

Supplementary Table 1. Search terms and search strategies in PubMed

Domain	Search	Terms
Intervention (I)		
I-1	#1	lifestyle [MeSH term]
	#2	"lifestyle change"
	#3	"lifestyle modification"
	#4	"lifestyle adaptation"
	#5	"lifestyle intervention"
	#6	"lifestyle therapy"
	#7	"lifestyle treatment"
	#8	"behavior change"
	#9	"behavior modification"
	#10	"behavior adaptation"
	#11	"behavior intervention"
	#12	"behavior therapy"
	#13	"behavior treatment"
	#14	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13
I-2	#15	"non-pharmacological*"
	#16	"nonpharmacological*"
	#17	#15 OR #16
I-3	#18	"Diet, Carbohydrate-Restricted"[Mesh]
	#19	"Diet, Mediterranean"[Mesh]
	#20	"Diet, Fat-Restricted"[Mesh]
	#21	"Diet, Reducing"[Mesh]
	#22	"Diet Therapy"[Mesh]
	#23	#18 OR #19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22
	#24	"diet* control"
	#25	"dietary control"
	#26	#24 OR #25
	#27	"low glycemic index"
	#28	"low carbohydrate"
	#29	"dietary approach to stop hypertension"
	#30	"healthy eat*"

	#31	"clean food"
	#32	#27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31
	#33	#22 OR #26 OR #32
I-4	#34	"physical activity"
	#35	Exercise
	#36	Sport
	#37	Workout
	#38	"work out"
	#39	#37 OR #38
	#40	"resistance training"
	#41	"strength training"
	#42	"weight training"
	#43	#34 OR #35 OR #36 OR #39 OR #40 OR #41 OR #42
(I 1-4)	#44	#14 OR #17 OR #33 OR #43
Outcome (O)	#45	prevent*
	#46	delay*
	#47	reduc*
	#48	#62 OR #63 OR #64
	#49	"Diabetes Mellitus, Type 2"[Mesh]
	#50	"diabetes mellitus"
	#51	#66 OR #67
	#52	#48 AND #51
I + O	#53	#44 AND #52
(I + O) Filtered	#54	#53 Filters: Systematic Reviews

Supplementary Table 2. Search terms and search strategies in Scopus

Domain	Search	Terms
Intervention (I)		
I-1	#1	TITLE-ABS-KEY("lifestyle change")
	#2	TITLE-ABS-KEY("lifestyle modification")
	#3	TITLE-ABS-KEY("lifestyle adaptation")
	#4	TITLE-ABS-KEY("lifestyle intervention")
	#5	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("lifestyle therapy")
	#6	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("lifestyle treatment")
	#7	#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6
	#8	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("behavior change")
	#9	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("behavior modification")
	#10	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("behavior adaptation")
	#11	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("behavior intervention")
	#12	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("behavior therapy")
	#13	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("behavior treatment")
	#14	#8 OR #9 OR #10 OR #11 OR #12 OR #13
	#15	#7 OR #14
I-2	#16	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("non-pharmacological*")
	#17	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("nonpharmacological*")
	#18	#16 OR #17
I-3	#19	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("carbohydrate-restricted diet")
	#20	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("Mediterranean diet")
	#21	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("fat-restricted diet")
	#22	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("reducing diet")
	#23	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("diet therapy")
	#24	#19 OR #20 OR #21 OR #22 OR #23
	#25	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("diet* control")
	#26	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("dietary control")
	#27	#25 OR #26
	#28	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("low glycemic index")
	#29	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("low carbohydrate")

	#30	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("dietary approach to stop hypertension")
	#31	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("healthy eat*")
	#32	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("clean food")
	#33	#28 OR #29 OR #30 OR #31 OR #32
	#34	#24 OR #25 OR #33
I-4	#35	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("physical activity")
	#36	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("exercise")
	#37	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("sport")
	#38	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("workout")
	#39	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("work out")
	#40	#38 OR #39
	#41	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("resistance training")
	#42	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("strength training")
	#43	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("weight training")
	#44	#35 OR #36 OR #37 OR #40 OR #41 OR #42 OR #43
I 1-4	#45	#15 OR #18 OR #34 OR #44
Outcome (O)	#46	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("prevent*")
	#47	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("delay*")
	#48	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("reduc*")
	#49	#46 OR #47OR #48
	#50	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("diabetes mellitus")
	#51	#49 AND #50
(I) + (O)	#52	#45 AND #51
Study design	#53	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("systematic review")
	#54	TITLE-ABS-KEY ("meta analysis")
	#55	#53 OR #54
(I) + (O) + Design	#56	#52AND #55

