

Food as Medicine

**Nutrition to Prevent
Chronic Disease**

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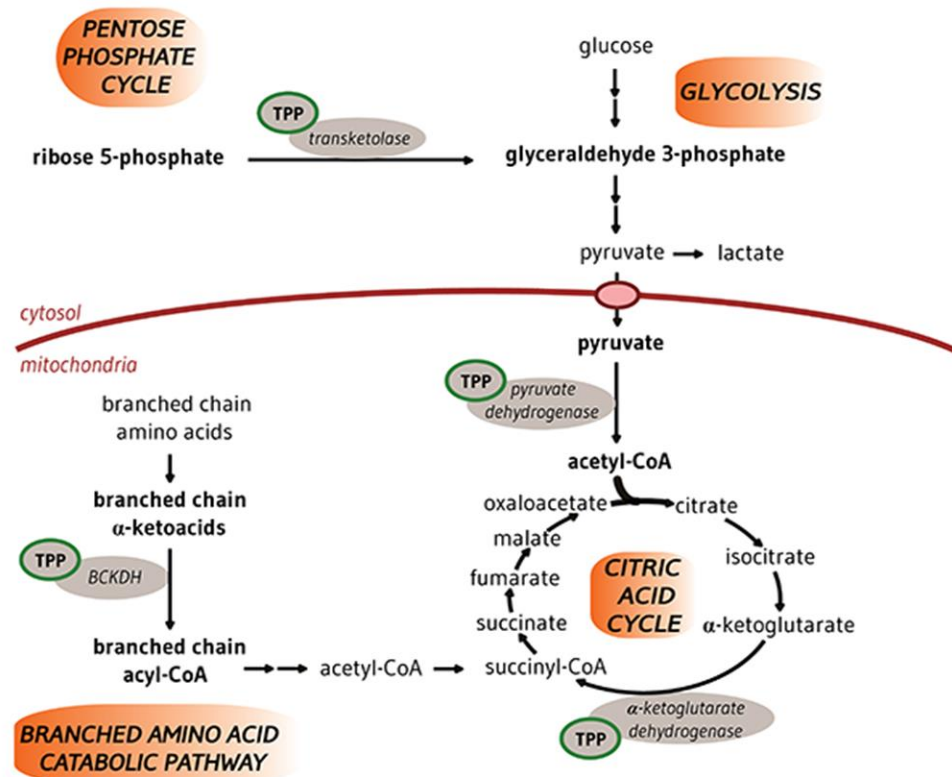


John 10:10

- **“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”**



Figure 1. Metabolic Pathways Requiring Thiamin Pyrophosphate



BCKDH, branched chain α -ketoacid dehydrogenase complex; CoA, coenzyme A; TPP, thiamin pyrophosphate.

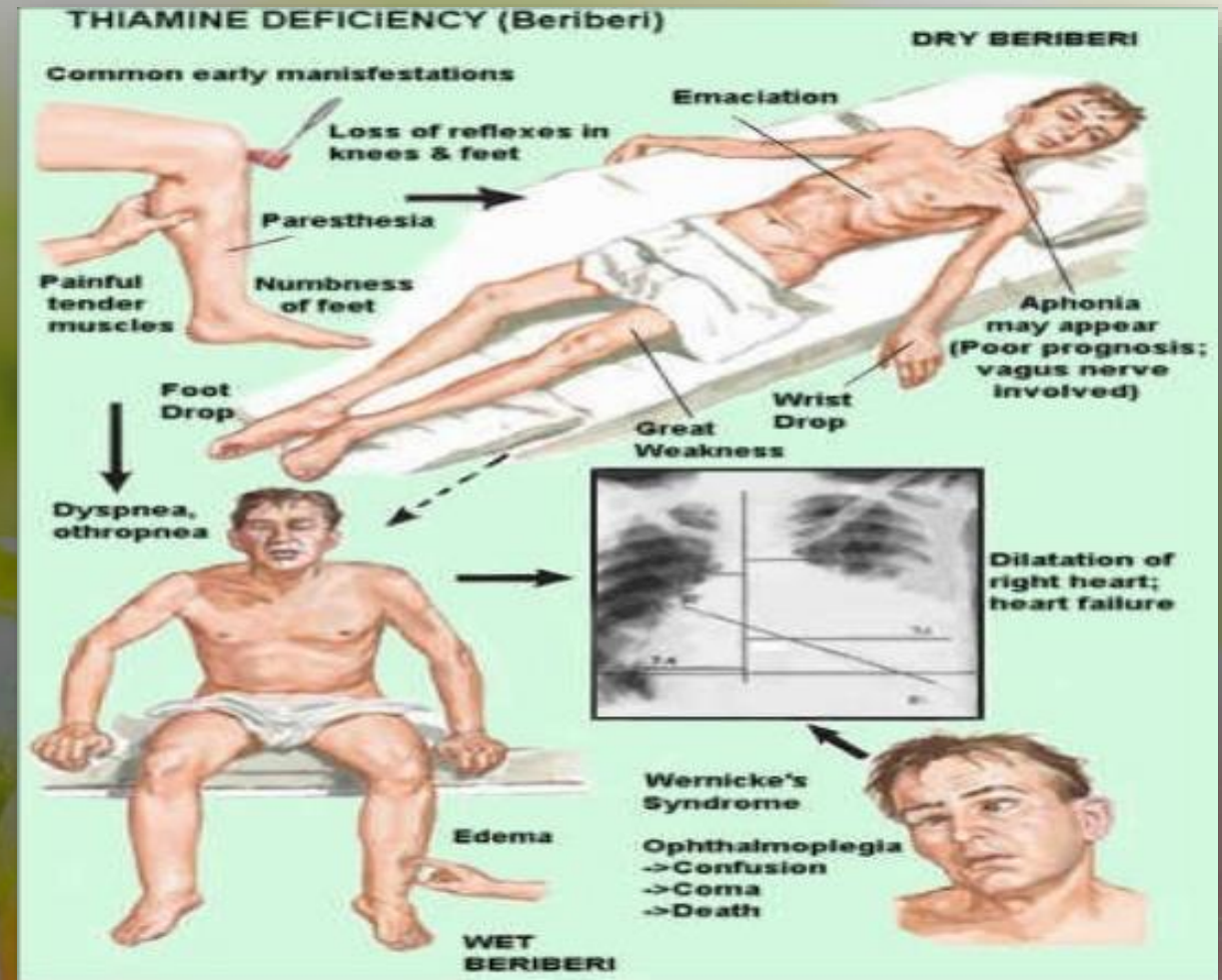
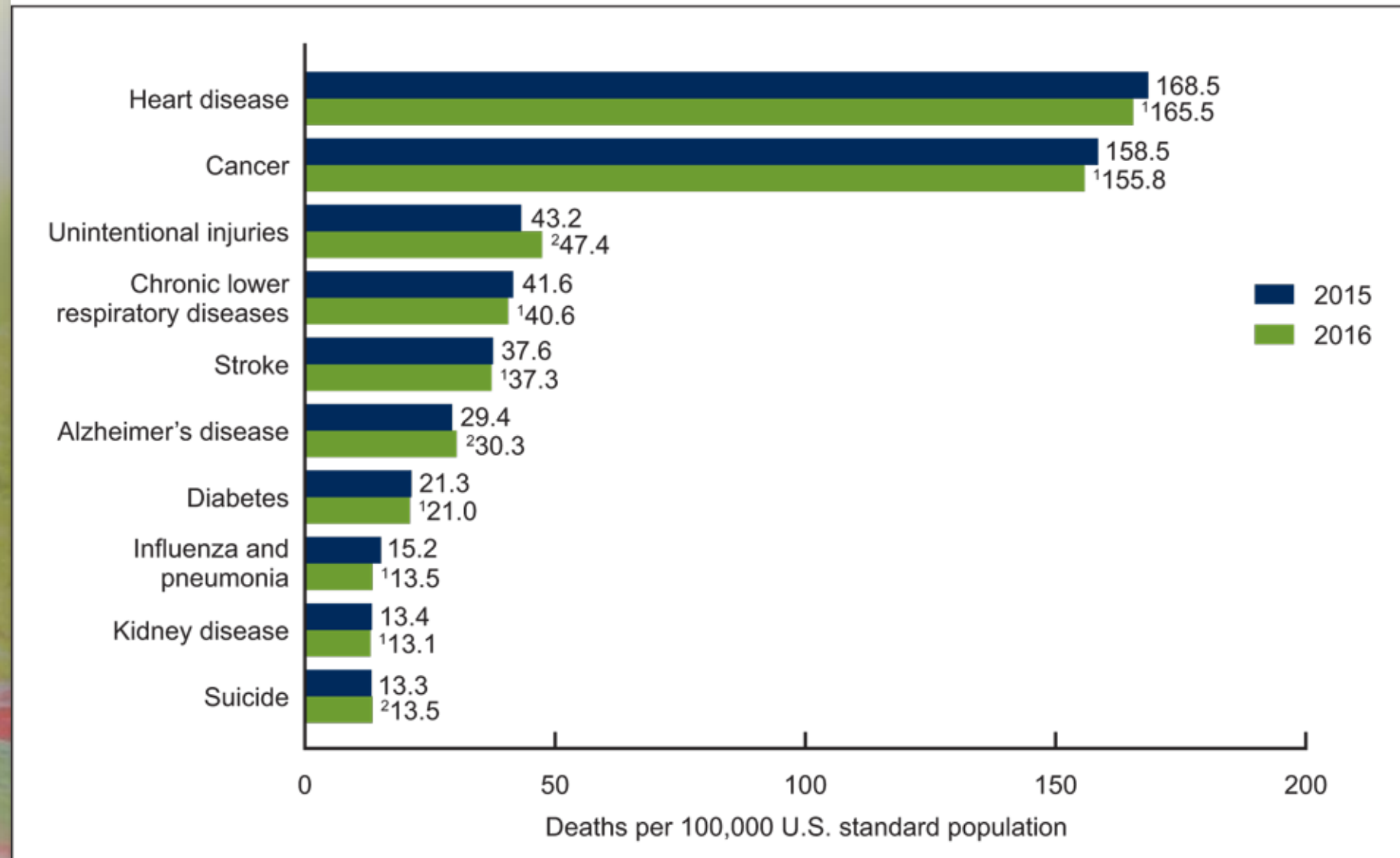


Figure 4. Age-adjusted death rates for the 10 leading causes of death in 2016: United States, 2015 and 2016



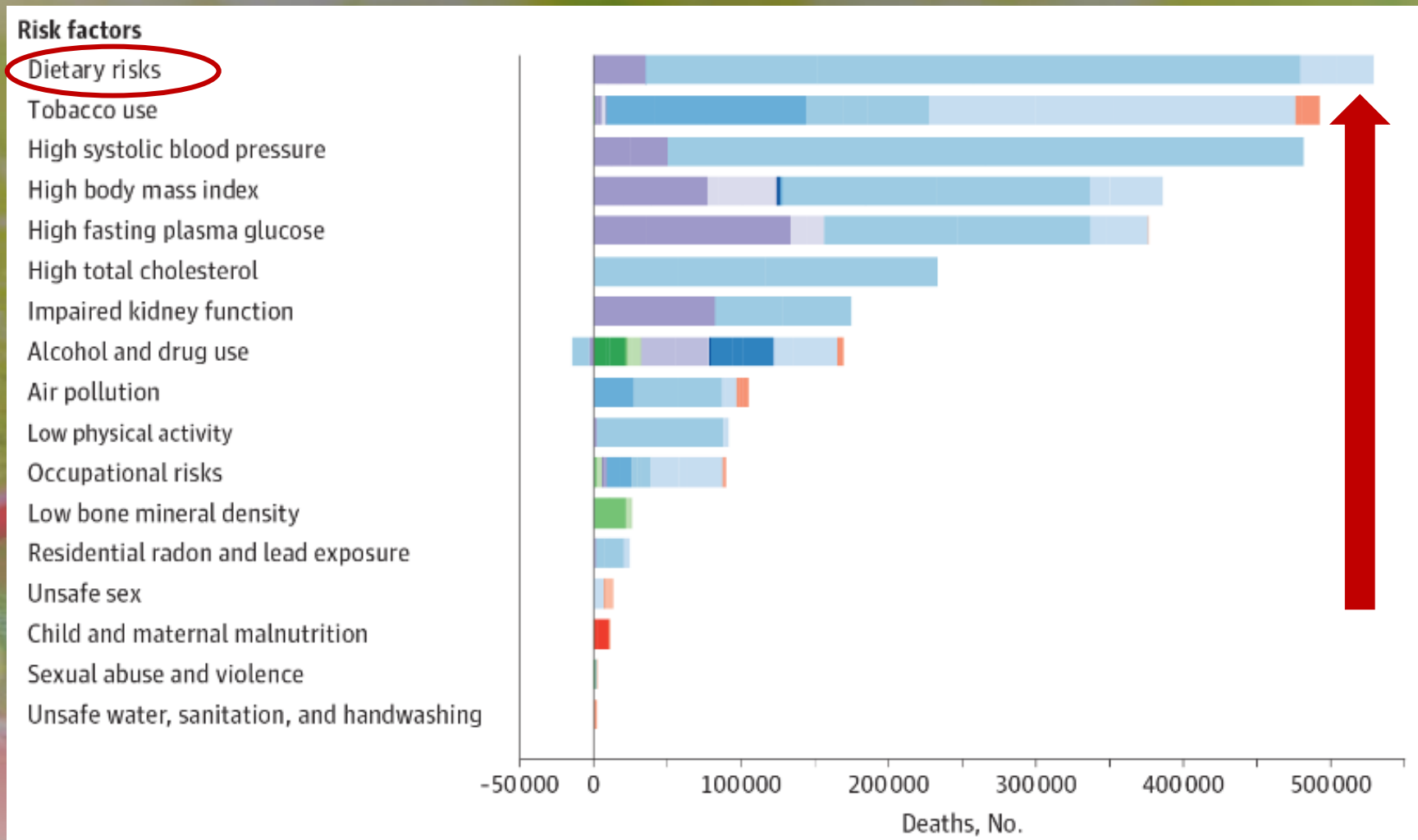
¹Statistically significant decrease in age-adjusted death rate from 2015 to 2016 ($p < 0.05$).

²Statistically significant increase in age-adjusted death rate from 2015 to 2016 ($p < 0.05$).

