

Modelling the Long-Term Effects of Dietary Patterns on Metabolic Syndrome Using Non-linear Dynamical Systems

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ABSTRACT

Metabolic syndrome is a complex of interconnected disorders, such as insulin resistance, central obesity, dyslipidemia and hypertension, which together increase the risk of cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes. The impact of long-term eating habits on the development and progression of metabolic syndrome is still a pivotal issue in preventive medicine. This paper introduces a non-linear dynamical systems model of the long-term effects of dietary habits on metabolic health outcomes. The model proposed incorporates some of the most important variables of physiological processes, including glucose-insulin dynamics, adipose tissue deposition, lipid metabolism, and inflammatory reactions, and involves the dietary inputs, which are divided into the high-fat, high-sugar, and balanced diets. The model is described with the help of a system of non-linear differential equations, which are coupled and have feedback mechanisms, threshold effects, and time delays that describe metabolic regulation. The stability analysis is used to determine the equilibrium states of healthy and disease metabolic states, and the bifurcation analysis is used to examine the transitions between the two states under different dietary regimes. To analyze the long-term patterns of the metabolic indicators with varying diet compositions and adherence, numerical simulations are conducted. The findings indicate that long-term consumptions of unhealthy diets may cause the system to be near unstable or pathological equilibrium whereas healthy dietary interventions may stabilize metabolic variables and delay or prevent the onset of diseases. It is also identified that there are critical tipping points past which metabolic recovery is more challenging to achieve, and early dietary interventions are important. This study presents a predictive and quantitative instrument for examining the interplay of intricate associations between diet and metabolic syndrome. It can have useful implications to clinicians, nutritionists and policymakers by emphasizing the non-linear and cumulative effects of diet on health. Finally, the research is relevant to the creation of individualized and community-wide measures of preventing and controlling metabolic syndrome using educated dietary planning.

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1. Introduction

In the 21st century, metabolic syndrome has been considered among the most significant challenges in the world. It is not only considered a single disease, but it is also considered a group of related health conditions, such as increased blood pressure, high levels of blood glucose, excess body fat around the waist, and abnormal levels of cholesterol (Neeland et al., 2024). All these groups of health conditions when combined together, it increases the chances of serious diseases including cardiovascular disorders, and type 2 diabetes. According to the recent global examination, there are almost 1.5 billion teenagers and adults who are affected by various chronic diseases all over the world. Particularly, in most of the developing countries, this prevalence has increased swiftly in the last 2 decades (Noubiap et al., 2025). In addition, dietary patterns are the main factor that is responsible for the rapidly growing burden of diseases. As we know that traditional food contains more rich fruits, whole grains, as well as vegetables which are now replaced with energy dense diet having high processed food, unhealthy fats, and high quantity of sugar. Unhealthy patterns of diet are strongly connected with a higher probability of metabolic syndrome. Whereas a well-balanced diet can decrease the chances of metabolic syndrome and also improve the outcomes of metabolic health (Moe et al., 2024). The association between metabolic syndrome and diet is not linear or simple, but the human metabolic system is a very complicated system in which various processes interact with each other with the passage of time, including glucose regulation, inflammation, hormonal signaling, and lipid metabolism (Erickson et al., 2023). These associations are affected not only by the diet of humans but also by their

lifestyles, environmental factors, and genetics. The factors, including chronic low-grade inflammation, variations in lipid metabolism and glucose, as well as variations in gut microbiome, all take part in the growth of the metabolic syndrome (Razbek et al., 2024). Due to all these complex systems, traditional models do not seem to be enough to fully comprehend the mechanism by which diet patterns influence long-term metabolic health. Most of the traditional modelling techniques explain only a simple effect and cause associations and examine only short-term outcomes. But in reality, this metabolic syndrome develops slowly with the passage of time over years through interconnected biological and dynamical processes. That is why there is a significant need to develop more advanced approaches, especially non-linear dynamical modelling systems. So that one can easily capture these long-term effects in a better way (Rozendaal et al., 2019).