Supplementary Table 3. Characteristics of included systematic reviews and meta-analyses

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
Bhupathiraju, 2014 ¹	General population	Low GI and GL	Cohort: 13	NR	0-100	NR	4-14	U.S.:6 U.K.: 1 European: 4 Asian: 2	U.S.	Government	No
Dong, 2011 ²	General population	Low GI or GL	Cohort:13	NR	NR	NR	4-10	U.S.:8 U.K.: 1 European:1 Asian:1 Australia, New Zealand: 2	China	Foundation	NR
Greenwood, 2013 ³	General population	Low GI and GL, or total dietary carbohydrate intake	Cohort: 18	75	0-100	690-91249	4-26	U.S.:9 U.K.: 1 European: 4 Asian: 2 Australia, New Zealand :2	U.K.	Government	No
Schwingshackl , 2015 ⁴	General population	Mediterranean diet	Parallel RCT: 1 Cohort: 8	20 - 29 /55-80	0-100	NR	3.2-20	U.S.:3 U.K.: 1 European: 5	Austria	No	No
Koloverou, 2014 ⁵	General population, at risk	Mediterranean diet	Parallel RCT: 1 Cohort: 9	NR	NR	NR	3.5-14	U.S.:3 U.K.: 1 European: 6	Greece	No	No
Esposito, 2014 ⁶	General population	Mediterranean and DASH diet	Cohort: 18	22-44 /27-75	0-100	NR	3.2-23	U.S.:7 European: 5 Asian: 5	Italy	University	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
								Australia, New Zealand :1			
Schwingshackl , 2015 ⁷	General population	HEI, AHEI, DASH diet	Cohort: 6	30-79	0-100	862-154493	5-24	U.S.:5 European: 1	Austria	No	No
Jannasch, 2017 ⁸	General population	Mediterranean and DASH diet, HEI, AHEI	Parallel RCT: 1 Cohort: 47	NR	NR	NR	NR	U.S. :22 European: 18 Asian: 5 Australia, New Zealand :3	Germany	Government	No
Esposito, 2010 ⁹	General population	Mediterranean, DASH, and AHEI diet	Cohort:10	NR	NR	NR	3.2-23	NR	Italy	NR	No
Maghsoudi, 2016 ¹⁰	General population	Healthy diet	Cohort: 10	27-84	0-100	NR	4-23	U.S. :4 European :2 Asian: 3 Australia, New Zealand:1	Iran	No	No
Gilles, 2007 ¹¹	IGT	Diet, PA, Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 7	25-70	0-57	60-530	NR	US: 1 Europe: 1 Asia: 4 Australia: 1	U.K.	Government	Industry
Stevens, 2015 ¹²	IFG, IGT	Diet+PA, or pharmacologic interventions,	Parallel RCT: 19	39-65	NR	NR	2.5-9.4	US: 3 UK: 3 Europe: 5 Asia:7	U.K.	Government	Government

