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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<sub>CON</sub>, energy intake following control preload

40 EI<sub>EXP</sub>, energy intake following experimental preload

41 GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, glucose-dependent insulintropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub>

42 GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>, glucagon-like peptide-1<sub>7-36</sub>

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  $\Delta$ CON, change from control

49  $\Delta$ 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  $\geq 48$  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 insulintropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub> (GIP<sub>1-42</sub>; formerly known as  
103 gastric inhibitory peptide) and glucagon-like peptide-1<sub>7-36</sub> (GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>) (8). GIP<sub>1-42</sub> and GLP-  
104 1<sub>7-36</sub> 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, GIP<sub>1-42</sub> and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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  $\geq 2$  d but  $\leq 7$  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](http://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/m<sup>2</sup> 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.

147

**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”.

168

### 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  $0.82 \pm 0.01$

182 mmol/L (given an atomic mass of 40.078 g/mol this equates to  $3.27 \pm 0.03$  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  $\mu$ 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), GIP<sub>1-42</sub> (Immuno-Biological Laboratories Co., Ltd, Japan) and GLP-1<sub>7-</sub>  
203 <sub>36</sub> 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 ( $EI_{\text{CON}}$ ) or experimental  
217 ( $EI_{\text{EXP}}$ ) preloads and  $\Delta EP$  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 ( $\Delta$ 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  $\pm 345$  kJ;  $P < 0.05$ ) was significantly less than after CON ( $4126 \pm 395$  kJ), but not after PRO  
245 ( $3699 \pm 304$  kJ;  $P > 0.05$ ) or CAL ( $3501 \pm 253$  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 GIP<sub>1-42</sub> 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-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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, GIP<sub>1-42</sub>  
282 and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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 GIP<sub>1-42</sub> AUC was not significantly different between each  
285 trial (Supplemental Figure 3B), whilst the GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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  $\Delta$ CON composite  
293 appetite score AUC vs.  $\Delta$ CON energy intake ( $r = 0.37$ ,  $P < 0.05$ ; Supplemental Figure 2A),  
294  $\Delta$ CON plasma GIP<sub>1-42</sub> AUC vs.  $\Delta$ CON plasma GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> AUC ( $r = 0.46$ ,  $P < 0.001$ ;  
295 Supplemental Figure 2B) and  $\Delta$ CON composite appetite score AUC and  $\Delta$ CON plasma GLP-  
296 1<sub>7-36</sub> 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  $\Delta$ CON plasma GIP<sub>1-</sub>  
298 4<sub>2</sub> AUC or  $\Delta$ CON plasma GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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 GIP<sub>1-42</sub> and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>.

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-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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 GIP<sub>1-42</sub> or GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>, 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, GIP<sub>1-42</sub> and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> are  
332 secreted by enteroendocrine cells in the gastrointestinal tract. DPP-IV in the endothelium acts  
333 immediately, reducing the quantity of GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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, GIP<sub>1-42</sub> or GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> concentrations.

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**Table 1** Participant characteristics and fasting plasma variables<sup>1</sup>

	Total ( <i>n</i> = 20)	Males ( <i>n</i> = 13)	Females ( <i>n</i> = 7)	<i>P</i> value <sup>2</sup>
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 <sup>2</sup> )	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 <sup>3,4</sup>				
Insulin (pmol/L)	91 ± 8	79 ± 9	112 ± 14	0.049
GIP <sub>1-42</sub> (pmol/L) <sup>5</sup>	2.1 ± 0.3	2.4 ± 0.4	1.7 ± 0.3	0.25
GLP-1 <sub>7-36</sub> (pmol/L) <sup>5</sup>	0.41 ± 0.08	1.58 ± 0.40	0.99 ± 0.28	0.32

<sup>1</sup>All values are means ± SEM.

<sup>2</sup>Male vs female, compared by independent Student's *t* test.

<sup>3</sup>Mean of 4 visits.

<sup>4</sup>For blood variables *n* = 12 for males, and 7 for females.

