

**Use of Healthy Eating Index in Intervention Studies for Cardiometabolic Risk Conditions: A Systematic Review by P. Brauer et al.  
Online Supplementary Material**

**Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of Scoring Components of Healthy Eating Index (HEI) and its Adaptations**

|  | HEI 1995    | HEI-C 1995   | HEI-C 2005      | AHEI 2002 | AHEI 2010 <sup>a</sup> | HEI-2005 <sup>b</sup> | HEI-2010 <sup>b</sup> | HEI-2015 <sup>b</sup> |
|--|-------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Adequacy</b>                              |             |              |                 |           |                        |                       |                       |                       |
| <i>Fruits and fruit subgroups</i>            |             |              |                 |           |                        |                       |                       |                       |
| Total Fruit - standard                       | 2 to 4 svgs |              |                 | ≥ 4 svgs  |                        | ≥ 0.8 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 0.8 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 0.8 c/1000 kcal     |
| max score                                    | 10          |              |                 | 10        |                        | 5                     | 5                     | 5                     |
| Whole fruit                                  |             |              | 0.8 to 2.1 svgs |           | ≥ 4 svgs (≥2 cups)     | ≥ 0.4 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 0.4 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 0.4 c/1000 kcal     |
| max score                                    |             |              | 5               |           | 10                     | 5                     | 5                     | 5                     |
| <i>Vegetables and vegetable subgroups</i>    |             |              |                 |           |                        |                       |                       |                       |
| Total vegetables                             | 3 to 5 svgs |              |                 | ≥ 5 svgs  | ≥ 5 svgs (≥2.5 cups)   | ≥ 1.1 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 1.1 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 1.1 c/1000 kcal     |
| max score                                    | 10          |              |                 | 10        | 10                     | 5                     | 5                     | 5                     |
| Dark Green and orange vegetables and legumes |             |              | 0.8 to 2.1 svgs |           |                        | ≥ 0.4 c/1000 kcal     |                       |                       |
| max score                                    |             |              | 5               |           |                        | 5                     |                       |                       |
| Greens and beans                             |             |              |                 |           |                        |                       | ≥ 0.2 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 0.2 c/1000 kcal     |
| max score                                    |             |              |                 |           |                        |                       | 5                     | 5                     |
| Total Vegetables and Fruits                  |             | 5 to 10 svgs | 4 to 10 svgs    |           |                        |                       |                       |                       |
| max score                                    |             | 20           | 10              |           |                        |                       |                       |                       |
| <i>Grains and grains subgroups</i>           |             |              |                 |           |                        |                       |                       |                       |

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|---|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total grains  | 6 to 11 svgs | 5 to 12 svgs | 3 to 8 svgs   |                      |                        | ≥ 3 oz/1000 kcal      |                       |                       |
| max score   | 10           | 10           | 5             |                      |                        | 5                     |                       |                       |
| Whole grains  |              |              | 1.5 to 4 svgs | 15 g                 | W: 75 g<br>M: 90 g     | ≥ 1.5 oz/1000 kcal    | ≥ 1.5 oz/1000 kcal    | ≥ 1.5 oz/1000 kcal    |
| max score   |              |              | 5             | 10                   | 10                     | 5                     | 10                    | 10                    |
| Milk / dairy  | 2 to 3 svgs  | 2 svgs       | 2 to 4 svgs   |                      |                        | ≥ 1.3 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 1.3 c/1000 kcal     | ≥ 1.3 c/1000 kcal     |
| max score   | 10           | 10           | 10            |                      |                        | 10                    | 10                    | 10                    |
| <i>Meat and beans and total protein foods and protein subgroups</i> |              |              |               |                      |                        |                       |                       |                       |
| Meat and beans  | 2 to 3 svgs  | 2 to 3 svgs  | 1 to 3 svgs   |                      |                        | ≥ 2.5 oz/1000 kcal    |                       |                       |
| max score   | 10           | 10           | 10            |                      |                        | 10                    |                       |                       |
| Total protein foods   |              |              |               |                      |                        |                       | ≥ 2.5 oz/1000 kcal    | ≥ 2.5 oz/1000 kcal    |
| max score   |              |              |               |                      |                        |                       | 5                     | 5                     |
| Seafood and plant proteins  |              |              |               |                      |                        |                       | ≥ 0.8 oz/1000 kcal    | ≥ 0.8 oz/1000 kcal    |
| max score   |              |              |               |                      |                        |                       | 5                     | 5                     |
| Nuts and legumes  |              |              |               | 1 svgs               | ≥ 1oz                  |                       |                       |                       |
| max score   |              |              |               | 10                   | 10                     |                       |                       |                       |
| Red and/or processed meats  |              |              |               | white:red<br>0 vs >4 | ≤ 1.5 svgs             |                       |                       |                       |

