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2 Association of Dietary and Lifestyle Inflammation Score with Cardiorespiratory Fitness

3 Abstract

4 **Objective:** We aimed to assess the potential association of dietary (DIS) and lifestyle
5 inflammation score (LIS) and their joint association (DLIS) with cardiorespiratory fitness
6 (CRF) in Tehranian adults.

7 **Methods:** A total of 265 males and females aged 18-70 years (mean \pm SD: 36.9 \pm 13.3) were
8 entered in the present cross-sectional study. The DIS was calculated by the use of data from
9 18 anti- and pro-inflammatory dietary components, and the LIS by three non-dietary
10 components including physical activity, smoking status and general adiposity, with higher
11 scores indicating a more pro-inflammatory diet and lifestyle, respectively. The DLIS was
12 calculated by summing the DIS and LIS. CRF was assessed by the Bruce protocol. The odds
13 ratio (OR) and 95% confidence interval (CI) of CRF across tertiles of the DIS, LIS, and DLIS
14 were estimated by logistic regression analysis with considering age, gender, energy intake,
15 marital and education status and occupation as confounders.

16 **Results:** The DLIS ranged from -2.10 to 0.38 (mean \pm SD: -1.25 \pm 0.64). In the model that
17 controlled for all variables, the ORs of CRF for the second and third tertiles of the DLIS as
18 compared to the first tertile were 0.42 (95%CI: 0.20, 0.90) and 0.12 (95%CI: 0.05, 0.32),
19 respectively (P-trend <0.001). There was strong inverse association between the LIS and
20 CRF (OR_{third vs first tertile}: 0.12, 95%CI: 0.05, 0.32). There was no association between DIS and
21 CRF.

22 **Conclusion:** Having a more inflammatory lifestyle was strongly inversely associated CRF.
23 More research is needed to confirm the present findings.

24 **Keywords:** Cardiorespiratory Fitness, Dietary and Lifestyle Inflammation Score, Diet,
25 Lifestyle, Inflammation

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28 1. INTRODUCTION

29 Cardiorespiratory fitness (CRF) is applied to evaluate a person's ability to perform physical
30 work. It represents the ability of transporting inhaled oxygen to the mitochondria ¹. A
31 maximal cardiorespiratory exercise test is performed in order to measure CRF and
32 accordingly, it is defined as the level of oxygen consumption at peak exercise performance
33 (VO_2 peak), or the maximal oxygen consumption (VO_2 max) ¹. CRF is an important health
34 indicator because of its strong relationship with all-cause mortality ². It is thought to be more
35 important than other traditional risk factors such as smoking, hypertension, high serum
36 cholesterol, and type 2 diabetes ¹. CRF can be useful in predicting the risk of cardiovascular
37 disease (CVD), systematic arterial hypertension, diabetes, metabolic syndrome and cancer ³⁻⁸.
38 It has been shown that CVD death rates in individuals with moderate to high levels of CRF
39 were 71% lower than those who are unfit ⁹. CRF was inversely associated with circulating
40 pro-inflammatory factors including C-reactive protein (CRP), Interleukin (IL)-6, and IL-18,
41 and positively associated with the anti-inflammatory cytokine IL-10 ¹⁰. Recently, many
42 studies have reported that high CRF is associated with lower levels of CRP ^{11,12}.

43 Although nearly 50% of the between individual difference in CRF is thought to be
44 determined by genetic factors, it can also be influenced by lifestyle-related factors such as
45 physical activity, smoking and body mass index (BMI) ¹³⁻¹⁵. A lifestyle which includes
46 physical activity can improve level of CRF especially in those who have a low level of CRF
47 ¹³. The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported that the recommended physical
48 activity (PA), defined as at least 30 min/d moderate PA, is not met by more than 60% of the
49 world's population ¹⁶.

