

# Association between intake of fermented dairy product and diet quality, health beliefs in a representative sample of Polish population

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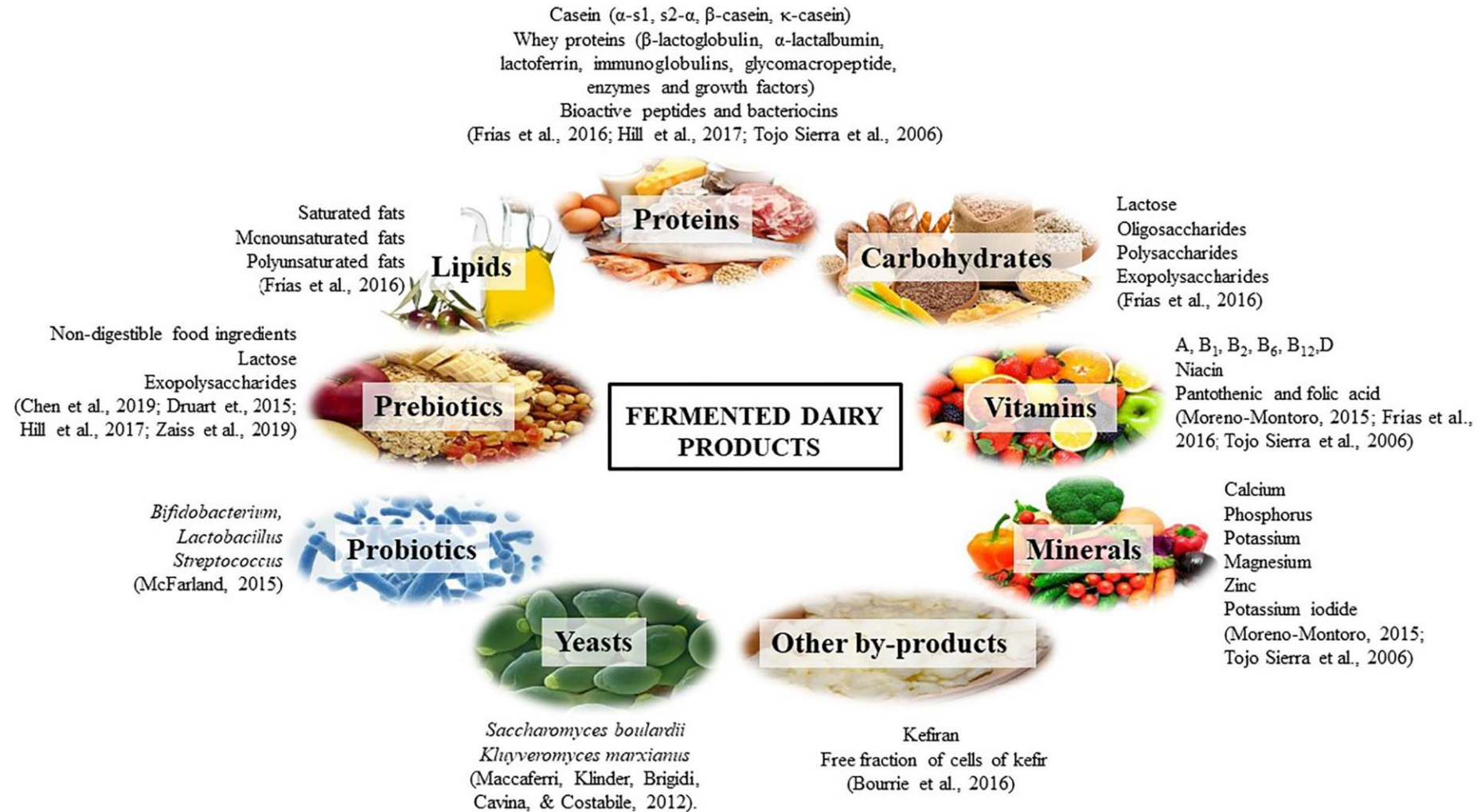
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# Main components of fermented milks.



