Appetite, energy intake and PYY<sub>3-36</sub> responses to energy-matched continuous exercise and submaximal high intensity exercise.

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#### **Abstract**

High intensity intermittent exercise induces similar physiological adaptations as energymatched continuous exercise but the comparative appetite and energy balance responses are unknown. Twelve healthy males (mean(SD): age 22(3) years, body mass index 23.7(3.0) kg.m<sup>-2</sup>, maximum oxygen uptake (VO<sub>2</sub> max) 52.4(7.1) mL.kg<sup>-1</sup>.min<sup>-1</sup>) completed three 8h trials (control, steady state exercise (SSE), high intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE)) separated by one week. Trials commenced upon completion of a standardised breakfast. Exercise was performed from 2-3h. Sixty minutes of cycling at 59.5(1.6)% of VO<sub>2</sub> max was performed in SSE. In HIIE, ten 4 min cycling intervals were completed at 85.8(4.0)% of VO<sub>2</sub> max with 2 min rest between each interval. A standardised lunch and ad libitum afternoon meal were provided at 3.75 and 7h. Appetite ratings and peptide YY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations were measured throughout each trial. Appetite was acutely suppressed during exercise but more so during HIIE (P<0.05). Peptide YY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations increased significantly upon cessation of exercise in SSE (P=0.002) but were highest in the hours after exercise in HIIE (P=0.05). Exercise energy expenditure was not different between HIIE and SSE (P=0.649) but perceived exertion was higher in HIIE (P<0.0005). Ad libitum energy intake did not differ between trials (P=0.833). Therefore *relative* energy intake (energy intake minus the net energy expenditure of exercise) was lower in SSE and HIIE than control (P<0.0005; control 4759(1268); SSE 2362(1224), HIIE 2523(1402) kJ). An acute bout of energy-matched continuous exercise and high intensity intermittent exercise were equally effective at inducing an energy deficit without stimulating compensatory increases in appetite.

**Key words:** peptide YY, appetite-regulating hormones, exercise-induced anorexia, compensation, energy balance, high intensity exercise, steady state exercise

#### Introduction

High intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE) appears to induce many similar health and performance-related physiological adaptations as traditional continuous steady state exercise (SSE) (Gibala et al. 2012). However, the effect of HIIE on body composition remains a contentious issue, with studies showing greater (Irving et al. 2008; Trapp et al. 2008; Tremblay et al. 1994), lesser (Helgerud et al. 2007; Nybo et al. 2010) or no difference (Moholdt et al. 2009; Rognmo et al. 2004; Tjønna et al. 2008; Warburton et al. 2005; Wisløff et al. 2007) in the weight and fat loss responses to HIIE compared with SSE.

Despite such conflicting findings, it has been repeatedly postulated that HIIE has the potential to facilitate greater fat loss than SSE due to a greater reduction in appetite during the post-exercise period (Boutcher 2011; Heydari et al. 2012; Trapp et al. 2008; Tremblay et al. 1994). However, thus far, only one published study has investigated the appetite response to HIIE and demonstrated that appetite perceptions and daily energy balance were higher after six 30 s Wingate tests than after 60 min of continuous cycling at ~68% of VO<sub>2</sub> max. The mechanisms underlying this increase in appetite are unknown but occurred despite a lower exercise energy expenditure and greater appetite suppression during the sprint exercise (Deighton et al. 2012).

The practical application of such supramaximal exercise has recently been questioned due to the high levels of nausea previously experienced by participants and the increased risk of acute cardiovascular events during such intense exercise (Deighton et al. 2012; Gibala et al. 2012; Richards et al. 2010; Whyte et al. 2010). Conversely, high volume HIIE involving repeated 4 min exercise intervals at  $\sim 90$  % of VO<sub>2</sub> max appears to be well-tolerated, even in clinical populations (Moholdt et al. 2009; Rognmo et al. 2004; Tjønna et al. 2008; Wisløff et al. 2007).

