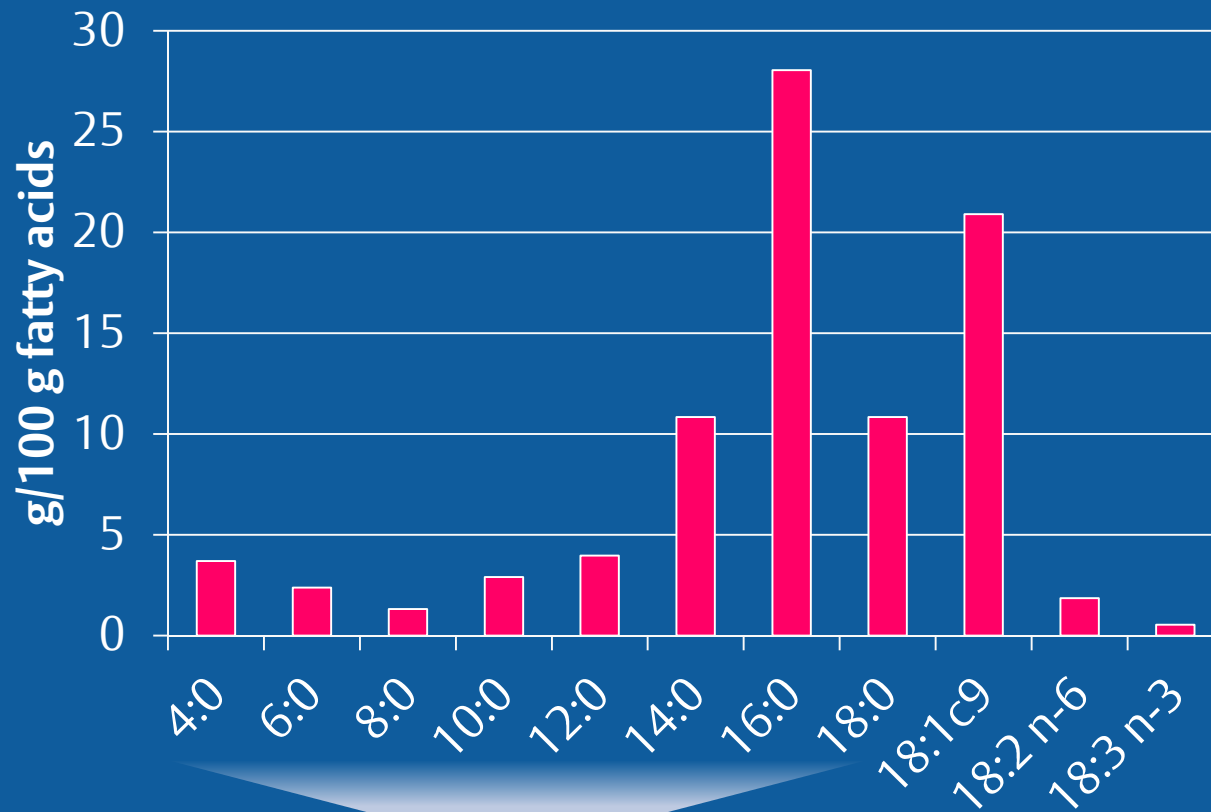


# Reducing saturated fatty acids in dairy products: consequences for milk fat composition

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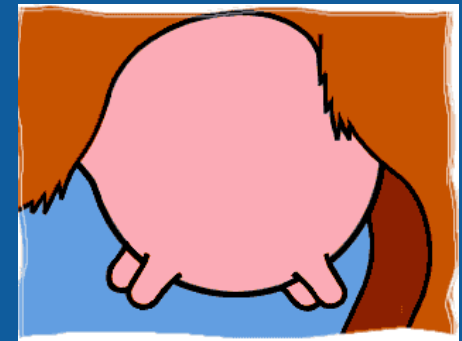
# Fatty acid profile of milk fat



