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Executive Summary

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) has conducted a third study to examine the trans fatty acids (TFA) content of local foods. On the basis of the fat content in foods measured in this study and two previous studies, advice to the trade and the public was formulated.

Internationally and locally, there is increasing concern in TFA level in foods. Similar to saturated fatty acids (SFA), TFA increase the risk of coronary heart disease by elevating the level of low density lipoprotein cholesterol. In addition, TFA also reduce high density lipoprotein cholesterol. The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations recommend that daily energy intake from TFA or SFA should be less than 1% or 10% of total energy intake, respectively.

The Study

Sampling was carried out from August 2006 to November 2008 to include foods limitedly covered or not covered in the previous 2 studies but were of public health concern, or foods commonly consumed in Hong Kong that may contain high TFA. The levels of TFA were analysed in 59 composite items, in 6 groups, including (i) snacks, (ii) bakery products, (iii) other ready-to-eat foods, (iv) dairy/dairy-like products, (v) oils/fats, and (vi) beverages. Laboratory analyses for TFA, energy and nine other nutrients were conducted by the Food Research Laboratory of the CFS.

Results

The results showed that the TFA content of these foods varied greatly. On a per 100 grams (g) basis, about 70% (41/59) of foods had more than 0.3g of TFA, whereas 24% had more than 0.3g but not more than 1.0g, 5% had more than 1.0g but not more than 5.0g, and 1% had more than 5.0g. The highest TFA (mean [range]) content was in oils/fats (2.3g [0.11-11g]), followed by bakery products (0.48g [0.12-0.98g]), dairy/dairy-like products (0.30g [0.028-0.78g]), other ready-to-eat foods (0.13g [0.022-0.50g]), snacks (0.073g [0.013-0.23g]), and beverages (0.020g [0-0.069g]).

The study revealed that a hard margarine composite sample had high TFA level (11g/100g) and the 4 types of liquid vegetable oils tested had TFA ranged from 0.11g to 0.97g/100g. A tablespoon (14g) of the hard margarine would have contained 1.5g of TFA. Thus for an adult with a daily energy intake of 2000 kilocalories, this would contribute to 68% of the recommended daily TFA intake limit.

Consistent with the other two studies, on a per unit basis, foods with puff pastry and those with dairy or cheese were high in TFA, some were also high in SFA. By consuming 1 to 3 units of these items, one would have exceeded WHO/FAO's recommendations on daily TFA and SFA intake limits.

Conclusion and Recommendations

TFA are present in varying amounts in local foods ranging from 0g to 11g/100g. On a per 100g basis, about 70% of foods tested had not more than 0.3g of TFA, whereas 24% had more than 0.3g but not more than 1.0g, 5% had more than 1.0g but not more than 5.0g, and 1% had more than 5.0g. Oil/fats (especially

margarines) and bakery products (especially puff pastry products) generally had high TFA content, and all liquid vegetable oils tested contained TFA. Besides TFA, some dairy or cheese-containing foods also had high SFA content per unit.

Advice to consumers

- 1. Maintain a balanced diet; avoid excessive intake of certain types of food.
- Choose foods based on their overall nutrient profile, including the amounts of TFA and SFA.
- 3. Make reference to the information in the food label (including the ingredient list and the nutrition label) and the available food composition databases to make healthier food choices.
- 4. Consume foods containing high TFA infrequently, such as foods with puff pastry.
- 5. Reduce the use of oils/fats when preparing foods. If necessary, use liquid vegetable oils rather than animal fats. Use margarines and butter sparingly.

Advice to the trade

- 1. Modify the manufacturing process to lower TFA content in foods and oils/fats.
- 2. Declare, for prepackaged foods, the amount of TFA content on the nutrition label to enable consumers make an informed choice.
- 3. Refer to the "Trade Guidelines on Reducing Trans Fat in Food"

 (http://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/food_leg/files/trans-fats-guide-e.pdf) for alternatives of providing healthier food choices to consumers.

Trans Fatty Acids in Local Foods (III)

OBJECTIVES

This study aims to examine the nutrient contents of some common local foods, especially their trans fatty acids (TFA) content. On the basis of the fat content in foods measured in this study and two previous studies, advice to the trade and the public is formulated.

BACKGROUND

- 2. TFA are unsaturated fats with at least a double bond in *trans* configuration. TFA in foods originate from three main sources: (i) bacterial transformation of unsaturated fatty acids in the stomach of ruminants (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats); (ii) industrial hydrogenation (used to produce semi-solid and solid fats) and deodorisation (a necessary step in refining) of vegetable oils high in polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA); and (iii) during heating and frying of oils at extreme high temperatures.¹
- 3. Bacteria in the stomach of ruminants biohydrogenate some of the ingested unsaturated fats to TFA. Therefore, TFA can present naturally in milk, cheese, butter, meat/meat products of ruminants, etc.. Industrial TFA is used widely in the food industry for its low cost compared with other fats, its ability to prolong the shelf-life of products, and its desirable characteristics imparted to the food. Foods containing industrial TFA are baked products (e.g. cakes, biscuits, pies, bread), snacks (e.g. deep

fried food, candy), salad dressings, margarines/shortenings, etc..

- 4. The World Health Organization (WHO) predicted that coronary heart disease (CHD) will remain as the 3rd killer of the world in the coming decades.² In Hong Kong, the latest data from the Department of Health shows that CHD has been the 2nd killer since 2001.³ Intake of excessive TFA would increase the risk of CHD and its effect is considered to be even greater than saturated fatty acids (SFA). TFA can increase the risk of CHD by not only raising the level of low density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol (the harmful cholesterol), but also reducing the high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol (the beneficial cholesterol).
- 5. In recent years, there is increasing concern on TFA content in foods both internationally and locally. Internationally, the intake and potential adverse health effects of TFA in Western countries have received considerable attention, ^{1,4,5,6} with some introduced legislation to regulate TFA level in food so as to lower TFA consumption in these populations. ^{7,8,9} Locally, an amendment regulation on the nutrition labelling of TFA level on prepackaged foods will take effect on 1 July 2010. ¹⁰ The amendment regulation requires prepackaged foods to declare TFA level on the nutrition label. However, products with not more than 0.3 grams (g) of TFA per 100g or 100 millilitres (ml) of food can have the value rounded to "0", and those meeting the stipulated conditions can be claimed as "TFA free".
- 6. In view of growing evidence on the adverse health effects of TFA intake and increasing concern of TFA presence in food, conjointly, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) and the Consumer Council (CC) have conducted two studies to assess the TFA content in local prepackaged and non-prepackaged foods.^{11,12} The first study focussed

on bakery products, deep fried foods, and margarine/margarine-like spreads. The second study covered a wider range of food products including bakery products, ready-to-eat savouries, instant noodles, prepackaged soups, milk products and analogues, spreads, and chocolate. Among the 80 individual samples in the first study and 85 individual samples in the second one, the majority had TFA not more than 0.3g/100g,. Nevertheless, some products contained relatively high levels of TFA such as a cream-filled bread with shredded coconut sample, a doughnut sample, and a Chinese pastry sample.

