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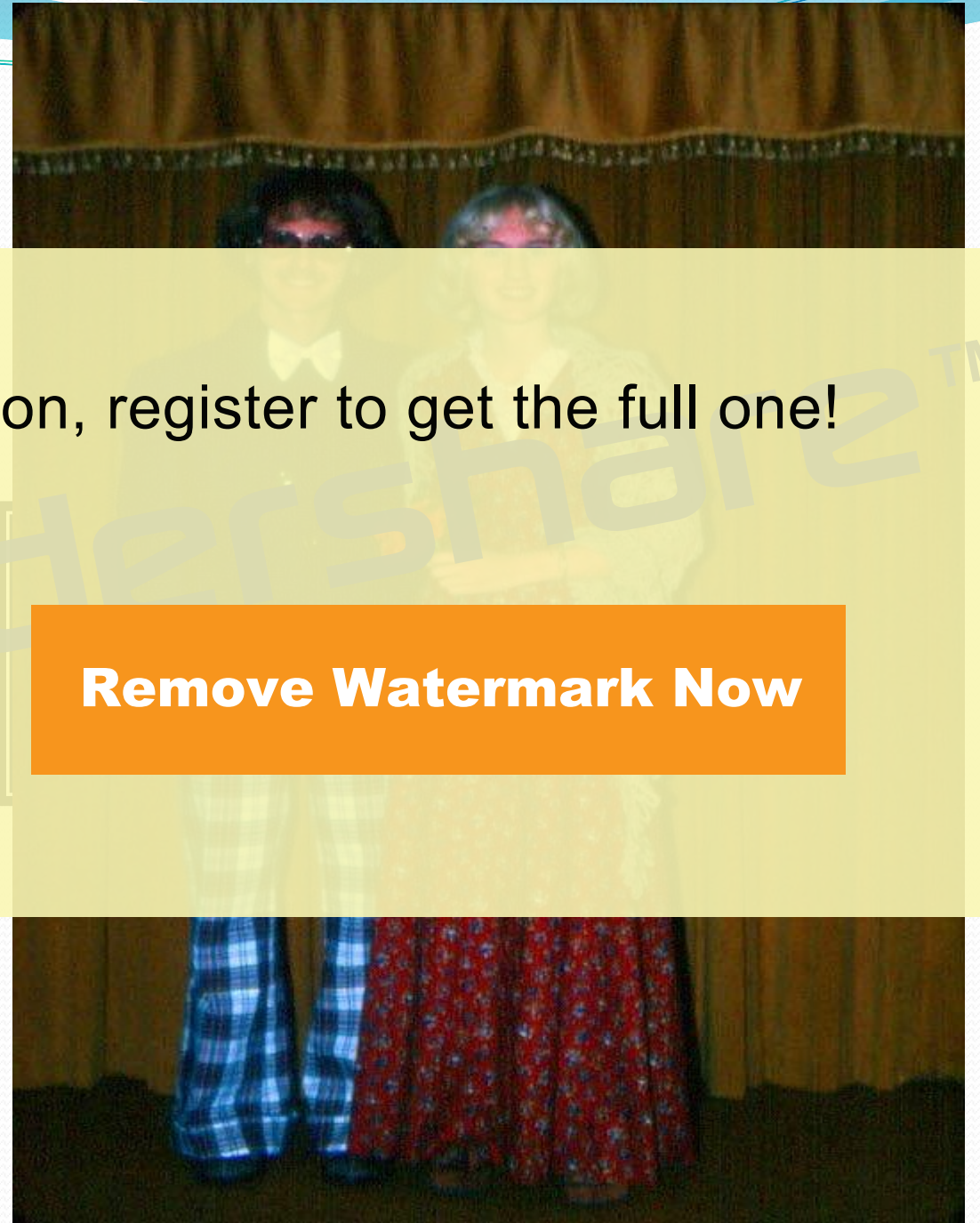
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# Take Home Messages for Heart Health

1. Its not the total fat
  2. Its not dietary cholesterol
  3. It is somewhat saturated vs polyunsaturated, but again not a focus
  4. Focus on foods to add to your diet: fish, fruits, vegetables, nuts, legumes
  5. Foods to avoid: added sugar
  6. Substitute whole grain for refined.
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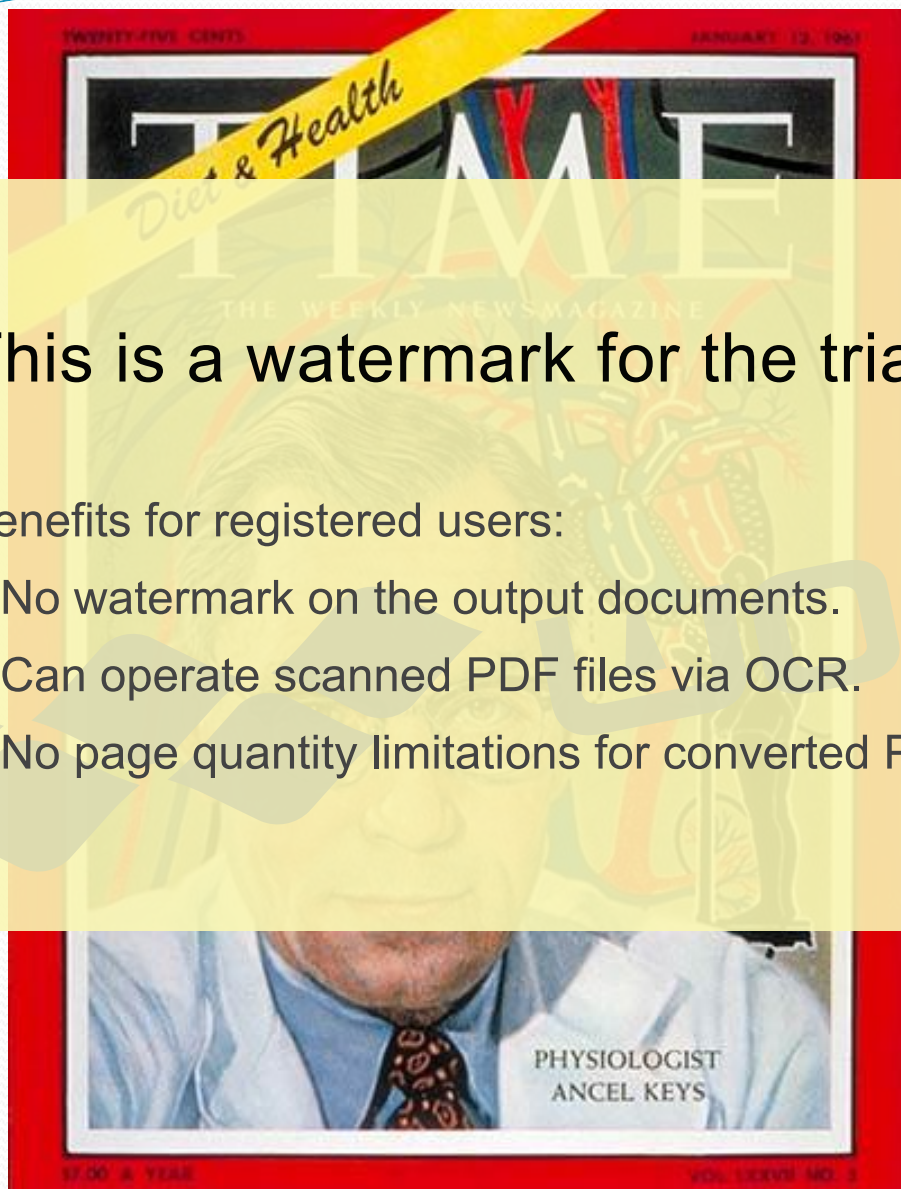
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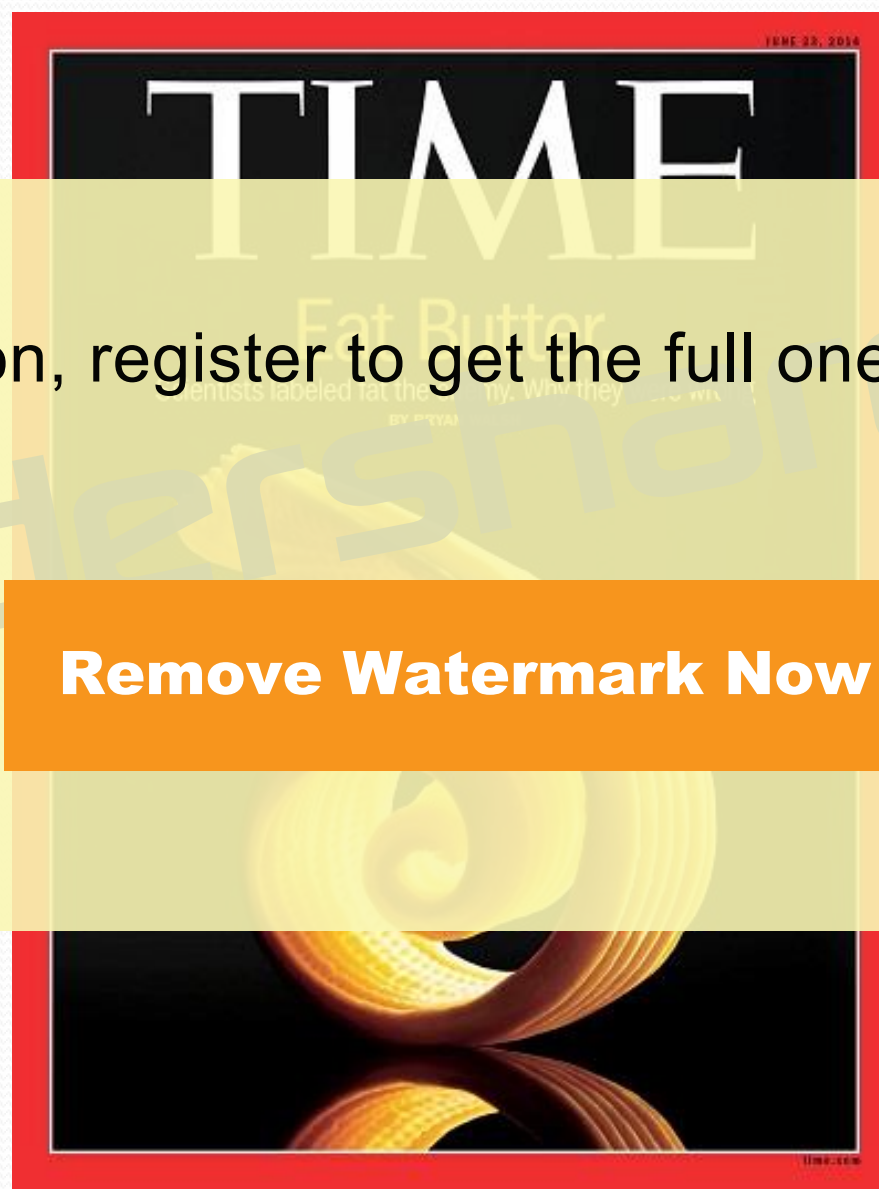
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**Keys's 1952 Chart:  
Fat Calories vs. Deaths from Degenerative Heart Disease**

