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#### Abstract

Previous research has shown that increasing the variety of available foods leads to increased intake; yet few studies have determined whether increased variety can be used strategically to promote intake of low-energy-dense foods such as vegetables. The present study tested whether the number of vegetables served at a meal influences vegetable consumption and energy intake. Once a week for 4 weeks, 66 adults ( 34 women; 32 men) were served a meal consisting of 600 g pasta (ED $1.57 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$ ) and 600 g cooked vegetables (mean ED $0.52 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$ ) using a counterbalanced design. At 3 meals the pasta was served with a single vegetable (broccoli, carrots, or snap peas) and at the other meal 200 g each of the 3 vegetables was served. The results showed that subjects ate significantly more vegetables when served the variety than when served any single type (mean $49 \pm 9 \mathrm{~g} ; \mathrm{p}=0.038$ ). The increase in vegetable intake remained significant when the variety condition was compared to each subject's preferred vegetable (mean $23 \pm 7 \mathrm{~g} ; \mathrm{p}=0.002$ ). Men consumed significantly less energy at the meal when broccoli or carrots were served than when peas or a variety of vegetables were served (mean $80 \pm 17 \mathrm{kcal} ; \mathrm{p}<0.04$ ), but meal energy intake in women did not vary significantly across conditions. The weight status of the participants did not significantly influence the effect of variety on intake. The results of this study suggest that increasing the variety of low-energy-dense vegetables served at a meal can be used as a strategy to increase vegetable intake.


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## Chapter 1


#### Abstract

Introduction


The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans include recommendations to 'increase vegetable and fruit intake' and to 'eat a variety of vegetables' (1). The positive health factors associated with a diet high in fruits and vegetables are well documented, yet very few Americans are eating recommended amounts. For years, health organizations and programs such as the CDC's 5 A Day program and the Year 2000 Objectives for the United States encouraged at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day (2,3), yet very few people were meeting this goal. A telephone survey of over 23,000 adults in 16 states using a food frequency questionnaire showed that only $20 \%$ of the population consumed the recommended 5 or more daily servings (4). Currently, MyPlate, previously MyPryramid, (5) gives recommended fruit and vegetable servings specific to sex, age, height, weight and activity levels; and these levels are higher than past recommendations of eating at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables each day. Analysis of 2-day, 24-hour recall data from the 2003-2004 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) documented that fewer than 1 in 10 Americans were meeting their caloriespecific MyPyramid vegetable recommendations (6). Clearly, effective strategies to increase fruit and vegetable intake are needed.

A diet rich in vegetables has been shown to reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke (7), help maintain healthy bowel status (8), and help prevent diverticulosis and diverticulitis (9). It is also likely that increased intake of particular vegetables, such as leafy greens, tomatoes, broccoli, cabbage, onions and garlic, can decrease the risk of certain cancers; including cancers of the prostate, mouth, throat, esophagus and stomach $(10,11)$. And while vegetables are high in fiber, vitamins and other healthful nutrients, they are low in energy density (kcal/g)(ED), which
means as long as vegetables aren't deep fried or covered in high-fat sauces or condiments, large portions can be consumed in an individual's diet without adding a large amount of calories.

## VARIETY

The effects of variety on food intake have been examined thoroughly, with increases in variety leading to increased intake of energy-dense foods. In a 2009 literature review by Remick et al, it was concluded that the effect of variety is not altered by internal moderators such as gender, weight and dietary restraint (12). When a variety of foods were served, intake increased compared to when a single food was served. Rolls et al. were some of the first researchers to investigate this robust effect of variety in humans (13). In one study, subjects ate a third more total weight of food when four differently filled savory sandwiches were served one flavor at a time over four consecutive courses than when just one flavor of sandwich was served over four courses. In a second study, three differently flavored sweetened yogurts were tested. On three of four eating occasions, subjects received three separate courses of one individual flavor of yogurt. On the fourth occasion they received each of the three flavors, one at time, over the three courses. Subjects consumed $19.5 \%$ more yogurt by weight in the variety condition than when a single yogurt was offered over three courses. The yogurts in this study varied in flavor, texture and color; but had similar energy densities. In a third study, three yogurts were used that were similar in energy density, color, taste and texture, but varied slightly in fruit flavor. In this study there was no increase noted when the three yogurts were served successively over three courses compared to just one flavor served three times, suggesting that that the more dissimilar the foods are, the more likely the response to variety. Little is known, however, about the effects of variety on intake of low-energy- foods, such as vegetables.

## SENSORY-SPECIFIC SATIETY

Serving a variety of foods decreases sensory-specific satiety, which likely explains the resulting increase in food intake. Sensory-specific satiety (SSS) is a 'phenomenon in which hedonic ratings of a food eaten to satiation decrease more than hedonic ratings of foods not eaten to satiation' (14). Rolls et al described SSS clearly in 1981 in a series of studies that showed taste ratings in foods decreased more rapidly in foods that were served compared to foods that were not served at a meal (15). Subjects were asked to rate the pleasantness of the taste of eight foods before a lunchtime meal. They were then given one of the eight foods for lunch and instructed to eat the individual food to satiety. After the meal they again rated the taste of the original eight foods, including the one they ate for lunch. A greater reduction in taste ratings was seen for the food eaten for lunch than those just sampled before the meal.

## THE COMBINED EFFECT OF SENSORY-SPECIFIC SATIETY AND VARIETY

A food is generally eaten until it has stopped tasting pleasant. By providing a variety of foods, the decrease in the hedonic ratings of those foods occurs at a slower rate (16). This is demonstrated in a study by Rolls et al. that examined the changes in hedonic taste ratings and food intake in a four-course meal (17). Across the four courses, subjects were served either one study food at all courses, the 'plain meal', or were served a different food at each course, the 'varied meal'. Before and after each course, subjects rated the taste of eight different foods, including the four study foods. In the plain meal, the taste ratings of the food that was served showed a consistent decline as the courses progressed, indicating the effect of eating that food in
the previous course. In the varied meal, however, the pleasantness of taste ratings for foods eaten in the later courses was not markedly decreased by the ingestion of other foods earlier in the meal. It is this lack of change in the pleasantness of foods that had not been eaten yet in the varied meal that may explain how variety stimulates food intake.

While a variety of foods with major differences in sensory properties are likely to increase intake more than those of similar sensory properties (13), even moderate differences can increase intakes. Epstein et al. demonstrated this in a study using 8-12 year-old children. Children were given elbow shaped macaroni and cheese to eat to satiety. They were then given a second course of the same elbow macaroni and cheese, the same brand and recipe of macaroni and cheese but using spiral noodles, or chicken nuggets. Intake of chicken nuggets and spiral macaroni and cheese were both significantly greater than the elbow macaroni and cheese in the second course, showing that just slight differences visually and texturally can increase intake

Even something as simple as adding condiments to food can add enough variety to a meal to lessen the effect of sensory-specific satiety and increase food intake. In a study by Brondel et al., three conditions were tested: "monotonous", where fries followed by brownies were served alone without any additional condiments; "simultaneous", where fries were served with ketchup and mayonnaise followed by brownies with vanilla cream and whipped cream as condiments; and "successive", where after eating fries ad libitum ketchup and mayonnaise were offered and additional fries were eaten if desired, and then repeated with the brownies and vanilla cream and whipped cream. Intake was $40 \%$ and $35 \%$ higher in the successive and simultaneous conditions, respectively, compared to the monotonous condition. Additionally, in the successive condition,
the hedonic ratings for the fries and brownies increased after the introduction of condiments, contributing to increased intake of the foods (19).

The present study is one of the first studies to test the effect of serving a variety of low energy-dense vegetables as a strategy to increase vegetable intake. The majority of the studies testing the effect of variety on intake served foods successively over multiple courses $(13,14$, $17,18,19)$, and this study was one of the few that tested the effect of serving a variety of vegetables within a single course. Additionally, most past research tested a variety of highly palatable, high energy-dense foods and their role on increasing food and energy intake, while this study focused on the effect of serving a variety of low-energy-dense foods on intake.

## EXPERIMENTAL OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this study was to examine if increasing the variety of low-energy-dense vegetables served at a meal would result in increased vegetable intake and reduced energy intake. We hypothesize that 1 : Serving a variety of vegetables at a meal will increase consumption of vegetables and will decrease consumption of other foods, and 2: Serving a variety of vegetables will decrease the overall energy density consumed at the meal, and therefore decrease total energy intake.