50 Meanwhile, cigarette smoking has unfavorable effects on CRF, in a way that, aerobic
51 capacity and, thus, the ability of oxygen supply during exercise, declines substantially in
52 smokers⁴. Non-smokers had a higher level of VO_{2max} in comparison with current smokers
53 and quit smokers¹⁴. Increased BMI was also related to lower CRF¹⁵. Poor dietary choices
54 and a massive decrease in work-related PA in both gender and household women lead to the
55 global prevalence of obesity during the past decades¹⁷⁻¹⁹.

56 The relationship between CRF and dietary intake in young and older adults have been
57 examined by some investigations. It has been documented that older adults who have a higher
58 CRF are more likely to follow the dietary recommendations than those who are unfit^{20, 21}.
59 There is evidence that the diet–disease association may be mediated partly by the potential
60 impact of dietary habits on CRF^{22, 23}.

61 Low CRF is an unfavorable health condition that is highly accompanied by low grade
62 systemic inflammation²⁴. Sedentary lifestyle²⁵, cigarette smoking²⁶, adiposity²⁷, and poor
63 diet quality²⁸ are also important drivers of systemic inflammation in the human body.
64 Therefore, it is possible that the effects of dietary and lifestyle-related factors on CRF are
65 mediated, in part, by their unfavorable impacts on low-grade systemic inflammation.
66 However, the combined effects of these factors on CRF has not been investigated.

67 To estimate the inflammatory potential of dietary and lifestyle behaviors, a new index has
68 been developed to take important anti- and pro-inflammatory dietary and non-dietary
69 components into account. The dietary and lifestyle inflammation index (DLIS) is a new-
70 developed index²⁹ that combined the effects of anti- and pro-inflammatory dietary
71 components, as well as four lifestyle-related components including PA, alcohol drinking,
72 cigarette smoking, and BMI to present a broad picture of the effect of human lifestyle on
73 inflammation. Thus, considering the vital role of CRF in health, the objective of this cross-
74 sectional study was to determine the association of DLIS with CRF in adults.

75 2. METHODS

76 2.1 Study population

77 In this cross-sectional study, 270 adults' men and women with an age range from 18 to 70
78 years who lived in Tehran were recruited. Eligible individuals were invited to attend the
79 School of Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics at Tehran University of medical Sciences
80 through advertisement in the local media. Eligible subjects were selected from volunteers
81 according to pre-specified inclusion criteria by using a convenience sampling method.
82 Eligible participants were healthy men and women, aged between 18-70 years, who were free
83 of medications and had no acute or chronic infection or inflammatory disease. Subjects were
84 excluded if they used any supplementation, or were lactating or pregnant at the time of the
85 study. All participants received information concerning the background and procedures of the
86 study. Written informed consent was obtained from each participant before data collection.
87 The ethical committee of the Tehran University of Medical Sciences approved the study
88 protocol (Ethic Number: IR.TUMS.VCR.REC.1397.157).

89 2.2 Demographic factors

90 Trained interviewers recorded data about age, sex (male, female), education (Having or not
91 having university education), marriage (single or married), smoking (never or former smoker,
92 current smoker), and occupation (employee, housekeeper, retired, unemployed) by using pre-
93 specified data extraction forms.

94 2.3 Physical activity

95 The generally validated International Physical Activity Questionnaire (IPAQ) was applied to
96 evaluate PA levels. PA levels were expressed as metabolic equivalent minutes per week
97 (MET-min/week)³⁰ and accordingly, subjects were classified into two groups as follow: no or
98 low PA (<3000 MET-minute/week) and moderate and high low PA (>3000
99 MET-minute/week).

100 **2.4 Anthropometric measurements**

101 Anthropometric variables consisting of weight and height were measured by trained
102 dieticians. Height was measured using a wall stadiometer (Seca, Germany) and recorded to
103 the nearest 0.1 cm. Weight was measured by adult's digital scales (808Seca, Germany) with a
104 sensitivity of 0.1 kg. Anthropometric measurements were performed barefoot and in light
105 clothing. BMI was calculated as weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in
106 meters.

