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## Food-first approach to healthy aging

New research exploring functional agri-foods



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Enhancing the quality of life and care of older adults through partnerships in research, *education* and *practice*.



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**Improving the health and well-being of older adults through the innovative use of food.**

**1 of 10 theme areas within Schlegel-UW Research Institute for Aging (RIA).**

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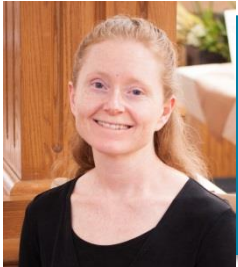
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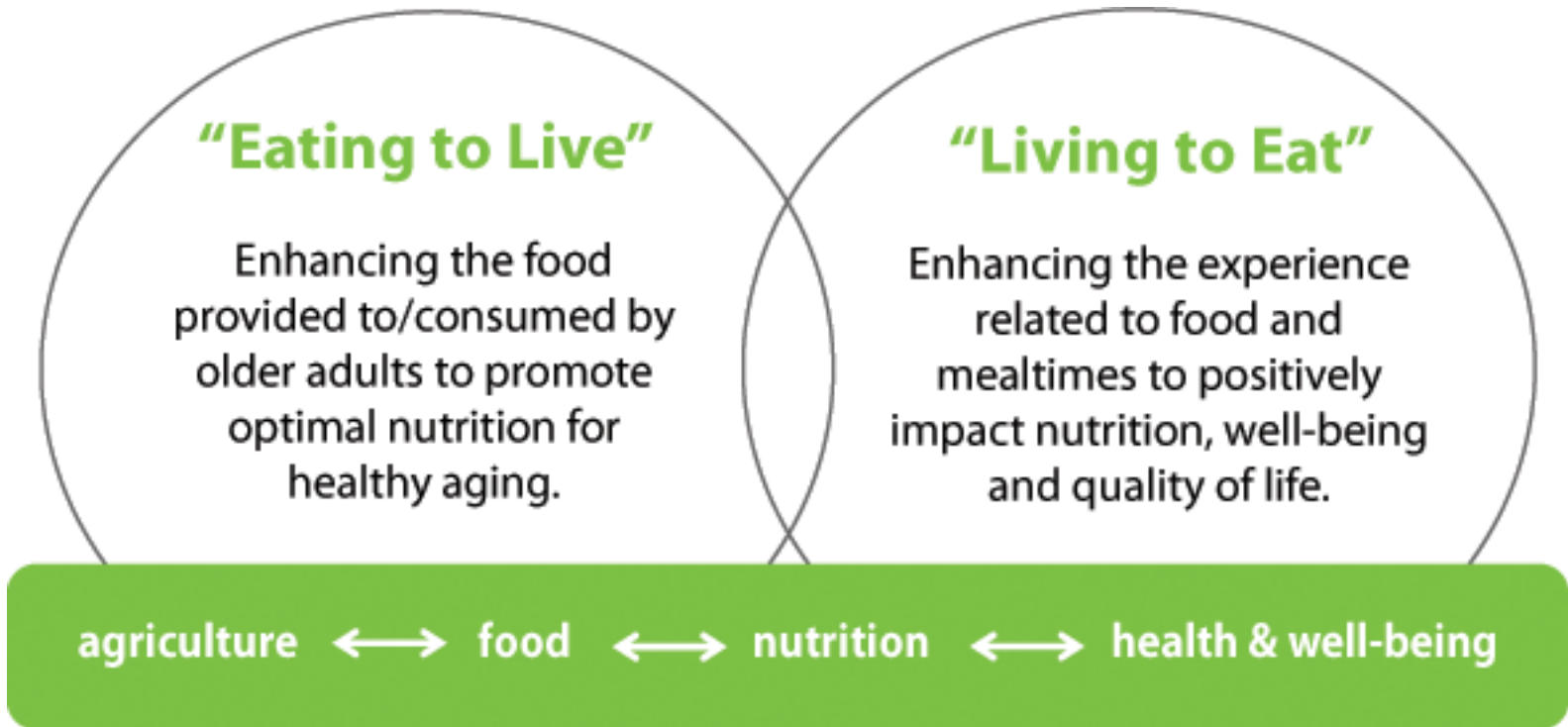


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# Functional Foods and Healthy Aging: Resistant Starch Bagels for Diabetes



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# Presentation Outline

- Background
  - Aging and Health
  - Functional Foods
- Research Update
  - The Better Bagel Study
  - Methods and Results
- Summary Notes



# Aging is Becoming More Common



- Aging of the population will accelerate over the next 3 decades
- The number of Canadian adults >65 years old is projected to increase from 4.2 to 9.8 million between 2005 and 2036
- The “older adults” share of the population will increase from 13.2 to 24.5%

# Dr. David Butler Jones' Report: Canadians are living longer

## Golden years shining brighter: Canadian seniors living longer, better

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Canada's seniors are living longer and are vastly less likely to struggle with poverty than they were three decades ago, but there's work to be done in areas such as diagnosing and treating mental illness, reducing social isolation and combating the "mythology" of aging, Canada's chief public health officer said. File photo.

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Golden years shining brighter: Canadian seniors living longer, better

Ottawa Citizen, Canada  
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B.C. residents living longer, healthier  
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- 2010 report on the State of Public Health in Canada focused on aging and seniors
- By 2050, more than 25% of population will be over 65 years old
- Life expectancy is rising at 78 for men, 83 for women
- Chronic health conditions:
  - 89% have  $\geq 1$
  - 25% have  $\geq 4$
- 37% taken steps to improve their health

*Canada.com, October 29, 2010*

# Healthy Aging: Food, Nutrition and Health

- Relation of nutrients to health has evolved
  - Traditionally prevent deficiency disease
  - Now includes prevention of chronic disease
  - Evolution manifests in numerous policies
- Key example is advance of functional foods
  - Extension of how we relate food and food constituents to health
  - Major influence on research activity in food, nutrition and health

# What are Functional Foods?

Simplest definition: Foods that may provide health benefits beyond basic nutrition

- Conventional food form
- Specific bioactive constituent
  - enhanced content in the food
  - added to the food
- Biological rationale to relate to health

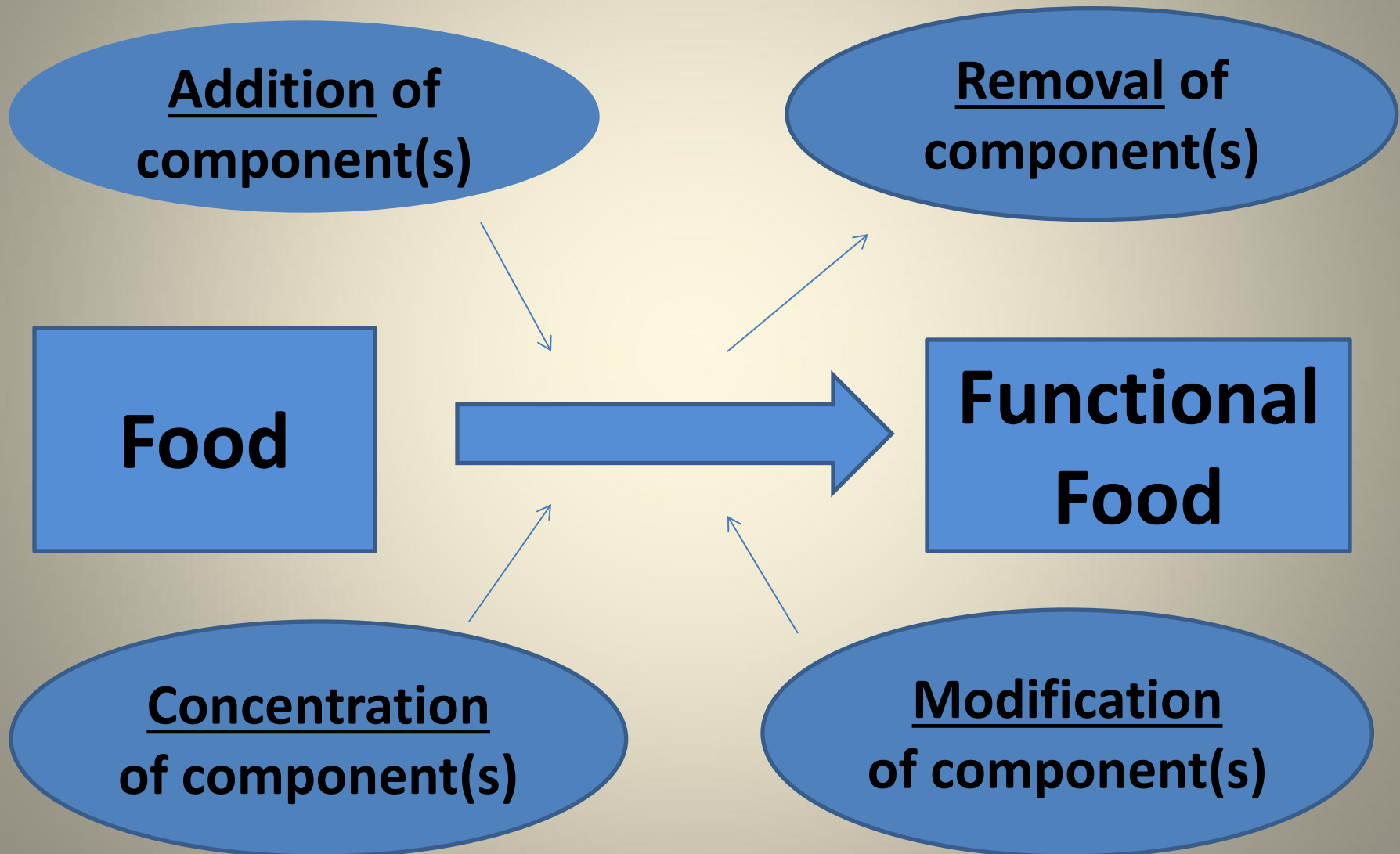


# Functional Foods: Health Canada Definition

- A *functional food* is similar in appearance to, or may be, a conventional food that is consumed as part of a usual diet, and is demonstrated to have physiological benefits and/or reduce the risk of chronic disease beyond basic nutritional functions, i.e. they contain bioactive compound



# What are Functional Foods?



# Advance of Functional Foods

- Advance of functional foods has created opportunity but also challenges for stakeholders
  - Researchers
  - Government
  - Industry
  - Health Professionals
  - Consumers
- Food and health also relies on BASICS and FUNDAMENTALS of healthy eating

# Functional Food Research Example

## Resistant Starch Bagels for Diabetes and Satiety



## RESEARCH EXAMPLE

# Resistant Starch Bagels for Diabetes and Satiety

Maize high in resistant starch (RS) from Plant Agriculture

Bagels produced by Canada Bread using high-RS corn flour

Human study to test effect of bagels on risk factors of diabetes and satiety



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# Background: Type 2 Diabetes

- Type 2 diabetes (T2D) is widespread in Canada
- T2D can be prevented with diet (CDA, 2012)



