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This study explores the importance of gluten in traditional baking and addresses the growing demand for gluten-free options worldwide. It examines additives for dough stability, nutritional improvements, and enhanced sensory properties. Shifting to health, it analyzes how different grains affect the risk of type 2 diabetes, emphasizing the protective role of high whole grain intake. The study also explores reducing the glycemic index of bread through dietary fiber. Tracing bread's evolution from a staple to a functional food with disease-preventive properties, it discusses cultural significance. Finally, health-related aspects of bread in various religions and cultures, highlighting both its nutritional benefits and concerns like obesity and Celiac disease. The goal is to provide a comprehensive view of the diverse dimensions of bread.

# History

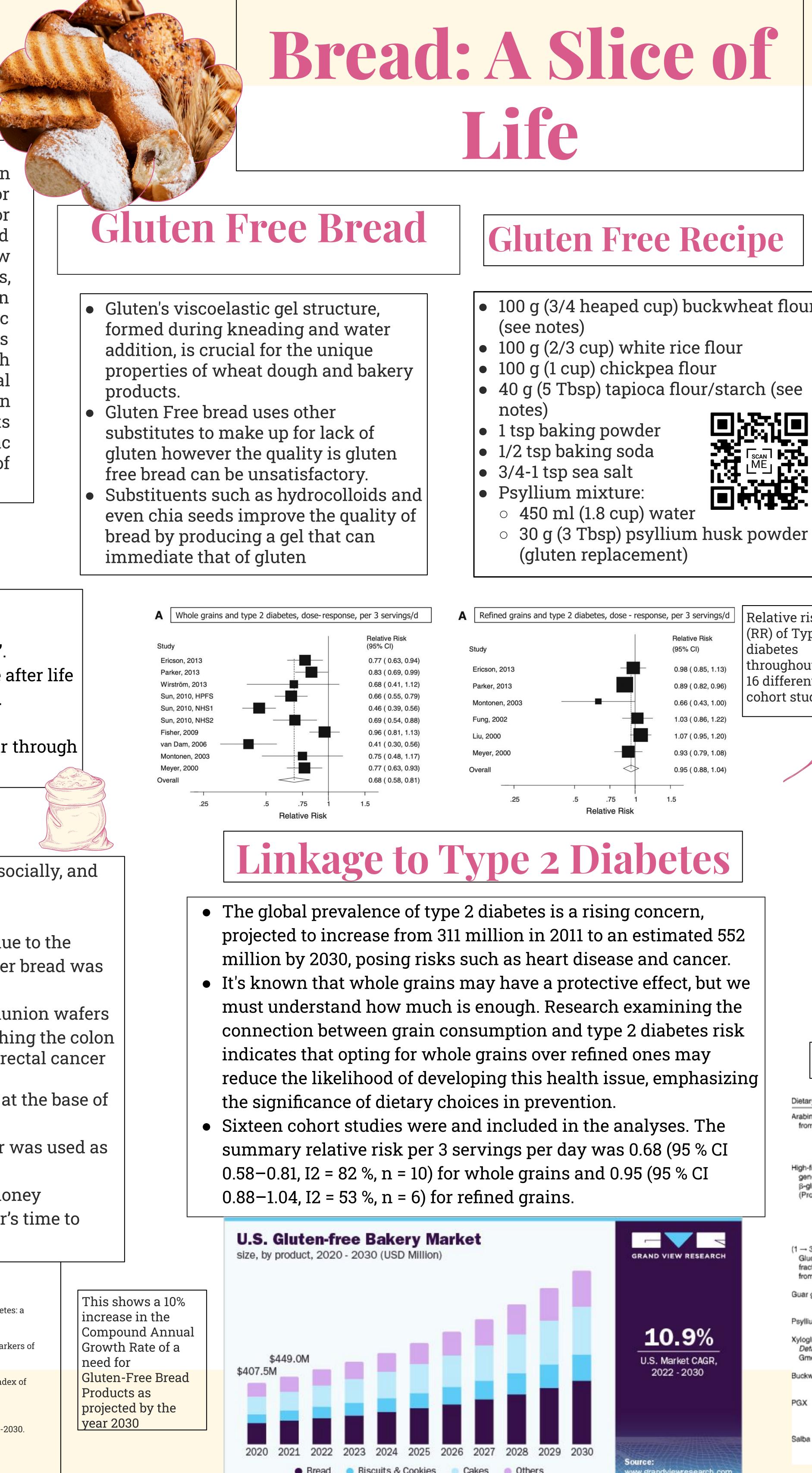
- Dates back to 10,000 BC, seeds were main ingredients.
- Egyptians discovered sourdough bread back in 6000 BC.
- Ancient Greece there was a ritual bread known as "psadista".
- This ritual was designed to feed deceased individuals in the after life
- Romans created first ovens due to mass production of bread.
- Bread is a symbol of many religions.
- The Industrial Revolution led to the production of white flour through technological breakthroughs.

