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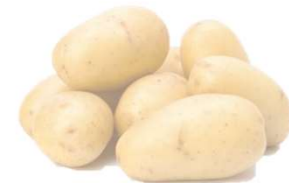


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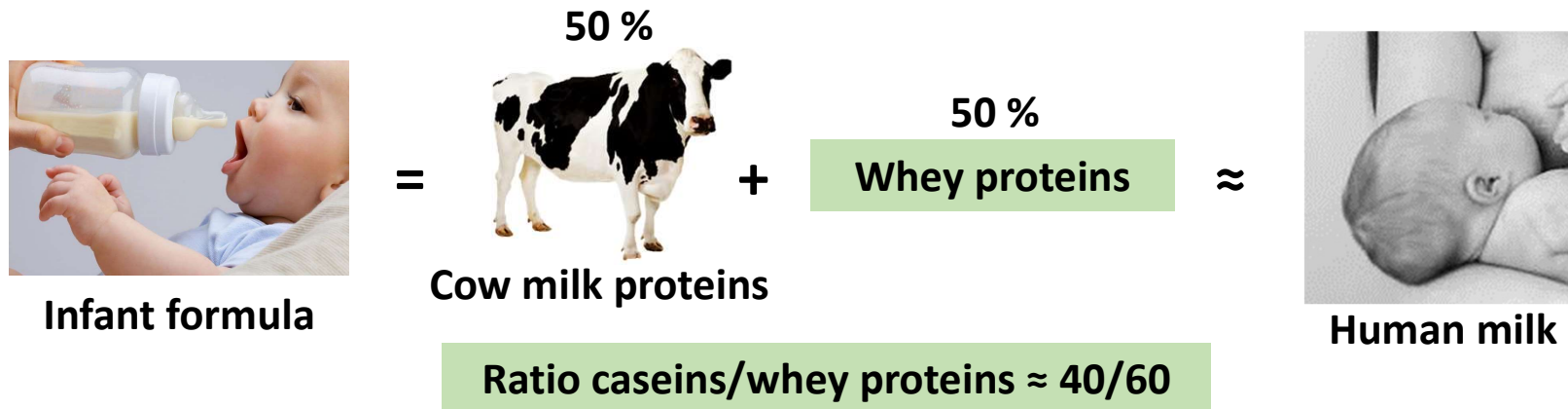
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Protein composition

INFANT AND FOLLOW-ON FORMULAS

	 Cow milk	 Human milk
Protein (g/100 ml)	3.3	0.9-1.7
Caseins (%)	80	32-42
Whey proteins (%)	20	53-66



(Chatterton et al. 2013; Le H rou-Luron et al. 2018)





ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN SOURCES

Algae



50-70% protein

Legume



20-40 % protein

Oilseed



13-35 % protein

Cereal



7-15 % protein

Tuber



1-3 % protein



- Valuable nutritional properties
- Interesting functional properties



- Limiting in one or more EAA
- Digestibility lowered by antinutritional compounds
- Source of food allergens
- Off-flavors, color defaults

Context

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1. Selection

2. Manufacturing

3. Digestion

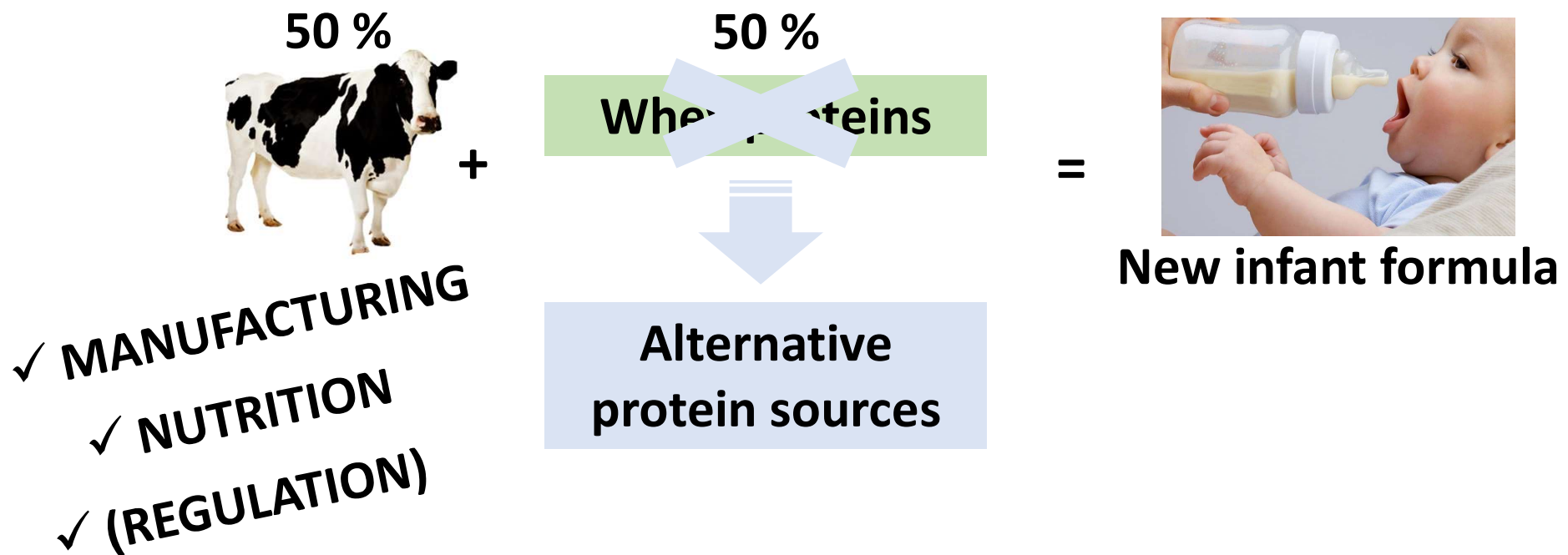
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OBJECTIVE

Research question:

How do **alternative protein sources** influence the functional properties and the digestibility of infant formulas ?



