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## **Empowering the Future through Knowledge- Based Innovation in Pediatric Nutrition**



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Dear Distinguished Guests, Esteemed Scholars, and Respected Participants,

It is both a privilege and a pleasure to extend my heartfelt greetings to all of you gathered here for the First International Congress on Clinical Nutrition in Pediatric Medicine. This groundbreaking event reflects a global commitment to improving the lives of children through evidence-based nutritional care, scientific innovation, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

As the Vice President for Science, Technology, and Knowledge-Based Economy, I am proud to support initiatives that merge academic excellence with impactful, real-world outcomes. Clinical nutrition is not only a cornerstone of pediatric health but also a strategic field where science, policy, and innovation intersect to

shape a healthier and more resilient society.

This congress stands as a testament to the power of collective expertise—uniting leading researchers, pediatricians, nutritionists, and healthcare professionals to share pioneering insights and practical strategies. Such gatherings are vital platforms for translating advanced scientific knowledge into sustainable solutions for today's healthcare challenges.

I commend the dedicated organizers, scientific committees, and contributors whose tireless efforts have brought this vision to life. I am confident that the discussions and collaborations sparked here will echo far beyond the congress, influencing national policies, academic curricula, and clinical practices both regionally and globally.

Let us continue to invest in knowledge-driven innovation, foster scientific entrepreneurship, and cultivate a future where every child has the opportunity to thrive.

With deep respect and warm regards,



## Clinical Nutrition: The Foundation of Children's Health—A Novel Approach for a Healthy Future



**Dr. Mohammad Mehdi Nasehi** *President of the First Congress on Clinical Nutrition in Pediatric Medicine* 

Dear Esteemed Professors, Colleagues, Students, and Respected Attendees,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the inaugural Congress on Clinical Nutrition in Pediatric Medicine, where we gather in the company of leading thinkers, specialists, and dedicated professionals committed to advancing child health.

This landmark event is the culmination of dedicated efforts by seasoned professors, indefatigable researchers, and the steadfast support of academic and executive institutions—all united by a shared passion for nurturing the next generation through enhanced nutritional knowledge. Clinical nutrition, particularly in the formative years of childhood, is pivotal to the well-being of our

society now and in the future. Here, we have a prime opportunity to exchange groundbreaking discoveries, tackle pressing challenges, and explore practical solutions that will elevate standards in nutritional care.

In an era of rapid medical progress and heightened awareness, the vital role of targeted nutrition in preventing and managing pediatric diseases has never been clearer. Through partnerships with university centers, researchers, pediatric experts, nutrition specialists, and industry leaders, this congress aims to seamlessly blend science with practice, illuminating paths to better quality of life for children. The insights from our discussions will undoubtedly resonate far beyond clinical practice, influencing health policies on a larger scale.

I extend my sincere gratitude to our spiritual and financial supporters, the distinguished professors, researchers, and students whose insightful contributions and vibrant participation have enriched this gathering. Special thanks also go to the scientific and executive committees for their selfless and tireless work in making this a success. May this congress spark enduring interdisciplinary partnerships and drive innovative shifts in pediatric clinical nutrition, paving the way for a healthier, more vibrant future for generations to come.

With warm regards,

Welcome Message



Dr. Pejman Rohani Scientific Secretary of the First Congress on Clinical Nutrition in Pediatric Medicine

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Medical Sciences

It is my great honor, as the Scientific Secretary of this inaugural event, to welcome an esteemed assembly of leading scholars, researchers, and practitioners in the field of pediatric nutrition. This congress, proudly held with the support of the European Society for Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (ESPGHAN), has been thoughtfully designed to bridge the essential gap between cutting-edge research and everyday clinical practice, integrating the latest scientific advancements into practical, actionable strategies that can truly transform child health.

Here's what you can look forward to at this congress:

- Engaging presentations on the most recent research into nutritional needs for children across various age groups
- In-depth explorations of diagnostic and therapeutic challenges in clinical nutrition
- Introductions to practical protocols aimed at enhancing the nutritional status of children facing illnesses
- Dynamic forums for open dialogue among researchers, pediatric specialists, and nutrition experts

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the speakers and researchers whose invaluable submissions have ensured the scientific excellence and depth of this event. I also commend the review committee for their meticulous and fair evaluation of the papers, which has been instrumental in shaping such a high-caliber program.

I am optimistic that this congress will:

- Foster broader interdisciplinary collaborations and partnerships
- O Spark innovative research questions and fresh perspectives
- O Ultimately elevate the standards of nutritional care for children worldwide Through our collective dedication and shared passion, we will harness the power of science to support and safeguard the health of future generations.

Welcome Message





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## Venue: Main Hall Day 1: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Opening Ceremony and Keynote Lecture
Opening Session

08:00-10:00

Break

10:00-10:30

## Panel 1: Nutrition in Gastrointestinal Diseases 10:30-12:30

#### Main Hall

Panel Chair: Dr. Mehri Najafi Sani

Panel Members: Dr. Pejman Rohani, Dr. Fatemeh Famouri, Dr. Farzaneh Motamed, Dr. Maryam Mahmoudi, Dr. Iva Hojsak

	Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
	Dr. Iva Hojsak	Nutritional Management in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)	Education Secretary for Nutrition, ESPGHAN	10:30-10:55
	Dr. Pejman Rohani	Probiotics and Prebiotics in Pediatric Gastrointestinal Health	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	10:55-11:20
	Dr. Fatemeh Famouri	Nutritional Management and New Horizons in Celiac Disease and Gluten-Free Diets	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Isfahan University of Medical Sciences	11:20-11:45
	Dr. Maryam Mahmoudi	Diet Therapy in Cystic Fibrosis	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	11:45-12:10
		Panel Discussion (Q&A)		12:10-12:30
		Lunch & Prayer Break		12:30-13:30



#### Day 1: Wednesday

## Panel 2: Nutrition in Hepatic and Pancreatic Diseases 13:30-15:30

#### **Main Hall**

Panel Chair: Dr. Fatemeh Farahmand
Panel Members: Dr. Parastoo Ashtijoo, Dr. Shokoufeh Ahmadipour, Dr. Maryam
Gholami, Dr. Abolfazl Iranikhah

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Parastoo Ashtijoo	Nutritional Management in Cholestatic Liver Disease	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	13:30-13:55
Dr. Shokoofeh Ahmadipour	Nutrition and Diet Therapy in Acute and Chronic Liver Diseases	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Lorestan University of Medical Sciences	13:55-14:20
Dr. Maryam Gholami	Nutrition and Diet Therapy in Pancreatic Diseases	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Kerman University of Medical Sciences	14:20-14:45
Dr. Abolfazl Iranikhah	Nutrition in Children with Chronic Diarrhea	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Qom University of Medical Sciences	14:45-15:10

Panel Discussion (Q&A)

