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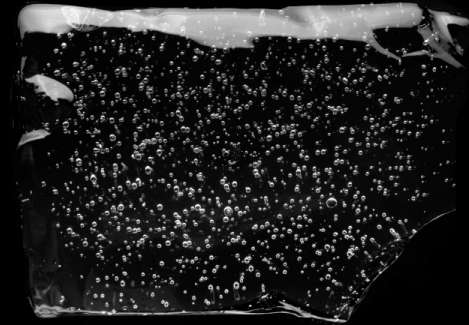
- Early history of Maurten.
- Why carbohydrates?
- How to use them?
- Bicarbonate.
- Questions.



How could Maurten
spread so fast?



The Hydrogel concept
seems to enhance
carbohydrate
tolerability.



Global Launch 27th of March 2017

Drink Mix 320: the worlds most
concentrated sports drink ~13.7%



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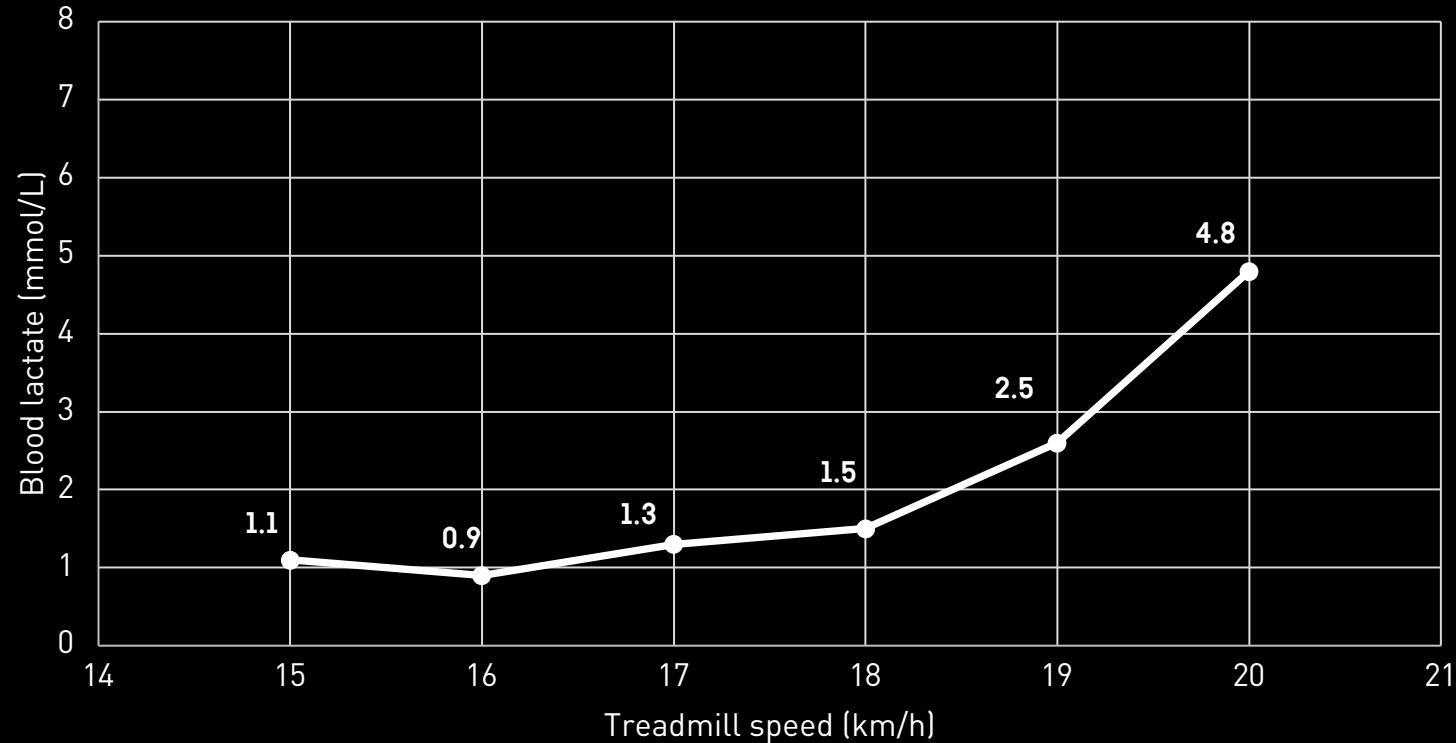


Lactate profile.

