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#### I. Food Effects and Alcohol: A Brief Overview of the Literature

As early as the late 19th century, the relationship of food and alcohol effects was specifically noted in the literature (Weissenfeld, 1898). During the subsequent decades of the early 1900's, a number of investigators reported that alcohol levels in blood or urine had been found to be lower when subjects drank after eating, compared to drinking on an empty stomach (Voltz, Baudrexel and Dietrich, 1912; Mellanby, 1919, 1920; Southgate, 1925).

In 1943 Goldberg reported a series of alcohol experiments with light vs. substantial meals. He found that in all cases the "food" alcohol curve was lower than the fasting curve.

Serianni et al. (1953) investigated the question of the time of eating in relation to drinking and reported only a slight effect when the food was eaten four hours before drinking. There was no effect when the interval was six hours. When the alcohol was consumed during or after a meal, the subjects reached a lower peak blood alcohol concentration (BAC). In 1966 Miller et al. reported that milk alone reduced the average BAC by almost 50%. Sharma and Moskowitz (1978) reported almost 50% BAC reduction attributable to food.

A review of the physiology of alcohol metabolism by Bode (1978) notes that absorption can occur throughout the gastrointestinal tract but occurs most rapidly in the duodenum and jejunum. The reduced absorption of alcohol after a meal is attributed to the delay in emptying the stomach.

Although there is general agreement that food reduces alcohol effects, and that it is most effective when eaten shortly before the intake of alcohol, the literature provides relatively little information or agreement about the type and amount of food which is most effective. Some indirect evidence can be derived from a review of the literature on gastric emptying (Hunt and Stubbs, 1975). They concluded that the slowing of gastric emptying is a function of the nutritive density of food, not the volume of the meal. The greater the nutritive density, the less volume transferred to the duodenum per unit time.

There is little evidence that the metabolism of alcohol can be changed to an extent which has any practical significance. Alcohol is oxidized predominantly in the liver in a two-step process. Alcohol dehydrogenase produces acetaldehyde which then is broken down to acetate by aldehyde dehydrogenase. Alcohol dehydrogenase is the most important enzyme for alcohol oxidation, and it has been assumed that its activity is the rate limiting factor in the process. Recent studies suggest that it is the capacity of the liver to reoxidize NADH that limits ethanol oxidation (Lieber, 1970; Krebs and Stubbs, 1975).

In summary, the limited literature on alcohol and food effects provides considerable evidence that food delays gastric emptying, and that it is the delay which slows the rate of alcohol absorption. In turn, it is the slower absorption process which underlies the lower BACs associated with food intake.

#### II. Introduction

The blood alcohol concentration (BAC) reached by an individual depends on the amount of alcohol consumed and on other important variables. Among these are the individual's bodyweight and body composition (in terms of lean body mass and adipose tissue) and the contents of the gastrointestinal system. The presence of food in the stomach is known to decrease peak and subsequent BACs.

Information about the relationship of food and alcohol levels in the body has the potential for serving as a countermeasure for alcohol-related traffic safety problems. If individuals who drink and drive can be sufficiently motivated about safety, they can use food as a means of reducing BACs. To obtain maximum benefit, drivers require information about the quantity and kinds of food which work best in reducing BAC. They also need to know the time relationship between food consumption and drinking.

To obtain information on these issues a series of pilot studies and a laboratory experiment were carried out. The initial effort consisted of a series of small pilot studies to examine the three major variables: 1) time of eating, 2) amount of food, and 3) type of food. It was essential to establish the levels of these prior to undertaking the experiment.

### Peak BAC can occur from 15 to 60 minutes after drink completion.

#### III. Pilot Studies

#### METHOD

Seven subjects participated in preliminary examinations of the effects of food on BAC. The time of food intake and the amount and type of food were investigated (Table 1).

<u>Participants</u> were seven men, ages 21 - 32 years (mean age 24 years 8 months). Their weights ranged from 58.18 to 77.27 Kg (mean weight 69.55 Kg). These men were recruited through state and college employment offices. They were screened by standard procedures which evaluate health status, drinking practices and drug use. All were in good physical health, were moderate drinkers in terms of quantity and frequency of alcohol use, as measured by the Q-F-V Index (Cahalan, Cisin and Crossley, 1969), and were neither heavy nor chronic users of drugs.

<u>Procedures</u> and <u>Findings</u> for all pilot sessions are described in the following section. Only the three independent variables, food conditions, were varied.

The alcohol treatment was .85 g alcohol/Kg bodyweight. In males this dose produces a mean expected peak BAC of 0.10% approximately 30 minutes after completion of the drink if it is consumed on an empty stomach over a half-hour drinking period. The alcohol was given as a mixture of orange juice and 80-proof vodka, and BACs were measured with gas chromatograph analysis of breath samples.

Baseline BAC data were obtained for all subjects by administering the alcohol dose at a session where they received no food. Subjects were instructed to take no food or stimulants after midnight preceding a pilot session. They came to the laboratory at 8:00 a.m. The alcohol treatment was given at noon and drinking was completed at 12:30 p.m. BACs were monitored at 5-minute intervals for the initial 45 minutes following drinking, then at 15-minute intervals for 1-1/4 hour, and finally in the latter stages of the BAC curve the readings were taken at 30-minute intervals. Subjects were kept in the laboratory until the BAC decreased below 0.03%.

All pilot sessions were scheduled at least three days apart. Most occurred at one-week intervals.

The data to be reported will focus on three measures: 1) the peak BAC, 2) the BAC as measured 60 minutes after drink completion, and 3) a mean of the BAC readings for the period 60 - 180 minutes post-drinking. It should be kept in mind that the peak BAC occurs at different times after the drinking period; some individuals reach a peak as early as 15 minutes after drink completion and others as late as 60 minutes. Because the peak is confounded with the time variable, the BAC at a fixed time interval after drinking was examined. The 60-minute time was chosen for the additional analysis since it is the point on the alcohol curve which is at the end of or beyond the alcohol absorption phase for most subjects.

The <u>Time of Food Intake</u> was examined with three pilot subjects. Meals were given at four different times: 4 hours, 2 hours, 1 hour, and 1/2 hour before drinking. The meal consisted of standard food items from a McDonald's restaurant and provided 1116 calories (Table 1).

Table 2 and Figures 1 - 2 present the data for <u>Time</u> effects. The results indicate that food more effectively moderates the BAC when it is eaten shortly before drinking. With an increasing time interval, the food effect is lessened.

The Amount variable was examined with three pilot subjects who were initially given a McDonald's meal of 1327 calories (Table 1). At subsequent sessions they received exactly one-half and then one- quarter of the same food items. Table 3 and Figures 3 - 4 display the results of these sessions.

The larger meal reduced the peak BAC and the 60-minute BAC by approximately 50% in comparison to the no-food condition. Note that amount of food was defined in terms of weight. For the half (or one-quarter) meal, the hamburger, french fries, and milkshake were measured to provide the desired portions in grams. It is assumed that this also produced portions with one-half and one-quarter the total calories.

Smaller amounts of food had correspondingly smaller effects on the BAC ( $\approx$  30% for one-half the amount of the full meal,  $\approx$  10% for the one-quarter meal). Although the smaller food portions were less effective than the full meal, it is worth noting that even very small amounts do have some efficacy.

The third variable was <u>Type of Food</u>. In terms of effects on BAC, this is an important but difficult issue. It is particularly difficult because the characteristics of interest are not readily isolated for laboratory study. Because nutritive density (calories), weight, volume, and the protein-carbohydrate-fat composition of foods are not independent variables, they cannot be manipulated orthogonally as they need to be for the purposes of systematic study. Menus of palatable food which vary protein, carbohydrate and fat content also inevitably vary calories, weight and volume of the food. Given these limitations it was necessary to carry out three separate pilot studies on food type. Table 3a describes these studies in detail.

In the "A" Series the three menus were designed to provide one meal which was predominantly protein, another carbohydrates, and another fat with the percentage of the dominant type being as nearly equivalent for all meals as possible. As can be seen in all of the pilot conditions, it is difficult to create an acceptable meal which is largely fat.

"B" Series were designed to provide <u>meals of equivalent calories</u>, holding the protein-carbohydrate-fat content as nearly equivalent as possible. Again, the greatest deviation occurred with the fat meal which was only 65% fat, compared to approximately 75% each for the other food types.

Finally, "C" Series meals were designed to compare <u>meals</u> of <u>equivalent</u> <u>weight</u> with widely varying caloric content.

It should be pointed out that food portions were measured by weight with a scale accurate to 0.1 gram. It was not possible, however, to directly measure calories or the protein, carbohydrate and fat content of the food. The values for these were derived from tables in <u>Nutrition and Diet Therapy</u> (Williams, 1977). The composition of meats and commercially prepared breads, pasta, and other products may have varied slightly, but care was taken to minimize deviations from the tabled values. Although we believe the variations to be insignificant, the measures other than weight must be considered approximate.

TABLE 1
Pilot Sessions: Food Conditions

Variable	Food	Number of Subjects
Time of food intake. 4 hours ) 2 hours ) 1 hour ) prior to drinking 1/2 hour) alcohol.	McDonald's food. Big Mac Small French Fries Chocolate Milk Shake	3
	1116 Calories	
Amount of food.  Full meal - 1327 calories 1/2 meal - 664 calories 1/4 meal - 332 calories	McDonald's food. Big Mac Large French Fries Chocolate Milk Shake	3
Equivalent weight, varying cals	. Menu 3, <u>B</u> Series	2
Type of food.  High protein  High carbohydrate	Menu 1, A Series Menu 2, $\overline{\underline{C}}$ Series	3 2
High fat	Menus appear in Appendix A	

C

TABLE 2

Effects of <u>Time of Food Intake</u>

Data for Three Pilot Subjects

<u>-</u>	Peak BAC (%)				
	Baseline			and Alcohol	
Subject No.	(No Food)	4 hrs.	2 hrs.	<u>l hr.</u>	½ hr.
. 1	.107	.096	.080	.056	.061
2	.094	.090	.088	.088	.066
5	105	*	.055	.056	.044
$\overline{X}$	.102	.093	.074	.066	.057
Percent change	€				
from baseline		-8.8	-27.5	-35.3 -	44.1
				•	
	60-Minute B	AC (%) 1	,		
1	.096	.096	.077	.047	.060
2	.084	.087	.080	.088	.054
5	.080	*	.055	.053	.042
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	.087	.092	.071	.063	.052
Percent change	9				
from baseline		+5.7	-18.4	-27.6 -	40.2
·	Mean BAC:	60-180 minutes <sup>2</sup>			
1 .	.078	.076	.069	.050	.054
2	.072	.076	.066	.069	.054
5	.068	*	.045	.045	.037
$\overline{X}$	.073	.076	.060	.055	.048
Percent change from baseline		+4.1	_17.8	-24.7 -	34.2

<sup>\*</sup>Subject No. 5 discontinued. No 4-hour data obtained.

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{BAC}$  measured 60 minutes after completion of drinking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Mean of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.

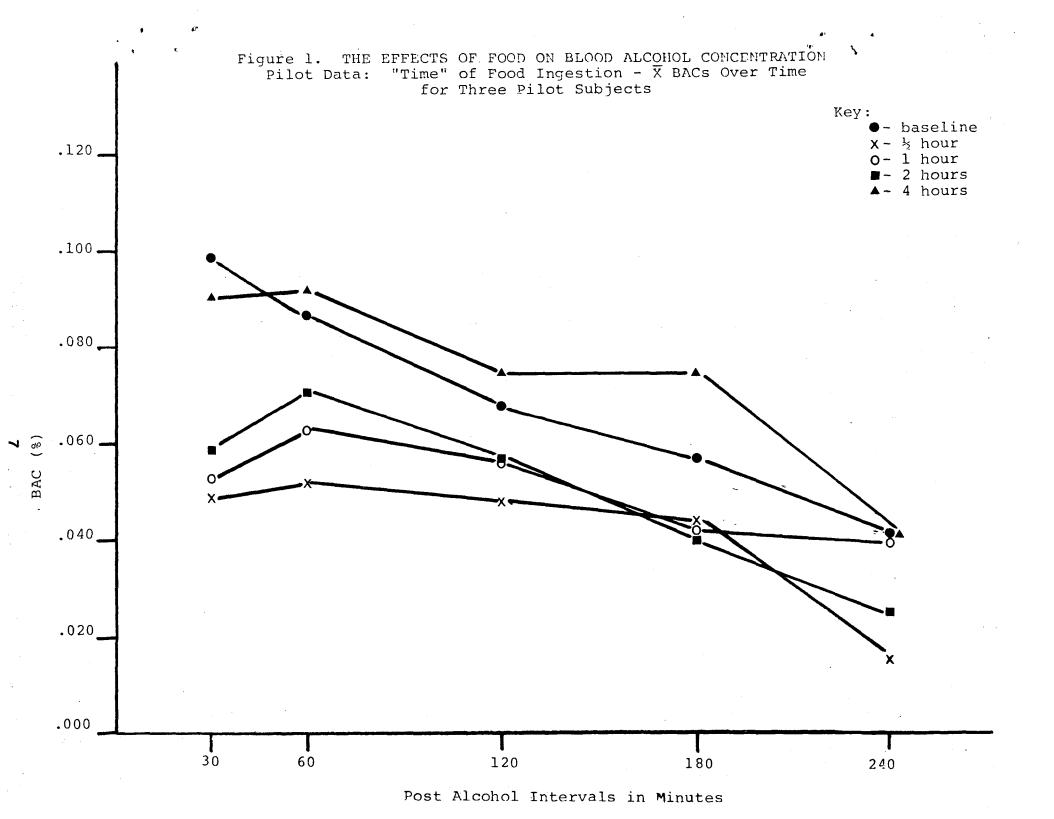
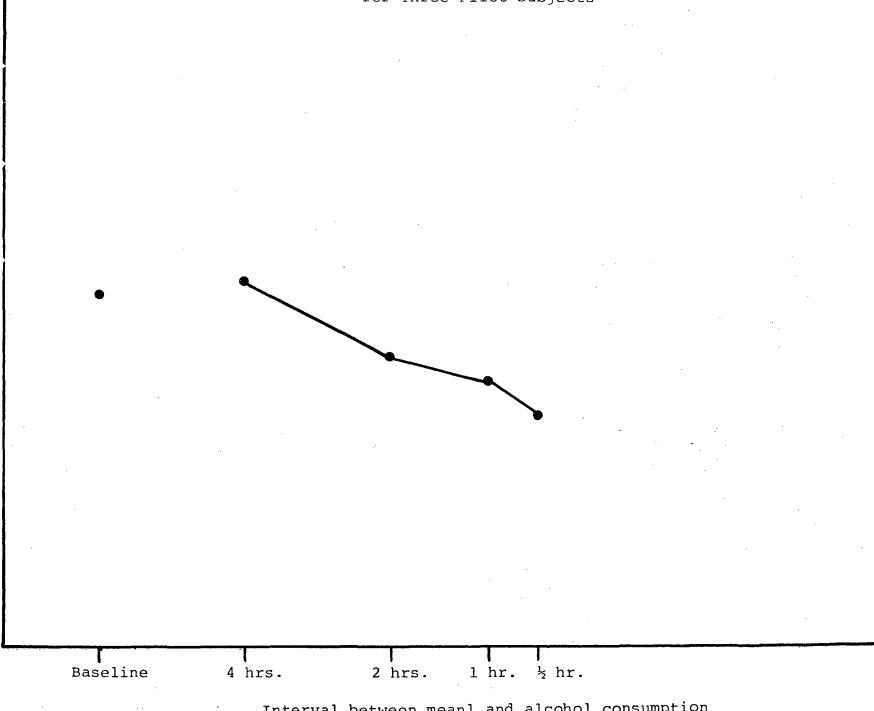


Figure 2. THE EFFECTS OF FOOD ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION Pilot Data: "Time" of Food Intake -  $\overline{X}$  BACs 60-180 Minutes Post Dose for Three Pilot Subjects



Interval between meanl and alcohol consumption

TABLE 3

Effects of Amount of Food

Data for Three Pilot Subjects

Peak BAC (%)			
Baseline	Weight o	f Food (grams)	
(No food)	154 gms	309 gms	616 qms
.107	.087	.073	.052
.094	.096	.081	.059
.091	080_	.057	.035
.097	.088	.070	.049
	9.2	27.8	49.5
60-Minute BA	.C (%) 1		
.096	.087	.070	.035
.084	.088	.068	.056
.091	080	.048	.034
.090	.085	.062	.042
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	Mean BAC:	60-180 minutes <sup>2</sup>		
1	.078	.071	.069	.041
2	.072	.066	.055	.048
4	.075	.063	.051	.028
$\overline{X}$	.075	.067	.058	.039
Percent change from baseline		10.7	22.7	48.0