**Saturated fatty acids  
(SFA), ~ 70% total**

# Origins of milk fatty acids

Fatty acids	Fatty acid class	Source
Short chain SFA (4:0 – 10:0)	SFA	Mammary gland (de novo)
Medium chain SFA (12:0-16:0)	SFA	Mammary gland, diet
Long chain SFA ( $\geq$ 18:0)	SFA	Diet, rumen, adipose tissue
<i>cis</i> -MUFA	MUFA	Diet, mammary gland
<i>trans</i> -MUFA	MUFA	Rumen
PUFA	PUFA	Diet, rumen
CLA	PUFA	Rumen, mammary gland

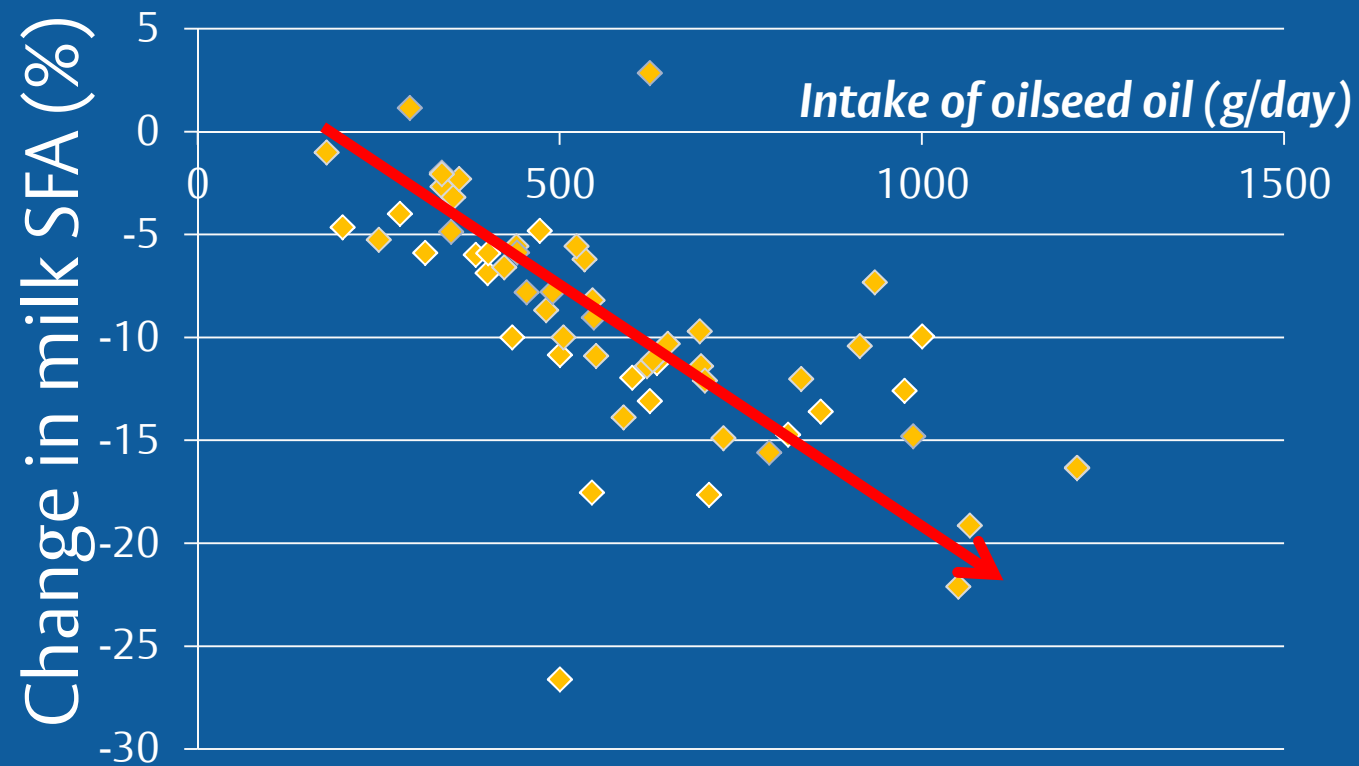


# Dietary strategies to reduce milk SFA

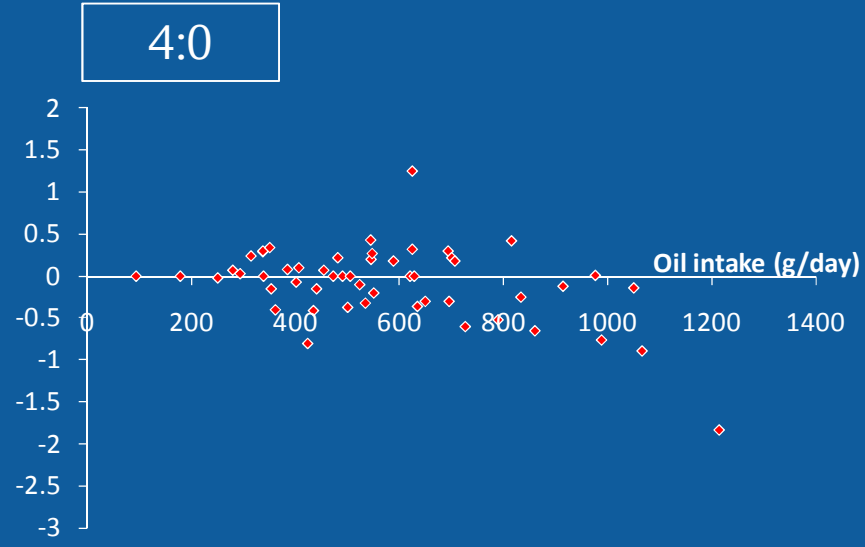
- Basal forage type
- Forage conservation
- Forage:concentrate ratio
- Inclusion of oilseeds



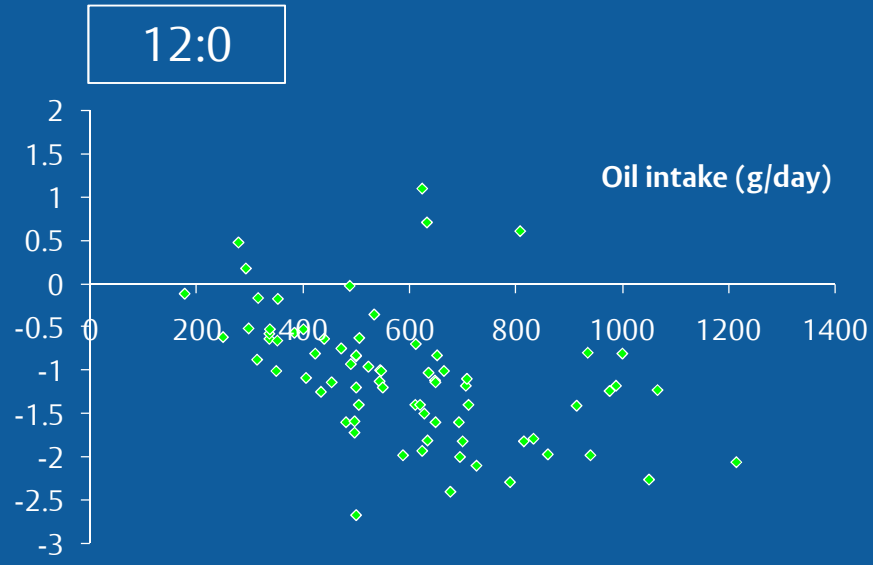
# Effect of oilseeds on milk SFA



Change in fatty acid concentration (g/100 g fatty acids)



