

**Darmprobleme:
Welche Rolle spielen FODMAPS,
Proteinunverträglichkeit und Bewegung
bei Reizdarmsyndrom bei Athleten?“**



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Order of the day

Is the gut an athletic organ?*

1. Exercise and movement effects
2. Protein- gluten effects
3. FODMaP/fiber effects

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No Guts No Glory

- Whom of you did never vomit?
- Whom of you did never have a watery poop?



So, you know what is it about?

Be ready, Shit happens...

Case 1

- Undesired external circumstances that are difficult to avoid but can make you sick....

Case 1: Sometimes in swimming: often swallowing salt, dirty water



**Diana Nyad completes 110-mile swim from
Cuba to Florida despite 'vomiting
constantly'**

The 64-year-old Nyad wore a special mask to fend off jellyfish. The mask was successful, but nauseated her. 'I was sick as a dog,' she said.

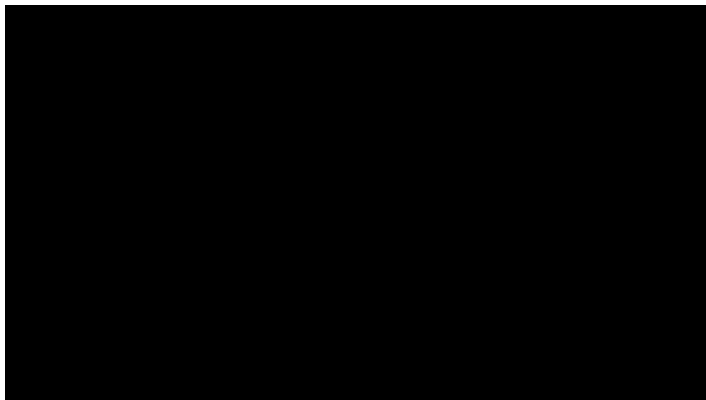
Case 2

High intensity exercise of long duration, leading to:

- Dehydration,
- Increased body temperature (up to >40 Celsius)
- Exertion

can create vomiting and diarrhea, sometimes bloody

Case 2, beyond limits



Case 3- 6

- Intensive exercise with continuous vertical movements/
shaking of the gastrointestinal tract will lead to more
problems than "gliding sports" with no shaking, eg. cycling/

Case 3; More in runners due to “gut shaking”



Case 4: when the shit hits the fan... sometimes lower gut “failure”..



Case 5: Least in “gliding sports”



Gastrointestinal disorders during exercise:

> 40% of participants in intensive endurance events

- more at > 60%VO₂max
- Running > cycling
- Women > men
- Adults > youngsters
- Dehydrated > Hydrated
- Heat > Cold



Complex etiology !

Case 6

- Environmental conditions impacting on fluid needs may play a significant role on stress and GI effects

Case 6: Swiss alpine marathon Davos, valley 30° +, top - 2° Celcius



Case 7

- Team sports: an exception but it may happen..

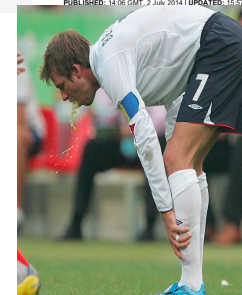
Case 7 : Sometimes in team sports

Lionel Messi vomiting a concern for Barcelona coach Gerardo Martino



Jan Vertonghen follows in the footsteps of David Beckham, Zinedine Zidane and Lionel Messi... by vomiting on the pitch

By JOHN DRAYTON FOR MAIL ONLINE
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Often due to "too concentrated" sports drinks

Case 8

- Heat exhaustion is a major contributor to GI stress, even if the overall exercise intensity is relatively moderate, but heat exposure is very long: eg. > 5 hrs of tennis
- → GI-Distress + frequent drinking → reflux / vomiting

Case 8: sometimes in Tennis in the Heat



Case 9

Worst scenario: severe dehydration in the heat....

Case 9: “lost” in dehydration, hyperthermia, intestinal cramps and desorientation



Would they do it better better without guts....?

