



NUTRITION IN MEDICINE

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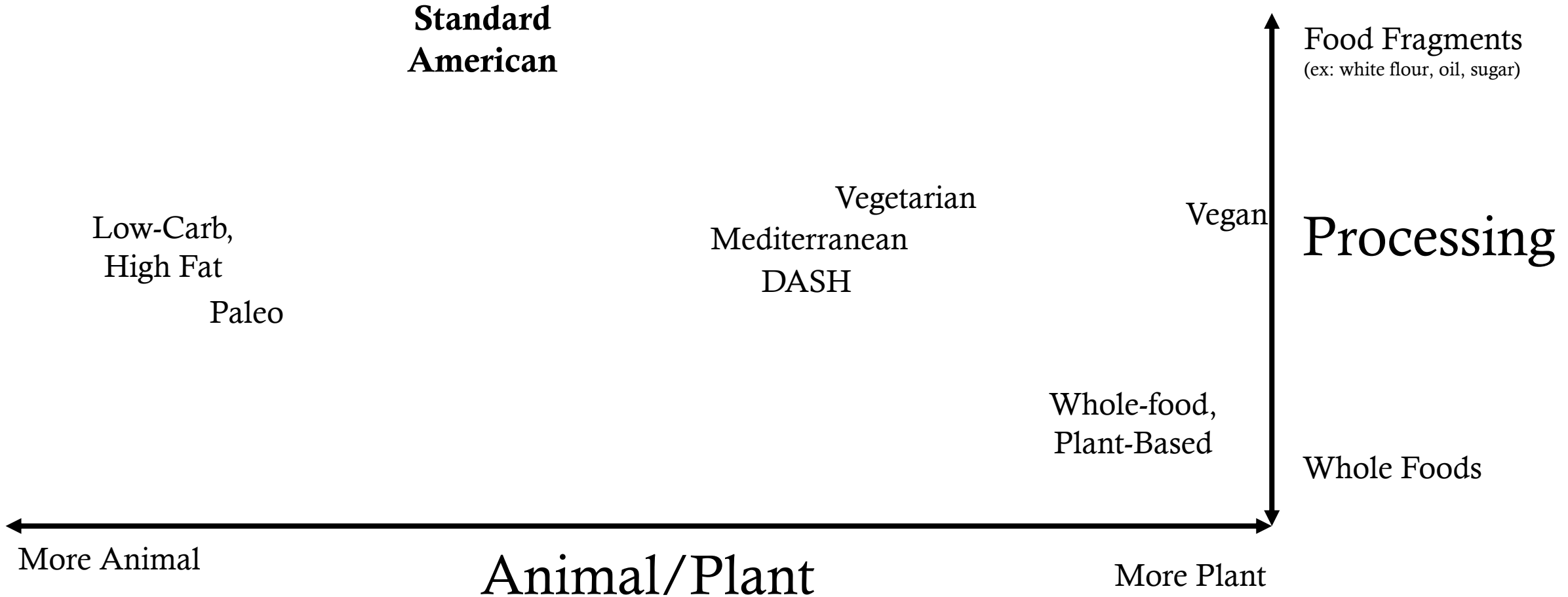
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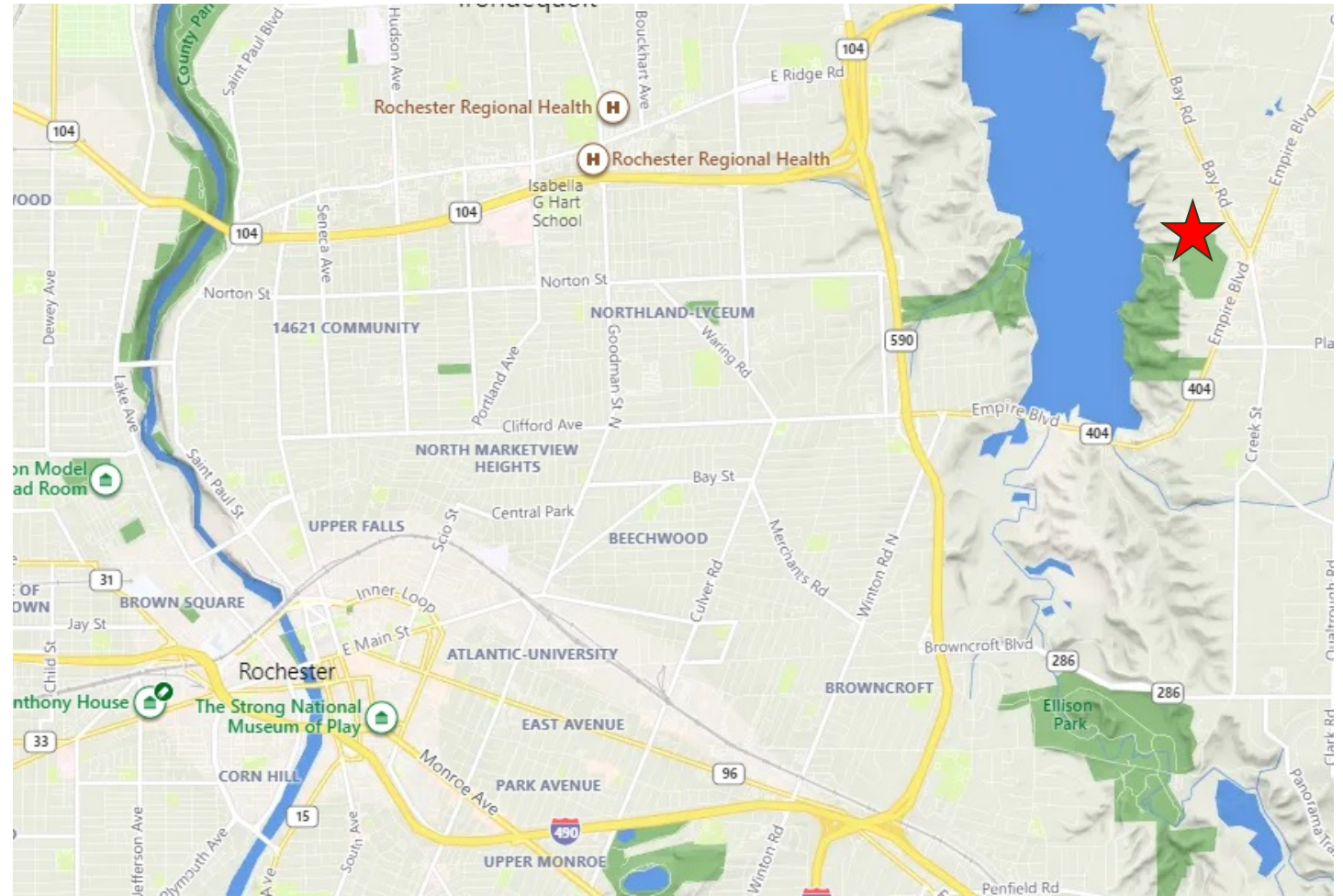
CASE

- 72-year old female patient with well controlled diabetes, hyperlipidemia, obesity, and worsening knee OA (starting to mildly limit her physical activity)
 - Her slightly older sister was recently diagnosed with breast cancer and she is interested in lowering her cancer risks as much as possible, losing weight, and getting healthier to better enjoy time with her family and to maintain mobility and energy. Motivation is sky high.
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DIETARY SPECTRUM



