

# Exploiting Natural And Induced Variation To Improve The Content And Composition Of Dietary Fibre In Wheat Grain

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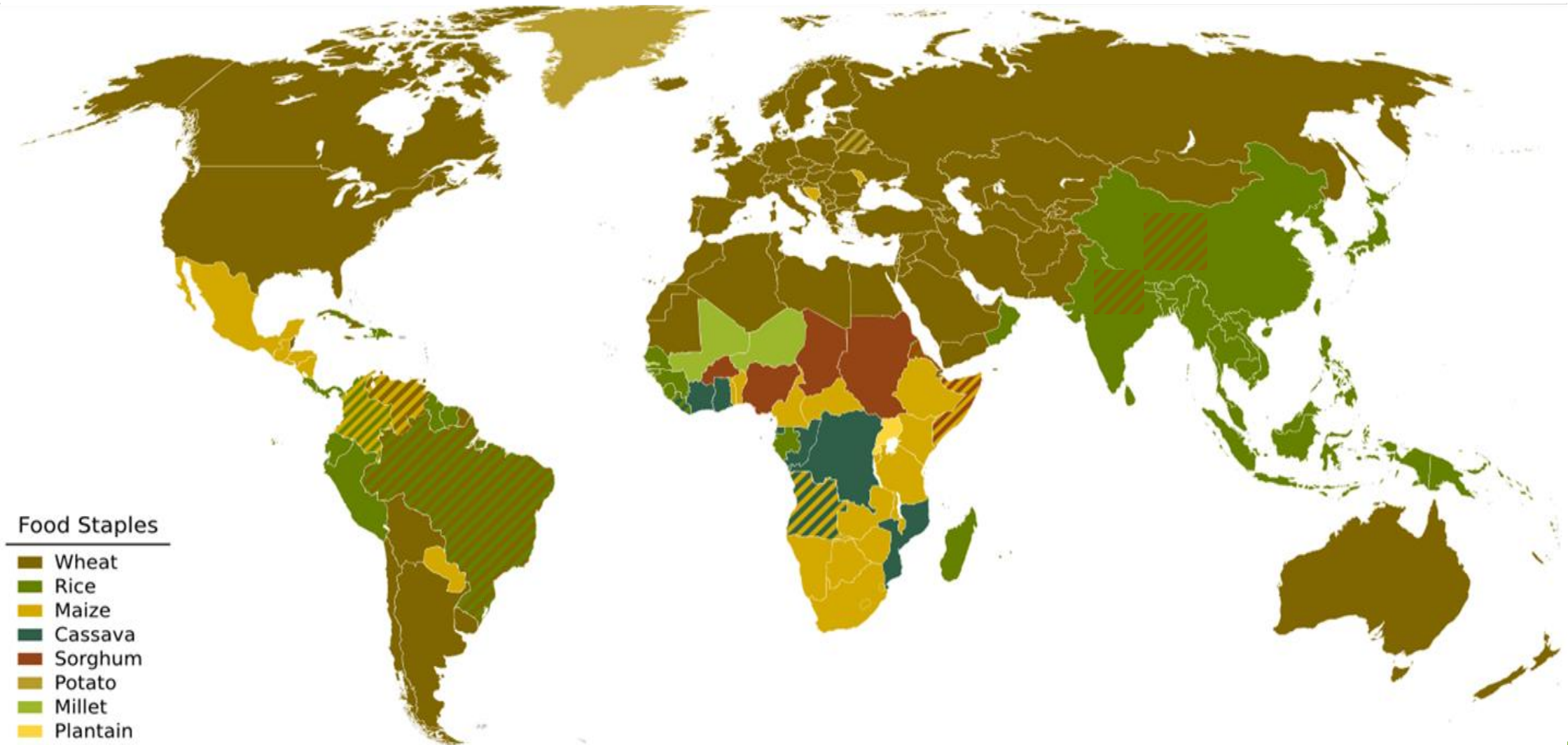
## Improving the quality of staple foods to deliver health benefits.

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Enhanced  
Health  
Benefits

# Wheat eaten from one side of the globe to the other



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# Bread



# Percentage contributions of bread to average daily intake of some essential nutrients in the UK



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	Children (4-18 years)		Adults (19-64 years)	
	Male	Female	Male	female
Energy	11	11	12	10
Protein	12	10	11	11
Dietary Fibre	18	17	21	18
Folates	12	11	12	12
Iron	16	15	16	15
Zinc	11	11	12	12

(NDNS Data Released 14/05/2014).

....not just empty calories



## FDA

### Whole grains

- Risk of **heart disease** and **some cancers**
- Qualified claim for risk of **type 2 diabetes**
- Soluble fibre ( $\beta$ -glucan), **serum cholesterol** and **Coronary Heart Disease**

## EFSA

### 1. Wheat

- **Arabinoxylan** and **reduced post-prandial glycaemic response**
- Bran fibre and reduced intestinal transit time
- Bran fibre and increased faecal bulk

### 2. Oat and barley

- Fibre and increased faecal bulk
- **$\beta$ -glucans** and **reduced post-prandial glycaemic response**
- **$\beta$ -glucans** and reduced blood cholesterol and **risk of heart disease**

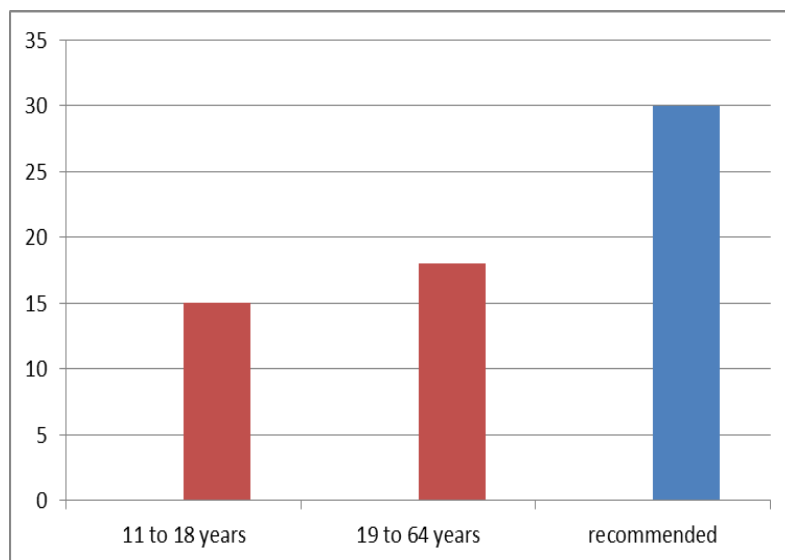
### 3. Rye

- Fibre and “normal bowel function”



# Consumption of dietary fibre in the UK is below national guidelines... and pretty much everywhere else too!

fibre intake UK (2015)



**Table 4 Adult fiber recommendations and average intakes in selected countries**

Country/Region		Recommended fiber intake (g/day)	Median intake (g/day)	Body issuing the requirement
US and Canada	Males	38	16.5-19.4	North America – Jointly use the IOM report from the National Academy of Sciences
	Females	25	12-15	
France	Males	30	21	<i>Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments</i> (French food safety agency)
	Females	25	17	
Germany	Males	30	24	German Nutrition Society
	Females	30	21	
Japan	Males	30	17	Japanese Ministry of Health
	Females	25	17	
UK	Males	18*	15.2	UK Department of Health
	Females	18*	12.6	
FAO/WHO		>25		WHO/FAO
		>20		

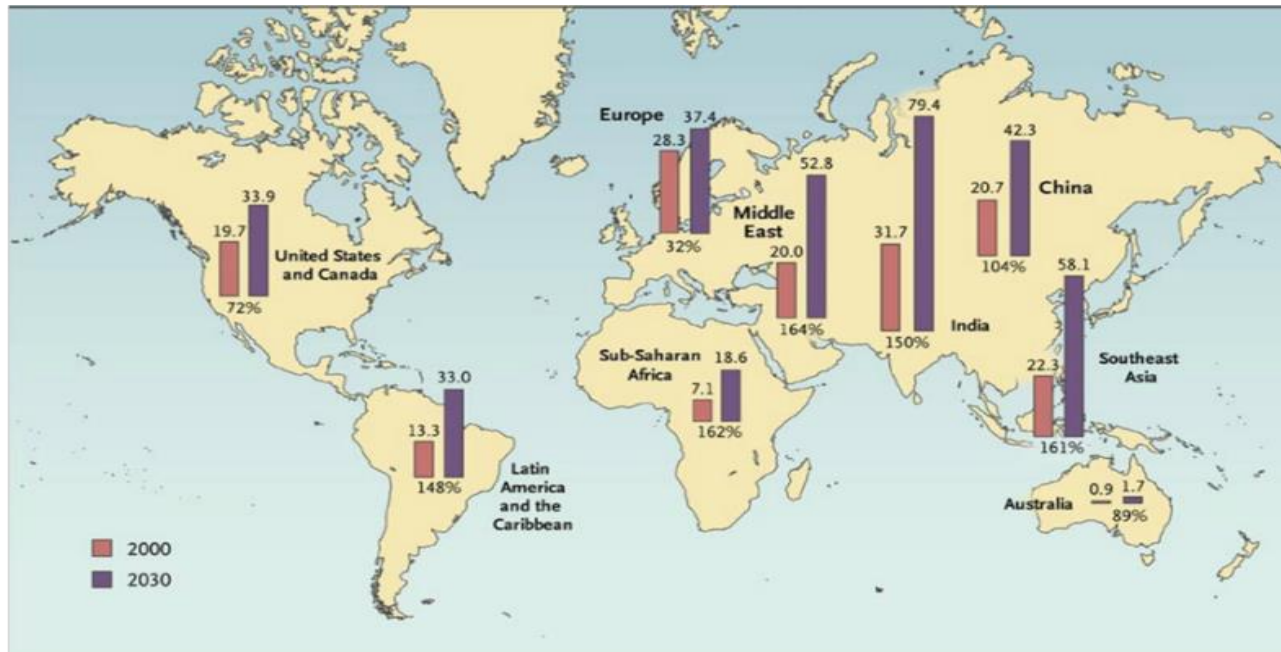
\*Lower requirements due to use of the NSP method.



# ↑ NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

NCDs kill 40 million people each year, equivalent to 70% of all deaths globally

## Diabetes



Millions of Cases of Diabetes in 2000 and Projections for 2030, with Projected Percent Changes.

