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Cereals, bread and health

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Cereals and Bread in our Nutrition



- Represent the basic foods in a balanced diet, like the mediterranean diet
- In recent years, consumption has decreased in developed societies
- They are valuable foods both from a nutritional point of view and for health maintenance

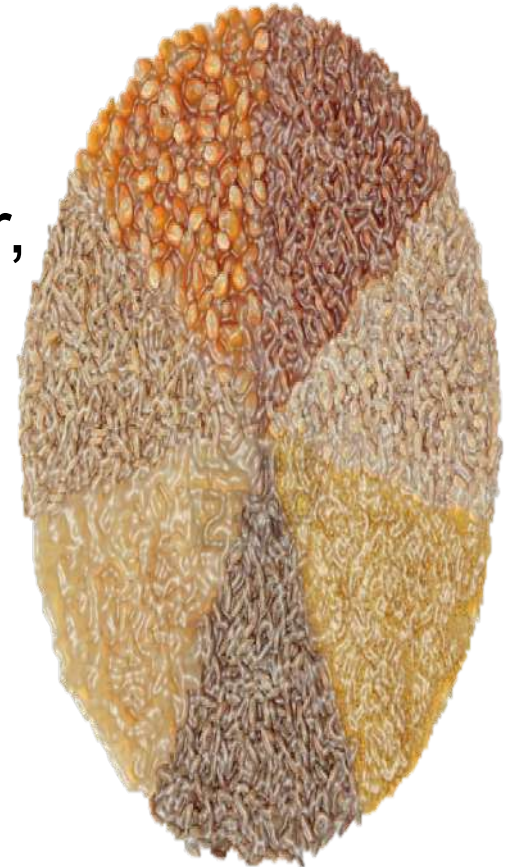
What role do cereals play in the diet?



The role of cereals in the diet



- Essential foods to balance the diet
- Contribute to meet the needs of fiber, vitamins and minerals
- Consumption of whole grains is associated with health benefits



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Distribution of macronutrients in a balanced diet



Acceptable ranges of macronutrients distribution (% energy)

Reference	Proteins	Fat	Carbohydrates
FAO/OMS (2008)	10-15	20-35	≥50
DRI (2005)	10-35	20-35	45-65
EFSA (2017)	10-15	20-35	45-60
SENC (2011)	10-15	30-35	50-55

Free carbohydrates <10% energy

"Free sugars": monosaccharides and disaccharides added to food by manufacturers, chefs or consumers, as well as sugars naturally present in honey, syrups, fruit juices and fruit juice concentrates .

WHO (2015)

Essential foods to balance the diet



Reduced consumption can produce important imbalances in the diet, increasing the proportion of proteins and fat.



A photograph of the Palace Hotel in Bucharest at night. The hotel is a large, ornate building with many windows, some of which are lit up. The name "PALACE HOTEL" is visible on the roof. In the foreground, there is a large fountain with a statue of Neptune holding a trident. The fountain is lit up, and the water is flowing. The sky is dark with some clouds.

Evaluation of a menu with and without bread



Menu

Breakfast

Coffee with milk

Orange Juice

Lunch

Superfood salmon tartar with pea gel

Guinea fowl stuffed with mushroom stew

Raspberry puff pastry made

Cena

Light minestrone and basil pesto soup

Hake glazed with vegetables

Pineapple carpaccio with pistachio syrup

Nutritional evaluation of the proposed menu



RECIPES

Ingredients

Foods(g/day)

**Food Composition
Tables**

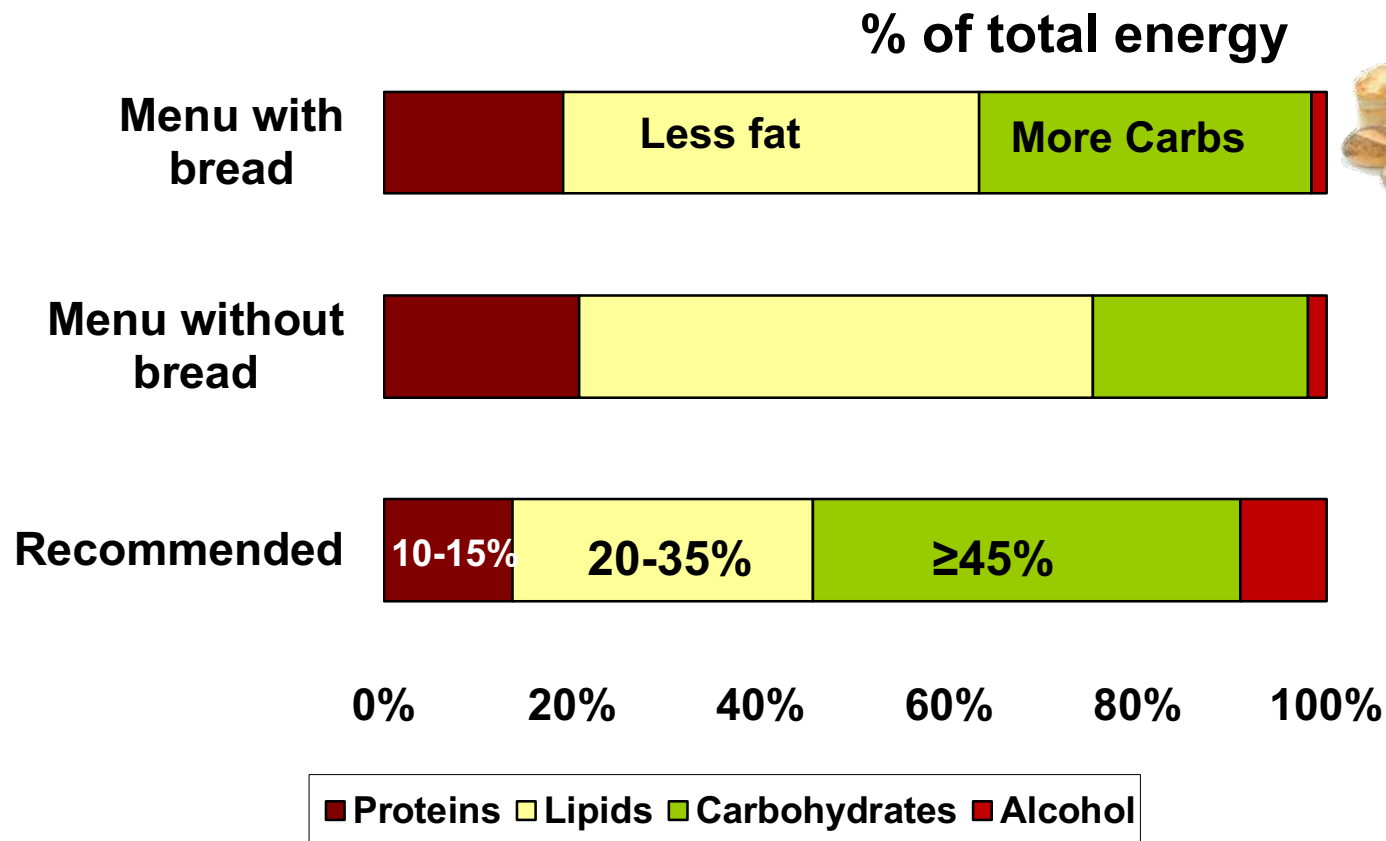
**ADEQUATE
DIET?**

+ 4 bread rations

**Balanced diet
standards**

**ENERGY AND
NUTRIENTS**

Caloric profile of the proposed menu with and without bread



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Contribute to meet the needs of fiber, vitamins and minerals



- Cereals and bread have a variable amount of:

Vitamins

(B₁, B₂, niacin, pyridoxine, folates)

Minerals

(magnesium, selenium, zinc, calcium, iron)

Fiber

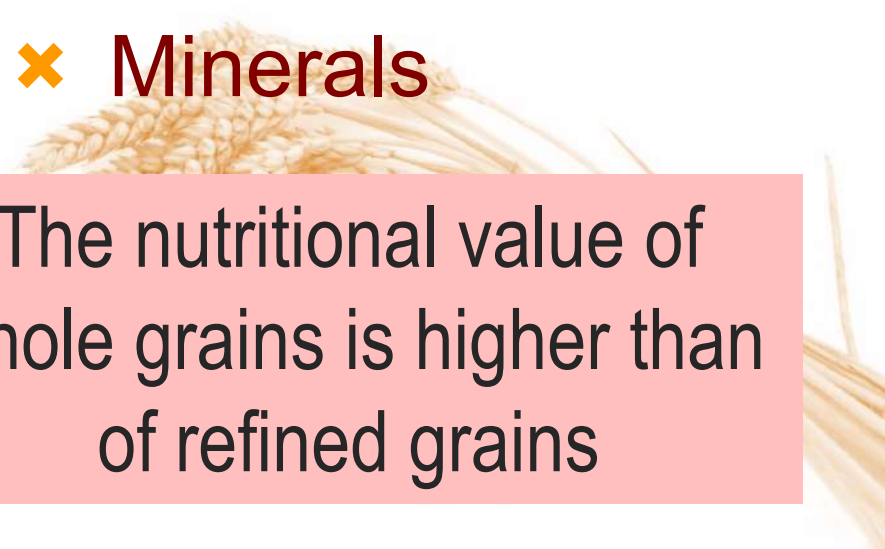
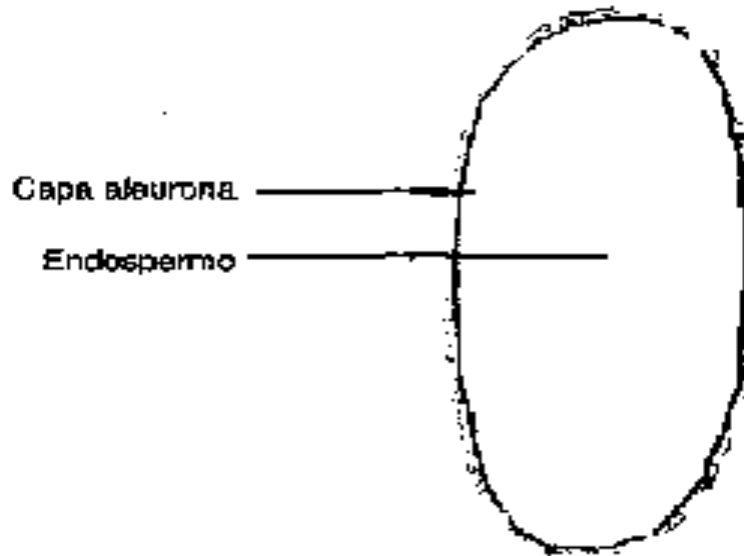
- Amounts depend on the degree of flour extraction