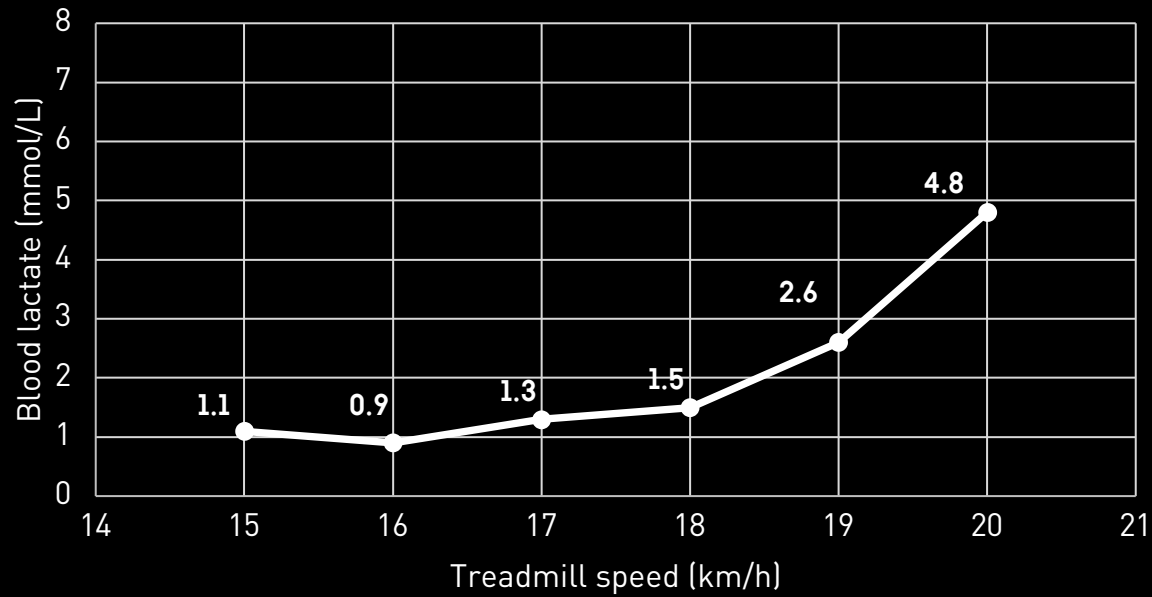
Male runner 73kg.

14km/h = 4:17min/km
15km/h = 4:00min/km
16km/h = 3:45min/km
17km/h = 3:32min/km
18km/h = 3:20min/km
19km/h = 3:10min/km
20km/h = 3:00min/km
21km/h = 2:52min/km

Blood lactate response from an incremental step test
(5min at each step)



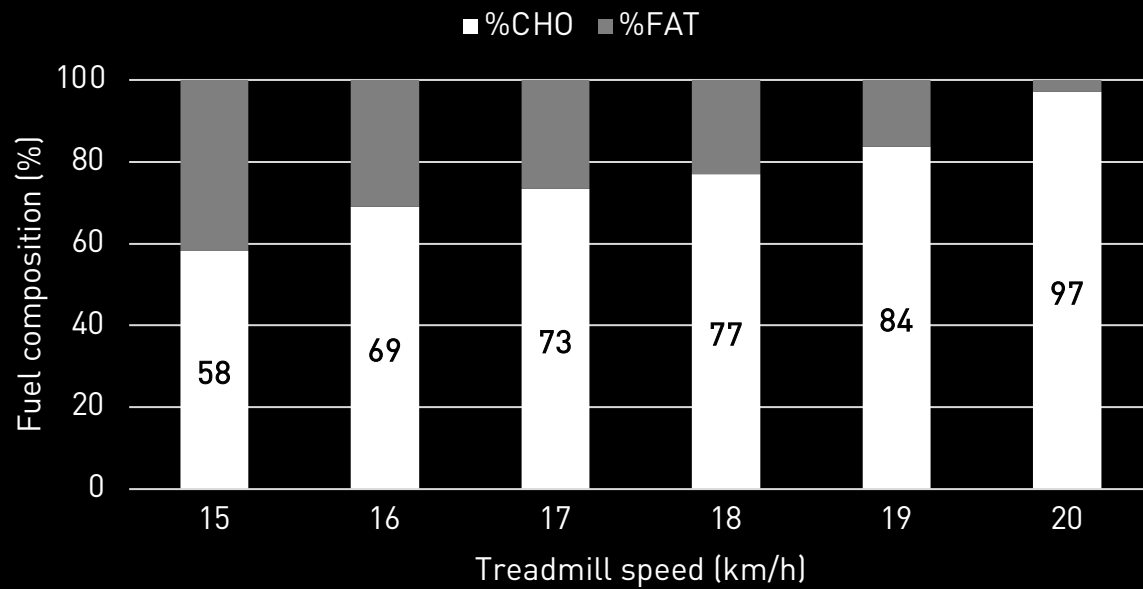
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Energy expenditure (kcal/h) at different speed



