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Special reference to dairy and Cardiovascular disease

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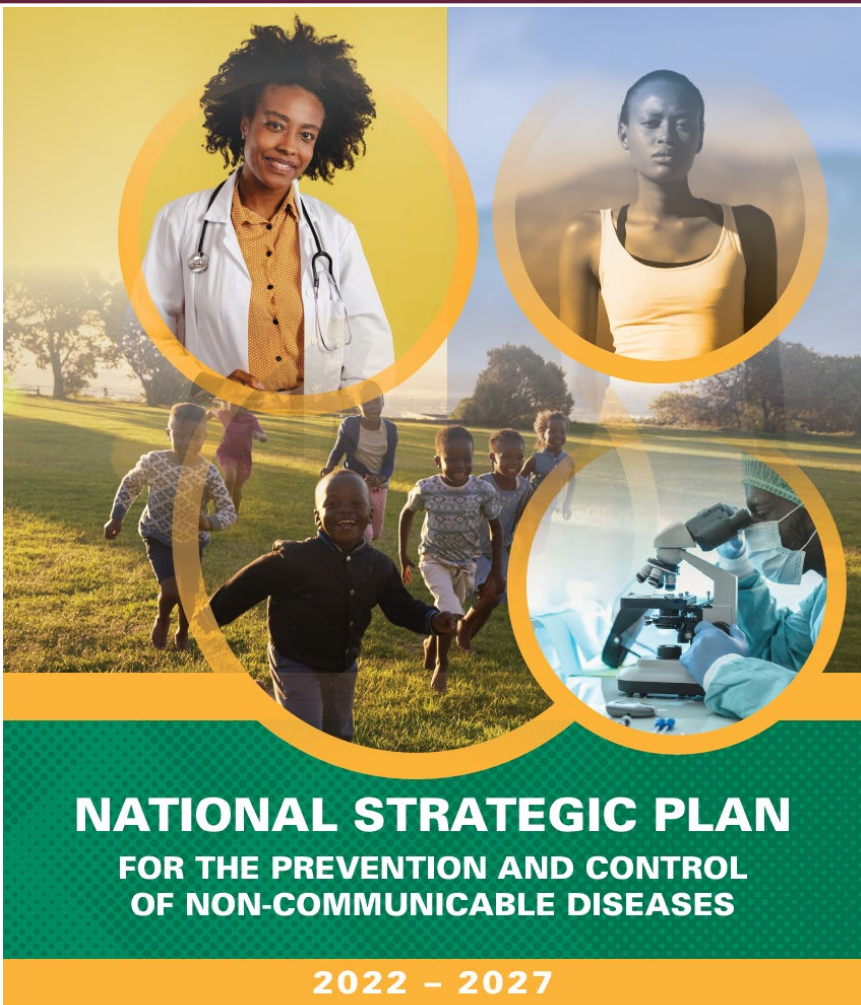
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Discussion points

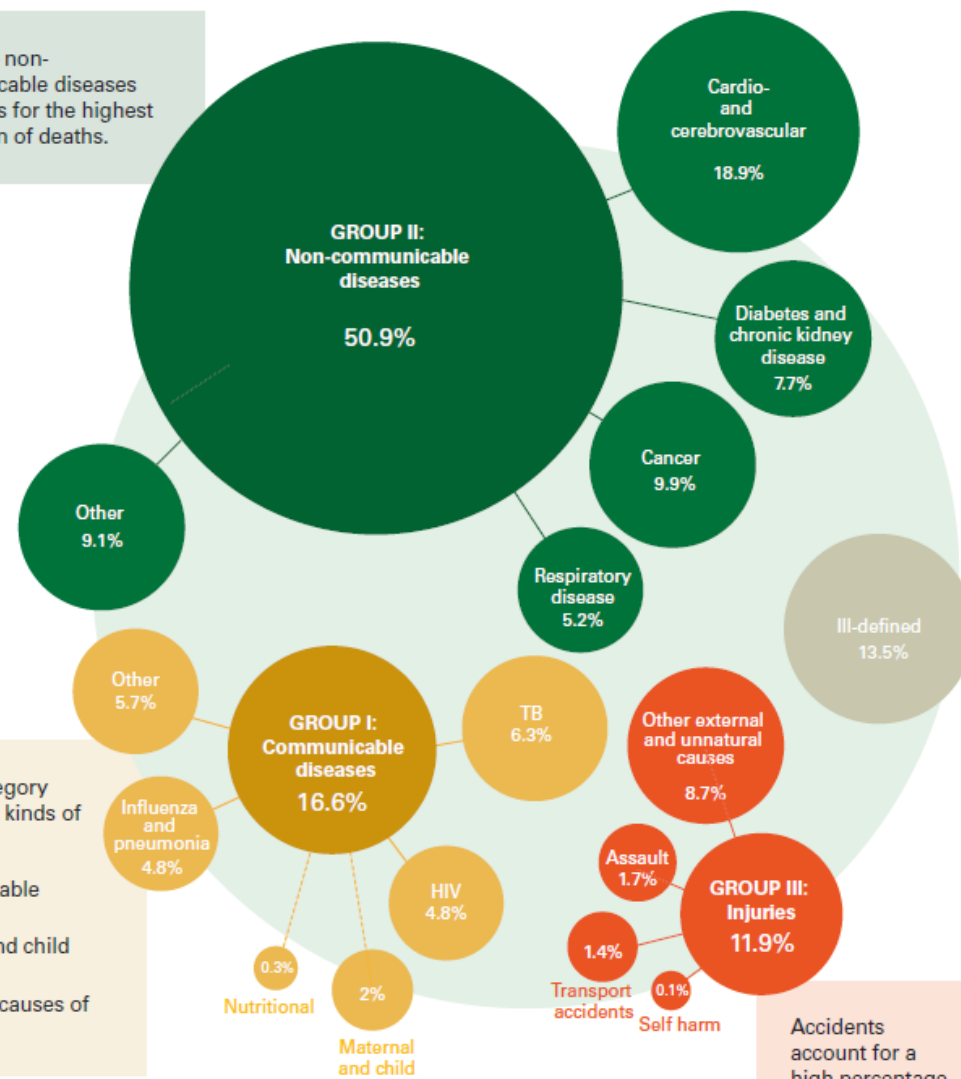


- Prevalence of NCD and cardiometabolic risk factors
- Consensus dietary recommendations
 - Dietary patterns
- Investigate some evidence
- Making sense of it all
- Concluding remarks

Non-communicable disease burden in SA



Group II – non-communicable diseases – accounts for the highest proportion of deaths.



