

## ELAD TAKO

### Contact Information

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### Employment History, Professional and Academic Experience

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#### **Lead Scientist Physiologist, (10/15-Present)**

Employer: USDA-ARS, Robert W. Holley Center for Agriculture and Health, Ithaca, NY.  
Research emphasis: Mineral Nutrition and Absorption (*in vivo* and *in vitro* models), Iron and Zinc Dietary Bioavailability, Zinc Biomarkers, Molecular Biomarkers, Gastro Intestinal Development, Intestinal Microbiome, functional phytochemicals, Intestinal Physiology, Nutrigenomics.

#### **Research Associate Physiologist, (10/10-10/15)**

Employer: USDA-ARS, Robert W. Holley Center for Agriculture and Health, Ithaca, NY.  
Research emphasis: Mineral Nutrition and Absorption (*in vivo* and *in vitro* models), Iron and Zinc Dietary Bioavailability, Zinc Biomarkers, Molecular Biomarkers, Gastro Intestinal Development, Intestinal Microbiome, Intestinal Physiology, Nutrigenomics.

#### **Research associate, (04/08-10/10)**

Employer: Department of Food Science, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
Research emphasis: Mechanisms and Pathways that Involved with Iron and Zinc Dietary Bioavailability and Intestinal Absorption (*in vivo/in vitro* Models), *in vivo* assessment of dietary iron and zinc bioavailability from staple food crops.

#### **Post-doctoral research fellow, (04/05-04/08)**

Employer: Department of Food Science, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
Research emphasis: Micronutrients Bioavailability Assessment in Staple Food by using *in vitro and in vivo* Models, Development of Molecular Biomarkers to assess Iron and Zinc Bioavailability *in vivo*, Effect of Iron Deficiency on the Intestinal Microbiome.

#### **Scientific Consultant, (05/03-03/05)**

Employer: AvianTech LTD., Tel Aviv, Israel.  
Part of the leading scientists' team that provided and supervised the research aimed to develop optimal nutritional solution to be used *intra amniotically* and to enhance the growth rate, development and post hatch survival rate of broiler chicken embryo and hatchling.

#### **Visiting Scholar, (07/03-09/03), Baron de Hirsch foundation**

Host Institution: Department of Poultry Science, North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC.  
Research emphasis: The Effect of Zinc-Methionine on the Digestive Tract Functionality and Development in the Late Term Chicken Embryo.

#### **Visiting Scholar, (06/02-09/02), Baron de Hirsch foundation**

Host Institution: Department of Poultry Science, North Carolina State University, Raleigh NC.

Research emphasis: The Effect of *in ovo* Feeding on Pectoral Muscle Fibers Proliferation and the Digestive Tract Functionality in the Chick (*Gallus gallus*) Embryo.

## **University Education**

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**The Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem,**  
(May 2005)

Ph.D. - Animal Science (Nutrition, Physiology), with honors (*cum laude*)

Thesis Dissertation Title: Enhancement of Development and Growth of Broilers (*Gallus gallus*) By “*In Ovo* Feeding”: Energetic Status, Cellular and Molecular Parameters of The Intestine.

**The Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem,**  
(January 2001)

M.S. - Master of Science in Agriculture, field of Animal Science (Physiology), with honors (*cum laude*)

Thesis Dissertation Title: The Effects of Acute and Chronic Heat Stress on the Laying Hen (*Gallus gallus*) Ovarian Functionality: Molecular, Hormonal and Laying Performance Parameters.

**The Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem,**  
(October 1998)

B.S. – Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, field of Animal Science.

## **Academic appointments**

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**Graduate field faculty member,** (05/14-Present)

Field of Food Science and Technology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

1. Graduate Field Committee member: Xi Zhang, PhD Candidate, Department of Food Science, Cornell University.
2. Research Committee Member: Marija Knez, PhD Candidate, Flinders University Adelaide, Australia.
3. Research Committee Member: Zhongyuan Guo, PhD Candidate, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.
4. Nicholas Bursi, MPS 2015, Department of Food Science, Cornell University.
5. Amrutha Aanadaraman, MPS 2015, Department of Food Science, Cornell University.
6. Graduate Field Committee member: Michelle Duong, PhD Candidate, Department of Food Science, Cornell University.
7. Research Committee Member: Fabiola Moreno Olivas, MsC Candidate, Department of Bio-Engineering, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.
8. Qiaoye Wang, MPS 2016, Department of Food Science, Cornell University.
9. Research Committee Member: Fabiola Moreno-Olivas, PhD Candidate, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY.
10. Naveena Lakashmanan, MPS 2018, Department of Food Science, Cornell University.

