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Diet modification reduces pain and improves function in adults with osteoarthritis: a systematic review

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Abstract

Background: The effect of dietary modifications on pain and joint function in adults with osteoarthritis (OA) is an emerging area of study. This systematic review aimed to evaluate if adults with OA who consume diets with a higher proportion of plant phenols and omega-3 fatty acids would have less pain and improved joint function than those with a higher proportion of saturated fatty acids, omega-6 fatty acids and refined carbohydrates.

Methods: Database searches of CINAHL (EBSCO), Clinical Trials (NIH-NLM), Cochrane Library (Wiley), Dissertation & Thesis Global (ProQuest), Embase (Elsevier), Medline (OVID), PubMed (NLM), Scopus (Elsevier), Web of Sciences (Clarivate) for clinical trials identified 7763 articles published between January 2015 and May 2023. After an independent review of the articles, seven randomised clinical trials and one nonrandomised clinical trial were included in the analysis. Because of the heterogeneity of the outcome measures, a meta-analysis was not possible.

Results: Participants who were instructed to consume high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets reported significant improvements in pain and physical function scores. The greatest improvement was reported by those who consumed a diet that had the most omega-3 fatty acids.

Conclusion: Because of the high risk of bias, the strength of the evidence is limited. However, there is evidence that counselling adults with OA to replace refined grains and processed foods with whole plant foods, fish and plant oils may have a favourable effect on pain and physical function. Routine follow-up care regarding these diet modifications may be necessary to ensure adherence to this therapy.

KEYWORDS

diet, osteoarthritis, pain, physical function

Key points

- A systematic review of the literature identified eight clinical trials that studied the effects of diet interventions on pain and physical function in adults with osteoarthritis (OA).
- The diet interventions used in the clinical trials were categorised based on their varying levels of fatty acids and polyphenols.
- Instructing adults with OA to consume diets high in omega-3 fatty acids and polyphenols may have a favourable effect on pain and physical function.

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INTRODUCTION

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the leading cause of disability in ageing adults.¹ Like other chronic diseases observed in ageing populations, its incidence has risen 48% since 1990.^{1,2} Hallmarks of the disease are joint pain, stiffness and loss of function.³ The goals of OA care include pain management, preservation of joint function and the ability to perform activities of daily living (ADLs).³ OA may progress to its end stage without successful intervention, requiring surgical joint replacement.⁴

The effect of diet modification on joint function and disease progression is an emerging area of study that may offer complementary treatment. Weight loss of 5%–20% has effectively reduced pain and improved function in those who are overweight or obese.³ A novel focus on nutrient balance beyond energy deficit is developing because of evidence that nutrients affect the articular chondrocyte cell environment.^{5,6}

Oxidative stress is a cellular state where free radicals exceed antioxidants. In chondrocytes, oxidative stress may occur in response to diet, initiating inflammation or propagating proinflammatory mediators that stimulate nociceptors and pain neurons.⁷ This cytokine response contributes to chondrocyte degradation. Progressive degradation because of chronic oxidative stress within cells leads to structural changes in the joint, the surrounding tissues and joint function.⁸ Chronic inflammation of the articular cartilage may also result in chronic nociceptive pain.⁸

Antioxidants interfere in the chondrocyte's reactive oxidative stress pathways, interrupting the cytokine cascade and reducing the inflammatory response. Over time, their actions may balance the synthesis and degradation of cartilage cells.⁷ Antioxidants occur in edible plant foods as vitamins, minerals and polyphenols.⁹ The concentration of polyphenols is greatest in the plants' seed coat, bran, bark, fruit, kernel and leaf portions. Plant foods with these portions removed during processing have reduced polyphenol content and may be collectively referred to as refined carbohydrates. Valsimou et al. reviewed the effect of isolated and combined polyphenols from plant extracts on the chondrocyte and found biomarkers of decreased cytokine response.¹⁰ They concluded that a synergistic effect of multiple polyphenols effectively reduces oxidative stress in the chondrocytes.¹⁰

Despite the known protective effect of phenols on the chondrocyte, the impact of phenols on pain and physical function experienced by those with OA is varied.^{8,11,12} Systematic reviews conducted by Morales-Ivorra et al., Xu et al. and Zeng et al. showed consistent associations between reduced pain and improved physical function in cohorts whose diets were rich in phenol-containing vegetables, herbs, roots, nuts, seeds and fruits.^{13–15} They concluded that diets rich in phenol-containing food compounds are associated with reduced pain and

improved joint function.^{13–15} Yet, Guan et al. did not find a consistent effect on pain in clinical trials wherein 100 g of freeze-dried strawberries or 200 mL of pomegranate juice was given daily for 12 weeks to adults with OA.^{8,11,12}

Fatty acids are another group of nutrients involved in chondrocyte metabolism and homeostasis. Their structural characteristics, such as the degree of saturation and location of any unsaturated bonds, indicate their cellular functions. In vivo and in vitro evidence supports that saturated fats promote inflammatory cytokines (such as interleukin 6 [IL-6]), apoptosis and OA-like symptoms in the chondrocyte.⁶ There is also evidence that omega-3 polyunsaturated fats protect the chondrocyte by reducing the secretion of its matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs enzymes) and resolving oxidative stress. Additional evidence indicates that omega-6 fatty acids reduce chondrogenesis and promote degradation.⁶ Therefore, balancing the n-6 to n-3 fatty acids ratio may be necessary to achieve chondrocyte homeostasis.⁶

Interventions showing the effect of dietary fat on chondrocytes are limited to human observational studies.^{16–18} Miao et al.¹⁶ showed a positive association between inflammation in the rat chondrocyte and dietary stearic acid intake. In the Osteoarthritis Initiative that included 2134 adults with OA, Eaton et al.¹⁷ observed a dose–response association between saturated fat and loss of joint space width in those with knee OA. In the same data set, Lu et al. confirmed a positive association between total fat and saturated fat and loss of joint space width in those with knee OA. Further, they found a negative association between dietary unsaturated fats and joint space loss.¹⁸

Based on the association of phenols and fatty acids to OA markers, the proportion of phenols and fatty acids in the diet significantly affects the homeostasis of the chondrocyte. Therefore, varying levels of these foods in diets may affect OA. The present study aimed to evaluate the effect of diet modifications on pain and physical function in adults with OA. We hypothesised that adults with OA who consume diets containing a higher proportion of phenols and omega-3 fatty acids would have less pain and improved joint function than those consuming a higher proportion of total fat, saturated fat, omega-6 fatty acids and refined carbohydrates.

METHODS

The protocol for this systematic review adhered to the guidelines established in the Cochrane Handbook for Systematic Reviews of Intervention¹⁹ and followed the steps of Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis (PRISMA) 2020 Checklist²⁰ outlined in Figure 1. It was conditionally registered in the International Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews (PROSPERO) on 24 February 2023, as CRD42023394983 and received final approval on 3 July 2023.