# Different health benefits of bioactive metabolites present in ethnic fermented dairy products.

## Enzymes

- Improve digestibility
- Enhance nutritional profile
- Influence organoleptic properties
- Reduce gastric complications in lactose intolerants

## Organic acids

- Improve shelf life of fermented food
- Prevent pathogens
- Regulate pH in gut

## GABA, CLA

- Improves lipid profile
- Prevents CVDs and cancer
- Influences central nervous system
- Regulates mood and appetite

## Vitamins

- Strain specific metabolites
- Enhance folate production
- Increase riboflavin content

## Bile salt hydrolase

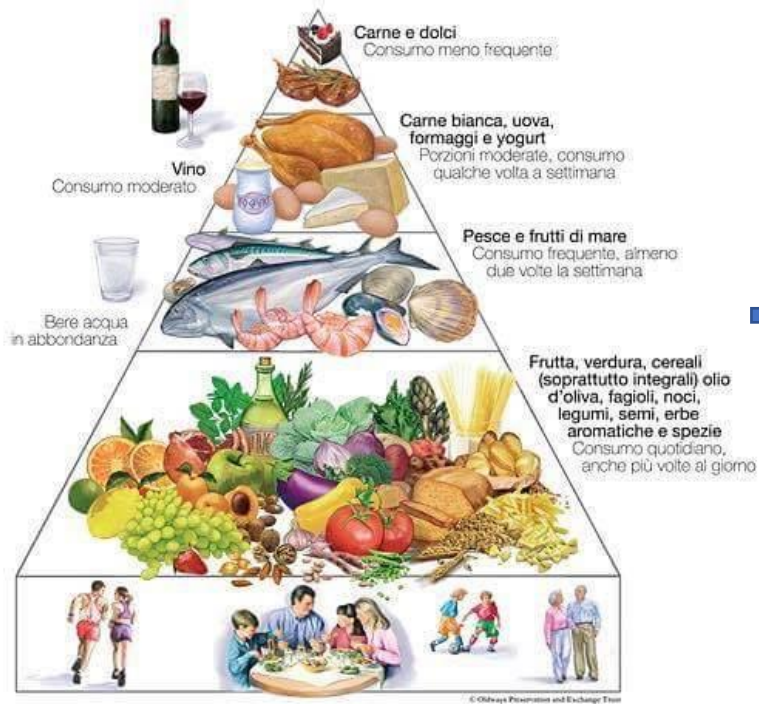
- Regulate triglyceride profile
- Exert hypocholesterolemic effect

## Bioactive peptides

- Regulate mineral absorption
- Boost up metabolism
- Improve hypotensive action
- Immunomodulation



# Mediterranean diet and fermented dairy products



- led to significant changes in markers of cardiovascular risk over 8 wk
- may be appropriate for an improvement in cardiovascular risk factors in a population at risk of CVD

# Aim

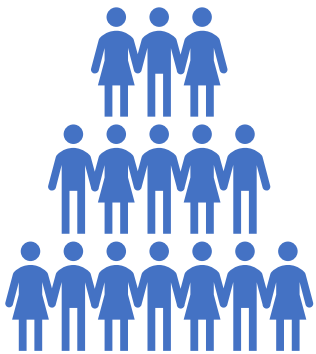


This study aimed to evaluate the association between diet quality, perception of benefits consumption, and dairy fermented product intake in a representative sample of the Polish population.

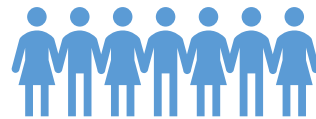
# Materials

## THE SURVEY OF POLES' OPINIONS ON DAIRY PRODUCTS AND THEIR ASPECT OF INNOVATION

General Polish population



Representative sample  
N=2009

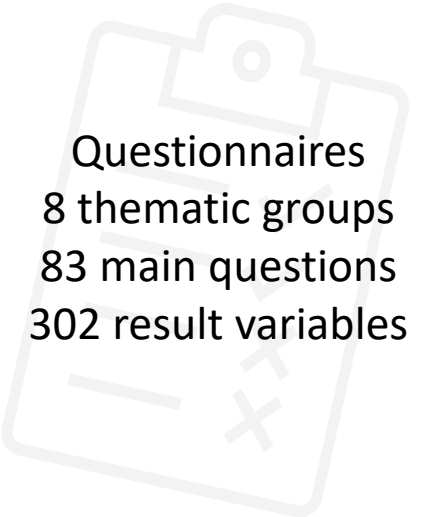


Study sample  
N=1695



Using computer assisted  
personal interviews  
Jan-Feb 2020

Excluded  
due to missing-data  
N=314



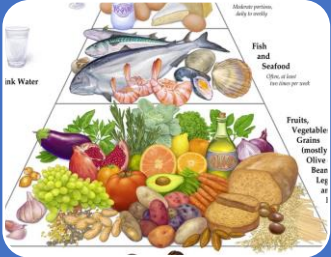
Questionnaires  
8 thematic groups  
83 main questions  
302 result variables