Nutritional value of full cereals



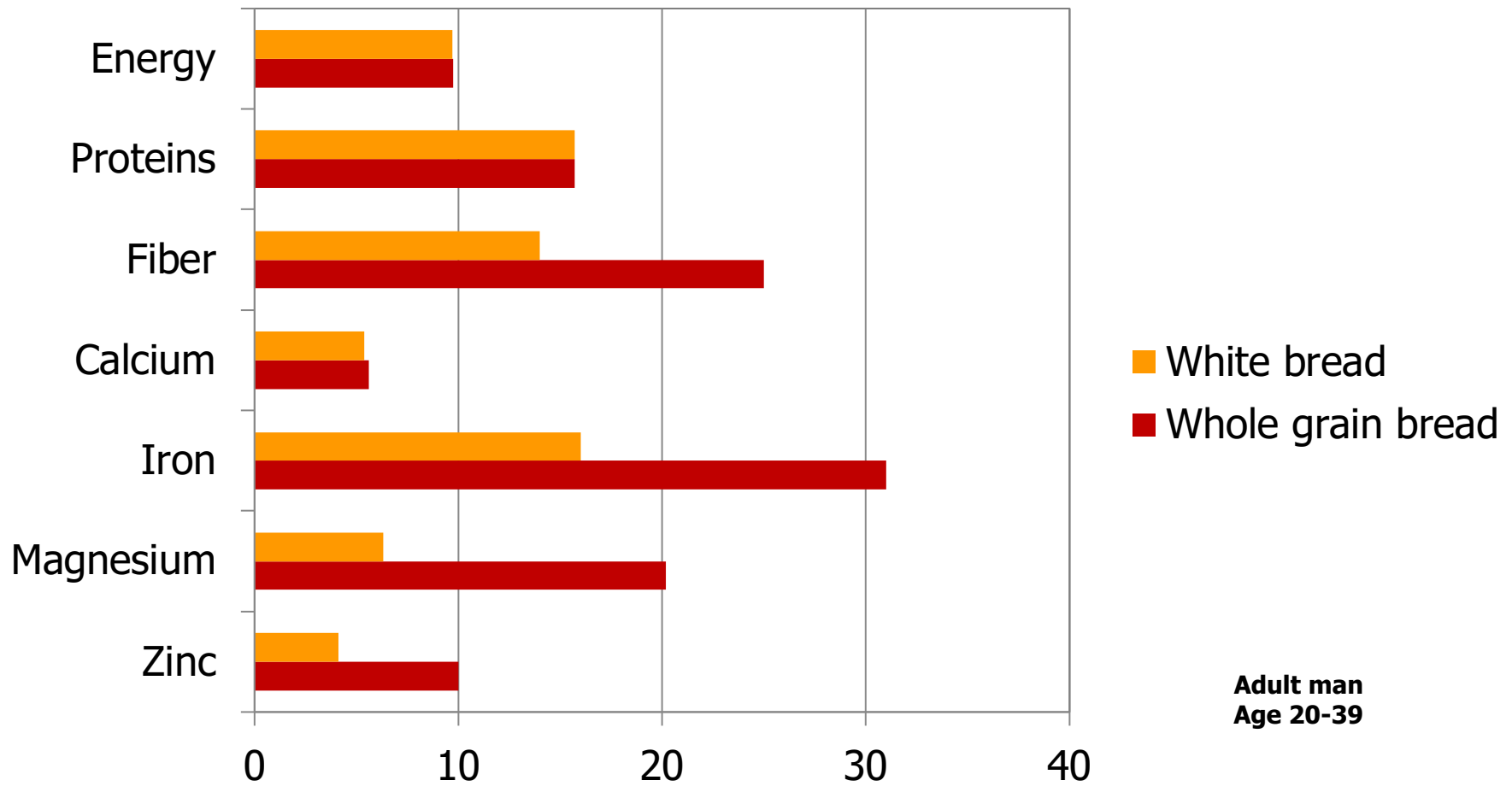
- The bran and germ provide:

- ✗ Fiber
- ✗ Vitamins
- ✗ Minerals

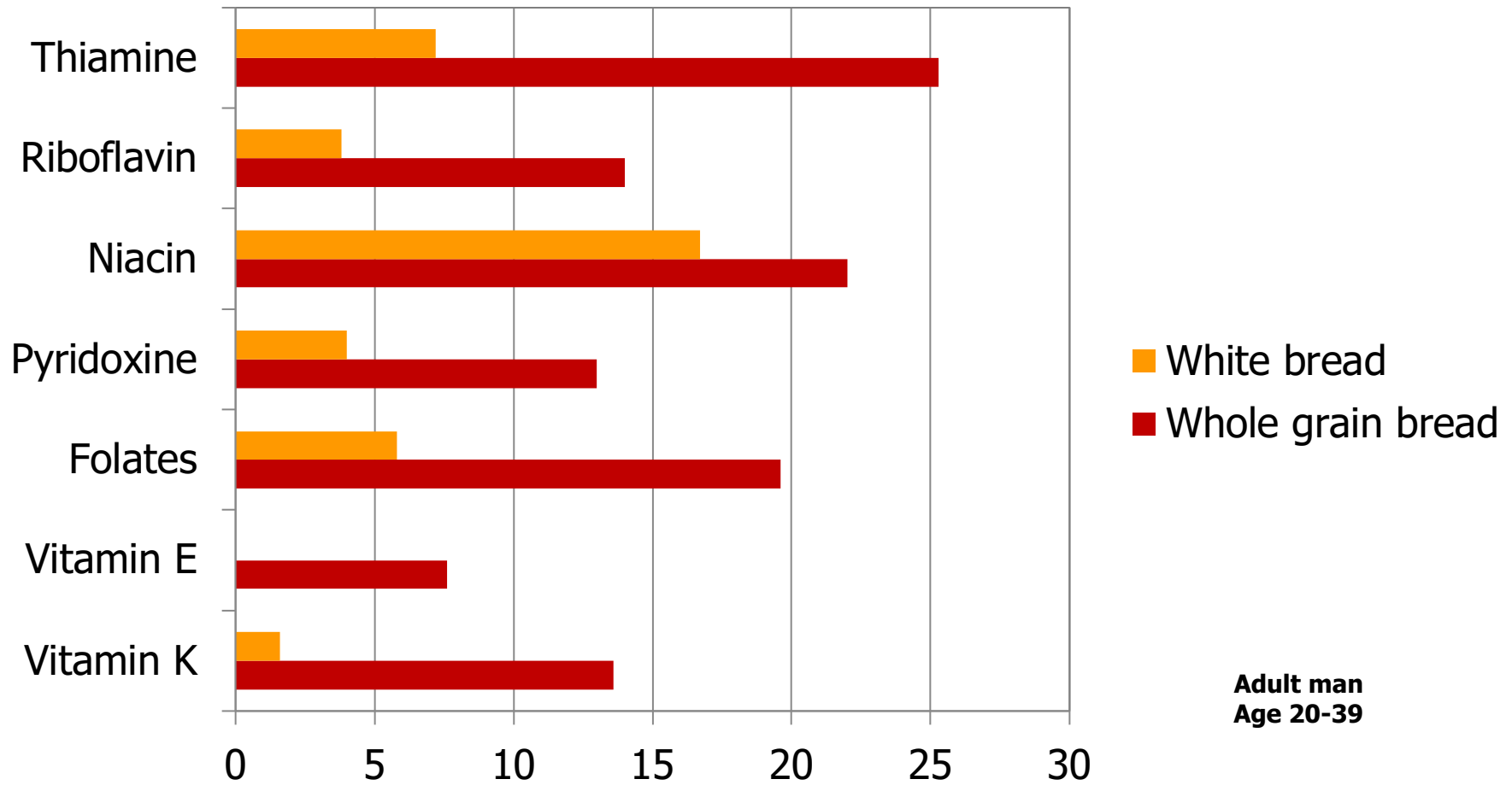


The nutritional value of whole grains is higher than of refined grains

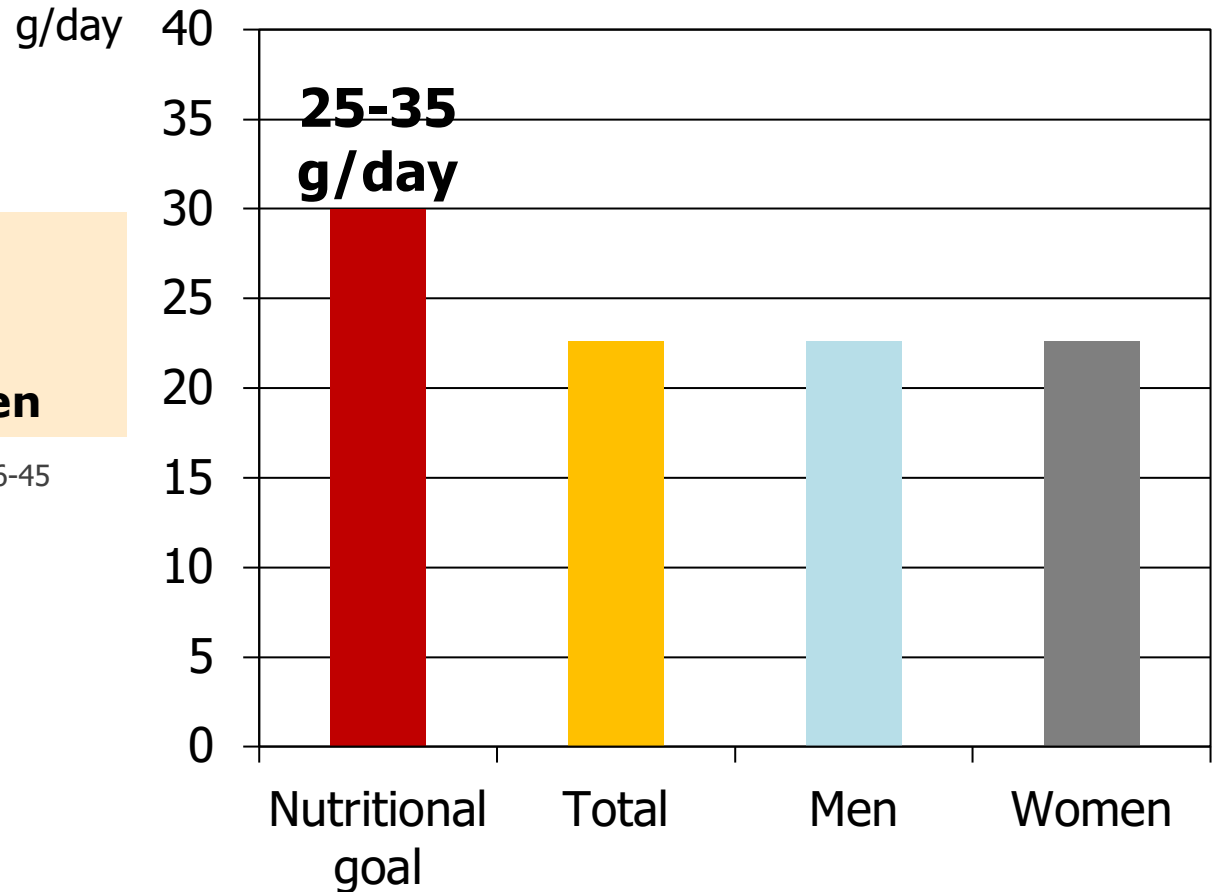
Nutritional contribution of 100 g of bread to cover the recommended intakes of energy, proteins, fiber and minerals



Nutritional contribution of 100 g of bread to cover the recommended intakes of vitamins



