#### A Testosterone and Diet Experiment

**Can diet changes turn me into Wolverine?** 

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## It started with a winter funk



"It was a clear day, and yet there seemed an intangible pall over the face of things, a subtle gloom that made the day dark, and that was due to the absence of the sun."

- Jack London in "How to build a fire"

### My biomarkers were in the normal range...

Cholesterin Total indist.	57	<pre>mmol/l mg/dl mg/dl mg/dl U/l U/l U/l U/l U/l g/dl mg/dl mung mung mg/dl</pre>	23 - 32 134 - 150 3.5 - 5.6 2.16 - 2.62 0.75 - 1.00 bis 1.30 10 - 50 bis 7.0 40 - 130 bis 60 bis 50 bis 50 6.20 - 8.50 bis 175 bis 199: Zielwert	
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## ...but they were far from optimal

#### Low Vitamin-D

Vitamin D (25-OH-Cholec.) 29.2 ng/ml Ausreichende Versorgung, empfohlener Spiegel > 30

#### Low Testosterone

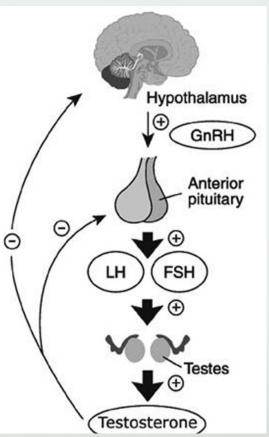
🗙 Freies Östriol LIA	< 0.07	ng/ml	
Testosteron gesamt ECLIA	4.92	ng/ml	3.0
VTestosteron frei RIA	11.7	pg/ml	

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### Testosterone is the primary anabolic hormone

- Present in both men and women
- Made from cholesterol
- Affects mood, lean body mass, and sexual function
- Is affected by diet and lifestyle



Hypothalamus-Pituitary-Testosterone-Axis (HPTA)

## Overhyped or underrated?



"Are you kidding? It's freaking awesome! I'm becoming Wolverine."

- Tim Ferriss in "The 4-Hour Body"

## Let's find out with a change in diet

- 70% fat and proteins
- High in healthy fats
- Foods rich in B-Vitamins, Magnesium, Vitamin E and Zinc
- Vitamin-D
- Cod liver oil

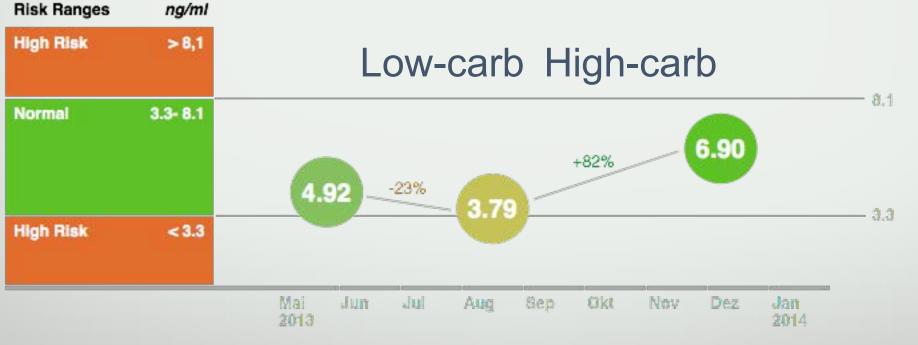


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## The diet only worked with carbs



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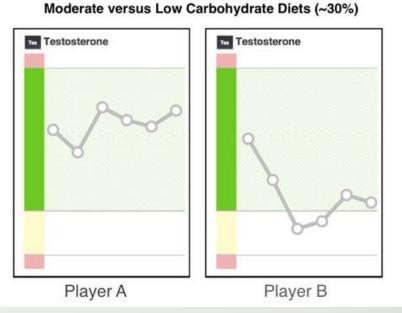


