

## **Blood Related Recipes**

# **Blood Deficiency**

### Fried Spinach

2 lb fresh spinach or 3/4 lb frozen leaf spinach

- 1 Tbsp linseed oil
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp salt

Wash the spinach thoroughly and drain off excess water, or defrost the frozen spinach. Heat the oil in a large sauce pan, add the leaf spinach and fry over fierce heat for 1 minute, stirring all the time, until the spinach softens. Add the salt and soy sauce, mix well and cook gently for another minute.

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### **Beef and Vegetable Stir-Fry**

8 oz rump (round) or sirloin steak

- 4 oz cellophane noodles, soaked for 20 minutes in hot water to cover
- 4 Chinese dried mushrooms, soaked for 30 minutes in warm water
- 1-1/2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 carrot, cut into matchsticks
- 1 onion, sliced
- 2 zucchini, cut into sticks
- 1/2 red bell pepper, seeded and cut into strips
- 4 button (white) mushrooms, sliced
- 3 oz (1 cup) bean sprouts
- 1 tbsp light soy sauce
- Salt
- Ground pepper
- Sliced green onions
- Sesame seeds
  - 1. Put the steak in the freezer until it is firm enough to cut into thin slices and then into 2 in strips
  - 2. Mix the ingredients for the marinade in a shallow dish. Stir in the steak strips. Drain the noodles and cook them in boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain again, then snip into short lengths. Drain the soaked mushrooms, cut off and discard the stems; slice the caps.
  - 3. Heat 2 tsp oil in a small frying pan. Beat the egg yolks and pour into the pan. When set, slide on to a plate. Cook the egg whites until set. Cut both yolks and whites into diamond shapes and set aside for the garnish.
  - 4. Remove the beef strips from the marinade. Heat the remaining oil in a wok or large frying pan and stir-fry the beef until it changes color. Add the carrot matchsticks and the onion and stir-fry for 2 minutes, then add the other vegetables, tossing them over the heat until they are just cooked but still retaining their bite.
  - 5. Add the noodles and season with soy sauce, salt and pepper. Cook for 1 minute. Serve, garnished with egg, green onions and sesame seeds.

## **Blood Stasis**

#### Mexican Salsa

1 medium tomato, diced

1 clove garlic, pressed

3 green chilies, minced

2-3 green onions, chopped

6 springs coriander or cilantro leaves, finely chopped

juice of 1 lime, freshly squeezed

sea salt to taste

1/4 cup water

Mix together and serve.

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### Squid & Broccoli Stir-Fry

250 g / 9oz squid\* (or calamari), cleaned and skin removed

1 head broccoli\*, cut off the end woody stem, peel off the tough outer skin, thinly slice the stem and cut the head into small bite size florets

1 garlic clove, thinly sliced

2 red chilies, finely sliced

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

1/2 tablespoon corn starch, dissolved in 11/2 tablespoons of water

1 teaspoon of corn starch

#### Sauce

1/2 tablespoon of oyster sauce

1/3 teaspoon of salt

2 tablespoons of Chinese or Japanese cooking wine

2 tablespoons of water

- 1. Cut the squid down the centre and open it flat. Score the inner side into a shallow criss-cross pattern with the tip of a small sharp knife. Separate the tentacles. Cut scored squid into 1-1/2 in x ¾ in pieces.
- 2. Bring water to a boil. Add the squid to the boiling water and gently boil for 1 minutes until coil and the criss-cross pattern open out. Drain and let it cool. Mix corn starch with the squid and set aside.
- 3. Bring 1inch of water to a boil in a large saucepan. Place broccoli in a steamer basket over boiling water, cover and steam for 3 to 4 minutes until tough-tender. Remove broccoli from the pan and set aside.
- 4. Heat the oil in a hot wok (or large frying pan) until the surface seems to shimmer slightly. Add garlic and chilies to the oil and stir-fry over medium heat for 30 seconds. Toss in squid and broccoli and stir-fry for 1-2 minutes until the oil is absorbed. Add sauce, mix well and stir to combine. Lastly, add dissolved corn starch and stir to coat evenly.
- 5. Serve immediately. Serve with rice as a meal for 3-4

## **Broccoli with Oyster Sauce Stir-Fry**

2 heads broccoli\*, cut off the end woody stems, peel off the tough outer skin, thinly slice the stems and cut the head into small bite size florets

1 spring onion, finely slice

1 thumb-size piece of fresh ginger, peeled and cut into julienne (long, thin strips)

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

2 teaspoons corn flour, dissolve in equal amount of water

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#### Sauce

1/2 cup chicken stock
11/2 tablespoons oyster sauce
1/2 tablespoon Chinese or Japanese cooking wine
1/2 teaspoon salt reduced soy sauce
1/2 teaspoon raw sugar
pinch of pepper

