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4. Rationale:

Epidemiological evidence suggests that excess sugar-sweetened beverage (SSB) intake is associated with increased risk of metabolic syndrome [1, 2] and type 2 diabetes [3]. SSB intake may also contribute to weight gain [2, 4, 5], in particular the accumulation of visceral and ectopic fat depots [1, 3], associated with greater metabolic dysregulation. Sucrose (table sugar) and high-fructose corn syrup are the most common forms of sugar in SSBs, and they are composed of nearly equal amounts of glucose and fructose [6]. Evidence from both animal [7] and human studies [8, 9] suggests that the fructose moiety is particularly harmful to cardiometabolic health. Given that SSBs are the major dietary source of fructose intake in the US, this is of significant public health importance [10].

Over the past three decades, the prevalence of type 2 diabetes has been steadily increasing worldwide with an estimated 8.5% (422 million) adults having this chronic disease in 2014 [11]. Currently, an estimated 37% of US adults have prediabetes with underlying insulin resistance, indicative of a trajectory path to diabetes that could be altered by lifestyle changes [12]. Excess sugar intake, particularly in the form of sugar-sweetened beverage, may impair glucose homeostasis. A recent meta-analysis of 17 cohorts found that daily intake of SSBs was associated with a 13% greater risk of T2D, independent of overall adiposity [3]. A few studies have linked SSB intake to measures of glucose and insulin metabolism [13-15], yet the influence of genetic variation to the underlying susceptibility of SSB induced metabolic disease in humans remains unknown.

Carbohydrate Responsive Element-Binding Protein (ChREBP, also known as Mlx1p1) is a transcription factor that responds to intracellular carbohydrate metabolites and is a principal mediator of carbohydrate-induced gene expression in key metabolic tissues including the liver [2, 16-18]. Recent data indicate that hepatic ChREBP is particularly responsive to fructose intake [19] and contributes to fructose-induced metabolic diseases [20]. We have recently demonstrated that fructose ingestion acutely increases circulating levels of the novel metabolic hormone fibroblast growth factor 21 (FGF21) in a hormone-like manner [21]. FGF21 has pleiotropic effects on carbohydrate and lipid metabolism [22]. We and others have recently reported that single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the *FGF21* locus which associate with higher circulating FGF21 concentrations also associate with higher carbohydrate intake relative to fat in humans [23, 24]. Moreover, it has recently been confirmed in rodents and non-human primates that sucrose-induced FGF21 regulates sweet taste preference [25, 26]. Together, these data indicate that a ChREBP-FGF21 hormonal axis mediates an adaptive response to sugar consumption and may contribute to regulation of metabolic traits in the context of sugar consumption.

To date, no gene-diet study has examined interactions between SSBs and genes on indices of carbohydrate metabolism. We hypothesized that common SNPs associated with genes involved in fructose metabolism and the ChREBP-FGF21 pathway may interact with SSB intake to influence glycemic traits. The study will include up to 34,748 participants of European descent from the following 11 US and European cohort studies (6 *discovery cohorts* and 5 *replication cohorts*) of the CHARGE Consortium Nutrition Working Group. Aric will be part of the replication aspect.

5. Main Hypothesis/Study Questions:

The aim of the current investigation is to (1) evaluate the relationship between SSB intake and fasting plasma glucose (FG) and fasting insulin (FI) in 11 cohorts from the Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genomic Epidemiology (CHARGE) Consortium totaling 34,748 subjects and (2) to examine whether these associations were modified by SNPs related to ChREBP function.

6. Design and analysis (study design, inclusion/exclusion, outcome and other variables of interest with specific reference to the time of their collection, summary of data analysis, and any anticipated methodologic limitations or challenges if present).

Study design:

A. Subjects and Sample Size

Discovery Cohorts

The *discovery cohorts* were Cardiovascular Heart Study (CHS), Framingham Heart Study (FHS), Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA), Rotterdam Study I (RS1), Rotterdam Study II (RS2), and the Cardiovascular Risk in Young Finns Study (YFS).

Replication cohorts

The replication cohorts will include Atherosclerosis Risk In Communities (ARIC) Study, Malmö Study, Netherlands Epidemiology in Obesity (NEO) Study, Nurses' Health Study (NHS), and Western Australia Pregnancy Cohort (Raine) Study.

For the ARIC replication data set, the study participants will include European Americans (N=8,758) who have provided informed consent and have measured fasting insulin, glucose profiles, genetic data, and sugar-sweetened beverage (SSB) data at visit 1.

