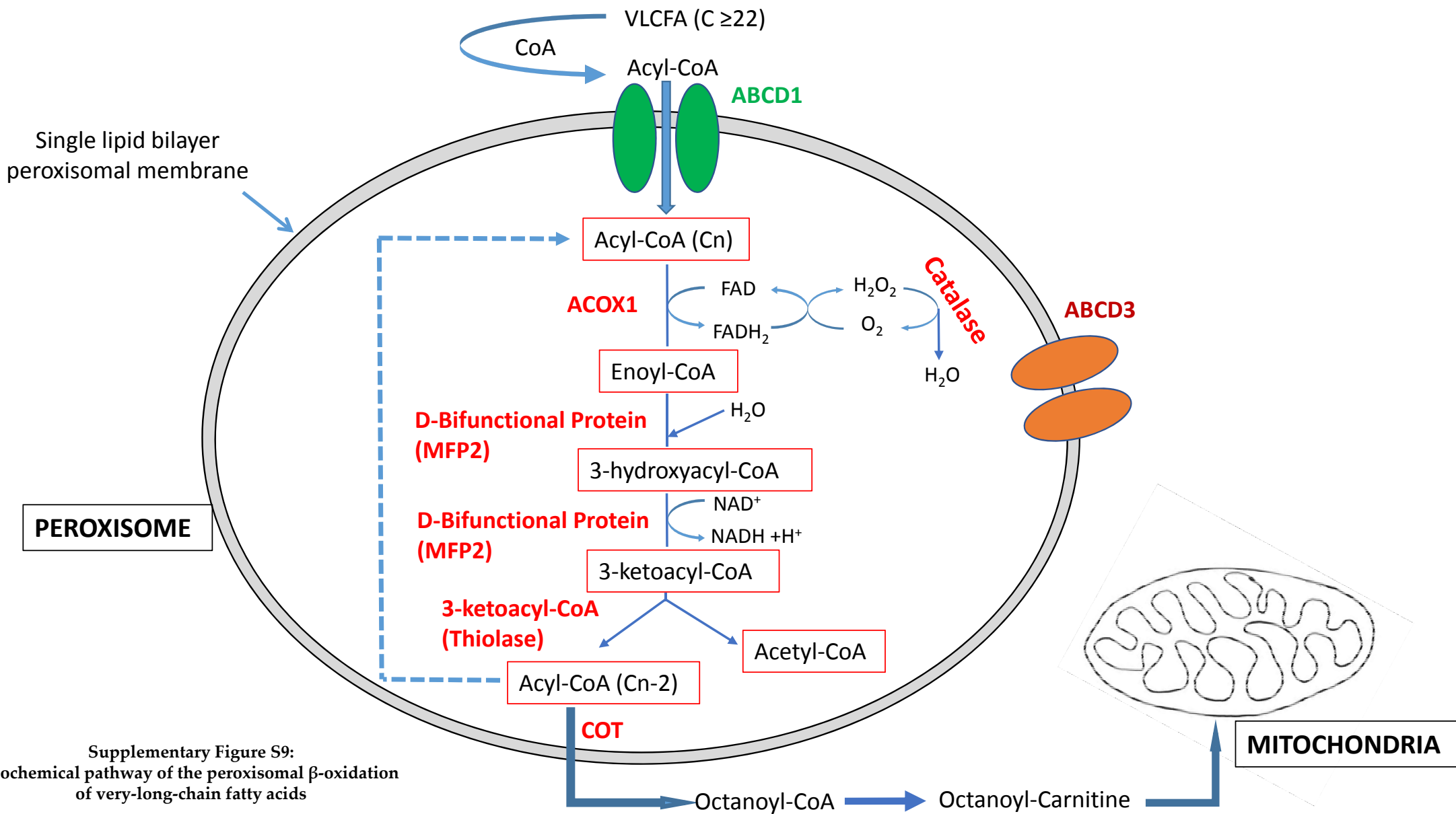


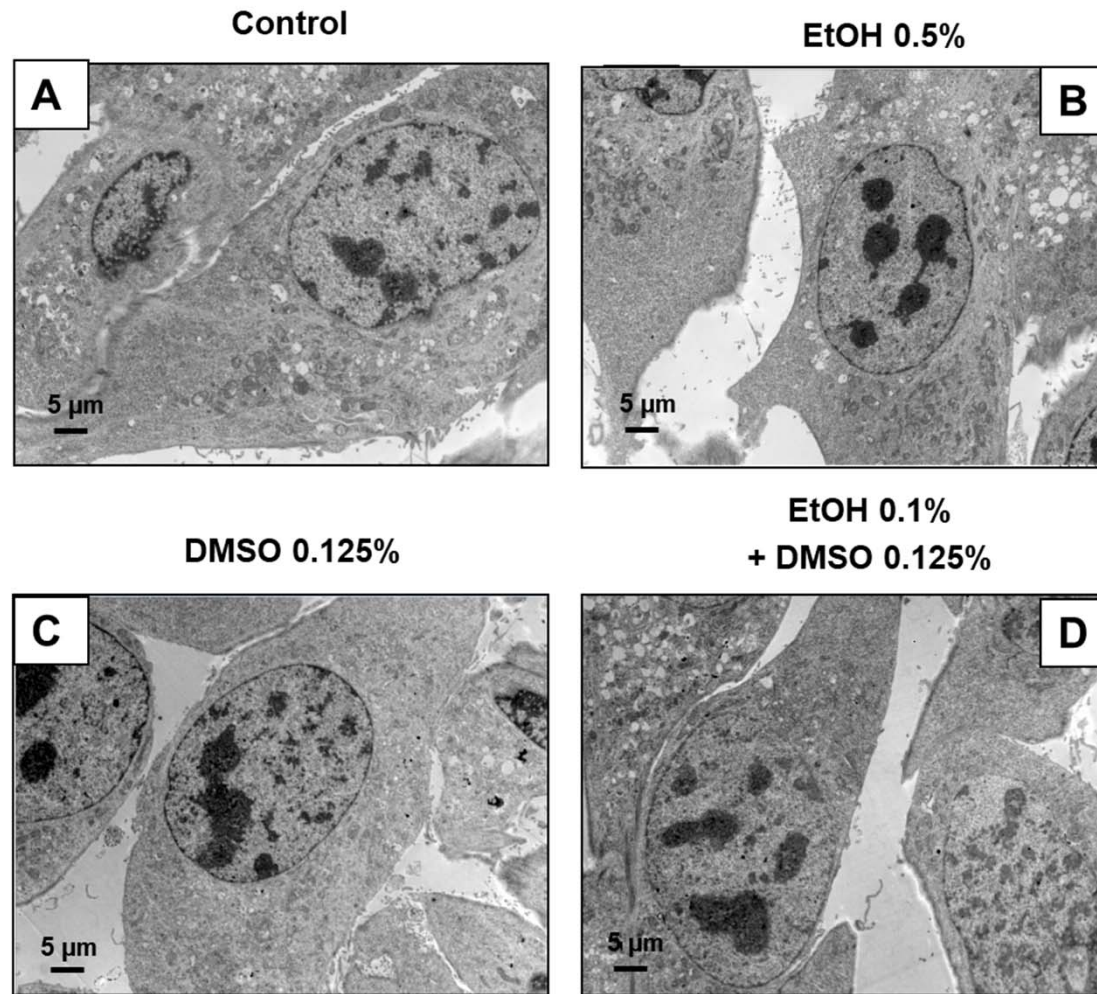
Supplementary Figure S7 B: Absence of effect of vehicles (EtOH 0.5%; DMSO 1.125%; EtOH 0.1%; EtOH 0.1%+ DMSO 0.125%) on C2C12 cell morphology



Supplementary Figure S8: Evaluation with the fluorescein diacetate (FDA) assay of the effect of MitoQ on 7 β -hydroxycholesterol-induced cell death.

C2C12 cells were incubated for 24 h with or without 7 β -OHC (50 μ M) in the presence or absence of PLSO (100 μ g/mL), α -tocopherol (400 μ M), or MitoQ (1 μ M). Cell viability was then assessed using FDA assay. The concentration of MitoQ (1 μ M) was chosen on the basis of a dose effect (see insert). This concentration was in agreement with the MitoQ concentration used on others in vitro studies [69,70]. Data are expressed as percentage of control (untreated cells) and are presented as mean \pm standard deviation (SD) from three independent experiments. A multiple comparative analysis between the groups taking into account the interactions was carried out using an ANOVA test followed by a Tukey test. A P-value less than 0.05 was considered statistically significant. The statistically significant differences between the groups, which are indicated by different letters, take into account the vehicle used. **a** : comparison versus control; **b** : comparison versus ETOH (0.5%); **c** : comparison versus DMSO (0.125%); **d** : comparison versus ETOH (0.1%); **e** : comparison versus (ETOH (0.1%) + DMSO (0.125%)); **f** : comparison versus α -toco (400 μ M); **g** : comparison versus PLSO (100 μ g/mL); **h** : comparison versus 7 β -OHC (50 μ M); **i** : comparison versus 7 β -OHC (50 μ M) + α -toco (400 μ M); **j** : comparison versus MitoQ (1 μ M). No significant differences were observed between untreated (control) and vehicles - treated cells, as well as between 7 β -OHC (50 μ M) and 7 β -OHC+ MitoQ treated cells.





