

# QUANDO L'ALIMENTAZIONE E' SOLO LATTEA: I LATTI FORMULATI

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# Codex Alimentarius

- Commissione creata nel 1963 dalla FAO e dal WHO per sviluppare standard di composizione degli alimenti e linee guida rifacendosi ai programmi unificati FAO/WHO
- Finalità: proteggere la salute del consumatore, promuovere il coordinamento degli standard alimentari a livello internazionale (governi, istituzioni, n.g.o.)

# Codex Alimentarius e formule per l'infanzia

- Precedente risoluzione adottata nel 1981 sulla base delle conoscenze degli anni '70
- Iniziativa a distanza di vent'anni per aggiornare le indicazioni alle nuove conoscenze scientifiche
- Coinvolgimento del Comitato di Nutrizione dell'ESPGHAN alla fine del 2004

# Le formule non possono ricopiare la composizione biochimica del latte materno

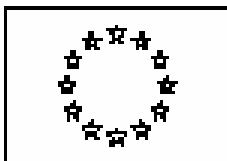
Data on the composition of human milk of healthy, well-nourished women can provide some guidance for the composition of infant formulae, but gross compositional similarity is not an adequate determinant or indicator of the safety and nutritional adequacy of infant formulae. Human milk composition shows remarkable variation. Moreover, there are considerable differences in the bioavailability and metabolic effects of similar contents of many specific nutrients in human milk and formula.

# Quale “riferimento” usare?



Therefore, the adequacy of infant formula composition should be determined by a comparison of its effects on physiological (e.g. growth patterns), biochemical (e.g. plasma markers) and functional (e.g. immune responses) outcomes in infants fed formulae with those found in populations of healthy, exclusively breast-fed infants.

Riferimento: non la composizione biochimica del latte materno ma la crescita ed i marker biochimici e funzionali dell'allattato al seno



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## **Scientific Committee on Food**

SCF/CS/NUT/IF/65 Final  
18 May 2003

# **Report of the Scientific Committee on Food on the Revision of Essential Requirements of Infant Formulae and Follow-on Formulae**

(adopted on 4 April 2003)

**Requirements for Infant Formulae and Follow-on Formulae**

**SUMMARY TABLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS  
ON THE COMPOSITION OF  
INFANT FORMULAE AND FOLLOW-ON FORMULAE**

	<b>Infant Formulae</b>	<b>Follow-on Formulae</b>
<b>Energy density</b> (kcal/100 mL)	60-70	60-70
<i>Nutrients (per 100 kcal, unless otherwise stated)</i>		
<b>Protein<sup>1</sup></b>		
Cow's milk protein	1.8-3 g <sup>2</sup>	1.8-3 g
Soy protein	2.25-3 g	
Protein hydrolysates		
L-carnitine addition to soy protein and protein hydrolysates formulae	≥1.2 mg	no requirement
Addition of taurine	≤12 mg	
Nucleotides, if added <sup>3</sup>	≤ 5 mg	
Choline	7-30 mg	no requirement
<b>Fat</b>		
Total fat	4.4-6 g	4.0-6.0 g
Phospholipids	≤1 g/L	
Inositol	4-40 mg	no requirement
Lauric and myristic acids	Together ≤20% of total fatty acids	
Linoleic	0.5-1.2 g	
<i>Formulae without added LCPUFA</i>		
α-linolenic	≥100 mg	
Linoleic/α-linolenic ratio	5-15	
<i>Formulae with added LCPUFA</i>		
α-linolenic <sup>4</sup>	≥50 mg	
Linoleic/α-linolenic ratio <sup>4</sup>	5-20	
n-6 LCPUFA	≤2% of total fatty acids	
Arachidonic acid	≤1% of total fatty acids	
n-3 LCPUFA	≤1% of total fatty acids	
Ratio EPA/DHA (w/wt)	<1	
Cottonseed/sesame oils	No use of these type of oils	
Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA)	No intentional addition	
Trans fatty acids	≤3% of total fatty acids	
Erucic acid	≤1% of total fatty acids	

<sup>1</sup> Calculation of protein content: N x 6.25, non-protein nitrogen (formulae made from intact protein) ≤15% of total nitrogen.

<sup>2</sup> Infant formulae containing 1.8 g/100 kcal should be clinically evaluated.

<sup>3</sup> Maximum content per nucleotide as specified in the text.

	Infant Formulae	Follow-on Formulae
<b>Carbohydrates</b>		
Total carbohydrates	9-14 g	
Lactose in cows' milk protein- and protein hydrolysates formulae	≥4.5 g	
Lactose in soy protein formulae	No requirement	
Saccharose	None in cows' milk protein and soy protein formulae ≤20% of total carbohydrates in protein hydrolysates formulae	Sum of saccharose, fructose, honey ≤20% of total carbohydrates
Fructose	None	
Glucose	No intentional addition to formulae based on intact proteins, ≤2 g in formulae based on protein hydrolysates	
Maltose, maltodextrins	Unrestricted	
Starches	≤30% of total carbohydrates (≤2 g/100 mL) as precooked or gelatinised naturally gluten-free starches No starches modified by enzymatic cross-linking or stabilisation	Gluten-free carbohydrates only



## Medical Position Paper

# Global Standard for the Composition of Infant Formula: Recommendations of an ESPGHAN Coordinated International Expert Group

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Component	Unit	Minimum	Maximum
Energy	kcal/100 ml	60	70
Proteins			
Cows' milk protein	g/100 kcal	1.8*	3
Soy protein isolates	g/100 kcal	2.25	3
Hydrolyzed cows' milk protein	g/100 kcal	1.8†	3
Lipids			
Total fat	g/100 kcal	4.4	6.0
Linoleic acid	g/100 kcal	0.3	1.2
$\alpha$ -linolenic acid	mg/100 kcal	50	NS
Ratio linoleic/ $\alpha$ -linolenic acids		5:1	15:1
Lauric + myristic acids	% of fat	NS	20
Trans fatty acids	% of fat	NS	3
Erucic acid	% of fat	NS	1
Carbohydrates			
Total carbohydrates‡	g/100 kcal	9.0	14.0
Vitamins			
Vitamin A	$\mu$ g RE/100 kcal§	60	180
Vitamin D <sub>3</sub>	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	1	2.5
Vitamin E	mg $\alpha$ -TE/100 kcal	0.5¶	5
Vitamin K	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	4	25
Thiamin	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	60	300
Riboflavin	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	80	400
Niacin#	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	300	1500
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub>	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	35	175
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub>	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	0.1	0.5
Pantothenic acid	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	400	2000
Folic acid	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	10	50
Vitamin C	mg/100 kcal	10	30
Biotin	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	1.5	7.5
Minerals and trace elements			
Iron (formula based on cows' milk protein and protein hydrolysate)	mg/100 kcal	0.3**	1.3
Iron (formula based on soy protein isolate)	mg/100 kcal	0.45	2.0
Calcium	mg/100 kcal	50	140
Phosphorus (formula based on cows' milk protein and protein hydrolysate)	mg/100 kcal	25	90
Phosphorus (formula based on soy protein isolate)	mg/100 kcal	30	100
Ratio calcium/phosphorus	mg/mg	1:1	2:1
Magnesium	mg/100 kcal	5	15
Sodium	mg/100 kcal	20	60
Chloride	mg/100 kcal	50	160
Potassium	mg/100 kcal	60	160
Manganese	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	1	50
Fluoride	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	NS	60
Iodine	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	10	50
Selenium	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	1	9
Copper	$\mu$ g/100 kcal	35	80
Zinc	mg/100 kcal	0.5	1.5
Other substances			
Choline	mg/100 kcal	7	50
Myo-inositol	mg/100 kcal	4	40
L-carnitine	mg/100 kcal	1.2	NS

\*The determination of the protein content of formulae based on non-hydrolyzed cows' milk protein with a protein content between 1.8 and 2.0 g/100 kcal should be based on measurement of true protein ([total N minus NPN]  $\times$  6.25) (31).

†Formula based on hydrolyzed milk protein with a protein content less than 2.25 g/100 kcal should be clinically tested.

‡Sucrose (saccharose) and fructose should not be added to infant formula.

§1  $\mu$ g RE (retinol equivalent) = 1  $\mu$ g all-trans retinol = 3.33 IU vitamin A. Retinol contents shall be provided by preformed retinol, while any contents of carotenoids should not be included in the calculation and declaration of vitamin A activity.

||1 mg  $\alpha$ -TE ( $\alpha$ -tocopherol equivalent) = 1 mg d- $\alpha$ -tocopherol.

¶Vitamin E content shall be at least 0.5 mg  $\alpha$ -TE per g PUFA, using the following factors of equivalence to adapt the minimal vitamin E content to the number of fatty acid double bonds in the formula: 0.5 mg  $\alpha$ -TE/g linoleic acid (18:2n-6); 0.75 mg  $\alpha$ -TE/g  $\alpha$ -linolenic acid (18:3n-3); 1.0 mg  $\alpha$ -TE/g arachidonic acid (20:4n-6); 1.25 mg  $\alpha$ -TE/g eicosapentaenoic acid (20:5n-3); 1.5 mg  $\alpha$ -TE/g docosahexaenoic acid (22:6n-3).