## PUBLIC HEALTH RELEVANCE

The results of this investigation will provide further insight into the extent to which variety can be used as a strategy to increase intake of a healthy, nutrient-rich, low energy-dense food, such as vegetables. With such a large percentage of Americans eating less than the
recommended intakes of vegetables, and the positive health benefits of a diet high in vegetables well known, effective strategies that increase vegetable intake are needed.

## Chapter 2

Methods

## Subjects

## Recruitment

Subjects in this study were healthy, normal, overweight and obese males and females.
Participants were recruited from the Pennsylvania State University and State College community by advertisements in the Daily Collegian and University listservs. Responding to the advertisements, interested individuals listened to a brief description of the study (Appendix A) and then completed a standard telephone interview (Appendix B) to ensure the following criteria were met: 20-45 years of age and in good health; not currently dieting to gain or lose weight; not an athlete in training; not pregnant or breast-feeding; not using medications known to affect appetite or food intake; non-smoker; no known food allergies to study foods; no food restrictions; reported liking and willingness to eat study foods; regularly eating three meals/day; and Body Mass Index (BMI) between $18-40 \mathrm{~kg} / \mathrm{m}^{2}$.

## Screening

If screening criteria were met through the telephone interview, potential participants were brought into the laboratory and measured for weight and height (model 707; Seca Corp., Hanover, MD, USA) and they rated the taste of foods served in the study using a $100-\mathrm{mm}$ visual analog scale. For inclusion in the study, all foods must have been rated $\geq 30 \mathrm{~mm}$ to eliminate potential subjects who strongly dislike the taste of the study foods. In addition, potential subjects completed a Demographic and Health Questionnaire (Appendix C) as well as a variety of screening questionnaires. Included in these materials were the Eating Inventory (20) (Appendix D), which assesses dietary restraint, disinhibition and tendencies towards hunger; the 26 -item version of the Eating Attitudes Test (21) (Appendix E) which detects deviant attitudes to food
and eating; and the Zung Self-Rating Depression Scale (22)(Appendix F), which measures symptoms of depression. Only individuals who scored $<20$ on the EAT-26 and $<40$ on the Zung Self-Rating Depression scale were included in the study. Scores generated by the Eating Inventory were tested as covariates in the analysis of study outcomes. Subjects signed consent to complete all paperwork during the screening process (Appendix G).

Subjects who met all criteria were assigned a random dot color and three digit number for identification. They returned to the lab for a brief training session where they were given instructions on how to complete study paperwork and received study guidelines and their scheduled meal times (Appendix H). At this time subjects signed Informed Consent (Appendix I). Subjects were told that the purpose of the study was to examine the perceptions of different tastes. Subjects received financial compensation of $\$ 50$ for participation in the study. All procedures were approved by the Office for Research Protections of the Pennsylvania State University.

Sixty-nine subjects completed the study. Date from three subjects was not used in final analysis as their data was deemed influential for vegetable intake at the meal. Subject ID 438 ate all 600 g of the vegetable three times, but 250 g of peas, and $>95 \%$ of the pasta in all conditions. Subject ID 408 ate $>400 \mathrm{~g}$ of vegetables three times, but 180 g of peas. Subject ID 419 had low intake in week 3 ( 83 g broccoli +169 g pasta) versus other weeks (200-500 g vegetables +300 - 500 g pasta). Subject characteristics of those used in the data analysis are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1. Subject Characteristics

|  | Men (n=32) |  | Women (n=34) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mean $\pm$ SEM | Range | Mean $\pm$ SEM | Range |
| Age (y) | $27.4 \pm 1.2$ | $20.4-44.5$ | $26.5 \pm 1.3$ | $20.1-44.9$ |
| BMI (kg/m ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ ) | $25.5 \pm 0.6$ | $20.7-35.4$ | $23.3 \pm 0.6$ | $17.8-32.4$ |
| Weight (lb) | $181.4 \pm 5.1$ | $139.5-284.6$ | $140.0 \pm 3.8$ | $101.4-186.2$ |
| Height (in) $^{\text {Eat-26 }}{ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ | $70.7 \pm 0.5$ | $63.0-75.7$ | $65.0 \pm 0.5$ | $57.5-71.0$ |
| Zung $^{\mathbf{2}}$ | $3.2 \pm 0.6$ | $0-16$ | $4.3 \pm 0.6$ | $0-13$ |
| Restraint $^{\mathbf{3}}$ | $6.4 \pm 0.7$ | $1-12$ | $8.0 \pm 0.7$ | $2-17$ |
| Disinhibition $^{\mathbf{3}}$ | $4.8 \pm 0.4$ | $1-10$ | $4.6 \pm 0.6$ | $0-15$ |
| Hunger $^{3}$ | $4.8 \pm 0.6$ | $1-14$ | $3.9 \pm 0.4$ | $0-9$ |

${ }^{1}$ Score on the Eating Attitudes Test (20)
${ }^{2}$ Score on the Zung Self-Rating Depression Scale (21)
${ }^{3}$ Score on the Eating Inventory (19)

## Procedures

## Experimental Design

This study used a cross-over design with repeated measures within subjects; thus, participants served as their own control. The order of presentation of the conditions was counterbalanced across subjects using a Latin Square. Subjects reported to the laboratory once a week for four weeks for breakfast and lunch. On each test day a standard breakfast, consisting of bagels and yogurt, was consumed ad libitum in order to ensure a consistent level of hunger before each of the lunch sessions. Subjects reported back to the laboratory at least 3 hours after breakfast for the manipulated lunch meal, which was also consumed ad libitum.

Study Test Meals
At each manipulated lunchtime meal, subjects received 600 g of pasta in sauce (New World Pasta, Harrisburg, PA; Campbell Soup Company, Camden, NJ; H.J. Heinz Company, Pittsburgh, PA,). The meal varied each week by the vegetable(s) served. Depending on condition, in addition to the pasta subjects received either 600 g of steamed, buttered baby broccoli florets (Birds Eye Foods, Inc., Rochester, NY); 600 g of steamed carrot (Hanover Foods, Hanover, PA); 600 g of steamed snap peas (Hanover Foods); or 200 g of each of the three vegetables. One liter of cold water was served with all meals. Energy density, kcal/g, of lunch study foods was tested using bomb calorimetry (Parr Instruments info). The ED of the pasta was recorded at 1.57 , the buttered broccoli at 0.54 , the carrots at 0.33 and the snap peas and 0.69 $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$. Comparison of the reported nutritional information from manufacturer's labels and the bomb calorimetry can be seen in Table 2.

To determine the amount of food and beverage consumed at each meal, all foods and beverages were weighed prior to being served to subjects and upon completion of the meal. All weights were recorded to the nearest 0.1 g . Energy intakes for each meal were calculated using the results obtained from bomb calorimetry.


## Procedures

On test days, subjects were instructed to consume only foods and beverages provided by the laboratory from the time they woke up each test morning until after the lunch meal. Subjects were allowed to drink water between the meals, but were asked to refrain from drinking water one hour before each test session. Subjects were instructed to not eat in a restaurant the evening before each test day, and to refrain from drinking alcohol the day before each test day. Additionally, subjects were asked to keep their amount of food eaten and the level of physical activity the day before each test day as consistent as possible across sessions. To encourage

Table 2: Nutritional Information of Test Meal Foods based on Food Labels ${ }^{1}$

| Food | Amount <br> Served <br> $(\mathbf{g})$ | CHO$^{\mathbf{2}} \mathbf{g}$ | Prog | Fat g | Fiber <br> $\mathbf{g}$ | Energy <br> Kcal | ED per <br> label <br> Kcal/g | ED <br> tested <br> Kcal/g $\mathbf{g}^{\mathbf{2}}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Pasta with sauce | 600 | 143.8 | 32.9 | 22.8 | 10.4 | 880.1 | 1.46 | 1.57 |
| Birds Eye Baby <br> Broccoli Florets <br> with added lite <br> butter and butter <br> flavoring | 200 | 9.4 | 2.35 | 0 | 4.7 | 70.5 | 0.44 | 0.54 |
| Hanover Petite | 200 | 13.2 | 0 | 0 | 2.2 | 55.0 | 0.30 | 0.33 |
| Whole Carrots |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hanover Sugar <br> Snap | 200 | 12.6 | 7.56 | 0 | 7.56 | 75.6 | 0.36 | 0.69 |

${ }^{1}$ Amounts given are for the Variety condition. In each individual vegetable condition, 600 g of vegetable was served
${ }^{2} \mathrm{Kcal} / \mathrm{g}$ results using bomb calorimetry
compliance, subjects completed a food and physical activity diary the day before each test session (Appendix J).