# Methods



## DAIRY PRODUCTS CONSUMPTION

- qualitative food frequency questionnaire where questions (basis of the validated KomPAN questionnaire and Codex Alimentarius dairy food grouping)
- Total fermented dairy product consumption = natural + sweetened fermented dairy products + rennet cheeses



## MEDITERRANEAN DIET PATTERN

- German version of the Mediterranean Diet Adherence Screener (MEDAS) score
- of 14 questions concerning the consumption of selected food groups



## ATTITUDE TO HEALTH

- Health Concern Scale (HCS)
- 10 statements concerning the interest in health and the relationship with excessive consumption of sugar, fat, salt, cholesterol and food additives with the occurrence of selected diseases

# Results:

**Table 1.** Basic characteristics.

	Total fermented dairy products consumption					P
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	
Fermented dairy product consumption, times/d†	0.2 (0.1; 0.2)	0.4 (0.3; 0.7)	0.8 (0.7; 0.9)	1.2 (1.2; 1.3)	2.1 (1.7; 2.6)	<0.001
Age cohort 19-30 y, years†	26 (23; 28)	26 (23; 29)	27 (24; 29) <sup>a</sup>	26 (22; 28)	25 (21; 28) <sup>a</sup>	0.022
Age cohort 66-75 y, years†	69 (67; 71)	69 (67; 71)	68 (67; 70)	69 (67; 71)	69 (67; 71)	0.310
Gender (women)	48.1 (148)	51.3 (180)	58.7 (186)	53.2 (166)	59.0 (240)	0.015
Waist circumference, cm †	86 (75; 100)	83 (70; 95)	80 (70; 90) <sup>a</sup>	85 (75; 96)	87 (76; 98) <sup>a</sup>	0.016
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup> †	25.5 (22.7; 28.7)	25.2 (22.0; 27.9)	24.8 (22.2; 27.2)	25.5 (23.0; 28.1)	25.1 (22.3; 28.0)	0.132
% Overweight obese	53.7 (123)	51.5 (138)	48.4 (119)	53.3 (119)	50.9 (172)	0.773
Smoking status (current)	20.1 (62)	24.8 (87)	24.3 (77)	23.7 (74)	27.3 (111)	0.290
Physical activity (MVPA)	61.0 (188)	65.8 (231)	68.8 (218)	65.4 (204)	61.2 (249)	0.170
TV watching time (more than 6h)	12.3 (38)	17.4 (61)	16.4 (52)	18.9 (59)	24.3 (99)	0.001
Sleeping time (6-9 h)	79.2 (244)	83.2 (292)	77.9 (247)	76.0 (237)	74.0 (301)	0.034
Economic status (high and very high)	25.0 (77)	28.8 (101)	25.9 (82)	24.4 (76)	28.0 (114)	0.643
Education level (higher)	13.6 (42)	15.1 (53)	18.3 (58)	11.9 (37)	13.0 (53)	0.167

Data are presented as % and number or (where†) median and interquartile range (IQR). The sample size may vary slightly in each variable due to missing data. MVPA, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity. *p* value: significance for Kruskal-Wallis test (Dunn's post-hoc test) or Pearson's chi square test



