

1 **Effect of hydration status and fluid availability on *ad-libitum* energy intake of a**
2 **semi-solid breakfast.**

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23 **Abstract**

24 This study investigated the effects of hydration status and fluid availability on appetite
25 and energy intake. Sixteen males completed four 24 h trials, visiting the laboratory
26 overnight fasted on two consecutive days. Standardised foods were provided during the
27 24 h and on day two an *ad-libitum* semi-solid porridge breakfast was provided. Water
28 intake during the 24 h (0 or 40 mL·kg⁻¹) and fluid provision during the *ad-libitum*
29 breakfast were manipulated so subjects were euhydrated with (EU-F) and without fluid
30 (EU-NF) available at breakfast; and hypohydrated with (HYPO-F) and without fluid
31 (HYPO-NF) available at breakfast. Blood samples (0 and 24 h), urine samples (0-24 h)
32 and subjective responses (0, 24 and 24.5 h) were collected. HYPO trials decreased body
33 mass by ~1.8%. Serum and urine osmolality increased and plasma volume decreased
34 during HYPO trials ($P<0.001$). Total urine output was greater during EU than HYPO
35 trials ($P<0.001$). *Ad-libitum* energy intake was not different between trials: 2658 (938) kJ
36 (EU-F), 2353 (643) kJ (EU-NF), 2295 (529) kJ (HYPO-F), 2414 (954) kJ (HYPO-NF),
37 ($P=0.131$). Fluid intake was ~200 mL greater during HYPO-F than EU-F ($P<0.01$).
38 There was an interaction effect for thirst ($P<0.001$), but not hunger or fullness. These
39 results demonstrate that mild hypohydration produced by inadequate fluid intake and
40 fluid availability during eating does not influence *ad-libitum* energy intake of a semi-
41 solid breakfast, at least in healthy young males.

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48 **Introduction**

49 Deviations in energy balance (positive and negative) can have a profound effect on health
50 (Kleiner, 1999), thus a better understanding of the physiological systems affecting energy
51 balance is required. Alterations in appetite influence energy intake and consequently may
52 potentially impact on energy balance. Whilst much research has focused on the effects of
53 the energy containing macronutrients on appetite, (Rodin *et al.*, 1988; Metges and Barth,
54 2000; Anderson *et al.*, 2002; Clegg and Shaftat, 2010), relatively little is known about
55 how deviations in water balance and water intake impact upon appetite and energy intake.
56 Currently, the effect of hydration status on appetite regulation and *ad-libitum* energy
57 intake in humans is not fully understood, but there are a number of situations where
58 hydration status might impact appetite regulation and thus health or performance of an
59 individual. Hypohydration might develop rapidly due to an acute loss of body water due
60 to either exercise or heat exposure (Corney *et al.*, 2015) or more slowly due to a chronic
61 inadequate fluid intake (James and Shirreffs, 2013). Whilst hypohydration appears to be
62 more prevalent among athletes competing in certain sports, it is also common in children
63 (Stookey *et al.*, 2012), the elderly (Lavizzo-Mourey, 1987), as well as the general adult
64 population (Mears and Shirreffs, 2014).

65 Research in animal models has consistently reported water intake being a major
66 determinant of the amount of energy consumed (Lepkovsky *et al.*, 1957; Silanikove,
67 1992; Senn *et al.*, 1996; Watts, 1999). For example, Silanikove (1992) suggested that
68 when water availability was reduced in ruminants there was a parallel reduction in *ad-*
69 *libitum* feed intake. Similarly, Lepkovsky *et al.* (1957) reported that the restriction of
70 fluid during feeding reduced energy intake in rats. Often (Senn *et al.*, 1996; Watts *et al.*,

71 1999), these animal studies induce relatively large levels of hypohydration that are not
72 consistent with the level of hypohydration commonly seen in humans.

73 In humans, only a limited number of studies have investigated the impact of water
74 balance on appetite regulation or energy intake. Shirreffs *et al.* (2004) reported a
75 reduction in energy intake with 37 h of complete fluid restriction compared to when
76 fluids were provided *ad-libitum*. Similarly, Engell (1988) reported a reduction in energy
77 intake during 6 meals over 48 h when fluid was restricted at meal times. In contrast, two
78 recent studies (Kelly *et al.*, 2012; Corney *et al.*, 2015) observed no difference in *ad-*
79 *libitum* energy intake between euhydrated and hypohydrated (2-3% body mass loss)
80 conditions, with hypohydration induced using a combination of exercise and fluid
81 restriction. In contrast to the studies of Shirreffs *et al.* (2004) and Engell (1988), Kelly *et*
82 *al.* (2012) and Corney *et al.* (2015) provided fluid during feeding. Taken together with
83 the animal literature, these studies suggest that whilst fluid restriction might result in
84 hypohydration, it might be the fluid restriction during eating rather than the presence of
85 hypohydration at the start of the meal that reduces energy intake in humans.

