



October 16 - 18  
14<sup>th</sup> EDITION **2015**



# MY CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ARE

- Small grant by International Nut Council (INC) to my Department for Predimedplus (covers <1% costs)
  - Food companies donated the food items given for free to participants in the trials
  - They had no role in the the trial's design, data analysis, or the decision to report the results.

# MeDiet & Atrial Fibrillation

*Miguel A. Martínez-González*  
*University of Navarra, Spain*

Circulation 2014;130:18-26

[www.predimed.es](http://www.predimed.es)

1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus



- 1. Diet & AF**
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus

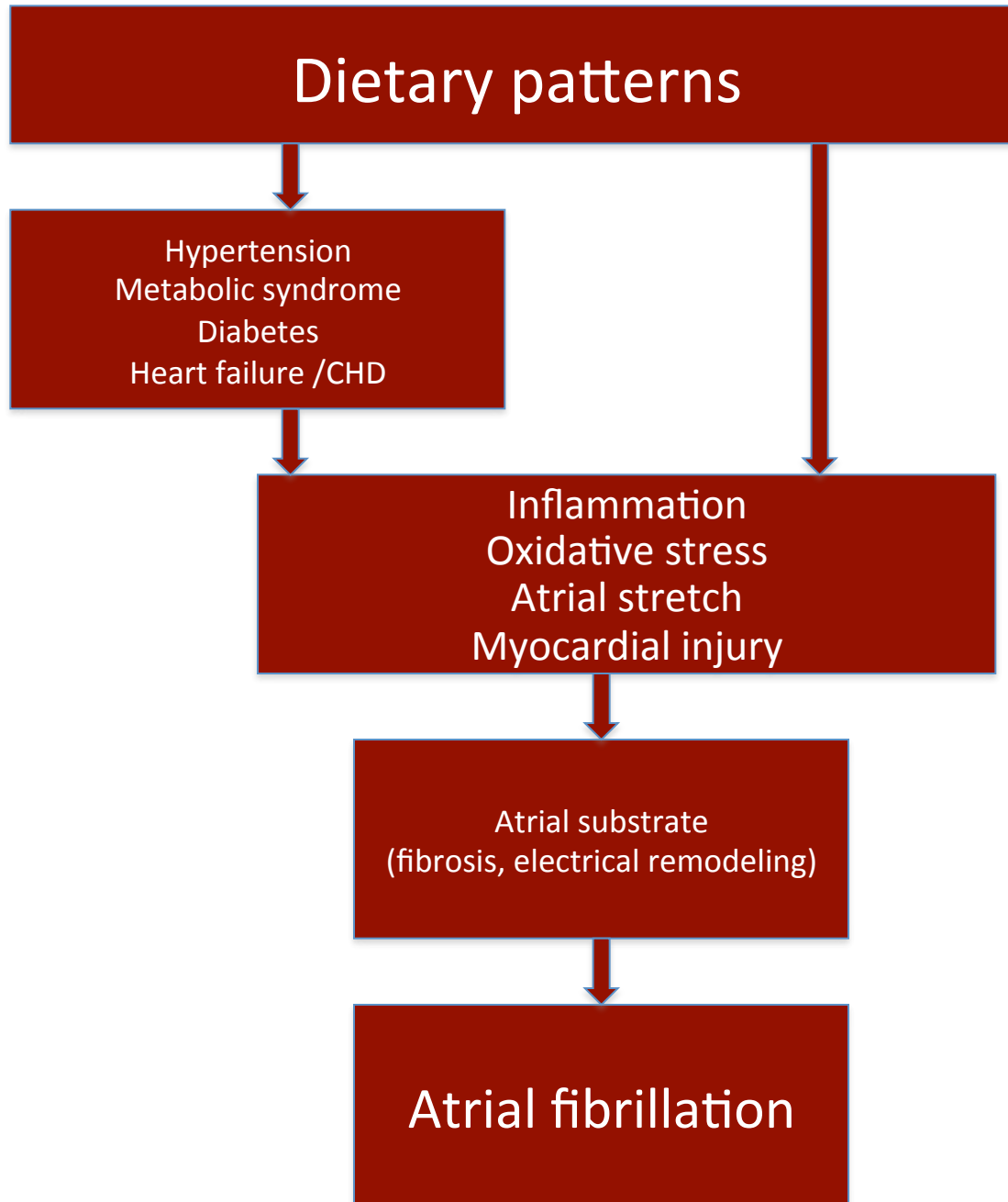
# Dietary patterns

Hypertension  
Metabolic syndrome  
Diabetes  
Heart failure /CHD

Inflammation  
Oxidative stress  
Atrial stretch  
Myocardial injury

Atrial substrate  
(fibrosis, electrical remodeling)

Atrial fibrillation

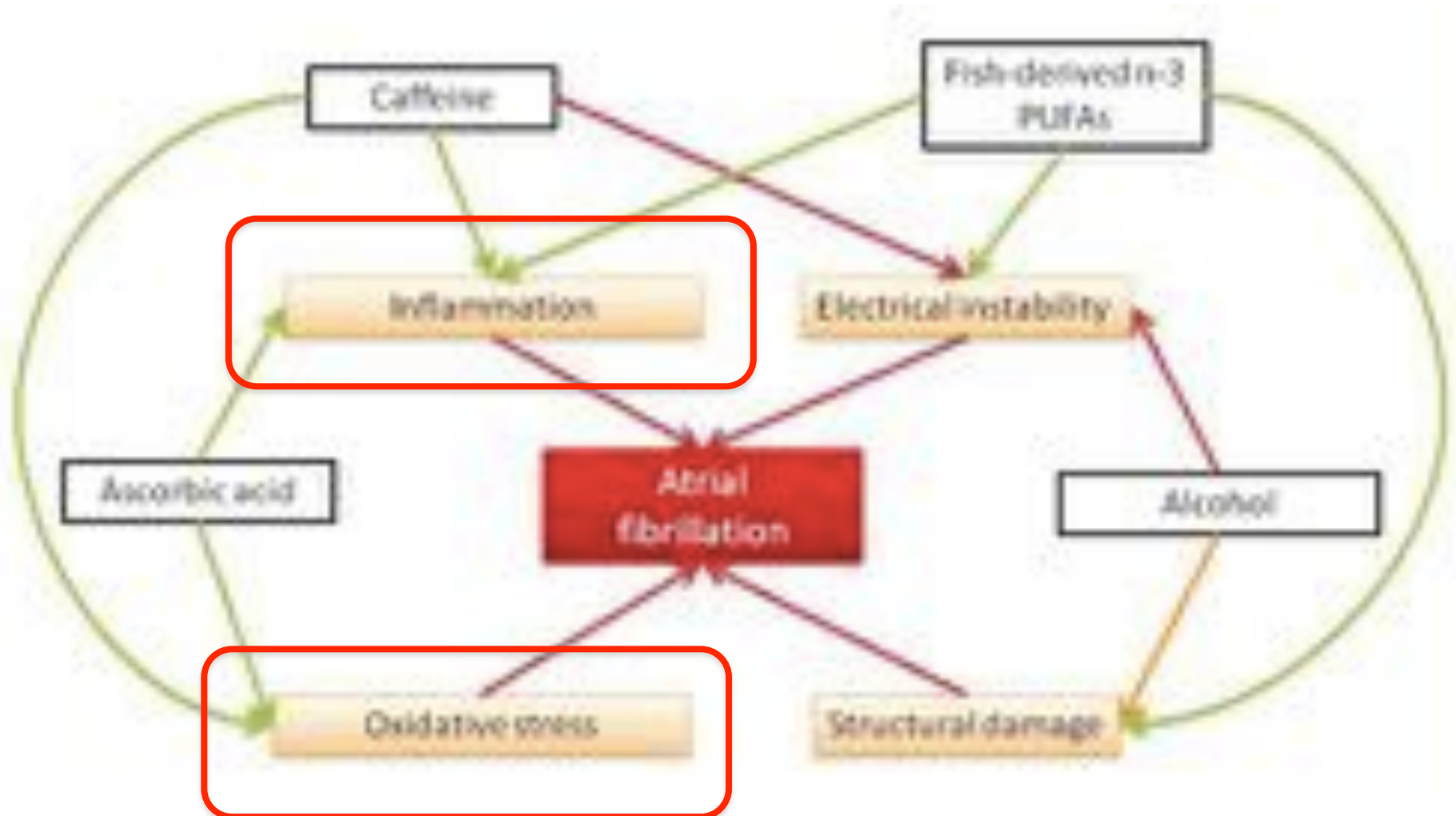


# Diet & Atrial fibrillation

- Dietary fats have effects on cellular *electrophysiology* and structural *remodeling*, which have been implicated in the development and maintenance of AF (*Pharmacol Ther* 2013;140:53–80).
- Fat subclasses may influence pathways related to AF *maintenance* rather than initiation (*J Nutr* 2015;145:2092–101).
- SFAs may promote cardiac structural remodeling through *increased apoptosis in myocytes* (*Science* 2009;324:343–4) and electrical remodeling through *direct proarrhythmic* effects (*Am Heart J* 1970;80:671–4).
- Diets high in SFAs may increase *blood pressure*, whereas diets high in MUFAs may reduce blood pressure (*JAMA* 2005;294:2455–64).
- Fish-derived n-3 PUFAs may prevent AF through several mechanisms: preventing structural heart damage; *inhibiting inflammation*; and inhibiting electrical currents via *myocyte cell membrane stabilization* (*Circ J* 2010;74:2029-38)

# Diet & Atrial fibrillation: systematic review

Groonross & Alonso, Circ J 2010



# A Randomized Controlled Trial to Prevent Post-Operative Atrial Fibrillation by Antioxidant Reinforcement

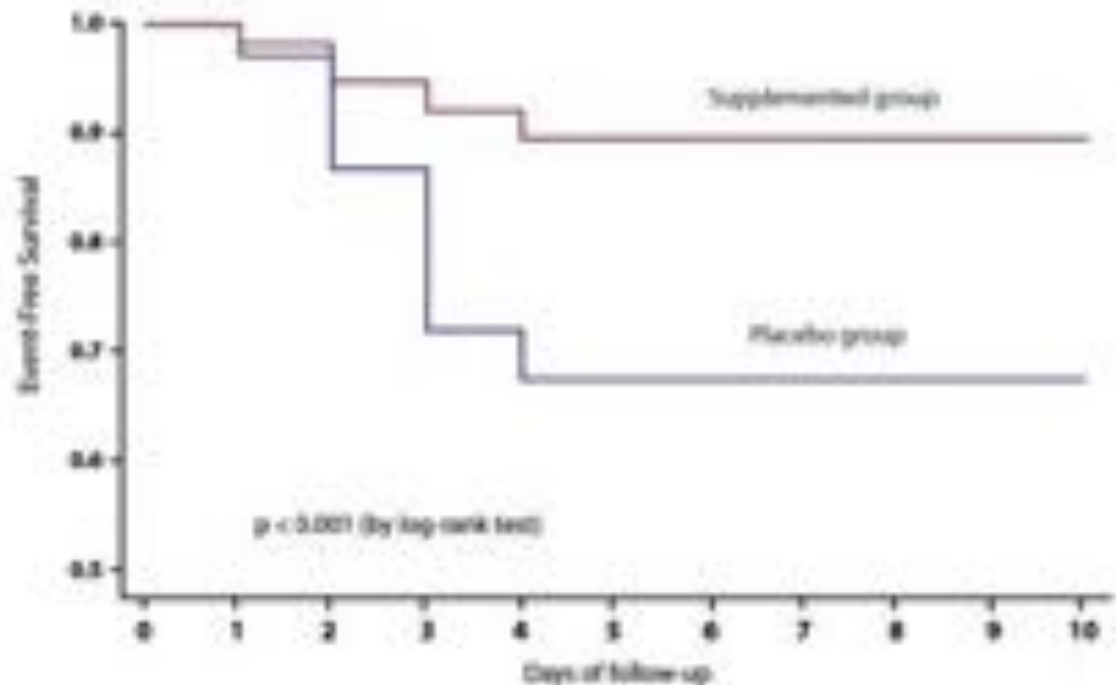
J Am Coll Cardiol 2013;62:1457–65  
**w-3+Vit. C+Vit. E**

Raúl Rodrigo, MSc,\* Panagiotis Korantzopoulos, MD, PhD,† Mauricio Cereceda, MD,‡  
René Azeiteiro, MD,‡ Jaime Zamorano, MD,‡ Eñe Villalabeitia, MD,§ Cristián Barra, MD,§  
Rubén Aguayo, MD,§ Rodrigo Castillo, MD, PhD,‡ Rodrigo Carrasco, MD,\* Juan G. Gormaz, PhD\*  
Santiago, Chile; and Ioannina, Greece

POAF occurred in

- 10 of 103 patients (9.7%) of the supplemented group
- versus
- 32 of 100 patients (32.0%) of the placebo group

RR= 0.28 (95% CI: 0.14 to 0.56)  
p < 0.001






## Systematic review, Groonross & Alonso 2010

- Higher **alcohol** intake is consistently related with an increased AF risk
- whereas **moderate intake of alcohol and caffeine** seem to have **no effect**.
- The association between **fish-derived n-3 PUFAs** and AF was **inconsistent**, though some evidence exists that these fatty acids might have a protective effect.
- **Further research** to clarify the role of diet in the prevention of AF is warranted

1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus

1. Diet & AF
-  2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus

Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee  
(DGAC):  
Evidence Basis and Key Recommendations (Feb 25, 2015)

**Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines  
Advisory Committee (DGAC)**

***Evidence Basis and Key Recommendations***

Hosted by

Harvard/T.H. Chan School of Public Health

with Satellite Sites at:

Boston University, Cornell University, Purdue University,

Tufts University, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

University of California-San Diego.

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015

3:30-6:00 pm

<http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015-scientific-report/>

# Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC): Evidence Basis and Key Recommendations (Feb 25, 2015)

## Part D: Science Base

Chapter 1: Food and Nutrient Intakes, and Health: Current Status and Trends

Chapter 2: Dietary Patterns, Foods and Nutrients, and Health Outcomes

Chapter 3: Individual Diet and Physical Activity Behavior Change

Chapter 4: Food Environment and Settings

Chapter 5: Food Sustainability and Safety

Chapter 6: Cross-Cutting Topics of Public Health Importance

Chapter 7: Physical Activity

Susan Krebs-Smith



# Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC):

Evidence Basis and Key Recommendations (Feb 25, 2015)

**Dietary patterns** are defined as the

- quantities,
- proportions,
- variety or
- combinations of different foods and beverages in diets,
- and the frequency with which they are habitually consumed.

# Dietary patterns methodologies

Selective  
Diets

People who meet / don't  
meet criteria

Indexes /  
Scores

Individuals' scores on  
quality and its components

Cluster  
Analysis

Groups of individuals and  
their diet patterns

Factor  
Analysis

Factors explaining variation in  
individuals' scores

Hypothesis  
testing

How do  
dietary patterns  
relate to  
health outcome?

