Quick and easy South Asian cooking

Low-fat recipes especially created for people living with Familial Chylomicronaemia Syndrome (FCS)

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Welcome!

When you're diagnosed with a condition that requires a change in your diet, you may be wondering if your meals are going to be tasteless. Not at all! A low-fat diet doesn't mean eating boiled curries or unfamiliar foods.

We created this book to help you add variety to your meals and make your mealtimes with friends and family even more enjoyable.

Try a speedy lunch of chicken kheema toasted sandwiches using around 6.2 grams of fat from your allowance. Or indulge with the family and enjoy a traditional meal of fish curry, ribbon rice pilau, coriander and mint chutney followed by raspberry "cheatscakes" for only 3 grams of fat!

Use this book as a guide and experiment with spices and flavours and you'll soon be creating tasty dishes that fit within your dietary allowance.

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Eating well with Familial Chylomicronaemia Syndrome (FCS)

With FCS it's important to eat foods that are very low in fat. This helps keep the level of fats in your blood (called triglycerides) from going too high. Your dietitian will have provided you with food suggestions that will match how much fat you need to aim for each day (fat allowance).

These recipes vary from 0.3 to 2.5 g fat content for desserts and side dishes, and from 1.5 to 9.4 g fat content for main meals. You can make adjustments according to your dietary requirements. Simply check out the **FCS nutrition notes** that accompany some of the recipes.

Since fatty foods have a lot of calories, cutting back on them can lower your daily calorie intake, making you lose weight. To stay within a healthy weight range, make sure you eat larger portions of lean protein foods like chicken, white fish and tofu, within your fat allowance. Most recipes in this book include low-fat protein sources.

5 With FCS, it's also important to cut down on refined carbs (like biscuits, cakes and sugary foods) and alcohol.

Helpful information about cooking with FCS

Fat tracker

Each recipe shows you how much fat, protein and calories are in a serving. In addition, you can use the Fat Tracker on page 8 to assess which recipes you want to choose for your day.

Using a Food Diary, such as the example on page 9, will help you plan your meals according to your fat allowance.



Which oil is best?

A low-fat diet is not a no-fat diet. You can still include limited amounts of oil. You can also use a special oil, called MCT oil, without any limits. Here is a guide to different types of oils and how to use them.

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Spray oil

A useful addition to your kitchen store-cupboard. It only has 0.1 g fat per spray.

MCT oil (prescription only)

When you eat less fat, you also take in fewer calories (energy). Your body needs enough calories every day to give you energy and keep you healthy. A simple way to get more calories without going over your daily fat limit is to use MCT oil. It can give your dishes an appetising, glossy finish.

MCT oil is not recommended for high temperature cooking. It is best to use it at the end by drizzling over a curry or make salad dressings with fresh lemon juice, salt, coarse black pepper, a little mustard and MCT oil. The Tandoori Chicken recipe uses MCT oil just before grilling.

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Remember to only use prescription-grade MCT to guarantee the quality, and don't use coconut oil (which often gets promoted as a source of MCT). Coconut oil is not recommended for people with FCS.

If you're cooking for your family, it might be easier to put MCT oil only on your own portion of food.

MCTprocal[®] (prescription only)

If your dietitian has suggested you need more calories within your fat-restricted diet, you may have been directed towards MCTprocal[®]. This doesn't contribute towards your daily fat, and it gives you extra protein and calories. Some recipes (such as Pomegranate Raita) suggest adding a sachet to your portion.

Rapeseed oil

This is often sold as vegetable oil – check the label and choose limited amounts of 100% rapeseed oil in cooking. It has around 10 times more omega-3 fatty acids than olive oil, so can help you meet your daily requirement for omega-3 fatty acids. It also works very well in South Asian cooking as it can be cooked at high temperatures and doesn't add any strong flavours to your dishes. Measure the amount you're adding, as shown in the recipe instructions. Keep added oil to a minimum.



Coconut oil

Don't be tricked into thinking this is a healthier fat than other oils. It contains more saturated fat than butter! So, avoid using coconut fat, creamed coconut or coconut milk. You can still enjoy dishes like korma by using 0% fat Greek yoghurt instead.



Walnut oil

Walnut oil provides healthy omega-3 fatty acids and omega 6. This needs to be counted as part of your daily fat; a teaspoon gives you 3 grams of fat. Aim for one teaspoon of walnut oil a day, whether drizzled onto salad or kachumber or used as a spread, all within your fat allowance.

Five ways to get more flavour

When you're cooking for a special diet, it can be tricky to keep the food tasting great. These tips can help you make delicious meals that everyone in the family will enjoy.



Frozen and pre-prepared garlic, ginger, and chillies are commonly found in supermarkets. However, for enhanced flavour in your dishes, you might opt to freeze your own. To freeze fresh garlic, ginger, and green chillies, peel and chop them as needed. Consider using an ice cube tray to freeze small portions. This makes it easy to grab the amount you need for cooking without thawing.



Char dishes to bring out a nutty umami flavour. Tasty charred recipes include Chicken Tikka Pitta Pockets (page 14), Tofu Manchurian with Spring Onion (page 22) and Sauteed Banana with Orange Zest and Maple Syrup (page 48).



Dry roast spices before using to bring out aroma and flavour. You probably have a range of spices in your kitchen. Feel free to mix and match any fat-free spices within these recipes.



Accompany your meals with sumptuous side dishes. Try the Coriander Chutney (page 42) and Pomegranate Raita (page 40). They can liven up meals that you might find quite plain.

Zero oil masala (page 38) is full of flavour with no added fat. Simply use it as a base for chicken, fish, beans, low-fat soya mince or tofu.