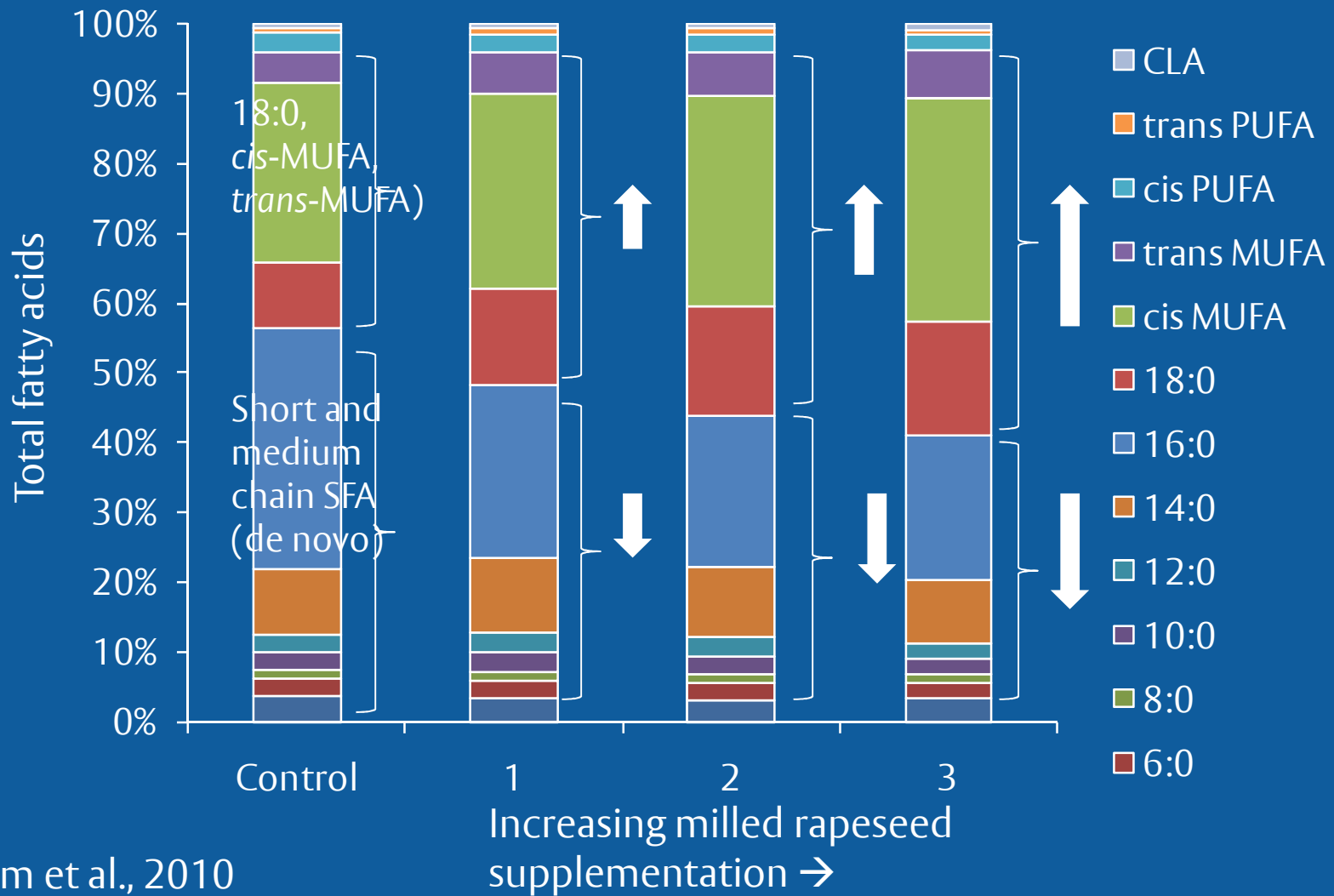
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# Oilseeds and milk fat