|                                       | HEI 1995              | HEI-C 1995   | HEI-C 2005             | AHEI 2002                   | AHEI 2010 <sup>a</sup>      | HEI-2005 <sup>b</sup> | HEI-2010 <sup>b</sup>                     | HEI-2015 <sup>b</sup>                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| max score                             |                       |  |                        | 10                          | 10                          |                       |   |   |
| <i>Oils and fatty acids subgroups</i> |                       |  |                        |                             |                             |                       |   |   |
| Oils                                  |                       |  | 30-45 g<br>unsaturated |                             |                             | ≥ 12g/1000<br>kcal    |   |   |
| max score                             |                       |  | 10                     |                             |                             | 10                    |   |   |
| Fatty acids                           |                       |  |                        | PUFA:SFA<br>≤ 0.1 vs ≥ 1    | PUFA ≤ 2 vs ≥<br>10% energy |                       | (PUFA +<br>MUFA)/SFA<br>≥ 2.5 vs<br>≤ 1.2 | (PUFA +<br>MUFA)/SFA<br>≥ 2.5 vs<br>≤ 1.2 |
| max score                             |                       |  |                        | 10                          | 10                          |                       | 10  | 10  |
| Trans fat                             |                       |  |                        | ≥ 4% vs ≤<br>0.5%<br>energy | ≥ 4% vs ≤ 0.5%<br>energy    |                       |   |   |
| max score                             |                       |  |                        | 10                          | 10                          |                       |   |   |
| Omega-3<br>fats                       |                       |  |                        |                             | 250 mg                      |                       |   |   |
| max score                             |                       |  |                        |                             | 10                          |                       |   |   |
| Variety                               | ≥ 8 vs ≤ 3<br>items/d | ≥ 1 svg<br>each food<br>group vs<br>not all food<br>groups<br>consumed |                        |                             |                             |                       |   |   |
| max score                             | 10                    | 10   |                        |                             |                             |                       |   |   |
| Multivitamin<br>use                   |                       |  |                        | <5 y to ≥5 y                |                             |                       |   |   |
| max score                             |                       |  |                        | 10                          |                             |                       |   |   |
| <b>Moderation</b>                     |                       |  |                        |                             |                             |                       |   |   |

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|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Total fat  | ≤ 30% vs ≥ 45% energy | ≤ 30% vs ≥ 45% energy |                   |           |                          |                          |                              |                              |
| max score  | 10                    | 10                    |                   |           |                          |                          |                              |                              |
| Saturated Fats - max/min standard                | ≤ 10% vs ≥ 15% energy | ≤10% vs ≥ 15% energy  | 7 to 15% energy   |           |                          | ≤7 vs ≥15% energy        |                              | ≤8 vs ≥16% energy            |
| max score  | 10                    | 10                    | 10                |           |                          | 10                       |                              | 10                           |
| Cholesterol                                      | ≤ 300 vs ≥ 450 mg     | ≤ 300 vs ≥ 450 mg     |                   |           |                          |                          |                              |                              |
| max score  | 10                    | 10                    |                   |           |                          |                          |                              |                              |
| Refined grains                                   |                       |                       |                   |           |                          |                          | ≤1.8 vs ≥4.3 equiv/1000 kcal | ≤1.8 vs ≥4.3 equiv/1000 kcal |
| max score  |                       |                       |                   |           |                          |                          | 10                           | 10                           |
| Sodium   | ≤ 2.4 vs ≥ 4.8 g      | ≤ 2.4 vs ≥ 4.8 g      | AI to UL          |           | lowest to highest decile | ≤0.7 vs ≥2.0 g/1000 kcal | ≤1.1 vs ≥2.0 g/1000 kcal     | ≤1.1 vs ≥2.0 g/1000 kcal     |
| max score  | 10                    | 10                    | 10                |           | 10                       | 10                       | 10                           | 10                           |
| Empty calories (solid fat, alcohol, added sugar) |                       |                       | <5 vs >40% energy |           |                          | ≤20 vs ≥50% energy       | ≤19% vs ≥50% energy          |                              |
| max score  |                       |                       | 20                |           |                          | 20                       | 20                           |                              |
| Added sugars                                     |                       |                       |                   |           |                          |                          |                              | ≤6.5 vs ≥26% energy          |