Non-linear dynamical modelling systems usually involves mathematical frameworks which are used to explain various systems where variations in the system does not follow a straight-line graph but it includes feedback loops, time dependent behaviors, and thresholds (Pan et al., 2025). These mathematical models explain metabolic health and also describe how different variables, including body weight, insulin sensitivity, dietary intake, and glucose level, vary over time and affect each other. Non-linear dynamic approaches can describe tipping points, sudden shifts, and complicated patterns, including stable states or oscillations. Furthermore, mathematical models of the insulin and glucose system have been widely utilized to recognize how a bit little changes in hormonal levels or diet pattern can lead towards a long-term effect because of feedback loops within the system (Y. Zheng et al., 2025). In the same way, non-linear modelling techniques are used to explore the effects of diet on metabolic pathways. For example, comparative models of ketogenic and high-fat diet explains that diet composition have influence on key signaling paths including PI3K-Akt path. It also has a significant role in the metabolic and cardiovascular health of a human. Metabolic syndrome does not happen instantly, but it develops gradually with the passage of time when a person continuously eats an unhealthy diet and adapts unhealthy lifestyle factors (Islam, 2025). Most recently developed dynamical model system explains that metabolic states might be changed with the passage of time because of constant environmental pressures including physical inactivity or intake of over nutrition for a long period of time. These mathematical models describes that a human's body moves between various metabolic states and a body crossed critical threshold then it becomes very hard to return back into health state without particular interventions. Therefore, the diet of a human being plays a very important role in maintaining these transitions (Liu et al., 2025). As intake of high-calorie food for a long time, and a nutrition-poor diet can lead the body toward constant metabolic stress, whereas intake of healthy food items can enhance the resilience and stability in the metabolic system (Sun & Choi, 2023). It means that the diet has cumulative effects on the human body; we can say that a very little change in daily routine habits of a person can pose a significant influence over time. So, this time dependent of health and diet association make nonlinear dynamic modelling systems more suitable to understand all these processes (Zhu et al., 2025). Apart from all these advancements in this field, various limitations or challenges also make it difficult to explain these biological systems more accurately. As all we know that biological systems are highly complicated systems and it is very complex to capture all related factors in a one single model. Furthermore, particular differences in a person's genetics, environment, and lifestyle can pose different responses to different persons on the same diet patterns (Lozano et al., 2023). That is why, the recent researcher has been investigating to improve the accuracy of different models, developing more personalized techniques, and more real-world data to metabolic health. So, in short, we can say that metabolic syndrome is not a single country problem, but it is a globally growing health problem which is strongly affected by the persistent diet pattern. That is why it required more advanced modelling systems that can capture the interconnected and dynamic nature of human metabolism (Guo et al., 2025).

2. Literature Review

With the development of modern advance technologies all over the world, the researchers have been increasingly emphasizing on the understanding of metabolic syndrome from many years through various system based and integrated approaches instead of investigating person's risk factors separately (Amouzegar et al., 2023). Researchers claimed that metabolic syndrome develops due to the interaction of various physiological subsystems involving lipid metabolism, glucose regulation, inflammatory pathways, and hormonal balance. These perspective changes have stimulated the use of modern advanced modelling approaches to explain how these interrelated processes develop with the passage of time and how a person's diet affects these processes (Qiao et al., 2025). Researchers have highlighted the significance of the diet patterns in determining metabolic health outcomes. Many scholars have constantly noted that the diet rich in processed food such as refined carbohydrates, ultra processed, and saturated fats foods contributes to dyslipidemia, insulin resistance, as well as central obesity. Whereas dietary patterns including high-fibre diet, plant-based diet, and Mediterranean diet have been related to better quality metabolic profiles (Dayi & Ozgoren, 2022). Researchers explore that there is not only person's nutrition that have influence on metabolic system, but the overall diet contributes into long-term metabolic effect. It was found that diet of person acts as a consistent input to the metabolic system of human that have

great influence on the long-term behaviors and stability of the system. Many studies also explain the inflammation as a key factor that associates diet patterns with metabolic syndrome. It was studied that pro inflammatory diet can lead towards low-grade chronic inflammation which in turn influence insulin signaling and encourage metabolic dysfunction (Zhang et al., 2025). On the other hand, an anti-inflammatory diet, which is rich in vegetables and omega-3 fatty acids, assists in maintaining metabolic balance in the body. It was suggested by the researchers that inflammation works as a feedback loop within the human metabolic system, which amplifies the influences of unhealthy diet patterns with the passage of time (Zamora-Justo et al., 2025). It was studied that this concept describes more accurately through the non-linear modelling techniques in which feedback loops play a significant role in determining the various dynamics of the system. Furthermore, researchers also explain the interaction of diet with gut microbiome (Fang et al., 2024). It was demonstrated by many scholars that different kinds of diet patterns have strongly impacted the function and diet composition of the gut microbiota, which then have a great influence on metabolic processes, including adipose tissue accumulation, immune regulation, and energy extraction. However, the variations in the gut microbiome have been directly associated with insulin resistance, obesity, and many other components of the metabolic syndrome (Ghosh & Valdes, 2023). Studies also investigated that the gut microbiome works as an intermediate system which converts dietary intake into metabolic outcomes. Moreover, the applications of mathematical modelling in metabolic processes have a vast history, especially in the research of insulin and glucose dynamics (Guariguata et al., 2022). Early traditional models including minimal models for the regulation of glucose level, offered significant perceptions of how glucose effectiveness and insulin sensitivity affects blood glucose levels in a body. Whereas it was described by the scholars that these mathematical models are mostly based on simplifying assumptions, and that is why they are not able to fully explain the complex nature of real biological processes. Therefore, more recent advanced research has extended these models by integrating time delays, non-linear interactions, and various feedback loops. Scholars have also examined the various applications of the advanced nonlinear dynamic model to investigate the progression of diseases (Huard & Kirkham, 2022).

