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Comprehensive Primary & Secondary Prevention of CVD

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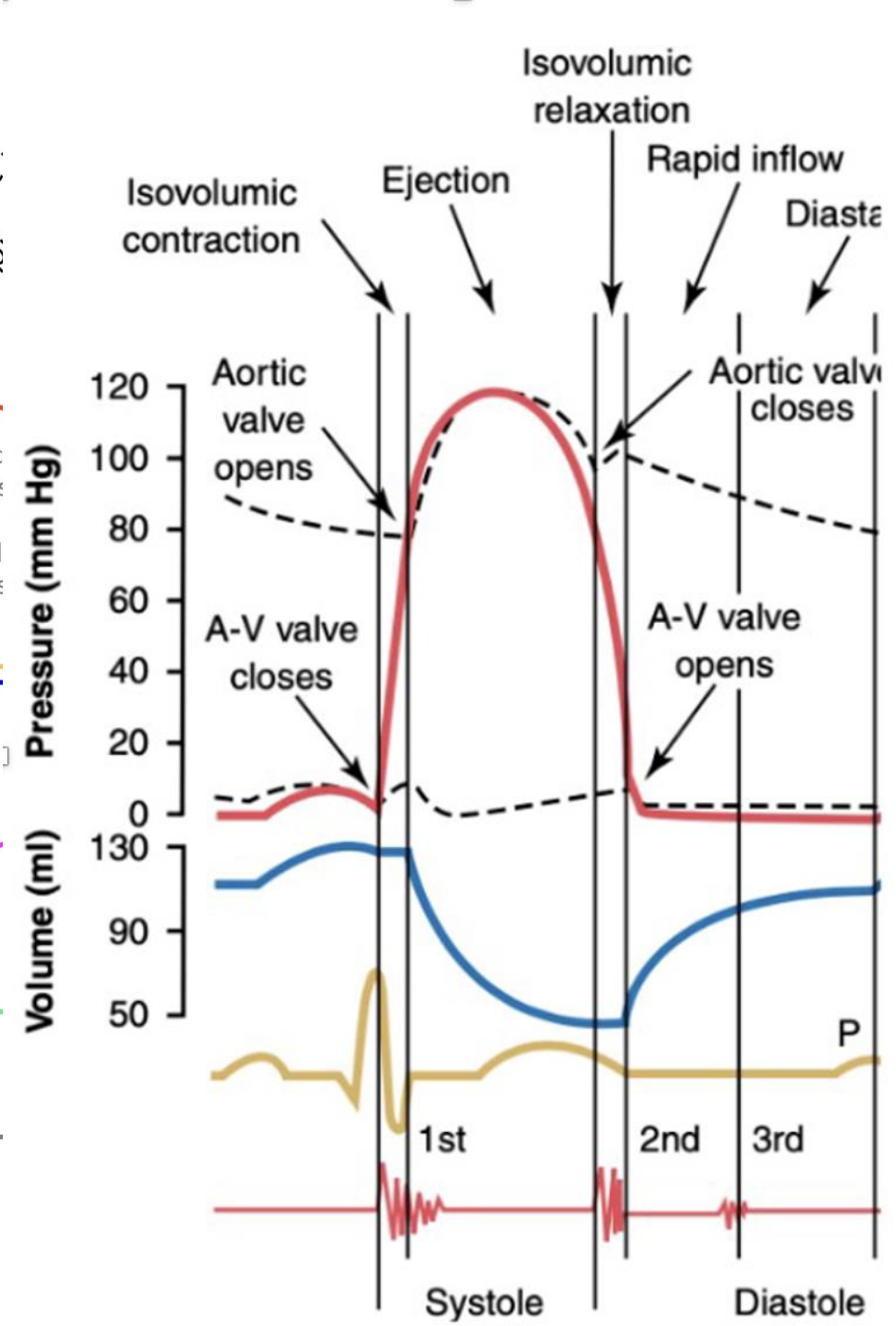
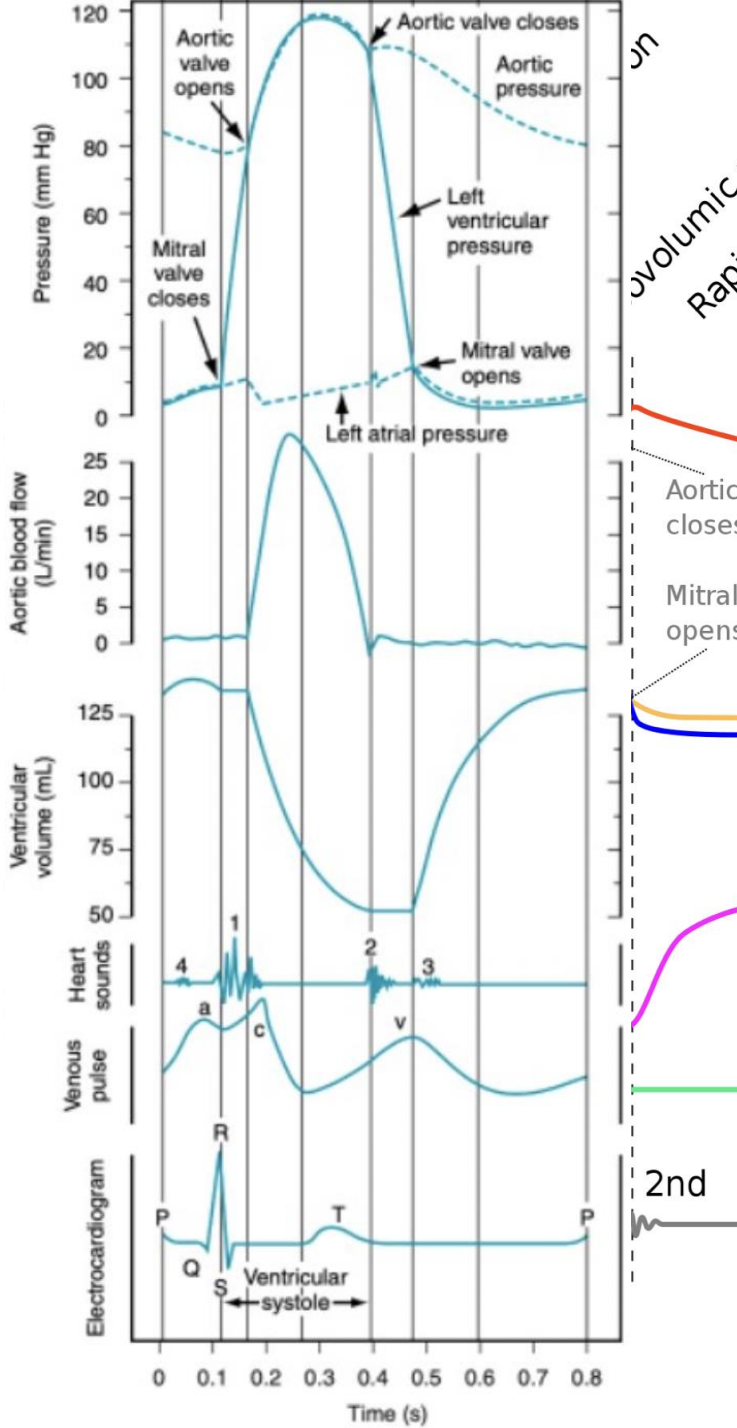
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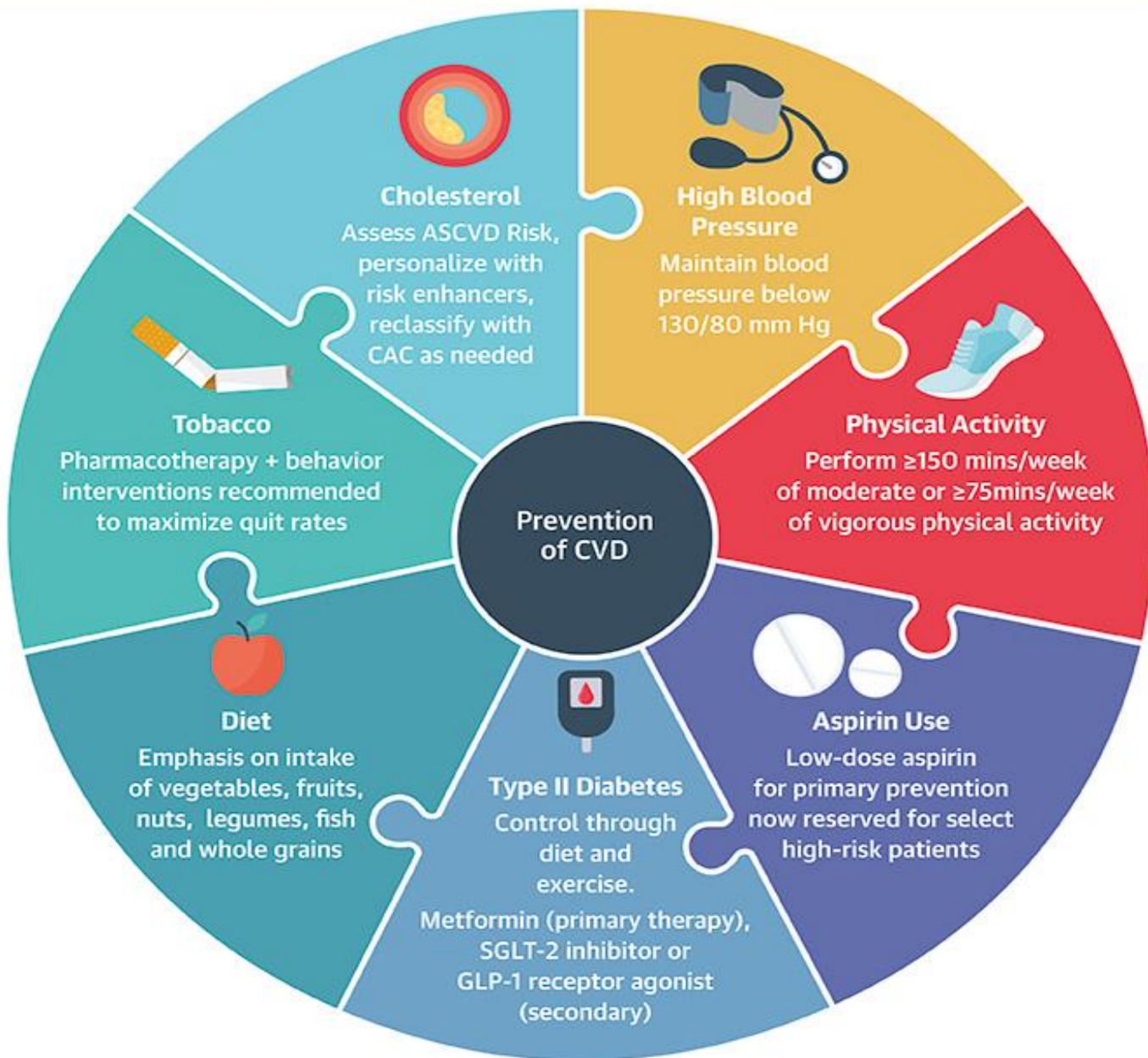
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Healthy Eating



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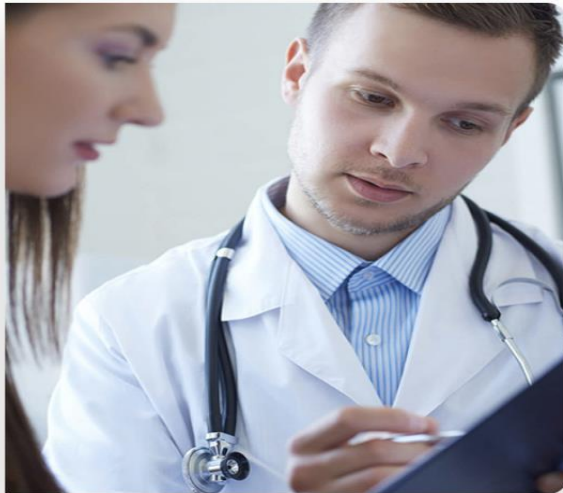
Quit Nicotine



Sleep



Losing Weight



Cholesterol



Diabetes



Blood Pressure

- Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States.
- One person dies every *36 seconds* in the United States from cardiovascular disease.
- About 655,000 Americans die from heart disease each year—that's *1 in every 4 deaths*.
- Heart disease costs the United States about *\$219 billion each year* from 2014 to 2015. This includes the cost of health care services, medicines, and lost productivity due to death.
- *Over half of all black adults* have some form of CVD, 57% of women and 61% percent of men, with a 21% higher mortality rate.

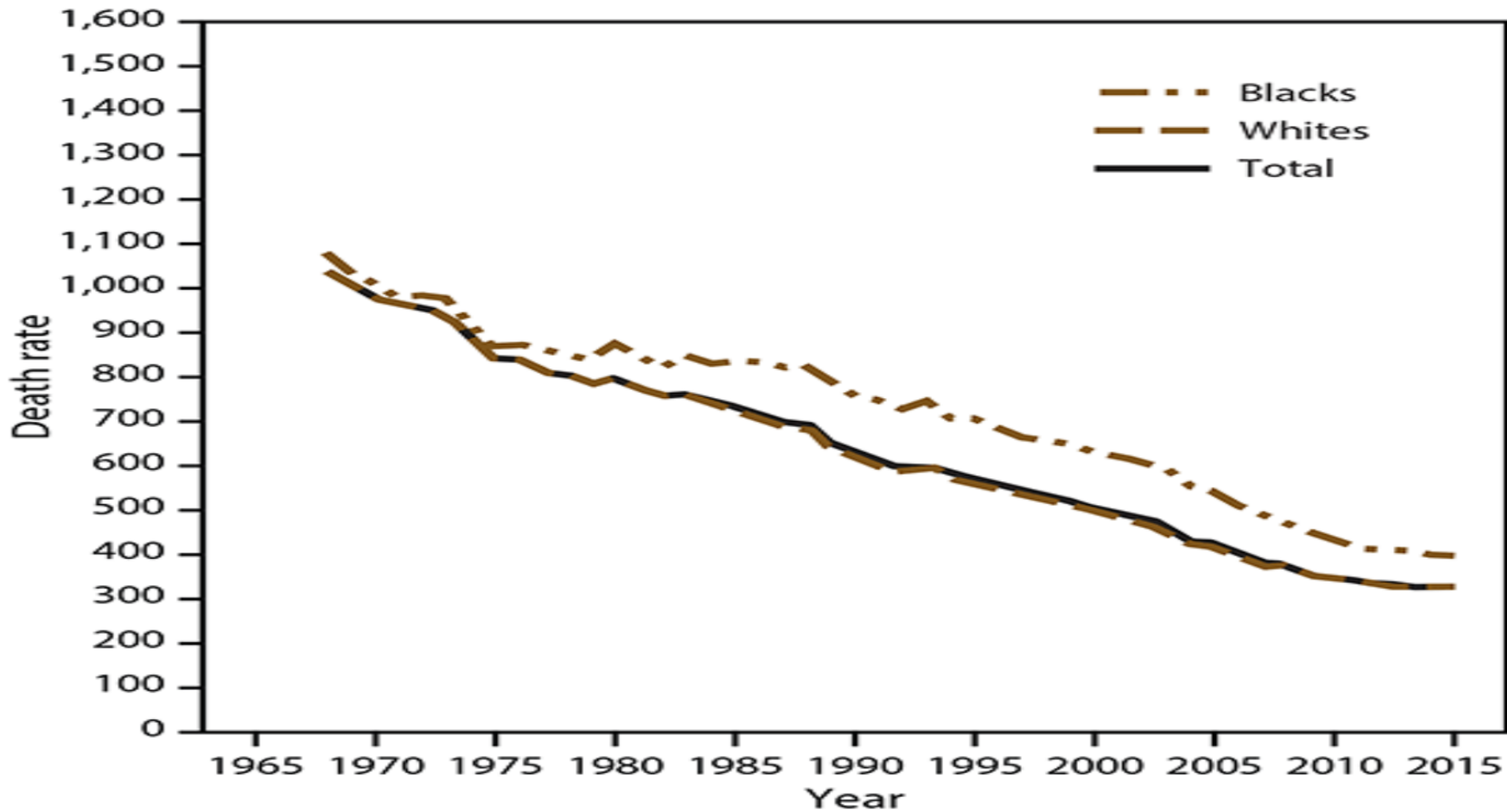
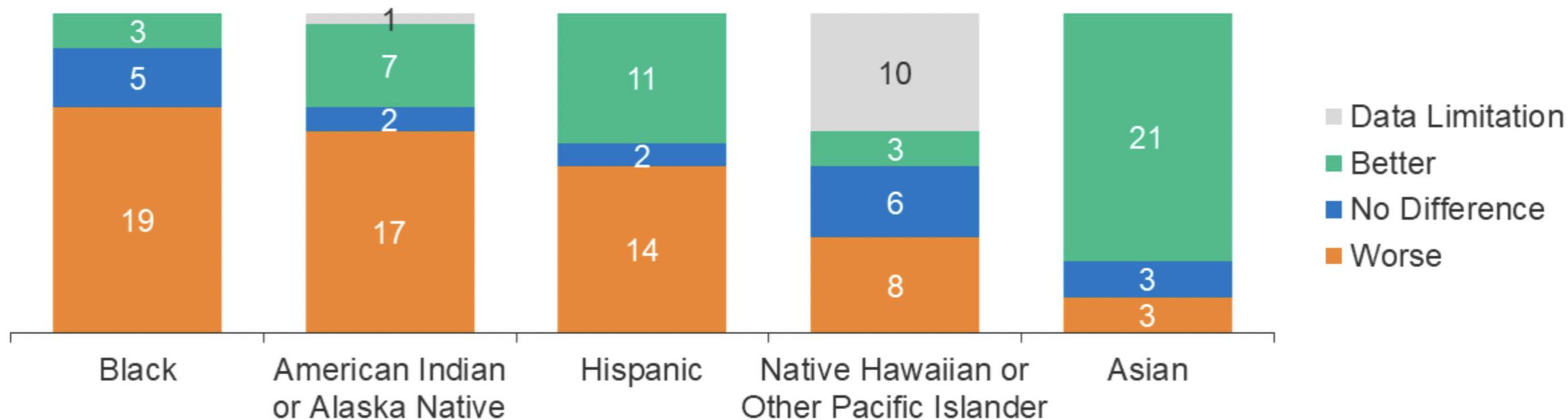


FIGURE 1. Heart disease death rates* and annual percentage changes among adults aged ≥ 35 years, by race — United States, 1968–2015

Figure 2

People of Color Fare Worse than their White Counterparts Across Many Measures of Health Status

Number of health status measures for which group fared better, the same, or worse compared to White counterparts:



Note: Measures are for 2018 or the most recent year for which data are available. "Better" or "Worse" indicates a statistically significant difference from Whites at the $p < 0.05$ level. No difference indicates no statistically significant difference. "Data limitation" indicates data are no separate data for a racial/ethnic group, insufficient data for a reliable estimate, or comparisons not possible due to overlapping samples. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race but are categorized as Hispanic for this analysis; other groups are non-Hispanic.

Our Food: The #1 Cause of Poor Health

Risk factors

Dietary risks

Tobacco use

High systolic blood pressure

High body mass index

High fasting plasma glucose

High total cholesterol

Impaired kidney function

Alcohol and drug use

Air pollution

Low physical activity

Occupational risks

Low bone mineral density

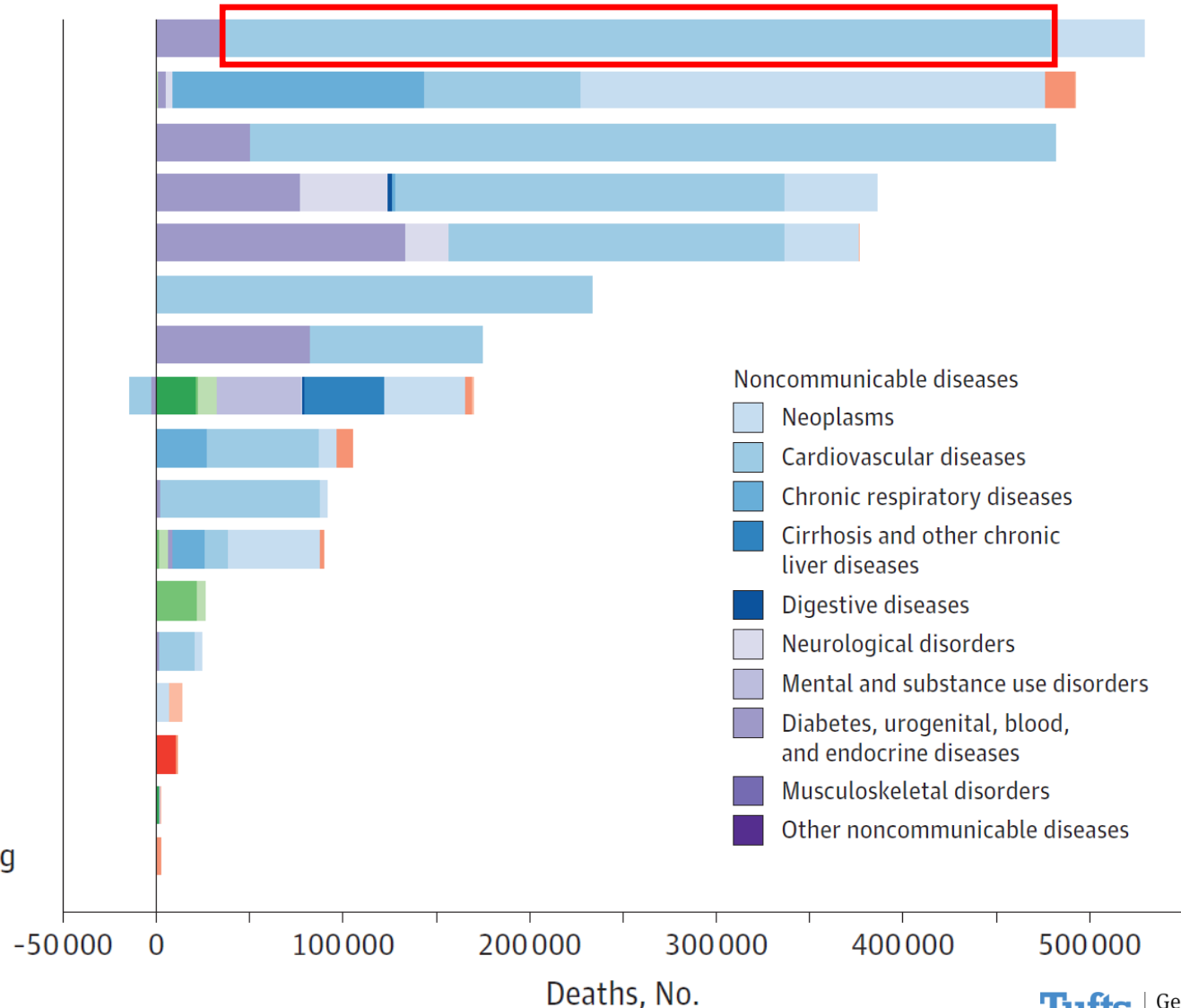
Residential radon and lead exposure

Unsafe sex

Child and maternal malnutrition

Sexual abuse and violence

Unsafe water, sanitation, and handwashing



Diet-Related Disease in the U.S.

- More American adults are **sick** than are healthy:
 - **1 in 2** have **diabetes or prediabetes**
 - **3 in 4** have **overweight or obesity**
 - Only **1 in 10** are **metabolically healthy**
- Among American teenagers:
 - **1 in 4** have **overweight or obesity**
 - **1 in 5** have **prediabetes**
 - **1 in 8** have **severe fatty liver disease**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, 2018

American Heart Association, *Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics*, 2018

The Milken Institute, *America's Obesity Crisis*, 2018

Crushing Economic Costs

- In 50 years, healthcare costs have skyrocketed **from** :
 - **7%** to **18%** of U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP)
 - **1 in 20** to nearly **1 in 3** dollars in the federal budget and average state budgets
 - **\$80 billion** to **\$1.2 trillion** for US businesses
 - **>11,000/year** per man, woman, and child in the US
- **80% of healthcare dollars** are spent on preventable chronic diseases
- The US government spends **\$160 billion** on direct medical costs for **diabetes alone**

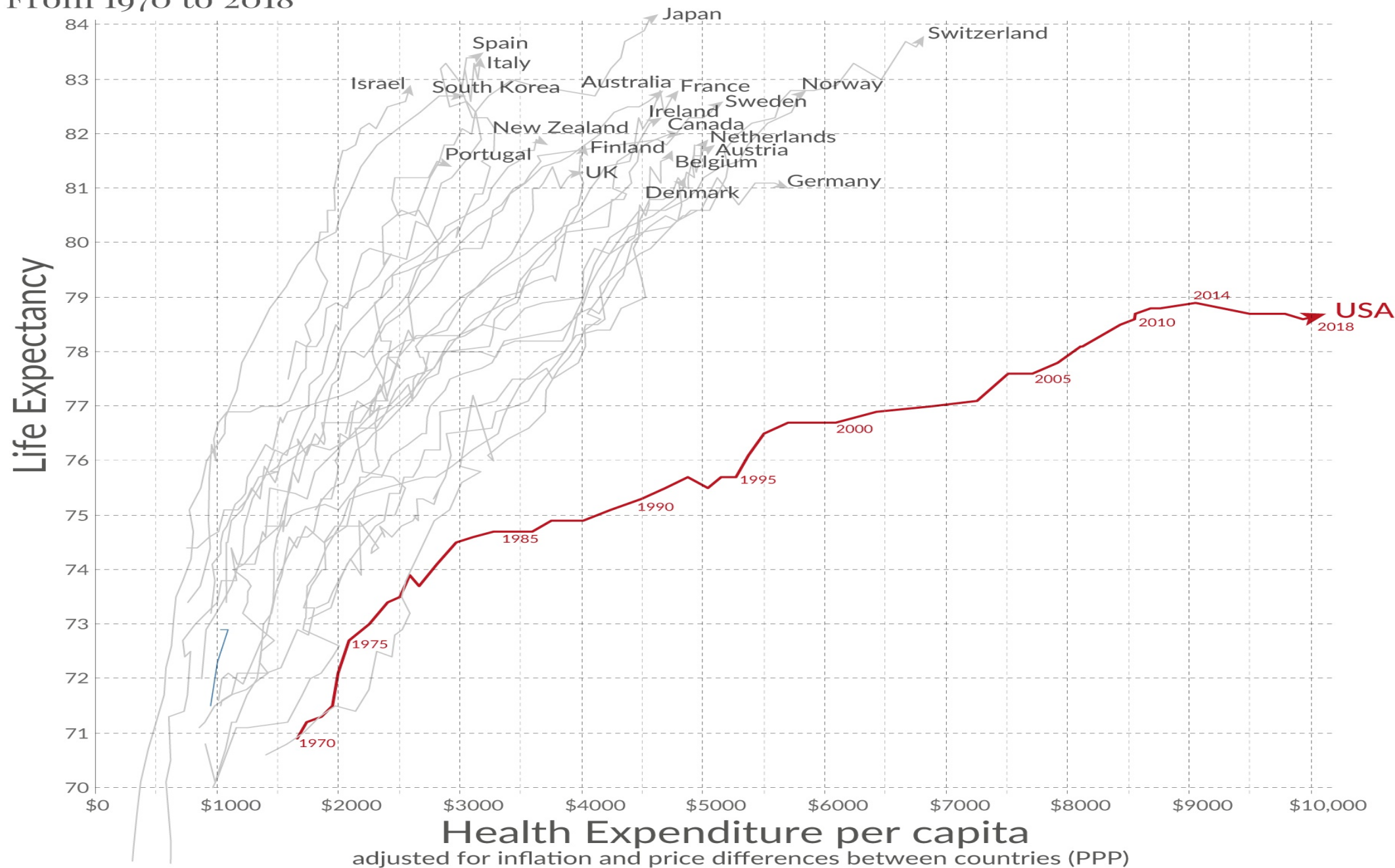
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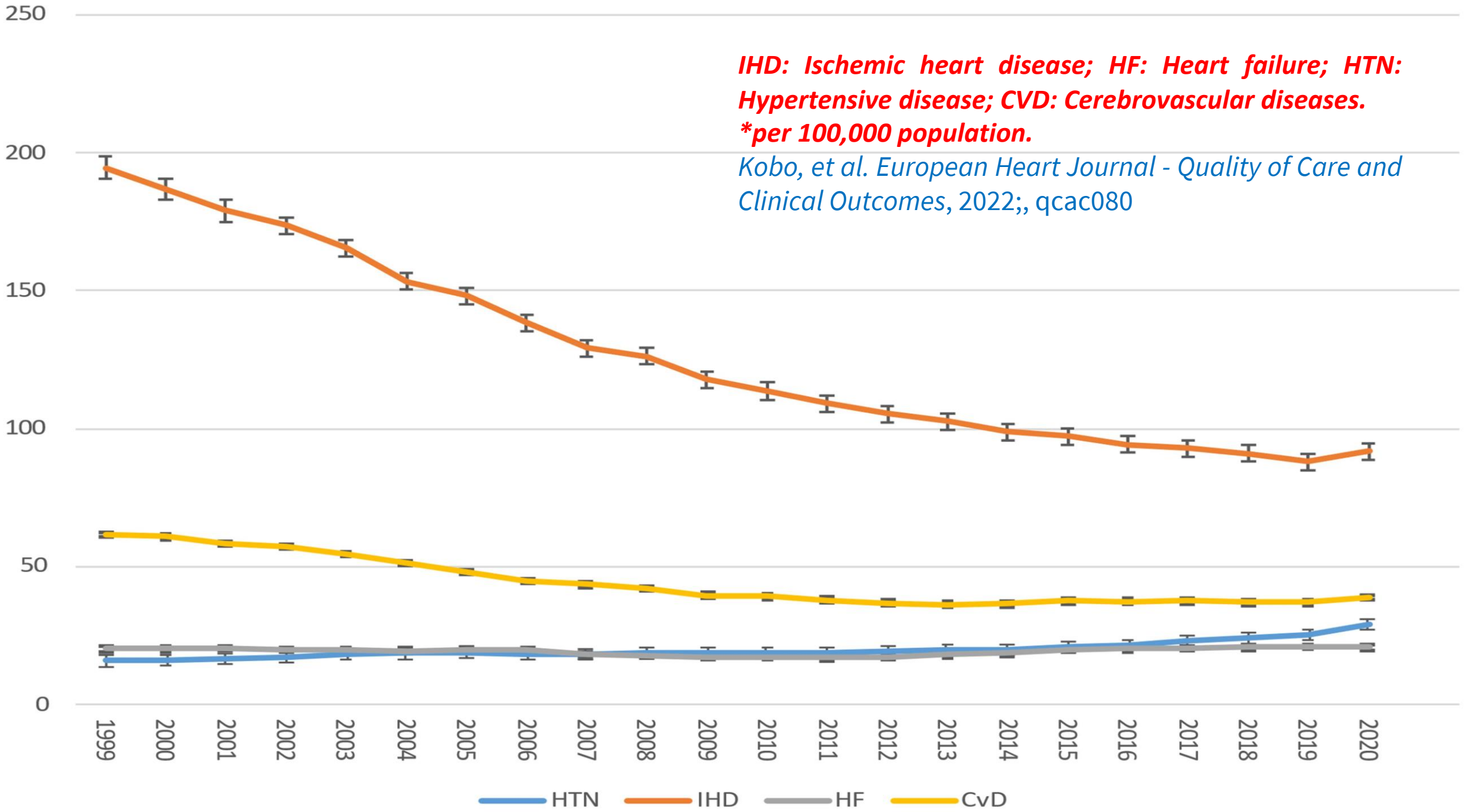
Life expectancy vs. health expenditure

From 1970 to 2018



**IHD: Ischemic heart disease; HF: Heart failure; HTN: Hypertensive disease; CVD: Cerebrovascular diseases.
*per 100,000 population.**

Kobo, et al. European Heart Journal - Quality of Care and Clinical Outcomes, 2022;, qcac080





"We are too busy mopping the floor to turn off the faucet."

