



# Peter Hespel ORAL KETONE ESTER INTAKE TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE IN CYCLING

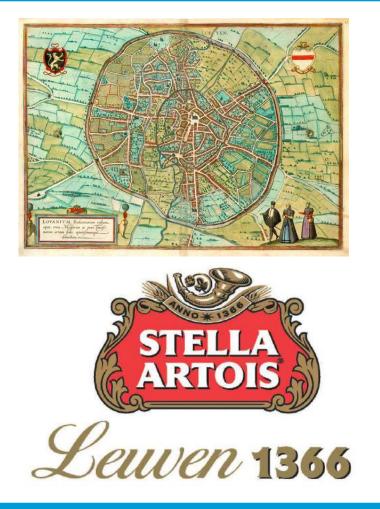
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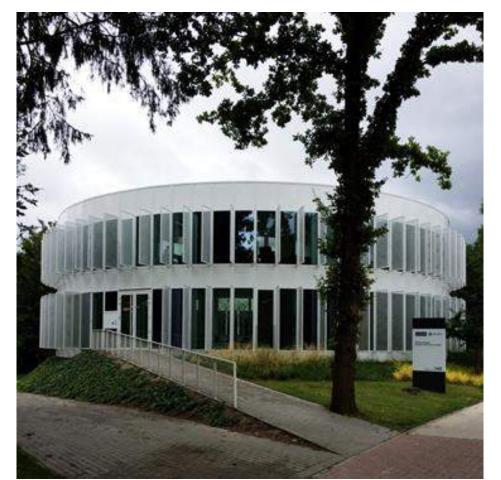






#### **KU Leuven**





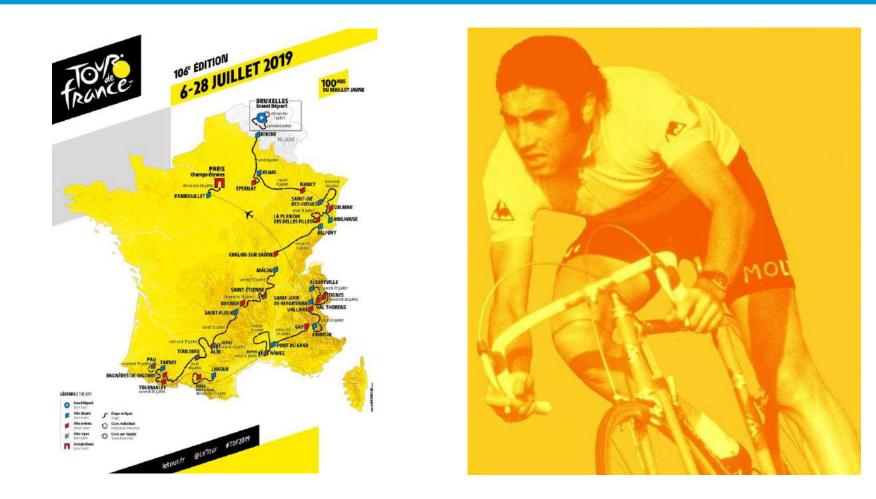








### **Tour de France 2019**







## **TDF induces a catabolic state**



"When mud and dust have been rinsed off, we look like skeletons.

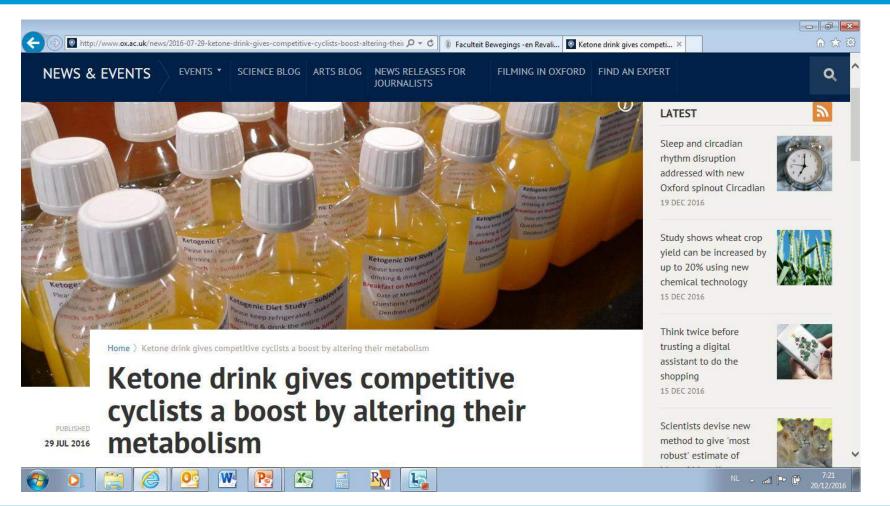
*"Every Tour I loose 6 of my 10 toenails, they slowly die from stage to stage.* 

