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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. May 2002: Major in Nutrition
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Dissertation: “Regulation of gene expression by dietary fatty acids in cholesterol metabolism”
- M.S. May 1998: Major in Nutritional Science and Dietetics
University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Thesis: “Influence of dietary cholesterol and fatty acids on the composition of plasma low-density lipoproteins”
- M.S. Feb 1994: Major in Food Chemistry
Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea
Thesis: “Effect of addition of dietary fibers on the quality of Julpyun”
- B.S. Feb 1991: Major in Foods and Nutrition
Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department Head (January 2019 – Present)

Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Professor (August 2017 – Present).

Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Associate Professor (July 2010 – July 2017),

Department of Nutritional Sciences, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Member (October 2014 – Present)

Institute for Systems Genomics, University of Connecticut & The Jackson Laboratory

Assistant Professor (July 2005 – June 2010),

Department of Nutrition and Health Sciences, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

Courtesy Appointment as Assistant Professor (December 2009 – July 2010),

Department of Food Science and Technology, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE

Postdoctoral Fellow (June 2002 – June 2005),

Department of Pathology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, NC

HONORS/AWARDS

- Taconin Biosciences Academic Grant Program Award, August 2021.
- Fellow, American College of Nutrition, July 2019.
- Volunteer Recognition Award, American Heart Association, June 2019.

- Excellence in Research Award, College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, University of Connecticut, February 2019.
- International Scholar, Department of Food and Nutrition, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea, 2017.
- Fellow, American Heart Association, Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology Council, May 2013.
- American Society for Nutrition, KNS Award, 2011.
- Recognition of Junior Faculty for Excellence in Research, Agriculture Research Division, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009.
- Luella Selover Memorial Scholarship, 2001.
- Widaman Trust Distinguished Graduate Assistant Award, 2000.
- Undergraduate Scholarship, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea, 1989.

NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Grant reviewer, NIH Special Emphasis ZRG1 DKUS-B (03) M Member Conflict: In Toxicology, Pharmacology and Hepatology, December 2021.
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Fellowship Basic Science 6, November 2021.
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Fellowship Basic Science 7, February 2021.
- Grant reviewer, NIH Hepatobiliary pathophysiology (HBPP), October 2020 (ad hoc).
- Adjunct professor, Department of Food and Nutrition, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, September 2019 – August 2020.
- Grant reviewer, NIH COBRA, June 2020 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, NIH Hepatobiliary pathophysiology (HBPP), February 2020 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Career Development Award Organ Basic Sciences 2, January 2020.
- Visiting research scholar, Department of Internal Medicine, Section of Rheumatology, Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Yale School of Medicine, September 2018 – December 2018.
- International Scholar, Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea 2017-2018.
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid & Thrombosis Fellowship, September 2018.
- Grant reviewer and Acting chair, NIH ZRG1 DKUS-H(54)R, March 2018 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2 Fellowship, February 2018.
- Grant reviewer, NIH Hepatobiliary pathophysiology (HBPP), June 2017 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2, April 2017.
- Grant reviewer, NIH ZRG1 EMNR-V, July 2016 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2, April 2016.
- Grant reviewer, NIH Integrative Nutrition and Metabolic Processes (INMP) Study Section, February 2016 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2, October 2015.
- Grant reviewer, NIH Integrative Nutrition and Metabolic Processes (INMP) Study Section, October 2015 (ad hoc).
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2, April 2015.
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2, October 2014.
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Strategically Focused Research Networks (SFRN) grant, May 2014.
- Grant reviewer, American Heart Association Lipid Bsc 2, April 2014.
- Grant reviewer, NIH NCCAM Special Emphasis Panel ZAT1 SM25, March 2012.