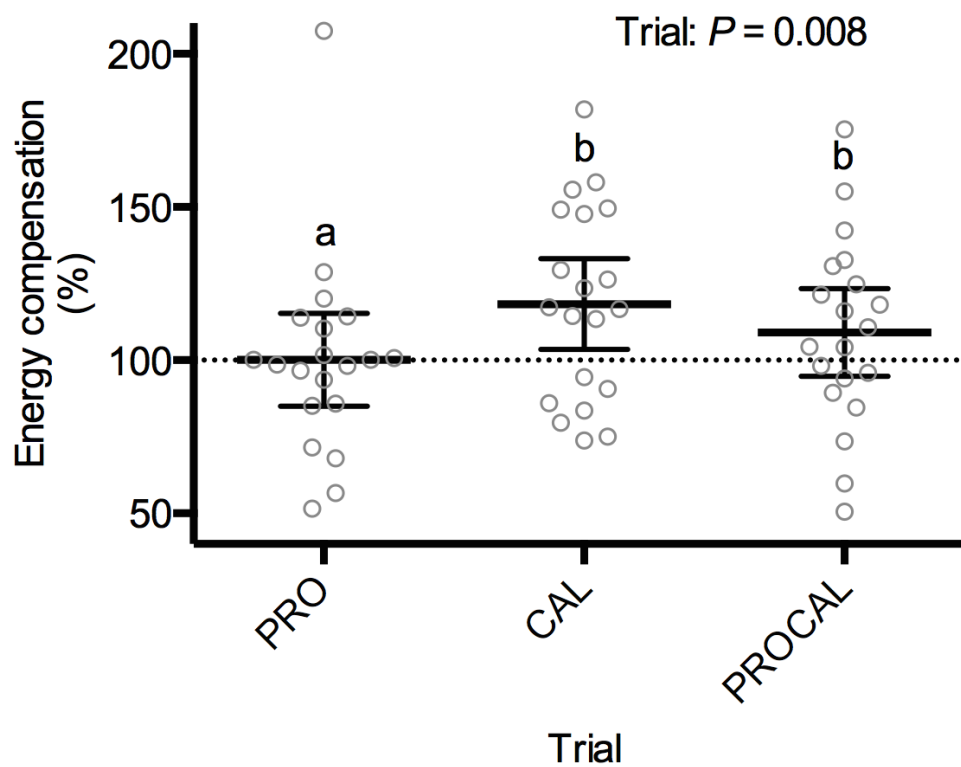
<sup>5</sup>GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub>; GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>, glucagon-like peptide-1<sub>7-36</sub>.