# Dietary patterns: limitations

- **Two general approaches: which is better?**
  - Hypothesis-oriented
  - Data-driven
- **Reproducibility?**
  - Sample-specific medians vs. normative scores
  - Factor or cluster analyses are not reproducible
  - Heterogeneity in dietary assessment tools
- **Confounding?**
  - Lifestyles differ across levels of dietary patterns



# Dietary patterns: advantages

- **Interaction**
  - Synergies
  - Antagonisms
- **Confounding**
  - Preempts confounding (other diet. fact.)
- **Statistical power**
  - The isolated effect of a nutrient: too small
  - *Cumulative* exposure = ↑ effect
  - Avoids multicollinearity
  - Avoids issues of multiple comparisons
- **Public health**
  - a sociological reality per se

# Scientific Report of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC): Evidence Basis and Key Recommendations (Feb 25, 2015)

<http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/2015-scientific-report/>

## Three beneficial dietary patterns

1. Healthy US-style pattern

2. Healthy Mediterranean-style pattern

3. Healthy Vegetarian pattern

The DGAC had enough descriptive information from existing research and data to model three dietary patterns and to examine their nutritional adequacy. These patterns are the Healthy U.S.-style Pattern, the Healthy Mediterranean-style Pattern, and the Healthy Vegetarian Pattern. These patterns include the components of a dietary pattern associated with health benefits.

**The Committee`s examination of the association between dietary patterns and various health outcomes revealed remarkable consistency in the findings**



# The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

HOME

ARTICLES & MATTERS +

ISSUES +

SPECIALTIES & TOPICS +

FOR AUTHORS +

ONE +



## Perspective

HISTORY OF MEDICINE

### Something New under the Sun? The Mediterranean Diet and Cardiovascular Health

Steven H. Stein, PhD

[View Article](#) | [Abstract](#) | [Full Text](#) | [References](#) | [Citations](#) | [Permissions](#) | [Share](#)

[www.predimed.es](http://www.predimed.es)  
M.M.M. 0169-1769-1279-0



TABLE 1—TEN-YEAR DEATH RATE PER 10 000, STANDARDISED BY SINGLE YEARS OF AGE, OF MEN AGED 50–59 AT ENTRY, AND AVERAGE NUTRIENTS AS % OF CALORIES IN THE DIET

Cohort	No.	Percentage of diet calories from:				Death rate	
		Protein	Fat	Sat FA	Poly	All	CHD
B. Belgrade	538	14	34	12	4	509	288
C. Crevalcore	940	12·4	27	10	3	1261	348
D. Dubrava	671	24	32	9	2	758	86
E. East Finland	811	12·4	19	22	3	1121	992
G. Gera	529	11·4	15	7	4	784	144
I. Ilo-Ilo	505	17	9	5	1	1544	66
K. Crete	686	10·4	40	9	3	543	9
M. Montegiughe	319	11·2	25	9	3	1080	150
N. Zutphen	878	12·2	40	19	5	1175	420
R. Rome (rd)	768	13	30	8	3	1027	280
S. Savona	696	13·8	23	14	3	1477	214
T. Tyrol (Garmisch)	608	11	8	3	0	1006	84
U. U.S. (rd)	2171	14	41	18	5	1098	134
V. Vellore (India)	511	11·5	23	9	3	1078	80
W. West Finland	460	12·2	24	19	3	1114	351
Z. Zloczow	504	11·5	31	10	5	1300	152
14 Cohorts	12743	12·6	32·4	11·3	3·8	1071	260

Fat=total fat; Sat FA=saturated fatty acids; Poly=polyunsaturated fatty acids; All=all deaths except from violence; CHD=death from coronary heart disease

\*Participants: ANCEL KEYS, Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, U.S.A.; C. ARAVANIS, Evangelismos Hospital Medical Centre, Athens, Greece; the late F. S. P. VAN BUCHEM, Zutphen, The Netherlands; H. BLACKBURN, Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota; R. BUZINA, Institute of Public Health of Croatia, Zagreb, Yugoslavia; B. S. DJORDJEVIĆ, Department of Medicine, University of Belgrade Medical School, Yugoslavia; A. S. DONTAS, Department of Medicine, Accident Hospital, Kifisia (Athens), Greece; F. FIDANZA, Institute of Nutrition and Food Science, University of Perugia, Italy; M. J. KARVONEN, 84060 Pioppi (SA), Italy; N. KIMURA, Kurume University, Japan; A. MENOTTI, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Rome, Italy; S. NEDELJKOVIĆ, Department of Medicine, University of Belgrade Medical School; V. PUDDU, Clinica Santa Giulia, Rome, Italy; S. PUNSAR, Research Department, Finnish Heart Association, Helsinki, Finland; H. L. TAYLOR, Laboratory of Physiological Hygiene, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota.

The heart of what we now consider the Mediterranean diet is mainly vegetarian:

- pasta in many forms,
- leaves sprinkled with olive oil,
- all kinds of vegetables in season,
- and often cheese,
- all finished off with fruit,
- and frequently washed down with wine



Mediterranean diet and public health: personal reflections<sup>1,2</sup>

# The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ESTABLISHED IN 1812

JUNE 26, 2003

VOL. 348 NO. 26

## Adherence to a Mediterranean Diet and Survival in a Greek Population

Antonia Trichopoulos, M.D., Tina Costacou, Ph.D., Christina Barma, Ph.D.,  
and Dimitrios Trichopoulos, M.D.

# 9-item

- **1 point if  $\geq$  sex-specific Median**

1. MUFA/SFA ratio

2. Fruits & nuts

3. Vegetables

4. Cereals

5. Legumes

6. Fish

- **1 point if  $\leq$  sex-specific Median**

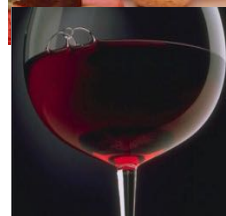
7. Meat/meat products

8. Dairy

9. Alcohol: 1 point if

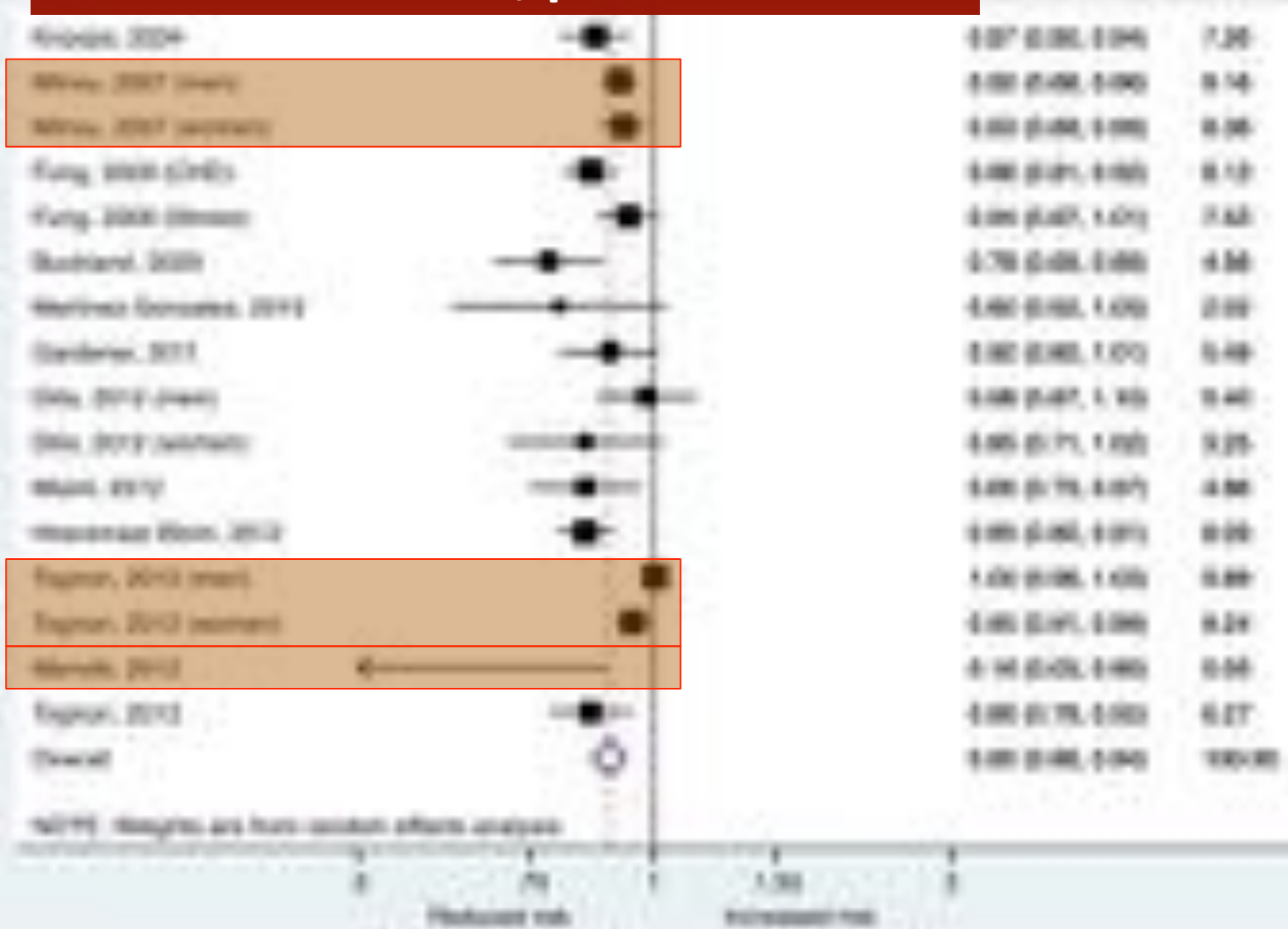
- Men: between 10-50 g/d

- Women: between 5-25 g/d




Miguel Angel Martinez-Gonzalez

**Pooled RR: 0.87 (95% CI: 0.85-0.90)**  
**I<sup>2</sup>=19.8%; p=0.26**



1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus



1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
-  3. **Observational studies**
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus

Parachute use to prevent death and major trauma related to gravitational challenge: systematic review of randomised controlled trials

Gordon C S Smith, Jill P Pell

We think that everyone might benefit if the most radical protagonists of evidence based medicine organised and participated in a double blind, randomised, placebo controlled, **crossover trial of the parachute.**

not been subjected to rigorous evaluation by using randomised controlled trials.

BMJ 2003;327:1459-61



## Research designs

Source: Martinez JA & Martinez-Gonzalez MA.

*Nutrition Research Methodology: the scientific method and nutritional research.*

In: Gibney MJ, et al. *Introduction to Human Nutrition. The Nutrition Society Textbook series.* London: Blackwell Science, 2009.

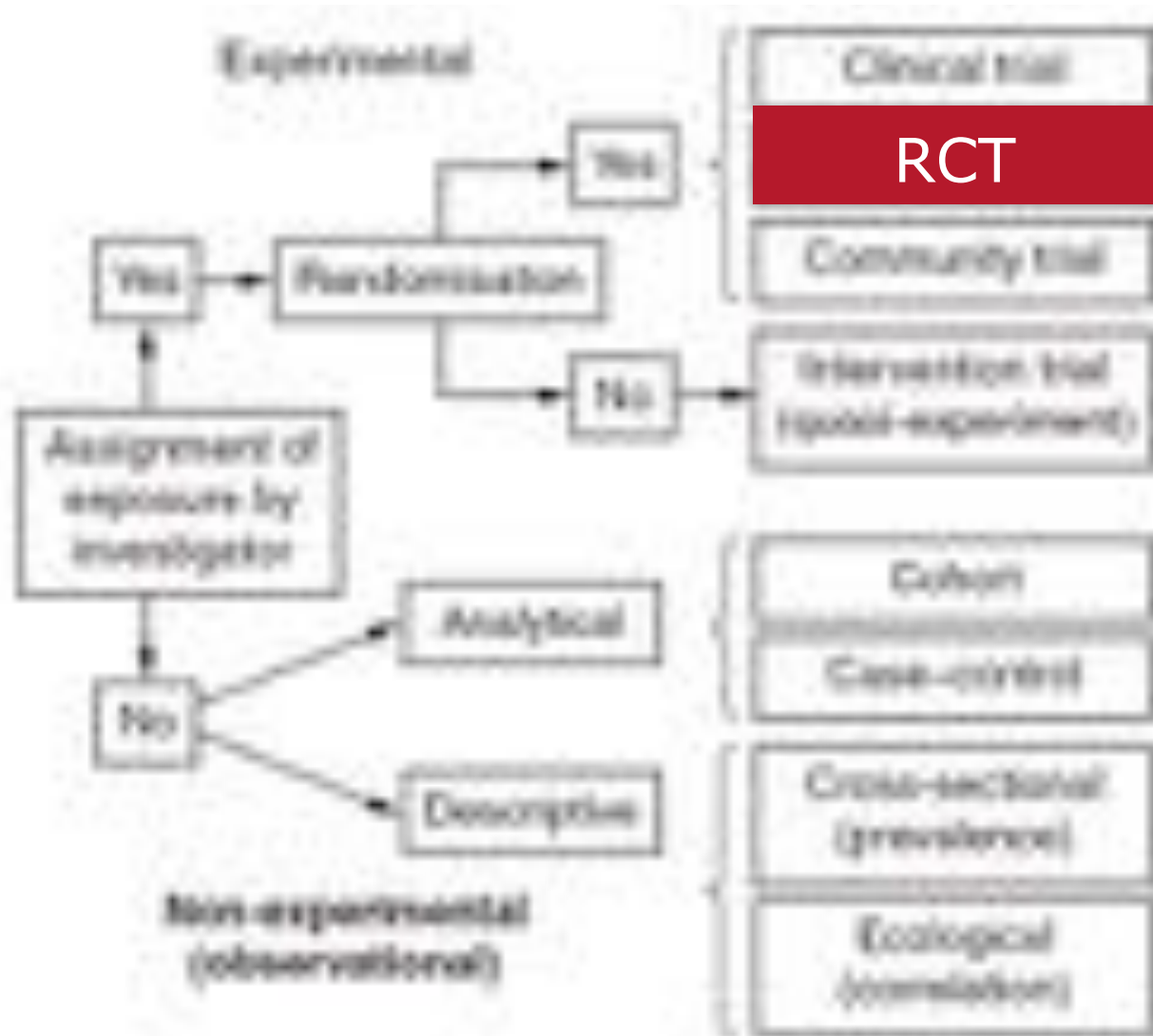


Figure 182 Classification of epidemiological designs.

- ❑ Strength of association
- ❑ Temporal sequence
- ❑ Graduality
  
- ❑ Consistency
- ❑ Coherence
- ❑ Biological plausibility
- ❑ Specificity
- ❑ Analogy
- ❑ Experimental evidence



Long-term fish consumption is associated with protection against arrhythmia in healthy persons in a Mediterranean region—the ATTICA study<sup>1–3</sup>

*Am J Clin Nutr* 2007; 85:1385–91.

