



# Diet and blood pressure – a role for dairy?

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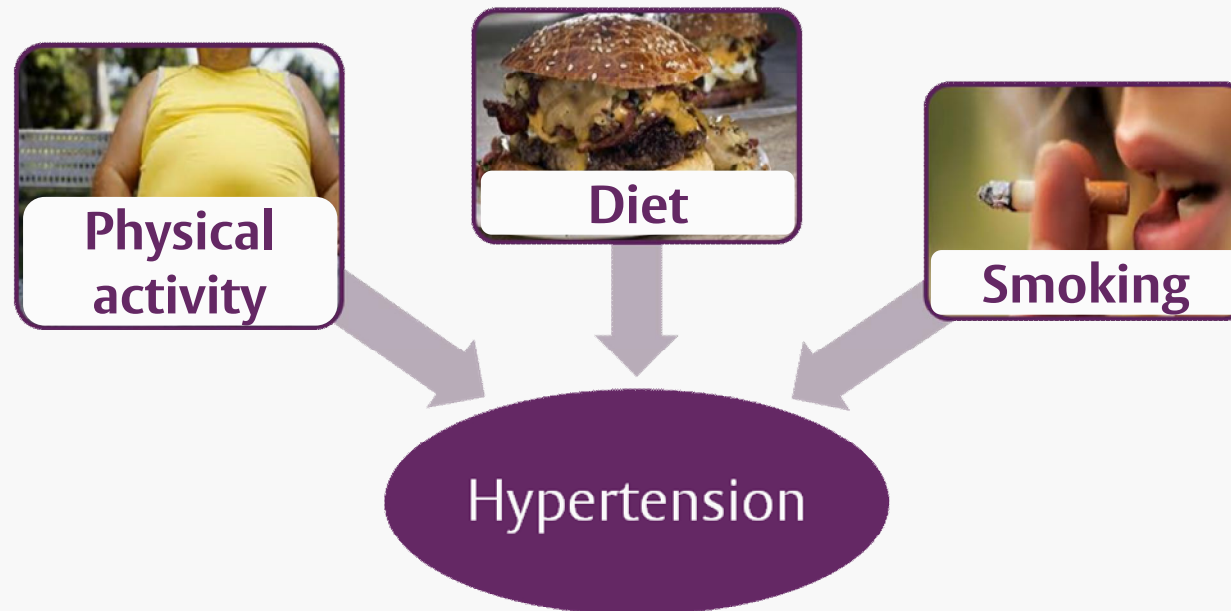


# Hypertension

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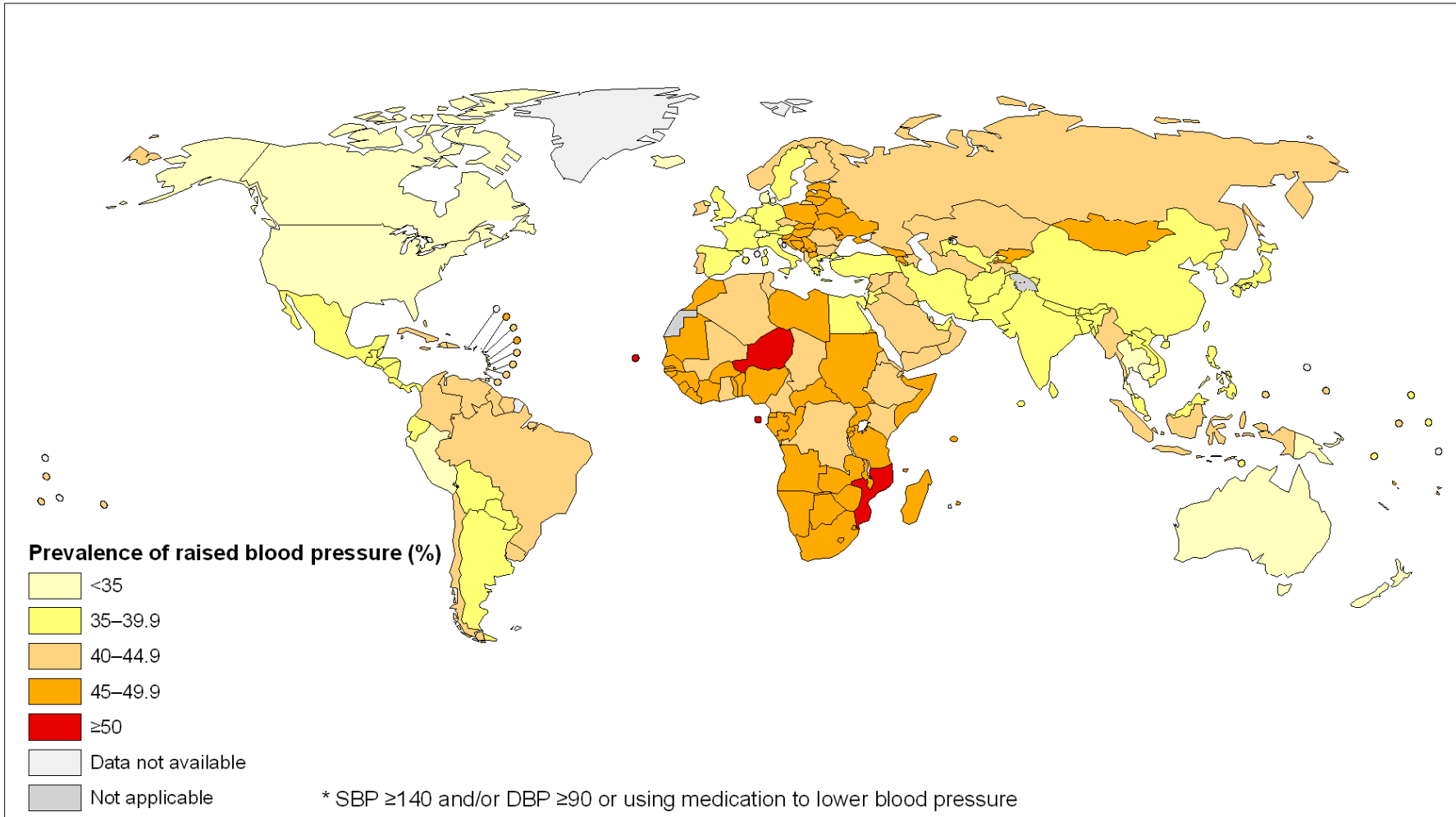
# Definition of hypertension

Systolic blood pressure (SBP)  $\geq 140$  mm Hg or  
Diastolic blood pressure (DBP)  $\geq 90$  mm Hg or  
**Use of anti-hypertensive medication**



# Hypertension – definition and prevalence

## Prevalence of raised blood pressure\*, ages 25+, age standardized Both sexes, 2008



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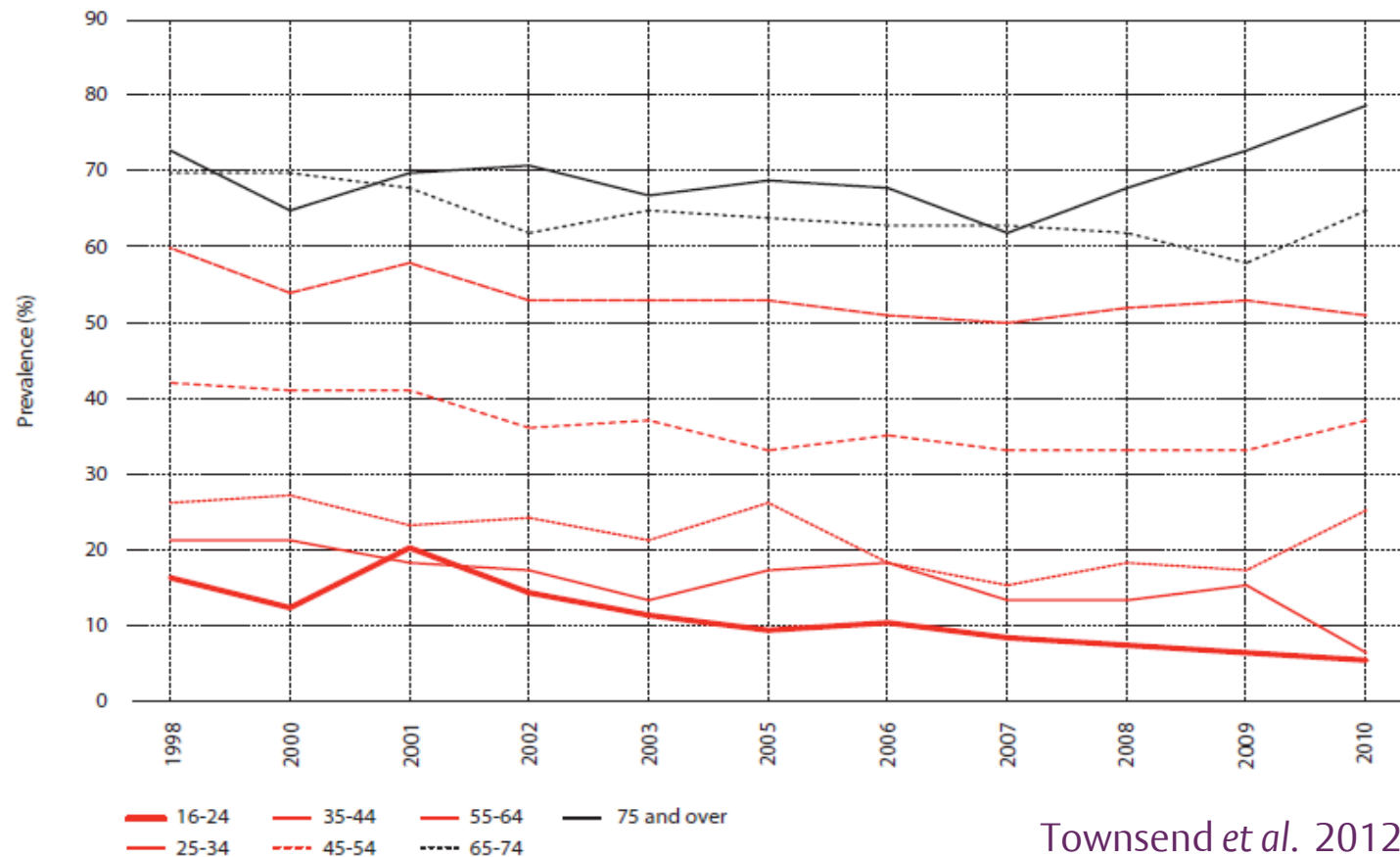
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## Hypertension in the UK

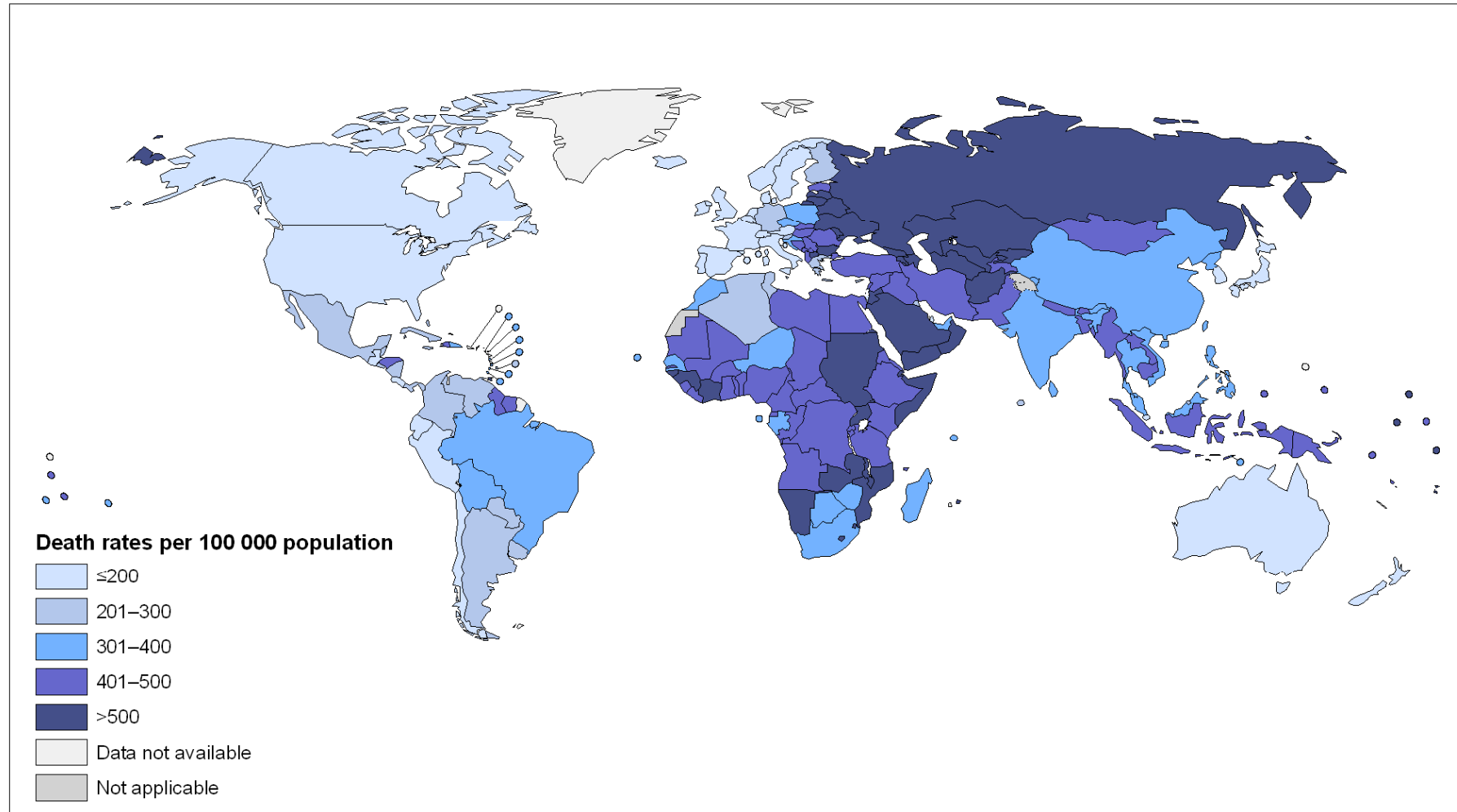
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Prevalence of high blood pressure in men, by age, England 1998 to 2010