Cardiovascular Disease Projections in the United States Based on the 2020 Census Estimates

Original Investigation

Reza Mohebi, Chen Chen, Nasrien E. Ibrahim, Cian P. McCarthy, Hanna K. Gaggin, Daniel E. Singer, Emily P. Hyle, Jason H. Wasfy, and James L. Januzzi

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Editorial Comment: [Worsening Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology in the United States: The Time for Preparation Is Now*](#)

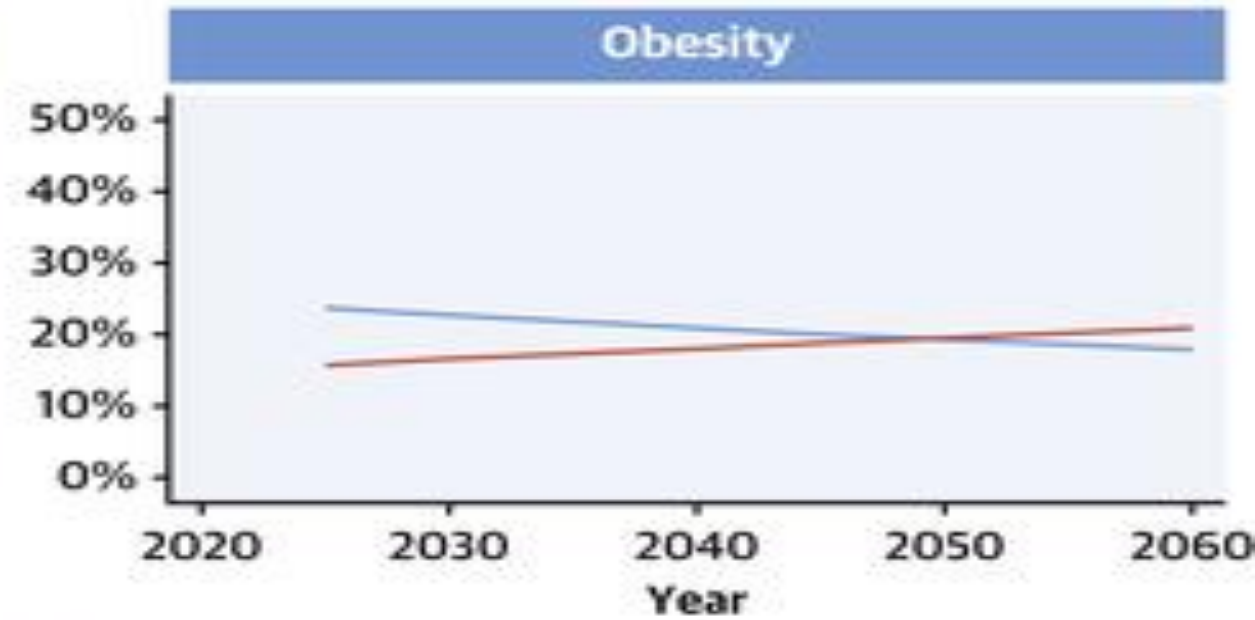
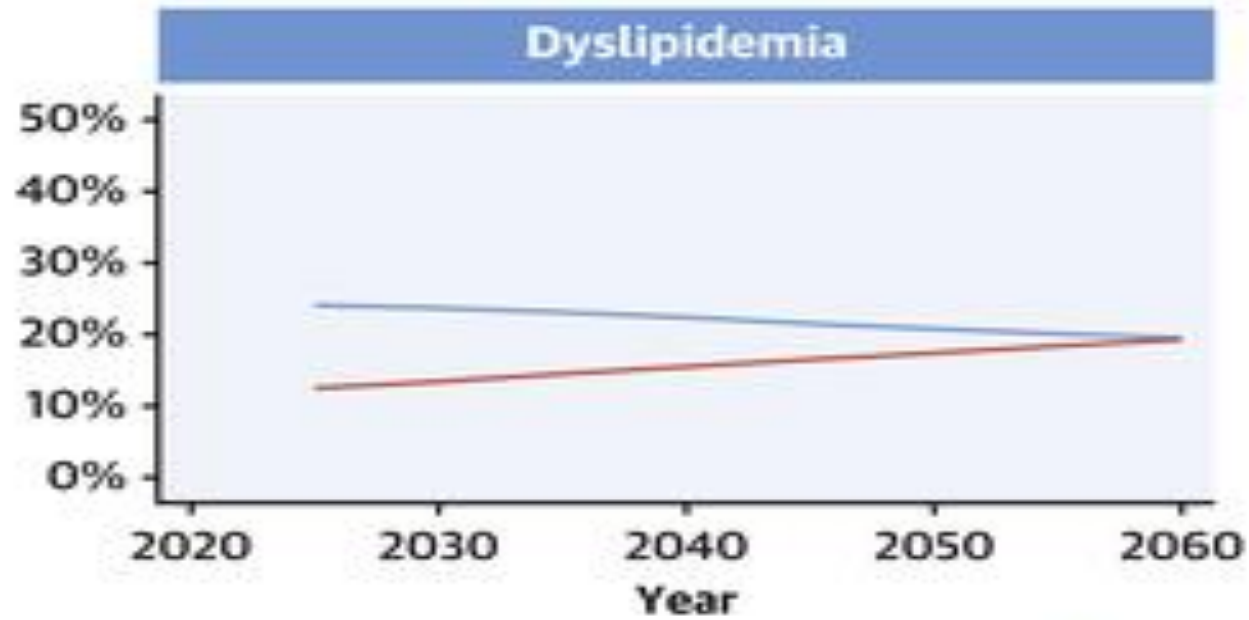
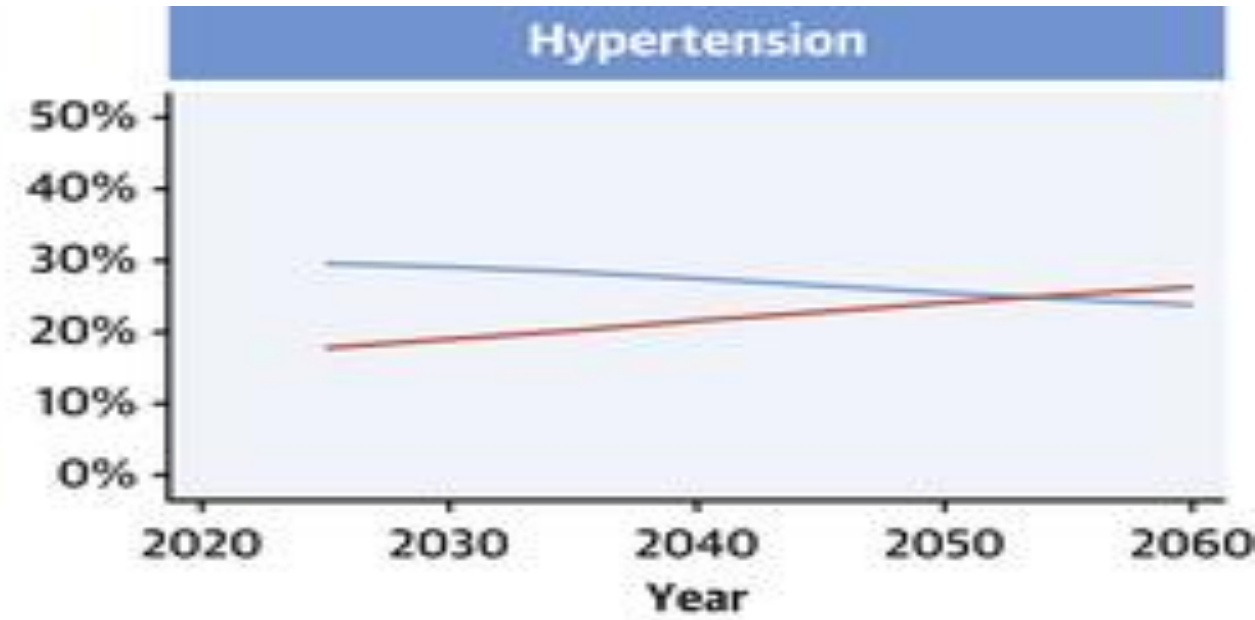
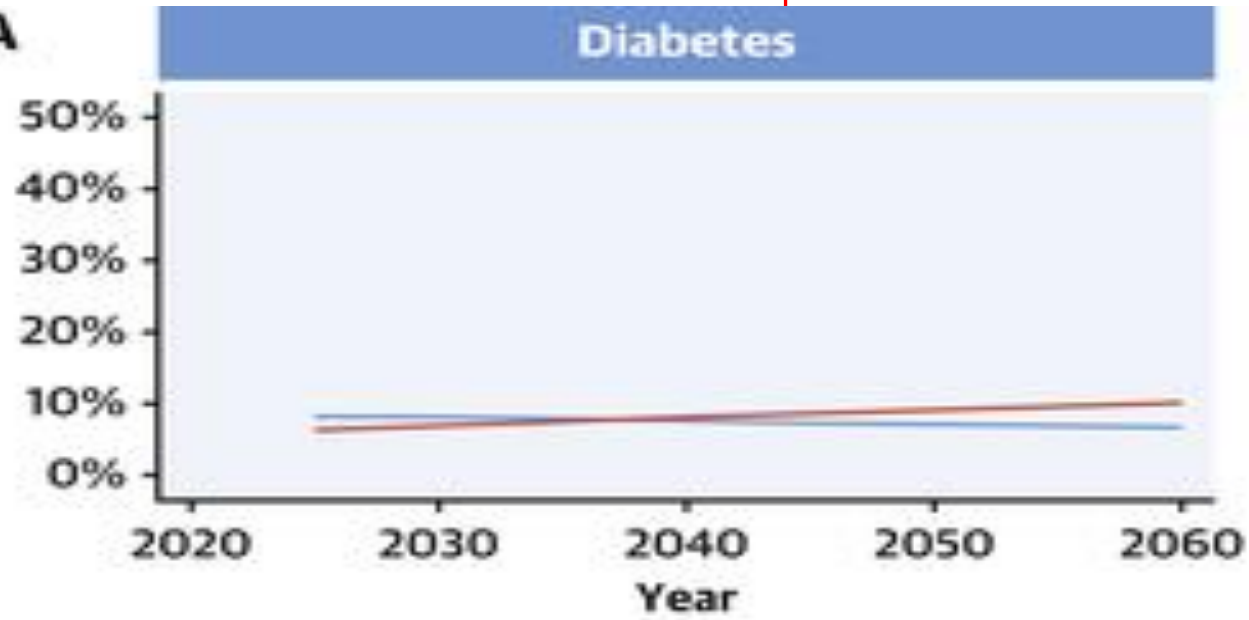
Increases in 2060 vs. 2025:

- Diabetes mellitus: 39%
- Hypertension: 27%
- Dyslipidemia: 28%
- Obesity: 18%

Resulting in increased:

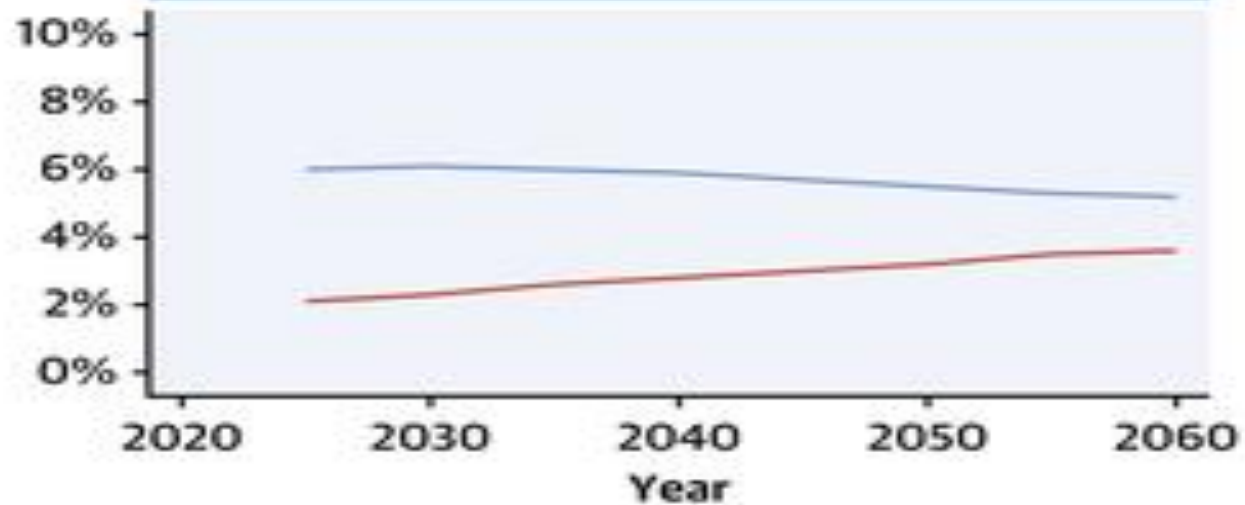
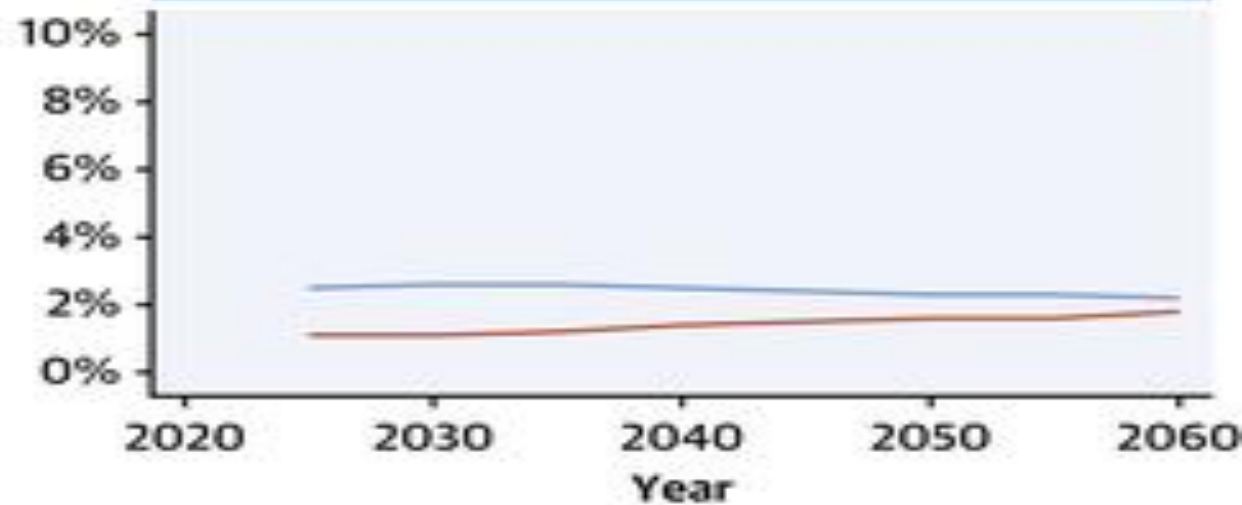
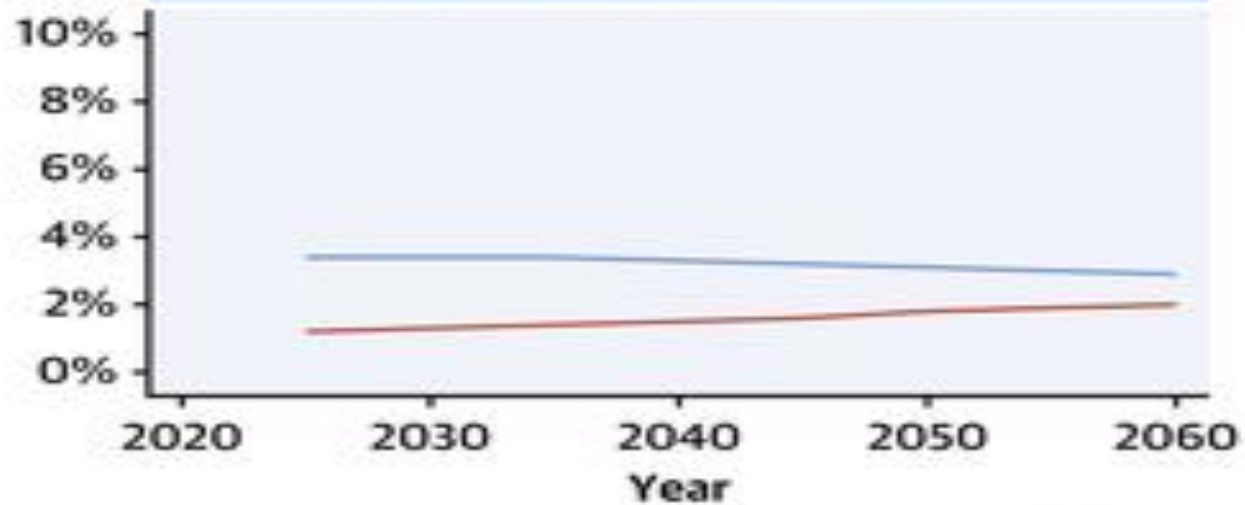
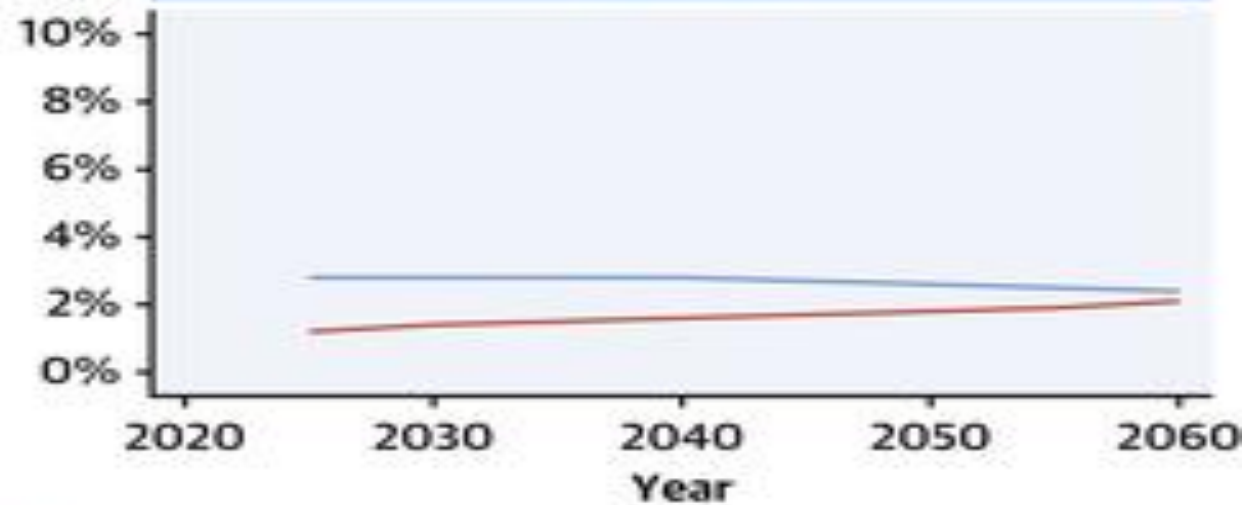
- Ischemic heart disease: 31%
- Heart failure: 33%
- Myocardial infarction: 30%
- Stroke: 34%

All will decrease in Whites, but will increase in racial minorities.

A

— White — Non-White



B**Ischemic Heart Disease****Heart Failure****Myocardial Infarction****Stroke**

— White — Non-White



The Time is Now

Conclusions:

Large future increases in CV risk factors and CV disease prevalence are projected, disproportionately affecting racial and ethnic minorities. Future health policies and public health efforts should take these results into account to provide quality, affordable, and accessible health care.

February 5, 2021

Many U.S. Adults Aren't Getting Healthy Amounts of Fruits, Vegetables

- . . . survey looked only at "any" consumption of produce
- . . . federal government's Dietary Guidelines for Americans call for adults to eat about 2 to 3 cups of vegetables per day.
- . . . research has shown that 90% of Americans do not meet that goal



Non-Hispanic White Hispanic Adults

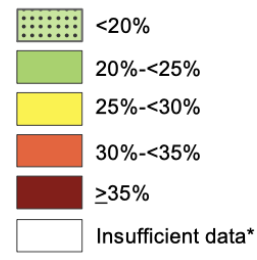
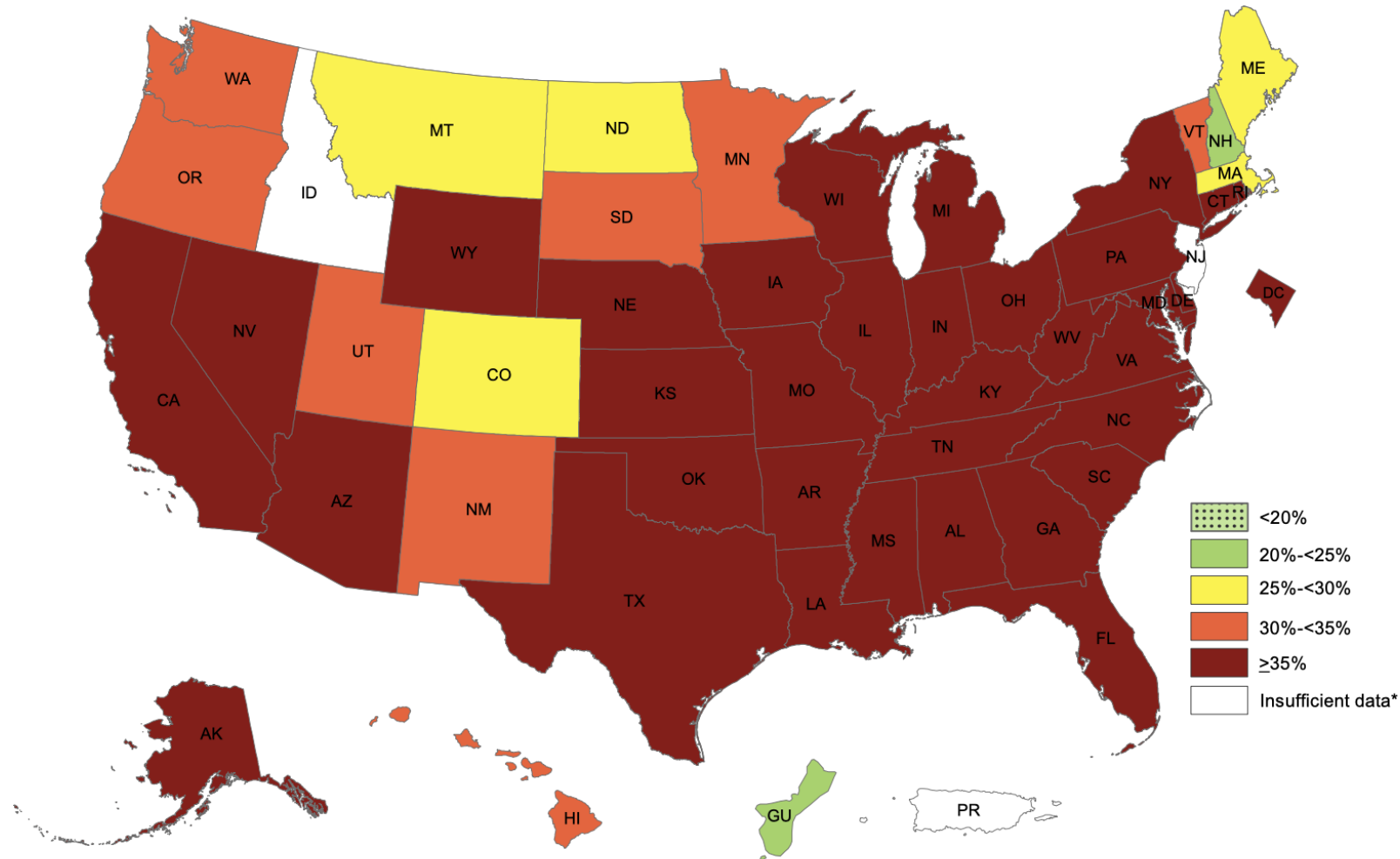
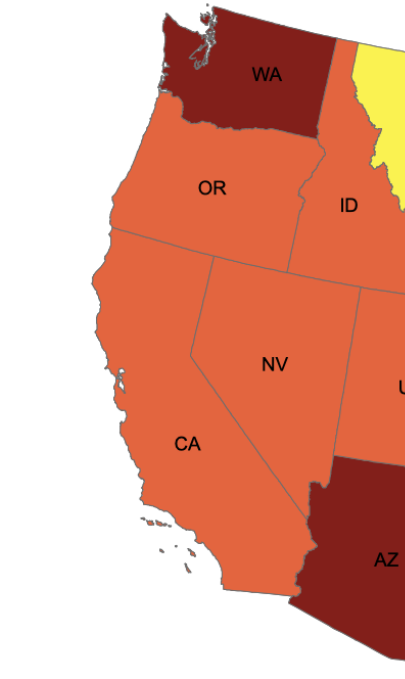
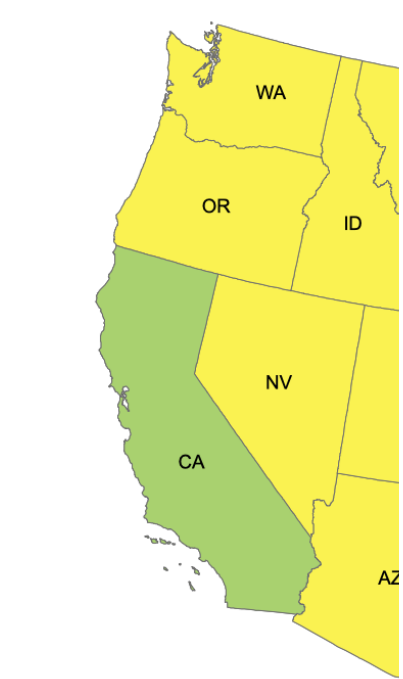
Prevalence of Self-Reported Obesity Among Non-Hispanic White Adults by State and Territory, BRFSS, 2017-2019

Hispanic Adults

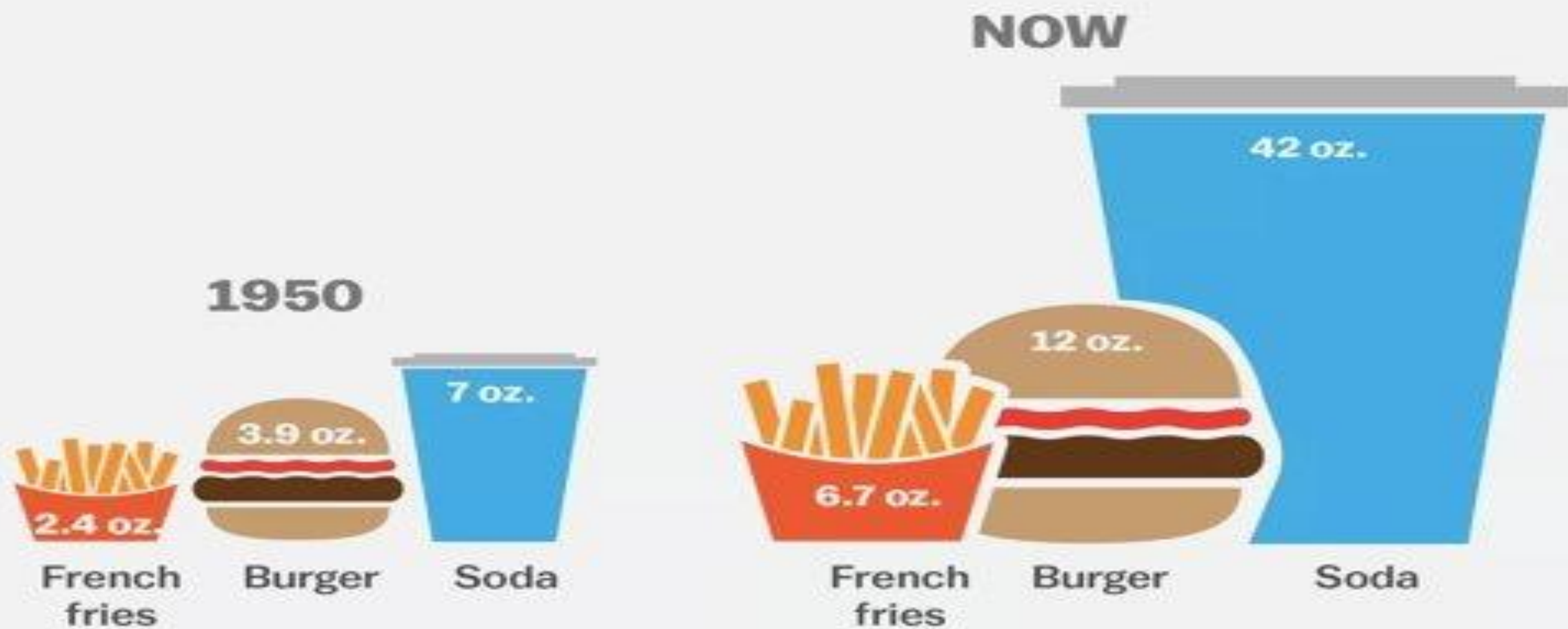
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Non-Hispanic Black Adults

Prevalence of Self-Reported Obesity Among Non-Hispanic Black Adults by State and Territory, BRFSS, 2017-2019



The average restaurant meal today is more than four times larger than in the 1950s



SOURCE: CDC

Vox

Global overweight and obesity

The estimates for global levels of overweight and obesity (BMI $\geq 25\text{kg/m}^2$), also referred to as high BMI throughout this Atlas, suggest that over 4 billion people may be affected by 2035, compared with over 2.6 billion in 2020. This reflects an increase from 38% of the world's population in 2020 to over 50% by 2035 (figures exclude children under 5 years old).

The prevalence of obesity (BMI $\geq 30\text{kg/m}^2$) alone is anticipated to rise from 14% to 24% of the population over the same period, affecting nearly 2 billion adults, children and adolescents by 2035.

Epidemiology and Prevention

Southern Dietary Pattern Is Associated With Hazard of Acute Coronary Heart Disease in the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) Study

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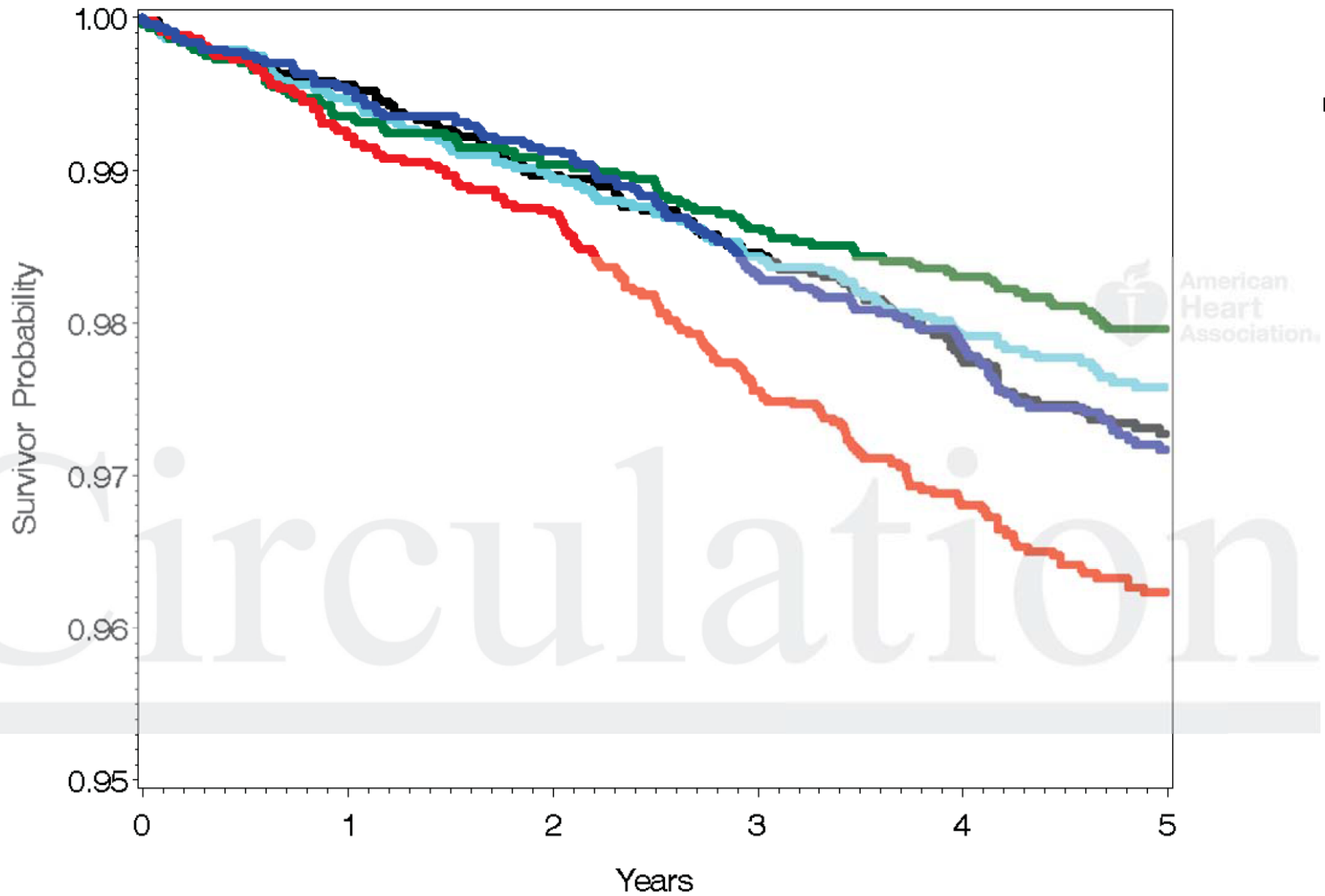
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Abstract

Background—The association of overall diet, as characterized by dietary patterns, with risk of incident acute coronary heart disease (CHD) has not been studied extensively in samples including sociodemographic and regional diversity.

