

# Inkluderade artiklar



## Carbohydrate Quality and Type 2 Diabetes Risk

With a Focus on Intake of Carbohydrates and Carbohydrate-Rich Foods

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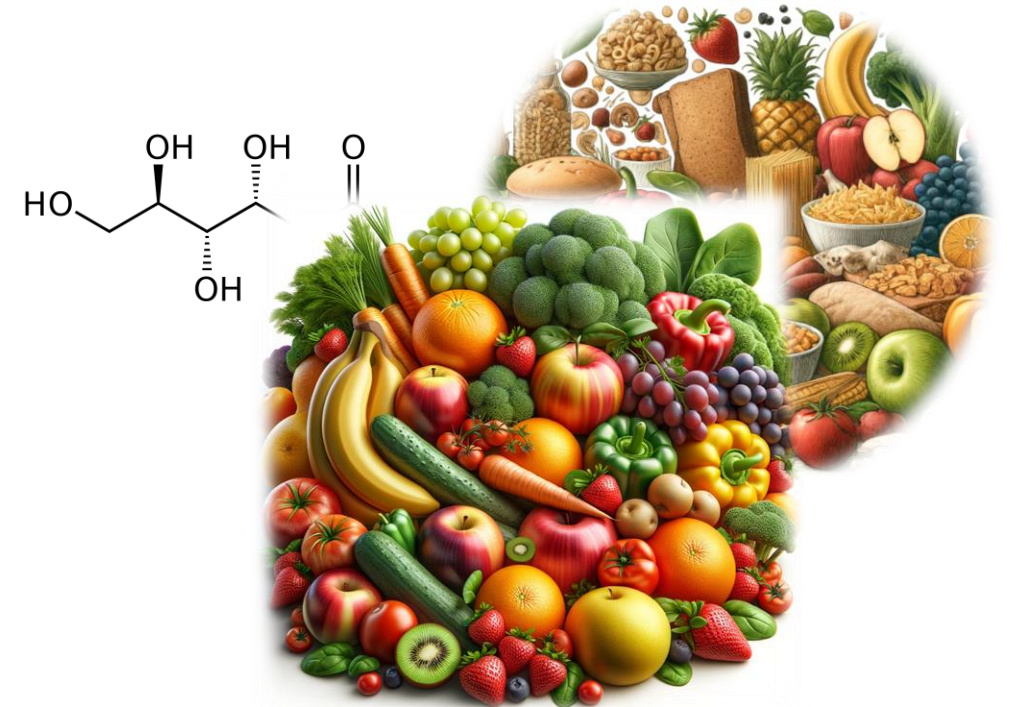
# Bakgrund

**>500 miljoner** vuxna lever med diabetes idag

Beräknas stiga till **800 miljoner** till år 2045

Intag av **kolhydrater & kolhydratrika livsmedel** har kopplats till **ökad risk för typ 2 diabetes**

**Kolhydraternas kvalitet** tycks vara viktigare än mängd eller andel kolhydrater i kosten

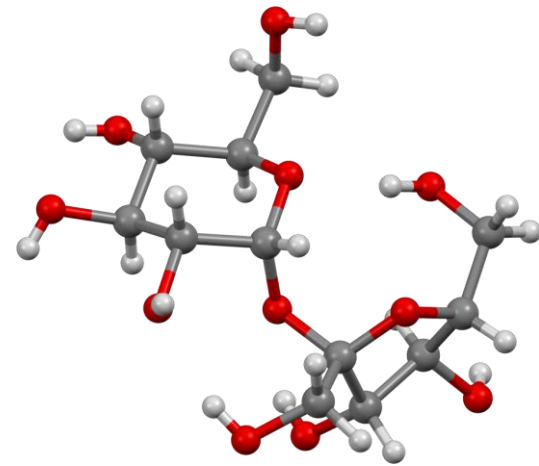




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Studie I





# Övergripande syfte

Att studera sambandet mellan kolhydratkvalitet och risken att utveckla typ 2-diabetes



# Diabetesfall – register och screening

Swedish National Diabetes Register

HbA1c Register, Clinical Chemistry, SUS, Malmö

Diabetes 2000 – Scania Diabetes Registry

ANDIS – All New Diabetics in Scania

**National Board of Health and Welfare:**

National Inpatient Registry

Hospital-based Outpatient Care

Cause-of-Death Register

Swedish Prescribed Drug Register

**Cohort rescreening:**

MDC baseline - cardiovascular cohort (1992-1994)

MDC 5-year rescreening (1997-2001)

Malmö Preventive Project rescreening (2002-2006)

MDC cardiovascular rescreening (2007-2012)

# STUDIE I

# ASSOCIATIONS OF CARBOHYDRATES AND CARBOHYDRATE-RICH FOODS WITH INCIDENCE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES

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## Associations of carbohydrates and carbohydrate-rich foods with incidence of type 2 diabetes