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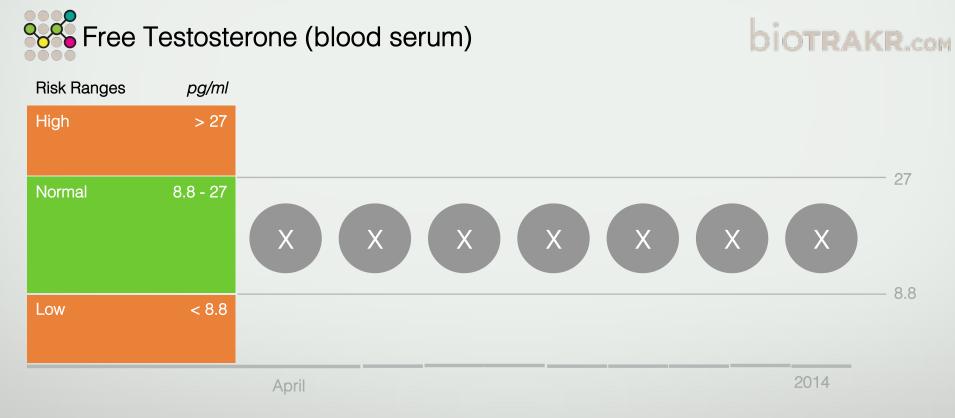
# Why are carbs needed?

- Carbs help balance anabolic and catabolic processes
- Athletes need carbs to counteract fatigue and overtraining
- But: Carbs also increase SHBG, which binds active T



Graph from a recent article by Gil Blander, Founder of InsideTracker

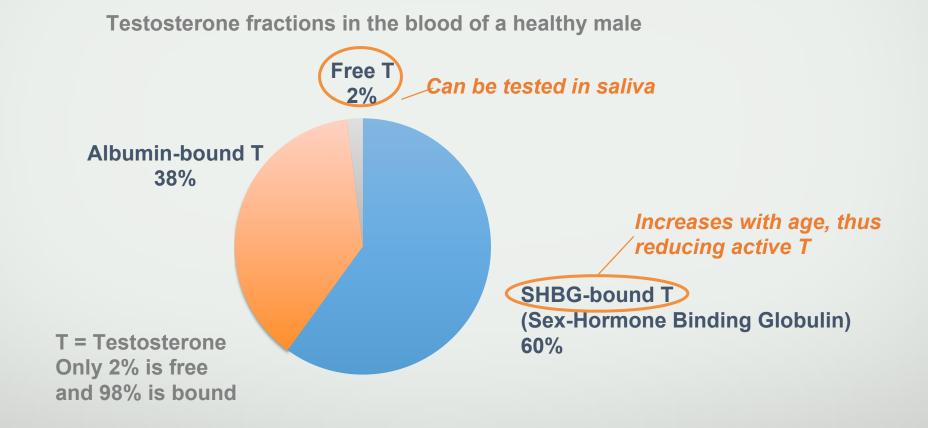
# One month with frequent tests



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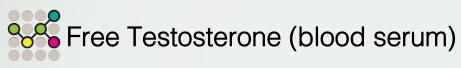
#### Only about 2% of Testosterone is active



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# Free T fluctuated significantly



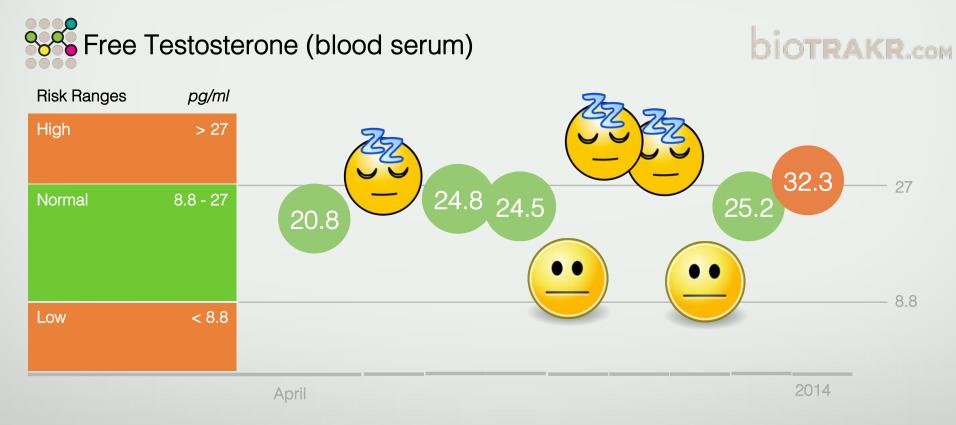
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## T increased after a good night of sleep



