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# The Growth Components of Milk

**Dairy Nutrition:  
An engine for  
Economic Growth  
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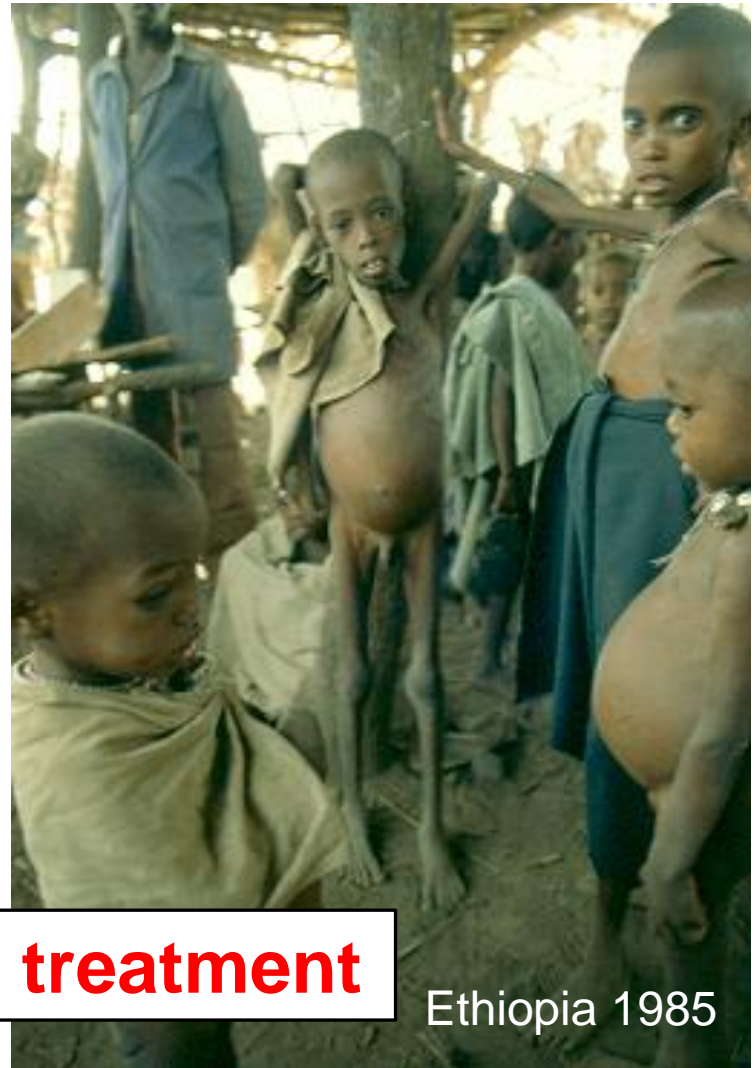


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# Child undernutrition < 5y

Lancet series 6. June 2013

- 165 mill stunted
- 33 mill moderately wasted - MAM
- 19 mill severely wasted - SAM
- 3.1 mill deaths due to undernutrition



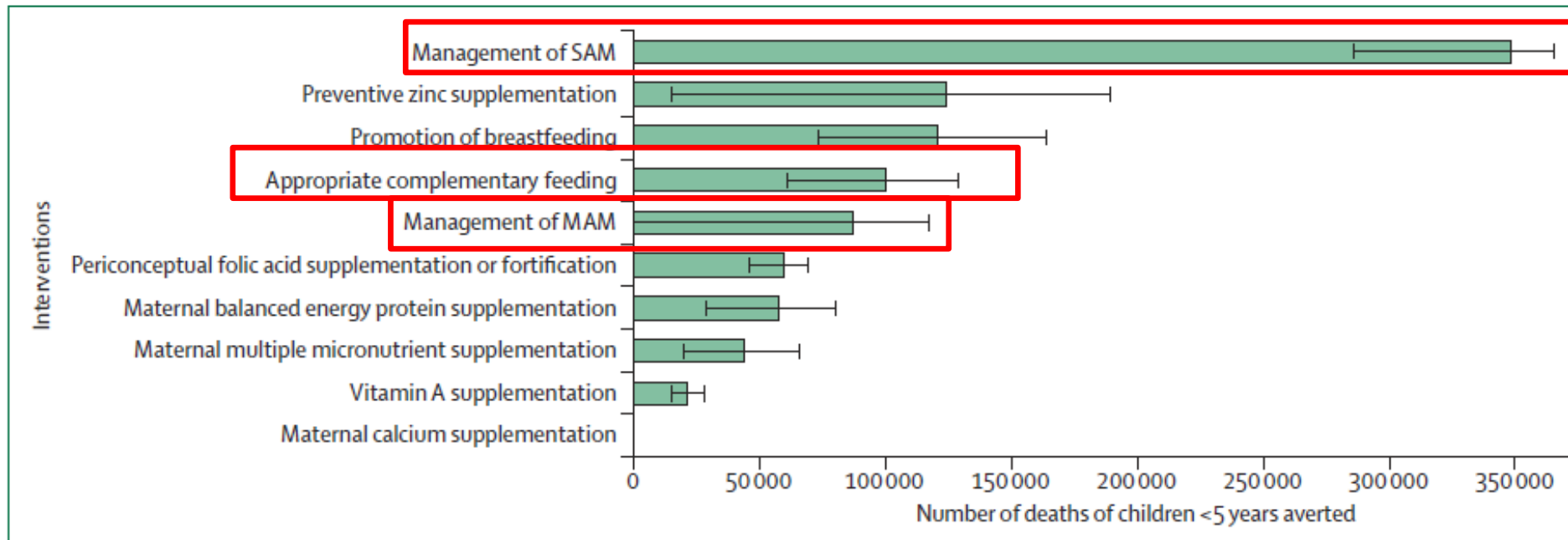
**Milk has an important role in treatment**

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# Effect of scale up on deaths - children < 5 y

Lancet series 2013 - Bhutta et al: Interventions

**500.000 deaths can be saved each year if management of SAM and MAM and complementary feeding is optimal**



# What are the growth components in milk?

- **Protein** – DSM and Whey
- **Lactose**
- **Minerals** – Permeate
- Bioactive peptides
- Less antinutrients

