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A pre-experimental study to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching program on knowledge regarding breakfast skipping and its impact on academics among students of selected department of Rayat Bahra University Mohali

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Abstract

Background: Breakfast is widely acknowledged to be the most important meal of the day. Breakfast also makes a large contribution to daily micronutrient intake. Iron, B vitamins (folate, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B_6 , and vitamin B_{12}) and Vitamin D are approximately 20-60% higher in children who regularly eat breakfast compared with breakfast skippers. Breakfast is suggested as part of a balanced diet because eating breakfast linked with the healthier macro and micronutrient intakes, BMI, and lifestyle. Furthermore, children's attendance and absenteeism may be connected to daily breakfast eating.

Aim of Study: The aim of the study is to improve the knowledge regarding breakfast skipping and its impact on academics among students of selected department of Rayat Bahra University Mohali.

Design and Methods: A Quantitative approach and pre-experimental design, one group pre-test post-test research design was adopted to conduct the study. Purposive sampling technique was used to select 150 sample to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching programme on knowledge regarding breakfast skipping and its impact on academics. In this study the population consists of students of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing and University School of Engineering and Technology, Mohali. Data was collected by questionnaire and rating scale. Structure teaching programme was given after pre-test through lecture-cum-discussion method with the use of power-point presentation, charts, flashcards and blackboard. On the third day, post-test was conducted using same knowledge using questionnaire and rating scale. Data analysis was done by using descriptive and inferential statistics.

Result: The findings of the study showed that there was significant difference between pre-test and post-test knowledge and impact score among students. The post-test mean knowledge score (15.33) was higher than the pre-test mean knowledge score (11.10) regarding breakfast skipping. The post-test mean impact score (67.13) was higher than the pre-test mean knowledge score (67.12) regarding breakfast skipping. This revealed that structured teaching programme was effective in improving the knowledge regarding breakfast skipping. There was no significant association between pre-test intervention knowledge score and impact score with socio demographic variables are age, gender, domicile, educational status of father, educational status of mother, family income per month, type of family, numbers of siblings, dietary status and any previous knowledge about topic.

Conclusion: The conclusions were drawn on the basis of findings of the study. The findings showed that post-test knowledge and impact scores was greater than the pre-test knowledge and impact score regarding breakfast skipping among selected students. It revealed that structure teaching programme was effective.

Our findings highlight the need for more intensive efforts to prevent breakfast skipping to decrease the risk of heart diseases, diabetes, high blood pressure and helps in influencing body functioning physically and mentally.

 $\textbf{Keywords:} \ Effectiveness, knowledge, breakfast skipping, structured teaching programme$

Introduction

Breakfast is like the ultimate power-up meal to start your day strong. Children who habitually consume breakfast are more likely to have favourable amounts of nutrients including higher intake of dietary fibre, carbohydrates, fats and cholesterol. Having breakfast is a major boost for getting all these important nutrients each day such as Iron, B vitamins (folate, thiamine, riboflavin, niacin, vitamin B_6 , and vitamin B_{12}) and Vitamin D are approximately 20-60%

higher in children who regularly eat breakfast as compared with breakfast skippers [1].

However, the Department of Agriculture in the United States of America has stated that the breakfast meal should contribute to at least 10% of the RDA for energy and should provide foods from at least two of the following food groups; grains, low fat dairy products, fruits, vegetables, lean meats, finally nuts, seeds, and legumes ^[2].

Nutrients and energy during the day are beneficial and

breakfast plays a significant dietary source for energy. For students, the consumption of breakfast is proportional to many positive outcomes including regular attendance and maintenance of healthy weight. Additionally, all types of positive effects like enthusiasm, interest, energy level, mental alertness, joy and will power during the morning to noon period and it is more prominent in regular breakfast eaters. Breakfast can also improve focus and reduces failures in attention and cognitive lapses during the day [3]. Breakfast is suggested as a part of balanced diet because eating breakfast is linked with the healthier macro and micronutrients intake, BMI, and lifestyle. Furthermore, children's attendance and absenteeism may be connected to daily breakfast eating. However, in developing nations, the impacts of such supply on academic performance remains unknown. The World Health Organization recognizes that young people who develop healthy eating habits early in life are more likely to maintain maturity and to have reduced risk of chronic diseases [4].

