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# Power Foods



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## 100 CALORIE FOOD CALCULATIONS

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All calculations were calculated in excel and verified from Calabrio.com and www.fatcalculator.com, and used the standard units where needed. All units are in grams. Measurements are calculated using the standard Calabrio.com units and verified against the USDA database. All values are rounded to the nearest gram.

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VEGETABLE		VEGETABLE		PROTEIN		PROTEIN		EGG / MILK		EGG / MILK			
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**Certain foods are <sup>much</sup> better than  
others for weight loss.**

2015

RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Changes in Intake of Fruits and Vegetables and Weight Change in United States Men and Women Followed for Up to 24 Years: Analysis from Three Prospective Cohort Studies

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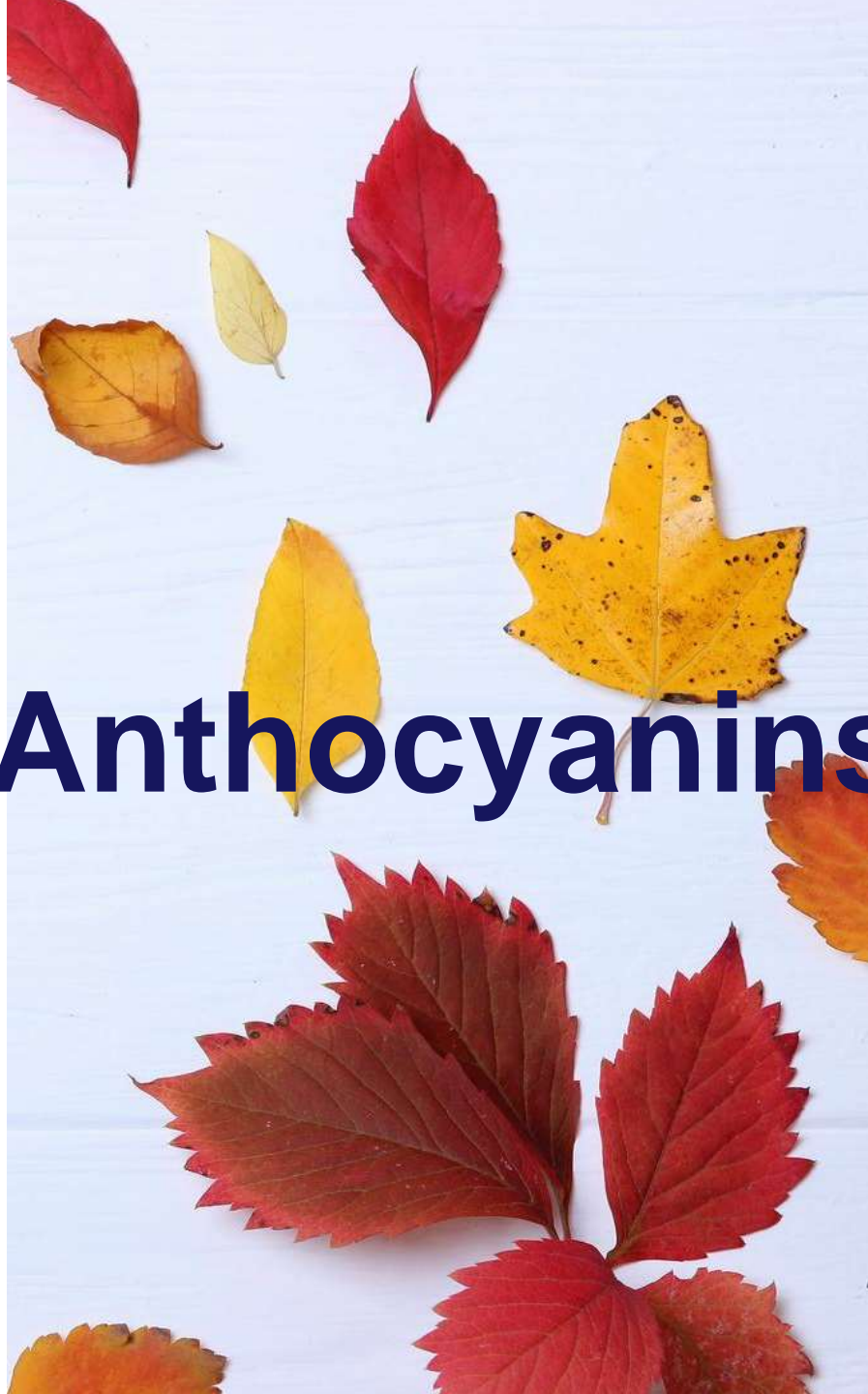


# #1. Berries





# Anthocyanins



# Anthocyanins



# Higher dietary flavonoid intakes are associated with lower objectively measured body composition in women: evidence from discordant monozygotic twins<sup>1,2</sup>

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** Although dietary flavonoid intake has been associated with less weight gain, there are limited data on its impact on fat mass, and to our knowledge, the contribution of genetic factors to this relation has not previously been assessed.

**Objective:** We examined the associations between flavonoid intakes and fat mass.

**Design:** In a study of 2734 healthy, female twins aged 18–83 y from the TwinsUK registry, intakes of total flavonoids and 7 subclasses (flavanones, anthocyanins, flavan-3-ols, flavonols, flavones, polymers, and proanthocyanidins) were calculated with the use of food-frequency questionnaires. Measures of dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry–derived fat mass included the limb-to-trunk fat mass ratio (FMR), fat mass index, and central fat mass index.

**Results:** In cross-sectional multivariable analyses, higher intake of anthocyanins, flavonols, and proanthocyanidins were associated with a lower FMR with mean  $\pm$  SE differences between extreme

## INTRODUCTION

There is increasing evidence that dietary flavonoids, which are a diverse range of polyphenolic compounds that are present in plant-based foods such as fruits, vegetables, tea, wine, and chocolate, may be beneficial for weight maintenance. Higher intakes of several flavonoid subclasses including flavones, flavonols, and flavan-3-ols (catechins) have been inversely associated with BMI (in kg/m<sup>2</sup>) gain over 14 y (1), and pooled results from 3 prospective cohort studies in 124,086 US men and women suggested that increased intakes of most flavonoid subclasses are associated with less weight gain over 24 y, with the greatest magnitude of associations observed for anthocyanins, flavonoid polymers, and flavonols (2).

Several plausible mechanisms may link flavonoids to weight maintenance although, to date, much of the mechanistic evidence has been related to studies that were conducted with



# 2,734 Twins TwinsUK Registry

Jennings A, MacGregor A, Spector T, Cassidy A. Higher dietary flavonoid intakes are associated with lower objectively measured body composition in women: evidence from discordant monozygotic twins. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2017;105(3):626-634.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a grey and white striped shirt and light-colored shorts, is lying on her back on a table covered with a light blue sheet. She is positioned under a large white X-ray machine arm. The machine has a control panel with several buttons and lights. The background shows a wooden wall and a white baseboard.

**Twin with higher  
anthocyanin intake  
↓9% abdominal fat**

**Dual-energy X-ray  
absorptiometry**

Fat mass ratio: abdominal fat : limb fat



But it's not just berries.....

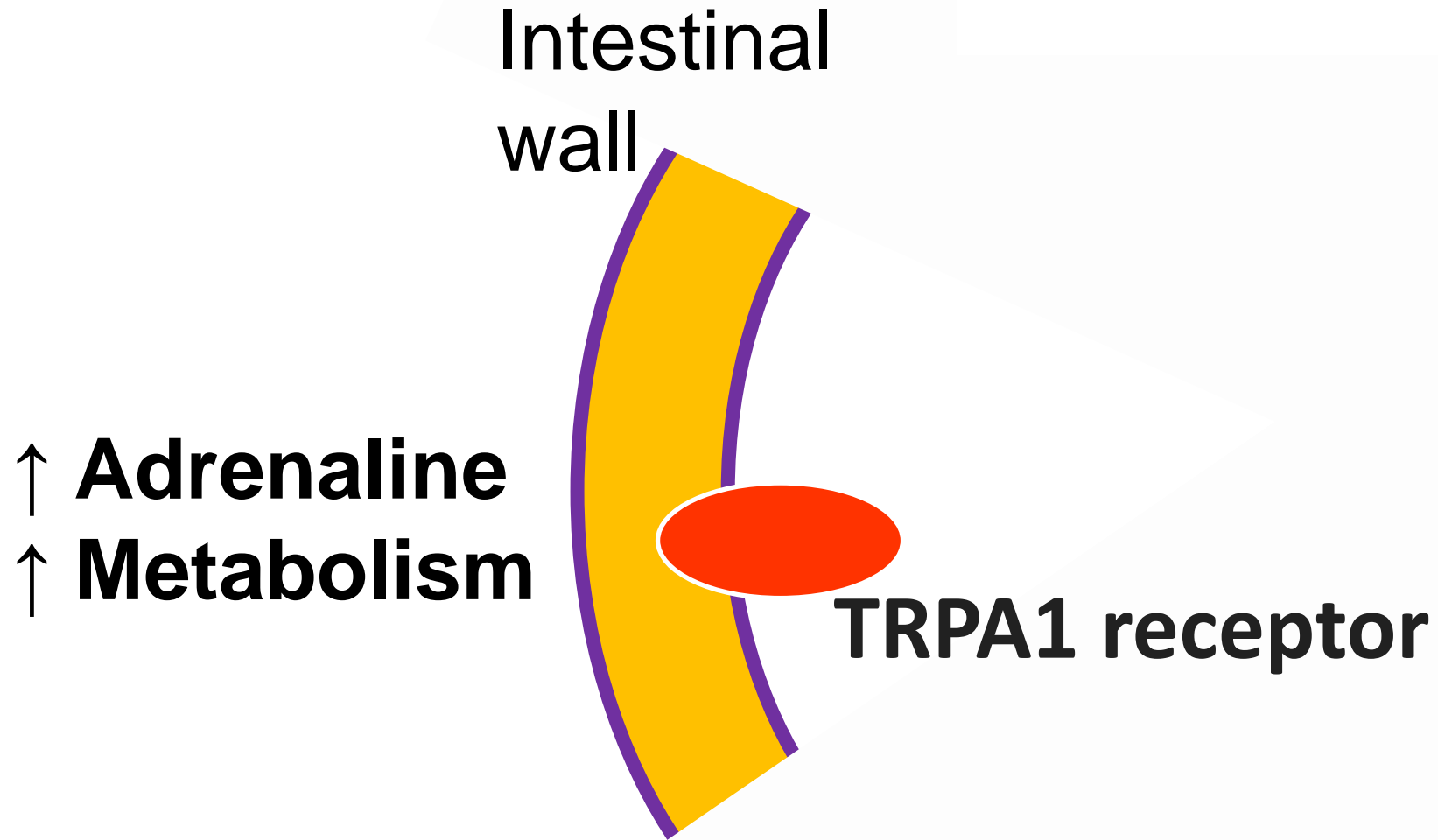


**Cinnamaldehyde**

**Increases metabolism**

Keramati M, Musazadeh V, Malekahmadi M, et al. Cinnamon, an effective anti-obesity agent: Evidence from an umbrella meta-analysis. *J Food Biochem*. 2022 Aug;46(8):e14166.





TRPA1 : transient receptor potential ankyrin 1

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RESEARCH

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# Effect of oral cinnamon intervention on metabolic profile and body composition of Asian Indians with metabolic syndrome: a randomized double-blind control trial

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## Abstract

Nutritional modulation remains central to the management of metabolic syndrome. Intervention with cinnamon in individuals with metabolic syndrome remains sparsely researched.

**Methods:** We investigated the effect of oral cinnamon consumption on body composition and metabolic parameters of Asian Indians with metabolic syndrome. In this 16-week double blind randomized control trial, 116 individuals with metabolic syndrome were randomized to two dietary intervention groups, cinnamon [6 capsules (3 g) daily] or wheat flour [6 capsules (2.5 g) daily]. Body composition, blood pressure and metabolic parameters were assessed.

**Results:** Significantly greater decrease [difference between means, (95% CI)] in fasting blood glucose (mmol/L) [0.3 (0.2, 0.5)  $p = 0.001$ ], glycosylated haemoglobin (mmol/mol) [2.6 (0.4, 4.9)  $p = 0.023$ ], waist circumference (cm) [4.8 (1.9, 7.7)  $p = 0.002$ ] and body mass index (kg/m<sup>2</sup>) [1.3 (0.9, 1.5)  $p = 0.001$ ] was observed in the cinnamon group compared to placebo group. Other parameters which showed significantly greater improvement were: waist-hip ratio, blood pressure, serum total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol, serum triglycerides, and high-density lipoprotein cholesterol. Prevalence of defined metabolic syndrome was significantly reduced in the intervention group (34.5%) vs. the placebo group (5.2%).

**Conclusion:** A single supplement intervention with 3 g cinnamon for 16 weeks resulted in significant improvements in all components of metabolic syndrome in a sample of Asian Indians in north India.



**2017 study**

**116 volunteers**

**3g cinnamon daily  
(1 teaspoon)**

**16 weeks**

**Weight ↓ 7.7 lb (3.5 kg)**

Jain SG, Puri S, Misra A, Gulati S, Mani K. Effect of oral cinnamon intervention on metabolic profile and body composition of Asian Indians with metabolic syndrome: a randomized double-blind control trial. *Lipids Health Dis.* 2017;16:113.