- 1. Bring 1inch of water to a boil in a large saucepan. Place broccoli in a steamer basket over boiling water, cover and steam for 3 to 4 minutes until tough-tender. Remove broccoli from the pan and set aside.
- 2. Heat a wok (or frying pan) with the oil and swirl to coat the wok. When the surface seems to shimmer slightly add spring onion, ginger and stir-fry briefly. Add the sauce and broccoli and stir to combine. When the sauce starts to simmer add dissolved corn flour in a circular motion and stir quickly to evenly coat the broccoli. Serve immediately, serve as a side dish at a meal for 4

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## **Braised Tofu with Walnuts and Baby Sardines**

0.7oz stir-fried walnuts and baby sardines\*

11oz organic tofu\*, drain off any excess liquid and slice into 8 cubes

1 garlic clove finely sliced

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

#### Sauce

2 tablespoons salt reduced soy sauce

1/2 teaspoon raw sugar

1/2 tablespoon vinegar

2 tablespoons water

- 1. Heat a wok (or frying pan) with the oil and swirl to coat the wok. When the surface seems to shimmer slightly slide the tofu into the wok. Carefully stir-fry the tofu over medium heat for 1 minute and try to keep the cubes in shape. Place sauce, walnuts and baby sardines in the wok and bring to the boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 8 minutes.
- 2. Remove lid, turn on high heat and stir for 1-2 minute until sauce is reduced and the tofu cubes are coated evenly. Add garlic and stir briefly.
- 3. Spoon into a shallow bowl and serve. Serve with rice as a meal for 2.

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## Walnuts & Baby Sardines Stir-Fry

- 1.4oz organic walnut
- 3.5oz dried salted baby sardines\*
- 2 tablespoons Chinese or Japanese cooking wine
- 3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
  - 1. Place walnuts in a baking tray and toast in a 325-degree F. for 15-20 minutes or until you can smell them. Remove and allow to cool.
    - 2. Heat oil in a hot wok (or frying pan), swirl the oil to coat the wok and stir-fry baby sardines over a medium heat for about 1 to 2 minutes until oil is absorbed. Pour in cooking wine and stir-fry until liquid evaporates.
    - 3. Add 1 into wok and stir-fry to combine for about 1 minute until fragrant. Serve. serve as a side dish to accompany a meal
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## Beef & Asparagus with Oyster Sauce Stir-Fry

4oz organic beef rump stake, trim off fat and cut into 0.1 in slices\*

10 organic green asparagus spears (6.4oz), trim off ends\* and cut into 1 inch length

11/3 tablespoons corn flour

3 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

#### Marinade

1/4 teaspoon salt1 tablespoon Chinese or Japanese cooking wine1/4 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon waterfreshly ground pepper

#### Sauce

1 tablespoon oyster sauce

1 tablespoon soy sauce

1/2 tablespoon Chinese or Japanese cooking wine

11/2 teaspoons raw sugar

1 tablespoon water

1 teaspoon corn flour

freshly ground pepper

- 1. Combine beef with marinade ingredients in a bowl then add corn flour and 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil; mix well, cover and leave in refrigerator for at least 30 minutes.
- 2. Bring water to a boil. Fill a bowl with water and add ice. Add asparagus to the boiling water and blanch for 2-3 minutes until tender-crisp. Transfer to the bowl of ice water to cool, then drain well and set aside.
- 3. Heat 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil in a hot wok (or large frying pan) until the surface seems to shimmer slightly. Stir-fry beef for about 4 minutes until just cooked through. Add the asparagus and sauce and stir-fry until thoroughly combine. Arrange on a plate and serve.
- 4. Serve with rice as a meal for 3-4
- \* Semi frozen the beef may help thinly slice easier.
- \* Try to bend an asparagus spear at the rare half end until it snaps.

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## Squid, Tofu, Asparagus and Anchovies Stir-Fry

3.5oz squid (or calamari), cleaned and skin removed

1 block pressed tofu, cut into 0.2in slices

1/2 bunch organic green asparagus spears, remove ends\* and slice into 0.8in lengths on the diagonal

4 anchovy fillets, tear into pieces with hand

1 big clove of garlic, thinly sliced

11/2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar

1/2 tablespoon water

small pinch salt

small pinch ground pepper

- 1. Cut the squid down the center and open it flat. Score the inner side into a shallow diamond pattern with the tip of a small sharp knife. Separate the tentacles. Cut scored squid into 1-1/2 in x  $\frac{3}{4}$  in pieces.
- 2. Bring water to the boil. Fill a bowl with water and add ice. Add the asparagus to the boiling water and blanch for 2-3 minutes until tender-crisp. Transfer to the bowl of ice water to cool, then drain well and set aside.

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- 3. Heat the oil in a hot wok (or large frying pan) and stir-fry garlic and anchovy pieces for 1 minute. Quickly add the squid and stir-fry for 3 minutes it coil. Add the tofu, the asparagus and salt and stir-fry for 1 minute. Pour in vinegar and water and stir constantly to combine for 1 minute.
- 4. Arrange on a plate, sprinkle with pepper and serve immediately.

Serve with rice as a meal for 2

\* Remove the ends of asparagus spears by bending them and snapping where it clicks naturally.