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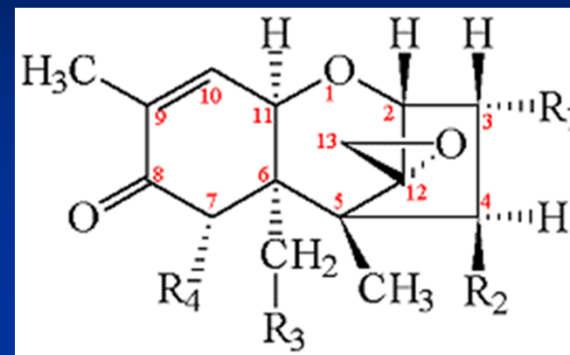
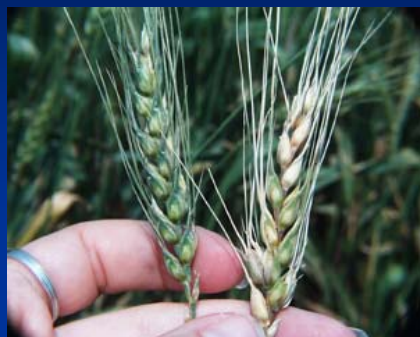
A New Understanding of DON's Mechanisms of Action- Implications for Food Safety and Security

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- Risks posed by DON dependent on population
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Fusarium and the Type B Trichothecenes



- Sesquiterpenoid metabolites (>200)
- DON (“vomitoxin”) is most common
- Bind to ribosome -inhibit translation and activate stress signaling
- Animal and human toxicity

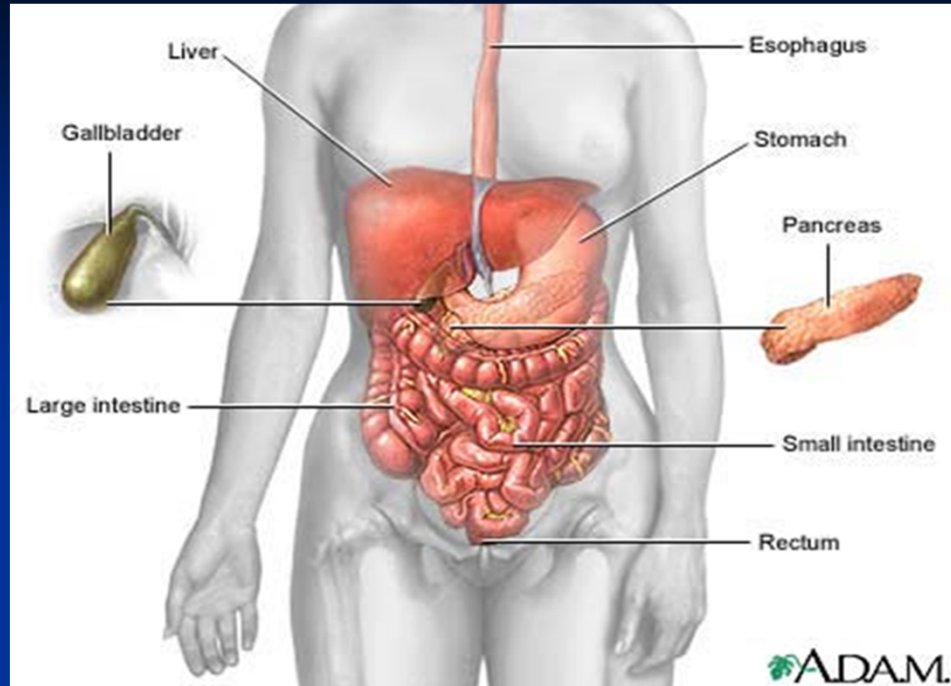
Toxin	Abbr.	R1	R2	R3	R4
Deoxynivalenol	DON	OH	H	OH	OH
3-Acetyl Deoxynivalenol	3ADON	OAc	H	OH	OH
15-Acetyl Deoxynivalenol	15ADON	OH	H	OAc	OH
Nivalenol	NIV	OH	OH	OH	OH
Fusarenon X	FX	OH	OAc	OH	OH

Trichothecenes Associated with Human Gastroenteritis Outbreaks

- USSR (1930's - 1940's)
- Japan, Korea (1940's - 1960's)
- India - Kashmir Valley (1987)
- China (1960s-1990's)



DON and Other Trichothecenes Target GI Function



Acute

Anorexia
Nausea
Vomiting

Chronic

Growth suppression
Weight loss

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Female						
0.00	36	41.54	6.26	22	4.48	0.25
1.00	42	38.71	4.73	24	4.44	0.23
5.00	37	33.76*	3.92	23	4.46	0.26
10.00	38	28.55*	2.08	25	4.34	0.24
Male						
0.00	37	43.85	2.69	24	4.30	0.16
1.00	35	43.51	2.86	24	4.28	0.17
5.00	43	40.03*	3.00	25	4.05*	0.17
10.00	42	35.09*	2.56	25	3.95*	0.24

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Iverson et. al., 1995. Teratog Carcinog Mutagen.
Canady et. al. 2001. JECFA47 Report.