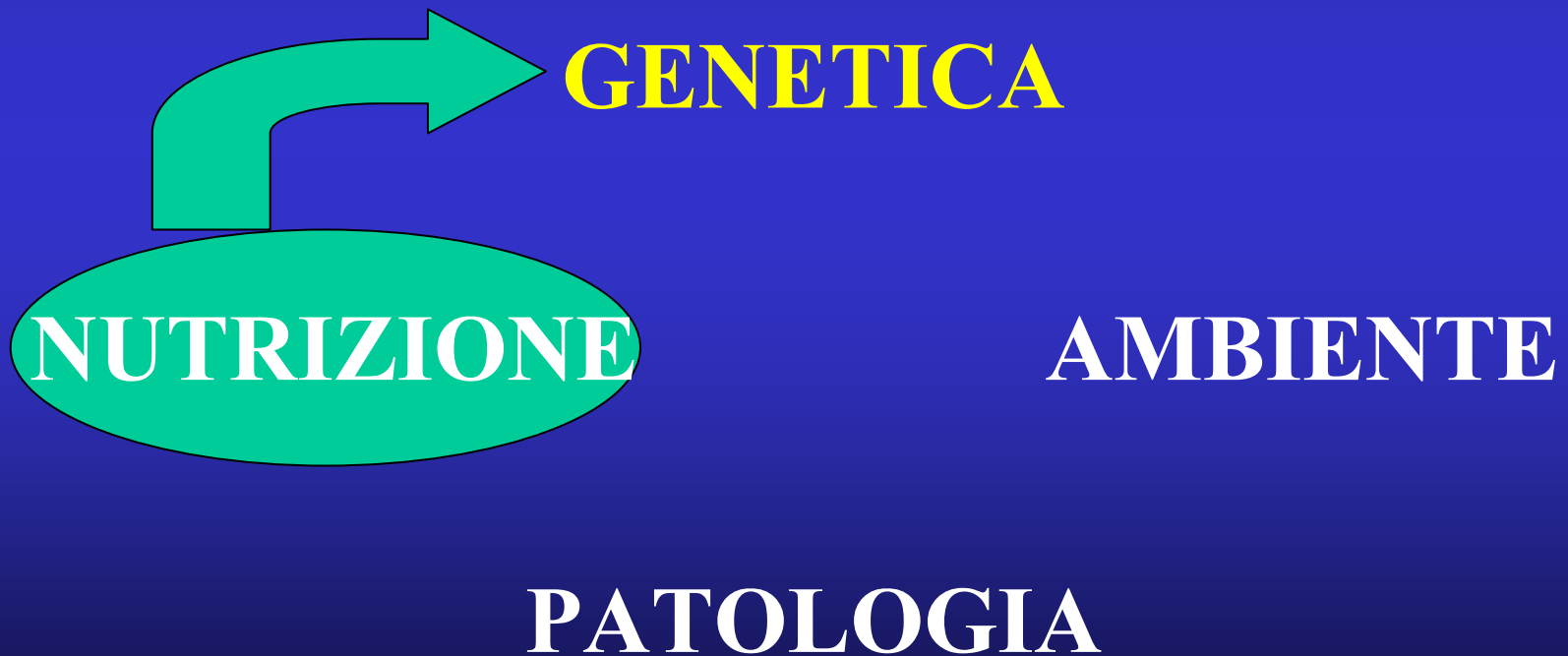
#Niacin refers to preformed niacin.

\*\*In populations where infants are at risk of iron deficiency, iron contents higher than the minimum level of 0.3 mg/100 kcal may be appropriate and recommended at a national level.

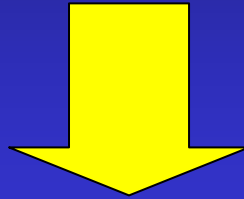
NS, not specified.

# Modulazione del messaggio genetico

*programming:* in periodi critici di sviluppo, influenza su metabolismo di lipidi e carboidrati, pressione arteriosa, quoziente intellettivo



# Dal programming



Nutrizione finalizzata a:

qualità dello sviluppo

**(crescita, intelligenza)**

e prevenzione di patologie crónico-degenerative

**(aterosclerosi, diabete, tumori)**

# Energia

- Densità energetica del latte materno: circa 65 kcal/dL → 5-10% meno di quanto indicato in precedenza
- Anche la spesa energetica del lattante inferiore ai valori indicati in precedenza

# Proteine

Valutare e documentare adeguatamente ogni fonte proteica (animale e/o vegetale)

Fattore di conversione:  $\text{proteine (g)} = \text{azoto (g)} \times 6.25$

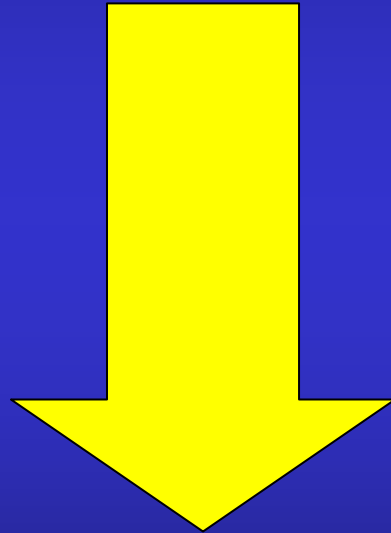
Utilizzo di uno score basato sulla media di contenuto di un aminoacido per g di azoto nel latte materno

Non necessario indicare un valore massimo di azoto non proteico (NPN)

Se idrolisati di proteine: valutare clinicamente ogni prodotto con proteine del latte idrolisate  $< 2.25 \text{ g/100 kcal}$ , e considerare valori minimi più elevati se la fonte proteica è diversa

in ogni caso: trial clinici adeguati!

utilizzo di specifiche sieroproteine (*alfa-lattoalbumina*, *lattoferrina*, *ricche di cys e trp*) e nuove tecniche di frazionamento con riduzione quota di glicomacropetid (GMP, ad elevato contenuto di thr)



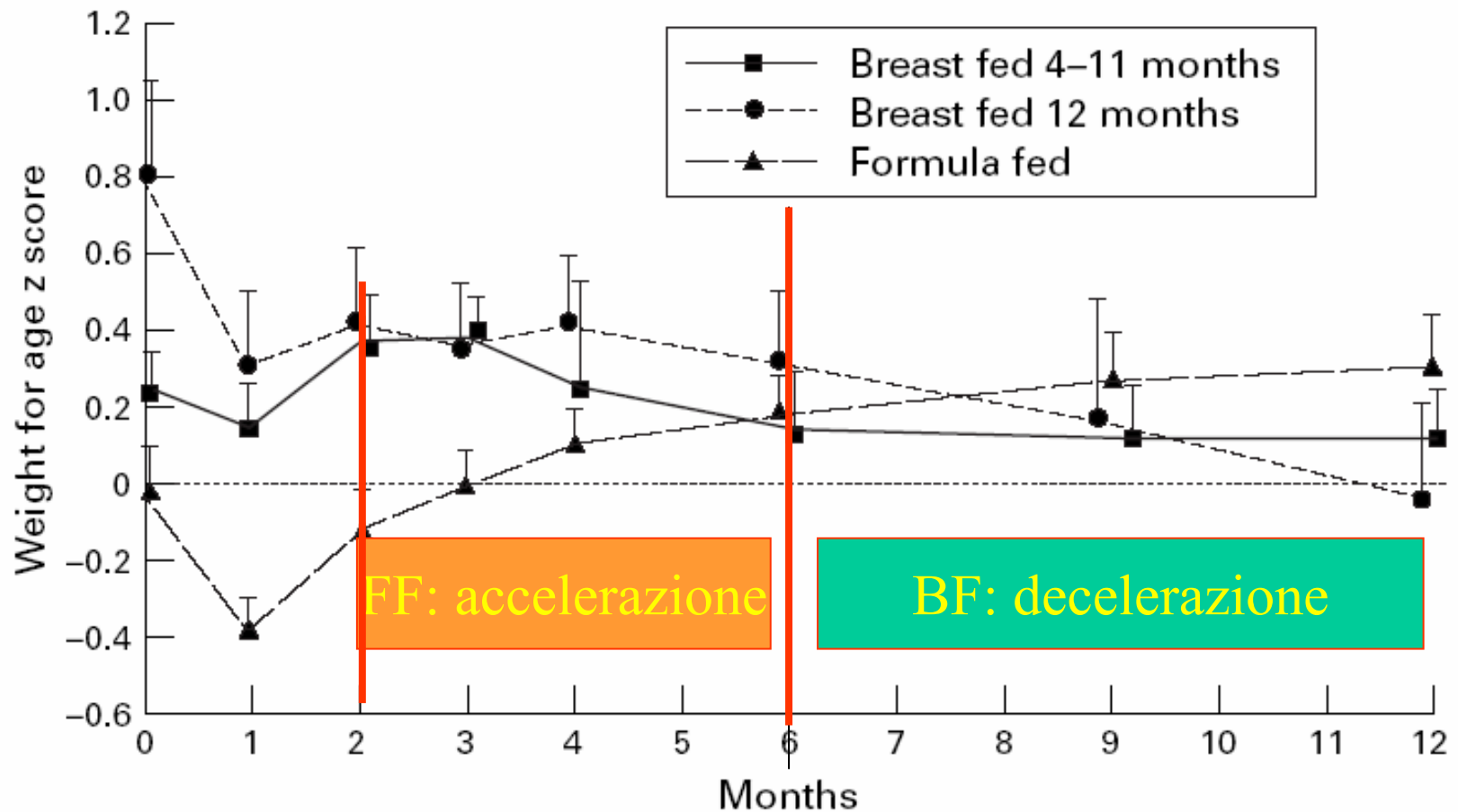
migliorare la qualità proteica delle formule e ridurre l'apporto proteico, garantendo adeguato tasso di crescita, minor stress metabolico e *profilo aminoacidico più fisiologico*

