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IL RUOLO DELLA DIETA MEDIETERRANEA:
L'esperienza del progetto Moli-sani

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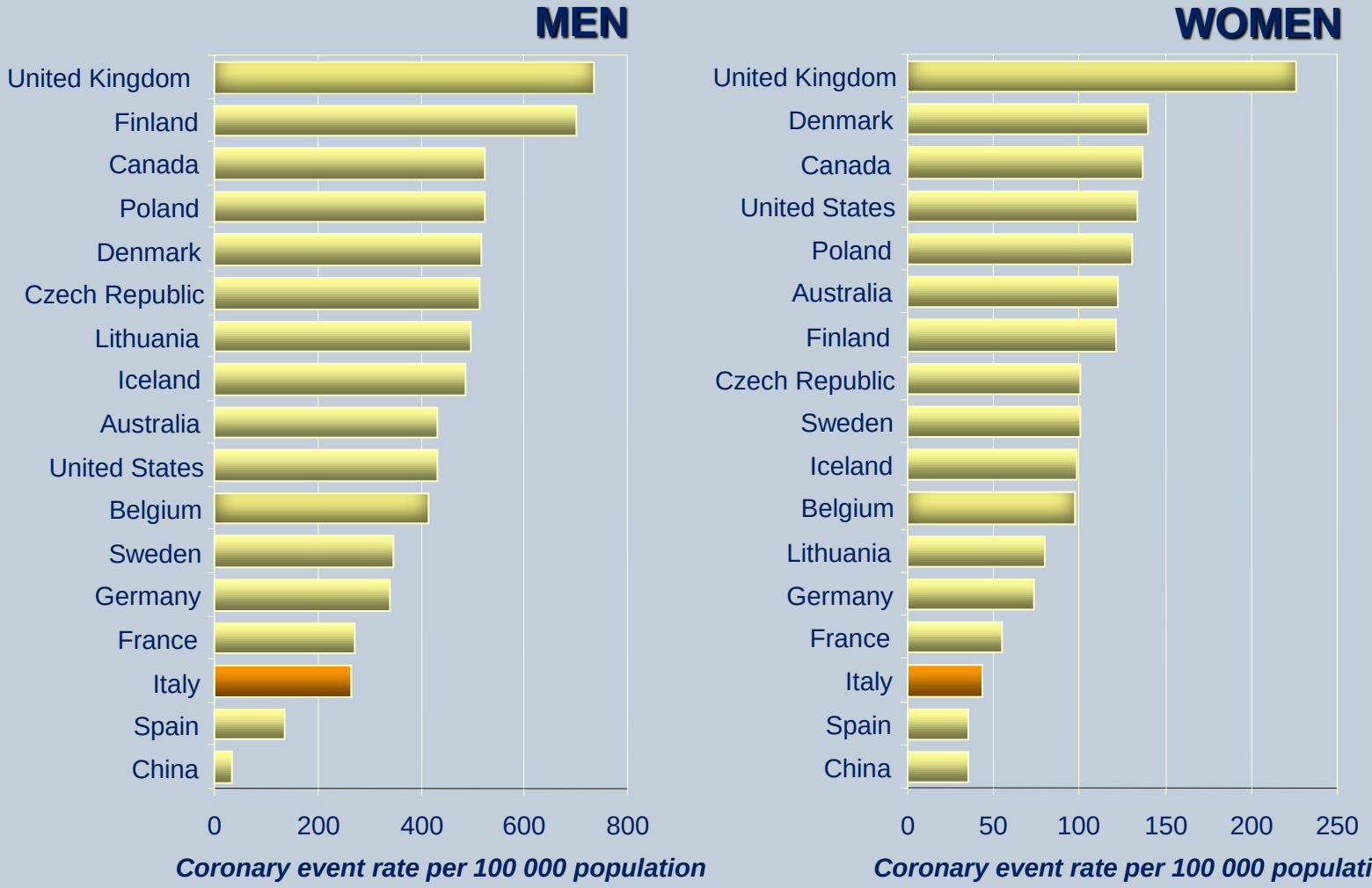
Geographic gradient for cardiovascular disease

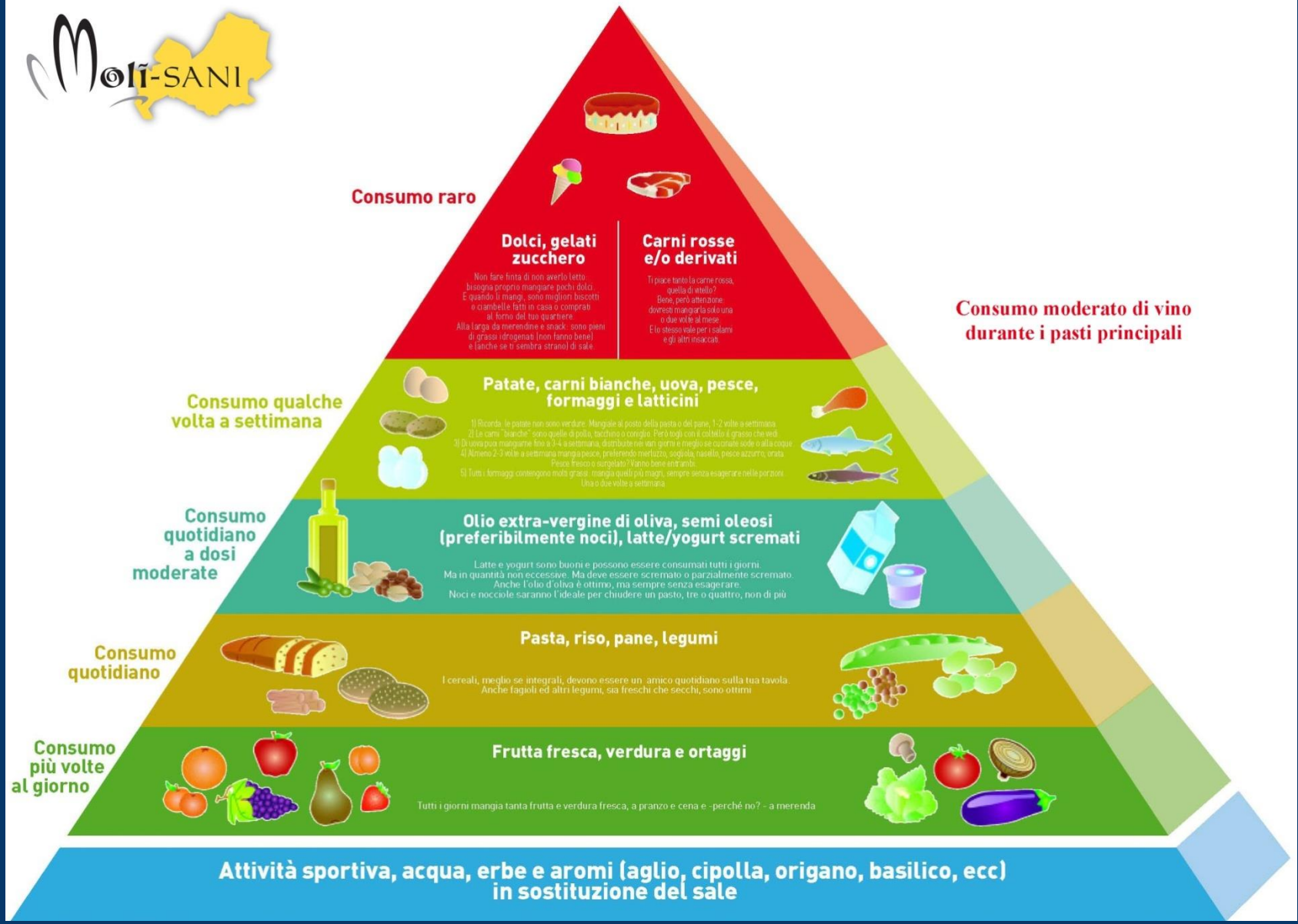
Age standardised coronary event rates in men and women aged 34-65, in populations covered by the MONICA project, 1999

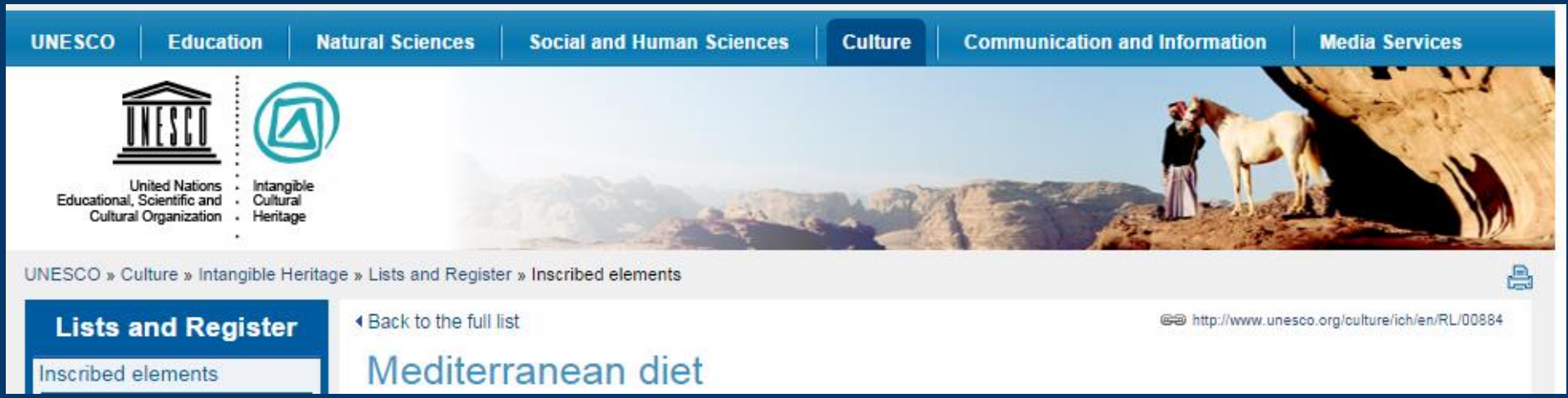


Modified from Ferriman, Lancet 1999

Dagli Stati Uniti al Cilento a caccia dell'elisir di lunga vita

Molì-SANI


Consumo raro
Dolci, gelati zucchero
Non fare finta di non averlo letto: bisogna proprio mangiare pochi dolci. E quando li mangi, sono migliori biscotti o ciambelle fatti in casa o comprati al forno del tuo quartiere.
Alla larga da merendine e snack: sono pieni di grassi idrogenati (non fanno bene) e (anche se ti sembra strano) di sale.
Carni rosse e/o derivati
Ti piace tanto la carne rossa, quella di vitello?
Bene, però attenzione: dovresti mangiarla solo una o due volte al mese.
E lo stesso vale per i salami e gli altri insaccati.
Consumo moderato di vino durante i pasti principali
Consumo qualche volta a settimana
Patate, carni bianche, uova, pesce, formaggi e latticini
1) Ricorda: le patate non sono verdure. Mangiale al posto della pasta o del pane, 1-2 volte a settimana.
2) Le carni "bianche" sono quelle di pollo, tacchino o coniglio. Però togli con il coltello il grasso che vedi.
3) Di uova può mangiarne fino a 3-4 a settimana, distribuite nei vari giorni e meglio se cucinate sode o alla coque.
4) Almeno 2-3 volte a settimana mangia pesce, preferendo merluzzo, sogliola, nasello, pesce azzurro, orata.
Pesce fresco o surgelato? Vanno bene entrambi.
5) Tutti i formaggi contengono molti grassi: mangia quelli più magri, sempre senza esagerare nelle porzioni.
Una o due volte a settimana.
Consumo quotidiano a dosi moderate
Olio extra-vergine di oliva, semi oleosi (preferibilmente noci), latte/yogurt scremati
Latte e yogurt sono buoni e possono essere consumati tutti i giorni.
Ma in quantità non eccessive. Ma deve essere scremato o parzialmente scremato.
Anche l'olio d'oliva è ottimo, ma sempre senza esagerare.
Noci e nocciole saranno l'ideale per chiudere un pasto, tre o quattro, non di più.
Consumo quotidiano
Pasta, riso, pane, legumi
I cereali, meglio se integrali, devono essere un amico quotidiano sulla tua tavola.
Anche fagioli ed altri legumi, sia freschi che secchi, sono ottimi.
Consumo più volte al giorno
Frutta fresca, verdura e ortaggi
Tutti i giorni mangia tanta frutta e verdura fresca, a pranzo e cena e -perché no? - a merenda.
Attività sportiva, acqua, erbe e aromi (aglio, cipolla, origano, basilico, ecc) in sostituzione del sale



Inscribed in 2013 (**8.COM**) on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity

Country(ies): Cyprus, Croatia, Spain, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Portugal

Decision 8.COM 8.10

The Committee (…) decides that the Mediterranean diet satisfies the **criteria for inscription on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity**

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ESTABLISHED IN 1812 JUNE 26, 2003 VOL. 348 NO. 26

Adherence to a Mediterranean Diet and Survival in a Greek Population

Antonia Trichopoulou, M.D., Tina Costacou, Ph.D., Christina Bamia, Ph.D., and Dimitrios Trichopoulos, M.D.

- **Total mortality** **0.75 (0.64 – 0.87)**
- **Cardiovascular mortality** **0.67 (0.47 – 0.94)**
- **Cancer mortality** **0.76 (0.59 – 0.98)**

22,043 Adults; 44 months median follow–up

Meta-analysis of associations between a 2-point increase of adherence score to the Mediterranean diet and the risk of diseases

18 studi di coorte, 2,190,627 individui analizzati

Outcomes	Rischio (95% CI)
Mortalità per tutte le cause	0.92 (0.90-0.94)
Mortalità o malattia cardiovascolare	0.90 (0.87-0.93)
Mortalità o malattia tumorale	0.94 (0.92-0.96)
Malattie neurodegenerative	0.87 (0.81-0.94)

Sofi et al, Am J Clin Nutr, 2010

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease with a Mediterranean Diet

High CVD risk participants, median follow-up 4.8 years

N=7747	Composite primary end point
MD + Olive oil	0.70 (0.54-0.92)
MD + nuts	0.72 (0.54-0.96)

Estruch R et al, N Engl J Med. 2013;368:1279-90

Uno studio di coorte prospettico
sui fattori di rischio e protezione,
genetici e acquisiti,
delle malattie cardiovascolari e dei tumori

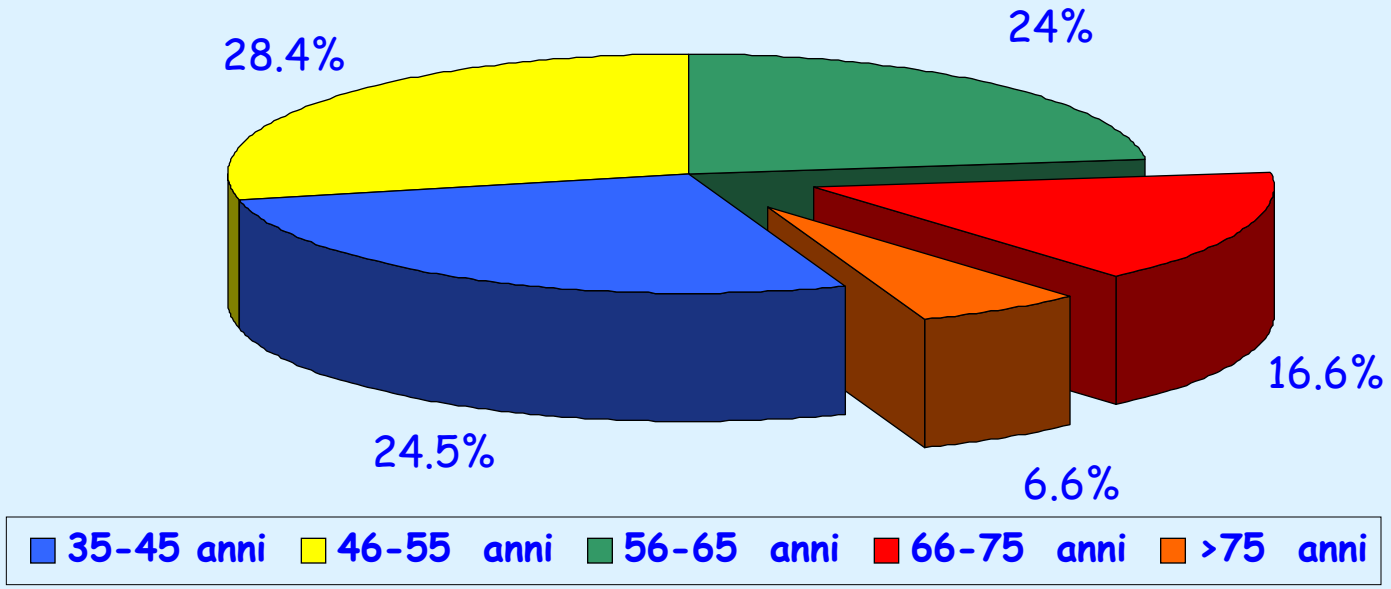
Lo studio MOLI-SANI

- ✓ 25,000 cittadini della regione Molise
- ✓ Età > 35 anni
- ✓ Fase di reclutamento: 2005-2010
- ✓ Principali end points:

  eventi cardiovascolari, tumorali e neurodegenerativi

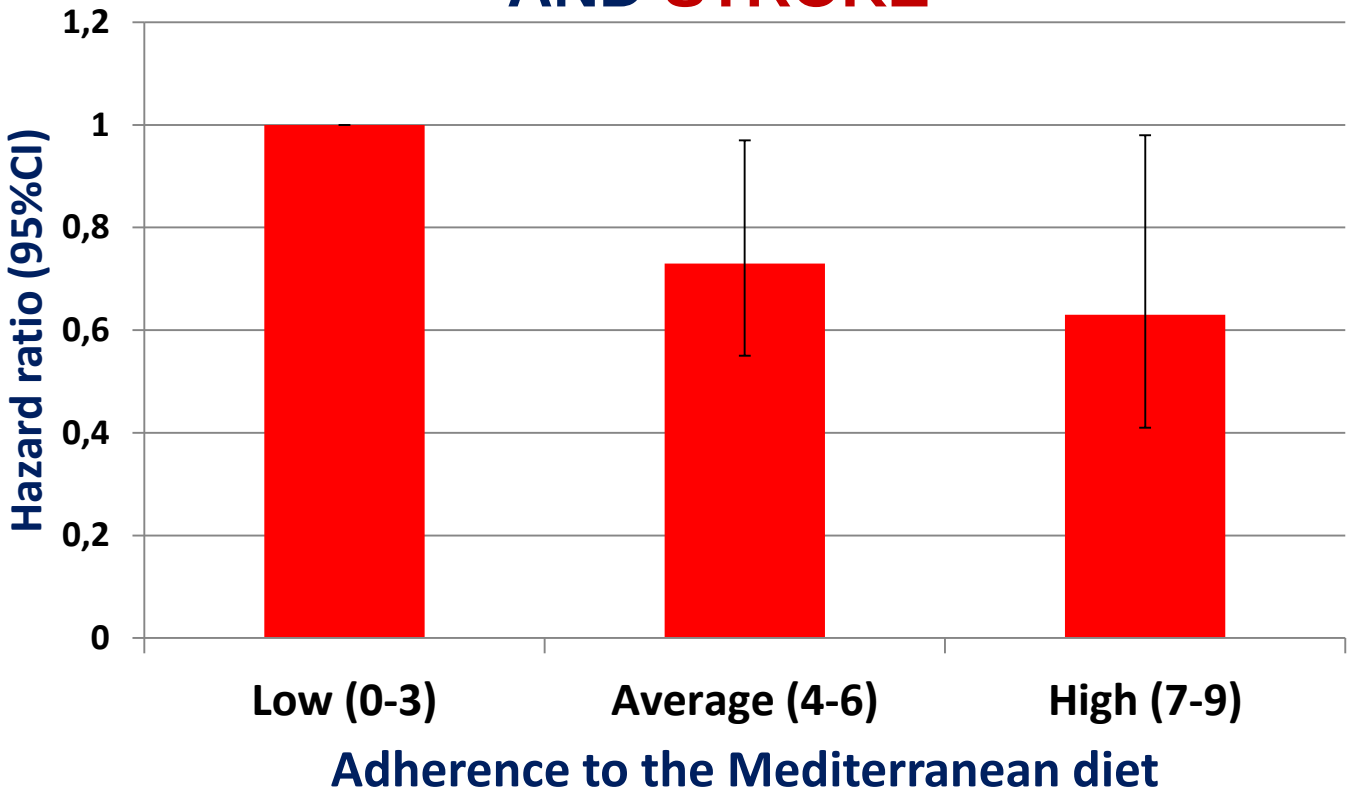
Popolazione Moli-sani

Età



Data from the Moli-sani Study

MOLI-SANI:
ADHERENCE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN DIET AND RISK OF CORONARY HEART DISEASE AND STROKE