Current Allowable Levels

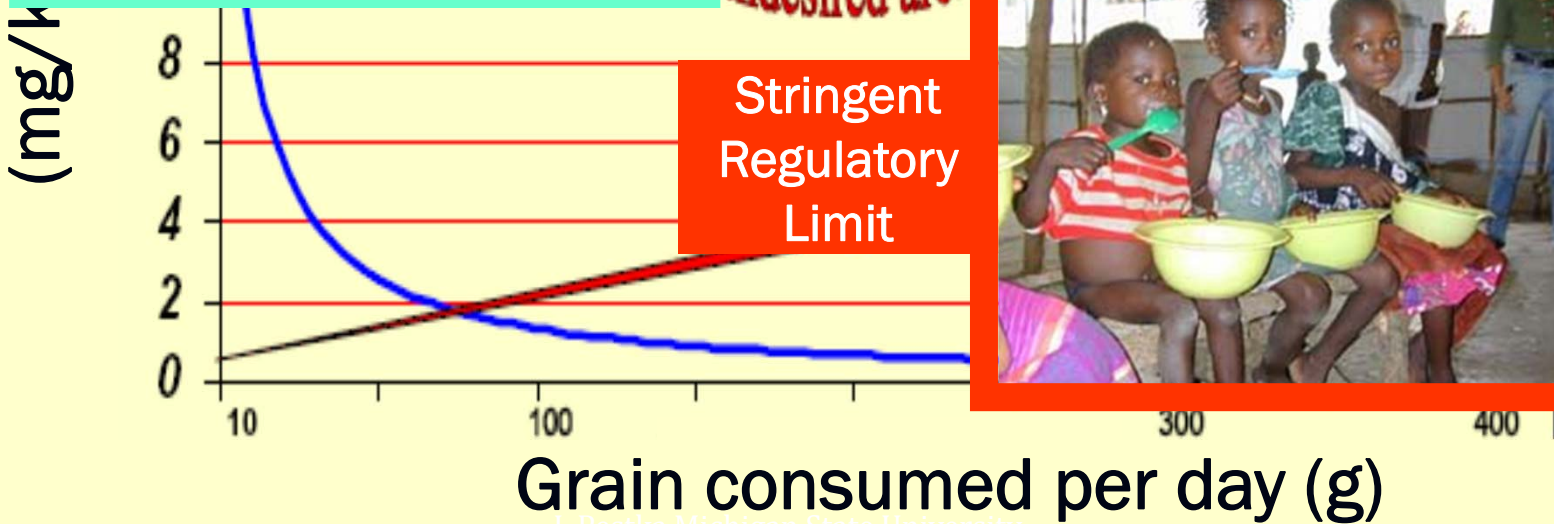
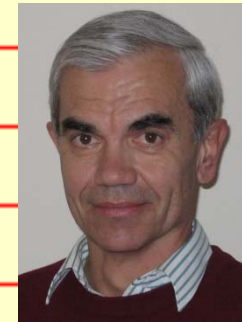
United States: FDA	European Union
Guidance Limit	Maximum Level
1000 µg/ kg grain Processed Products	200 - 1250 µg/ kg grain Processed to Unprocessed Products
No Tolerable Daily Intake	TDI = NOEL x Uncertainty Factor TDI = 100 µg/kg bw x (1/10) x (1/10) = 1 µg/kg bw
No Published Risk Assessment	Based on Iverson et. al (1995) and JECFA TDI with X Uncertainty Factor

Consumption Data Determine Mycotoxin Regulatory Limits

Hypothetical Regulatory Limit



Modest
Regulatory
Limit



Grain consumed per day (g)

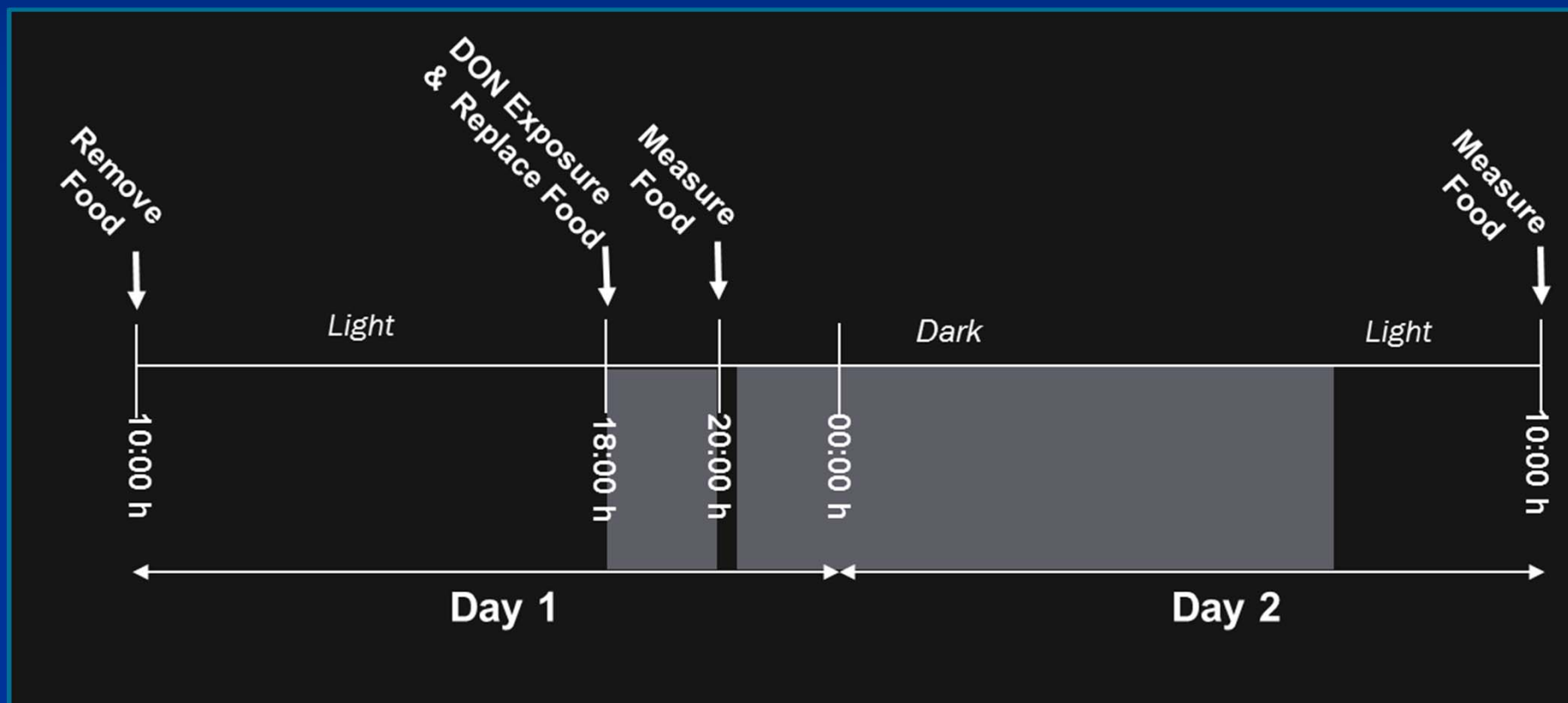
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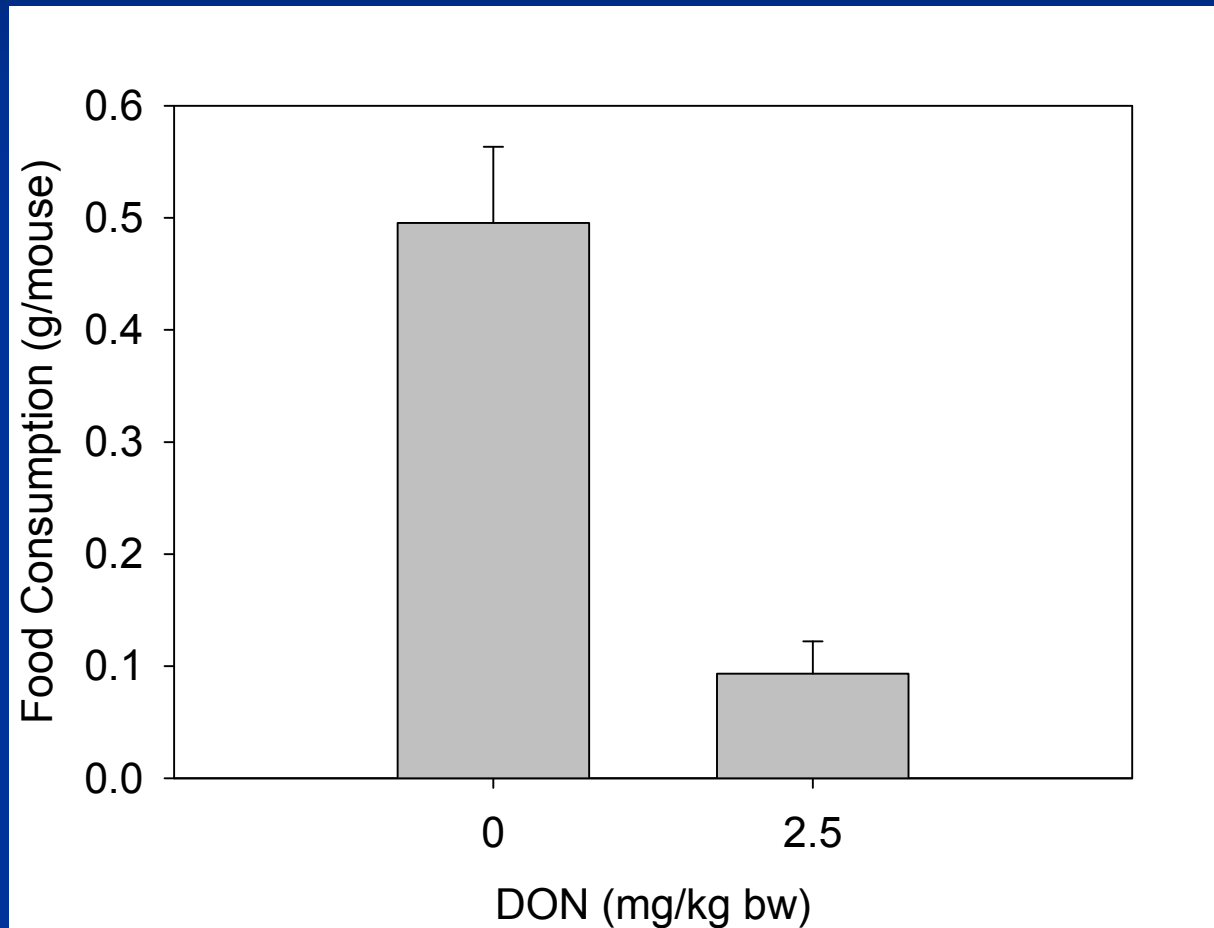
- Establish reliable animal models for DON toxicity
 - Anorexia – Mouse
 - Emesis – Mink
- Determine toxicologic potencies of Type B trichothecenes
- Elucidate mechanisms for DON-induced anorexia and emesis