High volume HIIE represents an intermediate between SSE and supramaximal interval exercise (Talanian et al. 2007). It is therefore unclear whether this exercise mode will stimulate compensatory increases in appetite similar to supramaximal interval exercise (Deighton et al. 2012), or whether the appetite response will be more akin to continuous submaximal exercise, which does not seem to elicit any compensatory increases in appetite (King et al. 2010; 2011). Understanding the appetite response to popular exercise protocols is important in determining the most effective method of inducing a negative energy balance without stimulating compensatory increases in appetite, which are inversely associated with exercise-induced weight loss (King et al. 2008). Furthermore, high volume HIIE allows comparisons with SSE to be matched for duration, total work and energy expenditure. Therefore, investigations into this exercise protocol may help to elucidate the influence of exercise mode on appetite and energy intake responses.

The purpose of this investigation was to examine the appetite and energy intake responses to ten 4 min cycling bouts at 85-90 % of VO<sub>2</sub> max compared with 60 min of continuous cycling at 60 % of VO<sub>2</sub> max. Circulating concentrations of peptide YY<sub>3-36</sub> (PYY<sub>3-36</sub>) were also measured, as previous research suggests that this anorexigenic gut hormone may be implicated in the appetite response to exercise (King et al. 2011; Ueda et al. 2009a). We hypothesised that high intensity intermittent cycling would stimulate compensatory increases in appetite during the hours after exercise but that this would not occur in response to continuous steady state cycling.

#### **Methods**

## **Participants**

Following the approval of Loughborough University's Ethics Advisory Committee, twelve healthy males (18 - 30 years) gave their written informed consent to participate. Participants

were non-smokers, not taking medication, weight stable for at least 6 months before the study and were not dieting. The physical characteristics of participants (mean (SD)) were as follows: age 22 (3) years, body mass index (BMI) 23.7 (3.0) kg.m<sup>-2</sup>, body mass 75.0 (12.0) kg, body fat 13.7 (3.9) %, waist circumference 78.6 (6.4) cm, maximum oxygen uptake 52.4 (7.1) mL.kg<sup>-1</sup>.min<sup>-1</sup>.

## Participant Screening

Prior to the main trials participants visited the laboratory to undergo screening, familiarization, preliminary anthropometric measurements and a maximal exercise test to determine VO<sub>2</sub> max. Height and body weight were measured and body mass index subsequently calculated. Body fat percentage was estimated via skinfold measurements (Durnin and Womersley 1974) and waist circumference determined as the narrowest part of the torso between the xiphoid process and the iliac crest. Maximum oxygen uptake was determined using a continuous incremental cycle test to exhaustion as described previously (Deighton et al. 2012). The test started at a work rate of 95 W with increments of 35 W every 3 min until volitional fatigue. Expired gas samples were collected into Douglas bags during the third minute of each stage and during the final minute of the test for the determination of oxygen uptake. A food preference questionnaire was completed to ensure acceptability of all food items to be consumed during the main trials.

## Experimental Protocol

Participants performed three experimental trials (control, steady state exercise and high intensity intermittent exercise) separated by one week in a counterbalanced Latin square design. All trials were identical except that 60 min of exercise was performed in the steady state exercise (SSE) and high intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE) trials. Exercise commenced at 2 h and finished at 3 h. No exercise was performed in the control trial (CON).

Participants rested within the laboratory for the remainder of the day in all trials (sitting reading, working at a desk or watching television).

Participants completed a weighed food diary in the 24 h before the first main trial and replicated this before each subsequent trial. Alcohol, caffeine and strenuous physical activity were not permitted during this period. Participants arrived at the laboratory at 8.30 am after an overnight fast of at least 10 h and exerted themselves minimally when travelling to the laboratory, using motorized transport when possible.

During each trial, appetite perceptions (hunger, satisfaction, fullness and prospective food consumption (PFC)) (Flint et al. 2000) were assessed at baseline, 0.25, 2 h and every 30 min thereafter using 100 mm visual analogue scales with descriptors anchored at each end. An overall appetite score was calculated as the mean value of the four appetite perceptions after inverting the values for satisfaction and fullness (Stubbs et al. 2000).