On test days, subjects reported to the lab at their scheduled time and were seated in an individual testing booth. Before each meal, they completed a meal report (Appendices K and L ) to verify that they were feeling well and following study protocols. At all meals, subjects were instructed that they could eat as much or as little of all the foods as they would like. Subjects were not permitted to take any reading material into the testing booth and were instructed to turn off electronic devices such as cell phones.

Subjects completed a discharge questionnaire (Appendix M) after lunch on the final session.

## Ratings of hunger, satiety, and food characteristics

Before and after each test session, subjects completed a series of $100-\mathrm{mm}$ visual analog scales (23) to rate their hunger, thirst, and satiety as assessed by fullness. For example, the question "How full do you feel right now?" was marked with anchors of "Not at all full" and the left side, and "Extremely full" on the right side (Appendix N). Subjects were instructed to mark their response on the scale with a single, vertical line.

Subjects used the same type of $100-\mathrm{mm}$ scale during the lunch meal to rate the taste, texture and appearance of study foods (Appendix O). Before and after each lunchtime meal, subjects were given small samples of the pasta and each of the three vegetables. The samples were presented on a tray in the same order each session and subjects were instructed to complete the rating of the samples in the order they were presented.

As the lunchtime meal was served, subjects were presented with an additional booklet that used the $100-\mathrm{mm}$ scale to compare the serving size of the entrée and the vegetables to their
usual portion size of entrée and vegetables, with anchors of "A lot smaller" and "A lot larger" (Appendix P).

## Data Analysis

Data were analyzed using a mixed linear model with repeated measures (Statistical Analysis Software, version 9.1, 2003, SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC). The fixed effects in the model were experimental condition (the number and type of vegetable served) and study week. The model type $=$ Compound Symmetry. The primary outcomes for the study were vegetable intake, food intake, and energy intake at each meal. Secondary outcomes were participant ratings of hunger, satiety, and food characteristics. Subject characteristics were investigated as covariates in the main statistical model. Pairwise p-values were adjusted for multiple comparisons by the Tukey method. Results are reported as mean $\pm$ standard error and were considered significant at $\mathrm{p}<0.05$.

## Chapter 3

## Results

## Effect of Vegetable Variety on Vegetable, Pasta and Total Food Intake

Serving a variety of vegetables increased vegetable intake in both men and women ( $\mathrm{p}<0.04$ ), with no significant differences between the sexes ( $\mathrm{p}<0.98$ ). Mean intakes include $210 \pm 13 \mathrm{~g}$ when broccoli was served individually, $172 \pm 11 \mathrm{~g}$ for carrots, $162 \pm 10 \mathrm{~g}$ for snap peas, and $230 \pm 10 \mathrm{~g}$ when all three vegetables were served. Vegetable intake in the variety condition was $20 \pm 8 \mathrm{~g}$ greater than vegetable intake when just broccoli was served, and $58 \pm 9$ and $67 \pm 8 \mathrm{~g}$ than when carrots and snap peas were served, respectively (Figure 1). Subjects consumed significantly more broccoli than carrots and peas when served individually.


Figure 1: Mean vegetable intake ( $\pm$ SEM) by type of vegetable served. Means with different letters are significantly different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.04$ ).

Unlike vegetable intake, pasta intake was affected by the sex of participants ( $\mathrm{p}<0.008$ ). with men consuming more pasta than women. Women consumed a relatively consistent amount of pasta in each condition: $308.8 \pm 18 \mathrm{~g}, 333.8 \pm 20 \mathrm{~g}, 308.4 \pm 18 \mathrm{~g}$, and $306.6 \pm 17 \mathrm{~g}$ in the broccoli, carrots, snap peas, and variety conditions, respectively. Men, however, consumed more pasta in the peas, $423.8 \pm 21.6 \mathrm{~g}$, and variety, $415.9 \pm 20.9 \mathrm{~g}$, conditions than in the broccoli condition, $372.3 \pm 22 \mathrm{~g}$ ( $\mathrm{p}<0.04$ ). Pasta intake in the carrot condition, $402.5 \pm 21.6 \mathrm{~g}$, did not significantly differ from any of the other conditions (Figure 2).


Figure 2: Mean pasta intake ( $\pm$ SEM) by type of vegetable served. Means with different letters are significantly different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.04$ ).

Total food intake was greater in men than women ( $\mathrm{p}<0.03$ ); and in both sexes, total food intake was greater in the vegetable variety condition ( $\mathrm{p}<0.0001$ ) (Figure 3).


Figure 3: Mean total food intake ( $\pm$ SEM) by condition. Means with different letters are significantly different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.04$ ).

At discharge, subjects rank ordered the vegetables served from favorite to least favorite.
When comparing vegetable intake from the variety condition to the intake of the favorite
vegetable served alone, intake remained greater when all three vegetables were served, with a mean of $25 \pm 8 \mathrm{~g}$ greater intake in the variety condition (Figure 4).


Figure 4: Mean vegetable intake ( $\pm$ SEM). Means with different letters are significantly different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.002$ ).

## Effect of Vegetable Variety on Energy Intake

Both men and women ate less energy ( $\mathrm{p}<0.0001$ ) from vegetables in the carrot condition, $56 \pm 4 \mathrm{kcal}$, than the other conditions: $112 \pm 7$ for both broccoli and snap peas, and $121 \pm 6$ for the variety condition (Figure 5).


Figure 5: Mean Vegetable energy intake ( $\pm$ SEM). Means with different letters sign. different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.0001$ )

While women ate a relatively consistent amount of energy from the pasta in each condition, men consumed less energy from the pasta in the broccoli condition than in the snap peas and variety conditions ( $\mathrm{p}<0.043$ ). Energy from pasta in the carrot condition did not differ from the other conditions (Figure 6).


Figure 6: Mean pasta energy intake ( $\pm$ SEM). Means with different letters are significantly different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.043$ ).

Total energy intake at the meal was greater for men than women ( $\mathrm{p}<0.008$ ). Total meal energy intake in women resulted in no significant differences; but men ate greater total energy in the snap peas and variety conditions, mean $774 \pm 27 \mathrm{kcal}$, than the broccoli and carrot conditions, mean $694 \pm 27 \mathrm{kcal}(\mathrm{p}<0.043)$ (Figure 7). No significant differences in meal energy intake were noted when comparing the variety condition to each subject's preferred condition.


Figure 7: Mean total energy intake ( $\pm$ SEM). Means with different letters are significantly different ( $\mathrm{p}<0.043$ ).

## Effect of Vegetable Variety on Hunger and Satiety Ratings

There were no differences in ratings of hunger, thirst, prospective consumption, nausea, or fullness before or after lunch across conditions (Table 3). Similarly, no differences were noted in the same ratings measured before and after the breakfast meal (data not shown).