# Protein energy percentage from milk in foods for MAM and SAM

- Therapeutic formula (F- 100) 100%
- RUTF or LNS - typically 40-50%
- CSB++ (Super cereal plus) 20%

# The Use of Whey or Skimmed Milk Powder in Fortified Blended Foods for Vulnerable Groups<sup>1,2</sup>

Camilla Hoppe, Gregers S. Andersen, Stine Jacobsen, Christian Mølgaard, Henrik Friis, Per T. Sangild, and Kim F. Michaelsen\*

- Improves weight gain, linear growth, and recovery from malnutrition
- Improves the protein quality, measured as PDCAAS/DIAAS
- With improved protein quality it is possible to reduce the total amount of protein in the blend, which could have potential metabolic advantages.
- Allows for a reduced content of soy and cereal and thereby a reduction of potential anti-nutritional effects
- Improves flavor; SMP more so than WPC
- Increases the price considerably – limiting factor in food aid
- Adds lactose which potentially have positive effects

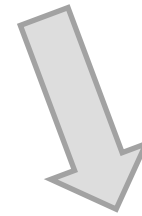
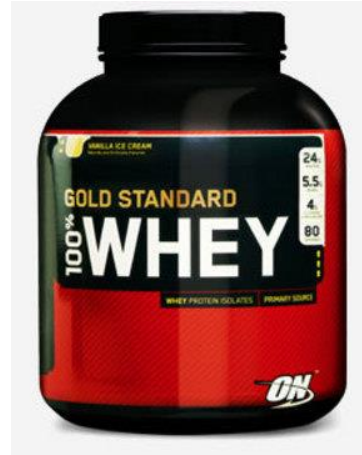
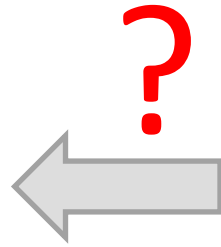
# Using whey (WPC34%) compared with SMP

- Slightly better protein quality measured as PDCAAS, but not likely to be important.
- Potential beneficial effects on the immune system and muscle synthesis have been suggested, but convincing evidence still lacking
- Not as widely available as SMP
- Price lower than SMP?

Modified from Hoppe et al.  
J Nutr 2008



# Whey and muscle mass



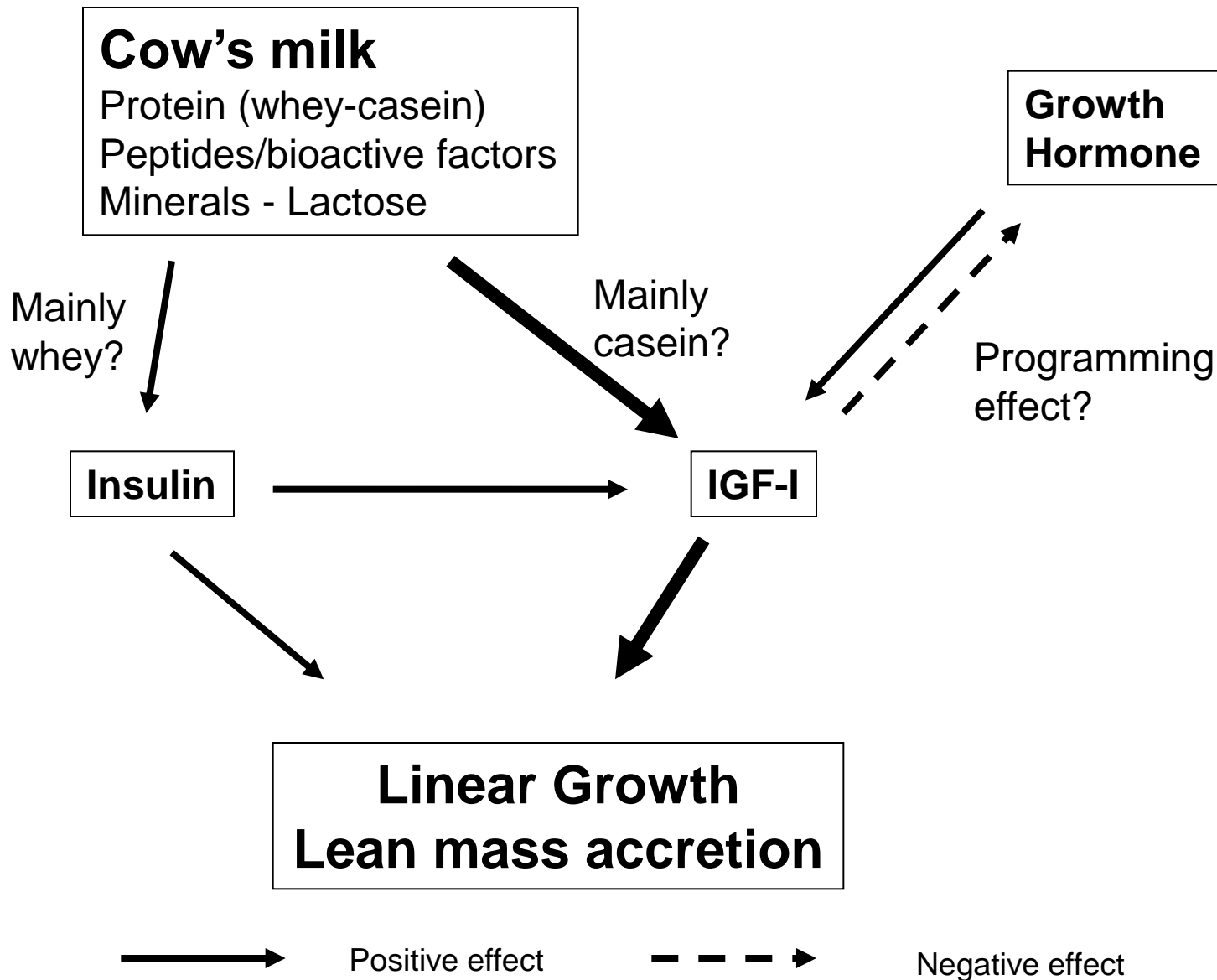


# Whey and muscle syntesis

- Increase in muscle mass beneficial in malnutrition
- Aminoacid pattern (espec. BCAAs) of whey protein is similar to skeletal muscle
- Whey seems to stimulate insulin and thus protein synthesis
- Most data from sport nutrition show convincing positive effect of intake of whey
  - but only immidiately after endurance training
- Whey contains arginine and lysine which stimulates growth hormone, an anabolic hormone - speculative
- Effects of encouraging physical activity during whey supplementation?