**Courtesy assistant professor,** (08/12-Present)

Cornell University, Department of Food Science and Technology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Ithaca NY.

**Courtesy assistant professor,** (03/16-Present)

Cornell University, Division of Nutritional Sciences, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Ithaca NY.

**Undergraduate students mentor and academic advisor, (08/12-Present)**

Department of Food Science and Technology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

1. Nadia Putri, Cornell University, 2015
2. Ivania Hartanto, Cornell University, 2016
3. Isabella Riley, Cornell University, 2017
4. Jessica Kwong, Cornell University, 2018
5. Sriya Sunil, Cornell University, 2019
6. Eli Rothstein, Cornell University 2020

**Undergraduate students' research mentor, (08/10-Present)**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

1. Anna Denis-Rohr, Food Science, CALS, Cornell University, 2011
2. Gretchen Siem, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University, 2012
3. Cedric Ahn, Food Science, CALS, Cornell University, 2013
4. Jessica Budiman, Food Science, CALS, Cornell University, 2013
5. Spenser Reed<sup>1</sup>, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University, 2014
6. Karen Hartono, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University, 2014
7. Nadia Putri, Food Science, CALS, Cornell University, 2015
8. Sarina Pacifici, Animal Science, CALS, Cornell University 2016
9. Ivania Hartanto, Food Science, CALS, Cornell University, 2016
10. Jaehong Song, Biological Science, CALS, Cornell University 2017
11. Sybil Sha, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University 2017
12. Esu Obu, Food Science, CALS, Cornell University, 2017
13. Cathy Zhang, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University 2018
14. Julia Deutsch, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University 2018
15. Nichelle Ma, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University 2018
16. Yeon Hee Kim, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University 2018

<sup>1</sup>Spenser Reed received the 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence by Cornell University's College of Agriculture & Life Sciences and the State University of New York (SUNY). He was also awarded the CALS Morley Research Scholarship.

**Graduate students mentor and academic advisor, (05/14-Present)**

Department of Food Science and Technology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

1. Nicholas Bursi, MPS 2015; "EVIDENCE OF THE PREBIOTIC ABILITY OF PECTIN EXTRACTED FROM COCOA POD HUSK AND GUT FLORA RESPONSE TO PECTIN WITH VARYING DGREES OF METHYLATION".
2. Amrutha Anandaraman, MPS 2015; "FLAVONOIDS IN IRON BIOFORTIFIED RED MOTTLED RWANDAN BEAN MAY LIMIT THE PHYSIOLOGICAL BENEFIT PROVIDED BY INCREASED IRON CONCENTRATION".
3. Qiaoye Wang; "RAFFININOSE AND STACHYOSE AS PREBIOTICS", MPS 2016
4. Naveena Lakashmanan; "EFFECTS OF INTRA-AMNIOTIC ADMINISTRATION OF BEAN PREBIOTIC EXTRACTS ON THE GUT MICROBIOTA, BRUSH BORDER MEMBRANE FUNCTIONALITY AND IRON METABOLISM RELATED GENES IN THE Gallus gallus MODEL", MPS 2018

**Visiting scholars/graduate students, (05/14-Present)**

1. Marija Knez, 2014 and 2016 visiting fellow, Flinders University Adelaide, Australia
2. Tao Hou, 2016-2017 visiting fellow, Food Science and Technology, Huazhong Agricultural University.
3. Desiree Morais Dias, 2017-2018 visiting fellow, University of Vicosa, Brazil.
4. Xuan Wang, 2017-2018 visiting fellow, China Agricultural University, Beijing, China.
5. Jesse Beasley, 2017-2018 visiting fellow, University of Melbourne, Australia.

**Course Instructor, (12/11- Present)**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

1. AEM/FDSC 3290, Cornell Agribusiness Fellows Program - Improving the Understanding of Evolving Agricultural and Food Systems in a Global Marketplace, coordinating and co-leading the following student study trips:
  - Israel, 2013 (hosted by the Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Hebrew University).
  - England, 2015 (hosted by Newcastle University).
  - Chile, 2017 (hosted by Talca University).
2. FDSC 4990, Undergraduate Research in Food Science.
3. FDSC 5000, Master of Professional Studies (Agriculture) Project.
4. BIOG 2990, Introduction to Research Methods in Biology.
5. FDSC 6970, Graduate Individual Study in Food Science.

