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1 **Improved course of glycaemia after a bread based breakfast is**
2 **associated with beneficial effects on acute and semi-acute**
3 **markers of appetite**

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14 **Abstract**

15 The prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus is rapidly increasing all over the world and a diet
16 promoting reduced glycaemic excursions in the postprandial phase may help to prevent the
17 disease.

18 In the present study guar gum (GG) and whole grain rye flour or high amylose maize starch
19 (HAM) was combined to design bread products giving low and sustained glycaemia. A meal
20 study was performed with young, healthy subjects and in addition to glucose and insulin, also
21 subjective appetite ratings and biomarkers of appetite, voluntary energy intake at a second
22 meal and markers of fermentation were studied. The combination of GG and rye was superior
23 with improvements in subjective appetite whereas both test products lead to improvements in
24 biomarkers of appetite compared to the white wheat bread reference. The inclusion of GG, rye
25 and/or HAM in bread products show great potential in lowering risk factors associated with
26 insulin resistance and improving acute and semi-acute appetite.

28 **Background**

29 The prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is rapidly increasing all over the world.¹
30 A recent review acknowledged the importance of diet and lifestyle modifications in
31 prevention of T2DM.² More specifically, the importance of a diet leading to reduced
32 glycaemic excursions in the postprandial phase has been identified as a prerequisite in order
33 to maintain metabolic health and prevent T2DM, overweight and cardiovascular disease
34 (CVD).³

35 Lower glycaemic excursions can be achieved by a conscious choice of ingredients in
36 carbohydrate rich foods or meals. Both physiological factors and inherent food properties, e.g.
37 enzymatic availability, botanical, physical or chemical structure of the food,^{4, 5} presence of

38 certain dietary proteins⁶ and/or indigestible or slowly digestible carbohydrates^{7, 8} are of
39 importance for the glycaemic response. However, the metabolic response to a meal is not only
40 affected by its type and composition, but also by previous food intake.⁸⁻¹⁰

41 Glycaemic index (GI) is used to rank the glycaemic effect of carbohydrate rich foods during
42 the first 2h after a meal, and low GI's represent lower glycaemic excursions. In order to take
43 into account also the course of glycaemia beyond 120 min, we recently introduced the concept
44 of glycaemic profile (GP). Consequently, GP considers the duration of the glucose response
45 and the incremental peak.¹¹ Based on previous findings for products with low GI and high
46 GP¹¹⁻¹³ it is hypothesised that carbohydrate rich foods with a low but sustained net increment
47 in glycaemic response, *i.e.* low GI and high GP, induce metabolic benefits both acutely and at
48 a subsequent meal.

49 Rye products have repeatedly shown to lower insulin responses, regardless of their glycaemic
50 responses^{14, 15}. When comparing five different rye varieties grown in Sweden,¹⁶ Visello rye
51 was one of the more promising candidates to lower both postprandial glycaemia and
52 insulinaemia. Furthermore, rye appears to promote colonic fermentative activity at an earlier
53 point in time than other cereals.^{17, 18}

54 Guar gum (GG) was recently shown to increase GP of bread at three different inclusion
55 levels¹³ and the suggested mechanism is by increasing viscosity in the upper small intestine.¹⁹
56 The same study showed that a combination of GG and whole grain high amylose maize starch
57 (HAM) in bread resulted in a pronounced formation of RS.¹³ RS is assumed to increase
58 colonic fermentation at a somewhat later stage during the digestion, than rye.²⁰ An increased
59 amylose content also leads to formation of a slowly digestible starch fraction that affects the
60 course of glycaemia.²¹ However, at equivalent available starch basis, an increased RS-level
61 did not influence the acute glycaemia *per se*.¹³

62 We hypothesized that food products modulated to give a low but sustained net increment in
63 glycaemia (low GI/high GP) and promote early gut fermentation will lower risk factors
64 associated with insulin resistance and improve acute and semi-acute appetite. Thus, in
65 addition to glucose and subjective appetite ratings, we studied insulin, biomarkers of appetite,
66 voluntary energy intake at a second meal and markers of fermentation after bread meals
67 containing GG and either HAM or whole grain Visello rye.

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69 **Methods**

70 *Raw materials and recipes*

71 HAM (Hi-Maize) was obtained from Ingredion Incorporated (Bridgewater, NJ, USA),
72 medium molecular weight GG (MEYPRODOR[®]50) was kindly provided by Danisco A/S
73 (Denmark) and dry yeast was obtained from Jästbolaget AB (Sollentuna, Sweden). Rye
74 kernels (Visello) were obtained from KWS LOCHOW GMBH (Bergen, Germany). White
75 wheat bread (WWB) was made from wheat flour with 10% protein (Vetemjöl, Kungsörnen
76 AB, Järna, Sweden). The breads with HAM and GG (HG) and Visello rye whole grain flour
77 and GG (VG), respectively, were made from wheat flour with 12% protein (Vetemjöl special,
78 Kungsörnen AB, Järna, Sweden) to improve loaf volume. The Visello rye kernels were milled
79 to whole grain flour using a laboratory mill (Perten laboratory mill 120, sieve 0.8 mm) before
80 baking.