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|---------------------|------------|------------|------------|--|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| max score           |            |            |            |  |  |                       |                       | 10                    |
| SSB and fruit juice |            |            |            |  | < 8 oz   |                       |                       |                       |
| max score           |            |            |            |  | 10   |                       |                       |                       |
| Alcohol             |            |            |            | W: 0.5-1.5 vs ≥ 2.5 drinks<br>M: 0.5-2 vs ≥ 3.5 drinks | W: 0.5-1.5 vs ≥ 2.5 drinks<br>M: 0.5-2 vs ≥ 3.5 drinks |                       |                       |                       |
| max score           |            |            |            | 10   | 10   |                       |                       |                       |
| <b>Total score</b>  | <b>100</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>90</b>  | <b>110</b>   | <b>100</b>            | <b>100</b>            | <b>100</b>            |

Notes: PUFA = polyunsaturated fatty acid, SFA = saturated fatty acid, MUFA = monounsaturated fatty acid

<sup>a</sup>Wang DD, Leung CW, Li Y, Ding EL, Chiuve SE, Hu FB, Willett WC. Trends in dietary quality among adults in the United States, 1999 through 2010. JAMA Intern Med. 2014 Oct;174(10):1587-95. doi: 10.1001/jamainternmed.2014.3422. PMID: 25179639; PMCID: PMC5924699.

<sup>b</sup>National Cancer Institute. Developing the Healthy Eating Index; 2020 (cited 2021 May 4). Available from: <https://epi.grants.cancer.gov/hei/developing.html>

**Supplementary Table 2. Search strategy for PubMed and CINAHL**

Date of search: January 5, 2020

Searched from: January 1, 1995 to December 31, 2019

PubMed Search

|      | Box 1 (intervention)   | Box 2 (diet measures)  | Box 3 (Conditions)  |
|------|--|--|---|
| Text | Behavioral intervention<br>Behavioural intervention<br>Diet intervention<br>Dietary intervention<br>Diet education<br>Dietary education<br>Diet counselling<br>Diet counseling<br>Dietary counseling<br>Dietary counselling<br>Diet advice<br>Dietary advice<br>Lifestyle intervention<br>Lifestyle counseling<br>Lifestyle counselling<br>Lifestyle modification<br>Lifestyle program<br>Nutrition advice<br>Nutrition counselling<br>Nutrition counseling<br>Nutrition intervention<br>Nutrition education | 1. Alternative healthy eating index<br>2. Diet assessment<br>3. Dietary assessment<br>4. Diet quality<br>5. Diet quality index<br>6. Diet score<br>7. Healthy eating index | Diabetes<br>Type 2 diabetes<br>Prediabetes<br>Pre-diabetes<br>Metabolic syndrome<br>Cardiovascular risk<br>Cardio-metabolic risk<br>Cardiometabolic risk  |
| MeSH | <b>Diet therapy (M)</b> [Therapy,<br>Diet<br>Diet Therapies<br>Therapies, Diet<br>Dietary Modification<br>Dietary Modifications<br>Modification, Dietary<br>Modifications, Dietary<br>Diet Modification<br>Diet Modifications  |  | Overweight (M)<br>Body weight changes (M)<br>Body weight (M)<br>Diabetes mellitus (M)<br>Chronic disease (M)<br>Dyslipidemias (M)<br>Hypertension (M)<br>Coronary disease (M)<br>Cardiovascular disease (M) |

|  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
|  | <p>Modification, Diet<br/>Modifications, Diet]</p> <p><b>Medical Nutrition therapy (M)</b><br/>[Therapy, Nutrition<br/>Medical Nutrition Therapy<br/>Nutrition Therapy, Medical<br/>Therapy, Medical Nutrition]</p> <p><b>Patient education (M)</b><br/>[Education, Patient<br/>Patient Education<br/>Education of Patients]</p> <p><b>Health education (M)</b><br/>[Education, Health<br/>Community Health Education<br/>Education, Community Health<br/>Health Education,<br/>Community]</p> |  | <p>Metabolic syndrome X (M)<br/>Body mass index (M)<br/>Prediabetic State (M)</p> |
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\*(M) = Medical Subject Heading term

