Low-dose whey protein (WP) microgel improve pre-prandial satiety in people with type 2 diabetes (T2D) and prediabetes

BACKGROUND

- Whey proteins (WP) are rich in branched chain aminoacids that may stimulate mediators of satiety and delay gastric emptying [GE]), in particular when ingested pre-meal
- Several studies have suggested that these features lead to suppression of appetite

Akhavan et al., Am J Clin Nutr 2010;91: 966–975 Astbury et al. Br J Nutr 2010;104:1858 – 1867 Mollahosseini et al. Clin Nutr ESPEN 2019;20:34-40

■We recently reported that a novel low-dose WP formulation, developed with new micelletechnology [WPM], could allow a smaller dose (10 g) than conventional WP being taken closer to a meal (15 min) to exhibit effect on the anorexigenic hormone GLP-1 (increased by 66%) and on GE (early reduction by 17%) in people with T2D.



OBJECTIVE

To assess the effects of WPM on self-reported satiety using dimensions hungry, satisfied or full in people with prediabetes or T2D

METHODS

- This was a study conducted as a survey in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and New York, US where people with T2D or prediabetes were invited to participate.
- All participants were served a 125 mL low-dose WPM (10g, 40 Cal) pre-meal drink 15 min ahead of a lunch, where participants were asked to rate the effect of WPM on self-reported hunger/fullness before, and 15 min after, the WPM-drink consumption (just ahead of lunch)
- The self-reported sensations were scored on a 1-9 likert scale (1: "Ravenously hungry", 9: "Stuffed")
- "Hungry" was defined with scores 1-3, "satisfied" with 4-6, and "full" with 7-9.
- Categorical change, and the overall numbers of participants that improved/reduced their satiety by 1 or 2 units, were analyzed with sign tests.

RESULTS

- A total of 102 (40 males) people, aged 30-70 (71% 50-70 yrs), with T2D (61%), or prediabetes (39%), were involved in the study
- The majority of people diagnosed with T2D had a T2D duration \geq 3 years (n=44/62)
- None were on insulin, but 9 individuals had received insulin treatment \geq one year ago

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RESULTS (CONT.)

- Overall, n=49/102 were living with their spouse, whereas n=17 lived alone and n=3 with roommates and n=33 with other family.
- A significant higher number of participants reported to be less hungry (76/102 vs 46/102, p<0.001) or more satisfied (45/102 vs 24/102, p< 0.001) 15 min after WPM-consumption (Figure).

Hunger/satiety-level 15 min ahead of lunch Hunger/satiety-level at start of lunch



- A significantly larger proportion experienced $a \ge 1$ unit increase (n=44/50) relative to a comparable negative change (p<0.0001)
- A significantly larger proportion experienced $a \ge 2$ unit increase (n=15/17) relative to a comparable negative change (p<0.002)

LIMITATIONS

- Acute study
- Limited number of participants
- Exploratory analysis
- No biomarker analysis

DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION

- We have previously shown that compared to PBO, 10g WPM taken 15 min before a pizza meal, significantly augmented the anorexigenic hormone GLP-1, and induced an early delay in GE; both associated with less feeling of hunger
- ■At this meeting, we also show that the WPM induced a rapid plasma increase, and a high bioavailibility, of BCAAs (poster #549) in people with T2D
- These data now suggest that a low-dose, lowcaloric, pre-meal WPM also might improve satiety/reduce hunger
- ■We speculate that the WPM effects on satiety are mediated by effects on GLP-1, GE and BCAAs

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