- Reviewer Editor, Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine – Lipidology, February 2021-present.
- Reviewer Editor, Frontiers in Nutrition – Nutrigenomics, February 2021-present.
- Editorial board member, Journal of Nutritional Biochemistry, July 2010-present.
- Editorial board member, Journal of Human Nutrition and Food Science, July 2013-present.
- Review editor, Journal of Medicinal Food, January 2011-present.
- Editorial board member, Nutrition Research and Practice, January 2016-present.
- Editorial board member, Integrative Medicine Research, January 2016-present.
- Editorial board member, Journal of Nutrition and Intermediary Metabolism, July 2014-present.
- Editorial board member, Journal of Nutrition and Health, May 2011-present.
- Editorial board member, Endocrinology & Diabetes Research, May 2012-present.
- Editorial board member, Food and Nutrition Sciences, August 2012-March 2014.

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Association of Nutrition Departments & Programs (Since 2021)
- Premium member, American Heart Association (Since 2010)
- Member, Korean Society for Food Science and Nutrition (Since 2011)
- Member, Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association (Since 2018)
- Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (Since 2005)
- Regular Member, American Society for Nutrition (Since 2006)
- Early Career Member, American Heart Association, Council of Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (2003-2010)
- Associate Member, American Society for Nutritional Science (2003-2005)
- Student Member, American Society for Nutritional Sciences (1998-2002)
- Registered Dietitian, Korean Society for Registered Dietitian (Since 1991)

PUBLICATIONS

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Peer-Reviewed Articles

1. C. L. Miller, L. Anto, C. Garcia, M.-B. Kim, A. Jain, A. A. Provatas, **J.-Y. Lee**, F. C. Nichols, C. N. Blesso. Gut microbiome-derived glycine lipids are diet-dependent modulators of hepatic injury and atherosclerosis. *J Lipid Res* 2021; (In the 2nd round review).
2. M. G. Mostofa, M. Tran, S. Gilling, G. Lee, O. Fraher, L. Jin, H. Kang, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**, L. Want, D.-J. Shin. miR-200c coordinates HNF1 homeobox B and Apolipoprotein O function in alcoholic fatty liver disease. *J Biol Chem* 2021; (In review).
3. C. T. Le, H. N. Dong, S. Y. Park, Y. K. Cho, H. Baek, D.-H. Choi, W. S. Park, S. Lee, Y. Lee, **J.-Y. Lee**, E.-H. Cho. Succinate induces liver fibrosis in a mouse model and GPR91 acts as an early marker of hepatic fibrosis. *Plos One* 2021; (In review).
4. Y. Li, M.-B. Kim, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Fucoxanthin metabolites exert anti-fibrogenic and antioxidant effects in hepatic stellate cells. *J Ag Food Res* 2022; (In press). epub ahead of print on Nov 24, 2021. doi.org/10.1016/j.jafr.2021.100245
5. H. Kang, M.-B. Kim, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. A mouse model of the regression of alcoholic hepatitis: Monitoring the regression of hepatic steatosis, inflammation, oxidative stress, and NAD⁺ metabolism upon alcohol withdrawal. *J Nutr Biochem* 2022; 99:108852. epub ahead of print on Sept 21, 2021. doi.org/10.1016/j.jnutbio.2021.108852