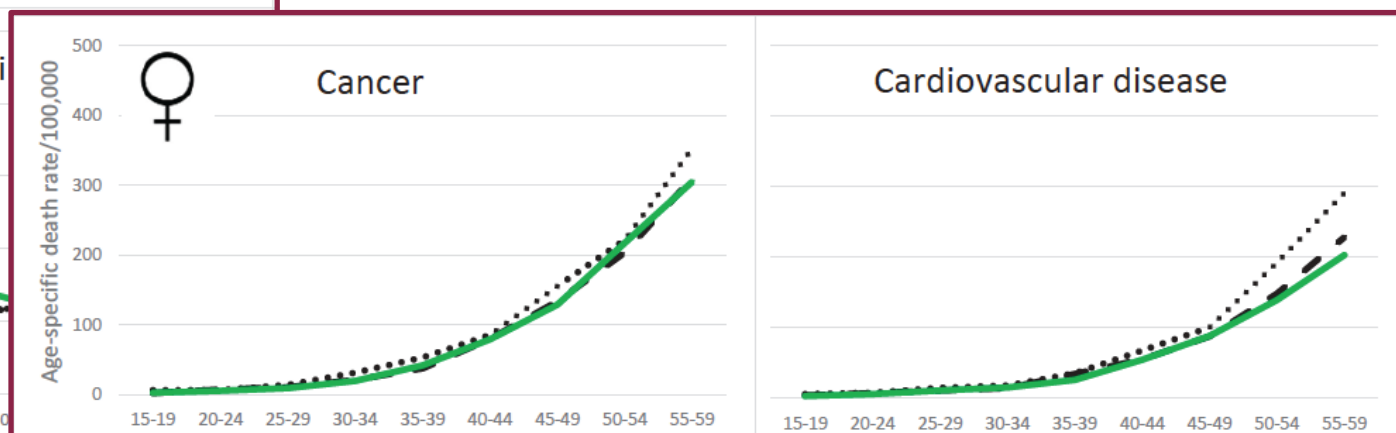
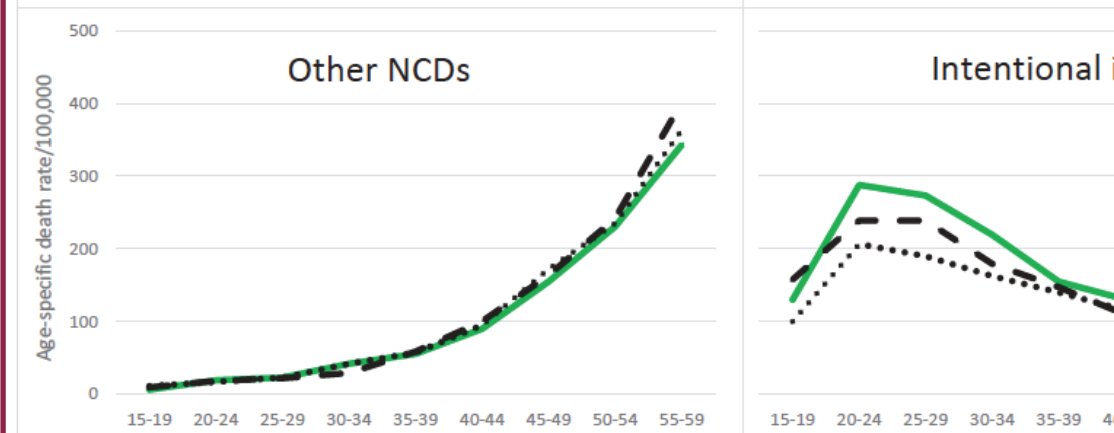
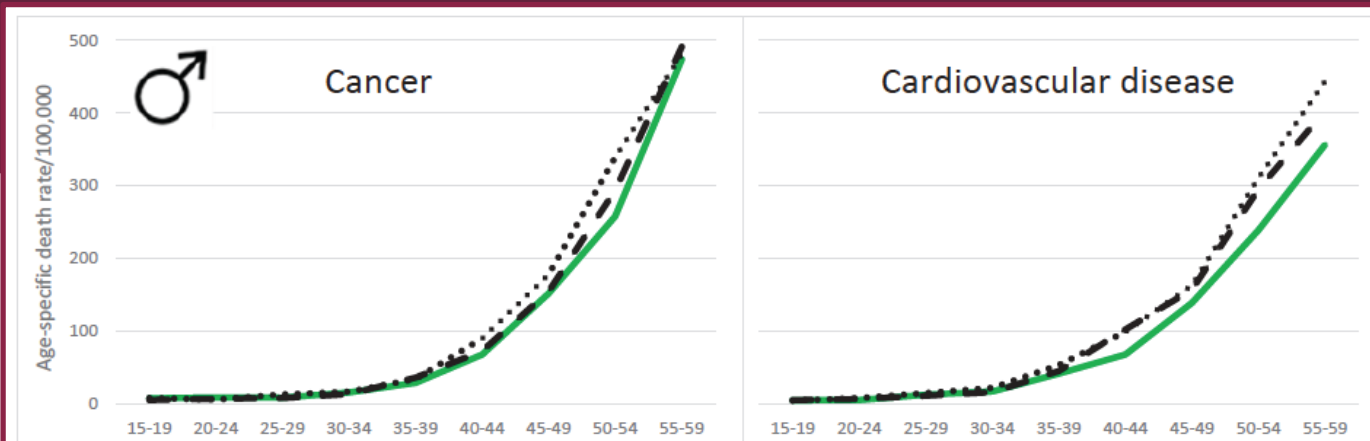
The Group I category comprises three kinds of illness:

- Infections (communicable diseases);
- Maternal and child conditions;
- Nutritional causes of death.

Accidents account for a high percentage of people who are living with disabilities.