# Cinnamon and Body Mass Index

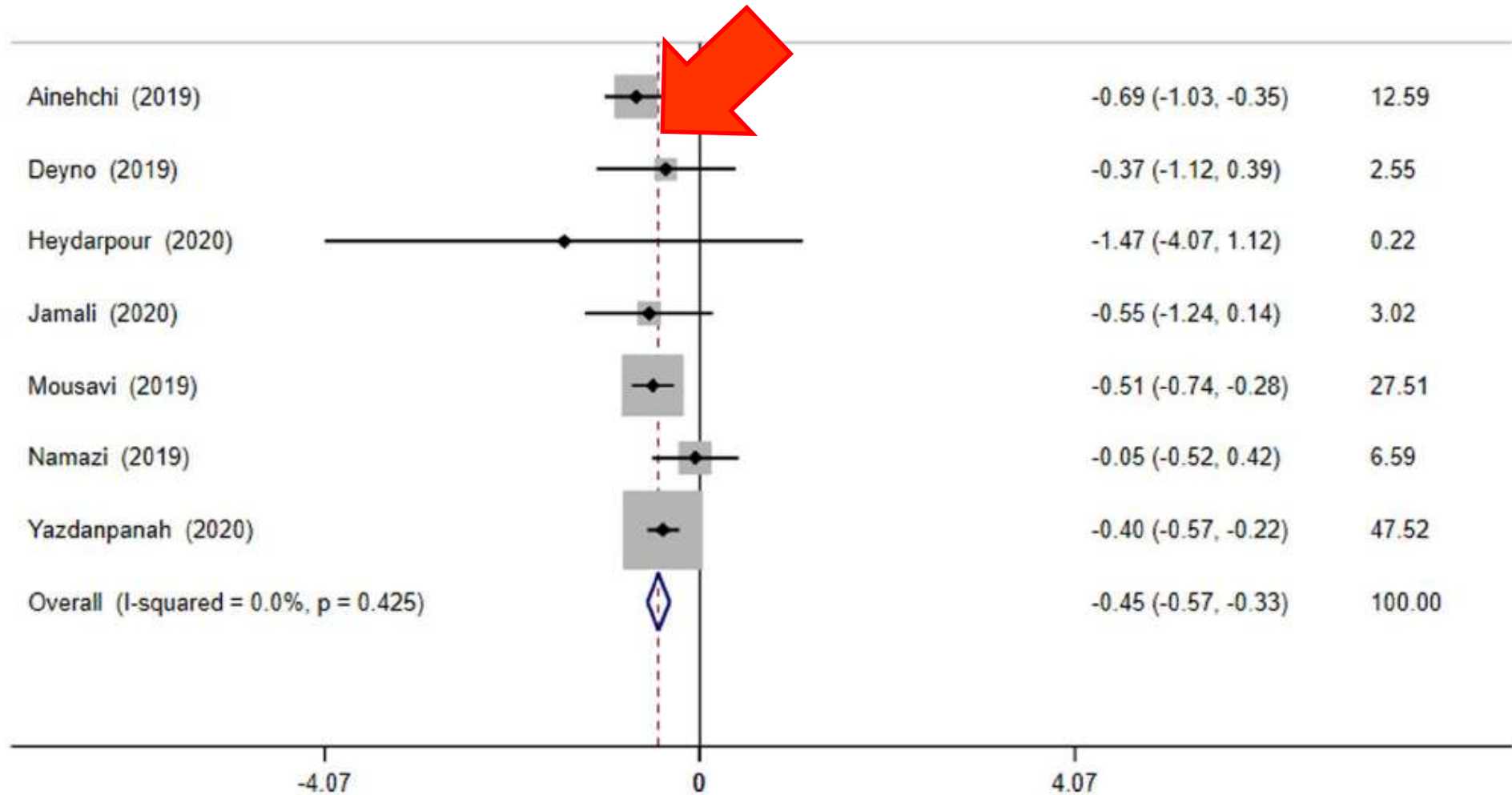


FIGURE 3 The effects of cinnamon supplementation on BMI are depicted in a forest plot with mean differences and 95% confidence intervals (CIs)



**Capsaicinoids**  
**Reduce appetite**  
**Increase calorie-burning**





**Dustin Harder**



**Lindsay S. Nixon**





# Triple Berry Sorbet

Blueberries

Strawberries

Raspberries

Bananas

Cherry or cranberry juice

Maple syrup



# Beat the Summer Blueberry Pops

A close-up photograph of several rectangular, deep red-purple frozen popsicles on wooden sticks. The popsicles are arranged on a light-colored plate, with several fresh blueberries scattered around them. The background is softly blurred, showing a white bowl and more blueberries.

**Blueberries**

**Bananas**

**Pears**

**Almond milk**

**Lemon juice**

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*With recipes by* **DUSTIN HARDER** *and* **LINDSAY S. NIXON**

# THE POWER FOODS DIET

The Breakthrough Plan That  
Traps, Tames, and Burns Calories  
for Easy and Permanent Weight Loss



# #1. Berries



## #2. Cruciferous vegetables

broccoli, cauliflower,  
cabbage, Brussels sprouts



# #3. Green leafy vegetables

spinach, mustard greens,  
chard, lettuce



# #4. Melon

cantaloupe, watermelon



## #5. Citrus fruits

oranges, grapefruit  
fresh or juice



# #6. Legumes

peas, beans, lentils,  
tofu/soy





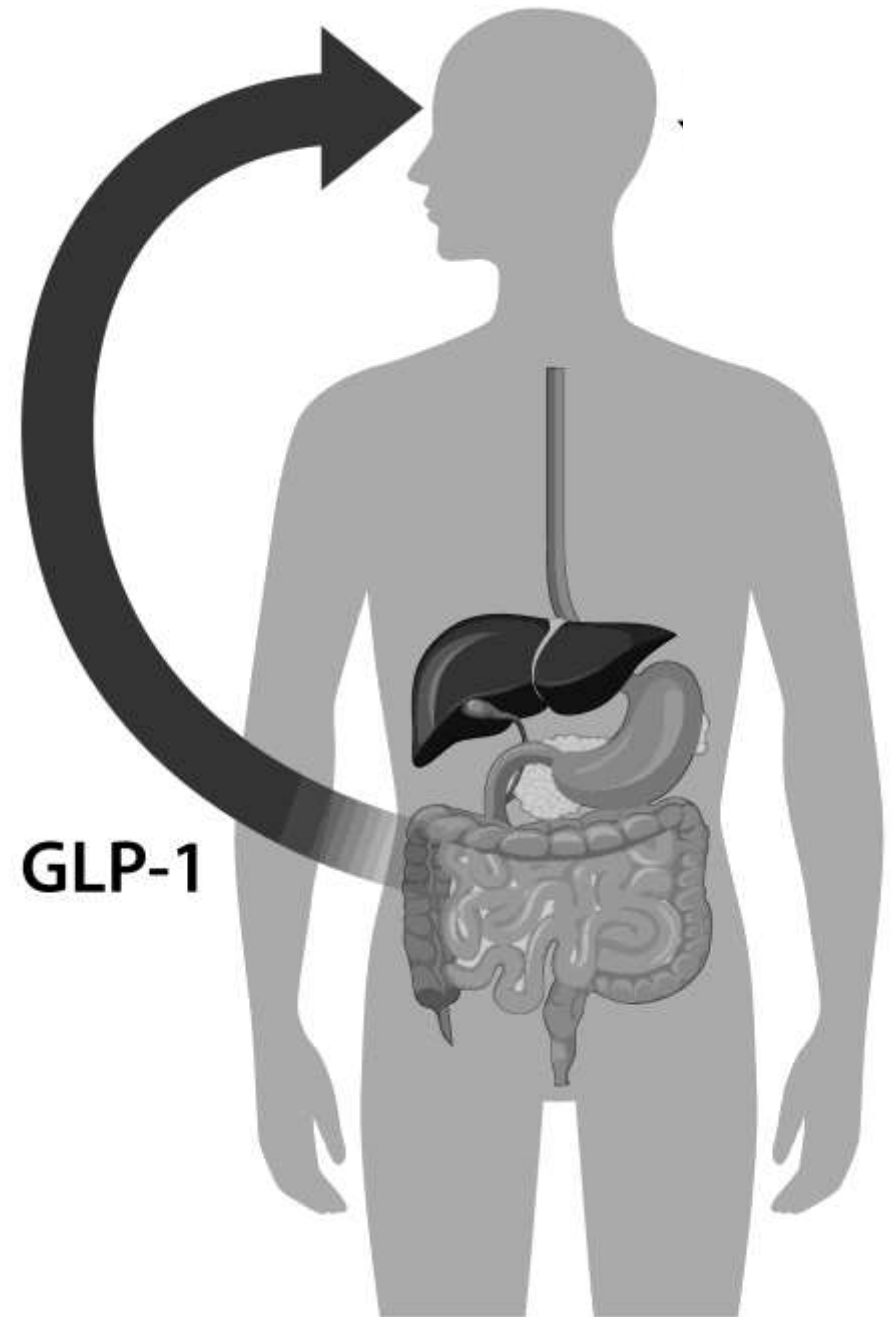
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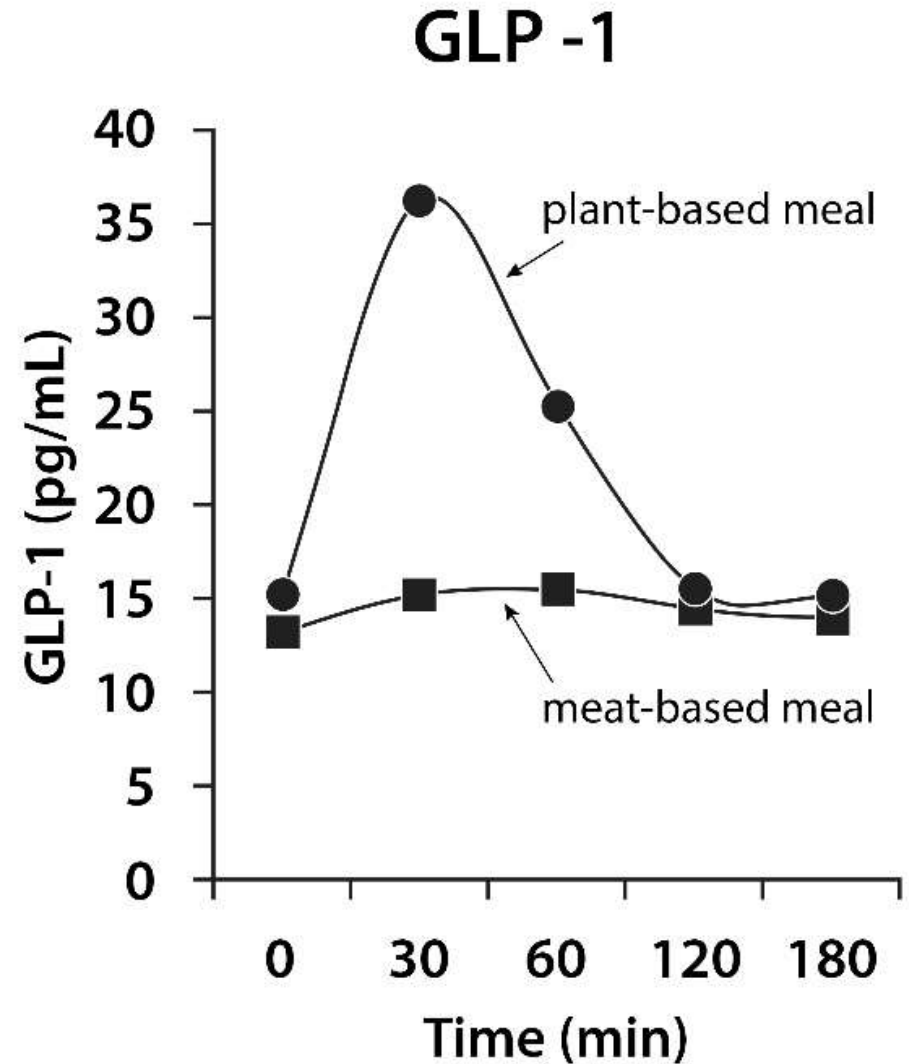
- **Tame the appetite**
- **Trap calories**
- **Boost metabolism**

# 1. Appetite-Taming

# Glucagon-like peptide-1



# GLP-1 levels after a meat meal versus a vegan meal.



# How many calories in a gram of...

Fat	9
Carbohydrate	4
Fiber	0-2



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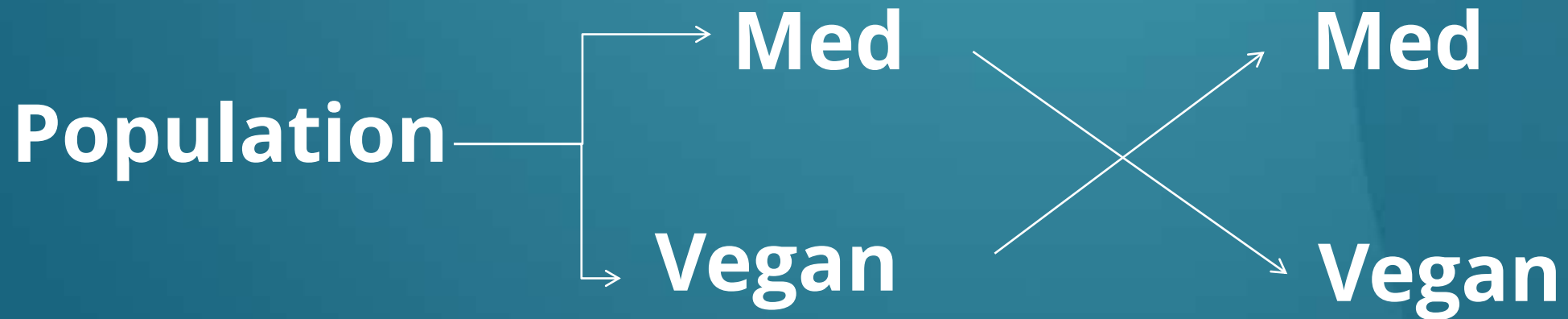
### A Mediterranean Diet and Low-Fat Vegan Diet to Improve Body Weight and Cardiometabolic Risk Factors: A Randomized, Cross-over Trial

