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Cohort study name (study acronym) (country): Cardiovascular Health Study (CHS) (USA), Framingham Heart Study (FHS) (USA), Multi-Ethnic Study of Atherosclerosis (MESA) (USA), Rotterdam Study I (RS1) (The Netherlands), Rotterdam Study II (RS2) (The Netherlands), Cardiovascular Risk in Young Finns Study (YFS) (Finland); Atherosclerosis Risk In Communities (ARIC) Study (USA); Malmö Diet and Cancer (MDC) Study (Sweden); Netherlands Epidemiology in Obesity (NEO) Study (The Netherlands); Nurses' Health Study (NHS) (USA); and Western Australian Pregnancy Cohort Study (Raine) (Australia).

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; Chr, chromosome; MAF, minor allele frequency; N, total sample size; NA, not available; PCA, principal component analysis.

ESM METHODS

SNP Selection Strategy

Variants in the *CHREBP* locus associate with hypertriacylglycerolaemia and low HDL-cholesterol at genome-wide significance levels, and variants in the FGF21 locus are associated with higher circulating FGF21 concentrations and higher carbohydrate relative to fat intake in humans (see variant-specific references in ESM Table 4). It has long been postulated that insulin resistance represents a common pathogenic mechanism contributing to the development of numerous features of the metabolic syndrome and is a key factor leading to the development of type 2 diabetes. Among the features of the metabolic syndrome, the correlation between elevated fasting serum triacylglycerol and low-HDL cholesterol with insulin resistance is particularly strong. Nevertheless, by genome-wide association studies (GWAS) there has been little overlap between loci associated with hypertriacylglycerolaemia or low HDLcholesterol and those implicated in the development of hyperglycaemia, hyperinsulinaemia, or diabetes. Thus, either there is no common pathogenic genetic determinant for hypertriacylglycerolaemia and insulin resistance, or unidentified variables may interact with genetic determinants of hypertriacylglycerolaemia to cause insulin resistance. Given a role for ChREBP in contributing to sugar-induced derangements in both lipid and glucose homeostasis, we sought to test the hypothesis that variants associated with hypertriacylglycerolaemia in the ChREBP pathway might interact with SSB consumption to regulate glycaemic traits. Aside from variants in *CHREBP*, we selected SNPs that previously showed significant (i.e., $p \lt 5x10^{-8}$) or suggestive (i.e., $p \lt 5x10^{-6}$) association with hypertriacylglycerolaemia or low-HDL cholesterol in humans in genes important for hepatic fructose and glucose metabolism (KHK, ALDOB, GCK, SLC2A2, SLC2A5), which may directly regulate ChREBP activity. We also included other genes implicated in the regulation of both ChREBP and blood serum triacylglycerol levels (FADS1 and TRIB1). Lastly, we included variants in the loci that code for ChREBP-regulated metabolic hormone FGF21 and its obligate receptor KLB.

Genotype Exclusion Criteria

Genotyped SNPs were excluded on the basis of low call rate (<95%) or departure from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium $(p \lt 1x10^{-6})$. Imputed SNPs were removed on the basis of low imputation quality (MACH and BIMBAM: $R^2 \lt 0.3$; IMPUTE: proper info <0.4). Additional genotyping information for each cohort is provided in ESM Table 5.

Genetic Analyses

Main associations between all selected SNPs for discovery cohorts and a subset of selected SNPs for replication cohorts [*i.e*., those with suggestive interaction results (*i.e*., *p* <0.05) from the discovery cohorts] and glycaemic outcomes were investigated by using linear regression models or linear mixed effects models for family data, and an additive genetic model adjusted for age, sex, study site for multi-centered cohorts, and population structure where applicable (in CHS; FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2; YFS for discovery cohorts; and ARIC; NEO; Raine; MDC for replication cohorts). In discovery cohorts, a total of 36 interaction tests (1 environmental variable \times 18 SNPs \times 2 outcomes) between SSB intake and the selected SNPs on glycaemic outcomes were performed using $SSB \times SNP$ cross-product terms and including main-effect terms in linear regression analyses or linear mixed effects models for family data adjusted for age, sex, energy intake, BMI, and study site for multi-centered cohorts, and population structure where applicable.

In a secondary analysis using a similar approach previously described, we examined the sex-stratified SNP associations between 14 out of the 18 selected SNPs (those available in >2 discovery cohorts) and glycaemic outcomes, in addition to sex-stratified interaction tests between SSB intake and the 14 selected SNPs on glycaemic outcomes in the following discovery cohorts (CHS; FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2). Similarly, for SNPs with suggestive interaction results (*i.e*., *p* <0.05) from the discovery cohorts, sex-stratified replication was sought among replication cohorts (ARIC; NEO; NHS; RAINE).

Power Calculations

Our study had 80% power to detect a minimal interaction effect between total SSB intake (per 1 serving/day) and SNP (per effect allele) on fasting glucose levels of 0.10 for SNPs with MAF \geq 0.05, and even smaller interaction effects of 0.05 for SNPs with MAF \geq 0.25 at the Bonferroni-corrected p-value of *p* <0.001.