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
		or surgical intervention						Australia:1			
Merlotti, 2014 ¹³	General population	Diet	Parallel RCT: 3	50-72	NR	64 - 18315	1.5-7.7	NR	Italy	NR	No
Carter, 2010 ¹⁴	General population	Fruit and vegetables	Cohort: 6	30-74	NR	4304-71346	4.6-23	U.S.: 4 European:1 Asian :1	U.K.	Government	Govern ment
Cooper, 2012 ¹⁵	General population	Fruit and vegetables	Cohort: 7	25-79	NR	NR	4.6-23	U.S.: 4 European :2 Asian: 1	U.K.	Government	No
Hamer, 2007 ¹⁶	General population	Fruit and vegetables, antioxidants (vitamin E, vitamin C, Flavonoids, carotenoids, lycopene)	Cohort:14	18-74	100	895-84360	5-23	U.S.: 10, European: 4	U.K.	Foundation	No
Wang, 2016 ¹⁷	Healthy population	Fruit and vegetables	Cohort: 22	25-79	NR	NR	4-24	NR	China	Foundation	No
Li, 2015 ¹⁸	General population	Fruit intake	Cohort: 9	40-77	0-100	4304-85104	4.6-25	U.S. :5 European :2 East Asia:2	China	NR	No
de Munter, 2007 ¹⁹	General population	Whole grain	Cohort: 6	21-69 /40-75	NR	NR	6-18	NR	U.S.	Government	No
Ye, 2012 ²⁰	General population	Whole grain	Cohort: 17	NR	NR	NR	4-14	NR	U.S.	Government	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
Aune, 2013 ²¹	General population	Whole grains	Cohort: 16	18-65 /50-79	100	NR	4-23	US:7 UK: 1 Europe: 5 Asia: 2 Australia: 1	U.K.	Government	No
Afshin, 2014 ²²	General population	Nut or legume	Parallel RCT:1 Cohort: 7	NR	0-100	NR	4-23	U.S.: 4 European :2 Asian: 2	U.S.	Government	No
Tong, 2011 ²³	General population	Dairy products	Cohort: 7	39-57	100	NR	5-20	U.S.: 4 U.K. :1 Asian :2	China	Foundation	No
Aune, 2013b ²⁴	General population	Dairy products	Cohort:17	20-88	100	640-83779	5-23	U.S. :7 European: 6 Asian: 2 Australia, New Zealand :2	U.K.	Government	No
Chen, 2014 ²⁵	General population	Dairy products	Cohort:14	NR	0-100	NR	5-30	U.S. :6 U.K.: 2 European: 2 Asian: 2 Australia, New Zealand :2	U.S.	Government	No
Gijsbers, 2016 ²⁶	Healthy adults	Dairy products	Cohort: 22	36-67	0-100	NR	5-23	U.S.:9 U.K.: 3 European: 5 Asian: 3 Australia, New Zealand:2	Netherlands	University	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duratio n of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
Muley, 2014 ²⁷	General population	fish, n-3 PUFA	Cohort:16	26-88	0-100	2724-195204	4-23	U.S.:7 European: 5 Asian: 3 Australia, New Zealand :1	India	NR	No
Wu, 2012 ²⁸	General population	fish/seafood, n-3 PUFA	Cohort:16	36-75	100	NR	4-16.7	U.S.:9 European: 5 Asian:3 Australia, New Zealand :1	U.S.	Government, Foundation	Industry
Zhou, 2012 ²⁹	General population	Fish intake, n-3 fatty acid	Cohort:10	26-78	100	2831-116156	4-15	U.S.: 7 European:1 Asian: 2	China	No	No
Aune, 2009 ³⁰	General population	Meat intake	Cohort: 12	26-46 /55-69	0-100	NR	4-23	U.S.:6 U.K.: 1 European: 2 Asian: 2 Australia, New Zealand :1	Norway	Foundation	No
Schwingshackl , 2017b ³¹	General population	Olive oil intake	Parallel RCT: 1 Cohort: 4	26-45 /55-80	0-100	NR	4.1-22	U.S.:2 European: 3	Germany	NR	No
Schwingshackl , 2017 ³²	General population	12 food groups	Cohort:88	20-87	0-100	605-401909	NR	NR	Germany	Government	No
Yuan, 2017 ³³	General population	Chocolate	Cohort: 5	45-64 /50-79	0-100	NR	4.7-13.3	U.S.: 4 Asian: 1	China	NR	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
Larsson, 2007 ³⁴	General population	Total, dietary or supplements magnesium	Cohort: 7	NR	100	NR	4-14	U.S.: 6 Australia, New Zealand: 1	Sweden	Government	No
Fang, 2016 ³⁵	General population	Dietary and supplement magnesium	Cohort: 25	24.9-61.3	0-100	NR	4-20	U.S. :16 European :2 Asian: 7	Sweden	University	No
Dong, 2011 ³⁶	General population	Magnesium intake	Cohort: 13	18-30 /55-60	NR	NR	4-20	U.S. :8 European: 1 Asian: 3 Australia, New Zealand :1	China	Foundation	No
Schulze, 2007 ³⁷	General population	Fiber and magnesium intakes	Cohort: 13	26-46 /40-75	0-100	NR	4-18	U.S. 10 European :2 Australia, New Zealand:1	Germany	Government	No
The InterAct Consortium, 2015 ³⁸	General population	High fiber	Cohort: 19	26 –46 /60 -79	0-100	NR	4-16	U.S. :8 U.K.: 1 European: 4 Asian: 3 Australia, New Zealand:3	Netherlands	Government	No
Yao, 2014 ³⁹	General population	Dietary fiber intake	Cohort: 17	26-46 /60-79	0-100	NR	4-24	U.S. :7 U.K.: 1 European: 6 Asian: 1	China	NR	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duratio n of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
								Australia, New Zealand:2			
Zheng, 2012 ⁴⁰	General population	fish, shellfish, n-3PUFA, marine n-3 PUFA, alpha-linolenic acid	Cohort:12	26-79	100	2724-91669	4-18	U.S.:7 European: 7 Asian: 8 Australia, Newzealand:1 South America: 1	China	Foundation	No
Xu, 2018 ⁴¹	General population	Total flavonoids or flavonoid subclass	Cohort: 8	26-45 /67	NR	NR	4-28	U.S.: 4 European: 4	China	NR	No
Hopper, 2011 ⁴²	IFG, IGT	Diet+PA, or pharmacologic interventions	Parallel RCT: 10	45-64	47	37-3304	2.8-6	NR	Australia	Government	No
Selph, 2015 ⁴³	IFG, IGT	Diet+PA, or pharmacologic interventions	Parallel RCT: 9 Cluster RCT: 1	45-59	30-72	102-2165	1-6	US: 2 UK: 1 Europe: 2 Asia:5	U.S.	Government	Government
Glechner, 2015 ⁴⁴	Prediabetes	Diet+PA, or pharmacologic interventions, or surgical intervention	Parallel RCT: 7	44-59	32-72	67-3234	1-6	NR	Austria	Government	Industry
Hemmingsen, 2017 ⁴⁵	Prediabetes	PA, or Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 10	45-63	50-100	78-3161	2-6	US: 2 Europe: 6 Asia: 4	Denmark	No	Industry

