S1 Text. Protocol of A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Effects of Macronutrient Replacement on Glucose-Insulin Homeostasis

Title: Effects of isocaloric replacement of major macronutrients on glucose homeostasis: systematic reviews and meta-analysis of randomized controlled feeding trials

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Aims and Methods

Objectives: to evaluate effects of isocaloric replacement of major macronutrients intake, focusing on different types of fatty acids, on fasting glucose, fasting insulin and insulin resistance.

Eligibility Criteria: 1) Randomized controlled feeding trials of isocaloric exchange of different types of dietary fat, total carbohydrate and total protein 2) Reporting different types of dietary fat intake and examining post-intervention values or changes in the values of fasting glucose, fasting insulin or measures of insulin resistance as effects of dietary modification on glucose homeostasis.

Exclusion Criteria: 1) Studies of concomitant intervention limiting comparability of isocaloric exchange of major macronutrients i) Interventions with other major dietary difference beside macronutrient, such as vegan diet, dietary fiber and others ii) Trials with uneven intervention of weight-loss or other dietary or lifestyle factors 2) Intervention of dietary advice only, whereas studies partially providing meals or foods will be included 3) Examining acute effects of foods, such as postprandial effects of the tested meals 4) Examining effects of meals, such as breakfast and evening snacks. 5) Observational or non-randomized studies 6) Pregnant women or children (aged <18 years) 7) Commentaries or reviews or case-reports 8) Duplicate publications from the same study, queried to consider results from additional analyses (e.g. stratification)

Participants/population: Adults age 18 years or older, non-pregnant. No specific criteria for disease conditions

Interventions/exposures: Isocaloric exchange of macronutrients of: - saturated fatty acids - monounsaturated fatty acids - polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) - carbohydrates

Primary outcomes: Absolute changes in fasting glucose, fasting insulin and measures of insulin resistance (IR). We will consider the following measures, listed in the order of priority for aggregation: - Any indices from hyperinsulinemic euglycemic glucose clamp - Any indices from hyperglycemic clamp
* Difference in duration and rates of glucose/insulin infusion, accounting for body weight, fat free mass or energy expenditure, difference in time points of glucose/insulin assessments will be assessed in secondary analyses.
* Correlations in changes between different measures were described in previous studies¹⁻⁵

Secondary outcomes: Measure of glycated hemoglobin (hemoglobin A1c, HbA1c)
Measures of β-cell dysfunction. Similar to IR, variety of indices are expected and aggregation will be attempted after standardization. In the order of priority, we will consider the following measures:
- Any indices from hyperglycemic clamp
- Any indices from Continuous infusion of glucose with model assessment (CIGMA)
- Any indices from Acute Insulin Response (AIR) from IVGTT
- Corrected insulin response, insulinogenic index from OGTT
Arginine infusion test and replacing insulin to pro-insulin, pro-insulin/insulin ratio or C-peptide for each index will be analyzed if feasible in regards to the number of trials.

Potential sources of heterogeneity:
- Study design
  - Parallel or Cross-over⁶
  - Duration of intervention
  - Difference in measures of outcomes for IR and β-cell function
- Carbohydrate intake, gram/day, when isocaloric exchange of macronutrients other than carbohydrate
- Carbohydrate quality (dietary fiber, glycemic index)
- Weight-loss or weight-stable trial
- Obesity status
- Prevalent diseases
  - Healthy
  - Prediabetics (impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glucose)
  - Type 2 diabetes (duration of the condition, medication or levels of glycated proteins)
- Demographic status
  - Age
  - Sex
  - Country/Location
- Overall quality score
- Imputation of index using reported measures of fasting glucose and insulin
- Imputation of group level change (SE), using reported group means

*For continuous variables, whether treated as categorical or continuous will be judged, depending on data availability

Quality assessment: Jadad scale will be used to assess a quality of randomized controlled trials (RCT)⁷ and meta-regression analysis will be performed to assess the influence of the study quality. Inter-rater reliability by duplicate reviews will be assessed. In addition, influences of bias will be assessed for each score component.⁹,¹⁰

The following 11 items will be considered, where two of them (#1 and #9) are specified as inclusion criteria and will not be considered to calculate overall score:
1. Was the study described as randomized?
2. Was the study described as double-blind?
3. Was there a description of withdrawals and drop outs?
4. Were the objectives of the study defined?
5. Were the outcome measures defined clearly?
6. Was there a clear description of the inclusion and exclusion criteria?
7. Was the sample size justified (e.g., power calculation)?
8. Was there a clear description of the interventions?
9. Was there at least one control (comparison) group?
10. Was the method used to assess adverse effects described?
11. Were the methods of statistical analysis described?

Data extraction: Ten databases will be used (see Search section). Three researchers (FI, RM and JW) will be involved in screening and duplicate reviews for data extraction.
Missing covariates of each study will be collected by direct contacts to a corresponding author. If missing covariates are unavailable, information will be coded as missing and used as an indicator variable in analyses.