Fiber intake of adults in Spain



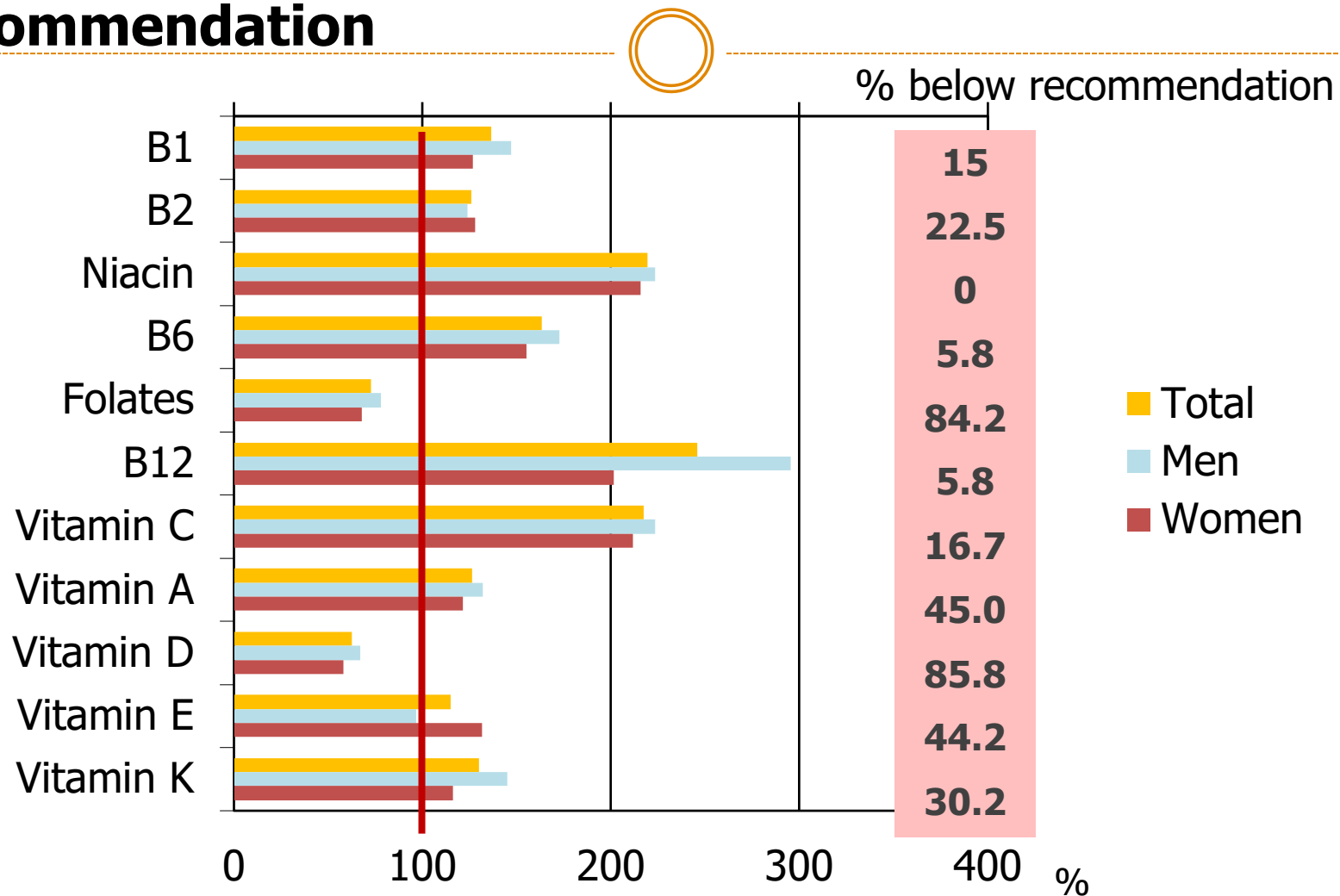
1068 adults

Age 17-60

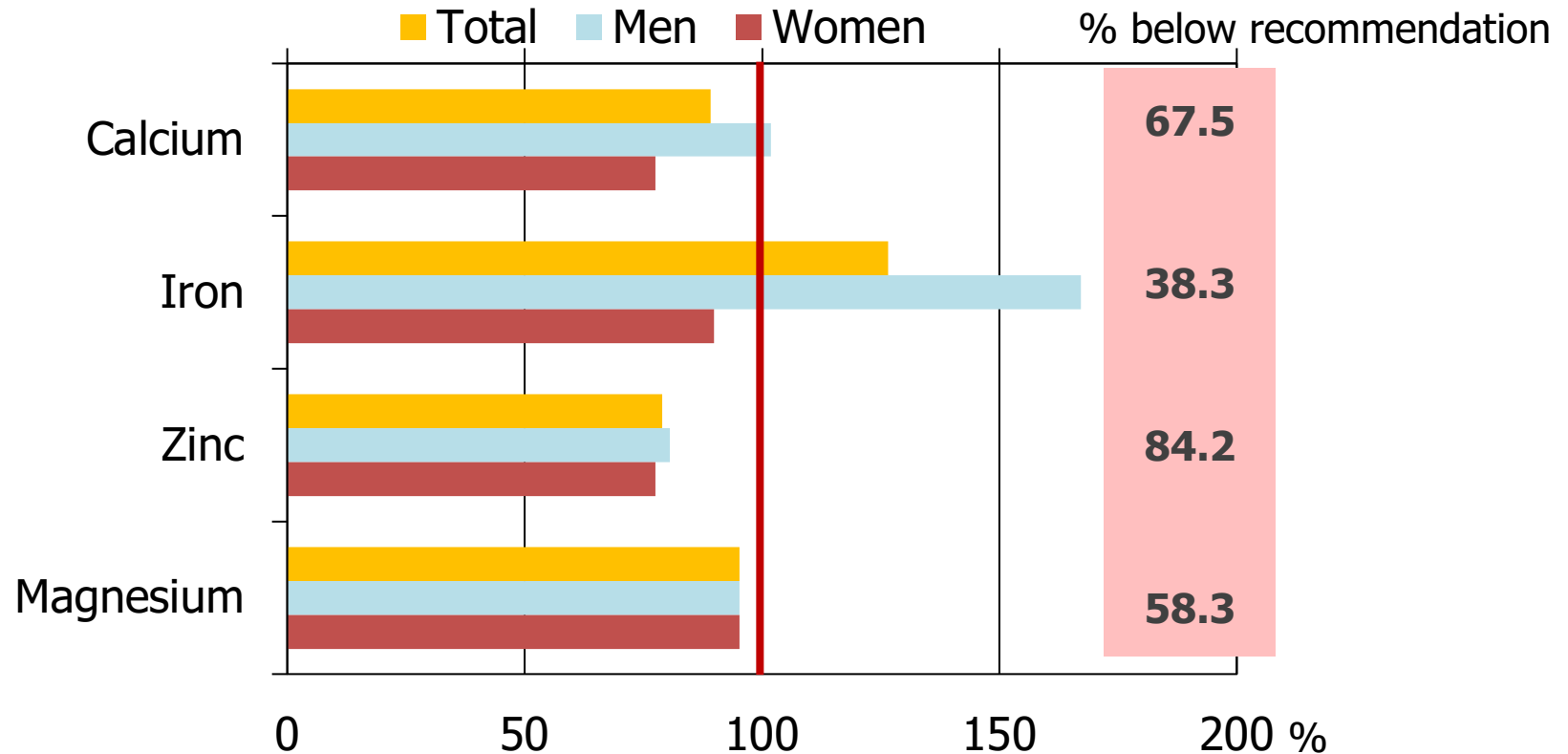
521 men, 547 women

Ortega y col. Nutr Hosp 2013; 28 (6): 2236-45

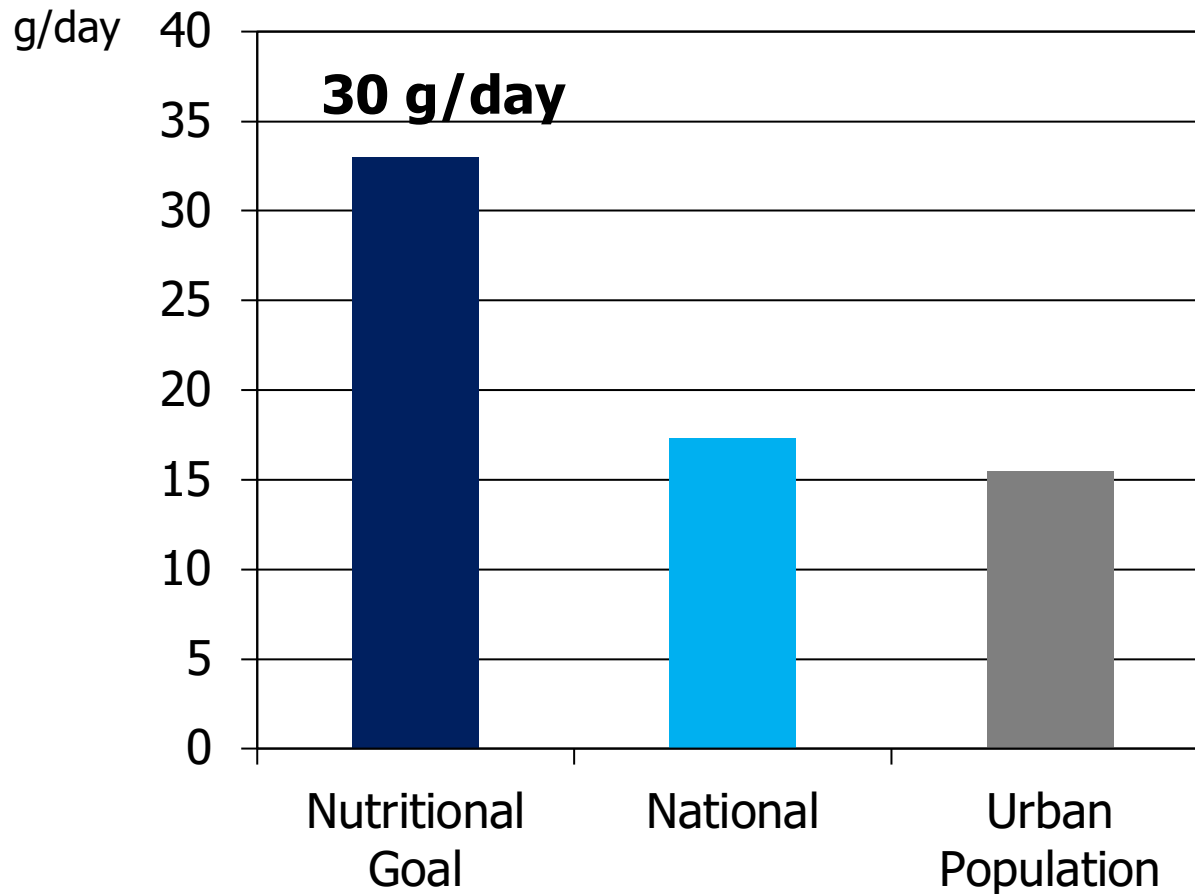
Contribution to the recommended vitamin intake and percentage of Spanish adults with intakes below the recommendation



Contribution to the recommended minerals intake and percentage of Spanish adults with intakes below the recommendation



Fiber intake of women in Mexico

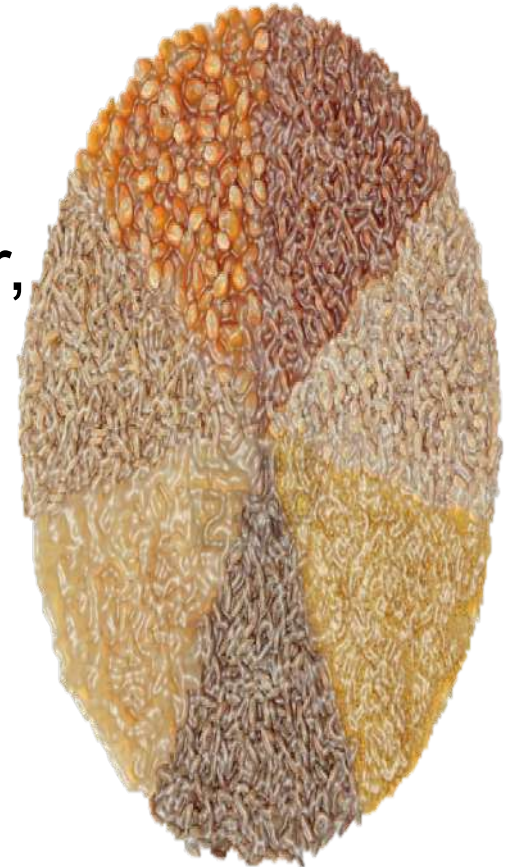


[†] Barquera S, Rivera-Dommarco J, Campos I, Espinoza J, Monterrubio E. Consumo de Fibra y sobrepeso en mujeres mexicanas en edad adulta. *Nutrición Clínica* 2002; 5(4):206-12

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Whole-grain consumption and the risk of all-cause, CVD and cancer mortality: a meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies

Wei H, Gao Z, Liang R, Li Z, Hao H, Liu X. Br J Nutr. 2016 Sep;116(5):952.

11 studies
816.599 test subjects

Conclusions

Among the highest and lowest category of consumption, whole grain cereals were associated with a **lower risk of mortality from all causes, cardiovascular disease and cancer**. By increasing consumption to 3 servings/day, there was a mortality reduction of 19% for all causes, of 26% for cardiovascular diseases and of 9% for cancer.

Health benefits associated with the consumption of whole cereals



Wholegrain and bread: a duet of the Mediterranean diet for the prevention of chronic diseases

Gil A, Ortega RM, Maldonado J. Public Health Nutr. 2011 Dec;14(12A):2316-22.