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### Abstract

Dietary carbohydrates have long been expected to be associated with risk of type 2 diabetes; however, the associations for many carbohydrates and carbohydrate-rich foods remain inconclusive. This study analysed associations between intakes of six types of carbohydrates and thirteen carbohydrate-rich foods with incident type 2 diabetes in 26 622 participants (61% women) in the Malmö Diet and Cancer Study in southern Sweden. Dietary intake was assessed at baseline (1991–1996) by using a modified diet history method. During mean follow-up of 18 years, 4046 cases were identified. Adjusting for potential confounders (including lifestyle, BMI and dietary factors), comparing highest v. lowest quintile of intake, monosaccharides (hazard ratio (HR) 0.88; 95% CI 0.79, 0.98;  $P_{trend} = 0.02$ ) and fruits (HR 0.91; 95% CI 0.82, 1.01;  $P_{trend} = 0.05$ ) were inversely associated with incident type 2 diabetes, while disaccharides (HR 1.17; 95% CI 1.04, 1.30;  $P_{trend} = 0.002$ ) and sweets (HR 1.09; 95% CI 1.00, 1.19;  $P_{trend} = 0.02$ ) were positively associated. After stratification by sex, marmalade/honey/jam (HR 0.82; 95% CI 0.72, 0.94;  $P_{trend} < 0.001$ ) and vegetables (HR 0.85; 95% CI 0.73, 0.98;  $P_{trend} = 0.06$ ) were inversely associated with incident type 2 diabetes in men and chocolate (HR 1.26; 95% CI 1.09, 1.46;  $P_{trend} < 0.001$ ) was positively associated in women. In conclusion, we identified inverse associations for intake of monosaccharides and fruits with type 2 diabetes risk, and positive associations for disaccharides and sweets. Additional sex-specific associations were also identified. Future studies are needed to explore these associations further.

**Key words:** Carbohydrates; Carbohydrate-rich foods; Epidemiology; Malmö Diet and Cancer Study; Type 2 diabetes

In 2019, an estimated 463 million adults were living with diabetes worldwide and the prevalence is expected to increase to 700 million by 2045<sup>(1)</sup>. Roughly, nine out of ten diabetes cases worldwide are of type 2. The estimated global health expenditure due to diabetes is currently about 760 billion US dollars annually.

Diet is one of the main modifiable risk factors for type 2 diabetes, due to its effect on post-prandial glucose levels, insulin resistance and obesity<sup>(2)</sup>. Dietary carbohydrates have long been predicted to be associated with risk of type 2 diabetes; however, the metabolic effect differs between different carbohydrates and carbohydrate-rich foods. For example, a higher intake of sugar-sweetened beverages has been associated with greater risk of type 2 diabetes, while a higher intake of whole grains has been found to be protective<sup>(3–5)</sup>. Apart from these findings, however, most associations between

carbohydrates and carbohydrate-rich foods with incident type 2 diabetes remain largely inconclusive<sup>(6,7)</sup>. For example, few studies have examined different sugars in relation to type 2 diabetes risk, and they have shown conflicting results<sup>(6,8)</sup>. Similarly, evidence of a protective effect from vegetable and fruit intake is still inadequate<sup>(9)</sup>.

Studies on dietary carbohydrates are often focused on individual nutrients, for example, fibres and sugars, as well as foods and food groups with a high carbohydrate content<sup>(9)</sup>. Adapting a broad approach, studying the effects of multiple carbohydrates and carbohydrate-rich foods on health outcomes, can provide a better understanding of healthy dietary patterns. Findings from large-scale studies with long follow-up are needed to provide further evidence of the associations with type 2 diabetes risk<sup>(6,8,10)</sup>. The aim of this study was to analyse the associations between intake of different types

**Abbreviation:** HR, hazard ratio.

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# Syfte

Analysera samband mellan intag av olika typer av kolhydrater och kolhydratrika livsmedel och incidens av typ 2-diabetes.

**MACRONUTRIENTS**

- Carbohydrates
- Monosaccharides
- Disaccharides
- Sucrose
- Added sugar
- Fibre

**FOODS**

- Whole grains
- Refined grains
- Potato
- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Juice
- Sugar-sweetened beverages
- Table sugar
- Sweets
- Chocolate
- Ice cream
- Pastries
- Marmalade/Honey/Jam



4 046 cases in 18 years of follow-up



**OUTCOME**

Incidence of type 2 diabetes

# Method

Survival analysis

Cox proportional hazard regression

Hazard ratios Q5 vs. Q1 (95% CI)