15:10-15:30

#### Day 1: Wednesday

## Panel 3: Nutrition in Immune and Allergic Disorders 15:30-17:30

#### **Main Hall**

Panel Chair: Dr. Shamsolah Nooripour
Panel Members: Dr. Reza Shiari, Dr. Azita Hekmatdoust, Dr. Seyed Davar Siadat,
Dr. Vadood JavadiParvaneh

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time	
Dr. Reza Shiari	Dietary Approaches in Pediatric Rheumatologic and Autoimmune Diseases	Pediatric Rheumatologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	15:30-15:55	
Dr. Azita Hekmatdoust	Role of Nutrition in Prevention and Treatment of Food Allergies	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	15:55-16:20	
Dr. Seyed Davar Siadat	Gut Microbiome in Immune Strengthening and Allergic Diseases	Microbiologist Pasteur Institute of Iran	16:20-16:45	
Dr. Shamsolah Nooripour	Prevention of Allergic Diseases in Infancy: Focus on Maternal and Infant Nutrition	Neonatologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	16:45-17:10	
	Panel Discussion	(Q&A)	17:10-17:30	



#### Day 2: Thursday September 25, 2025

### Panel 4: Pediatric Obesity 08:00-10:00

#### **Main Hall**

Panel Chairs: Dr. Hossein Imani, Dr. Hamid Zand
Panel Members: Dr. Atieh Mehdizadeh, Dr. Somaye Fatahi, Dr. Kurosh Jafarian

	Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
	Dr. Atieh Mehdizadeh	Evaluation and Diagnosis of Obesity: Differentiating Monogenic and Polygenic Forms	Nutrition Specialist Mashhad University of Medical Sciences	08:00-08:20
C	Or. Somaye Fatahi	Novel Nutritional Approaches to Obesity Prevention and Treatment	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	08:20-08:40
[	Or. Hossein Imani	Pharmacological and Surgical Treatments: Emerging Horizons	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	08:40-09:00
	Dr. Hamid Zand	Mechanisms and Factors Contributing to Diet Resistance in Weight Loss	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	09:00-09:20
D	r. Kurosh Jafarian	Role of Physical Activity Interventions in Pediatric Obesity Management	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	09:20-09:40
	Panel Discussion (Q&A)			
	Break			10:00-10:30

#### Day 2: Thursday

#### **Panel 5: Prevention and Management of Obesity-Related**

#### Comorbidities 10:30-12:30

#### Main Hall

Panel Chair: Dr. Farzad Shidfar

Panel Members: Dr. Alireza Norouzi, Dr. Mohammad Javad Hosseinzadeh Attar, Dr. Zahra Soltantooyeh, Dr. Golaleh Asghari , Dr. Elma Izze da Silva Magalhães

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Alireza Norouzi	Pediatric Obesity and Cardiometabolic Diseases	Pediatric Cardiologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	10:30-10:50
Dr. Mohammad Javad Hosseinzadeh Attar	Nutritional Management of Non- Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease in Children	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	10:50-11:10
Dr. Zahra Soltantooyeh	The Role of Obesity in Pediatric Sleep- Related Breathing Disorders	Pediatric Sleep Medicine Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	11:10-11:30
Dr. Golaleh Asghari	Nutritional Management of Pre- Diabetes and Type 2 Diabetes in Children	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	11:30-11:50
Dr. Elma Izze da Silva Magalhães	Taste Genes and Food Preferences in Children: From Genetics to Healthy Growth	Postdoctoral Researcher in Food, Nutrition, and Health Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil	11:50-12:10
Panel Discussion (Q&A)			12:10-12:30
Lunch & Prayer Break			12:30-13:30



#### Day 2: Thursday

### Panel 6: Nutrition in Growth and Development 13:30-15:30

#### **Main Hall**

Panel Chair: Dr. Naser Kalantari
Panel Members: Dr. Bahar Allahverdi, Dr. Ahmad Esmailzadeh,
Dr. Morteza Abdollahi, Dr. Sanja Kolacek

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time	
Dr. Bahar Allahverdi	From Weaning to Solid Foods: Nutrition's Role in the First 1000 Days of Life	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	13:30-13:50	
Dr. Ahmad Esmailzadeh	Role of Nutrition and Supplements in Improving Linear and Weight Growth in Children	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	13:50-14:10	
Dr. Naser Kalantari	Management of Acute Malnutrition in Hospitalized Children	Pediatric Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	14:10-14:30	
Dr. Morteza Abdollahi	Optimal Dietary Patterns for Growing Children in Low-Income Settings	Public Health Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	14:30-14:50	
Dr. Sanja Kolacek	Role of bioactive nutrients in nutrition of infants, with the special emphasis on human milk oligosacharrides (HMO).	Professor of Pediatrics from the Medical University of Zagreb Former President of ESPGHAN	14:50-15:10	
Panel Discussion (Q&A)		Q&A)	15:10-15:30	

#### Day 2: Thursday

## Panel 7: Nutrition in Critical Care and Surgery 15:30-17:30

#### **Main Hall**

Panel Chair: Dr. Farhad Abolhasan Chobdar

Panel Members: Dr. Bahareh Yaghmaei, Dr. Behzad Barekatain, Dr. Saeid Hadi, Dr. Behdad Gharib, Dr. Masoud Mohammad Pour

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Bahareh Yaghmaei	Nutritional Management in Ventilated Pediatric Patients	Pediatric Intensive Care Fellow Tehran University of Medical Sciences	15:30-15:55
Dr. Behzad Barekatain	Nutrition in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU)	Neonatologist Isfahan University of Medical Sciences	15:55-16:20
Dr. Saeid Hadi	Nutritional Management in Children with Short Bowel Syndrome	Nutrition Specialist Aja University of medical science	16:20-16:45
Dr. Behdad Gharib	Nutritional Management in Pediatric Chylothorax	Pediatric Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	16:45-17:10
Panel Discussion (Q&A)		17:10-17:30	



#### Day 3: Friday September 26, 2025

## Panel 8: Nutrition in Cancer and Transplantation 08:00-10:00

#### Main Hall

Panel Chair: Dr. Maryam Behfar
Panel Members: Dr. Mohsen Mohammadi, Dr. Somayyeh Asghari, Dr. Amir Ali
Hamidieh, Dr. MohammadHassan Sohouli

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time	
Dr. Mohsen Mohammadi	The Role of Supportive Nutrition in Cancer-Related Cachexia in Children	Nutrition Specialist Shiraz University of Medical Sciences	08:00-08:25	
Dr. Somayyeh Asghari	Challenges and Strategies for Nutritional Management in Childhood Cancer Survivors	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	08:25-08:50	
Dr. Amir Ali Hamidieh	Nutritional Management and Challenges in Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplantation	Pediatric Hematologist- Oncologist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	08:50-09:15	
Dr. MohammadHassan Sohouli	Nutritional Issues in Graft-versus-Host Disease (GVHD)	Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	09:15-09:40	
	09:40-10:00			
	Break		10:00-10:30	

