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[Intervention Review]

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## ABSTRACT

#### Background

Insufficient consumption of fruits and vegetables in childhood increases the risk of future chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease.

#### Objectives

To assess the effectiveness, cost effectiveness and associated adverse events of interventions designed to increase the consumption of fruit, vegetables or both amongst children aged five years and under.

#### Search methods

We searched the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials (CENTRAL) in the Cochrane Library, MEDLINE and Embase to identify eligible trials on 25 September 2017. We searched Proquest Dissertations and Theses and two clinical trial registers in November 2017. We reviewed reference lists of included trials and handsearched three international nutrition journals. We contacted authors of included studies to identify further potentially relevant trials.

#### Selection criteria

We included randomised controlled trials, including cluster-randomised controlled trials and cross-over trials, of any intervention primarily targeting consumption of fruit, vegetables or both among children aged five years and under, and incorporating a dietary or biochemical assessment of fruit or vegetable consumption. Two review authors independently screened titles and abstracts of identified papers; a third review author resolved disagreements.

#### Data collection and analysis

Two review authors independently extracted data and assessed the risks of bias of included studies; a third review author resolved disagreements. Due to unexplained heterogeneity, we used random-effects models in meta-analyses for the primary review outcomes where we identified sufficient trials. We calculated standardised mean differences (SMDs) to account for the heterogeneity of fruit and vegetable consumption measures. We conducted assessments of risks of bias and evaluated the quality of evidence (GRADE approach) using Cochrane procedures.

#### Main results

We included 55 trials with 154 trial arms and 11,108 participants. Thirty-three trials examined the impact of child-feeding practices (e.g. repeated food exposure) in increasing child vegetable intake. Thirteen trials examined the impact of parent nutrition education in increasing child fruit and vegetable intake. Eight studies examined the impact of multicomponent interventions (e.g. parent nutrition education and preschool policy changes) in increasing child fruit and vegetable intake. One study examined the effect of a nutrition intervention delivered to children in increasing child fruit and vegetable intake.

We judged 14 of the 55 included trials as free from high risks of bias across all domains; performance, detection and attrition bias were the most common domains judged at high risk of bias for the remaining studies.

Meta-analysis of trials examining child-feeding practices versus no intervention revealed a positive effect on child vegetable consumption (SMD 0.38, 95% confidence interval (CI) 0.15 to 0.61; n = 1509; 11 studies; very low-quality evidence), equivalent to a mean difference of 4.03 g of vegetables. There were no short-term differences in child consumption of fruit and vegetables in meta-analyses of trials examining parent nutrition education versus no intervention (SMD 0.11, 95% CI -0.05 to 0.28; n = 3023; 10 studies; very low-quality evidence) or multicomponent interventions versus no intervention (SMD 0.28, 95% CI -0.06 to 0.63; n = 1861; 4 studies; very low-quality evidence).

Insufficient data were available to assess long-term effectiveness, cost effectiveness and unintended adverse consequences of interventions. Studies reported receiving governmental or charitable funds, except for three studies reporting industry funding.

#### Authors' conclusions

Despite identifying 55 eligible trials of various intervention approaches, the evidence for how to increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption remains sparse. There was very low-quality evidence that child-feeding practice interventions are effective in increasing vegetable consumption in children aged five years and younger, however the effect size was very small and long-term follow-up is required. There was very low-quality evidence that parent nutrition education and multicomponent interventions are not effective in increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and younger. All findings should be considered with caution, given most included trials could not be combined in meta-analyses. Given the very low-quality evidence, future research will very likely change estimates and conclusions. Such research should adopt more rigorous methods to advance the field.

This is a living systematic review. Living systematic reviews offer a new approach to review updating, in which the review is continually updated, incorporating relevant new evidence as it becomes available. Please refer to the *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* for the current status of this review.

#### PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

#### Interventions for increasing eating of fruit and vegetables in children aged five years and under

#### Background

Consuming not enough fruit and vegetables is a considerable health burden in developed countries. Eating fruit and vegetables is associated with a reduced risk of future chronic disease. Early childhood represents a critical period for the establishment of dietary habits. Interventions to increase consumption of fruit and vegetables in early childhood may therefore be an effective strategy in reducing this disease burden.

#### **Review question**

To assess the impact of interventions designed to increase eating of fruit or vegetables or both among children aged five years and under.

#### Methods

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We searched various electronic databases and relevant journals to find studies. We contacted authors of included trials for additional potentially relevant trials. Any randomised trial (participants have the same chance of being assigned to treatment or control) was eligible of interventions aiming to increase the intake of fruit or vegetables or both by children aged five years and under that measured intake. Two review authors independently searched for and extracted information from studies. The evidence is current to September 2017.

#### Results

We include 55 trials with 11,108 people taking part. Thirty-three trials examined child-feeding interventions, 13 examined parent nutrition education interventions, eight examined multicomponent interventions and one examined a child nutrition education intervention. Child-feeding interventions (e.g. repeated exposure to vegetables) were effective in increasing children's intake of vegetables in the short term (less than 12 months). Parent nutrition education and multicomponent interventions (e.g. combining preschool policy changes with parent education) were not effective in increasing children's eating of fruit and vegetables. There was not enough information to assess long-term effectiveness, cost effectiveness and unintended harms. Studies reporting funding support received governmental or charitable funds, except for three studies that received industry funding.

#### Conclusions

The evidence for effective interventions to increase eating of fruit and vegetables by children aged five and under remains sparse. Child-feeding interventions appear to increase vegetable intake by children (by 4.03 g), but this conclusion is based on very low-quality evidence and is very likely to change when future research is undertaken.

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# SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FOR THE MAIN COMPARISON [Explanation]

Child feeding interventions compared to no intervention for children aged 5 years and under

Patient or population: children aged 5 years and under

Setting: various: preschool (n = 2), school (n = 1), home + lab (n = 2), child health clinic (n = 1), home (n = 4), home + health facility (n = 1)

Intervention: child-feeding interventions

Comparison: no intervention

Dutcomes Anticipated absolut		fects* (95% CI)	Relative effect (95% Cl)	№ of participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Risk with no interven- tion	Risk with child-feeding interventions				
Short-term impact (< 12 months) child veg- etable intake	The mean vegetable in- take was 7.7 grams <sup>1</sup>	The mean vegetable in- take (grams) in the in- tervention group was 4. 03 higher (1.59 higher to 6.47 higher)		1509 (11 RCTs)	⊕OO VERY LOW <sup>2,3,4</sup>	Scores estimated using a standardised mean difference of 0.38 (0.1 to 0.61) and a standard deviation of 10.61. <sup>1</sup> The mean duration of follow-up post inter vention for studies in cluded in the meta-anal ysis was 4.6 weeks 2 studies that com pared 1 or more child feeding practice inter ventions to a no-treat ment control could no be synthesised in meta analysis; both reporter a significant increase in fruit or vegetables, of both

Short-term impact (<12 No child-feeding interventions reported this out- nonths) cost effective- ness - not reported	-	
Short-term impact (<12 One trial (Spill 2011a) reported no adverse effects - nonths) unintended ad- verse events -	39 (1 RCT)	⊕○○○ - VERY LOW <sup>5,6,7</sup>
The risk in the intervention group (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the as 95% CI) CI: confidence interval	sumed risk in the comparis	on group and the <b>relative effect</b> of the intervention (and its
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Moderate quality: we are moderately confident in the effect estimate: the true effect substantially different .ow quality: our confidence in the effect estimate is limited: the true effect may be sub /ery low quality: we have very little confidence in the effect estimate: the true effect is Ne used the post-intervention mean and standard deviation of the control group from	stantially different from the likely to be substantially di	estimate of the effect fferent from the estimate of effect

#### BACKGROUND

#### **Description of the condition**

Chronic diseases are illnesses which are typically prolonged in duration, do not resolve spontaneously and are rarely cured completely (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2017). Insufficient consumption of fruits and vegetables is associated with a range of chronic diseases, such as cancer and cardiovascular disease (World Health Organization 2003; World Health Organization 2011). Globally, 2.8% of all deaths and 1.0% of all disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) each year are attributable to inadequate fruit and vegetable intake (World Health Organization 2017). Low fruit and vegetable consumption is responsible for 14% of gastrointestinal cancer deaths, 11% of all ischaemic heart disease and 9% of all stroke deaths (World Health Organization 2017). Increasing global fruit and vegetable intake therefore represents a public health priority and has the capacity to reduce the burden of coronary heart disease by 31%, oesophageal cancer by 20%, and Ischaemic stroke by 19% (Lock 2005).

To reduce the risk of chronic diseases, consumption of at least 400 grams a day of fruit and vegetables is recommended (World Health Organization 1997; World Health Organization 2017). Nationally representative surveys, however, indicate that throughout most regions of the globe, daily consumption of fruits and vegetables is well below such recommendations (Lock 2005).

Population surveys of children indicate the need to increase the intake of fruits and vegetables (Lock 2005; World Health Organization 2004a; Yngve 2005). For example, less than a third of school-aged children from European nations report consuming vegetables on a daily basis (World Health Organization 2004a). Data from younger children is similar. A survey conducted in 2007 to 2010 in the USA reported 33% of children aged one to three years met fruit recommendations and 13% met vegetable recommendations (National Cancer Institute 2015). A national survey in 2011 to 2012 in Australia reported 90% of children aged two to eight years consume the recommended number of fruit serves a day, and 49% of children aged two to three years consume the recommended serves of vegetables (Australian Bureau of Statistics 2014). Globally, the mean intake of fruit and vegetables is below the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations across all WHO regions. South American, African, and South East Asian nations report the lowest quantities of child fruit and vegetable intake, where school-aged children typically consume less than 300 grams a day (Lock 2005).

There is some evidence from longitudinal studies to suggest that eating behaviours established in childhood are likely to persist into adulthood (Lien 2001; Mikkilä 2004). Additionally, longitudinal studies have shown that fruit and vegetable consumption in childhood is associated with reductions in chronic diseases in adulthood (Maynard 2003; Ness 2005). Encouraging healthy eating among children may therefore represent an effective primary prevention strategy for reducing the risk of chronic diseases (Boeing 2012; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2011; Maynard 2003; Ness 2005; World Health Organization 2004b). Thirty-seven-year follow-up data from the Boyd Orr cohort study of British children, for example, found lower rates of all-cause cardiovascular mortality among children with greater intake of vegetables in childhood (Ness 2005). Adequate fruit and vegetable intake during childhood may also have a number of immediate benefits, including reducing the risk of micronutrient deficiencies and a number of respiratory illnesses (Antova 2003; Boeing 2012; Forastiere 2005; World Health Organization 2003).

#### **Description of the intervention**

The aetiology of fruit and vegetable consumption is complex, involving the dynamic interaction of a variety of factors. Given such complexity, a number of frameworks have been produced to guide the development of interventions to increase fruit and vegetable intake (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2011; Klepp 2005; Miller 2000; World Health Organization 2004b). The conceptual framework developed for the international Pro Children Project suggests that interventions targeting a variety of cultural, physical and social environment factors, as well as those targeting personal factors, may be effective in positively influencing fruit and vegetable intake among children (Klepp 2005).

Despite the range of potential intervention targets, including primordial prevention interventions that target the risk factors of chronic disease before they occur (compared to primary prevention interventions that treat risk factors of chronic disease), previous trials have tended to focus on those determinants more amenable to intervention, such as nutrition knowledge and skills, or the food environment of settings such as schools (Hector 2008). Among school-aged children, systematic reviews suggest that the strongest evidence exists for the efficacy of multicomponent interventions with elements such as curriculum, parental engagement, policy and food environment changes (Blanchette 2005; De Sa 2008; Jaime 2009; Knai 2006; Van Cauwenberghe 2010). Previous reviews in children aged five years and younger (Campbell 2007; Hesketh 2010; Tedstone 1998) have similarly found some evidence for multicomponent interventions. Primordial prevention interventions targeting preschool-aged children also demonstrate consistent evidence. For example, an intervention aiming to prevent the onset of cardiovascular disease in preschoolers targeted multiple risk factors, including child fruit and vegetable consumption (Peñalvo 2013a; Peñalvo 2013b). The multicomponent intervention including curriculum, school environment and family components successfully improved preschoolers' fruit and vegetable habits, which were also maintained over time (Peñalvo 2013a; Peñalvo 2013b; Peñalvo 2015).

#### How the intervention might work

A number of theories have been used to explain a mechanism by which interventions may influence children's fruit and vegetable consumption (Rasmussen 2006). In most instances, psychosocial theories such as Social Cognitive Theory (Bandura 1986), the Theory of Planned Behaviour (Ajzen 1991), or the Stages of Change Trans-theoretical Model (Prochaska 1984) have been used to explain possible causal pathways to fruit and vegetable consumption (Rasmussen 2006). Collectively, such theories assert that changes in attitudes, knowledge and skills and perceived norms and expectancies are required for behavioural change. The international Pro Children Project incorporated Social-Ecological Theory in its conceptual theoretical framework of determinants of children's fruit and vegetable consumption (Klepp 2005). Interventions derived from Social-Ecological Theory recognise the importance of more structural influences on children's intake of fruit and vegetable consumption, for example, the availability or accessibility of fruit and vegetables in the home or in settings such as schools which children frequent.

#### Why it is important to do this review

Previous reviews have identified a number of factors associated with fruit and vegetable consumption among children (Blanchette 2005; Pearson 2008; Rasmussen 2006; Van der Horst 2007). While such reviews provide important information for the development of interventions, only systematic reviews of intervention trials can determine the efficacy of strategies to increase child fruit and vegetable consumption. A number of such reviews have been published (Burchett 2003; Ciliska 2000; Delgado-Noguera 2011; De Sa 2008; Evans 2012; French 2003; Hendrie 2017; Howerton 2007; Knai 2006; Savoie-Roskos 2017; Van Cauwenberghe 2010). However, only a few have focused specifically on children aged five years and under (Campbell 2007; Hesketh 2010; Tedstone 1998). Of these, most lacked important information relevant to practice, such as the effectiveness of interventions for various subpopulations (such as minority groups), the cost effectiveness of interventions, or the presence of any unintended adverse effects of the intervention. Similarly, as positive impacts of health behaviour interventions may not be sustained, an examination of the longerterm effectiveness of interventions (more than 12 months postintervention) is important for policy-makers and practitioners to assess the potential health benefits of fruit and vegetable interventions (Fjeldsoe 2011; Jones 2011). Previous reviews have not specifically examined the impact of interventions based on the length of post-intervention follow-up. A comprehensive systematic review on this issue is therefore required to provide guidance for practitioners and policy-makers interested in implementing strategies to promote the consumption of fruits and vegetables in early childhood.

Following the publication of this 2017 update of the review, we

will maintain it as a living systematic review, as a pilot up until the end of March 2018. This means we will be continually running the searches and rapidly incorporating any newly-identified evidence into the review (for more information about the living systematic review approach being piloted by Cochrane, see Appendix 1). We believe a living systematic review approach is appropriate for this review, for three reasons. First, the review addresses a particularly important public health issue; the growing burden of disease and mortality attributable to low fruit and vegetable intake. Insufficient consumption of fruits and vegetables is associated with a range of chronic diseases such as cancer and cardiovascular disease, and in most regions of the globe current daily consumption of fruits and vegetables is well below the recommended intake to reduce the risk of chronic diseases. Early childhood represents a critical period for the establishment of healthy eating behaviours, such as fruit and vegetable intake, as dietary habits developed early are likely to persist into adulthood. It is therefore important to better understand how to improve intake of fruits and vegetables during childhood. Secondly, there remains uncertainty in the existing evidence; despite the 2017 update identifying a further 45 studies for the review, no high-quality evidence exists of effective interventions to increase the fruit and vegetable consumption of children. Thirdly, we are aware of multiple ongoing trials in this area of research that will be important to incorporate, and we expect that future research will have impact on the conclusions.

# OBJECTIVES

To assess the effectiveness, cost effectiveness and associated adverse events of interventions designed to increase the consumption of fruit or vegetables or both among children aged five years and under.

## METHODS

#### Criteria for considering studies for this review

#### Types of studies

Eligible trials were randomised controlled trials (RCTs), including cluster-randomised controlled trials (C-RCTs) and cross-over trials, that:

1. Compared two or more alternative intervention programmes to increase the consumption of fruit or vegetables or both of children aged five years and under;

2. Compared an intervention programme to increase the consumption of fruit or vegetables or both of children aged five years and under with a standard-care or no-intervention control group.

We excluded trials which did not include fruit or vegetable intake as a primary trial outcome, to avoid the potential confounding effects of other interventions, and because publication bias and selective outcome reporting are more predominant among secondary trial outcomes (or outcomes that were not otherwise stated). We included trials that did not state a primary trial outcome but did assess an eligible fruit or vegetable intake outcome. We included eligible cross-over trials in the review, as we deemed them a suitable and common method for assessing the effect of interventions to increase the fruit and vegetable consumption of children.

#### **Types of participants**

Participants could include:

1. Children aged five years and under. Trials including children older than five years were included only if the mean age of the study sample at baseline was five years or less;

2. Parents, guardians and families responsible for the care of children aged five years and under;

3. Professionals responsible for the care of children aged five years and under, including childcare staff and health professionals.

#### **Types of interventions**

We considered any educational, experiential, health promotion and/or psychological or family or behavioural therapy or counselling or management or structural or policy or legislative reform interventions, designed to increase consumption of fruit or vegetables or both in children aged five years and under (as defined in types of participants). Interventions could be conducted in any setting including the home, childcare/preschool services, health services, or community settings.

**Comparison:** Any alternative intervention to encourage fruit and vegetable consumption as described above, or a no-intervention control, usual care, or attention control or wait-list control. Attention controls in randomised trials for behavioural interventions are those that include clinical attention and induce the expectation of therapeutic benefit for control for non-specific effects of the intervention (Freedland 2011). Wait-list control groups that are also designed to control for non-specific effects involve participants being allocated to receive an intervention at study conclusion (delayed start) (Whitehead 2004).

#### Types of outcome measures

We include studies with evaluated outcomes measuring biomedical or dietary indices or both.

#### **Primary outcomes**

The primary outcome was children's fruit and vegetable intake. Fruit and vegetable intake could be assessed using a variety of measures, including: 1. Change in the number of portions or serves of daily fruit or vegetable or both at follow-up, as measured by diet recalls, food diaries, food frequency questionnaires or diet records completed by an adult on behalf of the child. We grouped the interventions by short-term effects (less than 12 months post-intervention) and long-term effects (at least 12 months post-intervention);

2. Change in grams of fruit or vegetables or both at follow-up, as measured by diet recalls, food diaries, food frequency questionnaires or diet records completed by an adult on behalf of the child. We grouped them by short-term effects (less than 12 months post-intervention) and long-term effects (at least 12 months post-intervention);

3. Changes in biomedical markers of consumption of fruit or vegetables or both, such as  $\alpha$ -carotene,  $\beta$ -carotene, cryptoxanthin, lycopene and lutein. We grouped them by short-term effects (less than 12 months post-intervention) and long-term effects (12 months or more post-intervention).

Outcomes of fruit or vegetable juice intake alone were not eligible. Outcomes that included child fruit and vegetable juice intake as part of an aggregate measure of child fruit or vegetable intake were eligible.

#### Secondary outcomes

1. Estimates of absolute costs and cost effectiveness of interventions to increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables reported in identified studies.

2. Any reported adverse effects of an intervention to increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables reported in identified studies. This could include any physical, behavioural, psychological or financial impact on the child, parent or family, or the service or facility where an intervention may have been implemented.

#### Search methods for identification of studies

This review represents the second update of a review first published in 2012 (Wolfenden 2012) and updated in 2017 (Hodder 2017).

#### **Electronic searches**

We searched the following electronic databases on 25 September 2017 to identify any relevant trials added since the last published review (Hodder 2017):

1. Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials

(CENTRAL; 2017, Issue 8) in the Cochrane Library;

2. Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, MEDLINE Daily and MEDLINE (Ovid, 1980 to 25 September 2017);

3. Embase (Ovid, 1980 to 2017 Week 39).

As a living systematic review, we are conducting monthly searches of these databases, for which we have set up auto-alerts to deliver monthly search yields, where possible.

We had previously conducted electronic searches of CINAHL (EBSCO, 1937 to 5 July 2016) (searched 5 July 2016) and PsycINFO (Ovid, 1806 to June week 5 2016) (searched 5 July 2016).

The search strategies are described in Appendix 2. We applied the sensitivity-maximising version of the Cochrane RCT filter ( Lefebvre 2011) to MEDLINE, and adaptations of it to the other databases except for CENTRAL. We imposed no restrictions by date or language of publication.

We will review search methods and strategies approximately yearly, to ensure they reflect any terminology changes in the topic area, or in the databases.

#### Searching other resources

We searched the reference lists of included articles and handsearched all articles published between September 2016 and September 2017 in three relevant international peer-reviewed journals (*Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, Public Health Nutrition*, and *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* (previously titled *Journal of the American Dietetic Association*)).

We are now running monthly trial registry searches of the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (www.who.int/ ictrp/) and ClinicalTrials.gov (www.clinicaltrials.gov), which we last conducted in November 2017. In September 2016 we also searched a third clinical trials register, the metaRegister of clinical trials (www.isrctn.com/page/mrct).

We also searched a database of published dissertations, Proquest Dissertations and Theses, in November 2017, to identify eligible studies.

We contacted the authors of included studies to try to obtain other eligible trials published in peer-reviewed journals, as well as ongoing trials. We describe ongoing studies, where available, detailing the primary author, research question(s), methods and outcome measures (Characteristics of ongoing studies).

As this is a living systematic review, we will continue to handsearch the three journals listed above, the database of published dissertations and 'grey literature' in GoogleScholar manually every six months.

As additional steps to inform the living systematic review, we will contact corresponding authors of ongoing studies as they are identified and ask them to advise when results are available, or to share early or unpublished data. We will contact the corresponding authors of any newly-included studies for advice as to other relevant studies. We will conduct citation tracking of included studies in Web of Science Core Collection on an ongoing basis. For that purpose, we have set up citation alerts in Web of Science Core Collection. We will manually screen the reference lists of any newlyincluded studies and systematic reviews.

We will review search methods and strategies approximately yearly, to ensure they reflect any terminology changes in the topic area, or in the databases.

#### Data collection and analysis

#### Selection of studies

Pairs of review authors (from RH, KO, RW, FS, SY, NN) independently screened titles and abstracts of identified papers. Review authors were not blinded to the details of the study author or journal. Review authors applied a standardised screening tool to assess eligibility. We screened articles against the eligibility criteria of participants (mean age of children more than five years), outcome (primary outcome was not fruit and vegetable intake), comparator (was not a no-intervention, usual care, attention or waitlist control), intervention (did not aim to increase child fruit or vegetable intake) and study type (was not RCT, C-RCT or crossover trial with random allocation to group). Based on the title and abstract, we excluded papers which clearly did not meet the eligibility criteria of the review. Pairs of review authors (from FS, RH, KO, NN, RS, SY) then independently examined the full text of all remaining articles. We documented Information regarding the reason for the ineligibility of any paper for which we reviewed the full text, and present it in the table 'Characteristics of excluded studies'. A third review author with expertise in review methodology (LW) resolved any disagreements between review authors on study eligibility. For those papers which did not provide sufficient information to determine eligibility, we contacted the study authors for clarification.

We will immediately screen any new citations retrieved by the monthly searches. As the first step of monthly screening, we will apply the machine learning classifier (RCT model) (Wallace 2017), available in the Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS-Web) (Cochrane 2017a). The classifier assigns a probability (from 0 to 100) to each citation of being a true RCT. For citations that are assigned a probability score of less than 10, the machine learning classifier currently has a specificity/recall of 99.987% (Wallace 2017). We will screen in duplicate and independently all citations that have been assigned a score from 10 to 100. Cochrane Crowd will screen citations that score 9 or less (Cochrane 2017b) and will return any citations that they deem to be potential RCTs to the review authors for screening.

#### Data extraction and management

Pairs of review authors (from EJ, RW, RH, KB, KO, ER, TCM, RS) independently extracted data from each included trial. Review authors were not blinded to the details of the study author or journal. We recorded data on data extraction forms designed and piloted specifically for this review. Consultation with a third review author with expertise in review methodology (LW) resolved discrepancies between review authors about data extraction. We tried to contact authors of included papers in instances where the information required for data extraction was not available from the published report, or was unclear. One review author entered extracted data into the systematic review software Review Manager

5 (RevMan) (RH) and another review author checked it (KO). Where available, we extracted the following information from included trials:

1. Information on the study, research design and methods, such as the study authors; date of publication; date of study initiation; study duration; setting; number of participants; participants' age, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic position;

2. Information on the experimental conditions of the trial, such as the number of experimental conditions; intervention and comparator components; duration; number of contacts; modalities; interventionist; and integrity;

3. Information on the trial outcomes and results, such as rates of recruitment and attrition; sample size; number of participants per experimental condition; mean and standard deviation of the primary or secondary outcomes described above; any subgroup analyses by gender, population group or intervention characteristics; and analyses (including whether studies appropriately adjusted for clustering).

## Assessment of risk of bias in included studies

Three review authors (FS, FT, TCM) independently assessed the risks of bias in the included studies. We consulted a fourth review author (RH) with expertise in review methodology to resolve any disagreements between review authors. Review authors used the tool outlined in the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* (Higgins 2011) to assess the risks of bias. The tool requires an explicit judgement by the review authors, based on trial information, about the risks of bias attributable to the generation of the random sequence, the allocation concealment, the blinding of participants, personnel and outcome assessors, the completeness of outcome data, selective reporting, and any other potential threats to validity. We also judged recruitment bias, baseline imbalance, loss of clusters and incorrect analysis for C-RCTs. Judgements on the risks of bias for each trial are recorded in the 'Risk of bias' tables accompanying the review.

#### Measures of treatment effect

Where meta-analyses were performed, we expressed the intervention effect as a mean difference (MD) where outcomes were reported using a standard metric (such as grams), and as a standardised mean difference (SMD) where outcomes were reported using different methods or metrics of fruit and vegetable intake (such as grams, grams per kilogram of body weight, and serves per day).

#### Unit of analysis issues

We assessed cluster-randomised trials in the review for unit-ofanalysis errors. Where cluster-randomised studies did not account for clustering, we contacted study authors to provide intra-class correlation coefficients (ICCs) to allow calculation of design effects and effective sample sizes to enable individual-level pooling. Where ICCs were not available, we estimated a mean ICC from reported ICCs of included studies, and used it to calculate effective sample sizes.

#### Dealing with missing data

Where available, we reported outcomes of trials using an intention-to-treat analysis. If studies did not report intention-to-treat analyses, we reported as-treated analysis of trial outcomes. We explored the impact of including as-treated trial outcomes in metaanalysis for studies with a high rate of attrition (more than 20% for short-term outcomes) in sensitivity analyses (see below Sensitivity analysis). We contacted study authors to obtain any missing data (e.g. standard deviations).

#### Assessment of heterogeneity

We assessed statistical heterogeneity by visual inspection of forest plots of the included trials, and calculation of the I<sup>2</sup> statistic where we were able to pool data from included trials (Higgins 2003). Due to the similarity in trial characteristics (e.g. type of participants, intervention or outcomes), we could not conduct subgroup analyses by trial characteristics to identify the source of substantial heterogeneity (defined as I<sup>2</sup> greater than 50%).

#### Assessment of reporting biases

We checked for reporting bias by visual inspection of the funnel plots.

#### Data synthesis

We assessed trial outcomes using a variety of dietary assessment tools and reported in various metrics, including vitamin C from fruit, fruit or vegetable serves, and grams of fruit and/or vegetable consumption. We calculated standardised mean differences (SMDs; to account for variable outcome measures) for each comparison, using the generic inverse variance method in a fixed-effect meta-analysis model (where there was no or low statistical heterogeneity in the primary analysis) or a random-effects metaanalysis model (where there was unexplained heterogeneity in the primary analysis), using the RevMan software. We selected postintervention values over change-from-baseline data for inclusion in meta-analysis, to reduce the risk of selective reporting and to maximise the number of studies that could be pooled.

We synthesised studies that provided data suitable for pooling in meta-analyses grouped by intervention type (infant feeding, parent nutrition education, and multicomponent interventions). When studies reported multiple fruit or vegetable outcomes, we selected the stated primary trial outcome for inclusion in our meta-analyses, or if a primary outcome was not stated we selected the first reported outcome for inclusion. For studies which reported multiple followup points, we extracted data from the longest follow-up period for inclusion in meta-analyses.

We selected reported study estimates that adjusted for potential confounding variables for inclusion in meta-analysis over reported estimates that did not adjust for potential confounding variables. Similarly, for C-RCTs that reported study estimates that were unadjusted and adjusted for clustering, we preferred estimates that adjusted for clustering for inclusion in meta-analyses. For C-RCTs that did not report post-intervention study estimates (and a relevant measure of variance) that accounted for clustering, we calculated a design effect and effective sample size using study data (number of clusters, number of participants analysed) and a reported ICC from one of the included studies (vegetable intake: ICC 0.014, fruit intake: ICC 0.016; De Bock 2012). For such C-RCTs (De Coen 2012; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Nicklas 2017; O'Connell 2012; Roset-Salla 2016; Verbestel 2014; Williams 2014), we entered the reported post-intervention outcome data (e.g. mean and standard deviation) and author-calculated effective sample sizes into Revman to calculate individual-level adjusted study estimates to enable inclusion in meta-analyses. We tried to pool studies separately that compared two or more alternative interventions.

For cross-over trials, we tried to synthesise results separately from parallel RCTs, by pooling results from paired analyses that adjust for within-individual comparisons. If such data were not available, we combined results by pooling data from the first cross-over period (i.e. essentially a parallel RCT) with parallel RCTs.

In all instances where we could not combine data in a meta-analysis, we have provided a narrative summary of the trial findings according to the review objectives.

Whenever we find new evidence (i.e. studies, data or information) meeting the review inclusion criteria, we will extract the data, assess risks of bias and incorporate it into the synthesis every three months, as appropriate.

We will incorporate any new study data into existing meta-analyses using the standard approaches outlined in the Data synthesis section.

We will not adjust the meta-analyses to account for multiple testing, given that the methods related to frequent updating of metaanalyses are under development (Simmonds (in press)).

#### Summary of Findings table and GRADE

We created 'Summary of findings' tables using the following outcomes:

1. Child fruit and vegetable intake. This could include changes in the number of portions or serves or grams of daily fruit or vegetable or both at follow-up, as measured by diet recalls, food diaries, food frequency questionnaires or diet records completed by an adult on behalf of the child; or changes in biomedical markers of consumption of fruit or vegetables or both, such as  $\alpha$ carotene,  $\beta$ -carotene, cryptoxanthin, lycopene and lutein.

2. Estimates of absolute costs and cost effectiveness of interventions to increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables reported in the included studies;

3. Any reported adverse events of an intervention to increase the consumption of fruit and vegetables reported in the included studies. This could include any physical, behavioural,

psychological or financial impact on the child, parent or family, or the service or facility where an intervention may have been implemented.

We have produced four 'Summary of findings' tables, one for each of the following comparisons:

1. Child-feeding interventions compared to no-intervention control;

2. Parent nutrition education interventions compared to nointervention control;

3. Multicomponent interventions compared to no-

intervention control;

4. Child nutrition education interventions compared to nointervention control.

We used the five GRADE considerations (study limitations, consistency of effect, imprecision, indirectness and publication bias) to assess the quality of a body of evidence as it relates to the studies which contribute data to the meta-analyses for the prespecified outcomes. We used methods and recommendations described in Section 8.5 and Chapter 12 of the *Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Interventions* (Higgins 2011), using GRADEpro software (gradepro.org/). We justified all decisions to downgrade the quality of studies using footnotes, and made comments to aid the reader's understanding of the review where necessary. For each comparison where we had calculated a SMD, we re-expressed it based on the instrument used in the lowest risk of bias in that comparison (e.g. grams of vegetable intake or serves of vegetables a day), by multiplying the post-intervention standard deviation of the control group by the pooled SMD.

Two review authors (RH and NN), working independently, judged the quality of the evidence, with disagreements resolved by discussion or by involving a third review author (LW). We justified, documented and incorporated the judgements into the reporting of results for each outcome.

We extracted study data, formatted our comparisons in data tables and prepared a 'Summary of findings' table before writing the results and conclusions of our review.

#### Subgroup analysis and investigation of heterogeneity

Where possible, we conducted subgroup analyses of interventions for the following subgroups, which we had planned a priori:

- 1. Interventions targeting boys and girls (not conducted);
- 2. Interventions targeting minority groups including

indigenous populations (not conducted, described narratively);3. Interventions delivered in various settings including health

and children's services (conducted where possible for some comparisons and settings);

4. Interventions of varying intensities, defined in terms of the number and duration of intervention contacts or components (not conducted);

5. Interventions delivered in different modes, such as by telephone, the Internet or face-to-face (conducted for some comparisons and modalities, otherwise described narratively).

### Sensitivity analysis

Where possible, we conducted sensitivity analyses to explore the impact on the overall assessment of treatment effects:

- 1. Excluding studies at high risk of bias (defined a priori);
- 2. Excluding studies not reporting an intention-to-treat

analysis, with high rates of participant attrition defined as greater than 20% (defined a priori);

3. Excluding studies that did not have a primary outcome of child fruit and vegetable consumption (post hoc).

For the sensitivity analysis excluding studies that did not have a primary outcome of child fruit and vegetable consumption, we considered studies to have a primary outcome of children's fruit and vegetable intake even when this was not explicitly stated if: children's fruit and vegetable intake was the only reported outcome, a sample size calculation for children's fruit and vegetable intake was reported, or children's fruit and vegetable intake was the first reported outcome.

#### Other

We will review our scope and methods if appropriate in the light of potential changes in the topic area, or the evidence being included in the review (e.g. additional comparisons, interventions or outcomes, or new review methods available).

We are piloting this review as a living systematic review up until March 2018.

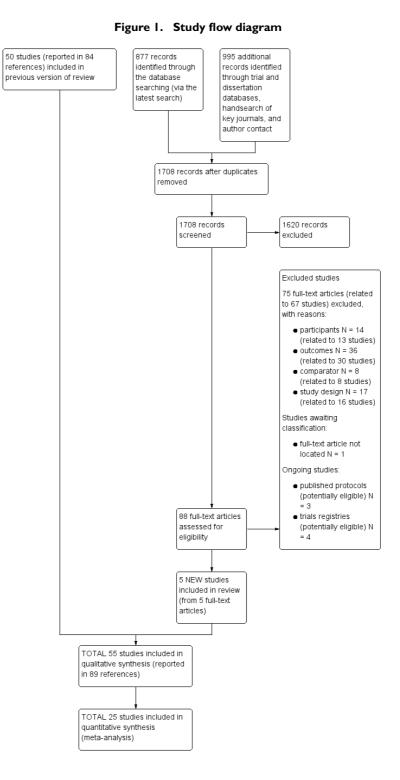
## RESULTS

#### **Description of studies**

See: Characteristics of included studies; Characteristics of excluded studies; Characteristics of ongoing studies.

#### **Results of the search**

We ran searches for the previous reviews (Wolfenden 2012; Hodder 2017) and this review update, which together generated 24,661 citations (22,953 previous reviews; 1708 this review update). Screening of titles and abstracts for the review update identified 88 records (646 in total, including 558 from the previous reviews) for formal inclusion or exclusion (See Figure 1). Of these, 55 trials (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Blissett 2016; Campbell 2013; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; Cravener 2015; Daniels 2014; De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; de Wild 2017; Duncanson 2013; Fildes 2014; Fildes 2015; Fisher 2012; Haire-Joshu 2008; Harnack 2012; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Hunsaker 2017; Keller 2012; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Mennella 2008; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Roset-Salla 2016; Savage 2012; Skouteris 2015; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Staiano 2016; Sullivan 1994; Tabak 2012; Vazir 2013; Verbestel 2014; Vereecken 2009; Wardle 2003a; Watt 2009; Williams 2014; Witt 2012; Wyse 2012) met the inclusion criteria. We contacted authors of the included trials for any missing outcome data, to permit meta-analysis.



#### **Included studies**

There were 154 trial arms and 11,108 participants randomised across the 55 included trials. We give full details of the trials in the Characteristics of included studies table. Twenty-four trials were undertaken in the USA, eight in the UK, seven in the Netherlands, five in Australia, three in Belgium, and one each in Turkey, Germany, Denmark, Mexico, France, Spain and India, and one study that was undertaken in the UK, Greece and Portugal. Twentyseven of the included studies were RCTs, of which 14 compared an intervention to a no-treatment control group; 19 were C-RCTs, of which 15 compared an intervention to a no-treatment control group; and nine were cross-over trials. The unit of randomisation in C-RCTs included childcare centres or preschools (n = 12), parent groups (n = 2), preschool classrooms (n = 1), primary schools (n = 1), primary school classrooms (n = 1), primary care clinics (n = 1)= 1) and villages (n = 1). Twenty-seven trials were conducted in a preschool or school setting; 14 in a home setting; five in a health setting (e.g. primary care); three in a home and laboratory setting; two in a laboratory setting; two in a preschool and home setting; and two in a home and health setting. Included studies examined the impact of various types of interventions to increase child fruit and vegetable consumption. Fifty-two of the included studies assessed intake of vegetables, and 27 assessed intake of fruit. Various objective and subjective measures were used to assess fruit and vegetable intake, such as ad libitum intake and mean daily intake as reported by parents. Information on the reliability and validity of selected fruit and vegetable intake outcome measures in children were reported by 10 studies. Post-intervention follow-up periods ranged from immediate to 31/2 years. Of the 55 included studies, 12 did not report whether funding support was received to undertake the trial, one study reported no funding support (Baskale 2011), and the remaining 42 studies reported a source of funding. Funding support for such studies were governmental or charitable, with the exception of three studies that reported receiving funding from food industry sources (Fisher 2012; Sullivan 1994; Tabak 2012).

Thirty-three trials tested the impact of specific feeding-practice interventions (e.g. repeated exposure) in increasing children's intake of fruits or vegetables (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; Cravener 2015; Daniels 2014; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2014; Fildes 2015; Fisher 2012; Harnack 2012; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Keller 2012; Mennella 2008; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Savage 2012; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Staiano 2016; Sullivan 1994; Wardle 2003a). Of the trials testing the impact of specific feedingpractice interventions, 21 compared the effectiveness of two or more interventions and 12 trials compared one or more interventions with a no-treatment control group; nine of these were crossover trials.

Thirteen trials examined the effect of repeated exposure compared to alternative interventions, of which five compared the effect of a repeated exposure intervention to one or more alternative interventions (including associative conditioning, flavourflavour learning, flavour-nutrient learning, choice of vegetable versus no choice) (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Caton 2013; Hausner 2012; Remy 2013), one compared the effect of repeated exposure choice offering of vegetable to no choice (de Wild 2015a), one study compared the effect of repeated exposures and variety (Mennella 2008) and one study compared the effect of repeated exposure to a target vegetable using different preparation methods compared to a control vegetable (de Wild 2017). The other five trials examined the effect of a repeated exposure intervention compared to no-treatment control, of which one trial each examined the effect of repeated exposure alone (O'Connell 2012), taste exposure plus rewards (Fildes 2014), exposure plus social reward and exposure plus tangible reward (Remington 2012), exposure and nutrition information (Wardle 2003a), and exposure plus tangible reward, exposure plus social reward and exposure alone (Cooke 2011).

Two trials examined the effect of flavour nutrient learning, of which one trial compared the effects of low-energy vegetable soup versus high-energy vegetable soup (de Wild 2013), and the other trial compared incorporation of vegetable puree into meals at three different levels of energy density (Spill 2011a).

Four trials examined the effect of parent feeding interventions. One trial compared the effects of advice to the parent about introducing vegetables to no-treatment control (Fildes 2015), one trial compared the effects of an early feeding intervention targeting complementary feeding practices to a no-treatment control (Daniels 2014), one trial compared the effects of early and repeated exposure to vegetables during complementary feeding to a no-treatment control (Hetherington 2015), and the other trial compared parent prompting and modelling, parent prompting alone and modelling alone (Blissett 2016).

Five trials examined the effect of pairing fruit and vegetables with positive stimuli. One trial compared pairing vegetables with stimuli such as stickers and cartoon packaging to a no-treatment control (Cravener 2015), one trial compared pairing fruit and vegetables with character branding to a no-treatment control (Keller 2012), one trial compared pairing of vegetable with a modelling DVD to a non-food DVD and a no-DVD control group (Staiano 2016), one trial compared the effect of pairing passive and interactive story-telling (about a character that eats carrots) featuring either a product-congruent (a rabbit) or product-incongruent (a turtle) character across four experimental groups compared to a

control group (de Droog 2014), and the fifth trial compared the effects of passive and interactive story-telling (about a rabbit that eats carrots) with or without the use of a hand puppet (de Droog 2017).

Three trials examined the effect of pairing target vegetables with liked foods (Correia 2014; de Wild 2015b; Fisher 2012). Two trials examined the effect of varying serving sizes (Savage 2012; Spill 2011b). One trial examined the effects of dietary experience (salted or unsalted vegetables) (Sullivan 1994). The remaining three trials examined the effect of different serving methods; one trial compared serving fruit and vegetables first before other menu items to a specific plate of prepared food (Harnack 2012), one trial compared three different portion sizes of vegetables served at the beginning of a meal to a control meal (Spill 2010), and the third trial of eight arms compared the impact of a single type of vegetable, a variety of vegetables, a single type of fruit, and a variety of fruits on consumption (Roe 2013).

Thirteen studies tested the impact of parent nutrition education interventions in increasing children's intake of fruit or vegetables (Black 2011; Campbell 2013; Duncanson 2013; Haire-Joshu 2008; Hunsaker 2017; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Roset-Salla 2016; Skouteris 2015; Tabak 2012; Vazir 2013; Verbestel 2014; Watt 2009; Wyse 2012). Four trials were conducted in a health setting: one trial compared a parenting practices intervention to a maternal diet and physical activity intervention to control (Black 2011), one trial compared a dietitian-delivered intervention in a first-time parents' group regarding infant feeding, physical activity and sedentary behaviours to control (Campbell 2013), one trial compared a six-week parent intervention on obesity awareness and prevention to control (Martinez-Andrade 2014), and the fourth trial compared a multistrategy parent intervention including health snack exposure to control (Skouteris 2015). Five trials were conducted within a home setting: one trial compared the provision of an interactive nutrition education CD and parenting DVD to parents to wait-list control (Duncanson 2013), one trial compared a parent intervention inclusive of a tailored newsletter, home visits and materials to usual care (Haire-Joshu 2008), one trial compared a dietitian-delivered parent intervention on vegetable availability, picky eating, modelling and family meals to control (Tabak 2012); one trial compared a parent health report on fruit and vegetable consumption compared to control (Hunsaker 2017) and the fifth compared a parent intervention on infant-feeding practices to usual care (Watt 2009). Three trials were conducted in a preschool setting; one trial compared a parent education intervention on dietary knowledge and changing habits to control (Roset-Salla 2016), one trial compared a parent intervention including a poster with guidelines and tips, and tailored feedback about child dietary behaviours versus control (Verbestel 2014), and the third trial compared a parent intervention including a resource kit and telephone calls to improve parent knowledge and skills about the home food environment versus control (Wyse 2012). One trial conducted in both a home and health setting compared a parent complementary feeding intervention to parent complementary feeding and home visit intervention to control (Vazir 2013).

Eight studies tested the impact of multicomponent interventions (e.g. teacher and parent education, preschool policy changes) in increasing children's intake of fruit or vegetables (De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017; Vereecken 2009; Williams 2014; Witt 2012). Four trials were conducted in a preschool setting; one trial compared an intervention combining familiarisation, preparation and cooking of meals with children, teachers and parents and parent education regarding modelling and nutrition needs of children to control (De Bock 2012); one trial compared a garden-based intervention and curriculum materials about targeted fruits or vegetables to control (Namenek Brouwer 2013); one trial compared a teacher curriculum, parent curriculum, and preschool policy intervention to control (Natale 2014a); and the fourth trial compared a nutrition education targeting children, parents and preschool staff to control (Williams 2014). Two trials were conducted in a school setting; one trial compared a community, school and parent intervention for nutrition and physical activity health targets to control (De Coen 2012); and the other trial compared a preschool environment, child, parent and teacher intervention to control (Vereecken 2009). One trial, conducted in both a school and a home setting, compared an interactive education intervention about physical activity and healthful eating inclusive of teacher guides and parent newsletters to control (Witt 2012). An additional trial, conducted in both a preschool and a home setting, compared a motivational theatre intervention which included the screening of four DVDs of a puppet show aimed at persuading children to increase vegetable consumption, and provision of resources to parents including ingredients for a vegetable snack, to a no-intervention control (Nicklas 2017).

One study tested the impact of an intervention involving the delivery of nutrition education to children within nursery classrooms in increasing child fruit and vegetable intake (Baskale 2011).

#### **Excluded studies**

Following an assessment of study titles and abstracts for the update, we sought the full texts of 88 records for further review for study eligibility (646 in total, when combined with 558 from previous reviews) (Figure 1). We were able to locate the full texts of 83 articles (618 in total, when combined with 535 from previous reviews). We considered 75 records from 67 studies (516 records from 444 studies in total) to be ineligible in this review update following the trial screening process (reasons for exclusion of records included participants n = 14; outcomes n = 36; comparator n = 8; study design n = 17). See Characteristics of excluded studies for further details.

Studies awaiting classification

We could not determine the eligibility of one trial (two in total when combined with previous reviews), as no full text was available. See Characteristics of studies awaiting classification.

#### **Ongoing studies**

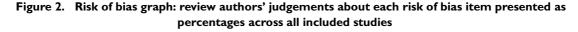
We identified eight ongoing trials with a published protocol (Characteristics of ongoing studies), for which neither published nor unpublished data were available (five from the previous reviews and three new ongoing trials). These include a C-RCT (Belanger 2016) testing the effect of a multicomponent intervention involving community partnerships and healthy eating training for staff in early childcare centres compared to a no-intervention control; a RCT (Horodynski 2011) testing the effect of a child-feeding intervention focused on maternal self-efficacy during feeding and appropriate feeding styles compared to usual care; a C-RCT (Østbye 2015) testing the effect of a multicomponent home and childcare intervention compared to a no-intervention control; a RCT (Sobko 2016) testing the effect of a multicomponent healthy lifestyle programme delivered to parent-child dyads compared to a wait list or a no-intervention control; a RCT(Watt 2014) testing the effect of a multicomponent intervention involving parents and childcare staff compared to a no-intervention control; a RCT (Helle 2017) testing the effect of a eHealth intervention delivered to parents to promote healthy food habits to a no-intervention

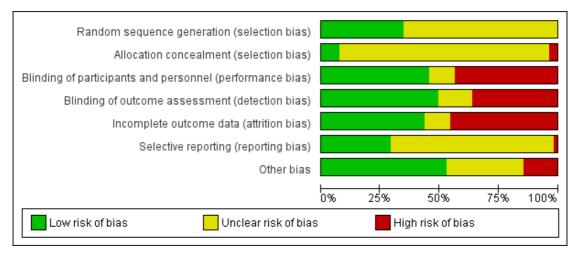
control; a C-RCT (Kobel 2017) testing the effect of a kindergarten-based healthy lifestyle intervention delivered to parents and children to a no-intervention control; and a RCT (Seguin 2017) testing the effect of a community-based and cost-offset community-supported agricultural intervention to a no-intervention control.

