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EFFECTS OF FOOD INTAKE HIGH-CARBOHYDRATE DIET TYPE IVORIAN ON ANTHROPOMETRIC CHANGES AND POSTPRANDIAL METABOLIC RESPONSES IN HEALTHY SUBJECTS

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this study is to show whether certain dietary habits of the poorer populations in Ivory Coast could be the cause of the occurrence of metabolic diseases. The work was to determine the postprandial glycemic responses of staple foods consumed in Côte d'Ivoire (rice, semouina of cassava or attiéké, gel of corn flour or toh, mashed banana pulp plantain and cassava or banana foutou, mashed pulp yam or yam foutou). Ten (10) groups of twelve (12) participants were randomly assigned in a parallel or a normal-carbohydrate diet (RNG) or high-carbohydrate diet based those cited above food while respecting the balance protidic and lipid. Changes in BMI (body mass index) and waist circumference was followed. The influence of these foods on serum lipids (total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol, triglycerides) and blood pressure was also evaluated. The results showed that the five foods studied, high-carbohydrate diet based yam foutou (RHG-Fi) and high-carbohydrate diet based banana foutou (RHG-Fb) can be considered as potential risk factors for onset metabolic syndrome and metabolic diseases. These RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb showed higher postprandial glycemic responses (P = 0.05), led to a rapid increase in BMI at P = 0.05 (BMI respectively from 23.9 kg/m² ± 0.5 to 30.4 kg/m² ± 0.9 for the RHG-Fi, 24.1 kg/m² ± 0.3 to 29.5 kg/m² ± 0.9 for the RHG-Fb). They also led to a much faster abdominal obesity P = 0.05 (waist 80 cm respectively from ± 1.3 to 100.5 ± 0.8 cm for men and 70 ± 0.9 to 85 cm ± 0.7 cm in women during the RHG-Fi, from 80 cm to 99 cm in men and 70 cm ± 1.5 to 83 ± 1.3 cm in women during the RHG-Fb) and they are the cause of dyslipidemia P = 0.05 (increase in LDL-cholesterol of 0.35 g/l in the RHG-Fi and 0.29 g/l in the RHG-Fb; a increased triglycerides 0.55 g/l during the RHG-Fi and 0.41 g/l during the RHG-Fb and a decrease in HDL-cholesterol of 0.12 g/l during the RHG-Fi and 0.15 g/l during the RHG-Fb) after a period of testing 12 weeks. These should therefore be foods consumed and moderate frequency quantity (a maximum of 150 g ± 10 g, 3 times per week with 2 day intervals between days making these foods). They could only be sources of carbohydrates to the body instead of potential risk factors for occurrence of metabolic diseases.

Key words: eating habits, obesity, diabetes, metabolic syndrome, dyslipidemia

INTRODUCTION

Metabolic diseases (diabetes, hypertension, and obesity) are the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide, taking the lives of more people than the sum of all other causes combined. Of 57 million registered worldwide in 2008, 36 million or 63% of deaths were due to non-communicable diseases including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancers ... (WHO, 2011). Diabetes in particular has become in recent years an epidemic of more than 382 million people in 2013 and 316 million glucose intolerant, people at high risk of the disease. According to projections by the International Diabetes Federation, the number of diabetics could exceed 471 million in 2035 an increase of almost 90 million in 20 years (IDF, 2013). Formerly called "diseases of the rich", available data show that nearly 80% of deaths from these diseases occur in countries with low or intermediate especially in countries of Asia and sub-Saharan Africa revenues (Popkin, 2002). The main causes of occurrence of these diseases are particulary heredity, bad eating habits, physical inactivity and especially abdominal obesity (Delpeuch 2004; Boutayeb et al, 2006). The occurrence of these metabolic diseases is gradual and silent way over several years passing first through a much better known under the term "metabolic syndrome" transitional phase of metabolic disorders. This transitional phase is often characterized by abdominal obesity (waist circumference greater than 88 cm abnormally high in women and 102 cm for men) combined