Case 10

- High pressure on the stomach will push contents either into the gut or back to the mouth, the latter more likely due to a lower sphincter pressure in the oesophagus, compared to gastric sphincter

Case 10: high stomach pressure



Symptomatology classification



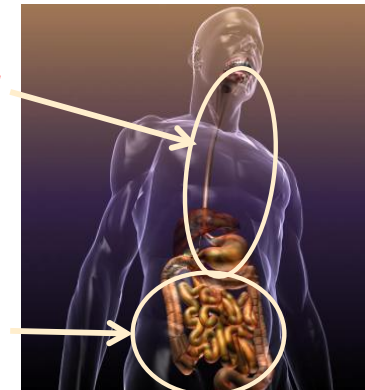
Classification:

'Upper gastrointestinal' disorders:

- reflux
- gastric cramps
- vomiting

'Lower gastrointestinal' disorders:

- bloating
- urge to defecate
- intestinal cramp
- diarrhea (sometimes bloody)

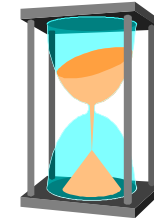


Effect of exercise on motility and transit

- Mental/physical stress
 - Hormone secretion
 - Nervous activity
- Motility, secretion, absorption
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- Reduction in GI tone
- Delayed Gastric emptying, reflux, vomiting
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- Reduction in small bowel motility
 - Reduction in small bowel tran
 - Increased secretion
 - Enhanced large bowel transit
 - Mechanical influences
- Loose stools, urge to defecate

Intestinal transit

- Stomach- small intestine 4 – 8 hours
- COLON 24 – 72 hours
- **Whole gut transit 28 – 80 hours**



Majority of studies show that intensive exercise:

- reduces upper GI motility/propulsion
- delays small bowel transit
- BUT reduces overall GI transit time => enhances fecal delivery

Whole gut transit is affected by many variables

Factors impacting on whole gut mean transit time (MTT)

- Eating → food intake volume/weight
- Diet composition, fibers quantity and quality
- Absorption/secretion
- Bacterial metabolism
- Colonic anatomy
- Posture
- Sleep
- Stress: mental/physical
- Travelling: changes of climate, food, drink
- Antibiotics use
-other

Exercise induces reflux

Exercise can decrease Lower Esophageal Sphincter (LES) pressure.

- High intensity exercise > low intensity.
- Running > cycling.

Gastric emptying

- **Training status** no effect
- **Emotion/mental stress** delayed GE
- **Intensity :**
 - $\leq 70\% \text{ VO}_2\text{max}$ no effect
 - $\geq 70\% \text{ VO}_2\text{max}$ delayed GE
- **Carbohydrate content**
 - $\leq 50\text{g}$ glucose, $\leq 70\text{g}$ di-, oligo-, polysacch → no - minor effects
 - $> 50\text{g}$ glucose, $> 70\text{g}$ di-, oligo-, polysacch → delayed GE, reflux, vomiting

Hemodynamics during exercise

- Plasma norepinephrine ↑
- Heart frequency ↑
- Oxygen consumption ↑
- Mixed venous oxygen content ↓
- Blood preference for muscle and skin



Mesenteric artery blood flow (MAB)

	Exercise Intensity	MAB
Quamar, Read 1987	60-80% Vo2 max	43% reduction
Khel et al 1986	70% Vo2 max	80% reduction

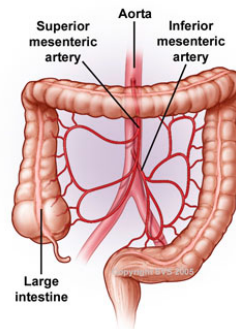
→ Hypovolemia- hypoperfusion effects

HYPOVOLEMIA- GUT EFFECTS

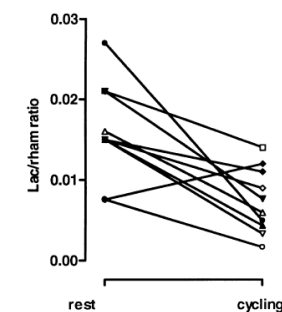
Blood flow ↓↓
Oxygen / energy delivery ↓↓

- HCl neutralization reduction
- Increased free radical formation
- Sodium/potassium pumping failure
- Gastrointestinal hormone responses

- Increased fluid secretion → diarrhea
- Leaky gut symptoms
- Lesions
- Necrosis → Blood loss