Methods and Results—We used data from 17 418 participants in Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS), a national, population-based, longitudinal study of white and black adults aged ≥ 45 years, enrolled from 2003 to 2007. We derived dietary patterns with factor analysis and used Cox proportional hazards regression to examine hazard of incident acute CHD events – nonfatal myocardial infarction and acute CHD death – associated with quartiles of consumption of each pattern, adjusted for various levels of covariates. Five primary dietary patterns emerged: Convenience, Plant-based, Sweets, Southern, and Alcohol and Salad. A total of 536 acute CHD events occurred over a median (interquartile range) 5.8 (2.1) years of follow-up. After adjustment for sociodemographics, lifestyle factors, and energy intake, highest consumers of the Southern pattern (characterized by added fats, fried food, eggs, organ and processed meats, and sugar-sweetened beverages) experienced a 56% higher hazard of acute CHD (comparing quartile 4 with quartile 1: hazard ratio, 1.56; 95% confidence interval, 1.17–2.08; P for trend across quartiles=0.003). Adding anthropometric and medical history variables to the model attenuated the association somewhat (hazard ratio, 1.37; 95% confidence interval, 1.01–1.85; $P=0.036$).



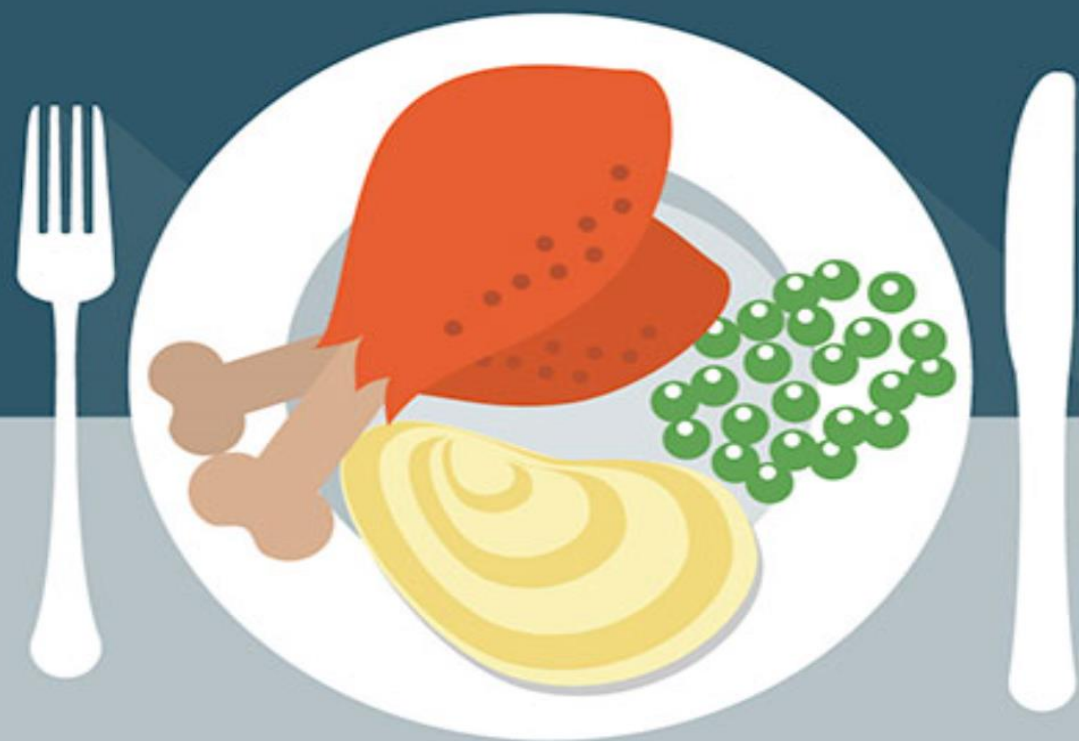
Pattern **—** Alcohol / Salads **—** Convenience **—** Plant Based
 — Southern **—** Sweets / Fats

EATING A SOUTHERN DIET

substantially increases health risks



56%* HIGHER
RISK
of heart disease



50%* INCREASE
IN RISK
of death in patients with
kidney disease



30%* HIGHER
RISK
of stroke

Results

- 58%
- 27%
- 9%
- 6%
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Conclusion

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Study: Poverty and High Rates of TV Viewing Are Linked

Percent watching 5+ hours of television



A study conducted by the General Social Surveys of NORAC at the University of Chicago found that 34.1 percent of American families making less than \$9,000 per year averaged watching more than five hours of television per day. Of families making more than \$150,000 per year, only 1.1 percent watched more than five hours a day.

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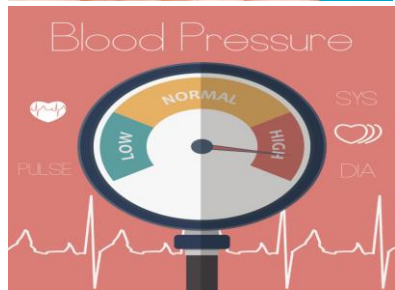


Table 4. Changes in Weight and Cardiac Risk Factors in an Analysis in Which Missing Values Were Excluded*

Variable	Diet Group, Mean Change (SD)			
	Atkins (n = 40)	Zone (n = 40)	Weight Watchers (n = 40)	Ornish (n = 40)
Weight, kg				
2 mo	-4.7 (2.9)†	-4.6 (3.4)†	-4.2 (3.8)†	-5.0 (3.0)†
6 mo	-5.8 (5.3)†	-5.2 (6.4)†	-4.7 (6.1)†	-6.7 (8.0)†
12 mo	-3.9 (6.0)†	-4.9 (6.9)†	-4.6 (5.4)†	-6.6 (9.3)†

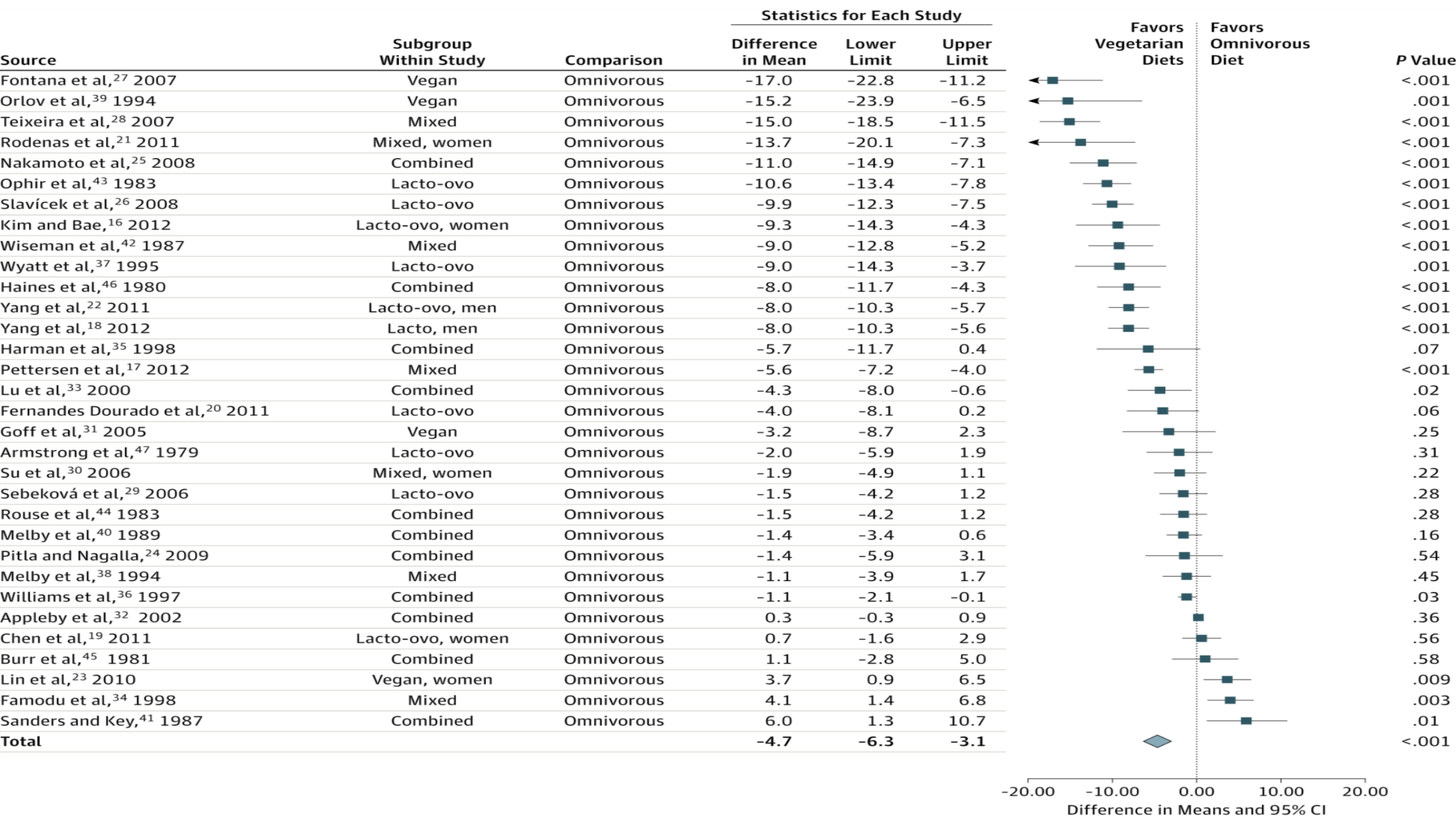
Dansinger ML, Gleason JA, Griffith JL, Selker HP, Schaefer EJ. Comparison of the Atkins, Ornish, Weight Watchers, and Zone diets for weight loss and heart disease risk reduction: a randomized trial. JAMA. 2005;293:43-53.

Original Investigation

Vegetarian Diets and Blood Pressure

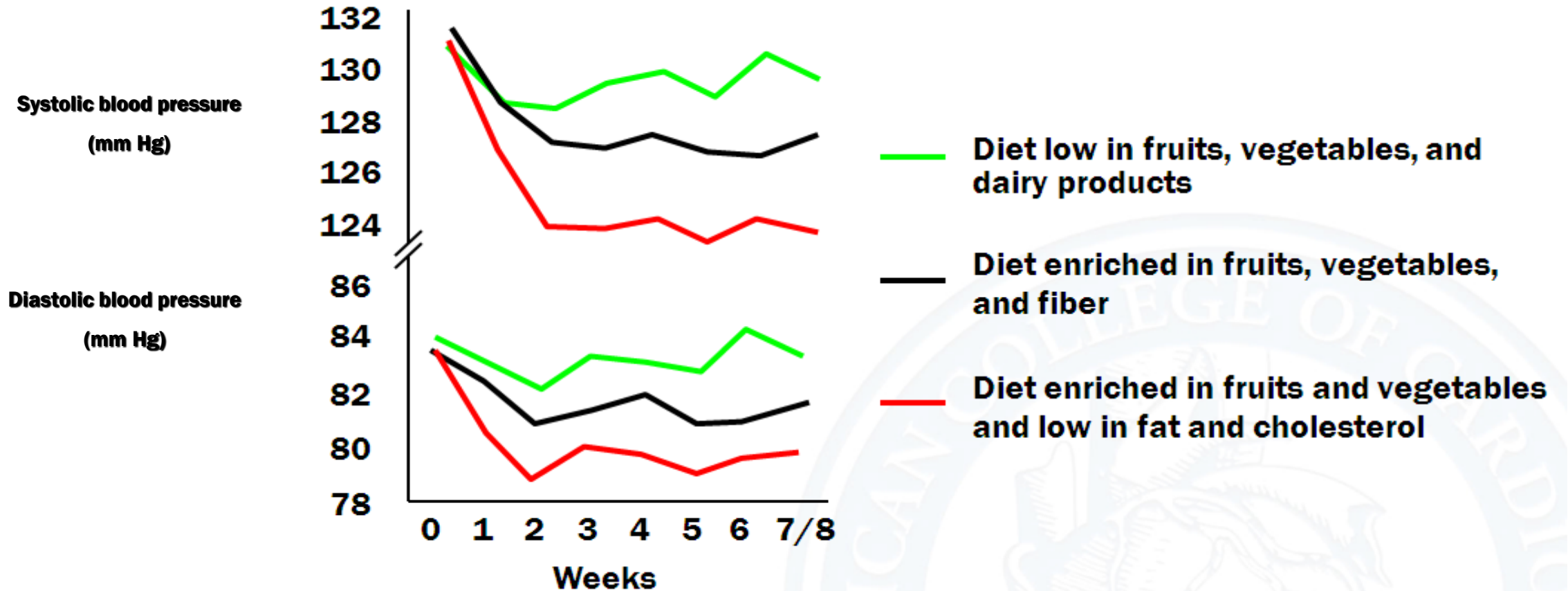
A Meta-analysis

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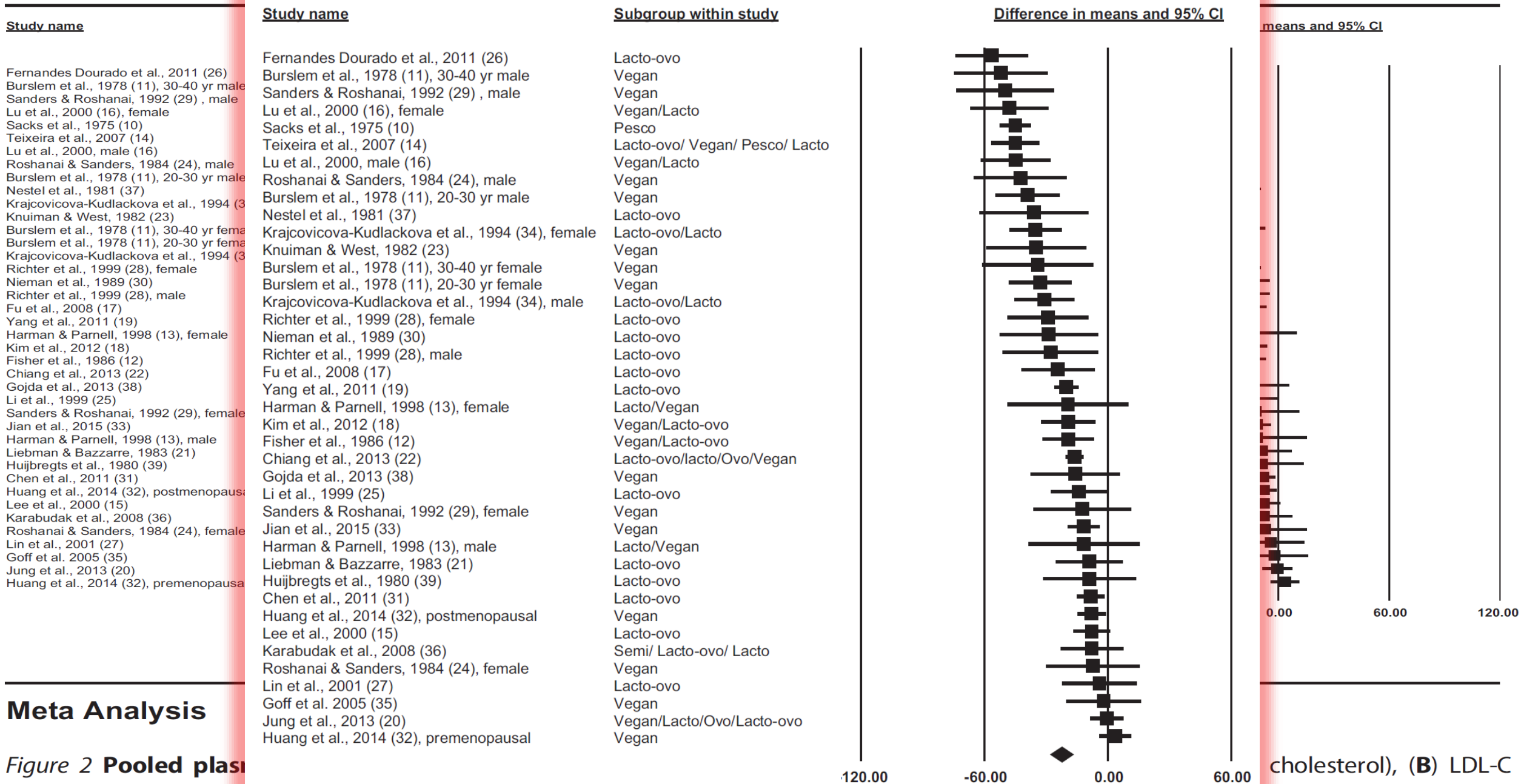


Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) Group

459 hypertensive patients randomized to 1 of 3 diets for 8 weeks



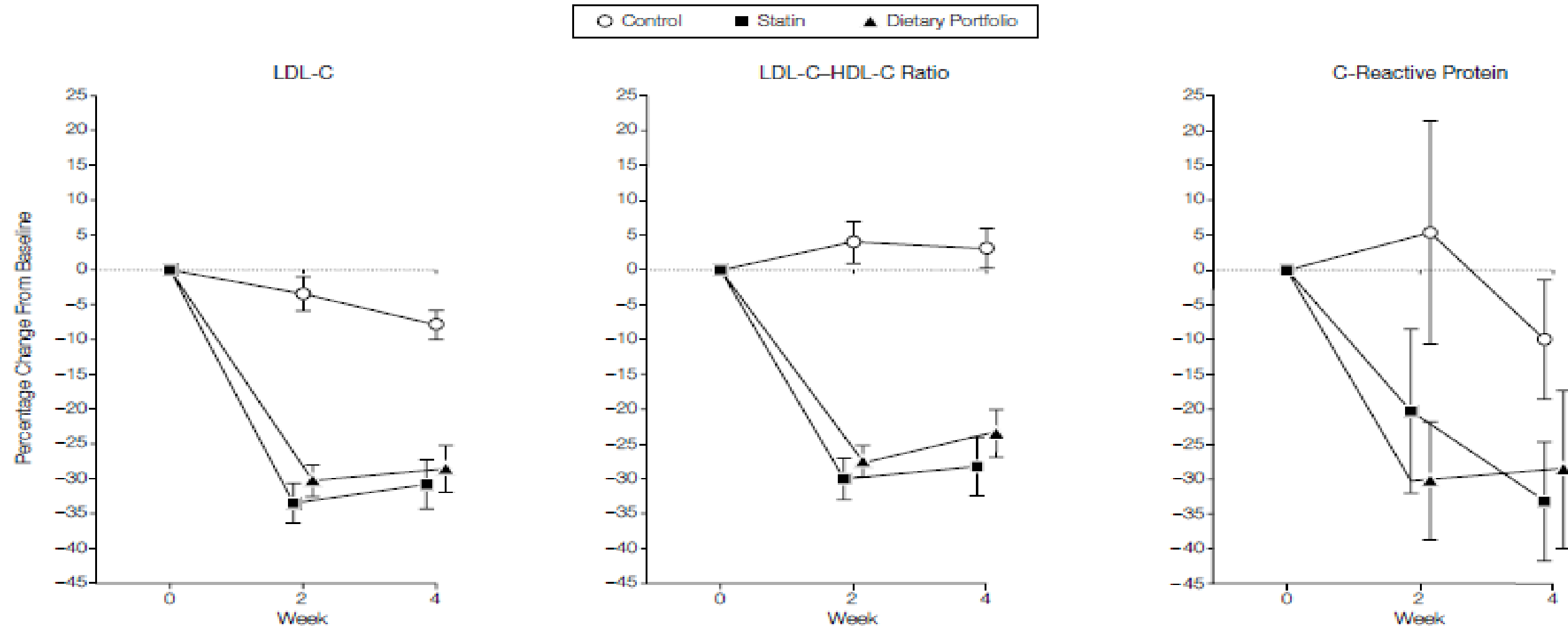
A diversified diet improves blood pressure



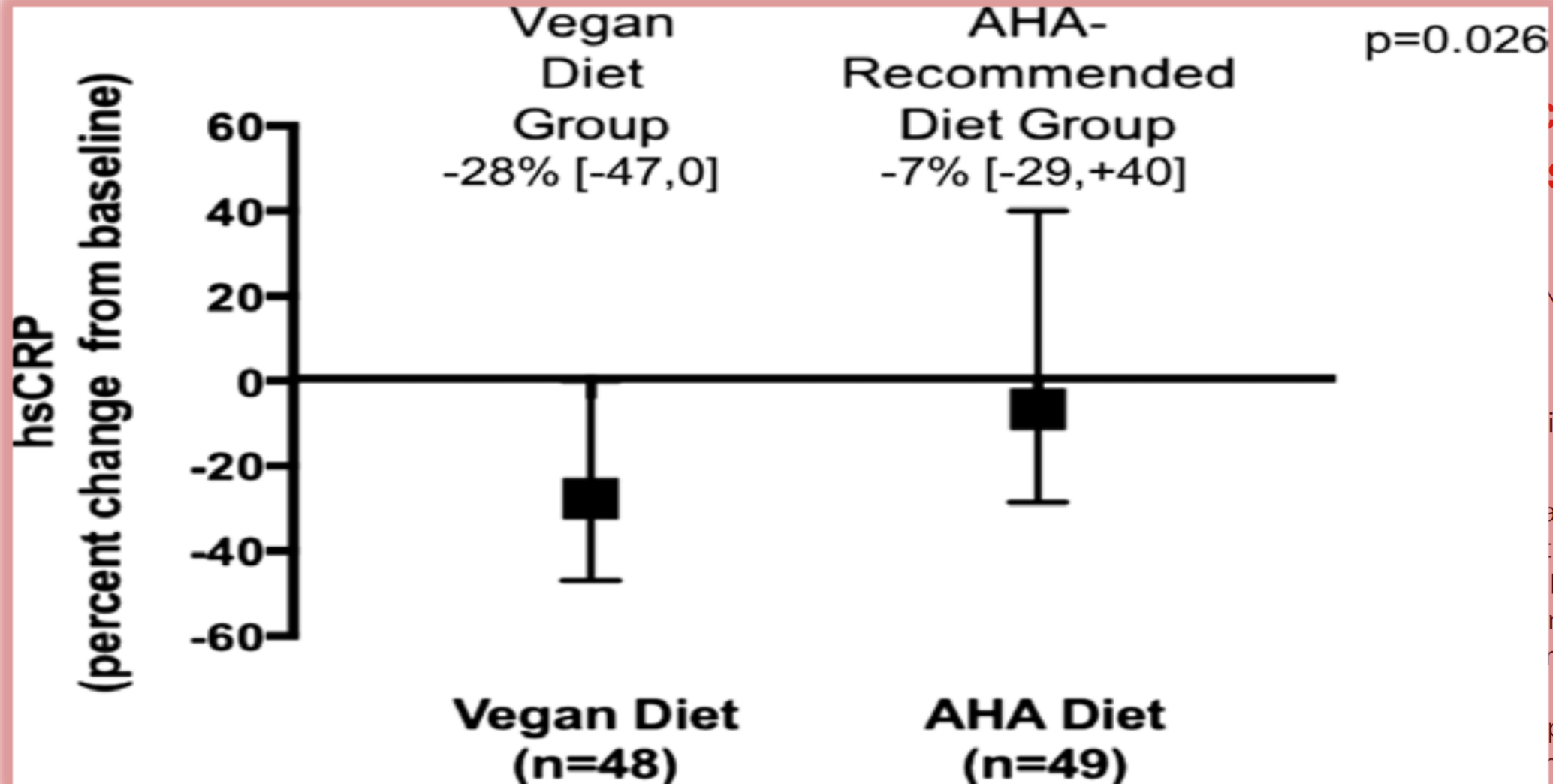
Meta Analysis

Figure 2 Pooled plasma cholesterol, (A) total cholesterol, (B) LDL-C

Figure 2. Change From Baseline In LDL-C, LDL-C–HDL-C Ratio, and C-Reactive Protein



LDL-C indicates low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol. Values are expressed as mean (SE) because, with the number of participants involved, approximately twice the SE represents a significant difference.



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mellitus, and prior myocardial infarction (adjusted β , 0.67 [0.47–0.94], $P=0.02$). The degree of reduction in body mass index and waist circumference did not significantly differ between the 2 diet groups (adjusted β , 0.99 [0.97–1.00], $P=0.10$; and adjusted β , 1.00 [0.98–1.01], $P=0.66$, respectively). There were also no significant differences in markers of glycemic control between the 2

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Inflammation and cholesterol as predictors of cardiovascular events among patients receiving statin therapy: a collaborative analysis of three randomised trials

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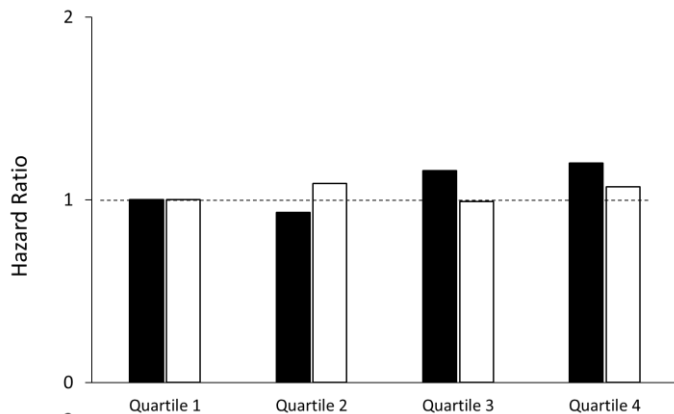
Summary

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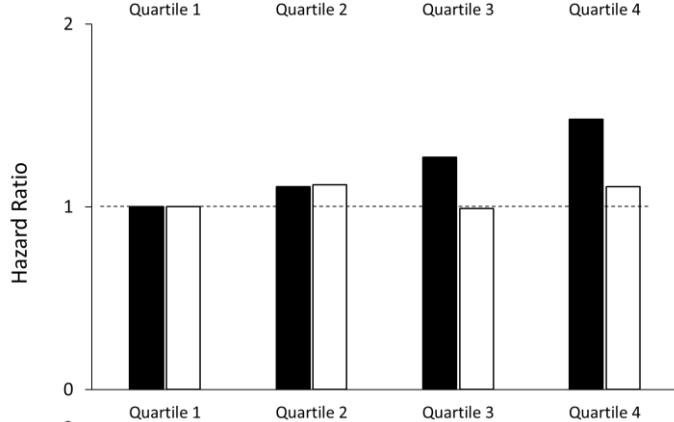
Inflammation and hyperlipidaemia jointly contribute to atherothrombotic disease. However, when people are treated with intensive statin therapy, the relative contributions of inflammation and hyperlipidaemia to the risk of future cardiovascular events might change, which has implications for the choice of adjunctive cardiovascular therapeutics. We aimed to evaluate the relative importance of high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (CRP) and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDLC) as determinants of risk for major adverse cardiovascular events, cardiovascular death, and all-cause-death among patients receiving statins.