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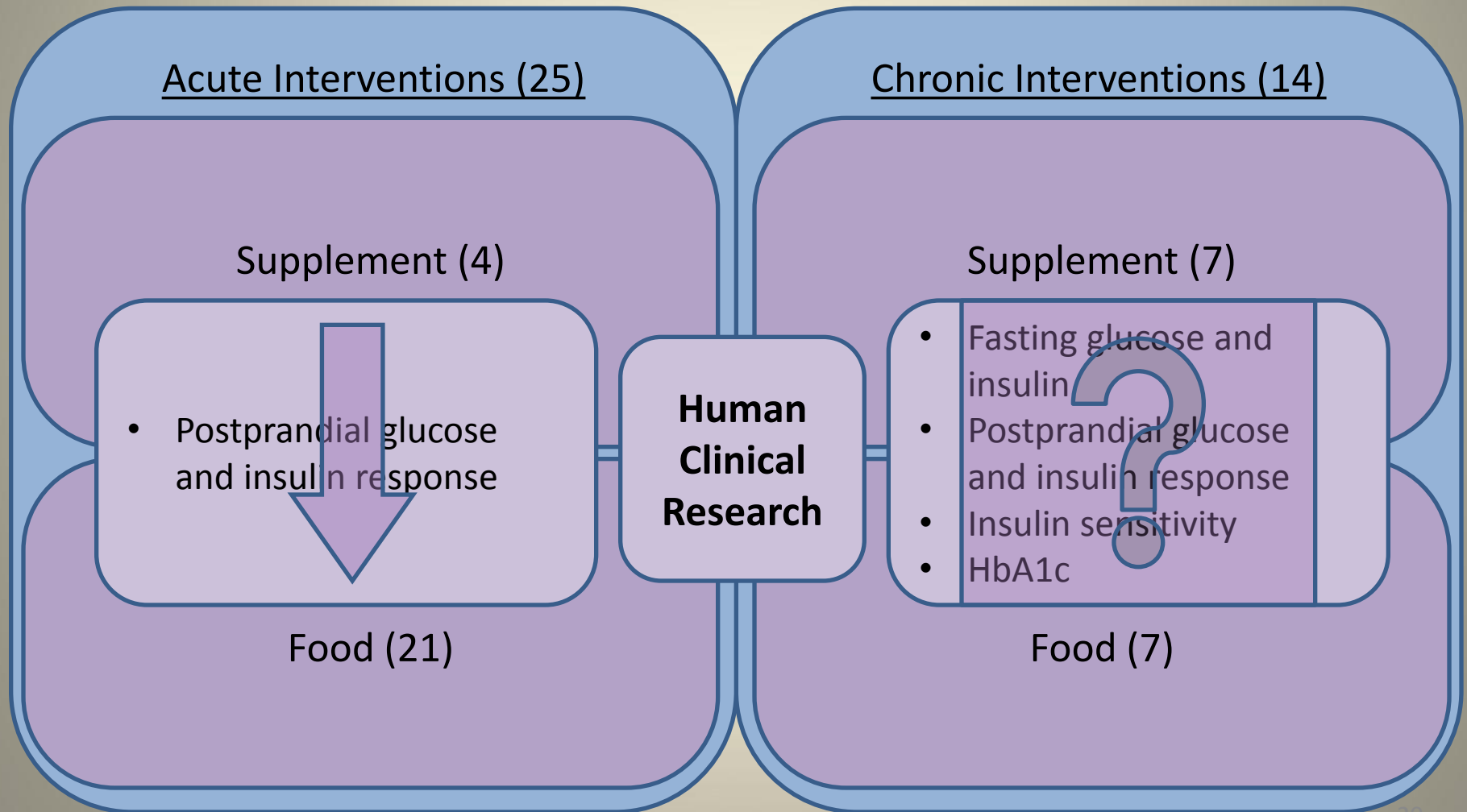
- Increased dietary fibre related to reduced risk of T2D (Schulze et al, 2007)
- Canadians do not consume enough dietary fibre (Health Canada, 2012) which highlights opportunity for functional foods
- Resistant starch is high-fibre ingredient that can be used in functional foods

# Resistant Starch

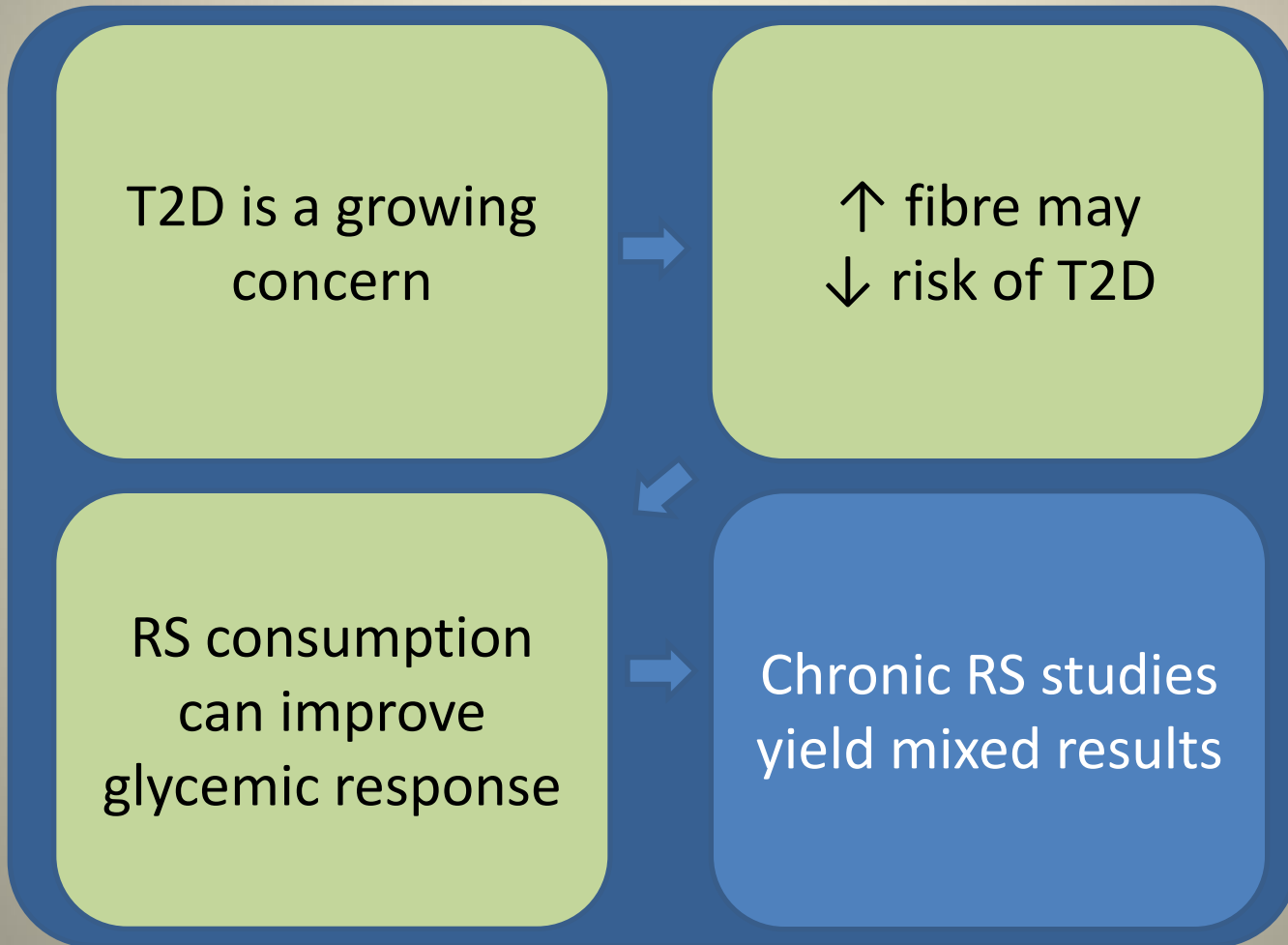
- Resistant starch (RS) is a starch that behaves like a fibre
  - Resistant to digestive enzymes
  - Fermented in the large intestine by bacteria
- 4 Subtypes
  - RS<sub>1</sub> -Starch is protected from digestion by intact cell walls
  - RS<sub>2</sub> -Conformation of starch within granule limits enzyme access
  - RS<sub>3</sub> -Starch is retrograded by repeated heating and cooling
  - RS<sub>4</sub> -Starch is retrograded by chemical processing
- RS<sub>2</sub> occurs naturally in low levels in corn, some legumes and unripe bananas (Fuentes-Zaragoza, 2012)
  - Corn developed that is ↑ in RS<sub>2</sub>, which can be processed into flour and incorporated into high-fibre baked products
  - Human studies have examined effects of RS-foods on glycemic response



# Resistant Starch and Glycemic Response: Human Evidence



# Summary of Research Rationale



# Study Purpose and Hypotheses

- **Purpose:**

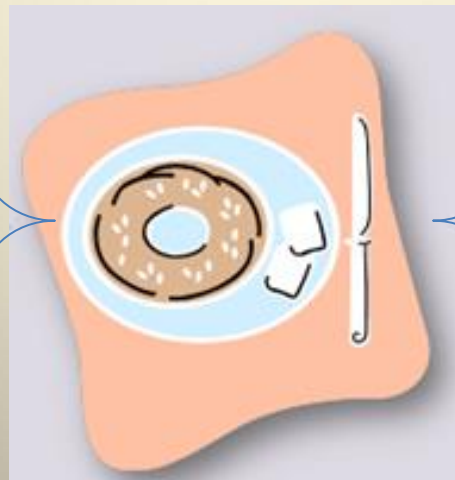
- To determine if 8 weeks of daily consumption of bagels that contain RS will significantly improve markers of T2D in adults at increased risk for T2D
- To determine RS bagel acceptance and tolerability