#### Day 3: Friday

## Panel 9: Nutrition in Neurological Disorders 10:30-12:30

#### **Main Hall**

Panel Chair: Dr. Mohammad Mehdi Nasehi Panel Members: Dr. Parvaneh Karimzadeh, Dr. Narjes Jafari, Dr. Faezeh Ghanaati, Dr. Sayed Hossein Davoodi, Dr. Hanieh-Sadat Ejtahed

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Parvaneh Karimzadeh	Nutritional Approaches for Refractory Epilepsy in Children	Pediatric Neurologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	10:30-10:50
Dr. Narjes Jafari	Dietary Interventions in Neuromuscular Disorders in Children	Pediatric Neurologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	10:50-11:10
Dr. Faezeh Ghanaati	Nutritional Management in Pediatric Multiple Sclerosis (MS)	Pediatric Neurologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	11:10-11:30
Dr. Sayed Hossein Davoodi	Priority Effects in Microbiome Assembly	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	11:30-11:50
Dr. Hanieh-Sadat Ejtahed	Gut Microbiome and Neurodevelopmental Health in Children	Biomedical Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences	11:50-12:10
Panel Discussion (Q&A)			12:10-12:30
Closing Ceremony			12:30-13:30



#### Side Hall Program

First Congress on Clinical Nutrition in Pediatric Medicine Workshops & Special Sessions

Day 1 - Afternoon

Oral Presentations: Selected Research Papers 13:30-16:30

Side Hall

Day 2: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Workshop 1: Picky Eating in Children - Diagnosis, Treatment, and Multidisciplinary Intervention 08:00-10:00

#### Side Hall

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Bahareh Imani	The Role of Nutrition Therapists in Assessing and Managing Picky Eating	Pediatric Specialist Mashhad University of Medical Sciences	08:00-09:00
Dr. Nahid Jalilevand	Management of Picky Eating from a Swallowing Therapist's Perspective	Speech Therapist Iran University of Medical Sciences	09:00-10:00

## Workshop 2: Introduction to Pediatric Formula Products and Common Supplements

10:30-12:30

#### **Side Hall**

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Somaye Fatahi	An Overview of Clinical Formulas Used in Pediatric Practice	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	10:30-11:30
Dr. Mohammad Hassan Sohouli	Common Pediatric Supplements: Efficacy and Application	Pediatric Nutrition Specialist Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Children's Medical Center	11:30-12:30

## Workshop 3: Nutrition in Metabolic Disorders 13:30-17:00

#### **Side Hall**

Break & Refreshments			15:30-16:00
Speaker(s) Title		Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Hedieh Saneifard Dr. Maryam	Nutritional Strategies for Children with Lipid Metabolism Disorders	Medical Sciences	13:30-14:30
Khazdouz		Nutrition Specialist Iran University of Medical Sciences	
Dr. Shadab Salehpour Dr. Golaleh Asghari	Diet Therapy in Amino Acid Metabolism Disorders	Pediatric Endocrinologist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	14:30-15:30
	Break		15:30-16:00
Dr. Parastoo Rostami	Diet Therapy in Carbohydrate	Pediatric Endocrinologist Tehran University of Medical	16:00-17:00
Dr. Maryam Behrooz	Metabolism Disorders	Nutrition Specialist SciencesTabriz University of Medical Sciences	10.00 17.00

#### Day 3: Friday September 26, 2025

#### Workshop 4: Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition in Pediatric

Intensive Care

#### **Side Hall**

Speaker	Title	Specialty & Affiliation	Time
Dr. Zahra Vahdat Shariatpanahi	Enteral and Parenteral Nutrition in Pediatric Care	Nutrition Specialist Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences	08:00-09:00
Dr. Fereshteh Karbasian	Managing Gastrointestinal Complications in Pediatric Intensive Care	Pediatric Gastroenterologist Iran University of Medical Sciences	09:00-10:00





Expression pattern of miR-193a, miR122, miR155, miR-15a, and miR146a in peripheral blood mononuclear cells of children with obesity and their relation to some metabolic and inflammatory biomarkers

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and aim:** The widespread presence of childhood obesity has increased considerably over three decades. The present study was designed to investigate expression patterns of miR-146a, miR-155, miR-15a, miR-193a, and miR-122 in peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMCs) in children who are obese along with their association with metabolic and inflammatory biomarkers.

**Methods:** Ninety test subjects were admitted. The profile of blood pressure, resting energy expenditure (REE), anthropometric measures, body composition, dietary intakes, physical activity levels, insulin, and lipid profile, fasting blood glucose (FBG), high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP), and pubertal stage have been measured. Total RNA (including small RNAs) was extracted from PBMCs. The expression levels of miRNAs were measured by stem-loop RT-qPCR.

**Results:** The miR-155a expression level was significantly lower in obese children, children with high hs-CRP, and children with high-fat mass. Obese girls had significantly higher PBMC levels of miR-122. MiR-155a had a significant negative association with fasting insulin, HOMA-IR, and hs-CRP. There were significant positive associations between miR-193a and miR-122 expression levels and fasting insulin, HOMA-IR, and TG. MiR-15a was positively correlated with fasting insulin and HOMA-IR. Children with metabolic syndrome, insulin resistance, and high-fat mass had higher PBMC levels of miR-122 and miR-193a. Higher miR-193a and miR-122



levels were also detected in PBMCs of children with fast REE, compared to those with slow REE, and the subjects with high hs-CRP, respectively. *Conclusion:* lower level of miR-155 expression in obese subjects and significant associations unfolds the need for more studies to detect the possible underlying mechanisms.

**Keywords:** obesity, miRNAs, children, metabolic syndrome, adolescents

## The Relationship Between nutrient patterns and muscle mass, fat mass, and BMI of Iranian students

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#### Abstract

**Background and Aim:** The quantity and composition of breakfast impact body composition. Obese and overweight children are vulnerable to many metabolic diseases. This study aimed to examine the association between breakfast quality and body composition in school-aged children. **Methods:** This cross-sectional study was conducted on 476 boys and girls

aged 14 to 18 from four schools in Jahrom. The frequency and nutritional content of the diet, as well as information about body composition, economic status, and anthropometric measurements, were collected. **Results:** Students were classified into tertiles by anthropometric indices. Eight major nutrition patterns were identified. In the second BMI tertile, a significant positive association was identified between high adherence to NP6, which was significantly loaded with docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), and the risk of obesity, with an increase of over 90% in the crude model (Crude: OR 1.97; 95% CI 1.12–3.47). This association remained significant, showing a 190% increase in risk, even after adjusting for all potential confounding factors in Model 3 (OR 2.91; 95% CI 1.14–7.42). Also, in the first tertile of muscle mass, a significant positive

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association was observed between the second tertile of NP5, which was rich in fat, monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), and sodium, and muscle mass, with an increase of over 100% in the crude model (Crude: OR 2.01; 95% CI 1.13–3.59). This association remained significant, showing at least a 130% increase in muscle mass, even after full adjustment for potential confounding factors (Model 3: OR 2.38; 95% CI 1.23–4.60). Similarly, high adherence to NP3 tertile results became statistically significant in the second tertile of muscle mass after adjusting for confounders, showing a 115% increase in muscle mass in Model 3 (OR 2.15; 95% CI 1.04–4.46). No significant associations were found between the different NPs and the tertiles of fat mass.