NCD burden



[2009; 2013; 2016]

WCP Burden of Disease Report 2019

Cardiometabolic risk factors

Dyslipidemia

Raised LDL-
cholesterol

Decreased
HDL-
cholesterol

Raised TG

Clinical features

Insulin
resistance

Subclinical
inflammation

Hypertension

Vascular
dysfunction

Impaired
coagulation

Lifestyle- related

Obesity

Inactivity

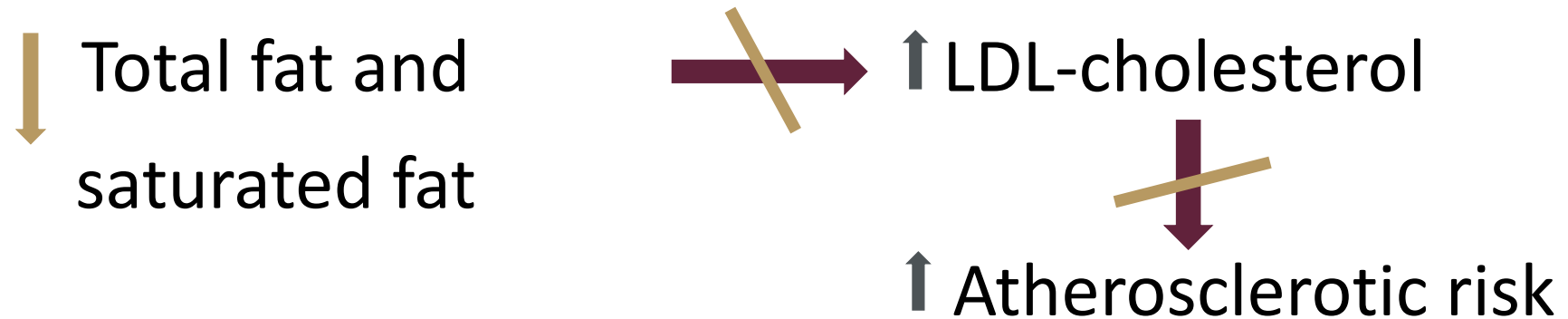
Smoking

Alcohol

Unhealthy diet



Current dietary guidelines



■ International Dietary Guidelines

- Control dietary fat intake
- Intake of SFA's should be < 10% of total energy intake



Healthy dietary patterns

Healthy dietary pattern



Contains higher intakes of fruit, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat or non-fat dairy, seafood, nuts and legumes. Moderate intake of alcohol and a lower intake of red and processed meat and low in sugar and sugar-sweetened foods and beverages, as well as refined grains.

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SA Dyslipidaemia Guidelines



South African dyslipidaemia guideline consensus statement: 2018 update

A healthy diet is one of moderation that is nutrient dense, and which emphasises adequate intake of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, legumes and nuts, and limits consumption of refined grains, processed foods, added sugar and sodium, and saturated and trans fats.



***What is the evidence regards to
dairy intake and CVD?***



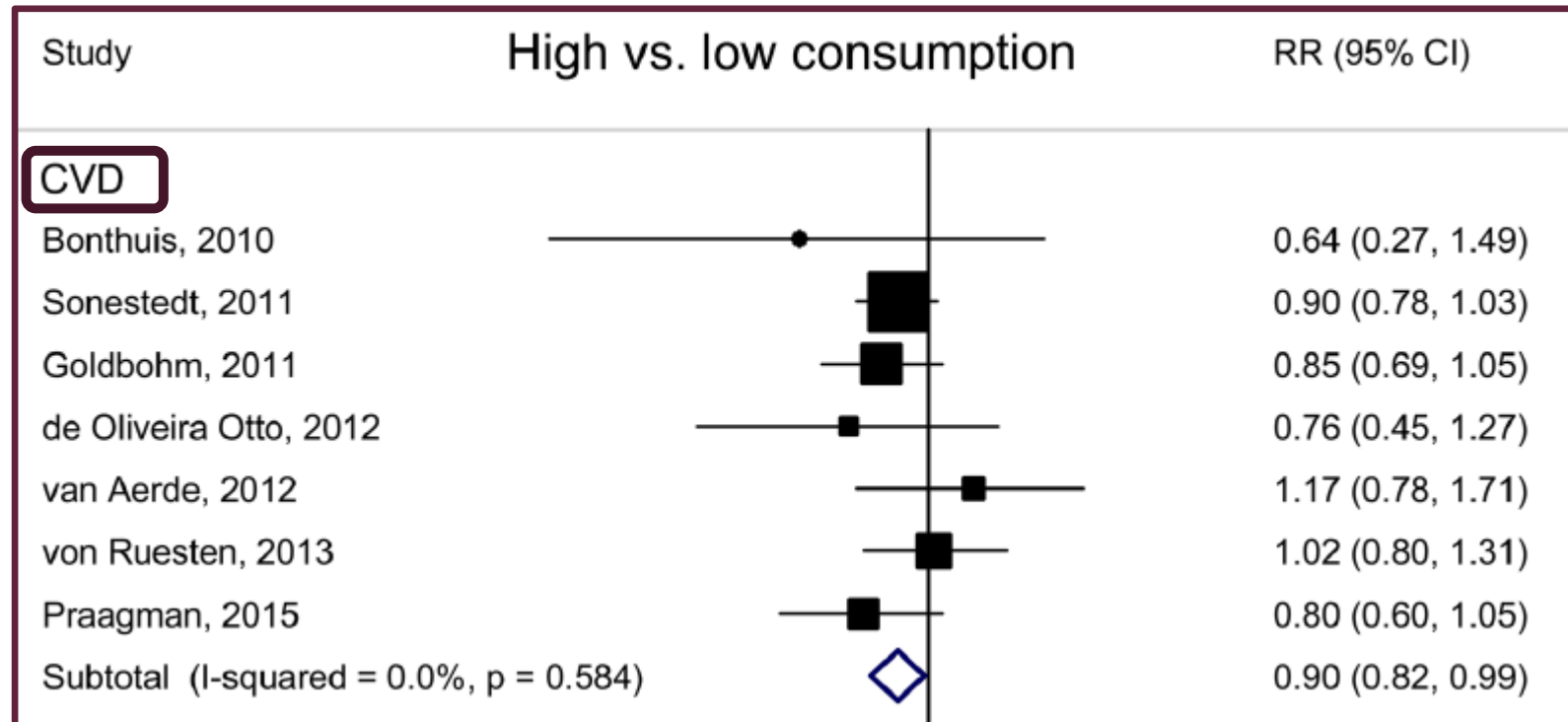
Cheese consumption and risk for CVD

- Assessing effect of cheese consumption on risk for CVD, CHD and stroke
 - 15 studies included
 - Mean study duration 10 years