**Table 2** Nutritional composition of the preloads<sup>1,2</sup>

	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

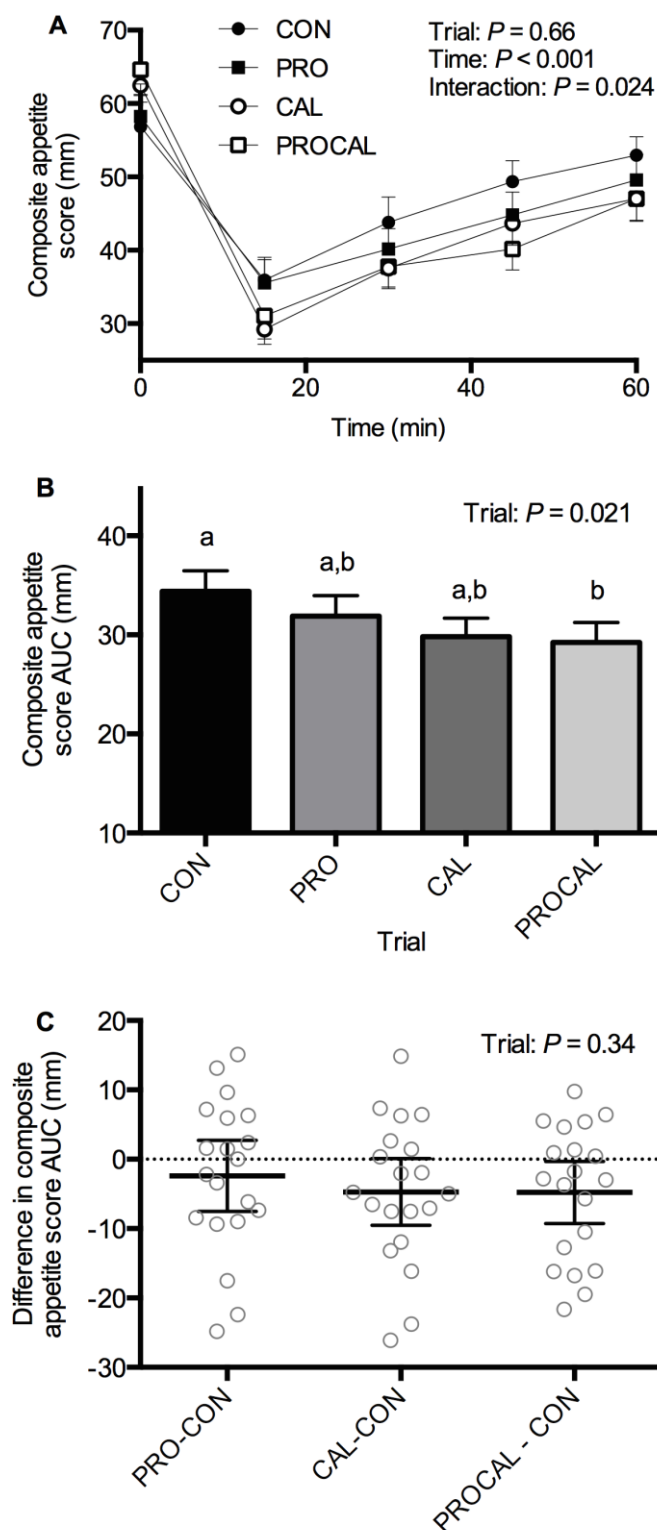
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<sup>2</sup>CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; PRO, high-protein;; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