- **Hypotheses:**

1 bagel (25 g RS) /day

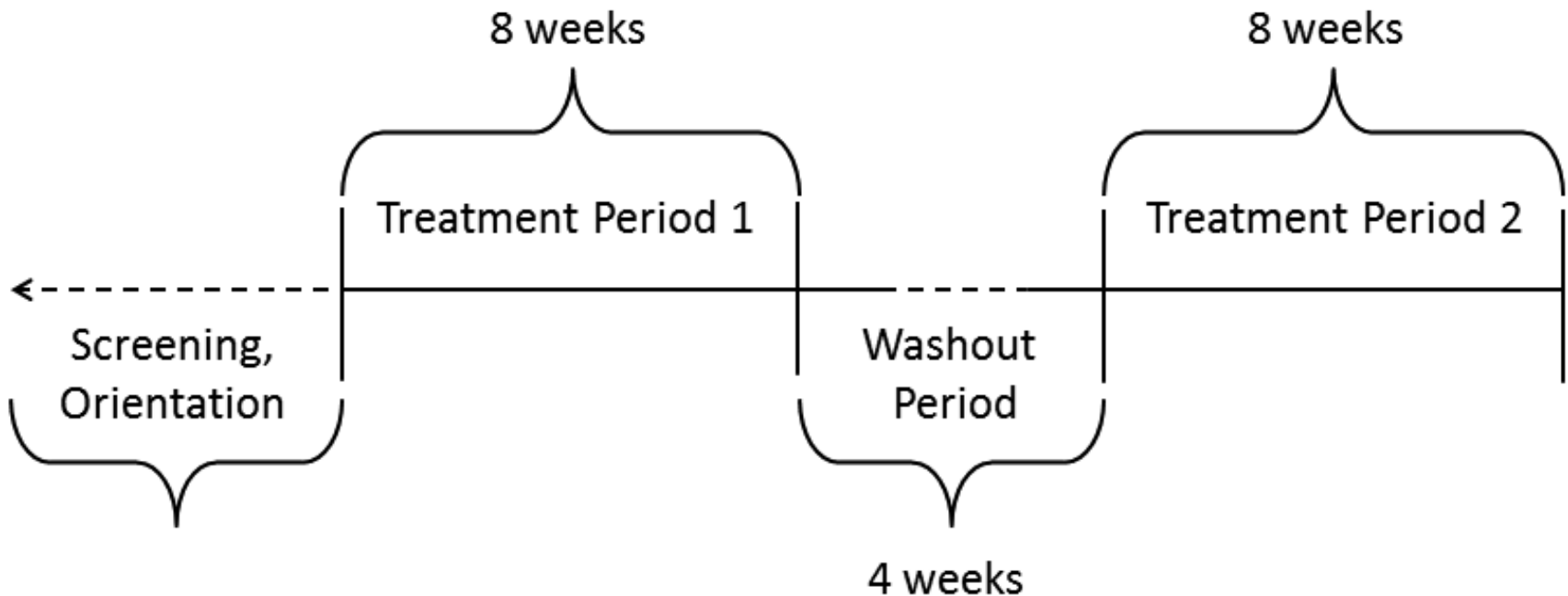
8 weeks

High T2D risk adults



- ↓ fasting glucose and insulin
- ↓ postprandial glucose and insulin
- ↓ HbA1c
- Acceptable and well tolerated

# Better Bagel Study: Study Design



**Randomized**



**Double-blind**



**Cross-over**

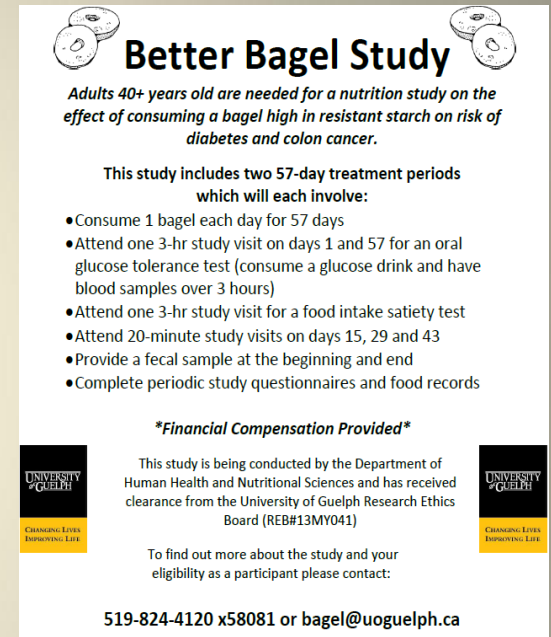


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# Participant Recruitment and Screening

- Recruitment goal: 25 participants
- Recruitment
  - Newspaper ads
  - Posters
  - Radio ads
  - Online and social media
  - Word of mouth
  - UofG department emails
- Generally healthy, increased risk for T2D
- Screening
  - 3-step process designed to be efficient:
    - 1 - Telephone questionnaire
    - 2 - In-person, in-depth questionnaires, body measurements, CANRISK questionnaire
    - 3 - Fasting blood sample
- 25 participants were enrolled



**Better Bagel Study**

*Adults 40+ years old are needed for a nutrition study on the effect of consuming a bagel high in resistant starch on risk of diabetes and colon cancer.*

This study includes two 57-day treatment periods which will each involve:

- Consume 1 bagel each day for 57 days
- Attend one 3-hr study visit on days 1 and 57 for an oral glucose tolerance test (consume a glucose drink and have blood samples over 3 hours)
- Attend one 3-hr study visit for a food intake satiety test
- Attend 20-minute study visits on days 15, 29 and 43
- Provide a fecal sample at the beginning and end
- Complete periodic study questionnaires and food records

**\*Financial Compensation Provided\***

This study is being conducted by the Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences and has received clearance from the University of Guelph Research Ethics Board (REB#13MY041)

To find out more about the study and your eligibility as a participant please contact:

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# Study Treatments

- Bagel recipe based on previous University of Guelph research (MacNeil 2013)
  - 60% flour substituted with Hi-Maize® 260
  - source of RS from high-amylose maize

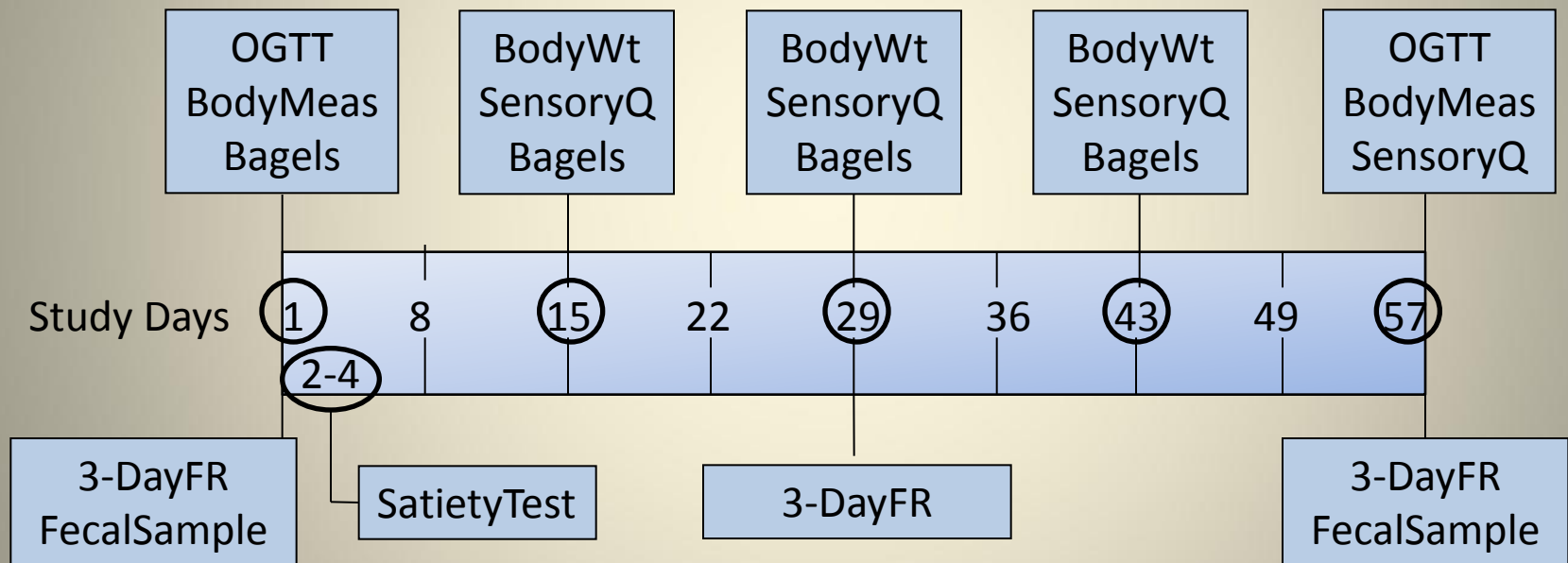
## Study bagel nutritional composition (per bagel)

	Control Bagel (124.2 g)	RS Bagel (119.8 g)
Energy (kcal)	314.2	228.2
Fat (g)	1.99	1.44
Protein (g)	11.4	8.75
Total Carbohydrates (g)	63.9	57.9
Total Dietary Fibre (g)	2.61	25.6
Resistant Starch	6.83	25.4



