

Table S1 Content of macronutrients, wholegrain, dietary fibres, resistant starch, arabinoylan and alkylresorcinol homologs in the study products

	Energy ¹ (MJ/100g)	Protein ¹ (g/100g)	Fat ¹ (g/100g)	CHO ¹ (g/100g)	WG ¹ (g/100g)	Total DF ¹ (g/100g)	RS ² (g/100g)	AX ² (g/100g)	Total AR ² (µg/g)	AR C15:0 ² (µg/g)	AR C17:1 ² (µg/g)	AR C17:0 ² (µg/g)	AR C19:1 ² (µg/g)	AR C19:0 ² (µg/g)	AR C21:1 ² (µg/g)	AR C21:0 ² (µg/g)	AR C23:1 ² (µg/g)	AR C23:0 ² (µg/g)	AR C25:1 ² (µg/g)	AR C25:0 ² (µg/g)
Wholegrain products																				
Rolled Oats	1.43	13	6.5	56	100	10	6.1	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Oat flakes	1.65	12	6	68	84	9	8.1	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wholegrain rye kernel bread	0.8	6	1	35	50	8	5.3	18.4	934.2	13.4	33.0	173.5	76.4	213.8	60.3	176.9	29.3	74.5	21.4	61.7
Wholegrain wheat buns	0.97	9.5	2.5	38	50	9	4.8	9.1	352.1	1.5	2.6	16.3	18.0	104.5	14.1	152.1	0.0	30.7	0.0	12.2
Wholegrain wheat pasta	1.45	14	2	65	55	7	2.6	5.4	313.3	0.0	0.0	2.3	3.8	37.1	11.4	172.0	6.5	58.6	0.0	21.4
Wholegrain wheat kernels	1.41	11	2.5	61	100	12	7.8	7.3	652.7	3.2	4.1	25.3	28.0	185.3	21.3	289.9	0.0	65.0	0.0	30.6
Wholegrain bulgur	1.49	11	1.5	65	100	13	3.2	4.5	376.9	4.1	4.5	18.6	22.2	121.2	13.7	153.7	0.0	27.7	0.0	11.3
Wholegrain rye crisp bread	1.45	9	1.5	66	90	15	7.2	9.5	1120.8	16.4	40.1	202.5	93.1	263.1	71.9	211.8	35.4	87.7	23.0	75.9
Refined grain products																				
Wheat-rice flakes	1.61	14	1.5	76	-	2.5	4.6	1.5	130.6	1.5	1.6	5.5	6.5	37.0	4.8	56.7	0.0	11.8	0.0	5.1
Oat flakes	1.65	12	6	68	84	9	2.2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Maslin rye bread ³	1.06	9	5	38	-	5	3.7	8.8	597.8	9.5	21.1	114.3	48.1	136.4	39.9	112.9	20.0	47.9	12.6	35.3
Wheat buns	1	9	1.5	45	-	2.5	3.6	6.5	25.7	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.9	6.2	0.8	10.6	0.6	3.6	0.0	1.7
Wheat pasta	1.5	12	2	71	-	3.5	2.7	2.3	48.9	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.6	4.8	1.8	26.3	1.2	10.3	0.0	3.8
Pearled spelt kernels ³	1.45	13	3	61	-	7.5	3.8	4.6	433.1	1.7	2.9	13.7	20.9	107.8	19.8	213.3	0.0	52.8	0.0	0.0
Bulgur	1.4	12	2.5	63	-	-	2.8	3.3	70.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.1	8.6	2.9	35.4	1.6	14.1	0.0	5.9
Crisp bread	1.75	12	10	65	-	6	6	2.8	74.4	0.0	0.0	3.2	3.5	21.5	1.3	34.2	0.0	7.6	0.0	3.1

Abbreviations: AR, alkylresorcinols; AX, arabinoylan; CHO, carbohydrates; DF, dietary fibres; RS, resistant starch; WG, wholegrain

¹Derived from package labelling²Experimental measured values³The higher alkylresorcinol content in this product is due to a higher flour extraction rate than standard refined flour, but the product still does not contain all parts of the cereal grain and counts as a refined cereal product.

