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32 **Abstract**

33 Dietary fat has been implicated in the rise of obesity due to its energy density, palatability and weak  
34 effects on satiety. As fat is a major contributor to overall energy intake, incorporating fat with  
35 satiating properties could potentially reduce energy intake. This review outlines the potential  
36 mechanisms, as far as we know, by which Medium-Chain Triglycerides (MCT), Conjugated  
37 Linoleic Acid (CLA), Short-Chain Fatty Acids (SCFA), Diacylglycerol (DAG), *n*-3 PUFA, and  
38 Small Particle Lipids, exerts their satiating effects. The evidence suggests that the lipid with the  
39 most potential to enhance satiety is MCT. SCFA can also promote satiety, but oral administration  
40 has been linked to poor tolerability rather than satiety. Data on the appetite effects of CLA is limited  
41 but does suggest potential. Research comparing these lipids to each other is also lacking and should  
42 be explored to elucidate which of these ‘functional lipids’ is the most beneficial in enhancing  
43 satiety.

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## 57 **Introduction**

58 The continual growth of global obesity is well documented (WHO 2000), as is the concomitant rise  
59 of comorbidities such as type 2 diabetes, various cancers and cardiovascular disease (Guh et al.  
60 2009). The main driver of weight gain is a positive energy balance, where an individual consumes  
61 more energy than they expend, for a prolonged period. The current obesogenic environment we live  
62 in can promote obesity due to the large volume of time spent sedentary (Deforche et al. 2015; Dong,  
63 Block, and Mandel 2004) as well as increases in the energy density (Stelmach-Mardas et al. 2016),  
64 portion size (Ello-Martin, Ledikwe, and Rolls 2005) and relative cost (Drewnowski and Darmon  
65 2005) of food, all promoting overconsumption. Dietary fat has also been implicated in the rise of  
66 obesity due to its energy density, palatability and weak effects on satiety (Blundell et al. 1993;  
67 Blundell and MacDiarmid 1997).

68 Appetite is the internal driving force for the search, choice and ingestion of food (De Graaf et al.  
69 2004). Humans eat in episodes consisting of either meals or snacks (Gibney and Wolever 1997).  
70 The way in which food intake is controlled is described within the satiety cascade (Blundell,  
71 Rogers, and Hill 1987). Satiety occurs during the course of eating and eventually brings the  
72 period of eating to an end. Satiety occurs after the end of an eating episode and is the situation in  
73 which initiation of further eating is inhibited (Blundell et al. 2010). Calorie restriction is a common  
74 method employed by individuals trying to achieve weight loss (Das et al. 2007). The lack of success  
75 of many of these calorie-restricted diets lies in the individual's failure to adhere to the diet  
76 (Heymsfield et al. 2007), due to feelings of intense hunger, constant thoughts of food, and  
77 emotional changes; all of which can culminate in temptations to break the diet (Franklin et al.  
78 1948). Foods or ingredients with the potential to enhance satiety could be beneficial in augmenting  
79 the success of calorie restricted diets, by decreasing the adverse effects associated with low energy  
80 intake and prolonging the feeling of fullness (Chambers, McCrickerd, and Yeomans 2015). Indeed,

81 results have shown that consumers are willing to try satiety-promoting foods and that many would  
82 also prefer a greater amount of foods with this functional element (Hetherington et al. 2013).

83 Although dietary fat can lead to passive overconsumption (Green et al. 2000), there is a growing  
84 body of research which suggests that some fats may elicit stronger satiety responses than others.  
85 These fats may not be able to match the satiating properties of protein or carbohydrate on an  
86 isocaloric basis (Blundell and MacDiarmid 1997); however given that fat should make up to 35% of  
87 energy intake (Department of Health 1984) and some obese individuals have reported intakes  
88 exceeding 40% (Dreon et al. 1988), incorporating lipids with satiating properties has the potential to  
89 reduce overall energy intake. Data investigating lipids with satiating properties is still inconclusive.

90 The purpose of this review is to highlight fat with the potential to promote satiety in humans, the  
91 mechanisms by which they work and to evaluate which has the greatest potential to be utilised in  
92 weight management strategies. We discuss the potential role and mechanisms of medium chain  
93 triglycerides, conjugated linoleic acid, short-chain fatty acids, diacylglycerol, omega-3  
94 polyunsaturated fatty acids, and small particle lipids on satiety, satiation and perceptions of these.  
95 Acute research refers to studies which examine the transient effect of dietary lipids, usually a single  
96 bolus, whereas chronic adaptation refers to the study of a dietary lipid administered over two or  
97 more days. Studies were included that focused on satiety, satiation, perceived satiety or satiation (i.e.  
98 visual analogue scales) or included elements that allowed for speculation into the effects of satiety  
99 (i.e. energy intake). This allowed for discussion into the potential role of a lipid where limited  
100 research is currently available. Due to the production of SCFA in the gut, both ‘direct’ and  
101 ‘indirect’ studies are included; the direct administration of SCFA in a vehicle, or indirectly via  
102 insoluble fibre which is fermented in the gut. Where possible, human studies are included, but  
103 where mechanistic data in human studies are missing, animal studies are discussed.

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## 105 **Medium-Chain Triglycerides**

106 Medium-Chain Triglycerides (MCT) are triglycerides (esters derived from glycerol and three fatty  
107 acids) with fatty acid chain lengths of 6-12 carbon atoms. These include: capronic acid (C6:0),  
108 caprylic acid (C8:0), capric acid (C10:0) and lauric acid (C12:0). Along with synthetically produced  
109 oils, MCTs are found naturally in coconut oil, palm kernel oil, and a small amount in dairy fat  
110 (Marten, Pfeuffer, and Schrezenmeir 2006). According to the 2014 report on nutrient intake in the  
111 U.S, approximately 1.8% of all fat is MCFA (Agriculture 2014). However, due to a growing global  
112 popularity for coconut oil, this is likely to have increased.

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### 114 *Mechanisms of Satiety*

115 MCT have been proposed to affect satiety by a number of mechanisms which may be cumulative.  
116 Outlined below are some of the possible mechanisms.

#### 117 *Absorption*

118 In 1951, Bloom, Chaikoff, and Reinhardt (1951) tested absorption rates of different <sup>14</sup>C labelled  
119 acids and found that lauric acid and capric acid (both medium chain fatty acids) are transported via  
120 the portal venous system, unlike long-chain triglycerides (LCT) which are transported by the  
121 lymphatic system. This method of absorption is faster and more efficient than triglycerides with a  
122 longer chain. Further, the esterification of MCT is limited, resulting in high levels of oxidation to  
123 the point of MCT behaving more like glucose than fat (Marten, Pfeuffer, and Schrezenmeir 2006).  
124 The results of Van Wymelbeke and colleagues (Van Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvestre, and Fantino  
125 2001) and Rolls *et al.* (Rolls et al. 1988) indicate pre-absorptive mechanisms pertaining to the rapid  
126 rate of absorption of MCT. Where LCT result in two ‘peaks’ of absorption; that being at the initial  
127 point of ingestion and a second delayed peak at the beginning of the next meal (Fielding et al. 1996;  
128 Evans et al. 1988; Cohn et al. 1988), MCT are fully absorbed at the point of ingestion. Therefore,  
129 MCT may contribute to satiation by this ‘full absorption’ mechanism.

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131            *Substrate Oxidation*

132 Fatty acid oxidation has been linked with increased satiety (Langhans and Scharrer 1987; Friedman  
133 et al. 1999). MCT may have an anorexigenic effect through the concomitant production of ketones  
134 that is a result of increased acetyl-CoA influx (Tsuji et al. 2001). Ingestion of MCT has been shown  
135 to lead to increased concentrations of the ketone body  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate (Page et al. 2009), which  
136 is thought to suppress appetite (Laeger, Metges, and Kuhla 2010; Scharrer 1999). The increase in  
137 ketone bodies provides a substrate for energy, thereby sparing glucose (Zhang et al. 2013) and  
138 decreasing food intake (Mayer 1953).

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140            *Satiety Hormones*

141 Few papers have examined the response of these satiety hormones to MCT consumption (Maas et  
142 al. 1998; Barbera et al. 2000; M-P St-Onge et al. 2014). Cholecystokinin (CCK) was the first gut  
143 hormone found to influence satiety (Gibbs, Young, and Smith 1973). Lipid ingestion is linked to the  
144 secretion of CCK, however this is dependent on the fatty acid chain length. The majority of MCT  
145 do not lead to increased CCK levels (McLaughlin et al. 1999; Beglinger et al. 2010). However, in a  
146 study by McLaughlin and colleagues (McLaughlin et al. 1999) CCK was released after either  
147 emulsions of capric (C10) or lauric (C12) acid were infused into the gut of healthy volunteers. The  
148 control lipid in that study was Tween 80 mixed with a phosphate-buffered saline, which also  
149 increased CCK secretion above baseline, meaning that the increase observed by C10 was not  
150 significant. Feltrin and colleagues (Feltrin et al. 2004) aimed to address this limitation by using an  
151 appropriate control and found that both C12 and C10 lead to increased CCK release, although the  
152 magnitude of this increase was greater with C12. Further, C12 significantly decreased perceptions  
153 of hunger, desire to eat, and prospective food consumption as well as energy intake at an *ad libitum*  
154 buffet meal, whereas C10 did not. This suggests that even though some fatty acids with chain  
155 lengths below 12 cause secretion of CCK, this is unlikely to affect appetite sensation. Multiple



156 studies confirm that fatty acids with chain lengths of 12 and above are able to stimulate CCK,  
157 whereas chain lengths of 10 and below are not as effective (D Matzinger et al. 2000; J. T.  
158 McLaughlin et al. 1998; Feltrin et al. 2007, 2006; Feinle et al. 2001; Lal et al. 2004; French et al.  
159 2000). Furthermore, despite initial findings suggesting otherwise (Hildebrand et al. 1990), CCK  
160 receptor antagonist studies indicate no role of CCK in fat induced satiety (Drewe et al. 1992).  
161 Despite the controversial role of CCK, it is still widely reported that CCK is a mediator of fat-  
162 related satiety, through a delaying of gastric emptying (Liddle et al. 1986; Daniel Matzinger et al.  
163 1999) by modulation of antropyloroduodenal motility (Feltrin et al. 2004), and a reduction of the  
164 capacity that can be tolerated in the upper gastrointestinal (GI) tract (Lal et al. 2004); processes  
165 which rely on the digestion of triglycerides into free fatty acids (Feinle et al. 2001; D Matzinger et  
166 al. 2000; Feinle et al. 2003; Pilichiewicz et al. 2003). Therefore as MCT do not require bile salts,  
167 secreted by CCK, for emulsification (McLaughlin et al. 1999), this could explain the lack of CCK  
168 response by shorter chain fatty acids. Despite this, MCT do seem to have appetite-suppressing  
169 effects, which are independent of CCK.

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171 PYY is a 36 amino acid peptide belonging to the pancreatic polypeptide family, and its secretion is  
172 initiated by the sensing of nutrients, primarily protein (Batterham et al. 2006) and fat (Aponte et al.  
173 1985; Pironi et al. 1993), in the GI lumen. Its anorectic effect has been demonstrated via peripheral  
174 administration of PYY<sub>3-36</sub>, which increases c-fos expression in the arcuate nucleus (ARC); and  
175 direct injection into the ARC inhibits food intake in rats and mice (Batterham et al. 2002; Riediger  
176 et al. 2004). After administering intraduodenal infusions of LCFA (corn oil) or MCT (56% octanoic  
177 acid and 43% decanoic acid), Maas *et al.* (Maas et al. 1998) found that MCT did result in PYY  
178 secretion, but not to the same extent as LCT. However, the caloric load of each infusion differed;  
179 11.6 kJ·min from MCT and 22.7 kJ·min from LCFA which may have affected the potential for  
180 PYY release. C10 has also been shown to stimulate PYY secretion in a dose-dependent manner

181 (Feltrin et al. 2007). It must be noted that CCK is a potent stimulator of PYY secretion (Marie-  
182 Pierre St-Onge and Jones 2002), which could explain the weaker release of PYY by MCT. To date  
183 no study has investigated MCT alongside PYY receptor antagonists, which could provide  
184 conclusive information as to the effects of MCT on PYY release (St-Onge et al. 2014).

185 A more recent pilot study in overweight men investigated MCT ingested orally (as opposed to these  
186 aforementioned studies which utilised duodenal infusions) on a variety of gut peptide hormones,  
187 and found that, compared to LCT, MCT did not affect total ghrelin or GLP-1; but leptin and PYY  
188 concentrations remained higher after the MCT meal (St-Onge et al. 2014). However, correlations  
189 between these results and food intake at the *ad libitum* meal provided were opposite to the expected  
190 direction, suggesting that the MCT suppression of food intake is not mediated by gut peptide  
191 hormones. While these results do not appear to show a link between gut peptides and MCT driven  
192 satiety, there is clearly more work to be done to confirm this.

