

Appendix C

Table 1. High vs. low medical technical jargon for each of the 10 nutrition myths and the introductory question for expert's posts (Translation from German).

Introductory Question	high medical technical jargon ^a	low medical technical jargon ^a
1 To the question of a relationship between coffee consumption and the risk of developing dementia, this expert answered:	Caffeine, contained in coffee, has a central stimulating effect, like other purine bases , and is said to have many positive and negative somatic characteristics. There are longitudinal studies that identify a 16% reduced risk of being affected by Alzheimer's disease (varies in German: Morbus Alzheimer) . However, it is still unclear, if caffeine alone is responsible for it or if other ingredients and factors are perhaps also relevant . Coffee can therefore only possible reduce the risk. In particular, there is not sufficient evidence.	Caffeine, contained in coffee, has a stimulating effect in the brain , like other building blocks of DNA , and is said to have many positive and negative physical characteristics. There are long-term studies to it . These identify a 16% reduced risk of being affected by Alzheimer's disease (varies in German: Krankheit Alzheimer) . However, it is still unclear, if caffeine alone is responsible for it or if other components and factors are perhaps also important . Coffee can therefore only possible lower the risk. In particular, there is not sufficient evidence.
2 To the question of an effect of low salt diet, this expert answered:	There is some evidence that low-sodium nutrition works especially antihypertensive , wherefore it shall be assumed that arterial hypertension can lead to angiocardopathy in the long run. The WHO recommends to lower the daily intake of sodium chloride by 6 gram. Therefore, the systolic blood pressure is supposed to lower from five to six milliliters and the diastolic one from one to three milliliters. This effect would then be comparable to a weight reduction .	There is some evidence that low-sodium diet lowers blood pressure . Therefore , it shall be assumed that high blood pressure can lead to heart-diseases and diseased blood vessels in the long run. The WHO recommends to lower the daily intake of table salt by 6 gram. Therefore, the high blood pressure is supposed to lower from five to six milliliters and the low one from one to three milliliters. This effect would then be comparable to a weight loss .
3 To the question, if drinking light-lemonade harms, this expert answered:	It is known that persons who often drink beverages with aspartame or cyclamate are more likely to get diabetes mellitus over a long period of time than those who rarely or never drink such drinks, but it cannot be said certainly if these ingredients are responsible for it. Possibly humans prefer light drinks if they have a disposition to adipositas .	It is known that persons who often drink beverages with sweeteners are more likely to get diabetes over a long period of time than those who rarely or never drink such drinks. But it cannot be said certainly if these additives are responsible for it. Possibly humans favour light drinks if they have a tendency to overweight .

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To the question, of an effect of vitamin products, this expert answered:

Vitamins are indeed organic components **that** are not **synthesize** sufficiently by humans and need to be taken in with the food in **micro-quantities**. **Calciferol** is the only exception, it is **endogenously synthesized**. In industrial nations a sufficient supply for healthy persons is usually ensured through the **extensive** food offers. **Hypervitaminosis** can instead, depending on the vitamin, lead to different negative effects. And **chronical intoxication** could be caused by **supplementation**.

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To the question of harmfulness of eggs, this expert answered:

Likely, this only applies to few people. The yolk is not only quite **lipid-containing**, it also contains much cholesterol in particular. A medium-sized egg of 60 g weight provides already 270 mg of the fat-accompanying substance. A **correlation** between the risk for **cardiovascular diseases** (varies in German: **kardiovaskuläre Erkrankungen**) and the consumption of eggs, e.g. in terms of **lipaemia**, could not be determined in any big **observational study** (varies in German: **Observationsstudie**). Whereas there are indicates for diabetics to such a **correlation** between the consumption of eggs and **cardiovascular diseases** (varies in German: **kardiovaskuläre Erkrankungen**).

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To the question of a connection between olive oil and heart diseases, this expert answered:

The regular **ingestion** of extra virgin olive oils can possibly prevent **myocardial infarctions**. Extra virgin olive oil contains higher proportions of desired **ingredients** like **tocopherols**, **carotenoids** and **phytosterols**, but also higher rates of environmental pollutants like **Sulphur** (varies in German: **Sulfur**) and **pesticides**. The **ingredients** tyrosol and **3,4-dihydroxycinnamic acid** showed in **in vitro** investigations reduced secretion of **cytokines** (in German: **Zytokinen**), **however**, direct proof to **myocardial infarctions** cannot be provided yet.

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To the question of what happens to a chewing gum when it reaches the bowel, this expert answered:

The **aspiration** of a chewing gum per day is considered harmless, **because** a chewing gum consists in its basic **substance** of indigestible **isobutylene plastics**. But it is simply eliminated, like everything the **gastrointestinal system** (varies in German: **gastrointestinale System**) cannot use. The chewing gum does not adhere to the body, because the milieu in the gastrointestinal tract is **humid** and the **secretion** works as a lubricant. It was merely described a **agglutination** to a bigger ball when small children took in and **aspirated** bigger amounts of chewing gums. This needed to **ektomized** of the **rectum** from a **gastroenterologist**.

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To the question, if cheese closes the stomach, this expert answered:

Indeed, cheese does not support the **digestion** (varies in German: **Digestion**) or block the **pars cardiaca**, but you are filled faster when you eat Gouda or Camembert. Responsible for this are **monocarboxylic acids** and **proteins** that are contained in cheese. Fatty foods are more difficult to **digest** (varies in German: **digerieren**), therefore it takes longer. As a result, a feeling of fullness is triggered in the **ventromedial hypothalamus**. The **gastrointestinal system** also sends a feeling of hunger to the **lateral hypothalamus** later. Cheese therefore does close the stomach in a figurative sense by triggering the release of **neurotransmitters** for a longer time.

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To the question of pretzel sticks and cola, this expert answered:

Because cola consists of considerable parts of **saccharin**, the body is additionally dehydrated **causing** an **acute dehydration** when having a lasting disease. Furthermore, cola contains lots of **methyltherobromine**. Although it awakes you, it stimulates the **kidney** (varies in German: **Renes**). The effect is that the body eliminates more potassium than it actual should. Even the popular **combination** “cola with pretzel sticks“ does not change anything. Since pretzel sticks only contain **sodium chloride** and cannot fix **the hypokalemia**.

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To the question of a connection between healthy nutrition and the protection of cancer, this expert answered:

A balanced nutrition, **sufficient** movement and a normal weight **reduce** the risk to develop **malignancy and cardiovascular diseases** (varies in German: **kardiovaskuläre Erkrankungen**), **obesity, arterial hypertonia, diabetes mellitus** (varies in German: **Diabetes Mellitus**), and **malignancies** occur rarer to people who are living on a healthy diet. Investigations show that nutrition plays an essential role in the **prophylaxis** of **malignancy**. Avoiding **obesity** is at least equally important.

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^a Differences between high and low medical technical jargon are highlighted in bold.