We identified a further four new ongoing trials in trials registries, however no published protocol, nor published or unpublished data were available (Characteristics of ongoing studies). These include a RCT testing the effect of a repeated-exposure intervention to an infant feeding-schedule intervention to a repeated-exposure and infant-feeding intervention to attention-control (NTR6572); a C-RCT testing the effect of a taste-exposure intervention to a nutritional-education intervention to a nointervention control (NCT03003923); a RCT testing the effect of a parental-cooking intervention to a no-intervention control (ISRCTN45864056); and a C-RCT testing the effect of a warm lunch with a variety of vegetables to a sensory lesson, meal practice and feeding-style intervention to a no-intervention control (ISRCTN98064772).

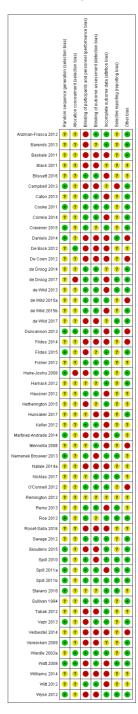
#### **Risk of bias in included studies**

None of the 55 included studies were at low risk in all risk-of-bias domains (Figure 2; Figure 3).





# Figure 3. Risk of bias summary: review authors' judgements about each risk of bias item for each included study



#### **Random sequence generation**

We rated 19 of the 55 studies at low risk of bias for random sequence generation, with all random-number sequences created using various computer-based software (Campbell 2013; Cooke 2011; Cravener 2015; Daniels 2014; Duncanson 2013; Fildes 2015; Haire-Joshu 2008; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Roe 2013; Skouteris 2015; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Staiano 2016; Vazir 2013; Vereecken 2009; Watt 2009; Wyse 2012). The method of sequence generation in the remaining 36 studies was unclear (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Correia 2014; De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2014; Fisher 2012; Harnack 2012; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Hunsaker 2017; Keller 2012; Mennella 2008; Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Remy 2013; Roset-Salla 2016; Savage 2012; Sullivan 1994; Tabak 2012; Verbestel 2014; Wardle 2003a; Williams 2014; Witt 2012).

#### Allocation

Only four of the 55 studies reported that participant allocation to the experimental group was concealed from those conducting the research (De Bock 2012; Duncanson 2013; Wardle 2003a; Watt 2009). We judged two studies to have a high risk of selection bias; in one study (de Droog 2017) those responsible for delivering the intervention conducted the allocation and in the other study ( Haire-Joshu 2008), as educators were aware of site allocation when they were enrolling participants to the trial. The remaining 49 studies had an unclear risk of selection bias (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Blissett 2016; Campbell 2013; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; Cravener 2015; Daniels 2014; De Coen 2012; de Droog 2014; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2014; Fildes 2015; Fisher 2012; Harnack 2012; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Hunsaker 2017; Keller 2012; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Mennella 2008; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Roset-Salla 2016; Savage 2012; Skouteris 2015; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Staiano 2016; Sullivan 1994; Tabak 2012; Vazir 2013; Verbestel 2014; Vereecken 2009; Williams 2014; Witt 2012; Wyse 2012).

## Blinding

Performance bias

In 24 of the studies, we judged the potential for trial outcomes to be influenced by participants or personnel delivering the intervention to be high, due to the lack of blinding and the method used for outcome assessment (e.g. self-report) (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Campbell 2013; Daniels 2014; De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2014; Fildes 2015; Haire-Joshu 2008; Hetherington 2015; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Natale 2014a; Roset-Salla 2016; Skouteris 2015; Tabak 2012; Vazir 2013; Verbestel 2014; Vereecken 2009; Watt 2009; Williams 2014; Wyse 2012). We rated 25 studies at low risk of performance bias, due to blinding or the use of objective outcome assessments, which were unlikely to be influenced by awareness of group allocation (e.g. weighing food on electronic scales) (Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; Cravener 2015; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; Duncanson 2013; Fisher 2012; Hausner 2012; Keller 2012; Namenek Brouwer 2013; O'Connell 2012; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Savage 2012; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Sullivan 1994; Wardle 2003a; Witt 2012). For the six remaining studies the risk of performance bias was unclear (Harnack 2012; Hunsaker 2017; Mennella 2008; Nicklas 2017; Remington 2012; Staiano 2016).

#### **Detection bias**

We rated 20 studies at high risk of detection bias, due to participants or assessors not being blind to group allocation and the use of self-report measures (Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Campbell 2013; Daniels 2014; De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2014; Hunsaker 2017; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Natale 2014a; Roset-Salla 2016; Skouteris 2015; Spill 2010; Tabak 2012; Verbestel 2014; Vereecken 2009; Williams 2014; Wyse 2012). Blinding of assessors, or the objective measurement of child's fruit and vegetable intake, which is unlikely to be impacted by lack of blinding (e.g. the food was weighed or counted), meant that 27 studies had a low risk of detection bias (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; Duncanson 2013; Fisher 2012; Haire-Joshu 2008; Hausner 2012; Keller 2012; Mennella 2008; Nicklas 2017; O'Connell 2012; Remy 2013; Savage 2012; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Sullivan 1994; Vazir 2013; Wardle 2003a; Watt 2009; Witt 2012). The remaining eight studies had an unclear risk of detection bias (Barends 2013; Cravener 2015; Fildes 2015; Harnack 2012; Hetherington 2015; Remington 2012; Roe 2013; Staiano 2016).

#### Incomplete outcome data

Seven studies reported no attrition, and therefore had a very low risk of bias (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Cravener 2015; Nicklas 2017; O'Connell 2012; Savage 2012; Spill 2010; Staiano 2016). A further 17 studies reported a low loss of participants (usually less than 10%) and similar losses across arms for cohort studies, or otherwise used a cross-sectional, pre-post design and were also considered to be at low risk (Barends 2013; Cooke 2011; de Wild 2015a; Fildes 2015; Fisher 2012; Haire-Joshu 2008; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Roe 2013; Skouteris 2015; Spill 2011b; Sullivan 1994; Tabak 2012; Vazir 2013; Wardle 2003a; Wyse 2012). Twenty-five studies had a high risk of bias due to high attrition rates, unequal attrition across experimental arms, or an intention-to-treat analysis not being used (Baskale 2011; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Correia 2014; Daniels 2014; De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015b; Duncanson 2013; Fildes 2014; Hausner 2012; Hunsaker 2017; Keller 2012; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Mennella 2008; Natale 2014a; Remy 2013; Roset-Salla 2016; Spill 2011a; Verbestel 2014; Watt 2009; Williams 2014; Witt 2012). Six studies had an unclear risk of attrition bias (Black 2011; Campbell 2013; de Droog 2014; de Wild 2017; Remington 2012; Vereecken 2009).

#### Selective reporting

Most studies had an unclear risk of selective reporting (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; Cravener 2015; De Bock 2012; De Coen 2012; de Droog 2014; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; Fildes 2014; Fildes 2015; Fisher 2012; Haire-Joshu 2008; Harnack 2012; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Hunsaker 2017; Keller 2012; Mennella 2008; Natale 2014a; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Roset-Salla 2016; Savage 2012; Skouteris 2015; Staiano 2016; Sullivan 1994; Tabak 2012; Vazir 2013; Verbestel 2014; Vereecken 2009; Wardle 2003a; Williams 2014; Witt 2012). We judged one trial (Campbell 2013) to be at high risk of bias due to outcomes referred to in the protocol not being reported. The remaining 15 studies reported all expected outcomes and were rated low risk of bias (Daniels 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2017; Duncanson 2013; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Nicklas 2017; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b Watt 2009; Wyse 2012).

#### Other potential sources of bias

Of the 27 RCTs, fourteen had a low risk of bias (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Caton 2013; Cravener 2015; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2015; Hunsaker 2017; Savage 2012; Skouteris 2015; Sullivan 1994; Wardle 2003a; Watt 2009), eight had an unclear risk of bias (Black 2011; Blissett 2016; Hetherington 2015; Keller 2012; Remington 2012; Remy 2013;

Staiano 2016; Tabak 2012) and five had a high risk of bias (Daniels 2014; de Wild 2015a; Duncanson 2013; Fildes 2014; Mennella 2008) for other potential sources of bias. One trial did not account for clustering in the analysis, even though the trial protocol said clustering would be accounted for (Daniels 2014). Four trials had a high risk of bias, as they reported baseline imbalances between study groups that were not accounted for in the analysis (de Wild 2015a; Duncanson 2013; Fildes 2014; Mennella 2008). Of the 19 C-RCTs, seven had a low risk of bias (Baskale 2011; Campbell 2013; Cooke 2011; Haire-Joshu 2008; Vazir 2013; Vereecken 2009; Wyse 2012), 10 had unclear risk of bias (De Bock 2012; Fisher 2012; Hausner 2012; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017; Roset-Salla 2016; Williams 2014; Witt 2012) and two had high risk of bias (De Coen 2012; Verbestel 2014). Both the latter had high risk of bias due to recruitment bias as communities were randomised first before schools, childcare centres and participants were invited to participate (De Coen 2012; Verbestel 2014). Of the nine crossover trials, eight had a low risk of bias (Correia 2014; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015b; Harnack 2012; Roe 2013; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b), and one study had high risk of bias (O'Connell 2012), due to differences in baseline vegetable consumption that were not adjusted for in the analysis.

#### **Effects of interventions**

See: **Summary of findings for the main comparison** Child feeding interventions compared to no intervention for children aged five years and under; **Summary of findings 2** Parent nutrition education interventions compared to no intervention for children aged five years and under; **Summary of findings 3** Multicomponent interventions compared to no intervention for children aged five years and under; **Summary of findings 4** Child nutrition education interventions compared to no intervention for children aged five years and under; **Summary of findings 4** Child nutrition education interventions compared to no intervention for children aged five years and under

#### Primary outcome. Effectiveness of interventions in increasing the consumption of fruit and/or vegetables

All the included trials reported the impact of the effectiveness of the intervention on a measure of children's fruit or vegetable intake. Variability in the measurement and reporting of intervention effects as change from baseline or final value scores precluded statistical examination of heterogeneity. Nonetheless, examination of the interventions tested, trial settings and study populations suggested that the included trials were heterogeneous and we conducted meta-analyses pooling data from trials where we considered interventions to be similar. Otherwise, we have provided a narrative synthesis of trial findings.

**Child-feeding practice interventions** 

#### Short-term impact (less than 12 months)

The effects of interventions targeting child-feeding practices were mixed. Meta-analysis pooling post-intervention data (follow-up period range: immediate to six months) from trials comparing child-feeding practices to no treatment (Cooke 2011; Cravener 2015; Daniels 2014; Fildes 2014; Fildes 2015; Hetherington 2015; Keller 2012; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Staiano 2016; Wardle 2003a) revealed an overall positive intervention effect on vegetable consumption (SMD 0.38, 95% CI 0.15 to 0.61; n = 1509; 11 studies; I<sup>2</sup> = 73%; very low-quality evidence; Analysis 1.1), which was equivalent to a mean difference of 4.03 g of vegetables. Results were similar in sensitivity analyses of studies at low risk of bias (SMD 0.23, 95% CI 0.03 to 0.44; n = 487; 5 studies;  $I^2 = 14\%$ ; Analysis 1.2), of studies with a primary aim of child fruit or vegetable consumption (SMD 0.47, 95% CI 0.19 to 0.76; n = 1228; 9 studies;  $I^2 = 76\%$ ; Analysis 1.3), and of studies with no or low attrition and studies with high attrition that undertook intention-to-treat analyses (SMD 0.29, 95% CI 0.10 to 0.48; n = 757; 8 studies; I<sup>2</sup> = 27%; Analysis 1.4).

One study that compared one or more child-feeding practice interventions to a no-treatment control did not report sufficient data to enable pooling. Harnack 2012 reported a significant increase in intake of fruit compared to a control group for an intervention where fruit and vegetables were served prior to a meal.

Twenty-one trials compared the effectiveness of two or more child-feeding interventions that could not be synthesised in meta-analyses due to variability in the compared interventions (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Correia 2014; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; de Wild 2017; Fisher 2012; Hausner 2012; Mennella 2008; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Savage 2012; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Sullivan 1994). The interventions compared in these trials varied greatly; seven of the 21 trials reported evidence of an increase in fruit or vegetable consumption for one intervention compared to another (de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; Roe 2013; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b).

#### Long-term impact (12 months or longer)

One study testing the effect of a child-feeding practice intervention reported a long-term effect 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> years after a complementary feeding intervention compared to usual care. There was no longterm effect of the intervention on either fruit or vegetable intake as measured by 24-hour recall (Daniels 2014).

#### Parent nutrition education interventions

#### Short-term impact (less than 12 months)

Interventions targeting parent nutrition education were generally not effective. Meta-analysis pooling post-intervention data

(follow-up period range: immediate to six months) from trials comparing parent nutrition education interventions to no treatment (Campbell 2013; Duncanson 2013; Haire-Joshu 2008; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Roset-Salla 2016; Skouteris 2015; Tabak 2012; Verbestel 2014; Watt 2009; Wyse 2012) revealed no overall effect on child consumption of fruit and vegetables (SMD 0.11, 95% CI -0.05 to 0.28; n = 3023; 10 studies;  $I^2 = 72\%$ ; very lowquality evidence; Analysis 2.1). Results were similar in sensitivity analyses of studies with a primary aim of children's fruit or vegetable consumption (SMD 0.03, 95% CI -0.10 to 0.15; n = 2737; 7 studies;  $I^2 = 52\%$ ; Analysis 2.2), and of studies with no or low attrition and studies with high attrition that undertook intentionto-treat analyses (SMD 0.11, 95% CI -0.02 to 0.24; n = 2463; 6 studies;  $I^2 = 48\%$ ; Analysis 2.3). We did not conduct sensitivity analyses by risk of bias, as we judged all studies to be at high risk of bias in at least one domain.

We were unable to pool three trials in the meta-analysis. Black 2011 found an intervention targeting parent responsivity and behaviour management to be effective in increasing total fruit intake compared to control. Hunsaker 2017 found a parent health report on fruit and vegetable consumption to be effective in increasing total vegetable intake (but not fruit intake) compared to control. Vazir 2013 reported both the parent complementary-feeding intervention and a parent complementary-feeding and home-visit intervention to be effective in increasing both fruit and vegetable intake compared to control.

#### Long-term impact (12 months or longer)

Four studies reported the long-term impact of a parent nutrition education intervention (Duncanson 2013; Skouteris 2015; Watt 2009; Wyse 2012). Of these, only one trial reported a significant long-term effect on children's fruit and vegetable consumption (Watt 2009). The trial examining the impact of a parent intervention targeting infant-feeding practice found a short-term effect at nine months and long-term effect at 15-month follow-up on fruit and vegetable consumption compared to usual care (Watt 2009). The other three trials reporting long-term impacts of parent interventions either reported a short-term effect that was not sustained at long-term follow-up (Skouteris 2015; Wyse 2012), or no effect at either short- or long-term follow-up on children's fruit or vegetable consumption (Duncanson 2013).

#### **Multicomponent interventions**

#### Short-term impact (less than 12 months)

The effects of multicomponent interventions were mixed. Metaanalysis pooling post-intervention data (follow-up period range: immediate to one month) from multicomponent intervention trials (De Coen 2012; Namenek Brouwer 2013; Nicklas 2017; Williams 2014) revealed no overall effect on child consumption

of fruit and vegetables (SMD 0.28, 95% CI -0.06 to 0.63; n = 1861; 4 studies;  $I^2 = 79\%$ ; very low-quality evidence; Analysis 3.1). Results were similar in sensitivity analyses of three studies with a primary aim of children's fruit or vegetable consumption (SMD 0.38, 95% CI -0.20 to 0.95; n = 1167; 3 studies;  $I^2$  = 86%; Analysis 3.2). There was, however, a positive overall effect on child consumption of fruit and vegetables sensitivity analysis of studies with no or low attrition or high attrition that undertook intention-to-treat analyses (SMD 0.70, 95% CI 0.39 to 1.01; n = 265; 2 studies;  $I^2 = 0\%$ ; Analysis 3.3). We did not conduct a sensitivity analysis to examine the impact of high risk of bias, as all but one study had a high risk of bias in at least one domain. Four studies could not be pooled in meta-analysis, due to insufficient data (De Bock 2012; Natale 2014a; Vereecken 2009; Witt 2012). Three trials (De Bock 2012; Natale 2014a; Witt 2012) reported significant effects of the interventions tested on both fruit and vegetable consumption, and one trial reported significant effects of the intervention on fruit but not vegetable consumption (Vereecken 2009).

#### Long-term impact (12 months or longer)

No trials testing the multicomponent interventions reported longterm impact.

#### **Child nutrition education interventions**

#### Short-term impact (less than 12 months)

The one study that tested the effect of a nutrition education intervention targeting children (Baskale 2011) reported an increase in some of the fruits and vegetables assessed in the intervention group and no significant differences in the control group, but did not report analyses comparing treatment groups (low-quality evidence).

#### Long-term impact (12 months or longer)

The one study that tested the effect of a nutrition education intervention did not report long-term impact.

#### Subgroup analyses

#### Interventions targeting boys and girls

All the included studies in this review covered both boys and girls. The impact of intervention on gender subgroups was not reported in any of the included trials, so subgroup analyses on this basis was not possible.

# Interventions targeting minority groups and indigenous populations

Subgroup analysis of trials that targeted minority groups and indigenous populations was not possible, due to the limited number of included studies for each comparison; we therefore present them narratively. Seven of the 55 included trials examined the impact of interventions on predominantly disadvantaged populations (Black 2011; Cooke 2011; de Droog 2017; Haire-Joshu 2008; Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017; Watt 2009). One trial recruited participants through schools where the proportion of children who had English as a second language, came from minority ethnic backgrounds or were eligible for free school meals was above average (Cooke 2011). The study demonstrated that repeated food exposure coupled with reward significantly increased the consumption of a target vegetable. One trial recruited participants predominantly from low socioeconomic status households (de Droog 2017). The study found an interactive-reading intervention to significantly increase the consumption of a target vegetable. Three trials of parent interventions recruited participants from disadvantaged communities including underserved families, single or minority parent homes, those living in poverty or low-income families (Black 2011; Haire-Joshu 2008; Watt 2009). Two trials found no improvement in overall child fruit or vegetable intake based on the primary trial outcome measures (Haire-Joshu 2008; Watt 2009); the other trial found the intervention targeting parent responsivity and behaviour management to be effective in increasing total fruit intake (Black 2011). Two trials of multicomponent interventions recruited participants from subsidised childcare centres (Natale 2014a; Nicklas 2017). One found an intervention targeting teachers, parents and childcare policies to increase both fruit and vegetable consumption (Natale 2014a) and the other found a theatre performance intervention involving both parents and teachers increased vegetable consumption (Nicklas 2017).

#### Interventions delivered in various settings

Subgroup analyses of child-feeding practice interventions by setting revealed an overall positive effect on children's vegetable consumption for those interventions delivered in home settings (SMD 0.56, 95% CI 0.18 to 0.95; n = 474; 4 studies) and in both home and laboratory settings (SMD 0.74, 95% CI 0.09 to 1.39; n = 40; 2 studies), but no overall effect for those interventions delivered in school or preschool settings (SMD 0.18, 95% CI -0.12 to 0.47; n = 341; 3 studies). Subgroup analyses for other settings (including one set in child health clinics, and one in home or health facilities) was not possible due to the limited number of studies for each setting.

Similar to the main analysis, subgroup analyses of parent nutrition education interventions by setting revealed no overall effect for those interventions delivered in a home setting (SMD 0.06, 95% CI -0.16 to 0.27; n = 2047; 5 studies) or a preschool setting (SMD 0.43, 95% CI -0.27 to 1.13; n = 243; 2 studies). Subgroup

analyses for other settings (one each in parenting groups, primary care clinics or community health centres) was not possible, due to the limited number of studies for each setting.

Similar to the main analysis, subgroup analyses of multicomponent interventions by setting revealed no overall effect for those interventions delivered in school or preschool settings (SMD 0.07, 95% CI -0.07 to 0.20; n = 1608; 3 studies). Subgroup analyses for interventions delivered in either a preschool or a home setting were not possible, due to the limited number of studies for each setting.

#### Interventions of varying intensities

We did not conduct subgroup analyses of trials based on interventions of varying intensities, due to the limited information across included studies about the number and duration of intervention contacts or components.

#### Interventions delivered in different modalities

Forty-two of the 55 trials used face-to-face intervention delivery only (Anzman-Frasca 2012; Barends 2013; Baskale 2011; Black 2011; Blissett 2016; Caton 2013; Cooke 2011; Correia 2014; Cravener 2015; Daniels 2014; De Bock 2012; de Droog 2014; de Droog 2017; de Wild 2013; de Wild 2015a; de Wild 2015b; de Wild 2017; Fildes 2014; Fisher 2012; Harnack 2012; Hausner 2012; Hetherington 2015; Keller 2012; Martinez-Andrade 2014; Mennella 2008; Namenek Brouwer 2013; O'Connell 2012; Remington 2012; Remy 2013; Roe 2013; Roset-Salla 2016; Savage 2012; Skouteris 2015; Spill 2010; Spill 2011a; Spill 2011b; Sullivan 1994; Vazir 2013; Verbestel 2014; Wardle 2003a; Watt 2009; Witt 2012), reporting mixed findings. Similar to the overall analyses, subgroup analysis of face-to-face-delivered child-feeding practice interventions versus control revealed an overall positive intervention effect on vegetable consumption (SMD 0.38, 95% CI 0.10 to 0.65; n = 1328; 9 studies; Analysis 1.5).

Face-to-face-delivered parent nutrition education interventions versus control revealed no overall intervention effect on children's fruit and vegetable consumption (SMD 0.12, 95% CI -0.20 to 0.45; n = 826; 5 studies; Analysis 2.4). Face-to-face intervention delivery was used in only one multicomponent intervention (Namenek Brouwer 2013) and the only child nutrition education intervention (Baskale 2011), for which mixed results were reported.

Subgroup analysis for other modalities was not possible due to the limited number of included studies for each comparison. Eight trials used face-to-face in combination with other strategies: computer-tailored newsletters and storybooks (Haire-Joshu 2008); school-based education, training, policy and environment change (Vereecken 2009); visual and written materials (Campbell 2013); educational materials, resources (posters, brochures) and letters (De Coen 2012); a leaflet (Fildes 2015); newsletters and menu modification (Natale 2014a); printed materials and resources (Williams 2014); and DVD (Nicklas 2017). Two trials used audio/visual only: DVDs (Staiano 2016) and DVD and CD (Duncanson 2013). A further two trials used telephone and mail (Tabak 2012; Wyse 2012). One trial used written materials only (Hunsaker 2017). Trials that incorporated other intervention modalities reported mixed findings.

# Secondary outcome I. Cost or cost effectiveness of interventions to increase the consumption of fruit or vegetables or both

Information about intervention costs was reported in one trial (Campbell 2013; very low-quality evidence). The parent nutrition education trial reported the total estimated cost of delivering a parent intervention for infant feeding, physical activity and sedentary behaviours delivered by a dietitian as approximately AUD 500 per family.

# Secondary outcome 2. Adverse effects of interventions to increase the consumption of fruit or vegetables or both

Two trials reported information on any adverse events or unintended adverse consequences of the intervention. One child-feeding intervention trial (Spill 2011a; very low-quality evidence) reported no adverse effects on the amount of the meal consumed following implementation of an intervention involving incorporation of vegetable puree into meals at three different levels of energy density. The other trial, on parent nutrition education, (Wyse 2012; very low-quality evidence) reported no adverse effect on family food expenditure following implementation of a multicomponent intervention delivered over the telephone to improve parental knowledge and skills about the home food environment.

# ADDITIONAL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS [Explanation]

## Parent nutrition education interventions compared to no intervention for children aged 5 years and under

Patient or population: children aged 5 years and under

Setting: various: parenting group (n = 1), home (n = 4), primary care clinic (n = 1), community health centre (n = 1), preschool (n = 2), preschool + home (n = 1)

Intervention: parent nutrition education interventions

Comparison: no intervention

Outcomes			Relative effect (95% Cl)	№ of participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Risk with no interven- tion	Risk with parent nu- trition education inter- ventions				
• •	The mean servings of vegetables per day was 1.6 <sup>1</sup>	•		3023 (10 RCTs)	⊕OOO VERY LOW <sup>2,3,4</sup>	Scores estimated usin a standardised mea difference of 0.11 (-0 05 to 0.28) and a star dard deviation of 1.0 <sup>1</sup> The mean duration of follow-up post inte vention for studies in cluded in the meta-ana ysis was 9.8 weeks 3 trials that reporte mixed results could no be pooled in the meta analysis. One stud found a parent respor sivity and behaviou management interver tion to be effective i increasing total fruit in take compared to cor

rventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five				trol (Black 2011); one study found a par- ent health report on fruit and vegetable con- sumption to be effec- tive in increasing total vegetable intake com- pared to control, but not fruit (Hunsaker 2017) ; and the other study found both a parent complementary feed- ing intervention and a parent complementary feeding and home-visit intervention to be effec- tive in increasing both fruit and vegetable in- take compared to con- trol (Vazir 2013).
re years and u	Information regarding intervention costs was reported in 1 trial (Campbell 2013)	89 1 RCT)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW <sup>5,6,7</sup>	-
years and under (Review)	One trial (Wyse 2012) reported no adverse effect on family food expenditure	43 1 RCT)	⊕○○○ VERY LOW <sup>5,6,8</sup>	

\*The risk in the intervention group (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the assumed risk in the comparison group and the relative effect of the intervention (and its 95% CI).

CI: Confidence interval

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# **GRADE** Working Group grades of evidence

High quality: We are very confident that the true effect lies close to that of the estimate of the effect

Moderate quality: We are moderately confident in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be close to the estimate of the effect, but there is a possibility that it is substantially different

Low quality: Our confidence in the effect estimate is limited: The true effect may be substantially different from the estimate of the effect

Very low quality: We have very little confidence in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be substantially different from the estimate of effect

<sup>1</sup>We used the post-intervention mean and standard deviation of the control group from Skouteris 2015 for the risk with no intervention and to re-express the SMD in terms of servings of vegetables per day.

<sup>2</sup>Downgraded one level for unexplained heterogeneity: Analysis 2.1 (main analysis): I<sup>2</sup> = 72%; Analysis 2.2 (excluding studies

that did not state primary aim):  $l^2 = 52\%$ ; Analysis 2.3 (excluding studies with high attrition and no ITT analysis):  $l^2 = 48\%$ ; Analysis 2.4 (subgroup analysis face-to-face studies):  $l^2 = 78\%$ .

<sup>3</sup>Downgraded one level for risk of bias: most studies were at high risk of bias for lack of blinding, and fewer than half were at low risk of bias for other methodological limitations.

<sup>4</sup>Downgraded one level for imprecision: the confidence intervals contained the null value.

<sup>5</sup>Downgraded one level for risk of bias: study assessed as high risk of bias for number of domains.

<sup>6</sup>Downgraded one level for imprecision: total sample size was < 400.

<sup>7</sup> Downgraded one level for high probability of publication bias: no other studies reported cost effectiveness, so selective reporting suspected.

<sup>8</sup> Downgraded one level for high probability of publication bias: no other studies reported assessing adverse events, so selective reporting suspected.

Comparison: no interve Outcomes	Anticipated absolute ef	fects* (95% CI)	Relative effect (95% CI)	№ of participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments
	Risk with no interven- tion	Risk with multicompo- nent interventions				
	The mean cups of veg- etables per day was 1. 08 <sup>1</sup>		-	1861 (4 RCTs)	⊕oo VERY LOW <sup>2,3,4</sup>	Scores estimated usi a standardised me difference of 0.28 ( 06 to 0.63) and a sta dard deviation of 1.0 The mean duration follow-up post int vention for studies cluded in the meta-an ysis was 1.3 weeks 4 studies could not pooled in meta-ana sis. 3 reported sign cant increases in bo fruit and vegetable co sumption, and 1 sign icantly increased fr but not vegetable co sumption

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Short-term impact (< 12	No studies reported this outcome
months) unintended ad-	
verse events - not re-	
ported	

\*The risk in the intervention group (and its 95% confidence interval) is based on the assumed risk in the comparison group and the relative effect of the intervention (and its 95% CI).

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Very low quality: We have very little confidence in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be substantially different from the estimate of effect

<sup>1</sup>We used the post-intervention mean and standard deviation of the control group from Williams 2014 for the risk with no intervention and to re-express the SMD in terms of cups vegetables per day.

<sup>2</sup>Downgraded one level for unexplained heterogeneity: Analysis 3.1 (main analysis):  $l^2 = 79\%$ ; Analysis 3.2 (excluding studies that did not state primary outcome):  $l^2 = 86\%$ ; Analysis 3.3 (excluding studies with high attrition that did not undertake ITT analysis):  $l^2 = 0\%$ .

<sup>3</sup>Downgraded one level for risk of bias: fewer than half of the included studies were rated at low risk of bias for 2 of 4 criteria. <sup>4</sup>Downgraded one level for imprecision: the confidence intervals contained the null value.

Patient or population: children aged 5 years and under Setting: preschool Intervention: child nutrition education interventions Comparison: no intervention											
Outcomes	Anticipated absolute eff	ects* (95% CI)	Relative effect (95% CI)	№ of participants (studies)	Quality of the evidence (GRADE)	Comments					
	Risk with no interven- tion	th no interven- Risk with child nutri- tion education inter- ventions									
Short-term impact (< 12 months) child fruit and vegetable intake	The mean short-term impact (< 12 months) child vegetable intake frequency score was 4 (a score of 4 corre- sponds to consumption of vegetables 3 - 4 times per week)	MD 0	-	238 (1 RCT)	⊕⊕⊖⊖ LOW <sup>12</sup>	The only study (Baska 2011) reported an in crease in some of the fruits and vegetable assessed in the inter- vention group and re- significant difference in the control group. The duration of for low-up post interven- tion was 8 weeks					
Cost or cost effective- ness - not reported	No studies reported this	outcome	-	-	-	-					
Unintended adverse events - not reported	No studies reported this	outcome	-			-					

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Very low quality: We have very little confidence in the effect estimate: The true effect is likely to be substantially different from the estimate of effect

<sup>1</sup>Downgraded one level for risk of bias: high risk of bias due to lack of blinding and loss to follow-up. <sup>2</sup>Downgraded one level for imprecision: total sample size < 400.

# DISCUSSION

#### Summary of main results

In line with the importance of encouraging fruit and vegetable consumption among children in early childhood, this updated review has identified many new RCTs of interventions investigating this health behaviour. The findings suggest that some types of interventions targeting fruit and vegetable consumption by children aged five and younger are effective. Most of the included studies examined specific child-feeding practices; whilst meta-analysis of 11 of the 30 trials suggested these interventions were effective, collectively the findings for these interventions were equivocal. The second and third most common interventions were parent nutrition education and multicomponent interventions, for which we found no evidence of effect in the short term in meta-analyses. Only one trial assessed the effect of a child nutrition education intervention. Subgroup analyses on the basis of setting and modality were generally consistent with main analyses for child-feeding practices, parent nutrition education and multicomponent interventions. Insufficient evidence was available to determine the long-term effectiveness of all approaches, or the cost effectiveness or any adverse consequences of the interventions tested.

# Overall completeness and applicability of evidence

The review update identified a number of newly published RCTs, in line with efforts globally to increase fruit and vegetable intake (World Health Organization 2003). Such studies predominantly focused on fruit and vegetable consumption determinants such as nutrition knowledge and skills, and food environments. Only one of the included trials in this review reported cost analyses and only two reported any unintended adverse effects. These factors are important considerations for health practitioners and policy makers but are often not reported in randomised trials (Waters 2011) or examined in systematic reviews (Hopewell 2008; Wolfenden 2010b).

Furthermore, the limited number of relevant trials identified for inclusion also prevented thorough examination of the impact of the interventions by gender, indigenous or disadvantaged populations, setting, varying intensity and modality. We found a number of trial protocols (see Characteristics of ongoing studies) which may address some of these gaps in the literature, and are likely to be eligible for inclusion in future updates of the review, including a randomised controlled trial of an eight-lesson in-home intervention in economically and educationally disadvantaged parents of children aged one to three years (Horodynski 2011). The external validity of the review findings are limited. Most of the trials were conducted in the USA, Western Europe or the United Kingdom. Study attrition varied between studies, ranging from 0% to 68%.

#### Quality of the evidence

We used the GRADE approach to assess the quality of the evidence for the primary outcome of fruit and vegetable intake, which was conducted separately for each intervention type. See Summary of findings for the main comparison; Summary of findings 2; Summary of findings 3; Summary of findings 4. The quality of the evidence for fruit and vegetable intake across intervention types varied from very low to low. We rated the quality of evidence for specific infant-feeding interventions as very low, downgraded for unexplained heterogeneity, methodological limitations and a high probability of publication bias (Summary of findings for the main comparison). Methodological limitations related to allocation concealment and selective reporting being at unclear or high risk for most of the trials. A high probability of publication bias related to the relatively few trials being included in the meta-analysis (11 of 30 trials) and inspection of funnels plots (Figure 4). We assessed the quality of evidence for parent nutrition education interventions as very low, downgraded for unexplained heterogeneity, methodological limitations and imprecision (Summary of findings 2; Figure 5). The methodological limitations related to most of the trials being at high risk of bias for lack of blinding, and at unclear or high risk for allocation concealment, loss to follow-up, and selective reporting. Imprecision related to the confidence intervals crossing the null value of zero. We rated the quality of evidence for multicomponent interventions as very low due, downgraded for unexplained heterogeneity, methodological limitations and imprecision (Summary of findings 3; Figure 6). The methodological limitations related to most of the trials being at high risk of bias for lack of blinding, and at unclear or high risk for allocation concealment, loss to follow-up, and selective reporting. Imprecision related to the confidence intervals crossing the null value of zero. Such assessments suggest that the true effect may be substantially different from the intervention effects reported in the review, with future research very likely to change the estimate for specific infant feeding, parent nutrition education and multicomponent interventions. We rated the quality of the evidence for child nutrition interventions for the single included study as low, downgraded for methodological limitations and imprecision (Summary of findings 4). The methodological limitations related to a high risk of bias due to lack of blinding and loss to followup, and imprecision related to a sample size of fewer than 400 participants. Future research is likely to change the estimate for child nutrition interventions.

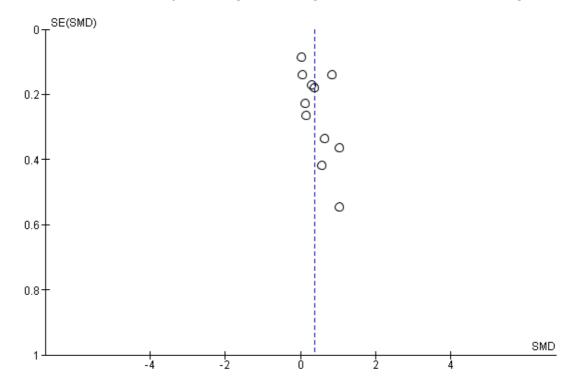
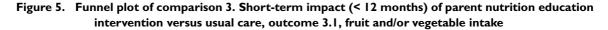


Figure 4. Funnel plot of comparison 1. Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child-feeding intervention versus no intervention on child consumption of target fruit or vegetable, outcome 1.1, fruit and/or vegetable intake



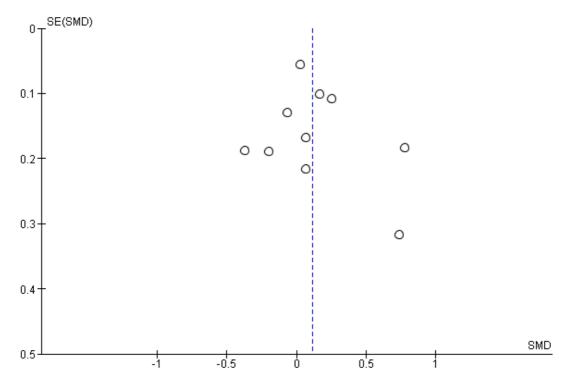
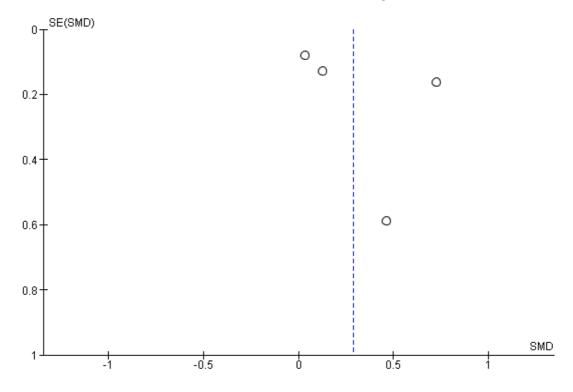


Figure 6. Funnel plot of comparison 4. Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus usual care, outcome 4.1, fruit and/or vegetable intake



#### Potential biases in the review process

The review used a comprehensive and rigorous methodology, including a broad search strategy, the screening of trials and extraction of data by two independent review authors, and the appraisal of risks of bias within the included studies. Furthermore, the review did not restrict publications by language. Three aspects of selection bias, however, are worth noting. First, we excluded trials where fruit and vegetable intake was not considered to be a primary trial outcome, to avoid any potential confounding effects of other behavioural interventions (such as physical activity). This restriction may lead to overestimates of intervention effects if in practice they are delivered in the context of other health initiatives. Secondly, the inclusion of trials that did not explicitly state a primary outcome but did assess fruit or vegetable intake in the review may have biased the results. However sensitivity analyses excluding studies that did not state fruit and vegetable intake as a primary outcome suggested this was limited, as results were similar. Thirdly, the review was restricted to RCTs with trials included in the review tending to focus on interventions targeting fruit and vegetable consumption determinants, such as nutrition knowledge and skills, or the food environment of settings. Other trials targeting fruit and vegetable intake that may be less amenable to evaluation using randomised controlled designs, such as those requiring macro-environmental changes, may have been overlooked.

# Agreements and disagreements with other studies or reviews

The equivocal findings of the infant-feeding interventions, such as repeated food exposure, are similar in part to previous reviews. An early systematic review of healthy eating interventions for children aged under five years (Tedstone 1998), published by the Health Education Authority, concluded that repeated food exposure is effective in enhancing children's willingness to consume novel foods provided tasting was included as a part of the exposure. Enhanced food acceptance following repeated food exposure has also been reported in other reviews and controlled trials (Contento 1995). As Cooke 2011 points out in the Background review of research for their randomised trial, evidence about the use of rewards to encourage children's consumption of targeted foods appears more equivocal. The positive impact of both social and non-tangible rewards reported in Cooke 2011, were however consistent with previous trials in community settings using tangible non-food rewards and social rewards targeting the fruit or vegetable intake of

school-aged children (Hendy 1999). The large number of trials comparing alternative and heterogenous infant-feeding practice interventions are difficult to interpret, given that they did not include a no-treatment control group, and few reported one intervention to be more effective than another.

The largely null findings of this review for the impact of parent interventions are consistent with those reported in previous reviews of dietary interventions. For example, a comprehensive review of the impact of home-visiting programmes delivered to parents concluded that there was little evidence to recommend such interventions as means of improving children's diet, given the mixed findings of the reviewed studies (Elkan 2000). Among the trials with a positive intervention effect included in the Elkan 2000 review was a pre-post study of an intensive intervention provided to lowincome mothers of children aged one to four years (James 1992). In this study, dietician-trained general practitioners and health visitors provided advice and support as part of a primary-care homevisiting intervention lasting up to 20 weeks. Post-intervention improvements in diet were reported, including the consumption of fruits and vegetables. Similarly, a systematic review that examined the effectiveness of parental interventions on the diets of children aged two to five found mixed results for children's diets or feeding practices or both (Peters 2012).

The negative findings for multicomponent interventions are consistent with some previous reviews of interventions. A recent meta-analysis showed no significant differences between multicomponent interventions that promoted fruit and vegetable consumption and control conditions in a primary school setting (Delgado-Noguera 2011). Another systematic review that focused on the fruit and vegetable intake of children aged five to 12 found that school-based interventions had only a minimal effect on vegetable consumption, whereas they found a moderate impact on children's fruit intake (Evans 2012). A recent systematic review that examined interventions aimed at increasing children's (aged two to 12 years) vegetable intake in home and community settings found that only a minority of interventions that targeted children's vegetable intake alone were effective in the short term (Hendrie 2017). In contrast, when vegetable intake was addressed as part of a healthy diet or lifestyle intervention, most interventions showed short-term effectiveness (Hendrie 2017).

In contrast to the findings of this review, a number of other reviews have found multicomponent interventions to be effective. For example, a systematic review of interventions to improve diet, physical activity or to prevent weight gain for children of five years or under, and which included both randomised and non-randomised designs, identified nine studies of interventions implemented in preschool or childcare settings (Hesketh 2010). Three studies included some assessment of dietary outcome. In the first, Head Start preschools were assigned to either a menu intervention to reduce the fat content of meals provided to children in care; the same menu intervention plus nutrition education; or a third usual-care control condition (Williams 2004). Both intervention arms of the trial reduced the fat content of foods served to children compared with the preschools in the control condition. The remaining two trials assessed the impact of a healthy eating and physical activity obesity-prevention programme 'Hip-Hop to Health Jr', implemented in two different populations attending Head Start preschools (Fitzgibbon 2005; Fitzgibbon 2006). In Fitzgibbon 2005, intervention children reported less saturated fat intake at the one-year follow-up, but not total fat or dietary fibre. No improvements in dietary intake were reported in the second trial (Fitzgibbon 2006). Similarly, systematic reviews of schoolbased fruit and vegetable interventions have frequently concluded that multicomponent initiatives are the most effective in increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in older children, but such effects are only modest and reported to be driven largely by increased fruit intake (Burchett 2003; Ciliska 2000; French 2003; Knai 2006). A systematic review of European school-based interventions also concluded that multicomponent interventions are effective for improving children's fruit and vegetable intakes (Van Cauwenberghe 2010).

# AUTHORS' CONCLUSIONS

# Implications for practice

We found little evidence of effect for interventions to increase the fruit and vegetable consumption of children aged five years, to provide direction for health policy makers and practitioners. There was no evidence of effect for parent nutrition education or multicomponent interventions when pooled. Very low-quality evidence suggests specific child-feeding interventions (such as repeated exposure and rewards) may be effective, but such findings should be interpreted with caution, given that fewer than half of the identified studies could be pooled in meta-analysis, and that no data were reported for important outcomes such as costs and unintended consequences. Additionally, the effect size for childfeeding interventions was small (equivalent to an increase in vegetable intake of 4.03 g), which may limit the potential public health benefits of implementing these types of interventions.

# Implications for research

Despite the large number of trials, the lack of high-quality research in this area demonstrates the continuing considerable scope for policy makers, researchers and practitioners to develop and evaluate the impact of a variety of initiatives to improve fruit and vegetable intake in children aged five years and under. Behavioural interventions delivered via health professionals, telephone or computer-based programmes, interventions delivered through preschools, play-groups, sports clubs, or co-operatives, and those that address access issues through subsidies or other incentives all have merit, and rigorous evaluation of such interventions for children aged five years and under would contribute

greatly to the available evidence base to inform practice. As the aetiology of child diet is complex, interventions that target multiple determinants across a number of settings may be most likely to be effective.

This review identified a number of opportunities for future or continued intervention research targeting the fruit and vegetable consumption of children aged five years and under, including:

1. the exploration and development of intervention strategies that can achieve larger effect sizes;

2. the investigation of potential adverse effects of interventions (e.g. increased family grocery costs, or adverse effects on parent self-esteem or sense of competence) as a routine part of intervention trials;

3. examination of the cost effectiveness of interventions found to be effective;

4. interventions with extended periods of follow-up;

5. interventions delivered using electronic modalities such as the web or smart phones;

6. interventions implemented across a broader range of settings including health services and sports clubs.

