

Omega-3 fatty acids for healthier lamb

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Omega-3 and human health

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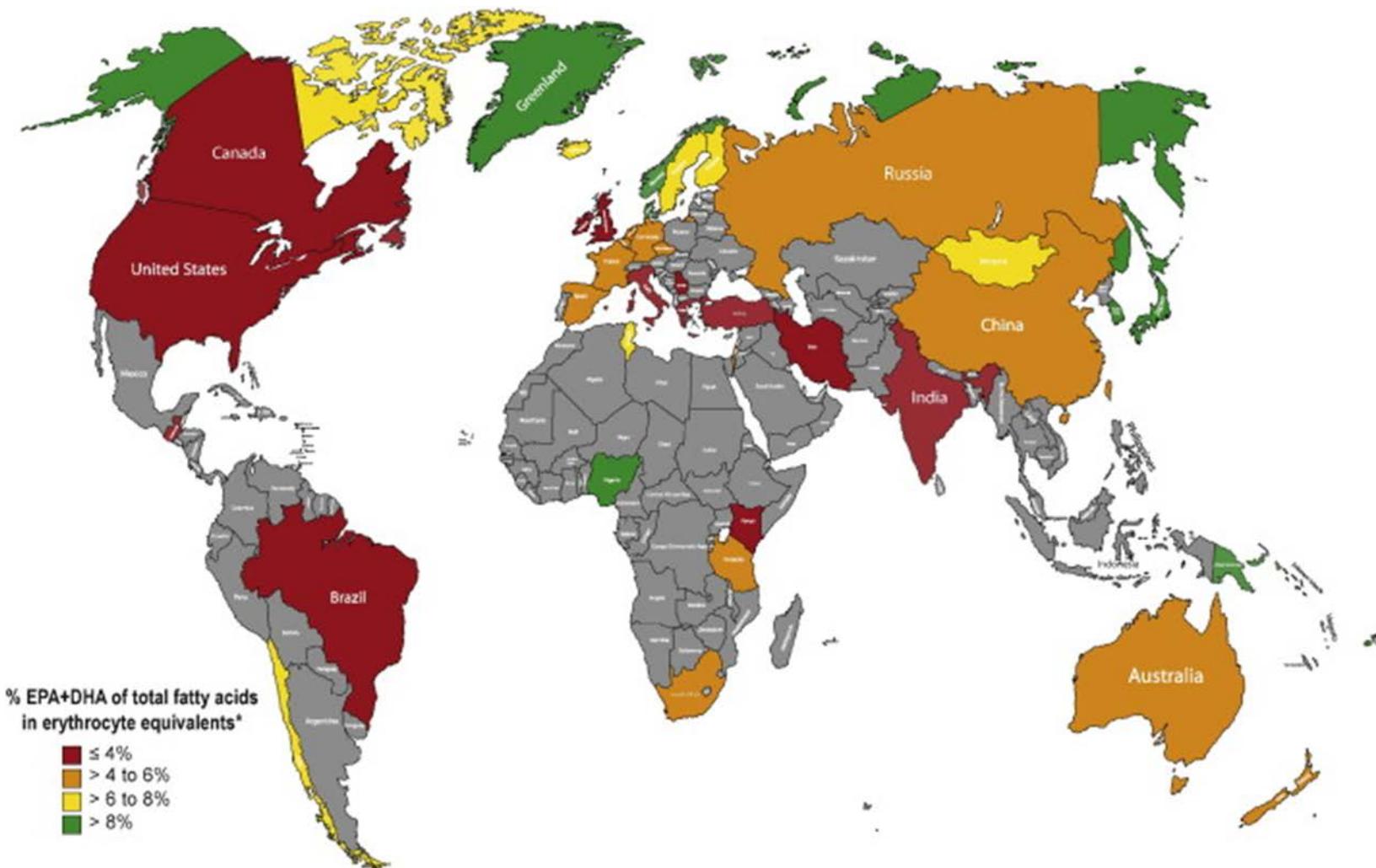
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ω-3 Polyunsaturated Fatty Acid Biomarkers and Coronary Heart Disease:

Pooling Project of 19 Cohort Studies

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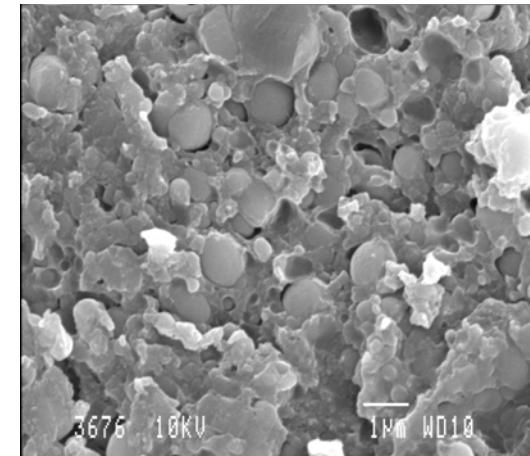
Global blood omega-3 PUFA



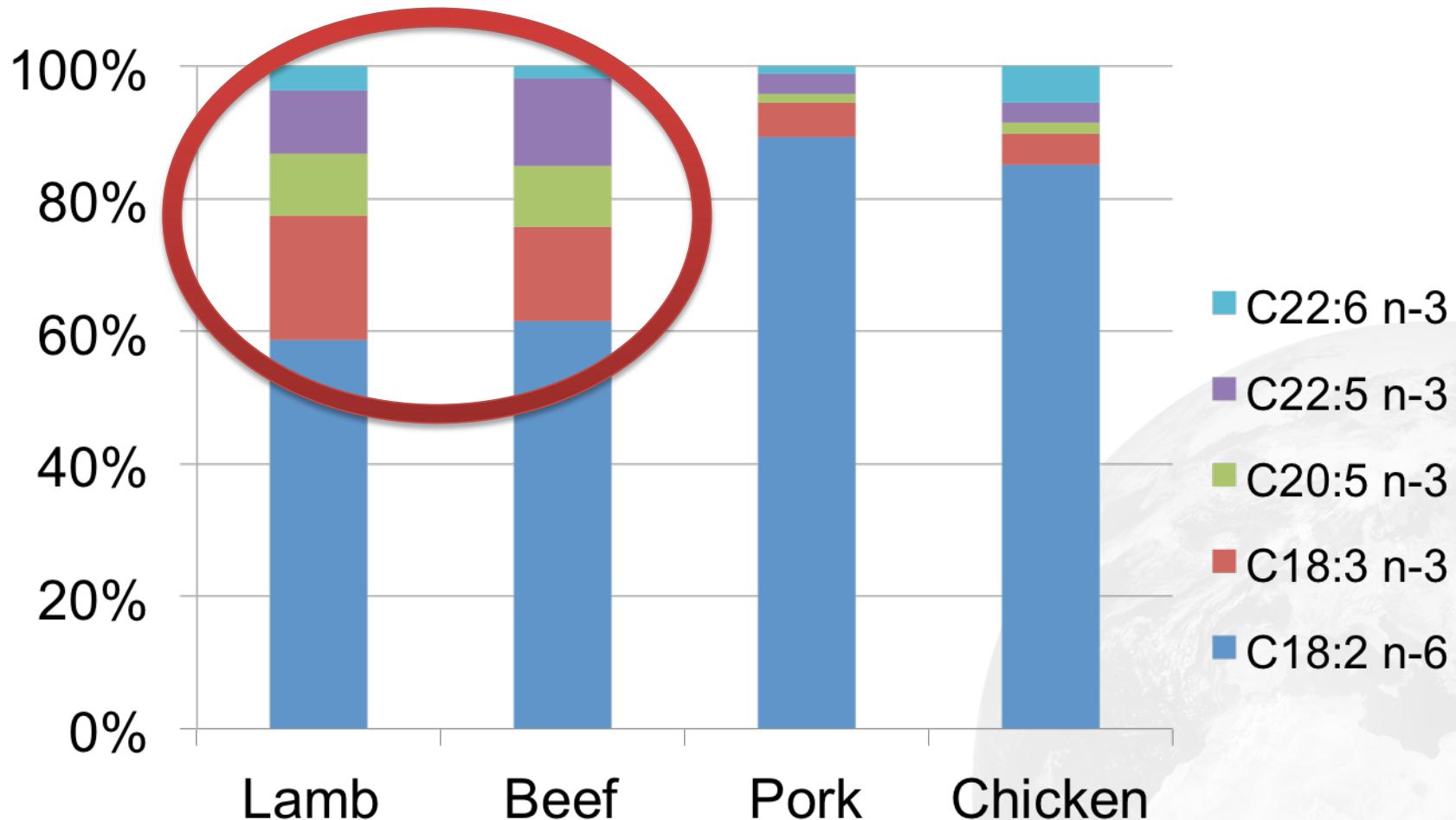
Where do we get omega-3 from?



