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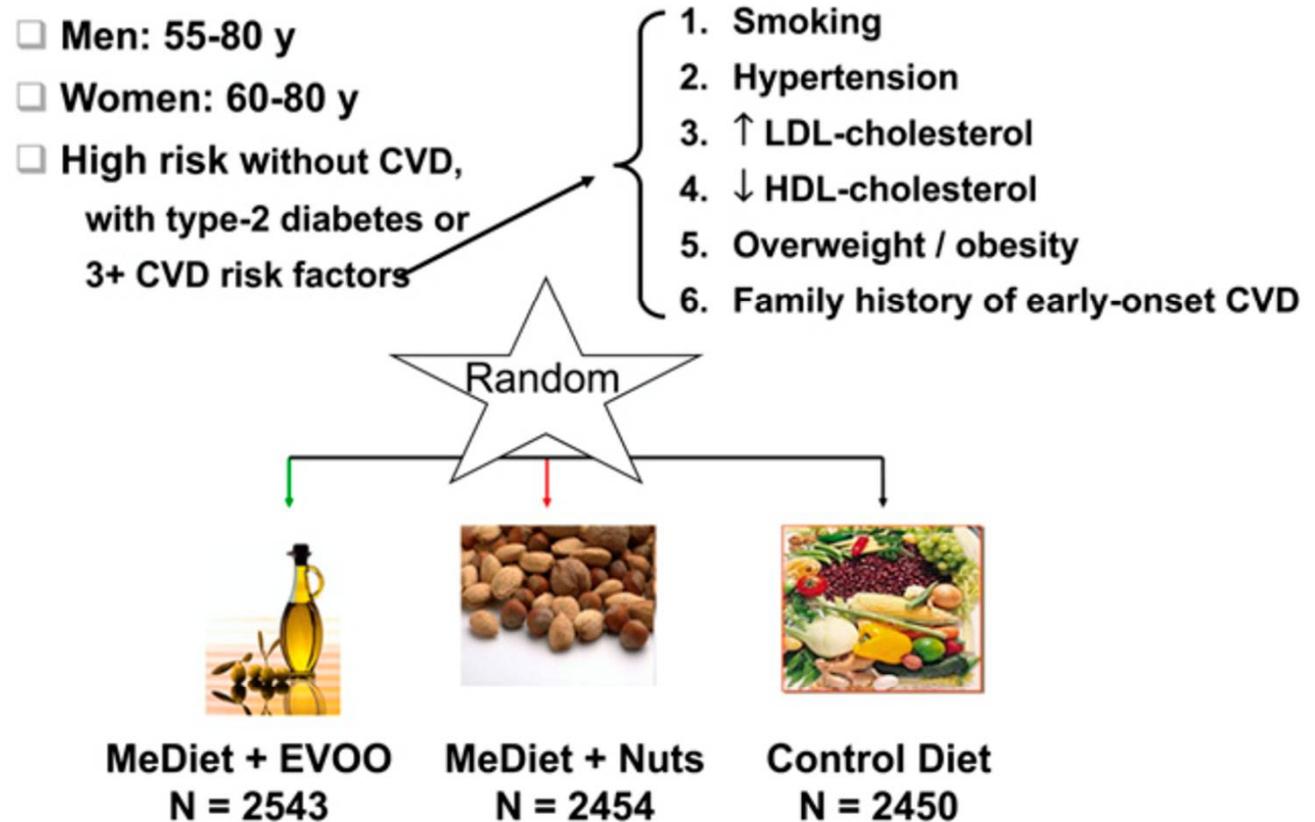
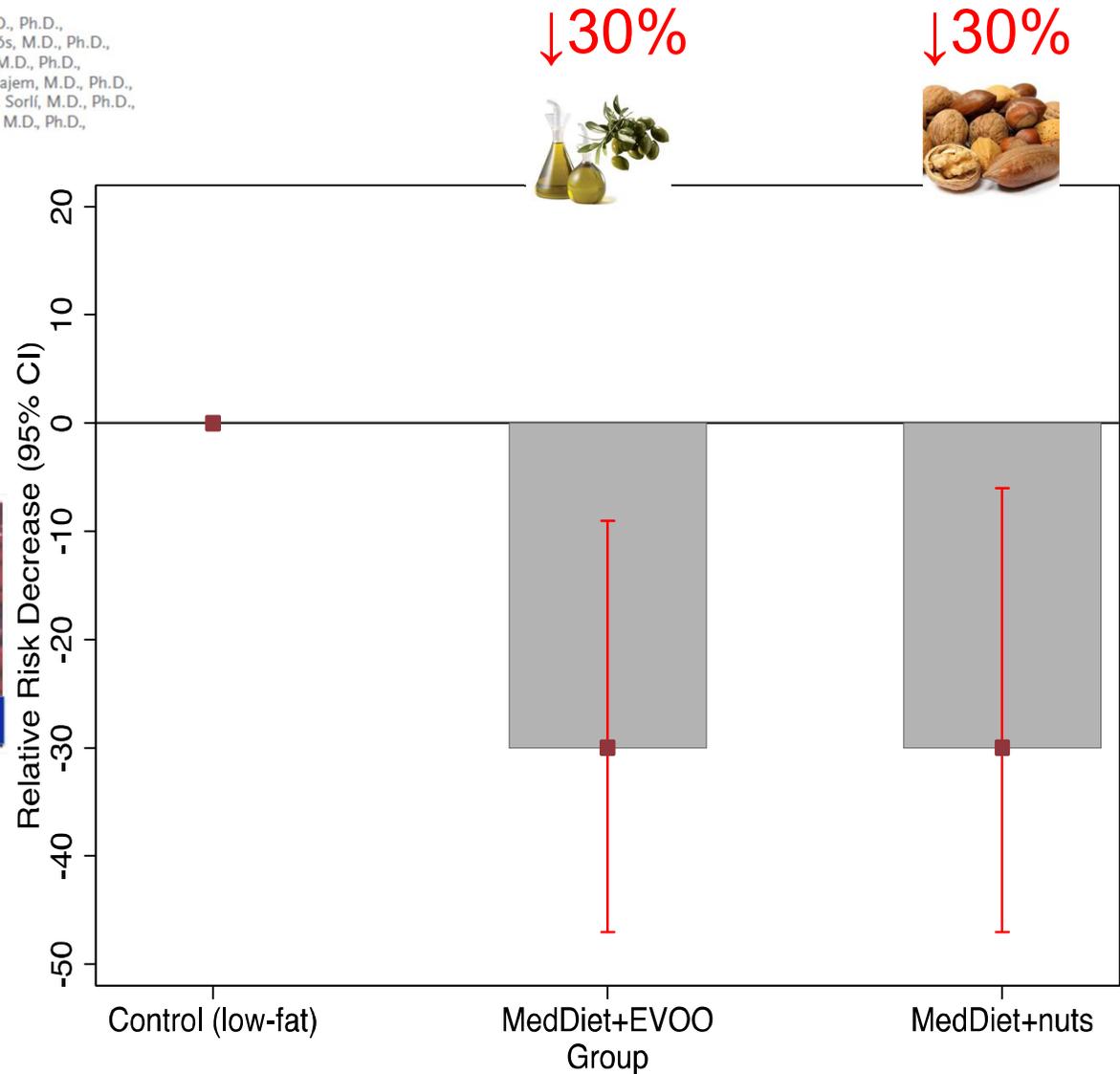
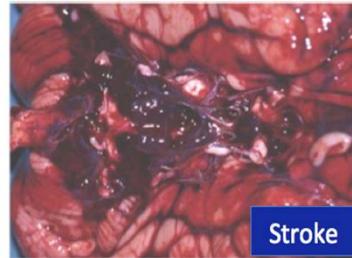
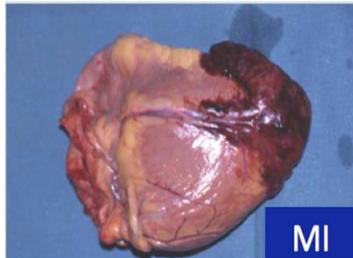


FIGURE 1 Design of the PREDIMED (Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea) study. CVD, cardiovascular disease; EVOO, extra-virgin olive oil; MeDiet, Mediterranean diet.

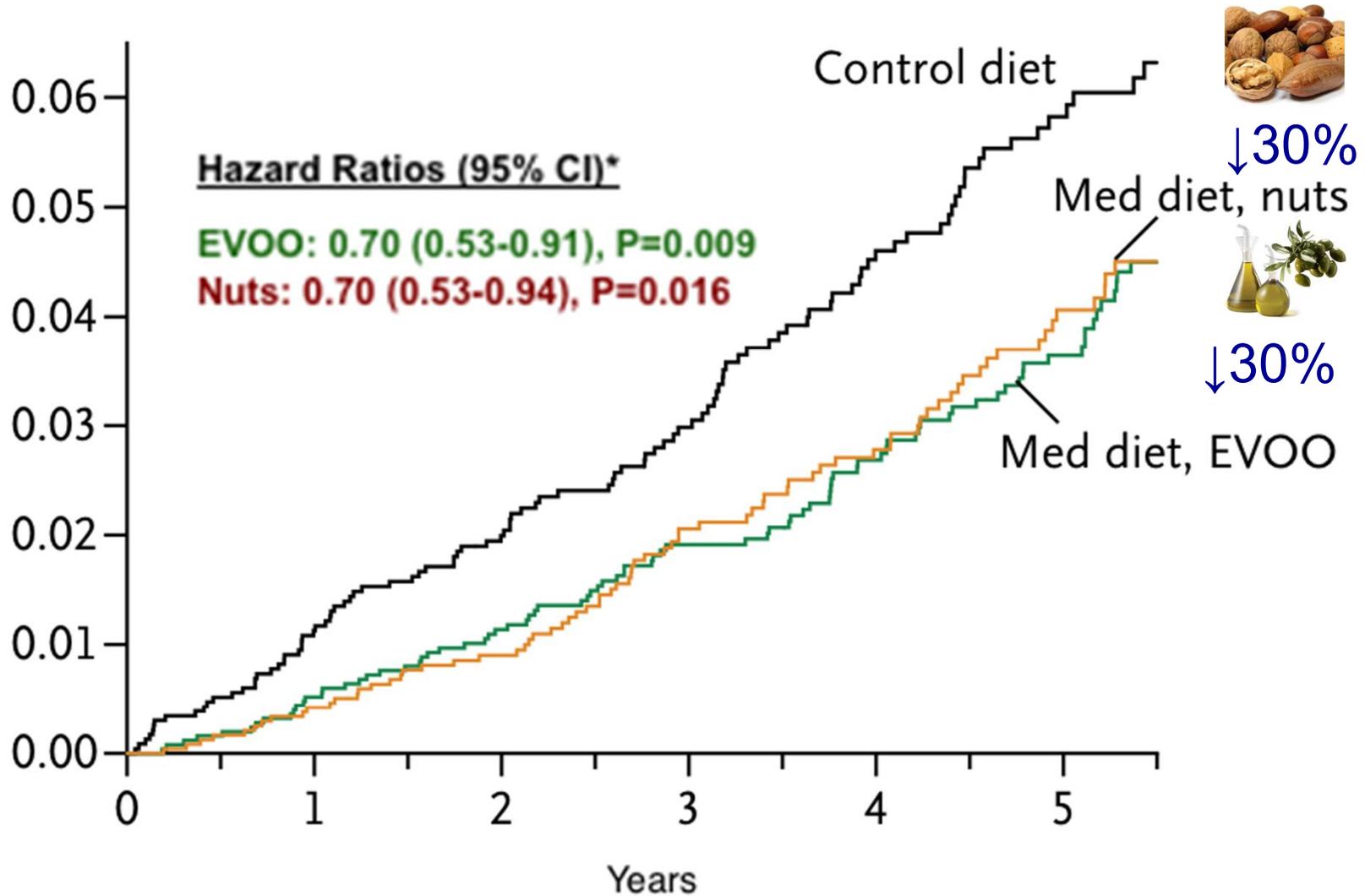
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Myocardial Infarction— Heart Attack
 Cerebrovascular disease— Stroke
 Cardiovascular deaths



PREDIMED RCT– Primary end-point
(MI, stroke or CV death)



Number at risk

Control group	2450	2268	2020	1583	1268	946
MeDiet+EVOO	2543	2486	2320	1987	1687	1310
MeDiet+Nuts	2454	2343	2093	1657	1389	1031