**Table 2.** Association between MEDAS, its components and total fermented dairy products consumption.

	Total fermented dairy products consumption					P <sub>trend</sub>
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	
MEDAS score	5.6 (5.3; 5.9)	5.8 (5.4; 6.1)	5.7 (5.4; 6.1)	6.0 (5.6; 6.3)	6.2 (5.9; 6.6)	<0.001
Plant oils as main (yes) <sup>†</sup>	73.1 (225)	83.5 (293)	86.4 (274)	87.2(272)	83.1 (338)	0.096
Plant oils, times/d	1.7 (1.4; 2.0)	1.7 (1.5; 2.0)	2.1 (1.8; 2.4)	2.0 (1.7; 2.3)	2.3 (2; 2.6)	<0.001
Vegetables, times/d	2.7 (2.3; 3.0)	2.6 (2.3; 3.0)	2.5 (2.2; 2.8)	2.6 (2.3; 3.0)	3.1 (2.8; 3.5)	<0.001
Fruits and juices, times/d	4.7 (4.2; 5.3)	5.2 (4.6; 5.8)	5.7 (5.1; 6.3)	5.5 (4.9; 6.1)	5.1 (4.6; 5.7)	0.451
Red meat, times/d	4.8 (4.3; 5.5)	5.1 (4.5; 5.9)	5.2 (4.6; 5.9)	6.0 (5.3; 6.8)	5.6 (5.0; 6.3)	0.168
Butter and cream, times/d	2.6 (2.2; 2.9)	2.5 (2.2; 2.9)	3.1 (2.7; 3.5)	2.6 (2.3; 3.0)	2.9 (2.6; 3.3)	0.084
Sweetened beverages, times/d	4.0 (3.3; 4.8)	5.0 (4.1; 6.0)	4.9 (4.1; 5.8)	4.6 (3.8; 5.6)	4.5 (3.8; 5.4)	0.687
Wine, times/wk	1.4 (1.1; 1.8)	1.6 (1.2; 2.1)	1.4 (1.1; 1.9)	1.9 (1.4; 2.4)	2.5 (2.1; 3.1)	<0.001
Legumes, times/wk	1.2 (1.0; 1.5)	1.4 (1.2; 1.7)	1.7 (1.5; 2.1)	1.7 (1.4; 2.0)	2.0 (1.7; 2.4)	<0.001
Fish and seafood, times/wk	1.3 (1.1; 1.6)	1.6 (1.4; 1.9)	1.7 (1.4; 2.0)	1.9 (1.6; 2.2)	2.1 (1.9; 2.4)	<0.001
Sweets and pastries, times/wk	3.7 (3.2; 4.2)	4.0 (3.5; 4.6)	4.5 (4.0; 5.1)	4.4 (3.8; 5.0)	4.9 (4.4; 5.5)	<0.001
Nuts, times/wk	0.6 (0.4; 0.9)	0.8 (0.5; 1)	1.1 (0.8; 1.4)	1.1 (0.8; 1.5)	1.6 (1.3; 2.1)	<0.001
Preferable white meat (yes) <sup>†</sup>	71.4 (220)	75.2 (264)	73.2 (232)	79.8 (249)	80.6 (328)	0.014
Whole grain products, times/d	2.5 (2.1; 2.9)	2.5 (2.1; 2.9)	2.6 (2.3; 3.1)	2.7 (2.4; 3.2)	2.6 (2.3; 3.0)	0.179

Data are presented as back-transformed least square means and 95% confidence interval (CI) or (where<sup>†</sup>) as % and number. The sample size may vary slightly in each variable due to missing data. MEDAS, Mediterranean Diet Adherence Screener. All data adjusted for age cohort, gender, smoking status, sleeping time, TV watching time, education level, economic status (all categorical). *p* value: significance for Wald's test.