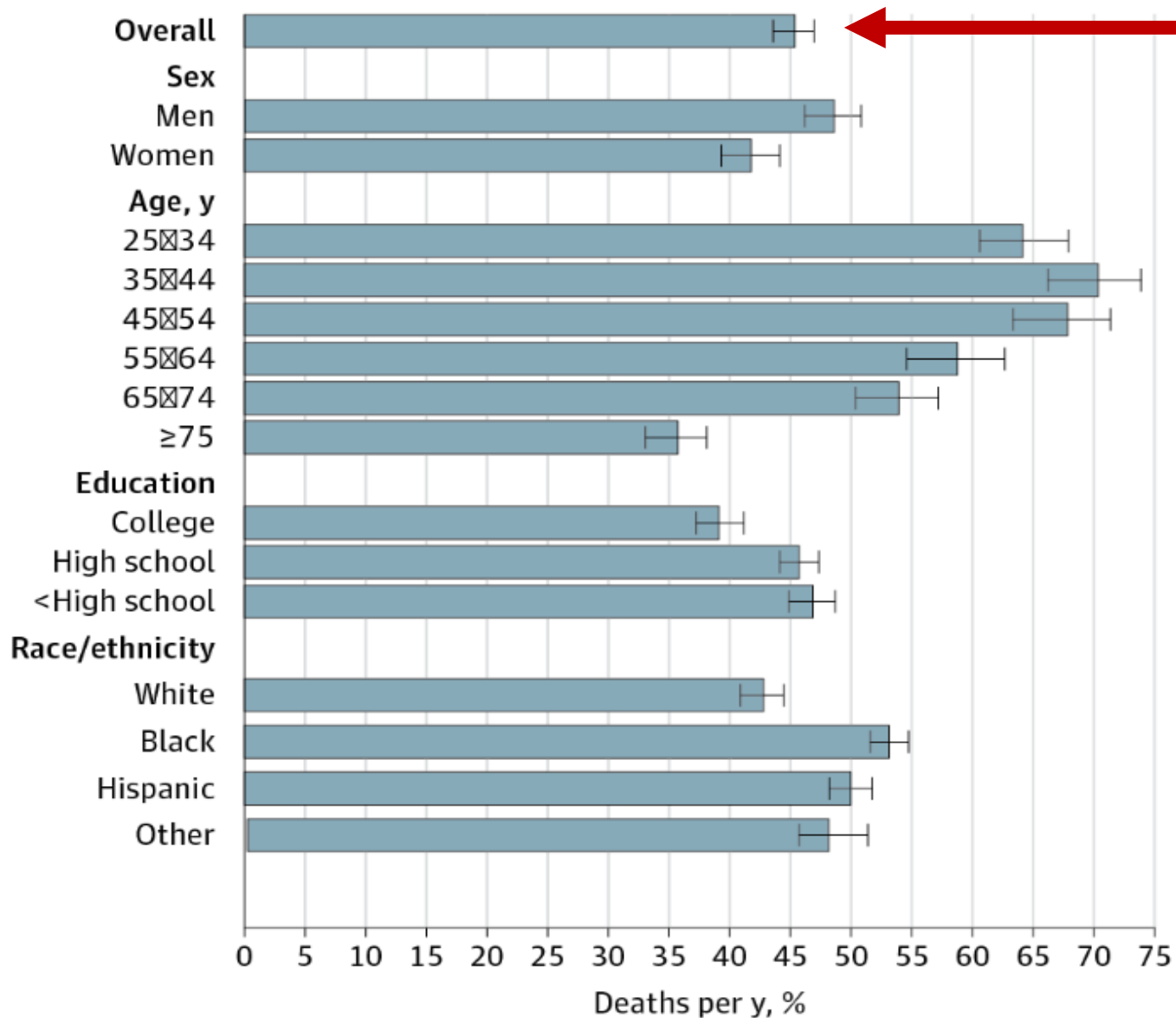
NOTES: A total of 2,744,248 resident deaths were registered in the United States in 2016. The 10 leading causes accounted for 74.1% of all deaths in the United States in 2016. Rankings for 2015 data are not shown. Causes of death are ranked according to number of deaths. Access data table for Figure 4 at: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db293_table.pdf#4.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Vital Statistics System, Mortality.

Risk Factors for Chronic Disease Deaths



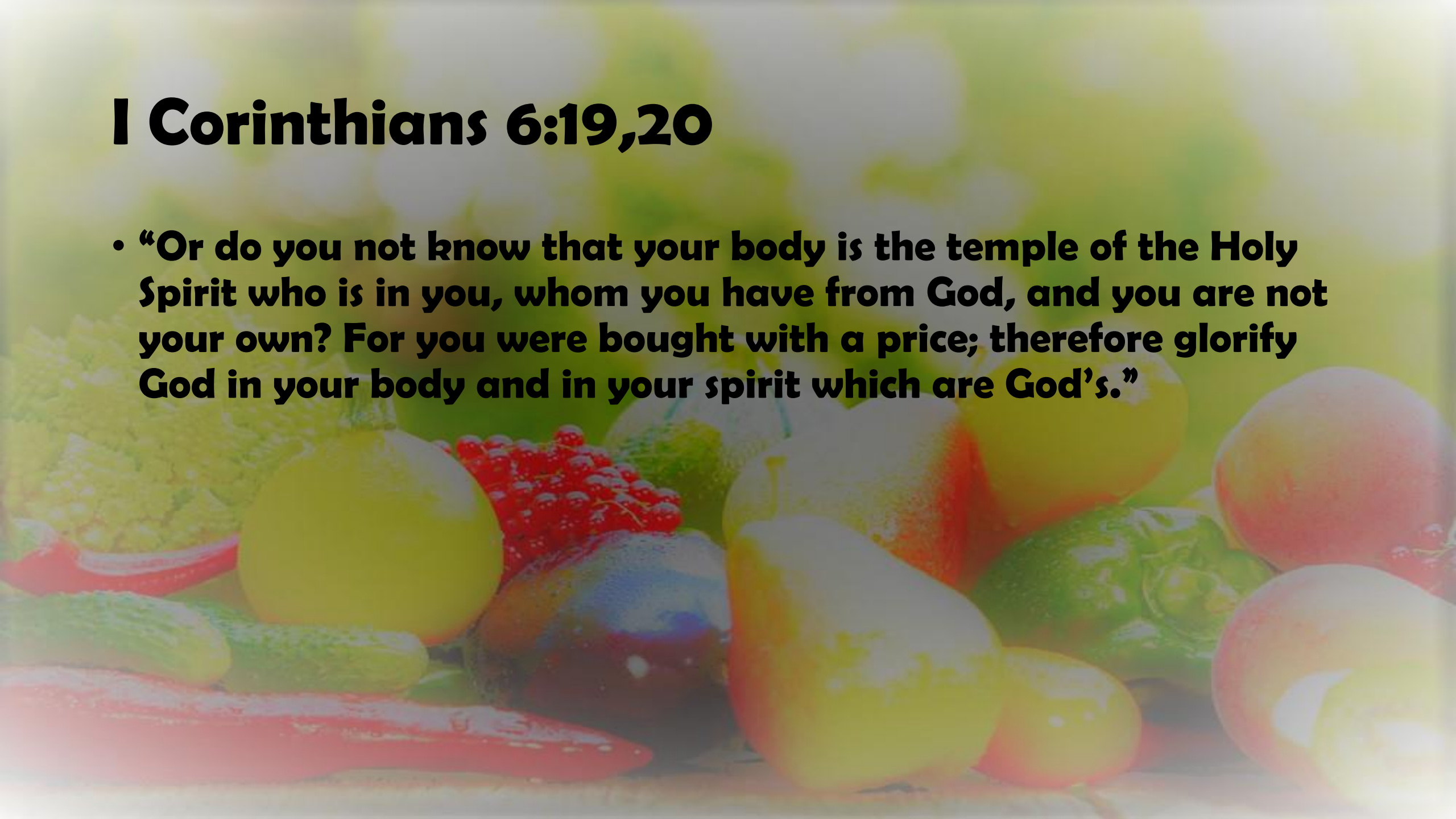
Proportional cardiometabolic mortality attributable to overall suboptimal diet in the United States in 2012



45% of deaths due to heart disease, stroke, & diabetes are directly caused by poor diet.

I Corinthians 6:19,20

- **“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God’s.”**





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

What I'll Cover

- **Consensus views on nutrition**
- **What do Americans eat?**
- **CV disease, insulin resistance, cancer, & obesity: what does the science suggest we should eat?**
- **Key points about macronutrients (carbs, fats, protein)**

Making sense of Nutrition Studies: What does the overall skyline show?





Healthful

Whole Grains

Legumes

Fruits

Vegetables

Nuts

Seeds

Debatable

Poultry

Eggs

Dairy

Fish

Unhealthy

Processed meat

Red meat

Added sugar

Refined grains

Ultraprocessed foods

Healthful

Debatable

Unhealthy

Whole
Legumes
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Vegetables
Nuts
Seeds

Any meat that has been cured, smoked, fermented, or added preservatives.

Bacon, hot dogs, bologna, sausage, salami, pepperoni, ham, cold cuts, deli slices, chicken nuggets

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Beef, pork, lamb, goat,
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Whole grains that have been
stripped of most fiber and
nutrients.

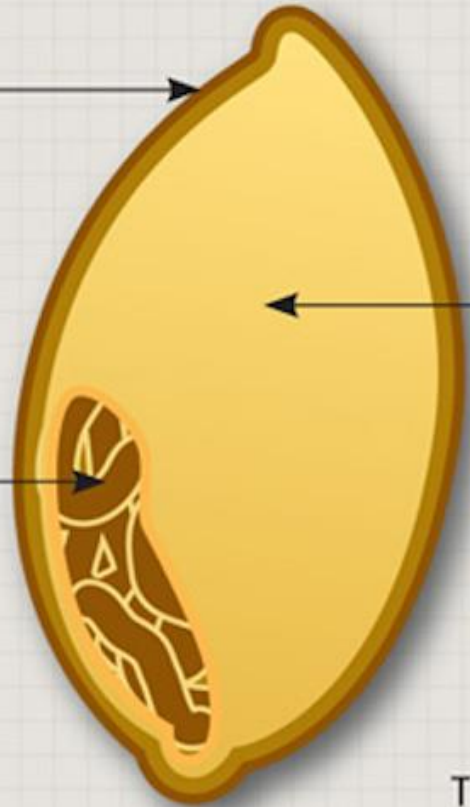
Anatomy of a grain

Bran: protects the seed

- Fibre
- B vitamins
- Minerals

Germ: nourishment for the seed

- B vitamins
- Vitamin E
- Minerals
- Phytochemicals



Endosperm: energy for the seed

- Carbohydrates
- Some protein
- Some B vitamins

The bran and germ are removed when wholegrains are refined.

Whole Grains:

Whole wheat

Oats

Rye

Corn

Brown rice

Barley

Kamut

Spelt

Millet

Teff

Wild rice

Pseudograins:

Quinoa

Amaranth

Buckwheat

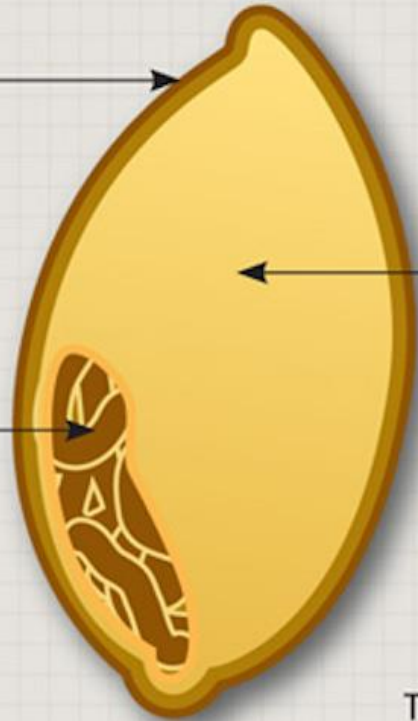
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Refined Grain
Lose 80% of fiber & nutrients

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Teff

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INGREDIENTS: UNBLEACHED ENRICHED WHEAT FLOUR [FLOUR, MALTED BARLEY FLOUR, REDUCED IRON, NIACIN, THIAMIN MONONITRATE (VITAMIN B1), RIBOFLAVIN (VITAMIN B2), FOLIC ACID], WATER, SUGAR, YEAST, SOYBEAN OIL, SALT, MONOGLYCERIDES, CALCIUM PROPIONATE (PRESERVATIVE), DATEM, CALCIUM SULFATE, NATURAL FLAVOR, SOY LECITHIN, CALCIUM CARBONATE, CITRIC ACID, WHEAT GLUTEN, **SOY FLOUR**. R12-233

“Wheat bread”
“Multigrain”
“7-Grain”



WHOLE

VS
CARBS

REFINED

Whole Carbohydrates
(Containing Natural Sugars)

Refined Carbohydrates
(Often With Refined Sugars)



FRUITS



LEAFY GREENS
& VEGGIES



STARCHY VEGGIES
(POTATOES, SWEET
POTATOES)



BEANS,
LENTILS, PEAS



WHOLE GRAINS
(BROWN RICE,
QUINOA, OATS)



CORN



PASTA MADE FROM 100%
WHOLE WHEAT, BROWN
RICE, LENTILS, QUINOA,
BEANS & CHICKPEAS



CANDY



SODA



PASTRIES
(DONUTS, SCONES,
CROISSANTS)



SUGARY CEREALS



WHITE RICE



WHITE FLOUR
PASTA



WHITE BREADS



High in Fiber
High in Water
High in Antioxidants

High in Minerals
High in Vitamins
Minimally Processed



Low in Fiber
Low in Macronutrients
Highly Processed

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Vegetables
Nuts
Seeds

Debatable

Industrially produced foods

- Physical, biological, or chemical processing
- Industrial/chemical additives (flavors, colors, sweeteners, emulsifiers etc)
- Highly palatable

Unhealthy

Processed meat
Red meat
Added sugar
Refined grains
Ultraprocessed foods

“...a diet **higher in plant-based foods, such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains, legumes, nuts, and seeds, and ***lower in calories and animal-based foods*** is more health promoting and is associated with less environmental impact than is the current U.S. diet.”**

**Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary
Guidelines Advisory Committee**



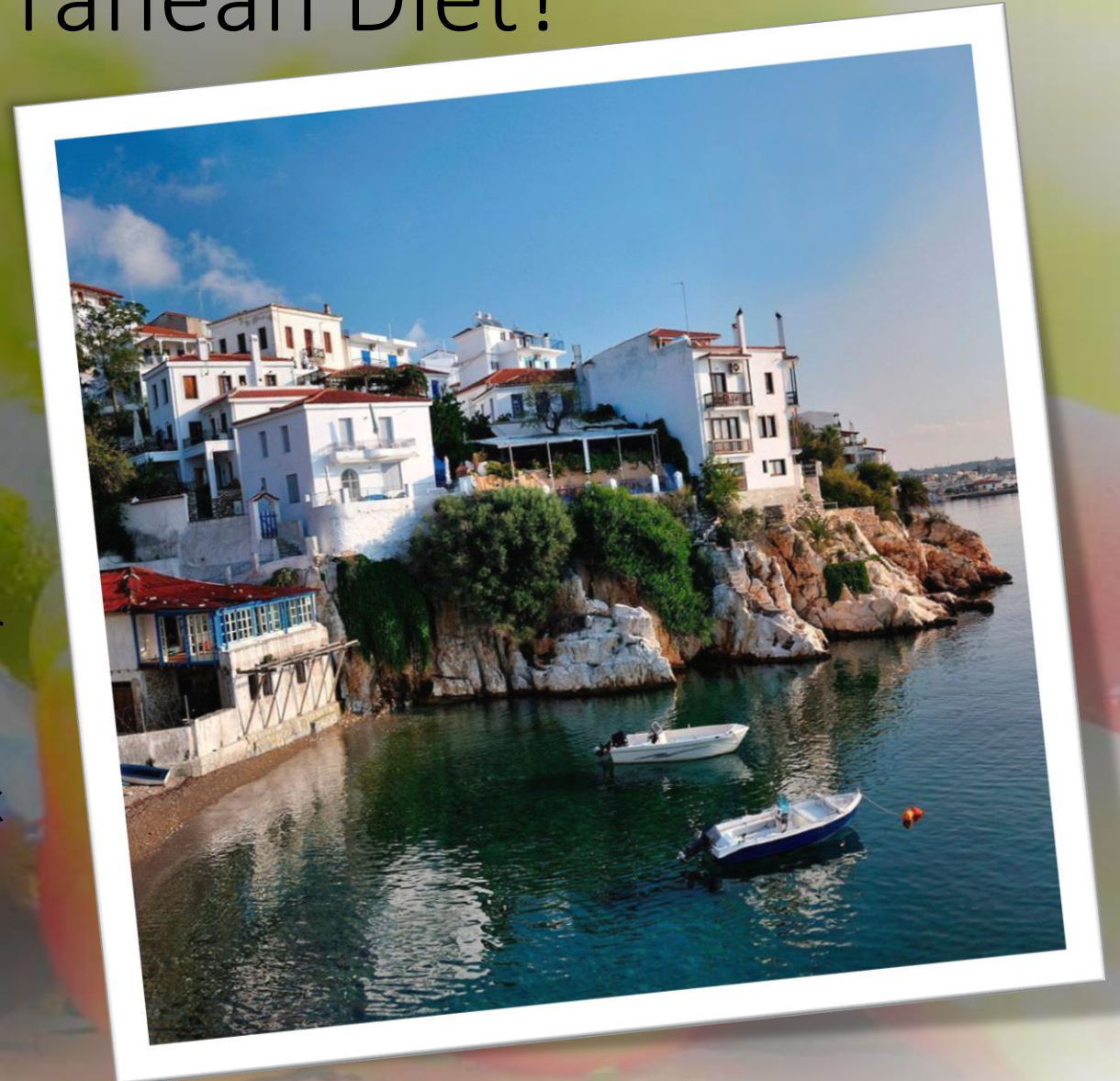
**“Eat food. Not too much.
Mostly plants.”
Michael Pollan**

What is a Plant-Based Diet?