Model 1: Anorexia (Mouse)

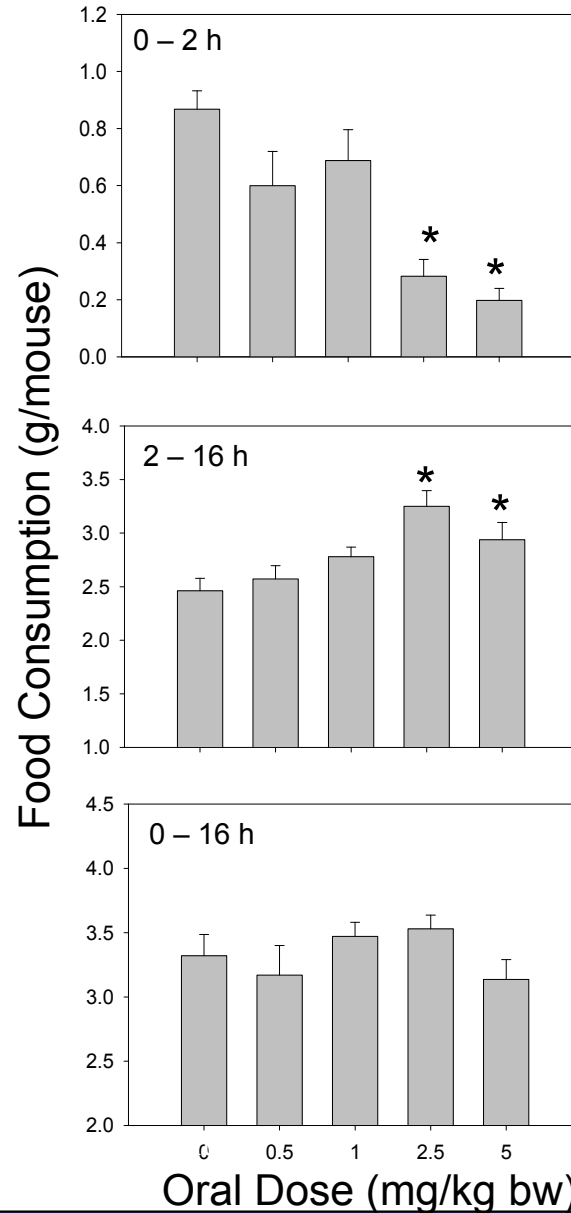
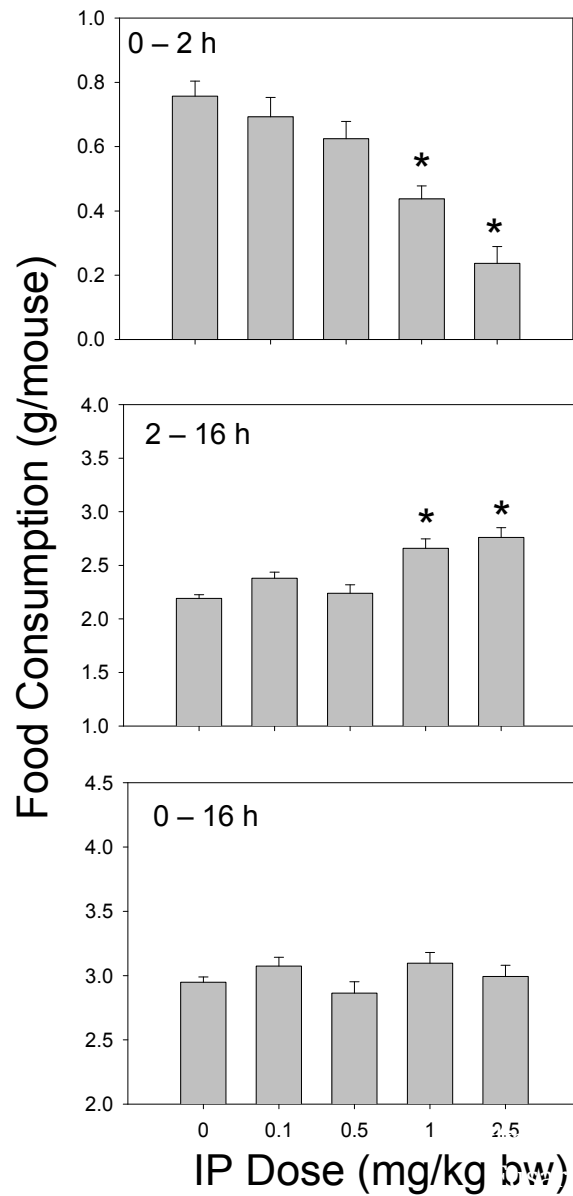