Table 3. Ratings of Hunger and Satiety - Before and After Lunch ${ }^{1}$

|  | Broccoli |  | Carrots |  | Snap Peas |  | Variety |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Before Meal | After Meal ${ }^{2}$ | Before Meal | After Meal ${ }^{2}$ | Before Meal | After Meal ${ }^{2}$ | Before Meal | After Meal ${ }^{2}$ |
| How hungry do you feel right now? | $65.9 \pm 2.0$ | $6.6 \pm 0.8$ | $66.3 \pm 1.7$ | $5.8 \pm 0.8$ | $64.7 \pm 1.7$ | $7.0 \pm 0.8$ | $68.2 \pm 1.9$ | $6.6 \pm 0.8$ |
| How thirsty do you feel right now? | $64.0 \pm 2.7$ | $24.6 \pm 2.5$ | $68.8 \pm 2.1$ | $23.6 \pm 2.5$ | $66.0 \pm 2.4$ | $22.9 \pm 2.5$ | $67.7 \pm 2.4$ | $22.8 \pm 2.5$ |
| How much food do you think you could eat right now? | $65.7 \pm 1.8$ | $9.1 \pm 1.2$ | $64.3 \pm 1.9$ | $9.1 \pm 1.2$ | $63.6 \pm 1.7$ | $9.8 \pm 1.2$ | $66.5 \pm 1.5$ | $8.9 \pm 1.2$ |
| How nauseated do you feel right now? | $3.6 \pm 0.7$ | $6.7 \pm 1.4$ | $4.0 \pm 0.9$ | $6.3 \pm 1.4$ | $3.8 \pm 0.8$ | $6.4 \pm 1.4$ | $3.6 \pm 0.7$ | $7.0 \pm 1.4$ |
| How full do you feel right now? | $21.8 \pm 2.2$ | $85.4 \pm 1.3$ | $19.6 \pm 2.3$ | $86.9 \pm 1.3$ | $20.3 \pm 2.1$ | $86.6 \pm 1.3$ | $19.4 \pm 2.2$ | $86.9 \pm 1.3$ |
| ${ }^{1}$ Values are b condition <br> ${ }^{2}$ After-meal r | re and after m <br> g was adjuste | l ratings meas <br> for before-me | ed in millimete <br> rating using an | $\text { (mean } \pm \text { SEM }$ <br> ysis of covaria | There were no | ignificant diffe | ces in any ra | s by sex or |

## Effect of Vegetable Variety on Food Characteristics and Palatability Ratings

The rating of the serving size of the vegetables, compared to the participant's usual serving size, differed significantly across conditions ( $\mathrm{p}<0.0001$ ). Participants rated the size of the vegetables $(85 \pm 2 \mathrm{~mm})$ when all three vegetables were served as significantly smaller than the serving size of any single type of vegetable ( $91 \pm 1 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). There were no significant differences across conditions for ratings of the size of the entrée, the size of the meal, the amount of fat in the meal, or the amount of calories in the meal (data not shown).

In before-meal taste ratings, the pasta was rated the most pleasant in taste $(78.0 \pm 0.9 \mathrm{~mm})$. The broccoli was rated the best tasting of the three vegetables ( $71.9 \pm 1.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ ). The snap peas and carrots were ranked lower in taste ( $62.8 \pm 1.1 \mathrm{~mm}$ and $62.1 \pm 1.2 \mathrm{~mm}$ ), but still well-liked. Women rated all foods higher in taste than men rated the taste of the study foods. Before meal texture ratings of the carrots and snap peas were lower than that of the broccoli ( $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ), with men giving lower texture ratings than women ( $\mathrm{p}<0.03$ ). Before meal ratings of prospective consumption of each vegetable also resulted in lower ratings for the carrots and snap peas than the broccoli ( $\mathrm{p}<0.001$ ); yet no differences were noted between sexes.

When comparing after-meal taste, texture and prospective consumption ratings of the variety condition to the condition where the vegetables were served individually, carrots and snap peas declined more in taste ratings than the broccoli; while broccoli was rated to have a larger decline in the pleasantness of the texture. No differences were noted in prospective consumption of the vegetables after the meal (Table 4).

Table 4. Ratings of Palatability - After Lunch ${ }^{12}$

|  | Food Rated | Single Condition | Variety <br> Condition |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Taste | Broccoli | $52.8 \pm 3.8$ | $57.7 \pm 2.7$ |
|  | Carrots | $42.8 \pm 3.3^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $50.0 \pm 2.4^{\mathrm{a}}$ |
|  | Snap Peas | $40.5 \pm 3.7 \mathrm{~b}$ | $48.4 \pm 2.6 \mathrm{~b}$ |
| Texture | Pasta | $58.8 \pm 2.1$ | $60.6 \pm 2.5$ |
|  | Broccoli | $50.2 \pm 3.6 \mathrm{c}$ | $57.4 \pm 2.5 \mathrm{c}$ |
|  | Carrots | $49.8 \pm 3.5$ | $52.4 \pm 2.4$ |
|  | Snap Peas | $45.6 \pm 3.5$ | $46.7 \pm 2.4$ |
|  | Pasta | $59.3 \pm 1.9$ | $61.2 \pm 2.3$ |
| Prospective | Broccoli | $13.5 \pm 2.5$ | $13.9 \pm 1.8$ |
| Consumption | Carrots | $8.7 \pm 2.5$ | $11.2 \pm 1.7$ |
|  | Snap Peas | $8.6 \pm 2.1$ | $8.6 \pm 1.5$ |
|  | Pasta | $11.9 \pm 1.4$ | $13.7 \pm 1.7$ |

${ }^{1}$ Values are before and after meal ratings measured in millimeters (mean $\pm$ SEM).
${ }^{2}$ After-meal rating was adjusted for before-meal rating and intake using analysis of covariance
${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{p}=0.024$
b $\mathrm{p}=0.037$
c $\mathrm{p}=0.046$

From the analysis of covariance, none of the characteristics (see Chapter 1, Table 1) affected the relationship between the experimental variable and the results.

## Chapter 4

Discussion and Conclusions

## Main Findings

This study demonstrated that variety can be used as a strategy to increase intake of healthy, low-energy foods such as vegetables. The development of strategies to increase vegetable intake has become a main area of research in recent years, but the majority of past studies have focused on changing portion size as the method to increase vegetable intake. While the effect of portion size is robust for most foods, our research has indicated that vegetables may be different. In a study in which we increased the portion size of all foods served over two 11day periods by $50 \%$, vegetables were the one food group that did not increase in response to the increased portion size (24). There were likely too many other highly palatable foods competing with the vegetables.

Before testing the effects of variety on intake of vegetables, it is important to further consider how vegetable intake can be affected by the amounts of other types of foods that are available. We tested the impact of increasing the portion size of vegetables at a multi-component meal with two different methods: by adding vegetables (Addition) to a meal and by substituting vegetables (Substitution) for other meal components (25). In the Addition study, we systematically increased the portion size of the vegetable, steamed broccoli, at the meal; but kept the other meal components, beef in au jus and rice pilaf, constant. As the portion size of the broccoli increased, broccoli intake increased and intake of the beef and rice remained constant. Increasing vegetable intake did not affect meal energy intake. In addition to differing portion sizes of broccoli, two different energy densities of broccoli were tested: 0.04 and $0.08 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$. Since both versions of the broccoli were low in energy-density, they did not significantly increase overall energy intake at the meal. In the Substitution study, as the amount of broccoli increased, the portion sizes of the beef and rice decreased proportionately, so that there was a
consistent weight of food served in each condition. Substituting broccoli for the other meal components led to a significant increase in vegetable intake. Intake of the meal components decreased leading to a significant reduction in meal energy intake. Again the effect of energy density of the broccoli was critical and overall energy intake was reduced more with the 0.04 ED broccoli than the 0.08 ED broccoli. For both studies, when the portion size of the broccoli was doubled from 180 to 360 g , intake increased by 60 g , which is equivalent to roughly $3 / 4$ of a recommended serving size of cooked broccoli.

Because portion size affects vegetable intake, it was unclear how increasing the variety of vegetables served would affect intake when the portion of each individual vegetable was smaller in the variety condition. Decreasing the portion size of the individual vegetables could reduce effects of variety by limiting intake of the most preferred vegetable. In all conditions, a total of 600 grams of vegetable was served: either 600 grams of an individual vegetable or 200 grams of each of the three vegetables in the variety condition. It was possible that if one vegetable was strongly preferred over the others, serving only 200 grams rather than 600 grams would limit intake. Broccoli was the most preferred of the vegetables, with 41 subjects ranking it as their preferred vegetable, but the snap peas and carrots were also well-liked with 14 subjects ranking the snap peas and 11 subjects ranking the carrots as their preferred vegetable. Despite preferences for particular vegetables, offering more variety was associated with an increase in vegetable intake of $25 \pm 8$ grams. To help ensure that larger serving sizes of preferred vegetables did not limit the effect of variety, the data were more closely examined to see if any subjects ate all of a particular vegetable in the variety condition. Six subjects ate all of the broccoli and two subjects ate all of the snap peas (defined as eating > 190 g of a single vegetable) in the variety
condition. When these subjects were removed from analysis, the results of variety were unchanged when comparing the intake of the preferred vegetable to the variety condition.

