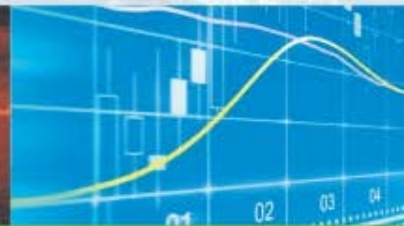




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# Sugars, Non Nutritive Sweeteners Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease

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# OBJECTIVES

- Understand the relationship between consumption of fructose containing sugars and NNSs and cardiovascular disease risk factors
- Understand the strengths and weakness of evidence supporting putative links between consumption of these sweeteners and risk factors for CVD
- Present results from recent randomized controlled trials using various levels of HFCS, sucrose, fructose, glucose and aspartame consumption ranging from the 25<sup>th</sup> – 90<sup>th</sup> percentile population consumption level of fructose on CVD risk factors.

**RLI has conducted a series of randomized controlled trials comparing HFCS, sucrose, fructose, glucose and NNSs at dosages up to the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile population consumption level of fructose exploring metabolism and health related parameters in the following areas:**

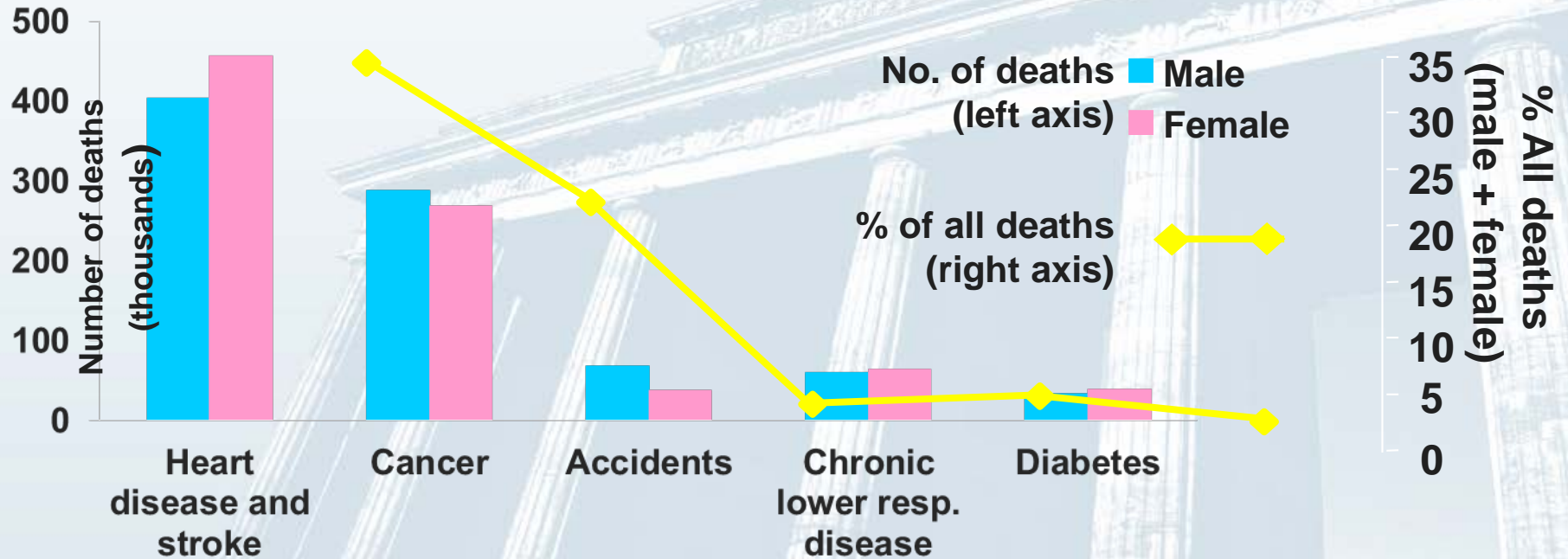
- » Energy regulating hormones
- » Appetite
- » Weight
- » Body composition
- » Risk factors for CVD
- » Risk factors for diabetes
- » Risk factors for the metabolic syndrome
- » Lipids
- » Blood pressure
- » Liver fat accumulation
- » Muscle fat accumulation
- » Brain responses (hypothalamus and reward pathways)

# Overview

- CVD is the largest cause of mortality worldwide
- CVD is by far the largest cause of annual mortality in the United States (37% of all mortality)
- Multiple underlying risk factors for CVD: Nutrition is one
- Some recent concerns relate to proposed links between sugars, NNSs and CVD
- Theoretical concerns and epidemiologic studies
- The AHA has proposed significant limits on sugar consumption.

# Despite therapeutic advances, CV disease remains the leading cause of death (USA)

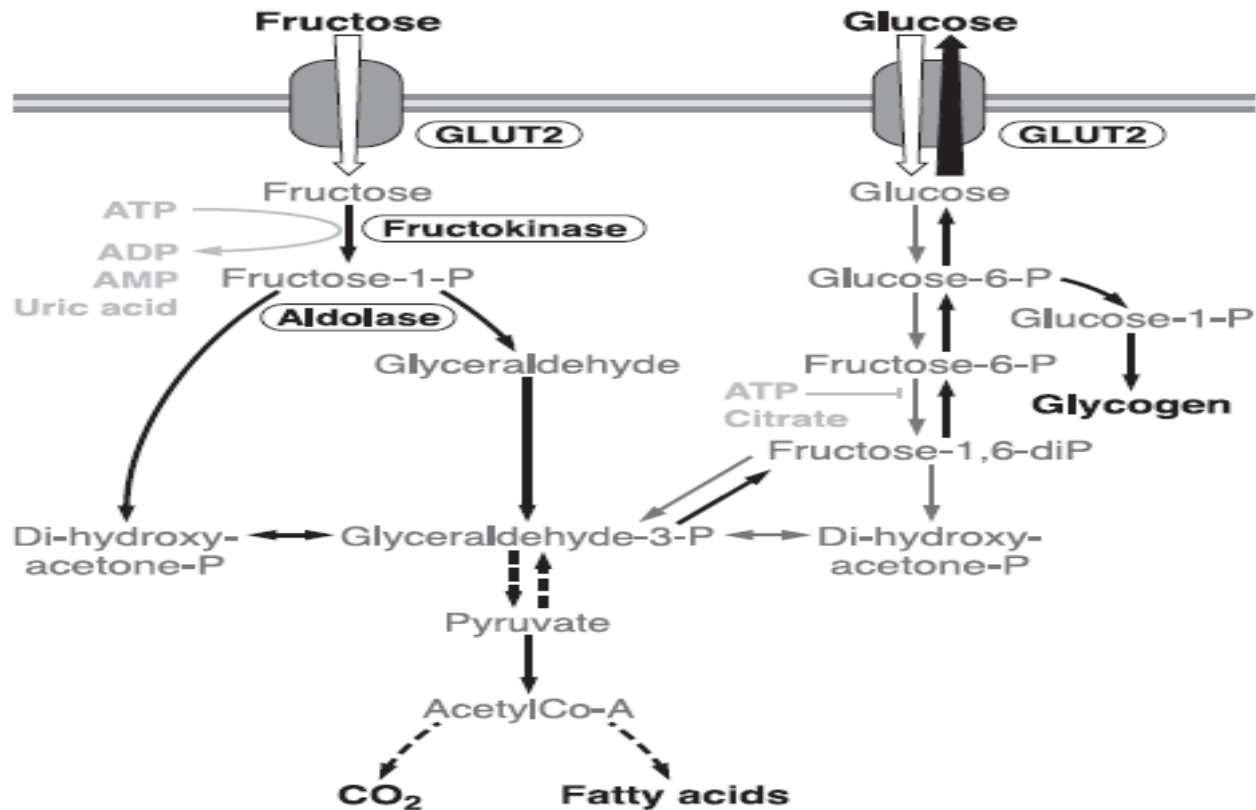
Data for 2002



National Center for Health Statistics, 2004



# Theoretical Concerns: Metabolism of Fructose and Glucose in the Liver



Source: Tappy L, Le KA. Metabolic Effects of Fructose and the Worldwide Increase in Obesity Physiol Rev 90: 23–46, 2010



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# Obesity and Energy Regulating Hormones

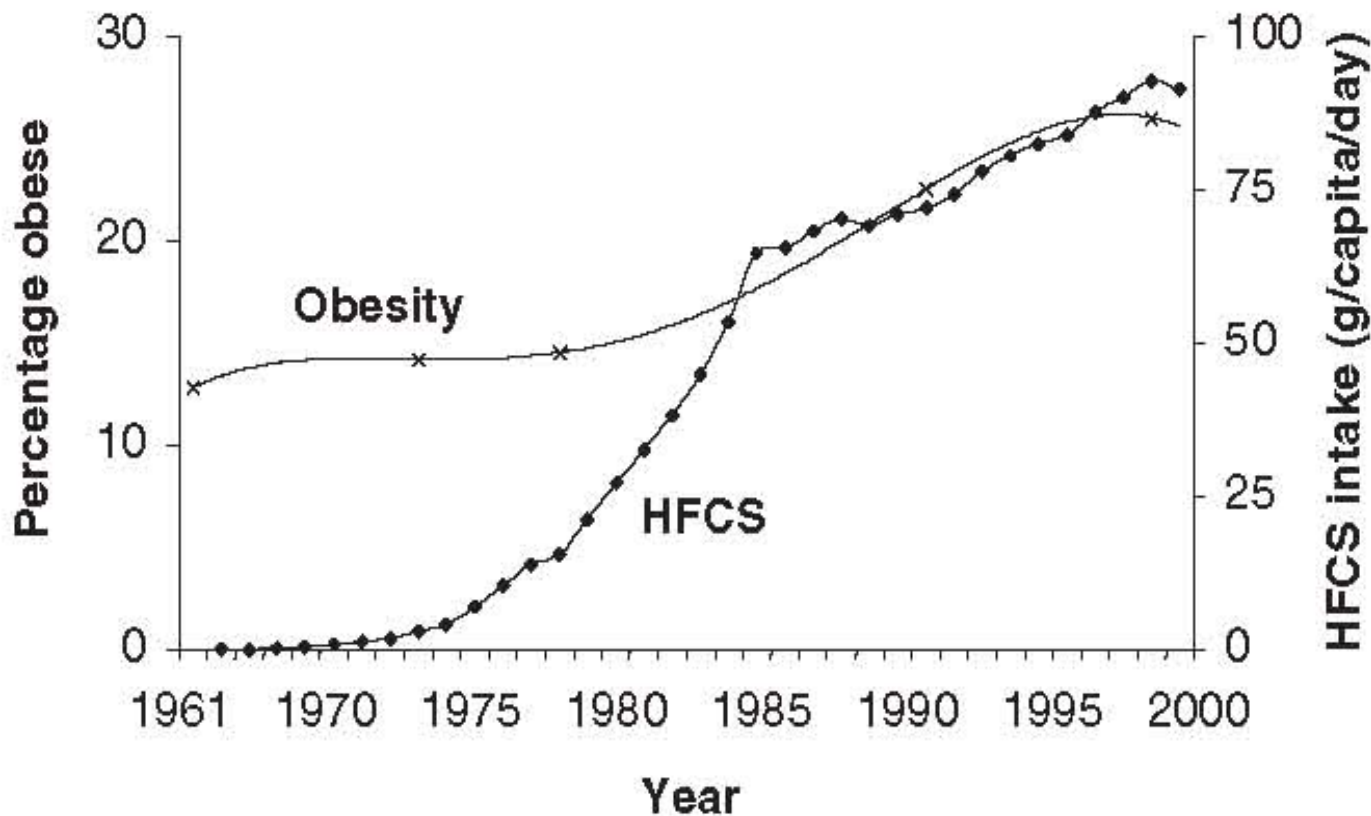
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## **HFCS, Sucrose and Fructose: The “Perfect Storm” For Mistaken Identity**

- Failure to distinguish between association and cause and effect
- In retrospect, unfortunate choice of name  
    (“**high fructose**” corn syrup)
- Research on pure fructose vs. pure glucose
- Emotional issue
- Low hanging fruit



Source:  
 Bray GA, Popkin BM, Nielson SJ. Consumption of high-fructose corn syrup in beverages may play a role in the epidemic of obesity. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2004;79:537–43.