Table S2 Baseline characteristics of study completers (mean ± SD)

	All (n=50)	Men (n=18)	Women (n=32)
Age (y)	48.6 ± 11.1	46.2 ± 11.8	49.9 ± 10.7
BMI (kg/m ²)	28.9 ± 3.6	29.1 ± 2.7	28.9 ± 4.0
Waist circumference	101.4 ± 8.6	105.4 ± 7.0	99.2 ± 8.8
Body weight (kg)	86.1 ± 13.0	93.8 ± 11.5	81.7 ± 11.8
Body fat mass (kg)	28.9 ± 9.3	22.9 ± 6.3	32.3 ± 9.1
Fat free mass	57.2 ± 11.9	70.9 ± 7.4	49.5 ± 4.6
Systolic BP (mmHg)	126 ± 13	130 ± 12	124 ± 13
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	81 ± 8	82 ± 8	81 ± 9
HOMA-IR	3.0 ± 1.7	3.0 ± 1.4	2.9 ± 1.8
Fasting plasma glucose (mmol/L)	5.7 ± 0.6	5.8 ± 0.4	5.6 ± 0.7
Fasting serum TAG	1.2 ± 0.5	1.3 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.5
Fasting serum HDL cholesterol	1.3 ± 0.3	1.2 ± 0.2	1.4 ± 0.3

Abbreviations: BP, blood pressure; HOMA, Homeostatic model assessment for insulin resistance; FFA, free-fatty acids;

Table S3 Study product consumption for all participants during wholegrain and refined grain periods (mean±SD)

Wholegrain products	Product intake (g/day)	Product intake (%)	Refined grain products	Product intake (g/day)	Product intake (%)
Rolled Oats	27.8 ± 15.4	11%	Wheat-rice flakes	28.3 ± 14.9	11%
Oat flakes	11.7 ± 9.0	5%	Oat flakes	7.2 ± 5.7	3%
Wholegrain rye kernel bread	72.5 ± 25.7	30%	Maslin rye bread	80.5 ± 30.1	32%
Wholegrain wheat buns	60.7 ± 18.1	25%	Wheat buns	68.6 ± 20.5	27%
Wholegrain wheat pasta	20.5 ± 8.4	8%	Wheat pasta	19.5 ± 10.0	8%
Wholegrain wheat kernels	12.5 ± 8.5	5%	Pearled spelt kernels	15.4 ± 8.0	6%
Wholegrain bulgur	19.8 ± 10.8	8%	Bulgur	19.6 ± 7.9	8%
Wholegrain rye crisp bread	18.1 ± 8.6	7%	Crisp bread	16.2 ± 8.3	6%

Intervention products substituted all dietary cereal products during the studies and were consumed *ad libitum*

Table S4 Average monosaccharide composition of the refined grain and wholegrain products (values are presented as mean ± SD)

Monosaccharide	Refined grain products (mg/g dry matter)	Wholegrain products (mg/g dry matter)	Fold difference (wholegrain/control)
Fucose	0.0±0.0	0.1±0.0	2.1
Arabinose	11.4±0.2	19.9±1.5	1.8
Rhamnose	Nd	Nd	-
Galactose	4.3±0.1	5.1±0.4	1.2
Starch glucose	769.2±11.7	740.3±32.7	1
Non-starch glucose	55.0±2.0	64.9±3.4	1.2
Xylose	17.1±0.3	29.2±2.9	1.7
Mannose	1.9±0.1	2.5±0.3	1.3
Galacturonic acid	5.8±0.1	1.7±0.2	0.3
Glucoronic acid	Nd	0.5±0.1	-
Ash	21.5±1.1	21.5±1.1	1