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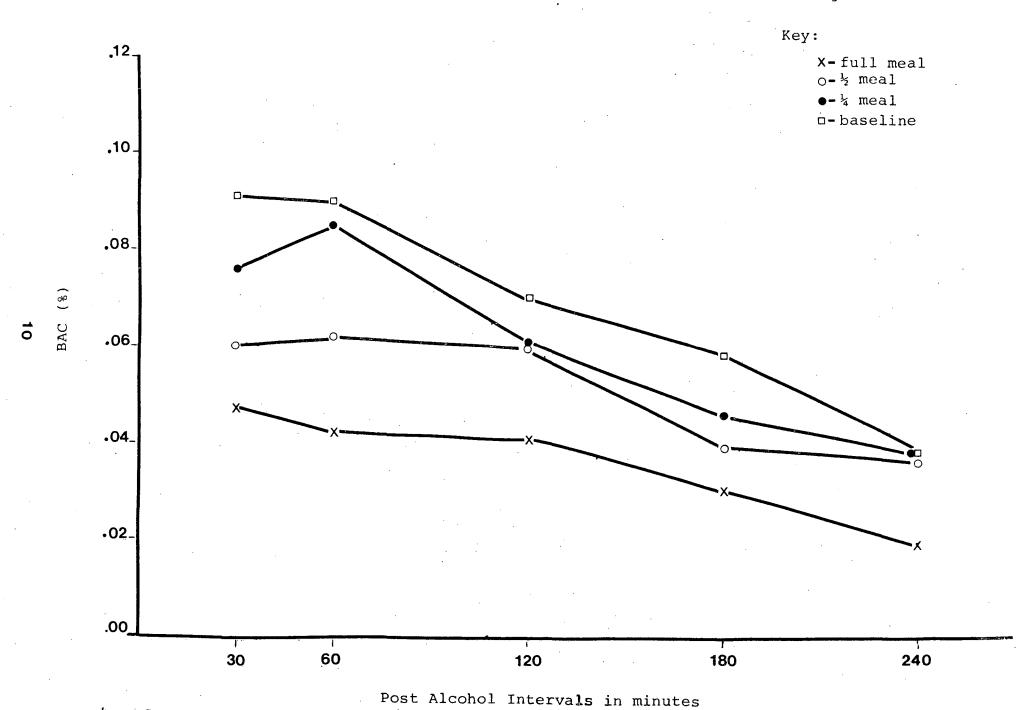
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Percent change from baseline

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BAC measured 60 minutes after completion of drinking

 $<sup>^2\</sup>mathrm{Mean}$  of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.

Figure 3. THE EFFECTS OF FOOD ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION Pilot Data: "Amount" of Food  $-\overline{x}$  BACs Over Time: Three Subjects



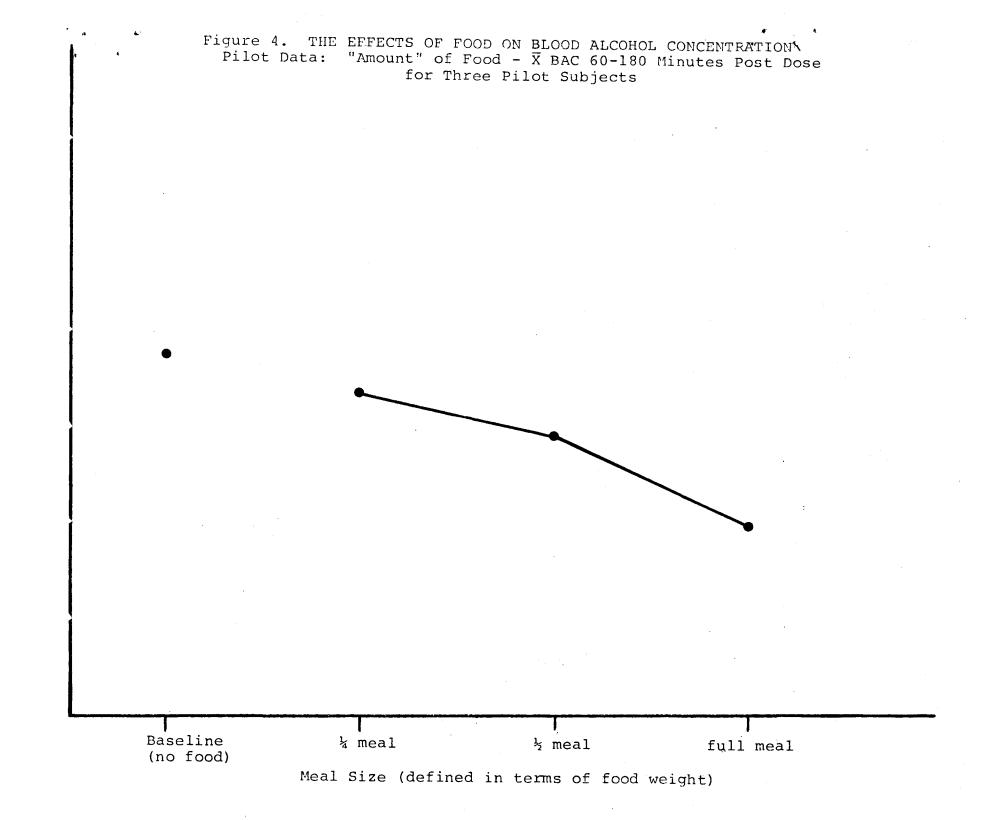


TABLE 3a

Food Type Pilot Studies

Description of Meals

Pilot Studies	Food Characteristics which were Varied	Food Characteristics which were held constant (approx.)
"A" Series:		. *
Protein Meal	840 calories 730 grams	72% Protein (9% Carbohydrates, 19% Fat)
Carbohydrate Meal	835 calories 963 grams	79% Carbohydrates (11% Protein, 10% Fat)
Fat Meal	770 calories 219 grams	70% Fat (10% Protein, 19% Carbohydrates)
"B" Series:		
Protein Meal	76% Protein (16% Fat, 8% Carbohydrates) 927 grams	1088 calories
Carbohydrate Meal	74% Carbohydrates (14% Fat, 12% Protein) 1092 grams	1060 calories
Fat Meal	65% Fat (23% Protein, 13% Carbohydrates) 522 grams	1080 calories
"C" Series:		
Low Calorie Meal	505 calories (29% Protein, 15% Fat, 56% Carbohydrates)	833 grams
High Calorie Meal	970 calories (31% Protein, 31% Fat, 37% Carbohydrates)	836 grams

The first examination of <u>Type of Food</u> ("A" Series) used Menu No. 1. Menus appear in Appendix A. For this series the high protein meal provided 72% of its 730 grams as protein. The high carbohydrate meal provided 79% of its 963 grams as carbohydrates, and the high fat meal provided 70% of 219 grams as fat. Note that the characteristics of fatty foods are such that it was found to be impossible to assemble a meal of acceptable foods providing a higher percentage of fat and to simultaneously maintain calories, weight and volume equivalent to the other two meals.

The BAC measures following meals of the three food types appear in Table 4 and Figures 5 - 6. At 60 minutes after drinking, the greatest BAC reduction ( $\approx$  39%) occurred with the high protein meal. Carbohydrates also were effective, producing a mean BAC 34% lower than the no-food condition. The high carbohydrate meal appears also to have delayed the occurrence of the peak for some subjects, as can be seen in the individual graphs (Appendix D, Figures 7d - 9d). In comparison to protein and carbohydrates, the high fat meal was less effective with a mean BAC reduction of less than 20%.

To further explore the issue of food type, "B" Series meals were planned for comparing equivalent caloric value. It is possible that the composition of food is not the critical factor and that large nutritive quantities of any food will work well. Menu No. 3 provided meals of approximately 1000 calories, one of which was 76% protein and another 74% carbohydrates. Again, due to the characteristics of fatty foods, the high fat meal (65% fat) was considerably smaller by gram weight; 522 grams compared to 927 and 1092 for protein and carbohydrates, respectively.

The results of these sessions with equal-calorie meals appear in Table 5 and Figures 7 - 8. There are two findings which are of particular interest. First, fatty foods are relatively ineffective even when compared with other foods at equivalent calorie levels. This is interesting in view of the rather widespread notion among drinkers that oils, heavy creams, and similar food substances are the best protection against intoxication and hangover. Second, there can be seen in the individual graphs (Appendix D, Figures 10d - 11d) some suggestion again that carbohydrates may delay the occurrence of the peak, compared to other food types.

The "A" Series and "B" Series examined the effects of moderately large amounts of food in terms of calories. Food quantity can also be defined as weight, and it was essential to determine whether weight (or density) of food is a critical characteristic. The meals for "C" Series provided equivalent total grams with the high calorie meal providing 970 calories, the low calorie meal providing 505 calories (Menu No. 2).

Table 6 and Figures 9 - 10 display the BACs for these sessions. With the high calorie meal, the BACs for two subjects were approximately 30% below the baseline BACs. With the low calorie meal, the change was less than half that magnitude. Note, however, that with meals of equal grams, differing in calories, the carbohydrate-protein-fat composition could not be held equivalent. The carbohydrate and fat content of the low and high calorie meals differ markedly. Thus, although fat has been demonstrated to have relatively little effect on BAC, it is not clear whether the observed difference for the high calorie-low calorie comparison can be attributed solely to calorie differences. It is possible that the difference in fat content also was important.

TABLE 4

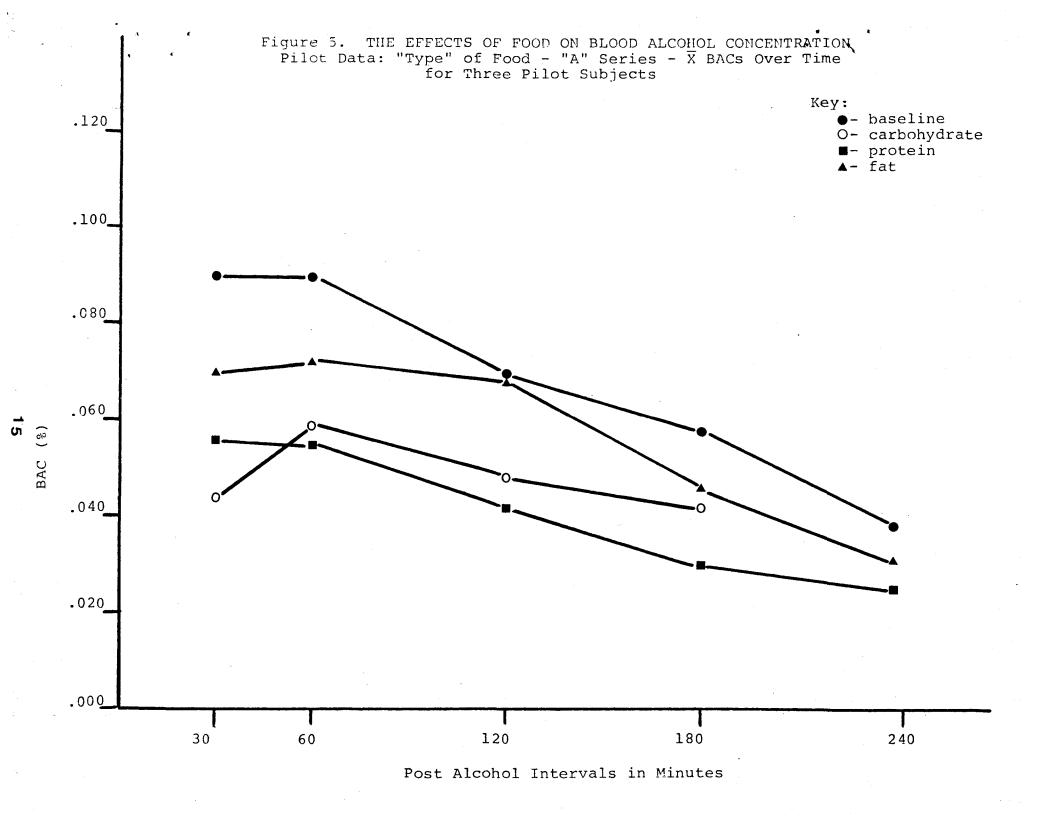
Effect of Type of Food: "A" Series

Data for Three Pilot Subjects

	Peak BAC (	<b>ੇ</b> )		
Subject No.	Baseline (No food)	Protein 840 cal 730 gm	Carbohydrate 835 cal 963 gm	Fat 770 cal 219 gm
1	.107	.075	.068	.090
. 2	.094	.074	.067	.068
4	.091	.040	.044	.085
$\overline{X}$	.097	.063	.060	.081
Percent cha from basel		35.1	38.1	16.5
	60-Minute	BAC (%) 1		
1	.096	.068	.068	.076
2	.084	.065	.065	.061
4	.091	.032	.044	.083
$\overline{X}$	.090	.055	.059	.073
Percent cha from basel		38.9	34.4	18.9
	Mean BAC:	60-180 minute	es <sup>2</sup>	
1	.078	.056	.061	.071
2	.072	.047	.048	.057
4	.075	.031	.040	.068
$\overline{X}$	.075	.045	.050	.065
Percent cha from basel		40.0	33.3	13.3

<sup>1</sup> BAC measured 1 hour after completion of drinking.

 $<sup>^2\</sup>mathrm{Mean}$  of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.