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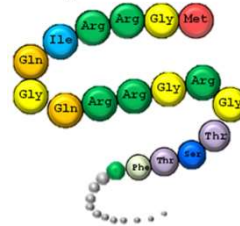
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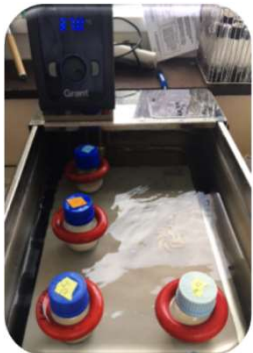
STRATEGY

Alternative protein selection

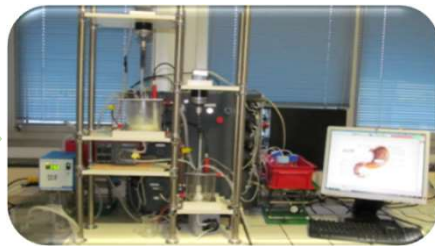


Essential amino acid profile

Infant formula Digestion



In vitro static digestion



In vitro dynamic digestion

Infant formula Manufacturing



Pilot scale



Semi-industrial scale

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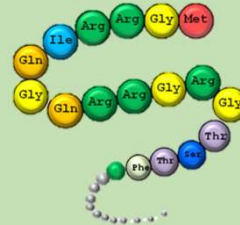
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Alternative protein selection



Essential amino acid profile

Which protein sources would be suitable to replace whey proteins in infant formulas ?

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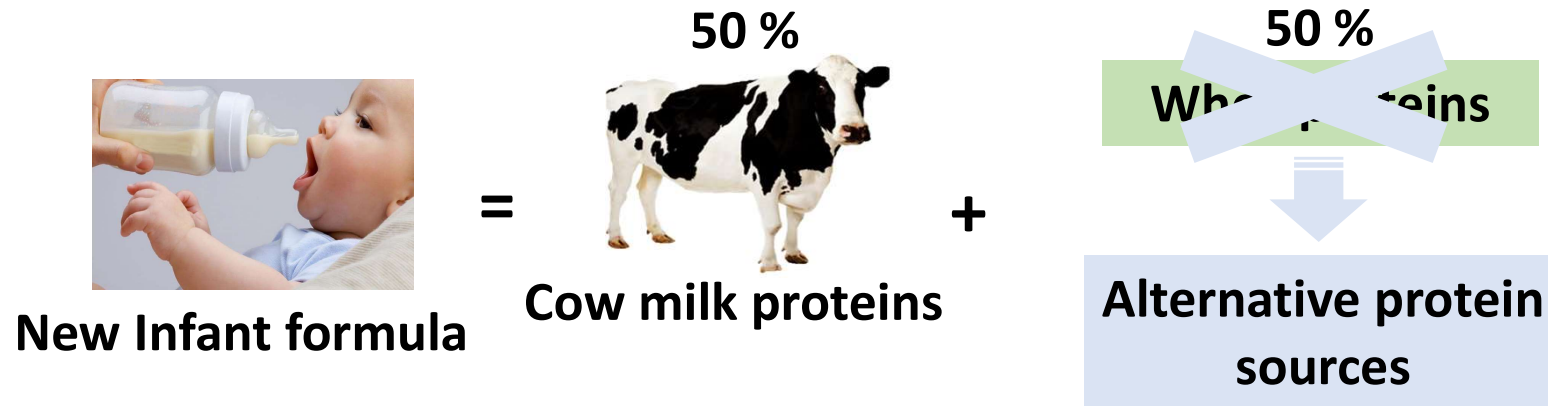
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SELECTION OF PROTEINS



(50 % x Cow milk proteins) + (50 % x Alternative protein)

$$\text{PDCAAS-like score (\%)} = \frac{\text{limiting EAA of (New infant formula)}}{\text{limiting EAA of the Reference}} \times \text{Protein digestibility} \times 100$$



Cow milk infant formula

From literature data
(*in vivo*, *in vitro*...)