But, they recover by the next year."





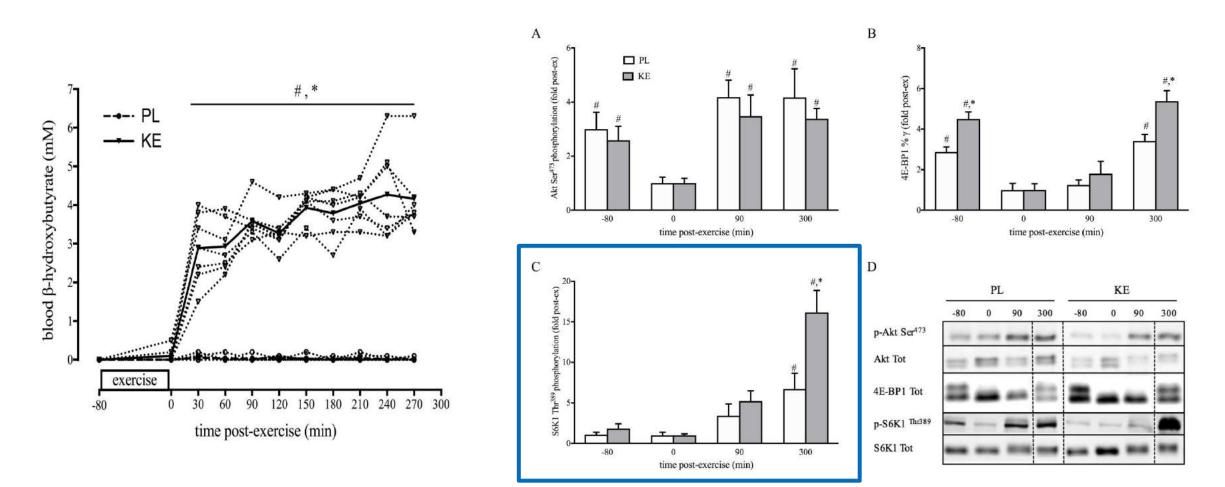
## **Oral ketone ester intake**







## Can oral ketone ester intake stimulate recovery?

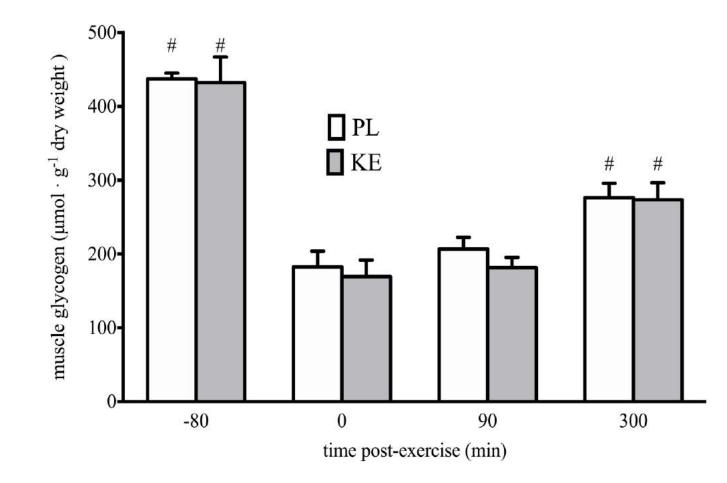