Improving lipid profiles



Meat and fat



European Food Safety Authority guidelines (2009)

- 250 mg per day of EPA and DHA OR 2g per day of ALA
 - “A source of” – 40mg/100g of EPA and DHA
 - “High in” – 80mg/100g of EPA and DHA

AND

- Per 100 kcal



European Food Safety Authority

Lamb and the grass effect (n=200)

| | HMD | LMD | Model 1 | | Model 2 (inc. pedigree) | | P-Value |
|--------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| | | | Geomean (mg/100g FW) | Log ₋₁₀ | HMD – LMD diff | 95% CI | |
| Fatty acid | | | | | | | |
| C12‡ | 8 | 8 | | -0.02 | | | 0.681 |
| C14‡ | 88 | 94 | | -0.03 | | | 0.498 |
| C16‡ | 494 | 537 | | -0.04 | | | 0.341 |
| C16:1 cis 9‡ | 32 | 34 | | -0.03 | | | 0.383 |
| C18‡ | 297 | 327 | | -0.04 | | | 0.189 |
| C18:1 cis 9‡ | 735 | 820 | | -0.05 | | | 0.246 |
| C18:1 trans11‡ | 61 | 70 | | -0.06 | | | 0.139 |
| C18:2n-6‡ (LA) | 77 | 76 | | | | | 2 0.404 |
| C18:3n-3‡ (ALA) | 49 | | | | | | 0 0.259 |
| C18:3n-6‡ | 1 | 1 | | | | | 9 0.860 |
| CLA cis9 trans11‡ | 30 | 34 | | | | | 6 0.150 |
| CLA trans10 cis12‡ | 0 | 0 | | | | | 1 0.899 |
| C20:3n-6‡ | 4 | 4 | | | | | 2 0.686 |
| C20:4n-6‡ | 31 | 30 | | | | | 1 0.232 |
| C20:5n-3‡ (EPA) | 31 | 30 | | -0.01 | -0.011 | 0.000 | -0.012 0.890 |
| C22:4n-6‡ | 1 | 1 | | -0.03 | ±0.014 | 0.096 | -0.03 ±0.016 0.098 |
| C22:5n-3‡ (DPA) | 27 | 27 | | 0.00 | ±0.006 | 0.834 | -0.01 ±0.009 0.382 |
| C22:6n-3‡ (DHA) | 10 | 9 | | 0.01 | ±0.024 | 0.628 | 0.02 ±0.026 0.838 |