Bonaccio M et al, Europrevent 2015, Lisboa

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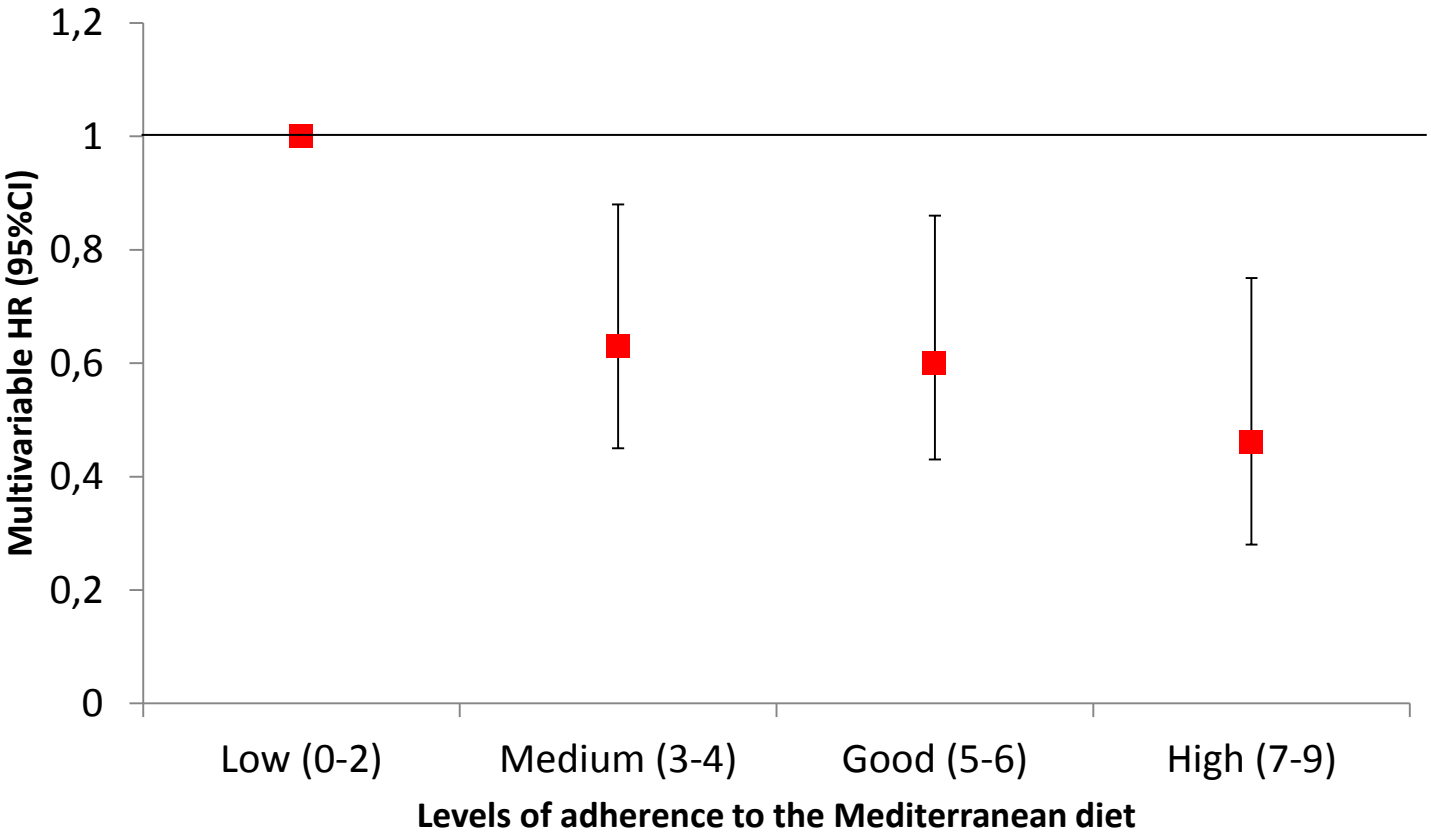

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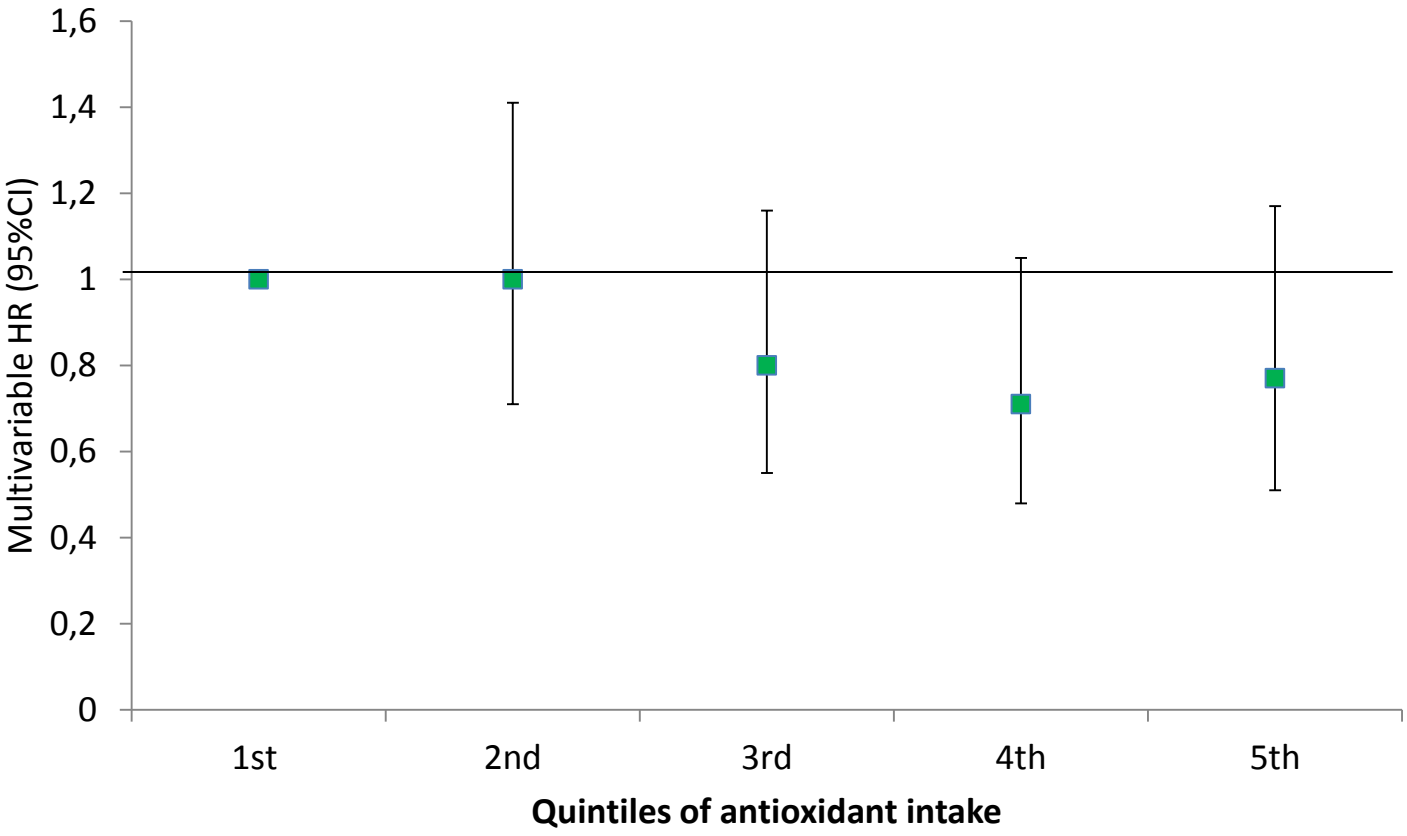

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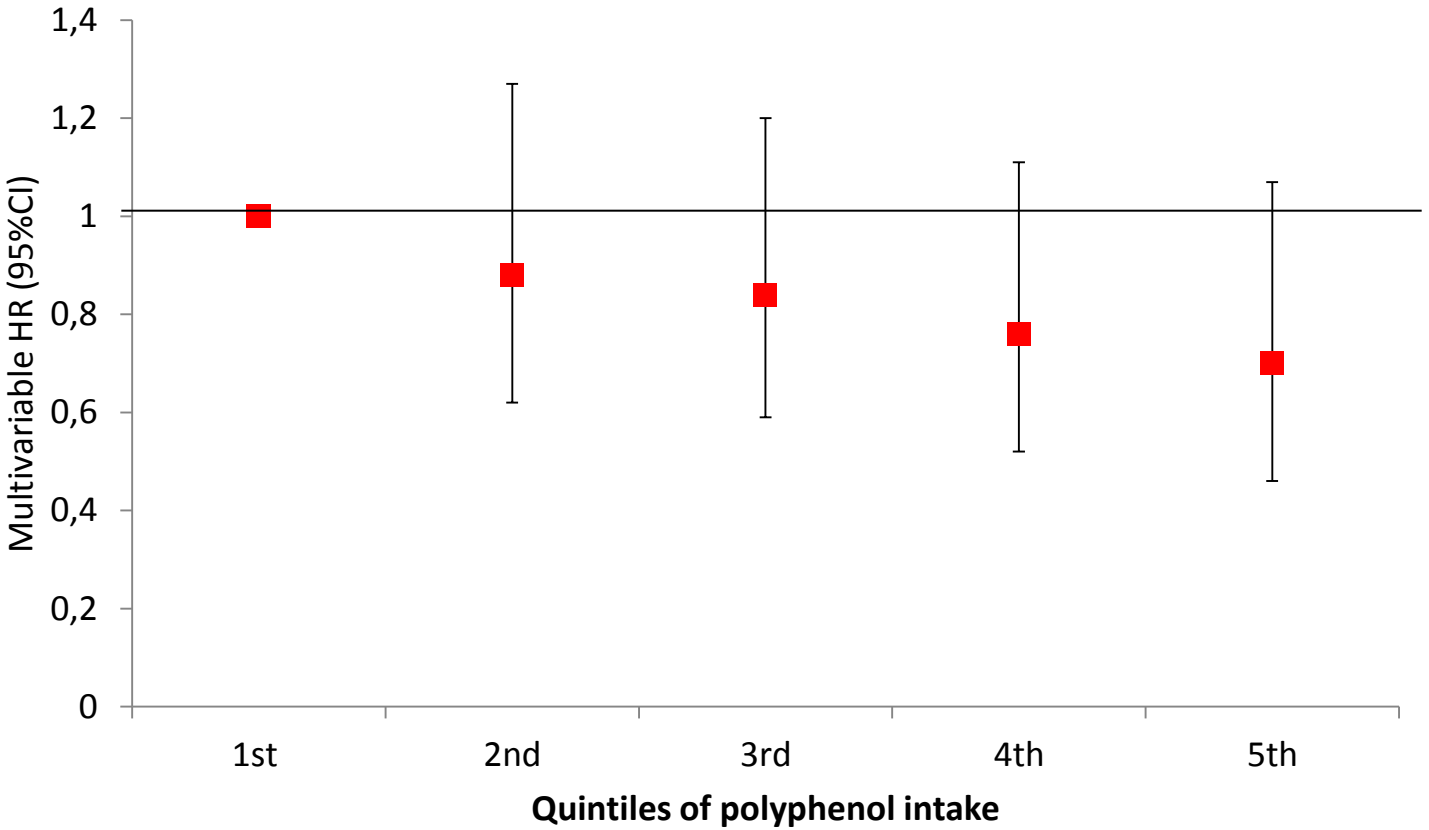

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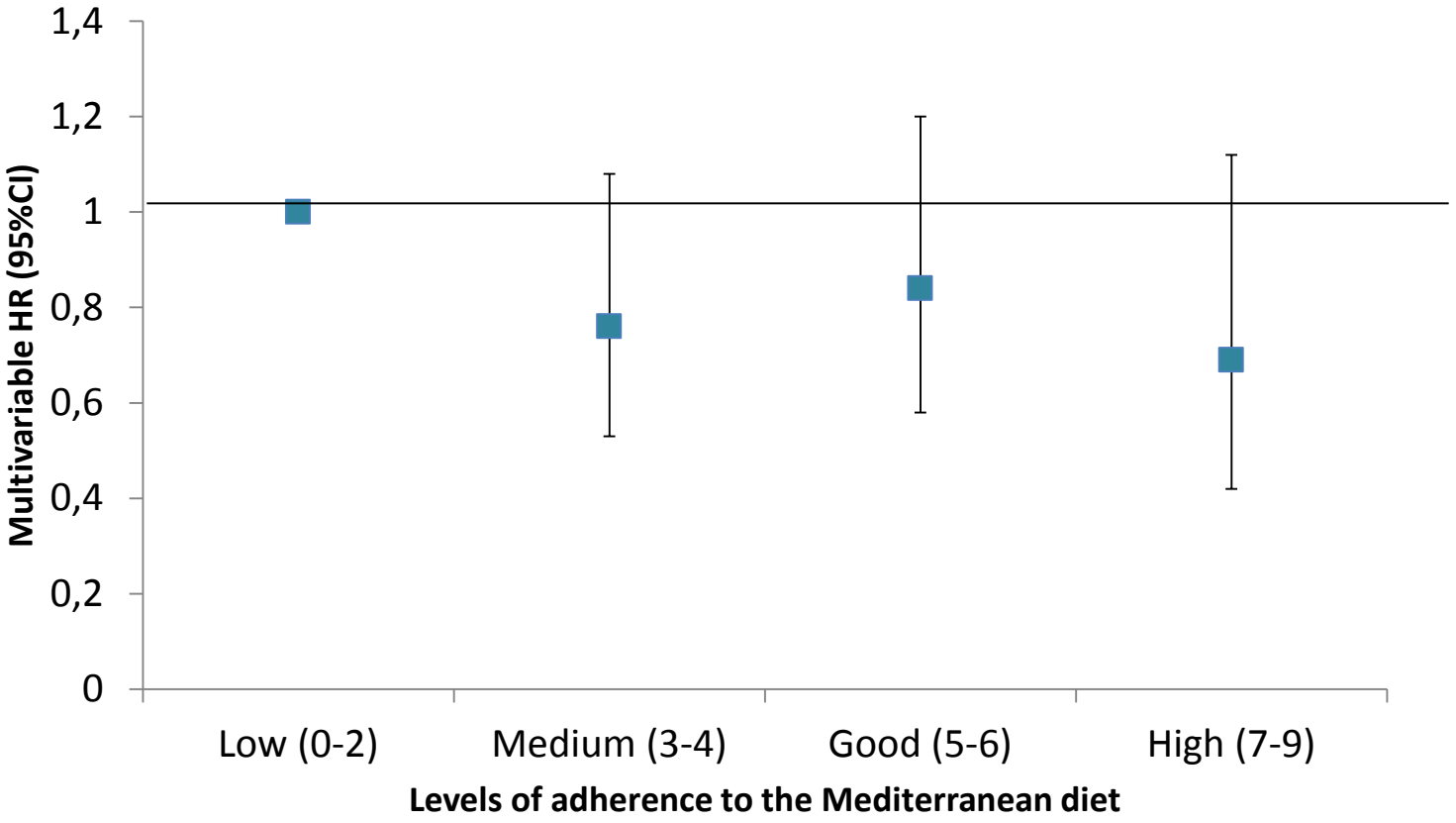

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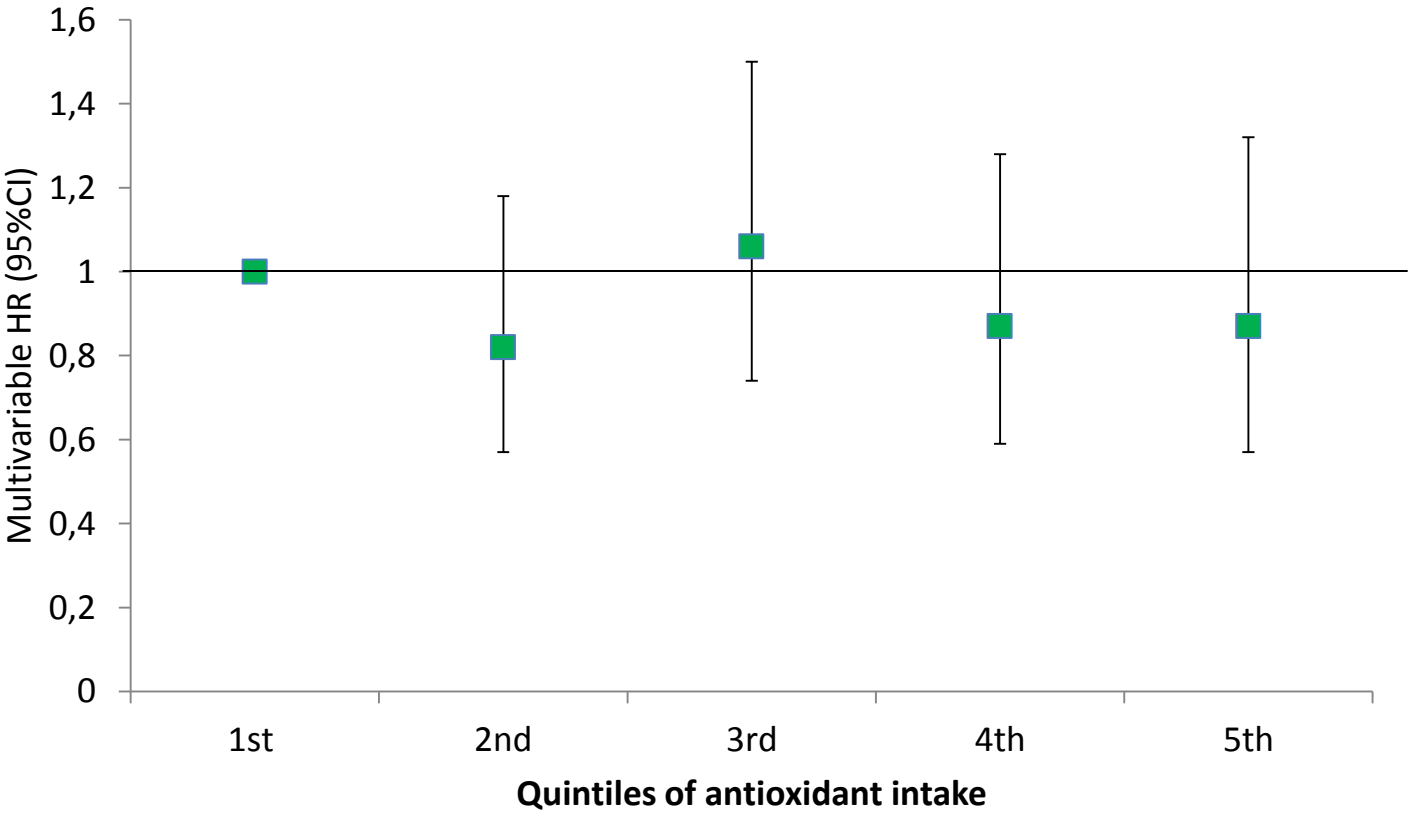

