



Table S1. Component score and total score for Healthy Eating Index (HEI) for Malaysians among the respondents.

	Possible range of score	Criteria for a minimum score of 0	Criteria for a maximum score of 10
HEI Component			
Cereals and grains	0 to 10	0 or > 8 serving	6 – 8 servings
Vegetables	0 to 10	0 serving	3 servings
Fruits	0 to 10	0 or > 2 serving	2 servings
Milk and milk products	0 to 10	0 or > 3 serving	2 – 3 servings
Poultry, meat, and egg	0 to 10	0 or > 2 serving	1 – 2 servings
Fish and seafood	0 to 10	0 or > 1 serving	1 serving
Legumes	0 to 10	0 or > 1 serving	1 serving
% of energy from total fat	0 to 10	≥ 35% energy from fat	≤ 30% energy from fat
Sodium	0 to 10	≥ 4200 mg	≤ 2000 mg
Total HEI	0 to 100		

Note. If individuals less or exceed of the recommended servings, the score was calculated proportionately between 0 and 10. If an individual consumed less than the recommended amount of servings, the score was calculated with the following formula: $10 \times (\text{the consumed amount of servings}) / (\text{the lower limit of the recommended serving})$. If an individual consumed more than the recommended amount of servings, the score was calculated with the following formula: $10 - 10 \times [(\text{the consumed amount of servings}) - (\text{the upper limit of the recommended amount})] / (\text{the upper limit of the recommended amount})$. Each score was rounded off to the nearest whole number. When this calculation produced a negative score because of excess servings, the score was converted to 0.