*Christina Chryschoou, Demosthenes B Panagiotakos, Christos Pitsavos, John Skoumas, Xenofon Krinos, Yannis Chloptsios, Vassilios Nikolaou, and Christodoulos Stefanadis*

compared with fish nonconsumers, those who consumed >300 g fish/wk had a 29.2% lower likelihood of having QTc intervals >0.45 s ( $P = 0.03$ )

### Associations of Plasma Phospholipid and Dietary Alpha Linolenic Acid With Incident Atrial Fibrillation in Older Adults: The Cardiovascular Health Study

Amanda M. Fretts, PhD, MPH; Dariush Mozaffarian, MD, DrPH; David S. Siscovick, MD, MPH; Susan R. Heckbert, MD, PhD; Barbara McKnight, PhD; Irena B. King, PhD; Eric B. Rimm, ScD; Bruce M. Psaty, MD, PhD; Frank M. Sacks, MD; Xiaoling Song, PhD; Donna Spiegelman, ScD; Rozenn N. Lemaitre, PhD, MPH

*J Am Heart Assoc.* 2013;2:e003814

no association of plasma phospholipid ALA and incident AF

### Postoperative atrial fibrillation and total dietary antioxidant capacity in patients undergoing cardiac surgery: The Polyphemus Observational Study

*J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg* 2015;149:1175-82

Simona Costanzo, MSc, PhD,<sup>a</sup> Amalia De Curtis, BSc,<sup>a</sup> Veronica di Niro, BN,<sup>b</sup> Marco Olivieri, IT,<sup>c</sup> Mariarosaria Morena, BN,<sup>d</sup> Carlo Maria De Filippo, MD,<sup>a</sup> Eugenio Caradonna, MD,<sup>e</sup> Vittorio Krogh, MD,<sup>e</sup> Mauro Serafini, MSc,<sup>f</sup> Nicoletta Pellegrini, MSc, PhD,<sup>g</sup> Maria Benedetta Donati, MD, PhD,<sup>g</sup> Giovanni de Gaetano, MD, PhD,<sup>g</sup> and Licia Iacoviello, MD, PhD,<sup>g</sup> on behalf of the Polyphemus Observational Study Investigators

patients in the highest tertile of dietary total antioxidant capacity had a lower risk of postoperative atrial fibrillation than patients in the 2 lowest tertiles  
OR = 0.46 (95% CI: 0.22-0.95)

### Dietary factors and incident atrial fibrillation: the Framingham Heart Study<sup>1–3</sup>

*Am J Clin Nutr* 2011;93:261–6.

*Jian Shen, Victor M Johnson, Lisa M Sullivan, Paul F Jacques, Jared W Magnani, Steven A Lubitz, Shivda Pande, Daniel Levy, Ramachandran S Vasan, Paula A Quatromoni, Mireia Junyent, Jose M Ordovas, and Emelia J Benja*

alcohol, caffeine, fiber, and fish-derived PUFAs no significantly associated with AF risk.  
adverse association of dark fish and AF merits further investigation.

# Adherence to Mediterranean diet and intake of antioxidants influence spontaneous conversion of atrial fibrillation<sup>☆</sup>

Nutrition, Metabolism & Cardiovascular Diseases 2013;23:115-21


A.V. Mattioli<sup>a,\*</sup>, C. Miloro<sup>b</sup>, S. Pennella<sup>c</sup>, P. Pedrazzi<sup>b</sup>, A. Farinetti<sup>d</sup>



**MeDiet**

**Olive oil**

1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus

1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
-  4. **PREDIMED: virgin olive oil**
5. Predimed Plus



**G 03/140: 2003-2005 (Clinic)**  
**RD 06/0045: 2006-2013 (UNAV)**  
**CIBERobn: 2013-**

1. Clinic (Barcelona)- Ramón Estruch
2. URV (Reus)- Jordi Salas
3. IVM (Barcelona)- Montse Fitó
4. U. Valencia- Dolores Corella
5. Hosp. Univ. Álava (Vitoria)- Fernando Arós
6. U. Málaga- Enrique Gómez-Gracia
7. CS S. Pablo (Sevilla)- José Lapetra
8. Son Espases (Mallorca)- Miquel Fiol / D. Romaguera
9. U. Las Palmas- Lluís Serra-Majem
10. H. Bellvitge (Barcelona)- Xavier Fito
11. U. Navarra / Osasunbidea – Miguel A. Martínez-González



## COHORT PROFILE

# Cohort Profile: Design and methods of the PREDIMED study

Miguel Ángel Martínez-González,<sup>1,7</sup> Dolores Corella,<sup>2,3</sup> Jordi Salas-Salvadó,<sup>3,4</sup> Emilio Ros,<sup>5,8</sup> María Isabel Covas,<sup>5,8</sup> Miguel Fiol,<sup>5,7</sup> Julia Wärnberg,<sup>5,8</sup> Fernando Arós,<sup>9</sup> Valentina Ruiz-Gutiérrez,<sup>10</sup> Rosa María Lamuela-Raventós,<sup>11</sup> Jose Lapetra,<sup>5,12</sup> Miguel Ángel Muñoz,<sup>13</sup> José Alfredo Martínez,<sup>5,14</sup> Guillermo Sáez,<sup>15</sup> Lluís Serra-Majem,<sup>16</sup> Xavier Pintó,<sup>17</sup> María Teresa Mitjavila,<sup>18</sup> Josep Antoni Tur,<sup>19</sup> María del Puy Portillo<sup>20</sup> and Ramón Estruch<sup>5,21</sup>, for the PREDIMED Study Investigators

**Int J Epidemiol. 2012;41:377-85.**  
**Epub 2010 Dec 20**

# DESIGN OF THE PREDIMED TRIAL

[www.predimed.es](http://www.predimed.es)

n = 7447

- Men: 55-80 yr
- Women: 60-80 yr
- High CV risk without CVD
  - Type 2 diabetics
  - 3+ risk factors

1. Smoking
2. Hypertension
3. ↑ LDL
4. ↓ HDL
5. Overweight/obese
6. Family history

**WITHOUT CVD at baseline**

Random



*ciberobn*

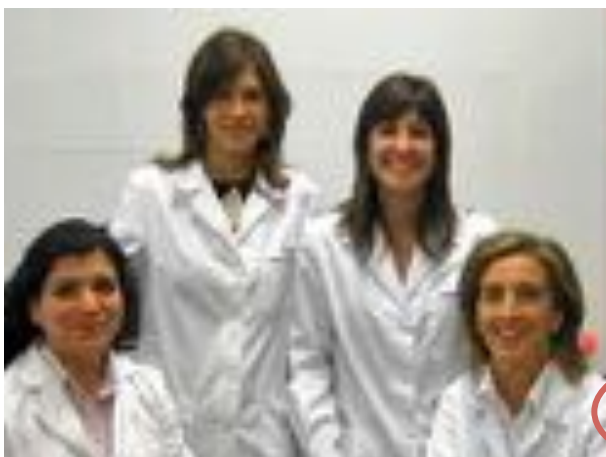
*Predimed*  
Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea

*ISC*  
Instituto de Salud Carlos III



# 14-point score

1. Olive oil main culinary fat
2. Olive oil  $\geq 4$  tablespoons/d
3. Veggies  $\geq 2$  serv./d
4. Fruits  $\geq 3$  serv./d
5. Red meats  $< 1$ /d
6. Butter, marg, cream  $< 1$ /d
7. Soda drinks  $< 1$ /d
8. Wine  $\geq 7$  glasses/wk
9. Legumes  $\geq 3$ /wk
10. Fish & seafood  $\geq 3$ /wk
11. Cakes, sweets  $< 3$ /wk
12. Nuts  $\geq 3$ /wk
13. Poultry  $>$  red meats
14. Sofrito



J Nutr 2011;141:1140  
**A Short Screener Is Valid for Assessing Mediterranean Diet Adherence among Older Spanish Men and Women**<sup>1-3</sup>  
Helmut Schröder,<sup>4,5\*</sup> Montserrat Fitó,<sup>4,5</sup> Ramón Estruch,<sup>3,6</sup> Miguel A. Martínez-González,<sup>6</sup>

Eur J Clin Nutr 2004;58:1550  
**Development of a short dietary intake questionnaire for the quantitative estimation of adherence to a cardioprotective Mediterranean diet**  
MA Martínez-González<sup>1\*</sup>, E Fernández-Jarne<sup>1</sup>, M Serrano-Martínez<sup>1</sup>, M Wright<sup>3</sup> and E Gomez-Gracia<sup>2</sup>

Zazpe et al for the PREDIMED group,  
J Am Diet Assoc 2008;108:1134-44





Salida grupo PREDIMED al centro de salud de Aragón en Pamplona

N Engl J Med 2013

Mediterranean diet	
<b>Recommended</b>	
Olive oil	>4 tbsp/day
Tree nuts and peanuts	>1 servings/week
Fresh fruits	>5 servings/day
Vegetables	>2 servings/day
Fish (especially fatty fish), seafood	>1 servings/week
Legumes	>1 servings/week
Soft fat	>2 servings/week
White meat	instead of red meat
Wine with meals (optional, only for habitual drinkers)	<7 glasses/week
<b>Discouraged</b>	
Soda drinks	<1 drink/day
Commercial bakery goods, sweets, and pastries	<1 servings/week
Spread fats	<1 serving/day
Red and processed meat	<1 serving/day

Low-fat diet (control)	
<b>Recommended</b>	
Low-fat dairy products	>3 servings/day
Bread, potatoes, pasta, rice	>3 servings/day
Fresh fruits	>3 servings/day
Vegetables	>2 servings/day
Lean fish and seafood	>1 servings/week
<b>Discouraged</b>	
Vegetable oils (including olive oil)	>2 tbsp/day
Commercial bakery goods, sweets, and pastries	>1 serving/week
Nuts and fried snacks	>1 serving/week
Red and processed fatty meats	>1 serving/week
Visible fat in meats and eggs	Always remove
Fatty fish, seafood covered in oil	>1 serving/week
Spread fats	>1 serving/week
Soft fat	>2 servings/week

## Introduce changes in the overall food pattern

### ■ Mediterranean diet: 2 groups

- Total Fat: *ad libitum*
- High in
  - MUFA (virgin olive oil)
  - Fish
  - Fruits, vegetables, legumes
- Low in **meats & dairy**
- alcohol permitted: wine



### ■ *Low-fat diet* - Control

- Reduce every fat
- Increase CHO

### ■ No Energy limitation

### ■ No Physical activity

### ■ No goals for weight loss



tocopherols  
polyphenols  
flavonoids  
phytosterols

The purpose of the present literature review was to investigate and summarize the current evidence on associations between dietary patterns and biomarkers of inflammation, as derived from epidemiological studies. A systematic literature search was conducted using PubMed, Web of Science, and EMBASE, and a total of 46 studies were included in the review. These studies predominantly applied principal component analysis, factor analysis, reduced rank regression analysis, the Healthy Eating Index, or the Mediterranean Diet Score. No prospective observational study was found. Patterns identified by reduced rank regression as being statistically significantly associated with biomarkers of inflammation were almost all meat-based or "Western" patterns. Studies using principal component analysis or a priori-defined diet scores found that meat-based or "Western-like" patterns tended to be positively associated with biomarkers of inflammation, predominantly C-reactive protein, while vegetable- and fruit-based or "healthy" patterns tended to be inversely associated. While results of the studies were inconsistent, interventions with presumed healthy diets resulted in reductions of almost all investigated inflammatory biomarkers. In conclusion, prospective studies are warranted to confirm the reported findings and further analyze associations, particularly by investigating dietary patterns as risk factors for changes in inflammatory markers over time.

3-mo changes  
n= 772

Annals of Internal Medicine

ARTICLE

## Effects of a Mediterranean-Style Diet on Cardiovascular Risk Factors A Randomized Trial

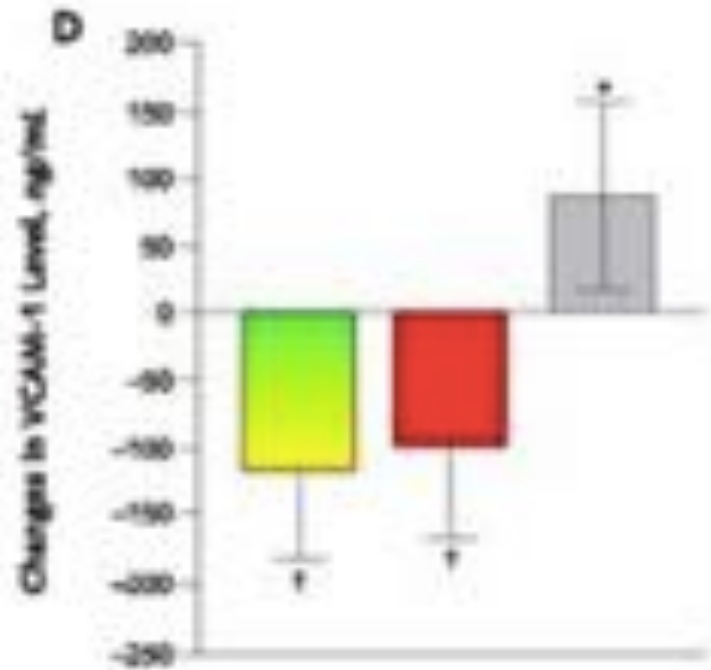
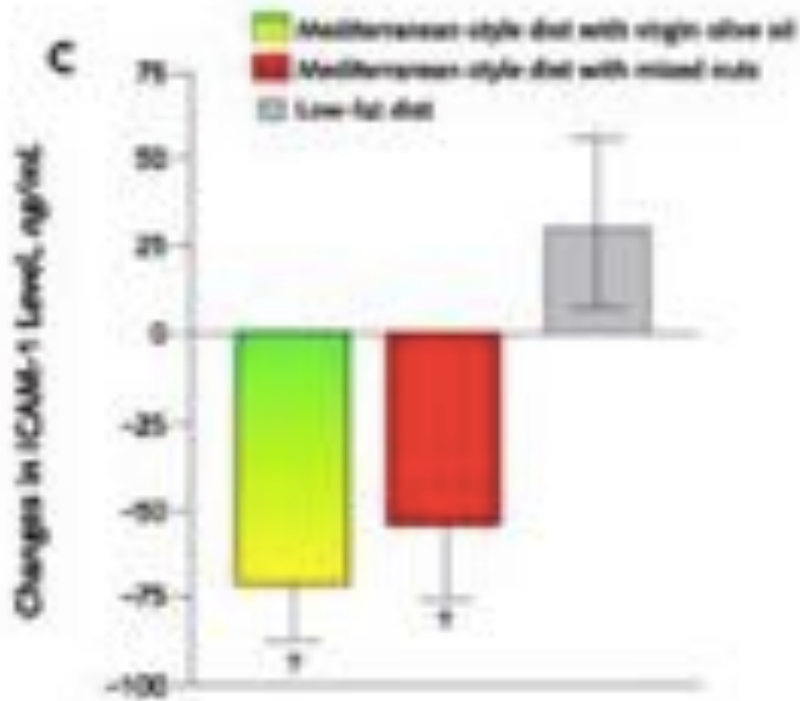
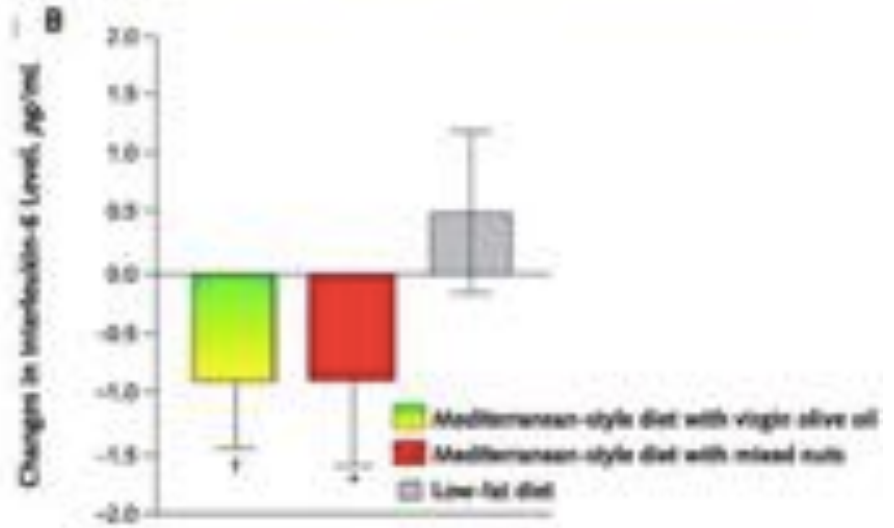
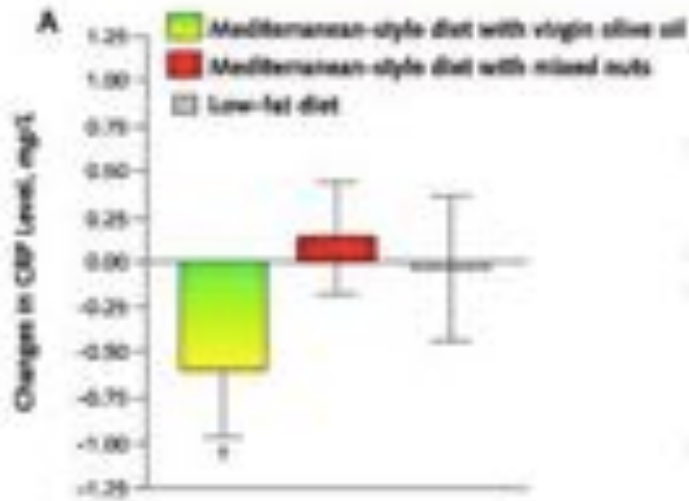
Ramon Estruch, MD, PhD, Miguel Angel Martínez-González, MD, PhD, Dolors Corella, PhD, Jordi Salas-Salvadó, MD, PhD, Valentina Ruiz-Cabrera, PhD, María Isabel Casas, PhD, Miguel del Poz, MD, PhD, Benjamín Gómez-Delgado, MD, PhD, Mari Carmen Lazo-Sabat, PhD, Ernest Pascual, MD, PhD, Fernando Ares, MD, PhD, Manuel Conde, MD, PhD, Carlos López, MD, PhD, José Laguna, MD, PhD, Guillermo Nave, MD, PhD, and Andrés Fernández, MD, PhD, for the PREDIMED Study Investigators\*