Please remember that this cookbook is intended to inspire and should not be used as a dietary guide. Living with FCS means having to follow a strict low-fat diet, but what you can and cannot eat is highly individual. The FCS Nutrition Notes will help you to adjust fat according to your needs, but it is recommended that you consult your specialist dietitian regularly.

Fat tracker

Recipe	Fat (g) per serving
Mint and coriander chutney	0.3
Raspberry 'cheatscakes'	0.3
Zero oil masala	0.7
Tropical fruit chaat	0.7
Ribbon rice pilau	0.9
Sauteed banana with orange zest and maple syrup	1.1
Pomegranate raita	1.2
Fish curry	1.5
Chargrilled corn on the cob with chilli and garlic	2.5
Mixed bean salad	5.5
Tandoori chicken	5.8
(Tandoori chicken with less fat)	(4.6)
Chana dahl	5.9
Kheema peas with mycoprotein mince	6.1
(Kheema peas with mycoprotein mince with MCT oil)	(4.6)
Kidney bean curry	6.7
Chicken kheema toasted sandwich	7.1
(Chicken kheema toasted sandwich with MCT oil)	(6.2)
Kheema peas with soya mince	7.3
(Kheema peas with soya mince with MCT oil)	(5.8)
Chicken tikka pitta pockets	7.6
(Chicken tikka pitta pockets with less fat)	(4.9)
Chickpea and green pepper curry	7.6
Spicy scramble with cumin seeds	8.4
Tuna and cheese quesadilla	8.7
Tofu Manchurian with spring onion	9.4

Alternative recipe options with less fat highlighted in orange

Meal planning

The recipes are intended to help add variety and flavour to everyday meals. You might like to plan your week by including the recipes in a weekly chart like the one below. Add your other daily food and drink to help you distribute your fat intake across the day. You can find a Food Diary like this at HEART UK: www.heartuk.org.uk/downloads/factsheets/lpld/food-diary.pdf

Food diary

Monday	Fat	Tuesday	Fat	Wednesday	Fat	Thursday	Fat	Friday	Fat	Saturday	Fat	Sunday	Fat

Serving ideas

Where recipes include 'Serving ideas', please note that using these may change the nutritional values from those stated in the main recipe



Spicy scramble with cumin seeds

You may have been brought up on a breakfast of "mayai dhoongri", a spicy scrambled egg curry that's combined with crunchy, semi-cooked onion and cumin seeds. Try this lower fat version, made using scrambled firm tofu and all the usual spices. The best news is that tofu is rich in high quality lean protein, making it a perfect ingredient for people with FCS. The nutritional analysis is based on firm tofu containing about 7 g fat per 100 g. Remember to check the label of the tofu that you're using as it may contain more fat.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVI	NG FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
④ 20 minutes	194	8.4 g	15 g
Ingredients 396 g firm tofu (7 g fat or let the label) 1 tsp rapeseed oil 2 large onions, thickly slice 1 ½ tsp jeera (cumin seeds 1 ½ tsp chopped garlic ½ tsp turmeric 1 heaped tsp methi (fenug leaves ½ to 1 tsp salt, or to taste 1 tsp curry powder ½ to 1 tsp red chilli powde to taste	ess, check 1 2 ed ;) 3 reek) 4	 Scramble the tofu with a formation of the second structure of the sec	ions with the jeera, garlic ple of minutes. re, ensuring it's I cook for approximately is fully cooked and the still retain some crunch. esh coriander leaves and
To serve Freshly chopped coriande Wedges of fresh lime Chilli sauce (optional) Serving ideas \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Turn this into a toas \$\begin{array}{c} by serving it with begin{array}{c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1		more neat.	



/ing i wholegrain bread and a sprinkle of toasted fennel seeds.



Serve with wholewheat roti and 0% fat yoghurt.



Enjoy it as a jacket potato filling or in a toasted sandwich.



If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

Less fat and more calories

Use 2 tbsp MCT oil in place of the rapeseed oil. Be sure not to overheat the oil. A serving of two sandwiches using MCT oil in this way would have 6.2 g fat and 502 kcal.



Chicken kheema toasted sandwiches

If you like chicken samosas you'll love this! Wholegrain bread is generously filled with lightly spiced chicken mince and then toasted until crisp. If you haven't tried MCT oil before, this recipe is a great way to give it a go. It's just there to make your sandwiches turn beautifully golden brown.

Follow the instructions on your sandwich toaster; this dish uses one with deep-filled triangular pockets but you can use whichever type you like.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
() 25 minutes	464	7.1 g	27 g
Ingredients 1 tsp rapeseed oil 500 g minced chicken bre 1 tsp chopped green chill or to taste 1 tsp chopped garlic 1 tsp chopped ginger Good pinch turmeric pow ½ -1 tsp salt ½ tsp ground garam masa 2 tbsp lemon juice 20 g fresh coriander leave chopped 2 spring onions, finely cho	east A ies, 5 fr der s ala 3. C es, finely ti	od n a non-stick pan, heat the add the minced chicken, a minutes. Be sure to break requently to ensure even h add the chopped chillies, g alt and garam masala to t ngredients together. Continue cooking until all t ne chicken has evaporated fix in an extra pinch of turn righter colour.	nd let it cook for about < up the chicken and stir browning. garlic, ginger, turmeric, he pan. Stir the the excess moisture from d (about 5-10 minutes).
For toasting 4 tbsp MCT oil 8 slices wholemeal, grana seeded bread	С	temove from heat and add hopped coriander and sp ncorporate these final, flav	ring onions. Stir well to
To serve 2 lemons, cut into wedges 1 red onion, sliced and so in vinegar Tomato ketchup or tamari (optional)	s aked 6. P a ind sauce fi tl y	Preheat your sandwich ma nto the triangle pockets a Place two slices of bread ir nd fill each pocket genero Iling. Top with another two ne bread with oil and close our sandwich maker instru- -5 minutes until crispy.	at the base. nto the sandwich maker ously with the chicken o slices of bread, brush e the lid. Cook as per
	7. T	oast the four remaining sa	andwiches.