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# CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDIES

# Characteristics of included studies [ordered by study ID]

# Anzman-Frasca 2012

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial
	Funding:
	Not reported
Participants	Description: Children aged 3 to 6 years attending an independent childcare facility in Central Penn- sylvania, USA N (Randomised): 47 children
	Age: 3 to 6 years (mean (7 years)
	3 to 6 years (mean = 4.7 years) % Female:
	51%
	SES and ethnicity:
	Children: White = 83%, Asian = 10%
	Parents: "Most parents were well-educated (median education = bachelor's degree) and were currently employed. The majority of parents reported being married (88%), and the majority of the families reported annual combined family incomes greater than \$60, 000 (89%)."
	Inclusion/exclusion criteria:
	No explicit inclusion criteria stated for this trial Exclusion criteria: "Children were excluded if they had intolerance to study foods, a chronic illness affecting food intake, or if they were non-English speaking. Additionally, individuals with extended absences were excluded from the results."
	Recruitment:
	Not specified
	Recruitment rate:
	Unknown
	<b>Region:</b> Central Pennsylvania (USA)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): 41 (not specified by group) Description of intervention: "All children in each classroom received the same vegetable throughout the study" "children were asked twice weekly over a period of 4 weeks to take of taste of a very small portion (-4 g) of the vegetable in its assigned condition." Repeated exposure: Vegetable intake without dip Flavor-flavor associative conditioning: Vegetable intake with dip. "Dips served in this experiment included two savory dips (ketchup and ranch-flavored) and one sweet-tasting dip (cinnamon sugar)" Duration:

#### Anzman-Frasca 2012 (Continued)

	4 weeks Number of contacts: 8 exposure sessions (2 exposures/week) Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Research staff Integrity: No information provided Date of study: Unknown Description of control: NA
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Consumption of target vegetable (grams). "Children were served a bowl containing 60 g of the vegetable, and children in the AC condition were also served ~60 g of dip in 3. 25 oz soufflé cups, which accompanied the vegetable Instructions to children prior to the meal were to eat as much as they wanted, not to share food with others, and to remain in their seats When children finished snack, spilled or dropped foods were returned to the correct dish and snack trays were cleared. Vegetables were weighed before serving and were weighed after the intake session was complete, and the difference was recorded as vegetable intake."</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>9 weeks</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>2 weeks</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up:</li> <li>There was no loss to follow-up</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.</li> </ul>
Notes	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated. Child fruit and vegetable intake 2nd listed outcome measure

#### Risk of bias

Bias

Authors' judgement

Support for judgement

### Anzman-Frasca 2012 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Participants were not blinded and it seems likely that children may have been in- fluenced by those children around them and whether or not other children had a flavoured dip
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Food was weighed and it is unlikely to be influenced by whether the researchers were blinded to condition
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	There does not appear to be any attrition and therefore low risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol so it is unclear if there was selective outcome reporting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

### Barends 2013

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This project was funded by Wageningen University and Research Centre."
Participants	Description:Healthy infants between 4 and 7 months (not being weaned yet) and their parentN (Randomised):101 parent-infant pairsAge:Child (mean): Green beans group = 162 days, Artichoke group = 160 days, Apple group= 165 days,Plum group = 162 daysMother (mean): Green beans group = 31 years, Artichoke group = 30 years, Apple group= 31 years, Plum group = 32 years% Female:Child: Green beans group = 54%, Artichoke group = 41%, Apple group = 56%, Plumgroup = 44%

# Barends 2013 (Continued)

Barends 2015 (Continuea)	
	Parent: 96% SES and ethnicity: Parents education: Low = 17%, middle = 32%, high = 50% Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Inclusion criteria: "Only healthy Children between 4 and 7 months old, who were not being weaned yet, were included in the study." Exclusion criteria: "Children with known food allergies, swallowing or digestion prob- lems, or other medical problems that could influence the ability to eat, were excluded." Recruitment: "The participants were recruited from the area of Wageningen and Almere in the Nether- lands where both the research locations were. They were recruited via local newspapers, maternity or children welfare centers, postnatal care groups, and a mailing to subscribers of babyinfo.nl (a Dutch advertisement website that gives a box with free products for subscribers expecting a baby)." Recruitment rate: Unknown Region: Wageningen and Almere (The Netherlands)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 4 Number of participants (analysed): Green beans group = 24 Artichoke group = 27 Apple group = 24 Plum group = 24 Description of intervention: At the lab (days 1,2,17,18 and 19): "A bowl with two jars of vegetable purée was handed to the mother and the mother fed the infant at their usual rate until the end of the feeding was indicated by the infant (i.e. when it rejected the spoon more than three successive times)." At the home (days 3 - 16): "At the end of the 2nd test-day at the lab, the mothers received the jars of puréed vegetables or fruits for the home exposure period. Each jar was labelled with the date on which it had to be fed to the infant and numbered from 3 to 16 corresponding to the respective days of the intervention period. The feeding was carried out every day at about the same time and in the same way as during days 1 and 2 in the lab." Duration: 19 days Number of contacts: 9 exposure sessions Setting: Lab and home Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Researchers trained parents to offer the target vegetable or fruit puree to their child

Integrity: No information provided Date of study:

# Barends 2013 (Continued)

	Unknown Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	N/A Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Consumption of target vegetable and fruit purees (grams). At the lab: "The pre- and post-weight of the bowl including the spoon and bib was weighted to measure the actual intake." At the home: "The mother was instructed to empty both jars completely on a plate and to put all what was left over after the feeding, including the vegetable purée that was spilled on the table, floor, bib, child's face, etc., back in the jar and to seal the jar with the lid and put it in the refrigerator In order to have a standardized measure of home intake, the jars had been pre-weighted in the lab before the home exposure period, and after they were collected and were post-weighted again in the lab." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 19 days Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Overall = 2% (not specified by group) Analysis:
	Unknown if sample size calculation was performed

#### Notes

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	There is no indication whether the mother who fed the child was blind to group allo- cation. Given the mother fed the child, at high risk of performance bias

# Barends 2013 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	There is no indication whether the mother who fed the child and weighed the food was blinded to group allocation. Given the food was weighed by the mother the risk of detection bias is unclear
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	94% retention and therefore risk of attri- tion bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol, therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

### Baskale 2011

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "No external or intramural funding was received."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children 5 years of age in 12 nursery schools connected to the Izmir Provincial Directorate of National Education</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>6 preschools, 238 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child: 5 years of age</li> <li>Mother (mean): Intervention = 33.4 years, Control = 33.4 years</li> <li>Father (mean): Intervention = 36.9 years, Control = 36.8 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child: Intervention = 60%, Control = 48%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Education:</li> <li>Mother: Primary = 9%, Secondary school = 15%, High school = 38%, University = 38%</li> <li>Father: Primary = 10%, Secondary school = 14%, High school = 37%, University = 40%</li> <li>Family SES: Low = 16%, Medium = 73%, Upper = 11%</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Izmir (Turkey)</li> </ul>

Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 141, Control = 97 Description of intervention: "The content of the education guided by Piaget's theory included play and visual mate- rials. Thus, healthy food choices were created by means of play/games. Following age- appropriate education carried out using Piaget's theory, improvements are observed in food selection and consumption" Duration: Initial intervention = 6 weeks + at 1 year follow-up a 3 week refresher intervention (20 - 30 minutes per session) Number of contacts: 9 sessions (1 per week) Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: "The researcher (H.B.), who is a nurse educator, was the interventionist for all sessions." Integrity: No information provided Date of study: February 2007 to June 2008 Description of control: "The children in the control group had not received nutrition education but they had
	received a general program of education (the nutrition education prescribed by the Ministry of National Education preschool). The yearly syllabus of the Ministry includes subjects on nutrition every 2 months. This time frame, however, may be insufficient for nutrition education."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables assessed using food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) completed by parents Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: Post-test: 4 months (pre-test February 2007 - post-test June 2007) Post-test 2: 16 months (post-test 2 June 2008) Length of follow-up post-intervention: Post-test: 2 months Post-test 2: 14 months Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up (at 2 and 14 months) Intervention: 1%, 52% Control: 9%, 51% Analysis:

### Baskale 2011 (Continued)

	Unclear Sample size calculation was performed.
Notes	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, power calculation conducted on knowledge only

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Nutrition knowledge & food frequency (self-reported) There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Nutrition knowledge & food frequency There is no mention that participants were blinded to group allocation and therefore the risk of detection bias is high
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	67/141 (48%) in experimental group and 48/97 (49%) in control group completed post-test 2 and therefore risk of attrition bias is high
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity do not appear to be an issue

Black 2011

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	Description: Low-income mother/toddler (12 - 30 months) dyads N (Randomised): Unknown Age: Child: mean = 20 months Mother: mean = 27.4 years % Female: Child: 59% SES and ethnicity: "67.3% below poverty index, 34% married, 68% black" Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Low-income mother (criteria not stated) with toddler 12 - 30 months Recruitment: Recruitment rate: Unknown Region: USA
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 3 Number of participants (analysed): Preliminary = 151 Description of intervention: "Interventions (5 group & 3 individual sessions) used goal setting to promote: 1) par- enting practices or 2) maternal diet and physical activity (PA)" Duration: Not specified Number of contacts: Not specified Setting: WIC Clinic Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Unclear Integrity: No information provided Date of study: Unknown Description of control: Placebo group, sessions provided on toddler safety.

# Black 2011 (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:	
o decomes	Change in vegetable and fruit intake (mypyramid equivalent per 1000 kcal) assessed	
	using 24-hour diet recall completed by parents	
	Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:	
	Not reported	
	Outcome relating to reported adverse events:	
	Not reported	
	Length of follow-up from baseline:	
	6 and 12 months	
	Length of follow-up post-intervention:	
	Unclear	
	Subgroup analyses:	
	None	
	Loss to follow-up:	
	Unknown	
	Analysis:	
	Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.	

Notes

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	24-hour diet recall There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	24-hour diet recall There is no mention that participants were blinded to group allocation and therefore the risk of detection bias is high
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about at- trition rates at follow-up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting

# Black 2011 (Continued)

Other bias	Unclear risk	There is insufficient information to deter- mine the risk of other bias	
Blissett 2016			
Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "Funded by the Feeding For Lin	Randomised controlled trial	
Participants	N (Randomised): 120 parent-child dyads Age: Child (mean): Prompting no n months, Modelling 'control' group Mothers (mean): Prompting no years, Modelling 'control' group % Female: Child: 45% Parent: 98% SES and ethnicity: Not specified Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "Inclusion criteria for children i affecting eating, current or rece Recruitment: "Caregivers and their children w database, which contains inform	<ul> <li>"Funded by the Feeding For Life Foundation (grant reference number 11-1170)."</li> <li>Description: Children aged 2 to 4 years and their principle caregiver (parent) N (Randomised): 120 parent-child dyads Age: Child (mean): Prompting no modelling = 27 months, Prompting and modelling = 29 months, Modelling 'control' group = 31 months Mothers (mean): Prompting no modelling = 34 years, Prompting and modelling = 26 years, Modelling 'control' group = 35 years</li> <li>% Female: Child: 45% Parent: 98%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity: Not specified Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "Inclusion criteria for children included the absence of known food allergies or disorders affecting eating, current or recent major illness or diagnosed intellectual disabilities." Recruitment: "Caregivers and their children were recruited through the Children and Child Laboratory database, which contains information on families in which caregivers have indicated an interest in research participation at the University of Birmingham."</li> </ul>	
Interventions	Number of participants (and Prompting no modelling = 35 of Prompting and modelling = 37 Modelling 'control' group = 27 Description of intervention: Prompting no modelling: "Care fruit (NF) (including passing th holding the NF up to the child Prompting and modelling: As w assigned to this condition were	Number of experimental conditions: 3 Number of participants (analysed): Prompting no modelling = 35 dyads Prompting and modelling = 37 dyads Modelling 'control' group = 27 dyads Description of intervention: Prompting no modelling: "Caregivers were asked to use physical prompts to eat the novel fruit (NF) (including passing the food to the child, moving the food towards the child, holding the NF up to the child's face, encouraging the child to touch the NF)." Prompting and modelling: As well as using physical prompts as in PNM, "The caregivers assigned to this condition were also asked to try the NF themselves." Modelling 'control' group: "Caregivers in this condition were not given any information	

# Blissett 2016 (Continued)

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	about prompting, but were simply asked to taste the NF themselves."
	Duration:
	1 day
	Number of contacts:
	1
	Setting:
	Lab
	Modality:
	Face-to-face
	Interventionist:
	Parents
	Integrity:
	Prompting no modelling: "Of an original sample of fifty, fifteen were classed as non-
	compliant: ten caregivers failed to prompt a minimum of three times, and five caregivers
	were removed from the group because they ate the NF. This left a sample of thirty-five
	parents who physically prompted but did not model eating the fruit."
	Prompting and modelling: "Of an original sample of forty-three dyads, six were non-
	compliant because the parent failed to prompt three times or more, leaving a sample of
	thirty-seven parents who prompted and modelled eating the fruit."
	Modelling 'control' group: "There were twenty-seven dyads in this condition, in which the
	parent modelled eating of the fruit; all were compliant with this request."
	Date of study:
	Unknown
	Description of control:
	N/A
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Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:
Outcomes	Consumption of novel fruit (grams): "All meal items were weighed on scientific scales
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Outcomes	Consumption of novel fruit (grams): "All meal items were weighed on scientific scales before and after consumption." "Owing to differences in weights of the different NF offered, it was not possible to compare conditions based on simple weight of consumption. Therefore, we calculated consumption of the NF based on the percentage consumed of the whole portion offered." <b>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</b> Not reported <b>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</b> Not reported <b>Length of follow-up from baseline:</b> < 1 day <b>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</b> Same day <b>Subgroup analyses:</b> None <b>Loss to follow-up:</b> Prompting no modelling: 30% Prompting and modelling: 14% Modelling 'control' group: No loss to follow-up <b>Analysis:</b>
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### Blissett 2016 (Continued)

#### Notes

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	The random sequence generation proce- dure is unclear. The authors indicate that block randomisation was used to allocate to groups in blocks of 10 participants with conditions changing each week, allocated in order of recruitment
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Fruit intake is an objective measure of child's fruit intake and unlikely to be influ- enced by performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Fruit intake All meals were weighed on scientific scales before and after consumption therefore at low risk of detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Used a per-protocol analysis rather than an intention-to-treat analysis and therefore at high risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	There was a significant difference in chil- dren's ages and child's age was controlled for in analyses. Therefore the risk of other bias is unclear

### Campbell 2013

Methods

#### Study design:

Cluster-randomised controlled trial **Funding:** "National Health and Medical Research Council Grant No. 425801"

# Campbell 2013 (Continued)

Participants	escription: rst-time mothers and their infants (Randomised): 2 parent groups, 542 parent-child pairs ge: hild (mean): Intervention = 3.9 months, Control = 3.9 months rrent (mean): Intervention = 32.5 years, Control = 32.1 years Female: tervention = 48%, Control = 47% 25 and ethnicity: rrent: ducation level (Completed university degree or beyond): Intervention = 52%, Control 57% orn in Australia: Intervention = 78%, Control = 78% clusion/exclusion criteria: rrent groups: clusion criteria: "Parent groups were eligible if $\geq 8$ parents enrolled or $\geq 6$ parents rrolled in areas of low socioeconomic position (SEP) because mothers in areas of low EP are less likely to attend first-time parent groups." o explicit exclusion criteria: stated for this trial rents: clusion criteria: "Parents will be eligible to participate if they are able to freely give formed consent, are first-time parents, members of a participating 'first-time parents oup' and are able to communicate in English." clusion criteria: "Parents will be excluded from the study if they are unable to give formed consent or are unable to communicate in English. Infants with chronic health oblems that are likely to influence height, weight, levels of physical activity or eating	
	<ul> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"A two-stage random sampling process will be used to select first-time parent groups. At the first stage, twelve local government areas within a 60 km radius of the research centre (Deakin University in Burwood, Victoria, Australia) will be randomly selected."</li> <li>"At the second stage, first-time parent groups within selected local government areas will be randomly selected, proportional to the total number of first-time parent groups within each area. The first-time parents group currently underway will then be invited to participate."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Parent: 86% (542/630)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Melbourne (Australia)</li> </ul>	
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 195, Control = 194 Description of intervention: "The dietitian-delivered intervention comprised six 2-hour sessions delivered quarterly during the first-time parents' group regular meeting." The intervention "sought to build knowledge, skills, and social support regarding infant feeding, physical activity, and sedentary behaviors. Messages were anticipatory in nature,	

### Campbell 2013 (Continued)

	such that concepts were presented before the associated child developmental phase." "Intervention materials incorporated 6 purpose-designed key messages (for example, "Color Every Meal With Fruit and Veg," "Eat Together, Play Together," "Off and Run- ning") within a purpose-designed DVD and written materials. A newsletter reinforcing key messages was sent to participants between sessions." <b>Duration:</b> 15 months <b>Number of contacts:</b> 6 sessions at 3-monthly intervals (2 hours per session) <b>Setting:</b> Parenting group <b>Modality:</b> Multiple (face-to-face, visual and written materials) <b>Interventionist:</b> Experienced Dietitian <b>Integrity:</b> "Program fidelity was audited via checklists by researchers attending but not delivering the intervention." No further information reported <b>Date of study:</b> June 2008 to February 2010 <b>Description of control:</b> "Control parents received usual care from their MCH nurse, who may have provided lifestyle advice."
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Child's consumption of fruits and vegetable (grams) assessed using 3 x 24hr recalls (3 days, including 1 weekend day) conducted by trained nutritionists via telephone interview with parents</li> <li>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Intervention cost per family reported that adjusted "for the fact that a trial setting sees an artificially small number of families included relative to the workforce employed"</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>6 (mid-intervention) and 15 months (post-intervention)</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>Immediately</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up (Immediately post-intervention):</li> <li>Intervention = 28%</li> <li>Control = 28%</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Adjusted for clustering.</li> </ul>
Notes	First reported outcome (grams fruit/day) was extracted for inclusion in the meta-analysis. Sample size per group was not reported and instead calculated based on assumption of equal loss to follow-up per group, and reported baseline sample per group and total

### Campbell 2013 (Continued)

sample for diet outcomes at follow-up Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, however power calculation was conducted on fruit or vegetable intake

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Randomly allocated to condition using a computer-generated random number schedule developed by a statistician with no contact with the centres
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	24-hour dietary recall (parent reported) Parents were not blinded to group alloca- tion and therefore the risk of performance bias is high
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	24-hour dietary recall (parent reported) Parents were not blinded to group alloca- tion and because this is a self-reported mea- sure the risk of detection bias is high, even though the dietary recalls were adminis- tered by telephone by staff blinded to par- ticipant's group allocation
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	389/542 (72%) completed the diet out- comes during this long-term assessment. However the number and reasons for dropout is not reported by study group and so cannot establish if reasons for dropouts are similar across groups
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	High risk	There are physical activity outcomes re- ferred to in the protocol that are not re- ported
Other bias	Low risk	There are no differences in baseline charac- teristics between trial arms & contamina- tion and other bias unlikely to be an issue

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial Funding: "This research has received funding from the European Community's Seventh Frame- work Programme (FP7/2007-3) under grant agreement no. 245012-HabEat coordi- nated by Dr Sylvie Issanchou. (INRA, UMR 1324, Centre de Sciences du Gout et de l'Alimentation, F-21000 Dijon France)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 6 to 36 months in private daycare nurseries in West and South Yorkshire, UK</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>Unclear "Of the 108 recruited, fourteen children were excluded due to food allergies (n 3) and for being older than 40 months (n 11). Of the ninety-four children, six children refused to take part in the study, fifteen were excluded due to lack of attendance at nursery and one was removed for incomplete exposures. Table 2 provides characteristics of the children who took part in the intervention. Out of the potential sample, seventy-two completed the Study."</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Mean: Repeated exposure = 24 months, Flavour-flavour learning = 23 months, Flavour-nutrient learning = 24 months</li> <li>W Female:</li> <li>Repeated exposure = 55%, Flavour-flavour learning = 48%, Flavour-nutrient learning = 68%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Unclear, "to ensure good representation of ethnic background and SES we selected nurseries in a variety of different locations in West and South Yorkshire, UK"</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>No explicit inclusion criteria stated for this trial "All children reported to have any food allergies were excluded from taking part in the investigation."</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"In the first instance, nursery managers were given details of the study to check their interest in the study. If the nursery managers expressed an interest, then the participant information sheets and consent forms were distributed to parents."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>West and South Yorkshire (UK)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 3 Number of participants (analysed): Repeated exposure = 22 Flavour-flavour learning = 25 Flavour-nutrient learning = 25 Description of intervention: "Around 2-4 d after the pre-intervention period, each child was offered one pot (100 g) of artichoke for ten exposures." Repeated exposure: "The RE recipe was a basic vegetable puree." Flavour-flavour learning: "For the FFL puree, the chosen unconditioned stimulus was

	sweetness. The selected sweet ingredient was sucrose." Flavour-nutrient learning: "For the FNL puree, the chosen unconditioned stimulus was a higher energy density. The selected energy-dense ingredient was sunflower oil, because of its relatively neutral taste." <b>Duration:</b> 10 days <b>Number of contacts:</b> 10 <b>Setting:</b> Preschool <b>Modality:</b> Face-to-face <b>Interventionist:</b> Nursery staff <b>Integrity:</b> No information provided <b>Date of study:</b> Recruitment took place February - May 2011 <b>Description of control:</b> N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Consumption of novel vegetable (artichoke) (grams) and changes in intake (grams) between a familiar (carrot) and novel vegetable (artichoke) "All pots were weighed before and after to determine intake (g) throughout the exper- iment. Any spillage on tables and bibs were collected after the session and were added back in to the pots before re-weighing." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: Unclear Length of follow-up post-intervention: 5 weeks Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Repeated exposure = 27% Flavour-flavour learning = 40% Flavour-nutrient learning = 46% Analysis: Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.
Notes	

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement

# Caton 2013 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective) Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and staff were blinded to the target vegetable being offered to the children
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective) Food was weighed to determine intake and staff were blinded to the target vegetable being offered to the children
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of the 72 children taking part in the study 45 (63%) completed the follow-up and so the risk of attrition bias is high
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

### **Cooke 2011**

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This research was supported by a grant from the Medical Research Council National Prevention Research Initiative."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>422 children in reception (4 to 5 years) and Year 1 (5 to 6 years) from 16 classes in 8 schools</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>16 classes, 472 children</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>47% female</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Reception: 4 to 5 years (N = 216)</li> <li>Year 1: 5 to 6 years (N = 206)</li> </ul>

#### Cooke 2011 (Continued)

#### SES and ethnicity:

"To ensure adequate representation of children from families of low socioeconomic status, we selected schools in which the proportions of pupils who were eligible for free school meals, who spoke English as a second language, and who came from minority ethnic backgrounds were above the national average." No individual child data on these variables were reported **Inclusion/exclusion criteria:** 

Not stated Recruitment: Recruitment rate: Children: 96% (472/492) Schools: unknown Region: United Kingdom

# Number of experimental conditions: 4

Number of participants (analysed): Exposure + tangible non-food reward (sticker) = 99 Exposure + social reward (praise) = 106 Exposure alone = 105

Control = 112

#### Description of interventions:

"Children in the intervention conditions (ETR, EP, EA)\* were seen individually from Day 3 to Day 14 and offered a small piece of their target vegetable."

Exposure + tangible non-food reward: "Children in the ETR condition were told that if they tasted the vegetable, they could choose a sticker as a reward."

Exposure + social reward: "Children in the EP condition were praised if they tasted the vegetable (e.g. "Brilliant, you're a great taster")

Exposure alone: "Children in the EA condition were invited to taste the target vegetable but received minimal social interaction."

- **Duration:**
- 3 weeks
- Number of contacts:
- 12 exposure sessions
- Setting:
- School
- Modality:
- Face-to-face, exposure

# Interventionist:

Trained researchers

# Integrity:

"Children in the three intervention groups agreed to taste their target vegetable in most sessions"

Exposure + tangible non-food reward (sticker): M = 11.34 sessions, SD = 1.45

Exposure + social reward (praise): M = 10.45 sessions, SD = 1.94;

Exposure alone: M = 9.97 sessions, SD = 2.87.

"Post hoc analyses showed higher compliance in the ETR condition than in the EP or EA conditions (p < 0.05), and compliance in the latter two conditions did not differ."

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Interventions

# Cooke 2011 (Continued)

	Date of study: Unknown Description of control: No-treatment control: "Children in the control group did not receive taste exposure to the target vegetable during the intervention period."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Ad libitum consumption of target vegetable (grams). "The child was then invited to eat as much of the vegetable as he or she wanted, with intake (in grams) assessed by weighing the dish before and after consumption using a digital scale" (NB. "Care was taken to ensure that children in the ETR condition understood that the sticker reward was no longer available.") Length of follow-up from baseline: Acquisition data: day 15 Maintenance data: 1 month and 3 months later Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up (at 1 month and 3 months follow-up): Exposure + tangible non-food reward (sticker): 7%, 9% Exposure + social reward (praise): 8%, 5% Exposure alone: 8%, 8% Control: 11%, 6% Analysis: Analysis adjusted for clustering "Clustering by school was minimal; therefore, the final analyses adjusted only for clustering by class."
	Sample size calculation was performed "On the basis of evidence that 10 exposures are needed to alter preferences, we decided to repeat all analyses for a restricted subset of children who tasted their target vegetable on at least 10 days (n=365). Because there were no significant differences between the restricted and the full samples, results are reported for the full sample."
Notes	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit and vegetable intake 2nd listed outcome after liking

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that the study used blocked randomisation per- formed using an online randomiser pro- gramme
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomisation occurred prior to consent. Head teachers were not aware of group allo- cation. It is unclear if study personnel knew of allocation

# Cooke 2011 (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that per- sonnel were not blind to group allocations and that there was the potential that par- ticipants became aware of group alloca- tion. However, given the objective outcome measure, review authors judged that the outcome would not be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that some, but not all of the outcome assessors were blind to group allocation. The out- come measurement (grams of target veg- etable consumed, as measured by a digital scale) was objective and unlikely to have been influenced by lack of blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Although reasons for missing data were not provided by group, rates of loss to follow- up were low and similar across all exper- imental arms of the trial at both follow- up points (Exposure+sticker = 6.5%, 8.8%; Exposure+praise = 8.2%, 5.0%; Exposure alone = 8.2%, 8.2%; Control = 10.9%, 5. 7%, provided by the author). No reasons were reported for loss to follow-up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information to permit judge- ment Trial was registered, but not prospectively (ISRCTN42922680)
Other bias	Low risk	No further risks of bias identified

#### Correia 2014

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial - cross-over <b>Funding:</b> "This project was part of a larger study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research program."
Participants	Description: Preschoolers enrolled in a Child and Adult Care Food Programme-participating childcare centre N (Randomised): 57 children Age:

# **Correia 2014** (Continued)

	<ul> <li>Mean = 4.4 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>35%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"Among the children's racial and ethnic backgrounds, 41.1% were non-Hispanic black</li> <li>37.5% were non-Hispanic white, 14.3% were Hispanic, and 7.1% were Asian. The median total family income was \$33,600 (interquartile range, \$19,337-\$57,000)."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>"Preschool children enrolled full time were eligible for participation in the study."</li> <li>No explicit exclusion criteria stated for this trial</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"One large, racially diverse child care center in Connecticut was recruited for participation in the study in 2011."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>79% (57/72)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Connecticut (USA)</li> </ul>
Interventions	<b>Number of experimental conditions:</b> 2 <b>Number of participants (analysed):</b> Condition 1: the pairing of a vegetable with a familiar, well-liked food (lunch) = 43
	Condition 2: enhancing the visual appeal of a vegetable (snack) = 42
	Description of intervention:
	"Classrooms were randomly assigned to first participate in either the intervention of
	control condition for lunch (condition 1) and snack (condition 2)."
	"The children participated in the second condition one week after the first condition for
	each meal."
	Condition 1: "Steamed broccoli on top of the pizza" Condition 2: "Raw cucumbers arranged as a caterpillar with chive antennae and an olive
	eye."
	Duration:
	2 days (1 day per condition)
	Number of contacts:
	2 (1 per condition)
	Setting:
	Preschool
	Modality:
	Face-to-face Interventionist:
	Teachers and researchers
	Integrity:
	No information provided
	Date of study:
	2011
	Description of control:
	Condition 1: "Steamed broccoli on the side of the pizza"
	Condition 2: "Raw cucumbers as semicircular half-slices with chive and an olive on the side."

# **Correia 2014** (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:
	The two primary outcome measures were:
	1. Willingness to taste (defined as consumption of 3 grams or more of the test vegetable)
	and
	2. Total consumption of the test vegetable (grams)
	"Researchers weighed the children's meals in the center's cafeteria in accordance with the
	CACFP-recommended preschool serving sizes for all meal components before delivering
	them to the classrooms. After the meal was completed, researchers weighed the plate
	waste of meal components in the cafeteria. All weights were recorded to the nearest 0.1
	g on a digital electronic balance."
	Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:
	Not reported
	Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
	Not reported
	Length of follow-up from baseline:
	<1 day
	Length of follow-up post-intervention:
	Same day
	Subgroup analyses:
	None
	Loss to follow-up:
	Condition $1 = 25\%$
	Condition $2 = 26\%$
	Analysis:
	Sample size calculation was performed.

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective) Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective) Food was weighed to determine intake, but it is unlikely to be influenced by whether the researchers were blinded to condition

# Correia 2014 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of the 57 participants 43 (75%) and 42 (74%) were present for both days of lunch and/or snack data collection respectively. Attrition > 20% for short-term assessments
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

### Cravener 2015

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "College of Health and Human Development (Pennsylvania State University)"
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 3 to 5 years with low vegetable intake</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>24 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Mean: Intervention = 3.8 years, Control = 4.0 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Intervention = 50%, Control = 50%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"The majority of the participants were white (92%) and 83.3% of mothers and 82.6% of fathers reported graduating from college and/or graduate school."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Inclusion criteria: children aged 3 - 5 years, categorised as "at risk for obesity" based on family history, defined as having at least one parent with a body mass index &gt; 25 and consuming 2 or fewer servings of vegetables per day (according to parent report)</li> <li>Exclusion criteria: pre-existing medical conditions (including relevant food allergies)</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"recruited via flyers posted around the university community and in local newspapers and websites (e.g. Craigslist)."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Pennsylvania (USA)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 12, Control = 12 Description of intervention:

#### Cravener 2015 (Continued)

"children in the treatment group (n=12) received vegetables packaged in containers decorated with their four favorite cartoon characters (selected on the first visit) and granola bars in generic packaging. All vegetable packages contained sticker incentives and children could collect stickers on a special game board and trade them for small prizes at the end of the study. This was done to simulate the concept of promotions that often come with packaged foods. Parents were in charge of deciding when children had eaten enough of a vegetable to be awarded the sticker for their game boards."

# Duration:

# 2 weeks

#### Number of contacts:

Parents were instructed "to offer children a choice between either a vegetable or granola bar for at least three snacks and/or meals per day."

#### Setting:

Home + lab

Modality:

#### Face-to-face

Interventionist:

#### Parents

#### Integrity:

"To assess compliance, parents completed daily checklists across the intervention to report when vegetables and granola bars were offered and record what children selected. In addition, parents could also report additional comments on these checklists to report other concerns or deviations. Parents were also responsible for keeping daily food diaries for children (data to be reported elsewhere). These logs were reviewed with parents during weekly home visits to assess progress."

#### Date of study:

Recruitment August 2012 to June 2013

#### Description of control:

"children in the control group (n=12) received weekly supplies of generic-packaged vegetables and granola bars presented as part of a free choice at meals and snacks.."

#### Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:

Children's intake of vegetables (grams), "Intake was measured as the difference between pre- and post-weights of the foods provided."

Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 4 weeks Length of follow-up post-intervention: 1 week Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: There was no loss to follow-up Analysis: Sample size calculation was performed.

Outcomes

# Cravener 2015 (Continued)

Notes	First reported outcome (broccoli intake grams/day) at the longest follow-up (4-week
	follow-up) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis
	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake is primary outcome

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Randomly assigned to condition using a random-number generator
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Outcome group: All/ Children's vegetable and granola bar intake Families and researchers were not blinded to condition but it is unlikely that this in- fluenced child consumption
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Outcome group: All/ Children's vegetable and granola bar intake Families and researchers were not blinded to condition and it is unclear if this had an impact on the weighing of food. The extent to which parents were compliant with in- structions to return all leftovers is unknown
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Outcome group: All/ 100% retention rate and so risk of attrition bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "Research relating to this article was funded 2008-2014 by two consecutive grants from the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (426704, APP1021065); HJ Heinz (to KM); Meat and Livestock Australia; Department of Health South Australia; Food Standards Australia New Zealand; and Queensland University of Technology."
Participants	Description:         First-time mothers with healthy term infants         N (Randomised):         698 mother-infant dyads         Age:         Child (mean): Intervention = 4.3 months, Control = 4.3 months         Mother (mean): Intervention = 30.2 years, Control = 29.9 years         % Female:         Child: Intervention = 51%, Control = 50%         SES and ethnicity:         Mother:         Education (university degree) = 59%         Origin (born in Australia) = 79%         SEIFA Index of Relative Advantage and Disadvantage (relative disadvantage ≤ 7 <sup>th</sup> decile)         = 33%         Inclusion/exclusion criteria:         Inclusion criteria: "Inclusion criteria were ≥18 years of age, infants >35 weeks gestation, and birth weight ≥2500 g, living in the study cities, facility with written and spoken English"         Exclusion criteria: "Mother-infant dyads will be excluded if the infant has any diagnosed congenital abnormality or chronic condition likely to influence normal development (including feeding behaviour) or the mother has a documented history of domestic violence or intravenous substance abuse or self-reports eating, psychiatric disorders or mental health problems."         Recruitment:         "A consecutive sample of first-time mothers with healthy term infants was approached at seven maternity hospitals"         "Consenting mothers were recontacted for full enrolment when their infant was four (range 2-7) months old."         Recrui
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 291, Control = 307 Description of intervention: "The first intervention module started immediately after baseline (children aged 4-7 months) with the second module commencing 6 months after completion of the first (children aged 13-16 months). Each module comprised six interactive group sessions (10-15 mothers per group, total 40 groups) of 1-1.5 hours duration, co-facilitated by

### **Daniels 2014** (Continued)

	a dietitian (n=13) and psychologist (n=13). Developmentally appropriate content ad- dressed: (i) repeated neutral exposure to unfamiliar foods combined with limiting expo- sure to unhealthy foods to promote healthy food preferences and (ii) responsive feeding that recognizes and responds appropriately to cues of hunger and satiety to promote self-regulation of energy intake to need. A third theme was "feeding is parenting" and positive parenting (encouragement of autonomy, warmth, self-efficacy)." <b>Duration:</b> 12 months (12 weeks duration for Modules 1 and 2 respectively, with 6-month gap between Module 1 and 2) <b>Number of contacts:</b> 12 group sessions <b>Setting:</b> Child health clinics <b>Modality:</b> Face-to-face, group sessions <b>Interventionist:</b> Co-facilitated by a dietitian and psychologists <b>Integrity:</b> No information provided <b>Date of study:</b> 2008 to 2011 <b>Description of control:</b> "The control group had access to universal community child health services, which, at the mother's initiative, could include child weighing and web- or telephone-based information. An important distinction was that controls did not receive anticipatory guidance but sought advice on a specific problem."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:         Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables, "assessed using a three-pass 24-hour dietary recall conducted via telephone by a dietitian trained"         Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:         Not reported         Outcome relating to reported adverse events:         Not reported         Length of follow-up from baseline:         20 months and 4.5 years         Length of follow-up post-intervention:         6 months and 3.5 years         None         Loss to follow-up:         Intervention = 26%         Control = 19%         Analysis:         Sample size calculation was performed.
Notes	First reported outcome (vegetable intake g/kg body weight) at the longest follow-up < 12 months (6 months after intervention completion) and $\geq$ 12 months (3.5 years after intervention completion) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis

### Daniels 2014 (Continued)

Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, however power calculation was conducted on fruit or vegetable consumption

Risk of bias			
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement	
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Randomly assigned to condition using per- muted-blocks randomisation schedule gen- erated by the Institute's Research Methods Group, which includes this study's statis- tician, all of whom will otherwise not be involved in data collection or intervention delivery	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Outcome group: All/ Food intake records, food preference, feeding behaviour (self-re- ported) There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	There is no blinding to group allocation of participants described, and because self- reported measures at high risk of detection bias	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	There was 22% attrition at short-term follow-up and dropout was significantly higher in the intervention than the control group	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The measures reported in the protocol pa- per align with those reported in the out- come papers	
Other bias	High risk	There were no differences according to group allocation at baseline. However at high risk of incorrect analysis as the pro- tocol specifies that clustering within assess- ment clinics will be accounted for but this does not appear to have been done in any of the outcome papers	

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<b>udy design:</b> uster-randomised controlled trial <b>nding:</b> his work was supported by a grant from the Baden-Württemberg Stiftung." "F.D.B. supported by the European Social Fund and by the Ministry of Science, Research and e Arts Baden-Württemberg."
scription: hildren aged 3 to 6 years in 18 preschools from 3 south German regions (Randomised): preschools, 377 children ge ean = 4.26 years Female: % S and ethnicity: hild: 32.4% came from an immigrant background ucation levels (mother): Low = 16%, Middle = 56%, High = 21% Clusion/exclusion criteria: re-schools were eligible to participate in the study if they were located in one of three cdefined regions and had applied to participate in the nutritional intervention module a state-sponsored health promotion programme 'Komm mit in das gesunde Boot' Come aboard the health boat'), with at least fifteen children participating," children between 3 and 6 years of age attending one of the participating pre-schools d participating in the programme were considered eligible for our study." o explicit exclusion criteria stated for this trial cruitment: eschools: Selected from a group of preschools who had already "applied to participate in e nutritional intervention module of a state-sponsored health promotion programme. cruitment rate: eschool: 64% (18/28) hild: 80% (377/473) gion: egions in Baden-Württemberg (Germany)
<ul> <li>Imber of experimental conditions: 2</li> <li>Imber of participants (analysed):</li> <li>2 children (not specified by group)</li> <li>Excription of intervention:</li> <li>Intervention activities consisted of familiarizing with different food types and preparan methods as well as cooking and eating meals together in groups of children, teachers d parents. One session additionally focused on healthy drinking behaviours."</li> <li>Ethe 15 sessions, five actively involved "parents by targeting them alone (discussions on rents' modelling role and nutritional needs of children) or together with their children.</li> <li>Models for healthy eating within the intervention included: (i) use of nutrition experts;</li> <li>Iplay acting with 'pirate dolls' used as props enjoying fruit and vegetables; (iii) active rental involvement; and (iv) involvement of other pre-school peers. The exposure effect</li> </ul>

# **De Bock 2012** (Continued)

	<ul> <li>was taken into account by repeatedly offering healthy snacks like fruit and vegetables and water to the children every week."</li> <li>Duration:</li> <li>6 months</li> <li>Number of contacts:</li> <li>15 sessions (1/week, 2hr per session)</li> <li>Setting:</li> <li>Preschool</li> <li>Modality:</li> <li>Face-to-face</li> <li>Interventionist:</li> <li>"The intervention was delivered by external nutrition experts"</li> <li>"Pre-school group teachers assisted the external nutrition expert during each session to enable them to sustain intervention-related activities after the study end."</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>"Implementation rate was high with all modules delivered completely (5.0/5); no session was cancelled."</li> <li>"Date of study:</li> <li>2008 to 2009</li> <li>Description of control:</li> <li>Waiting-list control, "received the same intervention 6 months later than the intervention arm"</li> </ul>
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Change in child's consumption of fruits and vegetables (portions/day) assessed using a questionnaire by parent self-report Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 6 and 12 months Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately and 6 months Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: "Of 348 pre-school children, 29.6% completed all three measurements, 51.4% two measurements and 19% one measurement with 58% providing both pre- and post- intervention measurements." Individual loss to follow-up data not reported Analysis Sample size calculation was performed. Analysis was not adjusted for clustering, but justification was provided. "As our data stemmed from natural pre-school-bound clusters of children, we first determined the extent of clustering. Intraclass correlation coefficients (ICC) on the level of pre-schools were 0.016 and 0.014 for the primary outcomes of fruit intake and vegetable intake, respectively. With an average cluster size of 19.5 children per pre-school, the design effect (d = 1 + (average cluster size -1) x ICC) did not exceed 2, allowing us to ignore the issue

#### **De Bock 2012** (Continued)

	of clustering in our analyses."
Notes	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake is primary outcome

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Preschool assignment was concealed through the use of sequentially- numbered, sealed envelopes
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Outcome group: All/ Fruit & vegetable in- take (parent self-reported survey) Due to the nature of the intervention, it was not possible to blind participants or intervention providers and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Fruit & vegetable intake (parent self-re- ported survey) Parents were not blinded to group alloca- tion and therefore the risk of detection bias is high
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of 348 preschool children, 29.6% com- pleted all 3 measurements, 51.4% 2 mea- surements and 19% 1 measurement, with 58% providing both pre- and post-inter- vention measurements
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	The design effect did not exceed 2 and so the authors ignored clustering in the anal- yses. The impact of this on the analyses is unclear

De Coen 2012

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The study was commissioned, financed and steered by the Ministry of the Flemish Community (Department of Economics, Science and Innovation; Department of Wel- fare, Public Health and Family)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children attending pre-primary and primary schools from 6 communities in Flanders, Belgium</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>31 schools, 1589 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Mean: Intervention = 4.86 years, Control = 5.04 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Intervention = 47%, Control = 55%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>% Of lower SES children: Intervention = 34%, Control = 29%</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"All pre-primary and primary schools in the six communities were invited to participate in the study."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Child: 49% (1589/3242)</li> <li>School: 64% (31/49)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Flanders (Belgium)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 396, Control = 298 Description of intervention: "The intervention was based on the 'Nutrition and Physical Activity Health Targets' of the Flemish Community clustered into: (i) increasing daily consumption of water and decreasing soft drinks consumption; (ii) increasing daily milk consumption; (iii) increasing daily consumption of vegetables and fruit; (iv) decreasing daily consumption of sweets and savoury snacks; and (v) increasing daily PA and decreasing screen-time behaviour." The community "Each intervention year, information brochures and posters regarding the five topics of the project were distributed through general practitioners, pharmacists, social services and at relevant community events by the regional health boards and the research team." The schools "All intervention schools were requested to (i) implement five Healthy Weeks per in- tervention year (one for each cluster of topics) with a minimum 1 h of classroom time dedicated to the topic together with extracurricular activities (e.g. during the vegetables and fruits week only fruits could be brought to school as a snack; schools organized fruit and vegetable tastings), (ii) evaluate and improve their playground and snack and bev-

#### **De Coen 2012** (Continued)

erage policy, and (iii) communicate with the parents on the programme and distribute materials to the parents. The intervention started with a meeting with the teachers during which they received manuals and guidelines and an implementation plan was discussed. "

#### The parents

"The intervention materials for the parents were newly developed for the project. The parents received a poster visualizing the target messages and containing short tips regarding parenting practices and styles to encourage children to stick to the healthy eating and PA targets. Parents also received five letters, containing detailed information on the intervention topics and a website link with practical information such as tips and recipes. Based on the FFQ in the parental questionnaire, parents received a written, normative individual tailored advice on their child's consumption of water, milk, fruits, vegetables, soft drinks and sweet and savoury snacks, and their PA and screen-time behaviour."

#### The regional health boards

"They contacted each school at least twice per year assisting them in selecting relevant intervention materials and supervising the implementation progress."

#### **Duration:**

"The intervention was implemented over two school years (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) on different levels."

#### Number of contacts:

Unclear (multi-component)

Setting:

School

**Modality:** 

Multiple (face-to-face, educational materials, resources (posters, brochures), letters)

Interventionist:

#### Multiple

#### Integrity:

"Process evaluation data revealed that all schools implemented the requested classroom hour. Regarding the snack and playground policy, it was clear that the requested adjustments asked for more time investment and at the time of observation, most schools did not yet meet up to the standard."

#### Date of study:

2008 to 2010

#### Description of control:

No information provided

#### Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:

Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables (grams/day) assessed using a validated 24item semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) completed by parents **Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:** Not reported **Outcome relating to reported adverse events:** Not reported **Length of follow-up from baseline:** 2 years **Length of follow-up post-intervention:** Immediately **Subgroup analyses:** 

Outcomes

# **De Coen 2012** (Continued)

	None Loss to follow-up: Overall = 56% (not specified by group) Analysis: Did not adjust for clustering Sample size calculation was performed
Notes	First reported outcome (fruit consumption grams/day) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis. The reported estimate did not account for clustering, therefore we used post-intervention data and calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0.016 to enable inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake 2nd listed outcome after BMI

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Outcome group: All/ Fruit and vegetable intake (self-reported) There is no blinding to group allocation of participants described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Fruit and vegetable intake (self-reported) There is no mention that participants were blinded to group allocation and therefore the risk of detection bias is high
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	694/1589 (44%) completed 2-year assess- ment. Long-term attrition > 30% therefore at high risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	High risk	High risk of recruitment bias as commu- nities were randomised and then schools within each community were invited to participate

# **De Coen 2012** (Continued)

Unclear baseline imbalance as communities differed on nutrition and PA policy, raising awareness for these topics and health promotion expertise

### de Droog 2014

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial (as confirmed by the study author) <b>Funding:</b> "Grant from The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description: Children aged 4-6 years from 6 primary schools in both urban and suburban districts in the Netherlands</li> <li>N (Randomised): 160 children</li> <li>Age: 4-6 years (no mean provided)</li> <li>% Female: 49%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity: No explicit data: "The sample consisted of various socioeconomic and cultural back-grounds."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "Only schools without formal fruit and vegetable programs were selected."</li> <li>Recruitment: Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment rate: Unknown</li> <li>Region: Urban and suburban districts of the Netherlands</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 5 Number of participants (analysed): Interactive + congruent = 26 Interactive + incongruent = 26 Passive + congruent = 26 Passive + incongruent = 26 Baseline group = 56 Description of intervention: Children were read a picture book in a quiet room near their class. The picture book story described a main character rescuing his friend. The main character in this story is able to rescue his friend only after eating carrots to make him t and strong Passive vs interactive In the interactive sessions, the storyteller used a reading manual to ask children questions about the story and its characters before, during, and after the session. In the passive sessions, children were not asked any questions, but encouraged to sit quietly and listen

# de Droog 2014 (Continued)

# de Droog 2014 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake The experimenter counted the number of pieces of each snack eaten and therefore given it is an objective measure unlikely to be influenced by detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	There is no information about attrition provided
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

# de Droog 2017

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial Funding: "This work was supported by a grant from the Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (grant number: 201400117.014.013). The Ministry's sole role was funding, and, thus, was not involved in the design, data collection, data analyses, data interpretation, and writing of the report. None of the authors had a potential conflict of interest."
Participants	Description: Children aged 2-3 years in nursery schools in Rotterdam, the Netherlands N (Randomised): 163 children Age: Mean = 2.63 years % Female: 48%

# de Droog 2017 (Continued)

	<ul> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"The sample consisted of toddlers from mostly low-SES households with various cultural backgrounds."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>"Only schools without formal fruit and vegetables programs were selected"</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>99% (197/199)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>The Netherlands</li> </ul>
Interventions	<ul> <li>Number of experimental conditions: 4</li> <li>Number of participants (analysed):</li> <li>Passive with puppet: 36</li> <li>Passive without puppet: 40</li> <li>Interactive with puppet: 37</li> <li>Description of intervention:</li> <li>Children were read a picture book "Rabbit's brave rescue". The embedded message in the book was that "eating carrots makes you strong". Reading sessions were conducted in a quiet room within the nursery school during one workweek. The reading sessions were being held in small groups of 3-5 toddlers, and took about 10 minutes. Reading was performed either with or without a hand puppet (hand puppets were developed that resembled the physical appearance of the main character in the picture book, 'Rabbit'). Children allocated to the passive groups (with or without a puppet) were not asked questions during reading time and children allocated to the interactive groups (with or without a puppet) were asked questions during reading time</li> <li>Duration:</li> <li>4 days</li> <li>Number of contacts:</li> <li>A treading sessions (1 per day)</li> <li>Setting:</li> <li>Preschool</li> <li>Modality:</li> <li>Face-to-face</li> <li>Interventionist:</li> <li>Women with pedagogical education</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>The reading sessions were monitored.</li> <li>Date of study:</li> <li>Recruited in February and March 2015</li> <li>Description of control:</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul>
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Consumption of carrots (proportion): "The proportion of consumed carrots was calcu- lated by dividing the pieces of carrots the child had eaten by the total number of pieces of foods the child had eaten." "Proportional scores were used, rather than absolute scores, because the proportional

# de Droog 2017 (Continued)

scores take into account the total amount of foods eaten."
Outcome relating to absolute costs/costs-effectiveness of interventions:
Not reported
Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
Not reported
Length of follow-up from baseline:
4 days
Length of follow-up post-intervention:
Immediately
Subgroup analyses:
None
Loss to follow-up:
"Children who were absent on the last reading day (n = 34), were excluded from the
analyses."
"The total drop-out was evenly spread across conditions."
Overall: 17% (not specified by group)
Analysis:
Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.

Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"On the first day, the storytellers picked up the children from class in order of the name list provided by the school, and randomly assigned them to one of the four reading conditions, ensuring balance in gender." No mention of how the randomization se- quence was generated.
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	The allocation was done by the person de- livering the intervention
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"For the reading sessions, four women with a pedagogical education were recruited and trained to perform all the different reading styles and puppetry conditions. These sto- rytellers were teamed up with four female experimenters who observed the toddlers during the readings. With each team being allocated to a specific day of the week, all the toddlers in the study were exposed to all the storytellers and observers." Those delivering the intervention were aware of group allocation, however this is unlikely to have impacted the outcomes

# de Droog 2017 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"The experimenter conducting the eating task was blinded to group assignment, be- cause the reading sessions and eating tasks took place in different rooms."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Dropouts were 23% at short-term follow- up (in text). However in Consort flowchart, it appears that people were excluded prior to randomization. In the text it says that most were excluded due to not attending on the final measurement day. This sounds like the dropouts should be removed at the analysis/data collection stage
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	All outcomes are reported as pre-specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Low risk	No other sources of bias identified
	Randomised controlled trial - cross-over <b>Funding:</b> "European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the Grant agreement No. 245012-HabEat."	
Methods Participants	"European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the	
<b>Recruitment:</b> "A total of 40 healthy children aged 2-4 years were recruited from 2 Wageningen, The Netherlands. Participation was voluntary and par centres were thoroughly informed about the study. Written parental for the participating children." <b>Recruitment rate:</b>		articipation was voluntary and parents and day care-

# de Wild 2013 (Continued)

	Unknown <b>Region:</b> Wageningen (The Netherlands)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2Number of participants (analysed):Spinach high-energy/endive low-energy = 15Endive high-energy/spinach low-energy = 13Description of intervention"During the intervention period, half of the participants (n = 20) received vegetable soupflavour A low in energy content (LE) consistently paired with vegetable soup flavourB high in energy content (LE), whereas the other half of the participants received thereverse (i.e. flavour A HE + flavour B LE)."Duration:7 weeksNumber of contacts:14 exposures (twice/week)Setting:PreschoolModality:Face-to-faceInterventionist:Daycare leadersIntegrity:No information providedDate of study:UnknownDescription of control:N/A
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Ad libitum consumption of vegetable soup (grams). "Consumption was measured by pre- and post-weighing on a digital scale with a precision of 0.1 g."</li> <li>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>8 weeks and 4 and 8 months</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>1 week and at 2 and 6 months</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up (at 2 and 6 months):</li> <li>Overall: 32%, 39% (not specified by group)</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Sample size calculation was performed.</li> </ul>

# de Wild 2013 (Continued)

## Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective): The children and the daycare leaders were blinded to the treatment, i.e. they were un- aware which product was high or low in en- ergy and therefore low risk of performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective): Outcome was pre-post weight of soup bowl assessed by researcher. Researchers were not blinded to group allocation (as they served the soup (2 x green soups varying in energy intake)) and researcher was not present in room during consumption of soup
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of 40 eligible children, 12 were excluded from data analysis due to low intake lev- els during the conditioning period. Of 28 children 17 (61%) completed the 6-month follow-up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

# de Wild 2015a

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the Grant agreement No. 245012-HabEat."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Preschool-aged children recruited from 3 daycare centres in Wageningen, the Netherlands</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>75 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>1.9-5.9 years (mean = 3.7 years)</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>50%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>No explicit inclusion/exclusion criteria. "Participants were screened for food allergies and health problems (as reported by the parents)"</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"Parents with children in the targeted age range received an information letter and an invitation to register their child(ren) for participation via the day-cares. Participation was voluntary and parents and day care-centres were thoroughly informed about the study."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Wageningen (The Netherlands)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Choice condition = 34 No-choice condition = 36 Description of intervention: "Each child was exposed 12 times to six familiar target vegetables at home during dinner, which is the traditional hot meal including vegetables in The Netherlandsthe choice group received two types of vegetables from which to choose, or they could choose to eat both vegetables during the meal." Duration: 12 days Number of contacts: 12 Setting: Home Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Parents Integrity: No information provided

# de Wild 2015a (Continued)

	Date of study: Unknown Description of control: "The no-choice group received only one type of vegetable per dinner session"
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: "The main outcome of the study was the children's intake (in gram) of the vegetables. Vegetable intake was measured by weighing their plates before and after dinner (left overs)." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 12 days Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Overall = 6% (not specified by group) Analysis: Sample size calculation was performed

Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective measure): Children's vegetable intake was measured by weighing their plates before and after dinner (left-overs). There is a low risk of performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective measure): Children's vegetable intake was measured by weighing their plates before and after dinner (left-overs). There is a low risk of detection bias

## de Wild 2015a (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	70/75 (93%) children completed the study and therefore risk of attrition bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration. However in the trial registra- tion the food diary is listed as a secondary outcome but the results are not reported in the outcome paper
Other bias	High risk	Despite random assignment, children in the no-choice group on average liked veg- etables better than children in the choice group ( $P < 0.01$ ) and therefore baseline im- balance between groups
de Wild 2015b		
Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial - semi-cross-over <b>Funding:</b> "European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the Grant agreement No. 245012-HabEat."	
Participants	Description: Preschool-aged children recruited from 2 daycare centres in Wageningen, the Netherland N (Randomised): 45 children Age: 18-45 months (mean = 32.6 months) % Female: 49% SES and ethnicity:	

 Wageningen (The Netherlands)

 Interventions

 Number of experimental conditions: 2

 Number of participants (analysed):

 Parsnip crisps-tomato ketchup/red beet crisps-white sauce = 19

Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

and health problems (as reported by the parents)"

informed consent for their child's participation."

No explicit inclusion/exclusion criteria. "Participants were screened for food allergies

"recruited from two day-care centres in Wageningen, the Netherlands. Parents signed an

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Not specified

**Recruitment:** 

Recruitment rate: Unknown Region:

# de Wild 2015b (Continued)

	Red beets crisps-tomato ketchup/parsnip crisps-white sauce = 20 Description of intervention: "Half of the participants received red beet crisps combined with tomato ketchup (TK [C]) consistently paired with parsnip crisps combined with white sauce (WS [UC]). The other half of the participants received the reverse, i.e. red beet crisps + WS(UC) and parsnip crisps + TK(C)." Duration: 7 weeks Number of contacts: 14 exposures (twice/week) Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Daycare leaders Integrity: No information provided Date of study: Unknown
	Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	N/A Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Ad libitum consumption of vegetable crisps (grams). "Consumption of crisps and dip sauces were measured by pre- and post-weighing on a digital scale with a precision of 0. 1 g." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: Post-test 1: 9 weeks Post-test 2: 4 months (2 months after conditioning) Post-test 3: 8 months (6 months after conditioning) Length of follow-up post-intervention: Post-test 1: immediate Post-test 2: 2 months Post-test 3: 6 months after conditioning Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up (at 2 and 6 months): Overall: 5%, 33% (not specified by group) Analysis: Unknown if sample size calculation was performed

Notes

Risk of bias

# de Wild 2015b (Continued)

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable crisps intake (objective): The children were not aware that their in- take was measured or which condition they participated in and so the risk of perfor- mance bias is low
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable crisps intake (objective): The outcome was vegetable chip and dip intake (each assessed separately) by weigh- ing amount before and after consumption. It is not clear who (i.e. researchers or day- care centre staff) weighed the chips & dip, and whether or not they were blinded. Blinding of outcome assessors unlikely to influence outcome
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of the 45 children, 6 were excluded be- cause they had no intake at all of the dip sauces. Of the remaining 39 children, 26 (67%) completed the 6-month follow-up. The risk of attrition bias is high
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	The trial registration reports a secondary outcome that is not reported in the out- come paper
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

de Wild 2017

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The research leading to the results presented here received funding from the European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under grant agreement no. 245012-HabEat."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 2-4 years in 6 day-care centres in Wageningen, the Netherlands</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>103 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Plain spinach (mean): 34.5 months</li> <li>Creamed spinach (mean): 36.1 months</li> <li>Spinach ravioli (mean): 35.4 months</li> <li>Green beans (mean): 35.8 months</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Plain spinach: 50%</li> <li>Creamed spinach: 52%</li> <li>Spinach ravioli: 46%</li> <li>Green beans: 42%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>No explicit inclusion/exclusion criteria stated for this trial, "Participants were screened for food allergies and health problems (as reported by the parents)."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>99% (103/104)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Wageningen (the Netherlands)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 4 Number of participants (analysed): Plain spinach: 26 Creamed spinach: 25 Spinach ravioli: 26 Green beans: 26 Description of intervention: "Families received a weekly vegetable parcel, including their vegetable product for one meal (main meal), cooking instructions, and a food diary. A standardized weighing scale with a precision of 1 g (Fiesta; Soehnle) was supplied to all participating families together with the first delivery of the vegetable parcel." Duration: 6 weeks Number of contacts: 6 (once per week) Setting:

# de Wild 2017 (Continued)

	Home Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Parents Integrity: No information provided Date of study: The study was conducted between September 2014 and January 2015 Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Ad libitum intake of plain cooked spinach (grams): "Spinach intake was measured by weighing the bowls before and after lunch (leftovers) on a digital scale with a precision of 0.1 g." Outcome relating to absolute costs/costs-effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 7 weeks Length of follow-up post-intervention: 1 week Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: "There were no lost to follow up or withdrawals" Analysis: Sample size calculations performed

Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"Children were randomly assigned to one of the four groups using a four-block de- sign: green beans (control), plain spinach (pure spinach), creamed spinach (diluted), and spinach ravioli (hidden). Randomiza- tion was done by a person who was not involved in study recruitment, enrollment, or assign- ment of participants." No mention of how the randomisation se- quence was generated

# de Wild 2017 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no mention of allocation conceal- ment.
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	<ul> <li>Outcome group primary outcomes - preference and intake</li> <li>"Day-care center staff members were instructed to behave as they usually did and not to alter their daily routine. The researchers were absent while children ate their spinach at lunch, to not disturb the normal daily lunch routine."</li> <li>It is unclear whether the day-care centre staff or researchers were blind to experimental group allocation</li> <li>Outcome group: secondary outcomes - intake and liking</li> <li>"The products in the plain spinach, creamed spinach, and green beans groups were commercially available (frozen green beans [2.5 kg], frozen chopped spinach [2. 5 kg], and frozen spinach a la crème [1 kg]) and were repacked in family portions and delivered frozen via the day-care centers on a weekly basis."</li> <li>It is likely parents knew their experimental group allocation and this could have affected the outcome</li> </ul>
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Outcome group primary outcomes - pref- erence and intake "Spinach intake was measured by weighing the bowls before and after lunch (leftovers) on a digital scale with a precision of 0.1 g (model S-4001; Denver Instruments, and model Kern-572; Kern & Sohn)." It is unclear whether the researchers were blind to group allocation, how the outcome assessment procedure is unlikely to have been impacted Outcome group: secondary outcomes - in- take and liking "Parents weighed the child's vegetable por- tion before and after the meal to determine vegetable intake." "After the main meal, parents completed a food diary, in which information was collected; for example, on deviations from the described procedures, dinnertime, con-

# de Wild 2017 (Continued)

		sumption of other meal components, the child's health status, and the child's lik- ing of the vegetables (parent's perception and rated on a 9-point scale (where 1= ex- tremely disgusting and 9= extremely deli- cious)." All outcome data was collected by the par- ents themselves - self-report
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	There were 10 children who had only 1 or 2 data points for intake of the 6 meals, with no reasons reported Not enough information reported about the reasons for missing data
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	All outcomes are reported as pre-specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Low risk	No other sources of bias were identified.

## Duncanson 2013

Methods	<ul> <li>Study design: Randomised controlled trial</li> <li>Funding:</li> <li>"C Collins is supported by a National Health and Medical Research Council Australian Career Development Research Fellowship (#6315005). K Duncanson is supported by a Clinical Education and Training Institute Rural Research Capacity Building Program Grant and New Staff Research Grant (University of Newcastle)."</li> </ul>
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Parents of children aged 2 to 5 years living in a rural area of New South Wales, Australia</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>146 parents</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Children (mean): Intervention = 4.0 years, Control = 4.0 years</li> <li>Parents:</li> <li>Younger than 30 years: Intervention = 34%, Control = 17%</li> <li>30 years or older: Intervention = 66%, Control = 83%</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child: Intervention = 47%, Control = 48%</li> <li>Parent: Intervention = 100%, Control = 99%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Parent education: Secondary = 46%, Tertiary = 55%</li> <li>Aboriginal: Child = 4%, Parent = 2%</li> <li>Inclusion criteria: "Inclusion criteria were eldest child in family ages 2 to 5 years, without a chronic health condition that affected dietary intake."</li> </ul>

## Duncanson 2013 (Continued)

Exclusion criteria: "A child was excluded if he or she had a chronic disease, such as coeliac disease or a food allergy that has a significant effect on dietary intake. The eldest child within the eligible age range was selected as the study child for consistency and simplicity."

Kids were also excluded if they began primary school

## **Recruitment:**

"parents of young children were recruited from child care facilities in 5 rural, low socioeconomic localities in NSW, Australia."

Recruitment rate: Parent: 81% (146/180) Region:

New South Wales (Australia)

# Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed):

Intervention = 45, Control = 43

# Description of intervention:

"The intervention involved dissemination of the Tummy Rumbles interactive CD (16) and the Raising Children DVD (17) at baseline in September 2009, accompanied by written instructions for optimal use. The only prompt provided to parents to use the resources was a reminder note delivered by post with the 3-month follow-up surveys. To simulate population-level resource dissemination, further prompting of parents was not conducted."

"The tummy rumbles interactive nutrition education CD is a self-directed resource for childcare staff and parents, Raising children is a guide to parenting from birth to 5"

# **Duration:** 12 months

Number of contacts:

DVD and CD played at parents' leisure, 1 contact from researchers at 3 months by phone

Setting:

Home

**Modality:** 

DVD/CD

# Interventionist:

N/A (provision of DVD)

## Integrity:

"Intervention group participants were considered to have adhered to the study protocol if they reported using both Tummy Rumbles and Raising Children for at least 1 hour each during the intervention period."

#### Date of study:

September 2009 to September 2010

## Description of control:

Wait-list control, "

A generic nutrition brochure and the Active Alphabet physical activity resource were distributed to the control group to simulate real-life exposure to control resources and facilitate retention and blinding of the control group. Tummy Rumbles and Raising Children were provided to the control group at trial completion."



# **Duncanson 2013** (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables (servings) assessed using a semi-quantita- tive food frequency questionnaire (FFQ), the Australian Toddler Eating Survey (ATES) completed by parents Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 3 and 12 months Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up (at 3 and 12 months):	
	Intervention = 17%, 40% Control = 24%, 39% <b>Analysis:</b> Sample size calculation was performed.	
Notes	First reported outcome (serves fruit/day) at 3-month follow-up was for inclusion in the short-term meta-analysis and 12 month follow-up for the $\geq 12$ months meta-analysis. Additional data were provided by the author to allow pooling in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, power calculation conducted fruit or vegetable intake	

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	The random sequence was created by com- puter-generated random numbers
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Allocation was concealed given that se- quentially-numbered unopened returned baseline survey envelopes were matched with computer-generated random num- bers
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Participants were blinded to group alloca- tion throughout the trial
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Participants were blinded to group alloca- tion throughout the trial. The protocol in- dicates that assessors of the main outcome measures were blinded to participant group allocation

# **Duncanson 2013** (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Short-term attrition was 21% and long- term attrition was 40%. No imputation of missing data was carried out
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes published in the protocol align with the results reported in the outcomes paper
Other bias	High risk	There were no differences at baseline in par- ent and child characteristics except for % of parents older than 30 years. There is no mention that this was adjusted for in the analysis

# Fildes 2014

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The recruitment of the Gemini cohort was funded by a grant from Cancer Research UK (no. C1418/A7974), and the design and production of the packs used in this study was funded by Weight Concern (registered charity no. 1059686)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Families with 3- to 4-year-old children from a larger cohort study (the Gemini study)</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>1006 families</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child (mean): Intervention = 3.9 years, Control = 3.8 years</li> <li>Parent (mean): Intervention = 38.0 years, Control = 37.3 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child: Intervention = 49%, Control = 50%</li> <li>Parent: not specified</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Maternal education (below university level): intervention 49%, control = 49%</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"Participants were families with 3- to 4-year-old children from the Gemini study, a cohort of 2,402 families with twins born during 2007 in England and Wales. Currently active families (n=2,321) were sent information about a study to test a method of increasing children's acceptance of vegetables"</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Families: 43% (1006/2321)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>England and Wales</li> </ul>

Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 98, Control = 123 Description of intervention: "The intervention pack contained an exposure instruction leaflet, progress charts, and stickers. The exposure instructions asked parents to offer the child a single very small piece of their target vegetable every day for 14 days, allowing the child to choose a sticker as a reward if they tried it. They were asked to do this separately with each child and outside mealtimes."
	Duration: 14 days Number of contacts: 14 Setting: Home Multic
	Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Parents Integrity: "Among the 175 returned (89%), the mean number of exposure sessions was 13.8 (range= 11 to 14), and children tasted their target vegetables a mean of 12.4 times (range=0 to 14). Children complied with the intervention by trying their target vegetable on an average of 90% (range 0% to 100%) of the exposure days during the experiment phase.
	" Date of study: Unknown Description of control: Received no intervention, "Control families were sent the intervention materials on completion of the study."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's intake of the target vegetable (number of pieces). Parents "recorded the number of pieces (including half-pieces) of vegetable the child ate; this comprised the intake measure." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 14 days Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Intervention = 68% Control = 68% Analysis:

# Fildes 2014 (Continued)

	Unknown if sample size calculation was performed
Notes	Mean and SEM were estimated from a study figure using an online resource (Plot Digitizer: plotdigitizer.sourceforge.net) for intervention and control groups at the end of the experimental phase (T3) Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake is listed as primary outcome

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Vegetable intake: There is no mention that the parents were blinded and they were cutting and offering the pieces to the child and this could have influenced performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Vegetable intake: There is no mention that the parents were blinded and they were cutting and offering the pieces to the child and so at high risk of detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	472 (47%) out of the 1006 randomised re- turned the outcome data sheets and there- fore high risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There are secondary outcomes reported in the trial registration that are not presented in the outcomes paper
Other bias	High risk	Children in the intervention group had sig- nificantly lower intake and liking than the control group at baseline (i.e. baseline im- balances)

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This research is supported by European Community's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the grant agreement no. 245012-HabEat. The purees offered to participants in this study and the artichoke and peach purees used as a test food were donated by Danone Nutricia Research."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description: Mothers and their 4- to 6-month-old infants in the UK, Greece and Portugal N (Randomised): 146 parent-infant dyads</li> <li>Age: Infant (mean): Intervention = 39.0 weeks, Control = 38.9 weeks</li> <li>Mother (mean, at child's birth): Intervention = 33.0 years, Control = 32.7 years</li> <li>% Female: Infant: 52%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity: Education (below university) = 27%</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "Mothers were eligible to participate if they were over 18 years old at recruitment, they were sufficiently proficient in each country's respective native language to understand the study materials and their infant was born after 37 weeks' gestation, without diagnosed feeding problems."</li> <li>Recruitment: "Women in the final trimester of their pregnancy and mothers of infants aged less than 6 months were recruited from antenatal clinics (n 327), primary care, paediatricians and hospitals in London (UK), Athens (Greece) and Porto (Portugal) to a larger study exploring children's fruit and vegetable acceptance during weaning."</li> <li>Recruitment rate: Mothers: 45% (146/327)</li> <li>Region: London (UK), Athens (Greece) and Porto (Portugal)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 71, Control = 68 Description of intervention: "In the intervention group, a researcher or health professional explained to the partici- pant: (1) the importance of introducing vegetables early in the weaning process, (2) the beneficial effects of offering different single vegetables each day, (3) the techniques of exposure feeding, (4) interpreting infants' facial reactions to food and (5) the need for persistence when an infant initially rejects a food "five vegetables were selected as the first foods to be introduced. They were asked to offer the five vegetables in a sequence over 15 d as follows: A,B,C,D,E, A,B,C,D,E, A,B,C,D, E and to record progress on a chart provided. For a further 5 d, participants were told to continue to offer vegetables, but in addition, to start to introduce additional age-appropriate foods." Duration:

	100 % (28/28), Greece; 100 % (16/16),	ther food exposures) rned by 86% of intervention families (UK; Portugal; 63% (17/27)). Completed charts iod, parents recorded their infants consuming	
Outcomes	Infant consumption of fruits and vegetable on the frequency of fruit and vegetable serv the data were recoded to provide an estim vegetable portions consumed daily." <b>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost</b> Not reported	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Infant consumption of fruits and vegetables (serves/day). "Mothers reported separately on the frequency of fruit and vegetable servings they had consumed in the past week and the data were recoded to provide an estimation of the total number each of fruit and vegetable portions consumed daily." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 1 month Length of follow-up post-intervention: 2 weeks Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Intervention = 5% Control = 4% Analysis:	
Notes	First reported outcome (vegetable intake) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit and vegetable intake 1st listed outcome		
Risk of bias			
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement	

## Fildes 2015 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Randomised to experimental group using a block randomisation matrix created by an independent statistician
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Allocation was revealed to the researcher, but unclear how or when
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Infant's consumption of novel vegetable: Mothers offered and fed the vegetable to infants. Given the nature of the interven- tion, parents in the intervention arm were not blinded and therefore this could have influenced performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Infant's consumption of novel vegetable: The outcome was weighed, but it is not clear who weighed the food (mother who fed the child, or researcher who observed the mother feeding the child). The re- searcher who was present during outcome assessment was the same researcher who de- livered the intervention to the mother. The impact on detection bias is unclear
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	139/146 (95%) completed the follow-up and therefore low risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

## Fisher 2012

Methods

 Methods
 Study design:

 Cluster-randomised controlled trial
 Cluster-randomised controlled trial

 Funding:
 "This work was funded by an investigator-initiated grant to J.O.F. from the Clorox

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 responsibility for the research design and methods, the integrity of the data, the analyses, and the interpretation of the findings."
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Participants	<ul> <li>Description: Preschool-aged children in Head Start classrooms and their parent</li> <li>N (Randomised): 155 parent-child dyads </li> <li>Age: Child: 3 to 5 years (mean = 4 years) Parent: not specified % Female: Child: 48% Parent: not specified SES and ethnicity: "predominately Hispanic (88%) children" "Of participating parents, close to a majority (n=89) reported being married and slightly greater than one-third (n=51) reported schooling beyond high school." Inclusion/exclusion criteria: No explicit inclusion criteria stated for this trial Exclusion criteria: "Exclusion criteria included severe food allergies and/or other medical conditions (e.g., diabetes) that might influence the ability to participate in an ad libitum snack and absences at 75% or more of the vegetable exposure trials." Recruitment: "To achieve a target sample size of 37 children per experimental dip condition, eight preschool classrooms within three Head Start Centers were approached to participate. Parents of 166 children were sent letters to request written consent for their own and their child's participation in the study." Recruitment rate: Parent-child dyads = 93% (155/166) Region:</li> </ul>
Interventions	<ul> <li>Houston, TX (USA)</li> <li>Number of experimental conditions: 4</li> <li>Number of participants (analysed):</li> <li>Plain = 39, Regular = 39, Light = 36, Sauce = 38</li> <li>142 parents (not specified by group)</li> <li>Description of intervention:</li> <li>"At each trial, raw broccoli was presented with 2% milk (8 oz [246 g]) to children in the condition to which they were assigned. Children were instructed to eat as much or as little as desired."</li> <li>Plain: "broccoli was served without dressing."</li> <li>Regular: "broccoli was served with 2.5 oz of a regular ranch-flavored salad dressing."</li> <li>Light: "broccoli was served with 2.5 oz of a reduced-energy/fat ranch-flavored salad dressing."</li> <li>Sauce: "2.5 oz of the regular dressing was mixed together with broccoli as a sauce"</li> <li>Duration:</li> <li>7 weeks</li> <li>Number of contacts:</li> <li>"Thirteen exposure trials (twice per week) took place in children's classrooms across a 7-week period."</li> <li>Setting:</li> <li>Preschool</li> </ul>

# Fisher 2012 (Continued)

	Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Trained research staff Integrity: No information provided Date of study: 2008 Description of control:
	N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of target vegetables (broccoli) (grams) with/without dressing/sauce. "Weights of broccoli, milk, and the salad dressing (except in the plain condition) were recorded to the nearest 0.1 g once a stable reading was indicated using a calibrated, research grade digital electronic balance before and following the snacks. In the sauce condition, broccoli and the dressing intakes were estimated from the amount of the mixture consumed based on the proportionate contributions of each to the total pre- weight." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 7 weeks Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Overall = 2% (not specified by group) Analysis: Adjusted for clustering Sample size calculation was performed
	Analysis: Adjusted for clustering

Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	(Authors describe as a quasi-experimental design although appear to have randomised classrooms) Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described

# Fisher 2012 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	(Authors describe as a quasi-experimental design although appear to have randomised classrooms) There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective): Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake (objective): Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and whether those who weighed the food were blinded is unlikely to have an impact on detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	152/155 (98%) completed the study and therefore risk of attrition bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	There is insufficient information about baseline imbalances and whether clustering was adjusted for in the analyses

# Haire-Joshu 2008

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "Funding for this work was provided by National Cancer Institute (R01 CA68398)."
Participants	Description: Parents and their children participating in the 'Parents as Teachers' (PAT) programme sites in rural Missouri (USA) N (Randomised): 16 PAT sites, 1658 families Age: Children: 1 to 3 y: intervention = 67%, control = 61% 4 to 6 y: intervention = 33%, control = 40% Parents: < 25 y: intervention = 28%, control = 21% 25 to 29 y: intervention = 35%, control = 33%

Interventions

30 to $34$ y: intervention = $21%$ , control = $24%$
35+ y: intervention = 17%, control = 23%
% Female:
Children: intervention = 47%, control = 49%
Parents: intervention = 99%, control = 98%
SES and ethnicity:
Parent - Not high school graduate: intervention = 16%, control = 11%
Parent - College graduate: intervention = 20%, control = 25%
Household income:
< USD 20K: intervention = 30%, control = 25%
USD 20K to 35K: intervention = 30%, control = 25%
USD 35K to 50K: intervention = 13%, control = 18%
USD 50+K: intervention = 28%, control = 32%
Ethnicity - White: intervention = 86%, control = 80%
Inclusion/exclusion criteria:
Not specified
Recruitment:
"16 PAT programs from rural, southeast Missouri were recruited into the study. Within
these sites 2012 families enrolled were assessed for eligibility and willingness to participate
by parent educators." PAT is a "parenting and child development program with over
3000 sites across all 50 states and 8 US territories." PAT provides free services on "an
annual basis to parents at the time of pregnancy until the youngest child is 3 years of age.
However, PAT extends services until the youngest child is 5 years of age in the case of
underserved families, defined as single or minority parent homes, those living in poverty
or low parent education. In addition, underserved families may receive additional home
visits as a means of ensuring complete delivery of the curriculum."
Recruitment rate:
Families: 79% families
PAT sites: unknown
Region:
Rural southeast Missouri (USA)
Number of experimental conditions: 2
Number of participants (analysed):
Intervention = 605, Control = 701
Description of intervention:
Intervention families received the standard PAT program plus the 'Hi 5 for Kids' (H5-

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Intervention families received the standard PAT program plus the 'Hi 5 for Kids' (H5-KIDS) protocol. "H5-KIDS was comprised of three components: a tailored newsletter, a series of home visits, and materials for the parent and child, including storybooks." **Computer-tailored nutrition newsletter** 

"To develop the tailored newsletter, parents were rst formally enrolled in H5-KIDS and completed a pretest interview. Relevant data was then imported into an in-house computer-based tailoring program. Scores were calculated based on FV knowledge and intake, frequency of parental modeling, style of parenting (coercive or non-coercive), and quality of the home food environment (FV availability). Each newsletter began with a bulleted tailored statement that included the self reported servings of FVs the parent and the child consumed per day. Additional parent data (e.g. FV knowledge, parental role modeling, non-coercive parenting skills, FV availability) were each uniquely used to individualize messages and describe the themes of each of the four storybook sets the

family would receive at their home visits. For example, if participant data indicated a parent did not eat FV in front of their child very often (< 7/week), the tailored messages would emphasize the importance of modeling FV intake in front of the child as a means of improving consumption, and provide relevant examples of how this could be accomplished. The parent was then referred to H5-KIDS storybooks that provided examples of modeling for the child. In contrast, parents who scored appropriately in each individual area received messages of praise encouraging them to continue their behaviors. Newsletters were mailed to the parent's home at the beginning of the program."

#### Home visits

"Parent educators delivered four H5-KIDS home visits, each of which addressed the core program areas (knowledge, parental modeling of FV intake, non-coercive feeding practices, FV availability). Parent educators then reinforced the core content in subsequent visits. Consistent with the philosophy of the PAT program, each visit provided examples of parent-child activities designed around healthy nutrition, that the parent

could use to promote the child's language and cognitive ability, and ne and gross motor skill development (e.g. having the child learn the names and colors of various FV; child assists with selecting a variety of FV for breakfast). As part of each visit, parents also received materials and informational handouts with suggestions for improving feeding practices and the food environment in the home. Consistent with the standard PAT program, each home visit was designed to allow for 60 min of contact."

## Sing-a-long storybooks with audio cassette

"At each home visit children received a H5-KIDS sing-a-long storybook with audio cassette tape and a coloring book. Each storybook reinforced one of the core areas of the H5-KIDS program through the use of child friendly characters and appealing storylines presented through songs."

#### **Duration:**

60 minutes per home visit

#### Number of contacts:

4 H5-KIDS home visits plus 5 standard PAT home visits

Setting:

#### Home

Modality:

Face-to-face via home visits

## Interventionist:

Parent educators who received 4 hours of training on nutrition content and overview of materials

## Integrity:

"The H5-KIDS program was delivered in its entirety to 78% of intervention families." **Date of study:** 

#### 2001 to 2006

#### Description of control:

"Parent educators deliver a standardized curriculum via at least five home visits, on-site group activities and newsletters." ("PAT ... empowers parents ... by encouraging positive parent-child communication and increasing parents' knowledge of ways to stimulate children's social and physical development.")

Outcomes

#### Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:

Child's daily servings of fruits and of vegetables assessed using the Saint Louis University for Kids Food Frequency Questionnaire (SLU4Kids FFQ) administered by parent

	telephone survey Length of follow-up from baseline: Average time to follow-up was 7 months (range 6 to 11 months) Subgroup analyses: Normal weight vs overweight children Loss to follow-up: Intervention: 15% (+ 5% missing or inconsistent data) Control: 17% (+ 5% missing or inconsistent data) Analysis: Analysis was not adjusted, but justification was provided. "There was minimal impact of grouping by site on the principle measures of impact in this study (ICC child fruit and vegetable servings = 0.00095 and ICC parent fruit and vegetable servings = 0.01). Therefore, the analyses did not adjust for group." Sample size calculation was performed.
Notes	The proportion of normal weight vs overweight children not reported, making it difficult to interpret the subgroup analysis. First reported outcome (fruit intake) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake only reported outcome

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"A computer generated number table was used for random assignment to interven- tion or control."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	High risk	"Families enrolled in PAT were assessed for eligibility and willingness to participate by parent educators." Contact with the author indicated that parent educators were aware of site allocation when they were enrolling participants to the trial
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Study personnel were aware of allocation - "Sites were not blind to assignment." Con- tact with the author indicated that par- ent participants completed a consent form which described the activities of their ex- perimental condition, and were therefore unlikely to be blind to allocation. Given the trial outcomes were based on parental report, the review authors judged there was potential for performance bias

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that out- come assessors were blind to group alloca- tion
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Rates of loss to follow-up (intervention = 15%, control = 17%) and missing/ incon- sistent data (intervention = 5%, control = 5%) were similar across groups. No infor- mation was provided about reasons for loss to follow-up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	A subgroup analysis was conducted based on child's weight status (normal vs over- weight). "A final limitation of the study is the limited power to definitely assess the impact of the intervention of children within weight status subgroups." It is un- clear whether the subgroup analysis was pre-specified
Other bias	Low risk	Rationale provided for not adjusting anal- ysis for clustering. "There was minimal im- pact of grouping by site on the principle measures of impact in this study (ICC child fruit and vegetable servings = 0.00095 and ICC parent fruit and vegetable servings = 0.01). Therefore, the analyses did not ad- just for group." No further risks of bias identified.

## Harnack 2012

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial - cross-over <b>Funding:</b> "Funded by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research program."
Participants	Description: Preschool-aged children attending a Head Start centre in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA N (Randomised): 57 children Age: 2 to 3 years = 51% 4 to 5 years = 49% % Female: Not specified SES and ethnicity:

# Harnack 2012 (Continued)

	Child: Non-Hispanic African-American = 76%, Hispanic or Latina/Latino = 6%, Multi- racial = 13%, American Indian = 4%, Non-Hispanic White = 2% Parent education: Less than high school = 9%, High school graduate = 42%, Some college = 49% <b>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</b> Not specified <b>Recruitment:</b> "Children in three preschool classrooms were recruited. A consent form and letter ex- plaining the study was sent to parents." <b>Recruitment rate:</b> 98% (57/58) <b>Region:</b> Minneapolis, Minnesota (USA)
Interventions	<ul> <li>Number of experimental conditions: 3</li> <li>Number of participants (analysed):</li> <li>Overall = 53</li> <li>Description of intervention:</li> <li>Fruit and vegetable first: "During the fruit and vegetable first experimental weeks all fruits and non-starchy vegetables on the lunch menu were served traditional family style five minutes in advance of other menu items. Children were allowed to begin eating the fruit and vegetable items served first, with the remaining menu items (e.g. milk, entrée, side dishes) placed on the tables for traditional family style meal service previous following distribution of the first course. All other usual meal service practices remained the same during the fruit and vegetable first experimental condition."</li> <li>Provider portioned: "During the provider portioned experimental condition, a plate was prepared for each child that contained a specific quantity of each menu item."</li> <li>Duration:</li> <li>"Each condition was implemented for two one-week periods over the six week period, for a total of two weeks per condition"</li> <li>Number of contacts:</li> <li>Unclear, each day of the 6-week period (dependent on how many days children attend)</li> <li>Setting:</li> <li>Preschool</li> <li>Modality:</li> <li>Face-to-face</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>No information provided</li> <li>Date of study:</li> <li>Unknown</li> <li>Description of control:</li> <li>Usual 'control' meal service: "</li> <li>"During each day of the control weeks, the usual traditional family style meal service approach to serving lunch meals at the center was followed. During usual lunch meals at the center children are seated around tables, and each food item on the menu is passed around tables, and each food item on the menu is passed around tables, and each food item on the menu is passed around tables, and each food item on the menu is passed around tables, and each food item on the menu is passed around the table from child to child in serving bowls for self-service."</li> </ul>

# Harnack 2012 (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruit and vegetable serves (1 cup equivalents) Study staff trained and certified in conducting lunch observations recorded food intake on a meal observation form. "The lunch observation data were entered into Nutrition Data System for Research (NDSR), a dietary analysis software program." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 6 weeks Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Overall = 7% Analysis: Unknown if sample size calculation was performed
Notes	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit and vegetable intake is the only outcome

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Intake: There is no mention if children were blinded and so it is unclear how this may impact children's vegetable intake
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Intake: Observers made visual estimations of food amounts to determine the amount taken but it is unclear if observers were blinded to condition. Food amounts may not be accurately estimated by observers

# Harnack 2012 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	3/57 (93%) completed the study and there- fore the risk of attrition bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue
Hausner 2012		
Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Commu- nity's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the Grant Agreement No. FP7-245012-HabEat."	
Participants		
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 3 Number of participants (analysed): Mere exposure group = 20 Flavour-flavour learning group = 30 Flavour-nutrient learning group = 21 Description of intervention:	

# Hausner 2012 (Continued)

	Mere exposure group, exposed to unmodified artichoke puree 10 times Flavour-flavour learning group, exposed to a sweetened artichoke puree 10 times Flavour-nutrient learning group, exposed 10 times to an energy dense artichoke puree with added fat <b>Duration:</b> 4 weeks <b>Number of contacts:</b> 10 exposures <b>Setting:</b> Preschool <b>Modality:</b> Face-to-face <b>Interventionist:</b> Nursery staff <b>Integrity:</b> No information provided <b>Date of study:</b> Unknown <b>Description of control:</b> N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of unmodified artichoke puree (grams). "Testing took part in group rooms. The children were seated at tables where they would normally eat their lunch to mimic the natural eating environment. The purées were served in preweighted plastic cups at room temperature. The standard serving size was 100 g for artichoke and 130 g carrot. Intake was measured individually and recorded for all sessions with a precision of 1 g." Outcome relating to absolute costs/costs-effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 5 and 8 months Length of follow-up post-intervention: 3 and 6 months Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up (at 3 and 6 months): Mere exposure group = 9%, 38% Flavour-flavour learning group = 21%, 9% Flavour-flavour learning group = 23%, 46% Analysis: Adjusted for clustering (ANOVA proc mixed models). Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.

Notes

Risk of bias

# Hausner 2012 (Continued)

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Intake was weighed and therefore it is un- likely that this would be influenced by de- tection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of 104 children, 71 (68%) completed the 6-month follow-up and therefore at high risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	The groups differed in age, but age was in- cluded as a covariate to correct for the pos- sible influence on intake. Therefore the risk of other bias is unclear

# Hetherington 2015

Methods	Study design: Randomised controlled trial Funding: "Funding received through the EC Seventh Framework Programme (FP7/2007-2013) under the IAPP 230637 "VIVA: V is for Vegetable - Applying Learning theory to increase liking and intake of vegetables"
Participants	Description: Mothers with infants under 12 weeks old N (Randomised): 40 mother-infant dyads (20 intervention, 20 control) Age: Infant (mean): Intervention = 4.78 months, Control = 4.88 months

## Hetherington 2015 (Continued)

	Mother (mean): Intervention = 33.7 years, Control = 30.9 years % Female: Infant: 57% SES and ethnicity: Not specified Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Not specified Recruitment: "Mothers were recruited from the local community using widespread advertising within mother and baby groups and a recruitment agency." Recruitment rate: 83% (40/48) Region: UK
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 17, Control = 18 Description of intervention: "IG infants received 12 daily exposures to vegetable puree added to milk (days 1-12), then 12 x 2 daily exposures to vegetable puree added to baby rice at home (days 13-24). Then both groups received 11 daily exposures to vegetable puree (days 25-35). They were each given a pack containing a 35 day diary and all of the equipment and foodstuffs they would need to complete the study. They were informed that breast or formula feeding should continue as normal." Duration: 24 days Number of contacts: 24 exposures (daily) Setting: Home + lab Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Parents Integrity: "Another possible limitation of the study was that most of the intervention was conducted at home. It is then difficult to ensure that instructions were strictly followed." Date of study: "Plain milk and cereal were given to the control group (days 1-24)"
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Consumption of vegetables (grams) measured by "a small set of portable digital pocket scales (MYCO MZ-100, Dalman) to weigh accurately intakes (i.e. by weighing bottles or bowls before and after each feed) of all feeds consumed across the day." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported

## Hetherington 2015 (Continued)

	Outcome relating to reported adverse events:Not reportedLength of follow-up from baseline:35 days, 6 months and 18 monthsLength of follow-up post-intervention:ImmediateSubgroup analyses:NoneLoss to follow-up (immediate, 6 months, 18 months):Intervention = 15%, 25%, 45%Control = 10%, 20%, 15%Analysis:Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.
Notes	First reported outcome (vegetable intake grams during laboratory session) at immediate follow-up was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit and vegetable intake 1st listed outcome in abstract

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"Mothers were randomised to either the in- tervention (n = 20) or control group (n = 20) after they had consented to the study and before they had completed any ques- tionnaires." No information provided about the ran- domisation procedure
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	No information provided about allocation concealment
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	The participants were aware of whether or not they were adding vegetable puree to milk and rice cereal No blinding, and the outcome is likely to be influenced by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Food intake was weighed which would be low risk. However, "the researcher and mother made a joint decision on when 3 refusals were reached". This may have im- pacted on outcome assessment
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"Forty parents provided informed consent for their infants to take part in the study; however, complete data were collected on

### Hetherington 2015 (Continued)

		36 mother-infant dyads." For outcome of vegetable intake grams dur- ing laboratory session 17 mothers in the intervention group and 18 mothers in the control group provided data "At 6 months follow-up, 15 mothers in the IG completed the two feeding sessions, while 16 mothers completed them in the CG (86% return rate)."
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	No protocol listing prespecified outcomes
Other bias	Unclear risk	Recruitment bias may be an issue due to the method used. Baseline table showed that groups appeared similar, so there does not appear to be a high risk of bias. However there is not enough info to determine the level of risk "Mothers were recruited from the local community using widespread advertising within mother and baby groups and a re- cruitment agency between September 2011 and May 2012." "In total, the research team made contact with 48 mothers and from this initial con- tact 40 mothers were screened and accepted into the study."

### Hunsaker 2017

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children enrolled in the university-based preschool during the 2013-2014 academic year and their parents</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>65 parent-child dyads</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Intervention (mean): 5 years</li> <li>Control (mean): 5 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Intervention: 38%</li> <li>Control: 64%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Monthly income (mean): Intervention = USD 6100, Control = USD 5336</li> </ul>

### Hunsaker 2017 (Continued)

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Paront	adu	cation

High school: intervention = 0%, control = 3%; some college: intervention = 0%, control = 6%; Bachelor's degree: intervention = 45%, control = 55%; Graduate degree: intervention = 45%, control 30%

Ethnicity

Non-Hispanic white: intervention = 84%, control = 94%; Hispanic: intervention = 3%, control = 0%; Asian: intervention = 6%, control = 0%; Biracial: intervention = 6%, control = 6%

#### Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

No explicit inclusion/exclusion criteria stated for this trial, however the children had to be enrolled in the university-based preschool during academic year 2013-14 and were excluded if they participated in the 2012-2013 academic year

#### Recruitment:

"The parent who self-identified as most responsible for preparing the child's meals was invited to complete the surveys. Preschool personnel sent an email inviting parents to consent to participate. Consent was obtained through an online survey."

### Recruitment rate:

65% (65/100) **Region:** 

USA

Interventions

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Number of participants (analysed):

Intervention = 32 parent-child dyads, control = 33 parent-child dyads

#### Description of intervention:

Parents received a health report describing their child's average daily fruit and vegetable consumption along with the guidelines that children should consume 5 fruits and vegetables per day. Parents were also given a standardized set of recommendations for increasing fruit and vegetable intake as well as more comprehensive recommendations for how to increase their child's fruit and vegetable intake (i.e. a more detailed list of parent behaviours to increase consumption)

### Duration: 4 weeks Number of contacts:

- Parents received one health report **Setting:**
- Home
- Modality:

# Written materials

### Interventionist:

Preschool personnel provided the report

- Integrity:
- No information provided

### Date of study:

2013-2014 academic year

# Description of control:

"A delayed intervention group completed the initial baseline assessment but received no intervention until after the completion of the week 4 assessment."

## Hunsaker 2017 (Continued)

Length of follow-up from baseline:4 weeksLength of follow-up post-intervention:ImmediatelySubgroup analyses:NoneLoss to follow-up:There was no loss to follow-upAnalysis:Unknown if sample size calculation was performed

Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"Participants were randomly assigned to ei- ther an intervention (n=32) or a control (n= 33) group using a random number gener- ator." Unclear how the sequence was generated
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no mention of allocation conceal- ment.
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	It is unclear whether those delivering the in- tervention, or the parents receiving the in- tervention were aware of their experimen- tal group allocation
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	"Parents completed the NCI Fruit and Veg- etable Screener Questionnaire as an online survey." Child fruit and vegetable consumption as- sessed via parent self-report
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	"In study 2, 22.6%, 44.4%, and 14% of combined fruit and vegetable data were

### Hunsaker 2017 (Continued)

		missing at times 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Missing values analysis determined that data were missing at random; thus the re- searchers used full information maximum likelihood estimation." Greater than 20% missing data at two time points, with over 40% of data missing at Time 2
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no trial registration or protocol paper.
Other bias	Low risk	No other source of bias was identified.
Keller 2012		
Methods	-	rom NIH grant K01DK068008 and a St. Luke's Roosevelt nal support came from the Obesity Research Center Grant"
Participants	<ul> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>19 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>4 to 5 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"from diverse ethnic backgrou</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>"All the children were "at risk</li> </ul>	for obesity," based on having at least one parent with a ad to consume fewer than two servings of F&V per day,
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 7, Control = 9 Description of intervention: "Families in both groups attended weekly, small-group sessions with the researchers where baseline measures were taken and family-based nutrition education was delivered."	