Need of Study

'A Good Breakfast Is a Motivation for the Day'

Multiple studies found that people of different age groups tend to skip breakfast more frequent than lunch and dinner. Among the sample of Americans from different ages, the rate of breakfast skipping was nearly 11% comparing with lunch skipping around 10% and dinner skipping more than 5%. Another study among college students at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte reported that almost half (44.2%) of the students never take their breakfast comparing with lunch (3.5%) and dinner (2.3%). Australian young adults reported eating breakfast less than 5 days per week, compared with 10% of children and 33% of all adults (>18 years) [5].

According to same surveys about 18-25% students and 36% of adolescents skip breakfast. Skipping breakfast is more common among young adult than older adult. Many undergraduate universities Medical and Nursing students have the habits of skipping meals, particularly breakfast [3]. For instance, a study conducted on 5316 American young adults showed that those who regularly eat breakfast were less likely to have elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) levels, high blood pressure, and reduced serum high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C) levels. However, a separate study on 415 Korean adults found that regular breakfast intake was linked with elevated triglyceride (TG) levels. As a result, studies on the association between breakfast skipping and metabolic syndrome remain conflicting, indicating the need for more research on this subject [6].

Problem statement

A pre-experimental study to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching program on knowledge regarding Breakfast skipping and its impact on academics among students of selected department of Rayat Bahra University Mohali.

Aim of the study

The aim of the study is to improve the knowledge regarding breakfast skipping and its impact on academics among students of selected department of Rayat Bahra University Mohali.

Objectives of the study

- To develop tool to assess the knowledge regarding breakfast skipping.
- To develop tool to assess the impact on academic performance.
- To develop and implement structured teaching programme.
- To compare pre-test and post-test knowledge and impact score of breakfast skipping on academic performance.
- To determine the association of pre-test mean knowledge and impact score of Breakfast skipping with socio demographic variables.
- To disseminate the finding.

Operational definitions

Effectiveness: It refers to extent to which structured teaching programme will achieve the desired effect in terms of gain in mean post-test knowledge and impact score among students.

Knowledge: In this study it refers to awareness or understanding regarding benefits and side effects about breakfast skipping.

Breakfast Skipping: It is defined as missing first meal of the day usually eaten in the early part of morning.

Structured teaching programme: It refers to a structured set of information for 15-20 minutes by using chart and flash cards to create awareness and spread knowledge to students regarding breakfast skipping.

Hypothesis

The hypothesis was tested at 0.05 level of significance.

- H₁: There was a significant difference between the pretest and post-test knowledge score regarding Breakfast skipping among students of Rayat Bahra University, Mohali.
- **H2:** There was a significant difference between pre-test and post-test impact score of skipping breakfast on academic performance among students of Ryat Bahra University, Mohali.
- H₃: There was no significant association between pretest knowledge and impact score of breakfast skipping on academic performance with selected socio demographic variables.

Delimitation

The study was delimited to

- Students at selected department of Rayat Bahra University.
- Students who were present at the time of data collection.
- Students who were willing to participate.

Methodology

Research approach: The quantitative approach was used to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching program on knowledge regarding breakfast skipping and its impact on

academics among students of selected department of Rayat Bahra University Mohali.

Research design: The research design used for the present study was pre-experimental design, one group pre-test and post-test design.

Research Setting

The study was conducted in the selected department: - Rayat Bahra college of nursing Mohali, Rayat Bahra school of Engineering and Technology, Mohali.

Population

Target population

In the present study the population consists of students of selected department age 18-24 years who were studying at Rayat Bahra University Mohali.

Sample size:

The total sample of 150 students were selected.

Sampling technique

Purposive sampling technique was used.

Sampling Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

- Students within age group between 18-24 years were selected
- Students who were willing to participate in the study.

Exclusion criteria

- Students who was not present at the time of data collection.
- Students who were not willing to participate in study.

Development of tool

Part 1: Socio Demographic Profile

This sheet deals with the demographic variables of students of selected department age 18-24 years such as age, gender, domicile, type of family, mother education, father education, family income per month, number of siblings, dietary status and any previous knowledge about the topic.

Part 2: Questionnaire

This part consists of the total 20 questions in different areas

such as Breakfast skipping, effects, importance of breakfast, advantages and disadvantages of breakfast. This instrument was used to identify the knowledge regarding breakfast skipping among students of selected department age 18-24 years.

Part 3: Rating scale

This part provides the quantitative measurement of attitudes, opinions such as strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree and strongly disagree.

Validity of tool

Content validity the prepared tools along with problems statement and objectives will be sent to experts for the content validity which was from nursing field. All the suggestions of tool validation were incorporated and final tool was prepared after consultation with the research supervisor.