Nd, not detected

Monosaccharide composition analysis was performed in triplicates

Table S5 Diet composition of the subjects before and during the interventions

Food group ¹	Baseline diet	Refined grain diet	Wholegrain diet
	Mean (CI 95%)	Mean (CI 95%)	Mean (CI 95%)
Milk and milk products	286 (231-342)	284 (228-341)	284 (222-347)
Cheese and cheese products	37 (31-43)	34 (26-42)	31 (23-39)
Cereals and starch products	246 (222-270)	291 (274-309) ^a	288 (268-309) ^a
Vegetables	190 (144-236) ^a	143 (106-181) ^b	161 (124-198) ^{a,b}
Fruits	160 (131-189) ^a	187 (143-232) ^{a,b}	204 (158-250) ^b
Meat	106 (90-122)	106 (89-122)	97 (83-111)
Fish	22 (16-27)	26 (19-33)	27 (18-35)
Poultry	36 (25-47)	30 (21-40)	35 (23-47)
Eggs	24 (18-30)	22 (16-28)	19 (13-26)
Potatoes	74 (57-91)	29 (18-40) ^a	31 (19-44) ^a
Dietary fibre	23 (21-26)^a	21 (19-23)^a	33 (31-36)^b
Wholegrain	68 (56-79)^a	13 (10-16)^b	179 (165-192)^c
Water	2007 (1789-2225) ^a	1795 (1569-2021) ^b	2029 (1804-2255) ^{a,b}

¹Dietary intake (g/day) was based on the average of 4 days dietary registration by all subjects (n=50)

Differences between diets were assessed by a one-way ANOVA with Tukey's Multiple Comparison test. Different superscripts mean statistically different within a row (P<0.05).

Table S6 Associations between serum inflammatory markers and plasma alkylresorcinols

Plasma alkylresorcinols	Serum CRP		Serum IL-6	
	Effect size	P-value	Effect size	P-value
C17:0	-0.11	0.18	-0.18	0.0003
C19:0	-0.11	0.18	-0.11	0.027
C20:0	0.00	0.97	-0.01	0.84
C21:0	-0.12	0.12	-0.07	0.13
C22:0	-0.05	0.13	-0.02	0.35
C23:0	-0.12	0.11	-0.08	0.10
C24:0	-0.04	0.33	0.00	0.91
C25:0	-0.11	0.13	-0.08	0.06
C26:0	0.01	0.75	0.02	0.50
Total (C17:0-C26:0)	-0.13	0.11	-0.09	0.059
C17:0-to-C21:0 ratio	0.03	0.76	-0.17	0.024

Calculated using linear mixed model adjusting for age and gender (n=50) on log-transformed plasma alkylresorcinol data with added pseudocounts where the minimum value for each homolog was substituted instead of a zero value.

Table S7 Changes in metagenomic species (MGS)