*P* for trend

Interaction with sex

## Basic model

sex

age

diet method version

season

total energy intake

## Extended model excl. BMI

sex

age

diet method version

season

total energy intake

leisure-time physical activity

alcohol

smoking habits

level of education

## Extended model incl. BMI

sex

age

diet method version

season

total energy intake

leisure-time physical activity

alcohol

smoking habits

level of education

BMI

## Extended model incl. diet & BMI

sex

age

diet method version

season

total energy intake

leisure-time physical activity

alcohol

smoking habits

level of education

BMI

coffee

meat

whole grains

sugar-sweetened beverages

# Results



Vegetables

HR 0.85 (0.73, 0.98)  $P_{trend} = 0.06$

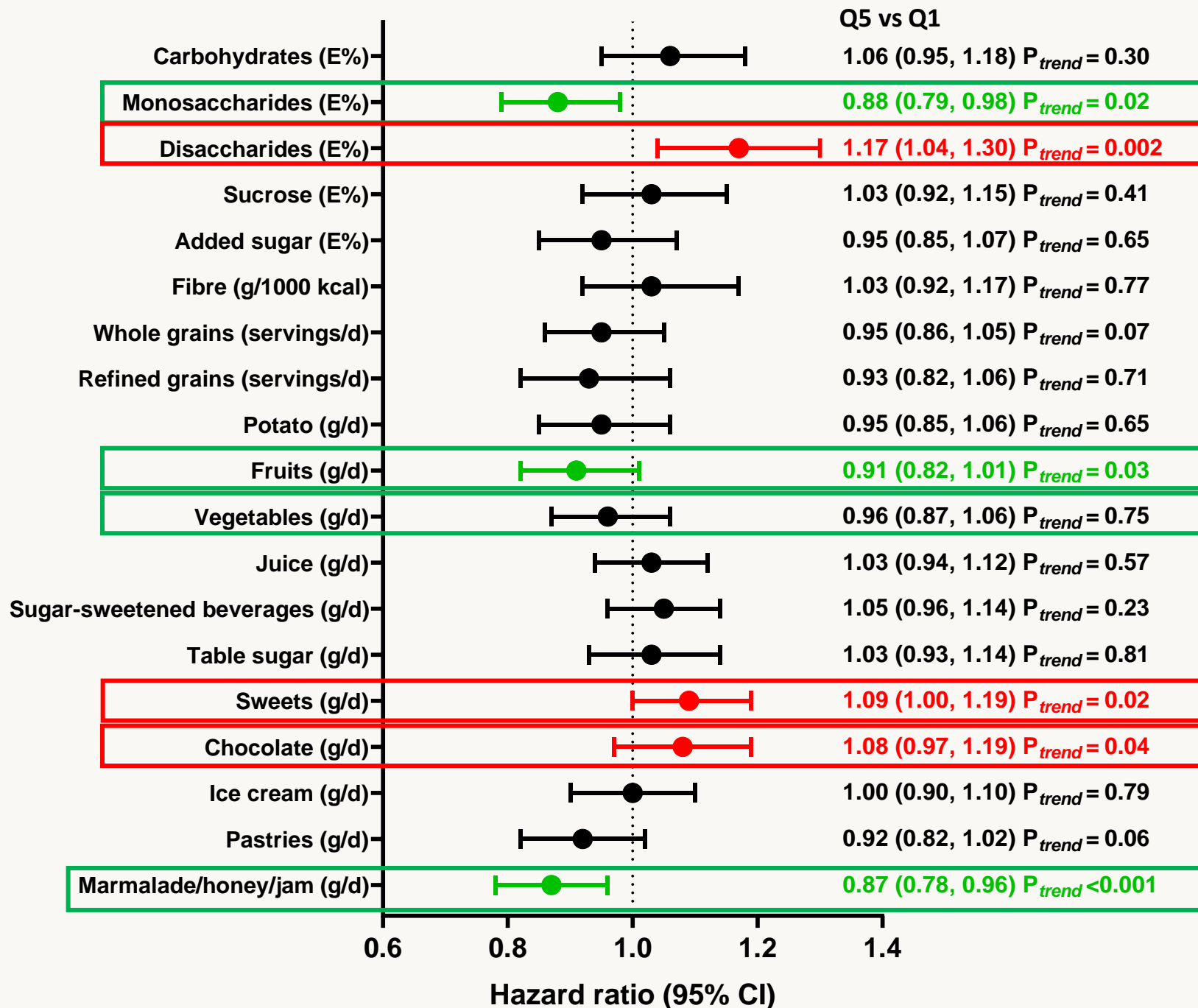
Marmalade/honey/jam

HR 0.82 (0.72, 0.94)  $P_{trend} < 0.001$



Chocolate

HR 1.26 (1.09, 1.46)  $P_{trend} < 0.001$





# Slutsats

**Monosackarider** och **frukt** var kopplat till **lägre risk** för typ 2-diabetes.

**Disackarider** och **sötsaker** var kopplat till en **ökad** risk.

**Grönsaker** och **marmelad/honung/sylt** var kopplat till en **lägre risk** hos **män**.

**Choklad** var kopplat till en **ökad risk** hos **kvinnor**.



# STUDIE II

CLUSTERS OF CARBOHYDRATE-  
RICH FOODS AND ASSOCIATIONS  
WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES INCIDENCE:  
A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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## RESEARCH

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# Clusters of carbohydrate-rich foods and associations with type 2 diabetes incidence: a prospective cohort study

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**Background** About one in ten adults are living with diabetes worldwide. Intake of carbohydrates and carbohydrate-rich foods are often identified as modifiable risk factors for incident type 2 diabetes. However, strong correlation between food variables can make it difficult to identify true associations. The purpose of this study was to identify clusters of carbohydrate-rich foods and analyse their associations with type 2 diabetes incidence in the Malmö Diet and Cancer Study cohort in southern Sweden.

**Methods** Dietary intake of 26 622 participants was assessed using a validated three-part diet history method: a 7-day food diary, a 168-item food frequency questionnaire, and a 60-minute interview. K-means clustering analysis identified five clusters from 21 food variables. The Cox proportional hazard regression model was applied to calculate hazard ratios (HR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI) of the association between clusters and incident type 2 diabetes.

**Results** The cluster analysis resulted in five clusters; *high vegetables/low added sugar*, *high sugar-sweetened beverages, high juice, high fruit*, and *high refined carbohydrates/low fruit & vegetables* (reference). During mean follow-up of 18 years, 4046 type 2 diabetes cases were identified. After adjustment for potential confounding (including lifestyle, body mass index, and diet), a *high fruit* cluster (HR 0.86; 95% CI 0.78, 0.94) was inversely associated with type 2 diabetes compared to the reference cluster. No other significant associations were identified.

**Conclusions** A dietary pattern defined by a high intake of fruits was associated with a lower incidence of type 2 diabetes. The findings provide additional evidence of a potential protective effect from fruit intake in reducing type 2 diabetes risk. Future studies are needed to explore this association further.