Results – III Hazard Ratios for Incident MACE Among 31,245 Statin Treated Patients

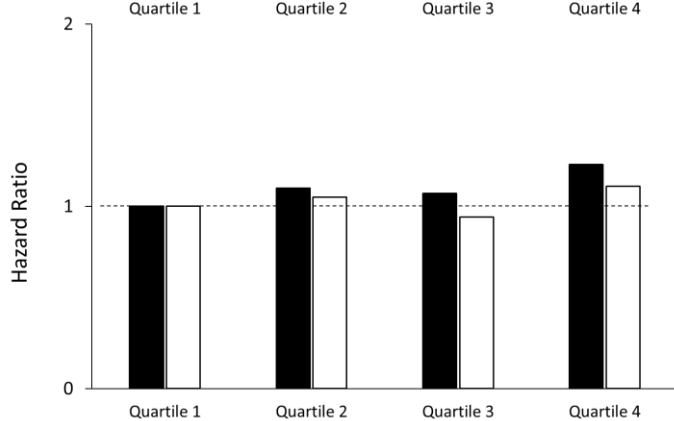
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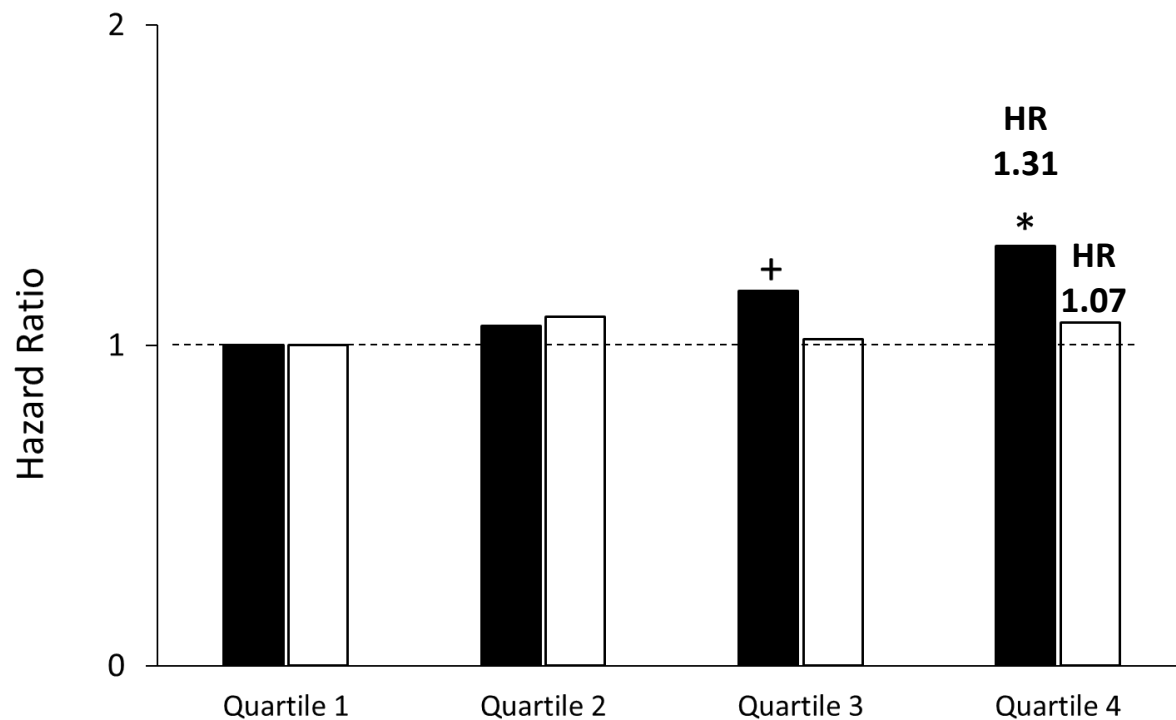
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Pooled Data (N = 31,245)
Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events (MACE)

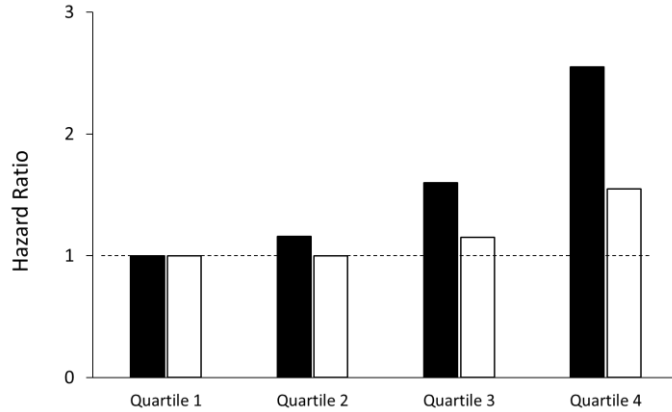


■ hsCRP
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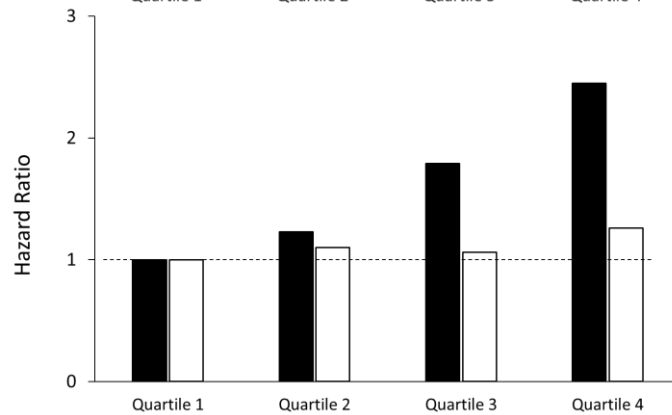
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Results – IV Hazard Ratios for Cardiovascular Death Among 31,245 Statin Treated Patients

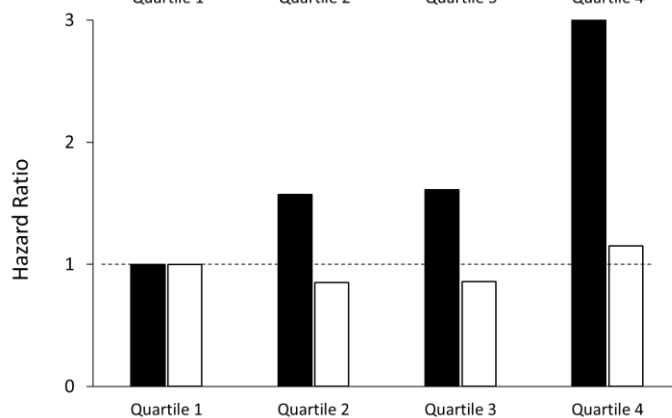
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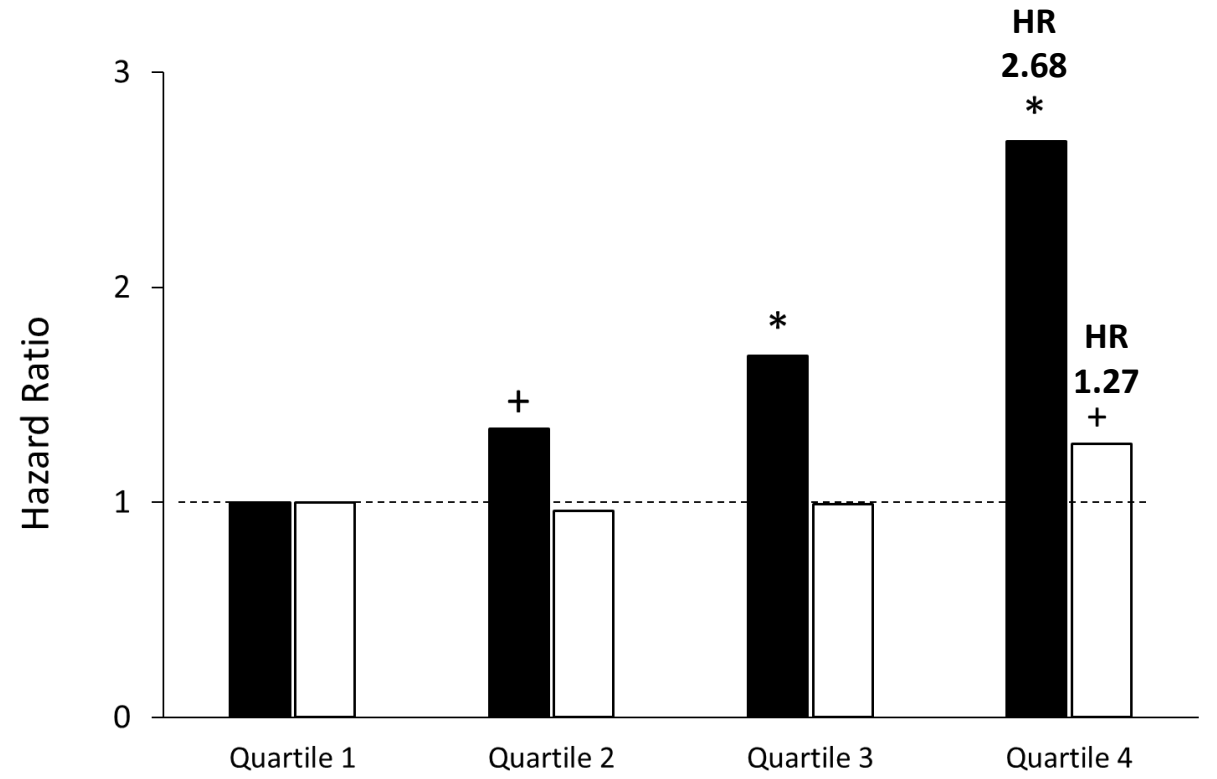
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□ LDLC

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Results – VI Interaction Analyses - hsCRP < or \geq 2 mg/L and/or LDLC < or \geq 70 mg/dL

Among contemporary statin-treated patients, **residual inflammatory risk** as assessed by **hsCRP** was a stronger determinant of risk for future cardiovascular events and death than **residual cholesterol risk** as assessed by **LDLc**.

In sensitivity analysis, we found no evidence of effect modification for any endpoint in any of the three individual trials when stratified by randomized treatment assignment.

In all three trials, individuals with elevated hsCRP were at high cardiovascular risk irrespective of LDLc level.

- Overview –what is the microbiome?
- Microbiome and classic cardiovascular risk factors
 - *Hypertension*
 - *Hyperlipidemia*
 - *Diabetes*
 - *Obesity*
 - *Inflammation*
- TMAO and nutrition
 - *Red meat*
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- TMAO and disease
 - *MI, stroke, CHF, mortality*
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We Are Not All Human!

- *More than half of your body is not actually human.*
- Human cells make up only 43% of the body's total cell count
- The vast majority of the DNA in the body is not human – only about 20,000 genes out of about 20,000,000

We Are Not All Human!

- The rest are microscopic colonists - our microbiome – comprised of **bacteria, fungi, protozoa and viruses**, weighing up to five pounds
- The gut's microbiome has important roles:
 - *training of host immunity*
 - *digesting food*
 - *regulating gut endocrine function and neurological signalling*
 - *modifying drug action and metabolism*
 - *eliminating toxins*
 - *producing numerous compounds that influence the host*

- A harmful (“dysbiotic”) microbiome can promote diseases from allergies and autoimmune disease, to cardiac and neurological disorders
 - *Alzheimer's disease*
 - *autism spectrum disorder*
 - *multiple sclerosis*
 - *Parkinson's disease*
 - *stroke*

Microbiome-directed interventions

Untargeted

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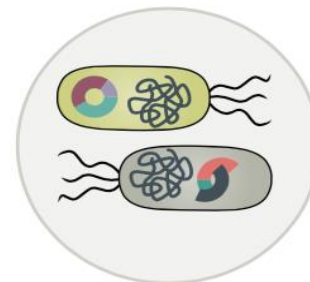
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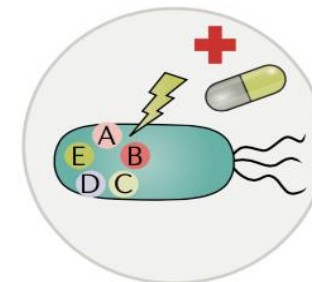
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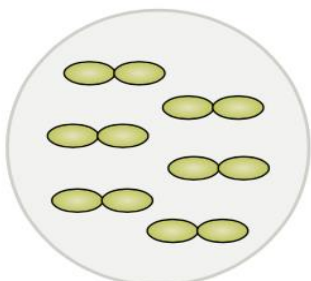
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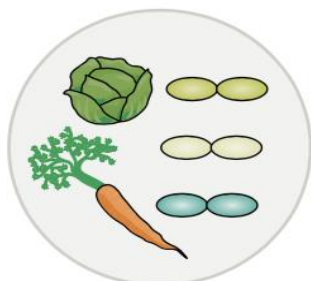
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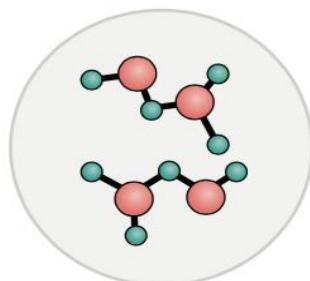
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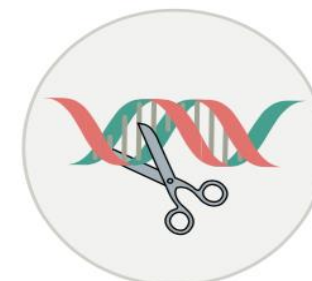
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Abstract

The pathogenesis of hypertension is known to be influenced by environmental, hormonal, hemodynamic and genetic factors. Recent studies suggest that the gut microbiome plays an important role in the environment and the host. According to these studies, the gut microbiome is a risk factor for hypertensive disease. One well-studied mechanism is the production of short-chain fatty acids and consequently protecting against the progression of hypertension. It is shown to impact hypertension via the microbiome. The use of traditional research is crucial, and novel strategies to

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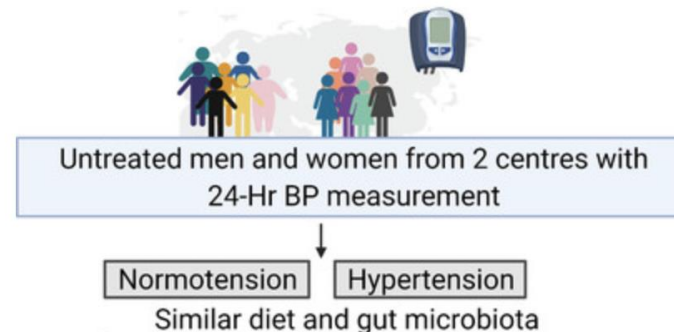
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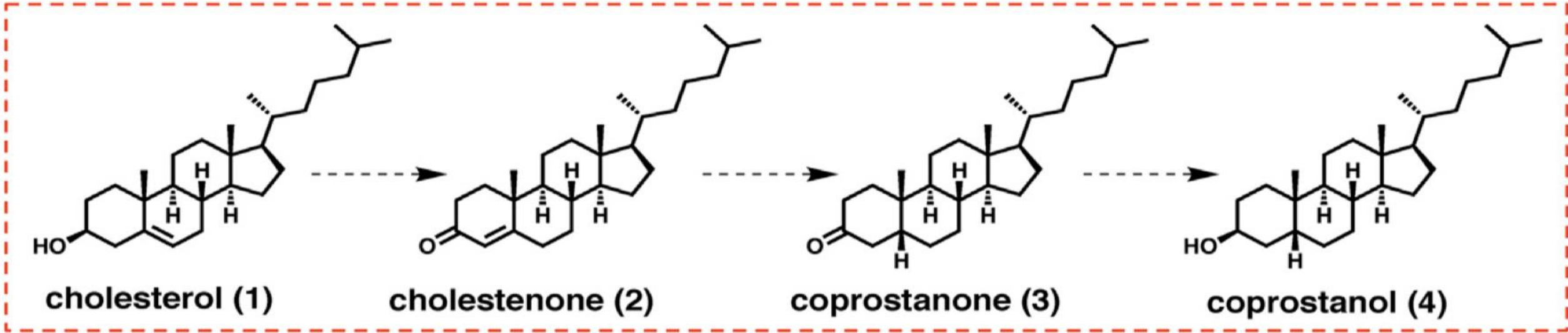
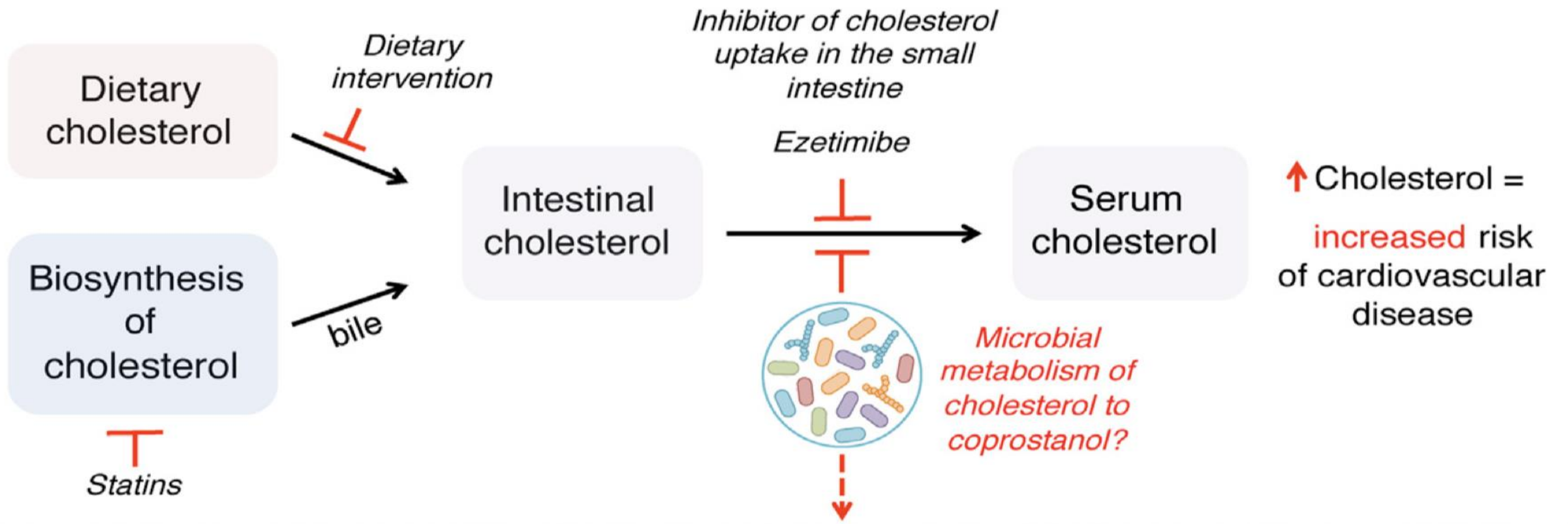
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Abstract



- Contributing factors:
 - *genetic*
 - *environmental*
 - *hormonal*
 - *hemodynamic*
 - *inflammatory forces*
- Dietary fiber leads to the production of **short-chain fatty acids** and **anti-inflammatory** immune cells, reducing hypertension.
- Dietary interventions such as fasting reduce hypertension
- Reduced “**alpha diversity**” present in hypertensive patients
- Gram-negative microbiota: *Klebsiella*, *Parabacteroides*, *Desulfovibrio*, and *Prevotella* associated with higher BP

- Bioinformatics enabled discovery of **ismA**, a microbial **cholesterol dehydrogenase**
- Metagenomic species with ismA genes form **coprostanol** in microbial communities
- ismA+ species are associated with **decreased fecal and serum cholesterol** in humans
- Effect sizes of ismA+ species on serum cholesterol are **on par with human genetics**



- A substantial body of literature has provided evidence for the role of gut microbiota in metabolic diseases including type 2 diabetes.
- Data from 42 human studies reporting microbial associations with disease
- Preclinical studies or clinical trials using treatments with probiotics
- *Bifidobacterium*, *Bacteroides*, *Faecalibacterium*, *Akkermansia* and *Roseburia* were negatively associated with T2D
- *Ruminococcus*, *Fusobacterium*, and *Blautia* were positively associated
- Molecular mechanisms of microbiota in the onset and progression



Review

Role of gut microbiota in type 2 diabetes pathophysiology

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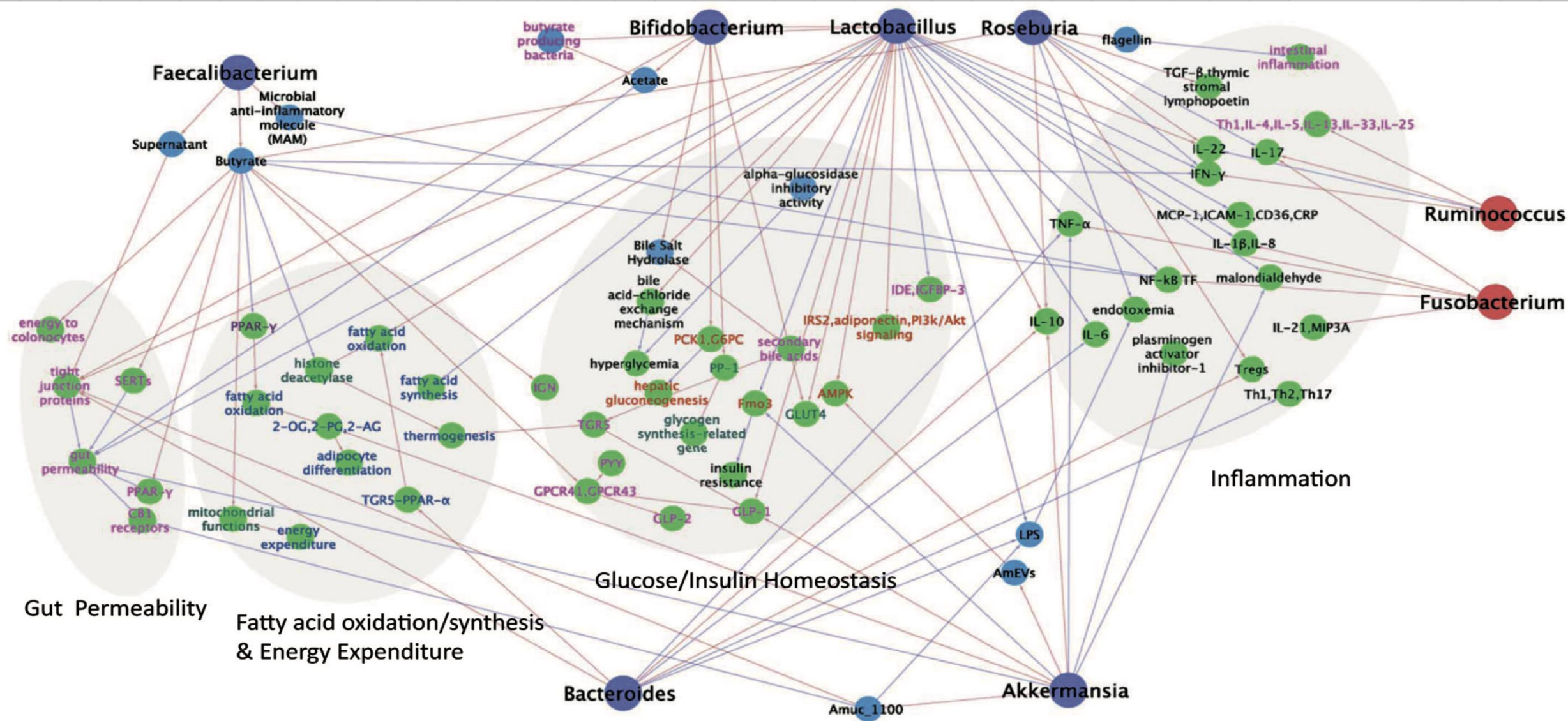
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ABSTRACT

A substantial body of literature has provided evidence for the role of gut microorganisms in the pathophysiology of type 2 diabetes, including type 2 diabetes. However, reports vary regarding the association of



Color of labels in the node represents different organs where microbiota potentially elicit its effect: adipose tissue, gut, liver, liver&adipose tissue, muscle, systemic
 Color of nodes: ● host features/products; ● microbial products; ● microbe positively associated with disease, ● microbe negatively associated with disease
 Color of edge: blue, negative association between nodes, red, positive association between nodes

Fig. 2. Literature-based network analysis of potential effects on metabolism of bacterial taxa consistently found in association with human T2D (shown in Fig. 1). References corresponding to each edge can be found in the text.

- The gut microbiota:
 - *protect gastrointestinal mucosa permeability*
 - *regulate the fermentation and absorption of dietary polysaccharides*
 - *regulate fat accumulation and the resultant obesity*
- The microbiota could contribute to obesity and the related metabolic diseases:
 - *abundance of bacteria that ferment carbohydrates, leading to increased rates of short-chain fatty acid (SCFA) biosynthesis*
 - *extra source of energy for the host, that is eventually stored as lipids or glucose*
 - *increased intestinal permeability to bacterial lipopolysaccharides (LPS)*
 - *elevated systemic LPS levels increase low-grade inflammation and insulin resistance*
 - *increased activity of the gut endocannabinoid system.*

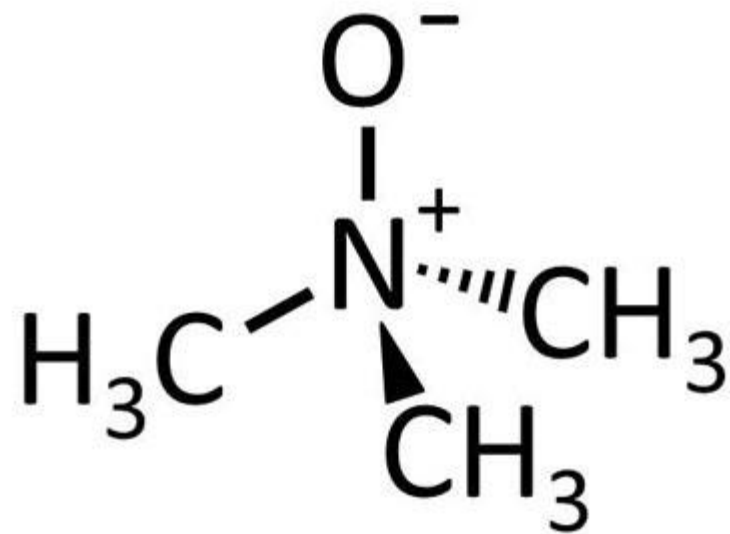
- Fecal transplantation studies show causative role of the gut microbiota in the development of obesity and obesity-related disorders.
- Diet +/- bariatric surgery have been reported to modulate the gut microbiota, leading to lean host phenotype body composition

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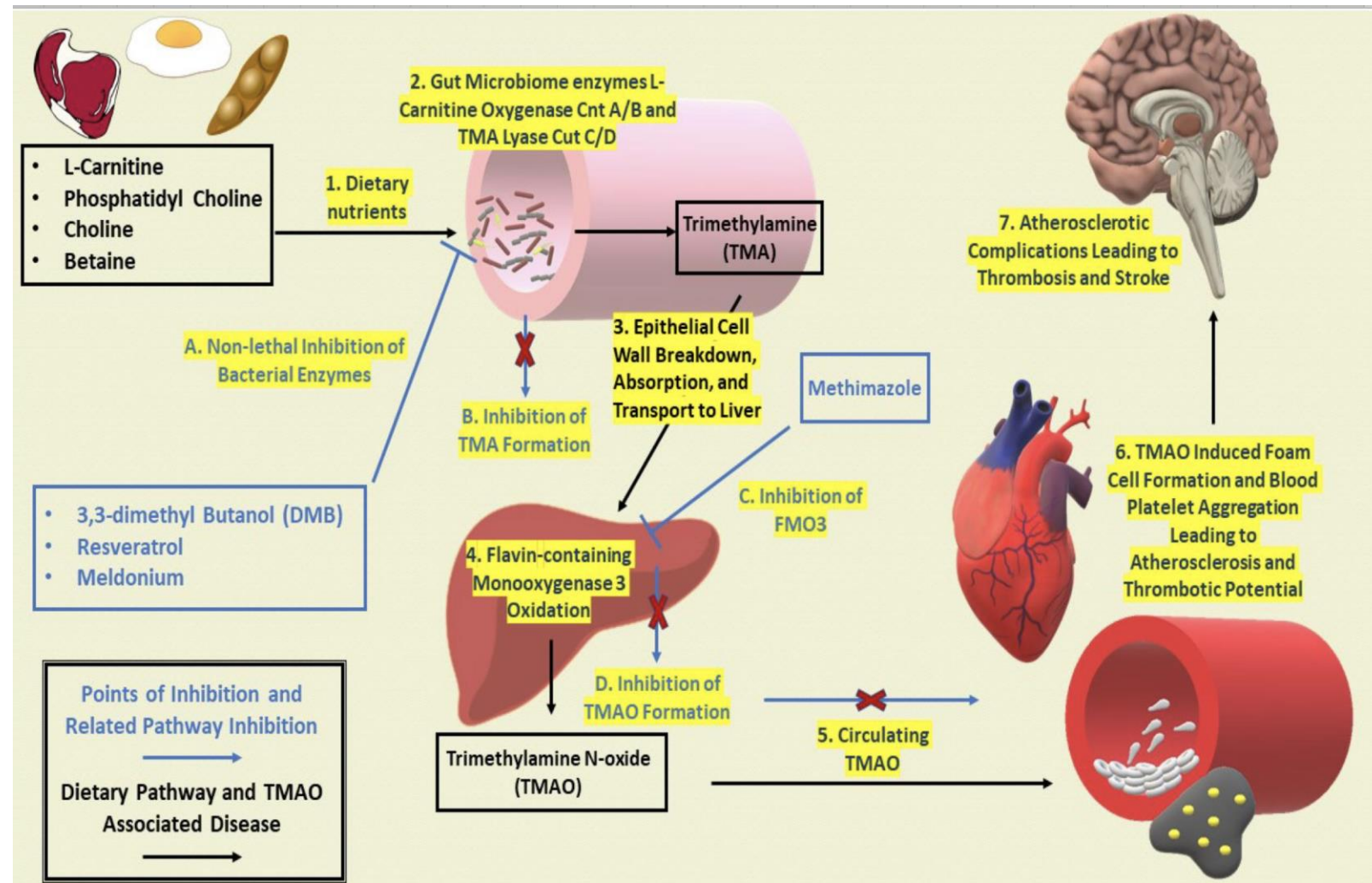
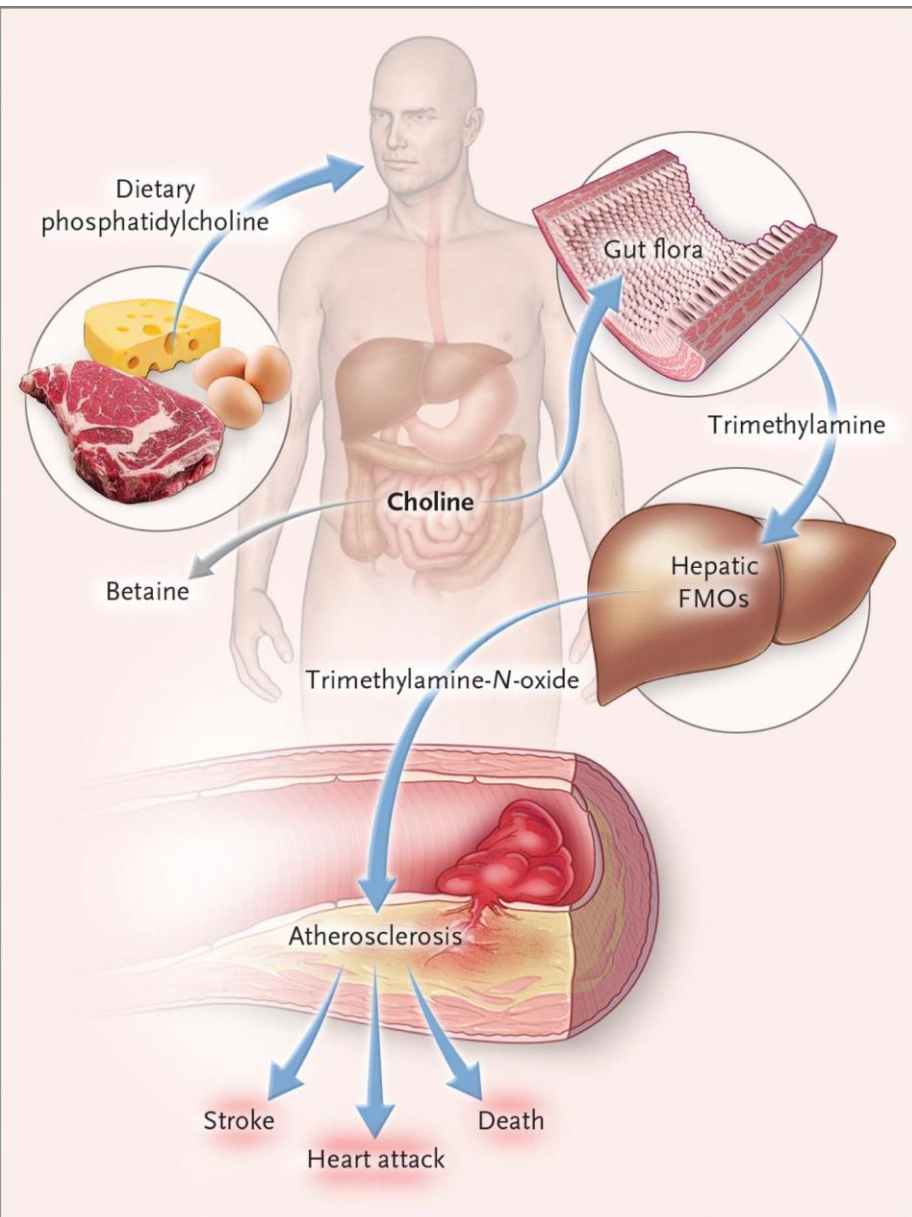


TMAO

Trimethylamine Oxide



Pathways Linking Dietary Phosphatidylcholine, Intestinal Microbiota, and Incident Adverse Cardiovascular Events.



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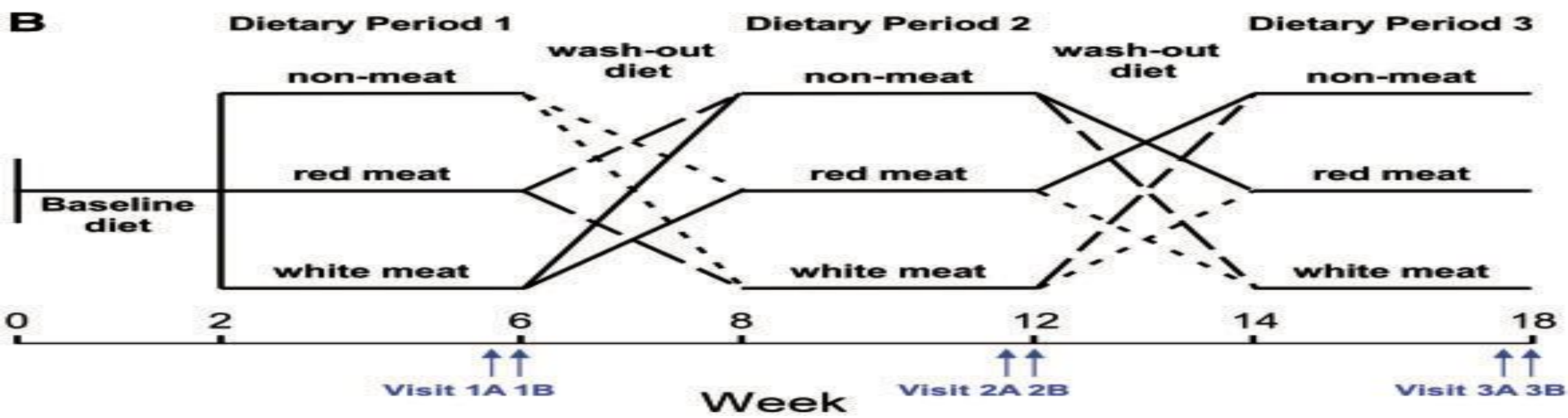
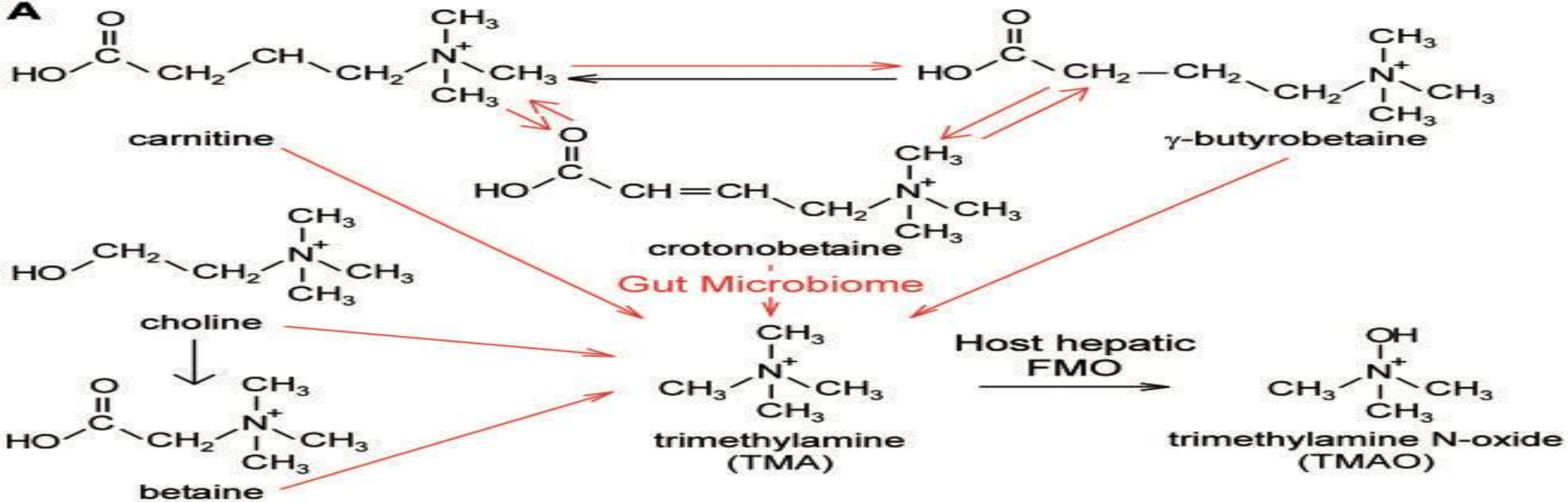
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Conclusion: Chronic dietary red meat increases systemic TMAO levels through: (i) enhanced dietary precursors; (ii) increased microbial TMA/TMAO production from carnitine, but not choline; and (iii) reduced renal TMAO excretion. Discontinuation of dietary red meat reduces plasma TMAO within 4 weeks.

