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11 ABSTRACT

12 **Background:** Hyperuricemia (HUA) is caused by genetic and dietary factors. However,
13 little is known about the ways in which diet and gene interactions influence HUA or the
14 role of dietary patterns in HUA.

15 **Objectives:** We aimed to explore the association between dietary patterns and HUA as
16 well as dietary patterns and gene interactions in HUA among the Yi ethnic group of
17 China.

18 **Methods:** Food consumption information was collected using a semi-quantitative food
19 frequency questionnaire. Vein blood samples were collected after overnight fasting
20 from all participants and DNA was extracted from peripheral blood leukocytes. Dietary
21 patterns were derived using factor analysis.

22 **Results:** The study included 2646 participants aged 18–88 years with a HUA
23 prevalence of 26.8%. Three major dietary patterns were identified and shown to be
24 associated with HUA prevalence, with meat-based diets having a higher association
25 with HUA than plant-based or regionally specific diets. The frequency of the T allele at
26 *ABCG2* rs2231142 and *SLC2A9* rs11722228 loci was higher in HUA than in non-HUA
27 populations. An additive interaction between a meat-based diet and the rs2231142 locus
28 was associated with the risk of HUA. The relative excess risks of interaction (RERI),
29 attributable proportion of interaction (AP), and synergy index (S) were 0.482 (95% CI
30 = 0.012,0.976), 0.203 (95% CI = 0.033,0.374), 1.544 (95% CI = 1.012,2.355),
31 respectively.

32 **Conclusions:** The meat-based dietary pattern was associated with an increased risk of

33 HUA. There was an additive interaction between a meat-based dietary pattern and the
34 *ABCG2* rs2231142 locus in study participants. Individuals with the rs2231142 T allele
35 had a higher frequency of HUA than those with the rs2231142 GG allele. Individuals
36 with the rs2231142 T allele but a healthy dietary pattern could have a reduced HUA
37 risk.

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41 **Introduction**

42 Hyperuricemia (HUA) is a purine metabolic disorder. The most well-known disease
43 induced by HUA is gout, but many studies have reported that HUA also plays important
44 roles in cardiac-kidney-vascular system diseases and metabolic syndromes (Mets) [1].
45 A meta-analysis in 2015 reported that the pooled prevalence of HUA is 13.3% in China
46 [2]. A national survey in the US found that the prevalence of HUA is substantial, with
47 20.2% in males and 20.0% in females aged 20 years and older [3]. HUA has become
48 the second most common metabolic disease after diabetes mellitus [1].

49 The known risk factors for developing HUA include genetic and environmental
50 factors as well as interactions between them [1]. Recent genome-wide association
51 studies (GWAS) have identified significant associations between single nucleotide
52 polymorphisms (SNPs) in *ABCG2* and *SLC2A9* in HUA cases [4]. Studies have shown
53 that a mutation at the rs2231142 locus of *ABCG2* can cause a 53% reduction in *ABCG2*-
54 mediated serum uric acid (SUA) transport [5], and that a variation at the rs11722228

55 locus of *SLC2A9* can also affect the transport and reabsorption of SUA [6].

56 Along with inherited genetic variants, specific dietary components also play a
57 significant role in the development of HUA [7]. Previous studies have reported that red
58 meat, seafood, and alcohol consumption are associated with the risk of HUA [8,9].
59 However, most of the existing research focuses on the effects of a single food or nutrient
60 rather than the interaction between multiple food items, which may be more relevant to
61 the study of disease association [10,11]. The dietary pattern method uses complex
62 combinations of foods and nutrients to investigate the association between multiple
63 food items and disease [12]. A cross-sectional study found that the ‘animal and fried
64 foods’ pattern was associated with a higher prevalence of HUA [13], while another
65 study demonstrated that there was no significant association between dietary patterns
66 and HUA in Chinese participants [11]. Hence, the association between dietary patterns
67 and HUA remains unclear.

68 Potential gene–environment interactions are key features in the development of
69 complex diseases, including HUA and gout [14]. Evidence has suggested that the intake
70 of sugar-sweetened beverages and *SLC2A9* variants interact in the pathogenesis of gout
71 [15]. However, there are few studies on diet and gene interaction in HUA [7,14-16] and
72 to our knowledge, no previous study has examined the relationship of dietary patterns
73 and gene interaction in HUA risk in the Chinese population.