Reliability of Tool

Internal consistency of the tool was calculated by Split Half Method and Karl Pearson Method. The reliability of the tool was 1.

Pilot study

It was conducted on 10% of total sample size (15) at Rayat Bahra Dental College and Hospital, Mohali.

Ethical Consideration

- Written permission was taken from Principal of department of Rayat Bahra College of Nursing, Mohali, Rayat Bahra Schools of Engineering and Technology, Mohali and Rayat Bahra Dental College and Hospital.
- 2. Informed consent was taken from each study subject.
- 3. Confidentiality and anonymity of the subjects was maintained throughout study.

Plan of Data Analysis

The analysis was done by using descriptive and inferential statistics. Descriptive statistics was used to analyse the Frequency, Percentage, Mean, Standard deviation.

Table 1: Demographic profile of the subjects

Variables	Sub-variable	Frequency	Percentage
	18-19 years	69	46.0%
A as In Voors	20-21 years	52	34.7%
Age In Years	22-23 years	19	12.7%
	Above 23 years	10	6.7%
Gender	Male	54	36.0%
Gender	Female	96	64.0%
Domicile	Urban	80	53.3%
Domicie	Rural	70	46.7%
	No formal education	2	1.3%
	Primary education	13	8.7%
Educational Status of Father	Secondary education	34	22.7%
	Senior Secondary education	43	28.7%
	Graduate and above	58	38.7%
Educational States of Mathem	No formal education	7	4.7%
Educational Status of Mother	Primary education	24	16.0%

	Secondary education	31	20.7%
	Senior Secondary education	50	33.3%
	Graduate and above	38	25.3%
	Less than Rs.20000	6	4.0%
Family Income Per Month	Rs.20000-50000	20	13.3%
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	Above 100000	92	61.3%
	Nuclear	89	59.3%
Type of Family	Joint	55	36.7%
	Extended	6	4.0%
	One	61	40.7%
Number of Ciblings	Two	47	31.3%
Number of Siblings	Three	26	17.3%
	Four or more	16	10.7%
	Vegetarian	81	54.0%
Dietary Status	Non vegetarian	11	7.3%
	Eggetarian	58	38.7%
Any Dravious Knowledge About Tonic	Yes	132	88%
Any Previous Knowledge About Topic	No	18	12.0%

Table 2: Pre-test and post-test knowledge score regarding breakfast skipping among students

Grading	Score	Pre-test I	Frequency %	Post-test Fre	quency %
Poor	1-7	31	20.7%	14	9.3%
Good	8-14	86	57.3%	23	15.3%
Excellent	15-20	33	22%	113	75.3%

The provided data presents the pre-test and post-test results for a sample of 150 individuals based on a knowledge score criteria. The knowledge scores are categorized into three levels: Poor (1-7), Good (8-14), and Excellent (15-20). The overall result indicates that the post-test knowledge score was higher than the pre-test knowledge score.

Table 3: Comparison between pre and post test knowledge score of breakfast skipping by paired 't' test

Test	Mean	SD	Mean Diff.	Paired 't' Test	Table Value at 0.05
Pre-test knowledge	11.1	3.77	4.230	0.749***	1.98
Post-test knowledge	15.33	4.451	4.230	9.748*sig	1.98

Maximum = 20, Minimum = 1, p value<0.05, *Non-significant, DF = 49

Interpretation

The result showed that post-test mean knowledge score (15.33) was higher than the pre-test mean knowledge score (11.1). The calculated paired t test value is higher than the

p-value at 0.05. Hence, we accept the research hypothesis (H_1) there was a significant difference between pre-test and post-test knowledge score regarding breakfast skipping among students of Rayat Bahra University.

Table 4: Association of pretest knowledge score with selected socio-demographic variables.

Variables	Sub-variables	Adequate knowledge	Moderate knowledge	Inadequate knowledge	Chi Square Test	P Value	df	Table Value	Result		
	18-19 years	16	37	16							
Age In Years	20-21 years	9	35	8	6.330	0.297	6	12.592	Not		
Age III Tears	22-23 years	5	11	3	0.330	0.367	O	12.592	Significant		
	Above 23 years	3	3	4							
Gender	Male	12	31	11	0.006	0.997	2	5.991	Not		
Gender	Female	21	55	20	0.000	0.997	_	3.991	Significant		
Domicile	Urban	15	48	17	1.064	0.587	2	5.991	Not		
Domicie	Rural	18	38	14	1.004	0.367	_	3.991	Significant		
	No formal education	0	1	1							
Educational Status of	Primary education	4	7	2		0.429		15.507	Not Significant		
Father	Secondary education	8	18	8	8.051		8				
ratilei	Senior Secondary education	13	20	10							
	Graduate and above	8	40	10							
	No formal education	1	4	2							
Educational Status of	Primary education	7	13	4					Not		
Mother	Secondary education	6	15	10	12.085	0.147	8	15.507	Significant		
Mother	Senior Secondary education	16	26	8					Significant		
	Graduate and above	3	28	7							
Family Income Per	Less than Rs.20000	2	3	1	3.478	0.747	6	12.592	Not		
Month	Rs.20000-50000	7	9	4	3.4/8	0.747	U		Significant		