Aims

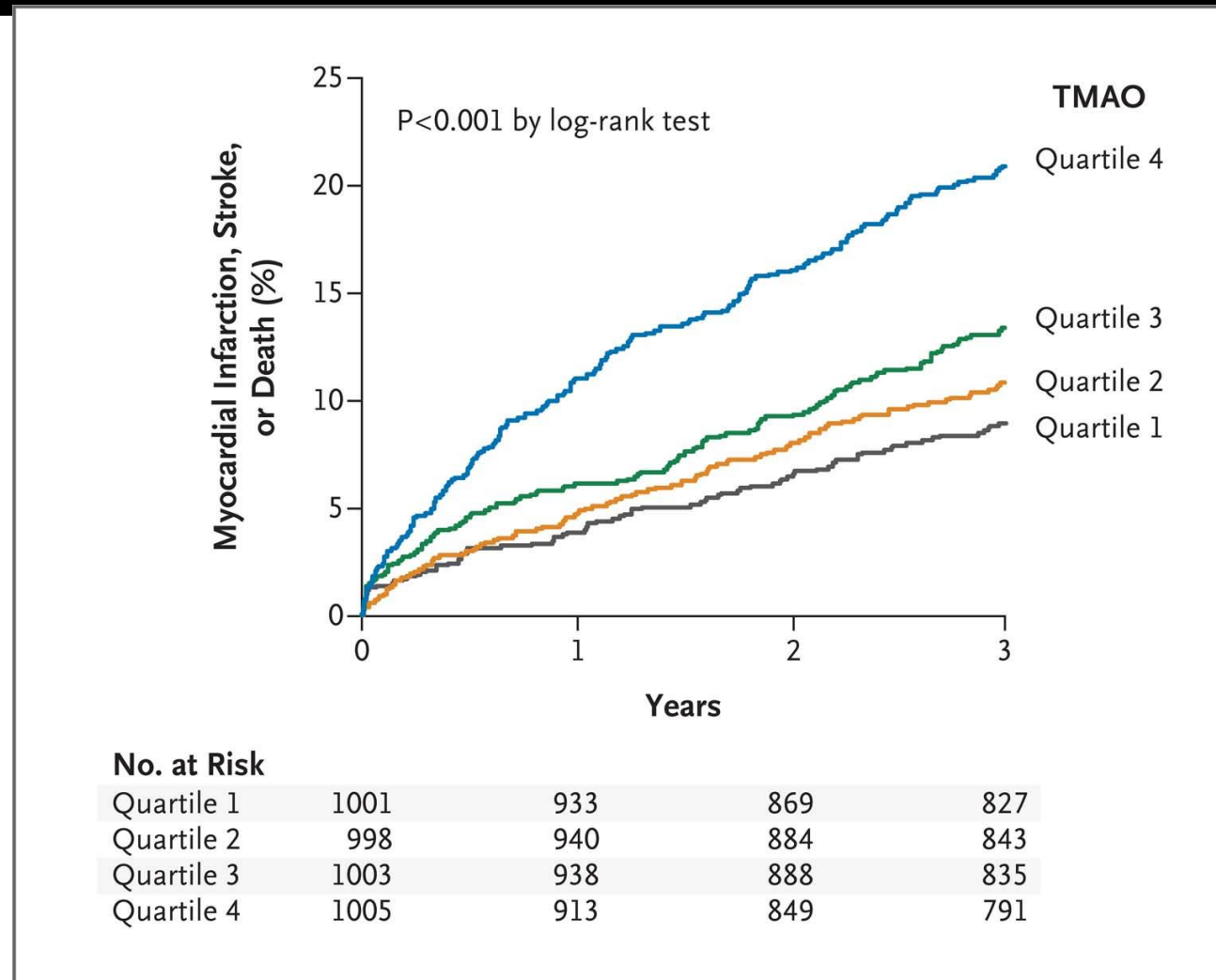
Carnitine and choline are major nutrient precursors for gut microbiota-dependent generation of the atherogenic metabolite, trimethylamine N-oxide (TMAO). We performed randomized-controlled dietary intervention studies to explore the impact of chronic dietary patterns on TMAO levels, metabolism and renal excretion.



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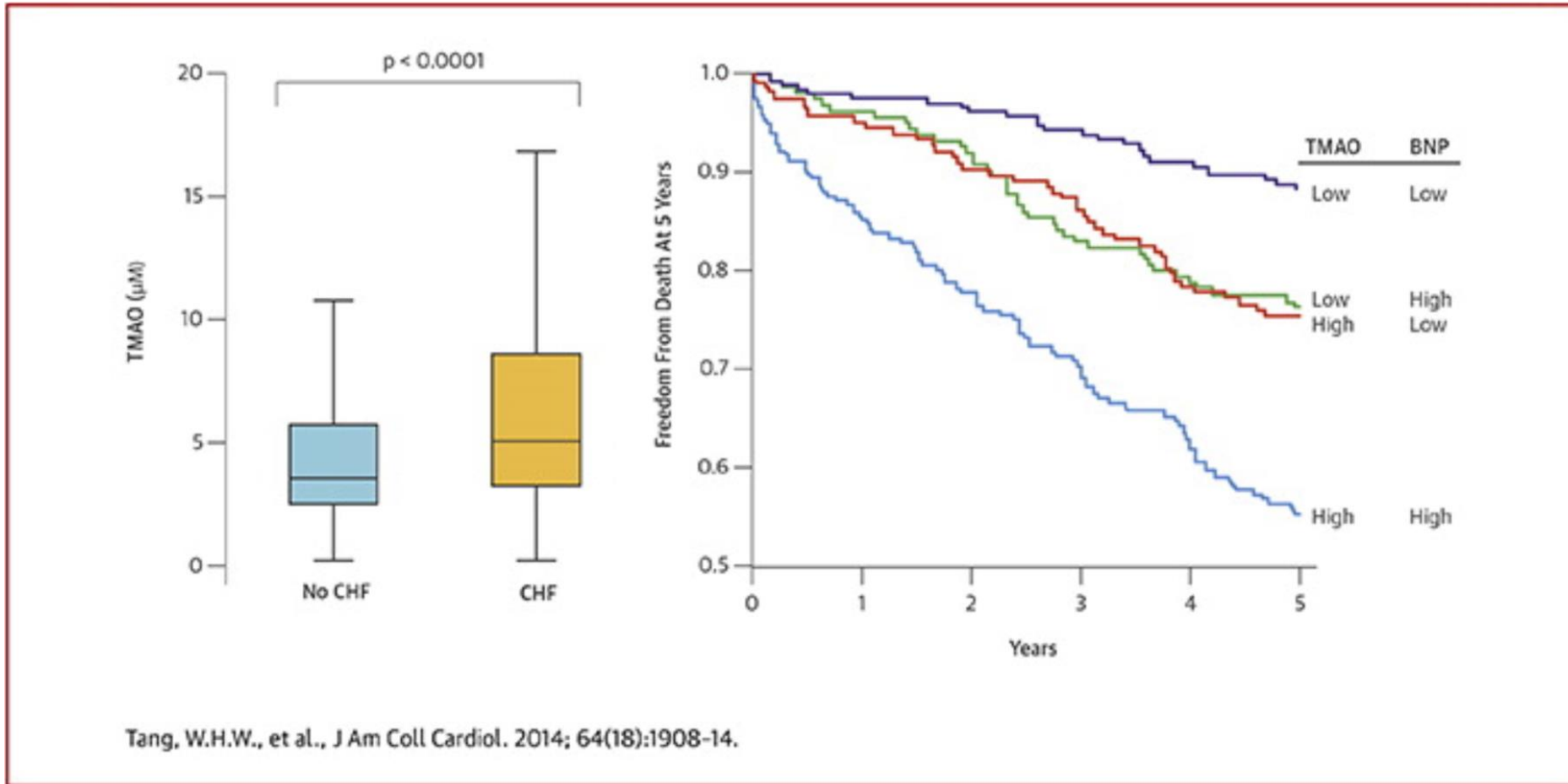


Kaplan–Meier Estimates of Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events, According to the Quartile of TMAO Level.



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Comparison of Fasting TMAO Levels Between Patients With Stable Heart Failure and Apparently Healthy Controls

(Left) Trimethylamine-N-oxide (TMAO) concentration was higher in patients with stable heart failure than healthy controls and (Right) portended poorer survival at higher levels regardless of B-type natriuretic peptide levels. Kaplan-Meier curves for 5-year all-cause mortality with TMAO with TMAO/B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) stratified at median levels.

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Red Meat Consumption and Mortality

Results From 2 Prospective Cohort Studies

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Background: Red meat consumption is associated with an increased risk of mortality. However, its relationship with mortality remains unclear.

Methods: We pooled data from the Health Professionals Follow-up Study and 83 644 women (Nurses' Health Study II, 2008) who were free of cancer at baseline. We examined the association between frequency of red meat consumption and mortality.

Results: We documented 23 926 deaths (including 5910 CVD and 9464 cancer deaths) during 2.96 million person-years of follow-up. After multivariate adjustment for major lifestyle and dietary risk factors, the pooled hazard ratio (HR) (95% CI) of total mortality for a 1-serving-per-day increase was 1.13 (1.07-1.20) for unprocessed red meat and 1.20 (1.15-1.24) for processed red meat. The corresponding HRs (95% CIs) were 1.18 (1.13-

Conclusions: Red meat consumption is associated with an increased risk of total, CVD, and cancer mortality. Substitution of other healthy protein sources for red meat is associated with a lower mortality risk.

1.10 for mortality. We found that substitution of other protein sources, low-fat dairy, or nuts for red meat were associated with a lower mortality risk. We also found that substitution of other protein sources for red meat was associated with a 7.6% reduction in mortality in women at the end of follow-up for those who consumed more than 0.5 servings of red meat.

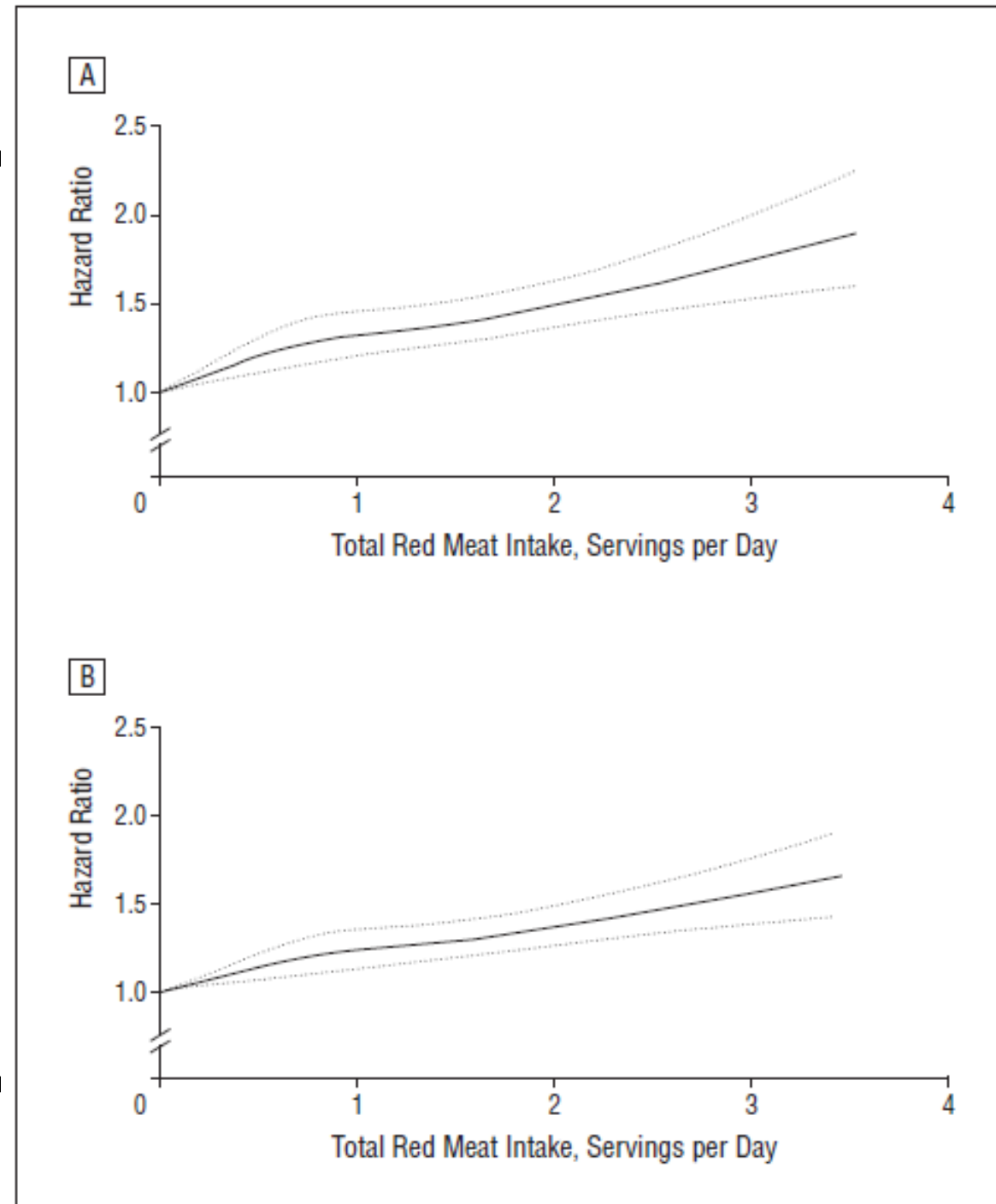
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Figure 1. Dose-response relationship between red meat intake and risk of all-cause mortality in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study (A) and the Nurses' Health Study (B). The results were adjusted for age (continuous); body mass index (calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) category (23.0, 23.0-24.9, 25.0-29.9, 30.0-34.9, or 35); alcohol consumption (0, 0.1-4.9, 5.0-29.9, 30.0 g/d in men; 0, 0.1-4.9, 5.0-14.9, or 15.0 g/d in women); physical activity level (3.0, 3.0-8.9, 9.0-17.9, 18.0-26.9, or 27.0 hours of metabolic equivalent tasks per week); smoking status (never, past, or current [1-14, 15-24, or 25 cigarettes per day]); race (white or nonwhite); menopausal status and hormone use in women (premenopausal, postmenopausal never users, postmenopausal past users, or postmenopausal current users); family history of diabetes mellitus, myocardial infarction, or cancer; history of diabetes mellitus, hypertension, or hypercholesterolemia; and intakes of total energy, whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, all in quintiles. Broken lines represent 95% CI.





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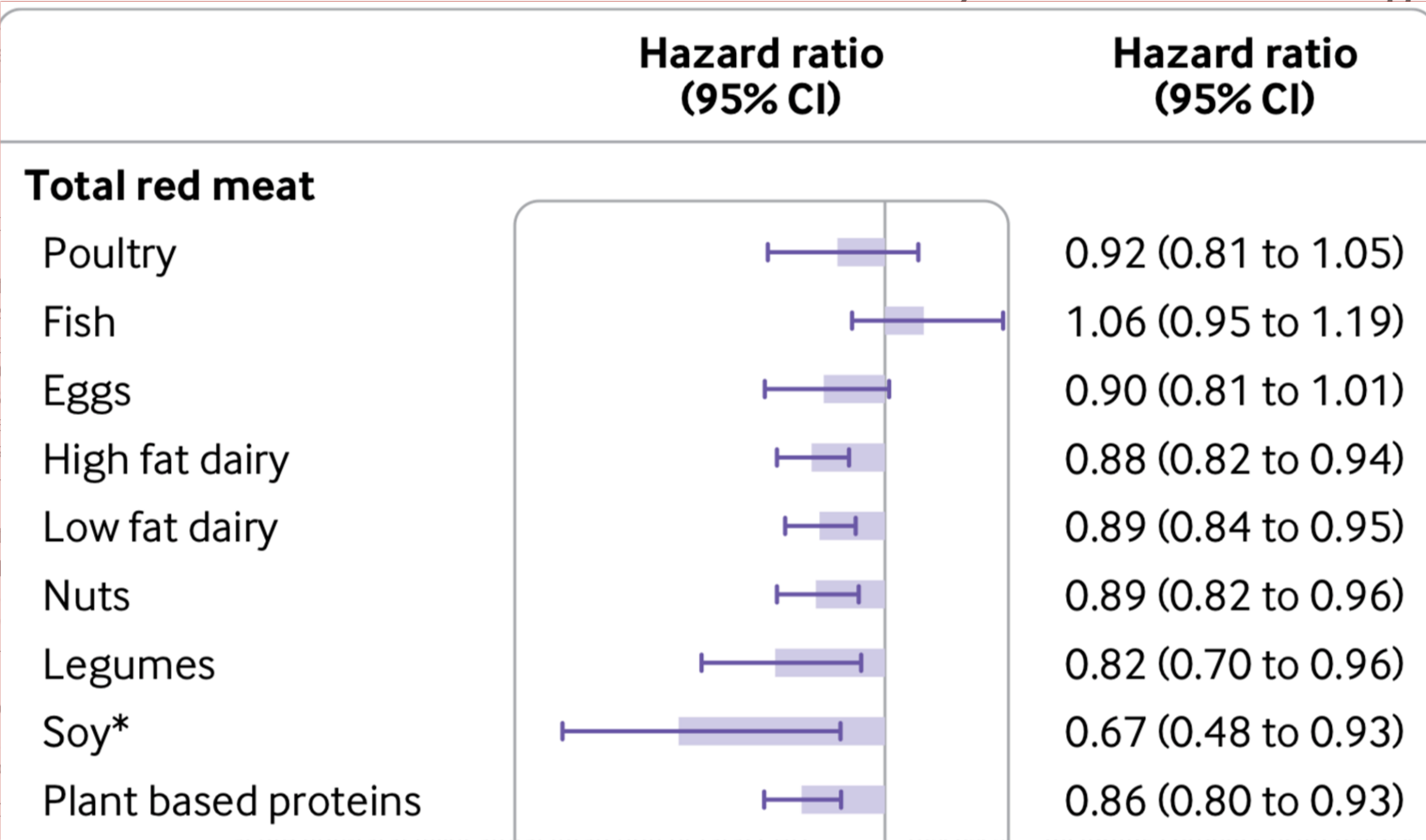
Higher consumption of *unprocessed red meat was associated with a 9%* (relative risk (RR) per 50 g/day higher intake, 1.09; 95% confidence intervals (CI), 1.07 to 1.16; $n_{\text{studies}} = 12$) and *processed meat intake with an 18%* higher risk of IHD (1.18; 95% CI, 1.12 to 1.25; $n_{\text{studies}} = 10$)

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ABSTRACT

There is uncertainty regarding the association between unprocessed red and processed meat consumption and the risk of ischemic heart disease (IHD), and little is known regarding the association with poultry intake. The aim



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and 0.83 (95% CI 0.73 to 0.93) for total red meat). The hazard ratios for poultry, fish, eggs, high fat dairy, low fat dairy, nuts, legumes, and soy were

0.92 (95% CI 0.81 to 1.05), 1.06 (95% CI 0.95 to 1.19), 0.90 (95% CI 0.81 to 1.01), 0.88 (95% CI 0.82 to 0.94), 0.89 (95% CI 0.84 to 0.95), 0.89 (95% CI 0.82 to 0.96), 0.82 (95% CI 0.70 to 0.96), and 0.67 (95% CI 0.48 to 0.93), respectively.

These findings suggest that replacing red meat with plant-based proteins, particularly soy, is associated with a lower risk of coronary heart disease. Consequently, the 2015-20 US Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend limiting red meat intake.

acute non-fatal myocardial infarction or fatal CHD.

Cox models were used to estimate hazard ratios

Consequently, the 2015-20 US Dietary Guidelines for

Processed and Unprocessed Red Meat Consumption and Risk of Heart Failure

Prospective Study of Men

“Men who consumed ≥ 75 g/d processed meat compared with those who consumed < 25 g/d had a **1.28** (95% confidence interval, 1.10–1.48, P trend=0.01) higher risk of **HF incidence** and **2.43** (95% confidence interval, 1.52–3.88, P trend < 0.001) higher risk of **HF mortality**.”

Background—We examined the association between red meat consumption and risk of heart failure (HF) in men. **Methods and Results**—A prospective cohort study of men, aged 45 to 79 years, with no history of HF, was conducted. Red meat consumption was ascertained from a self-administered questionnaire. The association between red meat consumption and risk of HF incidence and mortality was examined using multivariable Cox regression models, both age- and sex-adjusted. Men who consumed ≥ 75 g/d processed red meat had a 1.28 (95% confidence interval, 1.10–1.48, P trend=0.01) higher risk of HF incidence and 2.43 (95% confidence interval, 1.52–3.88, P trend < 0.001) higher risk of HF mortality. The consumption of unprocessed red meat was not associated with increased risk of incidence of HF or mortality from HF.

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Conclusions—Findings from this prospective study of men with low to moderate red meat consumption indicate that processed red meat consumption, but not unprocessed red meat, is associated with an increased risk of HF. (*Circ Heart Fail.* 2014;7:552-557.)

Key Words: heart failure ■ processed meat ■ prospective cohort study ■ red meat

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“... After a median of 8.7 years of follow-up, 363 participants had incident HF hospitalizations.

Dietary Incident Without

Compared with the lowest quartile, the highest quartile of adherence to the *plant-based dietary pattern* was associated with a *41% lower risk of HF* in multivariable-adjusted models (hazard ratio: 0.59; 95% confidence interval: 0.41 to 0.86; $p = 0.004$) . . .”

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND
United States.

OBJECTIVES The purpose of this study was to determine associations of 5 dietary patterns with incident HF hospitalizations among U.S. adults.



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“A plant-based diet appears to be beneficial for human health by promoting the development of more diverse and stable microbial systems. Additionally, vegans and vegetarians have significantly higher counts of certain Bacteroidetes-related operational taxonomic units compared to omnivores . . . In conclusion, the available literature suggests that a vegetarian/vegan diet is effective in promoting a diverse ecosystem of beneficial bacteria to support both human gut microbiome and overall health.”

compared to omnivores. Fibers (that is, non-digestible carbohydrates, found exclusively in plants) most consistently increase lactic acid bacteria, such as *Ruminococcus*, *E. rectale*, and *Roseburia*, and reduce *Clostridium* and *Enterococcus* species. Polyphenols, also abundant in plant foods, increase *Bifidobacterium* and *Lactobacillus*, which provide

Associations of Dietary Cholesterol or Egg Consumption With Incident Cardiovascular Disease and Mortality

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IMPORTANCE Cholesterol is a common nutrient in the human diet and eggs are a major source of dietary cholesterol. Whether dietary cholesterol or egg consumption is associated with cardiovascular disease (CVD) and mortality remains controversial.

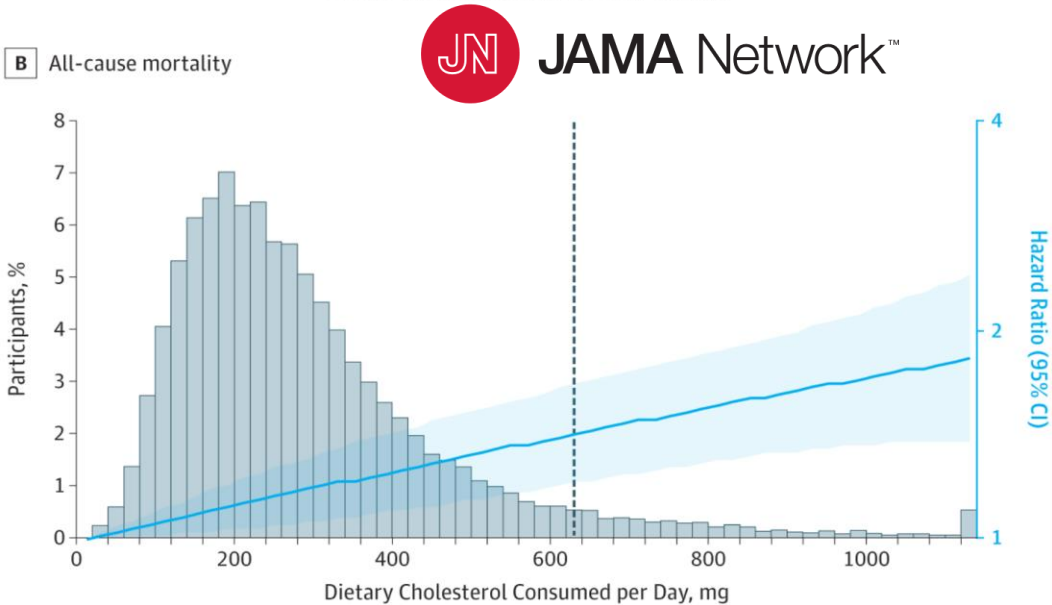
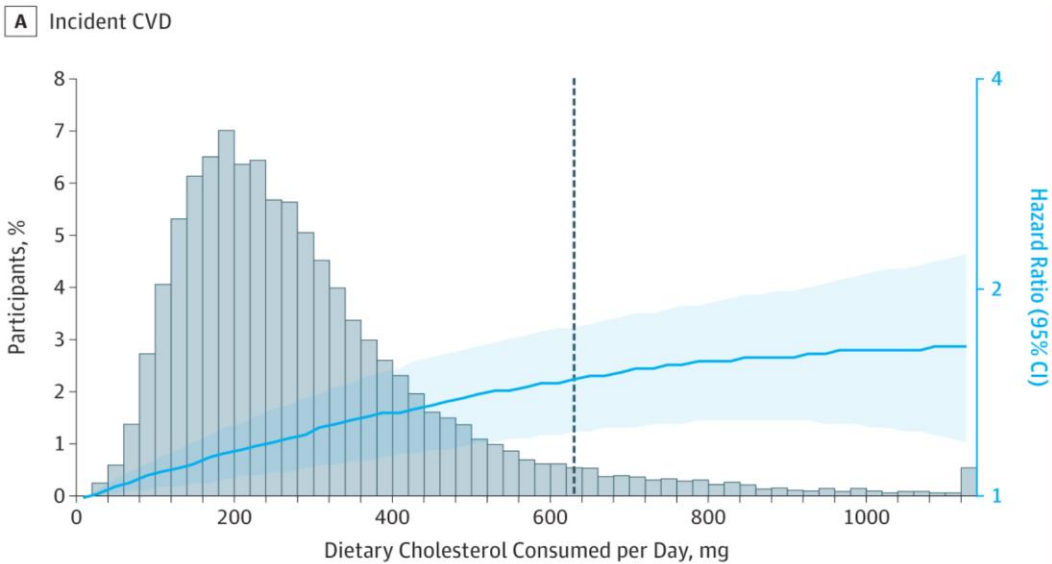
OBJECTIVE To determine the associations of dietary cholesterol or egg consumption with incident CVD and all-cause mortality.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Individual participant data were pooled from 6 prospective US cohorts using data collected between March 25, 1985, and August 31, 2016. Self-reported diet data were harmonized using a standardized protocol.

EXPOSURES Dietary cholesterol (mg/day) or egg consumption (number/day).

MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Hazard ratio (HR) and absolute risk difference (ARD) over the entire follow-up for incident CVD (composite of fatal and nonfatal coronary heart disease, stroke, heart failure, and other CVD deaths) and all-cause mortality, adjusting for demographic, socioeconomic, and behavioral factors.

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- Each additional **300 mg of dietary cholesterol** consumed per day was significantly associated with higher risk of incident CVD (adjusted HR, 1.17 [95%CI, 1.09-1.26] and all-cause mortality (adjusted HR, 1.18 [95%CI, 1.10-1.26])
- Each additional **half an egg** consumed per day was significantly associated with higher risk of incident CVD and all-cause mortality.
- The associations between egg consumption and incident CVD were no longer significant after **adjusting for dietary cholesterol** consumption.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTION

... compared to low intake ($> 0 \leq 1$ egg/week), eating **> 4 eggs/week** led to an increased risk of **all-cause** (Hazard ratio [HR] = **1.50**; 95%CI 1.13–1.99), **CVD** (HR = **1.75**; 1.07–2.87) and **cancer mortality** (HR = **1.52**; 0.99–2.33). Similarly, an intake of **2–4 eggs/week** was associated with higher **all-cause** (HR = **1.22**; 1.01–1.46) and **CVD** mortality risk (HR = **1.43**; 1.03–1.97). An increase of 1 egg per week was associated with higher mortality risk among high-risk individuals, such as those with **hypertension and hyperlipidaemia**. Dietary cholesterol explained about **43.0%** and **39.3%** (p values < 0.0001) of the association of eggs with all-cause and CVD mortality ...

Methods Longitudinal analysis on 20,562 men and women aged ≥ 35 y, free from cardiovascular disease (CVD) and cancer belonging to the Moli-sani Study cohort (enrolled 2005–2010) followed up for a median of 8.2 years.

Results In multivariable-adjusted analysis as compared to low intake ($> 0 \leq 1$ egg/week), eating > 4 eggs/week led to an

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Conclusions: . . . greater dietary cholesterol and egg consumption were associated with increased risk of overall and CVD mortality. Our findings support restricted consumption of dietary cholesterol as a means to improve long-term health and longevity.