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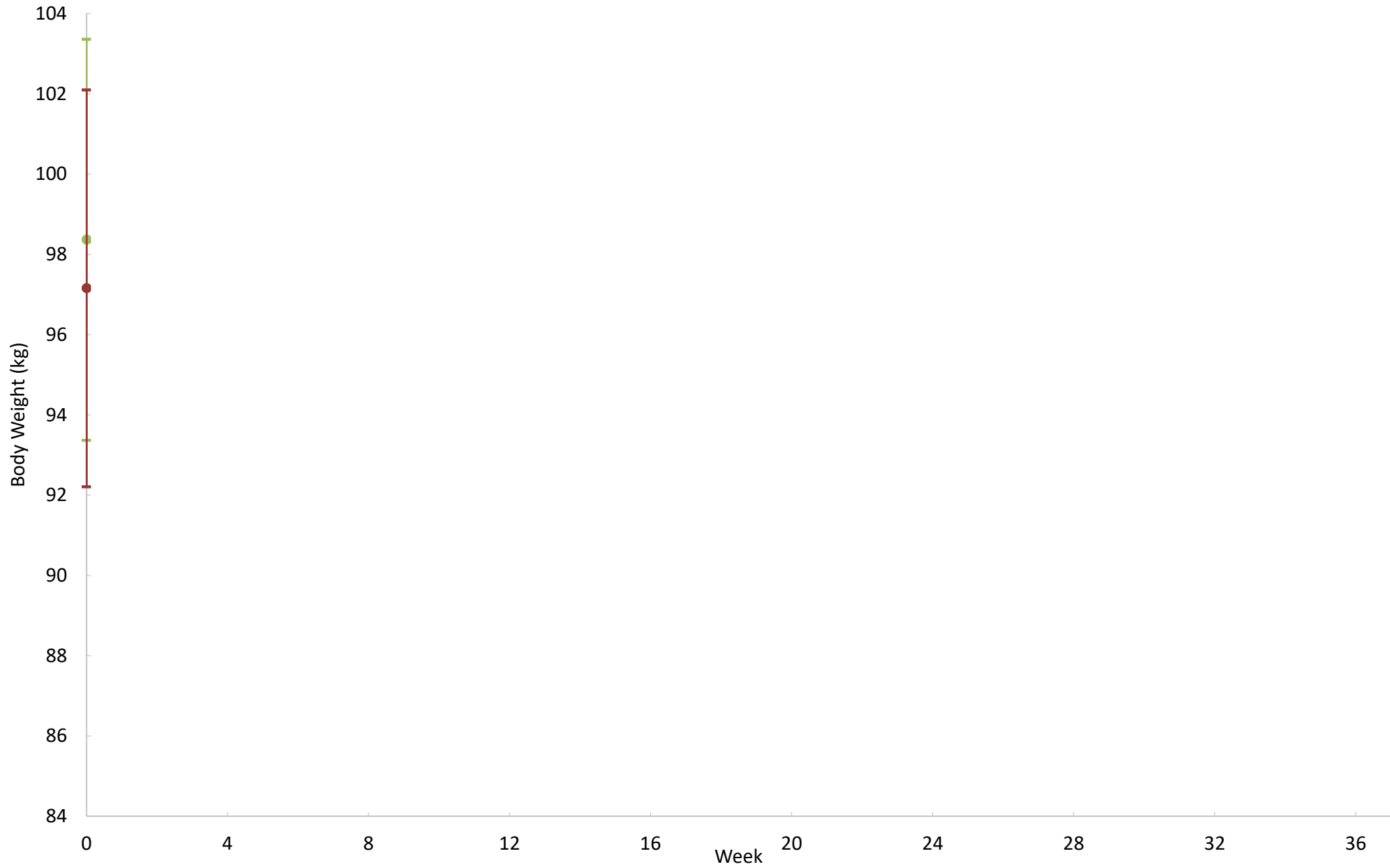
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# VegMed Study



62 participants



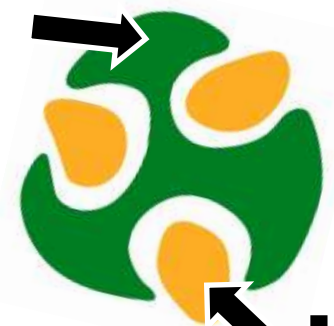


## 2. Calorie-Trapping

**Fiber**



**Unabsorbed  
calories**



**Flush away your calories:**



See corresponding editorial on page 545.

## Substituting whole grains for refined grains in a 6-wk randomized trial favorably affects energy-balance metrics in healthy men and postmenopausal women<sup>1–3</sup>

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### ABSTRACT

**Background:** The effect of whole grains on the regulation of energy balance remains controversial.

**Objective:** We aimed to determine the effects of substituting whole grains for refined grains, independent of body weight changes, on energy-metabolism metrics and glycemic control.

**Design:** The study was a randomized, controlled, parallel-arm controlled-feeding trial that was conducted in 81 men and postmenopausal women [49 men and 32 women; age range: 40–65 y; body mass index (in kg/m<sup>2</sup>): <35.0]. After a 2-wk run-in period, participants were randomly assigned to consume 1 of 2 weight-maintenance diets for 6 wk. Diets differed in whole-grain and fiber contents [mean ± SDs: whole grain-rich diet: 207 ± 39 g whole grains plus 40 ± 5 g dietary fiber/d; refined grain-based diet: 0 g whole grains plus 21 ± 3 g dietary fiber/d] but were otherwise similar. Energy metabolism and body-composition metrics, appetite, markers of glycemic control, and gut microbiota were measured at 2 and 8 wk.

**Results:** By design, body weight was maintained in both groups. Plasma alkylresorcinols, which are biomarkers of whole-grain intake, increased in the whole grain-rich diet group (WG) but not in the refined

adiposity. This trial was registered at clinicaltrials.gov as NCT01902394. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2017;105:589–99.

**Keywords:** body fat, body weight, continuous glucose monitoring, energy metabolism, fiber, glucose tolerance, glycemia, hunger, resting metabolic rate, thermogenesis

### INTRODUCTION

International recommendations call for an increased consumption of whole grains together with a reduced consumption of refined grains (1). These recommendations are the result of accumulating evidence that has linked higher whole-grain intake to reduced risks of type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease (2–5) and the consistent epidemiologic finding that individuals who consume recommended amounts of whole grains ( $\geq 3$  servings or 48 g/d), compared with individuals who consume few whole grains, have reduced BMI and adiposity and a lower

<sup>1</sup> Supported by the Bell Institute of Health and Nutrition, General Mills Inc.,

# Fiber Traps Calories



**Tufts University, 2017**  
**90 Participants**  
**6-week study**

**Whole Grains:**  
**Trapped: 57 cals**  
**Burned: 43 cals**

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**Total: 100 cals/day**

Calorie-trapping, plus increased RMR

Karl JP, Meydani M, Barnett JB, et al. Substituting whole grains for refined grains in a 6-wk randomized trial favorably affects energy-balance metrics in healthy men and postmenopausal women. *Am J Clin Nutr.* 2017;105(3):589-599.













## 3. Metabolism-Boosting

**What is the difference between  
you and a crocodile?**



**You can turn food into body heat.**

# The After-Meal Calorie Burn







Butter gives you no burn.

# The After-Meal Calorie Burn



|  
Meal

|  
1 Hour

|  
2 Hours

|  
3 Hours



# Weight-Control Study

64 overweight women

Low-fat vegan vs “conventional” diet

No exercise

14-week study



# Typical Day's Meals

## Breakfast

Blueberry pancakes  
or Oatmeal with cinnamon and raisins  
Half cantaloupe  
Rye toast with jam