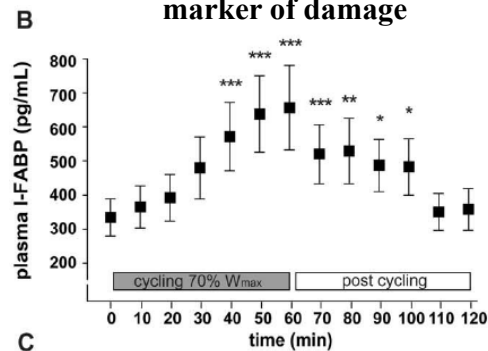


Intense cycling induces increased gut permeability



Van Nieuwenhoven, Brouns. Neurogastroenterol. Mot. (1999) 11, 431- 439

Intestinal Fatty Acid binding protein release as marker of damage



Plasma IFABP levels reflect the development of intestinal epithelial cell damage during cycling and post cycling in healthy volunteers (n = 20)

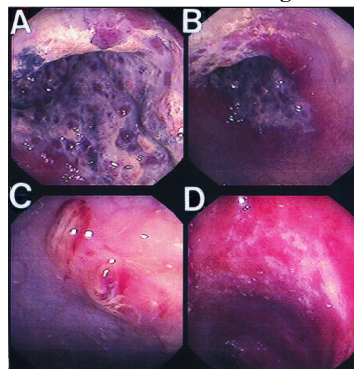
Van Wijck et al. 2011 PLOS 1 open access: DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0022366

Ischemic colitis in marathon runners: A case-based review

- Reported incidence of occult blood: ranges from 8–85%!
- 16% of runners in an interview study reported bloody diarrhea on at least one occasion after a race
- Ischemia can occur in the entire gastrointestinal tract.
- Endoscopy after a race has found a high rate of gastritis
- True incidence of ischemic colitis in endurance athletes is not known.

Leon D. Sanchez, *The Journal of Emergency Medicine*, Volume 30, Issue 3, April 2006, Pages 321–326

Reversible ischemic colitis in a high endurance athlete



Endoscopic findings of ischemic colitis. Sigmoid colon with segmental narrowing, marked hyperemia, submucosal hemorrhage, nodularity, and fibrinopurulent exudate (A, B). Focal inflammatory changes in rectum (C). Region of moderately severe segmental colitis in rectosigmoid junction (D).

American Journal of Gastroenterology (1998) 93, 2231–2234; doi:10.1111/j.1572-0241.1998.00621.x

Diet, exercise and gut health

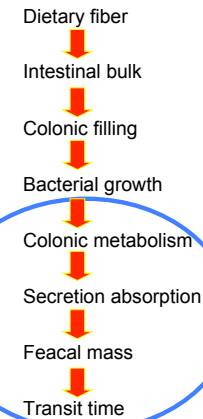
- Significant diet change
- Role of FODMAPs
- Effects of gluten and wheat



Some endurance athletes periodically change diet habits dramatically..... with the risk of Gastrointestinal Problems

- Periods with low fat/ high glycemic CHO
- Periods with High fat / low CHO – low fiber intake
- Periods with high/low fiber intake

Diet composition affects volume and transit



The good, the bad and the ugly in our gut



Gas in the gut during exercise is no fun !

What symptoms are associated with ingestion of fiber?

- Tolerance of rapidly fermentable fibers (FODMaPs)
 - Bloating
 - Flatulence
 - Laxation

Athletes “fibre paradox”

Use regular fiber rich meals BUT avoid high fiber of FODMaPs during the last 24 hrs prior to exhausting RUNNING endurance exercise!

FODMAP: Fermentable oligosaccharides, disaccharides, monosaccharides and polyols

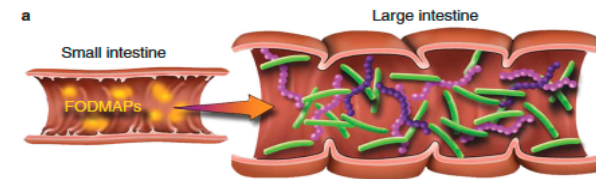
Table 1. FODMAP carbohydrates and their richest food sources.

