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47 WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS

48 What is already known

- 49 • Current dietary guidelines recommend a reduction to <5-10% energy in free sugars, especially
50 fructose-containing sugars from sugars-sweetened beverages (SSBs).
- 51 • Fructose-containing sugars from SSBs have shown an adverse association with diabetes
52 incidence in systematic reviews and meta-analyses of prospective cohort studies and free
53 fructose adding excess energy to diets has shown an adverse effect on glycemic control in
54 systematic reviews and meta-analyses of controlled intervention studies.
- 55 • As dietary guidelines shift from a focus on single nutrients to a focus on dietary patterns, it is
56 unclear whether the evidence for SSBs and excess energy from fructose holds for other
57 important food sources of fructose-containing sugars at different levels of energy control.

59 What this study adds

- 60 • Our systematic review and meta-analysis of 152 controlled intervention studies suggests that
61 most food sources of fructose-containing sugars do not have an adverse effect on glycemic
62 control in energy-matched substitutions for other macronutrients but several food sources do
63 have adverse effects when adding excess energy to the diet, especially SSBs.
- 64 • While awaiting further research, public health professionals should be aware that adverse
65 effects of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control appear to be mediated by energy and
66 food source.

ABSTRACT

Objective: As dietary guidelines move to more dietary pattern-based recommendations, it is unclear whether the the evidence supporting current recommendations to reduce added or free sugars, especially fructose-containing sugars from sugars-sweetened beverages (SSBs), holds for all food sources of these sugars. We conducted a synthesis of controlled intervention studies to assess the effect of different food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control at different levels of energy control.

Design: Systematic review and meta-analysis

Data Sources: MEDLINE, EMBASE, and The Cochrane library through April 25, 2018.

Eligibility criteria for selecting studies: We included controlled intervention studies of ≥ 7 -days duration assessing the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control in people with and without diabetes. We prespecified 4 study designs based on energy control: substitution studies (sugars in energy matched comparisons with other macronutrients); addition studies (excess energy from sugars added to diets); subtraction studies (energy from sugars subtracted from diets); and *ad libitum* studies (sugars freely replaced by other macronutrients without control for energy). Outcomes were HbA1c, fasting blood glucose, and fasting blood glucose insulin.

Data extraction and synthesis: Four independent reviewers extracted relevant data and assessed risk of bias. Data were pooled using the inverse variance method and expressed as mean differences with 95% confidence intervals (95% CIs). The overall certainty of the evidence was assessed using GRADE.

Results: We included 155 study comparisons (N=5,086). Whereas total fructose containing sugars had no adverse effect on any outcome in substitution or subtraction studies with a decrease in HbA1c (mean difference, -0.22% [95% CI, -0.35, -0.08%], -25.9mmol/mol [95% CI, -27.3, -24.4mmol/mol]) in substitution studies, there was an increasing-effect on fasting insulin in addition (4.68pmol/L [1.40, 7.96]) and *ad libitum* (7.24pmol/L [0.47, 14.00]) studies. There was an interaction by food source with

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3 95 specific food sources showing decreasing-effects (fruit and fruit juice) or increasing-effects (sweetened-
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5 96 milk and mixed sources) in substitution studies and increasing-effects (SSBs and fruit juice) in addition
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7 97 studies on glycemic control outcomes. The majority of the evidence was low quality.

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10 98 **Conclusions:** Energy control and food source appear to mediate the effect of fructose-containing sugars
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12 99 on glycemic control. Whereas most food sources of fructose-containing sugars do not have an adverse
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14 100 effect in energy-matched substitutions with other macronutrients (especially fruit), several food sources
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16 101 of fructose-containing sugars (especially SSBs) adding excess energy to diets or in free replacement for
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18 102 other macronutrients do have adverse effects. Our certainty in these estimates is low. More large, high
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20 103 quality randomized controlled trials are needed.

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105 INTRODUCTION

106 The role of sugars in the development of cardiometabolic disease is actively debated (1, 2). In particular,
107 fructose has recently emerged as a serious public health concern, as ecological parallels have been
108 drawn between the introduction of high fructose corn syrup (HFCS) as a popular sweetener during the
109 1970s and global rises in obesity and diabetes prevalence (3, 4).

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111 Despite early considerations for the use of fructose as an alternative sweetener in people with diabetes
112 due to its observed potential to lower postprandial glycemic excursions when compared to isocaloric
113 amounts of starch (5), a mounting body of evidence has suggested that fructose may be particularly
114 detrimental to metabolic health, even more so than other sugars (6). This view has received support
115 from ecological evidence(4) as well as animal (7-9) and select human intervention studies(10-12).

116 However, higher levels of evidence from systematic reviews and meta-analyses of controlled human
117 intervention studies have failed to demonstrate adverse glycemic effects unique to fructose, and have
118 even shown a beneficial effect on glycosylated blood proteins of fructose in isocaloric substitution for other
119 carbohydrates in the diet in people with diabetes (13).

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121 Whether there exists a causal link between fructose and the development of diabetes and related
122 cardiometabolic co-morbidities continues to be contested, though much less appreciated in this debate
123 are the consumption patterns and levels at which fructose is normally consumed in the diet. Fructose is
124 rarely consumed in isolation under real world conditions (14). It is present in a variety of food sources
125 containing comparable amounts of glucose, and the proportion of fructose co-ingested with glucose has
126 been suggested to influence fructose metabolism (15). In its most commonly consumed form, sucrose
127 (table sugar), fructose is part of a disaccharide with glucose in a 50:50 ratio. HFCS is also a glucose-
128 fructose mix, with varying fructose content (42-55% molecular weight) in a free, unbound

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3 129 monosaccharide form. Similarly, less refined sources of fructose-containing sugars, including honey,
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5 130 agave and maple syrup, are composed of varying proportions of fructose and glucose, while natural
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7 131 sources of fructose present in various fruit and vegetables also co-exist with glucose. These fructose-
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9 132 containing sugars are found in the diet in a variety of food sources, ranging from “nutrient poor” sources
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11 133 of added sugars such as sugars-sweetened beverages (SSBs), to “nutrient dense” sources of bound
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13 134 sugars such as fruit. Evidence from prospective cohorts on diabetes risk have shown differential
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15 135 associations depending on the food source of the sugars (positive associations with SSBs (16, 17) and
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17 136 inverse association with fruit (18, 19)).
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23 138 As dietary guidelines shift from nutrient-based recommendations to more food and dietary pattern-
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25 139 based recommendations(20, 21) , it is important to understand the role of the food matrix in modifying
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27 140 the effect of fructose-containing sugars. Current recommendations from the WHO, U.S., and England
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29 141 have focussed on the reduction of added or free sugars (added sugars plus sugars contained in fruit
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31 142 juices) to <5-10% energy (20, 22, 23), especially free fructose-containing sugars from sugars-sweetened
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33 143 beverages (SSBs) (20). Whether the evidence for added or free sugars and SSBs can be generalized to all
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35 144 food sources of fructose-containing sugars in relation to their effects on surrogate markers of type 2
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37 145 diabetes has not yet been determined. We conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis of
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39 146 controlled intervention studies to determine the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars at
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41 147 different levels of energy control on glycemic control in people with and without diabetes.
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48 149 **METHODS**

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50 150 This systematic review and meta-analysis was conducted according to the Cochrane Handbook for
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52 151 Systematic Reviews and interventions(24), with all results reported according to the Preferred Reporting
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3 152 Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines (25). The study protocol was
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5 153 registered at ClinicalStudies.gov, (identification number, NCT02716870).
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12 156 Medline, EMBASE and the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Studies were searched through April
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14 157 25, 2018 using the following search terms: fructose OR dietary sucrose, OR HFCS OR sugar OR sugar*
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16 158 sweetened beverage* OR honey AND glyc?em* OR insulin OR HbA1c OR fructosamine OR blood glucose
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19 159 OR gly* albumin (**Supplementary Table 1**). Validated filters from McMaster University Health
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21 160 Information Research Unit were applied to limit the database search to controlled studies only (26), and
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23 161 electronic searches were supplemented with manual searches of references from included studies.
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28 163 **Study Selection**

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30 164 We included reports of controlled intervention studies lasting ≥ 7 days investigating the effect of diets of
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32 165 fructose-containing sugars (fructose, sucrose, HFCS, honey, syrups) from various food sources compared
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34 166 with control diets free of or lower in fructose-containing sugars on outcome measures of glycemic
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36 167 control (fasting glucose, fasting insulin, and HbA1c) in people with and without diabetes. We excluded
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38 168 reports of studies of meal replacements and studies of interventions of rare sugars that contained
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40 169 fructose (e.g. isomaltulose or melzitose) or were low-calorie epimers of fructose (e.g. allulose, tagatose,
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42 170 sorbose) or studies that used these sugars as the comparator. Four study designs based on the control
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44 171 of energy were prespecified: 1) 'substitution' studies, in which food sources of fructose-containing
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50 174 food sources of fructose-containing sugars was added to background diets compared to the same
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3 176 use of low-calorie sweeteners to match sweetness (hypercaloric comparison); (3) 'subtraction' studies,
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5 177 in which energy from food sources of fructose-containing sugars was subtracted from background diets
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7 178 through displacement by water and/or low-calorie sweeteners, or by eliminating the food sources of
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9 179 fructose-containing sugars altogether compared with the original background diets (hypocaloric
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11 180 comparison); and (4) 'ad libitum' studies, in which food sources of fructose-containing sugars were
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13 181 compared with food sources of other non-fructose-containing macronutrients without any strict control
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15 182 of either the study foods or the background diets to allow for free replacement of the energy from
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17 183 fructose-containing sugars with the energy from other macronutrients (free-feeding comparison).
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19 184 Reports containing both randomized and non-randomized controlled intervention studies were
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21 185 included. An intervention study was considered non-randomized if the authors explicitly stated that a
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23 186 method of randomization was not used or randomization was not reported in the allocation of
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25 187 participants to the intervention or control treatments in parallel designs or the sequence of the
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27 188 treatments in crossover designs. In reports containing more than one study comparison, we included all
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29 189 available study comparisons.
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191 **Patient involvement**

192 No patients were involved in the design of this study.

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194 **Data Extraction**

195 Data from included reports were individually extracted at least twice by four separate reviewers.

196 Relevant information included number of participants, setting, underlying disease status of participants,
197 study design, level of feeding control, randomization, comparator, fructose-containing sugars type, food
198 sources of fructose-containing sugars, macronutrient profile of the diets, follow-up duration, energy
199 balance, and funding sources. The three outcome variables were HbA1c, fasting blood glucose, and

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3 200 fasting blood insulin. HbA1c was reported instead of total glycated blood proteins as originally indicated
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5 201 in our protocol (identification number, NCT02716870), as mean differences for these values were
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7 202 considered more clinically relevant and did not require the use of standardized mean differences
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12 204 when it was indicated that an outcome was measured but not reported. In the absence of numerical
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14 205 values for outcome measurements and inability to obtain the original data from authors, values were
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16 206 extracted from figures using Plot Digitizer where available(1). All discrepancies between reviewers were
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19 207 resolved through consensus or, where necessary, arbitration by the senior author.
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23 209 **Study quality**

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25 210 Included studies were assessed for risk of bias by at least 2 of the reviewers using the Cochrane
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27 211 Collaboration Risk of bias Tool(27). Final assessments were based on consensus between reviewers.
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31 213 **Data Synthesis and Analysis**

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34 214 We used Review Manager (RevMan) version 5.2 (Copenhagen, Denmark) for primary analyses and Stata
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36 215 (version 12, College Station, TX, USA) for subgroup, dose response, and publication bias analyses. We
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38 216 performed separate analyses for the 4 prespecified study designs based on the control of energy
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40 217 (substitution, addition, subtraction, and *ad libitum* studies) and stratified analyses by food sources of
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42 218 sugars for each of three outcome variables (HbA1c, fasting blood glucose, and fasting blood insulin). The
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44 219 principal effect measure was the mean pair-wise difference (MD) in change from baseline (or, when not
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46 220 available, the post-treatment value) between the food sources of fructose-containing sugars arm and
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48 221 the comparator arm with results reported as mean differences (MD) with 95% confidence intervals (CI).
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52 222 We extracted the estimates of the MD and corresponding 95% confidence intervals for each outcome.
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3 224 applied to all crossover trials with the use of a within-individual correlation coefficient between
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5 225 treatments of 0.5 as described by Elbourne et al.(28). When at least two studies provided data, we
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9 227 available for analysis, we also considered fixed effect estimates. Heterogeneity was assessed by the
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11 228 Cochran Q test (significant at $P < 0.10$) and quantified by the I^2 statistic (range 0%-100%)(29). The
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13 229 interaction of fructose-containing sugars x food source was assessed using the Chi-square statistic.
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15 230 Other sources of heterogeneity were explored using sensitivity and subgroup analyses. We carried out
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17 231 sensitivity analyses by systematically removing each study from the meta-analyses and recalculating the
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19 232 summary association. A study whose removal explained the heterogeneity, changed the significance of
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21 233 the effect, or altered the effect size by 10% or more, was considered an influential study. If ≥ 10 studies
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23 234 per outcome were available (30, 31), then we conducted a priori subgroup and analyses using meta-
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27 236 comparator (starch, glucose, fat, lactose, maltodextrin, diet alone, water, non-nutritive sweeteners,
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29 237 protein, mixed sources), fructose-containing sugars type (fruit, sucrose, fructose, HFCS, honey), fructose-
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31 238 containing sugars dose ($\leq 10\%$, $> 10\%$ energy (22, 32)), baseline values for HbA1c ($\leq 7\%$, $> 7\%$), fasting
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33 239 glucose (≤ 5.5 , > 5.5 mmol/L based on median values) and insulin (≤ 96.6 , > 96.6 pmol/L based on median
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35 240 values), age (≤ 18 , > 18), study design (crossover, parallel), follow-up duration (< 8 weeks, ≥ 8 weeks) ,
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37 241 randomization (yes, no), level of feeding control (supplemented, dietary advice and metabolically
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39 242 controlled), underlying disease status (diabetes, overweight/ obese, metabolic syndrome criteria,
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41 243 otherwise healthy), and individual domains of risk of bias (sequence generation, allocation concealment,
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43 244 blinding of participants/ personnel and outcome assessors, incomplete outcome data, selective
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45 245 outcome reporting). Continuous dose response analyses were performed using meta-regression to
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47 246 assess linear dose-response gradients and non-linear meta-regression (MKSPLINE procedure) with knots
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14 253 **Grading of the evidence**

16 254 The Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation (GRADE) approach was
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19 255 used to assess the certainty in our estimates and produce evidence profiles (37) using GRADEpro GDT
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21 256 (GRADEpro Guideline Development Tool [Software], McMaster University, Canada, 2015). Evidence was
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23 257 graded as high, moderate, low or very low quality. Included controlled intervention studies were graded
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26 258 as high quality evidence by default and downgraded based on pre-specified criteria. Criteria to
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28 259 downgrade evidence included risk of bias (assessed through the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool),
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30 260 inconsistency (substantial unexplained heterogeneity, $I^2 > 50\%$, $P < 0.10$), indirectness (presence of factors
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32 261 that limited the generalizability of the results), imprecision (the 95% CI for pooled effect estimates
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34 262 crossed a minimally important difference [MID] for benefit or harm for HbA1c [$\pm 0.3\%$], fasting blood
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36 263 glucose [± 0.5 mmol/L], and fasting blood insulin [± 10 pmol/L]), and publication bias (significant evidence
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39 264 of publication bias).

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41 265 **RESULTS**

43 266 **Search Results**

45 267 The systematic search and selection of literature is shown in **Figure 1**. 4,442 reports were identified
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50 269 reports were reviewed in full, of which an additional 164 reports were excluded for failure to meet the
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52 270 eligibility criteria. 118 reports of controlled intervention studies (5, 11, 12, 38-152) including a total of
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55 271 155 study comparisons in 5,086 participants were included in the final analysis.

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273 **Study Characteristics**

274 A summary of the mean study characteristics is presented by the 4 prespecified study designs

275 (substitution, addition, subtraction, and *ad libitum* studies) in **Table 1**, with a breakdown of individual276 study characteristics in **Supplementary Table 2**. Study sizes were relatively small, ranging from a277 median of 15 participants (range 6-318) in subtraction studies to 39 (range 8-236) participants in *ad*278 *libitum* studies. The majority of studies were performed in an outpatient setting, with almost half of all279 substitution (43/108), addition (12/35) and subtraction (1/5) studies conducted in the USA, and all *ad*280 *libitum* studies conducted in European countries. Participants tended to be middle aged, with281 approximately equal ratios of males to females in substitution, addition and *ad libitum* studies, but

282 proportionately more females in subtraction studies. Most studies were conducted in those with

283 diabetes (37%) or otherwise healthy participants (28%) in substitution studies; otherwise healthy (38%)

284 or overweight/obese (31%) in addition studies; overweight or obese (80%) in subtraction studies; and

285 otherwise healthy (43%) in *ad libitum* studies. Most studies were randomized (72% of substitution286 studies, 66% of addition studies, 80% of subtraction studies and 100% of *ad libitum* studies). Follow up

287 duration was relatively short, ranging from a median of 4.5 weeks (range 1- 52 weeks) in substitution

288 studies to 12 weeks (range 1-36 weeks) in subtraction studies. Fructose-containing sugars doses ranged

289 from a median of 12.2% (range 7.7-25.0%) of total energy intake in addition studies to 23% (range 13.0-

290 26.0%) of total energy intake in *ad libitum* studies, and were mostly in the form of mixed food sources in291 substitution (45/108) and *ad libitum* (6/7) studies while most addition (12/35) and subtraction (4/5)

292 studies used sugars-sweetened beverages. Most studies were funded by agency sources (government,

293 not-for-profit health agency or university sources), except for *ad libitum* trials which were primarily

294 funded by agency-industry funding.

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5 297 A summary of the risk of bias assessments by the Cochrane Risk of Bias Tool is shown in **Supplementary**
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7 298 **Figure 1**. Owing to poor reporting standards, most studies were assessed as having unclear risk of bias
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10 299 across the 5 domains of bias. Few studies were assessed as having high risk of bias with only 19.3%,
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12 300 22.7%, 1.7%, 7.6% of studies assessed as high risk of bias for random sequence generation, allocation
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14 301 concealment, blinding of participants and personnel, and incomplete outcome data, respectively.
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16 302 Overall, no serious risk of bias was detected.
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21 304 **Outcomes: HbA1c**
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23 305 The effect of different food sources of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c are shown in **Figure 2** and
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25 306 **Supplementary Figures 2-5**. Total fructose-containing sugars independent of food sources showed a
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27 307 significant decreasing effect on HbA1c in substitution studies (30 study comparisons, MD=-0.22% [95%
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29 308 CI, -0.35, -0.08], -25.9mmol/mol [95% CI, -27.3, -24.4mmol/mol], $p < 0.01$, substantial heterogeneity
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31 309 [$I^2=82\%$, $p < 0.001$]). There was no significant effect in addition (6 study comparisons, substantial
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33 310 heterogeneity [$I^2=83\%$, $p < 0.001$]), subtraction (1 study comparison) or *ad libitum* (1 study comparison)
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35 311 studies. There was no interaction by food source in the substitution, addition, subtraction or *ad libitum*
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37 312 studies, although fruit was the only food source that showed a significant decreasing effect on HbA1c
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50 317 Sensitivity analyses for HbA1c are presented in **Supplementary table 3**. The removal of each study did
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52 318 not explain the heterogeneity or change the significance of the effect.
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3 320 *A priori* subgroup analyses for HbA1c are presented in **supplementary figures 6 and 7** and dose-
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5 321 response analyses for HbA1c are presented in **Supplementary Figure 8 and 9**. *A priori* subgroup analyses
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7 322 did not reveal any effect modification in substitution studies. There was evidence of a dose threshold
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10 323 seen at 10% energy by MKSPLINE procedure with the largest decreases seen only at doses $\leq 10\%$ energy
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12 324 ($P=0.04$). No subgroup or dose-response analyses were conducted for addition, subtraction or *ad libitum*
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14 325 studies, as less than 10 studies were available for analyses.
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18 327 **Outcomes: Fasting Blood Glucose**

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21 328 The effect of different food sources of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose are shown in
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23 329 **Figure 3 and Supplementary Figures 10-13**. Total fructose-containing sugars independent of food
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25 330 sources had no effect on fasting blood glucose in substitution studies (99 study comparisons, substantial
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27 331 heterogeneity [$I^2=65$, $p<0.001$]), addition studies (28 study comparisons, substantial heterogeneity
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29 332 [$I^2=71$, $p<0.001$]), subtraction studies (4 study comparisons, substantial heterogeneity [$I^2=59$, $p=0.06$]) or
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31 333 *ad libitum* studies (6 study comparisons, no evidence of heterogeneity). There was a significant
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33 334 interaction by food source in addition studies ($P<0.001$): SSBs (11 study comparisons, MD= 0.12 mmol/L
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35 335 [95% CI, 0.03, 0.22], substantial heterogeneity [$I^2=74$], $p<0.001$) and fruit juice (2 study comparisons,
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37 336 MD= 0.29 mmol/L [95% CI, 0.09, 0.49], no evidence of heterogeneity) showed a significant increasing
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39 337 effect, while fruit (7 study comparisons), fruit drinks (3 study comparisons), sweetened chocolate (1
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41 338 study comparison), added sweeteners (3 study comparisons), and mixed sources (1 study comparison)
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43 339 showed no significant effect on fasting blood glucose. No interaction by food source was seen in the
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45 340 substitution, subtraction or *ad libitum* studies, although only one food source category was assessed in
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9 346 heterogeneity. Removal of the subtraction study by Campos et al. 2015 (group 2 [G2]) (60) explained all
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11 347 of the heterogeneity, changing the direction but not the lack of significance of the effect on fasting
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13 348 blood glucose. Finally, removal of the subtraction study by Tate et al. 2012 (148) explained most of the
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15 349 heterogeneity ($I^2=32\%$, $P=0.23$) but did not change the direction or lack of significance of the effect on
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23 352 *A priori* subgroup analyses for fasting blood glucose are presented in **Supplementary Figures 14-17** and
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25 353 dose-response analyses for fasting blood glucose are presented in **Supplementary Figure 8 and 9**. There
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27 354 was significant effect modification by fructose-containing sugars dose ($\leq 10\%$ energy or $>10\text{mmol/L}$) with
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29 355 a further threshold effect (25% energy) identified by the MKSPLINE procedure, comparator (starch,
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31 356 glucose, fat, mixed, lactose, dairy), baseline fasting blood glucose ($\leq 5.5\text{mmol/L}$ or $>5.5\text{mmol/L}$), feeding
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33 357 control (dietary advice, supplementation, or metabolic), or underlying disease status (otherwise healthy,
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35 358 overweight/obese, diabetes, Metabolic syndrome, or NAFLD) in the substitution studies ($P<0.05$). A
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37 359 significant subgroup effect was also observed by baseline fasting blood glucose ($\leq 5.5\text{mmol/L}$ or
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39 360 $>5.5\text{mmol/L}$) in addition studies ($P=0.01$). None of the subgroup or dose-response analyses explained
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41 361 the substantial heterogeneity in the substitution and addition studies. No subgroup or dose-response
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43 362 analyses were conducted for subtraction or *ad libitum* comparisons as less than 10 studies were
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52 365 **Outcomes: Fasting Blood Insulin**
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3 366 The effect of different food sources of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood insulin are shown in
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5 367 **Figure 4** and **Supplementary Figures 18-21**. Total fructose-containing sugars independent of food
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7 368 sources had an increasing effect on fasting blood insulin in addition studies (23 study comparisons,
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9 369 MD=4.68 pmol/L [95% CI, 1.40, 7.96], $p < 0.01$, substantial heterogeneity [$I^2=58%$, $p < 0.001$]) and *ad*
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11 370 *libitum* studies (4 study comparisons, MD=7.24 pmol/L [95% CI, 0.47, 14.00], $p=0.04$, no evidence of
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13 371 heterogeneity [$I^2=0%$, $p=0.46$]). There was no effect in substitution (70 studies, substantial heterogeneity
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15 372 [$I^2=62%$, $p < 0.001$]) or subtraction (3 studies, substantial heterogeneity [$I^2=79%$, $p < 0.01$]). There was a
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17 373 significant interaction by food source in substitution studies ($P < 0.001$): fruit juice (1 study comparison,
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19 374 MD=-13.89 pmol/L [95%CI, -27.50, -0.28], $P=0.05$) showed a decreasing effect; sweetened low-fat milk
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21 375 (2 study comparisons, MD=18.95 pmol/L [95%CI, 9.09, 28.80], $P < 0.001$, no evidence of heterogeneity)
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23 376 and mixed sources (25 study comparisons, MD=7.74 pmol/L [95%CI, 2.94, 12.53], $P < 0.01$, no substantial
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25 377 heterogeneity) showed an increasing effect; and fruit (6 study comparisons, no evidence of
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27 378 heterogeneity), dried fruit (1 study comparison), SSBs (17 study comparisons), baked goods, sweets, and
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29 379 desserts (10 study comparisons, no evidence of heterogeneity), and added sweeteners (8 study
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31 380 comparisons, substantial heterogeneity [$I^2=83$, $p < 0.001$]) showed no significant effect on fasting blood
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33 381 insulin. No interaction by food source was seen in the addition, *ad libitum*, or subtraction studies,
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35 382 although SSBs accounted for >50% of the weighted harm in addition studies and mixed sources was the
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37 383 exclusive food source of fructose containings sugars in the *ad libitum* studies.
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45 385 Sensitivity analyses for fasting blood insulin are presented in **Supplementary table 3**. Removal of the
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47 386 addition study by Hollis et al. 2009 (83) explained some of the heterogeneity ($I^2=42%$, $P=0.02$), without
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49 387 changing the significance, magnitude, or direction of the effect. Removal of either one of two
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51 388 substitution studies (92, 104) changed the evidence of significance from non-significant to significant
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53 389 without changing the magnitude or direction of the effect or the evidence of substantial heterogeneity.
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390 Removal of the subtraction study by Campos et al. (G2) (60) explained nearly all of the heterogeneity
391 ($I^2=1\%$, $P=0.31$) and changing the significance and magnitude but not the direction of the effect.

392 Removal of the *ad libitum* study by Raben et al. 2000 (C) (124) eliminated the evidence for the
393 significance but not the direction of the effect or evidence of no substantial heterogeneity.

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395 *A priori* subgroup analyses for fasting blood insulin are presented in **supplementary figures 22-25** and
396 dose-response analyses for fasting blood insulin are presented in **Supplementary Figure 8 and 9**. There
397 was significant effect modification in substitution studies by level of feeding control (dietary advice,
398 supplementation, or metabolic) or risk of bias for blinding of participants, personnel and outcome
399 assessors (low, high, or unclear) in the substitution studies ($P<0.05$). None of the subgroup or dose-
400 response analyses explained the substantial heterogeneity in the substitution studies. No subgroup or
401 dose-response analyses were significant in the addition studies. No subgroup analyses were conducted
402 for the subtraction or *ad libitum* studies, as less than 10 studies were available for analyses.

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404 **Publication Bias**

405 The publication bias assessment is shown in **Supplementary Figures 26 and 27** for all analyses where
406 ≥ 10 studies were available. There was no evidence of publication bias for the effect of food sources of
407 fructose containing sugars on HbA1c, fasting blood glucose, or fasting blood insulin. Although the Begg
408 test was significant ($P=0.04$), visual inspection of funnel plots and the Egger test did not show evidence
409 of publication bias for the effect of food sources of fructose containing sugars on fasting blood glucose
410 in substitution studies. Adjustment for funnel plot asymmetry by the Duval and Tweedie method also
411 did not alter the results.

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413 **GRADE Assessment**

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3 414 A summary of the overall quality of evidence assessment for the effect of total fructose-containing
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5 415 sugars independent of food source on the outcome measures of glycemic control is shown in **Table 2**.
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7 416 The certainty in the evidence was variable for HbA1c (low, low, low, and low), fasting blood glucose
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9 417 (low, low, moderate, and moderate) and fasting blood insulin (low, low, low, and moderate) across
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11 418 substitution, addition, subtraction, and *ad libitum* studies, respectively. Evidence for HbA1c was
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13 419 downgraded for inconsistency in substitution and addition studies, indirectness in subtraction and *ad*
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15 420 *libitum* studies, and for imprecision in substitution, addition, subtraction and *ad libitum* studies.
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17 421 Evidence for fasting blood glucose was downgraded for inconsistency in substitution and addition
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19 422 studies, and for imprecision in substitution, addition, subtraction and *ad libitum* studies. Similarly,
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21 423 evidence for fasting blood insulin was downgraded for inconsistency in the substitution, addition, and
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23 424 subtraction studies, and for imprecision in substitution, addition, subtraction and *ad libitum* studies.
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30 426 **DISCUSSION**

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32 427 Our systematic review and meta-analysis of 152 studies involving 4,979 participants with and without
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34 428 diabetes showed variable effects of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on three outcome
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36 429 measures of glycemic control at median doses ranging from 10-23% energy over median follow-up
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38 430 durations of 4-12 weeks. Four types of study designs were identified based on energy control. In
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40 431 substitution studies, total food sources of fructose-containing sugars in energy matched comparisons
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42 432 with other macronutrients (mainly refined starches) showed a beneficial effect on HbA1c with no effects
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44 433 on fasting blood glucose or insulin, while individual food sources showed decreasing (fruit juice), null
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46 434 (fruit, SSBs, baked goods, added sweeteners) or increasing (sweetened-milk, mixed sources) effects on
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48 435 fasting blood insulin. In addition studies, total food sources of fructose-containing sugars supplementing
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50 436 diets with excess energy compared to the same diet alone without the excess energy showed a harmful
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52 437 effect on fasting blood insulin without affecting HbA1c or fasting blood glucose, while individual food
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3 438 sources showed harmful effects on both fasting blood glucose (SSBs and fruit juice) and insulin (SSBs,
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5 439 mixed sources). In the *ad libitum* studies, total food sources of fructose-containing sugars freely
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7 440 replacing other macronutrients showed a harmful effect on fasting blood insulin (for which the effect
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9 441 was derived exclusively from mixed food sources inclusive of SSBs) without affecting HbA1c or fasting
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11 442 blood glucose. No effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars was observed in subtraction
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18 445 **Sources of heterogeneity**

19 446 Methodological and clinical sources of heterogeneity had an influence on our results. Sensitivity
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21 447 analyses revealed evidence of instability in the significance of our pooled estimates. Removal of anyone
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23 448 of 6 studies (38, 46, 72, 105, 114, 123) changed the significance from non-significant to significant for
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25 449 fasting blood glucose in the addition studies, while the removal of a study by Raben et al. 2000 (C) (124)
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27 450 changed the significance from significant to non-significant for fasting blood insulin in the *ad libitum*
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29 451 studies. None of the studies explained any of the heterogeneity. Removal of the study by Campos et al.
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31 452 (G2) (60), however, did both explaining the heterogeneity and changing the significance of the effect.
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33 453 This sensitivity analysis revealed a consistent decreasing effect of reducing excess calories from fructose-
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35 454 containing sugars on fasting blood insulin in subtraction studies. The reason for the strong influence of
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37 455 this study is unclear. As Campos et al. (G2) (60) was a small study (n=15) that received most of the
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39 456 weight in the analysis (>50%), it is possible that its true within-study variances were seriously
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52 460 Subgroup analyses also revealed evidence of effect modification under certain conditions. Greater
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3 462 glucose in substitution and addition studies, suggesting a regression-to-the-mean phenomenon. These
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5 463 effects were concordant with the observed subgroup modification by underlying disease status in
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7 464 addition studies, demonstrating a greater decreasing effect on fasting blood glucose in patients with
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9 465 diabetes. Although a significant subgroup effect by level of feeding control and age were also observed
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11 466 in addition studies where fasting blood glucose was significantly reduced when dietary advice was the
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13 467 method of feeding control or the age of participants was ≤ 18 years, only one study was available for
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15 468 each of these analyses and neither analysis explained the substantial heterogeneity. The relevance of
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17 469 the subgroup analysis for feeding control is also brought into question by the finding of an opposite
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19 470 result for fasting blood insulin in substitution studies. The categorical subgroup analyses revealed a
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21 471 significant effect modification by dose, whereby fasting blood glucose was lower at doses of $\leq 10\%$
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23 472 energy, suggesting that intakes that meet current recommendations to consume no more than 10% of
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25 473 energy from free or added sugars (22, 33) may have advantages. These results, however, are difficult to
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27 474 interpret in the absence of a linear dose response gradient or dose threshold effect in continuous
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29 475 analyses at this threshold or the other public health thresholds of 5% free sugars (22, 23) and 25% added
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31 476 sugars (34).