# Sviluppo staturο-ponderale e ruolo nella prevenzione dell'obesità



# Growth patterns of breastfed and formula-fed Italian infants: an Italian Study

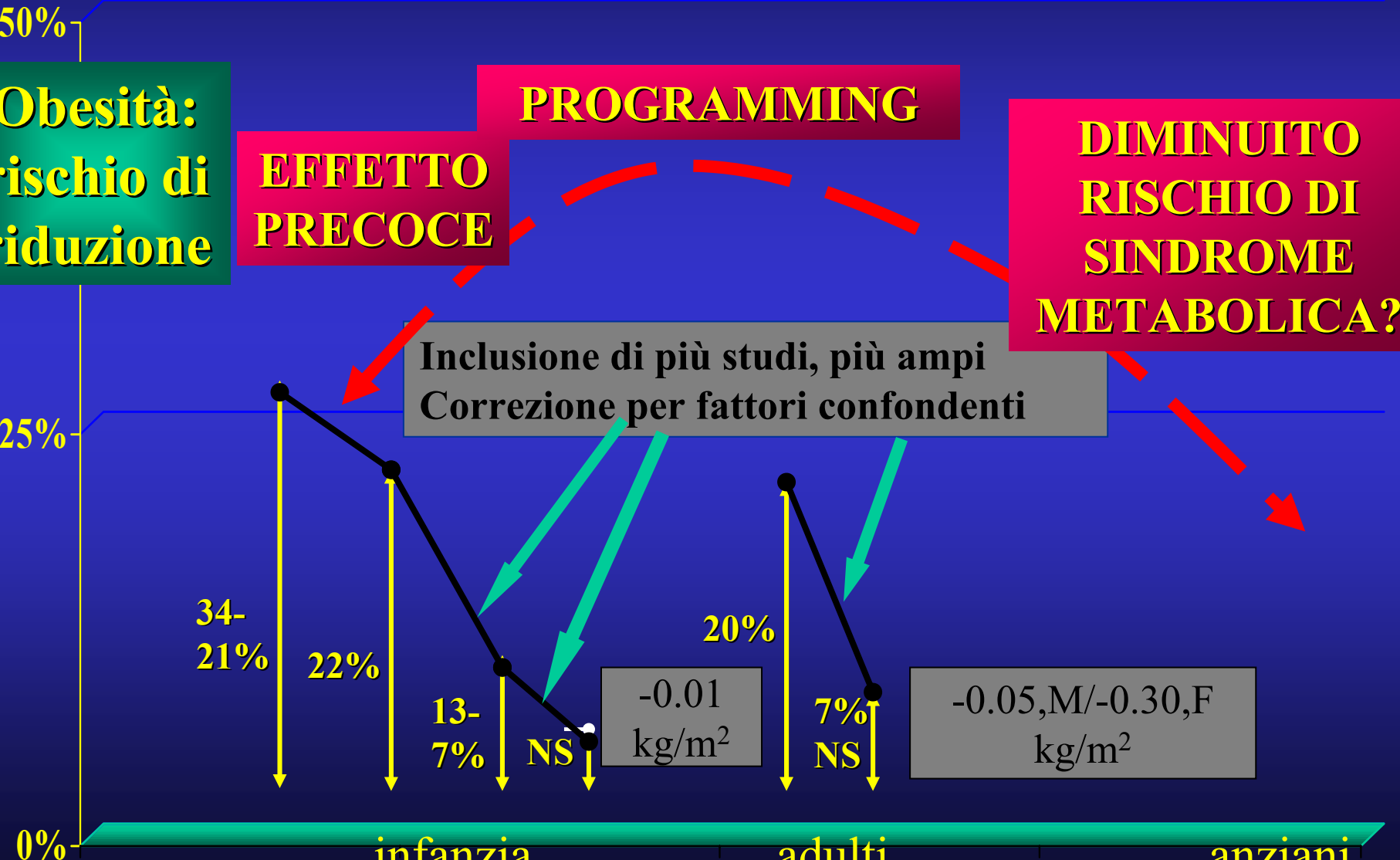
Agostoni C et al, Arch Dis Child 1999; 81: 395



Dati consistenti con l'unico disegno di studio "randomizzato"

Kramer et al, Pediatrics 2002;110:343

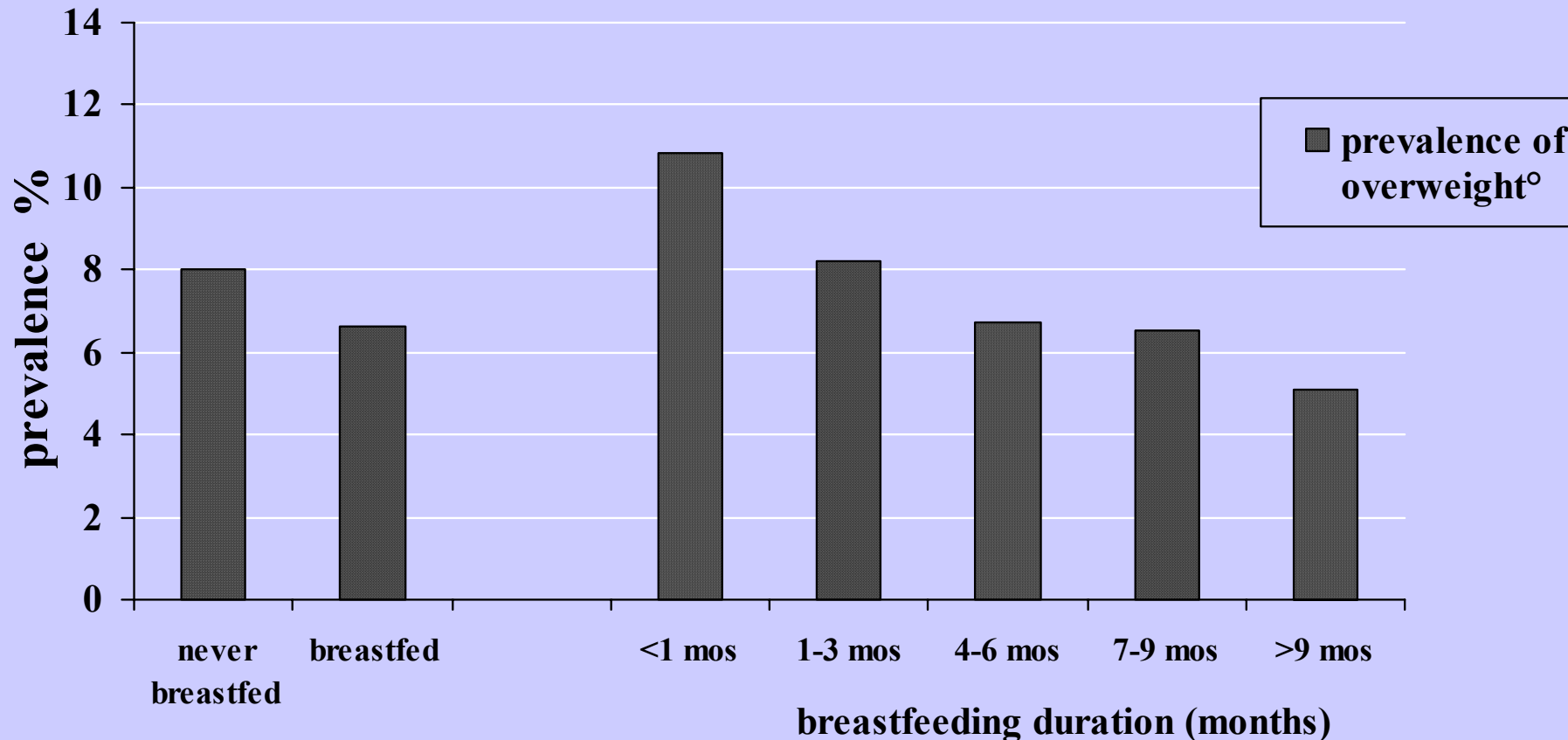
# BF vs FF: ipotesi della decelerazione di crescita



Does breastfeeding protect against pediatric overweight?  
Analysis of longitudinal data from the Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention Pediatric Nutrition  
Surveillance System

..... L'allattamento al seno prolungato è associato ad un ridotto rischio di sovrappeso (177000 bambini seguiti fino a 5 anni con BMI valutato ad una media di 4 anni)