Skimmed milk powder might have comparable effects on muscle mass?

# Cow's milk and growth



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# Is lactose a problem in undernourished children?

Focus on MAM and SAM < 3 y

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## Undernourished Children and Milk Lactose

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# Effects of lactose

- Potential **negative** effects
  - Lactose intolerance
- Potential **positive** effects
  - Prebiotic effects
  - Increased mineral absorption
  - Improved growth? (pig studies)
  - Energy density, palatability and dental effects

# Definitions

## Lactose intolerance

GI symptoms: abdominal pain, diarrhea, nausea, flatulence after ingestion of lactose. Depends on the amount of lactose ingested and residual lactase activity

**Balance**

## Lactose malabsorption

Occurs when the capacity of the small intestine to hydrolyze the ingested amount of lactose is exceeded

**Preterm infants and breastfeeding**

## Primary lactase “deficiency”

Genetically programmed reduction of lactase activity after weaning

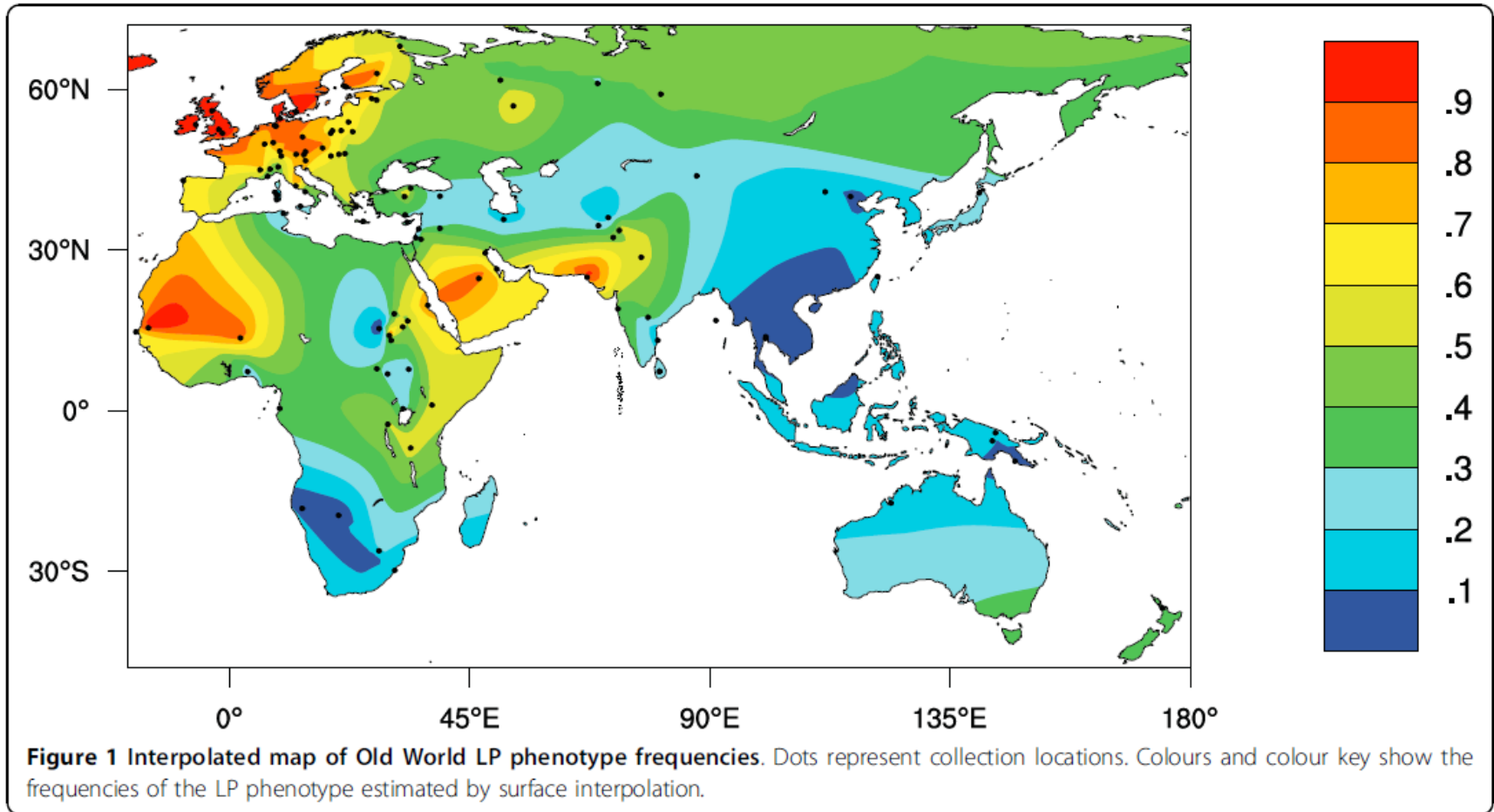
**No symptoms before 3-4 years**

## Secondary lactase deficiency

Temporary lactase deficiency as a consequence of small bowel injury, eg. acute gastroenteritis, persistent diarrhea, enteropathies