Vandoorne et al., 2017





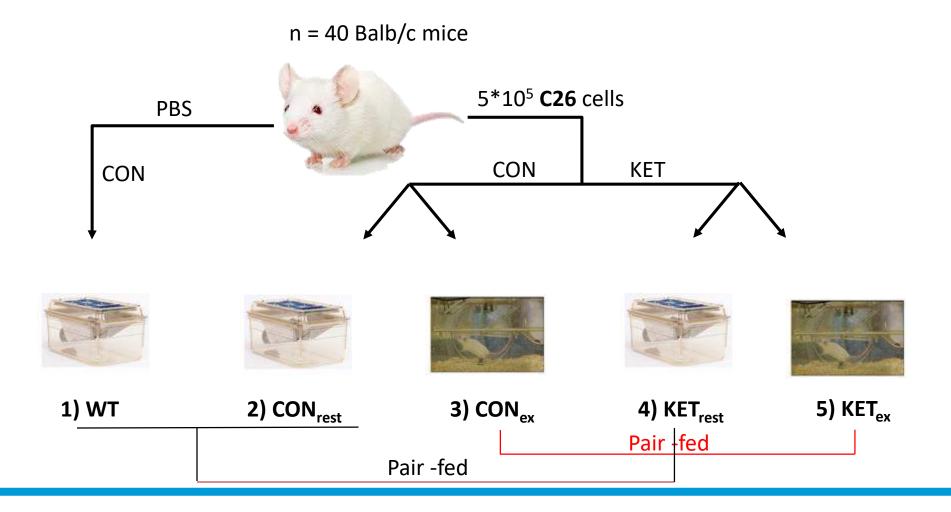
# No effect on muscle glycogen resynthesis







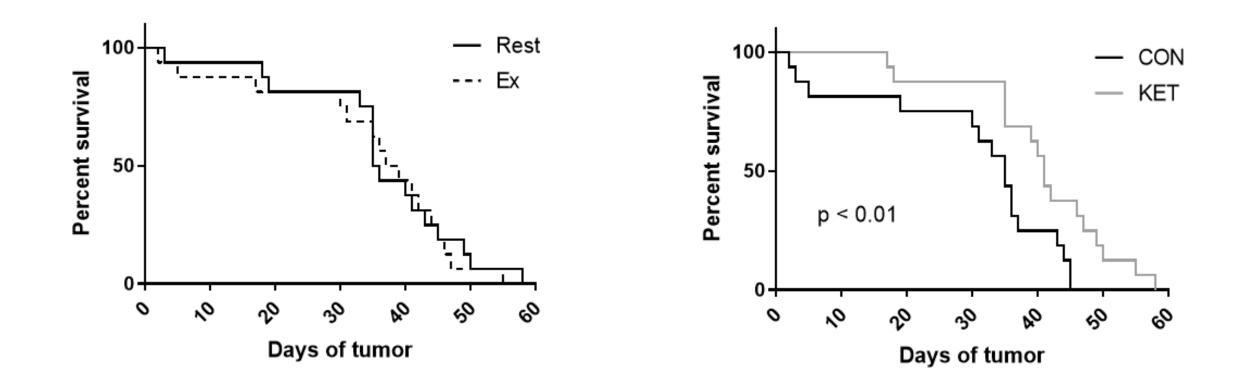
# Ketones as an 'anti-catabolic' agent in cancer cachexia