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
			Cluster RCT: 2								
Glechner, 2018 ⁴⁶	Prediabetes	Diet, PA, or Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 22	44-66	0-96	NR	1-5	NR	Austria	Government	No
Schellenberg, 2013 ⁴⁷	High risk (T2DM or MetSyn, PreDM, insulin resistance, syndrome)	Diet+PA plus at least 1 component (smoking cessation, BI)	Parallel RCT: 9	44-85	NR	39-3234	0.5-6	NR	Canada	Government	No
Balk, 2015 ⁴⁸	PreDM, MetSyn, people at risk with T2DM or CVDs	Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 3 Cohort: 12	43-65	10 - 86	NR	1-23	NR	U.S.	Government	Gover nment
Merlotti, 2014 ⁴⁹	Obesity	Diet+PA, or pharmacologic interventions, or surgical intervention	Parallel: 4	51-57	NR	102-1620	0.5-6	NR	Italy	NR	No
Modesti, 2016 ⁵⁰	Asian population	Diet+PA	Parallel: 8	NR	NR	171-673	1.5-6	Asia: 8	Italy	NR	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duration of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
Imamura, 2016 ⁵¹	General population	sweetened beverages, artificial sweetened beverages, and fruit juice consumption	Cohort	18–30/ 45–84	NR	NR	3.4-21.1	NR	U.K.	No	No
van Dam, 2005 ⁵²	General population	Coffee consumption	Cohort	Mean 27/50-74	0 - 100	NR	6-18	NR	U.S.	NR	NR
Raman, 2019 ⁵³	Hypertension, CVDs	Flavan-3-ols	Cohort: 10	45-69/ 25-75	0 – 100	2915-199980	4 - 18	NR	U.S.	Non-profit organization	No
Uusitupa, 2019 ⁵⁴	PreDM and MetSyn	Diet, PA, or Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 7	NR	NR	102-577	1 – 6	NR	Finland	Foundation	Industry
Yamaoka, 2019 ⁵⁵	Overweight , PreDM	Diet, PA, or Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 19	NR	NR	NR	1-6	NR	Japan	No	No
Li, 2020 ⁵⁶	Women with history of GDM	Diet, PA, or Diet+PA	Parallel RCT: 15	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	China	Government	No

Author, year [Ref]	Population	Intervention	Type of included studies	Age	%Male	Total N	Duratio n of follow-up (years)	Setting	Country of corresponding author	Funding	COI
Tang, 2020 ⁵⁷	General population	Legume and soy intake	Cohort: 15	30-69/ 45-75	0-100	NR	4-18	NR	China	Foundation	No

Abbreviation: Ref, Reference; COI, conflict of interest; CVDs, cardiovascular diseases; DM, diabetes mellitus; GI, glycemic index; GL, glycemic load; LSM, lifestyle modification; MetSyn, Metabolic syndrome; NR, not reported; QoL, Quality of life; PA, Physical activity; PreDM, Pre-diabetes; SSB, sugar sweetened beverages; UC, usual care; GDM: Gestational Diabetes Mellitus.

