Food Habits Questionnaire (FHQ)

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The Food Habits Questionnaire (FHQ) is a 20 item self-report questionnaire that measures food intake habits. Questions are about typical eating patterns over the past month, and are rated on a 4-point Likert scale from 1 “Never or Rarely” to 4 “Usually or Always”, or “Not applicable”. Fat intake is assessed by focusing on four food selection behaviors: excluding high-fat ingredients and high-fat cooking methods, choosing specially manufactured low-fat food products instead of high-fat ones, replacing high-fat foods with low-fat substitutes, and modifying high-fat foods.

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Kristal, Shattuck & Henry, 1990

Reliability and Validity

Internal consistency reliability for the total scale score of the FHQ was $\alpha = .73$ (Birkett & Boulet, 1995). Test-retest reliability for the total scale across a nine month time span was also good ($r = .74$) (Spoon et al., 2002). The FHQ also demonstrated adequate concurrent validity as it was significantly correlated with measures of fat and energy intake derived from food records.

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References

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