Relative Risk for high versus low cheese consumption

- RR=0.90 for CVD
- RR=0.86 for CHD
- RR=0.90 for stroke

Protective effect



Total dairy intake and CVD risk



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Review Article



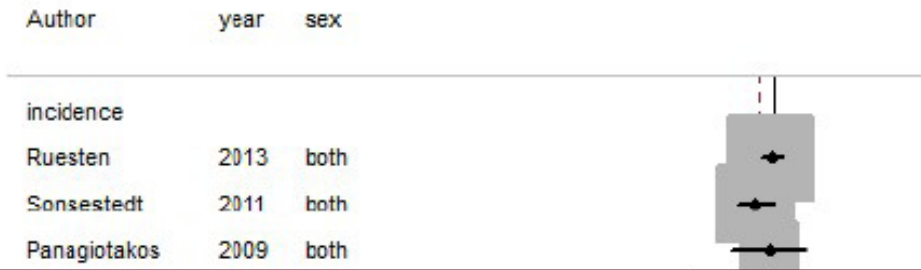
The effect of dairy consumption on the prevention of cardiovascular diseases: A meta-analysis of prospective studies

Fatemeh Gholami¹, Malihe Khoramdad², Nader Esmailnasab^{3*}, Ghobad Moradi³, Bijan Nouri³, Saeid Safiri⁴, Yousef Alimohamadi^{5,6}

- Meta-analysis on 27 prospective cohort studies, published until 2014

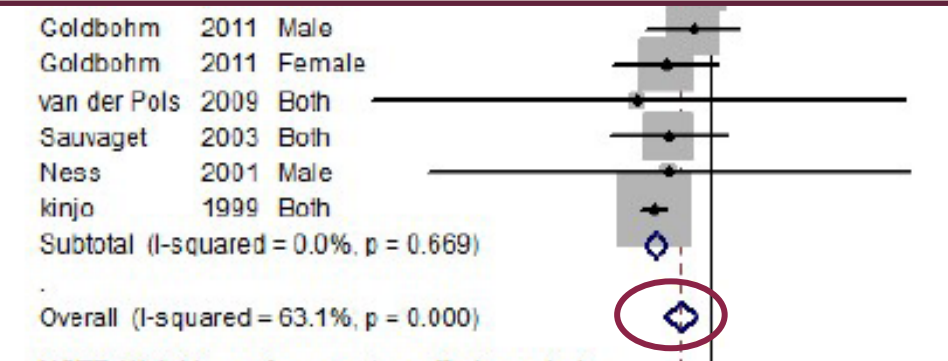
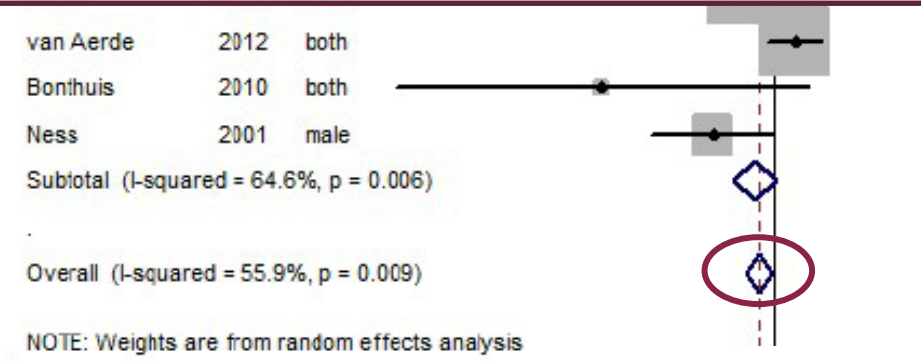
AIM: To determine relationship between total dairy intake and Cardiovascular disease

Total dairy intake and CVD risk



Conclusion:





- Inverse association between total dairy intake and CVD and Stroke
- Protective role of dairy shown





Review

Consumption of Dairy Foods and Cardiovascular Disease: A Systematic Review

Annalisa Giosuè ^{1,†} , Ilaria Calabrese ^{1,†} , Marilena Vitale ¹ , Gabriele Riccardi ¹ and Olga Vaccaro ^{2,*} 

- Included data published until April 2021
- 37 prospective cohort studies or RCT's included

Total dairy

200g / 200ml	Meta-Analysis	Neutral Relation	Inverse Relation (% Risk Reduction)	Positive Relation (% Risk Increase)
CHD incidence	Soedamah-Muthu 2011 [23]	✓		
	Qin 2015 [21]	✓		
	Alexander 2016 [22]	(high vs. low intake) ✓	✓ (-14% per > 3 s/d)	
	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
	Soedamah-Muthu 2018 [24]	✓		
	Bechthold 2019 [25]	✓		
CHD mortality	Mazidi 2019 [26]	✓		
FULL-FAT DAIRY				
All-cause mortality	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
CVD incidence	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
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CVD incidence	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
CHD incidence	Soedamah-Muthu 2011 [23]	✓		
	Qin 2015 [21]	✓		
	Alexander 2016 [22]		✓ (-10% high vs. low intake)	
	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		





Yoghurt

YOGURT 200g		Neutral Relation	Inverse Relation (% Risk Reduction)	Positive Relation (% Risk Increase)
All-cause mortality	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
	Gao 2020 [32]	✓ high vs. low intake	✓ (−5% per 200 g/d)	
CVD incidence	Alexander 2016 [22]	✓		
	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
	Wu 2017 [33]	✓ high vs. low intake	✓ (−8% per ≥ 200 g/d)	
	Zhang 2020 [29]		✓ (−22% high vs. low intake)	
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	Wu 2017 [33]	✓		
	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
	Jakobsen 2021 [28]	✓		

Cheese

CHEESE		Neutral Relation	Inverse Relation (% Risk Reduction)	Positive Relation (% Risk Increase)
All-cause mortality	O'Sullivan 2013 [17]			
	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
	Tong 2017 [30]	✓		
CVD incidence	Alexander 2016 [22]	✓		
	Chen 2017 [31]	✓ per 50 g/d	✓ (-10% high vs. low intake)	
	Guo 2017 [19]		✓ (-2% per 10 g/d)	
	Zhang 2020 [29]		✓ (-13% high vs. low intake)	
CVD mortality	O'Sullivan 2013 [17]	✓		
CHD incidence	Qin 2015 [21]		✓ (-16% high vs. low intake)	
	Alexander 2016 [22]		✓ (-14% per 50 g/d)	
	Chen 2017 [31]		(-10% per 50 g/d)	
	Guo 2017 [19]	✓		
	Jakobsen 2021 [28]		✓ (-4% per 20 g/d)	