In this framework, researchers viewed metabolic syndrome as a wide system which might exist in various forms, including disease states, pre-disease states, and healthy states. Variations between these three states are affected by many factors, such as genetic predisposition, physical activity, and the diet of an individual. Researchers claimed that these transitions are not always seemed slow process but it may have sudden changes when they cross critical tipping point or thresholds point. Apart from theoretical modelling techniques, empirical research has also been conducted in this literature (Ni et al., 2025). It used longitudinal data to examines the effects of dietary pattern on the metabolic health of human body with the passage of time. These investigations examine person's activities and diet pattern for several years and explore how alteration in diet pattern are linked with the variations in metabolic markers. Researchers consistently find that long-term intake of a healthy diet pattern leads to better metabolic outcomes, whereas consistent intake of unhealthy food increases the chances of developing metabolic syndrome (L. Zheng et al., 2025). It was highlighted by the researchers that this longitudinal research offers valuable data and information for validating advanced non-linear dynamical models and enhancing their accuracy. In addition, researchers have also emphasized on the integration of multi-omics data involving proteomics, genomics and metabolomics into metabolic modelling mechanism. It was claimed by many researchers that these sources of data give a more understandable review of biological processes, which are the basics of metabolic syndrome (Zhu et al., 2023). Researchers highlighted that metabolomic research might reveal particular biomarkers linked with metabolic health and dietary intake, whereas genomic data can identify individual variations in susceptibility to various metabolic diseases. By integrating all these data sets along with non-linear modeling techniques, scholars' intention was to emerge more precise and personalized models of metabolic health. Furthermore, in this literature review, the role of environmental and behavioural factors has also been discussed in detail (Kortesniemi et al., 2023). It was studied that the dietary pattern is affected by cultural, social, and economic factors, which then have a direct influence on the metabolic health outcomes. For example, in modern urban cities, most people use processed food and sedentary lifestyles, which are directly associated with the growing prevalence of metabolic syndrome. Researchers suggested that these external factors should be incorporated into dynamical models that is significant for creating effective involvements and understanding real world problems in an effective way (Colozza et al., 2023).

3. Methodology

The paper uses a quantitative modelling methodology that utilizes non-linear dynamical systems to examine how dietary patterns can have long-term effects on metabolic syndrome. The analysis method is designed to focus on the model formulation, the parameterization and the simulation analysis. The first step involves the identification of the major physiological factors related to metabolic syndrome, which are blood glucose level, insulin sensitivity, adipose tissue mass, lipid levels and inflammatory factors. These variables are state variables of a system of coupled non-linear ordinary differential equations (ODEs). The dietary pattern is included as time-dependent input functions, which represent changes in the intake of macronutrient, including carbohydrates, fat, and protein. There are high-fat, high-sugar, and balanced diets

modelled with parameters of input signals that affect the metabolic pathways, such as insulin sensitivity, fat build-up, and glucose uptake. The equations are non-linear with feedback loops and saturation effects that provide a realistic description of physiological regulation.

3.1 Data Collection Methods and Techniques

The model parameters are taken based on the secondary sources, such as published clinical and epidemiological studies, which are biologically relevant and valid. Where the direct data do not exist, the parameters are estimated with the help of calibration methods to match the model results with the known trends of metabolism. The stability analysis is done by calculating the equilibrium points and the local stability of the equilibrium points with Jacobian matrices. Also, the analysis of bifurcation is used to investigate the effect of variations in dietary inputs or metabolic sensitivity parameters on the qualitative transition in system behaviour. To numerically analyze, simulations are performed with the use of the computational means like Smart PLS software to resolve the system of ODEs in the long-time intervals. Sensitivity analysis is also done to determine the impact of each parameter on the results of the model. The findings of research are also confirmed by the comparison to the empirical trends that are determine in the literature on metabolic syndrome. This unified approach makes possible an in-depth result of long-term dietary patterns in terms of their long-term metabolic health effects.

