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Omega-3 and (Heart) Health

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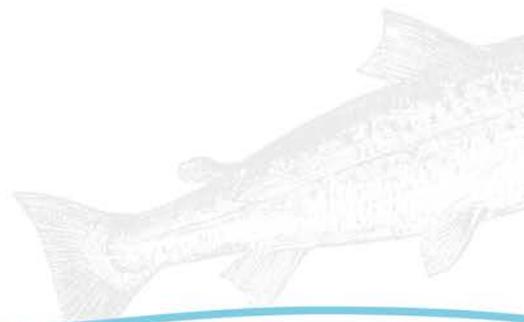
President, OmegaQuant LLC

Meta-analysis on Human Omega-3 Randomized Controlled Trials - CHD Deaths

| Meta-Analysis | Studies Included | Coronary Death Risk Reduction |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Alexander et al. 2017 | 14 (59,000) | 3% (<1g/d) and 11% (>1g/d) (NS) |
| Maki et al. 2017 | 14 (n=71,899) | 8% (p=0.015) |
| Del Gobbo et al. 2016 | 19 (n=45,637) | 10% (p=0.05) |
| Wen et al. 2014 | 14 (n=16,338) | 12% (p=0.003) |
| Casula et al. 2013 | 11 (n=15,348) | 32% (p<0.05) |
| Delgado-Lista et al. 2012 | 13 (n=46,737) | 9% (p=0.03) |
| Kotwal et al. 2012 | 20 (n=63,030) | 14% (p=0.03) |
| Rizos et al. 2012 | 20 (n=68,680) | 9% (p=0.01) |
| Kwak et al. 2012 | 14 (n=20,485) | 9% (p<0.05) |
| Chen et al. 2011 | 10 (n= 33,429) | 19% (p<0.05) |
| Marik et al. 2009 | 11 (n=39,044) | 13% (p=0.02) |
| Zhao et al. 2009 | 8 (n=20,997) | 29% (p=0.05) |
| Leon et al. 2008 | 11 (n=32 779) | 20% (p=0.02) |
| Wang et al. 2006 | 4 (n=21 930) | 35% (p<0.05) |



Association Between Blood Omega-3 Levels and Heart Health



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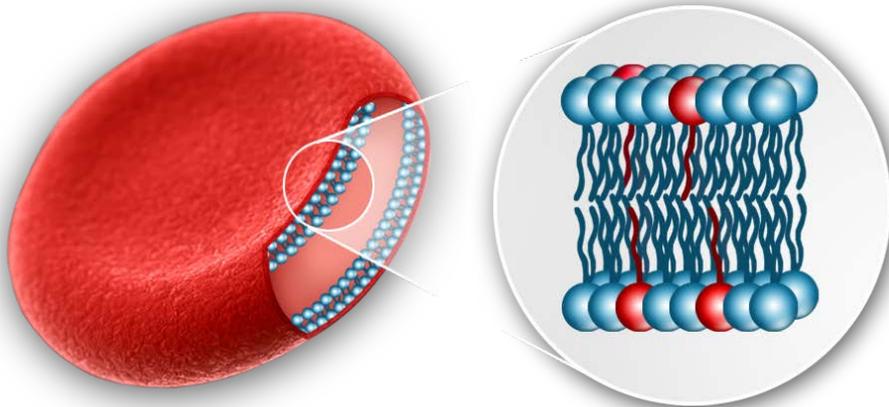
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The Omega-3 Index

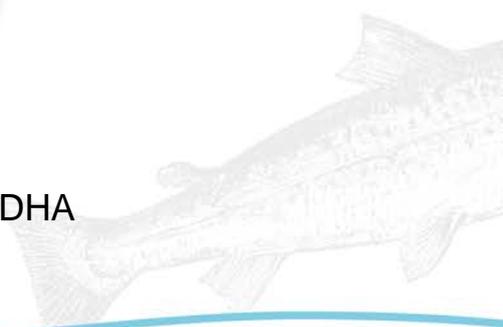
A measure of the amount of EPA+DHA in red blood cell membranes expressed as the percent of total fatty acids