Making sense of it all

1. Food matrix
2. Changes in particle size
3. Composition of replacement food
4. Role of inflammation
5. Fermentation
6. Dose-response effect





Cheese nutrient matrix





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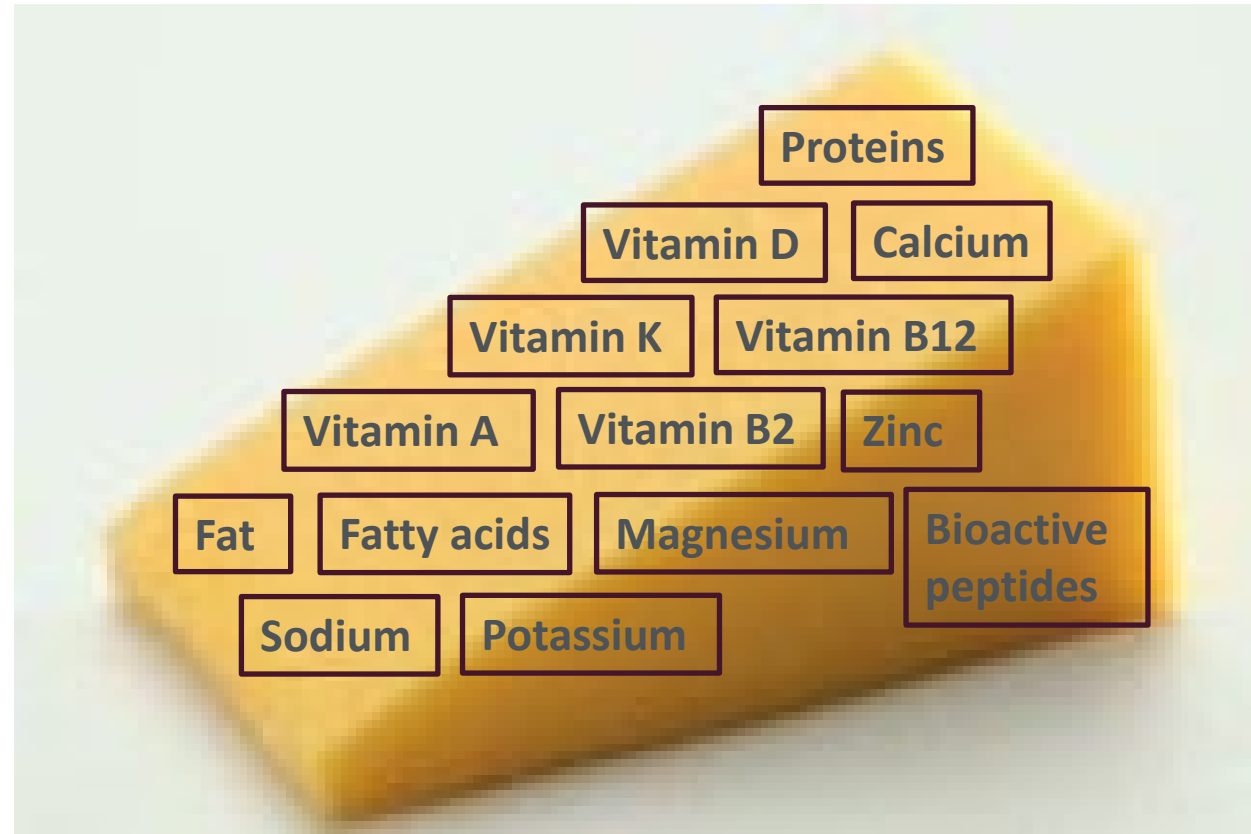
Dyslipidemia

Insulin resistance

Subclinical inflammation

Vascular dysfunction

Impaired coagulation



Obesity

Hypertension

Inactivity

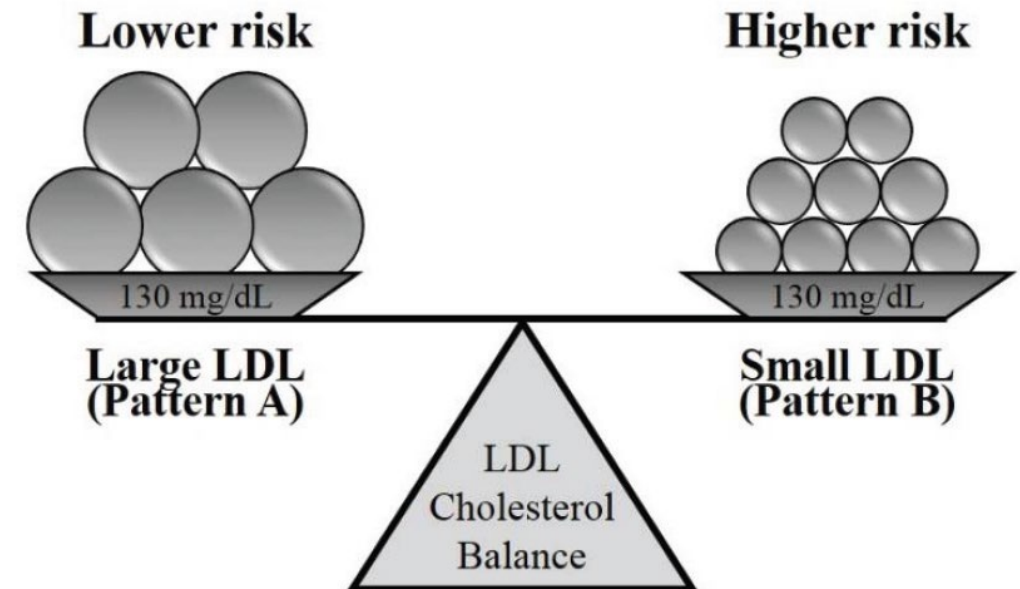
Smoking

Alcohol

Unhealthy diet

Particle size

- Although intake of SFA in **dairy products** leads to an increase in LDL-cholesterol, it does not increase the amount of small, dense particles, but rather the formation of **larger LDL particles**.
- Larger LDL particles are less atherogenic and thus less strongly linked to CVD due to
 - higher affinity for LDL receptors
 - decreased susceptibility to oxidation