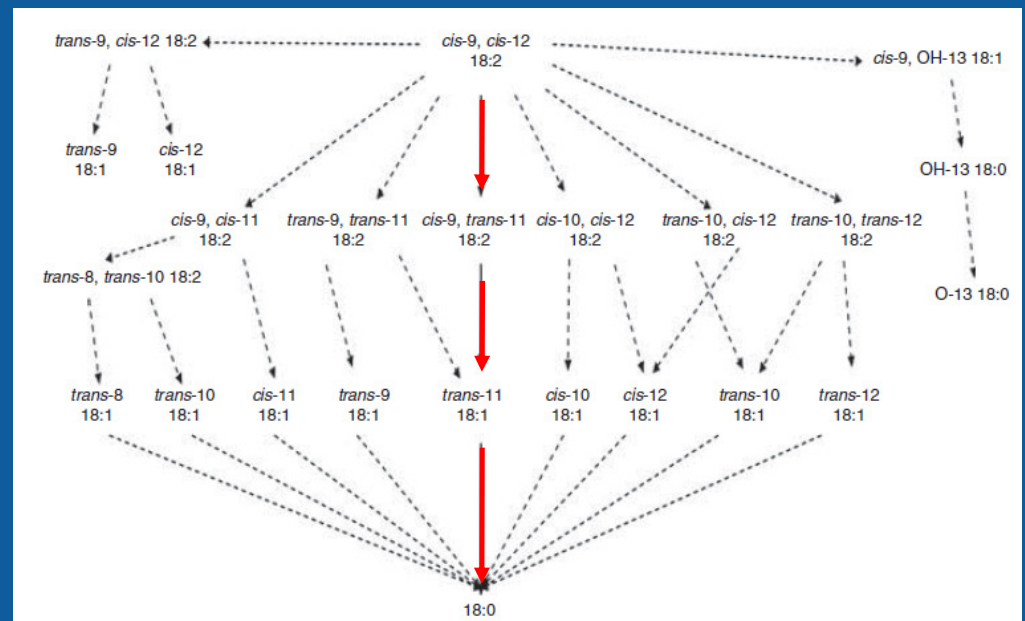
- Generally, supplemental oilseeds (< 1kg oil) do not decrease milk fat %
- Depends on comparative diet
- Also depends on oilseed form (oil vs milled)
- If SFA are decreased, what are they being replaced with?

# What are SFA replaced with?



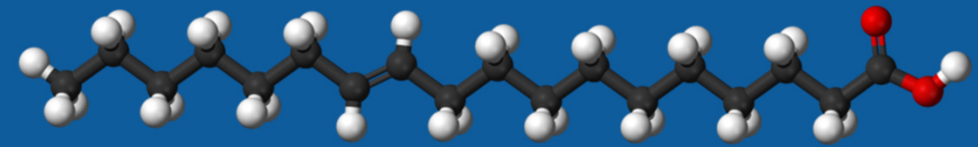
# Why do 18:0, cis-MUFA and *trans* fatty acids increase?

- Rumen biohydrogenation
- Endpoint is 18:0
- Many *trans* intermediates
- Some will be incorporated into milk fat
- Some 18:0 converted to 18:1 *cis*-9 in mammary gland

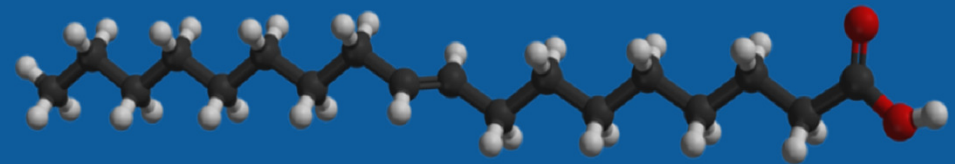
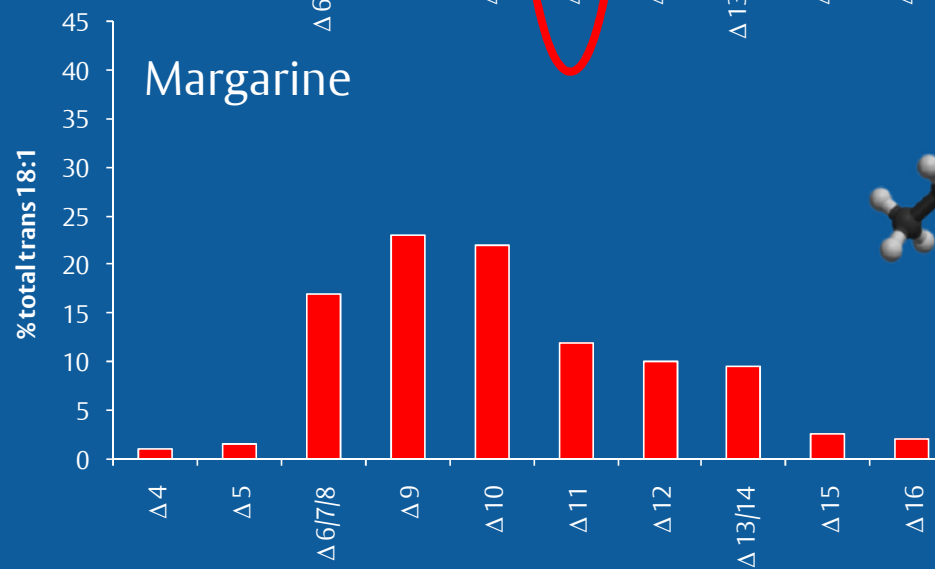


