

**Table S1.** Regression Models of Diet (vegans/omnivores) on BUA

	<b>Adjustment</b>	$\beta$ -coefficient	p-value
<b>Model 1</b>	-	6.16	0.02
<b>Model 2</b>	Lifestyle factors	7.05	0.006
<b>Model 3</b>	Biomarker pattern score	1.89	0.41
<b>Model 4</b>	Biomarker pattern score + Lifestyle factors	3.49	0.19

The Regression models used the diet group as predictive variable coded as 0 for vegans and 1 for omnivores. Model 1: unadjusted; Model 2: adjustment of lifestyle factors (age, sex, education, smoking status, BMI, physical activity, alcohol consumption); Model 3: Biomarker pattern score was detected by Reduced Rank Regression (RRR). Model 4: biomarker pattern score and additionally adjustment of lifestyle factors

**Table S2.** Characteristics of all predictor variables included in the RRR (including those in Table 3) according to the tertiles of the first biomarker pattern score

	T1 (n=23)	T2 (n=24)	T3 (n=23)	p for trend
Vegans/Omnivores	16/7	14/10	6/17	0.009
Duration vegan diet (years)	3.5 (3.1-6.0)	4.9 (2.3-6.3)	8.2 (4.2-12.2)	0.27
Men	39.1% (9)	50.0% (12)	56.5% (13)	0.49
Age (years)	40.0 (35.0-47.0)	36.0 (31.0-44.5)	35.0 (31.0-44.0)	0.09
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	22.4 ± 2.5	24.0 ± 3.1	23.7 ± 2.5	0.13
Physical Activity (h/week)	1.50 (0.67-3.54)	2.42 (1.07-3.44)	2.67 (1.75-4.33)	0.01
Smoker	26.1% (6)	16.7% (4)	13.0% (3)	0.17
Alcohol consumption (g/d)				
Women	0.27 (0.01-9.90)	0.10 (0.01-2.50)	0.13 (0.02-1.51)	0.16
Men	2.00 (0.21-19.8)	0.03 (0.00-1.99)	1.16 (0.00-4.40)	0.42
<b>Quantitative ultrasound</b>				
BUA (dB/MHz)	108.8 ± 10.8	113.2 ± 9.06	122.4 ± 9.37	<0.0001
SOS (m/s)	1569.1 ± 27.4	1581.5 ± 28.2	1611.7 ± 33.4	<0.0001
SI	91.8 ± 12.9	98.1 ± 12.1	112.7 ± 14.3	<0.0001
<b>Bone turnover</b>				
CTX (ng/ml)	0.46 ± 0.20	0.42 ± 0.20	0.36 ± 0.13	0.08
Osteocalcin (ng/ml)	21.4 ± 7.09	19.1 ± 5.79	18.1 ± 5.99	0.08
PINP [µg/l]	60.7 ± 17.4	58.8 ± 17.3	52.1 ± 18.5	0.10
Alkaline phosphatase (U/l)	65.0 (58.0-80.0)	59.0 (51.5-77.0)	63.0 (48.0-81.0)	0.30
<b>Calcium homeostasis</b>				
PTH (pg/ml)	49.6 ± 20.6	45.6 ± 23.1	48.1 ± 17.8	0.80

Vitamin D3 (nmol/l)	53.7 (23.1-88.1)	70.7 (37.4-91.4)	40.7 (33.6-68.0)	0.96
Urinary calcium (mg/l)	60.0 (39.0-82.0)	55.5 (40.0-103.5)	82.0 (50.0-167.0)	0.20
<b>FGF23-<math>\alpha</math>-klotho-axis</b>				
$\alpha$ -klotho (pg/ml)	666.4 (515.8-865.9)	652.5 (557.8-807.4)	763.0 (689.6-860.4)	0.21
FGF23 (RU/ml)	73.7 (58.9-91.3)	62.6 (57.7-70.9)	63.9 (50.3-78.0)	0.04
<b>Vitamin B12 Status</b>				
4cB12	0.36 (-0.10-0.70)	0.71 (0.28-1.24)	0.42 (0.17-0.70)	0.16
<b>Vitamins</b>				
Vitamin A ( $\mu$ mol/l)	1.77 (1.53-1.95)	1.91 (1.61-2.21)	2.04 (1.79-2.31)	0.003
Vitamin B2 (nmol/l)	6.46 (4.76-9.86)	10.2 (5.73-14.5)	6.76 (4.24-9.95)	0.87
Vitamin B6 (nmol/l)	60.0 (44.1-84.1)	72.3 (46.4-95.0)	84.4 (53.3-126.0)	0.01
Vitamin K1 (nmol/l)	1.48 (0.83-1.84)	1.33 (0.82-1.55)	0.87 (0.50-1.67)	0.05
Folate (ng/ml)	9.31 (6.54-11.9)	10.9 (7.88-13.4)	7.55 (6.17-11.4)	0.32
<b>Amino acids</b>				
Alanine ( $\mu$ mol/l)	385.4 $\pm$ 106.6	355.2 $\pm$ 84.5	348.7 $\pm$ 51.8	0.14
Arginine ( $\mu$ mol/l)	64.9 (50.9-69.5)	63.8 (53.5-71.7)	71.2 (60.1-79.5)	0.15
Glutamine ( $\mu$ mol/l)	623.1 $\pm$ 77.2	570.2 $\pm$ 86.4	572.0 $\pm$ 86.5	0.04
Leucine ( $\mu$ mol/l)	117.7 (106.5-136.8)	118.2 (106.7-137.6)	118.9 (111.7-152.8)	0.14
Lysine ( $\mu$ mol/l)	129.7 (113.9-155.8)	146.3 (128.4-165.8)	166.1 (146.3-187.5)	0.0002
Proline ( $\mu$ mol/l)	172.7 (139.9-212.9)	158.4 (129.8-180.9)	191.7 (160.6-246.5)	0.55
<b>Iodine and thyroid</b>				
Urinary iodine ( $\mu$ g/l)	26.7 (14.8-53.3)	44.6 (29.7-63.2)	70.7 (34.1-103.6)	0.002
TSH ( $\mu$ g/l)	1.75 $\pm$ 0.81	2.38 $\pm$ 1.12	2.64 $\pm$ 0.83	0.002
<b>Other bone related biomarker</b>				
Zinc ( $\mu$ g/dl)	79.1 $\pm$ 11.4	81.8 $\pm$ 10.7	87.5 $\pm$ 14.7	0.02

SePP (mg/l)	3.37 (2.32-4.77)	3.82 (3.07-5.25)	5.08 (4.15-5.32)	<i>0.0004</i>
hsCRP (mg/l)	0.47 (0.24-1.98)	0.62 (0.25-1.08)	0.44 (0.17-0.75)	<i>0.39</i>
Total n-3 fatty acids (%)	3.45 (2.79-4.32)	3.98 (3.02-4.93)	4.36 (3.68-5.65)	<i>0.03</i>
Urinary magnesium (mg/l)	50.2 (44.0-59.0)	59.1 (43.3-93.0)	59.1 (46.6-74.3)	<i>0.19</i>

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Variables expressed as a percentage or mean  $\pm$  SD or median (IQR), BMI (body mass index), BUA (ultrasound attenuation), SOS (speed of sound), SI (stiffness index), CTX (b-CrossLaps), PINP (procollagen type-1), PTH (parathyroid hormone), FGF23 (fibroblast growth factor 23), 4cB12 (4 markers combined vitamin B12 indicator), TSH (thyroid-stimulating hormone), SePP (selenoprotein P), hsCRP (high-sensitivity C-reactive protein)