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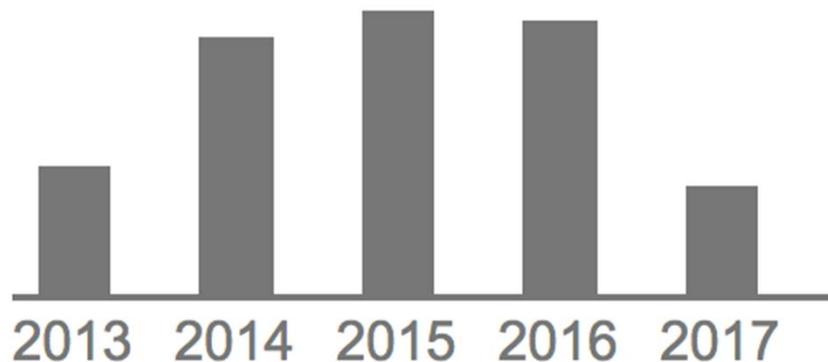
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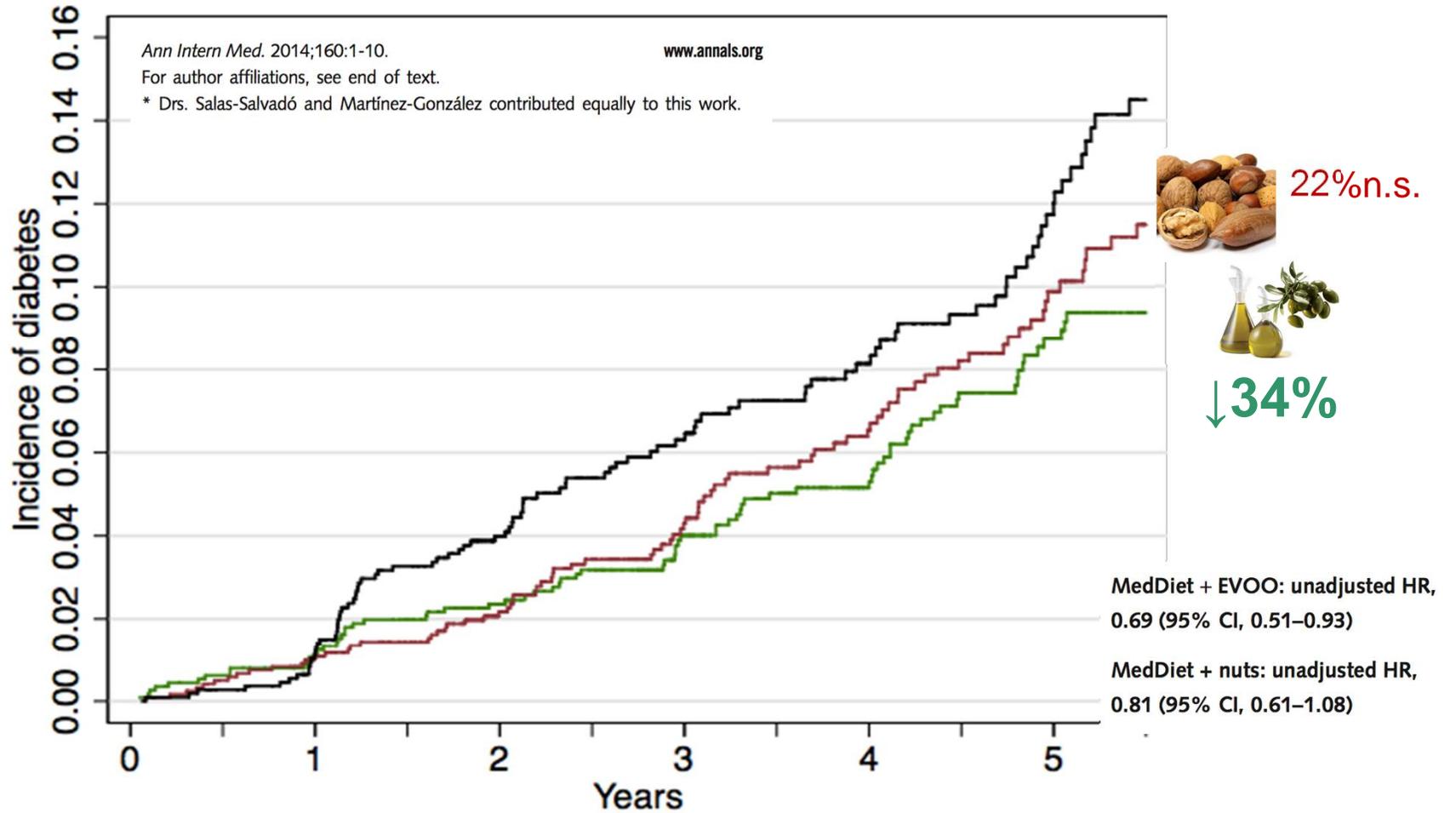
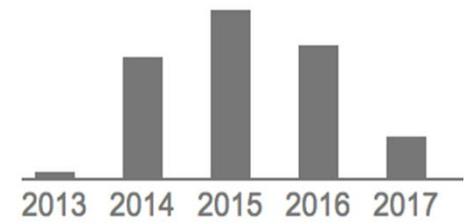
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Prevention of Diabetes With Mediterranean Diets

A Subgroup Analysis of a Randomized Trial

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Number at risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5
Group = MedDiet+EVOO	1135	1109	996	830	681	488
Group = MedDiet+nuts	1201	1172	1000	774	629	427
Group = Control	1092	1052	901	678	522	367

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Intervention Trials with the Mediterranean Diet in Cardiovascular Prevention: Understanding Potential Mechanisms through Metabolomic Profiling¹⁻³

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- **Known mechanisms:**
 - Inflammation
 - Adiponectin
 - Coagulation
 - Endothelial function
 - Oxidative stress & ox-LDL
 - Improved function of HDL
 - Apolipoproteins
- **Metabolic pathways:**
 - Largely unknown
- **Candidates (small molecules):**
 - BCAA & aromatic AA
 - Acylcarnitines
 - Glutamine : Glutamate ratio
 - Gut flora-related metabolites
 - Urea cycle metabolites
 - Lipid subclasses

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Mediterranean diet, Metabolites, and Cardiovascular Disease

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Case-cohort study

- Baseline metabolites & metabolite 1-y change → CVD
- MeDiet → Changes in metabolites → ↓CVD



	Year 0 (Baseline)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
Metabolites	X	X				
Intermediate CVD risk factors	X	X	X	X	X	X
CVD events (number)		49	45	57	48	45
						44

CVD grant: Specific aims

- Effects of the interventions on changes in plasma levels of metabolites from baseline to year 1.
- Whether 1-year change in metabolites mediate the effect of the interventions on CVD from years 2 to 5.
- Whether baseline metabolite levels modify the effect of the interventions on CVD risk.

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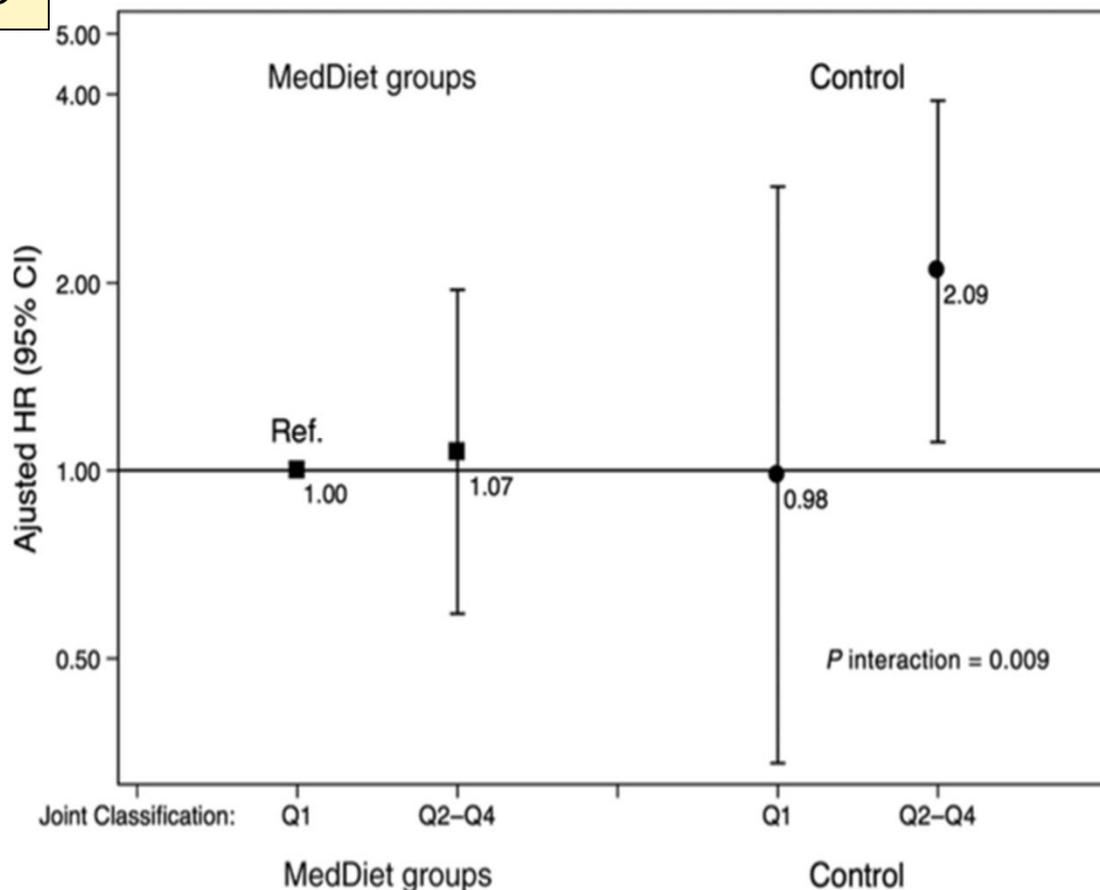
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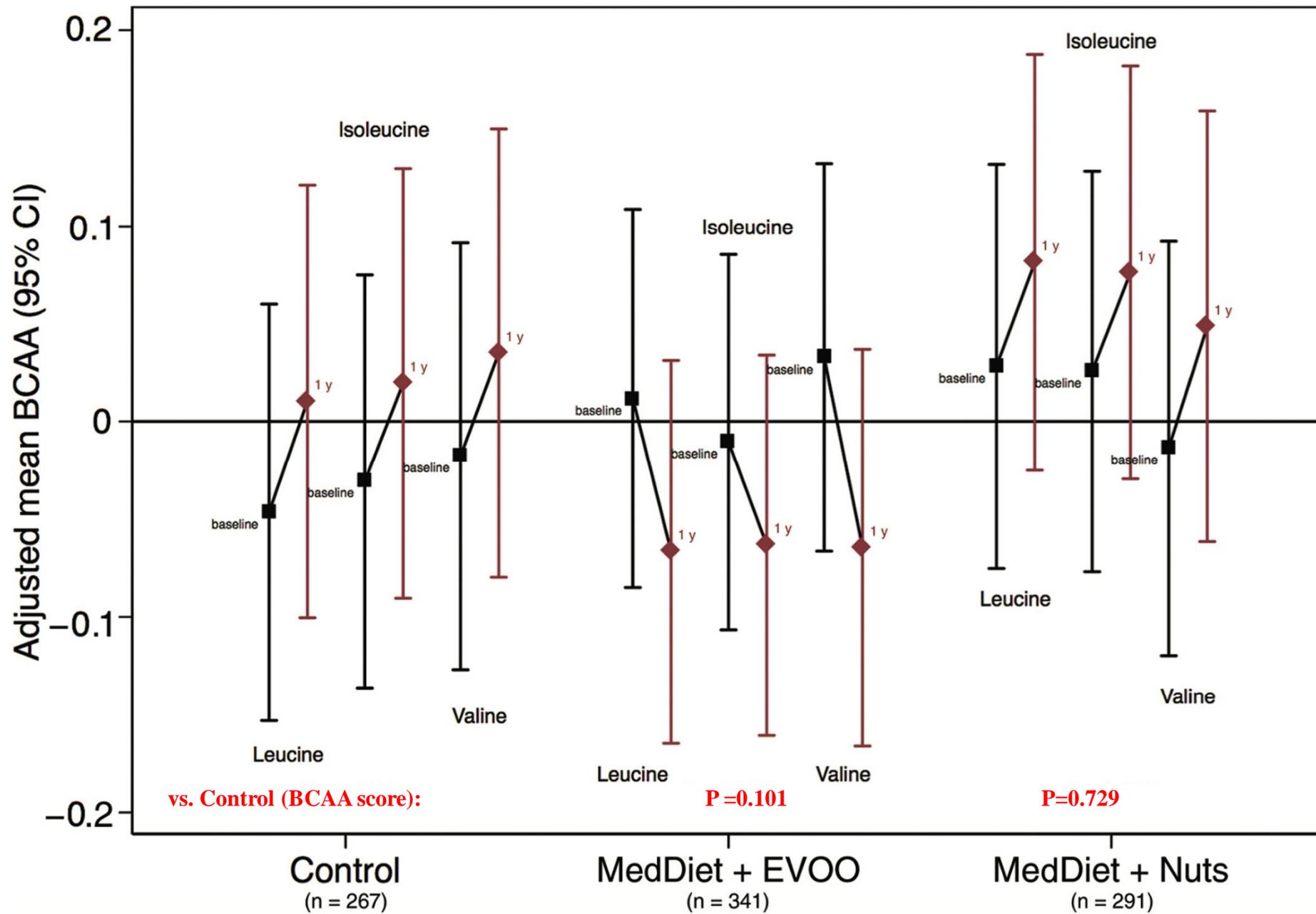
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Stroke



Adjusted for age, sex, intervention group, BMI, smoking (never, current, former), leisure-time physical activity (METs min/day), and family history of premature coronary heart disease.

P for interaction (2 df) between each MedDiet intervention group (EVOO and nuts) (binary, yes/no) and the BCAA score (continuous), with 2 cross-product terms (EVOO × BCAA and nuts × BCAA).



