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34 **Abbreviations:**

35 AUC, time-averaged area under the curve

36 CAL, high-calcium

37 CON, control

38 DPP-IV, dipeptidyl peptidase-IV

39 EI_{CON}, energy intake following control preload

40 EI_{EXP}, energy intake following experimental preload

41 GIP₁₋₄₂, glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂

42 GLP-1₇₋₃₆, glucagon-like peptide-1₇₋₃₆

43 PRO, high-protein

44 PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium

45 SEM, standard error of the mean

46 VAS, visual analogue scale

47 95% CI, 95% confidence interval

48 Δ CON, change from control

49 Δ EP, difference in energy content of the experimental and control preloads

50 **ABSTRACT**

51 **Background:** Prior evidence suggests high-calcium intake influences postprandial appetite
52 and insulinemia, possibly due to elevated incretins. *In vitro* and *ex vivo* models demonstrate
53 extracellular calcium and protein synergistically enhance secretion of incretins. This is yet to
54 be shown in humans.

55 **Objective:** This study was designed to assess energy intake compensation in response to
56 protein and calcium ingestion.

57 **Design:** Twenty healthy adults (13 men; 7 women) completed 4 trials in a randomized
58 double-blind, crossover design, separated by ≥ 48 h. During trials, participants consumed
59 preloads which were low in protein and calcium (CON; 4 g and 104 mg, respectively), high
60 in protein (PRO; 29 g), high in calcium (CAL; 1170 mg) or high in both protein and calcium
61 (PROCAL). Blood samples were collected at baseline, and 15, 30, 45 and 60 min following
62 preload ingestion, to determine insulin and incretin hormone concentrations. Energy intake
63 was assessed by a homogenous test-meal 60 min after the preload. Visual analogue scales
64 were completed immediately before blood sampling to assess subjective appetite sensations.

65 **Results:** Relative to CON, PRO produced 100% (95% CI: 85, 115%) energy compensation,
66 whereas CAL produced significant overcompensation 118% (95% CI: 104, 133%), which
67 was significantly more positive than PRO ($P < 0.05$). PROCAL resulted in energy
68 compensation of 109% (95% CI: 95, 123%), which tended to be greater than PRO ($P = 0.06$).
69 The mean difference in appetite sensations relative to CON was not significantly different
70 between PRO (-3; 95% CI: -8 to 3 mm), CAL (-5; 95% CI: -9 to 0) and PROCAL (-5; 95%
71 CI: -10 to -1; $P > 0.05$).

72 **Conclusions:** The addition of protein to a preload results in almost perfect energy
73 compensation, whereas addition of calcium, with or without protein suppresses appetite and
74 produces over compensation of subsequent energy intake. The role of circulating insulin and

75 incretin concentrations in these responses however, remain unclear. Registered at
76 [clinicaltrials.gov: NCT01986036](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT01986036).

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78 **Keywords:** females; food intake; fullness; glucagon-like peptide-1; hunger; insulin; males;
79 protein.

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82 INTRODUCTION

83 Habitual calcium intake is inversely associated with body fat percentage (1) and randomised
84 controlled trials indicate that this may be a causal relationship, *ie.* calcium (plus vitamin D)
85 supplementation augments fat loss under energy restriction (2). Whilst a decrease in dietary
86 fat absorption is likely to partially account for this (3), fat excretion (typically increased by 2
87 g/d (3)) cannot account for the effect size typically reported in energy-restriction studies
88 (equivalent to an additional ~5 g/d (2)). Thus, other mechanisms are likely to contribute.
89 Some putative mechanisms include increased lipid utilization (4, 5) and reductions in ad
90 libitum energy intake (6) and appetite sensations (7, 8).

91 Previous research has indicated that a single high-calcium (plus vitamin D) meal may
92 decrease subsequent self-reported 24 h food intake (6). However in this study, energy intake
93 did not differ during the controlled (non-self-report), laboratory period. This lack of an effect
94 with non-self report measures has been shown by others (9). It was only when participants
95 provided self-reported food diaries for the subsequent 24 h that energy intake was lower with
96 a high-calcium (plus vitamin D) breakfast (6). Therefore it remains to be determined whether
97 calcium intake can influence acute food intake in humans, with precise measurement of
98 energy intake.

99 Notwithstanding this, we have previously reported that the addition of calcium to a
100 mixed-macronutrient meal suppresses postprandial appetite sensations whilst concomitantly
101 elevating insulinaemia (7, 8). These responses may be (in part) due to the gastrointestinal
102 peptides, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂ (GIP₁₋₄₂; formerly known as
103 gastric inhibitory peptide) and glucagon-like peptide-1₇₋₃₆ (GLP-1₇₋₃₆) (8). GIP₁₋₄₂ and GLP-
104 1₇₋₃₆ are secreted by enteroendocrine cells in the gastrointestinal tract and are degraded by the
105 enzyme dipeptidyl peptidase-IV (DPP-IV (10)). Evidence from both human embryonic
106 kidney cells (11), and an isolated rodent intestinal model (12) suggest that the secretion of

107 these peptides is elevated by stimulation of the extracellular calcium sensing receptor [present
108 in the human gastrointestinal tract (13)] by an elevated extracellular/luminal calcium
109 concentration. Moreover, this effect is potentiated by the presence of amino acids (11, 12).
110 Taken in concert with the observation that milk peptides display DPP-IV inhibitory activity
111 (14), the presence of protein and calcium in a meal may act synergistically to enhance plasma
112 glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide and glucagon-like peptide-1 concentrations.
113 This may in turn, make a contribution to a reduction in appetite and improve energy intake
114 compensation.

115 Therefore, the primary aim of this study was to assess the effects of protein and
116 calcium in a preload on subsequent compensation of energy intake. Secondary aims were to
117 assess the subjective appetite, and plasma insulin, GIP₁₋₄₂ and GLP-1₇₋₃₆ responses to the
118 preloads.

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120 **PARTICIPANTS AND METHODS**

121 **Study design**

122 This study was a double-blind (both investigators and participants were blinded to the
123 intervention), randomized crossover study consisting of 4 main trials, comprised of control
124 (CON), high-calcium (CAL), high-protein (PRO) and high-protein and high-calcium
125 (PROCAL) trials (registered on clinicaltrials.gov as NCT01986036). Each trial was separated
126 by ≥ 2 d but ≤ 7 d. Trials were conducted in the nutrition and metabolism laboratories of
127 Northumbria University (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK) in accordance with the Second
128 Declaration of Helsinki, and following approval from the Northumbria University Faculty of
129 Health and Life Sciences Ethics Committee. Random assignment (www.randomization.com),
130 blinding, and the preparation of preload meals, was performed by PLS Rumbold, who had no
131 further involvement in data acquisition.