**Keywords** K-means clustering, Epidemiology, Malmö Diet and Cancer Study, Type 2 Diabetes, Diet, Nutrition

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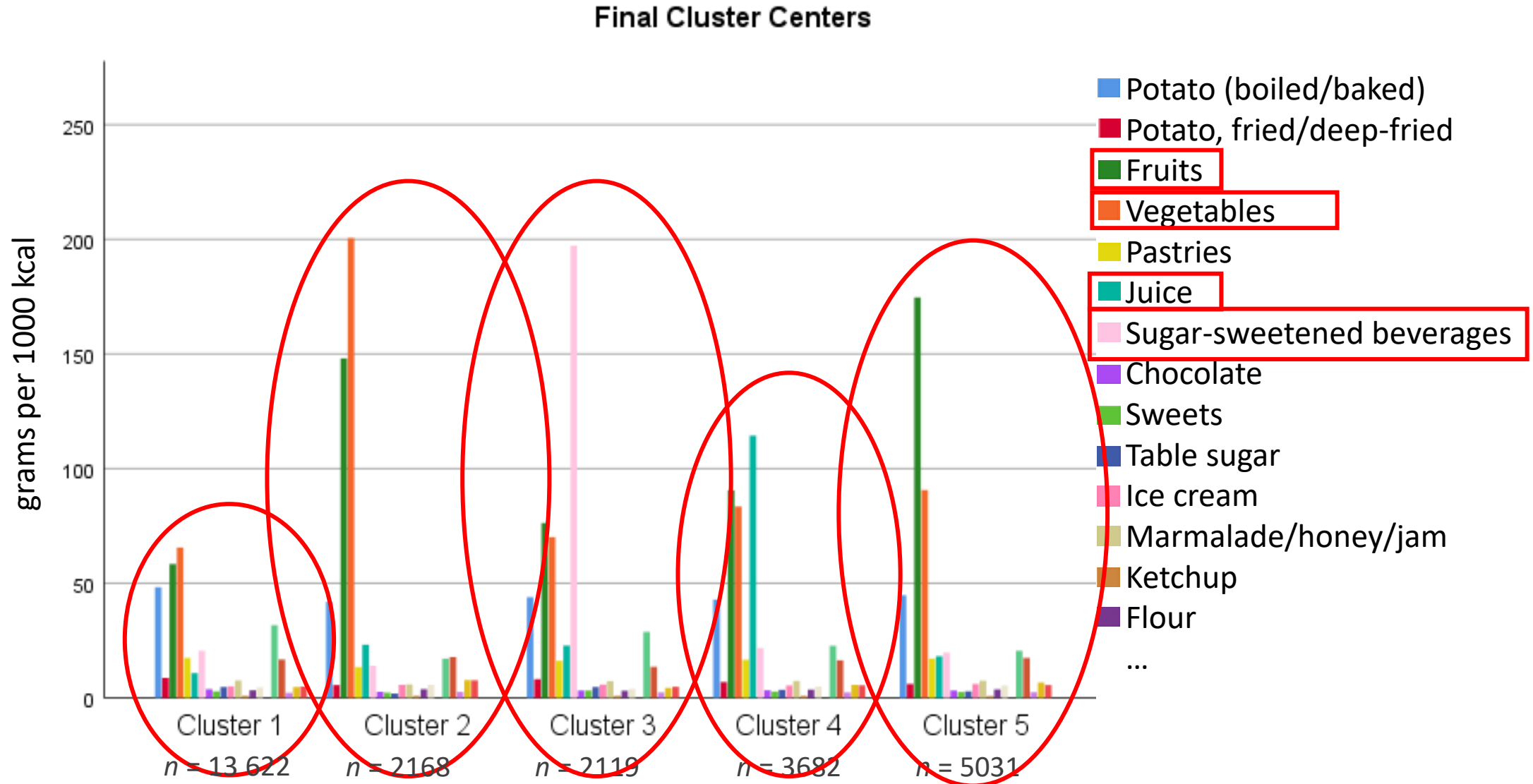
# Syfte

Att identifiera kluster i intag av kolhydratrika livsmedel och analysera samband med incidens av typ 2-diabetes.

# 21 kostvariabler inkluderade i klusteranalys

- Potato, boiled/baked
- Potato, fried/deep-fried
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Juice
- Sugar-sweetened beverages
- Pastries
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Table sugar
- Ice cream
- Marmalade/honey/jam
- Ketchup
- Flour
- Rice/pasta
- Grain/cereals low fiber
- Grain/cereals high fiber
- Soft bread low fiber
- Soft bread high fiber
- Crisp bread low fiber
- Crisp bread high fiber

# Results – Five Clusters





# Results – Five Clusters

High refined carbohydrates/Low fruit and vegetables (Reference)

High vegetables/Low sugar

High sugar-sweetened beverages

High juice

High fruit

# Results - Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
High refined carbs/Low fruit & veg	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
High vegetables/Low added sugar	1.02 (0.90, 1.15)	1.12 (0.99, 1.26)	0.98 (0.87, 1.11)	0.99 (0.88, 1.12)
<u>High sugar-sweetened beverages</u>	1.13 (1.01, 1.27)	1.08 (0.96, 1.21)	0.98 (0.87, 1.09)	0.97 (0.86, 1.08)
High juice	0.91 (0.83, 1.01)	0.96 (0.87, 1.06)	0.95 (0.86, 1.05)	0.95 (0.86, 1.05)
<u>High fruit</u>	0.87 (0.80, 0.96)	0.93 (0.84, 1.01)	0.85 (0.78, 0.93)	0.86 (0.78, 0.94)



# Slutsats

Vi identifierade en **lägre risk** för **typ 2-diabetes** hos ett kostmönster primärt definierat av **ett högt fruktintag**.