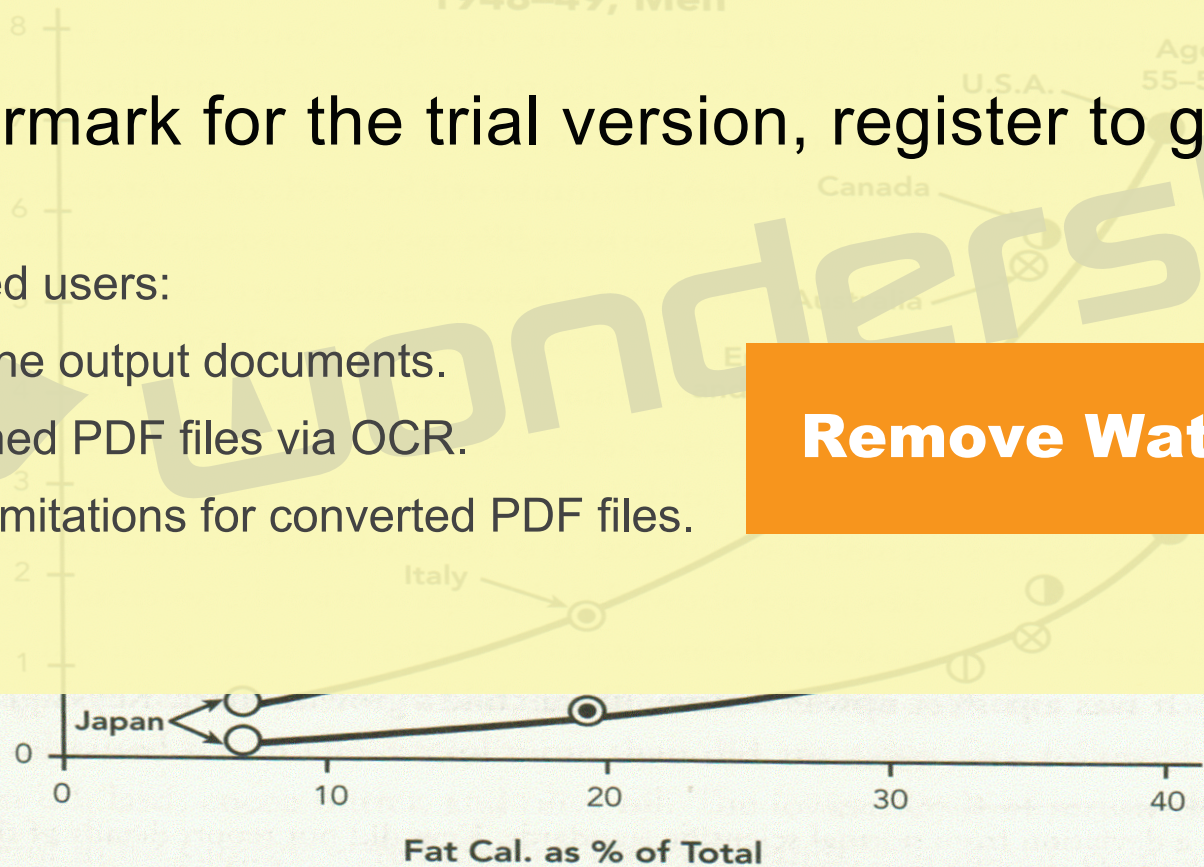
Degenerative Heart Disease  
1948-49, Men

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Source: Ancel Keys, "Atherosclerosis: A Problem in Newer Public Health," *Journal of Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York* 20, no. 2 (July-Aug 1953): 134.

## Yerushalmy and Hilleboe: Data from Twenty-Two Countries

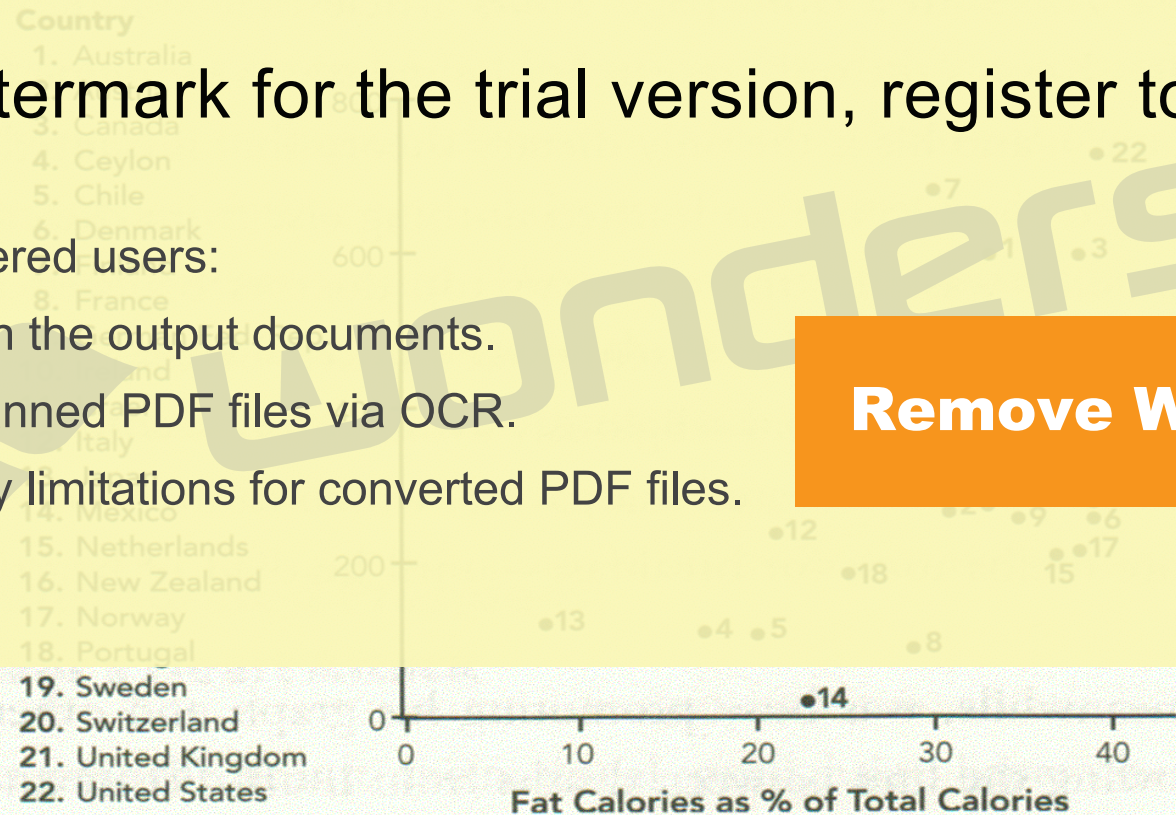
### Mortality from Arteriosclerotic and Degenerative Heart Disease and Percent of Total Calories from Fat – Males age 55–59, 1950

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Source: Yerushalmy, J. and Herman E. Hilleboe, "Fat in the Diet and Mortality from Heart Disease: A Methodologic Note," *New York State Journal of Medicine* 57, no. 14 (July 1957): 2346.



# The Seven Countries Study is the cornerstone of current

cholesterol and fat recommendations and official government policies

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Bowden, J., & Sinatra, S. (2012). *The Great Cholesterol Myth*. Beverly, MA: Fair Winds Press.

British physician Malcolm Kendrick used same data available to Keys and discovered that by choosing different countries you can prove an inverse relationship