LOCATION



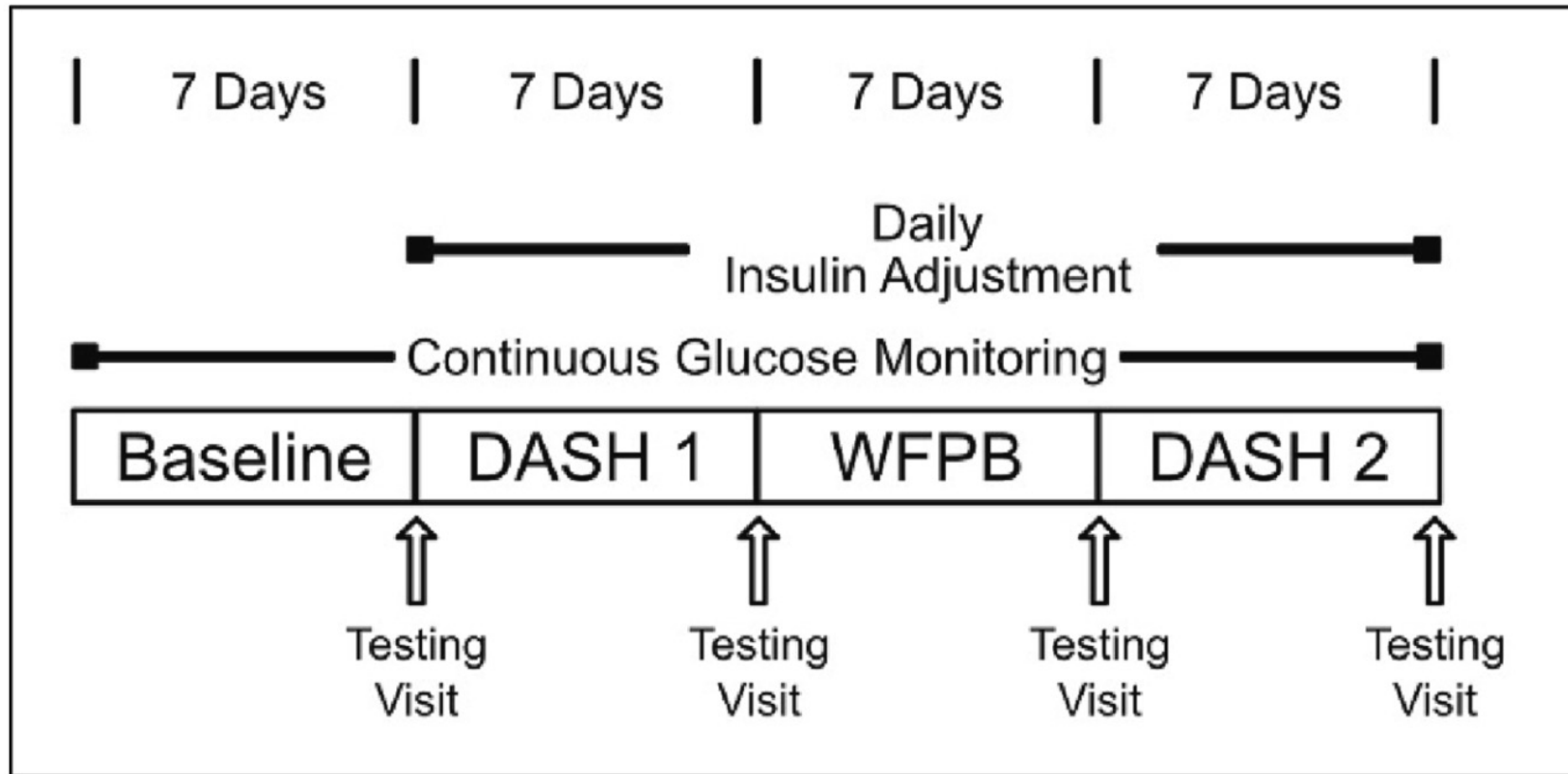


STAFF



TWO PLANT-BASED DIETS IN TYPE 2 DIABETES

Campbell TM, Campbell EK, Attia J, et al. The Acute Effects of a DASH diet and Whole Food, Plant-Based diet on Insulin Requirements and Related Cardiometabolic Markers in Individuals with Insulin-Treated Type 2 Diabetes. *Diabetes Res Clin Pract.* 2023:110814.



BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS (n=15)

Age	56.7 Years
BMI	34.3 Kg/M ²
Years Since Diabetes Diagnosis	12 Years
HbA1c	8.4 %
Basal Insulin	100 %
Prandial Insulin	80 %
Total Daily Insulin Dose	91 Units



Breakfast:

Steel cut oatmeal with fruit salad, walnuts, flax seed



Lunch:

Turkey sandwich on whole wheat with lettuce, tomato, onion, mustard, and mayo

Side Salad



Dinner:

Blackened Salmon

Farro salad with spinach, cucumber, tomato, asparagus



Snacks:

Mozzarella stick

Whole wheat crackers

Yogurt parfait

Walnuts

DASH MENU (DAY 1) – 1800 CALORIES

WFPB MENU (DAY 1) – 1800 CALORIES



Breakfast:

2 Banana Flax Muffins
with fruit



Lunch:

Sweet Potato Enchiladas
Side Salad



Dinner:

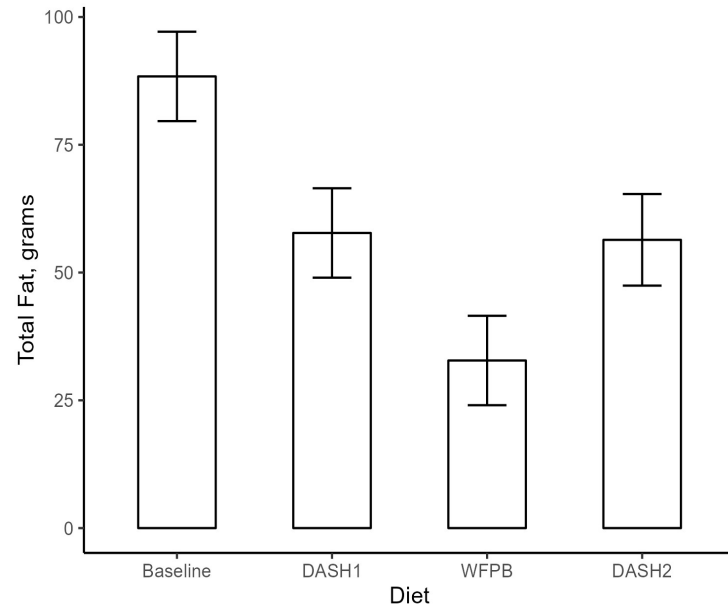
Mediterranean White
Bean Soup
Side Salad