What About a Mediterranean Diet?

- Based on traditional dietary patterns in Mediterranean; varies by place
- Mediterranean diet scoring system:
 - ✓ Get points for eating grains, beans, fruits, vegetables, olive oil, fish, & small amount of wine
 - ✓ Lose points for eating dairy, poultry, & red meat
- Benefits for reduction of cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes risk
 - ✓ Lyon Heart Study
 - ✓ PREDIMED Study



- **More plants → better outcomes**
- **More meats → worse outcomes**
- **Fish, olive oil, alcohol - not the primary benefit**

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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

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Anatomy of health effects of Mediterranean diet: Greek EPIC prospective cohort study

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Cite this as: *BMJ* 2009;338:b2337



Which of the following is the #1 source of calories among Americans ages 2 and up?

A. Sugar-sweetened beverages

B. Desserts

C. Breads, bagels & rolls

D. Cheese & cheese products

Top Sources of Calories Among Americans \geq 2 Yrs Old

#1 Grain-based desserts

Cake, cookies, pie, cobbler, sweet rolls, pastries, donuts

#2 Breads

White bread and rolls, mixed-grain bread, flavored bread, bagels

#3 Chicken and chicken mixed dishes

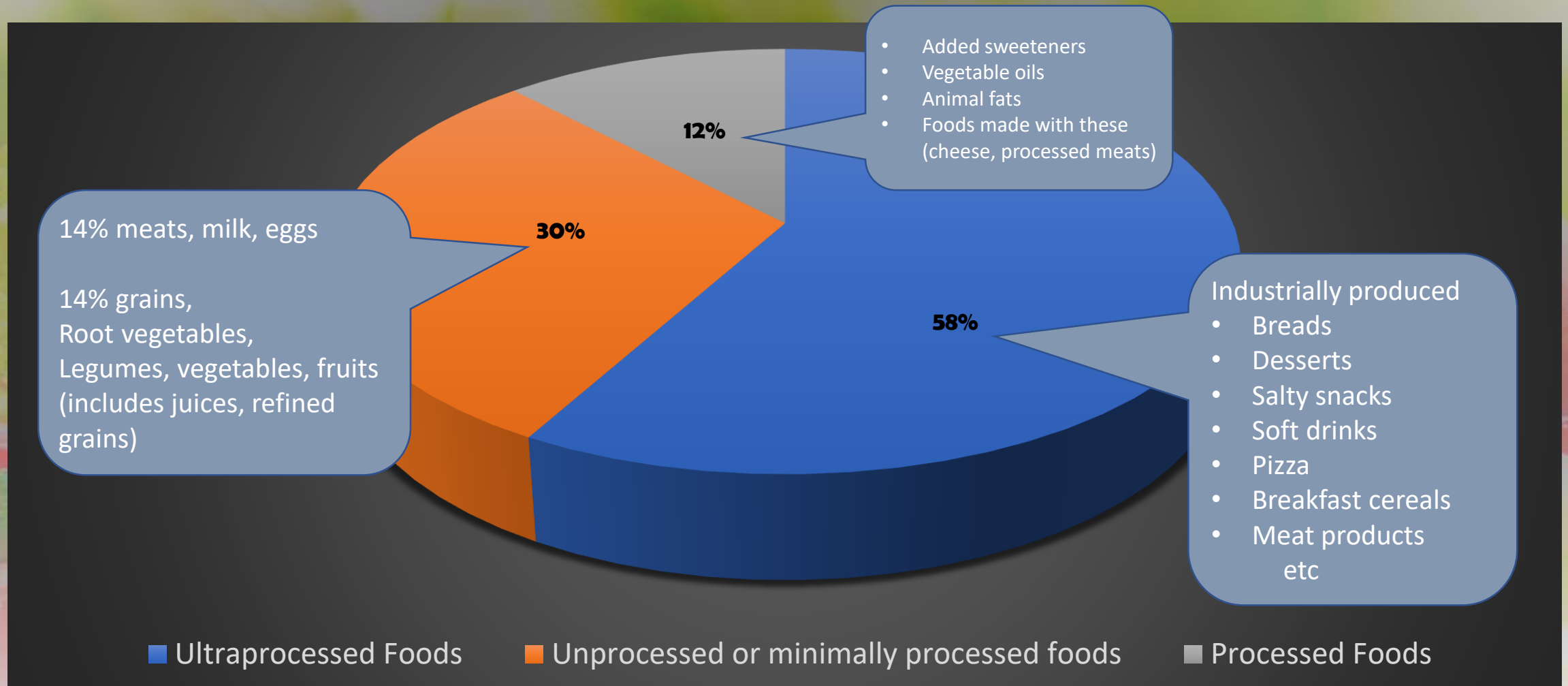
Fried and baked chicken parts, chicken strips/patties, stir-fries, casseroles, sandwiches, salads, other chicken dishes

#4 Soda/energy/sports drinks

Sodas, energy drinks, sports drinks, sweetened bottled water

#5 Pizza

70% of our calories come from processed & ultraprocessed foods





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CORONARY DISEASE AMONG UNITED STATES SOLDIERS KILLED IN ACTION IN KOREA

PRELIMINARY REPORT

Major William F. Enos, Lieut. Col. Robert H. Holmes (MC), U. S. Army

and

Capt. James Beyer (MC), Army of the U. S.

The purpose of this paper is to describe and analyze the gross lesions found in the coronary arteries of United States soldiers killed in action in Korea. The histology will be discussed in detail in a subsequent paper as will such pertinent data as race, body build, and personal habits.

MATERIAL

Recently 300 autopsies were performed on United States battle casualties in Korea. Most of these soldiers were killed in action or suffered accidental death in front line areas. The coronary arteries were carefully dissected in all cases. No case in which there was known clinical evidence of coronary disease was included in this series.

The average age in 200 cases was 22.1 years. The ages in the first 98 cases were not recorded except that the oldest patient was 33. In the entire series, the youngest recorded age was 18 and the oldest 48.

FINDINGS

In 77.3% of the hearts, some gross evidence of coronary arteriosclerosis was found. The disease process varied from "fibrous" thickening to large atheromatous plaques causing complete occlusion of one or more of the major vessels (table 1).

In the great majority of cases, the location of the lesions followed a constant pattern. If the lesion was found in the proximal third of the left coronary artery, it was usually thickest on the epicardial side of the lumen, whereas, if it was in the distal third of the artery just proximal to the bifurcation of the circumflex artery, it tended to as-

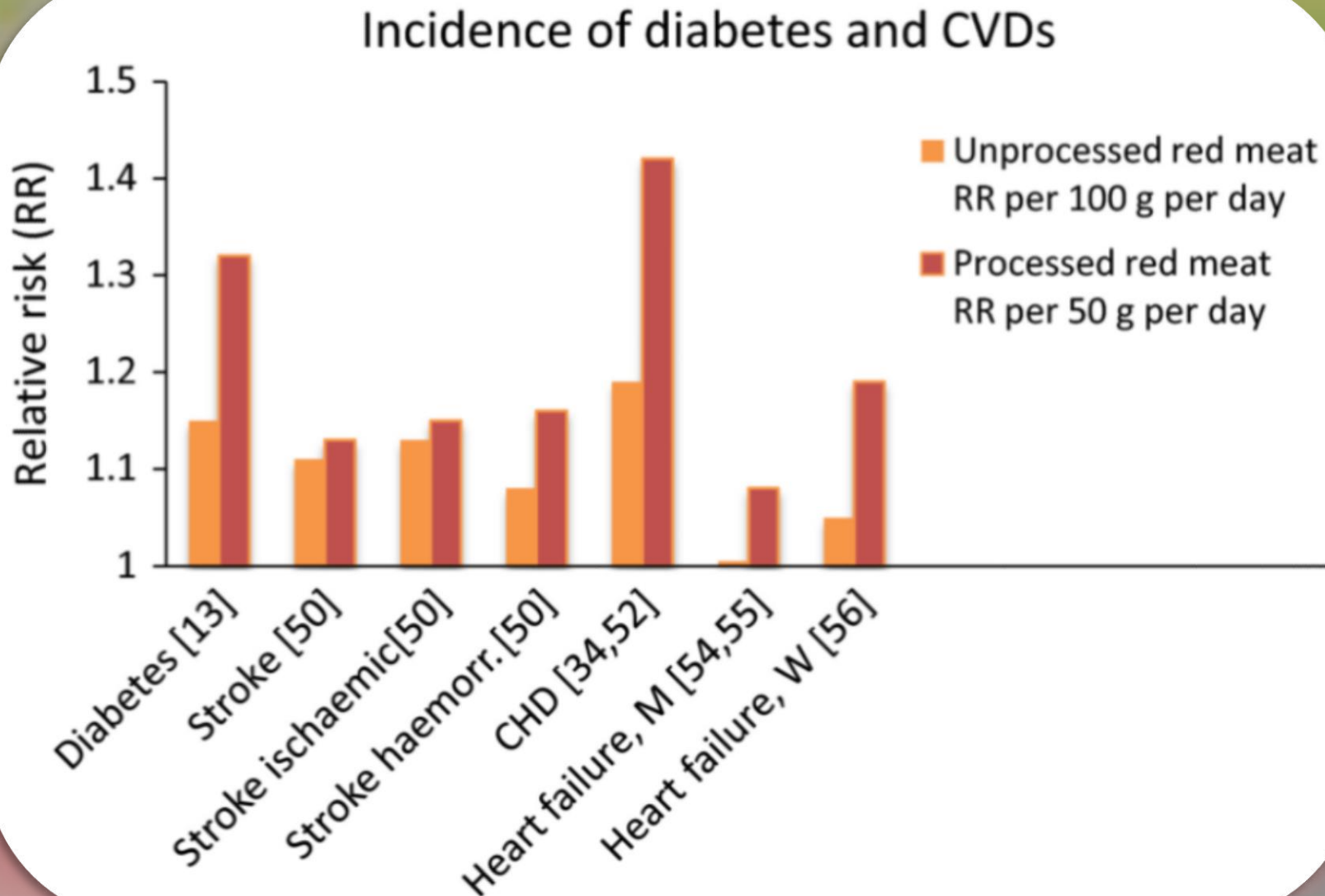
TABLE 2.—*Sites of Lesions Found in Coronary Arteries at Autopsy*

| Site | No. of Cases |
|--|--------------|
| Left coronary | |
| Above bifurcation..... | 10 |
| At bifurcation..... | 22 |
| And circumflex..... | 1 |
| And right coronary..... | 1 |
| Circumflex, and right coronary..... | 1 |
| Anterior descending | |
| Branch | 114 |
| And circumflex..... | 13 |
| And right coronary..... | 23 |
| And left coronary..... | 5 |
| Left and right coronaries..... | 4 |
| Left coronary, and circumflex..... | 1 |
| Circumflex, and right coronary..... | 8 |
| Left and right coronary, and circumflex..... | 11 |
| Right coronary only..... | 3 |
| Circumflex only..... | 4 |



- **Grains**
- **Legumes**
- **Fruits**
- **Vegetables**
- **Nuts & Seeds**
- **Small amounts of meat/poultry/dairy/eggs**
- **Few highly processed foods**

Red & Processed Meat – CV Risk



Meatless Diets & Ischemic Heart Disease

| | Ischemic Heart Disease |
|---|------------------------|
| Key et al (Am J Clin Nutr 1999, n>76,000) | ↓ 24% (mortality) |
| Huang et al (Ann Nutr Metab 2012, n>124,000) | ↓ 29% (mortality) |
| EPIC Oxford (Am J Clin Nutr 2013, n>44,000) | ↓ 32% (incident cases) |

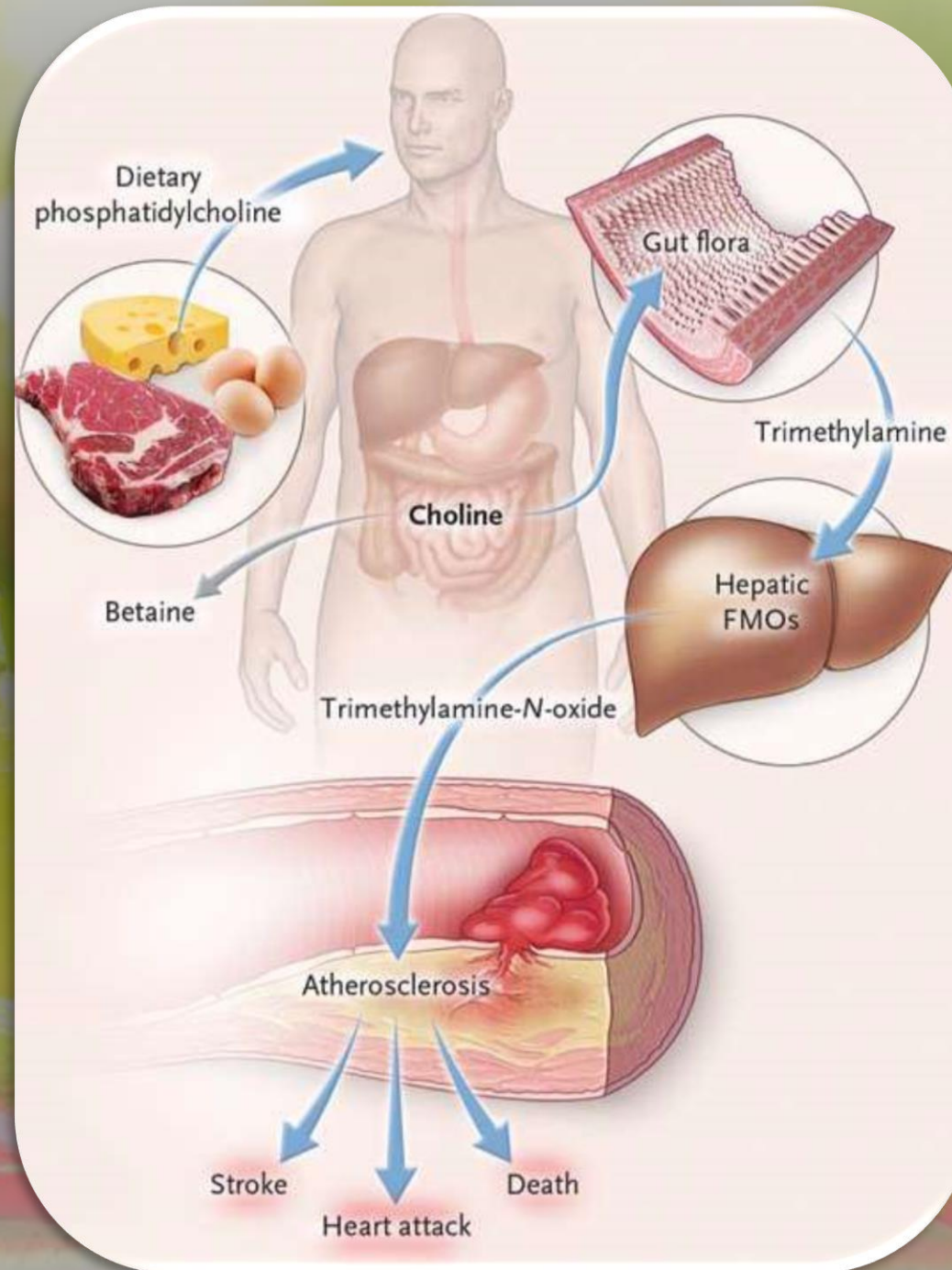
TMAO effects

↑ Uptake of
cholesterol
macrophages

↑ foam cell
formation

↑ platelet
aggregation

↓ hepatic
clearance of
cholesterol



TMAO Increases

- All-cause mortality
- CV mortality
- Major adverse CV events
- CHF severity
- 30-day adverse CV events post ACS

Tang W et al
N Eng J Med 2013

Koeth R et al
Nat Med, 2013

Added sugar intake and cardiovascular diseases mortality among US adults.