Section and Topic	Item #	Checklist item	Location where item is reported
TITLE			
Title	1	Identify the report as a systematic review.	1
ABSTRACT			
Abstract	2	See the PRISMA 2020 for Abstracts checklist.	2
INTRODUCTION			
Rationale	3	Describe the rationale for the review in the context of existing knowledge.	3-4
Objectives	4	Provide an explicit statement of the objective(s) or question(s) the review addresses.	4
METHODS			
Eligibility criteria	5	Specify the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the review and how studies were grouped for the syntheses.	5,8
Information sources	6	Specify all databases, registers, websites, organisations, reference lists and other sources searched or consulted to identify studies. Specify the date when each source was last searched or consulted.	5
Search strategy	7	Present the full search strategies for all databases, registers and websites, including any filters and limits used.	Appendix A
Selection process	8	Specify the methods used to decide whether a study met the inclusion criteria of the review, including how many reviewers screened each record and each report retrieved, whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	5
Data collection process	9	Specify the methods used to collect data from reports, including how many reviewers collected data from each report, whether they worked independently, any processes for obtaining or confirming data from study investigators, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	5
Data items	10a	List and define all outcomes for which data were sought. Specify whether all results that were compatible with each outcome domain in each study were sought (e.g. for all measures, time points, analyses), and if not, the methods used to decide which results to collect.	6,7
	10b	List and define all other variables for which data were sought (e.g. participant and intervention characteristics, funding sources). Describe any assumptions made about any missing or unclear information.	6,7
Study risk of bias assessment	11	Specify the methods used to assess risk of bias in the included studies, including details of the tool(s) used, how many reviewers assessed each study and whether they worked independently, and if applicable, details of automation tools used in the process.	6
Effect measures	12	Specify for each outcome the effect measure(s) (e.g. risk ratio, mean difference) used in the synthesis or presentation of results.	7
Synthesis methods	13a	Describe the processes used to decide which studies were eligible for each synthesis (e.g. tabulating the study intervention characteristics and comparing against the planned groups for each synthesis (item #5)).	8
	13b	Describe any methods required to prepare the data for presentation or synthesis, such as handling of missing summary statistics, or data conversions.	8
	13c	Describe any methods used to tabulate or visually display results of individual studies and syntheses.	8
	13d	Describe any methods used to synthesize results and provide a rationale for the choice(s). If meta-analysis was performed, describe the model(s), method(s) to identify the presence and extent of statistical heterogeneity, and software package(s) used.	8
	13e	Describe any methods used to explore possible causes of heterogeneity among study results (e.g. subgroup analysis, meta-regression).	8
	13f	Describe any sensitivity analyses conducted to assess robustness of the synthesized results.	n/a
Reporting bias assessment	14	Describe any methods used to assess risk of bias due to missing results in a synthesis (arising from reporting biases).	6
Certainty assessment	15	Describe any methods used to assess certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for an outcome.	6
RESULTS			
Study selection	16a	Describe the results of the search and selection process, from the number of records identified in the search to the number of studies included in the review, ideally using a flow diagram.	
	16b	Cite studies that might appear to meet the inclusion criteria, but which were excluded, and explain why they were excluded.	Appendix C
Study characteristics	17	Cite each included study and present its characteristics.	8-11
Risk of bias in studies	18	Present assessments of risk of bias for each included study.	Table 2 Figure 1
Results of individual studies	19	For all outcomes, present, for each study: (a) summary statistics for each group (where appropriate) and (b) an effect estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval), ideally using structured tables or plots.	8-11
Results of syntheses	20a	For each synthesis, briefly summarise the characteristics and risk of bias among contributing studies.	12
	20b	Present results of all statistical syntheses conducted. If meta-analysis was done, present for each the summary estimate and its precision (e.g. confidence/credible interval) and measures of statistical heterogeneity. If comparing groups, describe the direction of the effect.	n/a
	20c	Present results of all investigations of possible causes of heterogeneity among study results.	n/a
	20d	Present results of all sensitivity analyses conducted to assess the robustness of the synthesized results.	n/a
Reporting biases	21	Present assessments of risk of bias due to missing results (arising from reporting biases) for each synthesis assessed.	12
Certainty of evidence	22	Present assessments of certainty (or confidence) in the body of evidence for each outcome assessed.	12
DISCUSSION			
Discussion	23a	Provide a general interpretation of the results in the context of other evidence.	12-13
	23b	Discuss any limitations of the evidence included in the review.	14
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	23d	Discuss implications of the results for practice, policy, and future research.	13
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Registration and protocol	24a	Provide registration information for the review, including register name and registration number, or state that the review was not registered.	4
	24b	Indicate where the review protocol can be accessed, or state that a protocol was not prepared.	4
	24c	Describe and explain any amendments to information provided at registration or in the protocol.	n/a
Support	25	Describe sources of financial or non-financial support for the review, and the role of the funders or sponsors in the review.	15
Competing interests	26	Declare any competing interests of review authors.	15
Availability of data, code and other materials	27	Report which of the following are publicly available and where they can be found: template data collection forms; data extracted from included studies; data used for all analyses; analytic code; any other materials used in the review.	Tables 1-4 Figures 1-3

FIGURE 1 PRISMA 2020 checklist.²⁰ Page MJ, McKenzie JE, Bossuyt PM, Boutron I, Hoffmann TC, Mulrow CD, et al. The PRISMA 2020 statement: an updated guideline for reporting systematic reviews. *Systematic Reviews* 2021;10:89.

Eligibility criteria

All clinical trials evaluating the effect of diet on pain or physical function in those with OA of any joint were included. Exclusion criteria were studies performed in animals, those younger than 19 years old, those with arthritis not defined as OA, those with acute pain, studies using supplements, non-whole foods, non-specific or 'weight loss diets' and studies that did not evaluate the outcomes of pain or joint mobility or had a duration of fewer than 6 weeks.

Literature searches

The following databases were searched: CINAHL (EBSCO), Clinical Trials (NIH-NLM), Cochrane Library (Wiley), Dissertation & Thesis Global (ProQuest), Embase (Elsevier), Medline (OVID), PubMed (NLM), Scopus (Elsevier), Web of Sciences (Clarivate). An initial search of PubMed, Web of Science and Scopus was conducted, followed by an analysis of keywords in the title and abstract and indexed terms using MESH. A second search using all identified keywords was conducted across all included databases (Appendix A). Inclusion criteria for the literature search were limited to articles in the English language, human studies, all adults and articles found since January 2015. Previous systematic reviews investigating the use of dietary interventions have not revealed clinical trials before 2017. When a search returned a relevant literature review, the reference section was examined to check for applicable studies. All search results were entered into an EndNote Library for citation management. In addition, Google Scholar was searched, and the first 200 results were added to the EndNote Library.

As a result of these searches, 7271 records were identified and moved to the EndNote Library; after all the duplicates were removed, 4465 articles were identified for screening. The first reviewer (K.S.) screened 4116 titles for eligibility using the EndNote search feature. Both reviewers (K.S. and C.H.) screened the remaining 349 titles and abstracts for eligibility using Rayyan software. Of the 4465 articles, 4453 were removed during screening because they did not match the eligibility criteria or were duplicates. Of all titles and abstracts excluded, 35.2% ($n = 1557$) had ineligible populations, 30.8% ($n = 1,373$) had a non-diet intervention, 25.7% ($n = 1150$) had an ineligible study design and 7.5% ($n = 337$) had an ineligible outcome. One study was published in Spanish, and two had a study duration of fewer than 6 weeks (Appendix B). Twelve full-text articles were then reviewed (K.S., C.H.) (Appendix C). Five of the 12 articles were excluded because they were abstracts, the population was not limited to those with OA or there needed to be more information about dietary intervention. An updated search was conducted on 26 May 2023

to detect any new studies published since the original search for our systematic review. After evaluating the results, three were identified for retrieval and one was added for synthesis. The PRISMA flow diagram was updated (Appendix B).

There were eight articles retained for the study. Publication dates ranged from 2015 to 2023. Two studies^{21,22} were based on the same participants, but both were retained to provide data about the effect of short- and long-term diet intervention.

Data extraction

Data were extracted from the included articles and tabulated in Excel spreadsheets by the primary investigator (PI) (K.S.). The data extracted included the study author, publication year, design, purpose, population demographics, diet intervention, findings, attrition, adherence, conclusions and comments on additional variables that may confound or validate the results. A second reviewer (C.H.) critically analysed the extracted data for accuracy and presentation.

