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## INTRODUCTION

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This document describes a systematic review conducted to answer the following question: What is the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy? This systematic review was conducted as part of the Pregnancy and Birth to 24 Months (P/B-24) Project by USDA's Nutrition Evidence Systematic Review (NESR).

The purpose of the P/B-24 Project was to conduct a series of systematic reviews on diet and health for women who are pregnant and for infants and toddlers from birth to 24 months of age. This project was a joint initiative led by USDA and HHS, and USDA's NESR carried out all of the systematic reviews. A Federal Expert Group (FEG), a broadly representative group of Federal researchers and program leaders, also provided input throughout the P/B-24 Project. More information about the P/B-24 Project has been published<sup>ii</sup> and is available on the NESR website: <https://nesr.usda.gov/project-specific-overview-pb-24-0>.

NESR, formerly known as the Nutrition Evidence Library (NEL), specializes in conducting food- and nutrition-related systematic reviews using a rigorous, protocol-driven methodology. To conduct each P/B-24 systematic review, NESR's staff worked with a Technical Expert Collaborative (TEC), which is a group of 7–8 leading subject matter experts.

NESR's systematic review methodology involves developing and prioritizing systematic review questions, searching for and selecting studies, extracting and assessing the risk of bias of data from each included study, synthesizing the evidence, developing a conclusion statement, grading the evidence underlying the conclusion statement, and recommending future research. A detailed description of the methodology used in conducting systematic reviews for the P/B-24 Project has been published<sup>iii</sup> and is available on the NESR website: <https://nesr.usda.gov/pb-24-project-methodology-0>. In addition, starting on page 39, this document includes details about the methodology as it was applied to the systematic review described herein. An [analytic framework](#) that illustrates the overall scope of the question, including the population, the interventions and/or exposures, comparators, and outcomes of interest, is found on page 39. In addition, the [literature search plan](#) that was used to identify studies included in this systematic review is found on page 40.

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**List of abbreviations**

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Full name</b>
FEG	Federal Expert Group
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
NEL	Nutrition Evidence Library
NESR	Nutrition Evidence Systematic Review
P/B-24	Pregnancy and Birth to 24 Months Project
TEC	Technical Expert Collaborative
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture

# WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DIETARY PATTERNS BEFORE AND DURING PREGNANCY AND RISK OF HYPERTENSIVE DISORDERS OF PREGNANCY?

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## PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

### What is the question?

- The question is: What is the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy?

### What is the answer to the question?

- Limited evidence in healthy Caucasian women with access to health care suggests that dietary patterns before and during pregnancy higher in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, legumes, fish, and vegetable oils and lower in meat and refined grains are associated with a reduced risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, including preeclampsia and gestational hypertension. Not all components of the assessed dietary patterns were associated with all hypertensive disorders.
- Evidence is insufficient to estimate the association between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy in minority women and those of lower socioeconomic status.

### Why was this question asked?

- This important public health question was identified and prioritized as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services Pregnancy and Birth to 24 Months Project.

### How was this question answered?

- A team of Nutrition Evidence Systematic Review staff conducted a systematic review in collaboration with a group of experts called a Technical Expert Collaborative.

### What is the population of interest?

- Women who are pregnant or able to become pregnant, ages 15-44 years.

### What evidence was found?

- These studies assessed the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (including preeclampsia and gestational hypertension).
- 5 of the 8 included studies showed that the diet eaten before and during pregnancy was related to risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP).
  - Beneficial diets had higher amounts of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, legumes, fish and vegetable oils
  - Harmful diets had higher amounts of meats, potatoes and processed foods
- One other study showed an association between diet during pregnancy and blood pressure but not preeclampsia or gestational hypertension.

- The body of evidence is limited in several ways. For example, there was little racial/ethnic and socioeconomic diversity in these studies, and it is difficult to compare studies due to inconsistency in how dietary patterns were measured.
- Additional research is needed to assess the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

**How up-to-date is this review?**

- This review includes literature from 01/1980 to 01/2017.

## TECHNICAL ABSTRACT

### Background

- Systematic reviews were conducted as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services Pregnancy and Birth to 24 Months Project.
- The goal of this systematic review was to examine the following question: What is the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy?

### Conclusion Statement and Grades

- Limited evidence in healthy Caucasian women with access to health care suggests that dietary patterns before and during pregnancy higher in vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, legumes, fish, and vegetable oils and lower in meat and refined grains are associated with a reduced risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, including preeclampsia and gestational hypertension. Not all components of the assessed dietary patterns were associated with all hypertensive disorders.

**Grade:** Limited

- Evidence is insufficient to estimate the association between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy in minority women and those of lower socioeconomic status.

**Grade:** Grade not assignable

### Methods

- The systematic review was conducted using *a priori* design.
- Literature searches were conducted using PubMed, Embase, Cochrane, and other databases to identify studies that evaluated the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, and hand-searches were conducted.
- Studies were dual screened, and those that met the following criteria were included in the review: randomized controlled trials (RCTs), prospective or retrospective cohort studies or nested case-control studies; studies enrolling human subjects who were pregnant women or women capable of becoming pregnant, healthy or at elevated chronic disease risk (only some, not all, could have a chronic or pregnancy-related condition), and between the ages of 15 and 44; subjects from countries with high or very high human development (2015 Human Development Index); and studies published in English between January 1980 and January 2017 in peer-reviewed journals.
- The intervention or exposure was dietary patterns before and/or during pregnancy measured via indices and scores, cluster or factor analysis, reduced rank regression, or other methods. The outcome were risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and related intermediate outcomes (blood pressure and proteinuria).
- Data from each included article were extracted, risk of bias was assessed, and both were checked for accuracy.
- The evidence was qualitatively synthesized, a conclusion statement was

developed, and the strength of the evidence (grade) was assessed using pre-established criteria including evaluation of the internal validity/risk of bias, adequacy, consistency, impact, and generalizability of available evidence.

### Summary of Evidence

- This systematic review includes 8 studies (sample size ranging from 290 to 72,072) within 4 cohorts and 1 RCT, published between 2005 and 2016.
- The studies used multiple approaches to assess dietary patterns, which makes it difficult to compare findings across studies. Three studies used indices/scores to assess dietary patterns, four studies used factor or principal component analysis and one RCT assigned participants to either an experimental or control diet.
- Despite this variability, 5 of the 8 included studies reported statistically significant associations between dietary patterns and hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP) risk among healthy Caucasian women with access to health care. An additional study showed an association between dietary patterns and blood pressure but not preeclampsia or gestational hypertension.
  - Dietary patterns characterized by higher intakes of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, nuts, legumes, fish and vegetable oils were associated with a 30-42% decreased risk of HDP and a 14-29% decreased risk of preeclampsia.
  - Two of the dietary patterns assessed were reported to be detrimental: traditional and processed food patterns, characterized by higher intakes of meats, potatoes and processed foods. One was associated with a 21% increased risk of preeclampsia and the other was associated with an increased risk of high blood pressure during pregnancy.
- Generalizability of the included studies is limited to healthy Caucasian women who have access to health care. Minority women and those of lower socioeconomic status are underrepresented in this body of evidence.
- The body of evidence has several limitations:
  - The evidence base includes eight studies from only four unique cohorts and one RCT
  - All but one of the studies were conducted outside the United States in predominantly Caucasian women
  - Dietary patterns vary considerably across studies, making it difficult to compare findings
  - No adjustment was made for many key confounding factors, and
  - The data are primarily observational, limiting the ability to draw any causal inferences. The RCT was done among 240 women and was not powered to examine HDP (addressed by the authors as “hypertensive complications”). Additionally, the timing of the intervention in the RCT may have been too late in pregnancy to have seen an effect.
- Additional research is needed that should:
  - Include diverse populations from the U.S. and elsewhere with varying racial/ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds
  - Develop and validate novel epidemiological tools that can accurately capture the complexity of dietary habits
  - Improve comparability across studies by increasing the uniformity of 1)

diet assessment tools used across different regions and populations, 2) methods used to define dietary patterns, and 3) timing of dietary assessment

- Adjust for key confounding factors in observational studies, including parity, educational attainment, smoking status, race/ethnicity, maternal age, family poverty income ratio, pre-pregnancy BMI, mean total energy intake, and gestational diabetes mellitus (and/or justify how and why confounders were chosen)
- Include well-designed and sufficiently powered RCTs
- Include and assess effect measure modification in multiethnic subgroups within the U.S., and
- Use robust statistical methods such as multiple imputation to handle missing data.

## FULL REVIEW

### Systematic review question

What is the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy?

### Conclusion statement

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### Grade

**Limited:** This grade is assigned to the statement relevant to healthy Caucasian women with access to health care

### Conclusion statement

Evidence is insufficient to estimate the association between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy in minority women and those of lower socioeconomic status.

### Grade

**Grade not assignable:** This grade is assigned to the statement relevant to minority women and those of lower socioeconomic status

### Summary

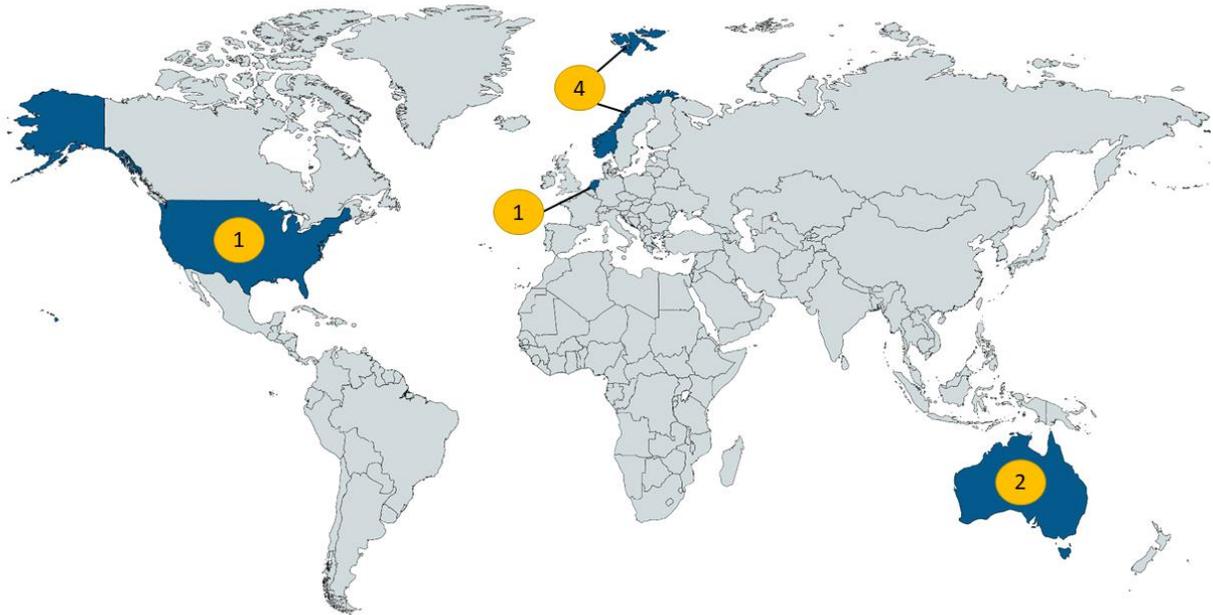
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## Description of the evidence

- The search included articles from very high and high Human Development Index (HDI) countries and the search timeframe spanned between January 1980 and January 2017.
- This evidence review includes 7 cohort studies and 1 RCT that examined the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of HDP and/or blood pressure (1-8). These 8 studies were part of 4 cohorts (Project Viva, Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health, Generation R Study and Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study) and 1 RCT.
- Only one of the 8 studies was conducted in the U.S. (1). Other countries in which studies were conducted include Australia, Norway and the Netherlands (2-8). See map below.



### Subject characteristics:

- **Sample size** of the studies ranged from 290 subjects (8) to 72,072 subjects (2), with a median of 3,385.
- **Age:** Most of the study participants were between 20 and 40 years, with a small percentage of women in one of the studies outside this range (<20 years (4%) and ≥40 years (1%) (4)).
- **Pregnancy characteristics:** Most of the studies (n=6) included only singleton pregnancies (two did not report on pregnancy status (3, 7)).