Yang Q¹, Zhang Z¹, Gregg EW², Flanders WD³, Merritt R¹, Hu FB⁴.

Hazard ratio, CV mortality:
2.75 for >25% of kcal from
added sugar

Am J Clin Nutr. 2000 Jun;71(6):1455-61.

A prospective study of dietary glycemic load, carbohydrate intake, and risk of coronary heart disease in US women.

Liu S¹, Willett WC, Stampfer MJ, Hu FB, Franz M, Sampson L, Hennekens CH, Manson JE.

RR Coronary heart disease:
1.98 for highest quintile of
refined carbohydrates



Limits on Added Sugar (AHA recommendations)

6 Teaspoons added
sugars per day for **women**



9 Teaspoons added
sugars per day for **men**



15 Teaspoons of sugars in a

20 oz. coke



23 Teaspoons ACTUAL sugars consumed
by average American per day



Women: 6 tsp/100 Kcal/25g
Men: 9 tsp/ 150 Kcal/ 37.5g

Johnson et al, Circulation 2009



Words That Really Just Mean 'Added Sugar'

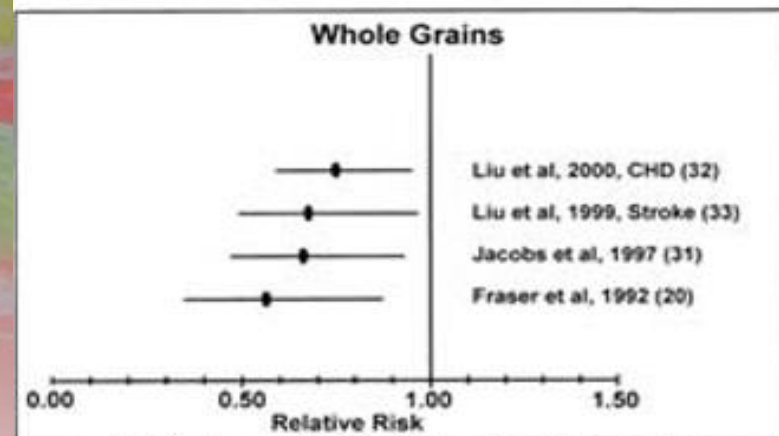
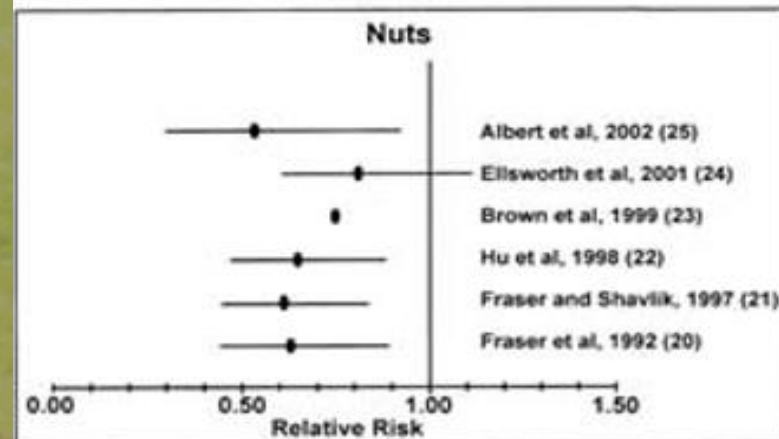
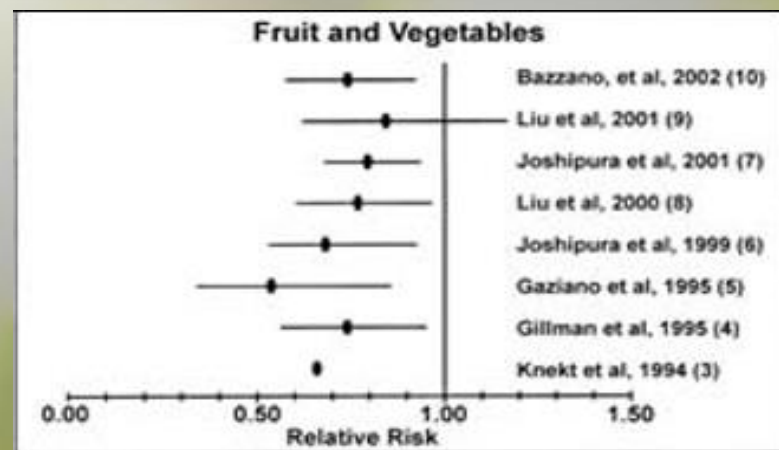
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| agave juice | dri-mol | honey | mizuame |
| agave nectar | drisweet | honibake | molasses |
| agave sap | dri sweet | honi bake | nulomoline |
| agave syrup | dri-sweet | honi-bake | powdered sugar |
| beet sugar | dried raisin | honi flake | rice syrup |
| brown rice syrup | sweetener | honi-flake | sorghum |
| brown sugar | edible lactose | invert sugar | sorghum syrup |
| cane juice | flo malt | inverted sugar | starch sweetener |
| cane sugar | flo-malt | isoglucose | sucanat |
| cane syrup | flomalt | isomaltulose | sucrose |
| clintose | fructose | kona ame | sucrovert |
| confectioners | fructose sweetener | kona-ame | sugar beet |
| powdered sugar | glaze and icing | lactose | sugar invert |
| confectioners | sugar | liquid sweetener | sweet n neat |
| sugar | glaze icing sugar | malt | table sugar |
| corn glucose syrup | golden syrup | malt sweetener | treacle |
| corn sweet | gomme | malt syrup | trehalose |
| corn sweetener | granular sweetener | maltose | tru sweet |
| corn syrup | granulated sugar | maple | turbinado sugar |
| date sugar | hi-fructose corn | maple sugar | versatose |
| dextrose | syrup | maple syrup | |
| drimol | high fructose corn | mizu ame | |
| dri mol | syrup | mizu-ame | |

Source: "Sweetening of the Global Diet, Particularly Beverages: Patterns, Trends, and Policy Responses" by Barry M. Popkin and Corinna Hawkes

Fruit and vegetable intake and the risk of cardiovascular disease, total cancer and all-cause mortality-a systematic review and dose-response meta-analysis of prospective studies.

Aune D^{1,2,3}, Giovannucci E^{4,5,6}, Boffetta P⁷, Fadnes LT⁸, Keum N^{5,6}, Norat T², Greenwood DC⁹, Riboli E², Vatten LJ¹, Tonstad S¹⁰.

- **Systemic review and meta-analysis, 95 studies worldwide**
- **Each 2.5 servings/day of fruits & vegetables decreases risk by**
 - **8% for CHD**
 - **16% for stroke**
 - **10% for all cause mortality**
- **Benefits continued up to 10 servings/day**



Risk of CAD & Stroke



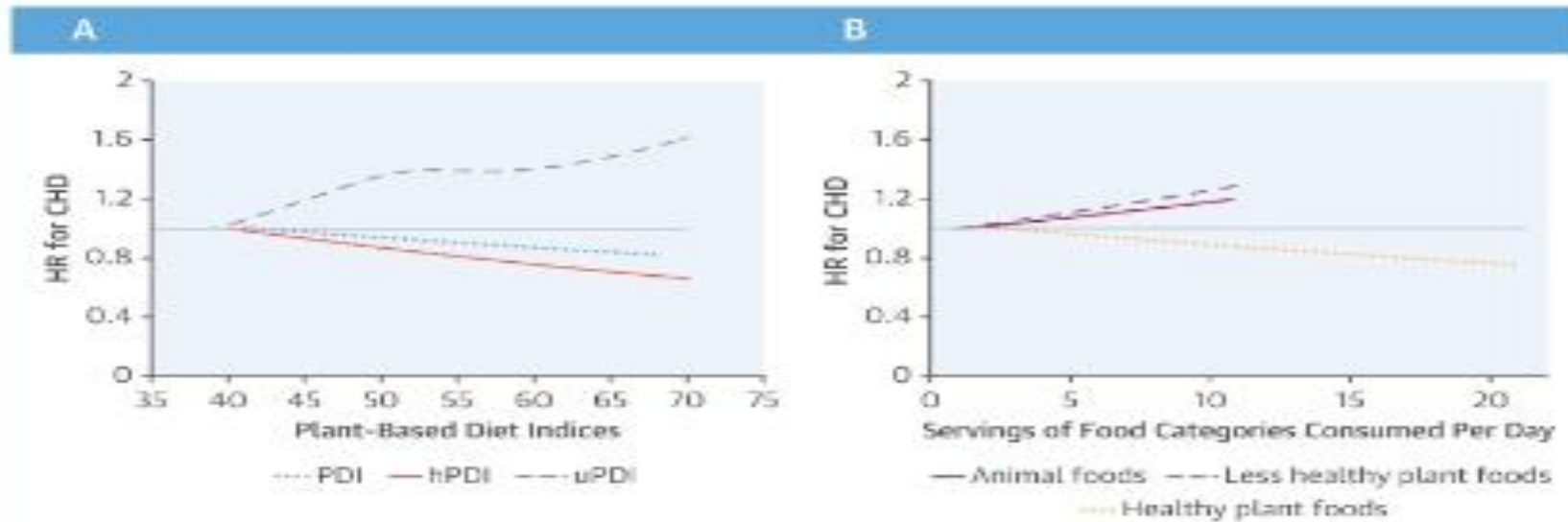
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Healthful and Unhealthful Plant-Based Diets and the Risk of Coronary Heart Disease in U.S. Adults.

Satija A¹, Bhupathiraju SN², Spiegelman D³, Chiuve SE⁴, Manson JE⁵, Willett W⁶, Rexrode KM⁷, Rimm EB⁸, Hu FB⁹.

- **Nurses' Health Study 1 & 2, Health Professionals Follow-Up Study; 4.8 million person-years of follow-up**
- **Plant-based diet index (PDI): high in all plant foods, low in animal foods**
 - **Healthy PDI: High in whole grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, legumes, vegetable oils**
 - **Unhealthy PDI: high in fruit juice, refined grains, fried potatoes & chips, sugar-sweetened beverages, sweets/desserts**

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



Satija, A. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;70(4):411-22.

Hazard ratio, CHD incidence

- **Overall plant-based diet: 0.92 (0.83-1.01)**
- **Healthy plant-based: 0.75 (0.68-0.83)**
- **Unhealthy plant-based: 1.32 (1.20-1.46)**

Plant Foods & Cardiovascular Health: Mechanisms?

- **Replace disease-promoting foods**
- **Reduce LDL oxidation via polyphenols/antioxidants**
- **Improve endothelial function**
- **Reduce inflammation**
- **Beneficially alter gut microbiota**
- **Lower blood pressure via high potassium low sodium**
- **Decrease lipids**



| Randomized Controlled Trials | Decrease in Total & LDL Cholesterol |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Semi-veg diet, Lacto-ovo veg diet | 10-15% |
| Vegan diet | 15-20% |
| Veg w added fiber/soy/nuts | 20-35% |





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Half Of Adults In The U.S. Have Diabetes Or Pre-Diabetes, Study Finds