Ann Intern Med 2006;145:1-11



# 3-mo changes in Risk Factors

Ann Intern Med 2006;145:1-11



**Primary end-point:** either

- myocardial infarction
- stroke
- cardiovascular death



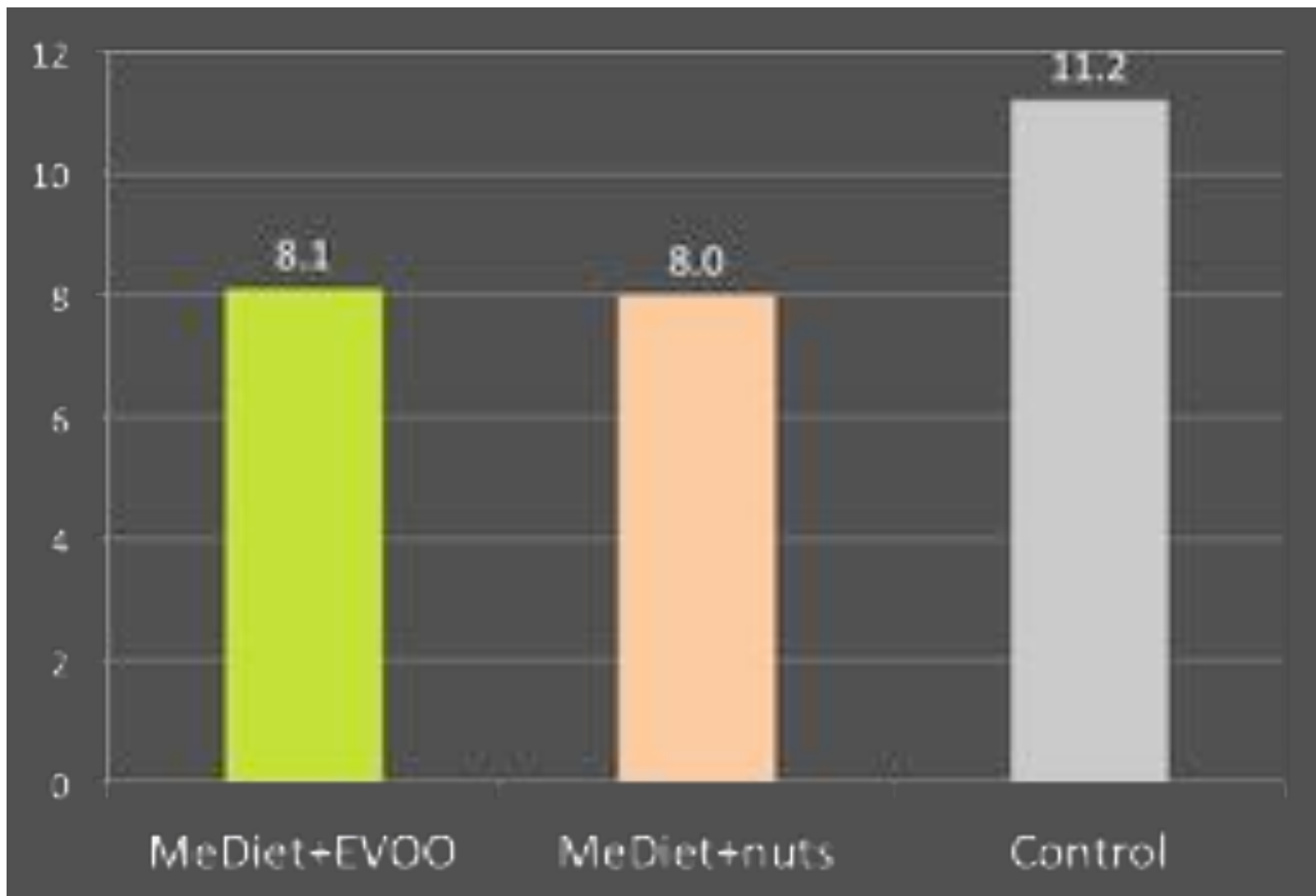
Figure 1: The authors: double blinded versus single blinded

**Blinding in randomised trials: hiding who got what**

Lancet 2002

*Kenneth F Schulz, David A Grimes*

Primary end-point (MI, stroke or death from CV causes)  
Crude rates / 1000 person-years



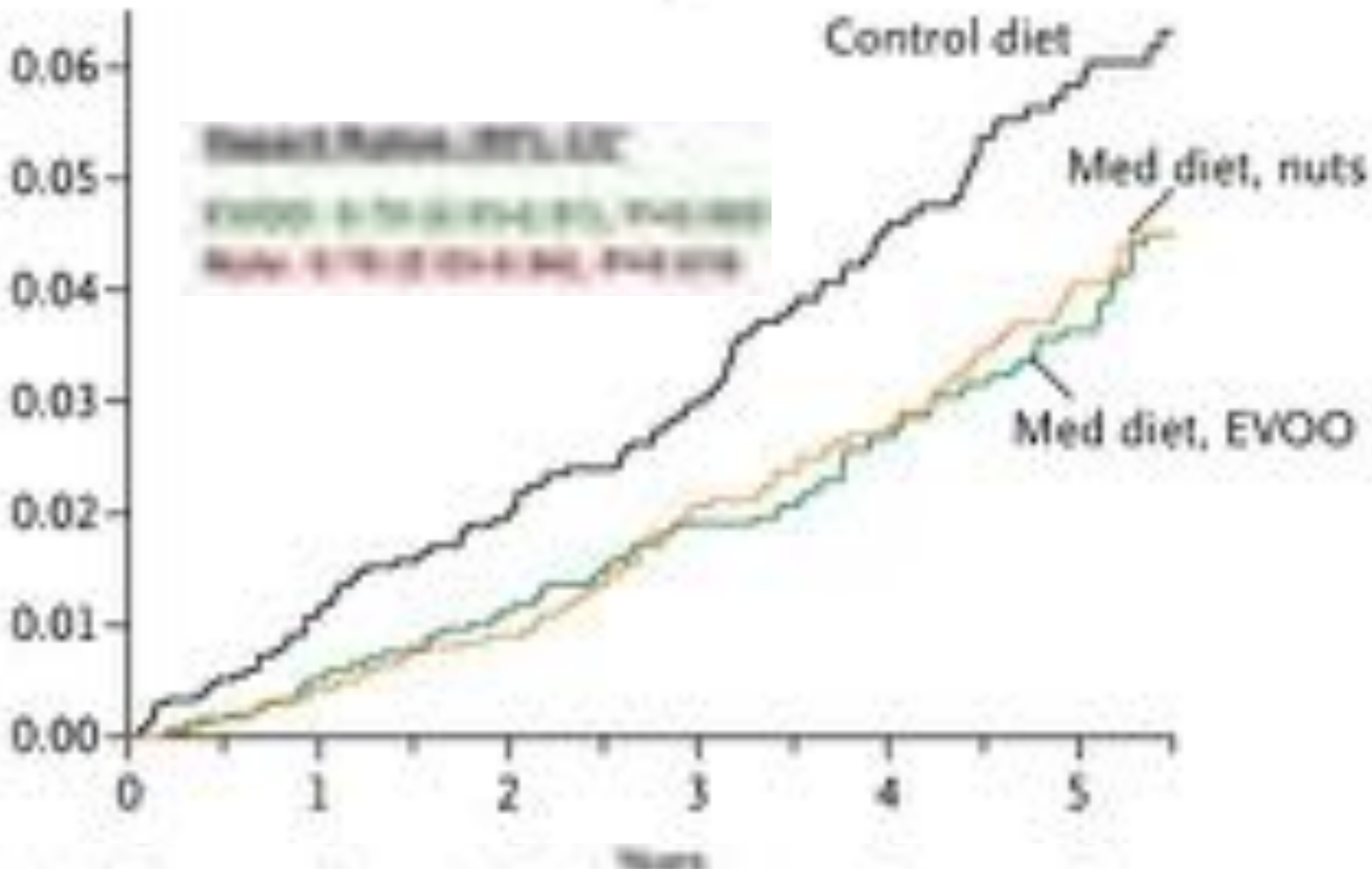


ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet

Ramón Estruch, M.D., Ph.D., Emilio Ros, M.D., Ph.D., Jordi Salas-Salvadó, M.D., Ph.D.,  
María Isabel Covas, D.Pharm., Ph.D., Dolores Corella, D.Pharm., Ph.D.,  
Fernando Arós, M.D., Ph.D., Enrique Gómez-Gracia, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Valentina Ruiz-Gutiérrez, Ph.D., Miquel Fiol, M.D., Ph.D., José Lapetra, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Rosa María Lamuela-Raventós, D.Pharm., Ph.D., Lluís Serra-Majem, M.D., Ph.D.,  
Xavier Pintó, M.D., Ph.D., Josep Basora, M.D., Ph.D., Miguel Ángel Muñoz, M.D., Ph.D.,  
José V. Sorli, M.D., Ph.D., José Alfredo Martínez, D.Pharm., M.D., Ph.D., and  
Miguel Ángel Martínez-Conzalez, M.D., Ph.D., for the PREDIMED Study Investigators\*

**Primary end-point (MI, stroke or death from CV causes)**



Number at risk	0	1	2	3	4	5
Control group	2400	2000	1600	1200	1000	800
Med diet, EVOO	2400	2000	1600	1200	1000	800
Med diet, nuts	2400	2000	1600	1200	1000	800





Available online at [www.elsevier.com](http://www.elsevier.com)

ScienceDirect

[www.elsevier.com](http://www.elsevier.com)



## Benefits of the Mediterranean Diet: Insights From the PREDIMED Study



Miguel A. Martínez-González<sup>a,b,c,e</sup>, Jordi Salas-Salvadó<sup>b,c,d</sup>, Ramón Estruch<sup>b,c,e</sup>, Dolores Corella<sup>c,f</sup>, Montse Fito<sup>g,h</sup>, Emilio Ros<sup>c,e</sup>, for the PREDIMED INVESTIGATORS<sup>1</sup>

## Mediterranean Diet and Cardiovascular Health: Teachings of the PREDIMED Study<sup>1-3</sup>

Adv Nutr 2014;5:330S-6S.