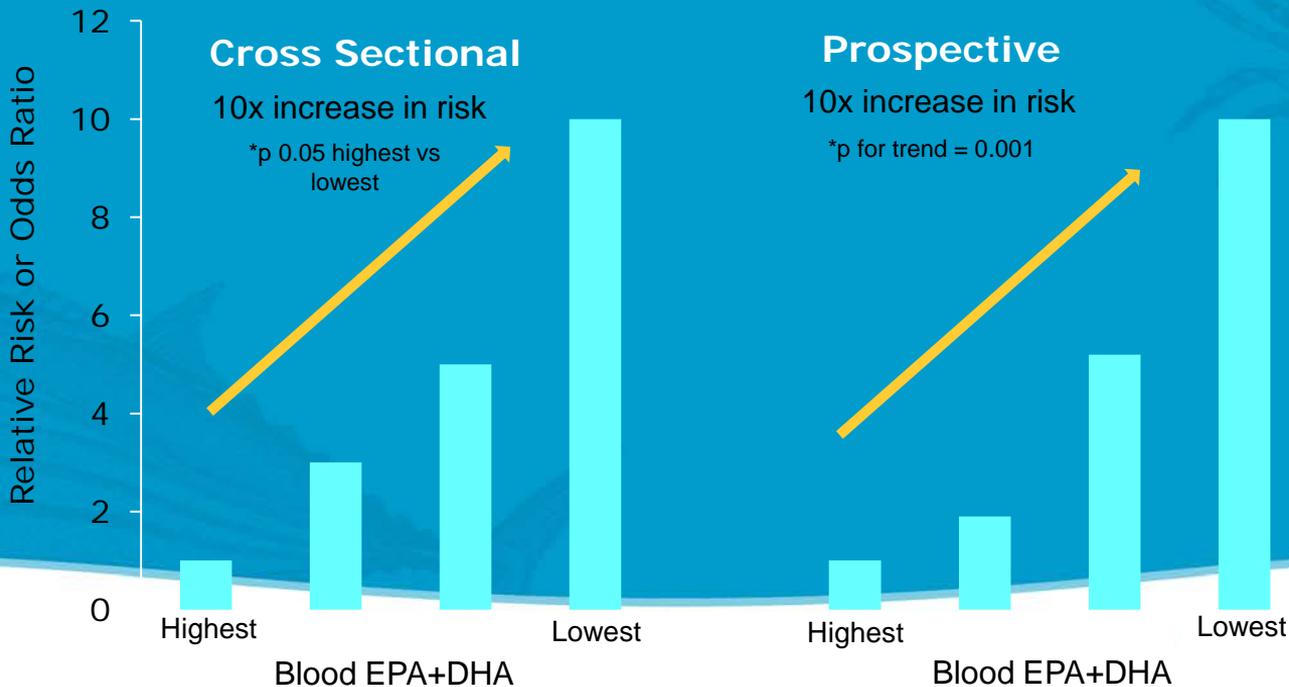
There are 64 fatty acids in this model membrane; 4 are EPA or DHA

$$4/64 = 6.3\%$$

Omega-3 Index = 6.3%



RISK FOR PRIMARY CARDIAC ARREST AND RED BLOOD CELL EPA+DHA LEVEL



Adapted from
Siscovick et al.
JAMA
1995;274:1363-
1367.