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with two other markings insulin resistance (fasting glucose between abnormally high 1.10 g/l and 1.25 g/l), a high blood pressure, greater than 13/8 mm Hg; serum dyslipidemia with high triglyceride level, higher than 1.5 g/l, low HDL-cholesterol, less than 0.5 g/l (IDF, 2006). Many studies (Ben et al, 2002, Popkin, 2004. Raynaud, 2009, Avignon, 2012) indicate the westernization of diet also called the "nutrition transition" as one of the main causes of the occurrence of these diseases in developing countries. Though these works have focused on the nutrition transition, few studies have evaluated the effects of some specific food to African on the occurrence of these diseases. However, most traditional diets in our developing countries are energy-dense and are based on starchy foods basic cereal roots and tubers (Maire et al., 2002). The hypothesis tested is whether a significant and regular consumption of traditional foods Ivorian could lead the development of metabolic diseases. It is specifically:
- Determine the postprandial glycemic responses of foods
- Evaluate the influence of high- carbohydrate diets based on certain foods (yam, plantain, cassava, rice, maize) on body mass index and waist circumference
- Determine the influence of high-carbohydrate diets based on these foods on serum lipids (HDL-Chol, LDL-Chol, triglycerides, total cholesterol) and blood pressure.

**MATERIAL AND METHODS**

**MATERIAL**

**BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL**

The biological material used in this study consists of rice (*Oryza sativa*); cassava (*Manihot esculenta*) particularly cultivar "YaAcé" varieties and IM 89 IM 93 572 TMS30 used in making *attiéké*; maize (but Zeas) used to manufacture the *toh*; the yam variety kponan (*Dioscorea rotundata cayennensis*) used for the preparation of yam *foutou*; Plantain (*Musa spp*) used in the preparation of banana *foutou*.

**STUDY POPULATION**

Table 1 shows the baseline characteristics of the study participants. None of the variables differed between the two groups consuming the normal-carbohydrate diets or high-carbohydrate diets based on the same carbohydrate food (P = 0.05), 62% of subjects who completed the study were women. Participants subject to normal-carbohydrate diet were on average 11 per group [10-12], with a mean age of 31.4 years [29-34 years], a mean body mass index of 23.62 kg/m² [23.2 to 23.9 kg/ m²], an average waist size of 80.52 cm [80.1 to 80.9 cm] in men and 70.5 cm [70.1 to 70.9 cm] in women. The metabolic balance means characterizing these subjects was a fasting glucose of 0.91 g/l [0.78 to 0.98 g/l], a total cholesterol of 1.52 g/l [1.18 - 1.77 g/l], a triglyceride 0.97 g/l [from 0.87 to 1.05 g/l], a HDL-cholesterol 0.82 g/l [0.69 - 0.93 g/l], LDL-cholesterol of 1.11 g/l [1.04 to 1.16 g/l], a systolic blood pressure of 12.38 mm Hg [12.1 to 12.6 mm Hg] and diastolic blood pressure by 8.7 mm Hg [8.1 to 9.3 mm Hg].

Participants subject to high-carbohydrate diet were on average 11 per group [11-12], a mean age of 32.4 years [28-37 years] and an average body mass index of 23.78 kg/m² [22.2 to 24.2 kg/m²], an average waist size of 80.74 cm [80.2 to 81.3 cm] in men and 70.9 cm [70.5 to 71.2 cm] in women with a fasting glucose of 0.88 g / l [0.76 to 0.97 g / l], a total cholesterol of 150 mg/dl [1.12 to 1.79 g/l], a triglyceride 1.00 g/l [from 0.89 to 1.09 g/l], a HDL-cholesterol 0.83 g/l [from 0.71 to 0.94 g/l], an LDL-cholesterol of 1.08 g/l [1.03 to 1.18 g/l], a systolic blood pressure of 12.6 mm Hg [12.2-12.8 mm Hg] and diastolic blood pressure of 8.52 mm Hg [7.9 to 9.6 mm Hg].

**METHODS**

**PREPARATION OF FOOD CONSUMED**

**RICE**

Rice (*Oryza sativa*) is sorted, washed and then overturned in boiling water at 100 ° C (1 Kg of rice to 2 liters of water). After a cooking time of 20 to 25 min, it is served and weighed to be consumed by the study participants.

**SEMOUNILLA OF CASSAVA OR *ATTIÉKÉ***

*ATTIÉKÉ* is a semouilla of cassava pulp (*Manihot esculenta*) fermented and steamed. For this study, *attiéké* used was purchased "ready to eat" in markets common Adjamé, Yopougon, Kumasi, Port-Bouet, Cocody, situated in the district of Abidjan.

**GEL OF CORN FLOUR OR *TOH***

*Toh* is the gel obtained from corn flour (*zea mays*) mixed with cold water (2 kg of flour to half liter of water) to obtain a homogeneous mixture which is spilled into two liters of boiling water at 100°C. The mixture turned regularly with a wooden spoon for 10 to 15min. Meanwhile, corn meal is added gradually to the boil, stirring continuously until a consistent gel.