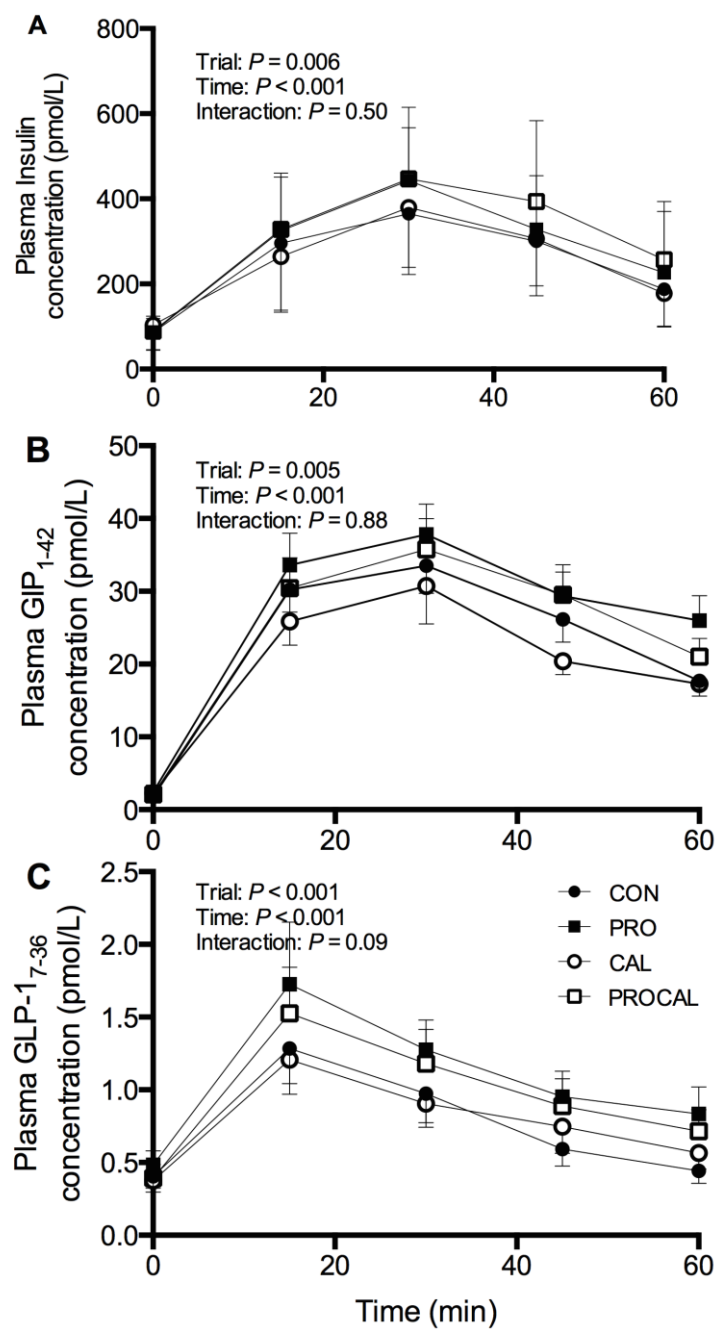


**FIGURE 1.** Energy compensation (%) during an *ad libitum* test meal 1 h following CON, PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans. Values are individual differences (circles) and means  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals (horizontal lines);  $n = 20$ . Labelled means without a common letter differ ( $P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