**Program Mentor, (08/12-Present)**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca NY.

- 1) Authentic Science Research program at Byram Hills High School (Intel Science Talent Search) in Armonk, New York (2012-2014) and Briarcliff High School, New York (2014-2016):
  - Cornell Summer Scholar (2013): Julia Deutsch (now Cornell University, Nutritional Sciences 2018)
  - Cornell Summer Scholar (2015): Jessica Cho
- 2) Biology Research Fellowship program (BioRes, summer 2013):
  - Spenser Reed, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University, 2014
- 3) Hunter R. Rawlings III, Cornell Presidential Research Scholars program (2012-2014):
  - Spenser Reed, Nutritional Sciences, CALS, Cornell University, 2014
- 4) Cornell University (Department of Food Science) undergraduate summer scholar program (Since 2013):
  - Larrisa Pereira Gonçalves, summer 2013 (Universidade de Brasilia)
  - Hannah Acheson-Field, 06-08/13 (Brown University)
  - Naa Ayikarkor Ankrah, 06-08/14 (Mount Holyoke College)
  - Marriah Green, summer 06-08/15 (University of California, San Diego)
  - Yiling Ke, summer 06-08/16 (Oklahoma State University, Tulsa)
- 5) NSF Biology Research Fellowship undergraduate students program (06-09/13):  
Spenser Reed, Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University, 2014.
- 6) Wallace-Carver Fellowship, Justine Frerichs (Davidson College North Carolina, summer 2016).

**Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Rehovot, Israel: Physiology, Anatomy, Histology, Biology of Reproduction, Zoology and Nutrition (October 1998-April 2005).**

**Laboratory Lecturer**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Rehovot, Israel: Vertebrates Zoology (October 2003-April 2005).

**Lecturer**, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment, (The Division for External Studies), Rehovot, Israel: Nutrition, Ecology (September 2000-March 2005).

### **Professional service**

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Member of the editorial board of the Journal of Chemistry: <http://www.hindawi.com/91353624/>; International journal of food science: <http://www.hindawi.com/journals/ijfs/>; International Journal of Nutrition and Dietetics (IJFS): [www.scidoc.org](http://www.scidoc.org). Associate editor at Frontiers Nutrition Methodology; <http://journal.frontiersin.org/journal/nutrition/section/nutrition-methodology#editorial-board>. Guest editor (two special issue) in Nutrients: (i) [http://www.mdpi.com/journal/nutrients/special\\_issues/Fe\\_deficiency\\_bioavailability\\_absorption](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/nutrients/special_issues/Fe_deficiency_bioavailability_absorption) (ii) [http://www.mdpi.com/journal/nutrients/special\\_issues/dietary\\_Zn\\_human\\_health](http://www.mdpi.com/journal/nutrients/special_issues/dietary_Zn_human_health) ; 2007-Present. Ad hoc reviewer for the following journals (selection): Nutrition Journal, Journal of Chemistry, Journal of Poultry Science, International Journal of Poultry Science, British Journal of Nutrition, Animal Feed Science and Technology, Journal of Food Science, Chemosphere, DovePress, Food and Function, Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry, American Journal of Experimental Agriculture, GENE, American Journal of Experimental Agriculture, Journal of Food and Chemical Toxicology, Archives of Agronomy and Soil Science, Nutrients, Plant Foods for Human Nutrition, Biological Trace Element Research, Genetica, International Journal of Food Science and Nutrition, International Journal for Vitamin and Nutrition Research, European Journal of Nutrition, Frontiers-Nutrition, Journal of Food Chemistry.

### **Professional awards and accomplishments**

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**Tilman Family Award** - Hebrew University award for major achievements in the field of agriculture (February 2005).