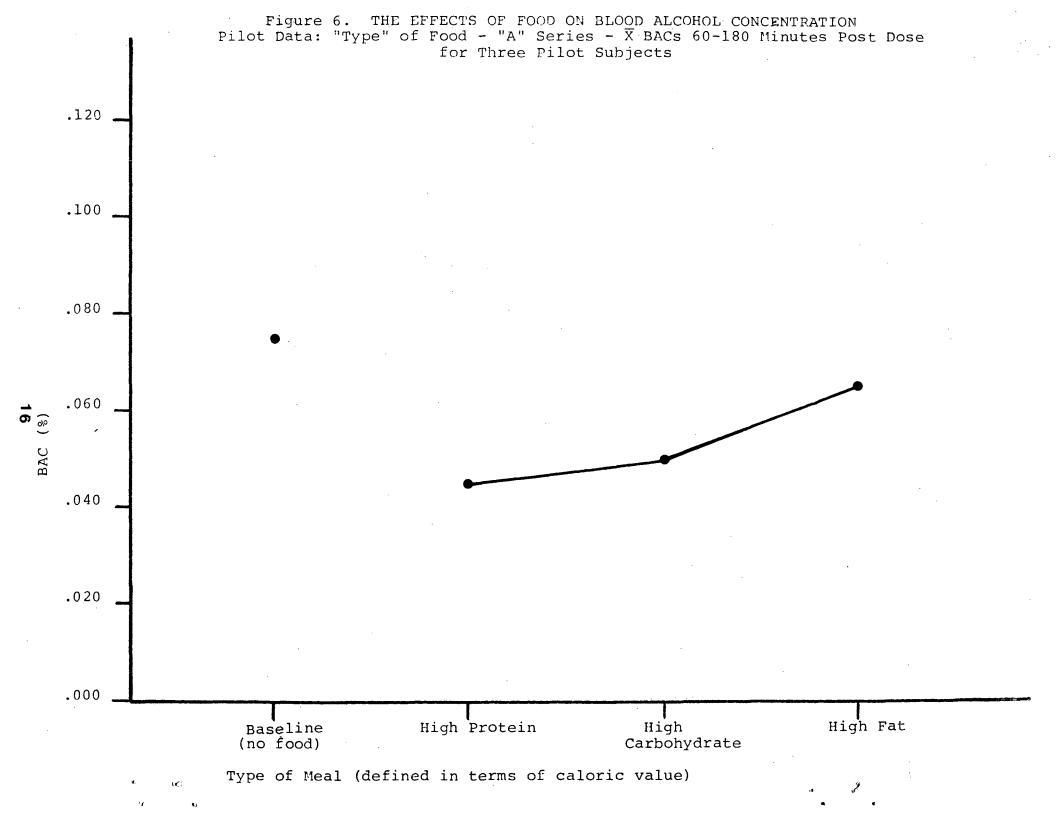


TABLE 5

Effects of <u>Type of Food</u>, Equal Calories: "B" Series

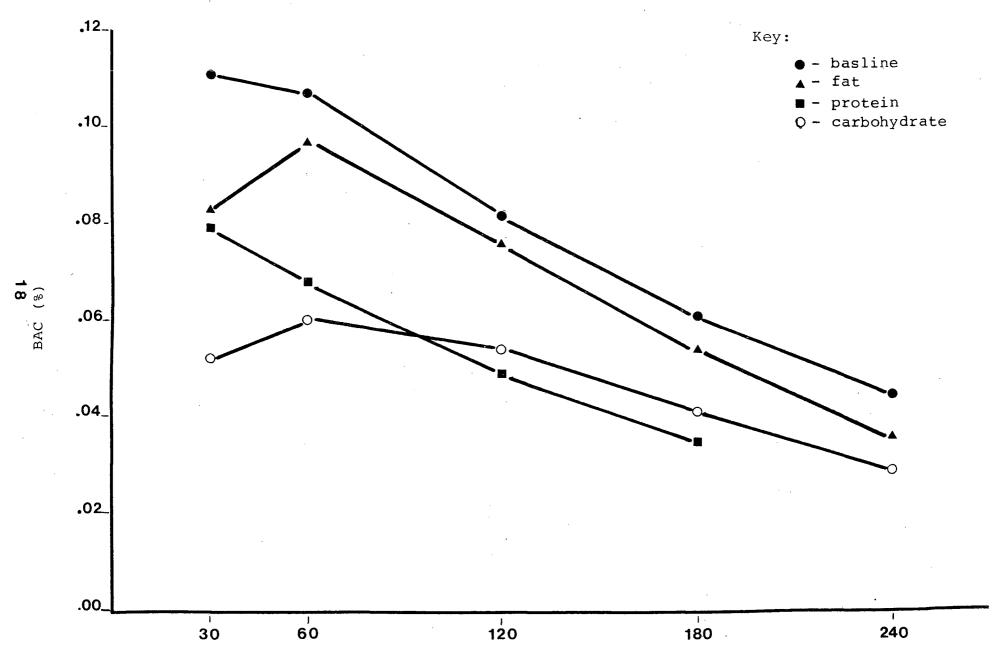
Data for Two Pilot Subjects

	Peak BAC (	ह)		
Subject No.	Baseline (No food)	Protein 1088 cal 927 gm	Carbohydrate 1060 cal 1092 gms	Fat 1080 cal 522 gms
6	.111	.071	.064	.107
7	.104	087	061	.106
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	.108	.079	.063	.107
Percent change from baseline		26.9	41.7	0.90
	60-Minute I	BAC (%)		
6	.115	.061	.061	.101
7	.098_	.075	.059	.093
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	.107	.068	.060	.097
Percent change from baseline		36.4	43.9	9.3
			•	
	Mean BAC:	60-180 minute	es <sup>2</sup>	
6	.094	.049	.056	.079
7	.082	.056	.052	.080
$\overline{\mathbf{x}}$	.088	.053	.054	.080
Percent change from baseline		39.8	38.6	9.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BAC measure 1 hour after completion of drinking.

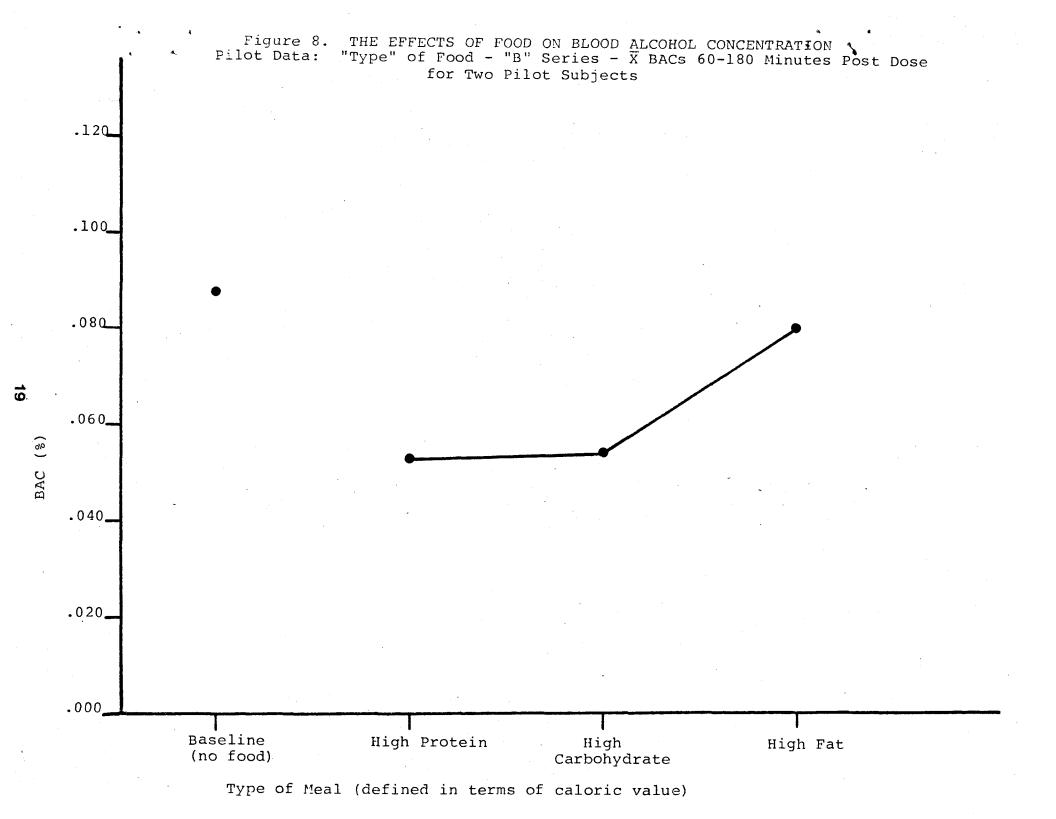
 $<sup>^2\</sup>mathrm{Mean}$  of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.

Figure 7. THE EFFECTS OF FOOD ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION
Pilot Data: "Type" of Food - Series B
X BACs Over Time: Two Subjects



Post Alcohol Intervals in minutes

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#### SUMMARY: PILOT SESSIONS

Three variables were investigated in preliminary sessions with pilot subjects: the <u>time</u> of food consumption relative to alcohol intake, the <u>amount</u> of food, and the <u>type</u> of food. The data indicate that for maximum effect on BAC, food should be eaten in close proximity to drinking. Effectiveness decreases with an increase in the interval between eating and drinking, and no effect was apparent at four hours. An interval of one-half hour between eating and drinking, which produced more than 40% reduction below the mean target BAC of 0.10%, was selected as the time to be used in further laboratory investigation of food effects.

The pilot data demonstrate that a meal of 1000 or more calories consumed one-half hour before drinking causes a lower BAC than would occur without food. Less food has less effect. However, it is important to note that even small amounts of protein and carbohydrates will have some effect on the BAC.

Considerable effort was given to the pilot examination of food type. Although important information was obtained, difficult questions remained. The pilot data indicate that both protein and carbohydrates are excellent substances for causing a lower BAC. Fatty foods are markedly less effective.

In all of the pilot sessions the alcohol beverage was consumed over a half-hour period. There was no examination of the effects of food on BAC when alcohol is consumed over a longer time period.

The scope of this study does not include an analysis of the mechanism or action by which food acts on BAC. Much of the relevant literature hypothesizes that food delays the emptying of stomach contents into the small intestine where the absorption of alcohol largely takes place. There are, however, a number of papers which take the position that the delay of stomach emptying and slowed absorption are insufficient explanation of the reduced BAC found when food has been eaten (Broitman et al., 1976; Southgate, 1925; Serianni et al., 1953).

In summary, the pilot studies were carried out to establish appropriate variable levels for a laboratory experiment. Based on the pilot data, a time of one-half hour between eating and drinking was chosen as an optimal time interval. Meals of 1000 and 500 calories were specified as the amounts of food for further testing. Note that although it was recognized that the weight of food may also be an important variable, the project budget did not permit testing the amount of food in both units, i.e., calories and grams. Since calories are most widely known and used in calculating food intake, a decision was made to define amount as the number of calories. Finally, to more fully examine the effects of type of food, it was decided to continue testing all of the three major types, protein, carbohydrates, and fats.

TABLE 6

Effects of Type of Food, Equal Grams: "C" Series

Data for Two Pilot Subjects

	Peak BAC (%)				
•	Food Type				
Subject No.	Baseline (No Food)	Low calorie meal * 505 cal/833 gms	High calorie meal 970 cal/836 gms		
6	.111	.095	.074		
8	.105	.086	.069		
$\overline{X}$	.108	.091	.072		
Percent change from baseline		15.7	33.3		
	60-Minute	BAC (%) <sup>1</sup>			
6	.115	.095	.074		
8	094	.086	.068		
$\overline{X}$	.105	.091	.071		
Percent change from baseline		13.3	32.4		
			•		
	Mean BAC:	60-180 minutes <sup>2</sup>			
6	.094	.078	.065		
8	.075	075	.059		
$\overline{X}$	.085	.077	.062		
Percent change from baseline		9.4	27.1		

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{BAC}$  measured 1 hour after completion of drinking.

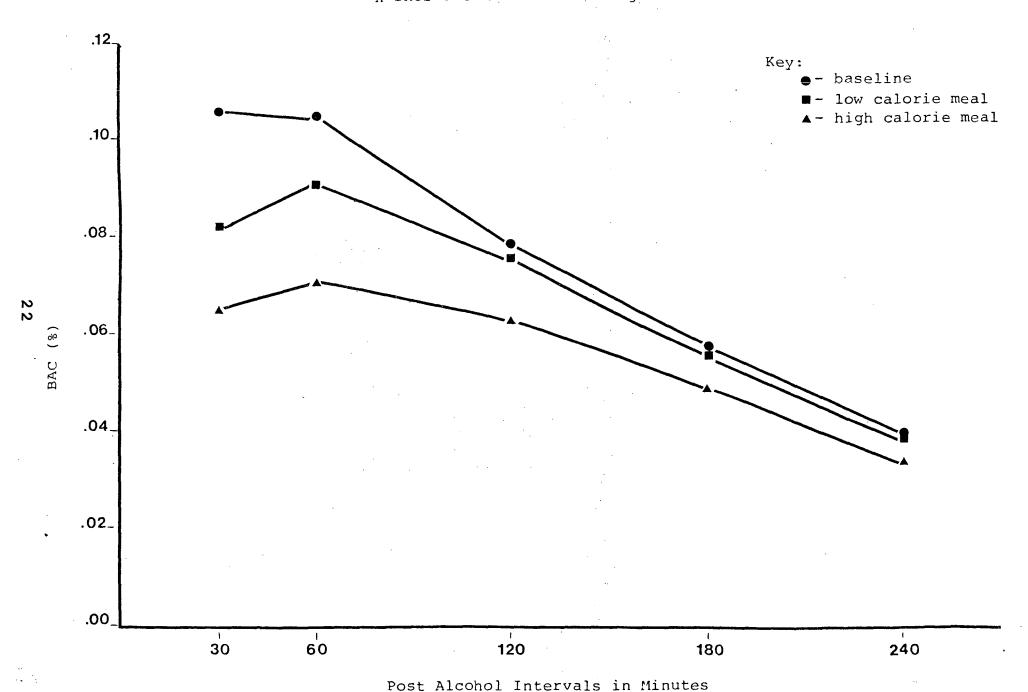
 $<sup>^2\</sup>mathrm{Mean}$  of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.

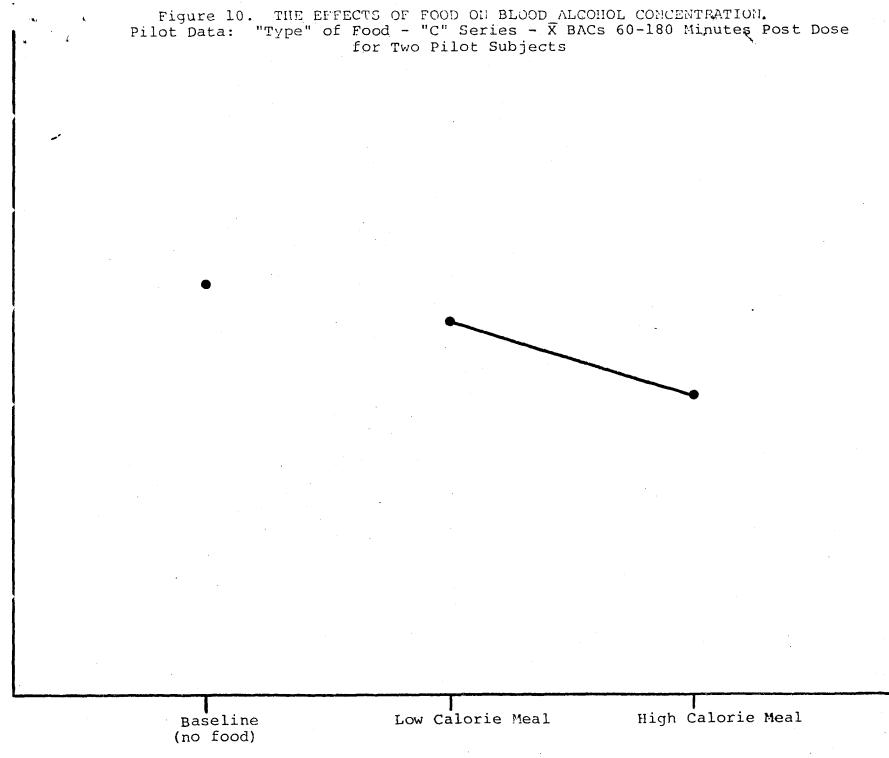
<sup>\*29%</sup> Protein, 56% Carbohydrates, 15% Fat

<sup>\*\* 31%</sup> Protein, 37% Carbohydrates, 31% Fat

Figure 9. THE EFFECTS OF FOOD ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION Pilot Data: "Type" of Food - Series C

X BACs Over Time: Two Subjects





Type of Meal (defined in terms of caloric value)

#### IV. Laboratory Experiment

A larger experiment was designed to further examine the effect of food on BAC. The factorial design of the experiment is displayed in the following figure:

			FOOD TYPE		
		High Protein Meal	High Carbo. Meal	High Fat Meal	
Calories -	1000 Calories n = 8	No. (No. 45) No. (	an and all all and an and an and an and an and	en en en en en en ⊕	24 Food Sessions
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					48 Sessions Total*

\*All Subjects also attended a baseline session where the alcohol treatment was given but no food was given.

Food type and number of calories were varied. The time of eating was held constant at 30 minutes prior to drinking, the time interval which was found to be most effective during the pilot testing.

Nine men participated in the experiment. The original intent was to maintain the same set of subjects throughout all sessions, but Subject No. 16 unexpectedly left the city after completing only the 500 calorie sessions. He was replaced with Subject No. 19. Given this change in subjects, a conservative approach was taken, avoiding the expense of re-running sessions by treating only <u>Food Type</u> as a repeated measures variable. <u>Calories</u>, the unit of measurement for amount of food, is treated as a separate groups variable.

#### METHOD

#### <u>Participants</u>

Nine men, ages 21 - 30 years (mean age 23 years), were paid for participating in the experiment. In order to keep the small sample as homogeneous as possible, only young men were accepted as subject, thus avoiding aging effects and male-female differences in BAC at a given dose. Subjects were recruited through state and college employment offices and were screened by standard SCRI procedures, which evaluate health status, drinking practices, and drug use.

There was no evidence of health problems for any subject. Their drinking practices were assessed with the Q-F-V Index which reflects both the quantity and frequency of alcohol consumption (Cahalan, Cisin and Crossley, 1969). All subjects were categorized by this scale as moderate drinkers. The mean weight was 71.16 Kg (range 68.18 Kg to 72.23 Kg) and the mean height was 178.65 cm (range 172.72 cm to 182.88 cm). At an average weight of approximately 156

pounds and an average height of 5 feet 10 inches, they can be described as being of average body build with only a small range of individual variability. V.t.C

#### Treatment

The alcohol dose at all sessions was .85 g alcohol kg bodyweight. It was given as a "screwdriver" made with 80-proof vodka and orange juice in a 1:1.5 ratio. Subjects were instructed to pace their consumption of the drink evenly over a half hour, and they were monitored to ensure compliance. A gas chromatograph (Intoximeter Mark IV) was used to measure BAC by analysis of breath samples at 30-minute intervals after drink completion.