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33 478 **Results in the context of other studies**

34 479 Our findings agree with two other previously conducted systematic reviews and meta-analyses of
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38 481 fructose for other carbohydrates on glycated blood proteins in participants with (equivalent to $\sim 0.53\%$
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40 482 reduction in HbA1c)(13) and without (fructose intake < 90 g/d significantly improved HbA1c dependent
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42 483 on dose, study duration and severity of dysglycemia) diabetes (154). Although the modest decrease of -
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44 484 0.14% in HbA1c from our analysis did not exceed the clinically meaningful threshold of 0.3% proposed
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3 486 the previous meta-analysis (32), our findings suggest that food sources of fructose-containing sugars
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18 493 Our data also agree with evidence from prospective cohort studies of the relation of fructose-containing
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22 495 sugars independent of food source with incident diabetes in an earlier systematic review and meta-
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24 496 analysis of the available prospective cohort studies (156), differential associations have been shown for
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26 497 different food sources of sugars. Systematic reviews and meta-analyses of prospective cohort studies
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28 498 have shown an adverse association with SSBs (16, 17) but a protective association with fruit (18, 19),
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30 499 associations which are consistent with our findings of an increasing effect of SSBs on fasting blood
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32 500 glucose and insulin in addition studies and decreasing effect of fruit on HbA1c in substitution studies.
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37 502 **Potential mechanisms**

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39 503 Several proposed mechanisms may explain the observed beneficial effect of food sources of fructose-
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41 504 containing sugars on HbA1c when substituted for other calories in the diet. Fructose has a relatively low
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45 506 a majority of the comparators used in substitution studies were in the form of starch, replacement of
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47 507 these high-GI carbohydrates with fructose may have reduced the overall GI of the diet, leading to long
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49 508 term glycemic improvement (158) through alleviation of beta-cell stress (159, 160). There is also
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51 509 evidence that high-GI diets are associated with reliable clinical markers of insulin resistance such as
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3 510 higher triglycerides and lower HDL-C (161, 162) . The low GI of fruit may explain why it was the main
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7 512 compared to intermediate GI food sources such as SSBs or sweets, which provide calories from sugars in
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9 513 the absence of any nutritional value. The higher fiber content of fruit may contribute to lower
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11 514 postprandial glycemic excursions. Particularly, viscous gels formed by the pectin in fruit may delay
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13 515 gastric emptying and slow down the release of sugars (163). A secondary analysis of a randomized
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15 516 controlled trial of the effect of a 6-month low-GI intervention showed that low-GI fruit intake was the
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17 517 strongest predictor of the reduction in HbA1c in people with type 2 diabetes (164). Whether or not low-
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19 518 GI food sources of fructose-containing sugars would show similar effects when compared to other low-
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21 519 GI carbohydrate foods, including legumes or some whole grains, remains to be determined as there is a
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23 520 lack of studies using high quality carbohydrate comparators. While a low-GI mechanism may have
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25 521 contributed to the observed decrease in HbA1c in the substitution studies), especially as it relates to
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27 522 fruit, it did not extend to improvements in fasting blood glucose and insulin. Although the summary
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29 523 effect estimates for both outcomes tended to be in the direction of benefit (with the possibility of
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31 524 additional studies providing sufficient power to confirm any beneficial effects), a mechanism that targets
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33 525 postprandial excursions in glucose and insulin would not necessarily be expected to lead to meaningful
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35 526 improvements in these fasting measurements which are more determined by changes in insulin
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50 531 whereby fructose metabolites have regulatory actions on glucokinase and hepatic glucose uptake. There
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52 532 is evidence that fructose, especially at small doses of $\leq 10\text{g}/\text{meal}$ (a level obtainable from fruit), may
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54 533 improve glycaemia by the ability of fructose-1-P to up regulate glucokinase activity through the
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3 534 glucokinase regulatory protein, resulting in decreased hepatic glucose production (165) and increased
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7 536 shown(167, 168) under different experimental conditions and would be expected to have
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10 537 disproportionately greater effect on fasting blood glucose and insulin than HbA1c, the opposite of what
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12 538 we found. How dietary fructose interacts with glucose at the level of hepatic glucose homeostasis
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23 543 proteins. The ability of protein, especially dairy proteins, co-ingested with carbohydrate to stimulate
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25 544 glucose stimulated insulin secretion has been well described (169-171). This isolated finding does not
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27 545 necessarily imply harm, as fasting glucose was not increased and sweetened and unsweetened low-fat
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30 546 dairy, especially in the form of yogurt, is associated with decreased risk of weight gain and diabetes
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32 547 incidence (172).

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37 549 In contrast, the observed adverse effects of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic
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41 551 Fructose-containing sugars supplementing diets with excess calories may promote ectopic weight gain,
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43 552 contributing to downstream insulin resistance and impaired glycemic control. Related effects have been
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47 554 overfeeding for body weight (173), blood pressure(174), uric acid levels (175), markers of Non-Alcoholic
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50 555 Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD)(176) and postprandial triglycerides (177). Although fructose more than
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55 557 proposed to increase de novo lipogenesis (DNL) leading to weight gain and its downstream

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5 559 disposal (178). It is also not unique to fructose-containing sugars per se and weight gain with metabolic
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7 560 disturbances would be expected for the overconsumption of food sources of other dietary
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9 561 macronutrients (179).

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12 563 The lack of a protective effect of interventions to reduce excess energy from food sources of fructose-
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14 564 containing sugars in subtraction studies is unclear. It may represent compensation, in which the
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16 565 decrease in energy from food sources of fructose-containing sugars are compensated by replacement
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18 566 with energy from other food sources or spontaneous changes in physical activity that decrease energy
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20 567 expenditure preventing weight loss and its downstream metabolic benefits. Compensation may have
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22 568 been more apparent in these studies as they had the longest median follow-up (12-weeks). It may
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24 569 explain why longer term (median follow-up, ~ 1 year) subtraction studies designed to displace excess
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26 570 energy from SSBs have only shown a weight-loss benefit in specific subgroups of overweight or obese
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28 571 individuals (180). The instability in the significance of the pooled effect estimates may have also played a
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30 572 role. Removal of the studies Campos et al. (G2) (60) explained the heterogeneity revealing significant
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32 573 decreasing effects on fasting insulin, suggesting that this study may have masked a true benefit of
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42 576 **Implications**

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46 578 patterns, our findings may have implications for guiding recommendations on important food sources of
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48 579 fructose-containing sugars in the prevention and management of diabetes. As various food sources of
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7 584 diabetes. As SSBs tended to impair fasting blood glucose and insulin when adding excess energy to the
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12 586 may be useful, especially as SSBs provide empty calories in absence of any nutritional “value”. While
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16 588 important cardiometabolic parameters should also be taken into consideration in future syntheses.
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20 21 590 **Strengths and Limitations**

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23 591 Our systematic review and meta-analysis has several strengths, including: 1) a comprehensive and
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25 592 reproducible search and selection process of the literature examining the effect of food sources of
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27 593 fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control, 2) collation and synthesis of the totality of the available
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29 594 evidence from a large body (152 studies, n=4,979) of controlled intervention studies which give the
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31 595 greatest protection against bias (noting that results did not differ between randomized and non-
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33 596 randomized studies), and 3) an assessment of overall quality of evidence using the GRADE assessment
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41 599 Several of our analyses presented limitations. First, despite the inclusion of a large number of studies,
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45 601 comparisons available for sweetened breakfast cereals or yogurt and only one study comparison was
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47 602 available for sweetened chocolate and two study comparisons for sweetened low-fat milk for any of the
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49 603 analyses. Many analyses also had only one or two study comparisons available for inclusion: baked
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51 604 goods, sweets and desserts for HbA1c in substitution and addition studies (1 study); fruit juice for fasting
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3 606 insulin in addition studies (1 study); SSBs for HbA1c in substitution studies (2 studies); and fruit juice for
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5 607 fasting blood glucose in additions studies (2 studies). As a result, we elected only to do GRADE
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7 608 assessments for total food sources. Second, substantial unexplained heterogeneity was present in all
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10 609 analyses for the substitution studies, as well as the addition studies for HbA1c, fasting blood glucose,
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12 610 and fasting blood insulin. Although there was also substantial heterogeneity present in the subtraction
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14 611 studies for HbA1c, fasting blood glucose and insulin, and *ad libitum* studies for HbA1c, the removal of
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16 612 individual studies during sensitivity analyses explained this heterogeneity, and so we did not downgrade
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19 613 for inconsistency. Third, serious indirectness was present in some analyses as only one trial in 240
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21 614 overweight and obese women was available in the HbA1c subtraction analysis, and similarly, one trial in
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23 615 10 patients with diabetes was available in the HbA1c *ad libitum* analysis. Although the small sample sizes
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25 616 of the included studies (median sample sizes ranged from 15 participants in subtraction studies to 39
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27 617 participants in *ad libitum* studies) are another potential source of indirectness, we did not downgrade
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30 618 the evidence for indirectness owing to the very large number of included studies (152 study
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32 619 comparisons) representing a diverse range of study conditions and metabolic phenotypes across a large
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34 620 total number of participants (n=4,979). We also did not downgrade for indirectness based on the
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36 621 relatively short duration of follow-up (median follow-up, 5-12 weeks), as we felt that it was sufficient to
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38 622 assess the question of harm (a decision shared with an earlier WHO commissioned review of the
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41 623 evidence for sugars and body weight (181). Finally, there was evidence of serious imprecision in all of
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43 624 the analyses. As the 95% CIs crossed the MIDs for HbA1c, fasting blood glucose and fasting blood insulin,
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45 625 these analyses were downgraded for serious imprecision.

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CONCLUSION

632 In conclusion, the effects of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control appear to be

633 both energy and food source dependent. Food sources of fructose-containing sugars, especially fruit,

634 substituted for equal amounts of calories from other macronutrient sources (mainly refined starches)

635 led to improvements in HbA1c without adversely affecting fasting blood glucose or insulin. However,

636 when several food sources of fructose-containing sugars added excess energy to the diet, especially

637 SSBs, significant increases in fasting blood glucose and insulin were observed. The same was also seen

638 for the effect of mixed food sources (inclusive of SSBs) of fructose-containing sugars freely replacing

639 other macronutrients on fasting blood insulin without an adverse effect on HbA1c or fasting blood

640 glucose. The anticipated benefit of interventions to reduce the excess energy from sugars, however,

641 was not seen reliably, suggesting that compensatory behaviours may be an important consideration.

642 The lack of any harm and even advantages were most pronounced in those with higher HbA1c and

643 fasting blood glucose baseline levels or who had diabetes. While our findings may suggest that common

644 food sources of fructose-containing sugars do not have adverse effects on glycemic control in energy

645 matched replacement of other less sugary foods, our GRADE assessment suggests that more research is

646 likely to have an important influence on many of our estimates. More large, high quality studies using a

647 greater variety of food sources of fructose-containing sugars are required to assess the durability of

648 these effects and understand whether certain food sources with an apparent signal for benefit, such as

649 fruit, may even have advantages for glycemic control under free living conditions over the longer term (\geq

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Figures and Tables

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1293 inverse variance random-effects models (≥ 5 trials available) or fixed effects models (<5 trials available).
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1295 $P < 0.10$.

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1303 blood insulin. N= Number of participants. Data are expressed as weighted mean differences (MD) with
1304 95% CIs for summary effects of individual food sources and total on fasting blood insulin. Analyses were
1305 conducted using generic inverse variance random-effects models (≥ 5 trials available) or fixed effects
1306 models (<5 trials available). Interstudy heterogeneity was tested using the Cochran Q statistic (chi-
1307 square) at a significance level of $P < 0.10$.

1308 **Table 1.** Summary of Study Characteristics

Study Characteristics	Substitution Studies	Addition Studies	Subtraction Studies	<i>Ad libitum</i> Studies
Study Comparisons (N)	108	35	5	7
Study Size (participants)¹	15 (5-595)	20 (6-63)	15 (6-318)	39 (8-236)
Male: Female²	42: 58	46: 54	12: 88	41: 59
Age (years)³	39.8 (24.7-53.8)	36.2 (27.4-49.4)	33.5 (29.1-41.9)	38 (34-39.8)
Setting (Inpatient: Outpatient: Inpatient/outpatient)²	10: 75: 15	3: 89: 9	0: 100: 0	0: 100: 0
Baseline Fasting Glucose (mmol/L)³	5.4 (4.9-8.5)	5.1 (4.9-5.4)	5.1 (5.1-5.2)	4.9 (4.9-5.4)
Baseline Fasting Insulin (pmol/L)³	96.6 (57.9-128.5)	50.4 (40.6-81.4)	109.8 (97.8-121.7)	32.8 (32.1-45.9)
Baseline HbA1c (%)³	7.5 (6.8-8.5)	6.8 (5.5-7.1)	N/A ⁴	N/A ⁴
Study Design (Crossover: Parallel)²	61: 39	49: 51	20: 80	57: 43
Feeding Control (Met: Supp: DA)²	44: 41: 16	13: 80: 7	0: 70: 30	50: 37.5: 12.5
Randomization (Yes: No)²	72: 28	66: 34	80: 20	100: 0
Fructose-Containing Sugars Dosage (%E)³	15.0 (9.3-22.1)	12.2 (7.7-25.0)	15.0 (11.3-15.0)	23.0 (13.0-26.0)
Follow-Up Duration (Weeks)¹	4.5 (1-52)	6 (1-24)	12 (1-36)	8 (2-76)
Funding Sources (A: I: AI: NR)²	32: 18: 28: 22	49: 9: 34: 9	60: 40: 0: 0	0: 17: 50: 33
Fructose-Containing Sugars Type (N)	Fructose=47; Fruit=17; HFCS=3; Sucrose=48; Honey=2	Fructose=8; Fruit=13; HFCS=1; Honey=4; Sucrose=9	Sucrose= 5; HFCS=4	Fructose=1; Sucrose=7
Comparator (N)	Fat=7; Glucose=23; Lactose=5; Maltodextrin=1; Mixed Comparator=14; Protein=1; Starch=53; Diet alone=3; Water=1	Diet alone=27; Sweetener=4; Water=5	Water=2; Sweetener=3; No sucrose=1	Fat=2; Mixed comparator=2; Starch=4; Sweetener=3
Food Sources of Fructose-Containing Sugars	Fruit=12; Dried Fruit=4; Fruit Juice=1; SSBs=21; Sweetened Low-Fat Milk=2; Baked Goods, Sweets and Desserts=11; Added Sweeteners=12; Mixed Sources= 45;	Fruits=10; Fruit Juice=3; Fruit Drink=3; SSBs=12; Sweetened Chocolate=1; Baked Goods, Sweets and Desserts=1; Added Sweeteners=4; Mixed Sources=1	Mixed Sources=1; SSBs=4	Baked Goods, Sweets and Desserts=1; Mixed Sources=6

1309 A=agency; AI=agency-industry; DA=dietary advice; E=energy; HFCS=high fructose corn syrup; I=industry; Met=metabolic; N=number of studies;

1310 NR=not reported; SSBs=sugars-sweetened beverages; Supp=supplemented

1311 ^{1,2,3}Values are reported as Medians and ranges¹, percent ratios² or Interquartile Ranges (IQR)³.

1312 ⁴Baseline data were only reported for one study.

1313 Table 2. GRADE Quality of Evidence Assessment

Quality assessment							Quality
No of studies	Design	Risk of bias	Inconsistency	Indirectness	Imprecision	Other considerations	
HbA1c in Substitution Studies							
32	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ¹	no serious indirectness	serious ²	none	⊕⊕○○ LOW
HbA1c in Addition Studies							
6	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ³	no serious indirectness	serious ⁴	none	⊕⊕○○ LOW
HbA1c in Subtraction Studies							
1	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	no serious inconsistency ⁵	serious ⁶	serious ⁷	none ⁸	⊕⊕○○ LOW
HbA1c in Ad libitum Studies							
1	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	no serious inconsistency ⁵	serious ⁹	serious ¹⁰	none ⁸	⊕⊕○○ LOW
Fasting Blood Glucose in Substitution Studies							
101	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ¹¹	no serious indirectness	serious ¹²	none	⊕⊕○○ LOW
Fasting Blood Glucose in Addition Studies							
28	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ¹³	no serious indirectness	serious ¹⁴	none	⊕⊕○○ LOW
Fasting Blood Glucose in Subtraction Studies							
4	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	no serious inconsistency ¹⁵	no serious indirectness	serious ¹⁶	none ⁸	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE
Fasting Blood Glucose in Ad libitum Studies							
6	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	no serious inconsistency	no serious indirectness	serious ¹⁷	none ⁸	⊕⊕⊕○ MODERATE
Fasting Blood Insulin in Substitution Studies							
72	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ¹⁸	no serious indirectness	serious ¹⁹	none	⊕⊕○○ LOW
Fasting Blood Insulin in Addition Studies							
23	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ²⁰	no serious indirectness	serious ²¹	none	⊕⊕⊕○ LOW
Fasting Blood Insulin in Subtraction Studies							
3	randomized and non-randomized studies	no serious risk of bias	serious ²²	no serious indirectness	serious ²³	none ⁸	⊕⊕⊕○ LOW
Fasting Blood Insulin in Ad libitum Studies							
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3 1314 ¹ Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in substitution studies, as there was evidence of significant
4 1315 interstudy heterogeneity ($I^2=82\%$, $p<0.0001$).

5 1316 ² Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in substitution studies, as the 95% CI [-0.29, -0.06 %] overlaps the
6 1317 minimally important difference (MID) for HbA1c ($\pm 0.3\%$), including clinically unimportant benefit ($\geq -0.3\%$).

7 1318 ³ Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in addition studies, as there was evidence of significant interstudy
8 1319 heterogeneity ($I^2=83\%$, $p<0.0001$).

9 1320 ⁴ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in addition studies, as the 95% CI [-0.41, 0.50 %] overlaps the MID for
10 1321 HbA1c ($\pm 0.3\%$), including both clinically important benefit ($\leq -0.3\%$) and harm ($\geq 0.3\%$).

11 1322 ⁵ Inconsistency cannot be excluded since we were not able to test for heterogeneity due to lack of studies (only 1 study included in the analysis).

12 1323 ⁶ Serious indirectness for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in subtraction studies, as only 1 study in 240 overweight/ obese
13 1324 females was available for analysis.

14 1325 ⁷ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in subtraction studies, as the 95% CI [-0.04, 0.14 %] overlaps the MID
15 1326 for HbA1c ($\pm 0.3\%$), including clinically unimportant benefit ($\geq -0.3\%$).

16 1327 ⁸ Bias cannot be excluded since we were unable to test for funnel plot asymmetry due to lack of power (<10 studies included in the analysis).

17 1328 ⁹ Serious indirectness for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in *ad libitum* studies, as only 1 study in 10 participants with type 1
18 1329 diabetes mellitus was available for analysis.

19 1330 ¹⁰ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c in *ad libitum* studies, as the 95% CI [-0.38, 0.42 %] overlaps the MID
20 1331 for HbA1c ($\pm 0.3\%$), including both clinically important benefit ($\leq -0.3\%$) and harm ($\geq 0.3\%$).

21 1332 ¹¹ Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in substitution studies, as there was evidence of
22 1333 significant interstudy heterogeneity ($I^2=65\%$, $p<0.0001$).

23 1334 ¹² Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in substitution studies, as the 95% CI [-0.02, 0.05
24 1335 mmol/L] overlaps the MID for fasting blood glucose (± 0.5 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant benefit (≥ -0.5 mmol/L).

25 1336 ¹³ Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in addition studies, as there was evidence of
26 1337 significant intersudy heterogeneity ($I^2=71\%$, $p<0.0001$).

27 1338 ¹⁴ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in addition studies, as the 95% CI [-0.00, 0.15 mmol/L]
28 1339 overlaps the MID for fasting blood glucose (± 0.5 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant benefit (≥ -0.5 mmol/L).

29 1340 ¹⁵ No serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in subtraction studies, as the removal of Tate et
30 1341 al. 2012 explained most of the heterogeneity ($I^2=32\%$, $p=0.23$), without changing the direction or significance of the effect on fasting blood
31 1342 glucose (MD= 0.20 mmol/L [95% CI, 0.00, 0.40 mmol/L], $p=0.05$) and the removal of Campos et al. 2015 (G2) explained all the heterogeneity
32 1343 ($I^2=0\%$, $p=0.78$), changing the direction, but not the lack of significance of the effect on fasting blood glucose (MD=-0.02 mmol/L [95% CI, -0.11,
33 1344 0.07mmol/L], $p=0.63$).

34 1345 ¹⁶ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in subtraction studies, as the 95% CI [-0.07, 0.10
35 1346 mmol/L] overlaps the MID for fasting blood glucose (± 0.5 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant benefit (≥ -0.5 mmol/L).

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- 1347 ¹⁷ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in ad libitum studies, as the 95% CI [-0.07, 0.04
- 1348 mmol/L] overlaps the MID for fasting blood glucose (± 0.5 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant benefit (≥ -0.5 mmol/L).
- 1349 ¹⁸ Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood insulin in substitution studies, as there was evidence of
- 1350 significant interstudy heterogeneity ($I^2=60\%$, $p<0.001$).
- 1351 ¹⁹ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood insulin in substitution studies, as the 95% CI [-0.24, 4.82
- 1352 pmol/L] overlaps the MID for fasting blood insulin (± 10 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant benefit (≥ -10 pmol/L).
- 1353 ²⁰ Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood insulin in addition studies, as there was evidence of
- 1354 significant interstudy heterogeneity ($I^2=58\%$, $p<0.001$).
- 1355 ²¹ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood insulin in addition studies, as the 95% CI [-1.40, 7.96 pmol/L]
- 1356 overlaps the MID for fasting blood insulin (± 10 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant benefit (≥ -10 pmol/L).
- 1357 ²² Serious inconsistency for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting plasma insulin in subtraction studies. Although the evidence of
- 1358 significant interstudy heterogeneity ($I^2=79\%$, $p<0.01$) was explained by the removal of the study by Campos et al. 2015 (G2) ($I^2=1\%$, $p=0.31$), the
- 1359 conclusion changed for the significance (from non-significant to significant) and magnitude (from smaller to larger) of the effect on fasting blood
- 1360 insulin (MD=-39.54 pmol/L [95% CI, -75.02, -4.06 pmol/L], $p=0.03$).
- 1361 ²³ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting plasma insulin in subtraction studies, as the 95% CI [-22.83, 26.83
- 1362 pmol/L] overlaps the MID for fasting blood insulin (± 10 mmol/L), including both clinically important benefit (<10 pmol/L) and harm (>10 pmol/L).
- 1363 Only 3 studies involving 33 participants were available for analysis.
- 1364 ²⁴ Serious imprecision for the effect of fructose-containing sugars on fasting plasma insulin in *ad libitum* studies, as the 95% CI [0.47 to 14.00]
- 1365 overlaps the MID for fasting blood insulin (± 10 mmol/L), including clinically unimportant harm (>10 pmol/L).

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Figure 1. Flow of the literature for the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycaemic control.

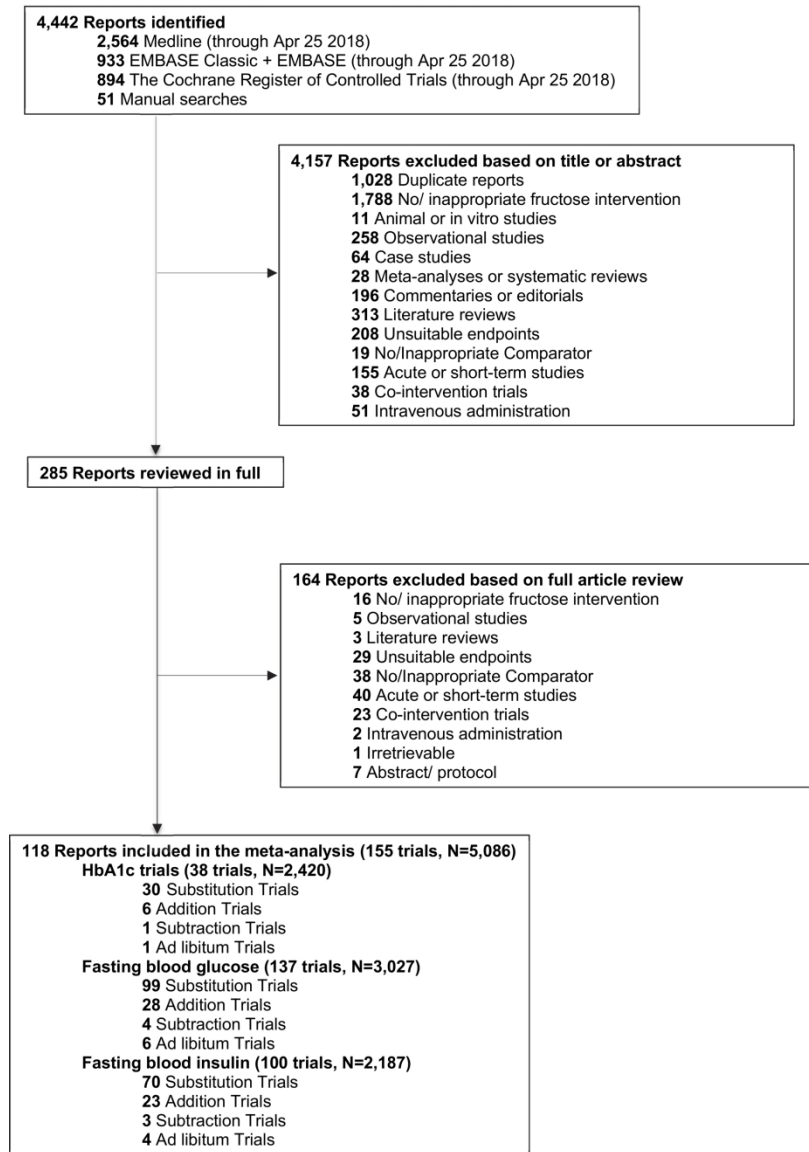


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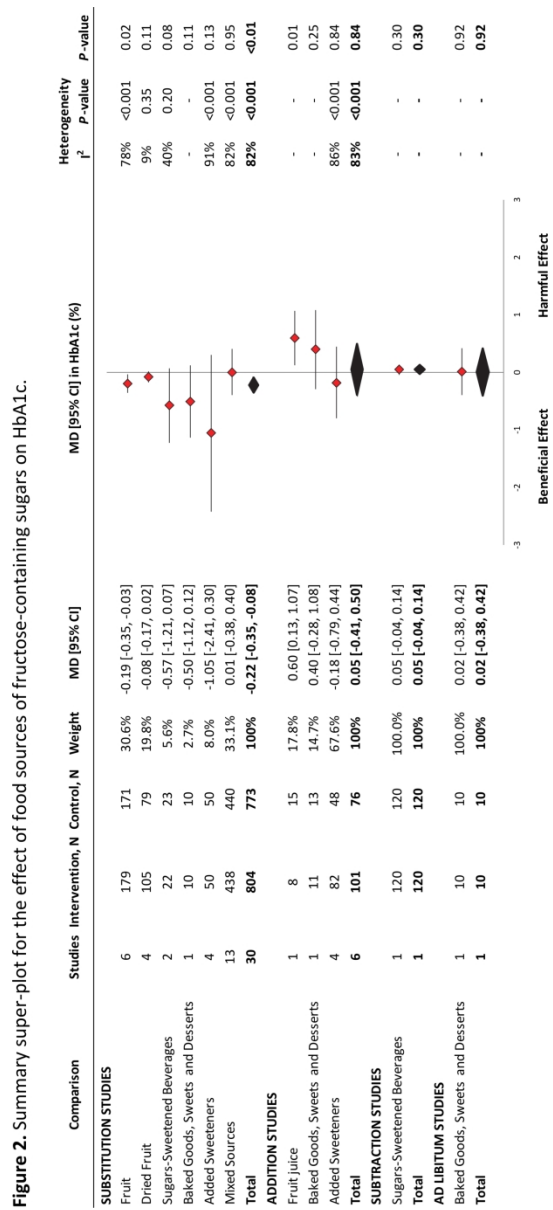


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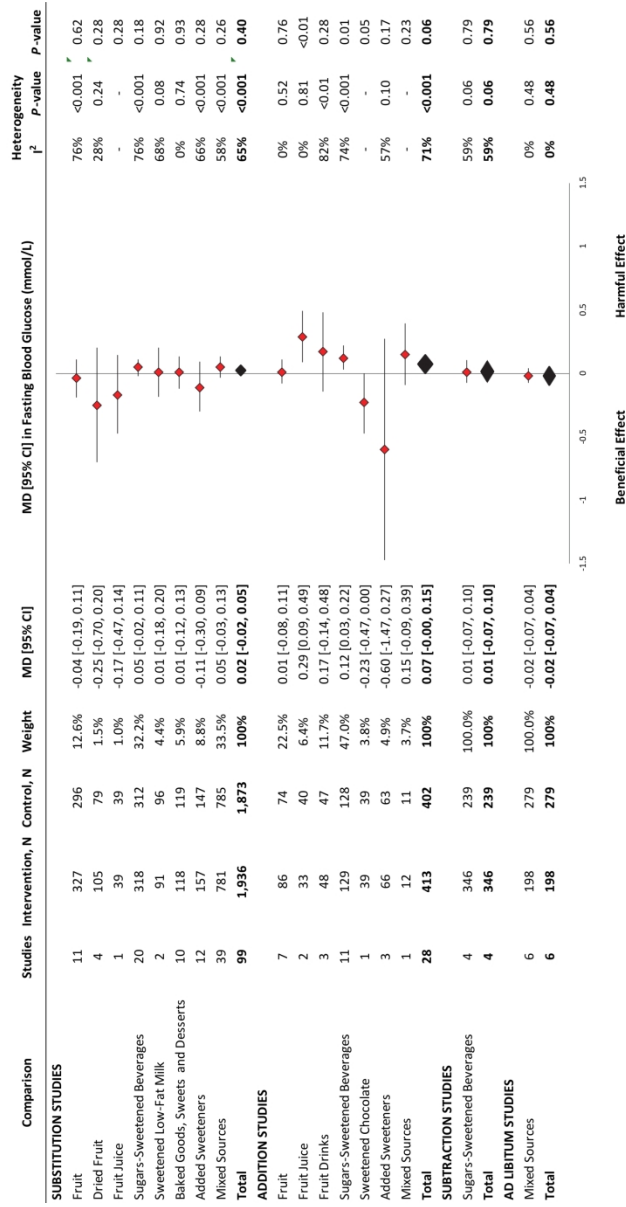


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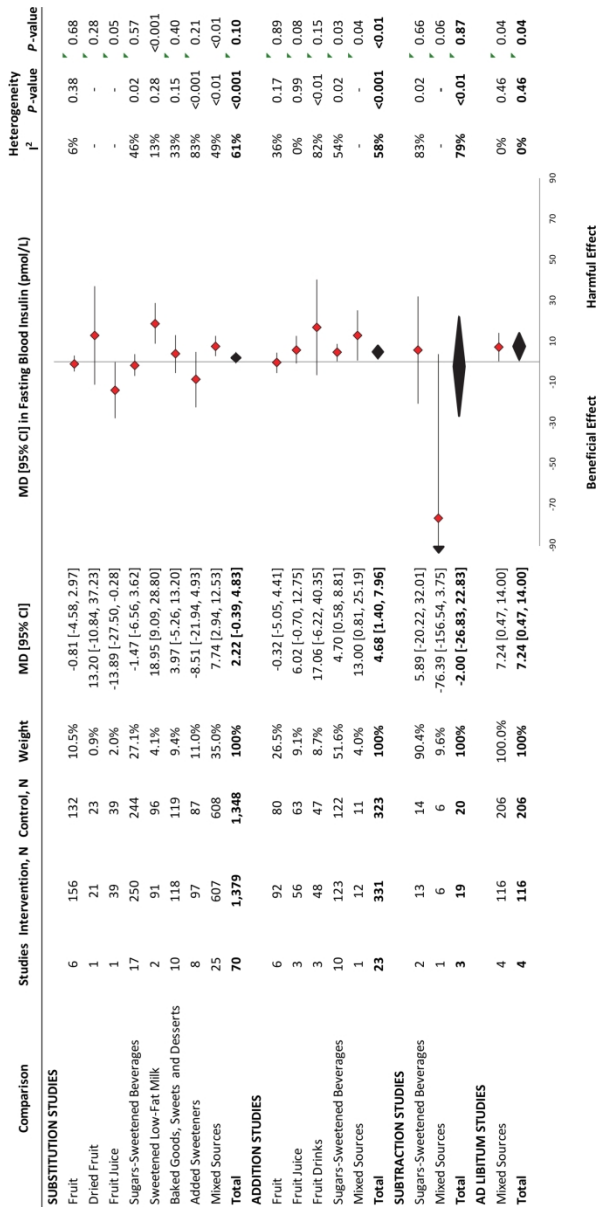


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SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

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[Supplementary Table 2.](#) Characteristics of included intervention studies of the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control.