86 Therefore the purpose of the current study was to examine the effects of hydration status
87 and/ or fluid availability during eating on *ad-libitum* energy intake. It was hypothesised
88 that fluid restriction during feeding would reduce energy intake in both hypohydrated and
89 euhydrated conditions, but that hypohydration would not affect energy intake when fluid
90 was available.

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92 **Methods**

93 **Subjects**

94 Sixteen healthy males (age: 25 (4) years; height: 1.78 (0.07) m; body mass: 72.6 (8.6) kg;
95 body fat 15.1 (4.4)%; body mass index: 22.9 (1.7) kg·m⁻²) volunteered for the present
96 study, which was approved by the University's Ethical Advisory Committee. Subjects
97 were non-smokers, were not currently on a weight gain/weight loss diet, had not been on
98 any such diet during the previous 6 months, and were habitual breakfast eaters. Subjects
99 completed a health-screening questionnaire and provided written informed consent.
100 Using G*Power 3.1.6 and the data of Engel (1988), an a priori power calculation with α
101 of 0.05, statistical power of 0.8 and an estimated between groups correlation of 0.5
102 determined that 13 subjects would be required to reject the null hypothesis. Therefore, to
103 ensure an adequate sample size and maintain counterbalancing 16 subjects were studied.

104 **Experimental protocol**

105 All subjects completed a familiarisation trial followed by 4 experimental trials, which
106 were completed in a randomised, counterbalanced fashion and separated by at least 7
107 days. For each trial, subjects underwent a 24 h period of dietary manipulation and control
108 and an *ad-libitum* breakfast was provided at 24 h. Water intake during day one and fluid
109 availability during the breakfast were manipulated during each trial. This meant that the
110 *ad-libitum* breakfast was served to subjects euhydrated with (EU-F) and without (EU-NF)
111 fluid available during eating; and hypohydrated with (HYPO-F) and without (HYPO-NF)
112 fluid available during eating.

113 During the familiarisation trial, subjects arrived at the laboratory overnight fasted (~10 h)
114 and emptied their bladder and bowels before body mass was recorded to the nearest 10 g
115 (Adam CFW 150 scale; Adam Equipment Co Ltd, Milton Keynes, UK) and height was
116 measured to the nearest 1 mm (Stadiometer, Seca Ltd, Germany). Subcutaneous skinfold
117 measurements were obtained (Tricep, Biceps, Subscapular and Suprailiac) and body fat

118 percentage was estimated using the Siri equation (Durnin and Wormersley, 1974).
119 Subjects were then provided with the *ad-libitum* breakfast (as described below).
120 For each experimental trial, subjects visited the laboratory on two consecutive mornings
121 in an overnight fasted state and at a time typical for them to consume breakfast (7-10 am).
122 On day one, subjects emptied their bladder and bowels and their nude body mass was
123 measured. Following 15 min seated rest, a baseline blood sample (15 mL) was collected
124 from an antecubital vein and a subjective feelings questionnaire (Flint *et al.*, 2000) was
125 completed. Questions asked were: “How thirsty do you feel?” “How hungry do you feel?”
126 and “How full do you feel?” with verbal anchors “not at all” and “extremely” at 0 mm
127 and 100 mm, respectively. Subjects were provided with food and drink for the next 24 h
128 and left the laboratory. On day two, subjects arrived again in an overnight fasted state
129 and all measurements previously made on day one were repeated. After blood sampling,
130 subjects consumed an *ad-libitum* porridge breakfast for a period of 30 min, after which
131 they completed a final subjective feelings questionnaire.

132 **Dietary intake and standardisation**

133 During the 48 h before the first experimental trial subjects completed a weighed record of
134 all food and drink consumed. They also recorded any light habitual physical activity.
135 These diet and activity patterns were then replicated in the 48 h preceding subsequent
136 experimental trials. Subjects refrained from any strenuous physical activity, alcohol
137 intake and dietary supplementation during the 48 h before trials. To help ensure
138 euhydration at the start of trials, subjects consumed an amount of water equivalent to 40
139 mL·kg⁻¹ body mass in 6 aliquots over the 24 h pre-trial period. This water was consumed
140 in a manner identical to during euhydrated trials. During experimental trials subjects

141 consumed only food and drink provided to them and only performed light habitual
142 physical activity.