8. Serve with lemon wedges, red onion slices and tomato ketchup or tamarind sauce if desired.

FCS nutrition notes

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

Less Fat

For the whole recipe, use 20 sprays of spray oil in place of rapeseed oil, only 2 tsp tikka paste and switch to 0% fat plain yoghurt. Your portion will now contain 4.9 g fat and 351 kcal.

Less fat and more calories

For the whole recipe, use 20 sprays of spray oil in place of rapeseed oil, only 2 tsp tikka paste and switch to 0% fat plain yoghurt. Then simply remove your cooked portion and brush with a tablespoon of MCT oil at step 5. Your portion will now contain 4.9 g fat and 445 kcal.



Chicken tikka pitta pockets

"Tikka" refers to small chunks. This versatile recipe uses convenient ingredients like tikka paste, and a combination of tomato puree and plain yoghurt for added flavour and colour. You can cook the flavoured tikka either in an Air Fryer or in a non-stick wok.

Choose your recipe based on your individual dietary needs. See the FCS nutrition notes opposite.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
20 minutes	375	7.6 g	41 g

Ingredients

1 heaped tbsp tikka paste 200 g low-fat plain yoghurt 2 tbsp tomato puree Red chilli powder (to taste) 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (about 500 g chicken), cut into small cubes 1 tbsp rapeseed oil 2 tsp kalonji (black onion seeds) Juice of one lemon, or as desired

For the garlic sauce

150 g 0% fat Greek yoghurt Garlic granules, to taste Dried mint, to taste

To serve

4 wholemeal pitta breads Shredded lettuce 1 cucumber, cut into thin strips 3 fresh tomatoes, finely diced

Serving ideas

555	After cooking, the chicken
\bigcirc	cubes can be threaded onto
	cocktail sticks and served as
	finger food at a buffet.



SS Try the tikka on their own as a spicy starter on a bed of salad leaves.



S Use firm tofu for a vegetarian option.

Enjoy as a wrap option when 555 stuffed into chapatti or tortilla wraps along with fresh salad.

Method

- 1. Combine tikka paste, yoghurt, tomato puree and chilli in a bowl, and mix thoroughly.
- 2. Incorporate the chicken. (If time allows, let it marinate in the fridge for 15 minutes).
- 3. Air Fryer cooking: Toss the coated chicken in the kalonji seeds and place it in the Air Fryer. Drizzle with the oil and cook according to your Air Fryer instructions. (The cooking time and temperature can differ based on factors such as the particular model and capacity of your Air Fryer, as well as the size of the chicken pieces you're using).
- 4. Cooking on the hob: Heat the oil in a non-stick pan or wok, add the kalonji seeds, and let them sizzle for a few seconds (not too long, as they can burn and become bitter). Add the marinated chicken pieces and fry over medium heat until they are tender but still moist (approximately 5-8 minutes). Add a little water if it starts to burn.
- 5. Meanwhile, make the garlic sauce by mixing the yoghurt, garlic granules and dried mint with a little water.
- 6. When the chicken is cooked, drizzle with lemon juice and adjust seasoning and spice if needed.
- 7. Fill wholemeal pitta bread with lettuce, cucumber and tomatoes, then top with either hot or cold chicken tikka. Serve drizzled with garlic sauce.





FCS nutrition notes

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More calories

Make a dressing with 2 tablespoons of MCT oil, juice of half a lemon and seasoning. Serve this on your portion of salad. The calories for your portion of quesadilla with salad would then be 907 kcal.

Tuna and cheese quesadillas

Being on a low-fat diet often means saying no to cheese. But this spicy Mexican dish is cheesy and comforting, whist still helping you keep to a restricted fat diet. Make sure to use eatlean[®] low-fat high protein cheese which you'll find in most supermarkets (ask an assistant as it may not be within easy reach). Other reduced or low-fat grated cheeses may not be appropriate for FCS.

Enjoy the generous portion of crunchy filling encased in wholemeal tortilla wraps or roti and pile on as much red chilli flakes as you dare!

Fat-free fromage frais helps to bind the tuna and vegetables. See the FCS nutrition notes on how to enrich this meal if your dietitian suggests you need more calories.

SERVES 2	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
30 minutes	718	8.7 g	68 g
la sua di susta	Matha		
Ingredients	Method	•	to far the filling Tasta and
2 tbsp MCT oil 2 wholemeal soft flour to		ust the seasoning acco	ts for the filling. Taste and
180 g pack eatlean® grate	•	ust the seasoning acco	nangty.
cheese (3% fat, check the		at a non-stick pap and (drizzle with a tablespoon
cheese (5% fat, cheek the		MCT oil.	
For the filling	0		
1 can red kidney beans,	3. Lay	one tortilla into the pa	n over a medium heat
drained (400 g)	and	top half of it with half	of the filling. Sprinkle on
1 can tuna in brine, draine	ed (145 g) hal	f the cheese.	
1 red pepper, chopped			
1 small red onion, finely c			and the filling to warm
3 heaped tbsp fat-free fro			utes. Keep checking the
frais	und	derside of the tortilla so	lt doesn't burn
2 tbsp chopped parsley 1 tsp chopped garlic	E Fol	d the plain tortilla half o	over like an emplette
Red chilli flakes, to taste			den brown; if not, fold it
Seasoning, to taste			er minute. Lower the heat
9, 11	and	d warm through for abo	ut 5 minutes until the
To serve		ese melts, then remov	
Crispy green salad			
Juice of half a lemon	6. Rej	peat steps 2 to 5 with th	ne other tortilla wrap.
Cracked black pepper			
Sweet chilli sauce		zzle the sweet chilli sau	•
		d serve with a green sal e and black pepper.	lad, dressed with lemon



FCS nutrition notes

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

Less fat

Spray your portion with 10 sprays of spray oil instead of brushing it with rapeseed oil, and switch to 0% fat plain yoghurt. Your portion will now contain 4.6 g fat and 245 kcal. **Less fat and more calories**

For your portion, grill with a tablespoon of MCT oil instead of rapeseed oil
 Your serving will now contain 2.6 g fat and 321 kcal.