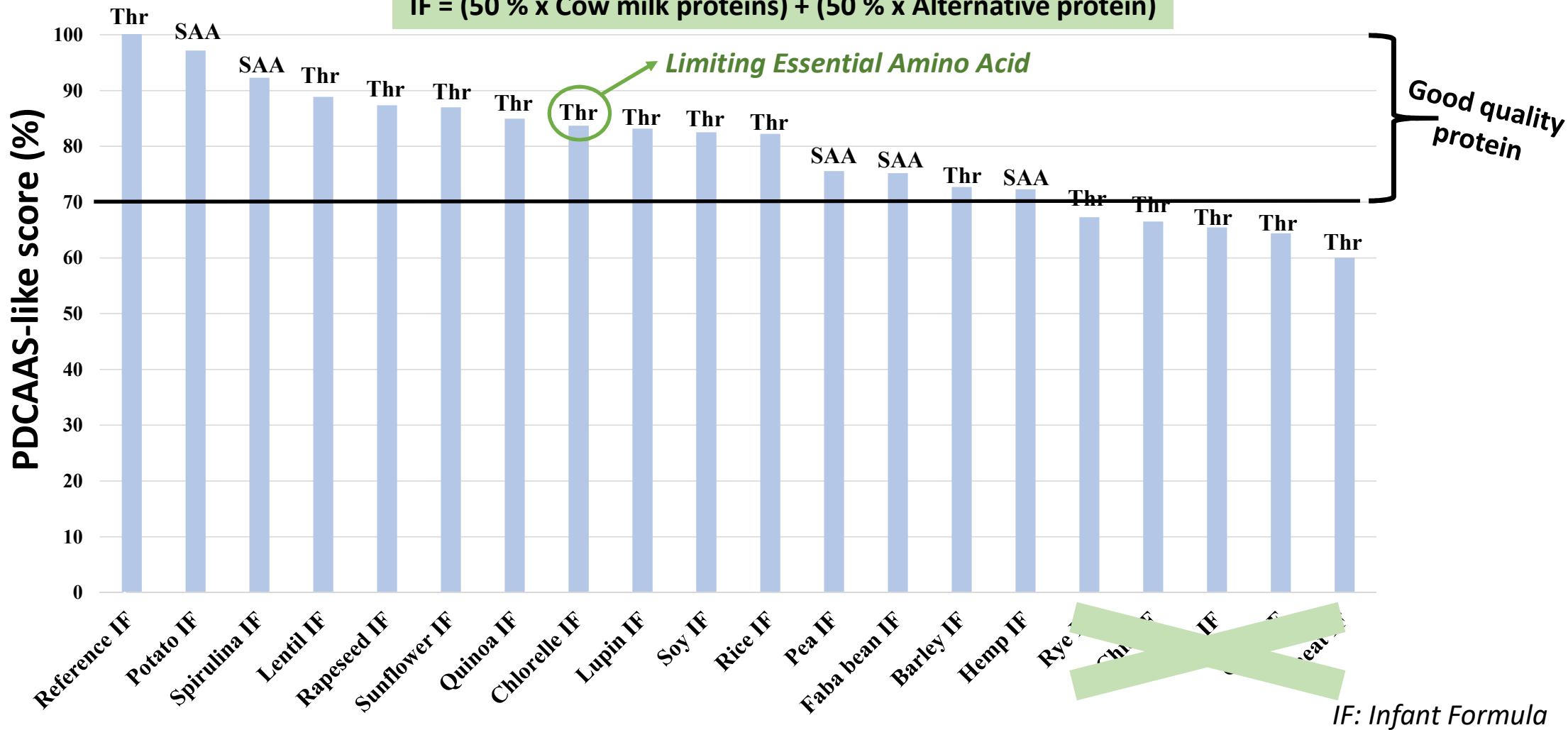
EAA: essential amino acid



Nutrition

SELECTION OF PROTEINS

IF = (50 % x Cow milk proteins) + (50 % x Alternative protein)



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SELECTION OF PLANT PROTEINS

Protein sources nutritionally adapted to the infant needs

14 sources / 19 sources

Barley, Rice, Quinoa, Rapeseed, Sunflower, Faba bean, Lentil, Lupin,
Pea, Soya bean, Potato, Chlorella, Spirulina, Hemp



Without allergens

11 sources

~~Barley~~, Rice, Quinoa, Rapeseed, Sunflower, Faba bean, Lentil, ~~Lupin~~,
Pea, ~~Soya bean~~, Potato, Chlorella, Spirulina, Hemp



Without organoleptic defaults

9 sources

Rice, Quinoa, Rapeseed, Sunflower, Faba bean, Lentil,
Pea, Potato, Chlorella, ~~Spirulina~~, ~~Hemp~~



Available in purified form

4 plant proteins

Pea

Faba bean

Rice

Potato



vs

Whey
proteins

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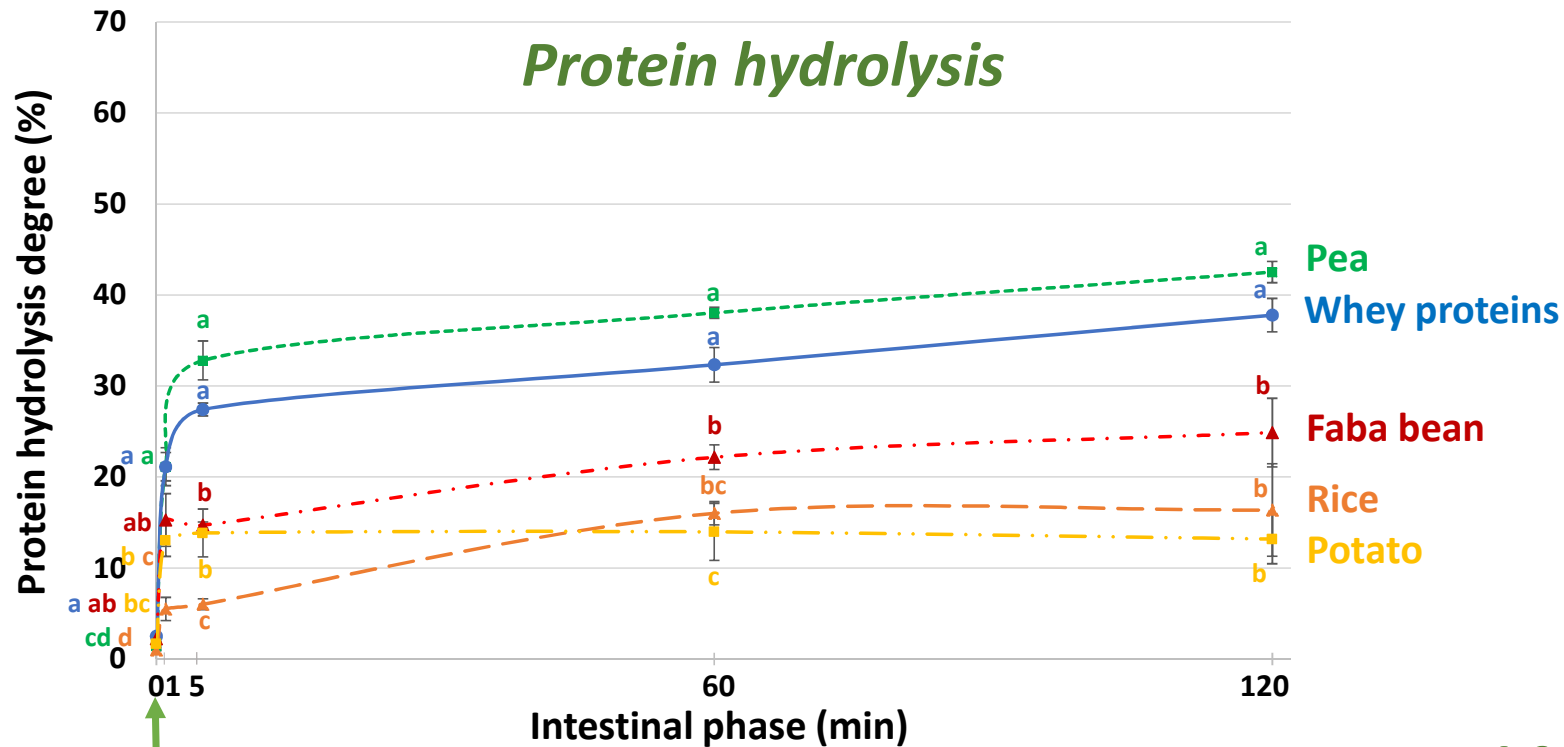
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Protein hydrolysis



