| Cluster                                   | First author (year)                    | Intervention   | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Total score |
|---|--|--|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|
| Herbs, herbal<br>mixtures and<br>extracts | Barlianto (2017)*<br>Barlianto (2018)* | Nigella Sativa oil   | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2           |
|   | Hosseini (2018)**<br>Zilaee (2019)**   | Saffron  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5           |
|   | Khayyal (2003)                         | Aqueous extract of propolis  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2           |
|   | Koshak (2017)                          | Nigella Sativa oil   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5           |
|   | Salem (2017)                           | Nigella Sativa   | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
|   | Yugandhar (2017)                       | Extract of <i>B. serrata</i><br>gum resin and <i>A.</i><br><i>marmelos</i> fruit     | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4           |
| Supplements                               | Ghaffari (2014)                        | Vitamin E  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
|   | Pearson (2004)                         | Vitamin E  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5           |
|   | Smith (2015)                           | Soy isoflavone   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5           |
|   | Wood (2008)                            | Tomato extract and<br>tomato juice   | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
| Weight loss                               | Dias-Junior (2014)                     | Low calorie intake,<br>use of sibutramine<br>and use of orlistat                     | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
|   | Jensen (2013)                          | Energy reduction<br>and counselling<br>sessions                                      | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
|   | Toennesen (2018)                       | High protein + low<br>glycemic index diet<br>and combination of<br>diet and exercise | 1  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
| Vitamin D3                                | Bar Yoseph (2015)                      | Vitamin D3   | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4           |
|   | Castro (2014)                          | Vitamin D3   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 5           |
|   | de Groot (2015)                        | Vitamin D3<br>(Cholecalciferol)  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 4           |
|   | Kerley (2016)                          | Vitamin D3   | 1  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 3           |
|   | Martineau (2015)                       | Vitamin D3<br>(Vigantol oil)   | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |             |

## Table S1. Calculation of the Jadad score.

| Omega-3 LCPUFA           | Emelyanov (2002)        | Lipid extract of the<br>New Zealand<br>green-lipped<br>mussel   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                          | Hodge (1998)            | Omega-3 fatty acid<br>rich diet and<br>omega-3 fatty acid<br>supplementation                          | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|                          | Mickleborough<br>(2013) | Lipid extract of the<br>New Zealand<br>green-lipped<br>mussel (marine<br>lipid fraction<br>PCSO-524™) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|                          | Moreira (2007)          | N-3 PUFA  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
|                          | Schubert (2009)         | N-3 PUFA-enriched fat blend   | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Whole food<br>approaches | Bseikri (2018)          | Nutrient dense bar<br>(CHORI-bar)   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|                          | Papamichael (2019)      | Two meals with<br>fatty fish per week<br>as part of the Greek<br>Mediterranean diet                   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
|                          | Sexton (2013)           | Mediterrenean diet  | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
|                          | Sudini (2016)           | Broccoli sprouts  | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
|                          | Wood (2012)             | High anti-oxidant<br>diet   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |

Q1 = Was the study described as randomized?; Q2 = Was the method used to generate the sequence of randomization described and appropriate?; Q3 = Was the study described as double blind?; Q4 = Was the method of double blinding described and appropriate?; Q5 = Was there a description of withdrawals and dropouts?; Points were deducted in the following cases: if the method used to generate the sequence of randomization was described and it was inappropriate or if the study was described as double blind but the method of blinding was inappropriate. Abbreviations: (LC)PUFA = (long-chain) polyunsaturated fatty acid.

| Cluster                             | First author (year)                                  | Intervention   | Intake habitual diet (adults)                             | Reference value  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|--|
| Herbs, herbal mixtures and extracts | Barlianto (2017)<br>Barlianto (2018)<br>Salem (2017) | Nigella Sativa   | 10.8 mg/day 11.#  | N/A  |  |
|                                     | Koshak (2017)  |  |   |  |  |
|                                     | Khayyal (2003)                                       | Aqueous extract of propolis  | N/A   | N/A  |  |
|                                     | Hosseini (2018)<br>Zilaee (2019)                     | Saffron  | 2.3 mg/day L##  | N/A  |  |
|                                     | Yugandhar (2017)                                     | Extract of <i>B. serrata</i> gum resin and <i>A. marmelos</i> fruit                  | N/A   | N/A  |  |
| Supplements                         | Ghaffari (2014)                                      |  |   | AI adult men and boys 10-18 y/o: 13 mg/day   |  |
|                                     | Pearson (2004)                                       | Vitamin E  | Males: 8.2 – 16.0 mg/day<br>Females: 7.8 – 12.5 mg/day*   | AI adult women and girls 10-18 y/o: 11 mg/day<br>AI children 1-3 y/o: 6 mg/day<br>AI children 3-10 y/o: 9 mg/day * |  |
|                                     | Smith (2015)   | Soy isoflavone   | N/A   | N/A  |  |
|                                     | Wood (2008)  | Tomato extract and tomato juice  | Tomato extract: N/A<br>Tomato juice: 963.4 mg/day 11,1111 | N/A  |  |
| Weight loss                         | Dias-Junior (2014)                                   | Low calorie intake,<br>use of sibutramine and<br>use of orlistat                     |   |  |  |
|                                     | Jensen (2013)  | Energy reduction and<br>counselling sessions   | N/A   | N/A  |  |
|                                     | Toennesen (2018)                                     | High protein + low<br>glycemic index diet<br>and combination of<br>diet and exercise |   |  |  |
| Vitamin D3                          | Bar Yoseph (2015)                                    | Vitamin D3   |   |  |  |
|                                     | Castro (2014)  | Vitamin D3   | From diet: 1.1 – 8.2 μg/day                               |  |  |
|                                     | de Groot (2015)                                      | Vitamin D3<br>(Cholecalciferol <u>)</u>  | From diet and supplementation: 3.1 –<br>23.5 μg/day**     | AI adults: 15 μg/day<br>AI children (1-17 y/o): 15 μg/day **   |  |
|                                     | Kerley (2016)  | Vitamin D3   |   |  |  |

Table S2. Habitual intakes of adults living in Europe and reference intakes for the interventions described in this review.

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|                       | Martineau (2015)  | Vitamin D3 (Vigantol  |   |                             |  |  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----------------------------|--|--|
|                       | ( )   | oil)  |   |                             |  |  |
| Omega-3 LCPUFA        | Emelyanov (2002)  | Lipid extract of the<br>New Zealand green-<br>lipped mussel                         |   |                             |  |  |
|                       | Hodge (1998)  | Omega-3 fatty acid<br>rich diet and omega-3<br>fatty acid<br>supplementation        | -<br>EPA and DHA from diet: 127 - 295   |                             |  |  |
|                       | Mickleborough (2013)<br>Lipid extract of th<br>New Zealand gre<br>lipped mussel (m<br>lipid fraction PCS<br>524™) |   | <ul> <li>mg/day<br/>EPA, DHA and DPA from diet and<br/>supplementation: 400 - 2570 mg/day***</li> </ul> | AMDR: 250 – 2000 mg/day**** |  |  |
|                       | Moreira (2007)  | N-3 PUFA  | -   |                             |  |  |
|                       | Schubert (2009)   | N-3 PUFA-enriched fat blend   | -   |                             |  |  |
| Whole food approaches | Bseikri (2018)  | Nutrient dense bar<br>(CHORI-bar)   |   |                             |  |  |
|                       | Papamichael (2019)  | Two meals with fatty<br>fish per week as part<br>of the Greek<br>Mediterranean diet | N/A   | N/A                         |  |  |
|                       | Sexton (2013)   | Mediterrenean diet  | -   |                             |  |  |
|                       | Sudini (2016)   | Broccoli sprouts  | -   |                             |  |  |
|                       | Wood (2012)   | High anti-oxidant diet  | -   |                             |  |  |

Abbreviations: AI = Adequate intake; AMDR = acceptable macronutrient distribution range; N/A = data not available; (LC)PUFA = (long-chain) polyunsaturated fatty acid; \*Derived from EFSA (2015): Scientific Opinion on Dietary Reference Values for vitamin E as α-tocopherol; \*\*Derived from EFSA (2016): Dietary reference values for vitamin D; \*\*\*Derived from EFSA (2012): Scientific opinion on the Tolerable Upper Intake Level of eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and docosapentaenoic acid (DPA); \*\*\*Derived from FAO/WHO (2010): Expert Consultation on Fats and Fatty Acids in Human Nutrition: Fats and Fatty Acids in Human Nutrition: Report of an expert consultation; ¶ Data obtained from the EFSA Comprehensive European Food Consumption Database; #Weighed average was calculated based on available data for Austria, Belgium, Croatia, France, Ireland, Portugal, Slovenia, United Kingdom; ##Weighed average was calculated based on available data for Austria, France, Italy, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, United Kingdom; ##Weighed average was calculated based on available data for Austria, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom.