## Steady State Exercise Session

Participants performed 60 min of continuous cycling exercise on an electromagnetically braked cycle ergometer (Lode Excalibur Sport V2, Groningen, Netherlands) at a work rate predicted to elicit 60 % of VO<sub>2</sub> max. Samples of expired air were collected at 10, 20, 30, 45 and 60 min during exercise to monitor the intensity of the exercise, with adjustments made to the work rate if necessary. Heart rate and ratings of perceived exertion (RPE) (Borg 1973) were also assessed at these times. Energy expenditure of the session was subsequently calculated from VO<sub>2</sub> and VCO<sub>2</sub> values using the equation of Frayn (1983).

## High Intensity Intermittent Exercise Session

The high intensity exercise session consisted of ten 4 min cycling bouts at a work rate predicted to elicit 85 - 90 % of  $VO_2$  max separated by 2 min of rest. Samples of expired air

were collected during the last minute of repetition number 1, 3 5, 8 and 10 to monitor the intensity of the exercise and to calculate the energy expenditure of the session (Frayn 1983). Adjustments were made to the work rate based on the intensity and the participants' tolerance to the exercise. Heart rate and RPE were monitored during the final minute of each repetition.

## Net Energy Expenditure of Exercise

In order to estimate the net energy expenditure of exercise (gross energy expenditure of exercise minus resting energy expenditure), expired air was collected into Douglas bags for 5 min every 15 min from 2 - 3 h during the control trial to quantify resting energy expenditure (Frayn 1983). Data from previous experiments suggested that the net energy expenditure of exercise should be comparable between the high intensity and steady state exercise sessions (Leggate et al. 2010; Warren et al. 2009).

#### Standardised test meals and ad libitum meal

After the collection of baseline measures, participants were provided with a standardised breakfast, which consisted of toasted white wheatgerm bread, margarine, strawberry jam, banana and orange juice. Participants were instructed to consume the breakfast within 15 min and the 8 h trial commenced upon completion of the meal. The macronutrient content of the meal was 72.9 % carbohydrate, 9.5 % protein and 17.6 % fat. A standardised lunch was provided at 3.75 h and consisted of a tuna and mayonnaise sandwich, salted crisps, chocolate muffin and green apple. The macronutrient content of the meal was 47 % carbohydrate, 17.6 % protein and 35.4 % fat. The breakfast meal provided 30 % and the lunch meal 35 % of the estimated daily energy needs for each individual for a sedentary day, which was calculated using the Mifflin-St Jeor equation and a physical activity factor of 1.4 (Mifflin et al. 1990). The mean (SD) calculated daily energy need for the participants in this study was 10,276 (806) kJ.

At 7 h an ad libitum meal was provided, consisting of fusilli pasta that was cooked in a microwave for 12 min in unsalted water and served in a bolognaise sauce. The macronutrient composition of the meal was 77.5 % carbohydrate, 13.8 % protein and 8.7 % fat. Participants were provided with a small bowl, which was repeatedly filled with the pasta meal before the participant had emptied it in an attempt to blind the participant to the amount of food eaten. No time limit was set for eating and participants were instructed to eat until 'comfortably full'. Each participant consumed the meal separately in the presence of a sole experimenter and any discussions about food were avoided. Food intake was determined by weighing the food presented before and after eating and energy intake was subsequently determined using manufacturers' values.

Water was available ad libitum throughout each trial.