Risk of bias

Two reviewers (K.S., C.H.) independently assessed the seven randomised clinical trials for risk of bias using Cochrane RoB2 tools available at riskofbias.info.²³ The tool was used to assess if measures were taken to reduce the risk of bias, such as randomisation, allocation concealment, deviations from the assigned interventions, outcome assessment blinding, attrition, reporting or other bias that are present in the study.¹⁹ The reviewers assigned one of three judgments to each article: low risk, unclear or high risk. The reviewers compared their judgments and found agreement. The two reviewers (K.S., C.H.) also used the Cochrane ROBINS1 tool²⁴ to assess the risk of bias for the one nonrandomised clinical trial that was included. The study was evaluated for bias in randomisation, participant selection, intervention classification, deviations from intended interventions and data reporting. The reviewers agreed on the ROB classification for this study.

Data synthesis

The extracted data were reviewed for homogeneity and the ability to pool the outcome data. A meta-analysis of effect estimates could not be conducted because each study measured varied outcomes. The PI (K.S.) then analysed the extracted data in a narrative format using the Synthesis Without Meta-Analysis (SWIM) reporting guidelines.²⁵ The PI (K.S.) tabulated the data in four tables. The tables include the study characteristics, the

participants' demographic characteristics and the participants' clinical characteristics that may modulate the outcomes, such as body mass index (BMI), analgesic use and dietary supplement use. The tables also include the types, frequencies and duration of the various dietary interventions.

To test the hypothesis, diet interventions were divided into three categories based on the phenol and omega-3 fatty acid content of the diets on which participants were instructed. Diets labelled 'plant-based', 'The Dietary Guidelines for Americans (DGA)', 'anti-inflammatory' and 'Mediterranean' were classified as high phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets. These diets contained whole plant foods such as legumes, nuts, fruits and vegetables; they had fewer than 10% saturated fatty acids, and whole grains replaced refined grains. The fat content of these diets ranged from 20% to 35% fat depending on the use of plant oils. A category of low phenol/low fat was established to describe a diet labelled 'low fat' that limited animal foods and oils to <20% total fat but did not limit refined carbohydrates. The diet labelled 'low carbohydrate' was categorised as low phenol/high fat. It contained a high proportion of animal foods like eggs, meat and high-fat dairy, which limited its phenol and omega-3 fatty acid content and raised the saturated fat content to >20% of calories and total fat content to >50% of calories. The effect of these three diet categories was evaluated using tools validated by the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) for assessing pain and physical function in OA.³ Outcomes were reported as a change in pain and physical function scores within the intervention groups and tabulated to reflect the differences in outcomes between intervention and control groups.

The four validated tools used to measure the effect were the Arthritis Impact Measurement Score (AIMS2), the Knee Osteoarthritis Outcome Score (KOOS), the Western Ontario and McMaster Arthritis Index (WOMAC) and the Visual Analogue Pain Scale (VAS).

AIMS2 is a questionnaire that evaluates pain, physical function, ability to work, sociability and affect.²⁶ The WOMAC questionnaire assesses pain, stiffness and physical function in any joint.²⁷ Pain scores range from 0 to 20, and physical function scores range from 0 to 68, where lower scores indicate less pain and better physical function. A score of two or more for two of the five questions about pain is considered moderate pain. KOOS is derived from WOMAC but is only used for the knee joint.²⁸ The tool has five domains (pain, quality of life, ADLs, sport and recreation and other symptoms). It is scored by summing the response for each domain and converting it to an interval score of 1–100, where zero indicates severe pain and disability, and 100 indicates the best knee health. Scores from AIMS2, WOMAC and KOOS are often transformed to a normalised scale of one to five, where higher scores indicate severe problems. VAS measures pain on a scale

of 0–100 mm, which may also be reported in centimetres, wherein zero indicates no pain, and 100 indicates severe pain.²⁹ Scores of ≤30 mm indicate mild pain, scores between 45 and 74 mm indicate moderate pain and scores of 75–100 mm indicate severe pain.

RESULTS

Study characteristics

Seven of the eight studies were randomised controlled trials (RCT).^{21,22,30–34} One study was a nonrandomised, single-arm study.³⁰ A total of 778 participants were included in the studies. The mean age of participants ranged between 52 and 72 years. Most participants were female ($n = 673$, 86.5%). Although five studies^{30–33,35} included mostly whites (66%–100%), two large studies^{21,22} included mostly African Americans (86%). One study did not report race.³⁴ Common reasons for excluding participants were a history of joint replacement, recent weight loss, reports of following other diets or the presence of non-OA pain. Other reasons were the following comorbidities: rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes mellitus, fibromyalgia, organ failure and cancer. The mean BMI of participants ranges from 29 to 35 mg/kg². All participants experienced moderate disability and pain at baseline. Seven of the eight studies^{21,22,30–33,35} controlled for pain medications; however, only one³⁴ controlled for dietary supplement use. Additional study and participant characteristics are outlined in Table 1.

Diet interventions

All studies instructed at least one group of participants to consume a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet.^{21,22,30–35} One study³² instructed a group of participants to consume a low-phenol/low-fat diet, and another³³ study instructed a group to consume a low-phenol/high-fat diet. Although eight diets were categorised as high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet, there was variation between them. In all the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets, unrefined plant foods were the largest source of carbohydrates. These unrefined plant foods were whole grains, legumes, fruits, vegetables, seeds and nuts. Animal foods, commercial bakery products and processed grains were limited in the DGA, Mediterranean and anti-inflammatory diets and eliminated in the plant-based diet. There were variations in the use of plant oils. They were eliminated in the plant-based diet, used sparingly in the DGA diet and used liberally in the Mediterranean and anti-inflammatory diet.^{21,22,30–35} The diets where plant oils were used liberally contained the greatest number of phenols and omega-3 fatty acids.^{30,32,34,35}

TABLE 1 Overall characteristics of clinical trials included in the synthesis.

Reference	Design	Location	Group (n)	Mean Age (years)	White, n (%)	Female, n (%)	Joint	Mean BMI	DSUC	AUC	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria	Attrition (%)	Adherence (%)
Clinton et al. (2015)	RCT	Michigan, USA	PLANT (19)	56.1 ± 8.4	16 (88.9)	15 (78.9)	Any	29.1 ± 6.5	No	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR)	DM, other diet	2	100
			CNTRL (18)	60.0 ± 6.3	18 (100.0)	16 (88.9)	Any	28.4 ± 4.5	No	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR)			
Cooper et al. (2022)	NRCT	Australia	ANTI-INFLAM (28)	66 ± 8	28 (100.0)	25 (82.0)	Knee	30.6 ± 4.6	No	Yes	Mod (ACR)	Other diet, Fibromyalgia WL, CA, other pain	21	96
Dolatkhah et al. (2023)	RCT	Germany	ANTI-INFLAM (30)	52.60 ± 6.74	n/a	30 (100.0)	Knee	34.90 ± 5.48	Yes	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR, rad)	Other diet, DM, CA, RA, PT, other pain	10	91.7
			LOWCAL (30)	54.57 ± 8.16	n/a	30 (100.0)	Knee	34.54 ± 5.58	Yes	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR, rad)			
Dyer et al. (2017)	RCT	England	MED (50)	66 ± 11	n/a	38 (76.0)	Any	n/a	No	Yes	Early (clinician)	Other diet	17	65
			CNTRL (49)	60 ± 12	n/a	44 (90.0)	Any	n/a	No	Yes	Early (clinician)			
Hughes et al. (2018) ^a	RCT	Illinois, USA	DGA (203)	68 ± 6	16 (7.9)	177 (87)	Any	34.7 ± 0.4	No	No	Mild, mod (ACR)	RA, inability to exercise	13.8	n/a
			CNTRL (210)	68 ± 6	17 (8.0)	178 (85)	Any	35.0 ± 0.4	No	No	Mild, mod (ACR)			
Fitzgibbons et al. (2020) ^a	RCT	Illinois, USA	DGA (174)	68 ± 6	16 (7.9)	177 (87)	Any	34.7 ± 0.4	No	No	Mild, mod (ACR)	RA, inability to exercise	13.3	n/a
			CNTRL (182)	68 ± 6	17 (8.0)	178 (85)	Any	35.0 ± 0.4	No	No	Mild, mod (ACR)			
Sadeghi et al. (2022)	RCT	Iran	MED (40)	55.9 ± 9.5	n/a	37 (93)	Knee	<35	No	Yes	Early (ACR)	JR, RA, OF, CA, MI, DM, Stroke, ND, FA, PT, AU, CU, WT	7	>80
			LOWFAT (43)	57.98 ± 10.98	n/a	40 (93)	Knee	<35	No	Yes	Early (ACR)		0	>80