Data are from Wild et al.<sup>3</sup>

CVD

Cancer

Respiratory disorders

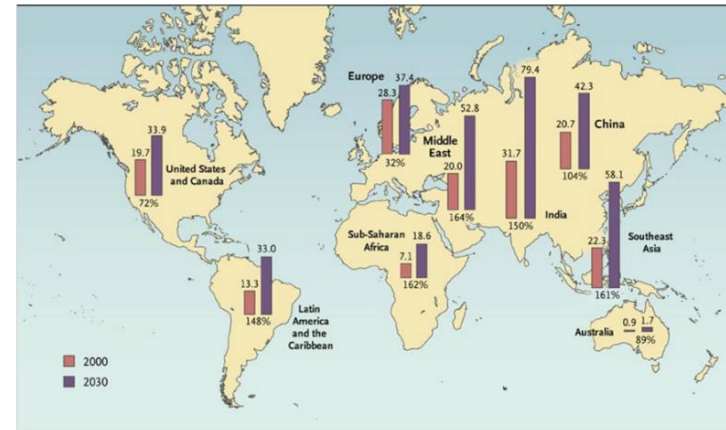
Type-2 diabetes

# Why is this happening?



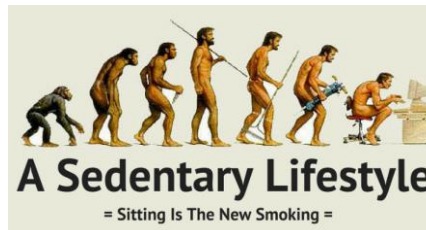
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- Rapid urbanisation and economic development
- Adoption of unhealthy western diet
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Change from traditional crops and foods to 'white' grains



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77% OF PEOPLE WITH DIABETES LIVE IN LMIC COUNTRIES

- Diabetes UK

**77%**




## *Diabetes: Leading Cause of Death in Mexico*

The World Health Organization released that as of 2016, diabetes was the leading cause of death in Mexico, being responsible for with 14.7% of Mexico's deaths and thus seizing over 76,000 lives that year. The percent of the population that died to diabetes has tripled since 1990, and by 2050, scientists predict that half of Mexico's population will suffer from diabetes.

The rise of the epidemic started in the 1970s-1980s, when more efficient methods of producing many crops was introduced. Due to these advancements in agriculture, while much more food was being produced, there was a smaller variety of crops. Farmers tended to produce crops that were cheaper and easier to grow, are staples of the Mexican diet (such as corn), thus resulting in a diet that's high in carbs and fat, and low in protein. Also, the introduction and widespread accessibility of fast food has added to this problem. Mexico is the world's largest consumer of soda- with each person consuming an average of 500 cans annually. Also, selling at just one pesos per bottle, carbonated beverages tend to be significantly cheaper than healthier alternatives. For many, soda is a part of their everyday routine. Also, as for many of the people in Mexico who work long hours every day and need a meal that they can eat on the go, fast food and street vendors are a regular and cheap source of meals.



40%

A close-up photograph of a stack of several slices of white bread. The bread has a golden-brown crust and a soft, porous white interior. The slices are stacked slightly offset, showing the texture of the crumb. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

**half of this dietary fibre  
from bread.**



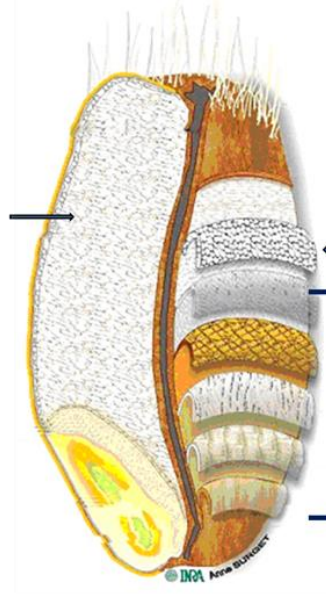
# Cell wall composition of wheat

## Dietary fibre composition of wheat grains

White flour  
2–3% TDF

Cell Walls  
70% AX  
20% BG  
10% other

ALSO  
Fructans  
Raffinose  
Resistant Starch



Aleurone  
60 AX  
29% BG  
11% other

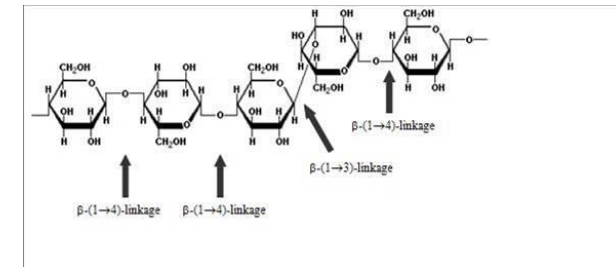
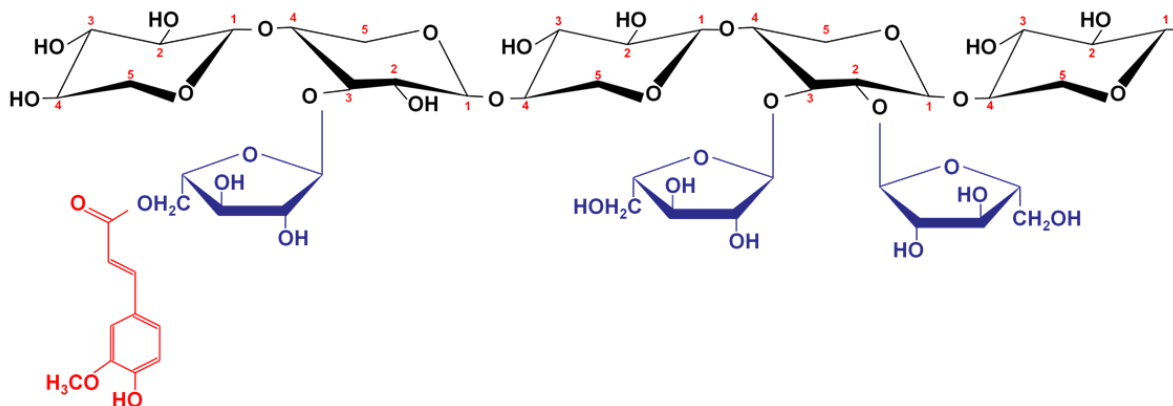
Pericarp  
60% GAX  
30% cellulose  
10% lignin

Embryo  
AX  
BG

Bran  
45–50  
%TDF

Fibre content in different cereal fractions (g/100 g DM):

Fraction	Wheat	Rice
Whole grain	12	4
Bran	43	21
Starchy endosperm	2.7	2
Germ	13	-



# The contents of soluble and total AX fibre vary widely in bran and white flour of 150 wheat lines



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150 wheat lines and 50 other cereals  
grown in Hungary in 2004–5

26 wheat lines grown in Hungary in 2005–6  
and in the UK, France, Hungary, Poland in  
2006–7

data from 6 environments

Allows determination of

1. Range of variation in wheat compared with related cereals
2. Heritability in wheat

130 winter wheats  
20 spring wheats  
5 spelt  
10 durum wheat  
5 *T. monococcum*  
5 *T. dicoccum*  
10 rye  
10 barley  
5 oats



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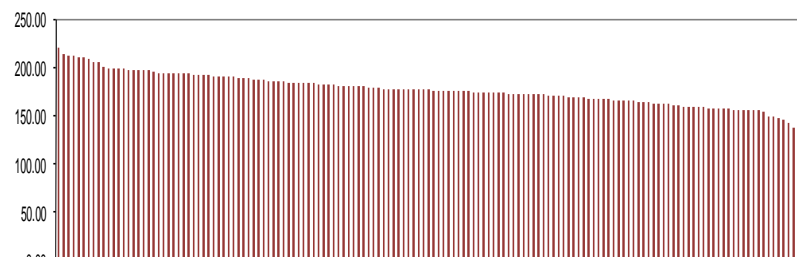


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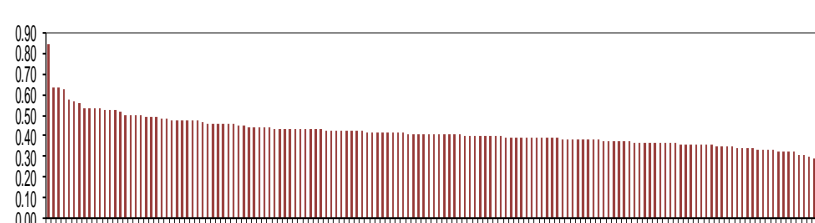