## Keller 2012 (Continued)

	Children in the intervention group were "given F&V in containers decorated with their favorite cartoon characters. In addition, a sticker was included inside each decorated container to simulate the practice of premiums used by the food industry; children were allowed to collect these stickers on a game board to cash in for a prize the following week."
	Duration:
	7 weeks
	Number of contacts:
	Weekly group sessions and offered F&V containers 3 times a day
	Setting:
	Home + Lab
	Modality:
	Face-to-face
	Interventionist:
	Parents and researchers
	Integrity:
	No information provided
	Date of study:
	Unknown
	Description of control:
	"Children who were in the control group received F&V in plain plastic containers
	throughout the study"
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables (grams, servings per day). F&V containers were stored by parents throughout the study period and taken back to the lab to be weighed Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 7 weeks Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Overall = 16% (not specified by group) Analysis: Unknown if sample size calculations performed.
Notes	First reported outcome (grams vegetables/week) was extracted for inclusion in the meta- analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake only outcome reported

### Risk of bias

### Keller 2012 (Continued)

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is not enough information to deter- mine the sequence generation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is not enough information to deter- mine allocation concealment
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	The outcome is objective consumption of fruit & veg which is unlikely to be influ- enced by lack of participant & personnel blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Objective assessment (weight) of fruit and vegetable consumption therefore low risk
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	16/19 (84%) children completed the 7- week study, however 3 children were ex- cluded from the analysis. Intention-to-treat analysis was not used, therefore high risk of bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is not enough information to deter- mine if there is any reporting bias
Other bias	Unclear risk	There is baseline imbalance between the study groups. Children in the intervention group consumed more servings of fruit & veg at baseline. Not clear of the impact this may have had on the results

### Martinez-Andrade 2014

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 2 to 5 years at 4 primary care clinics and their parent</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>4 primary care clinics, 306 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child (mean): Intervention = 40.1 months, Control = 41.1 months</li> <li>Parent (mean): Intervention = 29.3 years, Control = 29.5 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child: 47%</li> </ul>

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Parent: not specified SES and ethnicity:
Education: no schooling = 0.3%, Primary school = 8.9%, Junior high = 33.7%, High school = 39.3%, Professional school - 12.5%, Postgraduate = 1.7%
Inclusion/exclusion criteria:
Inclusion criteria: "Participants comprised children aged 2 - <5 years of age whose BMI (calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) was above the median for age and sex (BMI z-score 0 - 3); who attended one of the participating IMSS clinics during the recruitment period for pediatric care, vaccination, or accompanying a family member; and whose parent or caregiver gave written consent to participate." Exclusion criteria: "Families were excluded if they planned to move residences or change primary care clinics during the study period; the child had motor limitations (e.g., physical disability or delay); or required a special diet by medical indication."
"The project manager approached the directors of the 6 primary care clinics in Mexico City with the greatest proportion of preschoolers (approximately 5% children <5 years)
to request their support for the project."
Recruitment rate:
Primary care clinic = $67\%$ (4/6)
Child = 10% (306/3095) (using number of participants approached as denominator) <b>Region:</b>
Mexico City
Number of experimental conditions: 2
Number of participants (analysed):
Intervention = 168, control = 138
Description of intervention:
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intervention components" Attendance: "Only 52% (88 of the 168 who agreed to participate) attended  $\geq$  1 educational session (405 sessions attended in total). The total number of expected attendances

	at educational sessions was 1008 (168 participants attending 6 sessions each). Thus, com- pliance in the intervention group was 40% (405/1008) of total expected attendances. However, of the 88 receiving any intervention content, 67% (59/88) attended 5-6 of the intended 6 workshops" <b>Date of study:</b> March 2012 to April 2013 <b>Description of control:</b> Usual-care control - received no intervention
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables (servings per week), "staff assisted parents in completing a child Food Frequency Questionnaire (FFQ) adapted from the FFQ used to assess dietary intake among 1-4 year old children in the 2006 Mexican National Nutrition Survey."</li> <li>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>3 and 6 months</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>1½ and 4½ months</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up (at 1 ½ and 4 ½ months):</li> <li>Intervention = 41%, 35%</li> <li>Control = 26%, 26%</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Adjusted for clustering</li> <li>Unknown if sample size calculation was performed</li> </ul>
Notes	First reported outcome (fruit servings/week) at the longest follow-up < 12 months (3 months after intervention completion - as 6-months follow-up did not report retention values by group) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis The reported estimate which adjusted for clustering assessed change from baseline, we therefore used post-intervention data and calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0.016 to enable inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake listed as primary outcome

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	A computer-generated randomisation list designed by a statistician with no connec- tion to the intervention was used for ran- dom allocation to experimental group

## Martinez-Andrade 2014 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Child dietary intake (parent-reported): "Only after informed consent did partici- pants learn of their treatment assignment" There is no blinding to group allocation of participants at follow-up described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Child dietary intake (parent reported): "Only after informed consent did partici- pants learn of their treatment assignment" There is no blinding to group allocation of participants at follow-up described and because self-reported measures were used this is likely to influence detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	"Non-participation was greater in the in- tervention (75 (45%) of 168 participants) than in the usual care (42 (30%) of 138 participants) arm (Figure 1)." Attrition rate was high with >35% of fami- lies not completing follow-up at 3 months. Multiple imputations were performed to address missing data however non-partici- pation was greater in the intervention than in the usual care condition
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Unclear risk	There were baseline imbalances between the groups, but results were adjusted Unclear risk of recruitment bias as individ- uals were recruited to the trial after clusters have been randomised

## Mennella 2008

Methods

Study design: Randomised controlled trial Funding: Not reported

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Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 4 to 9 months and their mother</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>88 parent-children dyads</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child (mean): Study 1 fruits = 6.7 months, Study 2 vegetables = 6.3 months</li> <li>Mother (mean): Study 1 fruits = 29 years, Study 2 vegetables = 28 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child: Study 1 fruits = 49%, Study 2 vegetables = 43%</li> <li>Parent: 100%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Parent: "Their ethnic background was 55.4% (N =41) Black; 29.7% (N =22) White; 2. 7% (N =2) Hispanic and 12.2% (N =9) Other/Mixed Ethnicity."</li> <li>SES not specified</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>"To qualify the Children had to have at least two weeks of experience eating cereal or fruit from a spoon and little experience with the target fruits and vegetables."</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"Seventy-four mothers whose Children were between the ages of 4 and 9 months were recruited from advertisements in local newspapers and from Women, Children and Children Programs in Philadelphia, PA."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>Philadelphia (USA)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 5 Number of participants (analysed): Study 1: fruits Pear group = 20 dyads, between-meal (BM) group = 19 dyads Study 2: vegetables Green bean group = 11 dyads, between-meal (BM) group = 12 dyads, between-meal and within-meal (BM-WM) group = 12 dyads <b>Description of intervention:</b> Study 1: fruits "During the home exposure period, one group fed only pears at the target meal (Pear Group, N=20) whereas the other group fed a fruit which was different than the one experienced during the previous 2 days (Between-Meal (BM) Fruit Variety Group, N= 19)." Study 2: vegetables "The three groups differed in the type, amount and variety of foods that infants were fed during the target meal during the 8-day home exposure period. The infants in the Green Bean Group (N=11) were fed only the target vegetable, green beans, whereas those in the Between-Meal variety group (BM Vegetable Variety Group, N=12) and the Between- Meal and Within-Meal Variety Group (BM-WM Vegetable Variety Group, N=12) were fed a variety of vegetables. The BM Variety Group was fed only one vegetable each day and green and orange vegetables were alternated daily, whereas the BM-WM Variety Group was fed two vegetables each day (one green, one orange). In the latter group, the

## Mennella 2008 (Continued)

	pair of vegetables varied from day-to-day but one of the pair was experienced the prior day." Duration: 8 days Number of contacts: 8 exposures Setting: Home Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Mothers Integrity: "All of the mothers complied with these instructions." Date of study: Unknown Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:Child's consumption of fruit and vegetable purees (grams). Mother resealed jars and returned them after the exposure period to be weighedOutcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:Not reportedOutcome relating to reported adverse events:Not reportedLength of follow-up from baseline:12 days (4 days of test food(s))Length of follow-up post-intervention:2 daysSubgroup analyses:NoneLoss to follow-up:Condition 1: fruitsOverall = 15% (no specified by group)Condition 2: vegetablesOverall = 17% (no specified by group)Analysis:Unknown if sample size calculation was performed.

#### Notes

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described

## Mennella 2008 (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Fruit & vegetable intake: The mother fed the child and there is no mention of blinding, therefore at unclear risk of performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	The mother fed the child and there is no mention of blinding. However, this is an objective measure of intake, and therefore low risk of detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Mother-infant pairs were excluded from the study because they did not comply with experimental procedures or ate less than 5 grams on the testing days. An intention-to- treat approach was not adopted and there- fore at high risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	High risk	The groups differed significantly in the fruit study (Study 1) in terms of approach- ability and there is no mention that this difference was adjusted for in the analysis

### Namenek Brouwer 2013

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	Description: Children and centre directors from 4 licensed childcare centres in North Carolina N (Randomised): 4 childcare centres Age: < 3 years = 27% 3 to 5 years = 73% % Female: Child: not specified Directors: 100% SES and ethnicity:

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"All centers had at least some subsidized children enrolled." Directors: "75% were African American, and 50% had a college degree." Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "To participate in the study, centers had to provide all foods and beverages to children in care (i.e., parents could not send food from home), not have an open case of abuse or neglect with the state licensing agency, and have at least three children between the ages of three and five years in care on a regular basis." **Recruitment:** "We mailed a letter of invitation to every licensed center (n = 6) in the city limits of a small community near our research offices. The letter was followed by a telephone call from the study team. We enrolled the first four centers that agreed to participate. Center directors provided written informed consent to participate in the study; parents were provided a fact sheet describing the study and were asked to contact the project director if they did not want their children observed during the dietary assessment." **Recruitment rate:** 100% of centres; recruitment rate for children not reported Region: Central North Carolina (USA) Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): 4 childcare centres, "An average of 19.0 (7.9) children were enrolled per center" Description of intervention: "The Watch Me Grow program is a garden-based intervention aimed to increase the number of vegetables and fruits provided to and consumed by children in child care. The intervention took place in spring 2011. The program includes a "crop-a-month" structured curriculum for child-care providers, consultation by a gardener, and technical assistance from a health educator. Over the course of the four-month-long intervention, providers and children in the intervention centers grew (1) lettuce, (2) strawberries, (3) spinach, and (4) broccoli. We designed the garden to yield one crop per month, and provided classrooms in the intervention centers with corresponding curriculum materials highlighting the target fruit or vegetable of the month." **Duration:** 4 months Number of contacts: Health educators (technical assistance): monthly Visits from study gardener: at least monthly Centre staff provided curriculum activities: 1 activity per week Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Health educator/Gardener provided intervention to childcare centres Centre Staff provided curriculum/activities to children Integrity: No information provided

Date of study:

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### Namenek Brouwer 2013 (Continued)

	Description of control: Received no intervention	
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables (mean servings, consumed by 3 children in each centre). Registered dietitians observed all meals and snacks over 2 full days and recorded all foods consumed for each of the 3 target children Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: - 5 months Length of follow-up post-intervention: 1 month Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: N/A: "the same three children may not have been observed pre- to post-intervention." Analysis: Did not adjust for clustering	
Notes	First reported outcome (daily vegetable servings consumed) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis No adjustment was made for clustering; we therefore used post-intervention data and calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0.014 to enable inclusion in meta- analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake is primary outcome as in trial registry	

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"either the intervention or control con- dition on a 1:1 ratio, using the Re- search Randomizer (www.randomizer.org/ form.htm)" The research randomiser was used to generate the random sequence
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Dietary observation: A trained registered dietitian blinded to treatment group conducted the dietary as- sessments

### Namenek Brouwer 2013 (Continued)

Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Dietary observation: The outcome is observation of foods served and consumed at mealtimes at the childcare centre undertaken by blinded dietitians. However, there is no blinding of childcare centre staff, cooks, children etc., because they were provided with a garden at their centre, curriculum materials and lessons, and staff met with research team about the garden and how to incorporate it into all aspects of the centre
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Randomly selected a classroom and then 3 children within classroom at centres to observe pre- and post-intervention; it did not need to be the same 3 children observed pre- and post-intervention
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Unclear risk	"Due to sample size limitations, we did not conduct formal statistical analysis beyond comparing crude differences in mean serv- ings of vegetables and fruits." Insufficient information was reported to determine whether childcare centres were similar at baseline or recruitment bias. No statistical method to account for clustering, but we calculated an effective sample size prior to inclusion in meta-analysis to ac- count for this

### Natale 2014a

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This research was funded by the Miami-Dade County Children's Trust (grant number 764-287)."
Participants	Description: Children aged 2 to 5 years enrolled in 8 subsidised childcare centres in Miami-Dade County, Florida N (Randomised): 8 childcare centres, 307 children Age:

### Natale 2014a (Continued)

"the average age for boys was 3.82 years, the average age for girls was 3.91 years" **% Female:** 

Intervention = 49%, Control = 48%

#### SES and ethnicity:

"Thirty-six percent identified their child as black, 34% identified their child as white, 18% chose other, and 14% were unknown. The ethnicity of the sample mirrors that of Miami-Dade County, with 32% of the parents identifying their child as Hispanic/other, 25% as Hispanic/Cuban, 22% as African American, and 2% as Caucasian. Thirty-five percent of the sample were primarily Spanish speaking and completed the measures in Spanish, and 65% of the sample were primarily English speaking and completed the measures in English"

#### Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

"Center study inclusion criteria consisted of (a) serve >30 children, (b) serve low-income children, and (c) ethnic makeup had to be reflective of the county as a whole (minority majority). Low income was determined based on whether or not the child received subsidized child care."

No inclusion/exclusion criteria specified for children.

#### **Recruitment:**

"All participants were recruited at the child care center. Parents were approached during drop-off or pickup times. Consent forms were attached to the interview packets, and parent data were collected during the initial visit."

Recruitment rate:

#### 98% **Region:**

Miami-Dade County, Florida (USA)

### Number of experimental conditions: 2

Number of participants (analysed):

# Intervention = 238, Control = 69

Description of intervention:

**Teacher curriculum:** Modeled after a modified version of Hip-Hop to Health Jr., included implementation of lessons and a low-fat, high fibre diet that included more fruits and vegetables with an emphasis on cultural barriers

**Parent curriculum**: Modeled after a modified version of the Eating Right Is Basic and Hip-Hop to Health Jr., included a monthly educational dinner (run by dietitians) in which nutrition and physical activity were discussed, monthly newsletters, and at-home activities, also information on how to introduce new foods and how to encourage eating more fruits and vegetables. Parents were encouraged to reduce TV viewing, increase physical activity, and model healthy eating behaviours for their child at home

**Centre-based modifications:** These included: the development of policies to increase physical activity and healthy eating; modifying menus to make them compliant with the policies and also to ensure that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) nutritional requirements were met; agreeing on a drink policy that included providing water as the primary beverage, not allowing juice or sweetened beverages more than one time per week; changing from whole milk to 1% milk; having a snack policy which consisted of substituting healthy snacks, such as fresh fruit and/or vegetables, for cookies and other high-lipid snacks; having a physical activity policy to increase physical activity to more than one hour per day and to decrease TV viewing to less than 60 minutes two times a week

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	Duration:
	6 months
	Number of contacts:
	Unclear, multiple contacts
	Setting:
	Preschool, home
	Modality:
	Multiple (face-to-face, newsletters)
	Interventionist:
	Teachers, Parents and Registered Dieticians
	Integrity:
	No information provided
	Date of study:
	Unknown
	Description of control:
	"The Attention control group centers received a visit from an injury prevention education
	mobile. The mobile provided parents and teachers with hands-on safety education and
	information, as part of an ongoing injury prevention program at the University of Miami.
	"
2	
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:
	Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables assessed using a 16-item food frequency
	questionnaire (FFQ) completed by parents and teachers
	Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:
	Not reported
	Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
	Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline:
	3, 6 and 12 months
	Length of follow-up post-intervention:
	Immediately and 6 months
	Subgroup analyses:
	None
	Loss to follow-up (Immediately post-intervention and 12 months):
	Overall = 25%, 42%
	Analysis:
	Unclear if adjusted for clustering
	Unknown if sample size calculation performed
	endown it sample size calculation performed
Notes	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, BMI 1st listed
	outcome

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described

## Natale 2014a (Continued)

Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Food intake: There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Food intake (parent and teacher reported): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Of the 318 child-parent dyads at baseline, there were 185 (58%) at the 1-year follow- up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	Some evidence of baseline imbalance (e.g. ethnicity) Unclear recruitment bias Unclear whether potential clustering within childcare centres accounted for

### Nicklas 2017

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This study was sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH)/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development through grant number R21-HD073608. Partial support was received from the USDA Agriculture Research Service through spe- cific cooperative agreement 58-6250-0-008."
Participants	Description: Preschool-aged children who were predominantly low-income African-American and Hispanics N (Randomised): 6 Head Start centres, 253 children Age: Mean: Intervention = 4.47 years, Control = 4.38 years % Female: Intervention = 49%, Control = 52% SES and ethnicity:

### Nicklas 2017 (Continued)

	Hispanics: Intervention = 46%, Control = 54% African-American: Intervention = 59%, Control = 41% <b>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</b> Not specified <b>Recruitment:</b> "Recruitment strategies included flyers that were sent to the home with the children, presentations at parent meetings, face-to-face recruitment during child drop-off and pickup at Head Start, and active involvement of the Head Start manager and staff in the recruitment process" <b>Recruitment rate:</b> Children: 65% (253/391) <b>Region:</b> Houston, TX (USA)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 128, Control = 125 Description of intervention: The intervention included 4 DVDs (videos) theatre-based puppet shows that aimed at persuading children to increase vegetable consumption through encouragement, ratio- nale/reason, reinforcement, and role modelling that were delivered over 4 consecutive weeks at preschools. Additionally, "each intervention child took home a bag including the DVD video for that week, a pamphlet, main ingredients to prepare a simple vegetable snack, crayons, and a disposable camera (if parents did not have a smart phone) to use as instructed in the booklets." The intervention was "based on the theoretical framework "transportation into a narrative world", three professionally developed characters, unique storylines and an engaging, repetitious song were incorporated in four 20-min videotaped puppet shows." Duration: 4 weeks Number of contacts: 6 contacts per week Setting: Preschool, home Modality: Multiple (face-to-face, visual/audio - DVD) Interventionist: Teachers and parents Integrity: No information provided Date of study: Unknown Description of control: "Duration et events intervention period the control group did not receive any alternate intervention."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of vegetables assessed using digital photography and plate weight before and after consumption (grams) Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:

### Nicklas 2017 (Continued)

	Not reported	
	Outcome relating to reported adverse events:	
	Not reported	
	Length of follow-up from baseline:	
	4 weeks + 2 days	
	Length of follow-up post-intervention:	
	2 days	
	Subgroup analyses:	
	None	
	Loss to follow-up:	
	No loss to follow-up	
	Analysis:	
	Adjusted for clustering.	
	Unknown if sample size calculation performed.	
Notes	Reported estimates accounted for clustering, but confidence intervals or other measures of variance were not available. We therefore estimated means and SDs by groups at follow-up from a study figure using an online resource (Plot Digitizer: plotdigitizer.sourceforge.net) and calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0.014 to enable inclusion in meta- analysis	
	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome was vegetable consumption	

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	The random sequence generation was not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	No information about allocation conceal- ment is provided and therefore it is unclear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Participants and teachers in intervention preschools were not blinded to the inter- vention, as children viewed a DVD, and teachers were asked to identify the veg- etable components served in the lunch. It is unclear whether this resulted in perfor- mance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Children's vegetable intake was assessed us- ing the digital photography method and plates were weighed and therefore unlikely to be influenced by detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	253 children were enrolled and all of them completed the follow-up assessment, so risk of attrition bias is low

### Nicklas 2017 (Continued)

Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration	
Other bias	Unclear risk	There is potential recruitment bias, as it is not clear when or how clusters were randomised, and whether recruitment oc- curred before or after	
O'Connell 2012			
Methods	Funding:	Cluster-randomised controlled trial - cross over	
Participants	<ul> <li>"Financial support was provided by the Rudd Foundation."</li> <li>Description: Children aged 3 to 6 years attending 2 private preschools in a small north-eastern city N (Randomised): 2 preschools (number of children not specified, 96 children recruited) Age: "Age ranged from 3 to 6 years old, but most (85%) children were 4 or 5 years old."</li> <li>% Female: 44%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"These preschools primarily serve highly educated households; nearly all (93%) of the children had at least one parent with a bachelor's degree and 75% had at least one parent with a graduate or professional degree."</li> <li>"Race/ethnicity was white (69%), Asian (8%), African American (5%), Hispanic (6%), and other (12%)."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Not specified Recruitment: Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment rate: Unknown</li> <li>Region: New Haven (USA)</li> </ul>		
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 43, control = 53 Description of intervention: "During the intervention, the children at Preschool A were served one of the new vegeta- bles every day for 30 days in a 3-day cycle (e.g., Monday, cauliflower; Tuesday, snow peas; Wednesday, green pepper) until they had received each vegetable a total of 10 times." Duration: 6 weeks		

### **O'Connell 2012** (Continued)

	Number of contacts: 30 (1 per day for 30 days) Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Teachers Integrity: No information provided Date of study: 2007 Description of control: Control/delayed intervention (Preschool B). " "Preschool B continued routine practices during the first 6 weeks of the study, and then switched conditions with Preschool A for the second 6 weeks"	
Outcomes	<b>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</b> Child's consumption of new vegetables (grams). "Researchers picked up the bags of vegetables later from the schools, weighed them, and calculated intake to the nearest gram." <b>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</b> Not reported <b>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</b> Not reported <b>Length of follow-up from baseline:</b> 12 weeks <b>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</b> Immediately <b>Subgroup analyses:</b> None <b>Loss to follow-up Analysis:</b> Adjusted for clustering (multilevel modelling)         Sample size calculations performed	
Notes	Post-intervention data were extracted following the first phase of the trial (Time 2) prior to cross-over. As an estimate was not reported for the Time 2 follow-up that adjusted for clustering, we used post-intervention data and calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0.014 to enable inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable only outcome reported	
Risk of bias		
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement

### O'Connell 2012 (Continued)

Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable consumption: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable consumption: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to influence detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	There is no reported attrition. Data from 96 children were analysed
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	High risk	Baseline imbalances were reported. There were differences in vegetable consumption at baseline

## Remington 2012

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "Supported by Medical Research Council/National Preventive Research Initiative grant G0701864"
Participants	<b>Description:</b> Children aged 3 to 4 years attending nursery school and their primary caregiver <b>N (Randomised):</b> 173 parent-child dyads <b>Age:</b> Child (mean): tangible reward = 3.96 years, social reward = 3.99 years, control = 3.90 years Primary caregiver (mean): tangible reward = 37.44 years, social reward = 37.35 years, control = 37.52 years <b>% Female:</b> Child: tangible reward = 48%, social reward = 54%, control = 55%

## Remington 2012 (Continued)

	Primary caregiver (mother): tangible reward = 85%, social reward = 88%, control = 77% SES and ethnicity: Primary caregiver: Ethnicity: White = 66%, Black = 2.9%, South Asian = 6% Education level: Nongraduate = 24%, Degree level of higher = 62% Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Not specified Recruitment: "Children aged 3-4 years and their primary caregivers were recruited through nursery schools in North London, United Kingdom." "Recruitment was done in 3 waves in 2010. At each wave, teachers distributed consent forms and information letters about the "Tiny Tastes" study, and families were asked to return their contact details in a prepaid envelope if they were interested in taking part. Potential participants were then contacted by telephone." Recruitment rate: Parent-child dyads: 82% (173/212) Region: North London (UK)
Interventions	<ul> <li>Number of experimental conditions: 3</li> <li>Number of participants (analysed):</li> <li>Taste exposure + tangible reward = 47</li> <li>Taste exposure + social reward = 46</li> <li>No treatment control = 47</li> <li>Description of intervention:</li> <li>Taste exposure + tangible reward: "The parents were asked to offer their child a small piece (-2.5g) of their target vegetable every day for 12 weekdays and to tell them that they could choose a sticker if they tried it. No tastings were done over the weekends."</li> <li>Taste exposure + social reward: "Parents were asked to offer the vegetable as described above and to praise their child with phrases such as "brilliant, you're a great vegetable taster" if they tasted it. The parents were to emphasize that the praise was being given for tasting the vegetable"</li> <li>Duration:</li> <li>3 weeks</li> <li>Number of contacts:</li> <li>12 taste exposures</li> <li>Setting:</li> <li>Home</li> <li>Modality:</li> <li>Face-to-face</li> <li>Interventionist:</li> <li>Primary caregiver</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>"The parents were also given a diary to record whether each day's trial was performed, whether the child tried the vegetable, and whether the reward was given; space was allowed for comment."</li> <li>"No differences in the number of days that the child was offered or tried the target vegetable were found between the intervention groups"</li> </ul>

## **Remington 2012** (Continued)

	2010 <b>Description of control:</b> "Families assigned to the control group did not perform any daily tastings and were given no instructions or materials for the intervention period, but were told that they would be taught a special technique to help their child to eat more vegetables after the last visit. "
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Child's consumption of target vegetable (grams). "Intake (in g) was recorded by weighing the bowl containing pieces of the target vegetable before and after consumption with a digital scale (Mettler Toledo)."</li> <li>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>3 weeks, ~ 2 months and ~ 4 months</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>Immediately and at 1 and 3 months</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up (Immediately post-intervention, and at 1 and 3 months):</li> <li>Taste exposure + tangible reward = 0%, 0%, 3%</li> <li>Taste exposure + social reward = 0%, 3%, 2%</li> <li>No treatment control = 0%, 5%, 2%</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Sample size calculations performed.</li> </ul>
Notes	Data from the longest follow-up < 12 months (3 month follow-up) were extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis. Estimates were reported comparing the tangible reward and control conditions, but not social reward condition. We estimated mean and SEM from a study figure using an online resource (Plot Digitizer: plotdigitizer.sourceforge.net) for all 3 groups. The tangible reward and social reward conditions were combined into a single intervention group for inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake is primary outcome as per trial registry

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed

### **Remington 2012** (Continued)

Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Consumption of target vegetable: There is insufficient information to deter- mine the likelihood of performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Consumption of target vegetable: There is insufficient information to deter- mine the likelihood of detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	The proportion that completed the follow- up assessments is not reported and there- fore the risk of attrition bias is unclear
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	The primary outcomes reported align with those specified in the trial registration. However the secondary outcomes specified on trial registry do not appear to be re- ported in the abstract
Other bias	Unclear risk	There is insufficient information to deter- mine the risk of other bias
Remy 2013		
Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported	
Participants	Not reported Description: Children aged 4 to 8 months old and their parent N (Randomised): 100 parent-child dyads Age: Mean: Repeated exposure = 6.3 months, Flavour-flavour learning = 6.6 months, Flavour- nutrient learning = 6.2 months Parent: not specified % Female: Child: Repeated exposure = 47%, Flavour-flavour learning = 35%, Flavour-nutrient learning = 38% Parent: mostly mothers (exact % not reported) SES and ethnicity: Not specified Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "The criteria for children inclusion were as follows: age between 4 and 8 mo, introduction of complementary foods was started at >2 wk and <2 mo before the start of the study, no health problems or food allergies at the beginning of the study, and gestational age $\geq 36$ wk." Recruitment:	

### Remy 2013 (Continued)

	"Parents in the Dijon area of France were recruited using leaflets or posters distributed in health professionals consulting rooms, pharmacies, and day-care centers." <b>Recruitment rate:</b> Parent-child dyads = 81% (100/123) <b>Region:</b> Dijon (France)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 3 Number of participants (analysed): Repeated exposure = 32 Flavour-flavour learning = 30 Description of intervention: "During the exposure period, infants were exposed 10 times to a basic (RE group), a sweet (FFL group), or an energy-dense (FNL group) artichoke puree according to their group." Duration: Approx. 41 days Number of contacts: 2 - 3 times per week Setting: Home Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Parents Integrity: "parents were given precise instructions, and data collected in the notebook revealed that they complied with the instructions." Date of study: October 2010 and May 2011 Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of varied artichoke purees (grams). "To measure intake, parents were asked to weigh each jar before and after consumption, using a digital kitchen scale (61 g, Soehnle) that we provided them with, and to record the weight in a notebook. After each observation, parents were required to reseal the jar(s) of food, freeze them, and bring the used jars back to the laboratory to check compliance with the study procedure and data accuracy." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: Unclear Length of follow-up post-intervention: 2 weeks, 3 months and 6 months

## Remy 2013 (Continued)

Subgroup analyses:
None
Loss to follow-up (at 2 weeks, 3 and 6 months):
Overall = 5%, 7%, 8%
Analysis:
Sample size calculations performed.

### Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: The interventions are all artichoke puree with different nutrient content. Parents would be unable to determine study group from feeding the child, and therefore this would be unlikely to influence the outcome
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: This is objective assessment. Parents would be unable to determine study group from feeding the child, and therefore this would be unlikely to influence the outcome
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	5 families dropped out during the exposure period and were excluded. An intention-to- treat approach was not used and therefore at high risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The outcomes reported in the paper align with those specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Unclear risk	The groups differed significantly in relation to weaning, but this was adjusted for in analyses. Therefore the risk of other bias is unclear

Roe 2013

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial - cross-over <b>Funding:</b> "Supported by NIH grant R01 DK082580"
Participants	Description:Children 3 to 5 years attending the Bennett Family Center on campus at The Pennsylvania State UniversityAge:Mean: 4.4 years% Female:52%SES and ethnicity:"The children were racially diverse: 56% were white, 29% Asian, 11% black or African American, and 4% Pacific Islander."Inclusion/exclusion criteria:No explicit inclusion criteria stated for this trial Exclusion criteria: "Children who were allergic to any of the foods to be served at the snack were not included in the study."Recruitment:"Participants in the study were recruited by distributing letters to parents of children in 4 classrooms of the childcare facility that included children aged 3-5 y; these classrooms had a total of ~75 children present at snack time."Recruitment rate: UnknownRegion: Pennsylvania (USA)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 8 Number of participants (analysed): Overall = 61 Description of intervention: Variety type serve: 1 x occasion: a variety of all 3 vegetables offered (cucumber, sweet pepper, tomato) 1 x occasion: a variety of all 3 fruits offered (apple, peach, pineapple) Single-type serve: 3 x occasions: a single type of vegetable offered (cucumber, sweet pepper, tomato) 3 x occasions: a single type of fruit offered (apple, peach, pineapple) Duration: 4 weeks Number of contacts: 8 Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Childcare helper Integrity:

	No information provided <b>Date of study:</b> February to April 2011 <b>Description of control:</b> N/A
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables (number of pieces). "The number of pieces of vegetables or fruit selected by each child in the study was recorded independently by 2 observers seated near each table."</li> <li>"After the meal, the number of uneaten pieces on each child's plate was recorded as well as any dropped pieces. All uneaten food and beverage items were weighed after the meal with digital scales (models PR5001 and XS4001S; Mettler-Toledo Inc)."</li> <li>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>Unclear</li> <li>Loss to follow-up:</li> <li>No loss to follow-up</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Unclear if adjusted for clustering</li> <li>Unclear if adjusted for clustering</li> </ul>

#### Notes

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Random sequence created using a comput- erised random-number generator
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable and fruit intake Child's vegetable and fruit intake unlikely to be influenced by performance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Vegetable and fruit intake: 2 observers independently recorded the number of pieces of vegetables or fruit se-

### Roe 2013 (Continued)

		lected by each child. However it is unclear whether these observers were blinded to condition and whether this influenced de- tection bias. This was observation of the number of pieces of fruit or veg selected and eaten by each child, and weight of any uneaten pieces of fruit/veg on the plate at end of meal. It was assessed by 2 indepen- dent observers, but it is not clear if they were blinded or not. Childcare staff sat at table with children and passed around fruit & veg bowls but were unaware of the study hypotheses
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	54 (89%) of the 61 children completed the liking ratings and therefore the risk of at- trition bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

# Roset-Salla 2016

Methods	<ul> <li>Study design: Cluster-randomised controlled trial</li> <li>Funding:</li> <li>"This work was supported by a grant for investigation in nursing from Collegi Oficial d' Infermeria de Barcelona, 2009 (grant number PR-5001/09); Primer Premio Nacional de Investigación en Enfermería, 2009, from Hospital Universitario Marqués de Valdecilla; and a grant for investigation in nursing from Acadèmia de Ciències Mèdiques de Catalunya i Balears, filial Maresme, 2010. The funders had no role in the design,</li> </ul>
Participants	analysis or writing of this article." Description: Children aged 1 to 2 years attending 12 daycare centres and their parent
	N (Randomised): 12 day-care centres, 206 children, 195 parents Age: Child (mean): Intervention = 1.3 years, Control = 1.4 years Parent (mean): Intervention = 35 years, Control = 35 years % Female:
	Child: Intervention = 37%, Control = 49% Parent: Intervention = 93%, Control = 85% SES and ethnicity:

### Roset-Salla 2016 (Continued)

Interventions

Educational level: Primary = 10%, Secondary = 35%, University = 55%
Inclusion/exclusion criteria:
No explicit inclusion criteria stated for this trial
Exclusion criteria: "Children still exclusively breast-feeding at the time of the study, children whose parents were not responsible for their alimentation, children with special diets due to chronic diseases (such as coeliac disease, food intolerances or allergies, inflammatory bowel disease), parents with language difficulties, parents unable to attend the educational workshops and those who did not sign the informed consent." <b>Recruitment:</b>
"At the beginning of the school term, all parents of the children attending the participating day-care centres were invited to informative meetings regarding the study with the use
of pamphlets and posters."
Recruitment rate:
Child: 35% (206/581)
Region:
The city of Mataró (north of Barcelona), Spain
Number of experimental conditions: 2
Number of participants (analysed):
Child: Intervention = 75, Control = 67
Parent: Intervention = 74, Control 72
Description of intervention:
"All parents from the day-care centres in the intervention group (IG) were invited to
attend four educational workshops on alimentation at the beginning of the study and
one reminder at 4 months. A model of participatory-active education was used, in order
to achieve practical skills in addition to nutritional knowledge. Cognitive (teaching
how to improve diet), emotional (addressing beliefs and attitudes of the participants
through discussion and analysis techniques) and skill areas (developing dietary skills)
were included. The aim was to incorporate new and better dietary knowledge and to
change the habits of the participants."
Duration:
6 months (workshops in October - November and a reminder in March)
Number of contacts:
5 workshops
Setting:
Preschool
Modality:
Face-to-face
Interventionist:
Nurses trained in nutrition
Integrity:
No information provided
Date of study:
October 2010 to May 2011
Description of control:
"The parents included in the control group (CG) did not receive any education related
to nutrition. In order to avoid drop outs, the participants of the CG were invited to a
workshop on a subject not related to the study or nutritional education (manipulation
and conservation."

## Roset-Salla 2016 (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruits and vegetables (servings per day) assessed using a 78-item food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) completed by parents Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
	Not reported
	Length of follow-up from baseline:
	8 months
	Length of follow-up post-intervention:
	2 months
	Subgroup analyses:
	None
	Loss to follow-up:
	Child: Intervention = 32%, Control = 35%
	Parent: Intervention = 9%, Control = 8%
	Analysis:
	Did not adjust for clustering.
	Unknown if sample size calculation performed.
Notes	First reported outcome (changes in vegetable and garden produce servings per day) was extracted for inclusion in the meta-analysis. To enable inclusion in meta-analysis, we calculated post-intervention means by group by summing baseline and change from baseline means, assuming baseline SDs for post-intervention SDs, and we calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0.014 to account for clustering Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake 2nd listed outcome after adherence to Mediterranean diet

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Dietary intake (self-reported): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Dietary intake (self-reported): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants and because this is a self- reported measure this is likely to introduce

### Roset-Salla 2016 (Continued)

		detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	"Of the parents randomized to the IG only sixty-seven (65 %) attended three or more workshops, with the remaining par- ents considered drop outs. The reasons for not attending the workshops were mainly difficulties in family timetables and illness of the children". 35% of the intervention group did not at- tend the minimum of 3 workshops and were considered dropouts. Therefore anal- ysis was not undertaken according to inten- tion-to-treat principles and risk of attrition bias is high
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	There were baseline imbalances for certain characteristics between the conditions (e.g. servings of legumes), although adjusted for in the analysis and so the impact of this is unclear Analysis did not accounted for effect of clustering, but we calculated an effective sample size prior to pooling in meta-anal- ysis to account for this

# Savage 2012

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 3 to 5 years attending full-day childcare at the Child Development Laboratory located at The Pennsylvania State University</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>21 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Mean = 4.3 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>59%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> </ul>

### Savage 2012 (Continued)

	"most of the families (60%) reported combined family incomes of US>\$50,000." Inclusion/exclusion criteria: "Exclusion criteria were the presence of food intolerance to study foods, chronic illness affecting food intake, consuming <22 g of the entree (<10% of the 220-g entree portion), dislike of the main entree, uncooperative behavior during lunch, non-English speaking, or extended absences." Recruitment: Not specified Recruitment rate: Unknown Region: Pennsylvania (USA)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 6 Number of participants (analysed): Overall = 17 (not specified by group) Description of intervention: "Children were served a series of 6 lunches in a random order, once per week, which varied only in entrée portion size (entree portion size order: 100, 160, 220, 280, 320, and 400 g). Children were served lunch on the same day of the week at their regularly scheduled time in an eating laboratory dining room facility near their classroom." "The menu at all lunches included the portion-manipulated macaroni and cheese entree and fixed portions of 2% milk and other foods served with the entree (eg, green beans with butter, whole-wheat roll, and unsweetened applesauce)." Duration: 6 days Number of contacts: 6 (1 lunch per day) Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Research staff Integrity: No information provided Date of study: 2007 Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruit and vegetable for different entree portion sizes (grams). "Food and milk weights were recorded before and after consumption to the nearest 0.1 g by using digital scales (Mettler-Toledo PR5001 and Mettler-Toledo XS4001S; Mettler- Toledo Inc). The amount of each food item consumed (g) was determined by subtracting postmeal weights from premeal weights." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported

### Savage 2012 (Continued)

Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
Not reported
Length of follow-up from baseline:
6 days
Length of follow-up post-intervention:
Immediately
Subgroup analyses:
None
Loss to follow-up:
Overall = 19% (not specified by group)
Analysis:
Unknown if sample size calculations performed.

Notes

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated but the random se- quence generation procedure is not de- scribed
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Food and milk intake: Objective measure of child's food intake and unlikely to be influenced by perfor- mance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Food and milk intake (weighed before and after consumption): Objective measure of child's food intake be- cause food was weighed before and after consumption. Low risk of detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	There is no reported attrition. Data are re- ported for all of the 17 children who met predetermined inclusion criteria
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

#### Skouteris 2015

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "Australian Research Council Linkage Grant (ARC LP100100049)"
Participants	Description:         Children aged 20 to 42 months and their parent         N (Randomised):         201 parent-child dyads         Age:         Child (mean): Intervention = 2.7 years, Control = 2.8 years         Parent (mean): Intervention = 35 years, Control = 35 years         % Female:         Child: Intervention = 49%, Control = 37%         Parent: not specified         SES and ethnicity:         Parent highest level of education (Bachelor degree or higher): Intervention = 57%, Control = 60%         Annual family income (AUD):         AUD < 450,000: Intervention = 14%, Control = 21%
Interventions	Victoria (Australia)         Number of experimental conditions: 2         Number of participants (analysed):         Time 2: Intervention = 80, Control = 72         Time 3: Intervention = 74, Control = 69         Time 4: Intervention = 73, Control = 63         Description of intervention:         MEND (Mind, Exercise, NutritionDo it! 2 - 4 intervention: "Each session included three sections: (i) 30 min of guided active play; (ii) 15 min of healthy snack time based on an evidence-based, exposure technique to promote acceptance of fruit and vegetables and

### **Skouteris 2015** (Continued)

	<ul> <li>(iii) 45 min of supervised creative play activities for the children while parents attended an interactive education and skill development session. Guided active play involved games played with children and parents together that could be easily replicated at home. Healthy snack time centred on a role model (puppet called 'Max Moon') who encouraged children to sniff, touch, lick and taste fresh fruit and vegetables. Parents received weekly handouts."</li> <li>Duration: <ol> <li>10 weeks</li> </ol> </li> <li>Number of contacts: <ol> <li>10 (1 per week, 90 minutes a session)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Setting: <ol> <li>Community health centres</li> </ol> </li> <li>Modality: <ul> <li>Face-to-face</li> </ul> </li> <li>Interventionist: <ul> <li>Trained program leader</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>"Programme leaders were monitored regularly to ensure their practice was in accordance with guidelines."</li> </ul> </li> <li>Date of study: <ul> <li>Between May 2010 and December 2012</li> <li>Description of control:</li> <li>Wait-list control:</li> <li>"The WLC group did not receive any intervention, but were offered the programme at study completion."</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:         Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables (usual servings) assessed by the Eating and Physical Activity Questionnaire completed by parents         Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:         Not reported         Outcome relating to reported adverse events:         Not reported         Length of follow-up from baseline:         Post-intervention: 10 weeks         Time 2: - 8 - 9 months         Time 3: - 15 months         Length of follow-up post-intervention:         Immediately         Time 2: 6 months         Subgroup analyses:         None         Loss to follow-up (Immediately post-intervention and at 6 and 12 months):         Intervention = 12%, 4%, 4%         Control = 5%, 6%, 6%         Analysis:         Sample size calculations performed

### Skouteris 2015 (Continued)

Notes	First reported outcome (usual servings a day of vegetables) at the longest follow-up < 12 months (6 months) and $\geq$ 12 months (12 months) was extracted for inclusion in meta-
	analysis
	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake listed as primary outcome
	in trial registry

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"conducted by a researcher not involved in data management using a randomized treatment allocation schedule produced by computer algorithm." The random sequence was produced by computer algorithm
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Although the authors indicate that partic- ipants were informed of group allocation by opaque envelopes, there is no indication if these envelopes were sealed and sequen- tially numbered
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Dietary intake (includes fruit and vegeta- bles): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Dietary intake (includes fruit and vegeta- bles) (self-report): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants described and because of the self-report measure this is likely to influence detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Attrition rate was < 20% at follow-up T4 and missing values of baseline measure- ments were imputed using mean imputa- tion
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	"Outcomes not addressed here will be pre- sented in future papers." Insufficient evidence to determine, as it ap- pears that future papers with additional outcomes are planned

## Skouteris 2015 (Continued)

Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue	
Spill 2010			
Methods	<b>Funding:</b> "Supported by the National	Cluster-randomised controlled trial - cross-over	
Participants	at The Pennsylvania State Un N (Randomised): 5 classrooms, 51 children Age: Mean = 4.4 years % Female: 57% SES and ethnicity: "Of the 51 children in the stud- children. Of these 46 children black or African American, an of the children had above-av- mothers and 85% of fathers h income >\$50,000." Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Provided by study author: "C eligible to participate in the consent for both their own pa Recruitment: "Recruitment began in April aged 3-6 years enrolled in day campus of The Pennsylvania Recruitment rate:	<ul> <li>Funding: "Supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R01 DK082580) and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation"</li> <li>Description: Children aged 3 to 6 years enrolled in daycare at the Bennett Family Center on campus at The Pennsylvania State University N (Randomised): 5 classrooms, 51 children Age: Mean = 4.4 years % Female: 57%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity: "Of the 51 children in the study, 46 parents provided demographic information for their children. Of these 46 children, 28 (61%) were white, 14 (30%) were Asian, 3 (7%) were black or African American, and 1 (2%) was American Indian or Alaska Native. Parents of the children had above-average educational levels and household incomes; 90% of mothers and 85% of fathers had a college degree, and 79% of households had an annual income &gt;\$50,000."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Provided by study author: "Children with an allergy to the foods being served were not eligible to participate in the study. Parents and guardians provided informed written consent for both their own participation and that of their child." Recruitment</li> <li>"Recruitment began in April 2008 by distributing letters to parents who had children aged 3-6 years enrolled in daycare at the Bennett Family Center at the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University."</li> <li>Recruitment ate: Provided by study author: "100% of children whose parents signed consent form were included in the study"</li> </ul>	
Interventions		alysed):	

#### Spill 2010 (Continued)

Outcomes

of lunch was varied (30 g, 60 g, or 90 g) and during 1 week no first course was provided. Cooked broccoli was served as the vegetable with the main lunch course <b>Duration:</b>
4 weeks
Number of contacts:
4 (1 day a week)
Setting:
Preschool
Modality:
Face-to-face
Interventionist
Preschool teacher
Integrity:
Provided by study author: "All children were served the food assigned in the experimental
condition. There was no deviation from study protocol. No unplanned or unintended
interventions."
Date of study:
Recruitment began in April 2008
Description of control:
N/A
<b>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</b> Child's consumption of vegetables for different first course portion sizes (grams). "Uneaten items were removed, and weights were recorded to the nearest 0.1 g with digital
scales. Consumption of the foods and milk was determined by subtracting postmeal
weights from premeal weights."
Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:
Not reported
Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
Not reported
Length of follow-up from baseline:
Unclear
Length of follow-up post-intervention:
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#### Immediately Subgroup analyses:

Provided by study author: "Differences between girls and boys in age, body weight, height, BMI percentile, and BMI z score were analyzed by using t tests. Analysis of covariance was used to assess the influence of continuous variables (age, body weight, height, BMI percentile, and BMI z score) on the relation between carrot portion size and the main study outcomes. Children who consumed all of the carrots (95% of the weight served) at any meal were identified, and data were analyzed both with and without these children to determine whether they influenced the results. The effect of individual children who were influential on the main study outcomes was assessed."

#### Loss to follow-up:

There was no loss to follow-up Analysis: Unclear if adjusted for clustering Sample size calculations performed.