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DON-induced anorexia occurs rapidly- 30 min

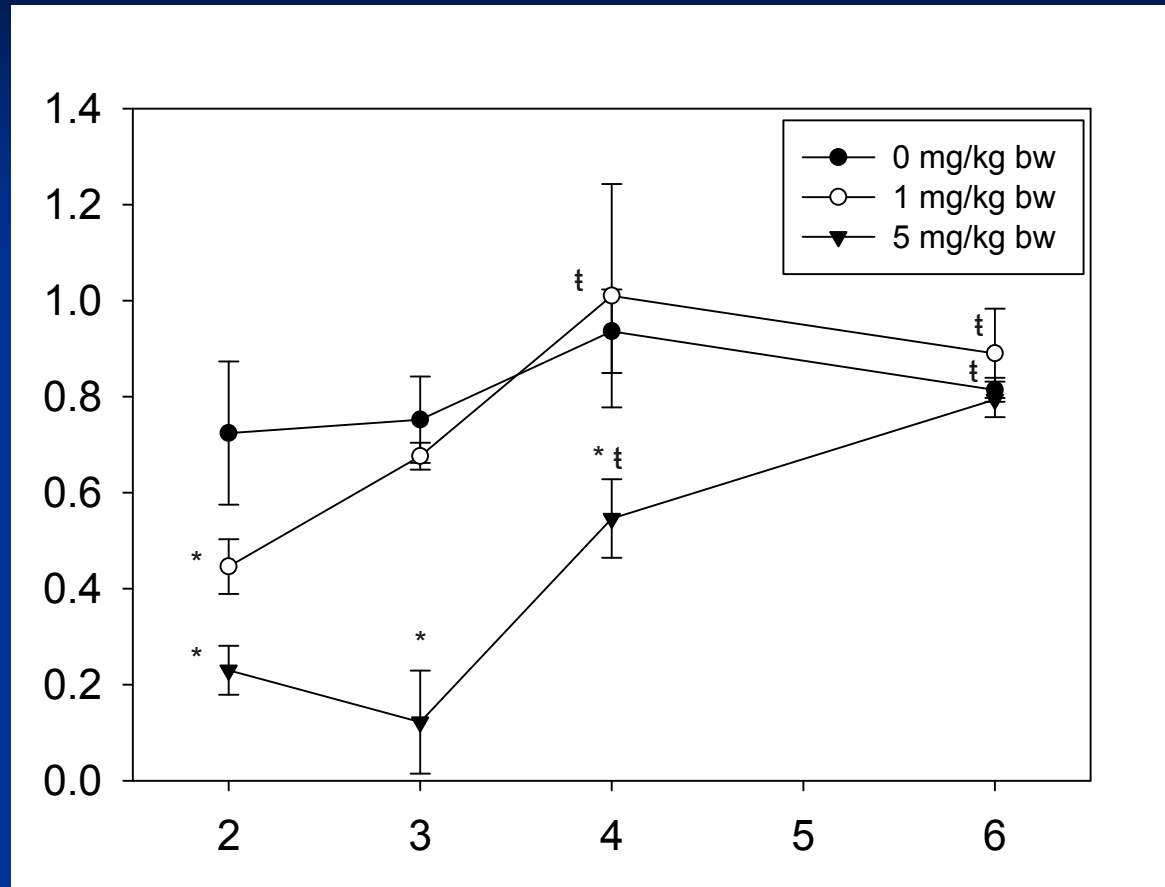


DON-induced anorexia is transient



DON-Induced Anorexia is Reversible

Food Consumption (g/mouse)



Time After DON Exposure (h)