	Rs. 50000-100000	6	18	8				
	Above100000	18	56	18				
	Nuclear	20	51	18				Not
Type of Family	Joint	11	31	13	2.043	0.728 4	9.488	
	Extended	2	4	0				Significant
	One	13	37	11				
Number of Ciblings	Two	10	27	10	0.050	0.000	12.592	Not Significant
Number of Siblings	Three	6	14	6	0.858	0.990	12.392	
	Four or more	4	8	4				
	Vegetarian	19	49	13				NI - 4
Dietary Status	Non vegetarian	1	8	2	4.268	0.371 4	9.488	Not Significant
Ī	Eggetarian	13	29	16				Significant
Previous Knowledge	Yes	29	76	27	0.827	0.935 4	9.488	Not
About Topic	No	4	10	4	0.827	0.935 4	9.488	Significant

Interpretation

The result showed that there was no significant association of pre-test knowledge score with selected sociodemographic variables. Hence, we reject the research hypothesis (H₃) there was no significant association between pre-test knowledge and impact score of breakfast skipping on academic performance with selected socio demographic variables.

Table 5: Pre-test and post-test impact score regarding breakfast skipping among students

Grading	Score	Pre-test Frequency %		Post-test Fr	equency %
Mild impact score	18-42	0	0%	0	0%
Moderate impact score	43-66	73	48.7%	67	44.7%
Severe impact score	67-90	77	51.3%	83	55.3%

The provided data presents the pre-test and post-test results for a sample of 150 individuals based on impact score criteria. The impact scores are categorized into three levels: Mild impact score (18-42), Moderate impact score (43-66),

and Severe impact score (67-90).

The overall result indicates that the post-test impact score was higher than the pre-test impact score.

Table 6: Comparison between pre and post-test impact score of breakfast skipping on academics among students

Test	Mean	SD	Mean Diff.	Paired 't' Test	Table Value at 0.05
Pre-impact score	67.12	8.366	0.010	0.015 *NSig	1.00
Post-impact score	67.13	8.267	0.010	0.015 "NSIg	1.98

Maximum = 90, Minimum = 18, p value<0.05, *Non-significant, df = 149

Interpretation

The result showed that post-test mean impact score (67.13) was higher than the pre-test mean impact score (67.12). The calculated t-value is lesser than the p-value. Hence, we reject the research hypothesis (H_2) that there was no

significant difference between pre-test and post-test impact score regarding breakfast skipping among students of Rayat Bahra University.

The paired t-test results demonstrate a statistically non-significant improvement in impact scores.

Table 7: Table Showing Association of Pre-test Impact Scores with Demographic Variables

A	Association of pretest impact score scores with selected socio-demographic variables										
Variables	Sub variables	More impact score	Moderate impact score	Mild impact score	Chi Square Test	P Value	DF	Table Value	Result		
	18-19 years	32	37	0							
Age In Years	20-21 years	30	22	0	1.940	0.585	2	7.815	Not		
Age in Tears	22-23 years	9	10	0	1.940	0.565	3	7.013	Significant		
	Above 23 years	6	4	0							
Gender	Male	26	28	0	0.343	0.558	1	3.841	Not		
Gelidei	Female	51	45	0		0.558	1	3.641	Significant		
Domicile	Urban	42	38	0	0.093 0.	0.760	1	3.841	Not		
Domiche	Rural	35	35	0	0.093	0.760	1	3.841	Significant		
	No formal education	1	1	0							
Ed 4: 1 St-t 6	Primary education	6	7	0					NI-4		
Educational Status of Father	Secondary education	20	14	0	1.308	0.860	4	9.488	Not Significant		
raulei	Senior Secondary education	20	23	0					Significant		
	Graduate and above	30	28	0							
Educational Status of	No formal education	3	4	0	2.529	0.629	4	0.499	Not		
Mother	Primary education	14	10	0	2.538	0.638	4	9.488	Significant		