74 The Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture is located in southwestern Sichuan
75 province, where the aboriginal Yi people maintain a unique dietary culture and customs
76 [17]. Our previous study found that the prevalence of HUA among adult Yi people was

77 22%, which was significantly higher than that in other areas of China [18]. Therefore,
78 we aimed to identify their major dietary patterns and assess the association between
79 dietary patterns and the risk of HUA among adult Yi people in China. We also explore
80 the effects of dietary patterns and gene interactions on HUA.

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82 **Methods**

83 **Participants**

84 A cross-sectional study was conducted on the Yi people located in the Liangshan
85 District, Sichuan Province, China, from July 2014 to February 2016. A representative
86 sample was obtained using a multistage stratified cluster sampling method. Details of
87 the study design were described in our previous study [19]. We excluded participants
88 who had unretained blood samples or dietary questionnaires that were more than 50%
89 incomplete. Of the 3188 participants, 2646 were included in the analyses. The protocol
90 of this study was approved by the Ethics of Research Committee of Southwest Medical
91 University. All methods were performed in accordance with the relevant guidelines and
92 regulations of the Ethics of Research Committee of Southwest Medical University.
93 Informed consent was obtained from all participants.

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95 **Questionnaire survey**

96 The on-site survey was conducted by well-trained investigators through face-to-
97 face interviews. Participants were asked to complete a questionnaire that included
98 demographic and lifestyle information. Their dietary intake was assessed using a semi-

99 quantitative 52-item food frequency questionnaire (FFQ) that inquired about the types
100 of food items, frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, yearly, or never), and amount of food
101 consumed over the past year (serving size per gram). The FFQ was designed based on
102 culture-specific dishes and tested on local samples to check its applicability under the
103 Yi culture. Alcohol consumption was calculated based on the drinking frequency and
104 consumption of different alcoholic beverages.

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106 **Physical examination**

107 Height and weight were measured by trained professionals to the nearest 0.1 cm
108 and 0.01 kg, respectively. Body mass index (BMI) was calculated by weight/height^2
109 (kg/m^2). Blood pressure (BP) was measured twice from the upper left arm after 5 min
110 rest in a seated position. Waist circumference was measured with a non-retractable
111 tape measure to the nearest 0.1 cm at the umbilical level with the participants standing
112 and breathing normally. Hip circumference was measured to the nearest 0.1 cm
113 around the symphysis pubis and the posterior gluteus maximus.

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115 **Assessment of hyperuricemia and other variables**

116 HUA was defined as serum uric acid (SUA) concentrations $>420 \mu\text{mol/L}$ (7.0
117 mg/dL) for males and $>360 \mu\text{mol/L}$ (6.0 mg/dL) for females [1]. Overnight fasting
118 blood samples were collected from each participant. SUA, triglycerides (TG), total
119 cholesterol (TC), fasting plasma glucose (GLU), high-density lipoprotein cholesterol
120 (HDL-C), and low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) were measured using an

121 automatic biochemical analyzer (Mindary, BS-820, Shenzhen, China).

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123 **Genomic DNA extraction and genotyping**

124 Genomic DNA was extracted from peripheral blood leukocytes and a Nano Drop
125 2000 ultraviolet spectrophotometer was used to measure its quantity and quality.
126 Genotyping was performed by Kompetitive Allele Specific PCR (KASP). The detection
127 success rates of the *ABCG2* rs2231142 and *SLC2A9* rs11722228 loci were 99% and
128 97.2%, respectively. The SNPs were selected based on the following criteria: 1) SNP
129 with $P < 1.0 \times 10^{-5}$ for all GWAS samples; 2) when multiple SNPs had a strong LD
130 ($r^2 \geq 0.8$), SNPs previously reported in the literature were used prior to selection; 3) clear
131 genotyping clusters; and 4) Minor Allele Frequency(MAF) ≥ 0.05 . Based on quality
132 control criteria, SNPs were excluded when the $P < 0.001$ for the Hardy-Weinberg
133 equilibrium (HWE) test, $MAF < 0.01$, or genotype call rate $< 95\%$.