132

133 Participants

134 A sample size estimation was conducted based on the reported 9.3% difference in *ad libitum*
135 energy intake following a single high-calcium meal vs. a low-calcium meal (6). Given that
136 the day-to-day variation in this measure is 8.9% (15), it was estimated that 16 participants
137 would provide more than an 80% chance of statistically detecting a difference with $P < 0.05$.
138 In order to account for potential dropouts, following informed written consent, 20 participants
139 (12 M, 8 F) were recruited from the Northumbria University student and staff population
140 (characteristics displayed in Table 1) between October 2013 and January 2014. Inclusion
141 criteria included a BMI between 18.5 and 29.9 kg/m² and aged 18-40 y. Participants were
142 excluded if they smoked, had any history of food allergies, metabolic disorders such as type 2
143 diabetes or displayed dietary restraint (defined as a score of >13 on the Three-Factor Eating
144 Questionnaire (16)). No direct male-female comparisons were made due to the difference in
145 group sizes, however, for information in the homogeneity of the participants, their
146 characteristics are provided as males alone, females alone, and the total group.

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148 Main trials

149 Participants arrived in the laboratory at 0800 ± 1 h after an overnight fast (10-14 h) and 24 h
150 of physical activity standardization. Participants were asked to refrain from alcohol and
151 caffeine for 24 h, and to record and replicate their evening meal prior to trials. For all female
152 participants, all main trials were carried out during the early follicular phase of the menstrual
153 cycle (3-6 d following the first day of menses). An intravenous catheter was inserted into an
154 antecubital vein and, following a baseline blood sample and visual analogue scale (VAS),
155 participants consumed one of 4 preloads (CON, PRO, CAL, PROCAL). A timer was started
156 when participants consumed the first mouthful of the preload, following which, blood

157 samples and VAS were taken at 15, 30, 45 and 60 min post-preload. Food intake was then
158 assessed (60 min following preload ingestion) by providing participants with a homogenous
159 pasta meal (as previously described (17)), which they were asked to consume until
160 “comfortably full”. The mass of food consumed was then converted into energy intake taking
161 into account water losses from reheating. The time frame following the preload was based on
162 our previous findings where appetite sensations following a high-calcium breakfast were
163 divergent within the first 60 min postprandial (7, 8). Participants were initially served a sub-
164 serving of the whole portion, which was augmented at regular intervals. This method
165 prevents the overwhelming sensation of the whole portion of pasta, whilst never allowing the
166 serving bowl to be empty and thus preventing the cessation of the eating occasion due to the
167 end of a “portion”.

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169 **Preloads**

170 All preloads contained instant porridge oats (Oatso Simple Golden Syrup, Quaker Oats UK,
171 Leicester, UK) and water to provide 0.5 g carbohydrate/kg body mass. These were cooked in
172 a microwave for 2 min at 1000 W, prior to a 5-min cooling period before serving. On CAL
173 trials, a milk-extracted calcium powder (Capolac®, Arla Foods Ingredients amba, Denmark;
174 from the same batch that has previously been independently validated (18)) was added to the
175 porridge to increase the calcium content by 15 mg/kg body mass. On PRO trials, milk protein
176 concentrate (MyProtein.co.uk, Northwich, UK) was added to increase the protein content of
177 the porridge by 0.35 g/kg body mass. To test the synergy of protein and calcium, the
178 PROCAL preload comprised of the addition of protein and calcium in identical absolute
179 quantities to PRO and CAL trials (Table 2). The calcium concentration of the drinking water
180 used to make the porridge was determined in duplicate using a photometric technique
181 (Modular P, Roche Diagnostics Ltd., West Sussex, UK). This was determined as 0.82 ± 0.01

182 mmol/L (given an atomic mass of 40.078 g/mol this equates to 3.27 ± 0.03 mg/dl), and was
183 taken into account in the calcium content of the preloads (Table 2).

184

185 **Anthropometric variables**

186 Body mass was determined to the nearest 0.1 kg using balance scales (Seca, Birmingham,
187 UK) upon arrival at the laboratory, where participants wore only light clothing. Stature was
188 measured to the nearest 0.1 cm using a stadiometer (Seca, Birmingham, UK).

189

190 **Subjective ratings**

191 Subjective appetite ratings were assessed using previously validated, 100 mm VAS (19),
192 upon arrival at the laboratory (in the fasted, resting state). Questions asked included: “how
193 hungry do you feel?”, “how full do you feel?”, “how satisfied do you feel?” and “how much
194 do you think you can eat?”. These were also converted into a composite appetite score (which
195 combines hunger, fullness, satisfaction and prospective consumption to provide a single
196 value) as used previously (20).

197

198 **Blood sampling and analysis**

199 Blood samples were collected into EDTA tubes with 25 μ L of aprotinin per mL of whole
200 blood and were immediately centrifuged (10 min, 1509 g, 4°C). Aliquots of plasma were
201 stored at -80°C before analysis. Plasma was analysed for insulin (IBL International GmbH,
202 Hamburg, Germany), GIP₁₋₄₂ (Immuno-Biological Laboratories Co., Ltd, Japan) and GLP-1₇₋
203 ₃₆ concentrations (MesoScale Discovery, Maryland, USA), using commercially-available kits.
204 Samples from all trials for each individual participant were always included on the same plate
205 to minimise variation. Intra-assay coefficients of variation were below 10%.

206

207 **Statistical analysis**

208 Due to difficulties with blood sampling from one participant, data for all blood variables are n
209 = 19. Where data for a single timepoint during a individual's trial was missing [11 points
210 were missing out of a total of 380 (< 3%) for each blood-based variable], the linear
211 interpolation was used to complete the data set. For clarity and to account for the additional
212 energy in the high protein trials (whilst the calcium contained negligible additional energy),
213 energy intake is reported as both absolute values (intake at the test meal only kJ) and energy
214 compensation (%) calculated as follows:

$$215 \text{ Energy compensation} = (EI_{\text{CON}}/EI_{\text{EXP}} + \Delta EP) * 100$$

216 Where EI represents *ad libitum* energy intake following the control (EI_{CON}) or experimental
217 (EI_{EXP}) preloads and ΔEP represents the additional energy (above control) provided by the
218 experimental preload. Energy compensation was calculated for PRO, CAL and PROCAL
219 trials, with CON as the reference and data for energy compensation are reported at mean \pm
220 95% confidence intervals (95% CI), thus if the 95% CI do not overlap with 100, then there
221 was significant under- or over-compensation.