### Spill 2010 (Continued)

Notes Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Vegetable intake listed as primary outcome in trial registry

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"Children were enrolled from 5 classrooms; the order of the experimental conditions across study weeks was assigned to class- rooms by using a Latin square design." Provided by study authors: "The orders of the experimental conditions across study weeks were created using Latin squares and then assigned to classrooms using a random number generator."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	It is not clear who undertook randomisa- tion of classrooms. Provided by study authors: "Classrooms (and the associated condition order) were assigned a color coding so that participants and teachers were uninformed of the exper- imental condition."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"Incidents of food and drink spillage were recorded by researchers. Teachers were in- structed to redirect conversations pertain- ing to food to nonfood-related topics to minimize the influence on lunch intake." Objective outcome measurement. Chil- dren were not blinded and it seems un- likely that this would influence their in- take. Staff present during the meal and staff who served the food to children were not blinded and it seems unlikely this would influence child intake
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	"Uneaten items were removed, and weights were recorded to the nearest 0.1 g with dig- ital scales". "Incidents of food and drink spillage were recorded by researchers." Appears that researchers who weighed the food were the same researchers who recorded incidents of food and drink spillage. Researchers were not blinded and this may have had an impact on how the outcome was recorded in different class- rooms

## Spill 2010 (Continued)

Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"A total of 51 children were enrolled, and all of them completed the study" There were no children who dropped out over the study
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	There is no study protocol and unable to determine if all prespecified outcomes have been reported as described Provided by study authors: "All outcomes collected were reported in the paper (veg- etable and food intake)"
Other bias	Low risk	There are no other sources of potential bias

# Spill 2011a

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial - cross-over <b>Funding:</b> Provided by study author: "Supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R01 DK082580)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 3-6 years attending 2 daycare centres at the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>49 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Mean = 4.7 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>54%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"Of the 39 children, 28 children (72%) were white, 9 children (23%) were Asian, and 2 children (5%) were black or African American. Parents of the children had above average education levels and household incomes; ~90% of mothers and 80% of fathers had a college degree, and 76% of households had an annual income &gt;\$50,000."</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Provided by study author: "Children with an allergy to the foods being served were not eligible to participate in the study. Parents and guardians provided informed written consent for both their own participation and that of their child."</li> <li>Recruitment</li> <li>"Recruitment began by distributing letters to parents with children aged 3-6 years who were enrolled in daycare at the Bennett Family Center or the Child Development Laboratory at the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Provided by study author: "100% of children whose parents signed consent form were included in the study"</li> </ul>

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### Spill 2011a (Continued)

	Region:	
	Pennsylvania (USA)	
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 3         Number of participants (analysed):         Overall = 39         Description of intervention:         "The 3 experimental entrees were manipulated by adding pureed vegetables to a standard recipe (100% energy dense (ED) condition) to reduce the ED by either 15% (85% ED condition) or 25% (75% ED condition). Manipulated entrees were zucchini bread at breakfast, pasta with tomato-based sauce at lunch, and chicken noodle casserole at dinner and evening snack."         In addition unmanipulated side dishes and snacks were served, including fruit, vegetables, milk and cheese and crackers         Duration:         3 weeks         Number of contacts:         3 (1 day a week)         Setting:         Preschool         Modality:         Face-to-face         Interventionist         Provided by study author: "Preschool teacher"         Integrity:         Provided by study author: "All children were served the food assigned in the experimental condition. There was no deviation from study protocol. No unplanned or unintended interventions."         Date of study:         Between January and May 2010         Description of control:         N/A	
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of vegetable for difference energy density entrees (grams). "Food and beverage weights were recorded to the nearest 0.1 g with digital scales (PR5001 and XS4001S; Mettler-Toledo Inc). The consumption of foods and beverages was determined by subtracting postmeal weights from premeal weights." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Effect of intervention on amount of meal consumed Length of follow-up from baseline: Unclear Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately Subgroup analyses: Provided by study author: "ANCOVA was used to assess the influence of continuous subject variables (age, body weight, height, and BMI percentile) on the relation between	

### Spill 2011a (Continued)

entree energy dense (ED) and the main study outcomes. t tests were used to test differ- ences between girls and boys in ages, body weights, heights, BMI percentiles, and BMI z scores."
Loss to follow-up:
Overall = 18%
Analysis:
Sample size calculations performed

Notes

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	The random sequence was generated with computer software
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"Random orders were generated with com- puter software and assigned to a list of par- ticipant identification numbers" The random sequence was assigned to a list of participant identification number, but it is unclear if allocation was concealed Provided by study author: "Allocation was concealed to participants and teachers by assigning each child an ID number that was associated with their random order."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by de- tection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	49 children were enrolled, but 9 were ex- cluded because they had difficulty follow- ing the protocol. Given an intention-to- treat approach to analysis was not used, the risk of attrition bias is high
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the pa- per align with those specified in the trial registration

## Spill 2011a (Continued)

Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue	
Spill 2011b			
Methods	<b>Funding:</b> Provided by study author: "Su	Cluster-randomised controlled trial - cross-over	
Participants	The Pennsylvania State Unive <b>N</b> (Randomised): 5 classrooms, 73 children <b>Age:</b> Range 3.3 to 5.7 years (mean <b>% Female:</b> 57% <b>SES and ethnicity:</b> "Parents of the children had approximately 95% of mothe households had an annual ind "Parents provided demograph were white, 17 (27%) were A <b>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</b> Provided by study author: "C eligible to participate in the consent for both their own pa <b>Recruitment:</b> "Recruitment began by distri range of three to six years enror of The Pennsylvania State University of the pennsylvania St	<ul> <li>Provided by study author: "Supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (R01 DK082580)."</li> <li>Description: Children aged 3-5 years attending 2 daycare centres at the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University N (Randomised): 5 classrooms, 73 children Age: Range 3.3 to 5.7 years (mean = 4.7 years) % Female: 57% SES and ethnicity: "Parents of the children had above average education levels and household incomes; approximately 95% of mothers and 88% of fathers had a college degree and 70% of households had an annual income above \$50,000." "Parents provided demographic information for 66 of the 72 children; of these, 42 (67%) were white, 17 (27%) were Asian, and 4 (6%) were black or African American" Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Provided by study author: "Children with an allergy to the foods being served were not eligible to participate in the study. Parents and guardians provided informed written consent for both their own participation and that of their child." Recruitment: "Recruitment began by distributing letters to parents who had children within the age range of three to six years enrolled in two daycare centers on the University Park campus of The Pennsylvania State University." Recruitment tate: Provided by study author: "100% of children whose parents signed consent form were included in the study"</li></ul>	
Interventions	breakfast, lunch, and afternoo	alysed):	

## Spill 2011b (Continued)

	<ul> <li>week no first course was provided. The foods and beverages served in the main course of lunch, as well as the foods and beverages served at breakfast and snack, were not varied in portion size."</li> <li>Duration: <ul> <li>4 weeks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Number of contacts: <ul> <li>4 (1 day per week)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Setting: <ul> <li>Preschool</li> <li>Modality:</li> <li>Face-to-face</li> </ul> </li> <li>Interventionist: <ul> <li>Teachers</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>No information provided.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Date of study: <ul> <li>Provided by study author: "Data was collected from Dec. 2008 to Mar. 2009."</li> <li>Description of control:</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Child's consumption of vegetable (grams): tomato consumed from soup + broccoli from main course, Broccoli only, Afternoon snack, Total (soup, broccoli and afternoon snack). Portion sizes of foods were provided and researchers recorded the amount consumed Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Provided by study author: "Outside scope of this study; data not collected" Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Provided by study author: "Outside scope of this study; data not collected" Unclear</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>Unclear</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>Immediately</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>Provided by study author: "Analysis of covariance was used to assess the influence of continuous subject variables (age, body weight, height, and BMI percentile) on the relationship between soup portion size and the main study outcomes. T-tests were used to test differences between girls and boys in age, body weight, height, and BMI percentile. "</li> <li>Loss to follow-up:</li> <li>Overall = 1%</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Provided by study author: "Classroom was tested as a factor in the model, but it was not significant and was removed."</li> </ul>

Notes

Risk of bias

#### Spill 2011b (Continued)

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Provided by study author: "The orders of the experimental conditions across study weeks were created using Latin squares and then assigned to classrooms using a random number generator."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Provided by study author: "Classrooms (and the associated condition order) were assigned a color coding so that participants and teachers were uninformed of the exper- imental condition."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per- formance bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Vegetable intake: Researchers recorded the number of pieces of each food item taken by the child and it is unlikely that this would be influenced by detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	72 out of 73 children were included in the vegetable intake analysis and therefore the risk of attrition bias is low
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	Provided by study author: "All outcomes collected were reported in the paper (soup and food intake)"
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue

#### Staiano 2016

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "AES is supported, in part, by the 1 U54 GM104940 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences of the National Institutes of Health, which funds the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center (July, 2015 to June, 2017)."
Participants	<b>Description:</b> Children aged 3 to 5 years attending at 2 full-day preschools

## Staiano 2016 (Continued)

N (Randomised):
42 children
Age:
Mean: Food modelling DVD = 4.5 years, Non-food DVD = 4.1 years, No DVD (Con-
trol) = 4.3 years
% Female:
50%
SES and ethnicity:
Child: White = 74%, African American = 5%, Asian = 10%, Hispanic = 10%
Inclusion/exclusion criteria:
Not specified
Recruitment:
Not specified
Recruitment rate:
39% (42/108)
Region:
LA (USA)

Interventions

5570 (42/100)
Region:
LA (USA)
Number of experimental conditions: 3
Number of participants (analysed):
Food modelling $DVD = 14$
Non-food DVD = 14
No DVD (Control) = 14
Description of intervention:
Food modelling group = Copy-Kids Eat Fruits and Vegetables DVD
Non-food DVD group = Copy-Kids Brush Teeth.
Day 1: "Depending on the condition, on day 1 the child viewed 1 of 2 video clips or sat
quietly for 7.5 minutes. Two plates of snacks (the modelled vegetable and a comparison
food) were placed in front of the participant in a standardized format (green bell peppers
on the right and dry cereal on the left) on separate, identical white Styrofoam plates.
Children were instructed to eat as much or as little as they wished during this time. The
video segments were played concurrently during the food presentation"
Day 2 and 7: "food items were presented for 7.5 minutes without the concurrent video
presentation"
Duration:
1 week ± 2 days
Number of contacts:
3
Setting:
Preschool
Modality:
Visual/audio - DVD
Interventionist:
Unclear
Integrity:
No information provided
Date of study:
Unknown
Description of control:
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### Staiano 2016 (Continued)

	No DVD Control: food items were presented the same way as in the intervention but no DVD was played on any of the 3 exposure days
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Child's consumption of vegetable (grams). "Study staff weighed 0.5 cups of the modeled vegetable (ie, approximately 80 g of raw, sliced green bell pepper) and 0.5 cups of the comparison food (ie, approximately 16 g of Multi Grain Cheerios; General Mills, Minneapolis, MN) using a transportable scale before and after snack presentation on days 1, 2, and 7."</li> <li>Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Outcome relating to reported adverse events:</li> <li>Not reported</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>1 week ± 2 days</li> <li>Length of follow-up post-intervention:</li> <li>Immediately</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up:</li> <li>There was no loss to follow-up</li> <li>Analysis:</li> <li>Unknown if sample size calculations performed.</li> </ul>
Notes	Outcome data from the longest follow-up < 12 months (day 7). We estimated the mean and SEM from a study figure using an online resource (Plot Digitizer: plotdigitizer.sourceforge.net) for all 3 groups. We combined the control DVD and con- trol conditions into a single control group for inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake 1st listed outcome in abstract

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"used block randomization to distribute age and sex evenly across conditions using a randomization schedule generated with SAS programming" The random sequence was generated using statistical software, SAS
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Vegetable intake (weighed): Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by per-

#### Staiano 2016 (Continued)

		formance bias Parent reported fruit and vegetable con- sumption: There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance. However, it does appear that parents were blinded to the food provided to their chil- dren. "Researchers did not inform parents regarding which foods were presented to the children."
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Vegetable intake (weighed): Objective measure of child's vegetable in- take and unlikely to be influenced by de- tection bias Parent reported fruit and vegetable con- sumption: There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and these are self-reported measures. However, "Researchers did not inform parents re- garding which foods were presented to the children."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	All participants randomised completed the study. Therefore low risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	The authors state that limitations included potential for within-school contamination across conditions. No other evidence pre- sented about this potential bias

#### Sullivan 1994

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Supported by the Gerber Products company and National Institutes of Health Grant 2RO0HD197S2-07
Participants	<b>Description:</b> Mothers and their 4 to 6-month old infants <b>N (Randomised):</b> 36 children

#### Sullivan 1994 (Continued)

#### Age:

Child (mean): 22 weeks (17-27 weeks) % Female: 56% SES and ethnicity:

#### Not reported

#### Inclusion/exclusion criteria:

"The 36 infants and their mothers who participated met the following criteria: 1. Infants were between 4 and 6 months of age at the beginning of the study; 2. Parents had just begun feeding solid foods and had only given cereals or cereals and fruits; 3. Parents indicated readiness to begin or continue introducing solid foods to the infant; and 4. Absence of medical complications or physical problems."

#### Recruitment:

"Subjects were solicited through birth records and advertisements in local newspapers." "Parents were contacts and informed of the study before the time their infants would be expected to be introduced to solid foods and contact was reestablished when they were ready to participate."

Recruitment rate: Unknown Region:

USA

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Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 4
	Number of participants (analysed):
	Peas salted: 9
	Peas unsalted: 10
	Green beans salted: 8
	Green beans unsalted: 9
	Description of intervention:
	"Foods used throughout the study, pureed peas and green beans, were prepared especially
	for the study by the Gerber Products Company. Salted and unsalted versions of the two
	vegetables were prepared. The salted version of each food contained 0.3g NaCI/100g.
	The foods were presented to the mothers in jars, containing 71g of food and labels did
	not indicate the presence or absence of salt."
	Duration:
	10 days
	Number of contacts:
	10 (once per day)
	Setting:
	Home
	Modality:
	Face-to-face
	Face-to-face
	Parents
	Integrity:
	"On each feeding occasion, parents completed a brief form noting information on the
	number of the jar used (1through 10), date of feeding, time at the start and end of the
	feed, infant state of alertness at the beginning of the feed, health of the infant, and the
	overall quality of the interaction during the feeding."

## Sullivan 1994 (Continued)

	Date of study: Unknown Description of control: N/A
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Children's consumption of vegetable (grams): Weighed jars of off before feeding session, resealed and frozen once feeding was finished. Jars collected and weighed by research team to determine grams of intake Outcome relating to absolute costs/costs-effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: No adverse reactions were observed Length of follow-up from baseline: 25 days Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediately and at 1 week Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: There was no loss to follow-up Analysis: Unknown if sample size calculation was performed

Notes

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"The 36 infants were randomly assigned to receive either salted or unsalted peas or green beans; thus forming a total of four treatment groups." No mention of how the randomization se- quence was generated.
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no mention of allocation conceal- ment.
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"The foods were presented to the mothers in jars, containing 71 g of food, and labels did not indicate the presence or absence of salt."
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"All ratings were made while mothers and the research assistant were blind to whether infants were fed peas or beans, whether the feedings observed occurred before or after

#### Sullivan 1994 (Continued)

		the repeated exposures, and whether or not the infants were being fed salted or unsalted vegetables."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	There is no attrition reported.
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no trial registration or protocol paper.
Other bias	Low risk	No other sources of bias were identified.

**Tabak 2012** 

Methods	<ul> <li>Study design: Randomised controlled trial</li> <li>Funding:</li> <li>"Funding for this research was provided by an unrestricted grant from "Get Kids in Action," a partnership between the Gatorade Corporation and the University of North Carolina."</li> </ul>
Participants	Description: Children aged 2 to 5 years and their parent N (Randomised): 50 parent-child dyads Age: Child (mean): Intervention = 3.9 years, Control = 3.3 years Parent (mean): Intervention = 36.6 years, Control = 36.2 years % Female: Child: Intervention = 59%, Control = 67% Parent: Intervention = 86%, Control 90% SES and ethnicity: Parent (non-white): Intervention = 18%, Control = 10% Income (USD): < 50,000: Intervention = 18%, Control = 81% ≥ 50,000: Intervention = 77%, Control = 81% ≥ 50,000: Intervention = 77%, Control = 43% Inclusion/exclusion criteria: At least 1 child 2 - 5 years old, "Additional eligibility criteria included having lived in their current residence and planning to stay in that residence for at least 6 months. If the family had more than 1 eligible child, the eldest was selected as the reference child" Recruitment: "A convenience sample of 50 parent-child dyads, with at least 1 child 2-5 years old, was recruited through child care centers, listservs, and community postings. Interested parents responded to recruitment materials and were screened by phone." Recruitment rate: Unknown

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### Tabak 2012 (Continued)

	Region: USA
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2
	Number of participants (analysed):
	Intervention = $22$ , control = $21$
	Description of intervention:
	"addressed vegetable and food issues based on the baseline surveys, and the dietitian
	helped parents select 1 primary target area for improvement during the intervention
	from 4 possible options (vegetable availability; picky eating; modeling; family meals).
	These areas were selected based on Social Cognitive Theory, which posits that there is
	reciprocal interaction between an individual and his/her environment. This theory also
	highlights the importance of self-efficacy, which was thus a target of the intervention as well."
	Duration:
	4 months
	Number of contacts:
	6 (2 phone calls, 4 newsletters)
	Setting:
	Home
	Modality:
	Multiple (telephone, newsletters)
	Interventionist:
	A registered dietitian
	Integrity:
	No information provided
	Date of study:
	April and December 2009 Description of control:
	"Control group families received 4 non-health/nutrition related children's books, 1 per
	month."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:
	Child's consumption of vegetables (servings per day) assessed using a Block Kids food
	frequency questionnaire (FFQ) completed by parents
	Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions:
	Not reported
	Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
	Not reported
	Length of follow-up from baseline:
	5 months
	Length of follow-up post-intervention:
	Immediate
	Subgroup analyses: None
	Loss to follow-up:
	Intervention = 12%
	Control = $16\%$
	Analysis:
	Unknown if sample size calculations performed
	Charlown a sample size carefulations performed

### Tabak 2012 (Continued)

Notes	To enable inclusion in meta-analysis, we calculated post-intervention means by group	
	by summing baseline and change from baseline means, and assumed baseline SDs for	
	post-intervention SDs	
	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable	
	intake 2nd listed outcome after height and weight	

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Child vegetable intake (parent reported): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Child vegetable intake (parent reported): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and because this is a parent-reported measure at high risk of detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	43 (86%) of the 50 parent-child dyads re- cruited completed the study. Therefore at low risk of attrition bias
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	Participants differed on child age by condi- tion. However although this was adjusted for in the analysis the impact of this imbal- ance is unclear

#### Vazir 2013

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "Indian Council of Medical Research, India and the NIH/NICHD (5 R01 HD042219- S1); additional funding from UNICEF, New York."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Mothers and their infants from 60 villages in India</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>60 villages (clusters), 607 mother-infant dyads</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child: "The intervention began with infants are about 3 months old"</li> <li>Mother (mean): Complementary feeding group: 22.3 years, Responsive complementary feeding and play group: 22.3 years, Control group: 21.9 years</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child: Complementary feeding group = 52%, Responsive complementary feeding and play group = 51%, Control group = 49%</li> <li>Parent: 100%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Percentage mothers finished secondary or high school: Complementary feeding group = 25%, Responsive complementary feeding and play group = 32%, Control group = 27%</li> <li>Mean standard of living index score: Complementary feeding group = 26.3</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Inclusion: had to be part of the 'Integrated Child Development Services' project areas, be pregnant in their third trimester</li> <li>No exclusion criteria mentioned in text but in figure states "excluded as per criteria: microcephaly, physical handicap, mother mentally handicapped, cerebral palsy, thalassemia, child passes away."</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"We explained the study objectives to all the pregnant women in the villages and asked if they would like to participate in the study. There were no refusals."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>100%</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>India</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 3 Number of participants (analysed): Complementary feeding group = 170 Responsive complementary feeding and play group = 145 Control group = 168 <b>Description of intervention:</b> Complementary feeding group: "In addition to the 'Integrated Child Development Services', mothers in this group received 11 nutrition education messages on sustained breastfeeding and complementary feeding through twice-a-month or four times a month (depending on the age of the infant) home-visits over 12 months by the trained village women using flip charts, other visual material, demonstrations and counselling sessions. "

Development Services', mothers in this group received education on complementary feeding as in the complementary feeding group (11 messages), eight messages and skills on responsive feeding, and eight developmental stimulation messages using five simple toys. This group of mothers also received developmentally appropriate toys five times during the intervention with instructions on how to use them to engage and play with their children."

#### **Duration:**

12 months

#### Number of contacts:

30 planned visits "The first visits were in the fourth month, after the baseline when infants were 3 months old. From 4 to 6 months, mothers were visited twice per month, or 6 visits; from 7 to 9 months, they were visited 4 times a month, or 12 visits; and from 10 to 14 months, they were visited twice a month, or 12 visits,"

#### Setting:

Home + centre-based supplemental food

Modality:

Face-to-face

#### Interventionist:

The trained village women

#### Integrity:

"Trained graduates in nutrition supervised the village women, examined their records of visits and asked mothers independently what they were told in the village woman's' last visit. They also held periodic reinforcement training sessions with the village women."

# Date of study:

# Unknown

#### Description of control:

"Control group (CG): Mothers and infants in this group received only the routine 'Integrated Child Development Services', which were operating across all study groups. These services consist mainly of centre-based supplemental food provided to 1-6-yearolds, pregnant and nursing mothers, home-visit counselling on breastfeeding and complementary feeding, monthly growth monitoring, and non-formal preschool education for children 3-5 years of age."

Outcomes

#### Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:

Child's consumption of banana, spinach, pulses (legumes): "Dietary intake was evaluated by the 24-h recall method using standard cups with specified volume to help recall the food serving amounts."

#### Outcome relating to absolute costs/costs-effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline:

12 months

- Length of follow-up post-intervention:
- Immediately
- Subgroup analyses:
- None

Loss to follow-up: Overall: 15%

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Analysis: Adjusted for clustering Sample size calculations performed

#### Notes

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"The random allocation using a random number generator (facilitated through a tai- lor-made syntax programme in the Statis- tical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) , which uses the select cases function) was undertaken by a researcher who was not fa- miliar with the villages or their characteris- tics other than what could be derived from the 2001 census data."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no mention of allocation conceal- ment.
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Both the village women (VW) delivering the intervention, and mothers receiving the intervention were likely to be aware of their experimental group allocation
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"The assessment teams (psychologists and nutritionists) were blinded to the interven- tion and had no interaction with the VWs. They did not meet as they used different transport and timetable of activities. The villages had no identification mark to in- dicate the group to which they had been randomized."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"After 12 months of intervention and con- sequent attrition (15%), the sample com- prised 511 mothers and children with 182 in CG, 176 in CFG and 153 in the RCF& PG. All 60 clusters remained in the study. Loss to follow-up was greater in the RCF& PG (22%) compared with the CG (9%) and CFG (16%) although this difference was not statistically significant." "Reasons for follow-up losses during the study were migration (9.2%), house found locked on repeated visits (4.7%) and death

#### Vazir 2013 (Continued)

		of the child (1%). The demographic char- acteristics of those lost to follow-up and those who remained were not different." Loss to follow-up was uneven across the study arms (not stat significant), but were not due to the trial. No loss of clusters
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no trial registration or protocol paper.
Other bias	Low risk	Recruitment bias: (low) "We explained the study objectives to all the pregnant women in the villages and asked if they would like to participate in the study. There were no refusals." Baseline imbalance: (low) "There were no significant differences among the three groups in any of the baseline characteris- tics" Loss of clusters: (low) "All 60 clusters re- mained in the study." Incorrect analysis: (low) "Values presented in the text and tables are means & standard deviations at the individual level and ICCs are presented to quantify the clustering ef- fects"

#### Verbestel 2014

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The work was supported by the Ministry of the Flemish Community (Department of Economics, Science and Innovation; Department of Welfare, Public Health and Family) ."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description: Children aged 9 to 24 months enrolled at daycare centres in 6 different communities in Flanders (Belgium)</li> <li>N (Randomised): 70 day care centres, 203 children</li> <li>Age: Mean: Intervention = 15.8 months, Control = 14.9 months</li> <li>% Female: Intervention = 47%, Control = 44%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity: Low SES: Intervention = 13%, Control = 24%</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria: No explicit inclusion criteria stated for this trial</li> </ul>

#### Verbestel 2014 (Continued)

	Children were excluded if they were not present in daycare on the measurement day for objective height and weight at baseline (i.e. not fulfilling the minimum criteria to be included in the study) <b>Recruitment:</b> "Within each day-care centre, parents of all children aged 9-24 months were invited to enrol their child in the study." <b>Recruitment rate:</b> 50% (203/404) <b>Region:</b> Flanders (Belgium)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 100, control = 56 Description of intervention: "The intervention aimed at increasing daily consumption of water (instead of soft drinks) , milk, fruit and vegetables, increasing daily physical activity and decreasing daily con- sumption of sweets and savoury snacks and daily screen-time behaviour." "programme that consisted of two components: (i) guidelines and tips presented on a poster and (ii) a tailored feedback form for parents about their children's activity- and dietary related behaviours." Duration: 12 months Number of contacts: Unclear Setting: Preschool Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Researchers Integrity: No information provided Date of study: 2008 to 2009 Description of control: No information provided
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables assessed using a 24-item semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) completed by parents Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 12 months Length of follow-up post-intervention: Immediate

### Verbestel 2014 (Continued)

	Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Intervention = 21% Control = 14% Analysis: Did not adjust for clustering Unknown if sample size calculations performed
Notes	First reported outcome (grams fruit/day) was extracted for inclusion in the meta-analysis. The reported estimate that adjusted for clustering did not report 95% CI or SEM. Therefore we used final values and calculated an effective sample size using ICC of 0. 016 to enable inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake 2nd listed outcome after BMI

Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Fruit and vegetable intake (parent re- ported): Parents were not blinded to group alloca- tion and this is likely to influence perfor- mance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Fruit and vegetable intake (parent re- ported): Parents were not blinded to group alloca- tion and this is likely to influence perfor- mance
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	FT: Of 203 children, 156 (77%) were re-ex- amined 12 months later at follow-up (this is the first follow-up post-intervention). If we define this as short-term follow-up, this is high risk of bias as > 20% dropout
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting

## Verbestel 2014 (Continued)

Other bias	High risk	Baseline imbalance: Baseline differences were observed between the control and intervention groups in sociodemographic characteristics and body composition. However although this was adjusted for in the analysis the impact of this imbalance is unclear "The analyses were adjusted for SES, age of the child and BMI Z-score at baseline to control for the observed baseline imbalance in these variables between intervention and control groups." Recruitment bias: Appears that parents and childcare centres were recruited after communities had been matched and ran-
		Incorrect analyses: Linear mixed models adjusted for clustering within daycare cen-
		tres, but standard errors were not reported. Reported mean (SD) by group at fol- low-up and calculation of effective sample
		sizes prior to inclusion in meta-analyses ac- counted for this, therefore low risk

#### Vereecken 2009

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The development of the intervention was funded by the PWO(Project-related Scientific Research)-funding of University College Arteveldehogeschool. Funds for the evaluation were provided by the Provincial Government East-Flanders."
Participants	Description: Children attending 16 preschools in East Flanders (Belgium) N (Randomised) 16 preschools, 1432 preschoolers Age: (DOB) < 2002: intervention = 41%, control = 51% 2002: intervention = 28%, control = 24% 2003: intervention = 31%, control = 26% % Female: Intervention = 53%, control = 44% SES and ethnicity: Predominantly low parental education Low education (mother): intervention = 49%, control = 49% Low education (father): intervention = 60%, control = 57% Ethnicity: No information provided

## Vereecken 2009 (Continued)

Inclusion/exclusion criteria:         Not specified         Recruitment:         Schools were approached by mail for consent. All parents of preschoolers at consenting schools were asked to fill in a food frequency questionnaire         Recruitment rate:         Parents: 54%         Schools: 10% (40 out of 403 schools consented, although only 8 were seldend)         Region:         East Flanders (Belgium)         Interventions         Number of experimental conditions: 2         Number of participants (analysed):         Intervention = 308, Control = 168         Description of intervention:         8 preschools received a multi-component intervention to assist schools to in healthy school food policy. "The main objectives were to increase the construction of sugared milk fruit juice."         The main strategies to influence the child and the different environmental cluded:         "Child Cuilded and all fruition based on amonionial clusteria;
Number of participants (analysed):         Intervention = 308, Control = 168         Description of intervention:         8 preschools received a multi-component intervention to assist schools to in healthy school food policy. "The main objectives were to increase the const fruit, vegetables and water and to decrease the consumption of sugared milk fruit juice."         The main strategies to influence the child and the different environmental cluded:
<ul> <li>"Child: Guided and self-guided activities based on experiential education ( and developmental education (e.g. explanation of concepts of food triangle); 1 feed back and reinforcement by teachers; Educational role-model story and Availability of healthy foods; Availability of cooking equipment. Parents: Newsletters; Suggestions for the back and forth diary; Work sheets at by children; Parent evenings and other school activities with parents Teacher: Training sessions; Manual including didactic and policy aspects; Digi environment; Newsletters; Group discussions with teachers; Examples of goo School environment: Newsletters; Training sessions for principals and cal Help on demand via e-mail; Examples of good practices; Policy aspects in t manual; Feedback to schools." Duration: 6 months</li> <li>Number of contacts: Unclear (multicomponent)</li> <li>Setting: Preschool Modality: Multiple (staff training, experiential education, newsletters, email support, t Interventionist: Not specified Integrity: No information provided</li> <li>Date of study: Sept 2006 - April 2007 Description of control: 8 preschools received the control: no information provided</li> </ul>

## Vereecken 2009 (Continued)

Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:Daily consumption of fresh fruit and vegetables (grams) as reported by parents in awritten food frequency questionnaireLength of follow-up from baseline:6 months (March/April 2007)Subgroup analyses:NoneLoss to follow-upIntervention: 47%Control: 45%Analysis:Contact with the author indicated that the analysis was adjusted for clustering by schoolUnknown if sample size calculation was performed
Notes	Trial results are reported as change from baseline in mean daily consumption of fruit and vegetables and post-intervention values. No standard deviations were reported for post-intervention data to enable inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake is primary outcome

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that a computerised random-number generator was used
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Contact with the author indicated that schools did not know their allocation prior to consenting to the study. It is unclear if study personnel responsible for recruit- ment were aware of group allocation
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Contact with the author indicated that par- ents and school staff were not blind to group allocation and that parents could have attended information sessions organ- ised by the researchers, or observed posters, newsletters or intervention materials in in- tervention schools. Given that the relevant trial outcomes were based on parental re- ports, the review authors judged that there was a risk of bias
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Contact with the author indicated that par- ents and school staff were not blind to group allocation and that parents could have attended information sessions organ- ised by the researchers, or observed posters

#### Vereecken 2009 (Continued)

		newsletters or intervention materials in in- tervention schools. Given that the relevant trial outcomes were based on parental re- ports, the review authors judged that there was a risk of bias. (NB. There were no in- dependent outcome assessors in this trial; the parents completed and returned a food frequency questionnaire about their child's food intake)
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Unclear risk	Although similar across groups (interven- tion = 47%, control = 45%), rates of loss to follow-up were high. Contact with the author indicated that no information was collected on reasons for loss to follow-up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information to permit judge- ment
Other bias	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that analysis was adjusted for clustering No further risk of bias identified

#### Wardle 2003a

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children aged 2 to 6 years and their principal caregiver (parent) who were recruited from a larger study</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>156 children</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child: 34 to 82 months (mean = 53 months)</li> <li>Parent: mean = 36 years</li> <li>% female:</li> <li>Children (by group): Exposure = 34%, Nutrition Information = 58%, Control = 51%</li> <li>Parent (overall): 95%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>"68% of parents had left full-time education at the age of 21 or over" and "the majority of parents held further education qualifications."</li> <li>Ethnicity = 74% white</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria</li> <li>No explicit inclusion/exclusion criteria stated for this trial, or for the trial from which participants were recruited. 13 children (1 girl, 12 boys) were excluded when they did not comply with the experimental procedures during the pre-experimental taste test</li> </ul>

## Wardle 2003a (Continued)

	Recruitment: Participants were recruited from a larger study on the predictors of children's fruit and vegetable intake and expressed an interest in participating in further research to modify their children's acceptance of vegetables Recruitment rate: Parents: 28% Region: United Kingdom
Interventions	<ul> <li>Number of experimental conditions: 3</li> <li>Number of participants (analysed): <ul> <li>i) Restricted to at least 10 out of 14 exposures:</li> <li>Exposure = 34, Nutrition Information = 48, Control = 44</li> <li>ii) All available data:</li> <li>Exposure = 48, Nutrition Information = 48, Control = 44</li> </ul> </li> <li>Description of intervention:</li> <li>Exposure: Taste exposure intervention carried out in the home where parents were asked to offer their child a taste of a target vegetable daily for 14 consecutive days. Parents were given suggestions to encourage the child to taste the vegetable. Parents were given a vegetable diary to record their experiences, and children could record their liking for the vegetable after each session using 'face' stickers</li> <li>Nutrition Information: Parents were informed about the '5 a day' recommendations and given a leafter with advice and suggestions for increasing children's fruit and vegetable consumption</li> <li>Duration:</li> <li>14 days</li> <li>Number of contacts:</li> <li>14 (daily for 14 consecutive days)</li> <li>Setting:</li> <li>The home</li> <li>Modality:</li> <li>Researchers trained parents to offer the target vegetable to their child</li> <li>Integrity:</li> <li>14 participants in the exposure group failed to complete a minimum of 10 out of 14 tasting sessions</li> <li>4 children completed 9 sessions, 2 completed 8 sessions, 2 completed 7 sessions, 1 completed 6 sessions, 4 completed 5 or less sessions</li> <li>Date of study:</li> <li>Not provided</li> <li>Description of control:</li> <li>"No treatment" control - parents received no further intervention</li> </ul>
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Ad libitum consumption of target vegetable (grams) assessed by weighing the amount of the vegetable on the plate before and after consumption using a professional digital scale (Tanita Corporation, Japan) Length of follow-up from baseline:

### Wardle 2003a (Continued)

	Approximately 2 weeks <b>Subgroup analyses:</b> Restricted sample to only those in the taste exposure group who received 10 or more exposures. This restricted the Exposure group from 48 to 34 children <b>Loss to follow-up:</b> 2% (140 provided follow-up data of 143 who were eligible and provided data at baseline) Exposure: 4% (children withdrawn from their study by their parents following collection of baseline data) Nutrition Information: 0% Control: 2% (children withdrawn from their study by their parents following collection of baseline data) <b>Analysis:</b> Adjustment for clustering not applicable Unknown if sample size calculation was performed
Notes	"Two sets of analyses were carried out: (a) on a restricted sample which excluded those in the Exposure group who completed less than 10 tasting sessions (n=126) and (b) on the whole sample (n=140). Results below refer to the reduced sample size results for the whole sample are only included where they differed from these." Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake 3rd listed outcome after rated and ranked liking

#### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	"Participants were randomly assigned to one of three experimental treatment groups". No further information provided regarding sequence generation
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that al- location was concealed in an opaque en- velope opened at participant's homes after baseline data collection
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that per- sonnel delivering the intervention were not blind to group allocation and that parents may not have been blind to group alloca- tion. However, given the objective assess- ment of outcome (electronic scales), the re- view authors judged that the study out- come was unlikely to be affected by lack of blinding
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Contact with the author indicated that the outcome assessors were not blind to group allocation. Given the objective measure of

#### Wardle 2003a (Continued)

		outcome (electronic scales), assessment is unlikely to have been influenced by lack of blinding
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Rates of loss to follow-up were similar and low across the exposure (4%), nutrition in- formation (0%) and the control conditions (2%). Reasons for loss to follow-up were provided and were similar
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	Insufficient information to permit judge- ment
Other bias	Low risk	No further risk of bias identified
Watt 2009		
Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This work was commissioned by the Food Standards Agency in 2009 and supported by the Department of Health (UK) from 2010."	
Participants	by the Department of Fleatth (UK) from 2010.  Description: New mothers attending baby clinics in disadvantaged London neighbourhoods N (Randomised): 312 mothers Age: Children: mean = 10 weeks Parents: mean = 30 years % Female: Children = not stated Parents = 100% SES and ethnicity: 28% lone parents 57% living in social housing 33% receiving income support/job seeker's allowance Ethnicity: 50% from an ethnic minority Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Inclusion criteria: "Women from Registrar General occupational classes II-V (non-pro- fessional); babies born >/= 37 weeks; babies' birth weight above 2500g; singletons; women able to understand written and spoken English; and resident in the study area." Exclusion criteria: "Women aged under 17 years; infants were diagnosed with a serious medical condition or were on special diets; infants aged over 12 weeks; women or their partners were from social class I (professional). Originally their intention was to restrict the sample to first-time mothers over the initial 12 week recruitment period. The inclu- sion criteria was therefore changed to include all new-mothers." Recruitment:	

#### Watt 2009 (Continued)

	"Women were recruited from December 2002 to February 2004 at baby clinics located in the more disadvantaged neighbourhoods across Camden and Islington where Surestart (a national social welfare initiative targeting families with young children) programmes existed. A standardised technique was used to approach new mothers attending the baby clinics. An overview of the study was given and randomisation explained. If the women were interested, a short screening questionnaire was then used to assess their eligibility." <b>Recruitment rate:</b> Mothers: 82% <b>Region:</b> London, UK
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 124, Control = 115 (12 months) Intervention = 108, Control = 104 (18 months) Description of intervention: A monthly home visiting programme (from 3 to 12 months) delivered by trained local mothers, providing practical support on infant-feeding practices Duration: 9 months (duration of each visit = 60 min) Number of contacts: Monthly from 3 to 12 months (maximum = 10 contacts) Setting: The home Modality: Face-to-face, via home-visiting Interventionist: Trained local volunteers "A group of local mothers were recruited and trained to provide the support in a 12-session programme delivered over a 4-week period." Integrity: "On average each woman in the intervention group received five volunteer home visits (range 1-10). A small number of women were also contacted by telephone when home visits were not possible." Date of study: Recruited from Dec 2002 to Feb 2004 Description of control: Usual care. "Women in the control group only received standard professional support from health visitors and GPs."
Outcomes	<ul> <li>Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:</li> <li>Children's intake of vitamin C from fruit</li> <li>Secondary outcome: Proportion of children who consumed specific fruits and vegetables more than once a week</li> <li>Length of follow-up from baseline:</li> <li>9 months and 15 months (when children aged 12 months and 18 months, respectively)</li> <li>Subgroup analyses:</li> <li>None</li> <li>Loss to follow-up: (at 9 and 15 months)</li> <li>Intervention: 27%, 34%</li> </ul>

# Watt 2009 (Continued)

	Control: 20%, 30% <b>Analysis:</b> Adjustment for clustering not applicable Sample size calculation was performed
Notes	Vitamin C (mg) from fruit at the longest follow-up < 12 months (9 months - children aged 12 months) and $\geq$ 12 months (15 months - children aged 18 months old) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Vitamin C intake from fruit listed as primary outcome

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	"A random allocation schedule was pre- pared in advance using random digit com- puter tables."
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Low risk	"Those responsible for recruiting were all masked to group assignment."
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Contact with the author indicated that par- ent participants and intervention personnel were not blind to group allocation. Given that the trial outcome was based on parental reports of children's fruit intake, the review authors judged that there was a risk of per- formance bias in this study
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	"Those responsible for assessing out- comes were all masked to group assign- ment."
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Rates of loss to follow-up were similar across intervention (27%, 34%) and con- trol (20%, 30%) groups at both time points and were moderate. There were no substan- tial differences in the reasons for loss to fol- low-up
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	All primary or secondary outcomes of in- terest were reported according to the infor- mation provided in the trial register (IS- RCTN 55500035)
Other bias	Low risk	Small deviation in protocol: The original sample was restricted to first-time mothers but after 12 weeks of the 14-month recruit

	this was broadened to all new mothers No further risks of bias identified
Williams 2014	
Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "This research was supported by US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description:</li> <li>Children attending childcare centres participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program and their parent</li> <li>N (Randomised):</li> <li>24 childcare centres, 1143 parent-child dyads</li> <li>Age:</li> <li>Child: mean = 4.4 years</li> <li>Parent: "Overall, 67% of respondents were between the ages of 18 and 34"</li> <li>% Female:</li> <li>Child = 48%</li> <li>Parent: not specified</li> <li>SES and ethnicity:</li> <li>Parent: "40% were Hispanic or Latino; 24% were white, non-Hispanic; 27% were black, non-Hispanic; and 9% were another race or more than one race"</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria:</li> <li>Not specified</li> <li>Recruitment:</li> <li>"The study sampled child-care centers participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in New York"</li> <li>"Approximately 5 to 6 weeks before the start of the intervention in spring 2010, teachers sent children home with a study invitation and the baseline survey. Parents who agreed to participate in the study were asked to return a contact information card and the completed questionnaire in a separate envelope to preserve confidentiality."</li> <li>Recruitment rate:</li> <li>Parent: 75% (1143/1518)</li> <li>Region:</li> <li>New York (USA)</li> </ul>
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 440, control = 462 Description of intervention: Eat Well Play Hard in Child Care Settings program "is a Supplemental Nutrition As- sistance Program (SNAP) Education program that allows states to receive funding for nutrition education to improve the likelihood that SNAP participants will make healthy food choices." "The program includes multilevel messaging targeted to preschool children, their parents, and the childcare center staff who shape the policies and practices in their child-care

#### Williams 2014 (Continued)

#### environment."

"Some of the most frequently taught modules used for this intervention included trying new foods (Food Mood); eating a variety of vegetables (Vary Your Veggies); eating a variety of fruits (Flavorful Fruit); incorporating more healthy dairy products into the diet (Dairylicious); eating healthier snacks (Smart Snacking); and engaging in physical activity (Fitness Is Fun)."

### **Duration:**

6 - 10 weeks

#### Number of contacts:

6 classes for children and parents separately (30-60 minutes per session)

2 classes for centre's staff "Finally, the RDN works with each centre director to identify areas of policy improvement that can enhance nutrition at the centre and teaches at least two classes to the centre's staff to help them integrate the program's messages into their classroom activities"

Setting:

#### Preschool Modality:

Multiple (face-to-face, printed materials/resources)

Interventionist:

Registered dietitian nutritionist

Integrity:

No information provided

Date of study:

March and June 2010 **Description of control:** 

# Wait-list control:

"control centers received the intervention after the evaluation was completed, but within the same calendar year."

#### Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption:

Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables (cups per day) by parent self-report via mail or telephone survey using modified questions from the University of California Cooperative Extension Food and Behaviour Checklist

### Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline:

Unclear, ~ 7 to 10 weeks Length of follow-up post-intervention: 1 week Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up: Intervention = 20% Control = 22% Analysis: Adjusted for clustering

Sample size calculations performed

Outcomes

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Notes	First reported outcome (cups of vegetables child consumed at home a day) was extracted	
	for inclusion in the meta-analysis. We selected post-intervention values over change from	
	baseline estimates, and calculated effective sample size at follow-up using an ICC of 0.	
	014 to enable inclusion in meta-analysis	
	Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, power calculation	
	conducted on fruit or vegetable intake	

# Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Child's fruit and vegetable intake (parent survey): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Child's fruit and vegetable intake (parent survey): There is no blinding to group allocation of participants or personnel described and because this is a parent-reported survey this is likely to influence detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	902 (79%) out of 1143 parents completed the follow-up. Given this was a short-term follow-up, the risk of attrition bias is high
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting
Other bias	Unclear risk	At baseline, children in the intervention group were statistically significantly older than children in the control group, but un- clear what impact this may have had "At baseline, children in the intervention group were statistically significantly older than children in the control group (differ- ence=0.2 years; 95% CI 0.1 to 0.3). Oth-

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erwise, there were no statistically significant differences in the characteristics of respondents and their households or in outcome measures between the intervention and control groups at baseline" Analyses accounted for clustering

#### Witt 2012

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> Not reported
Participants	Description:Children aged 4 or 5 years at 17 childcare centresN (Randomised):17 childcare centres, 263 childrenAge:"The researchers were not permitted to obtain specific ages of each child but wereinformed by the centers' directors that the majority of the children were 4 or 5 years old."% Female:47%SES and ethnicity:Not specifiedInclusion/exclusion criteria:Not specifiedRecruitment:Not specifiedRecruitment rate:UnknownRegion:Boise Idaho (USA)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention: fruit = 83, vegetable = 70 Control: fruit = 70, vegetable = 52 <b>Description of intervention:</b> "Color Me Healthy comes in a "toolkit" that includes a teacher's guide, 4 sets of picture cards, classroom posters, a music CD that contains 7 original songs, a hand stamp, and reproducible parent newsletters. Color Me Healthy is composed of 12 circle-time lessons and 6 imaginary trips. The majority of the CMH circle-time lessons focus on fruits and vegetables of different colors. Several of the lessons provide opportunities for children to try fruits and vegetables. The 6 imaginary trips included in CMH encourage children to use their imagination to explore places, be physically active, and eat fruits and vegetables. Six interactive take home activities were developed for the current evaluation. These interactive activities coincided with the circle-time lessons."