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cholesterol  
intake

=

Heart  
Disease

# What we know about dietary fat has changed

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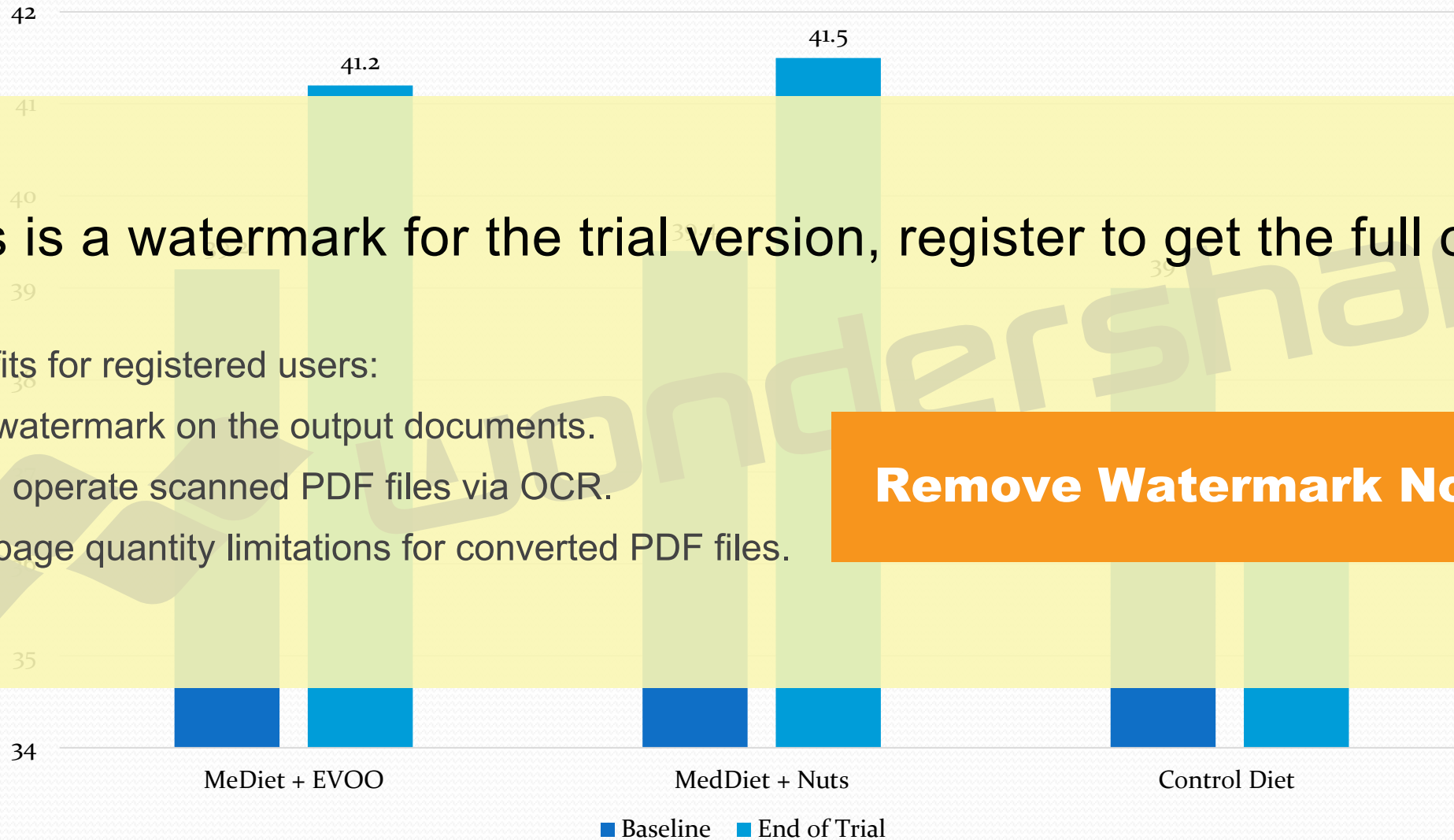
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# Intake of Energy



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# Primary End Point (Acute Myocardial Infarction, Stroke, or Death from Cardiovascular Causes)

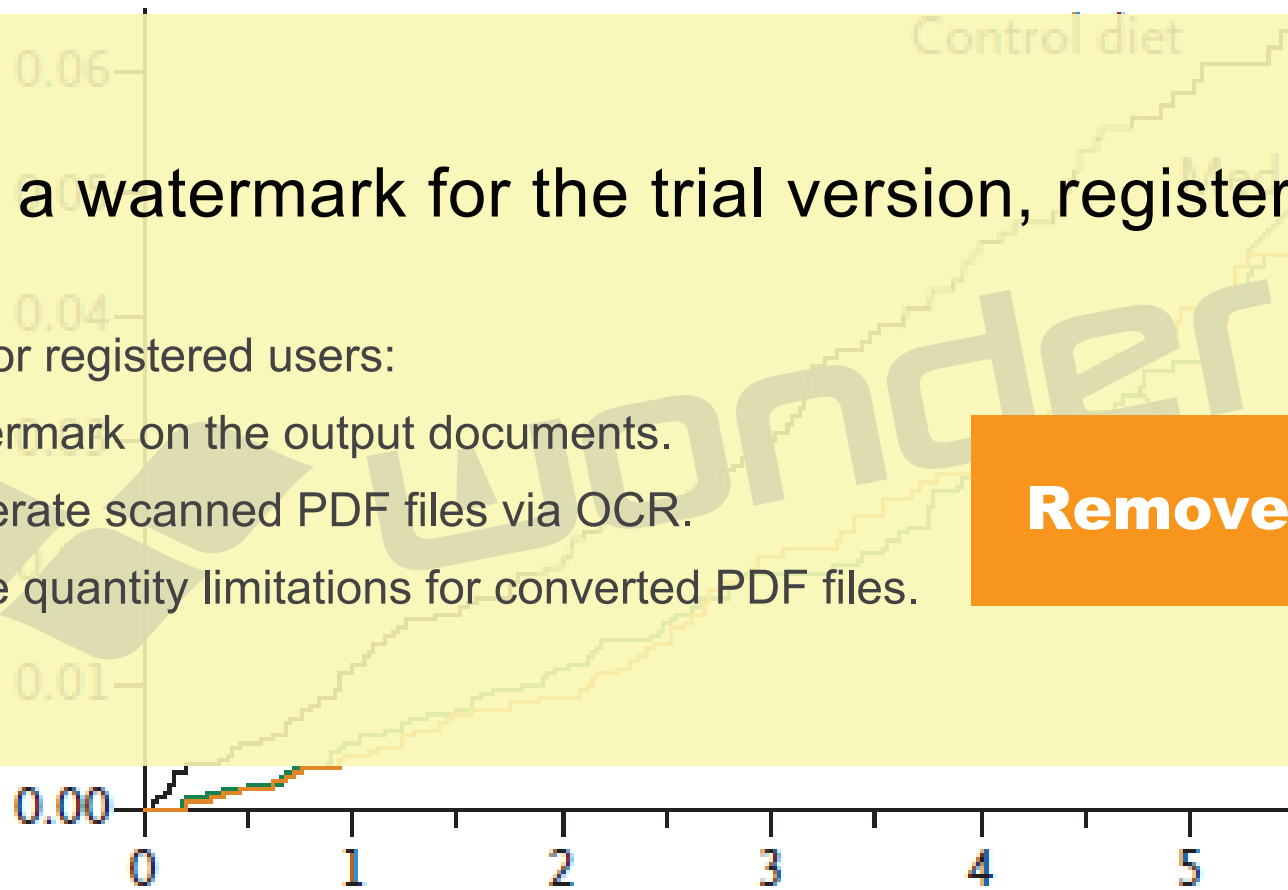
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Incidence of Composite Cardiovascular



No. at Risk

Control diet	2450	2268	2020	1583	1268	946
Med diet, EVOO	2543	2486	2320	1987	1687	1310
Med diet, nuts	2454	2343	2093	1657	1389	1031

## Dietary fats and coronary heart disease

W. C. Willett

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Abstract Willett WC (Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA). Dietary fats and coronary heart disease (Review). *J Intern Med* 2012; **272**: 12–23.

The relationship of dietary fats to coronary heart disease (CHD) has been the subject of many clinical trials and large cohort studies. Modest reductions in CHD rates by further decreases in saturated fat are possible if saturated fat is replaced by a combination of poly- and mono-

... of evidence indicate that specific fatty acids play important roles in the cause and the prevention of CHD, but total fat as a percent of energy is unimportant. Trans fatty acids from partially hydrogenated vegetable oils have clear adverse effects and should be eliminated.

unsaturated fats of polyunsaturated fat is unimportant. However, little or no evidence suggests that saturated fat is replaced by car-bohydrates. The relationship of dietary fats to CHD is not clear. In practice, reducing red meat and dairy products in a food supply and increasing intakes of nuts, fish, soy products and nonhydrogenated vegetable oils will improve the mix of fatty acids and have a markedly beneficial effect on rates of CHD.

**Keywords:** coronary heart disease, trans fat, saturated fat, polyunsaturated fat, monounsaturated fat, blood cholesterol.

# The Snackwell Phenomenon

Food companies rushed to create low-fat versions of all foods and market it as “heart healthy”

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Butter was replaced with margarine which is high in trans fat!

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Vegetable oils were aggressively promoted as a healthy alternative to saturated fat most vegetable oils are highly processed, pro-inflammatory, and easily damaged when reheated repeatedly



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Scientific Report of the  
2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee  
Advisory Report to the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
and the Secretary of Agriculture

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**Cholesterol.** Previously, the Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommended that cholesterol intake be limited to no more than 300 mg/day. The 2015 DGAC will not bring forward this recommendation because available evidence shows no appreciable relationship between consumption of dietary cholesterol and serum cholesterol, consistent with the conclusions of the AHA/ACC report.<sup>2, 35</sup>

Cholesterol is not a nutrient of concern for overconsumption.

# 2015-2020 DGAs for Americans

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Style Eating Pattern contains approximately 100 to 300 mg of cholesterol across the 12 calorie levels. Current average intake of dietary cholesterol among those 1 year and older in the United States is approximately 270 mg per day.

## Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs): Additional Macronutrient Recommendations

Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine, National Academies

Macronutrient Recommendation

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Dietary cholesterol As low as possible while consuming a nutritionally adequate diet

Trans fatty acids As low as possible while consuming a nutritionally adequate diet

Saturated fatty acids As low as possible while consuming a nutritionally adequate diet

Cholesterol from animal sources less than 30% of total energy

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SOURCE: *Dietary Reference Intakes for Energy, Carbohydrate, Fiber, Fat, Fatty Acids, Cholesterol, Protein, and Amino Acids (2002/2005)*.

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All three agree there isn't enough evidence to make a recommendation.

## Where did the Cholesterol Recommendations come from?

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Studies did not take into account other

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Cholesterol  
**Recommendations**

In 1912 Anichkov discovered that feeding cholesterol to rabbits led to atherosclerosis.

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**FIGURE 5.5** In the stomach of the rabbit ingested food is located in the pyloric part (left), which contains digestive glands. Reingested fecal pellets are located in the large fundus (right), where they remain separate from the food material while fermentation continues. [Harder 1949; Grassé 1955]

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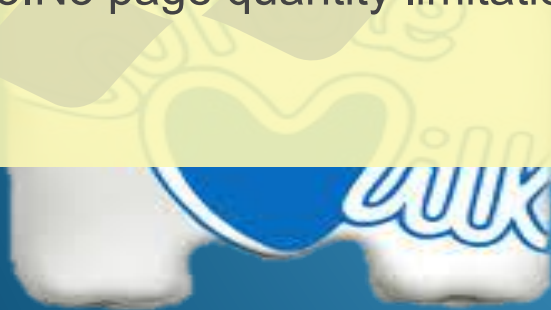
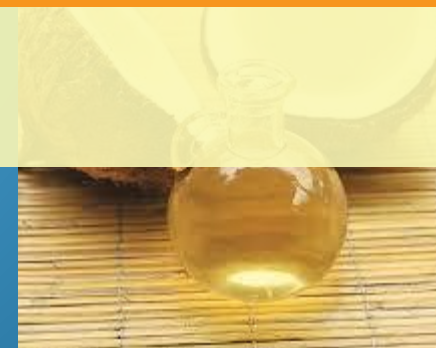
## III.) Saturated Fat:

- The mix of fatty acids is relevant
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- But don't focus here

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# History of Saturated Fat Guidelines

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Eating extra saturated fat, high levels of cholesterol, and excess calories will increase blood cholesterol in many people. Of these, saturated fat has the greatest influence. The

...most Americans need to decrease their intakes of saturated fat and *trans* fats,

should continue to monitor saturated fat intake. Saturated fat is still a nutrient of concern for overconsumption, particularly for those older than the age of 50 years.