222 Plasma variables and subjective ratings were converted into time-averaged
223 postprandial area under the curve (AUC) values. Data are expressed as mean \pm standard error
224 of the mean (SEM) for absolute data, whereas 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) are
225 presented for mean differences relative to CON (i.e. PRO-CON, CAL-CON and PROCAL-
226 CON) and were analysed using Prism v5 (GraphPad Software, Dan Diego, CA). Data were
227 checked for normal distribution using the Shapiro-Wilk normality test and were log-
228 transformed if appropriate, prior to statistical analysis. Male vs. female participant
229 characteristics were compared by independent Student's t tests. Two-way (trial x time)
230 repeated-measures ANOVA were used to detect differences between plasma and appetite
231 variables over time. A one-way ANOVA was used to detect differences between all trials

232 (CON vs. PRO vs. CAL vs. PROCAL) in energy intake, energy compensation, AUC data and
233 to compare the mean differences of each trial relative to the control trial (PRO-CON vs.
234 CAL-CON vs. PROCAL-CON). After a significant effect, post-hoc tests, adjusted for
235 multiple comparisons (Holm-Sidak) were used to determine the location of variance.
236 Differences were considered significant at $P < 0.05$. Associations between variables
237 [expressed as the change relative to the CON trial (Δ CON)] were assessed by Pearson
238 product-moment correlation coefficients.

239

240 **RESULTS**

241 **Energy intake**

242 Repeated measures ANOVA detected a significant effect for energy intake at the test-meal (P
243 < 0.05). Following adjustment for multiple comparisons, energy intake after PROCAL (3419
244 ± 345 kJ; $P < 0.05$) was significantly less than after CON (4126 ± 395 kJ), but not after PRO
245 (3699 ± 304 kJ; $P > 0.05$) or CAL (3501 ± 253 kJ; $P > 0.05$).

246 Energy compensation was significantly greater (overcompensation) with CAL vs.
247 PRO (Figure 1; $P < 0.01$) and tended to be greater with PROCAL vs PRO ($P = 0.06$). PRO
248 produced almost perfect compensation (perfect compensation = 100%), whilst participants
249 overcompensated following CAL (Figure 1).

250

251 **Subjective appetite sensations**

252 Two-way repeated measures ANOVA revealed a significant main effect of time for all
253 subjective appetite variables (all $P < 0.001$). With regards to the composite appetite score, the
254 main effect of trial was not significant ($P > 0.05$). There was however, a significant trial x
255 time interaction effect ($P < 0.05$), whereby, following adjustment for multiple comparisons,
256 PROCAL was lower than CON at 45 min post-preload (Figure 2A).

257 For all other appetite variables, there was no significant main effect of trial detected
258 (all $P > 0.05$). Hunger, fullness, satisfaction and prospective consumption all displayed
259 significant interaction (trial x time) effects (all $P < 0.05$; Supplemental Figure 1).

260 Repeated measures ANOVA revealed a significant effect for the composite appetite
261 AUC ($P < 0.05$), whereby PROCAL was lower than CON (Figure 2B). The hunger AUC
262 displayed a significant overall effect ($P < 0.05$), although following adjustment for multiple
263 comparisons, there were no significant difference detected between specific trials (all $P >$
264 0.05). There was no overall effect for satisfaction or prospective consumption AUC (both $P >$
265 0.05), although the main effect for fullness AUC approached significance ($P = 0.06$).

266 When expressed as the change in appetite sensations relative to control (mean
267 difference \pm 95% CI; Figure 2C), PRO did not suppress appetite sensations (-3 mm, 95% CI:
268 -8 to 3; $P > 0.05$), whereas the reduction with CAL vs. CON (-5 mm, 95% CI: -9 to 0; $P =$
269 0.06) approached significance, and PROCAL significantly reduced the composite appetite
270 AUC relative to CON (-5 mm, 95% CI: -10 to -1; $P = 0.023$). However, no significant
271 differences were observed between PRO-CON vs. CAL-CON vs. PROCAL-CON (main
272 effect: $P > 0.05$).

273

274 **Plasma variables**

275 Plasma insulin concentrations displayed a main effect of trial ($P < 0.01$) and a main effect of
276 time ($P < 0.001$), with no significant interaction (trial x time) effect ($P > 0.05$; Figure 3A).

277 Plasma GIP₁₋₄₂ concentrations also demonstrated a main effect of trial ($P < 0.01$) and a main
278 effect of time ($P < 0.001$), with no significant interaction effect detected ($P > 0.05$; Figure
279 3B). Likewise, plasma GLP-1₇₋₃₆ concentrations displayed main effects of trial ($P < 0.001$)
280 and time ($P < 0.001$) with no significant interaction effect ($P > 0.05$; Figure 3C).

281 Repeated measures ANOVA revealed a significant overall effect for insulin, GIP₁₋₄₂
282 and GLP-1₇₋₃₆ AUC ($P < 0.01$, $P < 0.05$ and $P < 0.001$, respectively). Following adjustment
283 for multiple comparisons, the insulin AUC was higher with PROCAL vs. CON
284 (Supplemental Figure 3A). The GIP₁₋₄₂ AUC was not significantly different between each
285 trial (Supplemental Figure 3B), whilst the GLP-1₇₋₃₆ AUC was higher with PRO and
286 PROCAL vs. CON (Supplemental Figure 3C).

287 There were no differences between PRO, CAL and PROCAL in the change in insulin
288 AUC relative to CON (Figure 4A), however, PRO and PROCAL produced significantly more
289 positive changes relative to CON, when compared to CAL (Figure 4B and 4C).

290

291 **Associations between variables**

292 The only correlations that were statistically significant were for the Δ CON composite
293 appetite score AUC vs. Δ CON energy intake ($r = 0.37$, $P < 0.05$; Supplemental Figure 2A),
294 Δ CON plasma GIP₁₋₄₂ AUC vs. Δ CON plasma GLP-1₇₋₃₆ AUC ($r = 0.46$, $P < 0.001$;
295 Supplemental Figure 2B) and Δ CON composite appetite score AUC and Δ CON plasma GLP-
296 1₇₋₃₆ AUC ($r = -0.35$, $P < 0.05$; Supplemental Figure 2C). Estimated habitual calcium intake
297 (range: 253-2700 mg/d; median: 973 mg/d) did not correlate with either Δ CON plasma GIP₁₋
298 4₂ AUC or Δ CON plasma GLP-1₇₋₃₆ AUC ($r = -0.04$, $P > 0.05$ and $r = -0.02$, $P > 0.05$,
299 respectively).