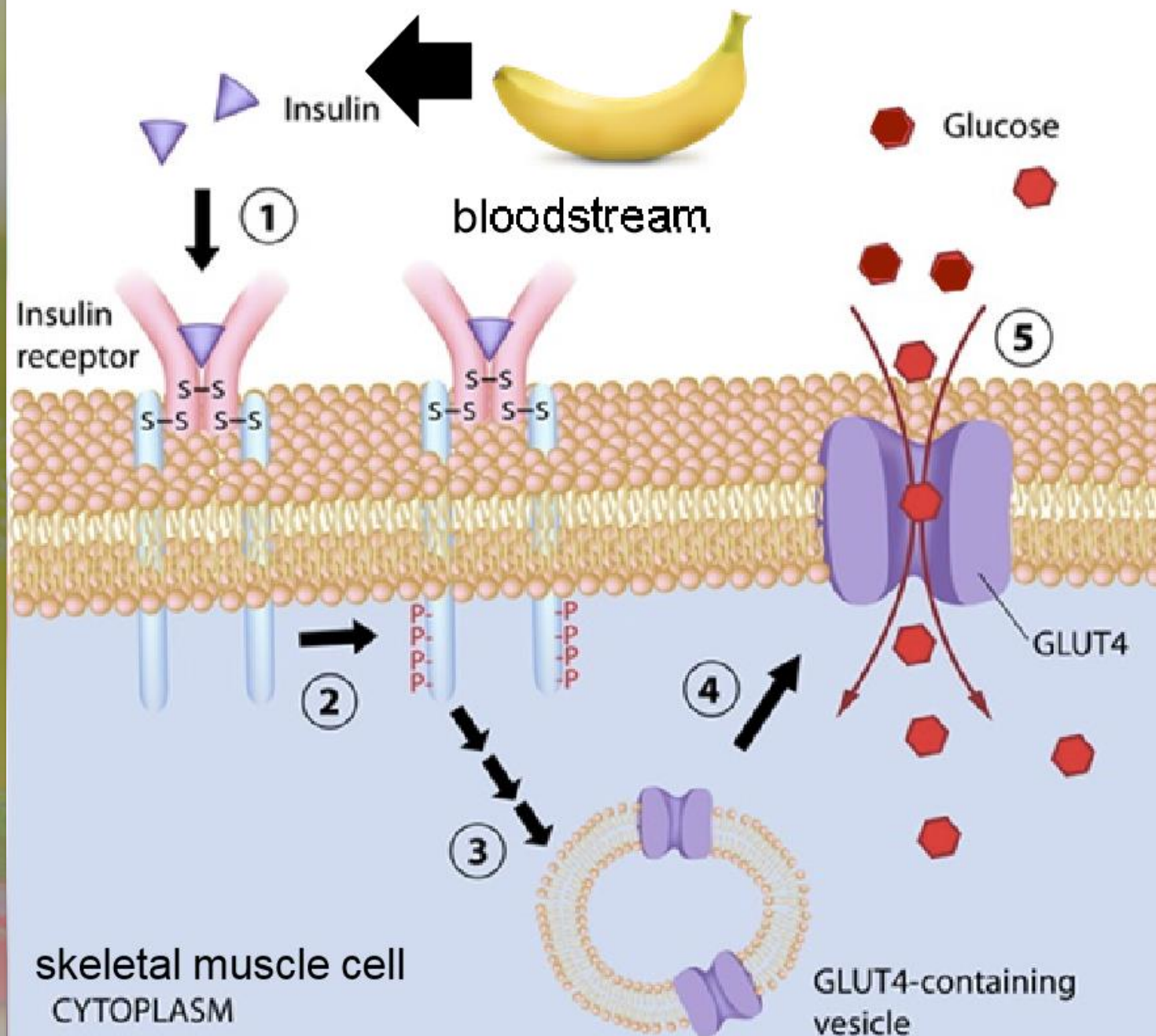


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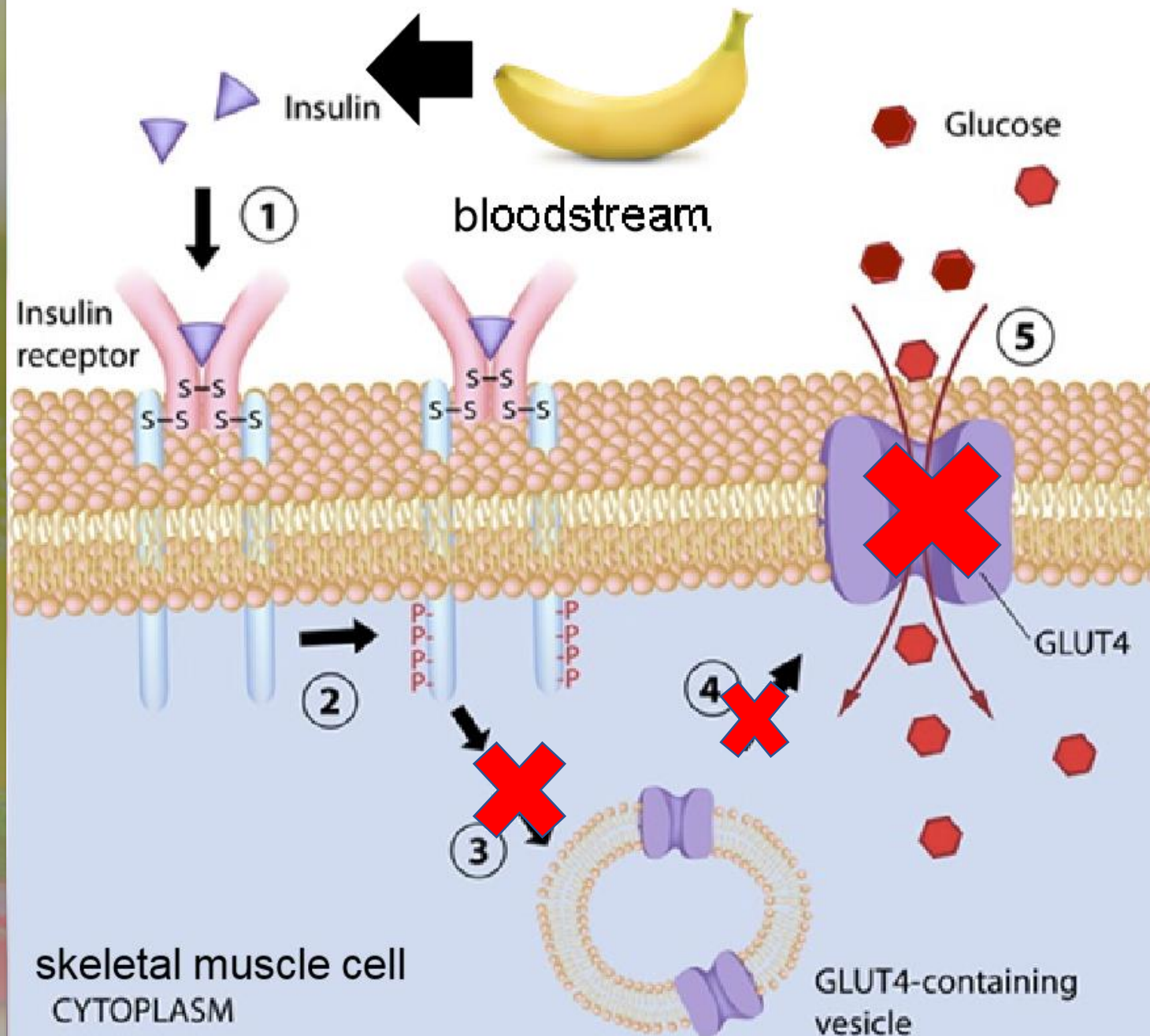
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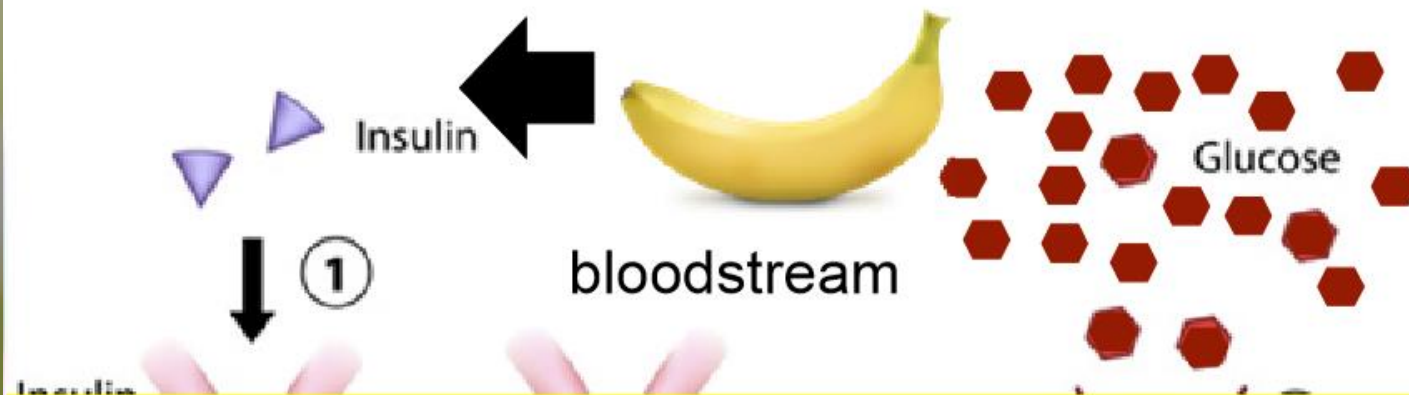
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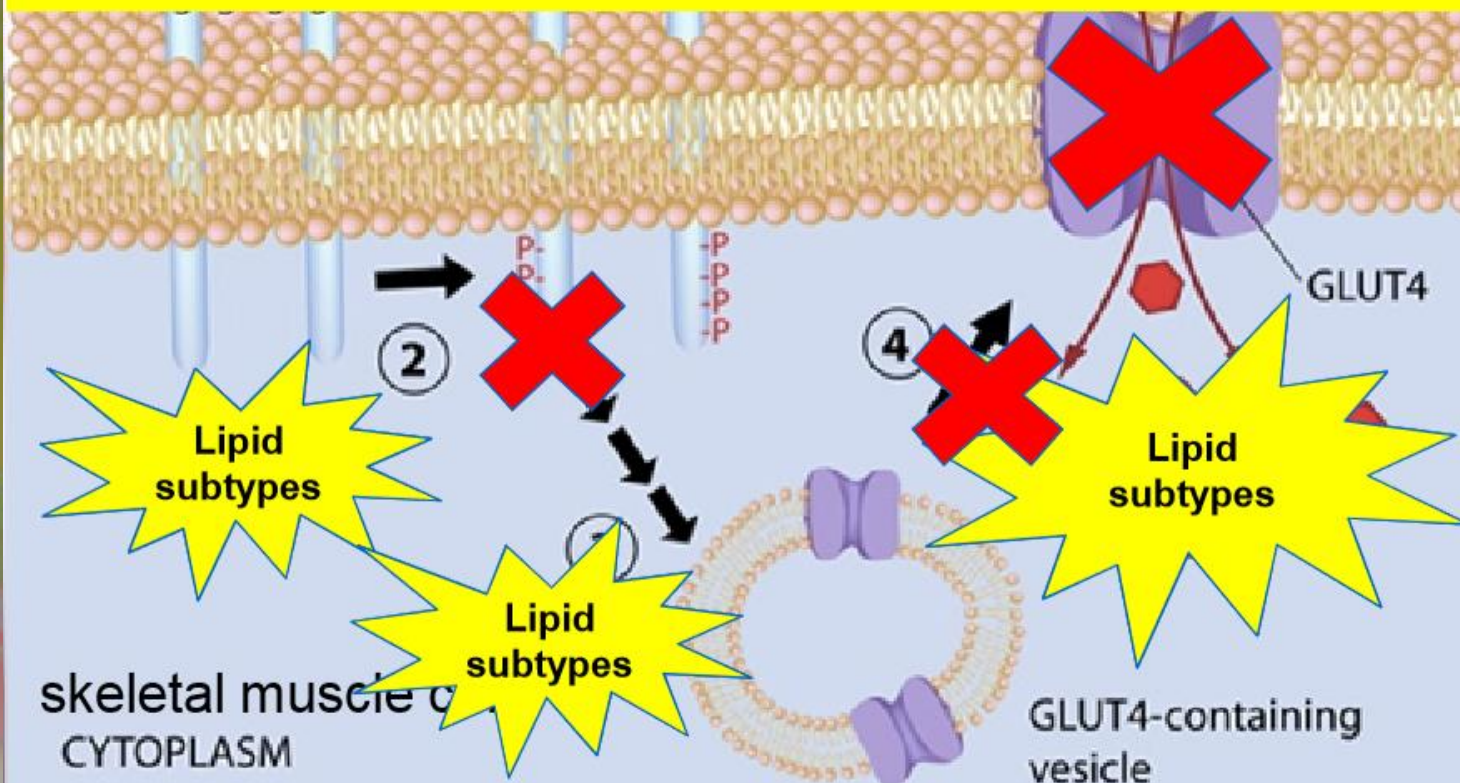
NORMAL INSULIN FUNCTION



INSULIN RESISTANCE



LIPOTOXICITY



Ectopic Fat in Insulin Resistance, Dyslipidemia, and Cardiometabolic Disease

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Fat accumulation in skeletal muscle & liver cells (ectopic fat) is a primary cause of insulin resistance

- **Skeletal Muscle: decreased glucose uptake**
- **Liver: decreased glycogen synthesis, increased gluconeogenesis**

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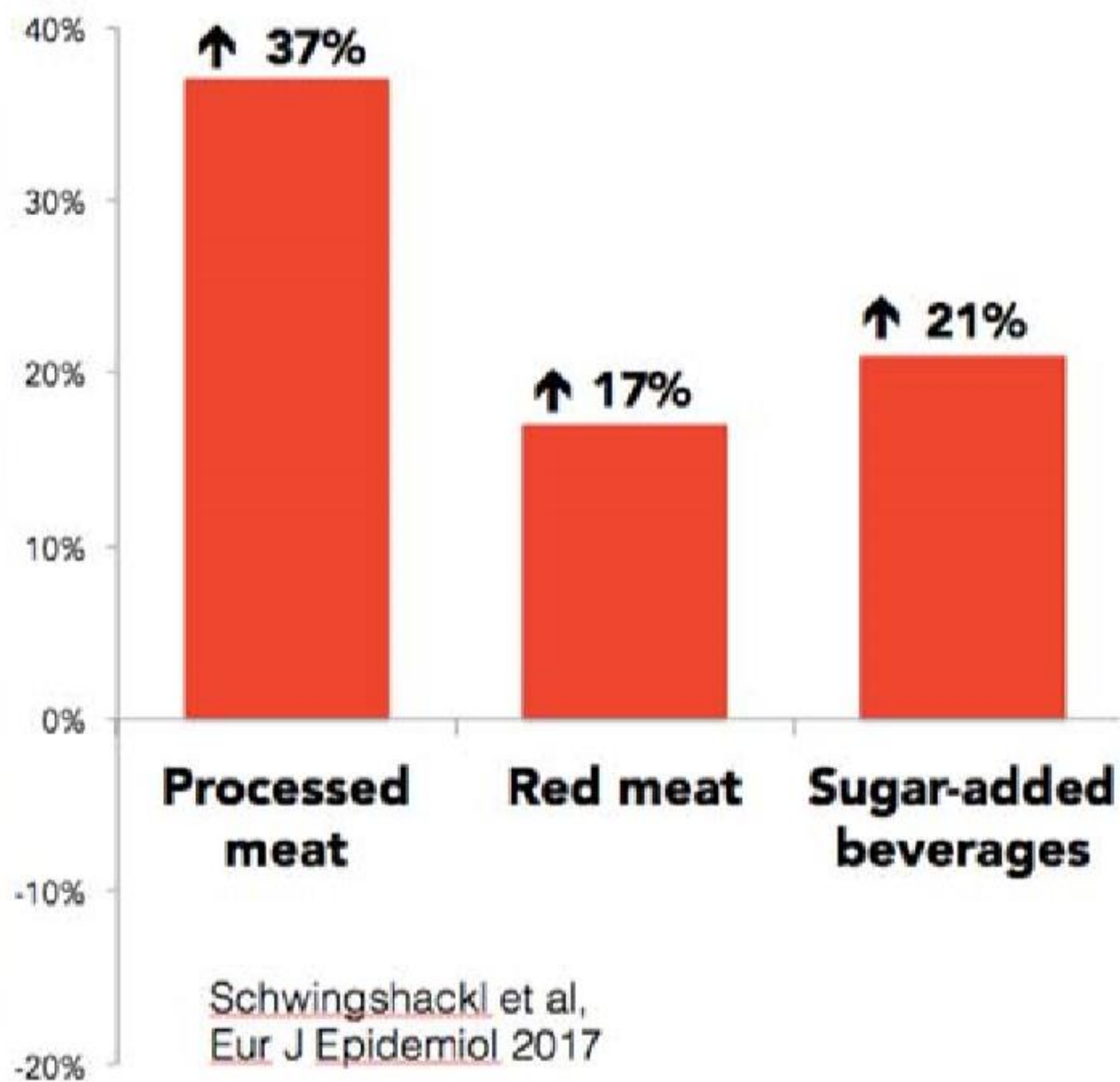
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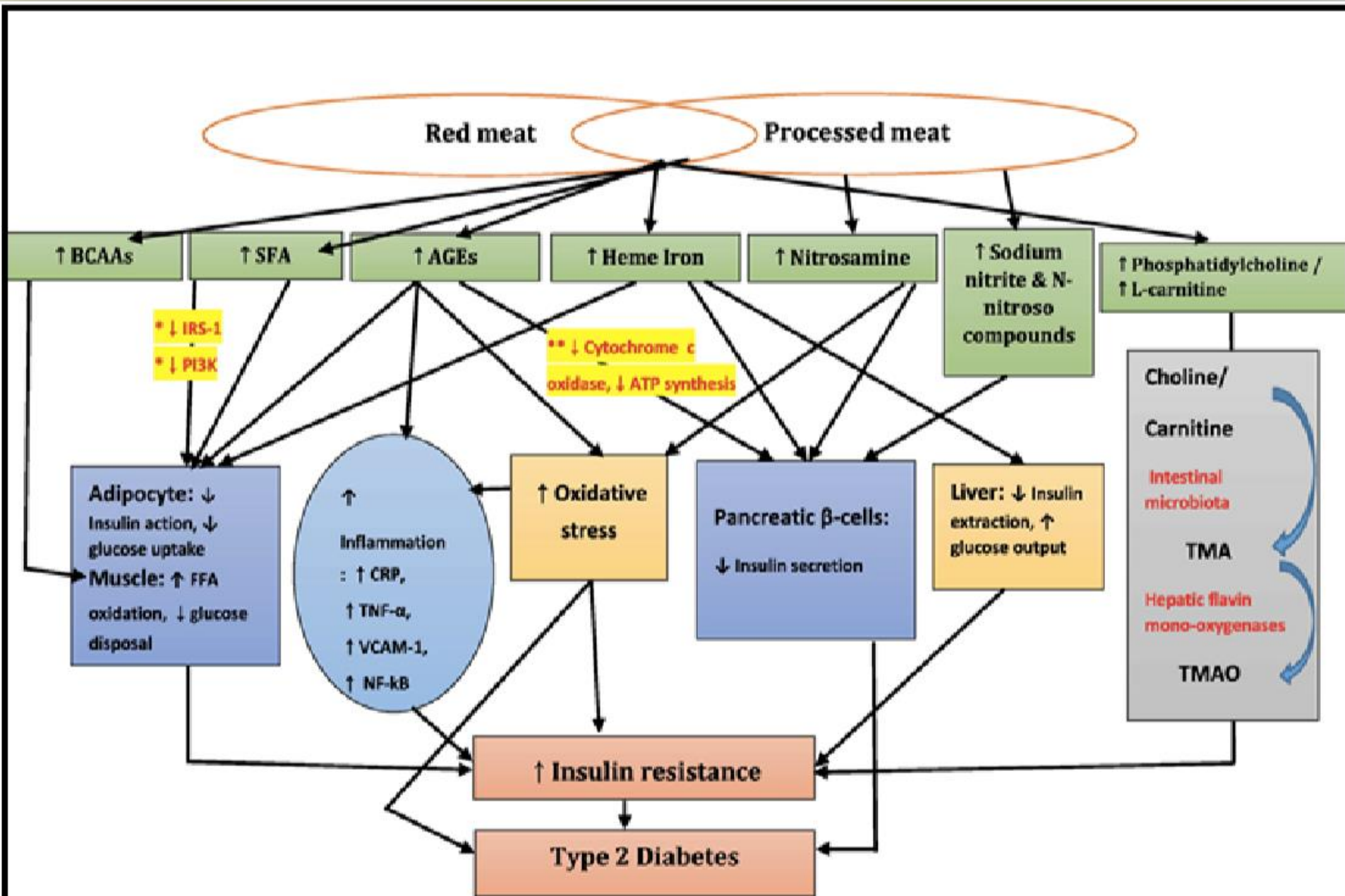
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- Adiposity
- Excess calories
- Excess dietary fat
- Inflammation
- Oxidative stress
- Mitochondrial dysfunction


