



Supplementary Materials

The 72-Item Semi-Quantitative Food Frequency Questionnaire (72-Item SQ-FFQ) for Polish Young Adults: Reproducibility and Relative Validity

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Table S1. The 72-item semi-quantitative food frequency questionnaire (72-item SQ-FFQ): Representatives of the food items and standard food portion sizes

No.	Food item	Food examples	Representative of the food item	Standard portion size ¹ [g]	Description of the portion size	
1	Sugar	Sugar added to beverages, such as tea, coffee, etc.	Sugar	10	2 level teaspoons	
2	Honey	Honey added to dishes and added to beverages	Honey	10	1 level teaspoon	
3	Chocolates	Chocolate, chocolate sweets and chocolate bars	Milk chocolate	50	½ bar	
4	Sugar confectionery	Boiled sweets, hard caramels, jelly sweets, fudge, etc.	Jelly sweets	25	½ handful (or ¼ of a small package)	
5	Baked confectionery	Biscuits, cream cakes, fruit cakes, sponge cakes, cheesecakes, doughnuts, poppy-seed cakes, muffins, croissants, etc.	Biscuits 50		10 pieces (or 1 small package)	
6	Ice creams and custard	Ice creams and custard	Ice cream	100	1 medium piece (or 2 scoops)	
7	Savoury snacks	Crisps, crackers, pretzels, etc.	Potato crisps (with paprika)	70	½ medium package	
8	Milk and milk beverages – natural	Milk and natural milk beverages (yoghurt, kefir, buttermilk), etc.	Milk (2.0% fat content)	200	1 glass (not a full)	
9	Milk beverages – sweetened	Fruit yoghurts, yoghurts with chocolate flakes, flavoured buttermilk, hot chocolate, etc.	Yogurt with strawberries (1.5% fat content)	200	1 glass (not a full) or 1 medium package	

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10	Cheese curds	Cheese curd, natural cottage cheese, soft cheese, mozzarella, cottage cheese with herbs, etc.	Quark, fresh cheese (semi-fat)	50	½ medium package	
11	Flavoured cheese curds	Flavoured curds (with fruit, chocolate, vanilla), etc.	Fresh cheese with vanilla (homogenized)	150	1 small/medium package	
12	Cheese	Hard cheese, blue cheese, processed cheese, cheese spreads, etc.	Gouda cheese	30 1 medium slice		
13	Eggs and egg dishes	Scrambled eggs, omelette, egg salad, cooked eggs	Chicken eggs	100	2 medium pieces	
14	Wholemeal bread	Wholemeal wheat or rye bread, seeded loafs, pumpernickel, wholemeal cracker bread, etc.	Dark rye bread	70	2 medium slices	
15	White bread	White bread, rye, wheat-rye bread, toast bread, white bread rolls, brioche, bagels, etc.	Wheat-rye bread (white)	70	2 medium slices	
16	Cereals	Oat flakes, barley flakes, rice flakes, muesli (not 'crunchy'), etc.	Oat flakes	40	4 tablespoons	
17	Ready-to-eat breakfast cereals	Muesli crunchy, cornflakes, other ready-to-eat breakfast cereals (sweetened), etc.	Corn flakes	30	1 glass (10 tablespoons)	
18	White pasta and white pasta dishes	Plain pasta, spaghetti, lasagne, etc.	White pasta (boiled)	200	2/3 dinner plate	
19	Wholemeal pasta and wholemeal pasta dishes	Plain pasta, spaghetti, lasagne, etc.	Buckwheat pasta (boiled)	200	2/3 dinner plate	
20	Coarse groats	Buckwheat groats, barley groats, brown rice, etc.	Buckwheat groats (boiled)	170	2/3 dinner plate	
21	Fine groats	Semolina, milled barley, white rice, etc.	White rice (boiled)	170	2/3 dinner plate	
22	Sweet dumplings and pancakes	Dumplings or pancakes with fruit, cottage cheese, etc.	Polish dumplings with fresh cheese (boiled)	320	8 medium pieces	