## Lunch

Chunky vegetable chowder  
Garden salad

## Snack

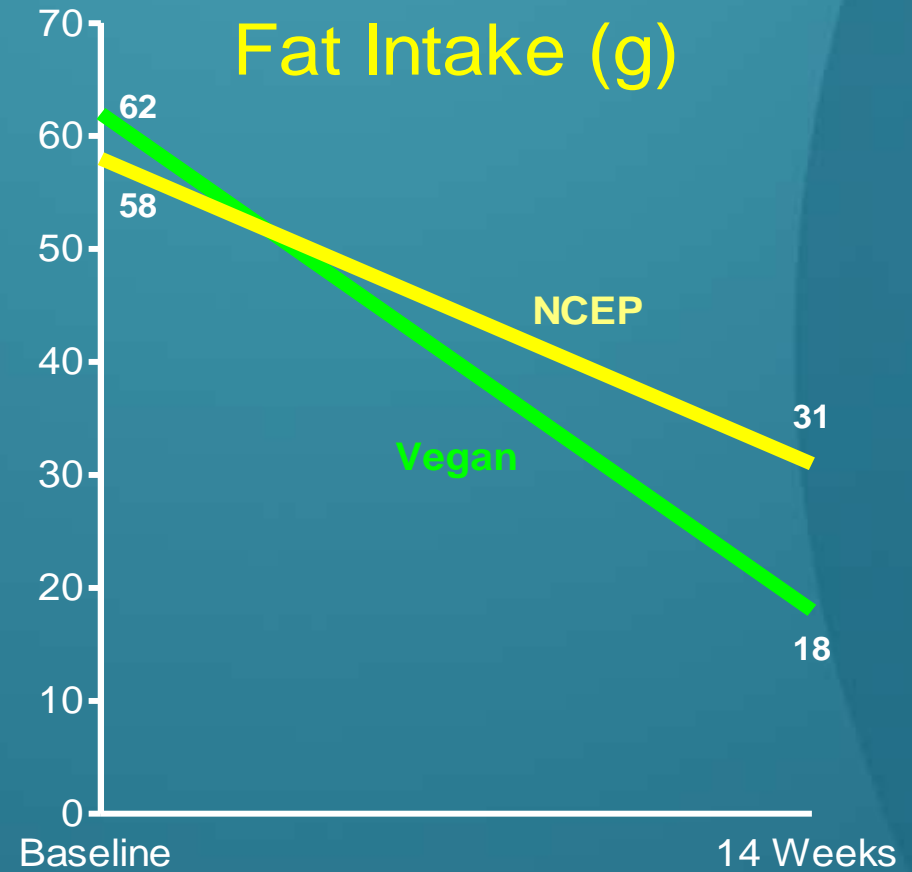
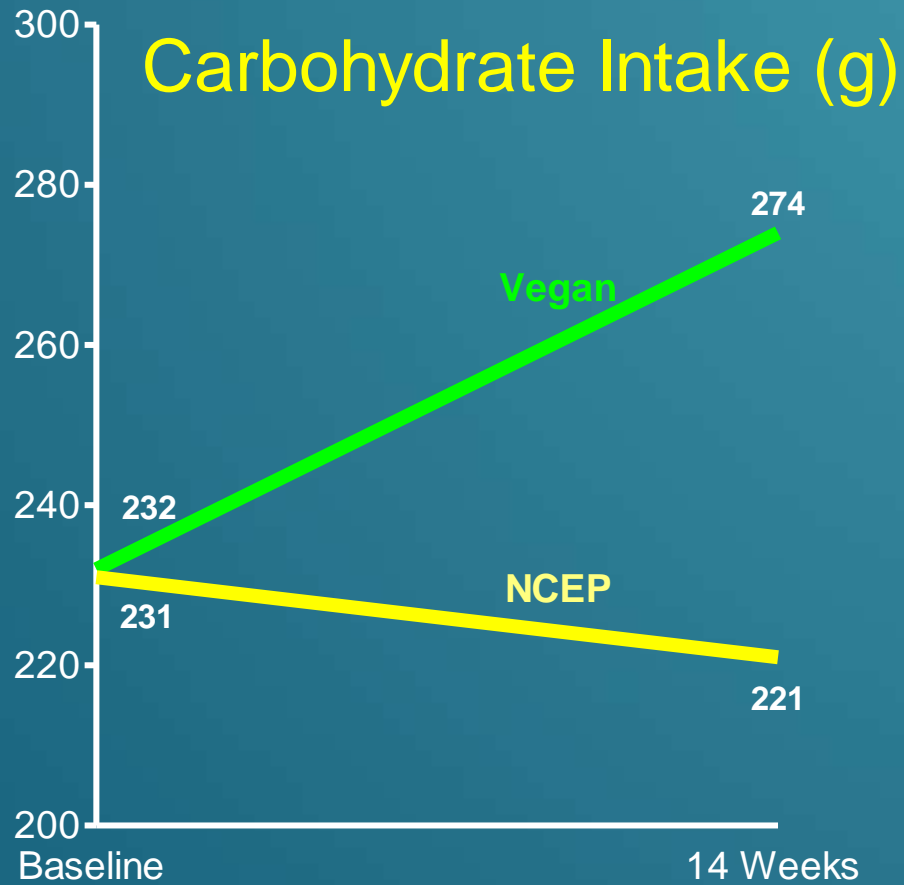
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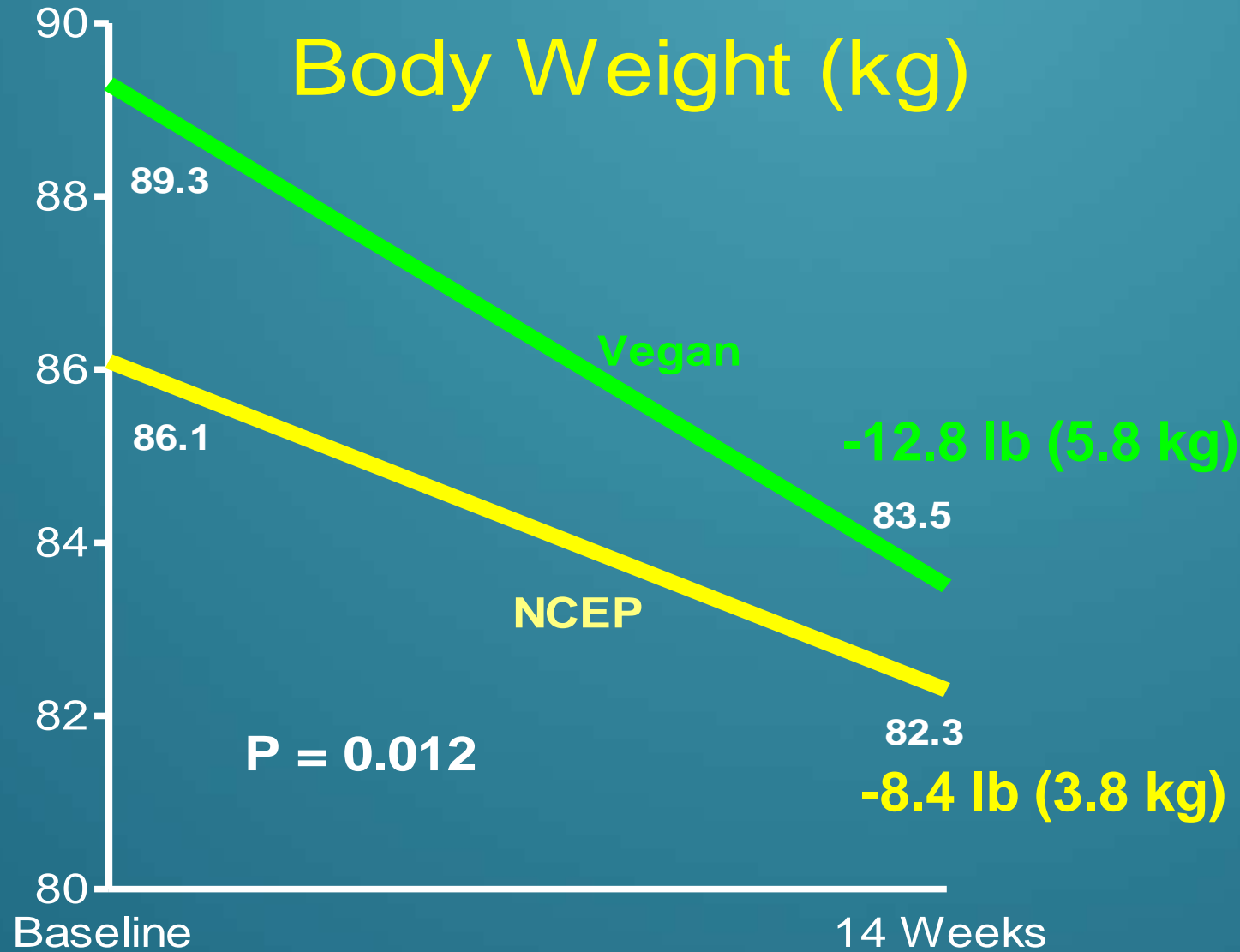
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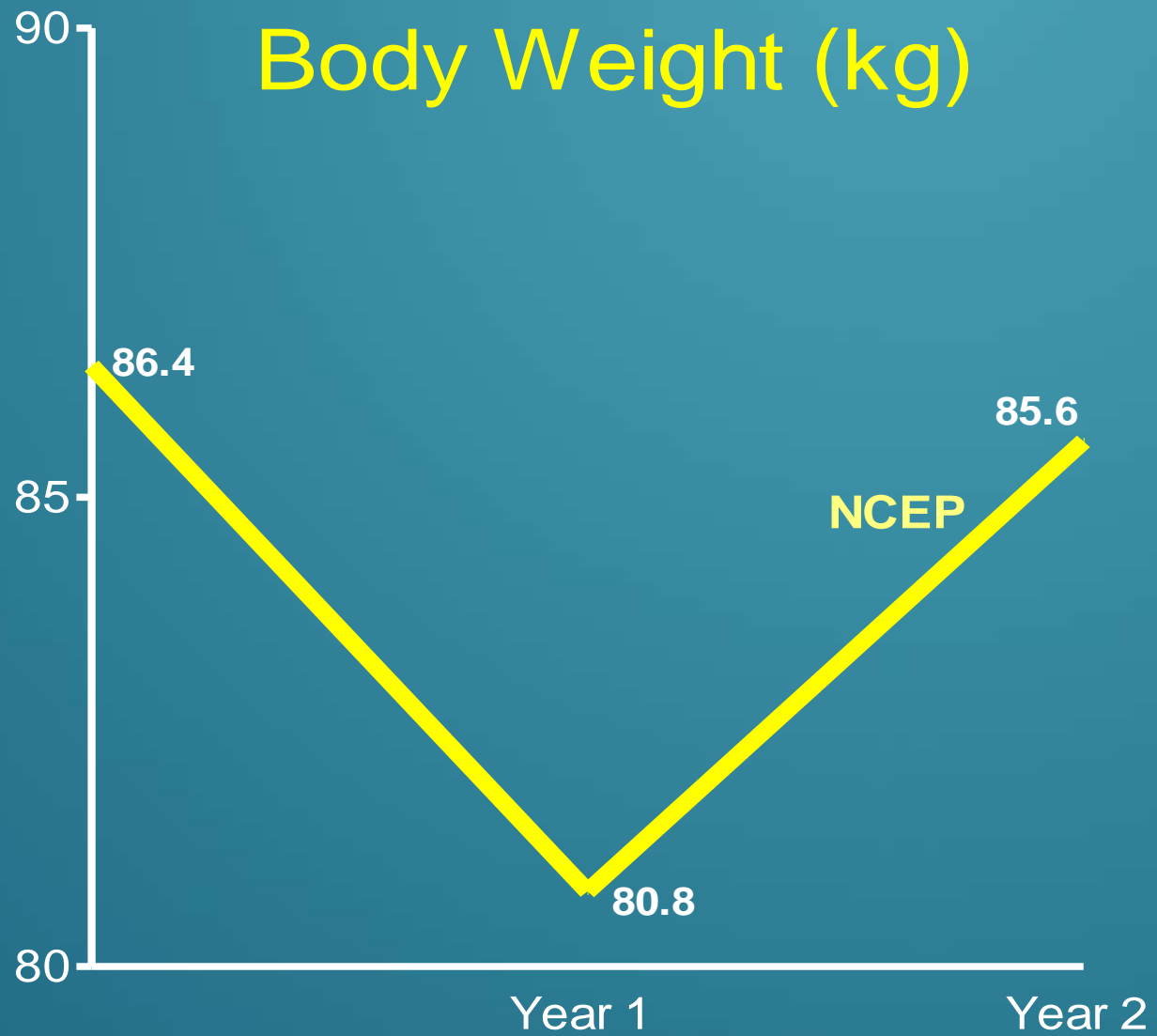
Lentil soup and crackers  
Linguine with artichoke hearts and seared oyster mushrooms  
Steamed broccoli



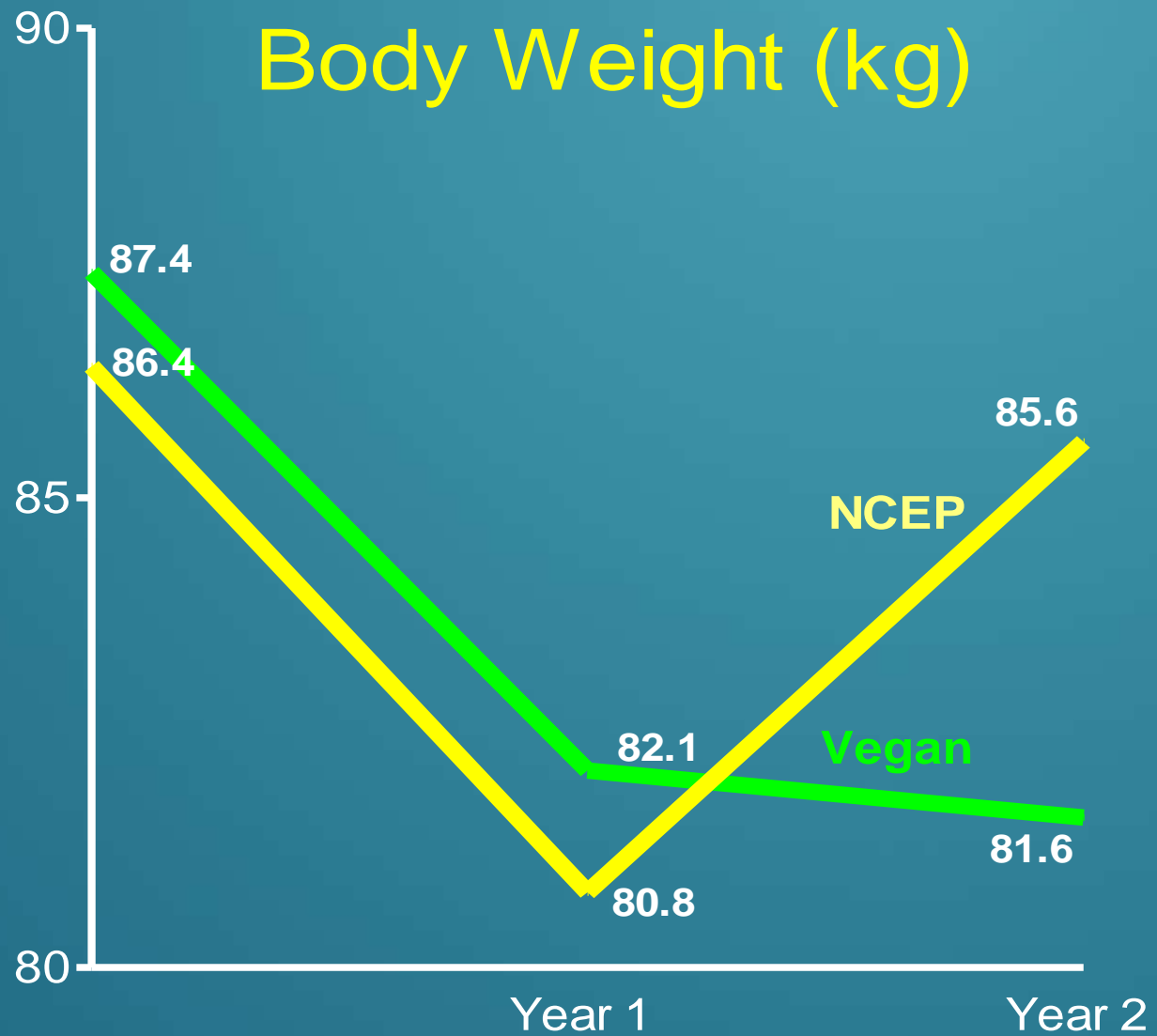
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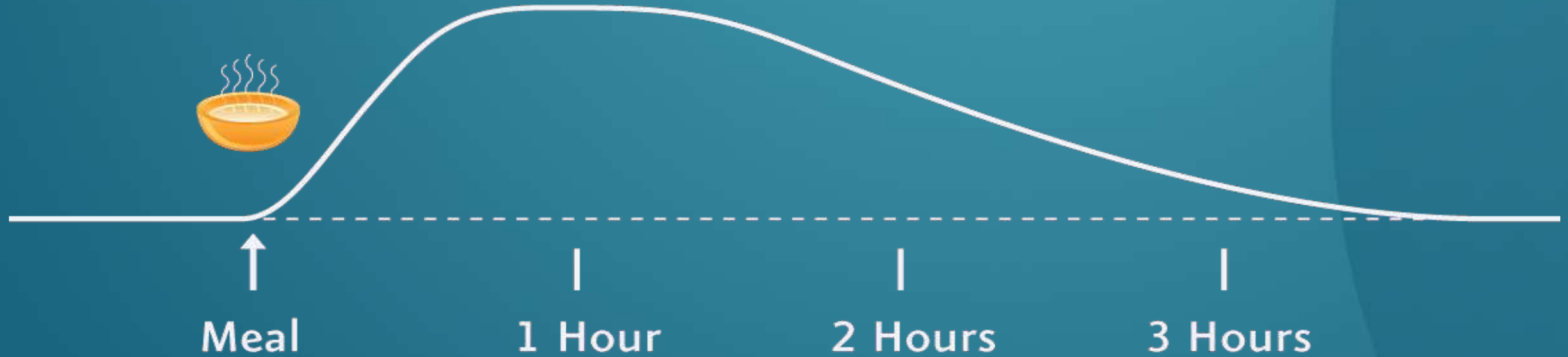
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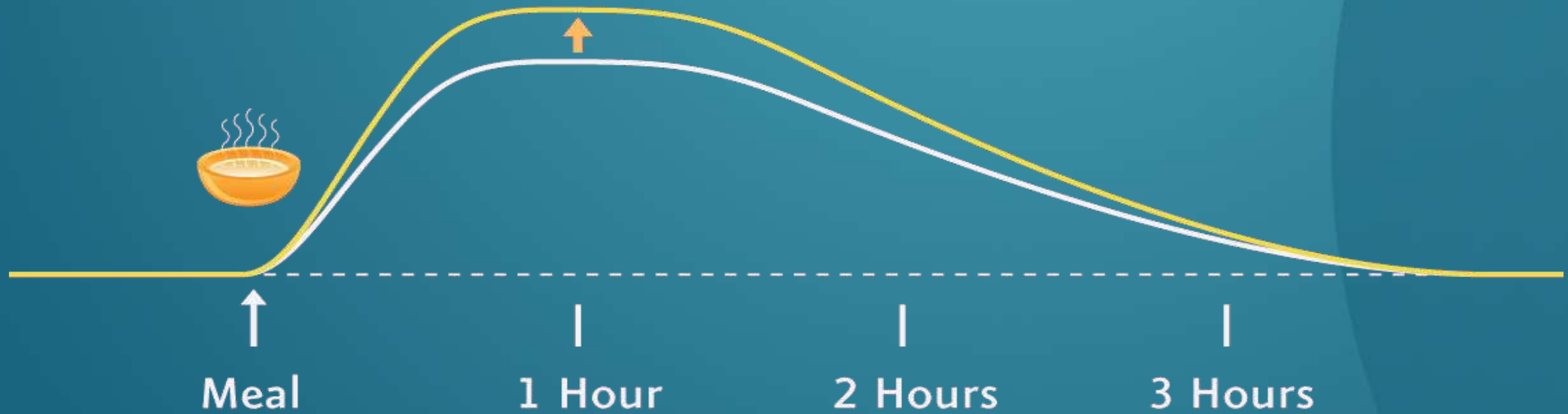
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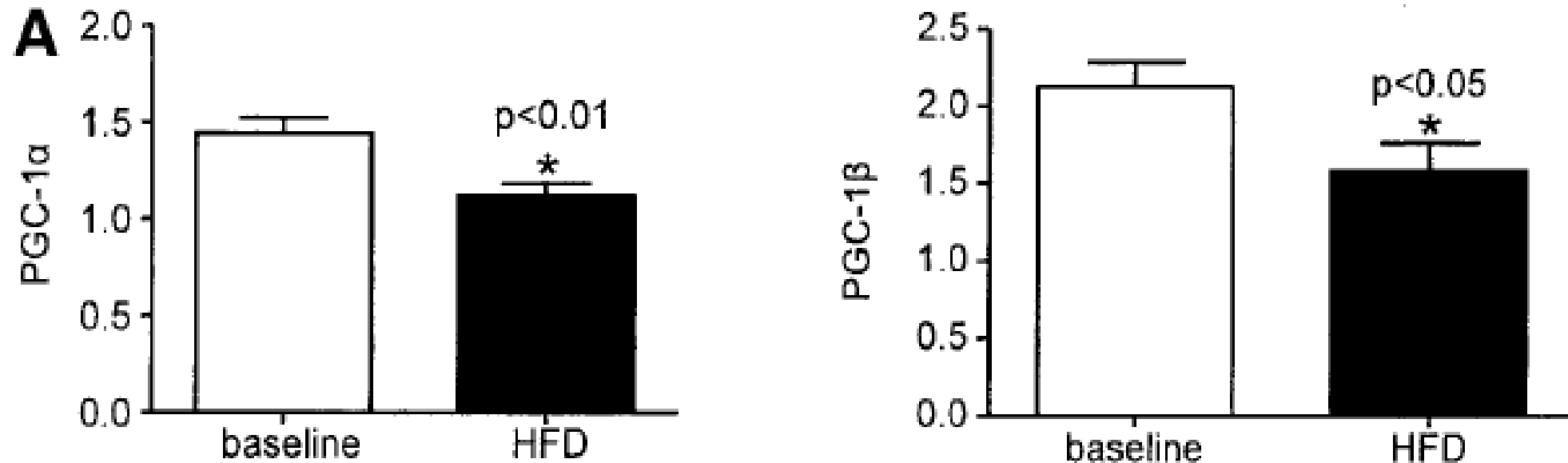