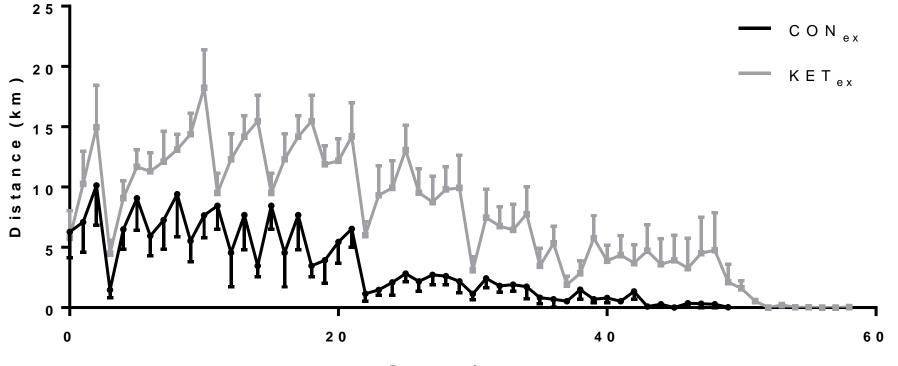
### Survival in cancer cachexia







# Exercise capacity in cancer cachexia

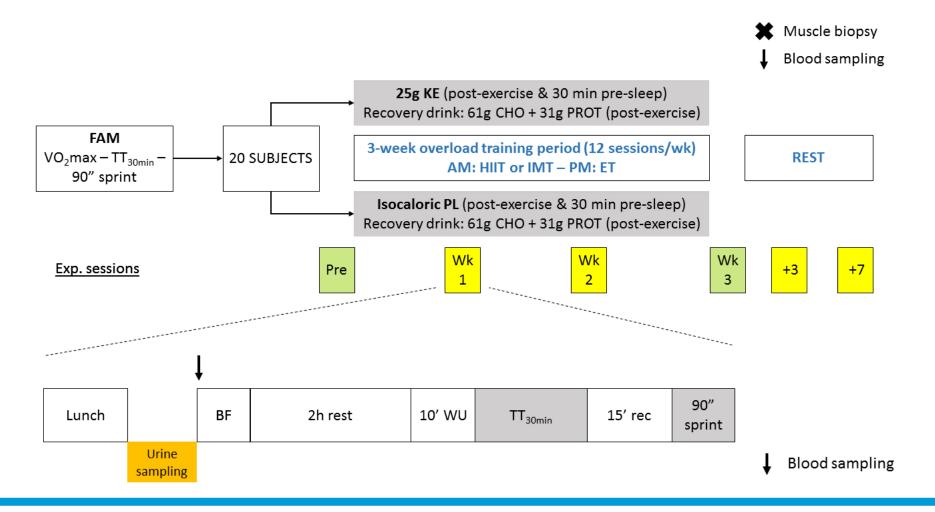


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# **Can KE intake suppress overreaching?**

