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Skala zum Ernährungsverhalten (SEV)
[German eating behavior scale]

Hier geht es allgemein um Ihre Ernährung. Was trifft auf Sie zu?

[This questionnaire is about your nutrition in general. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements about your eating habits?]

No.	German items [English wording]	trifft gar nicht zu [completely disagree]					trifft genau zu [strongly agree]					Subscale
		<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5	
1	Ich ernähre mich vegetarisch. <i>[I adhere to a vegetarian diet]</i>											HC
2	Ich ernähre mich vegan. <i>[I adhere to a vegan diet]</i>											HC
3	Ich esse wenig Fett. <i>[I eat low fat]</i>											WC
4	Ich wähle bei Getreideprodukten (Brot, Nudeln, Reis, Mehl) regelmäßig die Vollkornvariante. <i>[I regularly choose the whole grain option for grain products (bread, pasta, rice, flour)]</i>											HC
5	Wenn ich an einem Tag zu viel gegessen habe, esse ich am nächsten Tag weniger. <i>[If I eat too much one day, I eat less the next day]</i>											WC
6	Ich esse viel Fertiggerichte.* <i>[I eat a lot of ready meals*]</i>											HC
7	Ich esse möglichst kalorienarme Lebensmittel. <i>[I eat products that are preferably low in calories]</i>											WC
8	Ich bevorzuge Bioprodukte. <i>[I prefer organic food]</i>											HC
9	Ich halte mich beim Essen bewusst zurück, um nicht zuzunehmen. <i>[I purposely hold back on eating to avoid gaining weight]</i>											WC
10	Ich nehme mir Zeit zum Essen. <i>[I take my time to eat]</i>											HC
11	Ich esse alles, was ich möchte und wann ich es will.* <i>[I eat everything I want and when I want it *]</i>											WC
12	Ich wähle Lebensmittel aus regionalem Anbau. <i>[I choose food from local farming]</i>											HC
13	Meine Ernährungspalette ist breit und abwechslungsreich. <i>[My nutrition is varied and diverse]</i>											HC
14	Ich esse zwischen den Mahlzeiten nichts, weil ich um mein Gewicht besorgt bin. <i>[I don't eat between meals because I am concerned about my weight]</i>											WC

		trifft gar nicht zu [completely disagree]	trifft genau zu [strongly agree]	
15	Ich esse viel Fastfood.* <i>[I eat a lot of fast food*]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		HC
16	Spät abends esse ich nichts mehr, weil ich auf mein Gewicht achte. <i>[I avoid eating late at night because I'm watching my weight]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC
17	Ich esse viel frisches Obst. <i>[I eat a lot of fresh fruit]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		HC
18	Ich bevorzuge bei bestimmten Lebensmitteln die fettärmere Variante. <i>[I prefer the low-fat option for certain products]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC
19	Ich kuche meine Mahlzeiten selbst. <i>[I prepare my meals by myself]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		HC
20	Wenn ich zugenommen habe, esse ich anschließend weniger als sonst. <i>[If I have gained weight, I eat less than usual afterwards]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC
21	Ich esse viel frisches Gemüse. <i>[I eat a lot of vegetables]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		HC
22	Ich lehne oft Speisen oder Getränke ab, weil ich um mein Gewicht besorgt bin. <i>[I often refuse food or drinks because I am worried about my weight]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC
23	Ich bevorzuge saisonale Lebensmittel. <i>[I prefer seasonal food]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		HC
24	Für meine Verhältnisse esse ich ziemlich viel.* <i>[By my standards I eat quite a lot*]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC
25	Ich esse wenig Zucker. <i>[I eat less sugar]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC
26	Ich esse viel Fleisch oder Wurst.* <i>[I eat a lot of meat*]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		HC
27	Ich esse absichtlich weniger, um nicht zuzunehmen. <i>[I purposely eat less to avoid weight gain]</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5		WC

* Inverted items; HC: subscale health-conscious eating behavior (14 items); WC: subscale weight-controlling eating behavior (13 items); Disclaimer: The English wording of the items was translated from the validated German items. The English version of the SEV is not validated.

Scoring

The SEV consists of the two subscales *health-conscious eating behavior* and *weight-controlling eating behavior*. In total, 5 items must be reversed before scores are calculated (items 6, 11, 15, 24, 26; marked with *).

Both subscales can be evaluated separately by determining the respective mean scores (range: 1-5). The higher the scores, the stronger the health-conscious or weight-controlling eating behavior. In addition, an overall score of *balanced eating behavior* can be computed (mean score of both subscales; range: 1-5). The calculation of an overall score is recommended when the SEV is used as an outcome instrument to evaluate the effectiveness of weight-loss interventions.