Emilio Ros,<sup>4,5\*</sup> Miguel A. Martínez-González,<sup>6,7</sup> Ramon Estruch,<sup>3,6</sup> Jordi Salas-Salvadó,<sup>6,8</sup> Montserrat Fito,<sup>6,10</sup> José A. Martínez,<sup>6,6</sup> and Dolores Corella<sup>6,11</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Lipid Clinic, Endocrinology and Nutrition Service and <sup>b</sup>Department of Internal Medicine, Institut d'Investigacions Biomèdiques August Pi Sunyer (IDIBAPS), Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; <sup>c</sup>CIBER Fisiopatología de la Obesidad y Nutrición (CIBERObn), Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Spanish Government, Spain; Departments of <sup>d</sup>Preventive Medicine and Public Health and <sup>e</sup>Nutrition and Food Sciences, Physiology, and Toxicology, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain; <sup>f</sup>Human Nutrition Department, Sant Joan University Hospital, Pere Virgili Health Research Institute, Rovira i Virgili University, Reus, Spain; <sup>g</sup>Cardiovascular and Nutrition Research Group and Regicor Study Group, Hospital del Mar Research Institute, Barcelona, Spain; and <sup>h</sup>Department of Preventive Medicine, University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain

# Extravirgin Olive Oil Consumption Reduces Risk of Atrial Fibrillation

## The PREDIMED (Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea) Trial

Miguel Á. Martínez-González, MD, PhD; Estefanía Toledo, MD, PhD; Fernando Arós, MD, PhD; Miquel Fiol, MD, PhD; Dolores Corella, DPharm, PhD; Jordi Salas-Salvadó, MD, PhD; Emilio Ros, MD, PhD; María I. Covas, DPharm, PhD; Joaquín Fernández-Crehuet, MD, PhD; José Lapetra, MD, PhD; Miguel A. Muñoz, MD, PhD; Monserrat Fitó, MD, PhD; Luis Serra-Majem, MD, PhD; Xavier Pintó, MD, PhD; Rosa M. Lamuela-Raventós, DPharm, PhD; Jose V. Sorlí, MD, PhD; Nancy Babio, BSc, PhD; Pilar Buil-Cosiales, MD, PhD; Valentina Ruiz-Gutierrez, PhD; Ramón Estruch, MD, PhD; Alvaro Alonso, MD, PhD; for the PREDIMED Investigators\*

# Circulation

JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

2014;130:18-26

www.predimed.es  
www.ahajournals.org





**Extravirgin Olive Oil Consumption Reduces  
Risk of Atrial Fibrillation**

**The PREDIMED (Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea) Trial**

Miguel Á. Martínez-González, MD, PhD; Estefanía Toledo, MD, PhD;  
Fernando Arós, MD, PhD; Miquel Fiol, MD, PhD; Deïores Corella, DPharm, PhD;  
Jordi Salas-Salvadó, MD, PhD; Emilio Ros, MD, PhD; María I. Covas, DPharm, PhD;  
Joaquín Fernández-Crehuet, MD, PhD; José Lapetra, MD, PhD;  
Miguel A. Muñoz, MD, PhD; Monserrat Fitó, MD, PhD; Luis Serra-Majem, MD, PhD;  
Xavier Pintó, MD, PhD; Rosa M. Lamuela-Raventós, DPharm, PhD; Jose V. Sorlí, MD, PhD;  
Nancy Babio, BSc, PhD; Pilar Buil-Cosiales, MD, PhD; Valentina Ruiz-Gutierrez, PhD;  
Ramón Estruch, MD, PhD; Alvaro Alonso, MD, PhD; for the PREDIMED Investigators\*

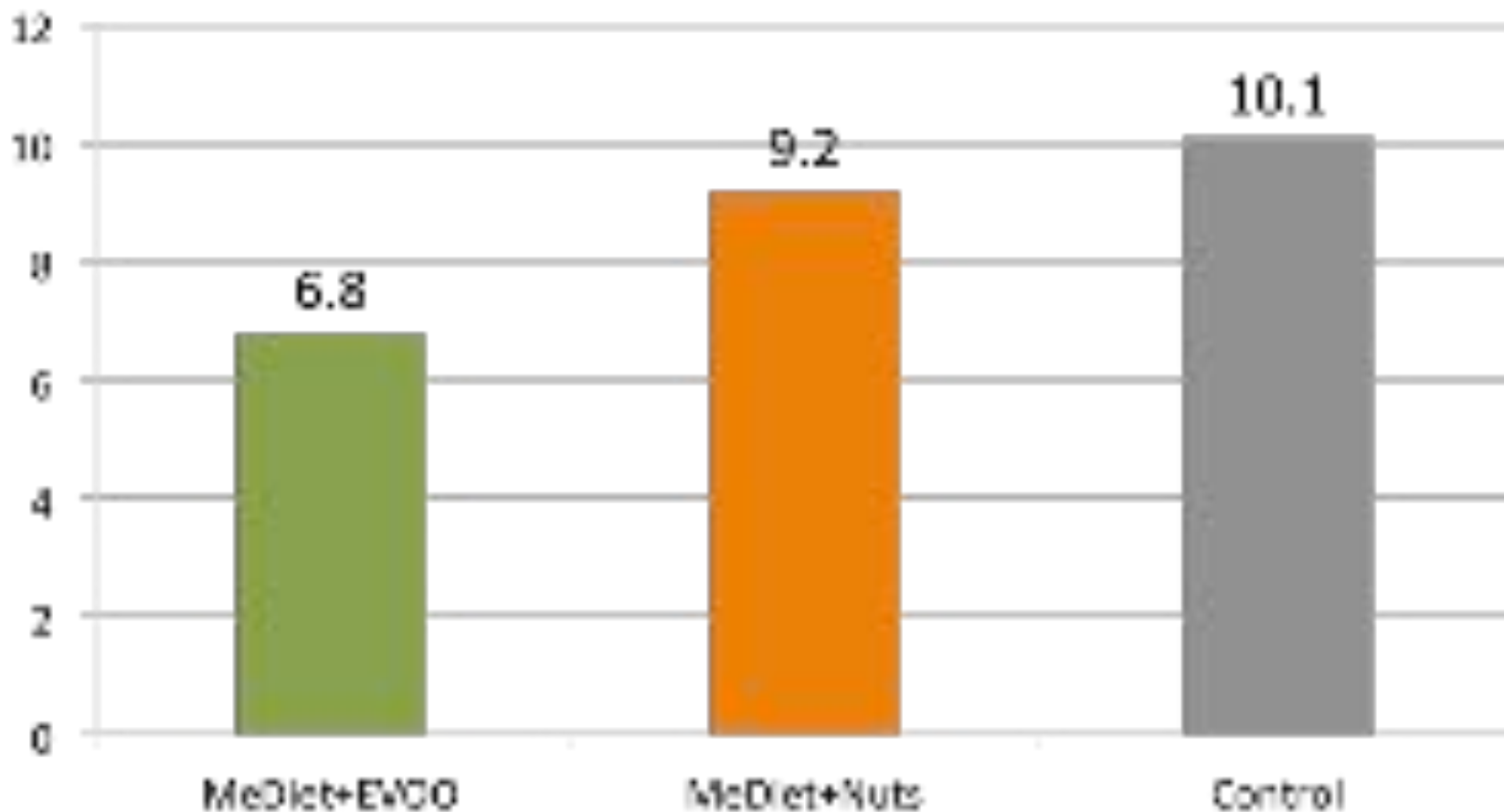
	<b>MeDiet+EVOO</b>	<b>MeDiet+nuts</b>	<b>Control</b>
<b>n</b>	<b>2292</b>	<b>2210</b>	<b>2203</b>
Women (%)	58.6	54.3	60.1
Age	66.9	66.6	67.4
Smokers (%)	13.9	14.3	13.4
BMI	30.0	29.8	30.3
Height	160	160	159
Hypertension (%)	82.8	83.2	84.2
Type 2 diabetes (%)	50.2	46.2	48.6
History arrhythmia* (%)	6.7	7.4	7.4

\*It does not include AF

annual review of all outpatient and inpatient medical records of each participant and from yearly ECGs performed during follow-up examinations in the healthcare centers. If AF was mentioned anywhere in the medical record or AF was present in the ECG, all relevant documentation was submitted to the Adjudication Committee. Even though AF was not a primary end point in the trial, the Adjudication Committee reviewed the medical charts and ECGs from potential AF cases and made a final decision about the presence or absence of AF. For the purposes of the PREDIMED trial and the present analysis, a diagnosis of AF was made only if both AF was present in an ECG tracing and an explicit medical diagnosis of AF was made by a physician. AF events associated with myocardial infarction or cardiac surgery were not included.

**253 cases**

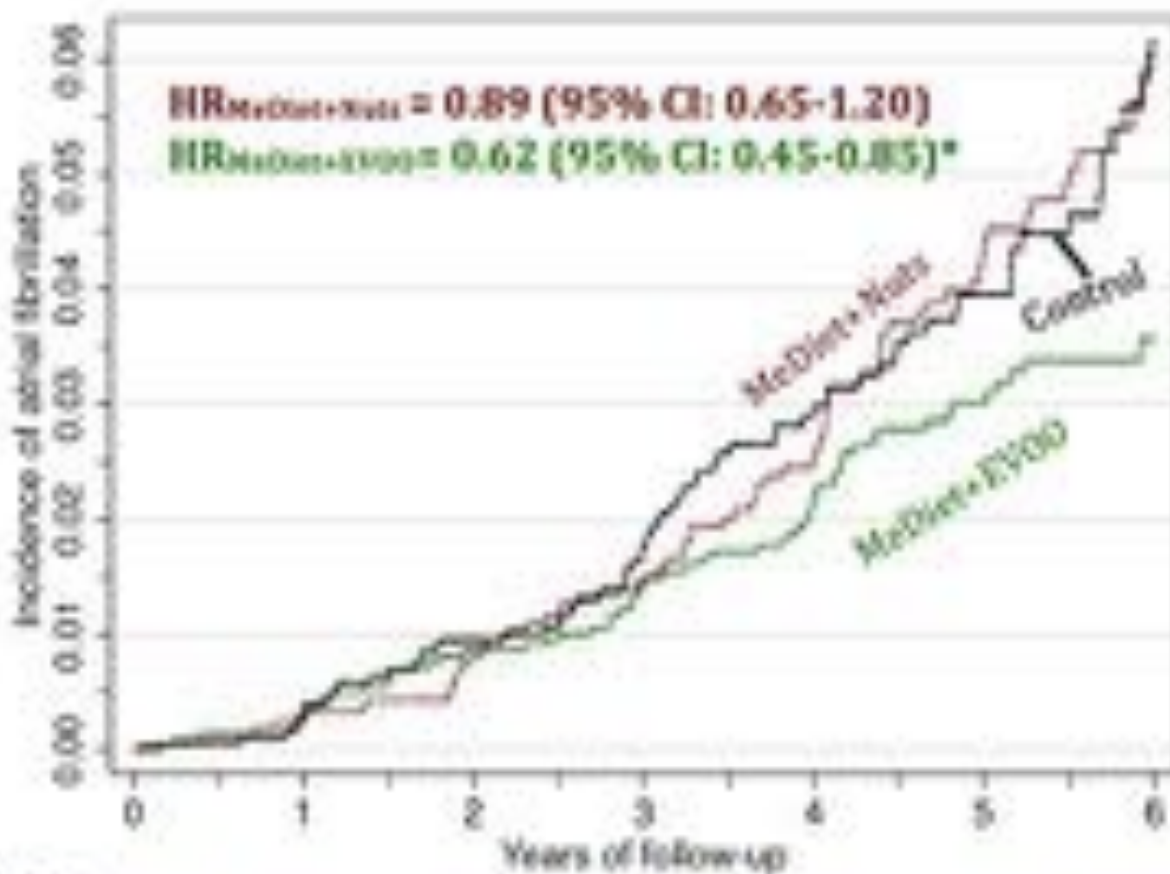
## Rates of Atrial Fibrillation per 1000 pers.-years



**Extravirgin Olive Oil Consumption Reduces Risk of Atrial Fibrillation**

The PREDIMED (Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea) Trial

Miguel Á. Martínez-González, MD, PhD; Estefanía Toledo, MD, PhD; Fernando Arós, MD, PhD; Miquel Fiol, MD, PhD; Dolores Corella, DPharm, PhD;



Number at risk

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
g = MedDiet+EVOO	2292	2254	2047	1798	1615	1344	496
g = MedDiet+Nuts	2210	2113	1899	1409	1244	903	387
g = Control	2203	2044	1837	1438	1152	851	358



# Hazard Ratios (HR) of Atrial Fibrillation (95% CI) in multivariable-adjusted Cox models

	MeDiet+EVOO	MeDiet+nuts	Control
Cases	72	92	89
Persons-years	10,634	9,333	8,851
HR (1)	<i>0.64 (0.46-0.88)</i>	0.90 (0.66-1.22)	1 (ref.)
HR (2)	<i>0.62 (0.44-0.85)</i>	0.86 (0.63-1.17)	1 (ref.)
HR (3)	<i>0.62 (0.44-0.86)</i>	0.87 (0.64-1.18)	1 (ref.)
HR (4)	<i>0.62 (0.45-0.88)</i>	0.90 (0.66-1.23)	1 (ref.)

**HR (1)** adjusted for age & sex

**HR (2)** Additionally adjusted for smoking, educational level, baseline height, body mass index, waist to height ratio, diabetes, hypertension, LDL, HDL, BP, antihypertensive treatment, statin use, baseline adherence to the MeDiet, and preexisting arrhythmias (other than AF).

**HR (3)** additionally adjusted for the nonfatal component of the primary end point (myocardial infarction, stroke) of the PREDIMED trial as a time-dependent covariate.

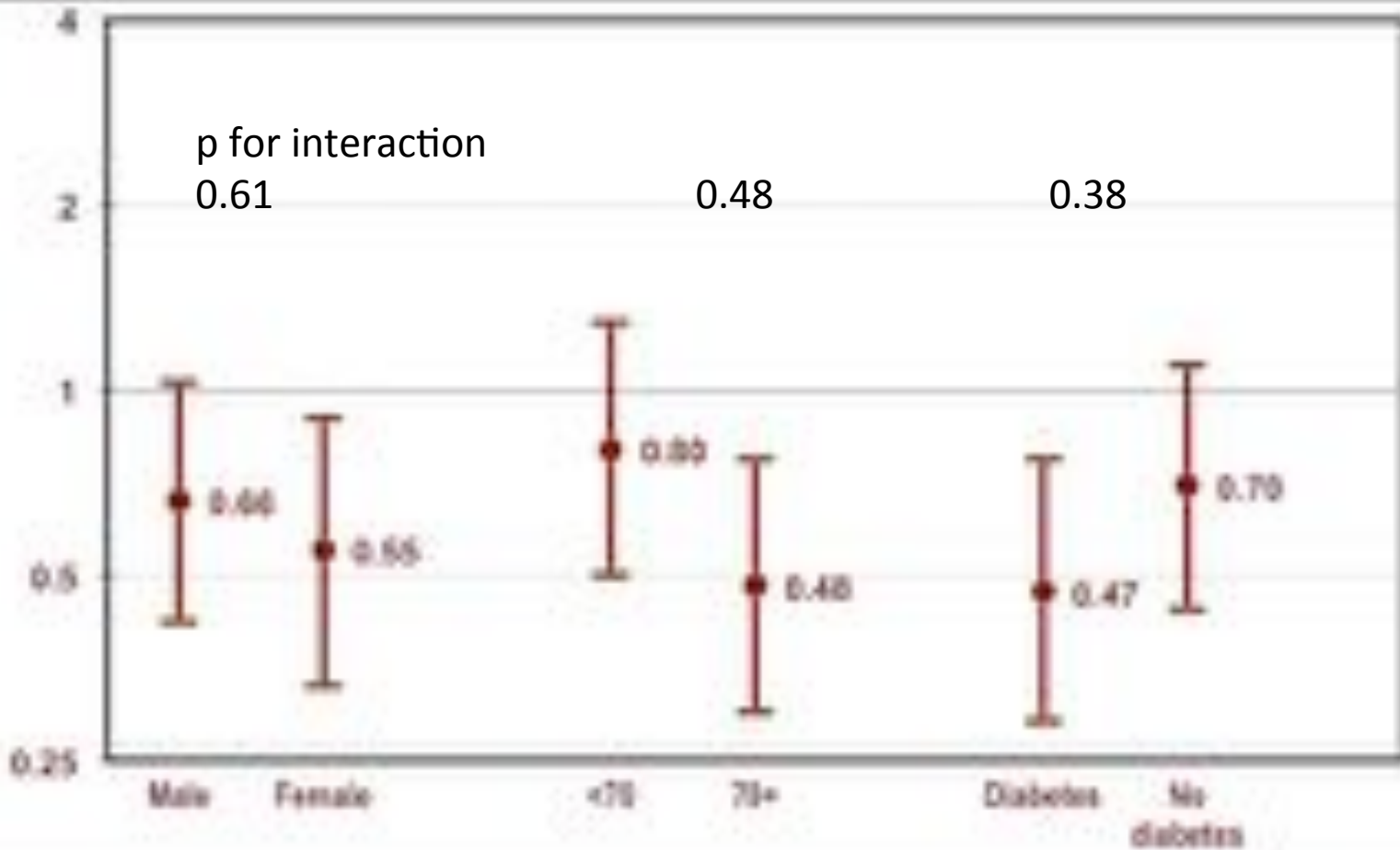
**HR (4)** Additionally censoring participants at the time of nonfatal primary end points (AMI, stroke).