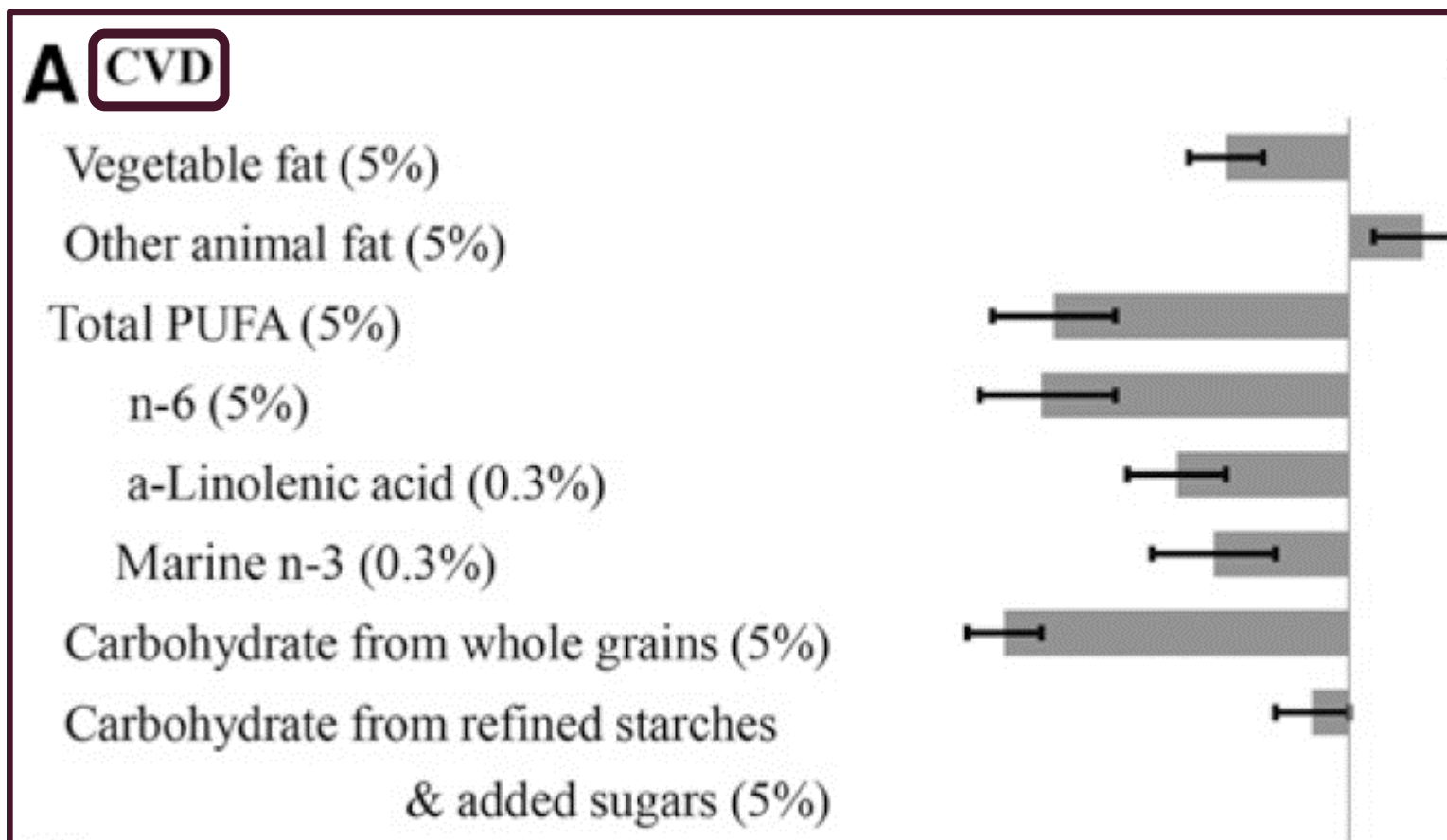


Composition of replacement food



Replacing 5% energy from dairy fat with equivalent energy from other sources:

- Vegetable fat
 - 10% reduced risk
- PUFA
 - 24% reduced risk
- CHO, whole grain
 - 28% reduced risk
- Other animal fat
 - 6% increased risk





Effect on inflammation



- The presence of low-grade inflammation are linked to the development of CVD, MS, T2DM
- Long-chain SFA [palmitic (C16:0) and stearic (C18:0) acid] found in dairy products, have pro-inflammatory effects.
- However, intake of dairy
 - leads to lower levels of CRP, TNF α , IL6 and IL13
 - a neutral or anti-inflammatory effect on inflammation
- A recent systematic review assessed 16 studies conducted in healthy individuals and those with MS and Type 2 DM to determine the **effect of dairy intake on inflammatory markers**:
 - No pro-inflammatory effect associated with the consumption of milk or dairy products
 - Long-term dairy intake showed a weak anti-inflammatory effect