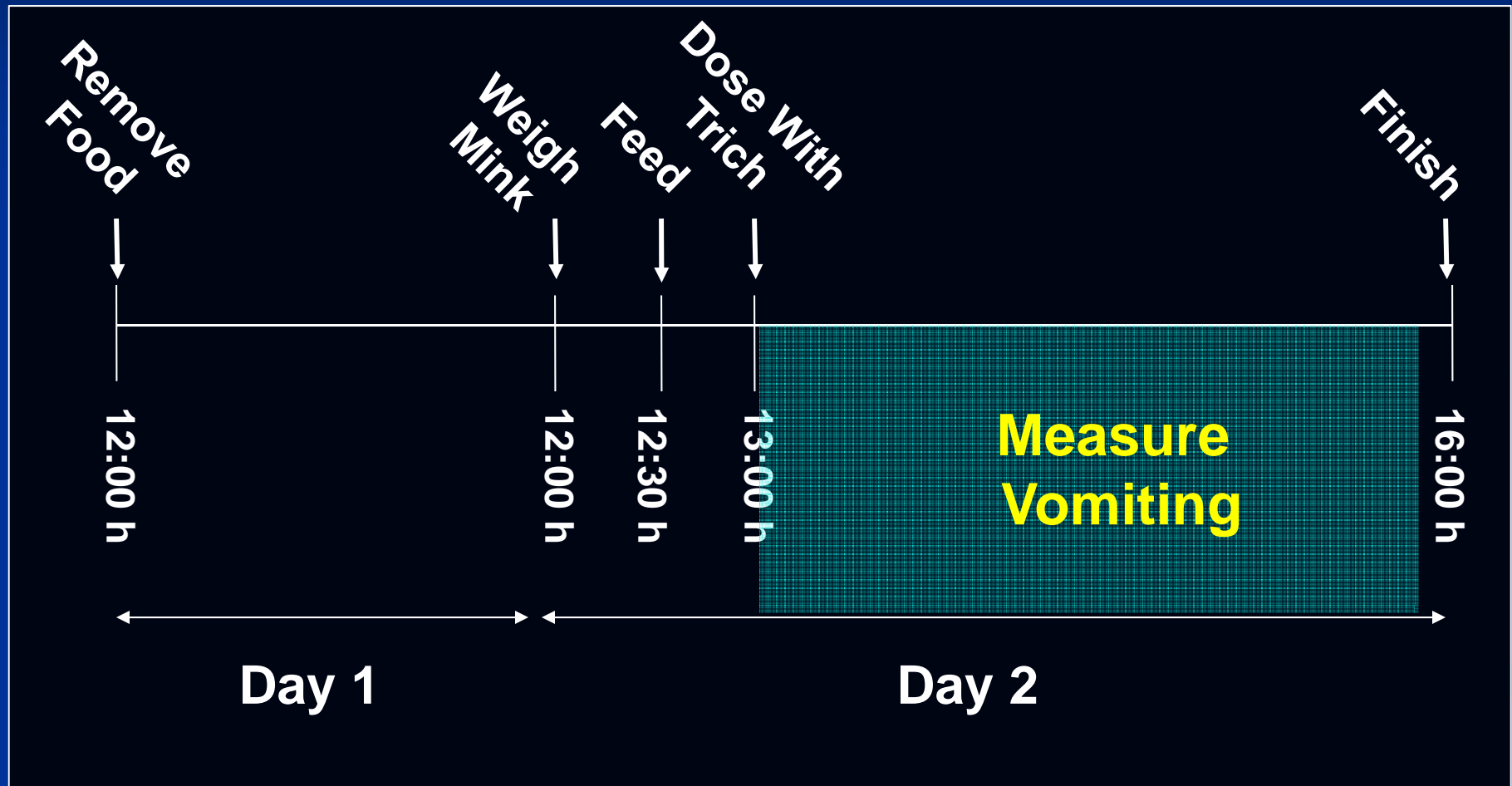
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Comparative Anorectic Effects of 8-Ketotrichothecenes in Mouse Model (2 h)

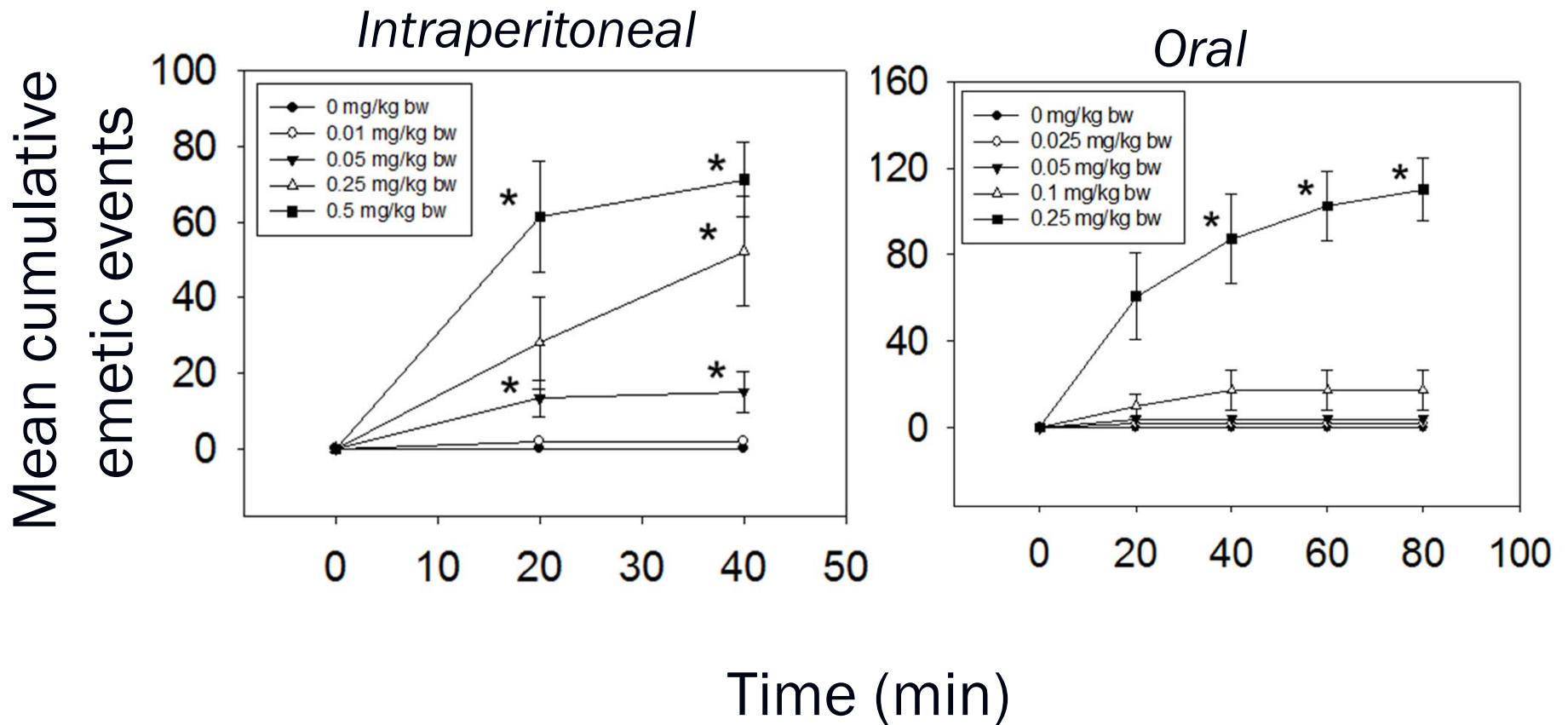
TOXIN	IP		ORAL	
	NOAEL	LOAEL	NOAEL	LOAEL
DON	0.5	1	1	2.5
3-ADON	0.5	1	1	2.5
15-ADON	0.5	1	1	2.5