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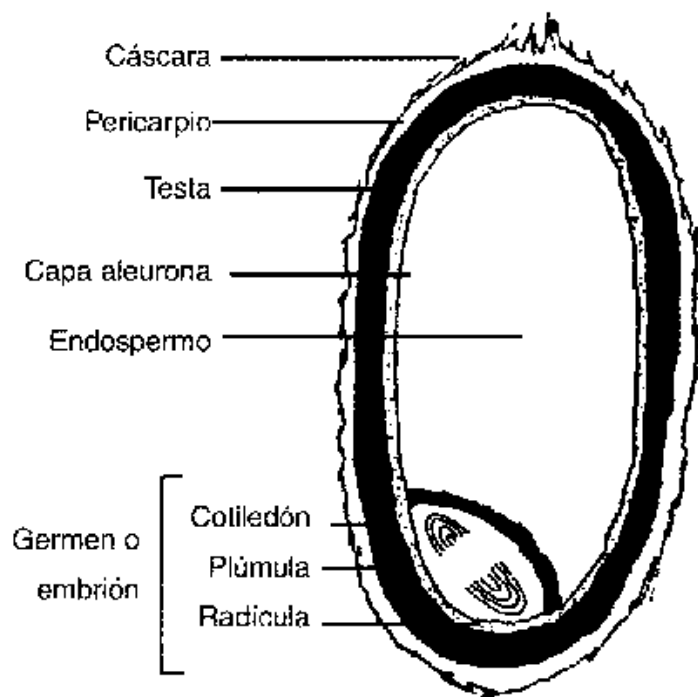
People who eat **3 or more servings/day** of whole grains have a **20-30% lower risk of suffering from cardiovascular diseases and a 20% lower risk of suffering from type 2 diabetes**, compared to individuals with a lower consumption, this being a higher benefit than the one observed by increasing the consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Added Value For These Foods

Nutritional Value of Whole Grains



- The bran and germ provide:



✗ Fiber

✗ Vitamins

✗ Minerals

✗ Phytochemicals



Phytochemicals in Cereals



Phenolic compounds

Phenolic acids, flavonoids,
alkilresorcinols

Carotenoids

Lutein, zeaxanthin, β -cryptoxanthin,
 β -carotene, α -carotene

Phytosterols

Sterols, Stanols

Tocopherols

Phytase

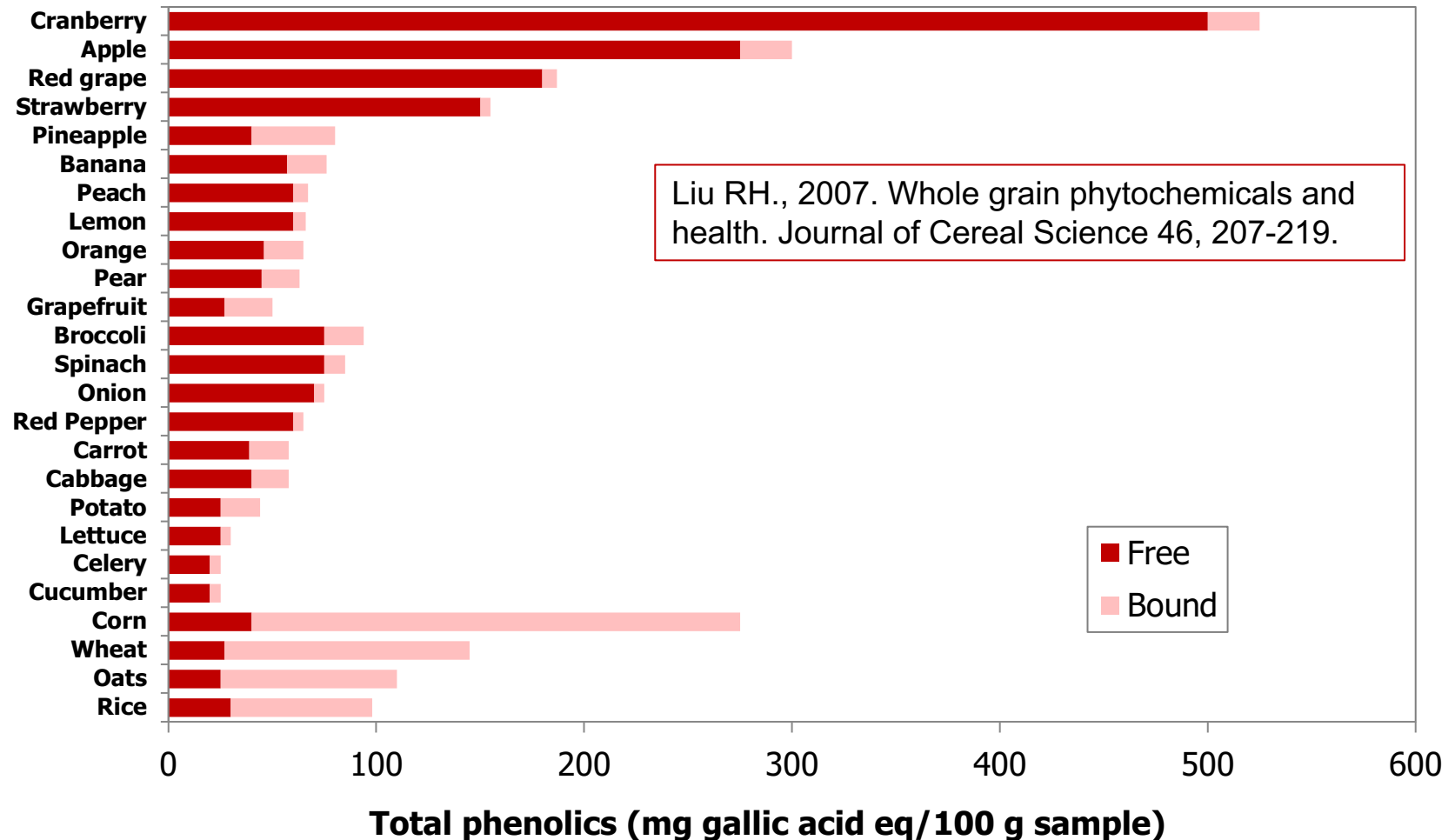
Beta-Glucans

Lignans

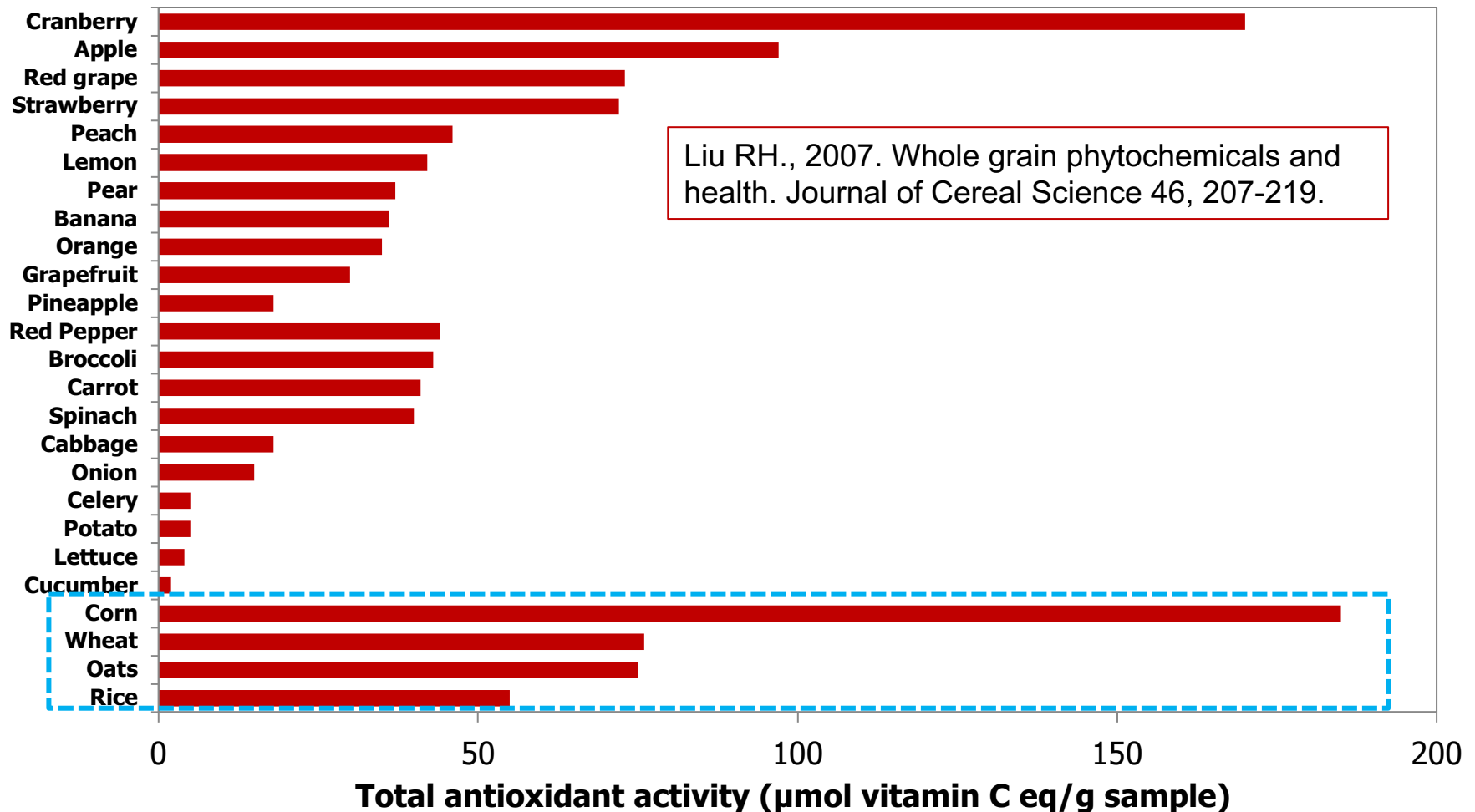
Sterols, Stanols



Phenolic content of fruits, vegetables and whole grains



Antioxidant activity of fruits, vegetables and whole grains



Other activities of phytochemicals



Synergistic effect

**Their joint intake as part of the food
and not in isolation is of great
importance.**

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Cardiovascular Disease



18 Studies



400.492
participants



A higher consumption of whole grains is associated with a 22% reduction of coronary heart diseases.

Cardiovascular Disease



The
American Journal
of
Cardiology

Meta-Analysis of the Association Between Whole Grain Intake and Coronary Heart Disease Risk



Gang Tang, MD, Duan Wang, BS, Jun Long, BS, Fan Yang, BS, and Liangyi Si, PhD*

Inverse associations were also found in the United States and Europe.

Conclusion

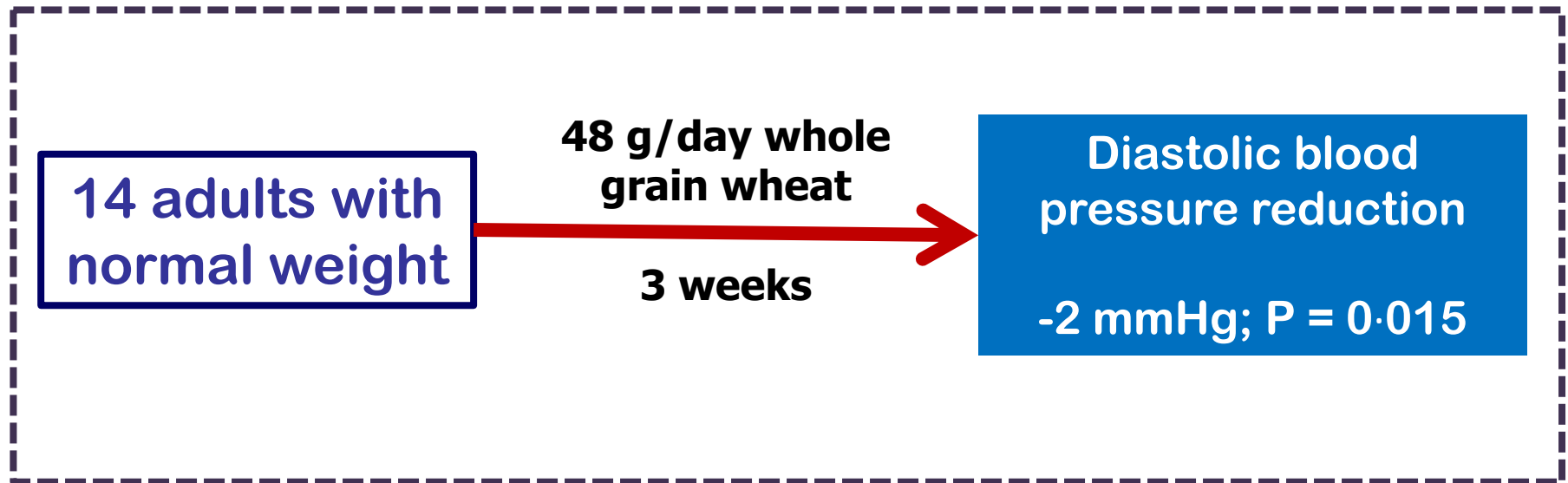
Increased consumption of whole grains has a protective effect against coronary heart diseases.

Consumption of Whole Grains and Blood Pressure



Short-term effects of whole-grain wheat on appetite and food intake in healthy adults: a pilot study

Bodinham CL, Hitchen KL, Youngman PJ, Frost GS, Robertson MD. Br J Nutr. 2011 Aug;106(3):327-30.



Consumption of whole grains and cholesterol levels and other indicators of cardiovascular risk



Intake of whole grains, refined grains, and cereal fiber measured with 7-d diet records and associations with risk factors for chronic disease¹⁻³

PK Newby, Janice Maras, Peter Bakun, Denis Muller, Luigi Ferrucci, and Katherine L. Tucker

Am J Clin Nutr 2007;86:1745-53.