- **Health Characteristics:** Overall, the studies were conducted in healthy women. Studies were variable in terms of including women with a history of chronic hypertension and HDP:
  - Two studies excluded women with a history of chronic hypertension, while two additional studies excluded women with a history of chronic hypertension or HDP (3, 6-8).
  - Three studies included a small percentage of women with chronic hypertension: ~1% (2, 4, 5).
  - One study did not report on subject's chronic hypertension status prior to enrollment (1).
- **Smoking** during pregnancy varied across studies.
  - The RCT included only non-smoking women. Previous smokers were included when they had quit smoking 5 years or more before enrolling in the study (8).
  - Daily or occasional smoking among study participants: 8% (2), 9% (4), ~7% (5) and ~15% (6).
  - Schoenaker et al. reported ~20% of their participants were smokers prior to pregnancy (7)
  - Two studies did not report smoking status (1, 3).
- **Race/ethnicity:** About half of the studies (n=5) were done primarily in Caucasian populations (including the U.S. study with 72% "White" participants (1)). The rest of the studies did not report race/ethnicity (2, 3, 7).
- **Parity:** Two studies recruited only nulliparous women (4, 5). In the other studies, the majority of the study sample was nulliparous (except (1) that included 49% nulliparous women).
- **Pre-pregnancy BMI:** Percentage of subjects with pre-pregnancy BMI  $\geq 30$  in individual studies ranged from ~7% (3) to 14% (1). Some studies reported only the mean pre-pregnancy BMI (Range: 22.3 to 24.6 kg/m<sup>2</sup>). The RCT did not report pre-pregnancy BMI; however, the study included only those women whose BMI was in the range of 19 to 32 kg/m<sup>2</sup> at enrollment during the second trimester of pregnancy (8).
- **Maternal education:** Limited information was provided on maternal education status. Mothers with at least an undergraduate degree ranged from ~58% (7) to 69% (1). Other studies reported that 21% (4) to 27% (5) of mothers had at least 16 years of education.
- **Socioeconomic status** was not reported in a majority of studies.

### Interventions/Exposures:

Dietary patterns were assessed using index/score analysis and factor and principal components analysis (PCA). A description of the studies included by method used to measure dietary patterns is included below.

- **Index/score analysis (Table 1: Indices and scores used to assess the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of HDP):** Three studies included in this review used the following indices/scores:
  - Alternate Healthy Eating Index for Pregnancy (1)
  - New Nordic Diet score (2)
  - Mediterranean diet score (3)

**Table 1: Indices and scores used to assess the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of HDP**

<b>Index/Score (Reference)</b>	<b>Alternate HEI-P (min-max score)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>New Nordic Diet Score<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Mediterranean Diet Score<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Article</b>	(1)	(2)	(3)
<b>Component</b>	Total Score: 0-90	Total score: 0-10	Total score: 0-10
<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables (0-10) (Includes tofu and soybeans)	Root Vegetables ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	Vegetables ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0
		Cabbages ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	
		Potatoes ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	
<b>Fruit and/or nuts</b>	Fruits (0 -10)	Nordic fruits ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	Includes fruit and nuts ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0
		Native berries (Includes "foods from wild countryside")	
<b>Cereals/Grains and whole grains</b>		Whole grain bread ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	Cereals ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0
		Oatmeal porridge ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	
<b>Legumes</b>			Legumes ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0

<sup>1</sup> McCullough, M. L., Feskanich, D., Stampfer, M. J., Giovannucci, E. L., Rimm, E. B., Hu, F. B., . . . Willett, W. C. (2002). Diet quality and major chronic disease risk in men and women: moving toward improved dietary guidance. *Am J Clin Nutr*, 76(6), 1261-1271.

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<sup>3</sup> New Nordic Diet Score includes meal frequency which is not included as a component in this table

<sup>4</sup> Trichopoulou, A., Costacou, T., Bamia, C., & Trichopoulos, D. (2003). Adherence to a Mediterranean diet and survival in a Greek population. *N Engl J Med*, 348(26), 2599-2608. doi:10.1056/NEJMoa025039

<b>Index/Score (Reference)</b>	<b>Alternate HEI-P (min-max score)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>New Nordic Diet Score<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>Mediterranean Diet Score<sup>4</sup></b>
<b>Meat</b>	Ratio of white to red meat (0 -10)		Meat ≥Median = 0; <Median = 1 (reverse scored)
			Poultry ≥Median = 0; <Median = 1 (reverse scored)
<b>Fish and other protein foods</b>	<i>Excluded nuts and soy</i>	Foods from wild countryside (wild fish, seafood, game) <sup>5</sup> <i>Also includes native berries, captured as part of fruits</i> ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	Fish ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0
<b>Dairy</b>		Milk ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	High fat dairy ≥Median = 0; <Median = 1 (reverse scored)
<b>Fat</b>	Trans fat (0 - 10) (reverse scored)		Monounsaturated: Saturated fat ratio ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0
	P:S <sup>6</sup> (0 -10)		
<b>Fiber</b>	Fiber (0-10)		
<b>Nutrients</b>	Folate (0 - 10)		
	Calcium (0-10)		
	Iron (0-10)		
<b>Water</b>		Water consumption relative to sweetened beverages ≥Median = 1; <Median = 0	
<b>Alcohol</b>	<i>Excluded alcohol</i>		Alcohol 5-25 g/d =1

<sup>5</sup> Salmon and trout excluded

<sup>6</sup> Ratio of polyunsaturated to saturated fat

- **Factor analysis and principal component analysis (Table 2: Summary of dietary patterns identified using factor or principal component analysis):** Four studies included in this review assessed dietary patterns using factor or PCA (4-7)
- **Experimental diet:** The study by Khoury et al. randomly assigned participants to one of two diets:
  - Intervention diet:
    - Dietitians encouraged the intake of fatty fish, vegetable oils, especially olive oil and rapeseed oil, nuts, nut butters, margarine based on olive- or rapeseed oil, and avocado to replace meat, butter, cream, and fatty dairy products; the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables was advised (at least 6 a day); intake of dairy products in the form of skimmed or low-fat products (skimmed milk, fat-reduced cheese, and yogurt) in place of full fat products was encouraged; subjects were advised to choose meat for a main meal twice a week and use legumes, vegetable main dishes, fatty fish, or poultry with the fat trimmed off on the other days; coffee was limited to 2 cups of filtered coffee a day
    - Included significantly more fish and fish products; fatty fish and fish products; rapeseed-based margarine; oils; olive oil; rapeseed oil; nuts, olives, and seeds; vegetables; and fruits, when compared to the control diet<sup>7</sup>
  - Control diet:
    - Subjects were asked to consume their usual diet based on Norwegian foodstuffs, and not to introduce more oils or low-fat meat and dairy products than usual
    - Included significantly more fatty milk, meat and meat products, fatty minced meat, butter, and hard margarines, when compared to the intervention diet<sup>5</sup>

### **Time point of exposure (Table 3: Time point of exposure assessment):**

As outlined below, the time period of data collection was variable:

- Khoury et al. assigned participants to an intervention or control diet at baseline between 17-20 weeks gestation
- Four studies collected dietary data from women during their second trimester (between ~20 and 22 weeks) (2, 4, 5, 8)
- Timmermans et al. collected food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) data during early pregnancy (median 13.5 weeks) and measured the outcomes at multiple time points (early-, mid- and late-pregnancy). The body of evidence included outcomes from mid and late pregnancy from this study.
- Rifas-Shiman et al. gathered dietary data at two times (11.7±3.1 weeks and 26-28 weeks). However, data from the first trimester, alone, are included in this

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<sup>7</sup> Khoury, J., Henriksen, T., Seljeflot, I., Mørkrid, L., Frøslie, K. F., & Tonstad, S. (2007). Effects of an antiatherogenic diet during pregnancy on markers of maternal and fetal endothelial activation and inflammation: the CARRDIP study. *BJOG*, 114(3), 279-288. doi:10.1111/j.1471-0528.2006.01187.x

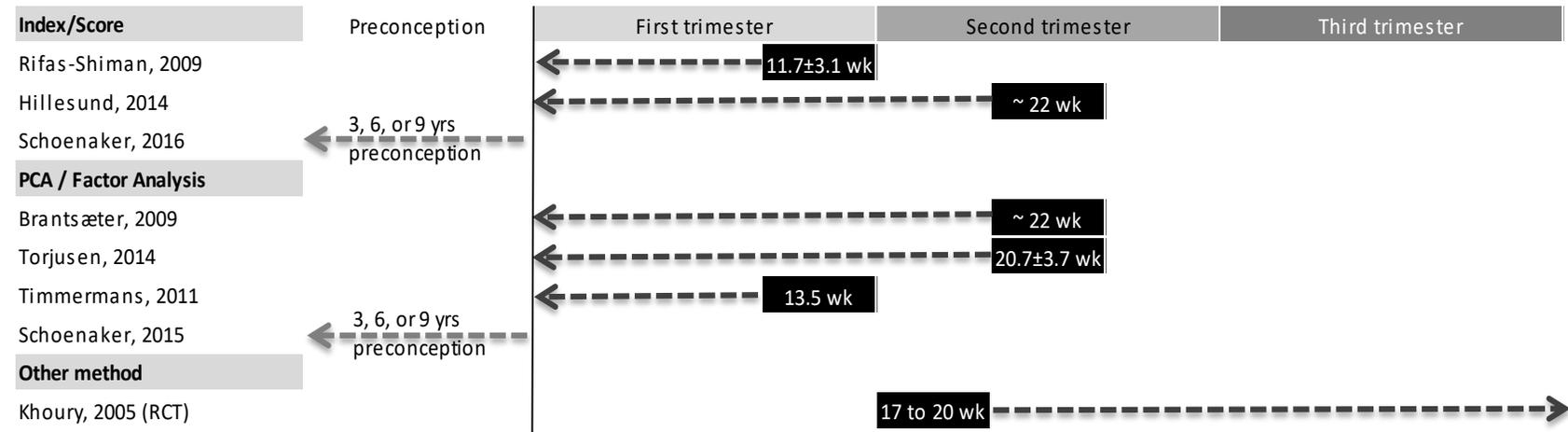
body of evidence. Dietary data from 26 to 28 weeks are excluded due to temporality issues.

- The dietary recall data generally reflected women's diet starting from periconception to until when the dietary data were collected. Two studies used data from the Australian Longitudinal Study on Women's Health (ALSWH) that included preconception dietary data collected 3, 6 or 9 years prior to the outcome ascertainment in their analyses (3, 7).

**Table 2: Summary of dietary patterns identified using factor or principal component analysis**

Articles	Dietary Patterns
<b>Brantsæter, 2009</b>	<p><b>Vegetable pattern:</b> High positive loadings on vegetables, cooking oil, olive oil, fruits and berries, rice, and chicken</p> <p><b>Processed food pattern:</b> High positive loadings on processed meat products, white bread, French fries, salty snacks, and sugar-sweetened drinks and high negative loadings on oily fish, high-fiber breakfast cereals, and lean fish</p> <p><b>Potato and fish pattern:</b> High positive loadings on cooked potatoes, processed fish, lean fish, fish spread and shellfish, and margarine</p> <p><b>Cakes and sweets pattern:</b> High loadings on cakes, waffles and pancakes, buns, ice cream, sweet biscuits, sweets, and chocolate</p>
<b>Torjusen, 2014</b>	<p><b>Health and sustainability pattern:</b> High positive loadings for vegetables, fruit and berries, cooking oil, olive oil, and whole grain products; negative loadings for meat, including processed meat, white bread, salty snacks, pommes frites and cakes and sweets</p>
<b>Timmermans, 2011</b>	<p><b>Mediterranean pattern:</b> High intake of vegetables, vegetable oils, pasta, rice, fish, and legumes, moderate intake of alcohol, and low intake of sweets</p> <p><b>Traditional pattern:</b> High intake of meat and potatoes, and low intake of fruit, nonalcoholic drinks, fish, and bread</p>
<b>Schoenaker, 2015</b>	<p><b>Meat, high-fat, and sugar pattern:</b> Characterized by high consumption of meat, processed meat, cakes, sweet biscuits, chocolate, meat pies, and pizza</p> <p><b>Mediterranean-style pattern:</b> Characterized by high consumption of vegetables, legumes, nuts, tofu, rice, pasta, rye bread, red wine, and fish</p> <p><b>Fruit and low-fat dairy pattern:</b> Characterized by high consumption of fruit, yogurt, low-fat cheese, and skim milk</p> <p><b>Cooked vegetable pattern:</b> Characterized by high consumption of carrots, peas, cooked potatoes, cauliflower, and pumpkin</p>

**Table 3: Time point of exposure assessment**



**Outcomes:**

Studies assessed HDP (including preeclampsia, early preeclampsia and gestational hypertension) and blood pressure as outcomes. Table 4: Summary of outcome definitions summarizes the outcomes and diagnostic criteria grouped by methodology used to create dietary patterns.

**Table 4: Summary of outcome definitions**

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Index/Score</b>						
<b>Rifas-Shiman, 2009</b>	Preeclampsia	Increased blood pressure and proteinuria (dipstick value of 1+ on two or more occasions or $\geq 2+$ once) $>4$ hours but $\leq 7$ days apart OR chronic hypertension and developed proteinuria after 20 weeks' gestation	National High Blood Pressure Education Program	Clinical blood pressure and urine protein measurements	Gifford, 2000 <sup>11</sup>	Birth weight for gestational age Impaired glucose tolerance & gestational diabetes Gestational weight gain

<sup>11</sup> Gifford, R. W. (2000). Report of the National High Blood Pressure Education Program Working Group on High Blood Pressure in Pregnancy. Am J Obstet Gynecol, 183(1), S1-S22.

