Supporting Information for:

Effects of hydroxyl group variations on a flavonoid backbone toward modulation of metal-free and metal-induced amyloid-β aggregation

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Fig. S1 Interaction of quercetin, galangin or luteolin with ¹⁵N-labeled A β_{40} , monitored by 2D-SOFAST-HMQC NMR. Spectra were recorded as (a) quercetin, (b) galangin, or (c) luteolin was titrated into a solution of ¹⁵N-labeled A β_{40} from 0 (red spectra) and 10 (blue spectra) equiv of flavonoids. Conditions: $[A\beta_{40}] = 80 \ \mu\text{M}$; [flavonoids] = 0-800 \ \mu\text{M}; 20 mM PO₄, pH 7.4, 50 mM NaCl; 7% D₂O (v/v); 10 °C.



Fig. S2 Mass spectrometric analysis of luteolin- and quercetin-bound $A\beta_{40}$ monomers in both the absence and presence of Cu(II). Whilst small molecules are expected to be observed in complex with both the 3⁺ and 4⁺ peptide species,^{1,2} luteolin and quercetin are shown to bind to only the 3⁺ peptide in the absence of Cu(II).^{1,2} 4⁺ species binding is indicated in the samples containing a source of Cu(II). Such differences may be explained by poor binding levels of these small molecules to A β peptides in the absence of Cu(II). The dashed lines represent the expected binding location of the noted species based on theoretical average *m/z* values.



Fig. S3 Mass spectrometric analysis of flavonoid-bound $A\beta_{40}$ dimers. Mass analysis of the dimeric metal free $A\beta_{40}$ (5⁺) in the presence of each the natural products support that whilst quercetin and luteolin are capable of binding the monomeric species, morin binds to the peptide *via* a site comprised of a surface only present in oligomeric A β . The dashed lines represent the expected binding location of the noted species based on theoretical average *m*/*z* values.

| | Dissociatio | ciation Constant (µM) | |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| [Aβ₄₀][Luteolin] | 9128.58 | +/- 6526.54 | |
| [Aβ₄₀]₂[Luteolin] | 429.99 | +/- 127.48 | |
| | | | |
| [Aβ₄₀]₂[Morin] | 360.17 | +/- 146.57 | |
| | | | |
| [Aβ₄₀][Quercetin] | 8755.75 | +/- 1368.39 | |
| [Aβ₄₀]₂[Quercetin] | 558.97 | +/- 298.35 | |
| [Aβ₄₀]₂[Quercetin]₂ | 385.71 | +/- 195.13 | |

Table S1 K_d analysis of flavonoid-bound A β_{40} in the absence of Cu(II).

 $[A\beta_{40}]_2[Quercetin]_2 \qquad 385.71 + - 195.13$ Values were calculated using previously published methods.^{3,4} Conditions: $[A\beta] = 20 \ \mu M$; $[Cu(II)] = 20 \ \mu M$; [compound] = 120 \ \mu M. Errors shown represent single standard deviations.

| | Conformational Species (Å ²) | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|------------------|--|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | |
| [Aβ ₄₀] | 667.33 +/- 29.05 | 726.42* +/- 29.05 | - | |
| [Aβ₄₀][Cu] | 669.80* +/- 27.44 | 735.95 +/- 27.59 | 801.50 +/- 31.17 | |
| | | | | |
| [Aβ₄₀][Morin][Cu] | 692.08* +/- 30.12 | 751.54 +/- 26.67 | - | |
| [Aβ₄₀][Morin]₂[Cu]₂ | 693.51* +/- 27.15 | 770.23 +/- 28.03 | 811.85 +/- 30.47 | |
| | | | | |
| [Aβ₄₀][Quercetin][Cu] | 675.98* +/- 31.07 | 768.68 +/- 29.96 | 812.63 +/- 27.66 | |
| [Aβ₄₀][Quercetin][Cu]₂ | 681.41* +/- 32.82 | 745.36 +/- 29.33 | 779.71 +/- 34.79 | |

Table S2 Collision cross section data of all extracted ion mobility arrival times for the observed 4⁺ monomer species.

Collision Cross Section values calculated for 4^+ morin- and quercetin-bound A β_{40} species arrival times extracted from the full width half maximum (FWHM). Errors represent least square analysis encapsulating inherent calibrant error from drift tube measurements (3%),⁵ calibration curve error, and two times the replicate standard deviation error. The dominant conformational species for each extracted data set is denoted with the suffix *.

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