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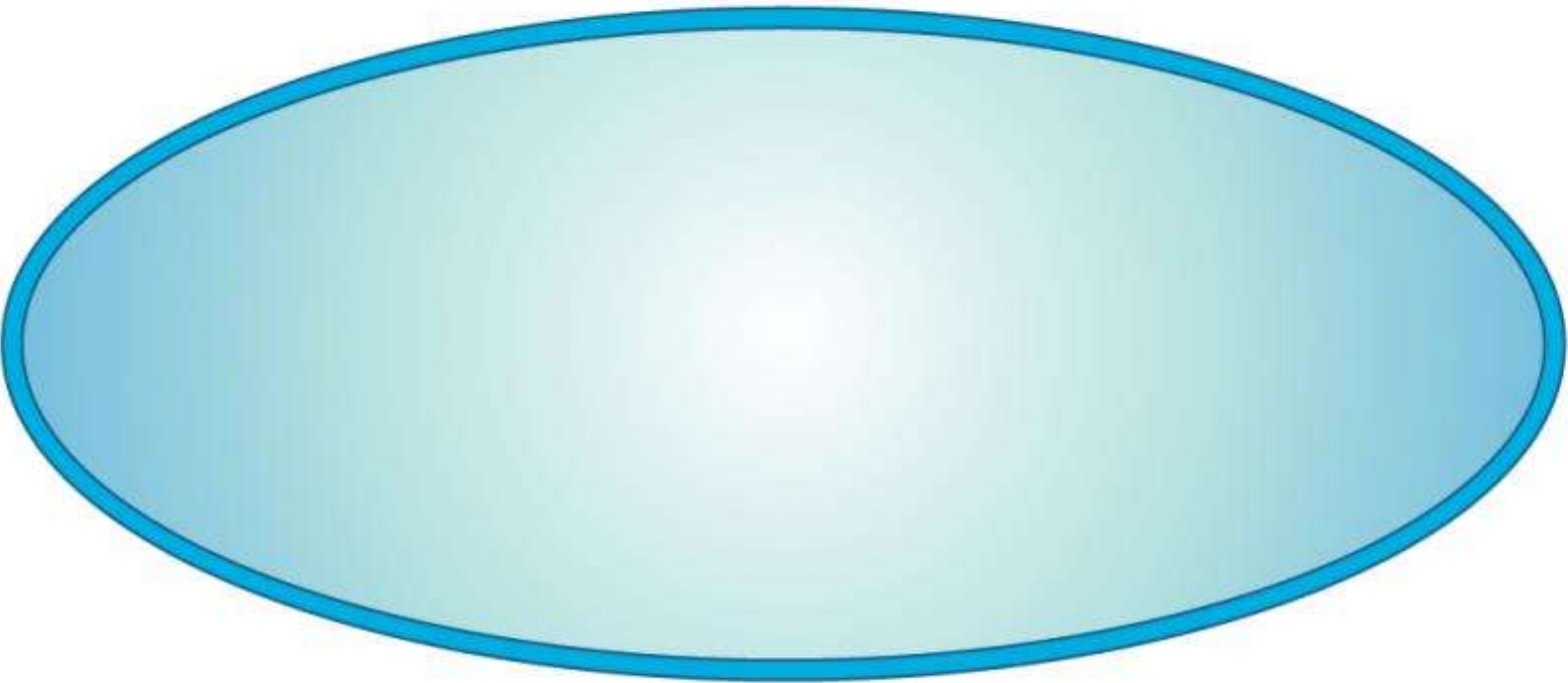


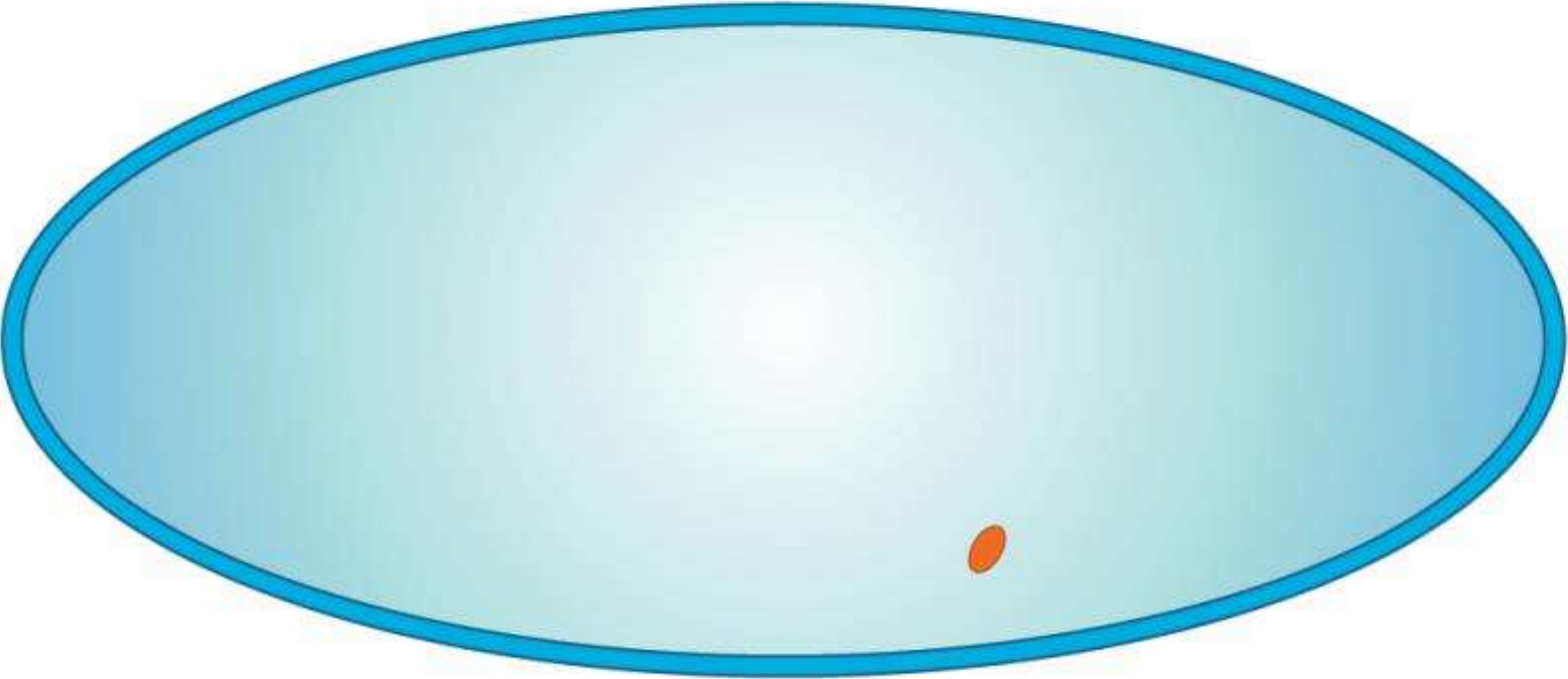
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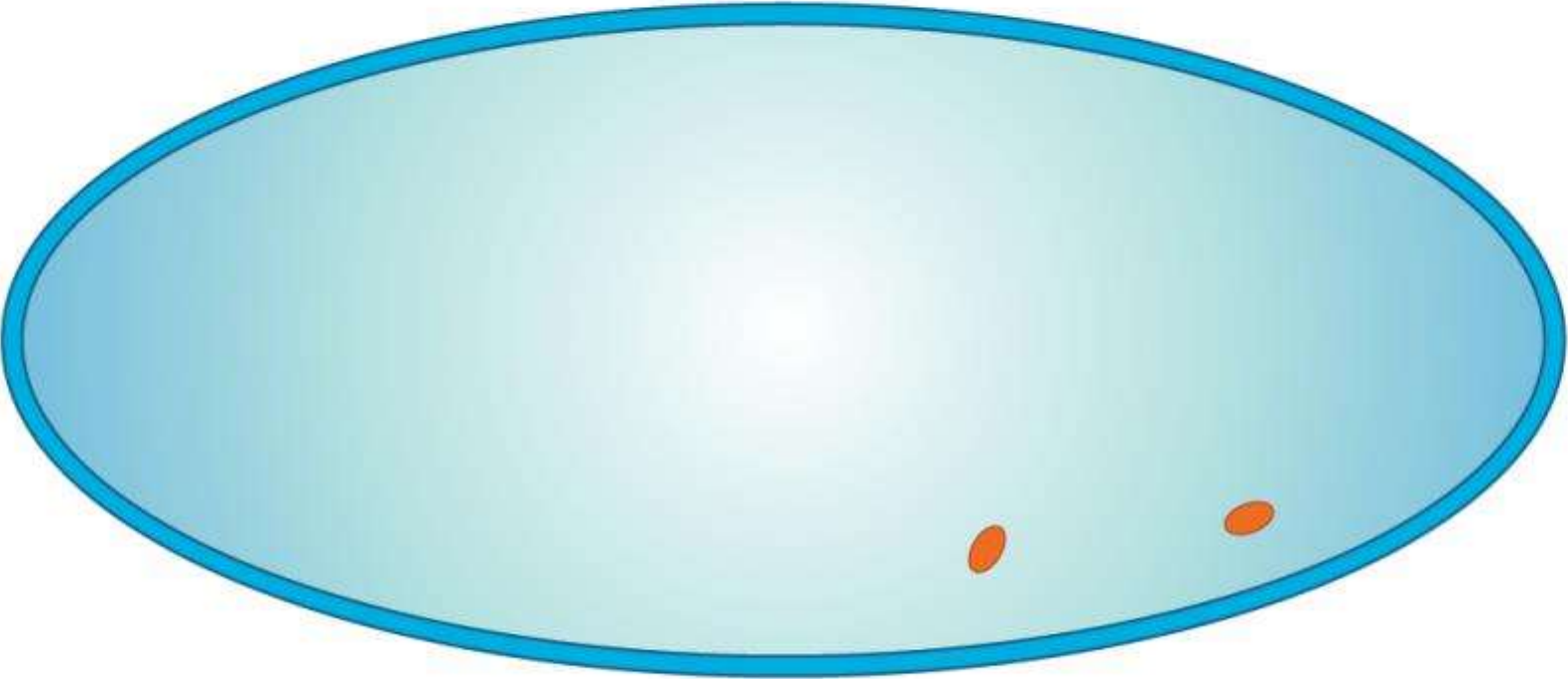
Pennington Biomedical Research Center  
50% fat diet for 3 days