# Primary lactase deficiency

– no symptoms before 3-4 y

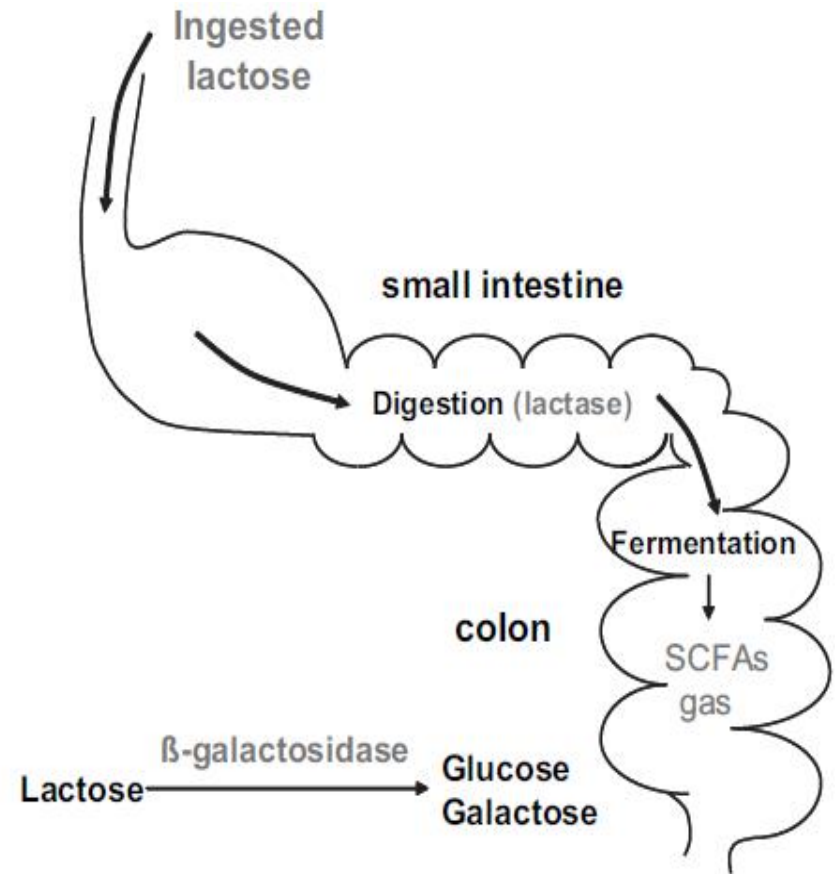


Frequency of LP phenotype

Itan et al. Evolutionary Biology 2010

# Lactose malabsorption causes prebiotic effects

- Non digested lactose continues to the large intestine
- Lactose is hydrolyzed and fermented to SCFAs and gas (CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>)
- Reduces pH
- Preterm infants - 50-70% lactose passes into the large intestine
- Term infants – some lactose passes to the large intestine?





# Prebiotic effects of lactose

- Butyrate (SCFA) is an important fuel for colonocytes
- Lactose passing to the colon seems to stimulate a beneficial flora with more bifidobacteria and lactobacilla and less E.coli and bacteroides
- In maldigestion lactose content should be balanced between beneficial probiotic effects and osmotic diarrhea

# Lactose stimulate weight gain in studies of weanling piglets

- Whey used to feed piglets for decades  
- very effective in stimulating weight gain
- Discussed if the effect is due to whey protein or lactose
- Several studies suggest that the lactose fraction has an important effect and some suggest that the lactose effect is stronger than the protein effect
- Growth effect stronger in younger piglets



# Lactose to piglets during weaning

Cromwell et al. J Anim Sci 2008

- 1320 crossbred pigs were studied at 3 sites
- Pigs were weaned at 15 – 20 days
  - Phase 1: 20% lactose (week 1 after weaning)
  - Phase 2: 15% lactose (week 2 after weaning)
  - Phase 3: Randomized to 0, 2.5%, 5%, 7.5%, 10% lactose (w 3 + 4 after weaning)
  - Corn substituted by equal amounts of permeate



# Lactose to piglets during weaning

Cromwell et al. J Anim Sci 2008

Average daily weight gain and average daily feed intake increased linearly ( $p < 0.05$ ) with increasing levels of lactose in phase 3.

Highest lactose content

- 350 g of additional body weight
- 420 g additional feed intake



**Does lactose have a positive effect on growth in undernourished children?**

# Percent of Energy from Lactose

- Human milk  $\approx 40$  E%
- Cows milk  $\approx 25$  E%
- F-100 16 E%
- RUTF up to 11 E%
- F-75 6 E%
- CSB++ 4 E%

# Sources of lactose for food aid

## Lactose in SMP and Whey

w/w%	SMP	WPC34	WPC80	WPI
Lactose	50	50	10	≈1

**Permeate**

**Crystalline lactose**

# Conclusions on lactose

- Lactose intolerance can be a problem during initial treatment of children with SAM with GI problems
- Lactose content in breastmilk is high ( $\approx 40$  E%); Infants and young children with MAM and SAM tolerate breastmilk well
- Lactose in foods to infants and young children is likely to have beneficial effects:
  - Modify microbiota – prebiotic effect
  - Increase mineral absorption
  - Improve energy density and taste
  - Improve dental health
  - Might increase growth? (piglets)

# Conclusions on lactose

- Lactose content in foods for MAM and SAM can be increased by choosing protein sources with high content (WPC34 and SMP) or permeate
- Optimal amount of lactose need to be determined
- Guestimate:
  - 5 E%?
  - 15 E% as in F-100?
  - Higher and closer to breastmilk (40 E%)?



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# Characteristics of nutritional deficiency

## Type I nutrients

- Late or no growth response
- Tissue level variable
- Characteristic physical signs
- Stored in body
  - Selenium
  - Iron
  - Copper
  - Calcium
  - Retinol
  - Tocopherol
  - +others

## Type II nutrients

- Immediate growth response
- Tissue level fixed
- No characteristic signs
- No body store
  - Nitrogen
  - Sulphur
  - Essential amino acids
  - Potassium
  - Sodium
  - Magnesium
  - Zinc
  - Phosphorus