[Supplementary Table 3.](#) Select sensitivity analyses in which the systematic removal of an individual study altered the significance of the effect estimate or the evidence for substantial heterogeneity.

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

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[Supplementary Figure 4.](#) Forest plot for subtraction studies investigating the effect of removing calories from the diet in the form of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on HbA1c.

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[Supplementary Figure 7.](#) Risk of bias (using The Cochrane Collaboration Tool) subgroup analysis for substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food sources of fructose-containing sugars for other macronutrients on HbA1c.

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21 calories from the diet in the form of fructose-containing food sources on
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41 substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food
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18 **Supplementary Figure 21.** Forest plot for ad libitum studies investigating the effect of freely replacing
19 calories from food sources of fructose-containing sugars with other dietary
20 sources on fasting blood insulin.
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23 **Supplementary Figure 22.** Subgroup analyses for substitution studies investigating the effect of
24 isocaloric exchange of food sources of fructose-containing sugars for other
25 macronutrients on fasting blood insulin.
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28 **Supplementary Figure 23.** Subgroup analyses for addition studies investigating the effect of adding
29 excess calories to the diet in the form of food sources of fructose-containing
30 sugars on fasting blood insulin.
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33 **Supplementary Figure 24.** Risk of bias (using The Cochrane Collaboration Tool) subgroup analysis for
34 substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food
35 sources of fructose-containing sugars for other macronutrients on fasting
36 blood insulin.
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39 **Supplementary Figure 25.** Risk of bias (using The Cochrane Collaboration Tool) subgroup analysis for
40 addition studies investigating the effect of adding excess calories to the diet in
41 the form of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood
42 insulin.
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45 **Supplementary Figure 26.** Publication bias funnel plots for the effect of food sources of fructose-
46 containing sugars on glycemic control in substitution and addition studies.
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49 **Supplementary Figure 27.** Trim and Fill funnel plot for the effect of food sources of fructose-containing
50 sugars on fasting blood glucose in substitution studies.
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Supplementary Table 1. Search strategy for the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control.

Database and search terms		
Medline	Embase	The Cochrane library of control studies
1 exp Fructose/ 2 exp Dietary Sucrose/ 3 HFCS.mp. 4 sugar.mp. 5 sugar* sweetened beverage*.mp. 6 exp Honey/ 7 glycm*.mp. 8 exp insulin/ 9 HbA1c.mp or exp hemoglobin A, glycosylated/ 10 fructosamine.mp. 11 exp blood glucose/ 12 gly*albumin.mp. 13 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 14 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 15 13 and 14 16 limit 15 to animals 17 15 not 16 18 clinical trial.mp. 19 clinical trial.pt. 20 random:.mp. 21 tu.xs. 22 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 23 17 and 22	1 exp Fructose/ 2 exp sucrose/ 3 HFCS.mp. 4 exp sugar/ 5 sugar* sweetened beverage*.mp. 6 exp Honey/ 7 exp glycemic control/ or glycm*.mp. 8 exp insulin/ 9 HbA1c.mp or exp hemoglobin A1c/ 10 fructosamine blood level/ or fructosamine.mp. 11 exp glucose blood level/ 12 exp glycosylated albumin/ or gly*albumin.mp. 13 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 14 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 15 13 and 14 16 limit 15 to animals 17 15 not 16 18 limit 17 to animal studies 19 17 not 18 20 random:.tw. 21 clinical trial:.mp. 22 exp health care quality/ 23 20 or 21 or 22 24 19 and 23	1 Fructose/ 2 Dietary Sucrose/ 3 HFCS.mp. 4 sugar.mp. 5 sugar* sweetened beverage*.mp. 6 Honey/ 7 glycm*.mp. 8 Insulin/ 9 HbA1c.mp, hemoglobin A or glycosylated/ 10 fructosamine.mp. 11 blood glucose/ 12 gly*albumin.mp. 13 1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 14 7 or 8 or 9 or 10 or 11 or 12 15 13 and 14

For all databases, the original search date was November 3rd 2015; updated searches were performed on May 29th 2017 and April 25th 2018 .

Supplementary Table 2. Characteristics of included intervention studies of the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control

Study, Year	Participants	Mean Age, years (SD or Range)	Mean BW, units (SD or range)	Mean BMI, kg/m ² (SD)	Setting	Baseline			Design	Feeding Control ^a	Randomization	Fructose-Containing Sugars Dosage, g/d (% E) ^b	Intervention or comparator	Food source	Diet ^c	Energy Balance ^d	Follow-Up	Funding Sources ^e
						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Substitution Studies (isocaloric comparison)																		
Fruit																		
Agebratt et al. 2016	30 H (18 M, 12 W)	23.5 (3.7)		22.3 (1.9)	OP, Sweden				P	Supp	Yes						8 wk	A
Intervention	15 H (7 M, 8 W)		66.5 kg (8.7)	22.2 (1.6)		5.1 (0.4)	53.7 (21.5)	5.1 (2.4)				25.6 (~3.8)	Fruit	7 cal/kg bw/ day of fruit	NR	Neutral		
Control	15 H (11 M, 4 W)		73.6 kg (9.0)	22.5 (2.3)		5.3 (0.5)	50.6 (20.1)	5.1 (2.5)					Fat	7 cal/kg bw/ day of walnuts				
Basu et al. 2010 (BB)		49.8 (15.3)	-	37.8 (11.2)	OP, USA	-	-	-	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Positive	8 wk	A, I
Intervention	25 MetS (2 M, 23 W)	51.5 (15.0)		38.1 (7.5)								30 (~6) ^l	Fruit	Freeze dried blueberry beverage				
Control	23 MetS (2 M, 21 W)	48.0 (15.8)		37.5 (14.4)									Water	Water				
Basu et al. 2010 (SB)		46.7 (16.6)	102.3 kg (9.5)	37.8 (8.9)	OP, USA	5.1 (0.7)	-	-	P	Supp	Yes				Positive	8 wk	A, I	
Intervention	15 MetS (0 M, 15 W)	48.0 (20.5)	102.0 kg (11.6)	39.0 (7.7)		5.2 (0.8)						~14.6 (~3.2) ^f	Fruit	Freeze dried strawberry beverage	45:37:13			
Control	12 MetS (2 M, 10 W)	45.0 (10.4)	102.7 kg (6.6)	36.4 (10.4)		5.0 (0.7)							Water	Water	46:35:15			
Christensen et al. 2013		58 (12)	91.8 kg (16.9)	32 (5.5)	OP, Denmark	6.6 (1.1)	-	-	P	DA	Yes				NR	Negative	12 wk	NR
Intervention	32 DM2 (18 M, 14 W)	59 (12)	92.4 kg (17)	32 (5)		6.74 (1.2)						~23.1 (~4.6) ^f	Fruit	Incorporate ≥ 2 fruit/d into diet				
Control	31 DM2 (13 M, 18 W)	57 (12)	91.2 kg (17)	32(6)		6.53 (1.1)							Mixed Comparator	Incorporate ≤ 2 fruit/d into diet				
Conceição de Oliveira et al. 2003		44.0 (4.5)	-	-	OP, Brazil	5.2 (0.9)	74.7 (57.3)	-	P	Supp	Yes				55:30:15	Negative	12 wk	I
Intervention	26 OW/OB, HCL (0 M, 26 W)	43.7 (4.8)	77.7 kg (10.8)			5.3 (1.0)	85.4 (62.5)					Apple, 22.8 (~5.6); pear, 19.2 (~3.8)	Fruit	300 g/d apple, 300g/d pear				
Control	9 OW/OB, HCL (0 M, 9 W)	45.0 (3.8)	78.9 kg (9.7)			5.1 (0.6)	43.8 (17.4)						Mixed Comparator	Oat Cookie				
Hegde et al. 2013		58.0 (9.2)	-	24.9 (3.9)	OP, India	8.3 (2.5)	-	8.0 (1.4)	P	DA	No				NR	Positive	3 mo	A
Intervention	60 DM2	58.5 (9.6)		24.4 (3.9)		7.9 (1.5)		8.0 (1.3)				~16.5 (~3.3) ^f	Fruit	Incorporate 2 fruit/d into regular diet				
Control	63 DM2	57.5 (8.9)		25.3 (3.9)		8.6 (3.1)		8.0 (1.5)					Mixed Comparator	Regular diet				
Kolehmainen et al. 2012		51.7 (6.5)			OP, Finland	6.0 (0.7)	103.5 (64.7)	-	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	8 wk	A	
Intervention	15 MetS (5 M, 10 W)	53 (6)	85.4 kg (12.1)	31.4 (4.7)		6.1 (0.9)	100.7 (70.8)					~18.8 (~4.0) ^g	Fruit	200 g/d bilberry puree and 40 g/d dried bilberries equivalent to 400 g/d fresh bilberries	~52:31:17			
Control	12 MetS (3 M, 9 W)	50 (7)	93.1 kg (10.8)	32.9 (3.4)		5.8 (0.4)	107.0 (59.0)						Starch	Other Carbohydrates	~50:34:16			
Lehtonen et al. 2010		42.9 (35-52)	-		OP, Finland	5.0 (0.4)	57.3 (27.9)	5.3 (0.2)	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	20 wk	A, I	
Intervention	28 OW (0 M, 28 W)			29.3 (2.2)		5.1 (0.4)	55.6 (27.1)	5.3 (0.2)				~14.7 (~3.3) ^g	Fruit	163 g/d fresh berries	~50:32:17			
Control	22 OW (0 M, 22 W)			29.5 (1.8)		4.9 (0.4)	59.0 (29.2)	5.2 (0.2)					Mixed comparator	Snacks	~46:35:19			
Madero et al. 2011	131 OW/OB (29 M, 102 W)	38.3 (8.8)	80.9 kg (13.4)	32.4 (4.5)	OP, Mexico	5.0 (1.2)	125.1 (70.8)	-	P	DA	Yes				50:30:15	Negative	6 wk	A
Intervention	65 OW/OB (15 M, 50 W)	40.2 (8.1)	79.1 kg (13.4)	32.8 (4.5)		4.9 (1.2)	125.5 (71.1)					~60 (~14)	Fruit	Fruits Low fructose diet substituted with cereal products				
Control	66 OW/ OB (14 M, 52 W)	37.6 (9.3)	82.7 kg (13.3)	32.9 (4.5)		5.1 (1.2)	124.7 (71.1)					<10-20	Starch					
Moazen et al. 2013	36 DM2 (13 M, 23 W)	51.6 (11.1)			OP, Iran	10.0 (4.1)	-	7.3 (1.7)	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	6 wk	A, I	
Intervention	19 DM2	51.9 (8.3)	75.8 kg (9.3)	27.3 (3.3)		8.9 (2.8)		7.2 (1.6)				~14.6 (~3.2)	Fruit	Freeze dried strawberry beverage equivalent to 500 g fresh strawberries				
Control	17 DM2	51.2 (13.9)	73.0 kg (11.8)	28.7 (4.2)		11.2 (5.0)		7.5 (1.9)					Lactose	Sugar-free strawberry flavored beverage with lactose				
Rodríguez et al. 2005		32.6 (5.8)			OP, Spain	5.1 (0.5)	46.1 (44.3)	-	P	DA	Yes				55:30:15	Negative	8 wk	A
Intervention	7 OB (0 M, 7 W)		91.6 kg (6.0)	34.2 (2.6)		5.2 (0.5)	52.8 (59.0)					~45.0 (13.8)	Fruit	High fruit diet Low fruit diet with substitution for other carbohydrates				
Control	8 OB (0 M, 8 W)		91.1 kg (13.0)	35.6 (3.3)		5.0 (0.5)	40.3 (29.2)					~12.6 (4.0)	Starch					
Singh et al. 1997		50.5 (8.5)	-	-	OP, India	6.1 (0.6)	-	-	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	24 wk	NR	
Intervention	52 HTN, HCL (43 M, 9 W)	49.1 (7.5)	67.8 kg (9.6)			6.1 (0.6)						~36.8 (~7) ^f	Fruit	412 g/d guava	63:23:14			
Control	49 HTN, HCL (45 M, 4 W)	52.0 (9.2)	69.2 kg (11.4)			6.2 (0.7)							Mixed comparator	Refined CHO, saturated fat and cholesterol	57:29:14			

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Study, Year	Participants	Mean Age, years (SD or Range)	Mean BW, units (SD or range)	Mean BMI, kg/m ² (SD)	Setting	Baseline			Design	Feeding Control	Randomization	Fructose-Containing Sugars Dosage, g/d (% E) ^a	Intervention or comparator	Food source	Diet ^c	Energy Balance ^d	Follow-Up	Funding Sources ^e
						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Dried Fruit																		
Anderson et al. 2014		60.6			OP, USA	5.3 (0.6)	-	5.9 (0.4)	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Neutral	12 wk	I
Intervention	31 MetS (12 M, 19 W)	60.3	86.3 kg (12.2)	30.0 (2.8)		5.3 (0.7)		5.9 (0.4)				~60 (~12)	Fruit	84 g/d raisins				
Control	15 MetS (9 M, 6 W)	61.1	85.2 kg (12.4)	29.2 (2.3)		5.2 (0.3)		5.8 (0.5)					Mixed comparator	Processed snacks				
Bays et al. 2015		58.4			OP, USA	8.5 (1.8)	88.6 (93.8)	7.4 (0.9)	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Neutral	12 wk	I
Intervention	27 DM2 (17 M, 10 W)	58	-	34 (5)		9.0 (1.9)	97.2 (111.1)	7.6 (1.0)				~60 (~12)	Fruit	84 g/d raisins				
Control	19 DM2 (10 M, 9 W)	59	-	37 (7)		7.8 (1.5)	76.4 (62.5)	7.1 (0.6)					Mixed comparator	Processed snacks				
Kaliora et al. 2016					OP, Greece				P	DA	YES					Neutral	24 wk	I
Intervention	55 NAFLD (23 M, 32 W)																	
	28 NAFLD (13 M, 15 W)	50.7 (10.9)	85.7 (14.3)	29.7 (22.2)		5.3 (0.7)	109.7 (50.0)	5.8 (0.5)				36 (7.5)	Fruit	36 g/d currant				
Control	27 NAFLD (10 M, 17 W)	51.6 (9.4)	82.0 (3.0)	29.1 (21.8)									Diet alone	Diet alone				
Kanellos et al. 2014		63.4 (7.3)			OP, Greece	7.8 (1.9)	-	6.7 (0.8)	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Neutral	24 wk	A, I
Intervention	26 DM2 (15 M, 11 W)	63.7 (6.3)	83.4 kg (13.8)			7.7 (1.3)		6.5 (0.6)				~24.5 (~4.9)	Fruit	36 g/d raisins				
Control	22 DM2 (10 M, 12 W)	63.0 (8.5)	81.2 kg (14.3)			7.9 (2.4)		6.9 (0.9)					Mixed Comparator	Snacks				
Fruit Juice																		
Ribeiro et al. 2017		36 (1.0)		33 (3.0)	OP, Brazil	4.8 (0.5)	104.2 (41.7)	-	P	Supp	Yes	44 (~8.8)				Negative	12 wk	A, I
Intervention	78 OB (24 M, 54 W)	37 (1.0)		33 (3.0)		4.8 (0.6)	104.2 (41.7)						Fruit	Orange Juice				
Control	39 OB	33 (1.0)		35 (4.0)		4.7 (0.3)	104.2 (41.7)						Mixed comparator	Energy equivalent food item				
SSBs																		
Aeberli et al. 2011 (HD)		26.3 (6.6)	73.7 kg (8.8)	22.4 (1.9)	OP, Switzerland	4.5 (0.5)	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	80 (~13)				Neutral	3 wk	A, I
Intervention	29 H (29 M, 0 W)												Fructose, sucrose Glucose	Fructose SSB, sucrose SSB	~55:32:13			
Control														Glucose SSB	~57:31:13			
Aeberli et al. 2011 (MD)		26.3 (6.6)	73.7 kg (8.8)	22.4 (1.9)	OP, Switzerland	4.5 (0.5)	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	40 (~7)				Neutral	3 wk	A, I
Intervention	29 H (29 M, 0 W)												Fructose Glucose, starch	Fructose SSB Glucose SSB, low fructose diet	~51:35:14			
Control															~49:35:15			
Aeberli et al. 2013		22.8 (1.7)		22.6 (1.4)	OP, Switzerland	-	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	80 (~14)				Neutral	3 wk	A
Intervention	9 H (9 M, 0 W)																	
Control													Fructose, sucrose Glucose	Fructose SSB, sucrose SSB Glucose SSB	~55:31:15			
Beck-Nielsen et al. 1980		(21-25)			OP, Denmark	5.5 (0.6)	37.5 (29.8)	-	P	Supp	Yes				44:38:18	Positive	7 d	A, I
Intervention	15 H					5.2 (0.6)	27.8 (19.6)					250 (~33)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control			60.9 kg (7.4)			5.8 (0.5)	48.6 (36.7)						Glucose	Glucose dissolved in water				
Heden et al. 2014 (AJCN-H)		18.3 (1.5)	70.5 kg (11.3)	23.9 (3.3)	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	50 (~10)				Positive	2 wk	A
Intervention	20 H (9 M, 11 W)												Fructose Glucose	Fructose SSB Glucose SSB	NR			
Control																		
Heden et al. 2014 (AJCN-OW/OB) (XX)		17.4 (1.7)	88.0 kg (16.7)	30.8 (6.1)	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	50 (~10)				Positive	2 wk	A
Intervention	20 OW/OB (11 M, 9 W)												Fructose Glucose	Fructose SSB Glucose SSB	NR			
Control																		
Heden et al. 2015		18 (1.1)	93.6 kg (10.6)	34.6 (4.2)	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	50 (~10)				Positive	2 wk	A
Intervention	7 OW/OB (3 M, 4 W)												Fructose	Fructose SSB with walking (≥12000 steps per day)				
Control													Glucose	Glucose SSB with walking (≥12000 steps per day)				

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Study, Year	Participants	Mean Age, years (SD or Range)	Mean BW, units (SD or range)	Mean BMI, kg/m ² (SD)	Setting	Baseline			Design	Feeding Control ^a	Randomization	Fructose-Containing Sugars Dosage, g/d (% E) ^b	Intervention or comparator	Food source	Diet ^c	Energy Balance ^d	Follow-Up	Funding Sources ^e
						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Jin et al. 2014	21 OW (11 M, 10 W)	13.5 (2.5)	-	-	OP, USA	5.3 (1.1)	234.5 (176.4)	-	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Neutral	4 wk	A
Intervention	9 OW (3 M, 6 W)	14.2 (2.6)	82.3 kg (5.6)			5.5 (0.8)	211.1 (89.4)					99 (~20)	Fructose	Fructose SSB				
Control	12 OW (8 M, 4 W)	13.0 (2.5)	82.0 kg (4.27)			5.0 (1.3)	252.1 (233.5)						Glucose	Glucose SSB				
Johnston et al. 2013 (T1)	32 OW (32 M, 0 W)	34 (9.9)			OP, UK	4.6 (0.3)	112.1 (38.5)	-	P	Met	Yes				55:30:15	Neutral	2 wk	A
Intervention	15 OW (15 M, 0 W)	35 (11)	96.8 kg (7.4)	30.0 (1.4)		4.5 (0.2)	124.3 (35.4)					~221 (25)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control	17 OW (17 M, 0 W)	33 (9)	93.9 kg (8.7)	28.9 (1.7)		4.7 (0.4)	101.4 (38.9)						Glucose	Glucose dissolved in water				
Johnston et al. 2013 (T2)	32 OW (32 M, 0 W)	34 (9.9)			OP, UK	4.6 (0.3)	112.1 (38.5)	-	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Positive	2 wk	A
Intervention	15 OW (15 M, 0 W)	35 (11)	96.8 kg (7.4)	30.0 (1.4)		4.5 (0.2)	124.3 (35.4)					~221 (25)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control	17 OW (17 M, 0 W)	33 (9)	93.9 kg (8.7)	28.9 (1.7)		4.7 (0.4)	101.4 (38.9)						Glucose	Glucose dissolved in water				
Koivisto and Yki-Järvinen 1993	10 DM2 (4 M, 6 W)	61 (10)	81.9 kg (15.4)	27.5 (4.1)	IP, Finland				C	Met	Yes				50:30:20	Neutral	4 wk	A, I
Intervention			82.0 kg (15.8)			9.7 (3.2)	83 (44.3)	9.0 (1.6)				~55 (~10)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control			81.8 kg (15.8)			10.0 (2.5)	89 (60.1)	9.5 (1.9)					Glucose	Glucose dissolved in water				
Maersk et al. 2012	22 OW/OB (9 M, 13 W)	38 (8)	96.2 kg (13.8)	31.6 (2.8)	OP, Denmark	5.4 (0.7)	74.2 (59.3)	-	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Neutral	6 mo	A, I
Intervention	10 OW/OB (6 M, 4 W)	39 (6)	97.8 kg (12.5)	31.3 (2.9)		5.4 (0.6)	54.3 (26.7)					~106 (~21)	Sucrose	Cola				
Control	12 OW/OB (3 M, 9 W)	38 (9)	94.7 kg (15.3)	31.9 (2.8)		5.4 (0.8)	92.6 (74.9)						Lactose	Semi-skim milk				
Mark et al. 2014	73 OW (0 M, 73 W)	39.7 (8.6)	92.0 kg (12.6)	32.7 (4.3)	OP, Denmark	5.5 (0.6)	58.9 (40.2)	-	P	Supp	Yes				~20:45:34	Neutral	4 wk	A
Intervention	35 OW (0 M, 35 W)					5.4 (0.4)	58.2 (43.6)					60 (~13.6)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control	38 OW (0 M, 38 W)					5.5 (0.4)	62.6 (36.3)						Glucose	Glucose dissolved in water				
McAteer et al. 1987	10 DM2	64.4 (54-71)	59.3 kg (5.4)	-	OP, Ireland	-	-	-	C	Supp	No				42:38:20	Neutral	4 wk	I
Intervention												43.7 (11.6)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water with lemon or orange flavor				
Control												10.6 (2.8)	Starch	Starch containing foods				
Ngo Sock et al. 2010	11 H (11 M, 0 W)	24.6 (2)	71.9 kg (5.3)	(19-25)	OP, Switzerland	5.0 (0.4)	54.0 (11.9)	-	C	Met	Yes				55:30:15	Positive	7 d	A
Intervention												~214 (35)	Fructose	20% fructose solution				
Control													Glucose	20% glucose solution				
Schwarz et al. 2015	8 H (8 M, 0 W)	42 (8.5)	-	24.4 (4.5)	IP, USA	4.3 (0.3)	34.7 (33.4)	-	C	Met	No				50:35:15	Neutral	9 d	A
Intervention												~112.5 (~22.5)	Fructose	Fructose SSB				
Control													Starch	Isocaloric exchange of fructose for CCHO				
Silbernagel et al. 2011	20 H (12 M, 8 W)	30.5 (8.9)		25.9 (2.3)	OP, Germany	4.85 (0.3)	47.9 (29.2)	-	P	Supp	Yes				50:35:15	Positive	4 wk	A
Intervention	10 H (7 M, 3 W)	32.8 (9.3)	80.3 kg (9.1)	25.5 (2.2)		4.8 (0.3)	45.4 (36.7)					150 (~22)	Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control	10 H (5 M, 5 W)	28.2 (8.4)	80.7 kg (7.5)	26.2 (2.4)		4.9 (0.2)	50.6 (20.9)						Glucose	Glucose dissolved in water				
Stanhope et al. 2011 (AJCN)	32 OW/OB (16 M, 16 W)	53.7 (8.1)	85.9 kg (10.5)	29.3 (2.9)	IP/OP, USA	4.9 (0.2)	99.2 (45.0)	-	P	Met/Supp	No				Positive	8 wk	A	
Intervention	17 OW/OB (9 M, 8 W)	52.5 (9.3)	85.8 kg (10.7)	29.3 (2.6)		4.9 (0.2)	99.2 (45.0)					158 (25)	Fructose	Fructose SSB	~55:30:15			
Control	15 OW/OB (7 M, 8 W)	55.1 (6.6)	86.1 kg (10.6)	29.4 (3.2)		4.9 (0.4)	104.1 (55.9)						Glucose	Glucose SSB	~55:30:15			
Stanhope et al. 2011 (JCEM)	48 (27 M, 21 W)	27.6 (7.1)	76.0 kg (13.1)	25.5 (4.0)	IP/OP, USA	4.9 (0.4)	96.6 (55.0)	-	P	Met/Supp	No				55:30:15	Neutral	2 wk	A
Intervention	32 (18 M, 14 W)	27.9 (7.1)	75.6 kg (12.8)	25.2 (4.3)		4.9 (0.4)	96.0 (64.4)					~125 (25)	Fructose, HFCS	Fructose SSB, HFCS SSB				
Control	16 (9 M, 7 W)	27.0 (7.2)	76.8 kg (14.1)	26.2 (3.6)		4.9 (0.4)	97.9 (30.4)						Glucose	Glucose SSB				
Swarbrick et al. 2008	7 OW/OB (0 M, 7 W)	(50-72)	75.7 kg (24.3)	29.1 (5.8)	IP, USA	4.6 (1.1)	58 (48)	-	C	Met	No				55:30:15	Neutral	10 wk	A
Intervention												~125 (25)	Fructose	Fructose SSB (12 % solution flavored with unsweetened drink mix)				
Control													Starch	Complex CHO sources (bread, rice, pasta)				
Vaisman et al. 2006	25 DM2	62.3 (10.1)			OP, Israel	11.47 (3.6)	348.3 (231.8)	8.47 (0.8)	P	Supp	Yes	22.5 (~5)			NR	Neutral	3 mo	NR
Intervention	12 DM2	65.4 (10.7)	82.9 kg (10.9)	29.5 (3.9)		11.3 (3.6)	357.0 (319.5)	8.6 (0.9)					Fructose	Fructose dissolved in water				
Control	13 DM2	59.5 (9.1)	83.4 kg (17.6)	30.5 (5.2)		11.7 (3.7)	340.3 (117.4)	8.4 (0.8)					Maltodextrin	Maltodextrin dissolved in water				
Sweetened Low-Fat Milk																		
Lowndes et al. 2015-Fructose	95 OW/ OB (43 M, 52 W)	36.0 (11.5)	74.3 kg (12.5)	26.0 (3.5)	OP, USA	5.0 (0.4)	55.1 (40.8)	-	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	10 wk	I	
Intervention	30 OW/OB (16 M, 14 W)	35.6 (10.4)	74.3 kg (13.1)	26.0 (3.8)		4.9 (0.4)	55.6 (31.9)					~49.5 (9)	Fructose	Fructose sweetened milk	~52:29:20			
Control	65 OW/OB (27 M, 38 W)	36.2 (12.0)	74.3 kg (12.3)	26.1 (3.4)		4.9 (0.4)	55.6 (31.9)						Glucose, lactose	Glucose sweetened milk, unsweetened milk	~52:30:19			