FODMAP	Richest food sources
Fructo-oligosaccharides (fructans)	Wheat, rye, onions, garlic, artichokes
Galacto-oligosaccharides (GOS)	Legumes
Lactose	Milk
Fructose	Honey, apples, pears, watermelon, mango
Sorbitol	Apples, pears, stone fruits, sugar-free mints/gums
Mannitol	Mushrooms, cauliflower, sugar-free mints/gums

Small non-absorbable molecules that rapidly ferment induce osmotic laxation and rapid gas production → bloating, loose stools, cramps

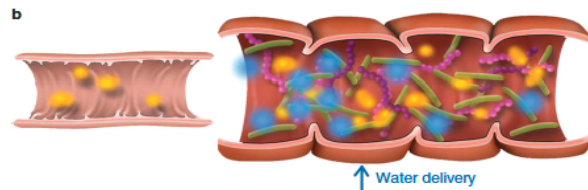
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FODMAPs rapid fermentation effects



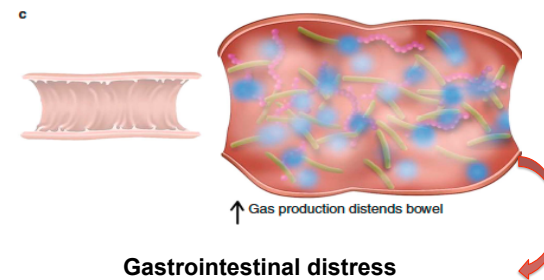
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FODMAPs rapid fermentation effects



Gastrointestinal distress
Restlessness
Poor sleep
→ Fatigue
→ During exercise urge to defecate, cramps, ..

IBS patients say they feel better when avoiding FODMAPS

- **BUT, how many persons have IBS?**
- **In fact, all fermentable oligosaccharides are prebiotics that selectively stimulate the growth of friendly bacteria, improve mucus formation and gut barrier function**
- **Should all of you avoid FODMaPs?.....stop eating bread...?**

The Dietary Fibers–FODMAPs Controversy

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Holland



Belgium



England

Cereal Foods World issue May/June 2017, Vol 62, nr 3, p 98-103

FODMaPs: *What is known:*

- Dietary fibers and prebiotics are important for improving gut health and increased consumption is generally recommended
- Avoidance of FODMaPs is being recommended for persons suffering from irritable bowel syndrome, to alleviate abdominal distress due to intestinal gas production and fluid shifts, leading to bloating
- Small osmotic effects and gas formation are normal processes in the healthy gut, and are not disease symptoms.
- Cereals contain a small quantity of rapidly fermentable carbohydrates

FODMaPs: *What is new/needs attention:*

- Avoidance of fermentable dietary fibers may impair favorable gut flora metabolism, gut function and health
- Skipping grains from the diet for reasons of FODMaPs means also skipping of a whole range of other components known to be beneficial
- Increasingly FODMaPs free foods are being marketed and promoted to the general public. A hype seems developing.
- FODMaPs avoidance, to relief intestinal discomfort, is only recommended on a personal basis and under medical/dietetic control.



Murray GF killed me!



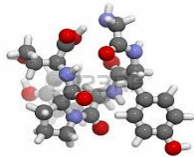
Do consumers know what gluten is.....?



Does she know?



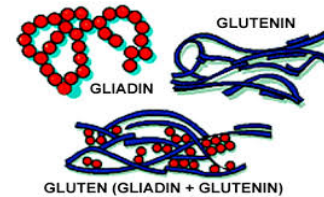
Gluten exorphins (opioids) are n3+ peptides that are not absorbed



Gly-Tyr-Tyr-Pro-Thr-Ser
Gly-Tyr-Tyr-Pro-Thr
gluten exorphin A5
Gly-Tyr-Tyr-Pro
gluten exorphin A4
Arg-Tyr-Tyr-Pro
Ser-Tyr-Tyr-Pro
Trp-Tyr-Tyr-Pro
Tyr-Tyr-Pro-Thr
Tyr-Tyr-Pro
Gly-Tyr-Tyr

Tyr-Gly-Gly-Trp-Leu
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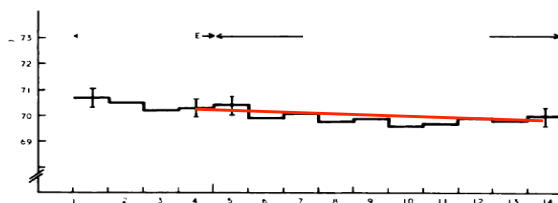
What is gluten?