Townsend *et al.* 2012

# Hypertension – definition and prevalence

## Cardiovascular diseases and diabetes, death rates per 100 000 population, age standardized Males, 2008



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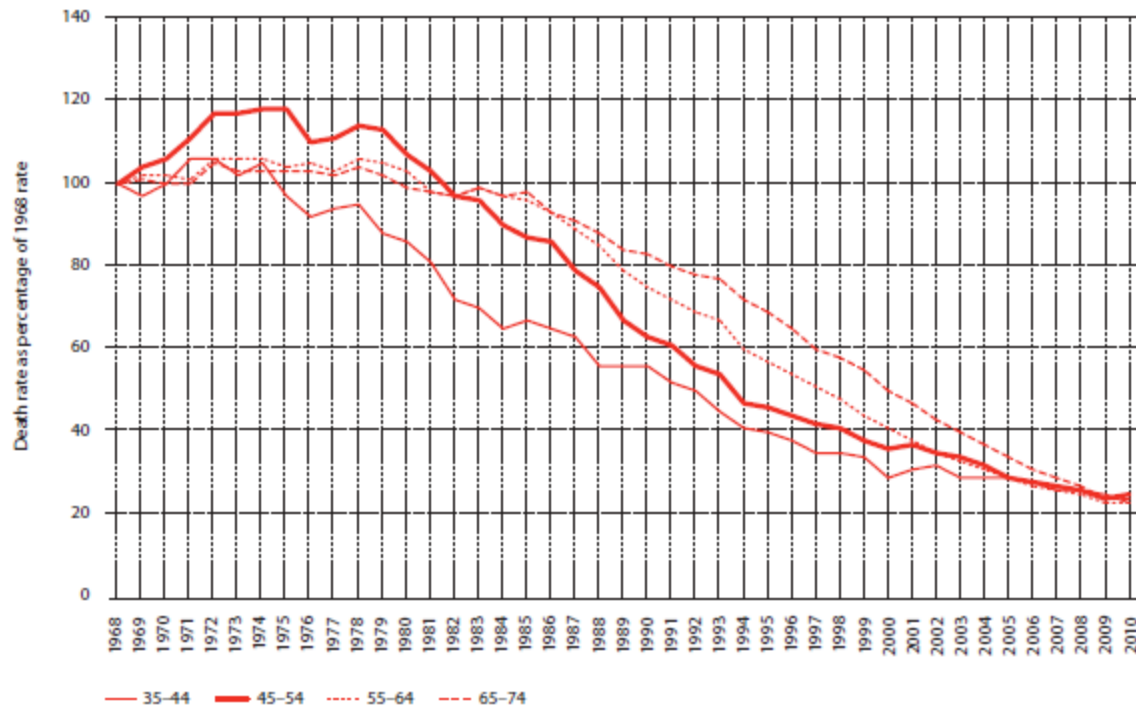
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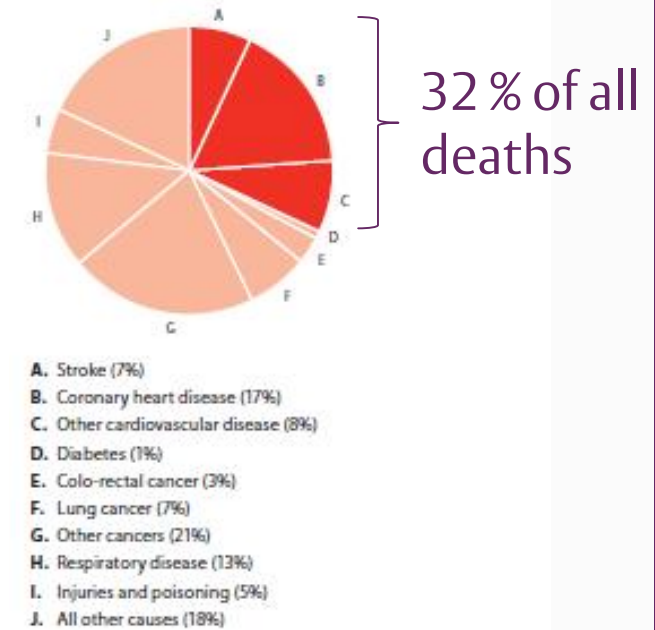
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# Cardiovascular disease in the UK

Age-specific death rates from coronary heart disease (CHD) as a percentage of the rate in 1968, in men, United Kingdom 1968 to 2010



Deaths by cause in men, United Kingdom 2010



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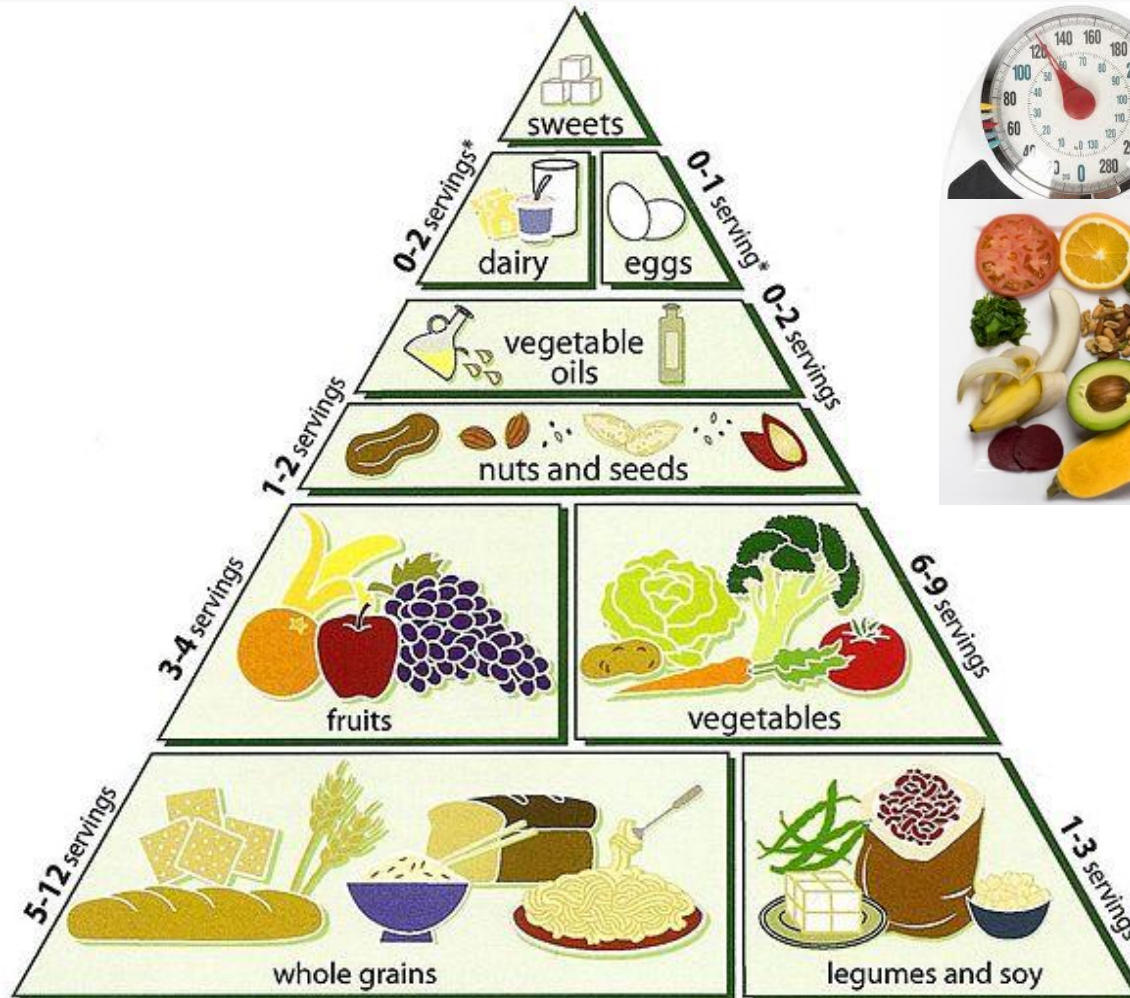
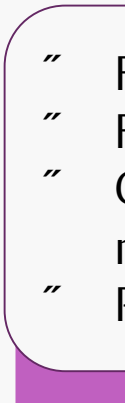




# Hypertension

“Role of diet

# Hypertension - role of diet



Note: Choose lower-salt foods from all categories.



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### Beetroot 'can lower blood pressure'

**Drinking a cup of beetroot juice can lower blood pressure, researchers say.**

Drinking 250ml (8oz) cut high blood pressure readings by 10mm of mercury (mmHg) in a study of 15 patients, bringing some into the normal range, the journal **Hypertension** reports.

Most marked after three to six hours, the effect was detectable a day later.

Scientists say the nitrate in beetroot widens blood vessels to aid flow. And many people with angina use a nitrate drug to ease their symptoms.

The researchers, from Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, who have been studying beetroot's blood pressure lowering effects for years, say more work is still needed.

And they warn there could be one unexpected consequence of drinking beetroot juice - it can turn your urine pink.

Nitrate is found naturally in soil, where it is taken in by vegetables through the roots to help them grow.