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Lowndes et al. 2015-Sucrose	92 OW/ OB (36 M, 56 W)	35.2 (11.5)	72.5 kg (13.1)	26.0 (3.5)	OP, USA	5.0 (0.4)	58.5 (35.9)	-	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	10 wk	I	
Intervention	61 OW/OB (26 M, 35 W)	35.2 (11.1)	72.7 kg (13.6)	26.0 (3.5)		4.9 (0.4)	60.6 (36.2)					sucrose, HFCS; ~109.7 (18)	Sucrose, HFCS	Sucrose or HFCS sweetened milk (18% E)	~55:28:18			
Control	31 OW/OB (10 M, 21 W)	35.3 (12.5)	72.3 kg (12.2)	26.0 (3.5)		5.0 (0.4)	54.2 (35.4)						Diet alone	Unsweetened milk (9% E)	~49:32:20			
Baked Goods, Desserts and Sweets																		
Behall et al. 1980 (non-OC)	6 (0 M, 6 W)	(19-25)	63 kg	-	OP, USA				C	Met	No	~214 (~43)			51:36:13	Neutral	4 wk	A
Intervention						4.4 (0.4)	141.7 (35.7)						Sucrose Starch	Sucrose Pattie				
Control						4.4 (0.3)	147.2 (66.3)							Starch Pattie				
Behall et al. 1980 (OC)	6 (0 M, 6 W)	(19-25)	64 kg	-	OP, USA				C	Met	No	~214 (~43)			51:36:13	Neutral	4 wk	A
Intervention						4.4 (0.4)	132.6 (42.5)						Sucrose Starch	Sucrose Pattie				
Control						4.8 (0.7)	179.9 (42.5)							Starch Pattie				
Claesson et al. 2009	25 H (11 M, 14 W)	23.4 (2.7)	68.0 kg (6.7)	22.2 (1.7)	OP, Sweden	4.7 (0.4)	26 (13)	-	P	Supp	Yes				Positive	2 wk	A	
Intervention	12 H (5 M, 7 W)	23.2 (3.5)	67.3 kg (7.6)	22.2 (1.4)		4.7 (0.5)	27 (11)					278 (~37)	Sucrose	Candy	65:21:10			
Control	13 H (6 M, 7 W)	23.6 (1.8)	68.7 kg (6.1)	22.2 (2.0)		4.7 (0.3)	24 (15)					92 (~12)	Fat	Peanuts	32:48:18			
Costa et al. 2005	10 DM1 (7 M, 3 W)	(14-18)	58.5 kg (11.8)	21.7 (3.2)	OP, Brazil	-	-	8.3	C	DA	No	~37.5 (~6.2)	Sucrose Starch	Sweets Other CHO sources	50:30:20 48:32:21	Neutral	4 mo	I
Intervention																		
Control																		
Hallfrisch et al. 1983 HI	12 HI (12 M, 0 W)	39.5 (7.3)	81.4 kg (8.0)	-	IP/OP, USA	-	164.6 (19.0)	-	C	Met	No	~50.6 (7.5), ~101.3 (15) ^b	Fructose Starch	Fructose wafer Starch wafer	43:42:15	Neutral	5 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control																		
Hallfrisch et al. 1983 H	12 H (12 M, 0 W)	39.8 (8.3)	80.5 kg (11.1)	-	IP/OP, USA	-	145.2 (19.2)	-	C	Met	No	~50.6 (7.5), ~101.3 (15) ^b	Fructose Starch	Fructose wafer Starch wafer	43:42:15	Neutral	5 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control																		
Jones et al. 2014	25 H	26.2 (7.2)	69.0 kg (16.0)	23.6 (3.7)	OP, USA	4.8 (0.3)	59.4 (46.3)	-	P	Supp	Yes	6 (~1.2)	Sucrose ⁱ Fat	Honey roasted peanuts unsalted peanuts	NR	Neutral	12 wk	I
Intervention																		
Control	25 H					4.8 (0.5)	48.7 (30.4)											
Kelsay et al. 1974	8 H (0 M, 8 W)	(18-23)	(43.6-65.3 kg)	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes				50:38:12	Neutral	4 wk	NR
Intervention												~212.5 (~42)	Sucrose	Uncooked fondant pattie made with fat and sucrose				
Control													Glucose	Uncooked fondant pattie made with fat and glucose				
Malerbi et al. 1996	16 DM2 (7 M, 9 W)	54.2 (9.2)	65.7 kg (8.1)	25.6 (2.8)	OP, Brazil	7.2 (1.5)	57.9 (41.3)	7.5 (1.0)	C	Met	No				Neutral	4 wk	I	
Intervention												63.2 (20)	Fructose	85% of fructose incorporated into a papaya frozen cream sorbet, remaining 15% from natural sources such as fruits and vegetables	55:30:15			
Control													Starch	Starch containing foods	50:35:15			
Reiser et al. 1989 (HI)	10 HI (10 M, 0 W)	47.4	85 kg	25.7	IP/OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Met	No	168 (20)	Fructose Starch	Fructose fondant Starch muffin	51:36:13	Neutral	5 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control																		
Reiser et al. 1989 (H)	11 H (11 M, 0 W)	38.10	79 kg	24.4	IP/OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Met	No	168 (20)	Fructose Starch	Fructose fondant Starch muffin	51:36:13	Neutral	5 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control																		
Added Sweeteners																		
Abdulrhman et al. 2013	20 DM1 (10 M, 10 W)	11.4 (4.2)	105% IBW (12.1)	-	OP, Egypt	9.4 (1.1)	-	7.2 (0.8)	C	Supp	Yes	~26.6 (~4.0)	Honey Diet alone	Honey added to diet Regular diet	NR	Neutral	12 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control																		
Bantle et al. 2000	24 H (12 M, 12 W)	41.3 (13.5)		25.1 (2.4)	OP, USA	5.1 (0.5)	-	-	C	Met	Yes	~85 (17)			55:30:15	Neutral	6 wk	A
Intervention			74.1 kg (7.3)										Fructose	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals				
Control			74.1 kg (6.9)										Glucose	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals				
Despland et al. 2017	8 H (8 M 0 W)	-	73.7 kg (5.7)	23.8 (2.3)	IP/ OP, Switzerland	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes				55:30:15	Neutral	7-8 d	A,I
Intervention												~150 (30)	Honey, HFCS	25% starch substituted for robinia honey or fructose+glucose solution comparable to honey composition				
Control													Starch	Starch				

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Emanuele et al. 1986	5 DM2, HLP (5 M, 0 W)	59 (6.7)	117 % 1BW (14.5)	-	OP, USA				C	Met	Yes				Neutral	4 wk	NR	
Intervention			93 kg (24.6)			13.2 (3.2)	187.5 (155.3)	-				220 (~39)	Sucrose	220 g/d sucrose added to beverages and cereals, gelatin desserts, artificially flavored beverages, jelly spreads	63:22:15			
Control			94 kg (22.4)			10.4 (3.1)	145.8 (77.6)	-				≤ 3 (~≤0.5)	Mixed comparator	Iso-caloric low sucrose (≤ 3 g/d), low CHO diet	38:39:22			
Grigoresco et al. 1988	8 DM2 (5 M, 3 W)	40 (6.9)	74.3 kg (12.4)	26.1 (3.3)	OP, France	8.0 (1.4)	168.1 (95.2)	6.8 (1.6)	C	Supp	Yes				Neutral	8 wk	A, I	
Intervention												30 (8)	Fructose	30 g powdered fructose packs added to food and beverages				
Control													Starch	Fructose exchanged for 30 g starch				
Jellish et al. 1984		59.5 (9.6)	92.6 kg (19.2)	-	IP, USA	11.7 (4.0)	166.7 (106.2)	-	P	Met	Yes				Neutral	4 wk	NR	
Intervention	18 DM2 (18 M, 0 W)	60.7 (8.9)	92.4 kg (19.4)									120 (~21), 220 (~39) ^b	Sucrose	Hot beverages, cereals, gelatin desserts, jelly spreads, beverages	50:35:15 65:21:14 ^m			
Control	8 DM2 (8 M, 0 W)	59.5 (9.6)	92.6 kg (19.2)									≤ 3 (~1)	Mixed comparator	Iso-caloric low sucrose diet	37:41:22			
Koh et al. 1988 (IGT)	9 IGT (3 M, 6 W)	54 (18)	74.5 kg (15)	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	No				Neutral	4 wk	NR	
Intervention												~64 (15)	Fructose	Fructose packets added to Fruit juice, milk, water or baked goods	~53:32:16			
Control													Glucose	Glucose packets added to Fruit juice, milk, water or baked goods				
Koh et al. 1988 (NGT)	9 H (3 M, 6 W)	50 (15)	65.9 kg (13.6)	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	No				Neutral	4 wk	NR	
Intervention												~78.5 (15)	Fructose	Fructose packets added to Fruit juice, milk, water or baked goods	~53:32:16			
Control													Glucose	Glucose packets added to Fruit juice, milk, water or baked goods				
Lock et al. 1980	18 (18 M, 0 W)	(31-62)	-	-	OP, England	-	-	-	C	Supp	No				Neutral	12 mo	NR	
Intervention												60 (~10.2)	Sucrose	Crystalline and powdered sucrose	41:42:13			
Control													Glucose	Crystalline and powdered dried glucose syrup	42:41:14			
Malerbi et al. 1996	16 DM2 (7 M, 9 W)	54.2 (9.2)	65.7 kg (8.1)	25.6 (2.8)	OP, Brazil	7.2 (1.5)	57.9 (41.3)	7.5 (1.0)	C	Met	No				Neutral	4 wk	I	
Intervention												77.8 (19)	Sucrose	Sucrose used to sweeten fruits, milk, beverages and coffee	55:30:15			
Control													Starch	Starch containing foods	50:35:15			
Osei et al. 1987	18 DM2 (3 M, 15 W)	57 (8.6)	82.7 kg (13.5)	-	OP, USA	12.7 (3.2)	-	11.51 (2.5)	P	Supp	Yes				Neutral	12 wk	A, I	
Intervention	9 DM2 (2 M, 7 W)	57 (8.7)	82.8 kg (15.6)			12.4 (4.0)		11.5 (1.5)				60 (~10)	Fructose	Crystalline fructose added to cereals and non-alcoholic beverages	50:35:15			
Control	9 DM2 (1 M, 8 W)	57 (9.0)	82.5 kg (12.0)			12.9 (2.3)		11.5 (3.3)					Starch	ADA recommended diet - mostly CCHO as source of carbohydrates				
Osei et al. 1989	13 DM2 (5 M, 8 W)	54 (11)		29.6 (9.4)	OP, USA				C	Supp	Yes				Neutral	6 mo	A, I	
Intervention			87.7 kg (27.4)			12.6 (4.0)		11.3 (1.4)				60 (15)	Fructose	Crystalline fructose incorporated into cereals and non-alcoholic beverages	50:35:15			
Control			88.3 kg (20.9)			11.0 (0.4)		10.4 (2.5)					Starch	ADA recommended diet - mostly CCHO as source of carbohydrates				
Mixed Sources																		
Abraira et al. 1988	18 DM2 (17 M, 1 W)			-	IP, USA	8.7 (3.4)	149.3 (142.6)	-	P	Met	Yes	220 (~38)			Neutral	1 mo	I	
Intervention	9 DM2 (9 M, 0 W)	61.4 (4.8)	85.4 kg (22.2)			8.2 (3.0)	132.0 (145.8)						Sucrose	Beverages, gelatin desserts, cereals				
Control	9 DM2 (8 M, 1 W)	61.4 (7.2)	82.6 kg (18.1)			9.2 (3.8)	166.7 (145.8)						Starch	Bread, potatoes, pasta				
Anderson et al. 1989	14 DM2 (14 M, 0 W)	60 (15.0)	112 % DBW (15)	-	IP/OP, USA	11.2 (4.2)	-	10.6 (1.9)	C	Met	No	~55 (12)			Neutral	24 wk	A, I	
Intervention													Fructose	Cookies, lemonade-flavored drink, crystalline fructose	55:20:25			
Control													Starch	Starch containing foods				

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Bantle et al. 1986 (DM1)	12 DM1 (6 M, 6 W)	23 (15-32)	103 % MRW (82-123)	-	IP, USA	-	-	9.9 (1.8)	C	Met	Yes	~137 (21)	Fructose, sucrose Starch	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals Starch containing foods	55:30:15	Neutral	8 d	A, I
Intervention																		
Control																		
Bantle et al. 1986 (DM2)	12 DM2 (5 M, 7 W)	62 (36-80)	129 % MRW (106-160)	-	IP, USA	-	-	8.5 (2.4)	C	Met	Yes	~137 (21)	Fructose, sucrose Starch	Fructose, sucrose Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals Starch containing foods	55:30:15	Neutral	8 d	A, I
Intervention																		
Control																		
Bantle et al. 1992 (DM1)	6 DM1 (3 M, 3 W)	23 (18-34)	102 % MRW (97-111)	-	IP/OP, USA	-	-	8.1 (0.3)	C	Met	Yes	~120 (20)	Fructose Starch	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals Starch containing foods	55:30:15	Neutral	28 d	A, I
Intervention								10.6 (4.0)										
Control								10.3 (4.2)										
Bantle et al. 1992 (DM2)	12 DM2 (4 M, 8 W)	62 (40-72)	136 % MRW (99-170)	-	IP/OP, USA	-	-	7.2 (2.1)	C	Met	Yes	~120 (20)	Fructose Starch	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals Starch containing foods	55:30:15	Neutral	28 d	A, I
Intervention								9.3 (2.3)										
Control								8.2 (1.4)										
Bantle et al. 1993	12 DM2 (4 M, 8 W)	62 (40-72)	-	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes	~114 (19)	Fructose Starch	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals Starch containing foods	55:30:15	Neutral	28 d	A, I
Intervention			86.0 kg (22.5)					8.7 (2.5)					Sucrose	Baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals				
Control			86.9 kg (22.2)					8.2 (1.4)					Starch	Starch containing foods				
Black et al. 2006	13 H (13 M, 0 W)	33 (11)	86.0 kg (12.3)	26.6 (3.2)	OP, UK	4.8 (0.4)	-	5.7 (0.4)	C	Met	Yes	~199 (25)	Sucrose Starch	High sucrose diet (25% E) Low sucrose diet (10% E)	55:33:12	Neutral	6 wk	A
Intervention																		
Control																		
Blayo et al. 1990	14 DM1, 6 DM2	46.9 (13.1)	-	22.6 (1.9)	OP, France	9.8	-	8.8	P	Supp	Yes		Fructose, sucrose Starch	20-30 g sugar/d in drinks, desserts, meals Isocaloric substitution of sugar with starch	55:30:15	Neutral	12 mo	A, I
Intervention	8 DM1, 4 DM2	49.5 (14.1)		23.0 (2.1)		9.4		7.8				~25 (5)						
Control	6 DM1, 2 DM2	43.0 (11.0)		22.0 (1.6)		10.4		9.5										
Brymora et al. 2012	28 CKD (17 M, 11 W)	59 (15)	85.8 kg (11.5)	29.9 (4.2)	OP, Poland	5.4 (0.7)	77.8 (42.4)	-	C	DA	No		Fructose, sucrose Starch	Regular diet Isocaloric low fructose diet through reduction of fruits and added sugars	55:30:15	Neutral	6 wk	A
Intervention												~56 (~10)						
Control												12 (~2)						
Brynes et al. 2003	17 OW/ OB (17 M, 0 W)	45 (8)	-	29.3 (4.0)	OP, London	-	-	-	C	Supp	Yes	132 (~22)	Sucrose Fat, starch	Table sugar Olive oil, instant potato, wholegrain rye bread	51:33:16 ~43:39:18	Neutral	24 d	I
Intervention																		
Control																		
Buysschaert et al. 1987	10 DM1 (5 M, 5 W)	52 (12.6)	124 % IBW (22)	-	OP, Belgium	-	-	9.5 (1.3)	C	Met	Yes		Fructose Starch	Sucrose incorporated into desserts and/ or soft drinks Conventional diabetic diet	45:35:20	Neutral	3 mo	NR
Intervention												19 (~5.4)						
Control																		
Cooper et al 1988	17 DM2 (6 M, 11 W)	62.2 (14.0)	69.1 kg (2.8)	26.0 (3.0)	OP, Australia	8.9 (2.8)	100.0 (50.4)	8.1 (1.7)	C	Supp	Yes		Fructose Starch	28 g sucrose added to hot beverages, fruit juice, milk, cereals, stewed fruit 30 g starch and saccharin added to hot beverages, fruit juice, milk, cereals, stewed fruit	NR	Positive	6 wk	I
Intervention												28 (8.2)						
Control																		
Coulston et al. 1985	11 DM2 (5 M, 6 W)	62 (6.6)	-	27.8 (2.3)	OP, USA	7.8 (1.7)	-	-	C	Met	No	~80 (16) ~5 (1)	Sucrose Starch	Sucrose added diet Sucrose free diet	53:29:18 51:30:19	Neutral	15 d	A
Intervention																		
Control																		
Dunnigan et al. 1970	8 CND, 1 CAD (6 M, 3 W)	51.8 (8.1)	63.1 kg (10.5)	-	IP, Scotland	-	-	-	C	Met	No	169 (~34)	Sucrose Starch	70% CHO intake as sucrose 85% CHO intake as wheat, potato or maize starch	45:40:15	Neutral	4 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control																		
Fry et al. 1972	19 (19 M, 0 W)	24.7 (20.8-40.8)	76.9 kg (8.4)	-	OP, Antarctica	-	-	-	C	Met	No	97 (~13)	Sucrose	Sucrose-containing diet Sucrose-free diet with glucose syrup and calcium cyclamate	44:43:13	Neutral	18 wk	NR
Intervention																		
Control													Glucose				14 wk	

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Hendler et al. 1986	6 OB (0 M, 6 W)	(20-44)	(56-126 % IBW)	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Met	No	~190 (95)	Sucrose Protein	High sucrose diet High protein diet	96:04:00 96:04:00	Negative	15 d	A, I
Intervention																		
Control																		
Lewis et al. 2013	13 OW/ OB (9 M, 4 W)	46.1 (6.9)	92 kg (10.5)	31.7 (3.2)	OP, UK	5.2 (0.7)	-	-	C	Met	Yes	~101.8 (15)	Sucrose Starch	High sucrose diet (15% E) Low sucrose diet (5% E)	~55:33:12 ~55:33:12	Neutral	6 wk	I
Intervention																		
Control																		
Liu et al. 1984	10 HTG (4 M, 6 W)		-		IP, USA	-	-	-	P	Met	Yes		Sucrose Starch	13 % sucrose diet 9 % sucrose diet		Neutral	15 d	A
Intervention	5 HTG	52 (4.5)		29.6 (4.5)								~65 (13)						
Control	5 HTG	55 (4.5)		28.9 (4.0)								~45 (9)						
Maki et al. 2015	34 DM2 (17 M, 17 W)	53.8 (12.2)	-	32.2 (4.7)	OP, USA	5.5 (0.5)	56.0 (21.0)	-	C	Supp	Yes		Sucrose	Non-diet soda and non-dairy pudding	57:29:15	Neutral	6 wk	A, I
Intervention												~92 (~17)						
Control													Lactose	2% milk and sugar-free low fat yogurt	47:33:19			
Paganus et al. 1987 (CG)	8 DM1 (3 M, 5 W)	12.3 (10.7-14.8)	-	-	OP, Finland	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes		Fructose	Marmalade, grain fruit bar, pure fructose sweetener	50:30:20	Neutral	3 wk	I
Intervention												37 (~7.4)						
Control													Starch	isocaloric exchange of fructose for other carbohydrates				
Paganus et al. 1987 (SG)	22 DM1 (9 M, 13 W)	12.2 (8.9-15.9)	-	-	OP, Finland	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes		Fructose	Marmalade, grain fruit bar, pure fructose sweetener	50:30:20	Neutral	3 wk	I
Intervention												37 (~7.4)						
Control													Starch	isocaloric exchange of fructose for other carbohydrates				
Paineau et al. 2008					OP, France	-	-	-	P	DA	Yes				-	Negative	8 mo	A, I
Intervention	297 (55 M, 242 W)	40.4 (5.3)	66.8 kg (13.5)	24.2 (4.5)								~80.1 (~17.6) j	Sucrose	Reduced fat, increased CCHO				
Control	298 (48 M, 250 W)	40.3 (5.4)	67.3 kg (16.0)	24.6 (5.7)									Starch	Reduced fat, reduced sugar, increased CCHO to maintain isocaloric CHO intake				
Pelkonen et al. 1972	10 DM1 (5 M, 5 W)	25.5 (19-70)	99 % RBW (90-118)	-	IP, Finland	-	-	-	C	Met	No				40:40:20	Neutral	10 d	A
Intervention												75 (15)	Fructose	Fructose incorporated into main meals replacing starch				
Control													Starch	Starch incorporated into main meals				
Peterson et al. 1986 (DM1)	12 DM1 (10 M, 2 W)	52 (11)	-	24.9 (21.2-27.9)	OP, UK	-	-	-	C	DA	Yes				50:30:20	Neutral	6 wk	NR
Intervention												45 (~9.4)	Sucrose	45 g CCHO replaced by sucrose in food				
Control													Starch	British Diabetic Association recommended diet				
Peterson et al. 1986 (DM2)	11 DM2 (7 M, 4 W)	56 (9)	-	24.7 (20.1-28.0)	OP, UK	-	-	-	C	DA	Yes				50:30:20	Neutral	6 wk	NR
Intervention												45 (~9.4)	Sucrose	45 g CCHO replaced by sucrose				
Control													Starch	British Diabetic Association recommended diet				
Porta et al. 1989	16 DM2 (8 M, 8 W)	60 (9.7)	-		OP, Italy	8.5 (2.2)	-	5.8 (1.1)	P	Supp	Yes					Neutral	6 mo	A
Intervention	8 DM2 (4 M, 4 W)	60 (8.5)		27.4 (3.1)		9.3 (2.5)		6.0 (1.4)				~38.1 (10)	Sucrose	10% of starch replaced by sucrose in 2 main meals, coffee, tea, fruit	54:28:18			
Control	8 DM2 (4 M, 4 W)	60 (11.3)		28.2 (2.5)		7.7 (1.7)		5.6 (0.8)					Starch	Traditional diabetic diet	55:28:18			
Rath et al. 1974	6 H (6 M, 0 W)	21.5 (2.7)	65.8 kg (10.2)	-	IP, Prague	-	-	-	C	Met	No					Neutral	24 d	NR
Intervention												400 (52.5)	Sucrose	High sugar diet (400 g/d sugar)	72:16:12			
Control												120 (17.1)	Mixed comparator	Control diet (120 g/d sugar)	50:33:17			
Reiser et al. 1986 (W)	9 H (0 M, 9 W)	(27-48)	-		IP/OP, USA	4.9 (1.2)	128.5 (45.8)	-	C	Met	No				50:35:15	Neutral	6 wk	NR
Intervention												141.8 (~21)	Sucrose	High sugar diet (20 %E)				
Control													Starch	Low sugar diet with isocaloric exchange of sugar for CCHO				

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Study, Year	Participants	Mean Age, years (SD or Range)	Mean BW, units (SD or range)	Mean BMI, kg/m ² (SD)	Setting	Baseline			Design	Feeding Control ^a	Randomization	Fructose-Containing Sugars Dosage, g/d (% E) ^b	Intervention or comparator	Food source	Diet ^c	Energy Balance ^d	Follow-Up	Funding Sources ^e
						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Reiser et al. 1986 (M)	10 H (10 M, 0 W)	(24-56)	107 % DBW	-	IP/OP, USA	5.2 (0.6)	123.6 (24.2)	-	C	Met	No							
Intervention												141.8 (~21)	Sucrose	High sugar diet (20 %E)	50:35:15	Neutral	6 wk	NR
Control													Starch	Low sugar diet with isocaloric exchange of sugar for CCHO				
Santacroce et al. 1990	12 DM1 (6 M, 6 W)	27 (16-46)	-	22.3 (19.8-25)	OP, Italy	-	-	6.9 (1.0)	C	Met	Yes							
Intervention								6.8 (1.0)				30 (~6)	Sucrose	Sucrose added to foods and mixed meals	52:31:17	Neutral	2 mo	NR
Control								6.9 (1.0)					Starch	High glycemic index bread				
Souto et al. 2013	33 DM1 (21 M, 12 W)	21.7 (5)	-		OP, Brazil	10.0 (3.8)	-	7.6 (1.6)	P	DA	Yes							
Intervention	15 DM1 (8 M, 7 W)			24.0 (2.6)		10.9 (3.6)		8.0 (2.1)				~162 (27)	Sucrose	Sucrose containing foods	58:26:20	Negative	3 mo	NR
Control	18 DM1 (12 M, 6 W)			22.4 (2.7)		9.4 (3.9)		7.3 (1.1)					Starch	Isocaloric exchange of sucrose for other carbohydrates	53:24:20			
Sunehag et al. 2002 (P1-AD)	12 H (6 M, 6 W)	14.5 (1.1)	55.5 kg (10.7)	20.2 (3.1)	IP/OP, Italy	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes							
Intervention												~74.9 (~12.1)	Fructose	High CHO low fat diet (20% CHO from fructose)	60:25:15	Neutral	7 d	A
Control												~39.8 (~6.3)	Mixed comparator	Low CHO high fat diet (20% CHO from fructose)	30:55:15			
Sunehag et al. 2002 (P1-PP)	12 H (6 M, 6 W)	8.0 (1.0)	26.1 kg (4.5)	15.7 (1.3)	IP/OP, Italy	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes							
Intervention												~50.6 (~12.1)	Fructose	High CHO low fat diet (20% CHO from fructose)	60:25:15	Neutral	7 d	A
Control												~27.7 (~6.3)	Mixed comparator	Low CHO high fat diet (20% CHO from fructose)	30:55:15			
Sunehag et al. 2002 P2	12 H (6 M, 6 W)	14.8 (1.3)	60.3 kg (11.1)	21.8 (3.9)	IP/OP, Italy	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes							
Intervention												~150.3 (~23.8)	Fructose	High CHO low fat diet (40% CHO from fructose)	60:25:15	Neutral	7 d	A
Control												~40.4 (~6.5)	Starch	High CHO low fat diet (10% CHO fructose)	60:25:15			
Sunehag et al. 2008	6 OB (3 M, 3 W)	15.2 (1.2)	98.4 kg (18.4)	35 (4.9)	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes							
Intervention												~149.1 (24)	Fructose	White bread, fruit, fruit juice, canned fruit in heavy syrup, candy, soft drinks	60:25:15	Neutral	7 d	A, I
Control												~38 (6)	Starch	Isocaloric exchange of fructose from other carbohydrates				
Surwit et al. 1997	42 OB (0 M, 42 W)	40.2 (7.6)			OP, England	4.9 (0.6)	-	-	P	Met	Yes							
Intervention	20 OB (0 M, 20 W)	40.6 (8.2)	96.1 kg (13.7)	35.9 (4.8)		5.0 (0.7)						121.2 (58.0)	Sucrose	High-sucrose, low fat diet	73:11:19	Negative	6 wk	A, I
Control	22 OB (0 M, 22 W)	40.3 (7.3)	96.7 kg (12.6)	34.9 (4.4)		4.9 (0.6)						11.8 (6.0)	Starch	Low-sucrose, low fat diet	71:11:20			
Swanson et al. 1992	14 H (7 M, 7 W)	34 (19-60)			IP/OP, USA	5.1 (0.4)	-	5.0 (0.4)	C	Met	Yes							
Intervention			68.6 kg (3.1)			4.9 (0.4)		5.1 (0.4)				100 (20)	Fructose	Crystalline fructose added to baked goods, beverages, breakfast cereals, and natural fructose in fruits and vegetables	55:30:15	Neutral	28 d	A, I
Control			68.5 kg (3.0)			5.2 (0.4)		4.9 (0.4)				14 (<3)	Starch	Bread, potatoes, wheat and corn flour, oats				
Szanto et al. 1969	19 H (19 M, 0 W)	28 (21-44)	73.1 kg (58.5-81.5)	-	OP, UK	3.8 (3.4-4.5)	153 (97.2-180.6)	-	C	DA	No							
Intervention												438 (~52)	Sucrose	High sucrose diet	NR	Neutral	2 wk	A
Control													Starch	High starch diet				
Van Meijl et al. 2011	35 OW/OB (10 M, 25 W)	49.5 (13.2)	-	32.0 (3.8)	OP, Netherlands	5.68 (0.6)	-	-	C	Supp	Yes							
Intervention												70.2 (~12.8) ¹	Sucrose	Fruit Juice (600 mL), fruit biscuits (43 g)	53:30:16	Neutral	8 wk	I
Control													Lactose	Low fat milk (500 mL), low fat yogurt (150 g)	46:33:19			
Volp et al. 2007 (G1)	10 H (0 M, 10 W)	22.5 (2.1)			OP, Brazil	-	-	-	P	DA	Yes							
Intervention	5 H (0 M, 5 W)		54.9 (48.8-64.5) ^k	21.7 (20.2-25.0) ^k								110 (~22)	Sucrose	High sucrose diet	59:28:13	Neutral	14 d	A
Control	5 H (0 M, 5 W)		55.8 (48.0-65.6) ^k	21.3 (19.4-24.8) ^k								10 (~2)	Fat	High fat diet	42:45:13			