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
Hillesund, 2014	Preeclampsia; Early preeclampsia	Increase in blood pressure to $\geq 140$ mm Hg systolic or 90 mm Hg diastolic, after the 20th gestational week, combined with proteinuria (protein excretion of at least 0.3 g/24 h or $\geq 1+$ on a dip-stick assay), both measured at least twice	Norwegian Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists	Obtained from Medical Birth Registry of Norway, which is based on forms completed by midwives after birth by checking one or more of the following: 'Preeclampsia, mild', 'Preeclampsia, severe', 'Preeclampsia, before 34 weeks', 'Eclampsia', 'Gestational hypertension (without proteinuria)', and 'Pre-existing hypertension'	Klungsoyr, 2012 <sup>12</sup>	Gestational age
		Early preeclampsia diagnosed before 34 weeks gestation		In present study, preeclampsia cases included reported preeclampsia, eclampsia, a combination of hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelet count (HELLP syndrome), and preeclampsia superimposed on chronic hypertension		

<sup>12</sup> Klungsoyr, K., Morken, N. H., Irgens, L., Vollset, S. E., & Skjaerven, R. (2012). Secular trends in the epidemiology of pre-eclampsia throughout 40 years in Norway: prevalence, risk factors and perinatal survival. *Paediatr Perinat Epidemiol*, 26(3), 190-198. doi:10.1111/j.1365-3016.2012.01260.x

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Schoenaker, 2016</b>	Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy	Gestational hypertension defined as new-onset hypertension after 20 wk of gestation with $\geq 140$ mm HG systolic or $\geq 90$ mm Hg diastolic blood pressure; Preeclampsia defined as gestational hypertension with involvement of $\geq 1$ other organ systems and/or the fetus	NR	Self-reported physician diagnosis in response to question, "Were you diagnosed or treated for hypertension (high blood pressure) during pregnancy?"	Lowe, 2009 <sup>13</sup> ; Gresham, 2015 <sup>14</sup>	Gestational diabetes
<b>PCA/Factor Analysis</b>						

<sup>13</sup> Lowe, S. A., Brown, M. A., Dekker, G. A., Gatt, S., McLintock, C. K., McMahon, L. P., . . . Walters, B. (2009). Guidelines for the management of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy 2008. *Aust N Z J Obstet Gynaecol*, 49(3), 242-246. doi:10.1111/j.1479-828X.2009.01003.x

<sup>14</sup> Gresham, E., Forder, P., Chojenta, C. L., Byles, J. E., Loxton, D. J., & Hure, A. J. (2015). Agreement between self-reported perinatal outcomes and administrative data in New South Wales, Australia. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 15(1), 161. doi:10.1186/s12884-015-0597-x

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Brantsæter, 2009</b>	Preeclampsia	Blood pressure >140/90 after 20 weeks of gestation, combined with proteinuria >+1 dipstick on at least 2 occasions	Society for Gynecology	Obtained from Medical Birth Registry of Norway; registry is based on forms completed by midwives with 5 check-off boxes relevant to pre-eclampsia: haemolysis, elevated liver enzymes and low platelet count (HELLP syndrome); eclampsia; early pre-eclampsia (diagnosed before 34 weeks); mild pre-eclampsia and severe pre-eclampsia  Diagnosis of preeclampsia given if any of the aforementioned diagnoses were present	Norwegian Medical Association, 2006 <sup>15</sup>	N/A

<sup>15</sup> Norwegian Medical Association - The Norwegian Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology. (2006). Clinical guidelines in obstetrics. Retrieved from [www.legeforeningen.no/id/78144.0](http://www.legeforeningen.no/id/78144.0)

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Torjusen, 2014</b>	Preeclampsia	Blood pressure >140/90 after 20 weeks of gestation, combined with proteinuria >+1 dipstick on at least 2 occasions	Society for Gynecology	Obtained from Medical Birth Registry of Norway; registry is based on forms completed by midwives with 5 check-off boxes relevant to pre-eclampsia: haemolysis, elevated liver enzymes and low platelet count (HELLP syndrome); eclampsia; early pre-eclampsia (diagnosed before 34 weeks); mild pre-eclampsia and severe pre-eclampsia  Diagnosis of preeclampsia given if any of the aforementioned diagnoses were present	Irgens, 2000 <sup>16</sup> ; Thomsen, 2013 <sup>17</sup>	Gestational weight gain

<sup>16</sup> Irgens, L. M. (2000). The Medical Birth Registry of Norway. Epidemiological research and surveillance throughout 30 years. *Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand*, 79(6), 435-439.

<sup>17</sup> Thomsen, L. C., Klungsoyr, K., Roten, L. T., Tappert, C., Araya, E., Baerheim, G., . . . Bjorge, L. (2013). Validity of the diagnosis of pre-eclampsia in the Medical Birth Registry of Norway. *Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand*, 92(8), 943-950. doi:10.1111/aogs.12159

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Timmermans, 2011</b>	Maternal blood pressure; Gestational hypertension; Preeclampsia	Gestational hypertension defined as new-onset hypertension (SBP $\geq$ 140 mm HG and/or DBP $\geq$ 90 mm Hg >20 wk gestation in previously normotensive woman on at least 2 occasions)  Preeclampsia defined as gestational hypertension with proteinuria ( $\geq$ 2 dipstick readings of $\geq$ 2+, $\geq$ 1 sample reading of 1+, or 24-hour urine collection containing at least 300 mg of protein)	International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy	SBP and DBP: validated Omron 907 automated digital oscillometric sphygmomanometer  Doctor-diagnosed gestational hypertension and preeclampsia retrieved from medical records	Brown, 2001 <sup>18</sup> ; Coolman, 2010 <sup>19</sup>	N/A

<sup>18</sup> Brown, M. A., Lindheimer, M. D., de Swiet, M., Van Assche, A., & Moutquin, J. M. (2001). The classification and diagnosis of the hypertensive disorders of pregnancy: statement from the International Society for the Study of Hypertension in Pregnancy (ISSHP). *Hypertens Pregnancy*, 20(1), Ix-xiv. doi:10.1081/prg-100104165

<sup>19</sup> Coolman, M., de Groot, C. J., Jaddoe, V. W., Hofman, A., Raat, H., & Steegers, E. A. (2010). Medical record validation of maternally reported history of preeclampsia. *J Clin Epidemiol*, 63(8), 932-937. doi:10.1016/j.jclinepi.2009.10.010

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Schoenaker, 2015</b>	Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy	Gestational hypertension defined as new-onset hypertension after 20 wk of gestation with $\geq 140$ mm HG systolic or $\geq 90$ mm Hg diastolic blood pressure; Preeclampsia defined as gestational hypertension with involvement of $\geq 1$ other organ systems and/or the fetus	NR	Self-reported physician diagnosis in response to question, "Were you diagnosed or treated for hypertension (high blood pressure) during pregnancy?"	Lowe, 2009 <sup>20</sup> ; Gresham, 2015 <sup>21</sup>	N/A

### Other Method

<sup>20</sup> Lowe, S. A., Brown, M. A., Dekker, G. A., Gatt, S., McLintock, C. K., McMahon, L. P., . . . Walters, B. (2009). Guidelines for the management of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy 2008. *Aust N Z J Obstet Gynaecol*, 49(3), 242-246. doi:10.1111/j.1479-828X.2009.01003.x

<sup>21</sup> Gresham, E., Forder, P., Chojenta, C., Byles, J., Loxton, D., & Hure, A. (2015). [Personal communication].

Study	Outcome	Diagnostic Criteria	Source of Criteria	Method of Assessment	References	Additional Outcomes
<b>Khoury, 2005</b>	Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy <sup>22</sup>	Pregnancy-induced hypertension: [blood pressure >140/90 mmHg after gestational week 20 measured at 2 occasions at least 6 hours apart] with 1+ proteinuria on a dipstick assay [preeclampsia] or without proteinuria	NR	Data obtained from hospital records	N/A	Preterm delivery IUGR Fetal distress Birth weight Gestational age

<sup>22</sup> Addressed by the authors as “hypertensive complications”

## Evidence synthesis

With 8 included studies from 1 trial and 4 cohorts, there is a small body of evidence available to examine the relationship between dietary patterns and risk of HDP. There is substantial heterogeneity in methodology employed to define and assess dietary patterns, which makes it difficult to compare findings across studies. Despite the variability, 5 of the 8 included studies reported significant relationships between dietary patterns and HDP risk (Table 5: Results grouped by methodology used for dietary pattern assessment). An additional study showed an association between dietary patterns and blood pressure, but not preeclampsia or gestational hypertension.

### Dietary patterns assessed via index/score

Three studies used indices/scores to assess dietary patterns. Two of these studies noted a significant relationship between dietary patterns and HDP (2, 3).

Schoenaker et al. assessed HDP in relation to a Mediterranean diet (3). Beneficial foods included vegetables, legumes, fruit and nuts, cereals, fish, and monounsaturated:saturated fat ratio, and detrimental foods included meat, poultry, and high-fat dairy. Compared to high adherence, lower adherence to the Mediterranean diet was associated with an increased odds of HDP.

Hillesund et al. assessed adherence to the New Nordic Diet, which measures the frequency of eating the following foods: Nordic fruits (apples, pears, plums, strawberries), root vegetables (carrots, rutabaga and various types of onions), cabbages (kale, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussels sprouts), potatoes, whole grain breads, oat meal porridge, foods from the wild countryside (wild fish, seafood, game and wild berries), milk and water (2). High adherence was associated with a reduced odds of both preeclampsia and early preeclampsia.

The third study did not find a significant association between maternal diet and HDP (1). This study was conducted in the U.S. Project Viva cohort, and measured adherence to the Alternate Healthy Eating Index for Pregnancy (AHEI-P), which considered vegetables, fruit, ratio of white to red meat, fiber, trans fat, ratio of polyunsaturated to saturated fatty acids, and folate, calcium, and iron from foods. The outcome of interest was preeclampsia. The odds of preeclampsia for each 5-point increase in AHEI-P score were not statistically significant.

The differences across studies in the index/score measured limits the ability to compare findings. However, the overall direction of association between types of food and amount of HDP risk was consistent across studies, including the one that reported non-statistically significant findings.

### Dietary patterns assessed via factor or principal component analysis

Studies using data-driven methods to identify dietary patterns (i.e., principal component analysis or exploratory factor analysis) noted associations between high vegetable and Mediterranean-type dietary patterns and lower risk of HDP. The findings from Brantsæter et al. showed that greater adherence to a Vegetable dietary pattern (characterized by positive loadings for vegetables, cooking oil, olive oil, fruits and berries, rice, and chicken) reduced the odds of developing preeclampsia, while greater adherence to the Processed Food dietary pattern (characterized by positive loadings for meat products, white bread, French fries, salty snacks, and sugar-sweetened beverages; and negative loadings on oily fish, high-fiber cereals, and lean fish)

increased the odds of preeclampsia (4). Similarly, Torjusen et al. found that a dietary pattern with high loadings for vegetables, fruit and berries, cooking oil, olive oil, and whole grain products and negative loadings for meat, including processed meat, white bread, salty snacks, pommes frites and cakes and sweets were associated with lower risk of preeclampsia (5).

Studies examining associations between a Mediterranean-type diet and HDP risk showed mixed findings. Schoenaker et al. observed greater adherence to a dietary pattern characterized by high consumption of vegetables, legumes, nuts, tofu, rice, pasta, rye bread, red wine, and fish was associated with lower HDP risk (7). Conversely, Timmermans et al. reported that while a diet characterized by high consumption of high intake of vegetables, vegetable oils, pasta, rice, fish, and legumes, moderate intake of alcohol, and low intake of sweets was associated with lower maternal blood pressure during pregnancy, there was no significant association between consumption of this dietary pattern and HDP (6). Timmermans et al. also noted that high adherence to a traditional dietary pattern characterized by high intake of meat and potatoes, and low intake of fruit, nonalcoholic drinks, fish, and bread was associated with higher maternal blood pressure during pregnancy.

### **Dietary patterns assessed in the RCT**

In the RCT, participants randomized to the intervention consumed a diet characterized by higher amounts of fruits and vegetables, fatty fish, vegetable oils, nuts and low-fat dairy. Participants were also asked to restrict meat and replace it with avocado, as well as to limit coffee consumption to 2 cups/day. Subjects who were assigned to the control group were asked to consume their usual diet based on Norwegian foodstuffs and to not introduce more oils or low-fat meat and dairy products than usual.

The only RCT in this body of evidence reported no significant difference in the incidence of HDP (addressed by the authors as “hypertensive complications”) among those randomized to intervention vs. control diets. (8). It should be noted that the RCT was conducted among 240 women and was not powered to examine the outcome of interest. It is also likely that the timing of the intervention in the RCT may have been too late in pregnancy to have seen an effect.

### **Summary**

Overall, these findings show some consistency in the patterns of dietary consumption during early pregnancy that are associated with reduced risk of HDP. However, because of heterogeneity in methods, the dietary patterns vary considerably across studies, limiting direct comparison. Furthermore, three of these studies assessed diet in mid-pregnancy and represent consumption during either early pregnancy (4, 5) or the three months prior to conception and early pregnancy (6). Additionally, the fourth study measured dietary intake over the previous years, and the amount of time between this measurement and the actual pregnancy may have varied substantially across participants (7). Study participants in the RCT, on the other hand, followed the diet starting mid-pregnancy (17-20 weeks gestation) until delivery (8), which for outcomes such as gestational hypertension may not have been sufficient time for an effect to take place. Therefore, the impact on the outcome being positive across studies is informative, but there are substantial methodological and measurement issues that limit the ability to compare findings across this body of literature.