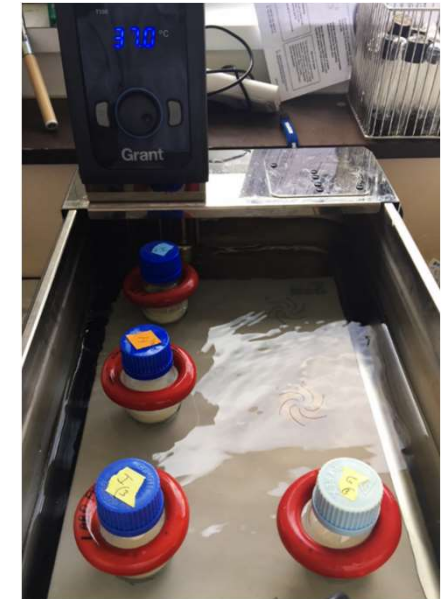
End of gastric phase
proteolysis < 3%

Antinutritional factor

	Control	Reference	Pea	Faba bean	Rice	Potato
Trypsin activity (U/mg)	105.1 ± 5.0 ^a	108.5 ± 0.9 ^a	108.6 ± 0.5 ^a	109.2 ± 3.4 ^a	107.4 ± 1.1 ^a	24.1 ± 2.8 ^b

In vitro static digestion
infant conditions

(Ménard et al. 2018)



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Alternative protein selection



- *In vitro* digestion → **Pea** close to the **Reference** but **Potato** poorly digested due to ANF

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How do protein sources affect the manufacturing and the functional properties of infant formulas?

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Pilot scale



Semi-industrial scale

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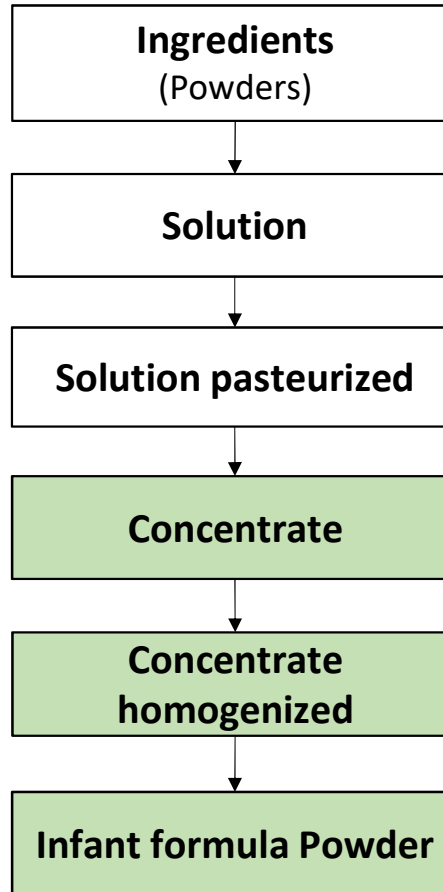
MANUFACTURING



Pilot scale



Scale-up



Semi-industrial scale



Concentration
70 kg/h

Homogenization
Low
pressure

Spray-drying
High
temperature

Concentration
280 kg/h

Homogenization
Low pressure High
pressure

Spray-drying
High temperature Low
temperature



Evaporation capacity
90 kg/h

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MANUFACTURING

SOLUBILIZATION (S)

PASTEURIZATION (P)

CONCENTRATION (C)

HOMOGENEIZATION (H)

SPRAY DRYING

INFANT FORMULA

Solubility limits

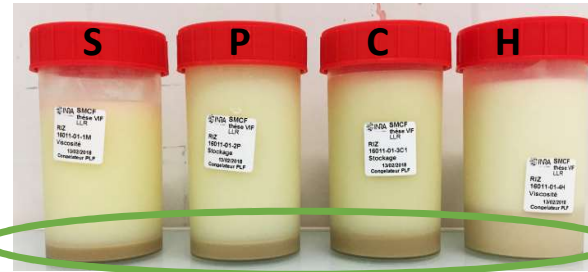
Rice infant formula

Faba bean infant formula

Viscosity limits



Potato infant formula



*Evaporation capacity
3-5 kg/h*

Reference IF

Potato IF

Rice IF

Pea IF

Faba bean IF

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SCALE-UP



Reference IF

Pea IF

Faba bean IF

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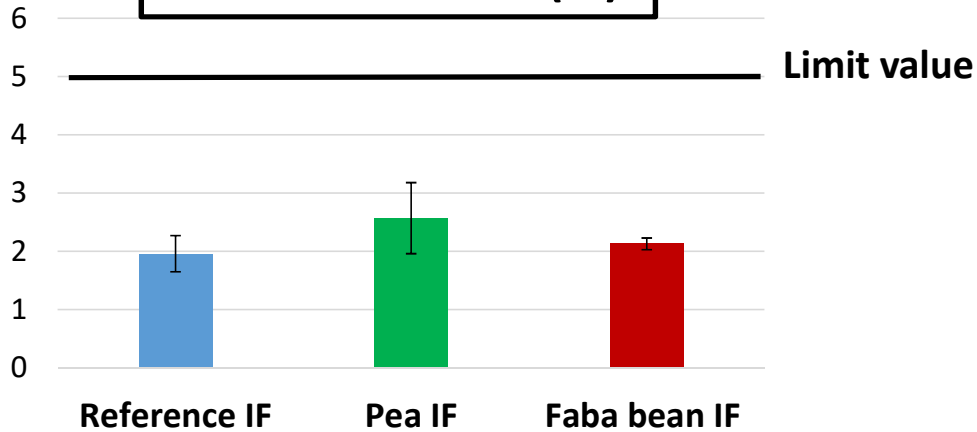
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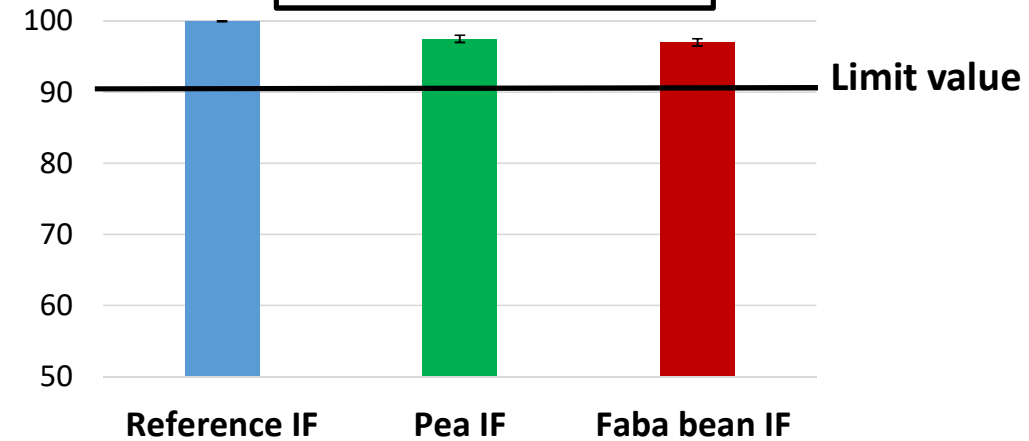
Functionalities