134

135 **Identification of dietary patterns**

136 According to the Food Composition Table, similarity of nutrient profiles, and purine
137 contents, we collapsed 52 food items into 17 food groups. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin
138 (KMO) measure of sampling adequacy and Bartlett's sphere test were used to evaluate
139 the adequacy of correlation matrices with the data. Principal component factor analysis
140 (PCFA) was applied to derive dietary patterns. Moreover, varimax rotation was applied
141 for greater interpretability. After evaluation of eigenvalues > 1 , the cumulative
142 contribution rate, and the scree plot, three factors were determined. Food items with a

143 factor loading >0.30 (absolute value) were regarded as the main components of each
144 pattern. The higher the factor loading of a food group, the greater the contribution of
145 that group to the pattern. The labeling of dietary patterns was based on the interpretation
146 of foods with high factor loadings for each pattern [20]. Dietary pattern scores were
147 calculated by summing the product of the standardized intake for each group multiplied
148 by the regression coefficients before they were categorized into quartiles (Qs).

149

150 **Statistical analyses**

151 The factor scores of each dietary pattern were divided into quartiles with Q4 and Q1
152 the highest and lowest categories for the intake of each dietary pattern, respectively.
153 The association between the quartile categories of dietary pattern scores and HUA was
154 examined using logistic regression analysis. Data for continuous variables are presented
155 as mean \pm standard deviation. Categorical variables were generally reported as the sum
156 (percentage) and analyzed using a chi-square test. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin(KMO)
157 measure of sampling adequacy (0.727) and Bartlett's test of sphericity ($P < 0.001$)
158 showed that the factor model as a whole was significant. The additive interaction was
159 measured using the Delta method described by Rothman et al. [21], while the parameter
160 estimates and covariance matrix of the logistic regression model were substituted in the
161 Excel program developed by Andersson et al. [22] to calculate the additive interaction
162 index. The indicators used for evaluating the additive interaction included the excess
163 relative risk (RERI), attribution ratio (AP), and interaction index (S). If the 95% CI of
164 RERI and AP were > 0 , and the 95% CI of $S > 1$, there was a synergistic interaction

165 between the dietary pattern and the gene in HUA. Data were analyzed using SPSS
166 software (SPSS Inc. Version 24). All P values were two-tailed, and the difference was
167 considered significant when $P < 0.05$.

168

169 **Results**

170 **Participants**

171 A total of 2646 subjects were included in this study, including 1445 males and 1201
172 females. The prevalence of HUA was 26.8% in all participants, but 34.9% in males and
173 17.2% in females. Participants with and without HUA showed significant differences
174 in age, gender, ethnicity, education, and occupation. Compared with non-HUA
175 participants, patients with HUA showed higher expression of SUA, TC, and TG, as well
176 as higher WC, WHR, BMI, and BP (**Table 1**). The participant flowchart is shown in
177 **Figure 1**.

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179 **Extraction of dietary patterns**

180 Three major dietary patterns were identified by factor analysis in the tested
181 population (**Table 2**). Factor 1 was defined as the ‘meat-based’ pattern and
182 characterized by a high intake of animal organs, seafood, fresh meat, and eggs; factor
183 2 was characterized as a ‘plant-based’ pattern and included the intake of mushroom
184 algae, beans and their products, nuts, and fruits; and factor 3, was the ‘local special’
185 pattern was characterized by the intake of marinated smoked meat and grease. These
186 three patterns accounted for 33.87% of total variance, with the ‘meat-based,’ ‘plant-

187 based,' and 'local special' dietary patterns constituting 12.64%, 12.54%, and 8.69% of
188 the total variance, respectively.

189

190 **Association between dietary patterns and HUA**

191 As shown in **Table 3**, there was a significant association between the 'meat-based'
192 pattern and a high prevalence of HUA. Compared with the participants in the lowest
193 quartile, the OR for the highest quartile was 1.878 (95% CI = 1.461, 2.415, $P < 0.001$)
194 and 1.385 (95% CI = 1.052, 1.823, $P < 0.05$) before and after adjustment for age, sex,
195 and ethnicity, respectively. The other two dietary patterns were not related to the
196 prevalence of HUA in the participant population after adjustment.

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198 **Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium test and genotype frequency distribution**

199 The allele frequencies for both SNPs in the *ABCG2* case group ($\chi^2 = 0.156$, $P = 0.925$),
200 control group ($\chi^2 = 0.303$, $P = 0.859$), *SLC2A9* case group ($\chi^2 = 0.156$, $P = 0.925$), and
201 control group ($\chi^2 = 0.683$, $P = 0.711$) were in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium ($P > 0.05$). The
202 results reveal that the population used in the present study exhibited adequate group
203 representation. **Table 4** displays the genotype frequency distribution of the *ABCG2* and
204 *SLC2A9* genes. For both loci, the T allele in the HUA group was higher than that in the
205 non-HUA group.