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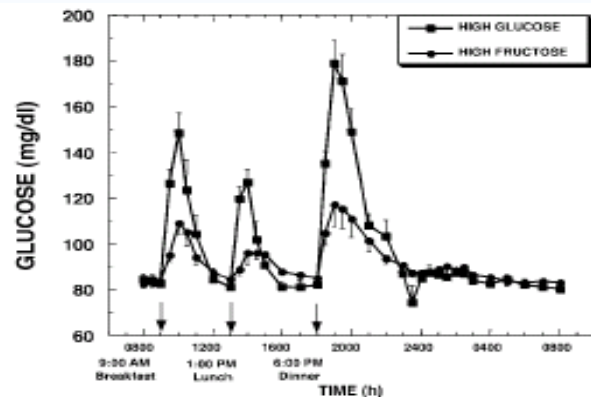


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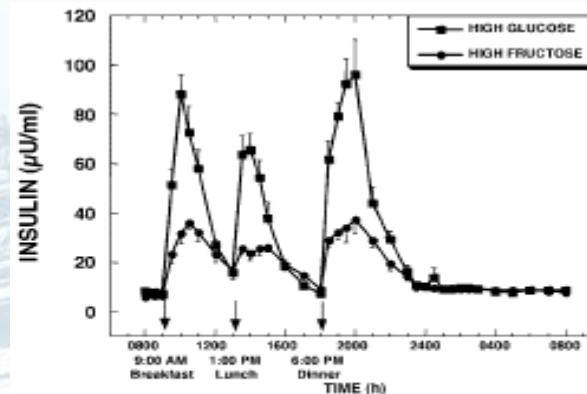


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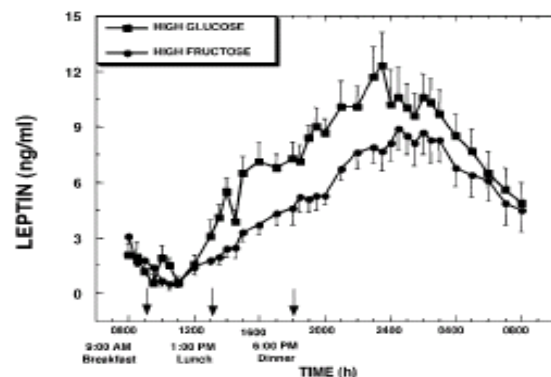


FIG. 3. Change of plasma leptin concentrations over mean baseline levels (0800–0900 h) during a 24-h period (0800–0800 h) in 12 women consuming HGI or HFr beverages with each meal. To convert leptin concentrations to nanomoles per liter, multiply by 0.0625

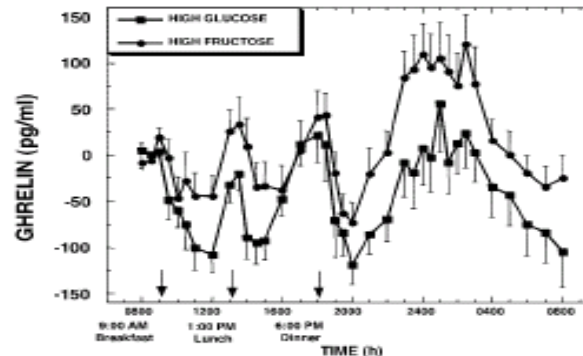
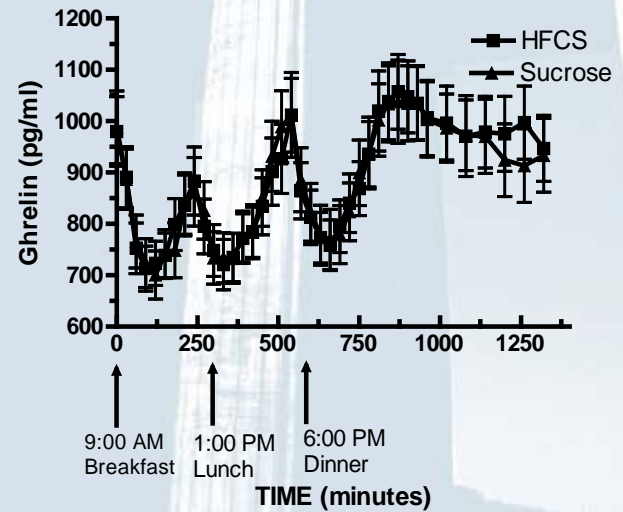
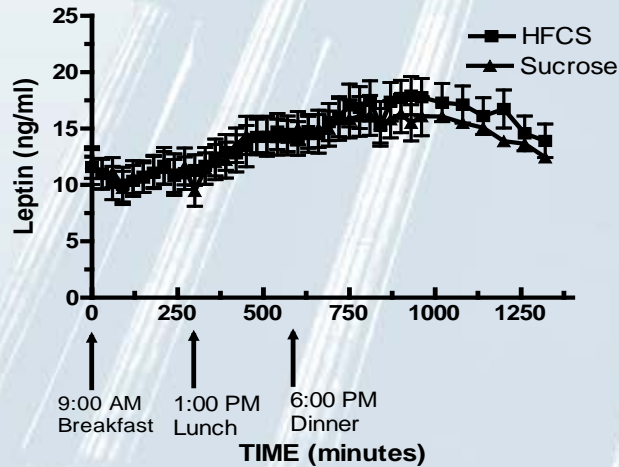
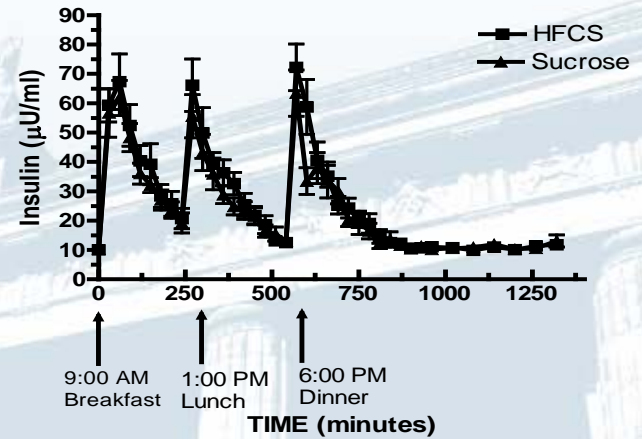
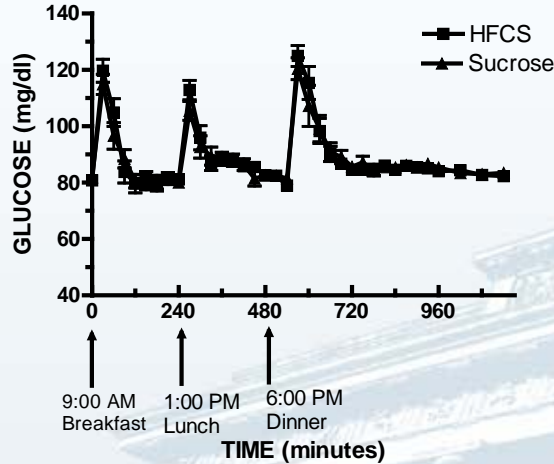


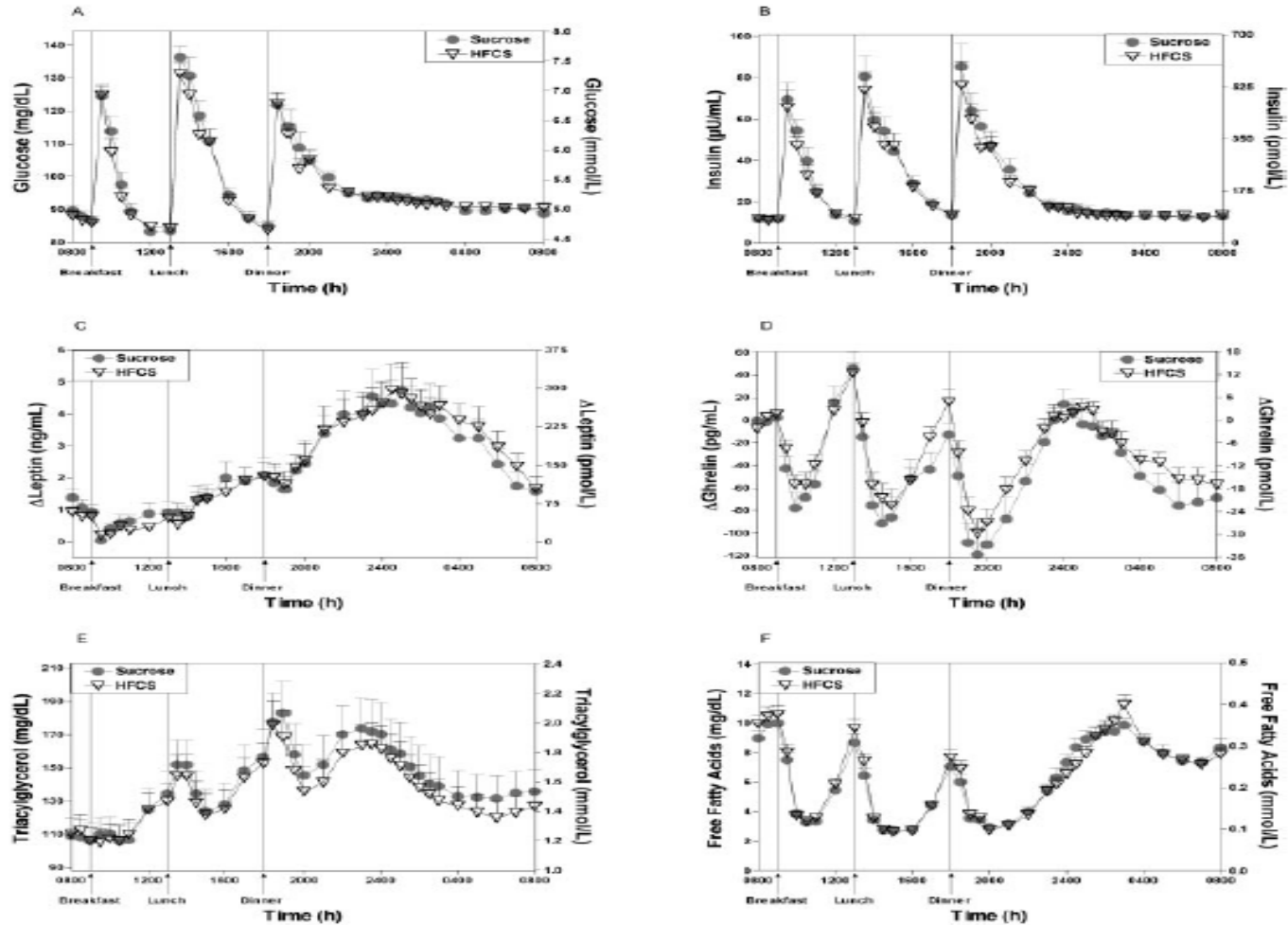
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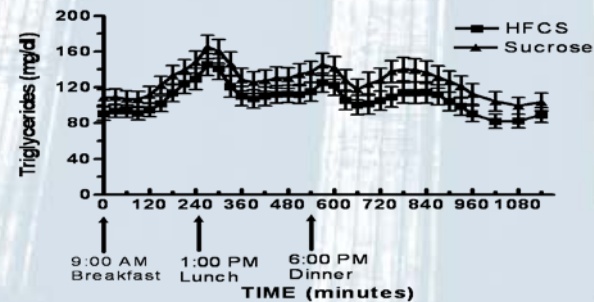
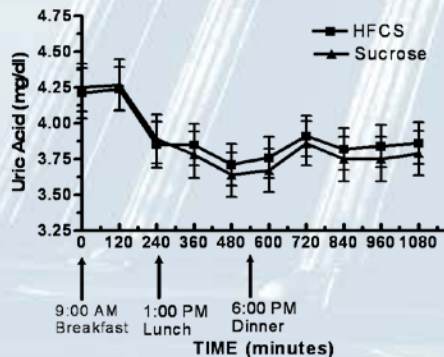
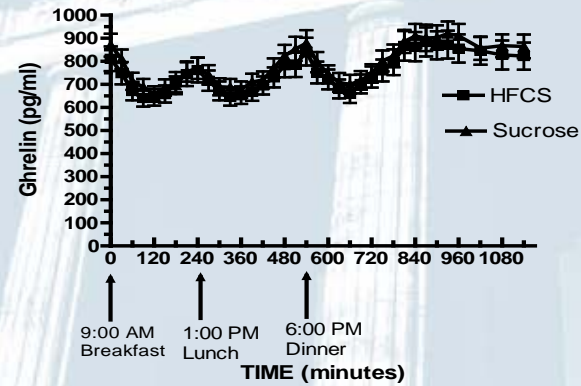
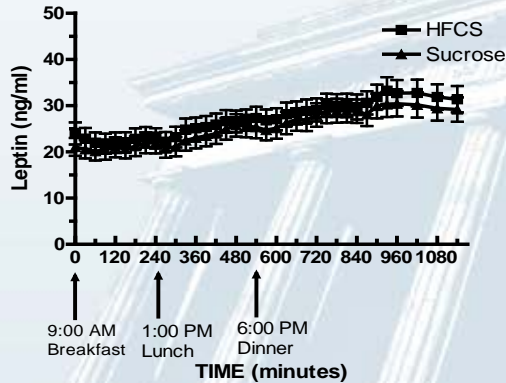
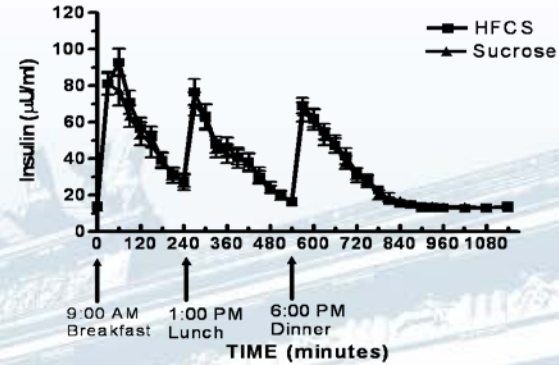
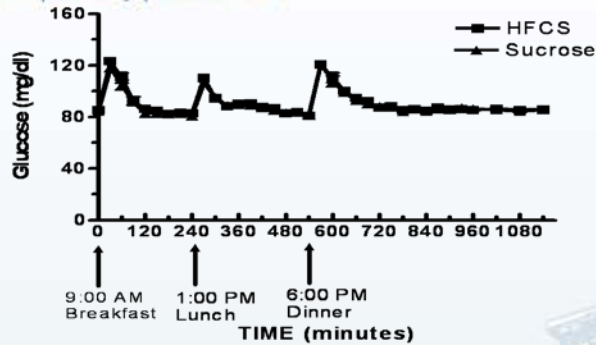


