Questionnaire used for round 1

This questionnaire aims to develop an index to measure adherence to the traditional Mexican diet (TMexD) in present time and in adults (>20 years)¹. Constructing this index could enable us, and other researchers, to use a consistent definition of this diet, which could be used to evaluate in research or in practice if adhering to the TMexD is associated with some health outcomes.

In order to develop such index, we previously conducted a review to identify which foods could be included in the TMexD. We would like to know if you agree or disagree with the inclusion of those foods in the TMexD.

In the first section, you will suggest the foods (and their amounts) that you think need to be included in a TMexD index. In the second section, you will be able to suggest which foods need to be included in each food group. At the end of the questionnaire you will be able to add final comments (optional).

Please enter your 4-digit ID number:

Please select your area or work: Research/ consultancy/ non-governmental organization/ teaching/ government/ industry/ private practice.

First section

- a. The following food groups were mentioned in most sources describing the TMexD. Please answer, based on your knowledge (or the evidence you consider appropriate) whether you **agree or disagree** on including the following food groups in the TMexD. If you agree on the inclusion of a food group, please select the **weekly frequency** (<1 to 7 days per week), and the **daily portions** in which it is consumed in the TMexD².
- b. For example, if you were completely sure on including fruits as part of the TMexD, you would suggest completely agree. And if you thought that in the TMexD fruits are consumed 4 times per week and on each day 2 portions are consumed; you would select 4 in weekly frequency and 2 in daily portions. For each category, we have provided a link with visual aid to help you understand the servings corresponding to each food group.

Food item	Inclusion in the TMexD		Frequency (<1 - 7)	Amount (<1 - 7+)
	Completely disagree	Completely agree	(1)	()
Maize products	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)
Other grains	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)

¹ This is the age cut-off point used in the National Health and Nutrition Survey in Mexico (Romero-Martínez M, Shamah-Levy T, Vielma-Orozco E, Heredia-Hernández O, Mojica-Cuevas J, Cuevas-Nasu L, et al. Encuesta Nacional de Salud y Nutrición (Ensanut 2018): metodología y perspectivas. Salud Publica Mex. 2019; 61:917–23).

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² A reference to the size of these portions can be found in pages 9-11.

Tubers	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Legumes	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Vegetables	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Fruits	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Herbs and condiments	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Beverages	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Alcoholic beverages	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Meats	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Fish and seafood	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)
Sweets and sweeteners	0 0	0 0	\circ	(per week)	(servings)

c. In the systematic review, we also analysed separately the sources reporting a TMexD using literature reviews (e.g. those that reviewed historical or anthropological sources) and empirical studies (e.g. those that directly observed the diet of the population). Additionally, we analysed separately the sources reporting the TMexD in the North, Centre, and South of Mexico.

By analyzing these studies separately, we identified other food groups that were mentioned. However, these food groups, unlike the ones presented above, were not present in all study types. For example, some were mentioned in literature reviews and studies reporting intakes in Central and Southern Mexico, but not in original studies and those referring to Northern Mexico.

Please answer whether you **agree or disagree** on including the following food groups in the TMexD. If you agree on the inclusion of a food group, please select the **weekly frequency** (<1 to 7 days per week), and the **daily portions** in which it is consumed in the TMexD. For each category, we have provided a link with visual aid to help you understand the servings corresponding to each food group.

Note: Food groups with an asterisk (*) were only present in studies based on literature reviews. Food groups with a cross (†) were only present in empirical studies. Food groups with an ^N, ^C, ^S, ^{ALL} were only present in studies referring to the North, Centre, South Mexico, and all regions on Mexico, respectively.

Food item	Inclusion in	the TMexD	Frequency (<1 – 7)	Amount (<1 - 7+)
	Completely disagree	Completely agree		
Oils and fats *, †,C,S,ALL	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)
Nuts and seeds *,C,S,ALL	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)
Insects *, C, S, ALL	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)
Reptiles *, C, S	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)
$\textbf{Dairy}^{\dagger,N,\text{ALL}}$	000	0 0	(per week)	(servings)
$Eggs^{\dagger,N,\mathrm{ALL}}$	0 0 0	0 0	(per week)	(servings)

d. If you think that other food groups, apart from the ones previously mentioned, need to be included in the TMexD, please suggest them below:
The food groups suggested by participants and added in following rounds can be found in Supplementary materials I, Table S2.
Another modification was amending the group 'maize products', as 32% of participants commented on the complexity of suggesting quantities and food items in such a mixed food group. As such, this group was split into 'maize products' (e.g., tortilla) and 'maize-based dishes' (e.g., tacos).
 e. In the TMexD index, do you think all the food groups (that you selected) are equally important and should have equal weight? Or do you think they should have different weights? For example, if one were to measure adherence to the TMexD with this index, would you give one point to each food group which recommendation is met, or would you give two points to certain food groups?, or, would you subtract one point when its recommendation is not met? i. All food groups should be assigned one point (when its recommendation is met) ii. Some food groups should be assigned two points (when its recommendation is met) (please list the food groups that should be awarded two points)
Some food groups should be assigned minus one point (when its recommendation is not met) (please list the food groups that should be awarded minus one point)
Option iii was omitted from following rounds given that less than 50% of participants selected it in round one, and because no participants nominated any food group to be evaluated using this measure.
Second section
 a. Do you think that the following items should be considered in the index to measure adherence to the TMexD? Select the ones that you consider appropriate: Cooking your own meals Using traditional cooking techniques Eating with family and friends Other (please specify)
If you agree on including one or more of these elements, in which way do you think they should be evaluated in an index? For example, do you think the individuals following these actions should be awarded one point?
The options suggested by participants and added in following rounds can be found in Supplementary materials I, Table S9.