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Association of Animal and Plant Protein Intake With All-Cause and Cause-Specific Mortality

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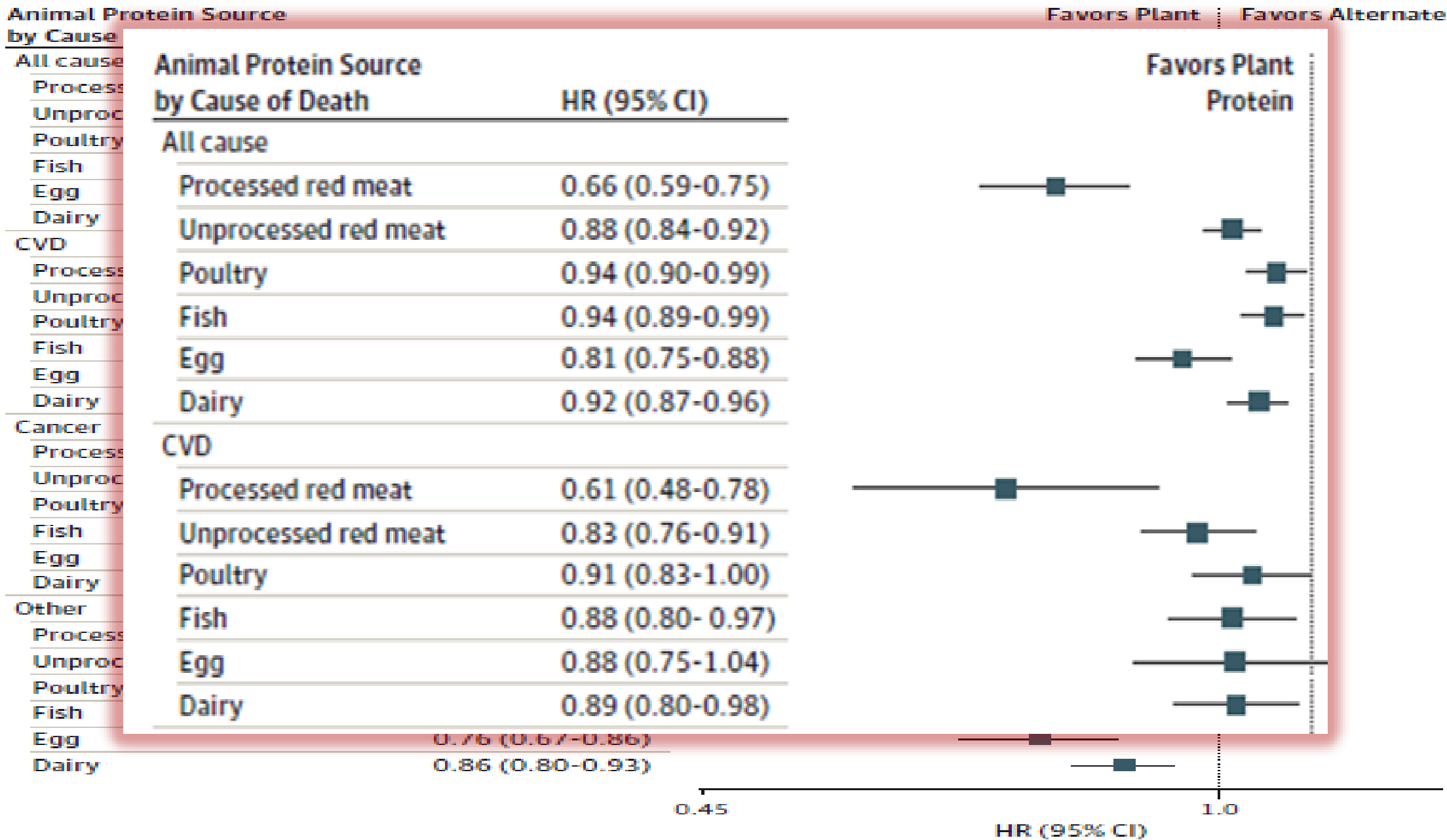
IMPORTANCE Defining what represents a macronutritionally balanced diet remains an open question and a high priority in nutrition research. Although the amount of protein may have specific effects, from a broader dietary perspective, the choice of protein sources will inevitably influence other components of diet and may be a critical determinant for the health outcome.

OBJECTIVE To examine the associations of animal and plant protein intake with the risk for mortality.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS This prospective cohort study of US health care professionals included 131 342 participants from the Nurses' Health Study (1980 to end of follow-up on June 1, 2012) and Health Professionals Follow-up Study (1986 to end of follow-up on January 31, 2012). Animal and plant protein intake was assessed by regularly updated validated food frequency questionnaires. Data were analyzed from June 20, 2014, to January 18, 2016.

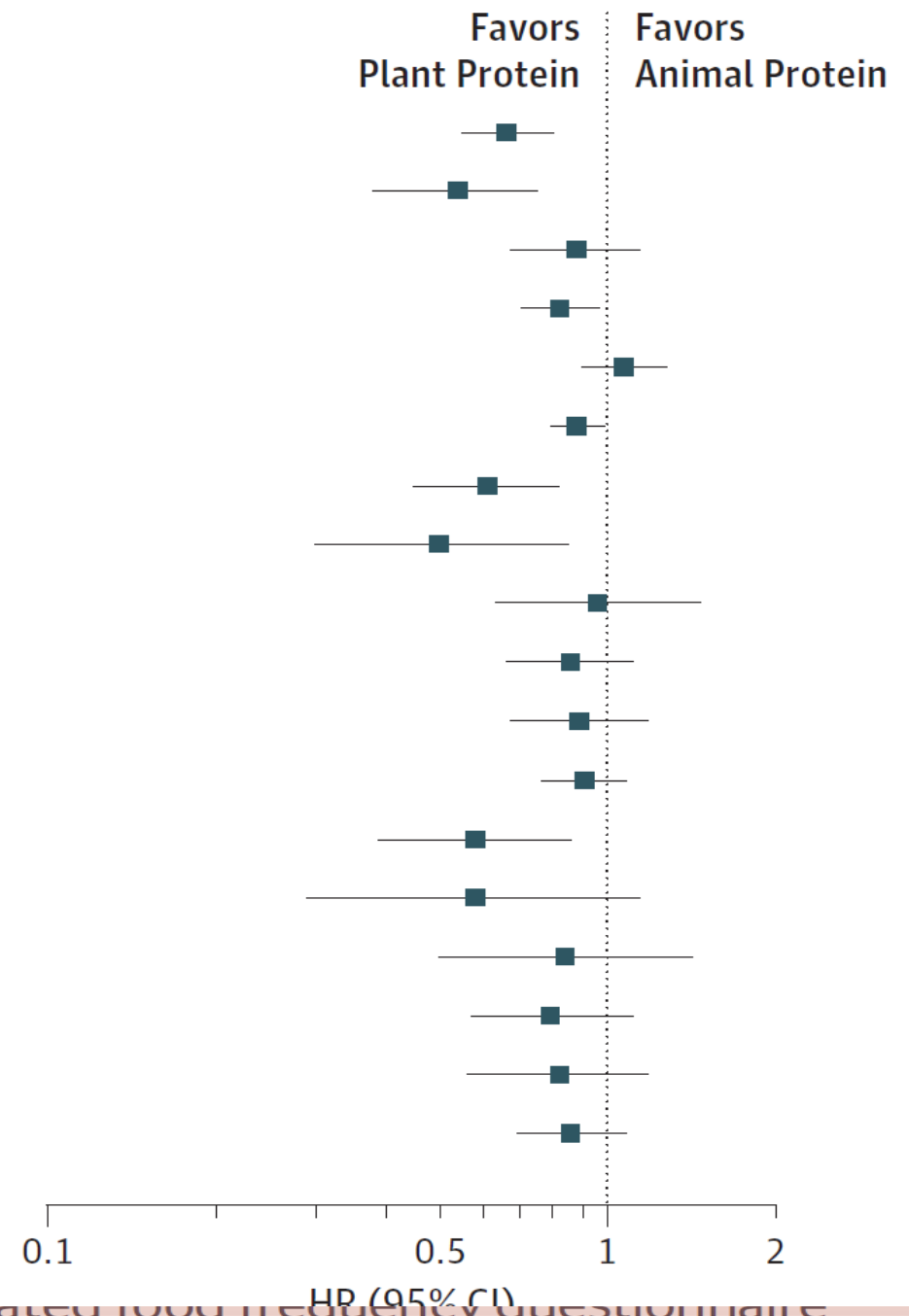
MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES Hazard ratios (HRs) for all-cause and cause-specific mortality.

Figure. Risk for Mortality Associated With Replacement of 3% Energy From Various Animal Protein Sources With Plant Protein



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Cause of Death	Protein Source	HR (95% CI)
All-cause	Red meat	0.66 (0.55-0.80)
	Processed meat	0.54 (0.38-0.75)
	Chicken	0.88 (0.67-1.14)
	Egg	0.82 (0.70-0.97)
	Dairy	1.07 (0.90-1.28)
	Fish	0.88 (0.79-0.99)
Cancer	Red meat	0.61 (0.45-0.82)
	Processed meat	0.50 (0.30-0.85)
	Chicken	0.96 (0.63-1.47)
	Egg	0.86 (0.66-1.11)
	Dairy	0.89 (0.67-1.18)
	Fish	0.91 (0.76-1.08)
Cardiovascular disease	Red meat	0.58 (0.39-0.86)
	Processed meat	0.58 (0.29-1.14)
	Chicken	0.84 (0.50-1.42)
	Egg	0.79 (0.57-1.11)
	Dairy	0.82 (0.56-1.18)
	Fish	0.86 (0.69-1.08)



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Dietary intake information was collected through a validated food frequency questionnaire

Association Between Plant and Animal Protein Intake and Overall and Cause-Specific Mortality

Red meat protein

Overall	0.87 (0.85-0.90)	<.001 ^c	0.85 (0.81-0.88)	<.001 ^c
Cancer	0.93 (0.88-0.98)	.004	0.89 (0.83-0.95)	<.001 ^c
CVD	0.88 (0.83-0.93)	<.001 ^c	0.82 (0.76-0.89)	<.001 ^c
Heart disease	0.89 (0.84-0.94)	<.001 ^c	0.84 (0.77-0.92)	<.001 ^c

Egg protein

Overall	0.76 (0.72-0.80)	<.001 ^c	0.79 (0.73-0.85)	<.001 ^c
Cancer	0.85 (0.78-0.93)	<.001 ^c	0.83 (0.73-0.93)	.002 ^c
CVD	0.74 (0.67-0.82)	<.001 ^c	0.72 (0.63-0.83)	<.001 ^c
Heart disease	0.76 (0.69-0.85)	<.001 ^c	0.72 (0.62-0.85)	<.001 ^c
Stroke	0.67 (0.52-0.88)	.003	0.75 (0.55-1.03)	.08
Respiratory disease	0.61 (0.50-0.74)	<.001 ^c	0.66 (0.53-0.83)	<.001 ^c
Infection	0.94 (0.71-1.25)	.66	0.80 (0.55-1.17)	.25
Injury and accident	0.71 (0.53-0.94)	.02	0.67 (0.43-1.05)	.08
Other causes combined	0.71 (0.63-0.80)	<.001 ^c	0.92 (0.78-1.08)	.28

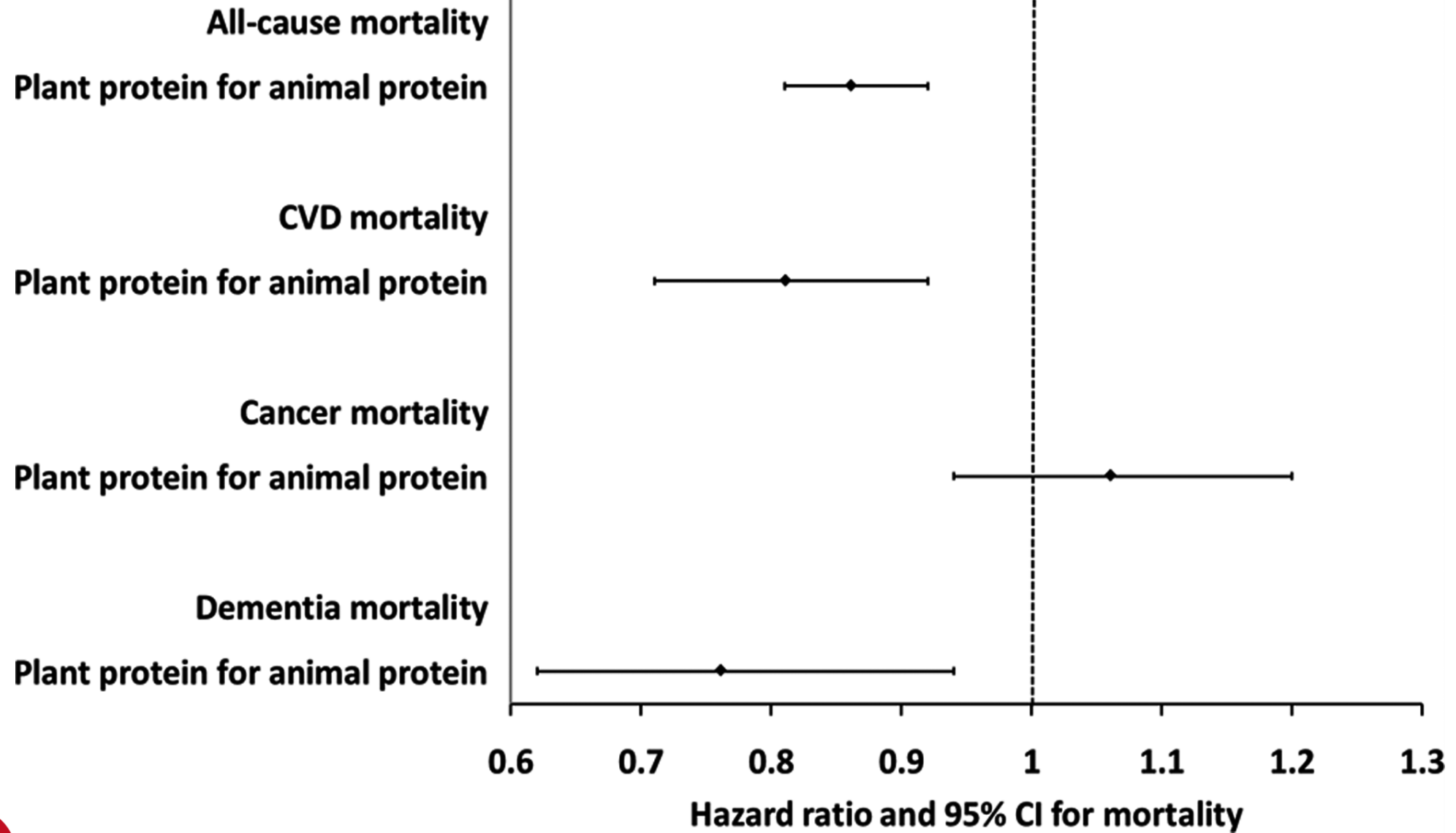
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“**plant protein intake was inversely associated with all-cause mortality** (hazard ratio [HR], 0.91 [0.86, 0.96]), cardiovascular disease mortality (HR, 0.88 [0.79, 0.97]), and dementia mortality (HR, 0.79 [0.67, 0.94]). Among major protein sources, comparing the highest with the lowest quintile of consumption, **processed red meat** (HR, 1.06 [1.01, 1.10]) or **eggs** (HR, 1.14 [1.10, 1.19]) was associated with higher risk of all-cause mortality. **Unprocessed red meat** (HR, 1.12 [1.02, 1.23]), **eggs** (HR, 1.24 [1.14, 1.34]), or **dairy products** (HR, 1.11 [1.02, 1.22]) was associated with higher risk of cardiovascular disease mortality. Egg consumption was associated with higher risk of cancer mortality (HR, 1.10 [1.02, 1.19]). Processed red meat consumption was associated with higher risk of dementia mortality (HR, 1.20 [1.05, 1.32])”

Dietary recommendations regarding protein intake have been focused on the amount of protein. However, such recommendations without considering specific protein sources may be simplistic and insufficient.

Methods and Results

We included 102 521 postmenopausal women enrolled in the Women’s Health Initiative between 1993 and 1998, and



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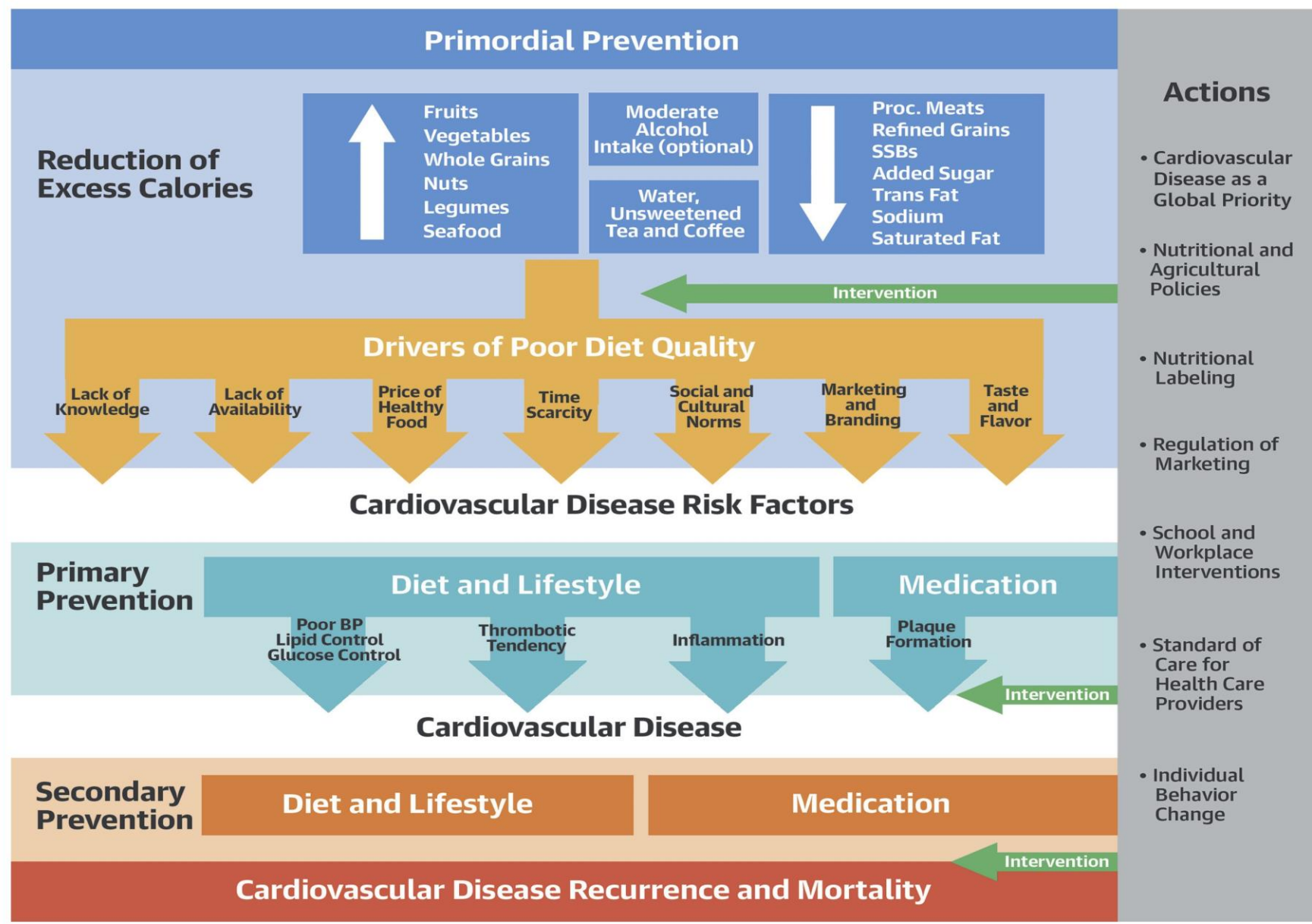
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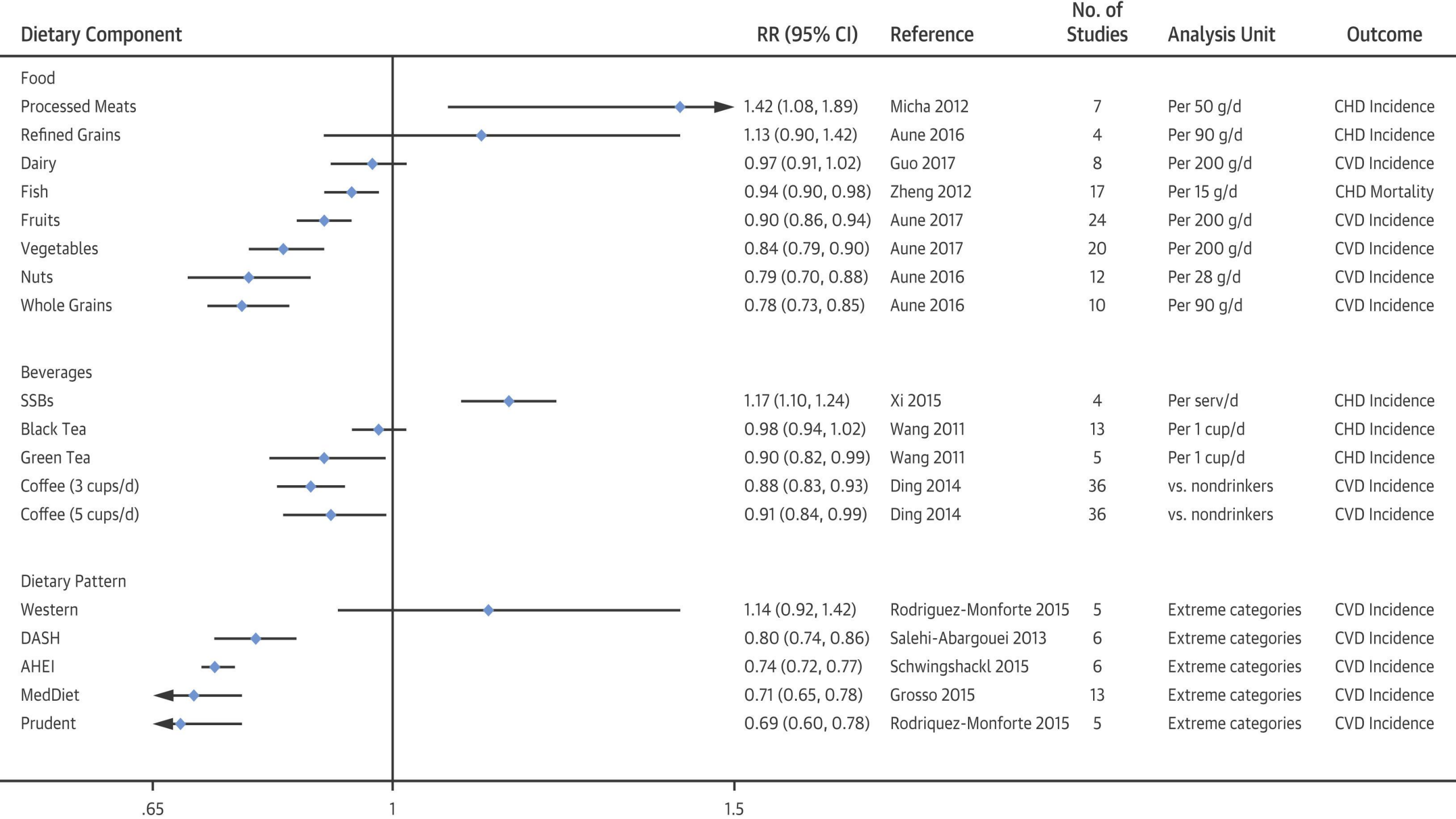


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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Flow Diagram of the Development of CVD and Possible Prevention by a Healthy Diet





Dietary carbohydrate intake and mortality: a prospective cohort study and meta-analysis

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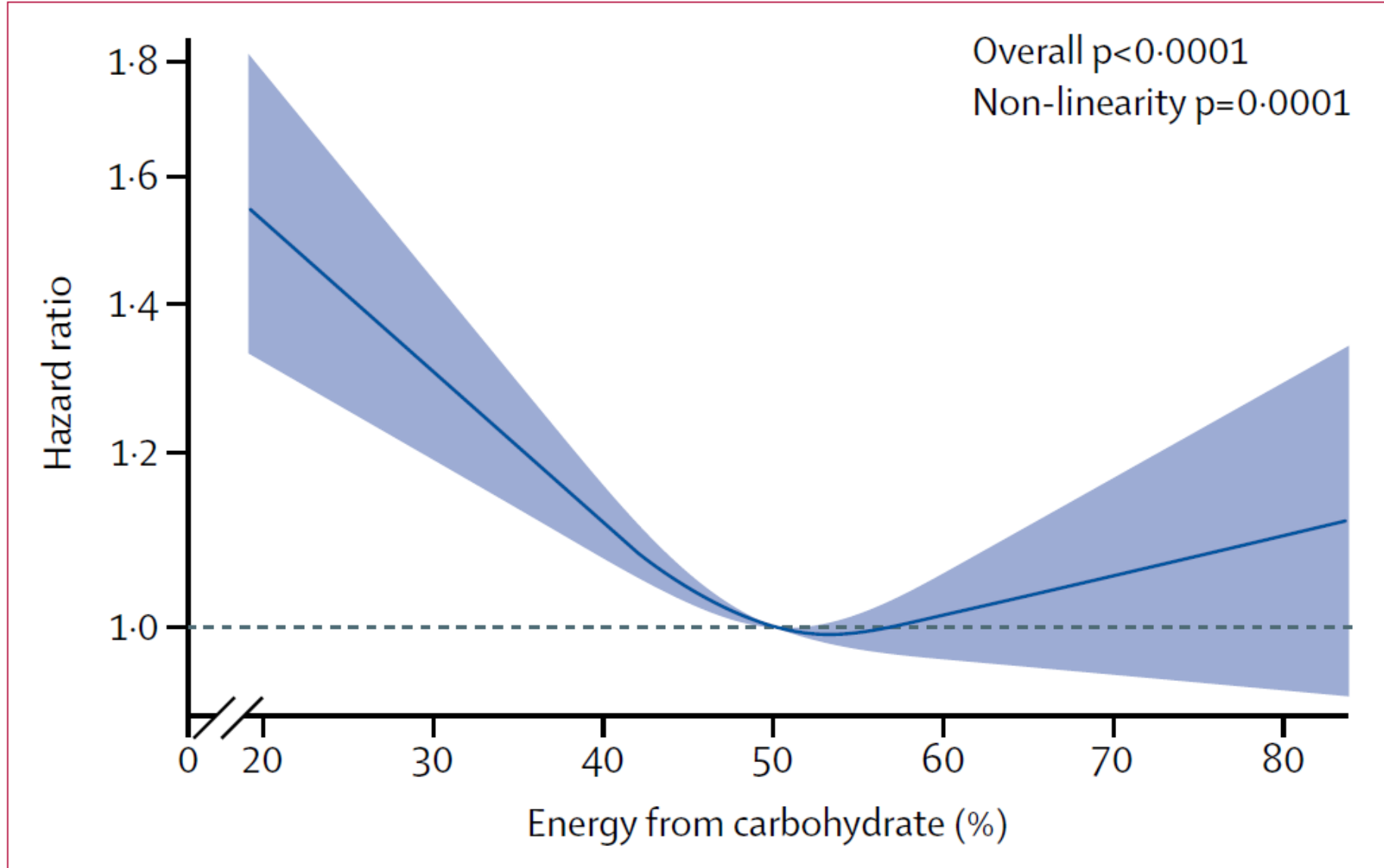
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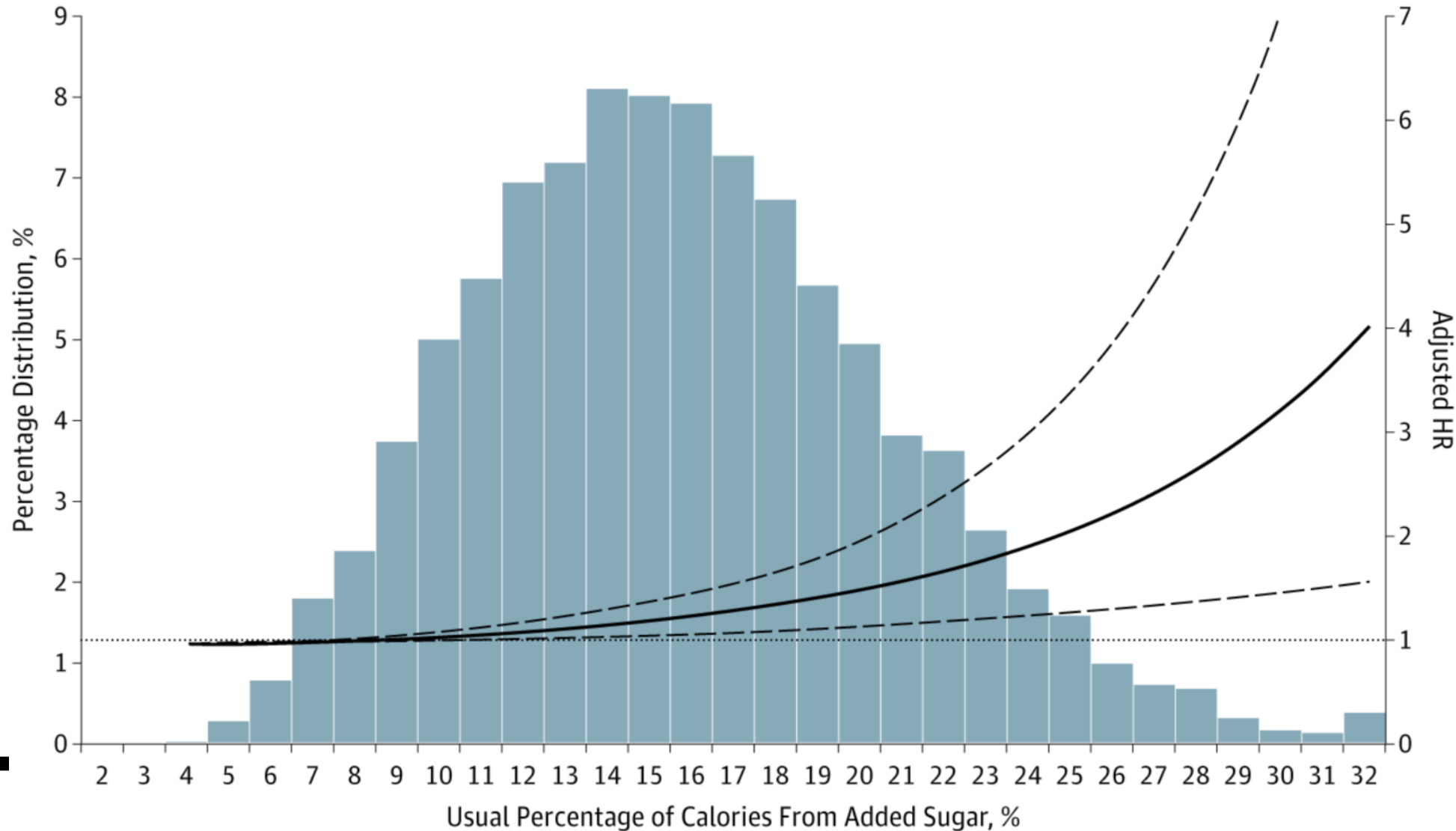
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Added Sugar Intake and Cardiovascular Diseases Mortality Among US Adults

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Adjusted Hazard Ratio (HR) of the Usual Percentage of Calories From Added Sugar for Cardiovascular Disease Mortality Among US Adults 20 Years or Older: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey Linked Mortality Files, 1988-2006. Histogram of the distribution of usual percentage of calories from added sugar in the population. Lines show the adjusted HRs from Cox models. Midvalue of quintile 1 (7.4%) was the reference standard. The model was adjusted for age, sex, race/ethnicity, educational attainment, smoking status, alcohol consumption, physical activity level, family history of cardiovascular disease, antihypertensive medication use, Healthy Eating Index score, body mass index, systolic blood pressure, total serum cholesterol, and total calories. Solid line indicates point estimates; dashed lines indicate 95% CIs.

Healthful and Unhealthful Plant-Based Diets and the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease in U.S. Adults

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Dose-Response Relationship of Plant-Based Diet Indices and Animal, Healthy Plant, and Less Healthy Plant Foods With CHD Incidence

ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND Plant-based diets are recommended because plant foods are necessarily beneficial for health.

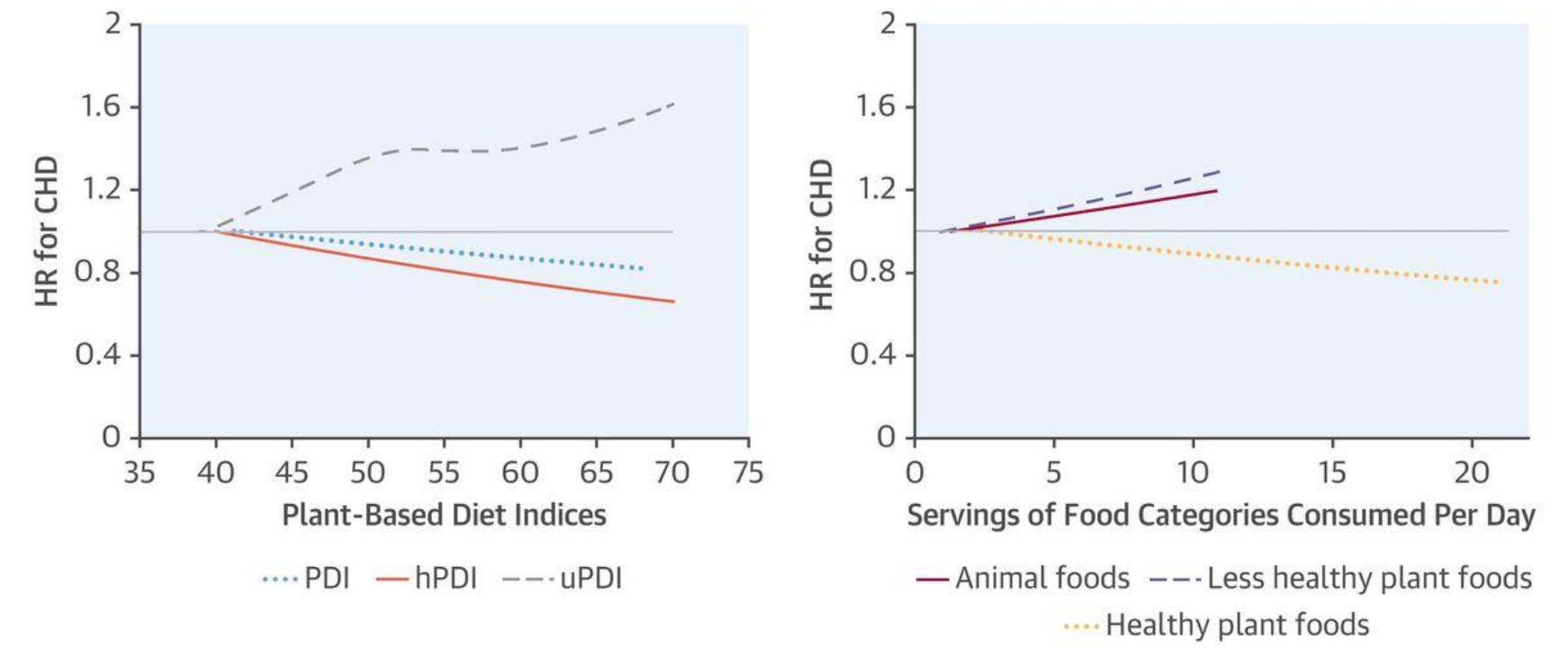
OBJECTIVES This study sought to examine a dose-response relationship between plant-based diet indices and CHD risk.