MANUFACTURING

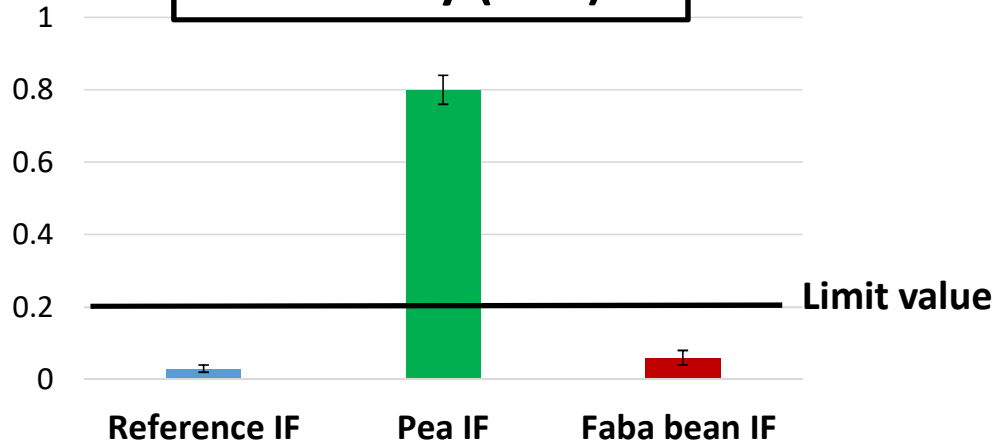
Free fat release (%)



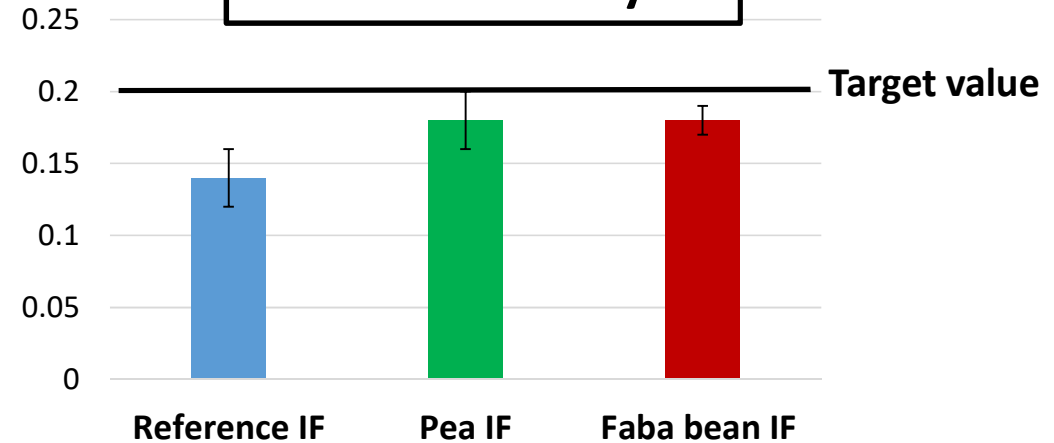
Solubility (%)



Viscosity (Pa.s)



Water activity



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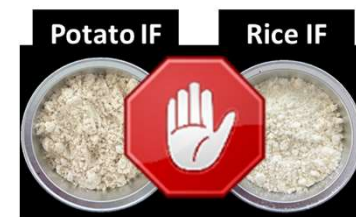
Plant proteins partially replacing dairy proteins greatly influence infant formula functionalities

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Infant formula Manufacturing



Solubility and
Viscosity limits

Protein aggregates in
Pea IF and **Faba bean IF**
compared to the
Reference IF

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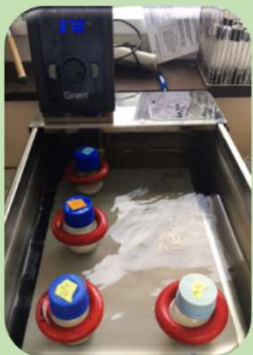
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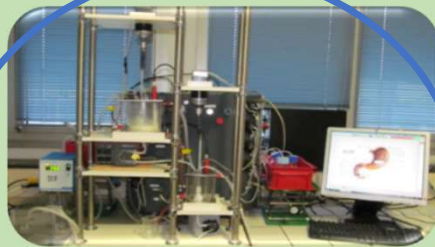
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How do protein sources affect the digestibility of infant formulas?