6. K. C. Tan, T. X. Pham, Y. Lee, **J.-Y. Lee**, M. J. Balunas. Identification of apocarotenoids as chemical markers of anti-inflammatory activity for spirulina supplements. *J Agr Food Chem* 2021; 69:12674-12685. upub ahead of print on October 21, 2021.
doi.org/10.1021/acs.jafc.1c03015
7. H. Kang, Y. Lee, M.-B. Kim, S. Hu, H. Jang, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. The loss of histone deacetylase 4 in macrophages exacerbates hepatic and adipose tissue inflammation in male but not in female mice with diet-induced nonalcoholic steatohepatitis. *J Pathology* 2021; 255:319-329. epub ahead of print on July 19, 2021. doi.org/10.1002/path.5758
8. M.-B. Kim, Y. Lee, M. Bae, H. Kang, S. Hu, T. X. Pham, J.-Y. Lee, Y.-K. Park. Sugar kelp (*Saccharina latissima*) inhibits hepatic inflammation and fibrosis in a mouse model of diet-induced nonalcoholic steatohepatitis. *J Nutr Biochem* 2021; 97:108799. epub ahead of print on June 10, 2021. doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2021.108799
9. H. Kang, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Nicotinamide riboside, an NAD⁺ precursor, attenuates inflammation and oxidative stress by activating sirtuin 1 in alcohol-stimulated macrophages. *Lab Invest* 2021; 101:1225-1237. epub ahead of print on April 12, 2021. doi: 10.1038/s41374-021-00599-1
10. S.-Y. Yu, M.-B. Kim, Y.-K. Park, M. Bar, H. Kang, S. Hu, T. X. Pham, R. Carpenter, J. Lee, O.-H. Lee, **J.-Y. Lee**, Y.-C. Kim. Anthocyanin-rich aronia berry extract mitigates high-fat and high-sucrose diet-induced adipose tissue inflammation by inhibiting NF-κB activation in macrophages. *J Med Food* 2021; 24:586-594. epub ahead of print on March 22, 2021. doi: 10.1089/jmf.2020.0127
11. M.-B. Kim, H. Kang, Y. Li, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Fucoxanthin inhibits lipopolysaccharide-induced inflammation and oxidative stress by activating nuclear factor E2-related factor 2 via the phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase/AKT pathway in macrophages. *Eur J Nutr* 2021; 60(6):3315-3324. epub ahead of print on February 17, 2021. doi: 10.1007/s00394-021-02509-z
12. C. Caceres, M.-B. Kim, M. Bae, T. X. Pham, Y. Lee, S. Hu, E. O'Neill, B. Kim, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. The effect of cranberry consumption on lipid metabolism and inflammation in human apolipoprotein A-I transgenic mice fed a high fat and high cholesterol diet. *Br J Nutr* 2021; 126: 183-190. epub ahead of print on October 16, 2020. doi: 10.1017/S0007114520004080
13. S. J. Baek, B. Hammock, I. K. Hwang, Q. X. Li, N. Moustaid-Moussa, Y. Park, S. Safe, N. Suh, S. S. Yi, D. C. Zeldin, Q. Zhong, J. A. Bradbury, M. L. Edin, J. P. Graves, H. Y. Jung, Y. H. Jung, M.-B. Kim, W. Kim, J. Lee, H. Li, J.-S. Moon, I. D. Yoo, Y. Yue, **J.-Y. Lee***, H. J. Han*. Natural products in the prevention of metabolic diseases: Lessons learned from the 20th Frontier Scientists Workshop. *Nutrients* 2021; 13:1881. *, Co-corresponding author. doi: 10.3390/nu13061881
14. H. Kang, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Inhibition of alcohol-induced inflammation and oxidative stress by astaxanthin is mediated by its opposite actions in the regulation of sirtuin 1 and histone deacetylase 4 in macrophages. *BBA Mol Cell Biol of Lipids* 2021; 1866:158838. epub ahead of print on October 13, 2020. (PMID: 33065288). doi: 10.1016/j.bbalip.2020.158838
15. A. C. Donepudi, Y. Lee, **J.-Y. Lee**, J. D. Schuetz, J. E. Manautou. Multidrug resistance-associated protein 4 (Mrp4) is a novel genetic factor in the pathogenesis of obesity and diabetes. *FASEB J* 2021; 35:e21304. doi: 10.1096/fj.202001299RR
16. H. Kang, Y. Lee, M. Bae, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Astaxanthin inhibits alcohol-induced inflammation and oxidative stress in macrophages in a sirtuin 1-dependent manner. *J Nutr Biochem* 2020; 85:108477. epub ahead of print on August 12, 2020. (PMID: 32801029). doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2020.108477