107 **2.5 Dietary assessment**

108 A reliable and validated food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) with 168 food items which was
109 common in Iran ³¹, was applied to measure usual dietary intakes. Trained nutritionists through
110 face-to-face interview have asked the frequency (on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual
111 basis) and amount of consumption of each food item during the past year from the
112 participant. Dietary intakes were then converted to g/d according to household measures
113 ³². Finally, daily intake of energy and nutrients were estimated using Nutritionist IV software
114 based on the US Department of Agriculture food composition database modified for Iranian
115 foods ³³.

116 **2.6 Calculating the dietary and lifestyle inflammation score (DLIS)**

117 The method presented by Byrd et al. was used to calculate the DLIS in the present study ²⁹.
118 Construction of this method was validated by previous study. This score includes dietary
119 inflammation score (DIS) and lifestyle inflammation score (LIS). Components of the diet
120 include 19 variables and components of the lifestyle include four variables. The validation
121 study reported that these dietary and non-dietary components have a significant effect on
122 circulating concentrations of some pro-inflammatory biomarkers including IL-6, IL-8 and
123 CRP or anti-inflammatory biomarkers such as IL-10. Then, the inflammatory potential of
124 each component was scored according to whether it increased pro-inflammatory or declined

125 anti-inflammatory markers, or it reduced pro-inflammatory or increased anti-inflammatory
126 factors.

127 The DIS components include leafy greens and cruciferous vegetables, tomatoes, apples and
128 berries, deep yellow or orange vegetables and fruit, other fruits and real fruit juices, other
129 vegetables, legumes, fish, poultry, red and organ meats, processed meats, added sugars, high-
130 fat dairy, low-fat dairy, coffee and tea, nuts, other fats, refined grains, starchy vegetables and
131 supplement score. All of these components were used other than supplement score due to the
132 lack of information regarding supplement use in the study participants. The LIS components
133 include smoking status (“former/never.” or “current”), physical activity (“high or moderate”
134 and “low or no physical activity”), and BMI (kg/m^2) [“overweight (25–29.9)” and “obese
135 (≥ 30)”] and alcohol intake. Alcohol intake was not included in the score because of lack of
136 information regarding the intake of alcohol in Iranian culture. In this study, the DLIS for each
137 subject was calculated by summing the DIS and LIS. Higher DLIS (more positive) presents a
138 more pro-inflammatory diet and lifestyle.

139 **2.7 Assessment of cardiorespiratory fitness**

140 The maximum rate of oxygen consumed ($\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$) was measured using a treadmill and
141 respiratory gas analyzer (Cortex Metabolizer 3B). The subjects warmed up for 5 minutes on
142 the treadmill at a speed of 5 km/h and then, the Bruce test was used to determine the $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$
143 using standard procedures³⁴. After completing the Bruce test, the subjects walked at a speed
144 of 4 km/h in order to cool down for 3 minutes and encouraged to perform 5 to 10 minutes of
145 stretching. The conditions for test cessation were: the heart rate up to 90% of the maximum
146 heart rate, a respiratory exchange ratio over 1.1, and having a plateau in oxygen intake,
147 despite increases in exercise intensity. The CRF was expressed as $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$ and those in the
148 above-median category (>32 vs <32) were considered to have CRF.

149 **2.8 Statistical analysis**

150 The mean and standard deviation (SD) of continuous variables across tertiles of the DLIS
151 were compared by One-way ANOVA test. The frequency of categorical variables across
152 tertile of the DLIS were assessed by chi-square test. The odds ratios (OR) and 95%
153 confidence intervals (CI) of CRF (the above-median group as compared with the below-
154 median group) across tertiles of the LIS, DIL, and DLIS and P-trend were determined
155 through binary logistic regression analysis in the crude and adjusted models. In the first
156 model, we adjusted for age, gender, and energy intake. Further adjustments were made for
157 marital status, education, and occupation in the second model. Participants in the first quartile
158 of the DLIS were considered as the reference group. The Statistical Package for the Social
159 Sciences (SPSS version 26; SPSS Inc) was used for performing all statistical analyses. The
160 statistical significance level was defined as $p < 0.05$.