| First author<br>(year)              | Study group                   | FEV1 (%predicted)            |                              |                       | ]                            | FVC (%predic                 | ted)                  | P                            | PEF (%predicted)            |                       |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
|                                     |                               | BL                           | FU                           | Change                | BL                           | FU                           | Change                | BL                           | FU                          | Change                |  |  |
| Herbs, herbal mix                   | tures and extracts            |                              |                              |                       |                              |                              |                       |                              |                             |                       |  |  |
| Hosseini<br>(2018)<br>Zilaee (2019) | Saffron                       | 76.0 ± 10.9                  | 80.2 ± 12.6                  | 3.0 [0.0 -<br>5.3] ↑  | 82.0 ±<br>12.9               | 84.3 ± 13.0                  | 0.0 [-1.0 -<br>2.0] = |                              |                             |                       |  |  |
|                                     | Placebo                       | 76.4 ± 10.5                  | 73.2 ± 12.2                  | -2.0<br>[-4.3 - 2.0]↓ | 81.1 ±<br>11.7               | 79.7 ± 12.7                  | -1.0<br>[-4.0 - 0.3]↓ |                              |                             |                       |  |  |
| Khayyal (2003)                      | Aqueous extract of propolis   | 55.6 ± 2.3<br><sub>2,3</sub> | 71.6 ± 2.9<br><sub>2,3</sub> | 16.0 ↑ <sup>2,3</sup> | 67.5 ± 1.7<br><sup>2,3</sup> | 80.5 ± 1,7<br><sub>2,3</sub> | 13.0 ↑ 2,3            | 53.9 ± 2.3<br><sup>2,3</sup> | 70.4 ± 2.3                  | 16.6 ↑ <sup>2,3</sup> |  |  |
|                                     | Placebo                       | 55.2 ± 2.4<br><sub>2,3</sub> | 55.8 ± 3.6<br><sub>2,3</sub> | 0.6 = 2,3             | 73.6 ± 2.4                   | 75.3 ± 2.4 <sub>2,3</sub>    | 1.7 = 2,3             | 54.0 ± 1.8<br>2,3            | 57.5 ± 2.4                  | 3.5 = 2,3             |  |  |
| Koshak (2017)                       | Nigella Sativa<br>oil         | N/A                          | N/A                          | 4.0 [-1.3 -<br>8.8]   |                              |                              |                       | N/A                          | N/A                         | 6.5 [0.3 -<br>22.8]   |  |  |
|                                     | Placebo                       | N/A                          | N/A                          | 1.0 [-2.0 -<br>5.0]   |                              |                              |                       | N/A                          | N/A                         | 2.0 [0.0 -<br>14.5]   |  |  |
| Salem (2017)                        | Nigella Sativa<br>(low dose)  | 85.5 ± 17.3                  | 87.7 ± 15.8                  | 2.2 = <sup>1</sup>    | 92.8 ±<br>17.3               | 94.8 ± 14.8                  | 2.0 = 1               | 73.5 ± 10.7<br>4             | 83.6 ± 8.7 <sup>4</sup>     | $10.1\uparrow^{1,4}$  |  |  |
|                                     | Nigella Sativa<br>(high dose) | 78.1 ± 21.4                  | 85.5 ± 22.9                  | $7.4\uparrow^1$       | 88.7 ±<br>21.9               | 93.0 ± 22.9                  | 4.3 = <sup>1</sup>    | 73.7 ± 11.2<br>4             | $81.4 \pm 8.7$ <sup>4</sup> | 7.7 ↑ <sup>1,4</sup>  |  |  |
|                                     | Placebo                       | 81.1 ± 19.1                  | 80.8 ± 20.6                  | -0.3 = 1              | 90.1 ±<br>13.7               | 89.1 ± 13.7                  | -1.0 = 1              | 76.6 ± 7.3 <sup>4</sup>      | $78.5 \pm 8.8$ <sup>4</sup> | 1.9 = 1.4             |  |  |

 Table S3. Within-group changes in lung function parameters.

| Yugandhar       | Extract of B.  |                          |                                   |                                   |                      |                                   |                                      |                                |     |                                       |
|-----------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------|
| (2017)          | <i>serrata</i> gum<br>resin and <i>A.</i><br><i>marmelos</i> fruit | 1.7 ± 0.1 <sup>3,5</sup> | N/A                               | $0.1 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup>      |                      |                                   |                                      | 179.4 ±<br>16.6 <sup>3,5</sup> | N/A | 90.0 ± 13.0<br>3,5                    |
|                 | Placebo  | $1.6 \pm 0.2^{-3,5}$     | N/A                               | $-0.0 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup>     |                      |                                   |                                      | 158.1 ±<br>16.0 <sup>3,5</sup> | N/A | 43.9 ± 12.7<br><sub>3,5</sub>         |
| Supplements     |  |                          |                                   |                                   |                      |                                   |                                      |                                |     |                                       |
| Ghaffari (2014) | Vitamine E   | $71.6 \pm 4.1$           | 83.1 ± 5.4                        | 11.5 ↑ <sup>1</sup>               | $95.3 \pm 2.4$       | $100.2 \pm 1.1$                   | 4.9 = <sup>1</sup>                   |                                |     |                                       |
|                 | Placebo  | $72.4 \pm 3.4$           | $74.8 \pm 2.7$                    | 2.4 = 1                           | $96.1 \pm 1.7$       | 95.8 ± 1.6                        | -0.3 = 1                             |                                |     |                                       |
| Pearson (2004)  | Vitamin E  | N/A                      | N/A                               | $0.0 \pm 0.2 = 5.6$               | N/A                  | N/A                               | 0.0 ± 0.2 =                          | N/A                            | N/A | 1.0 ± 24.0 =                          |
|                 | Placebo  | N/A                      | N/A                               | 0.0 ± 0.2 =                       | N/A                  | N/A                               | 0.0 ± 0.3 =                          | N/A                            | N/A | $-4.0 \pm 21.0$<br>= <sup>5</sup>     |
| Smith (2015)    | Soy isoflavone   | N/A                      | N/A                               | 0.0<br>(-0.1; 0.1) = <sup>5</sup> | N/A                  | N/A                               | 0.0<br>(-0.1; 0.0) =                 | N/A                            | N/A | 9.6<br>(-0.4; 19.6)<br>= <sup>5</sup> |
|                 | Placebo  | N/A                      | N/A                               | 0.0<br>(0.0; 0.1) = <sup>5</sup>  | N/A                  | N/A                               | 0.0<br>(0.0; -0.1) ↑<br><sup>5</sup> | N/A                            | N/A | 15.8 (4.4;<br>27.2) = <sup>5</sup>    |
| Wood (2008)     | Tomato extract   | 76.5 (68.9;<br>84.1)     | 79.7 (72.0;<br>87.5) <sup>7</sup> | N/A                               | 90.4 (84.3;<br>96.5) | 91.3 (83.9;<br>98.7) <sup>7</sup> | N/A                                  |                                |     |                                       |
|                 | Tomato juice   | 76.5 (68.9;<br>84.1)     | 80.0 (71.1;<br>88.9) <sup>7</sup> | N/A                               | 90.4 (84.3;<br>96.5) | 91.7 (83.6;<br>99.8) <sup>7</sup> | N/A                                  |                                |     |                                       |
|                 | Placebo  | 76.5 (68.9;<br>84.1)     | 80.9 (72.7;<br>89.2) <sup>7</sup> | N/A                               | 90.4 (84.3;<br>96.5) | 92.3 (85.2;<br>99.4) <sup>7</sup> | N/A                                  |                                |     |                                       |
| Weight loss     |  |                          |                                   |                                   |                      |                                   |                                      |                                |     |                                       |