Tandoori chicken

Recreate the intense heat of a tandoor by cooking this flavourful family favourite in a very hot oven. It takes only 10 minutes to prepare using a handful of readily available ingredients. If time permits, marinate for at least an hour before cooking.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
25 minutes + marinating time	253	5.8 g	40 g
Ingredients	Method	a alita in the abiely a	
4 skinless chicken breasts the bone	son 1. Mak	e slits in the chicken.	
1 red onion, sliced 1 tbsp rapeseed oil for bru 1 tsp hot paprika powder		mixing bowl, combine marinade and coat the	e all the ingredients for e chicken.
For the marinade 200 g plain low-fat yoghu 2 tbsp tandoori spice bler ½ tsp turmeric	rt fridg		
2 tsp hot paprika powder 1 tbsp tomato puree 2 tbsp lemon juice Sprinkle of salt and peppe 2 fresh lemons, halved	baki chic er the	ng tray with parchme ken and halved lemor	/450F/Gas Mark 8. Line a nt paper or foil. Place the ns on a wire rack on top of at the top of the oven for
To garnish Fresh ginger, sliced into s Fresh green chillies, sliced lengthways	trips any d the		kled into the tray. Brush orinkle with paprika and
Serving ideas S S Enjoy with a mixed Ribbon rice pilau (p and be sure to have	salad, show page 34), juice	the chicken and lemo uld take about 5-10 mi es run clear.	ons until charred, which inutes, checking the
of napkins on hance S S You can also choose Steamed rice, who pitta bread or roti in of the pilau. Remen	I! 7. To s lem se plain with lemeal n place	erve, squeeze the juic ons onto the chicken a strips of ginger and c	and garnish generously

to add ghee on top of the rotis as this will increase the fat content; choose MCT oil instead.



Fish curry

Can you imagine cooking a tasty fish curry without adding any oil? This tasty spiced dish is cooked with a flavourful oil-free masala (recipe on page 38). It's even better when prepared ahead, as it lets the spices soak into the fish. For a dry, bhuna-style fish, omit the cup of water at Step 1.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(30 minutes	142	1.5 g	24 g
Ingredients Zero oil masala (recipe on 4 fillets (500 g) white fish, cut into large chunks	e.g. cod, or	1 at the prepared masala add enough water to ach nsistency.	
To serve Sprinkling of ground gara Fresh coriander leaves Lemon wedges	m masala en: ani the	ntly place the chunks of suring each fillet is coate d cook for 8-10 minutes of fish becomes tender. Ba fway through the cookir	ed with the sauce. Cover over medium heat until aste with the masala
Serving ideas SSS This dish is delicion mint and coriander (see page 42).	is with ma	rn off the heat, sprinkle w asala and fresh coriander edges.	0
 Serve with basmati (brown is higher in better for you). 			



Tofu Manchurian with spring onion

This sweet and spicy recipe is bound to surprise you with its depth of flavour! Hoisin sauce is combined with soy, honey, ginger and chilli to make a sticky dressing that coats and livens up cubes of tofu. Then it's all tossed in gram flour (chickpea flour) to add protein as well as a crispy coating. The cooked tofu cubes are finally tossed in spring onions and coarse black pepper.

The tofu teams up perfectly with these lightly cooked Manchurian-style vegetables that are flavoured with soy, ketchup and chilli sauce. All you need is some noodles or rice on the side.

You can cook the tofu in an Air Fryer or a wok.

The nutritional analysis is based on firm tofu containing about 7 g fat per 100 g. Remember to check the label of the tofu that you're using as it may contain more fat.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	i FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
30 minutes	246	9.4 g	17 g
For the Manchurian mari 1 tbsp soy sauce 2 tbsp hoisin sauce 1 tbsp honey 2 tsp chopped ginger Chilli flakes, to taste	1. (nod Mix together the ingredien coat the cubes of tofu in th ime, set aside to marinate Toss marinated tofu in the	ne marinade. If you have for a few minutes.
For the tofu 396 g firm tofu, cut into b cubes (7 g fat or less, che the label) 2 level tbsp gram flour 1 tsp rapeseed oil	ite-sized of	Cooking in the Air Fryer: Pl one layer in the Air Fryer a Cook according to the Air F crisp on the outside and te about 10 minutes).	nd drizzle on the oil. Fryer instructions until
3 spring onions, green ste sliced diagonally Coarse black pepper, to t	ć	Cooking on the hob: Heat t and stir-fry the marinated t 10 minutes).	
For the Manchurian vege 1 tsp rapeseed oil 2 tsp chopped garlic 2 tsp chopped ginger 2 tbsp soy sauce	t	Meanwhile, cook the Manc the oil and add the garlic, g chilli sauce, vinegar (if usin Stir well.	ginger, soy, ketchup,
2 tbsp tomato ketchup 1 tbsp chilli sauce (adjust 1 tbsp vinegar (optional) 1 level tbsp gram flour mi tbsp water (for thickening 300 g vegetable stir-fry n Lime wedges	to taste) a xed with 2 y	Add the vegetables and st adding hot water to your d Adjust seasoning and chill with Manchurian tofu and l	lesired consistency. i as necessary and serve

FCS nutrition notes

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More calories

Add a side salad. Create a tasty dressing by mixing the juice of half a lemon, a bit of mustard, and a pinch of salt and black pepper with a tablespoon of MCT oil. Drizzle this delicious mixture over your salad. Your serving of the original curry recipe, salad and plain yoghurt will have 6.9 g fat, and 471 kcal.