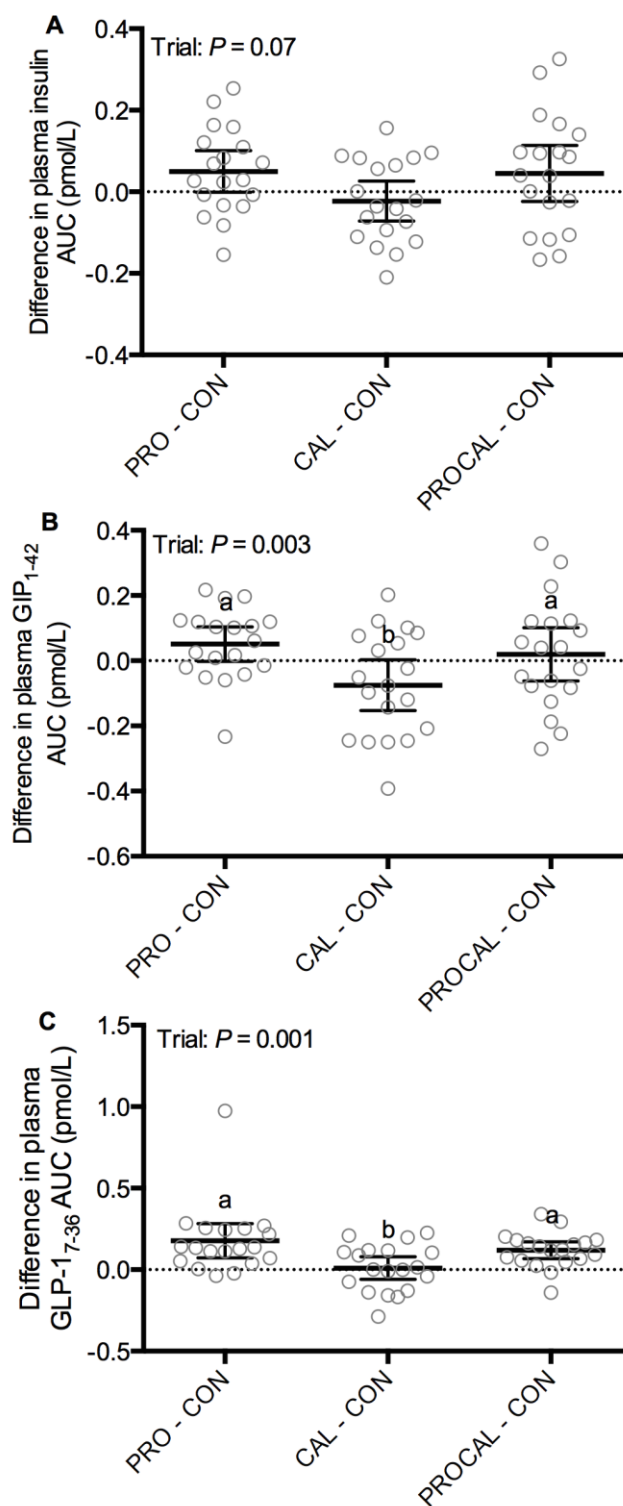




**FIGURE 2.** The composite appetite score following CON), PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans expressed over time (A), as a postprandial time-averaged (60 min) area under the curve (AUC; B) or as the mean difference  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals (horizontal lines; circles are individual data) 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.

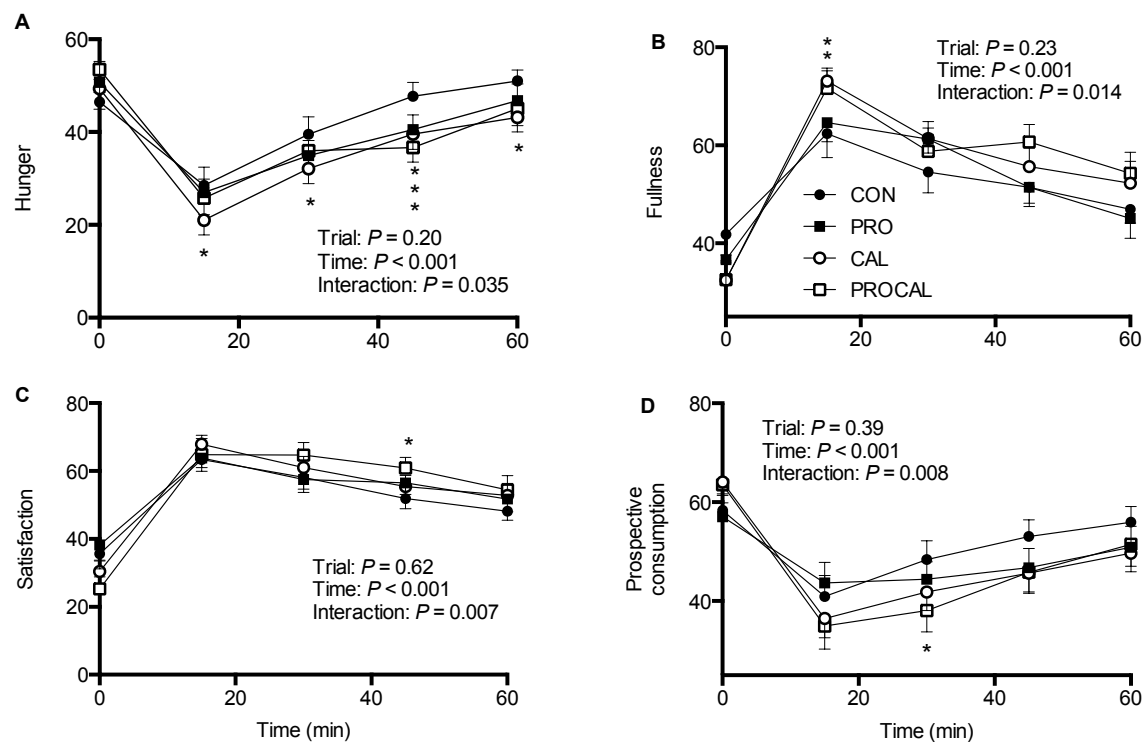


**FIGURE 3.** Plasma insulin (A), GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> concentrations following CON, PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans. Values are means  $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 19$ . CAL, high-calcium; CON, control; GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub>; GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>, glucagon-like peptide-1<sub>7-36</sub>; PRO, high-protein; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.