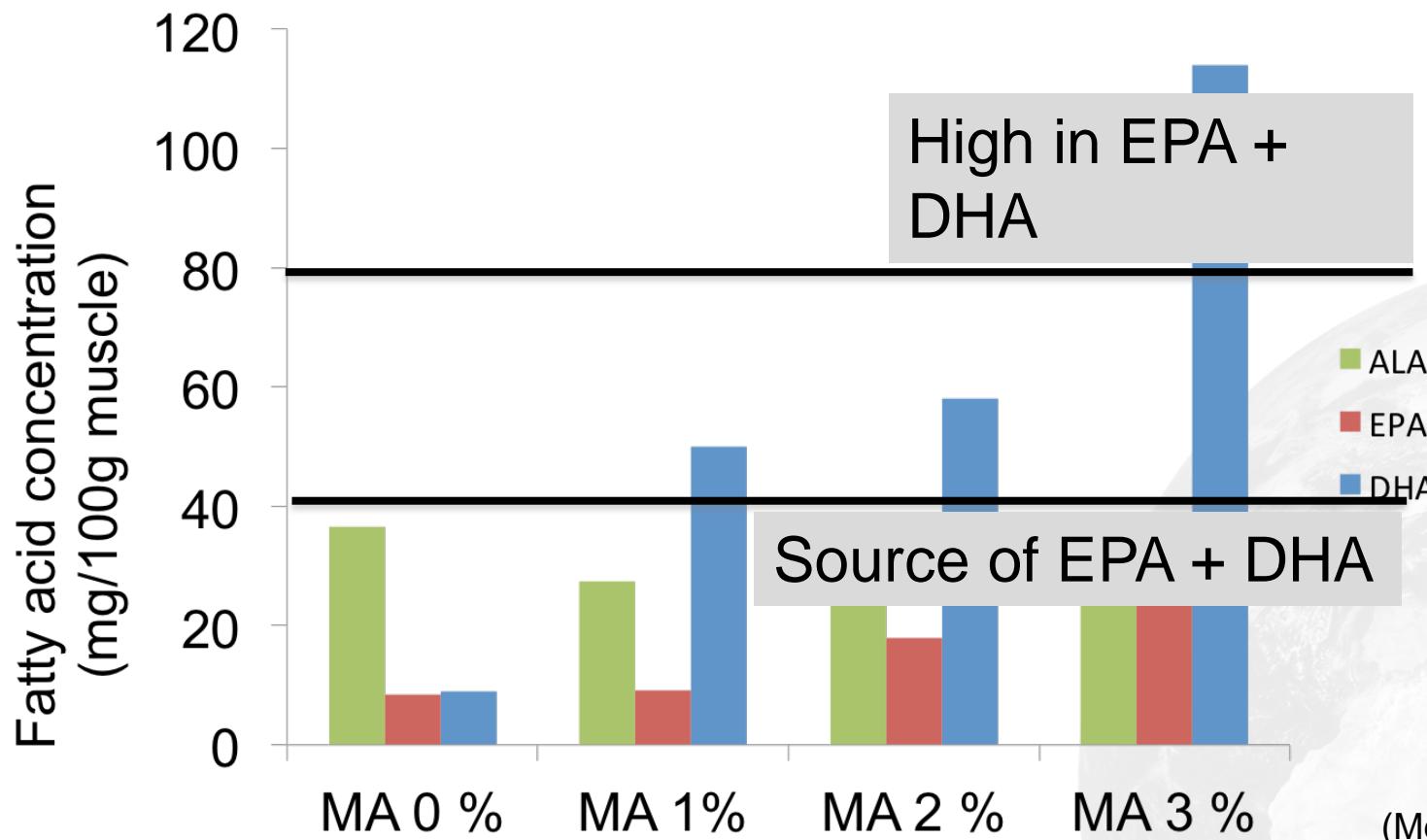
‡Log₋₁₀ transformed † not transformed. Italic indicates tendency (P>0.05>0.10). LA – linoleic acid. ALA – Alpha linolenic acid. EPA - eicosapentaenoic acid. DPA - docosapentaenoic acid. DHA - docosahexaenoic acid

Lamb and the grass effect (n=614)

Average fat content = 2.52%

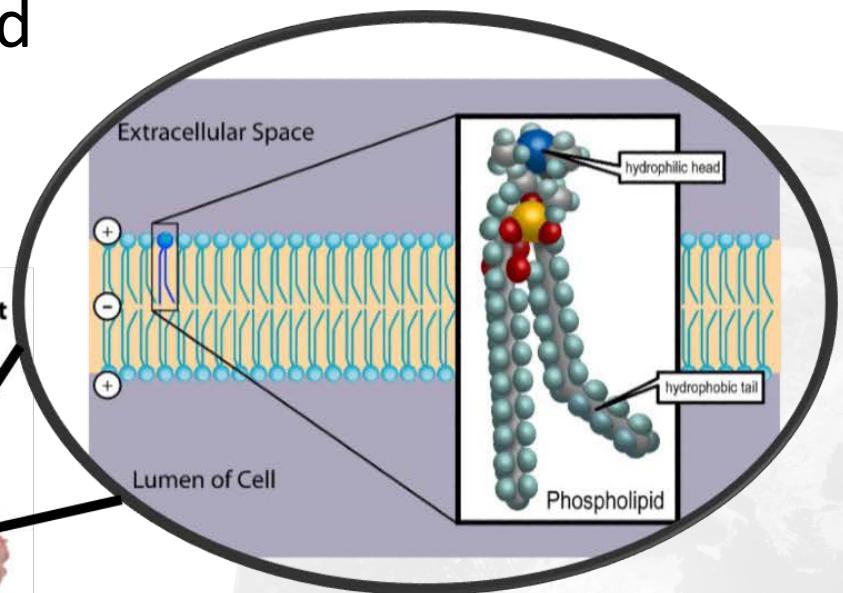
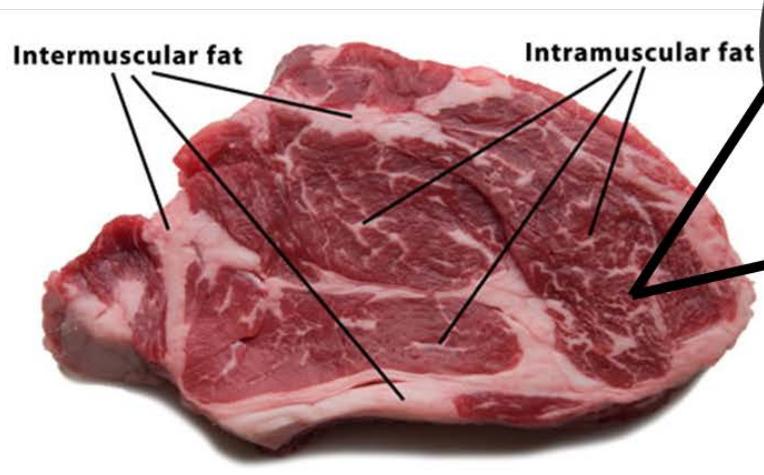
| Omega-3 fatty acid | Average (mg/100g fresh weight) |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Alpha-linolenic acid 18:3 n-3 | 55.6 Range = 19.5-254.5 |
| Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) 20:5 n-3 | 27.2 Range = 7.6-74.6 |
| Docosapentaenoic (DPA) 22:5 n-3 | 28.1 Range = 10.9-76.28 |
| Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) 22:6 n-3 | 7.5 Range = 2.7-22.1 |