MGS	Taxonomical annotation	Prevalence	Prevalence (WG->C)	Prevalence (C->WG)	Median fold change Wholegrain	Median fold change Control	Linear mixed model effect size	P-value	FDR-corrected P
MGS:igc654	Clostridiales	28	14	14	1.76	0.66	2.05	0.0004	0.16
MGS:igc102	Erysipelatoclostridium ramosum	25	14	11	0.81	0.77	-2.66	0.0008	0.16
MGS:igc460	Clostridiales	20	10	10	1.02	0.99	-2.48	0.001	0.16
MGS:igc633	Clostridiales	41	22	19	1.22	0.65	1.41	0.001	0.16
MGS:igc139	Ruminococcus	46	25	21	0.54	1.67	-1.64	0.002	0.18
MGS:igc291	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	48	27	21	1.21	0.75	0.93	0.002	0.22
MGS:igc359	Clostridiales	43	24	19	1.17	1.04	1.77	0.004	0.30
MGS:igc309	Ruminococcus lactaris	40	23	17	1.01	0.53	1.82	0.005	0.31
MGS:igc734	Streptococcus thermophilus	48	27	21	0.59	0.87	-1.56	0.006	0.33
MGS:igc584	Holodmanella biformis	22	9	13	0.80	1.37	-1.49	0.007	0.38
MGS:igc517	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	48	27	21	1.34	0.83	0.98	0.010	0.38
MGS:igc171	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	48	27	21	1.20	0.99	0.59	0.011	0.38
MGS:igc213	Coprococcus	42	23	19	1.07	0.59	1.44	0.011	0.38
MGS:igc9	Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron	42	23	19	0.94	1.37	-0.70	0.011	0.38
MGS:igc263	Prevotella copri	34	19	15	1.06	0.87	1.52	0.011	0.38
MGS:igc292	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	47	26	21	1.24	0.77	1.09	0.012	0.38
MGS:igc157	Clostridiales	27	12	15	0.76	1.55	-1.24	0.012	0.38
MGS:igc762	Clostridiales	35	18	17	0.69	1.05	-1.09	0.016	0.43
MGS:igc1140	Bacteria	12	8	4	0.97	1.14	5.17	0.017	0.43
MGS:igc784	Clostridiales bacterium 1_7_47FAA	23	9	14	0.65	1.37	-2.20	0.017	0.43
MGS:igc613	Clostridiales	13	8	5	1.54	0.72	2.81	0.018	0.43
MGS:igc89	Subdoligranulum sp. 4_3_54A2FAA	48	27	21	0.86	1.30	-0.69	0.020	0.43
MGS:igc886	Erysipelotrichaceae	19	11	8	1.16	0.61	2.61	0.021	0.43
MGS:igc389	Clostridiales	18	10	8	0.99	0.50	2.43	0.022	0.43
MGS:igc763	Clostridiales	25	11	14	0.64	1.16	-1.94	0.022	0.43
MGS:igc745	Streptococcus salivarius	48	27	21	0.88	1.33	-0.50	0.023	0.43
MGS:igc1203	Bacteria	42	23	19	0.99	0.47	0.93	0.023	0.43
MGS:igc318	Bacteria	27	15	12	0.59	1.17	-2.15	0.024	0.43
MGS:igc1259	Eukaryota	14	9	5	0.12	0.50	-3.44	0.024	0.43
MGS:igc818	Clostridiales	24	15	9	0.79	1.12	-1.67	0.024	0.43
MGS:igc938	Firmicutes	40	22	18	1.04	0.78	1.19	0.025	0.43
MGS:igc644	Clostridiales	32	20	12	1.06	0.56	1.63	0.029	0.46
MGS:igc100	Bacteroides	17	8	9	0.99	1.29	-1.84	0.029	0.46
MGS:igc732	butyrate-producing bacterium SS3/4	47	26	21	1.44	0.75	0.77	0.030	0.46
MGS:igc24	Bacteroides	39	22	17	0.79	1.24	-0.89	0.030	0.46
MGS:igc691	Lachnospiraceae	47	27	20	1.25	0.99	0.89	0.032	0.47
MGS:igc1200	Blautia	31	15	16	0.57	0.92	-1.52	0.034	0.48
MGS:igc347	Bacteroidales	14	8	6	0.84	0.53	-2.28	0.036	0.48
MGS:igc1207	Clostridiales	11	6	5	0.01	0.21	-4.90	0.036	0.48
MGS:igc54	[Clostridium] citroniae	41	21	20	0.96	0.87	-1.37	0.039	0.48
MGS:igc351	Clostridiales	31	16	15	0.95	0.98	1.62	0.039	0.48
MGS:igc640	Intestinimonas sp. GD2	31	16	15	0.67	0.78	-1.96	0.039	0.48
MGS:igc199	Clostridiales	10	4	6	6.84	2.82	-3.34	0.041	0.48
MGS:igc301	Tyzzerella nexilis	13	7	6	0.01	0.21	-3.47	0.045	0.48
MGS:igc801	Bacteria	16	7	9	1.32	1.04	1.82	0.046	0.48
MGS:igc758	Bifidobacterium dentium	19	12	7	0.38	1.12	-2.27	0.047	0.48
MGS:igc511	Dorea formicifex	48	27	21	1.00	0.99	0.53	0.048	0.48
MGS:igc281	Bacteria	11	6	5	0.43	1.51	-2.44	0.048	0.48
MGS:igc169	Anaerostipes hadrus	48	27	21	1.23	1.23	0.63	0.048	0.48
MGS:igc749	Coprococcus eutactus	18	10	8	1.25	0.04	2.26	0.048	0.48
MGS:igc832	Senegallimassilia anaerobia	23	11	12	0.82	1.04	-1.15	0.049	0.48