| Dias-Junior<br>(2014) | Low calorie<br>intake, use of<br>sibutramine and<br>use of orlistat | 64.1 ± 3.4 <sup>3</sup>         | $70.0 \pm 4.9$ <sup>3</sup> | 5.9 = <sup>1</sup>                 | $82.4 \pm 3.2^3$                | 87.8 ± 3.0 <sup>3</sup> | 5.3 = 1                  |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
|                       | Placebo   | $59.2 \pm 4.2$ <sup>3</sup>     | $61.5 \pm 3.2$ <sup>3</sup> | 2.3 = 1                            | $74.5 \pm 1.5^{3}$              | $74.4 \pm 2.0^{3}$      | -0.1 = 1                 |
| Jensen (2013)         | Energy<br>reduction and<br>counselling<br>sessions                  | 2.4 [2.0 -<br>2.9] <sup>5</sup> | N/A                         | 0.0 [-0.2 -<br>0.1] = <sup>5</sup> | 3.4 [2.7 -<br>3.5] <sup>5</sup> | N/A                     | 0.1 ± 0.2 = <sup>5</sup> |
|                       | Placebo   | 2.6 [2.2 -<br>2.9] <sup>5</sup> | N/A                         | 0.0 [-0.2 -<br>0.1] = <sup>5</sup> | 3.3 [2.9 -<br>3.5] <sup>5</sup> | N/A                     | $0.0 \pm 0.2 = 5$        |
| Toennesen<br>(2018)   | High protein<br>and low<br>glycemic index<br>diet                   | 87.6 ± 14.5                     | 89.4 ± 13.4                 | 1.8 = 1                            | 95.8 ±<br>11.5                  | 99.2 ± 11.6             | 3.4 = 1                  |
|                       | Combination of diet and exercise                                    | 82.6 ± 15.2                     | 84.5 ± 16.2                 | 1.9 = <sup>1</sup>                 | 94.3 ±<br>15.3                  | 96.8 ± 14.0             | 2.5 ↑ <sup>1</sup>       |
|                       | Placebo   | 81.9 ± 12.3                     | 81.6 ± 12.8                 | -0.3 = 1                           | 96.0 ±<br>12.5                  | 95.0 ± 13.5             | -1.0 = <sup>1</sup>      |
| Vitamin D3            |   |                                 |                             |                                    |                                 |                         |                          |
| Castro (2014)         | Vitamin D3  | 80.7 <sup>2</sup>               | 79.7 <sup>2</sup>           | -1.0 <sup>1</sup>                  |                                 |                         |                          |
|                       | Placebo   | 80.4 <sup>2</sup>               | 80.1 <sup>2</sup>           | -0.3 <sup>1</sup>                  |                                 |                         |                          |
| de Groot<br>(2015)    | Vitamin D3<br>(Cholecalciferol)                                     | 99.1 ± 15.7                     | 97.4 ± 15.7                 | -1.7 = <sup>1</sup>                |                                 |                         |                          |
|                       | Placebo   | 97.6 ± 18.1                     | $94.0 \pm 17.1$             | -3.6 ↓ <sup>1</sup>                |                                 |                         |                          |

| Kerley (2016)                    | Vitamin D3  | 105.0 [92.0<br>- 114.0] | N/A                         | -4.0<br>[-6.3 -<br>(-1.0)]  | 94.5 [87.0<br>- 191.0] | N/A | -2.5<br>[-8.3 - 3.0] |                                |                                |                               |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                  | Placebo   | 96.0 [90.0 -<br>104.0]  | N/A                         | 2.5 [-4.3 -<br>6.5]         | 93.0 [85.0<br>- 98.0]  | N/A | 0.0 [-5.0 -<br>4.5]  |                                |                                |                               |
| Martineau<br>(2015)              | Vitamin D3<br>(Vigantol oil)  | 82.0 ± 18.7             | 81.6 ± 18.5                 | -0.4 1                      |                        |     |                      | 383.0 ±<br>106.0 <sup>5</sup>  | 388.1 ±<br>116.8 <sup>5</sup>  | 5.1 <sup>1,5</sup>            |
|                                  | Placebo   | $81.0 \pm 20.4$         | 80.1 ± 22.8                 | -0.9 <sup>1</sup>           |                        |     |                      | 379.0 ±<br>123.0 <sup>5</sup>  | 387.7 ±<br>122.9 <sup>5</sup>  | 8.7 <sup>1,5</sup>            |
| Omega-3 LCPUI                    | FA  |                         |                             |                             |                        |     |                      |                                |                                |                               |
| Emelyanov<br>(2002) <sup>8</sup> | Lipid extract of<br>the New<br>Zealand green-<br>lipped mussel                      | 82.9 ± 4.2 <sup>3</sup> | 82.9 ± 3.6 <sup>3</sup>     | $-0.0 \pm 2.9$ <sup>3</sup> |                        |     |                      | 361.3 ±<br>17.4 <sup>3,8</sup> | 408.3 ±<br>18.7 <sup>3,8</sup> | 47.0 ± 11.7<br><sub>3,8</sub> |
|                                  | Placebo   | 92.3 ± 2.9 <sup>3</sup> | $90.5 \pm 3.2$ <sup>3</sup> | $-1.8 \pm 4.4$ <sup>3</sup> |                        |     |                      | 384.3 ±<br>21.5 <sup>3,8</sup> | 350.9 ±<br>21.3 <sup>3,8</sup> | -33.4 ± 6.2                   |
| Emelyanov<br>(2002) <sup>9</sup> | Lipid extract of<br>the New<br>Zealand green-<br>lipped mussel                      | 82.9 ± 4.2 <sup>3</sup> | 82.9 ± 3.6 <sup>3</sup>     | -0.0 ± 2.9 <sup>3</sup>     |                        |     |                      | 375.4 ±<br>18.2 <sup>3,9</sup> | 406.5 ±<br>19.7 <sup>3,9</sup> | 31.1 ± 14.6<br>3,9            |
|                                  | Placebo   | 92.3 ± 2.9 <sup>3</sup> | 90.5 ± 3.2 <sup>3</sup>     | $-1.8 \pm 4.4$ <sup>3</sup> |                        |     |                      | 399.6 ±<br>16.7 <sup>3,9</sup> | 403.9 ± 18.3 <sup>3,9</sup>    | 4.3 ± 10.3                    |
| Hodge (1998)                     | Omega-3 fatty<br>acid rich diet<br>and omega-3<br>fatty acid<br>supplementatio<br>n | 81.1 (75.3;<br>86.9)    | 83.7 (78.4;<br>89.0)        | 2.6 <sup>1</sup>            |                        |     |                      |                                |                                |                               |

|                          | Placebo   | 86.1 (79.1;<br>93.1)  | 83.5 (78.3;<br>88.7)   | -2.6 <sup>1</sup>     |                 |                 |                    |             |                              |     |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----|
| Mickleboroug<br>h (2013) | Marine lipid<br>fraction PCSO-<br>524™                              |                       |                        |                       |                 |                 |                    | N/A         | 386.3 ±<br>22.8 <sup>5</sup> | N/A |
|                          | Placebo   |                       |                        |                       |                 |                 |                    | N/A         | 364.5 ±<br>17.2 <sup>5</sup> | N/A |
| Moreira (2007)           | N-3 PUFA  | 96.7 (85.4;<br>108.0) | 100.7 (87.9;<br>113.6) | 4.0<br>(-3.7; 11.7) = |                 |                 |                    |             |                              |     |
|                          | Placebo   | 90.9 (75.9;<br>105.8) | 94.5 (75.9;<br>113.0)  | 3.7<br>(-4.6; 12.9) = |                 |                 |                    |             |                              |     |
| Schubert<br>(2009)       | N-3 PUFA-<br>enriched fat<br>blend                                  | 4.3 ± 0.3<br>2,3,5    | 4.3 ± 0.3<br>2,3,5     | 0.0 1,5               |                 |                 |                    |             |                              |     |
|                          | Placebo   | 4.1 ± 0.2<br>2,3,5    | 4.2 ± 0.2<br>2,3,5     | 0.1 1,5               |                 |                 |                    |             |                              |     |
| Whole food approx        | aches   |                       |                        |                       |                 |                 |                    |             |                              |     |
| Bseikri (2018)           | Nutrient dense<br>bar (CHORI-<br>bar)                               | 92.3 ± 15.6           | 97.5 ± 13.2            | 5.2 = <sup>1</sup>    | 110.5 ±<br>14.0 | 115.9 ±<br>12.1 | 5.4 = <sup>1</sup> |             |                              |     |
|                          | Placebo   | 97.4 ± 16.1           | 96.9 ± 16.3            | -0.6 = 1              | 113.0 ±<br>17.4 | 114.5 ±<br>18.7 | 1.5 = <sup>1</sup> |             |                              |     |
| Papamichael<br>(2019)    | Two meals with<br>fatty fish per<br>week as part of<br>the Greek MD | 97.2 ± 8.8            | 100.2 ± 9.4            | 2.8                   | 94.6 ± 8.7      | 96.9 ± 9.2      | 2.5                | 94.3 ± 19.3 | 100.6 ± 21.0                 | 6.1 |
|                          | Placebo   | 99.1 ± 10.6           | $100.1 \pm 8.8$        | 0.6                   | 96.3 ±<br>11.1  | 96.8 ± 9.1      | -0.1               | 93.5 ± 18.8 | 101.2 ±<br>21.7              | 7.1 |

| Sexton (2013) | High-<br>intervention MD | N/A           | N/A           | $0.1 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup> | N/A           | N/A             | $0.1 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup> |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|               | Low<br>intervention MD   | N/A           | N/A           | $0.0 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup> | N/A           | N/A             | $0.0 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup> |
|               | Placebo                  | N/A           | N/A           | $0.0 \pm 0.1$ <sup>3,5</sup> | N/A           | N/A             | $0.0 \pm 0.1^{-3,5}$         |
| Sudini (2016) | Broccoli sprouts         | $3.0 \pm 0.8$ | $3.0 \pm 0.8$ | $0.0 \pm 0.1$                | $4.0 \pm 0.9$ | $3.90 \pm 0.86$ | $-0.05 \pm 0.10$             |
|               | Placebo                  | $2.9 \pm 0.9$ | $2.9 \pm 0.9$ | $-0.0 \pm 0.2$               | $3.8 \pm 1.0$ | $3.8 \pm 1.0$   | 0.0 ± 0.2                    |