7. However, many foods probably containing TFA level were not covered in both studies (e.g. traditional Chinese candies, popcorns, vegetable oils). Besides, more representative samples, such as using composite samples of a food item, are needed to enable the results to be generalised to a food item. Thus, a systematic analysis on TFA content with representative sample of food is required to provide a more complete picture of TFA content in local foods.

SCOPE OF STUDY

8. The current study covered local foods meeting at least one of these criteria: (i) foods that were limitedly covered or not covered in the previous 2 studies; and (ii) foods commonly consumed in Hong Kong that may contain high TFA. A total of 59 items in 6 groups were sampled for nutrient analysis (Annex I).

METHODS

Sampling

9. The food samples were purchased from August 2006 to November 2008. For

each food item, unless stated otherwise, 10 samples were collected from food premises and supermarkets in different districts in Hong Kong, resulting in a total of 549 individual items.

Laboratory Analysis

10. For each food item, the 10 samples were paired and formed 5 composite samples for nutrient analysis by the Food Research Laboratory (FRL) of CFS to determine the TFA content. Besides, energy and the contents of 9 other nutrients, namely protein, available carbohydrate, total fat, SFA, cholesterol, sugars, dietary fibre, calcium and sodium were also analysed. All tests were conducted using single-laboratory validated methods based on international standards. A brief description of the test methods is shown in Annex II.

Data Analysis

- 11. The average result of the 5 composite samples, unless stated otherwise, was presented as the mean energy and nutrient content of each food item in the report. For each nutrient, the mean value was rounded to the same decimal place as the limit of detection (LOD), then to 2 significant figures. If the level of nutrient was below LOD, it was reported as "0". If it was too low for reliable reporting (i.e., between LOD and the limit of quantitation (LOQ)), the term "trace" was used (Annex III).
- 12. The TFA content of various foods was presented in a per 100g basis, unless otherwise specified. Results for oils, dairy/dairy-like products and beverages were also reported in a per 100g basis, which can be converted to per 100ml basing on their density (g/ml) measured by FRL.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

13. The value of TFA, energy and other nutrients per 100g of the 59 food items are presented in Annex IV. The results showed that TFA present in almost all foods except for "Cendol" icy drink (Regular) and Tri-colour icy drink (Regular), with about 70% (41/59) products had TFA not more than 0.3g/100g, whereas 24% had more than 0.3g but not more than 1.0g, 5% had more than 1.0g but not more than 5.0g, and 1% had more than 5.0g.. The percentage was similar to the findings of the previous studies. The number of composite food items studied in the 6 food groups and the mean [range] of TFA value in a per 100g basis are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. The mean [range] TFA content per 100g.

Food groups	No. of composite food items	Mean [Range] (g)
Oils/fats	9	2.3 [0.11-11]
Bakery products	10	0.48 [0.12-0.98]
Dairy/dairy-like products	3	0.30 [0.028-0.78]
Other ready-to-eat foods	23	0.13 [0.022-0.50]
Fast food	13	0.17 [0.022-0.50]
Dim sum	10	0.083 [0.022-0.20]
Snacks	6	0.073 [0.013-0.23]
Beverages	8	0.02 [0-0.069]

TFA content in 100g of oils/fats

14. The TFA content of oils/fats is shown in Figure 1. Except for canola oil and olive oil, all of them had TFA more than 0.3g/100g. Due to low market availability, hard margarine (with animal and vegetable fats/oils), hard margarine (with vegetable oils) and lard only had 1, 2 and 2 samples, respectively.

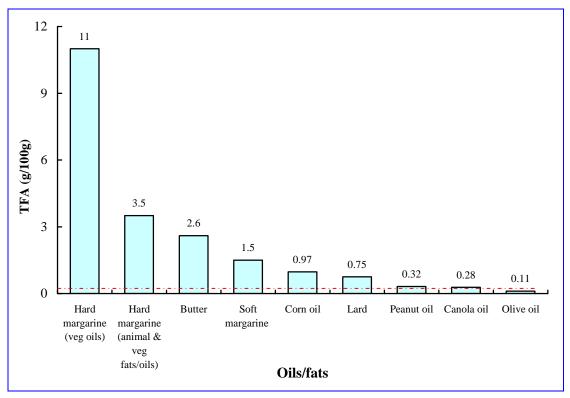


Figure 1: TFA content in oils/fats (g/100g)

- 15. As expected, margarines and butter had higher TFA content than lard or liquid vegetable oils. Boardly speaking, there are 2 types of margarine: soft margarine (usually in a tub) for spreading on bread, biscuits, etc. and hard margarine (usually in a stick form) for baking. Similar to the previous studies, the TFA content of margarines varied widely by the ingredients and processing. Whereas the amount of TFA found in liquid vegetables oils could be a result of heating of oils at high temperatures during oil extraction or that being formed during the commercial refinement of these oils, especially for those high in PUFA. 1,14
- 16. The TFA content of bakery products is shown in Figure 2. All of them had TFA more than 0.3g/100g, except for muffin, pizza bread and cream bun. Nevertheless, the range of the TFA content in these products was narrower than that of the bakery counterparts revealed in the previous 2 studies (0-4.7g/100g). Tuna puff and curry puff were the top 2 highest TFA foods (0.98g and 0.91g/100g, respectively).

Margarine is often used in making puff to form thin coherent films in the dough to withstand the heavy mechanical working and rolling without crumbling and softening.¹³ Cream, cheese and butter are common ingredients of the various cakes and creamy buns (e.g. cocktail bun, cream bun).