#### **Blood Sampling**

Upon arrival to the laboratory, participants rested in a semi-supine position and a cannula (Venflon, Becton Dickinson, Helsinborg, Sweden) was inserted into an antecubital vein. Blood samples were collected into pre-chilled syringes containing 10  $\mu$ l DPP-IV inhibitor (Millipore, Watford, UK) per mL of blood at: baseline, 2, 3, 3.75, 5, 6, 7 and 8 h. Syringes were immediately inverted and the blood dispensed into pre-chilled 2 mL EDTA tubes containing aprotonin (Nordic Pharma, Reading, UK), 500 KIU per mL of blood. Blood tubes were promptly centrifuged at 1165  $\times$  g for 10 min at 4 °C (Heraeus Labofuge 400R, Thermo Electron, Osterode, Germany). The plasma supernatant was then aliquoted into 2 mL Eppendorf tubes prior to storage at -20°C for later analysis of PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations.

All samples were collected in the semi-supine position. Measurements of haemoglobin and haematocrit were taken to estimate changes in plasma volume (Dill and Costill 1974). The

mean coefficient of variation for blood haemoglobin and haematocrit measures was 0.7 % and 0.8 %, respectively.

## **Biochemical Analysis**

Plasma concentrations of PYY<sub>3-36</sub> were determined using a commercially available radioimmunoassay (Millipore, Watford, UK). All samples were run in duplicate. To eliminate interassay variation, samples from each participant were analysed in the same run. The within batch coefficient of variation for the assay was 7.2 %.

### Statistical Analysis

Data was analysed using IBM SPSS statistics version 19 for Windows. Time-averaged area under the curve (AUC) values were calculated using the trapezoidal method. Exercise responses in SSE and HIIT were compared using Students paired t-tests. One-way repeated measures ANOVA was used to assess trial-based differences in energy intake at the ad libitum meal as well as baseline and AUC values for appetite and PYY<sub>3-36</sub>. Repeated measures, two-factor ANOVA was used to examine differences between trials over time for appetite and PYY<sub>3-36</sub>. Where significant main and interaction effects were found, post-hoc analysis was performed using Holm-Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons. Correction of PYY<sub>3-36</sub> values for changes in plasma volume did not alter the interpretation of the results; therefore, for simplicity, the unadjusted values are presented. Statistical significance for this study was accepted as  $P \le 0.05$ . Results in text and tables are presented as mean (SD). Graphical representations of results are presented as mean (SEM) to avoid distortion of the graphs. Based on previous data from our laboratory (Deighton et al. 2012), a sample size of 12 participants was determined as sufficient to detect a 10 % difference in appetite perceptions during the post-exercise period. This calculation was performed using G\*power with an alpha value of 5 % and a power of 80 % (Faul et al. 2007).

#### **Results**

#### Exercise Responses

The exercise responses for SSE and HIIE are detailed in Table 1. Work rate, oxygen consumption, heart rate, RPE and RER were significantly higher during HIIE than SSE (all P < 0.0005). However, due to the rest periods during HIIE, the net energy expenditure of exercise and external work performed did not differ between protocols (both P > 0.64).

## Appetite

Overall appetite scores did not differ significantly between trials at baseline (P = 0.345). Two-factor ANOVA revealed a main effect of time and a trial x time interaction for appetite perceptions (both P < 0.0005) but no main effect of trial (Figure 1). Post-hoc analysis of trial x time interactions revealed suppressed appetite during and upon completion of exercise in HIIE compared with CON (P < 0.05). One-way ANOVA revealed a trend towards a main effect of trial for appetite AUC from 0 - 3.5 h, indicating lower appetite in HIIE than CON (P = 0.06). There were no between trial differences in appetite AUC for 3.5 - 8 h and 0 - 8 h (Table 2).

## Energy Intake

Absolute energy intake at the ad libitum meal was not significantly different between trials (P = 0.833; CON 4759 (1268); SSE 4813 (1316); HIIE 4952 (1351) kJ). One-way ANOVA revealed a significant main effect of trial for relative energy intake (REI) (energy intake minus the net energy expenditure of exercise), demonstrating lower REI in SSE than CON (50.3%; P < 0.0005) and HIIE than CON (44.7%; P < 0.0005) but no difference between SSE and HIIE (P = 0.625; CON 4759 (1268); SSE 2362 (1224); HIIE 2523 (1402) kJ). Closer

inspection of the data revealed that all 12 participants had the highest REI during CON. Seven participants had a higher REI in HIIE than SSE, while 5 participants had a higher REI in SSE than HIIE.