**Conclusion:** The current study identified eight distinct nutritional patterns. Following nutrient patterns rich in MUFAs, cysteine, selenium, magnesium, phosphorus, copper, and vitamin B9 was linked to greater muscle mass in students. Conversely, nutrient patterns high in EPA and DHA were associated with an elevated risk of obesity. Further research, especially prospective studies, is necessary to validate these results. **Keywords:** Nutrition pattern, Dietary pattern, Body Composition, Nutrition, Obesity, Malnutrition

#### Eating speed in relation to obesity in Children Aged 9–13 Years: A Cross-Sectional Study

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#### Abstract

**Background and Aim:** Eating speed has received attention as a behavioral factor associated with obesity in recent studies. However, this association had not been thoroughly investigated in pediatrics. Therefore, this study aimed to assess the relationship between eating speed and obesity in children aged 9 to 13 years.

**Methods:** This cross-sectional study was performed in the nutrition clinic center in Mashhad, Iran. In this study, which was followed by assessments



of weight and height, the body mass index (BMI)-for-age Z-score was obtained using AnthroPlus software, introduced by the World Health Organization (WHO). In addition, BMI Z-scores > +2 were considered as obesity. Eating speed was subjectively assessed by asking the participants to classify their eating pace as slow, moderate, or fast. The association between the speed of eating and obesity was assessed by performing multivariable analysis along with adjustments for the effects of cofounders, including age, sex, and physical activity.

**Results:** Among the 145 children who were involved in our studies, 49% had obesity. Also, 22.8%, 43.4%, and 33.8% of them reported their speed of eating as slow, moderate, and fast. Furthermore, a significant difference was detected in the speed of eating between children with obesity and other children. This study showed that a higher speed of eating was significantly related to increased odds of obesity ( $P_{Trend} < 0.001$ ). Multivariable analysis revealed that the highest tertile speed of eating was significantly associated with the 25.64 increased odds of obesity compared to the first tertile in the crude and adjusted models (OR = 25.64, 95% CI: 7.31 to 89.90, P < 0.001).

**Conclusion:** This cross-sectional study revealed that a higher speed of eating was significantly associated with obesity among children aged 9 to 13 years old. However, interpretation of these findings needs caution due to the limited sample size. It's suggested to conduct large-cohort studies in the future to reach a firm conclusion regarding this relationship.

## Investigating the Link between Food Insecurity and Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes: Insights from a Cohort Study

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and Aim:** Food insecurity during pregnancy can lead to inadequate intake of essential nutrients, including proteins, vitamins, and minerals, which may adversely affect the health and well-being of both the mother and the developing fetus. The objective of this study was to examine the association between food insecurity and birth outcomes including preterm delivery, LBW (low birth weight), and birth size.

**Methods:** This study utilized a prospective cohort design involving pregnant women less than 16 weeks gestation who visited health-treatment centers in Asadabad city from February 2023 to February 2025. Participants were tracked from the time they enrolled until childbirth, with follow-up periods varying between five and eight months.

**Results:** The prevalence of food insecurity among pregnant women was 53.6%. There was no significant association between complications including preterm birth (OR: 0.54, 95% CI 0.06 to 4.26; P= 0.56) and LBW (OR: 0.61, 95% CI 0.23 to 1.69; P= 0.31) with food insecurity. Birth measurements, including birth weight (3.20 $\pm$ 0.43 vs. 3.22 $\pm$ 0.49 kg; p=0.79), length (49.62 $\pm$ 4.99 vs. 49.91 $\pm$ 1.83 cm; p=0.56), and head circumference (34.70 $\pm$ 1.21 vs. 34.78 $\pm$ 1.14 cm; p=0.52), showed no significant differences between the FIS and FS groups.

**Conclusion:** No significant association was observed between food insecurity in pregnant women and the risk of preterm birth, LBW, or neonatal measurements such as weight, length, and head circumference. These results may reflect the complexity of these outcomes, which are likely influenced by a combination of biological, psychological, social, and economic factors, with food insecurity alone not being a sole determinant. **Keywords:** Food insecurity, preterm birth, birth sizes

## **Abstracts**

## Effect of Sensory Play-Based Intervention on Food Fussiness in Preschool Children: A Pilot Study

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#### **Abstract:**

**Background and Aim:** Food fussiness is one of the most common feeding difficulties in early childhood and has been linked to both inadequate nutrient intake and risk of obesity. Traditional interventions often fail to address the sensory and behavioral roots of picky eating. Sensory play-based therapy, which incorporates food exploration through touch, smell, and playful interaction, has been proposed as a promising approach. This study aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of an 8-week sensory play-based intervention on reducing food fussiness and improving eating behaviors



among preschool children.

**Methods:** A quasi-experimental study was conducted on 30 children aged 18–36 months (mean age 27.4 ± 5.6 months), recruited from a community nutrition clinic. Inclusion criteria were: refusal of multiple food textures, limited dietary variety, and parental concern regarding picky eating. Exclusion criteria included medical or developmental disorders affecting feeding. The intervention lasted 8 weeks and consisted of: • Weekly inperson group workshops (1 hour, play-based exposure to foods). • Daily home-based sensory play activities, provided to parents through structured guidelines. Parental compliance was monitored by weekly logs. Outcome measure: The Children's Eating Behaviour Questionnaire (CEBQ) was administered at baseline and after 8 weeks. Subscales analyzed included Food Fussiness (FF), Food Responsiveness (FR), and Enjoyment of Food (EF). Anthropometric measures (weight-for-age, BMI-for-age percentile) were recorded. Data were analyzed using paired t-tests. Statistical significance was defined as p < 0.05.

**Results:** Of the 30 enrolled participants, 28 completed the study (dropout rate 6.6%). At baseline, mean Food Fussiness scores were  $4.2 \pm 0.6$ . After the intervention, Food Fussiness significantly decreased to  $2.8 \pm 0.7$  (p < 0.001). Enjoyment of Food increased from  $2.9 \pm 0.5$  to  $3.8 \pm 0.6$  (p = 0.002). Food Responsiveness showed a modest but significant improvement (3.1  $\pm$  0.7 vs.  $3.6 \pm 0.8$ , p = 0.04). Parents reported reduced mealtime conflict and increased willingness of children to self-feed. Anthropometric data showed no significant changes in BMI-for-age percentile (baseline: 75.6  $\pm$  14.2 vs. post-intervention: 74.8  $\pm$  13.7, p = 0.32), suggesting behavioral improvements occurred without adverse growth effects.