300

301 **DISCUSSION**

302 Here we demonstrate that a high-protein preload produces almost perfect energy
303 compensation, whilst a high-calcium preload (with and without protein) reduces appetite and
304 results in overcompensation of subsequent energy intake (i.e. less energy intake relative to

305 the energy in the preload). This coincided with an elevation in insulinaemia, which could not
306 be clearly attributed to responses of the incretin hormones GIP₁₋₄₂ and GLP-1₇₋₃₆.

307 Previous evidence has suggested that dietary calcium may play a role in appetite
308 control (6). However, the self-report nature of the measures used, combined with
309 contradictory evidence (9, 21), make this somewhat equivocal. The data in the present study,
310 acquired from a laboratory setting suggest that calcium, has the potential to acutely reduce
311 postprandial appetite sensations and subsequent energy intake to a sufficient degree to offset
312 any additional energy provided by the preload. Energy compensation was almost perfect (i.e.
313 ~100%) in the PRO trial, whereas significant overcompensation occurred with CAL and
314 tended to occur with PROCAL (Figure 1B). These data are consistent with the subjective
315 appetite responses observed (Figure 2C), whereby PROCAL lowered appetite relative to
316 control and CAL tended to lower appetite, relative to CON.

317 The lack of any detectable increase in incretin hormone concentrations with protein-
318 calcium co-ingestion could be due to either the habitual calcium intake of the participants, or
319 the blood-sampling site. A double-blind, placebo-controlled study has demonstrated that 3
320 weeks of calcium supplementation (1000 mg/d) results in a potentiation in postprandial
321 plasma GLP-1₇₋₃₆ concentrations in response to a high-calcium meal, relative to a low-
322 calcium control meal (22). This effect was not seen after 3 weeks of placebo
323 supplementation. Therefore, a high-habitual calcium intake may be required to observe an
324 acute effect of calcium intake on plasma incretin hormones. We attempted to explore this in
325 the present study by examining the association between self-reported habitual calcium intake
326 and the change in plasma incretin concentrations with PROCAL vs. CON. No significant
327 correlation was observed between either GIP₁₋₄₂ or GLP-1₇₋₃₆, and habitual calcium intake.
328 Although the limitations associated with food frequency questionnaires make it difficult to
329 draw firm conclusions from these observations.

330 With regard to the sampling site, veins in the antecubital fossa may not provide a
331 representation of the major site of action. As previously mentioned, GIP₁₋₄₂ and GLP-1₇₋₃₆ are
332 secreted by enteroendocrine cells in the gastrointestinal tract. DPP-IV in the endothelium acts
333 immediately, reducing the quantity of GLP-1₇₋₃₆ entering the hepatic circulation by
334 approximately 75% from that which is originally secreted (10). Upon passing through the
335 liver, degradation leaves 10-15% to enter the systemic circulation (10), where further
336 degradation by DPP-IV in plasma and secreted by adipose tissue can take place (23). It is
337 postulated that GLP-1₇₋₃₆ may be able to activate neurons in the intestine and liver (10),
338 which permits central effects (on appetite and insulin secretion) independent of the systemic
339 circulating concentration. Thus, to what degree the concentration measured in an antecubital
340 vein reflects that in the enterocyte and hepatoportal region, which may be the sites of most
341 interest, is unclear.

342 In addition, it should also be acknowledged that numerous other putative mechanisms
343 may also contribute to the appetite effects of protein and calcium intake, including delayed
344 gastric emptying (24), plasma amino acid concentrations (25), and the concentrations of other
345 other gastrointestinal hormones such as cholecystokinin (26), peptide YY (12) and gastrin
346 (27). Notwithstanding this, we chose to concentrate on the incretin hormones given the
347 insulin responses previously observed in humans (7, 8, 18) and *in vitro/ex vivo* [11, 12].

348 The design and timing of the preload prior to energy intake assessment (1 h), was
349 chosen based on previous observations that calcium intake displays a time-dependent
350 suppressant effect on appetite sensations in this period (7, 8) and also due to this time period
351 typically producing close to 100% compensation with preload designs (28) and is validated
352 somewhat by the almost 100% compensation seen in the PRO trial. This does however,
353 constrain the applicability of the findings to this time period, and extrapolation to longer time
354 periods are not recommended without further research. In addition, the quantity of calcium

355 and provided in preloads is equivalent to ~800 ml milk. Therefore the practical application of
356 these findings currently lies in fortification, rather than with normal milk composition.
357 Nonetheless, this does provide a proof-of-principle and may be used to augment the satiety
358 effects of pre-meal high-protein snacks (29, 30) and a dose-response study would be a logical
359 progression. The primary outcome was determined as energy intake at the test-meal,
360 however, PRO and PROCAL preloads also contained additional energy (Table 2), which
361 means that any subsequent reduction in energy intake should be interpreted as appropriate
362 energy compensation rather than a reduction *per se*.

363 In conclusion, the consumption on a preload containing additional protein results in
364 almost perfect energy compensation, whilst the addition of calcium, with or without protein,
365 suppresses appetite and energy intake such that overcompensation ensues with no apparent
366 protein-calcium synergy. It remains unclear whether these responses are attributable to
367 changes in plasma insulin, GIP₁₋₄₂ or GLP-1₇₋₃₆ concentrations.

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Table 1 Participant characteristics and fasting plasma variables¹

	Total (<i>n</i> = 20)	Males (<i>n</i> = 13)	Females (<i>n</i> = 7)	<i>P</i> value ²
Characteristics				
Age (y)	23 ± 1	24 ± 1	22 ± 1	0.15
Body mass (kg)	71.0 ± 2.4	77.4 ± 1.7	59.0 ± 2.4	< 0.001
Height (cm)	175 ± 2	180 ± 2	164 ± 2	< 0.001
BMI (kg/m ²)	23.2 ± 0.6	23.9 ± 0.7	21.9 ± 1.1	0.11
Habitual calcium intake (mg/d)	1000 ± 126	1080 ± 169	855 ± 180	0.41
Fasting plasma variables ^{3,4}				
Insulin (pmol/L)	91 ± 8	79 ± 9	112 ± 14	0.049
GIP ₁₋₄₂ (pmol/L) ⁵	2.1 ± 0.3	2.4 ± 0.4	1.7 ± 0.3	0.25
GLP-1 ₇₋₃₆ (pmol/L) ⁵	0.41 ± 0.08	1.58 ± 0.40	0.99 ± 0.28	0.32

¹All values are means ± SEM.