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82 The WWB was made in a home baking machine (Tefal, home bread) using a program for
83 white bread as previously described.¹³ The HG and VG breads were made with a uniform
84 procedure where the dough was mixed in a bowl for 5 min, proofed in a home baking
85 machine (Tefal, home bread) for 30 min, kneaded for 15 s by hand and placed in the bread

86 machine for another 30 min proofing followed by 60 min baking. The recipes are presented in
87 Table 1.

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89 After baking, WWB and HG breads were left to cool for 2 h wrapped in a towel, whereas the
90 VG breads were left for 16-18 h wrapped in a towel in a plastic bag. Thereafter, the crust was
91 removed, the crumb sliced and portions wrapped in aluminium foil, put into plastic bags and
92 stored in a freezer (-18°C) until use. The day before usage, either for analyses or in the meal
93 study, bread portions were taken from the freezer and thawed at ambient temperature, still
94 wrapped in aluminium foil and in the plastic bag.

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96 *Composition of the lunch*

97 In order to measure the voluntary energy intake, an *ad libitum* meal was served at 240 min
98 after the start of the breakfast. The ordinary Swedish lunch meal consisted of regular spaghetti
99 made from durum wheat and normal wheat (Barilla Sweden AB, Filipstad, Sweden), ready-
100 made frozen meatballs (ICA Handlarnas AB, Solna, Sweden), ketchup (Heinz) and fresh
101 cucumber. The cucumber was served in slices, 2-3 mm thick, with the ends removed in order
102 for all slices to have the same ratio of peel to fruit flesh. The pasta was boiled for 8 min (1 l
103 water, and 7 g NaCl per 100 g pasta) the water was then discarded and 8 g rape seed oil (Di
104 Luca & Di Luca AB, Stockholm, Sweden) added per 100 g dry pasta. The meatballs were
105 heated in a microwave oven at 850 W in 2 min cycles until they were evenly warm.

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107 *Chemical analysis*

108 Prior to the analysis of available and total starch²² the bread samples were air dried and milled
109 to pass through a 0.5 mm screen (Cyclotec, Tecator, Höganäs, Sweden). Measurements of
110 RS²³, rate of starch hydrolysis²⁴ and fluidity¹³ were performed on the product “as is”.

111 Available starch content of the servings was calculated by subtracting RS from total starch.
112 The chemical characteristics of the breads are shown in Table 2. The energy content of the
113 three test meals was calculated based on available carbohydrates (analysed) and estimated fat
114 and protein contents using 17 kJ per g protein and available carbohydrates, and 37 kJ per g
115 fat. The composition of the test breads are presented in Table 3, with the amount of HAM and
116 GG estimated from the recipes and weight of bread loafs before and after baking.

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118 *Study design*

119 Nineteen healthy non-smoking volunteers (9 men and 10 women) aged 27.3 ± 1.4 years
120 (mean \pm SEM) with normal body mass indices (21.7 ± 0.4 kg/m²) and without drug therapy,
121 participated in the study. All subjects had normal fasting blood glucose concentrations ($5.4 \pm$
122 0.06 mmol/l). The recruitment of test subjects and the study trials were performed from
123 September to December 2011. All test subjects gave their informed consent and were aware
124 of the possibility of withdrawing from the study at any time. Approval of the study was
125 obtained by the regional ethical review board in Lund, Sweden (registration number
126 2011/507). The subjects were instructed to maintain their regular life-style throughout the
127 entire study. The day prior to a test the participants were told to avoid alcohol, excessive
128 physical activity and food rich in dietary fibre (DF). In the late evening (21.00-22.00) prior to
129 a test the subjects were instructed to eat a standardized meal consisting of white wheat bread
130 with topping and drink of their own choice. However, the subjects were obliged to have an
131 identical evening meal before each test. The test and reference products were provided as
132 breakfast meals in random order approximately one week apart. The subjects arrived in the
133 laboratory at 07.45 on the test day after an overnight fast. A peripheral venous catheter (BD
134 Venflon Dickinson, Helsingborg, Sweden) was inserted into an antecubital vein. Capillary
135 plasma glucose and venous blood samples were taken in the fasting state, after which the test

136 meals, contributing with 50 g of available starch, were served with 250 g of tap water (time
137 0). The subjects were told to finish the meal within 14 min. Blood samples were then taken at
138 15, 30, 45, 60, 90, 120, 150, 180, 210 and 240 min after the beginning of the breakfast. After
139 the blood sampling at 120 min, 150 ml coffee, tea or water was served. The same drink was
140 then used for each participant throughout the study. After the sampling at 240 min the lunch
141 meal was served in a buffet style. Further (venous) blood samples were taken at 300 and 360
142 min after breakfast. The participants were told to eat until they were pleasantly full and try to
143 reach the same level of satiation at every test occasion. Therefore they were allowed to take
144 the food by themselves and the amount of food was recorded by the study leader. Water (250
145 ml) was served with the lunch meal. The subjects were asked to rate their subjective *feeling of*
146 *hunger, satiety and desire to eat* on a bipolar visual analogue scale (VAS) directly after each
147 blood sampling. During the experiment the subjects were not allowed to eat or drink anything
148 except for the food provided and they were told to remain seated as much as possible.