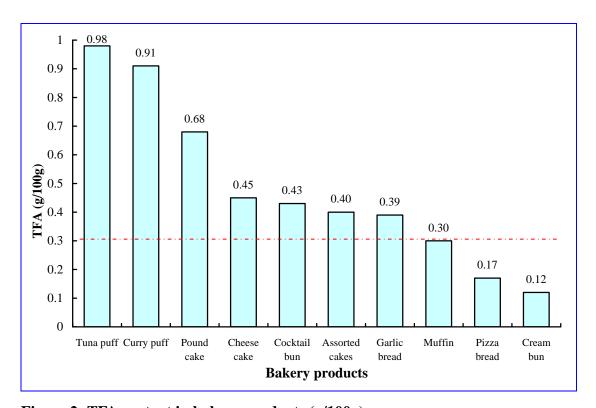


Figure 2: TFA content in bakery products (g/100g)

TFA content in 100g of dairy/dairy-like products

17. The TFA content of whipping cream, full cream milk and filled evaporated milk was 0.78g, 0.091g and 0.028g/100g respectively. Due to low market availability, whipping cream had 6 samples and filled evaporated milk 2 samples only. Being dairy products, natural presence of TFA is expected. Whipping cream is commonly used in cake/dessert toppings and coffee. The high TFA content may due to its animal fat content (at least 35% milk fat) for air bubbles to be formed and stabilised by agglomerated fat globules at the air-water interface. ¹³

TFA content in 100g of other ready-to-eat foods, snacks and beverages

18. The TFA content of other ready-to-eat foods categorised as fast foods is shown in Figure 3. Except for cream soup with puff pastry, pancake with butter & syrup, and cheese burger (0.50g, 0.48g and 0.33g/100g, respectively), all the other fast foods studied had TFA not more than 0.3g/100g.

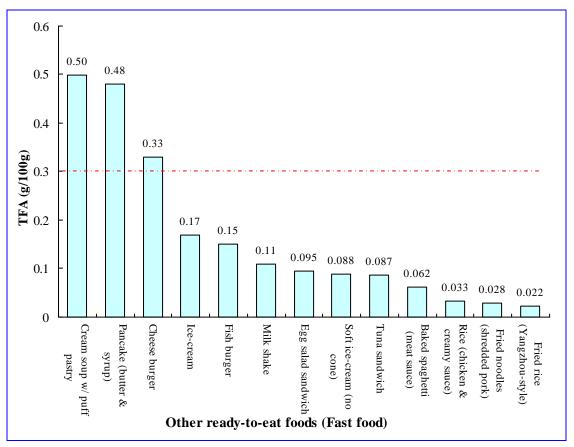


Figure 3: TFA content in other ready-to-eat foods (fast food) (g/100g)

19. Further analysis of the 10 samples of cream soup with puff pastry revealed that the TFA content of the puff pastry alone varied greatly. The weight of the 10 puff pastries with their TFA and SFA values in a per 100g basis are shown in Table 2. On average, a puff pastry weighed 51g (range 37g-67g). For each 100g of puff pastry, the average TFA and SFA contents were 2.1g (range 0.014g-3.5g) and 12g (range 10-14g), respectively. The 2 puff pastries with low TFA content may be made from blended or

interesterified fats. Interestification is a process to replace hydrogenation of oil through interchanging fatty acids between molecules of triglyceride.

Table 2. Details of the TFA and SFA contents of the puff pastry (per 100g) in the 10 cream soup samples.

Individual sample #	Weight of each puff pastry (g)	TFA (g)	SFA (g)
1	60	0.014	12
2	37	0.017	13
3	53	2.0	10
4	49	2.1	11
5	52	2.5	13
6	49	2.5	13
7	46	2.6	14
8	67	2.7	12
9	41	2.8	12
10	49	3.5	13

20. The TFA content per 100g of food for ready-to-eat foods categorised as dim sum, snacks and beverages were all below 0.3g. The small amount of TFA may be attributable to the puff pastry used in the baked barbequed pork puff, the partially hydrogenated vegetable oil added to the toffee candy and the milk added to the beverages.

WHO/FAO's daily intake recommendations on TFA and SFA

21. Fat plays an important role in our diet. It is a concentrated energy source (providing 9 kcal/g), which also aids in the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins (i.e. vitamin A, D, E, and K) and provides essential fatty acids that are not produced by our body. When eaten in moderation, it promotes maintenance of good health. Excessive

fat intake, however, has been linked to major health problems, such as increased risks of heart disease, obesity and certain types of cancers.

- 22. For prevention of chronic diseases, WHO and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations have recommended a set of population nutrient intakes (Annex V). Less than 1% or 10% of daily energy intake should be from TFA or SFA, respectively. Using the conversion factor of 1g fat equals to 9 kilocalories (kcal) of energy, for example, an adult with a daily energy intake of 2000 kcal should limit TFA and SFA intakes to less than 2.2 and 22.2g per day (d), respectively.
- 23. The amount of TFA, SFA, energy and other nutrients present in each unit of the 59 local foods is listed in Annex VI. The hard margarine (with vegetable oils) sample had high TFA level (11g/100g). A tablespoon (about 14g) of it would have contained 1.5g of TFA, thus for an adult with an energy intake of 2000kcal/d, this would contribute to 68% of daily TFA intake limit.
- 24. Some foods were not only high in TFA content per unit, but also high in SFA, for example, foods with puff pastry and foods containing dairy or cheese shown in Table 3. The findings echo the TFA levels in croissants and creamy buns tested in the previous 2 studies. Assuming an adult eats no other foods with TFA and SFA, by consuming just 1 to 3 units of each item listed in Table 3, one would have already exceeded the WHO/FAO's recommendation on daily TFA and SFA intake limits.

Table 3. Details of foods high in TFA and SFA contents and their percentage contributions to the recommended daily intake limits [%] in each unit of food.

Food item	Unit & Unit weight –	TFA*1	SFA*2
Toou item	omi & omi weight –	Per unit (g) [%]	Per unit (g) [%]
Foods with puff pastry			
tuna puff	1 puff (84g)	0.82 [37%]	7.6 [34%]
curry puff	1 puff (70g)	0.64 [29%]	8.4 [38%]
cream soup with puff pastry	1 bowl (315g)	1.6 [73%]	11 [50%]
Foods containing da	iry or cheese		
cheese cake	1 piece (126g)	0.57 [26%]	15 [68%]
cheese burger	1 piece (254g)	0.84 [38%]	13 [59%]
whipping cream	100ml unwhipped (98g)	0.76 [35%]	23 [104%]

^{*1:} an adult with a daily energy intake of 2000kcal is recommended to limit TFA intake to less than 2.2g/d.

Tips to lower TFA and SFA intakes

25. As revealed in Table 2, it is possible for the trade to lower the TFA content in the manufacturing process of making puff pastry. Furthermore, consumers can lower TFA and SFA intakes by limiting foods that are high in these contents (refer to Tables 2 and 3). When an individual consumes a bowl of cream soup with puff pastry (total 315g) containing 1.6g TFA and 11g SFA, these would be equivalent to 73% and 50%, respectively, of his/her daily TFA and SFA intake limits, of which about 1.1g TFA (i.e. 50% of the limit) and 6g SFA (i.e. 27% of the limit) are from the puff pastry.