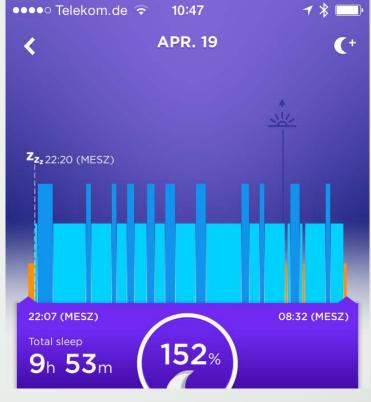
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#### Stress and sleep did influence my T-level



24.5 pg/ml

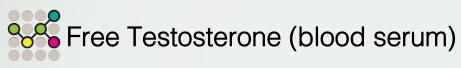


#### 60.2 pg/ml

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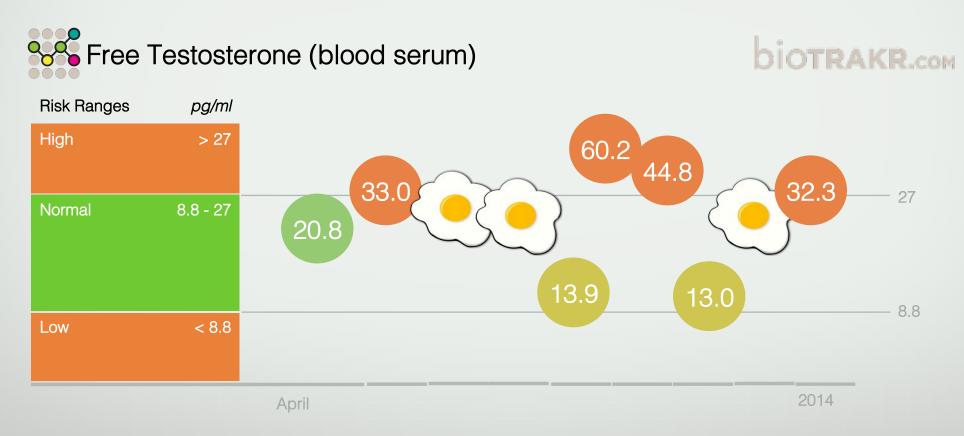
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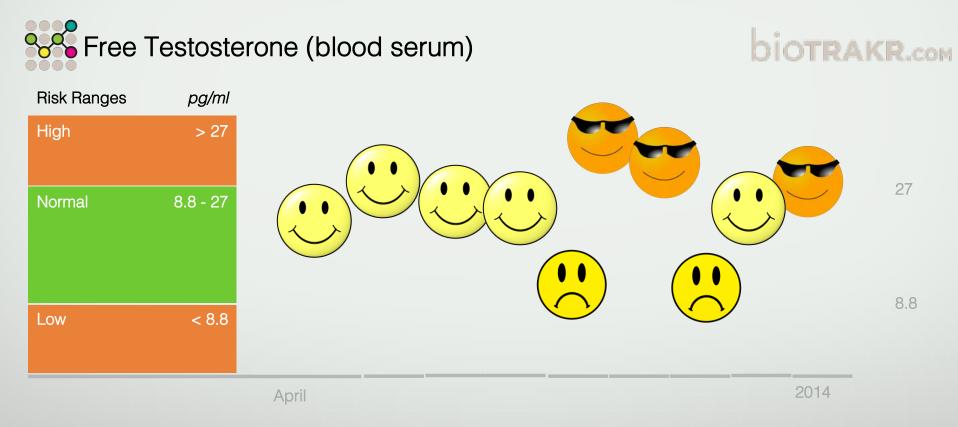
#### Extra cholesterol did not increase T



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## Mood was better on days with high T



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### For me, testosterone is...

...a very good indicator and important ingredient for a good day...

...but it didn't turn me into Wolverine.

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