# METHODS: Data Collection

## Data Collection Schedule

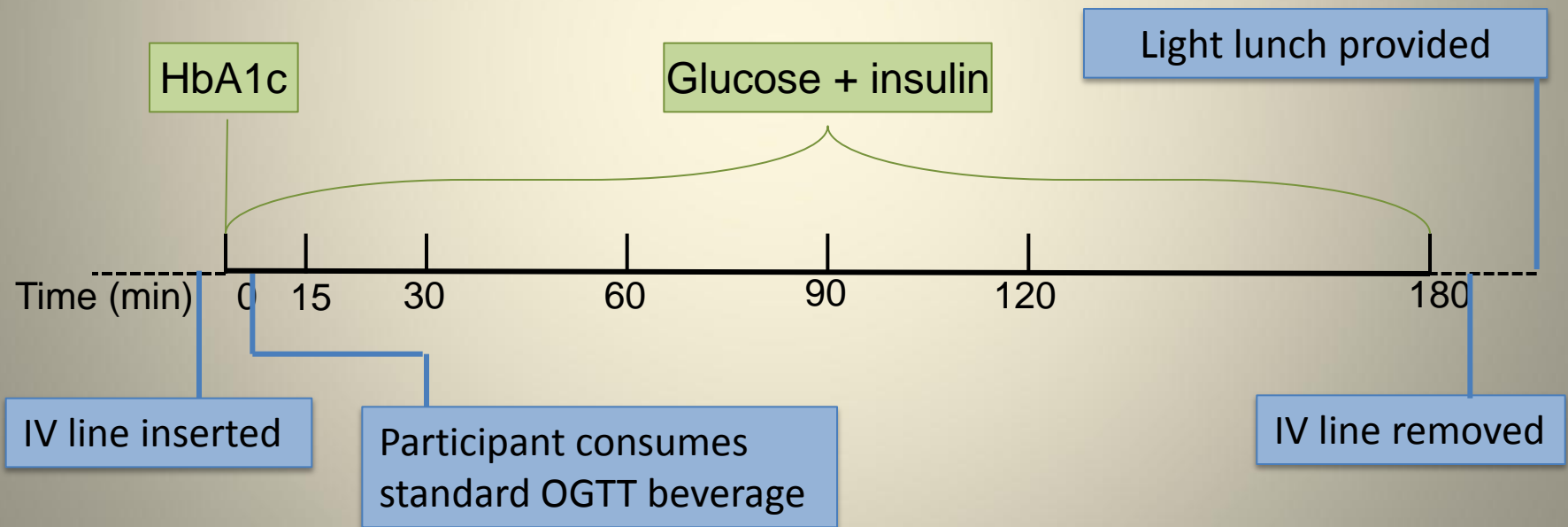


Daily activities: Consume study bagels, record in study diary

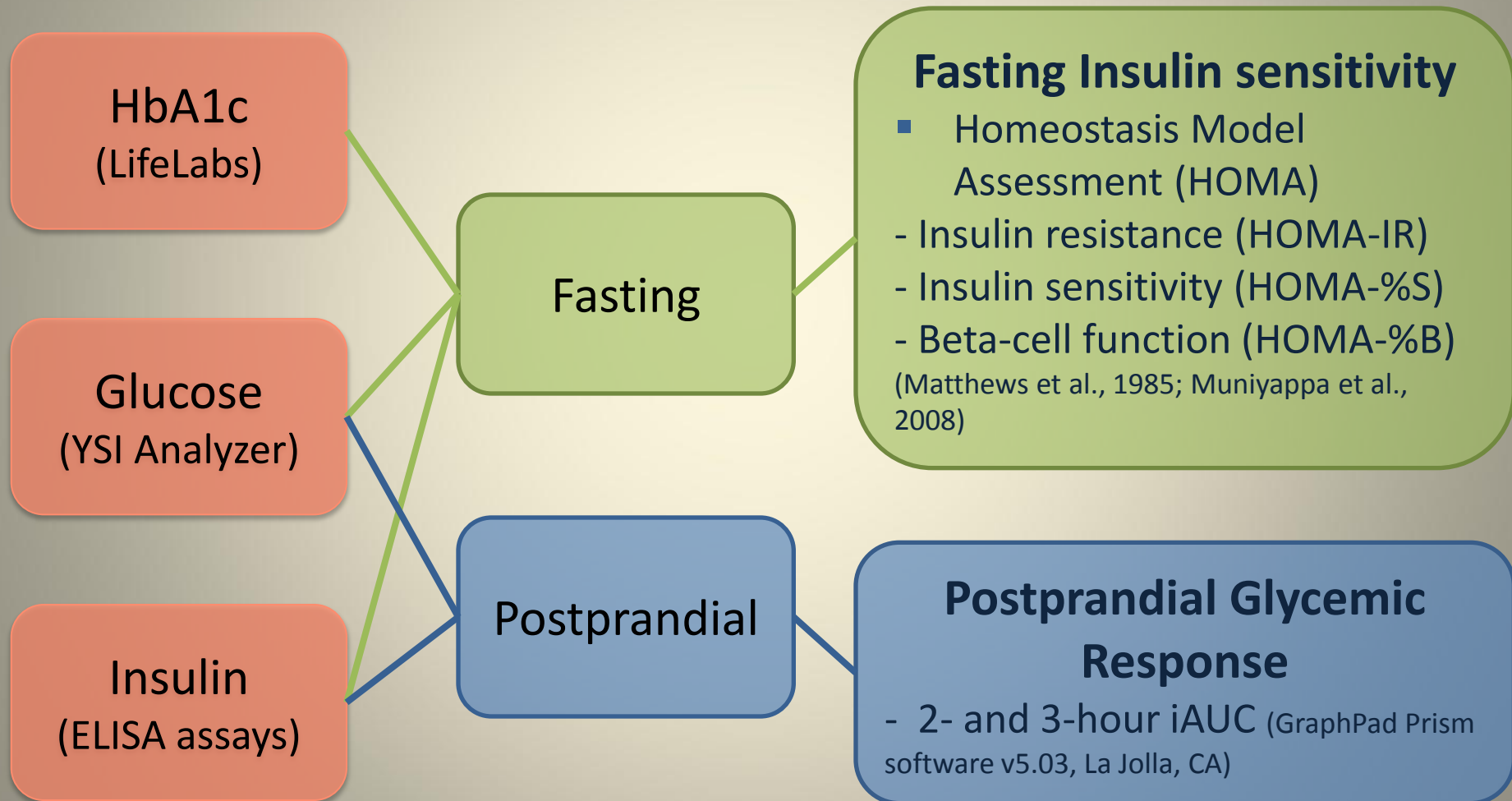
# METHODS: Oral Glucose Tolerance Test

## OGTT Timeline

Study Days 1 and 57 of each treatment period



# METHODS: Blood Sample Analysis



# RESULTS:

## PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

### Participant characteristics at baseline (n= 24)

Sex (n)	16 male / 8 female
Age (years)	55.3 $\pm$ 1.59
Body weight (kg)	90.4 $\pm$ 2.25
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	30.2 $\pm$ 0.57
CANRISK score	31.3 $\pm$ 0.96

Data are means  $\pm$  SE

- No significant changes in body weight during the study



# Study Bagels Compliance, Acceptance and Tolerance

## Treatment Compliance

- Self-reported (study diary)
- >99% during each treatment period

## Bagel Acceptance

- Control bagels preferred over RS bagels
- Control bagels: “like moderately
- RS bagels: “neither like or dislike”



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## Bagel Tolerance

- No serious adverse effects
- Minimal side effects
  - Flatulence reported in <30% of participants during RS bagel treatment period

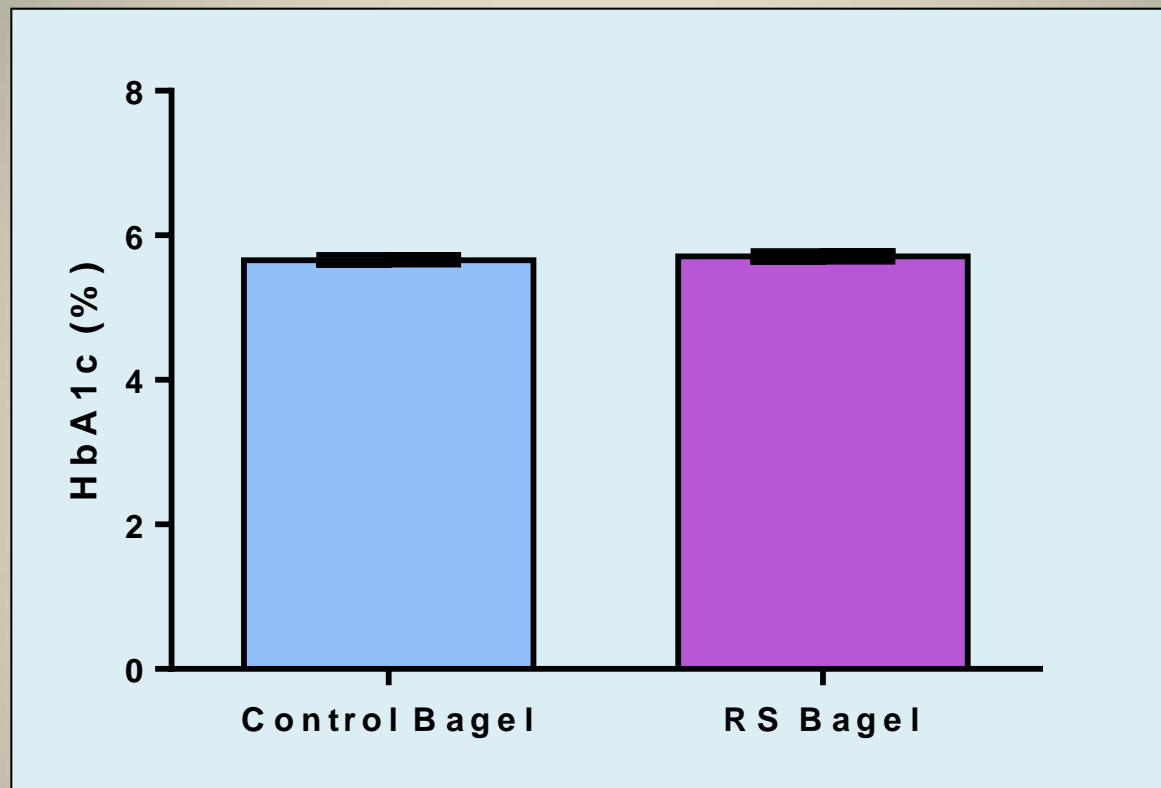
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Dislike Extremely	Dislike Very Much	Dislike Moderately	Dislike Slightly	Neither Like or Dislike	Like Slightly	Like Moderately	Like Very Much	Like Extremely

# Energy and Nutrient Intake

	Pre-study (n=24)	Control Bagel (n=24)	RS Bagel (n=23)
Energy (kcal)	2022 $\pm$ 106.5	2060 $\pm$ 109.3	2019 $\pm$ 112.2
Protein (g)	86.0 $\pm$ 6.28	82.9 $\pm$ 4.54	87.1 $\pm$ 6.66
Fat (g)	79.3 $\pm$ 5.40	75.1 $\pm$ 5.78	72.4 $\pm$ 5.95
Carbohydrates (g)	237.6 $\pm$ 17.2	260.9 $\pm$ 15.2	261.5 $\pm$ 14.9
Dietary Fibre (g)	20.3 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.50	20.2 <sup>a</sup> $\pm$ 1.39	41.4 <sup>b</sup> $\pm$ 1.57

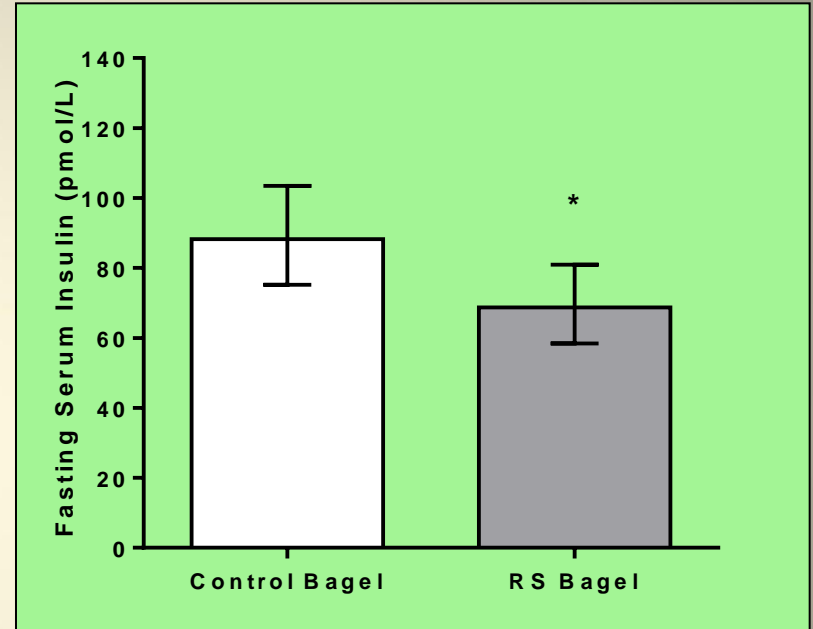
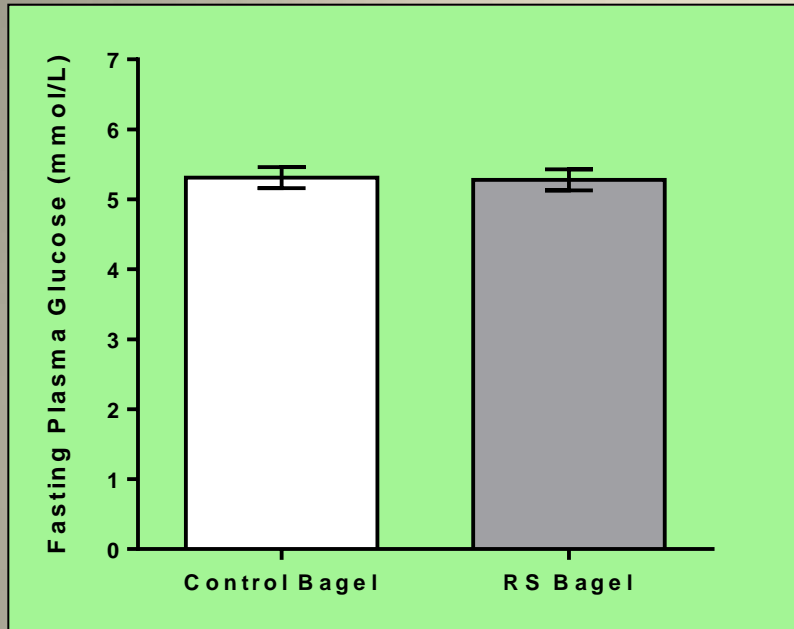
- *Energy and macronutrient intakes did not differ between pre-study and during study*
- *Dietary fibre was significantly greater during the RS treatment period*