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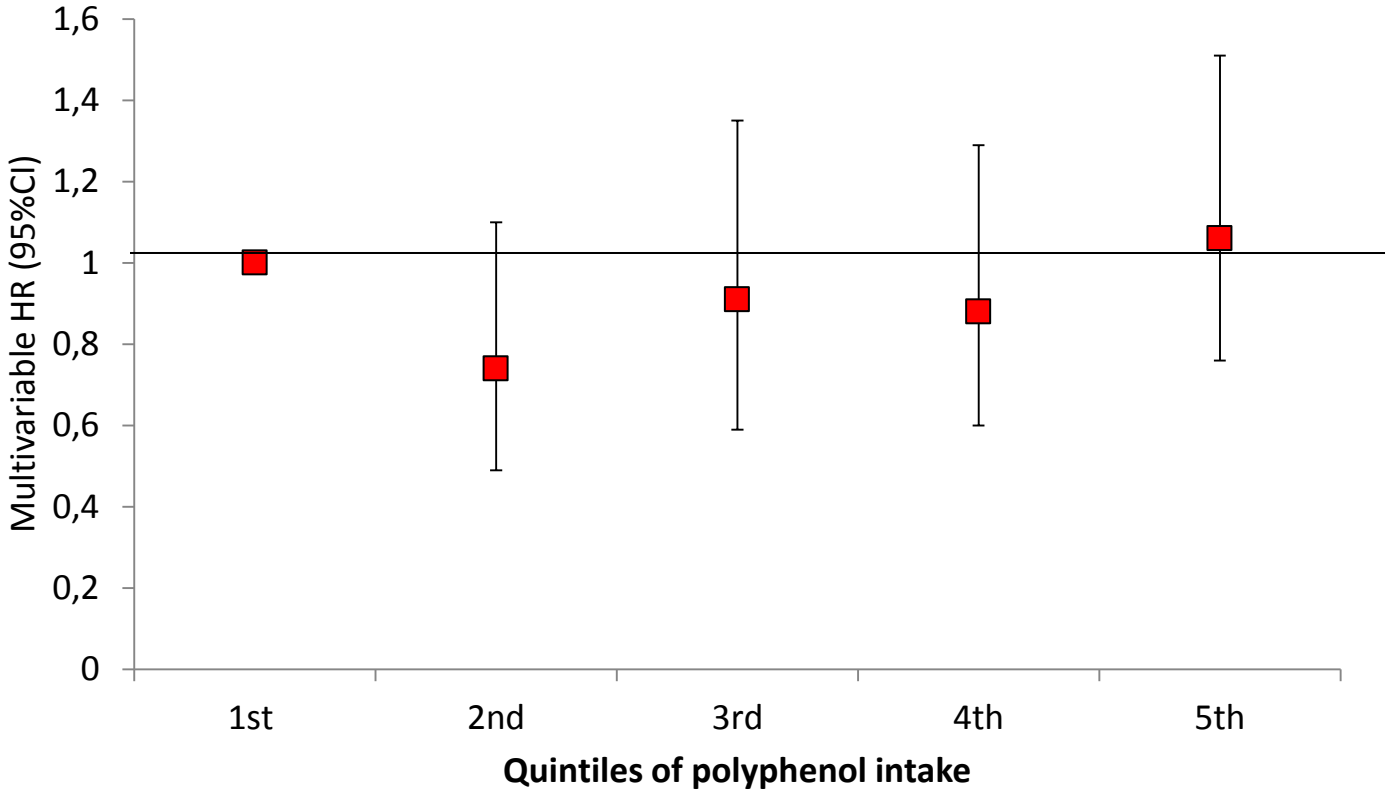

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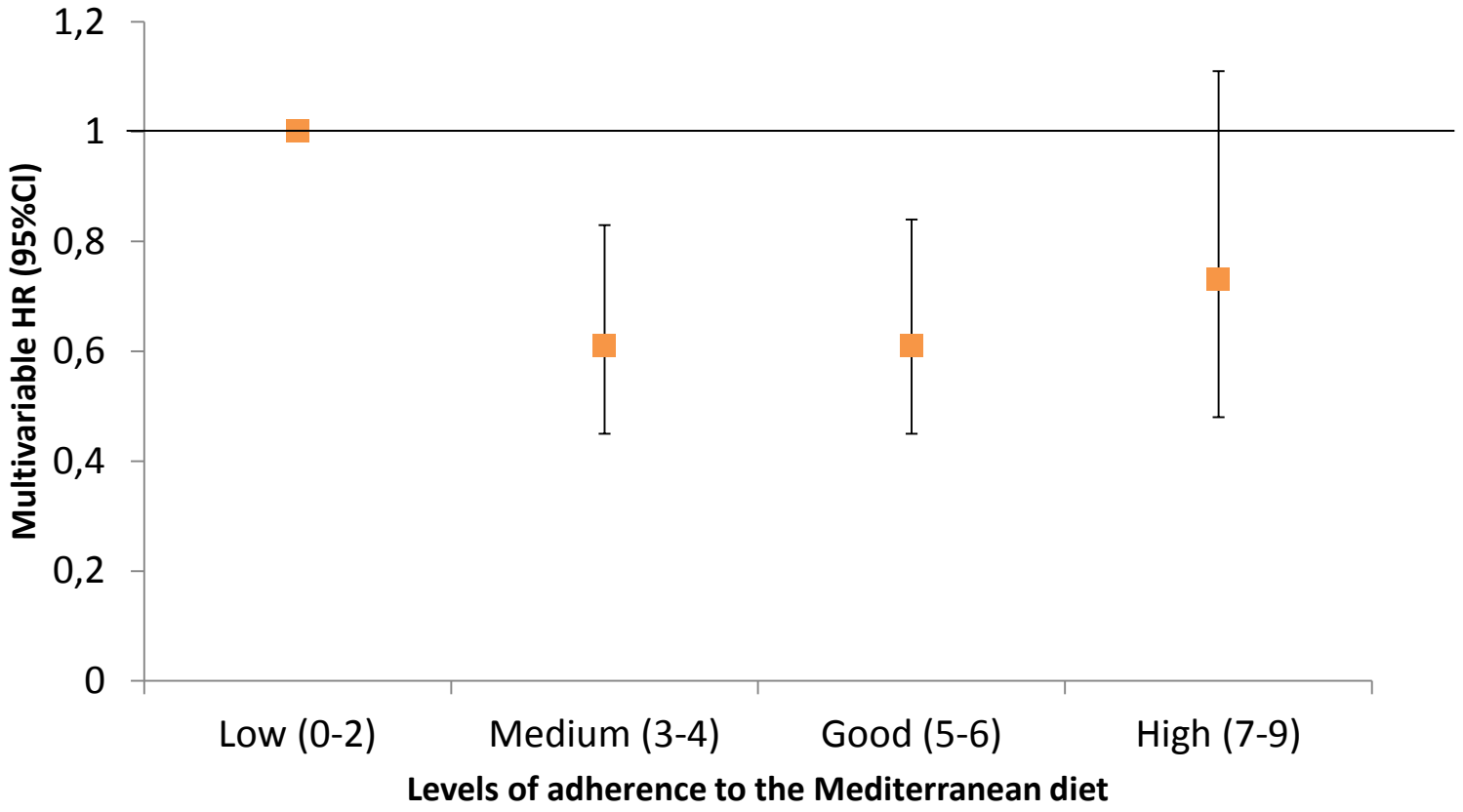

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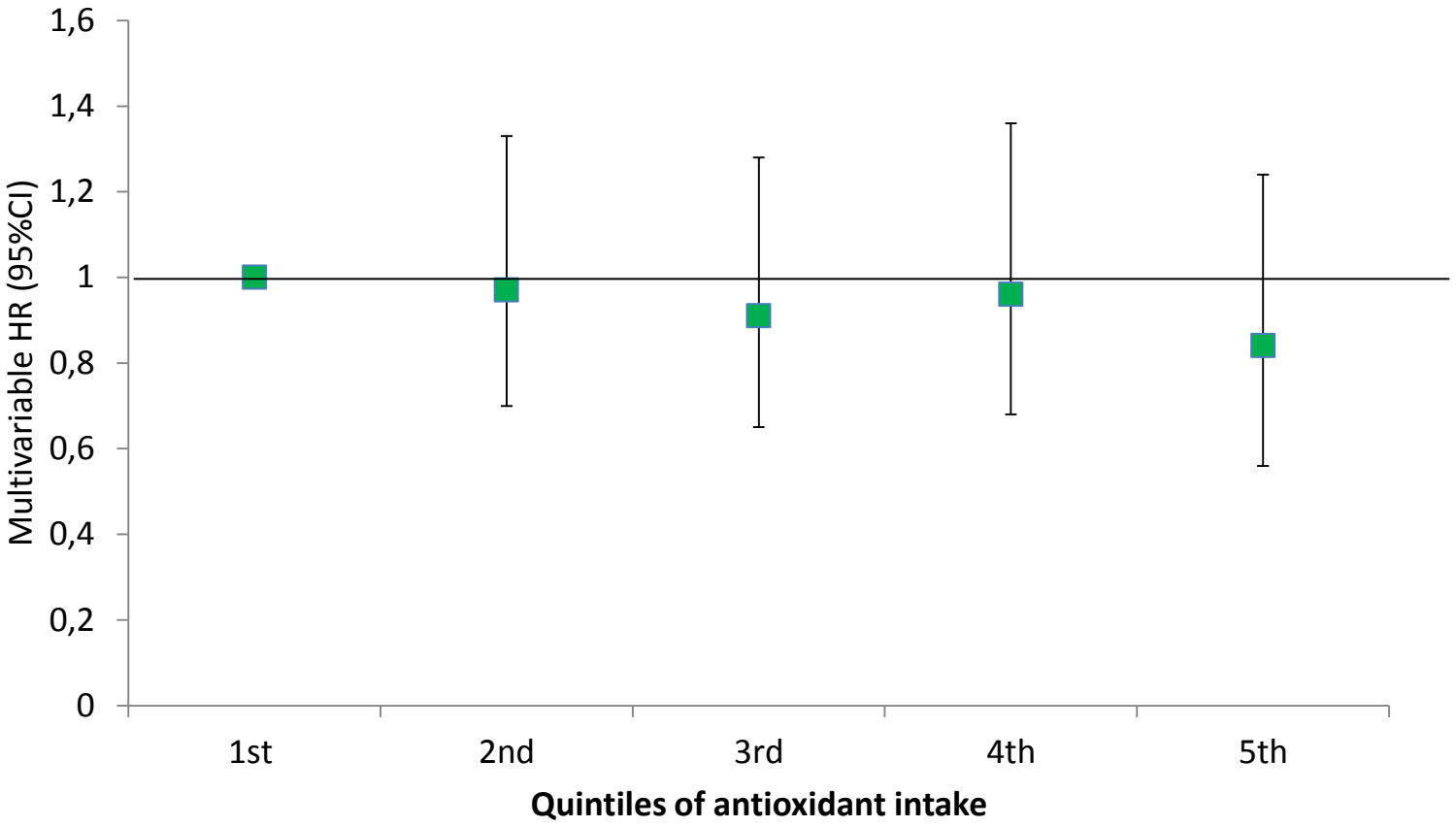

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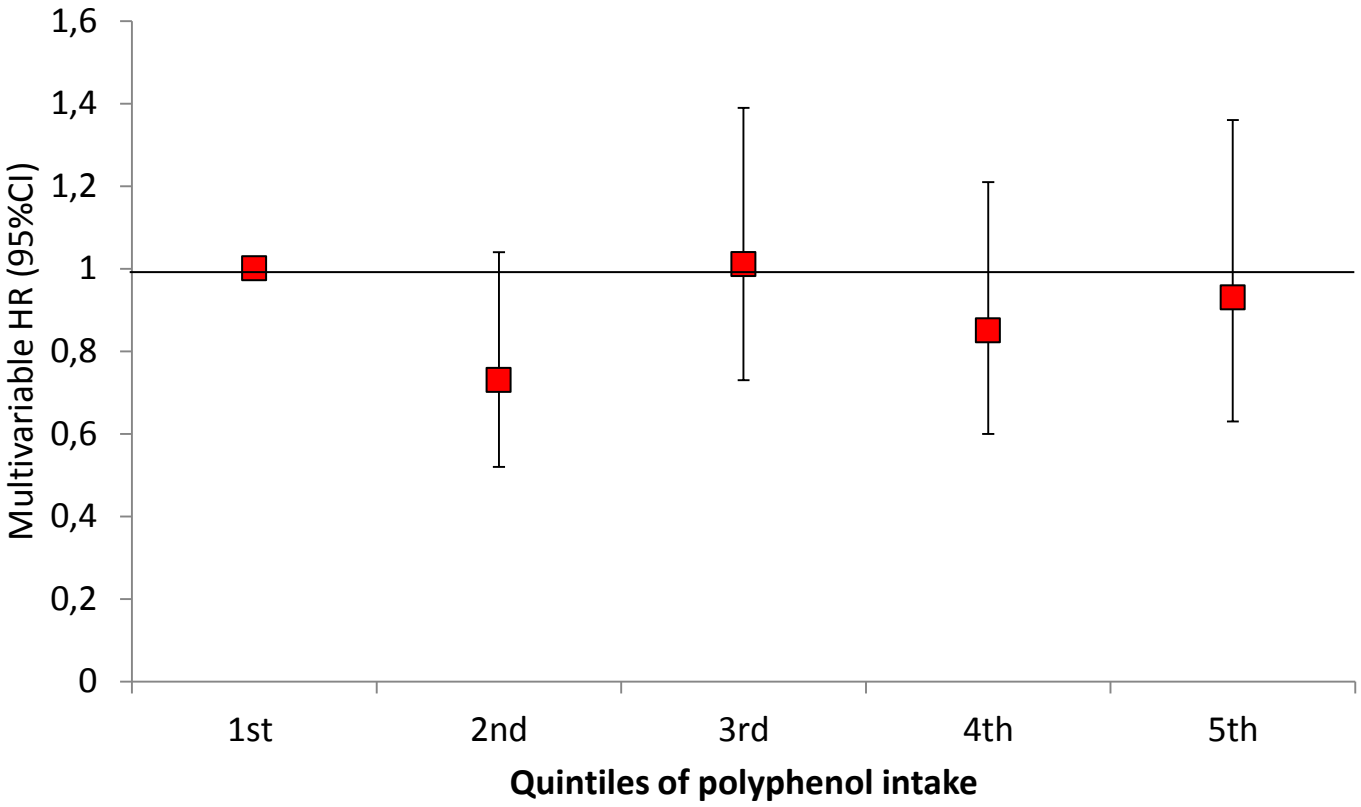

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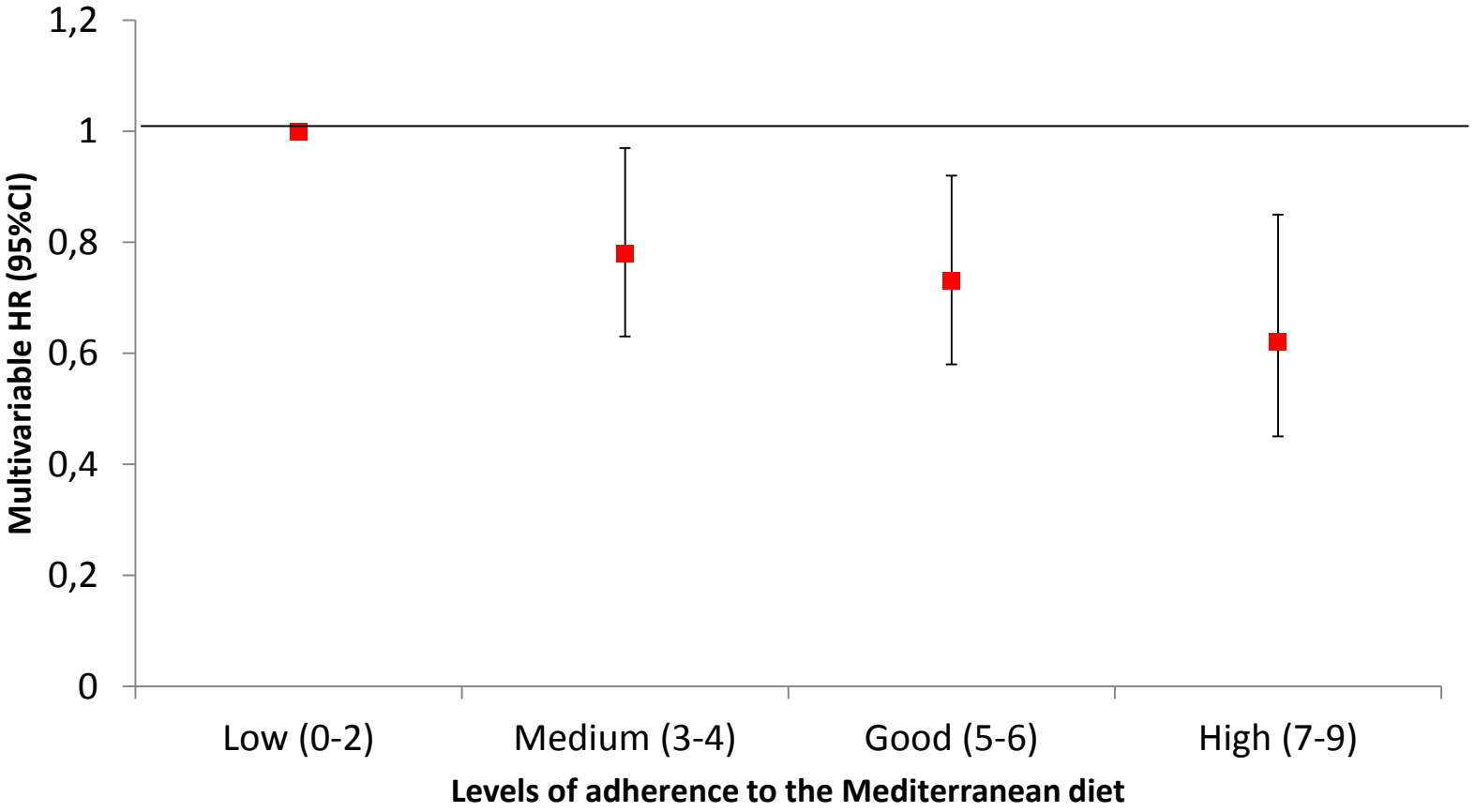

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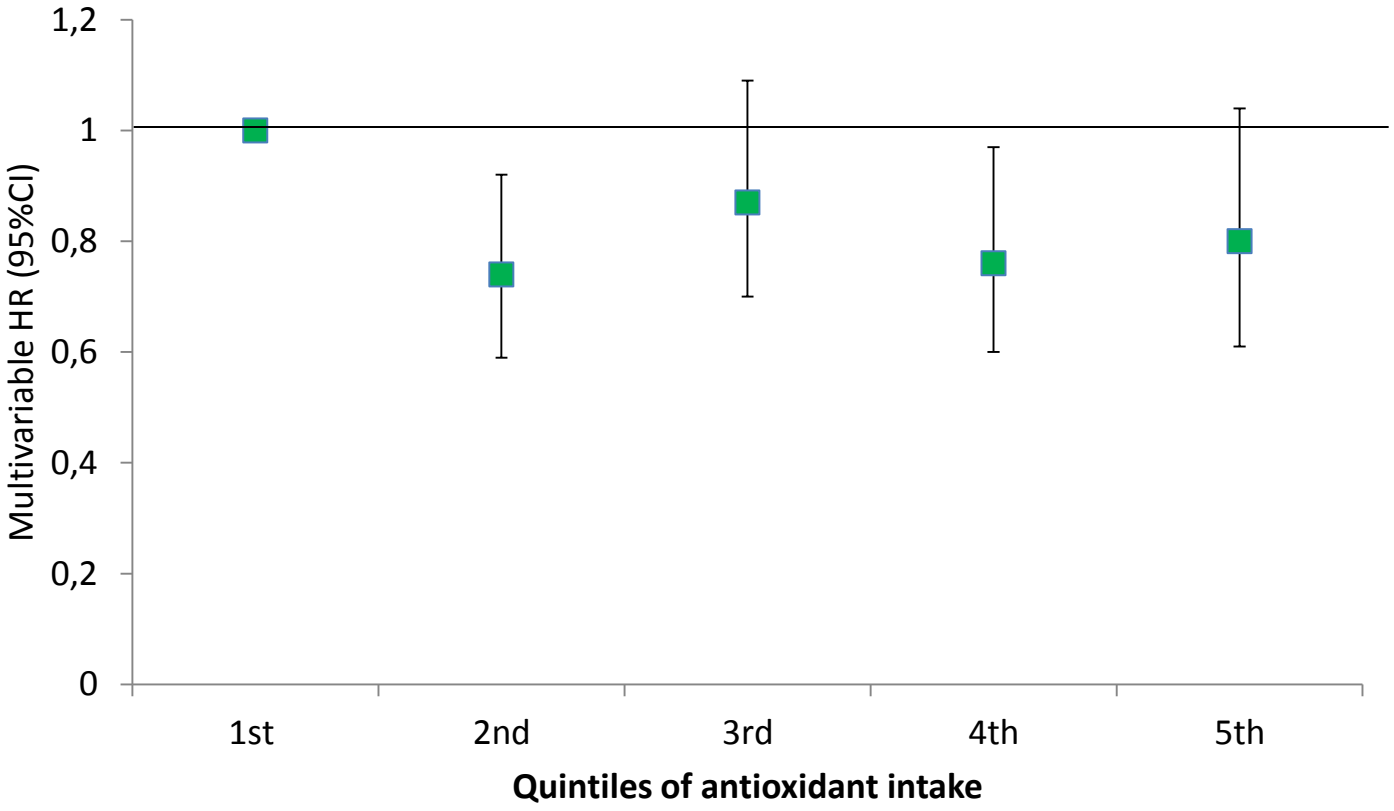