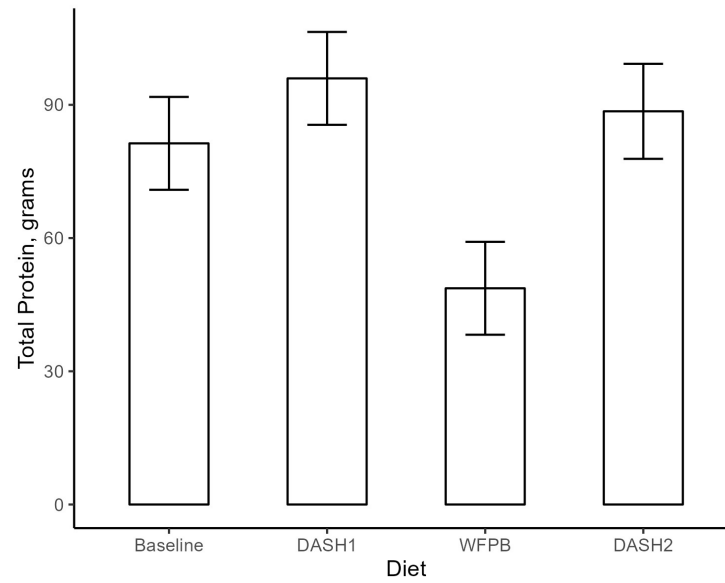
Snacks:

Whole grain crackers
(Mary's Gone Crackers)
Hummus
Fresh Pineapple Chunks

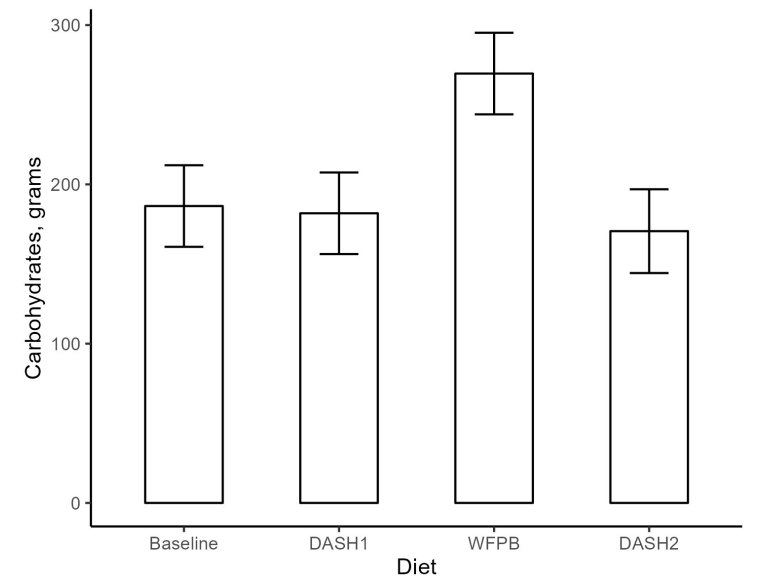
Fat



Protein



Carbohydrate



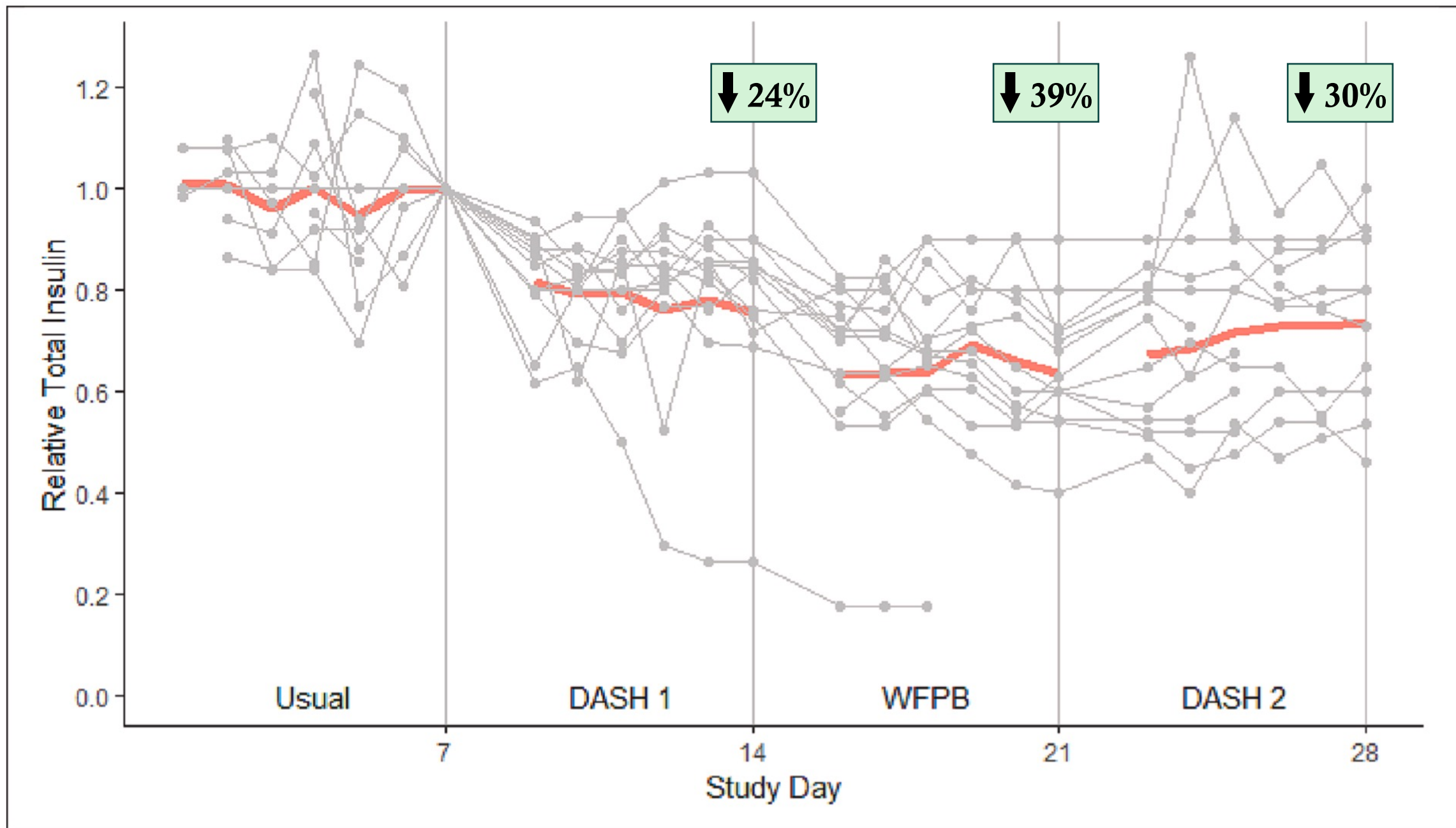
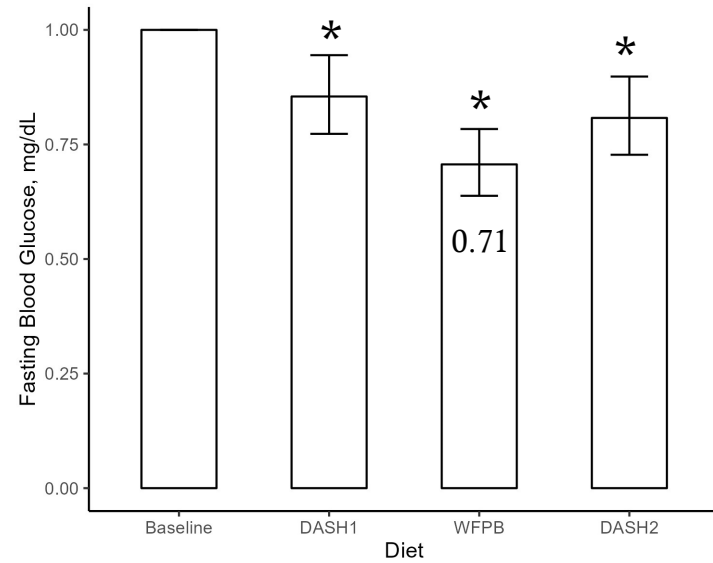