Microalgae supplementation - lamb



Maximum levels of enrichment

- Beef – 100mg/ 100g muscle
- 20% of muscle phospholipid
- Overspill into TAG fraction



(Bessa *et al.* 2015)

Lipidomic profiling of metabolites - beef

- Wagyu-Freisian cross heifers (n=5)
- Pasture based diets

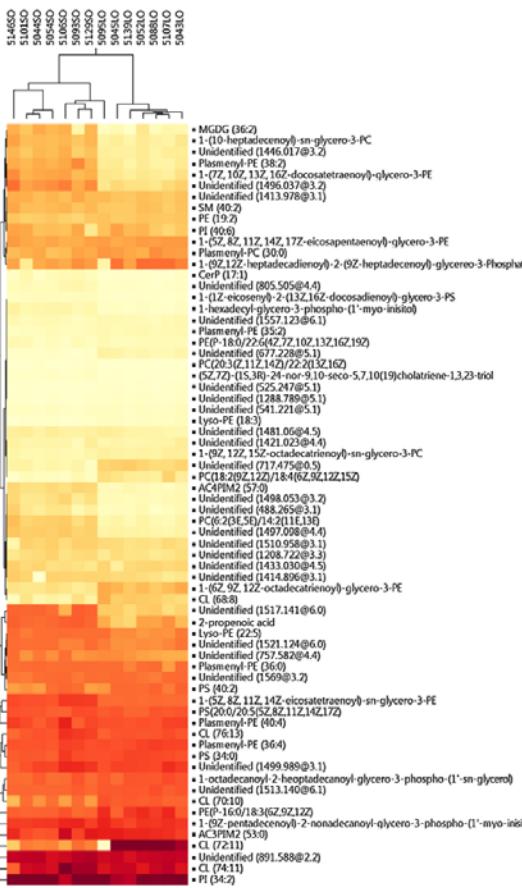


Main findings

- Main metabolite of Wagyu cattle – phosphatidylcholine (PC)
- Phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) and Phosphatidylinositol (PI) higher proportions of PUFA
- Sphingomyelin (SM) metabolites constituted predominantly by SFA
- No defined requirements of lipid metabolites for human consumption

Lipidomic profiling of metabolites - pigs

n-6 PUFA group | *n*-3 PUFA group



- *n*-3 vs *n*-6 diets *ad libitum*
- Distinct diet-induced pattern
- Main effect: Fatty acid variation within the lipid metabolites

Outlook and application

- Identification of novel biomarkers of dietary exposure
- Deeper insight of lipid metabolism pathways by combining genomic and lipidomic/metabolomic approaches

Human intervention studies

1



Fatty acid analysis and lipidomic profiling
of meat

2



Blood plasma and platelet, cholesterol, blood
pressure, BMI

1

Lamb study

2

Human intervention
study



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