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Volp et al. 2007 (G2)	10 OW (0 M, 10 W)	21.8 (2.8)	-	-	OP, Brazil	-	-	-	P	DA	Yes	-	-	-	Neutral	14 d	A	
Intervention	5 OW (0 M, 5 W)	-	73.9	29.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	130 (~23)	Sucrose Fat	High sucrose diet	59:28:13	-	-	
Control	5 OW (0 M, 5 W)	-	72	28.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10 (2)	-	High fat diet	42:45:13	-	-	
Volp et al. 2008 (G1)	6 H (0 M, 6 W)	21 (19-24) ^k	-	21.4 (20.2-22.8) ^k	OP, Brazil	5.5 (5.2-5.8)	89.6 (59.7-100.0)	-	C	DA	Yes	-	-	-	Neutral	14 d	AI	
Intervention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~81.1 (18.4)	Sucrose Fat	High sucrose diet	65:22:16	-	-	
Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~11.2 (2.6)	-	High fat diet	50:36:17	-	-	
Volp et al. 2008 (G2)	6 OW/OB (0 M, 6 W)	21 (19-22) ^m	-	28.6 (25.1-32.1) ^m	OP, Brazil	5.9 (5.4-6.0)	124.3 (77.1-157.0)	-	C	DA	Yes	-	-	-	Neutral	14 d	A, I	
Intervention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~47.1 (8.8)	Sucrose Fat	High sucrose diet	63:26:15	-	-	
Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~10.5 (2.4)	-	High fat diet	53:31:16	-	-	
Yudkin et al. 1972	11 (11 M, 0 W)	29 (21-44)	-	-	OP, England	-	-	-	C	DA	No	-	-	Neutral	-	-	I	
Intervention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	441 (~53)	Sucrose	Substitute sugar for starch from regular diet	~59:30:10	2 wk	-	
Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148 (~18)	Starch	Regular diet	~58:30:10	1 wk	-	
Addition Studies (Hypercaloric comparison)																		
Fruit																		
Basu et al. 2010 (BB)	-	49.8 (15.3)	-	37.8 (11.2)	OP, USA	-	-	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	NR	Neutral	8 wk	A, I	
Intervention	25 MetS (2 M, 23 W)	51.5 (15.0)	-	38.1 (7.5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30 (~6) ⁿ	Fruit	Freeze dried blueberry beverage	-	-	-	
Control	23 MetS (2 M, 21 W)	48.0 (15.8)	-	37.5 (14.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Water	Water	-	-	-	
Basu et al. 2010 (SB)	-	46.7 (16.6)	102.3 kg (9.5)	37.8 (8.9)	OP, USA	5.1 (0.7)	-	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	Neutral	8 wk	A, I		
Intervention	15 MetS (0 M, 15 W)	48.0 (20.5)	102.0 kg (11.6)	39.0 (7.7)	-	5.2 (0.8)	-	-	-	-	-	~14.6 (~3.2) ^o	Fruit	Freeze dried strawberry beverage	45:37:13	-	-	
Control	12 MetS (2 M, 10 W)	45.0 (10.4)	102.7 kg (6.6)	36.4 (10.4)	-	5.0 (0.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	Water	Water	46:35:15	-	-	
Cressey et al. 2014 (DM2)	15 DM2	52.8 (5.23)	-	-	OP, Thailand	-	-	-	C	Supp	No	-	-	Positive	-	-	A	
Intervention	-	-	61.8 kg (13.3)	25.8 (4.7)	-	7.3 (2.5)	97.2 (117.4)	-	-	-	-	~18.1 (~3.3) ^f	Fruit	1 banana/d (250 g)	~57:25:18	4 wk	-	
Control	-	-	62.3 kg (13.0)	25.9 (4.6)	-	6.7 (1.7)	117.4 (122.2)	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No banana	~53:29:19	8 wk	-	
Cressey et al. 2014 (H)	-	36.4 (12.0)	51.3 kg (6.1)	20.2 (2.7)	OP, Thailand	4.6 (0.5)	-	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	Positive	-	-	A	
Intervention	7 H	41 (13.7)	54.5 kg (5.6)	21.5 (2.9)	-	4.7 (0.4)	-	-	-	-	-	~36.2 (~9.2) ^f	Fruit	2 banana/d (500 g)	~65:21:14	3 mo	-	
Control	5 H	30 (5.2)	46.9 kg (3.8)	18.4 (1.0)	-	4.5 (0.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No banana	~52:30:19	3 mo	-	
Cressey et al. 2014 (HCL HD)	15 HCL	43.1 (7.5)	-	-	OP, Thailand	-	-	-	C	Supp	No	-	-	Positive	-	-	A	
Intervention	-	-	59.6 kg (11.8)	24.0 (3.94)	-	5.7 (0.4)	22.9 (14.6)	-	-	-	-	~36.2 (~6.3) ^f	Fruit	2 banana/d (500 g)	~57:26:17	12 wk	-	
Control	-	-	59.3 kg (12.1)	24.1 (4.2)	-	5.1 (0.4)	19.4 (11.1)	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No banana	~49:34:17	8 wk	-	
Cressey et al. 2014 (HCL LD)	15 HCL	44.8 (10.3)	-	-	OP, Thailand	-	-	-	C	Supp	No	-	-	Positive	-	-	A	
Intervention	-	-	61.5 kg (10.9)	24.8 (4.0)	-	5.5 (0.4)	21.5 (11.1)	-	-	-	-	~18.1 (~3.5) ^f	Fruit	1 banana/d (250 g)	~56:27:17	12 wk	-	
Control	-	-	61.5 kg (10.7)	24.8 (4.3)	-	5.1 (0.5)	29.9 (13.9)	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No banana	~47:35:17	8 wk	-	
Ellis et al. 2011	12 OW/OB	50.9 (15.0)	86.6 kg (12.9)	29.2 (2.3)	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	No	-	-	NR	Positive	-	A, I	
Intervention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~5.9 (~1.2) ^f	Fruit	Freeze dried strawberry beverage equivalent to ~100 g/d fresh strawberries	-	6 wk	-	
Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No beverage	-	7 d	-	
Mitsou et al. 2011	22 OW/OB (0 M, 22 W)	31	74.2 kg (9.4)	27.6 (2.7)	OP, Greece	5.1 (0.4)	53.8 (14.6)	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	NR	Positive	60 d	A, I	
Intervention	12 OW/OB (0 M, 12 W)	-	74.6 kg (11.4)	27.6 (2.9)	-	5.1 (0.5)	53.5 (15.3)	-	-	-	-	~17.4 (~3.5) ^f	Fruit	240 g/d Dessert Banana	-	-	-	
Control	10 OW/OB (0 M, 10 W)	-	73.8 kg (6.9)	27.5 (2.5)	-	5.0 (0.4)	54.2 (14.6)	-	-	-	-	-	Water	Water	-	-	-	
Puglisi et al. 2008	-	56.3 (4.6)	78.6 kg (16.0)	27.7 (3.8)	OP, USA	5.4 (0.6)	-	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	Positive	-	-	I	
Intervention	10 H (5 M, 5 W)	57.8 (5.2)	78.4 kg (15.9)	27.5 (3.8)	-	5.22 (0.41)	-	-	-	-	-	~49.7 (~9.9) ^f	Fruit	Walking + 1 cup raisins/d	57:29:15	6 wk	-	
Control	12 H (6 M, 6 W)	55.0 (3.8)	78.7 kg (16.8)	27.9 (3.9)	-	5.52 (0.7)	-	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	Walking	43:40:16	-	-	
Ravn-Haren et al. 2013	23 H (9 M, 14 W)	36.2 (17.9)	-	22.3 (2.6)	OP, Denmark	-	40.6 (28.2)	-	C	Supp	Yes	-	-	NR	Positive	4 wk	A	
Intervention	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~51 (~10) ^l	Fruit	Polyphenolic and pectin restricted diet with whole apples equivalent to ~550 g/d	-	-	-	
Control	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	Polyphenolic and pectin restricted diet with apple pomace	-	-	-	
Fruit Juice																		
Banini et al. 2006	-	-	-	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	~50:31:19	Positive	28 d	A, I	
Intervention	8 H	50 (13)	-	29.3 (1.4)	-	5.0 (0.4)	86.8 (88.4)	5.5 (0.3)	-	-	-	~17 ^l	fruit	Muscadine grape juice	-	-	-	
Control	15 H	25 (75)	-	27.5 (1.4)	-	4.9 (0.8)	75.7 (43.0)	5.5 (1.2)	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No beverage	-	-	-	
Hollis et al. 2009	-	25 (8.1)	78.3 kg (9.3)	27.2 (1.5)	OP, USA	4.5 (0.6)	81.5 (70.1)	-	P	Supp	Yes	-	-	Positive	12 wk	I		
Intervention	25 OW	22 (4)	79.0 kg (8.4)	27.0 (1.6)	-	4.4 (0.6)	83.8 (90.4)	-	-	-	-	82 (~17)	fruit	Concord grape juice	~50:35:15	-	-	
Control	25 OW	28 (10)	77.6 kg (10.3)	27.3 (1.5)	-	4.7 (0.5)	79.2 (43.0)	-	-	-	-	-	Diet alone	No beverage	~50:34:16	-	-	

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Ravn-Haren et al. 2013	23 H (9 M, 14 W)	36.2 (17.9)	-	22.3 (2.6)	OP, Denmark	-	40.6 (28.2)	-	C	Supp	Yes				NR	Positive	4 wk	A
Intervention												~61 (~12.2) ^m	fruit	Polyphenolic and pectin restricted diet with clear or cloudy apple juice (~500 mL/d)				
Control													Diet alone	Polyphenolic and pectin restricted diet				
Fruit Drinks																		
Ellis et al. 2011	12 OW/OB	50.9 (15.0)	86.6 kg (12.9)	29.2 (2.3)	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	Supp	No	25.9 (~5) total sugar	Sucrose	Strawberry flavored beverage	NR	Positive	6 wk	A, I
Intervention													Diet alone	No beverage			7 d	
Control																		
Hollis et al. 2009	26 OW	27 (9)	78.3 kg (10.4)	27.1 (1.5)	OP, USA	4.7 (0.7)	78.9 (36.7)	-	P	Supp	Yes	82 (~17)	sucrose	Grape flavored drink	~48:36:16	Positive	12 wk	I
Intervention	25 OW	28 (10)	77.6 kg (10.3)	27.3 (1.5)		4.7 (0.8)	78.6 (30.3)						Diet alone	No beverage	~50:34:16			
Control						4.7 (0.5)	79.2 (43.0)											
Mitsou et al. 2011	20 OW/OB (0 M, 22 W)	31	71.3 kg (7.6)	26.7 (2.3)	OP, Greece	5.0 (0.3)	48.7 (20.3)	-	P	Supp	Yes	50.6 (~10)	Sucrose	Banana flavored drink	NR	Positive	60 d	A, I
Intervention	10 OW/OB (0 M, 10 W)		68.8 kg (7.7)	25.8 (1.8)		5.0 (0.3)	43.1 (24.3)						Water	Water				
Control	10 OW/OB (0 M, 10 W)		73.8 kg (6.9)	27.5 (2.5)		5.0 (0.4)	54.2 (14.6)											
SSBs																		
Abdel-Sayed et al. 2008	6 H (6 M, 0 W)	24.7 (3.1)	78.3 kg (7.4)	23.1 (2.2)	OP, Switzerland	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes	234 (~47)		Fructose dissolved in water	67:22:11	Positive	7 d	A
Intervention													Diet alone	No beverage	55:30:15			
Control																		
Beck-Nielsen et al. 1980	10 H	(21-35)	-	-	OP, Denmark	5.2	21.2	-	P	Supp	Yes			Fructose	44:38:18	Positive	7 d	A, I
Intervention	8 H		61.5 kg (9.9)			5.2 (0.6)	27.8 (19.6)					250 (~33)	Fructose	Fructose SSB				
Control	2 H		57 kg			5.4	34.7						Diet alone	No beverage				
Koopman et al. 2014		22.2 (2.7)	78.6 kg (8.0)	22.3 (1.7)	OP, Netherlands	4.8 (0.2)	48.0 (24.1)	-	P	Supp	Yes					Positive	6 wk	A
Intervention	15 H (15 M, 0 W)	21.9 (2.6)	79.9 kg (8.3)	22.2 (1.5)		4.8 (0.2)	48.0 (24.1)					~237 (~27)	Sucrose	Sucrose SSB	~57:28:12			
Control	5 H (5 M, 0 W)	23.0 (3.1)	76.6 kg (7.7)	22.6 (2.3)		4.8 (0.4)	45.0 (13.4)						Diet alone	No beverage				
Lê et al. 2006	7 H (7 M, 0 W)	24.7 (3.4)	69.3 kg (6.9)	(19-25)	OP, Switzerland	4.9 (0.3)	50.4 (9.5)	-	C	Supp	No			Fructose	55:30:15	Positive	4 wk	A
Intervention												~104 (18)	Diet alone	20% fructose solution				
Control												<20		No beverage				
Lê et al. 2009 (ODM2)	16 ODM2 (16 M, 0 W)	24.7 (5.2)	-	-	OP, Switzerland	-	-	-	C	Met	Yes	~220 (35)		Fructose	55:30:15	Positive	7 d	A
Intervention													Diet alone	20% fructose solution				
Control														No beverage				
Maersk et al. 2012	35 OW/OB (14 M, 21 W)	39 (7)	97.3 kg (16.5)	32.1 (3.8)	OP, Denmark	5.4 (0.6)	72.5 (42.5)	-	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Positive	6 mo	A, I
Intervention	10 OW/OB (6 M, 4 W)	39 (6)	97.8 kg (12.5)	31.3 (2.9)		5.4 (0.6)	54.3 (26.7)					~106 (~21)	Sucrose	Cola				
Control	25 OW/OB (8 M, 17 W)	39 (8)	97.1 kg (18.1)	32.5 (4.2)		5.4 (0.6)	79.8 (45.8)						Sweetener, Water	Diet beverage, water				
Silbarnagel et al. 2011	10 (7 M, 3 W)	32.8 (9.3)	80.3 kg (9.1)	25.5 (2.2)	OP, Germany	4.8 (0.3)	45.4 (36.7)	-	C	Supp	Yes			Fructose	50:35:15	Positive		A
Intervention												150 (~22)	Diet alone	Fructose dissolved in water			4 wk	
Control														No beverage			2 wk	
Sobrecases et al. 2010 (XX)	8 H (8 M, 0 W)	24.8 (3.2)	-	(19-25)	OP, Switzerland	-	-	-	C	Supp	No			Fructose	55:30:15	Positive	7 d	A
Intervention												~214 (35)	Diet alone	Fructose SSB				
Control														No beverage				
Stanhope et al. 2011 (AJCN)	17 OW/OB (9 M, 8 W)	52.5 (9.3)	85.8 kg (10.7)	29.3 (2.6)	IP/OP, USA	4.9 (0.2)	99.2 (45.0)	-	C	Met/Supp	No			Fructose	~55:30:15	Positive		A
Intervention												158 (25)	Diet alone	Fructose SSB			8 wk	
Control														No beverage			2 wk	
Stanhope et al. 2011 (JCEM FRU)	16 (9 M, 7 W)	28.0 (6.8)	76.8 kg (10.6)	25.4 (3.8)	IP/OP, USA	4.9 (0.4)	102.8 (86.4)	-	C	Met/Supp	No			Fructose	55:30:15	Positive	2 wk	A
Intervention												~125 (25)	Diet alone	Fructose SSB				
Control														No Beverage				
Stanhope et al. 2011 (JCEM HFCS)	16 (9 M, 7 W)	27.8 (7.60)	74.3 kg (14.9)	24.9 (4.8)	IP/OP, USA	4.9 (0.4)	89.1 (31.6)	-	C	Met/Supp	No			HFCS	55:30:15	Positive	2 wk	A
Intervention												~125 (25)	Diet alone	HFCS SSB				
Control														No Beverage				

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Sweetened Chocolate																		
Njike et al. 2011	39 OW (6 M, 33 W)	52.2 (10.6)			OP, USA	-	-	8.7 (1.5)	C	Supp	Yes		Sucrose			Positive	6 wk	A, I
Intervention			81.7 kg (10.7)	30.4 (3.4)				5.1 (0.5)				Sugar-sweetened cocoa, 91 (~18); Placebo, 110 (~26)	Sucrose	Sugar-sweetened hot cocoa beverage, placebo beverage	~55:30:15			
Control			81.3 kg (10.9)	30.2 (3.4)				5.1 (0.4)					Sweetener	Sugar-free hot cocoa beverage	~47:35:17			
Baked Goods and Sweets																		
Schwingshandl et al. 1994	24 DM1 (11 M, 13 W)	15.5 (5.5)	-	-	OP, Australia	-	-	8.7 (1.5)	P	DA	No		Sucrose			Positive		NR
Intervention	11 DM1 (8 M, 3 W)	15.0 (5.4)		20.2 (2.7)				8.5 (1.4)				~25 (5)	Sucrose	≤ 5% E as sucrose incorporated into cakes, ice-cream and snacks	49:36:16		83 d (42-127)	
Control	13 DM1 (3 M, 10 W)	16.0 (5.7)		21.2 (4.5)				8.8 (1.8)					Diet alone	Sucrose free diet	48:35:16		77 d (41-103)	
Added Sweeteners																		
Bahrami et al. 2009	48 DM2 (13 M, 35 W)	57.2 (8.4)	70.8 kg (10.6)	-	OP, Iran	8.0 (2.5)	-	7.1 (1.2)	P	Supp	Yes	~125 (~33)				Positive	8 wk	A
Intervention	25 DM2		71.3 kg (12.7)			8.5 (2.4)		7.1 (1.2)					Honey Diet alone	Honey added to diet	64:23:15			
Control	23 DM2		70.3 kg (8.1)			7.5 (2.5)		7.1 (1.3)						Regular diet	60:22:15			
Colagiuri et al. 1989	9 DM2 (8 M, 1 W)	66 (5)	70.3 kg (8.1)	26.4 (2.1)	OP, Australia	5.7 (3.3)	-	7.2 (1.1)	C	Supp	No				NR	Positive	6 wk	A, I
Intervention												45 (~9)	Sucrose	Sucrose sachets added to beverages and meals				
Control													Sweetener	Aspartame sachets added to beverages and meals				
Enginyurt et al. 2017 (DM)	32 DM2 (16 M, 16 W)	(18-80)	-	-	OP, Turkey	-	-		P	Supp	Yes				NR	Positive	4 mo	NR
Intervention								6.6 (0.8)				5,10,15	Honey	Honey added to diet at 5,15, 25 g				
Control								7.09 (0.91)					Diet alone	Regular diet				
Enginyurt et al. 2017 (H)	32 H (16 M, 16 W)	(18-80)	-	-	OP, Turkey	-	-		P	Supp	Yes				NR	Positive	4 mo	NR
Intervention								5.4 (0.3)				5,10,15	Honey	Honey added to diet at 5,15, 25 g				
Control								5.15 (0.35)					Diet alone	Regular diet				
Majid et al. 2013		20.1 (0.8)	-	-	IP, Pakistan	5.0 (0.3)	-	-	P	Met	Yes				NR	Positive	4 wk	A
Intervention	32 H (32 M, 0 W)	20.1 (0.1)				5.0 (0.1)						70 (~11)	Honey	Honey dissolved in tap water				
Control	31 H (31 M, 0 W)	20.0 (0.2)				4.9 (0.1)							Diet Alone	No Beverage				
Mixed Sources																		
Raben et al. 2011		35.4 (10.6)	82.4 kg (9.0)	28.2 (2.5)	OP, Denmark	4.7 (0.3)		39.5 (17.7)	P	Supp	Yes					Positive	10 wk	A, I
Intervention	12 OW	35.3 (9.7)	84.5 kg (8.3)	28.7 (2.4)		4.7 (0.4)		41.8 (18.4)				180 (27)	Sucrose	Sucrose containing food and beverages	56:29:11			
Control	11 OW	35.5 (11.9)	80.1 kg (9.6)	27.6 (2.7)		4.8 (0.3)		37.0 (17.6)				27 (5)	Sweetener	Artificially sweetened food and beverages	47:32:15			
Subtraction Studies (Hypocaloric comparison)																		
SSBs																		
Campos et al. 2015 (G1)	12 OW/OB (3 M, 9 W)	28.3 (6.5)	-	-	OP, Switzerland	5.1 (0.5)		85.8 (40.6)	P	Supp	Yes					Negative	12 wk	A
Intervention	6 OW/OB					4.9 (0.5)		104.9 (42.5)					Sweetener	Replace SSB with ASB	~46:38:16			
Control	6 OW/OB					5.2 (0.5)		66.7 (30.6)				86.8 (~15)	Sucrose, HFCS	Habitual SSB consumption (≥ 2 SSB/d)	~51:34:15			

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Campos et al. 2015 (G2)	15 OW/OB (11 M, 4 W)	29.1 (6.9)	-	-	OP, Switzerland	5.5 (0.6)	133.7 (54.5)	-	P	Supp	Yes				Negative	12 wk	A	
Intervention	7 OW/OB					5.2 (0.5)	127.1 (60.6)						Sweetener Sucrose, HFCS	Replace SSB with ASB Habitual SSB consumption (≥ 2 SSB/d)	~46:38:16			
Control	8 OW/OB					5.7 (0.5)	140.3 (51.4)					86.8 (~15)			~51:34:15			
Hernandez-Cordero et al. 2014	240 OW/OB (0 M, 240 W)				OP, Mexico	5.0 (0.2)	-	5.8 (0.1)	P	Supp	Yes				NR	Negative	9 mo	I
Intervention	120 OW/OB (0 M, 120 W)	33.5 (6.7)	76.9 kg (3.3)	31.0 (1.1)		5.0 (0.2)		5.8 (0.1)					Water	Substitute water for SSBs, general recommendations for healthy eating				
Control	120 OW/OB (0 M, 120 W)	33.4 (6.7)	76.0 kg (3.3)	31.0 (1.1)		5.0 (0.2)		5.8 (0.1)			~73 (19.3)		Sucrose, HFCS	Habitual SSB consumption (≥250 kcal/d), general recommendations for healthy eating				
Tate et al. 2012					OP, USA	5.1 (0.9)			P	Supp, DA	Yes				NR	Negative	6 mo	I
Intervention	213 OW/OB (35 M, 178 W)	42.2 (10.9)	99.6 kg (18.5)	35.9 (5.7)		5.1 (1.0)	-	-				~33.7 (~8.7)	Sweetener, water	Diet beverage, Water				
Control	105 OW/OB (15 M, 90 W)	41.6 (10.4)	102.6 kg (18.3)	36.8 (6.2)		4.9 (0.6)	-	-				~55.7 (~13.8)	Sucrose, HFCS	Habitual SSB consumption (≥280 kcal/d)				
Mixed Sources																		
Friedman et al. 1970	6 HTG (6 M, 0 W)	45 (4.2)	103.2 kg (16.7)	-	OP, USA	-	-	-	C	DA	No				Negative		A	
Intervention												~24 (~6) ^m	No sucrose	Avoid sucrose containing foods from habitual diet	25:45:30	60 d		
Control												~58 (~10) ^m	Sucrose	Habitual diet	29:39:32	7 d		
Ad Libitum Studies (Free feeding comparison)																		
Baked Goods and Sweets																		
Chantelau et al. 1985	10 DM1 (2 M, 8 W)	(25-43)	66.7 kg (7.6)	26.4 (2.1)	OP, Germany	-	-	7.6 (0.4)	C		Yes				52:26:22	Positive	4 wk	NR
Intervention										DA		24 (~5)	Sucrose	Ad libitum sucrose-containing food consumption; sucrose-containing soft drinks discouraged				
Control										Supp			Sweetener	Ad libitum sodium cyclamate tablets and liquids				
Mixed Sources																		
Huttunen et al. 1976	127 H	(13-55)	-	-	OP, Finland	-	-	-	P	Supp	Partial ⁿ				-	Neutral	18 mo	NR
Intervention	68 H											~72 (~14)	Fructose, sucrose	Ad libitum fructose and sucrose containing foods				
Control	48 H												Sweetener	Ad libitum xylitol containing foods with avoidance of sweet fruits and sucrose containing products				
Markey et al. 2015	50 H (16 M, 34 W)	31.3 (9.6)	69.8 kg (11.4)	24.0 (3.3)	OP, UK	4.9 (0.4)	31.0 (14.3)	-	C	Supp	Yes				Neutral	8 wk	I	
Intervention	22 H (7 M, 15 W)	31.6 (10.2)	70.5 kg (13.1)	24.2 (3.3)		5.0 (0.5)	34.0 (16.9)					62 (~12) ^o	Sucrose	Exchange ≥1 food portion and ≥1 beverage per day from habitual diet with sugar containing products	54:30:14			
Control	28 (9 M, 19 W)	31.1 (9.2)	69.3 kg (10.1)	23.9 (3.4)		4.8 (0.4)	29.4 (14.7)						Sweetener	Exchange ≥1 food portion and ≥1 beverage per day from habitual diet with sugar reformulated products	48:33:15			
Poppitt et al. 2002					OP, UK	5.7 (0.6)	-	-	P	Partial Met	Yes				Neutral	6 mo	A, I	
Intervention	14 MetS (6 M, 8 W)	45.9 (5.0)	89.3 kg (15.7)	30.9 (3.0)		5.6 (0.5)						~165.4 (29) ^p	Sucrose	Ad libitum low-fat SCHO diet	~59:20:22			
Control	25 MetS (6 M, 19 W)	46.1 (5.4)	91.3 kg (9.2)	32.7 (35.2)		5.7 (0.7)							Starch, Mixed comparator	Ad libitum low fat CCHO diet, ad libitum habitual diet	Starch, ~50:26:24; Mixed, ~48:31:21			

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						FBG, mmol/L (SD or range)	FBI, pmol/L (SD or range)	HbA1c, % (SD)										
Raben et al. 2000 (PO)	8 PO (0 M, 8 W)	40 (11.3)	65.4 kg (3.4)	23.5 (1.4)	OP, Denmark	-	C	Met	Yes						Neutral	2 wk	A, I	
Intervention						4.6 (0.2)	33 (18)				~156.7 (23)	Sucrose	Ad libitum sucrose diet	59:28:13 Starch, 59:28:13; Fat, 41:46:13				
Control						4.8 (0.3)	32 (21)					Starch, fat	Ad libitum starch diet, ad libitum fat diet					
Raben et al. 2000 (C)	10 H (0 M, 10 W)	38 (9.5)	62.1 kg (4.1)	22.9 (0.9)	OP, Denmark	-	C	Met	Yes						Neutral	2 wk	A, I	
Intervention						4.9 (0.1)	32 (13)				~141.6 (23)	Sucrose	Ad libitum sucrose diet	59:28:13 Starch, 59:28:13; Fat, 41:46:13				
Control						4.8 (0.4)	34 (23)					Starch, fat	Ad libitum starch diet, ad libitum fat diet					
Saris et al. 2000					OP, Netherlands		P	Partial Met	Yes						Neutral	6 mo	A, I	
Intervention	76 OW/OB (36 M, 40 W)	41 (9)	90.7 kg (12.7)	30.9 (2.8)		5.4 (0.8)	84.5 (35.2)				~183 (~29.5) ^p	Sucrose	Ad libitum Low-fat high SCHO diet	~56:26:16				
Control	160 OW/OB (80 M, 80 W)	38 (9)	88.7 kg (12.3)	30.3 (2.7)							Starch, ~105.7 (~18.8); Mixed, ~132.5 (~21.4) ^p	Starch, Mixed comparator	Ad libitum low-fat high CCHO diet, Ad libitum control diet	Starch, ~52:28:18; Mixed, ~46:37:18				

FBG=fasting blood glucose; FBI=fasting blood insulin; A= agency; AD=Adolescent; ADA= American Diabetes Association; ASB= artificially sweetened beverage; BB=blueberries; bw=body weight; C= controls; CAD= coronary artery disease; cal=calories; CCHO= complex carbohydrate; CG= control group; CHO=carbohydrate; CKD= chronic kidney disease; CND= chronic neurological disease; d=days; DBW= desirable body weight; DM1= Diabetes Mellitus Type 1; DA= dietary advice; DM2=Diabetes Mellitus Type 2; E=energy; EXP 1= experiment 1; EXP 2= experiment 2; G1=group 1; G2=group2; HCL= hypercholesterolemic; HD=high dose; HFCS= high fructose corn syrup; HI=hyperinsulinemic; HLP= hyperlipidemia; HTG = hypertriglyceridemia; HTN=hypertension; I= industry; IBW= ideal body weight; IGT= impaired glucose tolerance; kg=kilograms; M=men; mo=months; MD=moderate dose; OP=outpatient; Met=metabolic; MetS=metabolic syndrome criteria; MRW= mean relative weight; NGT=normal glucose tolerance; NR= not reported; OB= obese; OC= oral contraceptive users; ODM2 = offspring of parent with Type 2 Diabetes; OW= overweight; P1= protocol 1; P2= protocol 2; PCOS= polycystic ovarian syndrome; PO= post-obese; PP=pre-pubertal; RBW= relative body weight; SB= strawberries; SCHO=simple carbohydrates; SG= study group; SSB=sugars-sweetened beverage; Supp=supplemented; TEI= total energy intake; W= women; wk=weeks

^a Metabolic feeding control included provision of all study foods, supplement feeding control included provision of study supplements only, and dietary advice included dietary counseling without the provision of any dietary foods or supplements.

^b Doses preceded by "~" represent approximate amounts calculated on the basis of average body weight or energy intake reported by participants. In the absence of this data, an average of 70 kg body weight or 2000 kcal/d was assumed.

^c Total energy intake in the form of carbohydrate:fat:protein

^d Positive energy balance included interventions designed to consume excess calories on top of a baseline diet. Negative energy balance included interventions designed to create a caloric deficit compared to the baseline diet. Neutral energy balance included interventions designed to continue habitual caloric intake.

^e Agency funding included government, not-for profit health agencies or University sources.

^f Fructose-containing sugars dose estimated based on data from United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutrient database

^g Fructose-containing sugars dose estimated based on data from Finland National Food Composition Database

^h Fructose-containing sugars was given at 2 different doses.

ⁱ Although honey roasted peanuts were provided as the intervention, sucrose was the main sugar used to sweeten the study products.

^j Represents estimated sugar intake excluding underreporters

^k Values reported as medians and inter-quartile ranges (IQR)

^l Fructose-containing sugars dose estimated based on the carbohydrate difference between the control diet (no juice) and the treatment diet (muscadine grape juice).

^m Fructose-containing sugars dose estimated from total sugars used in study products

ⁿ Half of the participants were assigned to groups according to personal preference, while the other half of the participants were randomly allocated

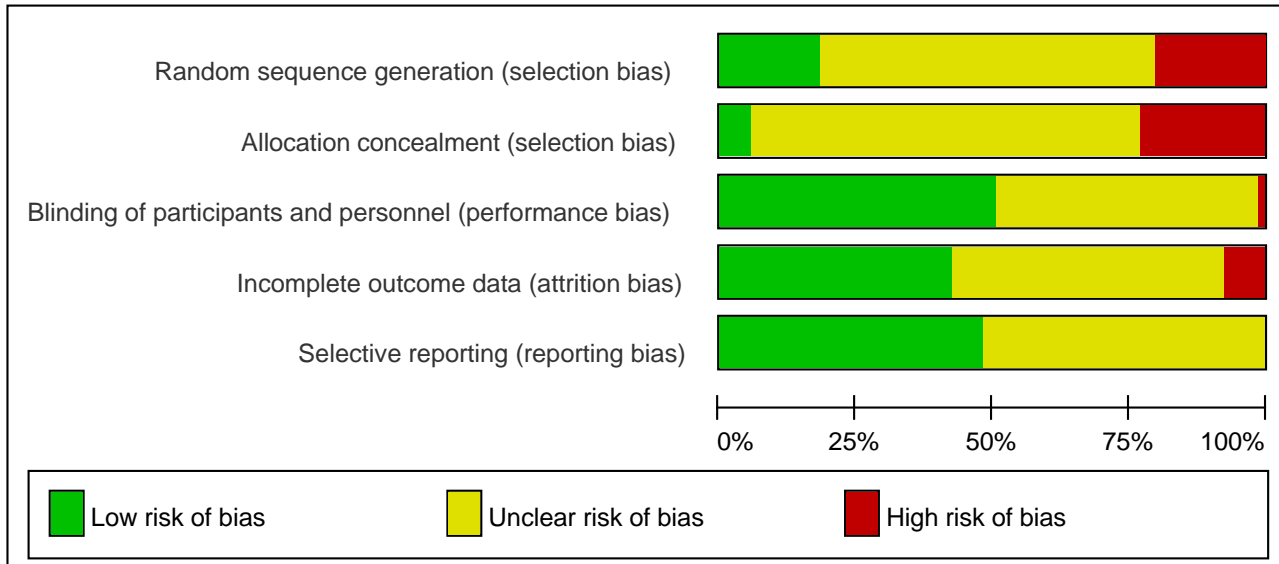
^o Fructose-containing sugars dose estimated from non-milk extrinsic sugar intake

^p Fructose-containing sugars dose estimated from simple carbohydrate intake

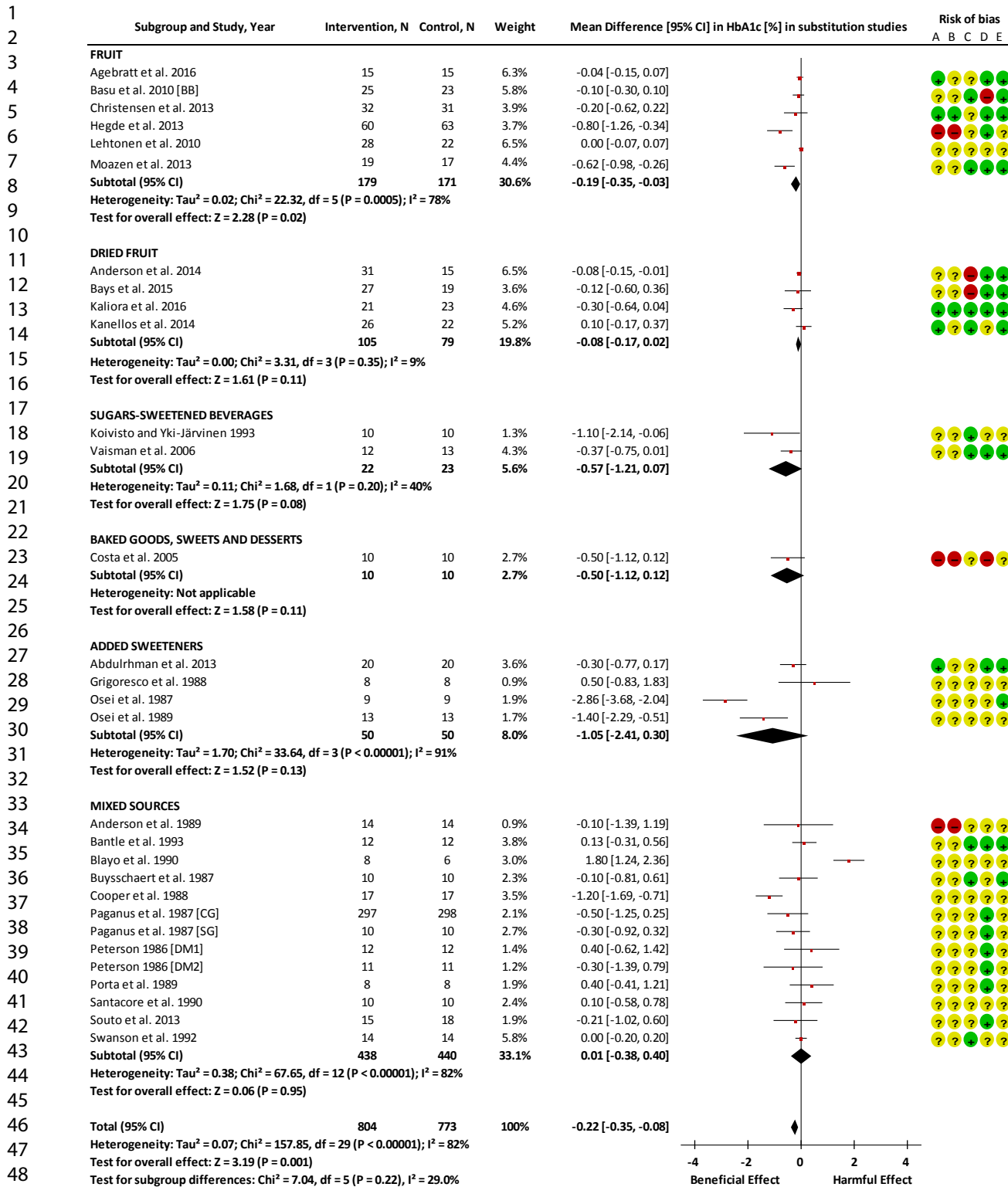
Supplementary Table 3. Select sensitivity analyses in which the systematic removal of an individual study altered the significance of the effect estimate or the evidence for substantial heterogeneity.

