

**Supplementary Table 1.** Search strings and limits used for each database.

Database	Search string and limits
PubMed	((fatty acids, unsaturated[Mh] OR fats[Mh] OR oils[Mh] OR unsaturated fatty acid OR fat OR oil) AND ("cholesterol, ldl/blood"[Mh] OR "cholesterol, hdl/blood"[Mh] OR "cholesterol, vldl/blood"[Mh] OR remnants, chylomicron[Mh] OR "triglycerides/blood"[Mh] OR "lipids/blood"[mh:noexp] OR "cholesterol/blood"[mh:noexp] OR ldl OR hdl OR vldl OR chylomicron OR triglycerides) AND (postprandial period[Mh] OR postprandial)) AND Humans[Mesh] AND English[lang] AND adult[MeSH]
CINAHL	((MH "Fatty Acids, Unsaturated+") OR (MH "Fats+") OR (MH "Oils+")) AND ((MH "Postprandial Period") OR postprandial) AND ((MH "Cholesterol/BL") OR (MH "Lipoproteins, LDL Cholesterol/BL") OR (MH "Lipoproteins, HDL Cholesterol/BL") OR (MH "Triglycerides/BL") OR (MH "Lipids/BL") OR VLDL OR Chylomicron)
	<i>Limits - English Language; Human; Age Groups: All Adult</i>
MEDLINE (ProQuest)	((MESH.EXACT.EXPLODE("Oils") OR MESH.EXACT.EXPLODE("Fatty Acids, Unsaturated") OR MESH.EXACT.EXPLODE("Fats")) AND (MESH.EXACT("Postprandial Period") OR postprandial) AND (MESH.EXACT("Chylomicron Remnants blood") OR MESH.EXACT("Cholesterol, VLDL -- blood") OR MESH.EXACT("Cholesterol, HDL -- blood") OR MESH.EXACT("Triglycerides -- blood") OR MESH.EXACT("Cholesterol -- blood") OR MESH.EXACT("Cholesterol, LDL -- blood") OR MESH.EXACT("Lipids -- blood"))))
	<i>Additional limits - Humans; Language: English; Age group: Adults, all (19 years +)</i>
The Cochrane Library	([mh fats] OR [mh oils] OR [mh "unsaturated fatty acids"]) AND ([mh "postprandial period"] OR postprandial) AND ([mh triglycerides/BL] OR [mh ^cholesterol/BL] OR [mh "hdl cholesterol"/BL] OR [mh "ldl cholesterol"/BL] OR [mh "vldl cholesterol"/BL] OR [mh "chylomicron remnants"/BL] OR [mh ^lipids/BL])
	<i>Filter – Trials</i>

**Supplementary Table 2.** Risk of bias assessment of the 17 articles included in systematic review and meta-analysis.

First Author (Year)	Selection bias		Performance bias	Detection bias	Notes
	Randomisation	Allocation concealment	Blinding of participants and personnel	Blinding of outcome	
Berry (2007)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	
Berry (2008)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	
Calabuig-Navarro (2014)	Low	Unclear	High	Unclear	Used a web-based random letter sequence generator. Single-blinded study.
Jackson (2005)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Kasai (2003)	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Unclear	Double-blinded study
Koutsari (2004)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study
Lopez (2008)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Lopez (2011)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Lozano (2012)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	
Masson (2011)	Unclear	Unclear	Low	Unclear	Double-blinded study.
Mero (1998)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	
Perälä (2013)	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	
Sanders (2000)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Sasahara (2012)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Sun (2018)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Svensson (2011)	Unclear	Unclear	High	Unclear	Single-blinded study.
Teng (2015)	Low	Unclear	Low	Unclear	Allocated subjects to the treatments using a computer programme. Double-blinded study.