LIMITATIONS

26. Although the current study, plus the previous 2 studies, has revealed a number of foods with high TFA content, further studies are warranted to examine other

^{*2:} an adult with a daily energy intake of 2000kcal is recommended to limit SFA intake to less than 22.2 g/d.

non-prepackaged foods that may be high in TFA, such as creamy cakes, puff pastry products and pies/tarts.

- 27. The study could not cover all variations of food items among the same type of food, e.g. ice-cream served with or without cone, pancake served with or without butter. The TFA content of the foods tested varied by the food processing methods, the ingredients used in the recipes, and the presentation of the food.
- 28. Some food items (e.g. "stinky tofu", lard) had low market availability during the sampling period and had sampling size less than 10. The representativeness of these food items might not be as good as the other food items.
- 29. Some TFA isomers may not be identifiable even with the best available technology used by the FRL, thus the TFA content reported in this study may be underestimated.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

30. On the basis of the foods tested in this study, it is concluded that TFA are present in varying amounts in local foods, ranging from 0g to 11g/100g. On a per 100g basis, about 70% of foods tested had not more than 0.3g of TFA, whereas 24% had more than 0.3g but not more than 1.0g, 5% had more than 1.0g but not more than 5.0g, and 1% had more than 5.0g. Oil/fats (especially margarines) and bakery products (especially puff pastry products) generally had high TFA content, and all liquid vegetable oils tested contained TFA. Besides TFA, some dairy or cheese-containing products also had high SFA content per unit.

Advice to consumers

- 31. The public is advised to:
 - (a) Maintain a balanced diet; avoid excessive intake of certain types of food.
 - (b) Choose foods based on their overall nutrient profile, including the amounts of TFA and SFA.
 - (c) Make reference to the information in the food label (including the ingredient list and nutrition label) and the available food composition databases to make healthier food choices.
 - (d) Consume foods containing high TFA infrequently, such as foods with puff pastry.
 - (e) Reduce the use of oils/fats when preparing foods. If necessary, use liquid vegetable oils rather than animal fats. Use margarines and butter sparingly.

Advice to the trade

- 32. Members of the trade are advised to:
 - (a) Modify the manufacturing process to lower TFA content in foods and oils/fats.
 - (b) Declare, for prepackaged foods, the amount of TFA content on the nutrition label to enable consumers make an informed choice.
 - (c) Refer to the "Trade Guidelines on Reducing Trans Fat in Food"

 (http://www.cfs.gov.hk/english/food_leg/files/trans-fats-guide-e.pdf) for alternatives of providing healthier food choices to consumers.

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Annex I. Local foods presented in this study

Oils	s/fats油脂	
1.	Peanut oil*1	花生油
2.	Corn oil*1	粟米油
3.	Canola oil*1	芥花籽油
4.	Olive oil*1	橄欖油
5.	Soft margarine	軟人造牛油
6.	Hard margarine (with animal and vegetable	硬人造牛油(含動物性油
	fats/oils)*2	脂及植物油)
7.	Hard margarine (with vegetable oils)*2	硬人造牛油(含植物油)
8.	Butter	牛油
9.	Lard*2	豬油
Bak	ery products 烘焙食品	
1.	Cheese cake	芝士蛋糕
2.	Assorted cakes	雜款西餅
3.	Pound cake	淨牛油蛋糕
4.	Muffin	鬆餅
5.	Cream bun	忌廉包
6.	Garlic bread	蒜蓉包
7.	Cocktail bun	雞尾包
8.	Tuna puff	吞拿魚酥皮卷
9.	Curry puff	咖喱酥皮卷
10.	Pizza bread (contains cheese, meat and vegetables)	薄餅麵包(含芝士、肉類及
		蔬菜)
Dai	ry/dairy-like products奶及奶製品	
1.	Full cream milk*1	全脂奶
2.	Filled evaporated milk*2	植脂淡奶
3.	Whipping cream*1,2	攪拌忌廉
Oth	er ready-to-eat foods 其他即食食物	
	Fast foods 快餐食物	
1.	Rice with chicken and creamy sauce	白汁雞絲飯
2.	Baked spaghetti with meat sauce	焗肉醬意粉
3.	Fried noodles with shredded pork	肉絲炒麵

Annex I

4.	Fried rice in Yangzhou-style	楊州炒飯
5.	Cheese burger	芝士漢堡包
6.	Fish burger	魚柳包
7.	Cream soup with puff pastry	酥皮忌廉湯
8.	Tuna sandwich	吞拿魚三文治
9.	Egg salad sandwich	蛋沙律三文治
10.	Pancake (with butter and syrup)	班戟(加牛油及糖漿)
11.	Milk shake	奶昔
12.	Soft ice-cream (without cone)	軟雪糕(不連筒)
13.	Ice-cream	雪糕
	Dim sum點心食物	
1.	Curry fish ball	咖喱魚蛋
2.	Eggplant, bell pepper and fried tofu stuffed with	煎釀三寶
	minced dace	
3.	"Stinky tofu"*1	臭豆腐
4.	Spring roll	春卷
5.	Deep-fried taro dumpling	芋角
6.	Deep-fried meat dumpling	鹹水角
7.	Baked barbecued pork puff	叉燒酥
8.	Red bean pancake	豆沙鍋餅
9.	Spring onion pancake	蔥油餅
10.	Paratha	印度薄餅
Sna	cks零食	
1.	Popcorns (popped)	爆谷(已熟)
2.	Dehydrated vegetables and fruits chips	脫水蔬菜水果片
3.	"Fluffy" peanut candy	花生酥糖
4.	Sesame candy	芝麻糖
5.	Nougat	鳥結糖
6.	Toffee candy	拖肥糖
Bev	erages不含酒精飲品	
1.	Red bean icy drink (Regular)*1	紅豆冰(普通)
2.	"Cendol" icy drink (Regular)*1	珍多冰(普通)
3.	Tri-colour icy drink (Regular)*1	三色冰(普通)
4.	Coffee*1	咖啡
5.	Milk tea ^{*1}	奶茶
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6.	Almond drink*1	杏仁霜
7.	"Yuan-yang" (mixed coffee milk-tea) *1	鴛鴦
8.	Milk tea with pearl tapioca*1	珍珠奶茶

- *1 Data can be converted from per 100g to per 100ml basing on their density (g/ml) measured by FRL.
- *2 All items had 10 samples paired to form 5 composites, except for the followings due to their inavilability in the market (number of items purchased): "stinky tofu" (6), filled evaporated milk (2), whipping cream (6), lard (2), hard margarine (2 with vegetable oils and 1 with animal and vegetable fats/oils).