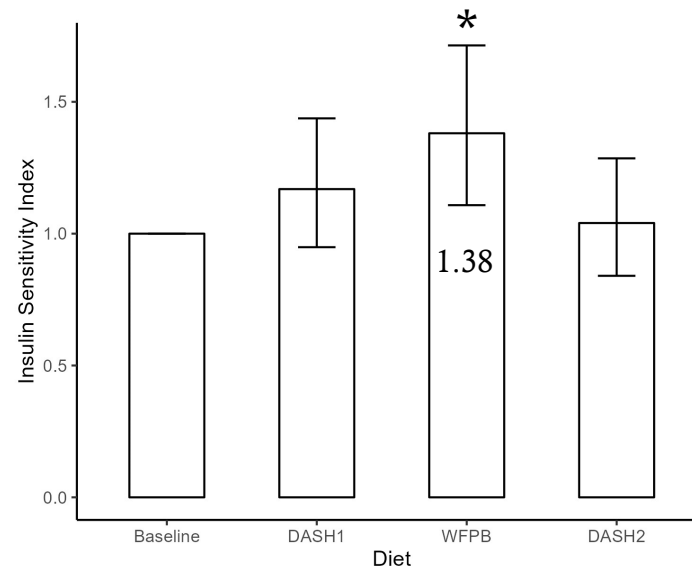
Fig. 4. Relative Daily Insulin Usage During Four Study Phases. Bold line denotes the geometric mean total daily insulin usage relative to the insulin dose at the end of the baseline week. Light gray lines with circles are trajectories of each individual participant. 1st day of each diet is omitted due to non dietary influence of

INSULIN SENSITIVITY

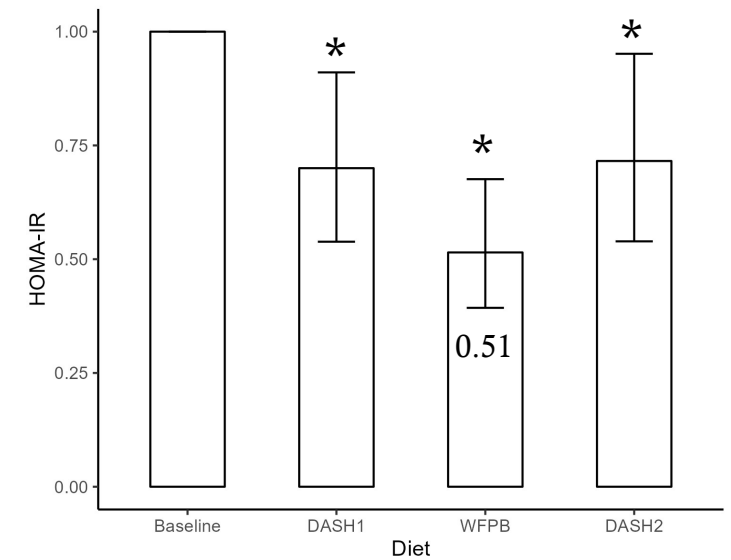
FASTING BLOOD
GLUCOSE



INSULIN SENSITIVITY
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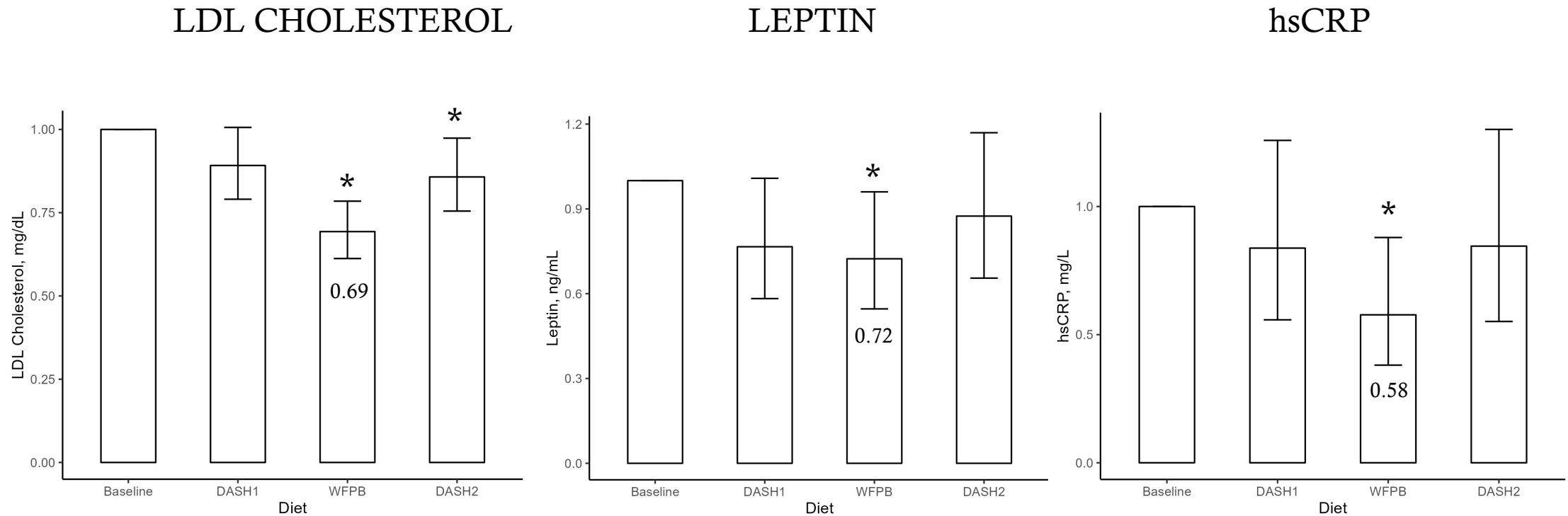