143 For all trials, food was provided to subjects on day one in the form of dry foods (pizza,
144 crisps, cereal bars, chocolate bars, sandwiches) to minimise water intake through foods.
145 The appropriate amount of water was also provided to subjects during euhydrated trials
146 (EU-F and EU-NF). Energy provided in foods was equal to the subjects estimated resting
147 energy expenditure (Mifflin et al., 1990) multiplied by a physical activity level of 1.6.
148 Nutritional intake (mean (SD)) for the 24 h was 10648 (859) kJ; 68 (11) g protein; 327
149 (35) g carbohydrate; 108 (12) g fat; 22 (7) g fibre. Total water provided during
150 euhydrated trials was 40 mL·kg⁻¹ body mass (2903 (332) mL) and provided in 6 equal
151 aliquots consumed at set times during each trial, (i.e 0 h, 4 h, 6 h, 8 h 10 h and 13 h after
152 the start of each trial). No water was consumed in the hypohydrated trials.

153 The *ad-libitum* breakfast consisted of porridge oats (Ready Brek, Weetabix, Kettering,
154 UK) and semi-skimmed milk (Tesco Stores Ltd., Chestnut, UK) in a ratio of 100 g
155 porridge oats to 400 mL milk. Each bowl of porridge received identical heating and
156 cooling before being served. The *ad-libitum* breakfast was served in a custom built
157 feeding booth inside an isolated feeding laboratory to minimise external distractions and
158 to allow food to be provided with minimal interaction. Subjects were given standardised
159 instructions to eat until they were ‘comfortably full and satisfied’ and to indicate satiation
160 by leaving the booth and taking a seat in the adjoining laboratory. They had to remain in
161 the laboratory for the whole 30 min eating period, and could return to the booth and
162 continue eating if they desired, although no subject did. Subjects were initially provided
163 with a single bowl of porridge and once approximately ½ to ¾ of the first bowl had been
164 consumed a fresh bowl of porridge was supplied. This process continued until subjects
165 indicated satiation by leaving the booth. Warm porridge was continually available for

166 subjects in the feeding booth. The time interval at which a new bowl of porridge was
167 provided was determined during the familiarisation trial. This meant that finishing a bowl
168 of porridge did not act as a satiety cue. During EU-F and HYPO-F, 500 mL of water and
169 500 mL of low sugar cordial were provided for subjects to drink *ad-libitum*, whilst during
170 EU-NF and HYPO-NF no fluid was provided. During the EU-F and HYPO-F trials
171 additional drink was available if required.

172 **Sample handling and analysis**

173 Venous blood samples (15 mL) were taken from an antecubital vein after 15 min rest in
174 an upright seated position. Five mL blood was mixed with K₂EDTA (1.75 mg·mL⁻¹) and
175 used for the determination of haemoglobin concentration using the
176 cyanomethaemoglobin method and haematocrit by micro-centrifugation (Hawksley,
177 Lancing, Sussex, UK). Haemoglobin and haematocrit values were used to estimate
178 changes in plasma volume relative to 0 h (Dill and Costill, 1974). Five mL of blood was
179 dispensed into a K₂ EDTA, (1.75 mg·mL⁻¹) tube (Sarstedt, Leicester, UK) containing a
180 solution (10 µl·mL⁻¹ blood) of potassium phosphate buffered saline (0.05 M), p-
181 hydroxymercuribenzoic acid (0.05 M) and sodium hydroxide (NaOH), (0.06 M). The
182 tube was then centrifuged at 3307 g for 10 min at 4°C. Plasma was then transferred to a
183 plain tube containing 1 M HCl (100 µl·mL⁻¹ plasma) and centrifuged for a further 5 min
184 before being stored at -20°C for 24 h and then at -80°C until analysis of acylated ghrelin
185 concentration by enzyme-linked immunoassay (SPI BIO, Montigny le Bretonneux,
186 France; intra-assay coefficient of variation 12%). The remaining blood (5 mL) was
187 allowed to clot and the serum was separated by centrifugation at 3307 g for 10 min at 4°C.
188 Serum was refrigerated, before analysis for osmolality by freezing-point depression
189 (Gonotec Osmomat 030 Cryoscopic Osmometer; Gonotec, Berlin, Germany). For urine
190 samples at 0 h and 24 h subjects completely emptied their bladder and collected the entire

191 volume, whilst all urine produced between 0 h and 24 h was collected in a container
192 provided. The volume and osmolality of all urine samples were determined.