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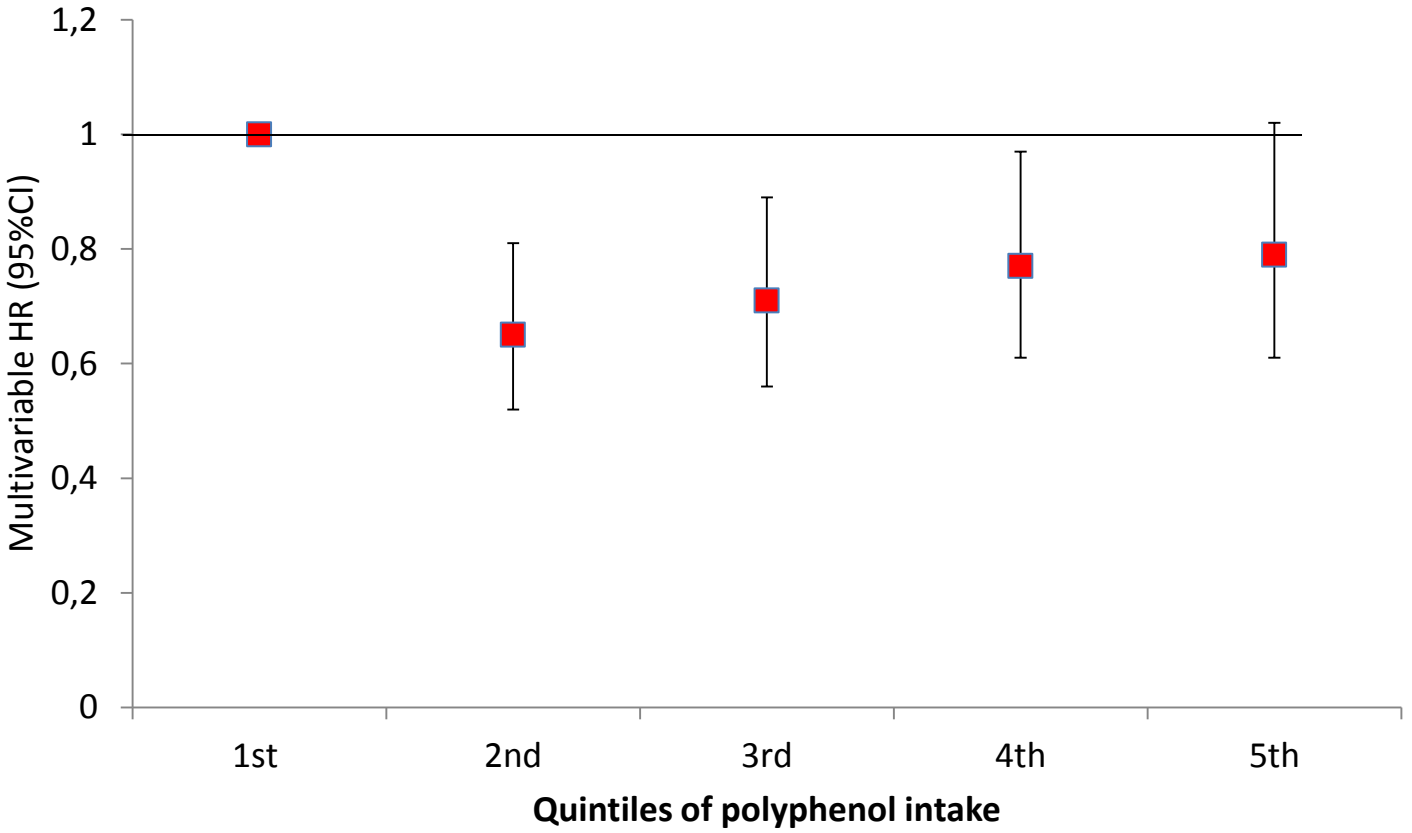

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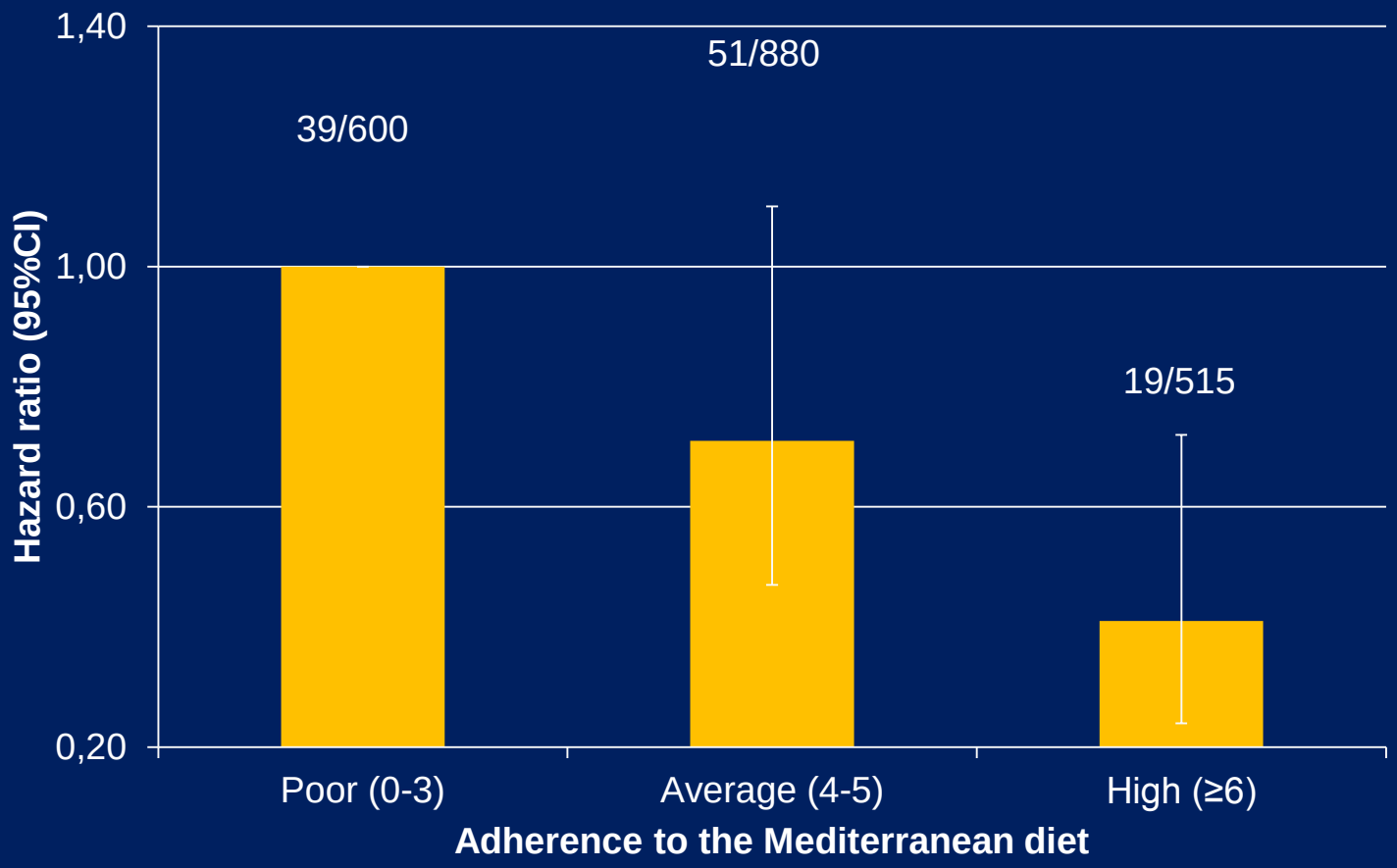
Dieta mediterranea e mortalità in soggetti diabetici



Bonaccio M et al. Eur J Prev Cardiol. 2015 Feb 3

	Depressione			
	Tutti	**no**	**si**	**P value*(X^2)**
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N di soggetti (%)	21177	20475 (96.7)	702 (3.3)	-
Età (anni)	55.3 (11.8)	52.3 (11.8)	55.4 (11.0)	0.42
Sesso (uomini; n,%)	10550 (49.8)	10388 (50.7)	162 (23.1)	**<.0001**
Istruzione (n,%)				**0.0006**
Nessuna o scuola primaria	5126 (24.2)	4972 (24.3)	154 (21.9)	
Scuole medie	5974 (28.2)	5795 (28.3)	179 (25.5)	
Scuola superiore	7364 (34.8)	7090 (34.6)	274 (39.0)	
Università	2696 (12.7)	2601 (12.7)	95 (13.5)	
Reddito familiare (n,%)				0.47
<10,000	1212 (5.7)	1169 (5.7)	43 (6.2)	
10,000-25,000	6534 (30.9)	6322 (30.9)	212 (30.2)	
25,000-40,000	4389 (20.7)	4229 (20.6)	160 (22.8)	
40,000-60,000	1712 (8.1)	1662 (8.1)	50 (7.1)	
>60,000	872 (4.1)	847 (4.1)	25 (3.6)	
Occupazione (n,%)				0.12
Non manuale	4816 (22.8)	4643 (22.7)	173 (24.7)	
Manuale	2395 (11.3)	2357 (11.5)	38 (5.4)	
Altro	4428 (20.9)	4314 (21.1)	114 (16.2)	
Pensionato	5775 (27.3)	5616 (27.5)	159 (22.7)	
Casalinga	3751 (17.7)	3534 (17.3)	217 (30.9)	
Stato civile (n,%)				0.068
Sposato/convivente	18263 (86.2)	17692 (86.4)	571 (81.3)	
Separato/divorziato	518 (2.5)	484 (2.4)	34 (4.9)	
Single	1066 (5.0)	1029 (5.0)	37 (5.3)	
Vedovo	1325 (6.3)	1265 (6.2)	60 (8.6)	
Attività fisica nel tempo libero (n,%)				**<.0001**
Sotto la mediana	10589 (50.0)	10129 (49.5)	460 (65.5)	
Sopra la mediana	10588 (50.0)	10346 (50.5)	242 (34.5)	
BMI (Kg/m^2)	28.0 (4.7)	28.0 (4.7)	28.8 (5.3)	**<.0001**
Abitudine al fumo (n,%)				0.0021
No	10445 (49.3)	10090 (49.3)	355 (50.6)	
Si	4854 (22.9)	4647 (22.7)	207 (29.5)	
Ex fumatore	5864 (27.7)	5724 (28.0)	140 (20.0)	
CVD (n,%)	1070 (5.5)	1027 (5.1)	43 (6.2)	0.015
Tumori (n,%)	669 (3.2)	642 (3.2)	27 (3.9)	0.55
Diabete (n,%)	2012 (9.5)	1965 (9.6)	47 (6.7)	0.15
Ipertensione (n,%)	11850 (56.0)	11471 (56.0)	379 (54.0)	0.89
Ipercolesterolemia (n,%)	6462 (30.5)	6207 (30.3)	255 (36.3)	0.0018

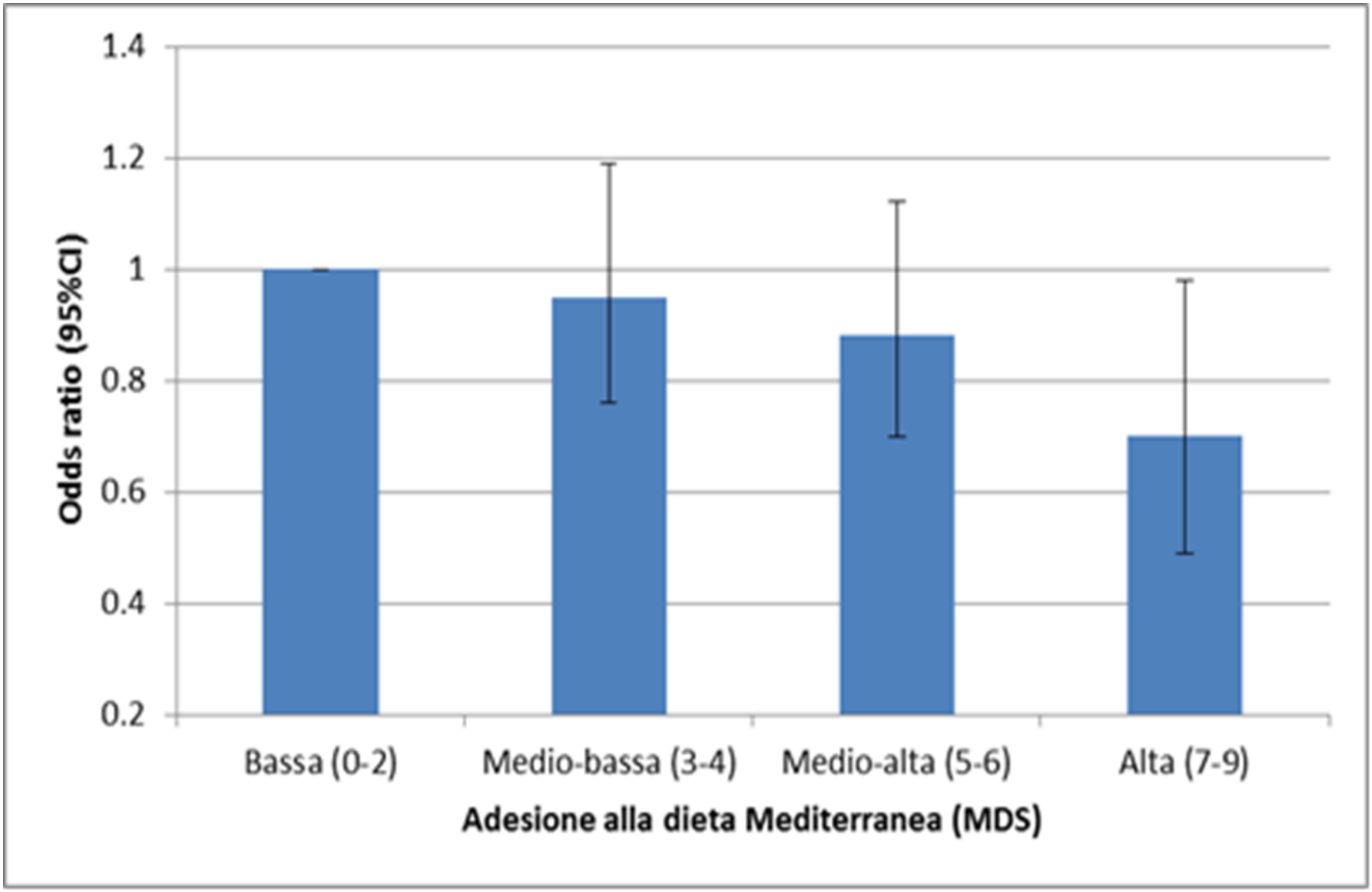
*p value (X^2) aggiustato per sesso ed età. Le variabili continue (età e BMI) sono espresse come medie ±deviazione standard; le variabili categoriche sono espresse come numero di soggetti e relativa percentuale.

ASSOCIAZIONE TRA DEPRESSIONE E MACRONUTRIENTI

		Depressione		
	Tutti	**no**	**si**	**P value (X^2)**
Dieta mediterranea (MDS)	4.4 (1.6)	4.4 (1.6)	4.2 (1.6)	**0.003**
Consumo energetico (Kcal/die)	1877 (570)	1878 (569)	1882 (587)	0.84
Alcol (gr/die)	16.6 (22.9)	16.7 (23.1)	14.5 (15.6)	**0.006**
Grassi totali (gr/die)	69.9 (22.4)	69.9 (22.3)	69.8 (24.5)	0.79
Grassi saturi	23.5 (8.9)	23.4 (8.9)	23.7 (9.8)	0.45
Grassi monoinsaturi	34.8 (10.9)	34.9 (10.8)	34.6 (11.7)	0.45
Grassi polinsaturi	7.7 (2.4)	7.7 (2.4)	7.8 (2.7)	0.81
Monoinsaturi/saturi	1.39 (0.29)	1.39 (0.29)	1.37 (0.30)	0.060
Proteine totali (gr/die)	76.0 (21.6)	76.1 (21.6)	75.0 (22.3)	**0.002**
Proteine animali	48.6 (15.5)	48.6 (15.5)	47.7 (16.2)	**0.038**
Proteine vegetali	27.4 (9.8)	27.4 (9.8)	27.3 (9.7)	0.33
Carboidrati (gr/die)	247 (88)	247 (88)	259 (87)	0.17
Fibre (gr/die)	19.1 (6.2)	19.1 (6.3)	18.9 (6.6)	0.21
Contenuto antiossidante (score)	2.49 (48.2)	2.62 (48.1)	-1.74 (50.7)	**0.0071**
Contenuto polifenoli (score)	0.71 (13.2)	0.76 (13.2)	-0.84 (14.0)	**0.0005**

Medie e p value (X^2) aggiustate per sesso, età e consumo energetico. Variabili continue espresse come medie all'interno dei quartili di frequenza ±deviazione standard

ASSOCIAZIONE TRA DIETA MEDITERRANEA E DEPRESSIONE



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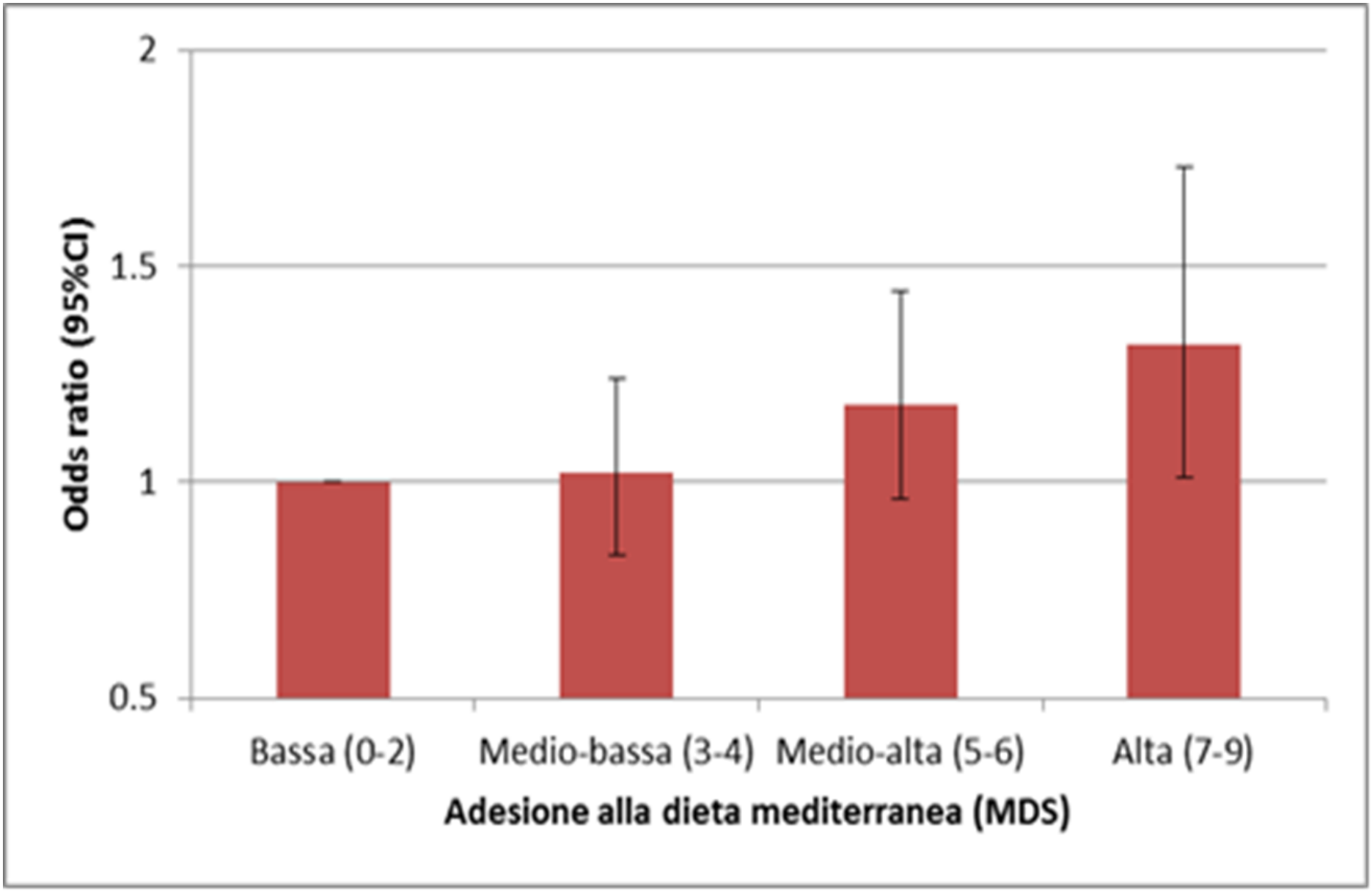
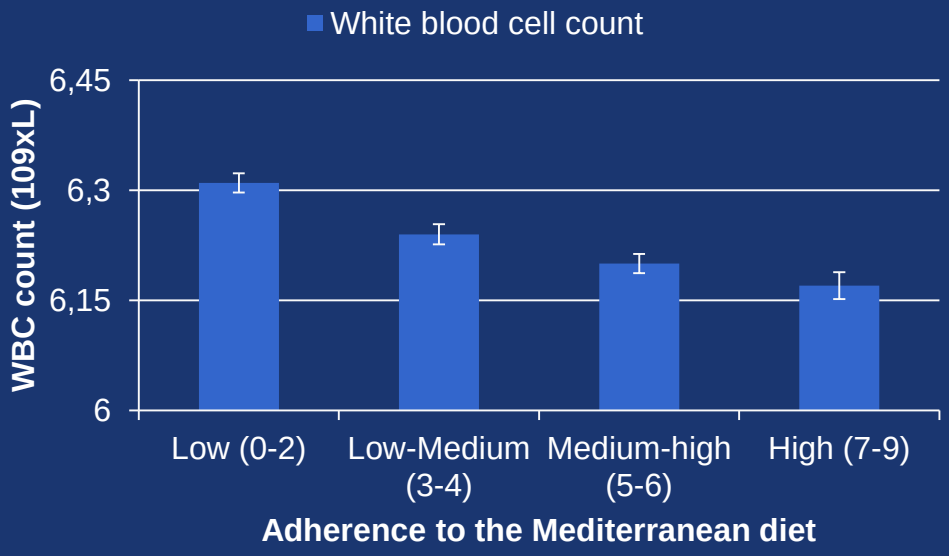