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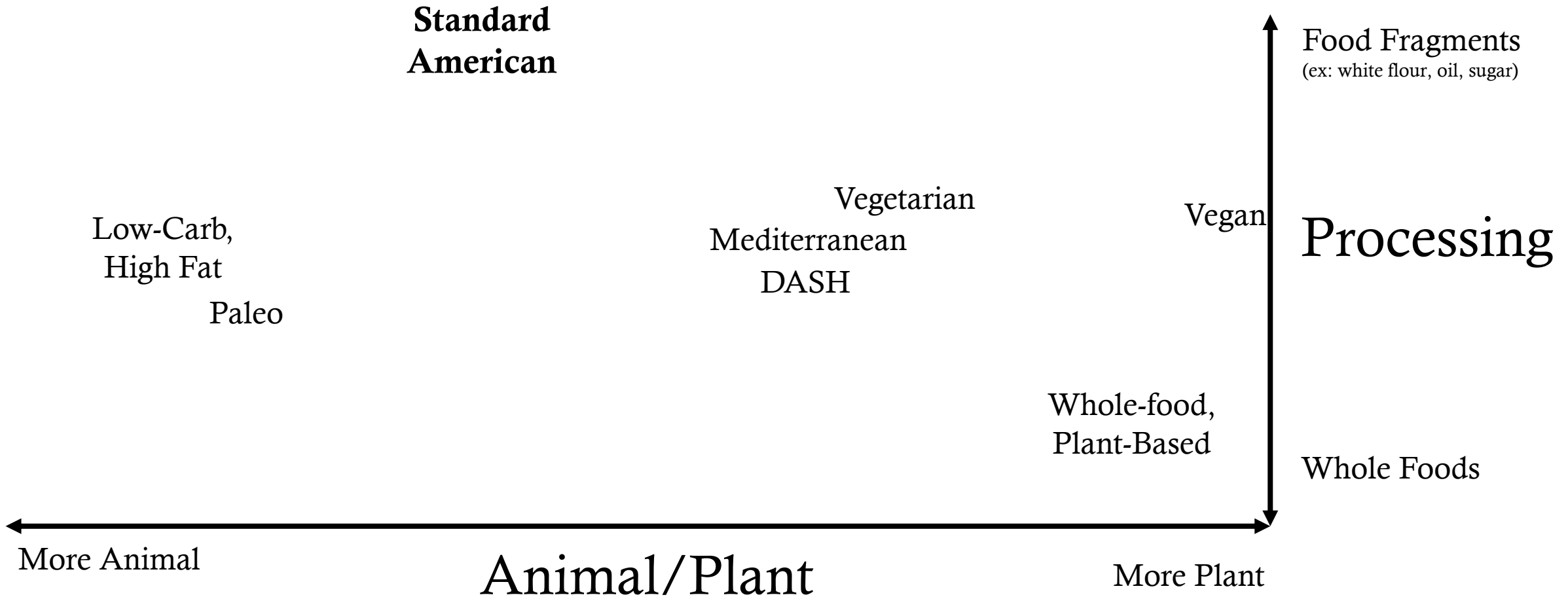
* $p < 0.05$ compared to baseline

OTHER CARDIOMETABOLIC



* $p < 0.05$ when compared to baseline

DIETARY SPECTRUM

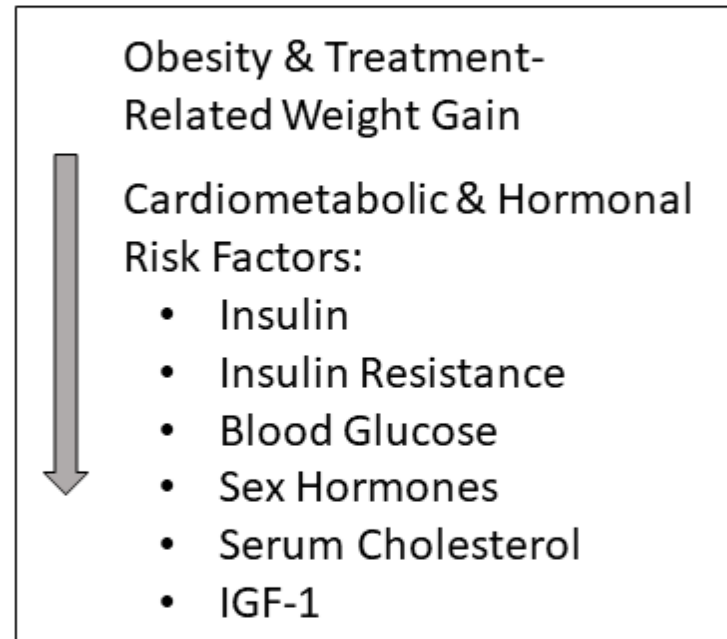


NOT JUST METABOLIC DISEASE... ...METASTATIC BREAST CANCER

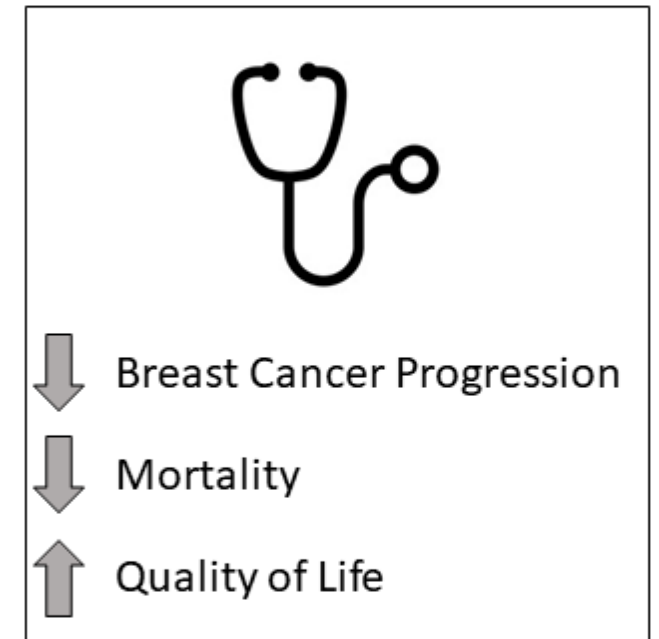
Intervention



Mediators



Goals of Care



WHOLE-FOOD, PLANT-BASED NUTRITION AMONG WOMEN WITH METASTATIC BREAST CANCER: A PILOT STUDY OF RECRUITMENT, RETENTION, AND PRELIMINARY CHANGES IN BIOMARKERS AND SYMPTOMS

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- Eva Culakova, PhD (Cancer Control)
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- Richard Moore (Gyn Onc)
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- Michelle Shayne, MD (Oncology)

INTERVENTION

- 8 weeks of a whole-food, plant-based diet with meals provided.
 - Subjects were encouraged to eat as much as necessary to be full, and could add their own food in place of, or in addition to, provided food.
 - Weekly visits with TC and/or EC
 - Daily Multivitamin
 - Testing at weeks 0, 4, 8
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CONTROL



Daily multivitamin



Continue usual diet



2 weeks of food/education provided after all testing was complete as an incentive to continue participating.

SAMPLE MEALS

Breakfast: Muesli with ground flaxseed and fresh berries with unsweetened, non-dairy milk

Lunch: Ocean Chickpea Sandwich with Baked Sweet Potato Fries

Dinner: Mushroom Stew with Roasted Green Beans & Onions, Southern Kale

Breakfast: Banana Flax Muffin with 1 1/3 cup fresh fruit


Lunch: Vegetable Barley Soup with Whole Grain Bread

Dinner: Peanut Soba Noodles with Roasted Broccoli & Cauliflower

BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

Characteristics	Mean ± SD	Control (n=10*)	Intervention (n=21)
Age (years)		64.2 ± 8.9	59.1 ± 11.0
Race	Black, n (%)	0 (0)	1 (4.8)
	White, n (%)	10 (100.0)	19 (90.5)
	No answer, n (%)	0 (0)	1 (4.8)
Ethnicity	Not Hispanic/Latino, n (%)	10 (100.0)	20 (95.2)
	No answer, n (%)	0 (0)	1 (4.8)
BMI at Study Baseline (kg/m²)	Mean ± SD	28.4 ± 4.4	30.2 ± 7.2
Age at First Breast Cancer Diagnosis (years)	Mean ± SD	52.9 ± 11.7	49.4 ± 10.9
Years Elapsed Since First Diagnosis	Mean ± SD	11.2 ± 7.9	9.7 ± 6.4
Years Elapsed Since Diagnosis of Metastatic Breast Cancer	Mean ± SD	5.3 ± 6.0	2.2 ± 1.8
Hormone Receptor Status	ER+, n (%)	10 (100.0)	20 (95.2)
	PR+, n (%)	9 (90.0)	17 (81.0)
	HER2+, n (%)	3 (30.0)	6 (28.6)
Location of Metastases	Bone, n (%)	7 (70.0)	19 (90.5)
	Lung, n (%)	4 (40.0)	8 (38.1)
	Brain, n (%)	1 (10.0)	3 (14.3)
	Liver, n (%)	2 (20.0)	1 (4.8)
	Other, n (%)	6 (60.0)	7 (33.3)