Annex II. Testing methods for determining nutrient contents in local foods

Single-laboratory validated test methods based on the following references:

Nutrient parameters	Reference*
Cholesterol	AOAC 994.10
Total dietary fibre	AOAC 985.29
Protein	AOAC 992.15 and AOAC 992.23
Total fat	AOAC 922.06
Moisture	International Standard ISO 1442:1997
Ash	International Standard ISO 936:1998
Nutritional elements	Acid digestion followed by ICP-OES [†] determination
Sugars	AOAC 977.20, AOAC 980.13 and AOAC 982.14
Fatty acids (SFA, TFA)	AOAC 996.06

Notes:

- * All AOAC Official Methods quoted are referred to AOAC Official Method, 18th edition, 2005, Current Through Revision 2, 2007 AOAC INTERNATIONAL.
- † ICP-OES refers to inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry

Nutrient parameters by calculation:

- (a) **Available Carbohydrate** is calculated by subtraction of the sum of moisture, ash, total dietary fibre, total fat and protein from the total weight of the food.
- (b) **Energy** is calculated as the sum of contents of total fat, protein and available carbohydrate multiplying their corresponding conversion factors (i.e. Available carbohydrate: 4kcal/g, Protein: 4kcal/g, Total fat: 9kcal/g).
- (c) **Protein** is calculated on the basis of the factor of 6.25 times the contents of Total Nitrogen in food determined by either Kjeldahl or Combustion Method.
- (d) **SFA** are the sum of 13 saturated fatty acids including $C_{4:0}$, $C_{6:0}$, $C_{8:0}$, $C_{10:0}$, $C_{12:0}$, $C_{14:0}$, $C_{15:0}$, $C_{16:0}$, $C_{17:0}$, $C_{18:0}$, $C_{20:0}$, $C_{22:0}$ and $C_{24:0}$.
- (e) **TFA** are the sum of 8 trans fatty acids including $C_{14:1T (9-trans)}$, $C_{16:1T (9-trans)}$, $C_{18:1T (10tal)}$, $C_{18:2TT (9,12-trans)}$, $C_{18:2T (9-cis, 12-trans)}$, $C_{18:2T (9-trans, 12-cis)}$, $C_{20:1T (11-trans)}$, and $C_{22:1T (13-trans)}$.
- (f) **Sugar** is the sum of 6 individual sugars including fructose, glucose, galactose, sucrose, maltose and lactose.

Annex III. Limit of Detection (LOD) and Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) for determining nutrient contents in foods

Nutrient parameters	LOD (per 100 g or mL)	LOQ (per 100 g or mL)
Cholesterol	0.02 mg	0.06 mg
Total dietary fibre	0.4 g	1 g
Protein	0.1 g	0.3 g
Total fat	0.1 g	0.3 g
Moisture	0.1 g	0.1 g
Ash	0.1 g	0.1 g
	Nutritional elements	
Calcium	0.4 mg	1 mg
Sodium	2 mg	5 mg
	Sugars	
Fructose	0.02 g	0.02 g
Galactose	0.04 g	0.04 g
Glucose	0.02 g	0.02 g
Sucrose	0.02 g	0.02 g
Maltose	0.02 g	0.02 g
Lactose	0.02 g	0.02 g
	Saturated fatty acids	
C4:0	0.0005 g	0.002 g
C6:0	0.004 g	0.01 g
C8:0	0.005 g	0.02 g
C10:0	0.002 g	0.006 g
C12:0	0.001 g	0.003 g
C14:0	0.002 g	0.006 g
C15:0	0.002 g	0.006 g
C16:0	0.002 g	0.005 g
C17:0	0.002 g	0.005 g
C18:0	0.002 g	0.006 g
C20:0	0.001 g	0.004 g
C22:0	0.002 g	0.007 g
C24:0	0.002 g	0.008 g
	Trans fatty acids	
C14:1T (9-trans)	0.004 g	0.01g
C16:1T (9-trans)	0.004 g	0.01g
C18:1T (total)	0.004 g	0.01g

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Nutrient parameters	LOD (per 100 g or mL)	LOQ (per 100 g or mL)
C18:2TT (9,12-trans)	0.004 g	0.01g
C18:2T (9-cis, 12-trans)	0.004 g	0.01g
C18:2T (9-trans, 12-cis)	0.004 g	0.01g
C20:1T (11-trans)	0.004 g	0.01g
C22:1T (13-trans)	0.004 g	0.01g

Notes:

- (a) "0" denotes that the test result is below LOD.
- (b) "Trace" denotes that the test result is between the LOD and the LOQ.

Annex IV. Nutrient content of local foods (per 100 g)

Food item	Nutrient Parameters*1	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Remarks*2
Oils and fats 油脂		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
Peanut oil	花生油	900	0	0	0	0	100	17	0.32	0.80	0	0	D=0.912 g/ml
Corn oil	粟米油	900	0	0	0	0	100	13	0.97	1.3	0	0	D=0.914 g/ml
Canola oil	芥花籽油	900	0	0	0	0	100	6.5	0.28	2.4	0	0	D=0.913 g/ml
Olive oil	橄欖油	900	0	0	0	0	100	14	0.11	0	0	0	D=0.907 g/ml
Soft margarine	軟人造牛油	670	Trace	1.3	0.41	0	75	17	1.5	4.7	9.6	520	
Hard margarine (with animal and	硬人造牛油(含動物	730	0	0.60	0	0	81	33	3.5	150	3.4	1400	
vegetable fats/oils)*3	性油脂及植物油)												
Hard margarine (with vegetable	硬人造牛油(含植物	730	Trace	1.2	0	0	80	14	11	1.4	2.0	470	
oils)*3	油)												
Butter	牛油	740	0.5	1.1	0.59	0	81	52	2.6	240	22	590	
Lard*3	豬油	900	0	0.20	0	0	100	38	0.75	95	0	0	
Bakery products 烘焙食品													
Cheese cake	芝士蛋糕	320	7.6	30	19	Trace	19	12	0.45	130	60	210	
Assorted cakes	雜款西餅	330	5.9	35	24	1.4	18	8.9	0.40	100	32	160	
Pound cake	淨牛油蛋糕	420	6.7	45	26	Trace	24	11	0.68	120	31	300	
Muffin	鬆餅	390	6.7	48	26	1.8	19	6.5	0.30	84	43	320	
Cream bun	忌廉包	280	7.3	43	14	1.2	8.6	3.8	0.12	29	54	150	
Garlic bread	蒜蓉包	370	11	52	5.7	2.4	13	5.8	0.39	23	52	500	
Cocktail bun	雞尾包	400	8.3	47	16	2.2	19	10	0.43	31	57	240	