Supplementary Table 4. Summary results of included systematic reviews and meta-analyses

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Dietary factors										
<i>Dietary intervention: Meta-analysis of RCTs</i>										
Merloti, 2014 ¹³	Usual care	0.51	0.39-0.68	29.2	No	3	3	1.58	0.741	No
Stevens, 2015 ¹²	Usual care	0.6	0.43-0.82	NR	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gilles, 2007 ¹¹	Usual care	0.67	0.49-0.92	NR	No	3	2	1.4	0.213	No
Yamaoka, 2019 ⁵⁵	Usual care	0.71	0.55-0.90	35.7	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dietary pattern										
<i>Glycemic index</i>										
Bhupathiraju, 2014 ¹	Highest vs lowest	1.12	1.03-1.21	68.5	Yes	13	7	5.73	2.738E-07	Yes
Dong, 2011 ²	Highest vs lowest	1.16	1.06-1.26	50.8	Yes	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
Greenwood 2013 ³	Per 5 units/D	1.08	1.02-1.15	87	NR	15	NA	NA	NA	NA
Glycemic Load										
Bhupathiraju, 2014 ¹	Highest vs lowest	1.12	1.06-1.17	26.4	No	17	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dong, 2011 ²	Highest vs lowest	1.2	1.11-1.30	34.8	No	12	NA	NA	NA	NA
Greenwood 2013 ³	Per 20 units/D	1.03	1.00-1.05	54	NR	16	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mediterranean diet										
Koloverou, 2014 ⁵	Highest vs lowest	0.77	0.66-0.89	NR	NR	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Esposito, 2014 ⁶	Highest vs lowest	0.8	0.68-0.93	NR	NR	6	2	1.64	0.4259	No

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Schwingshackl, 2015 ⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.81	0.73-0.90	55	No	9	6	5.31	0.000005587	Yes
Jannasch, 2017 ⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.87	0.82-0.93	26	NR	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
DASH diet										
Esposito, 2014 ⁶	Highest vs lowest	0.75	0.65-0.83	0	NR	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2015 ⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.79	0.66-0.95	66	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
HEI										
Schwingshackl, 2015 ⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.82	0.76-0.88	NR	NR	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
AHEI										
Schwingshackl, 2015 ⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.77	0.68-0.86	80	NR	6	4	4.64	0.02	Yes
Jannasch, 2017 ⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.79	0.70-0.89	88	NR	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Healthy Diet										
Schwingshackl, 2015 ⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.78	0.72-0.8	74	Yes	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Esposito, 2014 ⁶	Highest vs lowest	0.8	0.74-0.86	57	No	18	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jannasch, 2017 ⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.84	0.77-0.91	6	NR	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Maghsoudi, 2016 ¹⁰	Highest vs lowest	0.86	0.82-0.90	2.3	NR	13	6	5.28	4.87E-10	Yes
Food groups										
<i>Fruit and vegetable (combine)</i>										
Cooper, 2012 ¹⁵	Highest vs lowest	0.93	0.87-1.00	10.1	No	5	0	1.7	0.3696	Yes
Wang, 2016 ¹⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.95	0.90-1.02	NR	NR	9	NA	NA	NA	NA

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Hamer, 2007 ¹⁶	Highest vs lowest	0.96	0.79-1.17	NR	NR	4	1	0.27	0.4521	Yes
Carter, 2010 ¹⁴	Highest vs lowest	1	0.92-1.09	0	No	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Vegetable (total)										
Cooper, 2012 ¹⁵	Highest vs lowest	0.89	0.75-1.03	77.3	No	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Carter, 2010 ¹⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.91	0.76-1.09	78.1	No	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wang, 2016 ¹⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.91	0.82-1.01	57.2	No	NR	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	0.95	0.89-1.01	59	No	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hamer, 2007 ¹⁶	Highest vs lowest	0.97	0.86-1.09	NR	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Fruit										
Li, 2015 ¹⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.92	0.86-0.97	37.6	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	0.96	0.93-1.00	29	No	15	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hamer, 2007 ¹⁶	Highest vs lowest	1.01	0.88-1.15	NR	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 100g/D	0.98	0.97-1.00	21	No	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
Whole grain										
Ye, 2012 ²⁰	Highest vs lowest	0.74	0.69-0.80	NR	No	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aune, 2013 ²¹	Highest vs lowest	0.74	0.71-0.78	0	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	0.77	0.71-0.84	86	Yes	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
de Munter, 2007 ¹⁹	Highest vs lowest	0.79	0.72-0.87	68	No	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 30g/D	0.87	0.82-0.93	91	No	12	NA	NA	NA	NA