# Minerals for growth (type II)

High content of bioavailable minerals in cow's milk

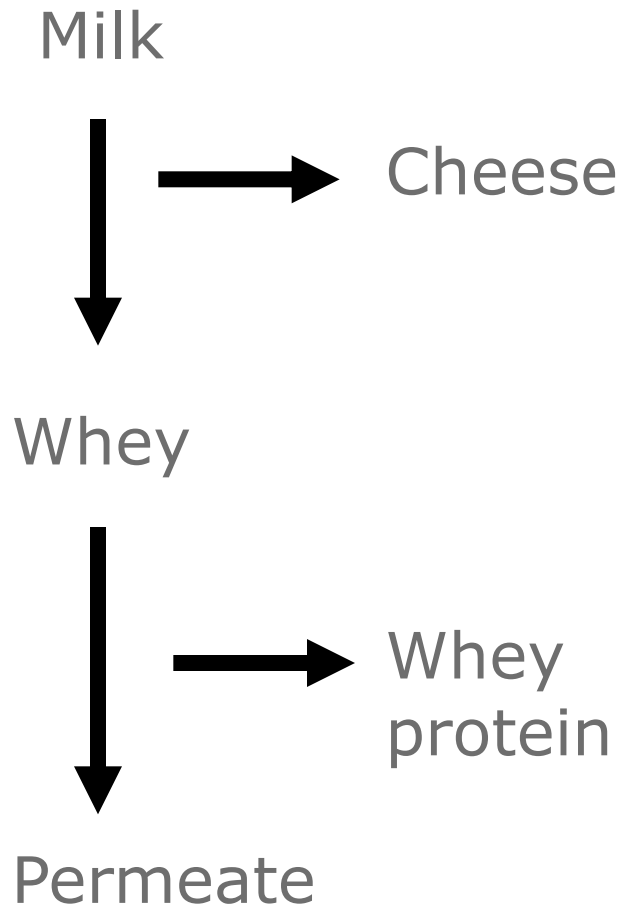
- Potassium
- Phosphorus
- Zinc

SMP contains twice the amount of minerals compared to WPC34%

Low S-phosphate predicts death in malnourished children

Rytter et al. Risk factors for death in children during inpatient treatment of SAM: a prospective cohort study. AJCN 2017

# Permeate

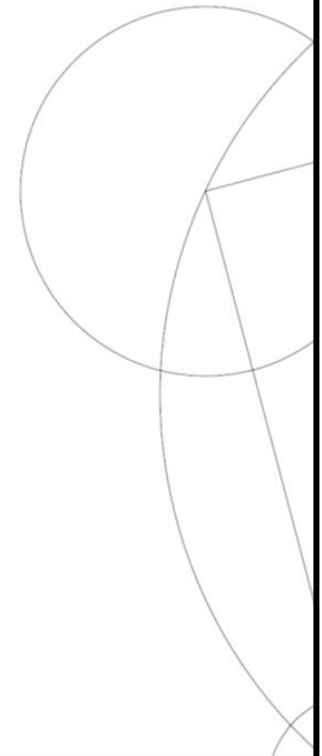


## Evaluation of whey permeate in the treatment of moderate malnutrition

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# Permeate contains 85% lactose and minerals important for growth (type II)

Mg per 100 g powder	Permeate	Permeate content relative to SMP (%)
Potassium	1715	107
Magnesium	121	110
Phosphorus	636	67
Zinc	0.1	2
Calcium	554	45
Sodium	575	132

# Minerals in whey permeate and SMP

- Milk products contain important growth minerals including phosphate, magnesium and potassium
- High bioavailability
- Bioavailability might be increased through interaction with lactose
- Content should be adjusted to recommended levels in foods for MAM and SAM
- Relative high sodium content is a limitation in whey permeate – up to 20% w/w whey permeate in FBF seems to be OK

# Cow's milk and..

## Linear growth and stunting

### Adult stature



# COW'S MILK AND LINEAR GROWTH IN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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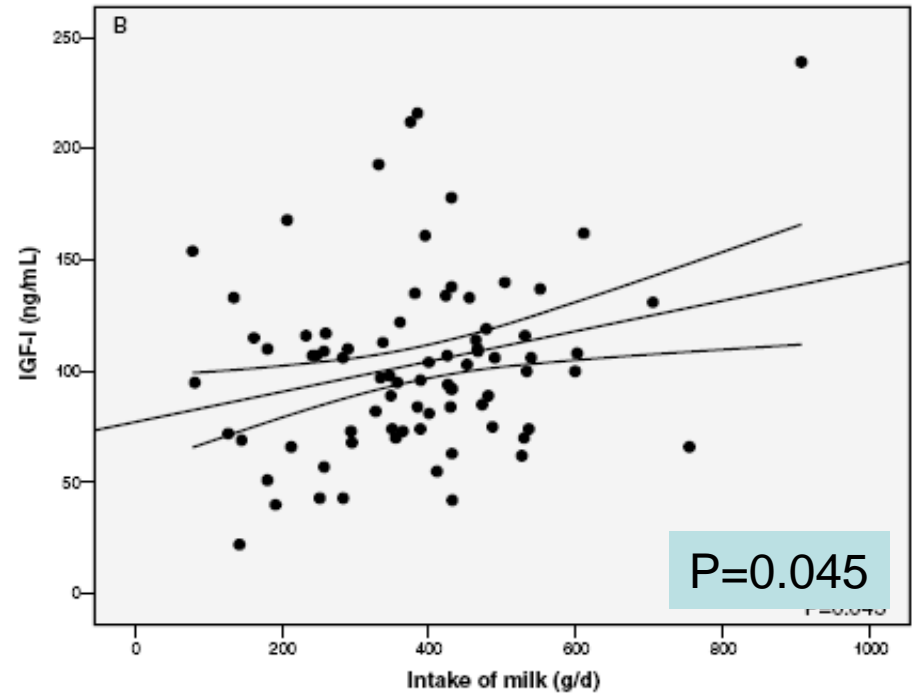
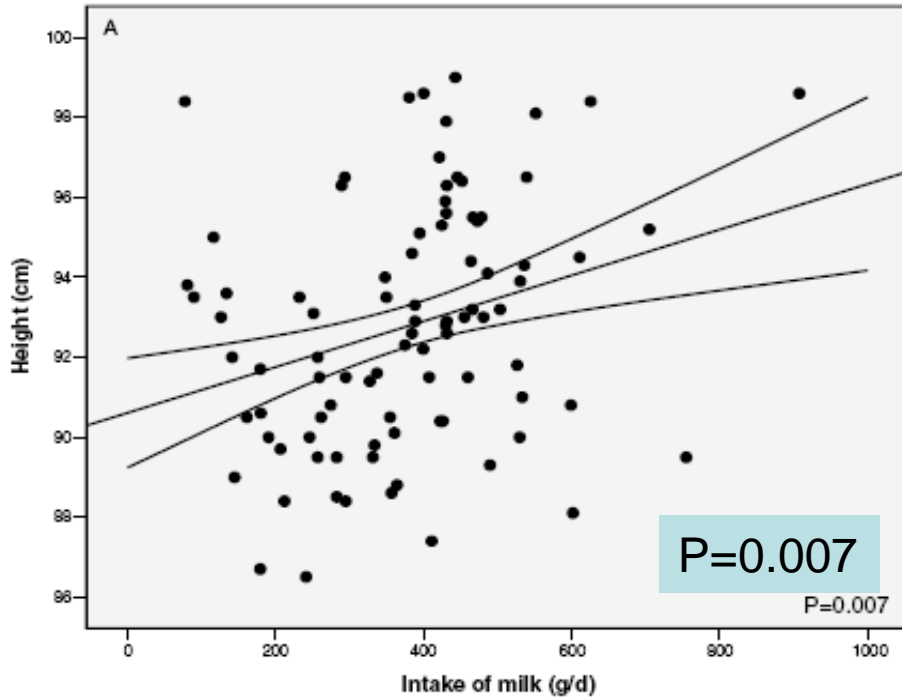
Hoppe. Mølgaard and Michaelsen. Annu Rev Nutr. 2006.