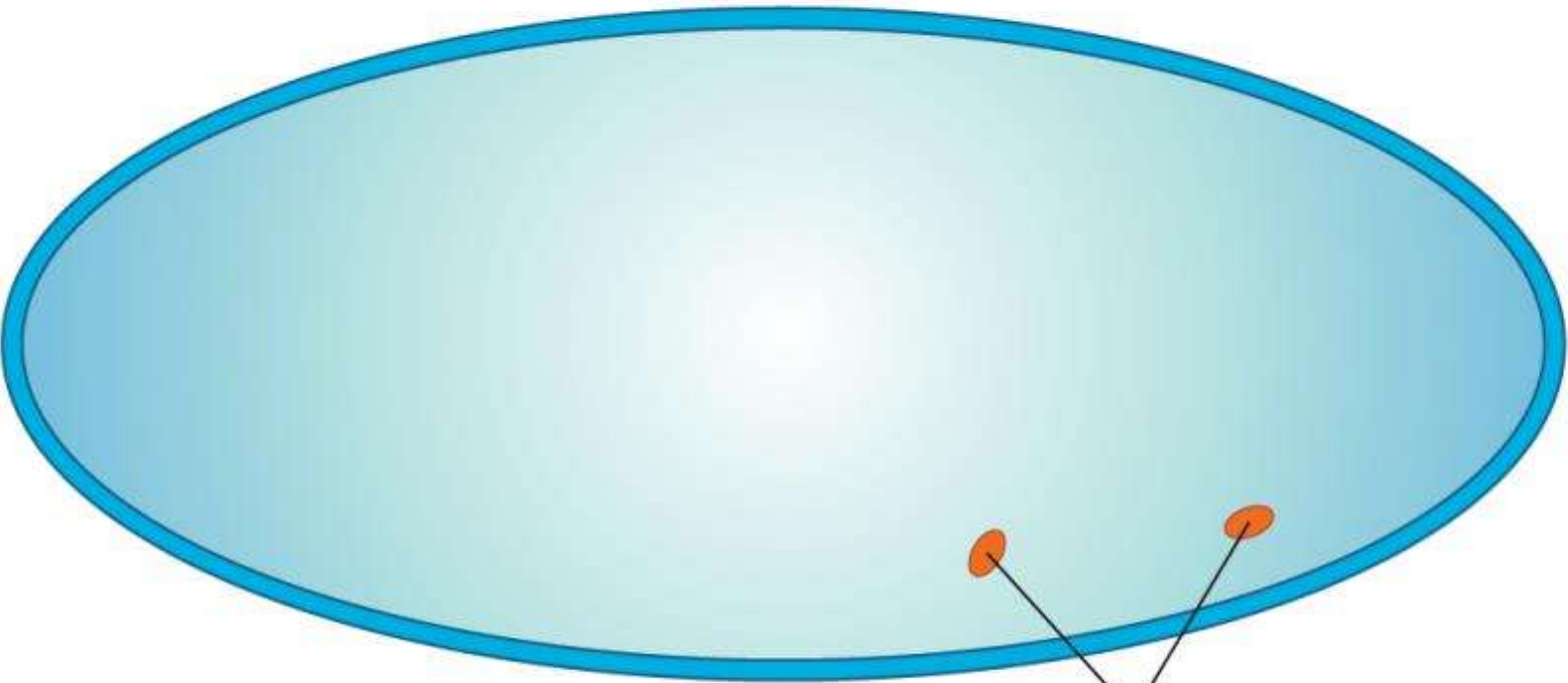


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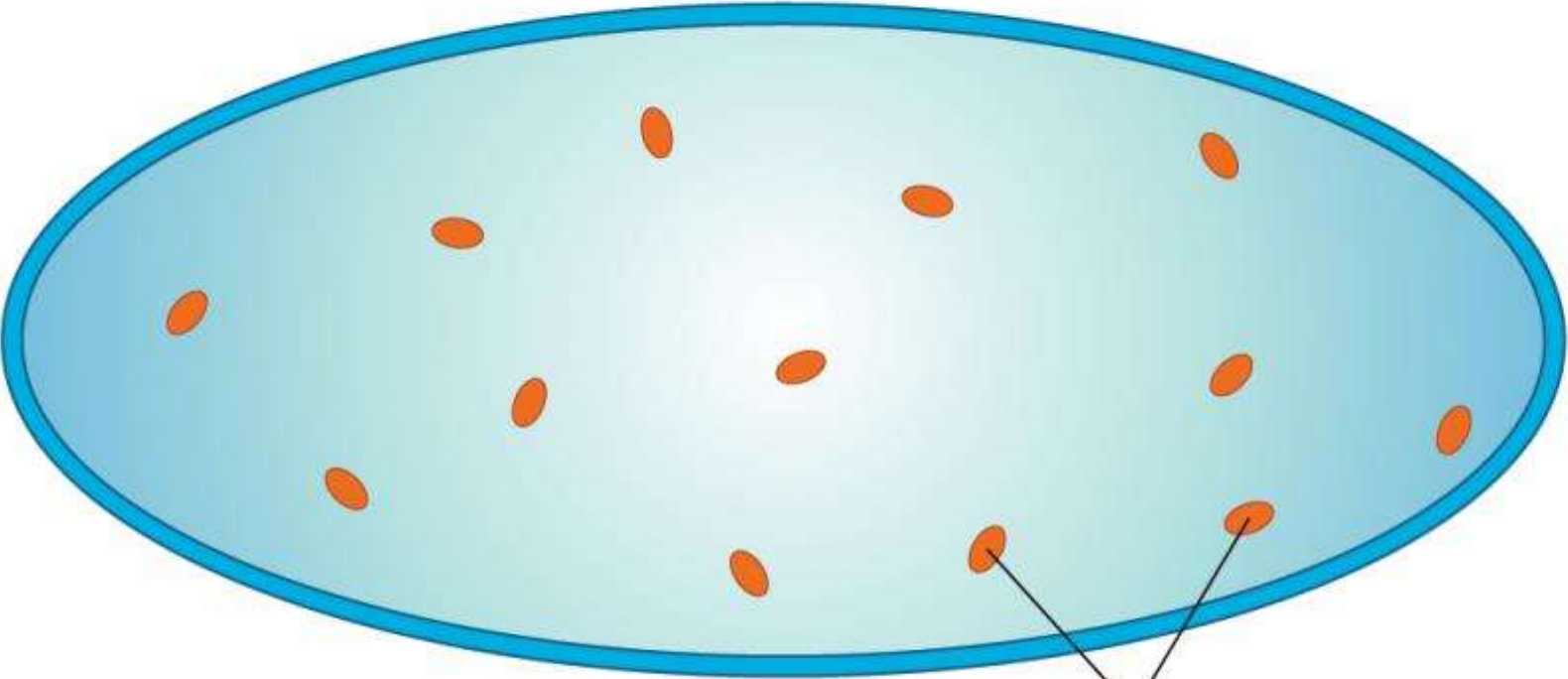








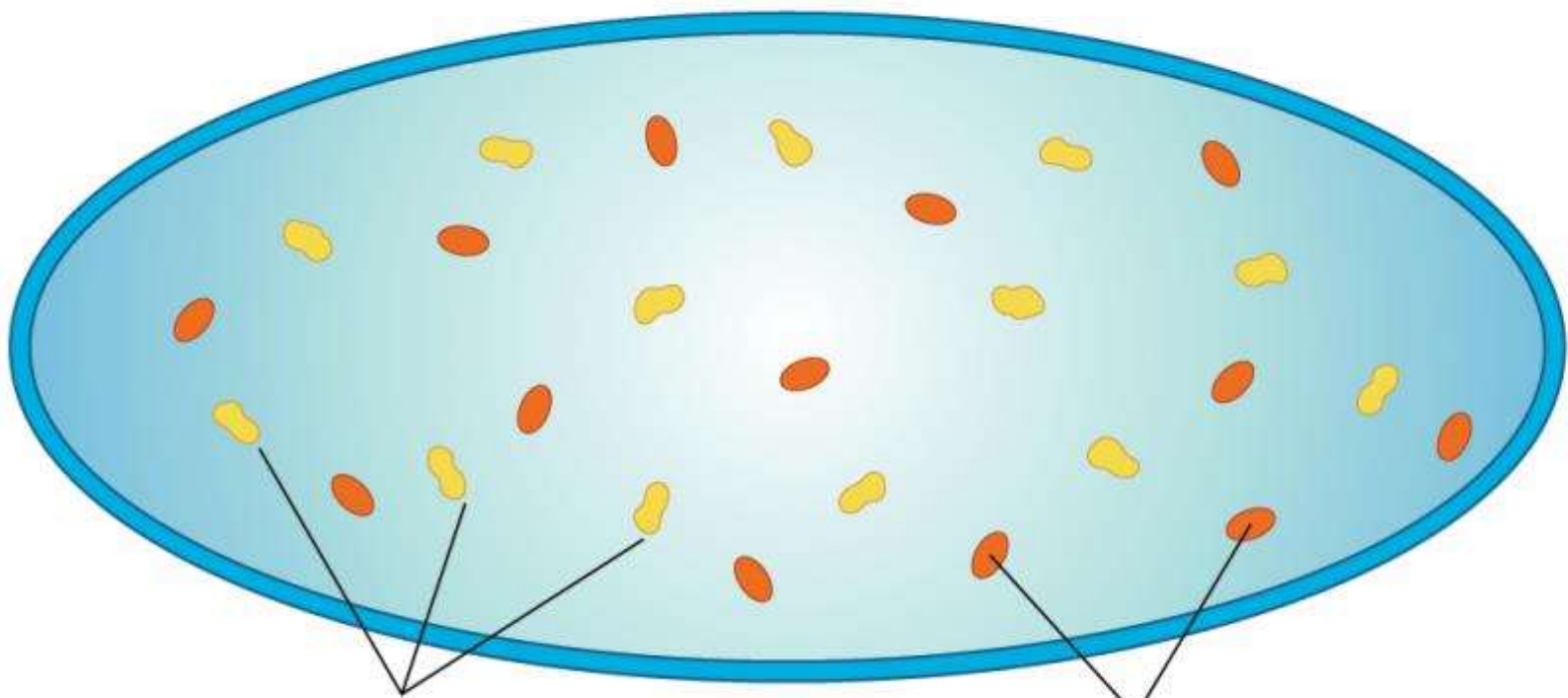
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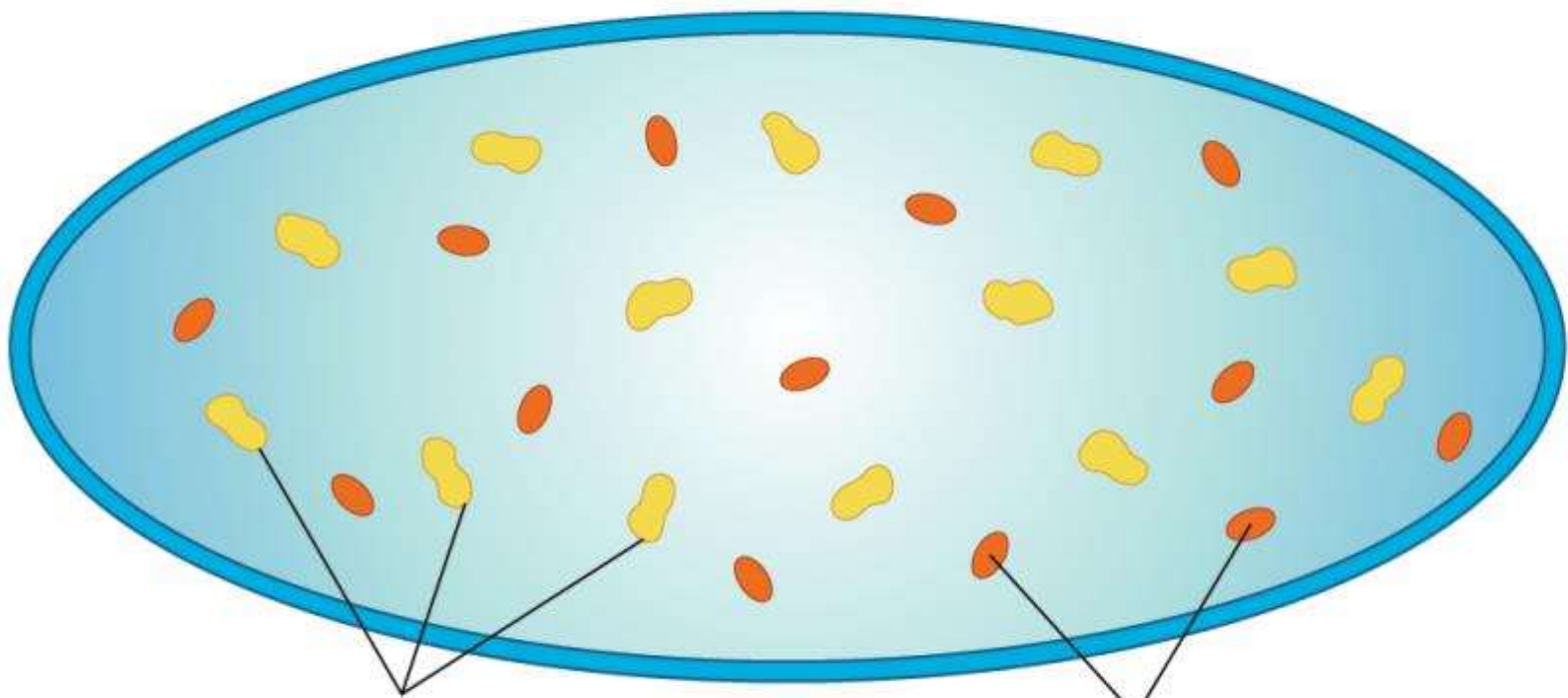
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Intramyocellular lipid