**MASHED BANANA PULP PLANTAIN AND CASSAVA OR BANANA *FOUTOU***

Banana *foutou* is mashed pulp plantain crafted in two thirds by plantain (*Musa spp*) and the third by cassava (*Manihot esculenta*). The cultivar "Bouoa" and IM84 and TMS4 varieties (2) 1425 cassava varieties used in the preparation of banana *foutou* while the triploid AAB cultivar Horn 1 is that of plantain used (CNRA, 2005). Plantain is chosen at a stage of ripening "green shift" (according to a color scale established by IRFA, 1980 for the assessment of the stages of ripening bananas commercially accepted). The pulp of plantain and cassava are cooked in boiling water at 100 ° C for about 25 minutes. After fering, they are ground together with a mortar pestle kitchen to get the mashed, then weighed using a scale food prior to consumption.

**MASHED PULP YAM OR YAM *FOUTOU***

Cosettes of yam kponan variety (*Dioscorea*...
rotundata cayenensis) are cooked for 20 to 25 minutes in boiling water at 100 °C and then crushed with a mortar pestle kitchen to get a mashed.

BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF FOODS STUDIED

The moisture content was obtained by drying the sample in an oven at 105°C for 24 hours (925-10 method, AOAC, 1990). The solids content was arbitrarily deducted from the humidity. The ash content was determined after ashing at 550°C oven for 24 hours (Method 923-03, AOAC, 1990). The fat content was determined by the method of SOXHLET using hexane as a solvent (BIPEA 1976). The protein content was determined by the determination of total nitrogen in samples according to BA 4C-87 method (AOCS, 1990) Kjeldahl. The total carbohydrate content was determined by difference (Egan et al, 1981.) Using the formula: % Total Carbohydrate = 100% - % fat -% protein -% ash -% moisture. The dietary fiber content was determined according to the method BIPEA (1976) using sulfuric acid. The energy value was determined using the coefficient of Atwater and Rosa (1899).

DETERMINATION OF POSTPRANDIAL GLYCEMIC RESPONSES OF FOODS STUDIED

Ten (10) volunteers regardless of sex between 22 and 28 years, healthy subjects were recruited. Subjects under medical prescription were excluded. On the test day, subjects were fasted for 12 hours. Each subject consumed a portion of cooked rice, attiéké, toh, yam foutou and banana foutou containing 50 g carbohydrate digestible. He was asked on the one hand not to practice unusual physical activity and also to keep a normal diet and avoid taking vegetable and alcohol the night before the test. The first measurement at t = 0, the capillary fasting glucose, is taken before meal ingestion. The subjects placed in a quiet ingested food tested for 15 min.

HIGH-FOOD CONSUMPTION OF TRADITIONAL CARBOHYDRATE BASED IVORIAN AND METABOLIC SYNDROME

This analytical study comparative case-control began with the signing of a consent form for each subject. Inclusion criteria were age at least 18 years, a normal body mass index [BMI = weight (kg)/T (m) 2] between 18 and 25, a normal waist (less than 88 cm for women, less than 102 cm for men). Participants with a sign of metabolic syndrome (waist circumference greater than 102 cm for men size 88 for women, dyslipidemia, impaired fasting glucose, blood pressure greater than 8.13), with a metabolic disease (diabetes, hypertension, obesity ...) or other nutritional diseases (irritable bowel syndrome, gastroesophageal reflux ...) were excluded. The study took place during a period of 12 weeks from June 4 to August 31, 2012.

EXPERIMENTAL PROTOCOL

For each of the studied food (rice, toh, attiéké, banana foutou, yam foutou), two parallel groups of twelve (12) participants each were assigned to either a diet with normal carbohydrate or high carbohydrate. Of a total of 120 participants who started the study (ten teams of twelve), 113 have completed it. A stratified randomization is used by blocking within strata to ensure that each group contains the same number of women as men. Participants subject to different preparations have been educated on the calculation of their energy needs based on gender, weight, size, activity level ... but also calculate calories obtained from foods studied in terms the average composition of carbohydrates, lipids and proteins. No specific physical exercise program has been recommended. It was asked the various groups to respect diet and lifestyle measures. To create the habit, participants were taken to consume the foods taxed once daily either at lunch or at dinner.