# Witt 2012 (Continued)

	Duration: 6 weeks Number of contacts: 24 (preschool = 2 circle-time + 1 imaginary trip per week, each 15 - 30 minutes, home = 6 interactive take home activities) Setting: Preschool + home Modality: Face-to-face Interventionist: Lead teachers Integrity: No information provided Date of study: Unknown Description of control: No treatment control: "During the study, comparison classrooms did not incorporate nutrition curriculum into their lesson plans."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruit and vegetable snacks (grams). "To determine the amount of fruit and vegetable snack consumed, the fruit and vegetable snacks were weighed (in grams) before they were served to children and then weighed again after children had had an opportunity to consume the snack. Percentage of fruit and vegetable snack consumed was calculated for each child." Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported Outcome relating to reported adverse events: Not reported Length of follow-up from baseline: 7 weeks (1 week post-intervention) and ~ 5 months (3 months post-intervention) Length of follow-up post-intervention: 1 week and 3 months Subgroup analyses: None Loss to follow-up (at 3 months): Intervention: fruit = 50%, vegetable = 58% Control: fruit = 29%, vegetable = 47% Analysis: Adjusted for clustering Unknown sample size calculations performed
Notes	First reported outcome (mean number of pineapple snacks remaining) at the longest follow-up (3 month follow-up) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis. Insufficient data available to enable inclusion in meta-analysis (standard deviation not reported, nor available from authors) Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Primary outcome not stated, fruit or vegetable intake is only reported outcome

# Witt 2012 (Continued)

#### Risk of bias

Risk of bias			
Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement	
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Unclear risk	Randomly allocated to experimental group but the random sequence generation pro- cedure is not described	
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed	
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Fruit and vegetable snacks (weighed): Objective measure of child's fruit and veg- etable intake and unlikely to be influenced by performance bias	
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Fruit and vegetable snacks (weighed): Objective measure of child's fruit and veg- etable intake and unlikely to be influenced by detection bias	
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	High risk	Attrition rate > 20% for short-term follow- up. Only 58% of consenting children re- ceived fruit snacks at all 3 time points	
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Unclear risk	There is no study protocol therefore it is unclear if there was selective outcome re- porting	
Other bias	Unclear risk	Recruitment bias: it appears that parents were invited to participate after centres had been randomised, so unclear risk of bias Baseline imbalance: there are no baseline data comparing study groups, so we cannot tell if groups were balanced at baseline, so unclear risk of bias Incorrect analysis: "The current evaluation was a nested design; children were nested within classrooms. The classrooms were the units of assignment, but the outcome data were collected among the children." HLM modelling accounted for clustering, therefore low risk of bias	

Methods	<b>Study design:</b> Cluster-randomised controlled trial <b>Funding:</b> "The trial is funded by the Cancer Institute New South Wales (Ref no. 08/ECF/1-18)."
Participants	<ul> <li>Description: Children aged 3 to 5 years attending selected preschools, and their parent N (Randomised): 30 preschools, 394 parent-child dyads Age: Child (mean): Intervention = 4.3 years, Control = 4.3 years Parent (mean): Intervention = 35.7 years, Control = 3.5.7 years % Female: Child (mean): Intervention = 35.7 years, Control = 35.7 years % Female: Child: Intervention = 51%, Control = 46% Parent: Intervention = 95%, Control = 97%</li> <li>SES and ethnicity: Household income AUD ≥ 100K: Intervention = 42%, Control = 40% University education: Intervention = 45%, Control = 50% Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander: Child: Intervention = 1%, Control = 5% Parent: Intervention = 1%, Control = 3%</li> <li>Inclusion/exclusion criteria: Preschool: Inclusion criteria: ifcensed in NSW Exclusion criteria: "Preschools will be excluded from the trial if they provide meals to children in their care (as this limits parents' capacity to influence the foods their children consume), cater exclusively for children with special needs (given the specialist care required for such children), are Government preschools (as conduct of the research has not been approved by the New South Wales Government Department of Education and Training) or have participated child healthy eating research projects within six months of the commencement of recruitment."</li> <li>Parent: Inclusion criteria: "participant must be a parent of a child aged 3 to 5 years attending a participating preschool, must reside with that child for at least four days a week (in order for the child to be sufficiently exposed to the intervention strategies that the parent may implement), must have some responsibility for providing meals and snacks to that child, and must be able to understand spoken and written English."</li> <li>Exclusion criteria: "Parents will be excluded from the trial if their children have special dictary requirements or allergies that would necessitate specialised tailoring of the in- trevention or that may be adversely affected by the</li></ul>

	Where possible, research staff will attend the preschool, hand out recruitment packs to parents and be available to answer parent questions <b>Recruitment rate:</b> Preschool = 51% (30/59) <b>Region:</b> New South Wales (Australia)
Interventions	Number of experimental conditions: 2 Number of participants (analysed): Intervention = 174, Control = 169 Description of intervention: The intervention group will receive a resource kit and weekly scripted telephone contacts "The kit comprises a participant workbook containing information and activities, a pad of meal planners, and a cookbook including recipes high in fruit and vegetables." "Each telephone contact aims to provide parents with appropriate knowledge and skills to modify three key domains within the home food environment: availability and ac- cessibility of fruit and vegetables; supportive family eating routines, and parental role- modelling." Duration: 4 weeks Number of contacts: 4 (one a week) Setting; Home Modality: Telephone and mailed resources Interventionist: Trained telephone interviewers Integrity: "During each four-week batch of telephone calls, members of the research team will monitor at least two completed calls made by each interviewer to assess adherence with the intervention protocol." "In total, 44 intervention calls were monitored, representing 6% of all completed calls and an average of 9 calls per interventionist. Across all monitored calls, interventionists: covered 97% of key content areas, and in .80% of calls they "rarely" deviated from the script. In instances in which calls deviated from the script, interventionists were pro- vided with feedback immediately after the call, and the issue was raised during biweekly supervision." Date of study: Aprilt to December 2010 Description of control: "Parents allocated to the control group were mailed the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating-a 22-page booklet outlining the dietary guidelines and ways to meet them."
Outcomes	Outcome relating to children's fruit and vegetable consumption: Child's consumption of fruit and vegetables assessed by parent self-report by telephone survey using items from the Children's Dietary Questionnaire Outcome relating to absolute costs/cost effectiveness of interventions: Not reported

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Outcome relating to reported adverse events:
Effect of intervention on family food expenditure
Length of follow-up from baseline:
2 and 6 months
Length of follow-up post-intervention:
1 and 5 months
Subgroup analyses:
None
Loss to follow-up (at 1 and 5 months):
Intervention = 14%, 16%
Control = 4%, 9%
Analysis:
Adjusted for clustering
Sample size calculations performed

Notes

The fruit and vegetable score outcome at the longest follow-up < 12 months (6 months) was extracted for inclusion in meta-analysis. The reported estimate and 95% CI which adjusted for baseline and clustering were included in meta-analysis Sensitivity analysis - primary outcome: Fruit or vegetable intake listed as primary outcome

### Risk of bias

Bias	Authors' judgement	Support for judgement
Random sequence generation (selection bias)	Low risk	The random sequence was generated using a random-number function in Microsoft Excel
Allocation concealment (selection bias)	Unclear risk	There is no information provided about al- location concealment and therefore it is un- clear if allocation was concealed
Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) All outcomes	High risk	Fruit and vegetable intake (self-reported): Participants were unblinded and this is likely to influence performance
Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) All outcomes	High risk	Fruit and vegetable intake (self-reported): Participants were unblinded and because self-reported measure this is likely to influ- ence detection bias
Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) All outcomes	Low risk	Of 394 parents, 343 (87%) completed the 6-month follow-up. Sensitivity analyses were also conducted where missing follow- up data were imputed by using baseline ob- servation carried forward
Selective reporting (reporting bias)	Low risk	The primary outcomes reported in the out- comes paper align with those specified in

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		the protocol. The 12- and 18-month fruit and vegetable outcomes are reported in Wolfenden 2014
Other bias	Low risk	Contamination, baseline imbalance, & other bias that could threaten the internal validity are unlikely to be an issue. Analyses adjusted for clustering

BMI: body mass index EA: exposure alone EP: exposure plus praise ETR: exposure plus tangible non-food reward DOB: date of birth FV: fruit and vegetables ICC: intra-class correlation N/A: not applicable SEM: standard error of the mean

### Characteristics of excluded studies [ordered by study ID]

Study	Reason for exclusion
Aboud 2008	This responsive feeding trial was ineligible as its primary outcome was not to increase fruit and vegetable consumption and the study only assessed children's fruit and vegetable consumption posthoc in order to describe the mechanism behind a change in weight status among participants in the sample
Adams 2011	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Adams 2015	Not RCT: Editorial
Agrawal 2012	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Ahern 2014	Not RCT
Ajie 2016	Study design: Not RCT
Al Bashabsheh 2016	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Alford 1971	Children aged 6-17 years
Amin 2016	Participants were Grade 3-5 children

Anderson 2014	Mean age of children 5.3 years
Ang 2016	Participants were 2nd and 3rd grade children
Anliker 1993	Children aged 14-17 years
Anonymous 2001	Not RCT: Editorial
Anonymous 2002	Not RCT: Editorial
Anonymous 2009	Not RCT: Editorial
Anonymous 2011a	Not RCT: Editorial
Anonymous 2011b	Children aged 5-9 years
Anonymous 2012	Participants were 4th grade children
Apatu 2016	Participants were adult, no participants aged 0-5 years
Arrow 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was dental caries incidence and prevalence of obesity
Au 2015a	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only assessed intake of fruit juice
Au 2015b	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Au 2016	Mean age of participants was 9.8 years
Bai 2012	Participants were elementary school children
Bannon 2006	Outcome is food choice (apple or crackers)
Baranowski 2002	Children aged 9-18 years
Barkin 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was weight and BMI
Baxter 1998	Not RCT: Editorial
Bayer 2009	Child mean age 6 years
Beasley 2012	Children aged 8-12 years
Beets 2016	Participants were aged 6-12 years
Bellows 2013	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption, intervention aimed to explore individual, family and environmental factors and their relationship to child weight status

Benjamin 2008	Outcome is quality of meals
Benjamin Neelon 2016	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only amount served
Bensley 2011	Quasi-experiemental design
Bere 2015	Participants were 6th and 7th grade children
Berg 2016	Not RCT: book review
Bergman 2016	Participants were 3rd, 4th and 5th grade children
Berhe 1997	No comparison group
Berry 2013	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Bessems 2012	Children aged 12-14 years
Best 2016	Children aged 7-12 years
Bibiloni 2017	Study design: allocation to conditions not random
Birch 1980	Not randomised
Birch 1982	No control group
Birch 1998	Not RCT
Black 2013	Child mean age of subgroups ranged from 5.8-11 years
Blissett 2012	No comparison group
Blom-Hoffman 2008	Child mean age 6.2 years
Boaz 1998	Children aged 7-9 years
Bollella 1999	Outcome is vitamins and minerals, not fruit and vegetable consumption
Bonvecchio-Arenas 2010	Participants were primary school children
Bouhlal 2014	Allocation of groups to condition was not randomised
Bradley 2014	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, outcome is preference
Brambilla 2010	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Branscum 2013	Children aged 8-11 years

Briefel 2006	No comparison group
Briefel 2009	Children aged 6-18 years
Briefel 2010	No comparison group
Briley 1999	No comparison group
Briley 2011	Not RCT: Editorial
Briley 2016	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was observed servings in packed lunch
Britt-Rankin 2016	Not RCT - review of resource
Brotman 2012	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Bruening 1999	Non-equivalent control group design
Brunt 2012	Participants were 4th grade school children
Bryant 2017	Primary outcome not F&V consumption, primary outcomes was parent engagement
Burgi 2011	Child mean age 5.2 years
Buttriss 2004	Not RCT: descriptive review
Byrd-Bredbenner 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI and audits of home environment characteristics/lifestyle practice
Byrne 2002	Outcome was willingness to taste kohlrabi
Camelo 2016	Participants were children aged 6-13 years
Campbell 2016a	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was body weight and waist circumference
Campbell 2016b	Primary outcomes were length for age score and rates of stunting
Campbell 2017	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome reported
Candido 2013	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Capaldi-Phillips 2014	Allocation of groups to condition was not randomised
Carter 2005	Children aged 9-12 years

Cason 2001	No comparison group
Castro 2013	Child mean age 6 years
Cates 2014	Not RCT
Caton 2014	Study design: results are not reported by study group. Additionally the paper reports data from 3 other included studies: Caton 2013; Hausner 2012; Remy 2013
Chatham 2016	Participants mean age 6.15 years
Ciampolini 1991	No comparison group
Clason 2016	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only number of days per week child consumes
Coelho 2012	Children aged 8-12 years
Cohen 2014	Child mean age 8.6 years
Coleman 2005	No fruit and vegetable outcomes
Collins 2011	Child mean age 8 years
Condrasky 2006	Quasi-experimental: intervention sample randomly selected from 1 church. Control randomly selected from a separate church
Cooper 2011	Children aged 5-11 years
Cooperberg 2014	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Copeland 2010	Child mean age 9 years
Coppinger 2016	Children aged 5-11 years
Corsini 2013	Participants were children with mean age 5.16 years
Cotwright 2017	No comparison group - pretest-post-test design
Court 1977	No participants, these are guidelines, not research trial
Crespo 2012	Child mean age 5.9 years
Croker 2012	Child mean age 8.3 years
Cullen 2013	Participants were kindergarten-grade 5 and grade 6-8 children
Cullen 2015	Participants were kindergarten-grade 5

Curtis 2012	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Céspedes 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was knowledge, attitudes and physical activity habits
Dai 2015	Child mean age 6 years
Dalton 2011	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Daniels 2012	Related to Daniels 2014 - No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Davis 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake as per trial registry
Davoli 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Day 2008	Child mean age 9-10 years
Dazeley 2015	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only assessed foods touched and tasted
De Bourdeaudhuij 2015	Child mean age in intervention group 6.05 year and in control group 5.98 years
De Droog 2011	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only assessed liking and purchase request intent
De Pee 1998	No comparison group
De Silva-Sanigorski 2010	Quasi-experimental, repeat cross-sectional design
Delgado 2014	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption
Dick 2016	Not RCT: Editorial
Dollahite 2014	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Dorado 2015	Children aged 9-10 years
Draper 2010	Participants were 4, 5 and 6 grade children
Duke 2011	Not RCT: descriptive review
Duncanson 2017	Related to Duncanson 2013 - does not report RCT results
Dunn 2004	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Eicholzer-Helbling 1986	Outcome no consumption measure
Elder 2014	Child mean age 6.6 years

Elizondo-Montemayor 2014	Children aged 6-12 years
Epstein 2001	Children aged 6-11 years
Esfarjani 2013	Children aged 7 years
Esquivel 2016	Not RCT
Estabrooks 2009	Children aged 8-12 years
Evans 2006	Children in 4th, 5th grade school
Evans 2011	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Evans 2016	Participants were 3rd grade children
Evenson 2016	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Faber 2002	Cross-sectional survey
Faith 2006	The intervention programme was not specifically designed to increase consumption of fruit and vegetables; instead primary aim is to illustrate a methodological concept. "This methodological note illustrates the use of co-twin design for testing substitution, phenomenon, a prominent behavioural economics concept. We test whether fruits and vegetables can substitute for high-fat snack foods in young children in a single meal laboratory setting."
Fangupo 2015	Primary outcome as reported in trial registry was not fruit or vegetable intake
Fernandes 2011	Not RCT: measurement tool
Fernández-Alvira 2013	Child mean age 11 years
Fialkowski 2013	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption
Fisher 2014	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Fishman 2016	Not RCT: Editorial
Fitzgibbon 2002	Outcome is weight change
Fitzpatrick 1997	Not RCT
Fletcher 2009	Children aged 13-19 years
Foerster 1998	Children in 4th, 5th grade school
Folta 2006	Children in grades 1-3 school

Fournet 2014	Children aged 6-13 years
Freedman 2010	Outcome is child feeding attitudes and practices
French 2012	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption
Friedl 2014	Not RCT: task force report
Friend 2015a	Participants were parents of 8-12 year-old children
Friend 2015b	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome reported
Gaglianone 2006	Participants were 1st and 2nd grade children
Gallo 2017	Participants were aged 6-11 years
Gallotta 2016	Children aged 8-11 years
Gaughan 2016	No comparison group
Gelli 2016	Child mean age 7.5 years
Gentile 2009	Children in 3rd, 4th, 5th grade school
Gittelsohn 2010	Children aged 8-12 years
Glanz 2012	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Glasper 2011	Not RCT: Editorial
Glasson 2012	Participants were parents of primary school-aged children
Glasson 2013	Not RCT
Golley 2012	Child mean age 8.3 years
Gordon 2016	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome as per contact with author very low food security is primary outcome
Gorham 2015	No comparison group
Gosliner 2010	Quasi-experimental: childcare centres in existing study matched to other childcare centres, then randomised
Goto 2012	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Gottesman 2003	No participants, not research trial

Graham 2008	Outcome not fruit and vegetable consumption
Gratton 2007	Children aged 11-16 years
Gregori 2014	No comparison group
Gripshover 2013	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption
Gross 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was obesity
Guenther 2014	No participants aged 0-5 years
Guldan 2000	Not RCT
Haines 2016	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Hambleton 2004	Children aged 9-10 years
Hammersley 2017	Primary outcome not fruit and vegetable intake, primary outcome is BMI
Hammons 2013	Children aged 5-13 years
Hancocks 2011	Not RCT: Editorial
Hanks 2016	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Hansen 2016	Participants were children aged 6-14 years
Hanson 2017	Not a randomised study design
Hardy 2010a	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only assessed lunchbox contents
Hardy 2010b	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Hare 2012	Child mean age 6.3 years
Haroun 2011	Participants were primary school children - aged 4-12 years old
Harris 2011	Children aged 5-12 years
Hart 2016	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Harvey-Berino 2003	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Havas 1997	No assessments of children included in study
Heath 2010	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome

Heim 2009	Children in 4th and 6th grade school
Helland 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was food neophobia and staff feeding practices
Helland 2016	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was food neophobia and staff feeding practices
Helland 2017	No comparison group
Hendy 2002	No comparison group
Hendy 2011	Participants were 1st, 2nd and 4th grade children
Herbold 2001	Participants were 1st and 6th grade children
Herring 2016	Not RCT: Editorial
Hildebrand 2010	No comparison group
Hoddinott 2017	Primary outcome not fruit and vegetable intake as per trial registry
Hoffman 2011	Child mean age 6.2 years
Hoffman 2015	Participants were 6th-12th grade children
Hohman 2017	F&V intake not primary outcome as per trial registry BMI is primary outcome
Hollar 2013	Participants were Kindergarten-5th Grade children
Hooft 2013	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Horne 2009	Child mean age 7 years
Horodynski 2004	Non-equivalent control group study design
Horodynski 2005	Outcome is feeding behaviours
Hotz 2012a	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption, intervention aimed to increase the consumption of orange sweet potato over consumption of white and yellow sweet potato
Hotz 2012b	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption, intervention aimed to increase the consumption of orange sweet potato over consumption of white and yellow sweet potato
Howarth 2011	No comparison group

Hu 2010	Outcome is eating behaviours and weight, not fruit and vegetables
Hughes 2007	Outcome is feeding styles and behaviour
Hughes 2016	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Iaia 2017	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome, primary outcome combined health behaviour score
IFIC 2002	Children aged 9-12 years
Izumi 2013	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
James 1992	No comparison group
Jancey 2014	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Janicke 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Jansen 2010	Participants were children with mean age 5.8 years
Jansen 2017	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome
Jayne 2009	Outcome is food choice
Johnson 1993	This study was excluded as fruit and vegetable consumption was measured in terms of dietitian- classified 'appropriate' versus 'inappropriate' consumption levels, and as such, it failed to meet the inclusion criteria relating to the primary outcome
Johnson 2007	Outcome is food preference and ranking
Jordan 2010	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Joseph 2015a	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Joseph 2015b	No comparison group
Just 2013	Participants were elementary school children
Kabahenda 2011	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Kain 2012	Participants aged 6-12 years
Kalb 2005	No participants, not research trial
Kang 2016	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome
Kannan 2016	Not RCT

Karanja 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Kashani 1991	Child mean age 10 years
Kaufman-Shriqui 2016	Participants mean age 5.28 years
Kelder 1995	Children in 6th grade school
Keller 2014	Not RCT: Editorial
Kessler 2016	Not RCT: review
Khoshnevisan 2004	Dietary outcomes are not reported for the control group and no comparison is made between exper- imental conditions
Kidala 2000	Quasi-experimental: 2 areas, 1 intervention, 1 control, not randomly selected
Kilaru 2005	Outcome is proportion being fed bananas
Kilicarslan 2010	Child mean age 9.3 years
Kipping 2014	Participants aged 8-9 years
Kipping 2016	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake
Knoblock-Hahn 2016	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Knowlden 2015	Child mean age 5.18 years
Ko Linda 2016	No participants aged < 5
Koehler 2007	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Koff 2011	No comparison group
Kolodinsky 2017	No outcome data reported - related to ongoing study Seguin 2017
Korwanich 2008	Quasi-experimental: 8 intervention schools; 8 matched control schools
Kotler 2012	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only number of pieces of food consumed
Kotz 2010	Not RCT: Editorial
Kral 2010	Participants were children with mean age 5.9 years
Lanigan 2010	Not RCT: review

Laramy 2017	No comparison group
LaRowe 2010	No comparison group
Larson 2011	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Laureati 2014	Child mean age 7.9 years
Leahy 2008	No fruit and vegetable outcome
Ledoux 2017	No comparison group - pretest-posttest design
Lin 2017	No fruit and vegetable outcome
Ling 2016	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Lioret 2015	Not RCT
Llargues 2011	Child mean age 6 years
Lloyd 2011	Participants were fathers of children aged 5-12 years
Locard 1987	No comparison group
Lohse 2017	Not RCT - Editorial
Longacre 2015	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Longley 2013	Not RCT: Editorial
Low 2007	Quasi-experimental, 2 intervention areas, and 1 control area selected, in prospective longitudinal study
Luepker 1996	Child mean age 8.8 years
Lumeng 2012	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption, intervention aimed to improve children's emotional and behavioural self regulation on preventing obesity
Maier 2007	Not RCT - treatment group not randomised
Maier 2008	Not RCT
Maier-Noth 2016	Not RCT
Malekafzali 2000	No fruit and vegetable consumption data
Mallan 2017	Related to Daniels 2014 - only reports data from the control group

Manger 2012	Child mean age 5.7 years
Manios 2009	No comparison group
Mann 2015	No outcome data - related to ongoing study Østbye 2015
Mann 2017	Not RCT - resource review
Markert 2014	Child mean age 9 years
Marquard 2011	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Martens 2008	Children aged 12-14 years
Mathias 2012	Participants were children with mean age 5.4 years
Mbogori 2016	No comparison group
McGowan 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was parental habit strength
McKenzie 1996	Child mean age 6.3-6.8 years
McSweeney 2017	F&V not primary outcome, primary outcomes were related to feasibility
Mehta 2014	No comparison group
Meinen 2012	Child mean age 9.9 years
Metcalfe 2016	Participants were children aged 8-13 years
Metcalfe 2017	Participants aged 8-14 years
Mok 2017	Fruit and vegetable not primary outcome, primary outcome Vitamin D plasma concentrations
Monterrosa 2013	Not RCT - quasi-experimental
Morgan 2016	Not RCT
Morrill 2016	Participants were Grade 1-5 students
Murimi 2017	No fruit and vegetable outcome
Nabors 2015	Participants mean age 6.12 years
Nansel 2016	Participants aged 8.0-16.9 years

NAPNAP 2006	Guidelines not trial, so no participants
Natale 2014	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake as per trial registry
Nemet 2007	Child mean age 5.5 years
Nemet 2008	Children aged 8-11 years
Nerud 2017	No fruit and vegetable intake outcome
Nicklas 2011	Not fruit and vegetable intake outcome reported, only preference
Noller 2006	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Nunes 2017	Primary outcome is frequency of exclusive and total breastfeeding as per trial registry
Nystrom 2017	Fruit and vegetable not primary outcome, primary outcome was BMI
O'Connor 2010	No comparison group
O'Sullivan 2017	Fruit and vegetable not primary outcome - primary outcomes relate-school readiness, physical health etc
Ogle 2016	Participants aged 6-9 years
Olvera 2010	Children aged 7-13 years
Onnerfält 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Panunzio 2007	Children in 4th grade school
Parcel 1989	Children in 3rd, 4th grade school
Passehl 2004	Outcome is process evaluation
Peracchio 2016	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Perry 1985	Children in 3rd, 4th grade school
Peters 2012a	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Poelman 2016a	The average age was 5.1 years (SD 0.8, range 4-6.8 years)
Poelman 2016b	The average age was 5.1 years (SD 0.8, range 4-6.8 years)
Prelip 2011	Participants were 3rd-5th grade children

Presti 2015	Participants aged 5-11 years
Prosper 2009	Child mean age 11.7 years
Quandt 2013	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Quizan-Plata 2012	Participants were primary school children
Rackliffe 2016	Not RCT - resource review
Rahman 1994	Outcome asks if vegetables eaten today (Yes/No). No amount provided
Ransley 2007	Non-RCT. 1 intervention sample and 1 matched control sample
Raynor 2012	Child mean age 6.7 years
Reicks 2012	Children aged 9-12 years
Reifsnider 2012	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Reinaerts 2007	Quasi-experimental: consenting schools paired then randomised to 1 of 2 interventions. Control schools in different area identified and then matched
Reinbott 2016	Primary aim (as per trial registry) is mean height for age z-scores
Reinehr 2011	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake, primary outcome was weight
Reverdy 2008	Children aged 8-10 years
Reynolds 1998	Participants were 4th grade children
Reznar 2013	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only assessed diet quality
Ribeiro 2014	Children aged 6-11 years
Ritchie 2010	Children aged 9-10 years
Rito 2013	Child mean age 8.6 years
Robertson 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was waist circumference and self-esteem
Roche 2016	Not RCT - quasi-experimental non-randomized study
Rogers 2013	Child mean age 11 years
Rohde 2017	As per trial registry, fruit and vegetable not primary outcome, anthropometry is primary outcome

Rohlfs 2013	Not RCT
Romo-Palafox 2017	No comparison group
Rubenstein 2010	No fruit or vegetable intake outcome, only assessed child-feeding practices
Ruottinen 2008	The intervention programme was not specifically designed to increase consumption of fruit and vegetables The aim of intervention, as reported in a separate paper (Lapinleimu 1995) is "to investigate the effects of an individually supervised, eucaloric, diet with low content of fat, saturated fat and cholesterol in healthy children"
Salminen 2005	Children aged 6-17 years
Sanders 2014	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Sanigorski 2008	Child mean age 8 years
Sanna 2011	Intervention was not designed to increase fruit and/or vegetable consumption, intervention focused on dietary fat quality
Savage 2010	Comparison between treatment groups not reported for fruit and vegetable consumption
Scherr 2017	Participants were 4th grade students
Schmied 2015	Participants were parents of children with mean age of 10 years
Schumacher 2015	Child participants had median age of 12.9 years
Schwartz 2007a	Study design used convenience sample
Schwartz 2007b	Quasi-experimental - 2 elementary schools randomly allocated to 1 intervention and 1 control
Sharafi 2016	Intervention did not aim to increase consumption of fruit or vegetables
Sharma 2016	Participants were 1st grade children
Sharps 2016	Participants were children aged 6-11 years
Sherwood 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Shilts 2014	Not RCT as confirmed by author
Shim 2011	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Shin 2014	Participants were 4th-6th grade children

Siega-Riz 2004	No comparison group
Skouteris 2014	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Slusser 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Smith 2015	No comparison group
Sobko 2011	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Sojkowski 2012	No comparison group
Solomons 1999	Review, not trial, no participants
Sotos-Prieto 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was change in overall knowledge, attitudes and habits
Speirs 2013	Participants were parents of elementary school children
Stark 1986	No fruit and vegetable consumption outcome
Stark 2011	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Steenbock 2017	Not RCT - allocation not randomised
Story 2012	Participants mean age 5.84 years
Suarez-Balcazar 2014	Participants were Kindergarten and 1st grade children
Sun 2017	No fruit and vegetable intake outcome
Sweitzer 2010	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was observed servings in packed lunch
Tande 2013	No comparison group
Taylor 2007	Child mean age 7.7 years
Taylor 2010	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Taylor 2013a	Participants were primary school-aged children 4-11 years old
Taylor 2013b	No child fruit or vegetable intake outcome
Taylor 2013c	Primary outcome, as per trial registry, was not fruit or vegetable intake
Taylor 2015a	Not RCT: review

Taylor 2015b	Participants' mean age 6.5 years
Taylor 2016	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome, primary outcome was anthropometric measures as per trial registry
Te Velde 2008	Children aged 10-13 years
Thomson 2014	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome, primary outcome was weight-for-length
Timms 2011	Not RCT: Editorial
Tobey 2016	Not RCT - allocation not random
Tomayko 2016	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome, primary outcome was BMI
Tomayko 2017	Not RCT - allocation not random
Tovar 2017	Not RCT - uses baseline data from an ongoing study - Østbye 2015
Trees 2012	No comparison group - cross-sectional survey
Tyler 2016	Participants were aged 8-12 years
Uicab-Pool 2009	Outcome was eating habits
Upton 2013	Participants were primary school children aged 4-11 years
Upton 2014	Not RCT
Van Horn 2005	Children aged 8-10 years
Van Horn 2011	Not RCT: Editorial
Van Nassau 2015	Not RCT: commentary
Vaughn 2017	No fruit and vegetable outcome
Vecchiarelli 2005	Children school-aged
Veldhuis 2009	Outcome was weight, not fruit and vegetable consumption
Viggiano 2012	Children aged 9-19 years
Vio 2014	Not RCT
Vitolo 2010	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was Healthy Eating Index

Vitolo 2014	Fruit and vegetable intake not primary outcome, as per trial registry primary outcome was exclusive breastfeeding
Walton 2015	Primary outcome, as per trial registry, was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Wansink 2013	Participants were middle school children
Wansink 2014	Participants were middle school children
Ward 2011	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was percent body fat
Wardle 2003b	Child mean age 6 years
Wells 2005	Not RCT - cross-sectional
Wen 2007	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was BMI
Wen 2013	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome was good eating behaviour
Wengreen 2013	Participants were elementary school children
Whaley 2010	Study design in intervention and matched control site
Wijesinha-Bettoni 2013	Children aged 6-12 years
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Zota 2016	Child mean age as reported by author 8.6 years
Zotor 2008	Children aged 11-15 years
Østbye 2012	Primary outcome was not fruit or vegetable intake; primary outcome as per trial registry was BMI

### Characteristics of studies awaiting assessment [ordered by study ID]

### Hull 2014

Methods	
Participants	
Interventions	
Outcomes	
Notes	No full text available to determine eligibility. Contact with author reported chapter describing study currently underway

### Shahriarzadeh 2017

Methods	
Participants	
Interventions	
Outcomes	
Notes	Full text only available in Persian. Translation has been sought

### Characteristics of ongoing studies [ordered by study ID]

### Belanger 2016

Trial name or title	Healthy start-Départ santé
Methods	Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 735 children aged 3-5 years from 62 Early Childcare Centres

# Belanger 2016 (Continued)

Interventions	Intervention: "The intervention is composed of six interlinked components which are presented in more detail in Fig. 1. These components include: 1) intersectoral partnerships conducive to participatory action that leads to promoting healthy weights in communities and ECC; 2) the Healthy Start-Départ Santé implementation manual for educators on how to integrate healthy eating and physical activity in their centre; 3) customized training, role modelling and monitoring of Healthy Start-Départ Santé in ECC; 4) the evidence-based resource, LEAP-GRANDIR [16], which contains material for both families and educators; 5) supplementary resources from governmental partners; and 6) a knowledge development and exchange (KDE), and communication strategy involving social media and web-resources to raise awareness and mobilize grassroots organizations and communities Healthy Start-Départ Santé is delivered over 6-8 months and includes a partnership agreement, an initial training session which orients ECC staff to the concepts, the implementation manual and the use of resources, on-going support and monitoring over time, one tailored booster session, and a family day to celebrate the ECC' success at the end of the intervention." Control: "Usual practice controls" "Control sites are given the option of receiving the intervention once their participation in the evaluation has been completed"
Outcomes	Usual intake of fruits and vegetables assessed via parent-reported semi-quantitative food frequency question- naire
Starting date	Participant recruitment began in Autumn 2013
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Notes	

#### Helle 2017

Trial name or title	Early food for future health: a randomized controlled trial evaluating the effect of an eHealth intervention aiming to promote healthy food habits from early childhood
Methods	Randomised controlled trial of parents with children aged between 3 and 5 months recruited through Nor- wegian child health centres and announcements on Facebook Baseline questionnaires assessed eating behaviour and feeding practices, food variety and diet quality. All participants will be followed up at ages 12 and possibly 24 and 48 months, with questionnaires relating to eating behaviour and feeding practices, food variety and diet quality
Participants	Parents of children aged between 3 and 5 months
Interventions	The intervention group received monthly emails with links to an age-appropriate website when their child was between 6 and 12 months
Outcomes	Eating behaviour and feeding practices, food variety and diet quality
Starting date	Participant recruitment began in March 2016
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# Helle 2017 (Continued)

Notes	ISRCTN13601567
Horodynski 2011	
Trial name or title	The healthy toddlers trial
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 600 children aged 12 to 26 months recruited from community programmes, immunisation clinics and food pantries
Interventions	Intervention: "HT addresses core nutrition concepts but moves well beyond basic nutrition to address maternal self-efficacy during feeding, appropriate feeding styles, and practices, including skill development to increase success in making these behavioural changes." "The HT intervention consists of eight in-home visits by a specially trained paraprofessional instructor plus four weekly telephone follow-up reinforcement contacts. Particularly for high-risk families with young children, providing services within the context of the family's home environment appears to be a useful and effective strategy to provide parents with information, emotional support, access to other services and direct education [19]. The home-visitation model also engages families who lack transportation or child care, a challenge frequently reported by families with low incomes. Paraprofessional instructors are peer educators who can relate to the target audience. Research shows that people learn best from their peers (people like themselves). Eight home visit sessions have been found to produce behavioral change [20]. At each visit, the paraprofessional spends approximately 1 hour with the mother and toddler dyad. The HT lessons use a variety of techniques and materials to enhance each mother's learning experience and help reinforce knowledge. Each lesson includes opportunities for discussion, hands-on activities, and an opportunity for mothers to practice skills covered in the lesson. The eight lesson 1." Control: "The control group families receive the usual services provided by Building strong families (BSF) or Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) in respective states. These families are newly enrolled into BSF or EFNEP as part of the HT study and have not received home visitation previously. The control lessons are similarly delivered as the HT lessons, such that, a paraprofessional instructor provides eight lessons during an in-home visit, which last approximately 60 minutes. However, the control lessons focus on
Outcomes	Child fruit and vegetable intake will be assessed via 3-day dietary record of child's intake
Starting date	Unknown
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Notes	

### ISRCTN45864056

Trial name or title	First food for infants (Randomized controlled trial evaluating a cooking intervention to improve parental cooking skills and thereby improve dietary intake in infants aged 6-12 months)
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 160 children aged 5-6 months attending selected public health clinics and their parent(s)
Interventions	Intervention: the intervention group is invited to a 2-day course including some theory of infant nutrition, and a main focus on increasing practical food cooking skills (i.e. how to prepare and cook the first food for infants). They are also taught how to store food and how to be confident in making infants' food themselves. 5 groups of participants attend the course on two different days. Each of the 2 course days lasts 4 hours, and parents are given theoretical knowledge about the infant's first food as well as practical knowledge on how to make nutritious and varied food Control: parents receive a booklet containing recipes for homemade foods for infants
Outcomes	Food intake, measured using food frequency questionnaire
Starting date	The trial started in June 2012
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Notes	ISRCTN45864056

### ISRCTN98064772

Trial name or title	A cluster randomized web-based intervention trial among one-year-old-children in kindergarten to reduce food neophobia and promote healthy diets
Methods	Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 306 children born in 2016, attending kindergartens in the counties of Oppland and Telemark in Norway
Interventions	Intervention group 1: kindergartens will be asked to serve a warm lunch meal with a variety of vegetables 3 days a week during the intervention period which will last for 3 months Intervention group 2: kindergartens will be asked to use given pedagogical tools including sensory lessons (the Sapere method) and advice on meal practice and feeding styles, in addition to serving the same meals as intervention group 1 Control: control kindergartens will continue their usual practices
Outcomes	Child vegetable intake, dietary habits and food variety using detailed questionnaires developed for this specific study
Starting date	The trial started in August 2017
Contact information	Nina Cecilie Øverby: nina.c.overby@uia.no

### ISRCTN98064772 (Continued)

Notes	ISRCTN98064772	
Kobel 2017	Kobel 2017	
Trial name or title	Happy child study	
Methods	Two-arm, cluster-randomised controlled trial with outcomes assessed at baseline and after 9 months, via a self-constructed questionnaire	
Participants	Male and female children aged 3-6 years attending kindergartens	
Interventions	Programme in kindergarten setting that aims for the development of a healthy lifestyle of kindergartners, offering alternatives for their diet, exercise behaviour and leisure-time activities delivered by the child-care workers. The programme is carried out in the course of a kindergarten year supported by especially developed pre-structured lessons to be integrated into the daily routine as well as the involvement of parents The programme's goal is the increase of physical activity of kindergartners, the reduction of consumption of sweetened drinks as well as the reduction of time spent in front of computers and TVs	
Outcomes	Changes in dietary intake of fruit and vegetables	
Starting date	September/October 2016	
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Notes	DRKS00010089	

### NCT03003923

Trial name or title	A randomised control trial of an educational and taste-exposure intervention to promote vegetable intake in preschool aged children
Methods	Cluster-randomised control trial
Participants	160 children aged 2-5 years
Interventions	Taste exposure: children will be repeatedly offered the single vegetable, which is unfamiliar to them over the 12-week period. Children will be offered 40 g of the vegetable by their usual nursery staff Nutritional education: nursery staff will be trained by the PhunkyFoods team to deliver the nutritional education programme. Children will be taught Eat Well (learning about different food groups) and Strive for Five (learning about eating fruits and vegetables) components of the PhunkyFoods education programme by their usual nursery staff. Nurseries will be advised to deliver as much as possible of the two components over the 12-week period Taste exposure and nutritional education: children will be repeatedly offered a single unfamiliar vegetable over the 12-week period as well as receive the PhunkyFoods educational programme (Eat Well and Strive for Five components). Children will be offered the vegetable and nutritional education by their usual nursery staff No intervention control: children will be offered a single unfamiliar vegetable at the beginning, end and at the follow-up. They will be offered the nutritional education after the completion of the study

### NCT03003923 (Continued)

Intake of an unfamiliar vegetable measured using weight in grams
The trial started in September 2016
Chandani Nekitsing: C.Nekitsing1@leeds.ac.uk
NCT03003923
Baby's first bites (The what and how in weaning: a randomised controlled trial to assess the effects of vegetable-exposure and responsive feeding on vegetable acceptance in infants and toddlers)
Randomised controlled trial
240 first-time mothers of healthy term infants
Intervention A: this intervention repeatedly exposed infants and toddlers to vegetables and involved 2 days of pre-test, a 15-day feeding schedule and 2 days of post-test. During 15 consecutive days, children are exposed to one of two target vegetables according to a set scheme where one target vegetable is offered to the infant every other day. On the days in between, infants receive other vegetables for variety. During the feeding-schedule on day 5 and 12 mothers will receive a phone call to motivate them to continue exposing their infant to vegetables. When the children are 8, 13 and 16 months of age, mothers will receive a booster phone call to reinforce daily vegetable intake. Mothers are asked to keep serving their infant vegetables on a daily basis and receive a folder that emphasises the importance of repeated exposure to vegetables. Mothers also receive 20 vegetable purées a month, until 5 months after the feeding schedule to reinforce exposure to vegetables Intervention B: receives an intervention mothers receive purely focuses on the promotion of responsive feeding practices. The intervention mothers will receive the Video-feedback Intervention to promote Positive Parenting -Feeding Infants (VIPP-FI) and will be delivered during home visits. VIPP-FI focuses on improving responsive feeding and sensitive ways of dealing with unwilling infants during the feeding process. Mothers are shown videotapes of their own feeding-interaction with their infant, and receive feedback on these tapes by a trained intervener

Starting date

The trial started in April 2016

### NTR6572 (Continued)

Notes	NTR6572
Seguin 2017	
Trial name or title	Farm Fresh Foods for Healthy Kids (F3HK)
	The Farm Fresh Foods for Healthy Kids community-based, randomised intervention trial will build on formative and longitudinal research to examine the impact of cost-offset community supported agriculture on diet and other health behaviours as well as the economic impacts on local economies. In each program, families will be recruited to join existing community supported agriculture programs in New York, North Carolina, Vermont, and Washington, and families will be randomised 1:1 to intervention or delayed intervention groups. Data will be collected at baseline, and in the fall and spring for 3 years
Participants	Low-income families with at least 1 child aged 2-12 years. Target is 240 families (120 per arm)
	The intervention will involve reduced-price community supported agriculture shares, which can be paid for on a weekly basis, nine skill-based and seasonally tailored healthy eating classes, and the provision of basic kitchen tools
Outcomes	Children's intake of fruits and vegetables
Starting date	Unknown
Contact information	rs946@cornell.edu
Notes	NCT02770196

### Sobko 2016

Trial name or title	Play and grow
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 240 families with children aged 2-4 years
Interventions	Intervention: "Play & Grow is a 10-week family-based, multi-component healthy lifestyle programme" "The Play & Grow will have educational strategies including instructions, parental peer support and group discussions, and homework tasks, in accordance with the elements developed in our Play & Grow pilot study. Each session will comprise: (i) 15 min of guided active play involving both children and parents; (ii) 15 min of interactive education and skill development for parents; simultaneous supervised active play with foods for children, to promote acceptance of vegetables, and (iii) 15 min of guided active nature games outdoors, involving both children and parents. The sessions will incorporate a lifestyle component, for example: eating, active play and connectedness to nature). These will target the parents' knowledge and skills on how to introduce and maintain their child's correct lifestyle routines. A group leader and co-leader with healthcare backgrounds (and trained by the PI during the Play & Grow pilot study) will facilitate the sessions involving

## Sobko 2016 (Continued)

	4 to 5 parent-child dyads. The proposed intervention, we will employ environmental education and nature- related activities to help participating families develop skills conducive to improving playtime and eating habits in children." Control: "The (waiting list or control group) WLCG children will be offered the Play & Grow programme at study completion"
Outcomes	Child fruit and vegetable intake will be assessed using the Eating and Physical Activity Questionnaire (EPAQ) and The Children's Eating Behaviour Questionnaire (CEBQ)
Starting date	Unknown
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Notes	

Trial name or title	Choosing Healthy Eating when Really Young (CHERRY)
Methods	Randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 288 parents of children aged 18 months to 5 years from children's centres
Interventions	Intervention: "The intervention group participants attended four sessions (one each week) over 4 weeks. Each session lasted 2 h. The first hour of each session involved parents discussing and learning about a variety of aspects of healthy eating while the children attended a free crèche in the adjacent room (the crèche activities were not considered part of CHERRY and were not monitored). The second hour involved parents. and children together for a more practical, 'hands on' cook and eat session involving basic food preparation and tasting. Each session began with a recap from the previous week and finished with parents being given a 'CHERRY at home' activity to complete before the following week's session; these were both designed to consolidate parents' learning The intervention group also received SMS reminders via mobile phones between sessions; SMSs included the main messages of the CHERRY programme, as well as reminders to attend each session. The intervention comprised not only individually focused nutrition support, but also encompassed activities directed at developing the capacity of the children's centre to promote and maintain healthy nutritional practices In the intervention centres, a staff training session was offered to all staff working in the centres. The training session covered various aspects of healthy eating and nutrition for early years and included an introduction and overview of the CHERRY programme. Each training session was tailored to the needs of the staff, as identified by heads of each intervention centre. Intervention centres agreed not to implement so for support healthy eating practices and procedures." Control: "The children's centres randomised to the control group did not receive any of the components of the CHERRY programme. During the study period, the control centres agreed not to implement any new nutritional interventions but continued with existing support. On final completion of the study, the CHERRY programme. Burting the study period, the control centres agreed in
Outcomes	"Child's fruit and vegetable consumption at home (portions per day). This was defined as the total weight (grams) of fruit and vegetables consumed the number of different types of fruit and vegetables consumed, and the actual types of fruit and vegetables consumed. The child's diet was assessed using the <b>multiple-pass 24</b> -

## Watt 2014 (Continued)

	<b>h recall method</b> . As the children concerned were under 5 years of age, the parents completed the interviews on their behalf."
Starting date	Parents were recruited into the study over 5 recruitment waves between September 2010 and November 2011
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Notes	

## Østbye 2015

Trial name or title	Keys to Healthy Family Child Care Homes (KEYS)
Methods	Cluster-randomised controlled trial
Participants	Approximately 450 children aged 18 months to 4 years from 150 Family Child Care Homes
Interventions	Intervention: "The Keys intervention is delivered over nine months, spending approximately three months on each of three modules. These modules are designed to help providers (1). Modify their own weight-related behaviors so that they can become role models for children (Module 1: Healthy You), (2) create environments that encourage and support children's physical activity and healthy eating habits (Module 2: Healthy Home), and (3) adopt sound business practices that will help them sustain the changes introduced (Module 3: Healthy Business) "The intervention is delivered through workshops, home visits, tailored coaching calls, and educational toolkits." Control: "Participants in the <b>control arm</b> receive the Healthy Business" only
Outcomes	Child intake collected using direct observation at the Family Child Care Homes
Starting date	Unknown
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Notes	

LGA: Local Government Area

### DATA AND ANALYSES

### Comparison 1. Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Vegetable intake	11	1509	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.15, 0.61]
2 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - risk of bias	11	1509	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.15, 0.61]
2.1 Low/unclear risk of bias	5	487	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.23 [0.03, 0.44]
2.2 High risk of bias	6	1022	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.48 [0.08, 0.87]
3 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome	11	1509	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.15, 0.61]
3.1 Primary outcome of child fruit or vegetable intake	9	1228	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.47 [0.19, 0.76]
3.2 Primary outcome unclear	2	281	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.07 [-0.17, 0.30]
4 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data	11	1509	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.15, 0.61]
4.1 Low attrition or high attrition with ITT analysis	8	757	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.29 [0.10, 0.48]
4.2 High attrition and no ITT analysis	3	752	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.55 [-0.16, 1.27]
5 Vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - modality	11	1509	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.15, 0.61]
5.1 Face-to-face	9	1328	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.10, 0.65]
5.2 Other modality	2	181	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.36 [0.06, 0.66]
6 Vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting	11	1509	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [0.15, 0.61]
6.1 School or preschool	3	341	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.18 [-0.12, 0.47]
6.2 Home	4	474	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.56 [0.18, 0.95]
6.3 Home + Lab	2	40	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.74 [0.09, 1.39]
6.4 Other settings	2	654	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.14, 0.36]

## Comparison 2. Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Fruit and vegetable intake	10	3023	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.05, 0.28]
2 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary	10	3023	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.05, 0.28]
outcome 2.1 Primary outcome of child fruit or vegetable intake	7	2737	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.03 [-0.10, 0.15]
2.2 Primary outcome unclear	3	286	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.52 [0.03, 1.00]

3 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data	10	3023	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.05, 0.28]
3.1 Low attrition or high attrition with ITT analysis	6	2463	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.02, 0.24]
3.2 High attrition and no ITT analysis	4	560	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.07 [-0.45, 0.59]
4 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - modality	10	3023	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.05, 0.28]
4.1 Face-to-face only	5	826	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.12 [-0.20, 0.45]
4.2 Audio visual only	2	386	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.40 [-0.04, 0.85]
4.3 Other modality	3	1811	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	-0.00 [-0.22, 0.21]
5 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting	10	3023	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.11 [-0.05, 0.28]
5.1 Home	5	2047	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.06 [-0.16, 0.27]
5.2 Preschool	2	243	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.43 [-0.27, 1.13]
5.3 Other settings	3	733	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.06 [-0.14, 0.26]

## Comparison 3. Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention

Outcome or subgroup title	No. of studies	No. of participants	Statistical method	Effect size
1 Fruit and vegetable intake	4	1861	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.28 [-0.06, 0.63]
2 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome	4	1861	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.28 [-0.06, 0.63]
2.1 Primary outcome of child fruit or vegetable intake	3	1167	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.38 [-0.20, 0.95]
2.2 Primary outcome unclear	1	694	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.12 [-0.13, 0.38]
3 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data	4	1861	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.28 [-0.06, 0.63]
3.1 Low attrition or high attrition with ITT analysis	2	265	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.70 [0.39, 1.01]
3.2 High attrition and no ITT analysis	2	1596	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.06 [-0.08, 0.20]
4 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting	4	1861	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.28 [-0.06, 0.63]
4.1 School or preschool	3	1608	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.07 [-0.07, 0.20]
4.2 Other settings	1	253	Std. Mean Difference (Random, 95% CI)	0.72 [0.40, 1.04]

### Analysis I.I. Comparison I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention, Outcome I Vegetable intake.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: I Vegetable intake

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV.Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl
Cooke 2011	97	106	0.0477 (0.1405)	-	12.2 %	0.05 [ -0.23, 0.32 ]
Cravener 2015	12	12	0.5723 (0.4181)		5.2 %	0.57 [ -0.25, 1.39 ]
Daniels 2014	266	249	0.0135 (0.0861)	+	13.7 %	0.01 [ -0.16, 0.18 ]
Fildes 2014	98	123	0.8455 (0.1414)	+	12.2 %	0.85 [ 0.57, 1.12 ]
Fildes 2015	71	68	0.2821 (0.1705)	-	11.3 %	0.28 [ -0.05, 0.62 ]
Hetherington 2015	17	18	1.0337 (0.3627)		6.2 %	1.03 [ 0.32, 1.74 ]
Keller 2012	7	9	1.0339 (0.5462)		3.5 %	1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ]
O'Connell 2012	43	53	0.1382 (0.2644)	-	8.5 %	0.14 [ -0.38, 0.66 ]
Remington 2012	93	47	0.3636 (0.1803)	-=-	11.0 %	0.36 [ 0.01, 0.72 ]
Staiano 2016	14	28	0.6494 (0.3357)		6.7 %	0.65 [ -0.01, 1.31 ]
Wardle 2003a	34	44	0.1249 (0.2286)	+	9.5 %	0.12 [ -0.32, 0.57 ]
Total (95% CI)	752	757		•	100.0 %	0.38 [ 0.15, 0.61 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0$	.09; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 36.99, df =	= 10 (P = 0.00	0006); I <sup>2</sup> =73%			
Test for overall effect: Z	= 3.22 (P = 0.0013)					
Test for subgroup differe	nces: Not applicable					
				-4 -2 0 2 4		
			Favours N	No intervention Favours Child	feeding	