Inclusion:

- Adults of ≥ 18 years of age
- European ancestry

Sugar-sweetened beverages:

One serving of SSB is defined as 360 ml or 12 fl. oz., and included the following: (1) Coke, Pepsi, or other cola with sugar; (2) caffeine free Coke, Pepsi, or other cola with sugar; (3) other carbonated beverage with sugar (e.g., 7-Up, ginger ale); (4) Hawaiian Punch, lemonade, or other non-carbonated fruit drinks. Fruit intake, vegetable intake, whole grain intake, and fish intake in servings/day, alcohol intake in grams/day, and saturated fatty acid as percentage of total energy intake (where 1 g saturated fat has 9 kcal) were further quantified and used as covariates in the present analysis. SSB intake will be used continuously and further dichotomized into low (<1 serving/day) and high (≥ 1 serving/day) intakes, whereas all remaining dietary variables were considered continuously only.

Outcome:

Glycemic biomarkers, fasting glucose and insulin, will be used if measured after ≥ 8 hours of fasting.

Genotype data:

- For the discovery results, SNPs were selected that previously showed genome-wide (*i.e.* $P < 5E-08$) or sub-genome-wide (*i.e.* $P < 5E-06$) significant associations with hypertriglyceridemia or low-HDL cholesterol in humans and were found within the *ChREBP* locus or within the loci of genes predicted to regulate either ChREBP or the biological response to ChREBP activation.

For replication in ARIC, we will use SNPs that met nominal significance in the interaction results based on the discovery findings. We will pull these SNPs from imputed data based on HapMap II.

Summary data analysis:

Analytical Methods in Parent Study

In the discovery cohorts, inverse-variance weighted, random-effect meta-analyses were conducted using the ‘*metafor*’ R package for 1) main associations of SSB-intake on FG and FI, and fixed-effect meta-analyses using METAL (version released 2011-03-25) for 2) main associations of the selected SNPs on outcomes, and 3) interactions between SNPs and SSB intake on outcomes. Statistical significance for association/interaction tests was defined at a level of 0.001, based on Bonferroni correction for 36 (=18 independent SNPs x 2 glycemic outcomes) total tests.

Analytical Methods for Replication in ARIC

For nominally significant interaction results (i.e. $P < 0.05$) from the *discovery cohorts* analyses, we will further investigate via meta-analysis in *replication cohorts* the 1) main effect associations of SSB intake with FG and FI concentrations, 2) main associations between nominally significant SNPs and glycemic outcomes, and 3) interactions between SSB intake and nominally significant SNPs on glycemic outcomes.

Analytical Methods for Meta-Analysis with other HCHS/SOL Replication Cohorts

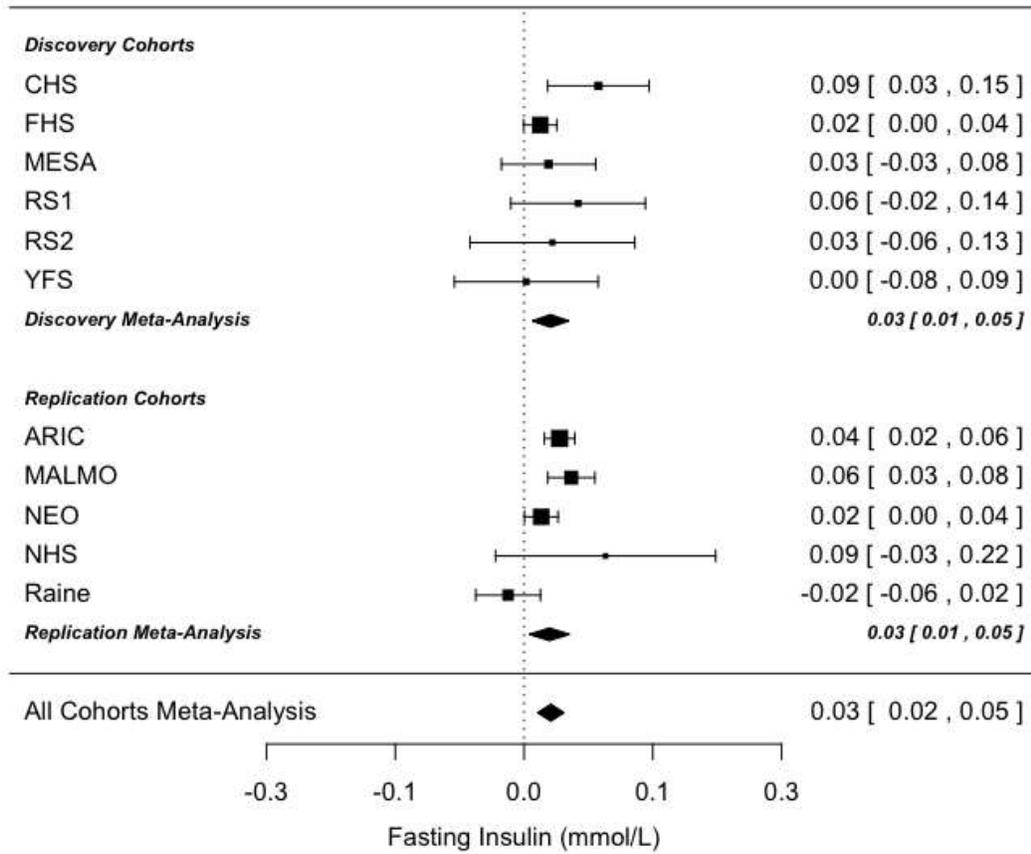
Finally, we will further conduct joint meta-analyses (combined *discovery cohorts* and *replication cohorts*) for the described analyses. Heterogeneity across studies will be tested by using Cochran’s Q statistic and quantified using the I^2 statistic. Analyses with moderate heterogeneity ($I^2 > 30\%$) will be further assessed for potential sources of heterogeneity by conducting meta-regression and sensitivity analyses. Meta-regression analyses were conducted using the R *metafor* package (R version 3.1.0) to assess the effect of the following moderator variables on heterogeneity of association/interaction: geographical location (U.S. vs. northern Europe vs. Australian), BMI (<27 vs. ≥ 27 kg/m²), and sample size ($n < 1000$ vs. ≥ 1000).

