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Title: Dietary intake and Main Sources of Fats in the Argentine Population. Results of ELANS study

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Background and Objectives:

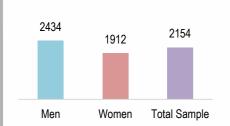
High fat diets, especially saturated fat is associated with cardiovascular disease. The present study aims to identify the consumption and main food sources of fats in the Argentine's diet

Methods:

Data were obtained from 1266 Argentines participating in the Latin American Health and Nutrition Study (ELANS), a multicenter study of a nationally representative randomized sample of urban population of eight LA countries between November 2014 and July 2015. Data from two face to face 24-hour recall were used to identify the intake of the major foods containing fats. The weighed-proportions formula developed by Block et al (1985) in which the relative contribution (RC) of a given food item/food group is defined as: RC=(Total fat grams from a food item x 100)/Total fat grams from all food items was used, and performed by age, gender, socioeconomic level (SEL). Descriptive statistical data analysis was performed with SPSS 20

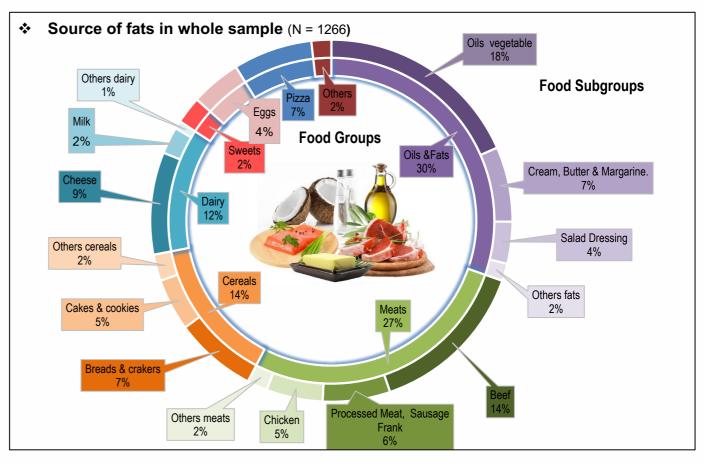
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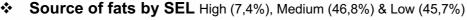
Median of Energy Intake (Kcal)

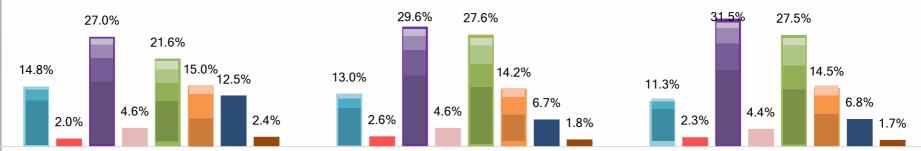


Median fat intake was 78.8 g/day representing a 33% of the daily EI, while saturated fats was 27.4 g/day (11.4 % of the EI).









High						Medium							Low						
Food Groups		Oils				Meats			Cereals			Dairy		Sweets	Eggs	Pizza	Others		
Food	subgroups	Oils vegetable	Cream, Butter & Margarine	Salad Dressing	Others fats	Beef	Processed Meat, Sausage Frank	Chicken	lΩthers –	Breads & crakers	Cakes & cookies		Cheese	Milk	Others dairy	Sweets (ice cream & candy)	Eggs	Pizza	Others Foods
	High	16,1%	5,9%	3,5%	1,5%	10,8%	4,8%	3,7%	2,3%	6,8%	6,0%	2,2%	11,4%	2,9%	0,5%	2,0%	4,6%	12,5%	2,4%
SE	L Medium	17,6%	6,6%	3,6%	1,7%	14,9%	6,0%	4,9%	1,8%	7,1%	4,8%	2,4%	9,6%	2,6%	0,8%	2,6%	4,6%	6,7%	1,8%
	Low	19.4%	6.8%	3.9%	1.4%	14.3%	6.1%	5.4%	1.8%	7.7%	4.4%	2.3%	8.4%	2.2%	0.6%	2.3%	4.4%	6.8%	1.7%

Source of fats by Sex, Men (48,58%) & Women (51,42%), & Age 15 to 19 (13,2%), 20 to 34 (33,3%), 35 to 49 (30,1%) & 50 to 65 (23,4%)

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	15 to 19 yo	20 to 34 yo	35 to 49 yo	50 to 65 yo	Total		
■ C I	28.6%	31.9%	29.8%	27.3%	29.9%		
Meat	23.6%	26.8%	29.0%	32.6%	28.0%		
Cereals	16.8%	15.2%	14.1%	10.7%	14.3%		
Dairy	13.3%	12.0%	9.4%	11.9%	11.5%		
■ Pizza	7.6%	6.0%	10.8%	11.1%	8.6%		
Eggs	4.7%	5.1%	3.9%	4.0%	4.5%		
Sweets	2.7%	1.7%	1.4%	1.2%	1.7%		
Others	2.7%	1.2%	1.4%	1.2%	1.5%		

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	Meat	24.4%	25.5%	26.0%	29.3%	26.4%
	Cereals	18.3%	14.0%	13.7%	14.5%	14.4%
	Dairy	14.3%	12.2%	13.3%	13.8%	13.1%
1	Pizza	5.0%	6.6%	5.3%	3.5%	5.4%
	Eggs	3.8%	4.3%	4.5%	4.9%	4.5%
	Sweets	4.2%	3.8%	2.7%	2.8%	3.3%
	Others	1.7%	2.6%	1.9%	1.7%	2.1%

Conclusions:

In Argentina, population diet showed high levels of critical nutrients as saturated fats, cholesterol, and added sugars, all related to cardiovascular disease and metabolic syndrome. Differences by region and by SEL were found and should be taken into account by public health stakeholders.

Conflict of interest:

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