# Chinese wheat (Yumai-34) highest dietary fibre

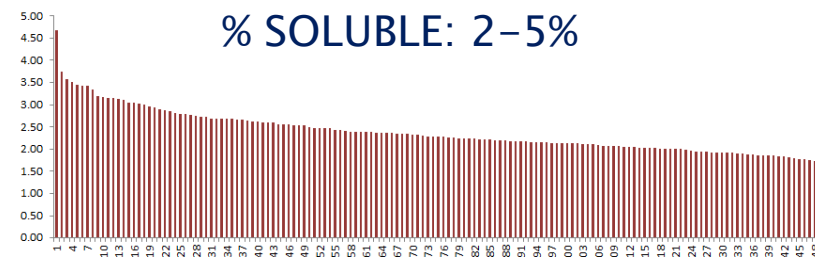
## BRAN TOTAL: 12.7–22.1%



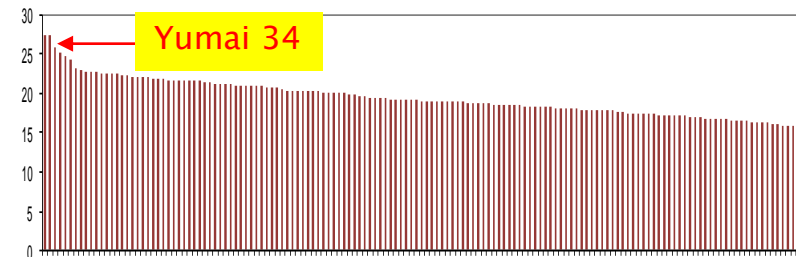
SOLUBLE: 0.3–0.85%



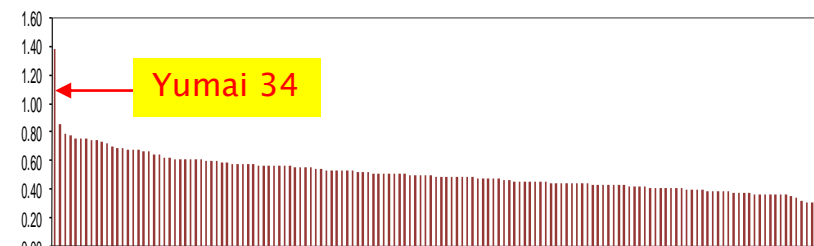
% SOLUBLE: 2–5%



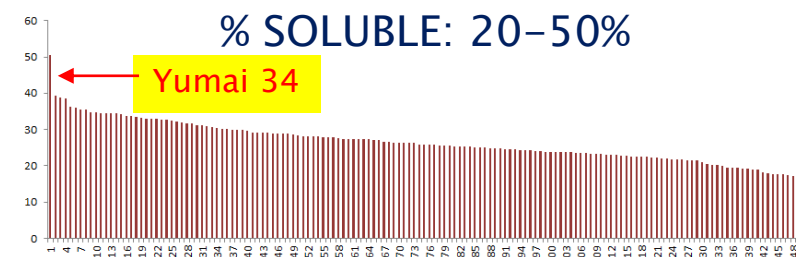
## FLOUR TOTAL: 1.35–2.75%



SOLUBLE: 0.3–1.4%



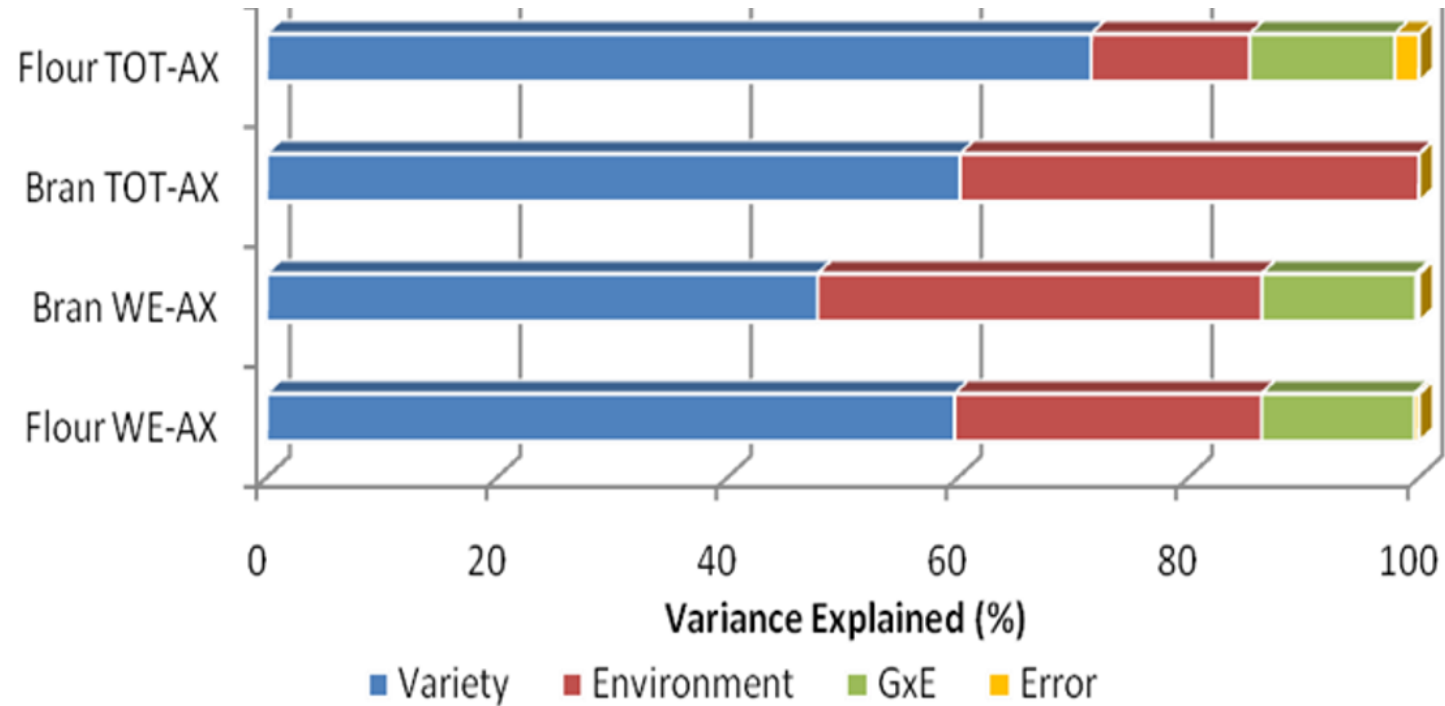
% SOLUBLE: 20–50%





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AX content in flour and bran is highly heritable.



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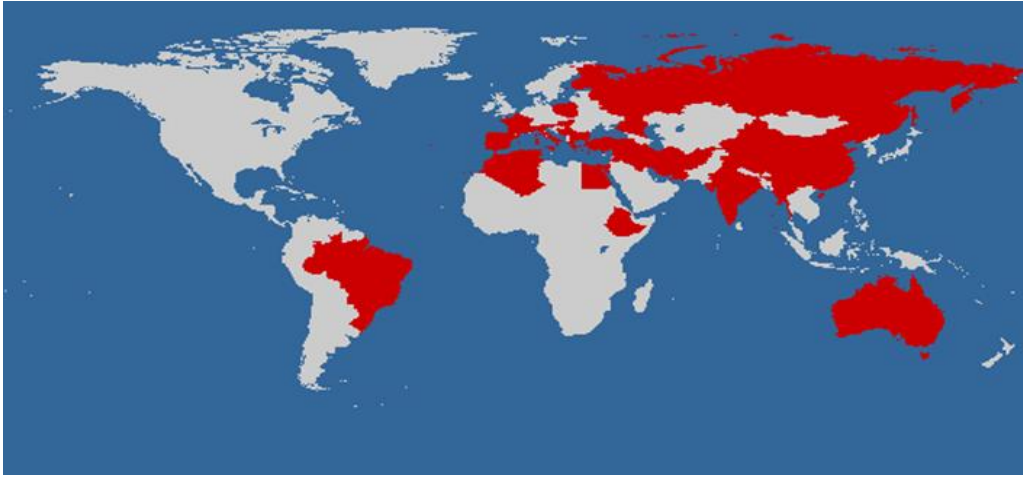


# Identification of novel genetic sources of variation



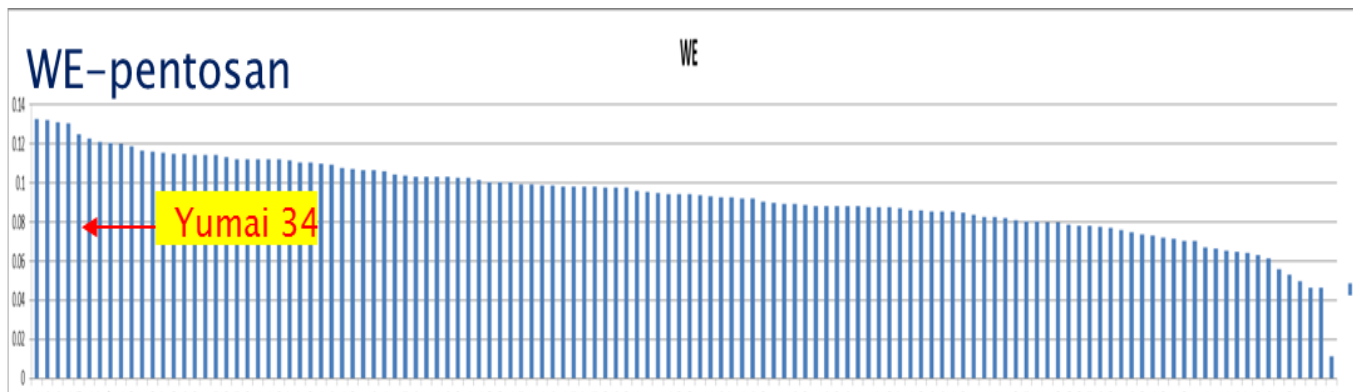
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## The Watkins collection of wheat landraces



## Amount and composition, polymer size, viscosity

- A E Watkins, University of Cambridge
- 1920s and 30s
- Board of Trade asked Embassies to obtain samples
- From farmers, markets and researchers
- Several thousand lines but now 1300
- 34 countries
- Held at JIC, duplicated in Australia
- Core genetic collection of about 120 lines



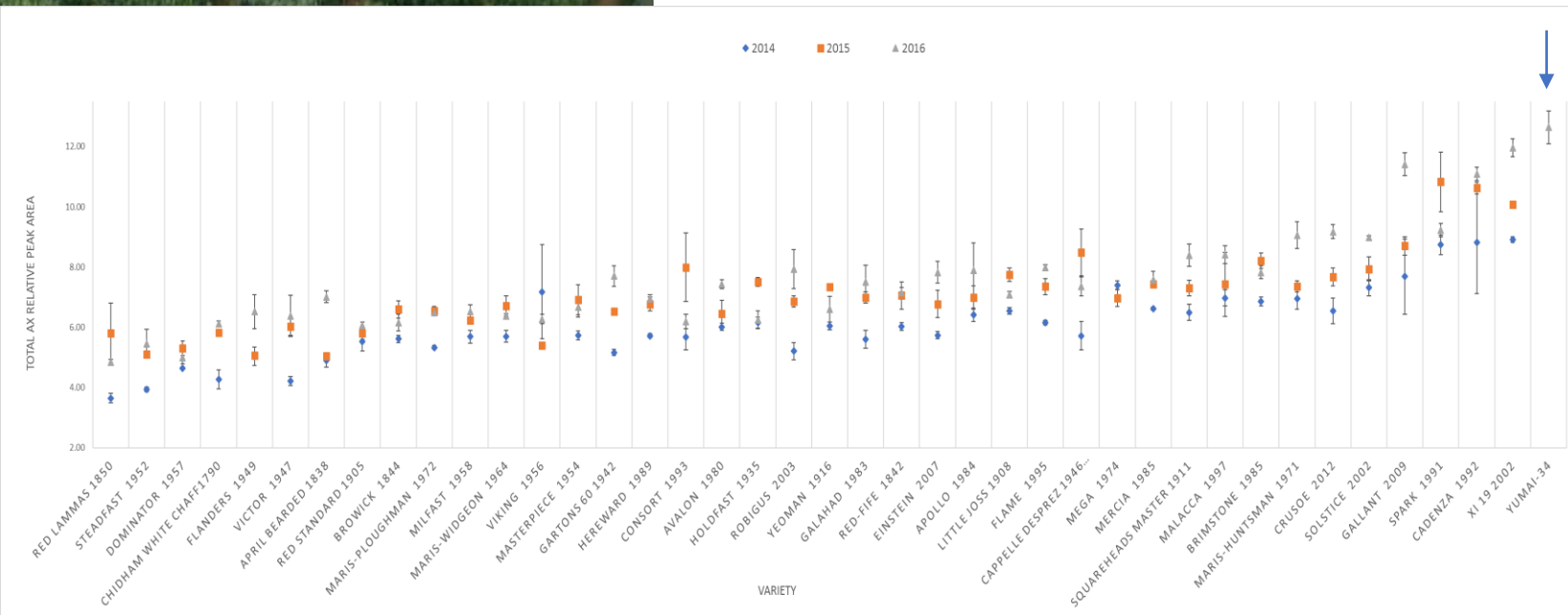
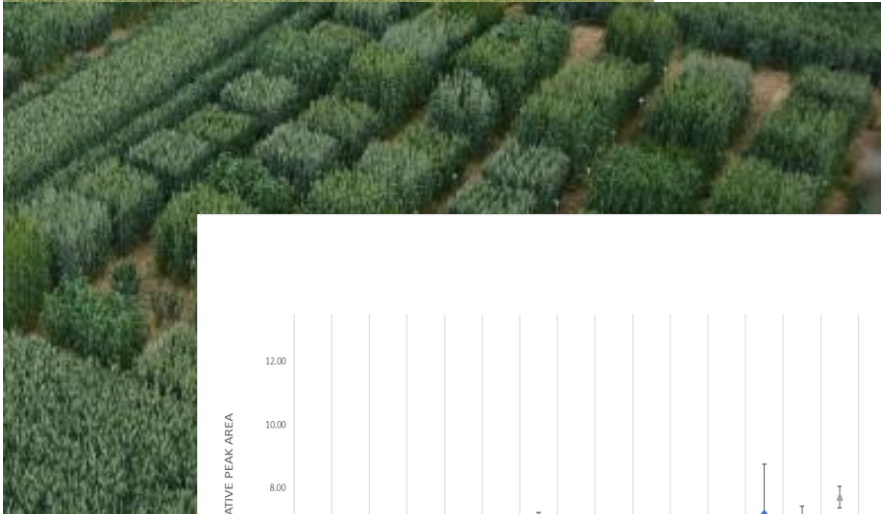
# Identification of novel genetic sources of variation