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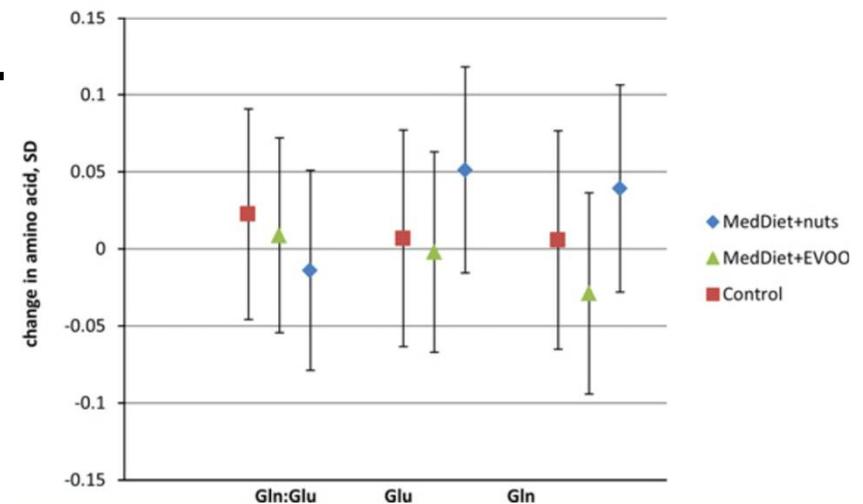
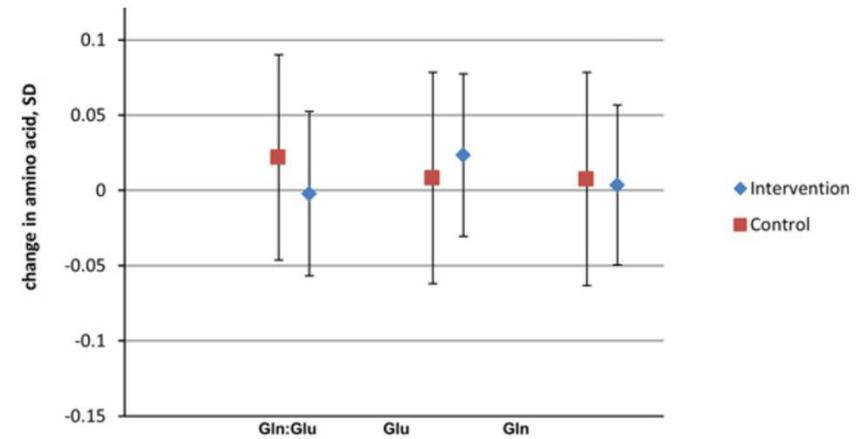
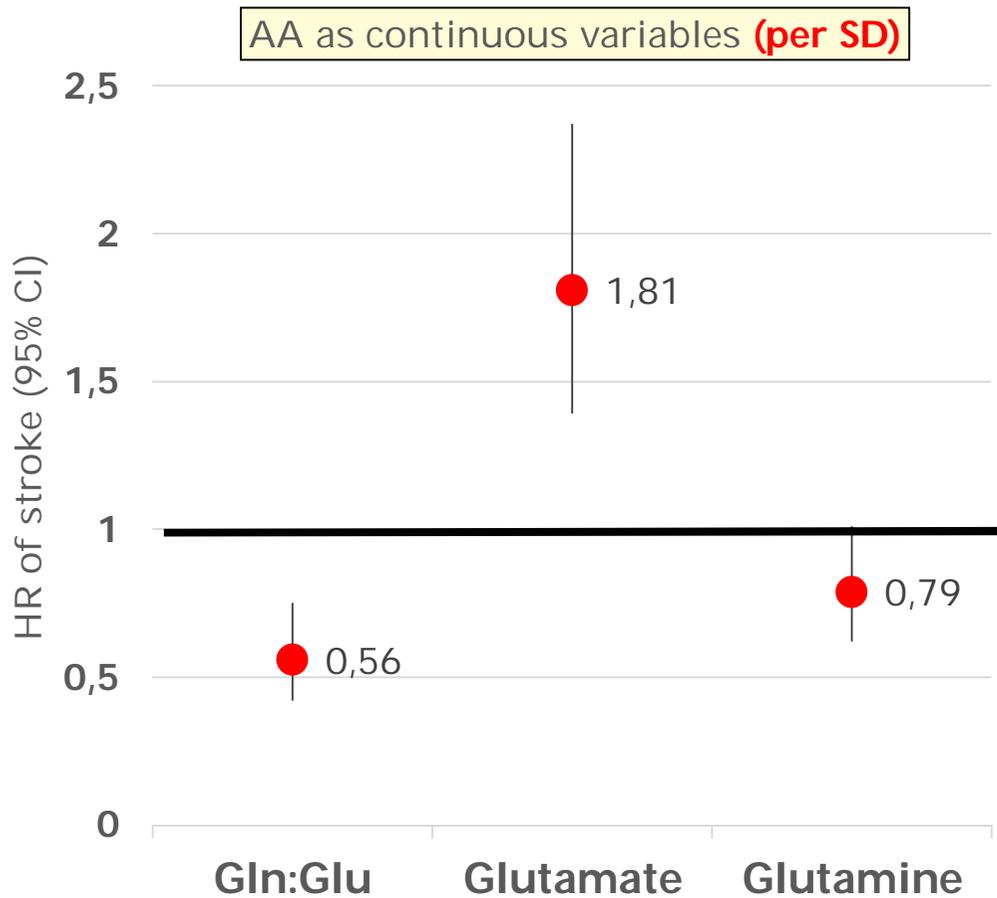
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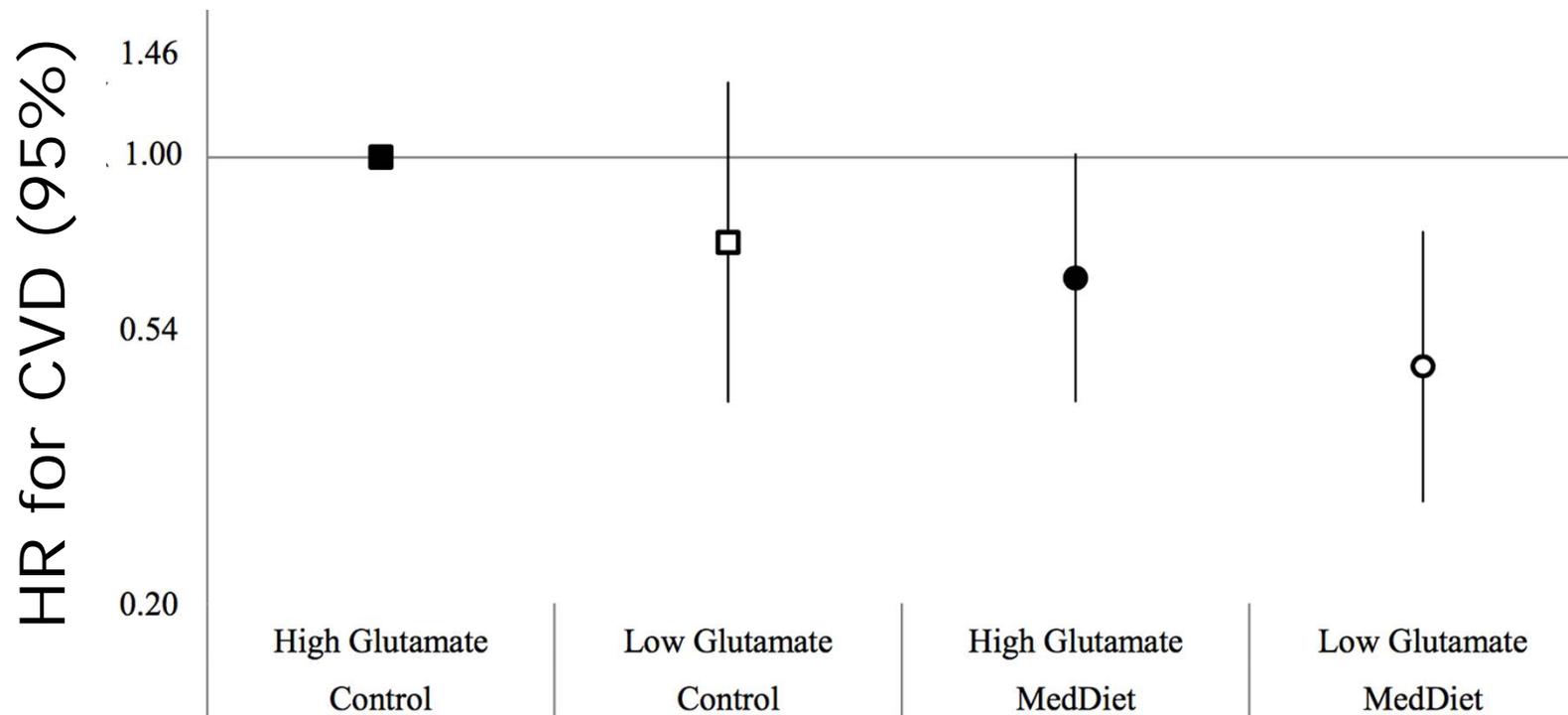


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- Among participants with high baseline glutamate, the interventions lowered CVD risk by 37% compared to the control diet;
- the intervention effects were n.s. when baseline glutamate was low ($P_{interact.}=0.02$).



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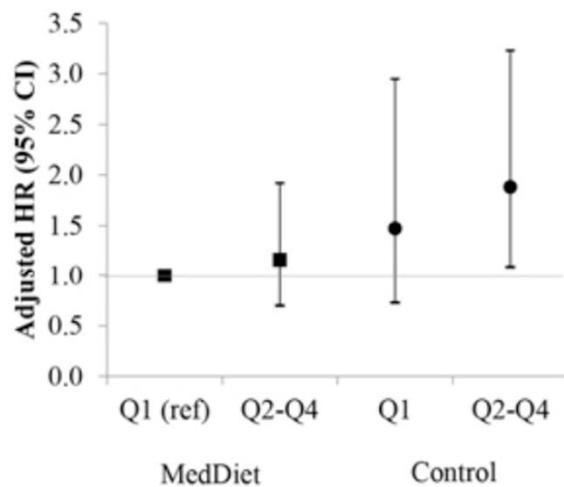
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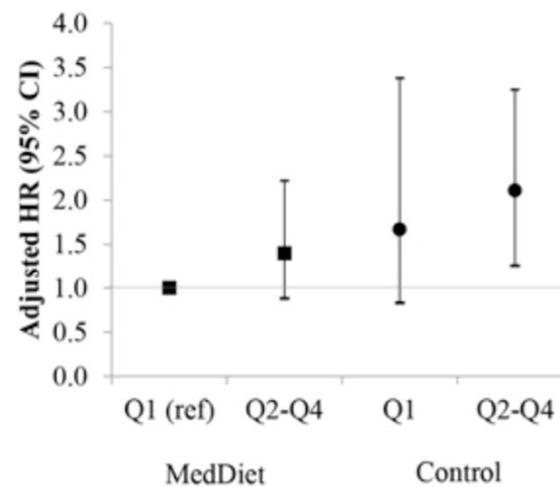
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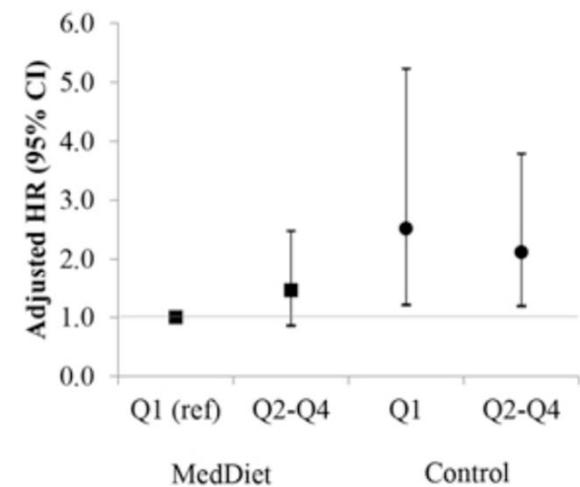
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A Short-chain acylcarnitine score



B Medium-chain acylcarnitine score



C Long-chain acylcarnitine score

P values for interaction:

0.04

0.09

0.48

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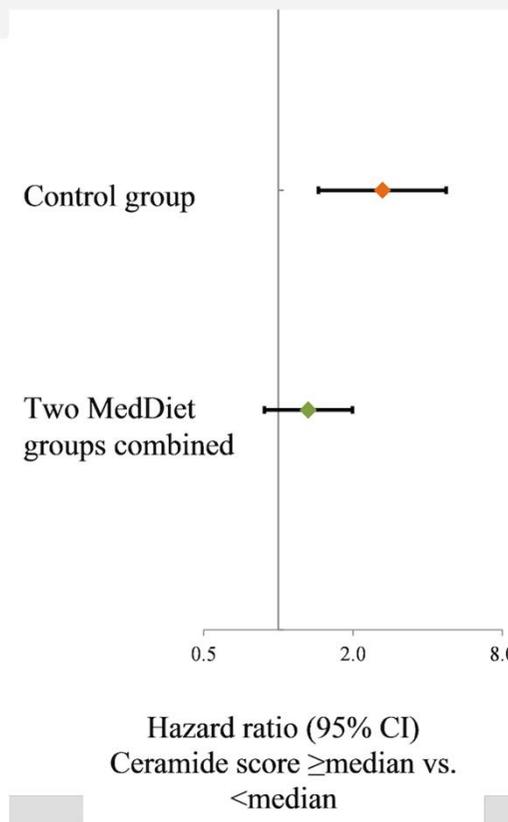
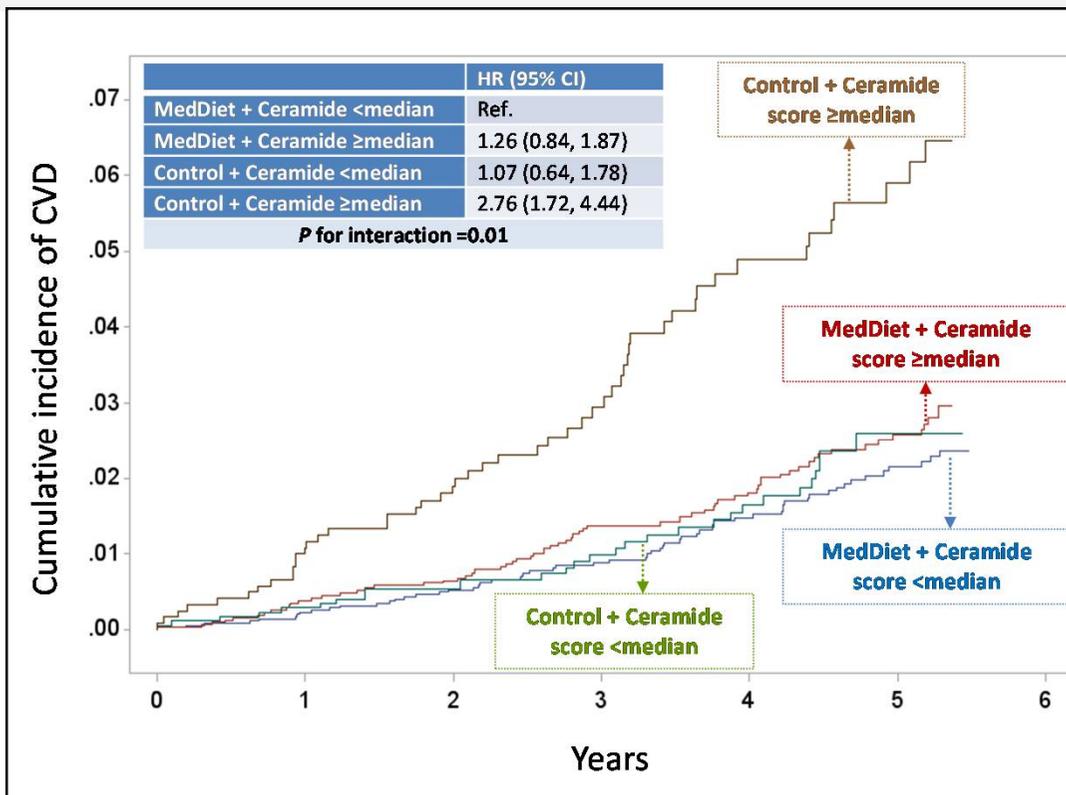
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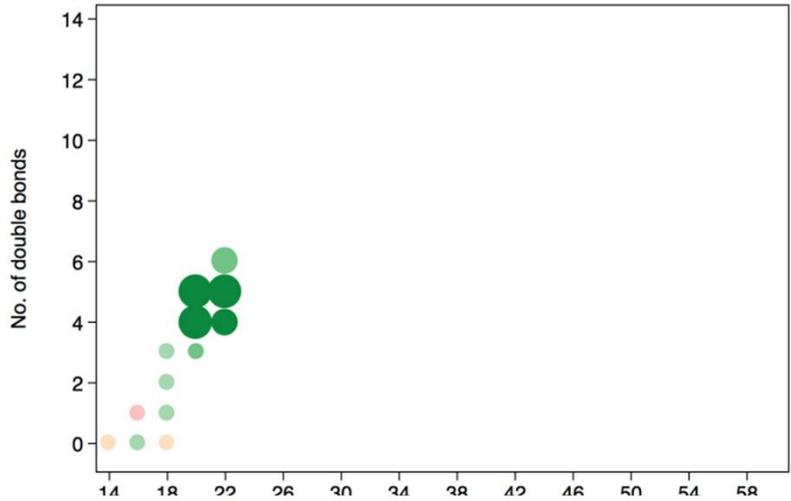
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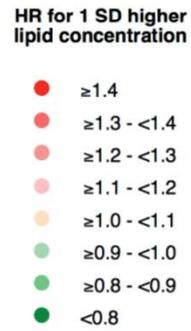
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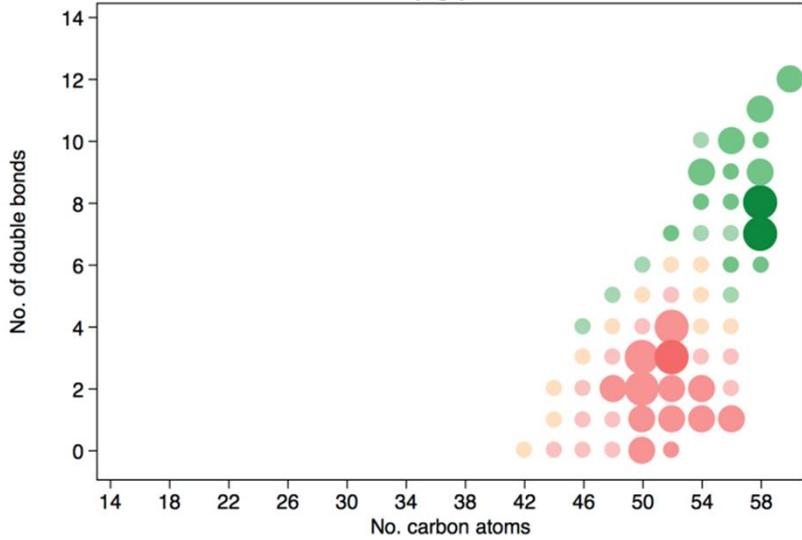
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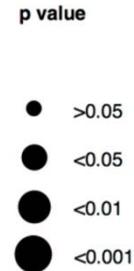
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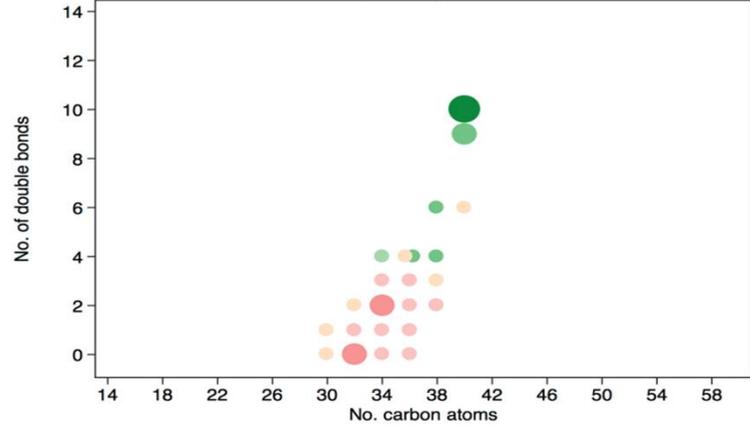
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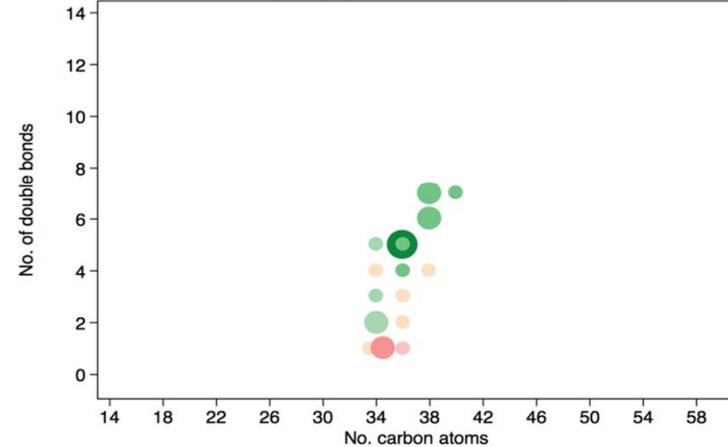
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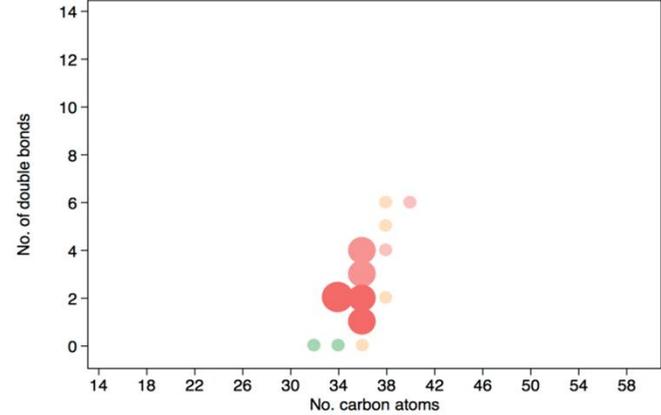
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Phosphatidylcholine plasmalogens



Phosphatidylethanolamines



Direct associations with CVD remaining after correction for multiple testing

- Three **Phosphatidylethanolamines**
 - PE(34:2), PE(36:2) and PE(36:1)
- Three **Lysophosphatidylethanolamines**
 - LPE(16:0), LPE(18:2), and LPE(18:0),
- **Phosphatidylethanolamine plasmalogen** PEP(36:3)
- **Phosphatidylserine** PS(38:4)
- Two **Ceramides**
 - C(16:0) and C(22:0)
- Three **Hydroxy-phosphatidylcholines**
 - [M+Na]⁺ OHPCMA(34:2), OHPCMA(36:4) and OHPC(36:4)
- Four **Diacylglycerols**
 - DAG(34:2), DAG(34:1), DAG(36:1), and DAG(36:0)
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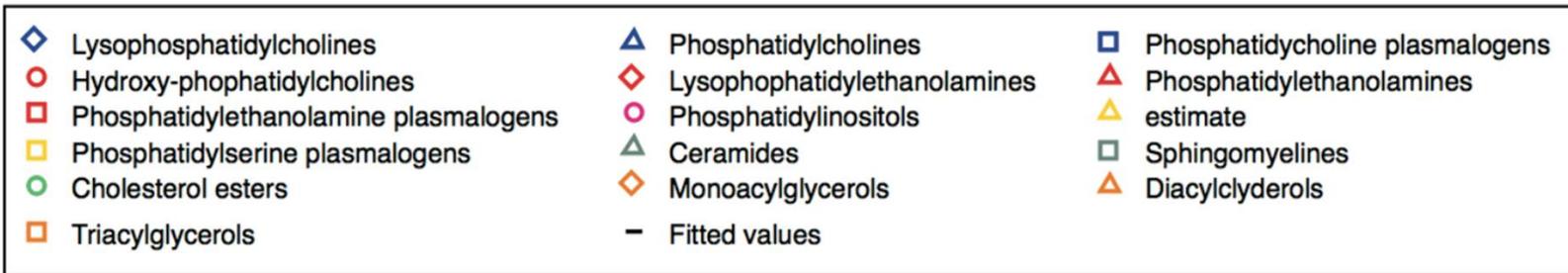
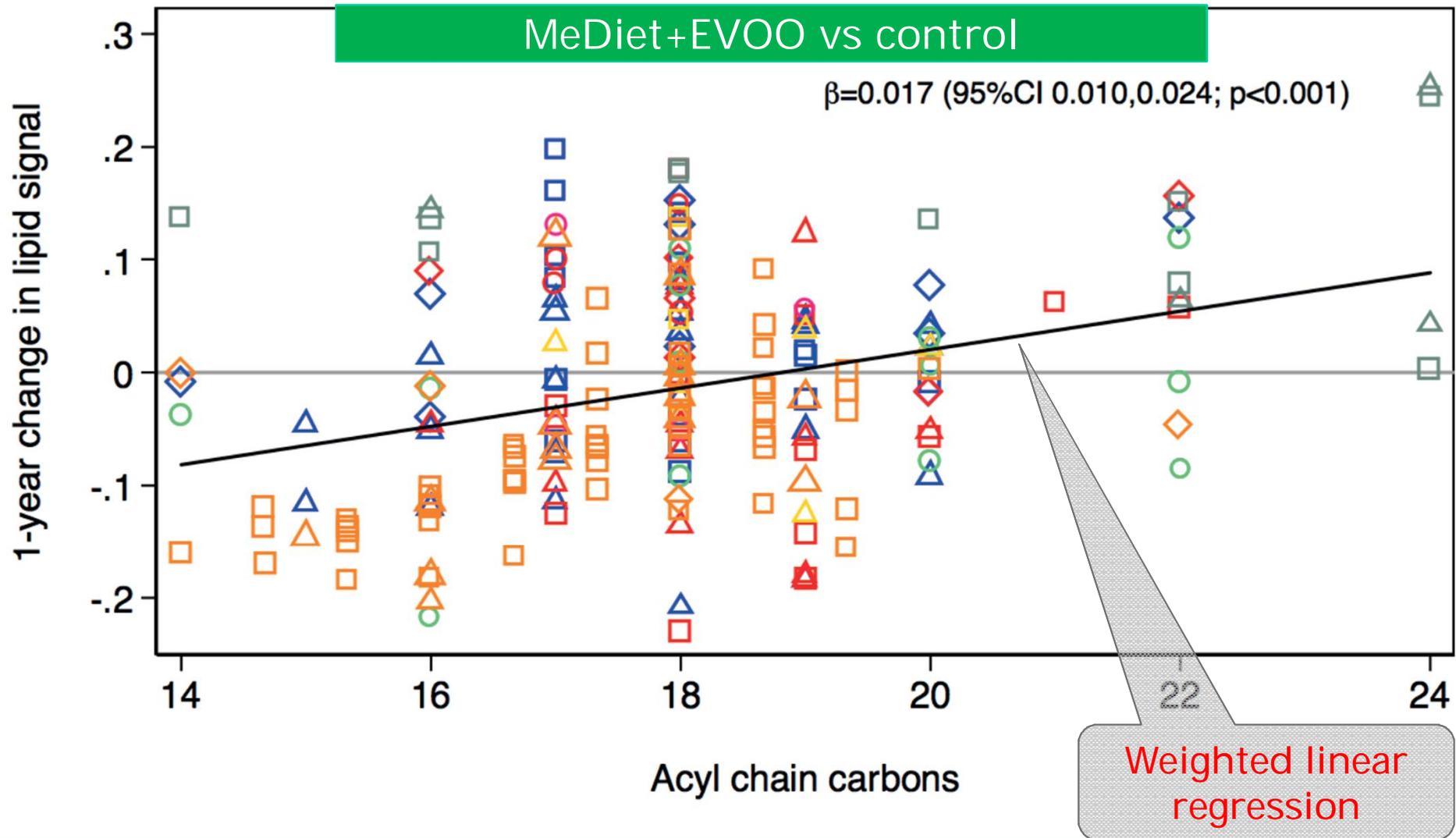
Inverse associations with CVD remaining
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- **Three Cholesterol esters**
 - CE(20:5), CE(20:4) and CE(22:5),
- **Phosphatidylcholine** PC(40:10)
- **Phosphatidylcholine plasmalogen** PCP(36:5)
- **Triacylglycerol** TAG(58:8)