METHODS We included 73,710 women in NHS (1990-2013), and 43,259 men in Health Professionals Follow-up Study (1986-2013). We created an overall plant-based diet index (PDI) by assigning positive scores to plant foods and negative scores to animal foods. We also created a healthy plant-based diet index (hPDI) where healthy plant foods (whole grains, fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts) received positive scores, whereas less-healthy plant foods (refined grains, added sugars, sodium) received reverse scores. To create an unhealthful plant-based diet index (uPDI), we assigned positive scores to plant foods and reverse scores to animal and less-healthy plant foods.

RESULTS Over 4,833,042 person-years of follow-up, higher adherence to PDI was independently associated with lower CHD risk. In extreme deciles, the HR for PDI was 0.92; 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.85 to 0.99; for hPDI (HR: 0.75; 95% CI: 0.68 to 0.83; p trend <0.001) and for uPDI (HR: 1.32; 95% CI: 1.20 to 1.46; p trend <0.001).

CONCLUSIONS Higher intake of a plant-based diet was associated with lower CHD risk, whereas a plant-based diet including animal and less-healthy plant foods was associated with higher CHD risk. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2017;70:411-22) © 2017 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

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Top 15 heart-healthy diets: DASH, Mediterranean come out on top

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U.S. News and World Report kicked off 2023 by sharing its annual list of the best diets for a person's health, and the Mediterranean diet came out on top for the sixth year in a row. The list represents a collaboration between more than 30 nutritionists, doctors and epidemiologists.

In [a separate ranking](#) looking specifically at heart-healthy diets, the DASH diet was a surprise choice for the No. 1 spot. The Mediterranean and Ornish diets were tied at No. 1 in the publication's [2022 rankings](#) of the best heart-healthy diets. The DASH diet was No. 3.

What is the DASH diet?

DASH is an acronym for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension. The DASH diet was designed to lower an individual's blood pressure and improve their overall heart health. It prioritizes foods heavy in potassium, calcium and magnesium, limiting foods high in sodium, saturated fat and added sugars. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish, poultry and nuts are all parts of a well-balanced DASH diet.

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Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet Supplemented with Extra-Virgin Olive Oil or Nuts

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Table 3. Estimates of Cardiovascular Events, According to Intervention Group.*

End Point	Mediterranean Diet with EVOO (N=2543)	Mediterranean Diet with Nuts (N=2454)	Control Diet (N=2450)
No. of person-yr of follow-up	11852	10365	9763
Primary end point†			
No. of events	96	83	109
Incidence rate per 1000 person-yr (95% CI)	8.1 (6.6–9.9)	8.0 (6.4–9.9)	11.2 (9.2–13.5)
5-yr absolute risk — % (95% CI)‡	3.6 (2.8–4.5)	4.0 (3.1–5.0)	5.7 (4.6–6.9)
Secondary end points			
Stroke			
No. of events	49	32	58
Incidence rate per 1000 person-yr (95% CI)	4.1 (3.1–5.5)	3.1 (2.1–4.4)	5.9 (4.5–7.7)
5-yr absolute risk — % (95% CI)	1.7 (1.3–2.4)	1.5 (1.1–2.3)	3.0 (2.3–3.9)
Myocardial infarction			
No. of events	37	31	38
Incidence rate per 1000 person-yr (95% CI)	3.1 (2.2–4.3)	3.0 (2.0–4.2)	3.9 (2.8–5.3)
5-yr absolute risk — % (95% CI)	1.4 (1.0–2.1)	1.6 (1.1–2.3)	2.1 (1.5–2.9)
Death from cardiovascular causes			
No. of events	26	31	30
Incidence rate per 1000 person-yr (95% CI)	2.2 (1.4–3.2)	3.0 (2.0–4.2)	3.1 (2.1–4.4)
5-yr absolute risk — % (95% CI)	1.0 (0.6–1.5)	1.4 (0.9–2.1)	1.6 (1.1–2.3)
Death from any cause			
No. of events	118	116	114
Incidence rate per 1000 person-yr (95% CI)	10.0 (8.2–11.9)	11.2 (9.3–13.4)	11.7 (9.6–14.0)
5-yr absolute risk — % (95% CI)	4.4 (3.6–5.4)	5.4 (4.4–6.6)	5.4 (4.4–6.7)

Control Diet (N=2450)
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109 (9.2–13.5) (4.6–6.9)
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A provegetarian food pattern and reduction in total mortality in the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea (PREDIMED) study^{1–4}

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ABSTRACT

Background: Vegetarian diets have been associated with reduced mortality. Because a pure vegetarian diet might not easily be embraced by many individuals, consuming preferentially plant-derived foods would be a more easily understood message. A provegetarian food pattern (FP) emphasizing preference for plant-derived foods might reduce all-cause mortality.

Objective: The objective was to identify the association between an a priori–defined provegetarian FP and all-cause mortality.

Design: We followed 7216 participants (57% women; mean age: 67 y) at high cardiovascular risk for a median of 4.8 y. A validated 137-item semiquantitative food-frequency questionnaire was administered at baseline and yearly thereafter. Fruit, vegetables, nuts, cereals, legumes, olive oil, and potatoes were positively weighted. Added animal fats, eggs, fish, dairy products, and meats or meat products were negatively weighted. Energy-adjusted quintiles were used to assign points to build the provegetarian FP (range: 12–60 points). Deaths were confirmed by review of medical records and the National Death Index.

Results: There were 323 deaths during the follow-up period (76 from cardiovascular causes, 130 from cancer, 117 for noncancer, noncardiovascular causes). Higher baseline conformity with the provegetarian FP was associated with lower mortality (multivariable-adjusted HR for ≥ 40 compared with < 30 points: 0.59; 95% CI: 0.40, 0.88). Similar results were found with the use of updated information on diet (RR: 0.59; 95% CI: 0.39, 0.89).

Conclusions: Among omnivorous subjects at high cardiovascular risk, better conformity with an FP that emphasized plant-derived foods was associated with a reduced risk of all-cause mortality. This trial was registered at www.controlled-trials.com as ISRCTN35739639. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2014;100(suppl):320S–8S.

analysis of 5 prospective studies (10). Subsequently, a meta-analysis of 7 cohort studies confirmed a lower cardiovascular mortality in vegetarians, but inconsistent results for the association between vegetarian diets and death from any cause were found (11). More recently, a 5-y follow-up of the Adventist Health Study 2 cohort showed an overall association of vegetarian dietary patterns with lower mortality (12). Most available comparisons between vegetarians and nonvegetarians relied on a single measurement of diet at baseline, but dietary patterns may change over time and the length of exposure to vegetarianism may account for heterogeneity between results from different cohorts (10, 13, 14). In a pooled analysis of 5 cohort studies, vegetarian diets were inversely associated with CAD mortality, but when vegetarians were subdivided according to whether or not they had followed their current diet for ≥ 5 y, the cardiovascular benefits were confined only to those who had been vegetarian for > 5 y (15).

Given that in most cultures the proportion of true vegetarians is low, it would be interesting to examine whether moderate or intermediate approaches to a predominantly plant-based FP relate

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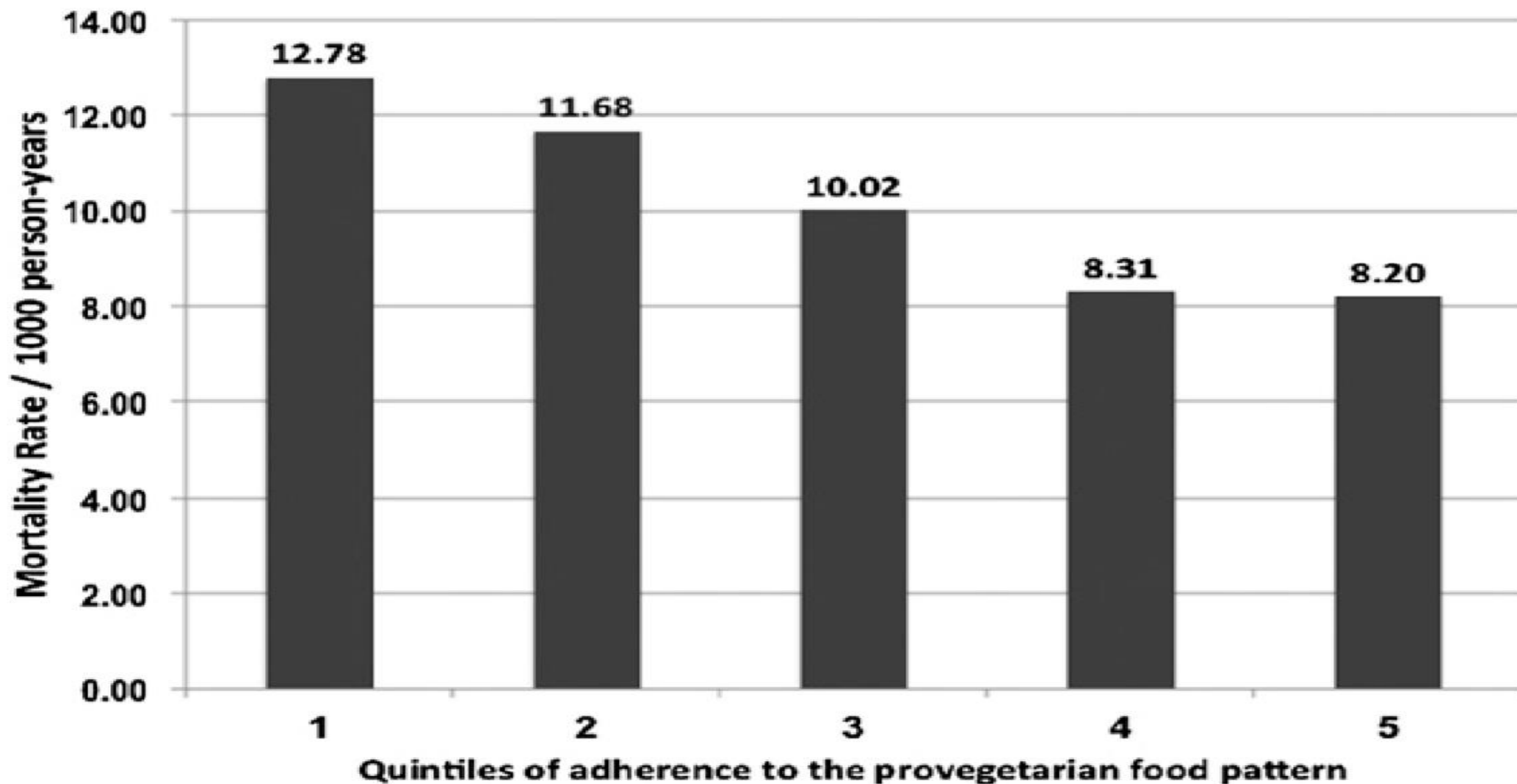


FIGURE 1. Absolute risk of death across baseline quintiles of the provegetarian food pattern: the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea trial, 2003–2010. Quintile score limits were as follows for quintiles 1–5: <33, 33–35, 36–37, 38–40, >40, respectively.

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Healthy Eating Patterns and Risk of Total and Cause-Specific Mortality

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Key Points

Question Is there an association between Dietary Guidelines for Americans–recommended dietary patterns with total and cause-specific mortality?

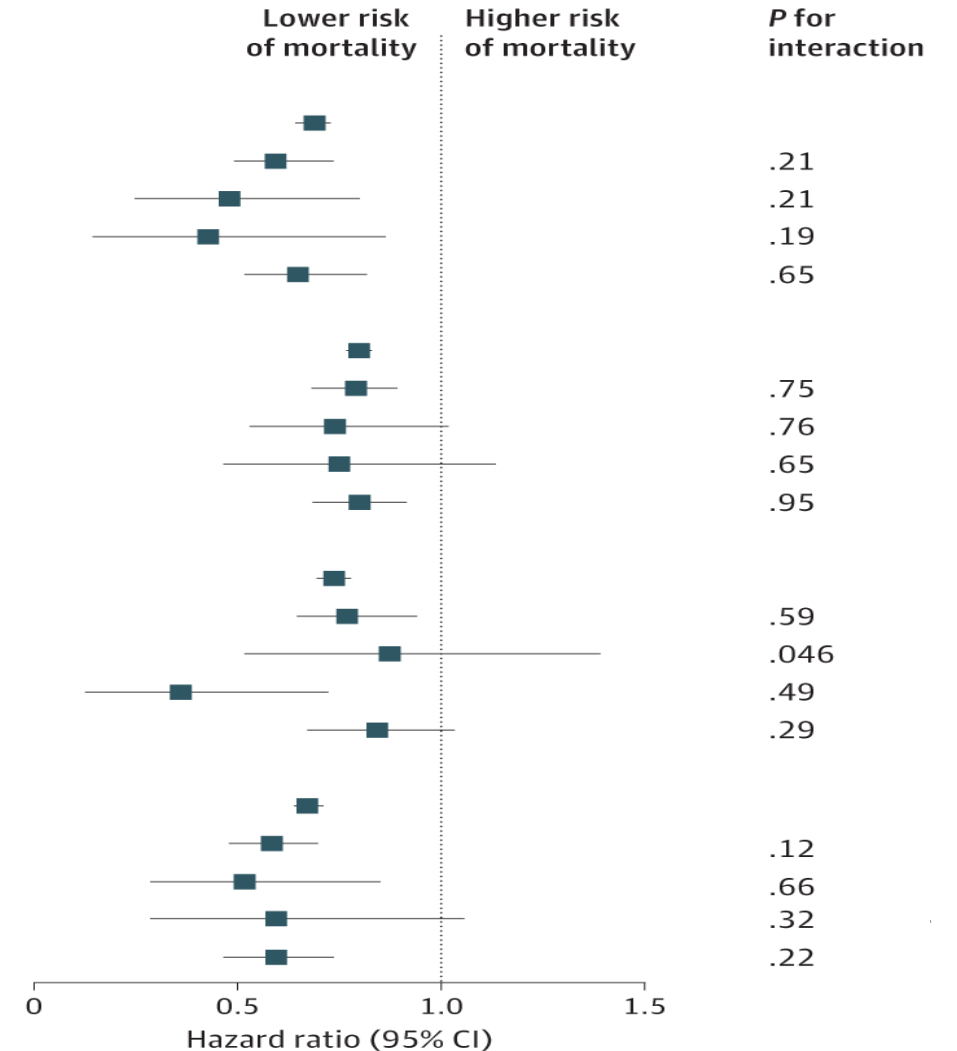
Findings In this cohort study of 75 230 women from the Nurses' Health Study (1984-2020) and 44 085 men from the Health Professionals Follow-Up Study (1986-2020), greater adherence to several healthy eating patterns was associated with a lower risk of death. These associations were consistent in different racial and ethnic groups, including Hispanic, non-Hispanic Black, and non-Hispanic White individuals.







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Healthy eating score, race and ethnicity	Cases/ person-years	Hazard ratio (95% CI)	Lower risk of mortality	Higher risk of mortality	P for interaction
HEI-2015					
Non-Hispanic White	29 291/2 197 702	0.75 (0.72-0.78)			
Racial and ethnic minority group	1972/145 442	0.68 (0.60-0.79)			.21
Hispanic	217/18 981	0.55 (0.33-0.89)			.21
Non-Hispanic Black	346/25 515	0.59 (0.41-0.84)			.19
Other	1409/100 946	0.72 (0.62-0.85)			.65
AMED					
Non-Hispanic White	29 291/2 197 702	0.84 (0.82-0.86)			
Racial and ethnic minority group	1972/145 442	0.83 (0.75-0.91)			.75
Hispanic	217/18 981	0.80 (0.58-1.10)			.76
Non-Hispanic Black	346/25 515	0.79 (0.63-1.01)			.65
Other	1409/100 946	0.84 (0.75-0.93)			.95
HPDI					
Non-Hispanic White	29 291/2 197 702	0.79 (0.76-0.82)			
Racial and ethnic minority group	1972/145 442	0.82 (0.72-0.95)			.59
Hispanic	217/18 981	0.50 (0.32-0.78)			.046
Non-Hispanic Black	346/25 515	0.90 (0.62-1.30)			.49
Other	1409/100 946	0.87 (0.74-1.02)			.29
AHEI					
Non-Hispanic White	29 291/2 197 702	0.74 (0.72-0.77)			
Racial and ethnic minority group	1972/145 442	0.67 (0.59-0.76)			.12
Hispanic	217/18 981	0.68 (0.44-1.04)			.66
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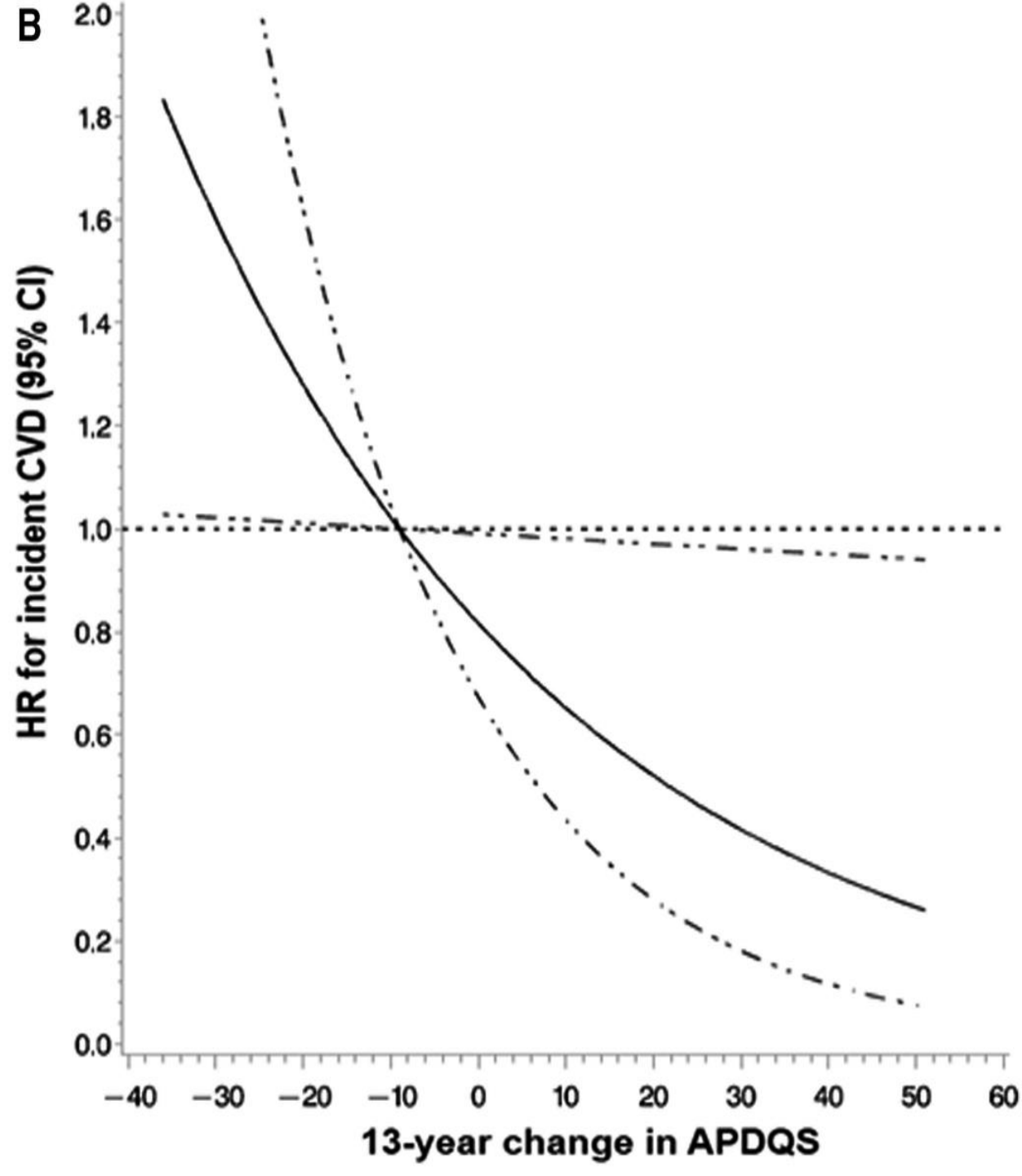
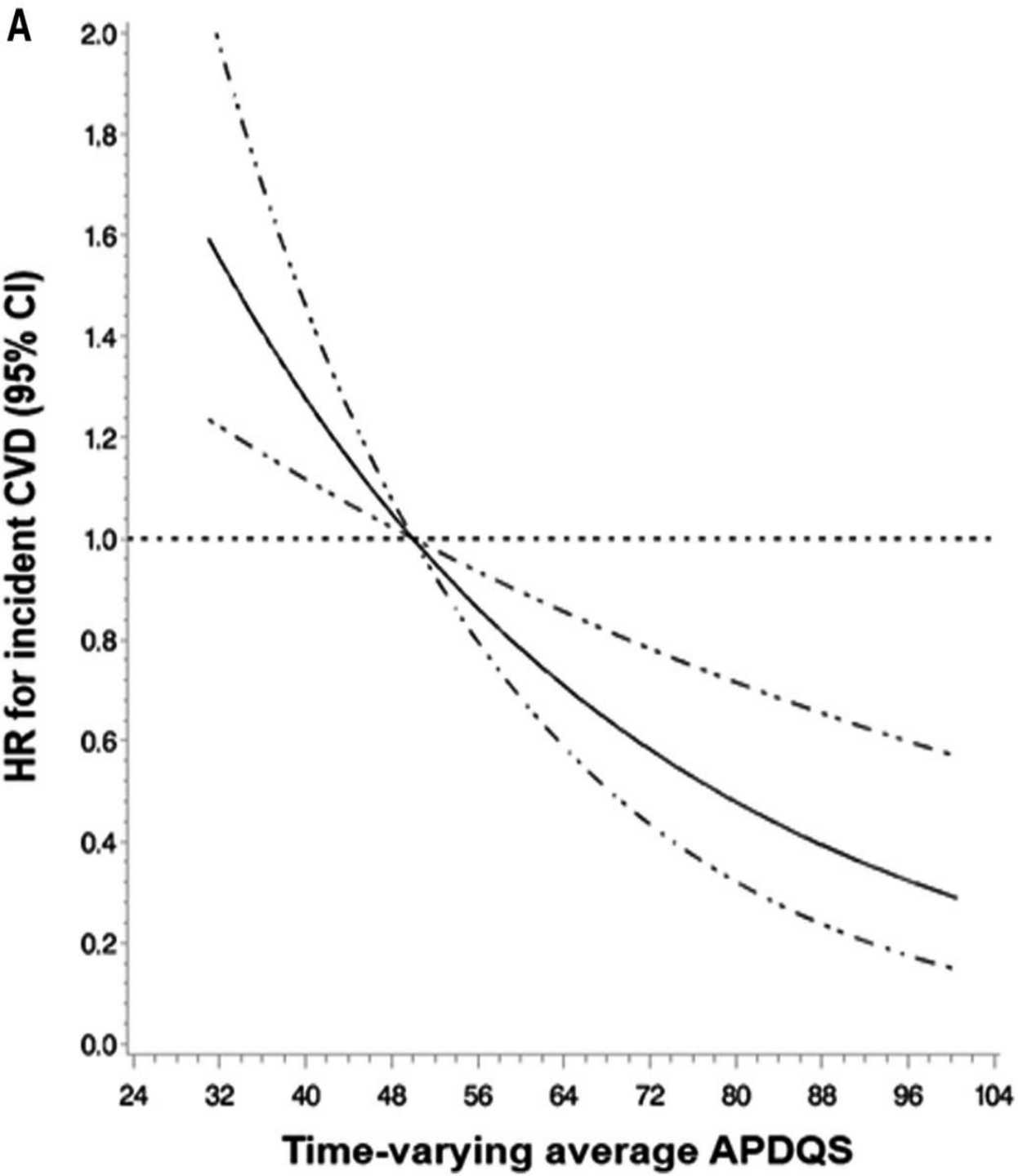


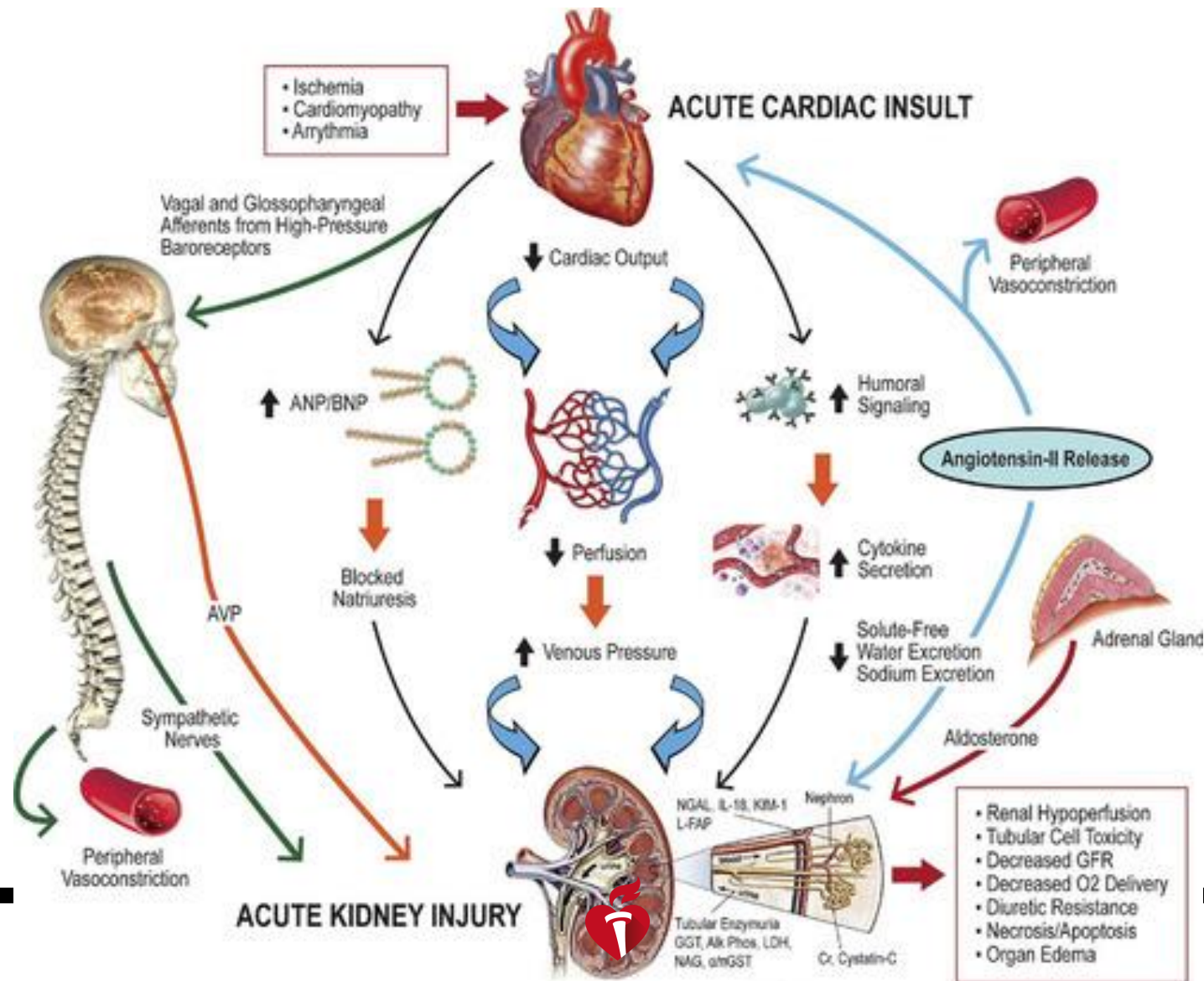
Plant-Centered Diet and Risk of Incident Cardiovascular Disease During Young to Middle Adulthood

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Background— The association between diets that focus on plant foods and restrict animal products and cardiovascular disease (CVD) is inconclusive. We investigated whether cumulative intake of a plant-centered diet and shifting toward such a diet are associated with incident CVD.

Methods and Results— Participants were 4946 adults in the CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults) prospective study. They were initially 18 to 30 years old and free of CVD (1985–1986, exam year [year 0]) and followed until 2018. Diet was assessed by an interviewer-administered, validated diet history. Plant-centered diet quality was assessed using the A Priori Diet





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RESEARCH

A prospective study of the risk of incident CKD in the highest tertile of plant protein consumption, OR of incident CKD in the highest tertile was 0.29 (95% confidence interval [95% CI] 0.15 to 0.55) with a significant trend (P for trend < 0.001).

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Abstract

Background:

issue. This study examined the association between plant protein intake with the risk of incident CKD.

Methods: This study was a prospective cohort study using the Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ). Total protein content, plant protein, and animal protein of each participant were calculated. Glomerular filtration rate (GFR) less than 60 mL / min / 1.73 m² has been considered as the definition of CKD. Odds Ratio (OR) was calculated using logistic regression to show the association between the risk of incident CKD and dietary exposures.

... After adjustment for confounders, compared with the lowest tertile of plant protein consumption, OR of incident CKD in the highest tertile was 0.29 (95% confidence interval [95% CI] 0.15 to 0.55) with a significant trend (P for trend < 0.001).

The results of this study confirmed an *inverse association between plant protein intake and the risk of incident CKD*, which demonstrates the protective role of plant-based protein in a diet on kidney function.

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“ . . . Within CKD subjects, higher (fourth versus first quartile) plasma *TMAO level was associated with a 2.8-fold* increased mortality risk . . . TMAO provided significant incremental prognostic value . . . Among non-CKD subjects, elevated TMAO levels portend poorer prognosis within cohorts of high and low cystatin C . . .

Plasma TMAO levels are both elevated in patients with CKD and portend *poorer long-term survival*. . . ”

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RATIONALE: Trimethylamine-*N*-oxide (TMAO), a gut microbial-dependent metabolite of dietary choline, phosphatidylcholine (lecithin), and L-carnitine, is elevated in chronic kidney diseases (CKD) and associated with coronary artery disease pathogenesis.

Current evidence suggests that promoting the *adoption of plant-based diets has few risks but potential benefits* for the primary prevention of CKD, as well as for delaying progression in patients with CKD G3–5. These diets might also help to *manage and prevent some of the symptoms and metabolic complications of CKD*. We suggest that restriction of plant foods as a strategy to prevent hyperkalaemia or undernutrition should be individualized to avoid depriving patients with CKD of these potential beneficial effects of plant-based diets.

diet. Plant nutrients and plant-based diets could have beneficial effects in patients with CKD:

increased fibre intake shifts the gut microbiota towards reduced production of uraemic



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The study included 85 CKD 3b-4 stages G3b-4 patients, compliant to LPD (0.6 g of protein/kg of body weight) + KA (1



PLANT-BASED DIET AND KIDNEY HEALTH

Eating more plant-based foods such as vegetables and grains in place of animal-based foods such as red meat may help prevent and slow the progression of chronic kidney disease, Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.