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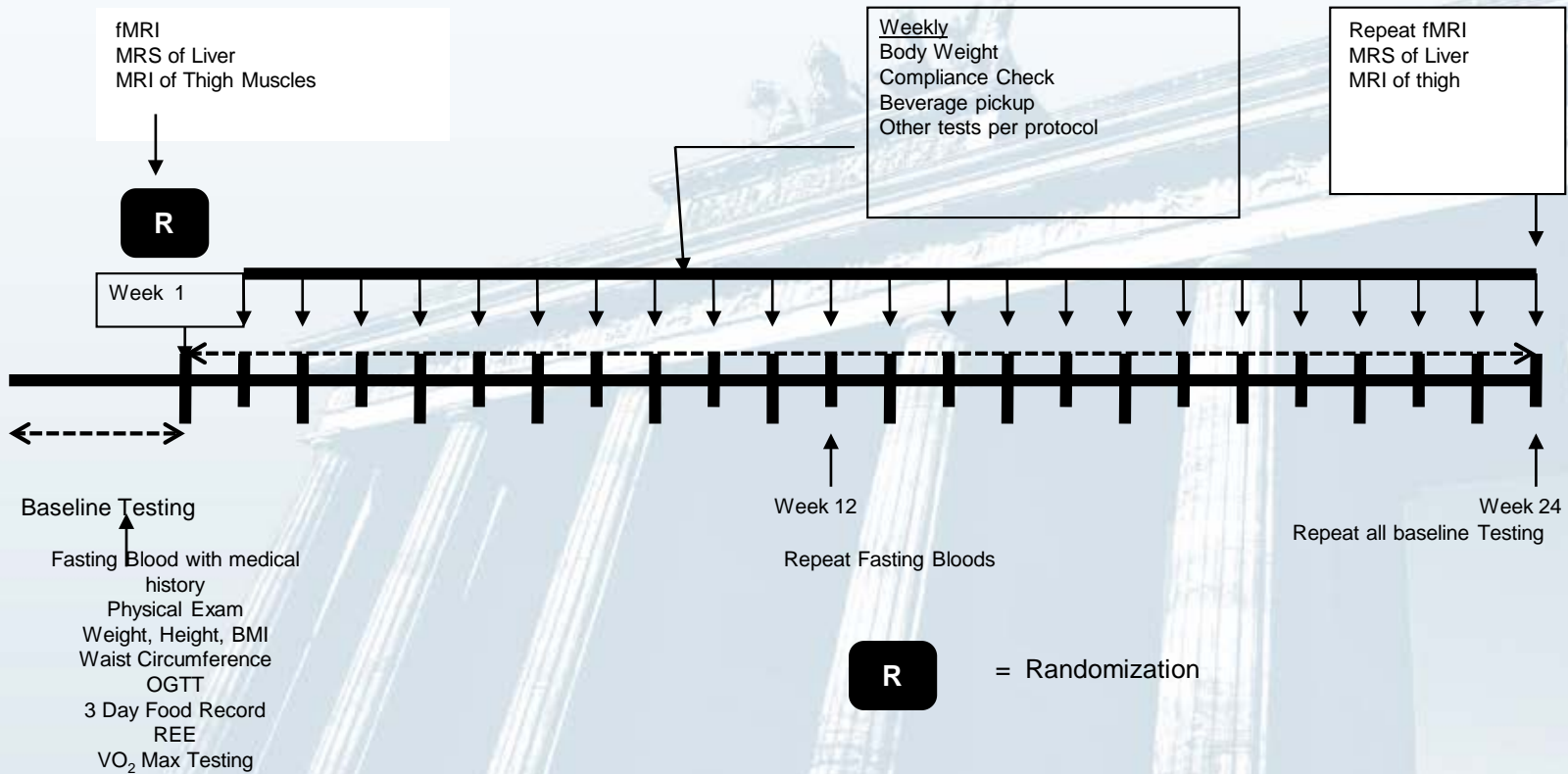
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## Overweight and Obese Women (N=57; Ave BMI = 28.8kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

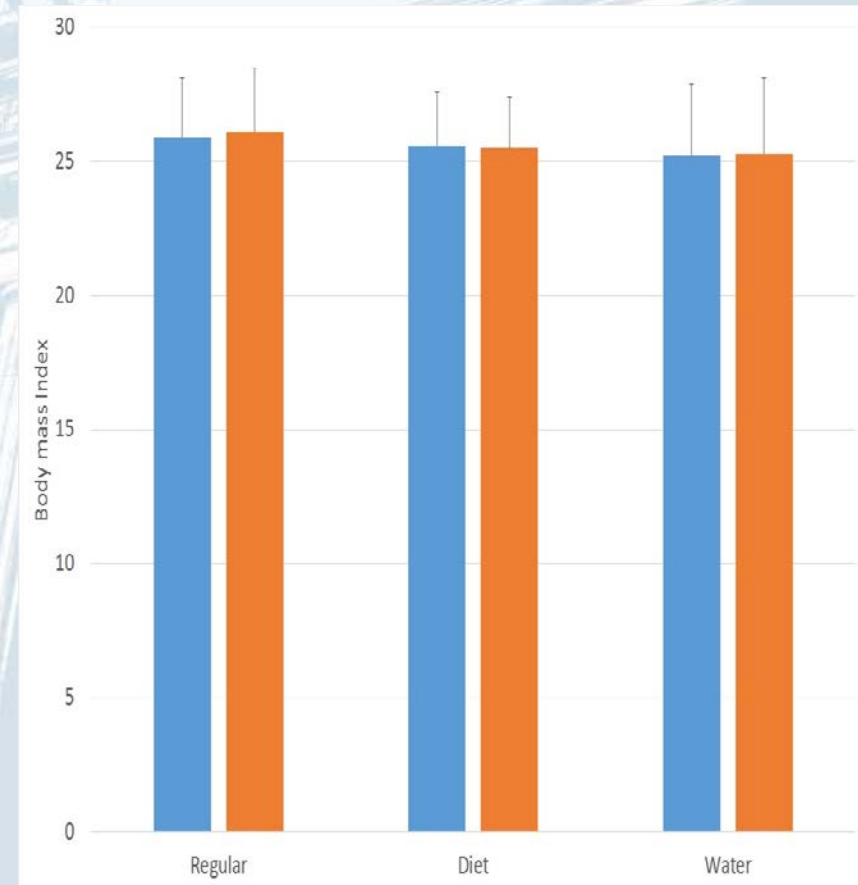
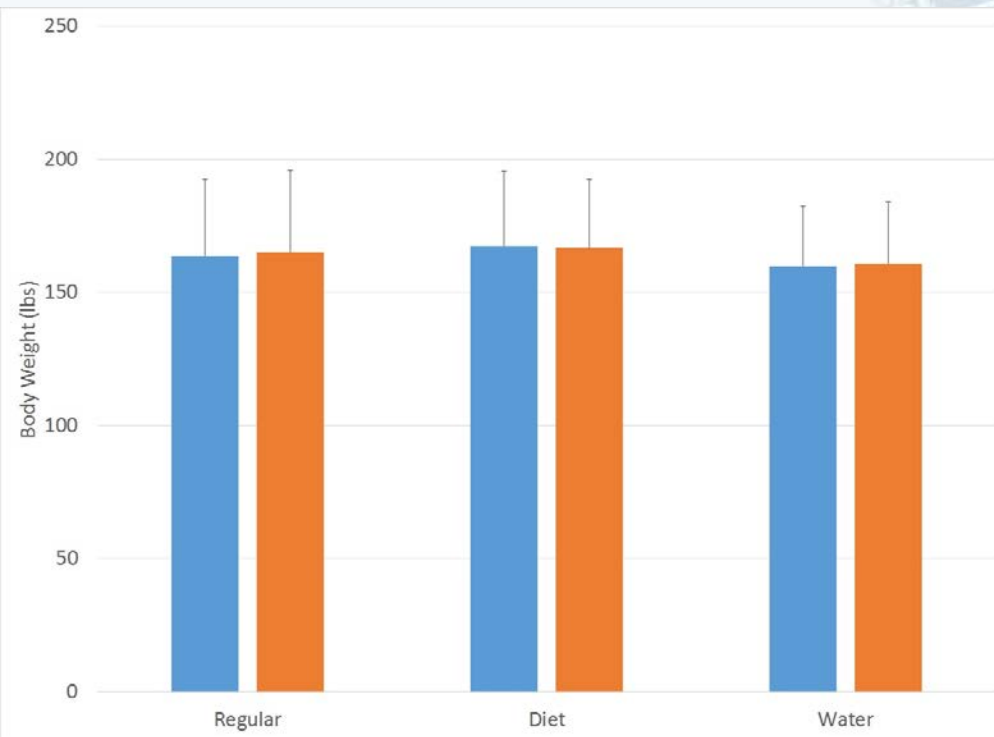


