

New evaluation of isoflavone exposure in the French population

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Abstract The study relates the present evaluation of exposure to estrogenic isoflavones of French consumers through two approaches: (1) identification of the isoflavone sources in the French food offering, (2) a consumption-survey on premenopausal women. For the foodstuff approach 150 food-items were analysed for genistein and daidzein. 12,707 labels of processed-foods from French supermarket websites and a restaurant-supplier website were screened. 1,616 foodstuffs of interest were retained. Phytoestrogens exposure was considered via soy, pea, broad bean and lupine. A price analysis was performed. 270 premenopausal women from the French metropolitan territory were interviewed for their global diet habits and soy consumption and perception. In supermarkets, there were significantly less selected foodstuffs containing soy than in restaurant (11.76% vs 25.71% p<0.01). There was significantly more soy in low price-foodstuff in supermarket (p<0.01). Isoflavone levels ranged from 81 to 123,871 µg per portion of the analyzed soy containing foodstuff. Among the women inquired 46.3% claimed having soy regularly. Isoflavone intake >45mg/day is associated to vegan-diet (p<0.01). In total, 11.9% of soy-consumers had a calculated isoflavone intake >50mg/day. This dose can lengthen the menstrual cycles. The actual exposure to phytoestrogen is likely to have an effect in a part of the French population.

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Table S1. Isoflavone content in legumes found in processed food according to the scientific literature

Legumes	Biochanin A (CAS 491-80-5)	Daidzein (CAS 486-66-8)	Formononetin (CAS 485-72-3)	Genistein (CAS 446-72-0)	Total µg/100g	References
µg/100g of fresh weight						
Fava (Raw)	na	330	na	150	760	USDA database, 2008
Fava (Raw)	na	na	500	1 990	2 490	Kaufman <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Fava (Raw)	na	7	na	6	13	Liggins <i>et al.</i> , 2002
Fava (Raw)	na	24	na	nd	24	Mazur <i>et al.</i> , 1996
Mean Fava Raw					822	
Lupine	na	10	na	1 036	1 046	Katagiri <i>et al.</i> , 2000
Lupine seed (<i>L. albus</i>)	na	4 660	na	5 920	10 580	Kaufman <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Lupine seed (<i>L. albus</i>)	na	1 900	na	6 520	8 420	Kaufman <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Lupine seed (<i>L. luteus</i>)	na	10	na	6 150	6 160	Kaufman <i>et al.</i> , 1997
Lupine seed (<i>L. albus</i>)	na	na	na	419	419	Sirtori <i>et al.</i> , 2004
Lupine seed (<i>L. mutabilis</i>)	na	na	na	61 500	61 500	Galvez-Ranilla <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Mean Lupine seed		1645		13 591	14 688	
Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)*	na	52,9	na	49,7	103	de Kleijn <i>et al.</i> , 2001
Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)*	na	268,8	na	69,8	339	Timoracká <i>et al.</i> , 2010
Peas raw (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)	na	220	na	0,0	220	Dvořák <i>et al.</i> , 2005
Yellow Split Peas (<i>P. sativum</i>)	86	nd	nd	nd	86	Franke <i>et al.</i> , 1995
Green Split Peas (<i>P. sativum</i>)	nd	726	nd	nd	726	Franke <i>et al.</i> , 1995
Mean Peas					2 517	
Soy Flour	na	94 969,26	na	142 167,63	237 136,89	Eldridge, 1982
Soy Flakes	na	41 955,43	na	140 960,01	182 915,44	Seo and Morr, 1984
Soy Flakes	na	72 038,90	na	122 111,68	194 150,59	Eldridge and Kwolek 1983
Soy protein isolate 1	na	6 060,63	na	19 487,65	25 548,3	Mantovani <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Soy protein isolate 2	na	2 684,68	na	7 282,41	9 967,1	Mantovani <i>et al.</i> , 2009
Soy bean	30	47 000,00	70	74 000,00	121 100,0	Rochfort <i>et al.</i> , 2007
Mean soy products					128 470	

* in µg for 100g of dry weight

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Table S2. Number of products screened in each survey performed in supermarkets

Category of analyzed products	Total product screened per category*	Number of products per category		
		Global survey of food claiming containing legumes	Supplier survey for price analysis	Survey for percentage analysis of food claiming containing legumes
Baby-food	651	0	0	0
Biscuits	699	44	0	0
Bread	155	52	50	52
Breaded or battered fish and minced fish portion	25	0	0	17
Breaded and battered meat	32	29	29	29
Canned legumes	307	54	54	0
Cooking aids and sauces	201	32	32	32
Dairy products (except-soy products)	2146	2	0	0
Delicatessen	635	26	26	49
Battered meat and Nuggets	85	23	23	21
Gluten free foodstuffs	98	27	78	78
Ice-cream and dessert	123	16	16	16
Minced meat fresh or frozen	154	65	65	22
Pizza	452	2	0	0
Processed canned food	408	26	26	26
Processed dishes	145	57	57	57
Snacks or Surimi	102	32	31	75
Soy-based products	257	138	0	0
Total per inquiry method	6675	625	487	474
Total products indexed from supermarket			1112	

* overview of 5 main suppliers in France

Table S3. Socio-demographic characteristics of the population interviewed in the study

Age	18-25	26-30	31-35	36-40	41-50
Observed	106	51	29	25	59
%	39.3%	18.9%	10.7%	9.3%	21.9%
National*	22%	15%	15%	16%	33%
Number of persons at home	1	2	3	4	5 and over
Observed	71	75	47	55	22
%	26.3%	27.8%	17.4%	20.4%	8.1%
National*	29%	23%	19%	19%	10%
Children or not	yes		no		
Observed	95		175		
%	35.2%		64.8%		
National*	47%		53%		
Family monthly incomes	<1500€	[1500 - 2500 €[[2500 - 4000 €[[4000 - 6000 €[>6000 €
Observed	75	77	79	26	8
%	28.3%	29.1%	29.8%	9.8%	3%
National**	31%	44%	15%	5%	3%

According to the data "National" means either Insee: * or French Ministry of Finance: **

* <https://www.insee.fr/fr/statistiques/>

** <https://www.impots.gouv.fr/portail/statistiques>

Table S4: Margin of error associated with the observed proportions (for 270 respondents, with a confidence interval of 95%)