From Shingfield et al., 2010

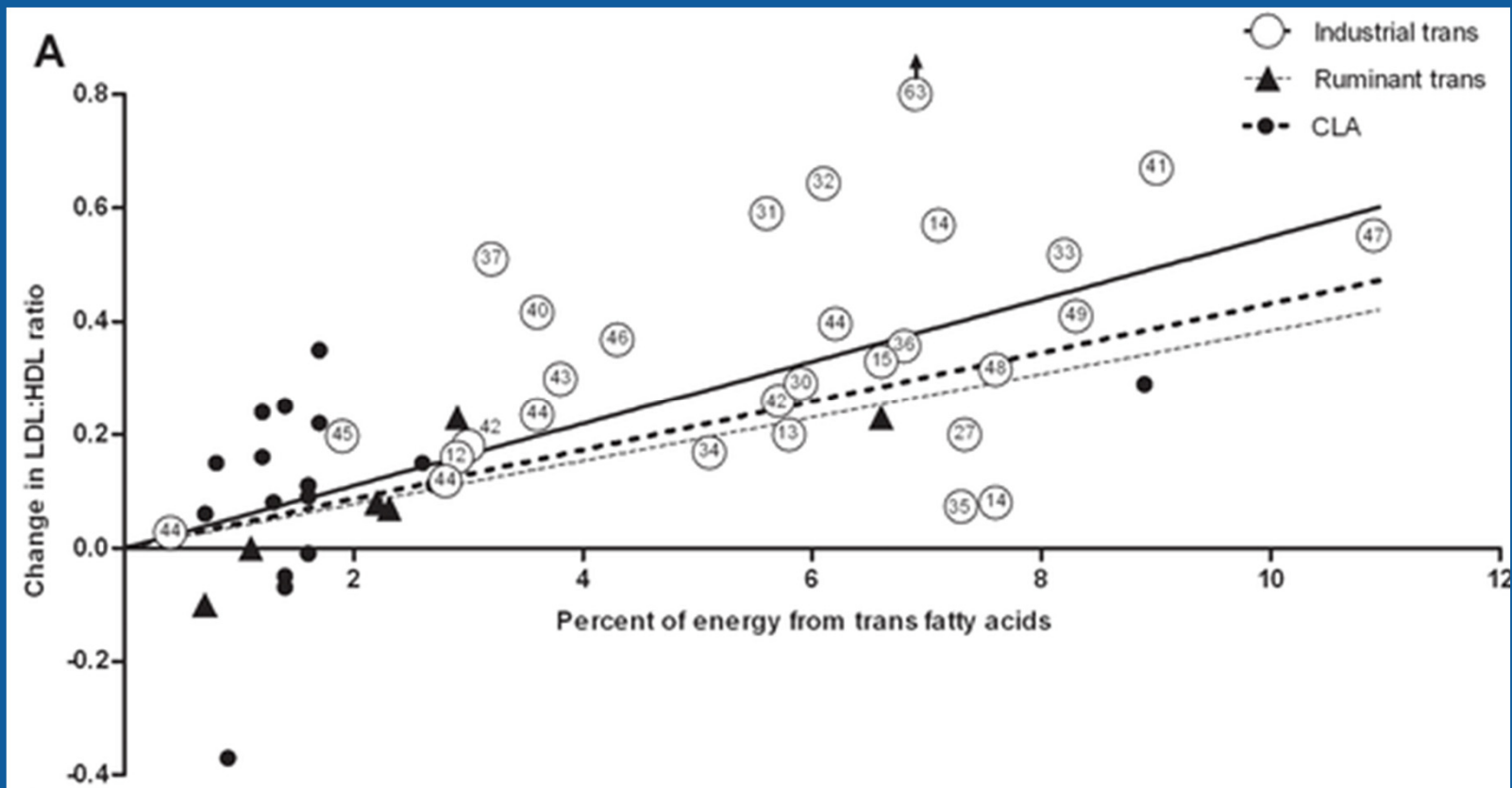
# Ruminant derived *trans* fatty acids



+ 16:1 *trans*, 18:2 *trans*



Results of randomised studies of the effects of diets high in industrial *trans* fatty acids, ruminant *trans* fatty acids or CLA compared with *cis*-unsaturated fatty acids on ratio of LDL:HDL cholesterol.



# Human intervention studies

- ...”moderate intakes of rTFA (well above upper limit of current consumption) have neutral effects on CVD risk factors”

*Motard-Bélanger et al., 2008*

- ...”difficult in the present study to draw a conclusion about the effect of TFA from either source on CVD risk in these normolipidemic subjects”

*Chardigny et al., 2008*

# Animal studies

- ...” results suggest a rather neutral effect of *trans*-11 18:1/CLA butter towards the risk of atherogenesis, whereas *trans*-10 18:1 butter would tend to be detrimental.””