# Glycated Hemoglobin (HbA1c)



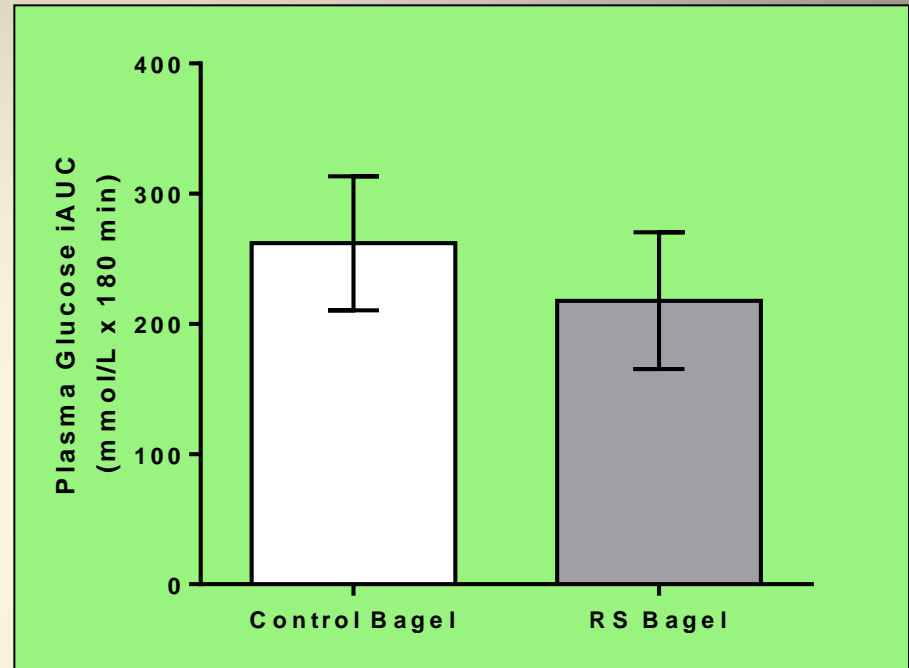
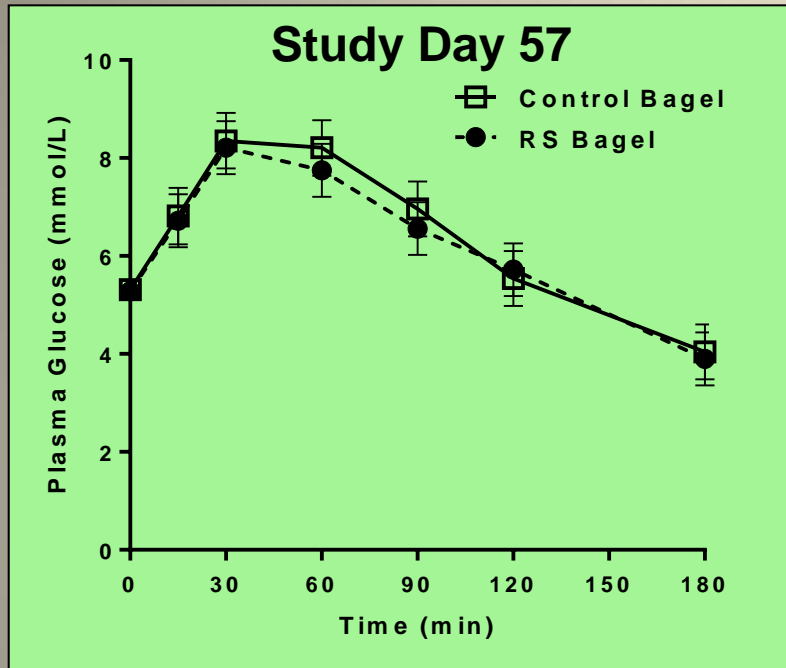
*On study day 57, HbA1c did not significantly differ between the RS and control treatment bagels.*

# Fasting Glucose and Insulin



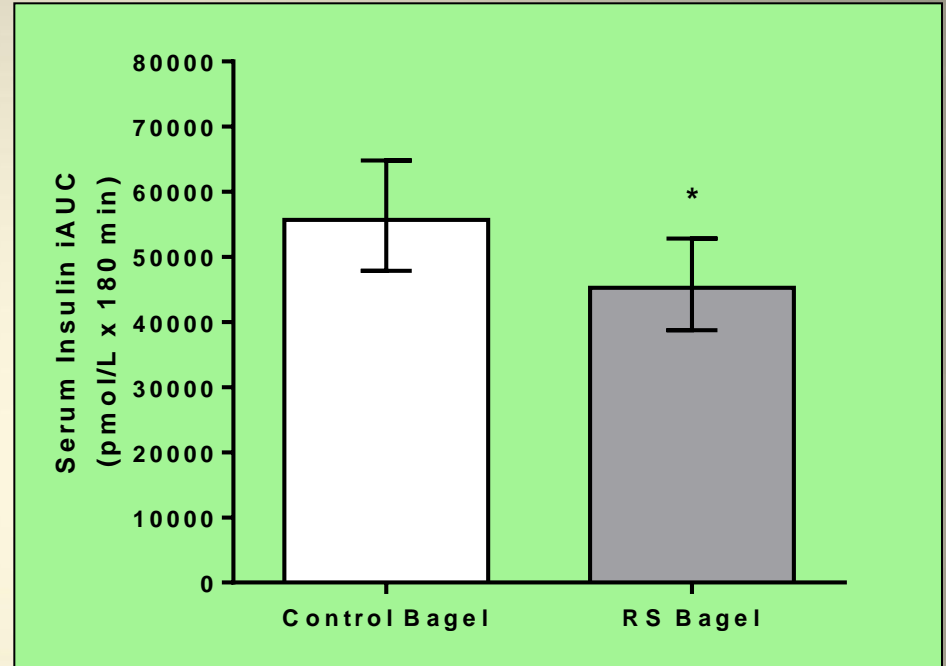
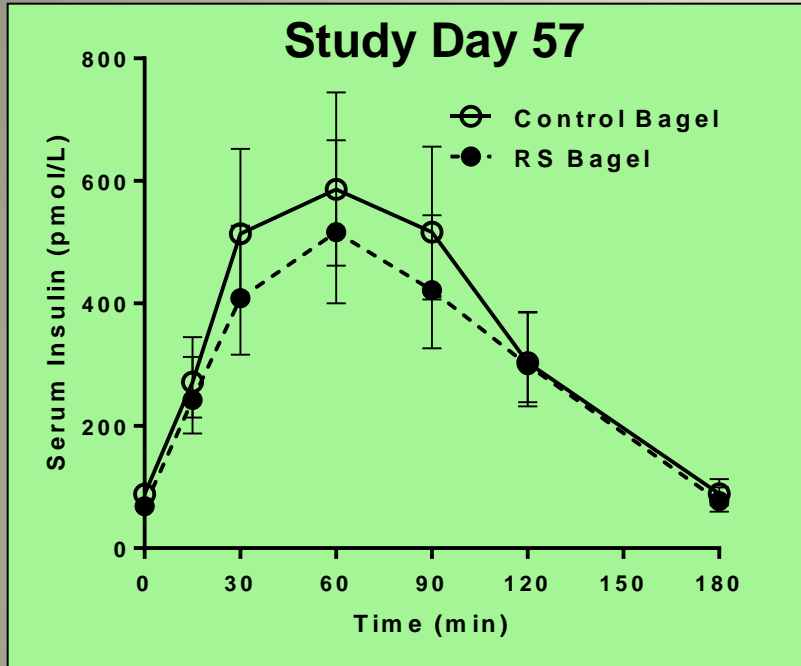
On study day 57, fasting plasma glucose did not significantly differ between the RS and control treatment bagels; however, fasting serum insulin was significantly decreased following consumption of the RS treatment bagel compared to the control treatment bagel ( $P=0.04$ ).