Observed proportion	5 %	10 %	20 %	30 %	40 %	50 %	60 %	70 %	80 %	90 %	95 %
Margin of error	2.6 %	3.6 %	4.8 %	5.5 %	5.8 %	6.0 %	5.8 %	5.5 %	4.8 %	3.6 %	2.6 %
Lower boundary	2.4 %	6.4 %	15.2 %	24.5 %	34.2 %	44 %	54.2 %	64.5 %	75.2 %	86.4 %	92.4 %
Upper boundary	7.6 %	13.6 %	24.8 %	35.5 %	45.8 %	56 %	65.8 %	75.5 %	84.8 %	93.6 %	97.6 %

Table S5. Genistein and Daidzein measurements in French foodstuff
(all data are given in aglycone equivalent per wet weight)

	Genistein (µg/g)	Daidzein (µg/g)	Total (µg/g)	Reasonable portion size	Intake for 1 portion (µg)
Foodstuffs based on soy-juice					
1 Tonyu 1	91.37 (± 6.52)	49.57 (± 3.47)	140.94 (± 9.99)	1 bowl (350 mL)	49,330
2 Tonyu 2	51.32 (± 8.16)	39.83 (± 4.39)	91.14 (± 12.55)	1 bowl (350 mL)	31,899
3 Tonyu 3	53.21 (± 12.47)	37.33 (± 4.11)	90.54 (± 16.58)	1 bowl (350 mL)	31,690
4 Tonyu 4	32.84 (± 9.48)	19.24 (± 4.59)	52.08 (± 14.06)	1 bowl (350 mL)	18,232
5 Tonyu 5	60.80 (± 7.21)	44.82 (± 3.38)	105.62 (± 10.59)	1 bowl (350 mL)	36,971
6 Tonyu 6	29.96 (± 1.92)	16.91 (± 1.94)	46.88 (± 3.89)	1 bowl (350 mL)	16,413
7 Tonyu 7	15.68 (± 3.60)	12.64 (± 2.38)	28.33 (± 5.97)	1 bowl (350 mL)	9,914
8 Soy-juice chocolate taste 1	104.54 (± 12.76)	52.67 (± 7.55)	157.21 (± 20.31)	1 mug (250 mL)	39,302
9 Soy-juice chocolate taste 2	107.00 (± 7.49)	70.00 (± 4.92)	178.75	1 mug (250 mL)	44,687
10 Soy-based Yoghurts 1	44.70 (± 3.17)	37.40 (± 3.61)	82.20 (± 6.78)	1 yoghurt (100 g)	8,220
11 Soy-based Yoghurts 2	33.17 (± 8.47)	7.78 (± 1.00)	40.95 (± 9.47)	1 yoghurt (100 g)	4,104
12 Soy-based Yoghurts 3	76.51 (±17.72)	48.68 (± 8.64)	125.19 (± 26.37)	1 yoghurt (125 g)	15,652
13 Soft soy-based yoghurt	125.00 (± 8.75)	129.19 (± 9.12)	254.31 (± 17.87)	1 yoghurt (125 g)	30,510
14 Natural soy yogurt	64.23 (± 14.18)	35.33 (± 6.22)	99.56 (±20.40)	1 yoghurt (100 g)	9,955
15 Soy-based yoghurt with peach	106.71 (± 4.78)	58.69 (± 10.33)	165.39 (±15.10)	1 yoghurt (100 g)	16,539
16 Soy-based Chocolate cream 1	52.41 (± 5.63)	28.82 (± 5.07)	81.23 (±10.71)	1 yoghurt (125 g)	10,153
17 Soy-based Chocolate cream 2	67.13 (± 13.96)	38.63 (± 4.52)	105.76 (± 18.48)	1 cup (100 g)	10,582
18 Soy-based Chocolate cream 3	26.26 (± 3.62)	14.12 (± 2.66)	40.39 (± 6.28)	1 cup (100 g)	4,044
19 Soy-based Chocolate cream 4	40.94 (± 8.87)	19.65 (± 2.16)	60.59 (± 11.02)	1 cup (100 g)	6,067
20 Soy-based Chocolate cream 5	13.95 (± 3.56)	3.34 (± 0.47)	17.29 (± 4.03)	1 cup (100 g)	1,733
21 Soy-based Chocolate cream 6	20.25 (± 2.07)	14.91 (± 3.59)	35.16 (± 5.66)	1 cup (100 g)	3,521
22 Soy-based Chocolate cream 7	34.58 (±6.69)	23.24 (± 3.68)	57.81 (± 10.36)	1 cup (100 g)	5,782
23 Soy-based Vanilla soy cream 1	29.82 (± 2.16)	19.39 (± 1.36)	49.21 (± 2.87)	1 cup (100 g)	4,921