Sensitivity Analyses

Heterogeneity across studies was tested by using Cochran's Q statistic and quantified using the I^2 statistic. Analyses with moderate heterogeneity $(I^2 > 30\%)$ were 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; https://cran.r-project.org) 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. \geq 27 kg/m²), mean age (<60 vs. ≥60 years), blood sample (serum vs. plasma), and sample size (*n* <1000 vs. ≥1000). In addition, we conducted sensitivity analyses to assess the influence of individual cohorts on the meta-analysed estimates by removing one cohort study at a time for all analyses.

ESM RESULTS

Sex-Stratified Interaction Analyses

In sex-stratified analyses, we observed a suggestive interaction between SSB intake and FGF21-rs838133 for FI among men $[β \pm SE = -0.0477 \pm 0.0168 \text{ log}_e\text{-pmol/l}, p = 0.005]$ and GCK-rs4607517 for FI among femen $[β \pm SE =$ $0.05 \pm 0.0226 \log_e$ -pmol/l, $p = 0.03$ (ESM Table 13). These findings, however, did not replicate among our replication cohorts (ESM Table 14).

Meta-Regression and Sensitivity Analyses

Meta-regression results suggest that cohorts' mean BMI and age, and cohort sample size may influence our metaanalysed estimates for associations between SSB intake and FI (ESM Table 15). Our subsequent subgroup metaanalyses revealed differences in the magnitude, but not statistical significance, of the associations between SSB intake and FI, except when subgrouping by cohort sample size. The association between SSB intake and FI remained significant among the cohorts with a larger sample size (9 cohorts) and not a smaller sample size (2 cohorts). In addition, sensitivity analyses did not identify source of heterogeneity (results not shown) and performing a random-effect meta-analyses did not substantially alter our observed results (ESM Table 16).

ESM Table 1. Descriptions and acknowledgements of participating CHARGE cohorts.

^a Discovery cohorts

b Replication cohorts

ESM Table 2. Dietary assessment methods of participating CHARGE cohorts.

Dutch general population

ESM Table 3. Assessment of additional characteristics of participating CHARGE cohorts.

Gene	SNPs	Chr	References
ALDOB	rs10819937, rs10819931	9	(1)
<i>FADSI</i>	rs174546	11	(2, 3)
FGF21	rs838133	19	(4, 5)
GCK	rs4607517	7	(6, 7)
GCKR	rs1260326	2	(6, 7)
KHK	rs2119026	$\overline{2}$	(8, 9)
KLR	rs1542423	4	(10)
MLXIPL	rs799166, rs799168, rs799160, rs11974409	7	(11, 12)
<i>SLC2A2</i>	rs11920090, rs11924032	3	(13, 14)
SLC ₂ A5	rs5438, rs3820034, rs5840		(15)
TRIB1	rs2954029	8	(16)

ESM Table 4. Description of selected *CHREBP-FGF21* pathway selected SNPs.

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ESM Table 5. Genotyping information of participating CHARGE cohorts.

ESM Table 6. Effect allele frequencies for investigated SNPs in participating CHARGE cohorts.

^a Proxy SNP used rs1979283

Abbreviations: NA, not available/applicable.

ESM Table 7. General Characteristics of participating CHARGE cohorts stratified by sex.

Male

Female

^a Maximum available observations, *n*, for interactions between SSB intake and single nucleotide polymorphisms in glucose outcomes analyses. Sample sizes vary in some cohorts depending on availability of genotype information.

Values are means (standard deviations) or percentages (%).

^b in grams/day

 \degree One serving is equivalent to 360 ml (12 fl oz.)

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; *n*, total sample size; SFA, saturated fatty acids; SSB, sugar-sweetened beverages.

ESM Table 8. Meta-analysed main associations between SNPs and glycaemic trait outcomes^a.

^a Additive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS; MESA; YFS), and family or population structure (in FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2; YFS). Association coefficients are shown as *β* (SE). *β* represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait per each additional copy of the effect allele.

^b Alleles presented as effect/noneffect alleles.

p*<0.05, *p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

ESM Table 9. Meta-analysed associations between rs1542423 and glycaemic traits^a.

^a Additive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, family or population structure (in MESA; RS1; RS2; YFS), and study site (in FHS; CHS; MESA; YFS). Association coefficients are shown as β (SE). β represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait per each additional copy of the effect allele. **p*<0.05, ***p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

ESM Table 10. Meta-analysed main associations between SNPs and fasting glucose (mmol/l) stratified by sex^a.

^aAdditive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS and MESA), and family or population structure (in FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2). Association coefficients are shown as *β* (SE). *β* represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait per each additional copy of the effect allele.

^b Alleles presented as effect/noneffect alleles.

p*<0.05, *p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

ESM Table 11. Meta-analysed main associations between SNPs and fasting insulin (loge-pmol/l) stratified by sex^a.