Supplementary Figure S10: Comparison by transmission electron microscopy of cell morphology in control C2C12 myoblasts and vehicles-treated C2C12 myoblasts. In untreated cells (control) (A) and vehicles (EtOH 0.5% (B), DMSO 0.125% (C), EtOH 0.1% + DMSO 0.125% (D)), C2C12 cells have similar ultrastructural characteristics: they have a fusiform shape, a large central round nucleus with nucleoli, they contain empty cytoplasmic vacuoles and have morphologically normal mitochondria and peroxisomes.

Supplementary Table S1: Available polyphenols spectra present in the database of LARA-Spiral company (Couternon, France)

A	Amentoflavone		Ethylvanillin		Neochlorogenic acid		Scopoletin
	Apigenin		Eupafolin		Neohesperidin		Secoiraricresinol
B	b-resorcylic acid	F	Ferulic acid		N-vanillylnonanamide		Silibinin
C	Caffeic Acid	G	Gallic acid	H	O	Oleuropein	Silychristine
	Caftaric acid				Orientin		Sinapic acid
	Capsaicin		Hesperetin		p-Coumaric acid	S	Sinapinaldehyde
	Carnosic acid		Hesperidin		Peonidine-3-glucoside chloride		Syringaldehyde
	Carnosol		Hispidulin		Phloridzin, dihydrate		Syringetin
	Catechin		Homoorientine		p-Hydroxybenzoic acid		Syringetin-3-O-galactoside
	Catechol		Homovanillic acid		p-Hydroxyphenylacetic acid		Syringetin-3-O-glucoside
	Chicoric acid		Hydroxytyrosol	I	Picateatarnol		Syringic acid
	Chlorogenic acid				Pinoresinol	T	Taxifolin
	Coniferaldehyde		Isorhamnetin	K	Procyanidin A2		t-Cinnamic acid
	Coumarin		Isovitexin		Procyanidin B1		Teupolioside
	c-Resveratrol		Kaempferol		Procyanidin B2		Thymoquinone
	Cryptochlorogenic acid		Kaempferol-3-O-glucoside		Procyanidin B3		t-piceid
	Curcumin		Kaempferol-3-rutinoside	L	Procyanidin C1		t-Pterostilbene
	Cyanidin-3-glucoside chloride		Kojic acid		Protocatechic acid		Trans-cinnamaldehyde
D	Delphinidin-3-glucoside chloride		Lariciresinol	M	Protocatechic aldehyde		Trans-cinnamyl alcohol
	delta-viniferin		Luteolin		Quercetin	V	t-resveratrol
	Dihydrocapsaicin		Malvidin-3-glucoside chloride		Quercetin-3B-glucoside		Tyrosol
	Diosmin		Mangiferin		Quercetin-3-galactoside		Vanillic acid
E	Ellagic acid		Matairesinol		Quercetin-3-O-b-D-glucuronide		Vanillin
	Epicatechin		Myricetin		Quercetin-3-rhamnoside		Verbascoside
	Epicatechin gallate		Myricetin-3-O-galactoside	Q	Quercetin-4'-glucoside		Vitexin-2"-o-rhamnoside
	Epigallocatechin		Myricetin-3-O-glucoside		Quercetin-3,4'-diglucoside		3,4, 5-trimethoxybenzoic acid
	Epigallocatechin gallate		Naringenin		Resorcinol		3,4-Dimethoxybenzoic acid
	epsilon-viniferin		Naringenin	R	Rosmarinic acid		3,4-Dimethoxyphenylacetic acid
	Eriocitrin		Naringenin-7-glucoside		Rutin		2,6-dihydroxybenzoic acid
	Eriodictiol		Naringin				6-gingerol
			Narirutin				