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150 *Blood analysis*

151 Plasma glucose concentrations were determined in capillary whole blood at all time points
152 before lunch using a HemoCue Glucose 201+ Analyser (HemoCue AB, Ängelholm, Sweden).
153 Serum samples were collected in 3.5 ml SST tubes and plasma samples in 2.0 ml EDTA tubes
154 pre-treated with inhibition mix (2 mg Pefablock (Roches) and 20 μ l DPPIV (Millipore) in each
155 test tube). The inhibition mix was added to each tube by a syringe no more than 4 days before
156 the usage and the tubes were then stored in 8°C. Tubes for serum were centrifuged for 10 min
157 (2000 G, 4°C) after 30 min of clotting. Test tubes for plasma were kept on ice before and after
158 sampling and these tubes were centrifuged for 10 min (1000 G, 4°C) as soon as possible.
159 Blood samples were then frozen in aliquots at -18°C until analysis.

160 NEFA was measured in serum at 180 and 240 min by an enzymatic colorimetric method
161 (NEFA C, ACS-ACOD method, WAKO Chemicals GmbH, Germany).

162 Insulin, ghrelin (active), GIP (total) and PYY (PYY₁₋₃₆ and PYY₃₋₃₆) were measured by
163 MILLIPLEX MAP (Human Metabolic Hormone Magnetic Bead Panel, Millipore
164 Corporation, Billerica, MA, USA) at all time points.

165 As an indicator of colonic fermentation, breath hydrogen (H₂) excretion was measured every
166 30 min during the entire test day using a Gastrolyser (Bedfont EC60 Gastrolyser, Rochester,
167 UK). Short chain fatty acids (SCFA - acetate, propionate, isobutyrate and butyrate) in serum
168 were analysed at 180, 240, 300 and 360 min using gas chromatography.²⁵

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170 *Calculations and statistical methods*

171 Data are expressed as least square means (LSMs) and standard errors of the mean (SEM). One
172 subject was not able to finish the VG portion so the data was analysed with n_{WWB} and $n_{\text{HG}} =$
173 19 and $n_{\text{VG}} = 18$.

174 The incremental- and total areas under the curves (iAUC and tAUC, respectively) were
175 calculated for each subject and test meal using the trapezoid model. GI and insulinaemic
176 index (II) were calculated from the iAUC 0-120 min for glucose and insulin respectively,
177 using WWB as the reference (GI and II = 100). HI was calculated from tAUC 0-180 min
178 using WWB as the reference. The predicted GI was calculated from HI as described by
179 Leeman *et al.*²⁶ The result for fluidity index (FI) was calculated as:
180 $(\text{consistency}_{\text{reference bread}})/(\text{consistency}_{\text{test bread}}) \times 100\%$, where consistency is the reciprocal of the
181 fluidity (1/Bostwick Units (BU)) and BU indicates the flowing distance of the sample after 60
182 s in cm, divided by the sample size (ml).^{13, 27}

183 Incremental peaks (iPeak) for glucose, insulin and GIP were calculated as the maximum
184 postprandial increase from baseline. The GP was defined as the duration of the glucose curve

185 above fasting concentration in the timespan from breakfast to lunch (0-240 min) divided by
186 the iPeak¹¹. GraphPad Prism (version 6, GraphPad Software, San Diego, CA, USA) was used
187 for graph plotting and area calculation.

188 The effect of reference and test meals on physiological responses was evaluated using a linear
189 mixed model ANCOVA (PROC MIXED procedure). Baseline, visit, treatment, time and
190 treatment x time interaction were included as fixed effects. Subject was treated as random
191 effect and time and visit were included as repeated effects. All models were tested for the
192 normality of residuals using standard diagnostics to ensure that all variables met the
193 assumptions for normal distribution and ln transformation was applied if necessary (the case
194 for insulin, ghrelin and GIP). To adjust for multiple comparisons of significant effects, Tukey-
195 Kramer *post hoc* significance test was performed, the Kenward-Roger correction was applied
196 for reducing small sample bias. Calculations were performed using SAS (version 9.4, SAS
197 Institute Inc., Cary, USA).

198 For HI a mixed model analysis of variance (ANOVA) was used with test subject as a random
199 variable. The same procedure was used for FI, but in this case the replicate was used as
200 random variable (MINITAB, release 16, Minitab Inc., State College PA).

201 Correlation analysis was conducted to evaluate the relation among dependent measures with
202 the use of Spearman's partial coefficients controlling for subjects and corresponding baselines
203 (two tailed test) (SPSS software, version 22; SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA). Statistical
204 significance was considered at a p-value < 0.05 (two-tailed).

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206 **Results**

207 *Glucose responses at breakfast*

208 The fasting concentrations for plasma glucose did not differ between the treatments (Table 4).

209 There was no significant treatment effect ($p = 0.16$) among the meals (Table 4), however, a

210 time x treatment interaction was found ($p < 0.0001$) (Fig. 1). HG and VG both resulted in
211 significant lower GI and glucose iPeak, as well as higher GP, compared to the WWB.