Values are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, mean (lower bound 95% CI; upper bound 95% CI), median [Q1 – Q3] or median [minimum; maximum]. = indicates that withingroup changes were not significantly different from baseline;  $\uparrow$  indicates a significant increase compared to baseline;  $\downarrow$  indicates a significant decrease compared to baseline; blank indicates that within-group changes were not reported in the article; N/A indicates data could not be extracted. Abbreviations: BL = baseline; FU = follow-up; FEV<sub>1</sub> = forced expiratory flow in one second; FVC = forced vital capacity; PEF = peak expiratory flow; (LC)PUFA = (long-chain) polyunsaturated fatty acid; MD = Mediterranean diet; 1 = calculated; 2 = estimated using pixel ruler; 3 =  $\pm$  SEM; 4 = PEF variability; 5 = unit is liters; 6 = unit transformed; 7 = n at followup is smaller than n at baseline; 8 = morning PEF; 9 = evening PEF.

| First author<br>(year) | Study group  |                         |                             | Asthr                         | na control        |                                 |        |                   | Quality of life |        |  |  |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-----------------|--------|--|--|
| (year)                 |  |                         | ACT                         |                               |                   | ACQ                             |        |                   | (P)AQLQ         |        |  |  |
|                        |  | BL                      | FU                          | Change                        | BL                | FU                              | Change | BL                | FU              | Change |  |  |
| Herbs, herbal n        | nixtures and extracts  |                         |                             |                               |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Barlianto<br>(2017)*,  | Nigella Sativa<br>oil  | $16.6 \pm 2.53$         | $20.3 \pm 1.82$             | 3.7 ↑ <sup>1</sup>            |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Barlianto<br>(2018)*   | Placebo  | 17.6 ± 1.22             | $19.4 \pm 1.15$             | $1.8$ $\uparrow$ <sup>1</sup> |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Koshak<br>(2017)       | Nigella Sativa<br>oil  | $16.0 \pm 3.9$          | 21.1 ± 2.6                  | 5.1 <sup>1</sup>              |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
|                        | Placebo  | $16.6 \pm 3.6$          | $19.6\pm3.7$                | 3.0 <sup>1</sup>              |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Salem (2017)           | Nigella Sativa<br>(low dose)   | 17.5 ± 1.3 <sup>2</sup> | 21.1 ± 2.1 <sup>2</sup>     | 3.6 ↑ <sup>1</sup>            |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
|                        | Nigella Sativa<br>(high dose)  | 17.4 ± 1.4 <sup>2</sup> | 21.1 ± 1.6 <sup>2</sup>     | 3.6 ↑ <sup>1</sup>            |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
|                        | Placebo  | 17.2 ± 1.3 <sup>2</sup> | $19.4 \pm 2.2$ <sup>2</sup> | $2.2 \uparrow 1$              |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Yugandhar<br>(2017)    | Extract of <i>B</i> .<br><i>serrata</i> gum<br>resin and <i>A</i> .<br><i>marmelos</i> fruit |                         |                             |                               |                   |                                 |        | 25.4 <sup>4</sup> | N/A             | 16.2 4 |  |  |
|                        | Placebo  |                         |                             |                               |                   |                                 |        | 25.1 4            | N/A             | 5.4 4  |  |  |
| Supplements            |  |                         |                             |                               |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Smith (2015)           | Soy isoflavone   | N/A                     | N/A                         | 2.2 (1.5;<br>2.9) =           |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
|                        | Placebo  | N/A                     | N/A                         | 2.0 (1.4;<br>2.5) =           |                   |                                 |        |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| Wood (2008)            | Tomato extract   |                         |                             | ,                             | 1.4 (1.0;<br>1.8) | 1.1 (0.8;<br>1.5) <sup>5</sup>  | N/A    |                   |                 |        |  |  |
|                        | Tomato juice   |                         |                             |                               | 1.4 (1.0;<br>1.8) | 1.0 (0.6;<br>1.31) <sup>5</sup> | N/A    |                   |                 |        |  |  |
| -                      | Placebo  |                         |                             |                               | 1.4 (1.0;<br>1.8) | 1.1 (0.8;<br>1.4) <sup>5</sup>  | N/A    |                   |                 |        |  |  |

Table S4. Within-group changes in asthma control and quality of life.

| Weight loss           |   |                             |                             |                     |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Dias-Junior<br>(2014) | Low calorie<br>intake, use of<br>sibutramine and<br>use of orlistat | 12.3 ± 1.1 <sup>3</sup>     | 17.4 ± 1.1 <sup>3</sup>     | 5.2 ↑ <sup>1</sup>  | 3.0 ± 0.3 <sup>3</sup> | $1.6 \pm 0.2^{3}$  | -1.4 ↓ <sup>1</sup> |                    |                    |                               |
|                       | Placebo   | $11.2 \pm 1.2$ <sup>3</sup> | $12.1 \pm 0.7$ <sup>3</sup> | 0.9 = 1             | $2.9 \pm 0.3^{3}$      | $2.9 \pm 0.2^{3}$  | -0.0 = 1            |                    |                    |                               |
| Jensen (2013)         | Energy<br>reduction and<br>counselling<br>sessions                  |                             |                             |                     | N/A                    | N/A                | -0.4 ± 0.5 ↓        | 5.5 [4.7 -<br>6.3] | N/A                | 0.7 ± 1.2 =                   |
|                       | Placebo   |                             |                             |                     | N/A                    | N/A                | 0.1 ± 0.5 ↑         | 6.0 [5.7 -<br>6.5] | N/A                | 0.1 ± 0.7 =                   |
| Toennesen<br>(2018)   | High protein<br>and low<br>glycemic index<br>diet                   |                             |                             |                     | 2.0 ± 0.6              | 1.3 ± 0.8          | -0.7 ↓ <sup>1</sup> | 5.3 ± 0.8          | 5.9 ± 0.9          | 0.6 ↑ 1                       |
|                       | Combination of diet and exercise                                    |                             |                             |                     | $1.9 \pm 0.7$          | $1.0 \pm 0.7$      | -0.9 ↓ <sup>1</sup> | $5.2 \pm 0.8$      | $6.2 \pm 0.7$      | 1.0 ↑ <sup>1</sup>            |
|                       | Placebo   |                             |                             |                     | $1.8 \pm 0.8$          | $1.5 \pm 0.8$      | -0.3 ↓ <sup>1</sup> | $5.2 \pm 0.8$      | $5.7 \pm 0.7$      | $0.5$ $\uparrow$ <sup>1</sup> |
| Vitamin D3            |   |                             |                             |                     |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |
| Castro (2014)         | Vitamin D3  | N/A                         | N/A                         | 0.5<br>(-0.1; 1.2)  |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |
|                       | Placebo   | N/A                         | N/A                         | -0.1<br>(-0.1; 0.0) |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |
| de Groot<br>(2015)    | Vitamin D3<br>(Cholecalciferol)                                     |                             |                             |                     | 0.9 [0.4 -<br>1.9]     | 0.8 [0.4 -<br>1.3] | -0.1 = 1            | 6.0 [5.1 -<br>6.4] | 6.3 [6.0 -<br>6.6] | 0.3 ↑ <sup>1</sup>            |
|                       | Placebo   |                             |                             |                     | 1.2 [0.7 -<br>1.6]     | 1.1 [0.8 -<br>1.6] | -0.1 = 1            | 5.7 [5.2 -<br>6.3] | 6.0 [5.6 -<br>6.2] | 0.3 = 1                       |
| Kerley (2016)         | Vitamin D3  | 19.0 [17.0 -<br>21.0]       | N/A                         | 2.0 [-2.0 -<br>4.0] |                        |                    |                     | 5.6 [5.0 -<br>6.2] | N/A                | 0.5<br>[-0.2 - 0.8]           |
|                       | Placebo   | 17.0 [14.3 -<br>19.0]       | N/A                         | 3.5 [0.0 -<br>5.0]  |                        |                    |                     | 5.4 [3.8 -<br>6.0] | N/A                | 0.9<br>[-0.3 - 1.5]           |
| Martineau<br>(2015)   | Vitamin D3<br>(Vigantol oil)  | 19.2 ± 3.9                  | $20.4 \pm 4.0$              | 1.2 1               |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |
|                       | Placebo   | $18.9 \pm 3.9$              | $20.4 \pm 4.2$              | 1.5 <sup>1</sup>    |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |
| Omega-3 LCPL          | IFA   |                             |                             |                     |                        |                    |                     |                    |                    |                               |