Table S5 Continued

	Genistein ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Daidzein ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Total ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Reasonable portion size	Intake for 1 portion (μg)
24 Soy-based Vanilla soy cream 2	110.556 (± 28.58)	60.80 (± 10.70)	171.35 (± 39.28)	1 cup (125 g)	21,418
25 Soy-based Caramel soy cream	40.00 (± 2.86)	17.90 (± 0.7)	57.89 (± 2.87)	1 cup (100 g)	5,789
26 Soy-based Vanilla dessert	159.50 (± 11.16)	63.20 (± 4.42)	224.10 (± 2.87)	1 cup (100 g)	22,410
27 Herb cheese made of soy 1	368.39 (± 25.86)	357.23 (± 22.99)	725.62 (± 58.85)	1 portion (50 g)	36,280
28 Herb cheese made of soy 2	351.12 (± 22.36)	300.93 (± 20.94)	654.31 (± 43.30)	1 portion (50 g)	32,710
29 Herb cheese made of soy 3	285.80 (± 15.26)	185.15 (± 12.34)	470.95 (± 27.60)	1 portion (50 g)	23,640
30 Nature cheese made of soy	43.42 (± 9.02)	15.03 (± 2.91)	58.45 (± 11.99)	1 portion (50 g)	2,923
31 Soy-based cream substitute 1	70.08 (± 5.11)	63.16 (± 4.42)	134.95 (± 9.53)	1 portion (50 mL)	6,750
32 Soy-based cream substitute 2	32.98 (± 0.69)	28.83 (± 4.85)	61.81 (± 5.54)	1 portion (50 mL)	3,090
33 Soy-based cream substitute 3	56.04 (± 5.13)	34.42 (± 2.21)	90.46 (± 7.34)	1 portion (50 mL)	4,522
34 Soy-based cream substitute 4	50.69 (± 5.29)	27.49 (± 1.92)	78.1 (± 7.21)	1 portion (50 mL)	3,913
35 Soy-based cream substitute 5	54.27 (± 17.57)	29.84 (± 5.25)	54.27 (± 17.57)	1 portion (50 mL)	2,713
Asian types soy-based dishes					
36 Smoked tempeh	165.33 (± 11.56)	112.00 (± 7.84)	277.33 (± 19.40)	3 slices (50 g)	13,870
37 Japanese soft Tofu	117.87 (± 10.29)	70.92 (± 2.88)	188.79 (± 13.18)	1 portion (100 g)	18,879
38 Soft Tofu	77.60 (± 10.29)	42.81 (± 3.63)	120.41 (± 16.56)	1 portion (100 g)	12,041
39 Natural Tofu 1	225.27 (± 75.14)	117.22 (± 7.43)	342.49 (± 82.57)	1 portion (125 g)	42,810
40 Natural Tofu 2	119.43 (± 35.08)	101.11 (± 24.11)	220.54 (± 59.19)	1 portion (100 g)	22,054
41 Traditional Tofu*	224.43 (± 11.79)	100.92 (± 12.48)	325.35 (± 24.26)	1 portion (100 g)	32,535
42 Whey from Traditional Tofu*	744.36 (± 39.89)	459.93 (± 60.17)	1,204.30 (± 100.06)	in 1 pack (60 mL)	72,258
43 Asian Tofu	48.00 (± 3.26)	46.16 (± 3.16)	95.27 (± 6.42)	1 portion (100 g)	9,530
44 Breaded Tofu 1	150.33 (± 10.52)	71.22 (± 5.57)	221.55 (± 16.09)	1 portion (100 g)	22,150
45 Breaded Tofu 2	289.29 (± 6.04)	188.49 (± 2.00)	477.78 (± 8.04)	1 portion (100 g)	47,778
46 Smoked Tofu	273.54 (± 15.33)	178.54 (± 5.50)	452.08 (± 20.83)	1 portion (100 g)	45,210
47 Tofu with garlic	216.74 (± 9.60)	138.25 (± 4.09)	354.99 (± 13.69)	1 portion (80 g)	28,400
48 Tofu with curry	411.96 (± 105.56)	226.58 (± 39.87)	638.54 (± 145.44)	1 portion (125 g)	79,817
49 Soy sauce 1	5.64 (± 1.55)	10.36 (± 2.63)	16.00 (± 4.18)	1 portion (10 mL)	160

Table S5 Continued

	Genistein ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Daidzein ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Total ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Reasonable portion size	Intake for 1 portion (μg)
Prepared dishes based on soy					
50 Soy sauce 2	5.55 (± 1.62)	11.27 (± 2.87)	16.82 (± 4.49)	1 portion (10 mL)	162
51 Sausages made of soy 1	82.21 (± 5.76)	40.64 (± 2.87)	122.85 (± 8.63)	2 sausages (90 g)	11,060
52 Sausages made of soy 2	134.15 (± 10.55)	66.95 (± 5.53)	201.10 (± 16.08)	3 sausages (80 g)	16,090
53 Sausages made of soy 3	259.50 (± 10.42)	231.00 (± 20.70)	490.50 (± 31.12)	2 sausages (90 g)	44,145
54 Sausages made of soy 4	132.05 (± 16.89)	42.74 (± 6.85)	174.79 (± 23.74)	3 sausages (160 g)	27,970
55 Soy biscuits with figs	95.38 (± 6.36)	87.74 (± 6.16)	183.12 (± 12.52)	4 biscuits (80 g)	14,650
56 Buckwheat pancakes with tofu	228.50 (± 15.86)	154.00 (± 10.35)	382.50 (± 26.21)	1 pancake (100 g)	38,250
57 Soy pancakes with tomatoes	202.30 (± 14.16)	116.92 (± 8.56)	319.22 (± 22.72)	1 pancake (100 g)	31,920
58 Soy pancakes "provençale"	227.15 (± 15.57)	129.48 (± 11.02)	356.63 (± 26.59)	1 pancake (100 g)	35,663
59 Legumes with tonyu sauce	98.81 (± 1.90)	62.90 (± 6.35)	161.71 (± 8.25)	1 dish (300 g)	48,510
60 Vegan Rice with soy & vegetables	132.29 (± 12.18)	72.76 (± 12.81)	205.04 (± 24.97)	1 dish (250 g)	51,261
61 Vegan Steak Tomato & onions	332.44 (± 11.39)	222.65 (± 3.29)	555.09 (± 14.68)	1 steak (90 g)	49,960
62 Vegan Steak Tomato & onions	288.62 (± 3.69)	234.93 (± 51.66)	523.55 (± 55.36)	1 steak (90 g)	47,119
63 Vegan Steak with vegetable	122.55 (± 10.29)	118.92 (± 2.64)	241.47 (± 12.93)	1 steak (100 g)	24,146
64 Soy Steak Tomato & cereal	190.42 (± 7.12)	133.53 (± 10.40)	323.96 (± 17.52)	1 steak (90 g)	29,156
65 Croq Tofou « provençale »	165.42 (± 5.00)	112.18 (± 8.94)	277.61 (± 13.94)	1 steak (100 g)	27,760
66 Vegan Steak tomato & herbs	164.62 (± 10.02)	119.38 (± 6.31)	284.00 (± 16.33)	1 steak (100 g)	28,400
67 Vegan Steak with pepper	147.50 (± 9.23)	103.63 (± 11.74)	251.13 (± 20.96)	1 steak (80 g)	20,090
68 Soy Steak and vegetables	20.37 (± 2.31)	29.35 (± 10.49)	49.73 (± 12.80)	1 steak (100 g)	4,970
69 Indian Soy Steak with Curry	123.10 (± 13.76)	91.93 (± 4.02)	215.03 (± 17.78)	1 steak (100 g)	21,500
70 Soy Steak tomato & herbs	24.07 (± 4.63)	17.75 (± 2.86)	41.83 (± 7.49)	1 steak (100 g)	4,180
71 Breaded Soy Steak	159.52 (± 38.26)	87.73 (± 15.44)	247.25 (± 53.70)	1 steak (90 g)	22,252
72 Vegan steak	174.67 (± 46.38)	96.07 (± 16.91)	270.74 (± 63.28)	1 steak (100 g)	27,070
73 Vegan Grill	53.53 (± 6.04)	29.44 (± 5.18)	82.97 (± 11.23)	1 steak (90 g)	7,467
74 Vegan escalope grilled	45.81 (± 14.21)	25.19 (± 4.43)	71.01 (± 18.64)	1 steak (80 g)	5,680
75 Soy Square	203.92 (± 37.28)	112.16 (± 19.74)	316.08 (± 57.02)	1 steak (100 g)	31,608
76 Vegan "Bolognaise for pasta" 1	244.73 (± 81.73)	155.40 (± 8.25)	400.13 (± 89.98)	1 portion (120 g)	48,020
77 Vegan "Bolognaise for pasta" 2	127.28 (± 21.29)	94.88 (± 21.29)	222.16 (± 21.98)	1 portion (125 g)	27,770