**Strategy for data synthesis:**

1) Hierarchical meta-regression analysis will be performed as previous reviews of different topics.\(^\text{11-13}\)
2) Studies examining changes in multiple indices of insulin resistance or β-cell dysfunction are anticipated.\(^\text{14-18}\) We will obtain a summary measure of effect by aggregating outcome measures extracted from each study.

**Analysis of heterogeneity and bias:**

1) Heterogeneity across prespecified factors will be assessed by multivariate meta-regression analyses and by stratified analyses adjusting for available covariates.
2) Publication bias will be assessed by visual inspection of a funnel plot of an estimated effect as a function of standard error and by statistical tests of Begg's test and Egger's test.\(^\text{19, 20}\) Capture-recapture method will also be considered to assess potential publication bias.\(^\text{20}\) Sensitivity analysis will be performed by trim-and-fill method.\(^\text{19-21}\)
3) Publication bias will be considered statistically significant if \(p<0.1\).\(^\text{22}\) Heterogeneity will be considered statistically significant if \(p<0.05\), for which we regarded potential risk of under-power and also false-positive due to multiple testing for the prespecified factors.

**Reporting**

PRISMA statement will be followed.\(^\text{22}\)

**Information to be queried**

- **Publication Information**
  - Study ID
  - Author
  - Author's email
  - Year of publication
  - Funding source

- **Study Design**
  - Study objectives
  - Years (dates) study was performed
  - Study location
  - Study design (parallel or cross-over)
  - Single center or multi-centers
  - Caloric restriction for weight loss
  - Physical activity for weight loss
  - Number of comparators
  - Wash-out period, if cross-over
  - Ward or not
  - Feeding duration
  - Population description (including inclusion, exclusion criteria)
  - Criteria of BMI or weight
  - Criteria of disease status
  - Criteria of age range
  - Criteria of early censoring
  - Sample-size justification

- **Recruitment results**
  - Total N of participants
  - Baseline age, mean
  - Baseline age, range or SD
  - Men, %

- **Intervention**
  - Isocaloric comparison of supplement or not
  - Total energy intake, kcal/day
  - total carbohydrate, % of energy
  - total fat, % of energy
  - protein, % of energy
  - saturated fatty acids, % of energy
  - monounsaturated fatty acids, % of energy
  - polyunsaturated fatty acids, % of energy
  - n-6 polyunsaturated fatty acids, % of energy
  - n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids, % of energy
  - n-3 polyunsaturated fatty acids, gram/day
  - Trans fatty acids, % of energy

- **Outcome assessments**
Fasting glucose, baseline mean
Fasting glucose, baseline SD
Fasting glucose, change
Fasting glucose, change SE
Fasting glucose, change 95% CI
Fasting glucose, change p-value
Fasting insulin, baseline mean
Fasting insulin, baseline SD
Fasting insulin, change
Fasting insulin, change SE
Fasting insulin, change 95% CI
Fasting insulin, change p-value
HOMA-IR, baseline mean
HOMA-IR, baseline SD
HOMA-IR, change
HOMA-IR, change SE
HOMA-IR, change 95% CI
HOMA-IR, change p-value
HOMA-IR, imputed or not
Clamp test, index or marker, description
Clamp test, index or marker, baseline

**Other covariates**
Carbohydrate intake
Glycemic index
Glycemic load
Dietary fiber intake
Diabetes med change
BMI or body weight change

### Study Quality
Blinding for outcome assessment
Blinding for exposure
Jadad Score
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### Notes
Author contacted to provide additional data (yes, no)
Additional data provided (yes, no)
Written permission to acknowledge obtained (yes, no)

*Followed by note and log information about contacts with authors.

### Search strategy

**Searches:** 10 electronic databases
1. PUBMED
2. EMBASE
3. Agris, Amed, HMIC, PsycINFO (2, 3 & 4 can be searched simultaneously through the OVID interface – remove duplicates)
4. WEB OF KNOWLEDGE
   o BIOSIS
   o WEB OF SCIENCE
   o CAB abstracts
5. CINAHL
6. The Cochrane library
7. Grey literature sources (SIGLE; system for information on grey literature in Europe, British library inside database, and dissertation abstracts online)
8. Faculty of 1000

Exposure terms
unsaturated trans fatty high-carbohydrate
monounsaturated trans-fat low-carbohydrate
polyunsaturated trans fat high-protein
omega-6 trans unsaturated low-protein
omega-3 conjugated linoleic isocaloric
n-6 high-fat oil
n-3 low-fat oils

*edible oils (seed oil, safflower oil, sunflower oil, corn oil, sesame oil, soybean oil, soyabean oil, rapeseed oil, canola oil, olive oil, nut oil, linseed oil, grapeseed oil, peanut oil, avocado oil, palm oil, vegetable oil, margarine, fish oil).

Outcome terms
Insulin Hyperglycemic Hemoglobin A1C
Glucose Hyperinsulinemic C-peptide
Euglycemic Minimal model Proinsulin

Study design terms
randomized intervention ward
trial interventions
trials feeding

Limits if available
Humans Randomized controlled trials
Adults (≥18 years) Neither editorial, commentaries nor reviews

References