Infant formula Digestion



In vitro static digestion



In vitro dynamic digestion

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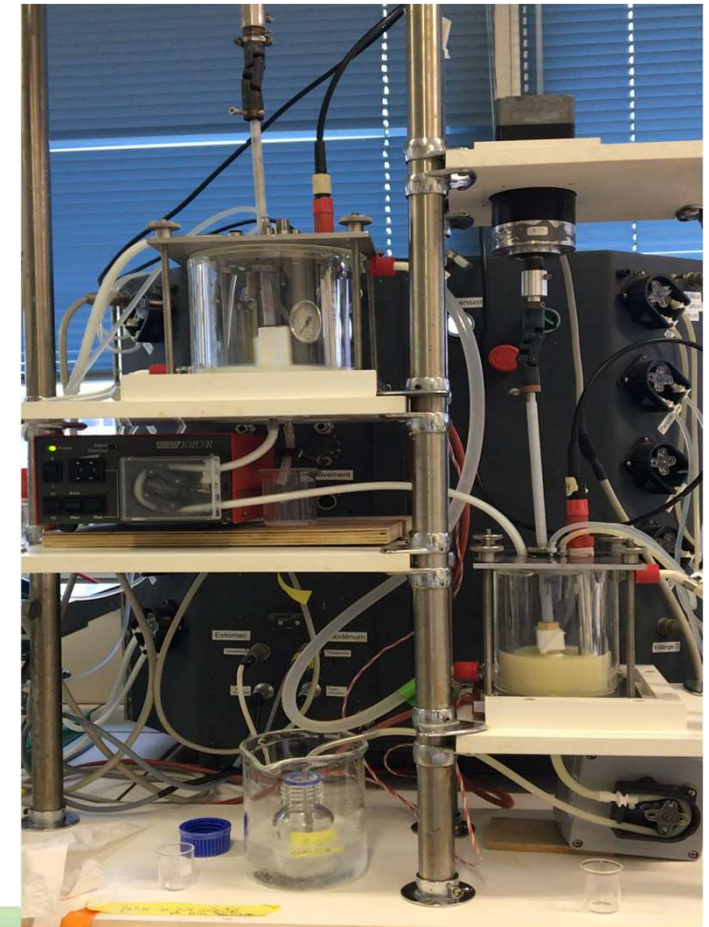
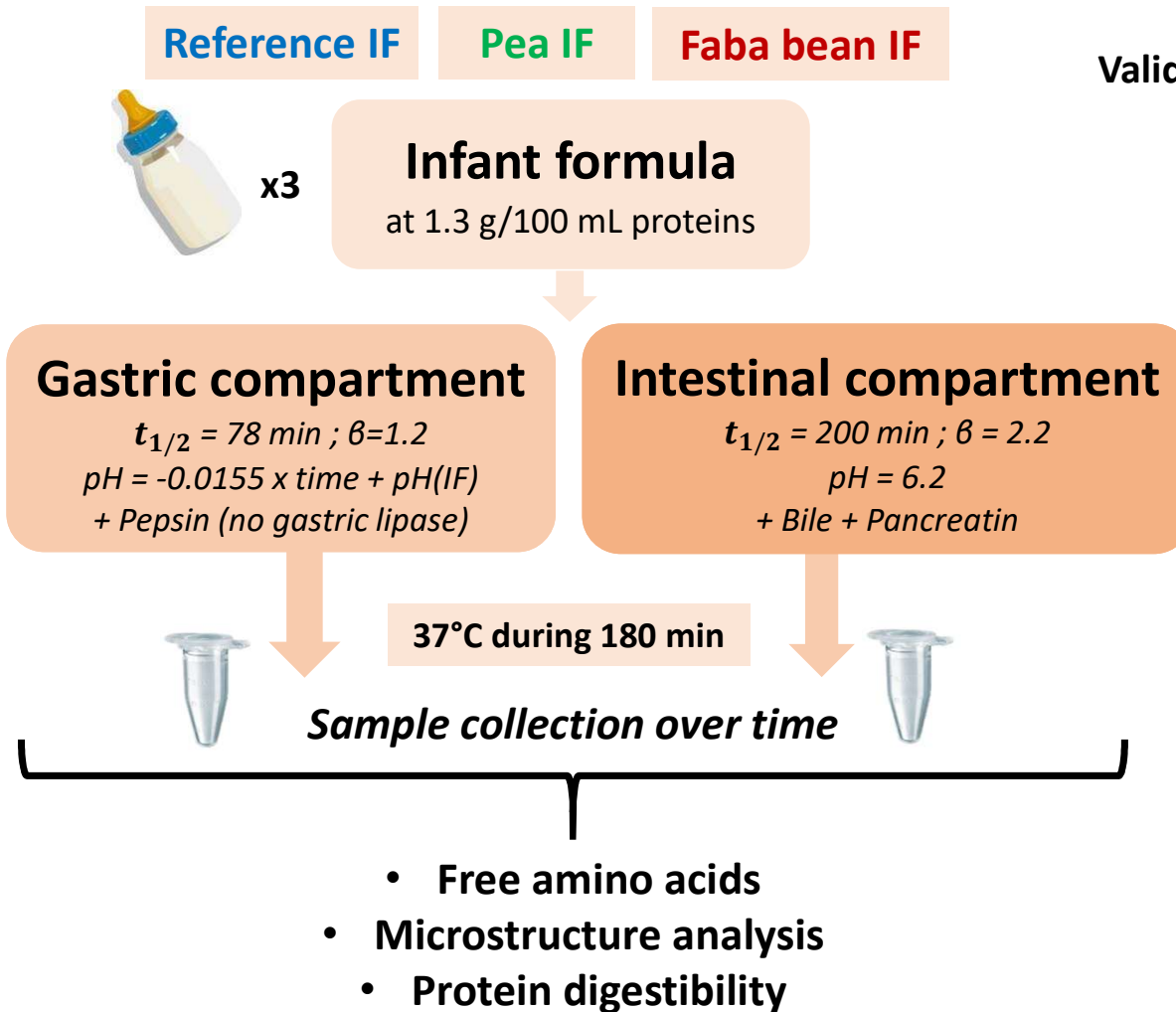
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DIGESTION

In vitro dynamic digestion DIDGI®

Validated from *in vivo* studies for infant protein digestion
(Ménard et al. 2014)



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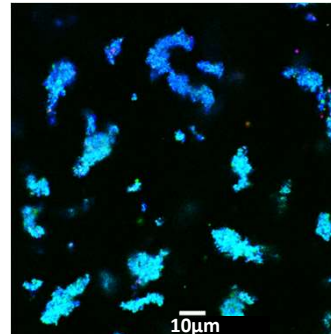
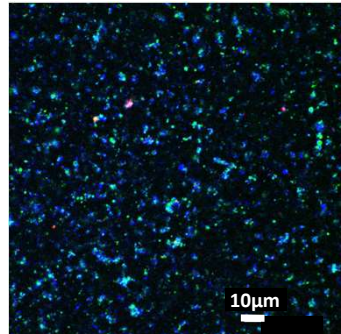
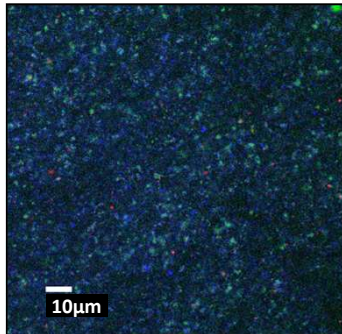
0 min
pH=6.8 ± 0.1