**Supplementary Table 3.** Summary of blood triglyceride iAUC

Parameter (units);	SFAs-rich breakfast	UFAs-rich breakfast
Number of datasets		
iAUC 4h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 4		
Median	1.48	1.68
Range	0.47 – 2.20	1.39 – 2.57
iAUC 6h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 6		
Median	2.05	3.59
Range	0.42 – 7.00	0.41 – 6.52
iAUC 7h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	2.00	2.10
Range	1.70-4.10	2.10 – 5.80
iAUC 8h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 4		
Median	4.78	4.40
Range	4.47 – 11.9	2.33 – 4.77
iAUC 11h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	5.83	4.41
Range	3.55 – 8.10	3.13 – 5.78

Abbreviations: SFAs, saturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; iAUC, incremental area under the curve.

**Supplementary Table 4.** Summary of the change of peak blood triglyceride concentration from baseline and blood triglyceride total AUC.

Parameter (units);	SFAs-rich breakfast	UFAs-rich breakfast
Number of data sets		
Peak change from baseline (mmol/L)		
n = 3		
Median	1.38	1.21
Range	1.13 – 1.49	0.66 – 1.49
AUC 6h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 3		
Median	5.91	5.62
Range	5.66 – 8.46	5.34 – 8.31
AUC 8h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 5		
Median	14.28	13.06
Range	12.62 – 15.93	9.88 – 14.08

Abbreviations: SFAs, saturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; AUC, area under the curve.

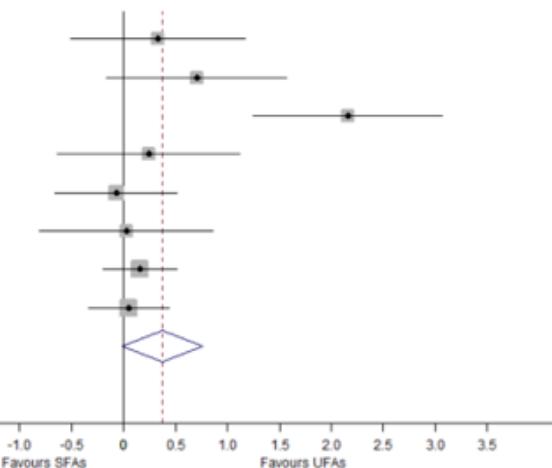
**Supplementary Table 5.** Summary of blood cholesterol iAUC.

Parameter (units);	SFAs-rich breakfast	UFAs-rich breakfast
Number of data sets		
TC iAUC 6h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	0.21	0.25
Range	0.16 – 0.25	0.17 – 0.33
TC iAUC 11h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	-9.74	-7.80
Range	-11.77 – -7.72	-12.53 – -5.72
HDL-C iAUC 6h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	0.08	0.07
Range	0.02 – 0.13	0.05 – 0.09
LDL-C iAUC 6h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	0.22	0.13
Range	0.18 – 0.25	0.10 – 0.15
VLDL-C iAUC 6h (mmol/L × h)		
n = 2		
Median	0.30	0.37
Range	0.27 – 0.33	0.19 – 0.54

Abbreviations: SFAs, saturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; iAUC, incremental area under the curve; TC, total cholesterol; HDL-C, high-density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; VLDL-C, very low-density lipoprotein cholesterol.