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18. S. Hu, M. Bae, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. n-3 PUFA inhibit TGF β 1-induced pro-fibrogenic gene expression by ameliorating the repression of PPAR γ in hepatic stellate cells. *J Nutr Biochem* 2020; 85:108478. epub ahead of print on June 15, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2020.108452
19. M. Bae, Y. Lee, T. X. Pham, Y.-K. Park, S. Hu, **J.-Y. Lee**. Astaxanthin inhibits the reduction of glycolysis during the activation of hepatic stellate cells. *Life Sci* 2020; 256: 117926. epub ahead of print on June 12, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.lfs.2020.117926
20. A. C. Donepudi, G. J. Smith, O. Aladeloku, Y. Lee, S. J. Toro, M. Phof, A. L. Slitt, **J.-Y. Lee**, J. D. Schuetz, L. Wang, J. E. Manautou. Lack of multidrug-resistance associated protein 4 prolongs partial hepatectomy-induced hepatic steatosis. *Toxicol Sci* 2020; 175:301-311. epub ahead of print on March 6, 2020. doi: 10.1093/toxsci/kfaa032
21. C. L. Miller, C. Jiang, G. H. Norris, C. Garcia, S. Seibel, L. Anto, **J.-Y. Lee**, C. N. Blessing. Cow's milk polar lipids reduce atherogenic lipoprotein cholesterol, modulate gut microbiota, and attenuate atherosclerosis development in LDL-receptor knockout mice fed a Western-type diet. *J Nutr Biochem* 2020; 79: 108351. epub ahead of print on Jan 23, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2020.108351
22. M. Bae, M.-B. Kim, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Health benefits of fucoxanthin in the prevention of chronic disease. *BBA Mol Cell Biol of Lipids* 2020; 1865:158618. epub ahead of print on January 10, 2020. doi: 10.1016/j.bbaply.2020.158618
23. S. Hu, E.-H. Cho, **J.-Y. Lee**. Histone deacetylase 9: Its role in the pathogenesis of diabetes and other chronic diseases. *Diabetes Metab J* 2020; 44: 234-244. epub ahead of print on March 24, 2020. doi: 10.4093/dmj.2019.0243
24. Q. Hu, S. Hu, E. Fleming, **J.-Y. Lee**, Y. Luo. Chitosan-Caseinate-Dextran Ternary Complex Nanoparticles for Potential Oral Delivery of Astaxanthin with Significantly Improved Bioactivity. *Int J. Biol Macromole* 2020; 151: 747-756. doi: 10.1016/j.ijbiomac.2020.02.170
25. Q. Hu, **J.-Y. Lee**, Y. Luo. Nanoparticles targeting hepatic stellate cells for the treatment of liver fibrosis. *Engeneered Sci* 2019; 6:12-21. doi: 10.30919/es8d507
26. Y. Lee, C. Y. Han, M. Bae, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Egg phospholipids exert inhibitory effect on intestinal cholesterol absorption in mice. *Nutr Res Pract* 2019; 13:295-301. epub ahead of print on June 20, 2019. doi: 10.4162/nrp.2019.13.4.295
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28. M. Bae, Y. Lee, Y.-K. Park, D. Shin, P. Joshi, S. Hong, N. Alder, Sung I. Koo, **J.-Y. Lee**. Astaxanthin attenuates the increase in mitochondrial respiration during the activation of hepatic stellate cells. *J Nutr Biochem* 2019; 71:82-89. epub ahead of print on June 20, 2019. doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2019.06.001
29. T. X. Pham, M. Bae, M.-B. Kim, Y. Lee, S. Hu, H. Kang, Y.-K. Park. **J.-Y. Lee**. Nicotinamide riboside, an NAD $^+$ precursor, attenuates the development of liver fibrosis in a diet-induced mouse model of liver fibrosis. *BBA Molecular Basis of Disease* 2019; 1865:2451-2463. epub ahead of print on June 11, 2019. doi: 10.1016/j.bbadiis.2019.06.009