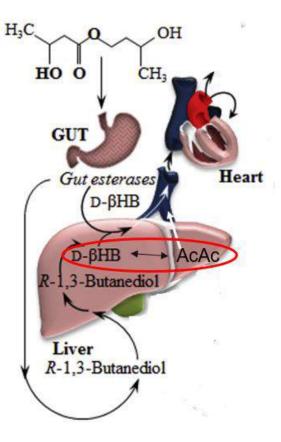






## Simulated 'Tour de France'

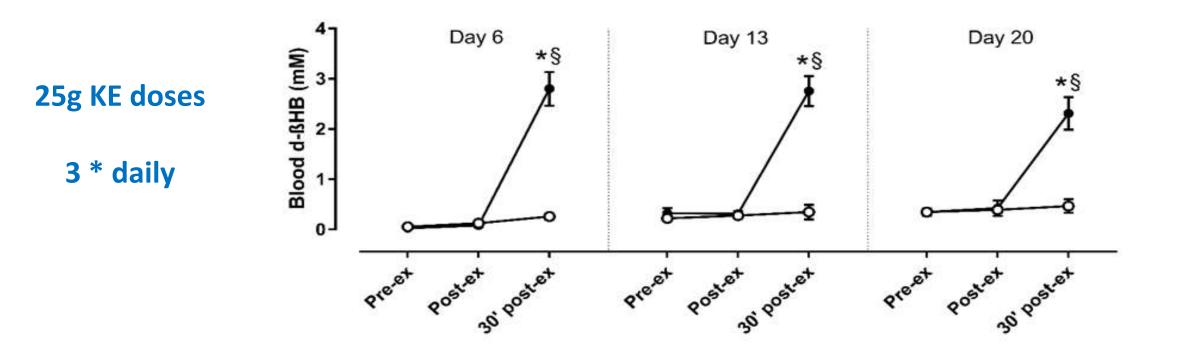
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Week 1	AM	70 min <b>IMT</b> 100/55%	Rest	30 min HIIT	70 min <b>IMT</b> 100/55%	30 min HIIT	70 min <b>IMT</b> 100/55%	Test Wk1
	М	Rest	Rest	60 min <b>ET</b> 70%	60 min <b>ET</b> 70%	60 min <b>ET</b> 70%	60 min <b>ET</b> 70%	60 min <b>ET</b> 77.5%
Week 2	AM	70 min <b>IMT</b> 100/65%	Rest	30 min HIIT	70 min <b>IMT</b> 105/65%	30 min HIIT	70 min <b>IMT</b> 110/80%	Test Wk2
	М	Rest	Rest	90 min <b>ET</b> 77.5%	60 min <b>ET</b> 85%	90 min <b>ET</b> 80%	60 min <b>ET</b> 90%	90 min <b>ET</b> 85%
Week 3	AM	120 min HIIT & ET 85%	Rest	70 min <b>IMT</b> 110/80%	120 min <b>ET-TT<sub>30min</sub></b> 85% - 30' all-out	70 min <b>IMT</b> 110/80%	70 min <b>IMT</b> 110/85%	Posttest Test Wk3
	РМ	Rest	Rest	90 min <b>ET</b> 90%	Rest	120 min <b>ET</b> 95%	150 min HIIT & ET 92.5%	Rest