Inverse association between the consumption of whole grains and the figures of total cholesterol and LDL-Cholesterol

Whole grains, bran, and germ in relation to homocysteine and markers of glycemic control, lipids, and inflammation¹⁻³

Majken K Jensen, Pauline Koh-Banerjee, Mary Franz, Laura Sampson, Morten Grønbaek, and Eric B Rimm

Am J Clin Nutr 2006;83:275-83.

Consumption of whole grains was inversely associated with homocysteine and C-reactive protein concentrations

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Protection Against Cancer



Health Benefits of Dietary Whole Grains: An Umbrella Review of Meta-analyses



Marc P. McRae, MSc, DC, FACN, DACBN

(J Chiropr Med 2017;16:10-18)

**Review of all meta-analysis published
from January 1, 1980 to May 31, 2016**

Conclusions

The consumption of whole grains is associated with a **6-43% reduction in the risk of colorectal, pancreatic and gastric cancer**, and a **decrease in cancer mortality of 11%**. **Consumption of 2-3 servings/day of whole grains can be a justifiable public health goal.**

Protection Against Cancer



Glycemic index, glycemic load, and cancer risk: a meta-analysis¹⁻³

Patrizia Gnagnarella, Sara Gandini, Carlo La Vecchia, and Patrick Maisonneuve

ABSTRACT

Background: Factors linked to glucose metabolism play an important role in the development of cancers, and both glycemic index (GI) and glycemic load (GL) have been investigated as potential etiologic factors.

Objective: A meta-analysis was performed to explore the association between GI and GL and cancer risk from published studies.

Design: A comprehensive, systematic bibliographic search of the medical literature was conducted to identify relevant studies. Case-control and cohort studies published before October 2007 that reported cancer risk estimates for GI and GL were included. Pooled relative risks (RRs) were estimated for breast, colorectal, endometrial, and pancreatic cancer.

Results: Thirty-nine studies were included in the meta-analysis. The interquartile ranges of GL were significantly wider in case-control studies, most of which were conducted in European countries, than in cohort studies. Cohort studies that presented lower ranges of GL also reported lower risk estimates. Overall, both GL and GI were significantly associated with a greater risk of colorectal (summary RR = 1.26; 95% CI: 1.11, 1.44 and RR = 1.18; 95% CI: 1.05, 1.34, respectively) and endometrial (RR = 1.36; 95% CI: 1.14, 1.62 and RR = 1.22; 95% CI: 1.01, 1.49) cancer than of breast and pancreatic cancer. There was, however, a significant between-study heterogeneity for colorectal cancer ($P < 0.0001$). The association between GI and breast cancer disappeared when publication bias was taken

The consumption of foods with **low glycemic load and index**, including cereals with a high fiber content, is associated with a **lower risk of colorectal, pancreatic, endometrial and breast cancer.**

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Data sources and search strategy

Published reports were identified from electronic databases [ie, PubMed, ISI Web of Science (Science Citation Index Ex-

Protection Against Cancer



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Rye Whole Grain and Bran Intake Compared with Refined Wheat Decreases Urinary C-Peptide, Plasma Insulin, and Prostate Specific Antigen in Men with Prostate Cancer¹⁻³

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Consumption of rye whole grain and bran resulted in significantly lower plasma PSA compared with a cellulose-supplemented refined wheat diet in patients with prostate cancer. The effect may be related to inhibition of prostate cancer progression caused by decreased exposure to insulin, as indicated by plasma insulin and urinary C-peptide excretion. J. Nutr. 140: 2180-2186, 2010.

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Whole-grain consumption, dietary fibre intake and body mass index in the Netherlands cohort study

LPL van de Vijver^{1,3}, LMC van den Bosch¹, PA van den Brandt² and RA Goldbohm^{1,4}

Objectives: To assess the association of whole-grain and (cereal) fibre intake with body mass index (BMI) and with the risk of being overweight (BMI > 25) or obese (BMI > 30 kg m⁻²).

Subjects: A total of 2078 men and 2159 women, aged 55–69 years, were included in the analysis, after exclusion of subjects with diagnosed cancer or deceased within 1 year after baseline or with missing dietary information.

Results: We found an inverse association between whole-grain consumption and BMI and risk of overweight and obesity in men as well as women. The association in men was stronger than in women; the risk of being obese as compared to normal weight was 10% (95% CI: 2–16%) and 4% (95% CI: 1–7%) lower for each additional gram of (dry) grain consumption in men and women, respectively. Fibre and cereal fibre intake were inversely associated with BMI in men only. Associations were similar after exclusion of likely under- and overreporters of energy. A retrospective analysis of baseline fibre intake and weight gain after the age of 20 years also showed a slight inverse association.

Conclusions: Whole-grain consumption may protect against becoming overweight or obese; however, the cross-sectional design of the study does not allow conclusions about the causality of the association.

Weight Control



Albertson et al. *Nutrition Journal* (2016) 15:8
DOI 10.1186/s12937-016-0126-4

Nutrition Journal

RESEARCH

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Whole grain consumption trends and associations with body weight measures in the United States: results from the cross sectional National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey 2001–2012

Ann M. Albertson¹, Marla Reicks^{2*} , Nandan Joshi³ and Carolyn K. Gugger¹

Goal

Analyze whole grain consumption and determine their association with adiposity measures in children and adults

Results

Children and adults consuming at least **1 serving/day of whole grains** had **lower numbers of BMI and waist circumference** than those who never or rarely eat whole grains.

The **percentage of overweight / obese persons** was also **lower** in this group.

Weight Control



**Overweight and obesity
are a growing
health problem.**

**Its increase has been parallel to a decline in
cereal consumption and little/no consumption of
whole grains.**

**It would be advisable to try to
increase consumption.**

Recommendations for Cereal Consumption



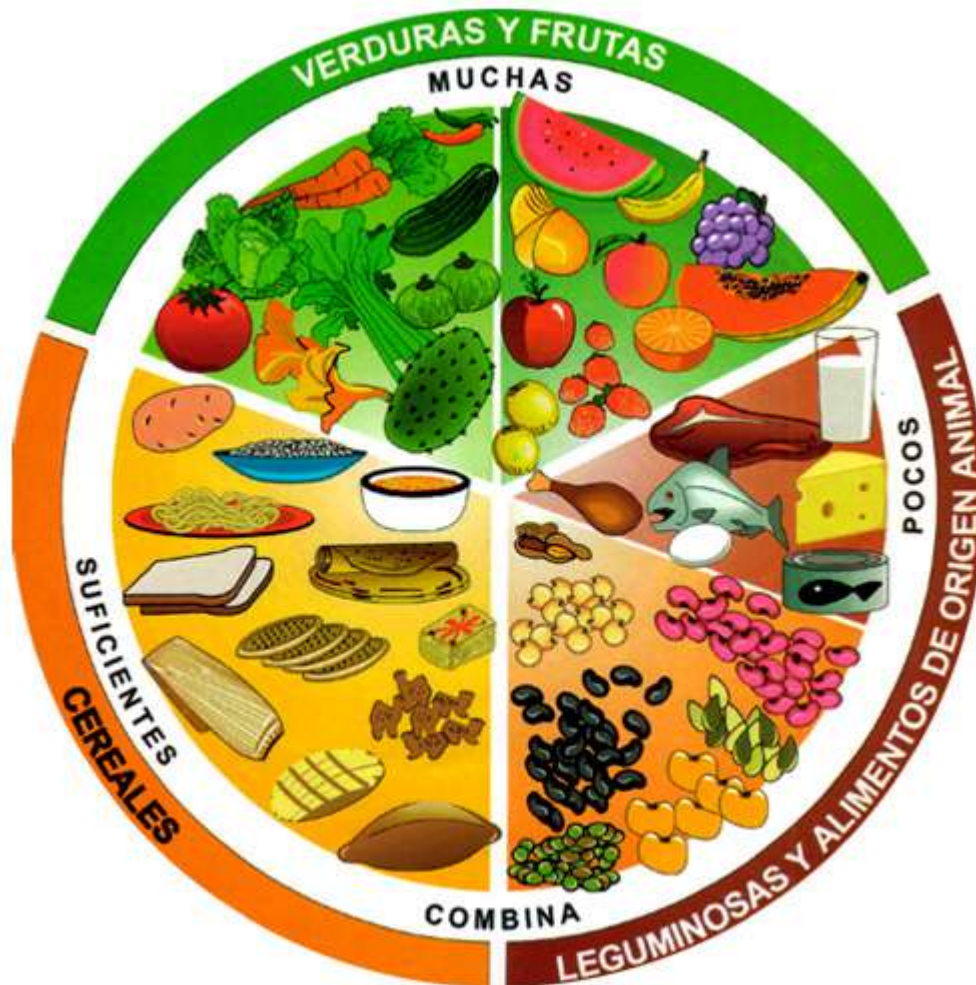
Recommendations for Cereal Consumption

Pyramid of Healthy Eating(Spain)

SENC 2015



Recommendations for Cereal Consumption

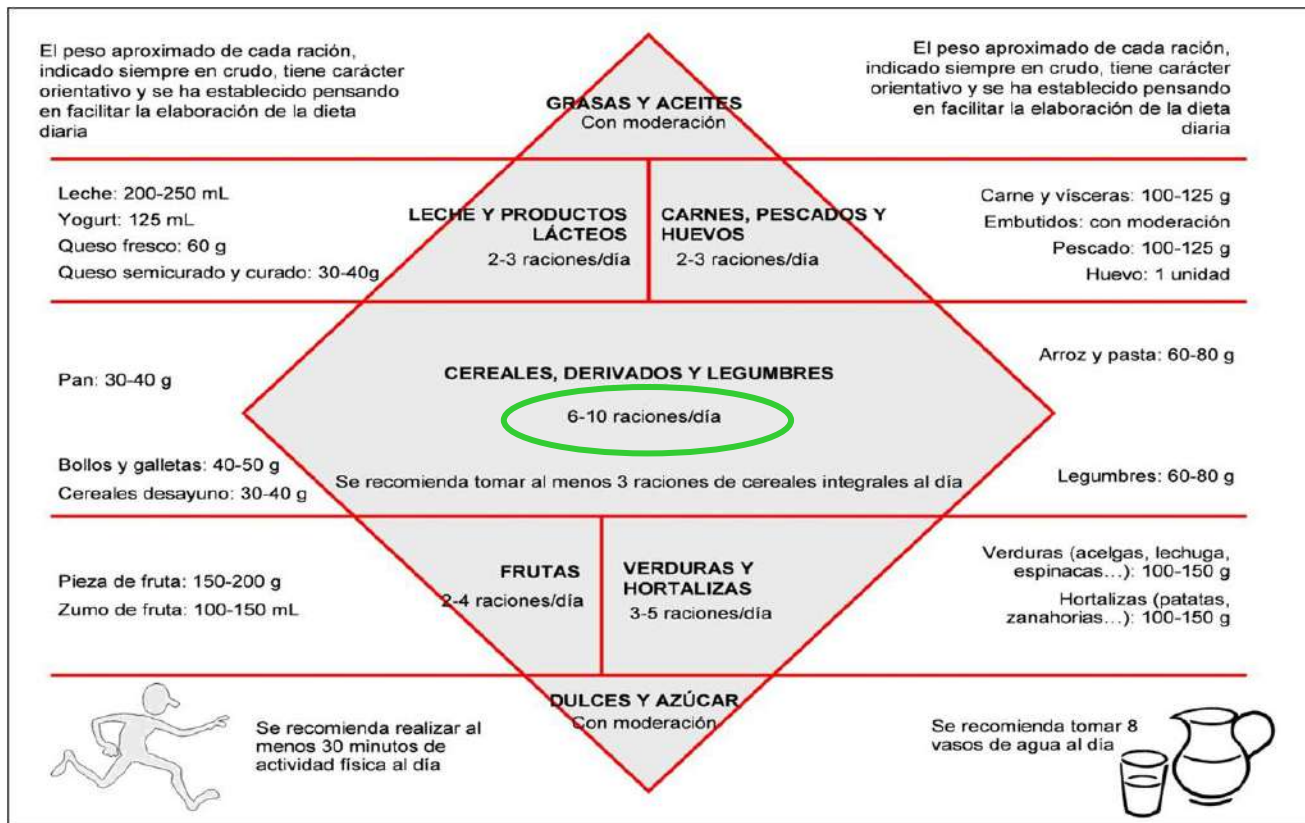


**“El plato del bien comer”
(Mexico)**

Recommendations for Cereal Consumption



The Food Rhombus (Spain)



Recommendations for Cereal Consumption

Exercise

- Adults should be physically active for at least 30 minutes most days of the week, children for 60 minutes.
- Sixty to 90 minutes of daily physical activity may be needed to prevent weight gain or sustain weight loss.