Families of lipids weighted by # double bonds & carbon atoms & risk of CVD

$$\text{score} = \text{lipid level} * \# \text{ carbon atoms} * (\# \text{ double bonds} + 1)$$

	HR 95% CI for Q5 vs. Q1	P for trend
Lysophosphatidylethanolamines	2.47 (1.44-4.25)	.004
Phosphatidylethanolamines	1.60 (0.97-2.63)	.039
Diacylglycerols	1.58 (0.95-2.63)	.010
Cholesterol esters	0.40 (0.23-0.70)	.002



Changes in total lipidome by dietary intervention

- A **positive** association between average length of acyl chain and diff. In 1-y changes vs control with **MedDiet+EVOO**
- Lipids with **longer** mean acyl chains exhibited greater **increases** with MedDiet+EVOO (vs. control) than those with shorter chains

	Average length of acyl chain	# double bonds per acyl chain
MedDiet + EVOO vs. control	+	ns
MedDiet + nuts vs. control	ns	ns

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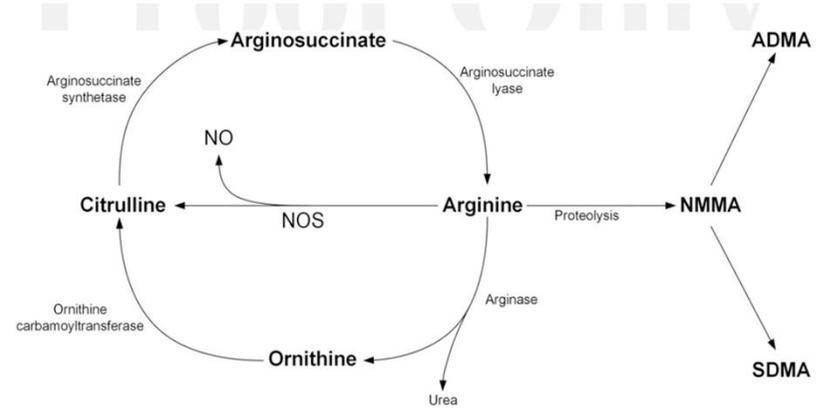
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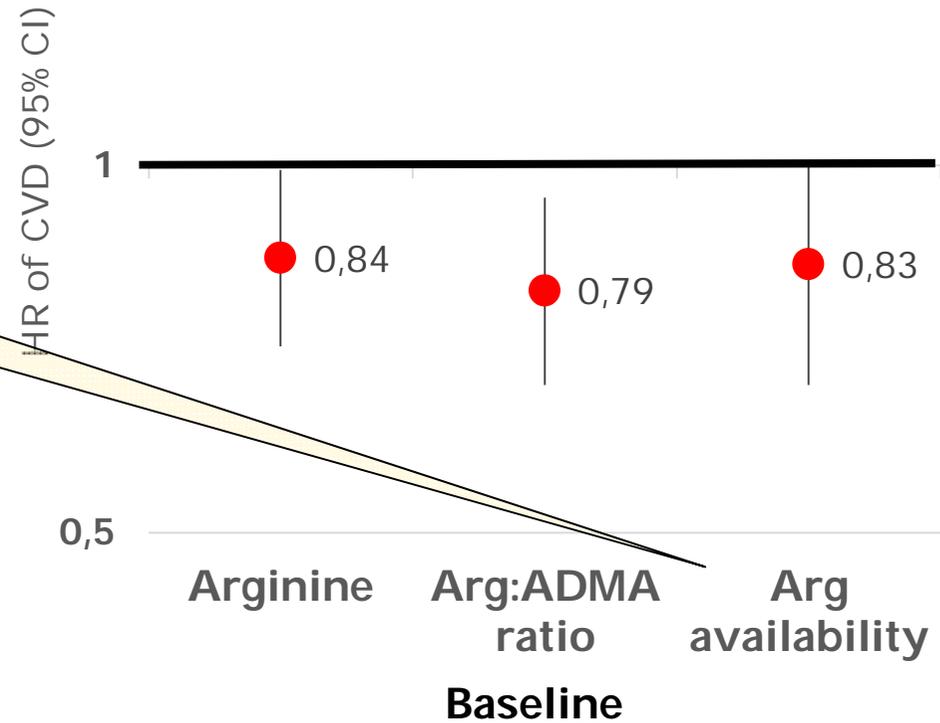
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Exposures as continuous variables (per SD)

Arginine availability score = arginine / (citrulline + ornithine).



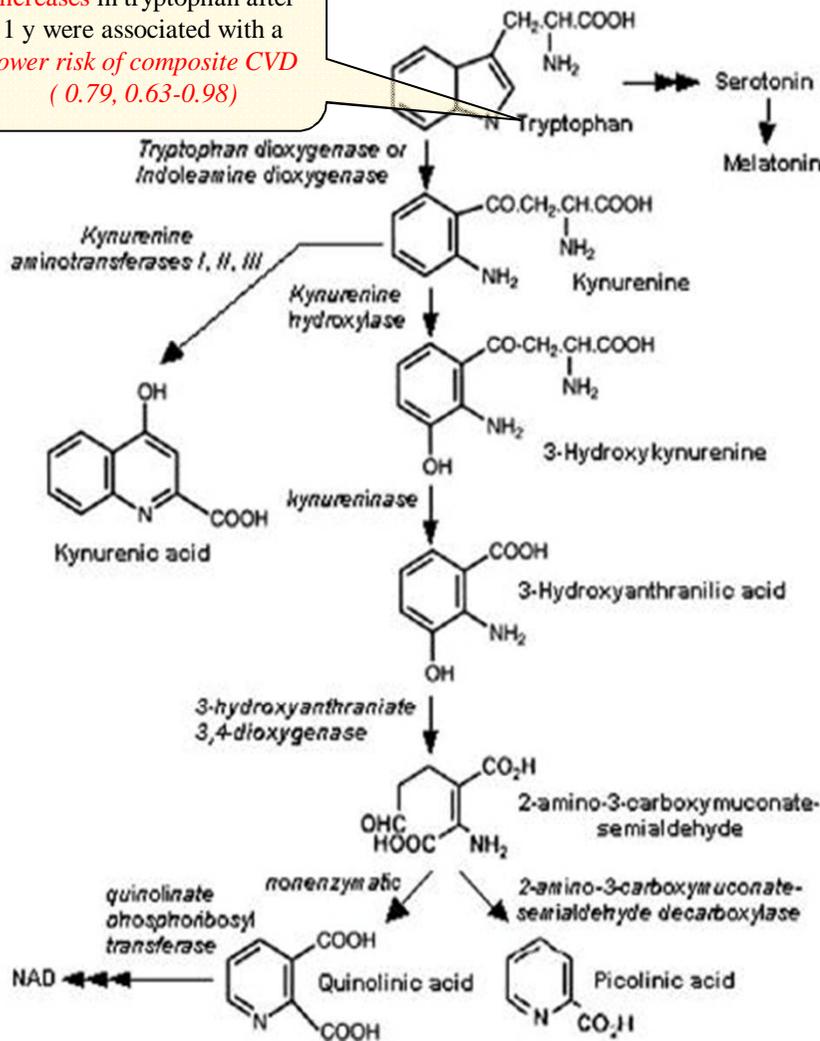
Emerging TRP-KYN pathway

- Chronic inflammation → cardiometabolic disorders
- A potential mechanism is the transcriptional induction of **indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (IDO)**, rate-limiting enzyme of **tryptophan (TRP)-kynurenine (KYN)** pathway, by pro-inflammatory cytokines.
- Activation of IDO shifts TRP metabolism from *serotonin* synthesis to formation of **kynurenines**.
- ↓serotonin → depression
- **↑kynurenines** → MetS & cardiometabol. conditions by:
 - Apoptotic effects
 - Neurotoxic effects
 - Pro-oxidative effects
 - upregulation of inducible NO synthase, phospholipase A2, arachidonic acid, prostaglandin, 5-lipoxygenase, and leukotriene cascade.

Increases in Plasma Tryptophan Are Inversely Associated with Incident Cardiovascular Disease in the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea (PREDIMED) Study¹⁻³

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Increases in tryptophan after 1 y were associated with a lower risk of composite CVD (0.79, 0.63-0.98)



KYNURINE RISK SCORE (KRS):
 Normalized individual metabolites weighted by their b coefficient (from a fully adjusted model with that metabolite alone)
 The weights were:
 -0.13 for tryptophan
 +0.06 for kynurenine
 +0.20 for kynurenic acid
 -0.20 for 3-hydroxyanthranilic acid
 +0.14 for quinolinic acid

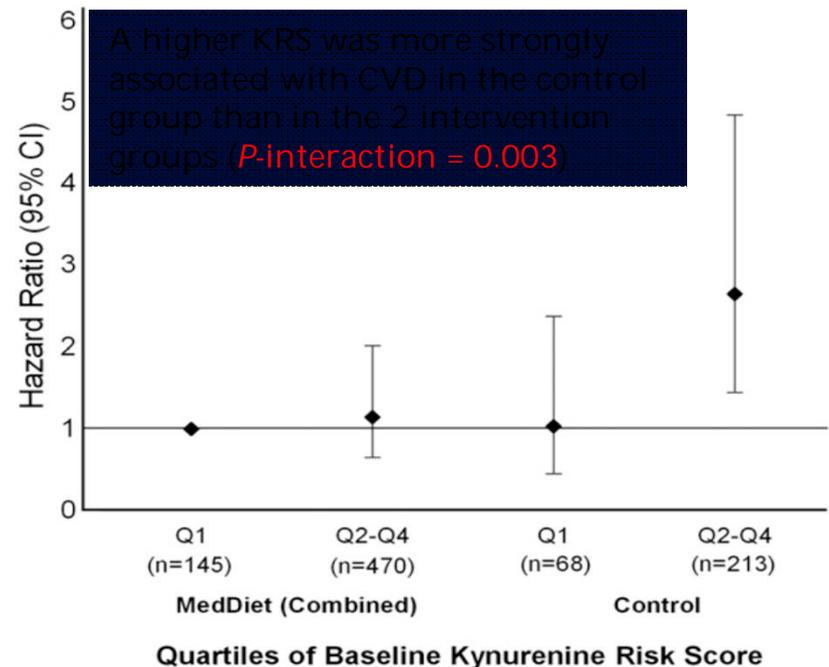


FIGURE 1 Multivariate adjusted HRs (95% CIs) of composite CVD by Qs of baseline kynurenine risk score stratified by intervention group (Mediterranean interventions combined compared with the control group) among participants with available data for all 5 metabolites under study ($n = 896$). MedDiet, Mediterranean diet; Q, quartile.