Adapted from
Albert et al.
N Engl J Med
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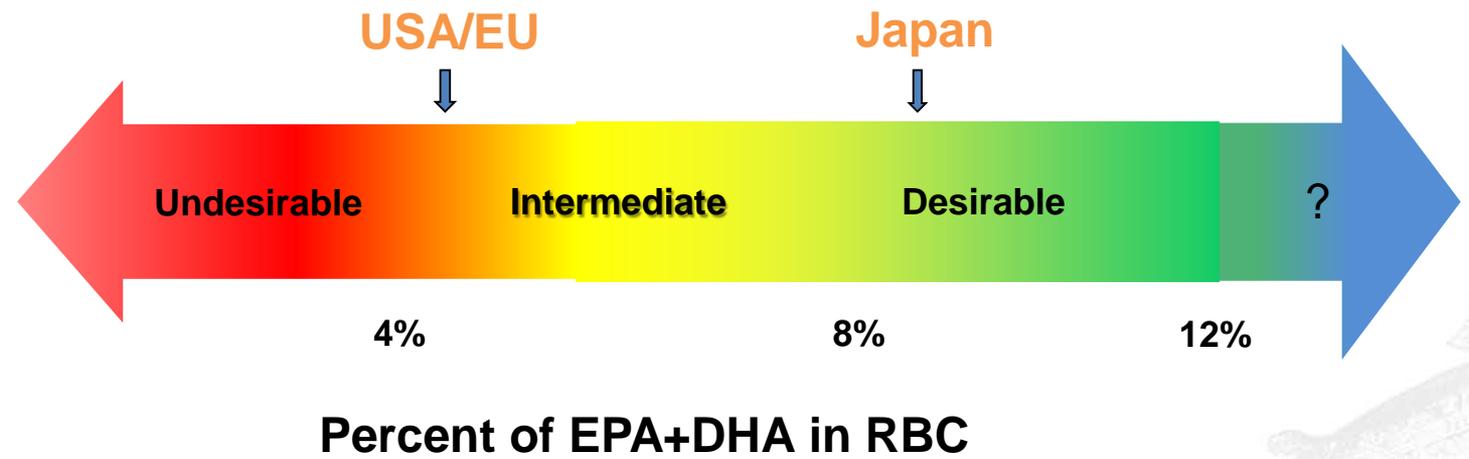


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Risk for Sudden Cardiac Death is 10x higher in people with a low vs a high Omega-3 Index