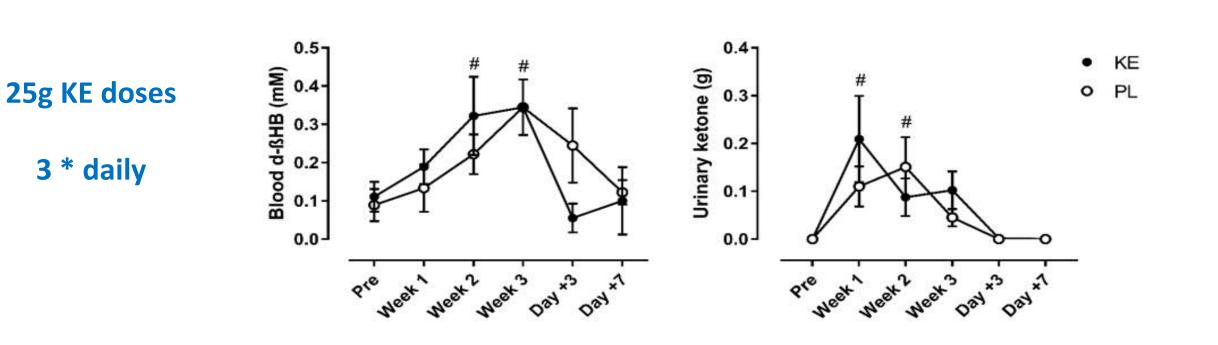
## **Blood d-β-hydroxybutyrate levels**





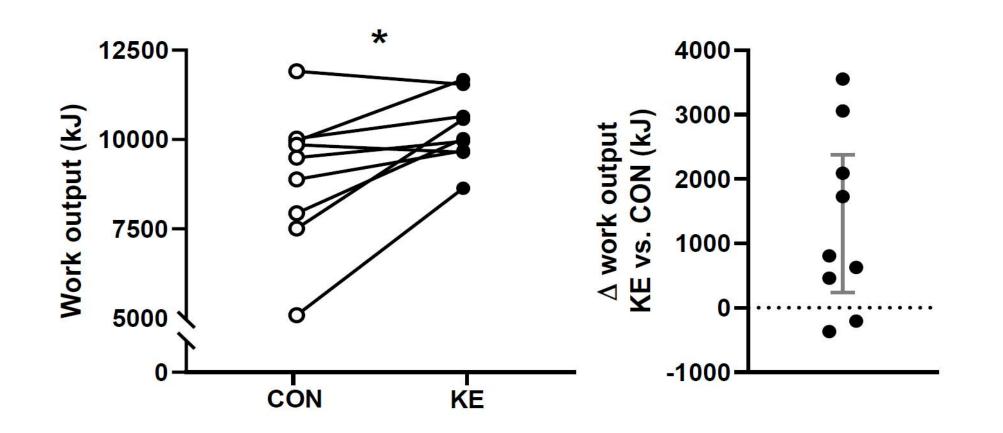


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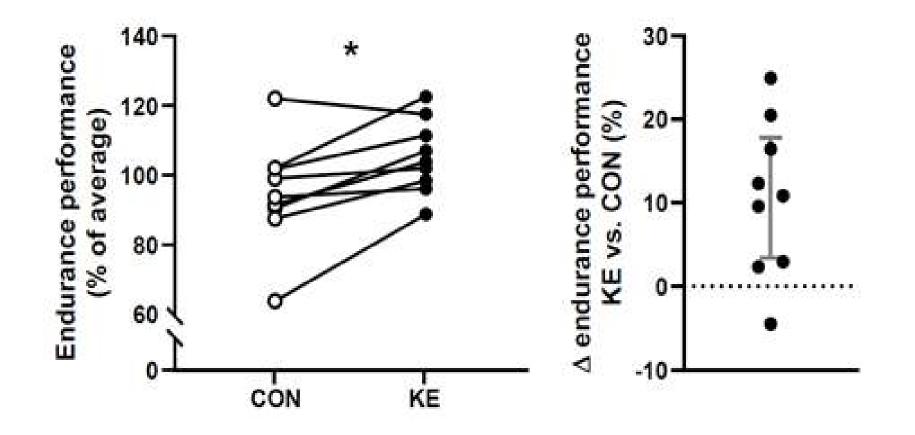