**Breastfeeding and prevalence of overweight<sup>o</sup> in over 15000 adolescents aged 9-14 years. (adapted from Gillmann et al, JAMA 2001:285:2461-67)**



**<sup>o</sup>Overweight was BMI>95th percentile for age and sex**

# quali spiegazioni?

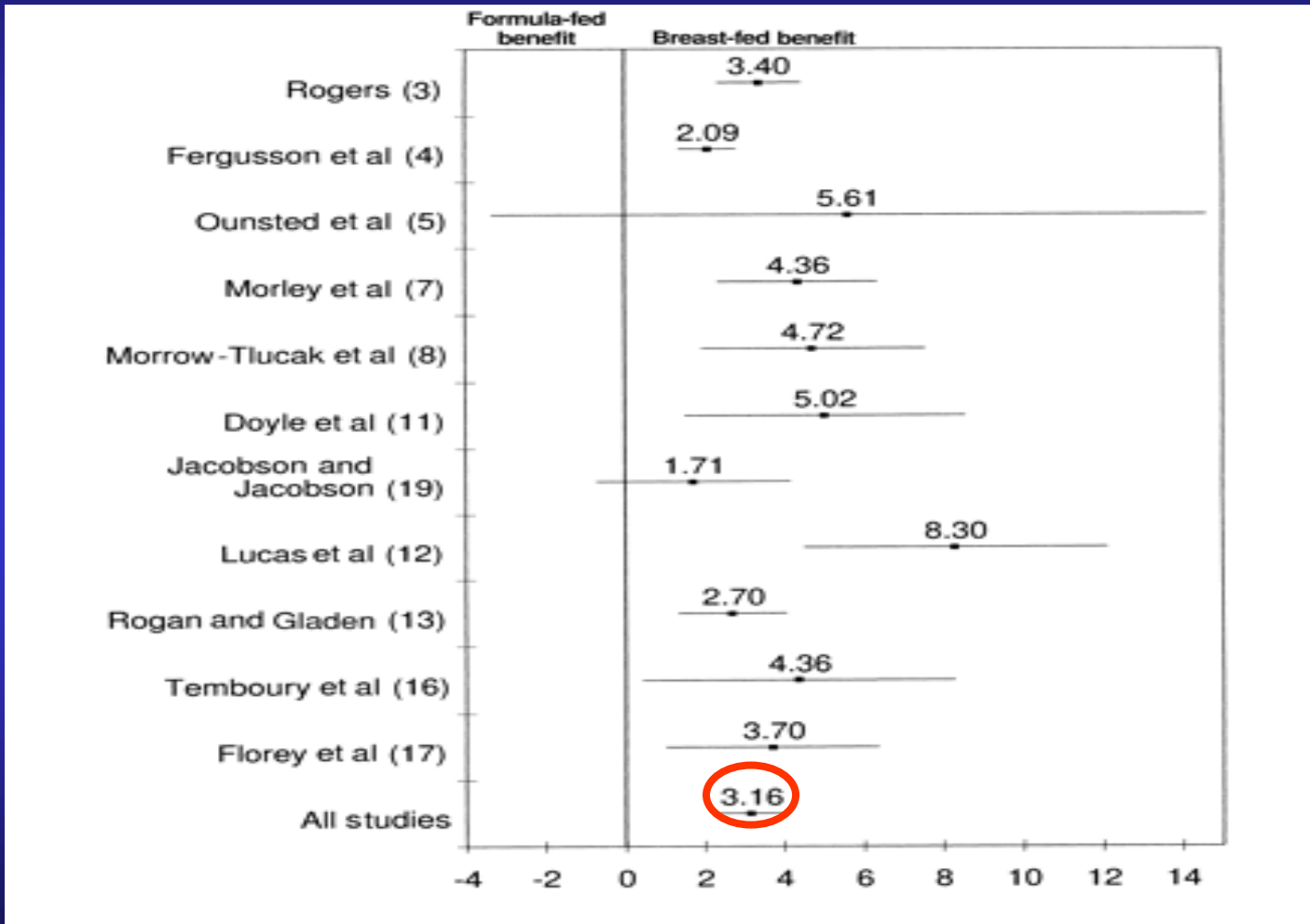
- Quantità e qualità proteica
- Composizione aminoacidica
- Leptina e molecole ormono-simili
- Tutte insieme, in associazione ad altri composti bio-attivi
- Capacità di autoregolarsi dell'allattato al seno

# Grassi

- Acido linoleico: non  $>$  1200 mg/100 kcal (circa 11% apporto energetico totale)
- Acido alfa-linolenico: non  $<$  50 mg/100 kcal (circa 0.45% apporto energetico totale), non  $>$  comunque a 240 mg/100 kcal.
- Perché alfa-linolenico?  $\rightarrow$  precursore di DHA
- Rapporto linoleico/alfa-linolenico: tra 5 e 15 a 1

# Sviluppo neurocomportamentale

# BF and IQ – Meta-analysis





ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

# The Association Between Duration of Breastfeeding and Adult Intelligence

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**A** NUMBER OF STUDIES HAVE SUGGESTED a positive association between breastfeeding and cognitive and intellectual development in early and middle childhood.<sup>1,2</sup> However, studies of correla-

**Context** A number of studies suggest a positive association between breastfeeding and cognitive development in early and middle childhood. However, the only previous study that investigated the relationship between breastfeeding and intelligence in adults had several methodological shortcomings.

**Objective** To determine the association between duration of infant breastfeeding and intelligence in young adulthood.

**Design, Setting, and Participants** Prospective longitudinal birth cohort study conducted in a sample of 973 men and women and a sample of 2280 men, all of whom were born in Copenhagen, Denmark, between October 1959 and December 1961. The samples were divided into 5 categories based on duration of breastfeeding, as assessed by physician interview with mothers at a 1-year examination.

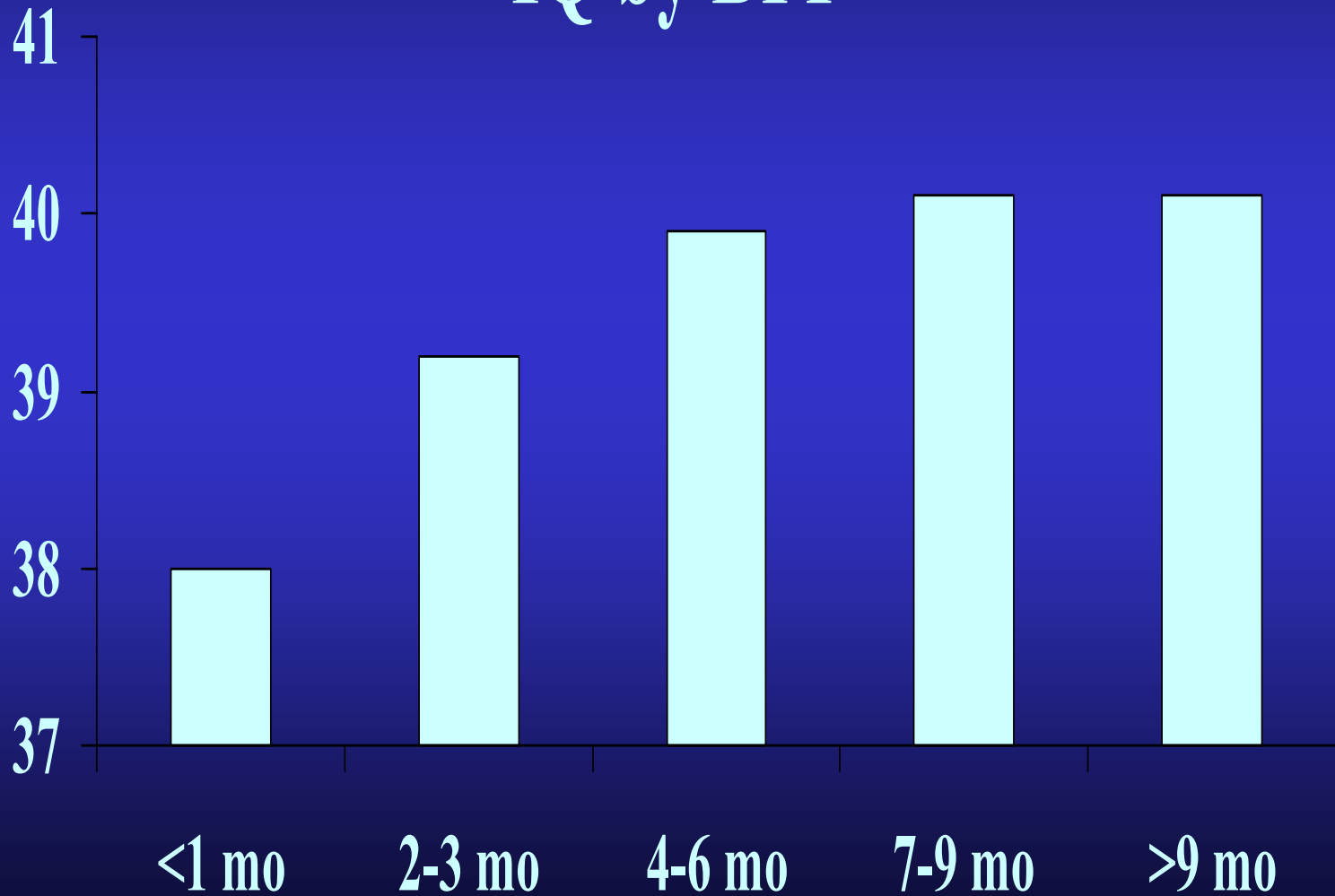
973 males and females (27.7 y)

