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HIGH FAT MEALS: DO THEY REALLY AFFECT THE COMPETENCE OF THE OESOPHAGO-GASTRIC JUNCTION?

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Although fatty foods are commonly considered detrimental in
patients with gastro-oesophageal reflux (GOR) disease there are few
and inconclusive data on the effect of fat on GOR and its mechanisms.
It has been suggested that fat may provoke reflux by increasing the
rate of transient lower oesophageal sphincter relaxations (TLOSRs) and
their association with reflux and/or by decreasing basal lower
oesophageal sphincter pressure (BLOSP). Aim: To compare the effect
of a balanced meal (2500 kJ, 30% fat, 53% carbohydrate, 17% protein)
and an equicaloric high fat meal (65% fat) on GOR, TLOSRs and
BLOSP in 8 healthy subjects aged 19-30 years (6 men) and in 12
patients with GOR disease (crosive oesophageis or oesophageal pH-4
for >5% of time) aged 23-57 years (9 men). All subjects and 7 patients
were studied in the recumbent and 5 patients in the upright position.
Methods: The 2 meals were administered on separate days in
randomised order and combined oesophageal pH and motifity
monitoring (pharynx, oesophageal body, lower oesophageal sphincter
with a sleeve, stomach) was performed for a period of 180 min after
each meal.

Beautte (mannists) Results (mean+SE):

	Healthy subjects		Patients *	
Meal type	Balanced	High fat	Balanced	High fat
% pH<4	2.7±0.9	2.6±1.9	15,4+4,6	12.9+5.0
Reflux episodes (no/h)	1.0 <u>+</u> 0,4	$1.1 \pm 0.7$	5.4+1.2	4.8±1.3
TLOSRs (no/h)	3.7±0.8	3.9±0.6	7.2±2.4	5.8±0.9
% TLOSR with GOR	36±11	28+7	65+8	57+8
BLOSP (mmHg)	14 <u>+</u> 3	12 <u>+</u> i	7±2	9±2

Data from recumbent and upright patients were pooled because

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Conclusions: Doubling the fat content of a meal does not affect postprandial ocsophago-gastric competence or GOR for at least 3 hours in either healthy subjects or patients with GOR disease. The possibility remains that fat increases GOR in the late post-prandial period by prolonging the time acidic material persists in the stomach.

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MECHANISMS OF INCREASED GASTRIC EMPTYING BY **ERYTHROMYCIN** 

C. Mathis and C.H. Malbert INRA, Station de Recherches Porcines, 3559 Saint Gilles, L'Hermitage, France Gastric emptying rate depends on the ratio between propulsive and resistive forces, the later being mainly generated by the pylorus. Yet, increased resistance is supposed to retard gastric emptying, some gastrokinetic compounds such as cisapride also increase pyloric resistance. We have investigated changes in transpyloric flow and pyloric resistance induced by erythromycin (lactobionate, EM) in eight chloralose-urethane anaesthetised pigs. EM (10<sup>-3</sup>M) or saline was infused during 30 min in the gastroepiploic artery canulated in caudad direction 10 cm before the pylorus. Antropyloroduodenal motility was measured with a sleeve/side holes assembly and transpyloric flow was measured with a steeverside holes assembly and transpytione flow was evaluated with a juxtapyloric flowmeter probe. Increased gastric emptying after EM was the consequence of flow pulses of larger stroke volume (13.7  $\pm$  2.24 vs. 3.6  $\pm$  0.30 ml, p<0.05) and of longer duration (10.9  $\pm$  0.45 vs. 6.9  $\pm$  0.23 s, p<0.05) but occurring at the same frequency (3.9  $\pm$  0.55 vs. 3.2  $\pm$  0.30 per min, p>0.05). Duodeno-gastric backflow that amounted to 9% of forward flow with saline, was absent with EM. Amplitude and frequency of the antropyloroduodenal pressure events were doubled irrespective of the recording site  $(57.2 \pm 4.78 \text{ vs.} 38.2 \pm 2.52 \text{ mmHg}$  and  $4.3 \pm 0.17 \text{ vs.} 3.0 \pm 0.11$  per min for the pylorus, p<0.05). They were associated to flow pulses in a 1:1 ratio instead of a 1:2 ratio with saline. EM induced a significant decrease in pyloric resistance that was halved compared to saline (2.3  $\pm$  0.21 vs. 4.6  $\pm$  0.46 mmHg.ml 1.s, p<0.05), a consequence of a reduced time interval between the onset of the pyloric pressure events and the onset of the flow pulses  $(1.0 \pm 0.31 \text{ vs. } 3.2 \pm 0.58 \text{ s. p} < 0.05)$  rather than decrease in pyloric basal tone that was actually increased by EM (34.1  $\pm$  2.07 vs. 18.2  $\pm$ 0.69 mmHg for EM vs. saline). In conclusion, EM increases gastric emptying rate by generating flow pulses of greater stroke volume and of unchanged frequency. The greater stroke volume of the flow pulses originates from a reduced pyloric resistance.

INCREASED GASTRIC **EMPTYING** RATE BY ERYTHROMYCIN IS VAGALLY MEDIATED

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Motilin receptor density and affinity suggest that erythromycin (EM) stimulates gastric motility and emptying by a combined action on the smooth muscle and myenteric neurones. However, because Motilin receptors have recently been found in the brain and on vagal related structures, the central nervous system might also be involved in EM in vivo activity. The possible modulation of EM effects by the vagus has been investigated in eight chloralose-urethane anaesthetised pigs. EM (lactobionate, 10-3M) was infused for 30 min in the gastroepiploic (lactobionate, 10°-M) was infused for 30 min in the gastroepiploic artery that was canulated in caudad direction 10 cm before the pylorus. Reversible interruptions of vagal pathways were performed by repetitive cooling of the cervical vagal trunks at 3°C during EM infusion. Antropyloroduodenal motility was evaluated with a sleeve/side holes assembly and transpyloric flow was measured by a juxtapyloric flowmeter probe. Vagal cooling produced a marked inhibition in EM induced increased gastric emptying (23 ± 1.1 vs. 50 ± 2.6 ml.min<sup>-1</sup>, pc0.05). Castric emptying remained pulsatile and the  $\pm$  2.6 ml.min<sup>-1</sup>, p<0.05). Gastric emptying remained pulsatile and the frequency of the flow pulses was unchanged, but their stroke volume was halved (7.8  $\pm$  3.31 vs. 13.7  $\pm$  2.24 ml, p<0.05). This was the consequence of flow pulses of reduced duration (8.1  $\pm$  0.77 vs. 10.9  $\pm$  0.45 s, p<0.05) and of smaller peak flow rate (2.8  $\pm$  0.71 vs. 4.4  $\pm$ 0.53 ml.s<sup>-1</sup>, p<0.05). On the contrary, vagal cooling did not significantly modify the increased frequency and amplitude of the antropyloroduodenal pressure events induced by EM. The decrease emptying rate during vagal cooling was due to a threefold increase in pyloric resistance (6.3  $\pm$  1.98 vs. 2.3  $\pm$  0.21 mmHg. ml<sup>-1</sup>.s, p<0.05), a consequence of a longer time interval between the onset of pyloric pressure events and transpyloric flow pulses  $(1.0 \pm 0.31 \text{ vs.} 1.9 \pm 0.33 \text{ s})$ . It is concluded that (i) EM related increased emptying rate is dependant on the integrity of vagal pathways and (ii) vagally mediated EM effects are directed towards pyloric resistance and not gastric propulsive forces.

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