**Conclusion:** This pilot study demonstrates that an 8-week sensory play-based intervention can significantly reduce food fussiness and improve positive eating behaviors in toddlers. While changes in BMI were not observed, improvements in food acceptance and mealtime interaction suggest sensory strategies may complement standard nutritional counseling. These findings highlight the potential of sensory play therapy as a low-cost, family-centered, and effective approach for managing picky eating in early childhood. Larger randomized controlled trials are warranted to confirm these results and assess long-term effects.

**Keywords:** Child, Preschool; Feeding Behavior; Food Preferences; Pediatric Obesity; Play Therapy; Sensory Processing



The association between Children's dietary inflammatory index and the odds of metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease in overweight and obese children and adolescents: A Cross-Sectional Mediation Analysis

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and Aim:** Metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease (MAFLD) is a growing health concern among overweight and obese children. Chronic systemic inflammation is central to its pathogenesis, and diet is a key modifiable determinant. The Children's Dietary Inflammatory Index (C-DII), an age-specific tool for quantifying dietary inflammatory potential, has not been evaluated in relation to pediatric MAFLD. This study aimed to investigate the association between C-DII and the odds of MAFLD in overweight and obese Iranian children and adolescents, and to examine whether consumption of nutrient-poor snacks and confectionery mediates this relationship.

**Methods:** In this cross-sectional study, 505 participants aged 7–18 years were recruited from a pediatric obesity registry. Dietary intake was assessed using a validated 147-item food frequency questionnaire, and C-DII scores were computed from 25 dietary components. MAFLD was defined by ultrasonographic evidence of hepatic steatosis in the presence of overweight/obesity. Odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were estimated using multivariate logistic regression models to evaluate the evaluate associations between C-DII and MAFLD, adjusting for demographic, anthropometric, metabolic, and lifestyle factors. Restricted cubic spline analyses assessed potential non-linear associations, while mediation analyses evaluated the indirect effect of snack and confectionery consumption.

**Results:** MAFLD was diagnosed in 38.8% of participants. Children with MAFLD had significantly higher mean C-DII scores than those without (0.23  $\pm$  1.42 vs.  $-0.10 \pm$  1.43, P-value = 0.01). Higher C-DII scores were associated



with increased odds of MAFLD; participants in the highest quartile had more than double the odds compared with those in the lowest quartile (OR: 2.03; 95% CI: 1.07–3.86; P-trend = 0.04). Restricted cubic spline analysis demonstrated a monotonic, approximately linear increase in MAFLD odds with rising C-DII, with effect siez exceeding 1.0 when C-DII surpassed zero. Subgroup analyses revealed stronger associations in boys and in children under 10 years of age. Mediation analysis indicated that snack and confectionery intake accounted for 28.2% of the C-DII–MAFLD relationship (P-value= 0.04), suggesting partial mediation.

**Conclusion:** Higher dietary inflammatory potential, as assessed by C-DII, is associated with significantly greater odds of MAFLD in overweight and obese children, particularly among boys and younger children. The partial mediation by snack and confectionery consumption highlights the importance of limiting pro-inflammatory, nutrient-poor foods in pediatric dietary interventions. These findings underscore the potential of dietbased strategies to mitigate early liver disease risk in children.

**Keywords:** Children's dietary inflammatory index, C-DII, Obesity, MAFLD, Metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease, Adolescents, Children.

## **Exclusion Diet** *vs.* **Exclusion Diet plus Partial Enteral Nutrition** in Management of Pediatric Crohn's Disease

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and aims:** Exclusive enteral nutrition (EEN) induces remission in children with active mild to moderate Crohn's disease (CD), while partial enteral nutrition (PEN) with a free diet have failed to be effective in these patients. The effects of CD exclusion diet (CDED) alone has not yet been evaluated in pediatric CD. The current study aimed to compare the effects of CDED alone vs. CDEN plus PEN on children and adolescents with mild to moderate CD.



**Methods:** A prospective randomized trial was conducted on children with mild to moderate Crohn's Disease (CD), aged 4-18 years. Eligible children were included in the study based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria and after the approval of the diagnosis by a pediatric gastroenterologist. Patients were assigned to receive either CDED + PEN, or only CDED. The study evaluated remission, disease activity, inflammatory markers, anthropometric measurements, quality of life, fecal calprotectin (FC), and albumin after 8 weeks of intervention.

**Results:** Sixty patients were randomly assigned to two groups (30 to CDED+PEN group and 30 to CDED) and included in the analysis. At eight weeks, our analysis showed no significant difference in response (P = 0.92) and remission (P = 0.71) between two groups. However, both groups experienced remission rates of over 60%. The study found no differences in anthropometric measurements, inflammatory markers, disease activity and FC between groups ,while CDED+PEN significantly improved quality of life.

**Conclusion:** CDED is as effective as CDED plus PEN in induction of remission in active mild to moderate pediatric CD.

Keywords: Crohn's disease ,CD ,CDED ,PEN ,exclusion diet

## Dietary Index for Gut Microbiota in Relation to Carotid Intima-Media Thickness among Overweight or Obese Children and Adolescents

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and Aims:** The gut microbiota has emerged as a key factor influencing cardiovascular health, particularly through diet-mediated mechanisms. In children and adolescents with overweight or obesity, carotid intima-media thickness (cIMT) serves as a non-invasive marker of



early vascular alterations and a potential predictor of future cardiovascular disease. This study aimed to evaluate the association between a gut microbiota-related dietary index (DI-GM) and cIMT in a pediatric population with excess adiposity.

Methods: In this cross-sectional study conducted between September 2023 and July 2024, 354 Iranian children and adolescents aged 6 to 18 years with a BMI-for-age z-score ≥1 were recruited from a national obesity registry. Dietary intake was assessed using a validated 147-item semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire, and DI-GM scores were computed based on microbiota-supportive dietary components. cIMT was measured at the common carotid artery using high-resolution ultrasonography. High cIMT was defined as ≥75th percentile. Multivariable linear and logistic regression models were used to examine associations between DI-GM and cIMT, with adjustments for demographic, anthropometric, behavioral, metabolic, and dietary confounders. A restricted cubic spline (RCS) model with three knots was employed to assess the dose–response relationship. Results: Participants had a mean age of 9.4 ± 1.8 years, with 50.6% being male. In fully adjusted linear regression models, DI-GM scores were inversely associated with cIMT ( $\beta = -0.357$ , p < 0.01). In categorical analysis, compared with the lowest tertile of DI-GM, the adjusted odds ratios (95% CI) for high cIMT were 0.66 (0.36-1.24) in the second tertile and 0.59 (0.31-1.14) in the highest tertile (p for trend = 0.12). In contrast, when modeled continuously, each one-unit increase in DI-GM score was associated with a significantly lower odds of high cIMT (OR = 0.79, 95% CI: 0.68–0.92; p < 0.01). RCS analysis indicated a nonlinear inverse association, with a marked reduction in the odds of high cIMT up to a DI-GM score of approximately 7, beyond which the slope continued to decline but at a reduced slope, reflecting a diminished gradient of association.