Contribution of carbohydrates (%) versus fat (%) to energy expenditure



Carbohydrate utilization (grams/hour) at different speed



High-volume training is costly/demanding

Energy.
Carbohydrate.

Estimated energy and
carbohydrate need for
a 73kg male runner.

	Total distance	Energy	Carbohydrates
Monday	27km	4.200 kcal	400 g (5.5 g/kg)
Tuesday	34km (20km threshold)	4.700 kcal	620 g (8.4 g/kg)
Wednesday	26km	4.100 kcal	390 g (5.3 g/kg)
Thursday	34km (20km threshold)	4.700 kcal	620 g (8.4 g/kg)
Friday	15km	3.300 kcal	280 g (3.8 g/kg)
Saturday	21km (incl 20x200m uphill)	3.700 kcal	450 g (6.1 g/kg)
Sunday	21km	3.700 kcal	340 g (4.6 g/kg)
	178km	~4.000 kcal/day	435 g (6.0 g/kg)



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Product range.



GEL100 (+CAF100)

Carbs: 25 gram per serving.



DRINK MIX 160 and GEL160

Carbs: 40 gram per serving.



SOLID (+C)

Carbs: ~45 gram per serving.



DRINK MIX 320 (+CAF100)

Carbs: 80 gram per serving.



Support your hard days.

1 x DRINK MIX320
1 x SOLID

Adjust to your body weight:

55 kg = 2.3 grams/kg

65 kg = 1.9 grams/kg

75 kg = 1.7 grams/kg



125 grams of carbohydrates



Use Maurten on the hard days.

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Fartlek.

30 – 60min

Periods of fast running
mixed with periods of
slower running.



Threshold or tempo.

20 – 70min

Example sessions:

6 – 10 x 1000m (1min rec.)

4 – 8 x 2000m (1-2min rec.)

3-5 x 3000m (1k of jog in between)

100 mg of
Caffeine

DRINK MIX320
1-2 sips now and then



Pre-exercise window
1 – 4 h before

Warm-up
10 – 30 min

Main set
20 – 70 min

Cool down
10 – 30 min



Caffeine.

One of five performance-enhancing supplements

Scientific recommendation: 3 – 6 mg/kg

Adjust to your body weight:

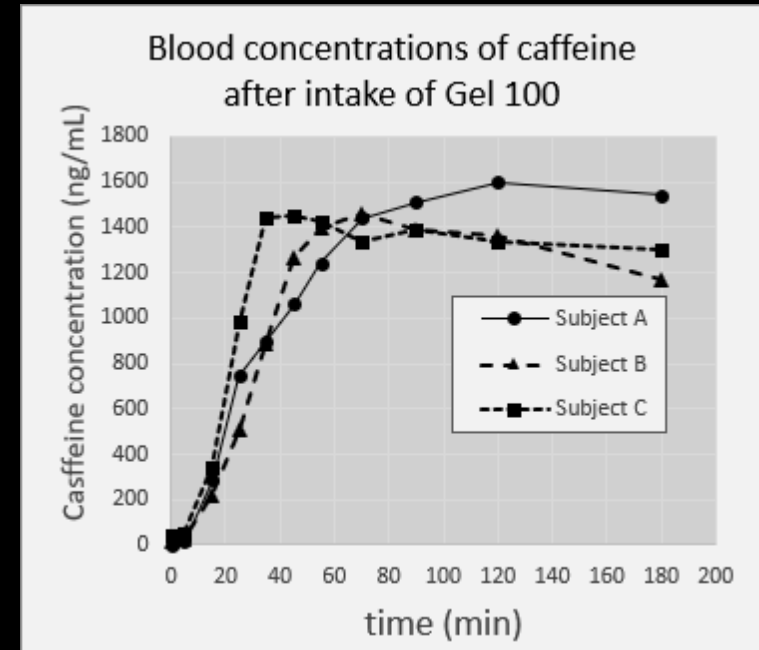
55 kg = 1.8 mg/kg

65 kg = 1.5 mg/kg

75 kg = 1.3 mg/kg



100 mg in each serving



Lactate production/tolerance.

Accumulated distance 1500-8000m

Example sessions during pre-competition period:
8 - 16 x 200m (1min rec.)
1-2 x (10 - 400m) (60-90 s rec.)



100 mg of
Caffeine



DRINK MIX160
1-2 sips now and then



Pre-exercise window
1 - 4 h before

Warm-up
10 - 30 min

Main set
1500 - 8000m

Cool down
10 - 30 min



Maurten Bicarbonate system.

A hydrogel-based bicarb delivery system.

Designed to:



1. Enhance tolerability
2. Make it easier to take
3. Increase buffering capacity

Up to 1% performance benefit.



A Novel Carbohydrate Hydrogel System for the Delivery of Bicarbonate Mini-Tablets Increases Acid-Base Buffering and Alleviates Gastrointestinal Discomfort

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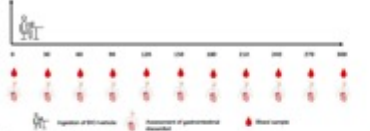



Introduction

- Sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO₃) is a popular ergogenic aid that was recommended in the most recent International Olympics Committee (IOC) consensus statement (Maughan et al., 2018).
- A primary factor that decides the suitability of NaHCO₃ is the gastrointestinal (GI) discomfort commonly experienced by athletes following ingestion, such as stomach bloating and diarrhoea.
- Recently, a novel form of NaHCO₃, called the "bicarb system" (Maurten™), has been released that claims to reduce GI discomfort. This is due to the carbohydrate hydrogel and mini-tablet design that allows transport through the pyloric sphincter (Geisler and Powers, 2017).
- Whilst this novel form claims reductions in GI discomfort, no data has been published to support these claims.
- The purpose of this study therefore was to assess a novel carbohydrate system for the delivery of NaHCO₃ mini-tablets on blood acid base balance and gastrointestinal (GI) discomfort.

Methods

Ten well-trained cyclists (De Pauw et al., 2013) (body mass: 77±5 kg; VO_{2max}: 65±5 ml·kg⁻¹·min⁻¹; peak power output: 425±19 W) participated in this double blind, randomised, and crossover study. All participants completed the protocol at the same time of day (± 1 h).



Participants ingested 0.3 g·kg⁻¹ BM sodium bicarbonate in either vegetarian capsules (size 00, Bulk Powders, UK; C-SB) or the bicarb system (Maurten, TM; M-SB). Blood samples were then taken for blood pH and bicarbonate (HCO₃⁻) (ABL9, Radiometer Medical Ltd., Denmark). Participants were quietly rested throughout the time period with nothing but water ingestion permitted (*ad libitum*). Two hours prior to ingestion of C-SB or M-SB, participants ingested a 1.5 g·kg⁻¹ BM carbohydrate meal to mimic the practices of trained cyclists in training and competition. Gastrointestinal discomfort (GI) was measured via VAS scale as per previous research (Gough et al., 2017). Blood data were analysed using repeated measures ANOVA and gastrointestinal responses were analysed using a paired T-test. Effect sizes were calculated using partial eta squared and Hedge's g for ANOVA and T-Test respectively. All analysis was completed using SPSS (v28, IBM, Chicago).

Results

The change from baseline to peak HCO₃⁻ was 1.5 mmol·L⁻¹ greater following M-SB compared to C-SB (8.2 ± 0.8 vs. 6.7 ± 1.4 mmol⁻¹; p < 0.001; ES = 1.26).