WEIGHT (STARTING BMI 29.7)

 Lost 1-2 pounds/week
(177.5 to 165.7lb)



BREAST CANCER & WEIGHT

WEIGHT (STARTING BMI 29.7)

 Lost 1-2 pounds/week
(177.5 to 165.7lb)

CARDIOMETABOLIC

Within Group

LDL Cholesterol	↓ 21% (p<0.01)
Insulin (fasting)	↓ 33% (p<0.01)
HOMA-IR	↓ 39% (p=0.01)
IGF-1	↓ 10% (p=0.01)
Sex Hormone Binding Globulin	↑ 32% (p<0.01)
Free Testosterone	↓ 35% (p=0.08)

**CANCER MARKERS:
STABLE IN INTERVENTION GROUP
INCREASED IN CONTROL GROUP (NS)**

Outcome	Intervention vs Control at week 8 (adjusted for baseline)	
	Diff.	p-value
CA 27.29 (U/mL)^c	-5.3	0.23
CA 15-3 (U/mL)^c	-5.2	0.53
CEA3 (ng/mL)	-0.5	0.54

SECONDARY ANALYSES

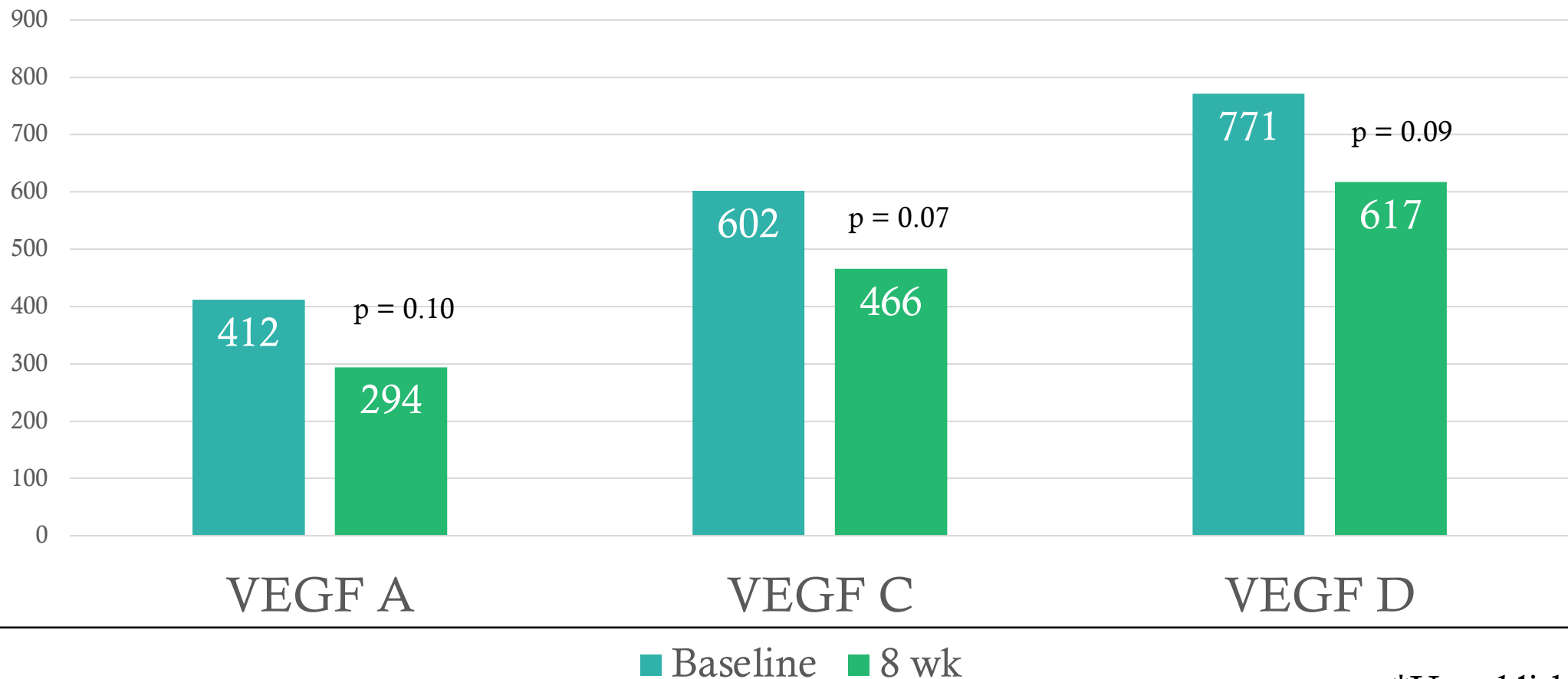
Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF) has potent angio- and lymphangiogenic functions. Tumor sections analyzed for VEGF-A, VEGF-C, and VEGF-D found that high levels of VEGF-A and VEGF-C were associated with higher lymph vessel density, microvessel density, lymph node metastasis, distant metastasis, and shorter overall survival.

Mohammed, et al. "Prognostic significance of vascular endothelial cell growth factors -A, -C, and -D in breast cancer and their relationship with angio- and lymphangiogenesis." *British Journal of Cancer*. 2007

■ Baseline ■ 8 wk

SECONDARY ANALYSES

Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (within intervention group)



*Unpublished data

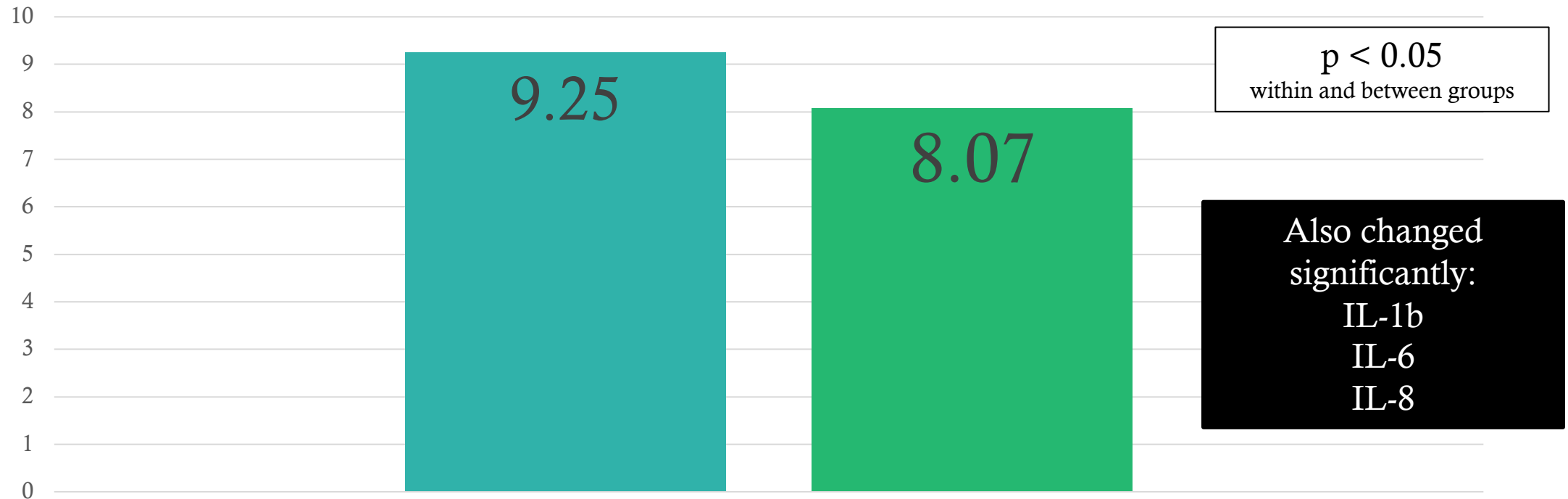
SECONDARY ANALYSES

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Tumor necrosis factor α (TNF α) is a pro-inflammatory cytokine (signaling molecules that control inflammation) whose expression is increased in a variety of cancers. In particular, in breast cancer it correlates with augmented tumor cell proliferation, higher malignancy grade, increased occurrence of metastasis and general poor prognosis for the patient.