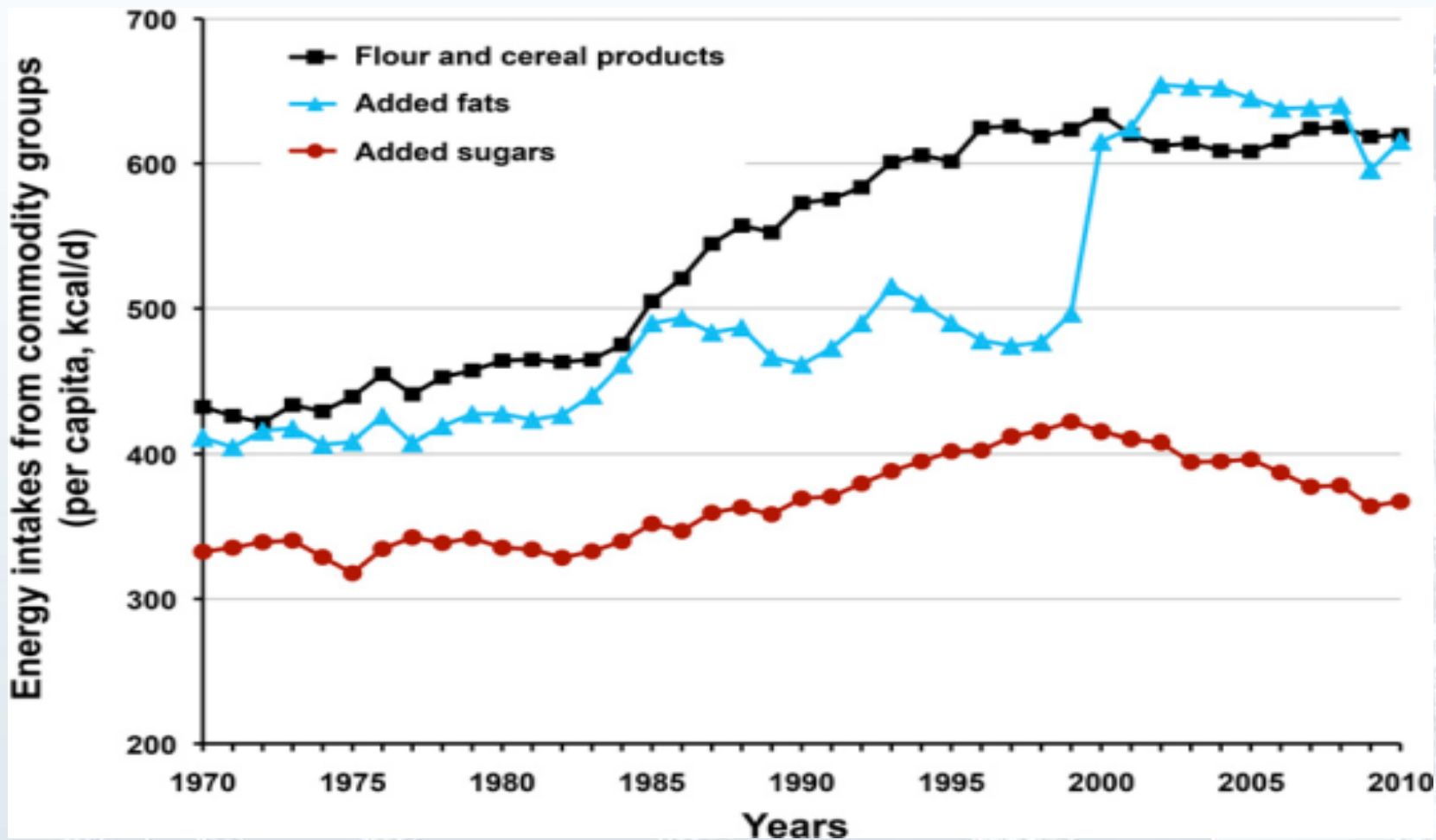


# Study Timeline: SSB vs NNS vs H<sub>2</sub>O (710 ml/day for each beverage)

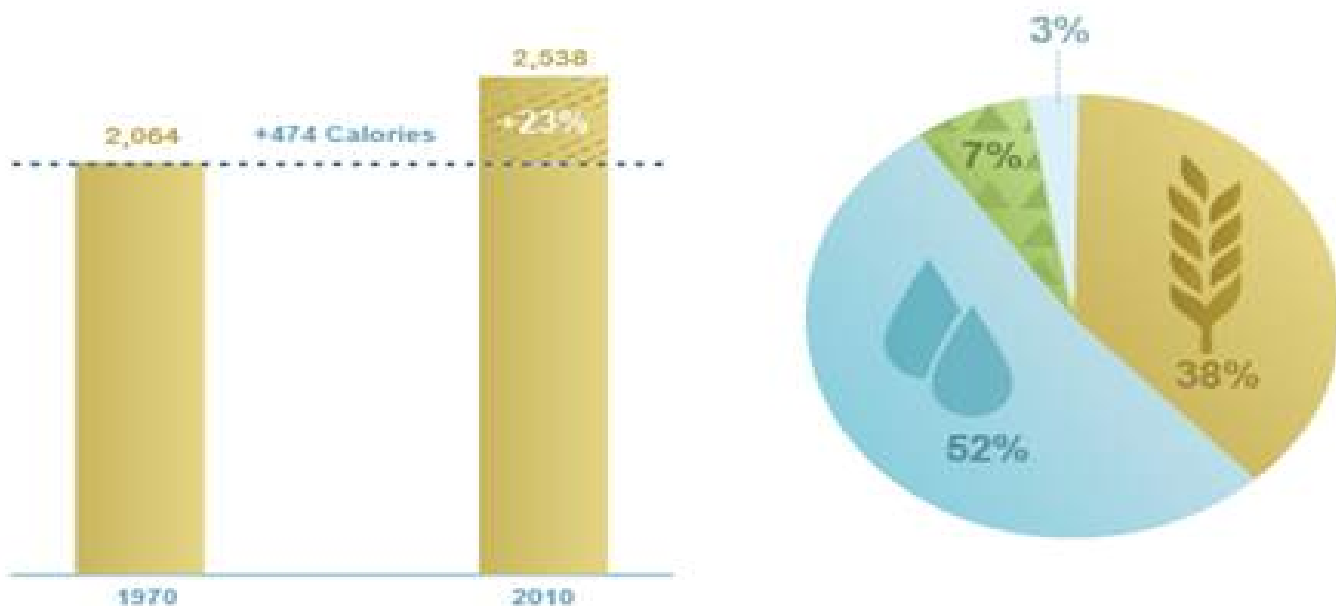


# Body Weight and BMI





### Sources of Added Calories

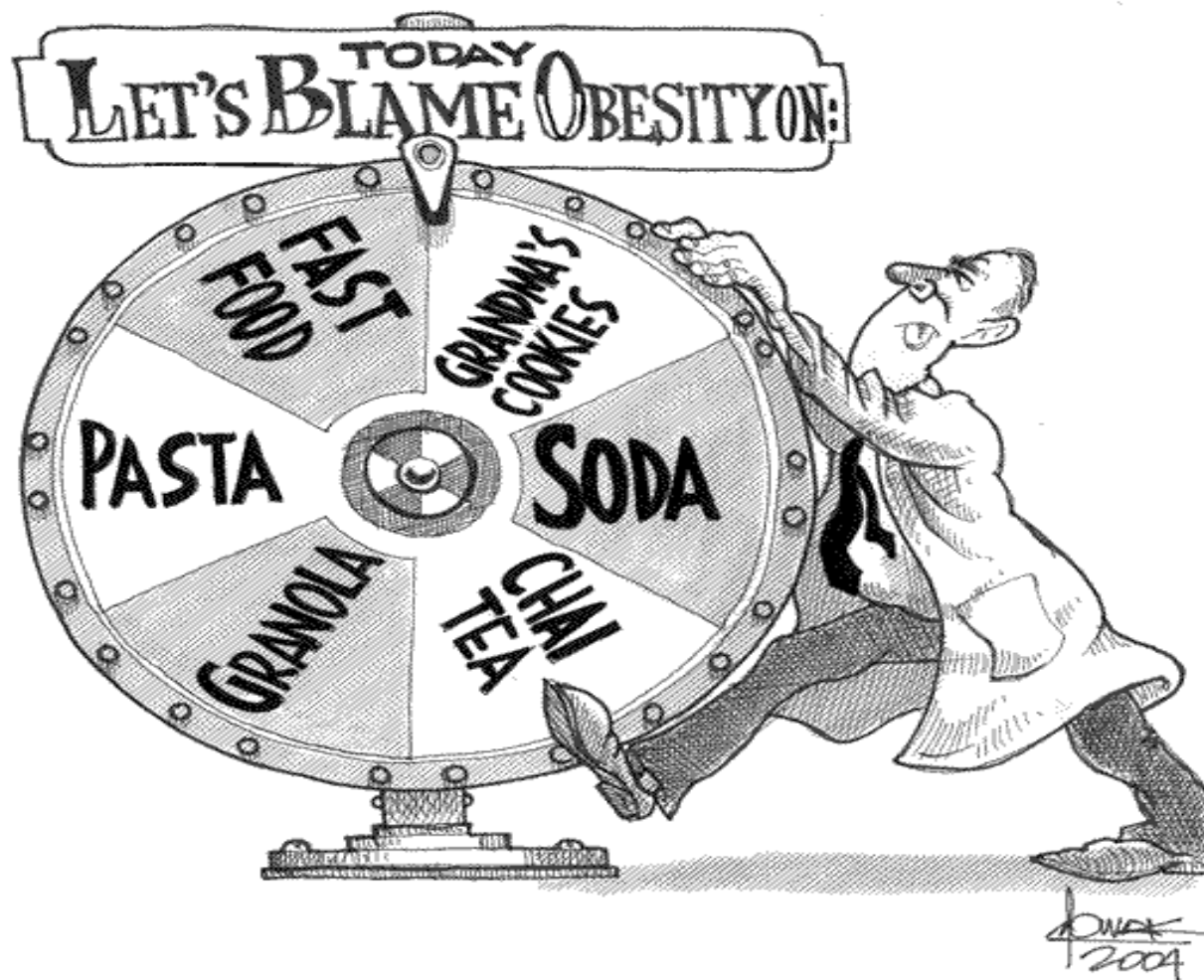


Average Daily Per Capita Calories Consumed  
1970 to 2010

Percent of Caloric Growth

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, 2013.  
Calories: average daily per capita calories from the U.S. food supply, adjusted for spoilage and other waste. Loss-Adjusted Food Availability Data.

- Added Sugars
- Fats & Oils
- Flour & Cereal Products
- All Other

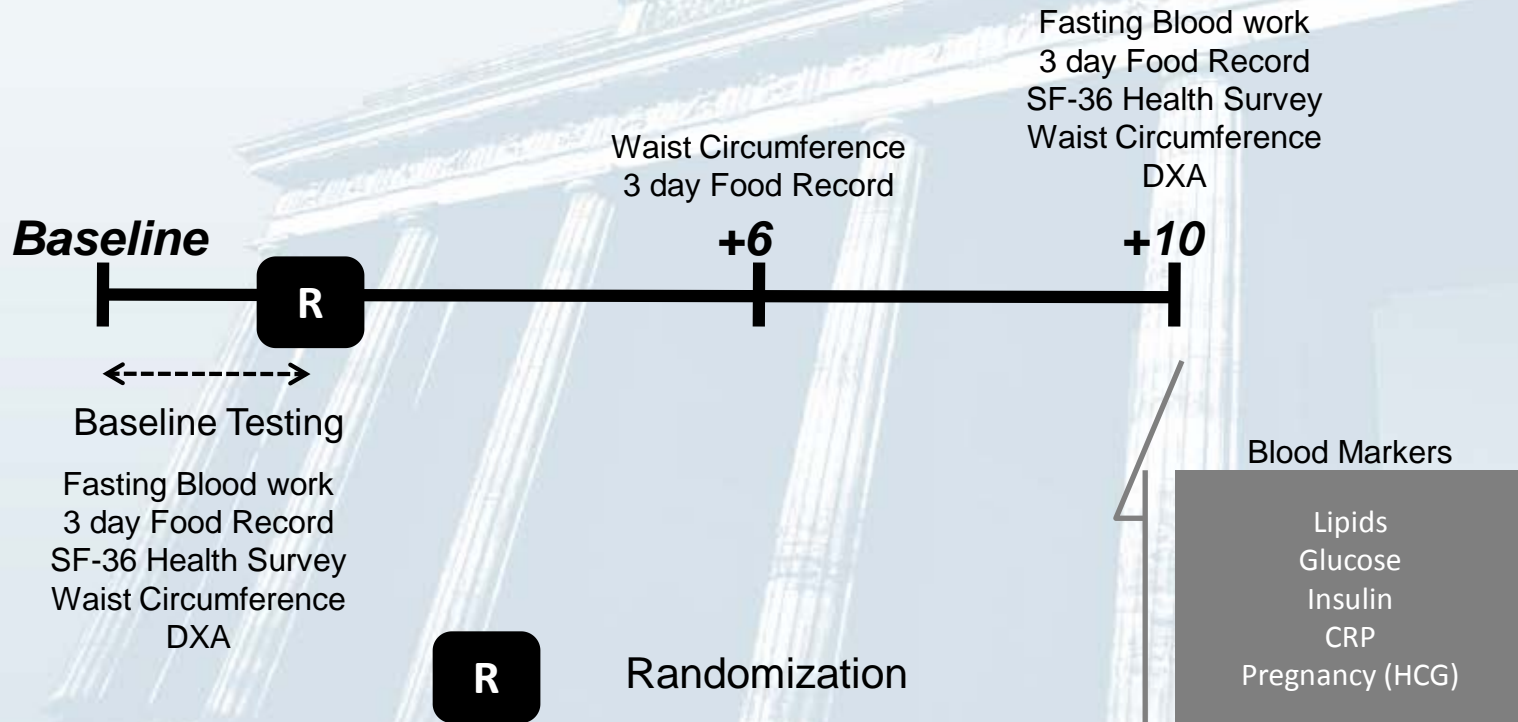


# Lipids

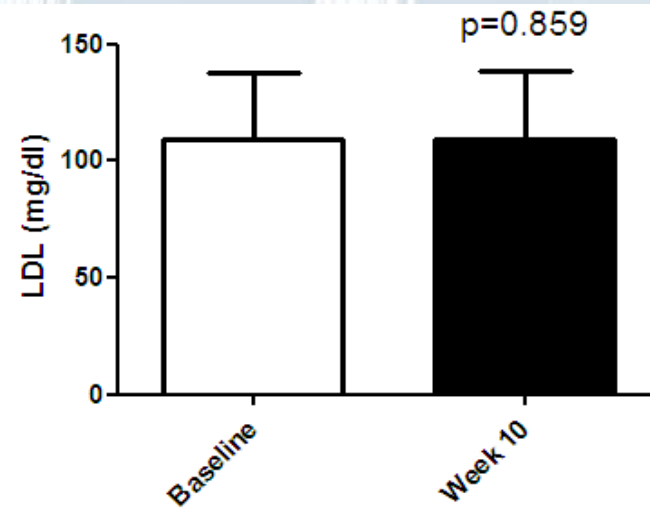
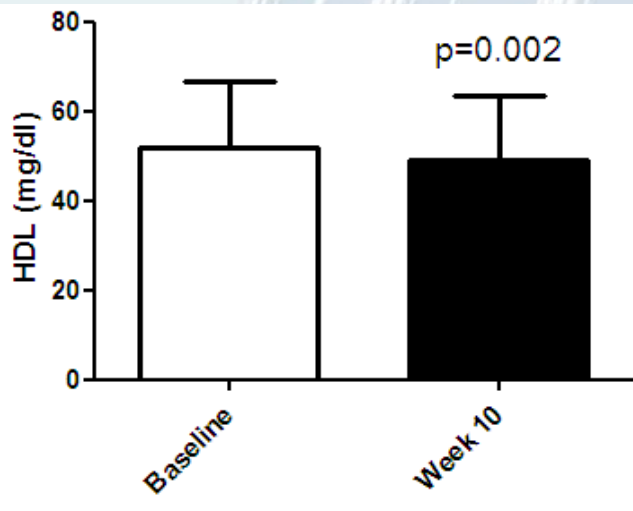
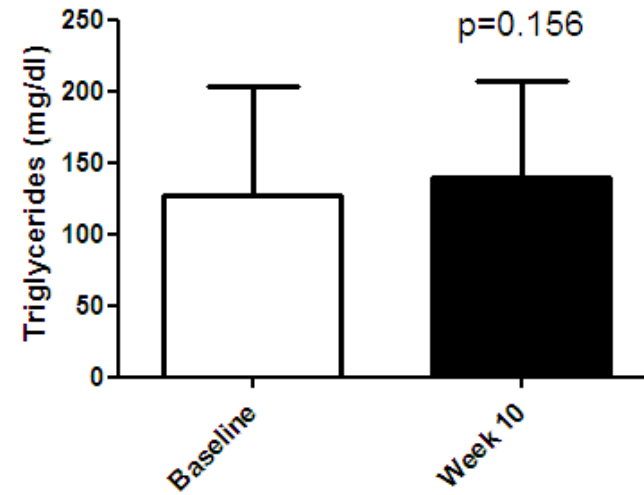
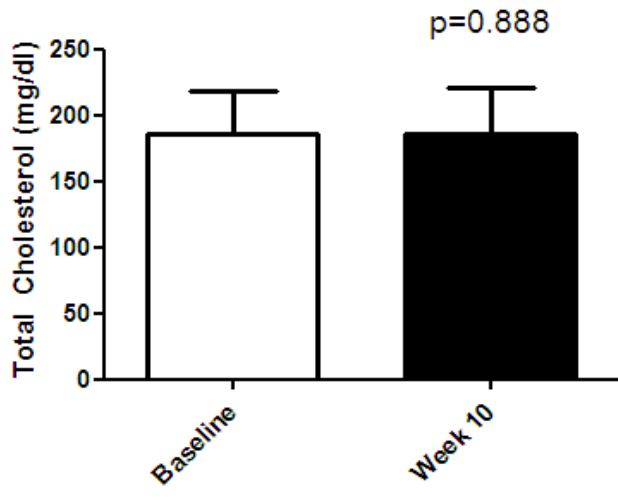
# 4 Group, Randomized Prospective, Double Blind Study Comparing HFCS to Sucrose at 10% and 20% of Calories