Omega-3 Index Risk Zones

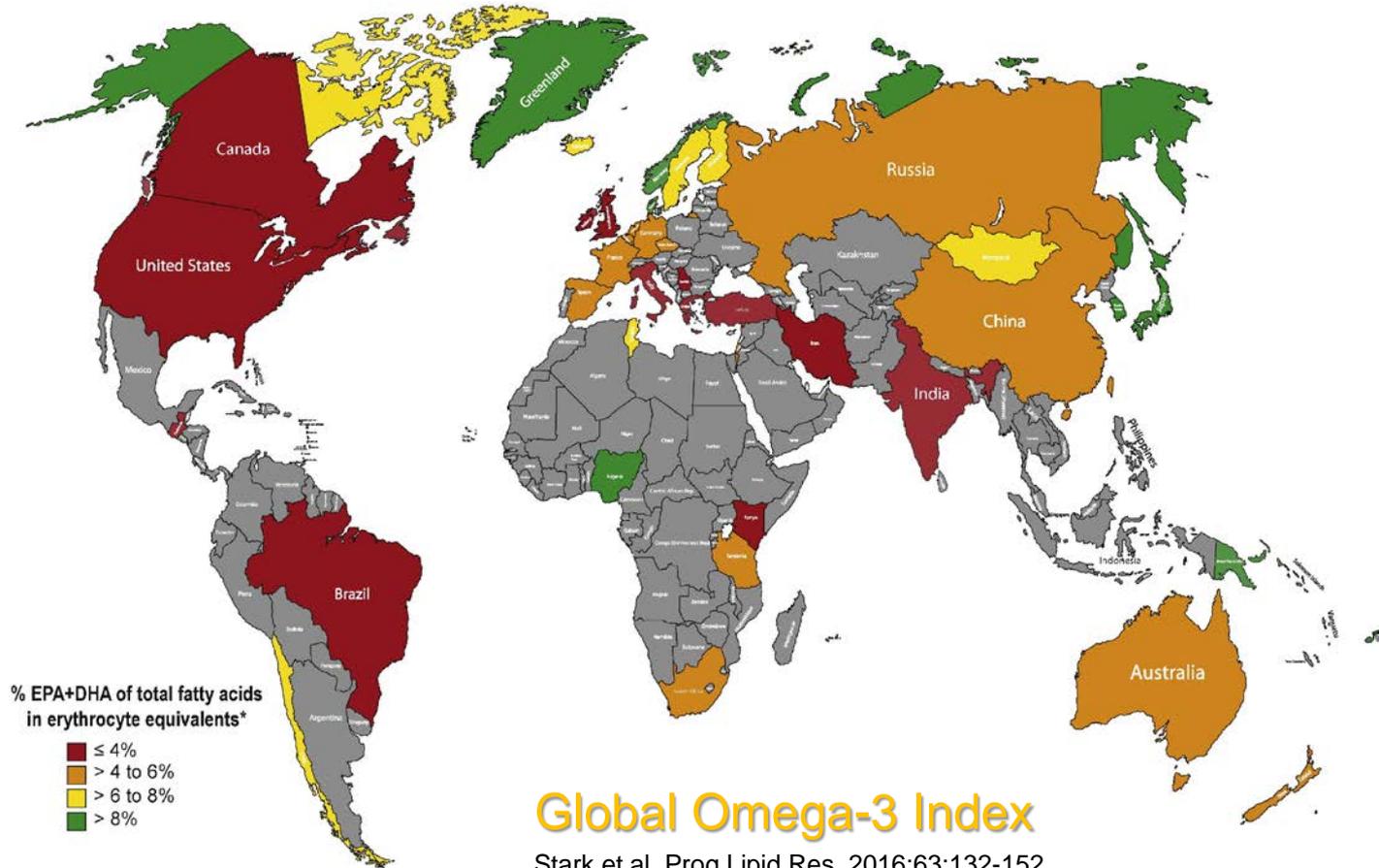


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Itomura, *in vivo* 2008;22:131-136.

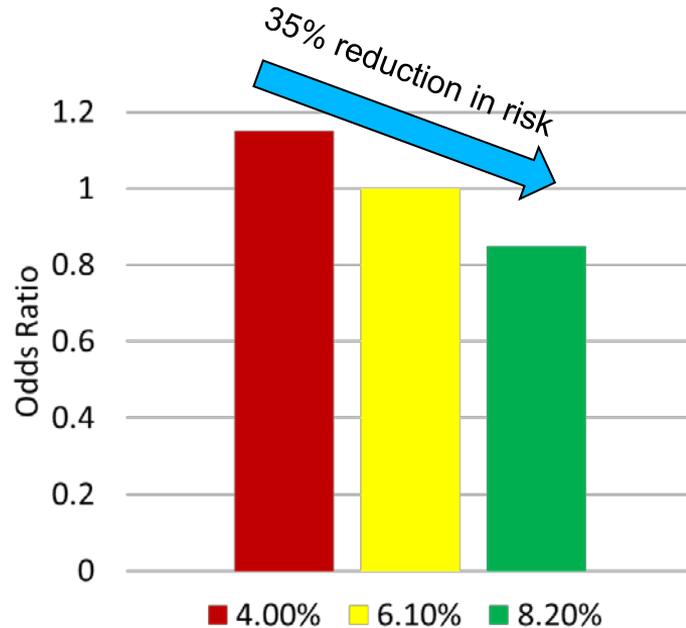
Circulating EPA+DHA levels taken from

- 24,129 individual subjects
- 54 countries
- 398 data sets
- Converted to Omega-3 Index equivalents^b



Meta-Analysis: Omega-3 Index as a Predictor of Risk for Fatal Coronary Heart Disease

(10 studies worldwide - over 27,000 subjects)



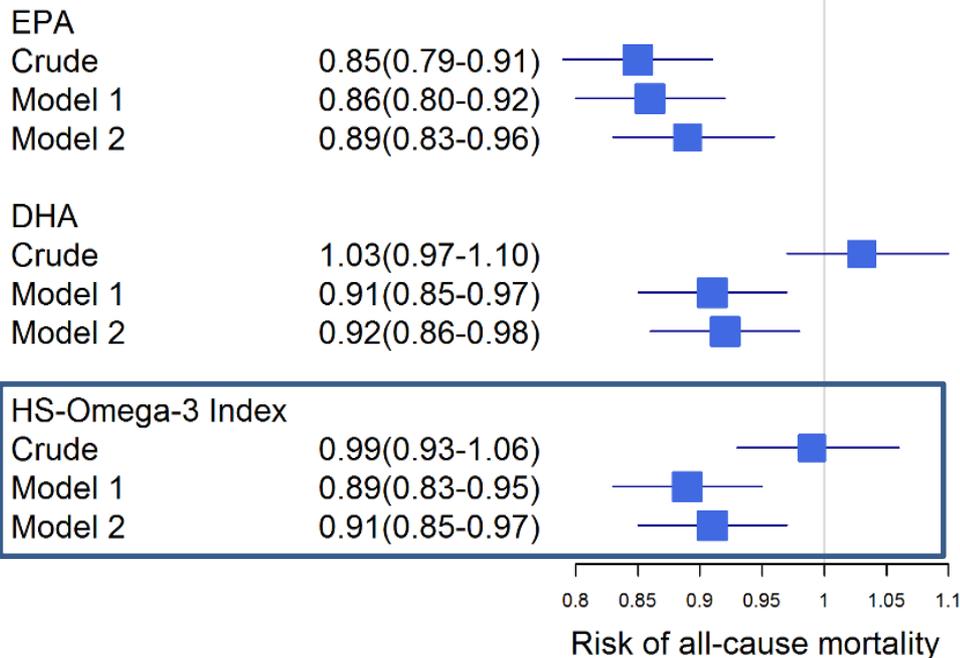
Risk for fatal CHD was 35% lower in persons with an Omega-3 Index of 8% compared with those with an Index of 4%