Dietary Fat Intake and Risk of Coronary Heart Disease in Women: 20 Years  
of Follow-up of the Nurses' Health Study

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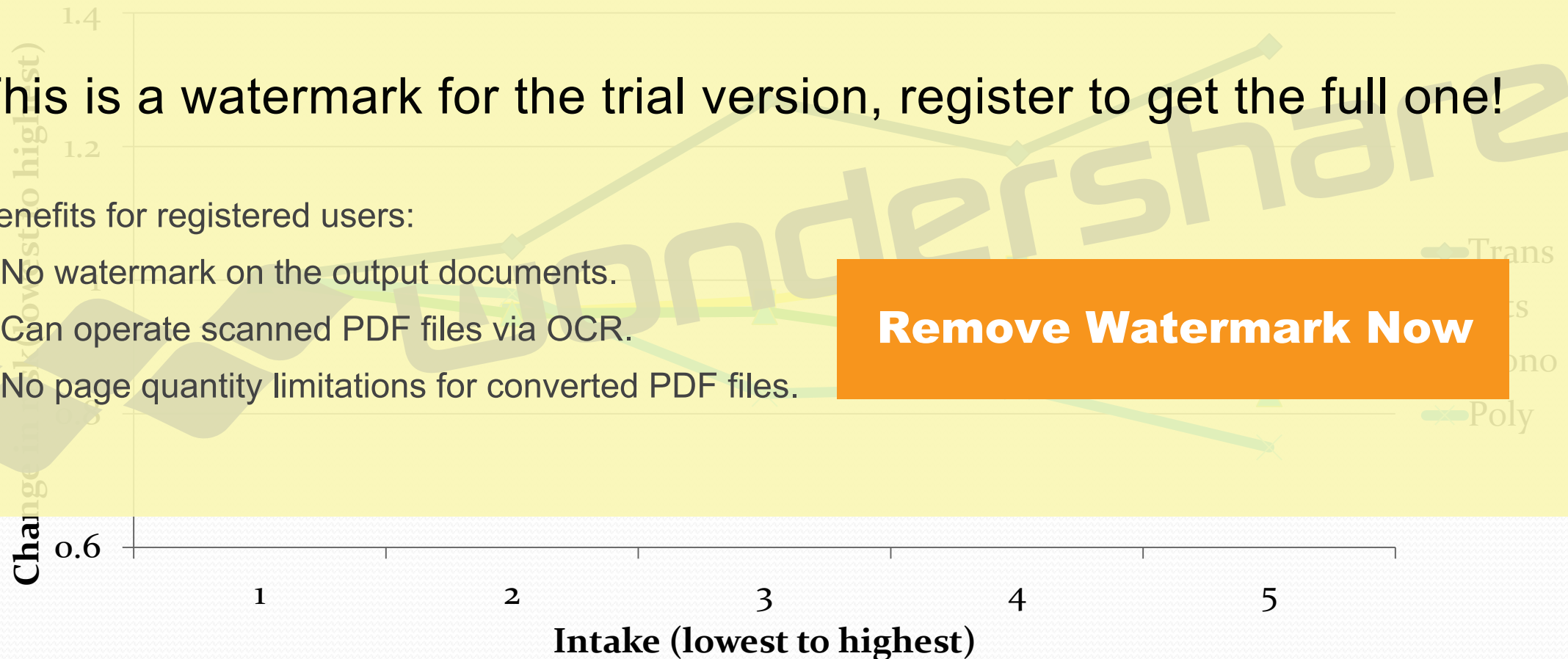
# Nurses Health Study

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Change in:

Bad Cholesterol: LDL

Good Cholesterol: HDL

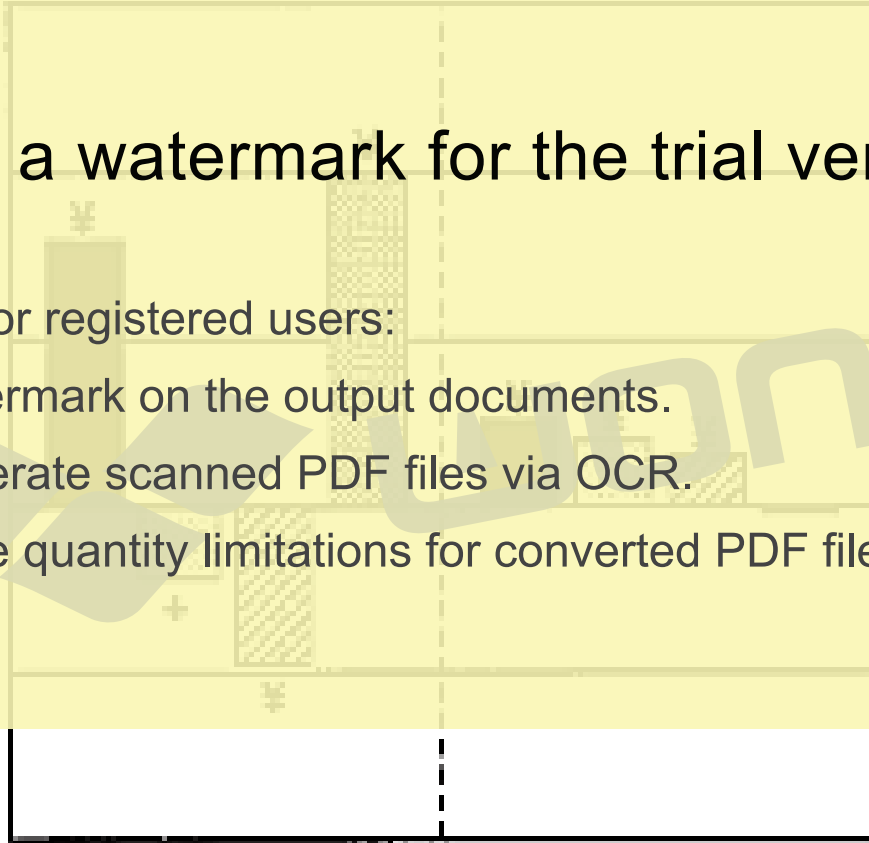
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## Total : HDL Cholesterol Change

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 Saturated fatty acids

 cis Polyunsaturated fatty acids

 cis Monounsaturated fatty acids

 trans Monounsaturated fatty acids

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# Changes in Total Cholesterol: HDL-C Ratio for Consumption of SFA, MUFA, PUFA, and TFA

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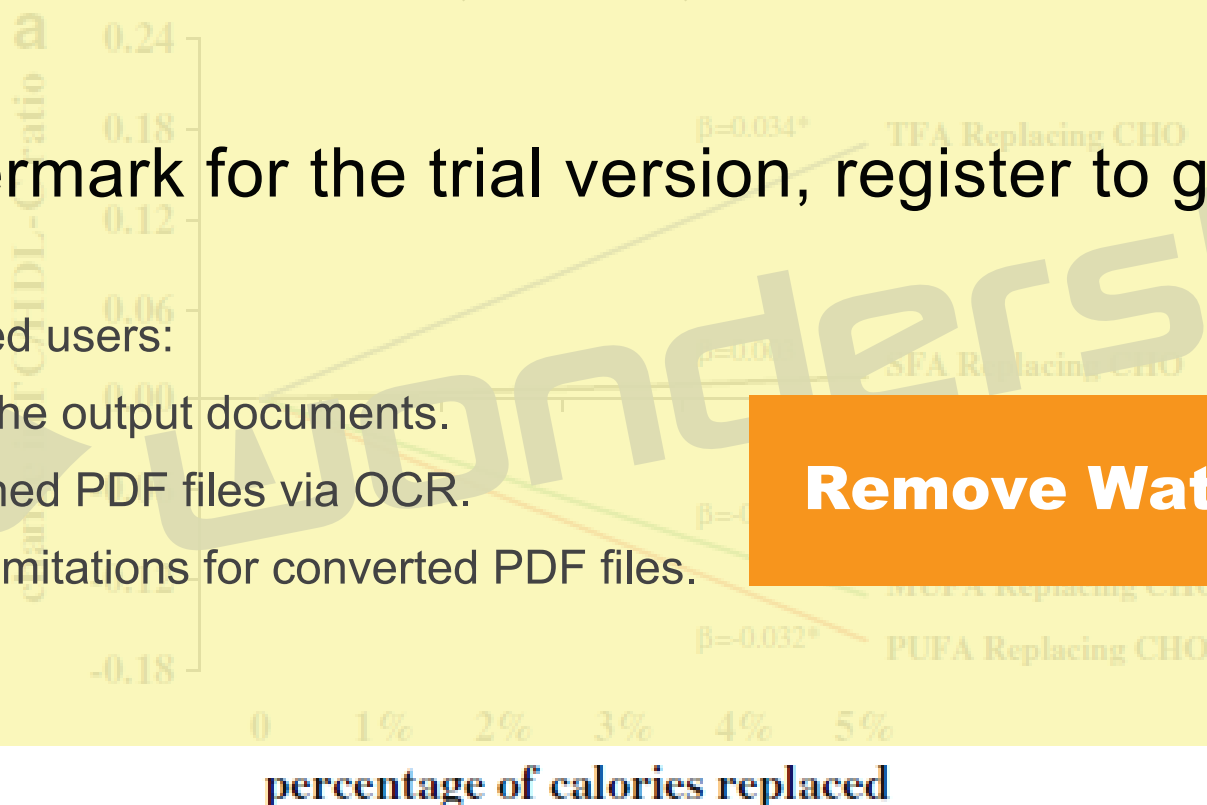