- NOAEL = no observed adverse effect level
- LOAEL = lowest observed adverse effect level

Model 2: Emesis- Mink



DON-induced Emesis in Mink: Kinetics and Dose Response



Comparison of Emetic Responses Type B Trichothecene Oral Exposure

Toxin	Dose (mg/kg bw)	No. of animals	Duration of emesis (min)	Emetic events
Control	0	0/30	-	-
DON	0.01	0/6	-	-
	0.05	5/6	16.2±1.8	15±5.3
	0.25	6/6	23.3±2	52.3±14.7*
	0.5	6/6	25.7±4.4	71.3±10.1*
15-ADON	0.01	0/6	-	-
	0.1	5/6	21.3±4.1	11.2±3.9
	0.5	6/6	21.7±2.5	29.5±5.5*
	1	6/6	31.3±5	32±6.6*
3-ADON	0.05	0/6	-	-
	0.25	1/6	63±0	2±2
	0.5	5/6	65.2±7.9	20±9
	1	6/6	66±9.3	78.5±13.5*

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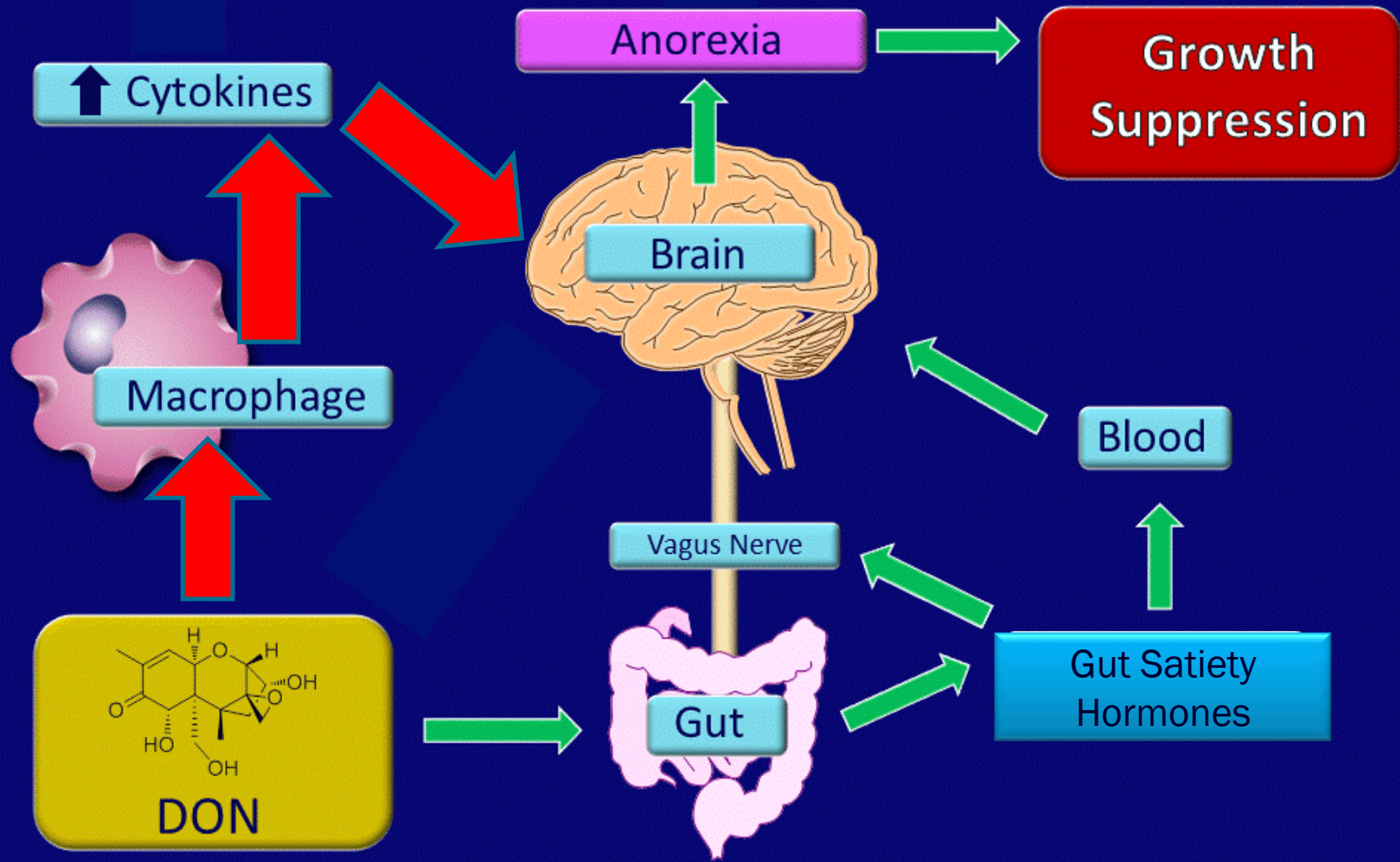
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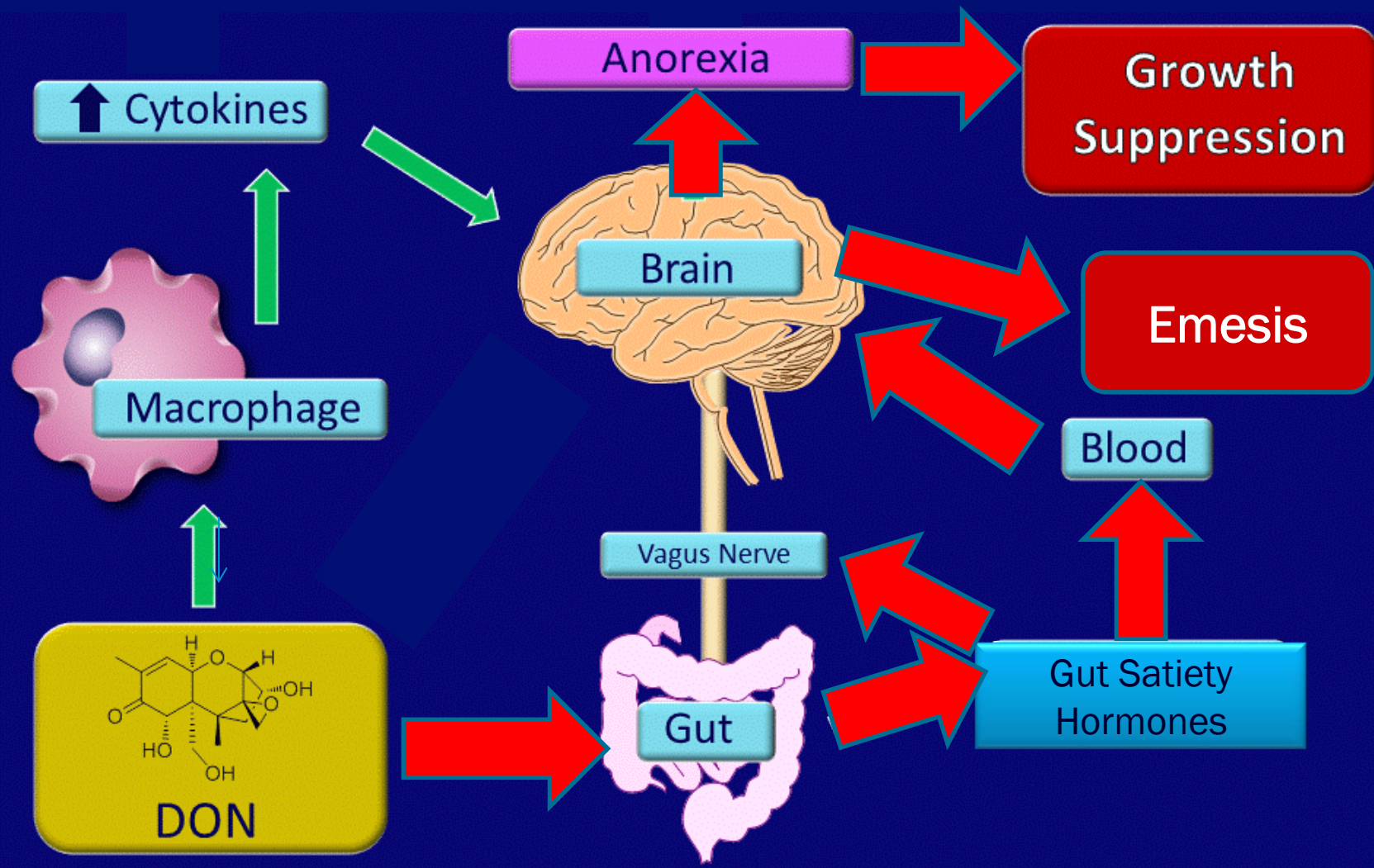
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What causes DON-induced anorexia and growth suppression?