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31. M. Bae, M.-B. Kim, H. Kang, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Comparison of carotenoids for their anti-fibrogenic effects in hepatic stellate cells. *Lipids* 2019; 54:401-410. epub ahead of print on May 29, 2019. doi: 10.1002/lipd.12157
32. M.-B. Kim, M. Bae, S. Hu, H. Kang, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Fucoxanthin exerts anti-fibrogenic effects in hepatic stellate cells. *Biochem Biophys Res Comm* 2019; 513 (3): 657-662. epub ahead of print on April 11, 2019. doi: 10.1016/j.bbrc.2019.04.052
33. Y. Lee, **J.-Y. Lee**. Blackcurrant (*Ribes nigrum*) Extract Exerts an Anti-inflammatory Action by Modulating Macrophage Phenotypes. *Nutrients* 2019; 11(5):975. doi: 10.3390/nu11050975
34. C. M. White, **J.-Y. Lee**. The impact of turmeric or its curcumin extract on liver health: A systemic review of clinical trials. *Pharm Pract* 2019; 17(1):1350. doi: 10.18549/PharmPract.2019.1.1350
35. T. X. Pham, Y. Lee, M. Bae, S. Hu, H. Kang, M.-B. Kim, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Spirulina supplementation in a mouse model of liver fibrosis reduced the pro-inflammatory response of splenocytes. *Br J Nutr* 2019; 121:748-755. epub ahead of print on February 26, 2019. doi: 10.1017/S0007114519000126
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37. D. Li, C. Rodia, Z. Johnson, M. Bae, A. Muter, A. Heussinger, N. Tambini, A. Longo, H. Dong, **J.-Y. Lee**, A. B. Kohan. Intestinal basolateral lipid substrate transport (BLST) is linked to chylomicron secretion and it regulated by apoC-III. *J Lipid Res* 2019; 60:1503-1515. doi: 10.1194/jlr.M092460
38. C. L. Miller, G. H. Norris, C. Jiang, J. Kry, A. Vitols, C. Garcia, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**, C. N. Blesso. Long-term supplementation of black elderberry improves HDL function, but promote hyperlipidemia with no effect on atherosclerosis development in apolipoprotein E-knockout mice. *Mol Nutr Food Res* 2018; 62: 1800404. epub ahead of print on September 29, 2018. doi: 10.1002/mnfr.201800404
39. Q. Hu, M. Bae, E. Fleming, **J.-Y. Lee**, Y. Luo. Biocompatible polymeric nanoparticles with exceptional gastrointestinal stability as oral delivery vehicles for lipophilic bioactives. *Food Hydrocolloids* 2018; 89:386-395. doi: 10.1016/j.foodhyd.2018.10.057
40. T. Wang, Q. Hu, **J.-Y. Lee**, Y. Luo. Solid lipid-polymer hybrid nanoparticles by in-situ conjugation for oral delivery of astaxanthin. *J Agr Food Chem* 2018; 66:9473-9480. epub ahead of print on August 21, 2018. doi: 10.1021/acs.jafc.8b02827
41. C. Farruggia, M.-B. Kim, M. Bae, Y. Lee, T. X. Pham, Y. Yang, M. J. Han, Y.-K. Park, **J.-Y. Lee**. Astaxanthin exerts anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties in macrophages in NRF2-dependent and independent manners. *J Nutr Biochem* 2018; 62:202-209. epub ahead of print on September 19, 2018. doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2018.09.005
42. J. Wu, Y.-K. Park, M. Lin, **J.-Y. Lee**, L. Wang. Loss of PDK4 switches the hepatic NF-κB/TNF pathway from pro-survival to pro-apoptosis. *Hepatology* 2018; 68:1111-1124. epub ahead of print on March 30, 2018. doi: 10.1002/hep.29902
43. T. Wang, M. Bae, J.-Y. Lee, Y. Luo. Solid lipid-polymer hybrid nanoparticles prepared with natural biomaterials: A new platform for oral delivery of lipophilic bioactives. *Food Hydrocolloids* 2018; 84:581-592. doi: 10.1016/j.foodhyd.2018.06.041