*Postprandial blood triglyceride total AUC*

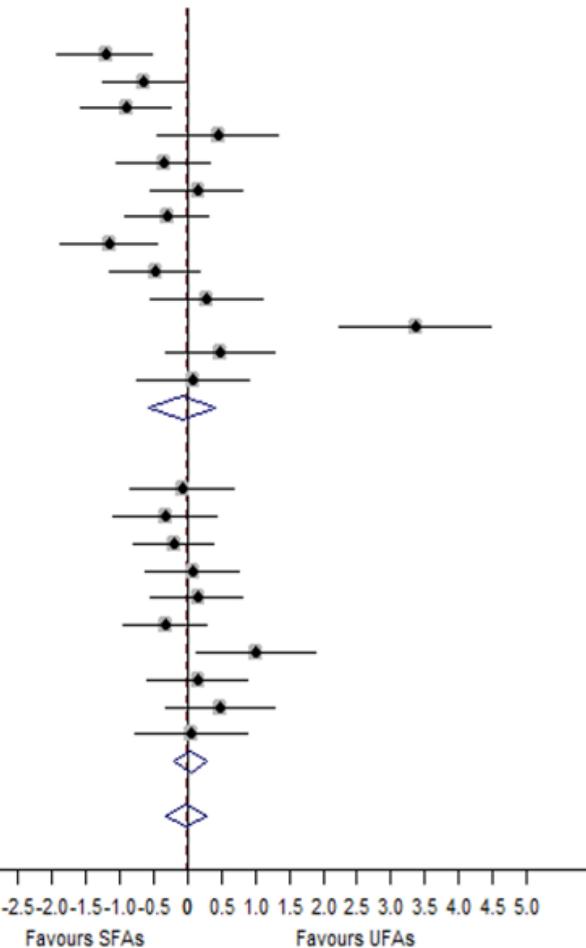
First author {Group}	Year	SFAs-rich breakfast			UFAs-rich breakfast			Weight (%)	SMD [95% CI]
		No. of subjects	Mean	SD	No. of subjects	Mean	SD		
Jackson {MUFAs}	2005	10	15.93	6.54	10	14.08	3.74	18.33	0.33 [-0.51, 1.18]
Jackson {PUFAs}	2005	10	15.93	6.54	10	12.03	3.58	18.03	0.71 [-0.16, 1.58]
Lopez	2008	14	12.62	1.30	14	9.88	1.15	17.38	2.16 [1.25, 3.08]
Sasahara	2012	9	5.91	1.01	9	5.62	1.26	24.39	0.24 [-0.64, 1.13]
Calabuig-Navarro	2014	21	16.08	6.57	21	16.57	7.33	21.87	-0.07 [-0.66, 0.53]
Mero (PUFAs)	1998	10	10.93	3.13	10	10.77	6.29	10.58	0.03 [-0.81, 0.87]
Koutsari {F; MUFAs}	2004	10	5.66	1.87	10	5.34	1.87	17.72	0.16 [-0.20, 0.53]
Koutsari {M; MUFAs}	2004	9	8.46	2.43	9	8.31	2.61	17.20	0.06 [-0.34, 0.45]
<b>Total</b>		<b>93</b>			<b>93</b>			<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.37 [-0.02, 0.76]</b>
<i>(Chi<sup>2</sup> = 20.37; p = 0.005; I<sup>2</sup> = 65.6%)</i>									



**Supplementary Figure 1.** Difference in effect on blood triglyceride area under the curve between consuming a SFAs-rich breakfast and consuming an UFAs-rich breakfast. A random-effects model was used as there was heterogeneity observed in the pooled data. Mean and standard deviation (SD) are expressed in mmol/L × h. Abbreviations: SFAs, saturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; AUC, area under the curve; SMD, standardized mean difference; CI, confidence intervals; MUFAs, monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFAs, polyunsaturated fatty acids.