# STUDIE III

COMPARISONS OF DIFFERENT  
CARBOHYDRATE QUALITY INDICES  
FOR RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES IN THE  
MALMÖ DIET AND CANCER STUDY

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Article

## Comparisons of Different Carbohydrate Quality Indices for Risk of Type 2 Diabetes in the Malmö Diet and Cancer Study

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**Abstract** Carbohydrate quality might be more important than quantity to reduce type 2 diabetes (T2D) risk. Various metrics of carbohydrate quality exist; however, their associations with T2D have only been studied to a limited extent. Consequently, the aim was to investigate the association between four different pre-defined carbohydrate quality indices, with various amounts of fiber ( $\geq 1$  g) and free sugar ( $<1$  or  $<2$  g) per 10 g of carbohydrates, and T2D risk among 26,622 individuals without diabetes from the Malmö Diet and Cancer cohort. Dietary data were collected through a food diary, diet frequency questionnaire, and interview. After a mean follow-up of 18 years, 4046 cases were identified through registers. After adjusting for potential confounders, no statistically significant associations were found for any of the indices. When excluding individuals with past dietary changes and potential misreporting of energy (36% of the population), lower risk was found for the following intake ratios: 10:1:2 carbohydrate:fiber:free sugar (HR = 0.82; 95% CI = 0.70–0.97), and 10:1&1:2 carbohydrate:fiber and fiber:free sugar, respectively (HR = 0.84; 95% CI = 0.72–0.97). Our findings indicate that adherence to a diet with high amounts of fiber and moderate amounts of free sugar in relation to total carbohydrate intake may be associated with a lower risk of T2D.

**Keywords:** type 2 diabetes; carbohydrates; free sugar; fiber; cohort



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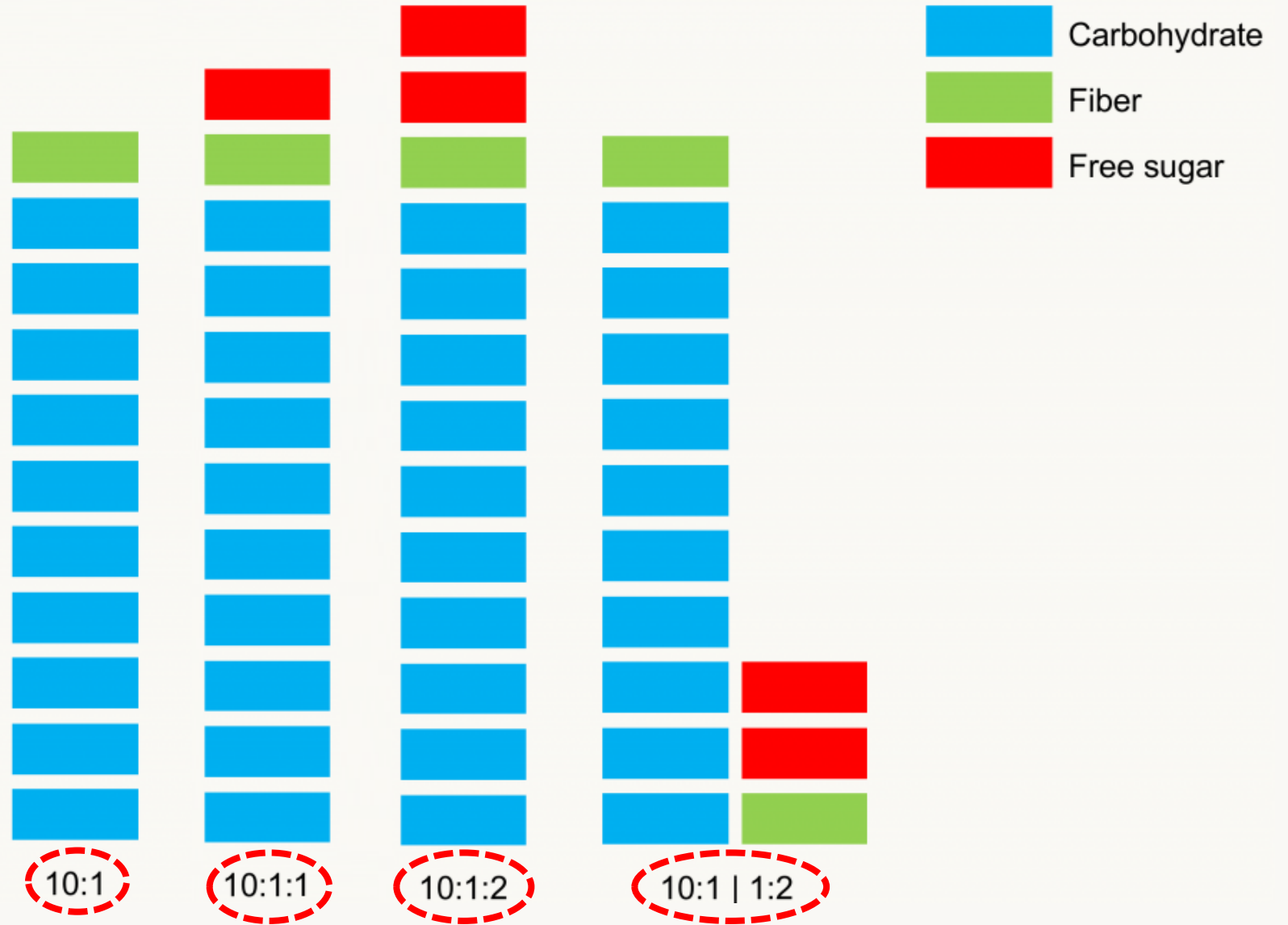


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# Syfte

Att utforska samband mellan fyra olika kolhydratkvalitets-index, med olika mängd fiber och fritt socker i relation till total mängd kolhydrater, och risken för att utveckla typ 2-diabetes.