212

213 *Insulin and NEFA responses*

214 The fasting concentrations for plasma insulin did not differ between the treatments (Table 4).
215 HG and VG resulted in significantly lower overall insulin response (0-360 min, $p = 0.003$)
216 compared to the WWB (Table 4). Furthermore, there was a significant time x treatment
217 interaction ($p < 0.0001$) (Fig. 1). II and insulin iPeak was significant lower for HG and VG
218 compared to the WWB, with II for HG also being significantly lower than that of VG.

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220 Incremental insulin responses after intake of the *ad libitum* lunch meal (iAUC 240-360) was
221 significantly lower after VG compared to HG breakfast ($p = 0.017$), whereas WWB did not
222 differ from any of the two (WWB compared to HG $p = 0.88$ and WWB compared to VG $p =$
223 0.067 , respectively).

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225 VG induced a lower concentration of NEFA than WWB at 240 min ($p = 0.014$), whereas HG
226 did not differ from any of the two products.

227

228 *Ghrelin*

229 There was no significant treatment effect for ghrelin between the meals ($p = 0.70$). However,
230 a significant time x treatment interaction was found ($p < 0.0001$) (Fig. 2). The mean plasma
231 ghrelin level decreased to a nadir at 54 ± 3 min, with a significantly smaller relative decrease
232 for HG and VG compared to WWB. HG and VG had a significantly lower relative increase
233 from the nadir to 240 min at lunch time, compared with WWB. Ghrelin at 240 min was
234 positively correlated to the energy intake at lunch ($r = 0.297$, $p = 0.028$).

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236 *GIP*

237 HG and VG resulted in significantly lower overall GIP responses (0-360 min, $p < 0.0001$)
238 compared to WWB (Table 4). There was a significant time x treatment interaction for GIP (p
239 < 0.0001) (Fig. 2). HG and VG resulted in significantly lower iAUC and iPeak values for GIP
240 compared to the WWB in the timespan from breakfast to lunch.

241

242 *PYY*

243 HG and VG resulted in significantly lower overall PYY response (0-360 min, $p = 0.0002$)
244 compared to WWB (Table 4). There was no significant time x treatment interaction ($p =$
245 0.0938). The tAUC in the time period after the *ad lib* lunch (tAUC 240-360) was significantly
246 higher after the VG breakfast compared to WWB (Fig. 3).

247

248 *Breath H₂ and s-SCFA*

249 There was no significant treatment effect for breath H₂ ($p = 0.11$), however, a significant time
250 x treatment interaction was found (0-360 min, $p = 0.008$) (Fig. 3). In the period after lunch
251 (240-360 min), the VG breakfast tended to give a higher iAUC for H₂ compared to the WWB
252 and HG ($p = 0.058$).

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254 The amount of acetate, propionate and isobutyrate in serum did not differ between any of the
255 products throughout the test day. The HG breakfast gave rise to a higher concentration of s-
256 butyrate at 240 min compared to WWB and VG, see Table 4.

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258 *Subjective appetite ratings and energy intake at the ad libitum lunch meal*

259 VG resulted in significantly lower overall *feeling of hunger* compared to the WWB in the
260 period from breakfast to lunch ($p = 0.017$) (Table 5 and supplemental Fig 1), but no
261 differences were found for *feeling of fullness* or *desire to eat*. No significant time x treatment
262 interaction was found for *feeling of fullness*, *feeling of hunger* or *desire to eat* (0-240 min, $p =$
263 0.65, 0.93 and 0.41, respectively).

264

265 There were no difference in energy intake at the voluntary lunch ($p = 0.087$) (Table 5).

266

267 *Correlations*

268 Correlations between responses of glucose, insulin and appetite biomarkers as well as
269 subjective appetite ratings and HI/FI are presented in Supplemental Table 1. Both glucose and
270 insulin (iAUC 0-120) were positively correlated to NEFA (240 min), GIP (iAUC 0-120), HI
271 and FI, and negatively correlated to ghrelin (difference nadir to 240 min) and PYY (240 min).
272 For GP most correlations were similar but with opposite signs. Insulin (iAUC 0-120) was
273 correlated to *feeling of satiety* (tAUC 0-240) and both insulin and glucose (iAUC 0-120) were
274 correlated to *desire to eat* (tAUC 0-240). Correlations between subjective appetite ratings and
275 appetite biomarkers in the period from breakfast to lunch are presented in Supplemental Table
276 2 and those between subjective appetite ratings, appetite biomarkers and breath hydrogen
277 excretion after lunch in Tables 8 and 9.

278

279 **Discussion**

280 In the present study we confirm that the inclusion of 10% GG (flour basis) in bread products
281 reduces GI and increases GP compared with white wheat reference bread. Interestingly, by
282 combining GG with other fermentable substrates, *i.e.* rye flour or HAM, differences in
283 appetite variables and markers of fermentation were observed. We also found correlations

284 between biomarkers of appetite (ghrelin and PYY) and measures of glucose and insulin
285 (glucose iAUC 0-120, GP and insulin iAUC 0-120).