## Effects on Energy Intake and Energy Density

It was hypothesized that serving a variety of vegetables would decrease intake from the pasta and therefore the overall energy density and total energy consumed at the meal. Since the proportions of the vegetables and pasta did not change in this study, as they did in previous research, it is not surprising that the intake from the pasta did not decrease. The results from this study demonstrate the importance of choosing low-energy-dense vegetables, whether alone or as part of a variety at a meal, if the energy content of a meal is a concern.

When choosing the vegetables to be served in the study, the goal was to try to match the EDs of the vegetables as closely as possible while still serving well-liked, popular vegetables. Our past research had shown that doubling the ED of a vegetable could significantly increase energy intake at a meal from the vegetable, so vegetables of similar ED would be desirable (25). Much time was spent talking with grocery store management to gather information on the most commonly purchased frozen vegetables in the region, and based on the nutrition labels and recipe analysis in Nutritionist Pro, it was believed the three vegetables chosen for this study had very similar EDs: the broccoli at $0.40 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$, the snap peas at $0.38 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$, and the carrots at 0.30 $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$. (Chapter 2, Table 2) However, when the energy content of these vegetables was tested more accurately using bomb calorimetry, discrepancies in the nutrition lab and Nutritionist Pro recipe analyses were discovered. Unintentionally, a new confound was introduced to the study with the ED of the study vegetables now ranging from the carrots at $0.33 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$ to the snap peas at $0.69 \mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{g}$.

Due to these variations in energy density, both men and women consumed significantly fewer calories from vegetables in the carrot condition. Even though subjects ate more vegetables in the variety condition they did not eat more calories from the vegetables when compared to the broccoli and snap pea conditions and this is likely due to the lower ED carrots decreasing the overall ED of vegetables consumed.

The findings of this study concur with past studies of variety in that an analysis of covariance indicated no impact on vegetable intake of subject characteristics such as age, weight status, BMI, restraint or disinhibition.

## Flavoring of vegetables

Only one of the vegetables used in this study had any additional flavoring: the broccoli. The reason for flavoring the broccoli was to keep it consistent with the broccoli used in past studies (25). Broccoli can be a very bitter tasting vegetable, especially to people who are sensitive to thiourea compounds present in broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and kale. When we added a small amount of light, whipped butter and butter-flavored crystals, subjects found the taste very pleasant and gave it very high hedonic ratings. However, seasoning or flavorings were not added to the carrots or snap peas. It is important to note that the flavoring added calories to the broccoli. Based on mean intakes, in the condition where only broccoli was served, approximately 30 calories came from the flavoring, and in the variety condition, approximately 15 calories were from the added flavoring.

The broccoli was the vegetable rated the most pleasant in taste, and was the most preferred at discharge ranking. The flavoring may have led to this result. In addition to having
the highest pre-meal taste ratings, broccoli had the smallest decline in post-meal taste ratings when adjusted for pre-meal ratings and intake.

## Study design

This study was not designed to directly test sensory-specific satiety as all three vegetables were being served at one time. To test the effect of sensory-specific satiety, the vegetables would need to have been served individually in successive courses. But this is not a practical approach to take in a real world setting, and one of our goals was to test the effect of variety as a strategy that could be easily implemented in an eating occasion at home or away from home. Therefore, we served the vegetables all at one time and on the same plate. Additionally, to demonstrate declines in hedonic ratings of the served foods due to sensory-specific satiety, subjects would have had to have been served more than the 4 samples of food they received before and after meals, and this would have been a cumbersome and unrealistic step in a study that aimed to mimic a real world setting as much as possible.

Past research that has resulted in increased vegetable intake through increasing portion size has also resulted in much waste of vegetables (25). Doubling the amount of vegetable from 180 to 360 grams did result in an increase in vegetable intake of 60 grams. But it could be argued that the portion sizes served were unrealistic and lead to excessive waste to obtain a significant increase in vegetable intake. The portion size of vegetable was very large in this present study, but it was necessary to serve a large amount of each vegetable in the single condition so that there was still enough of each vegetable present in the variety condition, especially when it was unknown if the effect would be present when compared to the favorite of the vegetables. However, since the total portion size of vegetable remained the same across conditions, the
variety condition resulted in vegetable increases ranging from 20 grams to 67 grams without having to increase the amount of vegetable served.

## Limitations and Future Research

A limitation of this study is that we only obtained before- and after-meal taste ratings of the four foods served in the study, and did not test sensory-specific satiety of the vegetables. This study would also be strengthened by testing vegetables matched for energy density.

Future research building off this study could include serving the variety of vegetables mixed together, as in a stir fry, instead of serving them in a manner where they could easily be consumed individually. Also, if a variety of vegetables were increased in portion size and substituted for other meal components, would this lead to decreased energy intake at a meal?

## Implications

The results from this study suggest that advising people to serve a variety of vegetables at a meal can be a practical strategy to increase vegetable intake. But an important part of the message would have to include being mindful of the energy density of the vegetables, as we have seen in this study that vegetables with a higher energy density, such as starchy vegetables, may have the potential to increase the energy content of the meal. With the food industry providing dozens of vegetable mixes and blends, often in microwave-ready steam bags, this is advice that health professionals can offer as a strategy to increase vegetable intake that is easy and affordable.

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## Appendix A

## Telephone Study Description

## Screening Summary

Participants in our study can earn up to $\$ 50$. You will be asked to eat breakfast and lunch in our lab one day a week for 4 weeks. Meals are served Monday through Thursday and you select the day of the week that is best for your schedule. All meals in the lab will take 20 to 30 minutes. Breakfast is scheduled between 7:15 and 9:15 and lunch between 11:15$1: 15$. Does this fit into your schedule?

You will be able to eat as much or as little of the foods as you like at all meals. All foods served are commercially available. On each test day, you will rate your hunger, thirst and other sensations. In addition, you will be asked to complete a food and activity diary the day before each test day. We ask that the day before each test day you drink no alcohol and maintain your usual level of physical activity. On the test days, we ask that you not consume any foods or beverages, other than water, that are not provided to you by the lab, until after the lunch meal.

You will be paid $\$ 5$ for each day completed, consisting of breakfast and lunch, for \$20; and a bonus of $\$ 30$ for completion of all 4 test sessions for a total of $\$ 50$.

Are you interested in participating in this study?
With your permission, I need to ask you a series of questions. Your answers will remain confidential. Is this OK with you?

## Appendix B

Telephone Screening Questionnaire

## Pre-screening Questionnaire

Date:
Age: $\qquad$ Date of Birth: $\qquad$
Height: $\qquad$ Weight: $\qquad$
Do you smoke? No Yes
Are you currently taking any prescription or "over the counter" medications regularly? No Yes If yes, what?

Are you currently dieting to gain or lose weight? No Yes
Are you an athlete in training? No Yes
Do you have any food allergies or intolerances? No Yes
Do you have any sugar/sweetener or sodium restrictions? No Yes
Do you have any food restrictions related to religious practices? No Yes:
Are you a vegetarian? No Yes
If no, are there any meats that you exclude from your diet? $\qquad$
Do you like and are willing to eat:
Pasta in red sauce yes no broccoli yes no carrots yes no sugar snap peas yes no

Do you regularly eat 3 meals per day? No Yes
If no, what is your usual daily pattern of meals?
Would you be willing to refrain from eating after $10: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ the evening before test sessions? No Yes
Would you be willing to refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages the evening prior to each test day? No Yes

Are you pregnant or breast feeding? No Yes
Where did you hear about the study? $\qquad$
Have you participated in any other studies in our lab? No Yes
If yes, what study and when? $\qquad$
Are you a: ___Undergraduate semester standing: $\qquad$ major: $\qquad$
Graduate major: $\qquad$
Penn State Staff
State College Resident
If criteria are satisfied, take their name and ask them to come to the lab to fill out questionnaires and to have their weight \& height recorded.

Name: $\qquad$ Phone: $\qquad$ Appointment: $\qquad$

## Appendix C

Demographic and Health Questionnaire

## Subject Profile

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Phone (w)
(h):

Age:
Date of Birth:
Sex: M F
Height: $\qquad$ Weight: $\qquad$
Do you smoke: $\square \quad$ Yes $\quad \square \quad$ No If yes, how many cigarettes per day? $\qquad$
Ethnicity (please check only one):

Race (please check only one):

| $\square$ | AMERICAN INDIAN/ALASKAN NATIVE | $\square$ WHITE |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | $\square$ ASIAN | $\square$ HAWAIIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER |
| $\square$ | BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERCIAN |  |

What time do you usually eat the following meals?
Breakfast: $\quad$ Dinner:
Lunch: $\quad$ Snack(s):
Are there foods you don't eat because they are not good for you or disagree with you?