No.	Food item	Food examples	Representative of the food item	Standard portion size ¹ [g]	Description of the portion size	
23	Savoury dumplings and pancakes	Dumplings or pancakes with meat, cabbage, mushrooms, etc.	Polish dumplings with meat (boiled)	320	8 medium pieces	
24	Fast food	Pizza, hamburgers, kebab, etc.	Pizza with mushrooms and onion	300	½ medium pizza	
25	Vegetable oil	All kinds of vegetable oils	Rapeseed oil	10	1 tablespoon	
26	Butter	Butter	Butter	10	2 level teaspoons (1 single-serve package)	
27	Margarine	Margarine for baking, frying, spreading	Margarine (70% fat content, with A and D)	10	2 level teaspoons	
28	Cream	Single, double, sour, used as an ingredient or added to beverages	Cream (18% fat content)	20	1 tablespoon	
29	Other animal fats	Lard, pork fat, etc.	Lard	10	2 level teaspoons	
30	Mayonnaise and salad dressings	Mayonnaise, salad dressings based on mayonnaise, vinaigrette, etc.	Mayonnaise (from rapeseed oil)	20	1 tablespoon	
31	All kinds of fruits	All kinds of fruits	Apple	150*	1 medium piece	
32	Stone fruit	Apricots, cherries, nectarines, peaches, plums, grapes, etc.	Plums	150*	7 pieces	
33	Kiwi and citrus fruit	Kiwi fruit, oranges, mandarins, grapefruit, lemons, pomelos, etc.	Kiwi fruit	100*	1 medium piece	
34	Tropical fruits	Pineapples, watermelon, melons, fresh dates and figs, etc.	Pineapple	150	5 slices	
35	Berries	Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, redcurrants, blackcurrants, etc.	Strawberries	150	1 glass	
36	Bananas	Bananas	Banana	170*	1 medium piece	
37	Apples and pears	Apples, pears	Apple	150*	1 medium piece	
38	Avocado	Avocado	Avocado	140*	1 medium piece	
39	Olives	Olives	Green olives (tinned)	25	10 pieces	
40	Dried fruit	Raisins, dried apricots, figs, apples, prunes, etc.	Raisins	30	1 handful	

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41	Fruit preserves and fruit condiments	Fruit compote, jams, marmalades, dates, dried bananas, etc.	Strawberries jam (high-sugar)	30	1 tablespoon	
42	All kinds of vegetables (potatoes not included)	All kinds of vegetables (potatoes not included)	White cabbage	100	1 small bowl	
43	Cruciferous vegetables	Cabbages, Brussel sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli, kale, etc.	White cabbage	100	1 glass	
44	Yellow-orange vegetables	Carrots, peppers, etc.	Carrot	100	2 medium pieces (1 glass of grated carrot)	
45	Leafy green vegetables	Spinach, chicory, lettuce, rocket, leek, celery, parsley, etc.	Lettuce	50	2 handfuls	
46	Tomatoes	Tomatoes	Tomato	130	1 medium piece	
47	Gourds and squashes	Fresh cucumber, marrow, courgettes, pumpkins, aubergines, etc.	Cucumber	100	1 medium piece	
48	Root vegetables and others	Parsnip, beetroots, onion, garlic, celeriac, radishes, turnip, salads and mixed vegetables, etc.	Beetroot	100	1 medium piece	
49	Fresh and tinned legumes	Corn, green peas, green beans, etc.	Sweetcorn (tinned)	100	1 small plate	
50	Dry and processed pulses	Beans, soya, peas, chickpeas, and processed pulses (baked beans, hummus, other bread spreads)	White beans (dried)	40	¼ glass	
51	Potato chips, pancakes, rosti	Potato chips, potato pancakes, potato rosti, etc.	1 120		1 small plate	
52	Potatoes	Boiled or baked potatoes	Potato (boiled)	300	4 medium pieces	
53	Other potato dishes	Potato dumplings, gnocchi, etc.	Potato dumplings (boiled)	300	1 dinner plate	
54	Nuts	Peanuts, hazelnuts, walnuts, cashews, coconuts, chestnuts, etc.	Peanuts	30	1 handful	
55	Nut spreads	Peanut butter, chocolate-nut spread, etc.	Chocolate-nut spread	15	2 level teaspoons	