More protein and calories

You can boost your portion of yoghurt with a sachet of MCTprocal[®]. Your serving of the original curry and yoghurt will have 6.7 g fat, 28 g protein and 473 kcal.



Kidney bean curry

This is a simple, speedy mid-week recipe. All you need are cans of kidney beans and tomatoes, along with your usual store cupboard spices. It can be on the table in less than 15 minutes.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(15 minutes	360	6.7 g	26 g
	360 Metho 1. He an aves hi/ nc atoes or 4 2. Sti opped or red 3. Tu mix chopped or l mix 4. Ac ound en ad y beans, 5. Co oughly the beans	6.7 g d eat oil in a non-stick pan id add mustard seeds, cu id dried methi leaves (if u zzle and pop for about 20 of to let them burn and tu ir in chopped tomatoes a ong with the salt. arm up the heat and cook inutes, stirring often to b inutes, stirring often to b inutes. dd the rinsed kidney bea ough hot water to cover Id only as much water as uce; there's no need to a ake the kidney beans bo over and cook over medi inutes. Stir occasionally a e mixture begins to dry o eans to be softer, you car ne for up to 20 minutes.)	26 g with a lid. Lower the heat umin seeds, curry leaves using). Let the seeds o seconds, but be careful irn bitter. and the rest of the spices the tomatoes for a few reak up the tomato ns, red onion and just them. Make sure you and dots of water that will it. um heat for about 5-10 and add more water if out. (If you prefer the n extend the cooking
Serving ideas Serving ideas Enjoy this curry ar with a side salad a steamed basmati	th nd yoghurt ge and	Irn off the heat, add coria e seasoning and chilli to enerous swirl of yoghurt.	-
Choose brown ba as a healthier who option instead of It will need more	olegrain white rice.		

cooking time, so refer to the instructions on the packet.



Kheema peas

Traditional kheema peas is made from minced beef or lamb, which can contain up to 30% fat. This lower fat version uses soya mince, which is high in good guality protein and provides an average of only 3% fat.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
25 minutes	345	7.3 g	33 g
Ingredients 1 tbsp rapeseed oil 2 onions, sliced 300 g chopped canned or tomatoes 1 tsp salt, or to taste 600 g frozen soya mince +	fresh 2. Ado sec 100 ml		
water (3% fat, check the la 250 g frozen peas	-	in the tomatoes and sa jutes.	It and cook for about 3-5
Whole spices 2 whole cardamoms 6 whole black peppercorr 4 cloves	COV	d the frozen soya mince er and cook for about 1 asionally.	
1 cinnamon stick 3 bay leaves 2 tsp jeera (cumin seeds)		in the peas and cook fo der.	or about 5 minutes till
Ground spices 2 tsp chopped garlic 2-3 tsp chopped ginger			

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Red chilli powder, to taste 1/2 tsp haldi (turmeric) 2 tsp ground garam masala

check the label of the mince that you're using as it may contain more fat. If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

Less fat and more calories

Use 3 tbsp MCT oil in place of the rapeseed oil. Be sure not to overheat the oil. A serving of kheema peas using MCT oil in this way would have 5.8 g fat and 402 kcal.

Less fat using mycoprotein (sold as Quorn[®])

27 6.1 g fat and 310 kcal. If you use 3 tbsp MCT oil in place of the rapeseed oil, a serving will have 4.6 g fat and 367 kcal.



Chickpea and green pepper curry

This speedy mid-week dish is made from canned chickpeas - a nutritious food to always have in your store cupboard. They provide you with protein, fibre, calcium, iron and zinc. Simply double the recipe if you want to serve four people.

SERVES 2	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
20 minutes	267	7.6 g	12 g
Ingredients	Method		
2 tsp rapeseed oil		t a non-stick pan with	a lid, then add the oil.
1 onion, finely chopped			
1 tsp chopped garlic		té the onions over high	n heat for 2-3 minutes
1 tsp chopped ginger	unti	l they soften.	
¹ ⁄ ₂ tsp turmeric 1 tsp ground cumin	a Stir	in the garlie ginger tu	rmeric, cumin, coriander
1 tsp ground coriander se		salt.	Interic, curnin, conander
¹ / ₂ tsp salt		out.	
Half a 400 g can chopped	d 4. Add	I the tomatoes along w	vith the chilli and allow
tomatoes		n to cook for 3-5 minu	tes, stirring frequently.
1-2 chopped fresh green			
desired 100 ml hot water		sn the tomatoes to cre ture.	ate a thick and creamy
1 can chickpeas, drained			
1 green pepper, chopped	6. Mix	in a small amount of h	ot water, along with the
Fresh coriander leaves, cl			per. Cover and simmer
		r low heat for about 5-	
Serving ideas		ce thickness by adding	g more water if desired.
 Serve chickpea cu 		nish with fresh coriand	er leaves before serving.
brown rice. It also			ler leaves before serving.
with roti.	goos woll		
Have some yoghu			
side – try pomegra	anate raita		
(see page 40).			
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bread can be used	•		



bread can be used to make sandwiches with the chickpea curry as a filling.