193 **Statistical Analysis**

194 All data were analysed using statistical package SPSS 20.0 (Chicago, IL, USA) and
195 initially checked for normality of distribution using a Shapiro-Wilk test. Data containing
196 two factors were analysed using a two-way repeated-measures ANOVA. Significant
197 differences were identified by Bonferroni-adjusted paired t-tests for normally distributed
198 data or Bonferroni-adjusted Wilcoxon signed-rank tests for non-normally distributed data.
199 Data containing one variable were analysed using one-way repeated measures ANOVA
200 followed by Bonferroni-adjusted paired t-tests or Bonferroni-adjusted Wilcoxon signed-
201 rank tests, as appropriate. Normally distributed data are presented as mean (SD). Non-
202 normally distributed data are presented as median (range). All differences were accepted
203 as being significant when $P < 0.05$.

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205 **Results**

206 **Pre-trial measurements**

207 Pre-trial body mass ($P=0.920$), urine osmolality ($P=0.260$) and serum osmolality
208 ($P=0.243$), were not different between trials, indicating subjects started each trial in a
209 similar hydration state.

210 **Hydration variables**

211 There was a main effect of trial ($P < 0.05$) and time ($P < 0.001$), as well as an interaction
212 effect ($P < 0.001$) for body mass. Body mass was similar at 0 h, but was lower at 24 h
213 during HYPO-F and HYPO-NF compared with EU-F and EU-NF ($P < 0.001$) and over the

214 trial body mass loss was greater during HYPO-F and HYPO-NF compared with EU-F
215 and EU-NF ($P<0.001$) (Table 1). Total 24 h urine output was greater for EU-F and EU-
216 NF than HYPO-F and HYPO-NF ($P<0.001$) (Table 1).

217 For both urine (Fig 1a) and serum (Fig 1b) osmolality, there were main effects of trial
218 ($P<0.001$) and time ($P<0.001$), as well as interaction effects ($P<0.001$). Urine osmolality
219 ($P>0.163$) and serum osmolality ($P>0.492$) did not change for EU trials over the 24 h, but
220 both increased during HYPO trials ($P<0.001$). Furthermore, whilst there was no
221 difference in urine or serum osmolality at 0 h, both were greater during HYPO trials
222 compared to EU trials ($P<0.001$) at 24 h. The change in plasma volume over the trial
223 meant that plasma volume at 24 h was greater during EU-F and EU-NF than HYPO-F
224 and HYPO-NF ($P<0.001$) (Table 1).

225 ***Ad-libitum* energy intake and subjective responses**

226 There was no difference between trials for *ad-libitum* energy intake ($P=0.131$) (Fig 2).
227 Furthermore, there was no difference in energy intake when data were grouped according
228 to hydration status, (EU trials 2491 (796) kJ; HYPO trials 2313 (737) kJ; $P=0.120$) or
229 fluid availability (F trials (2460 (761) kJ; NF trials 2344 (780) kJ; $P=0.410$). More fluid
230 was consumed during HYPO-F, (618 (251) mL) than during EU-F (400 (247) mL)
231 ($P<0.05$).

232 For acylated ghrelin, there was a main effect of time ($P<0.01$), but no main effect of trial
233 ($P=0.089$) or interaction effect ($P=0.985$). Mean values decreased over the 24 h for all
234 trials, but this only reached significance during HYPO-F ($P<0.05$) and tended to decrease
235 during EU-F ($P=0.052$) (Table 2).

236 There was a main effect of time ($P<0.001$) and trial ($P<0.001$), as well as an interaction
237 effect ($P<0.001$) for subjective feelings of thirst (Table 3a). Compared to 0 h, thirst was
238 increased at 24 h during HYPO-F ($P<0.001$) and HYPO-NF ($P<0.05$) and reduced at
239 24.5 h during EU-F ($P<0.01$) and HYPO-F ($P<0.01$). Thirst was greater at 24 h during
240 HYPO trials compared to EU trials ($P<0.001$) as well as at 24.5 h during NF trials
241 compared to during F trials ($P<0.001$). For both fullness (Table 3b) and hunger (Table 3c)
242 there was a main effect of time ($P<0.001$), but no main effect of trial ($P>0.294$) or
243 interaction effect ($P>0.069$).

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245 **Discussion**

246 This study compared energy intake, acylated ghrelin and subjective appetite responses to
247 alterations in hydration status and fluid availability. The main findings indicated that *ad-*
248 *libitum* energy intake, acylated ghrelin and appetite sensations were not different between
249 trials, although thirst was increased with hypohydration. These findings suggest that
250 appetite and energy intake in humans are not affected by moderate levels of
251 hypohydration or fluid restriction, which contrasts with previous research in animals
252 (Lepkovsky *et al.*, 1957; Silanikove, 1992; Senn *et al.*, 1996; Watts, 1999) and humans
253 (Engell, 1988; Shirreffs *et al.*, 2004), as well as our main hypothesis.