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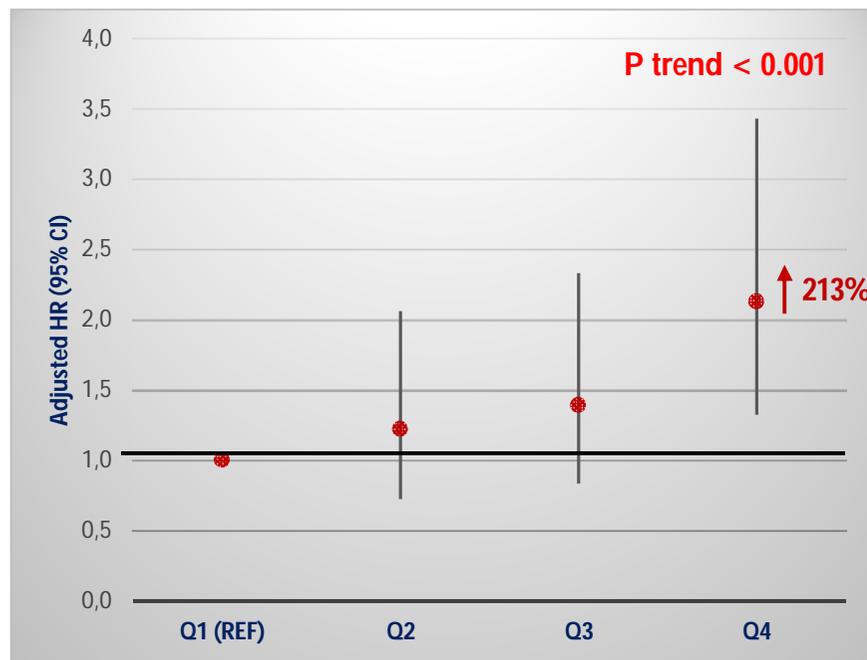
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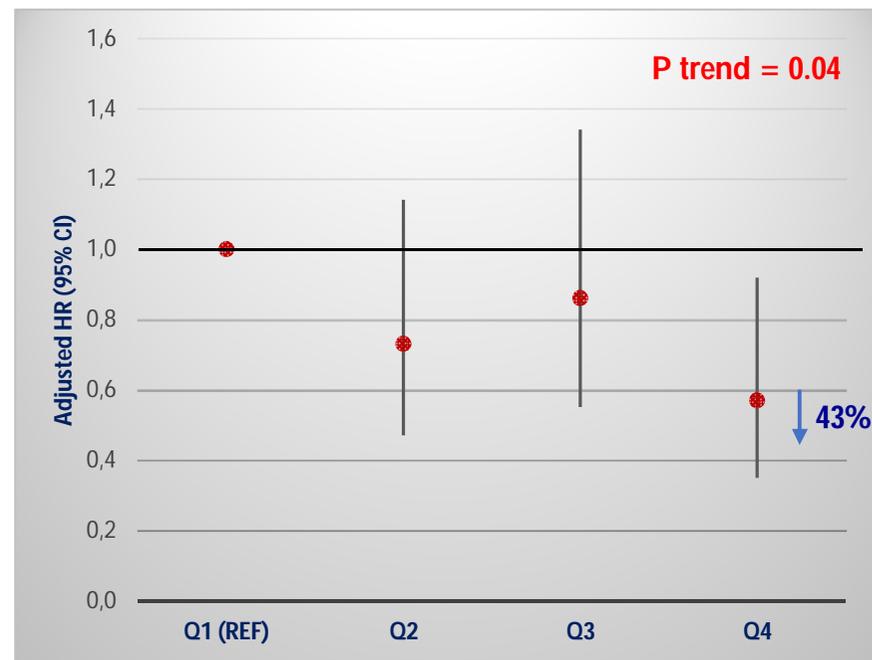
Guasch-Ferre, et al. Gut microbiota related plasma metabolites and risk of cardiovascular disease in the PREDIMED Study (**submitted**)

TMAO, betaine, choline, phosphocholine, alphasphingomyelin, proline, hydroxyproline, and allantoin

a) Metabolite score



b) Betaine/choline ratio



Adjusted for age, sex, body mass index, family history of premature heart disease, smoking, physical activity, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and diabetes, and stratified by intervention group

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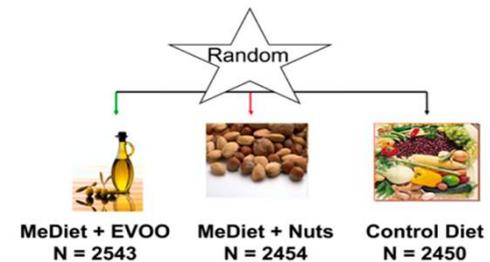
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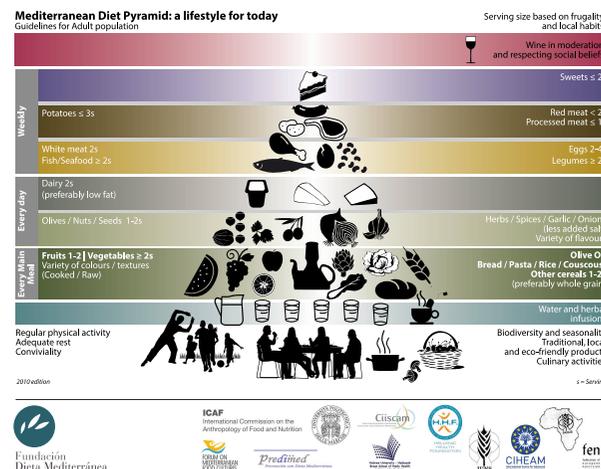
- RCT:
 - **MeDiet+EVOO** vs. Control: discrimination
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- 14-item **screener** assessing adherence
 - Baseline
 - Repeated measurements 1-y

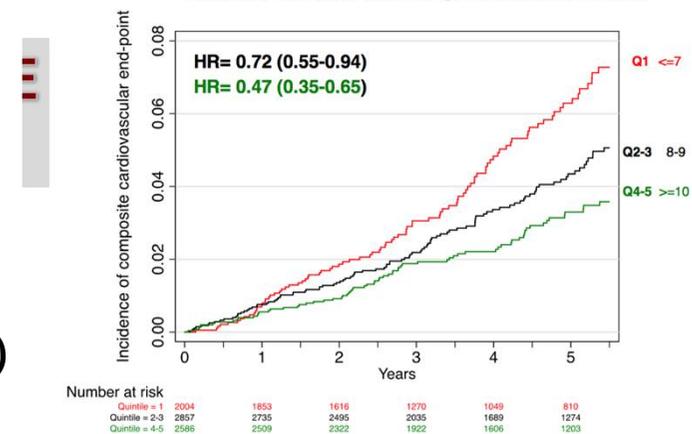
- **Food** Frequency questionnaires (0, 1-y)

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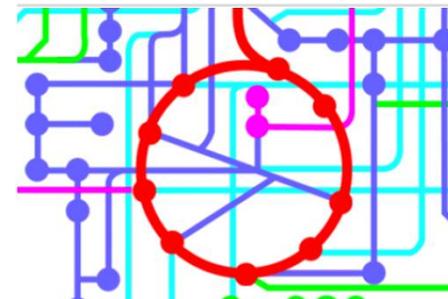


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Baseline 14-item score



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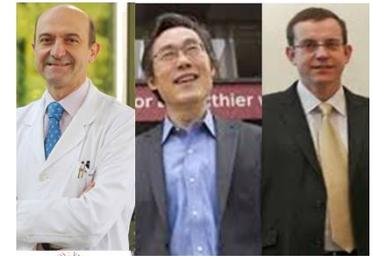
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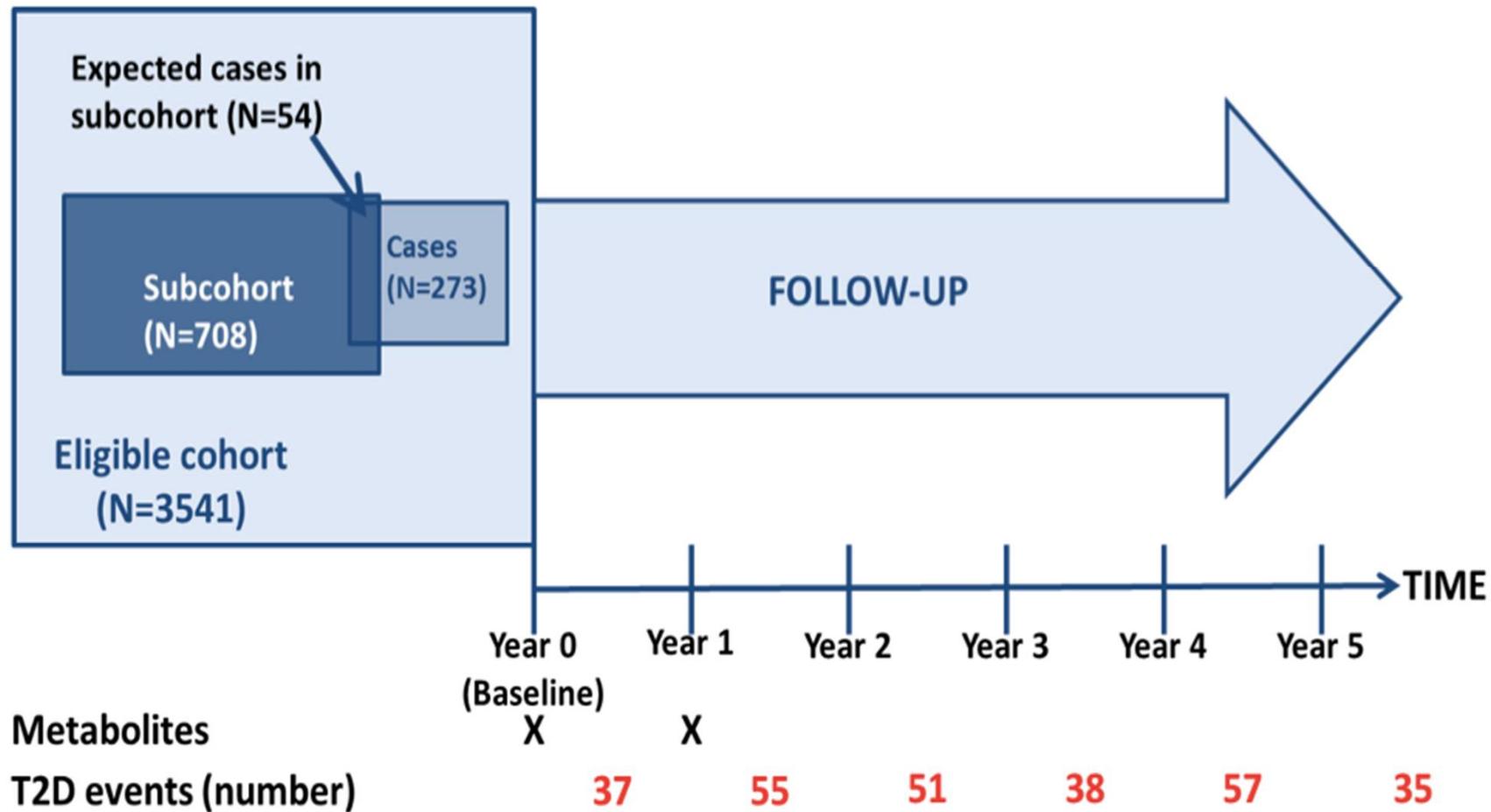
Dietary interventions, metabolites and risk of T2D

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Case-cohort study

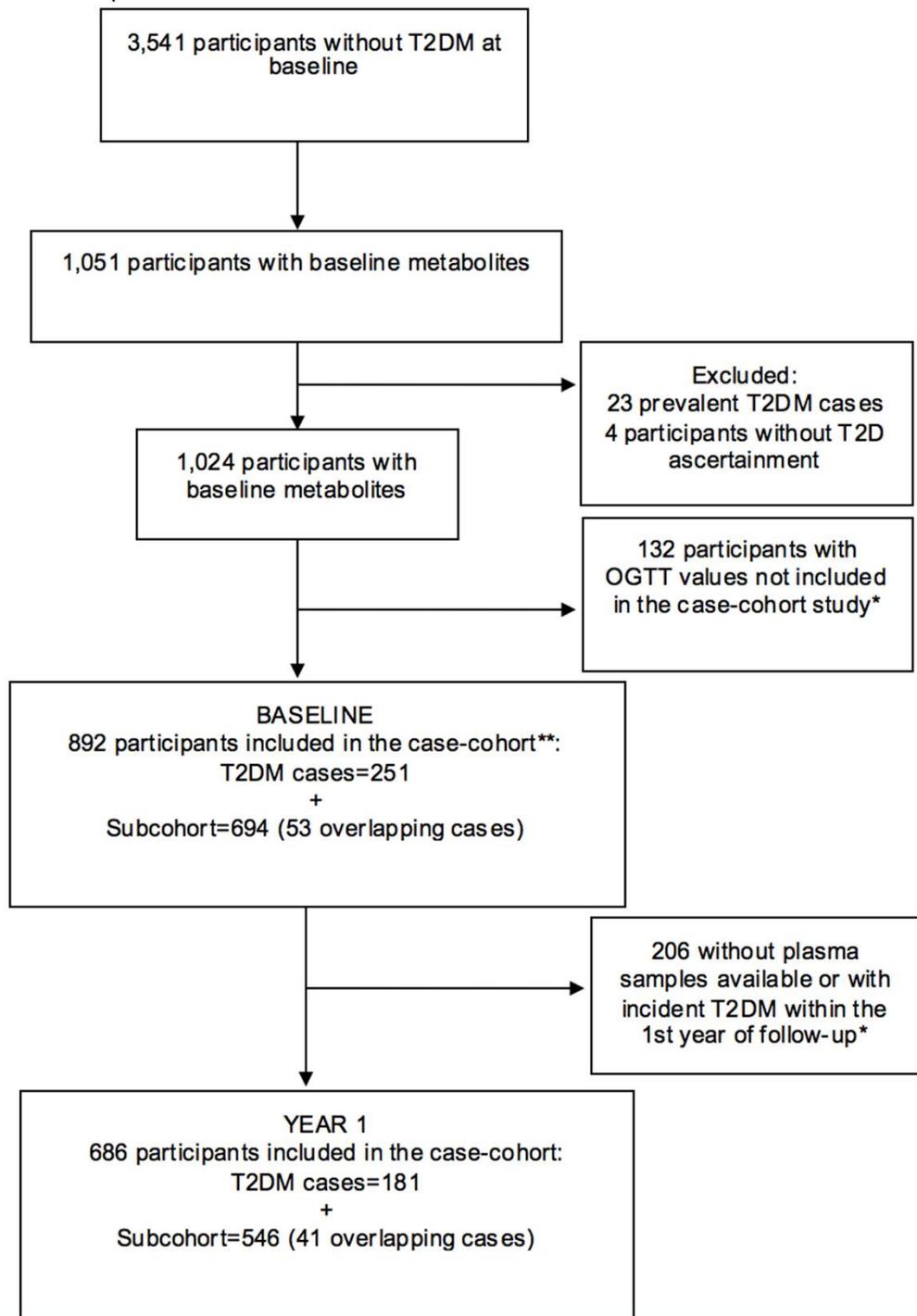
- Baseline metabolites & metabolite 1-y change → T2DM
- MeDiet → Changes in metabolites → ↓T2DM