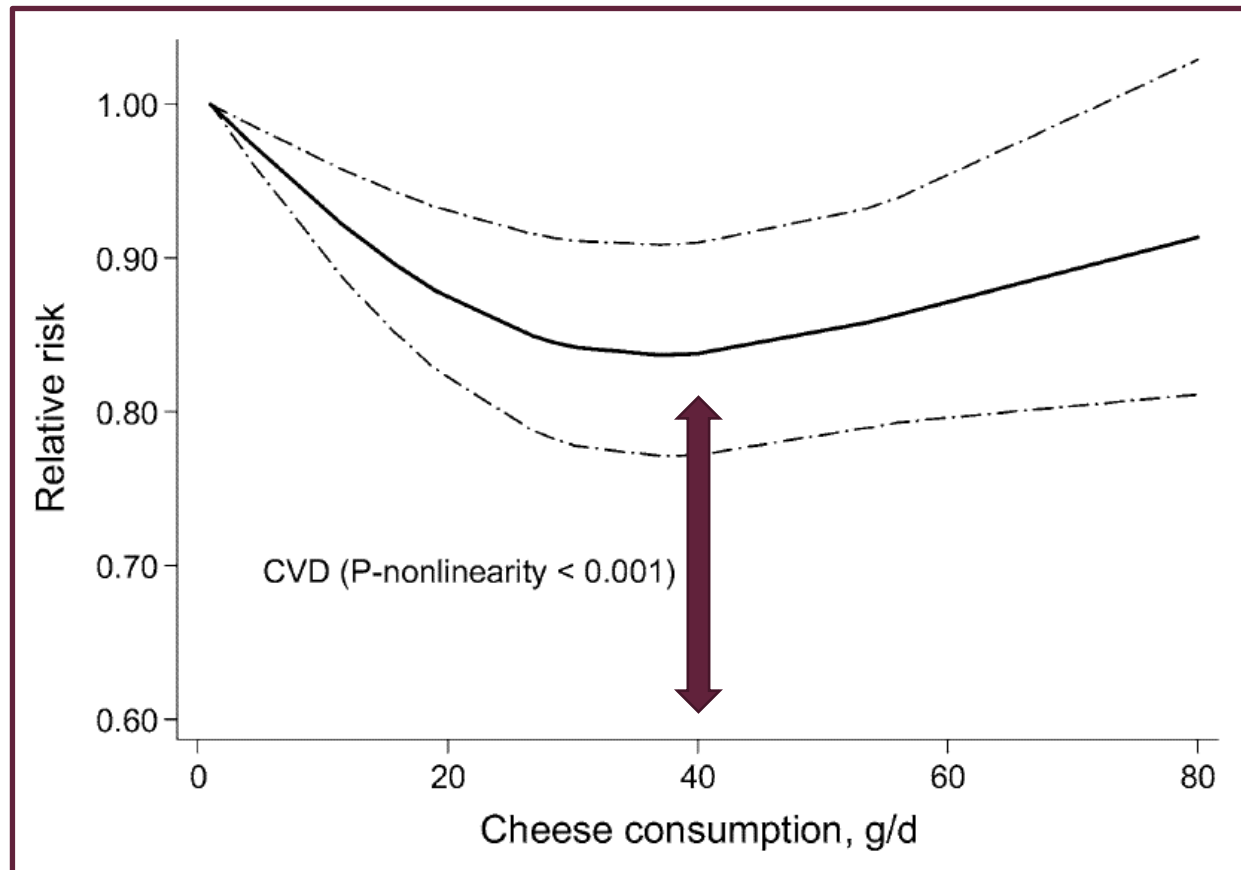
Role of fermentation and fermented foods



- Fermentation assists with reducing inflammation
 - Platelet-activating factor (PAF) is a pro-inflammatory phospholipid and dairy contains PAF inhibitors. As the level of fermentation increases, the PAF inhibitor activity increases.
- Unique nutrient matrix in fermented foods, as they also contain **other nutrients** with beneficial properties
- Bacterial fermentation results in the production of **SCFA**, especially butyrate:
 - improve gut health
 - regulate cholesterol metabolism
 - appetite regulation
 - anti-inflammatory properties

Dose-response effect



- **Non-linear inverse** association between **cheese** consumption and risk for CVD
 - largest risk reductions at consumption of approximately 40 g/d



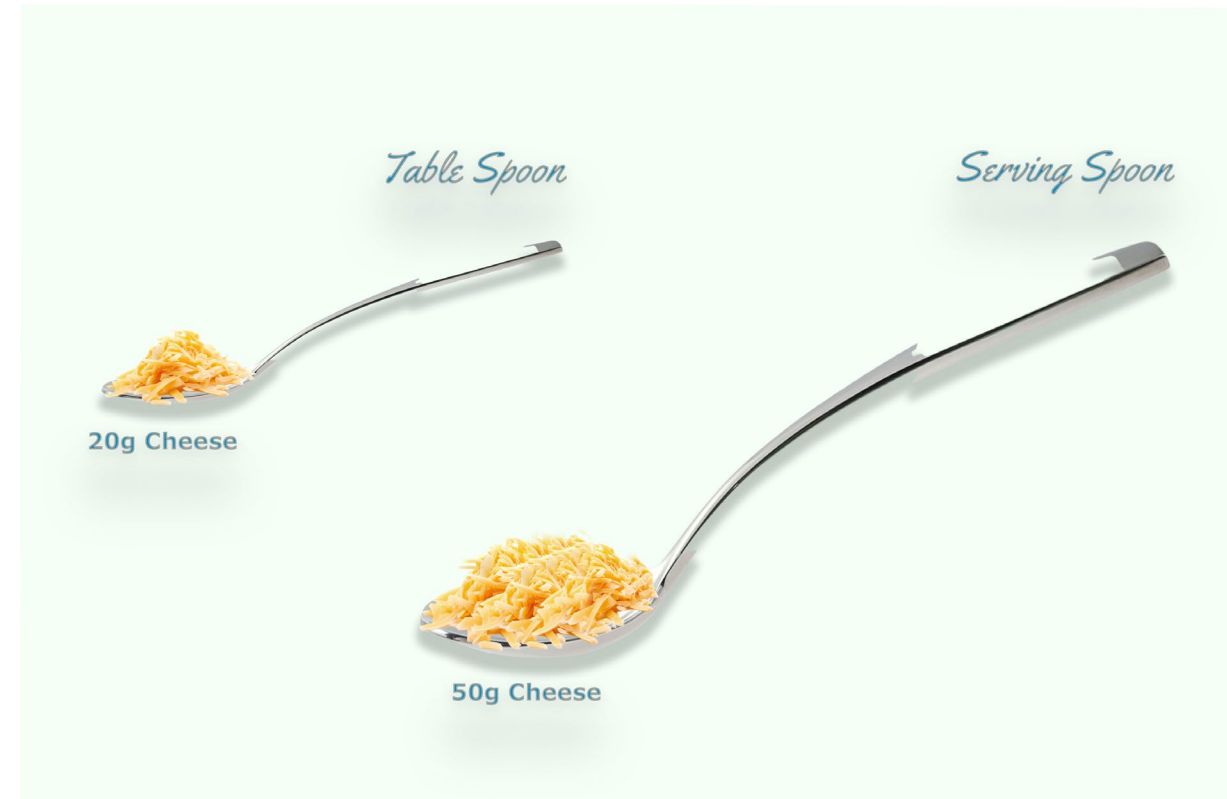
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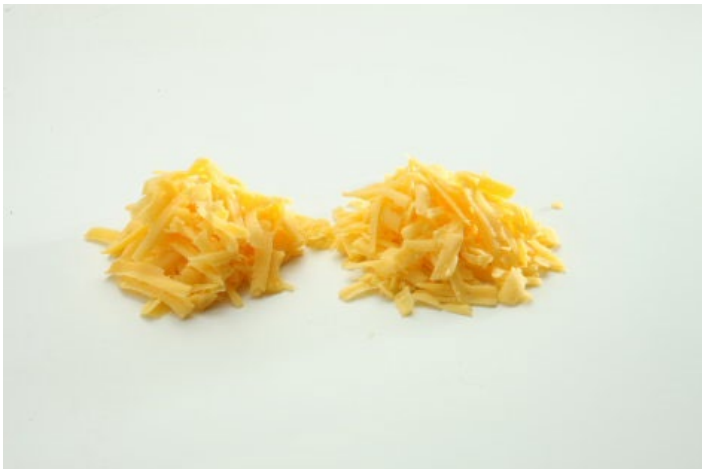
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Portion size	Risk reduction
10 g per day	2%
20 g per day	4%
50 g per day	10-14%