# Carbohydrate indices



# Results – Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes

		Basic model	Multivariable model	Multivariable model + BMI	Excluding diet changers & misreporters Multivariable model + BMI
<b>10:1 CHO:FI</b> 	No	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Yes	0.94 (0.86–1.02)	1.00 (0.92–1.08)	0.99 (0.91–1.08)	0.89 (0.79–1.01)
<b>10:1:1 CHO:FI:FS</b> 	No	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Yes	1.26 (1.02–1.56)	1.27 (1.03–1.56)	1.08 (0.87–1.34)	0.79 (0.51–1.23)
<b>10:1:2 CHO:FI:FS</b> 	No	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Yes	0.94 (0.85–1.03)	0.99 (0.89–1.09)	0.95 (0.86–1.05)	0.82 (0.70–0.97)
<b>10:1 &amp; 1:2 CHO:FI &amp; FI:FS</b> 	No	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
	Yes	0.91 (0.83–1.00)	0.96 (0.88–1.06)	0.93 (0.85–1.02)	0.84 (0.72–0.97)



# Slutsats

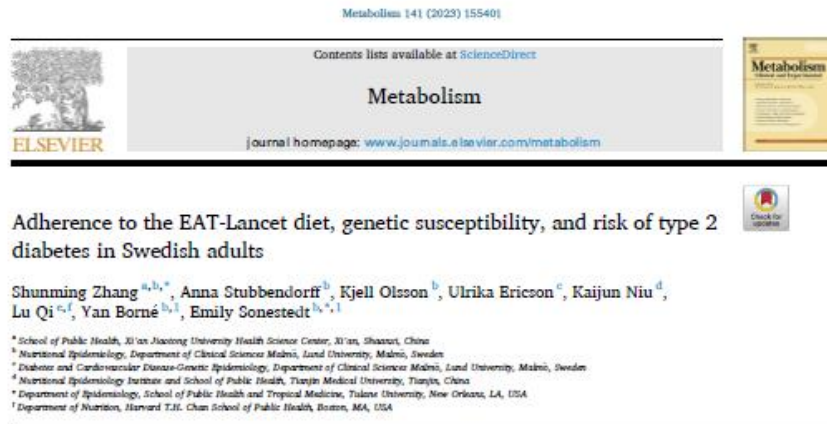
Trots att **lägre T2D risk** observerades hos de som åt i enlighet med kolhydratkvalitetsindexen, så var resultaten enbart statistiskt signifikanta för **10:1:2** och **10:1&1:2 indexen** efter exkludering av individer med potentiellt felrapporterat och/eller nyligen ändrat intag.



# STUDIE IV

ADHERENCE TO THE EAT-LANCET  
DIET, GENETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY,  
AND RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES IN  
SWEDISH ADULTS

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# Syfte

Att utforska samband mellan **EAT-Lancetkosten** och **risken för typ 2-diabetes** och kartlägga huruvida **ambandet** skiljer sig beroende på **genetiskt anlag** för typ 2-diabetes.

## ARTICLE INFO

### Keywords

Type 2 diabetes  
EAT-Lancet diet  
Polygenic risk score  
Sustainable diet

## ABSTRACT

**Background and aim:** In 2019, the EAT-Lancet Commission proposed a mainly plant-based diet that nurtures human health and supports environmental sustainability. However, its association with type 2 diabetes (T2D) has not been widely studied, and it remains unclear whether genetic susceptibility for T2D can modify this association. The aim was therefore to investigate the association between the EAT-Lancet diet and risk of T2D and assess whether the association differs by the genetic predisposition to T2D.

**Methods:** A total of 24,494 participants from the Malmö Diet and Cancer study were analyzed. Dietary intake was assessed using a modified diet history methodology, and an EAT-Lancet diet index (range from 0 to 42 points) was constructed based on the EAT-Lancet reference diet. National and local registers were used to identify T2D cases during follow-up. Cox proportional hazards regression model was applied to estimate the association between the EAT-Lancet diet index and risk of T2D. Genetic predisposition to T2D was captured based on 116 single nucleotide polymorphisms.

**Results:** During a median of 24.3 years of follow-up, 4197 (17.1 %) T2D cases were documented. Compared with those with the lowest adherence to the EAT-Lancet diet ( $\leq 13$  points), participants who had the highest adherence ( $\geq 23$  points) showed an 18 % (95 % CI: 4 %–30 %) lower risk of T2D ( $P$  for trend  $< 0.01$ ). There was no significant multiplicative interaction between genetic predisposition to T2D and the EAT-Lancet diet index ( $P = 0.59$ ). Also, no significant additive interaction between the genetic risk and the EAT-Lancet diet was seen ( $P = 0.44$ ). The highest risk was observed among the 22.9 % of the individuals with high genetic risk and low EAT-Lancet diet score (HR = 1.79; 95 % CI: 1.63, 1.96).

**Conclusion:** Our findings indicate that high adherence to the EAT-Lancet diet was associated with decreased risk of incident T2D among people with different genetic risks.