## IQ by WAIS

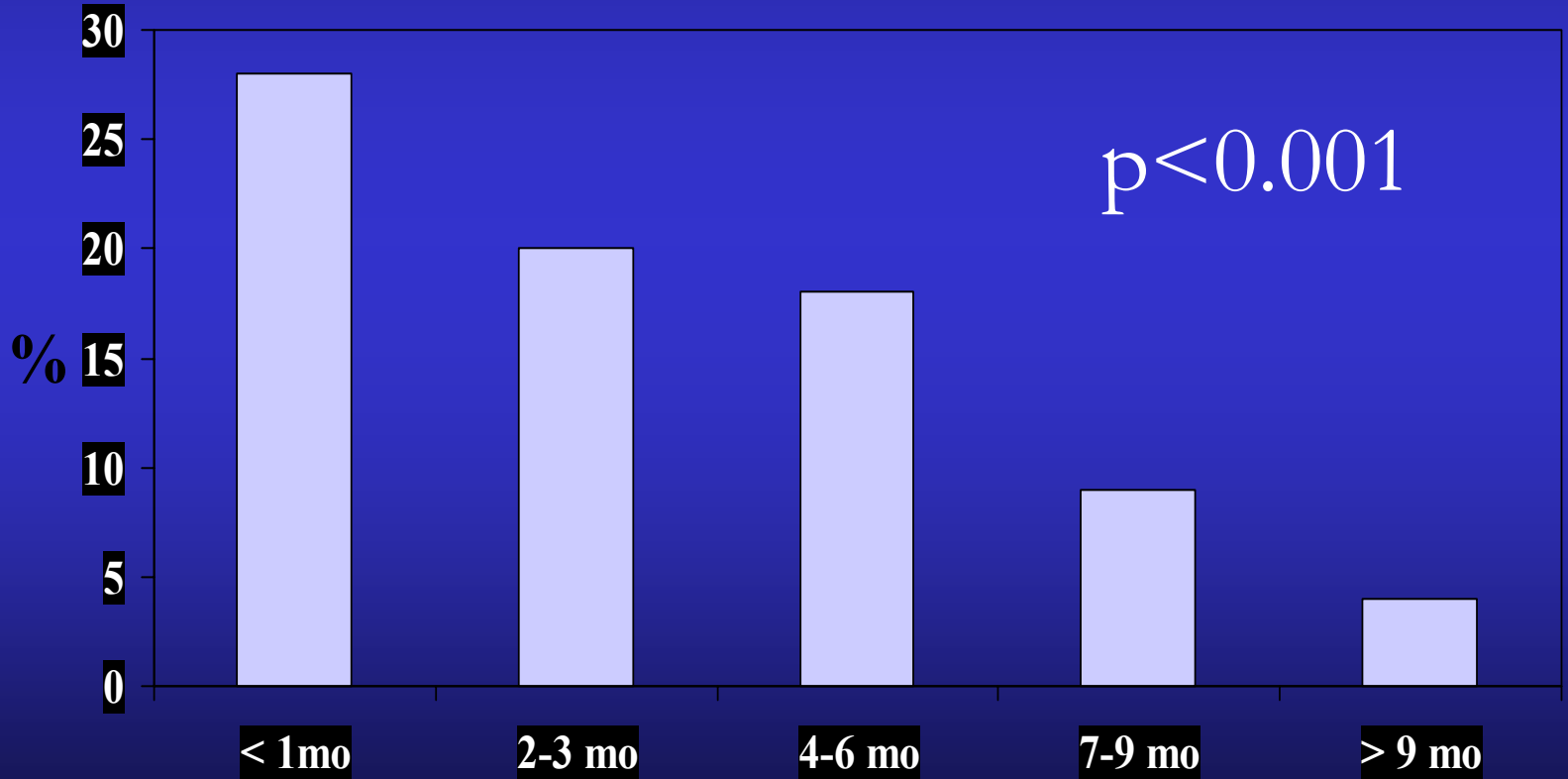


2280 males (18.7 y)

## IQ by BPP



# % of subjects with suboptimal (<90) Full Scale WAIS IQ score



# quali spiegazioni?

- Acidi grassi polinsaturi a catena molto lunga (acido arachidonico, ma soprattutto acido docosaesaenoico)
- Composizione aminoacidica
- “Ambiente familiare” dell’allattato al seno

# Carboidrati

- Lattosio: importante ruolo funzionale per la fisiologia intestinale → effetto prebiotico, feci più morbide, facilita assorbimento di acqua, sodio e calcio
- Glucosio: non più raccomandato per aumento dell'osmolalità (1 g/100ml: 58 mOsm/kg)
- Fruttosio e saccarosio: non più raccomandati per i possibili effetti nel caso di lattanti affetti da intolleranza ereditaria al fruttosio (1:20000)
- Amidi: precotti o gelatinizzati, fino al 30% CHO totali (2 g / 100 ml)

# Vitamine liposolubili/micronutrienti

Di base: The IEG sees no reason to add to infant formulae excessive amounts of any nutrient that do not serve any nutritional purpose or provide any other benefit, and the effects of which have not been evaluated. Therefore, the contents of water-soluble vitamins in infant formulae generally should not exceed five times the minimum level.

# Ferro: 0.3 – 1.3 mg/100 kcal

Livelli di assunzione più bassi (rispetto a precedenti indicazioni) sufficienti per i fabbisogni del lattante

Tassi di assorbimento del ferro più elevati dalle moderne formule, e comparabili a quelli del ferro dal latte materno (15-20%)

Col livello minimo proposto si calcola un assorbimento 4-10 volte superiore comunque rispetto all'allattato al seno

Rischi potenziali associati ad assunzioni di ferro elevate: minore tasso di crescita in lunghezza, incidenza più elevata di diarrea e (marginalmente) di infezioni respiratorie alte

Incremento di ferro nei depositi → rischio ossidativo?



Optional ingredients	Unit	Minimum	Maximum
Taurine	mg/100 kcal	0	12
Total added nucleotides	mg/100 kcal	0	5
Cytidine 5'-monophosphate (CMP)	mg/100 kcal	0	2.5
Uridine 5'-monophosphate (UMP)	mg/100 kcal	0	1.75
Adenosine 5'-monophosphate (AMP)	mg/100 kcal	0	1.5
Guanosine 5'-monophosphate (GMP)	mg/100 kcal	0	0.5
Inosine 5'-monophosphate (IMP)	mg/100 kcal	0	1.00
Phospholipids	mg/100 kcal	0	300
Docosahexaenoic acid*	% of fat	0	0.5

\*If docosahexaenoic acid (22:6n-3) is added to infant formula, arachidonic acid (20:4n-6) contents should reach at least the same concentration as DHA. The content of eicosapentaenoic acid (20:5n-3) should not exceed the content of docosahexaenoic acid.

## *Long-Chain Polyunsaturated Fatty Acids (LC-PUFA)*

addition of DHA should not exceed 0.5% of total fat intake, and AA contents should be at least the same concentration as DHA, whereas the content of EPA in infant formula should not exceed the DHA content.

“optional addition”

# *Nucleotides*

at a maximum total content of 5 mg/100 kcal as well as maximal levels of 2.5 mg/100 kcal CMP, 1.75 mg/100 kcal UMP, 1.5 mg/100 kcal AMP, 0.5 mg/100 kcal GMP, and 1.0 mg/100 kcal IMP are recommended.

“optional addition”

# Fattori di difesa del latte materno: una classificazione

## . Agenti ad azione antiinfettiva diretta

Molecole Glucidiche, Azotate (Lattoferrina, Lisozima, Immunoglobuline, Glutamina) e Lipidiche utilizzate a scopo FUNZIONALE

## . Promotori della crescita di microrganismi protettivi

Fattore bifidogeno identificato da Gyorgy nel 1974 (glicoproteine, glicopeptidi e oligosaccaridi)

## . Cellule

Neutrofili e macrofagi (in fase di attivazione), Linfociti (80% T linfociti)

## . Molecole ad azione antiinfiammatoria

EGF, Antiossidanti, Prostaglandine, Poliamine, Cortisolo, Attivatori dell'attività piastrinica, AA liberi

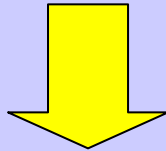
## . Immunomodulatori

Interferone alfa, Interleuchine, TNF, GSF, *Nucleotidi*

# LATTI FORMULATI

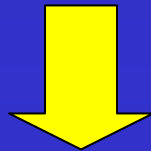
## i nucleotidi

**LV e latti formulati praticamente privi di nucleotidi**



**Direttive CEE:** valori max nucleotidi monomerici (5'P cit., urid., aden., guan., inos.) nei latti formulati: **5 mg/100Kcal**

### ***EFFETTI BIOLOGICI:***



sviluppo e maturazione funzionale del sistema immunitario nella prima infanzia (attività NK, IL-2, cellulo-mediata e difesa antibatteriche)

trofismo e riparazione epitelio intestinale con miglior assorbimento nutrienti (post-enterite e pre-diarrea)

migliore recupero ponderale negli SGA

protezione contro dislipidemie (stimolo sulle desaturasi con aumento dei LC PUFA e di apolipoproteine A IV)

## Editorial

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# The Composition of Infant Formula: A Worldwide Approach

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a crucial concept of the present recommendations is that it concerns all children of the world, being produced by experts from all over the world. The second important implication of this paper we want to stress is that it involves the delicate matter of the relationship between Scientific Societies, Regulating Agencies and Industry, and clearly states the preeminence of Science in this relationship.