**Koffolk Award** - Israeli poultry industry award for research accomplishments (April 2004).

**Baron de Hirsch Foundation Award** (May 2003).

**Baron de Hirsch Foundation Award** (May 2002).

**Koffolk Award** - Israeli poultry industry award for research accomplishments (April 2002).

**Koffolk Award** - Israeli poultry industry award for research accomplishments (May 2001).

**Koffolk Award** - Israeli poultry industry award for research accomplishments (April 2000).

### **Membership in Professional Societies**

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American Society for Nutrition (ASN)

World's Poultry Science Association (WPSA)

North American Poultry Science Association (PSA)

American Society of Animal Science (ASAS)

The New York Academy of Science

"*HarvestPlus*" initiative

Micronutrients forum

American Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

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## **Professional Presentations - International Scientific Meetings (Selection, 2005-present)**

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1. **Elad Tako**, K Yasuda, R P Glahn, R M Welch, X Lei, and D D Miller. Dietary inulin upregulates the expression of iron and zinc membrane transporters in intestinal enterocyte in the pig. Experimental Biology annual meeting, San Fransisco, CA, 2006. *FASEB J.* 2006 20:LB97
2. Siow Ying Tan, **Elad Tako**, Chi Kong Yeung, Raymond P Glahn, Ross Welch, Xingen Lei, and Dennis D Miller. Red and white beans provide equivalent amounts of bioavailable iron to weanling piglets. Experimental Biology meeting, San Fransisco, CA, 2006. *FASEB J.* 2006 20:LB88.
3. **Elad Tako**, R.P Glahn, R. Welch, X. Lei, K.H Paul, and D.D Miller. Dietary inulin upregulates the expression of intestinal iron transporters, increases villus surface area, and alters microflora in iron deficient and adequate rats. Experimental Biology meeting 2007. *FASEB J.* 2007 21:355.4. Washington DC.
4. **Elad Tako**, R. P. Glahn, R. Welch, X. Lei, D. D. Miller. Supplemental microbial phytase effects the expression of intestinal and liver mineral transporters in the iron/zinc deficient pig. 2007, Poultry Science – Dairy Science- Animal Science associations joint meeting, San Antonio, TX.
5. Kapsokefalou M., Argyri, K, **Tako E.**, Glahn R., Miller D. Effect of milk peptides that enhance iron uptake by Caco-2 cells on the expression of DMT-1 and on iron dialyzability from meals. Experimental Biology meeting, *FASEB J.* 2008 22:lb673, San-Diego, CA, 2008.
6. **Tako E.**, Lappara, M., Glahn , R., Lei X., Welch, R and Miller D. Fe and Zn bioavailability from red (merlot) and white (great northern) bean-based (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) diets fed to anemic young pigs. Experimental Biology meeting, San- Diego, CA, 2008. *FASEB J.* 2008 22:304.
7. Lappara M., **Tako, E.**,Glahn, R., Miller, D. Inulin and Mucins in the Intestine can reduce Iron uptake from dissociable sources. Experimental Biology meeting, San- Diego, CA, 2008. *FASEB J.* 2008 22:lb745.
8. Lappara M., **Tako, E.**,Glahn, R., Miller, D. Glycosaminoglycans isolated from fish muscle enhance iron uptake by Caco-2 cells. Experimental Biology meeting, San-Diego, CA, 2008. *FASEB J.* 2008 22:694.5.
9. **Tako E.** and Glahn R.P. Using the domestic chicken as an in vivo screening tool for iron bioavailability. Experimental Biology meeting, New Orleans, LO, 2009. *FASEB J.* 2009 23:921.14.
10. **Tako, E** and Glahn, RP. The use of the broiler (*Gallus gallus*) as an in vivo screening tool for Fe bioavailability. Poultry Science annual meeting, Raleigh, NC, 2009.
11. Hoekenga O., Lung'aho M., **Tako E.**, Kochian L., Glahn, R. Iron biofortification of maize grain. Plant and Animal Genome XVIII meeting 2010, San Diego, CA.
20. **Tako E.**, Lung'hao M., Kochian, L, Hoekenga O., Glahn R. Iron bioavailability from maize based diets fed to iron deficient broiler chickens. Experimental Biology meeting 2010, Anaheim, CA.
12. Lungaho M, Hoekenga O, **Tako E.**, Glahn R. Enhancing iron Bioavailability of maize using a Caco2 cell/quantitative trait loci model Enhancing iron bioavailability of maize using a Caco2 cell / quantitative trait loci model. Experimental Biology meeting 2010, Anaheim, CA.
13. **Elad Tako**, Mercy Lung'aho, Leon V. Kochian, Owen A. Hoekenga and Raymond P. Glahn. Use of the broiler (*Gallus gallus*) as an in vivo screening tool for Fe bioavailability in maize-based diets. Poultry Science-Dairy Science- Animal Science Joint meeting 2010, Denver, CO.