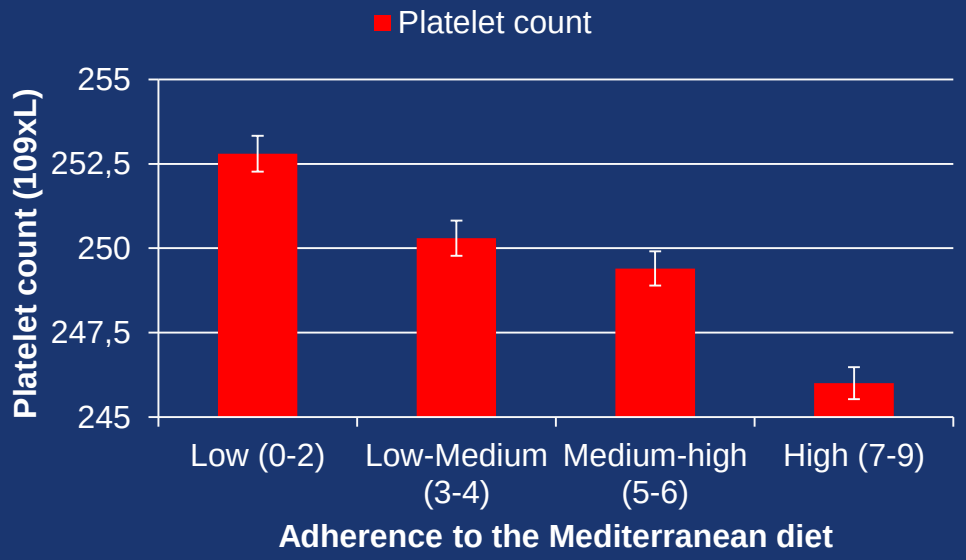
Low-grade inflammation

- **Low-grade inflammation is a subclinical (systemic or local, often chronic) condition characterized by increased levels of plasmatic and/or cellular biomarkers of inflammation (within the normal range; e.g. CRP, PLT or WBC counts) without any apparent clinical sign.**

- **It is an underlying pathophysiological mechanism linking risk factors or metabolic disorders (i.e. oxidative stress, obesity, diabetes, dyslipidemia, etc.) to increased risk of chronic degenerative disease**

Adherence to the Mediterranean diet and a low-grade inflammation





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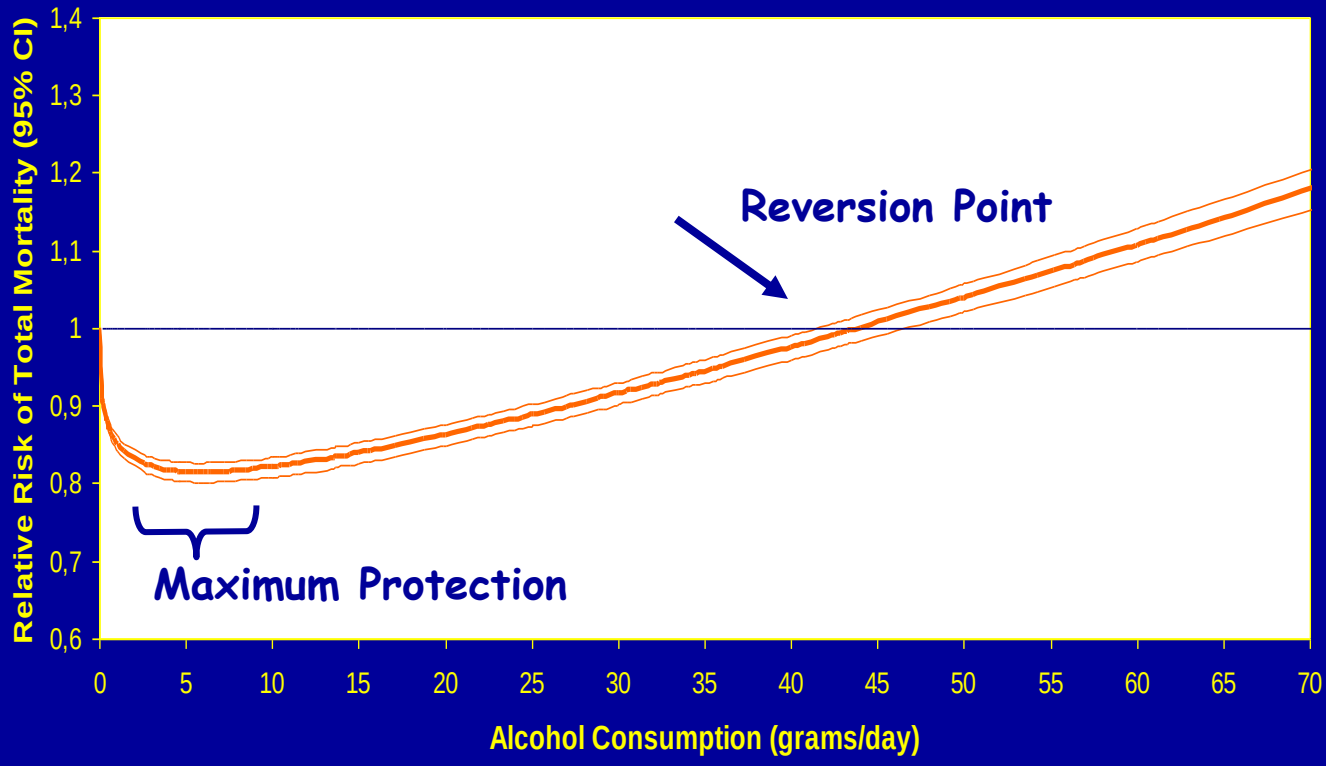
ALL STUDIES
(1,015,835 SUBJECTS and 94,533 DEATHS)



MAX PROTECTION: RR= 0.81 (0.80-0.83) → ALCOHOL INTAKE = 6 gr/day

REVERSION POINT: → ALCOHOL INTAKE = 42 gr/day

Di Castelnuovo et al, Arch Intern Med, 2006

RELATION BETWEEN ALL CAUSE MORTALITY AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, BY AGE AND SEX

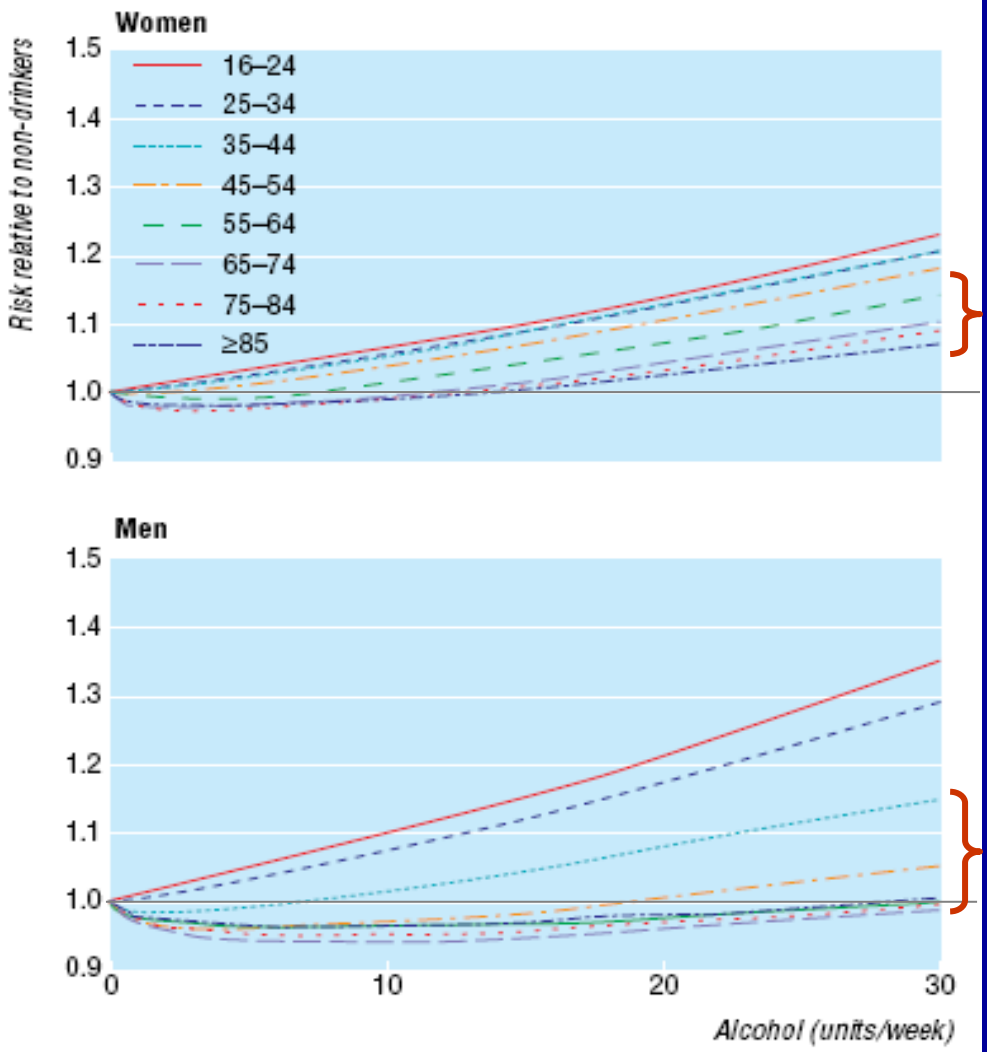


Fig 4 Risk of all cause mortality (relative to non-drinkers) by level of alcohol consumption in women and men

Women:

Positive relation up to age 35-44,

but U shape appears from age 45-54.

Men:

Below 35 years the curve is steeper than it is in women,

but U shape appears at age 35-44.

White et al, BMJ 2002

Coronary Artery Disease and Breast Cancer in the MOLI-SANI cohort (about 5 years of follow-up)

Women <50 yr

CAD 0.15% **Breast cancer 0.57%**

Women ≥50 yr

CAD 0.82% **Breast cancer 0.78%**

In young women CAD risk is negligible (and then protection from alcohol), whereas risk for breast cancer still remains important

The protection of drinking in moderation against CAD is particularly important in post-menopausal women in whom rates of CAD are similar to that of breast cancer

Chi segue oggi la dieta mediterranea?

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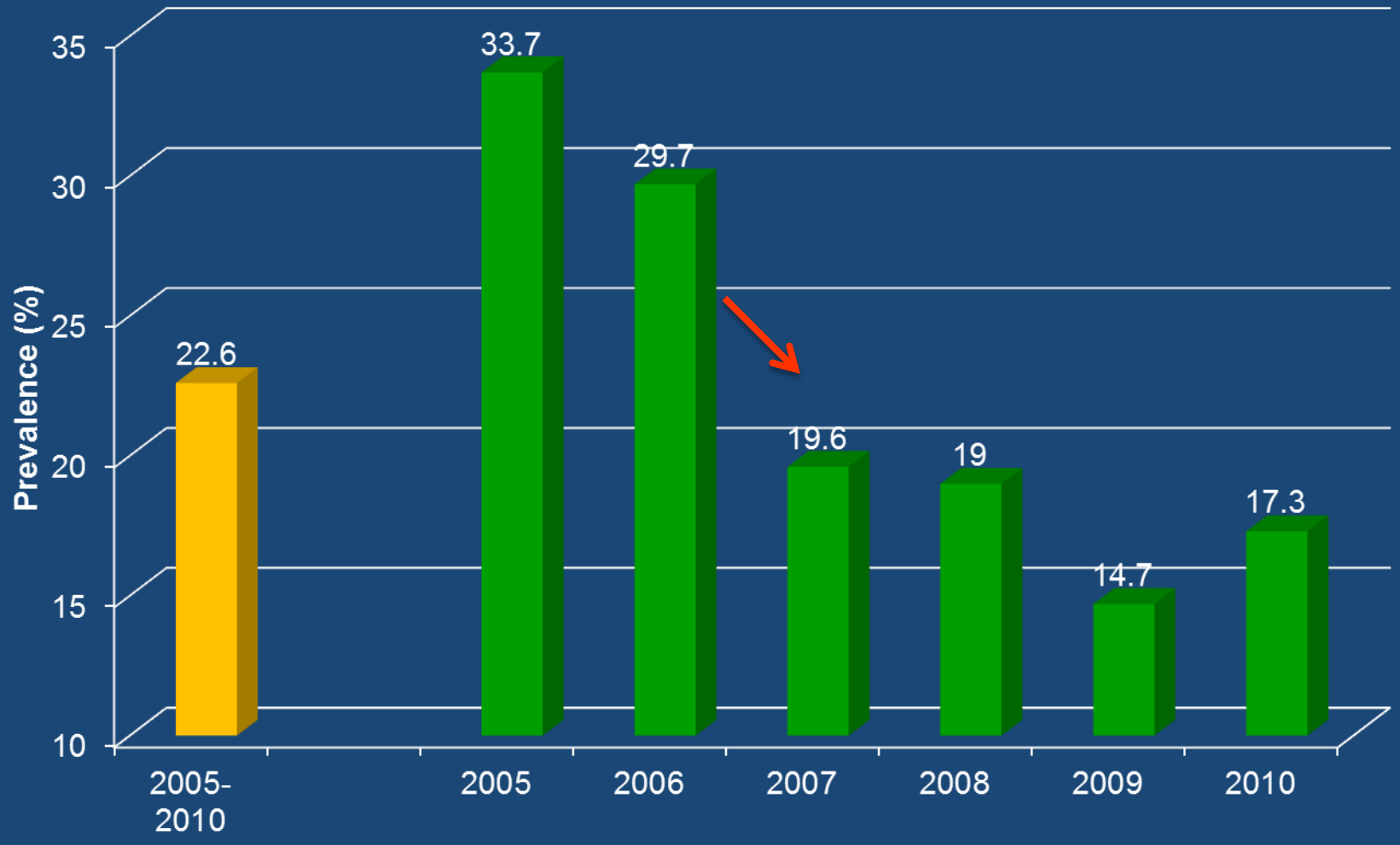

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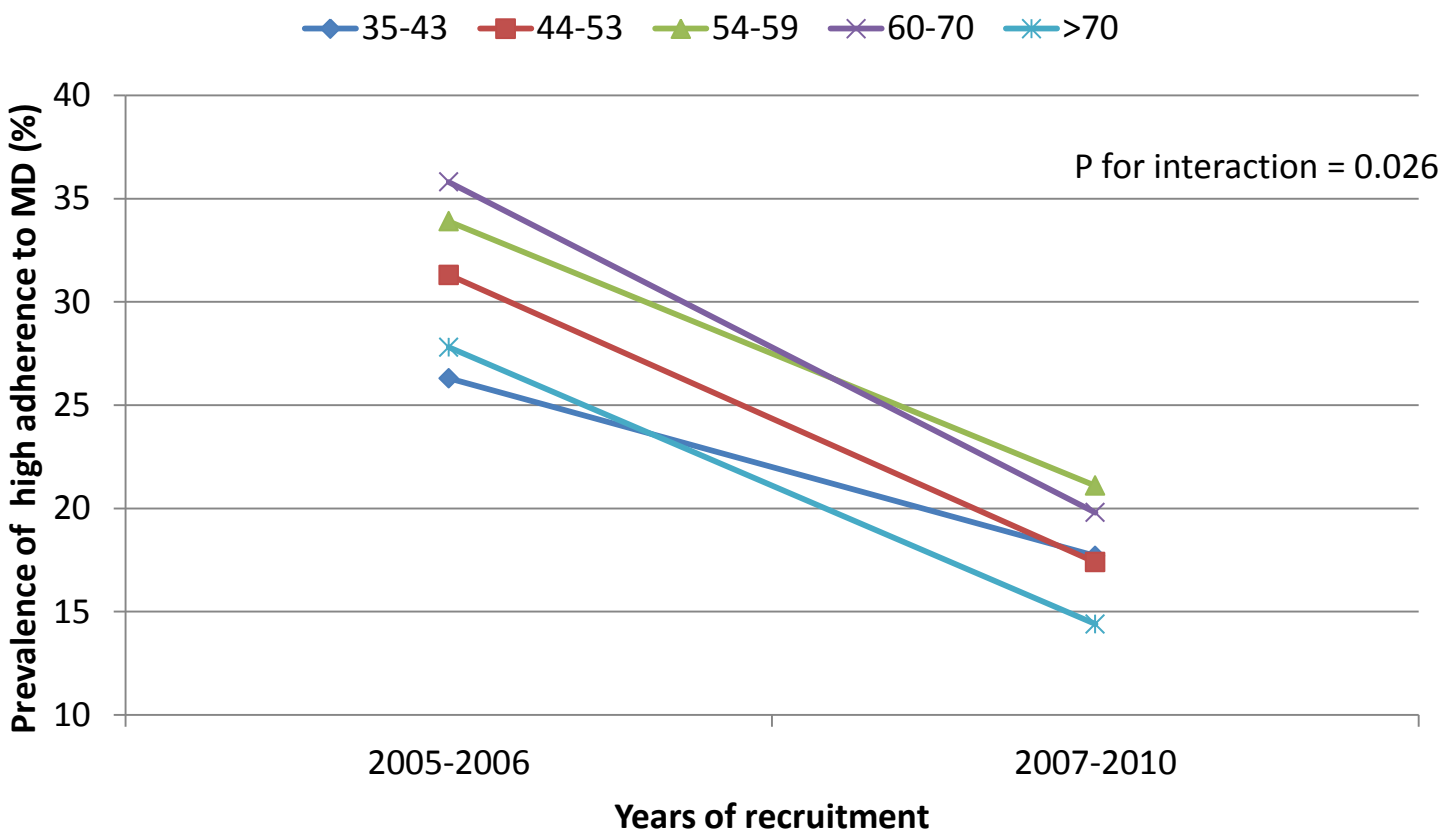