In this scenario, the recommendations are inevitably “conservative” in that they are rigidly evidence-based, i.e. based purely on consolidated scientific information

Non menzione a chiare lettere dei “nutrienti funzionali”  
(in particolare: prebiotici, probiotici)  
ma apertura sulla inclusione in documenti futuri



## Editorial

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# Infant Formulae: From ESPGAN Recommendations Towards ESPGHAN-coordinated Global Standards

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Many potential new ingredients, not mentioned in the IEG recommendations, are presently investigated as possible future additions to infant formulae: Probiotics, prebiotics (nondigestible oligosacharides), structured triglycerides, recombinant proteins (e.g. lactoferrin), enzymes (e.g. bile salt stimulated lipase), hormones (e.g. insulin), growth factors, polyamines

...altri?

# Probiotici – nuova definizione

Preparazioni di cellule microbiche o componenti di cellule microbiche che hanno effetto benefico sulla salute ed il benessere dell'ospite (e.g. lattobacilli, bifidobatteri)

Salminen 1999

# LATTI FORMULATI

## i probiotici

### *Obiettivi nella prima infanzia:*

) influenzare la crescita di un **ecosistema intestinale “favorevole”**  
Latti acidificati ed arricchiti con bifidobatteri (con parziale idrolisi  
fermentazione proteica) sembra riducano la carica di clostridi  
bacilli e *Bacteroides fragilis* ed **aumentato quella di bifidobatter**  
potenziando inoltre la barriera intestinale, **con azione simile al latte**  
**materno.**

) proteggere il lattante da infezioni intestinali: *L.casei GG* su  
diarrea da rotavirus; *Bifidob.bifidum* e *Str.thermophilus* in profilassi  
enteriti virali acute, *L.acidophilus* e *casei* su enteriti da E.Col  
salmonelle e shigelle, *Bifidob.breve* su enteriti da campylobacter.

) ridurre l'incidenza di turbe dispeptiche: caseina più digeribile  
miglior svuotamento gastrico con meno rigurgiti, ridotta stipsi  
coliche.

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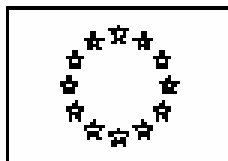
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A Commentary by the ESPGHAN Committee on Nutrition

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## CONCLUSIONS

Our review of available clinical trials found only limited data on the safety and clinical effects probiotic preparations added to infant formulas, follow-up formulas, and special medical foods. There is no published evidence for any long-term clinical benefit of infant formulas supplemented with probiotic bacteria. No data are available on possible long-term effects on intestinal colonization and its effects on long-term gastrointestinal and immune functions. Acquisition of such data would be highly desirable given the suggestion that bacteria ingested during early infancy are more likely to permanently colonize the intestine than those ingested during later life (84). There are some data supporting a short-term benefit of some probiotic strains in infants and young children with infectious diarrhea.

The Committee recognizes that there is evidence that some probiotic preparations have benefits on health and well-being. Reported benefits include a reduced severity of diarrhea, potential preventive effects on diarrhea, promising results of in vitro and animal studies on digestive and immune functions, and indications from human studies on possible short-term preventative and therapeutic effects on atopic eczema. In view of the potential for benefits on child health that might be achieved by the use of some probiotic bacteria, major efforts on their thorough evaluation are justified.



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**Report of the  
Scientific Committee on Food  
on the Revision of Essential Requirements of  
Infant Formulae and Follow-on Formulae**

(adopted on 4 April 2003)

The working group recommends that nutritional, physiological and therapeutic effects be demonstrated by appropriate clinical studies described in detail. Formulae with added probiotic microorganisms should be labelled with the exact name of the strain and its concentration (number of microorganisms per weight unit of formula as ready for consumption). The label should include recommendations as to the amount and duration of consumption, and on storage and preparation.

Follow-on formulae with added bacteria regarded as probiotics have been for since about three years. The Committee has no reason to object to the addition of bacteria regarded as probiotics to follow-on formulae, provided the requirements described below are fulfilled. Only bacterial strains with identity and genetic stability demonstrated by cultural and molecular methods should be used, if they can be considered as generally safe when added to the individual food and have been shown to survive the gastrointestinal passage, have the capacity to proliferate in the gut for the duration of consumption and can modify the intestinal milieu (for example pH, short chain fatty acids). The identity of the probiotic strain should be described by molecular methods in a dossier and be available to the food control authorities. The content of viable bacteria should be such throughout shelf-life as to achieve  $10^6$  to  $10^8$  colony forming units per gram of formula prepared as ready for consumption. Processing, packaging and storage should not impair the viability of the bacteria.



# Prebiotici

Ingredienti alimentari non digeribili che influenzano positivamente l'ospite stimolando selettivamente la crescita o l'attività di un numero limitato di batteri nel colon  
(es, oligosaccaridi non digeribili: lattulosio, inulina, frutto-oligosaccaridi FOS, galatto-oligosaccaridi GOS)

# MOLECOLE GLUCIDICHE OLIGOSACCARIDI

- sono note più di 100 molecole
- costituiscono il terzo componente del latte umano dal punto di vista quantitativo
- hanno struttura lineare o ramificata
- contengono glucosio, galattosio, N-acetil-glucosamina, mannosio, fucosio, acido sialico

# OLIGOSACCARIDI

## caratteristiche

- inibiscono l'adesione dei batteri patogeni e delle tossine all'epitelio. Tale azione sembra essere associata in particolare ai gangliosidi che includono acido sialico
- la maggior parte degli oligosaccaridi contenuta nel latte materno non è idrolizzata dagli enzimi del tratto intestinale superiore e raggiunge intatta il grosso intestino
- favoriscono lo sviluppo della flora bifidogena a livello dell'apparato digerente creando un ambiente sfavorevole alla proliferazione di ceppi patogeni

# LATTI FORMULATI

**LV e formule pressochè prive di oligosaccaridi!!**

**i prebiotici**

**galatto-oligosaccaridi (GOS)** a corta catena derivati da prodotti caseari fermentati e **frutto-oligosaccaridi (FOS)** a catena lunga derivati da piante.

fermentazione batterica colonica con produzione di CFA ed idrogeno

basso contenuto energetico con utilizzo locale

**FOS:** in vitro ed in vivo stimolazione crescita di bifidobatteri a spese di batterioidi, clostridi e coliformi nonché listeria, shigella, salmonella e v.cholerae

**GOS:** stimolazione crescita di bifidobatteri e lattobacilli nel colon prossimale

# Prebiotic Inulin Enriched with Oligofructose in Combination with the Probiotics *Lactobacillus rhamnosus* and *Bifidobacterium lactis* Modulates Intestinal Immune Functions in Rats<sup>1</sup>

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**ABSTRACT** Probiotics (PRO) modulate systemic immunity in animals and humans. In contrast, the effects of prebiotics (PRE) on systemic and intestinal immunity have not been investigated. Whether the combined application of PRO and PRE [synbiotics (SYN)] has synergistic or additive effects is presently unknown. Therefore, PRO (*Lactobacillus rhamnosus* GG and *Bifidobacterium lactis* Bb12), PRE (inulin enriched with oligofructose), and SYN (combination of PRO and PRE) were fed to F344 rats for 4 wk as supplements to a high fat diet. Functions of immune cells isolated from peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), spleen, mesenteric lymph nodes and Peyer's patches (PP) were investigated. The SYN supplement increased secretory immunoglobulin A (sIgA) production in the ileum compared with controls fed the high fat diet alone ( $P < 0.05$ ), and decreased the oxidative burst activity of blood neutrophils ( $P < 0.05$ ) compared with rats fed PRO. The PRE supplement enhanced the production of interleukin-10 ( $P < 0.05$ ) in PP as well as the production of sIgA in the cecum ( $P < 0.05$ ), compared with controls. The PRO supplement modestly affected immune functions, whereas systemic immunomodulatory effects were observed in rats fed SYN. The PRE supplement primarily acted at the level of the gut-associated lymphoid tissue. The combined application of PRO and PRE has different effects from those of the individual supplements, but does not simply result in additive or synergistic effects. J. Nutr. 134: 153-156, 2004.