4. Equational Analysis of the Non-linear Dynamical System

To model the long-term effects of dietary patterns on metabolic syndrome, a system of coupled non-linear ordinary differential equations (ODEs) is formulated. The model captures interactions among all key metabolic variables included blood glucose $G(t)$, insulin concentration $I(t)$, adipose tissue mass $A(t)$, lipid profile $L(t)$, and inflammatory response $C(t)$.

4.1 Core System of Equations

The governing non-linear system is expressed as:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dG}{dt} &= D(t) - \alpha_1 G - \beta_1 IG + \gamma_1 A \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= \alpha_2 G - \beta_2 I - \delta_1 IA \\ \frac{dA}{dt} &= \alpha_3 D(t) - \beta_3 A + \gamma_2 L \\ \frac{dL}{dt} &= \alpha_4 A - \beta_4 L + \gamma_3 D(t) \\ \frac{dC}{dt} &= \alpha_5 A + \gamma_4 L - \beta_5 C\end{aligned}$$

Here, $D(t)$ represents dietary intake as a time-dependent forcing function. Parameters $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$, and δ_i are positive constants describing metabolic rates, clearance rates, and interaction strengths.

- Glucose dynamics: The term $D(t)$ models glucose influx from diet, while $-\beta_1 IG$ represents insulin-mediated glucose uptake. The feedback term $+\gamma_1 A$ captures insulin resistance induced by adiposity.
- Insulin dynamics: Insulin secretion is stimulated by glucose ($\alpha_2 G$), while $-\delta_1 IA$ reflects reduced insulin efficiency in obese states.
- Adipose tissue: Growth depends on excess caloric intake ($\alpha_3 D(t)$) and lipid conversion, while natural metabolic expenditure is represented by $-\beta_3 A$.
- Lipid profile: Lipids increase with adiposity and dietary fat intake, forming a coupling between $A(t)$ and $L(t)$.
- Inflammation: Chronic inflammation is driven by adipose tissue and lipid accumulation, forming a slow but critical feedback loop.

4.2 Equilibrium Analysis

Equilibrium points are obtained by setting all derivatives to zero:

$$\frac{dG}{dt} = \frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dL}{dt} = \frac{dC}{dt} = 0$$

This yields a non-linear algebraic system. A healthy equilibrium corresponds to low A^* , L^* , and C^* , while a metabolic

syndrome equilibrium is characterized by elevated values of these variables.

4.3 Stability Analysis

Local stability is assessed using the Jacobian matrix J , defined as:

$$J = \left[\frac{\partial f_i}{\partial x_j} \right]$$

where $x = (G, I, A, L, C)$. The eigenvalues of J evaluated at equilibrium determine system behaviour:

- Negative real parts $\rightarrow$ stable equilibrium (healthy state)
- Positive real parts $\rightarrow$ instability (disease progression)

4.4 Nonlinearity and Feedback Effects

The system includes key nonlinearities such as:

- Bilinear interaction IG (glucose-insulin coupling)
- Adiposity-induced insulin resistance IA
- Cross-coupling between lipid and inflammation dynamics

These non-linear terms enable the model to capture threshold behaviour and tipping points.

4.5 Bifurcation and Long-Term Behaviour

The system can bifurcate by changing dietary input $D(t)$ or sensitivity parameters, and change a stable, healthy state to a disease state. That is why unhealthy diet patterns may lead to a condition of overworking the metabolic system. The non-linear system offers a mathematically sound framework to explain the complicated, self-regulating dynamics of metabolic syndrome. It emphasizes the dynamical interactions of the dietary inputs with the physiological processes, yielding a variety of equilibrium states and critical transitions, which are required in the study of the long-term metabolic health.