## Study Timeline

Weekly  
Body Weight  
Compliance Check  
Milk Product pickup

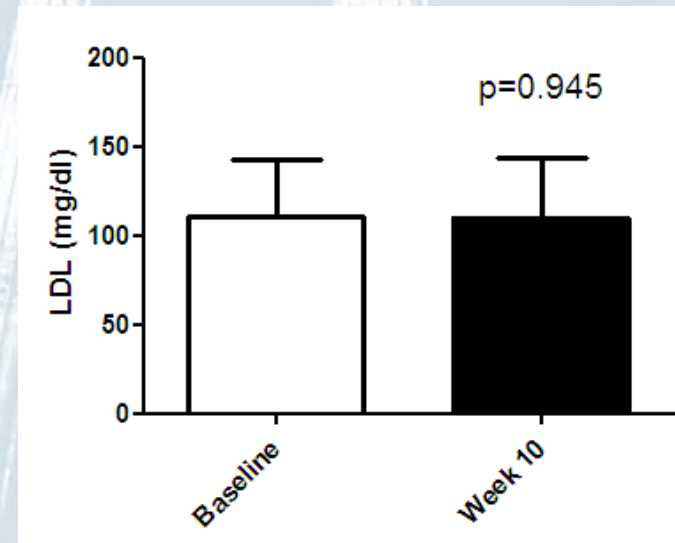
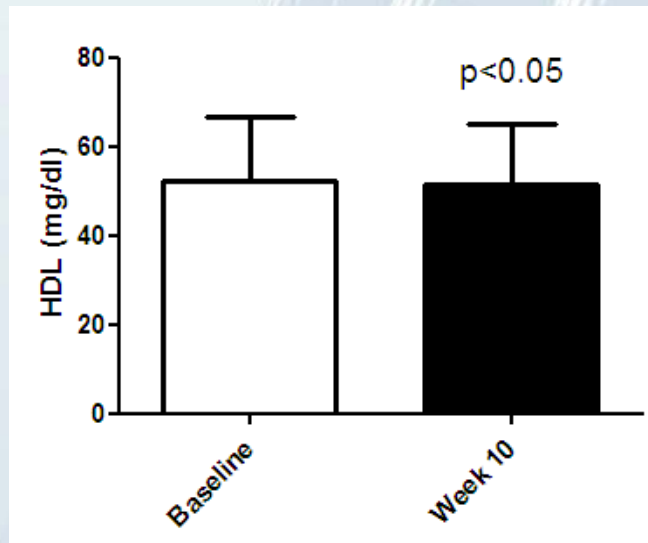
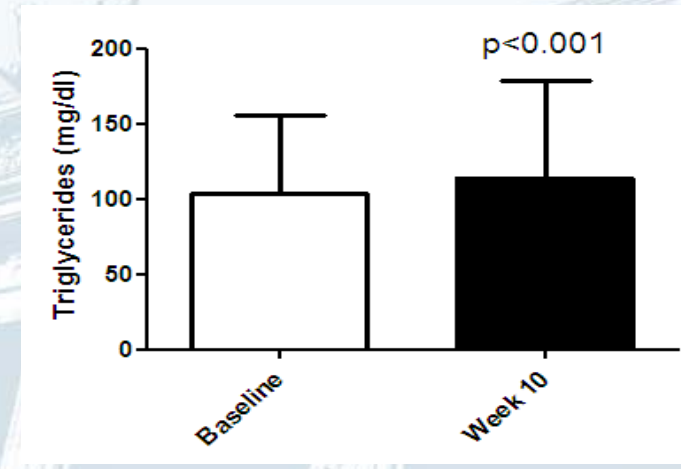
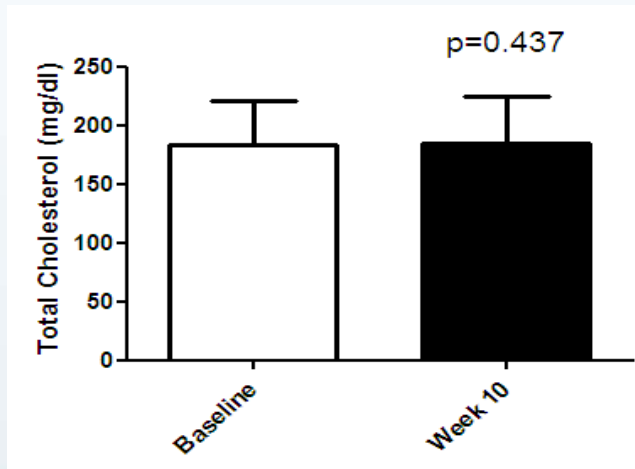


## The effect of consuming low fat milk sweetened with HFCS or sucrose at 10% or 20% of recommended calorie intake for ten weeks. (N=64)



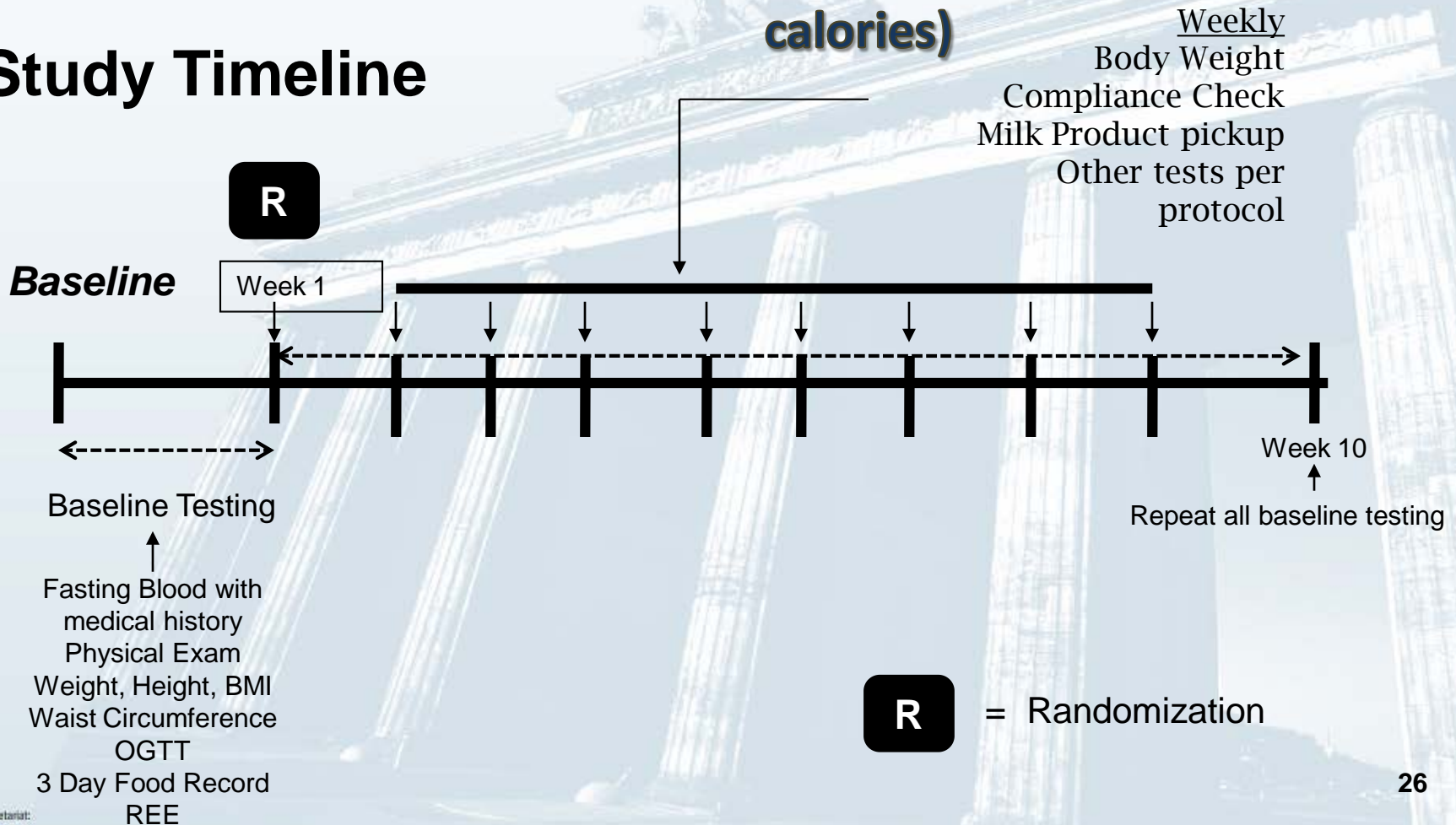


## Lipid Response to consuming low fat milk sweetened with HFCS or sucrose at 8%, 18% or 30% of calories (N=342)



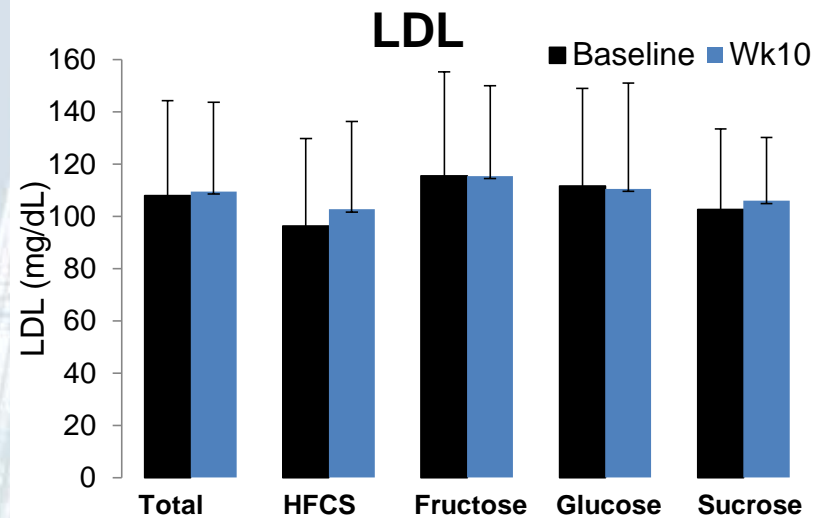
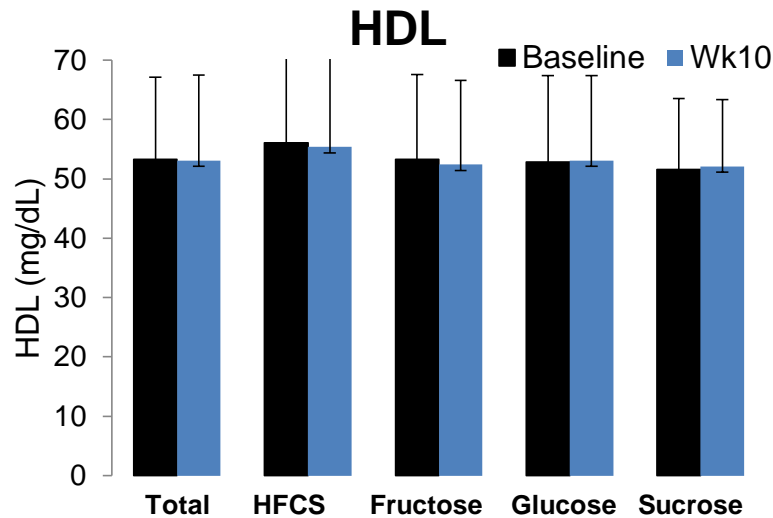
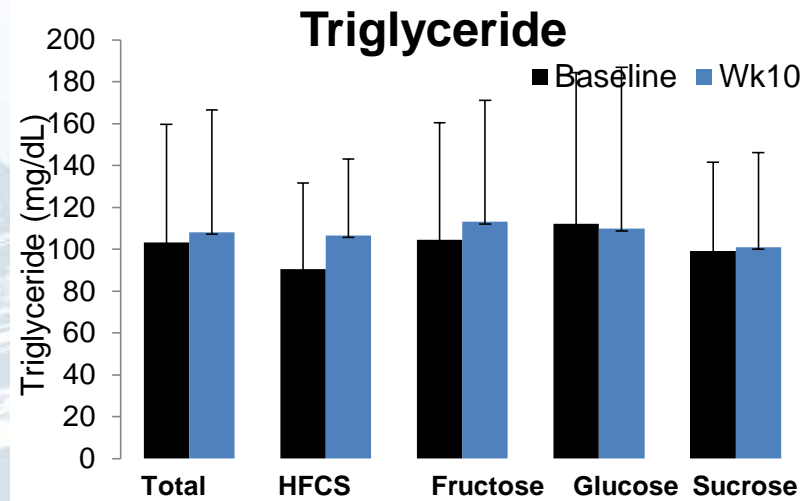
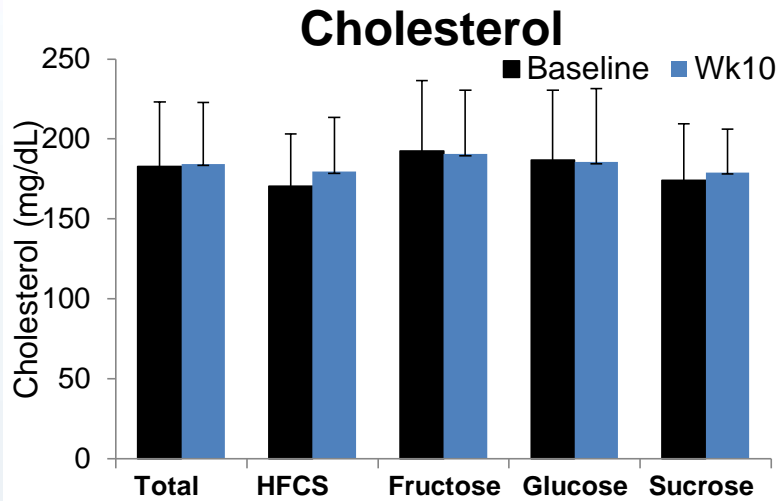
# 4 Group Randomized Prospective, Double Blind Study Comparing HFCS (18% of calories), Sucrose (18% of calories), Fructose (9% of calories) and Glucose (9% of calories)