## **True Price and Value**

- Bread is a fundamental part of life nutritionally, historically, socially, and economically.
- Different grades of bread were used as status symbols
- Coarse black bread of the bronze-age was dense and darker due to the higher bran content and associated with the poor while whiter bread was associated with the wealthy
- Bread retains a cultural and religious significance Ex: Communion wafers
- Bread is rich in dietary fiber and resistant starch, which reaching the colon undigested, may contribute to reducing the risk of colon and rectal cancer in populations with high-fiber diets.
- Bread is a unique indicator of inflation pressure because it is at the base of the chain of commercial exchange
- In the first decade of Australian colonization (from 1788) flour was used as currency
- Bread Units" are an equivalent used to measure the sum of money something costs in comparison to the labor, price, and worker's time to bake a loaf of bread

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### **Gluten Free Recipe**

• 100 g (3/4 heaped cup) buckwheat flour

• 40 g (5 Tbsp) tapioca flour/starch (see

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Relative risks

(RR) of Type 2

diabetes

16 different



The rise of whole-grain bread as a healthier choice amidst the growing popularity of white bread prompts us to question its true health benefits...

health outcomes:

- Lower GGT (gamma-glutamyltransferase) levels, indicating reduced oxidative stress.
- Lower ALT (alanine-aminotransferase) levels, suggesting improved liver function.
- inflammation.



- demand.
- benefits and reduce GI of bread

This table demonstrates the addi effected glycaemic index, supporting

Amount

Dietary fibre added Arabinoxylan (extracted from wheat bran)

High-fibre barley genotype with high 3-glucan content (Prowashonupana)

(1 → 3,1 → 4)-β-Glucan-enriched fraction (water extracted from sieved barley flour)

Guar gum

Psyllium fibre

Xyloglucan (from Detarium senegalense Gmelin - African legume)

Buckwheat whole seeds

PGX

Salba grain

7 g/100 g dw 14 g/100 g dw 15g/d

DF 25-2 g/100 g dw β-Glucan 11-1 g/100 g dw DF 31-5 g/100 g dw β-Glucan 14-9 g/100 g dw