TABLE 1 (Continued)

Reference	Design	Location	Group (n)	Mean Age (years)	White, n (%)	Female, n (%)	Joint	Mean BMI	DSUC	AUC	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria	Attrition (%)	Adherence (%)
Strath et al. (2020)	RCT	Alabama, USA	CNTRL (42)	59.1 ± 9.8	n/a	37 (88)	Knee	<35	No	Yes	Early (ACR)	JR, DM, WL, OF	16.7	>83
			LOWFAT (6)	72.33 ± 6	5 (83.3)	3 (100)	Knee	29.65 ± 4.48	No	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR)			
			LOWCHO (8)	71.00 ± 63.12	7 (87.5)	5 (83)	Knee	35.64 ± 7.35	No	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR)		0	>83
			CNTRL (7)	68.71 ± 67.11	2 (28.6)	4 (57)	Knee	26.9 ± 3.02	No	Yes	Mild, mod (ACR)			

Abbreviations: ACR, American College of Rheumatology criteria; ANTI-INFLAM, anti-inflammatory diet; AU, alcohol use; AUC, analgesic use controlled; CA, cancer; CNTRL, control diet; CU, cigarette use; DGA, Dietary Guidelines for America; DM, diabetes mellitus; DSUC, dietary supplement use controlled; FA, fish allergy; JR, joint replacement; LOWCHO, low carbohydrate diet; MED, Mediterranean diet; MI, myocardial infarction; MOD, moderate; n, number; ND, neurological disease; OF, organ failure; PT, physical therapy; RA, rheumatoid arthritis; RAD, radiograph; WL, recent weight loss.

All interventions were implemented by dietitians or someone trained to perform diet instructions. The implementation method was dietary education and reinforcement through continued communication between the diet instructor and the study participants. The trial durations ranged from 6 weeks to 18 months, with a median duration of 12 weeks.^{21,22,30–35}

Adherence to the diet interventions

Adherence was measured through tracking of dietary intake logs that the participants maintained and was highest in the studies of the shortest duration. One hundred per cent adherence was reported by Clinton et al. who used a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet for 6 weeks, and 96% adherence was reported by Cooper et al. who used a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet for 9 weeks.^{30,31} The lowest compliance (65%) was reported by Dyer et al. who used a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet for 12 weeks.³⁵ Fitzgibbons et al. and Hughes et al. measured adherence to the DGA by calculating the Healthy Eating Score (HEI).^{21,22,36}

Attrition

The attrition rate ranged from 0% among 43 participants following a low-phenol/low-omega-3 fatty acid diet for 12 weeks³³ to 21% among 28 participants following a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet.³⁰ The primary reason for attrition across the studies was participant adherence to the diet intervention that fell below the established threshold.

Weight loss

All participants in the control and intervention groups were classified as overweight or obese.^{21,22,30–35} Participants lost weight on all diet interventions, including those in the Cooper et al. study that used an energy-controlled diet.^{30,34} The range of weight loss was 1.3–8.7 kg.^{21,22,30–35} The greatest weight loss was reported in those who followed a low-phenol/high-fat diet for 12 weeks,³³ in which participants lost ≥10% of their body weight; the change in baseline weight to weight at 12 weeks was a reduction from 98.53 ± 18.56 to 89.59 ± 17.86 kg ($p < 0.001$). Dolatkhah et al.³⁴ compared the weight loss between two groups following a low-calorie diet of which one was high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet. They found that although both groups experienced significant weight loss, those following the low-calorie, high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet had a greater magnitude of change. Participants following the low-calorie, high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet had a mean loss of >6 kg (86.39 ± 12.82 to

79.87 ± 12.73 kg, [−6.52 ± 7.44, $p < 0.001$]) compared to those in the same study who followed a low-calorie diet and had a mean loss of 2.2 kg (83.35 ± 13.47 to 81.22 ± 12.57 kg [−2.12 ± 2.10, $p < 0.001$]).³⁴

Effect of diet interventions on pain

Participants in all eight studies reported reduced pain after the dietary interventions (Table 2). A significant reduction was achieved in those with over 80% adherence to a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet for 9 weeks or longer.^{21,22,30,32,34,35} Hughes et al. demonstrated a 1.5-point reduction (−1.5 ± 0.3, $p < 0.001$) on the WOMAC pain score after 6 months following the diet.²² Fitzgibbons et al. demonstrated a smaller, yet still significant difference in WOMAC pain score (−0.9 ± 0.3, $p < 0.01$) after following a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet for 18 months.²¹ During the 18-month intervention, the lowest pain score was at 6 months when participant adherence was highest.²¹

Of the participants following a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet, those encouraged to consume plant oils, and therefore, the most phenols and omega-3 fatty acids, reported the most improvement in pain scores.^{30,32,34,35} The exception was reported by Dyer et al.³⁵ who found a clinical but not statistically significant decrease in AIMS2 pain score (3.5 ± 2.6 to 3.2 ± 2.5) after 12 weeks of following the diet; however, adherence to the diet was lower (65%) among participants in this study compared to adherence to the diet among participants in studies of Cooper et al. (96% adherence), Sadeghi et al. (>80% adherence) and Dolatkhah et al. (90.1% adherence).^{30,32,34,35}

Cooper et al.³⁰ found the greatest improvement in pain on VAS (−8.9 ± 35.6 mm, 95% confidence interval [CI] [−26.8 to 8.2]) and KOOS pain score (+6.6 ± 12.6 95% CI [0.9–12.4], 61.8 ± 12.0 to 68.4 ± 12.3) in participants following the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet. Sadeghi et al.³² also found a significant reduction on VAS (6.8 ± 1.8 to 5.4 ± 1.9 cm, $p < 0.001$) in participants who followed the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet. Dolatkhah et al.³⁴ reported a decrease in both VAS (6.68 ± 1.92 to 4.56 ± 0.81 cm [−2.11 ± 1.86, $p < 0.001$]) and WOMAC pain score (12.00 ± 4.92 to 6.76 ± 3.34 [−5.23 ± 5.48, $p < 0.001$]) in participants who followed a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet.