Removal of	Intervention	Control	Mean Difference			Heterogeneity	
	N	N	MD	95% CI	P-value	I ²	P-value
Fasting Blood Glucose							
<i>Addition Studies</i>							
Puglisi et al. 2008	10	12	0.08	[0.00, 0.15]	0.04	71%	<0.0001
Ellis et al. 2011	12	12	0.08	[0.00, 0.15]	0.04	71%	<0.0001
Abdel-Sayed et al. 2008	6	6	0.08	[0.00, 0.15]	0.04	71%	<0.0001
Njike et al. 20011	39	39	0.08	[0.01, 0.16]	0.03	69%	<0.0001
Bahrami et al. 2009	25	23	0.08	[0.01, 0.15]	0.03	69%	<0.0001
Majid et al. 2013	32	31	0.09	[0.02, 0.16]	0.02	67%	<0.0001
<i>Subtraction Studies</i>							
Campos et al. 2015	7	8	-0.02	[-0.11, 0.07]	0.63	0%	0.78
[G2]							
Tate et al. 2012	213	105	0.20	[0.00, 0.40]	0.05	32%	0.23
Fasting Blood Insulin							
<i>Addition Studies</i>							
Hollis et al. 2009	25	25	3.71	[0.94, 6.49]	<0.01	42%	0.02
<i>Substitution studies</i>							
Maersk et al. 2012	10	12	2.78	[0.22, 5.34]	0.03	57%	<0.0001
Koh et al. 1988 - NGT	9	9	2.58	[0.10, 5.05]	0.04	55%	<0.0001
<i>Subtraction Studies</i>							
Campos et al. 2015 (G2)	7	8	-39.54	[-75.02, -4.06]	0.03	1%	0.31
<i>Ad Libitum Studies</i>							
Raben et al. 2000 (c)	8	8	5.72	[-1.55, 12.99]	0.12	0%	0.51

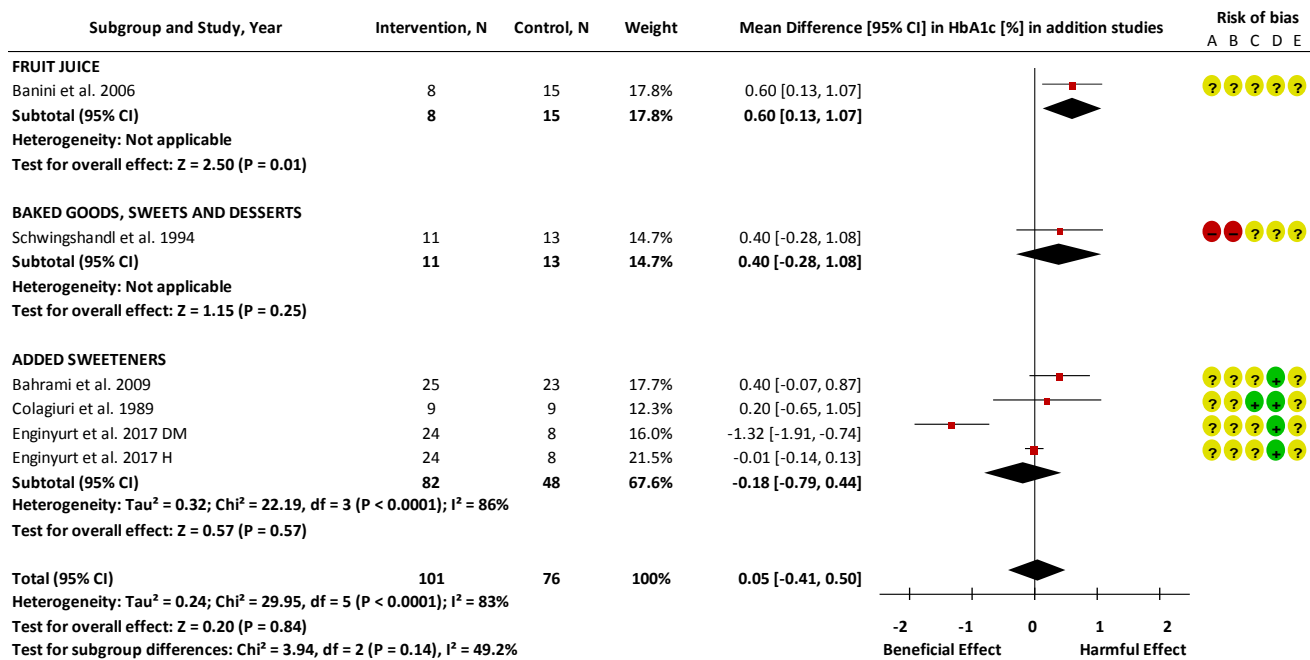
DM= diabetes mellitus; G2= Group 2; ODM2=offspring of people with type 2 diabetes. Data are expressed as mean differences (MD) with 95% CI, using generic inverse-variance random-effects models. Interstudy heterogeneity was tested by using the Cochrane's Q statistic (I²) at a significance level of P < 0.10 and quantified by I², levels ≥ 50 % represent substantial heterogeneity. The residual I² value indicates the interstudy heterogeneity unexplained by the removal of each study.



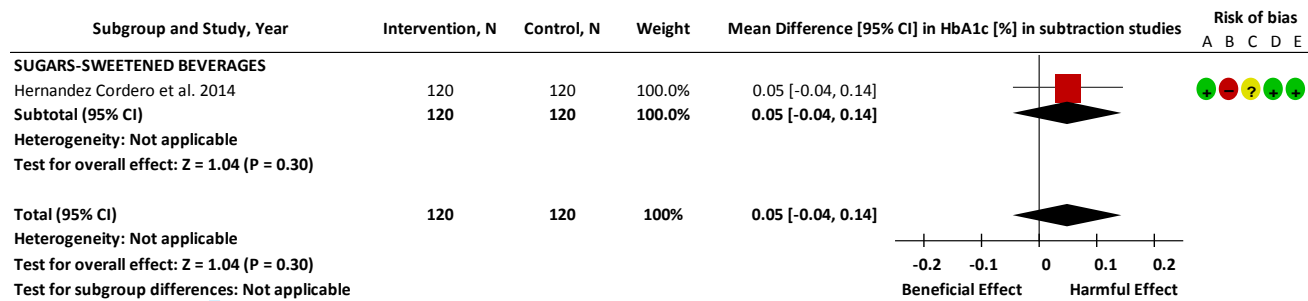
Supplementary Figure 1. Risk of bias summary for the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control. Colored bars represent the proportion of studies assessed as low (green), unclear (yellow) or high (red) risk of bias for the 5 domains of bias above according to criteria set by the Cochrane Risk of Bias tool in the 118 included unique studies.



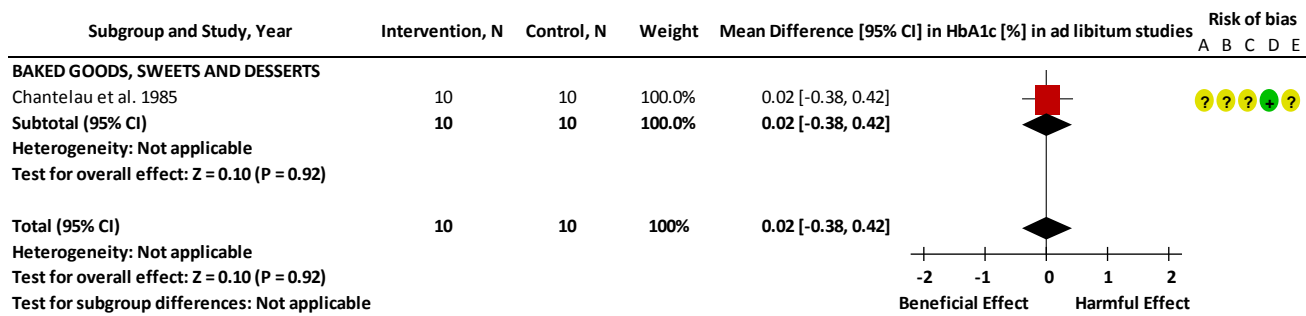
Supplementary Figure 2. Forest plot for substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food sources of fructose-containing sugars for other macronutrients on HbA1c. Risk of bias: A=random sequence generation; B=allocation concealment; C=blinding of participants and personnel; D=incomplete outcome data; E=selective reporting. CG= control group; SG= study group; df= degrees of freedom; DM1= type 1 diabetes mellitus; DM2= type 2 diabetes mellitus; EXP=experiment; HbA1c= hemoglobin A1c; N= number of participants. Pooled effect estimates for each subgroup and overall effect are represented by the diamonds. Data are expressed as weighted mean differences with 95% confidence intervals (CIs), using the generic inverse-variance method with random effects models. Paired analyses were applied to all crossover studies. Inter-study heterogeneity was tested by the Cochran Q-statistic at a significance level of $p < 0.10$ and quantified by I^2 , level of $\geq 50\%$ represented substantial heterogeneity.



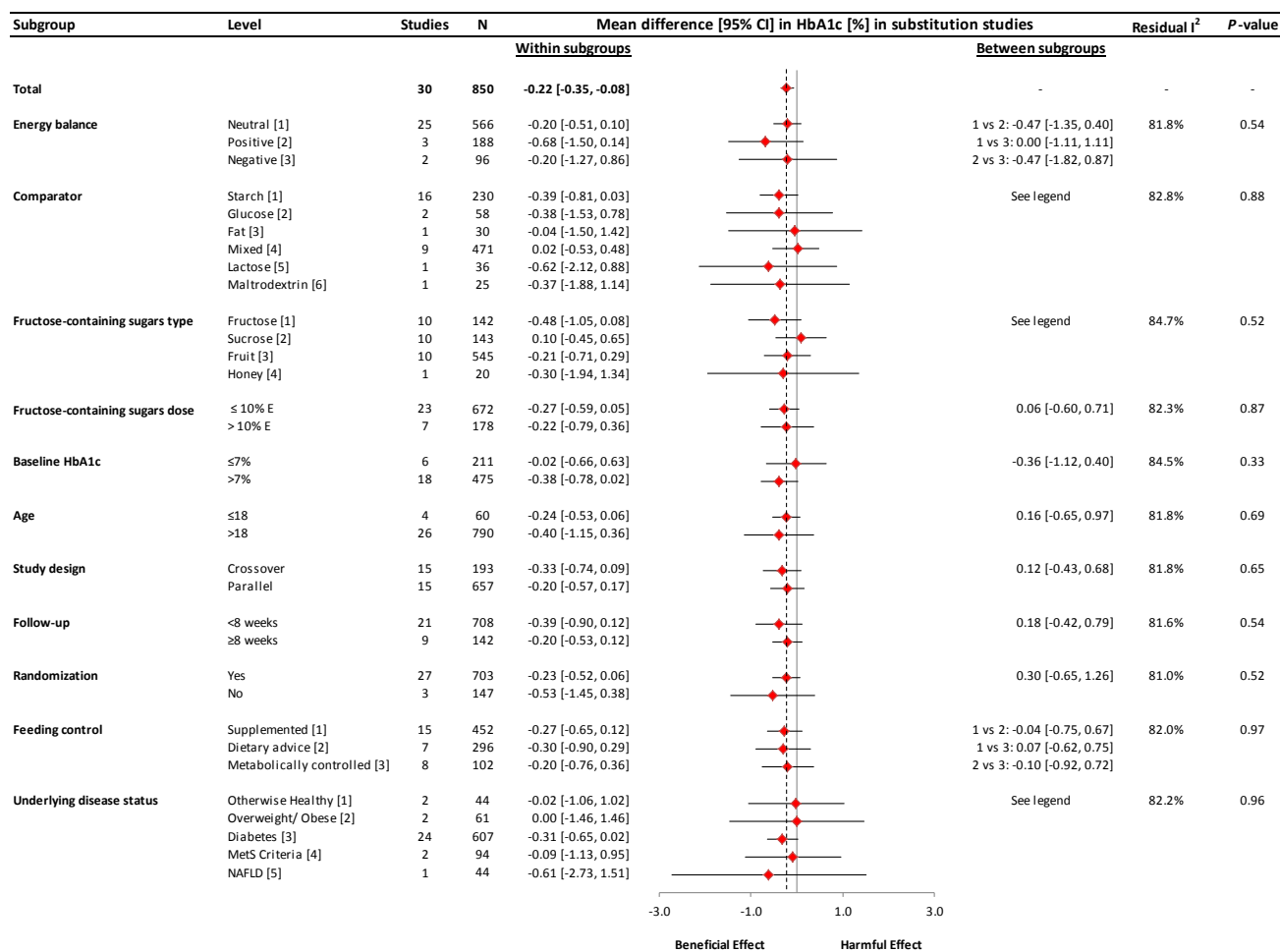
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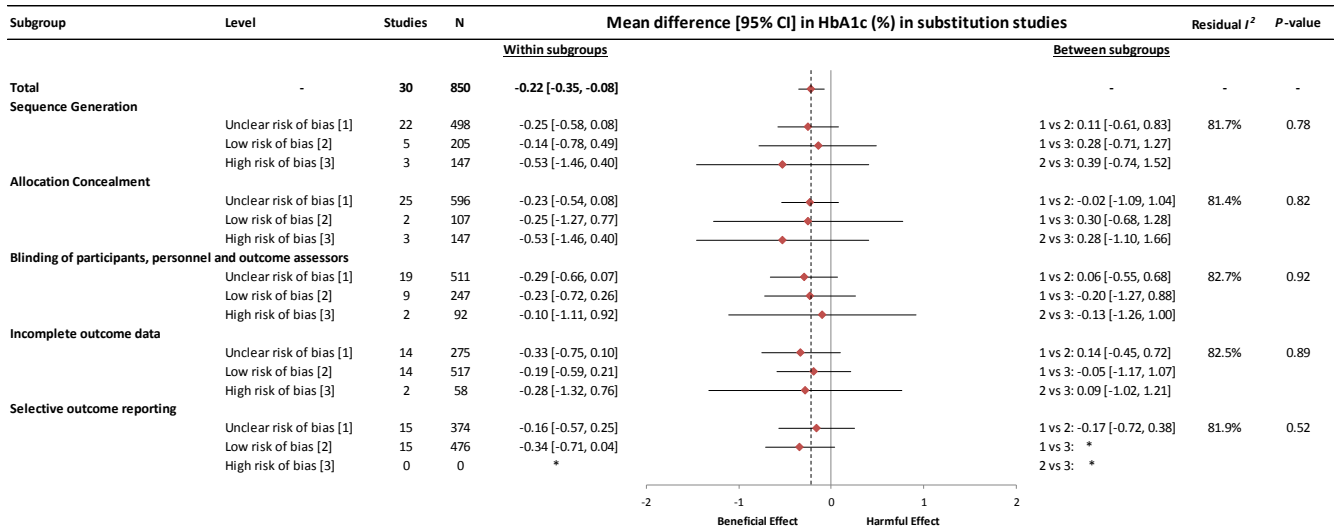
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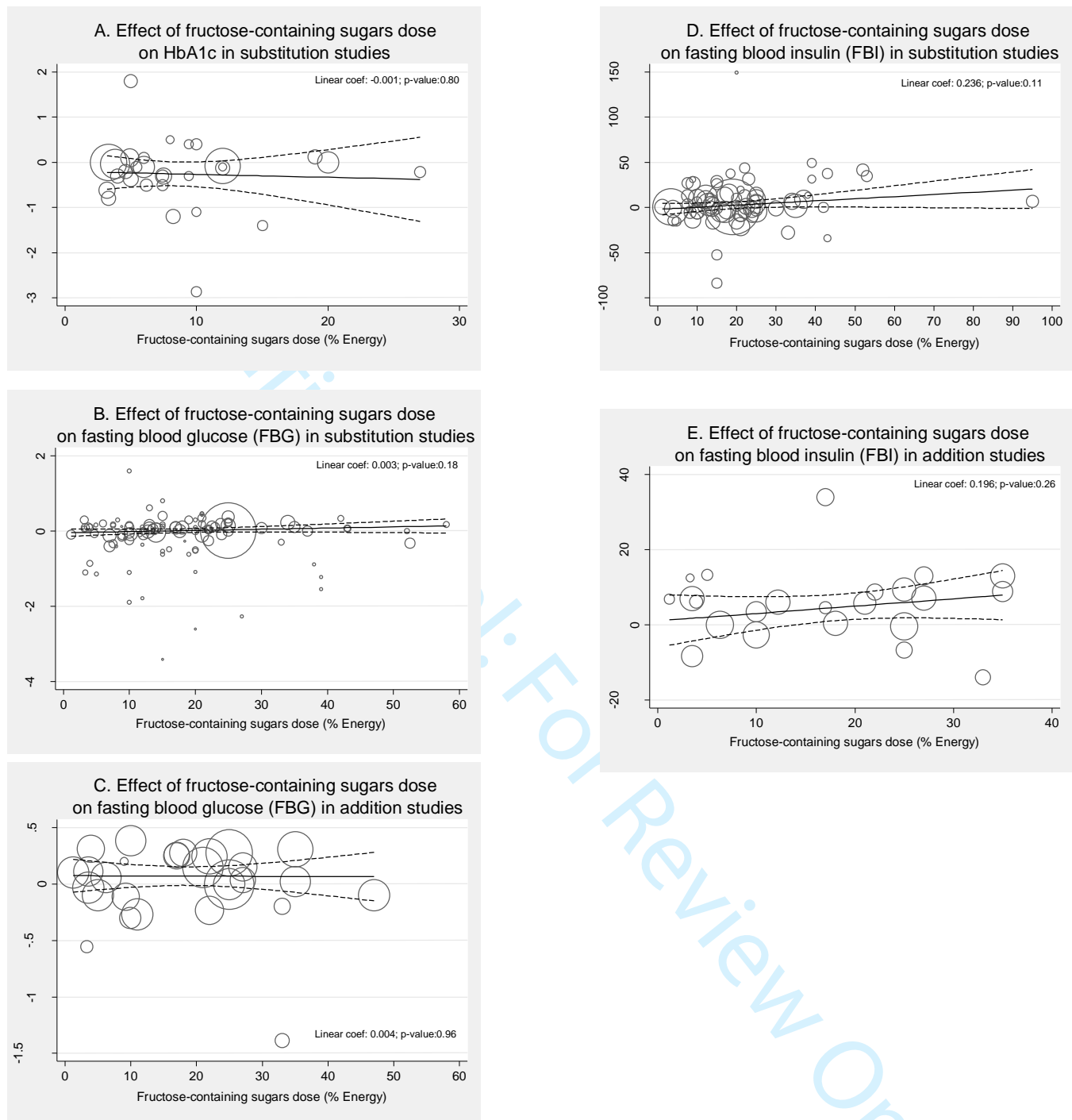
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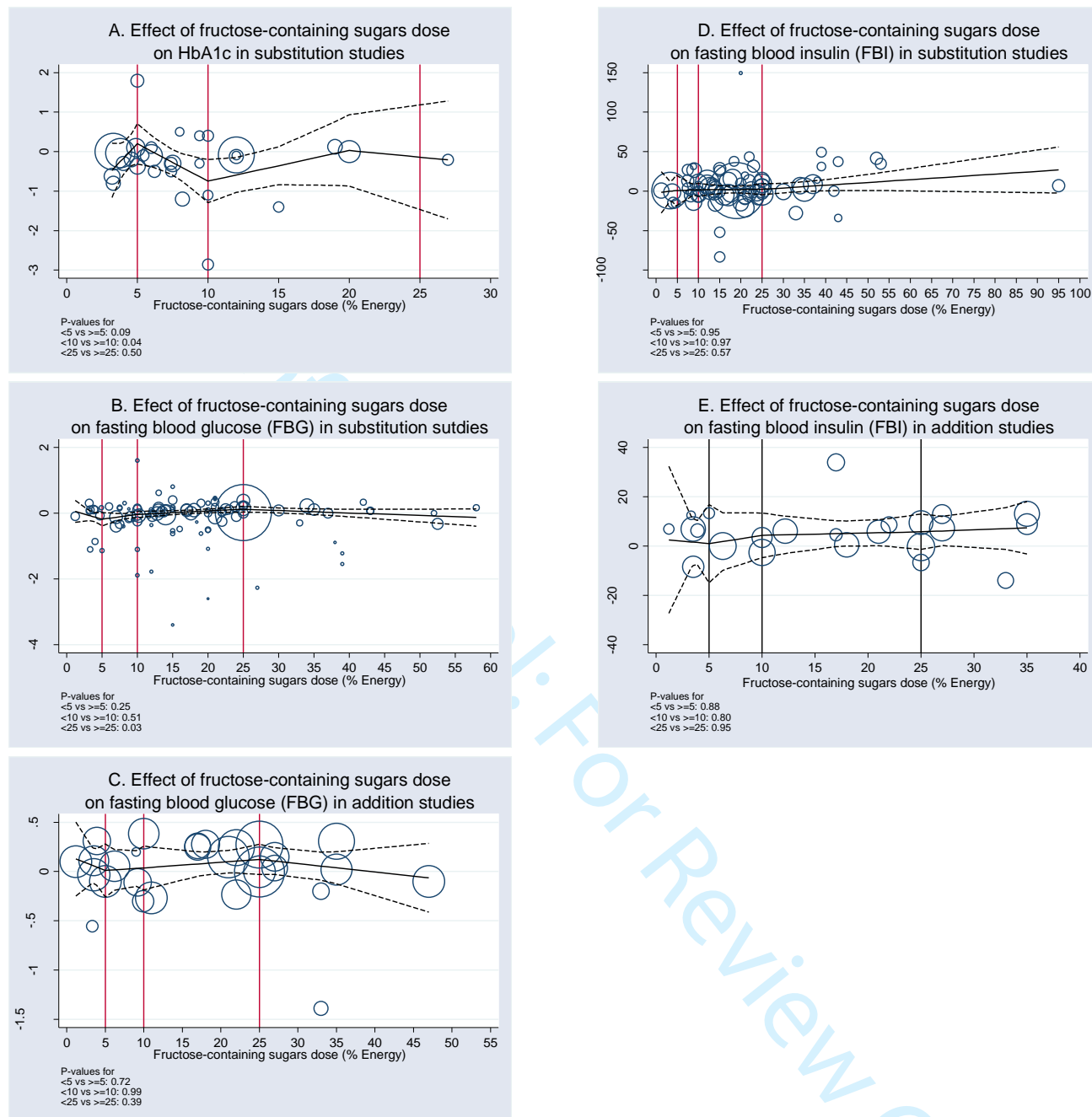
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Supplementary Figure 7. Risk of bias (using The Cochrane Collaboration Tool) subgroup analysis for substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food sources of fructose-containing sugars for other macronutrients on HbA1c. Point estimates for each subgroup level are the pooled effect estimates and are represented by diamonds. The residual I² value represents unexplained heterogeneity for each subgroup. HRB=High Risk of Bias, LRB=Low Risk of Bias, URB= Unclear Risk of Bias. *Within and/or between subgroup analysis could not be performed since no values were available for respective HRB/URB/LRB subgroups. Statistically significant pairwise subgroup effect modification by meta-regression analysis (P< 0.05).

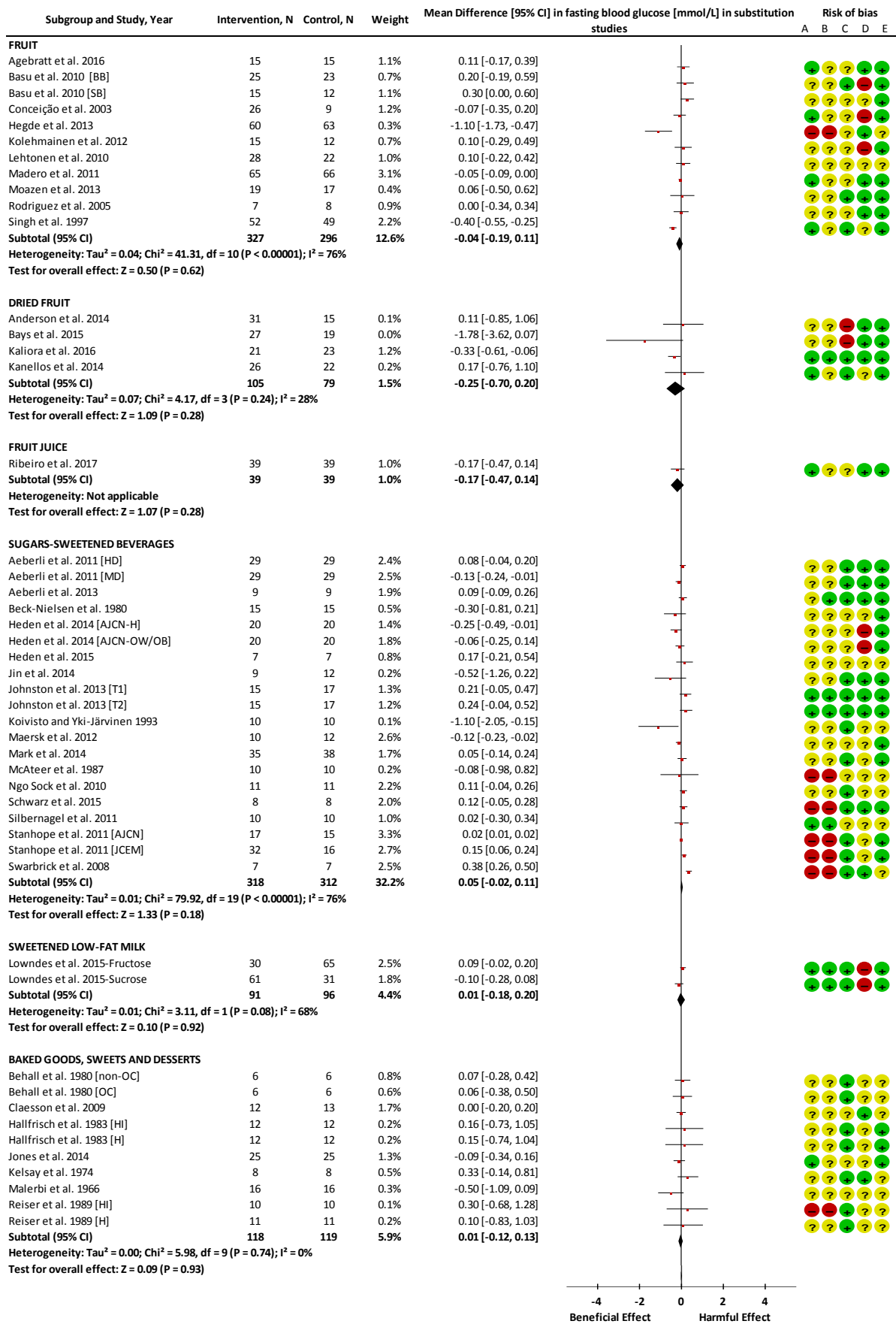


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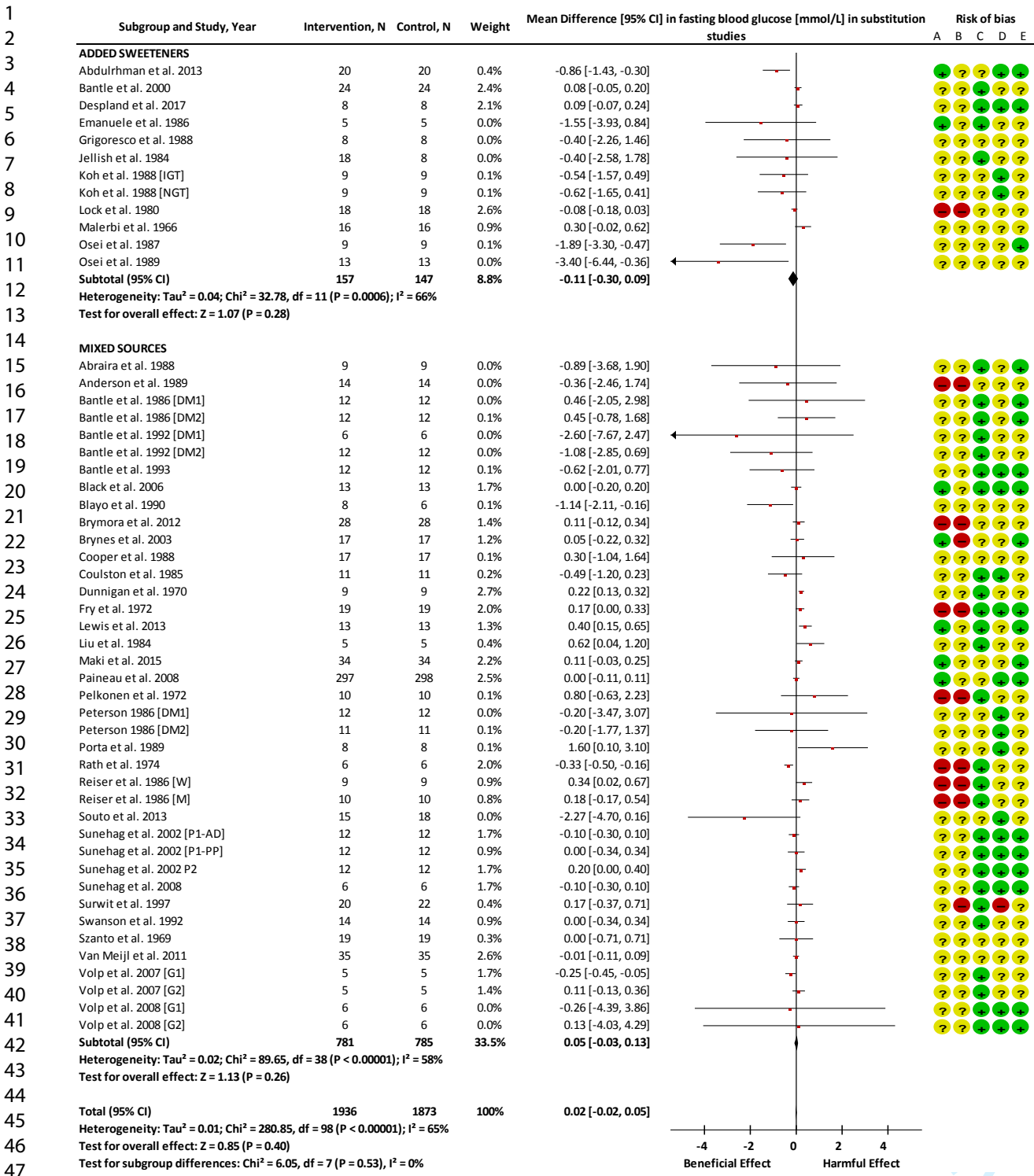


Supplementary Figure 9. Non-linear meta-regression analyses for the effect of fructose-containing sugars dose (% Energy) on glycemic control in substitution and addition studies. Individual studies are represented by the circles, with their weight in the overall analysis represented by the size of the circles. The horizontal straight line represents the estimate dose response for amount of fructose-containing sugars consumed (% of total energy intake), and the dashed lines represent the upper and lower 95% Confidence Intervals. The vertical straight lines represent the threshold knots.