If yes, what foods?
Are there any foods you don't eat because of medication you are on? $\qquad$ YesNo

If yes, what foods?
Are there any foods you make it a point to eat because you feel they are good for your health?


If yes, what foods? $\qquad$
Are there any foods you don't eat because they are difficult to chew? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
If yes, what foods?
Are you currently under a physician's care?Yes $\square$ No

Do you have, or have you had any of the following?

High blood pressure
Heart trouble
Thyroid or other glandular disorders
Liver disease
Anemia
Cancer
Other, please specify

| $\square$ | Diabetes |
| :--- | :--- |
| $\square$ | Ulcers (of the digestive system) |
| $\square$ | Other stomach/intestinal disorder |
| $\square$ | Kidney disease |
| $\square$ | Depression |
| $\square$ | Respiratory illness (asthma, etc.) |

Are you presently taking medication (over the counter and/or prescription)? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
If yes, please specify: $\qquad$
Have you ever received radiation therapy? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
Have you ever received chemotherapy? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
Please answer the following questions concerning your weight history:
Current weight: $\qquad$
Highest past adult weight (excluding pregnancy): $\qquad$
When did this occur? $\qquad$
Lowest past adult weight: $\qquad$ When did this occur? $\qquad$
Have you experienced any weight change in the last 6 months? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No If yes, did you gain or lose? —_ How much? $\qquad$
When did this weight change occur? $\qquad$
Do you have any of the following eating related problems? Please check all those that apply:


Sore mouth
Swallowing problems
Chewing problems
Choking problems
Salivation problems
Other, please specify $\qquad$

Are you currently on any kind of special diet? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
If yes, what kind (low-salt, low-fat, etc.)? $\qquad$
What type of exercise do you participate in regularly? $\qquad$
How many times a week do you exercise?
How long is each exercise session?
Do you take any kind of vitamin/mineral supplement? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
If yes, what kind do you use and how often do you take them?

## Please circle the statement that best describes you:

I prefer the meat I prefer the vegetable I prefer the starch I have no preference (poultry, fish, beef) part of a meal part of a meal part of a meal

Below are statements that you will answer about your current eating habits. Please indicate the extent to which you agree with each, using the following scale. (Circle one number for each statement.)
1-Never 2 - Rarely 3 - Sometimes 4 - Often 5 - Always

## Current eating habits:

| I clean my plate: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I eat my meals about the same time each day: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| I decide how much food is served to me: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

What do you think is the purpose of the research conducted in this lab?

## Females only:

1) In the previous 12 months, has your menstrual cycle been (please check only one):


Regular (normal cycles of approximately equal length) Irregular (missed cycles, cycles of varying length, marked changes in flow) Please explain
$\square \quad$ I did not menstruate in the last 12 months
2) How many days does your menstrual cycle last (from the beginning of the menstrual period to the beginning of the next period?
3) Have you taken any hormones (birth control pills, Depo-Provera ${ }^{\circledR}$, hormone replacement therapy, etc.) in the past year?
4) Have you given birth in the past 12 months? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
5) Are you planning to become pregnant within the next 12 months? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No
6) When was the first day of your last menstrual cycle?

Appendix D

## Eating Inventory Questionnaire

## Read each of the following 36 statements carefully. If you agree with the statement or feel that it is true as applied to you, answer true by circling the appropriate answer. If you disagree with the statement, or feel that it is false as applied to you, answer false by circling the appropriate answer.

1. When I smell a freshly baked pizza, I find it very difficult to keep from eating, even if I have just finished a meal.
(T) (F)
2. I usually eat too much at social occasions, like parties and picnics.
(T) (F)
3. I am usually so hungry that I eat more than three times a day.
(T) (F)
4. When I have eaten my quota of calories/fat, I am usually good about not eating any more. (T) (F)
5. Dieting is so hard for me because I just get too hungry.
(T) (F)
6. I deliberately take small helpings as a means of controlling my weight.
(T)
(F)
7. Sometimes things just taste so good that I keep on eating even when I am no longer hungry.
(T)
(F)
8. Since I am often hungry, I sometimes wish that while I am eating, an expert would tell me that I have had enough or that I can have something more to eat.
(T) (F)
9. When I feel anxious, I find myself eating.
10. Life is too short to worry about dieting.
(T) (F)
11. Since my weight goes up and down, I have gone on reducing
diets more than once.
(F)
12. I often feel so hungry that I just have to eat something.
(T)
13. When I am with someone who is overeating, I usually overeat
too.
14. I have a pretty good idea of the number of calories/grams of fat in common foods.
(T) (F)
15. Sometimes when I start eating, I just can't seem to stop.
(T)
16. It is not difficult for me to leave something on my plate.
(T) (F)
17. At certain times of the day, I get hungry because I have gotten
used to eating then.
(T)

While on a diet, if I eat food that is not allowed, I consciously eat less for a period of time to make up for it.
19. Being with someone who is eating often makes me hungry
enough to eat also.

| (T) | (F) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 20. When I feel blue, I often overeat. | (T) | (F) |

21. I enjoy eating too much to spoil it by counting calories, counting grams of fat, or watching my weight.
(T) (F)
22. When I see a real delicacy, I often get so hungry that I have to
eat right away.
23. I often stop eating when I am not really full as a conscious
means of limiting the amount that I eat.
means of limiting the amount that I eat. (T) (F)
24. I get so hungry that my stomach often seems like a bottomless
pit.
(T)
25. My weight has hardly changed at all in the last two years.
26. I am always hungry so it is hard for me to stop eating before I finish the food on my plate
(T) (F)
27. When I feel lonely, I console myself by eating.
(T)
(F)
28. I consciously hold back at meals in order not to gain weight.
(T) (F)
29. I sometimes get very hungry late in the evening or at night.
(T) (F)
30. I eat anything I want, any time I want.
(T) (F)
31. Without even thinking about it, I take a long time to eat.
(T) (F)
32. I count calories/grams of fat as a conscious means of controlling my weight. (T) (F)
33. I do not eat some foods because they make me fat.
(T) (F)
34. I am always hungry enough to eat at any time.
(T) (F)
35. I pay a great deal of attention to changes in my figure.
(T) (F)
36. While on a diet, if I eat a food that is not allowed, I often then splurge and eat other high calorie foods.
(T) (F)

Each question in this section is followed by a number of options. After reading each question carefully, choose one option which most applies to you, and circle the appropriate answer.
37. How often are you dieting in a conscious effort to control your weight?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rarely | sometimes | usually | always |

38. Would a weight fluctuation of 5 lbs affect the way you live you life?
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not at all slightly moderately very much

| 39. How often do you feel hungry? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| only at | sometimes | often | almost |
| meal times | between | between | always |
|  | meals | meals |  |

40. Do your feelings of guilt about overeating help you to control your food intake?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| never | rarely | often | always |

41. How difficult would it be for you to stop eating halfway through dinner and not eat for the next four hours?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| easy | slightly <br> difficult | moderately <br> difficult | very <br> difficult |


| 42. How conscious are you of what you are eating? |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| not at all | slightly | moderately | extremely |

43. How frequently do you avoid "buying large" on tempting foods?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| almost | seldom | usually | almost <br> never |
|  |  | always |  |

44. How likely are you to shop for low calorie or low fat foods?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| unlikely | slightly | moderately | very |
|  | likely | likely | likely |

45. Do you eat sensibly in front of others and splurge alone?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| never | rarely | often | always |

46. How likely are you to consciously eat slowly in order to cut down on how much you eat?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| unlikely | slightly | moderately | very |
|  | likely | likely | likely |

47. How frequently do you skip dessert because you are no longer hungry?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| almost | seldom | at least | almost |
| never |  | once a week | every day |

48. How likely are you to consciously eat less than you want?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| unlikely | slightly | moderately | very |
|  | likely | likely | likely |

49. Do you go on eating binges even though you are not hungry?

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| never | rarely | sometimes | at least |
|  |  |  | once a week |

50. To what extent does this statement describe your eating behavior?
"I start dieting in the morning, but because of any number of things that happen during the day, by evening I have given up and eat what I want, $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { promising } & \text { myself to start dieting again tomorrow." } \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \text { not like } & \text { little like } & \text { pretty good } & \text { describes } \\ \text { me } & \text { me } & \begin{array}{c}\text { description } \\ \text { of me }\end{array} & \text { me perfectly } \\ & & & \end{array}$
51. On a scale of 1 to 6 , where 1 means no restraint in eating (eat whatever you want, whenever you want it) and 6 means total restraint (constantly limiting food intake and never "giving in"), what number would you give yourself?