**Table 3.** Association between health concern scale, health beliefs and total fermented dairy products consumption.

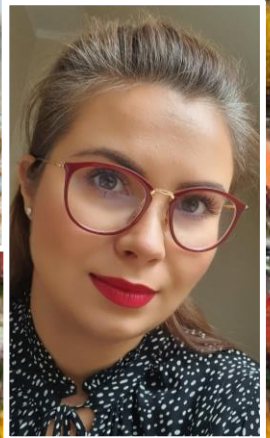
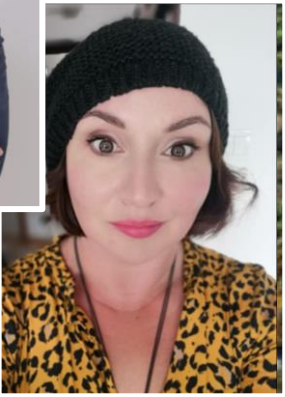
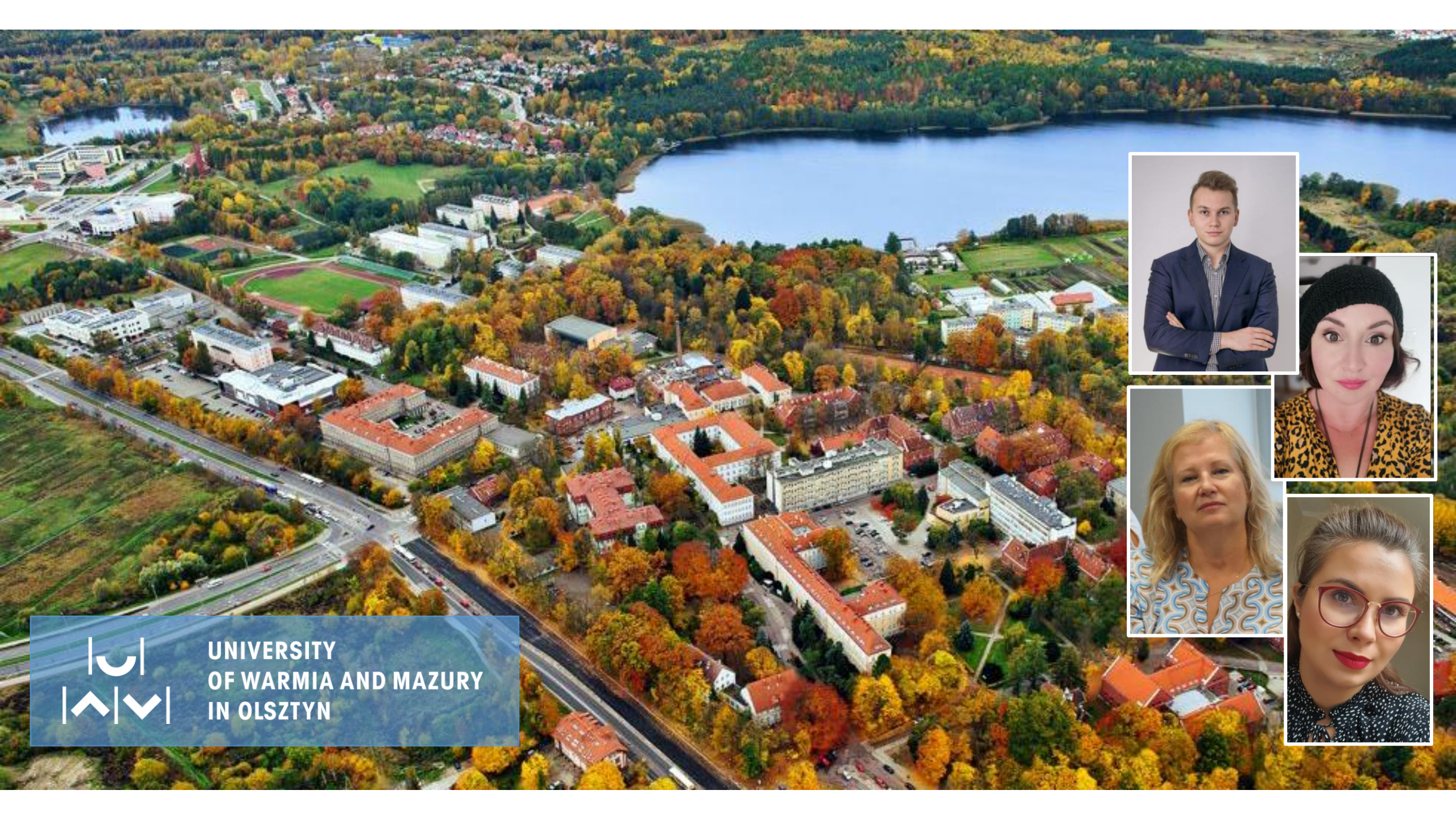
	Total fermented dairy products consumption					P <sub>trend</sub>
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	
<b>% (n)</b>	18.2 (308)	20.7 (351)	18.7 (317)	18.4 (312)	24.0 (407)	
<b>HCS score†</b>	37.1 (35.3; 39.0)	36.6 (34.8; 38.5)	36.2 (34.4; 38.0)	37.3 (35.5; 39.2)	39.5 (37.7; 41.4)	0.002
<b>Normal body weight</b>	26.3 (81)	29.3 (103)	38.2 (121)	38.8 (121)	39.6 (161)	0.001
<b>Healthy heart</b>	26.6 (82)	32.5 (114)	39.4 (125)	46.2 (144)	52.3 (213)	<0.001
<b>Healthy bones</b>	56.5 (174)	64.7 (227)	71.9 (228)	71.2 (222)	67.6 (275)	0.075
<b>Improved immunity</b>	50.3 (155)	61.3 (215)	67.2 (213)	68.6 (214)	67.3 (274)	0.002
<b>Healthy digestive track</b>	59.1 (182)	63.8 (224)	68.5 (217)	70.8 (221)	61.2 (249)	0.449
<b>Healthy teeth</b>	27.3 (84)	29.3 (103)	37.5 (119)	36.5 (114)	36.9 (150)	<0.001
<b>Not bring benefits</b>	51.6 (195)	37.3 (131)	26.2 (83)	29.2 (91)	20.6 (84)	<0.001

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# Conclusions:

1. Our study identified patterns of health behaviours associated with frequent consumption of fermented products.
2. We observed that the intake of fermented dairy products is associated with
  - better diet quality,
  - consumer self-consciousness,
  - greater attitude to own health.





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