# Postprandial Glucose



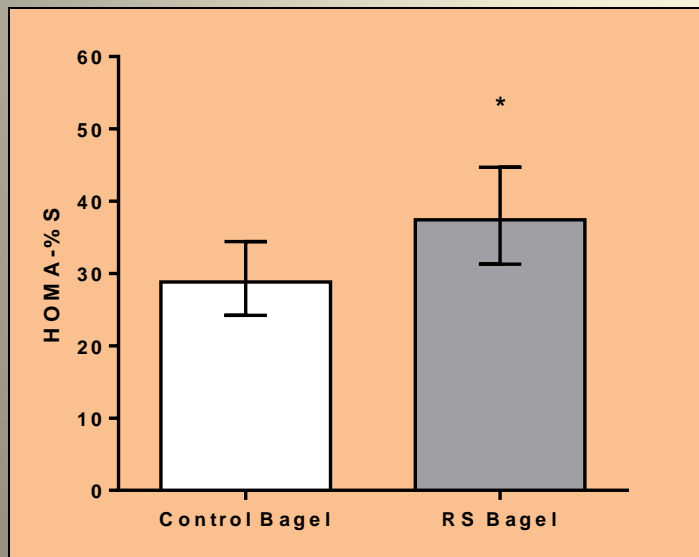
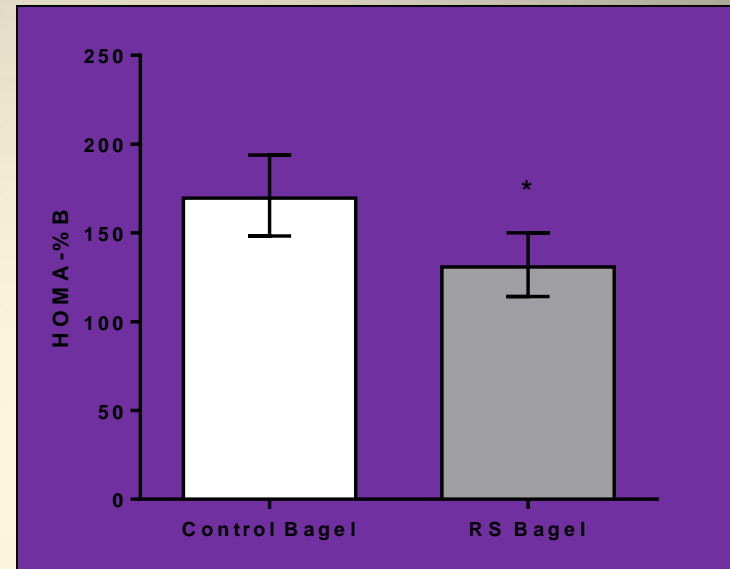
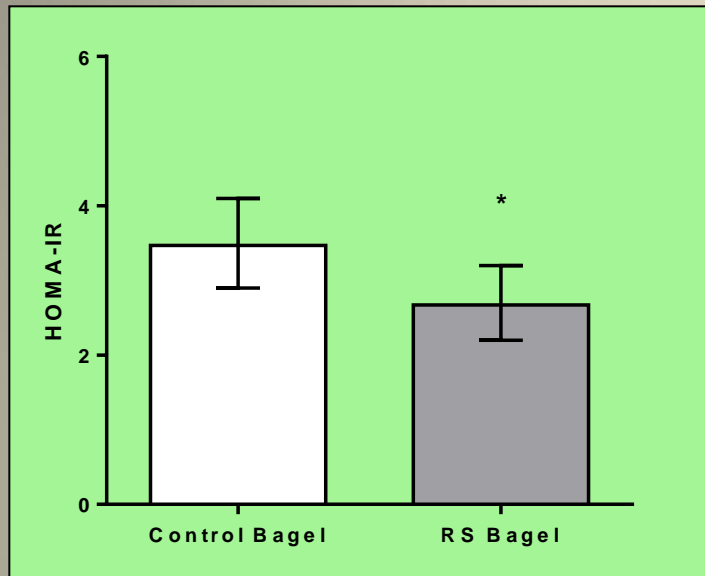
*Postprandial OGTT plasma glucose generally significantly increased from time point 0, peaked at time points 30-60 minutes and decreased back to baseline by 120-180 minutes. Plasma glucose iAUC did not significantly differ between the RS and control bagel treatments.*

# Postprandial Insulin



*Postprandial OGTT serum insulin generally significantly increased from time point 0, peaked at time points 30-60 minutes and decreased back to baseline by 120-180 minutes. Serum insulin iAUC at study day 57 was significantly decreased following consumption of the RS treatment bagel compared to the control treatment bagel ( $p=0.05$ ).*

# Insulin Resistance, Insulin Sensitivity, Beta Cell Function



*On study day 57, HOMA-IR ( $p=0.04$ ) and HOMA-%B ( $p=0.009$ ) were significantly decreased and HOMA-%S ( $p=0.04$ ) was significantly increased following consumption of the RS treatment bagel compared to the control treatment bagel.*

# Results Summary

Glycemic Response Biomarker	Significant Effects
HbA1c	No $\Delta$
Fasting glucose	No $\Delta$
Fasting insulin	↓
Postprandial (OGTT) glucose	No $\Delta$
Postprandial (OGTT) insulin	↓
Fasting insulin resistance (HOMA-IR)	↓
Fasting insulin sensitivity (HOMA-%S)	↑
Beta-cell function (HOMA-%B)	↓

# SUMMARY

- Consumption of high-RS bagels for 8 weeks can improve markers of glycemic response in adults at risk of T2D
- Further research is needed to clarify the mechanism behind these effects, and improve RS-bagel palatability

This evidence supports the use of high-RS foods as a feasible strategy to improve glycemic markers of T2D



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# New spearmint tea shows potential in managing osteoarthritis



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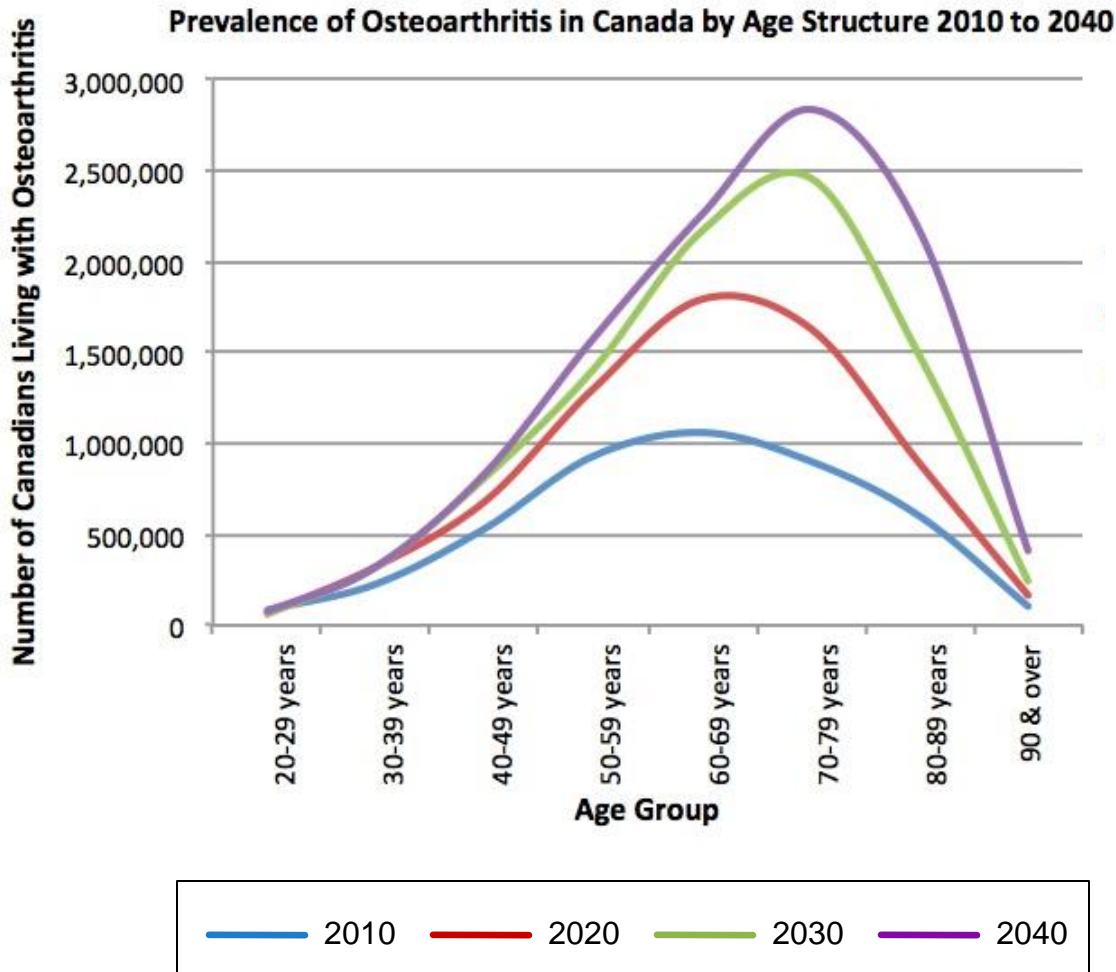


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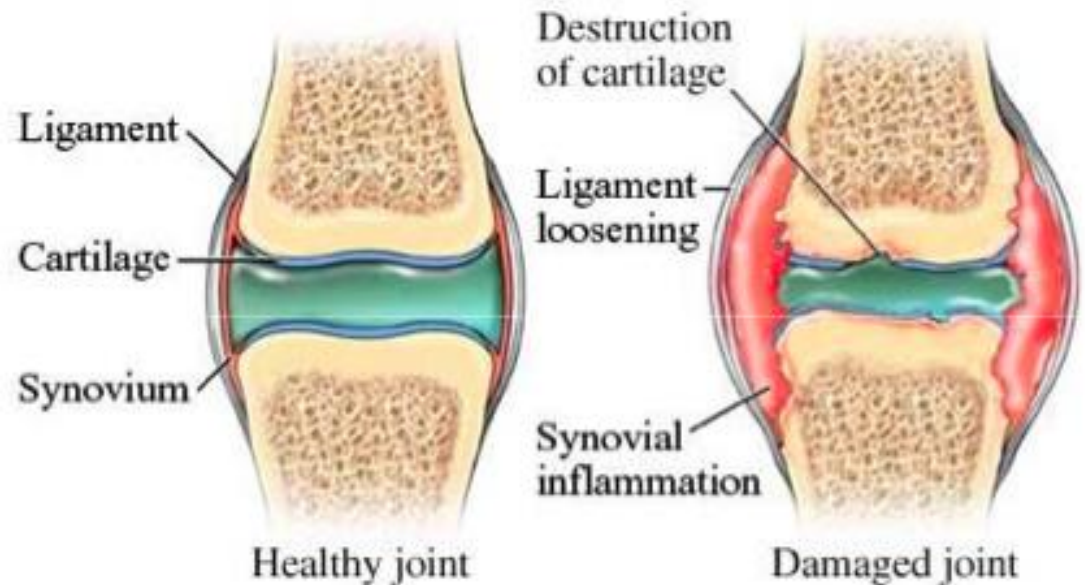
# Osteoarthritis



- Most common form of arthritis
- Affects about 4.4 million Canadians
- In 2010, direct & indirect costs were approx. \$27 Billion

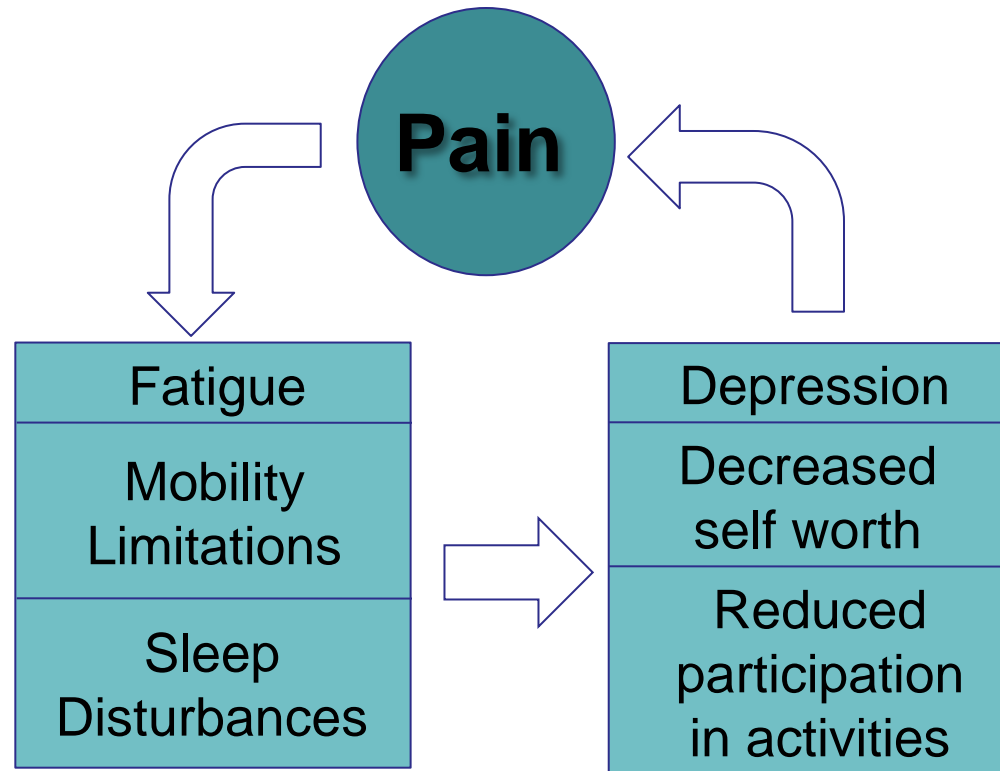
# Osteoarthritis

- Progressive joint disorder involving the degeneration of joint tissue and articular cartilage.
- Results in: joint space narrowing, pain, stiffness, loss of function, and disability.
- Most common in the hands, hips, knees and spine.
- Knee OA results in the most severe disability.