T2D grant: Specific aims

- Association baseline metabolites & T2D
- Whether the interventions **modify** the effect of baseline metabolites and T2D risk.
- Whether 1-year change in metabolites mediate the effect of the interventions on CVD from years 2 to 5.
- Whether 1-year change in metabolites influence insulin resistance from years 2 to 5 in a subsample of 708 participants free of T2D

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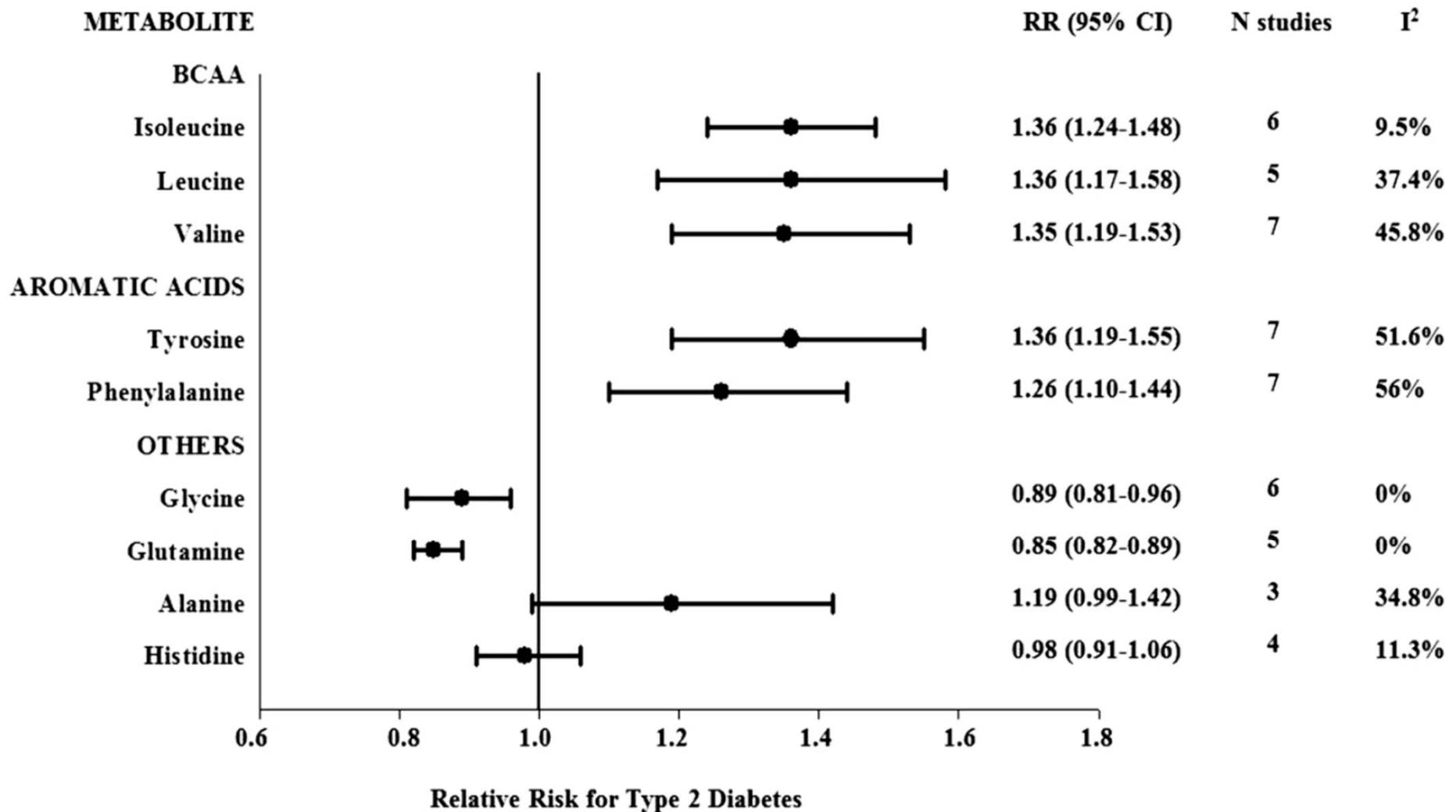
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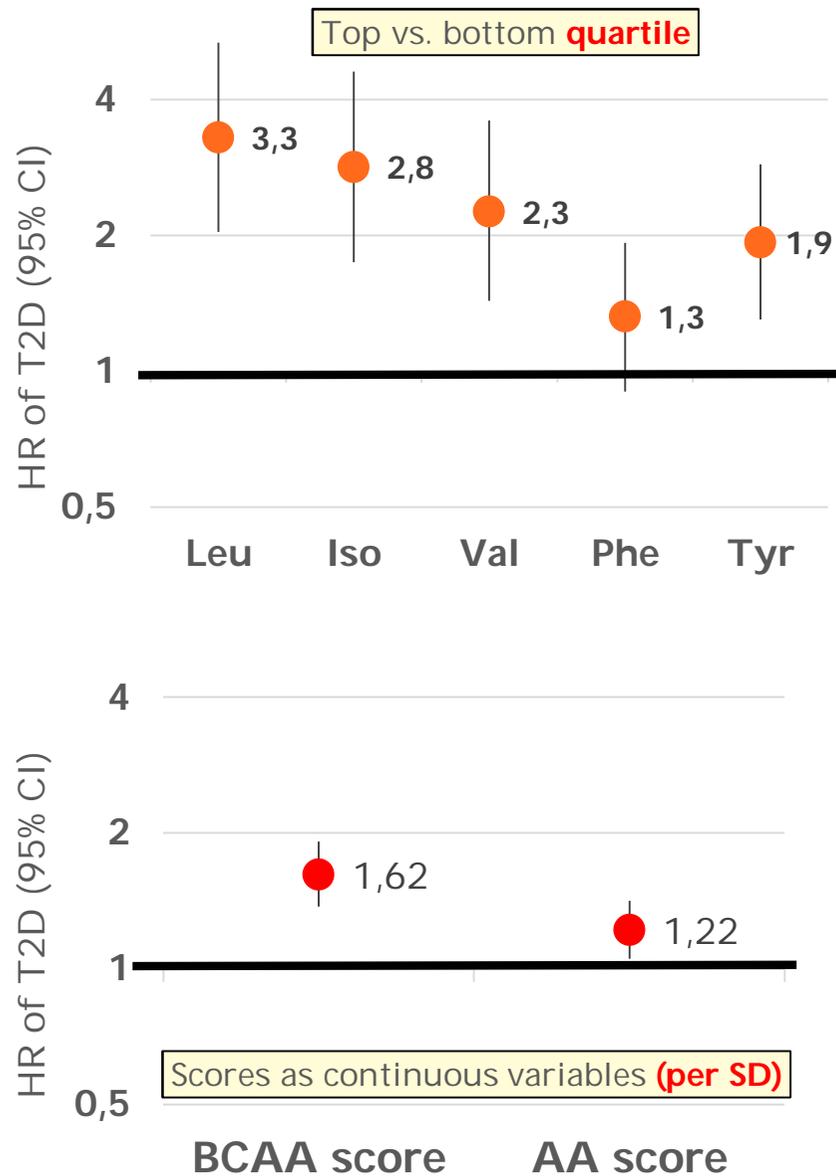
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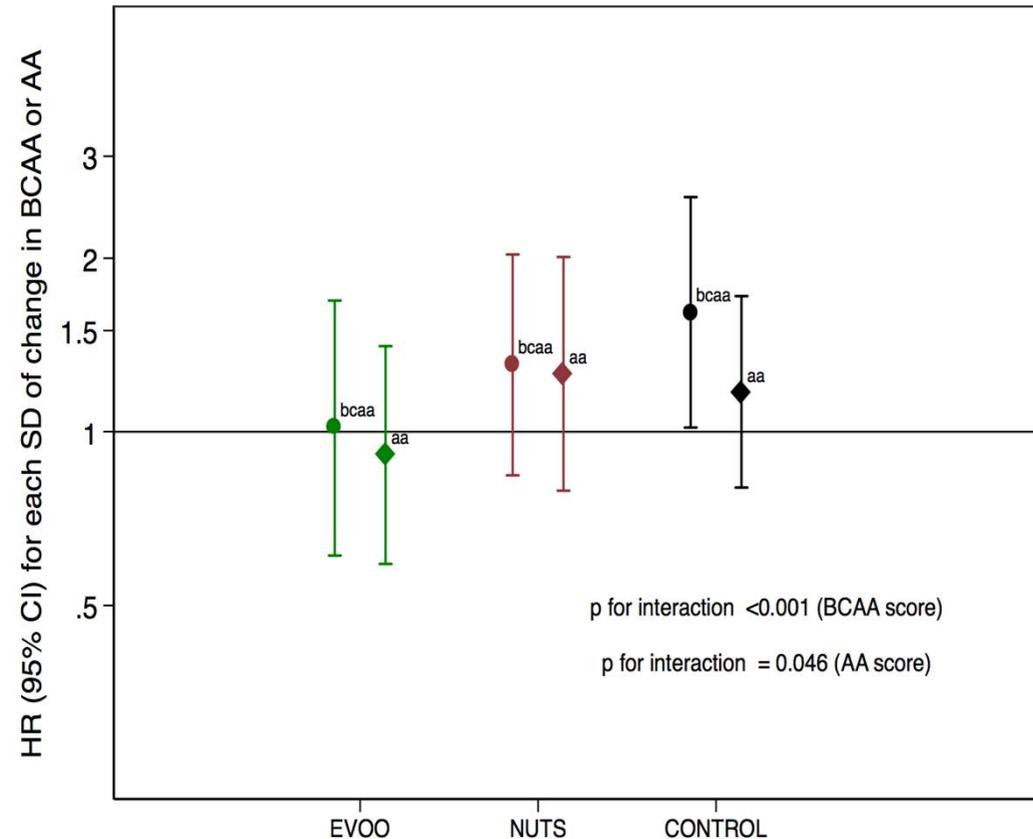
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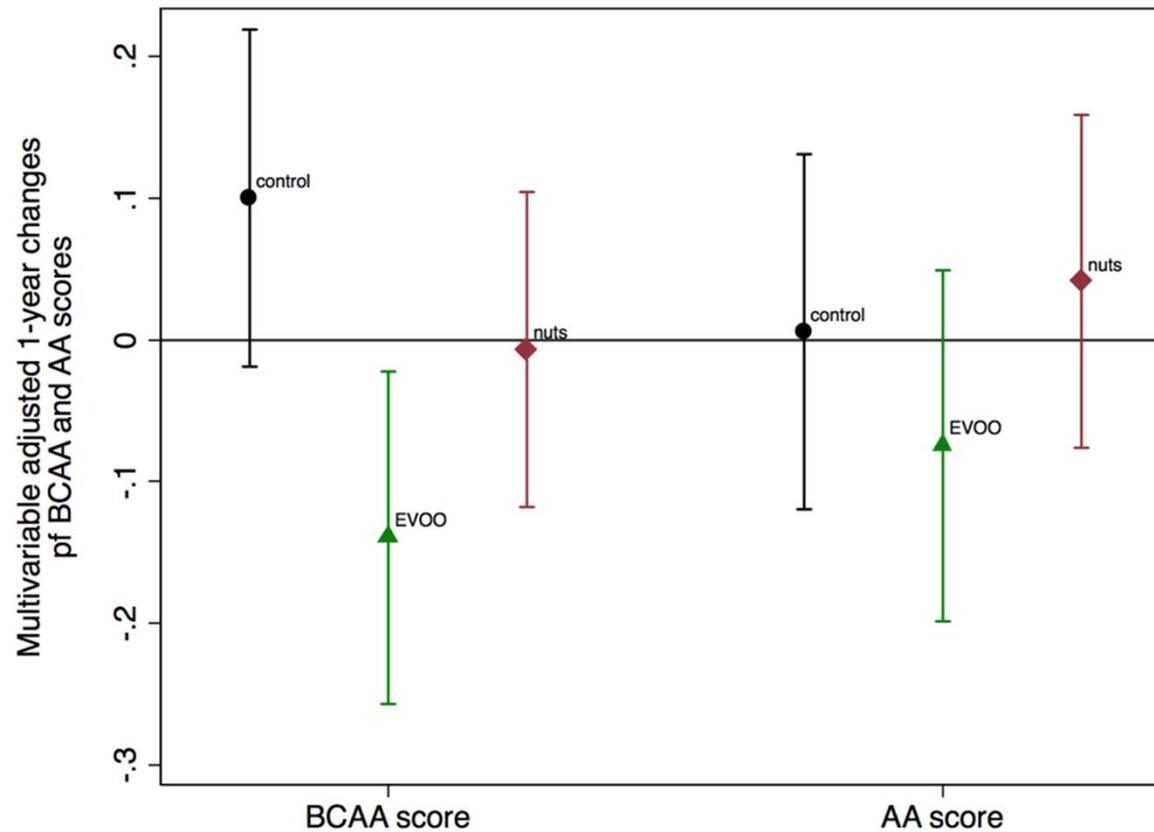


Changes in scores (per SD) and subsequent risk of T2D

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Changes in BCAA and AA scores after 1 Year of Intervention,
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Working report



Changes are adjusted for age (years), sex (male, female), body mass index (kg/m²), smoking (never, current, former), leisure-time physical activity (metabolic equivalent tasks in minutes/day), dyslipidemia, hypertension, baseline fasting glucose and baseline BCAA levels.