254 Shirreffs *et al.* (2004) reported that complete fluid restriction over a 37 h period reduced
255 *ad-libitum* energy intake by ~28% compared to a euhydrated control trial where subjects
256 were free to consume fluids *ad-libitum*, despite no difference in subjective appetite
257 responses. Shirreffs *et al.* (2004) limited subjects to the consumption of “dry foods”
258 during the fluid restriction trial, but subjects could consume any foods during the control
259 trial. It is possible that these changes in eating behaviour or the consumption of energy

260 containing fluids in the control trial might explain the difference in energy intake
261 between the trials. Engell (1988) investigated energy intake during six consecutive meals
262 over 48 h and found that when fluid was limited to 43% of *ad-libitum* fluid intake, *ad-*
263 *libitum* energy intake was reduced by ~37% compared to a trial where fluids were
264 available *ad-libitum*. Although fluid was restricted, hydration status was not measured
265 and therefore the findings have been attributed to a close relationship between eating and
266 drinking patterns (Engell, 1988). This is further described by McKiernan *et al.* (2008)
267 who reported that drinking independently of eating is rare and approximately 75% of
268 daily fluid intake is consumed at meal times.

269 Although it appears there is a strong behavioural link between food intake and drink
270 intake, it has been suggested that there may be certain other physiological mechanisms
271 that might explain changes in energy intake in response to fluid restriction and/ or
272 hypohydration. Walsh *et al.* (2004) and Oliver *et al.* (2008) have reported that
273 hypohydration decreases salivary flow rate. Others have reported that hypohydration
274 decreases the rate of gastric emptying and reduces gastric secretions (Neufer *et al.*, 1989;
275 Rehner *et al.*, 1990). Symptoms of dry mouth, which are likely related to a reduced
276 salivary flow rate have been reported to decrease energy intake in irradiated patients
277 (Bäckström *et al.*, 1995) and the elderly (Lovat, 1996). This reduced energy intake may
278 be due to peri-prandial feelings of satiety from reduced palatability of foods and/ or
279 slower oral processing (i.e. increased chewing etc.) (Smit *et al.*, 2011). Silanikove (1992)
280 linked reductions in salivary secretions and feed intake in ruminants during 72 h water
281 restriction. These mechanisms might provide a plausible explanation as to why previous
282 studies that restricted fluid ingestion during eating (Engell, 1988; Shirreffs *et al.*, 2004)
283 or restricted foods to those with a low moisture content (Shirreffs *et al.*, 2004) observed
284 reduced energy intake with hypohydration/ fluid restriction. Alterations in hydration

285 status might also influence appetite regulation and a previous study reported that acylated
286 ghrelin was reduced after exercise-induced dehydration compared to when euhydration
287 was maintained (Kelly *et al.*, 2012), but that there was no change in peptide YY or
288 pancreatic polypeptide. Neither the present study nor that of Corney *et al.* (2015)
289 observed any differences in acylated ghrelin between hypohydration and euhydration.
290 The divergent findings between studies might be accounted for by the different protocols
291 used to induce hypohydration.

292 Both Kelly *et al.* (2012) and Corney *et al.* (2015) reported no difference in energy intake
293 from a breakfast buffet meal when subjects were either euhydrated or hypohydrated at
294 the start of the meal, with hydration status manipulated through a combination of exercise
295 and fluid restriction. Both these studies provided fluids *ad-libitum* during eating and as
296 such support the notion that hydration status does not affect *ad-libitum* energy intake
297 when fluids are provided with a meal. In line with this, studies in rats report a rapid
298 restoration of normal eating patterns when water is provided again after 5 days of
299 dehydration induced anorexia produced by saline ingestion (Watts, 1999).

300 As discussed above, there are a number of studies in both humans (Engell, 1988;
301 Shirreffs *et al.* 2004) and animals (Lepvoksky *et al.* 1957; Silanikove, 1992; Senn *et al.*,
302 1996; Watts, 1999) that suggest fluid restriction during eating decreases energy intake,
303 but the results of the present study do not support this. Even comparison of just the EU-F
304 and EU-NF trials with a t-test revealed no effect of fluid restriction ($P=0.128$). We
305 speculate that the lack of agreement between this and previous studies might be caused
306 by two possible explanations. Firstly, the choice of a semi-solid breakfast might have
307 been enough to maintain energy intake during the meal. Indeed, whilst thirst compared to
308 0 h was increased immediately before the meal during HYPO-NF, the consumption of the
309 meal (but no fluid) reduced thirst such that it was no longer different from 0 h. We chose