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## The Heritage Collection 1790-2012

“Looking back to the Future”



1790	Chidham White Chaff
1838	April Bearded (Spring)
1842	Red Fife ( Canadian spring)
1844	Browick
1850	Red Lammas (Lammas?)
1905	Red Standard
1908	Little Joss
1911	Squareheads Master
1916	Yeoman
1935	Holdfast
1940	Warden
1942	Gartons 60
1947	Victor
1946 (1953 UK)	Cappelle Desprez
1952	Steadfast
1954	Masterpiece
1956	Viking
1957	Rampton Rivet (turgidum)
1957	Dominator
1958	Milfast
1964	Maris Widgeon
1971	Maris Huntsman
1972	Maris Ploughman
1974	Mega
1980	Avalon
1983	Galahad
1984	Apollo
1985	Mercia
1985	Brimstone
1986	Flanders
1989	Hereward
1991	Spark
1992	Cadanza
1993	Consort
1995	Flame
1997	Malacca
2002	Solstice
2002	Xi 19
2003	Robigus
2009	Gallant
2012	Crusoe

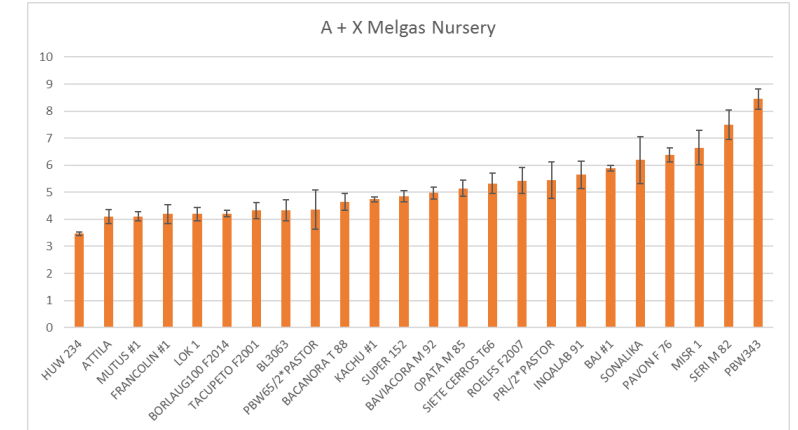
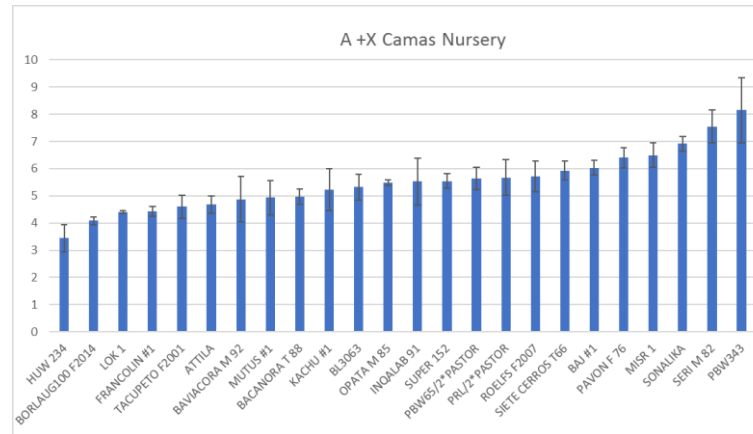
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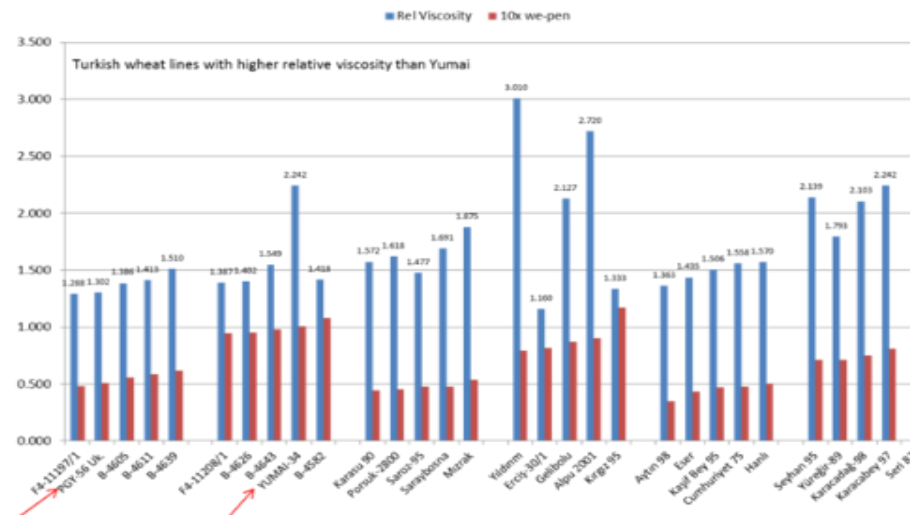
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Exotic bread wheats



Turkish wheat lines

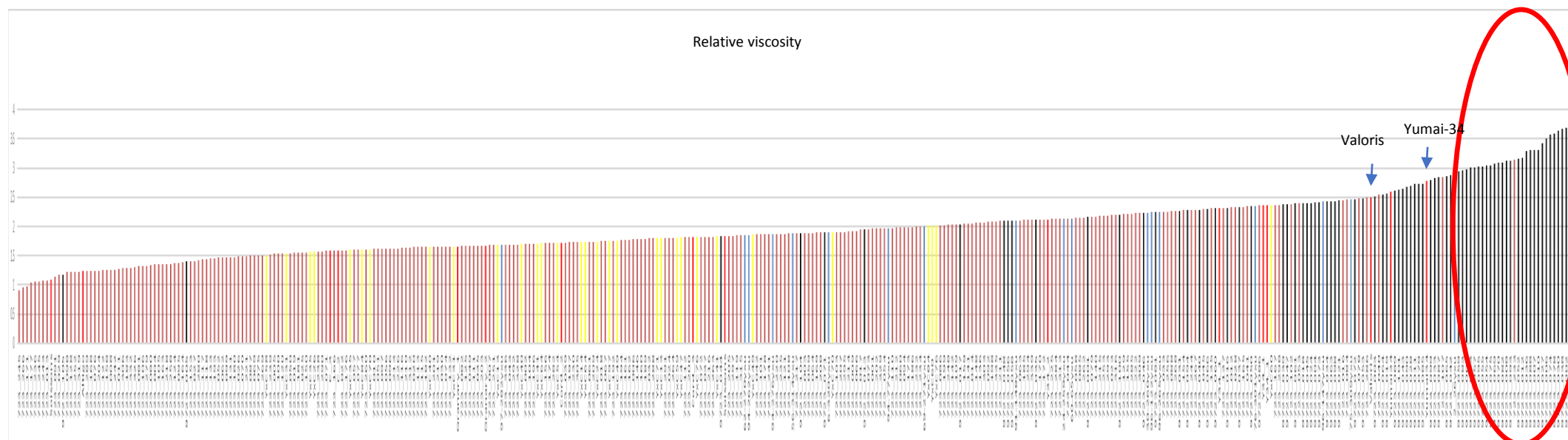


# Segregating populations developed for the discovery of gene/s controlling high fibre content in Yumai 34

Populations Yumai 34 x	Population type	Developers	Genotyping platform
Ukrainka	RIL	CARHAS (HU)	KASP
Valoris	DH	INRA (FRA)	Axiom 35K
Altigo	DH	INRA (FRA)	Axiom 35K
Claire	RIL	DFW (GBR)	KASP



# Segregating populations- for gene discovery



Yumai x Ukrainka

Yumai x Claire

Yumai x Altigo

Yumai x Valoris

Transgressive segregation  
in Y x V population

# Major QTL identified for relative viscosity on distal portion of 1BL



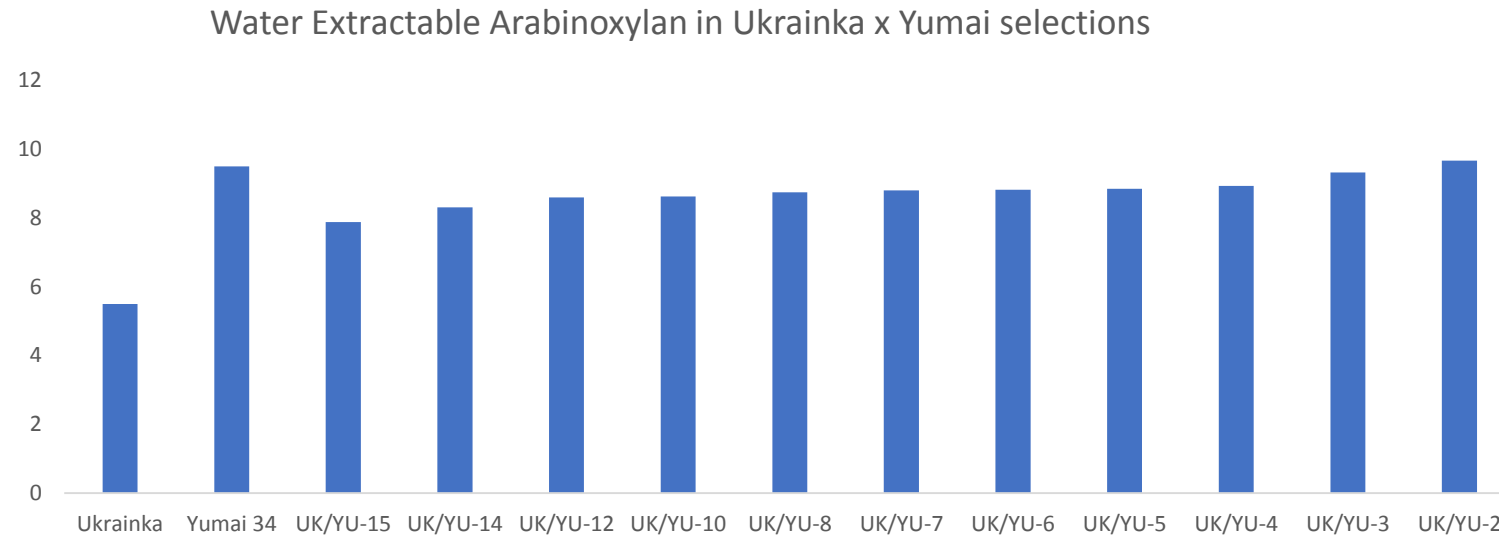
Physical location of QTL peak markers

Genes in this region were used to develop KASP markers

Population	LOD	Population mean	Substitution effect
Yumai 34 x Altigo	12.6	2.98	1.1
Yumai 34 x Valoris	7.8	4.53	1.8