β-Glucan 5-75 g/100 g dw β-Glucan 7-95 g/100 g dw β-Glucan 12.24 g/100 g dw

β-Glucan 6-3 g/100 g dw

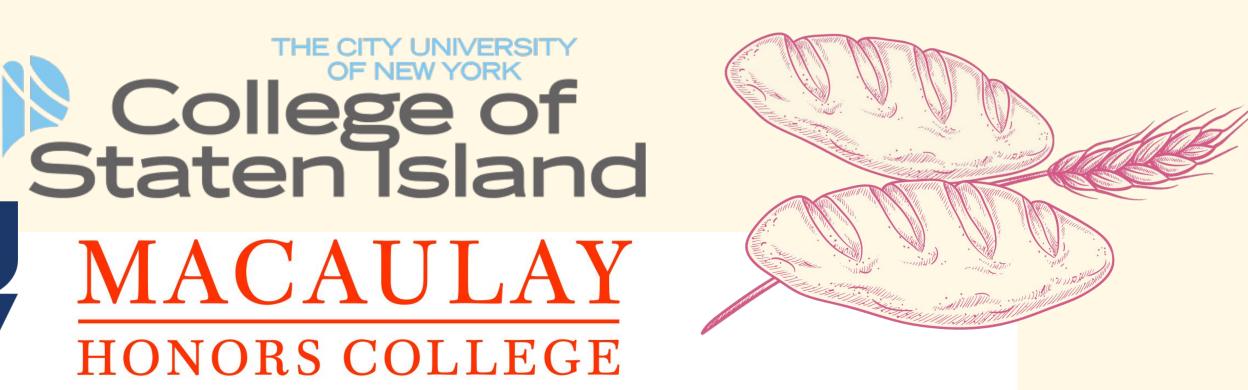
5g/100g dw

29-6 g/100 g dw DF 10-4 g/100 g dw Xyloglucan 5-5 g/100 g dw

50 g/100 g dw DF 6-7 g/100 g dw

2.5 g/50 g available CHO 5 g/50 g available CHO 7.5 g/50 g available CHO

7 g/50 g available CHO 15 g/50 g available CHO 24 g/50 g available CHO



### The Impact of Whole Grain **Bread on Health Biomarkers**

Higher whole-grain bread consumption indeed linked to positive

Lower hs-CRP (C-reactive protein) levels, signaling reduced



• The glycaemic index, a parameter that ranks carbohydrate-containing foods, is important to understand how bread quickly raises blood sugar and causes a higher insulin

• Lower GI is more favorable to health, there are many ways proposed to lower it, specifically in the bread-making industry • Possible strategies to lower glycemic index have been explored including adding soluble fibres, legumes refined grains and more • Substituting whole grains for refined grains promote health

ition of different fibres in numerous studies and how t <mark>hey had</mark> ing the idea that fibres are satisfactory in decreasing this index.				
	Period	Subjects	Effect on glycaemia or GI	Study
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	20% lower IAUC v. white bread 41% lower IAUC v. white bread	Lu et al. (2000) <sup>(55)</sup>
	5 weeks	Type 2 diabetes	About 8% lower fasting plasma glucose v. baseline	Lu et al. (2004) <sup>(56)</sup>
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	GI = 71 v. white bread (GI = 100)	Liljeberg et al. (1996)(58)
			GI = 61 v, white bread ( $GI = 100$ )	
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	GI = 55 v, white bread ( $GI = 100$ ) GI = 65 v, white bread ( $GI = 100$ ) GI = 75 v, white bread ( $GI = 100$ )	Ostman et al. (2006) <sup>(61)</sup>
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	GI = 72 v. white bread (GI = 100)	Cavallero et al. (2002) <sup>(66)</sup>
	Acute		41 % lower blood glucose postprandial peak v. white bread	Wolever et al. (1979)(70)
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	Lower IAUC v. white bread	Karhunen et al. (2010) <sup>(73)</sup>
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	62% lower AUC v. white bread	Onyechi et al. (1998)(68)
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	GI = 66 v. white bread (GI = 100)	Skrabanja <i>et al.</i> (2001) <sup>(88</sup>
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	GI = 47.5 v, white bread ( $GI = 66.8$ ) GI = 37.3 v, white bread ( $GI = 66.8$ ) GI = 33.9 v, white bread ( $GI = 66.8$ )	Jenkins et al. (2010) <sup>(75)</sup>
	Acute	Normoglycaemic	21 % lower IAUC v. white bread 28 % lower IAUC v. white bread	Vuksan <i>et al.</i> (2010) <sup>(74)</sup>

41 % lower IAUC v. white bread