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#### 194 *Other Considerations*

195 MCFA are considered unpalatable, and if initially digested in the mouth MCT may play a role in  
196 sensory specific satiation (Clegg 2010). As well as their unpalatability, MCT have been shown to  
197 cause GI distress, including vomiting and cramping (Jeukendrup et al. 1998; Goedecke et al. 2005).  
198 This has been shown at high dosages of up to 85g, which are not typically used in appetite research;  
199 more so sports performance (Jeukendrup et al. 1998). Infusion studies have reported greater nausea  
200 after LCT than MCT (Barbera et al. 2000; Feinle et al. 2001), which is not supported by more  
201 recent findings that nausea was greatest after a breakfast containing MCT (Coleman, Quinn, and  
202 Clegg 2016). Regardless, this must be considered to ensure that any effects on satiety are not a  
203 result of GI distress.

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#### 205 *Effect of acute intake of medium chain triglycerides on satiety*

206 Acute studies examining the effect of MCT on satiety and energy balance appear to have equivocal  
207 findings. Some studies have found reductions at *ad libitum* meals following intake of MCT (Rolls et  
208 al. 1988; Van Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvestre, and Fantino 2001; Van Wymelbeke et al. 1998);  
209 whereas others have reported no effect (Barbera et al. 2000; Poppitt et al. 2010). There are  
210 limitations in several studies reporting no effect of MCT on satiety which suggests there is potential  
211 for MCT to increase satiety. In the first study to investigate the effect of MCT on satiety in humans,  
212 Rolls *et al.* (1988) administered three doses of either MCT or LCT (100, 200 and 300 kcal) in  
213 beverage form and examined the effect on food intake at an *ad libitum* meal in dieters and non-  
214 dieters. In dieters, they found no consistent change in intake. However, in non-dieters there was an  
215 overall decrease of ~14% in energy intake after MCT, and this was dose-dependent. Similarly, Van  
216 Wymelbeke *et al.* (1998) found that MCT led to decreased intake at lunch when it was added to a  
217 carbohydrate breakfast. Furthermore, in a later study by the same research group, there was  
218 decreased intake at dinner after an MCT lunch when compared to a lunch with either LCT,  
219 carbohydrate or a fat substitute (Van Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvestre, and Fantino 2001). However,  
220 Poppit *et al.* (2010) report no influence of MCT on perceived satiety after 18 healthy men  
221 consumed high-fat breakfasts containing short-chain triglycerides, MCT or LCT. This could be  
222 explained by the small dose of MCT in that study (10g), whereas previous studies have observed  
223 significant results with doses of 20 g or more (St-Onge et al. 2014; Rolls et al. 1988; Van  
224 Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvestre, and Fantino 2001; Van Wymelbeke et al. 1998).

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226 As aforementioned, adverse effects related to MCT ingestion may confound any purported satiety  
227 effects. Therefore, this must be either considered when analysing results or, preferably, when  
228 designing the vehicle for the lipids. The studies of Poppit and colleagues (2010) and Van  
229 Wymelbeke and colleagues (1998) both administered visual analogue scales to examine if there  
230 were any subjective sensory differences between the meals provided and found that there was no

231 difference, concluding that any effects were not related to palatability. A later study by Van  
232 Wymelbeke's group (Van Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvestre, and Fantino 2001) along with the study by  
233 Rolls' research group (Rolls et al. 1988) included a pre-test where palatability of the test meals were  
234 assessed; participants who registered low palatability scores were excluded in Rolls' study, whereas  
235 the preliminary screening indicated participants were unable to distinguish between the breakfasts  
236 in the study by Van Wymelbeke.

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238 *Effects on satiety of chronic consumption of medium chain triglycerides*

239 There are few long-term studies reporting the effects of MCT on satiety, though many have studied  
240 weight loss effects primarily through diet-induced thermogenesis. However, this is outside the  
241 scope of this review. Krotkiewski (2001) examined extreme hypocaloric diets combined with either  
242 MCT or LCT in overweight women. Weight loss was accelerated in the MCT group for the first two  
243 weeks; however this decreased in weeks 3 and 4. This pattern was also observed in perceived  
244 appetite and satiety, as after the first two weeks perceived appetite was lower at all time points and  
245 perceived postprandial satiety was higher. The difference between the groups diminished by week  
246 4, perhaps indicating an adaptation to chronic MCT intake. However, it must be noted that the  
247 amounts of each fat provided in this study were very low (9.9g of MCT and 8.8g of LCT).  
248 Therefore if MCT has an effect at such low doses there is a rationale to increase the dose after the  
249 initial adaptation has taken place. The results of this study (Krotkiewski 2001) show some exciting  
250 potential as the decreased feelings of hunger may aid weight loss program adherence by reducing  
251 dropout rates.

252 **Conjugated linoleic acid**

253 Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA) is the name of a family of stereo and positional isomers of  
254 octadecadienoic acid (linoleic acid), meaning isomers with the same formula and constitution but  
255 different structures. ‘Conjugated’ refers to the conjugated double bonds, in that they are only  
256 separated by one single bond. Of the 24 isomers of CLA (Kreider et al. 2010), the most commonly  
257 examined in research are the cis-9, trans-11 CLA isomer, and the trans-10, cis-12 CLA isomer  
258 (Campbell and Kreider 2008). The richest sources of these isomers are meat and dairy derived from  
259 ruminants, of which approximately 90% is the cis-9, trans-11 isomer and the remaining 10% is the  
260 trans-10, cis-12 isomer (Mushtaq, Heather Mangiapane, and Hunter 2010; Kennedy et al. 2010).  
261 Commercially available CLA typically contain approximately equal amounts of the cis-9, trans-11  
262 and the trans-10, cis-12 isomers (Hargrave et al. 2002; Norris et al. 2009).

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264 ***Mechanisms of Satiety***

265 CLA effects on body weight and body composition have been widely reported (Blankson et al.  
266 2000; Belury, Mahon, and Banni 2003; Gaullier et al. 2007, 2005). CLA is thought to reduce the  
267 size of adipocytes through stimulation of pro-inflammatory cytokines such as TNF $\alpha$  (tumour  
268 necrosis factor  $\alpha$ ) and by the inhibition of PPAR $\gamma$  (peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors)  
269 receptors by inhibiting adipocyte differentiation (Salas-Salvadó, Márquez-Sandoval, and Bulló  
270 2006; Cawthorn and Sethi 2008). The *trans*-10, *cis*-12 isomer is reported to exert the most anti-  
271 adipogenic effects through decreased expression of genes which regulate triglyceride storage and  
272 transport of fatty acids (Brown and McIntosh 2003).

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274 Although CLA has received little attention to date in relation to satiety, it does also have the  
275 potential to reduce energy intake. Despite many not human studies specifically examining food  
276 intake following CLA consumption, various animal studies have shown a decrease in intake after

277 administration of CLA (Cao et al. 2007; Hargrave et al. 2002; Miner et al. 2001; Santora,  
278 Palmquist, and Roehrig 2000; Yeonhwa Park et al. 1997; R Dugan et al. 1997), although some  
279 studies found no effect (Tsuboyama-Kasaoka et al. 2000; DeLany et al. 1999; Wong et al. 1997).  
280 Furthermore, even when decreased food intake was observed, the reductions do not completely  
281 explain decreases in body fat (Shelton et al. 2012; Hargrave et al. 2002; Y. Park et al. 2007; Miner  
282 et al. 2001), suggesting favourable changes in body composition are independent of appetite  
283 control.

#### 284 Substrate Oxidation

285 Despite a lack of studies specifically examining CLA and satiety, it is possible to discuss the  
286 potential link between the two. The glucostatic theory of appetite, developed by Mayer in the 1950s  
287 (Mayer 1953), proposed the presence of glucose receptors in the brain which respond to a  
288 fluctuation in glucose levels. Therefore, a drop in blood glucose level promotes an increase in  
289 hunger, and an increase in blood glucose (after exogenous carbohydrate ingestion) promotes the  
290 onset of satiation, due to the fact that glucose is the primary fuel for the central nervous system, and  
291 so it is tightly regulated in order to prevent hypoglycaemia (De Graaf et al. 2004; Campfield et al.  
292 1996). CLA has been shown to increase lipolytic activity (Yeonhwa Park et al. 1997, 1999; Choi et  
293 al. 2000; Pariza, Park, and Cook 2001), which potentially may spare glucose oxidation and act as a  
294 satiety signal (Kamphuis et al. 2003; J. M. Brown and McIntosh 2003); however, this is speculative.

#### 295 *Leptin*

296 Leptin is a satiety-promoting hormone which is released by white adipose tissue (Perry and Wang  
297 2012). Leptin has been shown to inhibit orexigenic neuropeptide Y (NPY) and agouti-related  
298 peptide (AgRP) co-expressing neurons (Sahu 2003), meaning that the centre of the hypothalamus  
299 which promotes hunger is inhibited. Increased body fat is associated with increased leptin  
300 circulation (Myers, Cowley, and Unzberg 2008), whereas reduced sensitivity to leptin has been

301 shown to play a role in obesity, and can potentially be a strong driver of metabolic syndrome (Paz-  
302 Filho et al. 2009; J. M. Friedman and Halaas 1998). Medina *et al.* (Medina 2000) observed a  
303 decrease in leptin that was significant at 7 weeks of CLA supplementation but returned to normal in  
304 the final 2 weeks. There was no effect on energy intake or body mass index (BMI) between baseline  
305 and at the end of the study, suggesting CLA decreased leptin levels independently of body fat  
306 levels. Gaullier *et al.* (2005) also observed decreases in circulating leptin and energy intake after 24  
307 months of supplementation with both triglyceride and free fatty acids forms of CLA. These findings  
308 suggest that, in the absence of leptin resistance, increased levels of leptin decreases energy intake  
309 (Klok, Jakobsdottir, and Drent 2007), indicating a potential mechanism for CLA-mediated satiety.

310 Conversely, Iwata *et al.* (2007) reported an increase in leptin concentrations after CLA but no  
311 concurrent decrease in energy intake. However, leptin concentrations also increased in the placebo  
312 group, again with no change in energy intake indicating the changes in leptin are likely to be  
313 unrelated to CLA intake. Increased leptin concentrations was also reported after  
314 intracerebroventricular administration of CLA in rats, which decreased expression of NPY and  
315 AgRP and consequently feed intake (Cao et al. 2007). However, another study rejected the idea that  
316 CLA affects neuropeptide expression in the hypothalamus, as no CLA isomers were identified in  
317 the brain (Shelton et al. 2012). CLA did significantly decrease feed intake, but the authors suggest  
318 CLA may have altered serum hormone levels as opposed to a central mechanism.

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### 320 *Acute intake of conjugated linoleic acid on satiety*

321 To date, there is only one study which has examined the effect of CLA on food intake (Coleman,  
322 Quinn, and Clegg 2016). In that study, participants consumed a smoothie drink containing either  
323 vegetable oil (as the control) CLA or MCT after which they consumed an *ad libitum* sandwich  
324 lunch, which was provided upon request. Both test fats elicited non-significant decreases at the *ad*  
325 *libitum* lunch, and intake throughout the rest of the day (and therefore overall energy intake) was

326 significantly lower following CLA and MCT compared to the control. CLA resulted in the longest  
327 time-to-meal request. More research is required to examine further the effectiveness of CLA as a  
328 method of reducing food intake and enhancing satiety.

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### 330 *Effects on satiety of chronic consumption of conjugated linoleic acid*

331 Where few studies have examined CLA in the short term, there are many studies examining its  
332 effects as a long-term dietary intervention for improving body composition and reducing body  
333 weight. An excellent meta-analysis of this topic was conducted by Onakpoya and colleagues  
334 (Onakpoya et al. 2012). We have included papers which allowed for speculation as to the satiety  
335 effects of CLA.

