# Implicit measurement of preference and emotion in universal and personally accepted and non-accepted drinks

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### **OBJECTIVES**

AIM

✓ To assess responses elicited by food products through implicit methods in order to enhance the understanding of the consumers' food experience

## RESULTS

PARTICIPANTS

32 Belgian participants

- **16** *∂*, **16** ♀
- Mean age  $25.53 (\pm 3.7)$

### EXPLICIT LIKING



FUTURE IS NOW!

- ✓ To explore neurophysiological and physiological responses to accepted and non-accepted solution and drinks
  - ✓ EEG frontal alpha asymmetry (FAA)
  - ✓ ECG heart rate and heart rate variability
  - ✓ Electrodermal activity (EDA)

### **MATERIALS & METHODS**



Significant main effect of taste condition (p<0.001)

> Ua>Una Pa>Pna

### TASTE STIMULI

Universal solutions	
Universal accepted (Ua)	Sucrose solution (150g/l)
Universal non-accepted (Una)	Caffeine solution (1g/l)
Personally selected drinks	
Personal accepted drink (Pa)	Based on questionnaire
Personal non-accepted drink (Pna)	Based on questionnaire
STUDY FLOW	
Universal condition	

### EEG FRONTAL ALPHA ASYMMETRY



### No significant main effect of taste condition

But: Una more negative FAA: withdrawal Pna more negative FAA: withdrawal

Significant main effect

of taste condition

(p=0.009)

Pna>Pna



#### Personalized condition



### NEUROPHYSIOLOGICAL RECORDINGS

EEG: 25 surface electrodes including ground and reference electrode (international 10-20 system)

### PHYSIOLOGICAL RECORDINGS

- ECG: two clip electrodes on wrists of participant
- EDA: 8 mm Ag/AgCl electrodes on the thenar and hypo-

### ECG HEART RATE



### EDA LATENCY



### thenar eminences of the palm of the non-dominant hand





Linear mixed model analysis

- Fixed effect: taste condition
- Random effect: consumer

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### CONCLUSIONS

- $\checkmark$  Implicit methods could enhance the understanding of consumers' food experience, although measurement still presents challenges
- $\checkmark$  Future research should build on optimizing methods and developing a standard method for food stimuli with tasting of the food products