## Validated 14-item Questionnaire of Mediterranean diet adherence.

| Questions                                                                 | Criteria for 1 point |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Do you use olive oil as main culinary fat?                            | Yes                  |
| 2. How much olive oil do you consume in a given day (including oil used for frying, salads, out-of-house meals, etc.)? | ≥4 tbsp              |
| 3. How many vegetable servings do you consume per day? (1 serving: 200 g [consider side dishes as half a serving]) | ≥2 (≥1 portion raw or as a salad) |
| 4. How many fruit units (including natural fruit juices) do you consume per day? | ≥3                  |
| 5. How many servings of red meat, hamburger, or meat products (ham, sausage, etc.) do you consume per day? (1 serving: 100–150 g) | <1                  |
| 6. How many servings of butter, margarine, or cream do you consume per day? (1 serving: 12 g) | <1                  |
| 7. How many sweet or carbonated beverages do you drink per day?           | <1                  |
| 8. How much wine do you drink per week?                                  | ≥7 glasses           |
| 9. How many servings of legumes do you consume per week? (1 serving: 150 g) | ≥3                  |
10. How many servings of fish or shellfish do you consume per week? (1 serving 100–150 g of fish or 4–5 units or 200 g of shellfish) ≥3

11. How many times per week do you consume commercial sweets or pastries (not homemade), such as cakes, cookies, biscuits, or custard? <3

12. How many servings of nuts (including peanuts) do you consume per week? (1 serving 30 g) ≥3

13. Do you preferentially consume chicken, turkey, or rabbit meat instead of veal, pork, hamburger, or sausage? Yes

14. How many times per week do you consume vegetables, pasta, rice, or other dishes seasoned with sofrito (sauce made with tomatoes and onion, leek, or garlic and simmered with olive oil)? ≥2
## Appendix: ECOB Questionnaire

| Oral treatment                                                                 | Topical treatment                                                                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Do you remember the name of the last drugs you took? **Yes**                    | Do you remember the name of the last drugs you took? **Yes**                       |
| Have you used these drugs? **Yes**                                              | Have you tolerated these drugs well? **Yes**                                       |
| Have you forgotten to take these drugs at any time during the treatment period? **No** | Have you ever stopped taking these drugs because you thought it would do more harm than good? **No** |
| Have these drugs improved your acne? **Yes**                                    | Have these drugs been useful for you? **Yes**                                      |

- If at least one answer is different from the expected answers (written in red above), the patient’s adherence is considered to be poor.
- The ‘adherence scale’ based on this selection can be considered as a help to measure the risk of poor adherence, but does not allow an exact determination of the adherence, which, by fact, is unknown.
| Parameters | Acne Patients (N = 40) | Control subjects (N = 40) | p-Value |
|------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Age (years) | 19.75 ± 4.3            | 19.75 ± 4.3               | 1       |
| BMI (kg/m²) | 21.8 ± 3.1             | 21.4 ± 2.7                | 0.56    |
| Smoking (yes) | 7                      | 8                         | 1       |
| Alcohol consumption (>7 units per week) | 2 | 0 | 0.49 |
| Family history (yes) | 30 | 15 | **0.0006** OR=5.4[1.92-16.5] |
| Dairy products consumption (equivalent to ≥1 glass per day) (yes) | 18 | 19 | 1 |
| Fast-release sugar consumption (yes) | 24 | 19 | 0.36 |
| Snacking (yes) | 8                      | 16                        | 0.09    |
| Cosmetic skin care use (yes) | 16 | 6 | **0.02** |
| Prior systemic treatments (yes) | *local 29 | *0 | < 0.001 |
|                      *systemic 23 | *0 | < 0.001 |

**Table 1**: Differences in lifestyle habits between acne patients and control subjects
|                     | Predimed score |  
|---------------------|----------------|
|                     | *p*-Value      | Correlation coefficient |
| Age                 | 0.03           | 0.34                     |
| BMI                 | 0.19           | 0.21                     |
| Smoking             | 0.72           | -                         |
| Alcohol consumption (except wine) | 0.41 | -               |
| Family history      | 0.81           | -                         |
| Dairy products consumption | 0.47 | -               |
| Sugar consumption   | 0.73           | -                         |
| Snaking             | 0.73           | -                         |
| Use of cosmetics    | 0.056          | -                         |
| Prior local treatment | 0.052   | -                        |
| Prior systemic treatment | 0.26 | -                   |

**Table 2**: Correlation between the lifestyle habits and the PREDIMED score
|                      | GEA score | p-Value | Correlation coefficient |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| Age                  |           | 0.59    | -0.08                   |
| BMI                  |           | 0.47    | -0.11                   |
| Smoking              |           | 0.08    | -                       |
| Alcohol consumption (except wine) | | 0.49 | - |
| Family history       |           | 0.65    | -                       |
| Dairy products consumption | | 0.23 | - |
| Sugar consumption    |           | 0.44    | -                       |
| Snaking              |           | 0.20    | -                       |
| Use of cosmetics     |           | 0.69    | -                       |
| Prior local treatment|           | 0.37    | -                       |
| Prior systemic treatment |       | 0.42 | - |

**Table 3**: Correlation between the lifestyle habits and the GEA score in acne patients