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Food item	Nutrient Parameters*1	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Remarks*2
Tuna puff	吞拿魚酥皮卷	360	11	30	4.4	1.3	21	9.0	0.98	69	41	510	
Curry puff	咖喱酥皮卷	400	8.6	31	3.8	1.9	26	12	0.91	67	29	550	
Pizza bread (contains cheese, mea	ut 薄餅麵包(含芝士、	260	11	31	8.4	1.9	10	4.3	0.17	34	120	540	
and vegetables)	肉類及蔬菜)												
Dairy and dairy-like products #	5及奶製品	_	_	_	_		_		_	_	_	_	
Full cream milk	全脂奶	64	3.1	4.7	4.2	0	3.7	1.8	0.091	14	110	40	D=1.026 g/ml
Filled evaporated milk*3	植脂淡奶	120	5.9	11	9.9	0	6.1	2.7	0.028	4.4	220	130	
Whipping cream*3	攪拌忌廉	350	2.2	3.6	2.7	0	36	23	0.78	110	73	29	D=0.976 g/ml
Other ready-to-eat foods 其他即	食食物	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			_
Fast foods 快餐食物													
Rice with chicken and cream	y 白汁雞絲飯	140	5.0	20	0.32	Trace	4.3	1.4	0.033	19	13	220	
sauce													
Baked spaghetti with meat sauce	焗肉醬意粉	140	7.7	16	2.0	1.7	5.5	1.6	0.062	16	39	410	
Fried noodles with shredded pork	肉絲炒麵	160	5.9	15	0.63	1.3	8.9	1.4	0.028	26	14	390	
Fried rice in Yangzhou-style	楊州炒飯	190	7.0	25	0.55	Trace	7.2	1.6	0.022	77	16	330	
Cheese burger	芝士漢堡包	240	13	20	3.9	1.2	12	5.0	0.33	38	100	500	
Fish burger	魚柳包	280	11	27	4.0	1.4	14	3.7	0.15	31	44	420	
Tuna sandwich	吞拿魚三文治	210	10	23	4.6	1.6	8.6	2.1	0.087	35	22	420	
Egg salad sandwich	蛋沙律三文治	200	8.4	20	2.8	1.7	9.6	2.6	0.095	110	40	380	
Cream soup with puff pastry	酥皮忌廉湯	130	3.3	9.9	1.5	Trace	8.2	3.4	0.50	14	22	350	
Milk shake	奶昔	110	1.3	14	12	0	5.2	2.8	0.11	13	90	41	
Soft ice-cream (without cone)	軟雪糕(不連筒)	150	2.9	23	18	Trace	5.0	2.5	0.088	17	130	66	

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Food item	Nutrient Parameters*1	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Remarks*2
Ice-cream	雪糕	180	3.6	23	21	Trace	8.6	4.9	0.17	43	120	54	
Pancake (with butter and syrup)	班戟(加牛油及糖漿)	310	5.0	45	24	1.0	12	4.8	0.48	49	56	330	
Dim sum點心食物													
Curry fish ball	咖喱魚蛋	130	8.7	16	3.3	1.3	2.8	0.60	0.024	20	55	950	
Eggplant, bell pepper and fried	d煎釀三寶	110	7.0	7.1	2.1	1.8	5.4	1.3	0.022	6.6	190	260	
tofu stuffed with minced dace													
"Stinky tofu"*3	臭豆腐	150	17	11	0.22	1.4	4.3	2.4	0.048	0.86	140	380	
Spring roll	春卷	320	9.1	25	2.6	1.7	21	3.7	0.072	33	26	500	
Deep-fried taro dumpling	芋角	360	4.7	25	2.0	1.7	27	5.5	0.091	12	28	370	
Deep-fried meat dumpling	鹹水角	330	5.2	41	8.9	1.0	16	4.5	0.047	15	17	230	
Baked barbecued pork puff	叉燒酥	430	8.6	33	6.1	1.6	29	10	0.20	81	17	320	
Red bean pancake	豆沙鍋餅	320	6.0	39	15	2.6	16	2.6	0.085	67	27	24	
Spring onion pancake	蔥油餅	360	5.6	38	3.5	1.8	21	4.9	0.18	15	23	350	
Paratha	印度薄餅	320	8.2	49	3.1	2.4	9.8	2.8	0.064	4.0	26	370	
Snacks 零食													
Popcorns (popped)	爆谷(已熟)	500	4.5	58	30	7.4	28	20	0.027	0.35	6.5	27	
Dehydrated vegetables and fruit	s 脫水蔬菜水果片	460	4.4	55	34	9.5	25	5.5	0.095	0.59	53	130	
chips													
"Fluffy" peanut candy	花生酥糖	480	13	58	47	2.8	22	4.1	0.013	0.44	26	5	
Sesame candy	芝麻糖	510	15	47	34	4.9	29	4.3	0.014	0	150	10	
Nougat	鳥結糖	430	7.1	68	40	2.9	14	3.8	0.057	5.5	76	67	
Toffee candy	拖肥糖	470	3.7	68	49	1.4	21	11	0.23	18	110	190	

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Food item	Nutrient Parameters*	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Remarks*2
Beverages 不含酒精飲品		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Red bean icy drink (Regular)	紅豆冰(普通)	82	2.4	15	11	1.9	1.1	0.51	0.012	1.9	32	10	D=1.068 g/ml
"Cendol" icy drink (Regular)	珍多冰(普通)	77	0	11	7.2	0	3.8	3.0	0	0.20	6.7	12	D=1.037 g/ml
Tri-colour icy drink (Regular)	三色冰(普通)	78	1.0	12	10	1.1	2.8	2.2	0	0.09	5.6	8	D=1.066 g/ml
Coffee	咖啡	41	1.9	3.2	2.0	Trace	2.3	1.3	0.033	6.1	60	32	D=1.041 g/ml
Milk tea	奶茶	44	2.2	3.1	2.8	1.1	2.6	1.3	0.069	6.8	74	38	D=1.047 g/ml
Almond drink	杏仁霜	45	1.4	6.1	3.7	0	1.7	0.98	0.017	3.3	45	23	D=1.023 g/ml
"Yuan-yang" (mixed coffee	鴛鴦	52	2.4	5.2	4.8	Trace	2.3	1.5	0.024	8.1	68	30	D=1.022 g/ml
milk-tea)													
Milk tea with pearl tapioca	珍珠奶茶	72	0.3	11	5.1	Trace	2.7	2.4	0.021	0.06	2.5	24	D=1.043 g/ml

^{*1} CHO = available carbohydrates; SFA = saturated fatty acids; TFA = trans fatty acids; Chol = cholesterol; Ca = calcium; Na = sodium. All values are rounded to the same decimal places as the limit of detection (LOD) and then to two significant figures, except for Energy and CHO (only rounded up to two significant figures). Values below LOD were reported as "0". Values between LOD and LOQ were reported as "Trace".