14. **Elad Tako**, Leon V. Kochian, Owen A. Hoekenga and Raymond P. Glahn. Development of high bioavailable iron maize using Caco-2 cells and broiler chickens. Bioavailability 2010 meeting, Pacific Grove, CA.
15. **Elad Tako** and Raymond P. Glahn. White beans provide more bioavailable iron than red beans: studies in poultry and in vitro digestion/Caco 2 model. Bioavailability 2010 meeting, Pacific Grove, CA.
16. Hoekenga OA, Lung'aho MG, **Tako E**, Kochian LV, and Glahn RP. Iron biofortification of maize grain. Bioavailability 2010 meeting, Pacific Grove, CA.
17. Hoekenga OA, Lung'aho MG, **Tako E**, Kochian LV, and Glahn RP. Iron biofortification of maize grain. 2010 international symposium on genomics of plants. Bologna, Italy.
18. Hoekenga OA, Lung'aho MG, **Tako E**, Kochian LV, and Glahn RP. Iron biofortification of maize grain. ASA, CSSA and SSSA 2010 international meeting, Long Beach, CA.
19. **Tako E**, Hoekenga OA, Lung'aho MG, Kochian LV, and Glahn RP. Screening food crops for iron bioavailability. Biofortification-the first global conference 2010, Washington D.C.
20. **Tako Elad**, Vandenberg A, Thavarajah D, Thavarajah P, Glahn R. Iron bioavailability in lentil based diets: Studies in poultry and in vitro digestion/Caco-2 model. Experimental Biology 2011, Washington, DC.
21. **Tako Elad**, Vandenberg A, Thavarajah D, Thavarajah P, Glahn R. Iron bioavailability in lentil based diets: Studies in poultry and in vitro digestion/Caco-2 model. Poultry Science Association annual meeting 2011, St. Louis, MI.
22. **Tako Elad** and Raymond P. Glahn. Intra amniotic administration and dietary inulin affect the iron status and intestinal functionality of iron deficient broiler chickens. Poultry Science Association annual meeting 2011, St. Louis, MI.
23. **Tako Elad**. Caco-2 cell and animal model studies are effective at screening and developing staple food crops with improved Fe bioavailability". Embrapa Food Technology, the 4th Annual Biofortification Meeting 2011, Teresina, Brazil.
24. **Tako E**, Hoekenga OA, Lung'aho MG, Kochian LV, and Glahn RP. Screening food crops for iron bioavailability. Biofortification-the first global conference 2010, Washington D.C.
25. Attended the "International farm management association" (IFMA 18) 2011 international meeting, Methven/Christchurch, New Zealand.
26. **Tako Elad**, Vandenberg A, Thavarajah D, Thavarajah P, Glahn R. Iron bioavailability in lentil based diets: Studies in poultry and in vitro digestion/Caco-2 model. Experimental Biology 2011, Washington, DC.
27. **Tako Elad**, Vandenberg A, Thavarajah D, Thavarajah P, Glahn R. Iron bioavailability in lentil based diets: Studies in poultry and in vitro digestion/Caco-2 model. Poultry Science Association annual meeting 2011, St. Louis, MI.
28. **Tako Elad** and Raymond P. Glahn. Intra amniotic administration and dietary inulin affect the iron status and intestinal functionality of iron deficient broiler chickens. Poultry Science Association annual meeting 2011, St. Louis, MI.