1 eat whatever you want, whenever you want it
2 usually eat whatever you want, whenever you want it
3 often eat whatever you want, whenever you want it
4 often limit food intake, but often "give in"
5 usually limit food intake, rarely "give in"
6 constantly limiting food intake, never "giving in"

## Appendix E

## Eating Attitudes Test Questionnaire

Instructions:
Please place an (x) under the column which applies best to each of the numbered statements. All of the results will be strictly confidential. Most of the questions relate to food or eating, although other types of questions have been included. Please answer each question carefully. Thank you.


## Appendix F

## Zung Depression Questionnaire

| Please answer the questions by marking in the box that best describes your response. If a question does not apply, mark the box that is closest to answering the question. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | None or a little of the time | Some of the time | Good Part of the time | Most <br> or all of the time |
| 1. I feel downhearted, blue, and sad |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Morning is when I feel the best |  |  |  |  |
| 3. I have crying spells or feel like it |  |  |  |  |
| 4. I have trouble sleeping through the night |  |  |  |  |
| 5. I eat as much as I used to |  |  |  |  |
| 6. I enjoy looking at, talking to, and being with attractive women/men |  |  |  |  |
| 7. I notice that I am losing weight |  |  |  |  |
| 8. I have trouble with constipation |  |  |  |  |
| 9. My heart beats faster than usual |  |  |  |  |
| 10. I get tired for no reason |  |  |  |  |
| 11. My mind is as clear as it used to be |  |  |  |  |
| 12. I find it easy to do the things I used to |  |  |  |  |
| 13. I am restless and can't keep still. |  |  |  |  |
| 14. I feel hopeful about the future |  |  |  |  |
| 15. I am more irritable than usual |  |  |  |  |
| 16. I find it easy to make decisions |  |  |  |  |
| 17. I feel that I am useful and needed |  |  |  |  |
| 18. My life is pretty full |  |  |  |  |
| 19. I feel that others would be better off if I were dead |  |  |  |  |
| 20. I still enjoy the things I used to do |  |  |  |  |

## Appendix G

## Screening Consent Form

1. Purpose of the study: The purpose of this phase of the research study is to determine if you meet the criteria to be a participant in this laboratory's human ingestive behavior studies.
2. Procedures to be followed: It will take you approximately 45 minutes to complete this packet of questionnaires. These questionnaires are to determine whether or not the studies conducted at our laboratory are appropriate for you. You will be weighed and your height measured. Our studies require a considerable amount of preparation and, in order to assure reliable results for the studies, it is very important that participants fulfill all criteria of the studies.

Because of strict subject criteria, it may be determined that we cannot have you participate in the current study. There are a variety of reasons why an individual may not be chosen for a particular study. Often the number of responses from potential participants exceeds the number of individuals needed for the study. If you are not chosen to participate at this time, your information will be kept on file and you may be called later to participate in another study.
3. Discomforts and risks: There are no risks in participating in this research beyond those experienced in everyday life. Some of the questions are personal and might cause discomfort. If, as a result of filling in the questionnaires, you feel that you would benefit from individual counseling, you may contact:

## Psychological Clinic at Penn State University 314 Moore Building University Park, PA 16802 <br> Phone: (814) 865-2191

Your responses to the questionnaires will be reviewed by a staff member. If any of the questionnaires indicate that you may benefit from professional treatment (i.e. counseling or physician's care), you will be notified by a staff member via telephone within 3 days of review of your questionnaire packet.
4. Benefits: If you qualify to become a participant in a study at the Human Ingestive Behavior Laboratory, you will be contributing to our understanding of human eating behavior.
5. Duration/time of the procedures and study: It will take approximately 30 to 45 minutes to complete the screening materials. There is no compensation for completing these materials.
6. Right to Ask Questions: Contact Jennifer Meengs at (814) 863-8482 with any questions, concerns or complaints about this research. You can also call this number if you feel harmed as a result of your participation in this research. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact Penn State University's Office for Research Protections at (814) 865-1775.
7. Confidentiality: Your participation in this research is confidential. You will be identified by subject number and an assigned dot color. The investigator and her assistants will have access to your identity and to information that can be associated with your identity. In the event of any publication or presentation resulting from the research, no personally identifiable information will be shared.
8. Voluntary Participation: Your decision to be in this research is voluntary. You can stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer. Refusal to take part in or withdrawing from this study will involve no penalty or loss of benefits you would receive otherwise.

You must be 18 years of age or older to take part in this research study.
If you agree to take part in this research study and the information outlined above, please sign your name and indicate the date below.

You will be provided with a copy of this consent form to keep for your records.
The following may review and copy records related to this research: The Office of Human Research Protections in the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) if applicable; The Penn State University Biomedical Institutional Review Board; The Penn State University Office for Research Protections.

## Date

Date of Birth
Participant's Signature

## Date

## Appendix H

Study Welcome Form

## Subject ID:

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Welcome to the study! Please remember the following guidelines throughout the duration of the study. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the Food Lab at 863-8482.

- Do not eat or drink anything outside the lab, other than water, between breakfast and lunch on the day of your test session. Also, do not eat after 10 PM the evening before your test session.
- Record your food intake in the Food and Activity Diary for all meals and snacks the day before your test session.
- Keep your intake the day before each session consistent with the previous week. Please eat similar portion sizes at the same mealtime each week. Also, do NOT eat in a restaurant on the evening before each session.
- Keep your activity level consistent with the previous week for the day before and the day of your test session. Record your physical activity in the Food and Activity Diary.
- Do not consume alcohol 24 hours before arriving at the lab and throughout each test session day.
- Do not consume water 1 hour before a meal in the lab.

Your appointments are listed below:

|  | Date | Breakfast Time | Lunch Time |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Appointment 1 |  |  |  |
| Appointment 2 |  |  |  |
| Appointment 3 |  |  |  |
| Appointment 4 |  |  |  |

## Appendix I

## Informed Consent

## Informed Consent Form for Biomedical Research

The Pennsylvania State University
Title of Project:
Principal Investigator:
Perceptions of Different Tastes - 4
Barbara J. Rolls, Ph.D.

226 Henderson Building, University Park, PA 16802
814-863-8482; bjr4@psu.edu
Other Investigator(s): Jennifer Meengs
226 Henderson Building, University Park, PA 16802
814-863-8482; jas138@psu.edu

1. Purpose of the study: The purpose of this research is to investigate the perceptions of different tastes at a meal.
2. Procedures to be followed: You will be asked to eat breakfast, lunch and dinner in our lab on 4 different test days. During these meals you may eat as little or as much as you wish. On test days, you will only be permitted to eat and drink foods that are provided to you by the lab until after the dinner meal. You may drink water between meals, but we ask that you not drink any water one hour before a test meal. Throughout the test days you will be asked to rate your hunger, thirst and other sensations. You will also be asked to rate the sensory qualities of food items throughout the sessions. You will be asked to complete a Food and Activity Diary the day before each test day. You will be asked to keep the amount of food eaten at dinner the night before each test session as consistent as possible each week and to refrain from eating or drinking (other than water) after 10:00 p.m. on the evening before each test day. You will also be asked to refrain from drinking alcohol and maintain your usual activity level the night before each test day. Questionnaires at meals will ask if you have consumed any alcohol. If you are a minor and admit to alcohol use, that information will remain confidential. All foods served are commercially available.

You will complete a questionnaire about your general well being during each session. You may also be asked to rate the sensory properties (i.e. taste, texture) of various foods and to record your hunger, thirst, fullness and nausea periodically during test days. At the end of the study, you will be asked to complete a debriefing questionnaire.

Since each participant can have a great impact on the study, it is important that you carefully adhere to the guidelines of the study. If you feel that this is not possible, please do not join the study.