Old food pyramid

- Presented food groups as a hierarchy, with grains as the base of a healthy diet, and each group having a suggested number of servings.
- Emphasized limits on fats, oils and sweets, which were represented as the tip of the pyramid.



Oils

- Most fat should be from fish, nuts and vegetable oils.
- Limit solid fats, such as butter, margarine or lard.
- Keep consumption of saturated fats, trans fats and sodium low.
- Choose foods low in added sugar.

CATEGORY	2005	Vegetables	Fruits	Milk	Meat and beans
RECOMMENDATION	Half of all grains consumed should be whole grains.	Vary the types of vegetables you eat.	Eat a variety of fruits. Go easy on juices.	Eat low-fat or fat-free dairy products.	Eat lean cuts, seafood and beans. Avoid frying.
DAILY AMOUNT	6 oz.	2.5 cups	2 cups	3 cups	5.5 oz.

Based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

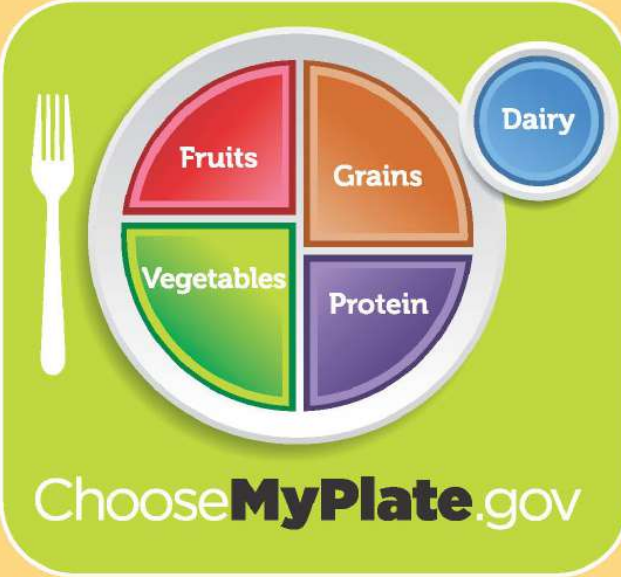
Recommended nutrient intakes at 12-calorie levels can be found on mypyramid.gov.

Recommendations for Cereal Consumption



MyPlate, My Health

Your food and physical activity choices each day affect your health—how you feel today, tomorrow and in the future. These tips and ideas are a starting point. Choose a change that you can make today, and move toward a healthier you.



Find your balance between food and physical activity

- Focus on fruit
- Vary your veggies
- Keep food safe to eat

Get your calcium-rich foods

Make at least half your grains whole grains

Go lean with protein

Make physical activity a regular part of your day.

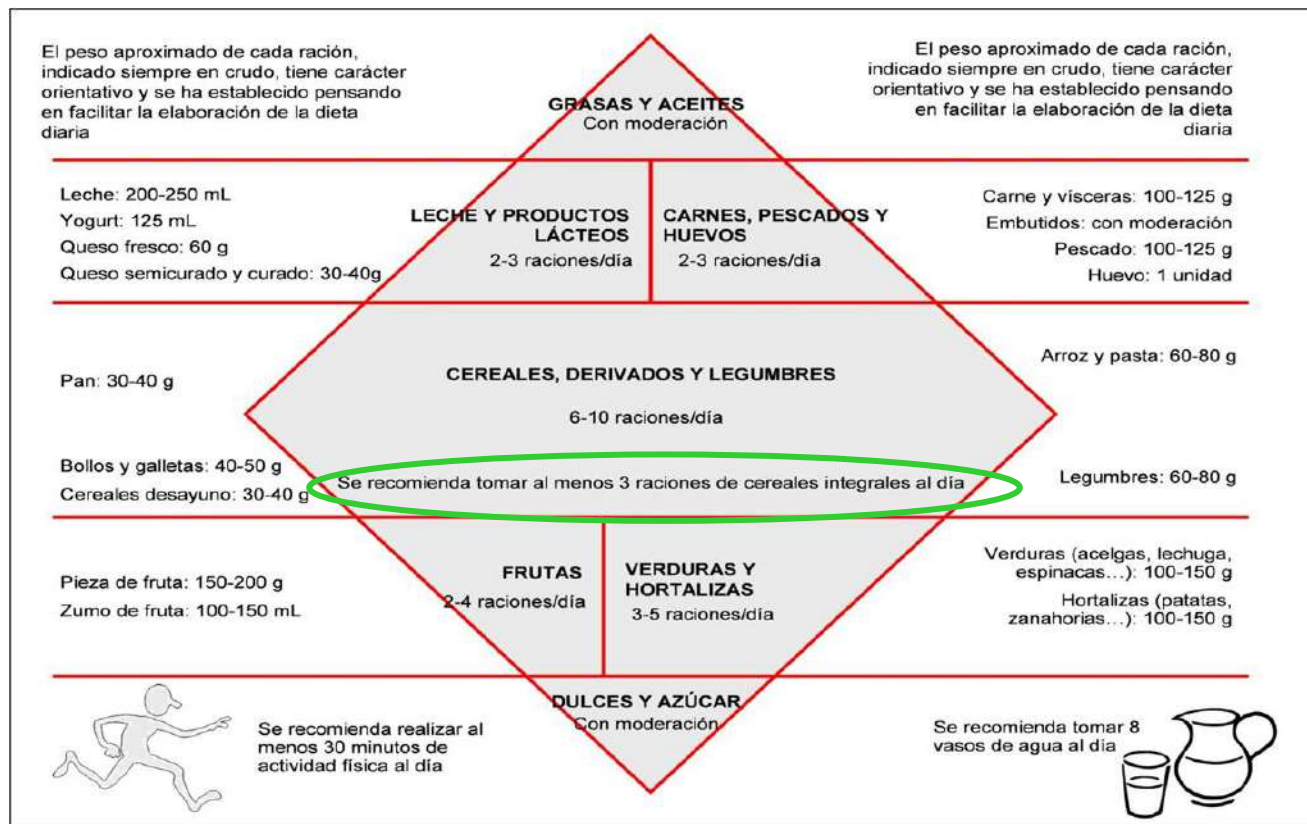
Choose activities you enjoy and can do regularly, whether it's swimming, yoga, dancing or soccer. And, encourage your family and friends to move with you. Every little bit adds up and doing something is better than doing nothing.

Choose**MyPlate**.gov

Recommendations for Cereal Consumption



The Food Rhombus (Spain)



Cereal Consumption



Cereal Consumption in Spain



Fiber intake and all-cause mortality in the Prevención con Dieta Mediterránea (PREDIMED) study¹⁻³

Pilar Buil-Cosiales, Itziar Zazpe, Estefanía Toledo, Dolores Corella, Jordi Salas-Salvadó, Javier Diez-Espino, Emilio Ros, Joaquin Fernandez-Creuet Navajas, José Manuel Santos-Lozano, Fernando Arós, Miquel Fiol, Olga Castañer, Lluís Serra-Majem, Xavier Pintó, Rosa M Lamuela-Raventós, Amelia Martí, F Javier Basterra-Gortari, José V Sorlí, Jose M^a Verdú-Rotellar, Josep Basora, Valentina Ruiz-Gutierrez, Ramón Estruch, and Miguel A Martínez-González

Am J Clin Nutr 2014;100:1498–507.

Demographic and lifestyle characteristics and daily nutrient intakes according to baseline quintiles of dietary fiber intake among participants in the PREDIMED study¹

	Quintile 1	Quintile 2	Quintile 3	Quintile 4	Quintile 5
Dietary fiber intake, ² g/d	17	21	24	28	35
<i>n</i>	1444	1443	1443	1443	1443
Age, y	67 ± 6.3 ³	67 ± 6.4	67 ± 6.1	67 ± 6.2	67 ± 6.0
Male sex, %	43	43	43	43	43
BMI, ⁴ kg/m ²	30 ± 3.9	30 ± 3.8	30 ± 3.8	30 ± 4.0	30 ± 3.8
Energy intake, kcal/d	2392 ± 539	2184 ± 534	2152 ± 526	2154 ± 523	2299 ± 557
Carbohydrate, % of energy	39 ± 7	40 ± 6	41 ± 7	43 ± 7	45 ± 7
Protein, % of energy	16 ± 3	16 ± 3	17 ± 3	17 ± 3	17 ± 3
Fat, % of energy	42 ± 7	40 ± 6	40 ± 7	38 ± 7	36 ± 6
SFAs, % of energy	11 ± 2	10 ± 2	10 ± 2	10 ± 2	9 ± 2
MUFAs, % of energy	21 ± 4	20 ± 4	20 ± 5	19 ± 4	17 ± 4
PUFAs, % of energy	6 ± 2	6 ± 2	6 ± 2	6 ± 2	6 ± 2
Refined grains, g/d	141 ± 88	132 ± 90	119 ± 91	103 ± 87	71 ± 78
Whole grains, g/d	4 ± 14	7 ± 21	17 ± 32	31 ± 45	89 ± 93

**"Influencia del consumo de
pan en la calidad de la dieta y
hábitos alimentarios de
adultos españoles.
Percepciones y conocimientos
existentes en torno a este alimento"**

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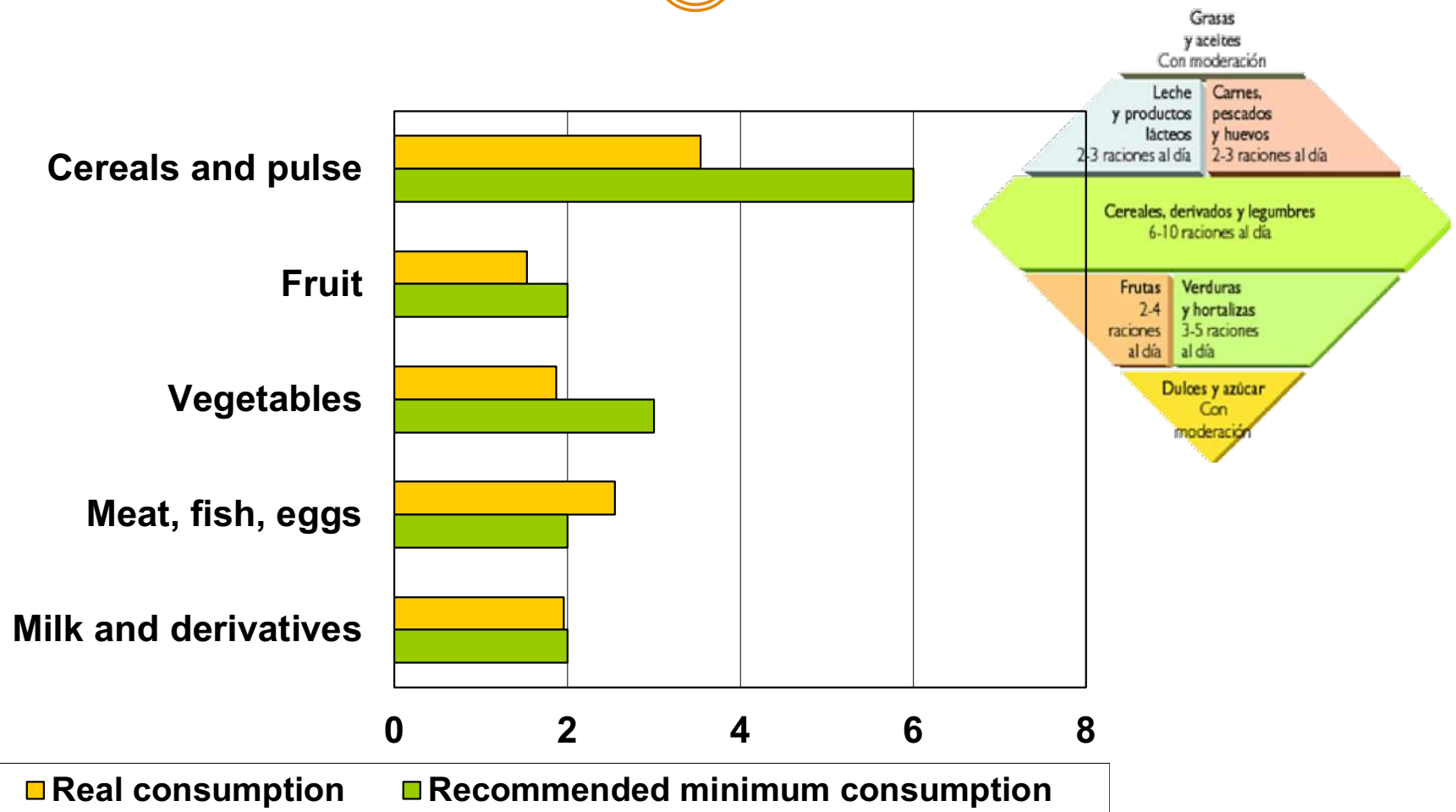
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**Population
311 adults
Age 18-50**