Calculated using linear mixed model adjusted for age and gender followed by correction for multiple testing by the Benjamini-Hochberg approach (n=48)

Table S9 Changes in prokaryotic families of carbohydrate active enzymes (CAZy)

CA2y	Known Activities	Prevalence	Prevalence (WG->C)	Prevalence (C->WG)	Median fold change Wholegrain	Median fold change Control	Linear mixed model effect size	P-value	FDR-corrected P
GH6	endoglucanase (EC 3.2.1.4); cellobiohydrolase (EC 3.2.1.91)	44	25	19	0.98	1.08	-0.67	0.019	0.28
GH22	lysozyme type C (EC 3.2.1.17); lysozyme type I (EC 3.2.1.17); α -lactalbumin	48	27	21	1.08	1.01	0.42	0.022	0.28
GH79	β -glucuronidase (EC 3.2.1.31); hyaluronoglucuronidase (EC 3.2.1.36); heparanase (EC 3.2.1.166)	48	27	21	1.05	0.72	0.38	0.025	0.28
GH111	keratan sulfate hydrolase (endo- β -N-acetylglucosaminidase) (EC 3.2.1.-)	48	27	21	1.05	1.08	0.24	0.030	0.28
GT25	lipopolysaccharide β -1,4-galactosyltransferase (EC 2.4.1.-); β -1,3-glucosyltransferase (EC 2.4.1.-)	48	27	21	0.94	1.13	-0.30	0.036	0.28
GT22	Dol-P-Man: Man6GlcNAc2-PP-Dol α -1,2-mannosyltransferase (EC 2.4.1.259); Dol-P-Man: Man8	48	27	21	0.96	1.12	-0.43	0.041	0.28
GT23	N-acetyl- β -D-glucosaminide α -1,6-L-fucosyltransferase (EC 2.4.1.68); chitin-oligosaccharide α -1,6-	48	27	21	0.93	1.18	-0.38	0.044	0.28
GH44	endoglucanase (EC 3.2.1.151)	48	27	21	1.29	0.91	0.51	0.045	0.28
GT82	UDP-GalNAc: β -1,4-N-acetylglactosaminyltransferase (EC 2.4.1.-)	48	27	21	0.99	0.85	0.30	0.047	0.28
GH75	chitosanase (EC 3.2.1.132)	48	27	21	1.09	0.90	0.30	0.047	0.28

Calculated using linear mixed model adjusted for age and gender followed by correction for multiple testing by the Benjamini-Hochberg approach (n=48)

Table S11 Associations between metagenomic species and wholegrain intake, fibre intake, serum IL-6 concentrations and serum CRP concentrations.