The juice contained as much nitrate as two beetroots

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# Diet and blood pressure: clinical trial

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### A CLINICAL TRIAL OF THE EFFECTS OF DIETARY PATTERNS ON BLOOD PRESSURE

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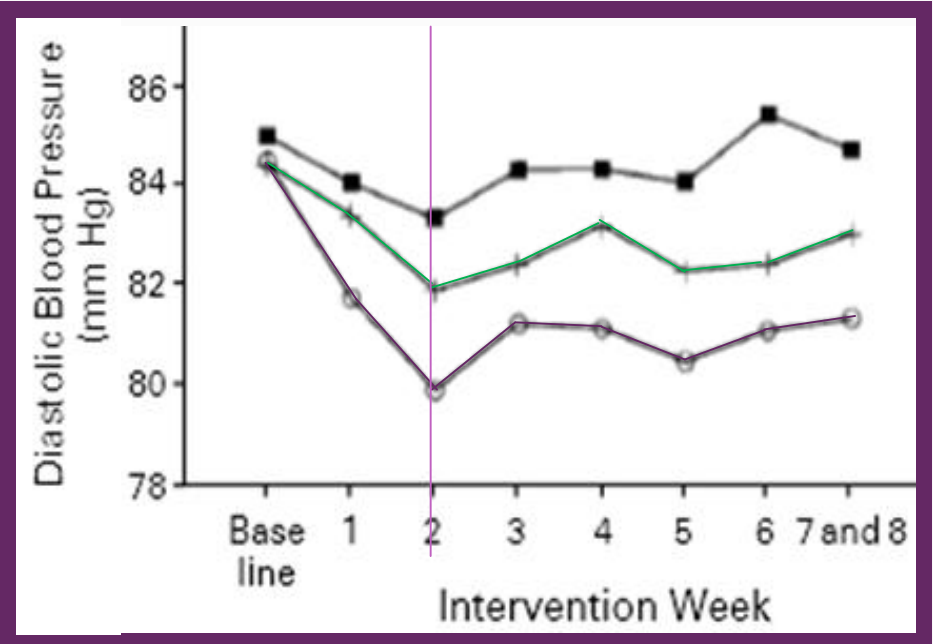
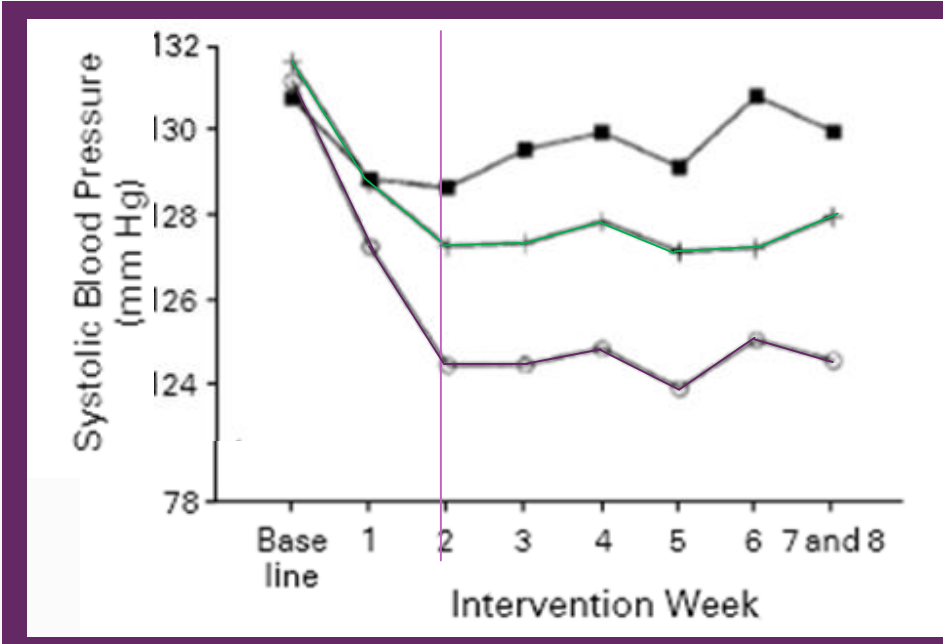
# Dietary patterns and blood pressure: diets

Control	Fruit/vegetable	Combination
<p>“ <b>Low</b> (2 s/d)</p> 	<p>“ <b>High</b> (8 s/d)</p> 	<p>“ <b>High</b> (9 s/d)</p> 
<p>“ <b>Low</b> (0.5 s/d)</p> 	<p>“ <b>Low</b> (0.3 s/d)</p> 	<p>“ <b>High</b> (3 s/d)</p> 
<p>“ <b>Typical</b> total and saturated fat intake</p>	<p>“ <b>Typical</b> total and saturated fat intake</p>	<p>“ <b>Low</b> total and saturated fat intake</p>

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## Clinical trial results

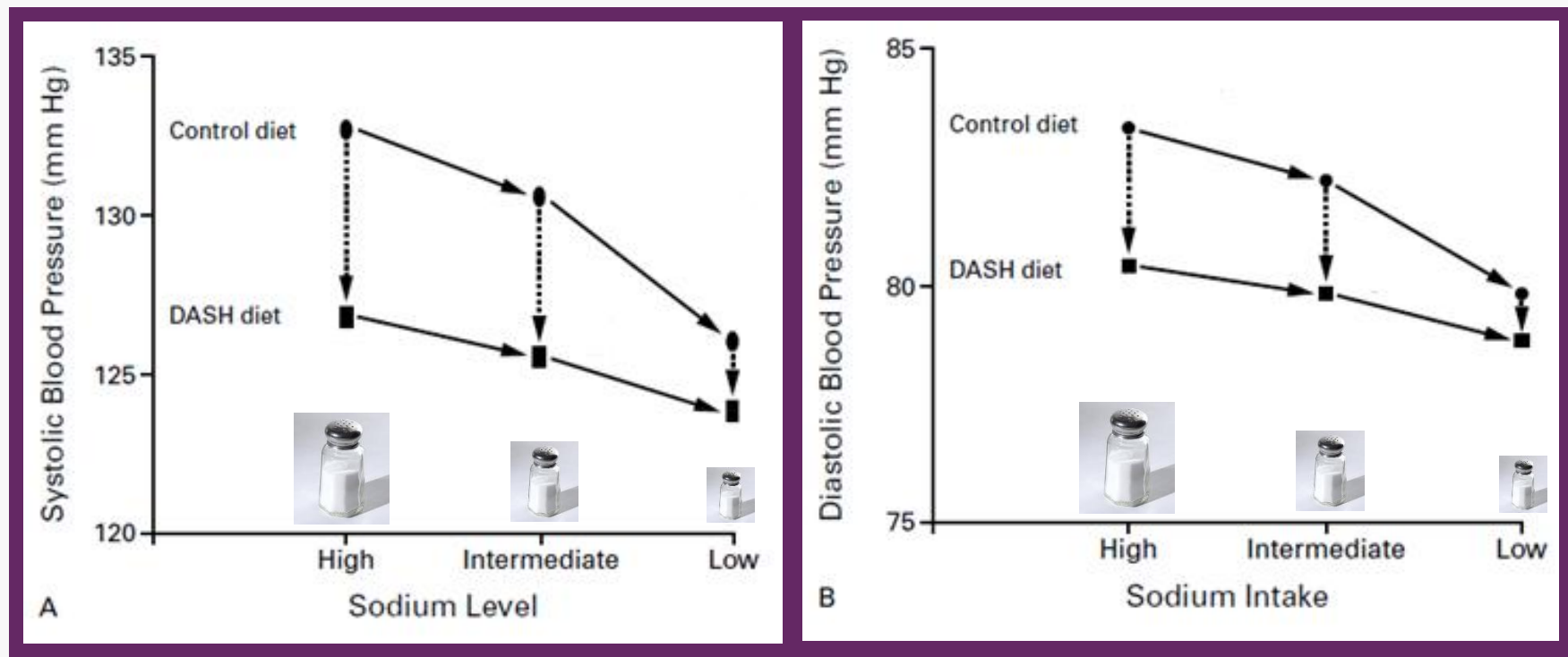
- Control diet
- + Fruits-and-vegetables diet
- Combination diet



Appel et al. N Engl J Med. 1997

## Follow up study: DASH II

- *High* sodium (150 mmol/d), *intermediate* (100 mmol/d) or *low* (50 mmol/d)



Sacks *et al.* N Engl J Med. 2001

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### The DASH diet: the weight-loss plan approved by doctors

Ruby Warrington

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When doctors devised an eating plan to fight high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes, weight loss was an added bonus

An eating programme devised by doctors to fight high blood pressure has become the latest weight-loss phenomenon and named America's healthiest diet two years in a row.

Beating big-name diet plans such as WeightWatchers and Atkins, the unsexily named DASH Diet, which stands for "Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension", was given the accolade by the respected ranking magazine *US News & World Report* and is the subject of two top-selling diet books this year.




Young woman crouching on weight scales.  
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# Hypertension

“Is there a role for dairy products?”

## Dairy Consumption and Incidence of Hypertension A Dose-Response Meta-Analysis of Prospective Cohort Studies

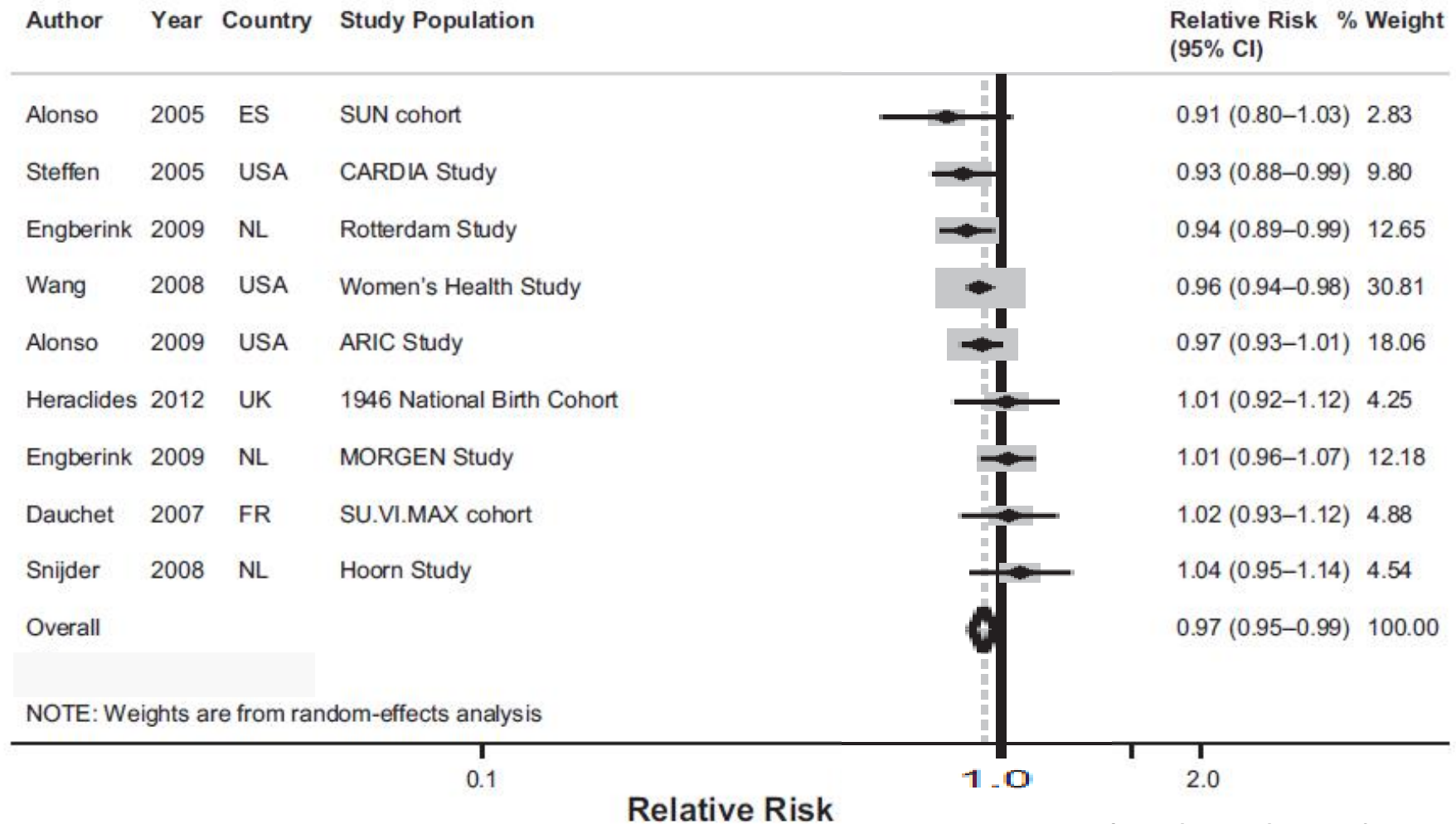
Sabita S. Soedamah-Muthu,\* Lisa D.M. Verberne,\* Eric L. Ding,  
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**Abstract**—Observational and clinical studies suggest that dairy intake, particularly low-fat dairy, could have a beneficial effect on blood pressure. We performed a dose-response meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies on dairy intake and risk of hypertension in the general population. A systematic literature search for eligible studies was conducted until July 2011, using literature databases and hand search. Study-specific dose-response associations were computed according to the generalized least squares for trend estimation method, and linear and piecewise regression models were created. Random-effects models were performed with summarized dose-response data. We included 9 studies with a sample size of 57 256, a total of 15 367 incident hypertension cases, and a follow-up time between 2 and 15 years. Total dairy (9 studies; range of intake,  $\approx$ 100–700 g/d), low-fat dairy (6 studies;  $\approx$ 100–500 g/d), and milk (7 studies;  $\approx$ 100–500 g/d) were inversely and linearly associated with a lower risk of hypertension. The pooled relative risks per 200 g/d were 0.97 (95% CI, 0.95–0.99) for total dairy, 0.96 (95% CI, 0.93–0.99) for low-fat dairy, and 0.96 (95% CI, 0.94–0.98) for milk. High-fat dairy (6 studies), total fermented dairy (4 studies), yogurt (5 studies), and cheese (8 studies) were not significantly associated with hypertension incidence (pooled relative risks of  $\approx$ 1). This meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies suggests that low-fat dairy and milk could contribute to the prevention of hypertension, which needs confirmation in randomized controlled trials. (*Hypertension*. 2012;60:1131-1137.) • [Online Data Supplement](#)