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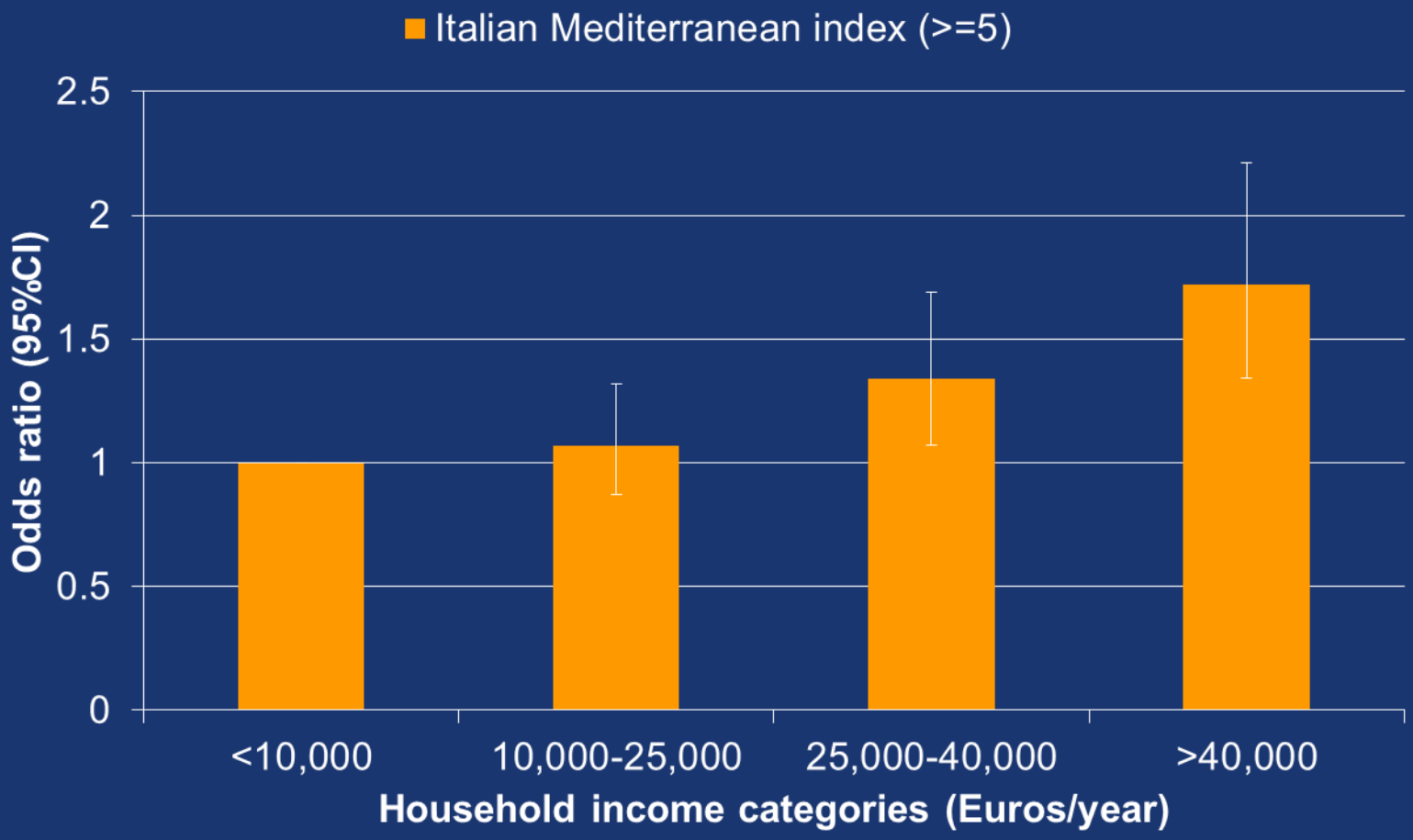

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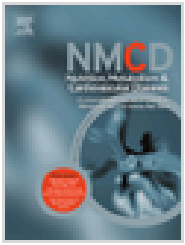

Original Articles

Decline of the Mediterranean diet at a time of economic crisis. Results from the Moli-sani study

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Conclusioni

- La Dieta mediterranea è un alleato fondamentale contro le principali malattie croniche;
- L'adesione a questo modello alimentare si sta rapidamente perdendo;
- Fattori socioeconomici e culturali sono tra le cause principali di questo cambiamento;
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Moli-SANI

TOTAL ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY OF DIET AND ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY IN A HEALTHY ELDERLY COHORT OF THE MOLI-SANI PROJECT

Total antioxidant capacity (TAC) takes into account all antioxidants in food and their synergistic effects.

The main objective of this study was to evaluate the possible association between dietary TAC and risk of total mortality in an apparently healthy elderly cohort of the Moli-sani Study.

METHODS (1)

The MOLI-SANI study is a population-based cohort study that recruited 24,325 citizens (aged ≥35 years, March 2005-April 2010) of the Molise region, Italy, with the purpose of investigating genetic and environmental risk factors in the onset of cardiovascular and tumour diseases.

- ***Study Population:*** 3,927 elderly individuals, (48% men, aged ≥65 years), apparently free of clinically recognized CVD and/or cancer disease.

- ***TAC assessment:*** The EPIC Food Frequency Questionnaire, administered at baseline.

- ***Mortality assessment:*** Overall and cause-specific mortality was assessed by Italian mortality registry (ReNCaM registry), validated by Italian death certificates (ISTAT form) and coded according to the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9). Mortality follow-up was recorded until December 2011.

METHODS (2)

- **Dietary TAC**, assessed as

TEAC *(the trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity),*

TRAP *(the radical-trapping antioxidant parameter) or*

FRAP *(the ferric reducing-antioxidant power)*

was categorized into tertiles on the basis of sex-specific distribution.

- To avoid redundancy in presentation of data, **TEAC**, that showed the lowest Akaike Information Criterion, was selected as the better indicator of dietary TAC .

- Its association with mortality was assessed using **Cox proportional hazard models.**

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Wine	55.6
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Chocolate	1.6
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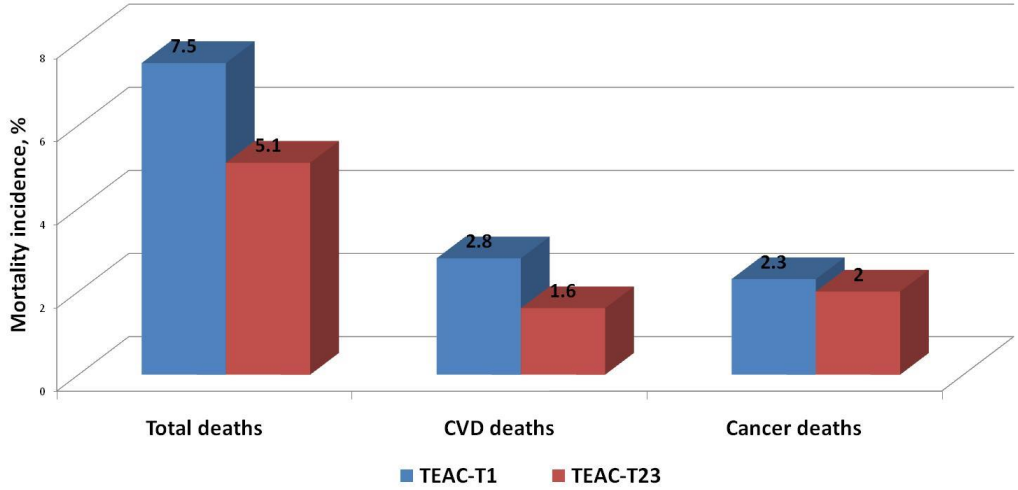
Other alcoholic beverages	0.5

RESULTS (1)

- The cohort was followed-up for mortality for any cause for a median of 4.3 years (IRQ: 3.5-5.5).
- During follow-up, **231 deaths occurred** in **3,927 subjects** aged at enrollment **65-97 yrs.**

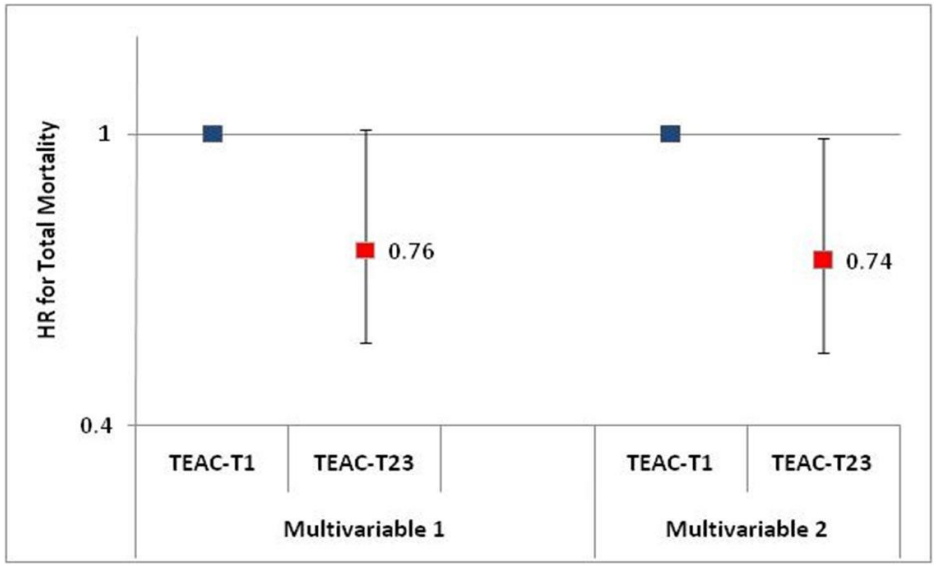


- In the whole sample, the incidences of all-cause, CVD and cancer mortality were of 5.9%, 1.99% and 2.09%, respectively.
- The **incidence of all-cause mortality** was higher in the first tertile (TEAC-T1: 7.5%) than in the two highest (TEAC-T23: 5.1%, P = 0.002).

RESULTS (2)

- After adjustment for age, gender and caloric intake, elderly individuals in the two highest tertiles of dietary TAC had a lower risk of **total mortality** than those in the lowest tertile:

(HR= 0.76 (95%CI: 0.57-1.01, p= 0.06)



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HR was 0.74 (95% CI: 0.55-0.99, p = 0.04)

*The association was still present, although not significant, when **CVD or cancer mortality** were considered separately.*

COMMENTS

A high total antioxidant capacity of diet was associated with a lower risk of total mortality in an elderly population initially free of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

These results confirm in the elderly too the preventive effects of a diet rich in antioxidants on mortality for any cause.

TOTAL ANTIOXIDANT CAPACITY OF DIET AND ALL-CAUSE MORTALITY IN A HEALTHY ELDERLY COHORT OF THE MOLI-SANI PROJECT

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PURPOSE: Evidence shows a link between consumption of antioxidant-rich foods and a low risk of several chronic diseases and mortality in adults, but data on elderly populations are lacking.

Total antioxidant capacity (TAC) takes into account all antioxidants in food and their synergistic effects.

The main objective of this study was to evaluate and characterize the possible association between dietary TAC and risk of total mortality in an apparently healthy elderly cohort of the Moli-sani Study.

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For the present study, elderly individuals, (N = 3,927, 48% men, aged ≥65 years), apparently free of clinically recognized cardiovascular and/or cancer disease, were considered in the analysis.

Mortality and cause of death assessment: Mortality was recorded until December 2011. Overall and cause-specific mortality was assessed by Italian mortality registry (ReNCaM registry), validated by Italian death certificates (ISTAT form) and coded according to the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9).

Cardiovascular deaths were collected when the underlying cause of death had an ICD-9 code of 390-459 or 745-747, and for cancer deaths an ICD-9 code of 140-208.

Table 2.	TEAC-T1 N deaths/N Total	TEAC-T23 N deaths/N Total	Multivariable 2 HR (95% CI)	P Value
All-cause Mortality	98/1,211	133/2,485	0.74 (0.55-0.99)	0.04
CVD Mortality	37/1,211	41/2,485	0.78 (0.47-1.29)	0.3
Cancer Mortality	30/1,211	52/2,485	0.89 (0.54-1.47)	0.6

Figure 1. Mortality incidence in healty elderly by TEAC tertiles (T1 vs T23), N.3927 (231 deaths)

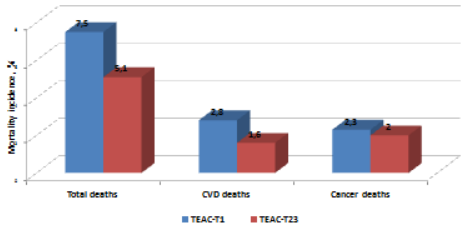
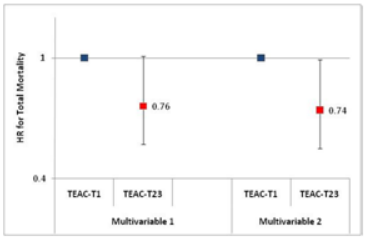


Figure 2. HR for all-cause mortality by TEAC tertiles



Multivariable 1 adjusted for age, gender, caloric intake; Multivariable 2 further adjusted for hypercholesterolemia, diabetes, physical activity, smoking habits.

TAC assessment: The European Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC) Food Frequency Questionnaire was used to investigate dietary habits. The analysis of data was conducted after transformation of food items into selected nutrients, by an "ad hoc" statistical program. TAC was measured in foods by three different assays: the trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity (TEAC), the radical-trapping antioxidant parameter (TRAP) and the ferric reducing-antioxidant power (FRAP). Dietary TAC assessment was validated by a food frequency questionnaire. Dietary TAC, assessed as TEAC, TRAP or FRAP, was categorized into tertiles on the basis of sex-specific distribution. FRAP, TEAC and TRAP are three indicators of dietary TAC, strongly correlated with each other (r=0.98; p<.0001). To avoid redundancy in presentation of data, in our analyses TEAC, that showed the lowest Akaike Information Criterion, was selected as the better indicator of dietary TAC and its association with total mortality was assessed using Cox proportional hazard models.

Table 1. Characteristics, N(%)	ALL N.3,927	TEAC-T1 N.1,309	TEAC-T23 N.2,618	*P value*
Age, years*	70.9 (67.8-75.2)†	72.1 (68.6-76.4)	70.4 (67.6-74.5)	*<.0001*
Education,				*0.13*
Low	2951 (75.3)	1,001 (76.7)	1,950 (74.5)	
Medium	723 (18.4)	236 (18.1)	487 (18.6)	
High	248 (6.3)	69 (5.3)	179 (6.8)	
Smoking, *current*	1,666 (42.4)	472 (36.1)	1,194(45.6)	*<.0001*
BMI				*0.41*
Normal	781(19.9)	275 (21.0)	506 (19.3)	
Overweight	1,753 (44.6)	570 (43.6)	1,183 (45.2)	
Obese	1,392 (35.5)	463 (35.4)	929 (35.5)	
Physical activity*	40.6 (39.6-42.2)†	40.4 (39.5-41.9)	40.6 (39.6-42.3)	*0.011*
Hypertension	3,405 (86.7)	1,137 (86.9)	2268 (86.6)	*0.75*
Diabetes	371 (9.4)	154 (11.7)	217 (8.3)	*.0004*
Hypercholesterolemia	1,352 (34.4)	403 (30.8)	949 (36.2)	*.0009*

* metabolic equivalents/day; †Median, (IRQ:interquartile range); BMI body mass index; TEAC:trolox equivalent antioxidant capacity; T1:first tertile; T23:second plus third tertile.

RESULTS: The cohort was followed-up for mortality for any cause for a median of 4.3 years (IRQ: 3.5-5.5). During follow-up, 231 deaths occurred in 3,927 subjects aged at enrollment 65-97 years. Table 1 lists the main characteristics of the subjects, both in the whole sample and according to TEAC categorization.

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When cardiovascular or cancer mortality were considered separately, results showed a similar association although not significant (p 0.05, table 2).

To explore the relative contribution of antioxidant food groups to total dietary TAC, we performed stepwise multiple regression analysis, controlling for age and sex. As shown in table 3, dietary intake of all showed food groups explained > 85% of the total dietary TEAC. Wine (56%),coffee (25%) and fruits (7%) represented the main sources of antioxidants in our population (Table 3).

CONCLUSIONS: The total antioxidant capacity of diet was associated with a lower risk of total mortality in an elderly population initially free of cardiovascular disease and cancer.

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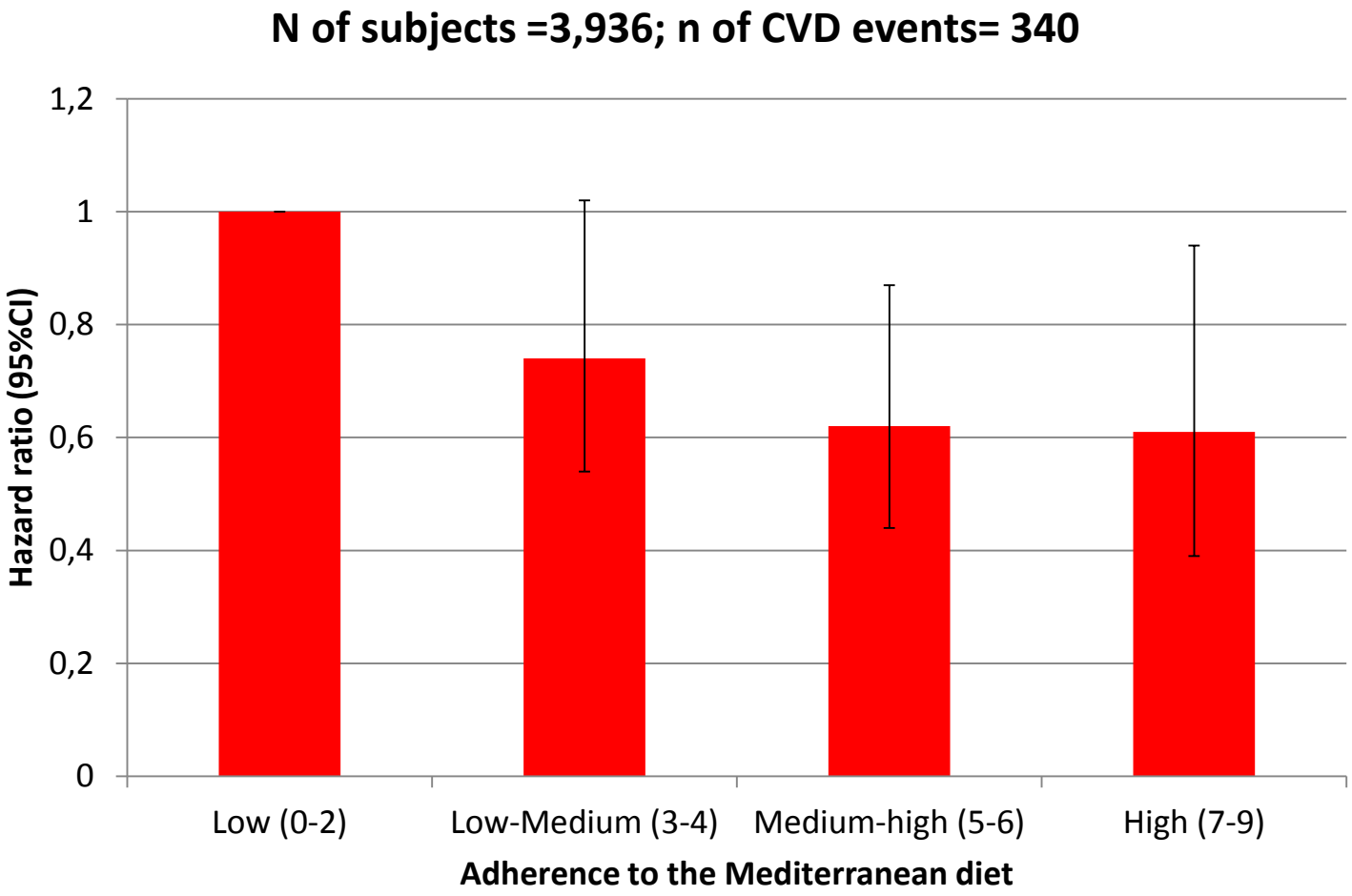