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50. L. Xie, T. M. Vance, B. Kim, S. Lee, C. Caceres, Y. Wang, **J.-Y. Lee**, O. K. Chun, B. W. Bolling. Aronia berry polyphenol consumption reduces plasma total and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol in former smokers without lowering biomarkers of inflammation and oxidative stress: a randomized trial. *Nutr Res* 2017; 37:67-77. (PMID: 28215316). doi: 10.1016/j.nutres.2016.12.007
51. Y. Yang, M. Bae, Y.-K. Park, Y. Lee, T. X. Pham, S. Rudraiah, J. Manautou, S. I. Koo, **J.-Y. Lee**. Histone deacetylase 9 plays a role in the anti-fibrogenic effect of astaxanthin in hepatic stellate cells. *J Nutr Biochem* 2017; 40: 172-177. epub ahead of print on Nov 12, 2016. (PMID: 27915160). doi: 10.1016/j.jnutbio.2016.11.003
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- **National Institute of Health (R15)** 1R15AT00861001, “Metabolites from edible blue-green algae for obesity-induced inflammation”, 12/15/2014-12/14/2018, \$453,820 (my share \$149,692). Co-I (PI: Marcy Balunas)
- **United States Department of Agriculture, AFRI Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2016-04624**, “A novel role of Spirulina in the regulation of macrophage phenotype for the prevention of NASH”, 1/15/2017-1/14/2019, \$152,000. Mentor (PI: Tho X. Pham).
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Hatch CONS00972**, “Role of bioactive components in hepatic stellate cell activation”, 10/01/2016-9/30/2018, ~\$70,000. PI.
- **Nutricia Research Foundation Research Grant**, “Mechanistic understanding of the effect of cranberries on HDL metabolism”, 2/01/2015-1/31/2018, \$64,375. PI.
- **Egg Nutrition Center**, “Pilot study for evaluating the effect of egg phospholipids on the modulation of cholesterol homeostasis”, 7/01/2015-6/30/2017, \$49,964. PI.
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Hatch CONS00872**, “Transcriptional regulation of fatty acid binding protein 4 by dietary fatty acids in macrophages”, 10/01/2011-9/30/2016, \$69,996. PI.
- **United States Department of Agriculture, AFRI Seed Grant, CONS2014-06619**, “Black elderberry as a novel functional food: Protection from HDL dysfunction in chronic inflammation”, 2/1/2015-1/31/2017, \$149,857. Co-I (PI: Christopher Blesso).
- **University of Connecticut Scholarship Facilitation Fund**, “Regulation of adipose tissue fibrosis by astaxanthin”, 1/01/2016-12/31/2016, \$2,000. PI.
- **University of Connecticut Research Excellence Program**, “Gene therapy for the prevention of liver fibrosis”, 3/15/2015-3/14/2016, \$24,875. PI.
- **United States Department of Agriculture, AFRI (2012-67018-19290)**, “Bioactivity of astaxanthin in the prevention of hepatic inflammation”, 02/01/2012-01/31/2016, \$459,646. PI.