## Study Timeline





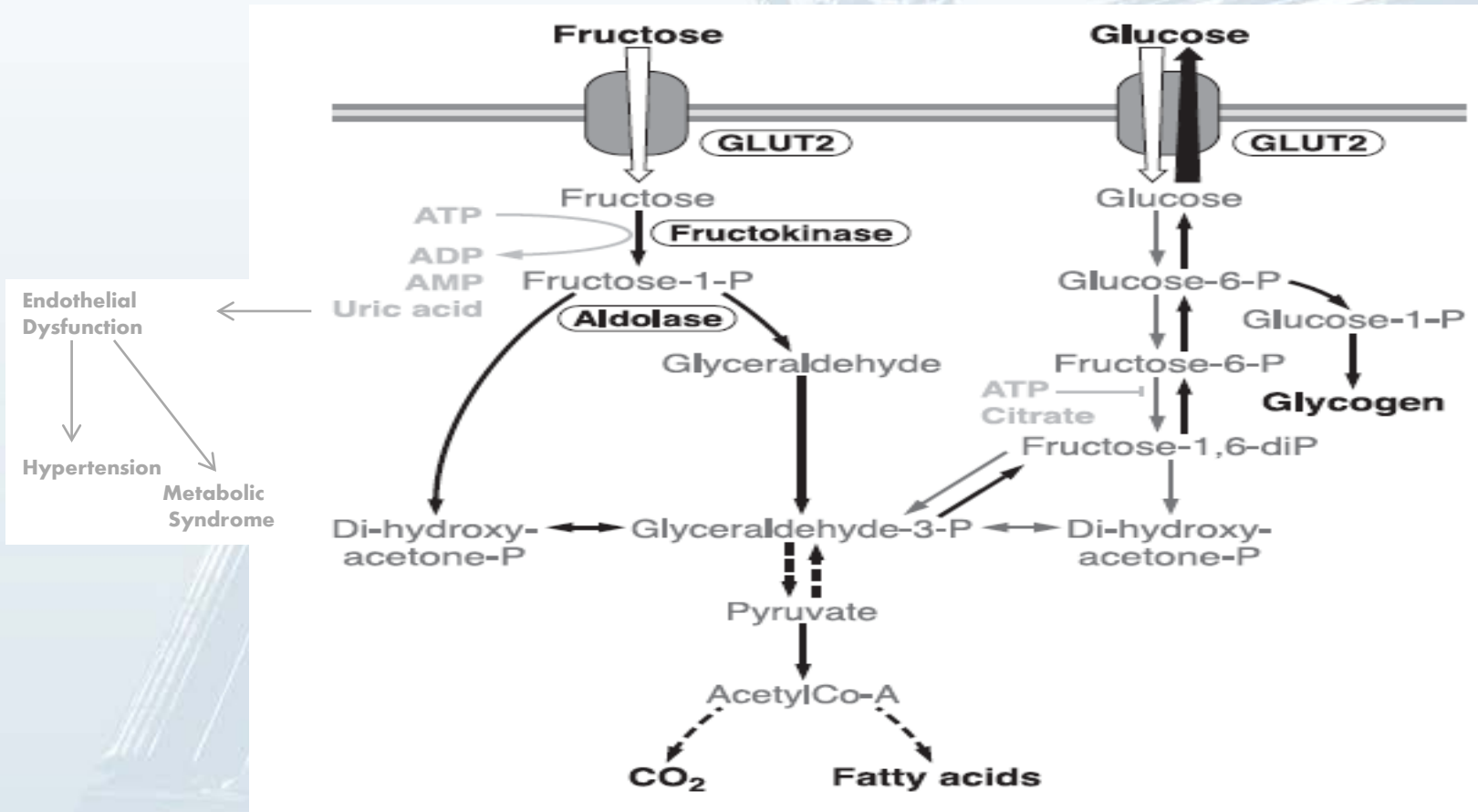
# Blood Lipids



# Does Consumption of Fructose Containing Sugars or NNSs Increase Blood Pressure?

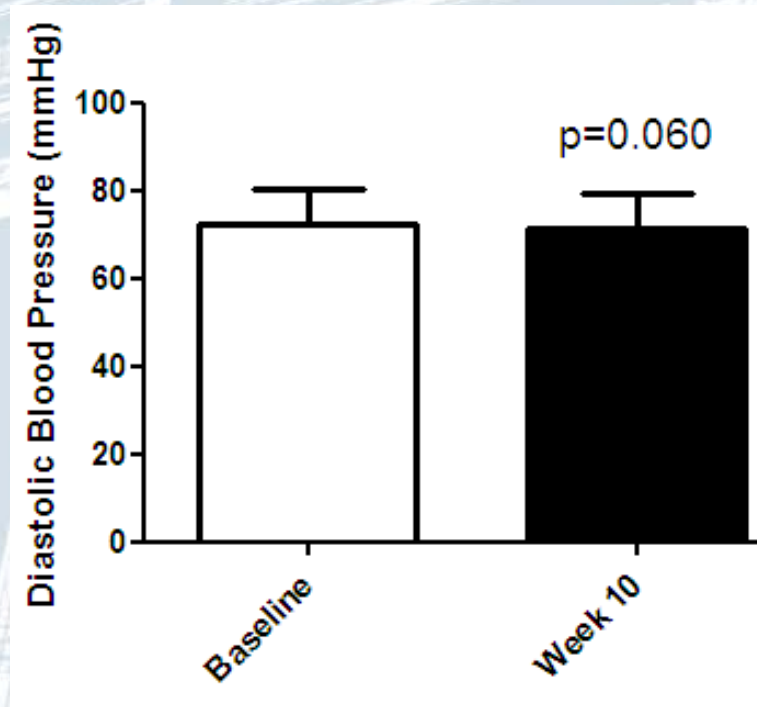
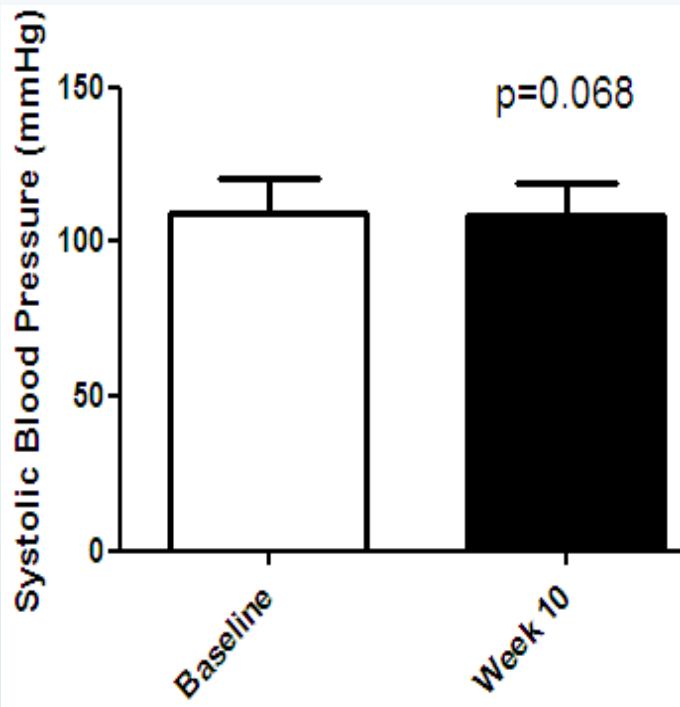
# Blood Pressure Proposed Mechanism

## Metabolism of Fructose and Glucose in the Liver



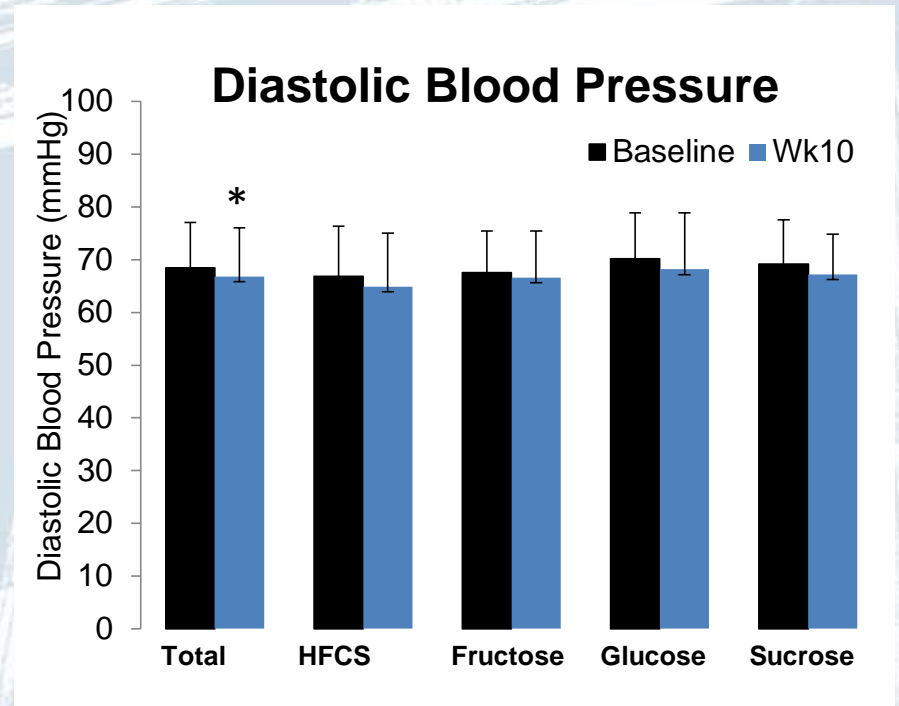
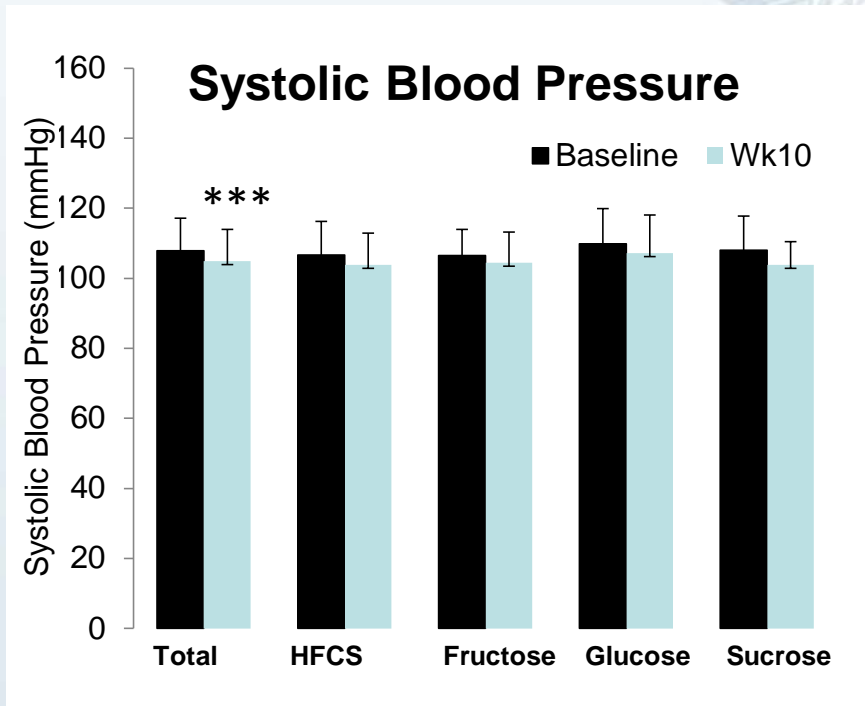
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## Effects of low fat milk sweetened with either HFCS or sucrose over 10 weeks at 8%, 18% or 30% of calories on Blood Pressure (N=352)



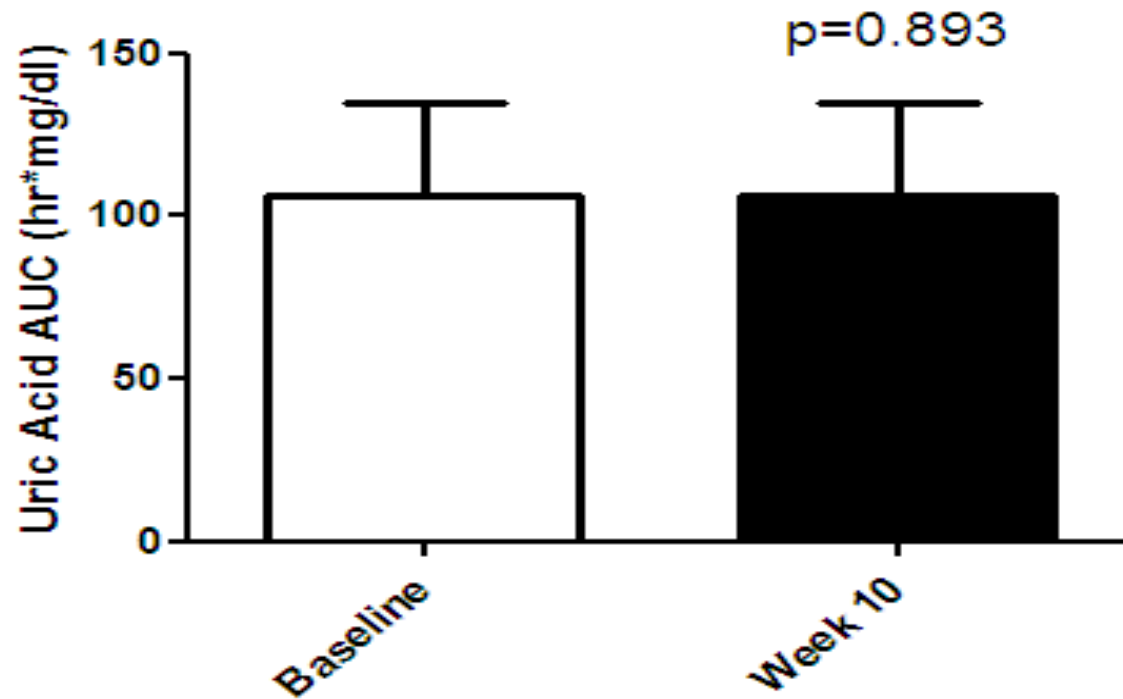
**Effects of low-fat milk sweetened with either HFCS at 18% of calories, Sucrose at 18% of calories, Fructose at 9% of calories or glucose at 9% of calories on Blood Pressure (N=123)**