²Male vs female, compared by independent Student's *t* test.

³Mean of 4 visits.

⁴For blood variables *n* = 12 for males, and 7 for females.

⁵GIP₁₋₄₂, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂; GLP-1₇₋₃₆, glucagon-like peptide-1₇₋₃₆.

Table 2 Nutritional composition of the preloads^{1,2}

	CON	PRO	CAL	PROCAL
Energy (kJ)	773 ± 27	1244 ± 43	783 ± 27	1253 ± 43
Energy (kcal)	185 ± 6	297 ± 10	187 ± 6	299 ± 10
Carbohydrate (g)	36 ± 1	37 ± 1	36 ± 1	38 ± 1
Fat (g)	3 ± 0	4 ± 0	4 ± 0	4 ± 0
Protein (g)	4 ± 0	29 ± 1	5 ± 0	29 ± 1
Calcium (mg)	104 ± 4	104 ± 4	1170 ± 40	1170 ± 40
Energy Density (kJ/g)	2.1 ± 0.0	3.1 ± 0.0	2.1 ± 0.0	3.1 ± 0.0

¹All values are means ± SEM.

²CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; PRO, high-protein;; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

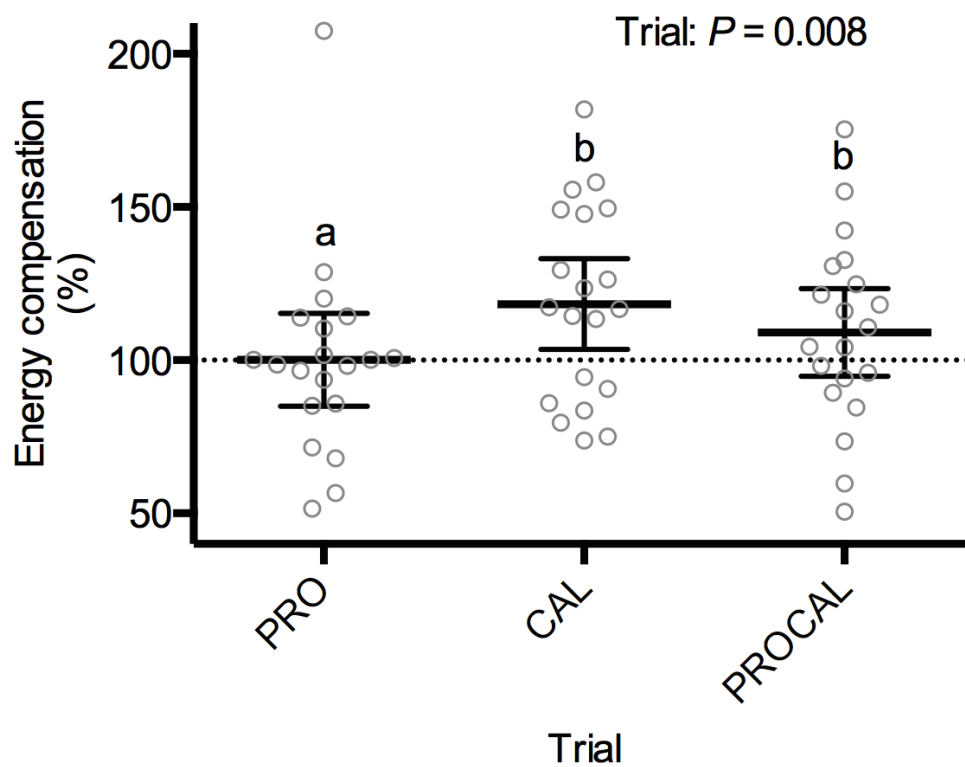


FIGURE 1. Energy compensation (%) during an *ad libitum* test meal 1 h following CON, PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans. Values are individual differences (circles) and means \pm 95% confidence intervals (horizontal lines); $n = 20$. Labelled means without a common letter differ ($P < 0.05$). CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; PRO, high-protein; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