- The strongest evidence that cow's milk stimulates linear growth comes from observational and intervention studies in low-income countries
- Many observational studies from well-nourished populations also show an association between milk intake and linear growth
- These results suggest that milk has a growth-stimulating effect even in situations where the nutrient intake is adequate.

**Strong evidence that cows milk stimulate linear growth**



# Height and serum IGF-I levels according to milk intake in 2.5 y old healthy children



95 % confidence intervals, controlled for sex and body weight

# Continuing positive Secular Growth Change in The Netherlands 1955-1997

Fredriks et al, Ped Res 2000;47:316-23

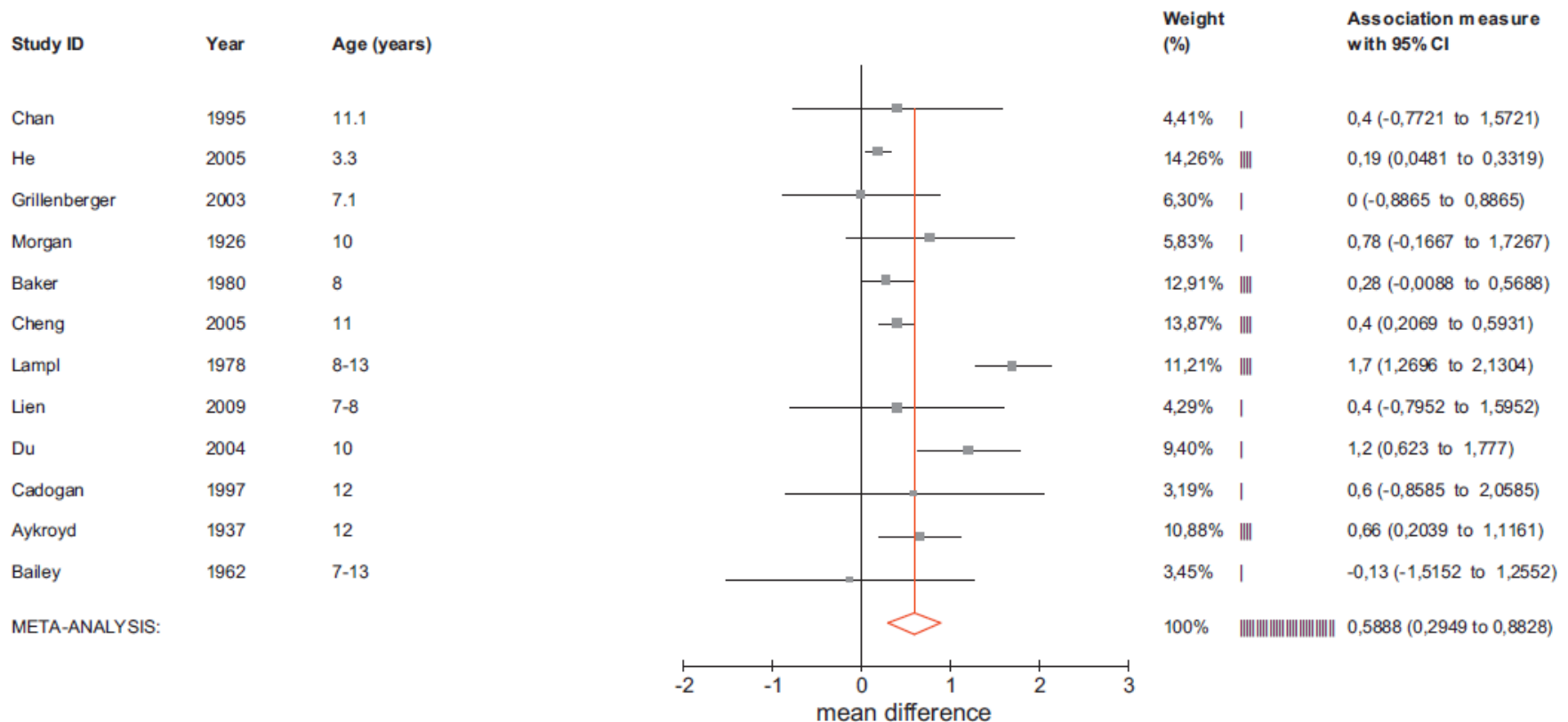
Suggests that the explanation for the Dutch population being the tallest in the world could be a **high consumption of dairy products, one of the highest in the world**