## 1. Introduction

Globally, the number of adults (20–79 years) living with diabetes is 537 million in 2021, and this figure is projected to rise to 783 million by

2045 [1]. Type 2 diabetes (T2D) is the most common type of diabetes, accounting for >90 % of diabetes cases. People with T2D are at increased risk of cardiovascular disease (CVD) and mortality [2]. Thus, the prevention of T2D is an urgent public health priority. Although the

**Abbreviations:** BMI, body mass index; CI, confidence interval; CVD, cardiovascular disease; FFQ, food frequency questionnaire; HR, hazard ratio; MDC, Malmö Diet and Cancer; MET, metabolic equivalent; PAR, population attributable risk; PRS, polygenic risk score; RERI, relative excess risk due to interaction; SD, standard deviation; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

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		EAT-Lancet Index Score			
		0	1	2	3
Emphasized	Vegetables	< 100 g	100-200 g	200-300 g	≥ 300 g
	Fruit	< 50 g	50-100 g	100-200 g	≥ 200 g
	Wholegrains	< 58 g	58-116 g	116-232 g	≥ 232 g
	Legumes	< 18.75 g	18.75-37.5 g	37.5-75 g	≥ 75 g
	Nuts	< 12.5 g	12.5-25 g	25-50 g	≥ 50 g
	Fish	< 7 g	7-14 g	14-28 g	≥ 28 g
	Unsaturated oils	< 10 g	10-20 g	20-40 g	≥ 50 g
Limited	Beef and lamb	≥ 28 g	14-28 g	7-14 g	< 7 g
	Pork	≥ 28 g	14-28 g	7-14 g	< 7 g
	Poultry	≥ 116 g	58-116 g	29-58 g	< 29 g
	Dairy	≥ 1000 g	500-1000 g	250-500 g	< 250 g
	Eggs	≥ 50 g	25-50 g	13-25 g	< 13 g
	Potatoes	≥ 200 g	100-200 g	50-100 g	< 50 g
	Added sugar	≥ 124 g	62-124 g	31-62 g	< 31 g

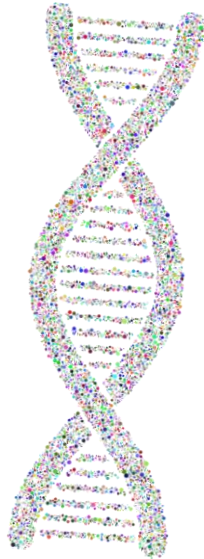


# Results – Incidence of Type 2 Diabetes

	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
<b>EAT-Lancet score</b>				
<b>≤13</b>	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>14-16</b>	1.01 (0.90, 1.13)	1.09 (0.98, 1.22)	1.07 (0.96, 1.20)	1.04 (0.93, 1.16)
<b>17-19</b>	0.86 (0.77, 0.96)	0.98 (0.88, 1.10)	0.96 (0.86, 1.07)	0.90 (0.81, 1.01)
<b>20-22</b>	0.86 (0.76, 0.96)	1.00 (0.89, 1.13)	0.97 (0.86, 1.10)	0.94 (0.83, 1.06)
<b>≥23</b>	0.70 (0.60, 0.82)	0.84 (0.72, 0.99)	0.84 (0.72, 0.98)	0.82 (0.70, 0.96)
<b><i>P</i> for trend</b>	<0.0001	0.01	<0.01	<0.01

# Results

## Type 2 diabetes – Polygenic Risk Score (PRS)



EAT-Lancet diet index	HR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> for interaction
Low genetic risk	0.96 (0.87, 1.05)	0.59
Medium genetic risk	0.95 (0.91, 0.99)	
High genetic risk	0.96 (0.90, 1.02)	

Joint analyses	HR (95% CI)	RERI (95% CI)
Low genetic risk-healthy diet	1.00 (reference)	-0.01 (-0.19, 0.16)
Low genetic risk-unhealthy diet	1.09 (0.99, 1.21)	
High genetic risk-healthy diet	1.71 (1.56, 1.87)	
High genetic risk-unhealthy diet	1.79 (1.63, 1.96)	

# Slutsats



Vår studie indikerar att följsamhet till **EAT-Lancet diet index**, överensstämmande med EAT-Lancetkosten, var kopplat till en **lägre risk för T2D** oavsett **genetisk risk**.



# STUDIE V

ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN INTAKE  
OF SUB-TYPES OF FRUITS AND  
VEGETABLES WITH INCIDENT TYPE  
2 DIABETES IN A COHORT IN  
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## Associations between intake of sub-types of fruits and vegetables with incident type 2 diabetes in a cohort in southern Sweden

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### Introduction

The global prevalence of adults living with diabetes is steadily increasing and is expected to grow from 537 million in 2021 to 783 million by 2045 [1]. The majority, nine out of ten, are living with diabetes type 2. Studies have associated reduced type 2 diabetes risk with a higher intake of both fruit and vegetables [2-4]. This is likely due to their high content of micronutrients, fiber and phytochemicals, as well as low energy density and glycemic load [5, 6]. Multiple studies have also shown a reduced risk of type 2 diabetes with adherence to diets that emphasize a higher fruit and vegetable intake [7-9]. In the Malmö Diet and Cancer Study (MDCS), we have previously shown that a higher fruit intake was associated with a lower risk of type 2 diabetes, while a higher intake of vegetables was associated with a lower risk in men only [10, 11]. However, only a few studies have looked at associations between consumption of specific fruits and vegetables and type 2 diabetes risk, and studies have shown heterogeneous outcomes, prompting the need for more studies [3, 12-15]. The aim of this study was to investigate the associations between intake of sub-types of fruits and vegetables with incidence of type 2 diabetes in a large, prospective cohort in southern Sweden.

### Methods

#### *Population*

The study population comprised 28 098 participants enrolled in the MDCS, a prospective cohort study in southern Sweden. Recruitment and baseline assessments were conducted between January 1991 and September 1996, and included men born between 1923 and 1945, and women born between 1923 and 1950, in Malmö, Sweden. The source population encompassed 74 138 individuals, who were invited to participate in the study through advertisements and invitation letters. Only individuals with limited proficiency in Swedish or mental disabilities, hindering them from completing the baseline questionnaire, were excluded from participation. A comprehensive description of the recruitment process has been described elsewhere. For this study, further exclusion was conducted based on prevalent diabetes at baseline ( $n$  1230), missing data on physical activity, smoking habits, or level of education ( $n$  246), or insufficient data on fruit and vegetable intake ( $n$  1991). Thus, the final study cohort consisted of 24 631 participants (61.5% women). Ethical approval for the MDCS was obtained from the Regional Ethics Committee (LU 90-51).