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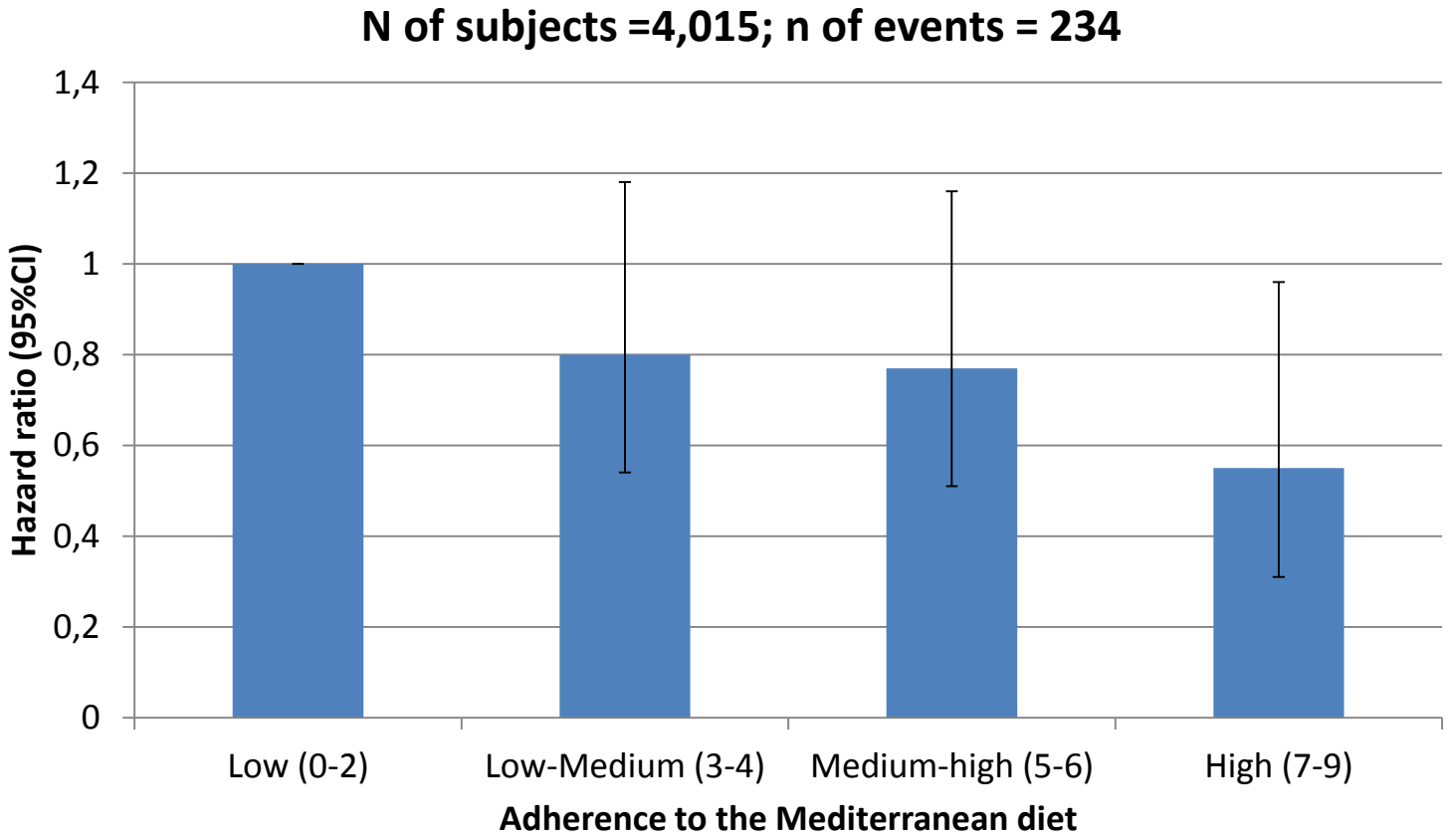

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Misurare l'adesione alla dieta mediterranea

Score Mediterraneo Greco

Foods	
Frutta e noci	+
Verdura	+
Pesce	+
Cereali	+
Monoinstauri/saturi	+
Legumi	+
Alcol moderato	+
Latticini (consumo basso)	+
Carne e salumi (consumo basso)	+

Score 0-9

Indice Mediterraneo Italiano

Foods	
Frutta	+
Verdura	+
Pesce	+
Pasta	+
Olio di oliva	+
Legumi	+
Alcol moderato	+
Carne rossa (consumo basso)	+
Patate (consumo basso)	+
Burro (consumo basso)	+
Bevande zuccherate (consumo basso)	+

Score 0-11

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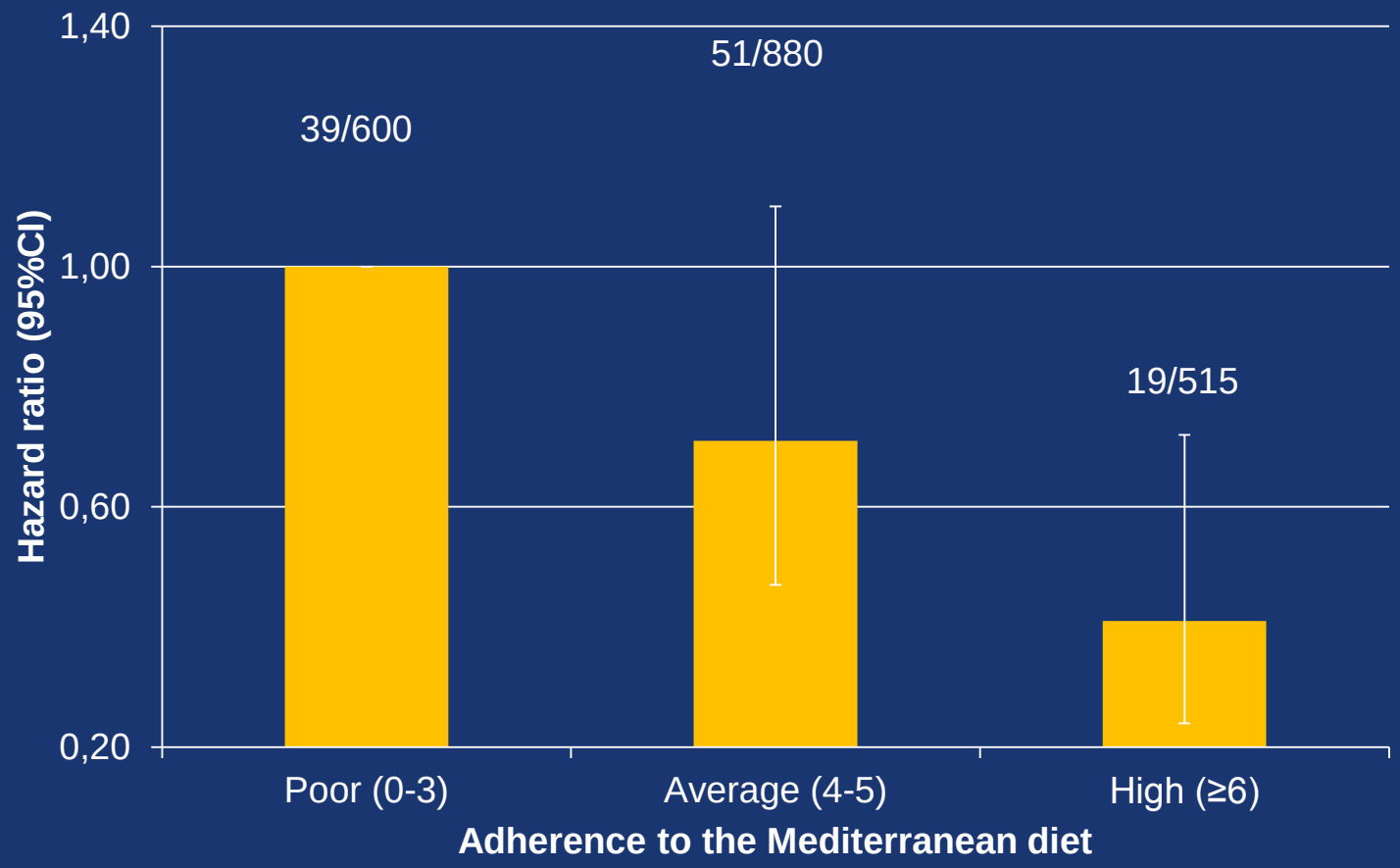

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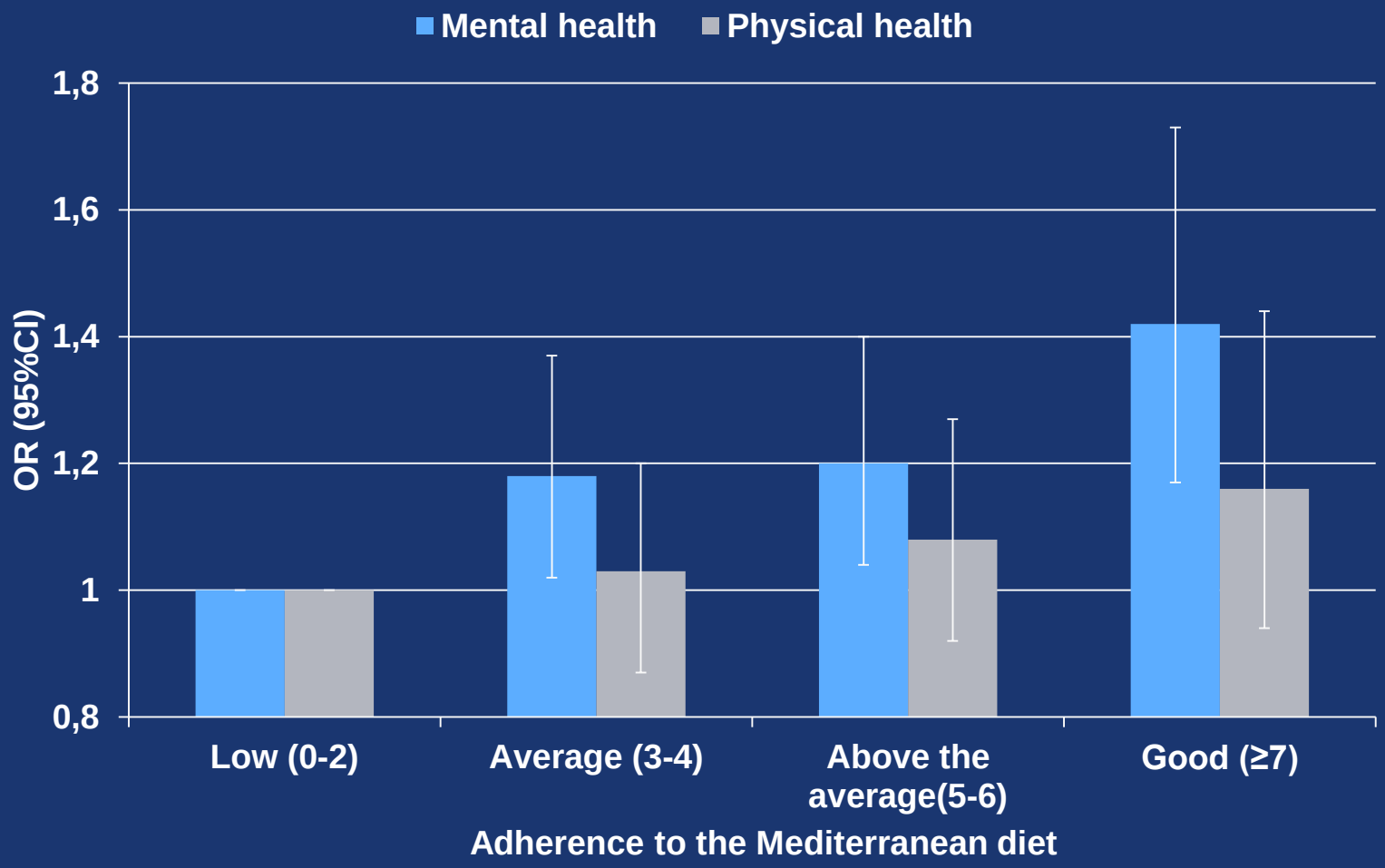

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Alimentazione e infiammazione cronica subclinica

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Le abitudini alimentari dei Moli-sani

1° PATTERN
Olive oil and vegetables

OLIO DI OLIVA
VEGETALI COTTI
VEGETALI CRUDI
LEGUMI
ZUPPE
PESCE
PATATE
FRUTTA
CARNE BIANCA
CROSTACEI/MOLLUSCHI
FETTE BISCOTTATE
NOCI E FRUTTA SECCA
YOGURT
SNACKS
FORMAGGIO FRESCO

2°PATTERN
Pasta and Meat

PASTA
POMODORO COTTO
OLIO DI OLIVA
CARNE BIANCA
CARNE ROSSA
GRASSI ANIMALI
SUGHI ELABORATI
VINO
PANE
BIRRA
INTERIORA
INSACCATI
FORMAGGI STAGIONATI

3° PATTERN
Eggs and sweets

PATATE
CARNE BIANCA
CARNE ROSSA
GRASSI ANIMALI
PANE
BIRRA
UOVA
MARGARINA
INSACCATI
DOLCI
OLI VEGETALI
SNACKS
MAIONESE
BURRO
FORMAGGI
PIZZA
PESCE CONSERVATO
SUCCHI DI FRUTTA
COFFEE
SOFT DRINKS

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SNACKS
FORMAGGIO FRESCO

→

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL ↓
LDL CHOLESTEROL ↓
SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE ↓
DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE ↓
TRIGLYCERIDES ↓
BLOOD GLUCOSE ↓
C REACTIVE PROTEIN ↓
CARDIOVASCULAR RISK (MEN) ↓

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Pasta and meat pattern

2°PATTERN
Pasta and Meat

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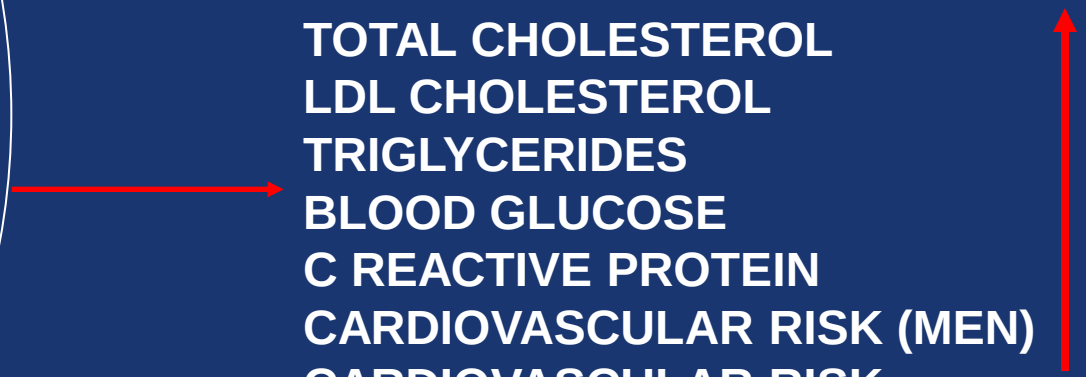

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Eggs and sweets

3° PATTERN
Eggs and sweets

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CARNE BIANCA
CARNE ROSSA
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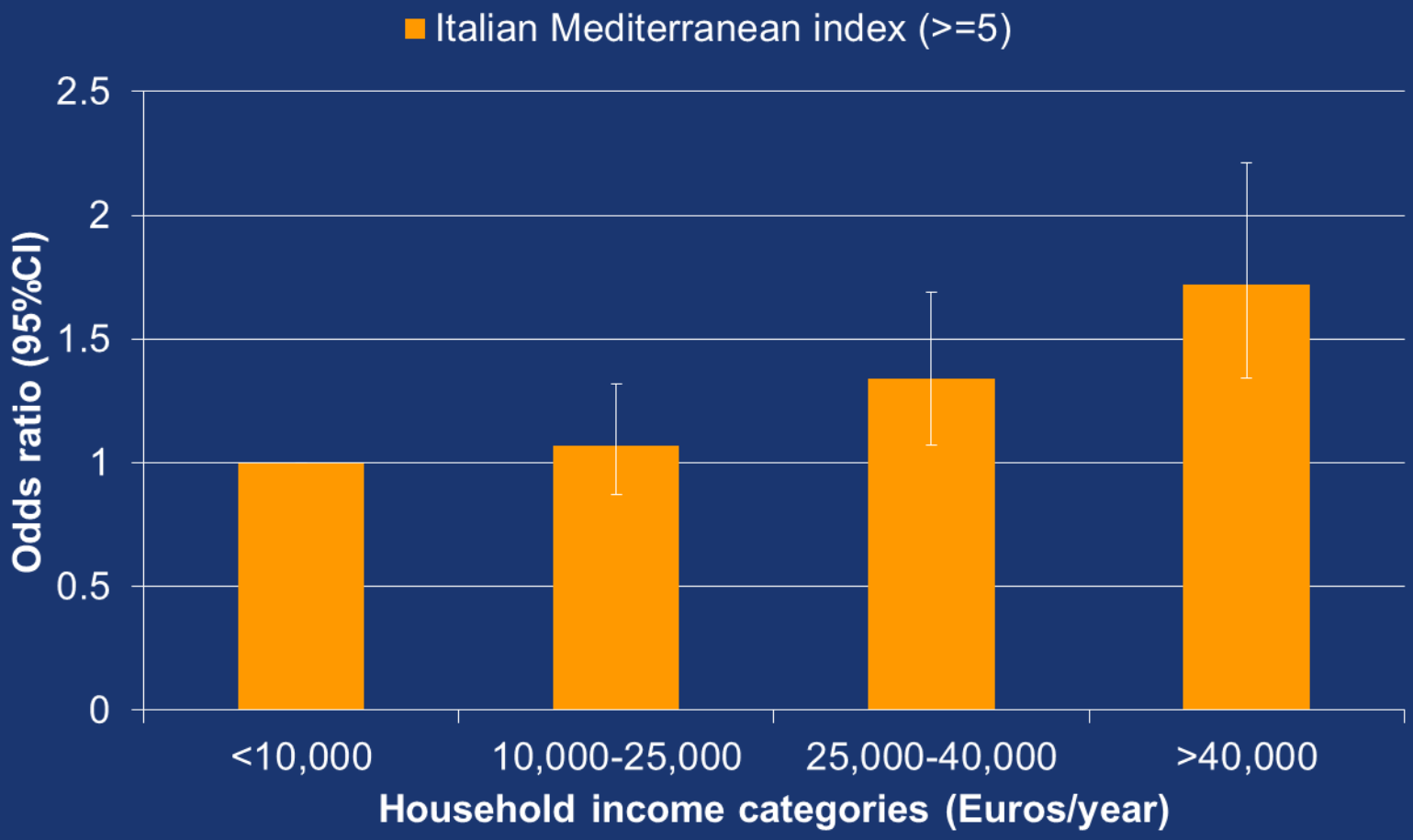

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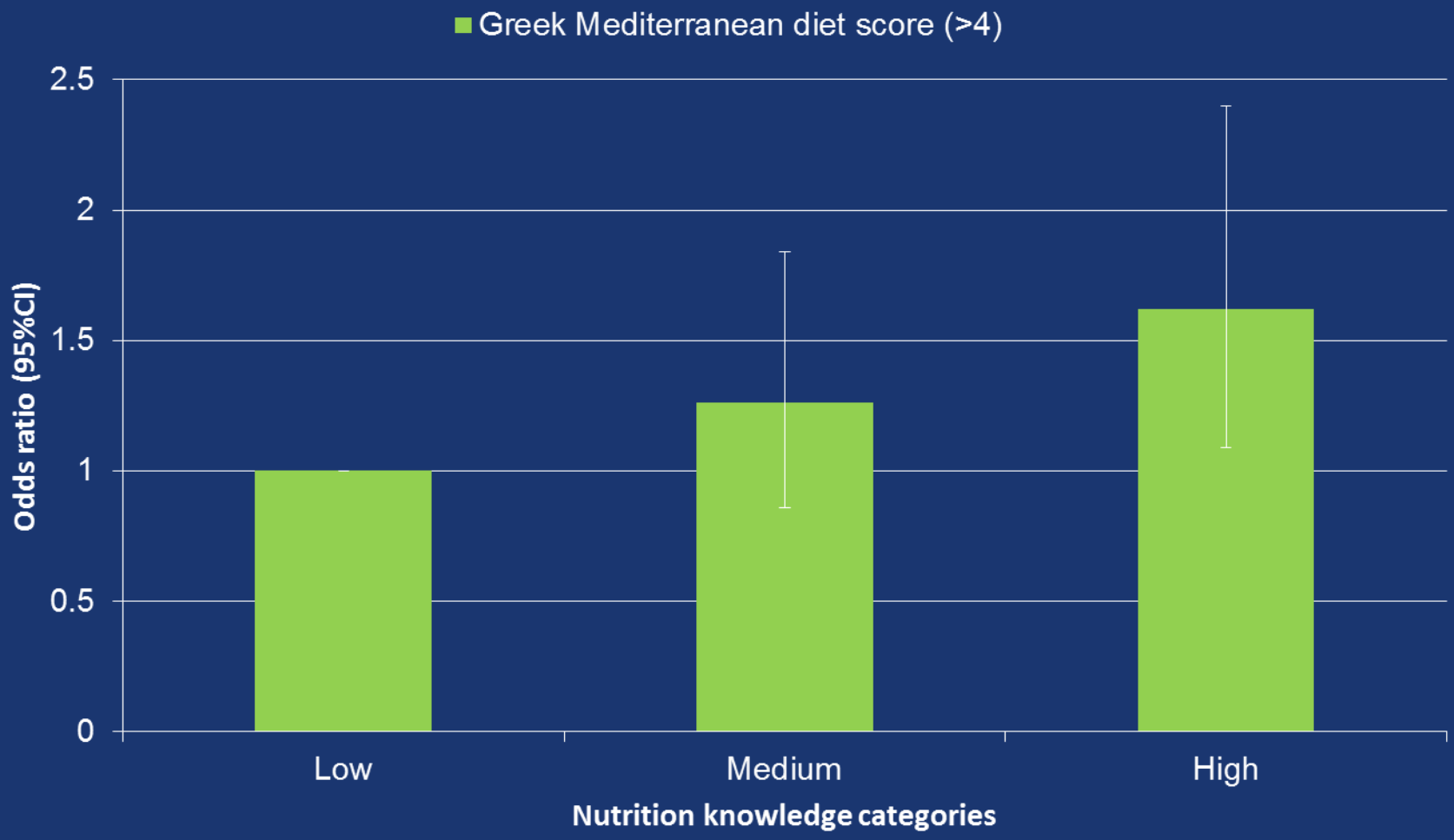