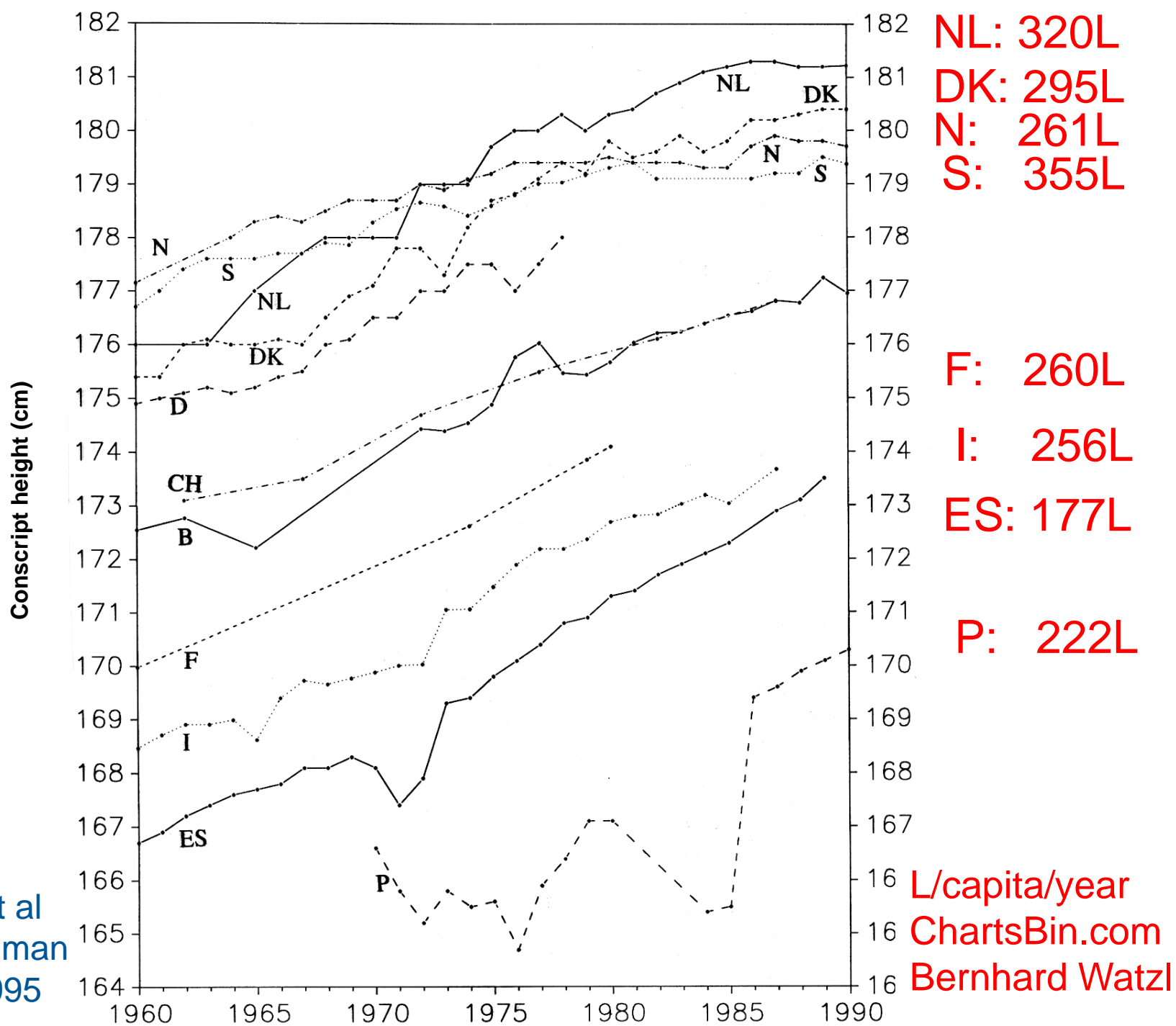
Review

# Dairy products and physical stature: A systematic review and meta-analysis of controlled trials

Hans de Beer\*

**245 ml milk daily results in an increase of 0.4 cm/y**





Schmidt et al  
Annals Human  
Biology 1995

L/capita/year  
ChartsBin.com  
Bernhard Watzl

# A century of trends in adult human height

**NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC)\***

1472 population-based studies, with more than 18.6 million participants born between 1896 and 1996 in 200 countries

## Tallest men

1. Netherlands – 182.5 cm
2. Belgium
3. Estonia
4. Latvia
5. Denmark

## Tallest women

1. Latvia – 170.0 cm
2. Netherlands
3. Estonia
4. Czech Republic
5. Serbia

## Shortest

East Timor – 160 cm

Guatemala – 149 cm

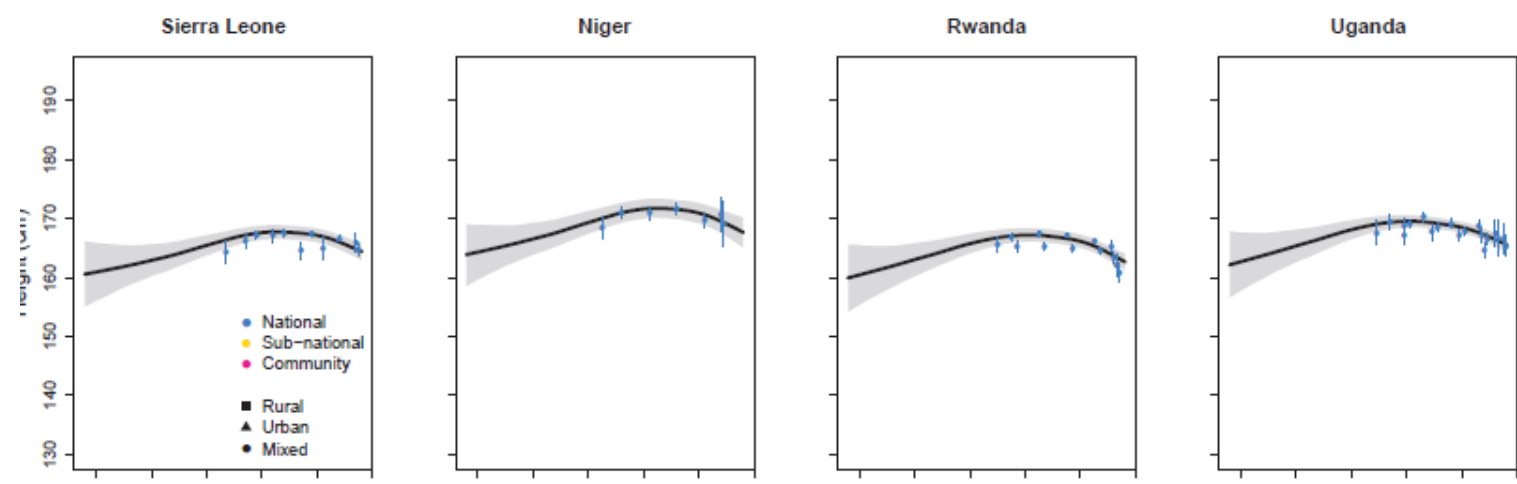
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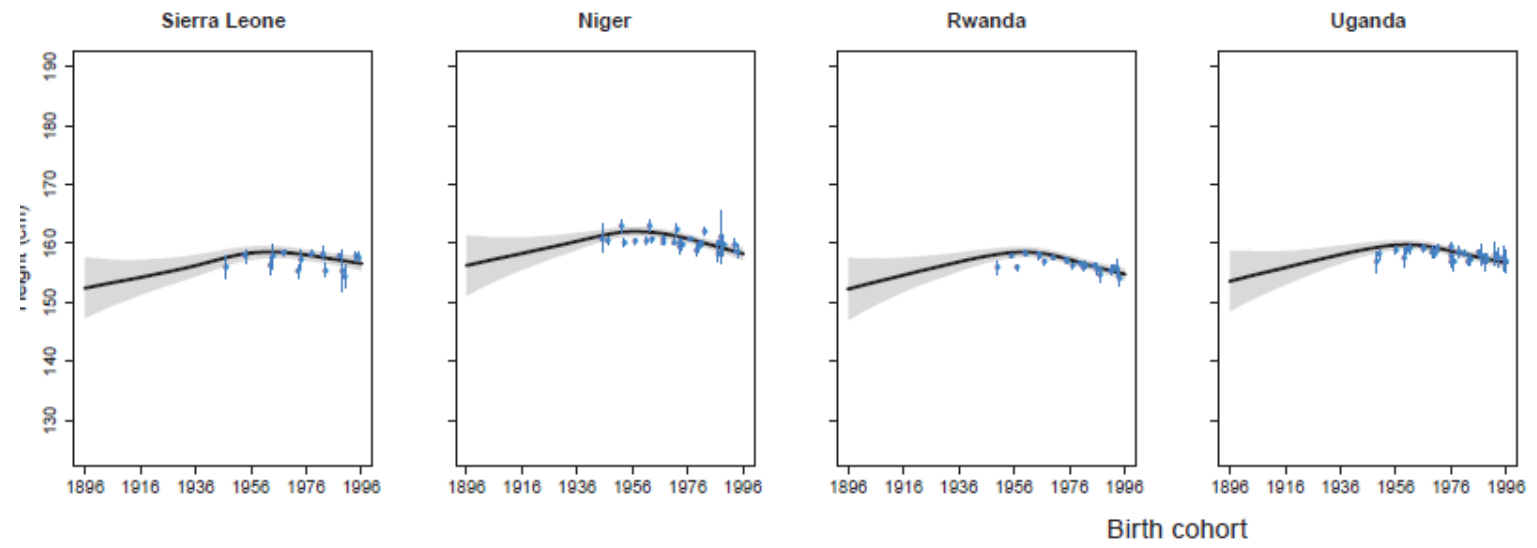
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Men