Table 5 (continued)

	Genistein (µg/g)	Daidzein (µg/g)	Total (µg/g)	Reasonable portion size	Intake for 1 portion (µg)
78 Vegan chopped dish for pasta 3	70.93 (± 6.46)	62.45 (± 3.66)	133.38 (± 10.12)	1 portion (150 g)	20,012
79 Cucus vegan	164.61 (± 18.44)	116.89 (± 6.05)	281.51 (± 24.50)	1 portion (250 g)	70,382
80 Soy. rice and vegetables	48.14 (± 6.08)	31.95 (± 4.13)	80.09 (± 10.21)	1 portion (250 g)	20,023
81 Vegan nuggets 1	21.10 (± 3.40)	7.78 (± 1.26)	28.88 (± 4.65)	1 portion (150 g)	4,333
82 Vegan nuggets 2	20.36 (± 2.42)	10.09 (± 1.83)	30.45 (± 4.25)	1 portion (100 g)	3,044
83 Vegan croq' with cheese	43.85 (± 8.77)	14.63 (± 0.65)	58.48 (± 9.42)	1 portion (100 g)	5,852
84 Vegan patty	100.07 (± 16.36)	79.37 (± 3.41)	179.44 (±19.78)	1 portion (150 g)	26,924
Soy products					
85 Soy bean (fresh frozen)	260.28 (±29.85)	143.16 (±25.20)	403.44 (±55.04)	1 portion (200 g)	80,688
86 Soy flour	644.72 (±141.89)	354.60 (±62.41)	999.32 (±204.30)	1 portion (33 g)	32,978
87 Conventional soy grain	490.98 (± 6.62)	347.68 (± 78.26)	838.67 (± 84.88)	1 portion (100 g)	85,421
88 Toasted soy grain (appetisers) 1	1.360.00 (± 51.32)	1117.42 (± 119.03)	2.477.42 (± 170.62)	1 portion (50 g)	123,871
89 Toasted soy grain (appetisers) 2	370.11 (±45.14)	249.85 (±14.00)	619.97 (±59.14)	1 portion (50 g)	31,002
90 Toasted soy grain (appetisers) 3	616.00 (±89.08)	572.00 (±93.55)	1188.00 (±182.64)	1 portion (50 g)	59,404
91 Toasted soy grain (appetisers) 4	809.33 (±49.37)	666.67 (±102.63)	1476.00 (±152.00)	1 portion (50 g)	73,805
92 Toasted soy grain (appetisers) 5	650.67 (±68.86)	286.22 (±66.26)	936.89 (±135.12)	1 portion (50 g)	46,847
Health products based on soy					
93 Instant powder for drinks	99.69 (± 6.96)	106.11 (± 7.35)	205.80 (± 14.31)	3 spoons (25 g)	8,026
94 Powdered soy "milk"	1.310.00 (± 81.62)	1.070.00 (± 64.96)	2.390.00 (± 146.58)	3 doses (30 g)	43,974
95 Slimming dish (soup)	223.59 (± 15.46)	135.44 (± 9.24)	359.03 (± 24.70)	1 pack (50 g)	16,510
96 Slimming dish (breakfast)	185.03 (± 11.95)	98.36 (± 7.56)	283.39 (± 19.51)	1 pack (50 g)	13,030
97 Slimming dish (meal)	287.17 (± 18.53)	193.64 (± 13.22)	480.81 (± 31.75)	1 pack (50 g)	22,110
98 Cereal max energy	252.24 (± 12.75)	138.73 (± 24.42)	390.97 (± 37.16)	1 bar (165 g)	64,509
99 High protein 90	155.77 (± 10.52)	85.67 (± 15.08)	241.44 (± 25.60)	1 portion (100 g)	24,144
100 Soy lecithin Extract 1	0.17 (± 0.01)	0.68 (± 0.04)	0.97 (± 0.05)	1 portion (10 g)	9.7
101 Soy lecithin Extract 2	0.86 (± 0.06)	2.36 (± 0.16)	3.52 (± 0.22)	1 portion (10 g)	35.2
102 Whole wheat loaf	1.76 (± 0.37)	2.51 (± 0.08)	4.27 (± 0.45)	1 portion (80 g)	340
103 Gluten free baguette bread	10.29 (± 1.93)	5.48 (± 1.10)	15.77 (± 3.03)	1 portion (80 g)	126
104 Organic Waffle with honey	5.91 (± 1.70)	13.37 (± 0.78)	19.28 (± 2.47)	1 portion (80 g)	154
105 "Bolognaisse" Pasta	34.69 (± 4.96)	19.08 (± 3.36)	53.77 (± 8.32)	1 portion (360 g)	19,357

Table 5 (Continued)