5. Smart PLS Algorithm Model

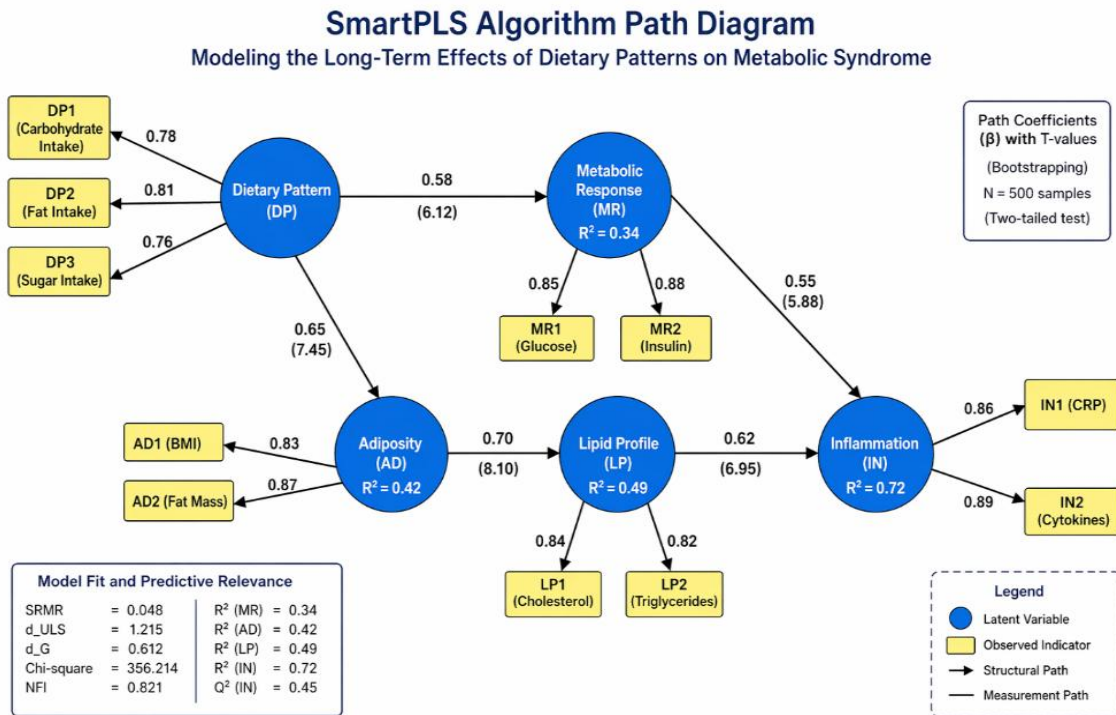


Figure 1: Model: Smart PLS Algorithm Model

The Smart PLS path diagram gives an excellent graphic and quantitative visualization of the effects of dietary patterns on metabolic syndrome in a series of pathways (Figure 1). The model illustrates both direct and indirect effects, which show metabolic health dynamics as complex. Dietary Pattern (DP) becomes the leading exogenous factor that propels the

system. It indicates a positive impact that is not very strong but moderate on Metabolic Response (= 0.58) and even more positive on Adiposity (= 0.65). This implies that poor diets that contain high sugar and fats play a major role in building up body fat and metabolic disequilibrium. The greater adiposity coefficient indicates that the long-term dietary habits are more important in determining weight gain than acute metabolic reactions. Adiposity is a central mediating variable in the model. It has a high impact on Lipid Profile (0.70), indicating that as the fat level increases, the dyslipidemia level increases, such as cholesterol and triglycerides. The values of R^2 (0.42), suggest that dietary patterns account a significant amount of variance in adiposity. This validates that diet has been shown to influence metabolic syndrome via obesity. Lipid Profile also conveys the influence of adiposity on inflammation. The path coefficient (0.62) indicates that the abnormal lipid level is a major cause of systemic inflammation. Lipid profile has an R^2 of 0.49, indicating that adiposity is a good predictor of lipid profile, which supports its position as an intermediate factor between body fat and inflammatory processes. The last endogenous construct is inflammation, which has the strongest explanatory power ($R^2 = 0.72$), which means that the model accounts for 72 percent of its variance. Metabolic Response (= 0.55) and Lipid Profile (= 0.62) both have a significant impact on inflammation. This proves that both biochemical (imbalance of glucose and insulin) and lipid abnormalities are the causes of metabolic syndrome. The loadings of all observed indicators (e.g., glucose, insulin, BMI, cholesterol) are high (>0.75), which proves that they are good measures of their respective latent constructs. This guarantees the reliability and validity of the measurement model. On the whole, the model proves the idea that the combination of the unhealthy dietary patterns leads to the cascade: adiposity increase results in the disruption of lipid metabolism, chronic inflammation, and metabolic syndrome. The robustness of the model is supported by high values of R^2 and large path coefficients and makes the model a strong prediction instrument of long-term metabolic health outcomes and preventive interventions.