Mean aggregated overall gastrointestinal discomfort (sum of all GI symptoms) was reduced following SBCMT versus C-SB (9 ± 9 vs. 85 ± 63 au; p = 0.003; ES = 1.62). Specifically, M-SB reduced stomach cramps (6 vs 164 au), bowel urgency (10 vs 141 au), diarrhoea (0 vs 149 au), belching (6 vs. 46 au), and stomach-ache (14 vs 151 au) over the 5 h period compared to C-SB.

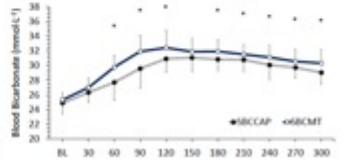


Figure 2. Mean ± standard deviation blood bicarbonate (HCO₃⁻) following SBCMT or SBCCAP. *Denotes significantly different from placebo (p<0.05).

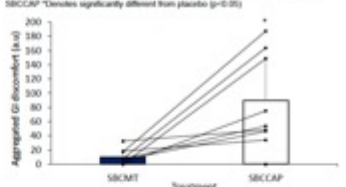


Figure 3. Mean ± standard deviation aggregated GI discomfort of all symptoms (a.u.) following SBCMT or SBCCAP. *Denotes significantly different from placebo (p<0.05).

Conclusion

- The bicarb system reduced, and nearly eliminated, GI discomfort compared to the responses following NaHCO₃ ingestion in vegetarian capsules.
- The increase blood concentration in HCO₃⁻ following ingestion of the bicarb system versus the vegetarian capsules shows a large increase and therefore ergogenic potential for an exercise performance benefit.

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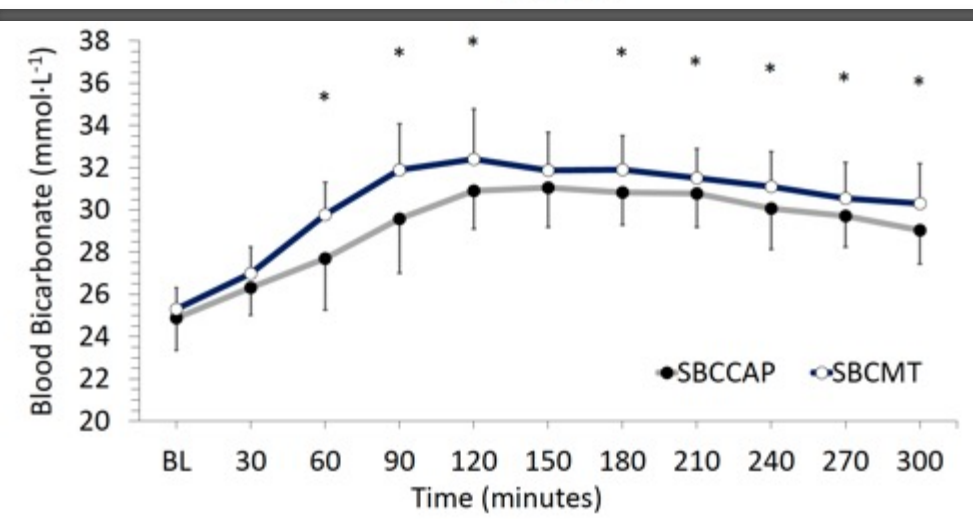
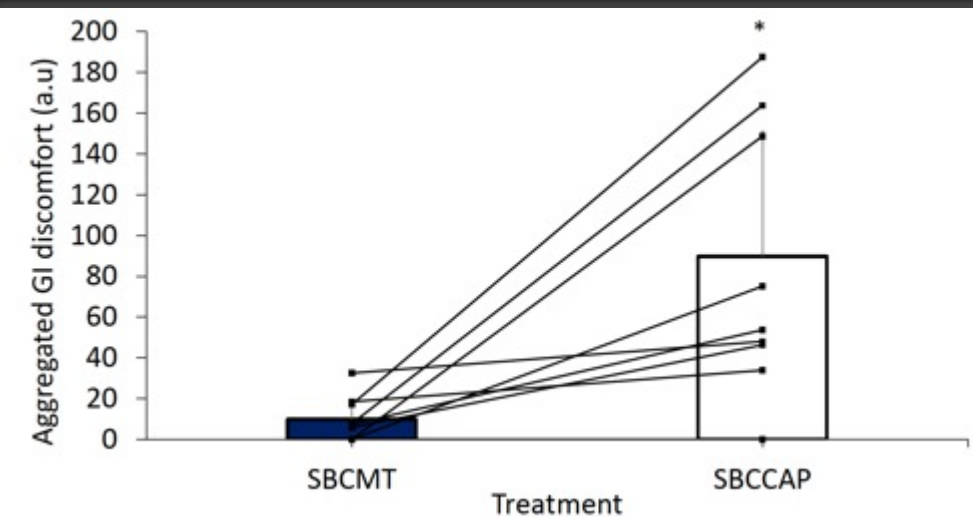
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Gough & Sparks (2023) Poster presentation
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Sodium Bicarbonate.