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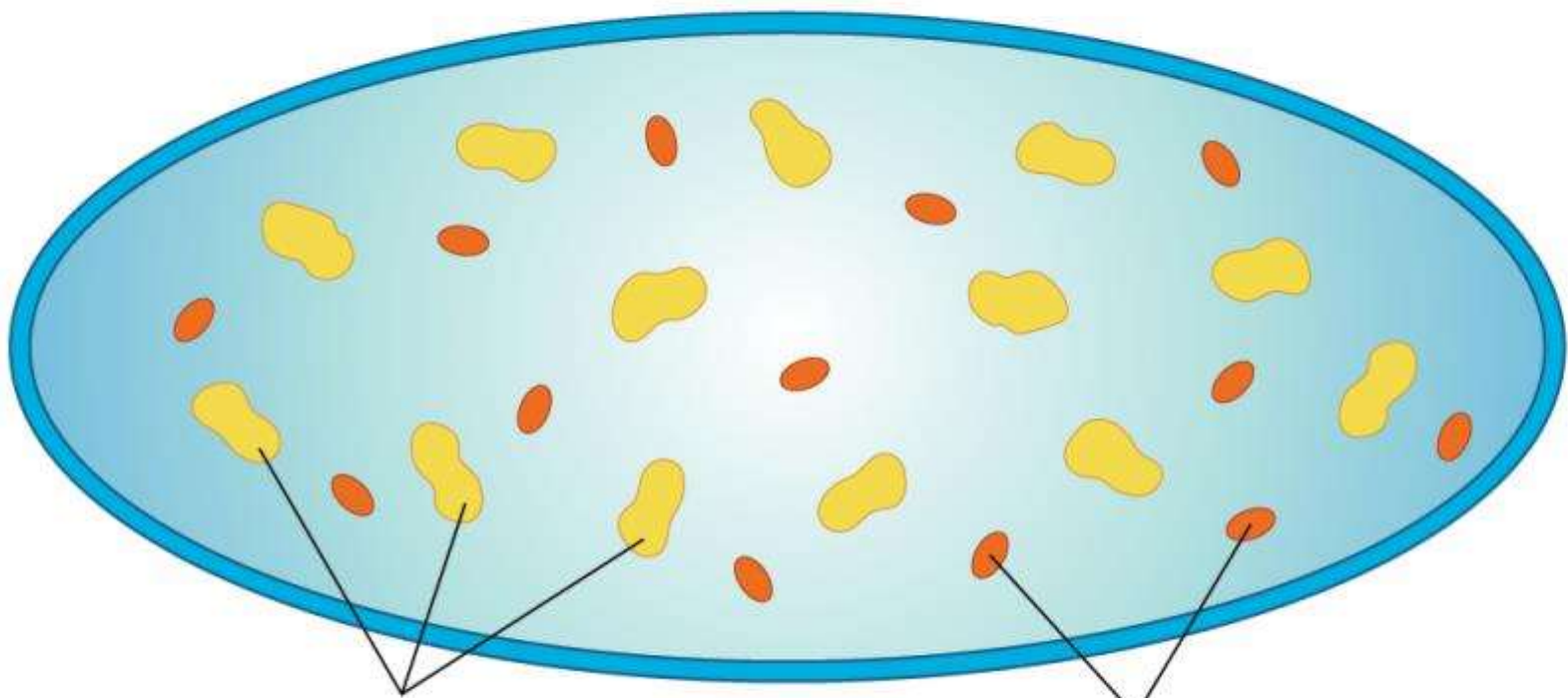
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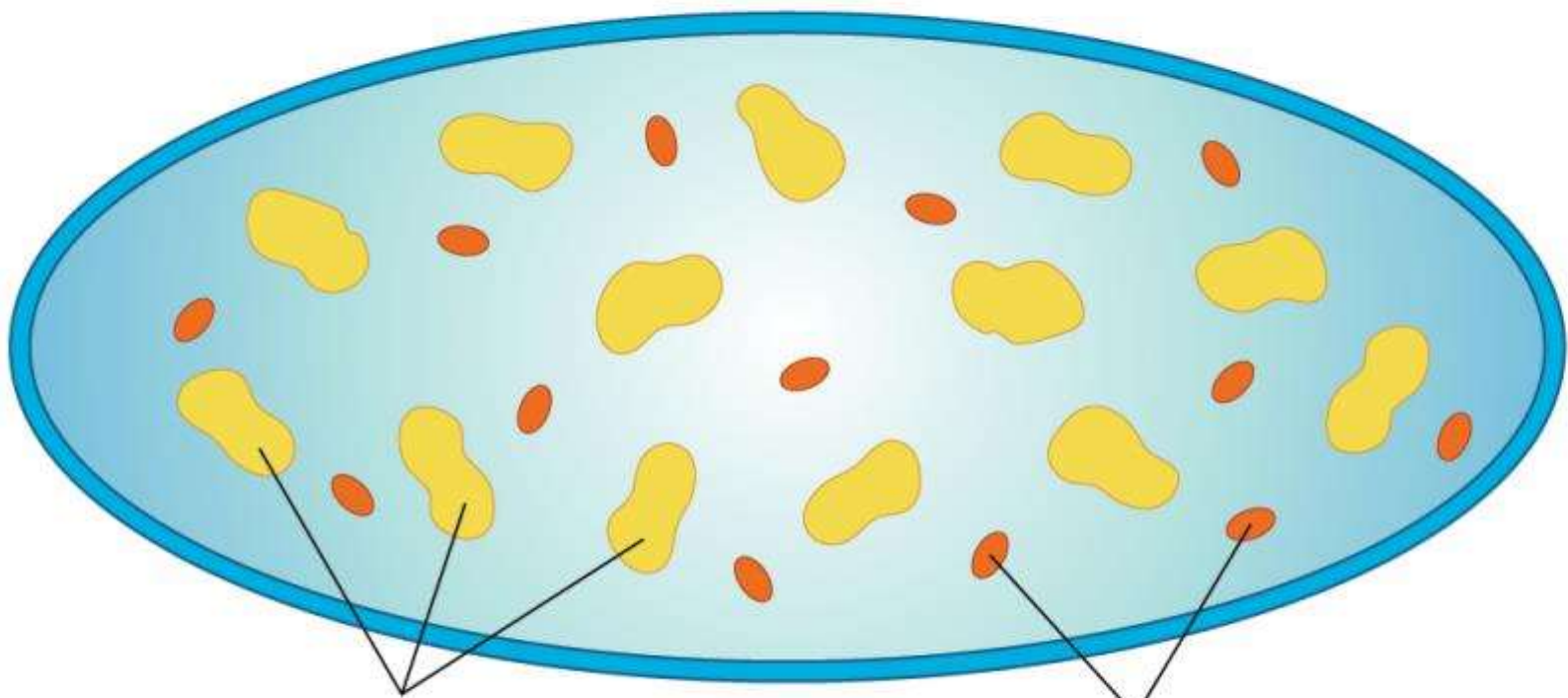
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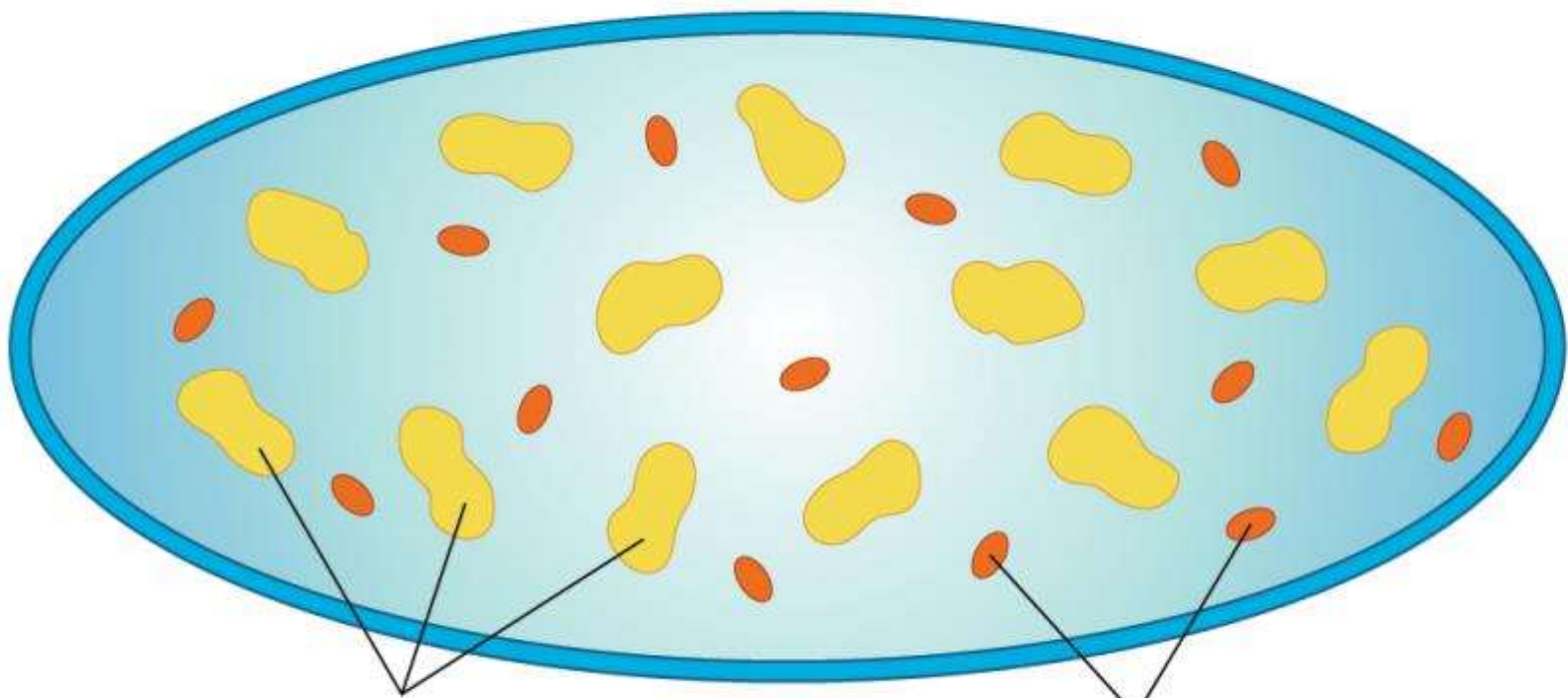


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Mitochondria

Fat in cells slows your after-meal  
calorie burn.