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T2D grant: pending

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2. Acylcarnitines

3. Tryptophan, Kynurenines

4. Urea cycle metabolites

5. Lipidomics, 2-bonds, length

6. Lipids PCA

7. 2-Amino-adipic acid

8. Lactate-glycolysis-gluconeogenesis

9. Purine catabolism

10. Uridine

11. Network-Pathways

12. Glutamine cycling pathway

13. Non-targeted metabolites

To be
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Gln/Glu mechanisms

- Gln and Glu are transformed into each other as part of **numerous physiological processes**. Cycling between Gln and Glu is regulated by the activity of **glutamine synthetase** and **glutaminase**, enzymes that have wide tissue distribution.
- The proposed mechanisms underlying the beneficial effects of Gln include a wide range of metabolic pathways, such as **stimulation of insulin secretion** via enhancing release of **glucagon-like peptide 1** and improvement in **insulin sensitivity**.
- Furthermore, Gln has a regulatory capacity in **immune cell modulation** and has antiobesity and antidiabetic effects.

Acyl-carnitine mechanisms

- **meat** eaters tend to have increased concentrations of acylcarnitines and other metabolites
- Various short- and long-chain acylcarnitines possess a **trimethylamine moiety**, and consequently, they are likely to be involved in gut microbe-dependent pathways that contribute to the formation of trimethylamine and **trimethylamine-N-oxide**, which may increase risk of atherosclerosis and consequently of CVD
- acylcarnitine concentrations have been associated with increased risks of **insulin resistance** and type 2 diabetes

Acyl-carnitine mechanisms (2)

- The accumulation of acylcarnitines may be indicative of **inefficient beta oxidation** and altered mitochondrial metabolism.
 - Acylcarnitines are derived from both fatty acid and amino acid betaoxidation.
 - The main function of L-carnitine is to transport fatty acids from the cytosol to the mitochondrial matrix where beta oxidation takes place; this process results in the esterification of L-carnitine to form acylcarnitine derivatives
- Advanced age leads to an **impaired flux of carnitines** through the mitochondrial pathway, thereby reflecting **mitochondrial dysfunction**.
 - an increased mitochondrial production of reactive oxygen species that enhances vascular **inflammation** and contributes to alterations in the composition of plaque and to its rupture

Ceramide mechanisms

- precursors of complex sphingolipids
- aberrant accumulation of ceramides may lead to the activation of several **signaling** and putative targets that impair normal cellular function, including **insulin** action
- excess de novo ceramide biosynthesis is linked to **cellular stress stimuli**, especially to the exposure to **saturated free fatty acids** (FFAs)
- Ceramides have been proposed as an intermediate link between **overnutrition** and certain underlying abnormalities driving cardiometabolic disease risk, including insulin resistance and low-grade **inflammation**

Ceramide mechanisms (2)

- Earlier studies using cultured cells and animal models suggested that endogenous ceramides **antagonized insulin-stimulated glucose uptake** and anabolism by **blocking** activation of **Akt/PKB**, a serine/ threonine kinase that is obligate for insulin and growth factor activation of anabolism and cell survival
- human studies have observed positive correlations between plasma ceramide concentrations and inflammatory makers (eg, interleukin-6 and tumor necrosis factor- α), suggesting a relationship between excess ceramides and inflammation

Ceramide mechanisms (3)

- pharmacological inhibition of ceramide biosynthesis prevents atherogenesis
- Ceramides and other sphingolipids may contribute to plaque erosion and therefore induce thrombosis.
- These studies on plaque formation also found that inhibition of ceramide biosynthesis caused a reduction of circulating total cholesterol and LDL

Lipidome mechanisms

- The detrimental effect of saturation in triacylglycerols may be attributable to the higher atherogenic potential of saturated fats
- cholesterol esters, with longer and more unsaturated acyl chains associated with lower the risk of CVD is consistent with a lower diabetes risk observed by Rhee et al., although the association they observed disappeared after multivariable adjustment J Clin Invest. 2011;121:1402–1

Lipidome mechanisms (2)

- Phosphatidylcholines are membrane lipids that are the most abundant lipids in mammal plasma membranes. If phosphatidylcholines with shorter chains and more highly saturated acyl chains are available, this could confer less fluidity to the cell membranes
- long-chain fatty acids, with many carbon atoms and many double bonds (i.e. long-chain PUFA), mainly omega-3 PUFAs, are associated with reduced triglyceride levels, reduced myocardial oxygen demands and beneficial changes in endothelial function, together with reduced heart rate (and lower heart rate variability) and decreased blood pressure

Lipidome mechanisms (3)

- SFA with a lower number of carbon atoms (16:0) are known to exert more detrimental effects on lipids and cardiovascular disease than those with a higher number of carbon atoms (18:0) (Zong et al, BMJ 2006;335:i5796).
- Long-chain PUFA are also precursors to bioactive lipid metabolites, including specialized pro-resolving mediators and cytochrome P450-generated monoepoxides (Arnold et al, Pharmacol Rep 2010;62:536; Serhan. Am J Pathol 2010;177:1576)
- hydroxy-phosphatidylcholines can be formed as **adducts** under conditions of oxidative stress and/or inflammation and may be components of oxidized LDL, thus increasing the risk of CVD

Urea cycle mechanisms

- The Framingham Offspring cohort reported a significantly lower risk of CVD associated with the arginine/ADMA ratio
- A meta-analysis of 22 prospective cohort studies with a mean follow-up time of 7.1 years reported a robust association between ADMA concentrations and higher risk of subsequent CVD events (Willeit et al, J Am Heart Assoc 2015;4:e001833)
- High ADMA in concert with low NO has been reported to propagate a variety of harmful detrimental processes biologically related to atherosclerosis: free radical generation, smooth cell proliferation, systemic inflammation, and endothelial dysfunction

Urea cycle mechanisms (2)

- Arginine (and only L-arginine) is the required substrate for all isoforms of the enzyme NOS to produce NO
- NO is acknowledged as a powerful short-life vasodilator with an important defensive role against ischemic disease through endothelial smooth muscle relaxation
- Inhibition of arginase, a competitive inhibitor of arginine, improves vascular integrity, and protects against ischemia-induced injury
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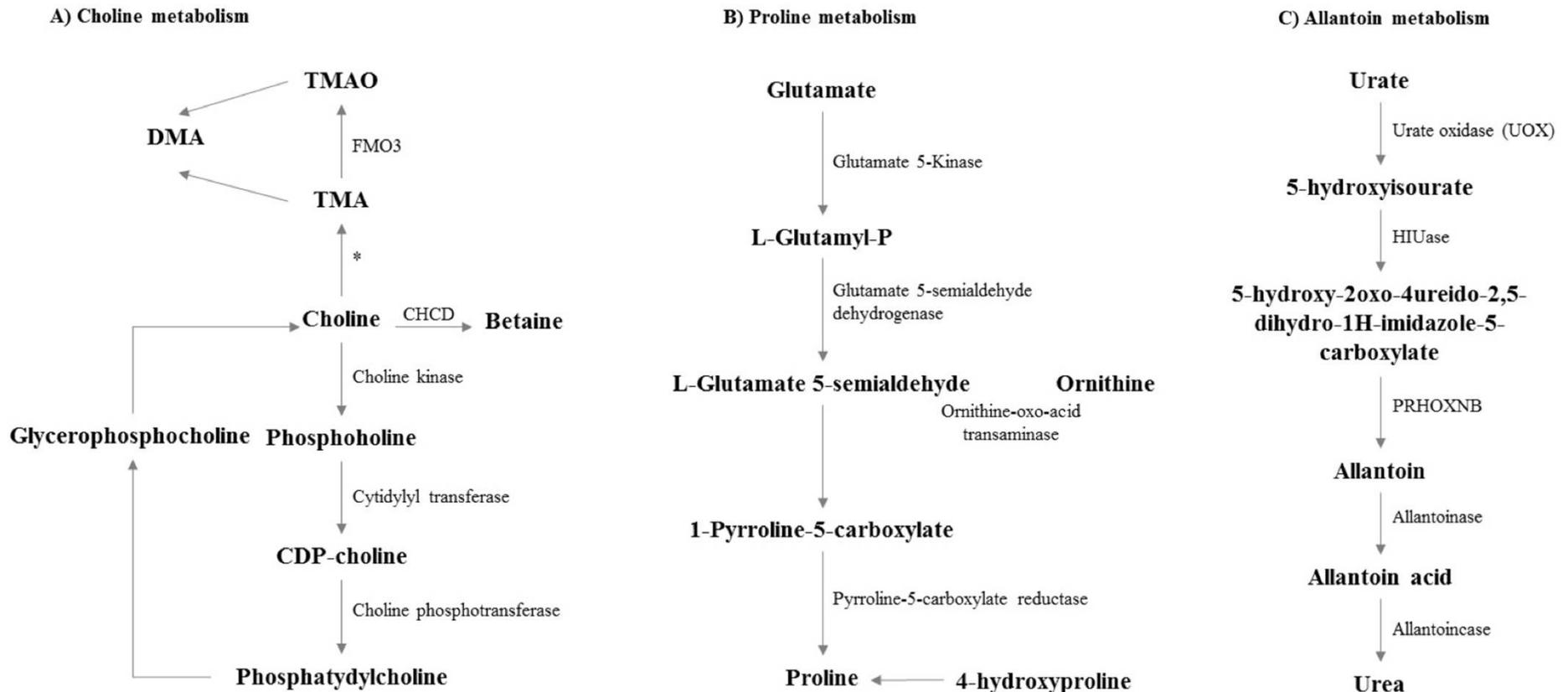
TRP/KYN mechanisms

- Indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase (**IDO**), an enzyme catalyzing the rate-limiting step in the **kynurenine** pathway of **tryptophan** degradation, is strongly induced by inflammation in several tissues, including the artery wall
- IFN-gamma plays a central role in the activation of IDO and subsequent degradation of tryptophan
- however, activation of the kynurenine pathway has also been shown to have anti-inflammatory effects.
- **activation of the tryptophan-kynurenine pathway may be a compensatory mechanism to, rather than a cause of, inflammation and cardiovascular dysfunction.**

TRP/KYN mechanisms (2)

- Treatment of human peripheral blood mononuclear cells and monocyte-derived macrophages with IFN-g attenuated the extent of LDL oxidation, and tryptophan degradation in concert with 3-HAA formation was instrumental in this inhibitory effect.
- 3-HAA has also been independently identified as having antiatherogenic properties by regulating lipid metabolism and inflammation.
- Other experimental studies suggest a beneficial effect of IDO on the vasculature.
- IDO-deficient mice fed high-fat diets showed marked increases in F4/80 and TNF mRNA concentrations, as well as greater hepatic inflammation compared with control mice

Gut-microbiota related metabolites



The figure shows key metabolic pathways of choline, proline and allantoin. *Bacterial degradation of choline by the gut microbiota. FMO3 indicates, Flavin-containing monooxygenase; CHCD, choline dehydrogenase; HIUase, 5-hydroxyisourate hydrolase; PRHOXNB, parahox neighbor B.

Gut-microbiota related metabolites (2)

- Alterations in the gut microbiome have been previously related to multifactorial diseases such as obesity, T2D and CVD, probably through several mechanisms including
 - modulation of host energy metabolism
 - gut epithelial permeability
 - gut peptide hormone secretion
 - and increasing metabolic endotoxemia and inflammatory status.
- However, the association between plasma gut microbiota related metabolites, identified using novel high-throughput metabolomics techniques, and the incidence of CVD in a population-based level have only recently been reported.

Gut-microbiota related metabolites (3)

- dietary phosphatidylcholine/choline can be converted by the intestinal microbiota into trimethylamine and subsequently converted into TMAO by hepatic flavin-containing monooxygenases and TMAO has been linked with CVD pathogenesis
- in vivo and in vitro studies suggest that choline metabolites may increase the risk of atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease
- The ability of oral broad-spectrum antibiotics to temporarily suppress the production of TMAO suggests that intestinal microorganisms may play an important role in the production of TMAO from phosphatidylcholine in humans