*Postprandial blood triglyceride iAUC*

First author {Group}	Year	SFAs-rich breakfast			UFAs-rich breakfast			Weight (%)	SMD [95% CI]
		No. of subjects	Mean	SD	No. of subjects	Mean	SD		
<b>MUFAs</b>									
Berry	2008	17	0.47	0.60	17	1.39	0.86	4.48	-1.21 [-1.93, -0.50]
Sun {MUFAs}	2018	20	1.48	0.97	20	2.25	1.34	4.80	-0.64 [-1.27, -0.02]
Berry	2007	18	2.00	0.28	18	3.75	2.68	4.64	-0.90 [-1.57, 0.23]
Sasahara	2012	9	2.10	1.30	9	1.55	0.98	3.90	0.46 [-0.44, 1.35]
Teng {F; MUFAs}	2015	15	3.57	1.74	15	4.25	2.05	4.53	-0.35 [-1.05, -0.35]
Teng {M; MUFAs}	2015	15	7.00	3.37	15	6.52	3.18	4.55	0.14 [-0.56, 0.84]
Svensson {MUFAs}	2011	19	1.70	0.93	19	2.10	1.56	4.79	-0.31 [-0.93, 0.32]
Sanders {MUFAs}	2000	16	2.00	1.80	16	5.80	4.20	4.43	-1.15 [-1.88, -0.42]
Sanders {MUFAs}	2000	16	4.10	2.56	16	5.80	4.20	4.59	-0.48 [-1.16, -0.21]
Jackson {MUFA}	2005	10	4.78	2.69	10	4.05	2.16	4.06	0.29 [-0.56, 1.13]
Lopez	2011	14	11.93	2.43	14	4.77	1.62	3.18	3.37 [2.23, 4.51]
Lozano {HW; MUFA}	2012	11	8.10	5.75	11	5.78	3.15	4.15	0.48 [-0.34, 1.30]
Lozano {LW; MUFA}	2012	10	3.55	5.74	10	3.13	3.16	4.07	0.09 [-0.75, 0.93]
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>190</b>			<b>190</b>			<b>56.19</b>	<b>-0.08 [-0.57, 0.40]</b>
<i>(Chi<sup>2</sup> = 65.98; p = 0.000; I<sup>2</sup> = 81.8%)</i>									
<b>PUFAs</b>									
Perälä {CON}	2013	12	1.47	0.69	12	1.52	0.58	4.30	-0.08 [-0.85, 0.70]
Perälä {SGI}	2013	12	2.20	1.04	12	2.57	1.21	4.28	-0.31 [-1.09, 0.46]
Sun {PUFAs}	2018	20	1.48	0.97	20	1.68	1.04	4.85	-0.19 [-0.80, 0.41]
Teng {F; PUFAs}	2015	15	3.57	1.74	15	3.43	1.63	4.55	-0.81 [-0.62, 0.78]
Teng {M; PUFAs}	2015	15	7.00	3.37	15	6.52	3.18	4.55	0.14 [-0.56, 0.85]
Svensson {PUFAs}	2011	19	1.70	0.93	19	2.10	1.45	4.79	-0.32 [-0.95, 0.31]
Jackson {PUFAs}	2005	10	4.78	2.69	10	2.33	1.84	3.89	1.02 [0.12, 1.91]
Masson	2011	13	4.78	2.20	13	4.40	2.58	4.39	0.15 [-0.59, 0.90]
Lozano {HW; PUFAs}	2012	11	8.10	5.75	11	5.62	3.76	4.15	0.49 [-0.33, 1.31]
Lozano {LW; PUFAs}	2012	10	3.55	5.74	10	3.20	5.53	4.07	0.06 [-0.78, 0.90]
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>137</b>			<b>137</b>			<b>43.81</b>	<b>0.05 [-0.19, 0.28]</b>
<i>(Chi<sup>2</sup> = 8.65; p = 0.470; I<sup>2</sup> = 0.0%)</i>									
<b>Total</b>		<b>327</b>			<b>327</b>			<b>100.00</b>	<b>-0.03 [-0.32, 0.27]</b>
<i>(Chi<sup>2</sup> = 78.12; p = 0.000; I<sup>2</sup> = 71.8%)</i>									



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Difference in effect on blood triglyceride incremental area under the curve between consuming a SFAs-rich breakfast and consuming an UFAs-rich breakfast, with subgroup analysis based on fatty acid composition of intervention meal. A random-effects model was used as there was heterogeneity observed in the pooled data. Mean and standard deviation (SD) are expressed in mmol/L × h. Abbreviations: SFAs, saturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; iAUC, incremental area under the curve; SMD, standardized mean difference; CI, confidence intervals; CON, control; SGI, slow growth at infancy; MUFAs, monounsaturated fatty acids; PUFAs, polyunsaturated fatty acids; BMI, body mass index; HW, higher-weight (BMI ≥ 26.2); LW, lower-weight (BMI < 26.2).