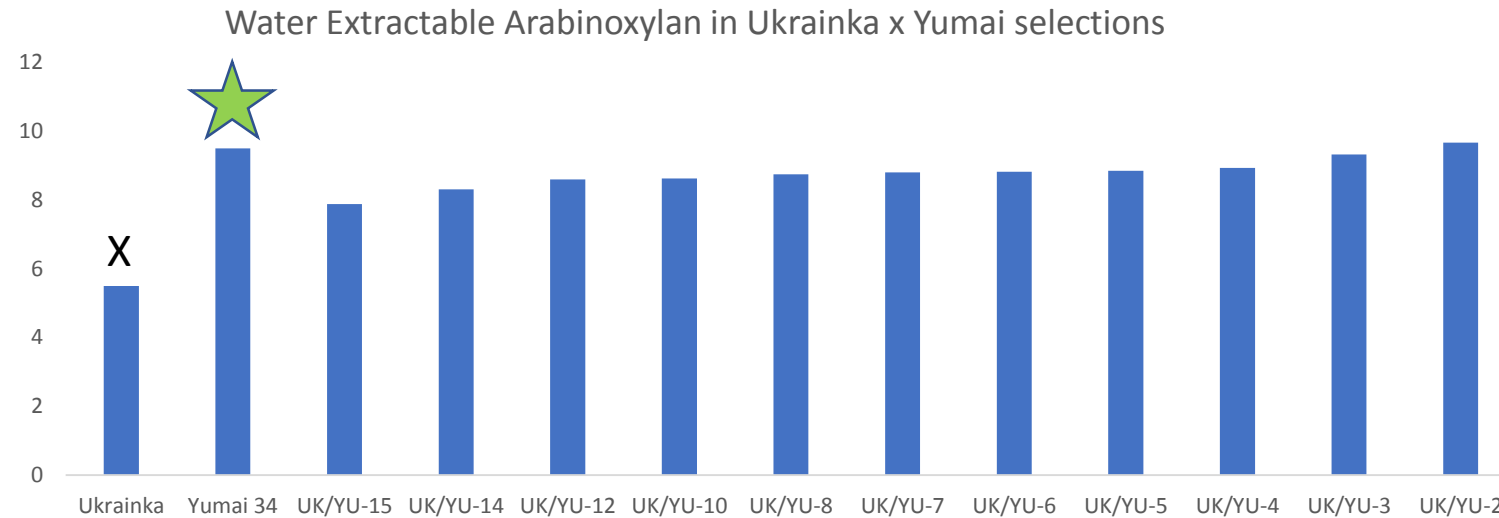
Data only shown from INRA populations

# Direct selection for high fibre progeny in Hungarian-produced, locally adapted lines with fibre content as high as Yumai 34



Tremmel-Bede, K., Láng, L., Török, K., Tömösközi, S., Vida, G., Shewry, P.R., Bedő, Z. and Rakszegi, M., 2017. Development and characterization of wheat lines with increased levels of arabinoxylan. *Euphytica*, 213(12), p.291.

# Ukrainka and Yumai 34 are polymorphic for the KASP assay developed from the Yumai 34 x Valoris/Altigo analysis



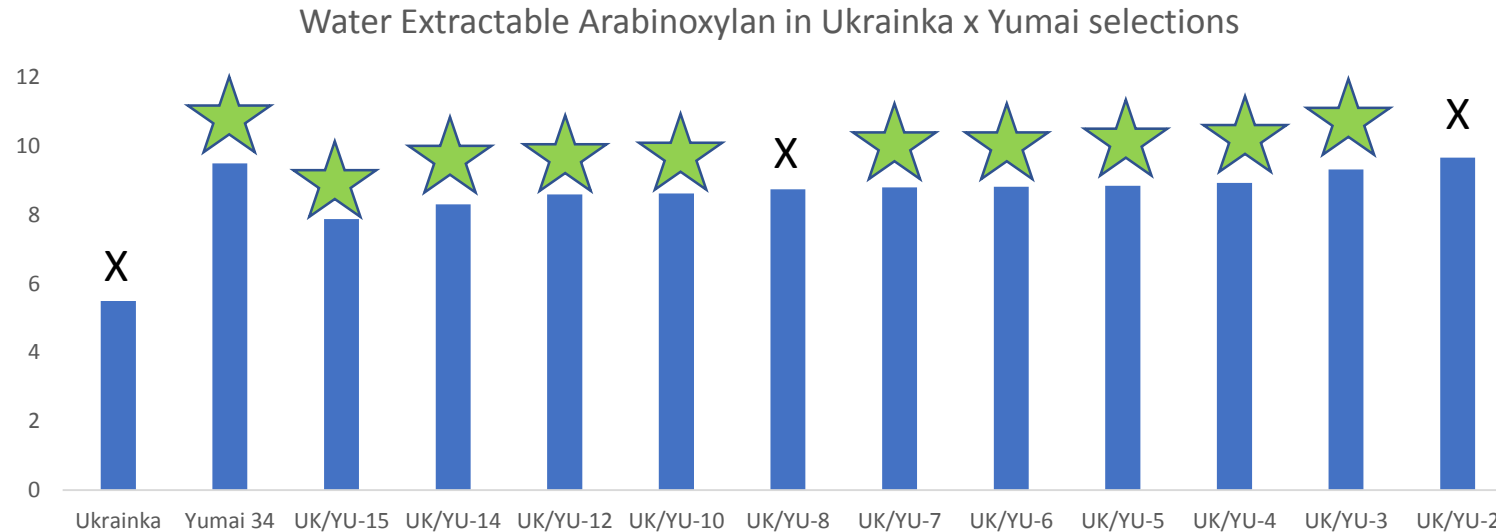
Yumai 34 1BL KASP allele

X

Valoris, Altigo, Claire, Ukrainka allele



# The high fibre Yumai 34 x Ukrainka progeny are significantly enriched for the Yumai 34 1BL allele



Why are the lines not fixed for 1BL allele?

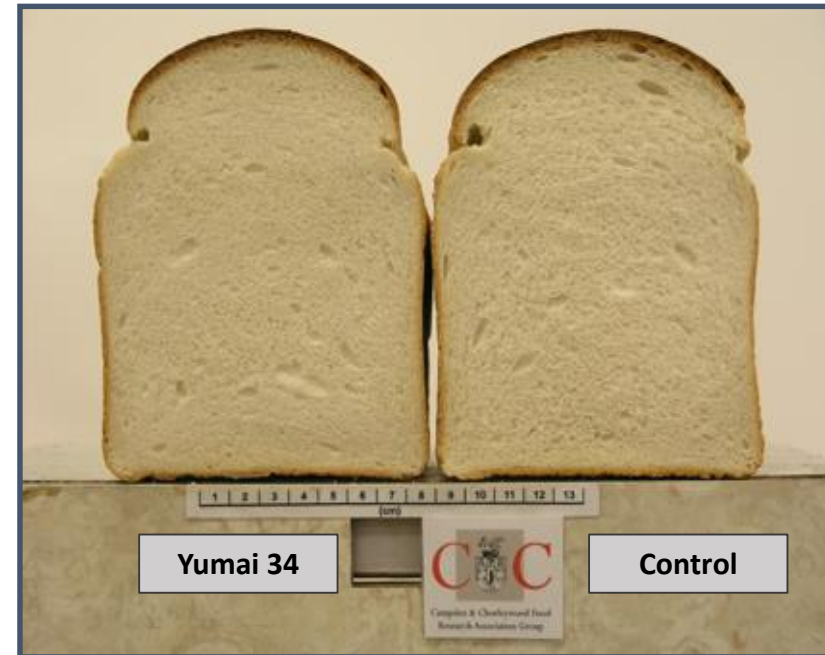
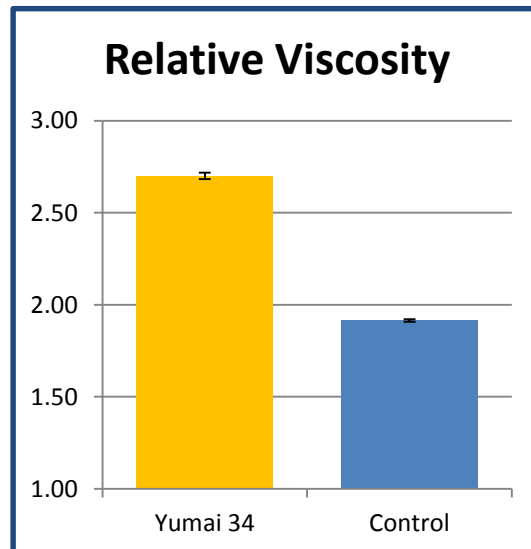
- The current marker is 2-3cM away from QTL peak, these might be recombinants.
- Minor QTL for increased fibre where detected in Yumai 34 and Ukrainka, they might be stacked favourably in UK/YU-2 and UK/YU-8

# Exploiting natural variation in AX fibre: Yumai 34



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- A Chinese wheat variety released in 1998 in Henan province
- High fibre content (total and soluble)
- High viscosity of aqueous extracts
- Good bread making quality



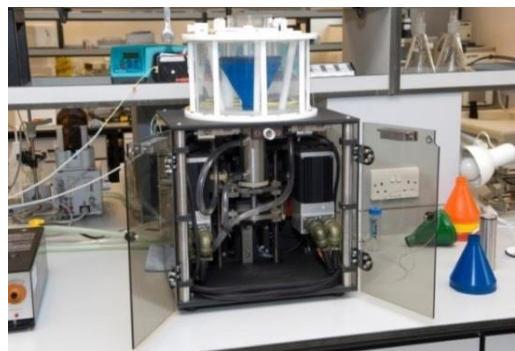
# Mining Diversity in Cereal (Wheat) Fibre to Improve the Nutritional Quality of Bread



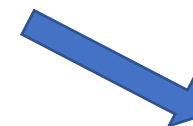
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Yumai-34      Control