^a Additive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS and MESA), and family or population structure (in FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2). Association coefficients are shown as *β* (SE). *β* represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait per each additional copy of the effect allele.

b Alleles presented as effect/noneffect alleles.

p*<0.05, *p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

ESM Table 12. Meta-analysed interactions between SSB intake and SNPs on fasting glucose (mmol/l) stratified by sex^a.

^a Additive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, BMI, study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS and MESA), and family or population structure where applicable (in FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2). Interaction coefficients are shown as *β* (SE)*. β* represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait with each additional effect allele, per each additional serving/d of SSB intake.

^b Alleles presented as effect/noneffect alleles.

p*<0.05, *p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; Chr, chromosome; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; SSB, sugar-sweetened beverages.

ESM Table 13. Meta-analysed interactions between SSB intake and SNPs on fasting insulin (loge-pmol/l) stratified by sex^a.

^a Additive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, BMI, study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS and MESA), and family or population structure where applicable (in FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2). Interaction coefficients are shown as β (SE). β represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait with each additional effect allele, per each additional serving/d of SSB intake.

b Alleles presented as effect/noneffect alleles.

p*<0.05, *p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; Chr, chromosome; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; SSB, sugar-sweetened beverages.

ESM Table 14. Meta-analysed interactions between SSB intake and rs838133 on fasting insulin (log_e-pmol/l) in male, and SSB intake and rs4607517 on fasting insulin (loge-pmol/l) in female^a.

a Additive allele mode, adjusted for age, sex, BMI, study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS and MESA), and family or population structure where applicable (in FHS; MESA; RS1; RS2; ARIC; RAINE). Interaction coefficients are shown as β (SE). β represents the direction and magnitude of the change in outcome trait with each additional effect allele, per each additional serving/d of SSB intake.

b Alleles presented as effect/non-effect alleles. **p*<0.05, ***p*<0.01, ****p*<0.001

ESM Table 15. Meta-regression results and subgroup fixed-effect meta-analysed interactions between SSB intake and fasting insulin (loge $pmol/l)^a$.

^a Association coefficients are shown as *βs* (SEs). *β* represents the change in fasting insulin (log_e-pmol/l) per additional serving/d of sugar-sweetened beverages. Cohort distribution as follows: BMI (<27 kg/m²: ARIC, CHS, MDC, NHS, Raine, RS1, YFS; ≥27 kg/m²: FHS, MESA, NEO, RS2); Age (<60 years: ARIC, FHS, MDC, NEO, NHS, Raine, YFS; ≥60 years: CHS, MESA, RS1, RS2); and sample size (*n* <1000: NHS, Raine; *n* ≥1000: ARIC, CHS, FHS, MDC, MESA, NEO, RS1, RS2, YFS)

^b Model 1: adjusted for age, sex, total energy intake and study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS; MESA; YFS).

^c Model 2: adjusted for Model 1 covariates and smoking status, education status, physical activity (except in RS1; RS2), and alcohol intake.

^d Model 3: adjusted for Model 2 covariates and BMI.

^e Model 4: adjusted for Model 3 covariates and fruit intake, vegetable intake, whole grains intake, fish intake, and saturated fatty acids (% of total energy).

ESM Table 16. Random-effect meta-analysed main associations between SSB intake and glycaemic traits and interactions between SSB and SNPs on glycaemic traits in discovery cohorts^a.

^a Association coefficients are shown as *βs* (SEs). *β* represents the change in outcome per additional serving/d of sugar-sweetened beverages.

^b Model 1: adjusted for age, sex, total energy intake and study site for multi-centered cohorts (in CHS; MESA; YFS).

^c Model 2: adjusted for Model 1 covariates and smoking status, education status, physical activity (except in RS1; RS2), and alcohol intake.

^d Model 3: adjusted for Model 2 covariates and BMI.

^e Model 4: adjusted for Model 3 covariates and fruit intake, vegetable intake, whole grains intake, fish intake, and saturated fatty acids (% of total energy).

 f The number of independent observations in each association analysis.

ESM Table 17. GWA meta-analysis association results between SNPs and carbohydrate intake from CHARGE macronutrient investigation^a.

^a Analysis adjusted for age, sex, BMI, and study-specific covariates (eg study site, populations stratification principal components when applicable). Association coefficients are shown as *β* (SE)*. β* represents the direction and magnitude of the change in % energy from carbohydrate intake per each additional copy of the effect allele. **b** Alleles presented as effect/noneffect alleles.

Abbreviations: BMI, body mass index; CHARGE, Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genomic Epidemiology, GWA, genome-wide association.

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ESM Table 18. Comparison of General Characteristics between participating Discovery and Replication CHARGE cohorts^a.

^a Values are averages of discovery/replication cohorts' general characteristics (Table 1) and presented as mean (SD) for continuous traits and % for dichotomous traits. We've excluded cohorts with different methods for ascertainment of trait from the computed mean.

b Computed by using t-tests for continuous traits and chi-square tests for dichotomous traits.