**Conclusion:** Greater adherence to a dietary pattern favorable to gut microbiota composition is inversely associated with cIMT in children and adolescents with overweight or obesity. These findings highlight the potential value of microbiota-targeted dietary strategies in the early prevention of subclinical atherosclerosis and suggest that even modest improvements in dietary quality may yield vascular benefits in pediatric populations at elevated cardiometabolic risk.



Assessment of Nutritional Outcomes and maternal sense of competence in Preterm Infants Fed with Mother's Own Milk versus Donor Human Milk in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: a cross-sectional study in Iran

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and Aim:** Preterm infants require specialized nutritional care, and mother's own milk plays a vital role in improving growth and reducing complications. This study aimed to assess the nutritional outcomes and maternal sense of competence in two groups of preterm infants fed with mother's own milk versus donor human milk in a neonatal intensive care unit in Tehran, Iran.

Methods: A descriptive-correlational cross-sectional design was employed. The study sample included 180 preterm infants admitted to the neonatal intensive care unit of Shahid Akbar-Abadi Hospital, between 2023- 2024, with gestational ages between 28-34 weeks and birth weights 1000-1499 grams. Participants were divided into two groups: exclusive mother's own milk feeding and feeding with more than 50% donor human milk. Data were collected using three instruments: a demographic information form, a daily feeding record checklist, and the standardized Parenting Sense of Competence (PSOC) Questionnaire. Statistical analysis was conducted using SPSS version 22. Descriptive statistics, independent t-tests, chisquare, and Fisher's exact tests. A significance level of P-value of less than 0.05 was considered.

**Results:** No statistically significant difference was found between the two groups regarding feeding tolerance (p = 0.468) using Fisher's exact test. The number of days to achieve full enteral feeding also did not differ significantly between mother's own milk and donor milk groups (p = 0.744). However, the duration of total parenteral nutrition was significantly longer in the donor milk group compared to the mother's own milk group



(p = 0.016). Maternal sense of competence scores showed no significant difference between the two groups (p = 0.724).

**Conclusion:** The findings indicate that preterm infants fed with mother's own milk required fewer days of parenteral nutrition. Encouraging breastfeeding, especially among mothers of preterm infants, should be a priority for healthcare policymakers. Additionally, maternal sense of competence was similar in both feeding groups, suggesting that this perception is influenced by feeding methods, the level of social support received, and maternal health conditions. Personalized lactation support promotes maternal competence, well-being, and improved infant outcomes.

**Keywords:** Mothers, competence, Premature infant, Nutritional Outcomes, Breast milk; Donor human milk

## Early versus Delayed Enteral Protein Supplementation in Preterm Infants: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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#### Abstract

**Background:** Preterm infants face significant risks of extrauterine growth restriction and neurodevelopmental impairment due to immature gastrointestinal function and inadequate nutrient intake. The optimal timing for initiating enteral protein supplementation remains controversial, with limited synthesis of evidence comparing early (≤72 hours post-birth) versus delayed (>72 hours) approaches and their effects on growth, development, and safety outcomes.

**Methods:** Following PRISMA 2025 guidelines (PROSPERO CRD420234567), we systematically searched MEDLINE, Embase, Cochrane CENTRAL, and clinical trial registries (2000-2025) for randomized controlled trials (RCTs) comparing early versus delayed enteral protein supplementation in preterm infants (<37 weeks gestation). Primary outcomes included growth velocity, neurodevelopment, feeding tolerance, and safety endpoints (necrotizing



enterocolitis, metabolic complications). Data were pooled using random-effects models, and heterogeneity was assessed via I<sup>2</sup> statistic. Risk of bias was evaluated using Cochrane RoB 2.0.

**Results**: Eighteen RCTs (n = 2,812 infants) met inclusion criteria. Early initiation significantly improved weight gain (mean difference +2.8 g/kg/day; 95% CI 1.4-4.2; p < 0.001) and head circumference growth (mean difference +0.30 cm/week; 95% CI 0.08-0.52; p = 0.008). Time to full enteral feeds decreased by 3.8 days (95% CI -5.6 to -2.0; p < 0.001). Bayley-III cognitive scores showed modest improvement at 18 months (mean difference +4.1 points; 95% CI 1.2-7.0; p = 0.006), though this did not reach minimal clinically important difference. Necrotizing enterocolitis incidence showed no significant difference (risk ratio 0.95; 95% CI 0.74-1.22; p = 0.69). However, protein doses >3.5 g/kg/day increased metabolic acidosis risk (risk ratio 1.70; 95% CI 1.22-2.37; p = 0.002). Subgroup analyses indicated greater growth benefits with formula versus human milk and elevated metabolic risks in extremely preterm infants.

Conclusions: Early enteral protein initiation (≤72 hours) at 3.0-3.5 g/kg/day improves growth and feeding tolerance without increasing necrotizing enterocolitis risk. Doses exceeding 3.5 g/kg/day elevate metabolic complications and provide no additional benefit. These findings support standardized early protein initiation protocols with careful metabolic monitoring, particularly for extremely preterm infants. Future research should prioritize long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes and optimal dosing strategies for high-risk subgroups.

**Keywords:** preterm infant, enteral nutrition, protein supplementation, growth, neurodevelopment

# Neurological crises and Fanconi-syndrome type renal tubular disorder in an undiagnosed case of chronic tyrosinemia type1: A case report

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#### Abstract:

Background: Tyrosinemiatype 1 (TYRSN1) is an autosomal recessive metabolic disease that occurs due to a defect in the enzyme fumarylacetoacetate hydroxylase (FAH). This enzyme breaks down fumaryl acetoacetate (FAA), which is a toxic metabolite, into fumarate and acetoacetate. In the case of a defect in this enzyme, toxic metabolites resulting from the breakdown of tyrosine, such as FAA, succinyl acetoacetate (SAA), and succinylacetone (SA), accumulate in vital organs such as the liver, kidneys, and nervous system, leading to various symptoms and problems in these patients.

