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Food	Main active compound(s)	Effect(s) on EE	Mechanisms of action	References
Green coffee <i>(Coffea canephora, Coffea Arabica)</i> 	Caffeine, chlorogenic acid	Enhanced thermogenesis Increased REE Browning of WAT Increased fatty acids oxidation	Up-regulation of UCP1 and BAT-selective regulatory genes Activation of cAMP β 2- and β 3-adrenergic receptors stimulation Up-regulation of AMPK Antagonism of TRPV-4	[55]**** [57]** [58]**** [59]* [60] [61]**** [63]* [62]* [64]**
Green Tea <i>(Camellia sinensis)</i> 	Catechins, caffeine	Enhanced thermogenesis Increased EE Increased fat oxidation	Inhibition of phosphodiesterase enzymes Up-regulation of the gene expressions of UCPs Inhibition of norepinephrine degradation with increased SNS activity Stimulation of substrates in Cori cycle and free fatty acid-triglyceride cycle Activation of AMPK Increased glycolysis and ATP turnover	[68]* [69]* [70] [71]* [72]* [73]** [74]**/**** [75]*** [76]*
Cocoa and dark chocolate 	Caffeine, theobromine, polyphenols	Increased thermogenesis in liver and in WAT Increased mitochondrial biogenesis Fatty acid oxidation	Increased expression of thermogenic genes and release of free-fatty acids Induced expression of UCPs, PGC-1 α and AMPK α Adenosine receptor blockage Stimulation of basal and noradrenaline-induced lipolysis Activation of AMPK	[79]** [80]* [81] [82]**** [83] [84]* [85]* [86] [87] [88] [90]* [91] [92]*
Yerba Mate <i>(Ilex Paraguariensis)</i> 	Polyphenols, alkaloids, triterpenoids, flavonoids, chlorogenic acid	Increased REE Increased fatty acids oxidation Inhibition of adipogenesis Increased AEE Enhanced thermogenesis in WAT Reduced fatty acids synthesis in WAT	Up-regulation of AMPK, Down-regulation of genes <i>Creb-1</i> and <i>C/EBPα</i> Preferential use of fatty acids as energy substrate Activation of mitochondrial genesis expression of UCPs	[63]* [95]* [96] [97]** [98]** [99] [100] [101]

<p>Bitter Orange (<i>Citrus Aurantium</i>)</p> 	<p>Alkaloids (synephrine, octopamine)</p> <p>Flavonoids (hesperidin, naringin, limonene, tangaretin)</p>	<p>Enhanced thermogenesis in WAT reduced fatty acids synthesis in WAT</p> <p>Increased REE and DIT Increased mitochondrial biogenesis</p>	<p>Enhanced expression of UCPs</p>	<p>[104]* [105]* [106]* [107]** [108]** [109]* [111] [112]</p>
<p>Ginger (<i>Zingiber officinale</i>)</p> 	<p>Zingerone</p>	<p>Enhanced thermogenesis</p> <p>Increased DIT Enhanced BAT function Activated WAT browning Increased mitochondrial biogenesis Increased fatty acid catabolism</p>	<p>Activation of AMPK signaling in WAT Activation of TRPV1 channels (adrenaline releasing) Activation of the sirtuin-1 (SIRT1)/AMPK/ PGC-1α pathways Transcriptional regulation of energy metabolizing proteins</p> <p>Activation of the PPARδ pathway</p>	<p>[117] [118] [119] [120] [121] [122]</p>
<p>Turmeric, (<i>Curcuma longa</i>)</p> 	<p>Curcumin, turmerone</p>	<p>Enhanced thermogenesis Enhanced lipolysis</p>	<p>Activation of AMPK with increased UCP1 expression Increased mitochondrial biogenesis Increased expression of β3- adrenoceptors (and norepinephrine plasma levels) Upregulation of the cAMP/PKA/CREB pathway</p>	<p>[129] [130] [132]</p>
<p>Cinnamon</p> 	<p>Cinnamaldehyde</p>	<p>Enhanced thermogenesis</p>	<p>Increased expression of UCP1 in BAT Activation of phospho-AMPK Regulation of cAMP dependent protein kinase/p38 MAPK-dependent pathway Activation of the TRPA1 (adrenalin secretion)</p>	<p>[136] [137]** [138]** [140] [142] [143] [144] [145]</p>
<p>Chilli pepper (<i>Capsicum species</i>)</p> 	<p>Capsaicinoids (capsaicin and dihydro-capsaicin), capsinoids (capsiate, dihydro-capsiate, nordihydro- capsiate)</p>	<p>Enhanced thermogenesis enhanced EE Activation and recruitment of BAT Increased EE decrease RQ reduction of the decrease in DIT and REE during hypocaloric diet</p>	<p>Up-regulation of the expression of SIRT1 and PGC-1α with increased expression of UCP1 and bone morphogenetic protein 8b Stimulation of the SNS and the catecholamine secretion from adrenal gland Activation of TRPV1 and stimulation of the SNS</p>	<p>[19]* [137]** [151]* [152]* [153]* [154]* [155]** [156] [157]*</p>