206

207 **Different genotypes and HUA**

208 As shown in **Figure 2**, when the GG wild-type genotype at the rs2231142 locus in

209 *ABCG2* was used as a reference, the risk of HUA increased with the number of T alleles.
210 Additionally, compared with the GG wild-type genotype, the risk of HUA in individuals
211 with GT and TT mutant genotypes was 1.784 times (95% CI = 1.471,2.163) and 2.993
212 times (95% CI = 2.015,4.445), respectively. After adjustment for age, sex, and ethnicity,
213 the association between the rs2231142 locus and HUA was still significant ($P < 0.001$).

214 A similar relationship was observed in the rs11722228 locus in *SLC2A9*. Compared
215 with the CC wild-type genotype, the CT and TT mutant genotypes increased the risk of
216 HUA by 22.5% (OR: 1.225, 95% CI = 1.015,1.478) and 39.2% (OR: 1.392, 95% CI =
217 1.029,1.884), after adjustment for confounders, respectively.

218

219 **Interaction analysis between dietary patterns and genetics**

220 There was no evidence that the three dietary patterns had multiplication interaction
221 effects on HUA risk in combination with the *ABCG2* rs2231142 and *SLC2A9*
222 rs11722228 loci. Therefore, we next examined whether there were additive dietary and
223 genetic interactions associated with HUA in the tested population.

224 The three dietary pattern factor scores were divided into two quantiles, with the low
225 quantile as the reference and the rs2231142 locus referenced with the GG wild-type
226 genotype. There was an additive interaction between the pattern of ‘meat-based’ and
227 the rs2231142 locus associated with the risk of HUA; the RERI, AP, and S were 0.482
228 (95% CI = 0.012,0.976), 0.203 (95% CI = 0.033,0.374), and 1.544 (95% CI =
229 1.012,2.355), respectively (**Table 5, Figure 3**). The other two dietary patterns had no
230 additive interactions with the rs2231142 locus, with the 95% CI of RERE and AP

231 including 0 and the interaction coefficient S including 1. Using the CC wild-type
232 genotype as a reference, the results showed no additive interaction between the
233 rs11722228 locus and the three dietary patterns.

234 When the average SUA levels of each genotype at the *ABCG2* rs2231142 locus was
235 compared under the "animal diet pattern" quartile, that SUA levels increased with the
236 number of T risk alleles (GG→GT→TT). In addition, the SUA level increased as the
237 "meat-based pattern" factor score increased in the same genotype (**Figure 4**).

238

239 **Discussion**

240 In this study, three major dietary patterns were identified in the Yi people of the
241 Liangshan District, Sichuan Province, China that were mainly meat-based, plant-based,
242 or associated with regionally specific cuisine. The main finding of this study is that the
243 meat-based food pattern, which is characterized by high intake of animal organs,
244 seafood, fresh meat, and eggs was positively associated with an elevated risk of HUA,
245 whereas no significant association was found between the other two patterns and HUA
246 risk.

247 To date, several studies have explored the association between diet and HUA. A
248 cross-sectional study demonstrated that animal products and fried food patterns that are
249 rich in pork, eggs, animal giblets, poultry, and fried wheat, was positively associated
250 with a higher prevalence of HUA [13]. He et al. [23] found that a meat food pattern
251 characterized by the intake of poultry, beef, processed and cooked meat, eggs, and fats,
252 was associated with an elevated risk of HUA. In contrast, a study in Taiwan showed no
253 significant association between any dietary pattern and HUA after adjustment [11].

254 Another study suggested that compared with individuals in the lowest quintile, those in
255 the highest quintile of meat and seafood intake experienced increased risk of gout [8].

256 Our study found a positive association between the ‘meat-based’ dietary pattern and
257 the prevalence of HUA, which is consistent with previous reports [13,23]. The
258 mechanism that has been proposed to explain this connection is related to the high
259 purine content of animal meat-based foods because excessive intake of purines may
260 increase the level of SUA and thus, increase the risk of HUA [8]. Our previous study
261 found that people in the Liangshan area are more likely to drink broth and the meat
262 consumed is mainly fresh pork fat [17], which contains more purines and saturated fatty
263 acids. The consumption of animal food products, especially the calories and fat in red
264 meat, leads to centripetal obesity, which is a strong stimulus for increased plasma
265 insulin levels that could lead to HUA [13,24]. A previous study found that a dietary
266 pattern of soybean products and fruit was negatively associated with the prevalence of
267 HUA [13]. Fruits and vegetables can provide rich dietary fiber and their antioxidant
268 components have a protective effect against HUA [10]. However, we found no
269 significant association between the other plant-based and regional dietary patterns and
270 HUA in the present study, indicating that further research is still needed to clearly
271 understand how diet patterns affect HUA prevalence.