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287 The glucose iPeak for both VG and HG was lowered by 1.3 and 1.4 mmol/l (-41 and -44%,
288 respectively) compared to the WWB reference. Previously, a bread with similar
289 concentrations of GG, combined with whole grain high amylose maize flour, lowered the
290 iPeak with 1.5 mmol/l (-55%) when given in a smaller portion (37 g available
291 carbohydrates).¹³ It should be noted that both of these reductions meet the recently suggested
292 guidelines for minimum differences in postprandial glycaemia to achieve metabolic
293 improvements in T2DM pathogenesis.³ Furthermore, the guidelines also emphasize the
294 importance of a lowered insulin response and in the present study, the insulin iPeaks were
295 significantly reduced by 29 and 37%, respectively for HG and VG, compared to WWB and
296 the total insulin excursion was reduced by 18 and 12%, respectively. Thus, the ingredients
297 and/or combinations could be further exploited in future development of bread products that
298 could reduce postprandial glycaemic and insulinaemic excursions. As methods of prediction,
299 both HI and FI were well correlated to glucose and insulin responses (iAUC 0-120). In a
300 previous study we saw that FI and HI were better predictors of GP compared to GI.¹³ This
301 was, however, not the case in the present study where only HI correlated better to GP
302 compared to glucose iAUC, whereas FI did not. This could possibly be a result from the
303 inclusion of rye in the VG products, since previous observations in our lab on rye containing
304 products indicates that the behaviour of rye in fluidity measurements is different from other
305 cereals and GG.

306 In the present study we found reduced GIP-levels after the HG and VG breakfast compared to
307 WWB, and we interpret them as reflecting a lowered gastric emptying rate (GER) caused by
308 GG. This is in line with a study reporting lower levels of GIP and decreased GER after intake

309 of a high viscosity meal containing 3.3 g GG compared to a low viscosity meal without GG.²⁸
310 The present study design does, however, not allow us to isolate separate effects relating only
311 to GG and, thus, we cannot exclude that also RS or rye could affect the GIP levels. Decreased
312 GER can also contribute to increased satiety by prolonging the period of gastric distension
313 after a meal.²⁸ The significantly higher levels of PYY after HG and VG breakfast meals were
314 thus likely to be caused by prolonged gastric emptying and over-all transit time. Thus, the
315 inclusion of GG, rye and/or HAM seems to be useful in the attempt to stimulate endogenous
316 production of PYY.

317 The *feeling of fullness* was positively correlated to PYY-levels just before starting lunch, and
318 at the same time the *feeling of hunger* and *desire to eat* were negatively correlated to PYY-
319 levels. After lunch, the PYY was negatively correlated to subjective *feeling of hunger*, a
320 correlation also reported by others.²⁹

321 A significantly lower relative increase in ghrelin from nadir to 240 min was found after the
322 HG and VG breakfasts compared to WWB. The ghrelin level at 240 min was positively
323 correlated to the energy intake at lunch, which is in line with a recent review, indicating that
324 ghrelin is an acute hunger signal in the pre-prandial period.³⁰

325 After lunch, increased levels of breath H₂ was found following the rye containing VG
326 breakfast indicating increased gut fermentative activity.³¹ This is in line with previous studies
327 of rye where increased H₂ excretion was found from 4 to 8 h after consumption.^{12, 32} However,
328 in the present study, the increase in H₂ excretion was not accompanied by an increase in
329 plasma SCFA. Possibly, this could be due to the formation of other fermentation products,
330 *e.g.* lactate, not measured here. In the present study, increased breath H₂ at 240 min was
331 related to increased satiety and reduced hunger after lunch (240-360 min), but not to the
332 voluntary energy intake. This could possibly indicate that the systemic effects of an increase
333 in breath H₂ are delayed.

334 The HG breakfast increased the butyrate levels already after 4 h and to our knowledge this is
335 the first study reporting such early increases in peripheral levels of a gut fermentation
336 mediated metabolite in response to an acute meal. It has been demonstrated, though, that a
337 late evening meal consisting of high amylose barley bread, as well as 4 weeks of rye bread
338 consumption, prior to a wheat bread breakfast results in higher levels of butyrate and or
339 propionate.^{33, 34} No increase in SCFA was found after the consumption of VG breakfast, but
340 preliminary data by Jakobsdottir *et al*³⁵ indicated an increase in SCFA around lunch time after
341 having rye bread for breakfast. One possibility is that the current combination of rye with GG
342 may have retained the easily fermentable rye fraction, leading to a possible delay in SCFA
343 production beyond our studied time span. It has been hypothesised that SCFA act as a
344 regulator of appetite and food intake through the gut-brain axis.³⁶ In the present study we did,
345 however, not find any correlations between SCFA and subjective appetite or food intake at the
346 subsequent lunch.

347 HAM has previously been shown to have positive effects on insulin sensitivity and fatty acid
348 (FA) metabolism,³⁷ and the effect of RS on glucose tolerance can be due to mechanisms
349 involving muscle uptake of FA. However, the lower insulin secretion following HG breakfast
350 in the present study was not accompanied by significant reduction of NEFA. Instead it was
351 VG that significantly lowered NEFA at the time of lunch, an effect displayed by rye products
352 also in a previous study.¹² A prolonged digestive phase has earlier been shown to suppress the
353 levels of NEFA in the late postprandial phase³⁸ and we found correlations between improved
354 course of glycaemia (low GI/ high GP) and lower NEFA-values at 240 min. Interestingly, we
355 also found a positive correlation between the levels of NEFA and ghrelin at lunch time.
356 Ghrelin favours oxidation of FA as energy source³⁹ and this might have contributed to the
357 increase in NEFA at lunch time after the WWB breakfast.