If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More calories and protein

Add a sachet of MCTprocal[®] and a tablespoon of MCT oil to your portion after cooking. Your serving will then be 17 g protein and 479 kcal. Fat stays the same.



Chana dahl

Dahl (lentil curry) is a staple meal in most South Asian households. With a variety of lentils available, you can enjoy different dahl dishes every day without repetition. Dried lentils are a cheap and easy way to have a protein-rich, healthy vegetarian meal.

This recipe provides an authentic taste without the need for excessive oil, as typically seen in tarka-based dahl. It starts by sizzling mustard seeds, fenugreek seeds and cumin seeds in a small amount of oil before adding other spices and pouring in the cooked dahl.

Don't have a pressure cooker?

Simply use red lentils instead of chana dahl. Add 250 g at step 5 with a litre of hot water. Cover and cook for 15-20 minutes before progressing to step 6.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
35 minutes	272	5.9 g	15 g

Ingredients

250 g (about 1 mug) dried chana dahl (split chickpeas) 1 litre (about 3 mugs) of hot water 2 fresh tomatoes, chopped 2 tsp rapeseed oil 2 bay leaves Handful of dried curry leaves 1 cinnamon stick 1 tbsp fenugreek leaves 1/2 tsp hing/asafetida (optional) 1 tsp black mustard seeds 4 fenugreek seeds (optional) 1 tsp cumin seeds 2 tsp chopped or pureed garlic 2 tsp chopped or pureed ginger ¹/₂-1 tsp red chilli powder, or to taste 1 tbsp dhana jeera (ground coriander and cumin mix) $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 tsp turmeric, to desired colour 200 g canned chopped tomatoes 1-2 tsp salt, or to taste To serve 1/2 tsp ground garam masala 2 large spring onions, green stems only, chopped 3 tbsp roughly chopped coriander leaves and stems

Lemon juice

Serving idea



Serve with steamed basmati rice or wholewheat roti and mixed salad. It's delicious with mint and coriander chutney (see page 42).

Method

- Cook the dahl with water and tomatoes in a pressure cooker, according to your cooker's instructions until it's tender and mushy. This usually takes about 15-20 minutes. See introduction for alternatives for those without pressure cookers.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat a non-stick pan with a lid, add oil and lower the heat. Add bay leaves, curry leaves, cinnamon stick, fenugreek leaves, hing (if using), mustard seeds, optional fenugreek seeds and cumin seeds. Let them sizzle for a few seconds only, being careful not to burn the seeds.
- 3. Stir in the garlic and ginger. Add coriander and cumin mix as well as the turmeric.
- 4. Now add the canned tomatoes and the red chilli powder and mix well. Cook over medium heat for about 5-10 minutes, stirring frequently.
- 5. Beat the cooked dahl with a whisk and add it to the pan. Add salt to taste. Cover and cook for about 5 minutes until the lentils soak up the flavours.
- 6. Adjust with more chilli, salt or water as needed. The dahl will taste better if you can switch off the heat and let it sit for some time before serving.
- 7. Finish with a sprinkle of garam masala, chopped spring onions, coriander, and a drizzle of lemon juice.



Mixed bean salad

This vibrant salad is a great choice for a quick and healthy light meal. It combines a mix of beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes and fresh herbs, all tossed in a delicious dressing made from walnut oil and zesty lemon juice.

Getting enough omega-3 fats can be a bit of a challenge for people managing FCS, due to their limited fat intake. Incorporating a small amount of walnut oil into this salad is a clever way to meet those needs. Each serving provides you with a teaspoon of walnut oil, which will help meet your daily requirement of omega-3 fatty acids

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
() 15 minutes	262	5.5 g	13 g
Ingredients 325 g can sweetcorn, drai 400 g can kidney beans, o 400 g can blackeye bean 2 tomatoes, diced Small red onion, finally ch (optional) Half a bunch of fresh coria leaves and stems (about 7 chopped Generous handful fresh m 30 g), torn Salt and black pepper, to	drained to ta s, drained 2. Com hopped shak ander 3. Toss 75 g), hint (about	ste.	ingredients and season ngredients in a jar and sing.
For the dressing 4 tsp walnut oil 1 tsp mustard ½ tsp dried oregano Juice of half a lemon 2 tsp honey			
Serving ideas Serving ideas Pile this salad onto potato, alongside s tuna (in brine) or co chicken breast.	some		
portable lunch opt			
Pair it as a delight dish with your favo main courses. Rem when preparing a r includes other dish	ourite nember, meal that		

fats, account for the fats from this salad as well.



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If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More calories

Drizzle a tablespoon of MCT oil onto your cooked portion and stir gently. Your serving of rice will now have 336 kcal.

Even more calories

If you tolerate MCT oil well, enjoy the pilau with a mixed salad, drizzled with a dressing of 2 teaspoons of balsamic vinegar and a tablespoon of MCT oil. Your serving of rice and salad will now have 453 kcal.

More protein

Simply mix a sachet of MCTprocal[®] into 3 tablespoons of plain 0% fat yoghurt and have this on the side. This will add an extra 8.3 g protein and 178 kcal to your meal, making a total of 15 g protein and 419 kcal.

34 More of both protein and calories

Do all three of the above and your portion will provide a total of 1.4 g fat, 16 g protein and 630 kcal.

Ribbon rice pilau

Pilau rice is usually prepared with plenty of oil or ghee, and can require time and skill in the kitchen. But here's an effortless, oil-free alternative. The grated carrots, cabbage, sliced onions and strips of red pepper take on the appearance of ribbons in the rice. You can use any vegetable combinations you like.