The Benefits of Plant-Based Diets on Kidney Health

Studies show that eating whole grains, nuts, fruits and vegetables is one of the most important ways to keep kidneys healthy.

- [The Right Foods Help Keep You Healthy and Fight Chronic Disease](#)
- [Plant Based Diets Help Prevent Kidney](#)

A Guide to Plant-Based Diets

Starting a plant-based diet does not mean that you need to become a vegetarian and cut all sources of animal protein from your diet.

- [What is a Plant-Based Diet, and Is It Good for Your Kidneys?](#)
- [The Beginner's Guide to Starting a Plant-Based Diet](#)

The Role of Plant-Based Diets for Patients With Kidney Disease

With guidance from a registered dietitian nutritionist (RDN), a carefully planned plant-based diet may be helpful in the setting of kidney disease, depending on a patient's specific needs.

- [How Much Plant Based Protein Can You](#)

“Do we have the guts to go vegan?”

The gut microbiome may play a role in COVID-19 severity, a lab study suggested.



Original research

Gut microbiota composition reflects disease severity

“Associations between gut microbiota composition, levels of *cytokines and inflammatory markers* in patients with COVID-19 suggest that the gut microbiome is involved in the magnitude of COVID-19 severity possibly via modulating host immune responses. Furthermore, the gut microbiota dysbiosis after disease resolution could contribute to, highlighting a need to understand how gut *microorganisms are involved in inflammation and COVID-19.*”

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suggesting that the GI tract is involved in this disease.
We investigated whether the gut microbiome is linked to disease severity in patients with COVID-19, and whether perturbations in microbiome composition, if any, resolve with clearance of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Methods In this two-hospital cohort study we

what is already known on this subject

- ▶ SARS-CoV-2 primarily infects the respiratory tract, however, pathophysiology of COVID-19 can be attributed to aberrant immune responses in clearing the virus.
- ▶ Several lines of evidence such as replication of

Plant-based diets, pescatarian diets and COVID-19 severity: a population-based case-control study in six countries

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ABSTRACT

Background Several studies have hypothesised that dietary habits may play an important role in COVID-19 infection, severity of symptoms, and duration of illness. However, no previous studies have investigated the association between dietary patterns and COVID-19.

Methods Healthcare workers (HCWs) from six countries (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK, USA) with substantial exposure to COVID-19 patients completed a web-based survey from 17 July to 25 September 2020. Participants provided information on demographic characteristics, dietary information, and COVID-19 outcomes. We used multivariable logistic regression models to evaluate the association between self-reported diets and COVID-19

What this paper adds

- In 2884 front-line healthcare workers from six countries (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK, USA), individuals who reported following plant-based diets and plant-based diets or pescatarian diets that were higher in vegetables, legumes and nuts, and lower in poultry and red and processed meats, had 73% and 59% lower odds of moderate-to-severe COVID-19, respectively.
- Plant-based diets or pescatarian diets are healthy dietary patterns, which may be considered for protection against severe COVID-19.



There were 568 COVID-19 cases and 2316 controls. Among the 568 cases, 138 individuals had moderate-to-severe COVID-19 severity . . . participants who reported following ‘plant-based diets’ and ‘plant-based diets or pescatarian diets’ had 73% (OR 0.27, 95% CI 0.10 to 0.81) and 59% (OR 0.41, 95% CI 0.17 to 0.99) lower odds of moderate-to-severe COVID-19 severity . . . those who reported *following ‘low carbohydrate, high protein diets’ had greater odds of moderate-to-severe COVID-19 (OR 3.86, 95% CI 1.13 to 13.24).*

Odds Ratio (95% CI)

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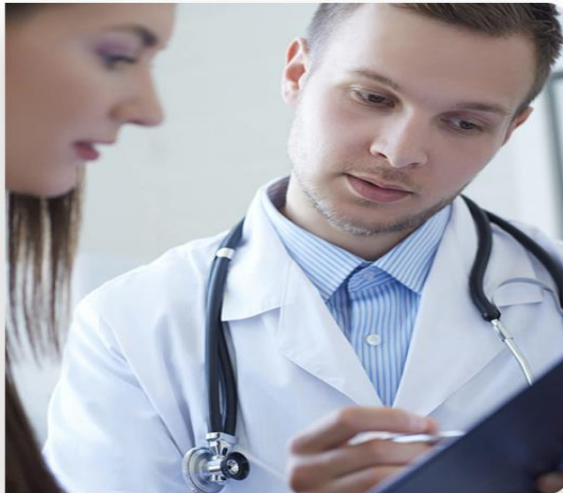
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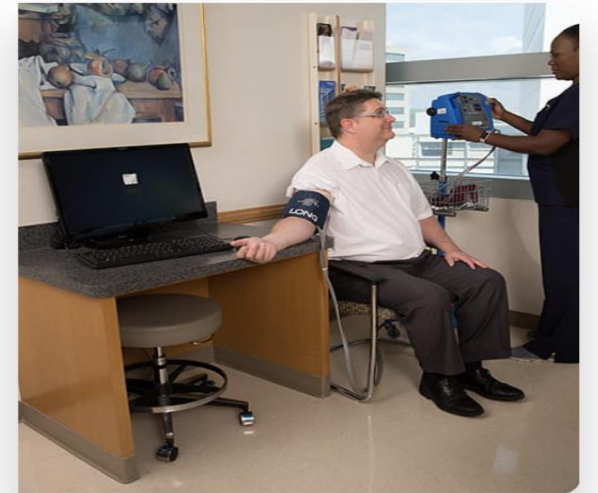
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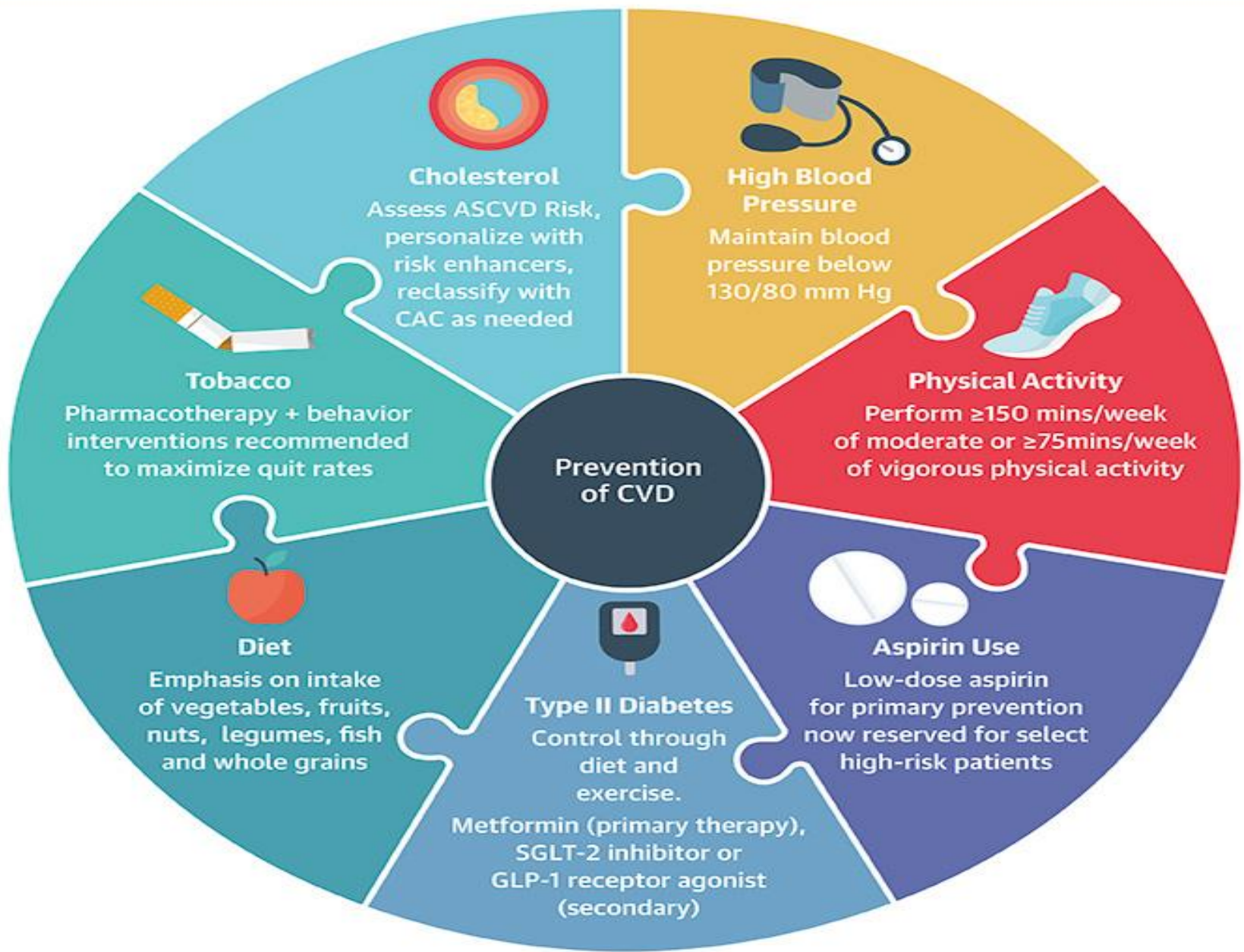


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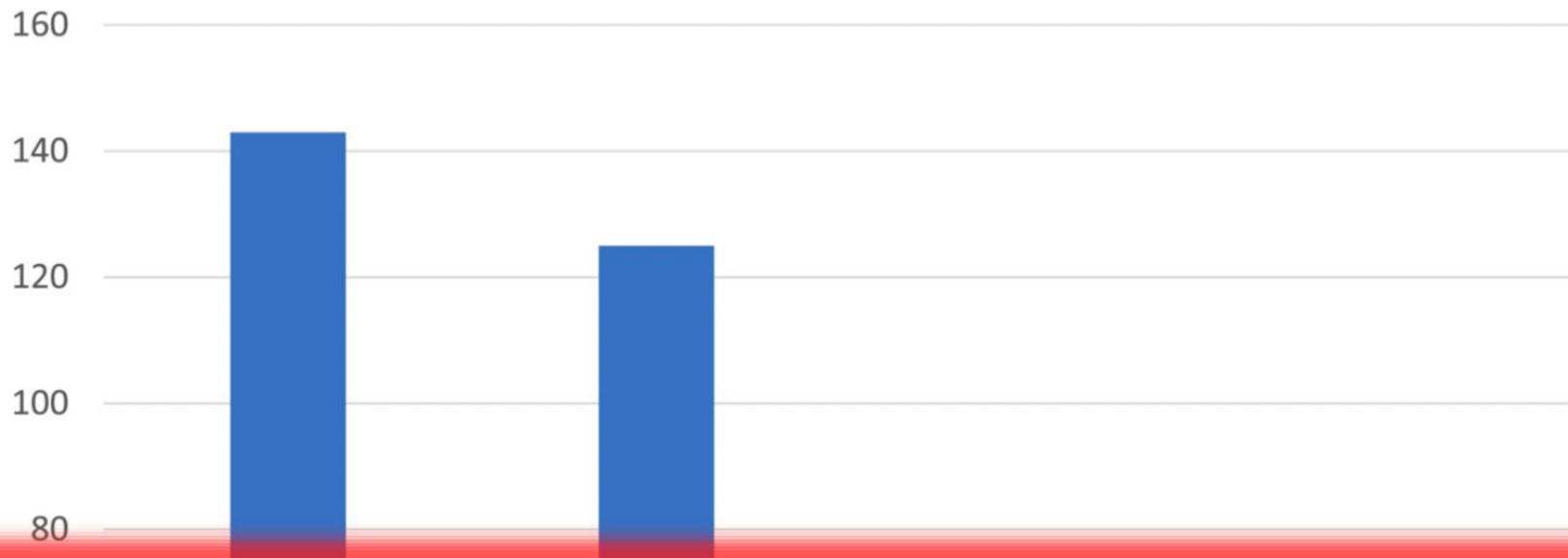


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Primary Prevention: Lifestyle Changes and Team-Based Care







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Figure 1. Deaths per 1000 cases, smallpox epidemics in Boston, MA, in 1721, 1730, 1752, and 1764. Data from Blake, 1953.⁷

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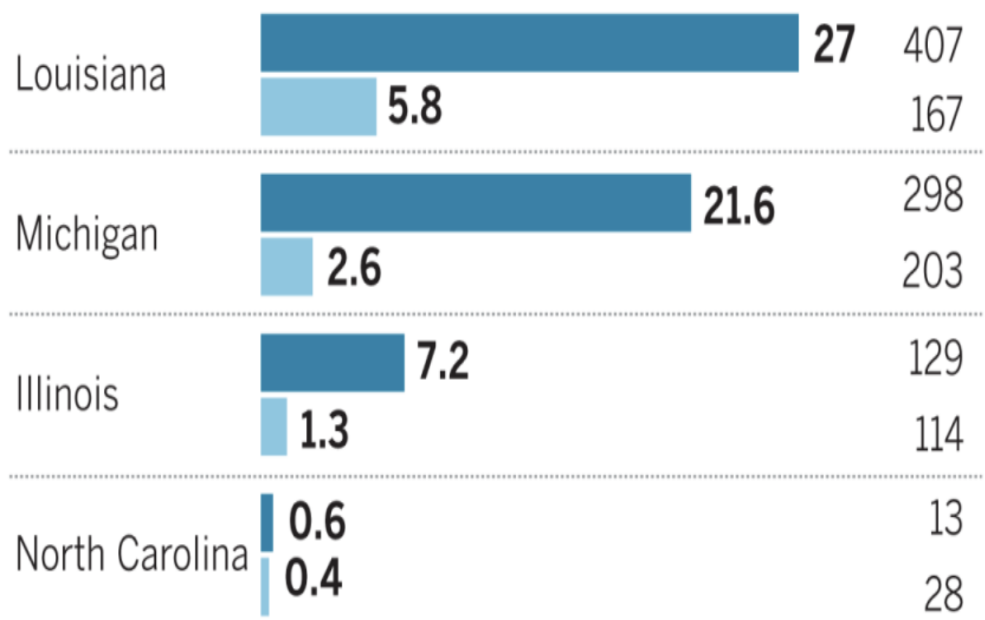
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Coronavirus deaths and race

COVID-19 is disproportionately killing black Americans, according to data released by several states.

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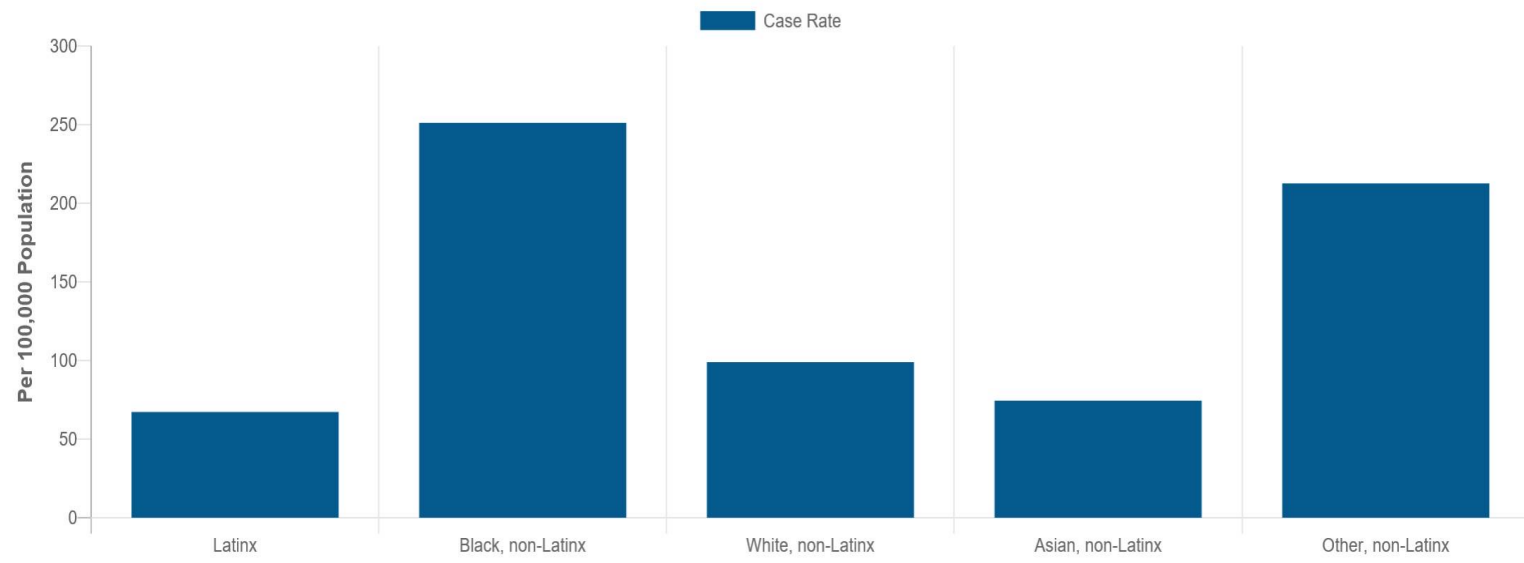


Death totals as of Tuesday afternoon.
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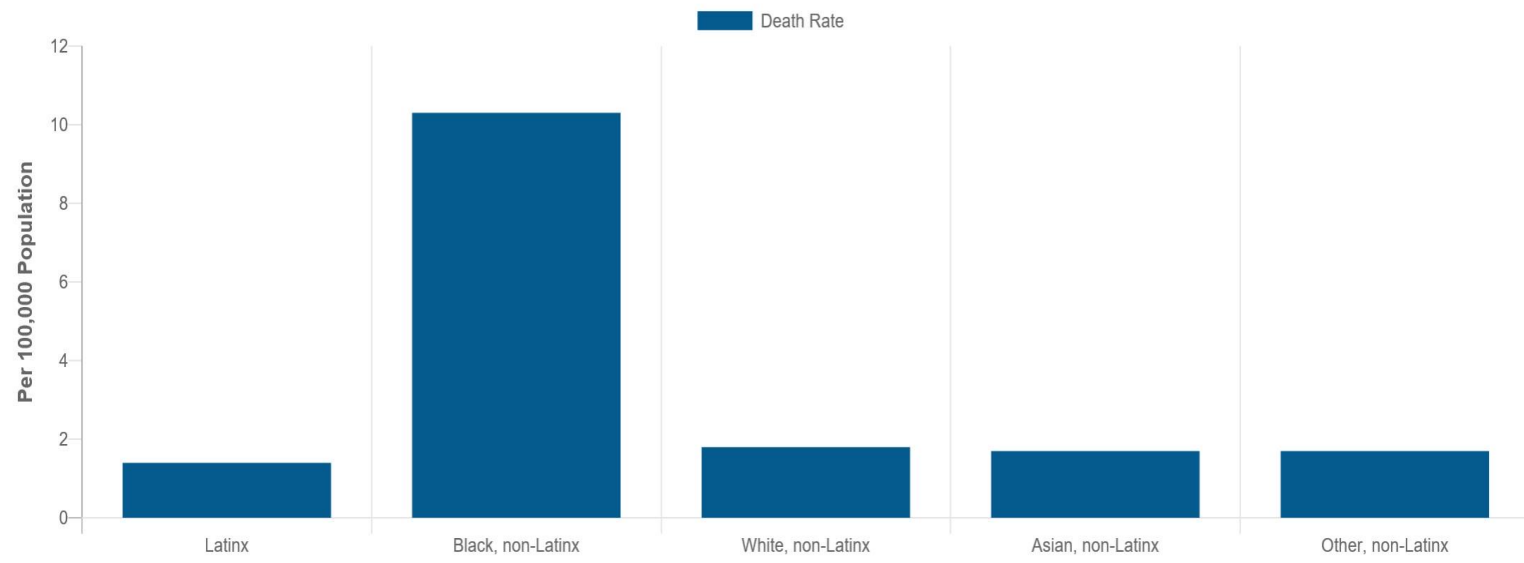
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COVID-19 Case rates by race-ethnicity through April 6, 2020 among Chicago residents



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COVID-19 Death rates by race-ethnicity through April 6, 2020 among Chicago residents



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Special Article

Hospitalization and Mortality among Black Patients and White Patients with Covid-19

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Conclusions

- In a large cohort in Louisiana, 76.9% of the patients who were hospitalized with Covid-19 and 70.6% of those who died were black, whereas blacks comprise only 31% of the Ochsner Health population.
- Black race was not associated with higher in-hospital mortality than white race, after adjustment for differences in sociodemographic and clinical characteristics on admission.





REALITY

One gets **more than** is needed, while the other gets **less than** is needed. Thus, a huge disparity is created.



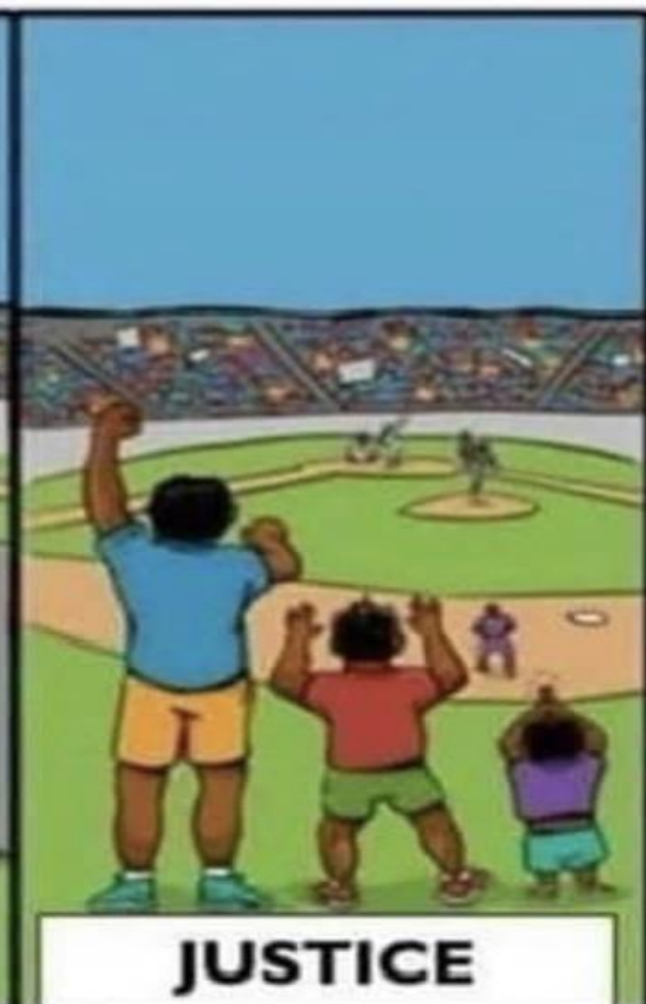
EQUALITY

The assumption is that **everyone benefits** from the same supports. This is considered to be equal treatment.



EQUITY

Everyone gets the support they need, which produces equity.



JUSTICE

All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because **the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed**. The systemic barrier has been removed.

Recommendations for Nutrition and Diet

COR	LOE	Recommendations
I	B-R	1. A diet emphasizing intake of vegetables, fruits, legumes, nuts, whole grains, and fish is recommended to decrease ASCVD risk factors.
IIa	B-NR	2. Replacement of saturated fat with dietary monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats can be beneficial to reduce ASCVD risk.
IIa	B-NR	3. A diet containing reduced amounts of cholesterol and sodium can be beneficial to decrease ASCVD risk.

Recommendations for Nutrition and Diet

COR	LOE	Recommendations
IIa	B-NR	4. As a part of a healthy diet, it is reasonable to minimize the intake of processed meats, refined carbohydrates, and sweetened beverages to reduce ASCVD risk.
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Vegetarian diets and cardiovascular risk factors in black

Compared with non-vegetarians, the vegetarian/vegans:

- Hypertension: 56%
- Diabetes mellitus: 48%
- Hyperlipidemia: 42%
- Elevated LDL-cholesterol: 54%

Results for pesco-vegetarians did not differ significantly from those of non-vegetarians for other variables.

Design: A cross-sectional analysis of a sub-set of 592 black women and men enrolled in the Adventist Health Study-2 (AHS-2) cohort of Seventh-day Adventists.

Setting: Members of the AHS-2 cohort, who lived in all states of the USA and provinces of Canada.

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Results: Significant reductions were observed for serum Lp(a) (-32.0 ± 52.3 nmol/L, $P = 0.003$), apolipoprotein B (-13.2 ± 18.3 mg/dL, $P < 0.0005$), low-density lipoprotein (LDL) particles (-304.8 ± 363.0 nmol/L, $P < 0.0005$) and small-dense LDL cholesterol (-10.0 ± 9.2 mg/dL, $P < 0.0005$). Additionally, serum interleukin-6 (IL-6), total white blood cells, lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2 (Lp-PLA2), high-sensitivity c-reactive protein (hs-CRP), and fibrinogen were significantly reduced ($P \leq 0.004$).

method in accordance with a food-classification system. Participants consumed raw fruits, vegetables, seeds, and avocado. All animal products were excluded from the diet. Participant

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CLINICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Consumption of a defined, plant-based diet reduces lipoprotein(a), inflammation, and other atherogenic lipoproteins and particles within 4 weeks

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Background: Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] is a highly atherogenic lipoprotein and is minimally effected by lifestyle changes. While some drugs can reduce Lp(a), diet has not consistently shown definitive reduction of this biomarker. The effect of consuming a plant-based diet on serum Lp(a) concentrations have not been previously evaluated.

Hypothesis: Consumption of a defined, plant-based for 4 weeks reduces Lp(a).

Methods: Secondary analysis of a previous trial was conducted, in which overweight and obese individuals ($n = 31$) with low-density lipoprotein cholesterol concentrations >100 mg/dL consumed a defined, plant-based diet for 4 weeks. Baseline and 4-week labs were collected. Data were analyzed using a paired samples t -test.



Results: Significant reductions were observed for systolic (-16.6 mmHg) and diastolic (-9.1 mmHg) **blood pressure** ($P < 0.0005$), **serum lipids** ($P \leq 0.008$), and total **medication usage** ($P < 0.0005$). Other CVD risk factors, including weight ($P < 0.0005$), **waist circumference** ($P < 0.0005$), heart rate ($P = 0.018$), insulin ($P < 0.0005$), glycated hemoglobin ($P = 0.002$), and **high-sensitivity C-reactive protein** ($P = 0.001$) were also reduced.

At-Risk Nutrition Intervention





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Nutrition Intervention for Reduction of Cardiovascular Risk in African Americans Using the 2019 American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Primary

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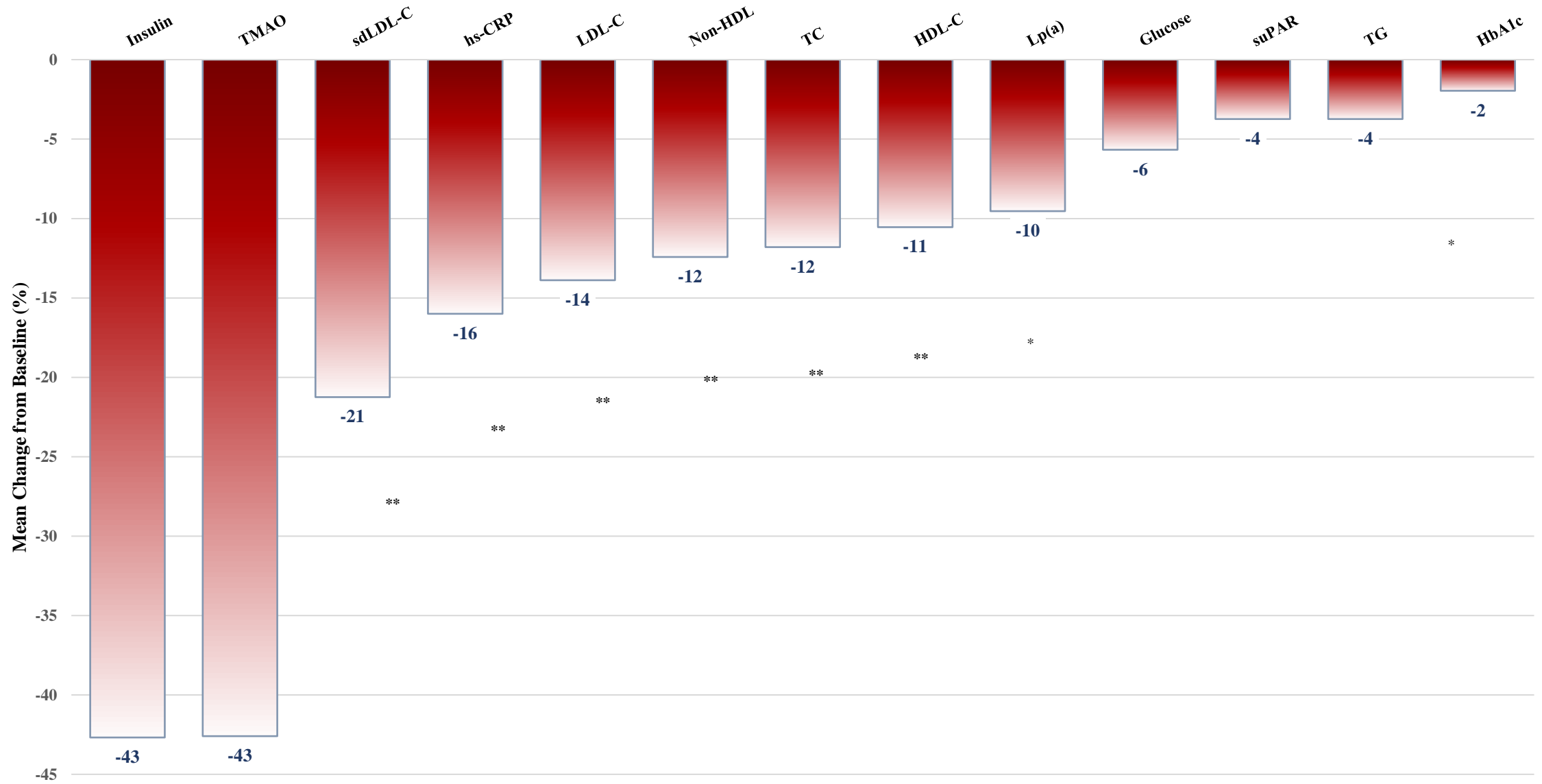
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“... In this prospective *5-week non-dairy vegetarian nutrition intervention* with good adherence consistent with the 2019 ACC/AHA Guidelines in an at-risk AA population, *markers of cardiovascular risk, cardiometabolism, and body weight were significantly reduced, including obesity, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDLc) density, LP(a), inflammation, and ingestion of substrates mediating production of trimethylamine-N-oxide (TMAO)*. . . This induced a significant decrease in the 10-year ASCVD risk in this AA cohort. If widely adopted, this could dramatically reduce and possibly eradicate, the racial disparity in ASCVD events and mortality, if *19% of the 21% increase is eliminated by this lifestyle change*. . . .”

Risk Factor Lowering with Plant-Based Nutrition Intervention



H.E.A.R.T. LENS

- A 5-week non-dairy vegetarian intervention (ACC/AHA Guidelines) in an at-risk AA population
- Completion was high (44/53, 88%), adherence was excellent (93%)
- Markers of cardiometabolic risk and body weight were significantly reduced (440 pounds)

H.E.A.R.T. LENS

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Mediators and markers of CVD risk were improved:

- *lipid fractions, LDL density, Lp(a), inflammation, and TMAO*
- *hs-CRP and suPAR, were not lowered consistently*

Significant decrease in the 10-year ASCVD risk in this AA cohort, eliminating **19% of the 21%** increase in AA adults

SIMPLE, DELICIOUS RECIPES YOU CAN MAKE TO HELP KEEP YOUR HEART HEALTHY!



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The Best Method for Prevention

Heart disease, kidney disease and stroke mortality are increasing, driven by diet, exercise and lifestyle choices, mediated by a risk conferred by the microbiome. Poor nutrition promotes health inequities, ethnic disparities and exorbitant healthcare costs.

Whole food plant-based diets reduce all risk CV factors, including LDLc, hs-CRP and TMAO, as well as lowering obesity, hypertension, hyperlipidemia and diabetes, and increasing quality of life and longer life-expectancy, as well as less *peripheral artery disease, coronary disease, myocardial infarction, erectile dysfunction, heart failure, chronic kidney disease, stroke and death, much of which is mediated by the microbiome.*

Prevention in cardiology mandates risk factor reduction, whenever and wherever possible by improving our microbiome to reduce mortality associated with nutrition-related illnesses.