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Tang, 2020 ⁵⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.84	0.75-0.95	0	No	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Soy isoflavones</i>										
Tang, 2020 ⁵⁷	Highest vs lowest	0.88	0.81-0.96	37.2	No	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Dairy products</i>										
<i>High-fat dairy products</i>										
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.96	0.87-1.06	15.8	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Per 200 g/day	0.98	0.94-1.03	7.6	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gijsbers, 2016 ²⁶	Per 200 g/day	0.98	0.93-1.04	51.6	NR	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Low-fat dairy products</i>										
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.83	0.76-0.90	0	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Per 200 g/day	0.91	0.86-0.96	40.2	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Gijsbers, 2016 ²⁶	Per 200 g/day	0.96	0.92-1.00	68	NR	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Milk</i>										
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.87	0.70-1.07	70.5	No	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aune, 2013 ²⁴ Per 200g/D	Per 200 g/day	0.87	0.72-1.04	93.6	No	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Cheese</i>										
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.91	0.84-0.98	0	No	8	NA	NA	NA	NA
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Per 50 g/day	0.92	0.86-0.99	0	No	8	NA	NA	NA	NA

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Per 50g/D										
<i>Yogurt</i>										
Aune, 2013 ²⁴	Highest vs lowest	0.86	0.75-0.98	58.9	No	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
Chen, 2014 ²⁵	Highest vs lowest	0.82	0.70-0.96	65.3	No	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Per 1 serving/D										
<i>Fish</i>										
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	1.04	0.95-1.13	76	No	16	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wu, 2012 ²⁸	Highest vs lowest	1.07	0.94-1.22	77.7	No	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
Zhou, 2012 ²⁹	Highest vs lowest	1.15	0.98-1.35	79	NR	6	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wu, 2012 ²⁸	Per 100 g/day	1.12	0.94-1.34	82.9	No	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
Zhou, 2012 ²⁹	Per 105 g/week	1.04	1.03-1.06	0	NR	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 100 g/day	1.09	0.93-1.28	84	No	15	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Red meat</i>										
Aune, 2009 ³⁰	Highest vs lowest	1.21	1.07-1.38	58.5	NR	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	1.21	1.13-1.30	65	No	15	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 100 g/day	1.17	1.08-1.26	14	No	14	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Processed meat</i>										
Aune, 2009 ³⁰	Highest vs lowest	1.41	1.25-1.60	53.2	NR	9	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	1.27	1.20-1.35	55	Yes	14	NA	NA	NA	NA

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 50 g/day	1.37	1.22-1.55	88	Yes	14	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Eggs</i>										
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	1.08	0.95-1.22	69	No	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 30 g/day	1.08	0.95-1.22	77	No	13	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Olive oil</i>										
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³¹	Highest vs lowest	0.84	0.77-0.92	22	NR	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³¹	Per 10 g/day	0.91	0.87-0.95	0	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Chocolate</i>										
Yuan, 2017 ³³	Highest vs lowest	0.82	0.70-0.96	60	NR	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yuan, 2017 ³³ Per 2 servings/week	Per 2 servings/week	0.75	0.63-0.89	NR	NR	5	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Sugar sweetened beverage</i>										
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Highest vs lowest	1.3	1.20-1.40	34	No	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Schwingshackl, 2017 ³²	Per 250 ml/day	1.21	1.12-1.31	78	Yes	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Imamura, 2016 ⁵¹	Per 1 serving/day	1.18	1.09-1.28	89	NR	17	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Artificial sugar sweetened beverages</i>										
Imamura, 2016 ⁵¹	Per 1 serving/day	1.25	1.18-1.33	70	NR	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Coffee consumption</i>										
van Dam, 2005 ⁵²	Highest vs lowest	0.65	0.54-0.78	NR	No	8	NA	NA	NA	NA

