

Systematic review and meta-analysis of protein intake to support muscle mass and function in healthy adults

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Sensitivity analysis

Supplementary table 6 – Sensitivity analysis lean body mass

Lean Body Mass	Main-effects	IC95%
<i>Meta-analysis results - All RCT</i>	0.22	0.15:0.30
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.21	0.14:0.29
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.21	0.14:0.28
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with Resistance Exercise(RE)</i>	0.22	0.14:0.30
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.21	0.14:0.29
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.21	0.13:0.28
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE by Age (Young)</i>	0.26	0.16:0.35
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.25	0.15:0.34
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.24	0.15:0.33
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion</i>	0.19	0.11:0.28
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.19	0.10:0.27
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.18	0.10:0.26
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion (1.2-1.59g/kg/day) Young</i>	0.15	-0.02:0.31
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.12	-0.04:0.28
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion (1.2-1.59g/kg/day) Old</i>	0.20	0.02:0.37
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Nakayama et al. 2020	0.12	-0.08:0.32
van Dongen et al. 2020	0.23	0.02:0.44

Supplementary table 7 – Sensitivity analysis bench press strength

Bench Press Strength	Main-effects	IC95%
<i>Meta-analysis results - All RCT</i>	<i>0.20</i>	<i>0.06:0.34</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Obradovic et al. 2020	0.17	0.05:0.30
Taylor et al. 2016	0.19	0.05:0.32
Vangsoe et al. 2018	0.22	0.09:0.34
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.17	0.05:0.30
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with Resistance Exercise(RE)</i>	<i>0.18</i>	<i>0.04:0.32</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Obradovic et al. 2020	0.15	0.03:0.28
Taylor et al. 2016	0.17	0.04:0.30
Vangsoe et al. 2018	0.20	0.07:0.32
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.15	0.03:0.28
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.02:0.28</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.13	0.01:0.26
Vangsoe et al. 2018	0.16	0.05:0.28
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.12	0.01:0.24
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion between 1.2 and 1.59/kg/day)</i>	<i>0.17</i>	<i>-0.01:0.35</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Taylor et al. 2016	0.14	-0.02:0.31
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion (≥1.6g/kg/day)</i>	<i>0.13</i>	<i>-0.15:0.41</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Vangsoe et al. 2018	0.17	0.00:0.34
Willoughby et al. 2007	0.08	-0.08:0.25

Supplementary table 8 – Sensitivity analysis lower body strength

Lower body Strength	Main-effects	IC95%
<i>Meta-analysis results - All RCT</i>	0.20	0.08:0.33
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Aas et al. 2020	0.18	0.06:0.30
Burke et al. 2001	0.18	0.06:0.30
Chale et al. 2013	0.21	0.08:0.34
Obradovic et al. 2020	0.18	0.06:0.29
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with Resistance Exercise(RE)</i>	0.21	0.08:0.34
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Aas et al. 2020	0.19	0.06:0.30
Burke et al. 2001	0.18	0.06:0.31
Chale et al. 2013	0.22	0.08:0.35
Obradovic et al. 2020	0.18	0.06:0.30
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE by Age</i>	0.19	0.03:0.36
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Burke et al. 2001	0.16	-0.00:0.32
Obradovic et al. 2020	0.15	0.00:0.30
<i>Meta-analysis results – RCT with RE reporting protein ingestion (≥1.6g/kg/day)</i>	0.40	0.23:0.57
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Burke et al. 2001	0.34	0.22:0.47

Supplementary table 9 – Sensitivity analysis handgrip strength

Handgrip	Main-effects	IC95%
<i>Meta-analysis results</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>-0.03:0.32</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Zhu et al. 2015	0.16	-0.03:0.35
Nakayama et al. 2020	0.11	-0.07:0.28

Supplementary table 10 – Sensitivity analysis physical function

Physical Function	Main-effects	IC95%
<i>Meta-analysis results</i>	<i>0.15</i>	<i>0.00:0.29</i>
<i>Results excluding a given study</i>		
Aas et al., 2020	0.13	0.02:0.25
Nahas et al., 2019	0.14	0.03:0.25
Nakayama et a., 2020	0.14	0.04:0.24
Van Dongen et al., 2020	0.14	0.01:0.26