**Key Words:** dairy products ■ milk ■ hypertension ■ blood pressure ■ meta-analysis ■ prospective studies

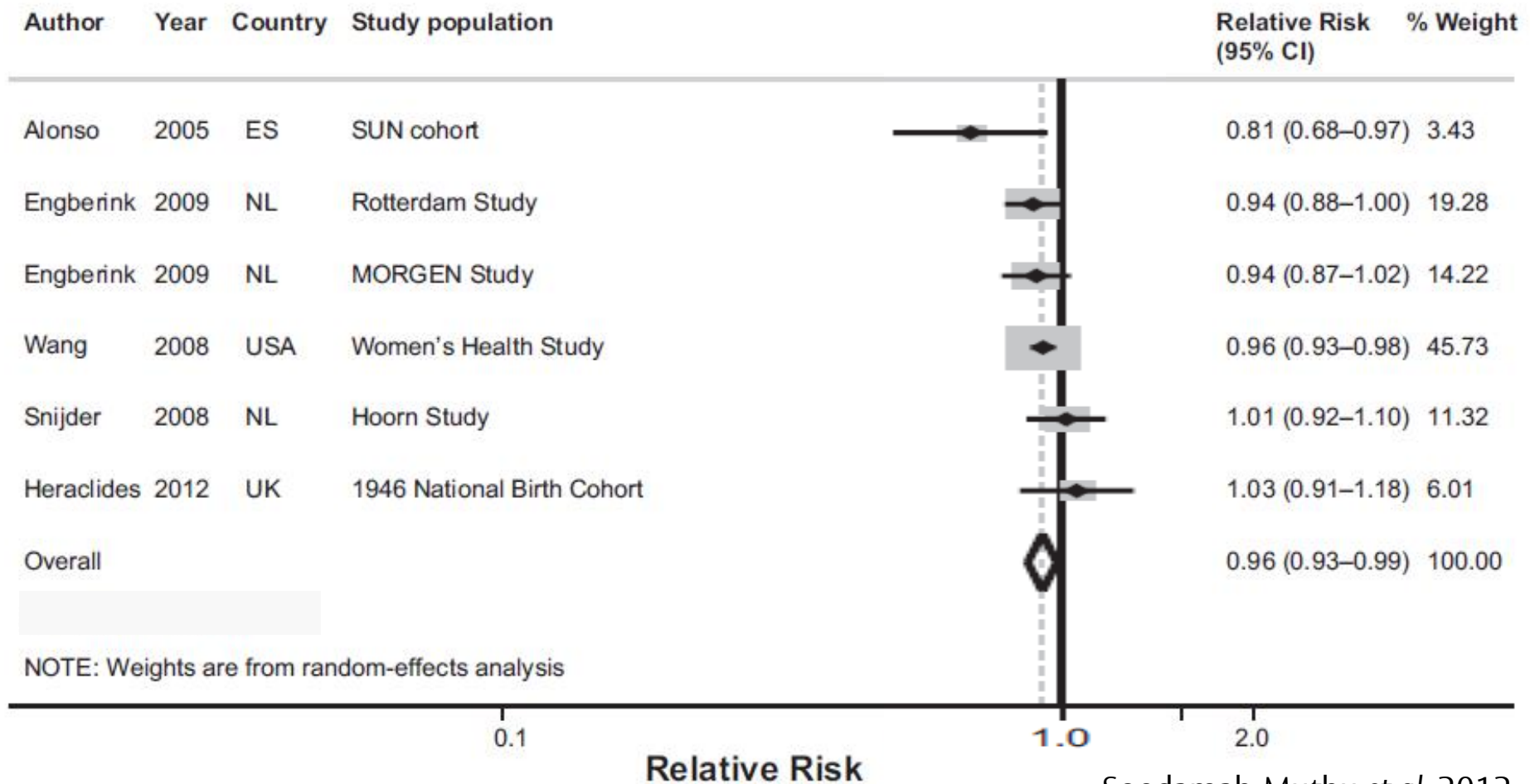
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# Total dairy intake and hypertension



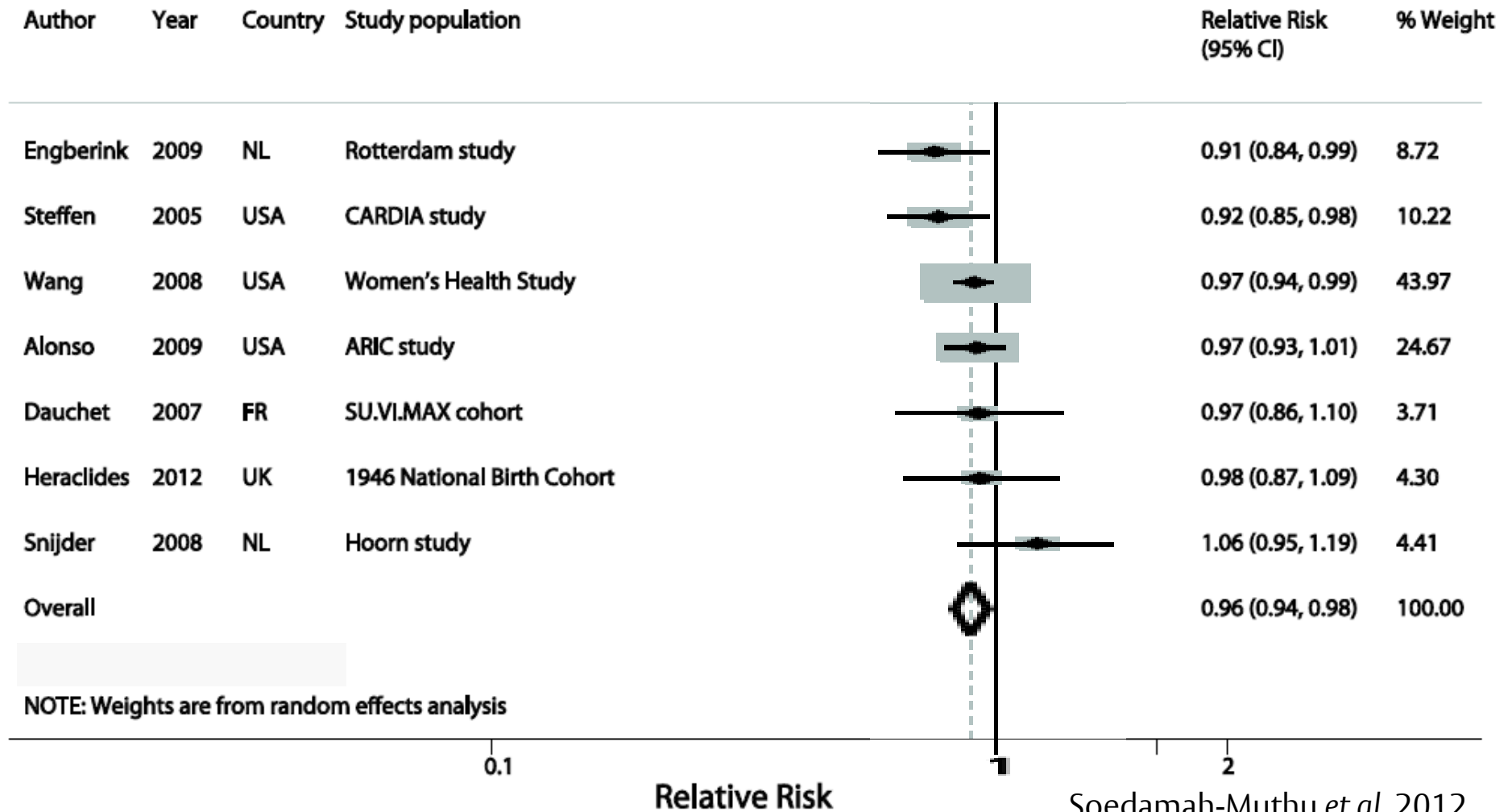
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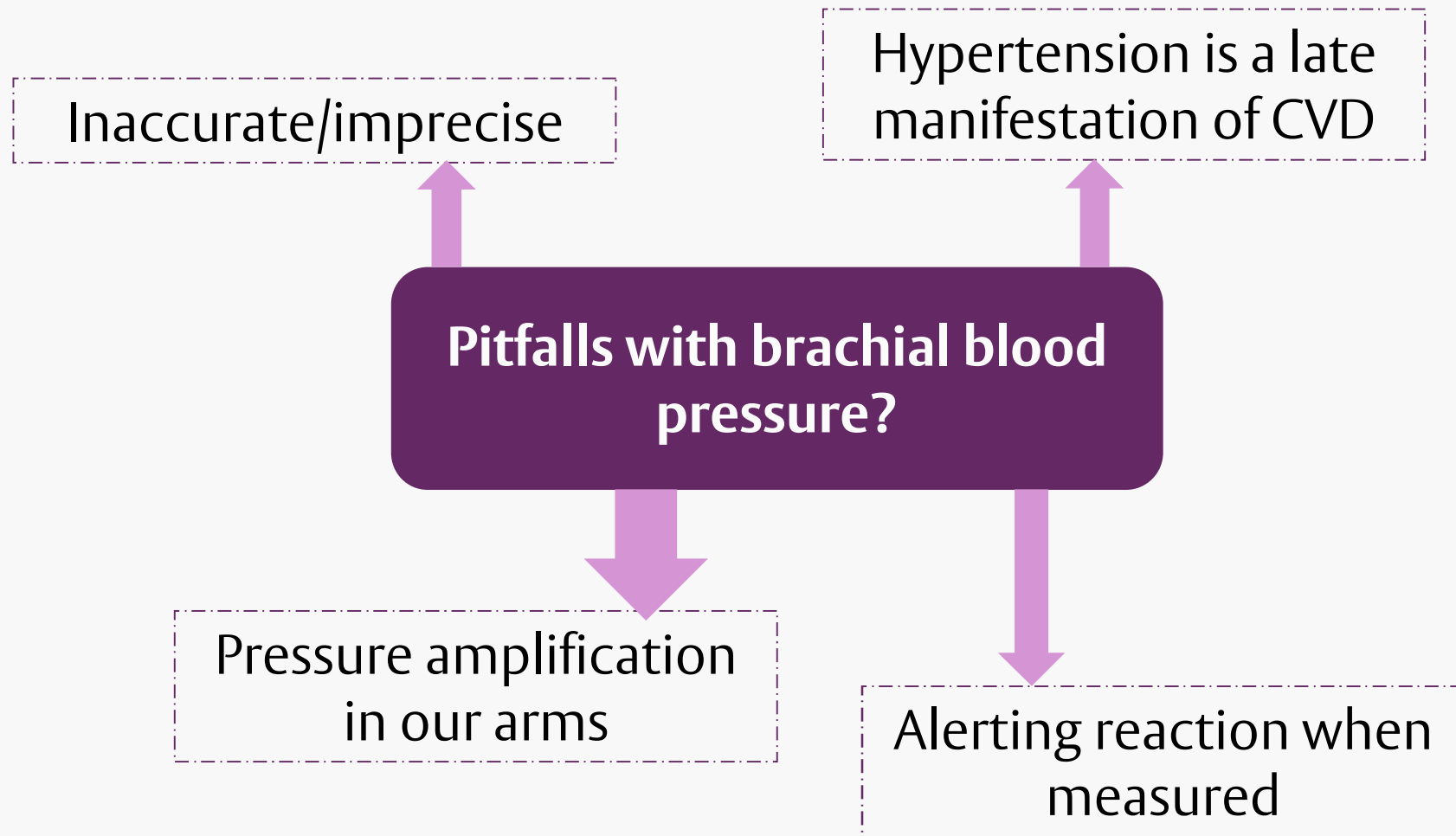
# Low-fat dairy intake and hypertension