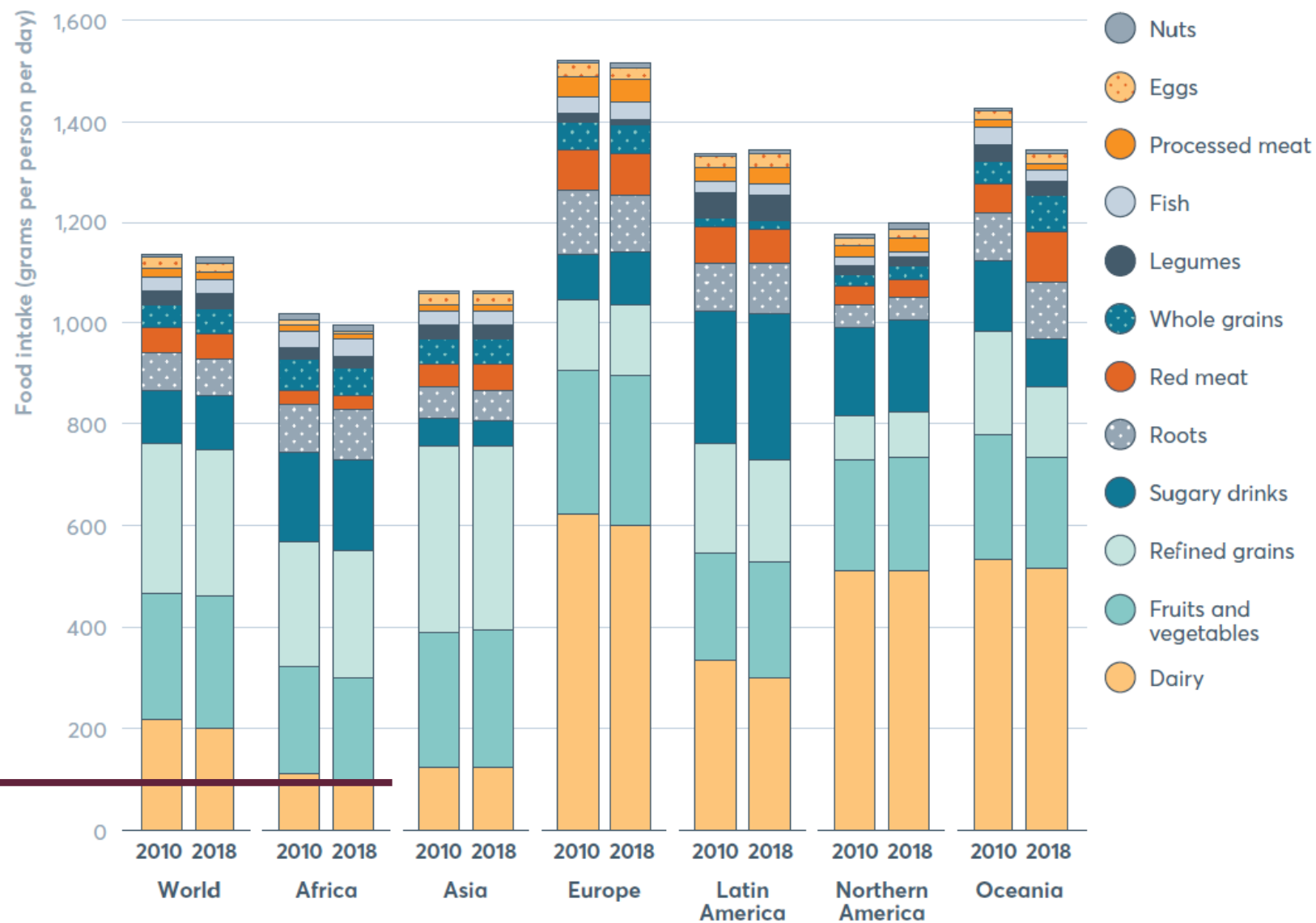
Dose-response

- For **healthy individuals with a normal serum cholesterol** level:
 - Total dairy intake (full-fat or low-fat products): up to 200g per day
 - Milk intake: up to 200ml per day
 - Yoghurt intake: up to 200g per day
 - Cheese consumption: up to 50g per day








Food intake globally



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5. Conclusions

This study highlights the complexity of the relationship between different dairy foods and cardiovascular diseases as well as their risk factors. Altogether, the results indicate that the association of dairy intake with cardiovascular risk is largely driven by the food type (i.e., cheese, yogurt, milk). These findings may inform dietary recommendations for CVD prevention by allowing healthy people with normal plasma cholesterol levels a more liberal consumption of up to 200 g/day of total dairy foods (including milk, cheese, and yogurt), irrespective of being full or low fat. Within this amount of consumption, fermented dairy should be preferred (i.e., one generous serving/day of yogurt or three small servings/week of cheese).

Conclusion

- Intake of dairy products provides different results
 - Fat content and dairy source
 - Food matrix – synergistic effect of nutrients
- Total dairy intake as risk factor for CVD
 - Protective to neutral effects
 - No harmful effects
 - Focus on low-fat guidelines not evidence-based, as there is no proof that regular / high-fat dairy intake within recommended intake levels is harmful in low-risk individuals



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