It's a fantastic low-fat side dish for six people which cooks perfectly in the microwave in just 20 minutes. If you'd like to enjoy the pilau as a main meal, it will serve four generous portions.

SERVES 6	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(i) 30 minutes	241	0.9 g	6.5 g
Ingredients 275 g (about 1 mug) basm		nse the rice in a bowl to i	remove any starch from
1 ½ mugs cold water 1 tbsp bouillon (stock) por e.g. Swiss vegetable boui	wder sej llon	parated grains.	l help you achieve nicely
2 tbsp lemon juice 2 tsp chopped garlic 2 tsp chopped ginger 2-3 fresh green chillies, cl	co wc	ace the rice and water in ntainer with a lid. A micr orks well.	a large microwave-safe owaveable rice cooker
Good pinch of turmeric, to colour Whole garam masala (2 c		d all the other ingredier r the mixture, cover it, ar	
pods, cinnamon stick, 2 c 6 whole black peppers) Large onion, sliced Generous handful of froze	loves, for arc co	18-20 minutes or until it ound the 15-minute marl uple of minutes.	's cooked (stir gently
2 carrots, peeled and gra Quarter head white or gra cabbage, grated 2 red peppers, sliced		rve with fresh lemon we eet chilli sauce and cori	
To serve Generous drizzle of swee chilli sauce Coriander leaves, roughly Lemon wedges	-		
Serving ideas S Raita is a perfect accompaniment. T	ry		



S Choose brown basmati rice as a healthier wholegrain option instead of white rice. It will need more water and cooking time, so refer to the instructions on the packet.

pomegranate raita (page 40).



Chargrilled corn on the cob with chilli and garlic

This is a great recipe to test out how you like MCT oil! The bottle and colour of MCT oil might seem strange compared to regular vegetable oil. You shouldn't use MCT oil for high-temperature frying, but it's good for grilling.

This tasty corn makes for a filling snack because it contains protein and fibre. Even though you're not adding regular oil, there's some natural fat from the corn, which counts toward your daily fat intake.

SERVES 1	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(1) 15 minutes	155	2.5 g	4.9 g
Ingredients 1 corn on the cob ½ tsp garlic powder, or to Sprinkling of red chilli po to taste	o taste co	d eheat the grill to high. F rn on the cob with the g wder and salt.	
Sprinkling of salt 2 tsp MCT oil	2. Sp	oon the oil onto the co	rn.
Lemon juice, to taste		ill under a high heat for another 5-10 minutes,	5 minutes, turn and grill turning frequently.
	4. Dr	izzle on some lemon ju	ice to serve.



Zero oil masala

Have you ever heard of masala that has no oil in it? This is a life-saver recipe for people on a very low-fat diet. This amount will be enough to form the basis of a curry for four people. Simply add your chicken, white fish, beans, tofu, soya mince, soaked dahl or vegetables to this masala and allow the spices to infuse during the cooking time. You could also make a large batch and freeze it in portions.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
20 minutes	46	0.7 g	1.9 g
Ingredients	Metho	od	
1 tsp jeera (cumin seeds) 1 onion, pureed	1. H	eat a non-stick heavy pai	n (or kadhai).
1 tsp chopped or pureed garlic 1 tsp chopped or pureed ginger 300 g canned plum tomatoes or 3 fresh tomatoes, pureed		2. Dry roast the jeera (cumin seeds) over a low heat for 1-2 minutes – be careful not to burn them as they will taste bitter.	
 ½ tsp turmeric 2 tsp dhana jeera (ground and cumin mix) 2 tsp methi/fenugreek leat ½ to 1 tsp salt, or to taste ½ to 1 tsp red chilli powdet 	coriander st aves ac sc	Irn up the heat and stir in irring occasionally. Wher little boiling water and ke dding small amounts of w often (about 10 minutes) .	eep stirring. Continue
to taste Handful fresh coriander le	4. Ad	dd the ginger and garlic pouple of minutes, stirring	

5. Stir in the pureed tinned or fresh tomatoes and cook for a few minutes. Squash the tomatoes until the mixture becomes creamy.

more water as it will dilute the taste.

- 6. Add the turmeric and other spices, including coriander leaves. Cover and simmer until soft (about 5 minutes).
- 7. Your zero oil masala is ready! Now you can add the vegetables or soaked dahl, beans, chicken or white fish and water as needed. Finish off your curry with fresh coriander leaves.

Optional: add a few whole black peppercorns and cloves, a cinnamon stick and one cardamom with the jeera if you like your curries "garam" (more heat).

finely chopped



Pomegranate raita

When you're eating low-fat foods, you might start to find that some meals taste bland. This colourful raita will liven up any meal. It's laced with crunchy strips of courgettes and carrots, adding fibre, vitamins and minerals in a tasty way. You can use any raw vegetables you like and if you're not a fan of pomegranate, try passion fruit seeds as an option.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
10 minutes	84	1.2 g	4.6 g
Ingredients 250 g low-fat yoghurt 2 carrots, peeled and gra		1 a mixing bowl, whisk the looth and creamy.	e plain yoghurt until it's
		Add the carrots, courgettes, spring onions (if using) and pomegranate.	
(save some for garnish) Freshly ground black pep to taste A little salt	3. Se oper, fre	ason the raita with a pine shly ground black pepp your taste.	ch of salt and a dash of er. Adjust the seasoning
To serve Mint leaves, chopped		k all the ingredients toge mbined.	ether until well
¹ ⁄ ₂ tsp ground cumin ¹ ⁄ ₄ tsp chilli powder Pomegranate seeds	a s	fore serving, garnish wit prinkling of cumin and c megranate seeds.	
Serving idea S S This raita is also de a chaat*. Smother of chickpeas and cho	canned		

*Chaat is the South Asian equivalent of 'tapas' – small, tasty dishes often served as street food, with a mix of textures and flavours

FCS nutrition notes

coriander leaves with the raita and sprinkle on some

chaat masala.