Food treatments were meals of 1000 or 500 calories, each of which provided a high proportion of its total food value as either protein, carbohydrate, or fat. The details of these meals appear in Appendix B. The food treatments were designed to examine the effects of moderately large and small meals with each of the three major food types.

The meals were prepared at SCRI by the Research Assistant for the project. measurements were made with an Ohaus Harvard Trip Balance Scale with magnetic damping. This scale is accurate to  $\pm$  0.1 g. Food was purchased at only one market, using the same product or brand throughout the study to maximize consistency of content and quality.

#### Procedures

Subjects came to the laboratory at 8:00 a.m., having been instructed to fast from the preceding midnight. The early morning arrival was required as a control on food, stimulant, or alcohol intake during the hours immediately preceding the experiment. A breath sample was obtained upon arrival to confirm that the individual was at zero BAC. Subjects were permitted only water throughout the morning, and they remained under supervision in the laboratory watching television, reading, and socializing with other participants.

The first session, where no food was given, established a baseline BAC curve for The alcohol beverage was given at 12:00 noon and finished at each individual. 12:30 p.m. BAC readings then were obtained at 30-minute intervals, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Most of the men had eaten no food since dinner of the previous day, and they were acutely hungry by early to mid-afternoon. In order to permit them to eat as early as possible, the BACs were graphed as the readings were taken. When it was clearly established that an individual had passed the alcohol absorption phase, he was given lunch (sandwich, potato salad, beverage). These meals were eaten 2 1/2 to 4 hours after drinking.

At food-treatment sessions a subject received the meal at 11:30 a.m., finished eating the food no later than 11:45 a.m., and began drinking at 12:00 noon. The monitoring of BAC and subsequent food intake followed the same schedule as at the baseline session. In all cases, subjects remained in the laboratory until a BAC reading below 0.03% was obtained. There were no adverse reactions among the subjects to any treatment.

Food effects in relation to BAC may appear in at least three important ways: 1) the BAC is at lower levels throughout the course of the BAC curve, 2) the peak BAC is lower, and 3) the peak BAC is delayed in relation to alcohol intake.

The following measures were analyzed for statistical significance:

- 1. Peak BAC
  - changes in comparison to the no-food, baseline BAC
  - absolute changes
  - percent changes
- 2. BAC at 60 minutes following drinking
  - changes in comparison to the no-food, baseline BAC
  - absolute changes
  - percent changes
- 3. Minutes to peak BAC (elapsed time from completion of drink to the highest BAC)
- 4. Mean BAC for period 60 180 minutes after completion of drinking
- 5. BAC change over time, by 30-minute intervals

Statistics include  $\underline{F}$  tests, regression analyses, Newman-Keuls test on means, and Dunnett's  $\underline{t}$  for individual comparisons. The 'complete data set appears in Appendix C.

Analysis of the peak BAC and the BAC at 60 minutes

Tables 7 and 7a summarize the data which are graphed in Figures 11 - 15. The effect of <u>Food Type</u> is statistically significant (p < 0.001) as is the effect of <u>Calories (Amount)</u> (p < 0.001). The 1000 calories, high protein meal had the greatest effect on the peak BAC and the 60-minute BAC with a mean change of 40% in comparison to the condition of no food. The 1000 calorie high carbohydrate meal also was effective with changes of approximately 39%.

With only 500 calories the reduction with a protein meal was approximately 28%. The carbohydrate meal effected a 22% reduction of the peak and also delayed the occurrence of the peak with the result that the mean peak BAC and 60-minute BAC are identical. As can be seen in Table 7, the fat meal was considerably less effective. The peak BAC measure shows an 11% reduction for both 500 and 1000 calories. With the BAC measurement at 60 minutes, the 500 calories fat meal led to a reduction of 4%, the 1000 calorie fat meal to almost 12%. Graphs of the BAC curves for individual subjects can be seen in Appendix E. ANOVAs appear in Table 8.

The measure "Change in BAC" produces findings which substantiate those reported above. The changes both in peak BAC and the 60-minute BAC were examined as absolute change and as percent change, comparing the various food conditions to the no-food condition. The  $\underline{F}$  ratios are significant for both  $\underline{Type}$  and  $\underline{Calories}$ .

As can be seen in the Table of ANOVAs (Table 8), the interaction term  $\underline{\text{Type}}$   $\underline{X}$   $\underline{\text{Calories}}$  reaches statistical significance for a number of the measures. This significant interaction reflects the fact that the high fat meal was relatively

TABLE 7

Effects of Food by Amount and Type

Mean BACs

		Food Type		
Number of Calories	Baseline (no food)	Protein	Carbohydrates	Fat
			Peak BAC (%)	
500 calories	.108	.077	.084	.096
1000 calories	.105	.058	.064	.093
		60-Minute BACl		
500 calories	.096	.069	.084	.092
1000 calories	.093	.054	.057	.082
		Mean BAC	:: 60-180 Minute	es <sup>2</sup>
500 calories	.080	.060	.071	.076
1000 calories	.078	.044	.053	.071

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{BAC}$  measured 60 minutes after completion of drinking.

 $<sup>^2\</sup>mbox{\rm Mean}$  of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.

TABLE 7a

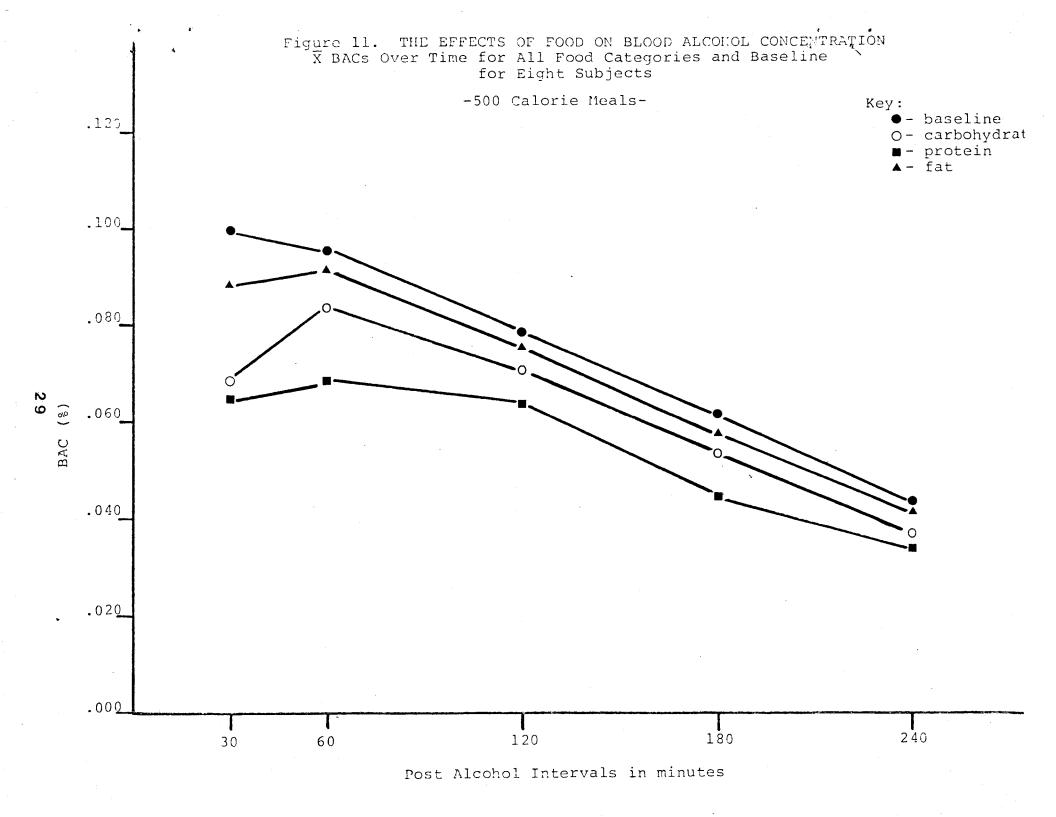
Effects of Food by Amount and Type

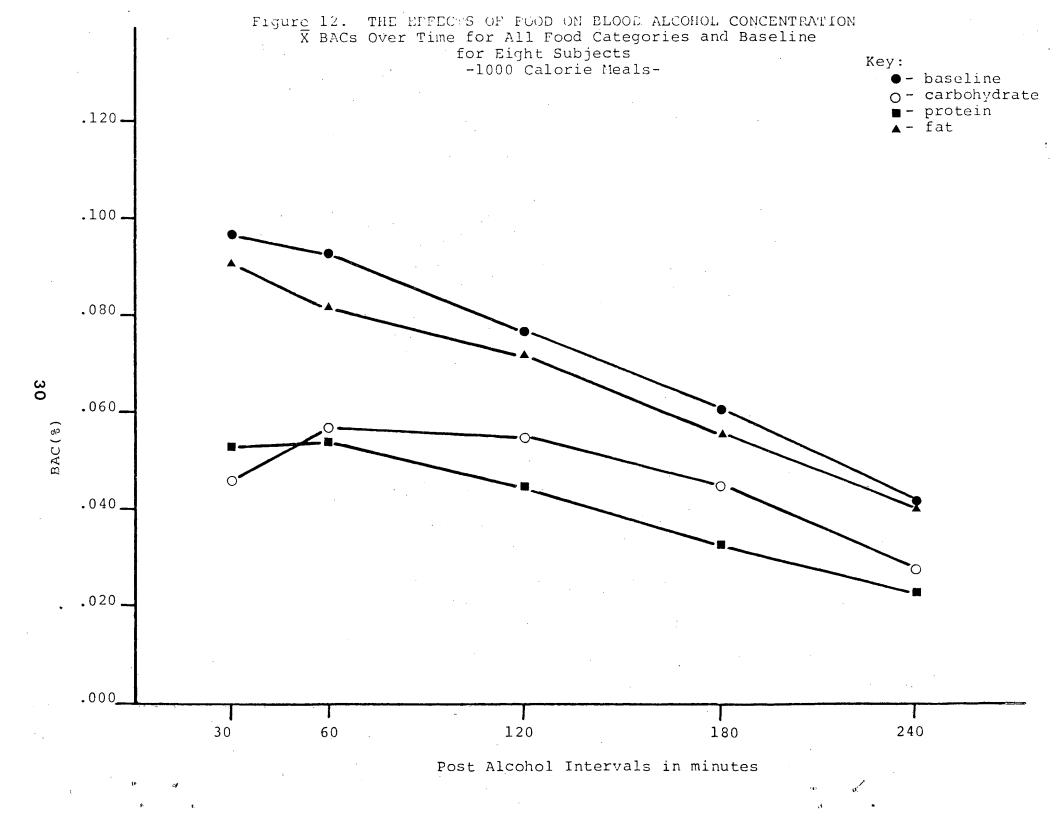
Percent Change in BAC, Compared to Baseline

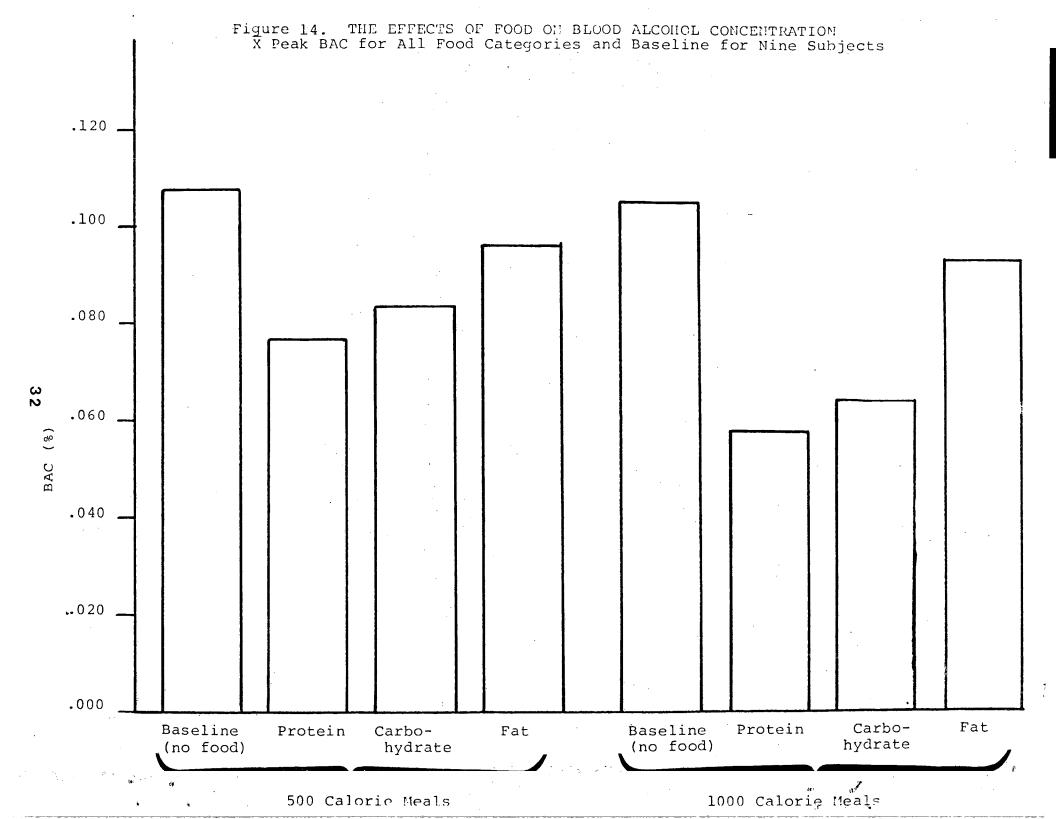
	Food Type		
Number of Calories	Protein	Carbohydrates Peak BAC (%)	<u>Fat</u>
500 calories 1000 calories	28.7 44.8	22.2 39.0	11.1
		60-Minute BAC <sup>1</sup>	
500 calories 1000 calories	28.1 41.9	12.5 38.7	4.2 11.8
	Mean E	BAC: 60-180 Minutes	<u>2</u>
500 calories 1000 calories	25.0 43.6	11.3 32.1	5.0 9.0

 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{BAC}$  measured 60 minutes after completion of drinking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Mean of BAC readings taken from 60 minutes to 3 hours after completion of drinking.







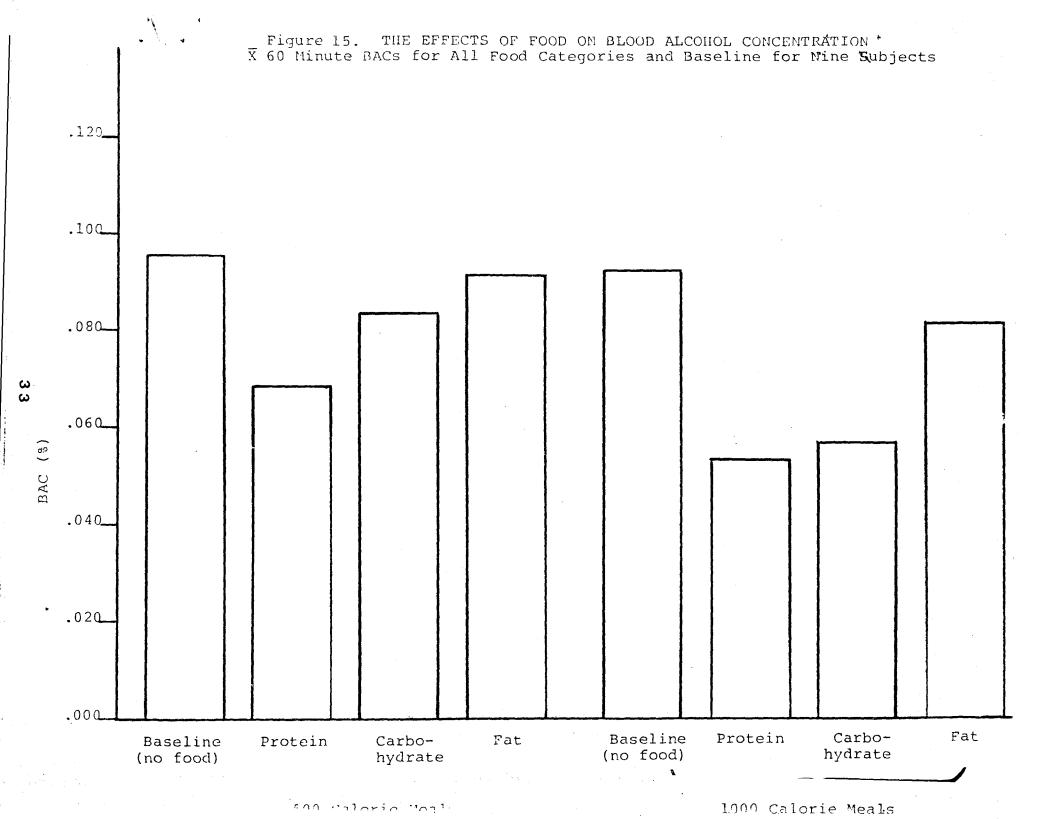


TABLE 8 Analyses of Variance<sup>1,2</sup> Laboratory Experiment Data

(A)	Measure	Source	<u>df</u>	F	Prob.
	Peak BAC	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	11.94 43.01 4.68	0.004 <0.001 0.018
	60-Minute BAC	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	22,03 17.98 2.27	<0.001 <0.001 0.018
	Peak BAC: Change from Baseline	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	3.21 43.28 4.16	0.095 <0.001 0.026
	Percent change from baseline	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	6.33 35.43 4.96	0.025 <0.001 0.014
	60 Minute BAC: Change from Baseline	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	15.72 14.88 3.24	0.001 40.001 0.054
	Percent change from baseline	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	18.85 17.33 2.29	0.001 40.001 0.120
	Mean BAC, 60-180 minutes post dose	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	23.45 33.62 2.02	<0.001 <0.001 0.151
	Elapsed time to peak	Calories Type T X C	1,14 2,28 2,28	0.000 5.66 1.74	1.000 0.009 0.194

See following page for definition of terms. ANOVAs computed with BMD P2V, Biomedical Computing Programs (Dixon, 1977).