Third section

a. In the systematic review, the following **individual food items** were present in the food groups previously mentioned. Please answer whether you agree or disagree with the inclusion of these food items in each food group in the TMexD.

Note: Food items with an asterisk (*) were only present in studies based on literature reviews. Food items with a cross (†) were only present in studies that directly assessed diet consumption (empirical studies). Food groups with an ^N, ^C, ^S, ^{ALL} were only present in studies referring to the North, Centre, South Mexico, and all regions on Mexico, respectively.

Food item	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree
Maize products			
Atole	\circ	0	0
Pinole	\circ	0	0
Tortillas	0	0	\circ
Tamales	\circ	0	0
Mixed ^{ALL} (sopes, palomitas, gorditas, tostadas, totopos)	0	0	0
Soups (pozole, menudo) ALL	\circ	0	0
Others (please specify), or use this space to con	nment on this food	group	
Other grains			
Amaranth	\circ	0	0
Rice	\circ	0	0
Wheat (bread, pasta, tortillas)	0	0	0
Others (please specify), or use this space to con	nment on this food	group	
Tubers			
Potato	\circ	0	0
Sweet potato	0	0	0
Yucca *, S, ALL	\circ	0	\circ
Others (please specify), or use this space to con	nment on this food	group	
Legumes			
Beans	\circ	0	0
Others (please specify), or use this space to con	nment on this food	group	
Vegetables			
Squash	\circ	0	0

Chayote	0	0	0
Nopales	0	0	0
Quelites	0	0	0
Tomato	0	0	0
Tomatillo	0	0	0
Carrot ALL	0	0	0
Guaje ^S	0	0	0
Huauzontle ^C	0	O O O O	0
Lettuce ALL	0	0	0
Mushrooms * C, S,ALL	0	0	0
Papaloquelite ^S	0	0	0
Purslane S,ALL	0		0
Squash blossoms ALL	0	0	0
Others (please specify), or use this space t	o comment on this food gro	oup	
Fruits	_	_	_
Anona	O	O	0
Capulín	0	0	0
Guava	0	O	0
Jicama	0	O	0
Mamey	0	O	0
Plums	0	O	0
Prickly pear	0		0
Zapote	0	O	0
Apple ALL	0	O	0
Banana †, N,ALL	0		0
Berries (strawberry, blueberries, etc.) ^{ALL}	0	0	0
Citrus fruits (orange, lemon, lime, mandarin, grapefruit) *, †, N,ALL	0	0	0
Guanábana *, s	0	0	0
Mango ^{ALL}	0	0	0
Melon ^{ALL}	0	0	0
Peach ALL	0	0	0
Nanche ^S	0	0	0
Pear ^{ALL}	0		0
Pitahaya ^{ALL}	0	0	0
Papaya *,S	0	0	0
Pineapple *	0	0	0

Tejocote * C, S,ALL	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to	comment on this food gro	up			
Herbs and condiments					
Salt	0	0	0		
Chile or salsa	0	0	0		
Onion	0	0	0		
Achiote ALL	0	0	0		
Acuyo or hoja santa ^{S, ALL}	0	0	0		
Chipilín ^S	0	0	0		
Coriander ALL	0	0	0		
Epazote *, C, S, ALL	O O O	0	0		
Garlic ALL	0	0	0		
Parsley ALL		0	0		
Pepper ALL	0	0	0		
Vanilla *, C, ALL	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to	comment on this food gro	oup			
Oils and fats					
Avocado	0	0	0		
Cream ALL	0	0	0		
Lard ^S	0	0	0		
Vegetable oil †.ALL	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to comment on this food group					
Nuts and seeds					
Chia seeds	0	0	0		
Pumpkin seeds	0	0	0		
Peanuts *, C, ALL	0	0	0		
Sesame seeds ALL	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to comment on this food group					
Beverages					
Cacao drinks	0	O	0		
Natural juices	0	0	0		
Aguas frescas ^{ALL}	0	0	0		
Coffee † ALL	0	0	0		
Soda †	0	0	0		
Tea †	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to	comment on this food gro	up			