Risk for all-cause mortality and the omega-3 index: the LURIC study

Per 1-SD increase in the Omega-3 Index over 10 years in 3259 patients undergoing diagnostic cardiac catheterization

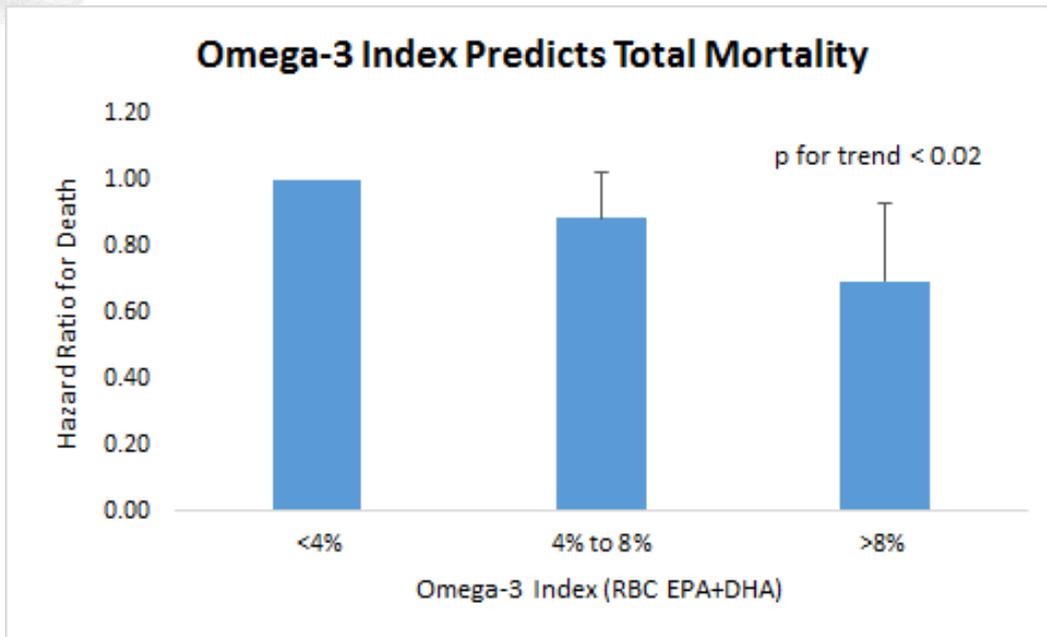
Model 1: adjusted for age and gender

Model 2: additionally adjusted for BMI, LDL-C, HDL-C, logTG, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, smoking, alcohol intake, physical exercise and lipid lowering therapy.



Relative Risk for Death from Any Cause and the Omega-3 index

The Women's Health Initiative Memory Study



Risk for death from any cause over the 15-year study in 6501 post-menopausal women was 31% lower with an Omega-3 Index of >8% vs <4%

From Fish Oil to Medicine

Bernadine Healy, MD.

*Former Director of the NIH and President of the AHA
US News and World Report. August 7, 2008*



“This is no fish story: Raising omega-3s could be as important to public health as lowering cholesterol. Think about that comparison. Reining in our nation's cholesterol levels over the past 40 years has yielded great benefit to health and longevity. The change was a grass-roots effort driven by individuals—patients motivated by test results and doctors who helped monitor and manage them. The National Cholesterol Education Program even launched a "know your number" campaign. But who knows their levels of omega-3s?”

“Before long, your personal omega-3 index just could be the “new cholesterol” — the number you want to brag about.”