161 **3. RESULTS**

162 **3.1 General and body composition characteristics**

163 Subject characteristics within each tertile of the DLIS are shown in **Table 1**. The mean age of
164 participants was 36.9 ± 13.3 years. Those in the top tertile were older and had heavier weight
165 as compared to the first tertile. The mean of BMI was 25.7 ± 4.7 kg/m² that
166 increased proportionally from the first to the third tertile ($p < 0.001$). The ranges of the DLIS
167 and VO₂max in the study participants were from -2.10 to 0.38 (mean \pm SD: -1.25 ± 0.64) and
168 17 to 54 (mean \pm SD: 31.40 ± 7.51), respectively. The mean of VO₂max significantly
169 declined across tertiles of the DLIS ($p < 0.001$). The DLIS was significantly related to marital
170 status, occupation, PA (P for all < 0.001), and education status (P=0.005), but was not related
171 to current smoking (P= 0.09).

172 **3.2 Dietary characteristics**

173 Dietary intakes of the study participants among tertiles of the DLIS are reported in **Table 2**.
174 Subjects in the highest tertile of the DLIS showed higher intake of energy, carbohydrate,

175 protein, and fiber ($P < 0.001$). Participants in the highest tertile of the DLIS had higher
176 consumption of starchy and other vegetables, red and organ meats, added sugars, high-fat
177 dairy, and refined grains. The intake of other dietary variables did not differ significantly
178 across tertiles of the DLIS.

179 3.3 Association between DLIS with CRF

180 The ORs and 95% CIs of CRF among the tertiles of the DLIS, DIS, and LIS are shown in
181 **Table 3**. The results showed strong inverse association between higher DLIS and odds of
182 CRF. In the crude model, there was no significant association between the second tertile of
183 the DLIS and odds of CRF, but the third tertile was significantly and strongly associated with
184 a lower odds (OR: 0.28, 95%CI: 0.12, 0.44; P for trend < 0.001). The associations became
185 much stronger when we controlled for confounding variables including age, sex, energy
186 intake, marital status, education status, and occupation. In the fully adjusted model, the OR
187 and 95%CI of the CRF for the second and third tertiles of the DLIS were 0.42 (95%CI: 0.20,
188 0.90) and 0.12 (95%CI: 0.04, 0.32), respectively (P for trend < 0.001).

189 The OR of CRF among the tertiles of DIS showed that there was no significant association
190 between DIS and CRF. This result remained stable after controlling for confounders (OR:
191 1.07, 95%CI: 0.37, 3.05, P for trend 0.89). **Table 3** presents a strong association between LIS
192 and CRF, in a way that odds of having CRF decreased proportionally from the first to the
193 third tertile of LIS in the crude model. Adjustment for confounders made this result stronger
194 (OR_{third vs first tertile}: 0.12, 95%CI: 0.05, 0.32, P for trend < 0.001)

195 4. DISCUSSION

196 To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study that assessed the association of the
197 inflammatory potential of the diet and lifestyle combined with CRF in young adults. The
198 main finding of our study was that higher adherence to a pro-inflammatory diet and lifestyle,

199 reflected by high DLIS, had a strong inverse association with odds of having CRF. There was
200 also strong inverse association between LIS and CRF. However, our results indicated no
201 association between inflammatory potential of the diet, as assessed by DIS, with CRF.