# Pain in Osteoarthritis

- Pain is the main clinical symptom in OA.
- Patients with OA have lower quality of life scores when compared to patients with other chronic conditions.
- There is no cure for OA and many live in daily pain and with disability.



# Treatment Options



Exercise



Weight loss



Knee braces or canes



Physical Therapy



Supplements



Medications

# Medication Use



- Associated with adverse health effects:
  - Gastrointestinal
  - Cardiac
  - Renal
- Increased risk in older, chronic users
- People don't like taking pills, makes them feel "sick" and "old".

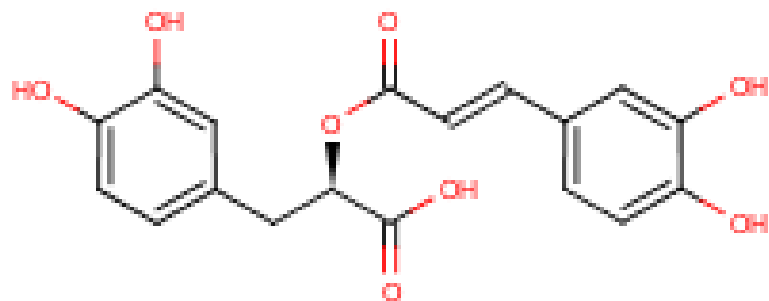
# Dietary Constituents

- Glucosamine & Chondroitin
  - Management guidelines recommend against use
- Promising effects:
  - Rosehip powder
  - Avocado/soybean unsaponifiables
  - Boswellia serrata extract



# Rosmarinic Acid

- Plant polyphenol
- Naturally present in spearmint, peppermint, fennel and other herbs
- Strong anti-inflammatory and antioxidant activities



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acid (RosA)  
spearmint plant  
developed via  
selective breeding



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Human study to  
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spearmint tea in  
patients with  
knee  
osteoarthritis

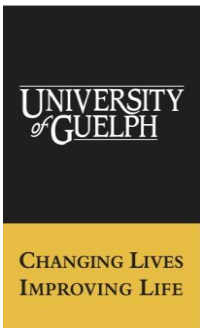


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# Methods

- Double-blind, randomized, controlled clinical trial
- 16 Weeks

**High-RosA**  
**N=25**



~ 300 mg rosA/day



**Control**  
**N=25**



~ 30 mg rosA/day

# Methods

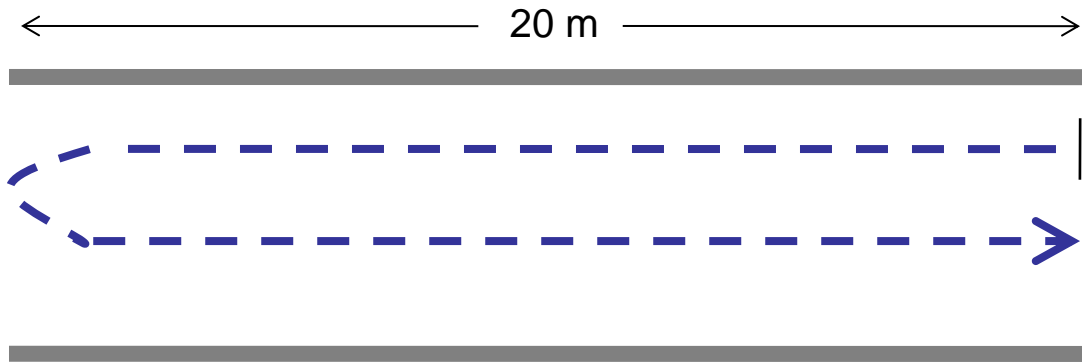
- Pain, stiffness, and physical function were assessed with the Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index (WOMAC).
  - 24-item standardized questionnaire
  - Most commonly used tool to assess symptoms in OA research
  - 100 mm visual analog scale



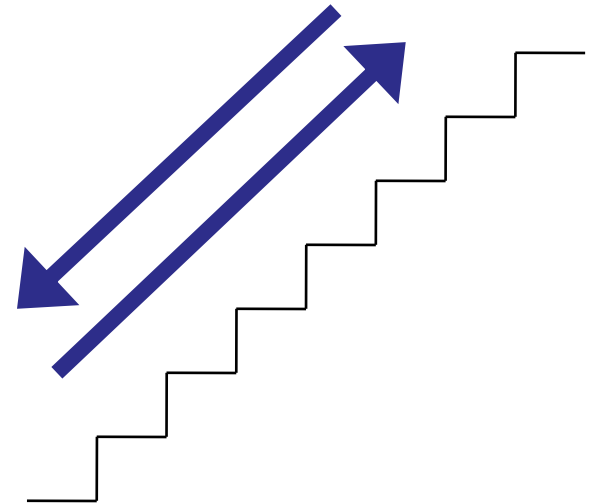
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- Physical function was assessed with a 6-minute walk test (6MWT) and stair climb test.

6-Minute Walk Test (6MWT)

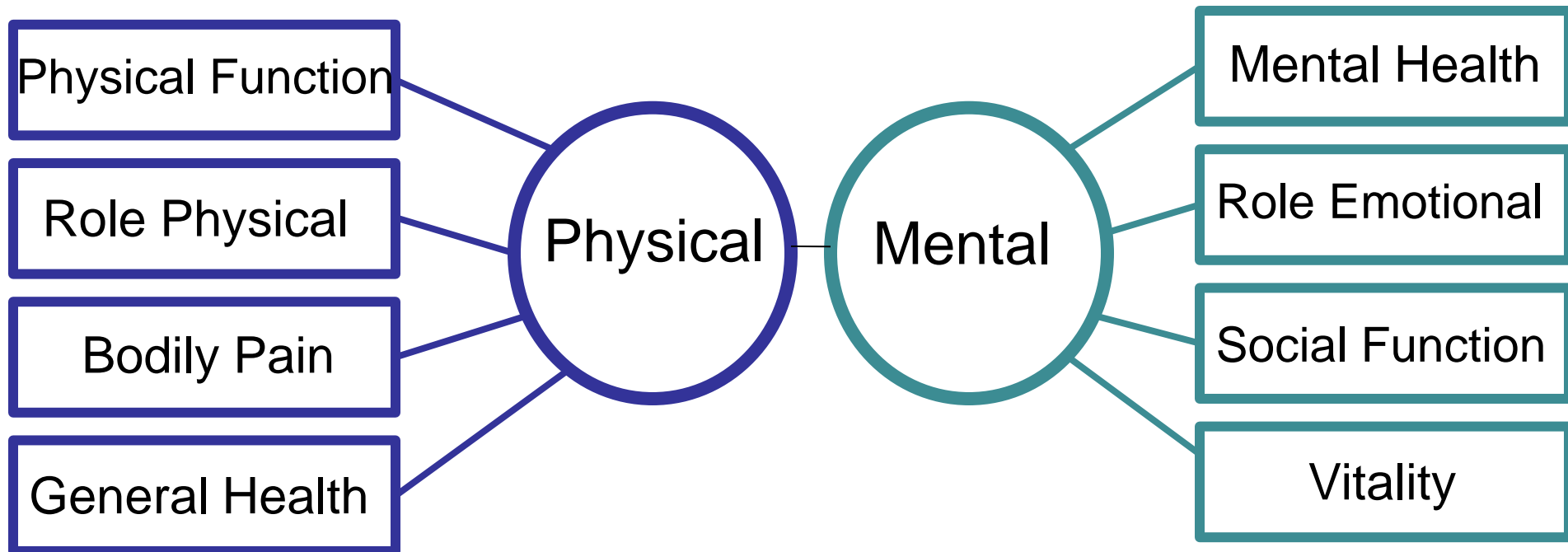


Stair Climb Test



# Methods

- Quality of Life: Medical Outcomes 36 – item Short Form General Health Survey (SF-36)



Assessed for eligibility  
Phone screenings (n=411)

Assessed for eligibility  
In-person screenings (n=191)

Randomized (n=62)

Allocated to high-rosA (n=31)