Clinton et al. and Strath et al. reported clinical but not statistically significant reduction in pain after following a high-phenol, high-omega-3 fatty acid diet that contained fewer plant oils and therefore fewer phenols and omega-3 fatty acids. Clinton et al. found a decrease of 2.85 cm on VAS in those who consumed the high phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet compared to a 1.18-cm decrease in the control group who consumed an unrestricted diet for 6 weeks.³¹ One group in the Strath et al.'s³³ study reported reduced pain on KOOS after

following a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet with >83% adherence for 12 weeks (2.56 ± 0.734 to 2.24 ± 0.729, $p = 0.337$).

The low-phenol/low-fat and low-phenol/high-fat diets also resulted in reduced pain; however, the result was only significant in those following the low-phenol/low-fat diet. Sadeghi et al.^{32,33} found reductions in pain reported on VAS (6.8 ± 1.9 to 6.1 ± 2, $p < 0.001$) and WOMAC (13.8 ± 4 to 12.6 ± 4.4, $p < 0.001$) in those following the low-phenol/low-fat diet. KOOS pain reported by participants following the low-phenol/high-fat diet was not statistically significant (2.68 ± 0.360 to 2.20 ± 0.730, $p = 0.058$).³³

Effect of diet interventions on physical function

All groups demonstrated improvements in physical function after receiving instruction on a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet; however, only the results of five interventions were statistically significant (Table 3). In these studies, participants reported fewer problems performing ADLs on the WOMAC physical function scale or the KOOS ADL score. Hughes et al.²² and Fitzgibbons et al.²¹ reported improved WOMAC physical function scores of −4.7 ± 0.9, $p < 0.001$ in participants after 6 months (HEI: 67.8 ± 0.8) and −3.5 ± 0.9, $p < 0.001$ after 18 months (HEI: 66.9 ± 0.8). Cooper et al. and Dolatkhah et al. also reported improved physical function after following high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets.^{30,34} Cooper et al.³⁰ reported an increased KOOS ADL interval scores (68.2 ± 15.9 to 78.3 ± 14.4 [+10.1 ± 14.3, 95% CI: 3.6–16.6, MDS 8–10]). Dolatkhah et al. reported decreased WOMAC physical function 36.36 ± 10.30 to 29.80 ± 10.71 (−6.56 ± 7.46, $p < 0.001$).³⁴

Although participants in the Dyer et al. study³⁵ who also followed the high-phenol, high-omega-3 fatty acid diet reported improved physical function (1.75 ± 1.5 to 1.6 ± 1.4), the change was not statistically significant. This was also true for Strath et al., whose participants followed a high-phenol/low-fat diet.³³

Clinton et al.³¹ did not report a within-group change from baseline to 6 weeks following the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet; however, the physical function score on the 36-question health survey short form³⁷ increased more in the intervention group (+6.09) than in the control group (+1.02), $p < 0.01$.

Sadeghi et al.³² compared WOMAC physical function scores in participants with a minimum of 80% adherence to a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet group to a low-phenol/low-fat diet group. Although both WOMAC scores improved, the magnitude of improvement was greater in participants following the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet, which did not limit added plant oils (48.3 ± 11.4 to 42.1 ± 11.9, $p < 0.001$), than in the participants following the low-phenol/low-fat diet (50.2 ± 11.9 to 46.5 ± 12.7, $p < 0.001$).³²

TABLE 2 The effect of diet modification on pain in adults with osteoarthritis (OA).

Authors	Diet (number)	AIMS2 change within group ^a	KOOS pain change within group	VAS change within group ^a	WOMAC pain change within group ^a	Weight change
Clinton et al.	PLANT (19) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 CNTRL (18)			−2.85 (n.s.) −1.18 (n.s.)		(−5.23 pounds, <i>p</i> < 0.003) (0.89 pounds, <i>p</i> < 0.003)
Cooper et al.	ANTI-INF (28) ▲Phen ▲Ω3		+6.6 ± 12.6 ^b 95% CI (0.9 to 12.4) 61.8 ± 12.0 to 68.4 ± 12.3	52.6 ± 22.7 to 43.6 ± 27.5 (−8.9 ± 35.6, 95%CI [−26.8 to 8.2])		(−3.0 ± 2.3 kg) 95% CI (−4.1 to −1.8)
Dolatkhah et al.	ANTI-INF (30) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 LOWCAL (30) ▲Phen ▲Ω3			6.68 ± 1.92 to 4.56 ± 0.81 (−2.11 ± 1.86, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 6.20 ± 2.25 to 5.31 ± 1.84 (−0.88 ± 1.21, <i>p</i> < 0.001)	12.00 ± 4.92 to 6.76 ± 3.34 (−5.23 ± 5.48, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 10.10 ± 5.34 to 9.26 ± 4.16 (0.83 ± 4.05, <i>p</i> < 0.001)	86.39 ± 12.82 to 79.87 ± 12.73 (−6.52 ± 7.44, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 83.35 ± 13.47 to 81.22 ± 12.57 (−2.12 ± 2.10, <i>p</i> < 0.001)
Dyer et al.	MED (50) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 CNTRL (49)	3.5 ± 2.6 to 3.2 ± 2.5 (n.s.) 4.2 ± 2.8 to 3.6 ± 2.7 (n.s.)				70.4 ± 13.1 to 68.9 ± 12.6 kg <i>p</i> = 0.012 71.6 ± 17.4 to 72.4 ± 16.6 <i>p</i> = 0.012
Fitzgibbons et al. ^c	DGA (174) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 CNTRL (182)				5.4 ± 0.2 to 4.5 ± 0.3 (−0.9 ± 0.3, <i>p</i> < 0.01) 5.7 ± 0.2 to 4.8 ± 0.3 (−1.0 ± 0.3, <i>p</i> < 0.01)	(−1.3 ± 0.3 kg, <i>p</i> < 0.001) (−1.4%) (−0.9 ± 0.3 kg, <i>p</i> < 0.001) (−1.0%)
Hughes et al. ^c	DGA (174) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 CNTRL (173)				5.4 ± 0.2 to 4.0 ± 0.3 (−1.5 ± 0.3, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 5.7 ± 0.2 to 5.1 ± 0.3 (−0.6 ± 0.3, <i>p</i> < 0.05)	(−2.0 ± 0.3 kg, <i>p</i> < 0.001) (−2.2%) (0.8 ± 0.3 kg, <i>p</i> < 0.001) (−0.9%)
Sadeghi et al.	MED (40) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 CNTRL (42)			6.8 ± 1.8 to 5.4 ± 1.9 <i>p</i> > 0.001 6.4 ± 1.7 to 5.9 ± 1.8 <i>p</i> > 0.008	12.5 ± 3.7 to 10.2 ± 3.9 <i>p</i> > 0.001 12.5 ± 3.8 to 11.8 ± 4 <i>p</i> > 0.01	73.2 ± 11.6 to 70.2 ± 10.5 kg <i>p</i> < 0.001 68.8 ± 9.6 to 69.2 ± 9.7 kg <i>p</i> > 0.07
Strath et al.	LOWFAT (6) ▲Phen ▲Ω3 CNTRL (7)		2.56 ± 0.734 to 2.24 ± 0.729 ^a <i>p</i> = 0.337 3.23 ± 0.542 to 2.78 ± 0.759 ^a <i>p</i> 0.071			88.02 ± 18.07 to 81.30 to 16.70 kg <i>p</i> > 0.001 77.64 ± 7.07 to 75.87 ± 7.55 kg <i>p</i> > 0.001

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TABLE 2 (Continued)