**Supplementary Table 6.** Sensitivity analysis results for postprandial blood triglyceride iAUC.

Study or group removed	Subgroup/Overall	SMD [95 % CI]	Chi <sup>2</sup>	p-value	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	Model	Study or group removed	Subgroup/Overall	SMD [95 % CI]	Chi <sup>2</sup>	p-value	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	Model
None	Overall	0.14 [-0.18, 0.46]	53.69	0.000	68.3	Random	Berry {2008}	Overall	-0.02 [-0.28, 0.24]	75.83	0.000	68.4	Random
Berry {2007}	Overall	-0.01 [-0.27, 0.25]	71.98	0.000	66.7	Random	Sanders {2008}	Overall	0.01 [-0.26, 0.28]	72.1	0.000	68.1	Random
Perälä	Overall	-0.04 [-0.32, 0.24]	80.84	0.000	71.5	Random	{MUFAs}	Overall	-0.01 [-0.27, 0.25]	73.38	0.000	67.3	Random
{CON}	Overall	-0.05 [-0.32, 0.22]	81.85	0.000	70.4	Random	{MUFAs}	Overall	-0.04 [-0.31, 0.24]	80.05	0.000	70.0	Random
{SGI}	Overall	-0.04 [-0.31, 0.23]	80.85	0.000	70.3	Random	Lopez	Overall	-0.19 [-0.33, -0.04]	44.18	0.007	45.7	Fixed
Sun	Overall	-0.02 [-0.30, 0.27]	78.25	0.000	70.6	Random		>8 hours	0.28 [0.00, 0.55]	4.46	0.726	0.0	Fixed
{MUFAs}	Overall	-0.03 [-0.30, 0.24]	78.35	0.000	69.4	Random		MUFAs	-0.33 [-0.66, -0.01]	25.85	0.007	57.5	Random
{PUFAs}	Overall	-0.05 [-0.32, 0.23]	81.03	0.000	70.4	Random	Masson	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.21]	80.49	0.000	70.2	Random
Teng	Overall	-0.06 [-0.37, 0.25]	79.05	0.000	73.4	Random	Jackson	Overall	-0.11 [-0.37, 0.16]	73.48	0.000	68.7	Random
{F; MUFAs}	Overall	-0.04 [-0.31, 0.23]	80.69	0.000	70.3	Random	{MUFAs}	Overall	-0.07 [-0.34, 0.20]	80.10	0.000	70.0	Random
{M; MUFAs}	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.21]	80.45	0.000	70.2	Random	{PUFAs}	Overall	-0.09 [-0.35, 0.16]	74.6	0.000	67.8	Random
{F; PUFAs}	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.21]	80.70	0.000	70.3	Random	Calabuig-Navarro	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.22]	80.84	0.000	70.3	Random
{M; PUFAs}	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.21]	80.45	0.000	70.2	Random	Lozano	Overall	-0.11 [-0.40, 0.19]	75.70	0.000	72.3	Random
Kasai	Overall	-0.03 [-0.30, 0.25]	78.30	0.000	70.6	Random	{HW; MUFAs}	Overall	-0.07 [-0.34, 0.19]	78.85	0.000	69.6	Random
{BMI < 23}	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.22]	80.93	0.000	70.3	Random	{HW; PUFAs}	Overall	-0.08 [-0.34, 0.19]	78.77	0.000	69.5	Random
{BMI ≥ 23}	Overall	-0.03 [-0.29, 0.24]	78.4	0.000	69.4	Random	{LW; MUFAs}	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.21]	80.81	0.000	70.3	Random
Sasahara	Overall	-0.07 [-0.34, 0.20]	79.37	0.000	69.8	Random	{LW; PUFAs}	Overall	-0.06 [-0.33, 0.21]	80.87	0.000	70.3	Random
Svensson	Overall	-0.031 [-0.31, 0.26]	80.35	0.000	71.4	Random							
{MUFAs}	Overall	-0.04 [-0.31, 0.23]	80.76	0.000	70.3	Random							
{PUFAs}	Overall	-0.04 [-0.21, 0.23]	80.70	0.000	70.3	Random							