## **KE enhanced endurance performance**





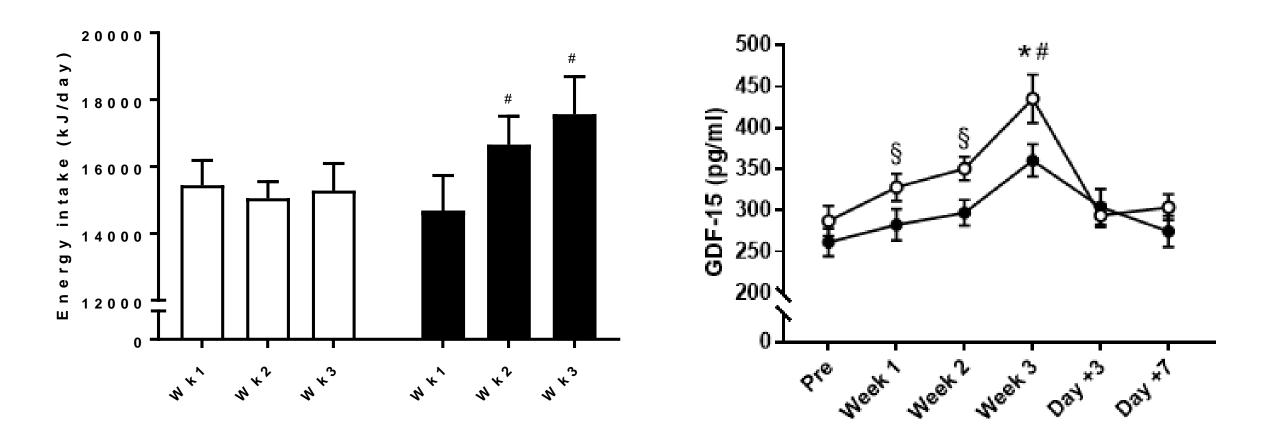






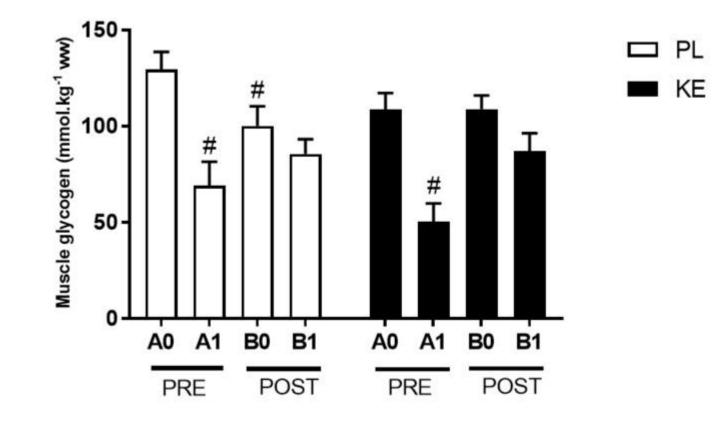
# vs. PRE

#### **KE intake stimulates energy intake**



§ Interaction effect

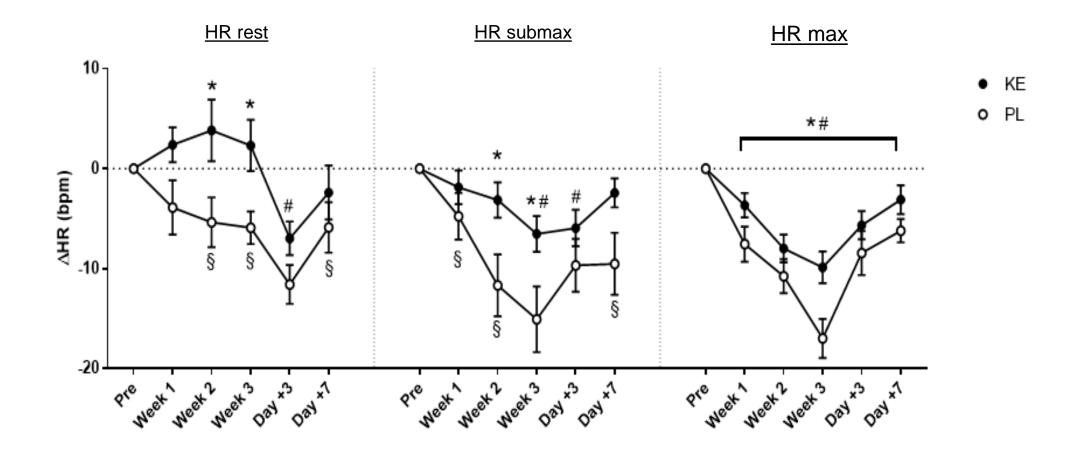








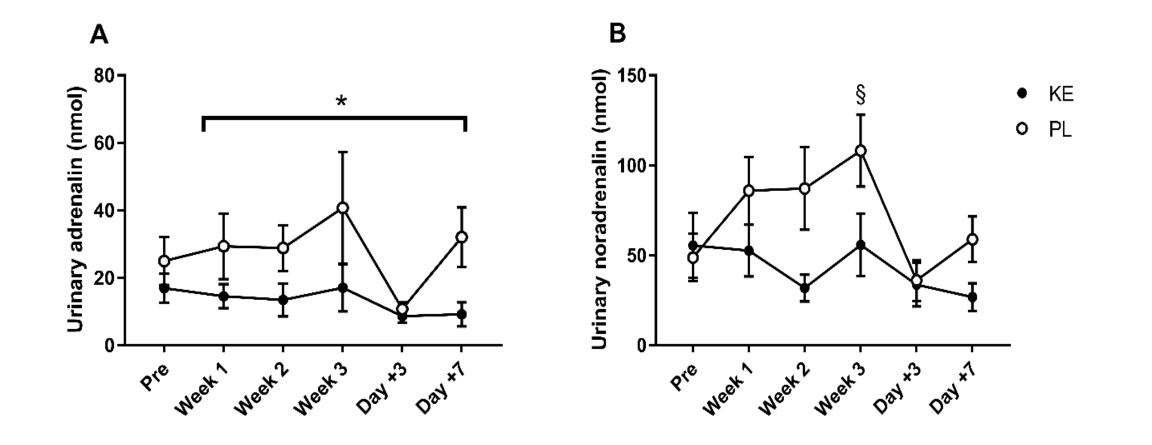
**KE suppressed heart rate drop** 



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### **KE suppressed overnight adrenergic tone**



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