Fig. 2 Changes in blood lipid levels for consumption of saturated fatty acids (SFA), monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA), polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA), or trans fatty acids (TFA) as an isocaloric

replacement for carbohydrate (CHO) as a reference, based on two meta-analyses of randomized controlled feeding trials [5, 6].  $\beta$  reflects the change for each 1% energy isocaloric replacement; \* $P < 0.05$

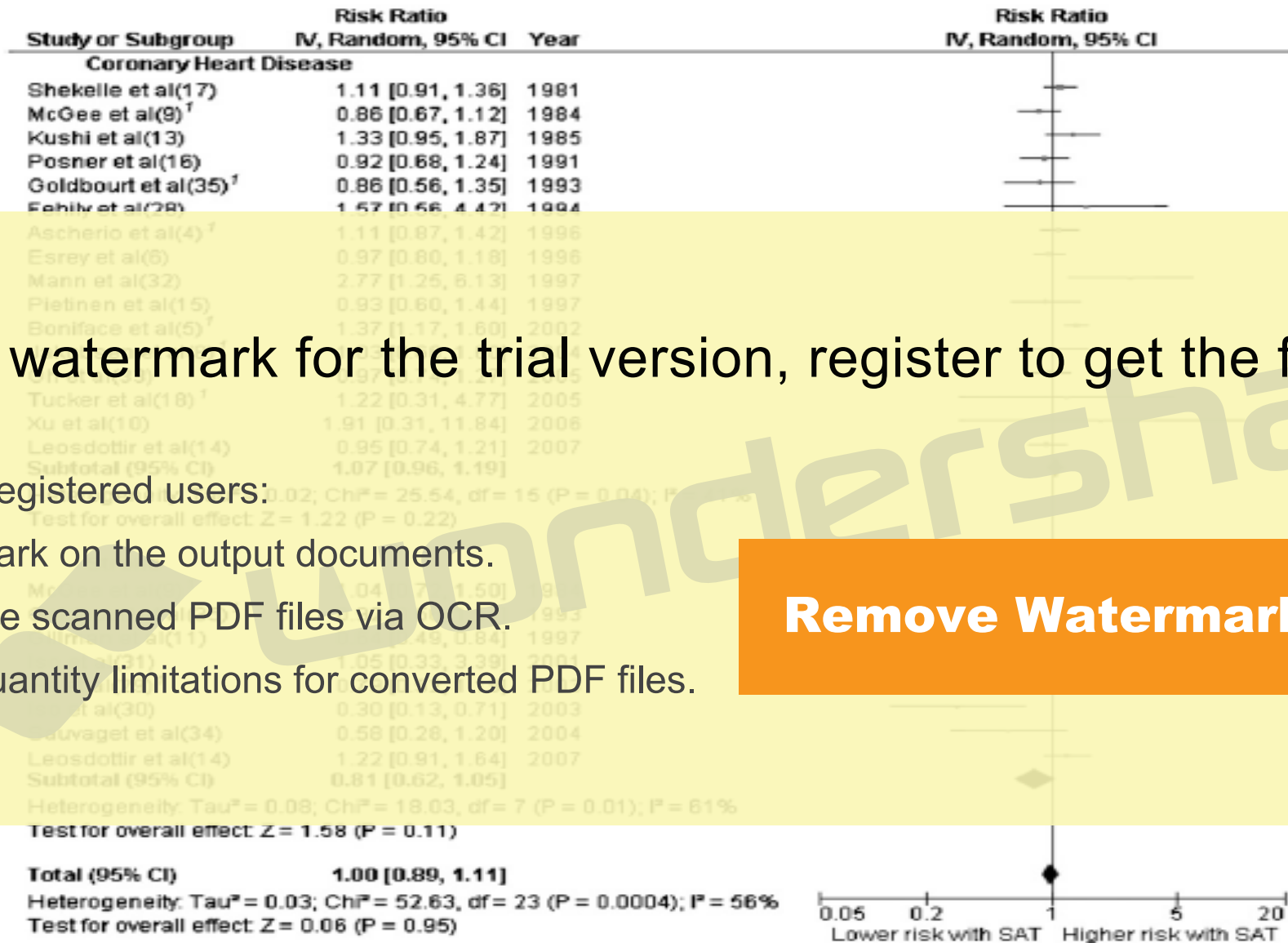
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**FIGURE 2.** Risk ratios and 95% CIs for fully adjusted random-effects models examining associations between saturated fat intake in relation to coronary heart disease and stroke. <sup>†</sup>Updated data were provided by respective investigators (4, 5, 8, 18, 29, 35) or derived from a provided data set (9, 36). SAT, saturated fat intake; IV, inverse variance.

# WHO meta-analysis: No association between saturated fat intake and CVD, CHD, Stroke, T2D

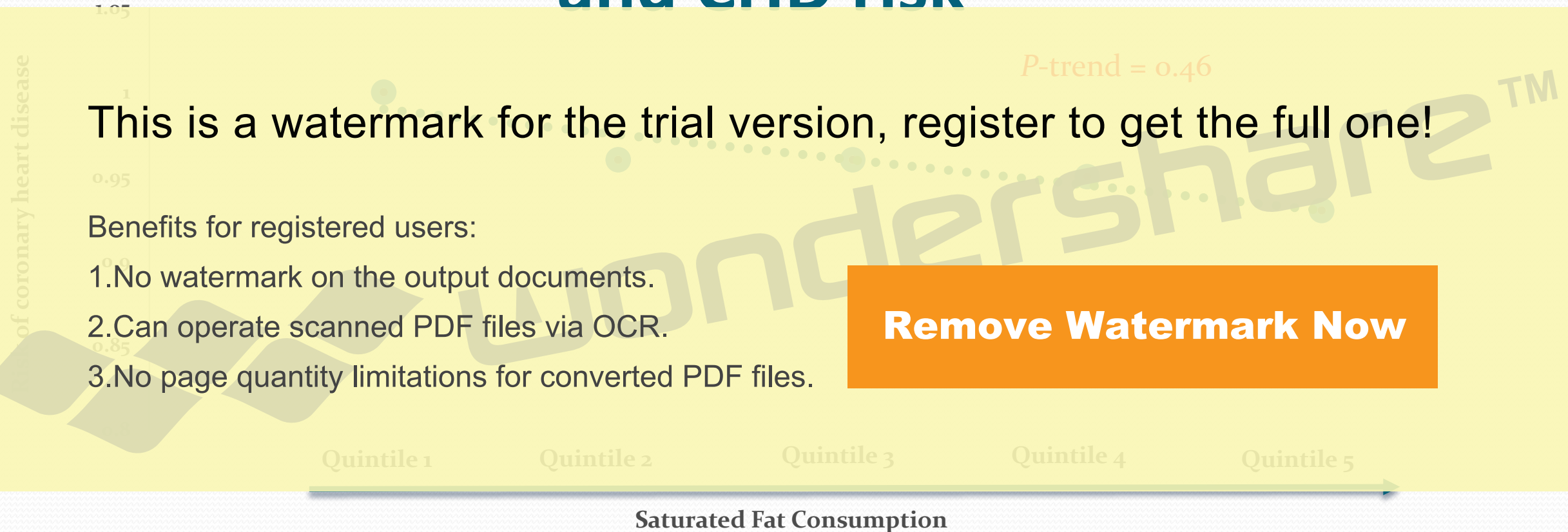
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# No association between saturated fat intake and CHD risk



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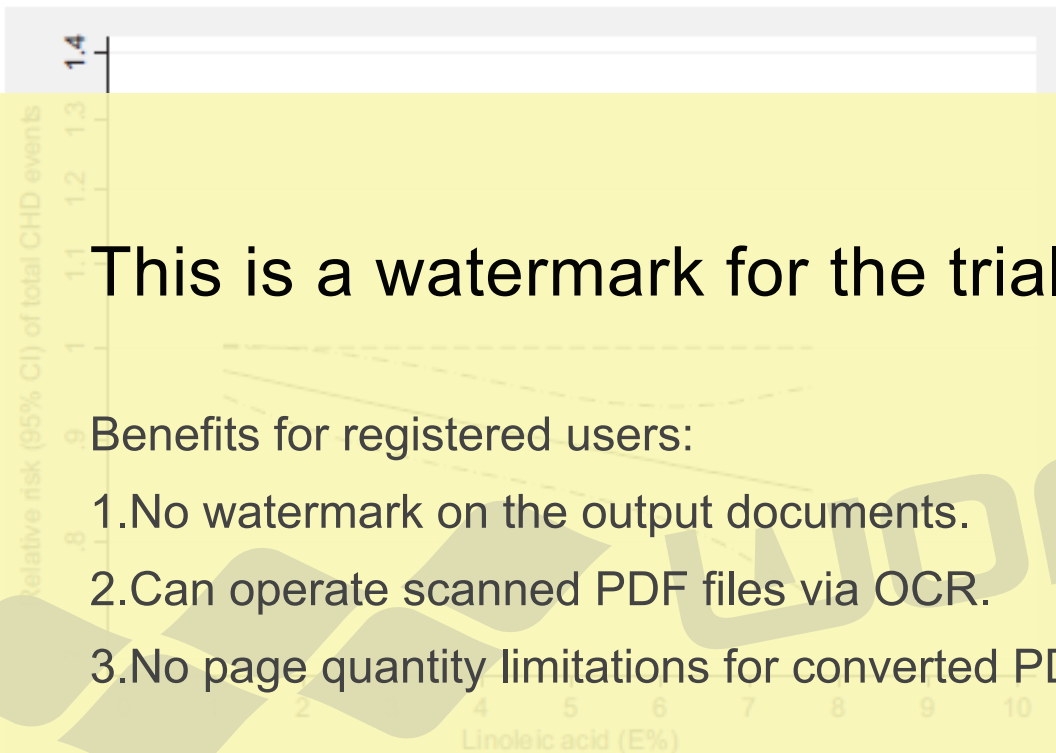
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# Dietary intake of Linoleic Acid and:

Total CHD Events

CHD Deaths



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Figure 4. Dose-response analysis for the curvilinear association between dietary intake of linoleic acid and total coronary heart disease events.  $P=0.91$  for nonlinearity relationship, indicating a linear relationship. %E indicates percent of energy.