## Plasma PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations

Due to problems with venous cannulation, blood sampling was not possible for one participant. Therefore, data for PYY<sub>3-36</sub> are presented from 11 participants. Fasting PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations did not differ significantly between trials (P = 0.356; CON 76.5 (13.4); SSE 72.5 (13.7); HIIE 71.9 (9.5) pg.mL<sup>-1</sup>). Two-factor ANOVA revealed a significant trial (P = 0.019), time (P < 0.0005) and trial x time interaction (P = 0.025) for delta PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations (Figure 2). Post-hoc analysis of between trial differences revealed higher plasma PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations in HIIE than CON (P = 0.015). Post-hoc analysis of trial x time interactions demonstrated elevated PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations upon completion of exercise in SSE compared with CON (P = 0.002). One-way ANOVA revealed a significant main effect of trial for area under the delta PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentration versus time curve for 0 - 3.75 h, 3.75 - 8 h and for the total 8 h trial (Table 3).

Peptide YY<sub>3-36</sub> responses to exercise were highly variable between participants with delta AUC values for the 8 h trial being highest in HIIE for 6 participants and SSE for 5 participants. Values were lowest in the control trial for 8 of 11 participants.

## **Discussion**

The primary finding of this investigation is that an acute bout of SSE and high volume HIIE did not stimulate any compensatory increases in appetite or energy intake, which resulted in a substantial negative daily energy balance in both exercise trials relative to control. Plasma

PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations were increased in the hours after exercise but to a greater extent after HIIE.

It is well established that appetite is acutely suppressed during exercise  $\geq$  60 % of VO<sub>2</sub> max (Blundell et al. 2003). However, the comparative appetite responses to exercise intensities above this threshold remain unclear (Deighton et al. 2012; Imbeault et al. 1997; Thompson et al. 1988; Ueda et al. 2009a). In the present study, appetite was suppressed during both exercise bouts but to a greater extent during HIIE. This supports previous findings from supramaximal interval exercise (Deighton et al. 2012) and suggests that modern day HIIE protocols above ~85 % of VO<sub>2</sub> max elicit greater appetite suppression during exercise than moderate intensity exercise at 60 – 65 % of VO<sub>2</sub> max. The lack of clarity among previous findings is likely to be a result of the lower exercise intensities employed (Imbeault et al. 1997; Thompson et al. 1988; Ueda et al. 2009a).

The HIIE protocol employed in this study did not stimulate any compensatory increases in appetite during the hours after exercise, which suggests that previously observed increases in appetite after supramaximal interval exercise (Deighton et al. 2012) are likely to be a result of the extreme intensity rather than the intermittent nature of exercise. It remains plausible that a threshold exercise intensity may exist for the stimulation of appetite during the post-exercise period but this requires further investigation.

In accordance with previous research, circulating concentrations of PYY<sub>3-36</sub> increased upon completion of exercise (Broom et al. 2009; King et al. 2011; Ueda et al. 2009a). However, this response was highly variable between participants and a statistically significant effect was only found upon completion of SSE, despite appetite-suppression being greatest upon completion of HIIE. Although surprising, this supports previous findings (Deighton et al. 2012) and suggests that appetite suppression during exercise is not solely dependent on

increases in PYY<sub>3-36</sub>. Furthermore, plasma PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations were highest in the hours after HIIE but appetite did not differ between trials. These findings highlight the complex nature of appetite regulation, which involves the integration of a wide range of neuroendocrine and psychological factors (Evero et al. 2012; Morton et al. 2006) and is therefore unlikely to be explained by the measurement of a single appetite-regulating hormone. Nevertheless, increases in circulating PYY<sub>3-36</sub> in response to exercise represent a physiological adjustment to promote satiety, which contrasts the decreases observed with food restriction (King et al. 2011).