| Moreira        | N-3 PUFA         |                |                |                             | 1.4 (0.8;     | 1.0 (0.4;     | -0.5           |               |               |                            |
|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| (2007)         |                  |                |                |                             | 2.1)          | 1.5)          | (-0.9; -0.1)↓  |               |               |                            |
|                | Placebo          |                |                |                             | 1.7 (1.0;     | 1.1 (0.4;     | -0.6           |               |               |                            |
|                |                  |                |                |                             | 2.5)          | 1.8)          | (-1.2; -0.1) ↓ |               |               |                            |
| Whole food app | roaches          |                |                |                             | ,             | ,             | x · · / ·      |               |               |                            |
| Bseikri        | Nutrient dense   | $15.0 \pm 3.0$ | $20.3 \pm 3.1$ | 5.3 ↑ <sup>1</sup>          |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
| (2018)         | bar (CHORI-      |                |                | ·                           |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | bar)             |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | Placebo          | $13.4 \pm 3.4$ | $19.7 \pm 3.2$ | 6.3 ↑ <sup>1</sup>          |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
| Papamichael    | Two meals with   |                |                |                             | $0.4 \pm 0.3$ | $0.2 \pm 0.5$ | -0.1           | $6.8 \pm 0.3$ | $6.8 \pm 0.6$ | 0.1                        |
| (2019)         | fatty fish per   |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | week as part of  |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | the Greek MD     |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | Placebo          |                |                |                             | $0.4 \pm 0.4$ | $0.2 \pm 0.3$ | -0.2           | $6.7\pm0.4$   | $6.9 \pm 0.2$ | 0.2                        |
| Sexton         | High-            | N/A            | N/A            | $-0.2 \pm 0.2$ <sup>3</sup> |               |               |                | N/A           | N/A           | $0.5 \pm 0.2$ <sup>3</sup> |
| (2013)         | intervention MD  |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | Low              | N/A            | N/A            | $-0.1 \pm 0.2$ <sup>3</sup> |               |               |                | N/A           | N/A           | $0.2 \pm 0.2$ <sup>3</sup> |
|                | intervention:    |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | MD               |                |                |                             |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | Placebo          | N/A            | N/A            | $-0.1 \pm 0.2$ <sup>3</sup> |               |               |                | N/A           | N/A           | $0.2 \pm 0.2$ <sup>3</sup> |
| Sudini (2016)  | Broccoli sprouts | 21.0 [20.0 -   | 21.0 [19.0 -   | 0.0 [-1.0 -                 |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | _                | 22.0]          | 22.0]          | 1.3]                        |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                | Placebo          | 20.0 [18.0 -   | 22.0 [20.0 -   | 0.0 [0.0 -                  |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
|                |                  | 23.0]          | 23.0]          | 1.5]                        |               |               |                |               |               |                            |
| Wood (2012)    | High anti-       |                |                |                             | 0.7 [0.4 -    | 0.9 [0.4 -    | 0.2 = 1        |               |               |                            |
|                | oxidant diet     |                |                |                             | 1.4]          | 1.4]          |                |               |               |                            |
|                | Placebo          |                |                |                             | 0.9 [0.4 -    | 0.9 [0.4 -    | 0.0 = 1        |               |               |                            |
|                |                  |                |                |                             | 1.4]          | 1.6]          |                |               |               |                            |

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| First author<br>(year)           | Study group                  |                         |                           | Bre                      | eath              |                                 |        | Cells                   |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                                  |                              |                         | FeNO (ppb)                | )                        |                   | sEOS (%)                        |        |                         | sNEU (%                              | )      | b                               | EOS (10º cell                    | s/L)                                     |
|                                  |                              | BL                      | FU                        | Change                   | BL                | FU                              | Change | BL                      | FU                                   | Change | BL                              | FU                               | Change                                   |
| Herbs, herbal mixe               | ures and extracts            |                         |                           |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
| Koshak (2017)                    | Nigella Sativa<br>oil        |                         |                           |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        | N/A                             | N/A                              | -0.1<br>[-0.2 –<br>0.0] <sup>1</sup>     |
|                                  | Placebo                      |                         |                           |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        | N/A                             | N/A                              | 0.0<br>[-0.1 -<br>0.1] <sup>1</sup>      |
| Salem (2017)                     | Nigella Sativa<br>(low dose) | 23.0 ±<br>13.3          | 18.1 ± 8.2                | -4.9 ↓ <sup>2</sup>      |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
|                                  | Nigella Sativa               | $27.6 \pm$              | 26.9 ±                    | -0.7 = 2                 |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
|                                  | (high dose)                  | 30.60                   | 29.1                      |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
|                                  | Placebo                      | 34.9 ±<br>32.8          | 34.8 ± 26.9               | -0.1 = 2                 |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
| Hosseini (2018)<br>Zilaee (2019) | Saffron                      |                         |                           |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        | 5.6 [3.0 -<br>7.5] <sup>3</sup> | 4.55 [2.8 -<br>6.0] <sup>3</sup> | -0.85<br>[-1.62 -<br>0.15]↓ <sup>3</sup> |
|                                  | Placebo                      |                         |                           |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        | 4.9 [3.9 -<br>6.5] <sup>3</sup> | 4.9 [3.0 -<br>6.0] <sup>3</sup>  | 0.1<br>[-1.6 -<br>0.6] = <sup>3</sup>    |
| Supplements                      |                              |                         |                           |                          |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        |                                 |                                  |  |
| Smith (2015)                     | Soy isoflavone               | N/A                     | N/A                       | 1.4<br>(-1.7; 4.5)<br>=  |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        | N/A                             | N/A                              | 0.0 (0.0; 0.0) = 1                       |
|                                  | Placebo                      | N/A                     | N/A                       | -3.5<br>(-6.0;<br>-1.0)↓ |                   |                                 |        |                         |                                      |        | N/A                             | N/A                              | 0.0 (0.0; 0.0) = 1                       |
| Wood (2008)                      | Tomato extract               | 19.9<br>(16.4;          | 19.6<br>(13.1;            | N/A                      | 1.0 (0.0;<br>3.1) | 0.9 (0.1;<br>1.8) <sup>4</sup>  | N/A    | 41.0<br>(24.2;          | 39.8<br>(18.4;                       | N/A    |                                 |                                  |  |
|                                  |                              | 27.5)                   | 31.6) 4                   | 27/4                     | 10/00             | 0.0.(0.0                        | 27/4   | 56.6)                   | 77.5) 4                              |        |                                 |                                  |  |
|                                  | Tomato juice                 | 19.9<br>(16.4;<br>27.5) | 19.7<br>(11.0;<br>25.9) 4 | N/A                      | 1.0 (0.0;<br>3.1) | 0.9 (0.0;<br>17.8) <sup>4</sup> | N/A    | 41.0<br>(24.2;<br>56.6) | 42.0<br>(21.0;<br>67.8) <sup>4</sup> | N/A    |                                 |                                  |  |

Table S5. Within-group changes in immunological parameters in breath and immune cells.