310 to use the single item porridge breakfast in the present study as previous studies have
311 utilised a buffet style breakfast (i.e. Kelly *et al.*, 2012 and Corney *et al.*, 2015). Buffet
312 style meals are known to encourage over feeding (Mirtch *et al.*, 2006) and might
313 encourage learned eating behaviours between trials (e.g. I ate one slice of bread last week,
314 so I'll do the same this week). Secondly, breakfast is perhaps the most habitual meal of
315 the day and therefore expected satiety might have a greater impact on energy intake at
316 breakfast than the effects of small manipulations of hydration status or fluid availability.
317 Future studies should examine eating behaviour at meals other than breakfast, as well as
318 over longer time periods, incorporating multiple meals.

319 Previous studies that have examined the influence of hydration status on appetite
320 regulation (Kelly *et al.*, 2012; Corney *et al.*, 2015) have induced hypohydration of 2-3%
321 body mass in comparison to the <2% induced in the present study. Therefore, at least in
322 healthy young populations, small deviations in hydration status (<2-3% body mass) are
323 unlikely to explain alterations in eating behaviour. Whether hypohydration of greater
324 than 2-3% body mass influences appetite and eating behaviour is not known. The
325 reduction in food intake caused by hypohydration in animal studies is often associated
326 with much larger degrees of hypohydration (Senn *et al.*, 1996; Watts, 1999), and it may
327 be that the level of hypohydration at which human eating behaviour is affected is greater
328 than 2-3%. Whilst hypohydration of >3% body mass is not a common occurrence, some
329 athletes in training or competition (Cheuvront and Haymes, 2001) or military personnel
330 during field exercise or sustained operations (Lieberman *et al.*, 2005) might be exposed
331 to these levels of hypohydration. A decrease in appetite and/ or food intake might
332 therefore impair recovery from exercise, training adaptation or military duties.

333 If fluid is not available during feeding, then a reduction in energy intake might be
334 observed with hypohydration (Engell, 1988; Shirreffs *et al.*, 2004), although the present

335 study suggests this might depend on the nature of the food available. Only a few studies
336 have examined the effect of fluid intake during or in close proximity to meals, but
337 alterations in hydration status that influence thirst sensation might have the potential to
338 influence eating behaviour. If sufficient, water intake causes gastric distension and thus
339 might attenuate food intake. This effect has been demonstrated in animal models (Share
340 *et al.*, 1952), and is likely to be explained by activation of the vagal nerve due to gastric
341 distension (Paintal *et al.*, 1954). In young healthy adults, ingestion of a bolus of water
342 (~500 mL) 30 min (Van Walleghen *et al.*, 2007) or 60 min (Rolls *et al.*, 1990) before an
343 *ad-libitum* meal does not influence eating behaviour. However, immediate pre-meal
344 water intake that produces gastric distension might reduce food intake (Corney *et al.*,
345 2014). If thirst is greatly increased due to hypohydration it seems likely that at least some
346 water ingestion will occur immediately prior to eating. Although whether this is
347 sufficient to influence eating behaviour is likely to depend on the volume of fluid
348 required to satiate thirst prior to eating, which was not determined in the present study.

349 There are limitations to the present study that need to be acknowledged. The study design
350 was limited in scope, in that only one level of hypohydration (~2% body mass loss) was
351 examined and the measurement of energy intake was only determined at a single meal. It
352 seems from this and previous studies that future investigations should seek to examine
353 the effects of larger losses of body water (i.e. >3% body mass). Additionally, future
354 studies should examine situations where larger deviations in hydration status are likely to
355 occur such as prolonged endurance exercise with inadequate fluid intake (Cheuront and
356 Haymes, 2001) or military training (Lieberman *et al.*, 2005). Although also limited in
357 scope, previous studies in humans that have reported reductions in energy intake with
358 reductions in fluid intake and hydration status have examined energy intake over an
359 extended period (Engel, 1988; Shirreffs *et al.*, 2004). Therefore, future studies should

360 examine the influence of hypohydration on energy intake at meals other than breakfast
361 and/ or multiple meals.

362 In conclusion, these results demonstrate that in a laboratory setting there appears to be
363 little effect of hypohydration or fluid availability on *ad-libitum* intake. These findings are
364 likely explained by the use of a semi-solid breakfast meal, which might be more palatable
365 to the hypohydrated/ fluid restricted individual.

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488 **Table 1.** Body mass change relative to 0 h (%), 24 h urine (mL), plasma volume change
 489 relative to 0 h (%). Values are mean (standard deviation). ^ Significantly different from
 490 EU-F and EU-NF.