	Genistein ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Daidzein ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Total ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	Reasonable portion size	Intake for 1 portion (μg)
106 Asian Rice	7.62 (± 3.81)	4.19 (± 0.74)	11.80 (± 4.55)	1 portion (220 g)	2,597
107 Small Ravioli	6.39 (± 1.14)	3.52 (± 0.62)	9.91 (± 1.76)	1 portion (250 g)	2,476
108 Minced beef pie (Parmentier)	4.66 (± 0.32)	1.53 (± 0.11)	6.20 (± 0.43)	1 portion (300 g)	1,860
109 Minced beef portions	73.92 (± 5.11)	49.34 (± 3.43)	122.26 (± 8.54)	1 steak (100 g)	12,226
110 Minced beef portions with onions	4.60 (± 0.44)	3.87 (± 0.67)	8.47 (± 1.12)	1 portion (100 g)	846
111 Stuffed tomatoes 1	33.02 (± 2.82)	26.94 (± 1.96)	59.99 (± 4.78)	2 tomatoes	8,960
112 Stuffed tomatoes 2	44.39 (± 1.39)	23.33 (± 1.41)	67.71 (± 2.80)	2 tomatoes	6,771
113 Stuffed cabbages	33.04 (± 2.55)	25.48 (± 1.53)	58.48 (± 4.08)	2 cabbages	9,040
114 Chicken sausages appetizers	4.97 (± 0.99)	3.22 (± 0.57)	8.19 (± 1.56)	1 portion (110 g)	900
Foodstuffs with hidden soy					
115 Chicken sausages	1.63 (± 0.35)	0.72 (± 0.05)	2.35 (± 0.40)	1 portion (100 g)	235
116 Frozen chicken nuggets	0.93 (± 0.25)	0.25 (± 0.12)	1.18 (± 0.37)	1 portion (120 g)	142
117 Chicken nuggets	11.93 (± 2.85)	5.39 (± 1.31)	17.32 (± 4.16)	1 portion (130 g)	2,251
118 Chicken nuggets	0.42 (± 0.12)	0.58 (± 0.02)	1.01 (± 0.13)	1 portion (100 g)	101
119 Small Beef balls	54.17 (± 9.75)	18.99 (± 0.60)	73.17 (± 10.35)	1 portion (150 g)	10,970
120 Raw Beef balls	0.19 (± 0.04)	0.35 (± 0.07)	0.54 (± 0.11)	1 portion (150 g)	81
121 Genuine Beef Balls	38.24 (± 3.34)	23.08 (± 0.09)	61.32 (± 3.42)	1 portion (150 g)	9,198
122 Mini Beef Balls	24.80 (± 1.61)	18.03 (± 5.23)	42.83 (± 6.83)	1 portion (150 g)	6,424
123 Bolo Balls	25.72 (± 1.75)	10.75 (± 1.60)	36.47 (± 3.35)	1 portion (130 g)	4,741
124 Meatballs (1)	78.14 (± 6.16)	54.23 (± 3.56)	132.37 (± 9.72)	4 balls (125 g)	16,546
125 Meatballs (2)	82.55 (± 6.68)	59.60 (± 2.59)	142.15 (± 9.27)	4 balls (125 g)	17,768
126 Minced veal (breaded)	55.96 (± 3.86)	35.32 (± 2.45)	91.28 (± 6.31)	1 steak (100 g)	9,128
127 Brownies	65.24 (± 4.56)	43.92 (± 3.15)	109.16 (± 7.71)	3 Pieces (90 g)	9,824

Figures are mean \pm SD of 3 measures performed on 3 different microtitration plates

*The traditional tofu is an industrial product.

Table S6. Price-quintiles for the analysis of the supermarket offering

Price/kg	Breaded and battered Meat	Breaded and battered fish	Burgers	Delicatessen	Fish Steak	Meatballs	Meat flesh	Minced meat	Nuggets	Stuffed vegetables	Surimi
Price 1	<7.00€	<7.50€	<7.00€	<5.00€	12.00€ - 13.00€	<8.00€	<7.00€	<8.00€	<8.00€	<4.00€	<6.00€
Price 2	7.01€ - 8.00€	7.51€ - 9.50€	7.01€ - 11.00€	5.01€ - 8.00€	13.01€ - 14.00€	8.01€ - 10.00€	7.01€ - 9.00€	8.01€ - 11.00€	8.01€ - 10.00€	4.01€ - 5.50€	6.01€ - 9.00€
Price 3	8.01€ - 9.00€	9.51€ - 11.50€	11.01€ - 1.00€	8.01€ - 11.00€	14.01€ - 15.00€	10.01€ - 12.00€	9.01€ - 11.00€	11.01€ - 14.00€	10.01€ - 12.00€	5.51€ - 7.00€	9.01€ - 12.00€
Price 4	9.01€ - 10.00€	11.51€ - 13.50€	15.01€ - 19.00€	11.01€ - 14.00€	15.01€ - 16.00€	12.01€ - 14.00€	11.01€ - 13.00€	14.01€ - 17.00€	12.01€ - 14.00€	7.01€ - 8.50€	12.01€ - 15.00€
Price 5	>10.00€	13.50€ - 15.50€	>19.00€	>14.00€	16.01€ - 17.00€	>14.00€	>13.00€	>17.00€	>14.01€	8.51€ - 10€	>15.00€

Table S7. Theoretical isoflavone content in canned legumes (*all data are given in aglycone equivalent per wet weight*)

Legumes	Number of Items	Mean theoretical isoflavone content µg/100g*					Mean % in canned products				References
		Biochanin A	Daidzein	Formononetin	Genistein	Total	Peas	Beans	Flageolets	Lentils	
Green flageolet beans	6	40	10	150	20	220		100			USDA Database, 2008
French beans	13	nd	nd	15	nd	15		100			Franke et al., 1995
Wax beans	1	18.5	nd	32.5	nd	51		100			Franke et al., 1995
White beans	2	30	nd	41	37	108		100			Franke et al., 1995
Lingot beans	1	1116	5.5	133.5	70	1325		100			Mazur et al., 1998
Red beans	2	79	3.33	nd	4.66	87		100			Horn-Ross et al., 2000
French and wax beans	1	7,4	nd	19	nd	26.4		40			Franke et al., 1995
Lentils	2	nd	8,5	nd	46,5	55				100	Ritchie et al., 2006
Mixed vegetables	3	8	716	33	258	1015	20	20	20		Dvořák et al., 2010
Mojette beans	1	1116	5,5	133.5	70	1325		100			Franke et al., 1995
Peas	6	na	3570	na	1270	4840	100				Dvořák et al., 2010
Peas & carrots mixed	5	na	2142	na	762	2904	60				Dvořák et al., 2010
Split beans	1	28.66	242	nd	nd	270.66		100			Franke et al., 1995
Chick peas	4	64	40	140	350	594	100				Franke et al., 1995
Mungo beans	1	1	566	9.33	1163	1739.33		100			Horn-Ross et al., 2000
Elaborated cans with meat	Mixed Cans	Biochanin A	Daidzein	Formononetin	Genistein	Total	Mean % in canned products				
Cassoulet (white beans)	2	9.9	nd	13.53	12.21	35.64		33			Franke et al., 1995
Cassoulet (lingot beans)	5	334.8	1.65	40.05	21	397.5		30			Mazur et al., 1998
Lentils & Sausages	1	nd	1.36	nd	7.44	8.8				16	Ritchie et al., 2006