**Table 5. Results grouped by methodology used for dietary pattern assessment**

<b>Key for color-coding:</b>
<i>Dietary pattern categorized as beneficial when...</i> Greater adherence reduces risk of HDP Lower adherence increases risk of HDP
<i>Dietary pattern categorized as detrimental when...</i> Greater adherence increases risk of HDP Lower adherence decreases risk of HDP

**Table 5: Results grouped by methodology used for dietary pattern assessment**

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
<b>Index/Score</b>				
<b>Rifas-Shiman, 2009</b> <b>USA</b> <b>N = 1,777 (1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>trimester)</b>	<b>AHEI-P</b> vegetables; fruit; ratio of white to red meat; fiber; <i>trans</i> fat; ratio of polyunsaturated to saturated fatty acids; and folate, calcium, and iron from foods	Preeclampsia  (OR - for each 5-point increase in AHEI-P score)		First trimester:  0.96 (95% CI: 0.84, 1.10)

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
<b>Hillesund, 2014</b> <b>Norway</b> <b>N = 72,072</b>	<b>New Nordic Diet</b> Nordic fruits (apples, pears, plums, strawberries), root vegetables (carrots, rutabaga and various types of onions), cabbages (kale, cauliflower, broccoli and Brussels sprouts), potatoes, whole grain breads, oat meal porridge, foods from the wild countryside (wild fish, seafood, game and wild berries), milk and water	Preeclampsia (OR) Low=REF	High: 0.86 (95% CI: 0.78, 0.95)	Medium: 0.91 (95% CI: 0.83, 1.00)
		Early preeclampsia (OR) Low=REF	High: 0.71 (95% CI: 0.52, 0.96)	Medium: 0.84 (95% CI: 0.63, 1.12)
<b>Schoenaker, 2016</b> <b>Australia</b> <b>N = 3,167</b>	<b>Mediterranean diet score</b> Beneficial foods (vegetables, legumes, fruit and nuts, cereals, fish, and mono:saturated fat ratio); detrimental foods (meat, poultry, high-fat dairy)	Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy (OR) High=REF	Lower: 1.41 (95% CI: 1.18, 1.56)	
<b>PCA/Factor Analysis</b>				

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
<b>Brantsaeter, 2009</b> <b>Norway</b> <b>N = 23,423</b>	<b>Vegetable pattern</b> High positive loadings on vegetables, cooking oil, olive oil, fruits and berries, rice, and chicken	Preeclampsia (OR) Tertile 1=REF	Tertile 2: 0.84 (95% CI: 0.73, 0.97) Tertile 3: 0.72 (95% CI: 0.62, 0.85)	
	<b>Processed food pattern</b> High positive loadings on processed meat products, white bread, French fries, salty snacks, and sugar-sweetened drinks and high negative loadings on oily fish, high-fiber breakfast cereals, and lean fish	Preeclampsia (OR) Tertile 1=REF	Tertile 3: 1.21 (95% CI: 1.03, 1.41)	Tertile 2: 1.06 (95% CI: 0.91, 1.23)
	<b>Potato and fish pattern</b> High positive loadings on cooked potatoes, processed fish, lean fish, fish spread and shellfish, and margarine	Preeclampsia (OR) Tertile 1=REF		Tertile 2: 0.99 (95% CI: 0.86, 1.15) Tertile 3: 1.00 (95% CI: 0.84, 1.18)
	<b>Cakes and sweets pattern</b> High loadings on cakes, waffles and pancakes, buns, ice cream, sweet biscuits, sweets, and chocolate	Preeclampsia (OR) Tertile 1=REF		Tertile 2: 1.00 (95% CI: 0.86, 1.15) Tertile 3: 0.90 (95% CI: 0.76, 1.06)

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
<b>Torjusen, 2014</b> <b>Norway</b> <b>N = 28,192</b>	<b>Health and sustainability pattern</b> High positive loadings for vegetables, fruit and berries, cooking oil, olive oil, and whole grain products; negative loadings for meat, including processed meat, white bread, salty snacks, pommes frites and cakes and sweets	Preeclampsia (OR) Tertile 1=REF	Tertile 2: 0.81 (95% CI: 0.71, 0.92) Tertile 3: 0.74 (95% CI: 0.64, 0.85)	
<b>Timmermans, 2011</b> <b>Netherlands</b> <b>N = 3,187</b>	<b>Mediterranean pattern</b> High intake of vegetables, vegetable oils, pasta, rice, fish, and legumes, moderate intake of alcohol, and low intake of sweets	SBP (Linear regression coefficient) High=REF	Mid-pregnancy: Low: 1.3 (95% CI: 0.3, 2.3)	Mid-pregnancy: Medium: 0.7 (95% CI: -0.3, 1.6) Late-pregnancy: Low: 0.2 (95% CI: -0.8, 1.2) Medium: 0.7 (95% CI: -0.3, 1.6)
		DBP (Linear regression coefficient) High=REF	Mid-pregnancy: Low: 1.6 (95% CI: 0.8, 2.4) Late-pregnancy: Low: 1.0 (95% CI: 0.2, 1.8)	Mid-pregnancy: Medium: 0.2 (95% CI: -0.6, 0.9) Late-pregnancy: Medium: 0.5 (95% CI: -0.3, 1.2)
		Gestational Hypertension (OR) High=REF		Low: 1.3 (95% CI: 0.9, 1.9) Medium: 1.1 (95% CI: 0.8, 1.7)

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
		Preeclampsia (OR) High=REF		Low: 1.2 (95% CI: 0.6, 2.3) Medium: 1.2 (95% CI: 0.6, 2.3)
	<b>Traditional pattern</b> High intake of meat and potatoes, and low intake of fruit, nonalcoholic drinks, fish, and bread	SBP (Linear regression coefficient) Low=REF	Mid-pregnancy: Medium: 1.3 (95% CI: 0.4, 2.3) High: 2.3 (95% CI: 1.2, 3.3) Late-pregnancy: High: 2.6 (95% CI: 1.6, 3.6)	Late-pregnancy: Medium: 0.7 (95% CI: -0.3, 1.6)
		DBP (Linear regression coefficient) Low=REF	Mid-pregnancy: Medium: 0.9 (95% CI: 0.1, 1.7) High: 1.3 (95% CI: 0.5, 2.1) Late-pregnancy: High: 0.8 (95% CI: 0.1, 1.6)	Late-pregnancy: Medium: 0.3 (95% CI: -0.4, 1.1)
		Gestational Hypertension (OR) Low=REF		Medium: 1.0 (95% CI: 0.7, 1.6) High: 1.3 (95% CI: 0.9, 1.9)

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
		Preeclampsia (OR)		Medium: 0.7 (95% CI: 0.3, 1.4)
		Low=REF		High: 1.1 (95% CI: 0.6, 2.1)
<b>Schoenaker, 2015</b> <b>Australia</b> <b>N = 3,582 women</b> <b>(6,149</b> <b>pregnancies)</b>	<b>Meat, high-fat, and sugar pattern</b> Characterized by high consumption of meat, processed meat, cakes, sweet biscuits, chocolate, meat pies, and pizza	Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy (RR) Q1=REF		Q2: 0.89 (95% CI: 0.64, 1.22) Q3: 1.04 (95% CI: 0.73, 1.48) Q4: 0.94 (95% CI: 0.57, 1.55)
	<b>Mediterranean-style pattern</b> Characterized by high consumption of vegetables, legumes, nuts, tofu, rice, pasta, rye bread, red wine, and fish	Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy (RR) Q1=REF	Q3: 0.70 (95% CI: 0.50, 0.97) Q4: 0.58 (95% CI: 0.42, 0.81)	Q2: 0.85 (95% CI: 0.65, 1.11)
	<b>Fruit and low-fat dairy pattern</b> Characterized by high consumption of fruit, yogurt, low-fat cheese, and skim milk	Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy (RR) Q1=REF		Q2: 1.08 (95% CI: 0.80, 1.46) Q3: 0.98 (95% CI: 0.70, 1.37) Q4: 0.97 (95% CI: 0.71, 1.32)

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
	<b>Cooked vegetable pattern</b> Characterized by high consumption of carrots, peas, cooked potatoes, cauliflower, and pumpkin	Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy (RR) Q1=REF		Q2: 0.97 (95% CI: 0.71, 1.32) Q3: 1.15 (95% CI: 0.86, 1.54) Q4: 1.04 (95% CI: 0.73, 1.48)
<b>Other Methods</b>				

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
<b>Khoury, 2005 Norway N = 290</b>	<p><b>Intervention diet</b></p> <p>Dietician encouraged the intake of fatty fish, vegetable oils, especially olive oil and rapeseed oil, nuts, nut butters, margarine based on olive- or rapeseed oil, and avocado to replace meat, butter, cream, and fatty dairy products; the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables was advised (at least 6 a day); intake of dairy products in the form of skimmed or low-fat products (skimmed milk, fat-reduced cheese, and yogurt) in place of full fat products was encouraged; subjects were advised to choose meat for a main meal twice a week and use legumes, vegetable main dishes, fatty fish, or poultry with the fat trimmed off on the other days; coffee was limited to 2 cups of filtered coffee a day</p> <p>- included significantly more fish and fish products; fatty fish and fish products; rapeseed-based margarine; oils; olive oil; rapeseed oil; nuts, olives, and seeds; vegetables; and fruits when compared to the control diet<sup>23</sup></p>	<p>Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy<sup>24</sup> (OR)</p> <p>Control=REF</p>		<p>Intervention: 1.0 (95% CI: 0.5, 2.5)</p>

<sup>23</sup> Khoury, J., Henriksen, T., Seljeflot, I., Mørkrid, L., Frøslie, K. F., & Tonstad, S. (2007). Effects of an antiatherogenic diet during pregnancy on markers of maternal and fetal endothelial activation and inflammation: the CARRDIP study. *BJOG*, 114(3), 279-288. doi:10.1111/j.1471-0528.2006.01187.x

<sup>24</sup> Addressed by the authors as “hypertensive complications”

Author, Year Country, N	Exposure	Outcome	Significant finding	NS finding
	<b>Control diet</b> Subjects asked to consume their usual diet based on Norwegian foodstuffs, and not to introduce more oils or low-fat meat and dairy products than usual  - included significantly more fatty milk, meat and meat products, fatty minced meat, butter, and hard margarines when compared to the intervention diet <sup>23</sup>			

## Assessment of the body of evidence

This body of evidence was deemed to be limited in strength. The individual grading elements are discussed below.

### Internal validity (determined with NEL Bias Assessment Tool):

- The data were primarily observational in nature, making it difficult to determine causal effect of the dietary patterns.
- Dietary patterns were consistently assessed before collection of outcome data in all included studies. However, measurement of the time of exposure varied widely across studies and may have occurred years before pregnancy in the two studies from the ALSWH cohort.
- The use of self-reported exposure and outcome measurement might have introduced potential measurement error and could have limited the validity of these data.
- FFQ were the primary measurement tool, and both the self-reported data collected with this tool and the variability between studies in the type of FFQ used (i.e., number of items assessed, whether or not it is validated in a pregnant sample) could have affected the validity of the exposure data.
- As a result of methodological differences among studies, the dietary patterns studied varied considerably, which makes it difficult to compare findings across studies.
- The key confounders of parity, educational attainment, smoking status, race/ethnicity, maternal age, family poverty income ratio, pre-pregnancy BMI, mean total energy intake, and gestational diabetes mellitus were not consistently controlled across studies.
- Multiple studies did not report data on key confounding factors at baseline and did not control for potential differences across dietary groups in the analyses.
- Although data from a few more experimental studies or RCTs could strengthen these findings, it is not often practical and in some settings possibly unethical to use those study designs to answer the research question in this vulnerable population. Further, the limited time period for implementing an intervention during pregnancy is an additional constraint to use an experimental study design or RCT. Given all this, observational study designs are appropriate for studying dietary patterns, so these findings (primarily from observational studies) are not considered insufficient on this basis alone.

### Consistency:

- There was some consistency across the body of evidence. Regardless of the method used to define them, healthier diets (defined different ways) were protective against the risk of HDP. Components of healthy patterns included high intakes of vegetables, fruits, grains (especially whole grains), nuts, legumes, fish, and vegetable oils and low intakes of meat and refined grain.
- Five out of eight studies observed a significant association between diet and the risk of HDP or blood pressure, while the single RCT and an observational study conducted in the U.S., each reported no association. One additional study found an association between DP and BP, but not with gestational hypertension or preeclampsia.
- Two of the dietary patterns assessed were found to be detrimental: a traditional

pattern—with high intakes of meat and potatoes and low intakes of fruit, nonalcoholic drinks, fish, and bread—was associated with increased blood pressure, and a processed food pattern—with high intakes of processed meat products, white bread, French fries, salty snacks, and sugar-sweetened drinks and low intakes of oily fish, high-fiber breakfast cereals, and lean fish—was associated with increased risk of preeclampsia.