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Food Nutrients										
<i>Total fiber</i>										
Yao, 2014 ³⁹	Highest vs lowest	0.85	0.77-0.94	53.6	NR	12	NA	NA	NA	NA
The InterAct Consortium, 2015 ³⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.81	0.73-0.90	61	NR	17	NA	NA	NA	NA
The InterAct Consortium, 2015 ³⁸	Per 10 g/day	0.91	0.87-0.96	29.4	NR	15	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Fruit fiber</i>										
Schulze, 2007 ³⁷	Highest vs lowest	1.04	0.94-1.15	NR	NR	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
The InterAct Consortium, 2015 ³⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.96	0.86-1.07	16.9	NR	11	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yao, 2014 ³⁹	Highest vs lowest	0.95	0.84-1.07	28.5	NR	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
The InterAct Consortium, 2015 ³⁸	Per 10 g/day	0.95	0.87-1.03	31.1	NR	NR	NA	NA	NA	NA
<i>Vegetable fiber</i>										
Schulze, 2007 ³⁷	Highest vs lowest	1.04	0.94-1.15	NR	NR	7	NA	NA	NA	NA
The InterAct Consortium, 2015 ³⁸	Highest vs lowest	0.96	0.86-1.07	48.3	NR	11	NA	NA	NA	NA
Yao, 2014 ³⁹	Highest vs lowest	0.95	0.84-1.07	59.4	NR	10	NA	NA	NA	NA

Author, year [ref]	Comparison	Pooled-RR	95%CI	I ² (%)	Publication bias	No. of studies	O	E	P-value	ESF
Raman, 2019 ⁵³	Highest vs lowest	0.89	0.81 – 0.98	0	NR	3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Diet + physical activity										
Gilles, 2007 ¹¹	Usual care	0.49	0.40 – 0.59	NR	No	7	5	4.43	0.0002	Yes
Hopper, 2011 ⁴²	Usual care	0.52	0.46 - 0.58	NR	NR	4	4	3.91	0.0070	Yes
Selph, 2015 ⁴³	Usual care	0.57	0.43 - 0.70	77	NR	10	7	5.94	0.00002	Yes
Stevens, 2015 ¹²	Usual care	0.65	0.56 - 0.74	NR	NR	16	9	8.27	8.41E-14	Yes
Glechner, 2015 ⁴⁴	Usual care	0.63	0.51 - 0.79	0	NR	5	2	2.83	0.0326	Yes
Hemmingsen, 2017 ⁴⁵	Usual care	0.57	0.50 - 0.64	6	NR	11	4	5.74	0.0003	Yes
Glechner, 2018 ⁴⁶	Usual care	0.64	0.53 - 0.77	47	NR	11	5	5.12	2.59E-14	Yes
Schellenberg, 2013 ⁴⁷	Usual care	0.35	0.14 - 0.85	68	NR	4	4	2.5	0.5064	No
Balk, 2015 ⁴⁸	Usual care	0.59	0.52 - 0.66	0	NR	15	8	8.93	6.40E-11	Yes
Merlotti, 2014 ⁴⁹	Usual care	0.44	0.36 - 0.52	1.4	NR	4	3	3.4	0.0419	Yes
Modesti, 2016 ⁵⁰	Usual care	0.55	0.44 - 0.70	8	NR	8	3	4.7	0.01735	Yes
Merlotti, 2014b ¹³	Usual care	0.43	0.35 - 0.52	0	NR	12	8	8.06	2.43E-21	Yes
Uusitupa, 2019 ⁵⁴	Usual care	0.53	0.41-0.67	63.2	NR	7	5	4.78	2.08E-20	Yes
Yamaoka, 2019 ⁵⁵	Usual care	0.65	0.56-0.75	4.7	NR	19	NA	NA	NA	NA
Li, 2020 ⁵⁶ (during pregnancy intervention)	Usual care	0.91	0.66-1.25	0	NR	4	NA	NA	NA	NA
Li, 2020 ⁵⁶ (Postpartum intervention)	Usual care	0.57	0.42-0.78	13.2	NR	10	2	1.91	4.44E-14	Yes

Abbreviation: O, observed number of significant; E, expected value of significant finding; CI, confidence interval; ESF, Excess significant finding; NA, Not Applicable; NR, Not reported; RR, risk ratio

Supplementary Table 5. The overlapping among included systematic reviews and meta-analyses

	Number of reviews	Number of included studies	CCA statistic (%)	Degree of overlapping
Dietary pattern	10	73	9.7	Moderate
Food group	20	130	6.2	Slight
Specific nutrients	8	59	11.7	High
Diet + physical activity	12	71	10.6	Moderate
Sugar sweetened beverage	2	18	44.4	Very high

Supplementary Table 6. Detail of intervention in systematic reviews and meta-analyses of RCTs