Patient presentation: A 3-year-old boy was admitted to the hospital for 5 days with confusion, constipation, vomiting, peri-umbilical abdominal pain, fever, oliguria, and anorexia. He had a history of multiple hospitalizations for similar symptoms and was experiencing failure to thrive (percentile below 10% in weight and height). On examination, hypertension (125/75, above the 95th percentile for this age), genu varum, abnormal gait, and urinary retention were observed. Laboratory tests revealed hypoglycemia, severe glucosuria, metabolic acidosis, anemia, hypokalemia, and hypocalcemia. Ultrasound and CT scan of the abdomen and pelvis revealed a large size of both kidneys and the liver was heterogeneous and contained multiple nodules throughout the liver. Additional tests for the liver and kidneys revealed elevated alkaline phosphatase, a very high alpha-fetoprotein level, hypophosphatemia, and increased urinary excretion of phosphorus and potassium. Hand radiography also revealed Cupping, fraying, and splaying of the distal ends of the radius and ulna for hypophosphatemic rickets. With suspicion of hereditary diseases of amino acid metabolism, blood and urine chromatography were performed, which revealed a high accumulation of tyrosine in both blood and urine. Finally, the diagnosis of chronic TYRSN1 was confirmed by observing high urinary excretion of succinylacetone. The patient was treated with Nitisinone (NTBC) (1mg/ kg/day) and a restricted diet of tyrosine and phenylalanine, and within 1 week, he showed a dramatic response to treatment.

Conclusion: Our patient was a case of chronic TYRSN1 who, due to a lack of timely diagnosis, had symptoms of neurological crises similar to acute porphyria, as well as symptoms of Fanconi-syndrome type renal tubular disorder and hypophosphatemic rickets. Due to the rarity of this disease and its diverse clinical manifestations, its diagnosis is challenging in countries such as Iran, where screening for this disease is not performed, and most patients are diagnosed when they have severe and complex complications. This case demonstrates the importance of including TYRSN1 in the newborn screening program.

The amino acids tyrosine and phenylalanine are found in dairy products, various meats, eggs, nuts, and seeds, etc., and in patients with TYRSN1, the consumption of these foods should be limited. The reason for limiting phenylalanine intake in TYRSN1 is that approximately 75% of dietary phenylalanine is hydroxylated to form tyrosine by the phenylalanine hydroxylase. Various studies have shown that treatment adherence, especially adherence to dietary guidelines, is less than optimal in patients with TYRSN1. Therefore, pediatricians and nutritionists should follow up patients regularly and inform both the patient and their parents of the irreversible consequences of non-adherence to treatment.

Key words: Tyrosinemia type 1 - Fumarylacetoacetate deficiency- Neurological crises - Hypophosphatemic Rickets — Hypertension

# Is a Pro-Inflammatory Diet Associated with Behavioral and Attention Disorders in Children?

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#### **Abstract:**

**Introduction:** Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a prevalent neurodevelopmental condition in children, with complex and multifactorial origins. Recently, inflammation has been proposed as a possible contributor to ADHD pathophysiology, and dietary patterns may modulate systemic inflammation. The energy-adjusted dietary inflammatory index (E-DII)

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offers a standardized tool to evaluate the inflammatory potential of diet. This study aimed to investigate the association between E-DII scores and the risk of ADHD in Iranian children.

**Methods:** 500 children between the ages of 4 and 12 were enrolled in this case-control study. Food frequency questionnaires (FFQs) consisting of 168 items, were used to determine dietary intake. DII scores were calculated using data from D-FFQ. DII was calculated according to the approved method in previous articles and for each food item, z-score was calculated. SPSS version 21 was employed to perform all analyses, P < 0.05 was defined as statistically significant, and Iranian-adapted Nutritionist IV software was used to estimate nutrient intake.

**Results** :Overall, 200 ADHD and 300 healthy children were participated in this study. Energy-adjusted dietary inflammatory index (E-DII) was directly associated with ADHD risk in crude model (OR=1.104; 95% CI: 1.009, 1.208; p=0.031). This result also remained significant in Model 1 (OR=1.162; 95% CI: 1.050, 1.285; p=0.004) and Model 2 (OR=1.133; 95% CI: 1.021, 1.258; p=0.019).

**Conclusion:** These findings suggest that a more pro-inflammatory diet, as indicated by higher E-DII scores, may be linked to a greater risk of ADHD in children. Prospective and interventional studies are needed to confirm causality and explore underlying mechanisms.

**Keywords:** Dietary Inflammatory Index (DII), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition (DSM-V), Children

# The effect of casein-free diet in children with autism spectrum disorder: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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#### **Abstract**

**Background and Aim:** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental-psychological disorder and a progressive neurological syndrome that appears in early childhood and is characterized by pervasive deficits in social interaction and communication. The prevalence of this disease has increased dramatically in recent years. As per 88 people of the total population of the world, 1 case of this disease has been reported. Nutritional intervention



and diet therapy with restriction of some food groups is considered as one of the new methods in controlling this disease. Therefore, the purpose of writing this article was to investigate the effect of casein-free diet (CFD) on behavioral disorders of ASD.

**Methods:** From 100 children undergoing treatment at the Isfahan Province Education and Rehabilitation Center as the statistical population, 80 children eligible for the study were selected as the sample size using random sampling method. The subjects were divided into two groups of 40, control and experimental. The subjects in the control group received 100 grams of dairy products and casein-free supplements daily, and the subjects in the experimental group received 100 grams of the same products but isolated from casein daily for six months. The physical, sensory and behavioral signs and symptoms of autistic children were also assessed using the ATEC questionnaire. Finally, the results and data were analyzed and summarized through the statistical methods of analysis of variance, standard deviation and T-test using SPSS software.

**Results:** According to the statistical analysis of the mean data in the subgroups of stereotypical behaviors, communication and social interaction in the two experimental and control groups, it can be said that there is a significant difference between the mean subgroups of stereotypical behaviors, communication and social interaction of the two groups at the level of 0.002, 0.000 and 0.000, respectively. Finally, by summarizing all these findings in the table below, it can be concluded that the changes in the experimental group compared to the control are a function of the casein-free treatment regimen and are completely significant (P < 0.000). **Conclusion:** Finally, based on data analysis, it can be concluded that the CFD significantly improved the behavioral indicators of children with ASD. **Keywords:** ASD; casein; childhood

# The effect of curcumin- piperine supplement on type 1 diabetes in children: A triple-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial

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#### **Abstract**

Background and Aim: Type 1 diabetes mellitus is a chronic autoimmune disease in which the immune system attacks pancreatic beta cells leading to stop producing insulin and lifelong dependence on exogenous insulin. It is one of the most common endocrine disorder with rising global incidence in children and adolescence. Curcumin, a polyphenol that derived from the rhizome of curcuma longa has demonstrated anti-inflammatory, antioxidative effect but low bioavailability on its own. Piperine an alkaloid found in black pepper, enhance the bioavailability of curcumin. Several clinical trials have suggested beneficial effect of curcumin on glycemic control in adult with type2 diabetes. However no study has examined the effect of curcumin on type 1 diabetes in children and adolescence.