202 In this study, participants were more likely to have a lower level of CRF with a pro-
203 inflammatory lifestyle. The association between single components of the DLIS and levels of
204 CRF has been investigated in previous research. Recent investigations from the Aerobics
205 Center Longitudinal Study in the US presented that adopting a more anti-inflammatory
206 lifestyle including having higher PA, being at normal weight, and not smoking were related
207 to higher levels of CRF in both men and women ³⁵. Existing evidence suggests an inverse
208 association between cigarette smoking and levels of CRF ³⁶. De Borja et al. reported that
209 non-smokers showed a higher level of VO₂max compared to active smokers and passive
210 smokers. However, the VO₂max of passive smokers did not differ from active smokers ³⁷. An
211 experimental investigation indicated that even a short-time passive smoker exposure in non-
212 smoking adults can exert substantial adverse effects on cardiorespiratory and immune
213 response to PA ³⁸.

214 A randomized controlled trial demonstrated evidence for a dose–response association
215 between PA and progress in CRF. The study mentioned that promoting either quality or
216 quantity of PA seems to have extra influence on CRF ³⁹. Chatrath et al. showed that
217 overweight children are more likely to perform poorly physical tests than their non-obese
218 peers ⁴⁰; however, such a result was not found in boys ¹⁵.

219 There is also evidence for an association between dietary factors and CRF. Carbone et al.
220 reported that carbohydrates intake, especially in the form of sugars, was inversely, and
221 higher consumption of mono- and polyunsaturated fats were positively, associated with CRF
222 ⁴¹. A cross-sectional evaluation within the CARDIA study presented that there is a positive
223 association between diet quality, as assessed by a pre-defined diet quality index, and CRF.

224 The study also showed a negative association between a data-driven meat pattern, rich in red
225 and processed meat, and CRF, and in contrast, a positive association for fruit and vegetables
226 pattern ⁴². Borneo et al. demonstrated that lower consumption of carbohydrates, fiber, folate,
227 calcium, vitamin A, vitamin B-6, and vitamin C; and higher consumption of total, saturated
228 and monounsaturated fats and cholesterol were associated with a low physical fitness in both
229 genders ²¹. However, similar to our findings, some investigations have reported no association
230 between dietary habits and CRF ⁴³⁻⁴⁶. The present study is the first try to examine the
231 association of inflammatory potential of the diet with CRF and this highlights the need for
232 further research to fully investigate the association between DIS and CRF.

233 Recent investigations presented that there is an association between diet and lifestyle with
234 inflammatory factors ⁴⁷. Montonen et al. documented that there was a relationship between
235 high consumption of whole-grain breads and lower levels of high-sensitive C-reactive
236 protein, whereas a high intake of red meat was related to higher levels ⁴⁸. Dietary patterns
237 characterized by high intakes of refined starches, sugar, and saturated and trans-fatty acids
238 and low intakes of natural antioxidants, nuts, fiber (from fruits and vegetables), and whole
239 grains may lead to a stimulation of the innate immune system, most likely by an extreme
240 creation of pro-inflammatory cytokines related to a declined production of anti-inflammatory
241 cytokines. Choosing healthy sources of carbohydrate, fat, and protein, in association with
242 regular PA and not smoking have a vital role against inflammatory biomarkers ⁴⁹⁻⁵¹. Lifestyle
243 factors such as smoking cessation, augment in PA, and weight loss are associated with a
244 reduction in CRP concentration ^{52, 53}. Therefore, CRF may be associated with inflammatory
245 factors ^{54, 55} and as a result, the strong inverse association between the DLIS and levels of
246 CRF found in the present study may be mediated partly by inflammatory pathways.

247 Strengths of this study that are worth to be mentioned are the careful measurements of dietary
248 intakes of each participant which was recorded by skilled nutritionists and valid and reliable
249 questionnaires. Also, we applied a valid tool to calculate the DLIS. Potential limitations
250 should also be considered. The results of our investigation ought to be taken with caution due
251 to its cross-sectional design. Hence, prospective studies are needed to confirm the long-term
252 influence of the DLIS on CRF. Moreover, in this study two items were not included for
253 calculating the DLIS.. Missing items include supplementation score and alcohol intake.
254 Although we adjusted several confounding variables in our study, the results may have been
255 affected by residual confounding. Finally, we used FFQ for dietary assessment that has been
256 shown to have some limitations in evaluating dietary information ⁵⁶.