- Proinflammatory Cytokines
- Gut satiety hormones





Vomitoxin- Friend or Foe?

Anorexia
(bad)



Satiety
(good)

Can DON or its analogues
be used to treat obesity?

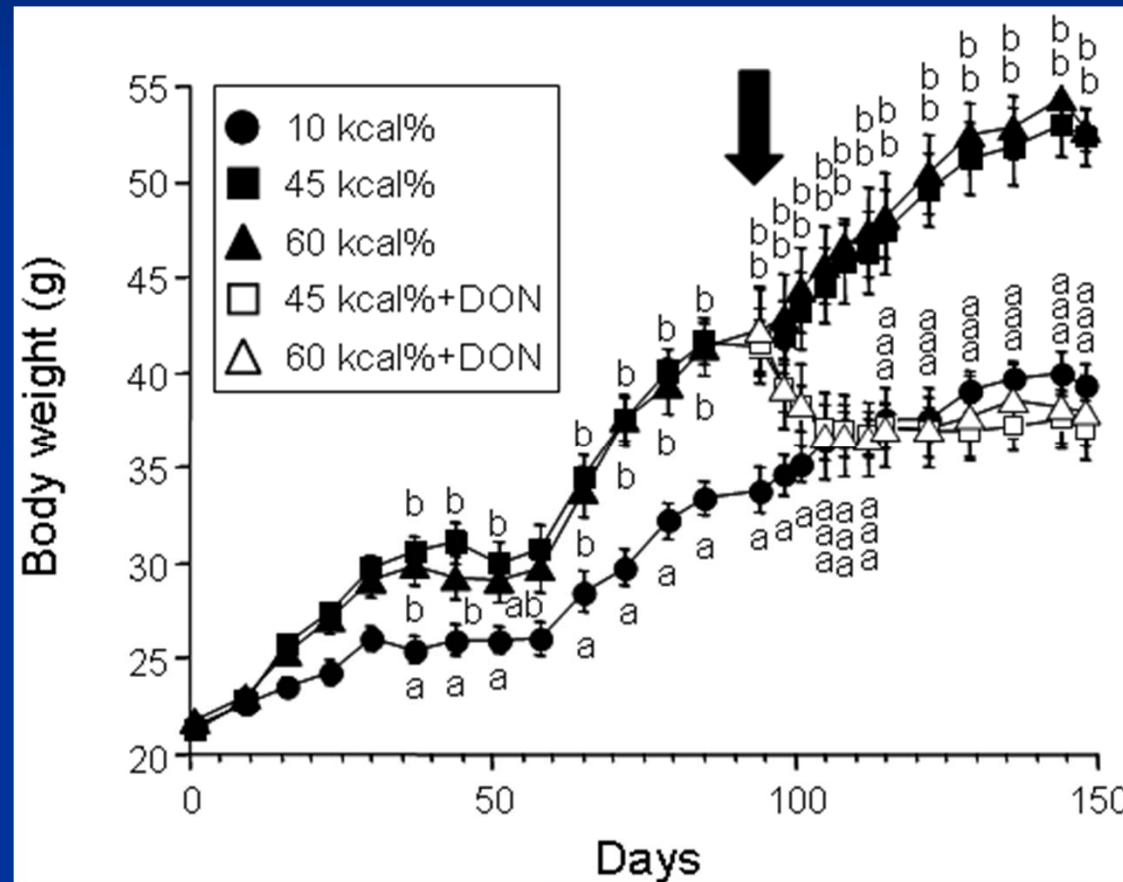


Paracelsus (1493–1541)