The mechanisms underlying such increases in PYY<sub>3-36</sub> in response to exercise are unknown. However, it seems reasonable to postulate that such changes may be related to an increase in sympathetic nervous system activity, which occurs during exercise (Hagberg et al. 1979) and has been shown to stimulate PYY secretion (Brechet et al. 2001; Zhang et al. 1993). Sympathetic activity increases with exercise intensity (Perini et al. 1989), which may explain the more-prolonged increase in PYY<sub>3-36</sub> after HIIE. However, this theory does not explain the significant increase in PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations immediately upon completion of SSE but not HIIE. This confliction may be a result of intestinal blood flow, which decreases with exercise intensity (Clausen 1977; Gil et al. 1998) and may have therefore reduced the transport of PYY<sub>3-36</sub> into the peripheral circulation immediately after exercise in HIIE (Mailman 1982). These are the first postulations to be made regarding the mechanisms of exercise-induced increases in PYY and although this would explain the findings of the present study, it must be noted that this is speculation and requires future investigation.

Energy intake at the ad libitum meal did not differ between trials. In combination with the appetite data, this would suggest that the exercise protocols utilised in this study did not stimulate a physiological or conscious drive to eat. The absence of any compensatory increases in energy intake resulted in a substantial negative daily energy balance in both

exercise trials compared with control. However, for the same energy expenditure of exercise, HIIE was significantly more strenuous than SSE, as reflected by higher heart rates and perceived exertion. Therefore, although a single bout of HIIE has been demonstrated to be more enjoyable than SSE (Bartlett et al. 2011), exercise practitioners must also be aware that HIIE elicits greater physical stress than energy-matched SSE. Research suggests that SSE and high volume HIIE also induce similar improvements in VO<sub>2</sub> max, maximal mitochondrial enzyme activity and fat oxidation during submaximal exercise (Perry et al. 2008; Talanian et al. 2007; 2010). Therefore a beneficial and sustainable approach to exercise training may be to include a combination of SSE and HIIE based on the preferences of individual participants.

Some authors have postulated that HIIE may be more beneficial for fat loss than SSE due to greater post-exercise decreases in appetite and increases in resting energy expenditure (Boutcher 2011; Heydari et al. 2012; Trapp et al. 2008; Tremblay et al. 1994). However, despite greater appetite suppression during HIIE, present and previous research (Deighton et al. 2012) suggests that post-exercise appetite perceptions are not reduced compared with SSE. The HIIE protocols investigated thus far represent both extremes of the HIIE spectrum, i.e. high volume, submaximal interval exercise in the present study and very low volume, supramaximal interval exercise in previous work (Deighton et al. 2012). We are therefore confident that HIIE does not elicit lower appetite perceptions in the hours after exercise compared with SSE. Additionally, although not measured in the present study, previous research indicates that energy-matched SSE and HIIE induce comparable changes in resting metabolism during the recovery from exercise (McGarvey et al. 2005; Warren et al. 2009). These findings suggest that any additional fat loss benefits of HIIE are mediated by other unknown mechanisms.

The findings of the present study are limited by the population sample, as participants were all healthy young males. Although previous research suggests that exercise elicits similar appetite and energy intake responses in lean and obese participants (Ueda et al. 2009b), it remains important to perform further investigations in overweight and obese populations as this is where weight management strategies hold the most clinical relevance.

In conclusion, an acute bout of SSE and high volume HIIE did not stimulate any compensatory increases in appetite or energy intake during the hours after exercise. This contrasts previously observed increases in appetite after supramaximal interval exercise and suggests that a threshold exercise intensity may exist for the stimulation of appetite after exercise. Despite speculation from previous authors, this study presents evidence that a single bout of HIIE does not elicit greater appetite suppression than SSE during the post-exercise period. Further research is required to investigate whether differences in appetite occur in response to repeated bouts of HIIE and SSE.

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**Table 1.** Exercise responses during steady state exercise (SSE) and high intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE).