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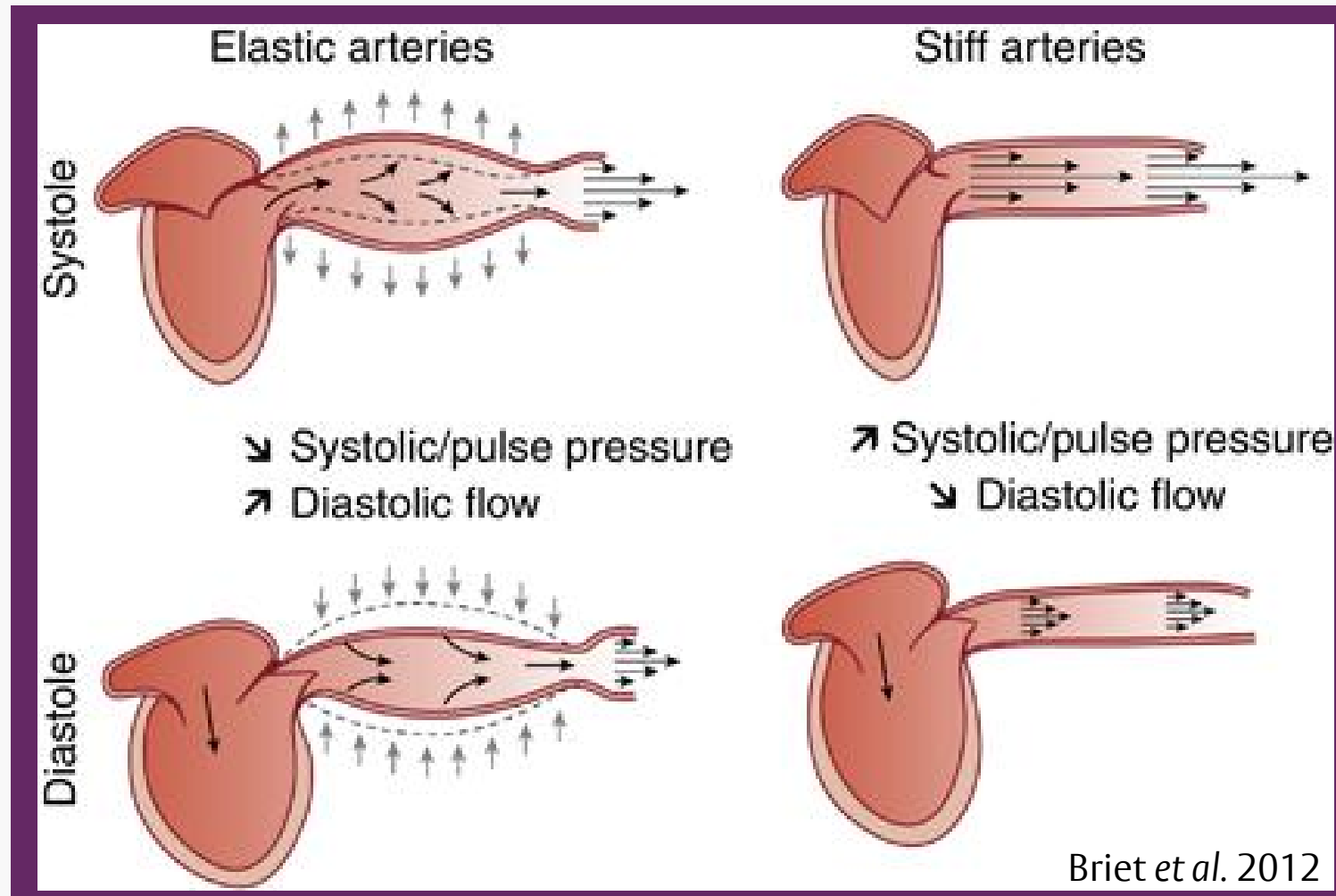
# Milk intake and hypertension





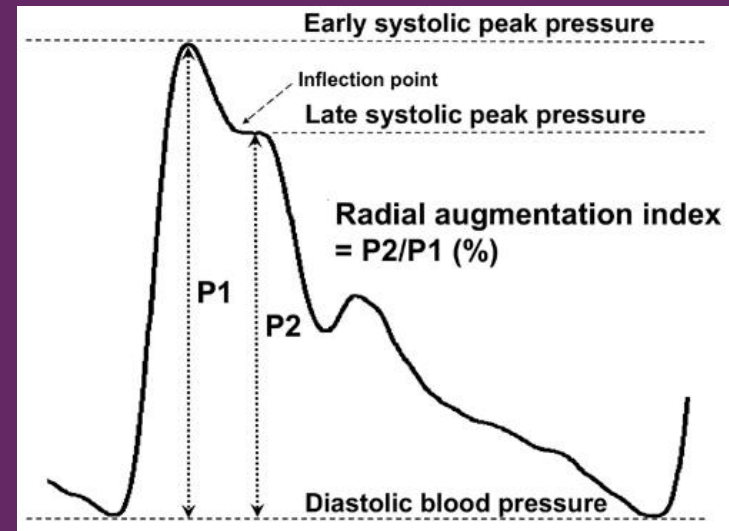
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# Beyond brachial blood pressure?



# Arterial stiffness

Pulse wave velocity and augmentation index are strong, **independent predictor** of CVD events and all cause mortality (Vlachopoulos *et al.* 2010; Janner *et al.*, 2012)





## Relations Between Dairy Food Intake and Arterial Stiffness Pulse Wave Velocity and Pulse Pressure

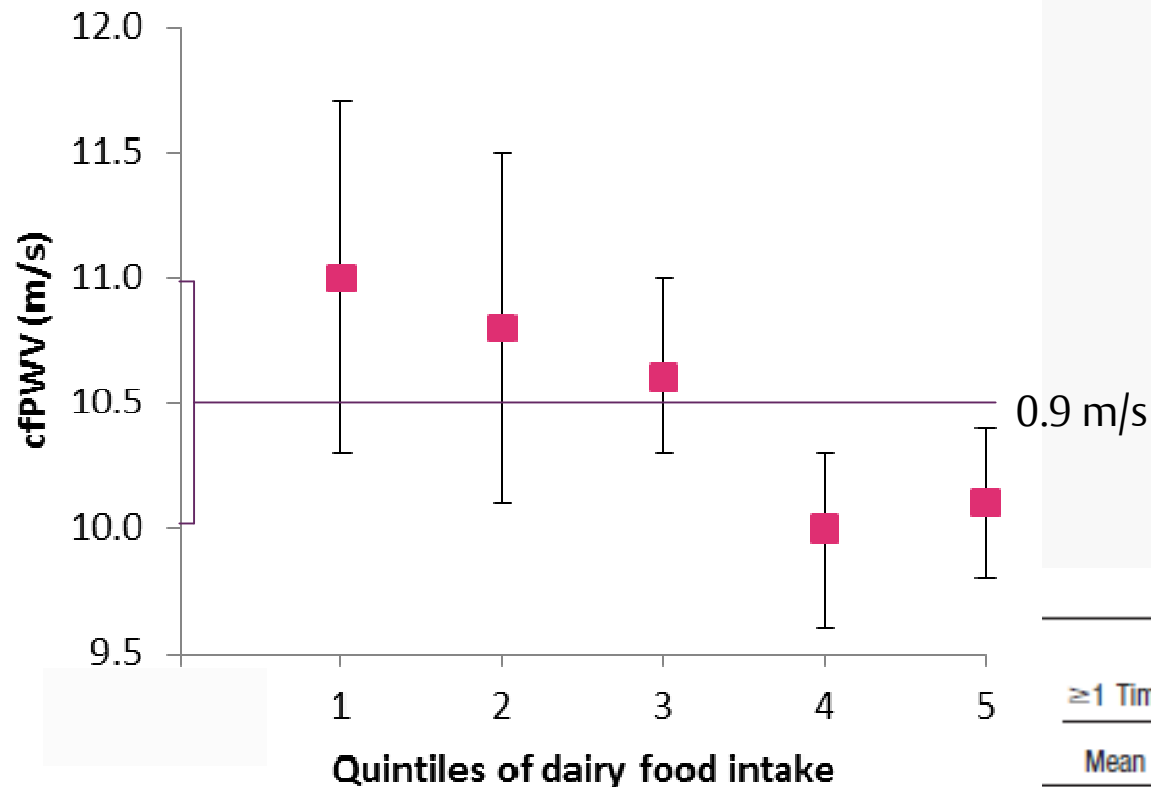
Georgina E. Crichton, Merrill F. Elias, Gregory A. Dore, Walter P. Abhayaratna, Michael A. Robbins

**Abstract**—Modifiable risk factors, such as diet, are becoming increasingly important in the management of cardiovascular disease, one of the greatest major causes of death and disease burden. Few studies have examined the role of diet as a possible means of reducing arterial stiffness, as measured by pulse wave velocity, an independent predictor of cardiovascular events and all-cause mortality. The aim of this study was to investigate whether dairy food intake is associated with measures of arterial stiffness, including carotid-femoral pulse wave velocity and pulse pressure. A cross-sectional analysis of a subset of the Maine-Syracuse Longitudinal Study sample was performed. A linear decrease in pulse wave velocity was observed across increasing intakes of dairy food consumption (ranging from never/rarely to daily dairy food intake). The negative linear relationship between pulse wave velocity and intake of dairy food was independent of demographic variables, other cardiovascular disease risk factors, and nutrition variables. The pattern of results was very similar for pulse pressure, whereas no association between dairy food intake and lipid levels was found. Further intervention studies are needed to ascertain whether dairy food intake may be an appropriate dietary intervention for the attenuation of age-related arterial stiffening and reduction of cardiovascular disease risk. (*Hypertension*. 2012; 59:00.) • **Online Data Supplement**

**Key Words:** pulse wave velocity ■ arterial stiffness ■ blood pressure ■ dairy food

Crichton *et al.* 2012

# Dairy intake and Pulse Wave Velocity



Outcome Measure	Covariate Set	Me
cfPWV	Age-adjusted	11.0
	Basic	10.6
	Extended 3	11.0

≥1 Time per d (n=216)		
Mean	95% CI	P*
10.0¶	9.7–10.3	.000‡
10.1	9.7–10.4	.016†
10.1	9.8–10.4	.018‡

Crichton *et al.* 2012

## Does Dairy Food Intake Predict Arterial Stiffness and Blood Pressure in Men?

### Evidence from the Caerphilly Prospective Study

Katherine M. Livingstone, Julie A. Lovegrove, John R. Cockcroft, Peter C. Elwood,  
Janet E. Pickering, D. Ian Givens

**Abstract**—Arterial stiffness is an independent predictor of cardiovascular disease events and mortality, and like blood pressure, may be influenced by dairy food intake. Few studies have investigated the effects of consumption of these foods on prospective measures of arterial stiffness. The present analysis aimed to investigate the prospective relationship between milk, cheese, cream, and butter consumption and aortic pulse wave velocity, augmentation index, systolic and diastolic blood pressure, as well as cross-sectional relationships between these foods and systolic and diastolic blood pressure and metabolic markers using data from the Caerphilly Prospective Study. Included in this cohort were 2512 men, aged 45 to 59 years, who were followed up at 5-year intervals for a mean of 22.8 years (number follow-up 787). Augmentation index was 1.8% lower in subjects in the highest quartiles of dairy product intake compared with the lowest ( $P$  trend=0.021), whereas in the highest group of milk consumption systolic blood pressure was 10.4 mm Hg lower ( $P$  trend=0.033) than in nonmilk consumers after a 22.8-year follow-up. Cross-sectional analyses indicated that across increasing quartiles of butter intake, insulin ( $P$  trend=0.011), triacylglycerol ( $P$  trend=0.023), total cholesterol ( $P$  trend=0.002), and diastolic blood pressure ( $P$  trend=0.027) were higher. Across increasing groups of milk intake and quartiles of dairy product intake, glucose ( $P$  trend=0.032) and triglyceride concentrations ( $P$  trend=0.031) were lower, respectively. The present results confirm that consumption of milk predicts prospective blood pressure, whereas dairy product consumption, excluding butter, is not detrimental to arterial stiffness and metabolic markers. Further research is needed to better understand the mechanisms that underpin these relationships. (*Hypertension*. 2013;61:00-00.) ● Online Data Supplement

**Key Words:** dairy products ■ blood pressure ■ aortic pulse wave velocity ■ augmentation index  
■ cardiovascular disease

