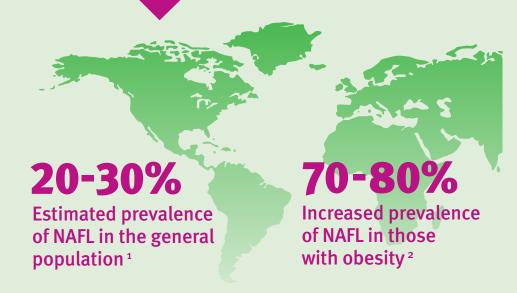
# NUTRITION AS A PRIMARY PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR NON-ALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER (NAFL)



### 1.5 billion

people are overweight or obese worldwide<sup>3</sup>

### 300 million

people have type II diabetes 4

**39%** 

Prevalence of raised cholesterol among adults globally 5

# BY 2030 NAFL IS PREDICTED TO BECOME THE MOST FREQUENT INDICATION FOR LIVER TRANSPLANTATION

HEALTHY LIVER
SIMPLE FAT
ACCUMULATION

PEVERSIBLE

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NASH
NON-ALCOHOLIC
STEATOHEPATITIS

**CIRRHOSIS** 

**INCREASED** 

SCAR TISSUE



### A MULTISYSTEM CONDITION

The metabolic associations of fatty liver are:7

- TYPE II DIABETES
- INSULIN RESISTANCE
- CARDIOVASCULAR CONDITIONS



#### **NEW RESEARCH**

suggests that NAFL may play a part in the pathogenesis of cardiovascular conditions and chronic kidney conditions<sup>8</sup>



NO APPROVED DRUG currently available for the treatment of NAFL

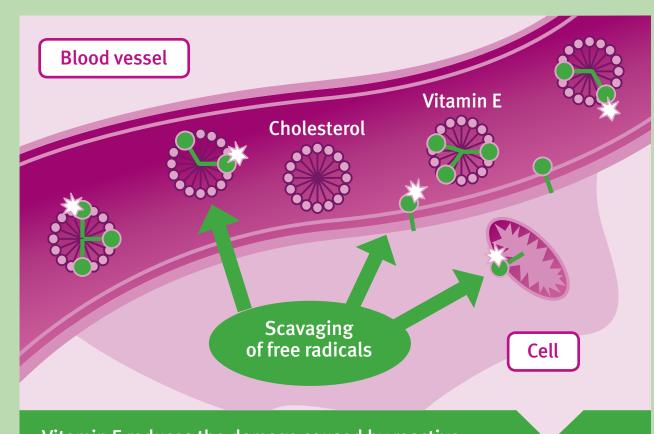
#### THE RESULTING CLINICAL IMPLICATION?

People affected by NAFL may benefit from more intensive surveillance and early prevention interventions, to lower the risk of extra hepatic chronic complications

## PRIMARY PREVENTION THROUGH NUTRITIONAL SOLUTIONS

Vitamin E and polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) independently improved liver histology in a number of clinical studies 9-16

- Vitamin E acts as an antioxidant and anti-inflammatory compound
- PUFAs can improve liver tissue
- Recommended
  as a primary
  prevention for
  specific risk groups



Vitamin E reduces the damage caused by reactive oxygen species and so acting as an anti-inflammatory agent

800IU/day daily dose of vitamin E improves liver histology in non-diabetic adults

with biopsy-proven NASH<sup>17</sup>

### THREE STEPS TO A HEALTHY LIVER

- **MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE.** A good diet and exercising regularly may help prevent liver damage
- CONSIDER A DIETARY SUPPLEMENT. It may be difficult to obtain the recommended levels of vitamin E and PUFAs from food alone
- **TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR** about ways to improve your liver health



**HOW CAN WE HELP?** 

DSM has a portfolio of innovative, high quality and safe nutrients to lower key drivers for NAFL

MAINTAIN A HEALTHY LIVER, PREVENT LIVER DISEASE

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