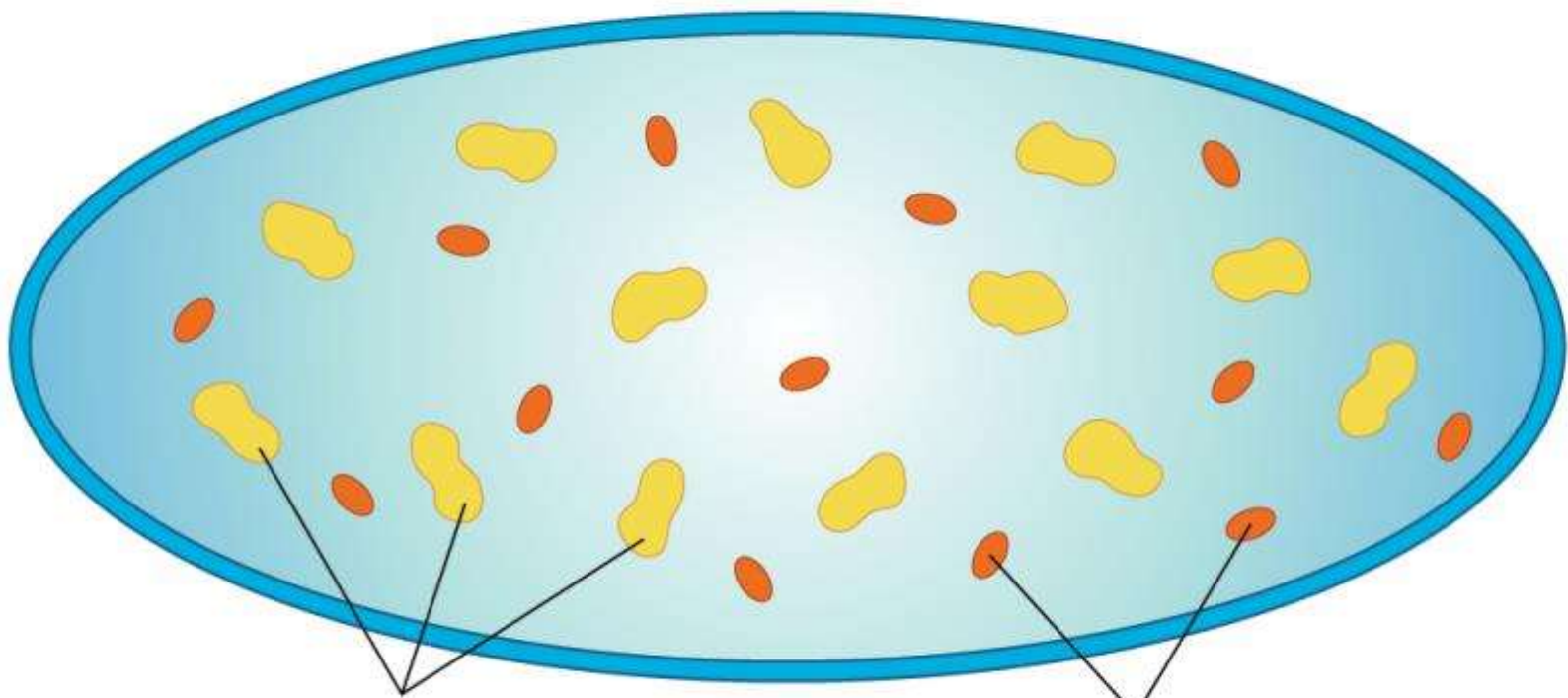
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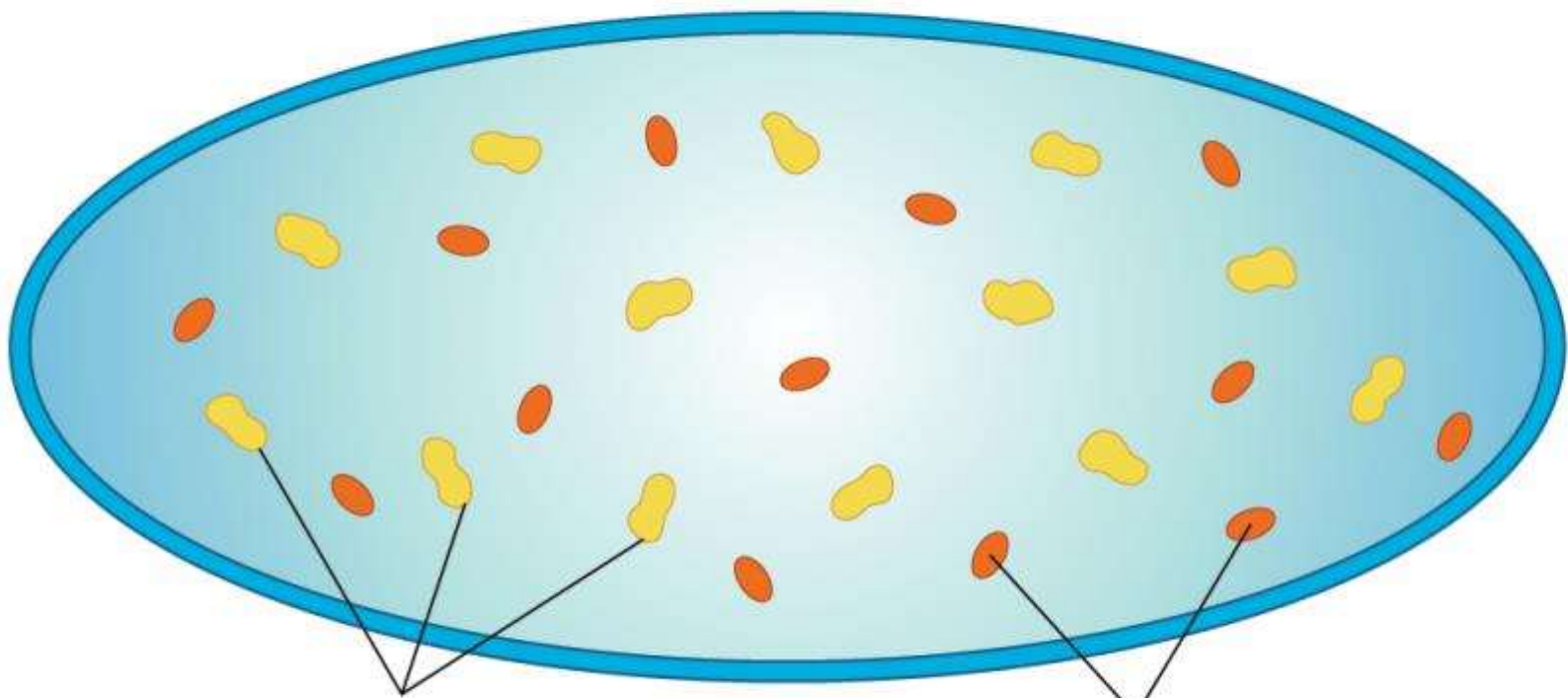
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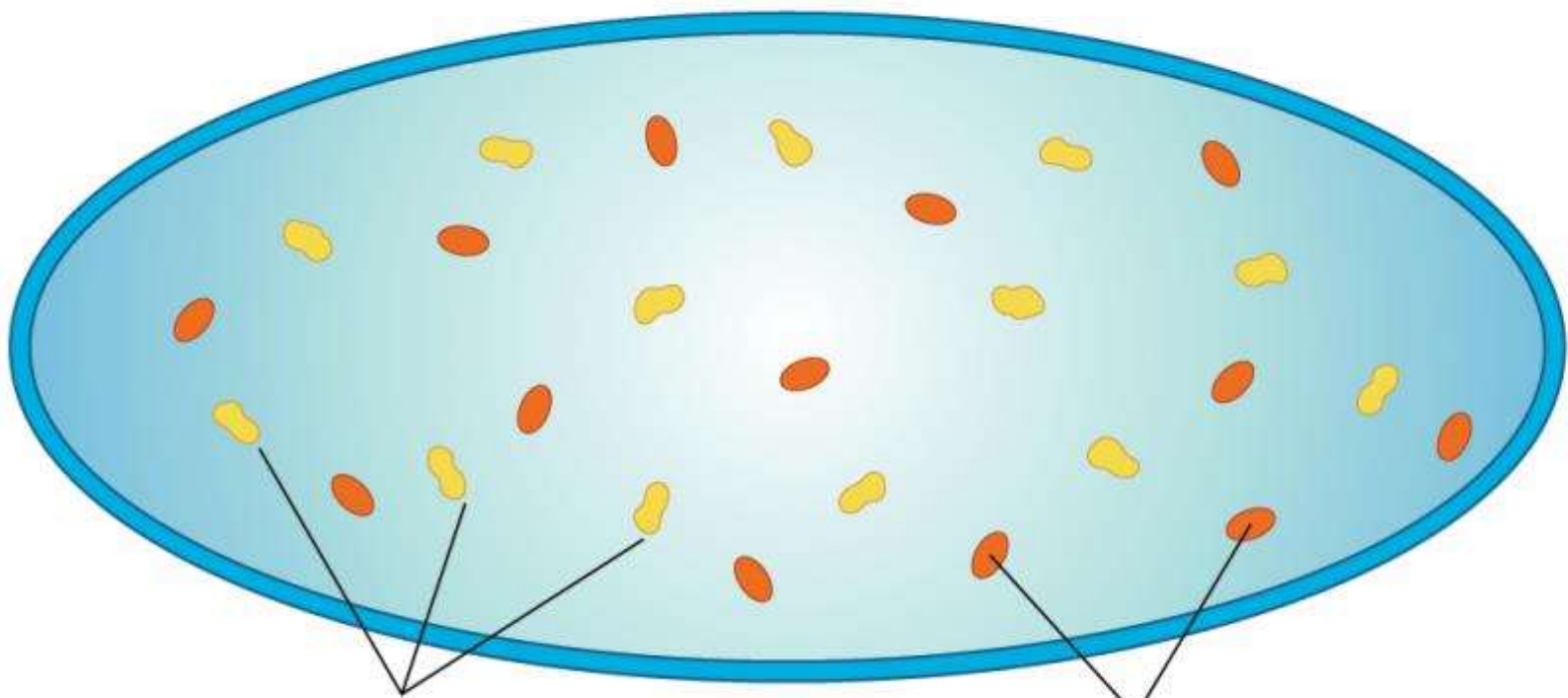


Intramyocellular lipid

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# Fat Interferes with Calorie Burning



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Getting fat out of cells boosts your after-meal calorie burn.



Original Investigation | Nutrition, Obesity, and Exercise

# Effect of a Low-Fat Vegan Diet on Body Weight, Insulin Sensitivity, Postprandial Metabolism, and Intramyocellular and Hepatocellular Lipid Levels in Overweight Adults

## A Randomized Clinical Trial

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### Abstract

**IMPORTANCE** Excess body weight and insulin resistance lead to type 2 diabetes and other major health problems. There is an urgent need for dietary interventions to address these conditions.

**OBJECTIVE** To measure the effects of a low-fat vegan diet on body weight, insulin resistance, postprandial metabolism, and intramyocellular and hepatocellular lipid levels in overweight adults.

**DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS** This 16-week randomized clinical trial was conducted between January 2017 and February 2019 in Washington, DC. Of 3115 people who responded to flyers in medical offices and newspaper and radio advertisements, 244 met the participation criteria (age 25 to 75 years; body mass index of 28 to 40) after having been screened by telephone.

**INTERVENTIONS** Participants were randomized in a 1:1 ratio. The intervention group (n = 122) was asked to follow a low-fat vegan diet and the control group (n = 122) to make no diet changes for 16 weeks.

### Key Points

**Question** What are the effects of a low-fat vegan diet on body weight, insulin resistance, postprandial metabolism, and intramyocellular and hepatocellular lipid levels in overweight adults?

**Findings** In this 16-week randomized clinical trial, a low-fat plant-based dietary intervention reduced body weight by reducing energy intake and increasing postprandial metabolism, which was associated with reductions in hepatocellular and intramyocellular fat and increased insulin sensitivity.

**Meaning** A low-fat plant-based diet is

















**Certain foods are <sup>much</sup> worse than  
others for weight loss.**





Atlantic salmon: 40% fat

Chinook salmon: 52% fat



# Eat This, Not That!



## 13 Most Underrated Benefits of Coconut Oil

What's all the buzz about? Can coconut oil really help you lose weight and improve your health?

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**Coconut oil:** From the coconut palm



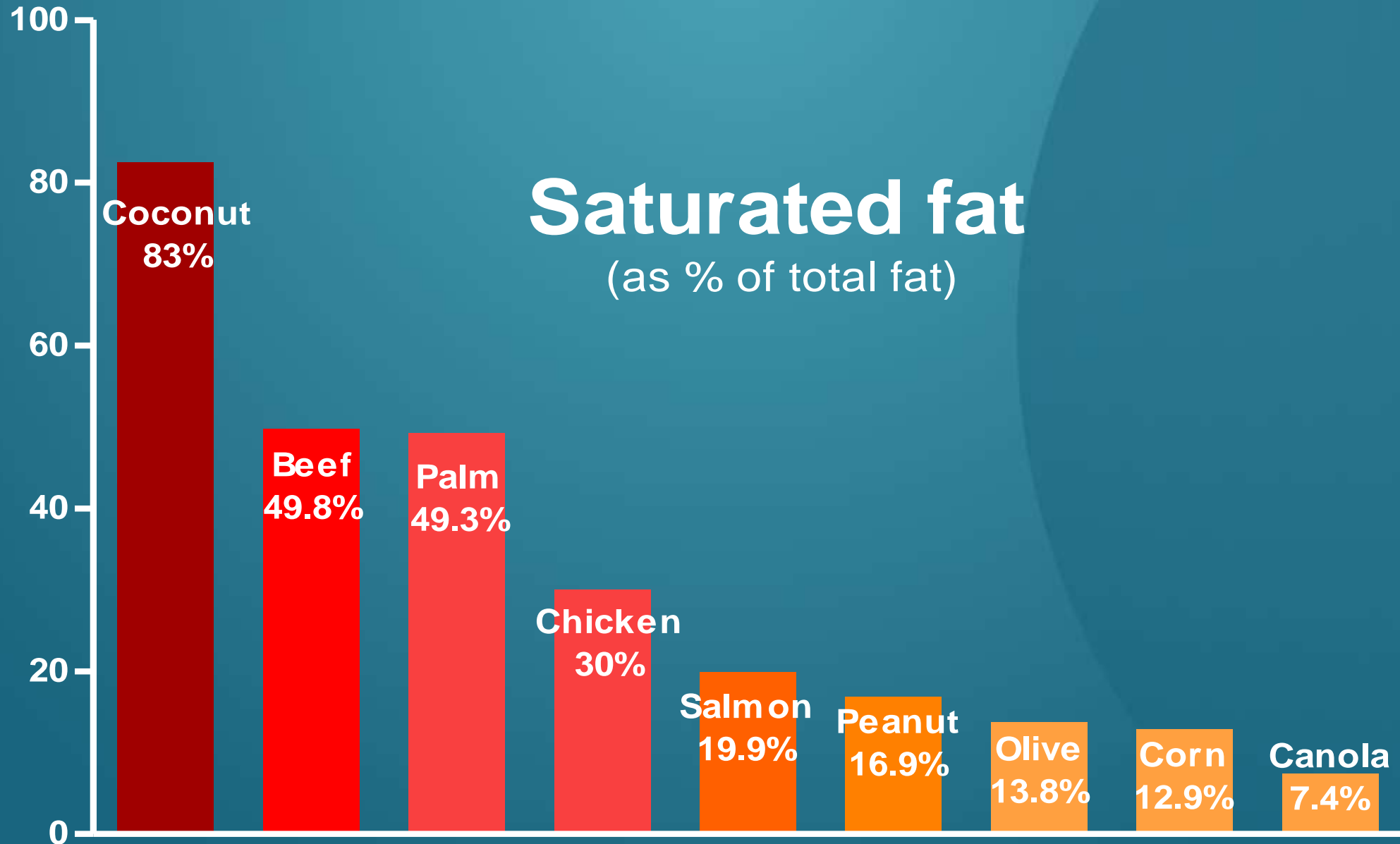
**Palm oil:** From the oil palm





# Saturated fat

(as % of total fat)





# The Effect of Coconut Oil Consumption on Cardiovascular Risk Factors

## A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Clinical Trials

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**BACKGROUND:** Coconut oil is high in saturated fat and may, therefore, raise serum cholesterol concentrations, but beneficial effects on other cardiovascular risk factors have also been suggested. Therefore, we conducted a systematic review of the effect of coconut oil consumption on blood lipids and other cardiovascular risk factors compared with other cooking oils using data from clinical trials.

**METHODS:** We searched PubMed, SCOPUS, Cochrane Registry, and Web of Science through June 2019. We selected trials that compared the effects of coconut oil consumption with other fats that lasted at least 2

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*Circulation, March 20, 2020:*

Meta-analysis of 16 clinical trials

Effect of coconut oil, compared with nontropical oils:

LDL-C: +10.5 mg/dL

HDL-C: +4.0 mg/dL

*Journal of Nutrition, 2015:*

Meta-analysis of clinical trials

Effect of palm oil, compared with nontropical oils:

LDL-C: +12.0 mg/dL

HDL-C: +0.8 mg/dL

What are the appropriate uses of coconut oil and palm oil?













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Step 1. “Check out the possibilities”



## Foods to Try this Week

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner

Snack









# Healthy Breakfasts



# Lunches and Dinners



# Italian Cuisine





# Latin American Cuisine



# Chinese Cuisine



# Japanese Cuisine



# Fast Food Options



Veggie sub



Chipotle bowl



Bean burrito

## Foods to Try this Week

### Breakfast

- Cornflakes with almond milk
- Oatmeal with blueberries
- Veggie sausage
- Scrambled tofu w/ mushrooms

### Lunch

- Veggie sub
- Split pea soup
- Black bean chili

### Dinner

- Angel hair pasta arrabbiata
- Veggie burger
- Cucumber sushi (at restaurant)

### Snack

- Bananas, apples, oranges
- Papayas, mangos
- Low-fat hummus w/ crackers



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