One of five performance-enhancing supplements

World Athletics.

- Legal to use by athletes
- Demonstrated performance benefits



All Maurten products are tested via Informed Sports certificate program.



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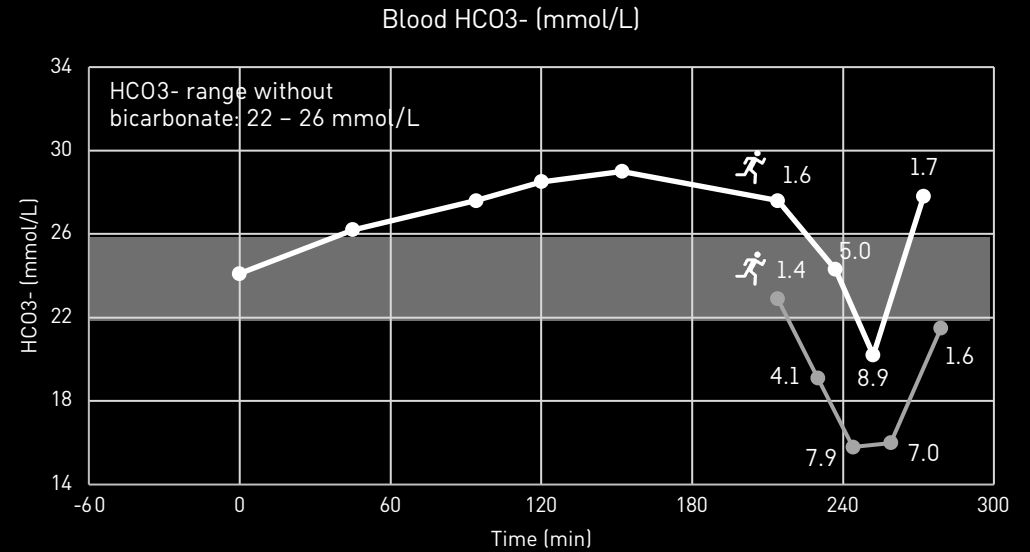
Scientific recommendation: 0.2 – 0.3 g/kg

Adjust to your body weight:

Bicarb15 - 55 kg = 0.27 g/kg

Bicarb15/19 - 65 kg = 0.23-0.29 g/kg

Bicarb19 - 75 kg = 0.25 g/kg



- — ● Bicarbonate (19 gram; 0.26 gram/kg)
- — ● No bicarb taken



Four commercial doses.

Scientific recommendation: 0.2 – 0.3 g/kg.

- Bicarb15 = 15 grams
- Bicarb19 = 19 grams
- Bicarb22 = 22 grams
- Bicarb25 = 25 grams