257 **5. CONCLUSION**

258 In conclusion, the present study examined the joint association of inflammation-related
259 lifestyle behaviors including cigarette smoking, sedentary lifestyle and being
260 overweight/obese with CRF and found a strong inverse association between a pro-
261 inflammatory lifestyle with CRF. We did not find any association between dietary
262 inflammatory properties with CRF. Future studies should address the relationship between
263 inflammatory potential of the diet and CRF.

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461 **Table 1.** Characteristics of the study participants across tertiles of the DLIS (n=265)

Variables*	T1 (n=80)	T2 (n=99)	T3 (n=86)	P-value**
DLIS range	(-2.10 to -1.87)	(-1.69 to -0.98)	(-0.80 to 0.38)	
Age (year)	32.8 ± 12.3	34.7 ± 11.8	42.8 ± 13.8	<0.001
Weight (kg)	62.5 ± 11.1	69.8 ± 12.2	85.8 ± 15.8	<0.001
BMI (kg/m²)	22.0 ± 2.50	24.5 ± 3.09	30.2 ± 4.11	<0.001
VO2 max	34.3 ± 7.94	32.1 ± 7.09	27.7 ± 6.17	<0.001
Gender (%men)	26.3%	36.4%	37.3%	0.26
Marital status (%married)	18.6%	36.4%	45%	<0.001
Current smoker (%)	38.4%	20.1%	41.4%	0.09
Occupation (%)				<0.001
Employee	31.9%	39.7%	28.4%	
Housekeeper	9.5%	33.3%	57.1%	
Retired	27.3%	9.1%	63.6%	
Unemployed	41.7%	45.0%	13.3%	
Physical activity (%)				<0.001
Low	0%	44.3%	55.7%	
Moderate (1-3 times/wk)	48.7%	32.6%	17.7%	
High (≥4 times/wk)	45.5%	32.7%	21.8%	
Education (%)				0.005
Diploma	22.9%	25.0%	52.1%	
Under diploma	15.0%	35.0%	50.0%	

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; DLIS, dietary and lifestyle inflammation score; T, tertile.

*Data are presented as n (%) for categorical variables or mean ± standard deviation for continuous variables.

** The one-way analysis of variance and the chi-square test were used for comparison of continuous and categorical variables among tertiles of DLIS, respectively. P <0.05 was considered significant.

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472 **Table 2.** Dietary intakes of study participants across tertile of the DLIS.