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					(1 single-serve package)	
56	Seeds and bran	Pumpkin seeds, sesame seeds, sunflower seeds, wheat germs, wheat bran, etc.	Sunflower seeds (dried)	30	1 handful	
57	Hot-dogs and reconstituted meat	Hot-dogs, meat loaf, etc.	Wiener (pork)	100	2 medium pieces	
58	Sausages	Smoked sausages, salami, etc.	Sausage (pork)	100	1 medium piece	
59	High quality cured meats	Ham, poultry and pork-beef good quality cold meats, etc.	Ham (pork)	30	2 medium slice	
60	Offal products	Liver, blood sausage, sweetbread, pate, bacon, etc.	Pâté (pork, roasted)	30	2 medium slices	
61	Red meat	Pork, beef, veal, etc.	Pork neck (raw)	100	1 portion of the size of a deck of cards	
62	Poultry and rabbit	Poultry, rabbit	Chicken breast (raw, without skin)	100	1 portion of the size of a deck of cards	
63	Venison	Wild boar, roe deer, hare, etc.	Wild boar (raw)	100	1 portion of the size of a deck of cards	
64	Lean fish	Pollock, cod, perch, hake, carp to 1 kg, tuna, panga, trout, etc.	Pollock (raw)	150	1 palm-sized portion	
65	Oily fish	Salmon, sardines, herring, mackerel, eel, large carp, etc.	Salmon (raw)	150	1 palm-sized portion	
66	Fruit juices and nectars	grapefruit, apple, pear, grape,		200	1 glass (not a full)	
67	Vegetable and vegetable-fruit juices	Mixed vegetable juice, tomato, carrot and carrot-fruit juice, etc.	Carrot, banana, and apple juice	200	1 glass (not a full)	
68	Energy drinks	Energy drinks	Energy drinks	250	1 glass (or 1 can)	
69	Sweetened beverages	Non-diet soft drinks/sodas, etc.	Sweetened beverages (cola)	250	1 glass	
70	Beer	Beer	Beer	500	1 medium glass (or 1 can)	

No.	Food item Food examples		Representative of the food item	Standard portion size ¹ [g]	Description of the portion size	
71	Wine and cocktails	Wine and cocktails	Red wine	150	1 medium glass	
72	Spirits	Vodka and other spirits	Spirits (40% volume)	50	1 medium/large glass (or 2 shots)	

¹ portion size universal for both men and women, *portion size of a market product (including waste); for other food products, portion sizes are given for the edible parts.

Table S2. Regression equations for energy, nutrient and alcohol intake obtained with the 72-item SQ-FFQ