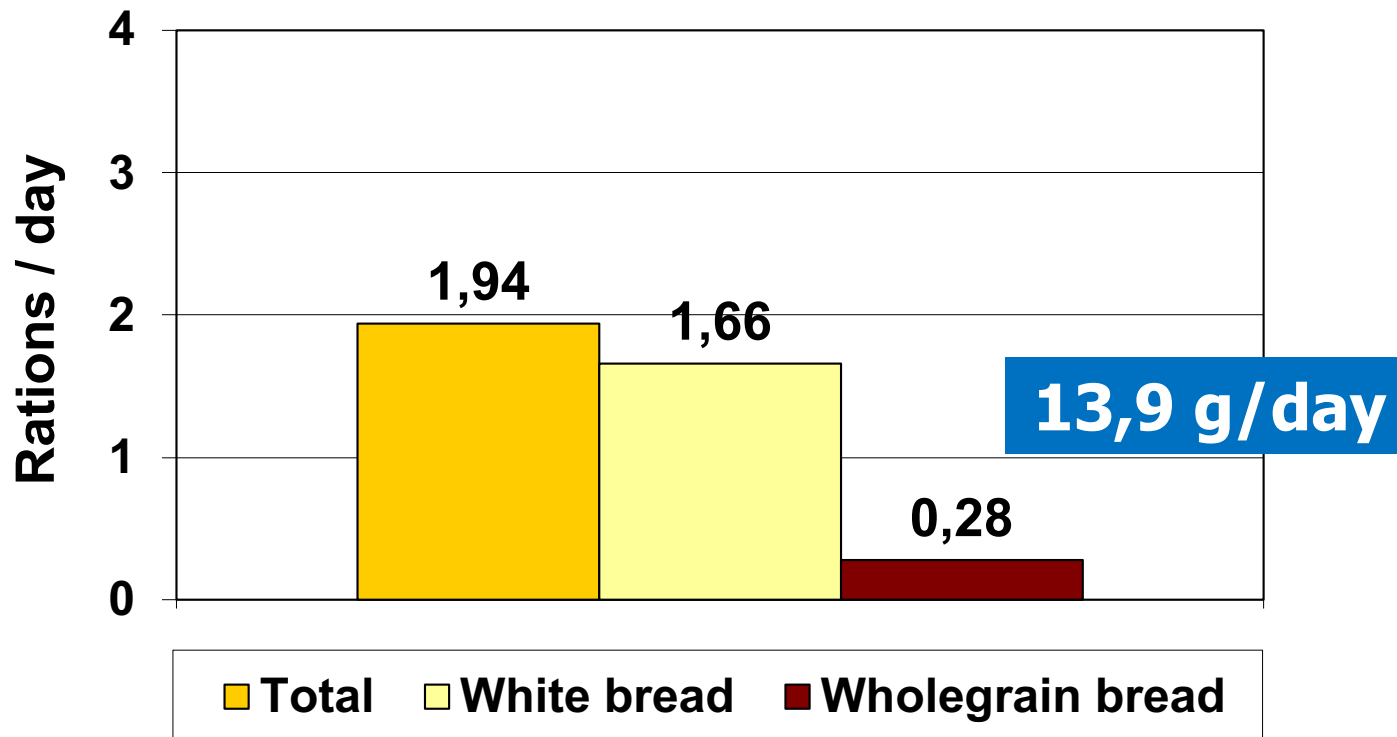
**134 men
177 women**

Food consumption (rations / day) of the studied population

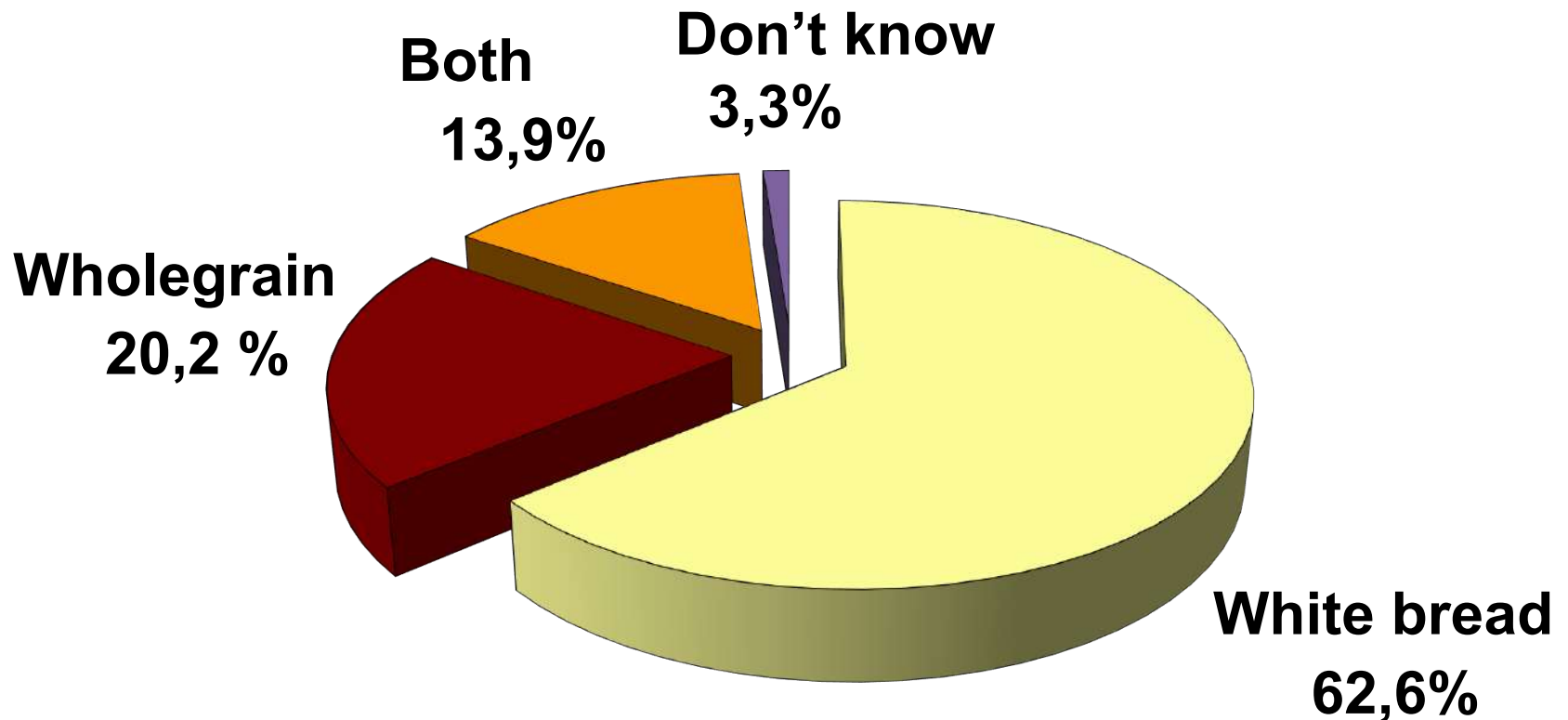


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Bread consumption (rations / day) of the studied population



Type of bread consumed (% consumers) in the studied population



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Possible causes of low cereal consumption



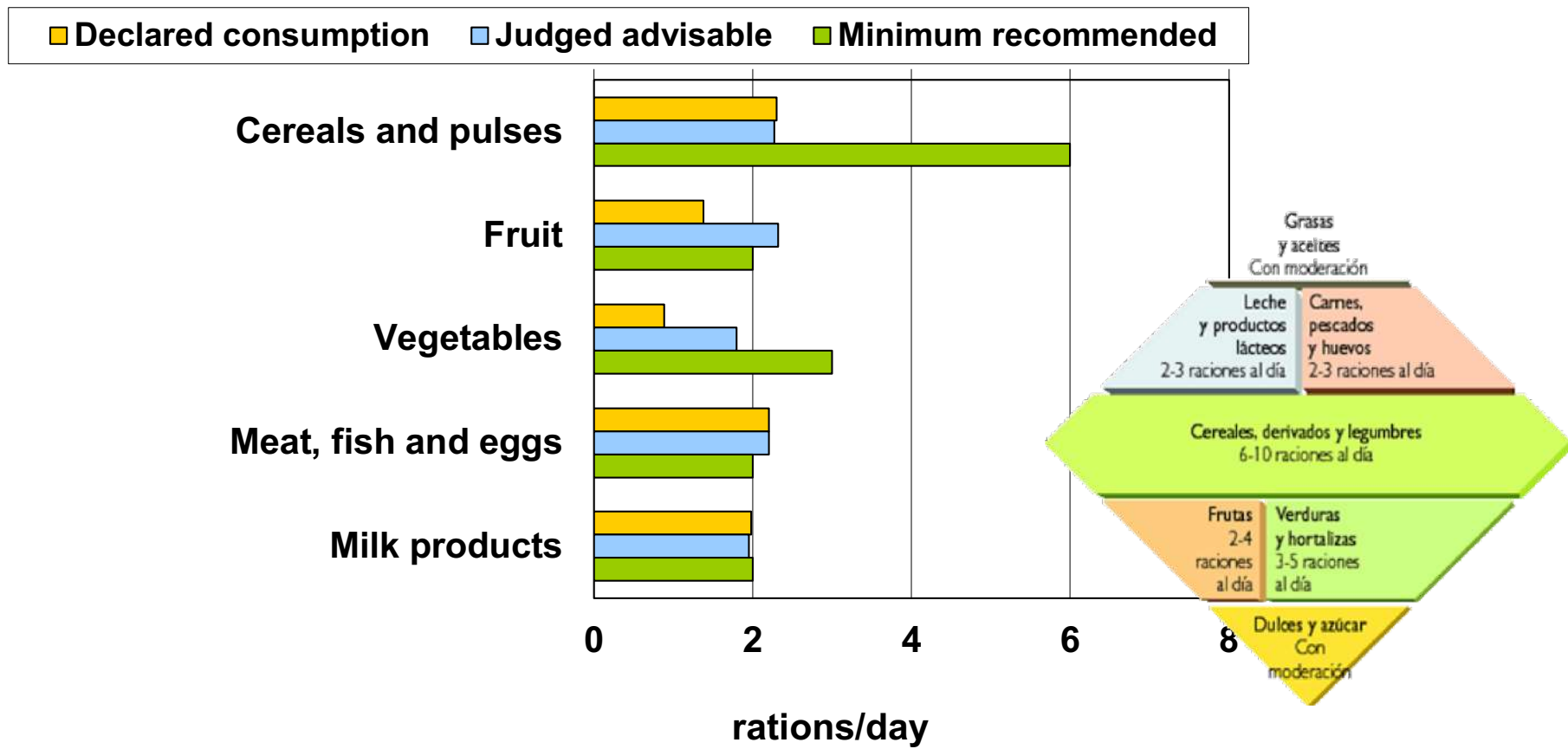
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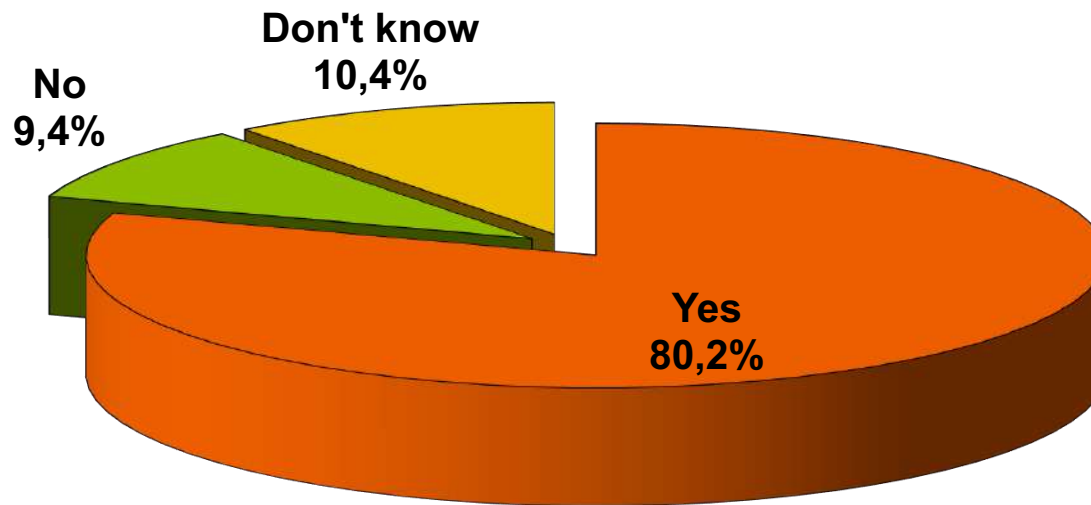


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Answer to the question: Do you think it is important to include whole grains in the diet?