The Dynamic Gastric Model



The Dynamic Duodenum

White bread has a GI/GL similar to sucrose

Any reduction in white bread GI could have significant health benefits

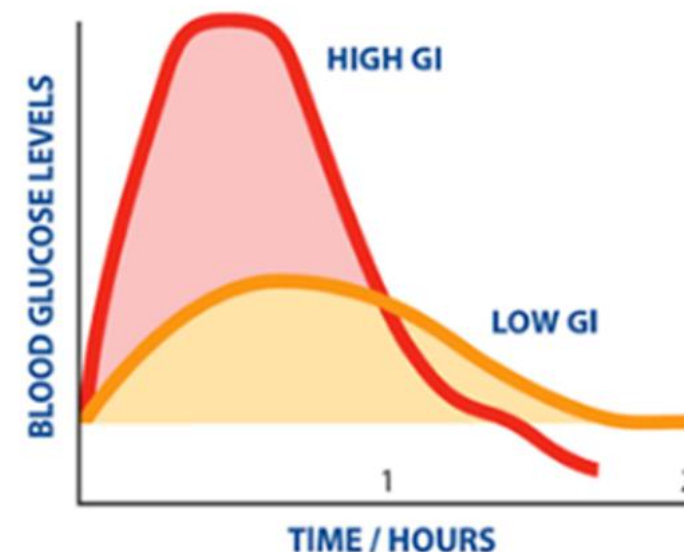
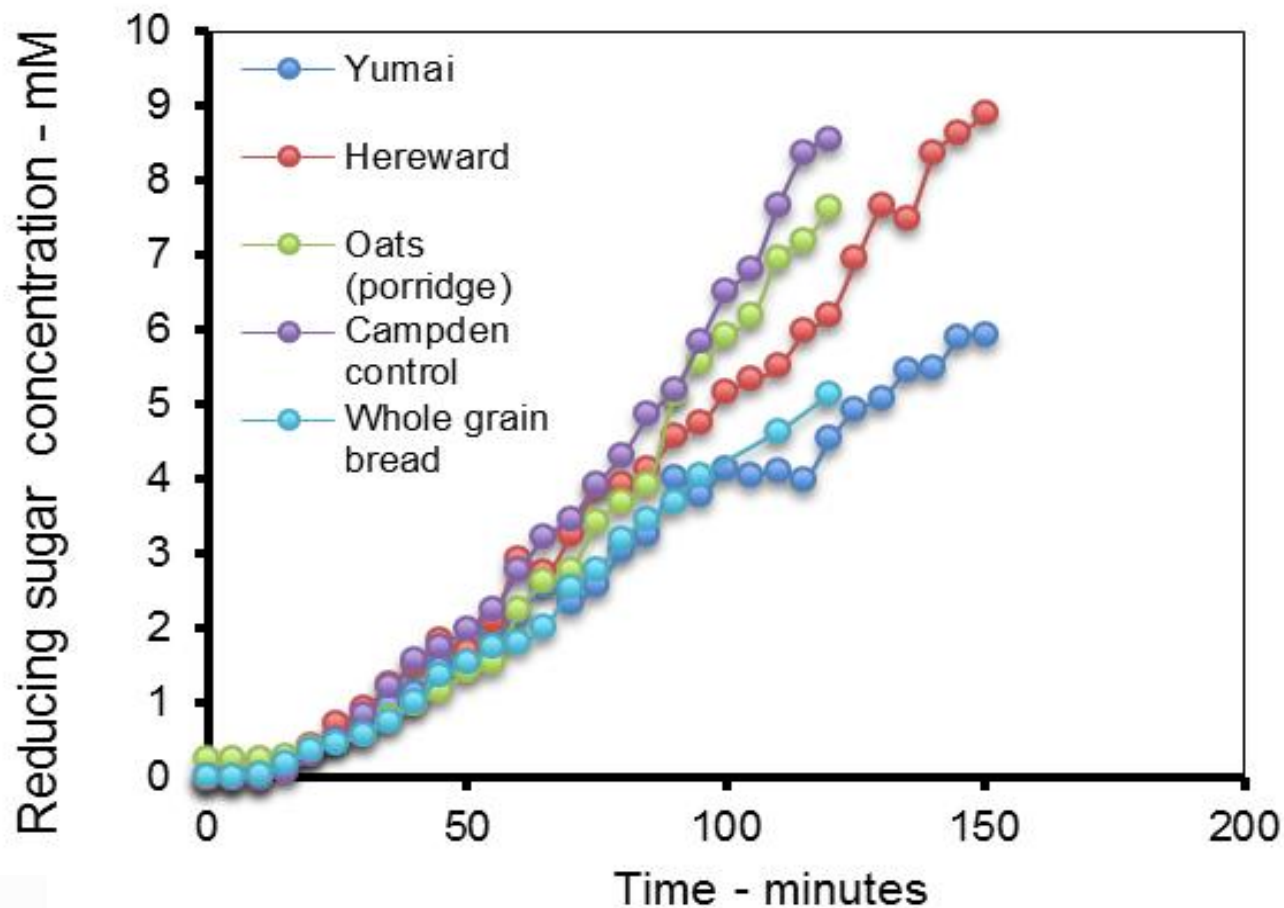
Hypothesis:

1. Chyme **viscosity** effects 'digestion'...mixing...and mass transfer
2. Simulated glucose adsorption using *in-silico* and *in-vitro* model
3. Bread formulations can significantly alter the viscosity of the chyme

# Release of reducing sugars from high fibre white bread (Yumai 34) compared to other breads and porridge in a model duodenal system



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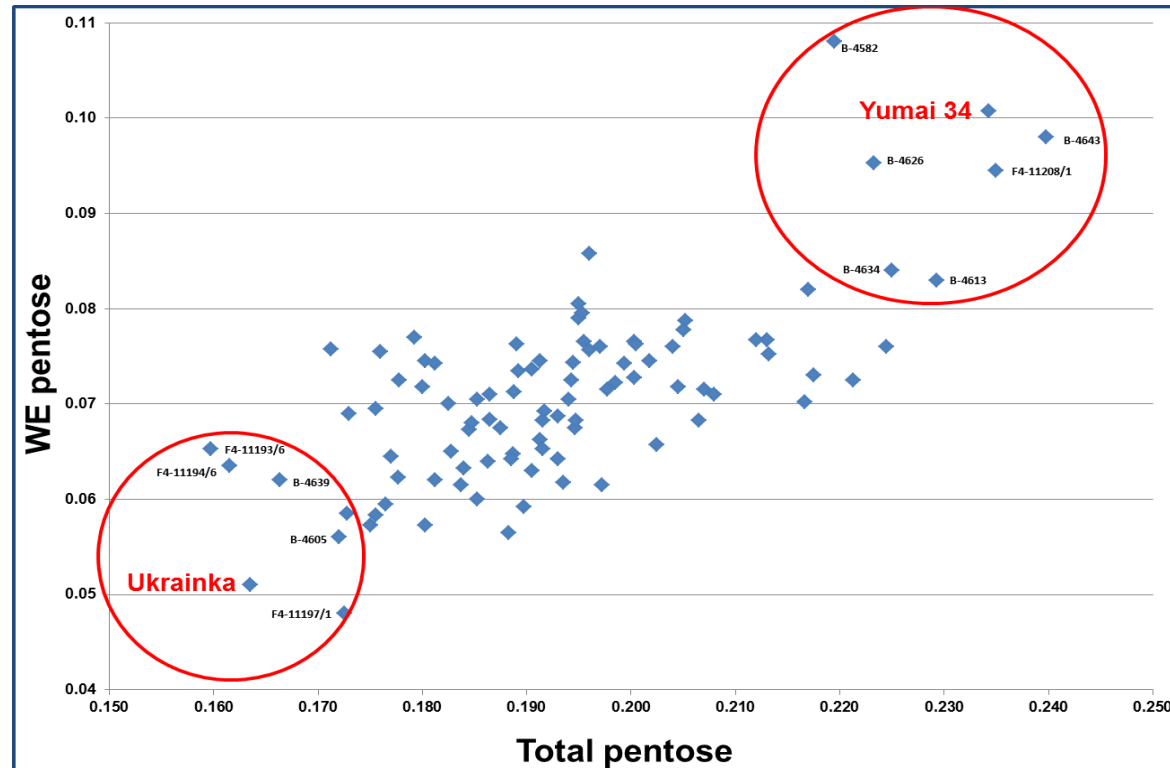


# Yumai 34 x Ukrainka



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- 96 F6 lines + parents

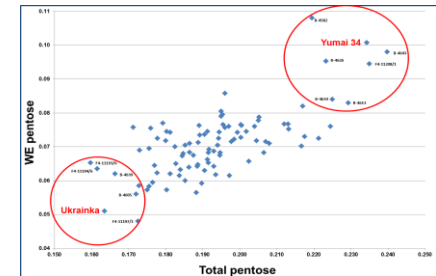
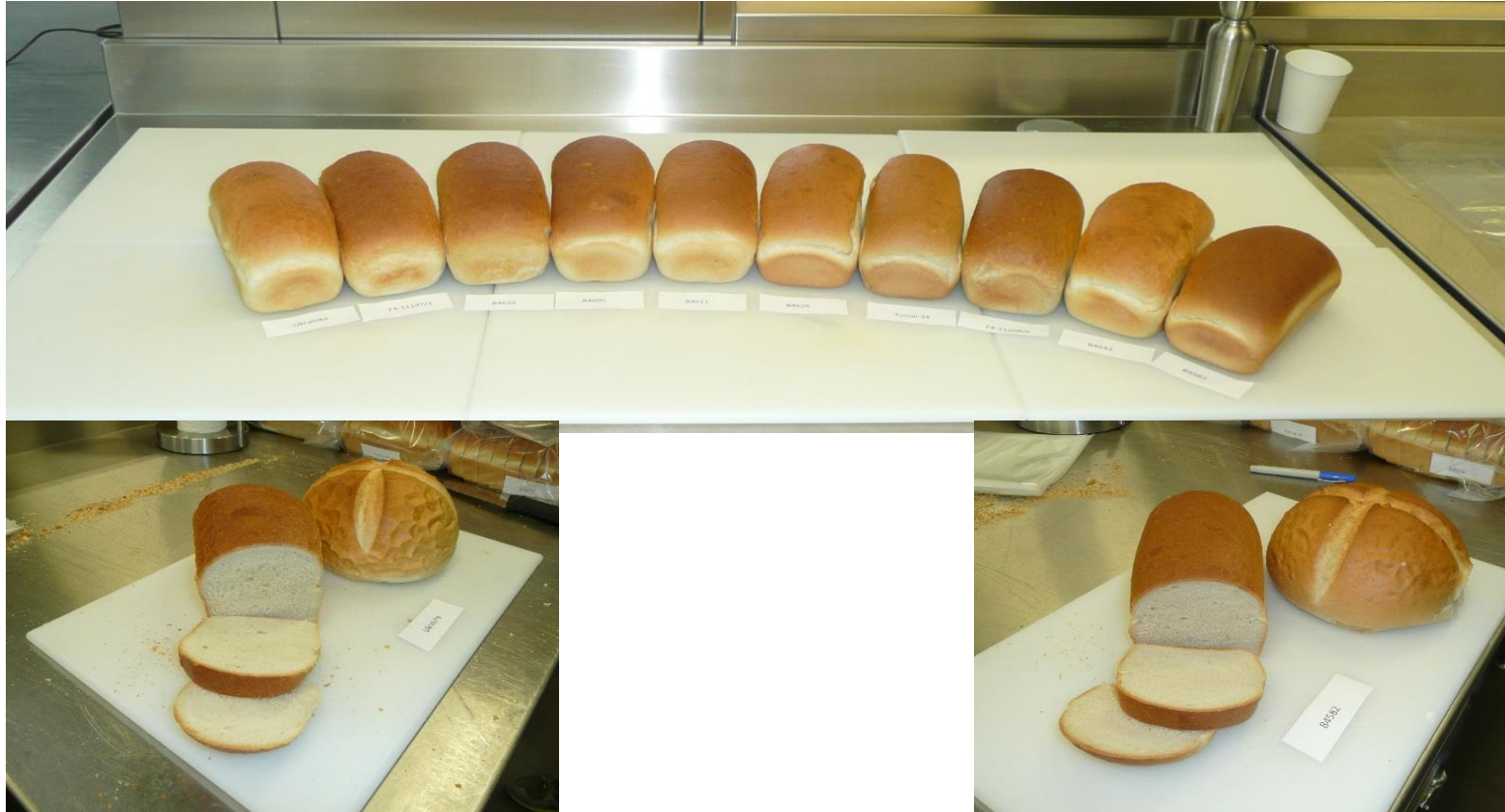