### **Impact:**

- With two exceptions, the studies directly examined the relationship between different dietary patterns or different levels of adherence to a dietary pattern and HDP. The primary exposure of interest in Torjusen et al. 2014 was organic vegetable consumption. The purpose of CARRDIP trial was to test whether a cholesterol-lowering diet in pregnancy modified maternal, cord and neonatal cholesterol levels. Maternal and newborn complications were added as part of secondary analyses.
- The study based on the ALSWH cohort found that greater adherence to a Mediterranean-style diet during preconception period was inversely associated with the risk of developing HDP. The risk decreased by 30% and 42% for those women whose diets were in quartiles 3 and 4, respectively.
- Among the three studies that found a significant association between dietary patterns and preeclampsia, effect sizes were more modest. Adherence to healthier dietary patterns was associated with 14-29% reductions in the risk of preeclampsia, while adherence to a processed foods dietary pattern increased the risk by 21%.
- Nonetheless, together these findings suggest that there may be practical significance in encouraging women to consume a “healthy” diet (defined in several different ways in these studies) before and during pregnancy.

### **Adequacy:**

- The number of studies and the number of unique research groups included in this evidence base was inadequate to answer the research question.
- This evidence base included eight studies corresponding to one RCT and four unique cohorts.
- As a result, there were also only five independent research groups contributing to this body of literature.
- The sample sizes varied considerably, ranging from 290 to 72,072.

### **Generalizability:**

- All but one of the studies were conducted outside the U.S.
- The study conducted in the U.S. was limited in generalizability to predominantly Caucasian women with access to health care.
- Minority and lower SES populations are underrepresented in these data. It is unknown if the findings would be comparable in more diverse samples before or during pregnancy.
- There was a lower prevalence of obesity in these samples compared to the U.S. national average.
- The largest sample considered here (MoBa), which is used in three of the included studies, underrepresents young women, minorities, women with more

than two children, women with previous stillbirths, smokers, and single mothers.

**Other limitations/considerations:**

- Different criteria were used across studies to define HDP, including self-report.
- Some studies included both gestational hypertension and preeclampsia as outcomes of interest, while others included only preeclampsia. Further, preeclampsia was sometimes defined as a combination of preeclampsia, eclampsia, and HELLP syndrome.
- Publication bias may be partly responsible for the wide array of dietary patterns in the literature. Journal editors and peer-reviewers may be less willing to publish studies that replicate others' findings. It is important for the editors and peer-reviewers to understand the need for publishing studies that replicate dietary patterns, in addition to publishing studies that assess unique dietary patterns.

**Research recommendations**

To assess the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of HDP more adequately, additional research is needed that should:

- Include diverse populations from the U.S. and elsewhere with varying racial/ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Develop and validate novel epidemiological tools that can accurately capture the complexity of dietary habits.
- Improve comparability across studies by increasing the uniformity of 1) diet assessment tools used across different regions and populations, 2) methods used to define dietary patterns, and 3) timing of dietary assessment.
- Adjust for key confounding factors in observational studies, including parity, educational attainment, smoking status, race/ethnicity, maternal age, family poverty income ratio, pre-pregnancy BMI, mean total energy intake, fetal sex, and gestational diabetes mellitus (and/or justify how and why confounders were chosen).
- Include well-designed and sufficiently powered RCTs.
- Include and assess effect measure modification by fetal sex or multiethnic subgroups within the U.S.
- Use robust statistical methods such as multiple imputation to handle missing data.

## Included articles

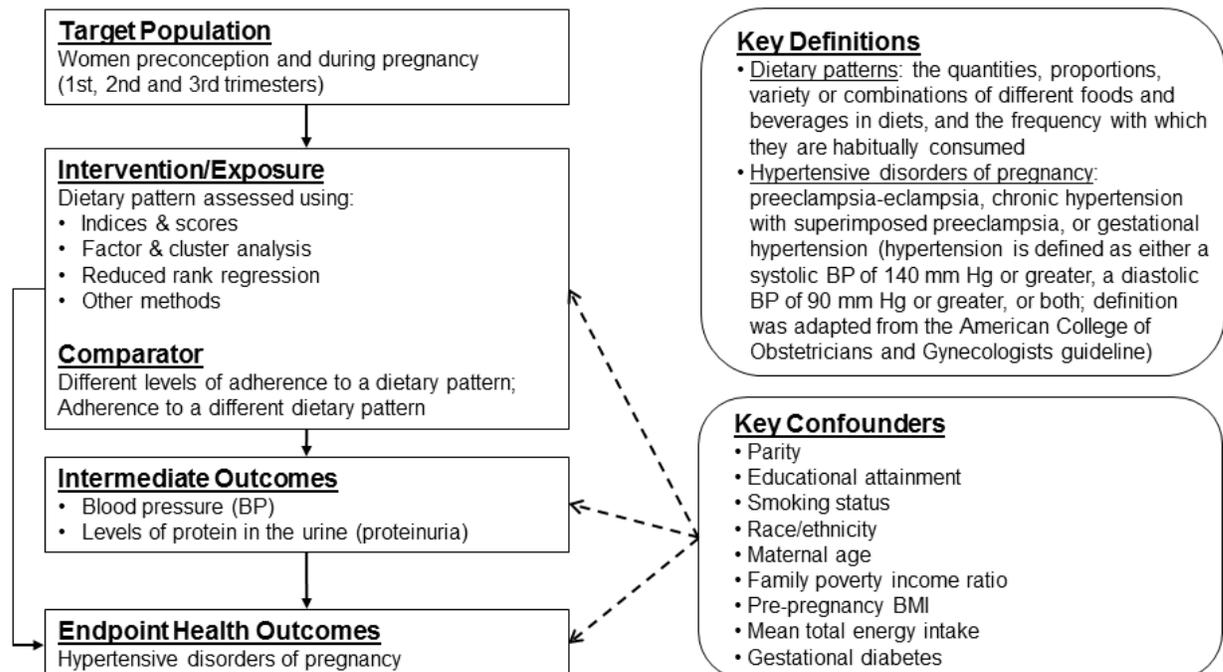
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## ANALYTIC FRAMEWORK

The analytic framework (Figure 1) illustrates the overall scope of the systematic review, including the population, the interventions and/or exposures, comparators, and outcomes of interest. It also includes definitions of key terms and identifies key confounders considered in the systematic review. This is the analytic framework for the systematic review conducted to examine the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

**Figure 1: Analytic framework**

**Analytic Framework:** What is the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy?



## SEARCH PLAN AND RESULTS

### Inclusion and exclusion criteria

This table provides the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the systematic review question: what is the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and gestational age- and sex-adjusted birth weight. The inclusion and exclusion criteria are a set of characteristics to determine which studies will be included or excluded in the systematic review.

**Table 6. Inclusion and exclusion criteria**

Category	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
<b>Study Design</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Randomized controlled trials</li> <li>• Prospective cohort studies</li> <li>• Retrospective cohort studies</li> <li>• Nested case-control studies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non-randomized controlled trials</li> <li>• Cross-sectional studies</li> <li>• Case-control studies</li> <li>• Uncontrolled studies</li> <li>• Pre/post studies with a control</li> <li>• Pre/post studies without a control</li> <li>• Narrative reviews</li> <li>• Systematic reviews</li> <li>• Meta-analyses</li> </ul>
<b>Exposure/ Intervention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies that provide a description of the dietary pattern(s) (i.e., foods and beverages) consumed by subjects and that methodologically use:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Indices &amp; scores</li> <li>○ Cluster or factor analysis</li> <li>○ Reduced rank regression</li> <li>○ Other methods</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies that <u>do not</u> provide a description of the dietary pattern(s) (i.e., foods and beverages) consumed by subjects<sup>25</sup></li> </ul>

<sup>25</sup> For example, a study would be excluded from the systematic review if the dietary pattern were labeled “vegetarian” but lacked a description of what foods/beverages were consumed as part of that dietary pattern.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Inclusion Criteria</b>	<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>
<b>Comparator</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Different levels of adherence to a dietary pattern</li> <li>• Adherence to a different dietary pattern</li> </ul>	
<b>Date Range</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies published in the following date range: 1980-present (search date)</li> </ul>	
<b>Language</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies published in English</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies published in languages other than English</li> </ul>
<b>Study Setting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies conducted in Very High and High Human Development Countries*</li> </ul> <p><i>*Determined using the most recent Human Development Index</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies conducted in Medium and Low Human Development Countries*</li> </ul> <p><i>*Determined using the most recent Human Development Index</i></p>
<b>Study Duration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies regardless of length</li> </ul>	

<b>Category</b>	<b>Inclusion Criteria</b>	<b>Exclusion Criteria</b>
<b>Temporality</b>	<p><i>HDP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies when the exposure was assessed prior to the outcome</li> <li>• Studies when exposure and outcome assessment occurred during overlapping time periods before the third trimester (&lt;28 weeks gestation)</li> </ul> <p><i>Proteinuria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies when the exposure was assessed prior to the outcome</li> <li>• Studies when exposure and outcome assessment occurred during overlapping time periods before the third trimester (&lt;28 weeks gestation)</li> </ul> <p><i>Blood pressure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies when the exposure was assessed prior to the outcome</li> </ul>	<p><i>HDP</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies when the outcome was assessed prior to the exposure</li> <li>• Studies when exposure and outcome assessment occurred during overlapping time periods in the third trimester (<math>\geq 28</math> weeks gestation)</li> </ul> <p><i>Proteinuria</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies when the outcome was assessed prior to the exposure</li> <li>• Studies when exposure and outcome assessment occurred during overlapping time periods in the third trimester (<math>\geq 28</math> weeks gestation)</li> </ul> <p><i>Blood pressure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies when the outcome was assessed prior to the exposure</li> <li>• Studies when exposure and outcome assessment occurred during overlapping time periods (irrespective of time period)</li> </ul>
<b>Publication Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies published in peer-reviewed journals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grey literature, including unpublished data, manuscripts, reports, abstracts, conference proceedings</li> </ul>
<b>Study Subjects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human subjects</li> <li>• Adolescent girls and women capable of becoming pregnant (15-44 years)</li> <li>• Pregnant girls and women (15-44 years) – single and multiple pregnancies</li> <li>• Neonates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animal and in vitro models</li> <li>• Hospitalized patients, when hospitalization is not related to pregnancy, birth and immediate postpartum</li> <li>• Pregnancies conceived ONLY using Assisted Reproductive Technologies</li> </ul>
<b>Size of Study Groups</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies regardless of group size</li> </ul>	

Category	Inclusion Criteria	Exclusion Criteria
<b>Health Status of Study Subjects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies conducted in generally healthy women of reproductive age, including women in pre/peri-conception and pregnancy</li> <li>• Studies conducted in samples with elevated chronic disease risk or pregnancy related conditions, or that enroll <i>some</i> subjects with a disease or with health outcome of interest such as               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Anemia</li> <li>○ Gestational diabetes</li> <li>○ Hypertension</li> <li>○ Preeclampsia</li> <li>○ Hyperemesis Gravidarum</li> <li>○ Previous adverse outcome (e.g., preterm)</li> <li>○ Obesity</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies that <i>exclusively</i> enroll subjects with chronic conditions (e.g. hypertension, diabetes) that are not related to the index pregnancy</li> <li>• Studies that <i>exclusively</i> enroll subjects with a disease or with the health outcome of interest (intermediate or endpoint health outcomes)</li> <li>• Studies done in hospitalized or malnourished subjects, if hospitalization is not related to index pregnancy</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy: 1) preeclampsia-eclampsia, 2) preeclampsia superimposed on chronic hypertension, and 3) gestational hypertension</li> <li>• Intermediate Outcomes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Blood pressure</li> <li>○ Levels of protein in the urine (proteinuria)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

## Search terms and electronic databases used

### PubMed, US National Library of Medicine

- Date(s) searched: January 1980 to January 2017
- Search Terms:

pregnancy[mh] OR "Prenatal Exposure Delayed Effects"[mesh] OR "Maternal Exposure"[mesh] OR "pregnant women"[mh] OR pregnan\*[tiab] OR prenatal[tiab] OR maternal OR mother\* OR postpartum OR newborn\*[tiab] OR perinatal OR peri-natal OR pre-conception OR preconception OR peri-conception OR periconception OR "Infant, Newborn"[Mesh] OR neonat\*[tiab] OR newly born\* OR "Peripartum Period"[Mesh] OR peripartum[tiab] OR peripartum[tiab] OR gestation\* OR natal OR puerperium[tiab] OR "Maternal Nutritional Physiological Phenomena"[Mesh]