29. **Elad Tako**, Matthew W. Blair and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified red mottled beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) in a maize and bean diet provide more bioavailable iron than standard red mottled beans: Studies in poultry (*Gallus gallus*) and an in vitro digestion/Caco 2 model. Experimental Biology 2012, San Diego, CA.
30. Gretchen Siem, Cedric Ahn, Mary Bodis, **Elad Tako**, Dennis Miller, Raymond Galhn, Sera Young. The concentration of iron in Zanzibari geophagic earth is high but its in vitro bioavailability is low and inhibita the bioavailability of dietary iron in an in viro digestion/Caco 2 cell model. Experimental Biology 2012, San Diego, CA.
31. **Elad Tako**, Owen A. Hoekenga, Leon V. Kochian, and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified maize (*Zea mays* L.) provides more bioavailable iron than standard maize: Studies in poultry (*Gallus gallus*) and an in vitro digestion/Caco-2 model. Experimental Biology 2012, San Diego, CA.
32. **Elad Tako**, Diane M. Dellavalle, Owen A. Hoekenga, Leon V. Kochian and Raymond P. Glahn. Caco-2 cell and animal model studies are effective at screening and developing staple food crops with improved Fe bioavailability. 16th international symposium on iron nutrition and interaction in plants 2012, Amherst, MA.
33. Gretchen Siem, Cedric Ahn, Mary Bodis, **Elad Tako**, Dennis Miller, Raymond Glahn, Sera Young. The concentration of iron in Zanzibari geophagic earth is high but it's in vitro bioavailability is low and inhibita the bioavailability of dietary iron in an in viro digestion/Caco 2 cell model. The 16th international symposium on iron nutrition and interaction in plants 2012, Amherst, MA.
34. **Elad Tako**, Owen A. Hoekenga, Leon V. Kochian and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified maize (*Zea mays* L.) provides more bioavailable iron than standard maize: studies in poultry (*Gallus gallus*) and an in vitro digestion/Caco 2 model. Poultry Science Association annual meeting 2012, Athens, GA.
35. **Elad Tako**, Matthew W. Blair and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified red mottled beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) in maize and bean diet provide more bioavailable iron than standard red mottled beans: Studies in poultry (*Gallus gallus*) and an in vitro digestion/Caco 2 model. Poultry Science Association annual meeting 2012, Athens, GA.
36. **Elad Tako**, Raymond Glahn, Miaoqing Shen, Jon Hart and Owen A. Hoekenga. Metabolomic characterization of iron biofortified maize grain. The 54th annual maize genetic conference 2012, Portland, OR.
37. Owen A. Hoekenga, **Elad Tako**, Leon V. Kochian, and Raymond P. Glahn. Plant and animal genomes XIX conference 2012, San Diego, CA.
38. **Elad Tako**, Steve Beebe, Spenser Reed, Erick Boy, Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified Black Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) in a Maize and Bean Diet Provide More Bioavailable Iron to Chickens (*Gallus gallus*) Than Standard Black Beans. Experimental Biology 2013, Boston, MA.
39. **Tako Elad**, Hoekenga OA, Kochian LV, Glahn RP. High bioavailability maize (*Zea Mays* L.) developed through molecular breeding provides more bioavailable iron in vitro (*Caco-2*) and in vivo (*Gallus gallus*).The 20<sup>th</sup> international congress of nutrition 2013, Granada, Spain.
40. **Elad Tako** and Raymond P.Glahn. Caco-2 and animal model studies (*Gallus gallus*) are effective at screening and developing staple food crops with improved iron bioavailability. The 20<sup>th</sup> international congress of nutrition 2013, Granada, Spain.