Recombinant inbred lines

# Yumai 34 x Ukrainka bread



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a supermarket



Innovate UK

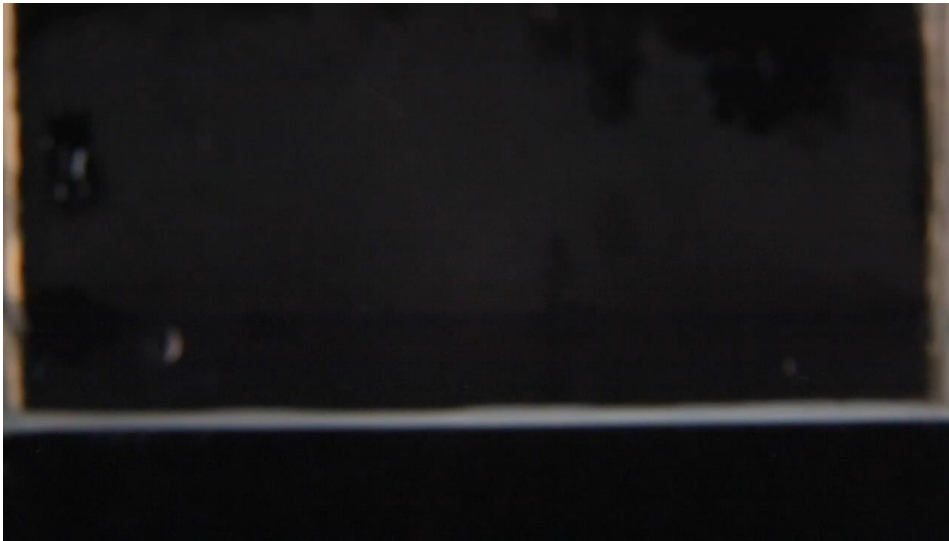


Bread on a stick!

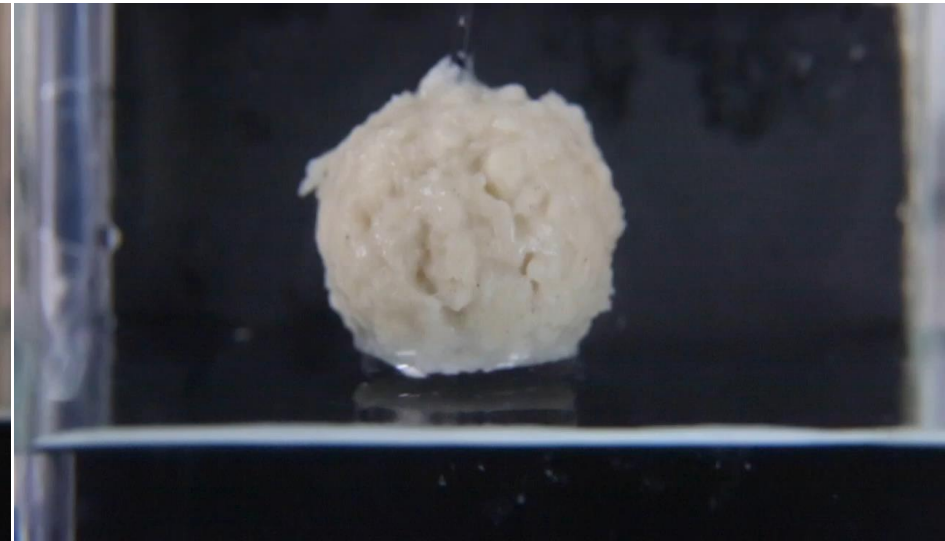


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Endogenous fibre important



Low AX



High AX



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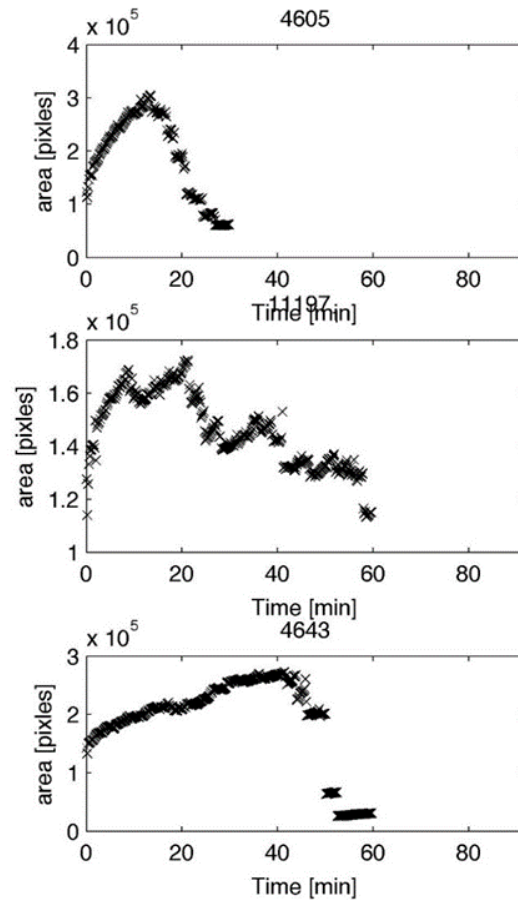


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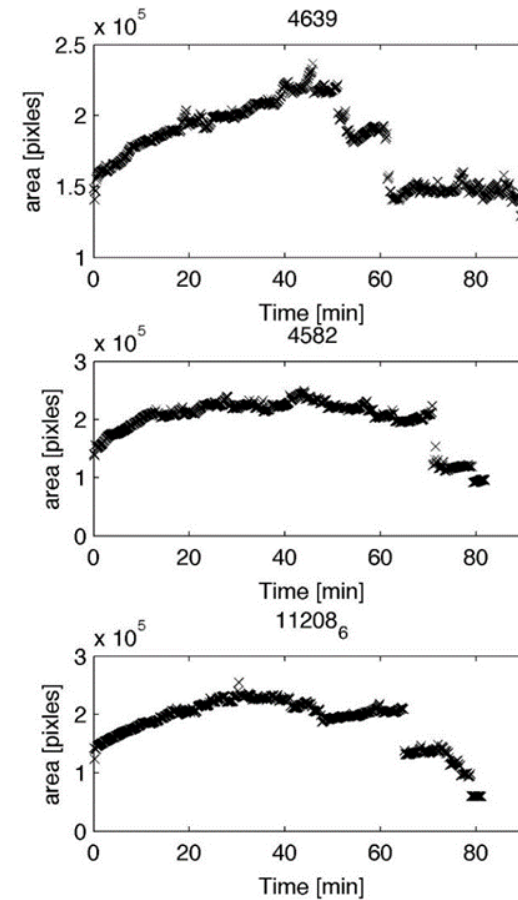
# Endogenous Fibre and starch digestion

## Bread disintegration graphs

Low



High



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‘and another thing...’

AX is a prebiotic







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## AX as a prebiotic

“Dietary fibres that improve human health by selectively stimulating the growth or activity of beneficial microorganisms in the colon”.

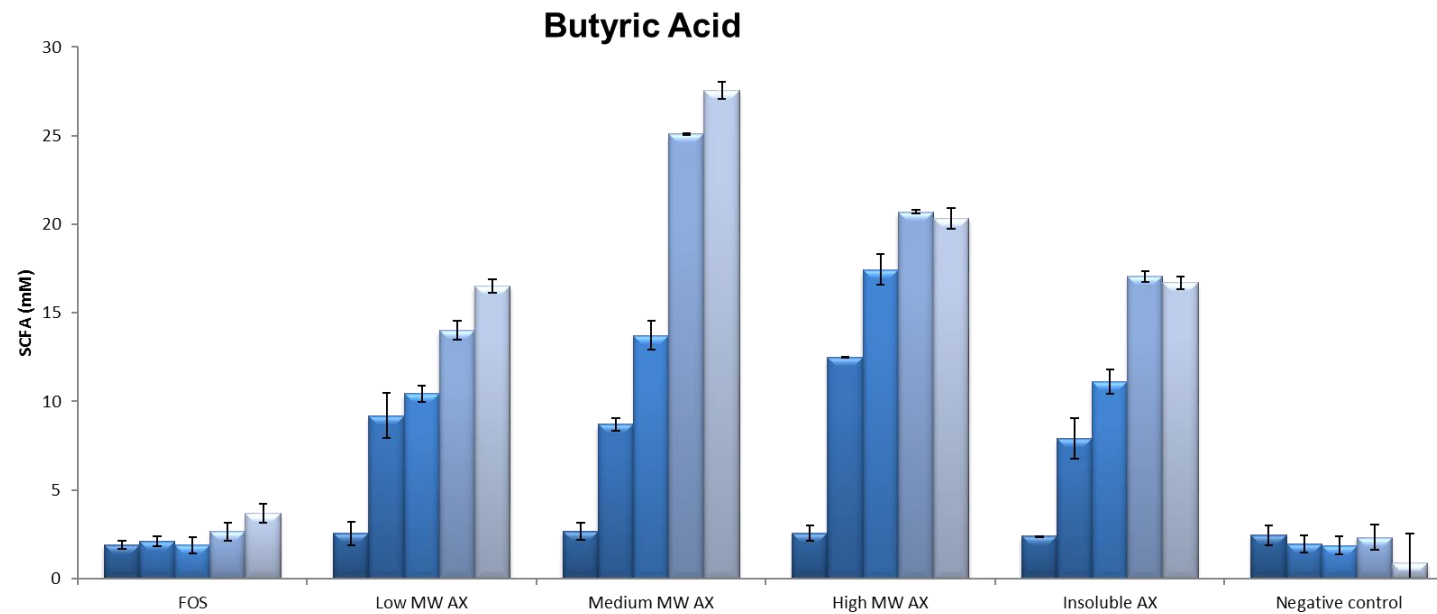
Enhanced growth of ‘good bacteria’  
compared to ‘bad bacteria’





