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 <sup>15</sup>N-labeled A $\beta_{40}$ , monitored by 2D-SOFAST-HMQC NMR. Spectra were recorded as (a) quercetin, (b) galangin, or (c) luteolin was titrated into a solution of <sup>15</sup>N-labeled A $\beta_{40}$  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 PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.4, 50 mM NaCl; 7% D<sub>2</sub>O (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<sup>+</sup> and 4<sup>+</sup> peptide species,<sup>1,2</sup> luteolin and quercetin are shown to bind to only the 3<sup>+</sup> peptide in the absence of Cu(II).<sup>1,2</sup> 4<sup>+</sup> 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 $\beta$  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<sup>+</sup>) 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 $\beta$ . The dashed lines represent the expected binding location of the noted species based on theoretical average *m*/*z* values.

	Dissociation Constant (µM)		
[Aβ₄₀][Luteolin] [Aβ₄₀]₂[Luteolin]	9128.58 429.99	+/- 6526.54 +/- 127.48	
 [Aβ₄₀]₂[Morin] 	360.17	 +/- 146.57 	
$\begin{array}{l} [A\beta_{40}] [ Quercetin ] \\ [A\beta_{40}]_2 [ Quercetin ] \\ [A\beta_{40}]_2 [ Quercetin ]_2 \end{array}$	8755.75 558.97 385.71	+/- 1368.39 +/- 298.35 +/- 195.13	

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

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

	Conformational Species (Å <sup>2</sup> )			
	1	2	3	
[Aβ <sub>40</sub> ]		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	-	
$[A\beta_{40}][Morin]_2[Cu]_2$	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<sup>+</sup> monomer species.

Collision Cross Section values calculated for  $4^+$  morin- and quercetin-bound A $\beta_{40}$  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%),<sup>5</sup> 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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