# Hazard Ratios (HR) of Atrial Fibrillation (95% CI) or mayor CVD (primary end-point)

	MeDiet+EVOO	MeDiet+nuts	Control
Crude model	0.67 (0.54-0.84)	0.83 (0.67-1.03)	1 (ref.)
Adjusted*	0.71 (0.57-0.88)	0.85 (0.68-1.05)	1 (ref.)

\* Age, sex, smoking, educational level, baseline height, body mass index, waist to height ratio, diabetes, hypertension, LDL, HDL, BP, antihypertensive treatment, statin use, baseline adherence to the MeDiet, and preexisting arrhythmias (other than AF).

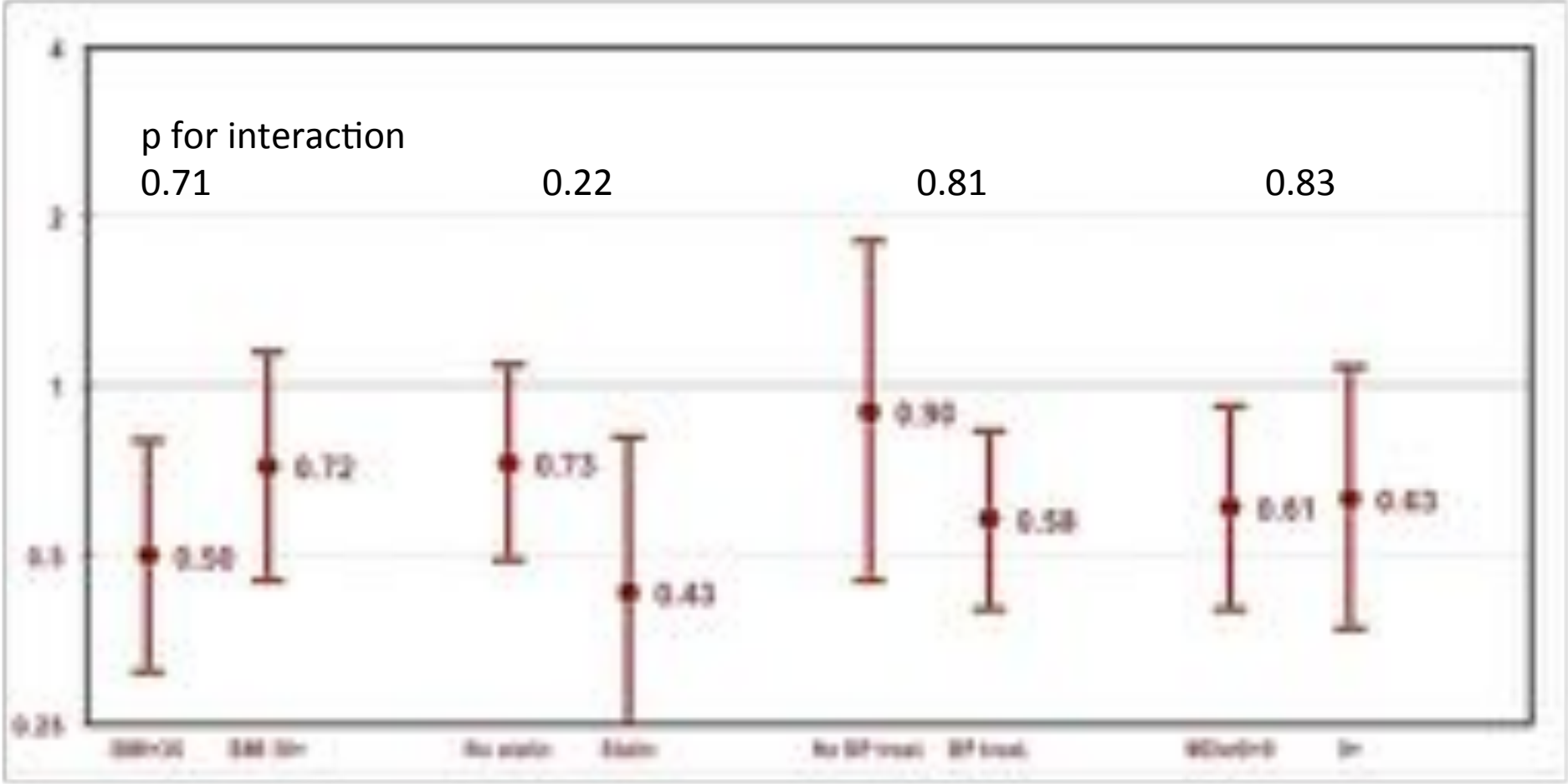
# Hazard Ratios (HR) of Atrial Fibrillation (95% CI) in MeDiet+EVOO vs. control within subgroups



\* Adjusted for age, sex, smoking, educational level, baseline height, body mass index, waist to height ratio, diabetes, hypertension, LDL, HDL, BP, antihypertensive treatment, statin use, baseline adherence to the MeDiet, and preexisting arrhythmias (other than AF).



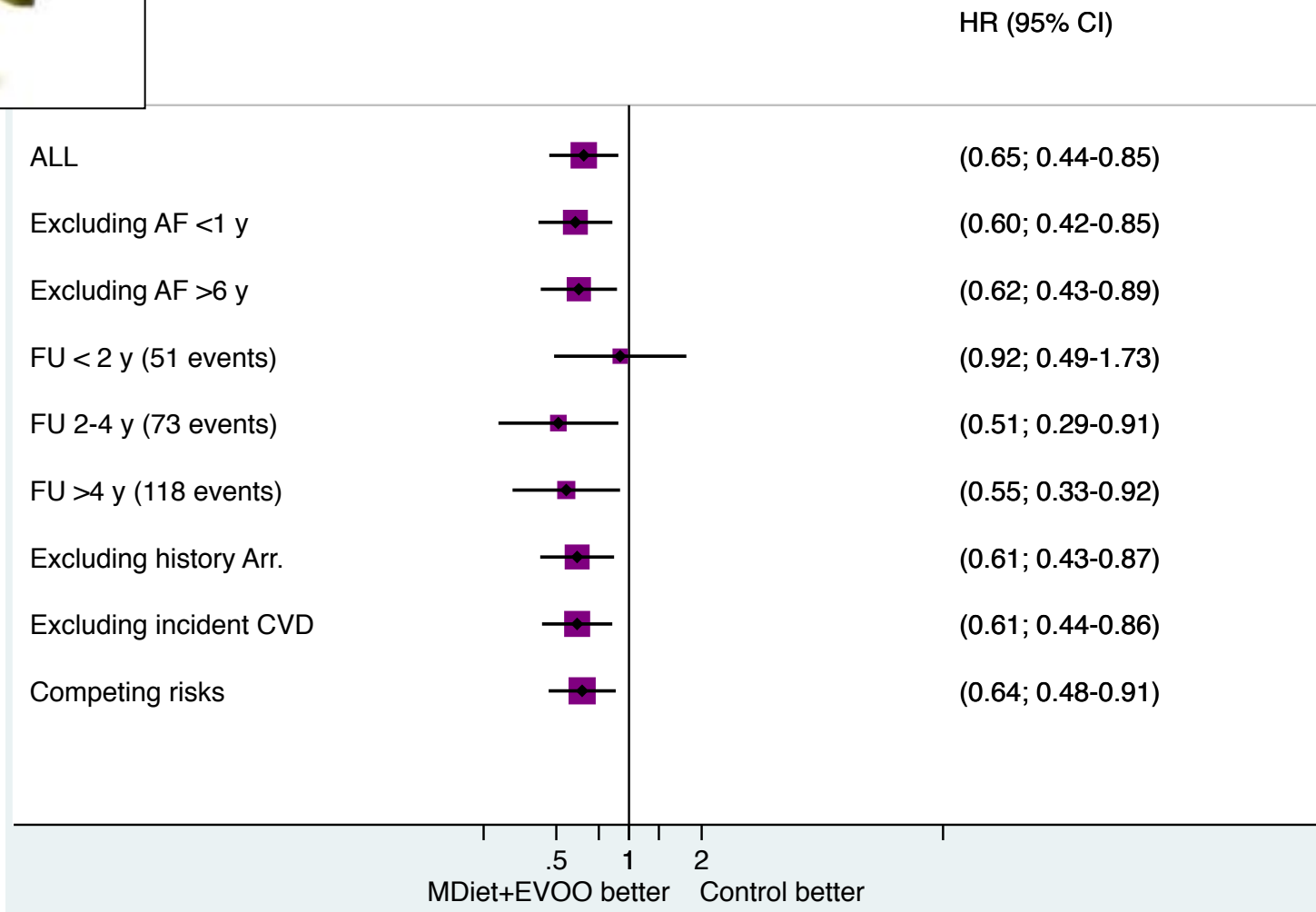
# Hazard Ratios (HR) of Atrial Fibrillation (95% CI) in MeDiet+EVOO vs. control within subgroups



\* Adjusted for age, sex, smoking, educational level, baseline height, body mass index, waist to height ratio, diabetes, hypertension, LDL, HDL, BP, antihypertensive treatment, statin use, baseline adherence to the MeDiet, and preexisting arrhythmias (other than AF).



# Sensitivity analyses



\* Adjusted for age, sex, smoking, educational level, baseline height, body mass index, waist to height ratio, diabetes, hypertension, LDL, HDL, BP, antihypertensive treatment, statin use, baseline adherence to the MeDiet, and preexisting arrhythmias (other than AF).

Supplemental Table 1. Association of selected baseline characteristics with the incidence of MI. Hazard Ratios (HR) and 95% confidence intervals (CI). The FRODORED trial, 2003-2010.

	HR (95% CI)	P-value
Male sex	1.01 (0.88, 1.12)	0.91
Age 5 years increment	1.29 (1.16, 1.44)	<0.001
Smoking		
Never smoker	1 [ref]	
Former smoker	1.17 (0.83, 1.63)	0.38
Current smoker	1.27 (0.83, 1.94)	0.27
Height, 10-cm increment	1.29 (1.01, 1.64)	0.04
Weight, 11-kg increment	1.37 (1.11, 1.68)	0.004
Diabetes	0.96 (0.73, 1.27)	0.77
Hypertension	1.03 (0.80, 1.33)	0.84
Systolic blood pressure, 11 mmHg increment	1.08 (0.97, 1.17)	0.22
Diastolic blood pressure, 11 mmHg increment	0.84 (0.73, 0.97)	0.007
BP lowering medication	1.70 (1.18, 2.44)	0.005
Use of statins	0.84 (0.63, 1.11)	0.22

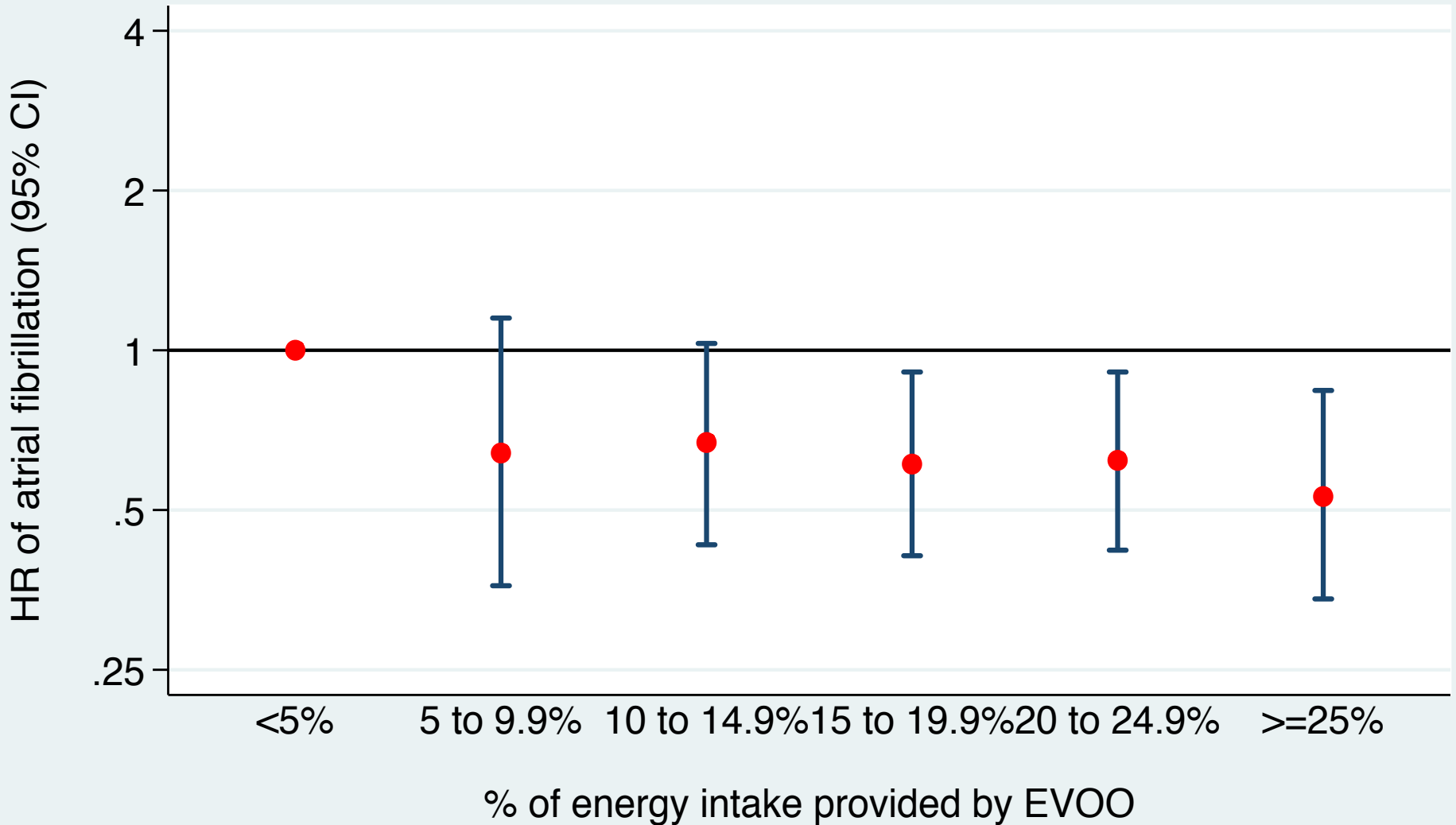
Cox proportional hazards model adjusting for all variables in the table plus assigned treatment, education, LDLc, and HDLc, stratified by center and using robust variance estimators.