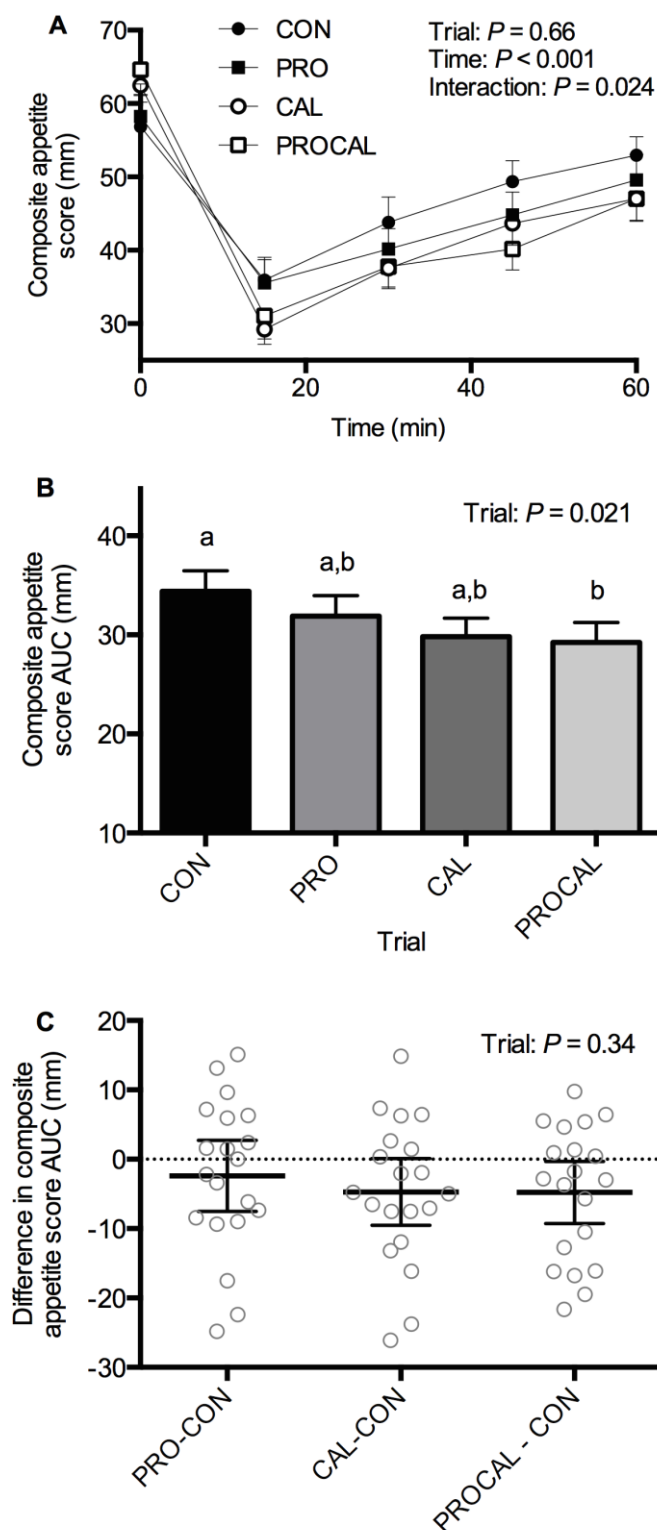


FIGURE 2. The composite appetite score following CON), PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans expressed over time (A), as a postprandial time-averaged (60 min) area under the curve (AUC; B) or as the mean difference \pm 95% confidence intervals (horizontal lines; circles are individual data) between PRO, CAL and PROCAL, relative to CON (C); $n = 20$. Values in A and B are means \pm SEM. CON, control; PRO, high-protein; CAL, high-calcium; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium; Labelled means without a common letter differ ($P < 0.05$). CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; PRO, high-protein; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

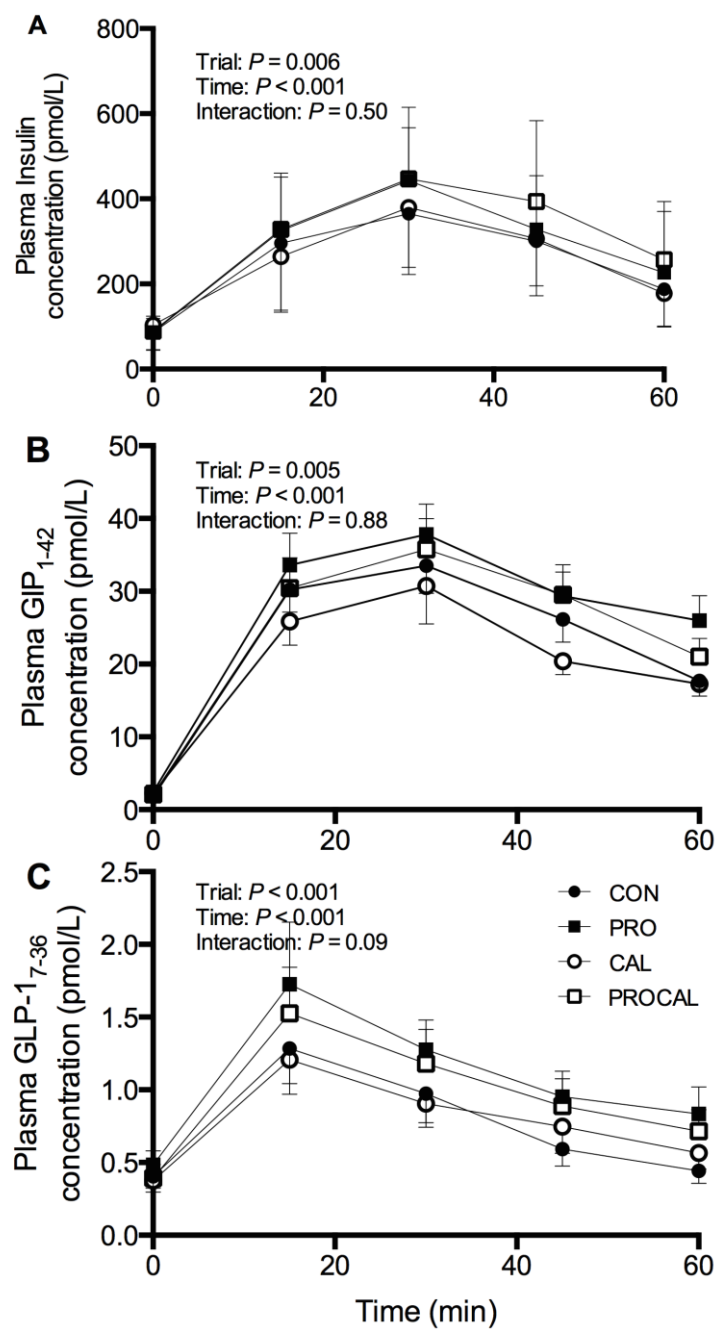


FIGURE 3. Plasma insulin (A), GIP₁₋₄₂, and GLP-1₇₋₃₆ concentrations following CON, PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans. Values are means \pm SEM; $n = 19$. CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; GIP₁₋₄₂, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂; GLP-1₇₋₃₆, glucagon-like peptide-1₇₋₃₆; PRO, high-protein; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