336 The majority of studies have not shown any significant impact of CLA on energy intake, indicating  
337 that there are satiating effects associated with CLA consumption (Cornish et al. 2009; Gaullier et al.  
338 2005; Iwata et al. 2007; E. V Lambert et al. 2007; Medina et al. 2000; Norris et al. 2009; Wanders  
339 et al. 2010). Cornish *et al.* (2009) investigated the combination of mixed isomer CLA, creatine and  
340 whey protein versus creatine plus placebo oil, and the placebo oil alone. Whereas there were  
341 significant increases in lean mass and strength with all three supplements combined, there was no  
342 difference in dietary intake between groups during the intervention period. The findings of Pinkoski  
343 *et al.* (2006) corroborate this, as lean mass was increased to a greater extent after 7 weeks of mixed  
344 isomer CLA supplementation alongside resistance exercise compared to a placebo. However, there  
345 was no change in self-assessed energy intake between baseline and 7 weeks between the two  
346 groups. Norris *et al.* (2009) reported reductions in BMI, in overweight postmenopausal women with  
347 type 2 diabetes after 36 weeks of supplementation with 6.4g/d of mixed isomer CLA. Interestingly,  
348 the decline in BMI had not yet reached a plateau, and there may have been further decreases had the  
349 study period been longer. This study also showed no difference in energy intake over the study  
350 period, which was assessed via 3-day diet diary 4 times over the intervention period. These studies



351 indicate that CLA may be beneficial for improving body composition and promoting weight loss;  
352 however these changes are achieved independently of satiety. Nonetheless, this is an inference  
353 based on self-reported diet diary data and satiety was not the primary measure of the  
354 aforementioned studies, and so more work is required to confirm this.

355 In contrast, Kamphuis *et al.* (2003) found mixed isomer CLA dose-dependently increased feelings  
356 of fullness and decreased feelings of hunger after 13 weeks of supplementation with a low (1.8g)  
357 and high (3.6g) dose. This did not affect energy intake at breakfast, although as this was the only  
358 meal analysed it is possible that intake may have been affected during the rest of the day. Watras *et*  
359 *al.* (2007) reported that mixed isomer CLA led to decreased weight gain over a 6 month period  
360 compared to a placebo. This was especially true during the winter holiday period, when the placebo  
361 trial subjects increased their energy intake yet there was no change in energy intake in the CLA  
362 group indicating that the CLA may have suppressed food intake.

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364 CLA does appear to be promising in the management of obesity and as a supplement to improve  
365 body composition (Blankson *et al.* 2000; Belury, Mahon, and Banni 2003; Gaullier *et al.* 2007,  
366 2005); however, this appears to be achieved without increasing satiety. Further work is required  
367 before conclusions can be drawn, especially studies focusing on satiety and not body composition.  
368 It is also noteworthy to mention that there have been some deleterious effects reported with CLA  
369 ingestion, particularly insulin resistance (Risérus, Berglund, and Vessby 2001; Medina *et al.* 2000;  
370 Smedman and Vessby 2001), which seems intuitive given the key role of leptin in glucose  
371 homeostasis (Denroche, Huynh, and Kieffer 2012) and the aforementioned reported decrease of  
372 leptin by CLA. An early review by Wahle and colleagues (Wahle, Heys, and Rotondo 2004)  
373 suggested that more research is warranted in order to conclude whether CLA is truly beneficial or  
374 detrimental to health.

375 **Short-chain fatty acids**

376 Short-chain fatty acids (SCFA) are carboxylic acids which are aliphatic, ranging from two carbons  
377 to four carbons in length. SCFA are made in the colon through bacterial fermentation when non-  
378 digestible carbohydrates pass through the upper GI tract and reach the large intestine (Byrne et al.  
379 2015). The three main SCFA created are acetate (C2), propionate (C3) and butyrate (C4) in a ratio  
380 of approximately 60:20:20. There are also some dietary sources of SCFA such as sourdough bread,  
381 vinegar and vinegar-based products such as pickles, and finally some cheeses and other dairy  
382 products (Darzi, Frost, and Robertson 2011).

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384 *Mechanisms of Satiety*

385 *Central control of appetite*

386 There are a number of potential mechanisms by which SCFA may influence satiety. These involve  
387 an increase in circulating anorexigenic hormones (Cani et al. 2006; E. S. Chambers et al. 2015;  
388 Nilsson et al. 2013) and a decrease in circulating ghrelin (Parnell and Reimer 2009). Acetate has  
389 also been shown to cross the blood-brain barrier and be taken up by the brain, specifically by the  
390 hypothalamus in both mice (Chambers et al. 2015) and humans. Appetite may be suppressed by  
391 SCFA via this mechanism, as the anorectic signal in the ARC produces increased expression of  
392 proopiomelanocortin (POMC) and reduced expression of AgRP (Frost et al. 2014). AgRP, along  
393 with NPY, is a potent stimulator of food intake, whereas POMC, along with cocaine- and  
394 amphetamine-regulated transcript (CART) provides a tonic anorexigenic signal to suppress appetite  
395 and food intake (Cone 2005; Wynne et al. 2005; Morton and Schwartz 2006; Millington 2007).  
396 SCFA may also be involved in a similar central control of feeding via intestinal gluconeogenesis  
397 (IGN). It has been shown that both butyrate and propionate stimulate IGN (Bienenstock, Kunze,  
398 and Forsythe 2015a; De Vadder et al. 2014). This is sensed by sodium-glucose cotransporters  
399 (possibly SGLT3) in the portal vein which send an afferent nervous signal to decrease food intake

400 (Delaere et al. 2013). Butyrate has been shown to increase directly expression of  
401 phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase 1 (*PCK1*) and glucose-6-phosphatase catalytic subunit (*G6PC*)  
402 – genes involved in the regulation of IGN – 2 to 3-fold. In contrast, propionate does not directly  
403 stimulate IGN genes, but binds to FFA3, which sends signals to the parabrachial and paraventricular  
404 nuclei in the brain; driving a reflex arc to induce IGN in the gut (De Vadder et al. 2014).

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#### 406 *Satiety Hormones and Gastric Emptying*

407 The SCFA receptors FFA2 and FFA3 have been shown to be co-expressed in L-cells which release  
408 glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) and PYY (Byrne et al. 2015). Indeed, it has been shown that  
409 propionate stimulates the release of GLP-1 and PYY via FFA2 (Psichas et al. 2014). These findings  
410 are corroborated by animal models which show that GLP-1 concentrations are decreased in FFA2  
411 knockout mice (Tolhurst et al. 2012) and likewise with PYY in FFA3 knockout mice (Samuel et al.  
412 2008). The satiating effects of PYY have already been mentioned, and GLP-1 similarly enhances  
413 satiety via a delay in gastric emptying (Flint et al. 1998; Shah and Vella 2014). GLP-1 receptors  
414 appear in areas in the central nervous system which are involved in feeding control, such as the  
415 paraventricular nucleus (PVN), the ARC and on POMC neurons (Dailey and Moran 2013; De Silva  
416 and Bloom 2012).

417 The satiating properties of propionate have also been attributed to gastric emptying (Liljeberg and  
418 Björck 1996). Colonic contractile activity has been shown to be reduced in rats after SCFA infusion  
419 to the colon (Squires et al. 1992), but a more recent study showed no effect of colonic infusion on  
420 contractile activity in human volunteers (Jouët et al. 2013). Liljeberg and Björck (1996) found  
421 greater perceived satiety linked to slower gastric emptying after SCFA ingestion.

422

#### 423 *Other considerations*

424 Darzi and colleagues (Darzi, Frost, and Robertson 2012) attribute the satiating effects of SCFA to  
425 the hedonic unpleasantness of propionate rather than post-absorptive mechanisms. They found no  
426 effect of bread containing a small amount of propionate, which was more acceptable and did not  
427 cause nausea, lending credence to this hypothesis. They concluded that any effects seen may be due  
428 to the palatability of orally administered SCFA, and do not support a role in appetite regulation  
429 (Darzi, Frost, and Robertson 2011). Future studies need to mask these unpleasant characteristics of  
430 the SCFA.

431 This review aims to discuss dietary lipids and satiety. However it must be briefly mentioned that  
432 studies in mice and rats have shown that fermentable carbohydrates (such as inulin and  
433 fructooligosaccharides [FOS]) lead to production of SCFA in the large intestine (Ten Bruggencate  
434 et al. 2005; Arora et al. 2012), and this may also affect satiety. Long-term ingestion of soluble fibre  
435 may also lead to increased satiety due to increased proliferation of GLP-1 producing L-cells (Kaji et  
436 al. 2011; Kuwahara 2014). Kuwahara (2014) explains how this can only occur after long-term  
437 ingestion of FOS, as fermentation can take a number of days to occur and only then can this affect  
438 GLP-1 production. This may not manifest in changes in short-term satiety, but possibly in long-term  
439 energy homeostasis.

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#### 441 *Acute intake of short-chain fatty acids on satiety*

442 As outlined above studies examine SCFA via two methods: direct administration (such as through  
443 the use of vinegar (Kondo et al. 2009; Ostman et al. 2005)) or indirectly (through the use of fibre  
444 (Nilsson et al. 2013) and fermented dairy beverages (Ruijschop, Boelrijk, and te Giffel 2008)).  
445 Ruijschop *et al.* (2008) examined the use of a dairy beverage fermented with *Lactobacillus*  
446 *acidophilus* and *Propionibacterium freudenreichii* on satiety and food intake, and found greater  
447 feelings of satiety when compared to a placebo although there was no corresponding change in food  
448 intake. This is the only study to date, to our knowledge, which has investigated cultured propionic

449 acid bacteria in a dairy beverage on satiety. Despite the fact there was no effect on energy intake, it  
450 would be apposite to conduct more studies to fully elucidate its potential.

451 A dose-response study investigating different amounts of acetate in the form of vinegar added to a  
452 bread meal found that there is a linear relationship between subjective satiety and acetate ingestion  
453 (Ostman et al. 2005). Similarly, Hlebowicz *et al.* investigated different breads soaked in acetic acid  
454 (white, wholemeal or wholegrain) and compared them to an un-soaked white bread control  
455 (Hlebowicz et al. 2008). While the wholegrain/acetate combination led to the greatest subjective  
456 satiety, these results must be treated with caution as there was no wholegrain control (i.e. not  
457 soaked with the acetate). Hence it is difficult to ascertain whether the wholegrain bread or the  
458 acetate influenced satiety in that study. Conversely, some studies have failed to link SCFA to  
459 satiety. Mettler *et al.* found no significant effect of adding either acetate, cinnamon, both, or neither  
460 to a rice pudding meal on subjective satiety (Mettler, Schwarz, and Colombani 2009). Poppit *et al.*  
461 (2010) also found no effect of short-chain triglycerides from soft fraction milk fat on subjective  
462 feelings of hunger or energy intake.

463 In the review by Darzi and colleagues discussing the role of SCFA in appetite regulation (Darzi,  
464 Frost, and Robertson 2011), the authors discuss unpublished data on which they conducted pooled  
465 correlations. According to the authors, these findings suggest that acetate-containing vinegar may  
466 influence satiety through palatability effects rather than any mechanistic/physiological effects of  
467 SCFA. More recently, the same group conducted a series of experiments investigating the satiety  
468 effects of vinegar alongside a study investigating the orosensory properties of a vinegar containing  
469 beverage (Darzi et al. 2014). These studies showed that tolerability of vinegar, as opposed to  
470 palatability per se, is the cause of nausea after ingestion. This is due to the significant increase in  
471 perceived nausea after consuming the test drink but no difference when the drink was sham fed (i.e.  
472 held in the mouth and then expectorated). These findings discredit the use of vinegar as a satiety-

473 enhancing product, as poor tolerability and nausea are possibly the main causes of reduced intake,  
474 rather than the physiological effect of activating FFA2 and FFA3.

475 Despite systematic reviews examining both acute and chronic randomised control trials concluding  
476 that fibre only yields small satiety effects (Wanders et al. 2011) and the majority of studies failing  
477 to find significant effects (Clark and Slavin 2013), fibre may promote satiety by delaying gastric  
478 emptying and leading to a greater release of satiety hormones (Chambers, McCrickerd, and  
479 Yeomans 2015). Nilsson *et al.* (2013) reported that feeding healthy participants an evening meal  
480 consisting of brown beans – which contain large amounts of indigestible carbohydrates – increases  
481 circulating PYY and decreases circulating ghrelin after a standard breakfast meal. This was  
482 attributed to propionate, as concentrations were significantly increased after the brown bean meal  
483 compared to the control. However, the results of this study could also be due to other characteristics  
484 of fibre and not SCFA exclusively. Tarini and Wolever (2010) found concentrations of plasma  
485 GLP-1 were increased and serum ghrelin were decreased after 24g of inulin was added to a test  
486 drink; effects attributed to increased colonic SCFA production. Considering that the daily reference  
487 value for fibre is 30g·day, this is a large bolus of fibre to consume in a single sitting; but it does  
488 demonstrate the potential for fermentable fibre to mediate satiety, possibly through increased SCFA  
489 levels in the gut.