**Supplemental Table 1: Incidence of AF according to attained consumption of extra virgin olive oil during the follow up period. Per protocol analysis. The FRODOLE trial 2010-2013.**

	Attained consumption of energy-adjusted EVOO (** 1 year period)	
	No	Yes
Cases	124	144
Person-years of follow up	7 016	21 805
Crude rate/1 000 person-years (95% CI)	17.7 (15.8-19.7)	6.6 (5.6-7.8)
<b>Hazard ratio of AF (95% CI) entire sample</b>		
Crude model*	1 (ref)	0.38 (0.33-0.43)
Age- and sex-adjusted model*	1 (ref)	0.36 (0.31-0.41)
Multivariate adjusted model* (x)	1 (ref)	0.35 (0.31-0.41)
Additionally adjusted for both intervention groups (x)	1 (ref)	0.36 (0.28-0.44)
<b>Hazard ratio of AF (95% CI) in each arm</b>		
Within the Mediterranean* (x)	1 (ref)	0.15 (0.08-0.31)
Within the Mediterranean* (x)	1 (ref)	0.41 (0.21-0.69)
Within the Control group* (x)	1 (ref)	0.39 (0.24-0.64)
p for interaction (1-0)		0.00
p for interaction (1-0)		0.01

# Hazard Ratios (HR) of Atrial Fibrillation

According to % of energy intake from EVOO during follow-up



# Dietary Fat Intake Is Differentially Associated with Risk of Paroxysmal Compared with Sustained Atrial Fibrillation in Women<sup>1-3</sup>

Stephanie E Chiuve,<sup>4,5,7\*</sup> Roopinder K Sandhu,<sup>5,8</sup> M Vinayaga Moorthy,<sup>5</sup> Robert J Glynn,<sup>5</sup> and Christine M Albert<sup>4,5,6</sup>

J Nutr 2015;145:2092-101

## Women's Health Study

- 33,665 women <45 y without CVD and AF at baseline in 1993.
- 1441 cases of incident AF (929 paroxysmal and 467 persistent/chronic)

Only observed associations **for persistent/chronic AF**, but not for paroxysmal AF

- RR for a 5% increment of energy from **SFAs: 1.47 (95% CI: 1.04, 2.09)**
- RR for a 5% increment for **MUFAs** was **0.67 (95% CI: 0.46, 0.98)** for persistent/chronic
- No association with the American-adopted version of MeDiet


"Adherence to the Mediterranean diet in US populations such as the WHS

often **does not reflect the traditional Mediterranean diet** in other parts of the world

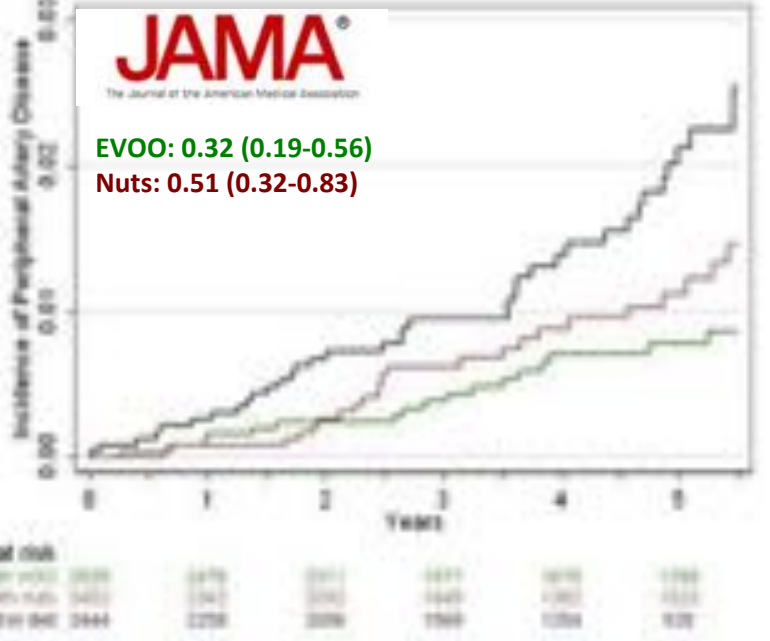
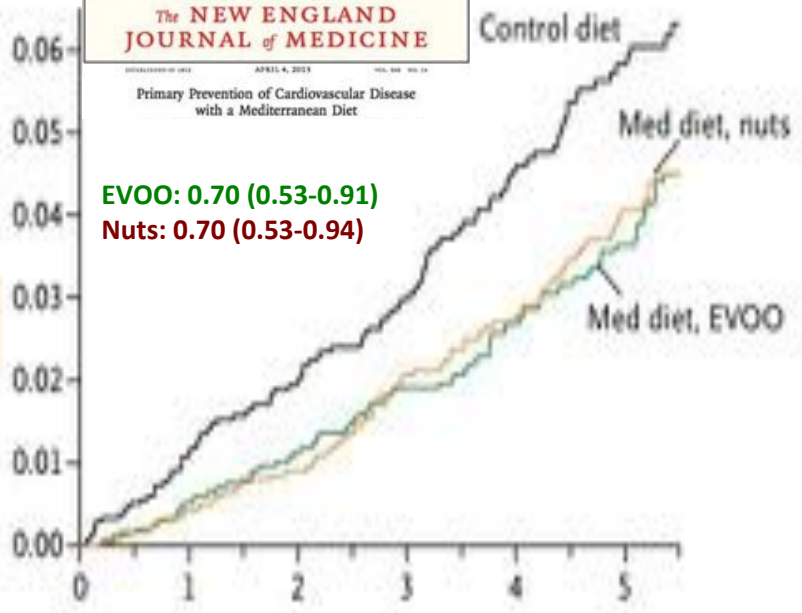
or the dietary pattern tested in the PREDIMED trial"

J Nutr 2015;145:2092–101

1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
5. Predimed Plus

1. Diet & AF
2. Dietary patterns & MeDiet
3. Observational studies
4. PREDIMED: virgin olive oil
-  5. Predimed Plus





*Predimed*  
Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea

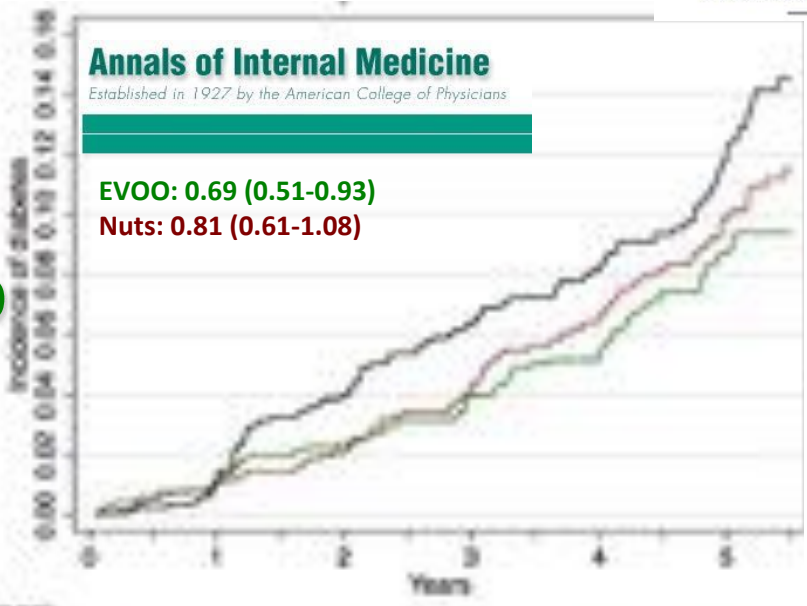
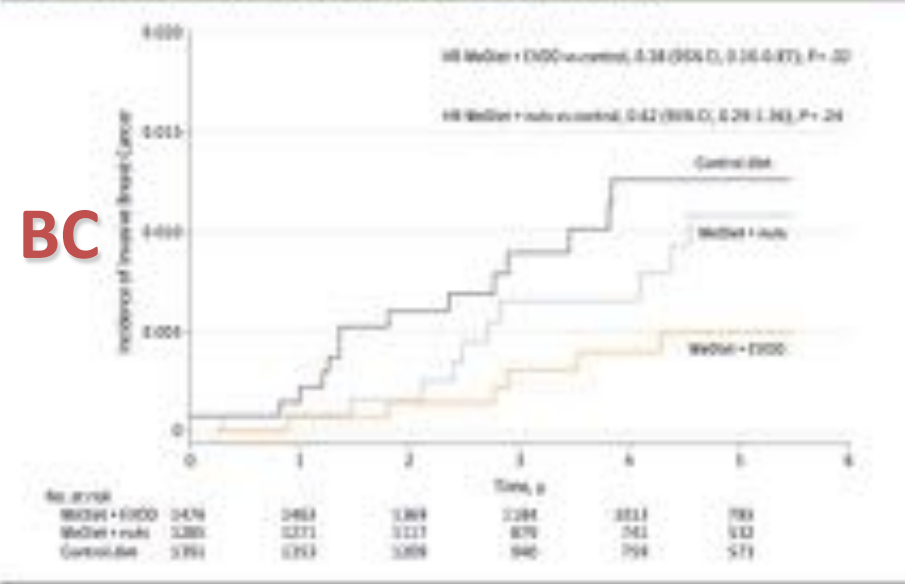


Figure 1. Incidence of Invasive Breast Cancer, According to the Intervention Group



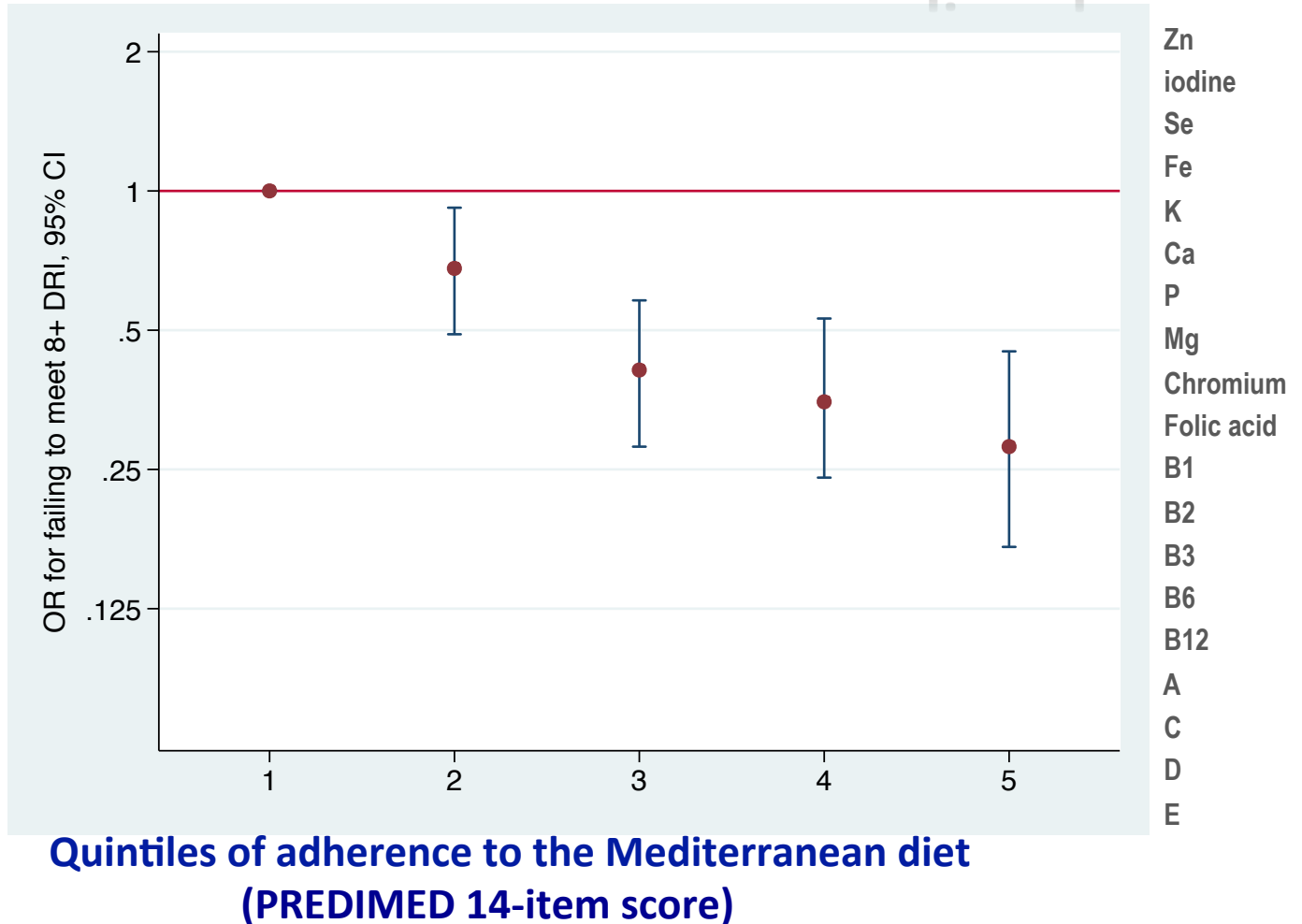
## Nutritional adequacy according to carbohydrates and fat quality

Ana Sánchez-Talota · Itziar Zazpe · Maira Bes-Rastrollo · Jordi Salas-Salvadó · Mónica Bulló · José Vicente Sorlí · Dolores Corella · M<sup>a</sup> Isabel Covas · Fernando Azis · Mario Gutiérrez-Bedmar · Miquel Fiol · F. García de la Corte · Lluís Serra-Majem · Xavier Pinto · Helmut Schröder · Emilio Ros · M. Carmen López-Sabater · Ramón Estruch · Miguel Ángel Martínez-González · For the PREDIMED study investigators

www.predimed.es  
M M M \* B L G Q I W G Q \* G 2

Received: 26 May 2014 / Accepted: 23 December 2014  
© Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg 2015

**MeDiet:**  
a high-  
quality  
diet



# The Mediterranean diet has passed the tests of

- long-term sustainability,
- effectiveness and
- nutritional quality.

A low-calorie Mediterranean diet might be the most sensible approach for weight loss and prevention of cardiovascular disease in patients with diabetes.

