Evaluating an intervention to increase cereal fiber intake in children: a randomized

controlled feasibility trial. (AS Donin)

On-line Supplementary Material

Supplementary Table 1: Breakfast cereals included in the trial

	Breakfast cereal (suggested serving)	Fiber content per serving	Energy content per serving	Fiber content per 100g	Energy content per 100g
High Fiber Cereals:	Weetabix (2 biscuits)	3.8g	136kcal	10g	362kcal
	Wholegrain apricot wheats (per 45g)	3.8g	151kcal	8.3g	335kcal
	Malted wheats (per 40g)	4.3g	144kcal	10.9g	360kcal
	Crunchy bran (per 40g)	8.0g	140kcal	22g	351kcal
Low Fiber Cereals:	Rice Crispies (per 30g)	0.6g	116kcal	2.0g	387kcal
	Cornflakes (per 30g)	0.9g	113kcal	3.0g	378kcal
	Balance (per 30g)	0.8g	114kcal	2.7g	382kcal

Supplementary Table 2: Key constructs, behaviour change techniques and study activities they relate to.

Key constructs	Behaviour change	Activity		
	technique definition			
Self-Efficacy	Action Planning	-Introduce breakfast cereals using		
Confidence in the ability to		taster sessions to assess palatability		
consume the designated		and preferences		
breakfast cereal on a daily		-Tailor the participant's individual		
basis.		choice of cereal for the duration of		
		the trial to ensure the intervention		
		is enjoyable for the participant and		
		increase motivation to succeed		
		-Provide free breakfast cereals		
		-Recommendation to eat allocated		
		cereal every day for one month		
Social Support	Plan social	-Identify and encourage		
Extent to which support from	support/social change	appropriate social support (e.g.,		
family members and research		positive reinforcement from family,		
team aids in behaviour change		family monitoring of progress on		
		wall chart)		
		-school visit from researcher mid-		
	Desta			
Self-regulation	Barrier	-Evaluation and reflection		
Learning skills which increase	identification/problem	(information and education given		
houvalion towards the desired	SOIVING	by research team at baseline, mid-		
incroase ability to resist	Toach to uso	point and on completion,		
alternative behaviour such as	nrompts (cuos	participation pack to encourage and		
alternative cereals or not eating	prompts/cues	change)		
hreakfast	Prompt self-monitoring	-Self monitoring (breakfast diary		
bicakiast	of behaviour	wall chart with stickers)		
Outcome expectations	Provide information on	-Provide information/education		
Having a strong belief in the	consequences of	-Message: "Eating breakfast every		
value of switching to the	behaviour in general	day is important for health. You are		
designated cereal		helping us with important research		
		to investigate the effect of the		
		content of breakfast cereal on your		
		health"		
Environmental factors	Environmental	-Create triggers in environment		
Create an environment which	restructuring	(wall chart; fridge magnets, cereal		
fosters behaviour change		out and ready the night before;		
	Use of follow-up	study bowl; school visit from		
	prompts	researcher mid-trial)		
Motivation	Stimulate anticipation of	-Put in place personalised rewards		
Maintain a strong desire to	future rewards	(offer of gift vouchers on		
continue behaviour change		completion and return of wall chart		
		and diary)		

	Intervention group, median (IQR)						
	Low fiber		H	High fiber		All	
		n=106 n=87		n=193			
Age, y	9.9	(9.6, 10.2)	9.9	(9.6, 10.2)	9.9	(9.6, 10.2)	
Sex, % female		57%		62%		59%	
Ethnicity, n (%)							
White European	50	(47.2%)	39	(44.8%)	89	(46.1%)	
Black African	9	(8.5%)	15	(17.2%)	24	(12.4%)	
South Asian	27	(25.5%)	21	(24.1%)	48	(24.9%)	
Other	20	(18.9%)	12	(13.8%)	32	(16.6%)	
Total energy intake ² , kcal/d	1,376	(1,095, 1,668)	1,279	(1,050, 1,685)	1,326	(1,069, 1,670)	
Cereal Fiber intake ² , g/d	4.2	(2.6, 6.6)	4.6	(2.9, 6.6)	4.5	(2.8, 6.6)	
Carbohydrate ² , g/d	195	(156, 236)	188	(149 <i>,</i> 238)	193	(150, 237)	
Protein ² , g/d	53.4	(40.6, 63.1)	49.3	(36.8, 66.5)	50.7	(38.7, 64.7)	
Fat², g/d	45.0	(35.8, 61.0)	43.1	(28.5, 64.9)	44.1	(32.3, 61.7)	
Weight, kg	33.3	(29.4 <i>,</i> 40.5)	34.3	(30.7, 39.1)	33.8	(30.2 <i>,</i> 39.7)	
Fat mass, kg	7.5	(5.8, 10.8)	7.9	(6.1, 9.9)	7.6	(6.1, 10.1)	
Fat mass, %	22.9	(19.8, 27.6)	22.5	(20.0, 26.7)	22.7	(19.9 <i>,</i> 26.7)	
Baseline fasting plasma							
analytes							
Total AR, nmol/L	42.7	(21.9, 86.8)	44.4	(26.6, 89.5)	43.2	(24.3, 87.3)	
Insulin, mU/L	6.5	(4.5, 10.2)	7.1	(5.0, 8.8)	6.8	(4.8 <i>,</i> 9.5)	
Glucose ³ , mmol/L	4.5	(4.2, 4.7)	4.5	(4.3, 4.7)	4.5	(4.2, 4.7)	
LDL cholesterol, mmol/L	2.0	(1.7, 2.4)	2.0	(1.5, 2.5)	2.0	(1.6, 2.4)	
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L	1.5	(1.2, 1.7)	1.4	(1.2, 1.7)	1.4	(1.2, 1.7)	
TGs, mmol/L	0.6	(0.5 <i>,</i> 0.7)	0.6	(0.5, 0.8)	0.6	(0.5, 0.8)	
Vitamin C⁴, µmol/L	67.8	(52.6, 84.0)	69.4	(59.6, 81.0)	69.4	(55.8, 82.6)	
Baseline fasting HbA1c ⁵ , mmol/mol	33.1	(31.4, 35.1)	33.2	(31.8, 34.7)	33.1	(31.6, 34.7)	

Supplementary table 3: Baseline characteristics by intervention group for 193 subjects with fasting measures of plasma AR at baseline and follow-up¹

¹Values represented are median (IQR) or frequency (%)

Missing data: ² low fiber: n=4; ³ low fiber: n=1, high fiber: n=1; ⁴ low fiber: n=3, high fiber: n=2; ⁵ low fiber: n=1;