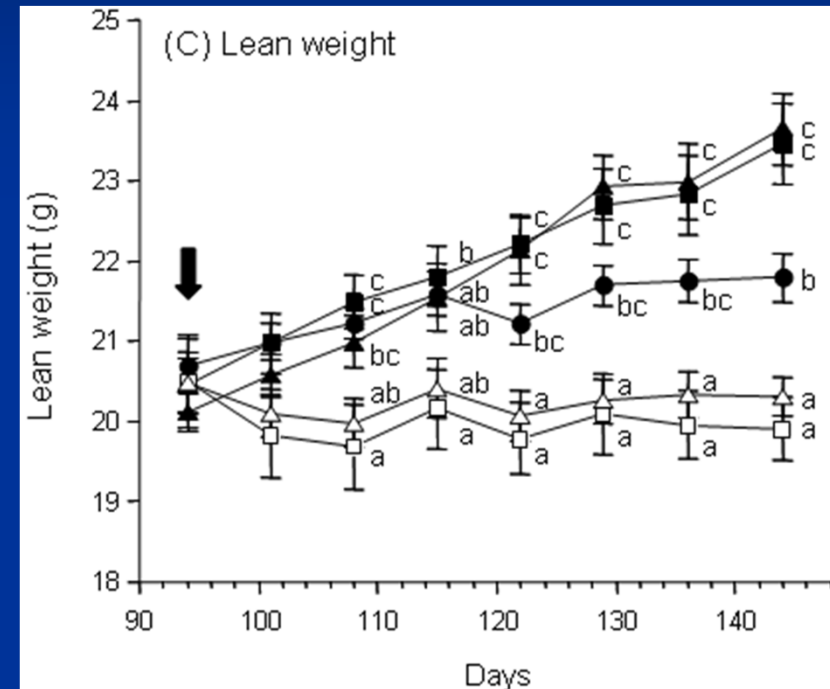
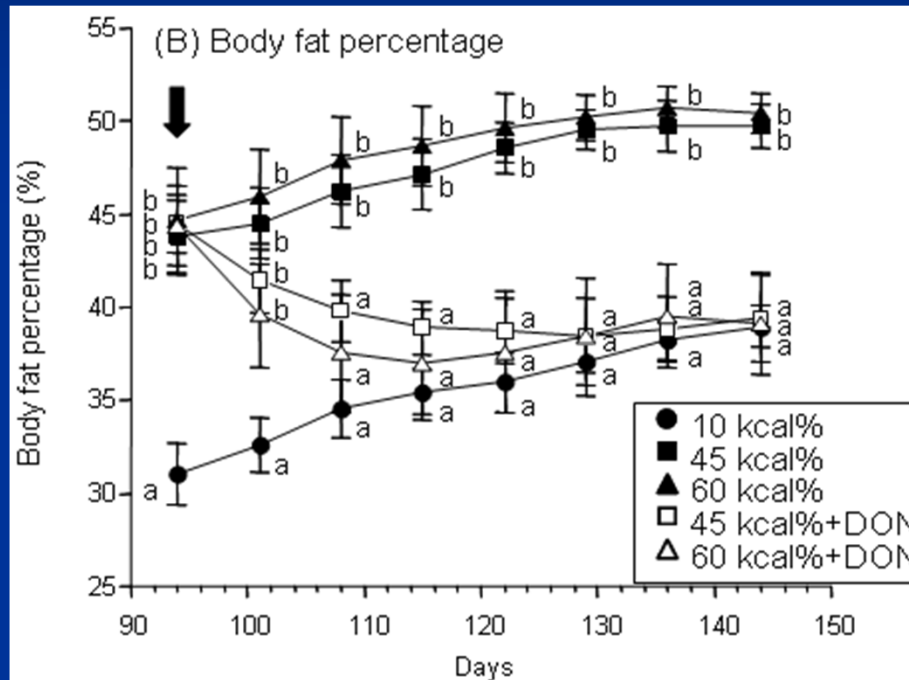
- “All substances are poisons; there is none which is not a poison. The right dose differentiates the poison from a remedy.”



DON impairs food intake and induces weight loss in HF diet-induced obese mice



DON induces body fat loss without lean weight loss in HF diet-induced obese mice



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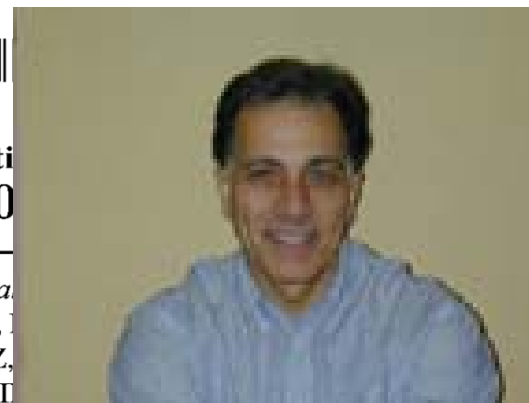
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**NOVEL MULTI-RING ORGANIC COMPOUNDS
FOR REGULATING GUT MOTILITY AND FOOD INTAKE**

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GENERAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

This invention is generally in the field of treating obesity and regulating food intake. In particular, this invention relates to compositions and methods for regulating gut motility and treating obesity using novel multi-ring organic compounds.

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Towards Science-Based Risk Assessment

- Develop toxicologic equivalency factors for Type B trichothecenes and metabolites
- Determine potential susceptibility factors (age, gender, genetics) in emesis
- Elucidate mechanisms for gut satiety hormone induction

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