Authors	Diet (number)	AIMS2 change within group ^a	KOOS pain change within group	VAS change within group ^a	WOMAC pain change within group ^a	Weight change
Strath et al.	LOWCHO (8) ▼Phen ▲ Fat		2.68 ± 0.360 to 2.20 ± 0.730 ^a <i>p</i> = 0.058			98.53 ± 18.56 to 89.59 to 17.86 kg <i>p</i> < 0.001
	CNTRL (7)		3.23 ± 0.542 to 2.78 ± 0.759 ^a <i>p</i> = 0.071			77.64 ± 7.07 to 75.87 ± 7.55 kg <i>p</i> < 0.001
Sadeghi et al.	LOWFAT (43) ▼Phen ▼Fat			6.8 ± 1.9 to 6.1 ± 2 <i>p</i> > 0.001	13.8 ± 4 to 12.6 ± 4.4 <i>p</i> > 0.001	74.7 ± 11.4 to 71.9 ± 10.5 kg <i>p</i> < 0.001
	CNTRL (42)			6.4 ± 1.7 to 5.9 ± 1.8 <i>p</i> > 0.008	12.5 ± 3.8 to 11.8 ± 4 <i>p</i> > 0.01	68.8 ± 9.6 to 69.2 ± 9.7 kg <i>p</i> < 0.07

Abbreviations: AIMS2, Arthritis Impact Measurement Score for pain; ANTI-INF, anti-inflammatory; CNTRL, control group; MED, Mediterranean; DGA, Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010 Version; KOOS, Knee Osteoarthritis Outcome Score; LOWCAL, low calorie; LOWCHO, low carbohydrate; LOWFAT, low fat; n.s., *p*-value is not significant; PLANT, plant-based; VAS, Visual Analog Pain Scale; WOMAC, Western Ontario and McMaster Arthritis Index; ▲Phen ▲Ω3, high-phenol, high-omega-3 fatty acid diet; ▼Phen ▼Fat, low-phenol, low-fat diet; ▼Phen ▲ Fat, low-phenol, high-fat diet.

^aA reduced score indicates improvement.

^bAn increased score indicates improvement.

^cShared methods and data set at baseline.

TABLE 3 Effect of diet modifications on physical function in adults with osteoarthritis (OA).

Authors	Diet (<i>n</i>)	AIMS2 change within group ^a	KOOS QOL change within group	KOOS ADL change within group	WOMAC PF change within group ^a
Clinton et al.	PLANT (19) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 CNTRL (18)	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available
Cooper et al.	ANTI-INF (28) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3		42.0 ± 16.4 to 50.8 ± 13.7 (+8.8 ± 14.7 [MDS 8–10] 95% CI (2.1–15.5)] ^b	68.2 ± 15.9 to 78.3 ± 14.4 (+10.1 ± 14.3 (MDS 8–10) 95% CI (3.6–16.6)] ^b	
Dolatkhah et al.	ANTI-INF (30) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 LOWCAL (30)				36.36 ± 10.30 to 29.80 ± 10.71 (–6.56 ± 7.46, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 36.10 ± 13.11 to 35.03 ± 15.19 (–1.06 ± 7.80, <i>p</i> = 0.460)
Dyer et al.	MED (50) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 CNTRL (49)	1.75 ± 1.5 to 1.6 ± 1.4 Not significant 2.0 ± 1.9 to 1.9 ± 1.9 Not significant			
Hughes et al. ^c	DGA (174) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 CNTRL (173)				17.7 ± 0.9 to 13.0 ± 1.0 (–4.7 ± 0.9, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 17.8 ± 0.9 to 16.3 ± 1.0 (–1.5 ± 0.3, n.s.)
Fitzgibbons et al. ^c	DGA (174) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 CNTRL (182)				–17.7 ± 0.9 to 13.0 ± 1.0 (3.5 ± 0.9, <i>p</i> < 0.001) 17.8 ± 0.9 to 15.2 ± 1.0 (–2.6 ± 0.9, <i>p</i> < 0.01)
Sadeghi et al.	MED (43) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 CNTRL (42)				48.3 ± 11.4 to 42.1 ± 11.9, <i>p</i> > 0.001 47.2 ± 11.9 to 44.9 ± 11.8, <i>p</i> < 0.001
Strath et al.	LOWFAT (6) ▲ Phen ▲ Ω3 CNTRL (7)		2.91 ± 0.785 to 2.08 ± 0.954 ^a <i>p</i> = 0.534 3.67 ± 0.718 3.26 ± 0.759 ^a <i>p</i> = 0.047		
Strath et al.	LOWCHO (8) ▼ Phen ▲ Fat CNTRL (7)		3.28 ± 0.604 to 2.75 ± 0.627, ^a <i>p</i> = 0.031 3.67 ± 0.718 3.26 ± 0.759, ^a <i>p</i> = 0.047		

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TABLE 3 (Continued)

Authors	Diet (n)	AIMS2 change within group ^a	KOOS QOL change within group	KOOS ADL change within group	WOMAC PF change within group ^a
Sadeghi et al.	LOWFAT (43) ▼Phen ▼Fat		3.28 ± 0.604 to 2.75 ± 0.627, ^a <i>p</i> = 0.031		50.2 ± 11.9 to 46.5 ± 12.7, <i>p</i> < 0.001
	CNTRL (42)		3.67 ± 0.718 to 3.26 ± 0.759, ^a <i>p</i> = 0.047		47.2 ± 11.9 to 44.9 ± 11.8, <i>p</i> < 0.001

Abbreviations: AIMS2, Arthritis Impact Measurement Score for physical function; ANTI-INF, anti-inflammatory; CNTRL, control group; DGA, Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010 Version; KOOS QOL, Knee Osteoarthritis Outcome Score for quality of life; LOWCAL, low calorie; LOWCHO, low carbohydrate; LOWFAT, low fat; MIED, Mediterranean; PLANT, plant-based; n.s., *p*-value is not significant; WOMAC, Western Ontario and McMaster Arthritis Index for physical function; ▲Phen ▲Ω3, high-phenol, high-omega-3 fatty acid diet; ▼Phen ▼Fat, low-phenol, low-fat diet; ▼Phen ▲Fat, low-phenol, high-fat diet.

^aA reduced score indicates improvement.
^bAn increased score indicates improvement.
^cShared methods and data set at baseline.

The improvement in KOSS for quality of life (KOOS QOL) for participants following the low-phenol/high-fat diet was insignificant.

Risk of bias assessment

The risk of bias for the RCTs using the ROB2 tool characterised seven studies as having a high level of bias primarily arising from measuring the outcome (Figure 2). The risk of bias for the NRCT using the ROBINS 1 tool found a low level of bias for participant selection, classification, deviations from intended interventions and reporting; however, the risk of bias was high because of the NRCT study design (Table 4).

DISCUSSION

The results of this systematic review support that adults who consume diets proportionately higher in plant phenols and omega-3 fatty acids have less pain and greater joint function than those who consume diets proportionately higher in refined carbohydrates, saturated fat and total fat.