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Table S8. Number of products indexed from the restaurant supplier web-site and containing legumes or suspect

Foodstuffs	Number of indexed products
1. Breaded or battered fish	109
2. Breaded or battered meat	28
3. Burgers	7
4. Delicatessen	139
5. Meat balls	16
6. Bulk minced-meat	5
7. Minced fish portions	1
8. Minced meat portions	69
9. Nuggets	14
10. Stuffed vegetables	22
11. Surimi	19
Total	429

Table S9: Isoflavone concentrations in different soy-juice batches from different French trade-marks
(all data are given in aglycone equivalent per wet weight)

	Genistein µg/L	Daidzein µg/L	Total µg/L	For a mug 330 mL (µg)	For a mug 330 mL (mg)
Trade-mark 1	55,800	31,400	87,200	28,776	28.77
Trade-mark 2a	143,300	138,200	281,500	92,895	92.89
Trade-mark 2b	135,230	86,810	222,040	73,273	73.27
Trade-mark 2c	177,990	112,630	289,500	95,535	95.53
Trade-mark 2d	113,320	74,120	187,440	61,855	61.85
Trade-mark 2e	181,050	101,950	283,000	93,390	93.39
Trade-mark 3	82,700	46,300	129,000	42,570	42.57
Trade-mark 4a	78,300	63,700	142,000	46,860	46.86
Trade-mark 4b	51,320	39,920	91,240	30,109	30.11
Trade-mark 5	51,500	31,700	83,200	27,456	27.45
Trade-mark 6	32,840	19,240	52,080	17,186	17.17
Trade-mark 7	60,800	44,820	105,620	34,854	34.85
Trade-mark 8	29,960	16,910	46,880	15,470	15.47
Trade-mark 9	15,680	12,640	28,330	9,349	9.35
Trade-mark 10	104,540	52,670	157,210	47,163	47.16
Trade-mark 11	107,820	70,930	178,750	53,625	53.63

Table S10a. Data considered for the calculation of the isoflavone exposure via soy based food. Coefficients reflect the number of portions consumed each month according to survey response (e.g. 2-3 times a week corresponds to 10 times a month). In order to calculate each respondent's monthly (and then daily) exposure, the exposure to each type of product was summed

	Mean dose / portion mg/portion	Number of values to get the mean	Monthly isoflavone exposure to each type of product according to survey response			
			Never or less than once a week (coeff = 0)	once a week (coeff = 4)	2-3 times a week (coeff = 10)	4-6 times a week (coeff = 20)
1- Soy-based drinks	41.97	3	0	167.89	419.73	839.47
2- Soy-based steaks	52.60	7	0	210.40	526.00	1052.00
3- Soy-based sausages	36.38	4	0	145.54	363.86	727.72
4- Tofu	39.51	6	0	158.05	395.13	790.25
5- Biscuits/Cakes/Pancakes	33.68	4	0	134.73	336.83	673.66
6- Soy dessert cream and yogurt	27.19	8	0	108.77	271.93	543.85
7- Soy-based cheese	27.60	3	0	110.41	276.025	552.05
8- Toasted grains as appetizers	31.63	4	0	126.54	316.34	632.68
9- Tempeh	19.69	2	0	78.80	197.00	393.99
10- Flakes in breakfast mixture	18.69	2	0	74.77	186.93	373.86
11- Prepared dishes based on soy	18.10	8	0	72.40	181.00	362.00
12- Vegan chopped dish for pasta	56.98	2	0	227.92	569.81	1,139.61
13- Others*	13.87	16	0	55.48	138.70	277.40
						388.36

*Soy raw material not taken into account for the exposure calculation

Table S10b. Data considered for the calculation of the isoflavone exposure via casual food. Coefficients reflect the number of portions consumed each month according to survey response (e.g. several times a week corresponds to 8 times a month). In order to calculate each respondent's monthly (and then daily) exposure, the exposure to each type of product was summed

Type of product	Isoflavones / portion (mg/portion)	Monthly isoflavone exposure to each type of product according to survey response			
		Less often or never (coeff 0)	Once or twice a month (coeff 1.5)	Once a week (coeff 4)	Several times a week (coeff 8)
A- Parmentier pie	15.0	0	22.5	60.0	120.0
B- minced beef / burger	10.2	0	15.3	40.8	81.6
D- Meat ball	19.5	0	29.3	78.1	156.2
E- Breaded meat	5.6	0	8.4	22.3	44.6
F- Lasagnes	2.2	0	3.3	8.7	17.4
G- Chicken Nuggets	0.2	0	0.4	1.0	1.9
H- Stuffed tomatoes	9.0	0	13.4	35.8	71.7
I- Stuffed cabbage	9.0	0	13.6	36.2	72.3
J- Brownies	10.9	0	16.4	43.6	87.3

Figure S1. Number of products by categories found on supermarket website and their content in soy, pea, plant protein as well as those being suspect. **S1A.** Meat-products, **S1B.** Breaded-meat-products, **S1C.** Delicatessen, **S1D.** Doughnuts and nuggets, **S1E.** Processed-food in can, **S1F.** Snacks, **S1G.** Ice-cream and desserts, **S1H.** Gluten-free products.