A. Example Figures and Tables for Manuscript

Meta-analyzed interactions between SSB and SNPs on glycemic traits in discovery cohorts

SNP	Chr	Gene	Alleles†	Fasting Glucose (mmol/L)		Fasting Insulin (ln-pmol/L)	
				β (SE)	P	β (SE)	P
rs10819937	9	<i>ALDOB</i>	C/G	-0.0067 (0.0147)	0.65	-0.0025 (0.0152)	0.87
rs10819931	9	<i>ALDOB</i>	T/C	-0.0229 (0.0215)	0.29	0.0023 (0.0212)	0.92
rs174546	11	<i>FADS1</i>	T/C	0.0018 (0.0116)	0.87	0.0070 (0.0115)	0.54
rs838133	19	<i>FGF21</i>	A/G	-0.0149 (0.0128)	0.24	-0.0176 (0.013)	0.17
rs4607517	7	<i>GCK</i>	A/G	-0.0020 (0.0145)	0.89	0.0101 (0.0144)	0.48
rs1260326	2	<i>GCKR</i>	C/T	-0.0015 (0.0105)	0.89	-0.0088 (0.0104)	0.40
rs2119026	2	<i>KHK</i>	C/T	-0.0111 (0.0119)	0.35	0.0059 (0.0119)	0.62
rs1542423	4	<i>KLB</i>	T/C	-0.0105 (0.0111)	0.34	0.0302 (0.0110)	0.006
rs799166	7	<i>MLXIPL</i>	C/G	-0.0084 (0.0175)	0.63	0.0183 (0.0187)	0.33
rs799168	7	<i>MLXIPL</i>	G/A	-0.0229 (0.0164)	0.16	0.0173 (0.0176)	0.33
rs799160	7	<i>MLXIPL</i>	T/C	-0.0149 (0.0159)	0.35	0.0091 (0.0165)	0.58
rs11974409	7	<i>TBL2</i>	A/G	-0.0095 (0.0139)	0.50	0.0086 (0.0144)	0.55
rs11920090	3	<i>SLC2A2</i>	A/T	0.0214 (0.0165)	0.19	0.0123 (0.0165)	0.46
rs11924032	3	<i>SLC2A2</i>	A/G	0.0142 (0.0117)	0.23	-0.0023 (0.0117)	0.84
rs5438	1	<i>SLC2A5</i>	A/G	0.0220 (0.0283)	0.78	-0.011 (0.0283)	0.70
rs3820034	1	<i>SLC2A5</i>	C/T	0.0140 (0.0140)	0.32	0.0009 (0.0142)	0.95
rs5840	1	<i>SLC2A5</i>	T/C	0.0109 (0.0112)	0.33	0.0002 (0.0112)	0.98
rs2954029	8	<i>TRIB1</i>	A/T	0.0186 (0.0111)	0.09	0.0069 (0.0112)	0.54

Example Figure 1. Example forest plot of main association between SSB intake and glycemic trait.



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