# Blood Pressure



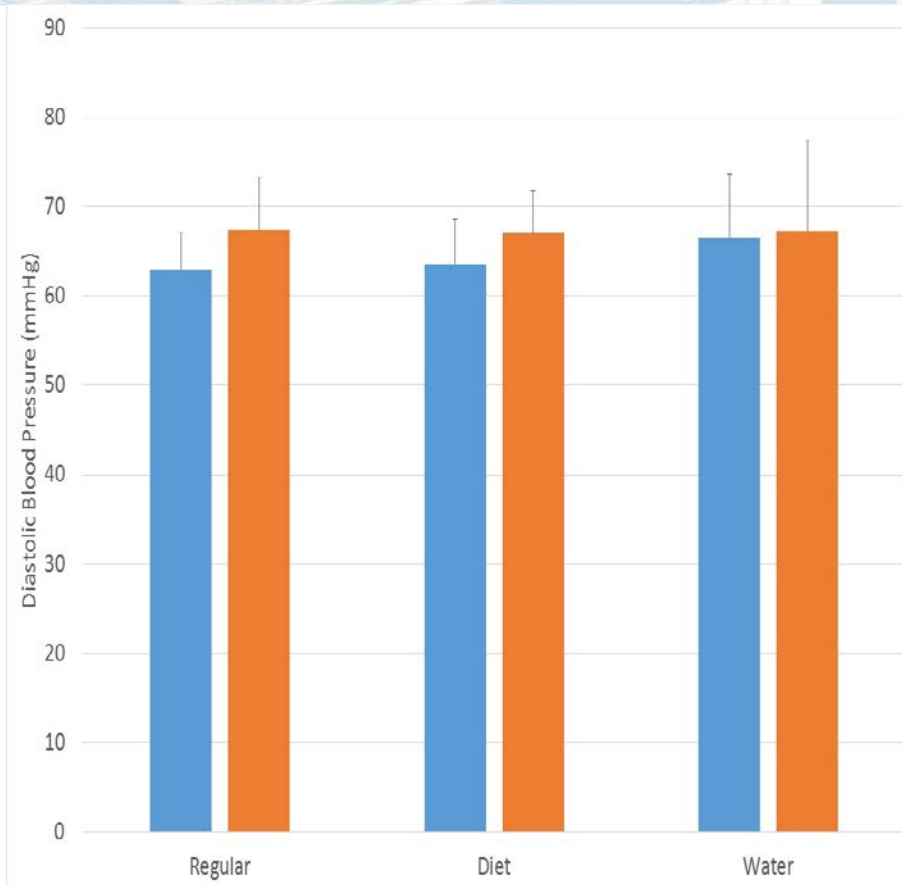
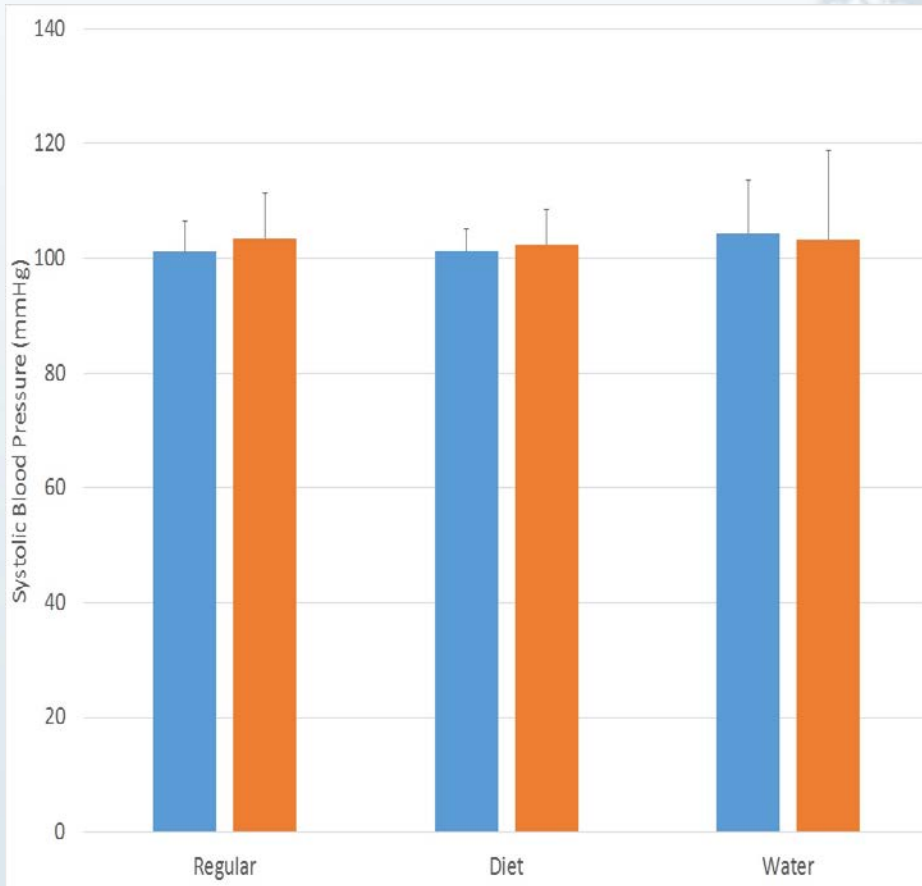
\*\*\* p<0.001, \* p<0.05

## Effects of consumption of low fat milk sweetened with either HFCS at 8%, 18% or 30% of calories on Uric Acid levels (N=98)



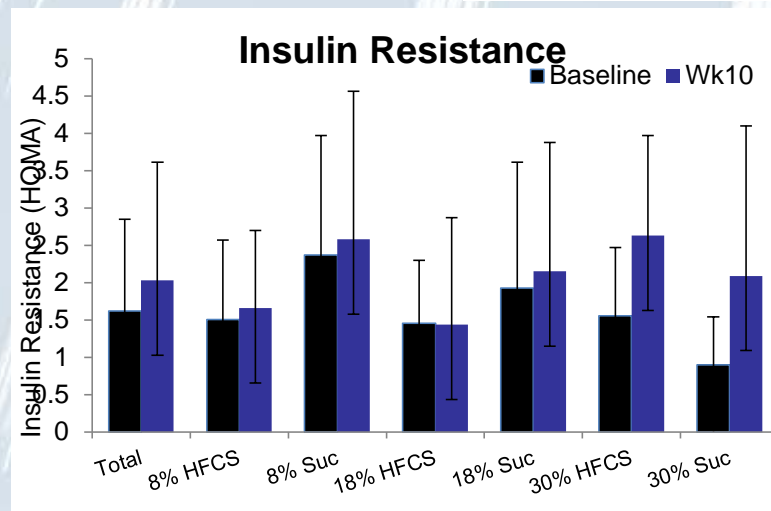
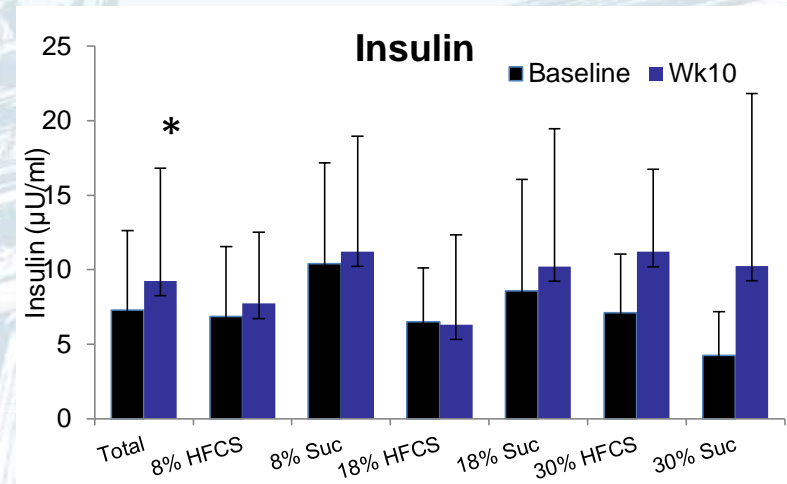
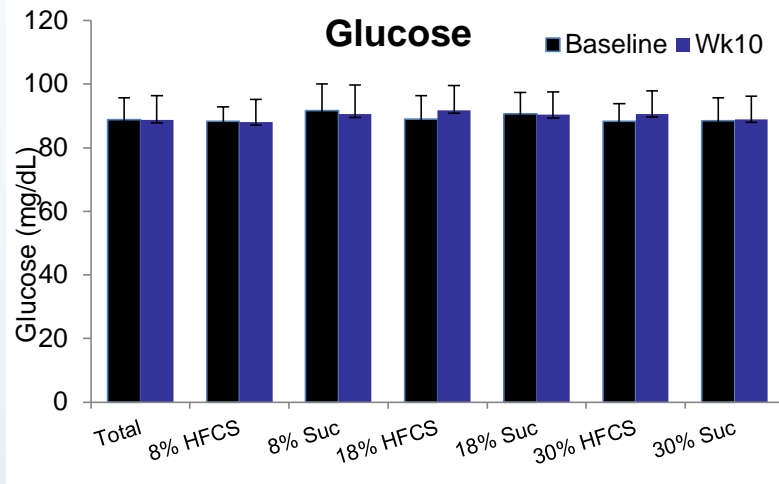


# Effects of SSB vs. NNS vs. H<sub>2</sub>O (710 ml/day for each beverage) on Blood Pressure (24 weeks; n=59)



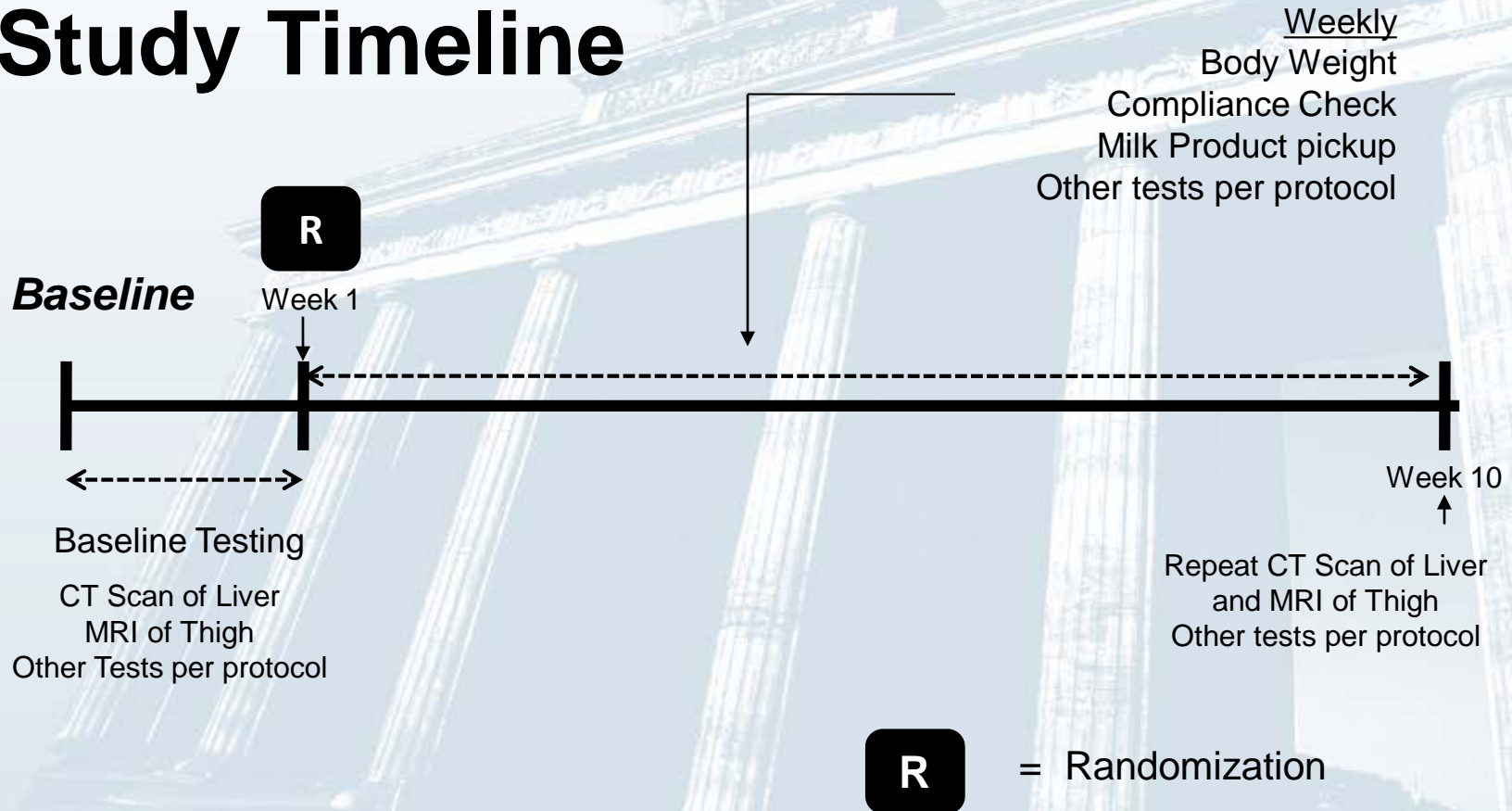
# Do fructose containing sugars or NNSs increase risk factors for diabetes?