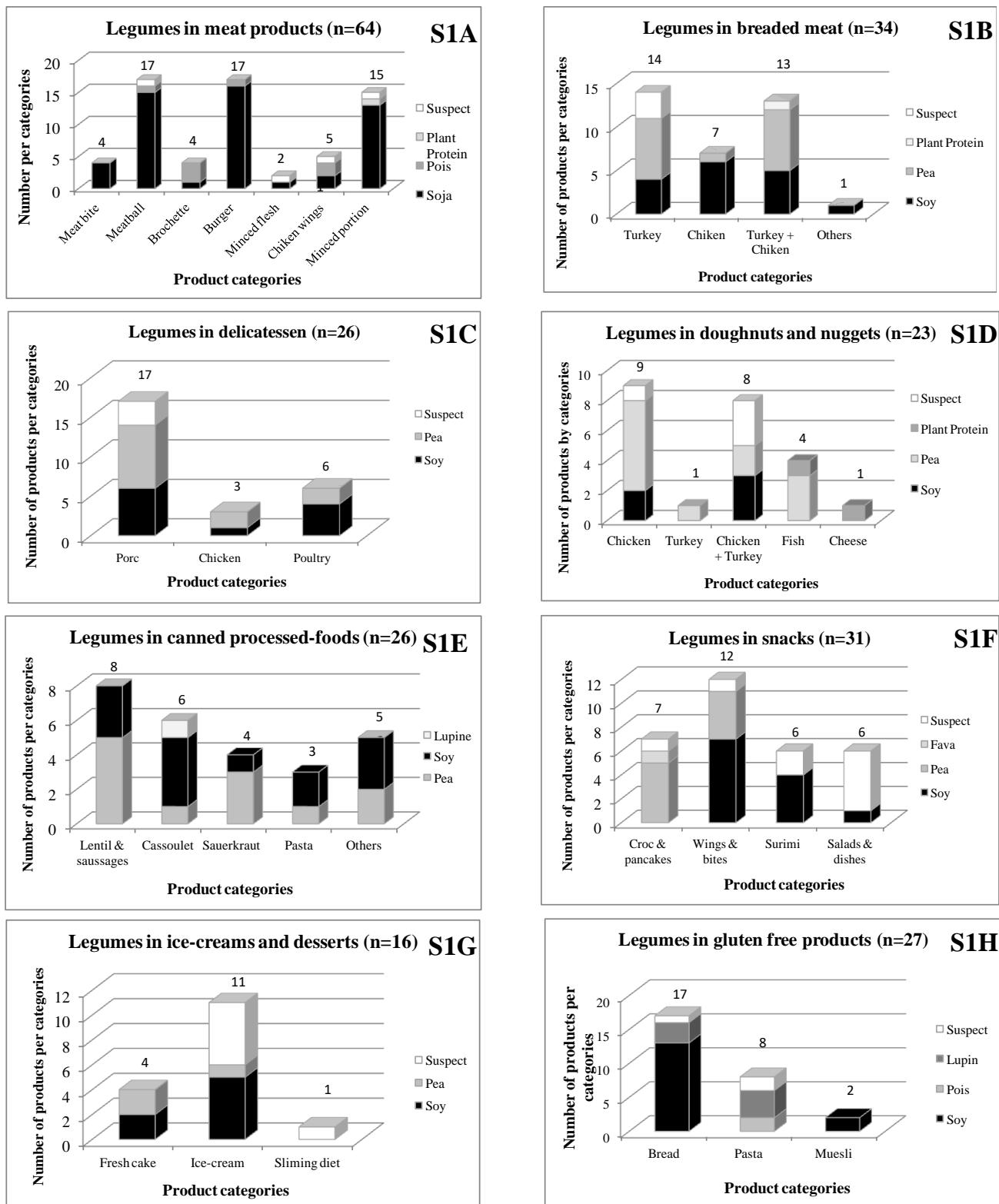


Figure S2: Characterisation of the soy-based foodstuffs offer

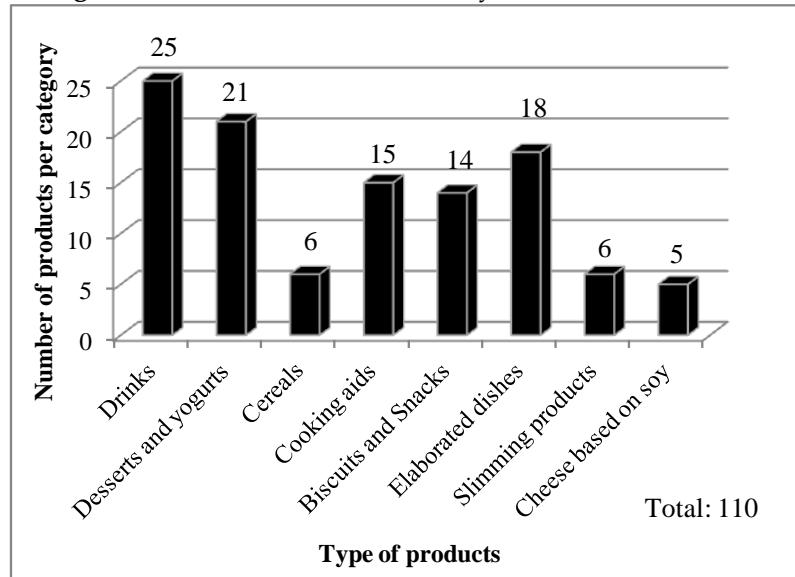
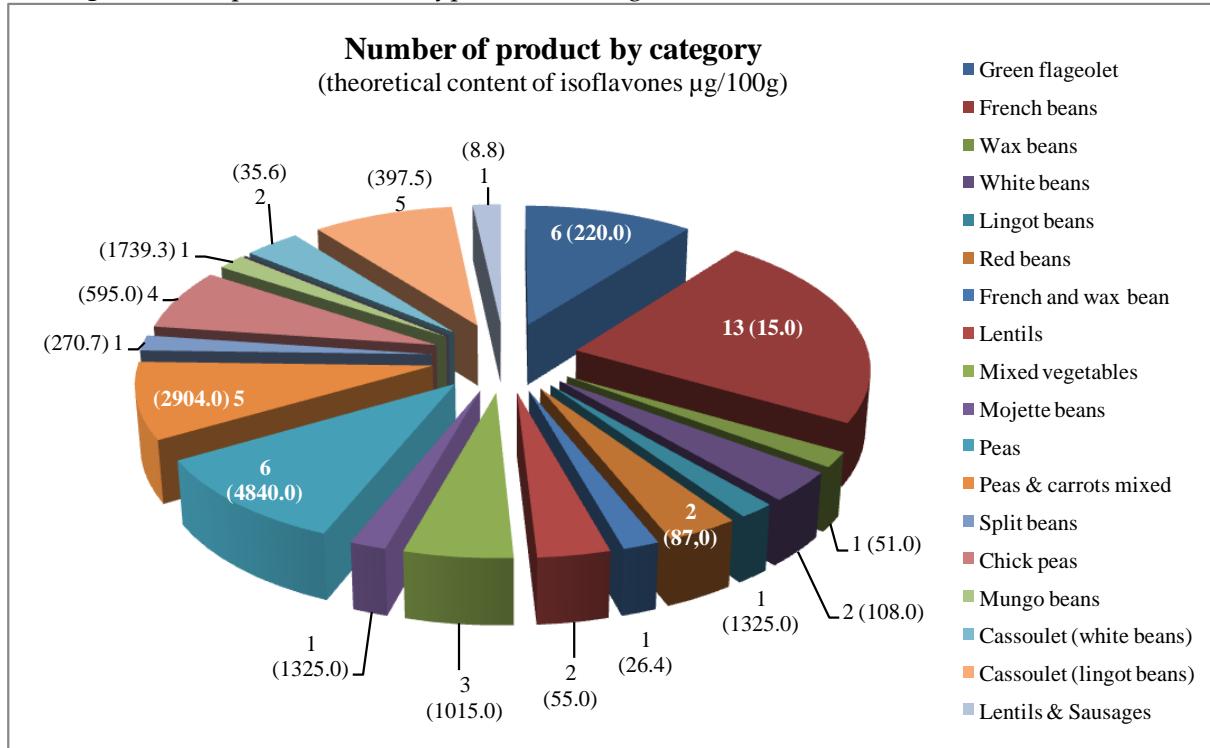