Table 8 (Cont'd)

Measure	Source	<u>df</u>	F	Prob
BAC over time (Readings at peak	Calories	1,14	7.650	0.015
and 30, 60, 90,	Type (1)	1,14	2.409	0.143
120 and 150 min	T(1) xC	1,14	0.0006	0.981
post peak)	Type 2	1,14	127.283	<0.001
	T(2)xC	1,14	11.124	0.005
	Type 3	1,14	7.826	0.014
	T(3) xC	1,14	0.5599	0.467
	Туре	3,42	49.127	<0.001
	TxC	3,42	4.195	0.011
	Time 1	1,14	524.724	<0.001
	Time $(1) \times C$	1,14	1.789	0.202
	Time 2	1,14	2.540	0.133
	Time $(2) \times C$	1,14	1.407	0.255
	Time 3	1,14	4.149	0.061
	Time (3)xC	1,14	0.003	0.959
	Time	5,70	391.758	<0.001
	Time xC	5,70	1.559	0.183
	Type x Time (1,2)	1,14	3.865	0.069
	Type x Time $(2,1)$	1,14	20.637	<0.001
	Type x Time $(2,2)$	1,14	9.201	0.009
	Type x Time	15,210	6.184	<0.001

"Measure" Definitions"	
60-minute BAC	Intoximeter reading from breath sample taken 60 minutes after the completion of drinking.
Peak BAC	BAC at highest level. Time of occurrence varied between subjects and between sessions.
Minutes to Peak	Elapsed time from completion of drinking to the peak BAC.
Mean BAC for 3-hr. post-dose period	Intoximeter readings from breath samples taken 60 minutes through 180 minutes after completion of drinking.
" <b>^</b> "	Food Treatment data only; i.e., BACs from pro-

### "Source" Definitions"

- Calories

Number of calories in food treatment, 500 calories and 1000 calories.

tein, carbohydrate and fat meal sessions.

Туре

Type of food given as a meal, (no food or meals high in protein, carbohydrates, or fats).

ineffective with both a small and a large caloric amount whereas the other two food types were significantly more effective with 1000 calories than with 500 calories. However, it was not possible to fully define the nature of the function relating change in BAC to number of calories with only two levels of the <u>calories</u> variable.

#### Analysis of the Mean BAC for the Period 60-180 minutes post-dose

The statistics reported in the preceding discussion have been used to examine the differences in the BAC measurements at the highest point on the alcohol curve and at 60 minutes after drinking completion. It is also of interest to make comparisons of the BAC over a longer time period under the various conditions.

Table 7 and Figure 12 present mean BACs for the 5 breath tests which were made at 60, 90, 120, 150 and 180 minutes post-dose. The mean BACs are lower than those discussed in the preceding section since they include a longer segment of the declining curve. Nonetheless, the findings essentially parallel those previously reported with significant  $\underline{F's}$  for  $\underline{Type}$  and  $\underline{Calories}$ .

#### Analysis of the Elapsed Time to Peak BAC

The individual graphs of BAC curves suggest that carbohydrates delay the occurrence of the peak BAC. The  $\underline{F}$  ratio for  $\underline{Type}$  of food in the analysis of elapsed time is significant at the 0.01 level.

Individual comparisons of the elapsed time to the peak BAC were made with Dunnett's  $\underline{t}$ , with the baseline (no food) condition as the control. Only the carbohydrate meal-no food comparison was statistically significant (p < 0.001).

These analyses demonstrate that the carbohydrate meal significantly delayed the occurrence of the peak BAC, in comparison to the other food conditions. This finding should be kept in mind in interpreting the various statistics which are based on the mean peak BAC.

#### Comparisons of Means

In addition to ANOVAs, individual comparisons of the food <u>Types</u> were made, summing across the <u>Amount (Calories)</u> variable. The means for each food type are as follows:

60-minute BACs:	Baseline (no food)	0.095%
	Protein meals	0.061%
	Carbohydrate meals	0.070%
	Fat meals	0.087%

Testing each food-type BAC against the baseline BAC as a control, both the protein-baseline and the carbohydrate-baseline comparisons were found to be significant at the 0.001 level. The fat-baseline comparison was not statistically significant. The Dunnett's  $\underline{t}$  statistic was used for these tests.

Differences between all possible pairs of means also were tested using the Newman-Keuls method, as tabled below, for both the peak BACs and BACs at 60 minutes. Peak BACs following protein and carbohydrate meals were significantly different from BACs following the fat meal or the no-food (baseline) condition;

this finding applies to both 500 and 1000 calorie meals. For the 1000 calorie meal only, the peak BACs following the fat meal were significantly lower than when no food was eaten. It should be noted that the peak BAC occurs at different times following dosing for different subjects.

At 60 minutes the comparisons are somewhat changed from those for the peak BACs. For the smaller meal only the comparisons of BACs following the protein meal with the other conditions is significant. At 1000 calories the protein-carbohydrate comparison is not significant, but the BAC comparisons for protein and carbohydrate meals with both the fat meal and baseline condition are significant. Note that at 60 minutes the fat meal-baseline comparison does not reach statistical significance for either meal size.

NEWMAN-KEULS
Tests on All Ordered Pairs of Means

500 Calorie Meals: Peak BAC (%)		l <u>Protein</u>	2 <u>Carbohydrate</u>	3 <u>Fat</u>	4 <u>Baseline</u>
Ordered BACs		.077	.084	.096	.108
ifference between pairs	1 2 3		.007	.019	.031 .024 .012
= .0025 .99 <sup>(r,21)</sup>	r =		2 4.02	3 4.64	5.02
(r,21)			.010	.012	.013
	1 2 3		<u>-</u>	**	** **
000 Calorie Meals: eak BAC (%)					
erdered BACs		.058	.064	.093	.105
ifference between pairs	1 2 3		.006	.035	.047 .041 .012
= .0022 .99 <sup>(r,21)</sup>	r =		2 4.02	3 4.64	4 5.02
· q <sub>.99</sub> (r,21)			.009	.010	.011
	1 2		_	**	** **

<sup>\*\*</sup> p < .01

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500 Calorie Meals: 60 minute BACs (%)		l Protein	2 Carbohydrate	3 <u>Fat</u>	4 Baseline
Ordered Means		.068	.084	.092	.096
Difference between pairs	1 2 3		.016	.024	.028 .012 .004
s = .0027 q <sub>.99</sub> (r,21)	r	-	2 4.02	3 4.64	4 5.02
s . q <sub>.99</sub> (r,21)			.011	.013	.014
	1 2 3		**	**	**  
1000 Calorie Meals: 60 minute BACs (%)					
Ordered Means		.054	.057	.082	.093
Difference between pairs	1 2 3		.003	.028	.039 .036 .022
s = .0025 $s \cdot q_{.99}(r,21)$			.010	.012	.013
	1 2 3		•	**	** -

<sup>\*\*</sup> p < .01

#### ANOVA and Linear Regression Analysis of BAC Curves Over Time

In addition to the analyses of the peak and 60-minute BACs, and the mean of five BAC readings, it is of interest to examine food effects in terms of the entire alcohol curve. To do this, an ANOVA (Table 8) and linear regression analyses (Table 9) were carried out with the following design:

Time*	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6	1 2 3 4 5 6
Food Type	No Food	Protein	Carbohydrate	Fat
500 Calories: S No. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18				
1000 Calories: <u>S</u> No. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19				

<sup>1 =</sup> Peak BAC

The ANOVA included an orthogonal polynomial decomposition for the factors,  $\underline{\underline{Food}}$   $\underline{\underline{Type}}$  and  $\underline{\underline{Time}}$  of  $\underline{\underline{BAC}}$ . As can be seen in the above design,  $\underline{\underline{Time}}$  of  $\underline{\underline{BAC}}$  is defined in this analysis in minutes, beginning with the peak BAC at time 0 and continuing with readings at 30-minute intervals.

The ANOVA of the BACs over time shows the same pattern of significance; i.e.,  $\underline{Type}$  and  $\underline{Amount}$  are statistically significant (p < 0.001 and < 0.015,

<sup>2 = 30</sup> minutes post-peak

<sup>3 = 60</sup> minutes post-peak

<sup>4 = 90</sup> minutes post-peak

<sup>5 = 120</sup> minutes post-peak

<sup>6 = 150</sup> minutes post-peak

respectively). Of course, the time variable is highly significant as the alcohol levels decreased from the peak and approached zero. Also, the Type XAmount interaction term is significant, as previously reported for other analyses. The BAC decrease over time is a linear function, as confirmed by the significant (p 0.001) linear term.

Linear regression analyses, calculated separately for 500 and 1000 calorie meals, relate the dependent variable, BAC, to the independent variable, time. As can be seen in Table 9, the intercepts of the regressions curves are significantly different under the various food conditions; that is, when the alcohol curve is extended back to time zero, there is a significant effect by Finally, the BAC-Time correlation closely approached -1.0 (or, type of food. conversely, the multiple R statistic approached 1.0) as would be expected in view of the linearity of the BAC decline over time.

#### CONCLUSIONS

If a drinker wishes to hold his or her BAC at a low to moderate level, what are the guidelines for food consumption? What is the best time to eat in relation to alcohol intake? What type of food is best? How much food is it necessary to eat to insure the desired effect? The data from this study indicate that the following are appropriate responses to these questions.

In brief summary of the study findings, when food is eaten in close proximity to drinking alcohol, it can substantially reduce the BAC from the level that would be reached if the alcohol were consumed on an empty stomach. Protein has the largest effect, and carbohydrates also are very effective.

Fatty foods are relatively ineffective in any quantity, and for the purposes of limiting BAC, it would be best to restrict the fat content of meals to a minimum, choosing instead foods which are largely protein and carbohydrates. Finally, a large amount of these latter types of food will be more effective than a small amount.

The findings regarding Time of food intake show an inverse relationship; greatest reduction in BAC was found at one-half hour, the shortest interval between eating and drinking which was examined. At an interval as long as two hours, the laboratory data show that the food exerted an effect. At four hours there was no effect of the food (as would be expected inasmuch as that period of time allows the food to pass through the stomach). Note that the findings regarding Time of food intake are from pilot data only. This variable was not examined in the larger experiment in which the single interval of one-half hour between food intake and alcohol consumption was used.

The findings concerning the Amount of Food are fairly straightforward. meal will offer more protection than a snack, but even small amounts of food 41 will have some effects on the BAC. In the laboratory 1000 calorie meals, which were either high in protein content or high in carbohydrate content, were followed by  $\approx 40\%$  reductions in BAC. Certainly a change of that magnitude has practical singificance to the individual.

Type of Food is a more complex issue than the other variables of interest, the data provide the basis for some recommendations. The person who expects to be drinking and would prefer to offset the alcohol to some extent by eating can be advised to consume a typical, full meal. For example, a meal which contains

TABLE 9 Linear Regression Analyses Laboratory Experiment Data

Independent variable - time
Dependent variable - BAC

			500 Calo	ries _			
ANOVA				df	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Regression -	- all da no foo protei carboh fat	đ n		1,26 1,5 1,5 1,5	80.89 1077.89 438.595 665.397 1978.533	0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000	
Regression	Coeffici	ents		6,20	174.087	0.000	
	Mean BAC	Std Dev	Interce	pt	Std Err of Est	Multiple R	•
All data No food Protein Carbohydrate Fat	.065 .077 .053 .062 .070	.019 .020 .016 .017	.090 .105 .074 .086 .096	·	.0097 .0015 .0018 .0016 .0010	.870 .998 .994 .996 .999	·
		· .	_ 1000 Cal	ories		,	
ANOVA				df	F	P	
Regression	- all da no foo protei carboh fat	d n		1,26 1,5 1,5 1,5	24.074 1041.66 3131.530 702.428 3240.132	0.000	
Regression	Coeffici	ents		6,20	918.479	0.000	
	Mean BAC	Std Dev	Interce	pt	Std Err of Est	Multiple R	
All data No food Protein Carbohydrate Fat	.058 .075 .041 .046	.021 .019 .013 .014	.079 .102 .058 .065		.0156 .0015 .0006 .0013	.693 .998 .999 .997	,

bread, meat, potatoes, and vegetables would be ideal. Such foods are largely protein and carbohydrates with a smaller proportion of the food being fats, and that kind of basic menu can be recommended. There is no evidence in these data to suggest that any specific, special foods should be eaten.

The pilot study and experiment findings have defined the food conditions which will make the maximum difference in BAC. It is important to emphasize, however, that these are not all-or-nothing variables. Rather, almost any food, eaten during the time interval of two hours or less prior to drinking, can be expected to produce some reduction in BAC compared to drinking in a fasted state. Although a small amount of food may have relatively minor effects, it would be unfortunate if the public believed that only a full meal would suffice. Snack foods, light meals, and typical party foods which accompany drinking all can be eaten with some benefit expected for the individual who wishes to minimize BAC.

There are some significant limits to these findings which should be noted. The alcohol beverage (80-proof vodka and orange juice mixed in a 1:1.5 ratio) was consumed over a half-hour period. No examination was made of other types of alcohol or of other alcohol concentrations, nor was it possible within the scope of this study to examine the condition in which alcohol is consumed as multiple drinks over a longer time period. The individual who may use the findings from this study as a basis for estimating BAC is likely not to duplicate the laboratory conditions and will need to be advised of the limits of the data.

Clearly, a high calorie meal is more effective than a low calorie meal of equal weight. However, to determine whether weight of food is a critical variable, an additional test is needed. Specifically, the question requires comparisons of meals with equal calories but varying weight. The tests did not include this condition, and thus the issue is not resolved by these data.

Also, the findings are based on study of male subjects only. It is expected that the effects of food on BAC will be closely similar for women, but no data have been obtained with female subjects.

Finally, the subjects were <u>young</u> men, ages 21 - 30 years, and 'age' as a variable was not included in the study. It is possible that findings for older individuals will differ from those reported. Physiological changes, including changes in body composition, metabolic processes, and organ function which may occur with aging, presumably may affect the reported food-alcohol relationship.

It can reasonably be assumed that food will have some effect under these various conditions, but the extent of that effect has not been established. It is recommended that further study include a wider age range and include women as subjects. Additionally, if food is to find optimal use as an alcohol countermeasure, it will be necessary to examine the effects in circumstances more typical of social drinking. For example, it will be important to the alcohol user to know what may be expected if he/she has consumed an average-size, typical evening meal at 6 or 7 p.m. and then goes to a party or bar and drinks steadily for the rest of the evening without further food intake. Further study also will be needed to determine food effects on BAC when alcohol is consumed simultaneously with a meal.

#### Alcohol Nomographs

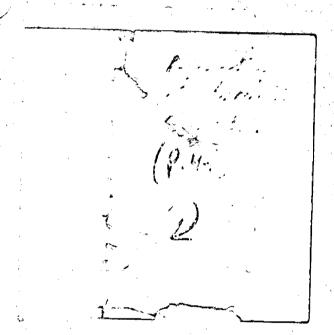
Tables which relate number of drinks and bodyweight to BAC are available for

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drivers, commonly made available to the public by law enforcement agencies and other groups with a responsibility or concern for traffic safety. Although these nomographs vary in detail, they all are similar in that the expected BAC is tabled as a linear function of bodyweight and number of drinks. (A drink is defined in terms of ounces of liquor, beer, or wine.) In addition, some rule-of-thumb usually is given by which to allow for elapsed time.