Florenxia Mecogliano, et al. "Tumor Necrosis Factor α Blockade: An Opportunity to Tackle Breast Cancer." *Frontiers in Oncology*. 2020

SECONDARY ANALYSES

Tumor Necrosis Factor α (TNF α)



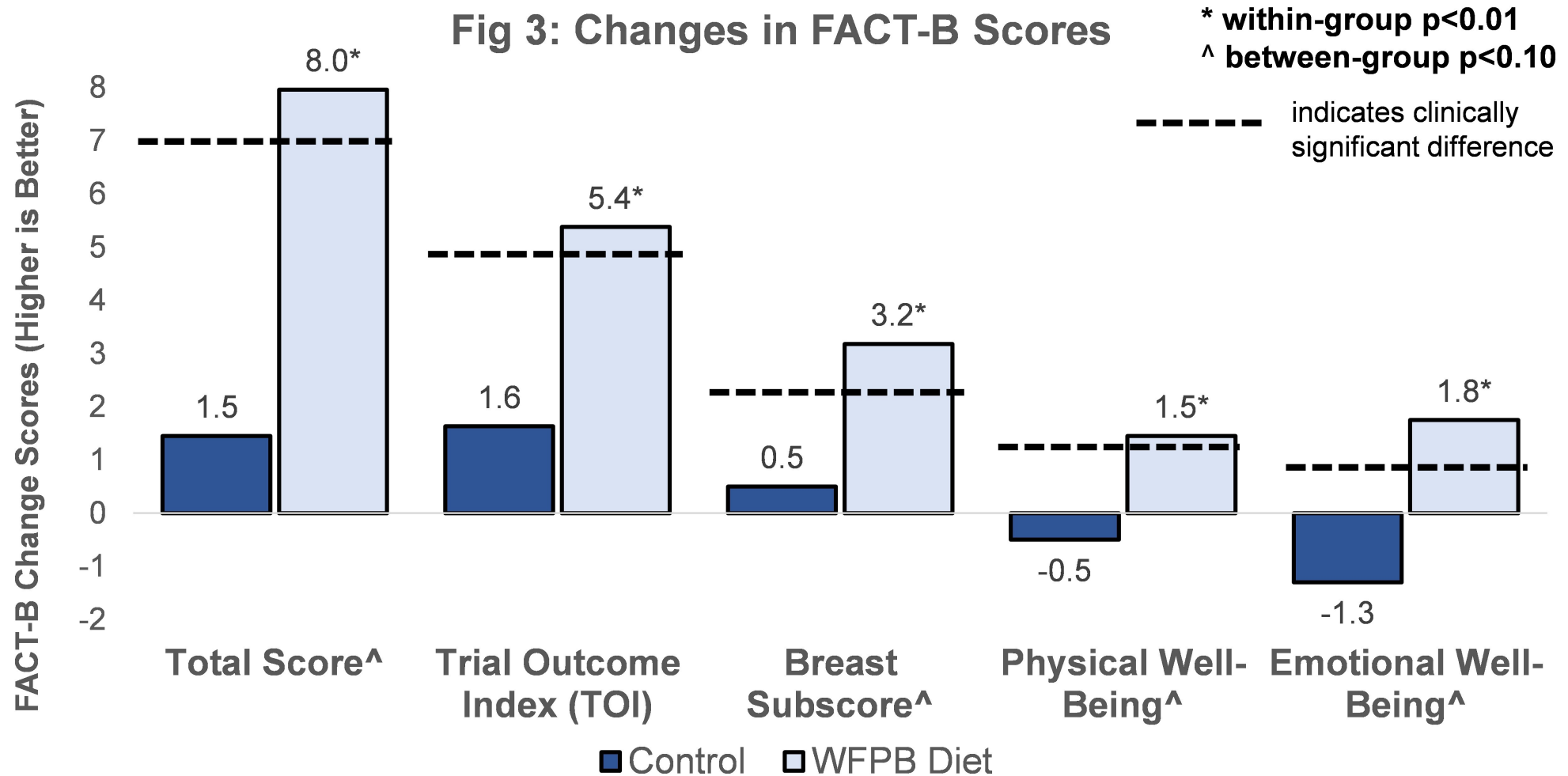
TNF α

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OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

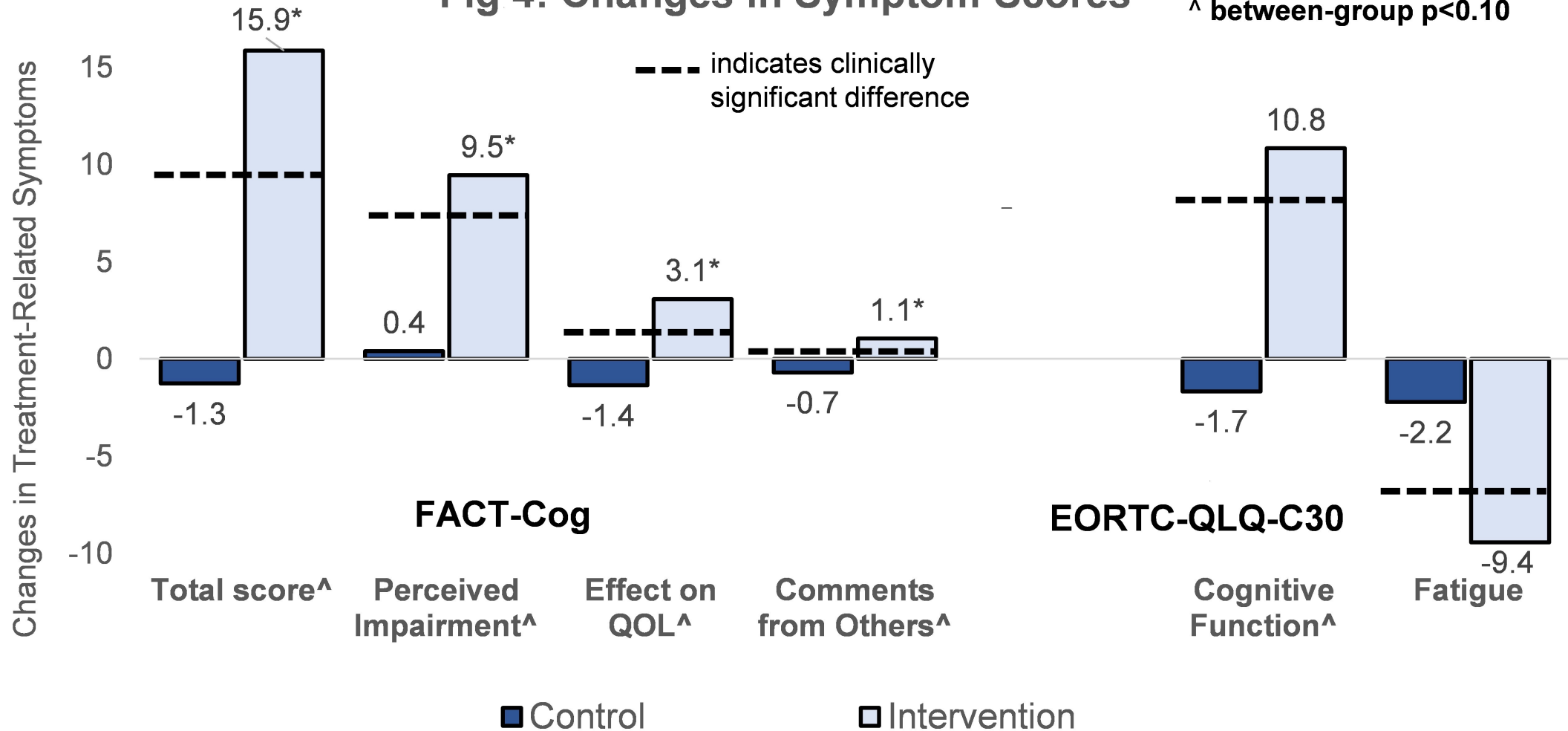
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PERCEIVED COGNITIVE FUNCTION AND FATIGUE