AND

hypertensi\*[tiab] OR "Hypertension"[Mesh:NoExp] OR vomit\* OR diabetes\*[tiab] OR diabetic\*[tiab] OR "Birth Weight"[Mesh] OR "Birth Weight"[tiab] OR "Glucose Intolerance"[Mesh] OR Glucose Intoleran\*[tiab] OR glucose toleran\* OR "Insulin Resistance"[Mesh] OR Insulin Resistan\*[tiab] OR Dysglycemia[tiab] OR fasting blood glucose\* OR "Hemoglobin A, Glycosylated"[Mesh] OR "Proteinuria"[Mesh:noexp] OR Albuminuria OR "Blood Pressure"[mh] OR "blood pressure"[tiab]

OR

"Diabetes, Gestational"[Mesh] OR (gestation\*[tiab] AND (diabetes\*[tiab] OR diabetic\*[tiab])) OR "Pre-Eclampsia"[Mesh] OR "Pre-Eclampsia"[tiab] OR preeclampsia[tiab] OR "Hypertension, Pregnancy-Induced"[Mesh] OR Eclampsia OR "Gestational Age"[Mesh] OR "Morning Sickness"[Mesh] OR (Hyperemesis Gravidarum) OR "Gestational Age"[tiab] OR "Obstetric Labor, Premature"[Mesh] OR ((prematu\*[tiab] OR preterm [tiab]) AND (baby[tiab] OR infant\*[tiab] OR birth OR labor OR membrane\* OR babies)) OR "Fetal Growth Retardation"[Mesh] OR IUGR[tiab] OR "Intrauterine growth restriction" OR "Fetal Development"[Mesh:noexp] OR "Fetal Weight"[Mesh] OR "Umbilical Arteries"[Mesh] OR "Uterine Artery"[Mesh]

AND

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(DASH[ti] OR DASH[tw] OR ("dietary approaches"[ti] AND hypertension[ti]) OR "Diet, Mediterranean"[Mesh] OR Mediterranean[ti] OR vegan\* OR vegetarian\* OR "Diet, Vegetarian"[Mesh] OR "prudent diet" OR "western diet" OR nordiet OR omni[ti] OR omniheart[tiab] OR (Optimal Macronutrient Intake Trial to Prevent Heart Disease) OR adventist\* OR ((Okinawa\* OR "Ethnic Groups"[Mesh] OR "plant based" OR Mediterranean[tiab] OR Nordic[tiab] OR "heart healthy"[tiab] OR indo-mediterranean) AND (diet[mh] OR diet[tiab] OR diets[tiab] OR

food[mh])))) OR

("Guideline Adherence"[Mesh] AND (diet OR food OR eating OR eat OR dietary OR feeding OR nutrition OR nutrient\*)) OR (adherence AND (nutrient\* OR nutrition OR diet OR dietary OR food OR eat OR eating) AND (guideline\* OR guidance OR recommendation\*)) OR

(dietary score\* OR adequacy index\* OR kidmed OR Diet Quality Index\* OR Food Score\* OR Diet Score\* OR MedDietScore OR Dietary Pattern Score\* OR "healthy eating index") OR

((index\*[ti] OR score\*[ti] OR indexes OR scoring[ti] OR indices[ti]) AND (dietary[ti] OR nutrient\*[ti] OR eating[tiab] OR food[ti] OR food[mh] OR diet[ti] OR diet[mh]) AND (pattern\* OR habit\* OR profile\*)) OR meals[mh] OR meals[tiab] OR meal[tiab] OR mealtime\*[tiab]

OR

diet[mh:noexp] OR diet[ti] OR diets[ti] OR food\*[tiab] OR "Food"[mh:noexp] OR "Eating"[mh] OR dietary intake\*[tiab] OR food intake\*[tiab] OR food habits[mh] OR diet habit\*[tiab] OR eating habit\*[tiab] OR food choice\*[tiab] OR dietary choice\*[tiab] OR dietary change\*[tiab] NOT (editorial[ptyp] OR comment[ptyp] OR news[ptyp] OR letter[ptyp] OR review[ptyp] OR systematic[sb])

#### Embase, Elsevier:

- Date(s) searched: January 1980 to January 2017
- Search Terms:

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AND

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OR

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OR

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AND

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OR

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OR

food\*:ti,ab OR "Food"/de OR Eating:ti,ab OR (dietary NEAR/1 change\*):ti,ab OR Meal\*:ti,ab

### **Cochrane, Central Register of Controlled Trials, John Wiley & Sons:**

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OR peri-partum:ti,ab OR natal OR puerperium:ti,ab OR [mh "Maternal Nutritional Physiological Phenomena"]

AND

(hypertensi\*:ti,ab OR [mh ^Hypertension] OR vomit\*:ti,ab OR diabet\*:ti,ab OR [mh "Birth Weight"] OR "Birth Weight":ti,ab OR [mh "Glucose Intolerance"] OR (Glucose NEAR/1 Intoleran\*) OR (glucose NEAR/1 toleran\*) OR [mh "Insulin Resistance"] OR (Insulin NEAR/1 Resistan\*:ti,ab) OR Dysglycemia:ti,ab OR "fasting blood glucose" OR [mh "Hemoglobin A, Glycosylated"] OR [mh ^"Proteinuria"] OR Albuminuria OR [mh "Blood Pressure"] OR "blood pressure":ti,ab)

OR

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AND (diet:ti OR diets:ti OR dietary:ti OR meal\*:ti,ab OR "prudent diet" OR nordiet:ti,ab OR omniheart OR "Optimal Macronutrient Intake Trial to Prevent Heart Disease" OR ((Index OR score OR indices OR scoring) NEAR/3 (dietary OR diet OR food OR eating)) OR "adequacy index" OR kidmed OR MedDietScore)

OR 'dietary approaches to stop hypertension':ti,ab OR omniheart:ti,ab OR omni:ti OR 'plant based diet' OR ((eating OR food OR diet\* OR kalori\*) NEAR/3 (pattern? OR habit? OR profile? OR recommendation? OR guideline? OR style\* OR choice\* OR intake OR quality))

OR

food\*:ti,ab OR Eating:ti,ab OR (dietary NEAR/1 change\*):ti,ab OR DASH:ti,ab OR vegan\*:ab,ti OR vegetarian\*:ab,ti OR omni:ti OR ((ethni\* OR racial OR religio\* OR asia\* OR western OR Okinawa\* OR adventist\* OR 'mediterranean' OR Nordic\* OR indo-mediterranean) NEAR/3 (calori\* OR diet\* OR food OR eating))

OR [mh "Diet, Mediterranean"] OR [mh "Diet, Vegetarian"] OR ([mh "Ethnic Groups"] AND ([mh diet] OR diet\*:ti,ab OR [mh ^food] OR eat:ti,ab OR eating:ti,ab OR [mh "Eating"] OR [mh "food habits"])) OR

([mh "Guideline Adherence"] AND (diet OR food OR eating OR eat OR dietary)) OR ((adhere\* OR adhering) AND (diet OR dietary OR food OR eat OR eating)) AND (guideline\* OR guidance OR recommendation\*) OR

[mh meals] OR [mh ^diet] OR diet\*:ti,ab OR [mh ^"Food"] OR [mh "Eating"] OR [mh "food habits"]

**CINAHL (Plus) with Full Text, EBSCO (Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature):**

- Date(s) searched: January 1980 to January 2017
- Search Terms:

(MH "Food and Beverages") OR (MH "Food") OR (MH "Diet") OR (MH "Eating") OR (MH "Eating Behavior") OR (MH "Meals+") OR (MH "Food Preferences") OR (MH "Food Habits") OR (MH "Mediterranean Diet") OR (MH "Diet, Western") OR (MH "DASH Diet") OR (MH "Vegetarianism")

OR meal\* OR "prudent diet" OR nordiet OR omniheart OR "Optimal Macronutrient Intake Trial to Prevent Heart Disease" OR ((Index OR score OR indices OR scoring) N3 (dietary OR diet OR food OR eating)) OR "adequacy index" OR kidmed OR MedDietScore

OR "dietary approaches to stop hypertension" OR "plant based diet" OR ((eating OR food\* OR diet\* OR kalori\*) N3 (pattern? OR habit? OR profile? OR recommendation? OR guideline? OR style\* OR choice\* OR intake OR quality))

OR

(dietary NEAR/1 change\*) OR vegan\* OR vegetarian\* OR ((ethni\* OR racial OR religio\* OR asia\* OR western OR Okinawa\* OR adventist\* OR 'mediterranean' OR Nordic\* OR indo-mediterranean OR omni\*) N3 (calori\* OR diet\* OR food OR eating))

OR (MH "Ethnic Groups+") AND ((mh diet) OR diet\* OR (MH food) OR eat OR eating OR (MH "Eating") OR MH "food habits")) OR

((adhere\* OR adhering) N3 (diet OR dietary OR food OR eat OR eating)) AND (guideline\* OR guidance OR recommendation\*)

(MH "Maternal Nutritional Physiology+") OR (MH "Maternal Exposure") OR (MH "Pregnancy+") OR (MH "Pregnancy in Adolescence+") OR (MH "Maternal Age 14 and Under") OR (MH "Pregnancy Outcomes") OR (MH "Mothers+") OR (MH "Prenatal Nutritional Physiology") OR (MH "Infant, Newborn+") OR (MH "Postnatal Period+") OR (MH "Periconceptual Period")

AND

(MH "Hypertension+") OR (MH "Nausea and Vomiting+") OR (MH "Vomiting+") OR (MH "Birth Weight") OR (MH "Glucose Tolerance Test") OR (MH "Prediabetic State") OR (MH "Glucose Intolerance") OR (MH "Insulin Resistance+") OR (MH "Blood Pressure+") OR (MH "Proteinuria+") OR (MH "Hemoglobin A, Glycosylated")

OR

(MH "Diabetes Mellitus, Gestational") OR (MH "Gestational Age") OR (MH "Pre-Eclampsia+") OR (MH "Eclampsia+") OR (MH "Fetal Growth Retardation") OR (MH "Fetal Weight") OR (MH "Umbilical Arteries") OR (MH "Delivery,

Obstetric+")

Limiters - Published Date: 19800101-; Peer Reviewed; English Language;  
Exclude MEDLINE records; Pregnancy

Narrow by SubjectMajor: - energy intake

Narrow by SubjectMajor: - vegetarianism

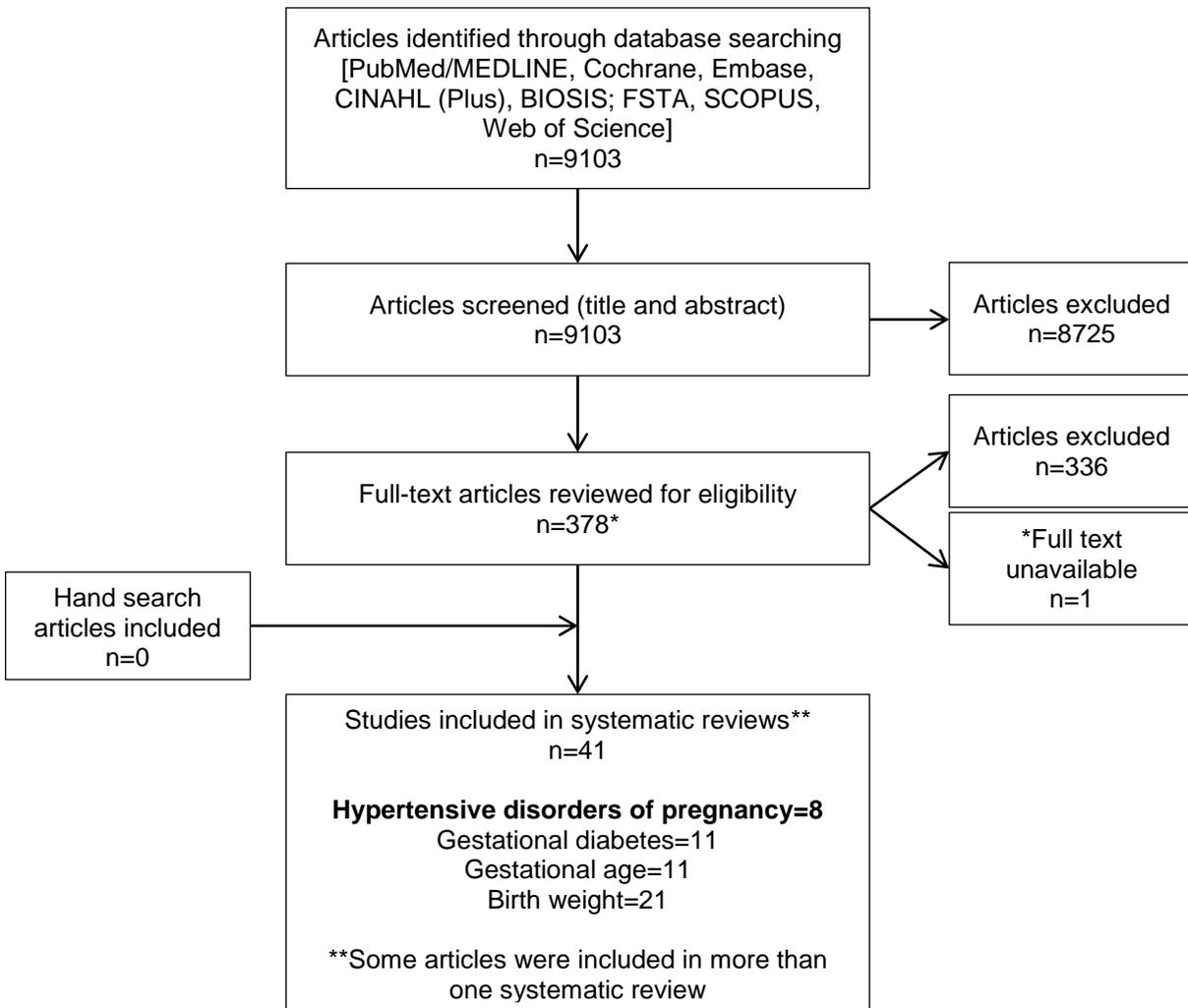
Narrow by SubjectMajor: - women's health

Narrow by SubjectMajor: - pregnancy outcomes

Narrow by SubjectMajor: - pregnancy complications

Narrow by SubjectMajor: - food habits

Narrow by SubjectMajor: - diabetes mellitus, gestational

**Figure 2: Flow chart of literature search and screening results**

This flow chart illustrates the literature search and screening results for articles examining the relationship between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy. The results of the electronic database searches were screened independently by two NESR analysts in a step-wise manner by reviewing titles, abstracts, and full text articles to determine which articles met the criteria for inclusion. A manual search was done to ascertain articles not identified through the electronic database search. The systematic review on dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy included 9103 articles. The literature search was conducted for multiple systematic reviews that addressed the relationships between dietary patterns before and during pregnancy and risk of hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, risk of gestational diabetes mellitus, gestational age, and gestational age- and sex-adjusted birth weight; the systematic reviews on gestational diabetes mellitus, gestational age, and gestational age- and sex-adjusted birth weight are reported elsewhere.