A protein that after addition of water and kneading forms an elastic network in the dough.
It entraps gases that are formed during the yeast/sourdough fermentation → balloon effect → rising of the dough

A 50 days wheat gluten ONLY diet did NOT raise BW

- Control phase, 20 days subjects received a normal-type diet → 12.2g N/day, 45% from animal sources: milk, eggs, and meat
- Experimental phase 50 days → 11.8g N/day, of which, 90-95% was derived from commercial wheat



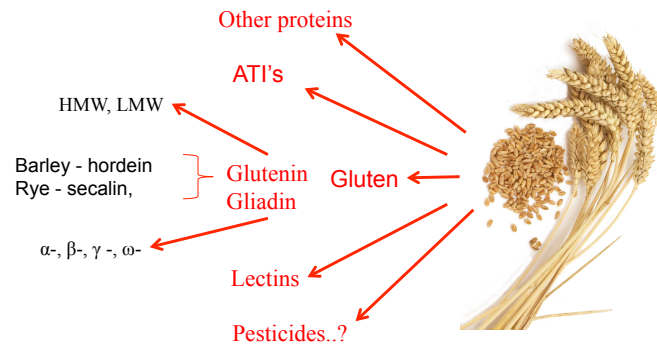
Specific fragments of gluten protein are not digested by human intestinal enzymes.

In some persons, having a specific genetic background, this can lead to celiac disease, a gut wall disease



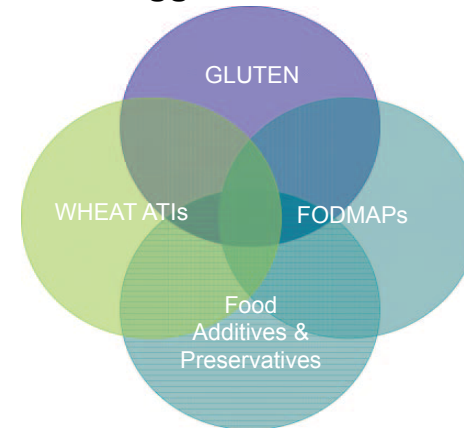
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Suggested wheat sick makers



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Triggers of NCGS



Content of FODMaPS in wheat products is low

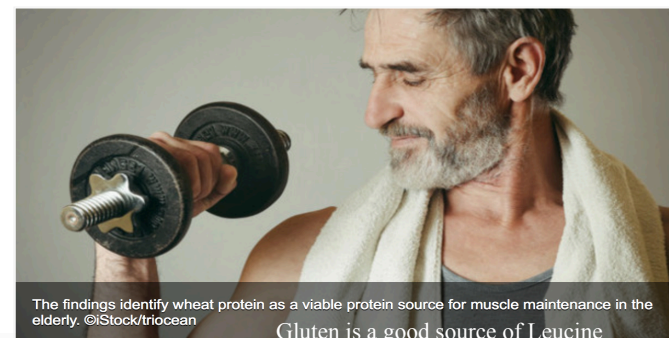
- Fructans in bread → 0.1- 0.5g/ 2 slices of bread
- Fructans breakfast cereals → 1.0 g/cup (35-50g)
- Fructans in pasta → 0.5g /portion-cup (148g)



Wheat protein rivals whey for muscle growth, study suggests

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Let's cook some final considerations



- Gastrointestinal problems occur in > 40% of endurance athletes
- Triggering factors are type of exercise, intensity and duration → dehydration, hypertonic drinks, diet changes
- Gluten is not a cause of GI problems in athletes unless celiac disease is present (1% population)
- Some people may be wheat sensitive without celiac disease (4-6%)
- FODMAPs are good prebiotics but may cause distress in IBS

Fred
answer me
please...?



Any questions?

Does wheat make us fat and sick?

Brouns F. et al, 2014
DOI: 10.1016/j.jcs.2013.06.002

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