272 The heritability of SUA concentration is approximately 40%-70% [25]. Previous
273 GWAS studies have suggested an association between HUA susceptibility relative to
274 dysfunctional *ABCG2* variants, with the rs2231142 locus being the most common
275 variant [26]. In our study, we found that individuals with the *ABCG2* rs2231142 T allele

276 had a higher frequency of HUA and SUA than those with the rs2231142 GG allele,
277 which was consistent with results reported in the United States [27] and Mexico [28].
278 *ABCG2* is a high-capacity urate transporter that plays a key role in renal urate overload
279 [26]. The risk of HUA that is attributed to *ABCG2* variants is 29.2%, which is much
280 higher than other typical environmental risks [29]. Our findings indicate that the
281 rs2231142 locus variants of *ABCG2* are extremely important in HUA pathogenesis,
282 consistent with the reported importance of *ABCG2* genotyping in the screening of HUA
283 high-risk individuals [26].

284 The *SLC2A9* gene encodes two GLUT9 isoforms of the class II facilitative glucose
285 transport family [7]. A previous study reported that the rs11722228 locus of *SLC29* can
286 explain 1.03% of the variation in SUA levels in the Chinese population [30]. Doring et
287 al. reported that the most significant SNPs associated with SUA were within the
288 *SLC2A9* gene [31]. Our study also found that the SUA level in individuals with the
289 rs11722228 locus showed increased instances of the T allele and was higher in the HUA
290 population than in the non-HUA population.

291 Longitudinal studies have found that some individuals are more sensitive to
292 unhealthy diets, reflecting the complex interaction between genetic factors and diet [14].
293 In this study, we found an additive interaction between a meat-based dietary pattern and
294 the rs2231142 locus of *ABCG2*. Under the same dietary pattern factor score, the
295 increase of the T allele at the rs2231142 locus was associated with increased SUA levels.
296 Moreover, individuals with this genotype also exhibited SUA levels that increased with
297 the dietary pattern factor score. Similar to our results, Beydoun et al. [7] reported that

298 12 SNP sites (including *ABCG2* and *SLC2A9*) are closely related to SUA and found that
299 there was a synergistic interaction between the genetic risk score (GRS) and red meat
300 intake that increased the risk of increased SUA among women. In addition, a
301 population-based study in Malaysia (32) showed that SUA concentration is affected by
302 the interaction of a ‘fruit diet pattern’ and the *VEGFR-2* rs2071559 locus, suggesting
303 that fruit consumption may play a role in enhancing or suppressing the effects of
304 *VEGFR-2* polymorphisms.

305 To the best of our knowledge, there are four main studies that examined the
306 interaction effect of diet and gene expression on HUA [7,14-16]. These results support
307 the hypothesis that different dietary intake can enhance or weaken the effect of genes
308 on blood UA level and HUA. However, only one study included the rs2231142 and
309 rs11722228 loci [7], and none of these studies were conducted among a Chinese
310 population. Our study used a large sample size and careful study design to add new
311 evidence of diet and genetic interactions on HUA prevalence in the Chinese population
312 to the field. The findings of this study will provide new and necessary insight into HUA
313 and assist in the development of intervention strategies.

314 Most studies on the interaction between diet and genetics in China have focused on
315 diseases such as Mets [33] and obesity [34]. Our study is among the few to explore the
316 influence of dietary patterns and gene interactions on HUA. We also evaluated dietary
317 patterns using FFQ, which consists of purine-containing foods and beverages
318 commonly consumed by the Chinese population. This is important because dietary
319 structure is a key factor for assessing the prevalence of HUA within populations [35].

320 In addition, information from the questionnaires was collected by trained investigators,
321 and thus our results are reliable.

322 This study had several limitations. First, it is a cross-sectional study and therefore
323 cannot refer to causality. Second, although we adjusted for potential confounding
324 variables in the multivariate adjusted model, we were unable to control for the effect of
325 unmeasured confounding factors.