#### 490 ***Effects on satiety of chronic consumption of short-chain fatty acids***

491 Current knowledge on SCFA is limited as the majority of studies conducted to date are in animal  
492 models, with more studies in human participants required to elucidate the effects and mechanisms  
493 of SCFA on energy expenditure, intake, and balance. Kondo *et al.* (2009) conducted the first study  
494 to investigate the effect of SCFA (in the form of acetic acid present in vinegar) on body  
495 composition. This double-blind parallel study administered beverages with either no vinegar  
496 (control) or a low or high dose (15 and 30 ml, respectively) of cider vinegar for 12 weeks. They

497 found that body composition was improved in a dose-dependent manner, showing that acetic acid,  
498 in the form of vinegar, can beneficially alter body composition, fat mass, and body weight.  
499 However, there were no differences between any of the groups during the supplementation period  
500 for energy intake, macronutrient composition of foods eaten or physical activity. From this, we may  
501 infer that the beneficial effects of orally ingested acetate, the most abundant of the SCFA, are not  
502 linked to satiety. Conversely, in a study by Cani *et al.* (2006) two 8g portions of oligofructose were  
503 taken at breakfast and dinner for two weeks. Subjective satiety after an *ad libitum* breakfast was  
504 significantly higher than baseline after the supplementation and intake was lower at the meal. Intake  
505 was also lower at the *ad libitum* lunch provided, but not at dinner, corresponding to a significant  
506 decrease in energy intake throughout the whole day of approximately 5% after oligofructose intake.  
507 Despite discussing the fermentation of fibres at length and commenting on SCFA production, this  
508 paper, unfortunately, did not measure SCFA production, which would have allowed for a link  
509 between satiety and SCFA. SCFA concentrations, however, were reportedly increased after 6 weeks  
510 of oligofructose supplementation in another study, which corresponded to decreased energy intake  
511 and reported hunger, as well as increased PYY (Daud *et al.* 2014). Similarly, Chambers *et al.*  
512 measured the release of GLP-1 and PYY from L cells *in vitro* and found that SCFA led to  
513 significant increases in hormone release above basal levels (Chambers *et al.* 2015). That group  
514 produced a novel ester which bound propionate to inulin by an ester bond. This allowed delivery of  
515 propionate to the gut as inulin which was fermented by colonic fermentation, thereby releasing the  
516 propionate. In a 24-week follow-up supplementation study in 49 volunteers, 10g of propionate per  
517 day led to significant reductions in energy intake of 14% compared to the control group. This  
518 decrease was attributed to the increased stimulation of GLP-1 and PYY that the authors found in the  
519 *in vitro* part of the study. Similarly, Freeland *et al.* (2010) reported increased plasma butyrate and  
520 increased GLP-1 release after chronic intake of fibre. This may outline the mechanisms behind

521 SCFA and satiety, although these results were only observed after 9 months of intake (20g of  
522 fibre·day over baseline intake).

523 Clearly, the literature surrounding SCFA is far from unequivocal, although it is possible that the  
524 specific SCFA may exert different effects on satiation and body composition. This is an avenue for  
525 future work.



526 **Diacylglycerol**

527 Diacylglycerol (DAG) is a glyceride which consists of two fatty acids on a glycerol backbone and  
528 naturally occurs in small amounts in cooking oils; from 0.8% in rapeseed oil to 5.5% in olive oil  
529 and 9.5% in cottonseed oil (Rudkowska et al. 2005; Flickinger and Matsuo 2003; D'Alonzo,  
530 Kozarek, and Wade 1982). In 1999, the Kao Corporation in Japan introduced DAG oil which  
531 contained over 80% DAG and sold over 70 million bottles between then and 2003 (Flickinger and  
532 Matsuo 2003).

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534 ***Mechanisms of Satiety***

535 *Substrate Oxidation*

536 Chronic studies examining the effects of DAG on weight loss have attributed the decrease in  
537 adipose tissue to greater levels of  $\beta$ -oxidation (Maki et al. 2002; Nagao et al. 2000), although to the  
538 authors' knowledge only one study has directly measured this (Kamphuis, Mela, and Westerterp-  
539 Plantenga 2003). Scharrer and Langhans (1986) first established that inhibited fatty acid oxidation  
540 stimulates feeding, and since then hepatic fatty acid oxidation has been linked with hunger (Kahler,  
541 Zimmermann, and Langhans 1999). Therefore the decrease in appetite shown in the study by  
542 Kamphuis *et al.* (2003) could be attributed to the lipoprivic control of eating.

543

544 *Gastric Motility*

545 The transport and absorption of DAG are similar to medium-chain triglycerides, despite the fact it is  
546 mainly comprised of long-chain fatty acids. Long-chain fatty acids ( $\geq 12$  carbon atoms) slow gastric  
547 emptying – the rate of food leaving the stomach and entering the duodenum (Clegg and Shafat  
548 2009) – to a greater extent than shorter chain fatty acids (Hunt and Knox 1968). It has been shown  
549 that gastric emptying is correlated with satiety, and therefore the longer food remains in the stomach  
550 the greater is the satiating effect (Bergmann et al. 1992; Geliebter 1988). Therefore it is possible

551 that DAG may influence satiety through delayed gastric emptying, although this is only speculation  
552 as there are currently no studies which have investigated this.

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#### 554 *Satiety Hormones*

555 Stoeckel *et al.* (2008) compared the effect of a high-fat beverage consisting mainly of DAG to a  
556 very low-calorie beverage on PYY release. Participants were divided into either high PYY release  
557 or low PYY release groups. In the high PYY group, the response was significantly higher after the  
558 DAG drink compared to the low-calorie drink, which also corresponded to decreased ratings of  
559 hunger. No other study to the authors' knowledge has reported PYY 'non-responders' and it is not  
560 currently known why this study found this. It is tempting to speculate an effect of DAG on PYY  
561 release; however without a control oil to compare it to it is impossible to say whether this response  
562 is similar to other long-chain oils.

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#### 564 *Acute intake of diacylglycerol on satiety*

565 As aforementioned, Kamphuis, Mela and Westerterp-Plantenga (2003) examined the effect of  
566 energy-balance diets for 4.5 days on substrate oxidation, energy expenditure, and subjective  
567 appetite when 40% of the fat provided was either DAG or TAG oil. On the fourth day, DAG oil  
568 intake was  $33.0 \pm 2.3$  g which provided  $26.4 \pm 1.9$  g of DAG, and on the fifth day, DAG oil intake  
569 was  $22.2 \pm 1.4$  g which provided  $17.8 \pm 1.1$  g of DAG. DAG oil led to decreased subjective hunger  
570 and increased subjective satiety, which was attributed to higher rates of  $\beta$ -oxidation. Participants  
571 were fed a prescribed amount in order to achieve energy balance, and so whether these subjective  
572 feelings would lead to changes in *ad libitum* intake is unknown. Given that the inhibition of fatty  
573 acid oxidation stimulates hunger (Langhans *et al.* 2011; Leonhardt and Langhans 2004), it is  
574 possible that this increase in  $\beta$ -oxidation will have the opposing effect and prevent hunger, although  
575 this requires further study. To the authors' knowledge, this is the only study to date which has

576 investigated the role of DAG on appetite. Taking into account the potential for cumulative  
577 mechanisms which could lead to enhanced satiety, this is an exciting avenue for further research.

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579 *Effects on satiety of chronic consumption of diacylglycerol*

580 It has been repeatedly shown that chronic intake of DAG can lead to decreased body weight and  
581 reduced accumulation of adipose tissue (Kawashima et al. 2008; Li et al. 2008; Yasunaga et al.  
582 2004; Maki et al. 2002; Yamamoto et al. 2001; Taguchi et al. 2001). There are clearly some long-  
583 term benefits associated with the intake of DAG, although this is outside the scope of the current  
584 review; however, readers are directed to the meta-analysis of Xu *et al.* (2008). To the authors'  
585 knowledge, no study to date has investigated chronic DAG intake on satiety specifically. Self-  
586 reported diet diary data suggests that DAG has no long-term effect on satiety (Yamamoto et al.  
587 2001) or can decrease energy intake but no more than a triacylglycerol control oil (Kawashima et al.  
588 2008). Li *et al.* (2008) found that carbohydrate intake was decreased after 120 days of DAG  
589 supplementation, but the decrease in total energy intake only approached significance ( $P = 0.08$ ). It  
590 is noteworthy to mention that the study by Kawashima and colleagues (2008) administered DAG oil  
591 in an *ad libitum* protocol where participants merely swapped their normal cooking oil with DAG  
592 oil. This is of particular importance as most studies administer lipids by adding extra lipid to food,  
593 such as yoghurt (Kamphuis, Mela, and Westerterp-Plantenga 2003) or a beverage (Stoeckel et al.  
594 2008), and so this *ad libitum* protocol has been shown to yield significantly positive effects without  
595 administering set doses. This study also reported no differences in fasting ketone bodies after the  
596 treatment period, which suggests the increase in hepatic fatty acid oxidation is transient. It would be  
597 pertinent to investigate if there is increased postprandial  $\beta$ -oxidation after chronic DAG  
598 supplementation to elucidate whether there is an added benefit to short-term intake. However, the  
599 current evidence suggests that DAG supplementation does not increase satiety.

## 600 **Omega-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids**

601 Omega-3 (*n*-3) polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) are essential fatty acids as they cannot be  
602 synthesized *de novo* (Lorente-Cebrián et al. 2013). The main *n*-3 PUFA are eicosapentaenoic acid  
603 (EPA, 20:5*n*-3) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA, 22:6*n*-3) which are found in large quantities in  
604 certain fish, such as mackerel, salmon, and sardines; therefore these are considered to be ‘fish oils’  
605 (Ackman 2008). Whereas *n*-6 PUFA possesses inflammatory properties by leading to the secretion  
606 of the proinflammatory cytokine interleukin-1 and the leukotriene LTB<sub>4</sub>, *n*-3 PUFA are anti-  
607 inflammatory and may help protect against inflammatory and autoimmune diseases (Simopoulos  
608 2002). Research has shown positive effects of fish oil on cardiovascular diseases (Chowdhury et al.  
609 2012; Ebrahimi et al. 2009), dyslipidaemia (Paniagua et al. 2011; Jiménez-Gómez et al. 2010) and  
610 body composition (Bender et al. 2014), however few studies to date have investigated the effect of  
611 *n*-3 PUFA on satiety and food intake.

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### 613 ***Mechanisms of Satiety***

#### 614 *Central control of appetite*

615 The endocannabinoid system is a complex system with various physiological roles, one of which is  
616 the regulation of food intake (Pagotto et al. 2006). Lipids have diverse roles in the control of  
617 appetite through this system, such as the orexigenic anandamide (*N*-arachidonylethanolamine,  
618 AEA) and the opposing anorexigenic oleoylethanolamide (OEA) (Lambert and Muccioli 2007;  
619 Petersen et al. 2006). Levels of gut OEA are low during prolonged fasting and rise postprandially,  
620 and OEA has been shown to suppress food intake in rats through peroxisome proliferator-activated  
621 receptor  $\alpha$  (PPAR $\alpha$ ) (de Fonseca et al. 2001; Fu J. et al. 2003). In contrast, anandamide has been  
622 shown to increase appetite to the point of inducing over-consumption (Williams and Kirkham  
623 1999). Wood *et al.* (2010) noted that DHA-enhanced mouse-chow led to decreased plasma  
624 concentrations of both OEA and AEA, which may suggest a homeostatic mechanism in order to

625 maintain energy balance. However, given that OEA can exerts its anorexigenic effects when  
626 accumulating locally in the intestine without affecting plasma levels (Borrelli and Izzo 2009), this  
627 requires further research for confirmation.

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629 As briefly mentioned previously, the hypothalamus is the main centre of the brain for regulating  
630 energy intake. In recent years, there has been emerging evidence that other areas of the brain are  
631 involved with energy intake, such as mesolimbic dopamine system (Volkow, Wang, and Baler  
632 2011). The controversial idea of categorising appetite as an addiction and obesity as a  
633 neurobehavioral disorder has been proposed in recent years (Dagher 2009), and in this context,  
634 obesity may be a result of the excess energy intake from the consumption of energy dense foods due  
635 to their potent reward. Chalon (2006) found that the mesolimbic dopaminergic pathway was  
636 overactive in rats with *n*-3 PUFA deficiency, and this could possibly manifest in changes in eating  
637 behaviour due to its role in reward-seeking behaviours, such as the consumption of palatable foods.  
638 Indeed, Cordeira *et al.* (2010) found that depleted brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) led to  
639 increased intake of chow in mice due to modulation of the mesolimbic dopamine system. Further  
640 research is required to investigate the link between *n*-3 PUFA and the mesolimbic system, but if  
641 supplementation can suppress reward-seeking behaviour, it could be a useful tool for decreasing  
642 energy intake.