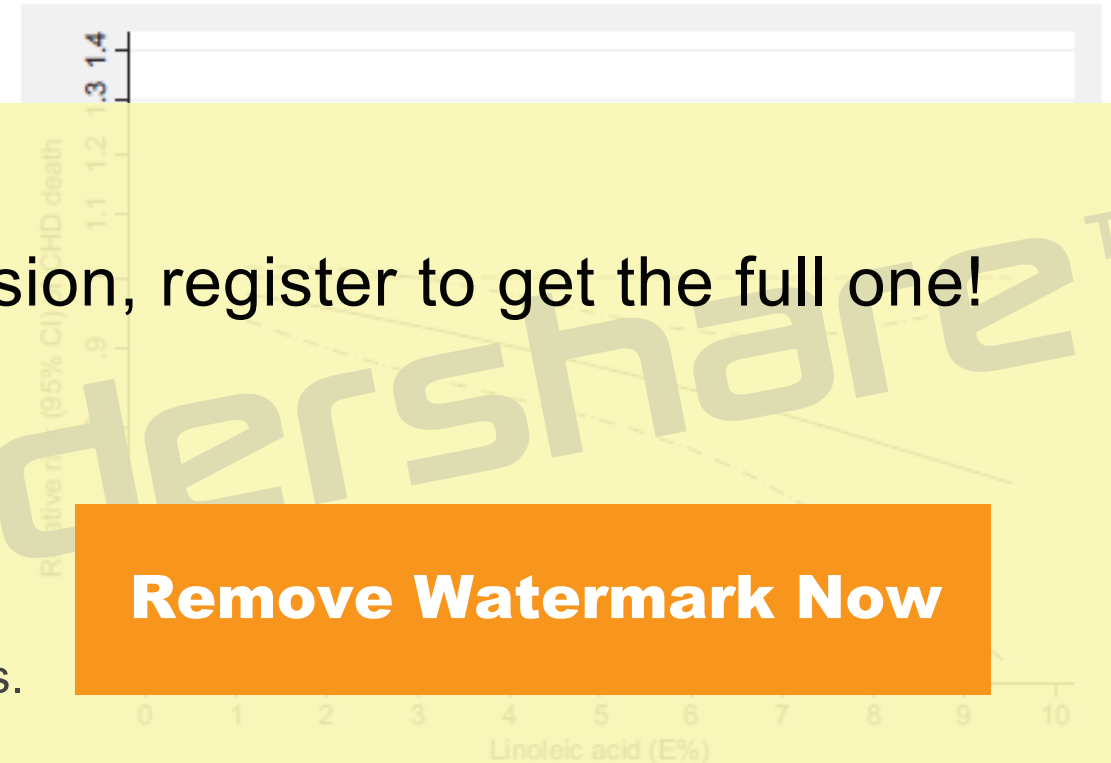


Figure 5. Dose-response analysis for the curvilinear association between dietary intake of linoleic acid and coronary heart disease deaths.  $P=0.72$  for nonlinearity relationship, indicating a linear relationship. %E indicates percent of energy.

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Re-evaluation of the traditional diet-heart hypothesis: analysis of recovered data from Minnesota Coronary Experiment (1968-73)

Christopher E Ramsden<sup>1,2</sup>, Daisy Zamora<sup>3</sup>, Sharon Maignhak-Hong<sup>1</sup>, Kathryn B Fournier<sup>2</sup>, Joseph R Hibbeln<sup>1</sup>

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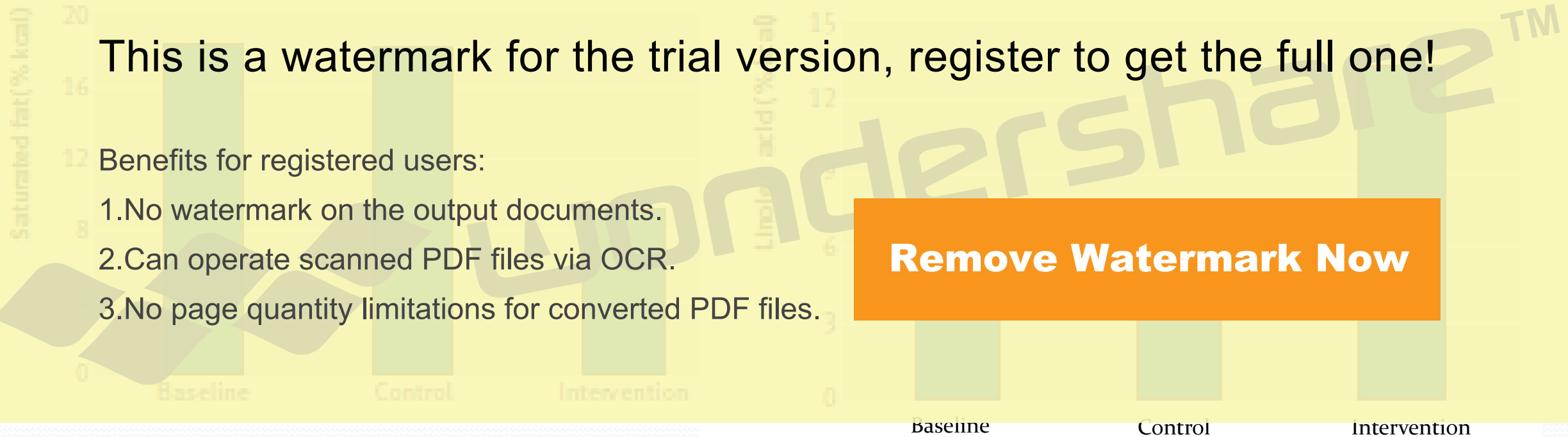
# Linoleic Acid and Saturated Fat Composition of MCF Control and Intervention Group Diets

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Table 2 | Predicted and observed changes in serum cholesterol in intervention and control groups

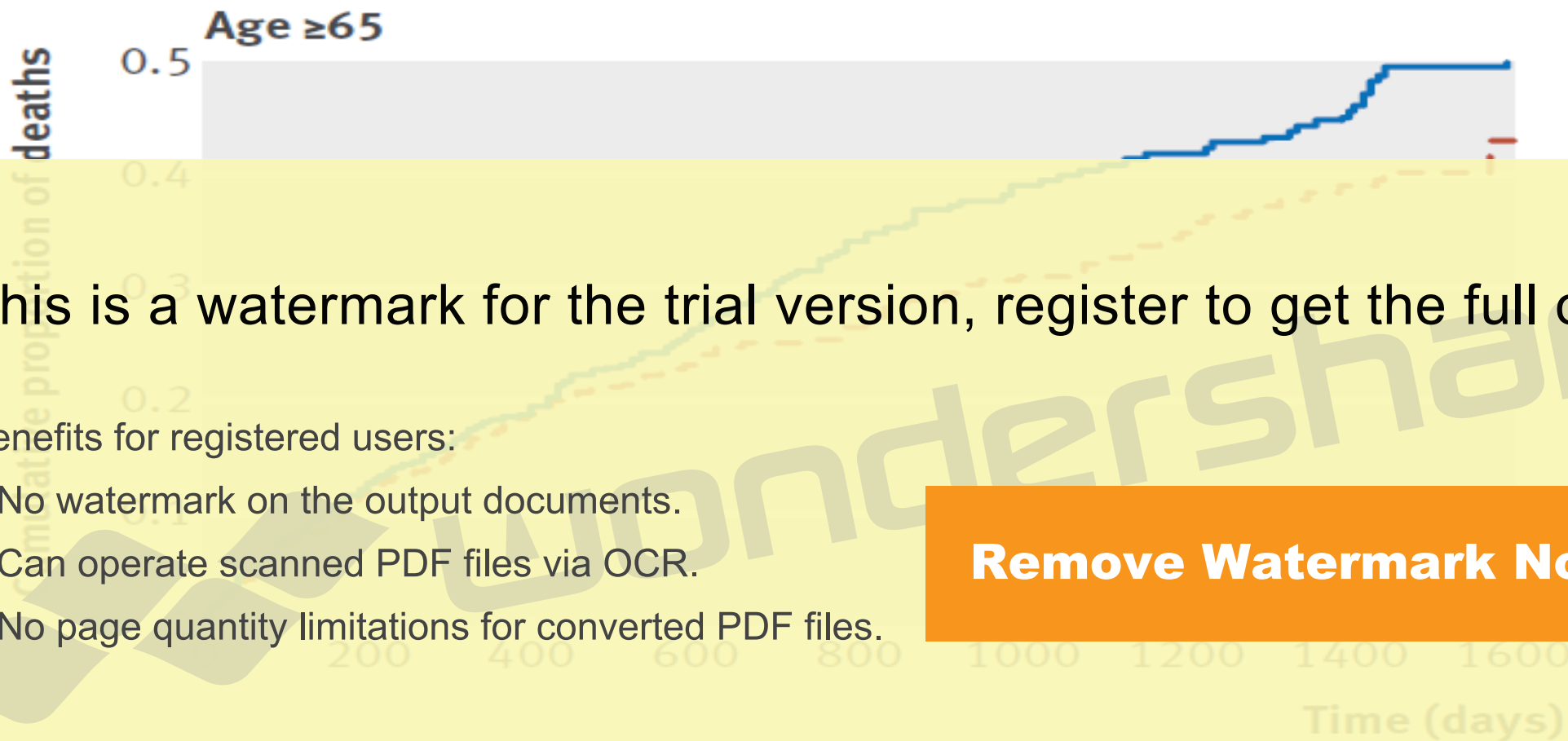
Intervention	Observed dietary changes*		Predicted serum cholesterol % changes	n	P
	LA (%)	SF (%) change			
Control			-18.1%	2355	<0.001
Intervention					<0.001

LA=linoleic acid, SFA=saturated fat.

\*Changes from baseline hospital diet calculated from 1975 abstract, with LA estimated by multiplying total polyunsaturated fatty acids by 0.9.

† $\Delta\text{Chol}=1.3(2\Delta\text{S}-\Delta\text{P})$  where S and P are percentage of calories from saturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids, respectively.

‡Percent change in serum cholesterol concentration calculated for each individual in cohort that received diet for one year or more. P values from paired t test comparing concentrations before and after randomization.