Risk of Diabetes Per Each Daily Serving





Dietary Protein Intake and Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes in Europe: The EPIC-InterAct Case-Cohort Study

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- Replace carbs with protein → increased risk of DM2
- 22% increased risk for highest quintile of protein (109g/day)
- Association attributed to animal protein

Low-carb diets can *increase* the risk of diabetes...

- Bao et al, Diabetes Care 2016
- de Koning et al, Am J Clin Nutr 2011
- Schulze et al, Br J Nutr 2008



...and do not improve glycemic control over the long-term

- Snorgaard et al, BMJ Open Diabetes Res Care 2017
- van Wyk et al, Diabet Med 2016

Fructose from Sugar-Sweetened Foods/Drinks

“Empty Calories” →
Weight gain

De novo lipogenesis in
liver



Obesity

Fatty liver & increased fat
in skeletal muscle

Lipotoxicity → Insulin
Resistance



Which type of foods most protective against type 2 diabetes?

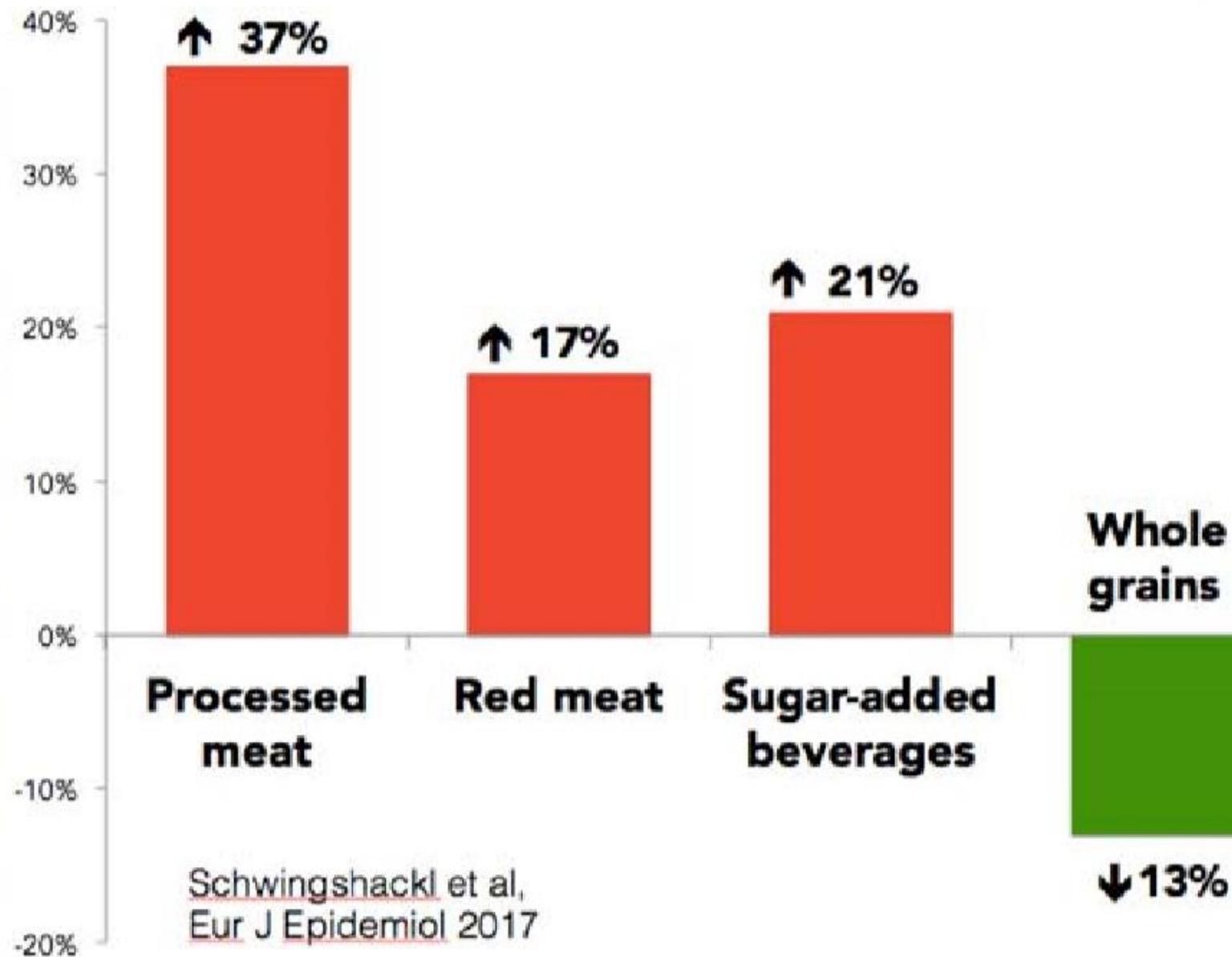
A. Cruciferous vegetables

B. Berries

C. Whole Grains

D. Fish

Risk of Diabetes Per Each Daily Serving



Whole Grains lower diabetes risk: effect of cereal fiber

- Improves postprandial glucose response
- Lowers calorie density
- Increases satiety
- Metabolized by gut bacteria to form *short-chain fatty acids*
 - Increase GLP1
 - Increase insulin sensitivity
 - Regulate cytokines to decrease inflammation
 - Improve mitochondrial function





Fresh fruit consumption in relation to incident diabetes and diabetic vascular complications: A 7-y prospective study of 0.5 million Chinese adults

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Sanjay Basu, Academic Editor

- >500,000 adults followed for 7 yrs
- Daily fruit consumption: 12% lower risk of diabetes
- In those who had diabetes at baseline, 3x/wk fruit lowered
 - All-cause mortality by 17%
 - Microvascular complications by 28%
 - Macrovascular complications by 13%

Plant-Based Dietary Patterns and Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes in US Men and Women: Results from Three Prospective Cohort Studies

Ambika Satija , Shilpa N. Bhupathiraju, Eric B. Rimm, Donna Spiegelman, Stephanie E. Chiuve, Lea Borgi, Walter C. Willett, JoAnn E. Manson, Qi Sun, Frank B. Hu

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- Nurses' Health Study 1 & 2, Health Professionals Follow-Up Study; 4.8 million person-years of follow-up
- Risk of type 2 diabetes
 - Plant-based dietary pattern: **20% ↓ risk**
 - Healthy plant-based pattern: **34% ↓ risk**
 - Unhealthy plant-based pattern: **16% ↑ risk**
- Independent of body weight & other risk factors

Plant-Based Diet for Type 2 Diabetes

- RCT, 99 pts with DM2 x 74wks
- Low-fat plant-based diet (no calorie restrictions) vs conventional, reduced-calorie diet
- Better glycemic control with plant-based diet ($a1c -0.40$ vs -0.01 , $p+0.03$) when med adjustments excluded
- Better lipid reduction & weight loss with plant-based diet

Barnard et al, AM J Clin Nutr 2009



INTENSITY STRATIFIED BY BURDEN OF OBESITY AND RELATED COMPLICATIONS

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Nutrition | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain optimal weight Calorie restriction (if BMI is increased) Plant-based diet; high polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid <i>trans</i> fatty acids; limit saturated fatty acids | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured counseling Meal replacement |
| Physical Activity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 150 min/week moderate exertion (eg. walking, stair climbing) Strength training Increase as tolerated | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structured program Wearable technologies | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical evaluation/clearance Medical supervision |
| Sleep | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> About 7 hours per night Basic sleep hygiene | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screen OSA Home sleep study | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to sleep lab |
| Behavioral Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community engagement Alcohol moderation | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss mood with HCP | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formal behavioral therapy |
| Smoking Cessation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tobacco products | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicotine replacement therapy | + | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Referral to structured program |



Cardiovascular Disease

Insulin Resistance

Cancer Prevention

Obesity

Healthful

Whole Grains

Legumes

Fruits

Vegetables

Nuts

Seeds

Debatable

Poultry

Eggs

Dairy

Fish

Unhealthy

Processed meat

Red meat

Added sugar

Refined grains

Ultraprocessed foods



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The Feed

Processed meat causes cancer, says WHO

NBC NEWS HOME TOP VIDEOS ONGOING CONFEDERATE FLAG FUROR ARTIFICIAL TURF DEBATE

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Ham, Sausages Cause Cancer; Red Meat Probably Does, Too, WHO Group Says

by MAGGIE FOX

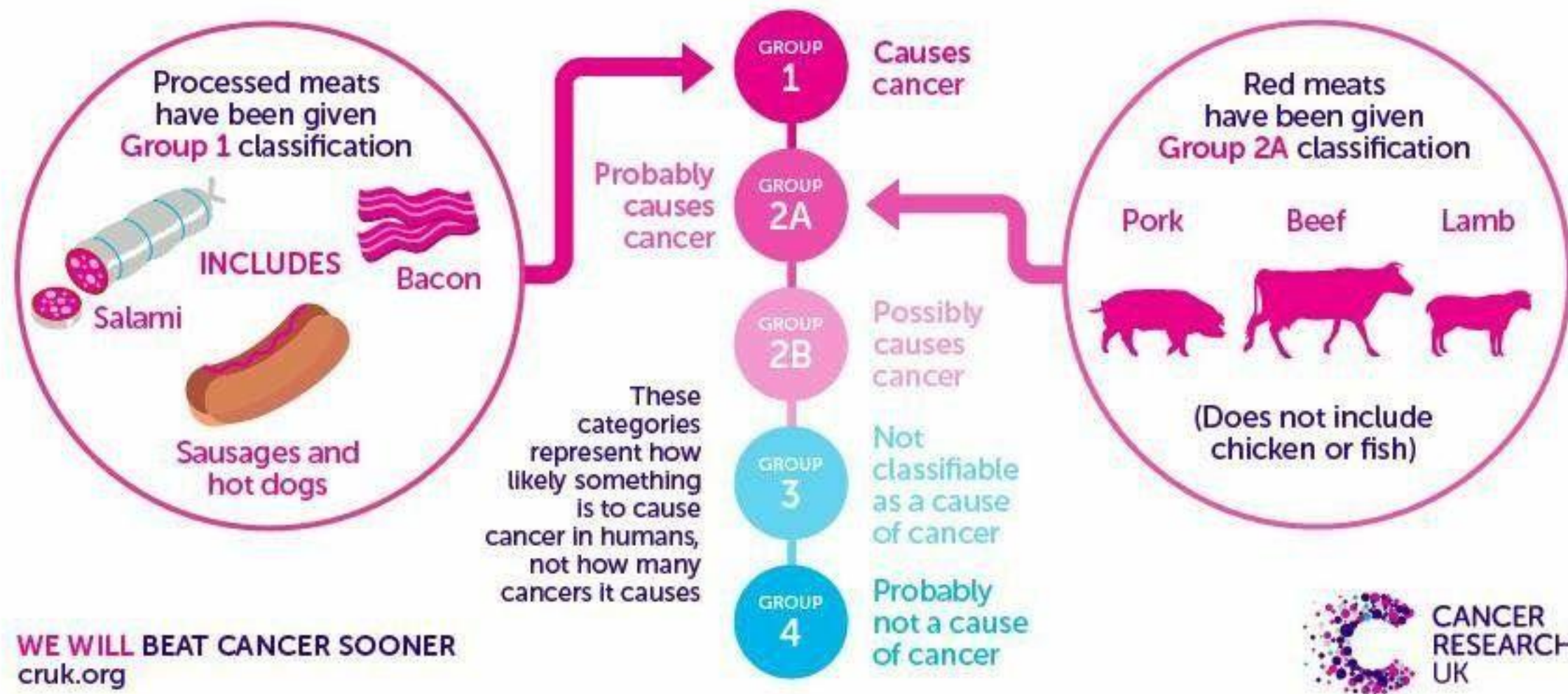
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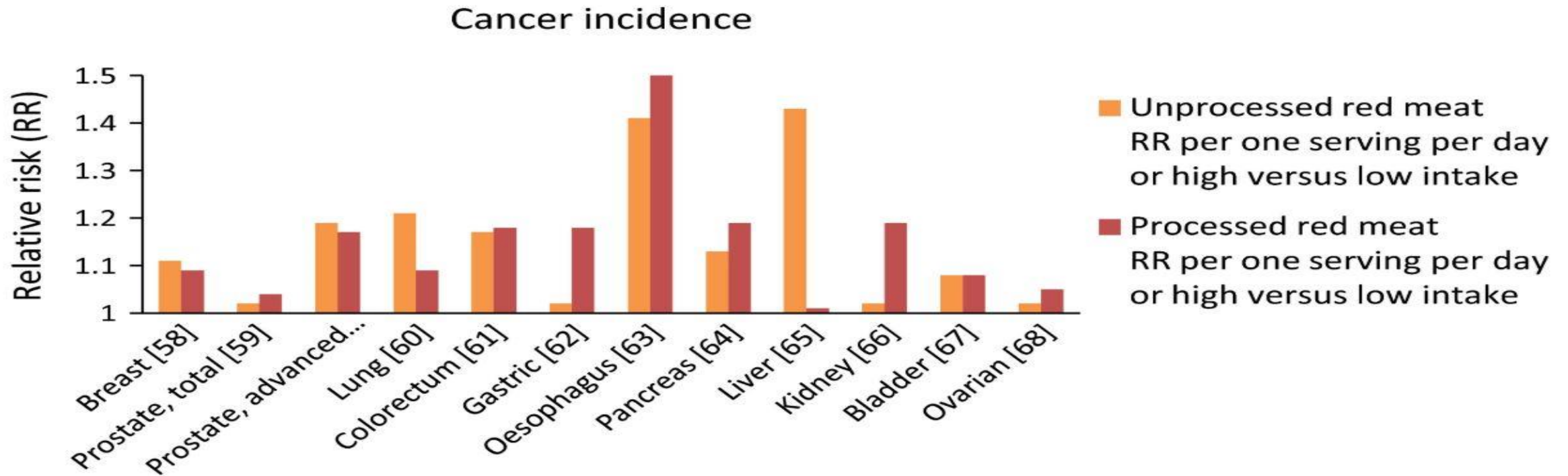
Hot dogs, bacon and other processed meats cause cancer, World Health Organization declares

MEAT AND CANCER HOW STRONG IS THE EVIDENCE?