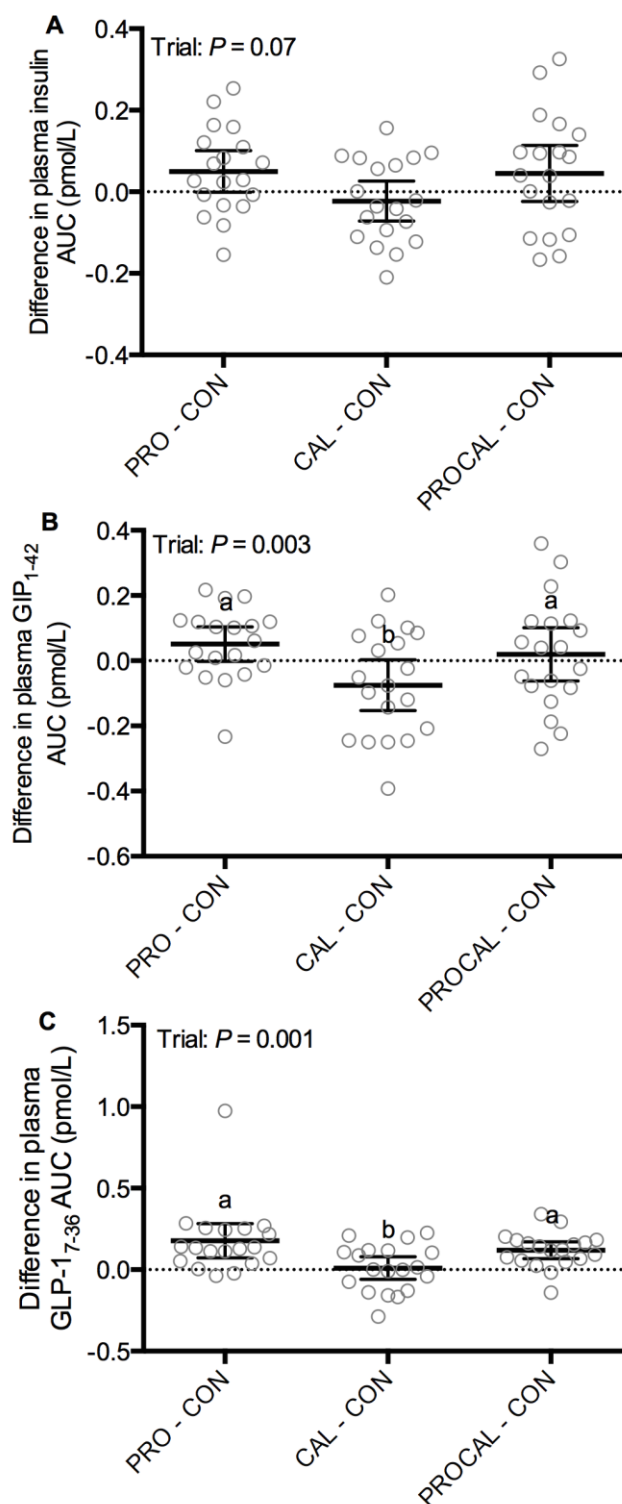
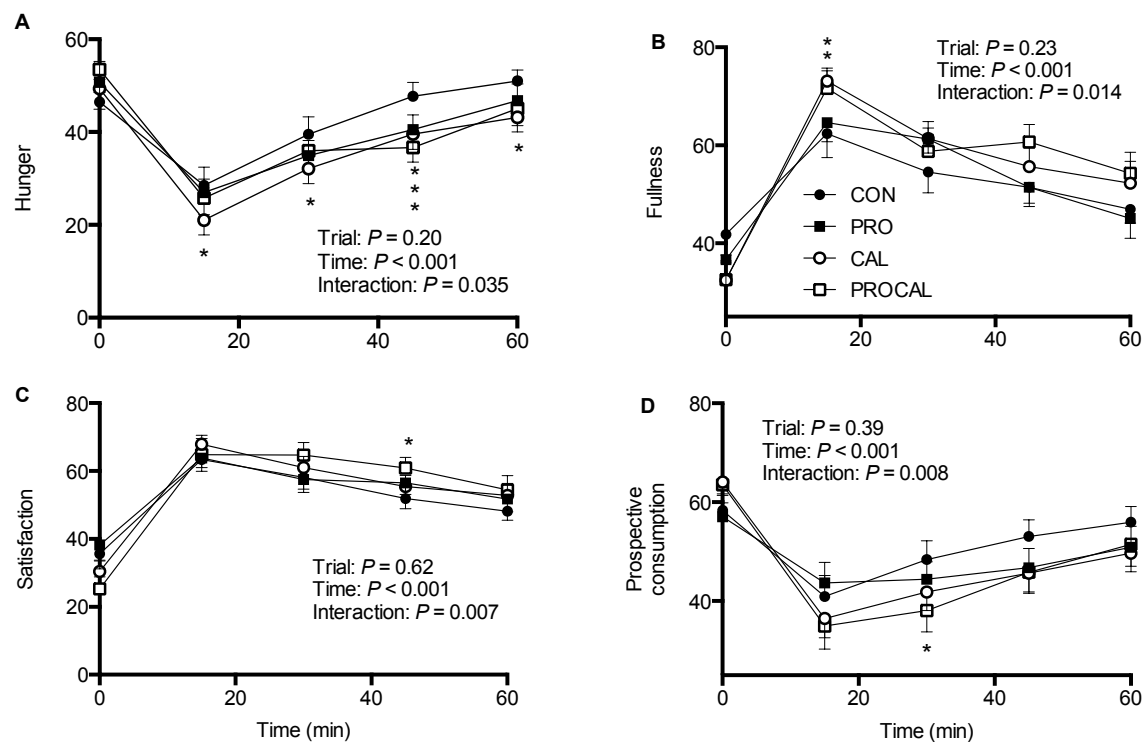


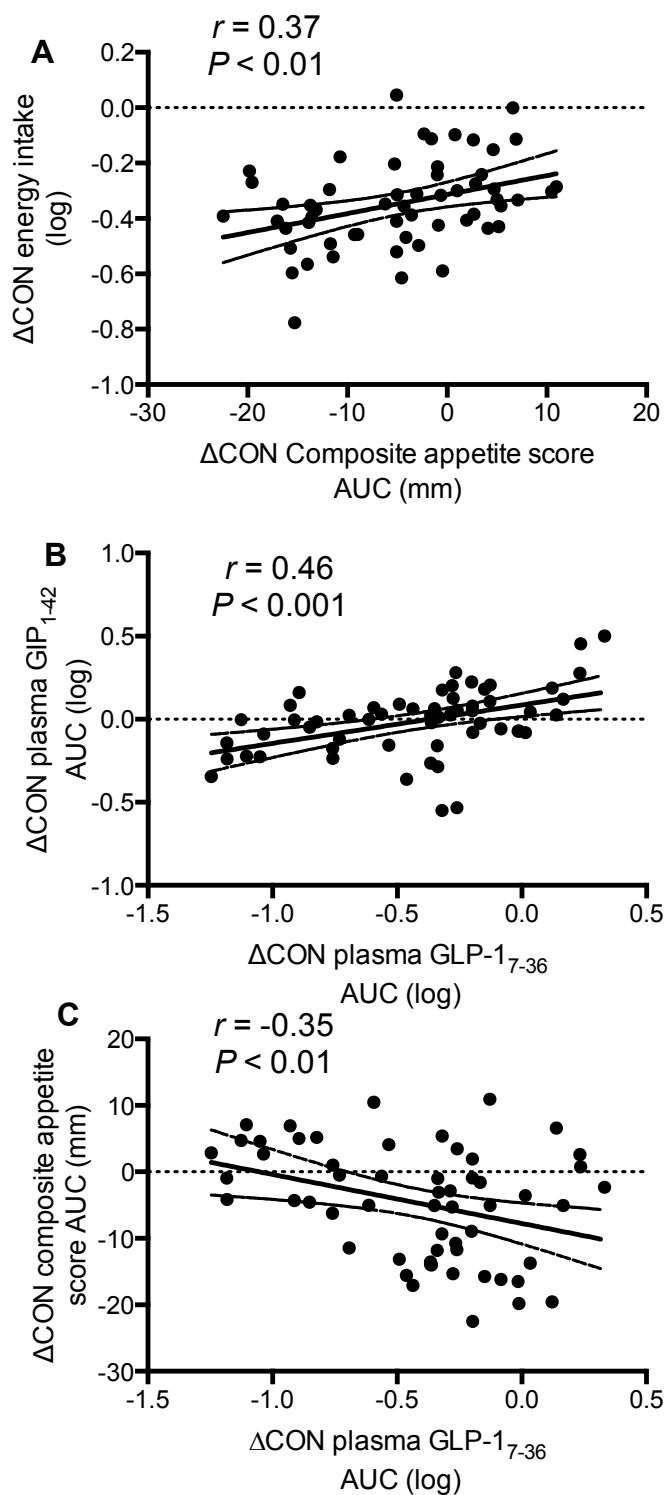
FIGURE 4. Plasma insulin (A), GIP₁₋₄₂, and GLP-1₇₋₃₆ postprandial time-averaged (60 min) area under the curve (AUC) following CON, PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans. Values are individual differences (circles) and mean difference \pm 95% confidence intervals (horizontal lines) between PRO, CAL and PROCAL, relative to CON; $n = 19$. Labelled means without a common letter differ ($P < 0.05$). CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; GIP₁₋₄₂, glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂; GLP-1₇₋₃₆, glucagon-like peptide-1₇₋₃₆; PRO, high-protein; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