MGS	Taxonomical annotation	Association to wholegrain intake		Association to fibre intake		Association to serum IL-6		Association to serum CRP	
		Effect size	FDR P-value	Effect size	FDR P-value	Effect size	FDR P-value	Effect size	FDR P-value
MGS:igc654	Clostridiales	0.20	5.84E-04	0.72	1.59E-02	-0.03	9.35E-01	0.04	9.29E-01
MGS:igc102	Erysipelatoclostridium ramosum	-0.20	1.82E-03	-0.30	3.23E-01	0.44	3.86E-02	0.10	9.15E-01
MGS:igc460	Clostridiales	-0.11	7.23E-02	-0.31	2.96E-01	-0.03	9.35E-01	0.06	9.29E-01
MGS:igc633	Clostridiales	0.11	1.41E-01	0.47	2.14E-01	-0.15	8.40E-01	0.03	9.72E-01
MGS:igc139	Ruminococcus	-0.21	2.64E-02	-0.78	8.04E-02	0.08	8.89E-01	0.09	9.29E-01
MGS:igc291	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	0.17	1.71E-03	0.53	3.45E-02	-0.13	8.40E-01	-0.01	9.72E-01
MGS:igc359	Clostridiales	0.15	1.37E-01	1.05	3.45E-02	-0.40	5.02E-01	-0.27	7.29E-01
MGS:igc309	Ruminococcus lactaris	0.25	8.29E-03	0.26	5.91E-01	-0.22	8.40E-01	-0.11	9.29E-01
MGS:igc734	Streptococcus thermophilus	-0.21	5.40E-02	-0.10	7.84E-01	-0.19	8.40E-01	0.18	7.29E-01
MGS:igc584	Holodemannella biformis	-0.11	1.15E-02	-0.25	2.75E-01	0.05	8.89E-01	0.01	9.72E-01
MGS:igc517	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	0.14	4.66E-02	0.34	2.94E-01	-0.04	9.22E-01	0.03	9.72E-01
MGS:igc171	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	0.10	8.71E-02	0.44	1.11E-01	0.01	9.76E-01	0.04	9.29E-01
MGS:igc213	Coprococcus	0.20	3.81E-02	0.47	3.06E-01	-0.34	5.02E-01	-0.17	8.74E-01
MGS:igc9	Bacteroides thetaiotaomicron	-0.16	1.71E-03	-0.51	3.45E-02	0.08	8.40E-01	0.00	9.98E-01
MGS:igc263	Prevotella copri	0.05	5.01E-01	0.45	2.14E-01	-0.13	8.40E-01	-0.08	9.29E-01
MGS:igc292	Faecalibacterium prausnitzii	0.19	3.09E-03	0.71	2.63E-02	-0.08	8.40E-01	-0.02	9.72E-01
MGS:igc157	Clostridiales	-0.10	6.16E-02	-0.24	3.34E-01	0.05	8.89E-01	0.02	9.72E-01
MGS:igc762	Clostridiales	-0.14	2.98E-02	-0.36	2.76E-01	0.22	5.58E-01	0.16	7.29E-01
MGS:igc1140	Bacteria	0.15	1.08E-01	0.69	1.34E-01	0.04	9.35E-01	-0.01	9.89E-01
MGS:igc784	Clostridiales bacterium 1_7_47FAA	-0.15	1.09E-02	-0.26	3.34E-01	0.10	8.40E-01	0.05	9.29E-01
MGS:igc613	Clostridiales	0.14	2.55E-03	0.54	2.63E-02	-0.07	8.40E-01	0.04	9.29E-01
MGS:igc89	Subdoligranulum sp. 4_3_54A2FAA	-0.21	5.84E-04	-0.69	2.63E-02	0.22	5.02E-01	0.08	9.15E-01
MGS:igc886	Erysipelotrichaceae	0.03	6.46E-01	0.09	7.42E-01	-0.47	2.24E-02	-0.14	7.29E-01
MGS:igc389	Clostridiales	0.12	3.81E-02	0.09	7.42E-01	-0.07	8.40E-01	-0.13	7.29E-01
MGS:igc763	Clostridiales	-0.06	3.68E-01	-0.29	3.16E-01	0.12	8.40E-01	-0.07	9.29E-01
MGS:igc745	Streptococcus salivarius	-0.05	4.09E-01	0.13	6.17E-01	-0.05	8.89E-01	0.08	9.15E-01
MGS:igc1203	Bacteria	0.22	5.92E-03	0.61	1.14E-01	-0.30	5.02E-01	-0.16	8.28E-01
MGS:igc318	Bacteria	-0.21	1.47E-02	-0.70	8.47E-02	-0.30	5.02E-01	-0.14	9.15E-01
MGS:igc1259	Eukaryota	-0.10	2.56E-01	-0.76	8.04E-02	-0.18	8.40E-01	-0.27	6.38E-01
MGS:igc818	Clostridiales	-0.05	3.68E-01	-0.30	2.90E-01	0.02	9.39E-01	-0.07	9.29E-01
MGS:igc938	Firmicutes	0.11	9.66E-02	0.30	3.34E-01	-0.01	9.76E-01	-0.01	9.72E-01
MGS:igc646	Clostridiales	-0.02	6.63E-01	-0.13	5.91E-01	0.00	9.76E-01	-0.03	9.29E-01
MGS:igc100	Bacteroides	-0.06	1.97E-01	-0.06	7.74E-01	-0.03	9.20E-01	-0.01	9.72E-01
MGS:igc732	butyrate-producing bacterium SS3/4	0.20	5.92E-03	0.51	1.28E-01	-0.22	5.58E-01	-0.09	9.15E-01
MGS:igc24	Bacteroides	-0.09	6.41E-02	-0.56	2.63E-02	0.13	8.40E-01	-0.01	9.72E-01
MGS:igc691	Lachnospiraceae	0.02	8.34E-01	0.29	4.38E-01	-0.44	1.25E-01	-0.34	1.57E-01
MGS:igc1200	Blautia	-0.11	9.64E-02	-0.41	2.42E-01	-0.03	9.35E-01	0.01	9.72E-01
MGS:igc347	Bacteroidales	-0.08	1.07E-01	-0.33	2.19E-01	-0.06	8.40E-01	0.04	9.29E-01
MGS:igc1207	Clostridiales	-0.19	5.41E-02	-0.99	3.45E-02	0.58	3.86E-02	0.21	7.29E-01
MGS:igc54	[Clostridium] citroniae	-0.13	7.92E-02	-0.09	7.74E-01	0.06	8.98E-01	-0.11	9.15E-01
MGS:igc351	Clostridiales	0.28	3.60E-03	0.55	2.53E-01	0.18	8.40E-01	0.08	9.29E-01
MGS:igc640	Intestinimonas sp. GD2	-0.02	7.95E-01	-0.02	9.54E-01	0.34	5.02E-01	-0.04	9.72E-01
MGS:igc199	Clostridiales	-0.01	8.79E-01	0.22	4.83E-01	0.11	8.40E-01	0.06	9.29E-01
MGS:igc301	Tyzerella nexilis	-0.18	7.20E-02	-1.03	2.63E-02	0.71	1.01E-02	0.36	2.47E-01
MGS:igc801	Bacteria	0.06	3.05E-01	0.16	5.51E-01	-0.17	6.44E-01	-0.05	9.29E-01
MGS:igc758	Bifidobacterium dentium	-0.12	3.98E-02	-0.50	8.04E-02	0.09	8.40E-01	0.04	9.29E-01
MGS:igc511	Dorea formicigenans	0.02	7.17E-01	0.11	6.17E-01	-0.21	4.48E-01	-0.09	8.28E-01
MGS:igc281	Bacteria	-0.05	2.81E-01	-0.12	6.17E-01	0.10	8.40E-01	-0.06	9.29E-01
MGS:igc169	Aerostipes hadrus	0.02	7.32E-01	0.43	1.53E-01	-0.24	5.02E-01	-0.18	6.38E-01
MGS:igc749	Coprococcus eutactus	0.18	6.86E-03	0.56	8.47E-02	-0.11	8.40E-01	-0.13	8.28E-01
MGS:igc832	Senegalimassilia anaerobia	-0.04	4.01E-01	-0.08	7.42E-01	-0.04	8.40E-01	0.03	9.29E-01