Author, Year, [Reference]	Diet									Physical activity					Mode of deliver	Setting	BI	Support device	Duration		
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Others	J	K	L	M	N	O	Others				
Gilles, 2007 ¹¹										AHA step II, small portion of meal	√				√	Endurance training, walking	Supervise, Education	Hospital	No	No	NR
Hopper, 2011 ⁴²										√					√		Supervise, Education	Hospital	No	No	2.8-6 years
Selph, 2015 ⁴³	√				√		√								√		Supervise, Education	Hospital	Yes	No	1-6 years
Stevens, 2015 ¹²									√						√		NR	NR	NR	NR	2.5-9.4 years
Glechner, 2015 ⁴⁴									√						√	√	Supervise, Education	Hospital	No	No	1-6 years
Hemmingsen B, 2017 ⁴⁵	√		√	√	√		√				√	√	√	√	√	Endurance training	Supervise, Education	Hospital	Yes	No	2-6 years
Glechner, 2018 ⁴⁶									√						√		Supervise, Education	Hospital	Yes	Yes	1-5 years
Schellenberg, 2013 ⁴⁷	√	√	√	√	√	√					√	√	√	√	√	Strengthenin g, Yoga	Supervise, Education	Hospital	Yes	Yes	0.5-6 years
Balk, 2015 ⁴⁸	√	√	√	√	√						√	√	√	√	√		Supervise, Education	Hospital, Web- based	No	No	1-23 years
Merlotti, 2014 ⁴⁹									√						√		NR	NR	NR	NR	0.5-16 years
Modesti, 2016 ⁵⁰	√	√	√	√	√						√	√			√		Supervise, Education	Hospital	Yes	Yes	1.5-6 years
Merlotti, 2014 ¹³	√														√	Nut, olive oil, alcohol reduction	NR	NR	NR	NR	1.5-7.7 years

A = low calories diet; B = very low calories diet; C = low carbohydrate; D = low fat; E = low glycemic index; F = high fiber; G = high protein; H = low sugar; I = just diet control; J = moderately intensity physical activity, K = high intensity physical activity, L = aerobic exercise; M = resistance training; N = leisure activity; O = increased physical activity

BI, Behavioral intervention

Supplementary Table 7. Quality assessment of included studies by AMSTAR 2

Author, year	Domain																Quality
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Gilles, 2007	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Partial Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	low
Hopper, 2011	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	No	Yes	Partial Yes	Partial Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Critically low
Schellenberg, 2013	Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	low
Glechner, 2015	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Critically low
Merlotti, 2014	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Critically low
Merlotti, 2014b	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Balk, 2015	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Selph, 2015	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Critically low
Stevens, 2015	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	No	Partial Yes	Partial Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Modesti, 2016	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Critically low
Hemmingsen B, 2017	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	low
Pedersen, 2017	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	Partial Yes	Partial Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Critically low
Glechner, 2018	Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	low
Munter, 2007	No	No	No	Partial Yes	No	Yes	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low

Author, year	Domain																Quality
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Hamer, 2007	No	No	Yes	Partial Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Larsson, 2007	No	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Esposito, 2010	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Critically low
Dong, 2011	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Tong, 2011	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Cooper, 2012	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Ye, 2012	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Aune, 2013	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Greenwood, 2013	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Afshin, 2014	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Bhupathiraju, 2014	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Chen, 2014	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Esposito, 2014	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Koloverou, 2014	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low

Author, year	Domain																Quality
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Yao, 2014	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Schwingshackl, 2015	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
The InterAct Consortium, 2015	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Fang, 2016	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Gijsbers, 2016	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Fumiaki Imamura, 2016	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Maghsoudi, 2016	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Wang, 2016	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Jannasch, 2017	No	No	No	Partial Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Schwingshackl, 2017b	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Yuan, 2017	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Xu, 2018	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Critically low
van Dam, 2005	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Partial Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Schulze, 2007	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Critically low

Author, year	Domain																Quality
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Aune, 2009	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Dong, 2011	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Zheng, 2012	Yes	Partial Yes	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low
Aune, 2013	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Li, 2015	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low
Carter, 2010	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	No	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low
Schwingshackl, 2017	Yes	Yes	No	Partial Yes	No	Yes	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Moderate
Wu, 2012	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Zhou, 2012	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Muley, 2014	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Critically low
Raman, 2019	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Critically low
Uusitupa, 2019	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Yamaoka, 2019	Yes	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low
Li, 2020	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Partial Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Critically low

Author, year	Domain																Quality
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Tang, 2020	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Critically low

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