358

359 ***Conclusion***

360 By combining GG with whole grain rye or HAM, bread products with low and sustained
361 glycaemia were obtained. Furthermore, the combination of GG and rye stimulated PYY
362 excretion after a subsequent *ad lib* meal. The combination of GG and rye was superior with
363 improvements in subjective appetite. The tendency of reduced energy intake at the subsequent
364 *ad lib* lunch warrants further investigation.

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366 ***Competing interests***

367 The authors declare no competing financial interests.

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373 **Tables**

374 Table 1: Ingredients in the test and reference breads.

Ingredient (g per bread)	WWB	HG	VG
Water	360	445	460
Wheat flour 10% protein	540	-	-
Wheat flour 12% protein	-	280	105
Hi-Maize (HAM)	-	160	-
Visello rye flour	-	-	360
Guar gum (GG)	-	50	55
Dry yeast	4.8	5.0	9.6
NaCl	4.8	5.0	5.0

375 WWB (white wheat bread), HG (bread containing HAM and GG), VG (bread containing whole grain Visello rye
 376 flour and GG).

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378 Table 2: Chemical characteristics of test and reference bread.

Chemical characteristics	WWB	HG	VG
Total starch ¹ (% of ww)	39.8	35.1	27.7
Resistant starch ² (% of ww)	1.0	7.1	1.2
Resistant starch (% of total starch)	2.6	20.2	4.3
Dry matter content (%)	52.0	47.2	46.4
Hydrolysis index (HI) ³ %	100 a	46 ± 2 b	56 ± 3 b
Fluidity index (FI)	100 a	48 ± 1 b	27 ± 1 c
Predicted GI from HI	-	48	57

379 ¹Result presented as mean (n = 2), ²result presented as mean (n = 6) ³result presented as mean ± SEM (n = 5).

380 Values within a column not sharing the same letters were significantly different, p < 0.05 (ANOVA followed by

381 Tukey's *post hoc* test).

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383 Table 3: Composition of the breakfast meals

Composition of breakfast	WWB	HG	VG
Fresh weight (g/portion)	128.9	178.7	188.3
Energy content (kJ/portion)	1208	1074	1246
Hi-Maize (g/portion)	-	33.6	-
Guar gum (g/portion)	-	10.5	11.6
Total starch (g/portion)	51.3	62.7	52.2
Resistant starch (g/portion)	1.3	12.7	2.2

384 ¹Energy content calculated using available carbohydrates (analysed) and estimated fat and protein content.

385 Amount of Hi-maize and GG is calculated from the recipes, total starch and RS calculated from respective

386 analysis.

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388 Table 4: Metabolic responses after intake of the test products.¹

Test variables	Subjects (n)	WWB	HG	% ²	VG	% ²
Breakfast (0-240 min)						
Glucose fasting value (mmol/l)	19 _{WWB, HG} , 18 _{VG}	5.3 ± 0.1	5.4 ± 0.1	0	5.5 ± 0.1	3
Glucose overall mean 0-120 (mmol/l)		6.3 ± 0.1	6.1 ± 0.1	-3	6.1 ± 0.1	-4
Glucose, iPeak 0-240 (Δ mmol/l)		3.2 ± 0.2 a	1.9 ± 0.2 b	-41	1.8 ± 0.2 b	-42
GI (%)		100 a	66 ± 6 b	-35	61 ± 6 b	-39
Glucose, GP (min/mmol/l)		51 ± 10 a	95 ± 10 b	87	88 ± 11 b	75
Insulin fasting value (nmol/l)	19 _{WWB, HG} , 18 _{VG}	0.078 ± 0.008	0.083 ± 0.008	5	0.072 ± 0.008	-8
Insulin overall mean 0-360 (nmol/l)		0.17 ± 2*10 ⁻⁴ a	0.14 ± 2*10 ⁻⁴ b	-18	0.15 ± 2*10 ⁻⁴ ab	-10
Insulin iPeak 0-240 (Δ nmol/l)		0.35 ± 0.03 a	0.22 ± 0.03 b	-39	0.25 ± 0.04 b	-29
II (%)		100 a	44 ± 4 b	-56	59 ± 4 c	-41
Ghrelin, Δ nadir (at time 54 ± 3 min)	19 _{WWB, HG} , 18 _{VG}	75.5 ± 5.3 a	51.7 ± 5.3 b	-31	54.2 ± 5.4 b	-28
Ghrelin, relative increase from nadir to 240 min, (%)		54.3 ± 3.0 a	38.0 ± 3.0 b	-30	37.9 ± 3.1 b	-30
GIP overall mean 0-360 (ng/l)	19 _{WWB, HG} , 18 _{VG}	51.2 ± 1.1 a	38.9 ± 1.1 b	-24	40.2 ± 1.1 b	-21
GIP iPeak 0-240 (ng/l)		64.8 ± 5.1 a	36.0 ± 5.2 b	-44	34.1 ± 5.3 b	-47
GIP iAUC 0-240 (min ng/l)		7898 ± 840 a	4042 ± 840 b	-49	4219 ± 840 b	-47
PYY, overall mean 0-360 (ng/l)	18 _{WWB, HG} , 17 _{VG}	72.4 ± 3 a	82.3 ± 3 b	14	88.6 ± 3 b	22