-		SSE	HIIE	P
Exercise intensity	% of VO <sub>2</sub> max	59.5 (1.6)	85.8 (4.0)	<0.0005*
Heart rate	beats.min <sup>-1</sup>	143 (8)	171 (10)	<0.0005*
RPE	6 - 20	13 (1)	17 (1)	<0.0005*
RER		0.93 (0.04)	1.00 (0.03)	<0.0005*
Power output	W	146 (16)	222 (24)	<0.0005*
External work	kJ	527 (58)	525 (65)	0.877
Net energy expenditure	kJ	2451 (208)	2429 (266)	0.649

Values are mean (SD). N = 12. \*Different between SSE and HIIE (P < 0.05). RPE = rating of perceived exertion, RER = respiratory exchange ratio.

**Table 2.** Time-averaged area under the curve values for overall appetite perceptions in the control (CON), steady state exercise (SSE) and high intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE) trials.

	<b>Morning (0 – 3.5 h)</b>	<b>Afternoon (3.5 – 8 h)</b>	Total Trial (0 – 8 h)
Overall Appetite (0 – 100)			
CON	51 (15)	43 (10)	47 (11)
SSE	48 (13)	50 (10)	49 (10)
HIIE	41 (14)	45 (11)	43 (11)
P	0.060	0.228	0.256

Values are mean (SD). N = 12.

**Table 3.** Time-averaged area under the curve values for delta PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations in the control (CON), steady state exercise (SSE) and high intensity intermittent exercise (HIIE) trials.

	Morning (0 – 3.75 h)	Afternoon (3.75 – 8 h)	Total Trial (0 – 8 h)
PYY <sub>3-36</sub> (pg.mL <sup>-1</sup> )			
CON	4.7 (2.9) <sup>†</sup>	$11.2 (9.6)^{\ddagger}$	$8.2 (5.9)^{\ddagger}$
SSE	11.2 (8.4)	15.1 (11.4)	13.3 (9.3)
HIIE	12.7 (10.9)	20.1 (13.5)	16.6 (11.9)
P	0.027	0.050	0.026

Values are mean (SD). N = 11. †SSE different from CON, ‡HIIE different from CON,  $P \le 0.05$ .

**Figure 1.** Overall appetite perceptions in CON ( $\blacktriangledown$ ), SSE ( $\bullet$ ) and HIIE ( $\circ$ ). Values are mean (SEM). N = 12. Hatched shaded rectangles indicate standardised test meals, lightly shaded rectangle indicates exercise, black rectangle indicates ad libitum meal. <sup>‡</sup>HIIE different from CON, P < 0.05.

**Figure 2.** Delta PYY<sub>3-36</sub> concentrations in CON ( $\blacktriangledown$ ), SSE ( $\bullet$ ) and HIIE ( $\circ$ ). Values are mean (SEM). N = 11. Hatched shaded rectangles indicate standardised test meals, lightly shaded rectangle indicates exercise, black rectangle indicates ad libitum meal. †SSE different from CON, P < 0.05.

Figure 1

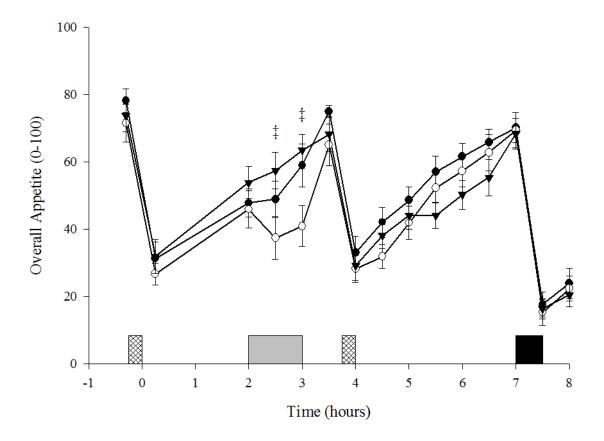


Figure 2

