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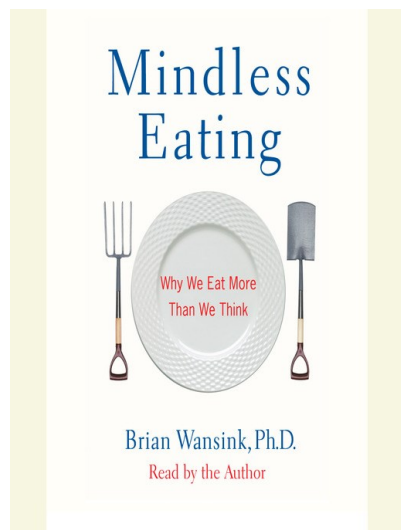
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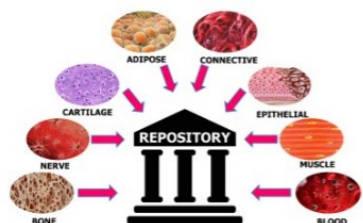
Dr Brian Wansink, a food psychologist professor from Cornell University, had revolutionised the food ecosystem through his studies which found that eating from smaller bowls to consume lesser calories could lead to decreased obesity rates.

However, widespread suspicions of p-hacking and sloppy statistics began to surface in 2016, which led to more than 10 papers retracted and at least 15 corrected. Cornell University found Wansink to have committed academic misconduct in his research and scholarship, including misreporting of research data, problematic statistical techniques, failure to properly document and preserve research results, and inappropriate authorship. [[+Read more](#)]

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## Briefing on Human Tissue Framework

### Human Tissue Framework Implementation WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?



On **23 Jan 2019**, RIEO will be holding a talk on the **Human Tissue Framework (HTF)** which is to be activated by the Ministry of Health in the 1st half of 2019.

To be conducted at the [Experimental Medicine Building \(EMB\) Seminar Room](#), this briefing will touch on key topics such as requirements and exemptions under this Framework. Researchers working on human tissues and biological materials are encouraged to attend this talk to find out more.

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