Participants assigned to normal-carbohydrate diets have just been taken to consume food to satisfy their energy needs while respecting food balance (55% of dietary intake provided by carbohydrates or an average of 150g of carbohydrate foods, 30-35% from fat, 12-15% from protein) as was shown during their sessions of instruction and have a normal intake of fruits and vegetables without alcohol abuse. Participants assigned to the high carbohydrate diet were taken to consume 150 g of carbohydrate foods more than their calculated need carbohydrate (ie 300g of carbohydrate foods). However, it was asked to satisfy the lipid and protein balance and avoid the consumption of certain lipid and protein foods that can also alter the metabolic balance. Several visits to the various homes have been made to ensure proper compliance with the measures of food and recommendations by the subjects. An average of four visits per week was conducted during the first two weeks of the study and two others during the ten weeks.

ANTHROPOMETRY MEASUREMENTS

Weight (in kg) was measured by scales (SECA brand) and waist circumference (WC) in cm umbilical level standing by to tape weekly. The body mass index (BMI) was calculated by dividing body weight (kg) by the square of height (in meters).

BLOOD SAMPLE PREPARATION

3.5 ml samples of blood were collected once a month in the morning, after 12 to 14 hours of fasting were stored between 2 and 8°C in tightly stoppered tubes protected from light and then transported to the laboratory for the determination of the concentrations of triglycerides, total cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol.

DETERMINATION OF LIPOPROTEINS, CHOLESTEROL AND TRIGLYCERIDES

The dosage of high density lipoprotein and very low density lipoprotein (HDL-cholesterol and LDL-cholesterol) was made by the direct method and with selective detergents accelerator without pretreatment of the specimen. The respective concentrations of LDL-cholesterol and HDL-cholesterol were read at 546 nm and 660 nm. Triglycerides were assayed by the method of Fossati and Prencipe (1982). The cholesterol was assayed

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by the enzymatic method described by Allain et al. 1979. Blood pressure (in mm Hg) was measured each week after standing for 10 min by an electronic tensiometer (OMRON mark). Data were entered into the EpiData 3.1 and analyzed by SPSS statistics 19, to significance level software 5%.

**RESULTS**

**BIOCHEMICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF STAPLE FOODS IN IVORY COAST**

The analyzes performed on the different types of food (rice, attiééké, toh, banana foutou, yam foutou (kponan) and yam foutou (Florido)) gave an average of the results that are reported in table 2. This table shows that yam foutou, banana foutou and attiééké are high in total carbohydrates and exhibit superior to those obtained from the analysis of rice and toh energy values. The study on determination gave values in carbohydrates which are respectively 88.37 ± 2.20 g/100g; 83.25 ± 4.40 g/100g; 87.11 ± 1.1 g/100g; 81.8 ± 2.11 g/100g for attiééké, banana foutou, yam foutou kponan and yam foutou florido and 69.44 ± 2.24 g/100g; 73.70 ± 3.27 g/100g for toh and rice. As for the energy values, they are of 385.52 ± 6.43 kcal/100g; 413.89 ± 8.64 kcal/100; 369.78 ± 6.26 kcal/100; 372.94 ± 7.1 kcal/100g for attiééké, banana foutou, yam foutou kponan and yam foutou florido and 339.20 ± 7.1 kcal/100; 341.48 ± 10.3 kcal/100g for toh and rice. However, starchy foods have levels of relatively middle fibers (2.05 ± 0.35 g/100 g, 2.34 ± 1.05 g/100 g, 4.13 ± 0.91 g/100 g, 4, 40 ± 0.64 g/100g attiééké respectively, the banana foutou, yams foutou kponan and yam foutou florido, toh compared to having a high fiber content (6.56 ± 0.53 g/100 g) and rice which has a low fiber content (0.59 ± 0.11 g/100g). water contents and ash were significantly higher in these starchy foods while fat content and protein are higher or lower in both starchy foods than in cereal.

**POSTPRANDIAL GLUCOSE RESPONSE OF FOODS TRADITIONAL CARBOHYDRATE BASED IVORIAN**

The results of postprandial glucose Ivorian traditional foods studied presented in figure 1 show that the starchy foods namely yam and banana foutou cause higher than those from cereals studied postprandial glycemic response rice and toh. Generally, whole foods lead to a spike in blood sugar after about an hour of consumption with values ranging to 1.55 g/l ± 0.35; 1.53 g/l ± 0.11; 1.51 g/l ± 0.87; 1.49 g/l ± 0.65; 1.39 g/l ± 0.17 respectively for the yam foutou (Fi), banana foutou, toh rice, attiééké (Att).