As will be discussed in Section II of this report, there are some problems with the linear model in this application. Further, the accuracy of the BAC estimate varies as a function of the user's age, weight, body composition, and alcohol-use history. The tables are likely to significantly underestimate BAC for women. However, it is believed that improved tables can be developed, which will reduce the error in tabled estimates.





#### V. Recommendations

It is recommended that the following findings be incorporated into a pamphlet for drivers:

- 1. Eat a meal in close proximity to the time of drinking.
- 2. Eat a full meal, if possible, with a variety of foods which are largely protein and/or carbohydrates.
- 3. When it is not possible to have a meal before drinking, take advantage of whatever food is available. Almost any food will be better than no food at all.
- 4. Avoid drinking when no food has been eaten for more than two hours.

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Appendix A "Type of Food" Pilot Sessions

## Menu 1 - A Series

		•		GMS	
High Carbo Meal	gms	<u>cal</u>	protein	fat	carbo
<pre>1 c spaghetti 1 c canned corn 1 hard roll 1 pat butter 1 c orange juice 1 banana</pre>	250 256 52 7 248 150 963	260 170 160 50 110 85 835	9 5 0 2 1 22 (11%)	9 2 2 6 0 0 19 (10%)	37 40 31 0 27 23 158 = 199gms (79%)
High Protein Meal					
<pre>2 boiled eggs 1 c uncreamed cottage cheese 3 oz tuna 3 oz lean roast beef 3 oz broiled skinned chicken 1 raw medium tomato</pre>	100 225 85 85 85 150 730	160 195 170 165 115 35 840	13 38 24 25 20 2 112 (72%)	12 7 7 3 0 30 (19%)	1 6 0 0 0 7 14 = 156gms (9%)
High Fat Meal					
California avocado The mayonnaise conductor of the conduc	108 30 28 16 14 23 219	185 220 105 100 100 60 770	2 0 2 5 0 2 11 (10%)	18 24 11 8 12 <u>1</u> 74 (70%)	$ \begin{array}{c} 6 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \frac{12}{20} = 105 \text{gms} \\ (19\%) \end{array} $

Appendix A

Menu 2 - C Series

High Calorie Meal	gms	<u>cal</u>	protein	GMS <u>fat</u>	carbo
3 oz lean roast beef 2 slices wheat bread 1 Tb mayonnaise 1 c cream/mushroom soup 2 oz swiss cheese 1 medium raw apple 1 c whole milk	85 46 15 240 56 150 244 836	165 120 110 135 210 70 160 970	25 4 0 2 16 0 9 56 (31%)	7 2 12 10 16 0 9 56 (31%)	0 24 0 10 2 18 12 66 = 178gms (37%)
Low Calorie Meal					
l½ oz lean roast beef l slice wheat bread ½Tb mayonnaise l c vegetable soup ½ oz swiss cheese l medium raw apple l c diced celery l c nonfat milk	42½ 23 7½ 250 14 150 100 246 833	82½ 60 55 80 52½ 70 15 90	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	3½ 1 6 2 4 0 0 16½ (15%)	0 12 0 14 ½ 18 4 13 61½ = 109½gms

Appendix A

Menu 3 - B Series

				GMS	
High Carbo Meal	gms	cal	protein	<u>fat</u>	carbo
2 c spaghetti/sauce ½ c uncreamed corn 1 hard roll 2 pats butter 1 c orange juice 1 medium banana	500 128 52 14 248 150 1092	520 85 160 100 110 85 1060	$   \begin{array}{c}     18 \\     25 \\     5 \\     0 \\     1 \\     \hline     28 \\     \hline     (12 %)   \end{array} $	18 1 2 12 0 0 33 (14%)	74 20 31 0 27 23 175 = 236½gms (74%)
High Protein Meal					
2 boiled eggs lic cottage cheese 4 oz tuna 4 oz roast beef 4 oz chicken 1 medium raw tomato	100 337½ 113 113 113 150 926½	160 292½ 227 220 153 35 1087½	13 57 32 33 27 2 164 (76%)	12 1½ 9 9 4 0 35½ (16%	1 9 0 0 0 7 17 = 216½gms ) (8%)
High Fat Meal					
California avocado Tb mayonnaise cz cream cheese slices fried bacon pats butter c cream/mushroom soup oz cubed ham	108 15 28 32 14 240 85 522	185 110 105 200 100 135 245 1080	$ \begin{array}{c} 2 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ 10 \\ 0 \\ 2 \\ \frac{18}{34} \\ (23\%) \end{array} $	18 12 11 16 12 10 19 98 (65%)	6 0 1 2 0 10 0 19 = 151gms (13%)

Appendix B

## Menus for Laboratory Experiment

"Protein" Meals (> 70% Protein)

	Total	Total	gms
1000 Calorie Meal	gms	cal	protein fat carbo
1 c broiled chicken 3½ oz Sunkist Tuna* 1½ c Knudsen cottage cheese** 5 oz lean roast beef 1 medium raw tomato	226 94 340 142 150 952	306 100 300 275 35 1016	54 8 0 22½ 1 0 48 6 12 42 12 0 2 0 7 168½ 27 19 = 214½gms (79%) (13%) (9%)
500 Calorie Meal			
1 3/4 oz tuna 3/4 c cottage cheese 2½ oz lean roast beef ½ medium raw tomato	113 47 170 70 75 475	153 50 150 137½ 17½ 508	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

<sup>\*</sup>water-packed tuna

<sup>\*\*</sup>low-fat cottage cheese

Appendix B
s for Laboratory Experiment

Menus	for	Lak	oorato	ry	Expe	riment
"Carbohy	drat	e"	Meals	( >	70%	Carbo)

	Total	Total	gms
1000 Calorie Meal	gms	cal	protein fat carbo
3 oz spaghetti 4 oz Hunt's tomato/onion sauce 7 oz Green Giant Corn 1 sourdough roll 2 pats butter 8 oz Vita-Pakt Orange Juice 1 5½ oz banana 1 c lime Jello Gelatin	85 113 198 28 14 227 150 227 1042	300 45 150 90 100 110 85 160 1040	12 2 60 2 0 10 4 1 30 3 1 18 0 12 0 1 0 24 1 0 23 4 0 38 27 16 203 = 246 gms (11%) (7%) (83%)
500 Calorie Meal			
l½ oz spaghetti 2 oz tomato/onion sauce 3½ oz corn 1 sourdough roll 1 pat butter 4 oz orange juice 1 5½ oz banana	42½ 56½ 99 28 7 113½ 150 496½		6 1 30 1 0 5 2 ½ 15 3 1 18 0 6 0 ½ 0 12 1 0 23 $\overline{13\frac{1}{2}}$ $\overline{8\frac{1}{2}}$ $\overline{103}$ =125gms (11%) (7%) (83%)

## Appendix B

Menus for Laboratory Experiment "Fat" Meals (> 70% Fat)

	Total	Total	<u>a</u>	ms		<del></del> ,
1000 Calorie Meal	gms	cal	protein	fat	carbo	
<pre>1 c cubed avocado 2 Tb Best's mayonnaise 2 oz Knudsen's cream cheese 2 slices fried bacon 2 pats butter 5 oz Campbell's cream/mushroom soup</pre>	152 28 56 16 14 142	260 200 220 100 100 75	3 0 6 5 0 1	26 22 20 8 12 5½	9 0 2 1 0 5½	
6 extra large green olives 1 large dill pickle	32 135 575	30 15 1000	0 1 16 (12%)	4 0 97½ (73%)		134gms
500 Calorie Meal						
to cubed avocado  To mayonnaise  loz cream cheese  slice fried bacon  pat butter  to z cream/mushroom soup  extra large green olives  large dill pickle	76 14 28 8 7 71 16 67 287		, Ō	13 11 10 4 6 2.7 2 0 48.7 (73%)	0 1½ 75 10¼	67gms

Appendix C
Summary of Laboratory Experiment Data

## Data Summary BACs at 30-minute Intervals

Baseline (No Food)			BAC	(%)				
Cubicat #		min	utes a	fter dr	inking			
Subject #	_30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240
10 11 12 14 15 16* 17 18	.102 .057 .088 .105 .105 .134 .099 .112	.095 .086 .091 .101 .100 .114 .086 .095	.085 .096 .079 .096 .093 .096 .076 .089	.073 .087 .077 .080 .081 .083 .068 .082	.069 .077 .065 .080 .073 .075 .067	.060 .067 .056 .063 .066 .065 .061	.053 .061 .046 .052 .057 .058 .049 .051	.044 .051 .036 .042 .042 .052 .040 .044
500 Calorie/High Pro	otein Mea	1		·				
10 11 12 14 15 16 17	.073 .075 .061 .056 .042 .097 .071	.072 .075 .092 .061 .047 .092 .066	.070 .076 .084 .067 .049 .084 .068	.066 .070 .075 .059 - .076 .062	.056 .061 .066 .047 .045 .065 .057	.052 .049 .053 .039 .035 .049 .049	.047 .044 .049 .028 .035 .040 .038	.042 .037 .041 - .025 .030
500 Calorie/High Car	bo Meal			•				
10 11 12 14 15 16 17	.067 .059 .057 .082 .074 .098 .056	.079 .083 .078 .089 .090 .097 .081	.070 .080 .073 .085 .080 .091 .077	.066 .078 .062 .081 .072 .072	.060 .076 .050 .073 .070 .071 .067	.052 .059 .044 .059 .061 .057 .056	.045 .050 .032 .050 .055 .047 .051	.036 .045 .027 .040 .048 .036 .047

<sup>\*</sup>Participated in 500 calorie sessions only.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Participated in 1000 calorie sessions only.

### Summary of Laboratory Experiment Data

500 Calorie/High Fat Meal				BAC	(용)			
Subject #			minu	ıtes a	fter d	rinkin	g	
	30	60	90	120	150	180	210	240
10 11 12 14 15 16 17	.087 .110 .082 .099 .073 .120 .085 .053	.095 .101 .073 .100 .088 .099 .087	.089 .081 .091 .082 .089	.071 .079 .070 .081 .073 .080 .077	.063 .069 .062 .071 .069 .068 .066	.062 .061 .054	.058 .044 .054 .052 .043	
1000 Calorie/High Protein Meal								
10 11 12 14 15 17 18	.076 .055 .032 .058 .027 .068 .043	.050 .040 .059 .048 .065	.043	.041 .038 .048 .041 .056	.050 .033 .039 .040 .037 .051 .039	.037 .033 .041	.025 .031 .034 .029 .038	.021 .026 .025 .022
1000 Calorie/High Carbo Mea	1		•					
10 11 12 14 15 17 18		.071 .053 .065 .043	.058 .066 .046 .048 .059	.047 .053 .061 .063 .059	.058 .056 .044 .052 .059 .053 .048	.036	.048 .036 .038 .045 .039	
1000 Calorie/High Fat Meal								
10 11 12 14 15 17 18	.095 .102 .086 .094 .098 .089 .063	.092 .053 .076 .087 .102 .085 .077	.075 .080 .092 .081	.071 .080 .060 .074 .087 .070 .068	.062 .081 .058 .066 .074 .061 .061	.051 .069 .046 .060 .068 .057 .054	.055 .042 .055 .064 .051	.037 .050 .036 .047 .054 .040

Effects of Food by Amount and Type
Summary of Laboratory Experiment Data

•				
		<del></del>	Peak BAC (%) 1	
			Food Type	
Subject Number	Baseline (no food)	Protein	Carbohydrates	Fat
			500 Calories	
10	.102	.073	•079	.095
11	.096	.076	.083	.110
12	.091	.092	.078	.082
14	.123	.067	.089	.100
15	.105	.090	.090	.088
16	.134	.097	.098	.120
17	.099	.071	.081	.087
18	.112	.047	.076	.089
$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	.108	.077	.084	.096
A	.015	.016	.007	.013
Percent decrease				
from baseline		28.7	22.2	11.1
			•	
			1000 Calories	00#
10	.102	.076	.068	.095
11 12	.096	.055	.071 .058	.102
14	.091 .123	.043 .059	.066	.086 .094
15	.105	.039	.063	.102
17	.099	.068	.059	.089
18	.112	.050	.063	.077
19	.110	.064	.063	.100
$\overline{X}$	.105	.058	.064	.093
•	.010	.011	.004	.009
Percent decrease	е			
from baseline		44.8	39.0	11.4

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mathrm{l}}$  Time of occurrence of peak BAC varied between subjects and between sessions.

Effects of Food by Amount and Type
Summary of Laboratory Experiment Data

				7
60-Mi	nute	BAC	(용)	_

		00 111	11400 1210 (0)	<del></del>
			Food Type	,
Subject	Baseline			
Number	(no food)	Protein	Carbohydrates	<u>Fat</u>
	•	50	0 Calories	
10	.095	.072	.079	.095
11	.086	.075	.083	.101
12	.091	.092	.078	.073
14	.101	.061	.089	.100
	.100	.047	.090	.088
16	.114	.092	.097	.099
17	.086	.066	.081	.087
18	.095	.047	.075	.089
10				
$\overline{\overline{\mathbf{X}}}$	.096	.069	.084	.092
24	.009	.018	.007	.009
Percent decre		.020	•007	• 003
from basel:		28.1	12.5	4.2
TIOM DUDGE.		20.2	2200	
		100	0 Calories	·
10	.095	.072	.065	.092
11	.086	.050	.071	.053
12	.091	.040	.053	.076
14	.101	.059	.065	.087
15	.100	.048	.043	.102
17	.086	.065	.041	.085
18	.095	.048	.063	.077
19	.092	.048	.051	.083
19	.092	.040	-031	.003
$\overline{X}$	.093	.054	.057	.082
Λ	.006	.011	.011	.014
Percent decre		• 011	• ОТТ	• 074
from basel		41.9	38.7	11.8
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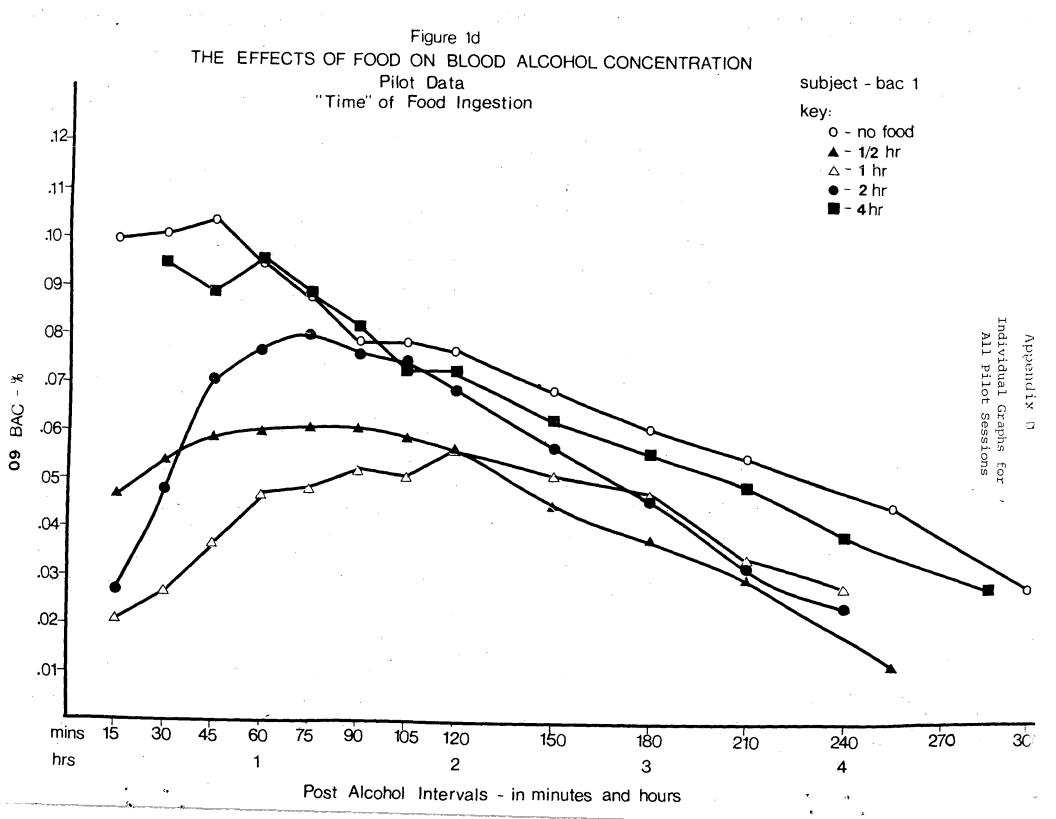
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>BAC measured 60 minutes after completion of drinking.