In eight clinical trials, groups were instructed to replace or eliminate refined grains or refined carbohydrates.^{21,22,30–35} Seven of these trials also instructed participants to consume foods containing phenols and omega-3 fatty acids while reducing foods containing saturated fatty acids.^{21,22,30–32,34,35} All studies found that participants who replaced refined plant foods with whole or unrefined plant foods reported reduced pain and improved joint function.^{21,22,30–35}

Unlike previous cross-sectional studies, the degree to which participants replaced unrefined plant foods and animal foods with high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets, whole plant foods were measured in these trials.^{15,38} Quantifying the changes provided new information about how shifts in diet patterns can affect OA symptoms. The greatest dietary change was demonstrated by participants who either consumed a low-phenol/high-fat diet containing 20–50 g of carbohydrate³³ or an all-plant food³¹ diet. The participants following other diets exhibited only moderate dietary change. Participants who were instructed by Hughes et al. and Fitzgibbons et al.^{21,22} to follow high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets had a 3%–5% change in HEI; this percentage change was attributed to adding fish, one or two cups of whole fruit, vegetable, or whole grain, or decreasing overall consumption of refined grains, added sugars or saturated fat. Participants instructed by Cooper et al.³⁰ to follow a high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet increased their consumption of vegetables by 1.2 servings, fruits by 0.13 servings and decreased their overall consumption of both refined and whole grains.³⁰ Overall, groups reporting small increases

	Risk of bias domains					Overall
	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	
Clinton et al.	+	+	+	×	+	×
Dolatkhah et al.	+	+	+	×	+	×
Dryer et al.	+	+	-	×	+	×
Fitzgibbons et al.	+	+	+	×	+	×
Hughes et al.	+	+	+	×	+	×
Sadeghi et al.	+	+	+	×	+	×
Strath et al.	+	+	+	×	+	×

Domains:
D1: Bias arising from the randomization process.
D2: Bias due to deviations from intended intervention.
D3: Bias due to missing outcome data.
D4: Bias in measurement of the outcome.
D5: Bias in selection of the reported result.

Judgement
× High
- Some concerns
+ Low

FIGURE 2 Risk of bias assessment (ROB2) for randomised clinical trials included in the analysis.

TABLE 4 Risk of bias (ROBINS-1) in nonrandomised clinical trial included in the analysis.

Author	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	Overall
Cooper et al.	Not applicable	Low	Low	Low	Low	High

Notes: Domains: D1, bias arising from the randomisation process; D2, bias arising from selection of participants into the study; D3, bias arising from classifications of interventions; D4, bias arising from deviations from intended interventions; D5, bias arising from data reporting.

in their consumption of fish, fruit, vegetables and whole grains reported significant improvements in pain and physical function.

Because changes in nutrient composition accompany dietary change, quantifying the total nutrient composition of these adjusted diets may support earlier hypotheses that a synergistic effect exists between polyphenols, omega-3 fatty acids and micronutrients with antioxidative properties.^{10,15} Only Sadeghi et al. and Dolatkhah et al. provided the micronutrient content of the diets.^{32,34}

Sadeghi et al.³² reported significant differences in nutrient consumption between the control, low-phenol/low-fat diet and the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diets. Participants following both diets consumed less saturated fat ($p < 0.001$), more magnesium ($p < 0.09$) and less sodium ($p < 0.07$) than participants following the control diet.³² Dotalkhah et al.³⁴ reported that participants who were instructed to follow the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet increased consumption of fibre ($p = 0.033$), manganese (<0.001), beta carotene ($p < 0.001$), vitamin E ($p < 0.011$), magnesium ($p < 0.001$), zinc ($p = 0.001$), vitamin A ($p = 0.038$) and vitamin C ($p = 0.016$). The shift towards more whole

plant foods, previously displaced by refined grains and highly processed foods, resulted in added fibre, minerals, phenols and vitamins in the participants' diets. In earlier clinical trials,⁸ adding fruit powders and juices alone resulted in fewer nutrients added to the diet than in the studies that adjusted the total diet.

The findings suggest that moderate shifts in nutrient consumption may alleviate patient pain and improve physical function. Regarding pain scores, most groups reported a one-to-two-point or 20% improvement in scores,^{21,22,31–33,35} whereas Cooper et al. and Dolatkhah reported more robust improvements using the high-phenol/high-omega-3 fatty acid diet with plant oils.^{30,34} However, further interpretation is necessary before the degree to which a patient may benefit from the intervention can be determined, especially for those with more severe OA symptoms.^{39–41} Differences in clinical significance may exist among patients because of the severity or stage of their OA, the degree of pain or impairment that they are experiencing and the occupational activities they perceive are necessary for daily living.^{42,43} These factors will determine if the improvements are of the magnitude that the patient perceives as beneficial.⁴²

Clinical practice

These findings support dietary interventions beyond energy restriction for patients with OA who are willing and aware that the impact may be limited to mild improvements in pain and physical function. The studies in this review demonstrated the effectiveness of using interpersonal communication and written resources to direct dietary change, assist

patients with adapting to the patterns and sustain adherence. Low attrition and high adherence rates suggest that the changes were acceptable. Furthermore, these interventions may offer reinforcement to adopt similar dietary guidelines for associated morbidities such as cardiovascular disease.⁴⁴

Diet education and nutrition counselling may also support patient efforts to exercise and lose weight. This is notable because exercise is recommended for everyone with OA,³ and weight loss is strongly recommended for those who are overweight or obese.³ Because pain and lack of physical function may deter movement, patient perceptions of improvement may support individuals as they attempt to exercise.

Weight loss of 10%–20% in those who are overweight has been associated with significant improvements in pain, walk tests and physical and knee joint compressive force.^{39,40} Losing 20% of the body weight has been noted to result in a 25% reduction in pain and improved function.^{39,40} The studies presented in this review found up to a 10% weight loss. Continuing the intervention for longer periods may have resulted in additional losses.

Limitations

The most significant limitations in these findings are the high risk of bias across the studies and the need to address the potentially confounding effects of weight loss and micronutrient intake from diet or supplements. The risk of bias across the studies is due to the inherent challenges of blinding participants to diet interventions and using patient-reported outcome measures. Another limitation is the potential for heterogeneous stages of OA and affected joints across the participants. All participants had medically diagnosed OA using ACR criteria and reported mild-to-moderate symptoms, but few had radiographical evidence of their OA stage. Although the findings from this systematic review support the high-phenol/omega-3 fatty acid diet approach for reducing pain and improving physical function, the evidence cannot be considered strong due to these limitations.

Future research

Additional studies that address these limitations can strengthen and clarify the findings. A crossover design comparing the low-calorie diet of unspecified nutrient content to a low-calorie diet containing specific nutrients would allow blinding and address the confounding variable of weight loss. Confounding could also be reduced by controlling dietary supplement use. Less risk of bias in measuring outcomes could be achieved by using observed tests of physical function. Clarity can be improved if authors include the servings consumed in each food category and the diet's total nutritional composition.

Continued research towards understanding the recommended dietary pattern is worthwhile. A therapeutic diet that contributes to multimodal care of adults with OA may support the reduced use of analgesics for pain management, preserve joint function, prevent disability, improve quality of life and delay or prevent joint replacement surgery.

CONCLUSIONS

Instructing adults with OA to replace refined grains and processed foods with whole plant foods may have a favourable effect on pain and physical function. Follow-up counselling may be necessary to achieve long-term adherence to these diets.

