Orange Beef Bowls

INGREDIENTS

For the beef:

- 1 pound flank steak or sirloin, thinly sliced against the grain
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch or arrowroot starch
- Salt & pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

For the sauce:

- ½ cup fresh orange juice
- Zest of 1 orange
- 1/4 cup honey
- 2 tablespoons coconut sugar (or more honey)
- 1/3 cup low-sodium soy sauce
- 1/4 cup rice vinegar
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 inch fresh ginger, grated
- ½ teaspoon white pepper (or black pepper)

To serve:

- Cooked rice or rice noodles
- Green onions or sesame seeds

For the bowls:

- Cooked rice (brown, white, or jasmine)
- Steamed or sautéed veggies (ex: broccoli, snap peas, green beans, edamame, carrots)
- Sliced cucumber
- Shredded cabbage or slaw mix
- Green onions, sesame seeds

Optional: chili crisp, sriracha, lime wedges

DIRECTIONS

- 1. Pat beef dry. In a bowl, toss beef slices with cornstarch, salt, and pepper until evenly coated.
- 2. Heat olive oil in a large skillet or wok over medium-high heat. Add beef in batches, searing 1-2 minutes per side until browned and just cooked through. Remove to a plate.
- 3. While beef cooks, whisk together all sauce ingredients: orange juice, zest, honey, coconut sugar, soy sauce, rice vinegar, cornstarch, garlic, ginger, and white pepper.
- 4. Return beef to the skillet. Pour in the sauce and stir to coat. Bring to a boil and let bubble for 3-4 minutes, stirring often, until sauce thickens and glazes the beef.
- 5. Layer rice in bowls. Top with sticky orange beef, veggies, and your favorite toppings. Garnish with green onions, sesame seeds, and a squeeze of lime if desired