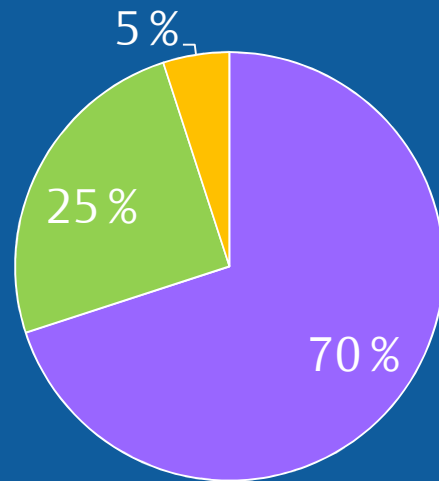
*Bauchart et al., 2007*

- ...”the ratio of potentially atherogenic to antiatherogenic lipoproteins was significantly lower in hamsters fed VA/RA enriched butter than in those fed a control diet or one containing partially hydrogenated vegetable oil”

*Lock et al., 2005*



# Trans fatty acids in milk - the bigger picture

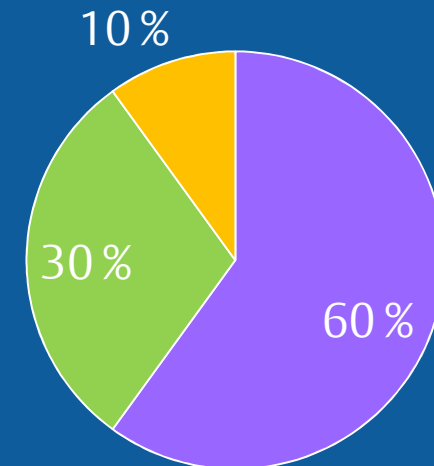


0.8 % EI

- SFA
- Total cis MUFA/PUFA
- Total trans MUFA/PUFA



Total trans as a % of total energy intake



1.0 % EI

**Department of Health maximum recommended intake level = 2 % EI**

(Using mean adult men NDNS figures for 2010)

# But, need to cautious... "SFA + trans"



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