Nutrient	a	b	Standard	Regression equations ¹	R ²	P
Energy (kcal)	0.31	1472.58	error 687.61	$y = 0.31 \times x + 1472.58 \pm 687.61$	0.154	<0.001
Total protein (g)	0.19	74.70	30.37	$y = 0.19 \times x + 74.70 \pm 30.37$	0.060	< 0.001
Animal protein (g)	0.18	50.30	24.83	$y = 0.18 \times x + 50.30 \pm 24.83$	0.048	0.003
Plant protein (g)	0.26	22.13	9.30	$y = 0.26 \times x + 22.13 \pm 9.30$	0.106	< 0.001
Fat (g)	0.33	44.58	29.56	$y = 0.33 \times x + 44.58 \pm 29.56$	0.176	< 0.001
SFA (g)	0.34	17.04	11.64	$y = 0.34 \times x + 17.04 \pm 11.64$	0.150	< 0.001
MUFA (g)	0.34	16.72	12.80	$y = 0.34 \times x + 16.72 \pm 12.80$	0.188	< 0.001
PUFA (g)	0.23	7.64	5.37	$y = 0.23 \times x + 7.64 \pm 5.37$	0.095	< 0.001
LA (g)	0.23	6.10	4.27	$y = 0.23 \times x + 6.10 \pm 4.27$	0.089	< 0.001
ALA (g)	0.23	1.25	1.38	$y = 0.23 \times x + 1.25 \pm 1.38$	0.043	0.005
EPA (mg)	0.13	54.63	138.19	$y = 0.13 \times x + 54.63 \pm 138.19$	0.028	0.023
DHA (mg)	0.05	168.06	374.31	$y = 0.05 \times x + 168.06 \pm 374.31$	0.006	0.314
Cholesterol (mg)	0.27	262.62	201.54	$y = 0.27 \times x + 262.62 \pm 201.54$	0.056	0.001
Carbohydrates (g)	0.32	203.66	90.39	$y = 0.32 \times x + 203.66 \pm 90.39$	0.124	< 0.001
Fructose (g)	0.60	8.96	7.85	$y = 0.60 \times x + 8.96 \pm 7.85$	0.067	< 0.001
Sucrose (g)	0.31	34.86	30.17	$y = 0.31 \times x + 34.86 \pm 30.17$	0.084	< 0.001
Fibre (g)	0.33	14.87	7.46	$y = 0.33 \times x + 14.87 \pm 7.46$	0.083	< 0.001
Sodium (mg)	0.54	2378.22	1239.80	$y = 0.54 \times x + 2378.22 \pm 1239.80$	0.136	< 0.001
Potassium (mg)	0.24	2776.73	1116.24	$y = 0.24 \times x + 2776.73 \pm 1116.24$	0.055	0.001
Calcium (mg)	0.15	707.24	328.88	$y = 0.15 \times x + 707.24 \pm 328.88$	0.023	0.041
Phosphorus (mg)	0.16	1245.95	464.72	$y = 0.16 \times x + 1245.95 \pm 464.72$	0.040	0.006
Magnesium (mg)	0.24	272.77	116.86	$y = 0.24 \times x + 272.77 \pm 116.86$	0.066	< 0.001
Iron (mg)	0.27	9.92	4.73	$y = 0.27 \times x + 9.92 \pm 4.73$	0.059	< 0.001
Zinc (mg)	0.22	8.67	3.47	$y = 0.22 \times x + 8.67 \pm 3.47$	0.066	< 0.001
Copper (mg)	0.25	1.00	0.43	$y = 0.25 \times x + 1.00 \pm 0.43$	0.080	< 0.001
Manganese (mg)	0.42	2.98	1.98	$y = 0.42 \times x + 2.98 \pm 1.98$	0.112	< 0.001
Iodine (µg)	-0.05	127.79	53.76	$y = -0.05 \times x + 127.79 \pm 53.76$	0.003	0.489
Vitamin A (µg)	0.45	704.53	1005.95	$y = 0.45 \times x + 704.53 \pm 1005.95$	0.038	0.008
Retinol (µg)	0.24	367.21	795.37	$y = 0.24 \times x + 367.21 \pm 795.37$	0.006	0.311
β-carotene (μg)	0.18	3174.19	3072.40	$y = 0.18 \times x + 3174.19 \pm 3072.40$	0.014	0.114
Vitamin D (µg)	0.18	2.89	5.54	$y = 0.18 \times x + 2.89 \pm 5.54$	0.013	0.117
Vitamin E (mg)	0.20	7.61	4.86	$y = 0.20 \times x + 7.61 \pm 4.86$	0.057	0.001
Vitamin B ₁ (mg)	0.26	1.01	0.49	$y = 0.26 \times x + 1.01 \pm 0.49$	0.082	< 0.001
Vitamin B ₂ (mg)	0.23	1.49	0.58	$y = 0.23 \times x + 1.49 \pm 0.58$	0.076	< 0.001
Niacin (mg)	0.24	17.23	10.78	$y = 0.24 \times x + 17.23 \pm 10.78$	0.069	< 0.001
Vitamin B ₆ (mg)	0.08	1.91	0.85	$y = 0.08 \times x + 1.91 \pm 0.85$	0.038	0.008
Folates (µg)	0.28	237.95	97.77	$y = 0.28 \times x + 237.95 \pm 97.77$	0.058	< 0.001
Vitamin B ₁₂ (μg)	0.18	3.24	2.95	$y = 0.18 \times x + 3.24 \pm 2.95$	0.049	0.002
Vitamin C (mg)	0.27	97.80	67.47	$y = 0.27 \times x + 97.80 \pm 67.47$	0.037	0.009
Alcohol (g)	0.25	2.33	9.39	$y = 0.25 \times x + 2.33 \pm 9.39$	0.066	< 0.001

¹ formula: $y = ax + b \pm standard$ error; x - energy or nutrient intake obtained with the 72-item SQ-FFQ (FFQ_{crude}), y - energy or nutrient intake from the FFQ_{crude} adjusted by regression to data obtained with the 2-day estimated food record (FR_{crude}), R² – determination coefficient, P - the significance level, SFA – saturated fatty acids, MUFA – monounsaturated fatty acids, PUFA – polyunsaturated fatty acids, LA – linoleic acid, ALA – α-linolenic acid, EPA – eicosapentaenoic acid, DHA – docosahexaenoic acid.