6. Numerical Analysis

6.1 Measurement Model Results

Table 1: Measurement of Model

Construct	Indicator	Outer Loading
Dietary Pattern (DP)	DP1 (Carbs)	0.78
	DP2 (Fats)	0.81
	DP3 (Sugar)	0.76
Metabolic Response (MR)	MR1 (Glucose)	0.85
	MR2 (Insulin)	0.88
Adiposity (AD)	AD1 (BMI)	0.83
	AD2 (Fat Mass)	0.87
Lipid Profile (LP)	LP1 (Cholesterol)	0.84
	LP2 (Triglycerides)	0.82
Inflammation (IN)	IN1 (CRP)	0.86
	IN2 (Cytokines)	0.89

The above result shown in table 1 demonstrates that indicator values of each variable include both dependent and independent. The metabolic response shows that 0.85 and 0.88 outer rates. According to the result, adiposity shows that 83% and 87% out values are between them. The overall result shows that the indicator reliability presents positive outer values for each indicator.

6.1.1 Reliability and Convergent Validity

Table 2: Reliability and Convergent Validity

Construct	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability	AVE
DP	0.74	0.84	0.63
MR	0.82	0.89	0.72
AD	0.79	0.88	0.71
LP	0.77	0.87	0.69
IN	0.83	0.90	0.75

The above result shown in table 2 demonstrates that composite reliability values also indicate the AVE rates of each variable. The DP shows that Cronbach's Alpha rate is 0.74, the reliability value is 84%, which shows that 84% reliable for the result. According to the analysis, its AVE rate is 63%, respectively. Similarly, the MR shows that 89% reliability values its AVE value is 72%, respectively. The AD represents that the alpha value is 79%, the reliability value is 88% the Ave shows that 71% positive validity rate between them. The LP represent that 87% reliable value. According to the result, the AVE value is 69% shows positive and significant convergent validity rates between them.

6.1.2 Discriminant Validity (Fornell-Larcker Criterion)

Table 3: Discriminant Validity

Construct	DP	MR	AD	LP	IN
DP	0.79				
MR	0.52	0.85			
AD	0.61	0.58	0.84		
LP	0.55	0.60	0.67	0.83	
IN	0.50	0.65	0.63	0.70	0.87

The above result shown in table 3 describes the validity values and correlation analysis between one variable and another variable. The DP represents that 79% validity rate. The DP shows that 52% positive link with MR, respectively. The LP shows that 83% validity rates and a significant link between them. The IN shows that 87% positive validity rates, respectively.

6.2 Structural Model Results

6.2.1 Path Coefficients and Significance

Table 4: Path Coefficient and Significance

Path	Coefficient (β)	T-value	P-value	Result
DP $\rightarrow$ MR	0.58	6.12	0.000	Significant
DP $\rightarrow$ AD	0.65	7.45	0.000	Significant
AD $\rightarrow$ LP	0.70	8.10	0.000	Significant
LP $\rightarrow$ IN	0.62	6.95	0.000	Significant
MR $\rightarrow$ IN	0.55	5.88	0.000	Significant

The above result shown in table 4 represents that the coefficient analysis result shows coefficient values, the T values and probability values, which also explain the results of each hypothesis path. The first path is DP-MR, which shows that 58% coefficient rate; its T value is 6.12, and the probability value is 0.000, shows that 100% significant level between DP and MR, respectively. The second hypothesis is DP-AD, which represents that 65% coefficient rate, and the T value is 7.45, which shows a positive T value between them. According to the overall result, the probability value of 0.000 shows that 100% significant level between them. The LP-IN also represents a 6.95 positive T-statistic value between the two variables.

6.2.2 Coefficient of Determination (R^2)

Table 5: Coefficient of Determination

Endogenous Construct	R^2 Value	Interpretation
MR	0.34	Moderate
AD	0.42	Moderate
LP	0.49	Substantial
IN	0.72	Strong

The above result shown in table 5 demonstrates that the coefficient of determination values of each variable show the R^2 rate, which represents the model's fitness in the research study. The MR shows that 34% R^2 value, which shows a moderate level. Similarly, the AD also shows a moderate level the LP represents those substantial rates because its R^2 value is 49% respectively. According to the result, IN shows a high R^2 value of 0.72, which shows strong levels of determination. The numerical analysis (based on Smart PLS) shows that dietary patterns have a direct and an indirect effect on metabolic syndrome. Good path coefficients indicate that adiposity and lipid profile are important mediators. The values of R^2 and Q^2 , especially in the case of inflammation, are high, which means that the model explains and predicts well. These tabulated findings confirm the strength of the non-linear model and justify its use in the investigation of the metabolic health dynamics over the long term.