Variables*	T1 (n=80)	T2 (n=99)	T3 (n=86)	P-value**
DLIS range	(-2.10, -1.87)	(-1.69, -0.98)	(-0.80, 0.38)	
Energy (kcal/d)	2126 ± 651	2297 ± 743	2540 ± 838	<0.001
Carbohydrate (g/d)	294 ± 98.0	332±118	346 ± 123	<0.001
Protein (gr/d)	81.9 ± 31.3	85.8 ± 32.6	100 ± 48.2	0.002
Total fat (g/d)	74.5 ± 29.6	75.3 ± 31.9	81.7 ± 35.4	0.15
Fiber (g/d)	14.4 ± 5.91	15.2 ± 6.54	17.7 ± 7.23	<0.001
PUFA (g/d)	15.6 ± 9.05	16.0 ± 9.05	17.4 ± 9.15	0.11
MUFA (g/d)	22.6 ± 10.5	22.2 ± 10.6	24.3 ± 12.2	0.32
Leafy greens and cruciferous vegetables (g/d)	23.0 ± 17.5	25.9 ± 23.3	29.7 ± 26.5	0.062
Tomatoes (g/d)	20.2 ± 16.1	22.0 ± 18.2	23.0 ± 20.5	0.34
Apples and berries (g/d)	20.7 ± 16.9	27.5±30.6	28.3 ± 22.3	0.051
Deep yellow or orange vegetables and fruit (g/d)	37.2 ± 36.1	33.3±36.4	42.9 ± 37.2	0.31
Other fruits and fruit juices (100%) (g/d)	177 ± 109	180 ± 124	205 ± 123	0.14
Other vegetables (g/d)	55.2 ± 36.9	61.4 ± 42.5	82.1 ± 57.6	<0.001
Legumes (g/d)	57.6 ± 40.3	56.2 ± 44.2	62.0 ± 59.8	0.55
Fish (g/d)	0.40 ± 0.82	0.74 ± 2.43	0.40 ± 1.17	0.98
Poultry (g/d)	0.60 ± 0.98	0.93 ± 2.20	0.86 ± 1.85	0.35
Red and organ meats (g/d)	241 ± 235	248 ± 203	302 ± 282	<0.001
Processed meats (g/d)	33.4 ± 44.2	31.8 ± 35.7	34.2 ± 40.9	0.88
Added sugars (g/d)	611 ± 403	720 ± 460	799 ± 571	0.014
High-fat dairy (g/d)	175 ± 139	199 ± 157	298 ± 227	<0.001
Low-fat dairy (g/d)	18.7 ± 21.0	16.1 ± 17.5	21.4 ± 31.0	0.45
Coffee and tea (g/d)	5.96 ± 8.36	6.88 ± 8.62	4.60 ± 6.94	0.27
Nuts (g/d)	15.8 ± 14.7	22.1 ± 26.1	17.8 ± 19.4	0.57
Other fats (g/d)	18.5 ± 21.0	14.3 ± 15.6	23.3 ± 23,7	0.11
Refined grains and starchy vegetables (g/d)	446 ± 182	512 ± 234	580 ± 298	0.001

Abbreviations: DLIS, dietary and lifestyle inflammation score; T, tertile; PUFA, polyunsaturated fatty acid; MUFA, monounsaturated fatty acid.

*Data are mean ± standard deviation.

**Using Analysis of One-Way ANOVA. P <0.05 was considered significant.

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479 **Table 3.** The association between the DLIS and cardiorespiratory fitness in adults (odds ratio
480 and 95% confidence interval).

Categories of the DLIS				
CRF (No. of participants)	T1 (n=80)	T2 (n=99)	T3 (n=86)	P for trend
Crude	1.0	0.58 (0.31-1.06)	0.28 (0.12-0.44)	<0.001
Model 1	1.0	0.43 (0.21-0.89)	0.10 (0.04-0.25)	<0.001
Model 2	1.0	0.42 (0.20-0.90)	0.12 (0.04-0.32)	<0.001
Categories of the DIS				
Crude	1.0	0.88 (0.49-1.57)	1.20 (0.66-2.18)	0.54
Model 1	1.0	0.98 (0.46-2.07)	1.23 (0.46-3.32)	0.69
Model 2	1.0	1.07 (0.48-2.38)	1.07 (0.38-3.32)	0.89
Categories of the LIS				
Crude	1.0	0.58 (0.31-1.06)	0.23 (0.12-0.44)	<0.001
Model 1	1.0	0.43 (0.21-0.89)	0.10 (0.04-0.25)	<0.001
Model 2	1.0	0.42 (0.19-0.89)	0.12 (0.05-0.32)	<0.001

Abbreviations: CRF, cardiorespiratory fitness; DLIS, dietary and lifestyle inflammation score; DIS, dietary inflammation score; LIS, lifestyle inflammation score; T, tertile.

* P-trend is obtained by logistic regression analysis.

Model 1: adjusted for age, gender, and energy intake.

Model 2: additionally, adjusted for marital status, education status, and occupation.

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