### Analysis 1.2. Comparison I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 2 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - risk of bias.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 2 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - risk of bias

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI
I Low/unclear risk of bias						
Cooke 2011	97	106	0.0477 (0.1405)	+	12.2 %	0.05 [ -0.23, 0.32 ]
Cravener 2015	12	12	0.5723 (0.4181)		5.2 %	0.57 [ -0.25, 1.39 ]
Remington 2012	93	47	0.3636 (0.1803)	-	11.0 %	0.36 [ 0.01, 0.72 ]
Staiano 2016	14	28	0.6494 (0.3357)		6.7 %	0.65 [ -0.01, 1.31 ]
Wardle 2003a	34	44	0.1249 (0.2286)	+	9.5 %	0.12 [ -0.32, 0.57 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	250	237		•	44.6 %	0.23 [ 0.03, 0.44 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.0$	I; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 4.66, df = $\frac{1}{2}$	$+ (P = 0.32); I^2$	=14%			
Test for overall effect: Z =	2.23 (P = 0.026)	. ,				
2 High risk of bias						
Daniels 2014	266	249	0.0135 (0.0861)	+	13.7 %	0.01 [ -0.16, 0.18 ]
Fildes 2014	98	123	0.8455 (0.1414)	+	12.2 %	0.85 [ 0.57, 1.12 ]
Fildes 2015	71	68	0.2821 (0.1705)	-	11.3 %	0.28 [ -0.05, 0.62 ]
Hetherington 2015	17	18	1.0337 (0.3627)		6.2 %	1.03 [ 0.32, 1.74 ]
Keller 2012	7	9	1.0339 (0.5462)		3.5 %	1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ]
O'Connell 2012	43	53	0.1382 (0.2644)	-	8.5 %	0.14 [ -0.38, 0.66 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	502	520		•	55.4 %	0.48 [ 0.08, 0.87 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.18$	3; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 32.08, df =	5 (P<0.00001	); l <sup>2</sup> =84%			[ , ]
Test for overall effect: Z =	2.38 (P = 0.017)	,	,			
Total (95% CI)	752	757		•	100.0 %	0.38 [ 0.15, 0.61 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.09$	9; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 36.99, df =	10 (P = 0.000	106); l <sup>2</sup> =73%			
Test for overall effect: Z =						
Test for subgroup difference	es: Chi <sup>2</sup> = 1.16, df =	I (P = 0.28),	$ ^2 =  4\%$			

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### Analysis I.3. Comparison I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 3 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 3 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome

Sti Mea Differenc IV,Random,95% (	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Control N	Experimental N	Study or subgroup
				take	fruit or vegetable in	I Primary outcome of child
0.57 [ -0.25, 1.39	5.2 %		0.5723 (0.4181)	12	12	Cravener 2015
0.01 [ -0.16, 0.18	13.7 %	+	0.0135 (0.0861)	249	266	Daniels 2014
0.85 [ 0.57, 1.12	12.2 %	+	0.8455 (0.1414)	123	98	Fildes 2014
0.28 [ -0.05, 0.62	11.3 %	-	0.2821 (0.1705)	68	71	Fildes 2015
1.03 [ 0.32, 1.74	6.2 %		1.0337 (0.3627)	18	17	Hetherington 2015
1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10	3.5 %		1.0339 (0.5462)	9	7	Keller 2012
0.14 [ -0.38, 0.66	8.5 %	-	0.1382 (0.2644)	53	43	O'Connell 2012
0.36 [ 0.01, 0.72	11.0 %	-	0.3636 (0.1803)	47	93	Remington 2012
0.65 [ -0.01, 1.31	6.7 %		0.6494 (0.3357)	28	14	Staiano 2016
0.47 [ 0.19, 0.76	78.3 %	•		607	621	Subtotal (95% CI)
0.05 [ -0.23, 0.32	12.2 %	+	0.0477 (0.1405)	8 (P = 0.0000	3.23 (P = 0.0012)	Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.12 Test for overall effect: Z = 2 2 Primary outcome unclear Cooke 2011
0.12 [ -0.32, 0.57	9.5 %	+	0.1249 (0.2286)	44	34	Wardle 2003a
0.07 [ -0.17, 0.30	21.7 %	•	=0.0%	<b>150</b> P = 0.77); l <sup>2</sup> =		Subtotal (95% CI) Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.0; Test for overall effect: Z = 0
0.38 [ 0.15, 0.61	100.0 %	•		757	<b>752</b>	Total (95% CI)
			,	10 (P = 0.000	3.22 (P = 0.0013)	Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.09 Test for overall effect: $Z = 2$ Test for subgroup difference
			-7070	r (r = 0.05),		rest for subgroup difference

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### Analysis I.4. Comparison I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 4 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 4 Vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI
I Low attrition or high attr	ition with ITT analysi	s				
Cooke 2011	97	106	0.0477 (0.1405)	+	12.2 %	0.05 [ -0.23, 0.32 ]
Cravener 2015	12	12	0.5723 (0.4181)		5.2 %	0.57 [ -0.25, 1.39 ]
Fildes 2015	71	68	0.2821 (0.1705)	-	11.3 %	0.28 [ -0.05, 0.62 ]
Hetherington 2015	17	18	1.0337 (0.3627)		6.2 %	1.03 [ 0.32, 1.74 ]
O'Connell 2012	43	53	0.1382 (0.2644)	-	8.5 %	0.14 [ -0.38, 0.66 ]
Remington 2012	93	47	0.3636 (0.1803)	-	11.0 %	0.36 [ 0.01, 0.72 ]
Staiano 2016	14	28	0.6494 (0.3357)		6.7 %	0.65 [ -0.01, 1.31 ]
Wardle 2003a	34	44	0.1249 (0.2286)	-	9.5 %	0.12 [ -0.32, 0.57 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	381	376		•	70.6 %	0.29 [ 0.10, 0.48 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.02$ Test for overall effect: Z = 2 High attrition and no ITT	3.06 (P = 0.0022)	7 (P = 0.21); l <sup>2</sup>	2 =27%			
Daniels 2014	266	249	0.0135 (0.0861)	+	13.7 %	0.01 [ -0.16, 0.18 ]
Fildes 2014	98	123	0.8455 (0.1414)	-	12.2 %	0.85 [ 0.57, 1.12 ]
Keller 2012	7	9	1.0339 (0.5462)		3.5 %	1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ]
Subtotal (95% CI) Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.32$		<b>381</b> 2 (P<0.0000	); l <sup>2</sup> =93%	•	29.4 %	0.55 [ -0.16, 1.27 ]
Test for overall effect: Z = <b>Total (95% CI)</b>	1.52 (P = 0.13) <b>752</b>	757		•	100.0 %	0.38 [ 0.15, 0.61 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.09$ Test for overall effect: Z = Test for subgroup difference	9; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 36.99, df = 3.22 (P = 0.0013)	10 (P = 0.000				

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### Analysis 1.5. Comparison I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 5 Vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - modality.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 5 Vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - modality

Study or subgroup	Experimental	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI
I Face-to-face						
Cooke 2011	97	106	0.0477 (0.1405)	+	12.2 %	0.05 [ -0.23, 0.32 ]
Cravener 2015	12	12	0.5723 (0.4181)	+	5.2 %	0.57 [ -0.25, 1.39 ]
Daniels 2014	266	249	0.0135 (0.0861)	+	13.7 %	0.01 [ -0.16, 0.18 ]
Fildes 2014	98	123	0.8455 (0.1414)	+	12.2 %	0.85 [ 0.57, 1.12 ]
Hetherington 2015	17	18	1.0337 (0.3627)		6.2 %	1.03 [ 0.32, 1.74 ]
Keller 2012	7	9	1.0339 (0.5462)		3.5 %	1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ]
O'Connell 2012	43	53	0.1382 (0.2644)		8.5 %	0.14 [ -0.38, 0.66 ]
Remington 2012	93	47	0.3636 (0.1803)	-	11.0 %	0.36 [ 0.01, 0.72 ]
Wardle 2003a	34	44	0.1249 (0.2286)	+	9.5 %	0.12 [ -0.32, 0.57 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	667	661		•	82.0 %	0.38 [ 0.10, 0.65 ]
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.12; Test for overall effect: Z = 2. 2 Other modality Fildes 2015		8 (P = 0.0000	2); l <sup>2</sup> =77% 0.2821 (0.1705)		11.3 %	0.28 [ -0.05, 0.62 ]
Staiano 2016	14	28	0.6494 (0.3357)		6.7 %	0.65 [ -0.01, 1.31 ]
Subtotal (95% CI) Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.0; C Test for overall effect: Z = 2.		<b>96</b> (P = 0.33); I <sup>2</sup> :	=0.0%	•	18.0 %	0.36 [ 0.06, 0.66 ]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b> Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.09$ ;	752	7 <b>5</b> 7	04), 12 -729/	•	100.0 %	0.38 [ 0.15, 0.61 ]
Test for overall effect: $Z = 3$ .		10 (P – 0.000	06); I <sup>-</sup>			
Test for subgroup differences	· · · · ·	I (P = 0.92),	l <sup>2</sup> =0.0%			

Favours No intervention Favours Child feeding

# Analysis 1.6. Comparison I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 6 Vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: I Short-term impact (< 12 months) of child feeding intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 6 Vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting

Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Control N	Experimental N	Study or subgroup
						I School or preschool
0.05 [ -0.23, 0.32 ]	12.2 %	-	0.0477 (0.1405)	106	97	Cooke 2011
0.14 [ -0.38, 0.66 ]	8.5 %	-	0.1382 (0.2644)	53	43	O'Connell 2012
0.65 [ -0.01, 1.31 ]	6.7 %		0.6494 (0.3357)	28	4	Staiano 2016
0.18 [ -0.12, 0.47 ]	27.4 %	•		187	154	Subtotal (95% CI)
			=27%	(P = 0.25); I <sup>2</sup>		Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.02$ Test for overall effect: $Z = 1$ 2 Home
0.85 [ 0.57, 1.12 ]	12.2 %	-	0.8455 (0.1414)	123	98	Fildes 2014
1.03 [ 0.32, 1.74 ]	6.2 %		1.0337 (0.3627)	18	17	Hetherington 2015
0.36 [ 0.01, 0.72 ]	11.0 %	-	0.3636 (0.1803)	47	93	Remington 2012
0.12 [ -0.32, 0.57 ]	9.5 %	-	0.1249 (0.2286)	44	34	Wardle 2003a
0.56 [ 0.18, 0.95 ]	38.9 %	•		232	242	Subtotal (95% CI)
					$P_{2.87}(P = 0.0041)$	Test for overall effect: $7 = 2$
0.57 [ -0.25, 1.39 ]	5.2 %		0.5723 (0.4181)	12	12	Test for overall effect: Z = 2 3 Home + Lab Cravener 2015
1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ]	3.5 %		0.5723 (0.4181) 1.0339 (0.5462)	9	12	3 Home + Lab Cravener 2015 Keller 2012
		•	1.0339 (0.5462)	9 <b>21</b>	2 7 <b>19</b> Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.45, df = 1	3 Home + Lab Cravener 2015
1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ] <b>0.74 [ 0.09, 1.39 ]</b> 0.01 [ -0.16, 0.18 ]	3.5 % <b>8.7 %</b>	•	1.0339 (0.5462) =0.0%	9 <b>21</b> P = 0.50); I <sup>2</sup> :	2 7 <b>19</b> Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.45, df = 1 2.24 (P = 0.025)	3 Home + Lab Cravener 2015 Keller 2012 <b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b> Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.0; Test for overall effect: Z = 2 4 Other settings
1.03 [ -0.04, 2.10 ] 0.74 [ 0.09, 1.39 ]	3.5 % <b>8.7 %</b> 13.7 %	•	1.0339 (0.5462) =0.0% 0.0135 (0.0861) 0.2821 (0.1705)	9 <b>21</b> P = 0.50); l <sup>2</sup> : 249 68 <b>317</b>	2 7 <b>19</b> Chi <sup>2</sup> = 0.45, df = 1 2.24 (P = 0.025) 266 71 <b>337</b> ; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 1.98, df =	3 Home + Lab Cravener 2015 Keller 2012 <b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b> Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.0; Test for overall effect: Z = 2 4 Other settings Daniels 2014

# Analysis 2.1. Comparison 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 1 Fruit and vegetable intake.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: I Fruit and vegetable intake

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl
Campbell 2013	195	194	0.1661 (0.1016)		12.8 %	0.17 [ -0.03, 0.37 ]
Duncanson 2013	62	54	-0.3729 (0.1878)		8.7 %	-0.37 [ -0.74, 0.00 ]
Haire-Joshu 2008	605	701	0.0267 (0.0555)	+	14.9 %	0.03 [ -0.08, 0.14 ]
Martinez-Andrade 2014	99	102	-0.197 (0.1895)		8.7 %	-0.20 [ -0.57, 0.17 ]
Roset-Salla 2016	75	74	0.7755 (0.1828)	<b>_</b>	8.9 %	0.78 [ 0.42, 1.13 ]
Skouteris 2015	74	69	0.0677 (0.1674)		9.6 %	0.07 [ -0.26, 0.40 ]
Tabak 2012	22	21	0.7362 (0.3162)		4.8 %	0.74 [ 0.12, 1.36 ]
Verbestel 2014	58	36	0.0648 (0.2155)		7.6 %	0.06 [ -0.36, 0.49 ]
Watt 2009	124	115	-0.0681 (0.1295)		11.4 %	-0.07 [ -0.32, 0.19 ]
Wyse 2012	174	169	0.2485 (0.1084)		12.5 %	0.25 [ 0.04, 0.46 ]
Total (95% CI)	1488	1535		•	100.0 %	0.11 [ -0.05, 0.28 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.04$ ; C	Chi <sup>2</sup> = 32.10, df = 9	(P = 0.0001)	9); I <sup>2</sup> =72%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.3$	9 (P = 0.16)					
Test for subgroup differences:	Not applicable					
				-1 -0.5 0 0.5 I	t Nutrition	

# Analysis 2.2. Comparison 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 2 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 2 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome

Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.01; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 12.41, df = 6 (P = 0.05); l <sup>2</sup> = 52%         Test for overall effect: Z = 0.39 (P = 0.70)         2 Primary outcome unclear         Roset-Salla 2016       75       74       0.7755 (0.1828)         Tabak 2012       22       21       0.7362 (0.3162)       4.8 %         Verbestel 2014       58       36       0.0648 (0.2155)       7.6 %         Subtotal (95% CI)       155       131       21.4 %       0.         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.13; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 6.88, df = 2 (P = 0.03); l <sup>2</sup> = 71%       Test for overall effect: Z = 2.07 (P = 0.038) $= 2.07 (P = 0.038)$ $= 2.07 (P = 0.038)$ $= 2.07 (P = 0.038)$	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Control N	Experimental N	Study or subgroup
Duncanson 2013 $62$ $54$ $-0.3729$ (0.1878)       87 %         Haire-Joshu 2008 $605$ $701$ $0.0267$ (0.0555) $149$ %         Martinez-Andrade 2014 $99$ $102$ $-0.197$ (0.1895) $8.7$ %         Skouteris 2015 $74$ $69$ $0.0677$ (0.1674) $96$ %         Watt 2009 $124$ $115$ $-0.0681$ (0.1295) $11.4$ %         Wyse 2012 $174$ $169$ $0.2485$ (0.1084) $12.5$ %         Subtotal (95% CI)       1333       1404 $78.6$ % $0.6775$ Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = $0.01$ ; Chi <sup>2</sup> = $12.41$ , df = $6$ (P = $0.05$ ); l <sup>2</sup> = $52\%$ $78.6$ % $0.67755$ Test for overall effect: Z = $0.39$ (P = $0.70$ ) $22$ $21$ $0.7362$ ( $0.3162$ ) $48$ %         Verbestel 2014 $58$ $36$ $0.0648$ ( $0.2155$ ) $7.6$ %         Subtotal (95% CI)       155 $131$ $40.44$ $4.9$ %         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = $0.13$ ; Chi <sup>2</sup> = $6.88$ , df = $2$ (P = $0.03$ ); l <sup>2</sup> = $71\%$ $7.6$ % $21.4$ % $0.44$ Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = $0.13$ ; Chi <sup>2</sup> = $6.88$ , df = $2$ (P = $0.03$ ); l <sup>2</sup> = $71\%$ $100.0$ % $0.1$ Test for ov					ke	uit or vegetable inta	I Primary outcome of child fr
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Wyse 2012       174       169 $0.2485 (0.1084)$ 12.5 %         Subtotal (95% CI)       1333       1404       78.6 % $0.0$ Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.01; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 12.41, df = 6 (P = 0.05); l <sup>2</sup> = 52%       78.6 % $0.0$ Test for overall effect: Z = 0.39 (P = 0.70)       2       2 $0.7755 (0.1828)$ 8.9 %         Tabak 2012       22       21 $0.7362 (0.3162)$ 4.8 %       8.9 %         Verbestel 2014       58       36 $0.0648 (0.2155)$ 7.6 %         Subtotal (95% CI)       155       131       21.4 %       0.4         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.13; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 6.88, df = 2 (P = 0.03); l <sup>2</sup> = 71%       7.1 %       100.0 %       0.3         Total (95% CI)       1488       1535       100.0 %       0.3	0.07 [ -0.26, 0.40 ]	9.6 %	-	0.0677 (0.1674)	69	74	Skouteris 2015
Subtotal (95% CI)       1333       1404       78.6 %       0.0         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.01; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 12.41, df = 6 (P = 0.05); l <sup>2</sup> = 52%       78.6 %       0.0         Test for overall effect: Z = 0.39 (P = 0.70)       2       2       10.755 (0.1828)       8.9 %         Tabak 2012       22       21       0.7362 (0.3162)       4.8 %       8.9 %         Verbestel 2014       58       36       0.0648 (0.2155)       7.6 %         Subtotal (95% CI)       155       131       21.4 %       0.         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.13; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 6.88, df = 2 (P = 0.03); l <sup>2</sup> = 71%       100.0 %       0.1         Total (95% CI)       1488       1535       100.0 %       0.1	-0.07 [ -0.32, 0.19 ]	11.4 %	-	-0.0681 (0.1295)	115	124	Watt 2009
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Subtotal (95% CI)155131 $\sim$ 21.4 %0.Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.13; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 6.88, df = 2 (P = 0.03); I <sup>2</sup> = 71%Test for overall effect: Z = 2.07 (P = 0.038)100.0 %0.1Total (95% CI)14881535100.0 %0.1	0.74 [ 0.12, 1.36 ]	4.8 %		0.7362 (0.3162)	21	22	Tabak 2012
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.13; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 6.88, df = 2 (P = 0.03); I <sup>2</sup> = 71% Test for overall effect: Z = 2.07 (P = 0.038) <b>Total (95% CI)</b> 1488 1535 $\bullet$ 100.0 % 0.1	0.06 [ -0.36, 0.49 ]	7.6 %		0.0648 (0.2155)	36	58	Verbestel 2014
Test for overall effect: Z = 2.07 (P = 0.038)         Total (95% CI)       1488         1535	0.52 [ 0.03, 1.00 ]	21.4 %	-		131	155	Subtotal (95% CI)
Total (95% CI) 1488 1535 • 100.0 % 0.1				=71%	$P = 0.03$ ; $I^2$	Chi <sup>2</sup> = 6.88, df = 2 (	Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.13$ ; C
						7 (P = 0.038)	Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.0$
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.04; Chi <sup>2</sup> = 32.10, df = 9 (P = $0.00019$ ); I <sup>2</sup> = 72%	0.11 [ -0.05, 0.28 ]	100.0 %	•		1535	1488	Total (95% CI)
				9); I <sup>2</sup> =72%	(P = 0.00019	Chi <sup>2</sup> = 32.10, df = 9	Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.04$ ; C
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.39$ (P = 0.16)						9 (P = 0.16)	Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.3$
Test for subgroup differences: $Chi^2 = 3.64$ , df = 1 (P = 0.06), l <sup>2</sup> =72%				2 =72%	$(P = 0.06), I^2$	$Chi^2 = 3.64, df = 1$	Test for subgroup differences:

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# Analysis 2.3. Comparison 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 3 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 3 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl
I Low attrition or high attritio	on with ITT analysis					
Campbell 2013	195	194	0.1661 (0.1016)	-	12.8 %	0.17 [ -0.03, 0.37 ]
Haire-Joshu 2008	605	701	0.0267 (0.0555)	+	14.9 %	0.03 [ -0.08, 0.14 ]
Skouteris 2015	74	69	0.0677 (0.1674)		9.6 %	0.07 [ -0.26, 0.40 ]
Tabak 2012	22	21	0.7362 (0.3162)		4.8 %	0.74 [ 0.12, 1.36 ]
Watt 2009	124	115	-0.0681 (0.1295)		11.4 %	-0.07 [ -0.32, 0.19 ]
Wyse 2012	174	169	0.2485 (0.1084)		12.5 %	0.25 [ 0.04, 0.46 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	1194	1269		•	66.0 %	0.11 [ -0.02, 0.24 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.01$ ; (	$Chi^2 = 9.67, df = 5$ (	$P = 0.09$ ; $I^2$	=48%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.7$	73 (P = 0.084)					
2 High attrition and no ITT ar	nalysis					
Duncanson 2013	62	54	-0.3729 (0.1878)		8.7 %	-0.37 [ -0.74, 0.00 ]
Martinez-Andrade 2014	99	102	-0.197 (0.1895)		8.7 %	-0.20 [ -0.57, 0.17 ]
Roset-Salla 2016	75	74	0.7755 (0.1828)		8.9 %	0.78 [ 0.42, 1.13 ]
Verbestel 2014	58	36	0.0648 (0.2155)		7.6 %	0.06 [ -0.36, 0.49 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	294	266		-	34.0 %	0.07 [ -0.45, 0.59 ]
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.24; 0	$Chi^2 = 22.43, df = 3$	(P = 0.0000)	5); I <sup>2</sup> =87%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.2$	26 (P = 0.79)					
Total (95% CI) Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.04$ ; (	<b>1488</b> Chi <sup>2</sup> = 32.10, df = 9	1535 (P = 0.00019	9); I <sup>2</sup> =72%	•	100.0 %	0.11 [ -0.05, 0.28 ]
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.3$	89 (P = 0.16)	,				
Test for subgroup differences:	```		2			

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# Analysis 2.4. Comparison 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 4 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - modality.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 4 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - modality

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI
I Face-to-face only						
Martinez-Andrade 2014	99	102	-0.197 (0.1895)		8.7 %	-0.20 [ -0.57, 0.17 ]
Roset-Salla 2016	75	74	0.7755 (0.1828)		8.9 %	0.78 [ 0.42, 1.13 ]
Skouteris 2015	74	69	0.0677 (0.1674)		9.6 %	0.07 [ -0.26, 0.40 ]
Verbestel 2014	58	36	0.0648 (0.2155)	_ <b>_</b>	7.6 %	0.06 [ -0.36, 0.49 ]
Watt 2009	124	115	-0.0681 (0.1295)	-	11.4 %	-0.07 [ -0.32, 0.19 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	430	396		+	46.3 %	0.12 [ -0.20, 0.45 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.10$ ; C	Chi <sup>2</sup> = 17.86, df = 4	+ (P = 0.001);	$ ^2 = 78\%$			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.7$	76 (P = 0.45)					
2 Audio visual only						
Tabak 2012	22	21	0.7362 (0.3162)		4.8 %	0.74 [ 0.12, 1.36 ]
Wyse 2012	174	169	0.2485 (0.1084)	-	12.5 %	0.25 [ 0.04, 0.46 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	196	190		•	17.3 %	0.40 [ -0.04, 0.85 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.06$ ; (	$Chi^2 = 2.13, df = 1$	$(P = 0.   4);  ^2$	=53%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.7$	77 (P = 0.076)					
3 Other modality						
Campbell 2013	195	194	0.1661 (0.1016)	-	12.8 %	0.17 [ -0.03, 0.37 ]
Duncanson 2013	62	54	-0.3729 (0.1878)		8.7 %	-0.37 [ -0.74, 0.00 ]
Haire-Joshu 2008	605	701	0.0267 (0.0555)	+	14.9 %	0.03 [ -0.08, 0.14 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	862	949		+	36.4 %	0.00 [ -0.22, 0.21 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.02$ ; (	$Chi^2 = 6.40, df = 2$	$(P = 0.04); I^2$	=69%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.0$	04 (P = 0.97)					
Total (95% CI)	1488	1535		•	100.0 %	0.11 [ -0.05, 0.28 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.04$ ; (	$Chi^2 = 32.10, df = 9$	P = 0.00019	9); I <sup>2</sup> =72%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.3$	89 (P = 0.16)					
Test for subgroup differences:	$Chi^2 = 2.70, df = 2$	2 (P = 0.26), I	<sup>2</sup> =26%			

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# Analysis 2.5. Comparison 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 5 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 2 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of parent nutrition education intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 5 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting

Haire-Joshu 2008 $605$ $701$ $0.0267$ ( $0.0555$ ) $14.9$ % $0.03$ [- $0.08$ , $0.14$ ]         Tabak 2012 $22$ $21$ $0.7362$ ( $0.3162$ ) $48$ % $0.74$ [ $0.12$ , $1.36$ ]         Watt 2009 $124$ $115$ $-0.0681$ ( $0.1295$ ) $11.4$ % $-0.07$ [ $-0.32$ , $0.19$ ]         Wyse 2012 $174$ $169$ $0.2485$ ( $0.1084$ ) $125$ % $0.25$ [ $0.04$ , $0.46$ ]         Subtotal (95% CI) <b>987 1060 52.3</b> % <b>0.06</b> [- <b>0.16</b> , <b>0.27</b> ]         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.04; Ch <sup>2</sup> = 14.13, df = 4 (P = 0.01); P = 72%       89 % $0.78$ [ $0.42$ , $1.13$ ]         Verbestel 2014       58       36 <b>0.0648</b> ( $0.2155$ )       7.6 % <b>0.06</b> [- <b>0.36</b> , 0.49]         Subtotal (95% CI) <b>133 110</b> Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.21; Ch <sup>2</sup> = 6.33, df = 1 (P = 0.01); P = 84\%       16.6 % <b>0.43</b> [- <b>0.27</b> , <b>1.13</b> ]         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.21; Ch <sup>2</sup> = 6.33, df = 1 (P = 0.01); P = 84\%       16.6 % <b>0.43</b> [- <b>0.27</b> , <b>1.13</b> ]         Subtotal (95% CI) <b>368 365 31.1</b> % <b>0.06</b> [- <b>0.16</b> , <b>0.27</b> ]         Subtotal (95% CI) <b>368 365 31.1</b> % <b>0.06</b> [- <b>0.21</b> , <b>0.25</b> , <b>0.28</b> ]         Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.01; Ch <sup></sup>	Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl
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Test for subgroup differences: $Chi^2 = 1.05$ , $df = 2$ (P = 0.59), $l^2 = 0.0\%$		,		2			

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# Analysis 3.1. Comparison 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention, Outcome I Fruit and vegetable intake.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: I Fruit and vegetable intake

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl
De Coen 2012	396	298	0.124 (0.1292)		30.8 %	0.12 [ -0.13, 0.38 ]
Namenek Brouwer 2013	6	6	0.4614 (0.5887)		7.1 %	0.46 [ -0.69, 1.62 ]
Nicklas 2017	128	125	0.7209 (0.1633)	_ <b>_</b>	27.9 %	0.72 [ 0.40, 1.04 ]
Williams 2014	440	462	0.0347 (0.0819)		34.2 %	0.03 [ -0.13, 0.20 ]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b> Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.08$ ; C Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.6$		<b>891</b> (P = 0.002);	<sup>2</sup> =79%	-	1 <b>00.0</b> %	0.28 [ -0.06, 0.63 ]
Test for subgroup differences:	,					
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Favours No intervention Favours Multicomponent

# Analysis 3.2. Comparison 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 2 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 2 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - primary outcome

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl
I Primary outcome of child fr	uit or vegetable intak	e				
Namenek Brouwer 2013	6	6	0.4614 (0.5887)		7.1 %	0.46 [ -0.69, 1.62 ]
Nicklas 2017	128	125	0.7209 (0.1633)	<b>_</b> _	27.9 %	0.72 [ 0.40, 1.04 ]
Williams 2014	440	462	0.0347 (0.0819)	-	34.2 %	0.03 [ -0.13, 0.20 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	574	593			<b>69.2</b> %	0.38 [ -0.20, 0.95 ]
Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.19; C	:hi <sup>2</sup> = 14.35, df = 2 (	P = 0.00077	); I <sup>2</sup> =86%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.26$	8 (P = 0.20)					
2 Primary outcome unclear						
De Coen 2012	396	298	0.124 (0.1292)		30.8 %	0.12 [ -0.13, 0.38 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	396	298			30.8 %	0.12 [ -0.13, 0.38 ]
Heterogeneity: not applicable						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.96$	6 (P = 0.34)					
Total (95% CI)	970	891			100.0 %	0.28 [ -0.06, 0.63 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.08$ ; C	$hi^2 = 14.47, df = 3$ (	P = 0.002);	<sup>2</sup> =79%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.6$	3 (P = 0.10)					
Test for subgroup differences:	$Chi^2 = 0.62, df = 1$	$(P = 0.43), I^2$	=0.0%			

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# Analysis 3.3. Comparison 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 3 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 3 Fruit and vegetable intake - sensitivity analysis - missing data

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% Cl	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI
I Low attrition or high attritic	on with ITT analysis					
Namenek Brouwer 2013	6	6	0.4614 (0.5887)		7.1 %	0.46 [ -0.69, 1.62 ]
Nicklas 2017	128	125	0.7209 (0.1633)		27.9 %	0.72 [ 0.40, 1.04 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	134	131		•	35.0 %	0.70 [ 0.39, 1.01 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.0$ ; Ch	$hi^2 = 0.18, df = 1 (P =$	= 0.67); l <sup>2</sup> =	0.0%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 4.4$	ŀ6 (P < 0.00001)					
2 High attrition and no ITT ar	nalysis					
De Coen 2012	396	298	0.124 (0.1292)	-	30.8 %	0.12 [ -0.13, 0.38 ]
Williams 2014	440	462	0.0347 (0.0819)	+	34.2 %	0.03 [ -0.13, 0.20 ]
Subtotal (95% CI) Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.0; Cł Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.8$		<b>760</b> = 0.56);   <sup>2</sup> =	0.0%	•	65.0 %	0.06 [ -0.08, 0.20 ]
<b>Total (95% CI)</b> Heterogeneity: Tau <sup>2</sup> = 0.08; C Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.6$ Test for subgroup differences:	<b>970</b> Chi <sup>2</sup> = 14.47, df = 3 (1 63 (P = 0.10)	,.			100.0 %	0.28 [ -0.06, 0.63 ]
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# Analysis 3.4. Comparison 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention, Outcome 4 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting.

Review: Interventions for increasing fruit and vegetable consumption in children aged five years and under

Comparison: 3 Short-term impact (< 12 months) of multicomponent intervention versus no intervention

Outcome: 4 Fruit and vegetable intake - subgroup analysis - setting

Study or subgroup	Experimental N	Control N	Std. Mean Difference (SE)	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI	Weight	Std. Mean Difference IV,Random,95% CI
I School or preschool						
De Coen 2012	396	298	0.124 (0.1292)		30.8 %	0.12 [ -0.13, 0.38 ]
Namenek Brouwer 2013	6	6	0.4614 (0.5887)		7.1 %	0.46 [ -0.69, 1.62 ]
Williams 2014	440	462	0.0347 (0.0819)		34.2 %	0.03 [ -0.13, 0.20 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	842	766		•	72.1 %	0.07 [ -0.07, 0.20 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.0$ ; Ch	ni <sup>2</sup> = 0.80, df = 2 (P =	= 0.67); l <sup>2</sup> =	0.0%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.9$	6 (P = 0.34)					
2 Other settings						
Nicklas 2017	128	125	0.7209 (0.1633)		27.9 %	0.72 [ 0.40, 1.04 ]
Subtotal (95% CI)	128	125			27.9 %	0.72 [ 0.40, 1.04 ]
Heterogeneity: not applicable						
Test for overall effect: $Z = 4.4$	I (P = 0.000010)					
Total (95% CI)	970	891			100.0 %	0.28 [ -0.06, 0.63 ]
Heterogeneity: $Tau^2 = 0.08$ ; C	Chi <sup>2</sup> = 14.47, df = 3 (	P = 0.002);	l <sup>2</sup> =79%			
Test for overall effect: $Z = 1.6$	3 (P = 0.10)					
Test for subgroup differences:	$Chi^2 = 13.67, df = 1$	(P = 0.00),	l <sup>2</sup> =93%			
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### APPENDICES

#### Appendix I. Cochrane's living systematic review pilots

Living systematic reviews offer a new approach to review updating in which the review is continually updated, incorporating relevant new evidence as it becomes available (Elliott (in press)). Cochrane is exploring the feasibility of preparing and publishing living systematic reviews in a series of pilots, which includes this review. For the Cochrane pilots, searching is being conducted monthly, and we will incorporate new relevant evidence (studies, data or other information) into the review in a timely manner, so that the findings of the review remain current.

For the most up-to-date information about the review, the results of the searches and any new evidence being incorporated, we encourage readers to check the update status information. We will revise the update status information whenever the searches are re-run. We will update the review with a new citation whenever we find a new trial, or relevant information about already-included trials (e.g. new outcome data).

#### **Appendix 2. Search strategies**

#### CENTRAL

#1 MeSH descriptor Fruit explode all trees #2 MeSH descriptor Citrus explode all trees #3 MeSH descriptor Vegetables explode all trees #4 fruit\* #5 vegetable\* #6 orange\* #7 apple\* #8 (pear or pears) #9 (grape or grapes) #10 banana\* #11 (berry or berries):ti,ab,kw #12 citrus #13 carrot\* #14 "greens" #15 cabbage\* #16 brassica\* #17 blackberr\* #18 blueberr\* #19 cranberr\* #20 kiwi\* #21 guava\* #22 lingonberr\* #23 mango\* #24 melon\* #25 papaya\* #26 pineapple\* #27 raspberr\* #28 strawberr\* #29 tomato\* #30 grapefruit\* #31 mandarin\* #32 satsuma\* #33 tangerine\* #34 (plum or plums) #35 apricot\* #36 (cherry or cherries)

#37 nectarine\* #38 (peach or peaches) #39 celery #40 spinach\* #41 (salad or salads) #42 (pea or peas) #43 (bean or beans) #44 broccoli #45 cauliflower\* #46 beetroot\* #47 (turnip\* or potato\* or onion\*) #48 rhubarb #49 MeSH descriptor Food Habits, this term only #50 MeSH descriptor Food Preferences, this term only #51 (health\* next eating) or (food next habit\*) or (food next preference\*) or (eating next habit\*) or (eating next preference\*) or (eating next behavi\*) #52 (#1 OR #2 OR #3 OR #4 OR #5 OR #6 OR #7 OR #8 OR #9 OR #10) #53 (#11 OR #12 OR #13 OR #14 OR #15 OR #16 OR #17 OR #18 OR #19 OR #20) #54 (#21 OR #22 OR #23 OR #24 OR #25 OR #26 OR #27 OR #28 OR #29 OR #30) #55 (#31 OR #32 OR #33 OR #34 OR #35 OR #36 OR #37 OR #38 OR #39 OR #40) #56 (#41 OR #42 OR #43 OR #44 OR #45 OR #46 OR #47 OR #48 OR #49 OR #50 OR #51) #57 (#52 OR #53 OR #54 OR #55 OR #56) #58 MeSH descriptor Health Education explode all trees #59 MeSH descriptor Health Promotion explode all trees #60 MeSH descriptor Behavior Therapy explode all trees #61 MeSH descriptor Counseling explode all trees #62 MeSH descriptor Organizational Policy, this term only #63 MeSH descriptor Public Policy, this term only #64 MeSH descriptor Health Policy explode all trees #65 MeSH descriptor Inservice Training explode all trees #66 promot\* #67 educat\* #68 program\* #69 (policy or policies) #70 train\* #71 (diet\* near/6 intervention\*) #72 (behavi\* near/6 intervention\*) #73 (#58 OR #59 OR #60 OR #61 OR #62 OR #63 OR #64 OR #65 OR #66) #74 (#67 OR #68 OR #69 OR #70 OR #71 OR #72) #75 (#73 OR #74) #76 MeSH descriptor Infant explode all trees #77 MeSH descriptor Child, Preschool, this term only #78 (child or children) #79 (pre-school\* or preschool\*) #80 (infant or infants or infancy) #81 (nursery or nurseries or kindergarten) #82 MeSH descriptor Parents explode all trees #83 (parent or parents) #84 (toddler\* or baby or babies) #85 MeSH descriptor Nurseries, this term only #86 (#76 OR #77 OR #78 OR #79 OR #80 OR #81 OR #82 OR #83 OR #84 OR #85) #87 (#57 AND #75 AND #86) **MEDLINE** (Ovid)

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S40 TI spinach\* or AB spinach\* S39 TI celery or AB celery S38 TI (peach or peaches) or AB (peach or peaches) S37 TI nectarine\* or AB nectarine\* S36 TI (cherry or cherries) or AB (cherry or cherries) S35 TI apricot\* or AB apricot\* S34 TI (plum or plums) or AB (plum or plums) S33 TI tangerine\* or AB tangerine\* S32 TI satsuma\* or AB satsuma\* S31 TI mandarin\* or AB mandarin\* S30 TI grapefruit\* or AB grapefruit\* S29 TI tomato\* or AB tomato\* S28 TI strawberr\* or AB strawberr\* S27 TI raspberr\* or AB raspberr\* S26 TI pineapple\* or AB pineapple\* S25 TI papaya\* or AB papaya\* S24 TI melon\* or AB melon\* S23 TI mango\* or AB mango\* S22 TI lingonberr\* or AB lingonberr\* S21 TI guava\* or AB guava\* S20 TI kiwi\* or AB kiwi\* S19 TI cranberr\* or AB cranberr\* S18 TI blueberr\* or AB blueberr\* S17 TI blackberr\* or AB blackberr\* S16 TI brassica\* or AB brassica\* S15 TI cabbage\* or AB cabbage\* S14 TI "greens" or AB "greens" S13 TI carrot\* or AB carrot\* S12 TI citrus or AB citrus S11 TI (berry or berries) or AB (berry or berries) S10 TI banana\* or AB banana\* S9 TI (grape or grapes) or AB (grape or grapes) S8 TI (pear or pears) or AB (pear or pears) S7 TI apple\* or AB apple\* S6 TI orange\* or AB orange\* S5 TI vegetable\* or AB vegetable\* S4 TI fruit\* or AB fruit\* S3 (MH "Vegetables+") S2 (MH "Citrus+") S1 (MH "Fruit+") WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform fruit or citrus or vegetable or food habits or food preference AND infant or child or preschool or pre-school or parents or nurser\* ClinicalTrials.gov child\* or preschool or infant

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#### Appendix 3. Living systematic review protocol

The methods outlined below are specific to maintaining the review as a living systematic review on the Cochrane Library (1). They will be used immediately upon publication of this update. Core review methods, such as the criteria for considering studies in the review and assessment of risk of bias, are unchanged. As such, below we outline only those areas of the Methods for which additional activities or rules apply.

#### Search methods for identification of studies

We will re-run electronic database and trial registry searches monthly. For the electronic databases (CENTRAL, Epub Ahead of Print, In-Process & Other Non-Indexed Citations, MEDLINE Daily and MEDLINE and Embase) and other electronic sources (WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform and clinicaltrials.gov), we will set up auto-alerts (where possible) to deliver a monthly search yield by email.

We will search other resources (articles published in three relevant international peer reviewed journals: *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, Public Health Nutrition*, and *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*; database of published dissertations; and grey literature in GoogleScholar) manually every six months.

As additional steps to inform the living systematic review, we will contact corresponding authors of ongoing studies as they are identified and ask them to advise when results are available, or to share early or unpublished data. We will contact the corresponding authors of any newly-included studies for advice about other relevant studies. We will conduct citation tracking of included studies in Web of Science Core Collection on an ongoing basis. For that purpose, we have set up citation alerts in Web of Science Core Collection. We will manually screen the reference list of any newly-included studies and systematic reviews. Also, we will use the 'related citation' feature in PubMed to identify additional articles.

We will review search methods and strategies approximately yearly, to ensure they reflect any terminology changes in the topic area, or in the databases.

#### Selection of studies

We will immediately screen any new citations retrieved by the monthly searches. As the first step of monthly screening, we will apply the machine learning classifier (RCT model) (Wallace 2017) available in the Cochrane Register of Studies (CRS-Web) (Cochrane 2017a). The classifier assigns a probability (from 0 to 100) to each citation for being a true randomised controlled trial (RCT). For citations that are assigned a probability score of less than 10, the machine learning classifier currently has a specificity/recall of 99.987% (Wallace 2017). We will screen citations assigned a score from 10 to 100 in duplicate and independently. Cochrane Crowd (Cochrane 2017b) will screen citations that score 9 or less. Any citations that are deemed to be potential RCTs by Cochrane Crowd will be returned to the authors for screening.

#### Data synthesis

Whenever we find new evidence (i.e. studies, data or information) meeting the review inclusion criteria, we will extract the data, assess risk of bias and incorporate it in the synthesis every three months, as appropriate.

We will incorporate any new study data into existing meta-analyses using the standard approaches outlined in the Data synthesis section. Sensitivity analysis

We will not adjust the meta-analyses to account for multiple testing, given that the methods related to frequent updating of metaanalyses are under development (Simmonds (in press)).

#### Other

We will consider the review scope and methods if appropriate in light of potential changes in the topic area, or the evidence being included in the review (e.g. additional comparisons, interventions or outcomes, or new review methods available). The review is being piloted as a living systematic review up until March 2018.

### WHAT'S NEW

Date	Event	Description
26 March 2018	Amended	This is a Living Systematic Review. Searches are run and screened monthly. Searches run up to 25 January 2018 identified 10 new studies and 4 ongoing studies. These studies are currently being incorporated in the review (expectation publication in May 2018). In addition, the team continues with monthly screening (last search date 25 February 2018) and has found an additional 2 new studies

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to be included in a future update

## HISTORY

Protocol first published: Issue 6, 2010

Review first published: Issue 11, 2012

Date	Event	Description
25 September 2017	New search has been performed	We conducted an update of the review, which includes 5 new trials based on a search from 25 September 2017 This is a Living Systematic Review. Searches are run and screened monthly. The last search for the regular monthly screenings was 25 November 2017 and we found an additional seven new studies and four new ongoing studies that will be included after the January 2018 update
25 September 2017	New citation required but conclusions have not changed	There remains very low-quality evidence that specific child-feeding practice interventions increase the con- sumption of vegetables amongst children aged five years and under. There is very low-quality evidence that parent nutrition education interventions and mul- ticomponent interventions respectively may not be ef- fective in increasing fruit and vegetable consumption of children aged five and under
30 September 2016	New citation required and conclusions have changed	There is very low-quality evidence that specific child- feeding practice interventions increase the consump- tion of vegetables amongst children aged five years and under. There is very low-quality evidence that parent nutrition education interventions and multicompo- nent interventions respectively may not be effective in increasing fruit and vegetable consumption of children aged five and under
30 September 2016	New search has been performed	We conducted an update of the review which identified 45 new trials eligible for inclusion

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All authors contributed to the conception of the research and were involved in the preparation of the review including providing critical comment on drafts.

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RH and FS conducted searches of other sources.

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RH, FS, NN, RS, KO, RW, SY and LW screened full texts to determine study eligibility.

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### DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PROTOCOL AND REVIEW

1. Consistent with the original review (Wolfenden 2012), we excluded trials if fruit or vegetable intake was not the primary trial outcome, to avoid potential confounding effects of other interventions and reduce the risk of publication bias and selective outcome reporting which is more predominate among secondary trial outcomes (or outcomes that were not otherwise stated). This included trials where fruit and vegetable outcomes were assessed within broader targeted interventions. The protocol stated that trials listing fruit and vegetable intake as a secondary trial outcome would also be included. We included trials that did not state a primary outcome, but did report intake of fruit or vegetables or both. We conducted sensitivity analyses to explore the impact on the overall assessment of treatment effects, excluding studies that did not state a primary outcome of children's fruit and vegetable consumption.

2. Consistent with the original review (Wolfenden 2012), we amended classification of intervention effects as 'short-term' from 'three to less than 12 months' in the protocol to less than 12 months in the review.

3. Consistent with the original review (Wolfenden 2012), we did not contact professional associations as part of the review search strategy, nor did we search the National Institute of Health Randomized Trial Records Database.

4. Consistent with the original review (Wolfenden 2012), we amended the title and text throughout the review to ensure consistent terminology for the description of age. Specifically, we replaced the age description of children as 'preschool' with a more precise description of 'children aged five years and under', to more accurately reflect the scope of the review. We refer only to preschools when discussing the findings of trials conducted in that setting.

5. Consistent with the original review (Wolfenden 2012), as some trials included children across a range of ages, we included any trial where the mean age of the sample at baseline was five years or under.

6. For the review update, while two independent reviewers extracted data from each study, the extraction was undertaken by pairs of reviewers.

7. For the review update, risk of bias was assessed on published study information and authors of included studies were not contacted to clarify any aspects.

8. For the review update, we did not conduct planned subgroup analyses by interventions of varying intensities, due to insufficient information being reported across the included studies about the number and duration of intervention contacts or components.

9. For the review update, pairs of review authors independently screened articles against all pre-specified eligibility criteria and assessed risk of bias. The sequential method of screening adopted in the original review (that is by order: participants, outcome, comparator, intervention, study type) was not adopted in the review update.

10. Whilst not explicitly excluded from the original review, for the review update we specifically considered cross-over trials to be an eligible study design. This was due to the many trials that adopt this design to investigate the effectiveness of interventions to increase the fruit and vegetable consumption of children aged five years and under, and the review authors deeming the study design to be appropriate in this context.

11. This update includes some new methods relevant for living systematic reviews, which are included in the Methods and also described in Appendix 3.

12. We did not adopt the planned use of the 'Related citation' feature in PubMed to identify additional articles as a component of the living systematic review methods for the current version of the review.

### INDEX TERMS

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