CINAHL Search

|                      | Box 1 (intervention)   | Box 2 (diet measures)  | Box 3 (Conditions)  |
|----------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Text</b>          | Behavioral intervention<br>Behavioural intervention<br>Diet intervention<br>Dietary intervention<br>Diet education<br>Dietary education<br>Diet counselling<br>Diet counseling<br>Dietary counseling<br>Dietary counselling<br>Diet advice<br>Dietary advice<br>Lifestyle intervention<br>Lifestyle counseling<br>Lifestyle counselling<br>Lifestyle modification<br>Lifestyle program<br>Nutrition counselling<br>Nutrition counseling<br>Nutrition intervention<br>Nutrition education | 1. Alternative healthy eating index<br>2. Diet assessment<br>3. Dietary assessment<br>4. Diet quality<br>5. Diet quality index<br>6. Diet score<br>7. Healthy eating index | Diabetes<br>Type 2 diabetes<br>Prediabetes<br>Pre-diabetes<br>Metabolic syndrome<br>Cardiovascular risk<br>Cardio-metabolic risk<br>Cardiometabolic risk  |
| <b>Subject Terms</b> | Diet therapy<br>Nutrition therapy<br>Patient education<br>Health education   |  | Overweight (M)<br>Body weight changes (M)<br>Body weight (M)<br>Diabetes mellitus (M)<br>Chronic disease (M)<br>Dyslipidemias (M)<br>Hypertension (M)<br>Coronary disease (M)<br>Cardiovascular disease (M)<br>Metabolic syndrome X (M)<br>Body mass index (M)<br>Prediabetic State (M) |



### Supplementary Table 3. Quality Assessment of Included Studies

#### A. Quality assessment using Cochrane risk of bias tool for randomized studies

|                               | random sequence generation | allocation concealment | blinding of participants and personnel | blinding of outcome assessment | incomplete outcome data | selective reporting | other sources of bias |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Hedrick et al. (2017)         | L                          | L                      | H                                      | H                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Keogh et al. (2014)           | L                          | U                      | H                                      | L                              | H                       | U                   | H                     |
| Lewis et al. (2015)           | U                          | L                      | H                                      | U                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Lin et al. (2013)             | L                          | L                      | L                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Lynch et al. (2019)           | U                          | U                      | H                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Mohammadshahi et al. (2014)   | L                          | L                      | H                                      | H                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Njike et al. (2016)           | L                          | U                      | H                                      | H                              | L                       | U                   | H                     |
| Ortega et al. (2006)          | L                          | U                      | L                                      | L                              | L                       | U                   | H                     |
| Petrogianni et al. (2013)     | U                          | U                      | H                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | H                     |
| Stolley et al. (2009)         | L                          | U                      | H                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Swoboda et al. (2017)         | L                          | L                      | H                                      | U                              | U                       | U                   | H                     |
| Turner-McGrievy et al. (2008) | L                          | U                      | L                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | H                     |
| Ventura Marra et al. (2019)   | U                          | H                      | U                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |
| Webel et al. (2018)           | L                          | L                      | U                                      | L                              | L                       | H                   | L                     |
| Ma et al. (2015)              | L                          | L                      | L                                      | L                              | L                       | L                   | L                     |

Notes: L = low, U = unclear, H = high

B. Quality Assessment using ROBINS-1 for nonrandomized studies

|                             | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Confounding</b> | <b>Selection</b> | <b>Classification</b> | <b>Deviations</b> | <b>Missing data</b> | <b>Measurement of outcomes</b> | <b>Selection of Reported Result</b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Arnold et al. (2018)        | Serious        | Serious            | Moderate         | Low                   | Low               | Low                 | Low                            | Moderate                            |
| Asaad et al. (2016)         | Moderate       | Moderate           | Moderate         | Low                   | Low               | Moderate            | Low                            | Low                                 |
| Carbonneau et al. (2017)    | Moderate       | Moderate           | Moderate         | Low                   | Low               | Moderate            | Moderate                       | Moderate                            |
| Chang et al. (2019)         | Serious        | Serious            | Serious          | Moderate              | Moderate          | Moderate            | Moderate                       | Moderate                            |
| Jeejeebhoy et al. (2017)    | Moderate       | Moderate           | Moderate         | Low                   | Low               | Low                 | Moderate                       | Moderate                            |
| Landry et al. (2017)        | Moderate       | Low                | Low              | Low                   | Low               | Low                 | Moderate                       | Low                                 |
| Marques-Rocha et al. (2016) | Serious        | Low                | Moderate         | Low                   | Low               | Low                 | Low                            | Serious                             |
| Ptomey et al. (2016)        | Critical       | Low                | Critical         | Low                   | Low               | Serious             | Moderate                       | Low                                 |
| Thomson et al. (2015)       | Moderate       | Low                | Low              | Low                   | Low               | Low                 | Moderate                       | Low                                 |
| Webber and Lee (2011)       | Serious        | Serious            | Low              | Serious               | Moderate          | Moderate            | Serious                        | Moderate                            |