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**Fig 5 | Risk of death from any cause by diet assignment in full MCE cohort and prespecified subgroups (Kaplan Meier life table graphs of cumulative mortality). Graphical depiction of cumulative mortality in full MCE cohort (n=9423) and prespecified subgroups in 1981 Broste thesis<sup>7</sup> showed no indication of benefit and suggested possibility of unfavorable effects of serum cholesterol lowering intervention among participants aged  $\geq 65$ . Patient level data needed to repeat this analysis were not recovered**

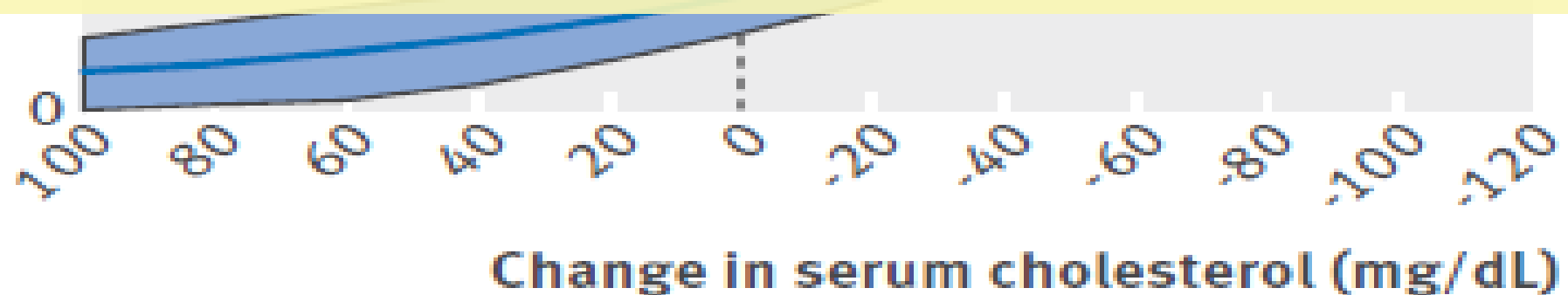
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Dairy Fat

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## Abstract

**Background** This review provides a reappraisal of the potential effects of dairy foods, including dairy fats, on cardiovascular disease (CVD)/coronary heart disease (CHD) risk. Commodities and foods containing saturated fats are of particular focus as current public dietary

recommendations are directed toward reducing the intake of saturated fats as a means to improve the overall health of the population. A conference of scientists from different perspectives of dietary fat and health was convened in order to consider the scientific basis for these recommendations.

**Aims** This review and summary of the conference focus on four key areas related to the biology of dairy foods and fats and their potential impact on human health: (a) the effect of dairy foods on CVD in prospective cohort studies;

# Dairy Fat and Heart Disease

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**with caution.**



# Biomarkers of milk fat and the risk of myocardial infarction in men and women: a prospective, matched case-control study<sup>1-3</sup>

2010

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## ABSTRACT

**Background:** High intakes of saturated fat have been associated

with cardiovascular disease (CVD), such as myocardial infarction (MI). In the CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults) study, frequent

with cardiovascular disease (CVD), such as myocardial infarction (MI). In the CARDIA (Coronary Artery Risk Development in Young Adults) study, frequent consumption of saturated fat was associated with a 70% decrease in CVD mortality (6), but weight gain and some other factors may have confounded the association. This study was designed to test the hypothesis that milk fat biomarkers are objective biomarkers of milk fat intake and that they are associated with CVD risk. **Design:** This was a nested case-control study. **Setting:** The study was conducted in the Stockholm region. **Subjects:** The study included 1000 men and 1000 women, matched for age, sex, and education. **Measurements and Main Results:** The study included 1000 men and 1000 women, matched for age, sex, and education. The odds of a first MI were lower in those with high biomarker levels (OR 0.74, 95% CI 0.58, 0.94) in women and 0.91 (95% CI: 0.77, 1.1) in men. After multivariable adjustment for confounders, the inverse association remained in both sexes and was significant in women. In agreement with biomarker data, quartiles of reported intake of cheese (men and women) and fermented milk products (men) were inversely related to a first MI (*P* for trend < 0.05 for all).

Conclusions: Milk fat biomarkers were associated

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**Conclusions:** Milk fat biomarkers were associated with a lower risk of developing a first MI, especially in women. This was partly confirmed in analysis of fermented milk and cheese intake. Components of metabolic syndrome were observed as potential intermediates for the risk relations. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2010;92:194–202.

The absence of clear evidence linking dairy consumption to cardiovascular events may be explained by the content of health-promoting components in dairy products (2, 10), but the exact mechanisms remain uncertain. To overcome the bias associated with dietary assessment, especially for fatty food, biomarkers may be used. Dairy fat contains the ruminant-specific fatty acids pentadecanoic acid (15:0) and heptadecanoic acid (17:0), and the presence of these fatty acids in serum lipids can be used as objective biomarkers of milk fat intake (12–14). This was recently validated in the survey population from which the present

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# Milk and dairy consumption and incidence of cardiovascular diseases and all-cause mortality: dose-response meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies<sup>1-3</sup>

2011

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Author	Year	Ref	Country	Relative risk	% Weight
Elwood	2004	(25)	UK	0.92	1.27
Ness	2001	(26)	UK	0.94 (0.87, 1.01)	49.76
Engberink	2007	(27)	Netherlands		
All				0.94 (0.89, 0.99)	100.00

(I-squared = 0.0%, p = 0.502)  
Note: Weights are from random effects analysis



**FIGURE 2.** Relation between milk consumption (200 mL/d) and cardiovascular disease; dose-response meta-analysis of 4 prospective cohort studies (n = 13,518; number of cases = 2283). Reproduced with permission from reference 24. Ref, reference.

# Dairy Fat Inversely Associated with Metabolic Syndrome

## Total and Full-Fat, but Not Low-Fat, Dairy Product Intakes are Inversely Associated

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with metabolic syndrome in middle-aged and older adults, associations that seem to be mediated by dairy saturated fatty acids. Dietary recommendations to avoid full-fat dairy intake are not supported by our findings.

**Background.** Growing evidence suggests that dairy products may have beneficial cardiometabolic effects. The current guidelines, however, limit the intake of full-fat dairy products.

**Objective:** We investigated the association of dairy consumption, types of dairy products, and dairy fat content with metabolic syndrome (MetSyn).

# Saturated Fats Versus Polyunsaturated Fats Versus Carbohydrates for

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## Keywords

atherogenic dyslipidemia, lipids, diet, sugar, metabolism

## Abstract

The effects of saturated fatty acids (SFAs) on cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk are modulated by the nutrients that replace them and their food matrices. Replacement of SFAs with polyunsaturated fatty acids has been associated with reduced CVD risk, although there is heterogeneity in both fatty acid categories. In contrast, replacement of SFAs with carbohydrates, particularly

# Dairy's role in cardiovascular and metabolic health recognized by Dietary Guidelines for

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Video also indicates that intake of milk and milk products is associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes and with lower blood pressure in adults.”

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“Consumption of dairy foods provides numerous health benefits, including lower risk of diabetes, metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease and obesity.”

## Original Article

# Dairy consumption and risk of cardiovascular disease: an updated meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies

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# Meta-analysis: Total dairy reduces risk for cardiovascular disease

Decreased risk

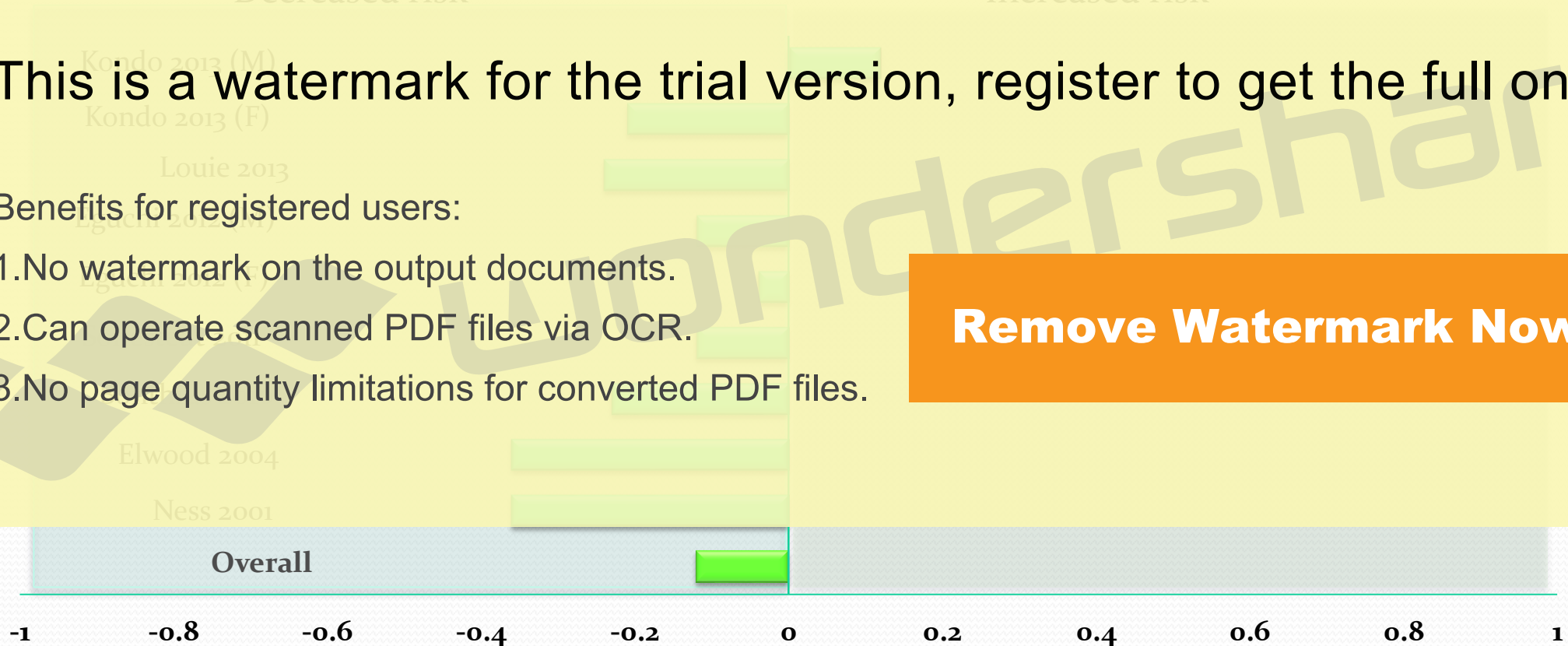
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*12% reduced risk for cardiovascular disease overall*