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More protein and calories

Add a sachet of MCTprocal[®] to your portion to provide 6.6 g protein and 197 kcal in your serving. Fat stays the same.



Mint and coriander chutney

This virtually fat-free chutney will add aroma and a flavour hit to any dish. It takes only a few minutes to prepare and you can make it as spicy or zesty as you like. This recipe uses a mini kitchen blender, but if you don't have one, you can simply chop the herbs and flavour with the other ingredients. This amount makes 6 tablespoons.

	SERVES 6	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
	5 minutes	6	0.3 g	0.4 g
35 g fresh coriander leaves and stemsst35 g fresh coriander leaves and stemsor½ fresh green chilli, chopped (or red chilli powder, to taste)2. W50 ml waterarPinch of freshly chopped garlic, or garlic powder (optional)3. AdJuice of half a lemonm		Nod Wash the mint leaves, remove them from the stems, and place them into a mini kitchen blender or food chopper. Wash the coriander and roughly chop the leaves and stems before adding them to the blender. Add all the other ingredients and blend for about a minute. The chutney should have some texture and not be completely pureed.		
To se 1 tsp	rve desiccated coconut	5. Ch an	just the salt and chilli to ill the mixture in the refi d sprinkle it with desicca fore serving.	rigerator until needed



Tropical fruit chaat

This tropical fruit chaat is a delicious blend of familiar South Asian flavours. It brings together the sweet goodness of tropical fruits like mango and papaya, with a little spicy kick and a hint of citrus. This dish is a loving tribute to the wonderful street food culture of South Asia, and it's like having a taste of your roots on your plate.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(i) 20 minutes	122	0.7 g	1.8 g
Ingredients 1 mango, peeled and dice ½ large papaya, peeled, s and diced		~	mbine the diced mango, and grapes.
1 apple, cored and diced ¹ / ₂ cucumber, diced A large handful of grapes For the dressing	jui halved the fla	2. Make a tangy dressing with the orange juice, lime juice, honey and 1-2 tsp of chaat masala. Adjust the chaat masala to achieve your desired level of flavour and spiciness. Drizzle this citrus dressing over the mixed fruits.	
2 tbsp fresh orange juice Juice of half a lime 2 tsp honey 1-2 tsp chaat masala, to ta	3. Ge ing	ntly toss the fruit salad redients evenly with th	
To serve Chilli flakes, to taste Fresh coriander and mint for garnish	15- leaves 5. Be	ow the fruit chaat to sit 20 minutes. fore serving, sprinkle w rnish with fresh coriando	ith chilli flakes and

FCS nutrition notes

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More calories and protein

45 Serve your portion with 120 g 0% fat Greek yoghurt mixed with a sachet of MCTprocal[®]. Your serving will now have 1.2 g fat, 13 g protein and 300 kcal.



Raspberry "cheatscakes"

This is a cheat's way of enjoying the tasty layers of a cheesecake without the fat. These mini cheesecakes certainly hit the spot when you fancy something sweet, either after a meal or as a snack.

Fromage frais, a fresh, fat-free soft cheese, is the key ingredient, usually found in the yoghurt section of your local supermarket. To give the cheese a creamy texture, this recipe cleverly incorporates MCTprocal[®]. What's great about adding MCTprocal[®] is that it doesn't contribute to your fat intake but provides a healthy amount of protein and calories.

Traditional biscuit bases are often too high in fat for people with FCS, so this dessert opts for pineapple rings as a base instead.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(10 minutes	135	0.3 g	4.0 g
Ingredients	Meth	od	
Ground cinnamon, to tas 435 g can pineapple slic 120 g fat-free fromage fr	es, drained F	prinkle cinnamon onto the lace one raspberry in the	
4 tsp honey 2 sachets MCTprocal [®] 120 g raspberries		1ix the fromage frais with 1CTprocal®.	the honey and
Mint leaves, for garnish		poon the creamy cheese ineapple slice.	e mixture onto each
		Decorate with remaining r eaves.	raspberries and mint



Sauteed bananas with orange zest and maple syrup

South Asian desserts are typically rich in unhealthy saturated fats (from ghee or cream) and can even be deep fried - as is the case with the very popular jalebi. This is a fruit-based dessert, served with 0% fat Greek yoghurt in place of cream. It works very well with over-ripe bananas that are not firm enough to eat raw.

SERVES 4	KCAL PER SERVING	FAT PER SERVING	PROTEIN PER SERVING
(10 minutes	168	1.1 g	5.2 g
Ingredients	Meth	od	
 1 tsp unsaturated spread 4 ripe bananas, each sliced into 4 diagonal chunks 1. Heat a non-stick frying pan over a medium heat and add the spread. 			
(save the skin for garnish) an		Place the banana pieces onto the warmed spread and allow them to soften for a couple of minutes. Add the orange juice a little at a time to add	
To serve 200 g 0% fat Greek-style y stirred		noisture and stop the ban pottom of the pan.	anas from sticking to the
2 tbsp maple syrup Grated orange zest (no wi Half a pomegranate, seed	hite pith) a	Serve immediately, topped and a drizzle of maple syru prange zest and pomegra	up. Garnish with grated

FCS nutrition notes

If necessary, you can modify your portion by doing the following, as per your dietary requirements.

More calories and protein

49 Mix a sachet of MCTprocal[®] into your portion of yoghurt. Your serving will now have 1.1 g fat, 7.2 g protein and 280 kcal.

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