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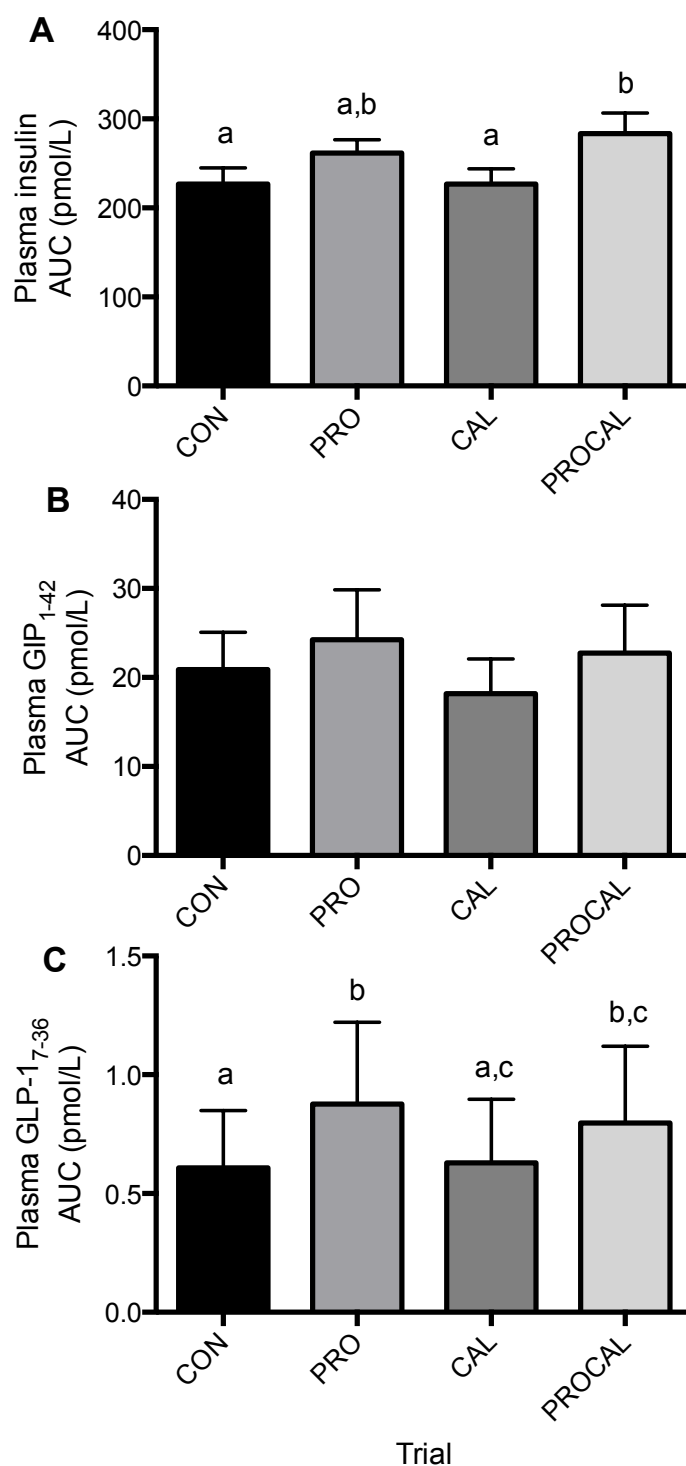
SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 1. Hunger (A), fullness (B), satisfaction (C) and prospective consumption (D) ratings following control (CON), high-protein (PRO), high-calcium (CAL), or high-protein and high-calcium (PROCAL) preloads, in humans. Values are means \pm SEM; $n = 20$. *Different from CON ($P < 0.05$).

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SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 2. Correlations between the composite appetite score postprandial area under the curve (AUC) and energy intake (A), plasma GLP-17-36 AUC and GIP₁₋₄₂ AUC (B), and GLP-17-36 AUC and the composite appetite score AUC. Data are expressed as the difference from the control trial (Δ CON); $n = 20$ for A, $n = 19$ for B and C. GIP₁₋₄₂, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂; GLP-17-36, glucagon-like peptide-17-36.

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SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 3. Plasma insulin (A), GIP₁₋₄₂, and GLP-1₇₋₃₆ postprandial time-averaged (60 min) area under the curve (AUC following control (CON), high-protein (PRO), high-calcium (CAL), or high-protein and high-calcium (PROCAL) preloads, in humans. Values are means \pm SEM; $n = 19$. GIP₁₋₄₂, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide₁₋₄₂; GLP-1₇₋₃₆, glucagon-like peptide-1₇₋₃₆; Labelled means ($P < 0.05$).