If during any session you think that some factor may have influenced your behavior or responses, please notify the experimenter immediately. Since we have specific requirements for participants in this study, we reserve the right to reschedule or drop you from the study at any time. If that happens, you will be compensated for any time that you have already given to the study.
3. Discomforts and risks: There are no risks involved in eating the test meals and filling out questionnaires. It may be possible that someone could have an allergic reaction to one of the food items or food item ingredients. Allergies will be screened prior to study participation.
4. Benefits: You will be aiding in our understanding of human eating behavior.
5. Duration/time of the procedures and study: Each test meal will take approximately 15-30 minutes, for no more than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ hour each test day. It will take approximately 15 minutes to record food intake and physical activity before each test day. Total time involved: 4 to 8 hours.
6. Statement of confidentiality: Your participation in this research is confidential. You will be identified by subject number and an assigned dot color. The investigator and her assistants will have access to your identity and to information that can be associated with your identity. In the event of any publication or presentation resulting from the research, no personally identifiable information will be shared. The following may review and copy records related to this research: The Office of Human Research Protections in the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services; The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) if applicable; The Penn State University Biomedical Institutional Review Board; The Penn State University Office for Research Protections.
7. Right to ask questions: Contact Jennifer Meengs at 863-8482 with questions, complaints, concern about this research. You also can call this number you feel this study has harmed you. If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, contact The Pennsylvania State University's Office for Research Protections at (814) 865-1775.
8. Payment for Participation: In addition to test meals, you will be paid $\$ 5.00$ for each completed test day, consisting of a breakfast, lunch and dinner for $\$ 20$; and an additional $\$ 30$ payment if you complete all 4 test sessions, for a possible total of $\$ 50.00$. Payment will not be made until the completion of the study, unless you withdraw from the study, and then you will be paid for sessions completed.
9. Voluntary participation: Participation is voluntary. You can stop at any time. You do not have to answer any questions you do not want to answer. Since we have specific requirements for participants in this study, we reserve the right to reschedule or drop you from the study at any time. If that happens, you will be compensated for any time that you have already given to the study. Refusal to take part in or withdrawing from this study will involve no penalty of loss of benefits you would receive otherwise.
10. Injury Clause: In the unlikely event you become injured as a result of your participation in this study, medical care is available but neither financial compensation nor free medical treatment is provided. By signing this document, you are not waiving any rights that you have against The Pennsylvania State University for injury resulting from negligence of the University or its investigators.

You must be 18 years of age or older to take part in this research study.
If you agree to take part in this research study and the information outlined above, please sign your name and indicate the date below.

You will be given a copy of this signed and dated consent for your records.

Participant Signature

Person Obtaining Consent

Date Date

## Appendix J

## Food and Activity Diary

## Food and Activity Diary

ID $\qquad$
Date $\qquad$

Please record all foods and beverages that are consumed the day before your session begins. Please remember to not eat anything after $10: 00 \mathrm{pm}$ and do not eat in a restaurant the night before your session begins. In completing this worksheet, please try to be as accurate as possible and include as much detail as you can (e.g. the brand names of foods, amounts, meal or snack times, beverages). Do not forget to include condiments such as butter, ketchup, mustard, and jelly. If you run out of spaces, please use the back of this form. Also, please leave excess spaces blank. For example, if you have not eaten an appetizer at dinner, please leave that space blank.

## If you have any questions about completing this food diary, please call the Food Lab at 863-8482. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Breakfast - Foods and beverages (including brand names)

Time: $\qquad$ Place: $\qquad$

Foods: $\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

## Beverages:

$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Lunch - Foods and beverages (including brand names):

Time: $\qquad$ Place: $\qquad$

Main Dish: $\qquad$

Side Dishes (ex. Vegetables, salads, etc.): $\qquad$

Desserts/sweets: $\qquad$
Beverages:
$\qquad$
Dinner - Foods and beverages (including brand names):
Time: $\qquad$ Place: $\qquad$
Main Dish: $\qquad$
$\qquad$

Side Dishes (ex. Vegetables, salads, etc.): $\qquad$
$\qquad$
Bread/rolls: $\qquad$
Desserts/sweets: $\qquad$
Beverages: $\qquad$

Snacks (all day) -
Snack/Time Consumed:
Snack/Time Consumed: $\qquad$
Snack/Time Consumed: $\qquad$

## Physical Activity

Please record all physical activity for the day before your test session. Please remember to keep it as consistent as possible each week. Thank you.

Before breakfast:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Between breakfast and lunch:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

Between lunch and dinner:
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$
$\qquad$

After dinner:

## Appendix K

## Breakfast Meal Report

## Breakfast Report

Subject ID: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$ Week: $\qquad$ Day: $\qquad$

1. Have you felt well in the last 24 hours?

If No, please explain: No
$\qquad$
2. Have you taken any medication in the last 24 hours?

Yes
No
If Yes, please list: $\qquad$
3. Did you get a good night's sleep last night?

$\qquad$
If No, please explain: $\qquad$
4. Have you maintained your usual level of physical activity the last 24 hours?
$\qquad$ Yes No
If No, please explain: $\qquad$
5. Have you consumed any foods or caloric beverages since 10 PM last night? Yes No
If Yes, please indicate what food(s) and approximate amount(s):
6. Have you consumed alcohol in the past 24 hours?

Yes
No
If Yes, what type and how much:

Appendix L

Lunch Report

## Lunch Report

Subject ID: $\qquad$ Date: $\qquad$ Week: $\qquad$

1. Have you felt well since breakfast/lunch?


No
If No, please explain:
2. Have you taken any medication since breakfast/lunch?
Yes
$\qquad$ No
If Yes, please list:
3. Have you consumed any foods or beverages since breakfast/lunch, other than water?

Yes
No
If Yes, please indicate what foods) and approximate amounts):

## Appendix M

## Discharge Questionnaire

## Discharge Questionnaire

Use the back of this questionnaire if additional space is needed.

1. What do you think the purpose of this study was?
2. Were there any factors that affected how much food you ate? Yes No If yes, please explain:
3. Did you notice any differences between any of the sessions? Yes No If yes, please explain:
4. Do you have any specific comments about this study? Do you have any comments that may help us with future studies?

# Thank you for your participation!!! Food Lab Staff \& Students 

1. Of the foods served to you at the lunch time meals, please rank your preference for the foods with 1 being your favorite, 2 being your $2^{\text {nd }}$ favorite, etc ending with 4 being your least favorite of the foods.


## Appendix $\mathbf{N}$

Visual Analog Scale - Hunger and Satiety

How hungry do you feel right now?
Not at all

hungry | Extremely |
| :--- |
| hungry |

How thirsty do you feel right now?
Not at all $\qquad$ Extremely thirsty thirsty

How much food do you think you could eat right now?
Nothing $\qquad$ A large
at all amount

How nauseated do you feel right now?
Not at all

nauseated | Extremely |
| :--- |
| nauseated |

How full do you feel right now?


## Appendix 0

Visual Analog Scale - Palatability

How pleasant is the taste of this food right now?
Not at all

pleasant | Extremely |
| :---: |
| pleasant |

How pleasant is the texture of this food right now?
Not at all

pleasant | Extremely |
| :---: |
| pleasant |

How much of this food do you think you could consume right now?
Nothing

at all | A large |
| :---: |
| amount |

## Appendix P

Visual Analog Scale Questions - Meal Characteristics

How does the size of this serving of entrée compare to your usual portion of entrée?
A lot $\qquad$ smaller

A lot<br>larger

How does the size of this serving of vegetable compare to your usual portion of vegetable?
A lot $\qquad$ A lot smaller larger

How does the size of this serving of starch compare to your usual portion of starch?
A lot
A lot smaller larger

How does the size of this total meal compare to your usual meal portion size?
A lot $\qquad$ A lot
smaller
larger

How many calories do you think this total meal has?
No calories $\qquad$ Extremely high at all in calories

How much fat do you think this total meal has?
No fat $\qquad$ Extremely high at all
in fat

## Appendix $\mathbf{Q}$

Recipe for Flavored Broccoli

Vegetable variety broccoli recipe:
568.7 g steamed broccoli
19.9 g Land o Lakes Light Whipped Butter
11.4 g Molly McButter Butter Flavor Sprinkles

## Appendix $R$

## Recipe for Pasta with Sauce

Recipe for pasta with sauce
357.8 g cooked spiral pasta
159.0 g Prego Traditional Sauce
61.4 g Classico Alfredo Sauce
21.7 g Kraft Parmesan Cheese