326 In conclusion, higher adherence to meat-based dietary pattern was associated with
327 a higher prevalence of HUA in a Chinese population. There was a significant additive
328 interaction between the meat-based dietary pattern and the *ABCG2* rs2231142 locus on
329 the risk of HUA in the Yi ethnic group of China. These findings may provide new
330 insights into health policy and intervention strategies for controlling HUA among the
331 Chinese population. Further prospective studies will be needed to validate our findings.

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346 The authors report no conflicts of interest.

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353 Data described in the manuscript, code book, and analytic codes cannot be made
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473 **Tables**474 **Table 1** Socio-demographic and clinical characteristics of participants

Variables	Participants with HUA	Participants without HUA	P value
	n=710	n=1,936	
Age (years)	42.70±15.06	44.62±14.09	0.003
Gender (%)			<0.001
Male	504 (71.0)	941 (48.6)	
Female	206 (29.0)	995 (51.4)	
Ethnic groups (%)			<0.001
Han	351 (49.4)	687 (35.5)	
Yi	359 (50.6)	1249 (64.5)	
Education (%)			<0.001
≤ primary school	276 (38.9)	1142 (59.0)	
≥ junior high school	434 (61.1)	794 (41.0)	
Occupation (%)			<0.001
Farmer	251 (35.6)	1046 (54.3)	
Non-farmer	454 (64.4)	882 (45.7)	
Waistline (cm)	84.53±10.15	78.49±9.21	<0.001
WHR	0.89±0.06	0.86±0.06	<0.001
BMI (Kg/m ²)	24.21±3.60	22.43±3.11	<0.001
SBP (mmHg)	131.94±19.49	126.45±18.57	<0.001
DBP (mmHg)	80.91±15.82	77.13±13.97	<0.001
SUA (μmol/L)	466.40±72.71	306.27±60.61	<0.001
LDL (mmol/L)	3.08±0.84	2.92±0.80	<0.001
HDL (mmol/L)	1.25±0.32	1.35±0.33	<0.001
GLU (mmol/L)	5.51±1.39	5.51±1.54	0.985
TC (mmol/L)	5.10±1.02	4.93±1.01	<0.001
TG (mmol/L)	2.01±1.45	1.40±1.15	<0.001

475 **WHR: waist–hip ratio; SBP: systolic blood pressure; DBP: diastolic blood pressure; GLU: glucose; TC:**
476 **serum cholesterol; TG: serum triglycerides. LDL-cholesterol: low-density lipoprotein cholesterol; HDL-**
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Table 2 Factor loading matrix for the tested dietary patterns

Food groups	Meat-based	Plant-based	Local special
Viscera	0.577	—	—
Snacks and pastries	0.539	—	—
Fish, shrimp, crab and shellfish	0.537	—	—
Fresh meat	0.521	—	—
Eggs	0.505	—	—
Cereals	0.457	—	—
Grain	0.451	—	—
drinks	0.357	—	—
Mushrooms and algae	—	0.716	—
Beans and their products	—	0.640	—
Nuts	—	0.520	—
Fruits	—	0.503	—
Vegetables	—	0.487	—
Milk and dairy products	—	0.396	—
Marinated and smoked meat	—	—	0.727
Grease	—	—	0.588
Alcoholic beverages	—	—	—
Contribution rate (%)	12.640	12.542	8.686
The cumulative contribution rate (%)	12.640	25.182	33.869

481 **Factor loading > 0.30 are listed.**

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Table 3 Association between dietary patterns and HUA

dietary pattern	Quartile	Crude model		Adjusted model	
		OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value
Meat-based	Q ₁	1.00		1.00	
	Q ₂	1.446 (1.118~1.870)	0.005	1.307(1.003~1.702)	0.048
	Q ₃	1.644 (1.275~2.119)	<0.001	1.288(0.984~1.685)	0.065
	Q ₄	1.878 (1.461~2.415)	<0.001	1.385(1.052~1.823)	0.020
Plant-based	Q ₁	1.00		1.00	
	Q ₂	1.119 (0.875~1.432)	0.371	1.086(0.842~1.401)	0.525
	Q ₃	1.076 (0.841~1.379)	0.559	0.960(0.741~1.245)	0.760
	Q ₄	1.268 (0.994~1.617)	0.056	1.080(0.831~1.404)	0.566
Local special	Q ₁	1.00		1.00	
	Q ₂	0.932 (0.735~1.181)	0.558	1.069(0.837~1.365)	0.592
	Q ₃	0.871 (0.686~1.105)	0.255	1.111(0.864~1.429)	0.412
	Q ₄	0.635 (0.495~0.815)	<0.001	0.865(0.662~1.131)	0.289