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APPENDIX A SEARCH STRATEGY WITH KEYWORDS AND MeSH TERMS

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APPENDIX B

Figure B1

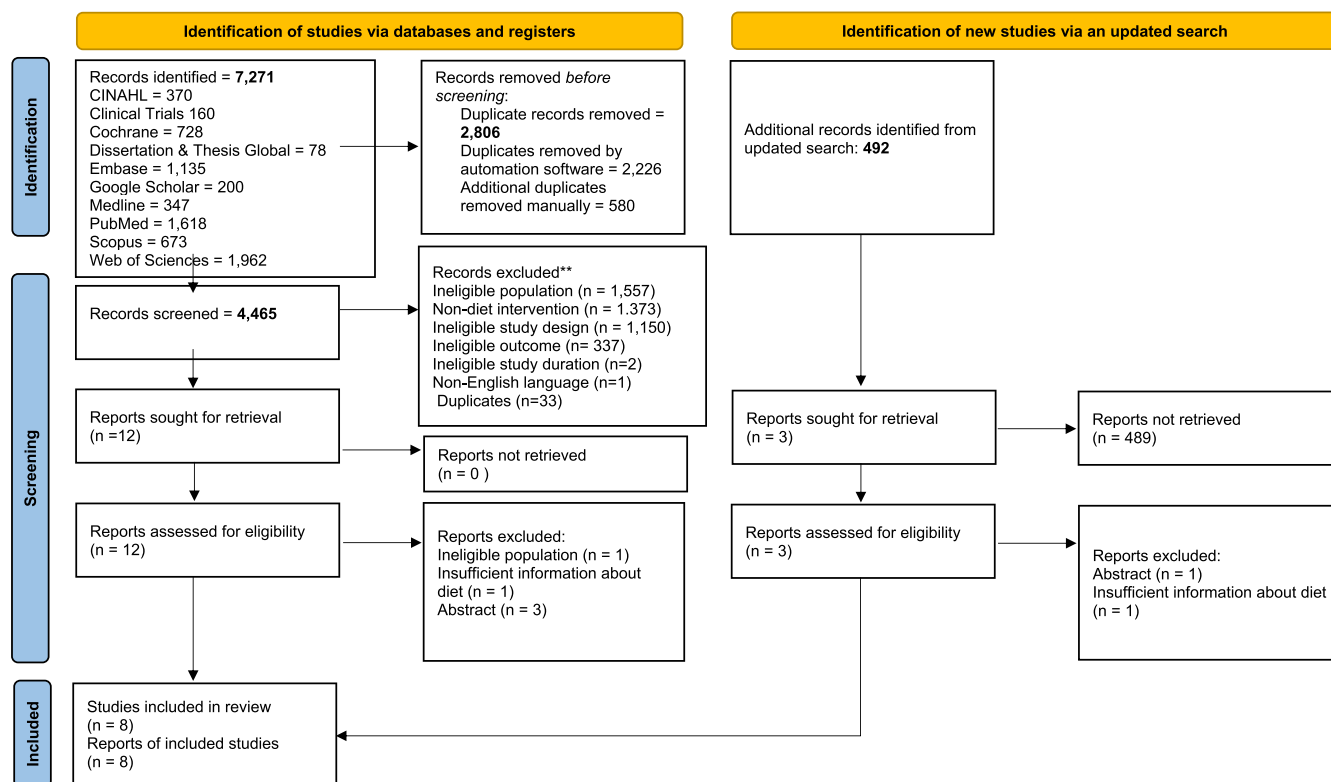


FIGURE B1 PRISMA 2020 flow diagram for new systematic reviews, which included searches of databases, registers and other sources. Page MJ, McKenzie JE, Bossuyt PM, Boutron I, Hoffmann TC, Mulrow CD, et al. The PRISMA 2020 statement: an updated guideline for reporting systematic reviews. *Systematic Reviews* 2021;10:89.

APPENDIX C

Table C1

TABLE C1 Full-text articles reviewed with inclusion decisions.

Author/year	Title	English	OA	Diet	Duration	Pain measured	Physical function measured	CH include	Exclude with reason	KS include	Exclude with reason
Cooper et al. (2020)	An anti-inflammatory diet intervention for knee osteoarthritis: a feasibility study	Y	Y	Anti-inflammatory	9 weeks	VAS	KOOS	Y		Y	
Clinton et al. (2022)	Whole-foods, plant-based diet alleviates the symptoms of osteoarthritis	Y	Y	Plant-based	6 weeks	VAS	PGIC	Y		Y	
Da Silva et al. (2020)	Four-year follow-up of a 2-day educational programme about OA in Brazil	Y	Y	Nutrition lecture. Did not specify diet type.	4 years	WOMAC	WOMAC	N	Abstract Insufficient information about diet	N	Abstract Insufficient information about diet
deRezende et al. (2016)	One-year results of an educational programme on osteoarthritis: a prospective randomised controlled trial in Brazil	Y	Y	Nutrition lecture. Did not specify diet type.	12 months	VAS WOMAC	WOMAC	N	Insufficient information about diet	N	Insufficient information about diet
Dolatkhah et al. (2023)	The effect of an anti-inflammatory in comparison with a low-caloric diet on physical and mental health in overweight and obese women with knee osteoarthritis: a randomised clinical trial	Y	Y	Anti-inflammatory	2 months	VAS	WOMAC	Y		Y	
Dyer et al. (2017)	Effect of a Mediterranean-type diet on inflammatory and cartilage degradation biomarkers in patients with osteoarthritis	Y	Y	Mediterranean	4 months	AIMS2	AIMS2	Y		Y	
Hughes et al. (2020)	Fit and strong plus trial outcomes for obese older adults with osteoarthritis	Y	Y	Healthy eating index/DGA	9 months	WOMAC	WOMAC	Y		Y	
Fitzgibbons et al. (2020)	Fit and strong plus: 12- and 18-month follow-up results for a comparative effectiveness trial among overweight/obese older adults with osteoarthritis	Y	Y	Healthy eating index/DGA	18 months	WOMAC	WOMAC	Y		Y	

TABLE C1 (Continued)

Author/year	Title	English	OA	Diet	Duration	Pain measured	Physical function measured	CH include	Exclude with reason	KS include	Exclude with reason
Messier et al. (2020)	Effect of diet and exercise on knee pain in adults with overweight or obesity	Y	Y	Low calorie	18 months	WOMAC	WOMAC	Y	Insufficient information about diet	N	Insufficient information about diet
Ocampos et al. (2019)	Comparison between a holistic programme and an educational programme in OA treatment	Y	Y	Nutrition lecture. Did not specify diet type	12 months	VAS WOMAC	WOMAC	N	Abstract Insufficient information about diet	N	Abstract Insufficient information about diet
Rezenda et al. (2020)	During 2 years, what is the difference between an exclusive 2-day education programme on OA and a programme that adds multimodal attention for 6 months in the treatment of OA?	Y	Y	Nutrition lecture. Did not specify diet type	24 months	WOMAC	WOMAC	N	Abstract Insufficient information about diet	N	Abstract Insufficient information about diet
Sadeghi et al. (2020)	Effects of a Mediterranean diet compared with the low-fat diet on patients with knee osteoarthritis: a randomised feeding trial	Y	Y	Mediterranean	12 weeks	WOMAC	WOMAC	Y		Y	
Saich et al. (2023)	Metabolomic approach in osteoarthritic patients after itis diet intervention	Y	Y	Metabolomic	4 weeks	VAS	WOMAC	N	Abstract	N	Abstract
Sala-Climent et al. (2023)	Clinical changes in knee osteoarthritis patients exposed to an anti-inflammatory diet	Y	Y	Anti-inflammatory	4 weeks	VAS	WOMAC	N	Abstract	N	Abstract
Strath et al. (2020)	The effect of low-carbohydrate and low-fat diets on pain in individuals with knee osteoarthritis	Y	Y	Low carbohydrate, low fat	12 weeks	BPI	KOOS	Y		Y	
Towery et al.	Chronic musculoskeletal pain and function improve with a plant-based diet	Y	N	Plant-based	18 weeks	NPRS	PGIC	N	Not OA	N	Not OA

Abbreviations: AIMS2, Arthritis Impact Measurement Score; BPI, Brief Pain Inventory; CH, initials of first screener; DGA, Dietary Guidelines for Americans; KOOS, Knee Osteoarthritis Outcome Score; KS, initial of second screener; N, no; NPRS, Numerical Pain Rating Scale; PGIC, Patient Global Impression of Change Scale; VAS, Visual Analogue Scale; WOMAC, Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Arthritis Index; Y, yes.

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