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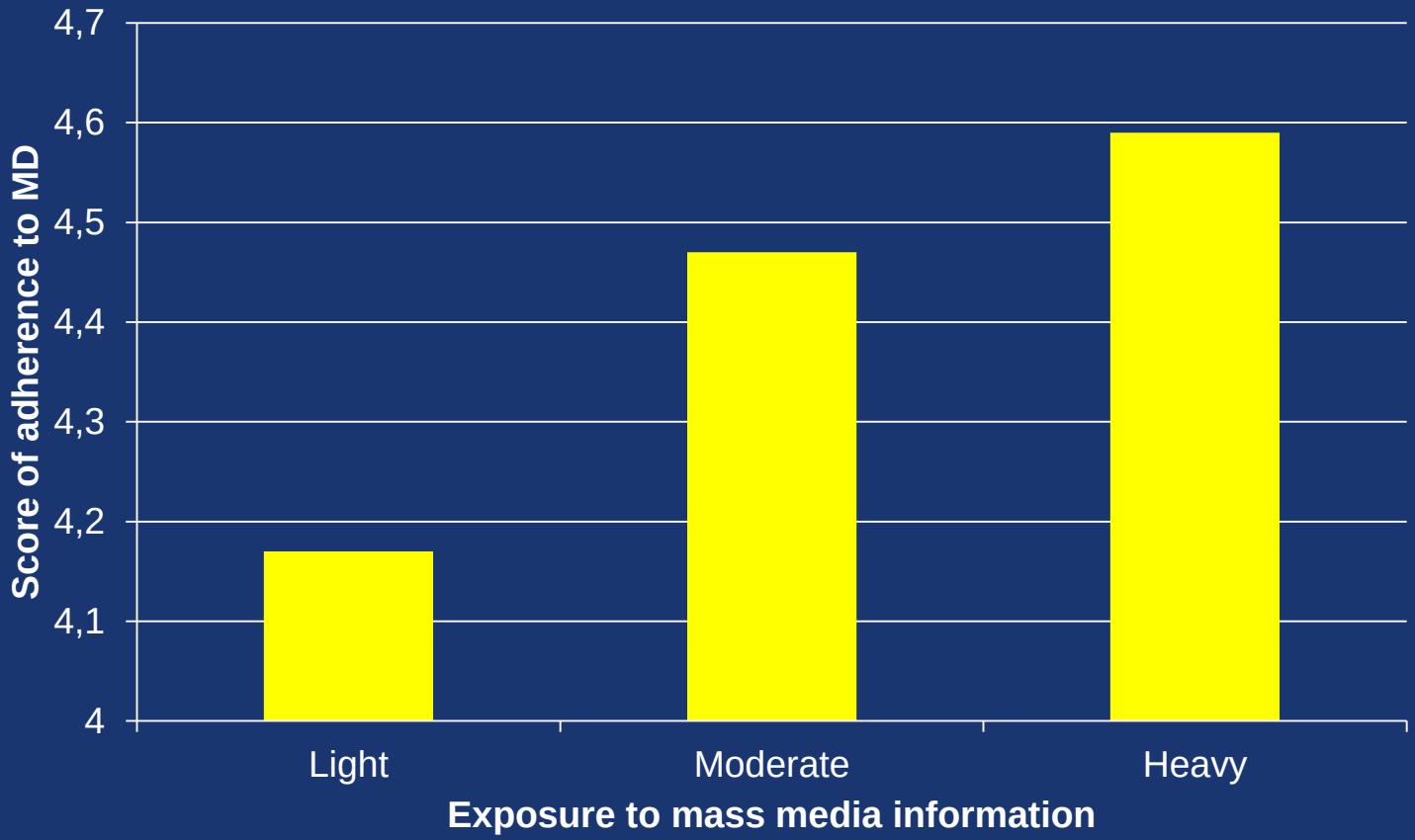

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Adesione alla dieta mediterranea nella coorte MOLI-SANI (MAI index)

WOMEN	25th PERCENTILE	50th PERCENTILE	75th PERCENTILE
NICOTERA (1960)	-	-	-
POLLICA (1967)	3.3	6.0	10.0
MOLI-SANI (2009)	**2.0**	**2.6**	**3.6**

MEN	25th PERCENTILE	50th PERCENTILE	75th PERCENTILE
NICOTERA (1960)	5.4	7.5	10.8
POLLICA (1967)	3.2	6.0	8.4
MOLI-SANI (2009)	**2.5**	**3.6**	**5.4**

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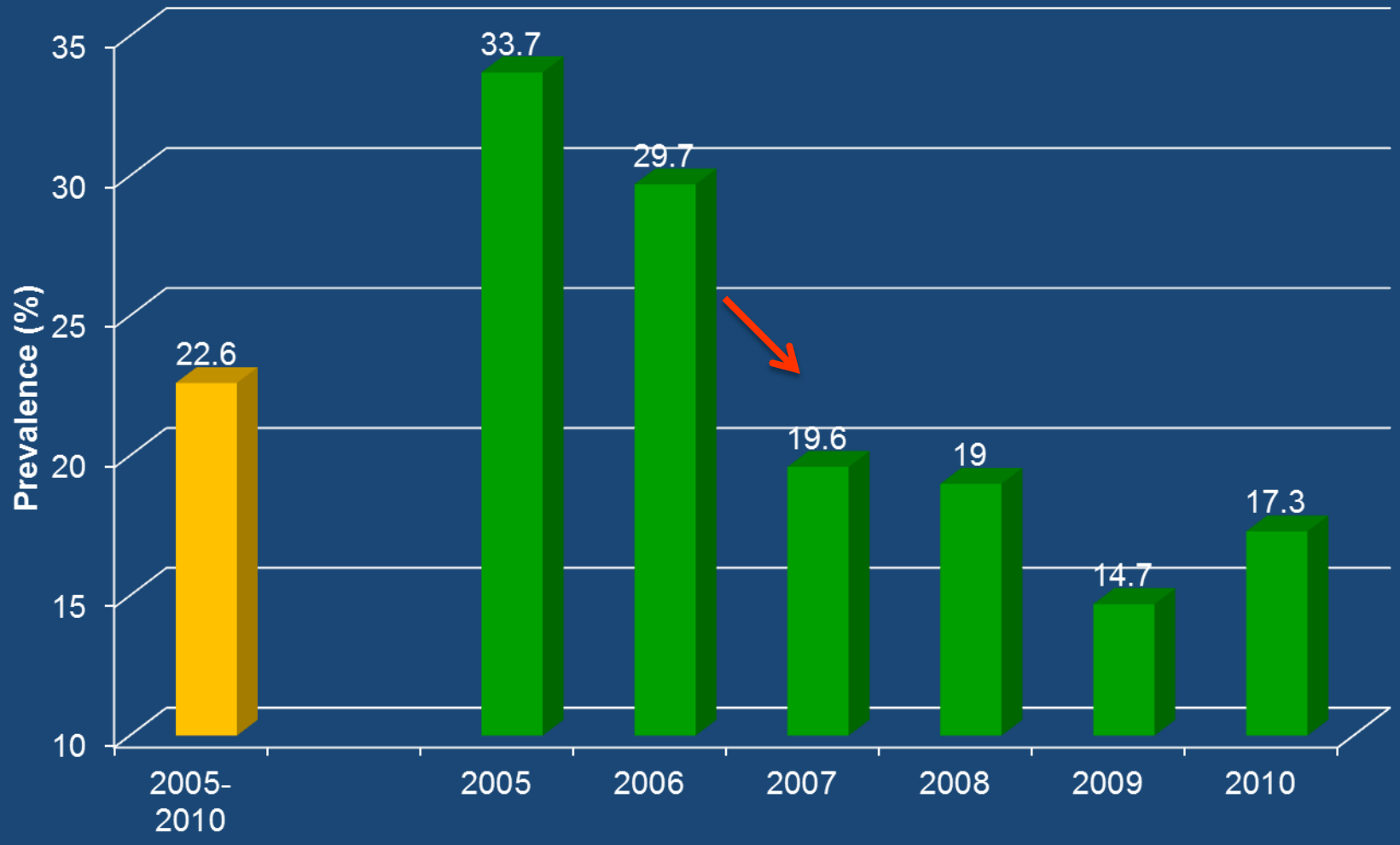

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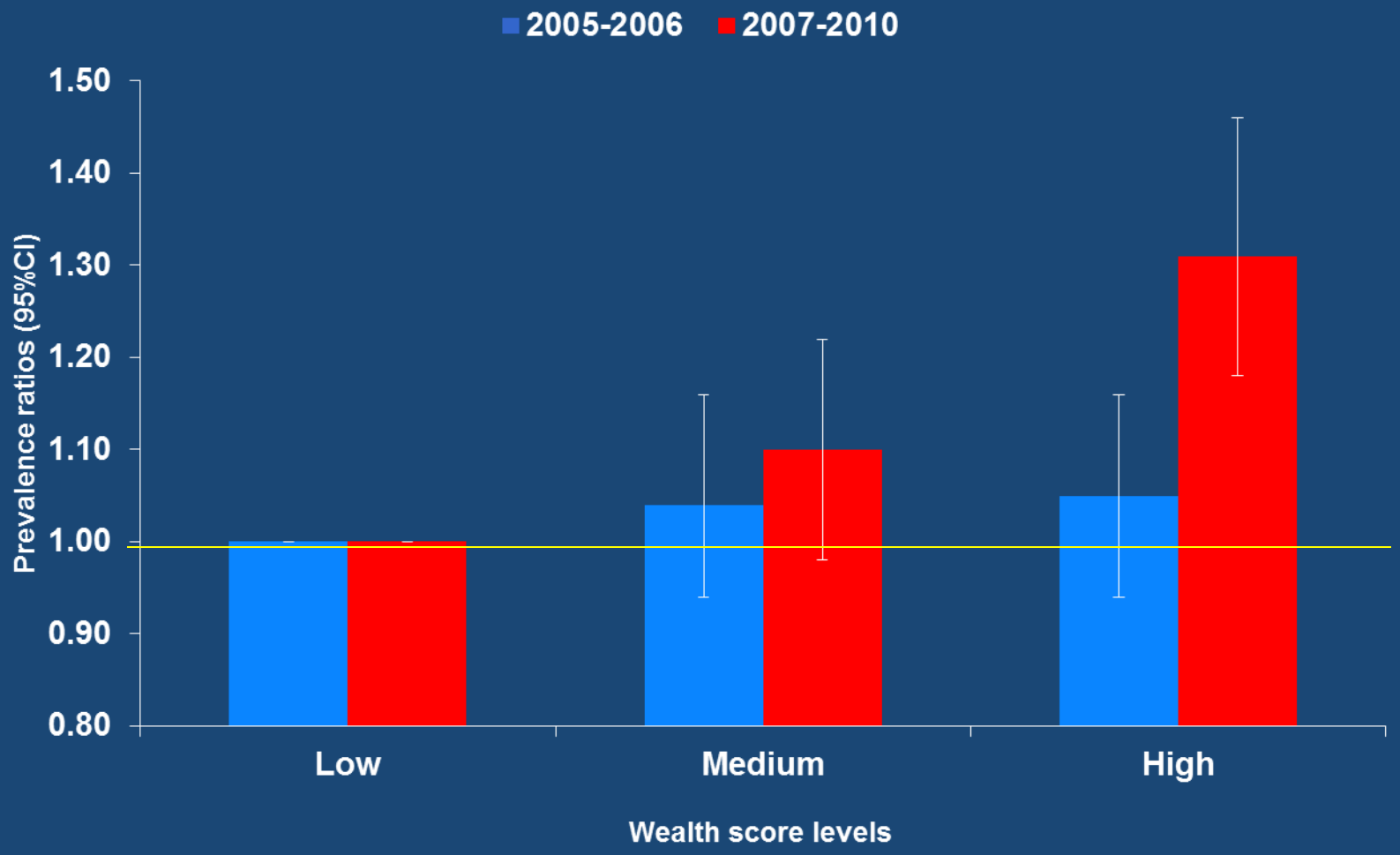

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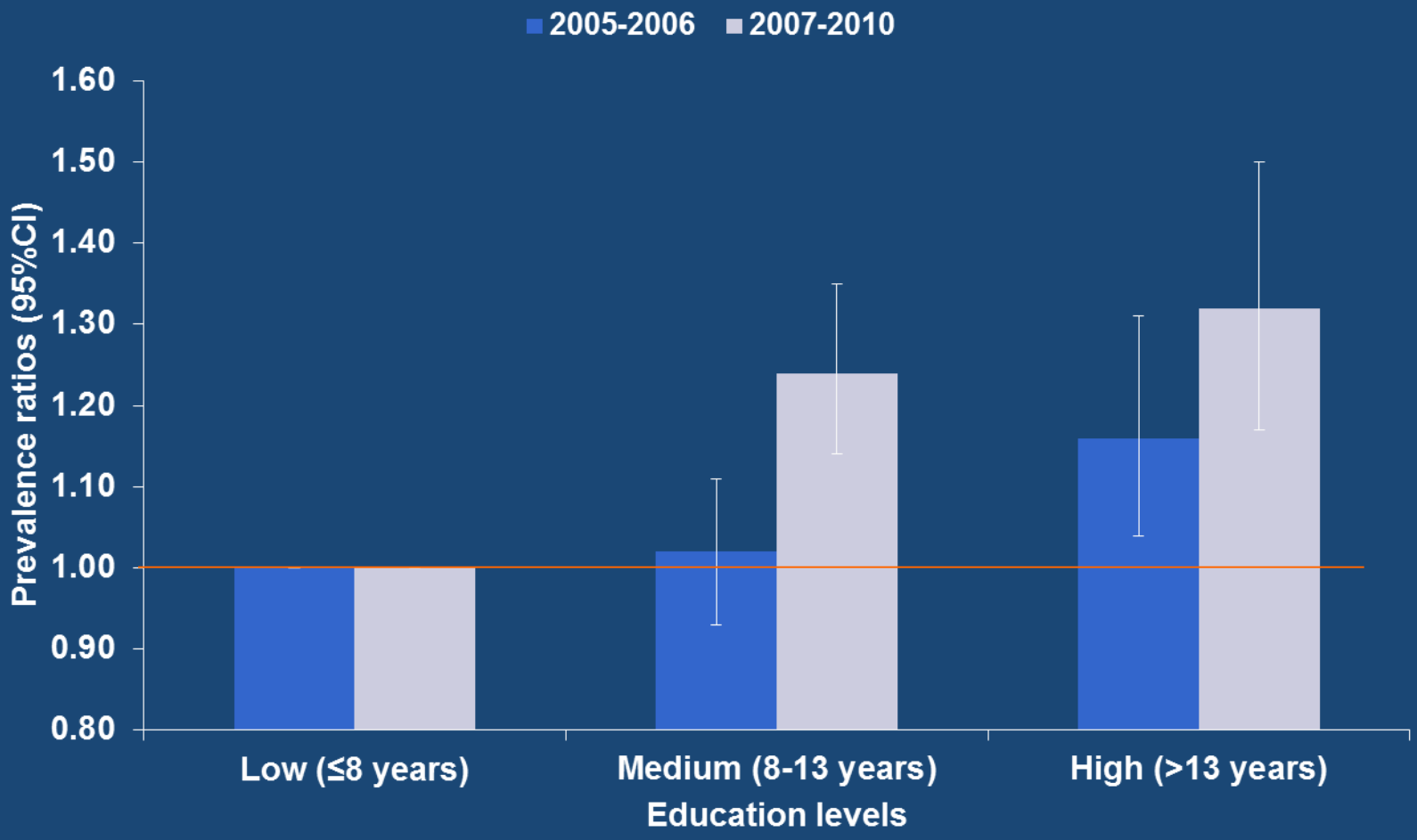

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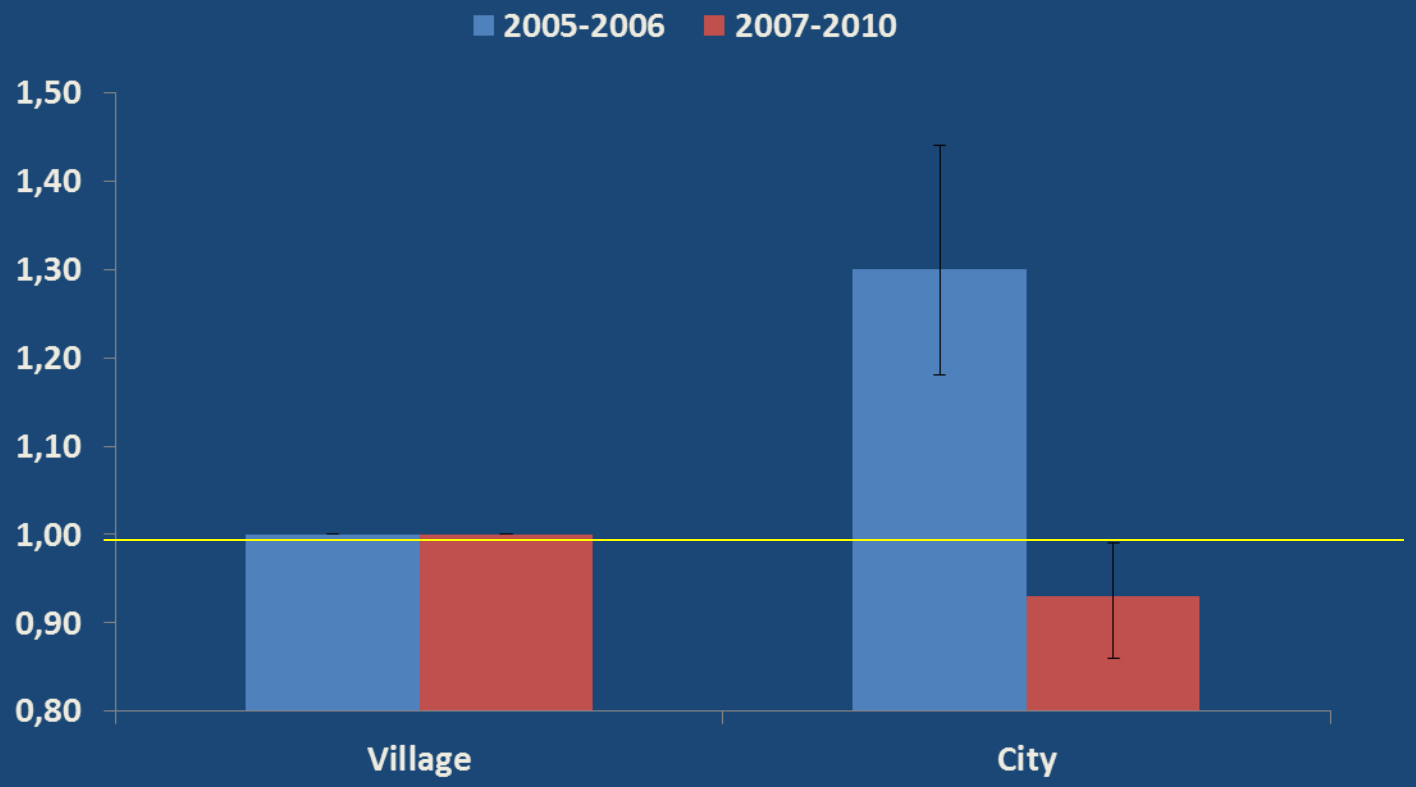

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Crisi: dieta mediterranea addio, nel 2014 da -5% pasta a -7% pesce

Prodotto	Riduzione della spesa
Pesce fresco	-7%
Pasta	-5%
Olio extravergine d'oliva	-4%
Verdura fresca	-4%