41. **Elad Tako**, Steve Beebe, Spenser Reed, Erick Boy, Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified black bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) based diet provides more bioavailable iron *in vitro* (Caco 2) and *in vivo* (*Gallus gallus*). 20<sup>th</sup> international congress of nutrition 2013, Granada, Spain.
42. **Elad Tako**, Binu Cherian, Spenser Reed, Jessica Budiman, and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum* L.) provides more bioavailable iron than standard pearl millet: studies in poultry (*Gallus gallus*) and an *in vitro* digestion/Caco-2 model. Experimental Biology 2014, San Diego, CA.
43. Spenser Reed, Xia Qin, Rinat Ran-Ressler, J. Thomas Brenna, Raymond P. Glahn, and **Elad Tako**. Dietary zinc deficiency affects blood linoleic acid: dihomo- $\gamma$ -linolenic acid (LA:DGLA) ratio; a sensitive physiological marker of zinc status *in vivo* (*Gallus gallus*). Experimental Biology 2014, San Diego, CA.
44. Spenser Reed, Xia Qin, Rinat Ran-Ressler, J. Thomas Brenna, Raymond P. Glahn, and **Elad Tako**. Dietary zinc deficiency affects blood linoleic acid: dihomo- $\gamma$ -linolenic acid (LA:DGLA) ratio; a sensitive physiological marker of zinc status *in vivo* (*Gallus gallus*). Micronutrient Forum 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
45. **Elad Tako**, Binu Cherian, and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum* L.) provides more bioavailable iron than standard pearl millet: studies *in vivo* (*Gallus gallus*) and an *in vitro* digestion/Caco-2 model. Micronutrient Forum 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
46. **Tako E.**, Beebe S., Glahn R.P. Polyphenolic compounds appear to limit the nutritional benefit of biofortified high iron black beans (*Phaseolus Vulgaris* L.). Bioavailability meeting 2014, Iguassu Falls, Brazil.
47. **Elad Tako**, Binu Cherian, and Raymond P. Glahn. Biofortified pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum* L.) provides more bioavailable iron than standard pearl millet: studies *in vivo* (*Gallus gallus*) and an *in vitro* digestion/Caco-2 model. Bioavailability meeting 2014, Iguassu Falls, Brazil.
48. Spenser Reed, Xia Qin, Rinat Ran-Ressler, J. Thomas Brenna, Raymond P. Glahn, and **Elad Tako**. Dietary zinc deficiency affects blood linoleic acid: dihomo- $\gamma$ -linolenic acid (LA:DGLA) ratio; a sensitive physiological marker of zinc status *in vivo* (*Gallus gallus*). Bioavailability 2014 meeting, Iguassu Falls, Brazil.
49. **Elad Tako** and Raymond P. Glahn. Assessment of iron bioavailability and iron biofortification of staple food crops: guiding the breeding approach with *in vitro* and *in vivo* screening tools. Bioavailability meeting 2014, Iguassu Falls, Brazil.
50. **Elad Tako** and Gretchen Mahler. Use of Physiologically-Based *in vitro* Models of the Gastrointestinal Tract to Study TiO-2 and SiO-2 Nanoparticle Interactions with Mineral Absorption. 2014 Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.
51. Zhongyuan Guo, **Elad Tako** and Gretchen Mahler. Nanoparticle Ingestion Alters Nutrient Absorption in Physiologically-Based *In Vitro* Model of the Gastrointestinal Tract. 54th SOT 2015 Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
52. Zhongyuan Guo, **Elad Tako** and Gretchen Mahler. Nanoparticle Ingestion Alters Iron and Zinc Absorption in the Small Intestine. The Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) 2015 Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
53. Fabiola Moreno Olivas, **Elad Tako** and Gretchen Mahler. ( $\beta$ )-Cytotoxic Effects of ZnO Nanoparticles in an (*In Vitro*) Human Intestine Epithelium Model. The Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) 2015 Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida.

54. Spenser Reed, Omry Koren, Hadar Newman and **Elad Tako**. Chronic zinc deficiency alters gut microbiota structure and function. 12<sup>th</sup> European Nutrition Conference, (FENS) 2015, Berlin, Germany. *Ann Nutr Metab* 2015;67(suppl 1):1–601. DOI: 10.1159/000440895
55. **Elad Tako** and Raymond P. Glahn. Caco-2 Cell and Animal Model Studies (*Gallus gallus*) Are Effective at Screening and Developing Staple Food Crops with Improved Fe Bioavailability. Symposium--Improving Pulse Crops for Nutrition and Health. ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Annual Meeting 2015, Minneapolis, MN.
56. **Elad Tako**. Studies of Cream Seeded Carioca Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) from a Rwandan Efficacy Trial: In Vitro and In Vivo (including effects on intestinal microbiome) Screening Tools Reflect Human Studies and Predict Beneficial Results from Iron Biofortified Beans. Experimental Biology 2016, San Diego, CA.
57. Sarina Pacifici, Jaehong Song, Cathy Kexin Zhang, Qiaoye Wang, and **Elad Tako**. Evaluating the influence of various plant origin prebiotics (*Raffinose* and *Stachyose*) on iron status, intestinal functionality and intestinal bacterial populations. Experimental Biology 2016, San Diego, CA.
58. **Elad Tako** and Omry Koren. Chronic Zinc Deficiency Alters Chick (*Gallus gallus*) Gut Microbiota Structure and Function. Experimental Biology 2016, San Diego, CA.
59. Zhongyuan Guo, **Elad Tako**, Gretchen Mahler. Ingested Nanoparticles Alter Gastrointestinal Tract Enzyme Function and Mineral Absorption. Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) Annual Meeting 2016, Minneapolis, MN.
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### **Professional Presentations - Invited Speaker**

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1. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Institute of Biochemistry, Food Science and Nutrition (10/14): Fighting Hidden Hunger (I): The Iron and Zinc Dietary deficiency Challenge.

2. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Institute of Biochemistry, Food Science and Nutrition (12/14): Fighting Hidden Hunger (II): Updates on the Iron and Zinc Dietary deficiency Challenge.

3. Cornell University, Division of Nutritional Sciences, guest lecturer (11/12): Iron absorption and metabolism.

4. Teresina, Brazil (07/11): Caco-2 cell and animal model studies are effective at screening and developing staple food crops with improved Fe bioavailability. Embrapa Food Technology, the 4th annual Biofortification international meeting.

5. The Volcani Research Center, Rehovot, Israel (02/09): Iron and zinc bioavailabilities in maize and beans; studies using in vitro and in vivo models.

6. Cornell University, Department of Food Science (03/08): Evaluation of Fe and Zn absorptions in anemic/Fe deficient subjects under different dietary conditions.

7. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Institute of Biochemistry, Food Science and Nutrition School of Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Quality Sciences (02/08): Evaluating Fe and Zn absorption in anemic subjects under different dietary conditions: mechanisms and tools.

8. Cornell University, Department of Food Science, Food microbiology laboratory (04/07): Microbial analysis of anemic pig intestinal content, using the PCR technique.

9. Cornell University, Department of Food Science (08/04): The effect of in ovo Feeding on the broiler's embryo gastro intestinal development.

10. ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Annual Meeting 2015, Minneapolis, MN. *Caco-2* Cell and Animal Model Studies (*Gallus gallus*) Are Effective at Screening and Developing Staple Food Crops with Improved Fe Bioavailability. Symposium--Improving Pulse Crops for Nutrition and Health.

11. Cornell University symposium “Biofortification to alleviate micronutrient malnutrition: A symposium honoring 2016 World Food Prize Laureates”. October 2016. Title: Innovative approaches to study dietary Fe and Zn bioavailability.
12. Crop Science Society of America (CSSA) meeting “Symposium--the Bridge from Biofortification to Bioavailability”. October 2017. Title:” Nutrigenomic/Microbiome Approaches for Assessing Zn Bioavailability”.
13. Invited speaker (05/2017): USDA-ARS, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center (BHNRC Seminar Series): “Innovative approaches to study dietary iron and zinc bioavailability, absorption and deficiency status”.

### **Professional Presentations - Other**

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1. Cornell University, Department of Food Science (08/12): Use of poultry (*Gallus gallus*) as an in vivo model to develop foods with improved mineral bioavailability.
2. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Biochemistry and Food Science (05/08): Dietary strategies to enhance iron absorption in iron deficient populations.
3. Cornell University, Department of Food Science (03/07): Biofortification and inulin; strategies to battle dietary iron deficiency.
4. Robert W. Holley Center for Agriculture and Health, Ithaca, NY (11/06): Using *In vitro* and *in vivo* models to investigate iron absorption pathways. HarvestPlus forum.
5. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Department of Animal Science (01/05): In ovo feeding procedure and its effects on chicken embryos and hatchlings intestinal development.
6. North Carolina State University, Department of Poultry Science (07/04): Intestinal development in the late term broiler embryo; molecular and morphological parameters.
7. Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the University’s senate and board of trustees, presenting the “In ovo Feeding Technique” (01/04).

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## **Publications- Gene sequences (National Institutes of Health's National Center for Biotechnology Information Gene Bank (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>))**

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## Publications- Patents

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The pioneering efforts in the "*In ovo*" feeding area subsequently led to the awarding of a U.S. Patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,592,878) to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and North Carolina State University.

## Publications - Media Contributions (selection):

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### **Active Research grants (2018)**

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1. NIH (R15, in collaboration with Dr. Mahler, Department of Bioengineering, Binghamton University, NY): “The effects of engineered nanoparticle ingestion on mineral absorption and small intestinal health and function” (\$439,150).
  2. NIFA (in collaboration with Drs. Karen Cichy, Raymond P. Glahn): “Optimizing the Convenience, Nutrition, and Taste of Yellow Dry Beans (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) to Promote Pulse Consumption in the U.S.” (\$490,000).
  3. NIH (R01, in collaboration with Dr. Mahler, Department of Bioengineering, Binghamton University, NY): “Engineering a Small Intestinal Microbiome to Evaluate Food Additive Exposure”. (Approved, official funding support announcement expected by mid-June 2018).
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