	EU-F	EU-NF	HYPO-F	HYPO-NF
Body mass change %	-0.28 (0.59)	-0.35 (0.51)	-1.78 (0.53)^	-1.89 (0.45)^
24 h urine volume (mL)	2262 (494)	2478 (494)	724 (272)^	806 (201)^
Plasma volume change (%)	+0.3 (3.9)	+2.0 (3.5)	-2.9 (2.8)^	-4.1 (2.3)^

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500 **Table 2.** Acylated ghrelin ($\text{pg}\cdot\text{mL}^{-1}$). Values are median (range). * Significantly different
501 from 0 h.

	0 h	24 h
EU-F	122 (29-292)	105 (21-263)
EU-NF	97 (24-295)	88 (5-267)
HYPO-F	147 (15-542)	103 (18-473)*
HYPO-NF	149 (17-311)	112(19-303)

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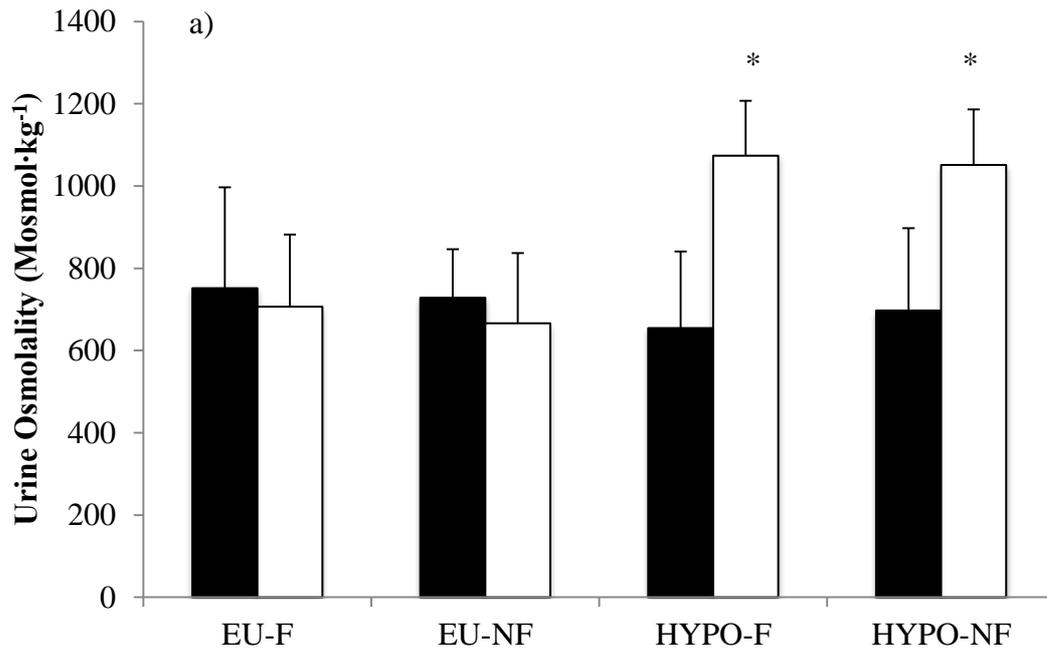
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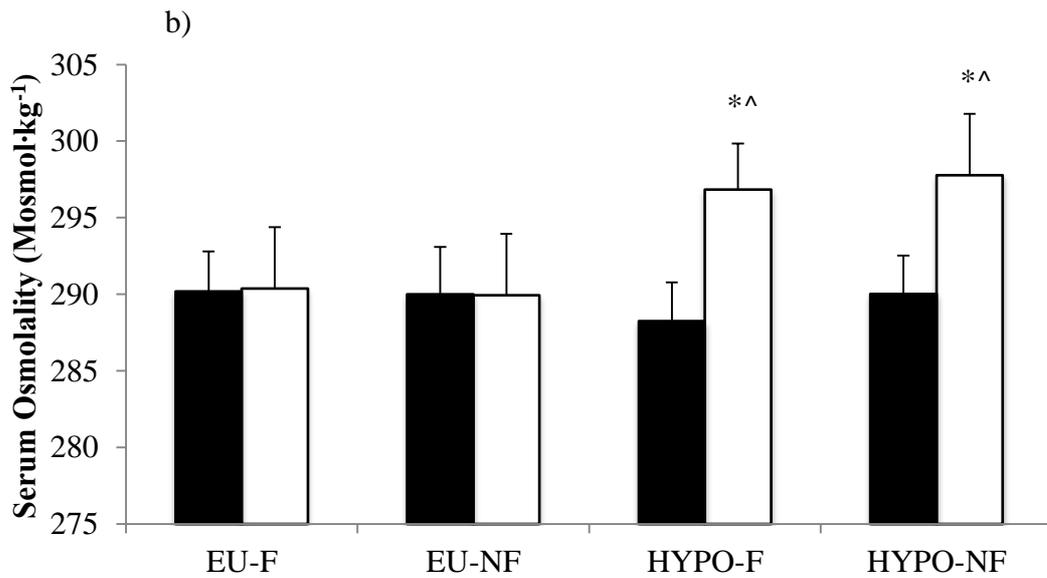
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514 **Table 3.** Subjective feelings reported using 100 mm visual analogue scales for thirst (a),
 515 fullness (b) and hunger (c). Values are median (range). ^ Significantly different from EU-
 516 F and EU-NF. # Significantly different from EU-NF and HYPO-NF. * Significantly
 517 different from 0 h.

