# "Let Food be Thy Medicine" 

(Hipocrates 450 BC)

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## Health perspective generalist vs specialist

## Generalist

VS

## Specialist

Represents
multiple disciplines
with a holistic view

> Focuses only on specific pathological areas

## Nutrition - core part of holistic health



In modern and holistic approaches nutrition plays a crucial role in achieving and keeping optimum health

Healthy nutrition provide the best foundation for individual physical well-being and daily health

Healthy nutrition and diet has regeneration, recovery, and prevention characteristics of so-called lifestyle diseases

## How stable blood sugar affects our health?



Energy Source
Ensures
continuous energy for bodily functions


Hunger \& Satiety
Regulates appetite, prevents overeating


Mood Stability Affects mood, mental clarity


Diabetes Control
Vital for prevention \& management


Cardiovascular Health Lowers heart disease risk
"Sugar spikes" in blood are causing significant health issues and are the reason for most modern chronic diseases!

## WHO underscores the pivotal role of nutrition for a healthy life



According to the WHO and other health organizations, up to $80 \%$ of chronic diseases like cardiovascular diseases, strokes, type 2 diabetes, as well as more than one-third of cancers, can be prevented through healthy eating.

## Why current artificial sugar alternatives are not the solution?

| Aspartam | Bad Taste <br> Artificial sweeteners have unpleasant tastes or leave a metallic aftertaste, altering the flavor of foods and drinks compared to natural sugar. | Increasing appetite feeling |
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| Saccharin |  | Studies suggest consuming sugarfree products with artificial sweeteners lead people to later consume more calories to compensate for the missing sugar substitute, potentially affecting weight. |
|  | Negative impact on health | Negative psychological effects |
| Acesulfam-K Neotam | Artificial sweeteners affect blood sugar levels and insulin response, potentially impacting metabolism in the long term. Additionally they have a negative impact on gut health by disrupting the balance of gut flora. | Studies show a link between artificial sweetener consumption and mental health issues such as depression and anxiety, possibly due to their effects on neurotransmitters in the brain. |

## Sweet Proteins as a healthy alternative to sugar

## Sweet proteins such as Thaumatin, Miraculin, and Brazzein are of natural origin and provide significant health benefits compared to traditional sweetener alternatives.

Low Caloric Content: Sweeter than sugar but with fewer calories, aiding weight management and diabetes control

Blood Sugar Impact: No effect on blood sugar levels, making them suitable for diabetics or those aiming for stable glucose levels

Taste: Natural sweetness without the artificial aftertaste, enhancing flavor without overpowering natural taste

Health Impact: Sweet Proteins, are derived from natural sources, and are proteins with no known adverse health effects

Habituation Effects: Unlike artificial sweeteners, which may increase appetite and cravings for sweets, Sweet Proteins might not have the same habituation effects due to their natural origin, aiding better control of sweet consumption

## Glucose adapted diet - GLAD

Glucose adapted dietary is based on the latest scientific findings and prioritize maintaining low glucose levels through dietary approach.

## GLAD Principles

1 Our motto is "Optimization over Deprivation," focusing on enjoying food while promoting health.

2 Emphasize a balanced, plant-based diet rich in essential nutrients and health-promoting compounds.

3 Low Glucose level by consuming fiber, protein, and fats before carbohydrates, starting the day with savory foods, and avoiding snacks with sugar

4 Importance of regular physical activity for glucose control

## Simplify your life and diet by living GLAD

$\checkmark$ Eat 2-3 times a day in a smalltime window (late breakfast and early dinner 16/8-intermittant fasting
$\checkmark$ Do not eat snacks or consume food in between meals
$\checkmark$ Eat 70-80 \% of your food plant based
$\checkmark$ Keep moving whenever possibel

## Sweet Proteins in the context of modern dietary approaches

Potential range of applications for sweet protein


F\&B Industry: Used as sweeteners in various products representing a natural and healthier option

Supplements: Enhance taste, reduce sugar content in powders, bars, capsules, or liquids.

Medical Uses: To be used in medicines or supplements catering to specific dietary needs, like diabetes

Flavor Experiments: Employed in promising taste-altering trials in food industry, and restaurants

R\&D: Extensively explored in research for new food \& beverage products, aiming to expand applications.

Sweet proteins represent more then a promising alternative to conventional sweeteners and will play a significant role in future nutrition. Their natural origin and health benefits make them an appealing alternative to sugar.

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