60 min
pH=5.9 ± 0.1

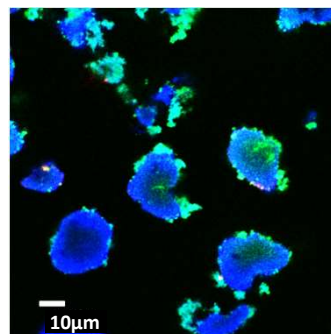
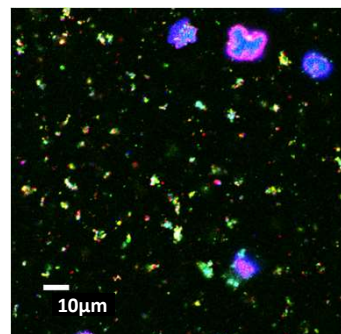
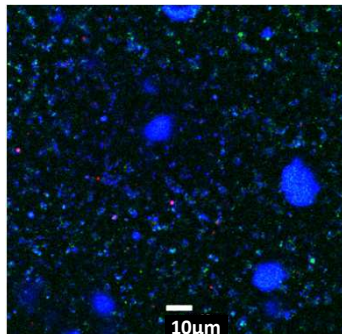
120 min
pH=4.9 ± 0.1

Gastric Compartment

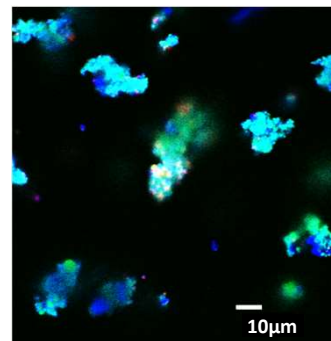
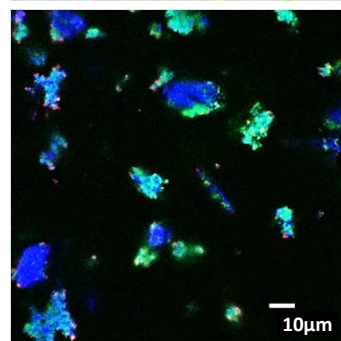
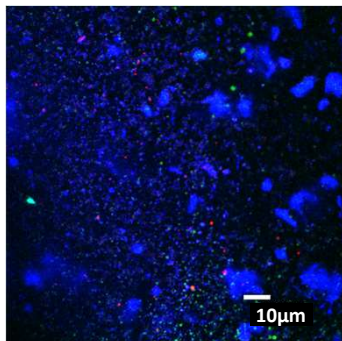
REFERENCE IF



PEA IF



FABA BEAN IF

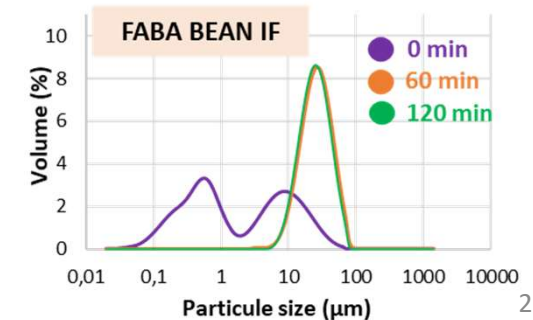
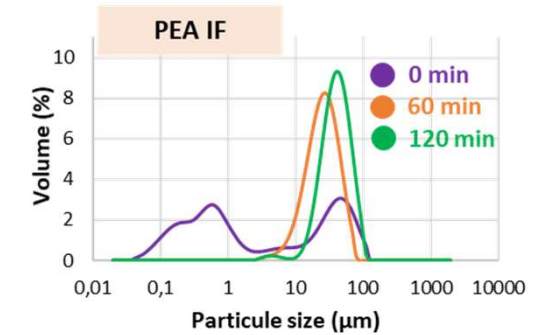
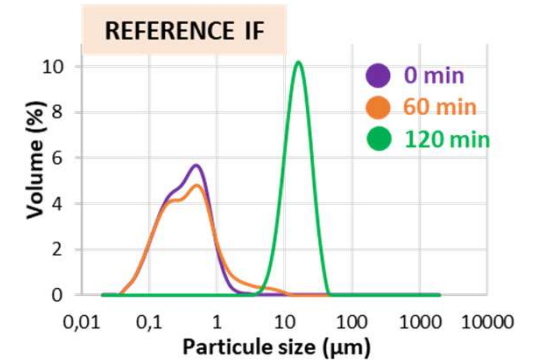


Protein	pI
Whey	5.2
Pea	6.1
Faba bean	5.8

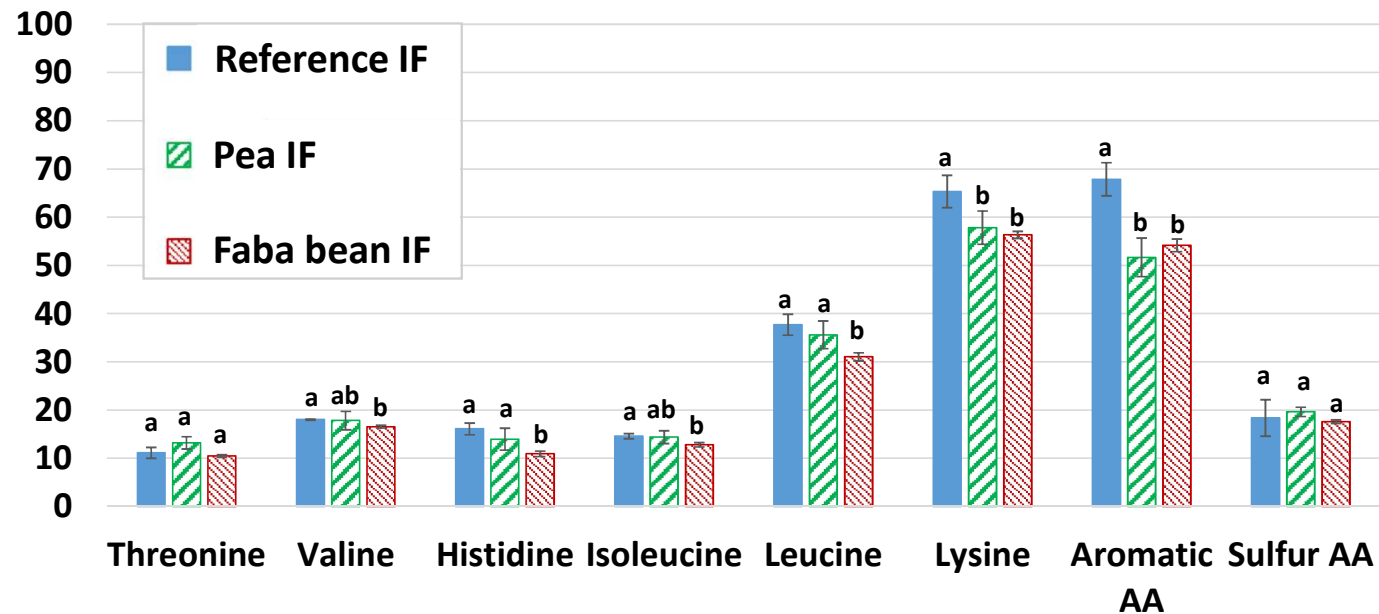
Confocal microscopy

- Proteins
- Lipids
- Amphiphilic

IF: infant formula



Free essential amino acids (%) at the end of the digestion



Bioaccessibility is slightly higher for the **Reference IF** compared to **Pea IF** and **Faba bean IF** for some amino acids