Calculated using linear mixed model adjusted for age and gender followed by correction for multiple testing by the Benjamini-Hochberg approach (n=48)

Table S12 Effects of the wholegrain and refined grain diet on plasma short-chain fatty acids

Metabolite	Refined grain		Wholegrain		P-value ¹
	Baseline	End	Baseline	End	
Acetic acid ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	71.4 (55.2-97.1)	73.3 (59.6-111.5)	76.4 (55.9-103.5)	81.5 (62.3-109.2)	0.96
Propionic acid ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	3.90 (3.26-4.67)	3.67 (3.28-4.35)	3.76 (3.24-4.66)	3.77 (3.33-4.57)	0.47
Butyric acid ² ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	0.49 (0.40-0.78)	0.54 (0.40-0.71)	0.55 (0.37-0.70)	0.65 (0.42-0.92)	0.14
Isobutyric acid ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	1.25 (0.72-1.41)	1.25 (0.74-1.37)	1.04 (0.73-1.39)	1.19 (0.77-1.37)	0.44
Isovaleric acid ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	0.45 (0.35-0.55)	0.45 (0.35-0.54)	0.42 (0.32-0.55)	0.47 (0.34-0.58)	0.26
Valeric acid ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	0.09 (0.06-0.12)	0.08 (0.06-0.11)	0.09 (0.07-0.11)	0.08 (0.07-0.11)	0.31
Caproic acid ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	0.50 (0.40-0.56)	0.47 (0.39-0.54)	0.48 (0.42-0.56)	0.50 (0.39-0.54)	0.97