IARC CARCINOGENIC CLASSIFICATION GROUPS



Red & Processed Meat – Cancer Risk



Risk of colorectal cancer:

- 17% increase per 100g/day red meat
- 18% increase per 50g/day of processed meat

(Chan et al, Plos One 2011)

What are the mechanisms?

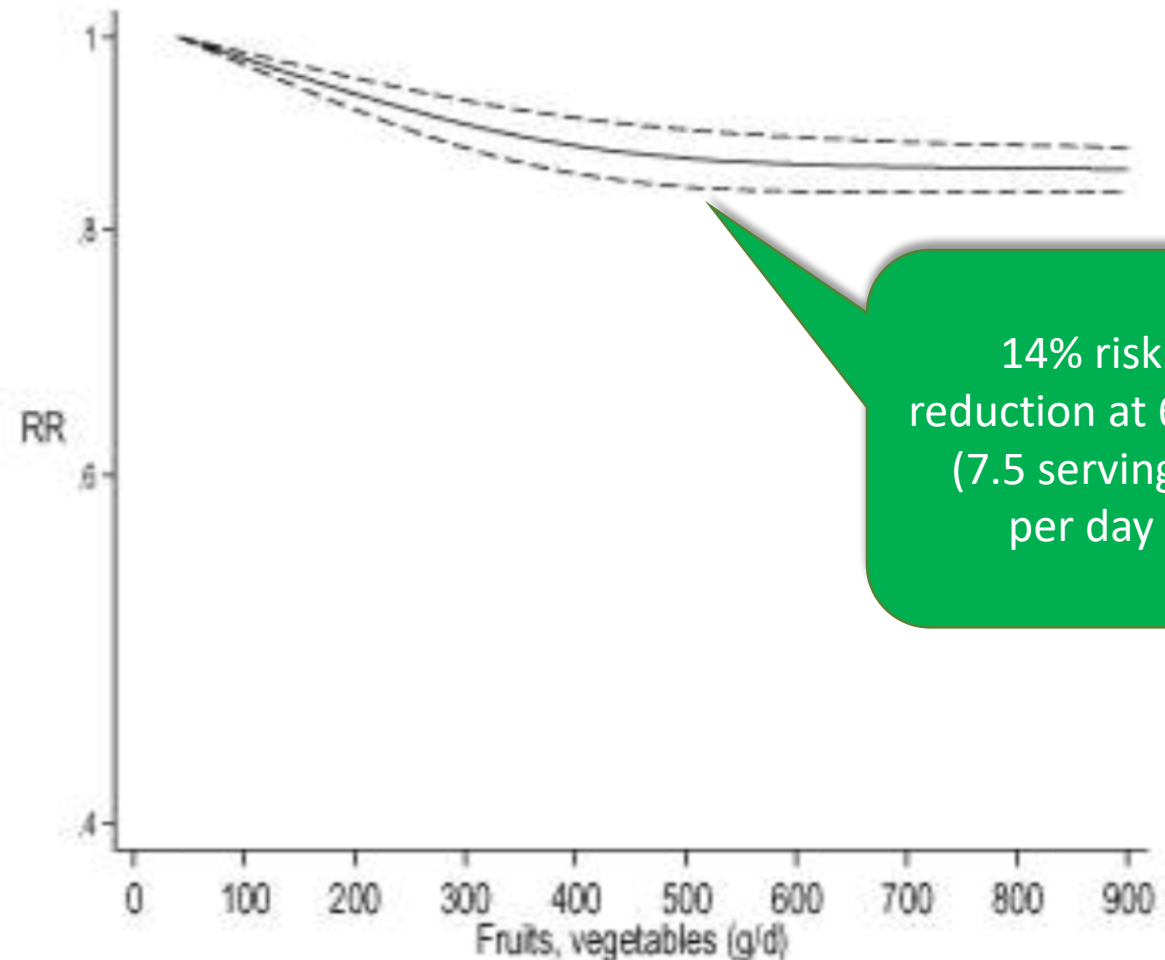
- **Nitrate Salts**
- **Heme iron**
- **Heterocyclic amines**
- **Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons**
- **Advanced glycation end products**
- **N-Glycolylneuraminic acid (Neu5Gc)**



Fruits & Vegetables

- 7.5 servings/day confers significant, 14% reduction in total cancer risk
- Significant benefit for cruciferous vegetables & green-yellow vegetables

Fruits and vegetables and total cancer, nonlinear dose-response



14% risk reduction at 600g (7.5 servings) per day

— Best fitting cubic spline
--- 95% confidence interval

Whole Grains

- **Every 3 servings/day**
 - **Decreases colorectal cancer risk by 17%**
 - **Decreases total cancer mortality by 17%**
- **In stages I-III colon cancer, every 5 g daily increase in whole-grain fiber associated with 33% decrease in colorectal cancer mortality**



Blood cell gene expression associated with cellular stress defense is modulated by antioxidant-rich food in a randomised controlled clinical trial of male smokers

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Fruits & vegetables: ↑ expression of genes used in cell defense & DNA repair

Changes in prostate gene expression in men undergoing an intensive nutrition and lifestyle intervention

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Plant-based diet: ↓ expression of tumor-promoting genes

Recommendations

Body Fatness

Be as lean as possible within the normal range of body weight

Physical Activity

Be physically active as part of everyday life

Foods and Drinks that Promote Weight Gain

Limit consumption of energy-dense foods

Avoid sugary drinks

Plant Foods

Eat mostly foods of plant origin

Animal Foods

Limit intake of red meat and avoid processed meat

Alcoholic Drinks

Limit alcoholic drinks

Preservation, Processing, Preparation

Limit consumption of salt

Avoid moldy cereals (grains) or pulses (legumes)

Dietary Supplements

Aim to meet nutritional needs through diet alone

Genesis 1:29

- **“And God said, ‘See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; and to you it shall be for food.’”**





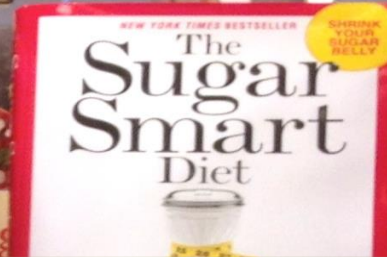
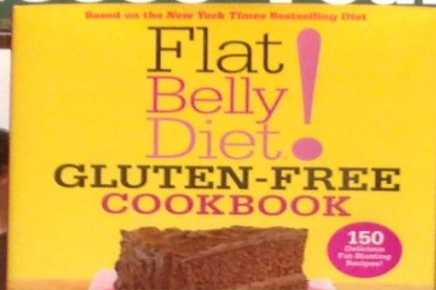
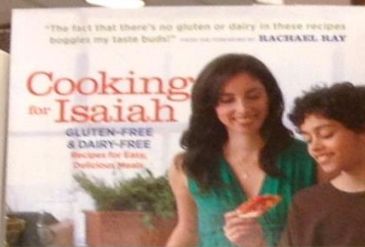
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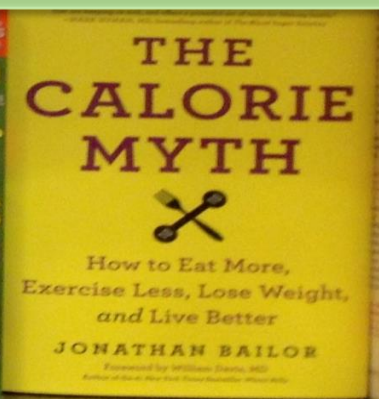
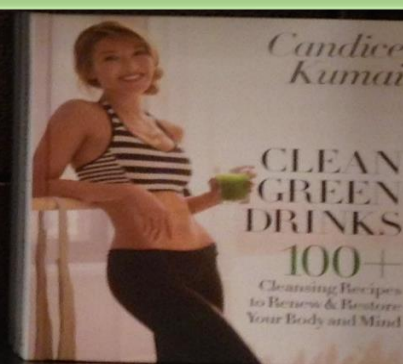
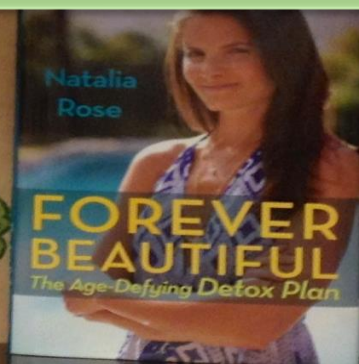
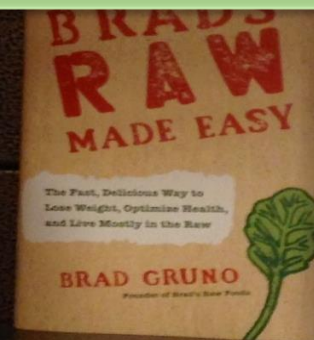
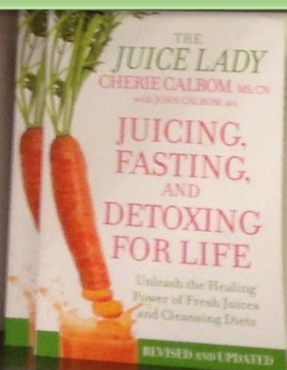
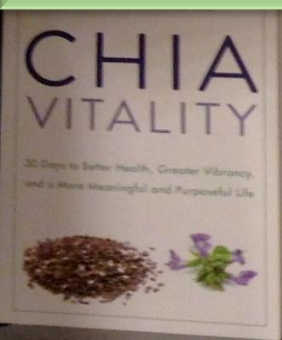
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Obesity

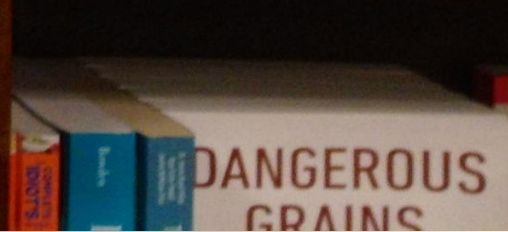
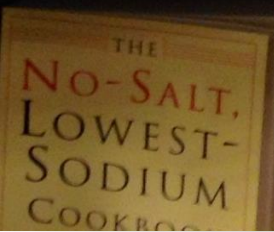
Choose Your Diet



What's the best diet for healthy weight loss?



Bestselling Diet Books



Choose Your Diet

What's the best diet for healthy weight loss?

- Sustainable – not a temporary 'diet'

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- Sustainable – not a temporary 'diet'
- Optimizes overall health independent of weight loss

Low-Carb High-Fat Diets

Possible Benefits

- Avoids added sugar & refined grains
- Short-term weight loss
- Short-term glycemic improvements in DM pts

Major Concerns

- Limited evidence; most studies short-term, w intermediate markers
- High saturated fat; LDL can increase or at best stay stable
- May increase risk of CV disease, cancer, premature death like other low-carb diets
- Can be low in fiber & restricts very healthful foods: whole grains, beans, most fruits
- Unclear if sustainable in long-term



**“Eat food. Not too much.
Mostly plants.”
Michael Pollan**



More Plants...Healthier Weight

Prevalence Studies:

People eating diets high in plant foods have healthier BMIs

Tonstad, Diabetes Care 2009
Spencer, Int J Obesity 2003
Wang, Int J Obesity 2009

Prospective Studies:

Diets low in fiber & high in meat are strongly tied to weight gain

Vergnaud et al, AM J Clin Nutr 2010
Halkjaer et al, Int J Obesity 2011
Rosell M et al, Int J Obesity 2006

Fiber: Not just for constipation anymore!

- Increases satiety without extra calories
- Add 14g fiber/day → 10-18% lower calorie intake
- Whole grain fiber increases metabolic rate & promotes loss of calories in stool
- Promotes beneficial gut bacterial patterns & production of SCFAs
- Improves blood sugar response to food
- Reduces heart disease, diabetes, & cancer risk



110
calories:
orange juice
(8 oz.)



400
calories:
mocha
(medium)



280
calories:
regular cola
(20 oz.)



230
calories:
fruit drink
(16 oz.)



200
calories:
sweet tea
(16 oz.)



150
calories:
beer
(12 oz.)



A still life photograph of various fruits and vegetables, including corn on the cob, tomatoes, cucumbers, and apples, arranged on a surface. A semi-transparent green rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing the text "Carbs, Protein, & Fat: The Bottom Line" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

Carbs, Protein, & Fat: The Bottom Line

WHOLE

VS
CARBS

REFINED

Whole Carbohydrates
(Containing Natural Sugars)

Refined Carbohydrates
(Often With Refined Sugars)



FRUITS



LEAFY GREENS
& VEGGIES



STARCHY VEGGIES
(POTATOES, SWEET
POTATOES)



BEANS,
LENTILS, PEAS



WHOLE GRAINS
(BROWN RICE,
QUINOA, OATS)



CORN



PASTA MADE FROM 100%
WHOLE WHEAT, BROWN
RICE, LENTILS, QUINOA,
BEANS & CHICKPEAS



CANDY



SODA



PASTRIES
(DONUTS, SCONES,
CROISSANTS)