Garcinia Cambogia 	Hydroxy-citric acid, anthones, benzophenones	Increased BEE increased fat oxidation decreased <i>de novo</i> lipogenesis	Activation of the adiponectin-AMPK signalling pathway Regulation of thyroid hormone levels Down-regulation of ATP-citrate lyase	[159]* [160]* [161]* [162]** [163]*** [164]*** [166] [167]
Guarana (<i>Paullinia cupana</i>) 	Caffeine, polyphenols, theobromine, theophylline	Increased thermogenesis Increased BEE Inhibited adipogenesis	Induced BAT expansion Increased mitochondrial biogenesis Enhanced UCP1 expression AMPK activation	[176]** [177]*** [178] [179]
Brassicaceae (or Cruciferae) 	Glucoraphanin (hydrolyzed to the biologically active sulforaphane)	Enhanced thermogenesis increased mitochondrial biogenesis function enhanced EE browning of WAT	Up-regulation of the Nrf2/SIRT1/PGC-1 α signalling Enhanced UCP1 expression in beige adipocytes	[182] [183] [185] [186] [187] [188]
Nuts 	Flavonoids, MUFA, PUFA, Vitamins	Increased DIT Increased BEE		[24]* [51]** [192]* [193]*** [194]**
Apple cider vinegar 	Acetic acid	Enhanced thermogenesis and fatty acids oxidation	Regulation of α 2-AMPK/PPAR α -mediated pathway with up-regulation of the expression of genes acetyl-CoA oxidase, carnitine palmitoyl transferase-1 and UCP2	[198]
Spirulina (<i>Arthrospira platensis and maxima</i>) 		No data on EE		

*Review including trials on humans with acute and/or chronic administration of product(s)

** Trial on humans after acute administration of product(s)

*** Trial on humans after chronic administration of product(s)

**** Observational study on humans after acute administration of product(s)

Abbreviations: AEE: activity-induced energy expenditure, AMPK: adenosine monophosphate activated protein kinase, ATP: adenosine triphosphate, BAT: brown adipose tissue, BEE: basal energy expenditure, cAMP: cyclic adenosine monophosphate, CREB: cAMP response element-binding protein, DIT: diet-induced thermogenesis, EE: energy expenditure, MAPK: mitogen-activated protein kinase, MUFA: monounsaturated fatty acids, Nrf2: nuclear factor erythroid 2-related factor 2, PGC-1 α : PPAR γ coactivator-1 α , PPAR: proliferator-activated receptor, PKA: protein kinase A, PUFA: polyunsaturated fatty acids, REE: resting energy expenditure, RQ: respiratory quotient, SIRT1: sirtuin 1, SNS: sympathetic nervous system, TRPA1: Transient Receptor Potential Ankyrin 1, TRPV: transient receptor potential vanilloid, UCP: uncoupling protein, WAT: white adipose tissue.