Alcoholic beverages

Pulque	\circ	0	0		
Beer ^N	\circ	0	0		
Pozol agrio ^{C, S} (fermented maize beverage)	0	0	\circ		
Tesgüino ^{ALL} (fermented maize beverage)	0	0	\circ		
Others (please specify), or use this space to co	mment on this food	group			
Fish and seafoods					
Catfish ^S	0	0	0		
Shrimp *, C, S, ALL	\circ	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to co	mment on this food	group			
Meats					
Armadillo	0	0	0		
Chicken	0	0	0		
Duck	\circ	0	0		
Hare	0	0	0		
Rabbit	\circ	0	0		
Turkey	O O O	0	0		
Venison		0	0		
Beef *,ALL	\circ	0	0		
Chevon ALL	0	0	\circ		
Lamb ^{ALL}	0	0	\circ		
Partridge ^S	0	0	\circ		
Pork *	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to comment on this food group					
Sweets and sweeteners					
Honey	0	O	0		
Sugar and sugarcane	0	O	0		
Desserts ALL	0	0	0		
Pan dulce ^{ALL}	0	0	0		
Sweets ALL	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to co	mment on this food	group			
Insects					
Ahuahutle ^C (water-fly eggs)	0	0	0		
Ants and their larvae (<i>jicoteras</i> , escamoles) *, C, S	0	0	0		
Grasshoppers and locusts *,S	0	0	0		
Maguey worms *, C,S	0	0	0		
Others (please specify), or use this space to comment on this food group					

Reptiles

Iguana	*, C, S	0	0	0
Others	(please specify), or use this space	e to comment on this food grou	p	
Dairy				
Cheese	; †, ALL	0	0	0
Milk †	N	0	0	0
Others	(please specify), or use this space	e to comment on this food grou	p	
Eggs				
Chicke	n eggs ^{ALL}	0	0	0
Others	(please specify), or use this space	e to comment on this food grou	p	
materiai	ts suggested by participants, was I, Table S1.* If a person consumes other			
	for inclusion in the TMexD person only consumed kiw point for meeting the fruit g	index? For example, if fit is which is not one of the	ruits were part of the T	MexD index, and one
c.	If you think something else below:	should be added or modi	fied in the questionnain	re, please suggest it

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. We will be in touch with you soon in order to complete the second-round questionnaire.

<u>EXAMPLES OF PORTION SIZES (images representing these portion sizes can be found by consulting the references cited)</u>

1 PORTION IS EQUIVALENT TO:

MAIZE PRODUCTS

1 tortilla⁽¹⁾

OTHER GRAINS

½ cup of rice or pasta⁽¹⁾ (the size of your fist)

Or

1 slice of bread⁽¹⁾

TUBERS

½ large potato or 1 small potato⁽¹⁾

LEGUMES

½ cup of chickpeas, beans, lentils, or peas⁽¹⁾ (the size of your fist)

VEGETABLES

1 large carrot, 1 cup broccoli, 1 tomato, ½ maize cob⁽²⁾ (approx.80 g)(1 handful) OR

1 cup green leaves (approx.80 g)⁽²⁾ (2 handfuls)

FRUITS

1 cup of pineapple, grapes, melon, strawberries, watermelon, or papaya (approx. $80g)^{(1)}$ (the size of your fist)

BEVERAGES

½ glass of juice⁽²⁾

Or

1 cup of chocolate/ $atole^{(3)}$

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2 glasses of aguafresca⁽⁴⁾

Or

1 cup of tea/coffee⁽²⁾

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1 jar of *pulque*⁽³⁾

Or

1 pint of beer⁽⁵⁾

MEATS

60 g cooked (the size of the palm of your hand)⁽¹⁾

FISH AND SEAFOOD

 $60~g~cooked~(the~size~of~the~palm~of~your~hand)^{(1)}$

HERBS AND CONDIMENTS

There are no pre-established portions of herbs and condiments. Consider one portion as cooking/eating with these ingredients once per day.

FATS AND OILS

1/3 avocado⁽²⁾, 1 tablespoon of cream⁽²⁾, or 1 teaspoon of oil⁽²⁾

NUTS AND SEEDS

1 handful of nuts (approx.30 g) (1)

DAIRY PRODUCTS

1 glass of milk⁽²⁾, or the size of 2 fingers of cheese (approx.30g)⁽⁶⁾

EGGS

 $1 \text{ egg}^{(1)}$

INSECTS

1 handful of insects (approx. 30 g)⁽¹⁾

REPTILES

60 g cooked (the size of the palm of your hand)⁽¹⁾

MAIZE-BASED DISHES

1 *tamal*⁽⁷⁾

Or

2 tlacoyos, sopes, chalupas⁽⁸⁾

Or

1 bowl of *pozole*⁽⁹⁾

OUELITES

1 cup of *quelites*⁽²⁾ (2 handfuls)

PLAIN WATER

1 glass of plain water⁽¹⁰⁾ (240 ml)

CHILE

There are no pre-established portions of *chiles*. Consider one portion as cooking/eating with these ingredients once per day.

NATURAL SWEETENERS/SWEET PRODUCTS

2 teaspoons of honey or sugar⁽²⁾

Or

2 small pieces of candy⁽²⁾

References for portion sizes and images:

The portion sizes were selected based on standard portion sizes from The British Dietetic Association⁽¹¹⁾, Pérez Lizaur et al.⁽¹²⁾ and Juárez Martínez⁽¹³⁾.

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