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Crude model: no adjustments are made. Adjusted model: adjusted for age (continuous), gender (male/female),

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Table 4 Frequency distribution of *ABCG2* rs2231142 and *SLC2A9* rs11722228 loci

SNP sites	Genotype/Allele	HUA group	Non-HUA group	P value
rs2231142	G:G	374 (52.7)	1349 (69.7)	<0.001
	G:T	278 (39.2)	528 (27.3)	
	T:T	58 (8.2)	59 (3.0)	
	G	1026 (72.3)	3226 (83.3)	<0.001
	T	394 (27.7)	646 (16.7)	
rs11722228	C:C	301 (42.4)	904 (46.7)	0.074
	C:T	328 (46.2)	854 (44.1)	
	T:T	81 (11.4)	178 (9.2)	
	C	930 (65.5)	2662 (68.8)	0.025
	T	490 (34.5)	1210 (31.2)	

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518 **Table 5** Additive interaction of dietary patterns with *ABCG2* rs2231142 and *SLC2A9*

519 rs11722228 loci

SNP site	Dietary patterns	RERI	AP	S
rs2231142	Meat-based	0.482 (0.012~0.976)	0.203 (0.033~0.374)	1.544 (1.012~2.355)
	Plant-based	0.049 (-0.421~0.519)	0.022 (-0.183~0.227)	1.041 (0.713~1.520)
	Local special	-0.140 (-0.496~0.215)	-0.099 (-0.353~0.156)	0.750 (0.367~1.534)
rs11722228	Meat-based	0.024 (-0.551~0.600)	0.009 (-0.208~0.226)	1.015 (0.713~1.446)
	Plant-based	-0.033 (-0.367~0.302)	-0.022 (-0.244~0.201)	0.941 (0.501~1.764)
	Local special	-0.052 (-0.298~0.194)	-0.055 (-0.315~0.205)	14.979(0.000~33.426)

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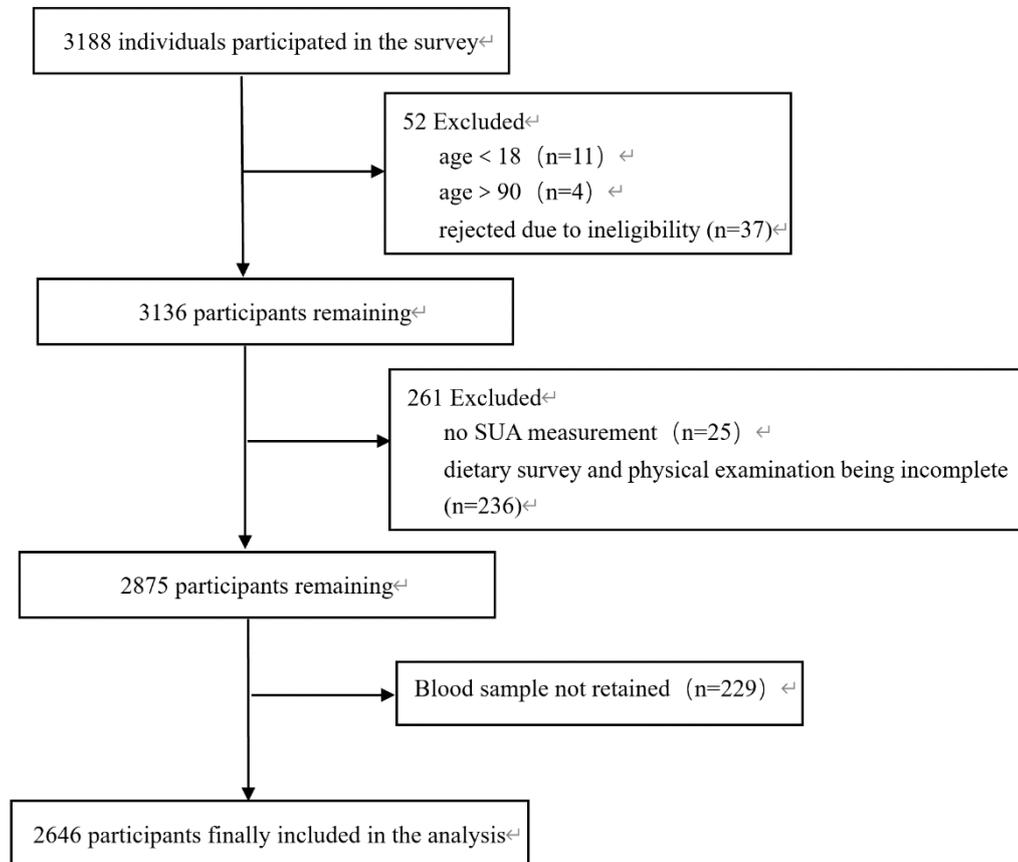
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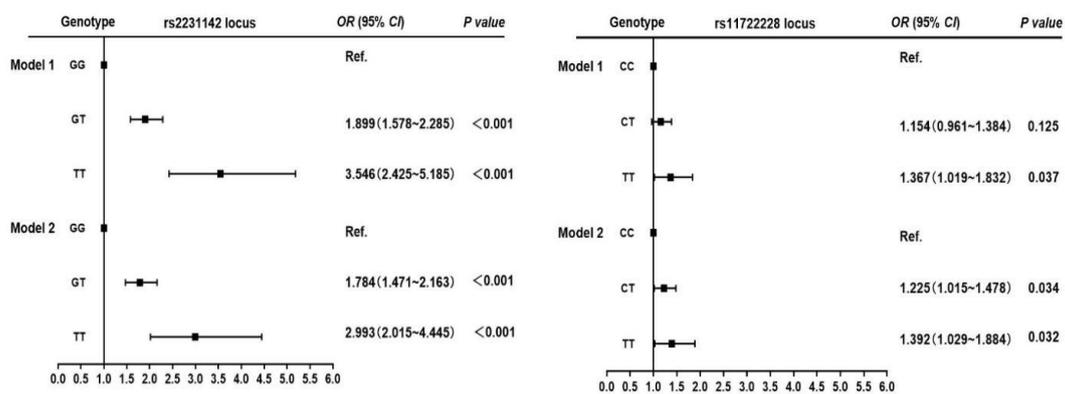
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538 **Figure 1** Participant flowchart