In conclusion, the Committee reaffirms its previous statement that it has no major concerns on the inclusion of up to 0.8 g/100 mL of a combination of 90% oligogalactosyl-lactose and 10% high molecular weight oligofructosyl-saccharose to infant formulae and follow-on formulae. It also reaffirms its previous comment that further information should be gathered on safety and benefits of this combination as well as other forms of oligosaccharides in infant formulae and follow-on formulae.

## Prebiotic Oligosaccharides in Dietetic Products for Infants: A Commentary by the ESPGHAN Committee on Nutrition

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### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Currently there are only limited published data on the evaluation of prebiotic substances in dietetic products for infants. Therefore, no general recommendation on the use of oligosaccharide supplementation in infancy for preventive or therapeutic purposes can be made.
- During the time of their administration prebiotic oligosaccharides in dietetic products have the potential to increase the total number of bifidobacteria in feces and to soften stools.
- There is no published evidence of other clinical benefits of adding prebiotic oligosaccharides to dietetic products for infants.
- The available data on the oligosaccharide mixtures in infant formulae do not demonstrate adverse effects.
- Validated clinical outcome measures of prebiotic effects in infants should be characterized in further well-designed and carefully conducted randomized controlled trials with relevant inclusion/exclusion criteria and adequate sample size. Such trials should also define the optimal quantities, types and intake durations and safety of different oligosaccharides.
- Further evaluation is required before the general use of prebiotics in premature infants and/or infants with special conditions (e.g., immune deficiency).

# Nei trigliceridi del latte materno...

Acido grasso	posizione (% sul totale dei trigliceridi)		
	<b>1</b>	<b>2 (beta)</b>	<b>3</b>
Miristico	3	7	7
Palmitico	16	58	6
Palmitoleico	3	4	7
Stearico	15	3	2
Oleico	46	12	49
Linoleico	11	7	14
Alfa-linolenico	0.4	0.6	1.5
Arachidonico	tracce	0.9	0.3

adattato da Breckenridge, J Lipid Res 1967;8:473



# BETA-PALMITATO: FISIOLOGIA

- La lipasi pancreatica rilascia gli acidi grassi in posizione 1 e 3 nell'intestino. I due acidi grassi ed il risultante monogliceride sono così resi assorbibili.
- La lipasi stimolata dai sali biliari (BSSL) è in grado di idrolizzare il monogliceride ad acido grasso più glicerolo, ma questo processo è ancora dubbio nell'allattato al seno.
- Gli acidi grassi a lunga catena non esterificati (per es., l'acido palmitico) hanno un punto di fusione superiore alla temperatura corporea e, se vi è calcio sufficiente nel lume intestinale, formano saponi di calcio insolubili.
- L'acido palmitico nella forma di 2-monogliceride non è disponibile a formare saponi di calcio. Questo fenomeno può in parte spiegare il maggiore assorbimento di acido palmitico esterificato in posizione 2 in confronto all'acido palmitico esterificato nelle posizioni 1 e 3.

Quindi:

Migliore assorbimento di acido palmitico

Migliore assorbimento *in toto* dei grassi

Migliore assorbimento di calcio

# I latti formulati: oggi e domani

- Latte materno: anche durante il divezzamento
- Se il latte materno viene a mancare introdurre una formula adeguata dal punto di vista nutrizionale e funzionale almeno fino al dodicesimo mese di vita
  - Testare adeguatamente ogni nuovo nutriente
- .....un solo tipo di formula senza più la “storica” divisione tra “starting” e “follow-up”?

	<b>Aptamil 1</b>	<b>BabyBio1</b>	<b>Blemil Plus 1</b>	<b>Bebilac1</b>
<b>Energia Kcal/L</b>	670		710	700
<b>CARATTERISTICHE PECULIARI</b>				
Proteine modificate				
Nucleotidi			X	X
LC PUFA aggiunti	X	X	X	
Acido palmitico in posizione $\beta$				
Prebiotico	X			
Probiotico				
Metaboliti attivi				
Prodotto biologico		X		

	<b>Formulat 1</b>	<b>Humana1</b>	<b>Humana Plus</b>	<b>MediMilk1</b>
<b>Energia Kcal/L</b>	682	680	720	660
<b>CARATTERISTICHE PECULIARI</b>				
Proteine modificate				
Nucleotidi	X			
LC PUFA aggiunti	X	X		X
Acido palmitico in posizione b	X			
Prebiotico	X	X		
Probiotico				
Metaboliti attivi				
Prodotto biologico				

	Mellin 1 Progress	Miltina1	Milumil1	N5+1	Nativa1
<b>Energia Kcal/L</b>	710	690	670	710	670
<b>CARATTERISTICHE PECULIARI</b>					
Proteine modificate					
Nucleotidi	X			X	
LC PUFA aggiunti					
Acido palmitico in posizione $\beta$					
Prebiotico					
Probiotico					
Metaboliti attivi	X				
Prodotto biologico					

	Nidina1	Nutrilon1	Pantolac 1	Plasmon P.G. 1
<b>Energia Kcal/L</b>	670	670	690	690
<b>CARATTERISTICHE PECULIARI</b>				
Proteine modificate	X			X
Nucleotidi	X			X
LC PUFA aggiunti				X
Acido palmitico in posizione $\beta$				
Prebiotico		X		
Probiotico				
Metaboliti attivi			X	
Prodotto biologico				

# FORMULAE TO SUPPORT GUT IMMUNITY

## Requirements for Infant Formulae and Follow-on Formulae

### SUMMARY TABLE OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF INFANT FORMULAE AND FOLLOW-ON FORMULAE

	Infant Formulae	Follow-on Formulae
<b>Energy density</b> (kcal/100 mL)	60-70	60-70
<i>Nutrients (per 100 kcal, unless otherwise stated)</i>		
<b>Protein<sup>1</sup></b>		
Cow's milk protein	1.8-3 g <sup>2</sup>	1.8-3 g
Soy protein	2.25-3 g	
Protein hydrolysates		
L-carnitine addition to soy protein and protein hydrolysates formulae	≥1.2 mg	no requirement
Addition of taurine	≤12 mg	
Nucleotides, if added <sup>3</sup>	≤ 5 mg	
Choline	7-30 mg	no requirement
<b>Fat</b>		
Total fat	4.4-6 g	4.0-6.0 g
Phospholipids	≤1 g/L	
Inositol	4-40 mg	no requirement
Lauric and myristic acids	Together ≤20% of total fatty acids	
Linoleic	0.5-1.2 g	
<i>Formulae without added LCPUFA</i>		
α-linolenic	≥100 mg	
Linoleic/α-linolenic ratio	5-15	
<i>Formulae with added LCPUFA</i>		
α-linolenic <sup>4</sup>	≥50 mg	
Linoleic/α-linolenic ratio <sup>4</sup>	5-20	
n-6 LCPUFA	≤2% of total fatty acids	
Arachidonic acid	≤1% of total fatty acids	
n-3 LCPUFA	≤1% of total fatty acids	
Ratio EPA/DHA (wt/wt)	<1	
Cottonseed/sesame oils	No use of these type of oils	
Conjugated linoleic acid (CLA)	No intentional addition	
Trans fatty acids	≤3% of total fatty acids	
Erucic acid	≤1% of total fatty acids	

<sup>1</sup> Calculation of protein content: N x 6.25, non-protein nitrogen (formulae made from intact protein) ≤15% of total nitrogen.

<sup>2</sup> Infant formulae containing 1.8 g/100 kcal should be clinically evaluated.

<sup>3</sup> Maximum content per nucleotide as specified in the text.



	Infant Formulae	Follow-on Formulae
<b>Carbohydrates</b>		
Total carbohydrates	9-14 g	
Lactose in cows' milk protein- and protein hydrolysates formulae	≥4.5 g	
Lactose in soy protein formulae	No requirement	
Saccharose	None in cows' milk protein and soy protein formulae ≤20% of total carbohydrates in protein hydrolysates formulae	Sum of saccharose, fructose, honey ≤20% of total carbohydrates
Fructose	None	
Glucose	No intentional addition to formulae based on intact proteins, ≤2 g in formulae based on protein hydrolysates	
Maltose, maltodextrins	Unrestricted	
Starches	≤30% of total carbohydrates (≤2 g/100 mL) as precooked or gelatinised naturally gluten-free starches No starches modified by enzymatic cross-linking or stabilisation	Gluten-free carbohydrates only

# Assunzione di nutrienti tra 8 e 24 mesi in Paesi Europei

Paese	Età (mesi)	P g/kg	P %	Lip%	Cho%
Spagna	9	4.4	15.7	26.4	58
Francia	10	4.3	15.6	27.1	57
Italia	12	5.1	19.5	30.5	50
Danimarca	12-36	3.3	15	28	57

Rolland-Cachera et al. Acta Paed 1999; 88:365

# LARN Italiani - Revisione del 1996

Età ms	En kcal, range	Proteine (corrette per qualità)	
	min F/M → max F/M	g/kg/d	%* (x kg)
6-9	653/710 → 950/1027	2.0	8 (x 8)
9-12	739/797 → 1133/1056	1.8	7.6 (x 10)
12-18	854/922 → 1190/1277	1.4	6 (x 11)
18-24	950/1008 → 1306/1382	1.4	6 (x 12)