	Small	Medium	Large	X-large
Dose per sachet	15	19	22	25
Recommended for body weight				
BW	Resulting dose per kilo body weight			
46	0,33	0,41	0,48	0,54
47	0,32	0,40	0,47	0,53
48	0,31	0,40	0,46	0,52
49	0,31	0,39	0,45	0,51
50	0,30	0,38	0,44	0,50
51	0,29	0,37	0,43	0,49
52	0,29	0,37	0,42	0,48
53	0,28	0,36	0,42	0,47
54	0,28	0,35	0,41	0,46
55	0,27	0,35	0,40	0,45
56	0,27	0,34	0,39	0,45
57	0,26	0,33	0,39	0,44
58	0,26	0,33	0,38	0,43
59	0,25	0,32	0,37	0,42
60	0,25	0,32	0,37	0,42
61	0,25	0,31	0,36	0,41
62	0,24	0,31	0,35	0,40
63	0,24	0,30	0,35	0,40
64	0,23	0,30	0,34	0,39
65	0,23	0,29	0,34	0,38
66	0,23	0,29	0,33	0,38
67	0,22	0,28	0,33	0,37
68	0,22	0,28	0,32	0,37
69	0,22	0,28	0,32	0,36
70	0,21	0,27	0,31	0,36
71	0,21	0,27	0,31	0,35
72	0,21	0,26	0,31	0,35
73	0,21	0,26	0,30	0,34
74	0,20	0,26	0,30	0,34
75	0,20	0,25	0,29	0,33
76	0,20	0,25	0,29	0,33
77	0,19	0,25	0,29	0,32
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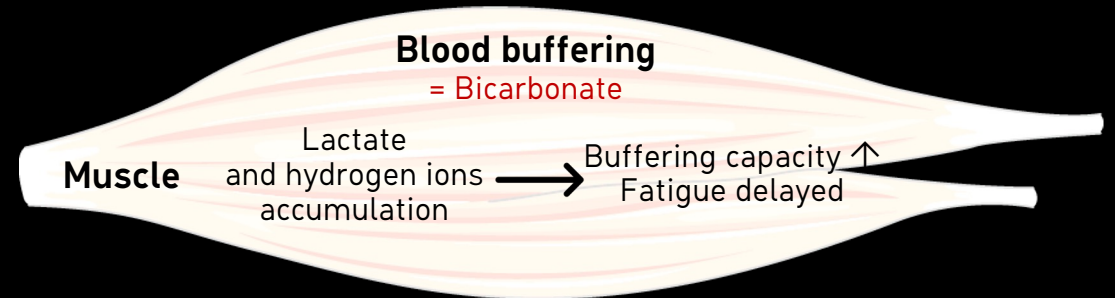
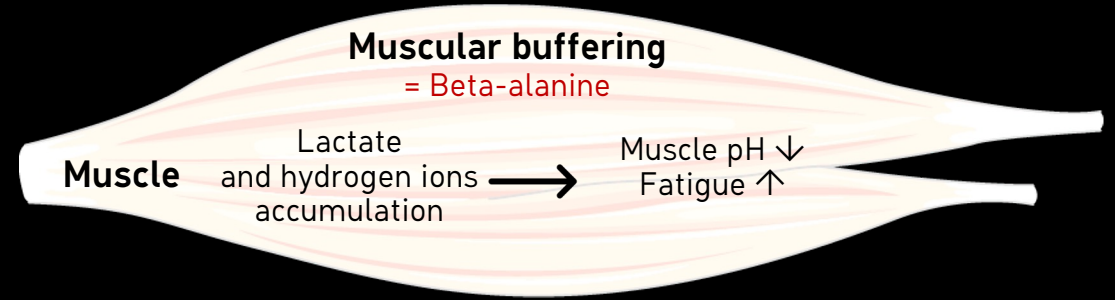
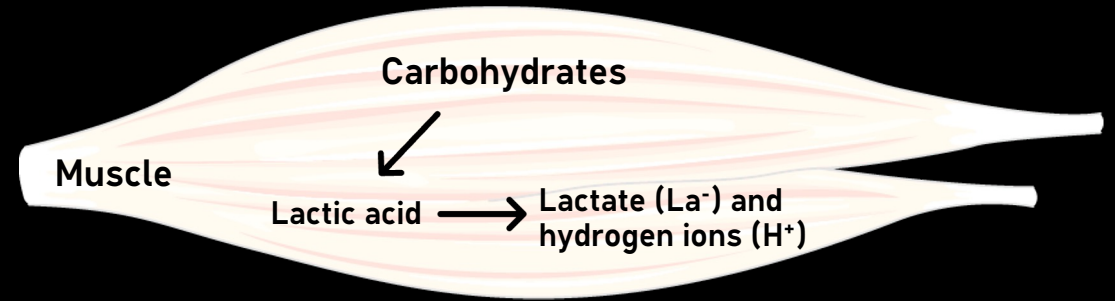


Sodium Bicarbonate.

Mechanism behind the effect.



High intensity zone
Above anaerobic threshold



Intake instructions.