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#### 644 *Increasing appetite*

645 It is important to remember that not all individuals need to reduce their energy intake. Patients with  
646 cancer can suffer from cancer anorexia-cachexia, the muscle wastage that occurs as a result of the  
647 disease (Dodson *et al.* 2011). One of the complications of this condition is poor appetite, possibly  
648 due to cytokine-inhibition of neuropeptide Y (Donohoe, Ryan, and Reynolds 2011).  
649 Supplementation with *n*-3 PUFA can reduce the production of interleukin-1 and interleukin-6

650 cytokines (Barber, Ross, and Fearon 1998). Therefore, supplementation with EPA may help combat  
651 the loss of appetite associated with this condition. This suggests that there may be a role for *n*-3  
652 PUFA in overall energy intake regulation, managing both over- and under-consumption.

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#### 654 *Acute intake of omega-3 PUFA on satiety*

655 To the authors' knowledge, there are no studies to date which have investigated the acute effect of  
656 *n*-3 PUFA intake on satiety. *n*-3 PUFA appears to mediate its effects by increasing the phospholipid  
657 content of the cell membrane of EPA and DHA (Calder 2010), which occurs in a dose-dependent  
658 manner after supplementation (Rees et al. 2006). Therefore, there may be no benefit to satiety when  
659 *n*-3 PUFA are taken acutely. Some studies have found that *n*-3 PUFA ingestion can lead to mild  
660 side-effects, such as nausea (Bruera et al. 2003), and have an unpleasant taste (Damsbo-Svendson,  
661 Rønsholdt, and Lauritzen 2013). These are factors which must be taken into consideration when  
662 studies assessing acute intake of *n*-3 PUFA on satiety are designed, as they may confound the  
663 results.

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#### 665 *Effects on satiety of chronic consumption of omega-3 PUFA*

666 Studies have measured the effect of *n*-3 PUFA in various chronic diseases, whereas the role of *n*-3  
667 PUFA in satiety has received little attention. The current evidence is equivocal. Parra *et al.* (2008)  
668 examined the use of seafood diets and fish oil capsules on appetite in overweight and obese  
669 participants who were already undergoing caloric restriction, and found that participants in the high  
670 *n*-3 PUFA groups reported increased fullness and decreased hunger and desire to eat after a test  
671 meal, assessed by visual analogue scale after the evening meal, which was consumed in habitual  
672 conditions. However, it is difficult to conclude whether these effects are chronic effects from the  
673 supplementation and diet manipulation or acute effects from the test meals, as the test dinners  
674 differed between groups (cod in the low *n*-3 group, salmon in the high *n*-3 group). This does

675 indicate that the long-term intake is associated with appetite suppression, but more research is  
676 needed to confirm this. Furthermore, this study did not measure pre-meal appetite sensations and  
677 therefore the results must be interpreted with caution, as differences from baseline may have  
678 affected the results. Damsbo-Svendsen *et al.* (2013) found that fish oil tablets were not as effective  
679 as soybean tablets for increasing satiety, as they reported that postprandial fullness was increased  
680 and desire to eat decreased after soybean supplementation for 3 weeks. However, the washout  
681 period in this study was one week long, and this may not be enough to completely remove any  
682 effects from the previous supplementation (Brown, Pang, and Roberts 1991; Hansen et al. 1998).

683 Interestingly, Bruera *et al.* (2003) found that appetite decreased in both an intervention group and a  
684 control group. The aim of that study was to investigate whether *n*-3 PUFA can aid patients with  
685 cachexia, which can manifest in symptoms such as weight loss and a reduction in appetite.  
686 Unexpectedly, results from this study showed that appetite decreased in patients with cancer  
687 cachexia, although it has been previously shown that supplementation with EPA can improve  
688 appetite in these patients (Barber et al. 1999). Jatoi *et al.* (2004) examined the use of supplementing  
689 1.09 g of EPA and 0.46 g of DHA versus the appetite stimulating progesterone megestrol acetate,  
690 and found no differences between the two (or a combination) in terms of appetite, as appetite  
691 ratings increased in all three arms. Where this showed no benefit of EPA compared to megestrol, it  
692 does show the ability of EPA to increase appetite in cachexia. Similar results have been found in  
693 Yehuda *et al.* (2005) who reported that a mixture of *n*-3 and *n*-6 fatty acids led to increased  
694 subjective appetite in those who suffered test anxiety compared to a placebo mineral oil. It was  
695 again further corroborated by Zaid *et al.* (2012), who found that there was an increase in subjective  
696 appetite ratings in children with leukaemia after 8 weeks of supplementation with 360 mg EPA and  
697 240 mg DHA daily. These results also indicate that *n*-3 may be useful in appetite control, but for  
698 those who need to increase appetite and not for those undertaking a weight loss intervention.

699 Clearly, more research is needed in healthy volunteers and in a cohort attempting to lose weight.  
700 Some of these studies have shown that *n*-3 PUFA supplementation can increase appetite in  
701 inflammatory diseases (such as cancer cachexia), but, counterintuitively, they have also been shown  
702 to be beneficial in weight loss as well. More research is needed to strengthen our understanding of  
703 the role of *n*-3 PUFA in the modulation of appetite.



## 704 **Small Particle Lipids**

705 Research into lipid droplets is a relatively new field, as it was believed until the early 1990s that  
706 they were inert deposits (Suzuki et al. 2011). Lipids droplets consist of a core of lipids surrounded  
707 by a phospholipid monolayer (Tauchi-Sato et al. 2002; Fujimoto and Parton 2011) and range in size  
708 from 0.3  $\mu\text{m}$  to 20  $\mu\text{m}$  in various milks and infant formulas (Favé, Coste, and Armand 2004). Small  
709 particle lipids (SPL) are created via fractionation.

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## 711 ***Mechanisms of Satiety***

### 712 *Digestion*

713 Smaller lipid droplets lead to increased emulsion surface area, meaning that fat hydrolysis will  
714 increase, as lipase is active on the surface (Maljaars et al. 2012). Armand (Armand 2007) states that  
715 as lipase is abundant, therefore a larger lipid/surface inter-surface area allows for extra binding.  
716 Also, human pancreatic lipase is inhibited by large amounts of free fatty acids which accumulate at  
717 the surface of lipid droplets; a greater surface area delays this inhibition, thereby increasing the  
718 amount of hydrolysis (Armand et al. 1999; Patrick Borel et al. 1994). Increased rates of hydrolysis  
719 may increase satiety by increasing fatty acid sensing in the small intestine (Maljaars et al. 2012).  
720 Borel *et al.* (1994) conducted the first *in vivo* (in rats) study examining lipid droplet size and  
721 digestion, and found that finer emulsions led to greater hydrolysis than coarser emulsions. These  
722 findings were confirmed in healthy humans a few years later when emulsions were administered  
723 intragastrically (Armand et al. 1999). Furthermore, CCK was more potently released with  
724 emulsified LCT – with reduced droplet size – than non-emulsified LCT (Ledeboer et al. 1999).

### 725 *Gastric Motility*

726 The concept of the ‘ileal brake’ was first established in the mid-1980s and was shown to both  
727 reduce jejunal motility (Spiller et al. 1984) and delay gastric emptying (Read et al. 1984). The ileal  
728 brake has been shown to delay gastric emptying to a greater extent than the duodenal brake (Welch,

729 Saunders, and Read 1985; Maljaars et al. 2012). This was confirmed in later studies by the  
730 University Hospital Maastricht research group who showed that smaller lipid droplets led to  
731 increased peptide secretion and satiety scores over larger droplets, but only when infused into the  
732 ileum and not the duodenum (Maljaars et al. 2012). It must be noted that droplet size does also  
733 appear to have an effect when administered to the duodenum, as Seimon *et al.* (2009) found that  
734 infusion of lipids with a droplet size of 0.26  $\mu\text{m}$  led to greater stimulation of CCK, PYY and hunger  
735 suppression, leading to decreased energy intake. However, it was also found in another study that  
736 this was only apparent when fat is infused as compared to oral consumption of the same load  
737 (Maljaars et al. 2011). However, intragastric infusions are not a feasible method of decreasing  
738 energy intake.

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#### 740 *Acute intake of small particle lipids on satiety*

741 Fabules<sup>TM</sup> (previously Olibra<sup>TM</sup>) is an emulsion comprised of palm oil and oat oil, produced by  
742 DSM (Delft, the Netherlands). GI transit time has been shown to be delayed when Fabules<sup>TM</sup> was  
743 delivered intra-gastrically (Knutson et al. 2010). Early studies conducted at the University of Ulster  
744 showed that this product decreased energy intake by an impressive 22-27% when compared to a  
745 control fat in lean, overweight and obese subjects (Burns et al. 2002, 2001, 2000). These results  
746 have, unfortunately, not been replicated (Smit et al. 2011; Smit et al. 2012; Chan et al. 2012), even  
747 by the same research group (Logan et al. 2006). Smit and colleagues investigated the possible role  
748 in the processing of the emulsion, and even with minimal processing (i.e. no shear and a maximum  
749 temperature of 42°C), there were effects on subjective appetite or energy intake (H. J. Smit et al.  
750 2012). This may explain why the early studies from Burns' group found positive effects, whereas  
751 later studies did not; as processing may have rendered the active ingredient in the test drinks  
752 inactive. In reality, this study concludes there is no efficacy of Fabules<sup>TM</sup> in improving satiety.

753 Fractionated oat oil (LOO) has a smaller particle size than milk globules (100 nm vs 1000 nm) and  
754 may remain partially undigested when entering the ileum. It has been shown to result in increased  
755 circulation of PYY, GLP-1, and CCK, but no changes in energy intake (Ohlsson et al. 2014). The  
756 authors claim that the concentration of polar lipid in the oil investigated is considerably higher than  
757 those in Fabules<sup>TM</sup>, and the resulting liposomes are stable enough to pass through the stomach  
758 without structural changes. This may explain the larger effect seen in postprandial concentrations of  
759 CCK, PYY, and GLP-1 with LOO compared to Fabules<sup>TM</sup>, but further study is required to confirm  
760 this.

761 Peters *et al.* (2014) reported no effect of droplet size when administered in a meal-replacement  
762 drink, and they discuss the potential for the background effect of the drink (which contained 10g of  
763 protein in the 606 kJ drink) which may have decreased sensitivity to the lipids added. This is in  
764 spite of the fact that lipolysis was significantly higher in the smaller droplet (0.1  $\mu\text{m}$ ) compared to  
765 the larger droplet (3  $\mu\text{m}$ ). Marciani *et al.* (2009) showed that acid-unstable emulsions were broken  
766 down in the stomach before entering the small intestine, whereas acid stable emulsions were not and  
767 led to slower gastric emptying and greater satiety scores. A more recent study also found no  
768 increase in subjective satiety or a decrease of energy intake when comparing Fabules<sup>TM</sup> soft lipid  
769 emulsions or hard emulsions (dairy and palm oil, respectively) which were matched for particle size  
770 (Chan et al. 2017). The aforementioned findings regarding site delivery and acid stability may  
771 explain the lack of significant difference between the droplet sizes in the study by Peters and  
772 colleagues. Hussein *et al.* (2015) added locust bean gum to lipids of 6  $\mu\text{m}$  or 0.4  $\mu\text{m}$  and found that  
773 these were more stable than a control coarse lipid of 6  $\mu\text{m}$  with no locust bean gum. This stability  
774 allowed for delivery of the lipids to the duodenum, and resulted in slower gastric emptying and  
775 decreased food intake, without altering subjective sensations of appetite. This shows that the  
776 development of novel foods containing small lipid droplets which remain unchanged in the stomach  
777 until breakdown in the duodenum could be a promising avenue to increase satiety.

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779 *Effects on satiety of chronic consumption of small particle lipids*

780 To the authors' knowledge, only three studies to date have investigated SPL chronically, and these  
781 investigated Fabules<sup>TM</sup>. Logan *et al.* (2006) found no significant suppressive effects of the novel  
782 lipid emulsion on either satiety or food intake. There are some methodological limitations which  
783 may have affected the results, such as the *ad libitum* trials being conducted in social environments  
784 instead of a secluded booth. However, despite errors in design, this study does not support the  
785 previous findings of Fabules<sup>TM</sup> as a long term mediator of satiety. Diepvens *et al.* (2007) found that  
786 hunger was significantly decreased, and weight re-gain was significant in the placebo group but not  
787 in the emulsion group, indicating Fabules<sup>TM</sup> may be useful in weight maintenance. However, Heer  
788 (2012) discussed that the 1.2 kg difference in body mass between groups may not be clinically  
789 significant or even attributed to the emulsion, as this can be achieved with a negative energy  
790 balance of 100 kcal·day over the 18 week period. A more recent study investigated the concurrent  
791 application of a low-calorie diet (1500 kcal·day), an exercise program, and supplementation of 4.2 g  
792 of Olibra or 3.9 g milk fat for a 12 week period (Rebello et al. 2012). They concluded no significant  
793 effect of supplementation with the emulsion on energy intake, subjective feelings of fullness or  
794 body weight/composition. Thus, there appears to be little evidence that Fabules<sup>TM</sup> can be useful in  
795 promoting satiety and decreasing energy intake.