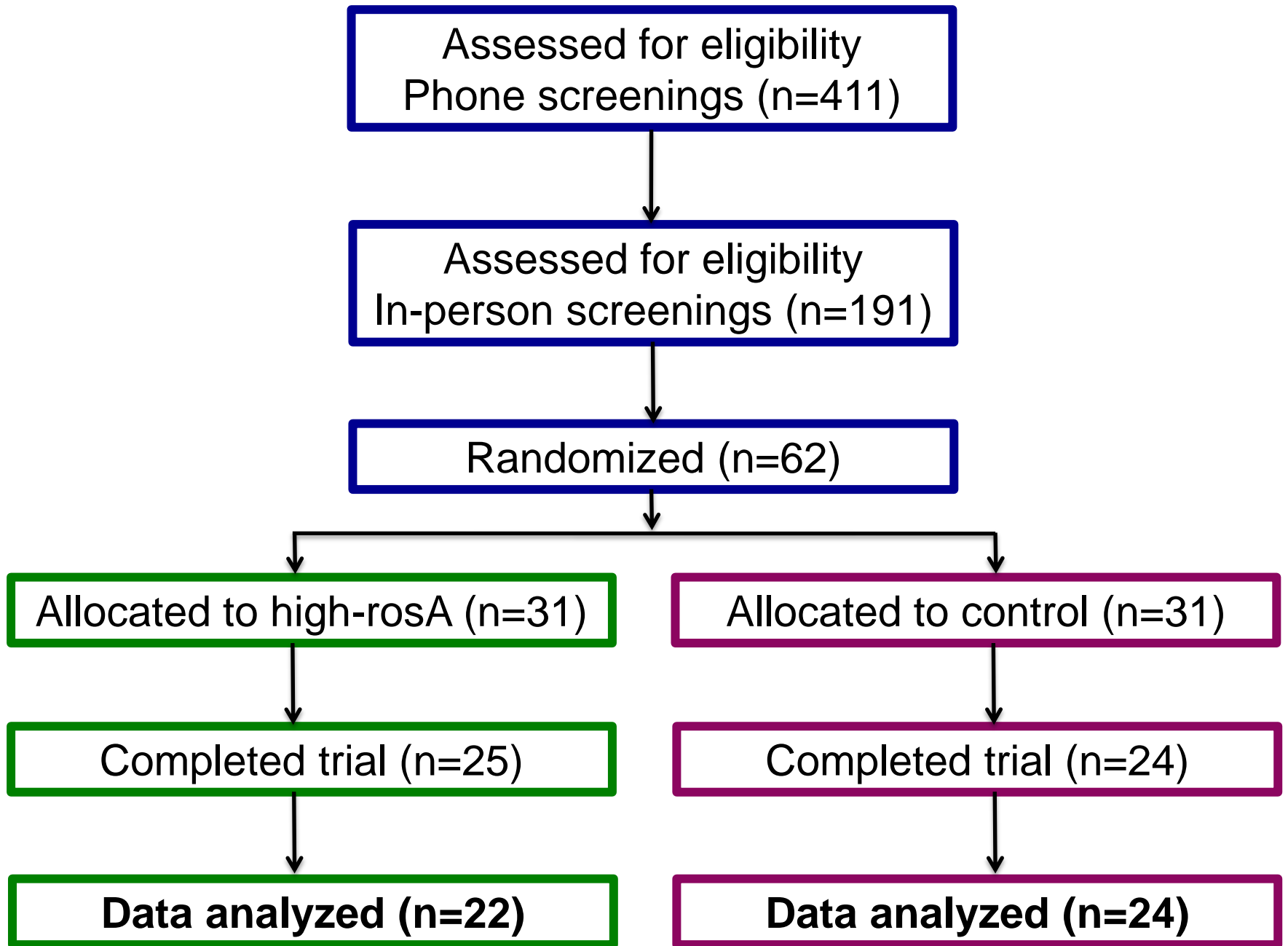
Completed trial (n=25)

**Data analyzed (n=22)**

Allocated to control (n=31)

Completed trial (n=24)

**Data analyzed (n=24)**



# Results

## Participant Characteristics at Baseline

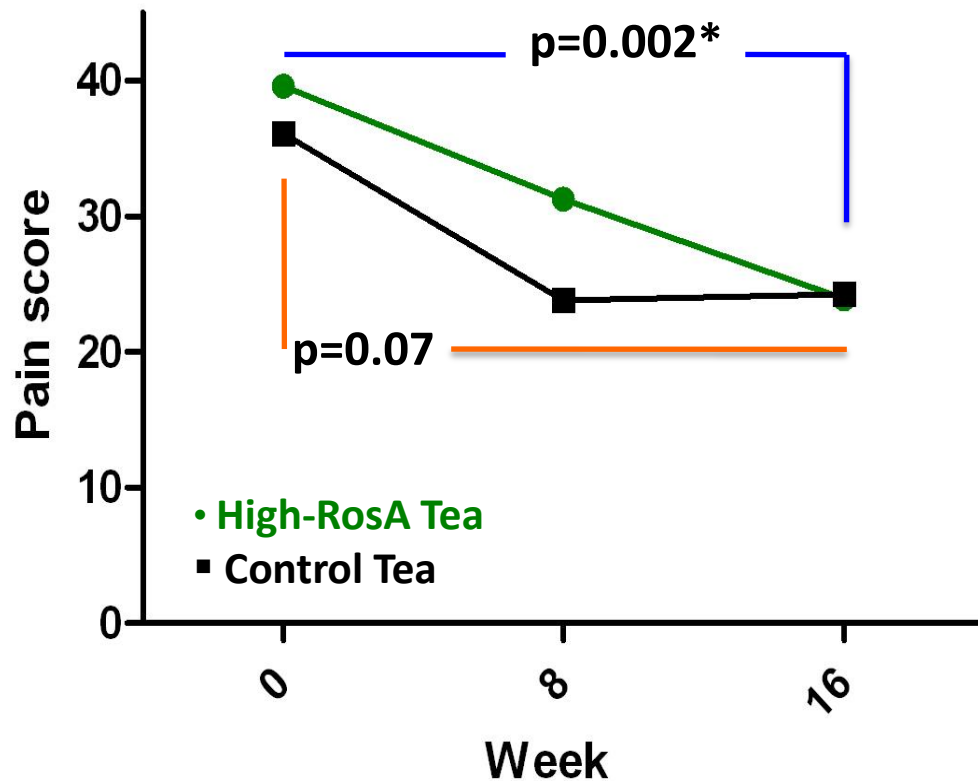
Characteristic	High-RosA (n=22)	Control (n=24)
Age (years): mean $\pm$ SD	60.5 $\pm$ 11.1	60.8 $\pm$ 12.1
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> ): mean $\pm$ SD	34.3 $\pm$ 8.6	31.5 $\pm$ 6.9
Men/Women: N	8/14	6/18

# Results

- Tea consumption compliance:
  - High-rosA: 96.8%
  - Control: 94.8 %
- No serious adverse events reported
- Few mild, transient adverse events reported in both groups
  - Mild GI upsets
  - Headache
  - Staining of dentures



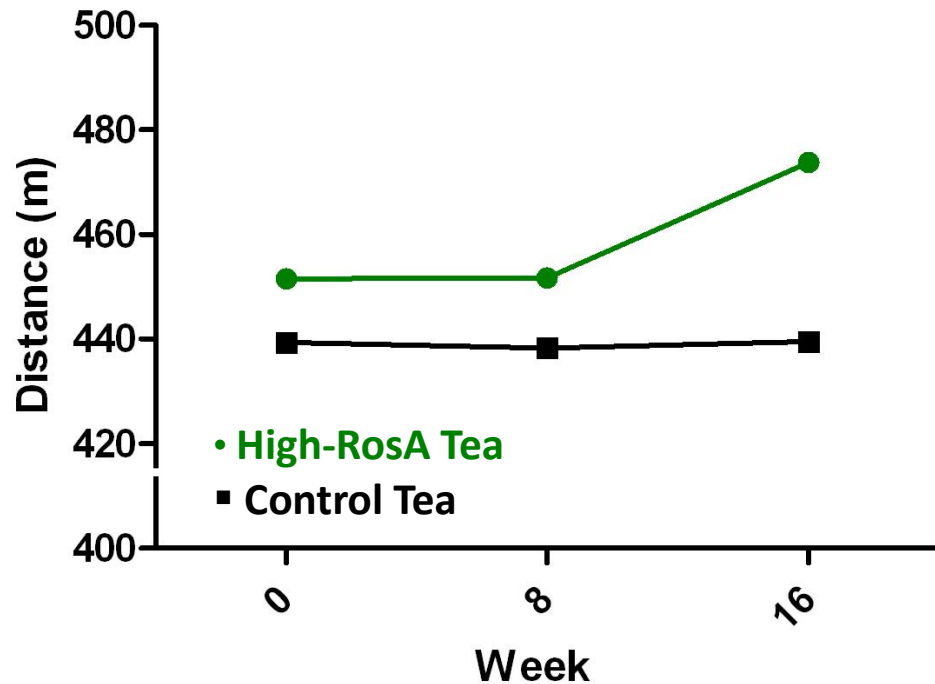
# WOMAC Scores



**Figure 1.** Pain Scores as Assessed by The Western Ontario and McMaster Universities OA Index (WOMAC).

- No significant difference between groups.
- Stiffness and physical function scores decreased over time in both groups.
- Pain scores also decreased in both groups, with the change only being significant in the high-rosA tea group.

# 6-Minute Walk Test

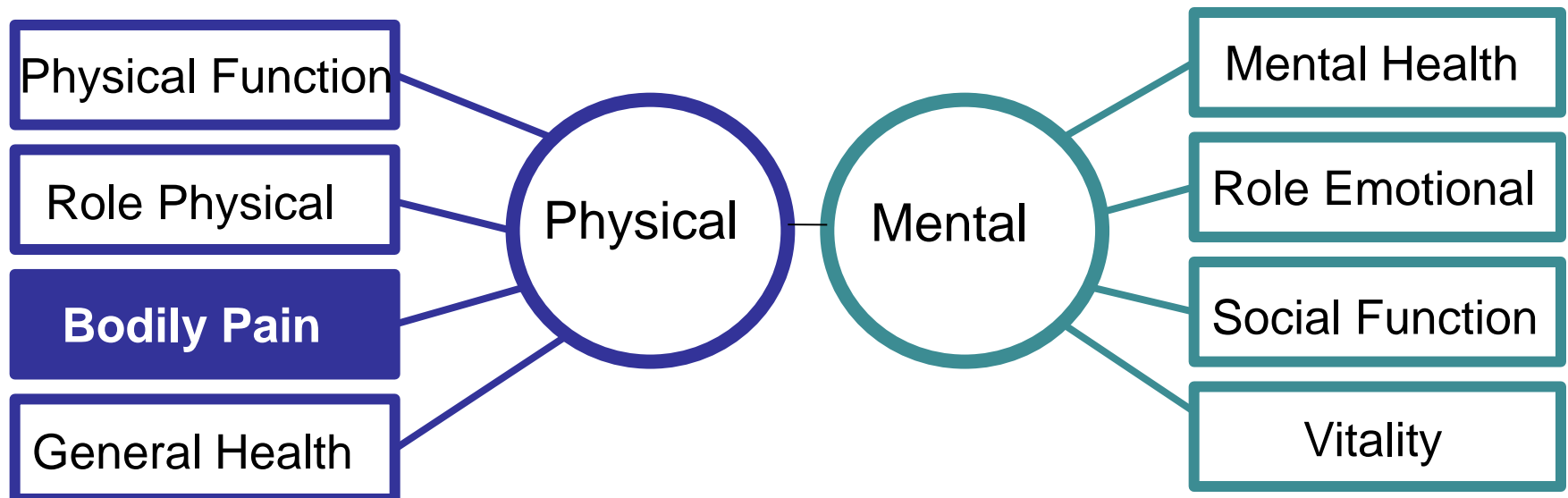


**Figure 2.** Physical Function was assessed with a 6-minute walk test at Weeks 0, 8 and 16

- Although not significant, the high-rosA tea group walked 22 m further at Week 16.
- There was no significant changes for the stair climb test.

# Quality of Life – SF36 Scores

- No significant differences between groups at any time
- Significant increase in QoL - Bodily Pain within the high-rosA group from Week 0 to Week 16 ( $p=0.03$ )



# Conclusions

- Daily consumption of 2 cups of high-rosA spearmint tea for 16 weeks decreased pain in adults with knee OA.
- This novel dietary strategy warrants further examination as a complementary strategy to manage pain in knee OA.



# For more information

- Full publication:
  - Connelly et al. High-rosmarninic acid spearmint tea in the management of knee osteoarthritis symptoms. J Med Food. 2014, 17(12):1361-1367.



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