SUGARY CEREALS



WHITE RICE



WHITE FLOUR
PASTA



WHITE BREADS



High in Fiber
High in Water
High in Antioxidants

High in Minerals
High in Vitamins
Minimally Processed

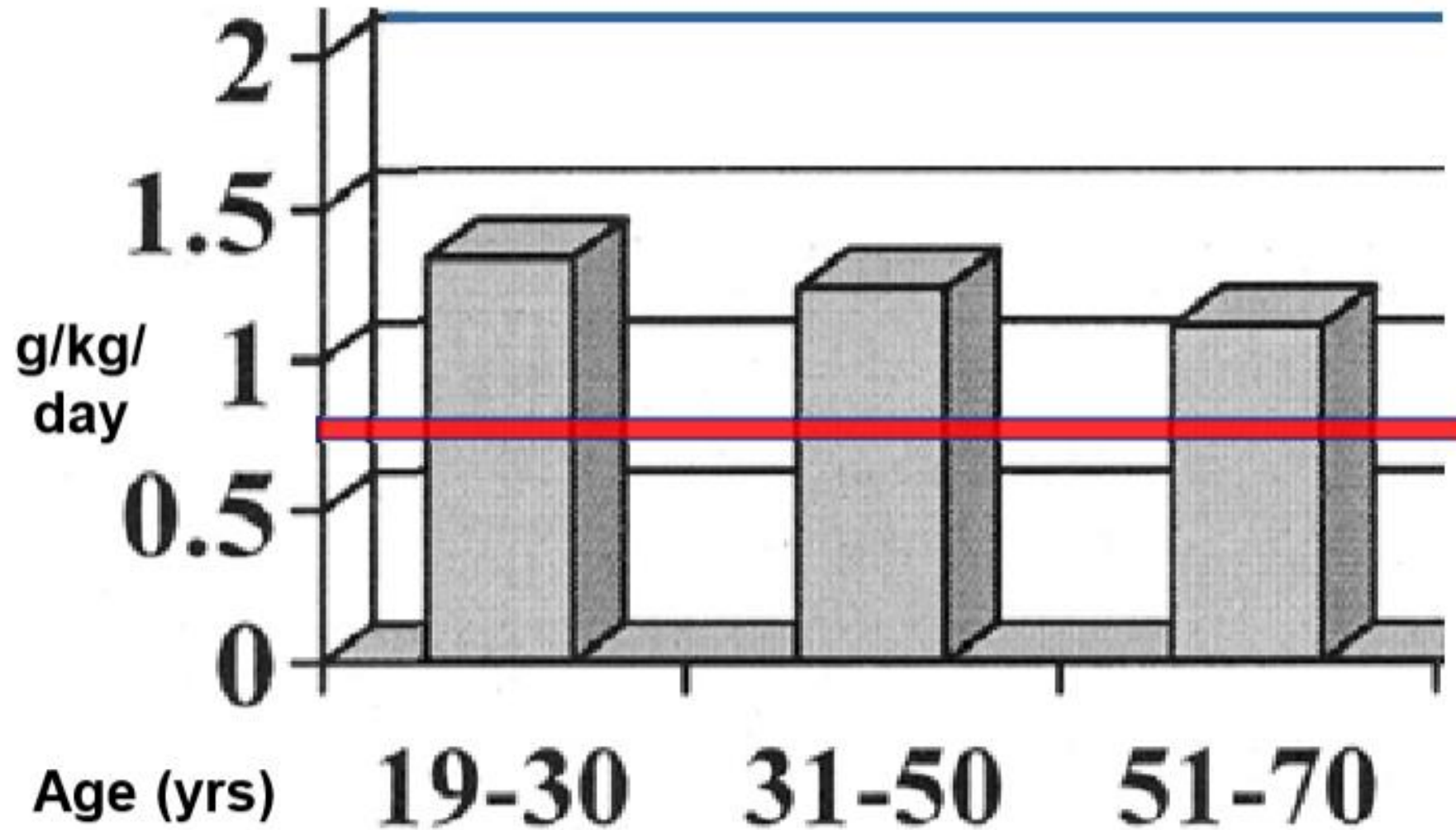


Low in Fiber
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Highly Processed

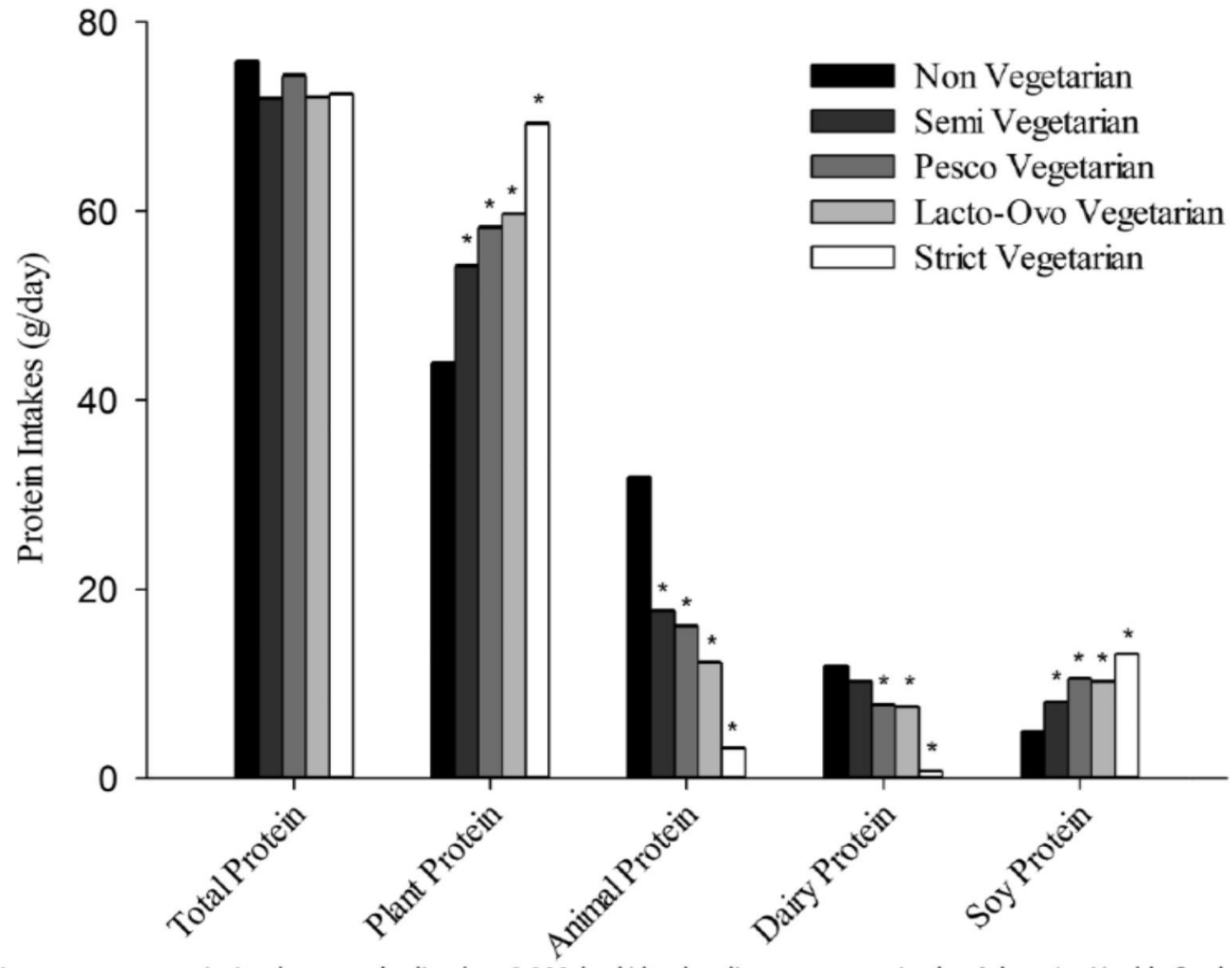


Protein

Protein Needs vs Actual Intake



RESEARCH



Problems With Excess Protein

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
- High Blood Pressure
- High Cholesterol
- Kidney Stones
- Worsened Kidney Function
- Gout
- Cancers



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

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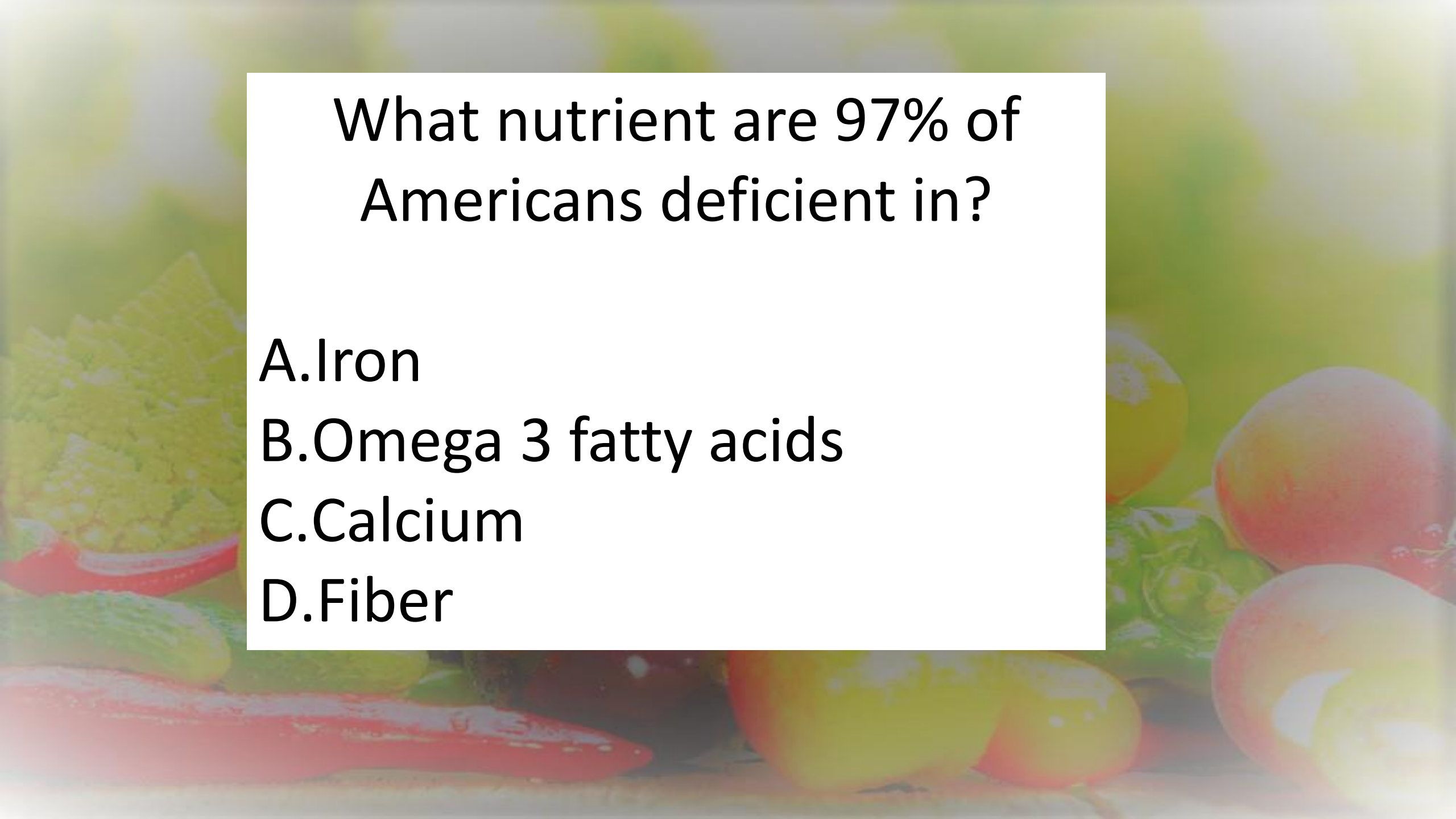
Conclusions and Relevance High animal protein intake was positively associated with cardiovascular mortality and high plant protein intake was inversely associated with all-cause and cardiovascular mortality, especially among individuals with at least 1 lifestyle risk factor. Substitution of plant protein for animal protein, especially that from processed red meat, was associated with lower mortality, suggesting the importance of protein source.

Among those 1 with \geq risk factor, replacing just 3% of animal protein lowered mortality by

- 34% for processed red meat
- 19% for eggs (including 17% decrease in cancer death)
- 12% for unprocessed red meat
- 8% for dairy
- 6% for poultry & fish

The package matters....





What nutrient are 97% of
Americans deficient in?

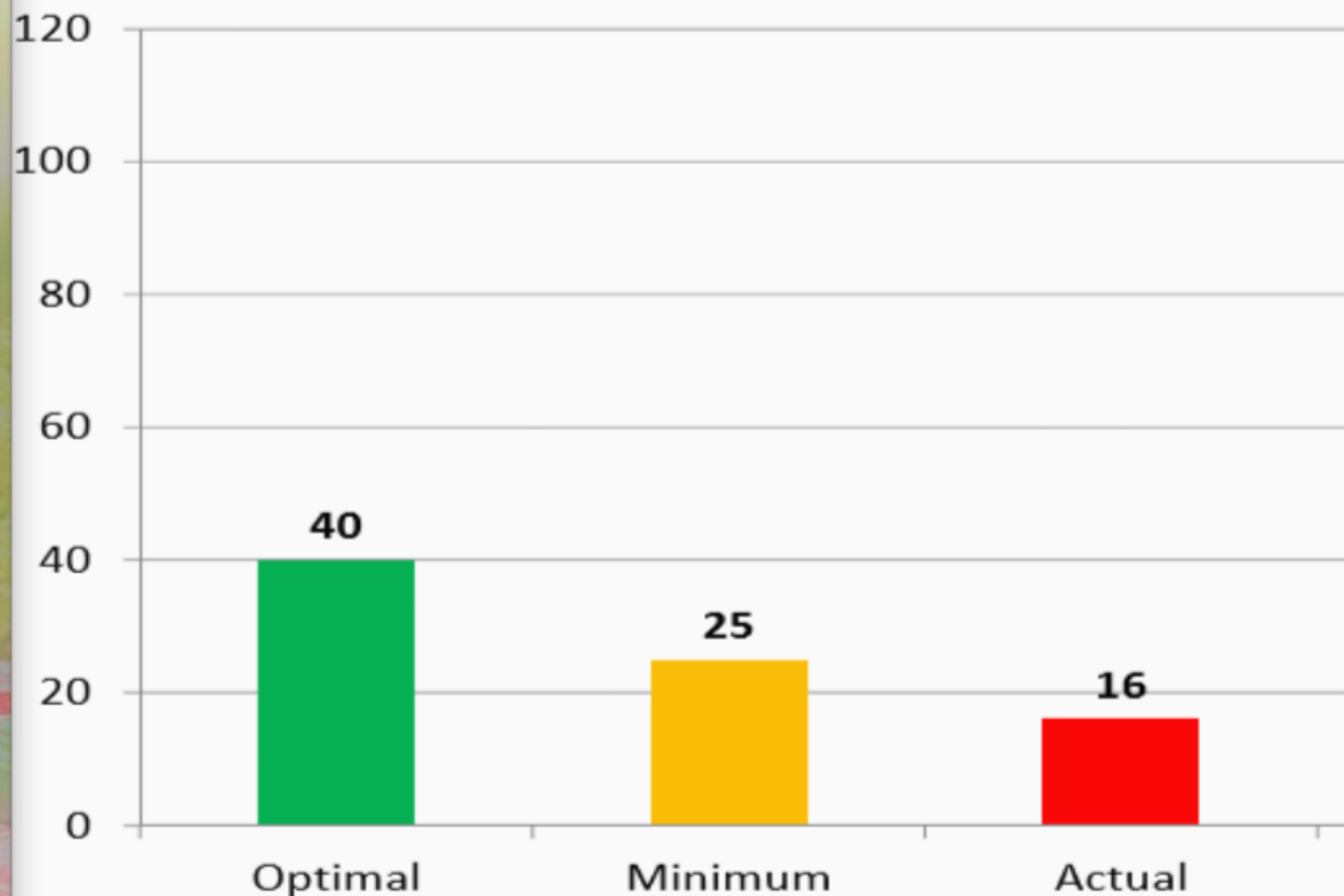
A.Iron

B.Omega 3 fatty acids

C.Calcium

D.Fiber

Fiber Intake Among US Adults (g/day)



cdc.gov/nchs/data/factsheets/factsheet_nutrition.pdf

Konner et al, Nutr Clin Prac 2010



Fats

The Skinny on Fats

Saturated

- Highest in animal foods, tropical oils
- Increase LDL, atherosclerosis, insulin resistance

Trans-Fats

- “Partially hydrogenated” oils
- Mostly manmade
- Ultra processed foods
- Highly atherogenic

Monounsaturated

- Olives, avocados, nuts
- Decrease insulin resistance

Polyunsaturated

- Vegetable oils, nuts, seeds, fish (omega 3)
- Decrease insulin resistance, lower LDL

The package matters!

Protein & fat: animal vs plant sources
Carbs: refined vs whole-food sources





**ANY
QUESTIONS?**

Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”

-Genesis 1:29