796 More studies are required, examining different small lipid droplet emulsions and satiety, to confirm  
797 whether there is a long-term effect. It would be beneficial to develop a novel lipid or food product –  
798 such as capsules – which could release smaller lipid droplets directly into the ileum. Once this has  
799 been developed and shown to decrease satiety when administered acutely, then chronic strategies to  
800 enhance satiety can be examined.

## 801 **Discussion and future directions**

802 There is some evidence to suggest that the lipids included in this review do provide satiating effects;  
803 however, the side effects of taking these, particularly in high doses, must be taken into  
804 consideration. The evidence presented here suggests that the lipids with the most potential to  
805 enhance satiety are MCTs. SCFA can also promote satiety, but oral administration is more likely  
806 linked to poor tolerability rather than a satiety effect. MCT have been shown to enhance satiety  
807 when administered in beverage form (Rolls et al. 1988), when added to pasta (Van Wymelbeke et  
808 al. 1998), and non-significant trends have been seen when incorporated into a fried breakfast  
809 (Clegg, Golsorkhi, and Henry 2013). As aforementioned, MCT exert their appetite-suppressing  
810 effects through an increase in ketone body production and not by an increase in appetite-  
811 suppressing hormones. Therefore it is possible that combining MCT alongside other nutrients that  
812 are potent stimulators of hormone release, such as protein (van der Klaauw et al. 2013) or indeed  
813 other fats (Huda, Wilding, and Pinkney 2006; McLaughlin et al. 1999), would lead to an even  
814 greater satiety response, although this is speculative.

815 Only one study to date has investigated CLA, and CLA led to reduced energy intake compared to a  
816 control, but with no significant difference to MCT (Coleman, Quinn, and Clegg 2016). There was  
817 no difference in self-reported hunger, fullness, desire to eat or prospective food consumption  
818 between any of the three oils. Further studies should aim to analyse this further, in different modes  
819 of delivery (i.e. liquid vs solid food).

820 SCFA do appear promising in the promotion of satiety, although this is difficult to quantify due to  
821 the background effect of fibre utilised in many studies (Nilsson et al. 2013; Johansson et al. 2013;  
822 Hlebowicz et al. 2008). Earlier studies investigating oral administration of SCFA initially seemed  
823 promising, with reported increases in satiety (Ostman et al. 2005; Hlebowicz et al. 2008; Kondo et  
824 al. 2009). A recent paper by Darzi and colleagues concluded that the apparent satiety effect is

825 actually poor tolerability (Darzi et al. 2014). Whilst this indicates that oral administration of these  
826 SCFA (acetate and propionate) is not recommended, no study to date has investigated oral  
827 administration of butyrate. It is likely that the same result will be seen, and so studies investigating  
828 this should consider nausea as a possible explanation for any apparent satiety effect.

829 DAG may influence satiety through a variety of mechanisms. The major limitation of DAG is its  
830 availability. The product used in some of the studies mentioned in this review (Maki et al. 2002;  
831 Yamamoto et al. 2001; Kamphuis, Mela, and Westerterp-Plantenga 2003) has since been withdrawn  
832 from production, due to the presence of the carcinogenic glycidol fatty acid ester. DAG oil has been  
833 verified as safe, with no adverse effects reported during 12 weeks of supplementation with a high  
834 dosage of 0.5 g·kg·d (Yasunaga et al. 2004), although the DAG in this study was created by the  
835 research group and not purchased commercially. Until a safe version of DAG is available which can  
836 be purchased commercially, this does not appear to be a feasible avenue for the promotion of  
837 satiety.

838 The evidence in support of fish oil and SPL is equivocal at best, with a majority of the research  
839 indicating no benefit of SPL (Y. K. Chan et al. 2017; Peters et al. 2014), despite earlier studies  
840 suggesting otherwise (Burns et al. 2001, 2000, 2002). In one study, fractionated oat oil was shown  
841 to increase satiety and the circulating concentration of satiety hormones (Ohlsson et al. 2014), and  
842 so more data is required to support these initial positive findings. *n*-3 PUFA can possibly be utilised  
843 in increasing appetite in scenarios where this is necessary, such as in cancer patients (Jatoi et al.  
844 2004; Zaid et al. 2012). There is a lack of studies investigating *n*-3 PUFA and satiety, and some of  
845 the current evidence did not measure satiety or appetite specifically.

846 A recurring limitation of the use of functional lipids in the enhancement of satiety is the adverse  
847 side effects commonly reported (Table 1). Both CLA and fish oil supplementation have been  
848 reported to result in adverse side-effects in small doses of 6.8 g·d with CLA (Blankson et al. 2000)

849 and 5 ml·d with *n*-3 PUFA (Damsbo-Svendsen, Rønsholdt, and Lauritzen 2013). Intakes of 85 g  
850 have been reported with MCT (Jeukendrup et al. 1998). Where this high amount did result in GI  
851 distress, it does show the potential for larger increases in satiety compared to some other lipids.  
852 In conclusion, future work should examine the combination of these lipids with other  
853 macronutrients (including fat) and other methods of promoting a negative energy balance in order to  
854 assess the cumulative effects. As there is currently no study directly comparing the effects of these  
855 lipids, it would be pertinent for this to be investigated. Finally, only one of the studies discussed in  
856 this review has employed a design by which the participants swapped their daily oil for the test oil  
857 (Kawashima et al. 2008). Considering that adding lipids to foods is counter-intuitive to an  
858 individual attempting to decrease energy intake, this protocol should be examined in more studies  
859 for ecological validity.

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**Table 1.** Studies on the effect of medium chain triglycerides (MCT) on satiety

Study	Study Design	Fat used	Major Results
Barbera <i>et al.</i> (2000)	Infusion study	0.9% Saline, 20% LCT or 22% MCT emulsions	<p>↑ gastric volume and satiation after LCT</p> <p>↑ gastric volume after MCT but not enough to induce the same satiation</p> <p>↑ CCK, GIP, neurotensin and PP after LCT</p>
Feltrin <i>et al.</i> (2004)	Infusion study	Lauric acid (C12), Decanoic acid (C10), and control infused at a rate of 0.375 kcal min <sup>-1</sup>	<p>Both C12 and C10 elicited CCK release, ↑ in C12</p> <p>↓ subjective sensations of hunger and EI after C12</p>
Krotkiewski <i>et al.</i> (2001)	4 week very low-calorie diet in peri-menopausal women	9 g MCT, 8.8 g LCT or low-fat control (3 g fat)	<p>MCT ↓ hunger and ↑ satiety</p> <p>↑ ketones in MCT</p> <p>MCT ↑ BW loss after 2 weeks, but no difference by week 4</p>
Maas <i>et al.</i> (1998)	Infusion study	LCT (corn oil) or MCT (octanoic and decanoic acid) infused at a caloric load of 22.7 kJ min <sup>-1</sup> and 11.6 kJ min <sup>-1</sup> respectively	<p>↑ PYY secretion after LCT</p> <p>PYY was released after MCT, to a lesser extent</p>
McLaughlin <i>et al.</i> (1999)	Infusion study	Various fatty acids of different chain lengths from butyric acid (C4) to octadecanoic acid (C18)	<p>Fatty acids with chain length ≤<sup>11</sup>C: ↔ CCK secretion</p> <p>Fatty acids with chain length ≥<sup>12</sup>C: ↑ CCK secretion</p>
Poppit <i>et al.</i> (2010)	High-fat breakfast in healthy men	SCT (milk fat), MCT (coconut oil) or LCT (tallow). <i>Ad libitum</i> meal 210 min after breakfast	<p>↔ <i>ad libitum</i> EI</p> <p>↔ subjective sensations between trials</p>
Rizzo <i>et al.</i> (2016)	Preload study in 36 healthy women	Ice cream containing different ratios of coconut oil (CO) and sunflower oil (SO)	<p>↓ fat intake after High CO</p> <p>Inverse trend of CO and EI at dinner, but</p>

		High CO: 75%CO:25%SO Equal: 50:50 High SO: 75%SO:25%CO	non-significant ↔ EI between trials
Rolls <i>et al.</i> (1988)	Preload study in 24 women, 12 dieters, and 12 non-dieters	30% fat liquid preload of which all 30% LCT or 24% MCT and 6% LCT 3 doses of each providing 100, 200 or 300kcal	↓ <i>ad libitum</i> EI after MCT Larger doses led to ↓ EI ↔ subjective sensations No consistent pattern emerged in dieters
St-Onge <i>et al.</i> (2014)	2 studies: one breakfast study and one preload study.	Both studies: breakfast containing 20g of either MCT or LCT (corn oil) Preload study: 3h after breakfast participants consumed a preload yoghurt containing an extra 10g of either oil.	↓ intake at <i>ad lib</i> lunch after MCT ↑ PYY and leptin after MCT ↔ total ghrelin and GLP-1 ↑ suppression after preload as opposed to the breakfast
Van Wymelbeke <i>et al.</i> (1998)	High carbohydrate breakfast in 12 healthy volunteers	4 high CHO breakfast with either 70 kJ fat substitute, or 1460 kJ from different fats: saturated LCT (from 42 g lard), monounsaturated LCT (from 40 g olive oil) or MCT (from 43 g of Ceres MCT oil).	↓hunger after MCT ↔ in time to request lunch other than ↓ in fat substitute ↔ in time to request dinner
Van Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvester and Fantino (2001)	Preload lunch in 10 men	4 lunches: 2310 kJ meal containing 40 kJ fat substitute (Sub), 32 g LCT, 35 g MCT or 53 g CHO and 8 g LCT (CHO)	↑ delay in meal request in CHO ↑ delay in MCT over LCT and Sub, but not as long as CHO ↓ EI in MCT

MCT: Medium-chain triglycerides; LCT: Long-chain triglycerides; EI: Energy Intake; CCK: Cholecystokinin; GIP: Gastric Inhibitory Peptide; PP: Pancreatic Polypeptide; BW: Body Weight; CHO: Carbohydrate. ↑ shows increased or greater ↓ shows decreased or lesser ↔ shows no change or difference.

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**Table 2.** Studies on the effect of conjugated linoleic acids on satiety

Study	Study Design	Fat used	Major Results
Blankson <i>et al.</i> (2000)	12 weeks supplementation study	CLA capsules: 75% CLA, equal parts c9,t11 and t10,c12 isomers Placebo capsules: olive oil Varying dosages: Placebo: 9g olive oil. CLA doses of 1.7g, 3.4g, 5.1g or 6.8g	↓ Appetite after 12 week period in 3.4g and 7.8g CLA groups ↑ Lean mass after all CLA doses.
Coleman, Quinn and Clegg (2016)	Preload breakfast in 19 men	22g vegetable oil (control) 5 g CLA and 16g vegetable oil (CLA) 25 g MCT oil (MCT)	↓ (non-sig) EI at <i>ad libitum</i> lunch in both CLA and MCT ↓ Overall EI in MCT ↑ Time to meal request in CLA
Cornish <i>et al.</i> (2009)	5-week strength training, 69 participants	3 groups: 6 g·day CLA (36.1% c9,t11 and 36.3% t10,c12 isomers), 36 g·day whey and 9 g·d creatine (CPP) 36 g·day whey, 9 g·d creatine and placebo oil (CP) Placebo oil (P)	↔ EI in all groups from baseline to 12 weeks and between groups from self-reported diet diary data
Gaullier <i>et al.</i> (2005)	2 year CLA supplementation study	4.5 g·d olive oil (Placebo) 4.5 g·d Triglyceride CLA (CLA-TG) providing 3.4 g active isomers 4.5 g·d Free fatty acid CLA (CLA-FA) providing 3.6 g active isomers	↓ EI by 1289kJ·day in CLA-TG ↓ EI by 870kJ·day in CLA-FFA ↓ Leptin both CLA-TG and CLA-FFA
Iwata <i>et al.</i> (2007)	12 weeks supplementation in 60 healthy volunteers	5.4 g CLA-triacylglycerol (3.4 g as CLA isomers) 10.8 g CLA- triacylglycerol (6.8 g as CLA	↔ In energy intake after treatment: no effect of CLA on satiety ↑ Leptin in all groups (including placebo)