## Excluded articles

The table below lists the excluded articles with at least one reason for exclusion, and may not reflect all possible reasons.

**Table 7. Excluded articles**

	<b>Citation</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
1	Aaltonen, J, Ojala, T, Laitinen, K et al. Risk Reduction of Infant Insulin Resistance by Dietary Intervention during Pregnancy and Breastfeeding. Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting; 2009 May 2 5; Baltimore MD, United States, 2009	Dependent variable
2	Abel, Ht, Bannert, N, Starke, I et al. Study into Ca/P homeostasis in premature babies on different diets. Klin Padiatr, 1991, 203	Independent variable
3	Adami, G. F., Friedman, D., Cuneo, S. et al. Intravenous nutritional support in pregnancy. Experience following biliopancreatic diversion. Clinical Nutrition, 1992, 11: 106-109	Independent variable
4	Akbari, Z., Mansourian, M., Kelishadi, R. Relationship of the intake of different food groups by pregnant mothers with the birth weight and gestational age: Need for public and individual educational programs. J Educ Health Promot, 2015, 4. PMID:25883993.	Independent variable
5	Alfonso, H. Preventing preeclampsia: the evidence on nutrients. Nurs Womens Health, 2009, 13: 419-21. PMID:19821918.	Study design
6	Ali, H. I., Jarrar, A. H., El Sadig, M. et al. Diet and carbohydrate food knowledge of multi-ethnic women: a comparative analysis of pregnant women with and without Gestational Diabetes Mellitus. PLoS One, 2013, 8. PMID:24069200.	Study design
7	Alwan, N. A., Greenwood, D. C., Simpson, N. A. et al. Dietary iron intake during early pregnancy and birth outcomes in a cohort of British women. Hum Reprod, 2011, 26: 911-9. PMID:21303776.	Independent variable
8	Andreasyan, K., Ponsonby, A. L., Dwyer, T. et al. Higher maternal dietary protein intake in late pregnancy is associated with a lower infant ponderal index at birth. Eur J Clin Nutr, 2007, 61: 498-508. PMID:17136041.	Independent variable
9	Arkkola, T., Uusitalo, U., Kronberg-Kippila, C. et al. Seven distinct dietary patterns identified among pregnant Finnish women--associations with nutrient intake and sociodemographic factors. Public Health Nutr, 2008, 11: 176-82. PMID:17610760.	Dependent variable

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10	Asaka, A., Imaizumi, Y., Inouye, E. Analysis of multiple births in Japan. V. Effects of gestational age, maternal age and other factors on growth rate of weight in twins. <i>Jinrui Idengaku Zasshi</i> , 1981, 26: 83-90. PMID:7328851.	Independent variable
11	Asbee, Sm, Jenkins, Tr, Butler, Jr et al. Dietary counseling prevents excessive weight gain during pregnancy, a randomized controlled trial. <i>Obstet Gynecol</i> , 2008, 111	Dependent variable
12	Asp, N. G. Nutrition and human development. <i>Scandinavian Journal of Food and Nutrition</i> , 2006, 50	Independent variable, study design
13	Babson, Sg, Bramhall, Jl. Diet and growth in the premature infant. <i>Journal of Pediatrics</i> , 1969, 74: 890-900	Date
14	Bakouei, S., Reisian, F., Lamyian, M. et al. High Intake of Manganese During Second Trimester, Increases the Risk of Preterm Delivery: A Large Scale Cohort Study. <i>Glob J Health Sci</i> , 2015, 7: 226-32. PMID:26156900.	Independent variable
15	Bao, W., Bowers, K., Tobias, D. K. et al. Prepregnancy low-carbohydrate dietary pattern and risk of gestational diabetes mellitus: a prospective cohort study. <i>Am J Clin Nutr</i> , 2014, 99: 1378-84. PMID:24717341.	Independent variable
16	Bao, W., Li, S., Chavarro, J. E. et al. Low Carbohydrate-Diet Scores and Long-term Risk of Type 2 Diabetes Among Women With a History of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: A Prospective Cohort Study. <i>Diabetes Care</i> , 2016, 39: 43-9. PMID:26577416.	Dependent variable
17	Bao, W., Tobias, D. K., Hu, F. B. et al. Pre-pregnancy potato consumption and risk of gestational diabetes mellitus: prospective cohort study. <i>Bmj</i> , 2016, 352. PMID:26759275.	Independent variable
18	Bao, W., Tobias, D. K., Olsen, S. F. et al. Pre-pregnancy fried food consumption and the risk of gestational diabetes mellitus: a prospective cohort study. <i>Diabetologia</i> , 2014, 57: 2485-91. PMID:25303998.	Independent variable
19	Baron, R., Te Velde, S. J., Heymans, M. W. et al. The Relationships of Health Behaviour and Psychological Characteristics with Spontaneous Preterm Birth in Nulliparous Women. <i>Matern Child Health J</i> , 2016, . PMID:27581004.	Independent variable
20	Bell, E. H., Geyer, J., Jones, L. A structured intervention improves breastfeeding success for ill or preterm infants. <i>MCN Am J Matern Child Nurs</i> , 1995, 20: 309-14. PMID:8551932.	Dependent variable
21	Berntorp, K. E. Gestational diabetes: what's up?. <i>Diabetologia</i> , 2016, 59: 1382-1384	Study design

	Citation	Rationale
22	Bertolotto, A., Volpe, L., Calianno, A. et al. Physical activity and dietary habits during pregnancy: effects on glucose tolerance. <i>J Matern Fetal Neonatal Med</i> , 2010, 23: 1310-4. PMID:20334531.	Independent variable, study design
23	Bhatia, B. D., Banerjee, D., Agarwal, D. K. et al. Fetal growth: relationship with maternal dietary intakes. <i>Indian J Pediatr</i> , 1983, 50: 113-20. PMID:6618569.	Country
24	Bjerregaard, P., Hansen, J. C. Effects of smoking and marine diet on birthweight in Greenland. <i>Arctic Med Res</i> , 1996, 55: 156-64. PMID:9115541.	Independent variable
25	Bloomfield, F. H., Oliver, M. H., Hawkins, P. et al. A periconceptional nutritional origin for noninfectious preterm birth. <i>Science</i> , 2003, 300. PMID:12714735.	Independent variable, health status
26	Bo, S., Rosato, R., Ciccone, G. et al. Simple lifestyle recommendations and the outcomes of gestational diabetes. A 2 x 2 factorial randomized trial. <i>Diabetes Obes Metab</i> , 2014, 16: 1032-5. PMID:24646172.	Independent variable, health status
27	Bobinski, R., Mikulska, M., Mojska, H. et al. Assessment of the diet components of pregnant women as predictors of risk of preterm birth and born baby with low birth weight. <i>Ginekol Pol</i> , 2015, 86: 292-9. PMID:26117989.	Independent variable, study design
28	Bobinski, R., Mikulska, M., Mojska, H. et al. The Dietary Composition of Women Who Delivered Healthy Full-Term Infants, Preterm Infants, and Full-Term Infants Who Were Small for Gestational Age. <i>Biol Res Nurs</i> , 2015, 17: 495-502. PMID:25358685.	Independent variable, study design
29	Borberg, C., Gillmer, M. D., Brunner, E. J. et al. Obesity in pregnancy: the effect of dietary advice. <i>Diabetes Care</i> , 1980, 3: 476-81. PMID:6993162.	Independent variable
30	Borgen, I., Aamodt, G., Harsem, N. et al. Maternal sugar consumption and risk of preeclampsia in nulliparous Norwegian women. <i>Eur J Clin Nutr</i> , 2012, 66: 920-5. PMID:22713766.	Independent variable
31	Bower, D. The influence of dietary salt intake on pre-eclampsia. <i>Journal of obstetrics and gynaecology of the British Commonwealth</i> , 1961, 63: 123-6	Date
32	Bowers, K., Tobias, D. K., Yeung, E. et al. A prospective study of prepregnancy dietary fat intake and risk of gestational diabetes. <i>Am J Clin Nutr</i> , 2012, 95: 446-53. PMID:22218158.	Independent variable

Citation	Rationale
33 Brantsaeter, A. L., Haugen, M., Myhre, R. et al. Diet matters, particularly in pregnancy – Results from MoBa studies of maternal diet and pregnancy outcomes. <i>Norsk Epidemiologi</i> , 2014, 24: 63-77	Study design
34 Brantsaeter, A. L., Myhre, R., Haugen, M. et al. Intake of probiotic food and risk of preeclampsia in primiparous women: the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study. <i>Am J Epidemiol</i> , 2011, 174: 807-15. PMID:21821542.	Independent variable
35 Breslow, S, Belafsky, Ha, Shangold, Je et al. Control of weight gain in pregnancy: double blind study of a dieting aid. <i>Clinical medicine</i> , 1963, 70: 931-8	Date
36 Brooke, O. G. Low birth weight babies. <i>Nutrition and feeding. Br J Hosp Med</i> , 1982, 28: 462-9. PMID:7171896.	Dependent variable
37 Brooke, O. G. Nutrition in the preterm infant. <i>Lancet</i> , 1983, 1: 514-6. PMID:6131220.	Study subjects
38 Brown, J. E., Kahn, E. S., Hartman, T. J. Profet, profits, and proof: do nausea and vomiting of early pregnancy protect women from harmful vegetables?. <i>Am J Obstet Gynecol</i> , 1997, 176: 179-81. PMID:9024110.	Independent variable
39 Brumfield, C. G., Huddleston, J. F. The management of diabetic ketoacidosis in pregnancy. <i>Clin Obstet Gynecol</i> , 1984, 27: 50-9. PMID:6423330.	Independent variable
40 Bruno, R., Petrella, E., Bertarini, V. et al. Adherence to a lifestyle programme in overweight/obese pregnant women and effect on gestational diabetes mellitus: a randomized controlled trial. <i>Matern Child Nutr</i> , 2016, . PMID:27647837.	Independent variable, study design
41 Buchanan, T. A., Kjos, S. L. Diabetes and pregnancy. <i>Curr Ther Endocrinol Metab</i> , 1994, 5: 278-83. PMID:7704732.	Study design
42 Buul, E, Rijpkema, A, Steegers, E et al. Chronic dietary sodium restriction in pregnancy reduces calcium intake. <i>J Perinat Med</i> , 1992, 20	Independent variable
43 Campbell, Dm. Dietary restriction in obesity and its effect on neonatal outcome. <i>Nutrition in Pregnancy. Proceedings of 10th Study Group of the Rcoq</i> ; 1983; London, UK, 1983, : 243-50	Not peer-reviewed
44 Canda, M. T., Sezer, O., Demir, N. An audit of seafood consumption awareness during pregnancy and its association with maternal and fetal outcomes in a Turkish population. <i>J Obstet Gynaecol</i> , 2011, 31: 293-7. PMID:21534748.	Independent variable
45 Carmichael, S. L., Yang, W., Shaw, G. M. Maternal dietary nutrient intake and risk of preterm delivery. <i>Am J Perinatol</i> , 2013, 30: 579-88. PMID:23208764.	Independent variable, study design