		0 h	24 h	24.5 h
a) Thirst	EU-F	56 (16-100)	52 (5-78)	9 (0-67)*#
	EU-NF	51 (31-85)	56 (15-100)	73 (14-86)
	HYPO-F	47 (19-96)	91 (69-100)*^	12 (0-75)*#
	HYPO-NF	67 (18-86)	92 (29-100)*^	74 (4-92)
b) Fullness	EU-F	26 (0-51)	22 (12-50)	80 (61-95)*
	EU-NF	25 (3-51)	35 (2-52)*	82 (67-96)*
	HYPO-F	31 (6-49)	15 (4-75)	87 (54-100)*
	HYPO-NF	29 (0-66)	22 (6-85)	79 (50-94) *
c) Hunger	EU-F	52 (3-100)	70 (14-85)	7 (0-37)*
	EU-NF	69 (25-92)	61 (13-87)	13 (0-54)*
	HYPO-F	68 (32-90)	70 (27-94)	8 (0-28)*
	HYPO-NF	66 (40-86)	75 (6-96)	7 (0-45)*



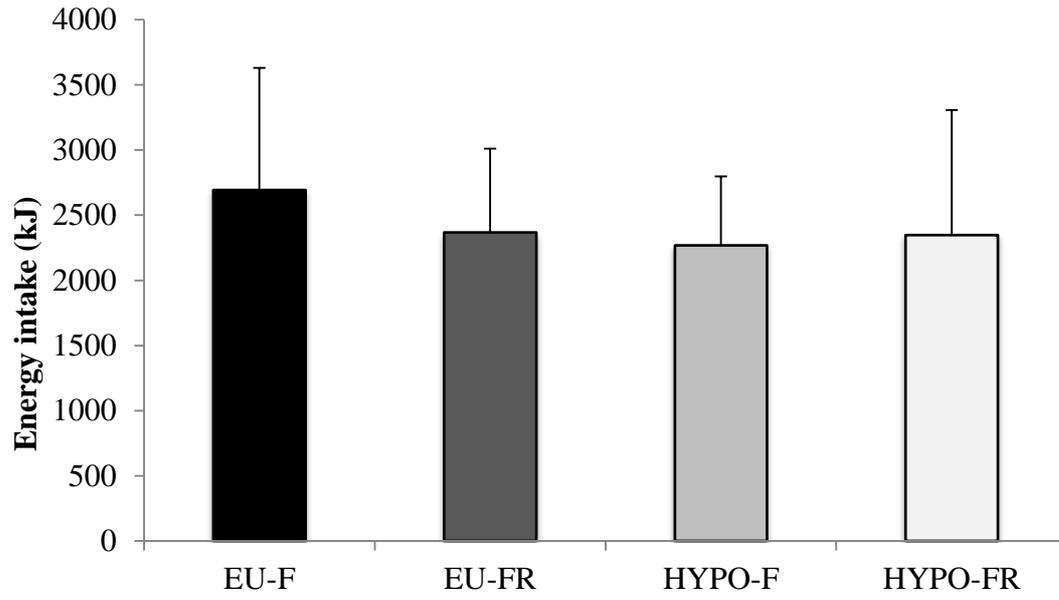
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520 **Fig 1.** Osmolality (mosmol·kg⁻¹) of serum (a) and urine (b) of samples collected at 0 h
 521 and 24 h. Bars represent mean values and error bars are SD. * Significantly different
 522 from 0 h. ^ Significantly different from EU-F and EU-NF.

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525 **Fig 2.** Energy intake (kJ) at the *ad libitum* breakfast. Bars are mean and error bars are SD.

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