		isomers) Placebo (10.8 g safflower oil) CLA comprised ~50:50 c9,t11 and t10,c12 isomers	
Kamphuis <i>et al.</i> (2003).	3 weeks of very low-calorie diet in 54 healthy volunteers before 13 weeks of supplementation	High or low doses High doses: 3.6 g·day of CLA or Placebo Low dose: 1.8 g·day of CLA or Placebo	↔ EI at standardized breakfast ↑ Fullness and satiety in CLA ↓ Hunger in CLA ↔ Weight regain
Lambert <i>et al.</i> (2007)	12 weeks supplementation in 64 healthy volunteers	3.9 g CLA capsule (65.9% CLA: 29.7% c9,t11; 30.9% t10,c12; 2.9% other isomers) 3.9 g high-oleic acid sunflower oil (placebo)	↔ Subjective sensations (fullness, appetite, satiety)
Medina <i>et al.</i> (2000)	64 days supplementation in 17 healthy women	3.9 g CLA (65% CLA: 22.6% t10,c12; 23.6% c11,t13; 17.6% c9,t1; and 36.2% other isomers) 3 g placebo (72.6% linoleic acid)	Leptin initially ↓ but then returned to baseline in CLA ↔ appetite, despite ↓ leptin
Norris <i>et al.</i> (2009)	36-week supplementation study in 55 obese postmenopausal women with T2D	CLA: 8.0 g·day oil providing 6.4 g·day CLA (41.6% c9,t11 and 40.4% t10,c12 isomers) and 1.6 g oleic/palmitic acids Placebo: 8.0 g·day oil providing 8.0 g·day safflower oil	↓ BMI ↔ EI (from self-reported diet diary data) ↔ Leptin
Pinkoski <i>et al.</i> (2006)	7 weeks resistance training with supplementation in 76 healthy men and women	Placebo: 7 g·day sunflower oil CLA: Tablets containing ~66% CLA (of which 36.1% c9,t11 and 36.3% t10,c12 isomers) providing 5 g·day	↑ Lean tissue mass after CLA for 7 weeks ↔ Self-assessed energy intake after the intervention period
Wanders <i>et al.</i> (2007)	3-week supplementation	Fed diet containing 14.6 g c9,t11 CLA and	↔ Self-assessed energy intake during the



	study in 20 healthy subjects	3.3 g t10,c12 CLA, and 1.4 g other CLA isomers	supplementation period
Watras <i>et al.</i> (2007)	6-month supplementation study	Placebo: 4 g·day safflower oil CLA: 4 g·day of oil providing 3.2 g·day CLA (39.2% c9,t11 and 38.5% t10,c12)	↓ Weight gain over the 6 month period in CLA ↔ EI during EI, whilst EI ↑ in placebo

CLA: Conjugated Linoleic Acid; EI: Energy Intake; CCK: Cholecystokinin; GIP: Gastric Inhibitory Peptide; PP: Pancreatic Polypeptide; BW: Body Weight. ↑ shows increased or greater ↓ shows decreased or lesser ↔ shows no change or difference.

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**Table 3.** Studies on the effect of short-chain fatty acids on satiety

Study	Study Design	Fat used	Major Results
Cani <i>et al.</i> (2006)	2 x 2-week crossover with 10 healthy subjects	16 g·day oligofructose (OF) 16 g·day placebo (PLA) Two-week washout between each.	↑ satiety after breakfast with OF intake ↓ intake at breakfast and lunch after 2 weeks of OF ↓ overall EI in OF
Chambers <i>et al.</i> (2015)	24 weeks parallel in 60 subjects	10 g·day inulin-propionate (IP) 10 g·day of inulin-control (CON)	↑ PYY and GLP-1 release after IP ↓EI after IP by 14% ↔ Subjective sensations
Darwiche <i>et al.</i> (2001).	Breakfast study in 9 healthy volunteers	Control bread made with basic recipe, or same bread with the addition of sodium propionate	↓ GE after bread containing propionate
Darzi, Frost and Robertson (2012)	Breakfast study in 20 healthy unrestrained eaters	Sandwiches made with a propionate rich sourdough to yield 4.8 mmol propionate per 100 g of bread or a control equivalent	↔ EI at <i>ad lib</i> lunch between trials ↔ 24 h EI between trials ↔ Appetite ratings
Darzi <i>et al.</i> (2014)	2 studies investigating the oral properties of SCFA	Study 1: Control drink: 75g in 275g water across two drinks Unpalatable drink: 25g vinegar and 25g squash in 100g water followed by 50g squash in 100g water Palatable drink: 25g vinegar and 75g squash in 250g water across two drinks Study 2:	Study 1: ↑ Nausea after unpalatable drink ↓ <i>ad lib</i> and 24 h EI after vinegar treatments Study 2: ↓ Pleasantness after vinegar drink ↔ Nausea ratings

		Modified sham feeding of a control drink (180g water) or a vinegar drink (230g white wine vinegar in 150g water)	↔ Appetite ratings ↔ EI at <i>ad lib</i> meal
Daud <i>et al.</i> (2014)	6 weeks parallel in 22 subjects	30 g·day oligofructose (OF) 30 g·day cellulose (CON)	↑ acetate concentrations after OF ↑ fasting serum propionate and butyrate after OF ↑ PYY AUC after OF ↑ GLP-1 AUC after CON ↓ EI and hunger after OF
Freeland <i>et al.</i> (2010)	One year dietary modification to alter fibre intakes in 28 hyperinsulinaemic volunteers	Two groups: High-wheat fibre cereal (All Bran) Low-fibre cereal (Rice Krispies)	↑ plasma butyrate and GLP-1 secretion after 9-12 months of high fibre intake
Frost <i>et al.</i> (2014)	Series of tests in mice	<sup>11</sup> C Acetate injections	↓ EI ↓ agouti-related peptide expression ↑ proopiomelanocortin expression
Hlebowicz <i>et al.</i> (2015)	Crossover trial with 15 healthy subjects	28 mmol acetate soaked in different breads: White (W), Wholemeal (WM) Whole-kernel wheat (WK) Unsoaked white bread (CON)	↑ satiety in WK ↔ GE
Jouët <i>et al.</i> (2013)	Perfusion study in 20 healthy	SCFA mixture: 66% acetic acid, 24%	↔ colonic motility

	volunteers	propionic acid, and 10% butyric acid	
Kondo <i>et al.</i> (2009)	12 week parallel supplementation study in 155 obese individuals	0 mg/100 ml acetate (PLA) 15 mg/100 ml acetate (LOW) 30 mg/100 ml acetate (HIGH)	↔ EI, macronutrient breakdown or EE
Liljeberg and Björck (1998)	Breakfast study with 12 healthy volunteers	Different breads baked to include lactic acid, sodium propionate or basic whole meal (as a control).	↓ GE after bread containing propionate ↑ satiety after bread containing propionate
Mettler, Schwarz and Colombani (2009)	Repeated measures study in 27 subjects	Milk rice meal with either: No additive (CON) 4 g cinnamon (CIN) 28 mmol acetate (ACE) Cinnamon and acetate (C&A)	↔ satiety AUC ↓ satiety 15-30 min post ingestion in C&A
Nilsson <i>et al.</i> (2013)	Crossover trial in 16 healthy adults	Evening meal of Swedish brown beans (SBB) or white bread (WB), in portions to provide 35g of starch, given the night before a standardised breakfast.	↑ PYY (51%) and oxyntomodulin after SBB ↓ ghrelin after SBB (by 14%) ↔ subjective sensations
Ostman <i>et al.</i> (2005)	Crossover trial with 12 healthy subjects	White bread (CON) With 18 mmol acetate (LOW) With 23 mmol acetate (MED) With 28 mmol acetate (HIGH)	↑ satiety in HIGH: dose-response relationship
Parnell and Reimer (2009)	12-week supplementation in 48 overweight/obese individuals	21 g·day oligofructose (OF) 21 g·day maltodextrin (PLA)	↓ ghrelin after OF ↑ PYY after OF ↔ GIP and GLP-1 ↓EI after OF

Ruijschop <i>et al.</i> (2008)	Preload study in 43 healthy women	Non-fermented dairy beverage (placebo) Fermented dairy beverage Non-fermented beverage with the addition of 0.6% calcium propionate	↑ fullness after fermented and non-fermented beverage with addition of calcium propionate ↔ <i>Ad lib</i> EI between all conditions
Tarini and Wolver (2010)	Acute feeding study in 12 healthy participants	Three test drinks: 80g high fructose corn syrup 56g high fructose corn syrup and 24g inulin 56g high fructose corn syrup	↑ serum SCFA concentrations after inulin ingestion ↓ ghrelin after inulin ↔ GIP and GLP-1 between inulin and 80g high fructose corn syrup drinks
GE: Gastric emptying; EI: Energy Intake; EE: Energy Expenditure; BW: Body Weight; PYY: Peptide YY; GLP-1: Glucagon-Like Peptide 1; GIP: Gastric Inhibitory Peptide. ↑ shows increased or greater ↓ shows decreased or lesser ↔ shows no change or difference.			

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**Table 4.** Studies on the effect of diacylglycerol on satiety

Study	Study Design	Fat used	Major Results
Kamphuis <i>et al.</i> (2003)	Crossover trial with 12 healthy women	36h stay in respiration chamber where 40% of fat came from DAG or TAG oil after 3 days of energy maintenance	↑ satiety after DAG ↑ β-oxidation
Kawashima <i>et al.</i> (2008)	1 year parallel trial in overweight or obese individuals	Participants were given DAG or TAG oil to replace normal cooking oil.	↓ EI in both groups
Li <i>et al.</i> (2008)	120 day parallel in 127 individuals with T2D	25 g·day diacylglycerol (DAG) 25 g·day triacylglycerol (TAG)	↓ CHO intake after DAG ↓ EI (non-sig) after DAG ↑ leptin after TAG
Stoeckel <i>et al.</i> (2008)	Acute study in 12 normal-weight humans	Control beverage: 21 kcal lipid free beverage Lipid beverage: made from 16 g ethyl oleate and 28g Enova oil which contains 80% diglycerides and 20% triglycerides	Participants stratified into high and low PYY responders. ↑ Plasma PYY after lipid drink In high PYY responders, lipid beverage ↑ satiety No effect in low PYY group
Yamamoto <i>et al.</i> (2001)	12 week parallel trial in 16 diabetic patients	10 g·day diacylglycerol (DAG) 10 g·day triacylglycerol (TAG) – normal cooking oil	↔ EI ( <i>from self-reported diet diary data</i> )

DAG: Diacylglycerol; TAG: Triacylglycerol; GE: Gastric emptying; EI: Energy Intake; EE: Energy Expenditure; BW: Body Weight; PYY: Peptide YY; GLP-1: Glucagon-Like Peptide 1; GIP: Gastric Inhibitory Peptide; CHO: carbohydrate. ↑ shows increased or greater ↓ shows decreased or lesser ↔ shows no change or difference.

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**Table 5.** Studies on the effect of omega-3 polyunsaturated acids on satiety

Study	Study Design	Fat used	Major Results
Bruera <i>et al.</i> (2003)	2-week high-dose supplementation study in patients with cancer cachexia	Control: 1000 mg·day olive oil Intervention: 1000 mg·day fish oil (providing 180 mg EPA and 120 mg DHA)	↔ change in appetite after 2 weeks supplementation
Damnsbo-Svendsen, Rønsholdt and Lauritzen (2013)	3 weeks supplementation in healthy individuals	Control: 10 soybean tablets a day providing a total of 5.2 g soybean oil Intervention: 10 fish oil tablets a day providing a total of 3.5 g n-3 PUFA, of which 1.9g was EPA and 1.1g was DHA	↑ appetite and ↓ postprandial fullness after fish oil supplementation
Jatoi <i>et al.</i> (2004)	An international clinical trial involving supplementation in 421 patients with cancer. Median study involvement of volunteers was “slightly more than 3 months”	Supplementation was as follows: 1.09 g of EPA and 0.46 g of DHA a day 600 mg·day megestrol acetate Or a combination of the two	↔ appetite improvement in all three groups
Parra <i>et al.</i> (2008)	Supplementation of during the last phase of a weight loss program in overweight and obese individuals	4 diets Control: no seafood, 6 placebo capsules a day Lean fish: 150 g cod 3 times a week Fatty fish: 150 g salmon 3 times a week Fish oil supplementation: 6 capsules a day  The two low n-3 PUFA provided > 260 mg·day n-3 fatty acids. The two high n-3 PUFA provided > 1300	↑ fullness in high n-3 groups ↓ hunger and desire to eat in high n-3 groups

		mg·day <i>n</i> -3 fatty acids.	
Yehunda, Rabinovitz and Mostofsky (2005)	3-week supplementation study in students	33 students in control group received a placebo “mineral oil” 88 students took Awake (TransCulture, Japan tables containing <i>n</i> -3 and <i>n</i> -6 in a ratio of 1:4	↑ appetite after supplementation with the mixture of lipids
Zaid <i>et al.</i> (2012)	8-week supplementation study in 51 children with leukaemia	2 groups: Control group that received individualised dietary advice Trial group that received individualised dietary advice alongside fish oil supplementation: 1 x 1200 mg capsule per day containing 360 mg EPA and 240 mg DHA	↑ appetite in children with leukaemia ↑ energy intake over control group

EPA: eicosapentaenoic acid; DHA: docosahexaenoic acid; PUFA: polyunsaturated fatty acids. ↑ shows increased or greater ↓ shows decreased or lesser ↔ shows no change or difference.