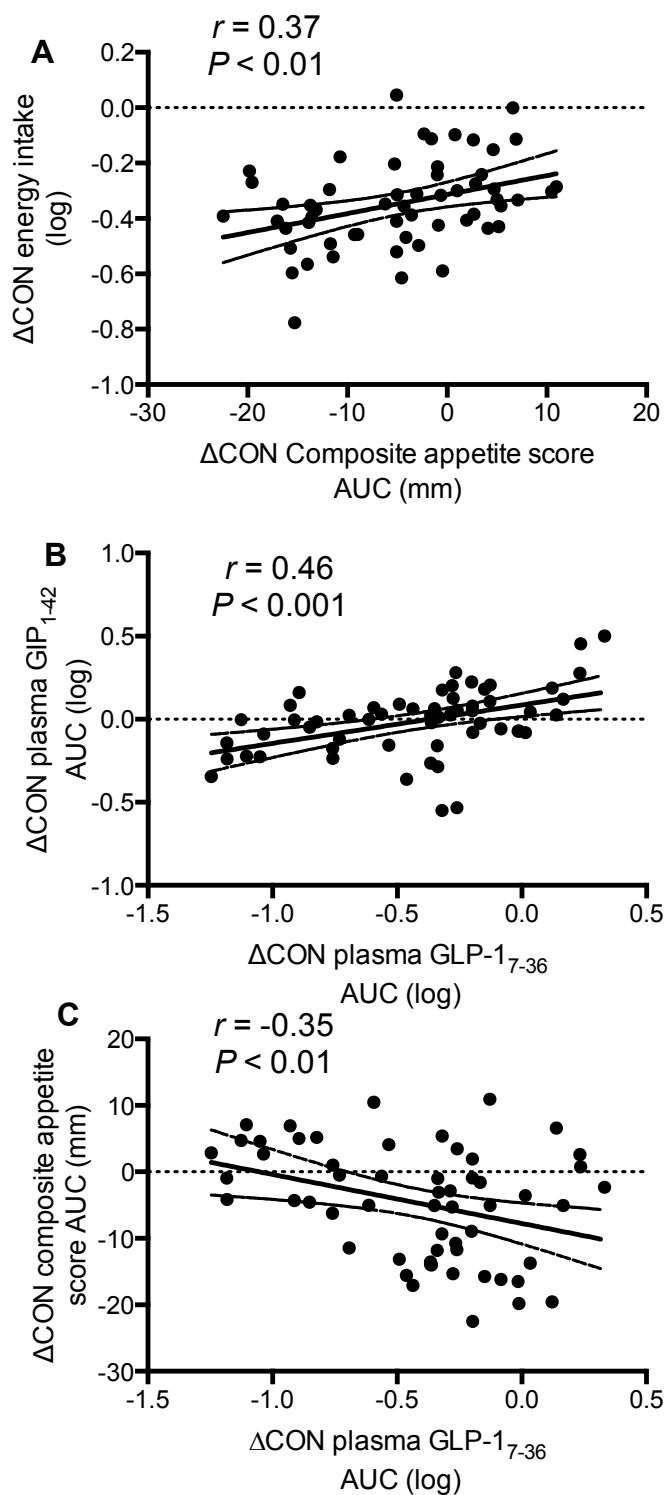
**FIGURE 4.** Plasma insulin (A), GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> postprandial time-averaged (60 min) area under the curve (AUC) following CON, PRO, CAL, or PROCAL preloads, in humans. Values are individual differences (circles) and mean difference  $\pm$  95% confidence intervals (horizontal 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; GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub>; GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>, glucagon-like peptide-1<sub>7-36</sub>; PRO, high-protein; PROCAL, high-protein and high-calcium.