^{*2} D = Averaged density measured by FRL. To convert the nutrient value per 100g to per 100ml, multiply that nutrient value by the density. For example, the density of peanut oil is 0.912 g/ml. the TFA per 100ml will be 0.32*0.912, i.e. 0.29g per 100ml.

^{*3} All items had 10 samples paired to form 5 composites, except for the followings due to their inavilability in the market (number of items purchased): "stinky tofu" (6), filled evaporated milk (2), whipping cream (6), lard (2), hard margarine (1 with animal & vegetable fats/oils, 2 with vegetable oils). The nutrient means of "stinky tofu" and whipping cream are calculated using this formula: [(composite 1 *2) + individual sample 2 + individual sample 3 + individual sample 4 + individual sample 5]/6.

Annex V. Recommendations of WHO and FAO on nutrient intakes

Ranges of population daily nutrient intake goals established by FAO/WHO (2003)

Dietary factor	Goal (% of total daily energy intake, unless otherwise stated)
Total fat	15-30%
Saturated fatty acids (SFA)	<10%
Polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA)	6-10%
Trans fatty acids (TFA)	<1%
Monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFA)	By difference§
Total carbohydrate	55-75% [†]
Protein	10-15%
Cholesterol	<300 mg
Sodium chloride (sodium) [‡]	<5g (< 2g)
Fruit and vegetable	≥400g
Total dietary fibre	>25g

MUFA = Total fat - (SFA + PUFA + TFA)

[†] The percentage of total energy available after taking into account that consumed as protein and fat, hence the wide range.

[‡] Salt should be iodised appropriately.

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Annex VI. Nutrient Content of Local Foods (per unit)

Food items	Nutrient Parameters*1	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Available CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Unit*2	Unit Wt ^{*3} (g)
Oils and fats 油脂														
Peanut oil	花生油	130	0	0	0	0	14	2.4	0.045	0.11	0	0	1 tbsp	14
Corn oil	粟米油	130	0	0	0	0	14	1.8	0.14	0.18	0	0	1 tbsp	14
Canola oil	芥花籽油	130	0	0	0	0	14	0.91	0.039	0.34	0	0	1 tbsp	14
Olive oil	橄欖油	130	0	0	0	0	14	2.0	0.015	0	0	0	1 tbsp	14
Soft margarine	軟人造牛油	94	Trace	0.18	0.06	0	11	2.4	0.21	0.66	1.3	73	1 tbsp	14
Hard margarine (with animal and	硬人造牛油(含動物	100	0	0.084	0	0	11	4.6	0.49	21	0.5	200	1 tbsp	14
vegetable fats/oils)*4	性油脂及植物油)													
Hard margarine (with vegetable oils)*2	硬人造牛油(含植物	100	Trace	0.17	0	0	11	2.0	1.5	0.2	0.3	66	1 tbsp	14
	油)	100	Trace	0.17	U		11	2.0	1.5	0.2	0.5	00		
Butter	牛油	100	0.1	0.15	0.08	0	11	7.3	0.36	34	3.1	83	1 tbsp	14
Lard*4	豬油	120	Trace	0.026	0	0	13	4.9	0.098	12	0	0	1 tbsp	13
Bakery products 烘焙食品														
Cheese cake	芝士蛋糕	400	9.6	38	24	Trace	24	15	0.57	160	76	260	1 piece	126
Assorted cakes	雜款西餅	250	4.5	27	18	1.1	14	6.8	0.30	76	24	120	1 piece	76
Pound cake	淨牛油蛋糕	240	3.8	25	15	Trace	13	6.2	0.38	67	17	170	1 piece	56
Muffin	鬆餅	320	5.4	39	21	1.5	15	5.3	0.24	68	35	260	1 piece	81
Cream bun	忌廉包	290	7.7	45	15	1.3	9.0	4.0	0.13	30	57	160	1 piece	105
Garlic bread	蒜蓉包	220	6.5	31	3.4	1.4	7.7	3.4	0.23	14	31	300	1 piece	59
Cocktail bun	雞尾包	360	7.5	42	14	2.0	17	9.0	0.39	28	51	220	1 piece	90

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Food items	Nutrient Parameters*1	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Available CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Unit*2	Unit Wt*3 (g)
Tuna puff	吞拿魚酥皮卷	300	9.2	25	3.7	1.1	18	7.6	0.82	58	34	430	1 puff	84
Curry puff	咖喱酥皮卷	280	6.0	22	2.7	1.3	18	8.4	0.64	47	20	390	1 puff	70
Pizza bread (contains cheese, meat	and 薄餅麵包(含芝士、	300	13	36	9.7	2.2	12	4.9	0.20	39	140	620	1 slice	115
vegetables)	肉類及蔬菜)	300	13	30	9.7	2.2	12	4.9	0.20	39	140	020		
Dairy and dairy-like products 奶友														
Full cream milk	全脂奶	160	8.0	12	11	0	9.5	4.6	0.23	36	280	100	1 cup	257
Filled evaporated milk*4	植脂淡奶	310	15	28	25	0	16	6.9	0.072	11	570	330	1 cup	257
Whipping cream*4	攪拌忌廉	340	2.2	3.5	2.6	0	35	23	0.76	110	72	28	100ml	98
	視什心康	340	2.2	3.3	2.0	U	33	23	0.76	110	12	28	unwhipped	
Other ready-to-eat foods 其他即食	食物	_	_		_	_	_							
Fast foods 快餐食物														
Rice with chicken & creamy sauce	白汁雞絲飯	1000	37	150	2.3	Trace	31	10	0.24	140	95	1600	1 plate	731
Baked spaghetti with meat sauce	焗肉醬意粉	820	45	94	12	10	32	9.4	0.36	94	230	2400	1 plate	588
Fried noodles with shredded pork	肉絲炒麵	950	35	89	3.7	7.7	53	8.3	0.17	150	83	2300	1 plate	591
Fried rice in Yangzhou-style	楊州炒飯	970	36	130	2.8	Trace	37	8.1	0.11	390	81	1700	1 plate	508
Cheese burger	芝士漢堡包	610	33	51	9.9	3.0	30	13	0.84	97	250	1300	1 piece	254
Fish burger	魚柳包	400	16	39	5.7	2.0	20	5.3	0.21	44	63	600	1 piece	143
Cream soup with puff pastry	酥皮忌廉湯	410	10	31	4.7	Trace	26	11	1.6	44	69	1100	1 bowl	315
Tuna sandwich							-						1 sandwich	160
	吞拿魚三文治	340	16	37	7.4	2.6	14	3.4	0.14	56	35	670	(2 slices of	
													bread)	
Egg salad sandwich	蛋沙律三文治	390	16	39	5.5	3.3	19	5.1	0.19	210	78	740	1 sandwich	195