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543 Model 1: not adjusted are made. Model 2: adjusted for age, gender, and ethnicity.

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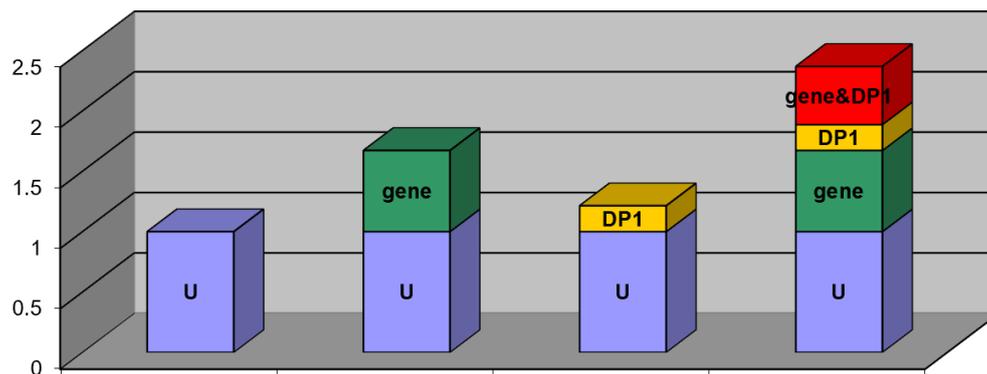
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561 **Figure 3** Additive interaction between the 'Meat-based' pattern and *ABCG2* rs2231142

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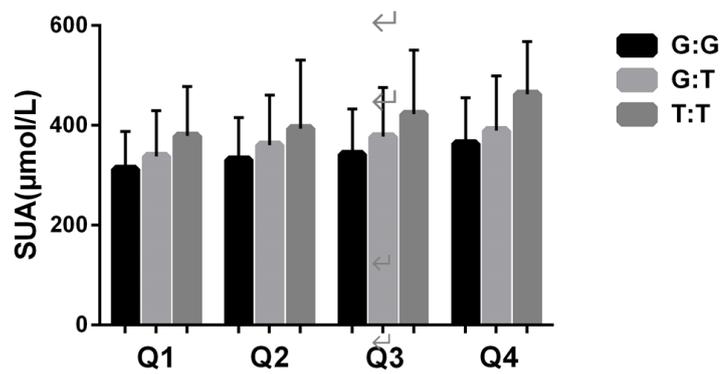
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578 **Figure 4** The SUA level of *ABCG2* rs2231142 locus in 'Meat-based' pattern quartile

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