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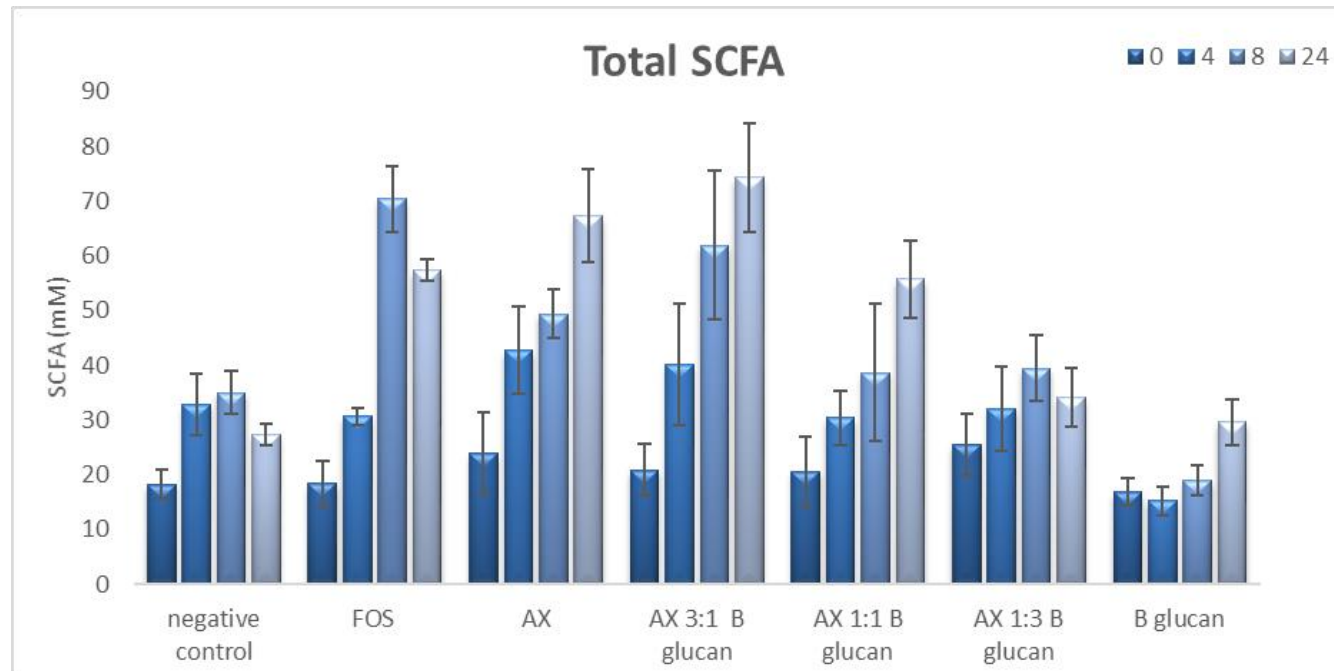
## AX of different mass



# Wheat AX and $\beta$ -glucan are prebiotics



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‘and another thing...’

-processing for health

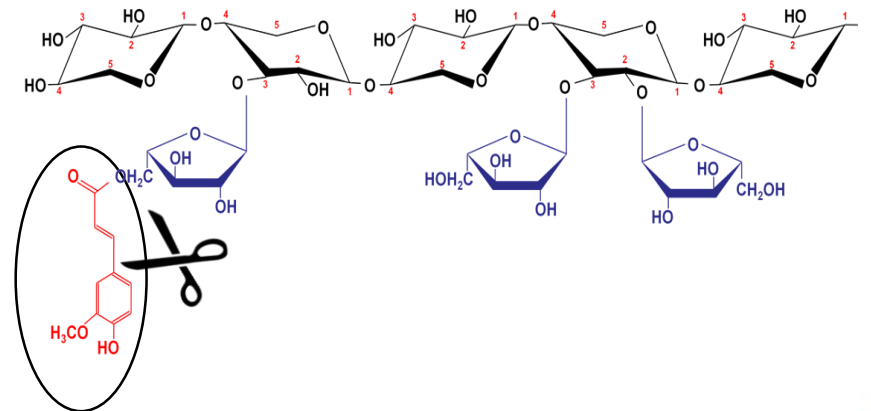
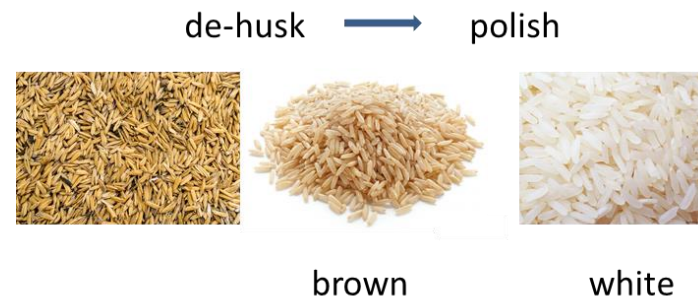
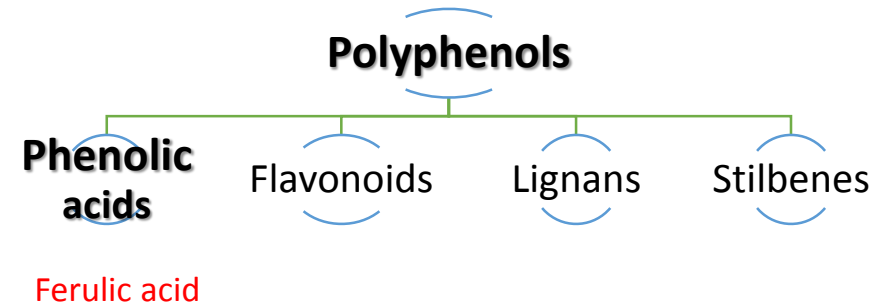


# Phenols and a human feeding trial



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Numerous studies show positive relationship between polyphenols and prevention of heart disease.



Ferulic acid



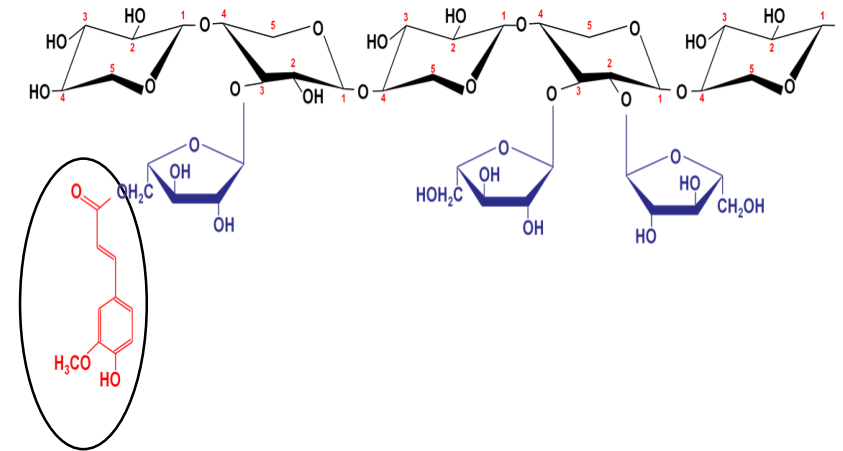
# Release of free ferulic acid



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Flatbreads produced, with added feruloyl esterase to release ferulic acid early in GI tract.



more **free** ferulic acid

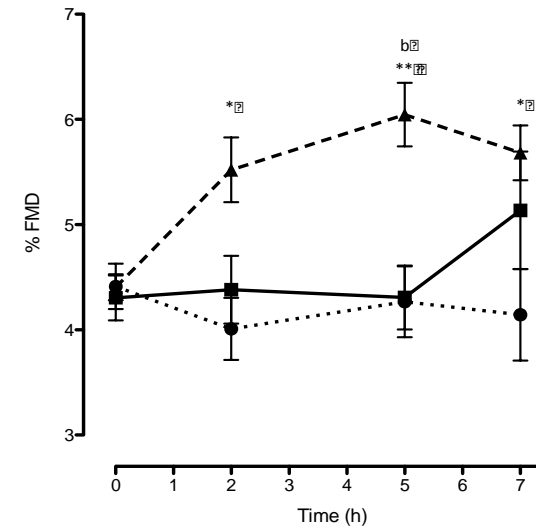
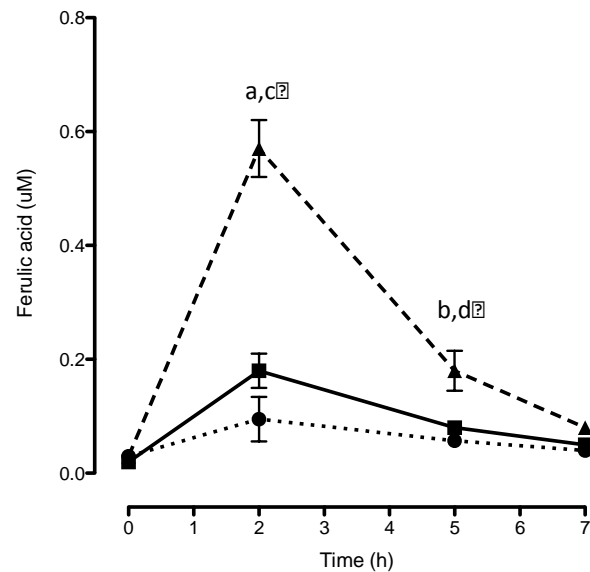
Free, conjugated, bound and total ferulic acid content of treated and non-treated flatbread products				
Flatbread	Free $\mu\text{g/g}$	Conjugated $\mu\text{g/g}$	Bound $\mu\text{g/g}$	Total FA $\mu\text{g/g}$
White	$5.41 \pm 0.1$	$0.11 \pm 0.3$	$10.07 \pm 4$	15.59
Whole-grain	$25.86 \pm 3.7$	$14.81 \pm 2.0$	$169.11 \pm 16.2$	209.78
Whole-grain <b>active</b>	<b><math>158.24 \pm 3.3</math></b>	$3.46 \pm 6.1$	$94.45 \pm 10.6$	256.15



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# Randomised, controlled, cross-over human intervention trial

Fed to 20 volunteers in a human trial.



White 0.48mg  
Wholegrain 2.34mg  
Active 14.22mg

*free* ferulic

ferulic acid detected in blood

arterial dilation



Increased blood flow  
Relaxation of blood vessels  
Improved endothelial function

# As good a blueberries or champagne



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Total polyphenols **1791mg=80g freeze dried blueberry powder**



Total polyphenols **1278mg=56g freeze dried blueberry powder**



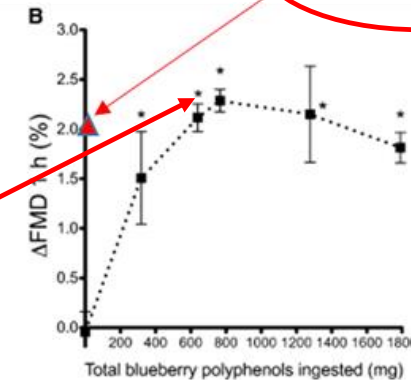
Total polyphenols **766mg=34g freeze dried blueberry powder**

2.6 tubs 400g fresh weight

1.6 tubs 240g fresh weight

3.7 tubs 560g fresh weight

22.71mg total ferulic acid  
90g of flatbread



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## Conclusions

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Cereals are an important source of key components for human health including fibre, minerals and vitamins.

Arabinoxylan, the main DF component of wheat grain

- effects on glycaemic load/index
- (pre-biotic)
- (AX/ferulic acid effects on endothelial function)

Wheat is immensely diverse in composition, due to the effects of genotype and environment.

Highly heritable traits, such as fibre content, can be exploited by breeders.

Processing may permit enhancement of quality traits



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