**EFFECTS WITH NORMAL GLUCOSE AND HYPER-CARBOHYDRATE DIETS ON CHANGES IN BODY MASS INDEX OR BMI**

Figure 2 shows the effect of carbohydrate diets with normal and high carbohydrate on body mass index. This figure indicates that the normal-energy diets (RNG)

Figure 1: Evolution of postprandial blood glucose after consumption of some traditional carbohydrate foods Ivorian. Att = Attiééké, Rz = Rice, Fi = yam Foutou, To = Toh, Fb = banana foutou.

Figure 2: normal–carbohydrate diets, high-carbohydrate diets and changes in Body Mass Index. RNG = normal–carbohydrate diet, RHG-Fi = high–carbohydrate diet based yam foutou, RHG-Fb = high–carbohydrate diet based banana foutou, RHG-Att = high–carbohydrate diet based attiééké, RHG-Rz = high–carbohydrate diet based rice, RHG-to = high–carbohydrate diet based toh.

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Table 1 - Baseline characteristics of the subjects in the study

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<th>Type of diet</th>
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Table 2 - Biochemical characterization of some Ivorian many foods consumed

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<td>Tôh</td>
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EFFECTS OF NORMAL-CARBOHYDRATE DIETS, HYPER-CARBOHYDRATE ON CHANGES IN WAIST

The results of the study of the influence of normal-carbohydrate and carbohydrate diets on the hyper waist schemes are shown in figures 3a and 3b. The normal-carbohydrate diets (RNG) have not resulted in any significant increase in waist circumference (WC) among both men and women during the twelve-week intervention. WC increased by 1.9 cm (70 to 71.9 cm) in women and 3 cm (80-83 cm) in men. As against, high-carbohydrate diets all but caused a significant gradual increase (P < 0.5) of the WC during the same experimental period. High-carbohydrate diets starchy including RHG-Fi, RHG-Fb and RHG-Att caused a more rapid increase in the WC that high carbohydrate diets in cereals (RHG-Rz and RHG-To) among both women (Figure 3a) than in men (Figure 3b). WC increased by 15 cm (70 cm ± 0.9 ± 85cm) for women and 25.5 cm (80 cm ± 1.3 to 100.5 ± 0.8 cm) in men under RHG-Fi system; 13 cm (70 ± 1.5 to 83 ± 1.3 cm) in women and 19 cm in men subjected to RHG-Fb diet; 11 cm as well among women (70 cm ± 1.7 to 81 ± 1.9 cm) than men (80 cm ± 1.1 to 91 ± 1.6 cm) submitted to RHG-Att diet, 5 cm (70 cm ± 1.7 ± 85 cm) in women and 5.5 cm (80 cm ± 1.4 to 85.5 ± 1.2 cm) in men subject to the system RHG -RZ; 4 cm (70 cm ± 2.1 to 74 ± 1.9 cm) in women and 5 cm (80 cm ± 1.7 ± 85 cm) in men in the RHG-To.

EFFECTS OF CONSUMPTION OF HYPER-CARBOHYDRATE DIETS ON CHANGES IN SERUM LIPIDS AND BLOOD PRESSURE

The effects of RHG-Fi diets, RHG-Fb, RHG-Att, RHG-Rz and RHG-To on concentrations of LDL-cholesterol, HDL-cholesterol, triglycerides, total cholesterol, and systolic and diastolic blood pressure are shown in figures 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. The blood concentrations of LDL-cholesterol increased significantly (P < 0.05) during exposure to RHG-Fi diets (+0.35) and RHG-Fb (+0.29) with a cumulative increase of 0.01 to M1 (1st month of experience), 0.09 + M2 (2nd month of experience) and 0.25 for M3 (3rd month of experience) for the RHG-Fi and + 0, 03 M1, M2 + 0.11 and 0.15 + M3 for RHG-Fb. However, RHG-Att, and RHG-Rz-To Diet had no significant effect on the levels of these serum lipids. There is an inverse correlation between changes in the concentration of HDL-cholesterol and RHG-Fi diets (-0.12) and RHG-Fb (-0.15) over response time. The concentration increases blood HDL-cholesterol in a first time (M1) and then decreases from +0.08 to -0.05 and -0.15 to M2 and M3 during the RHG-speed and Fb + 0.1 ; -0.1 and -0.15 respectively M1, M2 and M3 during RHG-Fi system. The RHG-Att diets and RHG-Rz and RHG-To have no significant effect on levels of HDL-cholesterol (P < 0.02).