# Meta-analysis: Total dairy reduces risk for stroke

Decreased risk

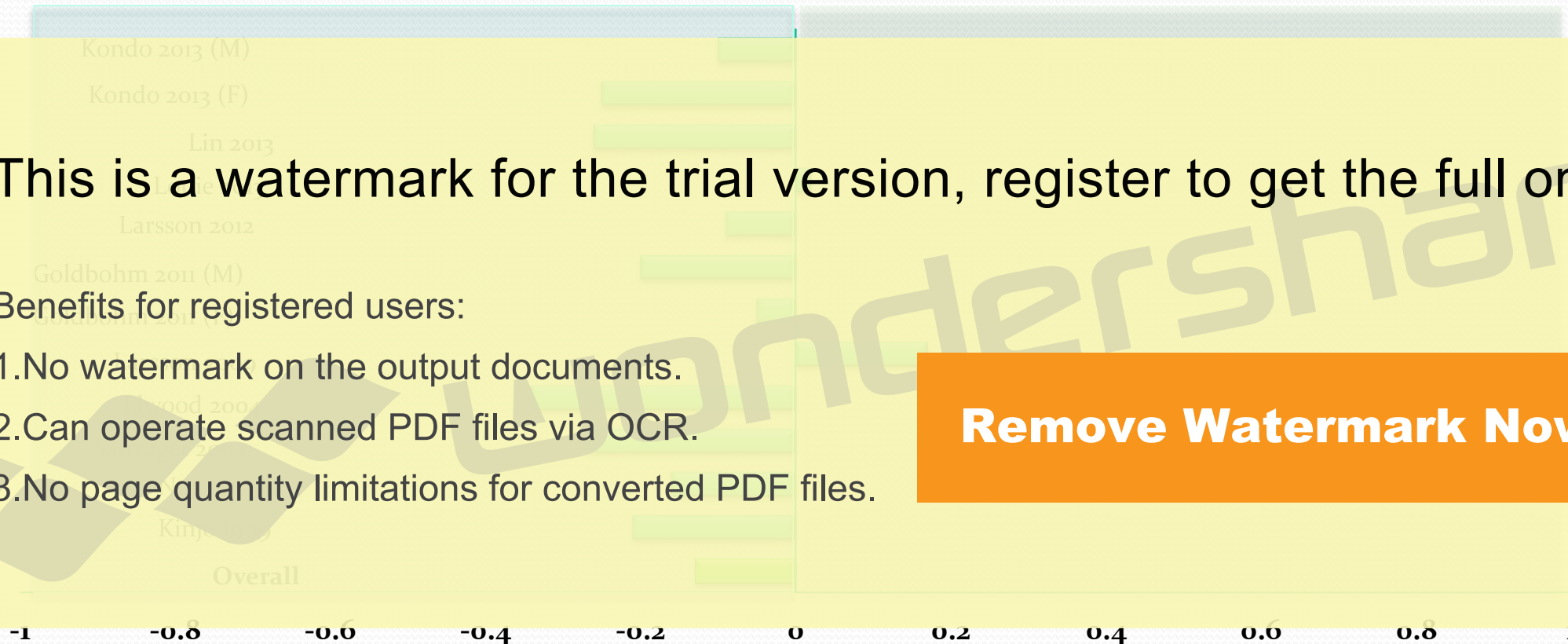
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*13% reduced risk for stroke overall*



# Meta-analysis: Cheese consumption is associated with reduced CVD risk

Decreased risk

Increased risk

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# Why isn't dairy fat a risk factor for heart disease when it's high in saturated fat?

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# Biomarkers of dairy fat intake and risk of cardiovascular disease: a systematic review and meta analysis of prospective studies

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“Higher dairy fat exposure is not associate with an increased risk of CVD.”

# Pooled RRs of CVD for top third vs. bottom third

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“This suggests that the purported detrimental effects of SFAs on cardiometabolic health may in fact be nullified when they are consumed as part of complex food matrices such as those in cheese and other dairy foods. Thus, the focus on low-fat dairy products in current guidelines apparently is not entirely supported by the existing literature ...”

REVIEW ARTICLE

Milk and dairy products: good or bad for human health? An assessment of the totality of scientific evidence

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REVIEW

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2017

**“OCFA [Odd chain fatty acids] biomarkers are overall not linked to cardiovascular disease risk, but a possible beneficial role of dairy foods in diabetes prevention warrant further study”**



## So What Works?

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# A Dietary Portfolio Approach to Cholesterol Reduction: Combined Effects of Plant Sterols, Vegetable Proteins, and Viscous Fibers in Hypercholesterolemia

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combination with a very low SFA diet. For all 7 weeks of the study, the subjects were on a very low saturated fat diet which approximated the National Cholesterol Education Program (NCEP) Type IIa diet. In week 1, the test diet was returned to the very low SFA diet on week 4. The intervention diet included plant sterols (1 g/1,000 kcal), soy protein (23 g/1,000 kcal), almonds (28g/day) and viscous fibers (9g/1,000 kcal).

# Percent change from baseline in the ratio of LDL:HDL on the combination diet (n = 13).

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Week	-1	0	1	2	3	4	Runout
Percent change	5	0	-25	-30	-28	-28	

## So What Also Works?

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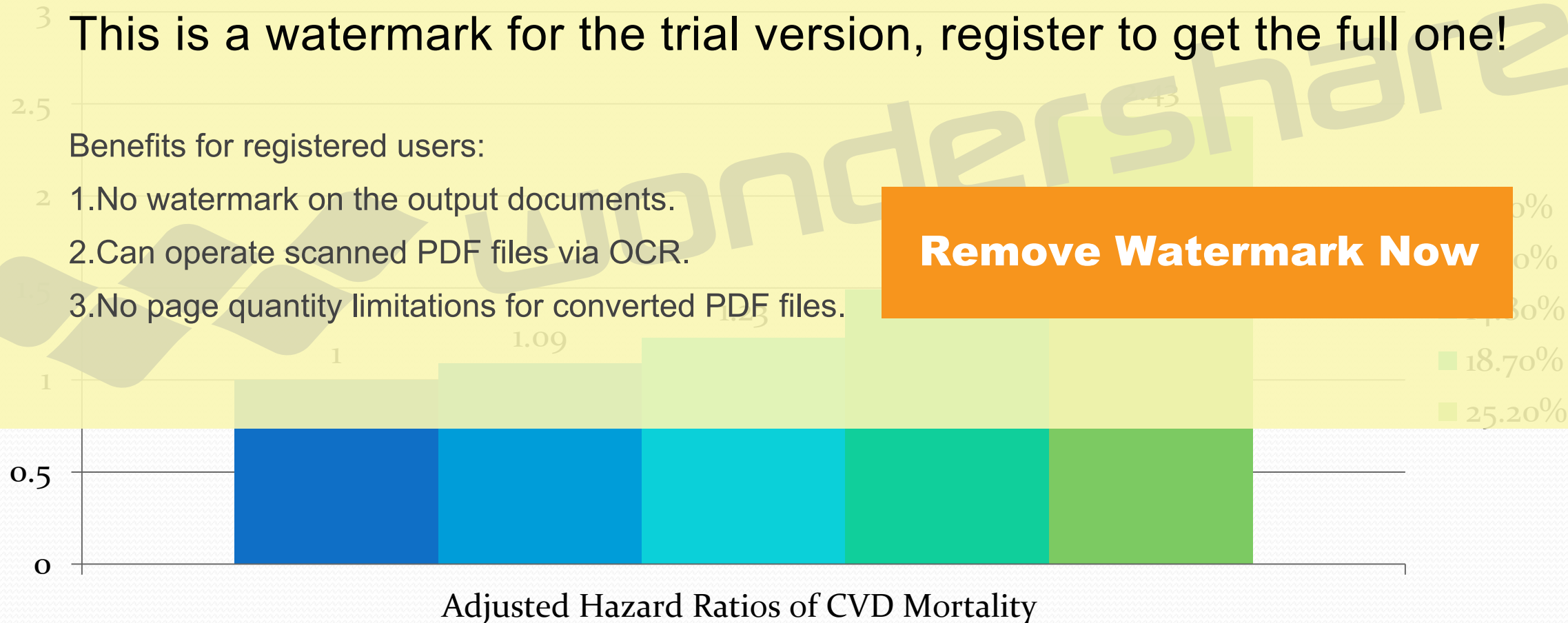
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**IMPORTANCE** Epidemiologic studies have suggested that higher intake of added sugar is associated with cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors. Few prospective studies have examined the association of added sugar intake with CVD mortality.

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# Hazard Ratios of CVD Mortality According to Usual % of Calories from Added Sugar





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The Evidence for Saturated Fat and for Sugar Related  
to Coronary Heart Disease

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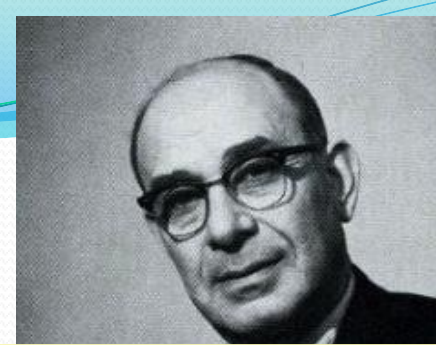
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“recommendations should support the eating of whole foods  
(e.g. foods from living botanical plants) and the avoidance of  
ultra-processed foods”

1964: Yudkin suggested that sugar was the



main causative factor in ischemic heart

disease, more so than fat: “National levels of consumption of fat and of sugar are closely similar. Statistics relating fat intake to ischaemic heart disease or diabetes in different populations may therefore express only as indirect relationship, and the causal relationship may be with sugar (Yudkin, 1964).

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# Take Home Messages for heart health

1. Don't focus on total fat
2. Don't focus on total dietary cholesterol
3. Substitute some saturated fat with polyunsaturated, but again not a focus
4. Focus on foods to reduce the risk of heart disease: fish, fruits, vegetables, nuts, legumes
5. Reduce added sugar
6. Substitute whole grains for refined.

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