	Secondary education	18	13	0					
	Senior Secondary education	26	24	0					
	Graduate and above	16	22	0					
	Less than Rs.20000	3	3	0					
Eamily Income Don Month	Rs.20000-50000	10	10	0	0.062	0.996	3	7.815	Not
Family Income Per Month	Rs.50000-100000	17	15	0	0.062	0.990	3	7.813	Significant
	Above 100000	47	45	0	1				
	Nuclear	44	45	0					NI-4
Type of Family	Joint	30	25	0	0.359	0.836	2	5.991	Not Significant
	Extended	3	3	0					
	One	25	36	0					
Namel and Giblines	Two	29	18	0	5.070	0.167	3	7.815	Not
Number of Siblings	Three	15	11	0	5.070	0.167	3	7.813	Significant
	Four or more	8	8	0					
	Vegetarian	47	34	0					NT
Dietary Status	Non vegetarian	4	7	0	3.421	0.181	2	5.991	Not
	Eggetarian	26	32	0					Significant
Any Previous Knowledge	Yes	68	64	0	0.047	0.077	2	5.001	Not
About Topic	No	9	9	0	0.047 0.977		2	5.991	Significant

Interpretation

The result showed that there was no significant association of pre-test impact score with selected socio-demographic variables. Hence, we reject the research hypothesis (H₃) there was no significant association between pre-test knowledge and impact score of breakfast skipping on academic performance with selected socio demographic variables.

The study findings were analyzed and discussed in

Discussion

alignment with the objectives of the research. A preexperimental study to assess the effectiveness of structured teaching programme on knowledge regarding breakfast skipping and its impact on academics among students of selected departments of Rayat Bahra University, Mohali. In the present study the findings shows that the structured teaching programme is effective in improving the knowledge. The post-test mean knowledge score (15.33) was higher than the pre-test mean knowledge score (11.10) regarding breakfast skipping. The calculated 't' value (9.748) was found to be significant at 0.05 levels. The findings of the study are similar to the study conducted by Chandrakala V. (2022) to check the effectiveness of power point assisted teaching on knowledge regarding breakfast skipping among school children at selected schools. The main result of the study showed that the average knowledge score of pre-test was 6.86, post-test mean knowledge score was 20.86 and the calculated 't' value was 60.37, which was found to be statistically significant at 0.05 levels. Hence it indicates that the power point assisted teaching was highly effective in improving knowledge regarding breakfast skipping among school children [7].

In present study the findings shows that there was a significant difference between pre-test and post-test mean impact score. The pre-test mean impact score was 67.12 and post-test mean impact score was 67.13. The findings of the study are similar to the study conducted by Handuwala (2022) to assess the impacts of breakfast skipping on academic performance among medical and nursing students. The findings of the study showed that the prevalence of breakfast skipping among students was 36%. There was significant difference between the breakfast skippers and

breakfast consumers in relation to various factors such as memory, concentration, grades obtained and attendance. Breakfast consumption is associated with a range of positive outcomes and skipping breakfast leads to negatively impact in the academic performance [3]. In the present study there was no significant association between pre-test knowledge score regarding breakfast skipping with socio-demographic variables i.e. age, gender, domicile, educational status of father, educational status of mother, family income per month, type of family, number of siblings, dietary status and any previous knowledge regarding topic. The findings of the study are similar to the study conducted by Prasad Amala (2020) to assess the knowledge regarding effects of skipping breakfast among mothers of school children in selected community. According to the findings, among the 30 samples, around 27% of mothers have inadequate knowledge and approximately 46% had moderate knowledge regarding the effect of skipping breakfast in school children. The study was concluded that there was no significant association between knowledge regarding effect of skipping breakfast among mothers of school children and selected demographic variables [8].

Conclusion

The conclusions were drawn on the basis of findings of the study. The findings showed that post-test knowledge and impact scores was greater than the pre-test knowledge and impact score regarding breakfast skipping among selected students. It revealed that structure teaching programme was effective. Our findings highlight the need for more intensive efforts to prevent breakfast skipping to decrease the risk of heart diseases, diabetes, high blood pressure and helps in influencing body functioning physically and mentally.

Recommendations

On the basis of the findings of the study it is offered that:

- The study can be replicated with large sample to generalize the findings.
- The study can be done in different settings.
- Studies can be conducted by using different health educational methods such as lectures.
- The same study can be done with an experiment research approach having a control group.

The same study can be done on different sample.

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