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depends on the rate at which carbohydrates are digested in the small intestine. The results of the study with the banana *foutou* made from plantain ripening stage "green shift", revealed an increase in the glycemic index indicating absorption of simple sugars that are present in bananas such as sucrose, glucose and fructose. The presence of these sugars may be due to a pre-hydrolysis by endogenous amylase during ripening (Dadzie et al., 2009; Kouamé, 2010). Our results appear to be comparable to those published by Bahado-Singh et al. (2006). Indeed, these authors showed that the change in the physiological state of the food, from green to ripe, increases the glycemic index of this one. However, several other factors, including the source and the class of carbohydrates, resistant starch, amylose and amylopectin, the fiber content and baking, may also influence the glycemic index. Thus, regular consumption and high amount of these foods may cause short-term, significant peaks and hyper-glycemic long-term deterioration of glucose homeostasis. These results are in agreement with those of Ludwig (2002) and McKeown et al. (2004) have shown that the eating habits with high glycomic load can lead to a high glycemic response and insulin resistance. The RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb with GI and high CG schemes could be considered as risk factors for onset of relatively larger than the RHG-Rz diets and RHG-To type II diabetes. Regarding the waist, it is an indicator used to assess the changes in body composition and is used to measure the distribution of fatty acids in the gut. The results from this experiment show that the RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb schemes result in a significant increase in waist size. This induced obesity may be due to the fact that these diets would promote greater accumulation of triglycerides in visceral adipose tissue (Kusminski et al., 2009). Indeed, participants’ exposure to RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb regimes resulted in excessive accumulation of fatty acids in adipose tissue especially visceral adipocytes (Ginsberg et al., 2009). This accumulation is the result of a positive energy balance resulting from the interaction of many factors including energy-dense food (Galgani et al., 2008 Phillips et al., 2010) and physical inactivity (Hussey et al., 2007; Ekelund et al., 2012). Such schemes could be considered true risk factors for metabolic diseases because they cause abdominal obesity faster is the main criterion for diagnosis of metabolic syndrome (Lord et al., 2006. Saaristo et al., 2008; Peter, 2009). The results on the effect of diets on the blood lipid profile showed that the RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb result in lower HDL cholesterol and increased LDL-cholesterol and triglycerides. These observed changes in the concentrations of serum lipid can be explained by the insulin resistance. This insulin resistance is driven by a progressive increase in size after prolonged exposure to these diets. Indeed, Steppan et al., 2002; Altomonte, 2004; Kusminski et al., 2005; Despres et al., 2006; Bogdan et al., 2008 demonstrated that the proliferation of visceral adipocytes gradually leads to the synthesis of resistin, a hormone that reduces the sensitivity of peripheral cells (adipocytes, liver, skeletal and cardiac muscles) to the action of insulin. It is probably this insulin resistance that would justify the increase in hepatic synthesis of very low density lipoproteins, thus contributing to the increase in plasma concentration of LDL-cholesterol and blood triglycerides and cholesterol Grand total. Furthermore, due to the high energy density of RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb, they could lead to long-term adverse lipid profile as shown that the work of Culberson et al., 2009; Denova-Gutierrez et al., 2010. Regarding the influence of these diets on blood pressure, the results show that they have no significant effect on systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure during the 12-week period the experience. However, the increase in triglycerides and LDL cholesterol caused subsequent to the consumption of RHG-Fi and RHG-Fb schemes may eventually be true risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Indeed, many studies including those of Chait et al., (1993); Parameshwari and Nazni (2012); Miller et al., 2011; Greene et al., (2005) demonstrated that increased blood triglycerides which largely results from the most visceral adipocyte lipolysis is recognized as a true risk factor for cardiovascular disease.

**CONCLUSION**

The nutrition transition is really responsible for the occurrence of metabolic diseases in developing countries factor. However, some specific to African foods may increase the risk of these patients. Our study demonstrated that the yam and banana *foutou* have high glycemic index. Also, regular consumption and in large quantities of yam *foutou* (RHG-Fi) and banana *foutou* (RHG-Fb) quickly led to overweight, especially abdominal obesity, whose long-term consequence may be the insulin resistance. This insulin resistance is recognized as being the basis for dyslipidemia, type II diabetes and hypertension, moderate consumption (up to 150 g ± 10 g, 3 times per week with 2 days apart between days of taking these foods) of these foods is recommended for people who are among those foods eating habits. These results can be used for the purpose of prevention in the development of metabolic syndrome.

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