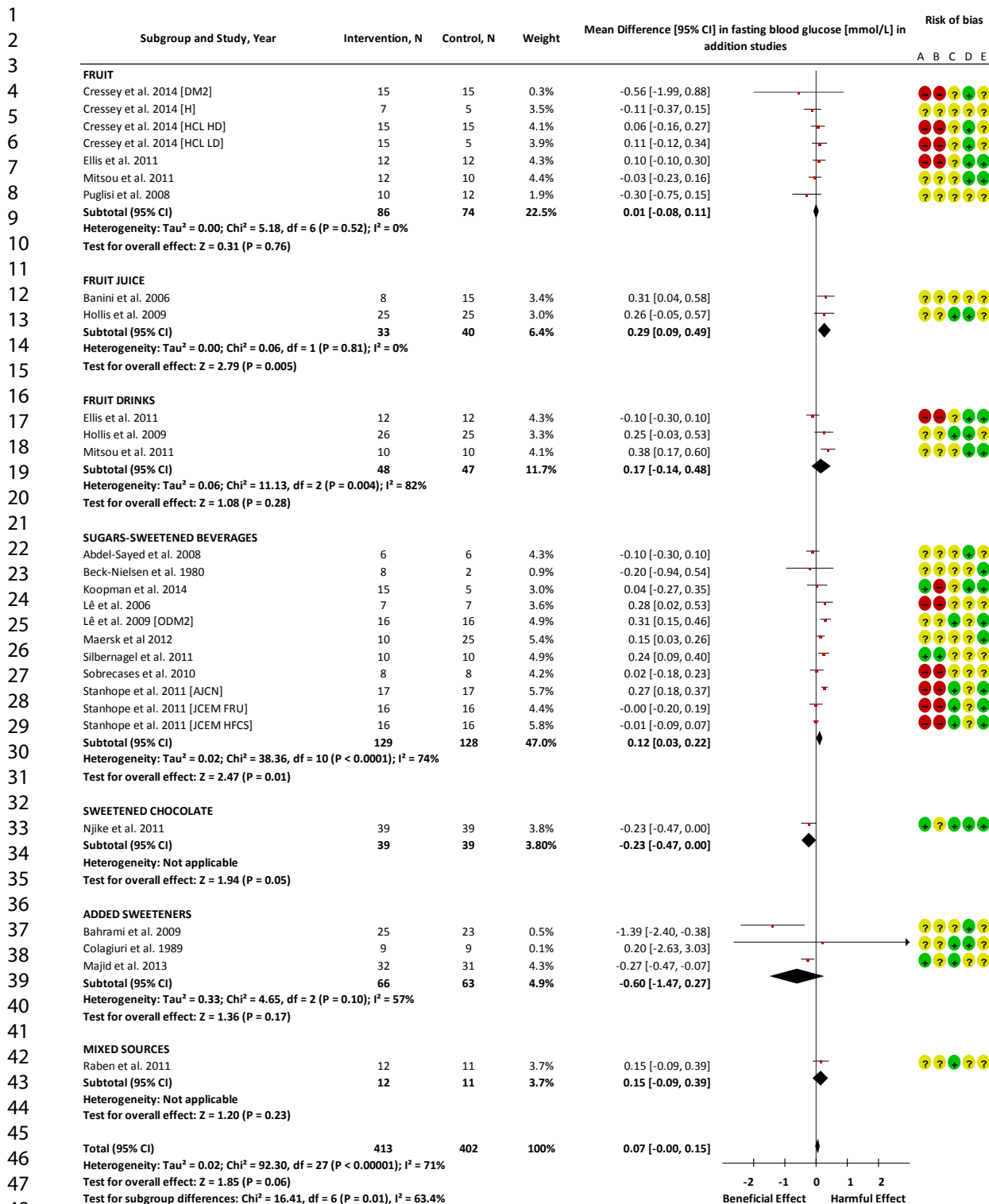
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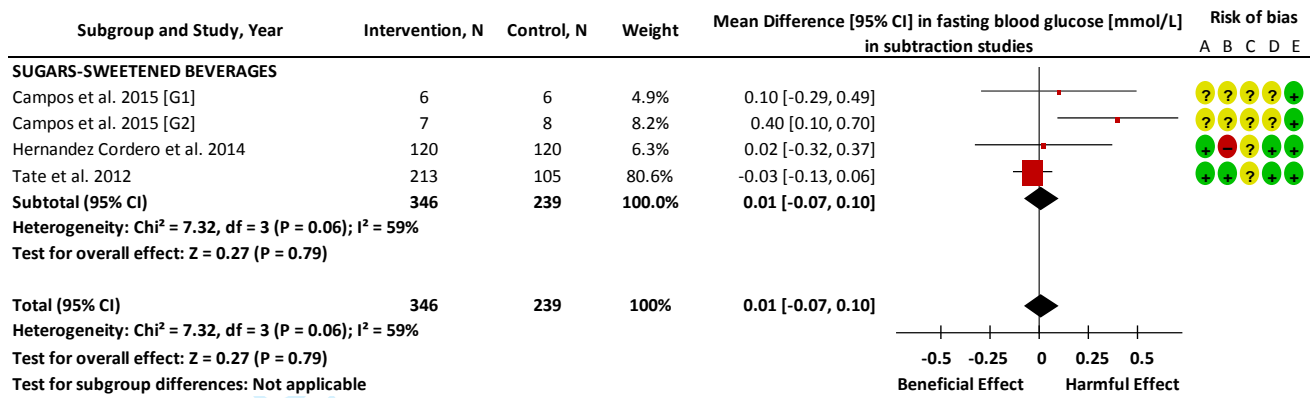
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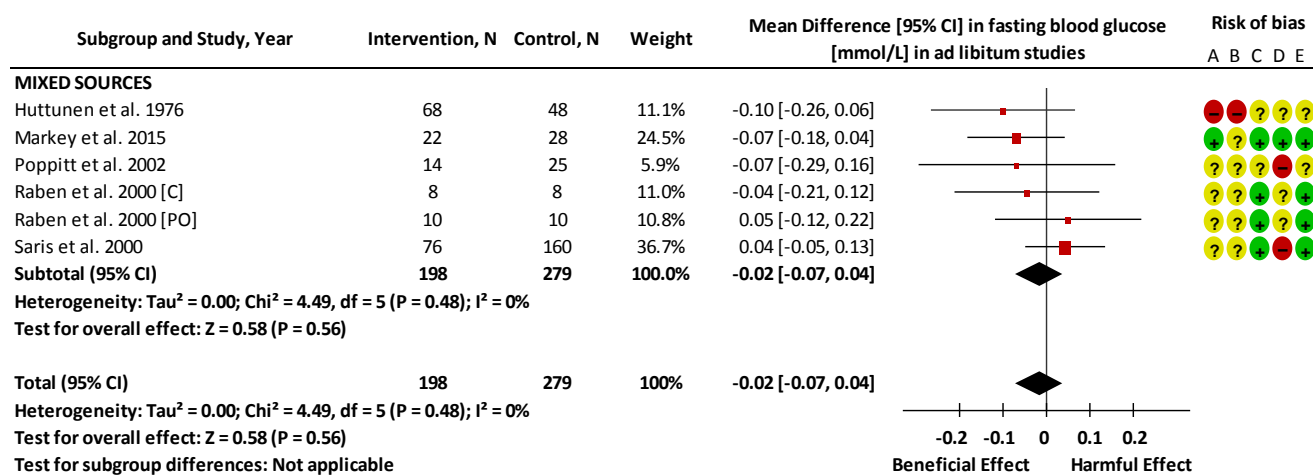
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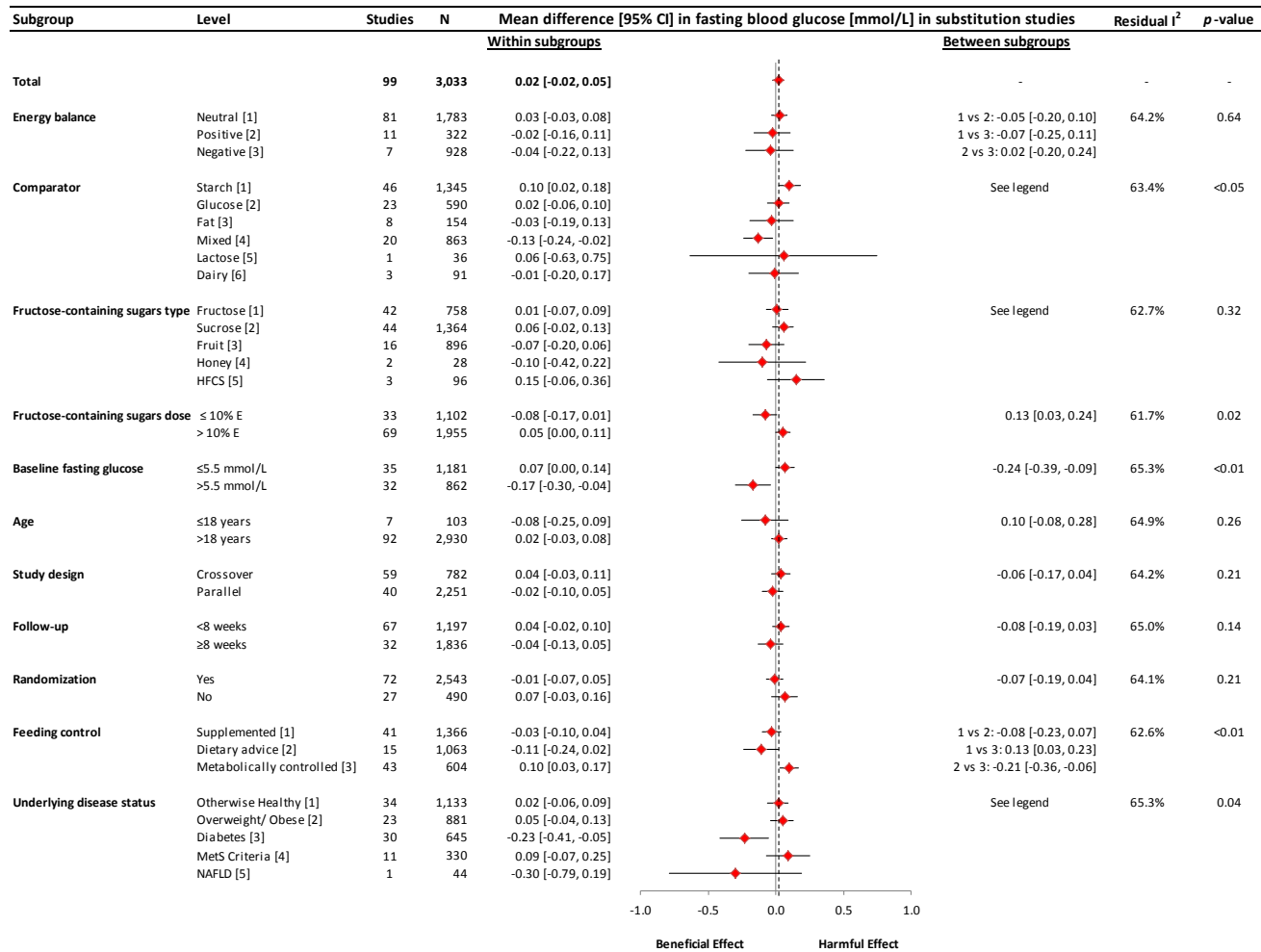
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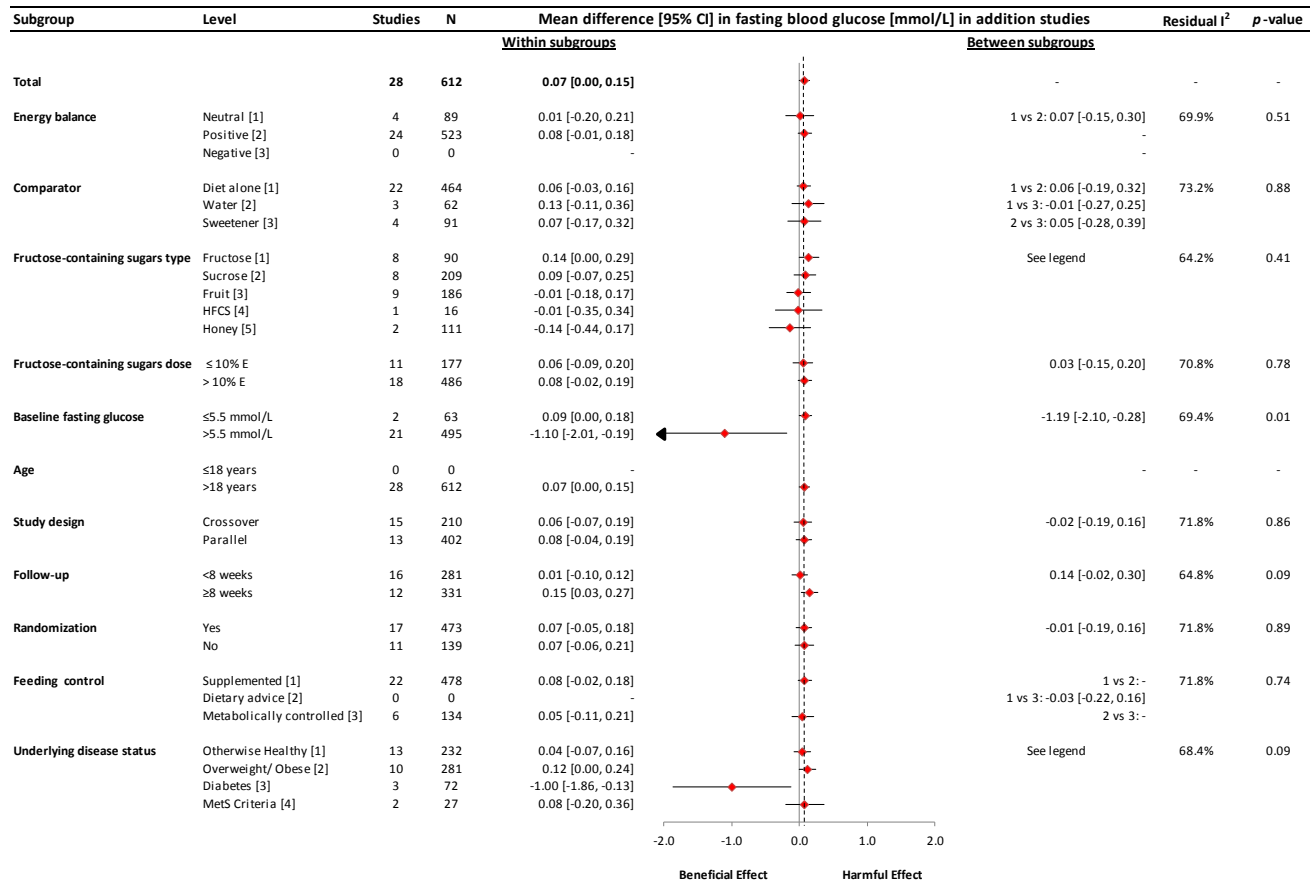
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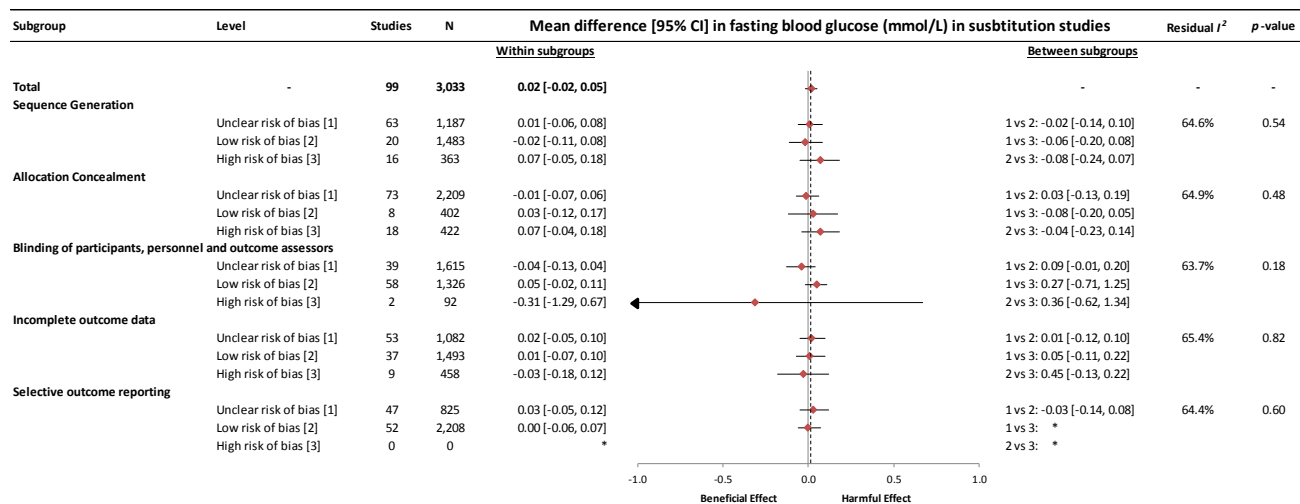
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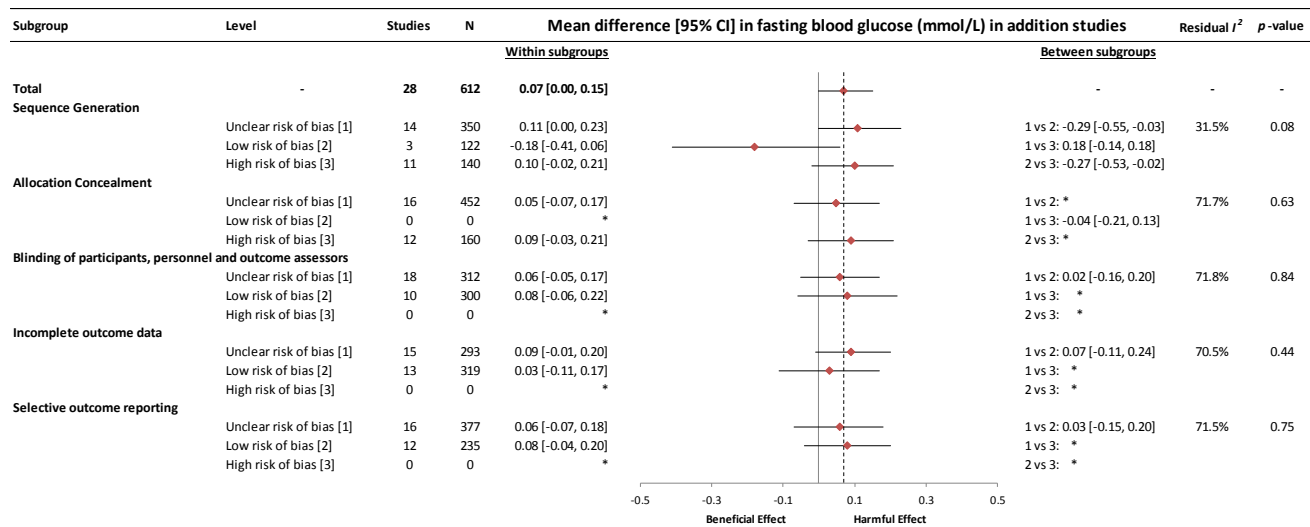
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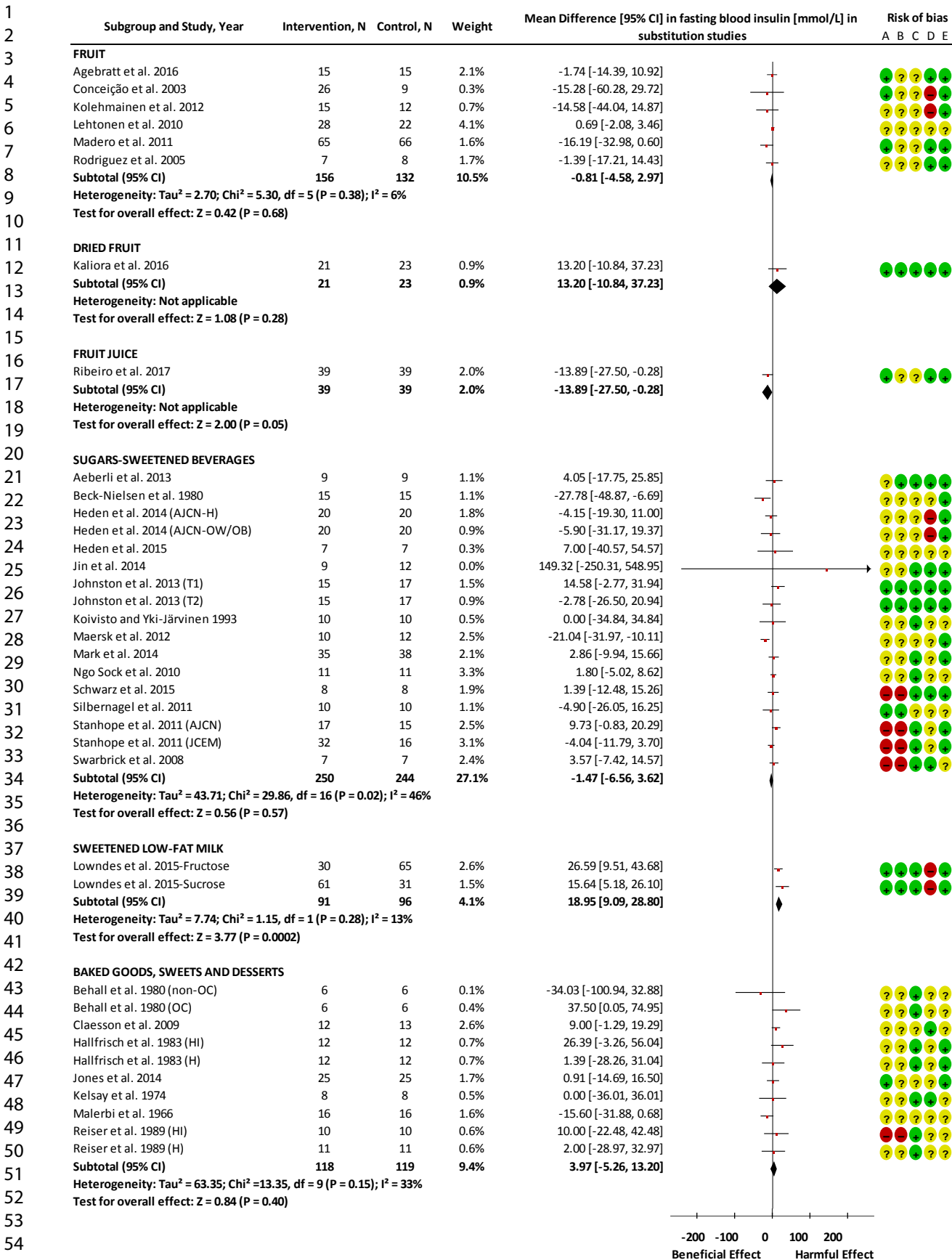
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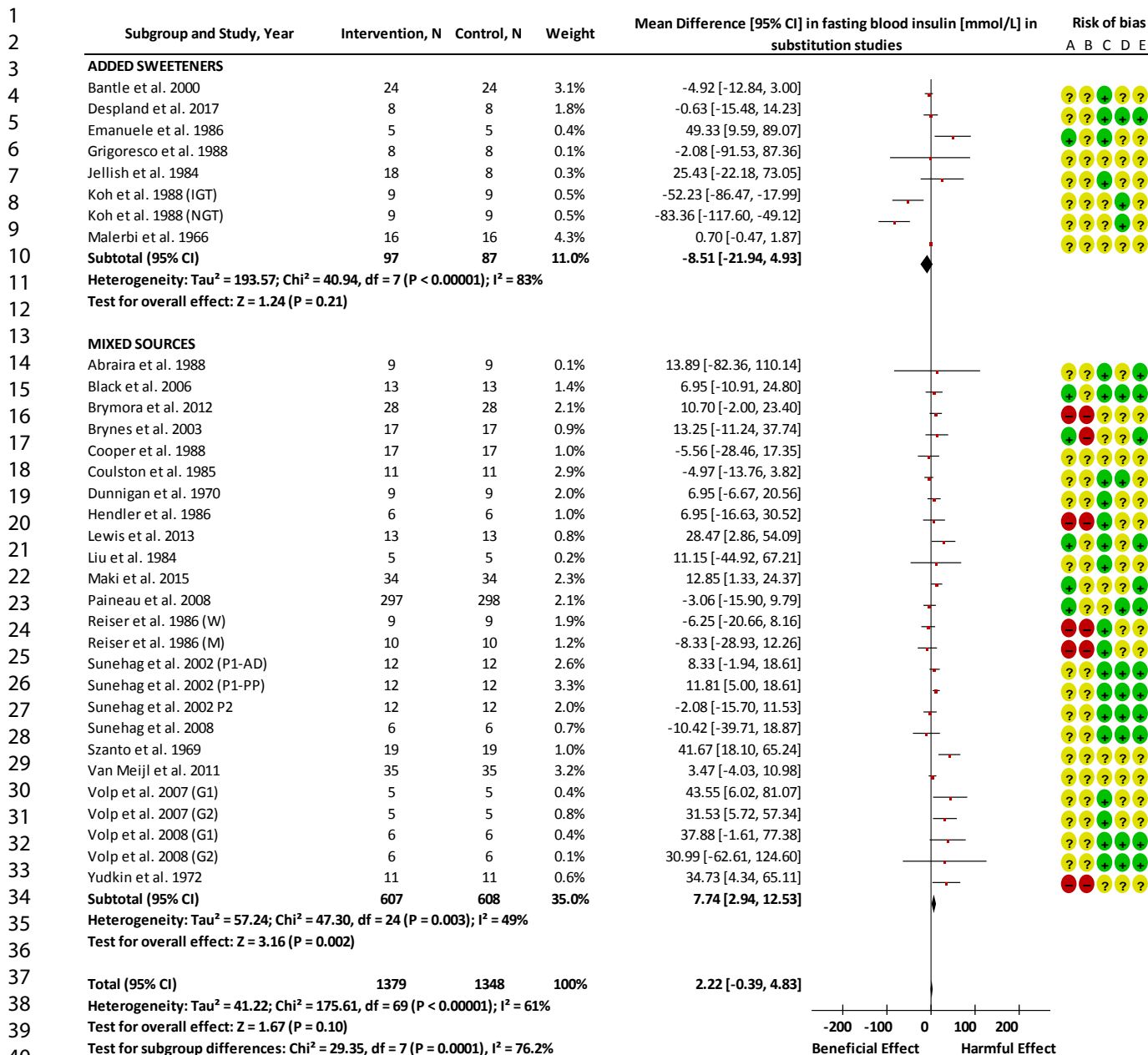
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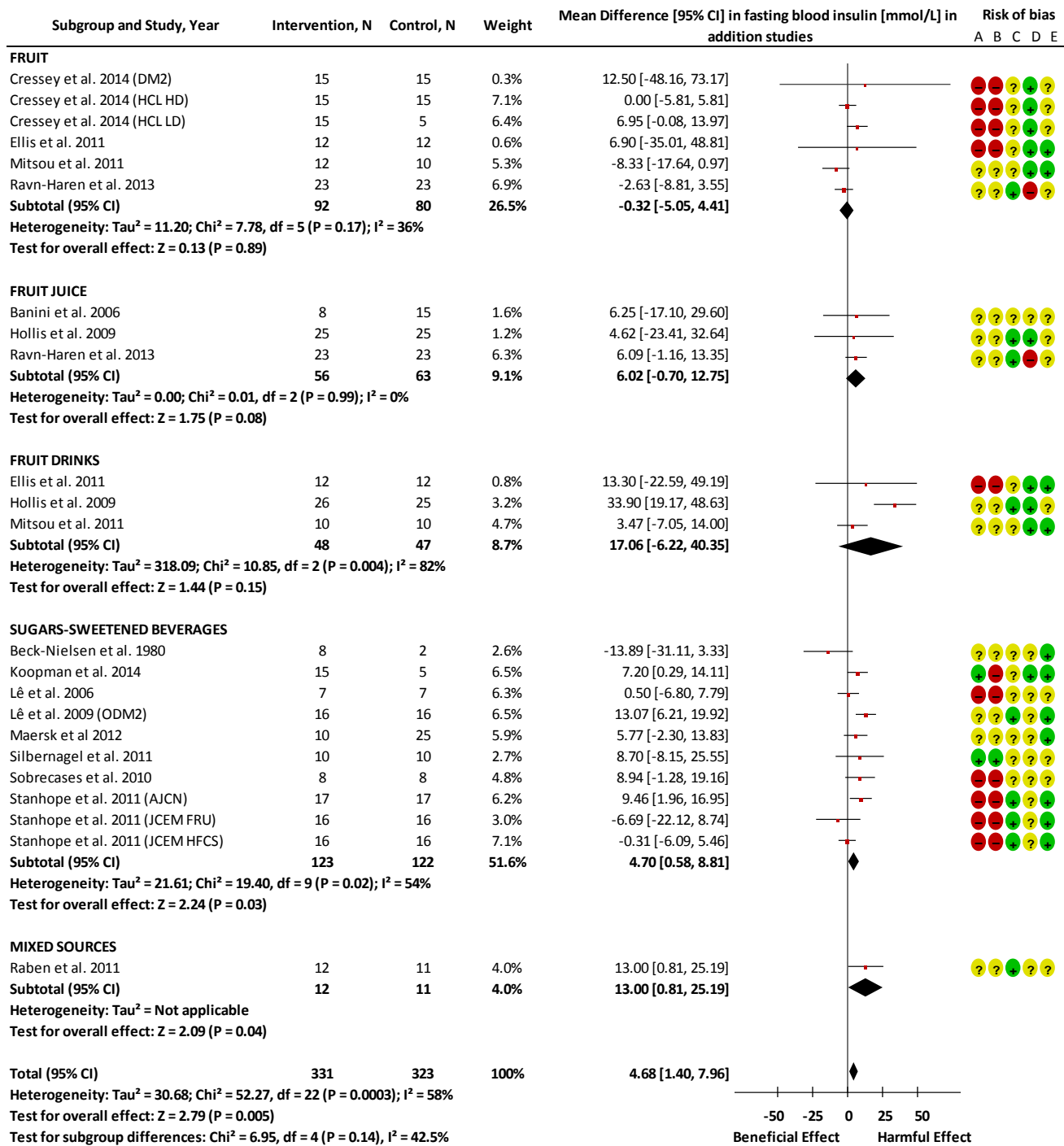
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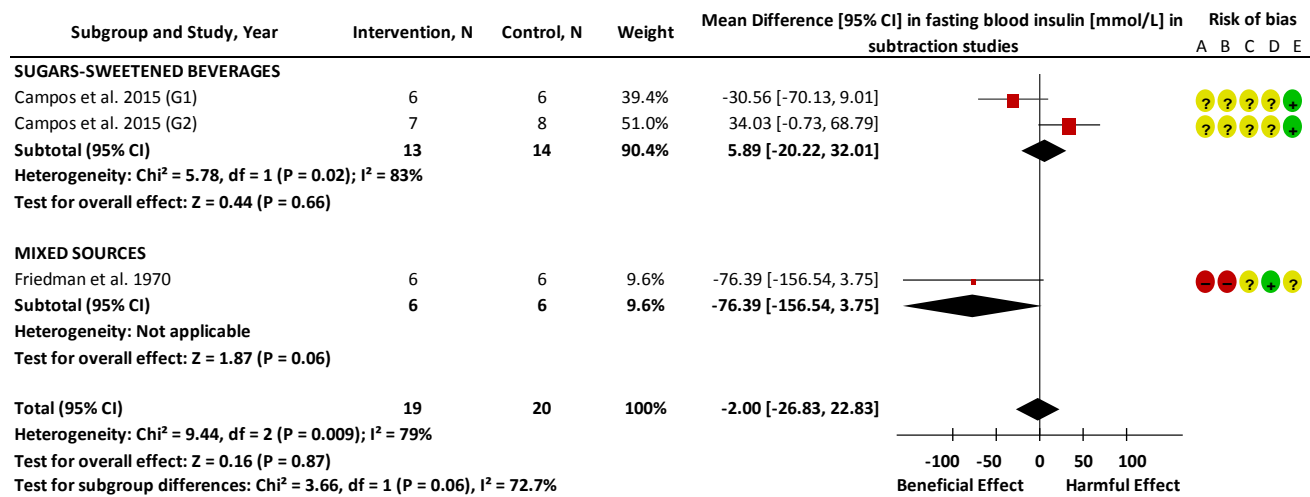
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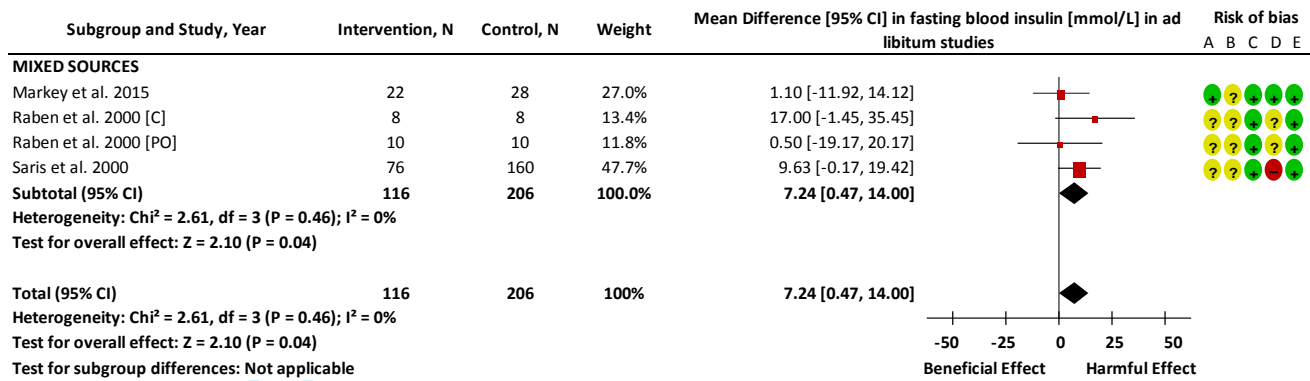
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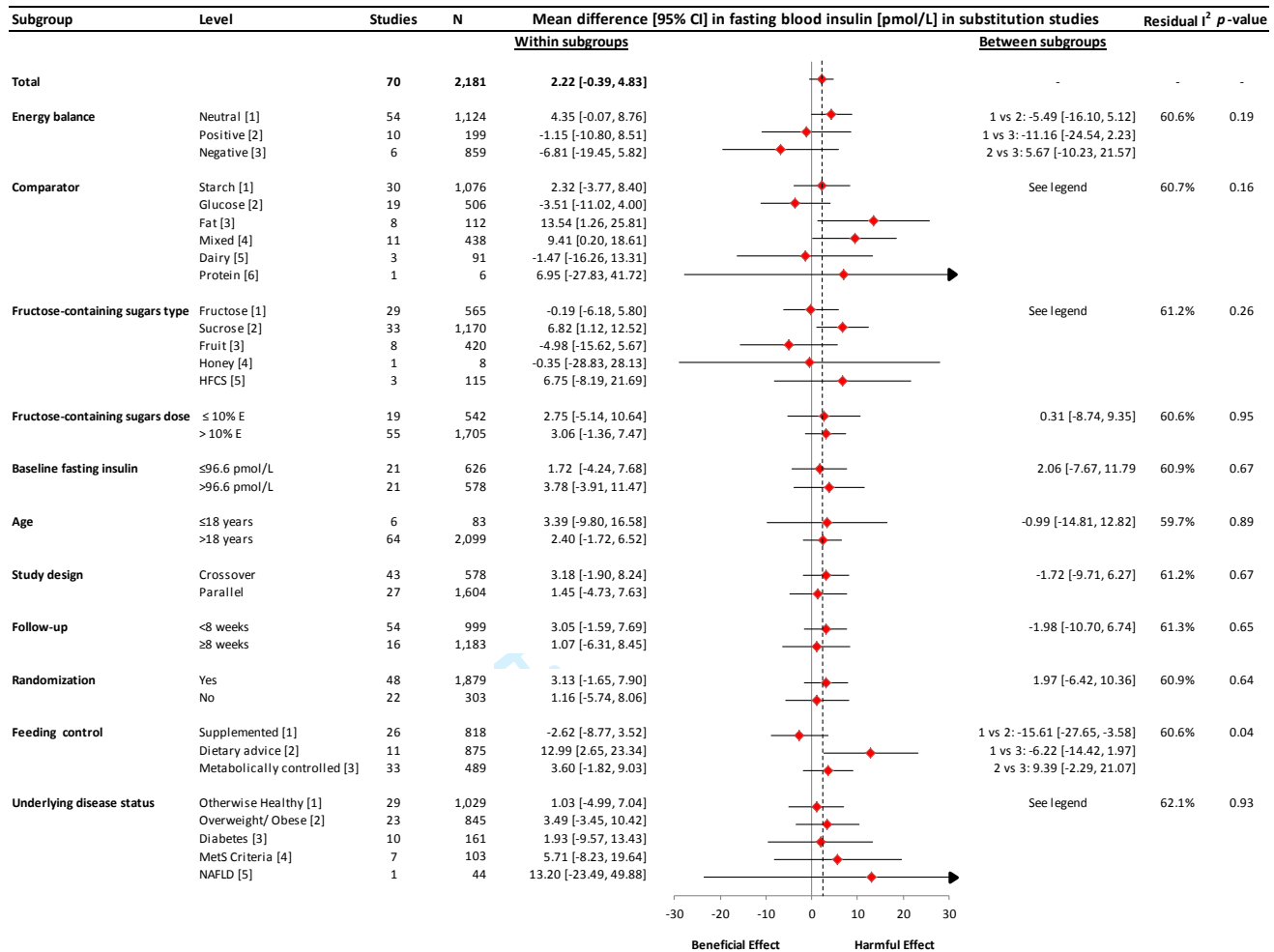
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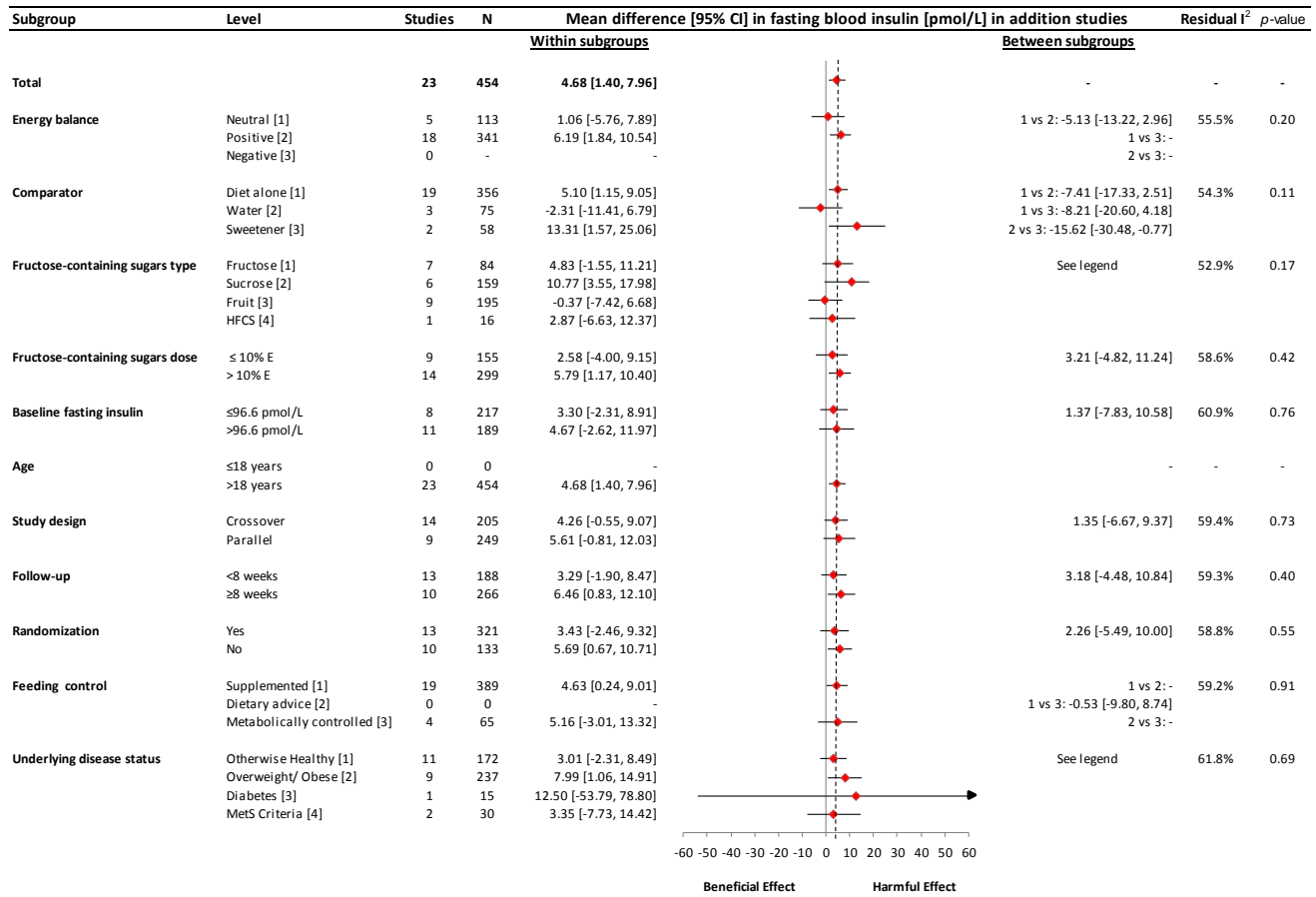
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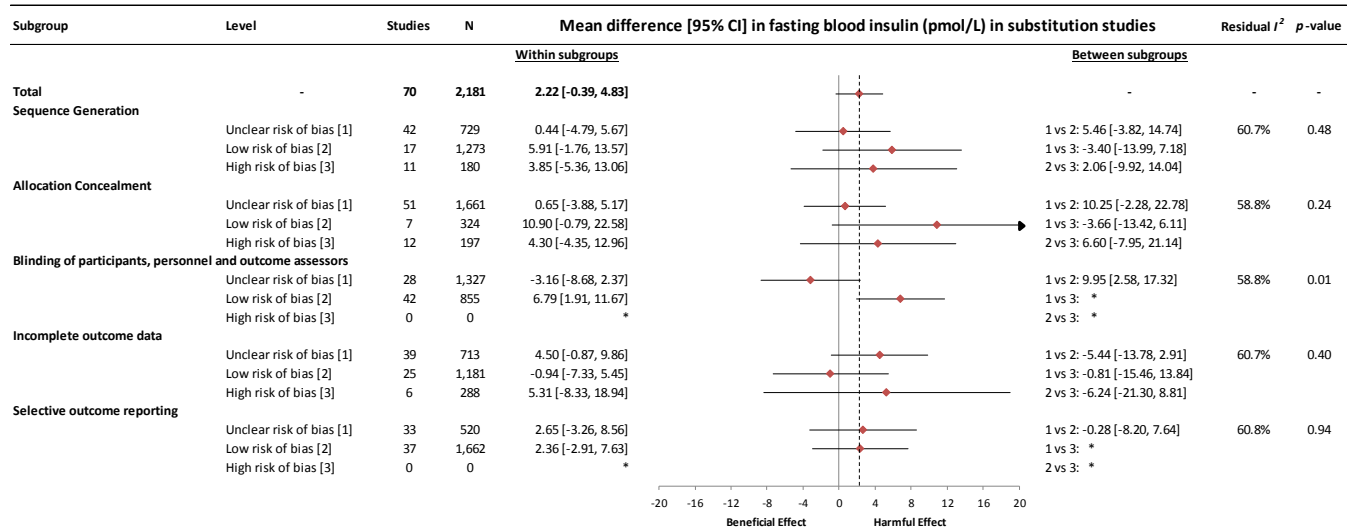
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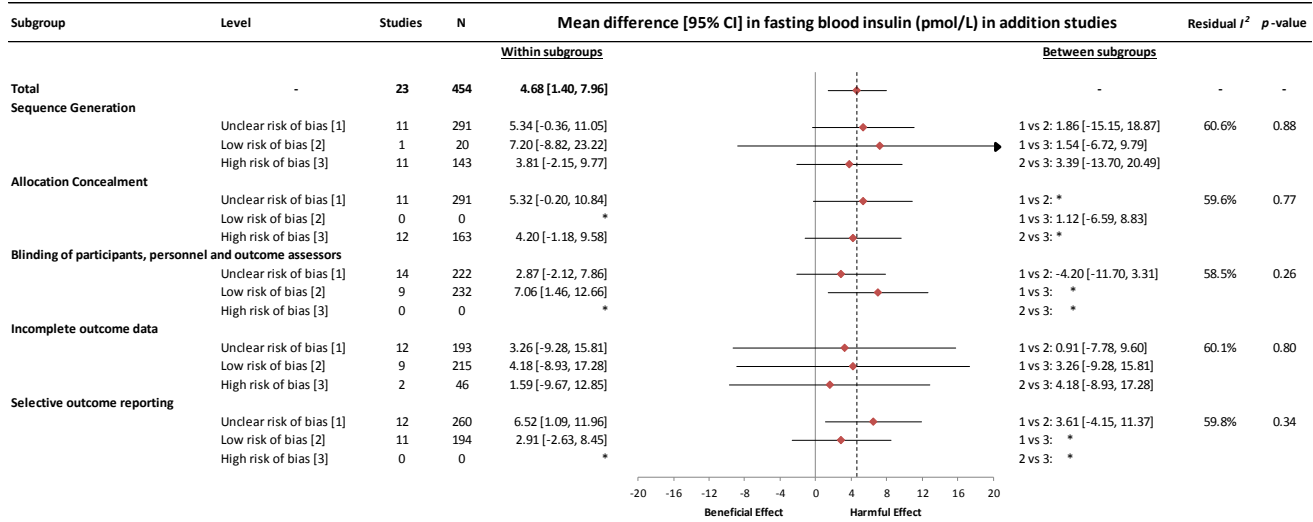
Supplementary Figure 22. Subgroup analyses for substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food sources of fructose-containing sugars for other macronutrients on fasting blood insulin. E= energy; HFCS= high fructose corn syrup; MetS= metabolic syndrome; N= number of participants. Pooled effect estimates for each subgroup are represented by the diamonds. The dashed line represents the pooled effect estimate for the overall analysis. The residual I^2 value represents unexplained heterogeneity for each subgroup. Pairwise between-subgroup mean differences [95% CI] for comparator are as follows: 1 vs 2: -5.83 [-15.50, 3.84]; 1 vs 3: 11.22 [-2.48, 24.91]; 1 vs 4: 7.09 [-3.95, 18.13]; 1 vs 5: -3.79 [-19.78, 12.20]; 1 vs 6: 4.63 [-30.68, 39.93]; 2 vs 3: -17.05 [-31.44, -2.66]; 2 vs 4: -12.92 [-24.80, -1.04]; 2 vs 5: -2.04 [-18.62, 14.55]; 2 vs 6: -10.46 [-46.03, 25.12]; 3 vs 4: 4.13 [-11.21, 19.47]; 3 vs 5: 15.01 [-4.21, 34.22]; 3 vs 6: 6.59 [-30.29, 43.47]; 4 vs 5: 10.88 [-6.54, 28.30]; 4 vs 6: 2.46 [-33.51, 38.44]; 5 vs 6: -8.42 [-46.21, 29.37]. Pairwise between-subgroup mean differences (95% CI) for fructose-containing sugars type are as follows: 1 vs 2: -7.01 [-15.28, 1.26]; 1 vs 3: 4.79 [-7.42, 17.00]; 1 vs 4: 0.16 [-28.94, 29.26]; 1 vs 5: -6.94 [-23.03, 9.16]; 2 vs 3: -11.80 [-23.87, 0.28]; 2 vs 4: -7.17 [-36.21, 21.88]; 2 vs 5: -0.07 [-16.06, 15.92]; 3 vs 4: -4.63 [-35.03, 25.77]; 3 vs 5: -11.73 [-30.06, 6.61]; 4 vs 5: -7.10 [-39.25, 25.06]. Pairwise between-subgroup mean differences [95% CI] for underlying disease status are as follows: 1 vs 2: 2.46 [-6.71, 11.64]; 1 vs 3: 0.90 [-11.95, 13.75]; 1 vs 4: 4.68 [-10.33, 19.69]; 1 vs 5: 12.17 [-25.01, 49.35]; 2 vs 3: 1.56 [-11.87, 14.99]; 2 vs 4: -2.22 [-17.78, 13.35]; 2 vs 5: -9.71 [-47.04, 27.63]; 3 vs 4: -3.78 [-22.37, 14.81]; 3 vs 5: -11.27 [-49.72, 27.18]; 4 vs 5: -7.49 [-46.73, 41.76].