## 6 Group Randomized Prospective, Double Blind Study Comparing HFCS to Sucrose at 8%, 18% and 30% of Calories

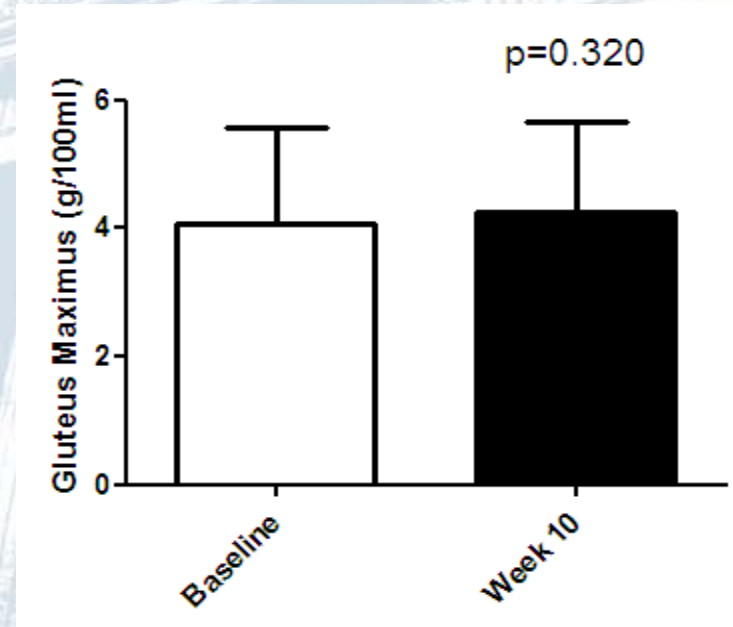
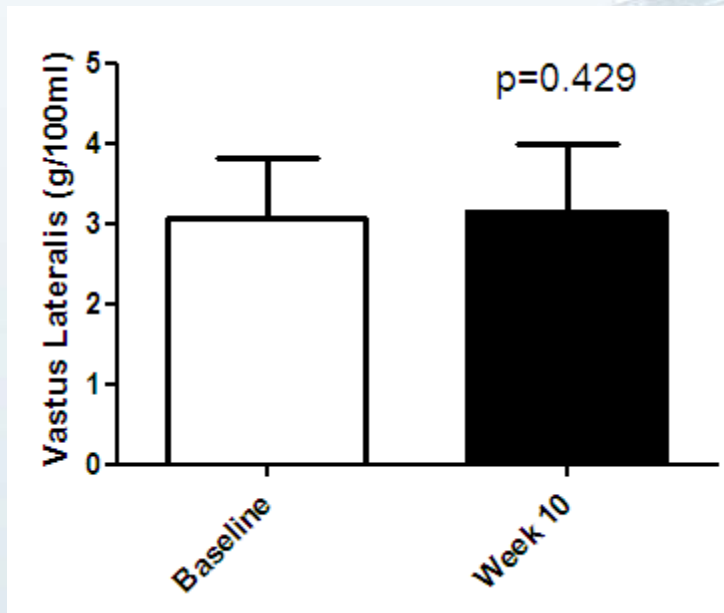


## Changes in skeletal muscle fat pre and post 10 week intervention of consuming either HFCS or Sucrose at 8%, 18% or 30% of calories (N=68)

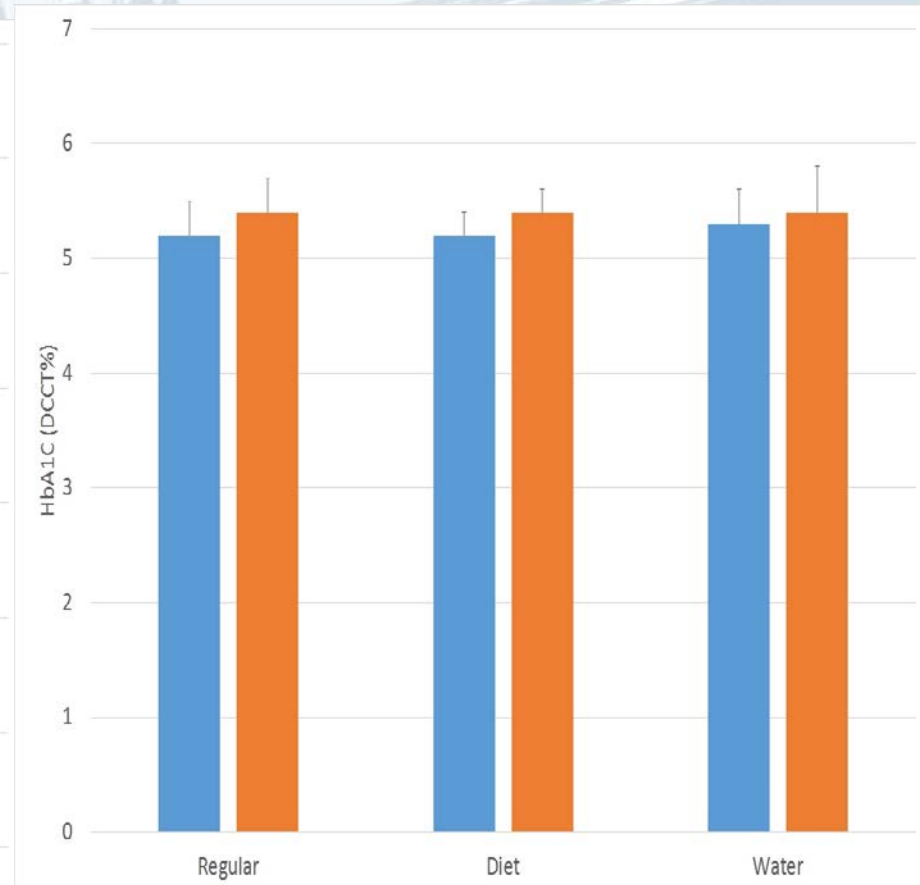
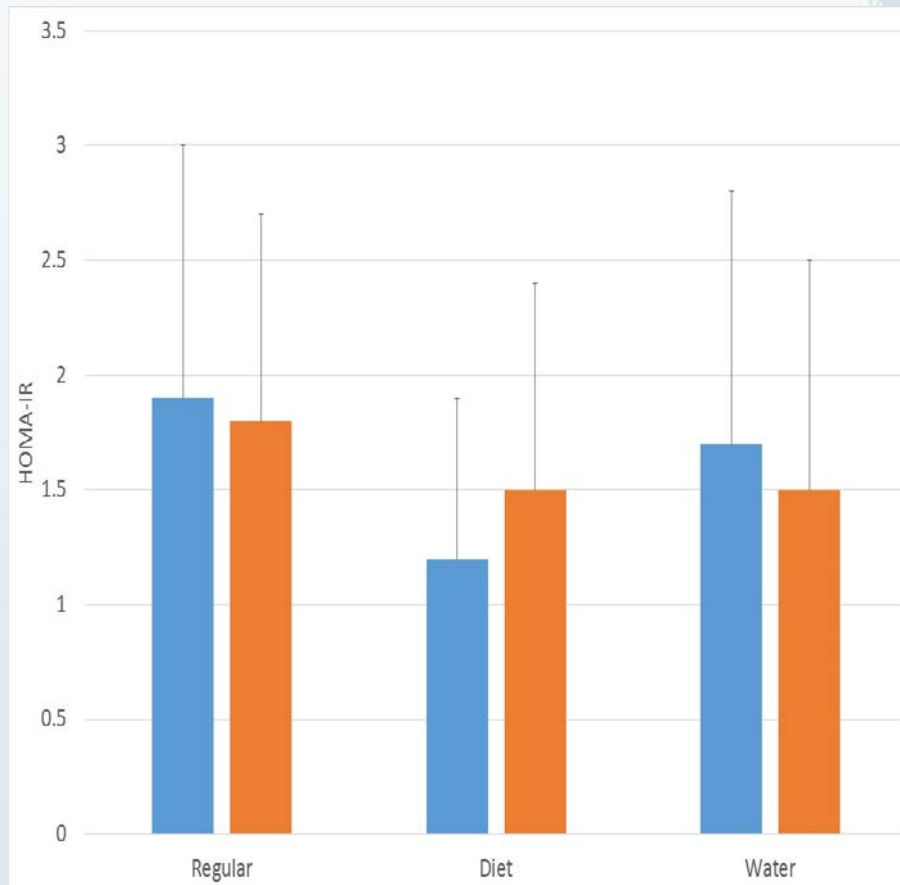
# Study Timeline



## Skeletal muscle fat pre and post 10 week intervention of consuming either HFCS or Sucrose at 8%, 18% or 30% of Calories (N=68)



# Effects of SSB vs NNS vs H<sub>2</sub>O (710ml/day for each beverage on risk factors for diabetes (24 weeks; n=59)



# Competing Recommendations for Upper Limit of Sugar Consumption

AHA: No more than 150 kcal/day for men; 100 kcal for women from added sugars

WHO: No more than 10% kcals from added sugars

SACN: Similar to WHO

DGAs 2010: No more than 25% kcals from added sugars

IOM Carb Report: No more than 25% kcals from added sugars

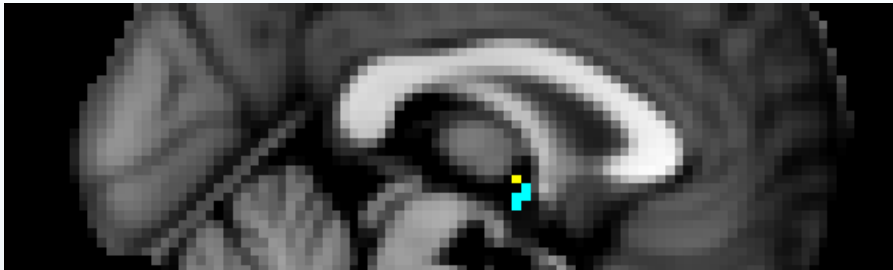
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DGAs 2015: ?

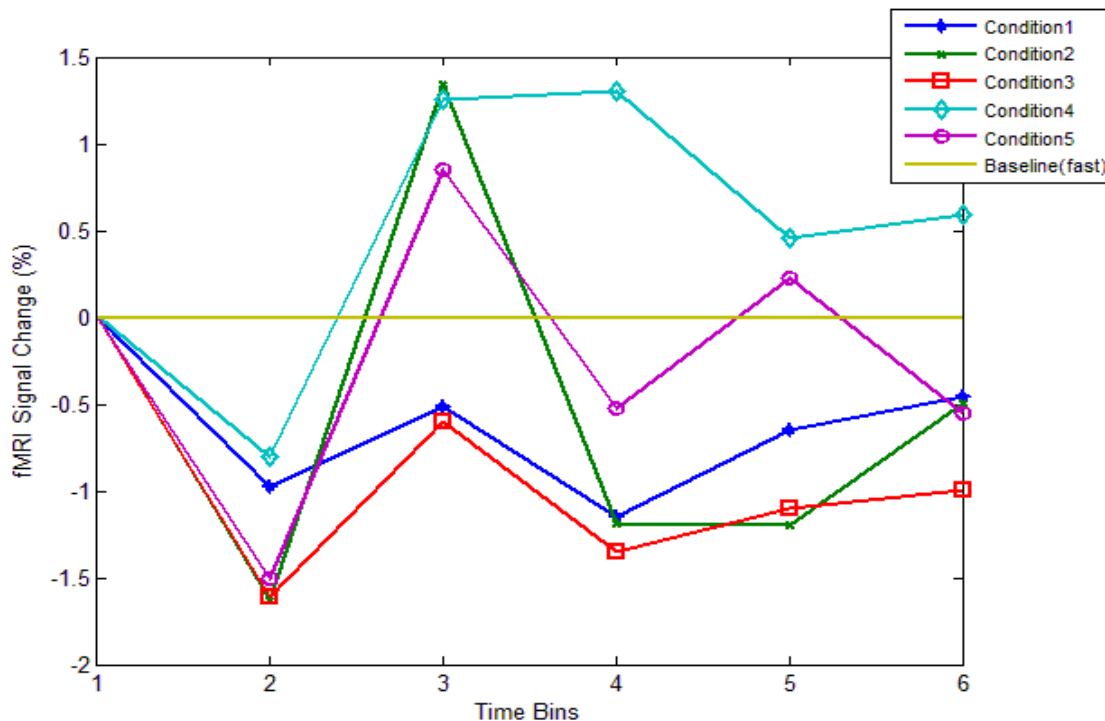
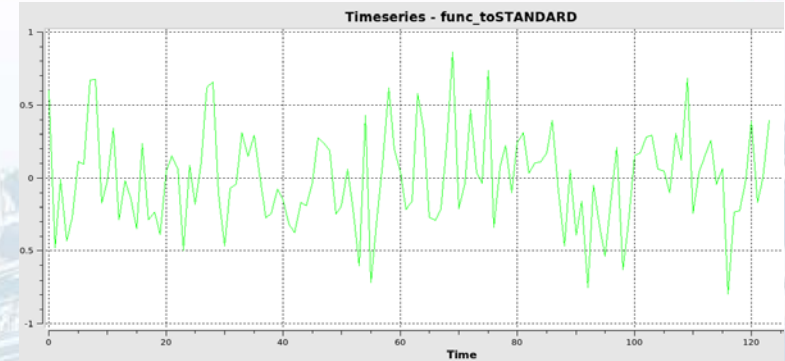
# Does consumption of fructose containing sugars or NNSs have different effects on neural pathways than glucose?



## Blue ROI from Page paper, used here



Different Time series extracted in different time bins in order to calculate the percent signal change



**Percent Signal Change (PSC) over 7 subjects**

- There are NO significant difference between each condition and baseline
- The baseline was established as the first acquisition of under the fast condition.
- The comparisons of each condition was done with reference to his baseline.
- From time bin 2 to 3 there is the feeding condition.

## Changes in Hypothalamic Blood Flow

### SSB vs Diet Beverage vs Water (710 ml; 24 weeks)

SSB  
(n=21)

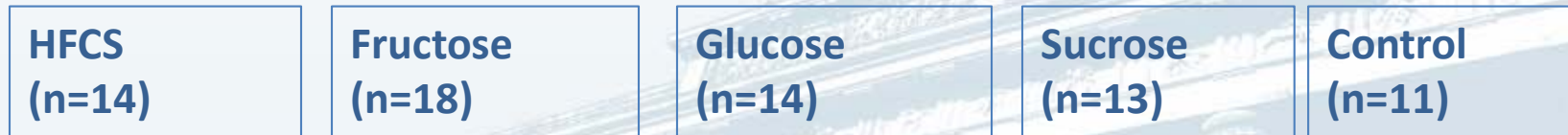
Diet Beverage  
(n=21)

Water  
(n=21)

No differences in changes in blood flow to the hypothalamus  
interaction group x condition ( $F=0.57$ ,  $p=0.56$ )

## Changes in Hypothalamic Blood Flow

HFCS 8% kcal vs Sucrose 18% kcal vs Fructose 9%  
kcal vs Glucose 9% kcal vs Control – Unsweetened  
(n=70)



No differences in changes in blood flow to  
the hypothalamus  
(interaction  $p > 0.05$ )

# Summary/Conclusions

Risk Factors for CVD within the normal range of human consumption (25<sup>th</sup> – 90<sup>th</sup> percentile population consumption: Results of acute studies and studies up to 10 weeks:

- No adverse effects on energy regulating hormones
- No adverse effects on lipids
- No adverse effects on blood pressure
- No increased risk of obesity (slight weight gain at highest level)
- No adverse effects on risk factors for diabetes
- No adverse effects on risk factors for the Metabolic syndrome
- No differences between HFCS, sucrose, fructose and glucose
- No differences between SSB, NNS and water on hypothalamic blood flow