NEFA (mmol/l), 240 min	19 _{WWB, HG} , 18 _{VG}	0.28 ± 0.03 a	0.23 ± 0.03 ab	-20	0.17 ± 0.03 b	-41
Lunch (240-360 min)						
GIP iPeak 240-360 (ng/l)		168.5 ± 11.8	168.0 ± 11.4	0	163.6 ± 13.8	-3
s-Acetate 240 min (μmol/L)	19 _{WWB, HG} , 18 _{VG}	334 ± 14	317 ± 14	-5	312 ± 15	-7
s-Propionate 240 min (μmol/L)		10.5 ± 0.4	10.8 ± 0.4	3	10.4 ± 0.4	-3
s-Isobutyrate 240 min (μmol/L)		12.0 ± 0.6 ab	12.9 ± 0.6 a	7	11.3 ± 0.6 b	-6
s-Butyrate 240 min (μmol/L)		16.1 ± 0.9 a	19.2 ± 0.9 b	19	15.8 ± 1.0 a	-2

389 ¹Values are LSMs ± SEM. Products in the same line not sharing the same letter are significantly different, p < 0.05 (ANCOVA followed by Tukey’s *post hoc* test). ²The
 390 percent change is calculated as the difference from HG and VG to the WWB.

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 392 Table 5: Subjective appetite ratings from breakfast to lunch¹ and voluntary intake at the *ad lib* lunch.

Test variables	WWB	HG	% ²	VG	% ²
<i>Feeling of fullness</i> overall mean 0-240 min	35.1 ± 4	39.9 ± 4	14	44.1 ± 4	26
<i>Feeling of hunger</i> overall mean 0-240 min	58.6 ± 4 a	53.8 ± 4 ab	-10	47.0 ± 4 b	-20
<i>Desire to eat</i> overall mean 0-240 min	63.4 ± 4	57.2 ± 4	-11	54.3 ± 5	-16
Energy intake, voluntary lunch (kJ)	3586 ± 200	3603 ± 200	0	3326 ± 202	-7

393 ¹Products in the same line not sharing the same letter are significantly different, values are LSMs ± SEM, n = 19, (VAS and voluntary lunch intake, VG n = 18). ²The percent
 394 change is calculated as the difference from HG and VG to the WWB.

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Figures

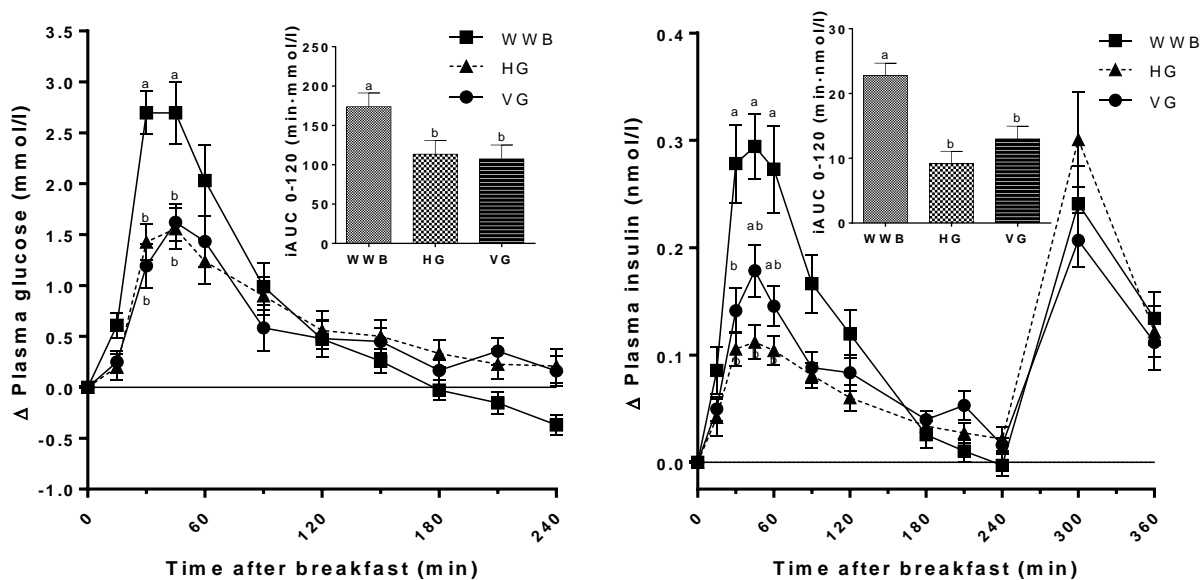


Figure 1: Mean incremental changes (Δ) and iAUC 0-120 min in plasma glucose and insulin (mean and LSMs \pm SEM, respectively), n = 19, (VG n = 18).