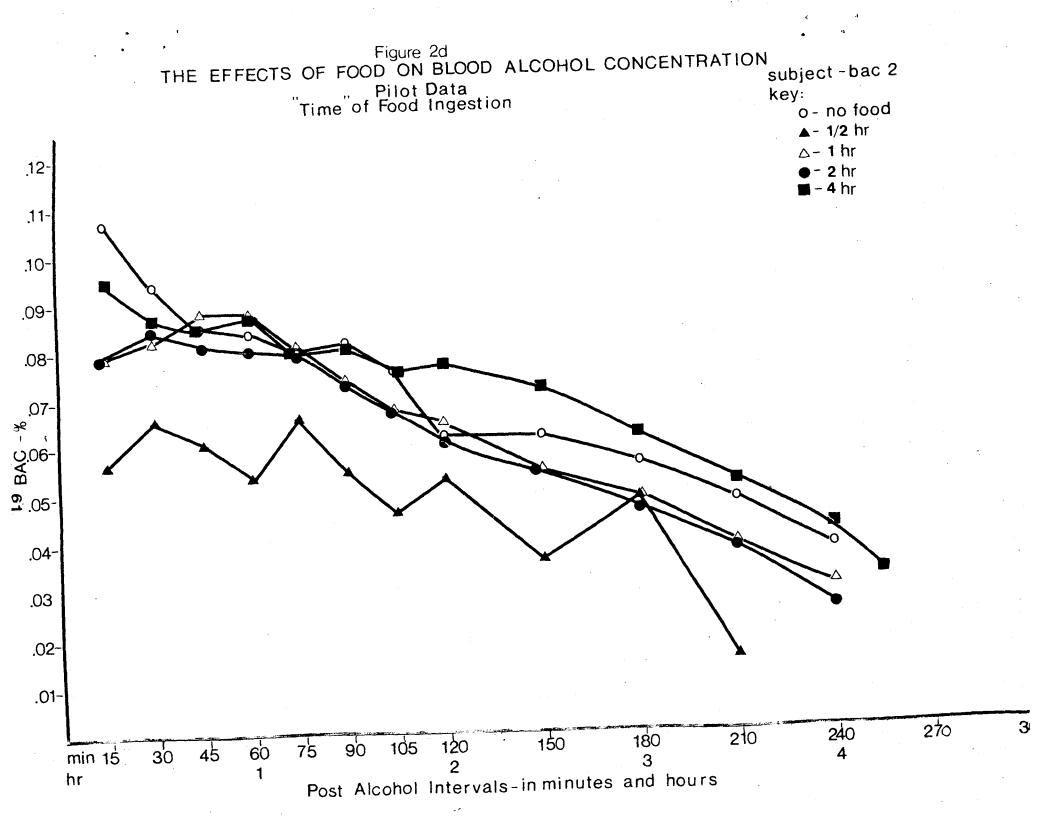
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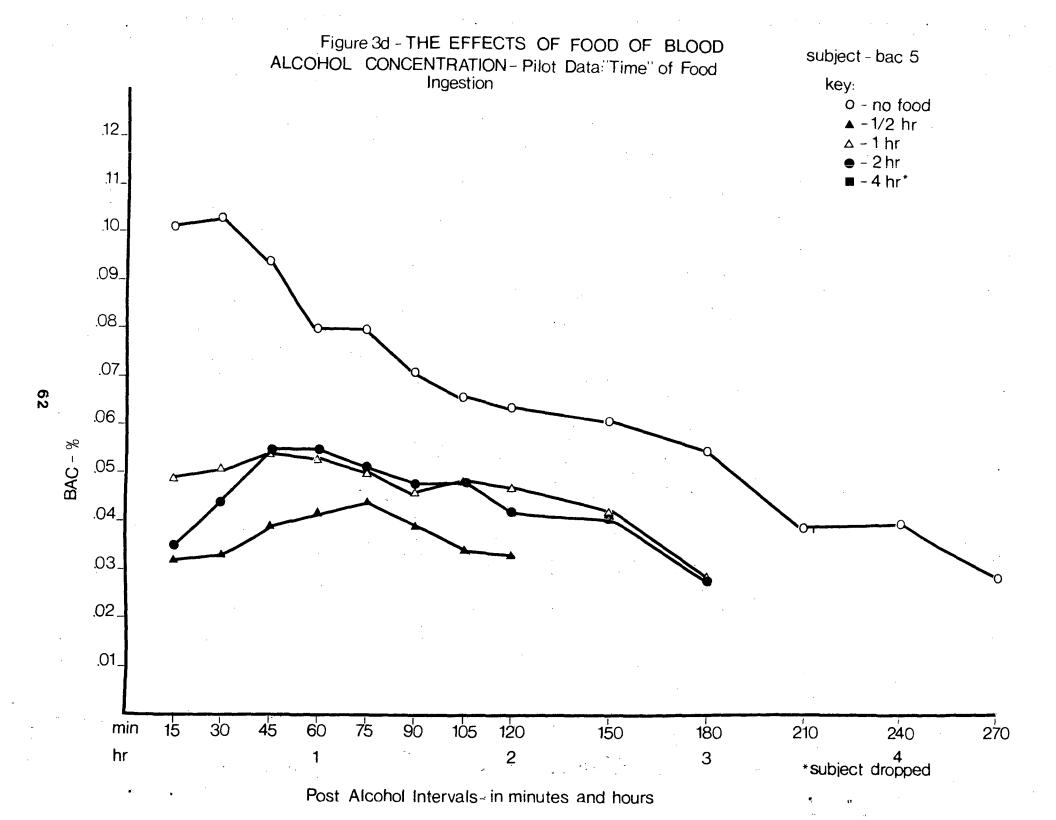
	Mean	BAC, 60 -	180 minutes post-de	ose
			Food Type	
Subject Number	Baseline (no food)	Protein	Carbohydrates	Fat
	•		500 Calories	
10	.076	.063	.065	.073
11	.083	.066	.075	.083
12	.074	.074	.061	.072
14	.084	.055	.077	.086
15	.083	.048	.075	.075
16	.087	.073	.078	.078
17	.072	.060	.071	.075
18	081	.039	.062	.075
$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	.080	.060	.071	.077
	.005	.012	.007	.005
Percent dec		*		
from base	line	25.0	11.3	3.8
			1000 Calories	
10	.076	.059	.059	.070
11	.083	.040	.060	.074
12	.074	.039	.050	.063
14	.084	.050	.059	.073
15	.083	.041	.053	.085
17 18	.072 .081	.054 .042	.050 .052	.071
19	.056	.035	.039	.066
		-055	.039	.063
$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	.076	.045	.053	.071
	.009	.008	.007	.007
Percent dec				
from base	line	40.8	30.3	6.6

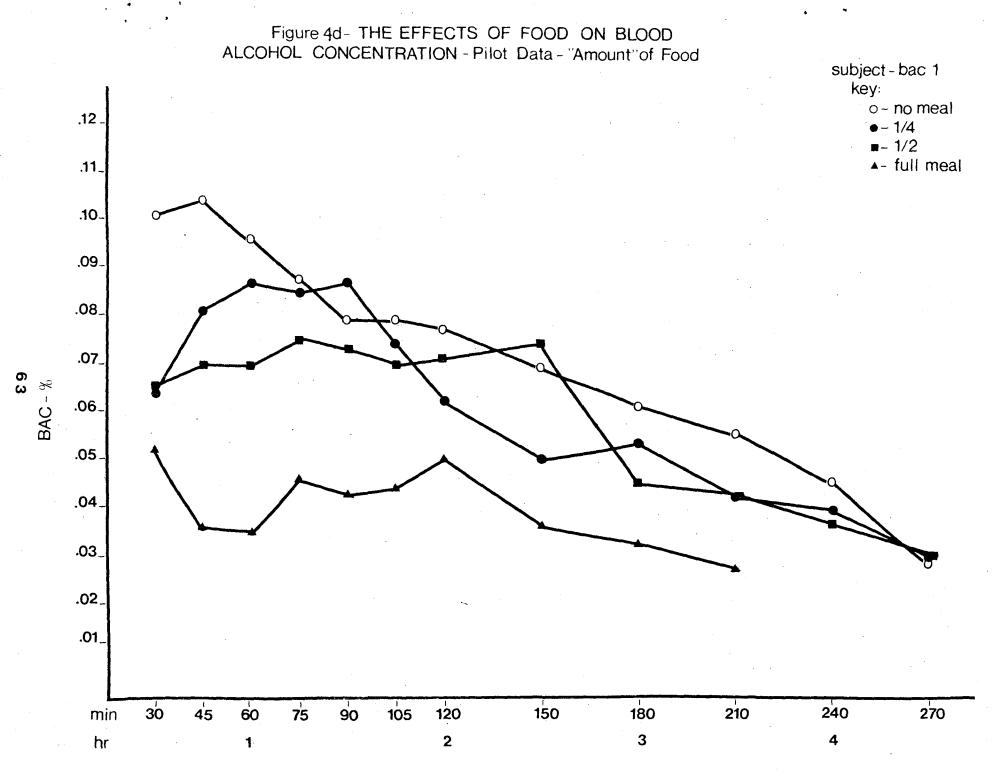
# Effects of Food by Amount and Type Summary of Laboratory Experiment Data

	Elapsed Time (minutes) to Peak BAC						
	Food Type						
Subject Number	Baseline (no food)	Protein	Carbohydrates	Fat			
	•	5(	00 Calories				
10	30	30	60	60			
11	90	90	60	30			
12	60	60	60	30			
14	30	90	60	60			
15	30	60	60	60			
16 17	30	30	30	30			
18	30 30	30	60	60			
10	30	60	90	60			
$\overline{\mathbf{X}}$	41.3	56.3	60	48.8			
	22.3	25	16	15.5			
•							
		100	00 Calories				
10	30	30	30	30			
11	90	30	60	30			
12	60	90	90	30			
14	30	60	90	30			
15	30	60	120	60			
17	30	30	120	30			
18	30	90	60	60			
19	30	30_	30	30			
$\overline{X}$	41.3	52.5	75	37.5			
	22.3	26.6	35.9	13.9			









Post Alcohol Intervals - in minutes and hours

Figure 5d-THE EFFECTS OF FOOD ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION - Pilot Data - 'Amount' of Food