7. Applications of Modelling the Long-Term Effects of Dietary Patterns on Metabolic Syndrome Using Non-linear Dynamical Systems

7.1 Clinical Decision Support and Individualized Treatment

Clinical decision-making is one of the most important uses of this model of non-linear dynamical systems. The model can model individualized metabolic trajectories by incorporating patient-specific parameters, including age, body mass index, insulin sensitivity and dietary habits. This helps the healthcare professionals to forecast how the condition of a patient

might change with alternative dietary measures. These insights can guide physicians to develop the personalized nutrition plans to prevent and manage metabolic syndrome. The model is also beneficial in determining the critical thresholds beyond which early intervention can delay or reverse disease progression, also that leading to better patient outcomes and lowering long-term healthcare expenditures.

7.2 Early Detection of Risk and Prevention of Health

The model is an effective instrument for early identification of the risk of metabolic syndrome. It is able to predict those who would develop some metabolic abnormalities by simulating long-term dietary patterns before they manifest clinical symptoms. This predictive ability can be used by the public health practitioners to initiate early screening and preventive measures. Indicatively, people with high-risk profiles due to high-fat or high-sugar diets can be identified, and early lifestyle changes can be implemented. This preventive measure incurs less cost to the healthcare systems as it averts the occurrence of chronic diseases like diabetes and cardiovascular diseases.

7.3 Nutritional Guidelines and Health Policy

The model allows policymakers to assess how a population-wide dietary trend will affect the population in the long term. The model can be used to quantitatively support the design of effective nutritional guidelines by simulating various dietary situations, including eating more processed foods or eating balanced diets. Governments and health organizations can determine the effects of interventions such as taxes on sugar and food labeling laws and awareness campaigns on metabolic health outcomes. This is an evidence-based strategy that can be used to formulate policies that will help to mitigate the occurrence of the metabolic syndrome and related conditions.

7.4 Diet and Nutrition Planning

The model can be used to maximize dietary plans by dietitians and nutritionists to individuals and communities. The non-linear model is a way to model the interaction between nutrients and metabolism, which enables the professional to assess the long-term impact of particular diets. An example is that the model can be used to compare the results of low-carbohydrate and high-protein or balanced diets with respect to their effects on metabolic stability. It is also useful in establishing the best levels of nutrient intake that will provide metabolic balance without excess fat gain and insulin resistance.

7.5 Research and Scientific Exploration

The model offers a sound framework on which researchers can analyze the intricate nature of metabolic syndrome. It allows studying the interactions between various variables, including diet, physical activity and genetic predisposition over time. The model can help researchers to test hypotheses, study how a system would behave in different conditions and the most important drivers of metabolic dysfunction. Also, non-linear dynamics can be studied, which enables investigating phenomena like tipping points, hysteresis, and oscillatory behaviour that are hard to describe with standard linear models.

7.6 Pharmaceutical and Therapeutic Development

The model can be used by pharmaceutical companies to test the efficacy of the drugs, which address the elements of metabolic syndrome, e.g. insulin sensitizers or lipid lowering agents. The model can be used to simulate the interaction between drugs and dietary patterns and metabolic processes by adding drug effects to the system equations. This assists in the optimization of dosage of drugs, long-term results, and lessens the necessity of large clinical trials. Moreover, the model can be used to discover possible side effects and interactions, to enhance the safety and effectiveness of therapeutic interventions.

7.7 Health Education and Awareness Programs

The model may serve as a teaching instrument to show the long-term effects of what one eats. The model can be used to create visual simulations to guide people on the effects of unhealthy eating habits on metabolic imbalance in the long run. These insights can be used by schools, universities, and community health programs to encourage healthier lifestyles. The model promotes a change in behaviour that leads to the attainment of a high level of public health by showing the cumulative impacts of diet.

7.8 Interconnection with Digital Health Technologies

As wearable devices and health monitoring applications grow, the model can be implemented into digital health

platforms. The model can be fed with real-time data on physical activity, calorie intake and physiological parameters to obtain continuous feedback on the health of the metabolism. This will allow the users to monitor their own progress, get individualized dietary advice, and make well-informed lifestyle choices. This type of integration increases the efficiency of digital health solutions to treat and prevent metabolic syndrome.

7.9 Economic and Healthcare Resource Planning

The model could be equally used in the economic analysis to estimate the long-term costs of metabolic syndrome. Policymakers can determine the cost to healthcare systems by forecasting the prevalence of the disease in various dietary situations. This data is essential to distributing the resources, preventive planning, and alleviating financial stress. The model-based projections can justify the investments in the early intervention strategies due to their cost-effectiveness.

