Functional Foods, Food Ingredients and Supplements

Functional foods & beverages (enriched foods, supplements, food ingredients)

• properties additional to only meeting nutritional needs
• concept to improve health through individual contribution/management
• no current legal classification
• “biologically-active components that enhance health or reduce disease risk”
• exponential increase in production of functional foods

Session will discuss current and emerging challenges in risk assessing functional foods
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FUNCTIONAL FOOD

- Vit D mushrooms
- Marine/algal oils
- Supplements
- Marine peptides
- Plant proteins
- DNA modulators
- Plant extracts
- Plant phytosterols
- Chia

Conditions:
- Obesity
- Heart disease
- Cancer
- Dementia
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Session timing: 15 min per question and 15 reflection/agreement on outputs?