Figure S3. Proportions of each type of canned legumes in the offer of one French retailer



Data S1. Survey questionnaire to premenopausal women

1. This survey is for adults from 18 to 50 years-old. Is it your situation?

If yes what is your age range?

- 18-25 26-30 31-35 36-40 41-50

I- FOOD CONSUMPTION

2. Would you

say that you great attention attention low attention no attention **To your diet pay:**

3. Are you following a specific diet?

- no vegetarian vegan cholesterol free slimming kosher/hallal

intolerant, precise _____ gluten free lactose free

Others, precise : _____

4. Where do you mainly buy your food (cite the two main locations)

Medium and large supermarkets (including drives) Hard-discount (Lidl, Leader Price, Aldi ...)

Organic shops (BioCoop - SoBio - La vie claire ...) local shops (groceries, slaughterhouses)

Markets direct sales (farm, farmer drive, AMAP ...)

Others, precise _____

5. Can you have meals in:

	Several times a week	One time a week	Less often or never
Cantinas (<i>from companies or universities</i>)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fast-foods/food-trucks?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

6. Can you eat the following dishes in cantinas or in ready-made dishes (cans, trays, frozen goods).

If yes at what frequency (give an estimate)?

	Several times a week	Once a week	Once or twice a month	Less often or never
Chopped meat pie	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Minced beef /Burgers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fish chopped steak	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meat balls	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Breaded meat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Lasagnes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Chicken nuggets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stuffed tomatoes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Stuffed Cabbages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Brownies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Do you pay attention to labelling looking at food composition and ingredients when you buy your food?

yes for all products only on a few products : _____ no

Do you often read labels

8. In this list what are the two elements that you read at first? (prioritize them, 1 = the main)

The food fact The origin The trade mark The ingredient list
 Allergens others : _____

9. Soy in transformed food does it influence your choice

favourably unfavourably No impact

II- SOY CONSUMPTION

10. Do you consume Soy-based products (sauces, juice, creams, tofu etc.)?

Yes No

If not:

11'. Did you consume these products in the past?

Yes No

12'. If yes, why did you stop? _____

If yes:

11. For how long do you consume soy?

less than a year from 1 to 3 years from 3 to 10 years more than 10 years

12. What types of products do you eat and how often?

	Every day	4 to 6 times a week	2 to 3 times a week	Once a week	Less often or never
Soy based juice	<input type="radio"/>				
Soy based steak	<input type="radio"/>				
Soy based sausages	<input type="radio"/>				
Tofu	<input type="radio"/>				
Cookies, pancakes...	<input type="radio"/>				
Yogurts or dessert cream	<input type="radio"/>				
Cheese	<input type="radio"/>				
Toasted soy grain as appetizer	<input type="radio"/>				
Tempeh	<input type="radio"/>				
Flakes/Soy based cereals	<input type="radio"/>				
Prepared dish based on soy	<input type="radio"/>				
Vegan minced dish	<input type="radio"/>				
Other: _____	<input type="radio"/>				

13. Why do you consume these products?

- I enjoy the taste It's better for the environment It's cheaper than animal proteins It's better for health It's easy to cook
- To replace animal proteins Other, precise _____

14. Do you have favourite trademarks (2 or 3 maximum) ?

- Yes, precise _____ No

15. Except you, who consume soya at yours? (several answer possible)

- Nobody cohabitants child less than 3 child over 3 adolescent
- Other, precise _____

III- SOYBEAN PERCEPTION – CONSUMER CONSCIOUSNESS

16. As food, what is (are) the word(s) that you would spontaneously associate to soy?

17 For you is soy associated to a balanced diet?

- Yes No I don't Know

18. Were you already advised to eat soy-based food?

- Yes No

19. If yes, was it: (several answers are possible)

- a medic a nutritionist a dietician a relative medias

For what raison(s)? _____

20. Do you think that regular soy consumption can have health effects:

- essentially positive neutral essentially negative I don't know

If positive or negative. Can you precise: _____

21. More precisely do you think that regular soy consumption can have effects on:

	Positive	No effect	Negative	No clue
- Allergies?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Cancer risks?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Sport achievements?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Infants?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Cardiovascular diseases?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Thyroid?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Brain ageing?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Hormonal cycles?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Diabetes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Fertility?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
- Weight?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

22. Except Breast-feeding do you think that it is better to feed infants with milk from:

animals plants no clue

23. Do you think that you are informed enough about soybean effects on health?

Yes No No clue

24. Did you ever heard about:

- soy isoflavones?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No
- phytoestrogens?	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No

If Yes, can you tell us more:

Let's end by a few questions on your profile...

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25. How many persons are leaving at your house? (including you) _____

26. Do you have children? Yes No

27. What is the rank of your monthly incomes?

< 1500 € [1500 ; 2500[€ [2500 ; 4000[€ [4000 ; 6000[€ > 6000 €

28. What is your actual job? _____

(For people without a job ask: what is the area in which you are looking for a job? For students in what area are you studying?)

29. How often are you doing sports?

every days every weeks several times a month less often never

30. Are you following a hormonal treatment?

Yes, precise : _____ No

31. Do you want to add something to this inquiry?

Many Thanks !