**Methods:** In triple – blind, randomized placebo controlled trial, 31 patients with type 1 diabetes aged 7 to 18 years were enrolled in each group. The intervention group was given one tablet daily containing (500 mg curcumin and 5 mg piperine) for 3 months, and other group received placebo. Fasting blood sugar, preprandial, and two hours post prandial blood sugar were measured at the time of referral, the first, second, and third months of the intervention. Microalbuminuria and hemoglobin A1c, were also measured at the beginning and end of the study.

**Results:** No significant differences were observed in fasting blood glucose (FBS) or glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) levels between the intervention group and placebo. Microalbuminuria decreased in the intervention group at the end of the trial compared with baseline (31.2  $\pm$  64.9 vs. 15.4  $\pm$  17.8 mg/g, p=0.23), whereas it increased in the placebo group (17.3  $\pm$  20.1 vs. 23.7  $\pm$  25.8 mg/g, p=0.96). Also curcumin decrease mean preprandial and



postprandial blood glucose levels during the first month (from 215.4 to 211 and 200 to 186.3 , p > 0.05) compared to placebo (from 201 to 214 and 198 to 207, p > 0.05) but all of this term was not statistically significant over the 3-month study period (p > 0.05) .

**Conclusion:** To our knowledge this is the first clinical trial to evaluate the effect of curcumin piperine supplementation in children and adolescents with T1DM.Our findings did not show a significant difference between the two groups in term of glycemic incident. But it may be able to have a positive effect on microalbuminuria. Further studies with larger sample sizes, longer follow-up durations, and additional outcome measures are warranted to better elucidate its clinical efficacy in this population.

**Keywords:** Type 1 diabetes - Diabetes - Curcumin-Glycemic incident - Piperine

# The effects of beta-glucan supplementation on anthropometric indices and cardiometabolic risk factors in children and adolescents with overweight and obesity: a randomized controlled trial

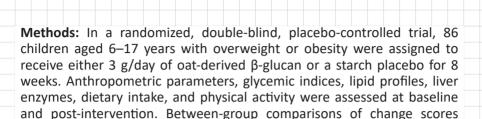
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#### **Abstract**

Background and Aim: Childhood obesity is a growing global health concern, contributing to an increased risk of metabolic disorders.  $\beta$ -glucan, a soluble fiber derived from oats, has demonstrated metabolic benefits in adults, yet evidence in pediatric populations remains scarce. This study evaluated the effects of  $\beta$ -glucan supplementation on anthropometric indices and cardiometabolic risk factors in overweight and obese children and adolescents.

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were performed using ANCOVA, adjusting for relevant covariates. **Results:** Seventy-three participants completed the study (β-glucan: n=34; placebo: n=39). Compared to placebo, the β-glucan group exhibited significant reductions in body weight ( $-0.71\pm1.32$  kg, p-value=0.01), BMI ( $-0.81\pm0.74$  kg/m², p-value<0.001), waist circumference ( $-1.96\pm2.38$  cm, p-value<0.001), and hip circumference ( $-1.34\pm2.21$  cm,p-value=0.02). Significant improvements were also observed in triglyceride ( $-15.5\pm39.6$  mg/dL, p-value=0.02) and ALT levels ( $-2.65\pm12.11$  U/L, p-value = 0.01). Energy intake decreased substantially in the β-glucan group ( $-312\pm209$  kcal/day, p < 0.001).

Conclusion: Oat-derived  $\beta$ -glucan supplementation improved body composition and selected cardiometabolic markers in children with overweight and obesity. These findings support the incorporation of functional dietary fibers in pediatric obesity management strategies. **Keywords:**  $\beta$ -glucan, beta-glucan, children, adolescents, overweight, obesity, randomized controlled trial



The association between Dietary index for gut-microbiota and the odds of metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease in overweight and obese children and adolescents: A cross sectional mediation analysis

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#### **Abstract**

Background and Aim: Metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease (MAFLD) has emerged as a major public health concern in pediatric populations, particularly among children and adolescents with overweight or obesity. The gut microbiota plays a pivotal role in MAFLD pathogenesis. and dietary patterns have the potential to shape microbial composition and function. The Dietary Index for Gut Microbiota (DI-GM), a validated literature-based tool, reflects diet quality with respect to microbial health. yet its association with MAFLD risk in youth has not been investigated. This study aimed to evaluate the relationship between DI-GM and the odds of MAFLD among overweight and obese Iranian children and adolescents and to assess potential mediating roles of metabolic and hepatic biomarkers. Methods: In this cross-sectional study, 505 participants aged 7–18 years were recruited from a national obesity registry. Dietary intake was assessed using a validated 147-item food frequency questionnaire, and DI-GM scores were calculated from 12 food components using validated method. MAFLD was diagnosed using international consensus criteria based on ultrasonographic evidence of hepatic steatosis and excess weight. Odds ratios (ORs) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs) were estimated using multivariate logistic regression models to evaluate the association between DI-GM and MAFLD odds, adjusting for demographic, anthropometric, and metabolic covariates. Mediation analyses were performed to determine whether liver enzymes and other cardiometabolic markers explained observed associations. Restricted cubic spline models with three knots assessed potential non-linear dose-response relationships.

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Results: MAFLD was diagnosed in 38.8% of participants. Higher DI-GM scores were inversely associated with MAFLD (OR per unit increase: 0.80; 95% CI: 0.71–0.91; P-value < 0.01). Compared to the lowest quartile, participants in the highest quartile had a 58% lower odds of MAFLD (OR: 0.42; 95% CI: 0.22–0.81; P for trend<0.01). Restricted cubic spline analysis demonstrated a significant non-linear inverse association (P for non-linearity = 0.03), with the steepest decline in MAFLD odds observed at lower to mid-range DI-GM scores. Mediation analyses revealed that alanine aminotransferase (ALT), gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT), and aspartate aminotransferase (AST) significantly mediated the association, accounting for 20.0%, 19.2%, and 6.7% of the effect, respectively. Other metabolic markers, including triglycerides, HOMA-IR, and BMI-for-age Z-score, showed limited or no significant mediation.

**Conclusion:** Adherence to a dietary pattern that supports gut microbial diversity, as reflected by higher DI-GM scores, is associated with substantially reduced odds of MAFLD in obese children and adolescents. These findings underscore the potential of microbiota-oriented dietary strategies for early prevention and management of pediatric MAFLD, with liver enzymes emerging as key mediators of this relationship. Longitudinal and interventional studies are warranted to confirm causality and refine dietary recommendations in this vulnerable population.

**Keywords:** Dietary index for gut microbiota, DI-GM, Obesity, MAFLD, Metabolic dysfunction-associated fatty liver disease, Adolescents, Children.

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