Fig 4: Changes in Symptom Scores

* within-group p<0.01
^ between-group p<0.10



FEASIBILITY

95% of intervention subjects were compliant with the diet

94.3% of all recorded calorie intake (from all intervention subjects) was 'on-plan'

100% completed all 3 testing visits

Minimal adverse events

DIETARY INTAKE (94% OF FOODS RECORDED WERE 'ON-PLAN')

Nutrient Intake of the Intervention Group		
	Week 8 Final	Percent Change
Total weight (g)	3192.5	↑ 16.0%
Energy (kcal)	1321	↓ 25.9%
Fat (% of total kcal)	20.4	↓ 43.0%
Carbohydrate (% of total kcal)	66.2	↑ 36.8%
Protein (% of total kcal)	12.6	↓ 13.7%
Dietary Fiber (g/1000 kcal)	30.8	↑ 242.5%

FEASIBILITY

- “On a scale from 1 to 10, how strongly would you recommend that other cancer patients be given this type of nutrition and support intervention if they were able and willing to participate?”
(1 = “Would not recommend; 10 = “Highly recommend”)

Avg response: 9.5



Do you feel that your
health has benefited from
the study intervention?

19 of 19 respondents:

Yes

RELATED TO REAL WORLD FEASIBILITY... ...WHAT ABOUT FOOD COST?

Previous research



Public perception



Our experience



ANALYSIS OF T2DM STUDY FOOD RECORDS

3-day food records



Retailer prices



Analysis



RESULTS

Mean Daily Food Costs by Dietary Phase			
	Baseline (n=14)	DASH (n=26)	WFPB (n=14)
US Dollar (\$)/day as consumed	\$15.72	\$12.74*	\$9.78*
US Dollar (\$)/day adjusted to 1800 kcal/day	\$15.69	\$14.92	\$11.96*

*p<0.05 when compared to baseline

RESULTS

Mean Daily Approximated <i>Ingredient Only</i> Food Costs by Dietary Phase			
	Baseline (n=14)	DASH (n=26)	WFPB (n=14)
US Dollar (\$)/day as consumed	\$11.01	\$11.81	\$8.83*
US Dollar (\$)/day adjusted to 1800 kcal/day	\$10.84	\$13.72*	\$10.67

*p<0.05 when compared to baseline

LIMITATIONS (AKA EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES)

Time and skills

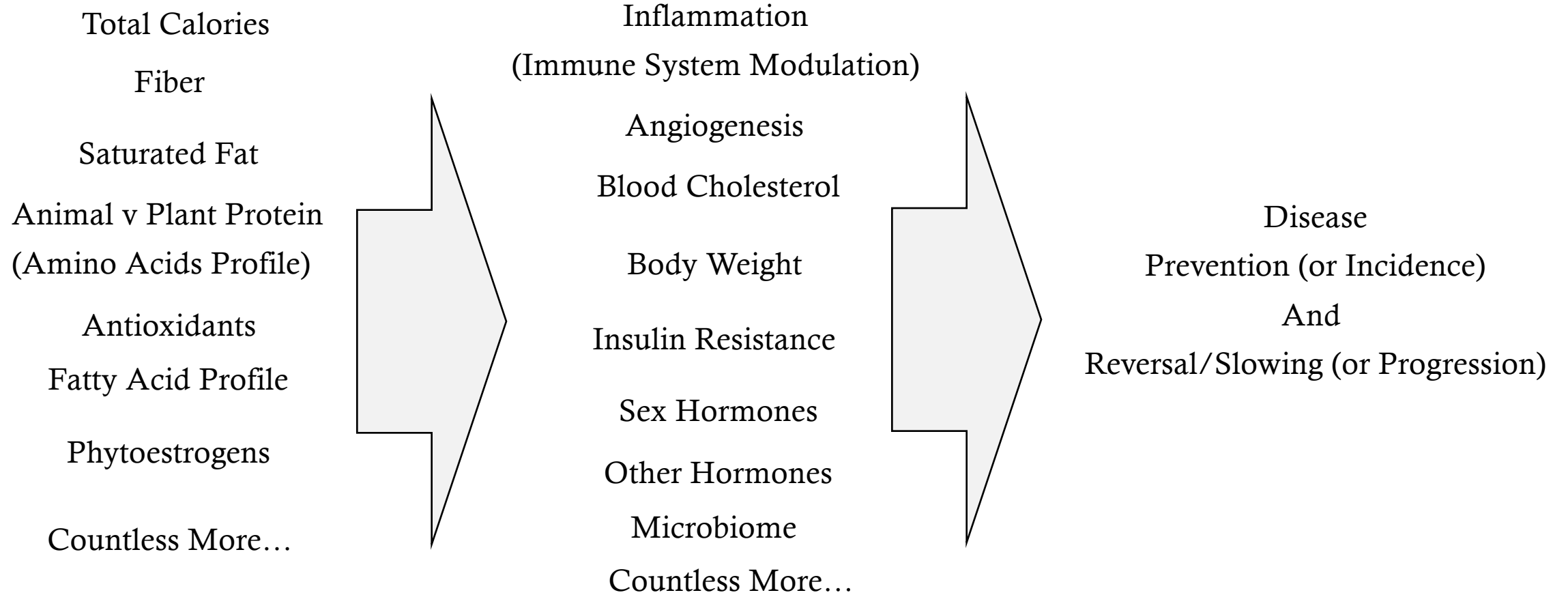


Access



Long-term patterns





NUTRITION: NETWORK IN.... NETWORK OUT

RESOURCES

- Lifestyle Medicine Clinic
- Meals from our research kitchen (coming soon!)
 - NutritionInMedicineRocs.org

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