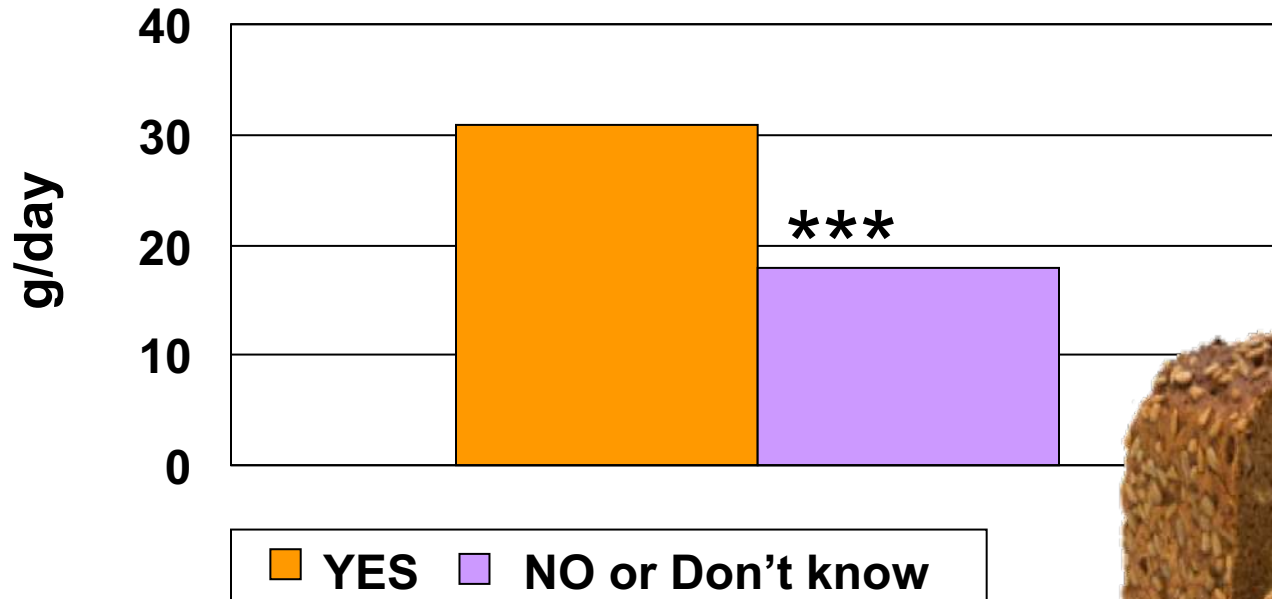


% de respuestas



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Consumption of whole grain bread (g/day) based on the answer to the question Do you think it is important to include whole grains in the diet?



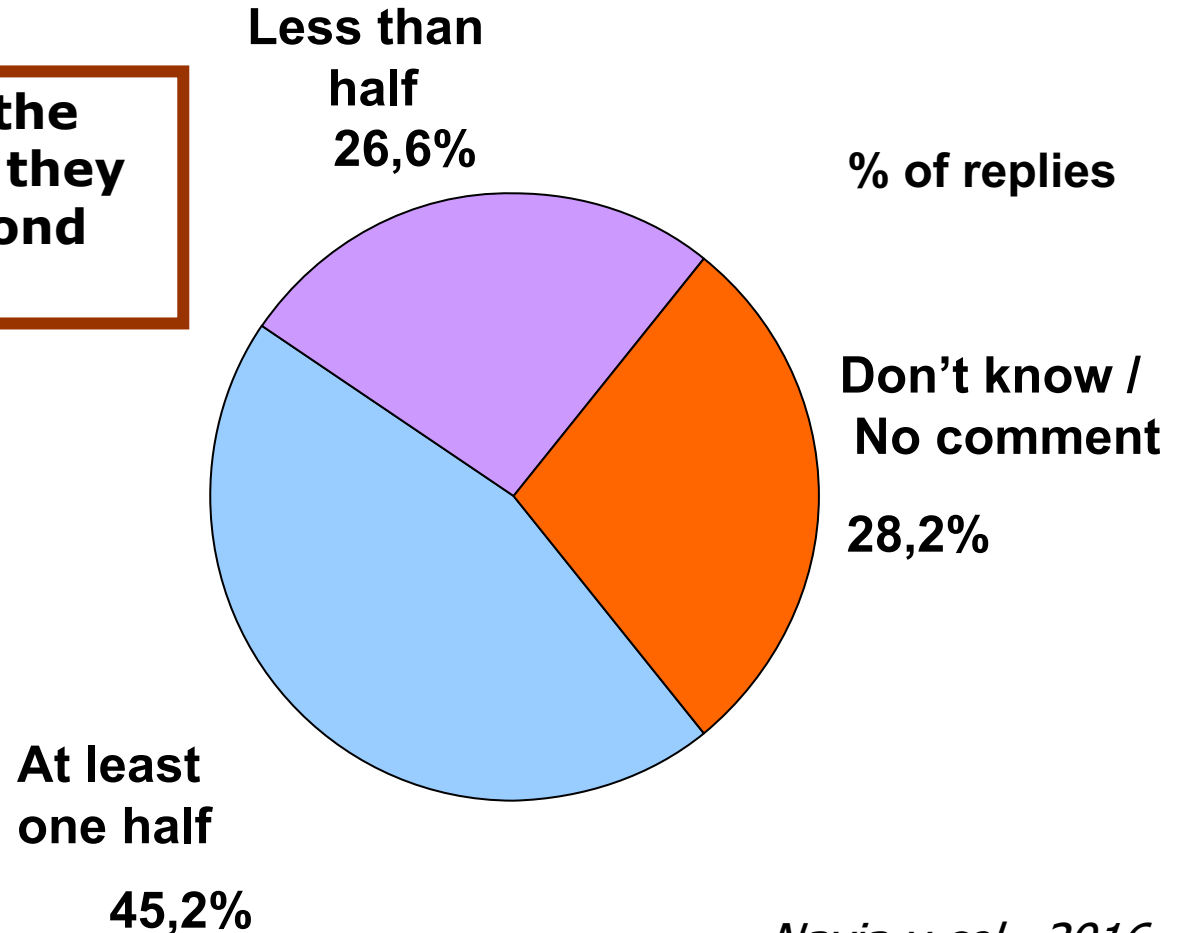
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Answer to the question: In what proportion to the total of cereals?



More than 50% of the studied subjects say they don't know or respond inaccurately.



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"Gluten-Free" Trend

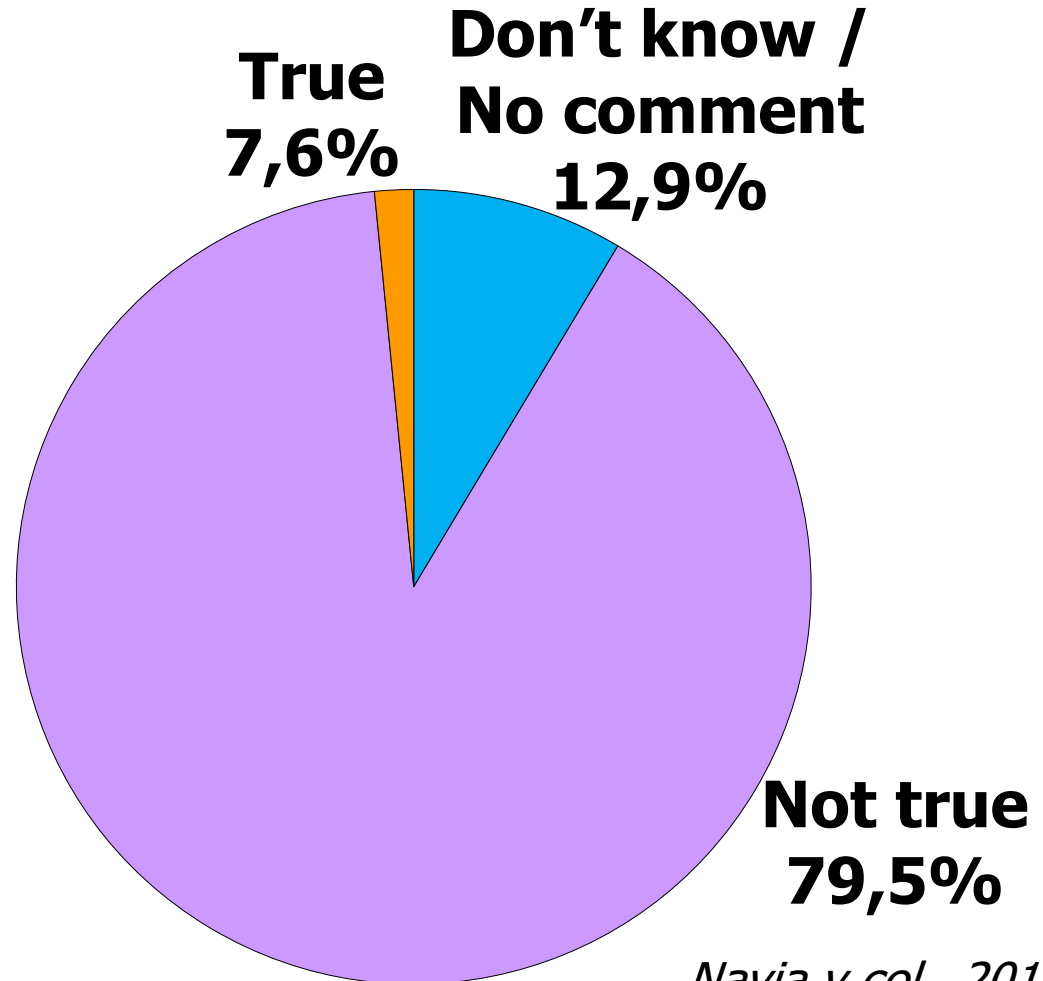


- Currently there is a trend that encourages the elimination of gluten from the diet of healthy people:
 - ✗ Lose weight
 - ✗ Feel better
 - ✗ Healthier alternative

Answer: "Gluten is harmful to health ..."



Population
311 adults
Age 18-50
134 men
177 women



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Risks and disadvantages of gluten-free diets



- Decreased palatability
- Price
- Social consequences
- Risk of eating disorders
- Interference with medical care
- Inadequacy of the diet

Possible causes of inadequate diet in gluten-free diets



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Nutritional Differences Between a Gluten-free Diet and a Diet Containing Equivalent Products with Gluten

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SETTING AND PARTICIPANTS

64 714 women in the Nurses' Health Study and 45 303

men in the Health Professionals Follow-up Study

without a history of coronary
completed a 131 item semiqu

questionnaire in 1986 that w
years through 2010.

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El gluten solo es malo para los celíacos

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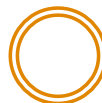
CONCLUSION

Long term dietary intake of gluten was not associated with risk of coronary heart disease. However, the

Gluten-free diets should NOT
be encouraged in people
without celiac disease

be encouraged.

The improvement may be due to ...



Improvements in the quality of the diet:

Decreased consumption of processed foods

Increased consumption of fruits, vegetables and whole grains without gluten

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Conclusions



- Cereals and bread are essential nutrients to balance the diet
- The nutritional and health benefits associated with the consumption of whole grains provide an added value to these foods
- The dietary guidelines recommend a consumption of 6 servings/day of cereals including a minimum of 3 servings/day of whole cereals
- It is desirable to spread the message and clarify misconceptions in the population