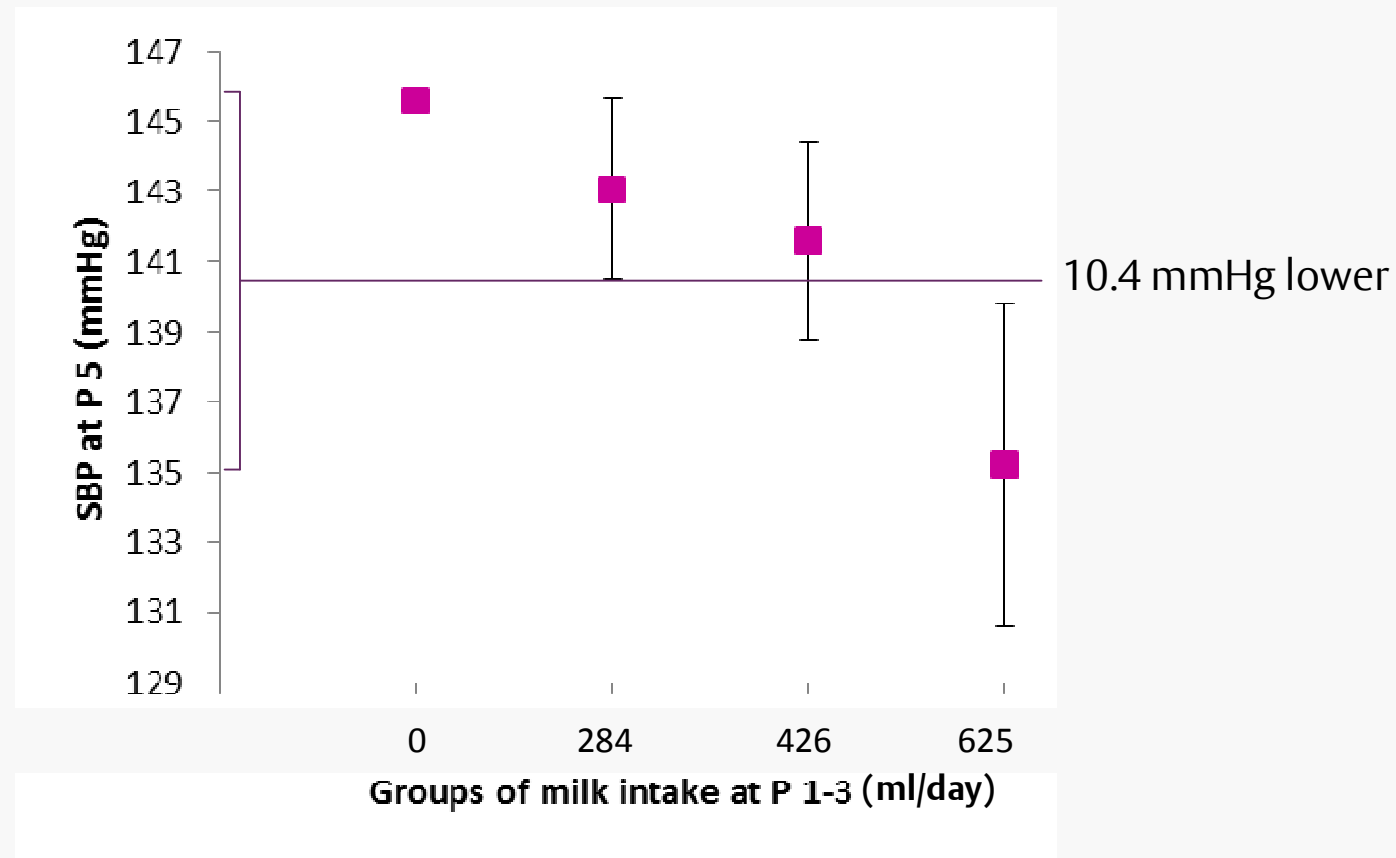
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# Caerphilly Prospective Study

Subjects	Follow-up	Assessments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>” Phase 1 (P1; 1979)</li> <li>” 2,512 men from Wales</li> <li>” Aged 45-59 years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>” 5-year intervals for <math>22.8 \pm 1.2</math> years</li> <li>” P2 (1984)</li> <li>” P3 (1994)</li> <li>” P4 (1999)</li> <li>” P5 (2004)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>” Food frequency questionnaire (FFQ)</li> <li>” Blood sample</li> <li>” Blood pressure</li> <li>” Arterial Stiffness: Pulse Wave Velocity/ Augmentation Index</li> </ul>

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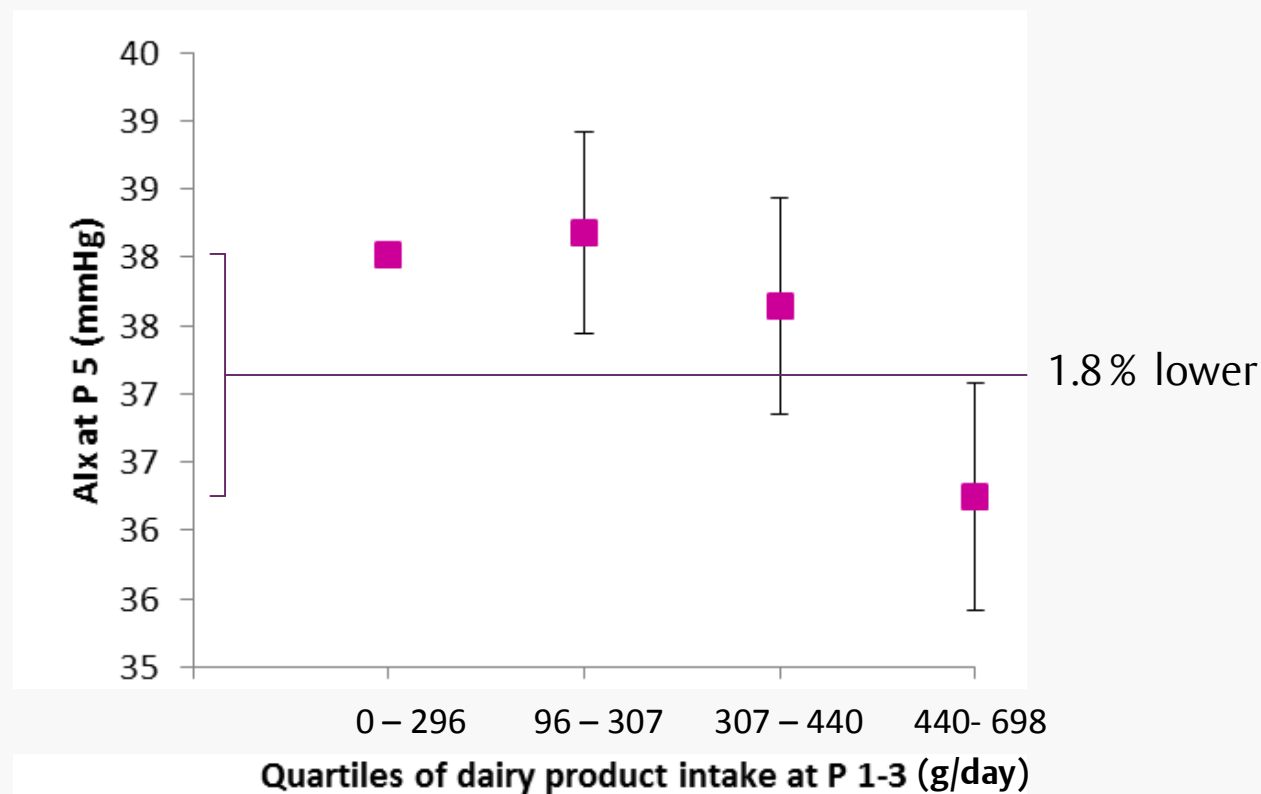
# Milk intake predicts Systolic Blood Pressure



At mean phase (P) 1-3, increasing milk consumption was associated with a lower phase 5 SBP (Coefficient:  $-0.013 \pm 0.006$ ,  $P$  trend=0.033)

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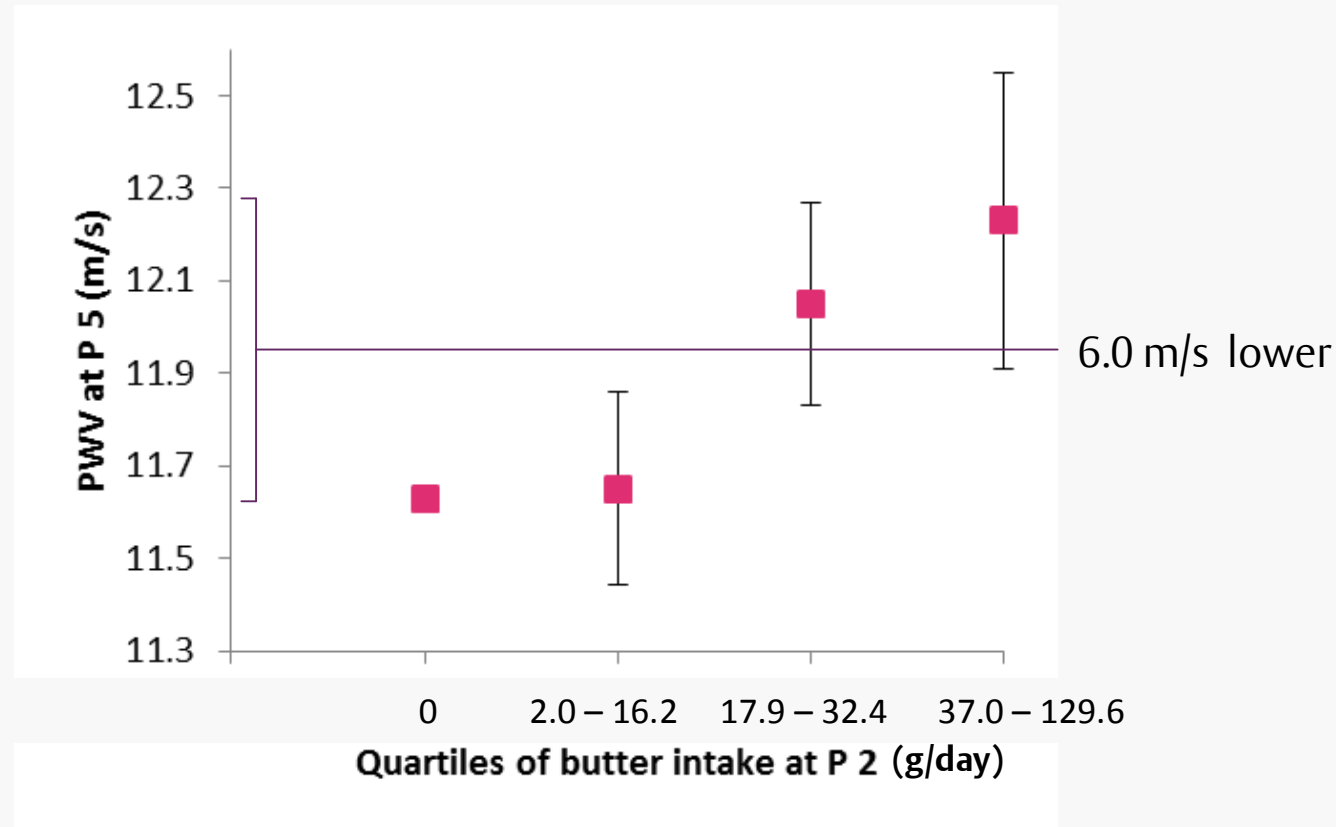
# Dairy intake predicts Augmentation Index



At mean phase (P) 1-3, increasing dairy consumption was associated with a lower phase 5 augmentation index (Coefficient:  $-0.613 \pm 0.266$ ,  $P$  trend=0.021)

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# Butter intake predict Pulse Wave Velocity



At phase (P) 2, increasing butter consumption was associated with a higher phase 5 pulse wave velocity (Coefficient:  $0.211 \pm 0.089$ ,  $P$  trend=0.018) Livingstone *et al. Hypertension*. 2013 , 61, 42-47.