Digestibility

DIGESTION

$$\text{PDCAAS-like score (\%)} = \frac{\text{limiting EAA of (Infant Formula)}}{\text{limiting EAA of the Reference}} \times \text{In vitro protein digestibility} \times 100$$

(FAO, 2013)

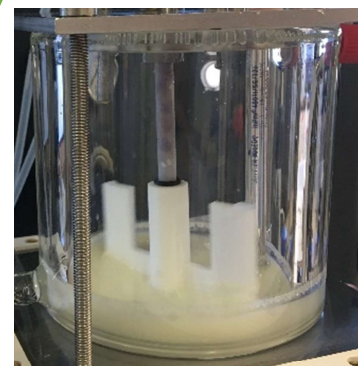
Age Group	His	Ile	Leu	Lys	SAA	AAA	Thr	Trp	Val
scoring pattern mg/g protein requirement									
Infant (birth to 6 months) ¹	21	55	96	69	33	94	44	17	55
Child (6 months to 3 year) ²	20	32	66	57	27	52	31	8.5	43
Older child, adolescent, adult ³	16	30	61	48	23	41	25	6.6	40

$$\frac{\sum N < 10 \text{ kDa (end of the digestion)}}{N \text{ ingested}} = N \text{ absorbable}$$

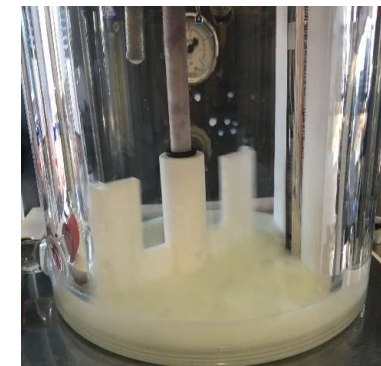
(Cave 1988; Huang et al. 2000; Moughan 1999)

Solubility limits during *in vitro* digestion

	Limiting EAA	<i>in vitro</i> Digestibility (%)	PDCAAS-like score (%)
Reference IF	AAA	89.2 ± 3.9 ^a	76.1 ± 3.3 ^a
Pea IF	Ile	74.9 ± 6.7 ^b	67.5 ± 6.0 ^b
Faba bean IF	Ile	91.1 ± 3.1 ^a	75.4 ± 2.5 ^{ab}



Pea IF



Reference IF

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Article

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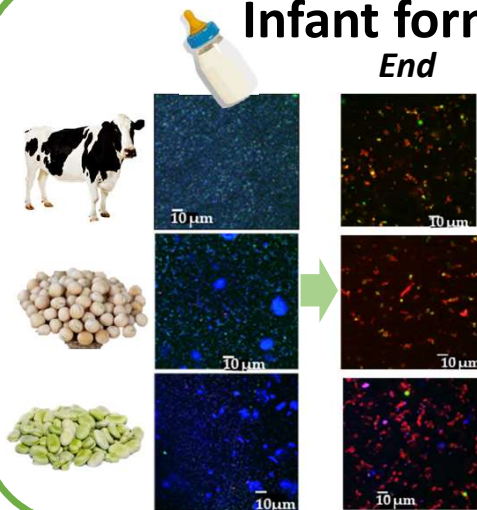
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Infant formula Digestion

End



Similar microstructure at
the end of digestion

in vitro protein digestibility:

Faba bean IF = Reference IF
> Pea IF

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CONCLUSION

14 protein sources

Nutritionally adapted

9 protein sources

Without allergens and organoleptic defaults



vs Whey proteins

Available in purified form



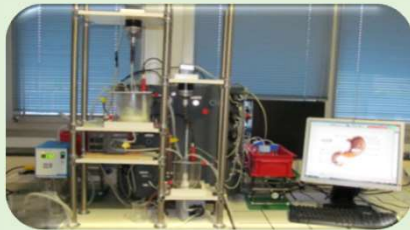
 **Potato**: antinutritional factors

Potato IF: viscosity limits
Rice IF: solubility limits

Poor solubility of  **F** and **faba bean IF**

Lower digestibility

Good digestibility



Faba bean good candidate to replace
whey protein in infant formulas



PERSPECTIVES

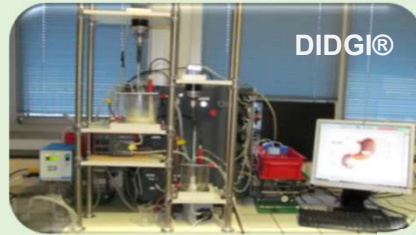
- In vivo* studies → Allergenicity, microbiota, protein biodisponibility, favisme



In vitro static



IN VITRO



In vitro dynamic

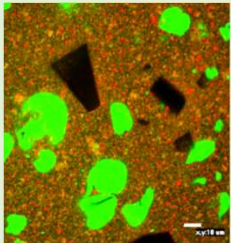


IN VIVO

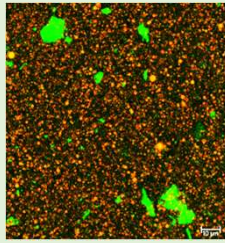


Piglets

- Functional improvement → Better solubility of plant proteins

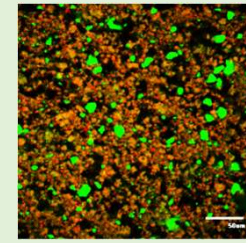


Pea IF

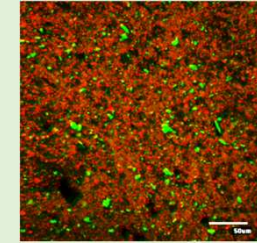


Faba bean IF

**Additional
homogenization step**



Pea IF



Faba bean IF

- Evidence of conformity regarding the European regulation for infant formulas



New protein sources

REGULATION



Better suited for follow-on formula ?

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**Thank you
for your attention**