Decreasing trend in adult stature in some African countries since the 60'ies

Women



# Major correlates of male height: A study of 105 countries

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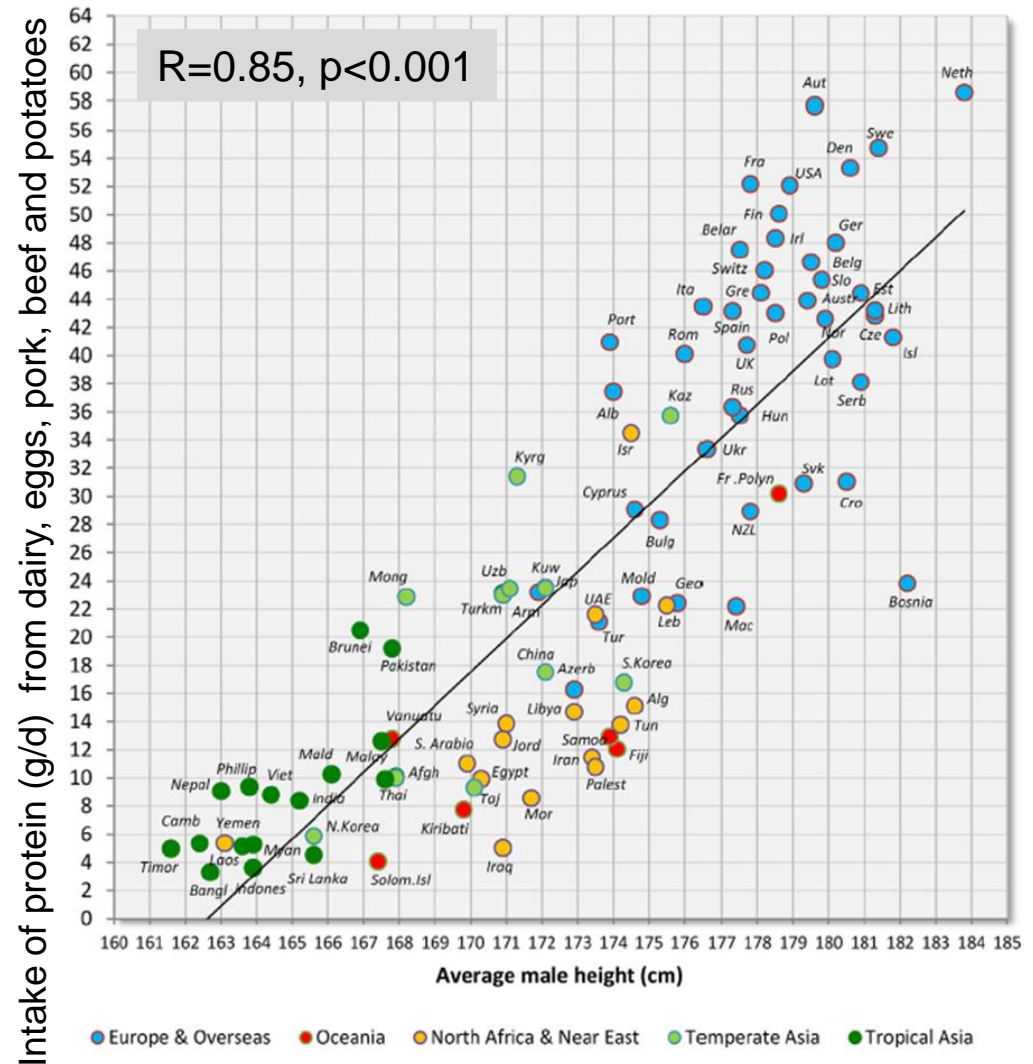
## Three “fundamental” types of diet

Dairy and animal protein  
Europe and the US

Wheat  
North Africa and Near East

Rice  
Tropical Asia

# Causality?





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