Abbreviations: iAUC, incremental area under the curve; SMD, standardized mean difference; CI, confidence intervals; PUFAs, polyunsaturated fatty acids; MUFAs, monounsaturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; CON, control; SGI, slow growth at infancy; BMI, body mass index; HW, higher-weight ( $BMI \geq 26.2$ ); LW, lower-weight ( $BMI < 26.2$ ); F, female; M, male.

**Supplementary Table 7.** Sensitivity analysis results for postprandial blood triglyceride total AUC.

Study or group removed	SMD [95 % CI]	Chi <sup>2</sup>	p-value	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	Model
None	0.37 [-0.02, 0.76]	20.37	0.006	65.6	Random
Jackson	0.35 [-0.13, 0.82]	19.14	0.002	73.9	Random
{MUFAs}	0.39 [-0.05, 1.68]	20.33	0.001	70.5	Random
{PUFAs}	0.34 [-0.08, 0.76]	19.21	0.004	68.8	Random
Lopez	0.14 [-0.07, 0.35]	2.62	0.85	0.0	Fixed
Sasahara	0.40 [-0.03, 0.83]	20.37	0.002	70.6	Random
Calabuig-Navarro	0.45 [0.01, 0.90]	19.16	0.004	68.7	Random
Mero	0.42 [-0.01, 0.85]	20.11	0.003	70.2	Random
Koutsari	0.54 [-0.09, 1.17]	17.95	0.003	72.1	Random
{Female}	0.44 [-0.06, 0.94]	20.09	0.003	70.1	Random
{Male}	0.45 [-0.03, 0.93]	19.18	0.004	68.7	Random

Abbreviations: AUC, area under the curve; SMD, standardized mean difference; CI, confidence intervals; PUFAs, polyunsaturated fatty acids; MUFAs, monounsaturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids.

**Supplementary Table 8.** Sensitivity analysis results for postprandial blood total cholesterol iAUC.

Study or group removed	SMD [95 % CI]	Chi <sup>2</sup>	p-value	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	Model
None	-0.08 [-0.41, 0.25]	2.44	0.785	0.0	Random
Kasai	-0.02 [-0.43, 0.39]	0.44	0.931	0.0	Fixed
{BMI < 23}	-0.14 [-0.50, 0.22]	1.77	0.778	0.0	Fixed
{BMI ≥ 23}	0.03 [-0.34, 0.40]	0.74	0.947	0.0	Fixed
Lozano	-0.18 [-0.72, 0.36]	1.79	0.181	0.0	Fixed
{HW; MUFAs}	-0.11 [-0.47, 0.25]	2.33	0.676	0.0	Fixed
{HW; PUFAs}	-0.12 [-0.48, 0.24]	2.21	0.696	0.0	Fixed
{LW; MUFAs}	-0.10 [-0.45, 0.26]	2.39	0.665	0.0	Fixed
{LW; PUFAs}	-0.05 [-0.40, 0.31]	2.22	0.695	0.0	Fixed

Abbreviations: TC, total cholesterol; iAUC, incremental area under the curve; SMD, standardized mean difference; CI, confidence intervals; PUFAs, polyunsaturated fatty acids; MUFAs, monounsaturated fatty acids; UFAs, unsaturated fatty acids; BMI, body mass index; HW, higher-weight (BMI≥26.2); LW, lower-weight (BMI<26.2).