¹Linear mixed model adjusting for age and gender (n=50).²We noted that a comparison of the treatment groups at end of the periods indicated higher plasma concentrations of butyrate after the wholegrain intervention as compared to the refined grain intervention (Paired t-test; P=0.022).

Table S13 List of urinary metabolites differing between the whole-grain and refined grain interventions identified by UPLC-MS and GC-MS

Technique	Tentative structural assignment	ID level ^a	Adduct	Retention time (min)	Experimental <i>m/z</i>	MS/MS fragmentation <i>m/z</i>	Authentic standard <i>m/z</i>	Database <i>m/z</i>	Mass error (mDa)
UPLC-MS	Pyrocatechol-O-glucuronide	1	[M+NH ₄] ⁺	1.3	304.1025	199.1697, 141.0177, 111.1166	111.044 Pyrocatechol [M+H] ⁺	304.1027	0.2
UPLC-MS	2-aminophenol-sulphate	1	[M-H] ⁻	1.5	188.0021	129.0190, 108.0454 [M-H-SO ₃] ⁻ , 79.9584 [SO ₃] ⁻		188.0012	0.9
			[M+H] ⁺	1.5	190.0167	110.0600 [M+H-sulphate] ⁺ (2-aminophenol)	110.06 2-aminophenol [M+H] ⁺	190.0169	0.2
UPLC-MS	Pyrocatechol-sulphate	1	[M-H] ⁻	1.6	188.9861	170.0438, 109.0300 [M-H-sulphate] ⁻ 310.1161, 181.0484 [M-H-glucuronide] ⁻ ,	109.0299 Pyrocatechol [M-H] ⁻	188.9852	0.9
UPLC-MS	DHPPA-glucuronide	1	[M-H] ⁻	3.2	357.0816	175.0245, 137.0601, 113.0244 (glucuronide), 95.0143	DHPPA [M-H] ⁻	357.0816	0.0
			[M+NH ₄] ⁺	3.2	376.1237	183.0651 [M+H-glucuronide] ⁺ , 165.0547 [M+H-glucuronide-H ₂ O] ⁺	183.065 DHPPA	376.1238	0.1
			[M+Na] ⁺ MCF-derivative	3.2	381.0791	Not obtained	[M+H] ⁺	381.0792	0.1
GC-MS	3-methyladipic acid	2		13.24					

UPLC-MS, ultra-performance liquid chromatography mass spectrometry; GC-MS, gas chromatography mass spectrometry; DHPPA, 3-(3,5-dihydroxyphenyl)-1-propanoic acid.

^aIdentification levels by Sumner et al, 2007; Metabolomics doi:10.1007/s11306-007-0082-2

Table S14 Associations between serum inflammatory markers and urine metabolites

Urine metabolites	Serum CRP		Serum IL-6	
	Effect size	P-value	Effect size	P-value
DHPPA-glucuronide	-0.49	0.032	-0.44	0.002
2-aminophenol-sulphate	-0.41	0.018	-0.18	0.10
Pyrocatechol-glucuronide	-0.59	0.023	-0.14	0.41
Pyrocatechol-sulphate	-0.39	0.19	0.00	1.00
3-methyladipic acid	-0.31	0.10	-0.23	0.06

3,5-dihydroxyhydrocinnamic acid (DHPPA)-glucuronide

Calculated using linear mixed model adjusting for age and gender on log-transformed urine metabolome data (n=48).