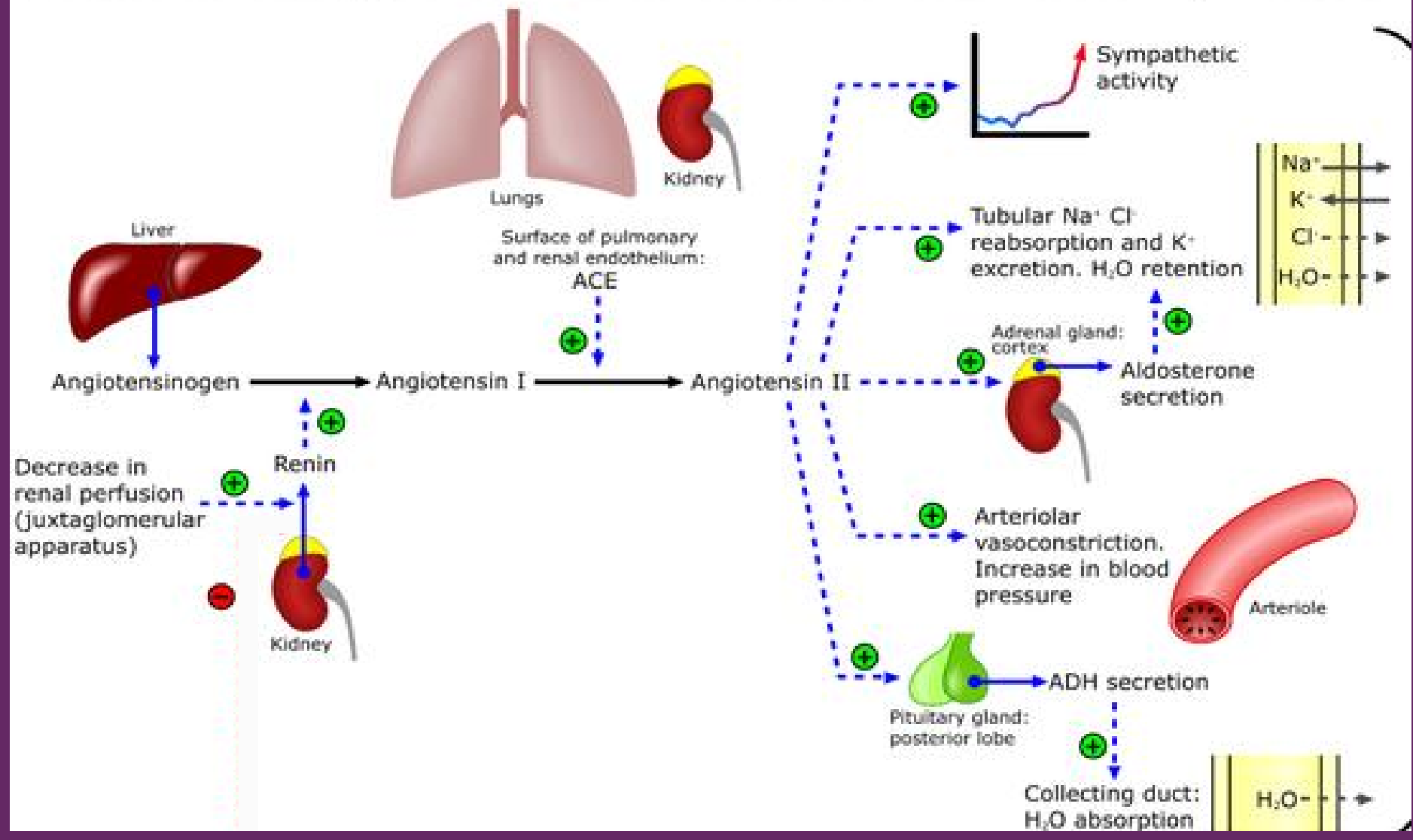


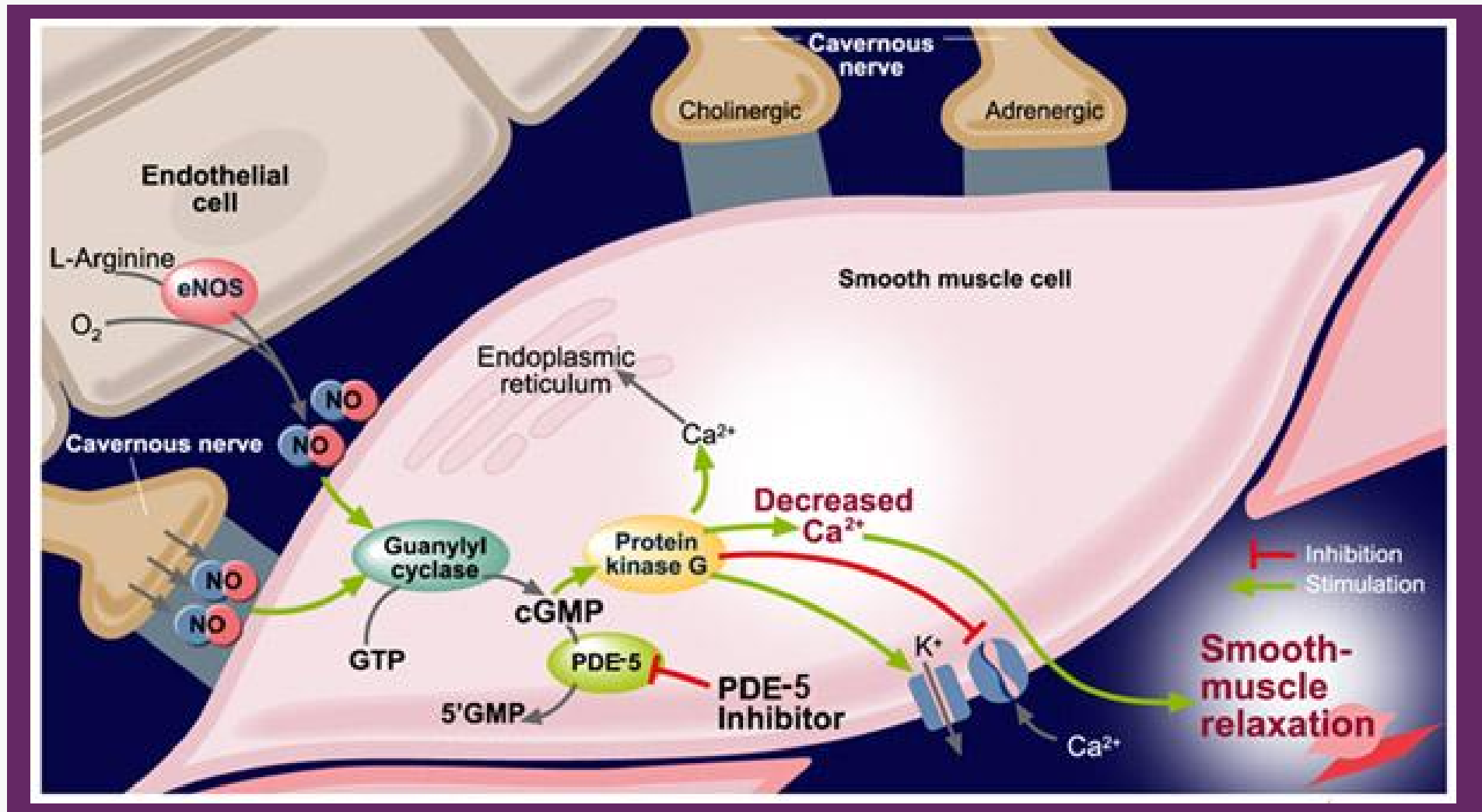
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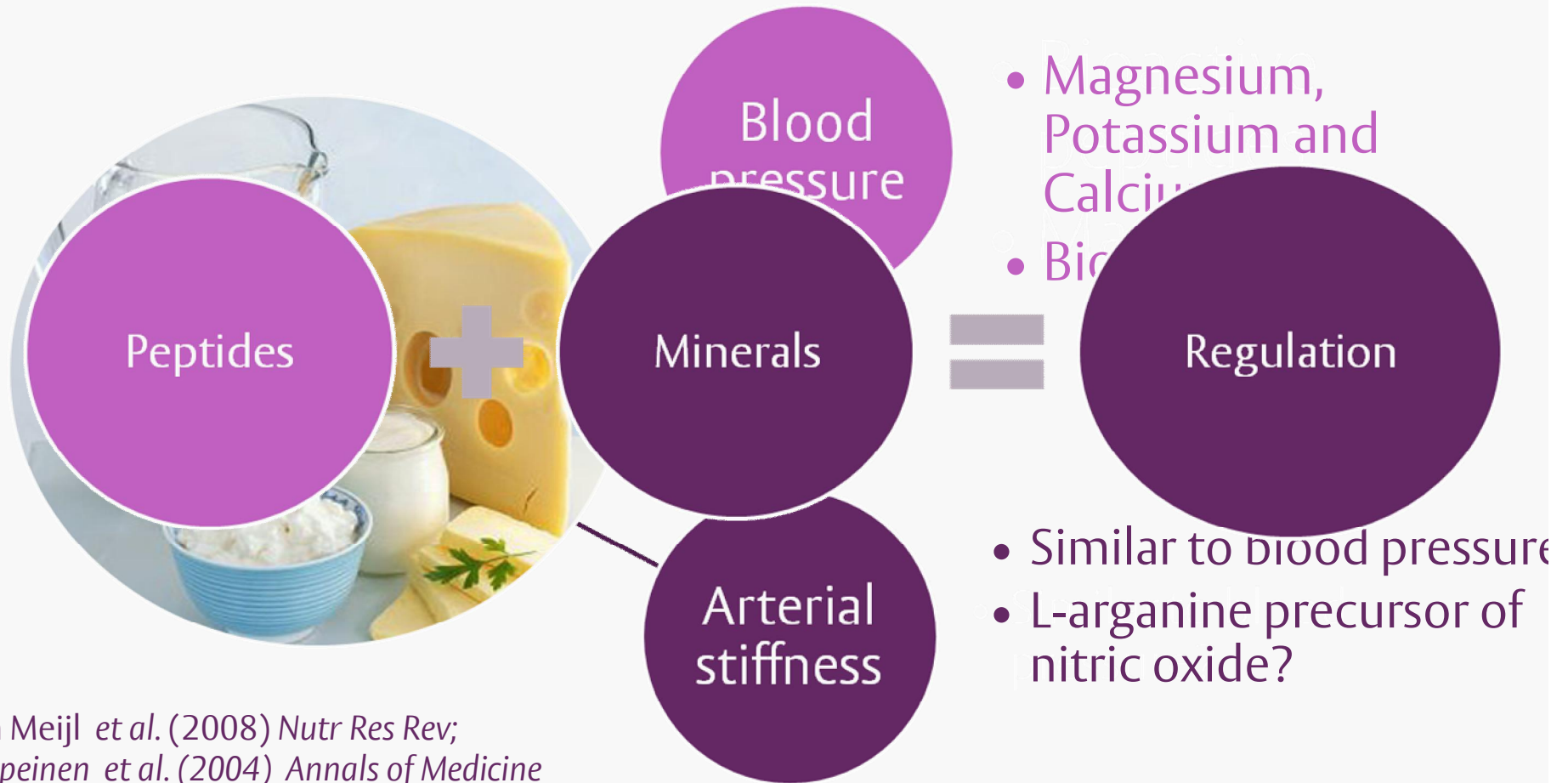


# Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system





# Potential mechanisms for dairy



van Meijl *et al.* (2008) *Nutr Res Rev*;  
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FitzGerald *et al.* (2004) *J Nutr*;134:980S-988S.