|                       | D1 1  | 10.0                    | 10.1                                 | <b>NT / A</b>              | 10/00               | 0.4.(0.0                       | NT/ A                     | 41.0                    | 1                                    | NT / A                       |                    |                    |            |
|-----------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------|
|                       | Placebo   | 19.9<br>(16.4;<br>27.5) | 19.1<br>(12.9;<br>31.4) <sup>4</sup> | N/A                        | 1.0 (0.0;<br>3.1)   | 0.4 (0.0;<br>1.5) <sup>4</sup> | N/A                       | 41.0<br>(24.2;<br>56.6) | 55.1<br>(35.0;<br>91.1) <sup>4</sup> | N/A                          |                    |                    |            |
| Weight loss           |   |                         |                                      |                            |                     |                                |                           |                         |                                      |                              |                    |                    |            |
| Dias-Junior<br>(2014) | Low calorie<br>intake, use of<br>sibutramine and<br>use of orlistat | 19.6 ± 3.7              | 26.8 ± 5.2                           | 7.2 = <sup>2</sup>         | 15.0 ± 4.9          | $14.4 \pm 4.7$                 | -0.6 = 2                  | 40.2 ± 5.8              | 41.9 ± 7.3                           | 1.7 = 2                      |                    |                    |            |
|                       | Placebo   | $20.1\pm4.9$            | $19.3\pm3.2$                         | -0.8 = 2                   | $11.9\pm3.9$        | $12.5\pm3.2$                   | 0.6 = 2                   | $41.7\pm4.0$            | $53.6\pm4.1$                         | 11.9 = 2                     |                    |                    |            |
| Jensen (2013)         | Energy<br>reduction and<br>counselling<br>sessions                  | 13.1 [8.4 -<br>41.8]    | N/A                                  | -2.6<br>[-11.3 -<br>0.4] = | 0.8 [0.5 -<br>5.3]  | N/A                            | -0.1<br>[-0.5 -<br>5.1] = | 10.5 [8.0 -<br>18.8]    | N/A                                  | -4.8<br>[-7.5 –<br>(-0.6)] = |                    |                    |            |
|                       | Placebo   | 27.2 [10.5<br>- 46.7]   | N/A                                  | -1.9<br>[-4.0 -<br>0.3] =  | 0.8 [0.3 -<br>8.5]  | N/A                            | 0.0<br>[-0.8 -<br>2.3] =  | 10.3 [2.8 -<br>27.5]    | N/A                                  | 1.0<br>[-4.5 -<br>14.0] =    |                    |                    |            |
| Toennesen<br>(2018)   | High protein<br>and low<br>glycemic index<br>diet                   | 20.5<br>(13.0)          | 18.0<br>(19.5)                       | <b>-2.5</b> = <sup>2</sup> | 0.5 (5.8)           | 5.5 (2.5)                      | 0.0 = 2                   | 54.3<br>(26.0)          | 61.0<br>(45.5)                       | 6.7 = 2                      | 0.2 (0.2)          | 0.1 (0.2)          | 0.0 = 2    |
|                       | Combination of diet and exercise                                    | 32.5<br>(29.0)          | 27.0<br>(32.3)                       | -5.5 = <sup>2</sup>        | 7.8 (14.9)          | 4.80<br>(13.1)                 | -3.0 = 2                  | 43.0<br>(52.4)          | 46.3<br>(33.6)                       | 3.3 = 2                      | 0.21(0.1)          | 0.2 (0.1)          | 0.0 = 2    |
|                       | Placebo   | 20.8<br>(35.6)          | 20.3<br>(22.3)                       | -0.5 = 2                   | 1.5 (6.7)           | 0.8 (5.2)                      | -0.7 = 2                  | 60.3<br>(41.0)          | 55.4<br>(33.5)                       | -4.9 = 2                     | 0.2 (0.2)          | 0.2 (0.3)          | 0.0 = 2    |
| Vitamin D3            |   |                         |                                      |                            |                     |                                |                           | . ,                     |                                      |                              |                    |                    |            |
| Bar Yoseph<br>(2015)  | Vitamin D   | 36.6 ± 39.1             | 34.2 ± 26.8                          | -2.4 = <sup>2</sup>        |                     |                                |                           |                         |                                      |                              | 0.6 ± 0.9          | $0.3 \pm 0.2$      | -0.2 = 1,2 |
| <b>`</b> ,            | Placebo   | 58.6 ±<br>54.7          | 51.0 ± 40.2                          | -7.6 = 2                   |                     |                                |                           |                         |                                      |                              | $0.4 \pm 0.3$      | $0.3 \pm 0.3$      | -0.1 = 1,2 |
| Castro (2014)         | Vitamin D3  |                         |                                      |                            | N/A                 | N/A                            | -0.3<br>(-1.4; 0.8)       |                         |                                      |                              |                    |                    |            |
|                       | Placebo   |                         |                                      |                            | N/A                 | N/A                            | 0.2 (-0.9; 1.3)           |                         |                                      |                              |                    |                    |            |
| de Groot (2015)       | Vitamin D3<br>(Cholecalciferol)                                     | 24.0 [19.0<br>-36.0]    | 22.0 [17.0<br>- 29.0]                | -2.0 = 2                   | 3.1 [0.3 -<br>13.3] | 0.7 [0.2 -<br>11.4]            | -2.4 = 2                  | 64.8 [44.6<br>- 76.4]   | 65.5 [45.1<br>- 86.2]                | 0.7 = 2                      | 0.2 [0.1 -<br>0.3] | 0.2 [0.1 -<br>0.3] | 0.0 = 2    |
|                       | Placebo   | 33.0 [15.0<br>-67.0]    | 26.0 [11.0<br>- 60.0]                | -7.0 = 2                   | 6.7 [0.2 -<br>39.7] | 3.9 [0.2 -<br>50.9]            | -2.8 = 2                  | 67.8 [33.8<br>- 75.6]   | 50.5 [22.5<br>- 72.1]                | -17.3 = 2                    | 0.2 [0.1 -<br>0.4] | 0.2 [0.1 -<br>0.4] | 0.0 = 2    |
| Martineau<br>(2015)   | Vitamin D3<br>(Vigantol oil)  | 38.1 ±<br>29.1          | 37.5 ±<br>26.9                       | -0.6 <sup>2</sup>          |                     |                                |                           |                         |                                      |                              |                    |                    |            |
|                       | Placebo   | 37.0 ±<br>26.0          | 38.5 ±<br>36.9                       | 1.5 <sup>2</sup>           |                     |                                |                           |                         |                                      |                              |                    |                    |            |

| Omega-3 LCPUFA          |  |                         |                         |                           |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Hodge (1998)            | Omega-3 fatty<br>acid rich diet<br>and omega-3<br>fatty acid<br>supplementatio |                         |                         |                           |       |       |                   | <br> | 0.9 [0.5 -<br>1.2]          | 0.7                         | -0.3<br>[-0.3 –<br>0.0] <sup>2,5</sup> |
|                         | n<br>Placebo   |                         |                         |                           |       |       |                   |      | 0.6 [0.6 -<br>0.9]          | 0.8                         | 0.2<br>[-0.1 -<br>0.3] <sup>2,5</sup>  |
| Mickleborough<br>(2013) | Marine lipid<br>fraction PCSO-<br>524™   | N/A                     | 15.3 ±<br>10.7          | N/A                       |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             | ]                                      |
|                         | Placebo  | N/A                     | 25.2 ±<br>19.1          | N/A                       |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
| Moreira (2007)          | N-3 PUFA   | 27.6<br>(16.6;<br>38.6) | 30.0<br>(15.8;<br>44.2) | 2.4<br>(-3.5; -<br>8.3) = |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
|                         | Placebo  | 20.4<br>(10.0;<br>30.1) | 25.0<br>(12.3;<br>37.7) | 4.6 (0.2;<br>8.9)↑        |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
| Schubert (2009)         | N-3 PUFA-<br>enriched fat<br>blend   | N/A                     | N/A                     | -2.1 ± 3.6                | 1.5 5 | 0.3 5 | -1.2 <sup>2</sup> |      | 4.4 ± 0.6<br><sub>3,5</sub> | 3.8 ± 0.5<br><sub>3,5</sub> | -0.6 <sup>2,3</sup>                    |
|                         | Placebo  | N/A                     | N/A                     | $10.8 \pm 3.1$            | 1.5 5 | 0.7 5 | -0.8 <sup>2</sup> |      | 6.0 ± 0.7<br><sub>3,5</sub> | 5.6 ± 0.9<br>3,5            | -0.5 2,3                               |
| Whole food approac      | hes  |                         |                         |                           |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
| Bseikri (2018)          | Nutrient dense<br>bar (CHORI-bar)  | 35.8 ±<br>23.5          | 30.5 ± 20.2             | -5.3 = <sup>2</sup>       |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
|                         | Placebo  | 24.0 ±<br>11.5          | 22.0 ±<br>13.9          | -2.0 = 2                  |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
| Papamichael<br>(2019)   | Two meals with<br>fatty fish per<br>week as part of<br>the Greek MD            | 17.9 ±<br>17.6          | 14.6 ±<br>15.1          | -3.8                      |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
|                         | Placebo  | $10.2 \pm 7.2$          | 18.1 ±<br>29.4          | 8.1                       |       |       |                   |      |                             |                             |  |
| Sexton (2013)           | High-<br>intervention MD   |                         |                         |                           |       |       |                   |      | N/A                         | N/A                         | $-0.0 \pm 0.0$                         |
|                         | Low<br>intervention MD   |                         |                         |                           |       |       |                   |      | N/A                         | N/A                         | 0.0 ± 0.0 <sup>6</sup>                 |

|               | Placebo                    |                       |  |                   |                    |                    |                     |                |                |                    | N/A | N/A | -0.1 ± 0.1 |
|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------|-----|-----|------------|
| Sudini (2016) | Broccoli sprouts           | 21.0 [15.0<br>- 42.0] | 22.0 [15.9<br>- 34.5] <sup>2</sup>     | 1.0 <sup>2</sup>  |                    |                    |                     |                |                |                    |     |     |            |
|               | Placebo                    | 25.5 [15.0<br>- 42.0] | 19.50<br>[17.0 -<br>45.3] <sup>2</sup> | -6.0 <sup>2</sup> |                    |                    |                     |                |                |                    |     |     |            |
| Wood (2012)   | High anti-<br>oxidant diet | 17.0 [12.0<br>-30.0]  | 19.0 [15.0<br>- 31]                    | 2.0 = 2           | 1.0 [0.3 -<br>2.8] | 0.8 [0.3 -<br>2.3] | -0.2 = 2            | 46.1 ±<br>26.2 | 42.0 ± 26.8    | -4.1 = 2           |     |     |            |
|               | Placebo                    | 23.0 [15.0<br>-38.0]  | 24.0 [16.0<br>- 35.0]                  | 1.0 = 2           | 1.8 [0.5 -<br>6.4] | 1.3 [0.3 -<br>5.5] | -0.5 ↓ <sup>2</sup> | 42.0 ± 20.9    | 45.7 ±<br>19.9 | 3.7 = <sup>2</sup> |     |     |            |

