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Personalized Weight-Loss Diet Interventions

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Obesity has become epidemic worldwide. Diet interventions have been widely accepted in prevention and treatment of obesity; however, considerable individual variability has long been noted in response to diet interventions, which is likely due to modifications of genetic susceptibility. In large prospective studies, we have identified dietary intakes of sugar sweetened beverage and fried amplified genetic effects on body weight and obesity. In randomized clinical trials, we demonstrated that genetic variants related to obesity, insulin resistance and obesity significantly interacted with diet interventions in relation to long-term weight loss, and changes in cardiometabolic risk factors. In addition, we found that gentic variations determining preference to macronutrients modified effects of carbohydrate intakes on weight loss. Our data provide supportive evidence for precision obesity management through diet modifications.

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