\*calcolato

# Associazioni proteine/obesità

Autore	Prot%	Età	Osservazione:	P
Holland-Cachera 1995 Int J Obes 19:573	<u>16.6</u>	24 ms	EAR	<0.05
Macgillivray 2000 Int J Obes 24:777	<u>22</u>	12 ms	5 anni	<0.05
Dorosty 2000 Pediatrics 105: 1115	14	18 ms	EAR	NS
Gunnarsdottir 2003 Int J Obes 23:1523	<u>17, M</u>	9-12 ms	6 anni	<0.05
Poppe 2004 Am J Clin Nutr 79:494	13,F, 14,M	9 ms	10anni	NS
Macgillivray 2004 Acta Paediatrica 93:1596	14	12 mos	8anni	NS

EAR: early adiposity rebound

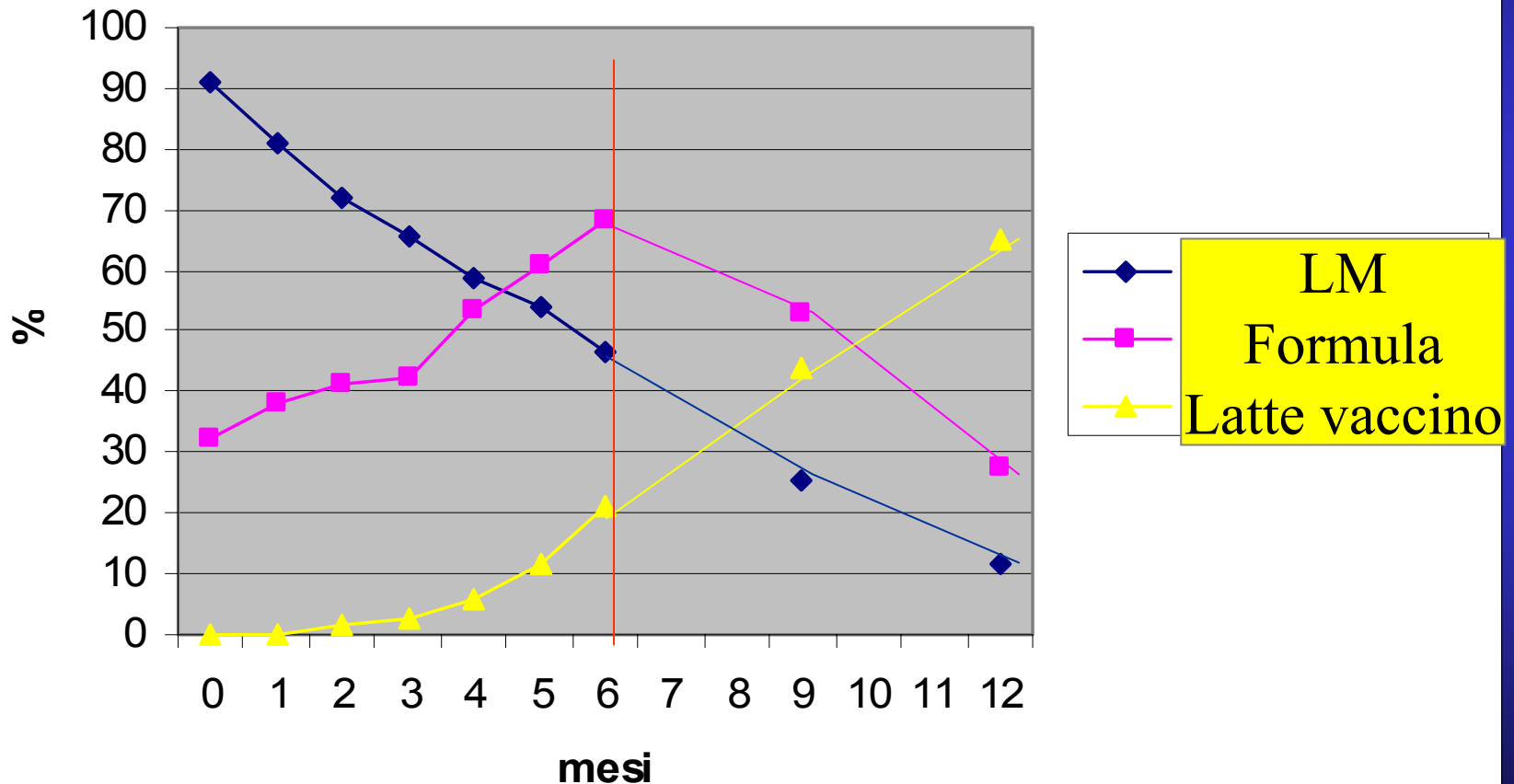
# Proteine : effetto positivo su crescita o aumento del rischio di obesità?

Aumento della assunzione di proteine → aumento della secrezione di insulina e fattori di crescita → in particolare IGF-I

Nelle fasce a più elevata assunzione proteica tra 8 e 24 mesi → ripresa dell'aumento del BMI ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$ ) a 2-3 anni (precoce “adiposity rebound”, normalmente osservato a 5-6 anni)

# Assunzione di latte nei primi 12 mesi in Italia

(Puer Project: Giovannini M et al, Acta Paediatr 2003; 92: 357)



500 ml latte vaccino = 18 grammi proteine

= 7.2% energia in una dieta di 1000 kcal (vs 1.4% LM e 3.6% F2)

## Formule di seguito

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Humana 2</b>	<b>Nidina 2 PE</b>	<b>Nidina 2 Probiotico</b>	<b>Nidina Confort 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	76	67	67	67
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	2.23	2.53	2.68	2.98
<b>Proteine modificate</b>		x		
<b>Nucleotidi</b>				
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>				
<b>Beta palmitato</b>				
<b>Prebiotico</b>				
<b>Probiotico</b>			x	
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>			x	

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Mellin 2</b>	<b>Mellin 2 Progress</b>	<b>Pantolac 2</b>	<b>Medimilk 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	73	72	72	70
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	2.46	2.63	3.01	2.57
<b>Proteine modificate</b>				
<b>Nucleotidi</b>		X		
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>				
<b>Beta palmitato</b>				
<b>Prebiotico</b>		X	X	
<b>Probiotico</b>		X	X	
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>		X	X	



<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Nativa' 2</b>	<b>Nativa' 2 Bifidus</b>	<b>Plasmon 2</b>	<b>Lenilac 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	67	67	71	71
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	3.34	2.98	2.53	2.53
<b>Proteine modificate</b>				X
<b>Nucleotidi</b>				
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>				
<b>Beta palmitato</b>				X
<b>Prebiotico</b>				X
<b>Probiotico</b>		X		X
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>		X		X

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Similac Formula Plus</b>	<b>Blemil Plus forte 2</b>	<b>Blemil Plus AS 2</b>	<b>Novolac 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	68	71	70	64
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	3.23	2.53	2.57	2.89
<b>Proteine modificate</b>				
<b>Nucleotidi</b>	x	x		
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>				
<b>Beta palmitato</b>			x	
<b>Prebiotico</b>				
<b>Probiotico</b>				
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>				

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Pelargon 2</b>	<b>Aptamil 2</b>	<b>Nutrilon 2</b>	<b>Conformil 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	67	74	70	72
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	2.98	2.43	2.57	2.63
<b>Proteine modificate</b>				x
<b>Nucleotidi</b>				
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>				
<b>Beta palmitato</b>				x
<b>Prebiotico</b>		x	x	x
<b>Probiotico</b>	x			
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>	x			

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Milumil 2</b>	<b>Bebilac 2</b>	<b>Miltina 2</b>	<b>Bio-Miltina 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	70	69	76	76
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	2.57	3.04	2.23	2.23
<b>Proteine modificate</b>				
<b>Nucleotidi</b>		x		
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>				
<b>Beta palmitato</b>				
<b>Prebiotico</b>				
<b>Probiotico</b>				
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>				

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Vivena 2</b>	<b>Nipiol</b>	<b>Formulat 2</b>	<b>Formulat 2 pregel</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	71	71	69.5	67
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	2.53	2.53	2.15	2.53
<b>Proteine modificate</b>				
<b>Nucleotidi</b>				
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>			x	x
<b>Beta palmitato</b>				
<b>Prebiotico</b>				
<b>Probiotico</b>				
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>				

<b>X 100 ml</b>	<b>Enfamil Premium 2</b>	<b>Enfamil Pregel Lipil 2</b>
<b>Calorie Kcal</b>	69	68
<b>Prot. g/100kcal</b>	2.60	3.23
<b>Proteine modificate</b>		
<b>Nucleotidi</b>	x	
<b>LC PUFA aggiunti</b>	x	x
<b>Beta palmitato</b>		
<b>Prebiotico</b>		
<b>Probiotico</b>		
<b>Prodotto biologico</b>		

Editorial

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Infant Formulae: From ESPGAN Recommendations Towards  
ESPGHAN-coordinated Global Standards

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..... the present standard of composition of formulae should ensure the best possible nutrition, leading to optimal growth, development and future health.

... Paediatricians should carefully study the composition of any formula, since these standards, and their evolution, will produce formulae with very different characteristics, not just influencing nutrient content but, more importantly, the functional outcomes for infants.



Grazie per l'attenzione!