Values are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, mean (lower bound 95% CI; upper bound 95% CI), median [Q1 – Q3] or median (IQR). = indicates that within-group changes were not significantly different from baseline;  $\uparrow$  indicates a significant increase compared to baseline;  $\downarrow$  indicates a significant decrease compared to baseline; blank indicates that within-group changes were not reported in the article; N/A indicates data could not be extracted. Abbreviations: BL = baseline; FU = follow-up; FeNO = fractional exhaled nitric oxide; sEOS = sputum eosinophils; sNEU = sputum neutrophils; bEOS = blood eosinophils; PUFA = (long-chain) polyunsaturated fatty acid; MD = Mediterranean diet; 1 = unit transformed; 2 = calculated; 3 = unit is percentage; 4 = n at follow-up is smaller than n at baseline; 5 = estimated using pixel ruler; 6 =  $\pm$  SEM.

| First<br>author<br>(vear)                  | Study group  |                             | Th1 cytokine                | S                  | Th2 cytokines and IgE      |                        |                   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| (yeur)                                     |  |                             | IFN-γ (pg/ml)               |                    |                            | IL-4 (pg/ml)           | )                 | IgE (IU/ml)  |   |   |  |  |  |
|  |  | BL                          | FU                          | Change             | BL                         | FU                     | Change            | BL   | FU  | Change  |  |  |  |
| Herbs, herbai                              | l mixtures and extra   | cts                         |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Barlianto<br>(2017)<br>Barlianto<br>(2018) | Nigella Sativa<br>oil  | 12.5 ± 4.4                  | $20.0 \pm 6.4$              | 7.5                | $1.4 \pm 0.3$              | 1.1 ± 0.2              | -0.3 <sup>1</sup> |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|  | Placebo  | $10.1 \pm 2.2$              | $9.8 \pm 3.3$               | -0.3               | $1.3 \pm 0.5$              | $1.4 \pm 0.5$          | 0.1 1             |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Koshak<br>(2017)                           | Nigella Sativa<br>oil  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   | N/A  | N/A   | -0.7 [-25.2 -<br>6.3] <sup>3</sup>                |  |  |  |
|  | Placebo  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   | N/A  | N/A   | -10.0 [-50.6 -<br>5.7] <sup>3</sup>               |  |  |  |
| Salem<br>(2017)                            | Nigella Sativa<br>(low dose)   | $3.8 \pm 5.8$               | $4.7 \pm 6.0$               | 0.9 ↑ <sup>1</sup> | $2.4 \pm 6.7$              | $2.3 \pm 6.8$          | -0.1 = 1          | 4.5x10 <sup>5</sup> ±<br>7.1x10 <sup>5</sup> <sup>5</sup>  | 3.9x10 <sup>5</sup> ±<br>6.2x10 <sup>5</sup> <sup>5</sup> | $-6.0 \text{ x}10^4 = 1.5$                        |  |  |  |
|  | Nigella Sativa<br>(high dose)  | $2.8 \pm 5.8$               | $3.3 \pm 6.0$               | 0.5 ↑ <sup>1</sup> | $2.2 \pm 6.5$              | $2.1 \pm 6.4$          | -0.1 = 1          | 3.9x10 <sup>5</sup> ±<br>4.7x10 <sup>5</sup> <sup>5</sup>  | 3.2x10 <sup>5</sup> ±<br>3.7x10 <sup>5</sup> <sup>5</sup> | -7.2 x10 <sup>4</sup> $\downarrow$ <sup>1,5</sup> |  |  |  |
|  | Placebo  | $3.0 \pm 5.5$               | $2.6 \pm 5.4$               | -0.4 = 1           | $1.6 \pm 5.7$              | $1.6 \pm 5.7$          | -0.0 = 1          | 6.2 x10 <sup>5</sup> ±<br>8.0x10 <sup>5</sup> <sup>5</sup> | 6.0x10 <sup>5</sup> ±<br>7.5x10 <sup>5</sup> <sup>5</sup> | $-2.8 \text{ x}10^4 = 1.5$                        |  |  |  |
| Yugandha<br>r (2017)                       | Extract of <i>B.</i><br>serrata gum<br>resin and <i>A.</i><br>marmelos fruit | 12.7 ± 0.6 <sup>6</sup>     | 22.0 ± 1.4 <sup>6</sup>     | 1.8 1,6            | 1.6 ± 0.2 <sup>6</sup>     | 1.1 ± 0.2 <sup>6</sup> | -0.5 1,6          |  |   |   |  |  |  |
|  | Placebo  | $13.6 \pm 0.5$ <sup>6</sup> | $15.4 \pm 0.4$ <sup>6</sup> | 9.4 <sup>1,6</sup> | $1.5 \pm 0.2$ <sup>6</sup> | $1.4\pm0.2$ $^6$       | -0.1 1,6          |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Supplements                                |  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   |  |   |   |  |  |  |
| Ghaffari<br>(2014)                         | Vitamine E   |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   | $154.5 \pm 33.8$   | $118.3 \pm 14.4$  | -36.2 = 1   |  |  |  |
| × /  | Placebo  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   | $147.2 \pm 27.6$   | $127.0\pm22.3$  | -20.2 = 1   |  |  |  |
| Pearson<br>(2004)                          | Vitamin E  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   | N/A  | N/A   | $1.0 \pm 1.2 = 6$                                 |  |  |  |
| . /  | Placebo  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   | N/A  | N/A   | $1.0 \pm 1.5 = 6$                                 |  |  |  |
| Weight loss                                |  |                             |                             |                    |                            |                        |                   |  |   |   |  |  |  |

## Table S6. Within-group changes in Th1 and Th2 cytokines and IgE.

| Dias-         | Low calorie     |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | $24.4 \pm 6.5$    | $23.80 \pm 6.3$        | -0.6 = 1      |
|---------------|-----------------|-------|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Junior        | intake, use of  |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| (2014)        | sibutramine     |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| ()            | and use of      |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | orlistat        |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | DI I            |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 22.4 + 5.0        | 100.00                 | 4 17 1        |
|               | Placebo         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | $22.4 \pm 5.9$    | $1/./\pm 5.3$          | -4.7 = 1      |
| Vitamin D3    |                 |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| Bar           | Vitamin D       |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | $432.8 \pm 465.7$ | $398.1 \pm 412.6$      | -34.7 = 1     |
| Yoseph        |                 |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| (2015)        |                 |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| (2013)        | Dlasaha         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 422 8 ± 4EE 0     | E20 E + 6E1 8          | 105 7 - 1     |
|               | Flacebo         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | $455.6 \pm 455.0$ | $559.5 \pm 651.6$      | 103.7 = 1     |
| de Groot      | Vitamin D3      |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 29.0 [13.0 -      | 29.0 [13.0 -           | 0.0 = 1.5     |
| (2015)        | (Cholecalcifero |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 117.015           | 88.015                 |               |
| ()            | 1)              |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   | 1                      |               |
|               | Placebo         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 69.0 [1.0 -       | 47.0[4.0]              | -22.0 = 1.5   |
|               | 1 140000        |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 2110 01 5         | 47.0 [4.0 -<br>264.015 | -22.0 - //    |
|               | 1               |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 2110.0] °         | 204.0]                 |               |
| vvnoie jooa i | approacnes      |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| Bseikri       | Nutrient dense  |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | $518.8 \pm 712.2$ | $560.0 \pm 734.2$      | 41.5 = 1      |
| (2018)        | bar (CHORI-     |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| ( /           | bar)            |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | Placebo         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 294 3 + 516 6     | $247.3 \pm 497.2$      | $-47.0 \pm 1$ |
|               | Thatebo         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 | 274.5 ± 510.0     | 247.5 ± 477.2          | -47.0 ↓       |
| Sexton        | High-           | N/A   | N/A  | $-0.8 \pm 0.3$ <sup>6</sup> |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| (2013)        | intervention    |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| . ,           | MD              |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | Low             | N/A   | N/A  | $-0.6 \pm 0.4^{6}$          |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | intervention    | 14/11 |      | 0.0 = 0.11                  |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | MD              |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               |                 |       | NT/A | 0.4 + 0.4 6                 |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
|               | Placebo         | IN/A  | IN/A | -0.4 ± 0.4 °                |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| Sudini        | Broccoli        |       |      |                             | 1.4 [0.8 - 2.3] | 2.2 [1.1 - 3.1] | 0.6 [0.1 - 1.0] |                   |                        |               |
| (2016)        | sprouts         |       |      |                             |                 |                 |                 |                   |                        |               |
| ·/            | Placebo         |       |      |                             | 18[07-22]       | 20[13-26]       | 05[03-10]       |                   |                        |               |
|               | 1 140000        |       |      |                             | 1.0 [0.7 2.2]   | o [1.0o]        | 0.0 [0.0 1.0]   |                   |                        |               |