# Conclusions



Diet appears to have a role in maintaining a healthy blood pressure

Dairy products lower blood pressure but also arterial stiffness



Dairy products should be incorporated into a health balanced diet

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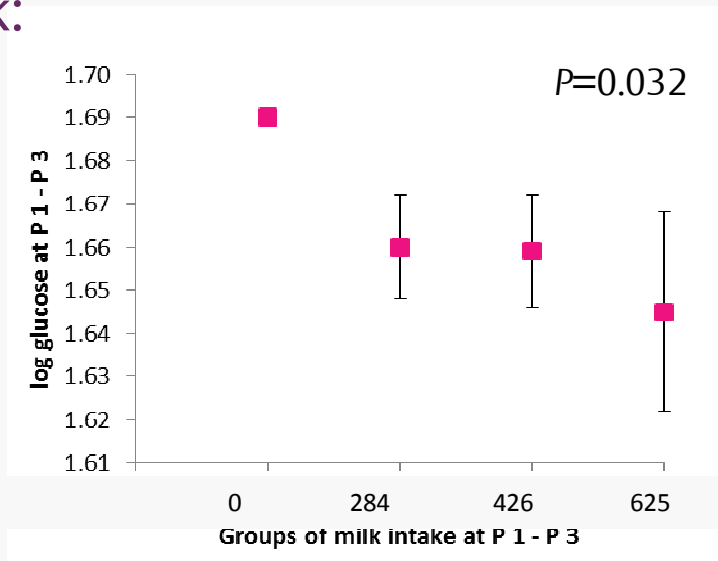
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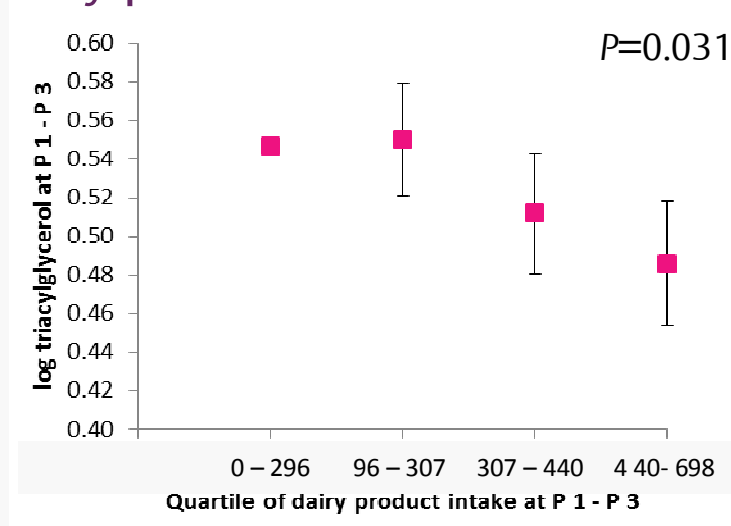
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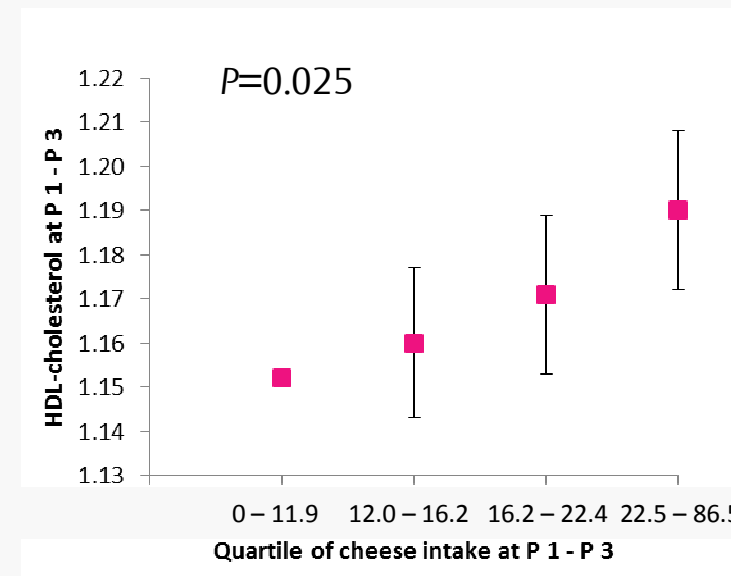
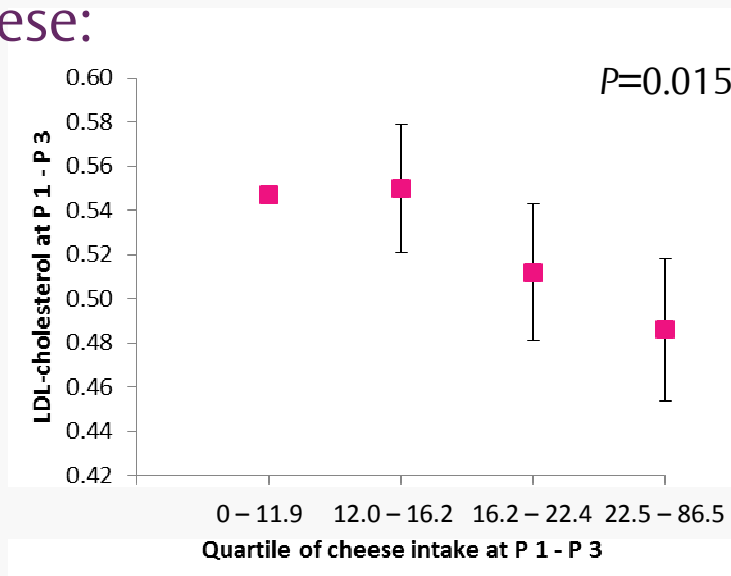
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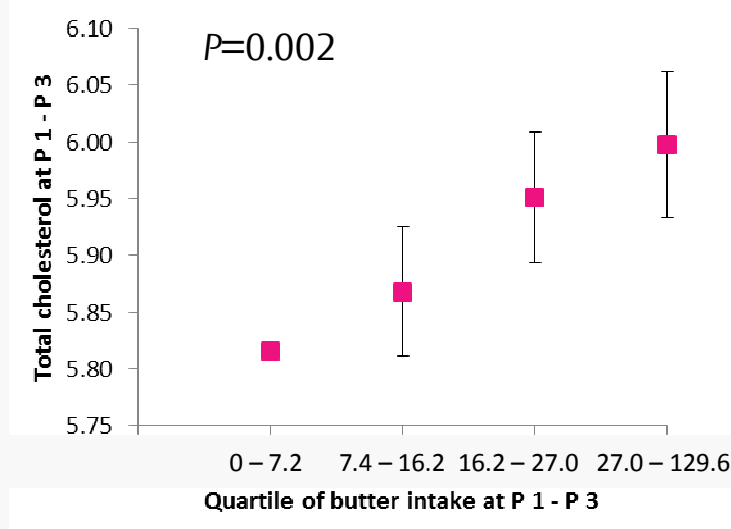


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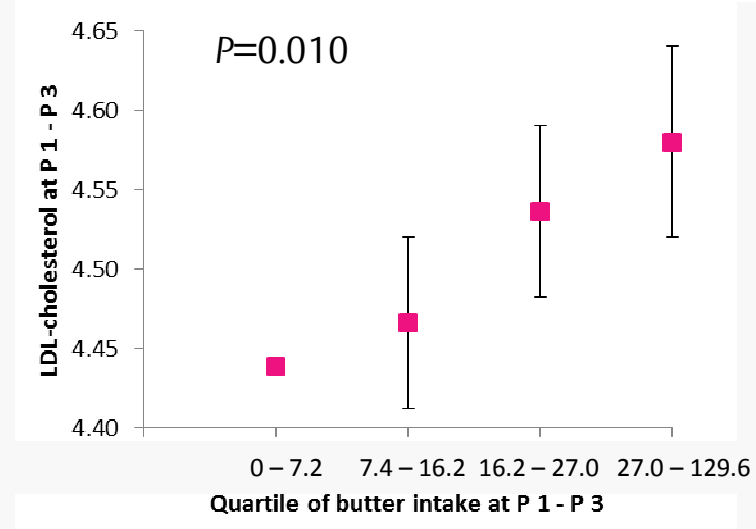




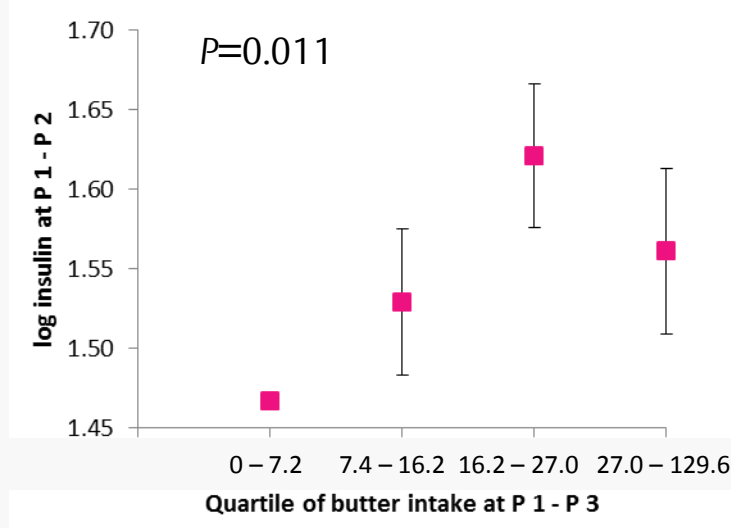
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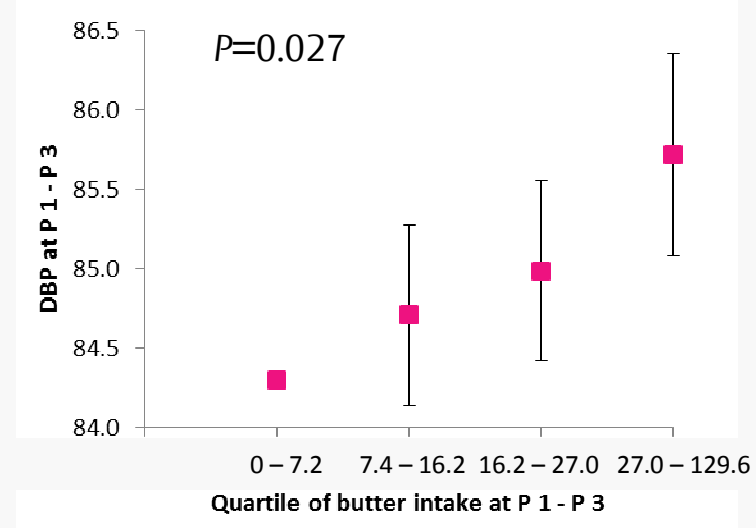
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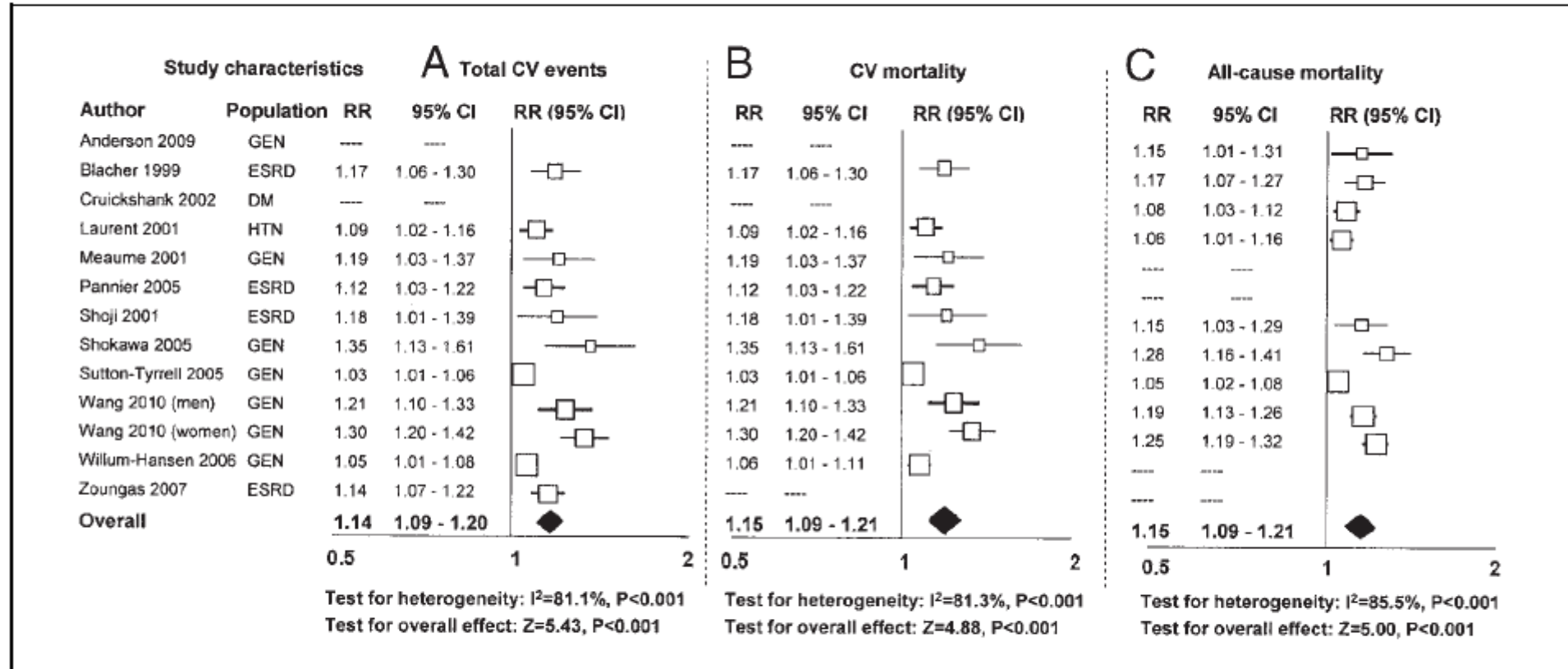
### Insulin:



### Diastolic blood pressure:







**Figure 3** RR and 95% CI for a 1-m/s Increase in Aortic PWV and Clinical Events

RR and 95% CI for a 1-m/s increase in aortic PWV and total CV events (A), CV mortality (B), and all-cause mortality (C). Studies are listed alphabetically. Symbols and abbreviations as in Figure 2.