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**Table 6.** Studies on the effect of small particle lipids on satiety

Study	Study Design	Fat used	Major Results
Burns <i>et al.</i> (2000)	Acute feeding study in two groups of 30 volunteers	Control: Yoghurt containing 6 g dairy fat Test: Yoghurt containing 5 g Olibra™ and 1 g dairy fat	↓ Energy intake, food intake, and intake of all macronutrients after test food at 4 h ↔ subjective sensations of appetite and hunger
Burns <i>et al.</i> (2001)	Breakfast study in healthy weight, overweight and obese participants	Control: Yoghurt containing 6 g dairy fat Test: Yoghurt containing 5 g Olibra™ and 1 g dairy fat	↓ fat, carbohydrate, protein and total energy intake at both 4 h and 8 h after test infusion across all groups ↔ Obese intake at 4 h ↓ Obese intake at 8 h ↔ subjective sensations of appetite and hunger
Burns <i>et al.</i> (2002)	Breakfast study in 50 healthy individuals	Yoghurt with varying doses of Olibra™: 0g (control), 5 g, 10 g, or 15 g. 5 and 10 g amounts also had 10 and 5 g of milk fat, respectively, whereas the control was 15 g of milk fat.	↑ suppression with food intake as dose of Olibra™ increased ↔ subjective sensations of appetite and hunger
Chan <i>et al.</i> (2012)	Acute crossover feeding study	4.2 g lipids from a control or 15 g of Fabules™ provided in (or alongside) liquid form, semi-solid form and solid form, with a control for each state: Liquid emulsion (LE) Liquid control (LC) Semi-solid emulsion (LE + Yoghurt) Semi-solid control (LC + Yoghurt) Solid emulsion (LE + Muffin)	↑ fullness after LE + Yoghurt, no effect of Fabules™ in liquid or solid form ↔ EI across all conditions

		Solid control (LC + Muffin)	
Chan <i>et al.</i> (2017)	Acute crossover feeding study	6 conditions, 4 lipids and 2 controls: Fabules <sup>TM</sup> emulsion Dairy emulsion with dairy emulsifier Dairy emulsion with soy lecithin emulsifier Dairy control (non-emulsified) Palmolein emulsion with dairy emulsifier Palmolein control (non-emulsified)	↔ satiety ratings between lipids and respective controls ↔ EI between lipids and respective controls
Diepvens <i>et al.</i> (2007)	18-week weight maintenance and dietary manipulation in 50 overweight women	Control: 500 g of yoghurt containing 10 g milk fat, split into 2 doses Test: 500 g of yoghurt containing 6 g milk fat and 4 g vegetable fat from Olibra <sup>TM</sup> , split into 2 doses	↓ hunger after test product ↑ CCK, GLP-1, and βHB after test product ↓ weight regain after test product
Hussein <i>et al.</i> (2014)	Crossover feeding study in 11 healthy people	3 emulsions: Control: Coarse emulsion (6 μm droplets) Coarse+LBG: Coarse emulsion (6 μm droplets) + 0.5% locust bean gum Fine+LBG: Fine emulsion (0.4 μm droplets) + 0.5% locust bean gum	↓ GE after LBG, of which Fine+LBG ↓ the most ↑ CCK after both LBG trials, no diff between Coarse+LBG and Fine+LBG ↓ EI after both LBG trials, greater ↓ after Fine+LBG compared to Coarse+LBG ↔ VAS
Knutson <i>et al.</i> (2010)	Intragastric perfusion study	Control: 300 g of yoghurt containing 8.5 g dairy fat Test: 300g of yoghurt containing 8.5 g of Fabules <sup>TM</sup> emulsion	↑ Lipids remaining in the jejunum after test perfusion ↓ GE after test perfusion
Ledeboer <i>et al.</i>	Randomised crossover study involving intraduodenal	Control: Saline with emulsifier	↑ CCK release and gallbladder contraction

(1999)	infusion study in 6 healthy men	Emulsion trial: Emulsified soybean oil Non-emulsion trial: Non-emulsified soybean oil	after emulsified LCT ↔ Emulsifier in saline and non-emulsified LCT
Logan <i>et al.</i> (2006)	Crossover dietary manipulation study	Control: 5 g milk fat Test: 12.5 Olibra™ providing 5 g fat	↔ EI across trials ↔ on subjective sensations across trials
Marciani <i>et al.</i> (2009)	Acute feeding study with specially designed lipid emulsions	Emulsions made from [ <sup>13</sup> C]palmitate-enriched olive oil, providing 50 g of fat in 3.6 μm droplets. Two conditions were ‘acid-stable’ and ‘acid-unstable’ emulsions	↑ GE in acid-unstable emulsion ↓ ratings of hunger and appetite after acid-stable emulsion
Ohlsson <i>et al.</i> (2014)	Two acute feeding studies	Three doses of lipids from yoghurt (control) or fractionated oat oil (LOO): 1.8 g, 14 g, and 35 g	↑ satiety after LOO in women but not men ↑ GLP-1, PYY and CCK after 14 g and 35 g of LOO ↔ EI across trials
Peters <i>et al.</i> (2014)	Acute feeding study	Fat-free drink with: 5g fat in 3 μm droplets 9g fat in 3 μm droplets 5g fat in 0.1 μm droplets 9g fat in 0.1 μm droplets	↔ EI across all trials ↑ CCK release in smaller droplet trial, but only in 9 g fat load
Rebello <i>et al.</i> (2012)	12-week dietary supplementation study	Control group: yoghurt providing 1.95 g milk fat twice daily Test group: yoghurt providing 2.1 g Olibra™ twice daily	↓ hunger after Olibra™ supplementation ↔ EI and ratings of appetite and satiety between trials
Seimon <i>et al.</i> (2009)	Randomised crossover study involving intraduodenal infusion study in 10 healthy men	Control: Saline 0.26 μm droplet infusion: Intralipid (Fresenius Medical Care)	↑ CCK and PYY release after 0.26 μm droplet infusion ↓ hunger after 0.26 μm droplet infusion

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		30 $\mu$ m: Tween 80, water and canola oil	
		170 $\mu$ m: Tween 80, water and canola oil	
Smit <i>et al.</i> (2011)	Breakfast study in 24 healthy volunteers	Test drinks with 5 g milk/corn fat added ('Control') or 12.5 g of Fabules <sup>TM</sup> (containing 5 g of fat) added: During the manufacturing process ('Processed') After the manufacturing process ('Unprocessed')	$\leftrightarrow$ In EI at <i>ad lib</i> lunch $\downarrow$ In EI at <i>ad lib</i> dinner after Unprocessed $\leftrightarrow$ on subjective sensations across trials
Smit <i>et al.</i> (2012)	Breakfast and preload study comprising of 2 separate studies	100 g test drinks comprising of: 2.0g added milk fat 2.0g added fat from 5 g Fabules <sup>TM</sup> 3.2 g added milk fat 3.2 g added fat from 8 g Fabules <sup>TM</sup>	$\leftrightarrow$ energy intake and subjective sensations of satiety when comparing each dose to the control $\uparrow$ hunger at one timepoint after the Fabules <sup>TM</sup> drink, no other differences $\uparrow$ EI at one timepoint after the Fabules <sup>TM</sup> drink, no other differences
EI: Energy Intake; GE: Gastric Emptying; VAS: Visual Analogue Scale; CCK: Cholecystokinin, GLP-1: Glucagon-Like Peptide 1; $\beta$ HB: $\beta$ -Hydroxybutyrate. $\uparrow$ shows increased or greater $\downarrow$ shows decreased or lesser $\leftrightarrow$ shows no change or difference.			

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**Table 7.** Summary of the advantages and disadvantages of the functional lipids discussed within this review.

<b>Advantages</b>	<b>Disadvantages</b>
<b>Medium chain triglycerides</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong potential to mediate satiety(Coleman, Quinn, and Clegg 2016; Rolls et al. 1988; Van Wymelbeke et al. 1998; Van Wymelbeke, Louis-Sylvestre, and Fantino 2001).</li> <li>• Safe for consumption.</li> <li>• Possible for effects to be additive with other satiating foods due to hormone-independent effects(Miriam E Clegg 2010).</li> <li>• Can beneficially alter body composition without altering appetite or satiety(Krotkiewski 2001).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repulsive taste, ecological validity possibly questionable(Miriam E Clegg 2010).</li> <li>• Can cause nausea when ingested in high amounts(Jeukendrup et al. 1998; Goedecke et al. 2005).</li> </ul>
<b>Conjugated Linoleic Acid</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only one study investigating the acute use of CLA on satiety found it suppressed hunger compared to a control oil, even in small amounts(Coleman, Quinn, and Clegg 2016).</li> <li>• Satiety-independent effects on weight loss(Blankson et al. 2000; Belury, Mahon, and Banni 2003; Gaullier et al. 2007).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chronic studies indicate no effect on satiety(Blankson et al. 2000; Belury, Mahon, and Banni 2003; Gaullier et al. 2007).</li> <li>• Lack of short-term data investigating effects regarding appetite, more studies needed to draw conclusions.</li> <li>• Possible deleterious effects related to insulin resistance(Medina et al. 2000; Ulf Risérus et al. 2002; Smedman and Vessby 2001).</li> </ul>
<b>Short Chain Fatty Acids</b>	

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- Various mechanisms by which SCFA can regulate satiety, including stimulation of satiety hormones (Psichas et al. 2014; Tolhurst et al. 2012; Samuel et al. 2008), intestinal gluconeogenesis (Bienenstock, Kunze, and Forsythe 2015b; De Vadder et al. 2014) and gastric emptying. Could possibly be additive with other functional lipids or foods with satiating properties (Liljeberg and Björck 1996; Darwiche et al. 2001).
  - Mode of delivery varies between studies, so the determination of the effects of each different mode is difficult.
  - Many confounding factors, effects reported previously possibly not due to SCFA (J Darzi, Frost, and Robertson 2012; J Darzi et al. 2014).
  - Low tolerability and palatability of acetate means effects are not necessarily related to satiety (J Darzi et al. 2014).
  - No study to date has investigated the oral delivery of butyrate, no data on its effects.
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#### **Diacylglycerol**

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- Potentially cumulative mechanisms which, in theory, could result in a strong satiety signal.
  - Shown to be effective when replacing other fats in the diet in an *ad libitum* protocol. Beneficial as DAG does not require set doses to elicit its effects (Kawashima et al. 2008).
  - DAG used in previous studies no longer in production, and to the knowledge of the author, there is currently no other available source. Until another DAG is produced, this, unfortunately, does not seem a feasible avenue of research.
  - No chronic adaptation; must be used repeatedly for repeated acute effects (Yamamoto et al. 2001).
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#### ***n*-3 PUFA**

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- Possibly as good as a steroidal treatment in increasing cancer patients' energy intakes in an attempt to reverse cachexia(Bruera et al. 2003; M D Barber et al. 1999; Jatoi et al. 2004).
- Widely available.

- Possibly needs supplementation to induce effects, no acute effect.
- Various fish oil supplements commercially, with various concentrations and ratios of EPA:DHA, and some may be more beneficial than others.

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**Small particle lipid emulsions**

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- Possible decrease in hunger when supplementing with Fabules<sup>TM</sup>(Burns et al. 2001, 2000, 2002), but most studies do not corroborate this(H. J. Smit et al. 2012; Y.-K. Chan et al. 2012).
- Strong evidence that droplet size can be linked to the ileal brake(Knutson et al. 2010; Hussein et al. 2015; Seimon et al. 2009).

- The only commercially available SPL has little evidence of its efficaciousness(H. J. Smit et al. 2012; Y.-K. Chan et al. 2012), other SPL are manufactured specifically for studies.
  - A suitable emulsion still needs developing.
  - Evidence supporting droplet size and the ileal brake focuses mainly on the intragastric administration of the SPL which are not feasible methods of increasing satiety.
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