Annex VI

Food items	Nutrient Parameters*1	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Available CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Unit*2	Unit Wt*3 (g)
													(2 slices of bread)	
Pancake (with butter and syrup)	班戟(加牛油及糖漿)	410	6.6	59	32	1.3	16	6.3	0.63	65	74	440	1 piece	132
Milk shake	奶昔	330	3.9	42	36	0	16	8.5	0.33	39	270	120	1 cup	302
Soft ice-cream (without cone)	軟雪糕(不連筒)	160	3.0	24	19	Trace	5.2	2.6	0.092	18	140	69	1 ball	104
Ice-cream	雪糕	130	2.6	17	15	Trace	6.3	3.6	0.12	31	88	39	1 scoop	73
Dim sum點心食物														
Curry fish ball	咖喱魚蛋	13	0.9	1.6	0.33	0.13	0.28	0.06	0.002	2.0	5.5	95	1 ball	10
Eggplant, bell pepper & fried tof stuffed with minced dace	u 煎釀三寶	110	7.1	7.2	2.1	1.8	5.5	1.3	0.022	6.7	190	270	1 piece each	102
"Stinky tofu"*4	臭豆腐	110	12	7.7	0.15	1.0	3.0	1.7	0.034	0.60	98	270	1 piece	70
Spring roll	春卷	110	3.2	8.8	0.91	0.6	7.4	1.3	0.025	12	9.1	180	1 piece	35
Deep-fried taro dumpling	芋角	140	1.9	10	0.80	0.7	11	2.2	0.036	4.8	11	150	1 piece	40
Deep-fried meat dumpling	鹹水角	150	2.3	18	4.0	0.5	7.2	2.0	0.021	6.8	7.7	100	1 piece	45
Baked barbecued pork puff	叉燒酥	170	3.4	13	2.4	0.6	11	3.9	0.078	32	6.6	120	1 piece	39
Red bean pancake	豆沙鍋餅	430	8.0	52	20	3.5	21	3.5	0.11	90	36	32	1 piece	134
Spring onion pancake	蔥油餅	570	8.8	60	5.5	2.8	33	7.7	0.28	24	36	550	1 piece	157
Paratha	印度薄餅	430	11	66	4.2	3.2	13	3.8	0.086	5.4	35	500	1 piece	135
Snacks 零食														
Popcorns (popped)	爆谷(已熟)	830	7.5	96	50	12	46	33	0.045	0.58	11	45	1 bag	166
Dehydrated vegetables and fruits chips	脫水蔬菜水果片	220	2.1	26	16	4.5	12	2.6	0.045	0.28	25	61	1 bag	47
"Fluffy" peanut candy	花生酥糖	110	2.9	13	10	0.6	4.8	0.90	0.003	0.10	5.7	1	1 candy	22

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Food items	Nutrient Parameters*	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Available CHO (g)	Sugars (g)	Dietary fibre (g)	Total fats (g)	SFA (g)	TFA (g)	Chol (mg)	Ca (mg)	Na (mg)	Unit*2	Unit Wt*3 (g)
Sesame candy	芝麻糖	61	1.8	5.6	4.1	0.6	3.5	0.52	0.002	0	18	1	1 candy	12
Nougat	鳥結糖	52	0.9	8.2	4.8	0.4	1.7	0.46	0.007	0.66	9.1	8	1 candy	12
Toffee candy	拖肥糖	33	0.3	4.8	3.4	0.1	1.5	0.77	0.016	1.3	7.7	13	1 candy	7
Beverages 不含酒精飲品		_			_	_		_						
Red bean icy drink (Regular)	紅豆冰(普通)	270	7.9	49	36	6.3	3.6	1.7	0.039	6.3	110	33	1 cup	329
"Cendol" icy drink (Regular)	珍多冰(普通)	260	0	37	24	0	13	10	0	0.67	23	40	1 cup	336
Tri-colour icy drink (Regular)	三色冰(普通)	280	3.3	43	36	3.9	9.9	7.8	0	0.33	20	27	1 cup	355
Coffee	咖啡	93	4.3	7.2	4.5	Trace	5.2	2.9	0.075	14	140	72	1 cup	226
Milk tea	奶茶	98	4.9	6.9	6.2	2.5	5.8	2.9	0.15	15	170	85	1 cup	223
Almond drink	杏仁霜	99	3.1	13	8.1	0	3.7	2.2	0.037	7.3	99	51	1 cup	220
"Yuan-yang" (mixed coffee milk-tea)	鴛鴦	120	5.5	12	11	Trace	5.3	3.4	0.055	19	160	69	1 cup	229
Milk tea with pearl tapioca	珍珠奶茶	190	0.8	30	14	Trace	7.3	6.5	0.056	0.18	6.7	65	1 cup	269

^{*1} CHO = available carbohydrates; SFA = saturated fatty acids; TFA = trans fatty acids; Chol = cholesterol; Ca = calcium; Na = sodium. All values are rounded to the same decimal places as the limit of detection (LOD) and then to two significant figures, except for Energy and CHO (only rounded to two significant figures). Values below LOD will be reported as "0". Values between LOD and LOQ will be reported as "Trace".

^{*2} 1 tbsp = 1 tablespoon = 15 ml.

^{*3} Unit weight (in grams) is determined by averaging the weights of the food samples of each item.

^{*4} All items had 10 samples paired to form 5 composites, except for the followings due to their inavilability in the market (number of items purchased): "stinky tofu" (6), filled evaporated milk (2), whipping cream (6), lard (2), hard margarine (1 with animal & vegetable fats/oils, 2 with vegetable oils). The nutrient means of "stinky tofu" and whipping cream are calculated using this formula: [(composite 1 *2) + individual sample 2 + individual sample 3 + individual sample 4 + individual sample 5]/6.