	Citation	Rationale
46	Carter, J. P., Furman, T., Hutcheson, H. R. Preeclampsia and reproductive performance in a community of vegans. <i>South Med J</i> , 1987, 80: 692-7. PMID:3589760.	Independent variable
47	Carver, Jd, Saste, Md, Sosa, R et al. Dietary nucleotide (NT) effects on superior mesenteric artery (SMA) blood flow in preterm infants. <i>Pediatr Res</i> , 2000, 47	Independent variable
48	C'De Baca, J., Lapham, S. C., Skipper, B. J. et al. Use of computer interview data to test associations between risk factors and pregnancy outcomes. <i>Comput Biomed Res</i> , 1997, 30: 232-43. PMID:9281330.	Independent variable
49	Chamberlain, G. Epidemiology and aetiology of the preterm baby. <i>Clin Obstet Gynaecol</i> , 1984, 11: 297-314. PMID:6478726.	Study design
50	Chandler-Laney, P. C., Schneider, C. R., Gower, B. A. et al. Association of late-night carbohydrate intake with glucose tolerance among pregnant African American women. <i>Matern Child Nutr</i> , 2016, 12: 688-98. PMID:25786515.	Independent variable
51	Chavarro, J. E., Halldorsson, T. I., Leth, T. et al. A prospective study of trans fat intake and risk of preeclampsia in Denmark. <i>Eur J Clin Nutr</i> , 2011, 65: 944-51. PMID:21559043.	Independent variable
52	Chen, C. M., Weng, H. C., Li, Y. C. et al. The evaluation of dietary intervention on the blood glucose level of gestational diabetes mellitus pregnant women. <i>Nutritional Sciences Journal</i> , 1999, 24: 250-261	Language
53	Chen, L., Hu, F. B., Yeung, E. et al. Prospective study of pre-gravid sugar-sweetened beverage consumption and the risk of gestational diabetes mellitus. <i>Diabetes Care</i> , 2009, 32: 2236-41. PMID:19940226.	Independent variable
54	Chong, M. F., Chia, A. R., Colega, M. et al. Maternal Protein Intake during Pregnancy Is Not Associated with Offspring Birth Weight in a Multiethnic Asian Population. <i>J Nutr</i> , 2015, 145: 1303-10. PMID:25948786.	Independent variable
55	Christian, K, Andreas, M, Martin, F. Diet and lifestyle modification in mothers with burnout syndrome: Ayurvedic versus conventional standard counselling-design of a randomised clinical pilot study (VEDA-Trial) [abstract]. <i>European journal of integrative medicine [abstracts of the 5th european congress for integrative medicine; 2012 sept 21-22; flo, 2012, 4: 47-8</i>	Dependent variable
56	Clapp, J. F. Effects of Diet and Exercise on Insulin Resistance during Pregnancy. <i>Metab Syndr Relat Disord</i> , 2006, 4: 84-90. PMID:18370754.	Study design
57	Clausen, T., Slott, M., Solvoll, K. et al. High intake of energy, sucrose, and polyunsaturated fatty acids is associated with increased risk of preeclampsia. <i>Am J Obstet Gynecol</i> , 2001, 185: 451-8. PMID:11518908.	Independent variable

	Citation	Rationale
58	Coelho Nde, L., Cunha, D. B., Esteves, A. P. et al. Dietary patterns in pregnancy and birth weight. <i>Rev Saude Publica</i> , 2015, 49. PMID:26398873.	Study design
59	Cooney, G. Food for thought. <i>Midwives</i> , 2008, 11: 30-1. PMID:24902215.	Study design
60	Cooper, M. L. Stories to learn from: toxemia in pregnancy. <i>Midwifery Today Int Midwife</i> , 2014, : 18-21. PMID:25980103.	Not peer-reviewed
61	Corbett, M. A., Burst, H. V. Nutritional intervention in pregnancy. <i>J Nurse Midwifery</i> , 1983, 28: 23-9. PMID:6554311.	Study design, independent variable
62	Cosgrove, M., Davies, D. P. Poor diet in pregnancy may be a proxy for some other hostile influence on fetal growth [8]. <i>Br Med J</i> , 1996, 312: 1478-1479	Independent variable, study design
63	Costa-Orvay, Ja, Figueras-Aloy, J, Romera, G et al. The effects of varying protein and energy intakes on the growth and body composition of very low birth weight infants. <i>Nutr J</i> , 2011, 10	Independent variable
64	Crozier, S. R., Inskip, H. M., Godfrey, K. M. et al. Nausea and vomiting in early pregnancy: Effects on food intake and diet quality. <i>Matern Child Nutr</i> , 2016, . PMID:27896913.	Dependent variable
65	Dancause, K. N., Mutran, D., Elgbeili, G. et al. Dietary change mediates relationships between stress during pregnancy and infant head circumference measures: the QF2011 study. <i>Matern Child Nutr</i> , 2016, . PMID:27562643.	Independent variable
66	Darling, A. M., Mitchell, A. A., Werler, M. M. Preconceptional Iron Intake and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus. <i>Int J Environ Res Public Health</i> , 2016, 13. PMID:27231921.	Independent variable
67	Davidson, J. K. Newer approaches to diet management of diabetes: calorie control. <i>Med Times</i> , 1980, 108: 35-40. PMID:7374404.	Study design
68	Davies, W. E., Hopkins, P. C., Rose, S. J. et al. The influence of different taurine diets on hearing development in normal babies. A preliminary report. <i>Adv Exp Med Biol</i> , 1996, 403: 631-7. PMID:8915404.	Independent variable
69	Davison, J. M., Lindheimer, M. D. Pregnancy in renal transplant recipients. <i>J Reprod Med</i> , 1982, 27: 613-21. PMID:6757420.	Health status
70	Dawn, Cs. Effects of substandard prenatal diet and nutrition on the development and incidence of pre-eclampsia of pregnancy. <i>J Obstet Gynaecol India</i> , 1961, 12: 237-45	Date
71	de Seymour, J., Chia, A., Colega, M. et al. Maternal Dietary Patterns and Gestational Diabetes Mellitus in a Multi-Ethnic Asian Cohort: The GUSTO Study. <i>Nutrients</i> , 2016, 8. PMID:27657116.	Study design

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72	Deka, D., Sharma, N. Nutrition in pregnancy and lactation. <i>Perinatology</i> , 2005, 7: 1-15	Study design
73	Delemarre, F. M., van Leest, L. A., Jongsma, H. W. et al. Effect of low-sodium diet on uteroplacental circulation. <i>J Matern Fetal Med</i> , 2000, 9: 197-200. PMID:11048827.	Independent variable
74	Demmelair, H, Klingler, M, Campoy, C et al. The influence of habitual diet and increased docosahexaenoic acid intake during pregnancy on the fatty acid composition of individual placental lipids [Study design]. <i>J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr</i> , 2005, 40: 622-3	Study design
75	Deveer, R., Deveer, M., Akbaba, E. et al. The effect of diet on pregnancy outcomes among pregnant with abnormal glucose challenge test. <i>Eur Rev Med Pharmacol Sci</i> , 2013, 17: 1258-61. PMID:23690197.	Independent variable
76	Dieckmann, Wj, Davis, Me, Rynkiewicz, Lm et al. Does the administration of diethylstilbestrol during pregnancy have therapeutic value?. <i>Am J Obstet Gynecol</i> , 1953, 66: 1062-75	Date
77	Diet & nutrition. Good news: caffeine in pregnancy doesn't affect the baby's growth..and folic acid seems to prevent cleft lip. <i>Child Health Alert</i> , 2007, 25: 5-6. PMID:17443983.	Not peer-reviewed
78	Dodd, J. M., Deussen, A. R., Mohamad, I. et al. The effect of antenatal lifestyle advice for women who are overweight or obese on secondary measures of neonatal body composition: The LIMIT randomised trial. <i>BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology</i> , 2016, 123: 244-253	Independent variable
79	Dodd, J. M., McPhee, A. J., Turnbull, D. et al. The effects of antenatal dietary and lifestyle advice for women who are overweight or obese on neonatal health outcomes: the LIMIT randomised trial. <i>BMC Med</i> , 2014, 12. PMID:25315325.	Independent variable
80	Dominguez, L. J., Martinez-Gonzalez, M. A., Basterra-Gortari, F. J. et al. Fast food consumption and gestational diabetes incidence in the SUN project. <i>PLoS One</i> , 2014, 9. PMID:25215961.	Independent variable
81	Donnelly, J, Horan, M, Walsh, J et al. Impact of a Low GI Diet on Neonatal Body Composition [ROLO Kids]. <i>Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting</i> , 2013,	Not peer-reviewed
82	Donnelly, J. M., Walsh, J. M., Byrne, J. et al. Impact of maternal diet on neonatal anthropometry: a randomized controlled trial. <i>Pediatr Obes</i> , 2015, 10: 52-6. PMID:24443392.	Independent variable
83	Doyle, W. Maternal nutrition and low birth weight. <i>J Fam Health Care</i> , 2002, 12. PMID:12630147.	Study design
84	Doyle, W., Crawford, M. A., Wynn, A. H. A. et al. Maternal nutrient intake and birth-weight. <i>Journal of Human Nutrition and Dietetics</i> , 1989, 2: 415-422	Independent variable

Citation	Rationale
85 Drake, A. J., McPherson, R. C., Godfrey, K. M. et al. An unbalanced maternal diet in pregnancy associates with offspring epigenetic changes in genes controlling glucocorticoid action and foetal growth. <i>Clin Endocrinol (Oxf)</i> , 2012, 77: 808-15. PMID:22642564.	Dependent variable
86 Drouillet, P., Kaminski, M., De Lauzon-Guillain, B. et al. Association between maternal seafood consumption before pregnancy and fetal growth: evidence for an association in overweight women. <i>The EDEN mother-child cohort. Paediatr Perinat Epidemiol</i> , 2009, 23: 76-86. PMID:19228317.	Independent variable
87 Dubois, S., Coulombe, C., Pencharz, P. et al. Ability of the Higgins Nutrition Intervention Program to improve adolescent pregnancy outcome. <i>J Am Diet Assoc</i> , 1997, 97: 871-8. PMID:9259709.	Independent variable
88 Dunn, C., Kolasa, K., Dunn, P. C. et al. Dietary intake of pregnant adolescents in a rural southern community. <i>J Am Diet Assoc</i> , 1994, 94: 1040-1. PMID:8071488.	Independent variable, dependent variable
89 Ebbs, Jh, Tisdall, Ff, Scott, Wa. The influence of prenatal diet on the mother and child. <i>Journal of Nutrition</i> , 1941, 22: 515-26	Date
90 Elmacioglu, F., Surucu, B., Alper, T. et al. Is adequate and balanced nutrition during pregnancy more effective than iron and folic acid supplements?. <i>Central European Journal of Medicine</i> , 2010, 5: 235-242	Dependent variable
91 Ershoff, Dh, Aaronson, Nk, Danaher, Bg et al. Behavioral, health, and cost outcomes of an HMO based prenatal health education program. <i>Public health reports</i> , 1983, 98: 536-47	Independent variable
92 Ershoff, D. H., Aaronson, N. K., Danaher, B. G. et al.. Behavioral, health, and cost outcomes of an HMO-based prenatal health education program. <i>Public Health Rep</i> , 1983, 98: 536-47. PMID:6419268.	Duplicate
93 Eshriqi, I., Vilela, A. A., Rebelo, F. et al. Gestational dietary patterns are not associated with blood pressure changes during pregnancy and early postpartum in a Brazilian prospective cohort. <i>Eur J Nutr</i> , 2016, 55: 21-32. PMID:25526968.	Dependent variable
94 Fairburn, C. G., Stein, A., Jones, R. Eating habits and eating disorders during pregnancy. <i>Psychosom Med</i> , 1992, 54: 665-72. PMID:1454960.	Independent variable
95 Farbu, J., Haugen, M., Meltzer, H. M. et al. Impact of singlehood during pregnancy on dietary intake and birth outcomes- a study in the Norwegian Mother and Child Cohort Study. <i>BMC Pregnancy Childbirth</i> , 2014, 14. PMID:25475509.	Independent variable

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96	Fard, N Mehrabian F Sarraf-Zadegan NS. Fat-modified diets during pregnancy and lactation and serum lipids after birth. <i>Indian J Pediatr</i> , 2004, 71: 683-7	Country
97	Farland, L. V., Rifas-Shiman, S. L., Gillman, M. W. Early Pregnancy Cravings, Dietary Intake, and Development of Abnormal Glucose Tolerance. <i>J Acad Nutr Diet</i> , 2015, 115. PMID:26099686.	Study design, independent variable
98	Ferland, S., O'Brien, H. T. Maternal dietary intake and pregnancy outcome. <i>J Reprod Med</i> , 2003, 48: 86-94. PMID:12621791.	Independent variable
99	Flynn, A. C., Seed, P. T., Patel, N. et al. Dietary patterns in obese pregnant women; influence of a behavioral intervention of diet and physical activity in the UPBEAT randomized controlled trial. <i>Int J Behav Nutr Phys Act</i> , 2016, 13. PMID:27894316.	Health status
100	Ford, J. H. Preconception risk factors and SGA babies: Papilloma virus, omega 3 and fat soluble vitamin deficiencies. <i>Early Hum Dev</i> , 2011, 87: 785-9. PMID:21705161.	Independent variable
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