- **United States Department of Agriculture, AFRI Equipment Grant, CONS 2013-03483.** “Use of a cell bioenergetics analyzer to determine the effect of diet and bioactive food components on energy metabolism”, 12/01/2013-11/30/2015, \$50,000. PI.
- **United States Department of Agriculture, AFRI Predoctoral Fellowship 2014-01870,** “Bioactivity of Spirulina platensis in the prevention of obesity-associated inflammation and insulin resistance by the modulation of histone deacetylases”, 1/01/2015-12/31/2015, \$39,500. Mentor (PI: Tho X. Pham).
- **National Institute of Health (R21AT005152),** “Evaluation of athero-protective role of blue-green algae”, 09/30/2009-08/31/2013, \$387,365. PI.
- **State of Connecticut Department of Public Health,** “The effect of chokeberry polyphenols on biomarkers of cardiovascular disease and antioxidant defense in former smokers”, 08/01/2012-5/31/2015, \$417,076 (my share \$87,000). Co-PI (PI: Bradley Bolling).
- **Fuji Chemical Industry Co.,** “Role of astaxanthin in the prevention of hepatic stellate cell activation”, 07/01/2013-07/31/2014, \$22,950. PI.
- **University of Connecticut College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Equipment Competition,** “Li-Cor Odyssey CLx Infrared Imaging System”, September 2012, \$54,300. PI.
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Hatch CONS0080,** “Efficacy of chokeberry polyphenols to reduce oxidative stress and atherosclerosis in the ApoE knockout mouse”, 10/01/2011-9/30/2016, \$69,996. Co-I (PI: Bradley Bolling).
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Multi-state Hatch, CONS00891,** “N-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids and human health and disease”, 10/01/2012-9/30/2013. PI.
- **Nutricia Research Foundation Research Grant,** “Chokeberry polyphenols promote bone health by inhibiting inflammation-induced bone resorption”, 1/01/2013-12/31/2014, \$63,181. Collaborator (PI: Ock Chun).
- **Connecticut Innovations,** Advanced Technology Phase I STTR, “A novel vaccine against vaginal transmission of Chlamydia trachomatis”, 05/01/2014-11/30/2014, \$40,000 direct costs (no F&A; my share \$10,000). UConn Investigator (PI: Michael Vajdy at EpitoGenesis).
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Multi-state Hatch, CONS00916,** “Nutrient Bioavailability-Phytonutrients and Beyond”, 10/01/2012-9/30/2013, \$1,000 for travel. PI.
- **University of Connecticut Faculty Large Grant,** “Regulatory mechanism for adipocyte fatty acid binding protein expression by fatty acids in macrophages”, 7/01/2011-6/30/2012, \$25,000. PI.
- **National Egg Board,** “Effect of egg intake on reverse cholesterol and insulin resistance in subjects classified with metabolic syndrome”, 09/01/2010-31/2011, \$127,315. Co-I (PI: Maria-Luz Fernandez).
- **United States Department of Agriculture (NRI2007-35200-18298),** National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program, “Regulation of cholesterol absorption by plant sterol and stanol esters”, 08/01/2007-07/31/2011, \$466,915 (My share: \$185,863). Co-PD (PD: Timothy Carr).
- **United States Department of Agriculture (NRI2008-35200-18699),** National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program, “Evaluation of the Bioactivity of Green Tea in an Animal Model of Hepatic Oxidative Stress”, 01/01/2008-12/31/2010, \$458,868 (Subcontract \$23,921). Collaborator (PI: Richard Bruno).
- **University of Connecticut Major Research Equipment Competition,** “Preparative- and Mass Spectrometry-Based HPLC: Critical Analytical Tools To Establish A Bioactive Food Components and Health Core Laboratory”, \$248,358.86. Collaborator (PI: Richard Bruno).
- **United States Department of Agriculture, Hatch (NEB-36-065),** “Identification and Characterization of Bioactive Compounds with Cholesterol-lowering and Anti-inflammatory

Properties from a Blue-green Alga *Nostoc commune*", 01/01/2007-12/31/2012, \$61,500. (Actual award \$43,050 due to PI's institutional change June 2010). PI.

- **Nebraska Gateway for Nutrigenomics**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Vice Chancellor of Research, "Regulation of histone deacetylase 3 by fatty acids", 12/01/2009-11/30-2010, \$11,480. PI.
- **Faculty Seed Grant**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Research Council, "Modulation of cholesterol transporters in macrophages during inflammation", 01/01/2009-12/31/2009, \$10,000. PI.
- **Strategic Cluster Grant**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research, "Pilot work in preparation for the R21 grant submission", 02/20/2009-12/31/2009, \$12,500. Co-I (PI: Patrick Dussault).
- **National Science Foundation, SBIR Phase II (IIP-0724411)**, "An innovative photobioreactor for commercial production of Astaxanthin from genetically improved *Haematococcus pluvialis* strains", 07/01/2007-06/30/2009, \$448,550 (Subcontract \$21,635). Collaborator (PI: Fan Lu)
- **Institute of Agricultural and Natural Resources Equipment Grant**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Purchase of an infrared imaging systems for research and teaching purposes, 02/01/2008-06/01/2008, \$51,950. Co-I.
- **Faculty Seed Grant**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Research Council, "Transporter-mediated mechanism for the absorption of cholesterol and plant sterols", 01/01/2007-12/31/2007, \$10,000. PI.
- **Interdisciplinary Grant**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Research Council, "Identification of bioactive compounds with cholesterol-lowering and anti-inflammatory properties in *Nostoc commune*, a blue-green alga", 01/01/2007-12/31/2007, \$20,000. PI.
- **Layman Award**, University of Nebraska Foundation, "Regulation of ATP-binding cassette transporter A1 by fatty acids", 05/01/2006-04/30/2007, \$9,970. PI.