Miguel A. Martínez-González, M.D., Ph.D.  
University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain  
martinezgon@unav.es

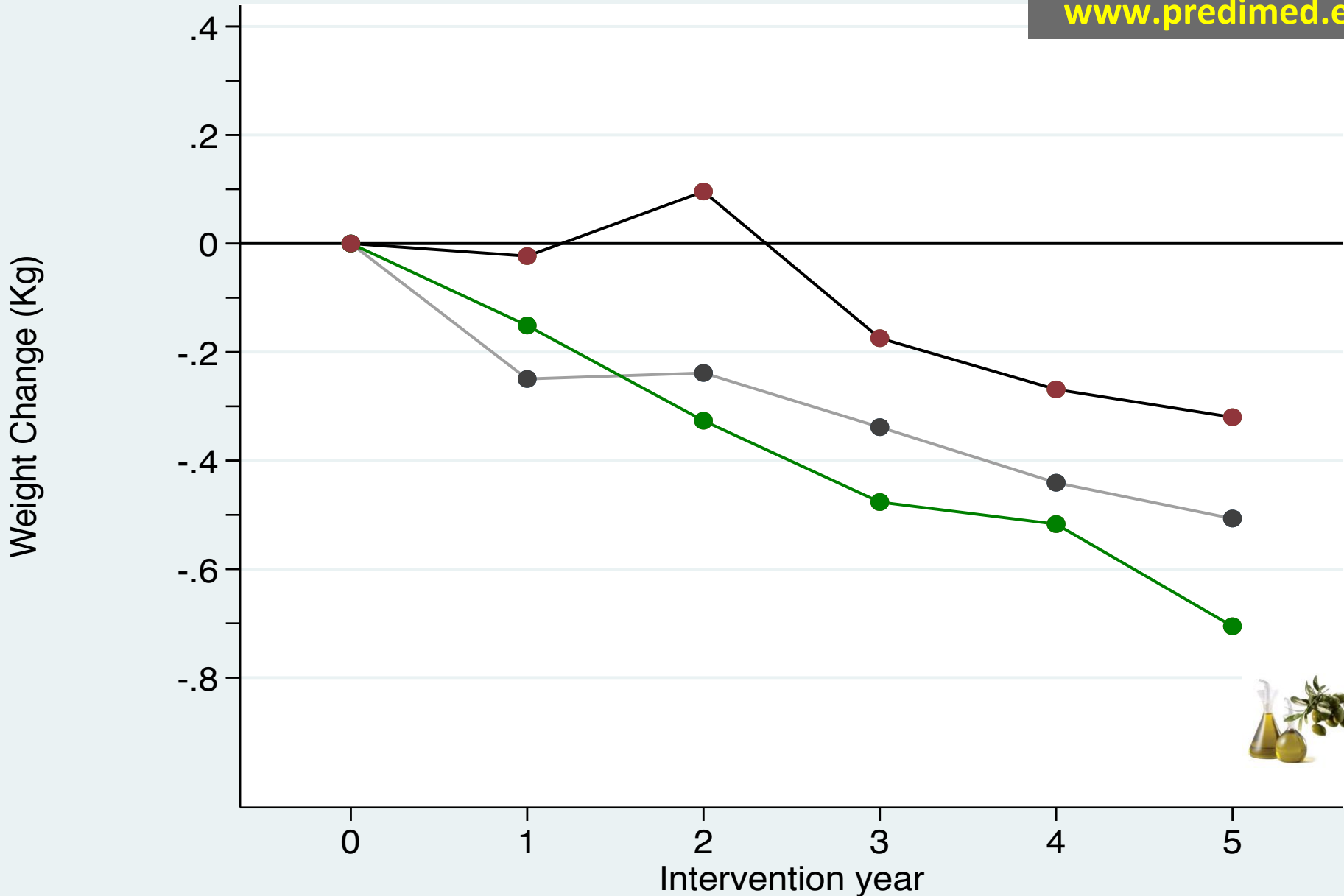
Jordi Salas-Salvadó, M.D., Ph.D.  
Rovira i Virgili University, Reus, Spain

Ramón Estruch, M.D., Ph.D.  
Centro de Investigación Biomédica en Red de Enfermedades Crónicas y Nutrición  
Biomédica Spain

## CORRESPONDENCE

Intensive Lifestyle Intervention in Type 2 Diabetes

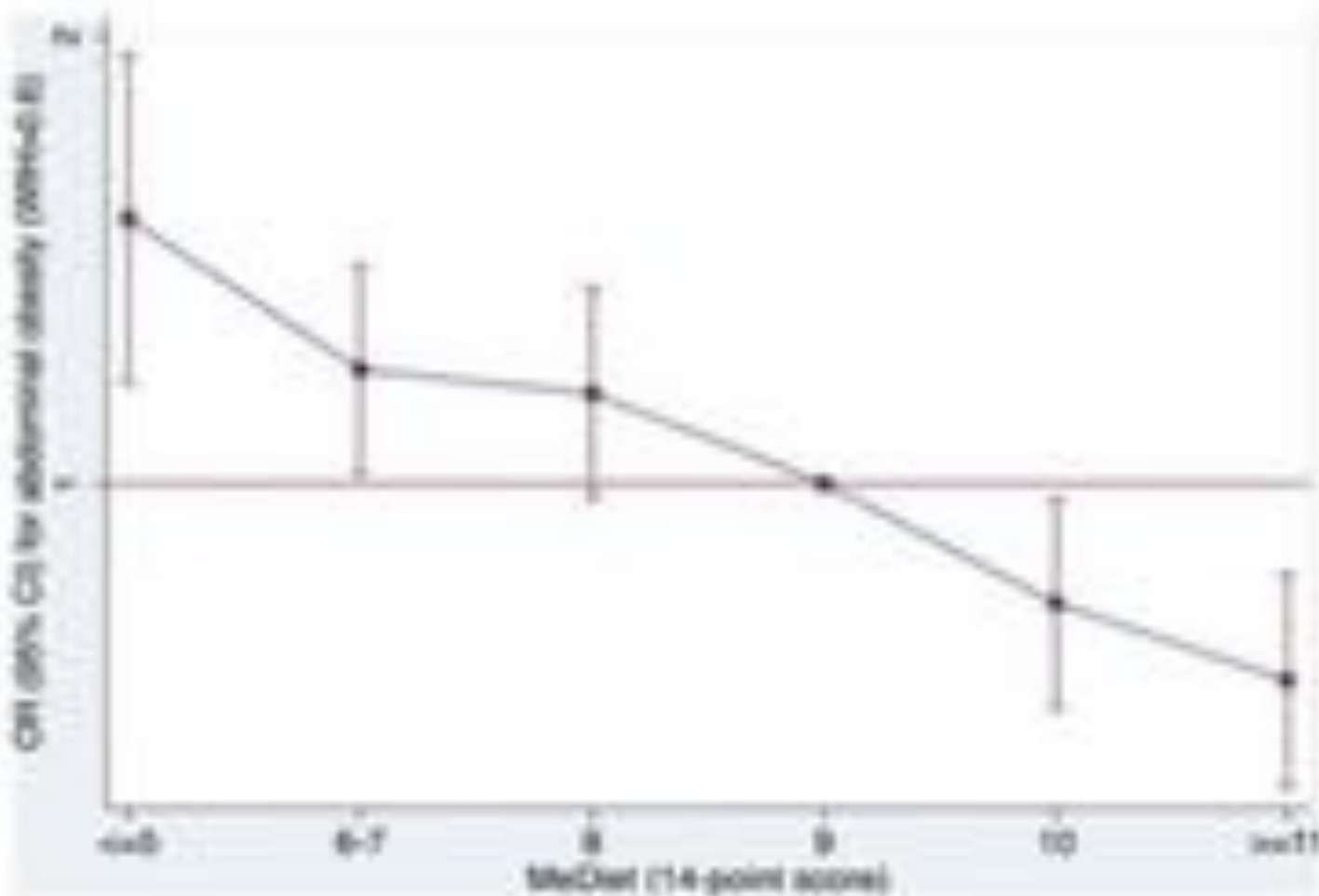
N Engl J Med 2013; 369:2356-2359 | December 12, 2013 | DOI: 10.1056/NEJMc1312802



# A 14-Item Mediterranean Diet Assessment Tool and Obesity Indexes among High-Risk Subjects: The PREDIMED Trial

Miguel Angel Martínez-González<sup>1,2,4</sup>, Ana García-Arellano<sup>1,2</sup>, Estefanía Toledo<sup>1,2</sup>, Jordi Salas-Salvado<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Pilar Buil-Cosiales<sup>1,2</sup>, Dolores Corella<sup>3,5</sup>, María Isabel Covas<sup>3,6</sup>, Helmut Schröder<sup>3,6</sup>, Fernando Arós<sup>3,7</sup>, Enrique Gómez-Gracia<sup>3,8</sup>, Miquel Fiol<sup>3,9</sup>, Valentina Ruiz-Gutiérrez<sup>1,10</sup>, José Lapetra<sup>3,11</sup>, Rosa María Lamuela-Raventós<sup>1,3,12</sup>, Lluís Serra-Majem<sup>1,12</sup>, Xavier Pintó<sup>1,14</sup>, Miguel Angel Muñoz<sup>15</sup>, Julia Wärnberg<sup>1,3,6</sup>, Emilio Ros<sup>3,16</sup>, Ramón Estruch<sup>1,3,17</sup>, for the PREDIMED Study Investigators

PLos One 2012;7:  
e43134



# PREDIMED-PLUS DESIGN

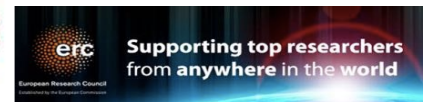
*predimed<sup>+</sup>*



Weight loss → long-term maintenance → ↓ CVD



Universidad de Navarra



# DESIGN AND METHODS OF THE PREDIMED PLUS TRIAL

*predimed*

$n = 6000$

Eligible  
participants

**Eligibility criteria:**

55-75 yr (60-75 women)

BMI: 27-40 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Meeting  $\geq 3$  MetS criteria

< 25% diabetic

Random

$n = 3000$

$n = 3000$

**Intensive weight-loss  
lifestyle intervention**

Usual care  
(MedDiet)

Energy-restricted Mediterranean diet  
+  
Physical activity  
+  
Behavioral intervention



## Chairman:

Prof. Marc Stampfer (Harvard School of Public Health)

## Members:

Prof. Joan Sabaté (Carmel Lindo University)

Dr. Arne Avrup (Copenhagen University)

Prof. Francisco Fernández-Avilés (Universidad Complutense of Madrid)

## Honorary member:

Prof. Xavier Pi-Sunyer (Columbia University)



To ensure the smooth running of the trial and the safety of participants.



Up to Sept 20, 2015

preaTime<sup>SM</sup>

n=2274

ICD10	n	%
18-Navarra (Preventiva)	358	14,86
07 - Euzk	330	10,11
06 - IZUM	227	9,38
12-Valencia	196	8,62
03-Navarra (Nutrición)	163	7,18
04-Balnearios (S. Externos)	157	6,9
13-Las Palmas	124	5,88
05-Clinic (M. Interna)	121	5,32
15-Vitoria	114	5,01
02-Málaga (Preventiva)	112	4,93
15-Castelló	98	4,28
18-Málaga Endocr.	79	3,88
14-Belvitge	68	2,94
02-Sevilla	56	2,46
08 - Granada	53	2,33
20- Clinic (Endocrinol)	50	2,2
13-Balnearios (Fisiol.)	36	1,58
23 - Alagente	35	1,54
09-F. Zúñiga Diaz	28	1,01
16-IMDA	8	0,38
17-Clinica Madrid	5	0,22



ciberobn



IdiSNA  
INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACIÓN  
SANITARIA DE NAVARRA



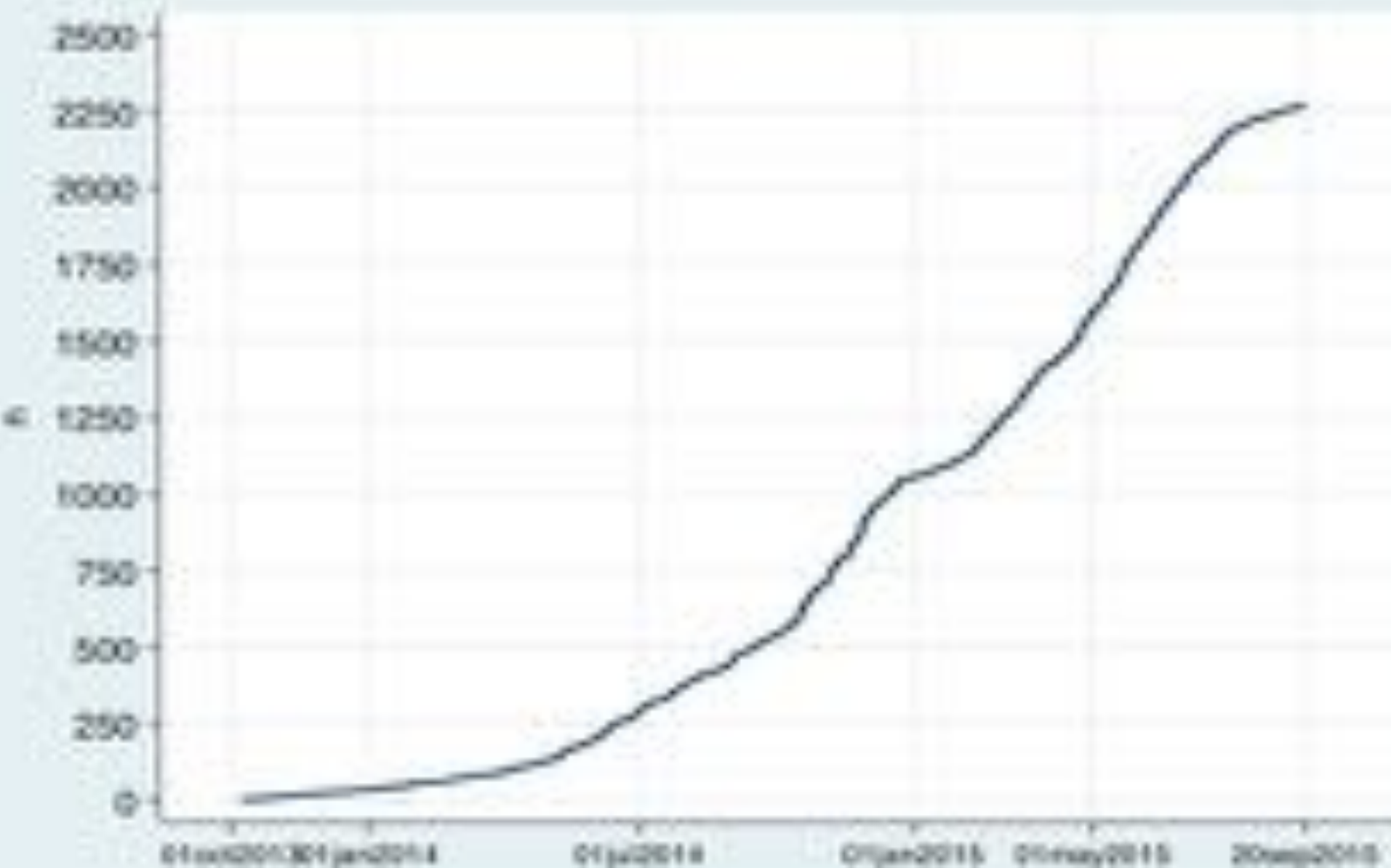
Universidad  
de Navarra



Supporting top researchers  
from anywhere in the world

Up to Sept 20, 2015

*prealmed*<sup>SM</sup>



MeDiet & **Atrial Fibrillation**

***Thank you!***

*Miguel A. Martínez-González*  
*University of Navarra, Spain*



[mamartinez@unav.es](mailto:mamartinez@unav.es)

[www.predimed.es](http://www.predimed.es)