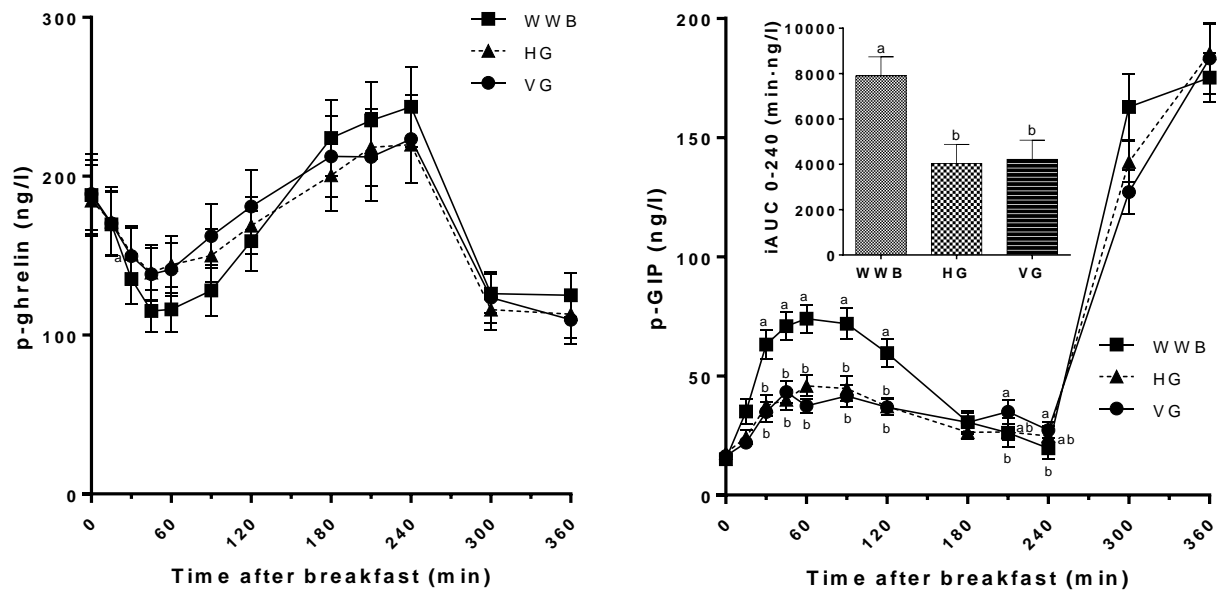


Figure 2: Postprandial change in ghrelin and GIP (mean \pm SEM) and iAUC 0-240 min for GIP (LSMs \pm SEM), $n = 19$, (VG $n = 18$).

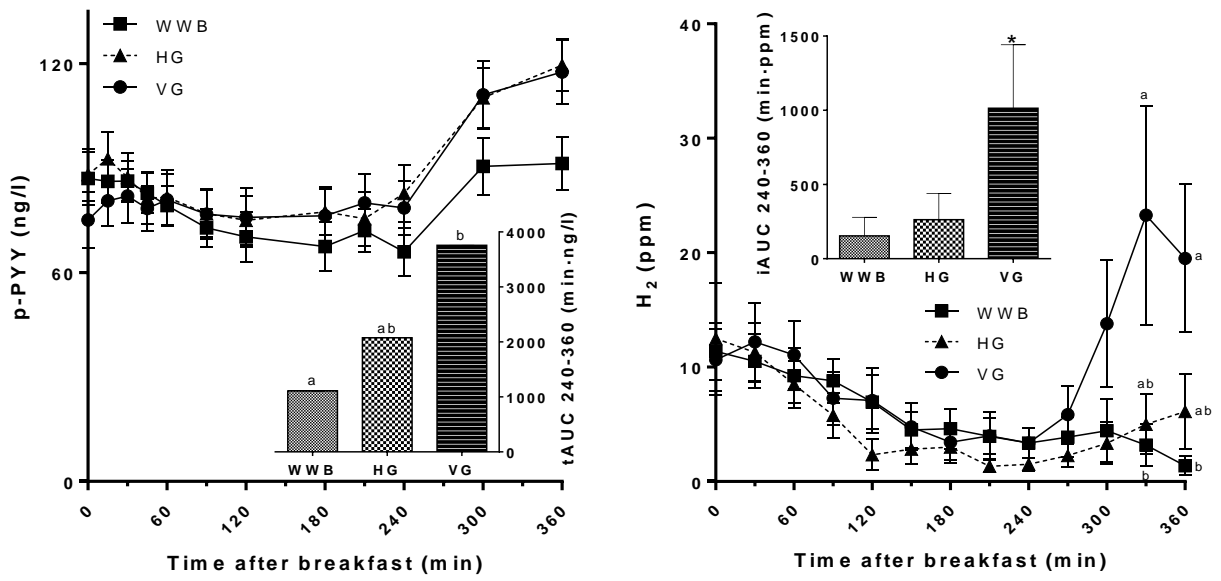


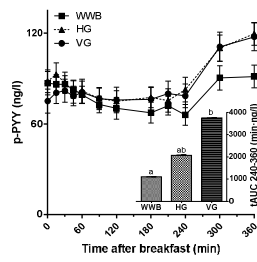
Figure 3: Postprandial changes and i- or tAUC 240-360 min for PYY and breath H₂ (mean and LSMs ± SEM, respectively). PYY n = 18, (VG n = 17), breath H₂ WWB n = 16, HG n = 18, VG n = 14, * p = 0.058.

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