#### *Baseline assessments*

The participants made two visits to the study centre during baseline assessments [16]. During their first visit, participants were briefed on the objectives of the study and the various parts of the assessments. Participants also provided their informed written consent. Anthropometric measurements were conducted, including height (to the nearest centimeter), weight (to the nearest 0.1 kg, without shoes and trousers), waist circumference, and body fat

# Syfte

Att utforska samband mellan intag av olika typer av frukt och grönsaker och incidens av typ 2-diabetes.

# Results



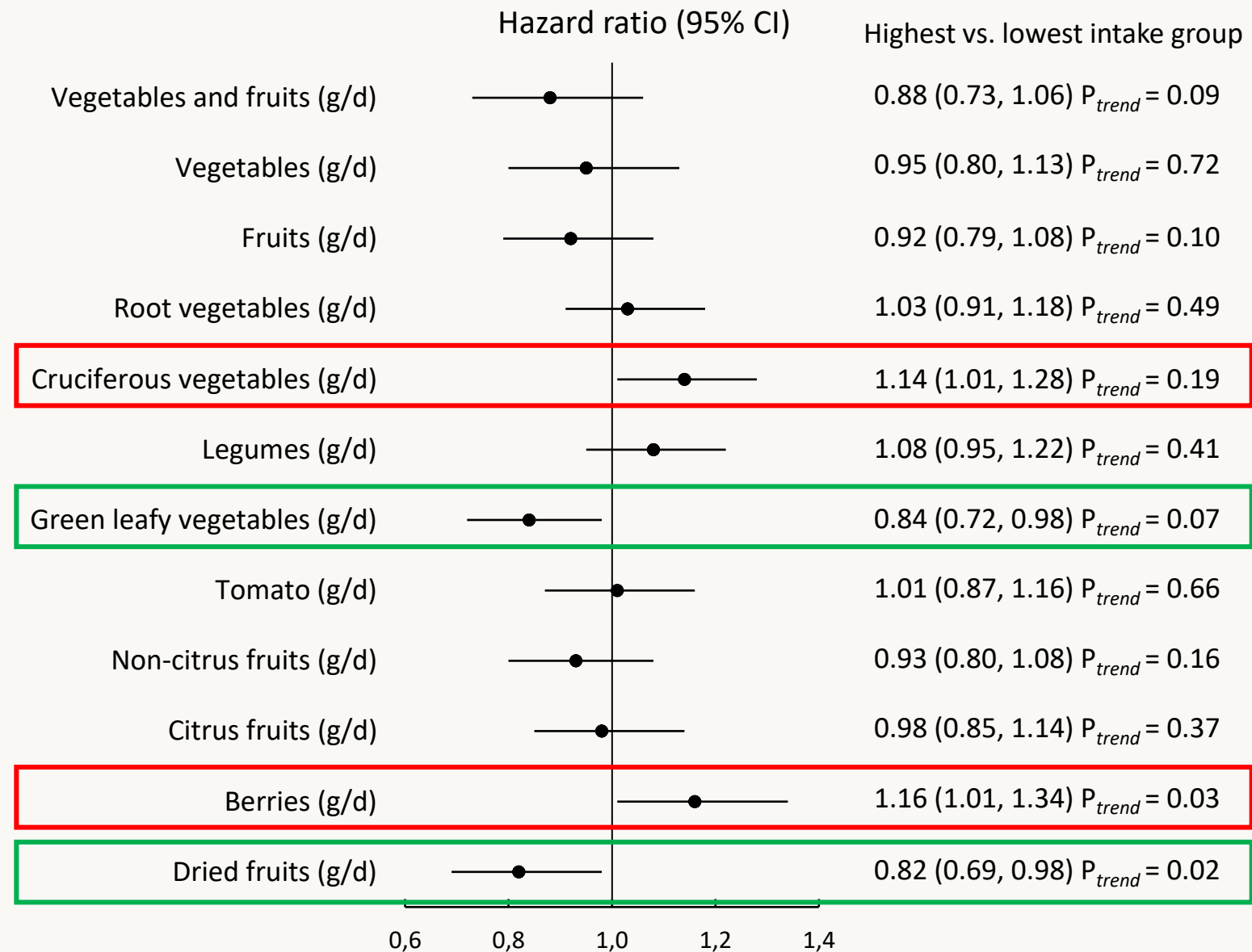
Root vegetables

HR 0.91 (0.74, 1.11)  $P_{trend} = 0.03$



Berries

HR 1.26 (1.05, 1.51)  $P_{trend} = 0.01$



# Slutsats

Ett högre intag av **gröna bladgrönsaker** och **torkad frukt** var båda kopplade till **lägre risk** att utveckla typ 2-diabetes. Ett högre intag av **kålgrönsaker**, å andra sidan, var kopplat till en **lägre risk**.

Ett högre intag av **bär** var kopplat till en **lägre risk** hos **kvinnor**, medan ett högre intag av rotfrukter var kopplat till **lägre risk** hos **män**.





# Övergripande slutsats

Att främja ett högre intag av **frukt** och **grönsaker** (särskilt **gröna bladgrönsaker**), och **växtbaserade kostmönster** med fokus på **kolhydratkvalitet**, med ett högre intag av **kostfiber** begränsat intag av **fritt socker**, har möjlighet att **minska incidensen av typ 2-diabetes**. Detta gynnar sannolikt **hela befolkningen** samtidigt som det även gynnar **planetens hälsa**.