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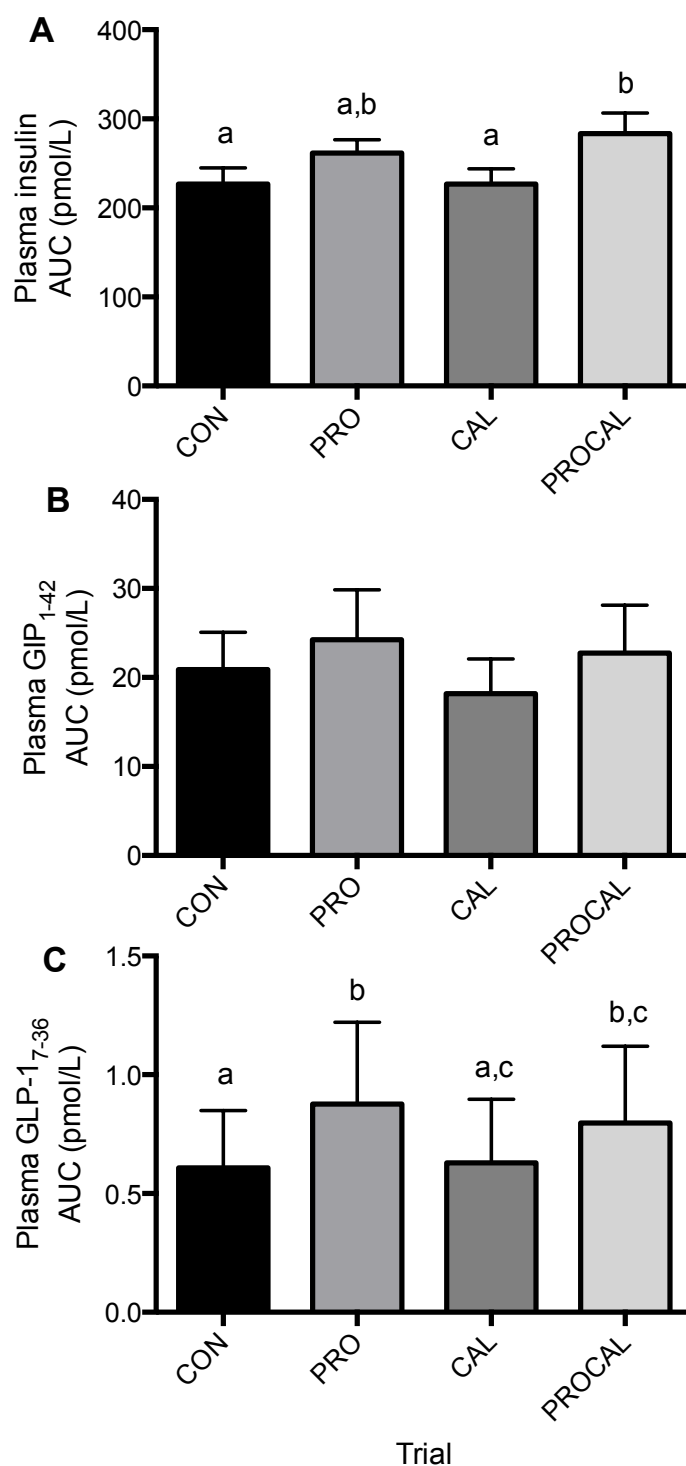
**SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 1.** Hunger (A), fullness (B), satisfaction (C) and prospective consumption (D) ratings following control (CON), high-protein (PRO), high-calcium (CAL), or high-protein and high-calcium (PROCAL) preloads, in humans. Values are means  $\pm$  SEM;  $n = 20$ . \*Different from CON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

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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 GIP<sub>1-42</sub> AUC (B), and GLP-17-36 AUC and the composite appetite score AUC. Data are expressed as the difference from the control trial ( $\Delta$ CON);  $n = 20$  for A,  $n = 19$  for B and C. GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub>; GLP-17-36, glucagon-like peptide-17-36.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURE 3.** Plasma insulin (A), GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, and GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub> 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;  $n = 19$ . GIP<sub>1-42</sub>, glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide<sub>1-42</sub>; GLP-1<sub>7-36</sub>, glucagon-like peptide-1<sub>7-36</sub>; Labelled means ( $P < 0.05$ ).