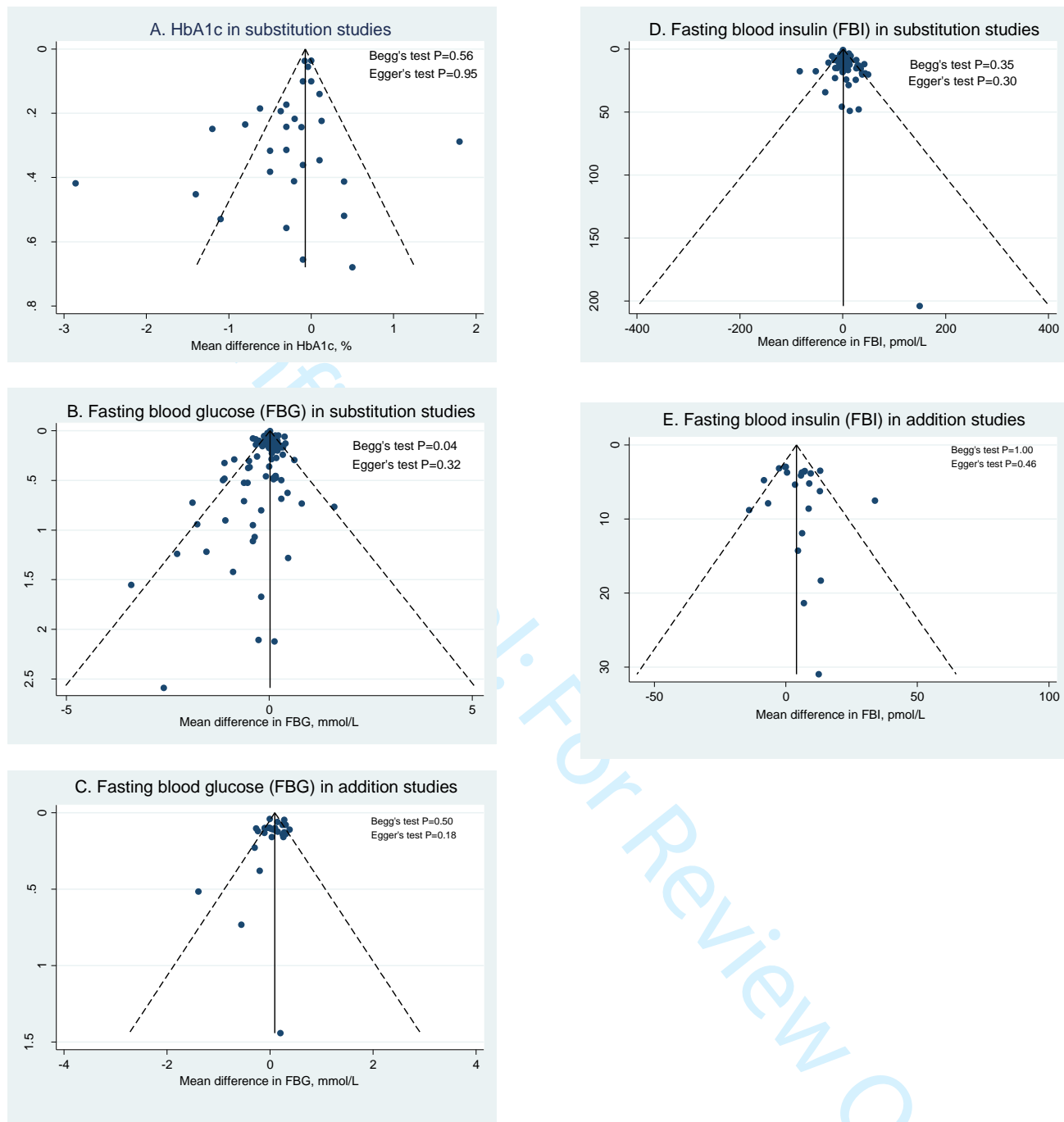
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Supplementary Figure 24. Risk of bias (using The Cochrane Collaboration Tool) subgroup analysis for substitution studies investigating the effect of isocaloric exchange of food sources of fructose-containing sugars for other macronutrients on fasting blood insulin. Point estimates for each subgroup level are the pooled effect estimates and are represented by diamonds. The residual I^2 value represents unexplained heterogeneity for each subgroup. HRB=High Risk of Bias, LRB=Low Risk of Bias, URB= Unclear Risk of Bias. *Within and/or between subgroup analysis could not be performed since no values were available for respective HRB/URB/LRB subgroups. Statistically significant pairwise subgroup effect modification by meta-regression analysis ($P < 0.05$).

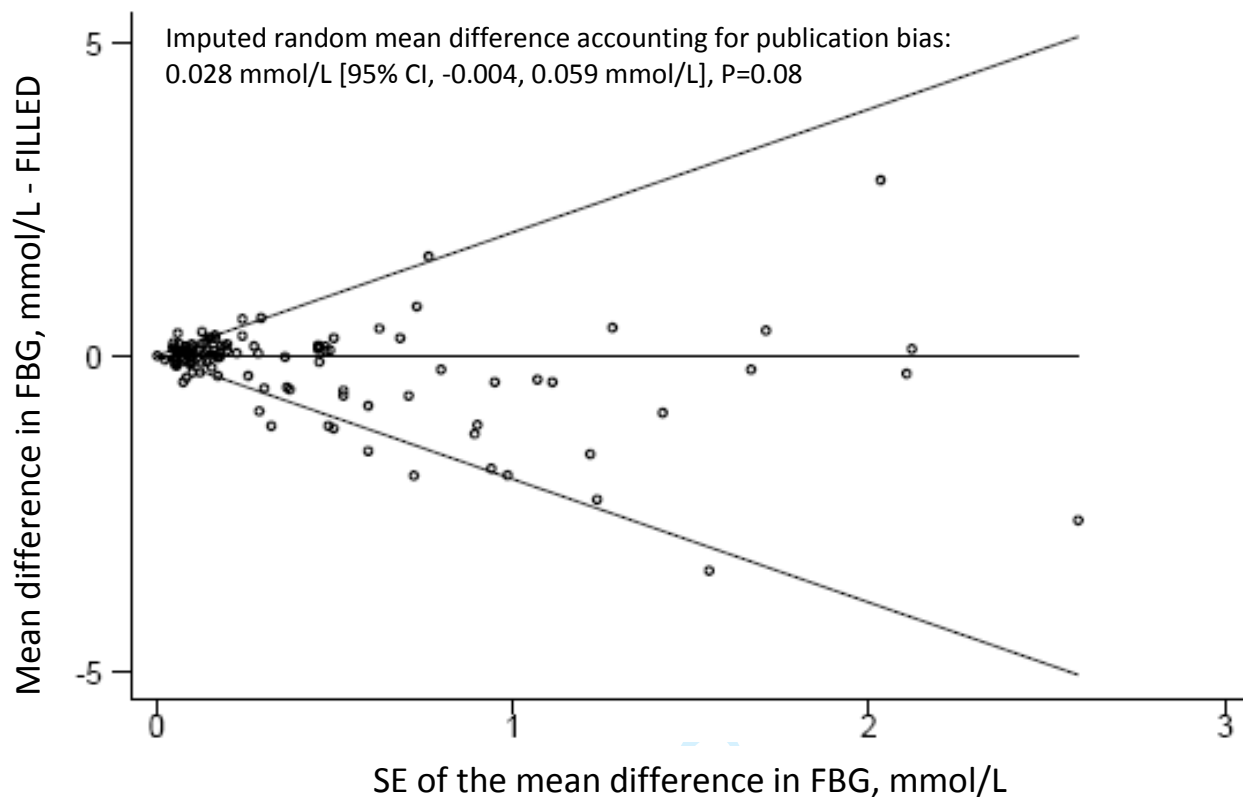


Supplementary Figure 25. Risk of bias (using The Cochrane Collaboration Tool) subgroup analysis for addition studies investigating the effect of adding excess calories to the diet in the form of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood insulin. Point estimates for each subgroup level are the pooled effect estimates and are represented by diamonds. The residual I^2 value represents unexplained heterogeneity for each subgroup. HRB=High Risk of Bias, LRB=Low Risk of Bias, URB=Unclear Risk of Bias. *Within and/or between subgroup analysis could not be performed since no values were available for respective HRB/URB/LRB subgroups. Statistically significant pairwise subgroup effect modification by meta-regression analysis ($P < 0.05$).



Supplementary Figure 26. Publication bias funnel plots for the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control in substitution and addition studies. The solid line represents the pooled effect estimate expressed as the weighted mean difference (MD). The dashed lines represent pseudo-95% confidence limits and the circles represent effect estimates for each included study. P-values were derived from quantitative assessment of publication bias by Egger's and Begg's tests set at a significance level of $p < 0.05$.

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Supplementary Figure 27. Trim and Fill funnel plot for the effect of food sources of fructose-containing sugars on fasting blood glucose in substitution studies. The horizontal line represents the pooled effect estimate expressed as mean difference. The diagonal lines represent the pseudo-95% confidence limits, the circles represent the effect estimate for each included study, and squares represent the effect estimate for each imputed "missed" study. Imputed random mean difference is provided, $p < 0.05$ is considered evidence of small-study effects.

APPENDIX 3: PRINT ABSTRACT

Study question: Does the the evidence supporting current recommendations to reduce free sugars, especially fructose-containing sugars from sugars-sweetened beverages (SSBs), hold for all food sources of these sugars in relation to glycemic control?

Methods: We conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis. We searched MEDLINE, EMBASE, and The Cochrane library through April 25, 2018. We included controlled intervention studies of ≥ 7 -days in people with and without diabetes assessing the effect of different food sources of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control at anyone of 4 levels of energy control: substitution (sugars in energy matched comparisons); addition (energy from sugars added to diet); subtraction (energy from sugars subtracted from diet); or *ad libitum* (energy from sugars freely replaced). Outcomes were HbA1c, fasting glucose, and fasting insulin. Four independent reviewers extracted data and assessed risk of bias. Data were pooled using the inverse variance method. GRADE assessed the certainty of the evidence.

Study Answer and limitations: We included 155 controlled intervention studies (N=5,086). Whereas total fructose containing sugars had no adverse effect on any outcome in substitution or subtraction studies with a decrease in HbA1c (mean difference, -0.18% [95% confidence interval, -0.29, -0.06%]) in substitution studies, there was an increasing-effect on fasting insulin in addition (4.68pmol/L [1.40, 7.96]) and *ad libitum* (7.24pmol/L [0.47, 14.00]) studies. There was an interaction by food source with specific food sources showing decreasing-effects (fruit and fruit juice) or increasing-effects (sweetened-milk and mixed sources) in substitution studies and increasing-effects (SSBs and fruit juice) in addition studies across outcomes. The majority of the evidence was low quality.

What this study adds: Energy control and food source appear to mediate the effect of fructose-containing sugars on glycemic control with adverse effects seen when fructose-containing sugars, especially SSBs, contribute excess energy to the diet.

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