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| First                                  | Study group   |                            | Treg cytokines                 |                                | Pro-inflammatory markers  |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
|--|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| author<br>(year)                       |   |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
|  |   |                            | IL-10 (pg/ml)                  |                                |                           | IL-6 (pg/ml)                    |                          |                      | CRP (mg/L)           |                                     |  |  |
|  |   | BL                         | FU                             | Change                         | BL                        | FU                              | Change                   | BL                   | FU                   | Change                              |  |  |
| Herbs, herbi                           | al mixtures and extracts  | 3                          |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
| Hosseini<br>(2018)<br>Zilaee<br>(2019) | Saffron   |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          | 0.1 [0.0 - 0.1]<br>1 | 0.0 [0.0 - 0.1]<br>1 | -0.0 [-0.0 –<br>0.0] ↓ <sup>1</sup> |  |  |
|  | Placebo   |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          | 0.1 [0.0 - 0.1]      | 0.1 [0.0 - 0.1]      | -0.0 [-0.0 - 0.0] = 1               |  |  |
| Khayyal<br>(2003)                      | Aqueous extract of propolis   | 88.1 ± 14.3 <sup>2,3</sup> | 273.8 ± 35.7<br><sub>2,3</sub> | 185.7 ↑ 2,3,4                  | 59.1 ± 7.1 <sup>2,3</sup> | 33.5 ± 3.5 <sup>2,3</sup>       | -25.6 \ <sup>2,3,4</sup> |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
|  | Placebo   | $100.0 \pm 19.1_{2,3}$     | $142.9 \pm 28.6^{2,3}$         | <b>42.9</b> ↑ <sup>2,3,4</sup> | $88.2 \pm 17.7^{2,3}$     | $109.4 \pm 29.1$ <sup>2,3</sup> | -3.0 = 2,3,4             |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
| Salem<br>(2017)                        | Nigella Sativa<br>(low dose)  | $2.4 \pm 6.1$              | $2.8 \pm 6.3$                  | 0.4 = 4                        |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
|  | Nigella Sativa<br>(high dose)                                       | $1.7 \pm 6.6$              | $1.5 \pm 6.6$                  | -0.2 = 4                       |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
|  | Placebo   | $2.2 \pm 5.8$              | $1.6 \pm 6.3$                  | -0.6 = 4                       |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
| Supplement                             | ts  |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
| Smith<br>(2015)                        | Soy isoflavone  |                            |                                |                                | N/A                       | N/A                             | 1.0 (0.9; 1.1) =         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 1.0 (0.9; 1.1) =                    |  |  |
|  | Placebo   |                            |                                |                                | N/A                       | N/A                             | 1.0 (0.9; 1.1) =         | N/A                  | N/A                  | 1.0 (0.9; 1.2) =                    |  |  |
| Weight loss                            |   |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          |                      |                      |                                     |  |  |
| Dias-<br>Junior<br>(2014)              | Low calorie<br>intake, use of<br>sibutramine and<br>use of orlistat |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          | 286.5 ± 62.0         | 292.8 ± 80.7         | 24.3 = 4                            |  |  |
|  | Placebo   |                            |                                |                                |                           |                                 |                          | $409.1 \pm 107.0$    | $507.5 \pm 124.3$    | 98.4 = 4                            |  |  |
| Jensen<br>(2013)                       | Energy reduction<br>and counselling<br>sessions                     |                            |                                |                                | 1.2 [0.7 - 2.7]           | N/A                             | 0.3 [-0.3 - 0.4]         | 2.1 [1.5 - 3.3]      | N/A                  | -0.4 [-0.5 -<br>0.4] =              |  |  |
|  | Placebo   |                            |                                |                                | 1.4 [0.7 - 2.0]           | N/A                             | -0.1 [-0.5 -<br>0.4] =   | 2.1 [0.7 - 4.0]      | N/A                  | 0.7 [-0.1 - 1.9]<br>↑               |  |  |

## **Table S7.** Within-group changes in Treg cytokines and pro-inflammatory markers.

| Taannaaa   | Lligh protoin and |                        |     |                             | 1 = (1 0)       | 1 2 (0 7)       | 01-4                        | 11(16)          | 0.0 (1.9)       | 0.2-4                       |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| roennese   |                   |                        |     |                             | 1.5 (1.0)       | 1.5 (0.7)       | -0.1 = 1                    | 1.1 (1.6)       | 0.9 (1.6)       | -0.2 = 1                    |
| n (2018)   | low glycemic      |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            | index diet        |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            | Combination of    |                        |     |                             | 1.5 (0.8)       | 1.6 (0.9)       | 0.1 = 4                     | 0.9 (2.1)       | 1.2 (1.4)       | 0.3 = 4                     |
|            | diet and exercise |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            | Placebo           |                        |     |                             | 1.70 (1.6)      | 1.5 (0.8)       | -0.2 = 4                    | 1.1 (2.0)       | 1.1 (1.3)       | -0.1 = 4                    |
| Vitamin    |                   |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| D3         |                   |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| Bar        | Vitamin D         |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             | $2.0 \pm 1.0$   | $2.3 \pm 1.7$   | 0.3 = 4                     |
| Yoseph     |                   |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| (2015)     |                   |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| ( /        | Placebo           |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             | $2.1 \pm 1.3$   | $2.1 \pm 0.9$   | 0.1 = 4                     |
|            |                   |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| Kerley     | Vitamin D3        | $1.1 \times 10^{5}$    | N/A | $-1.3 \times 10^{4}$        |                 |                 |                             | 0.3 [0.2 - 0.6] | N/A             | 0.1 [-0.1 - 0.9]            |
| (2016)     |                   | [8.9x10 <sup>4</sup> - |     | [-2.5x104 -                 |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            |                   | 1.3x10 <sup>5</sup> ]  |     | 3.0x10 <sup>3</sup> ]       |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            | Placebo           | 1.1x10 <sup>5</sup>    | N/A | -1.7x104                    |                 |                 |                             | 0.8 [0.5 - 1.5] | N/A             | -0.4 [-0.9 -                |
|            |                   | [8.6x10 <sup>4</sup> - |     | [-2.6x10 <sup>4</sup> -     |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 | 0.2]                        |
|            |                   | 1.5x10 <sup>5</sup> ]  |     | $(-2.7 \times 10^4)$ ]      |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| Whole food | approaches        | 1                      |     | . ,,                        |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| Bseikri    | Nutrient dense    |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             | $3.9 \pm 4.3$   | $4.4 \pm 6.1$   | 0.5 = 4                     |
| (2018)     | bar (CHORI-bar)   |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
| ()         | Placebo           |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             | $3.8 \pm 5.7$   | $3.5 \pm 4.9$   | -0.4 = 4                    |
| Sexton     | High-intervention | N/A                    | N/A | $-0.1 \pm 0.6^{3}$          | N/A             | N/A             | $-12 + 07^{3}$              | N/A             | N/A             | 21+193                      |
| (2013)     | MD                | ,                      | ,   |                             | ,               |                 |                             | ,               | ,               |                             |
|            | Low intervention  | N/A                    | N/A | $-0.4 \pm 0.6$ <sup>3</sup> | N/A             | N/A             | $-0.5 \pm 0.7$ <sup>3</sup> | N/A             | N/A             | 2.9 ± 1.7 <sup>3</sup>      |
|            | MD                |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            | Placebo           | N/A                    | N/A | $-0.2 \pm 0.6$ <sup>3</sup> | N/A             | N/A             | $-0.3 \pm 0.7$ <sup>3</sup> | N/A             | N/A             | $-0.6 \pm 1.7$ <sup>3</sup> |
| Sudini     | Broccoli sprouts  |                        |     |                             | 06[01-16]       | 07[00-14]       | -01[-06-                    |                 |                 |                             |
| (2016)     | broccon sprouts   |                        |     |                             | 0.0 [0.1 1.0]   | 0.7 [0.0 1.1]   | 0.01                        |                 |                 |                             |
| (2010)     | Placebo           |                        |     |                             | 16[05-26]       | 13[04-28]       | 0.0                         |                 |                 |                             |
|            | 1 140000          |                        |     |                             | 1.0 [0.0 - 2.0] | 1.0 [0.4 - 2.0] | 0.0 [-1.5 - 0.5]            |                 |                 |                             |
| Wood       | High anti-oxidant |                        |     |                             | 1.9 [1.1 - 2.2] | 1.9 [1.3 - 2.5] | 0.0 = 4                     | 4.2 [0.9 - 9.1] | 3.0 [1.3 - 9.5] | -1.2 = 4                    |
| (2012)     | diet              |                        |     |                             |                 |                 |                             |                 |                 |                             |
|            | Placebo           |                        |     |                             | 1.9 [1.3 - 3.0] | 2.0 [1.3 - 2.9] | 0.1 = 4                     | 2.5 [1.1 - 6.0] | 3.3 [1.5 - 6.4] | 0.8 = 4                     |

Values are presented as mean  $\pm$  SD, mean (lower bound 95% CI; upper bound 95% CI), median [Q1 – Q3], or median (IQR). = indicates that within-group changes were not significantly different from baseline;  $\uparrow$  indicates a significant increase compared to baseline;  $\downarrow$  indicates a significant decrease compared to baseline; blank indicates that within-group changes were not reported in the article; N/A indicates data could not be extracted. Abbreviations: BL = baseline; FU = follow-up; Treg = regulatory T-cell; IL = interleukin; CRP = C-reactive protein; MD = Mediterranean diet; 1 = unit transformed; 2 = estimated using pixel ruler; 3 =  $\pm$  SEM; 4= caculated.