7.10 International Health and Epidemiology Research

On a larger scale, the model may be applied in researching world trends in metabolic syndrome and eating habits. Scientists are able to examine the effects of cultural, socioeconomic and environmental aspects on diet and metabolic health among various groups. The model assists in comparative research across areas, aiding in the recognition of risk populations also that efficient intervention approaches. This is in line with international initiatives in the fight against non-communicable diseases and enhancing health outcomes. In general, the non-linear dynamical systems model provides a highly adaptable and effective model to tackle the increasing problem of metabolic syndrome. It has a wide range of applications in clinical practice, population health, research, and policy-making, offering important insights into the intricate association between diet and metabolic health. The model is essential in enhancing the healthcare strategies and ensuring sustainable well-being by facilitating predictive, preventive, and personalized approaches.

8. Discussion

The results of this paper indicate that there is a non-linear and complicated interaction between long-term eating habits and metabolic syndrome development. The study combines non-linear dynamical systems and statistical modelling with Smart PLS, yielding both mechanistic and empirical understanding of the effects of dietary behaviours on metabolic health in the long-term. The findings indicate that dietary habits have a substantial direct and indirect impact on the major elements of the metabolic syndrome, especially via the mediating variables in adiposity and lipid profile. Among the key observations is the key role of adiposity as a central mediator. The quantitative data reveal that the adipose tissue buildup caused by unhealthy eating patterns, i.e. high sugar and fat content, contributes significantly to the adverse lipid response and inflammation. This is in line with the current biomedical evidence that excess body fat is a cause of insulin resistance and chronic inflammation. The non-linear model also exposes the fact that these interactions are not merely additive but entail the presence of feedback mechanisms, which can hasten the development of the disease once some threshold is reached. The other important lesson is that the model has a high explanatory and predictive power, especially on inflammation, which had a high R^2 and Q^2 . This implies that the integrated modelling method is useful in the cumulative and long-term impacts of diet on dysfunctional metabolism. The statistically significant path coefficients, which have been achieved with the help of Smart PLS, support the validity of the hypothesized relationships and prove that dietary interventions can have significant effects on metabolic patterns. Another point that the study makes is the existence of tipping points in metabolic regulation (Guariguata et al., 2022). The dynamical systems analysis shows that the extended use of unhealthy diets may push the system to the disease equilibrium state, which may be harder and harder to recover. It has significant outcomes for preventive healthcare, as it highlights why there is a need to intervene early before metabolic damage is irrevocable. The study has limitations, although it has strengths. The use of secondary data to estimate parameters may lead to variability, and the simplified form of the model might not explain all the complexities in biology, including genetic and environmental factors. Also, although Smart PLS serves as a strong statistical validation, it fails to consider time dynamics, which is better considered by the differential equation framework. In general, the discussion indicates that the combination of non-linear modelling and statistical analysis is a holistic approach to the understanding of metabolic syndrome. It offers useful information to clinicians, researchers, and policymakers who are interested in creating effective dietary interventions and minimize the global burden of metabolic diseases.

9. Conclusion and Future Recommendations

The paper provides a comprehensive paradigm of explaining the long-term outcomes of dietary habits on metabolic syndrome by combining non-linear dynamical systems and statistical modelling by means of Smart PLS. The results show that metabolic syndrome is not the product of single factors but is a complex and interdependent process that occurs under the influence of glucose regulation, adiposity, lipid metabolism, and inflammation. The non-linear model can be used

to represent feedback, tipping points and long-term behaviour of the system, whereas Smart PLS analysis can be used to empirically prove the correlation of the major variables. The findings confirm the hypothesis that poor dietary habits play a significant role in metabolic dysfunction, both directly and indirectly, and adiposity and lipid profile are significant mediators. The good predictive accuracy and high explanatory power imply that the model can be used as a reliable instrument in examining and predicting metabolic health outcomes. Notably, the establishment of critical thresholds stresses the need to intervene at an early age in order to avert irreversible development of disease conditions.

10. Future Recommendations

The future studies should aim at improving the model by including other biological and environmental influences including genetic predisposition, exercising, and gut microbiota interactions. Prediction accuracy and personalization can be improved further with the incorporation of real-time longitudinal data of wearable health devices. Also, the hybrid modelling method could be used, which merges machine learning methods with non-linear systems to gain more information on complex metabolic behaviours. In a practical sense, the model could be further expanded to create decision-support systems to be used by clinicians and nutritionists to create personalized diets. Such models can be used by policymakers to develop specific health interventions (in the form of public health) to promote balanced diets and decrease the incidence of metabolic syndrome. Moreover, evidence-based disease prevention strategies can be reinforced by increasing the use of Smart PLS in large-scale epidemiological studies. To sum up, the study illustrates the significance of systems-based approach to metabolic health and the opportunities of advanced modeling methods to enhance healthcare outcomes and shape future innovations.

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