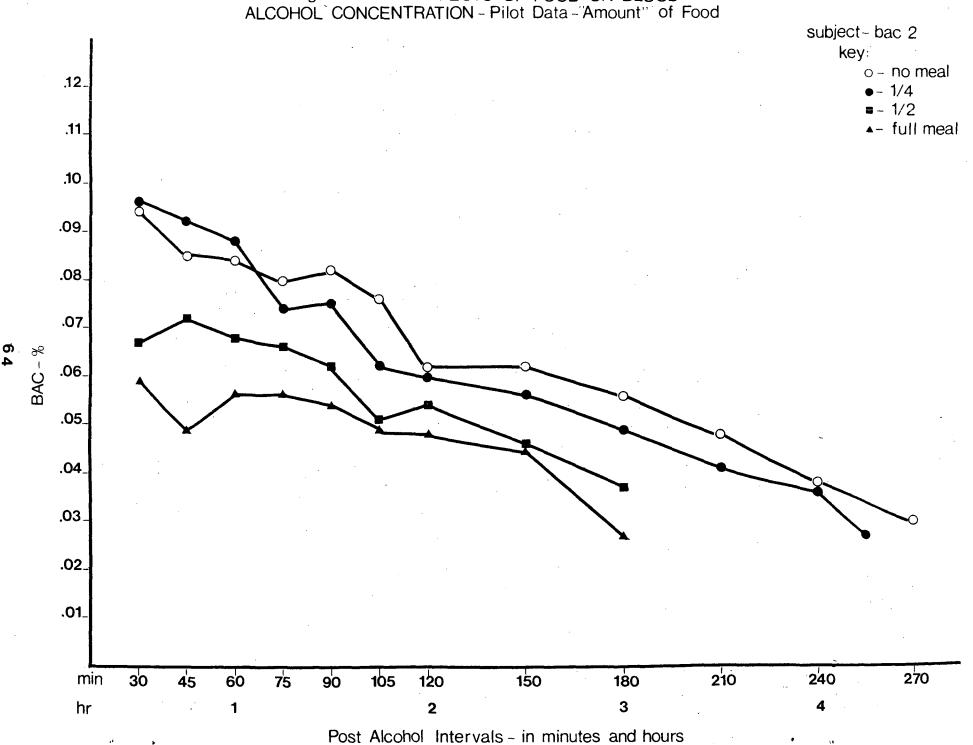
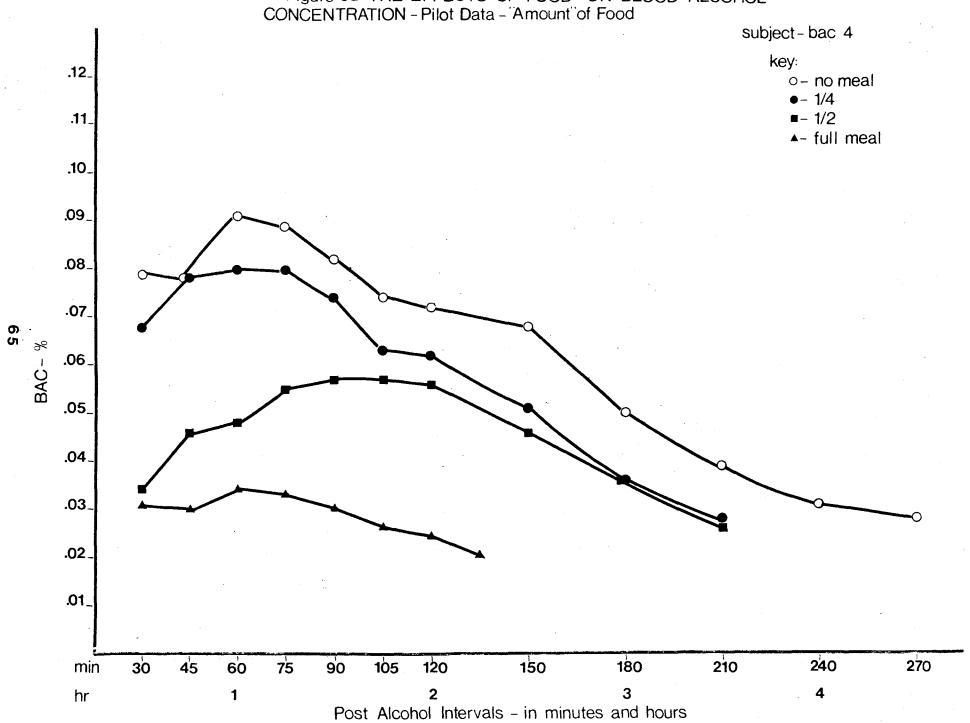
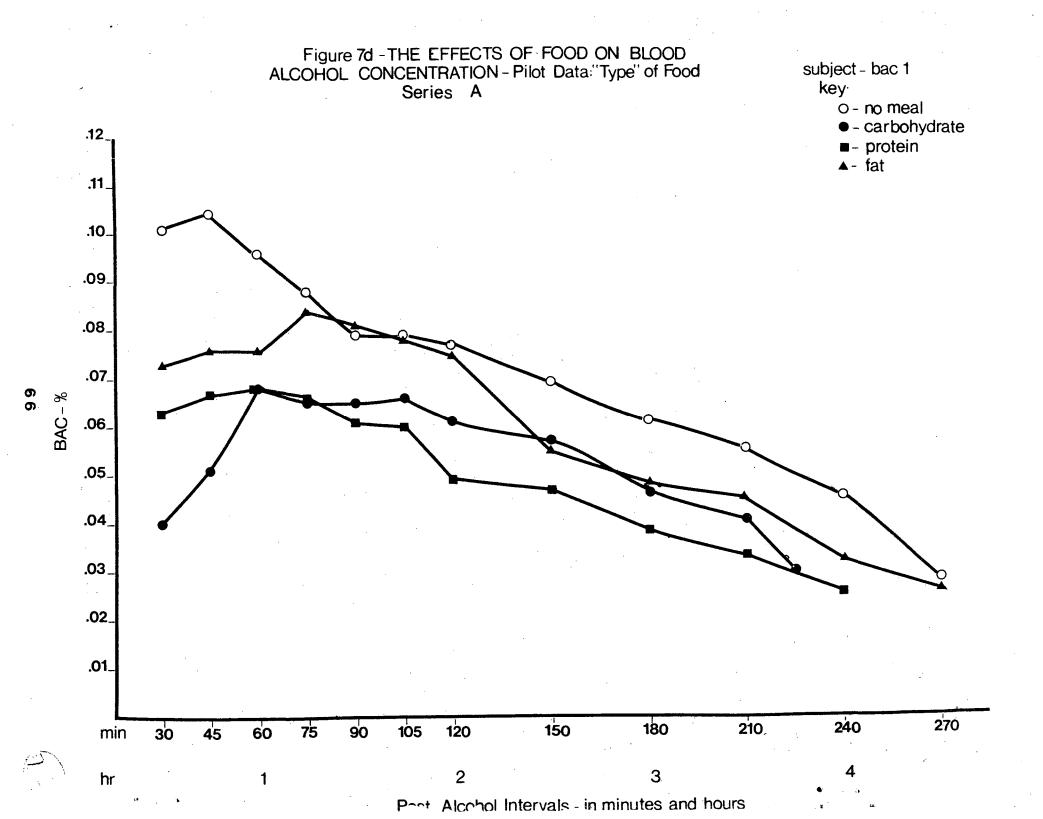
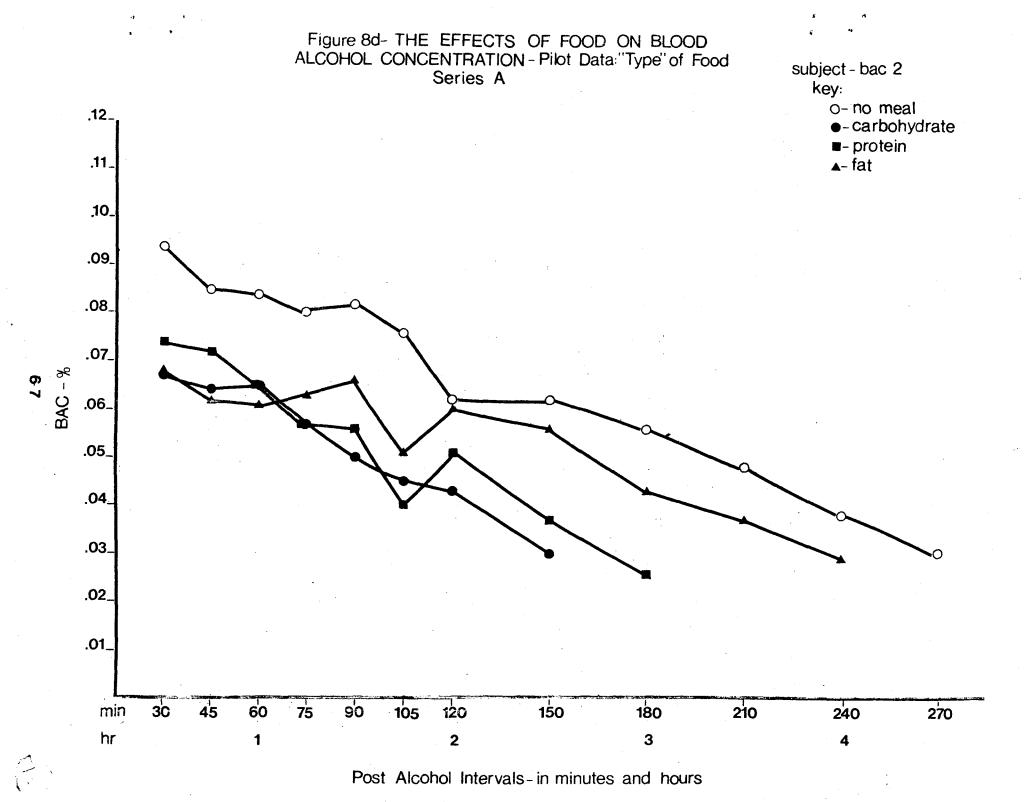
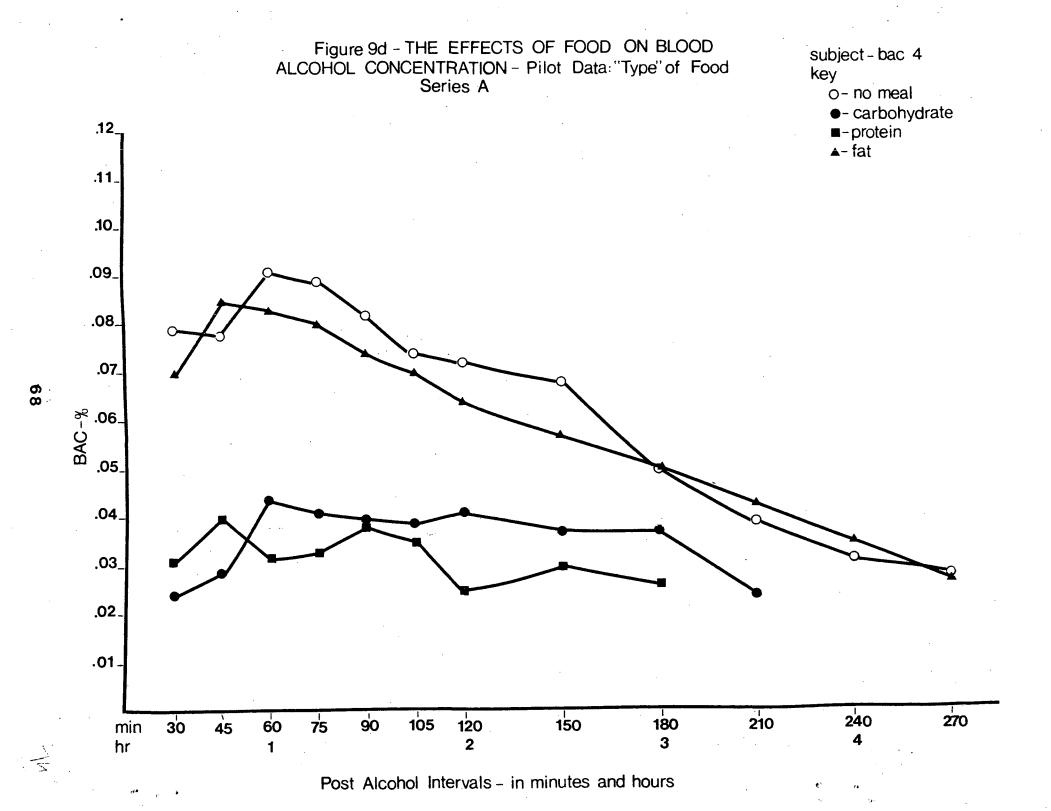


Figure 6d -THE EFFECTS OF FOOD ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION - Pilot Data - "Amount" of Food









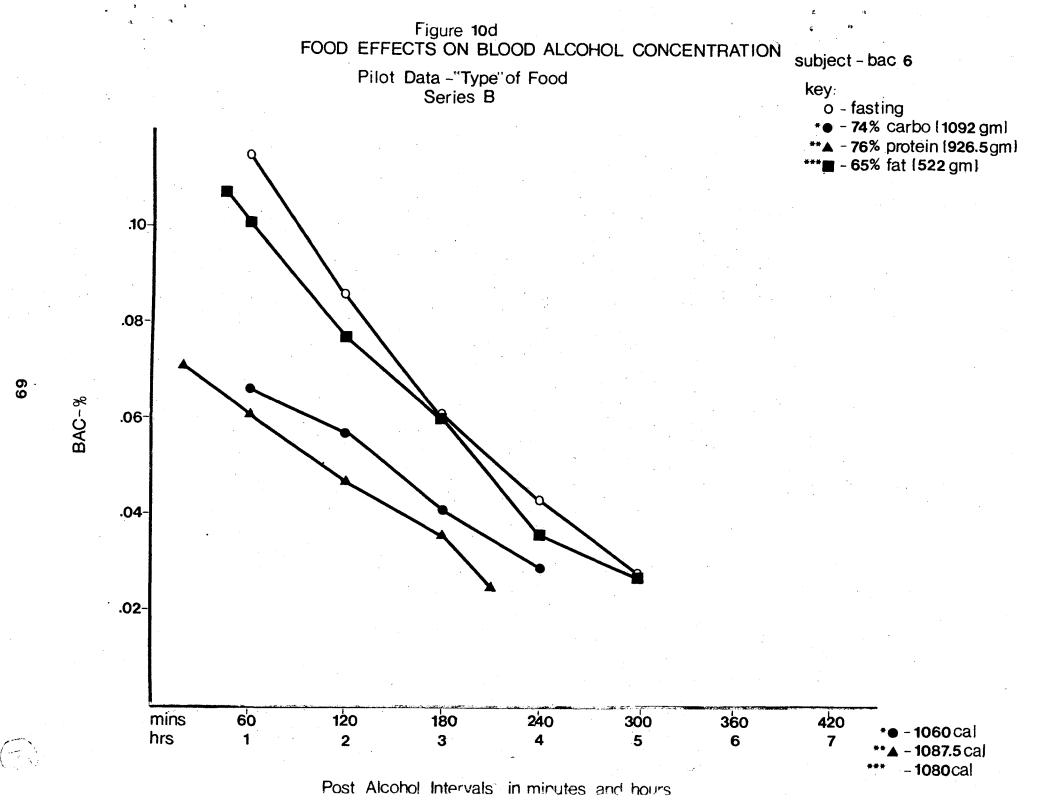
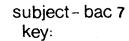


Figure 11d FOOD EFFECTS ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION

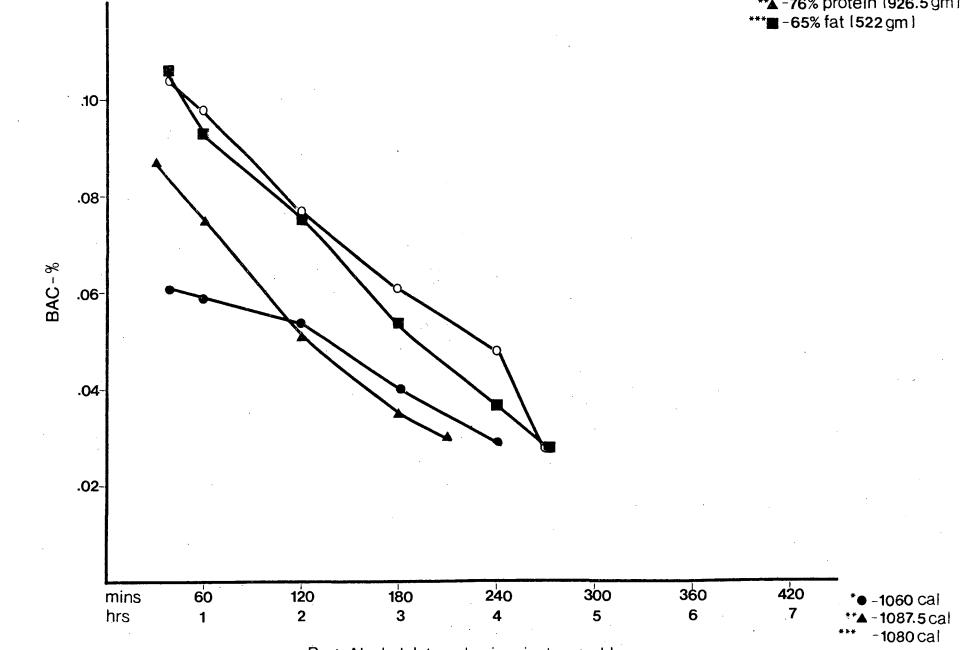
Pilot Data - "Type" of Food Series B



o - fasting

\*• -74% carbo [1092 gm]

\*\*A -76% protein (926.5gm)



Post Alcohol Intervals - in minutes and hours

Figure 12d

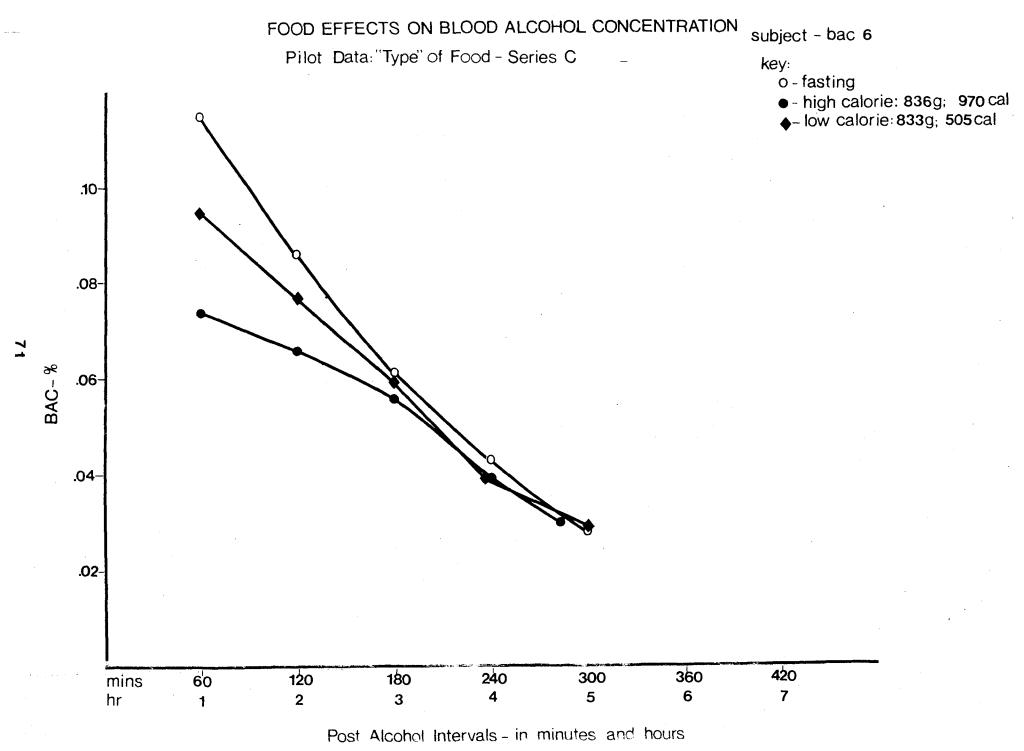


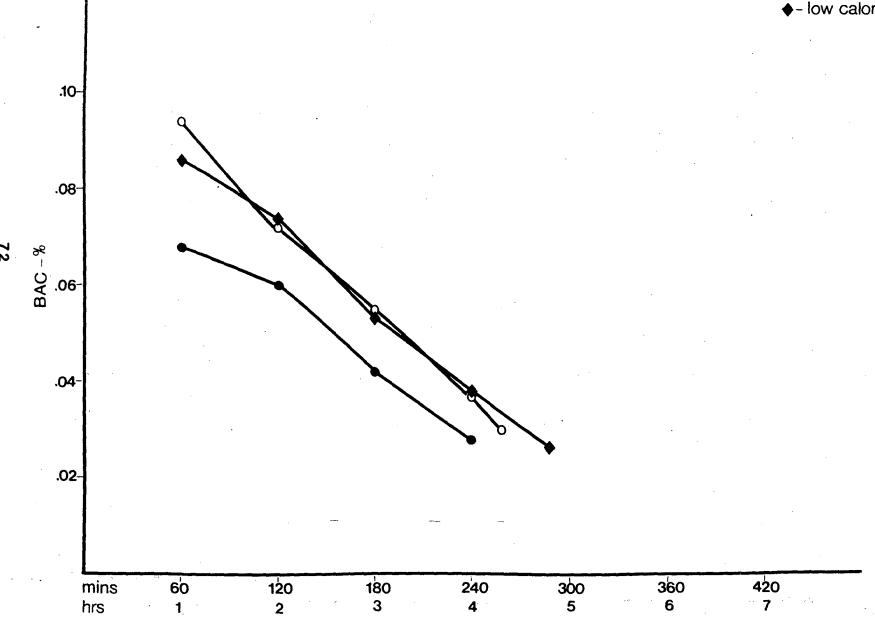
Figure 13d FOOD EFFECTS ON BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION

Pilot Data "Type" of Food - Series C

subject - bac 8

key:

- o-fasting
- - high calorie: 836g; 970 cal
- ♦- low calorie: 833g; 505 cal



Post Alcohol Intervals - in minutes and hours

