

Oral Hypoglycaemic Agents and Insulin

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To Start With, Some Statistics

- The incidence of diabetes has risen from 1.8 to 3.3 per 1000 person years between 1994 and 2003
- The prevalence is now 2.7 per 1000 person years
- Estimated at 4.67% of the population has either diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes

To Start With, Some More Statistics

- Type 2 diabetes accounts for 92% of all cases in the UK
- The incidence of type 2 diabetes doubled between 1994 and 2003
- Diabetes reduces life expectancy by 15 years for type 1 and 5 or 7 years in type 2 (M/F)

To Start With, Some More Statistics

- Diabetes accounts for 5% of all NHS expenditure – in 2002 £1.3bn
- It accounts for 9% of all hospital costs
- Drugs used in the treatment of diabetes account for the second biggest cost

Myths in the Treatment of Diabetes

- The treatment of diabetes is straightforward and response to treatment is ready and predictable
- The majority of people with diabetes are mainly supervised in secondary care
- Community services have the capacity to absorb work shifted from specialist services
- Practitioners in the community possess the equivalent knowledge and skills to those based in specialist diabetes centres
- Major relocation of resources will not undermine specialist centres which deliver speciality services to in-patients, as well as out-patients
- The shift of care will produce better clinical outcomes

Choices, Choices

- Oral hypoglycaemic agents



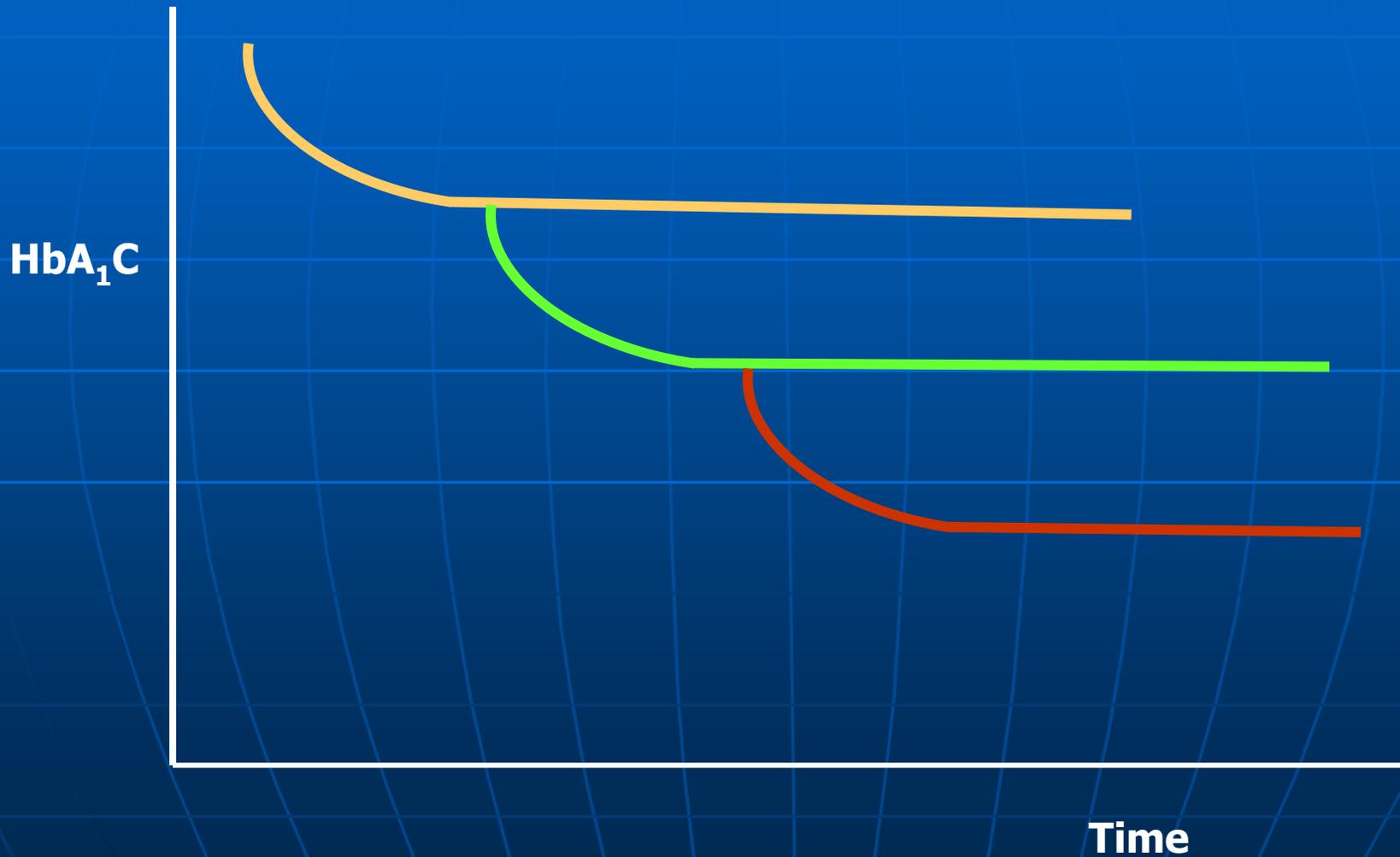
- Insulins



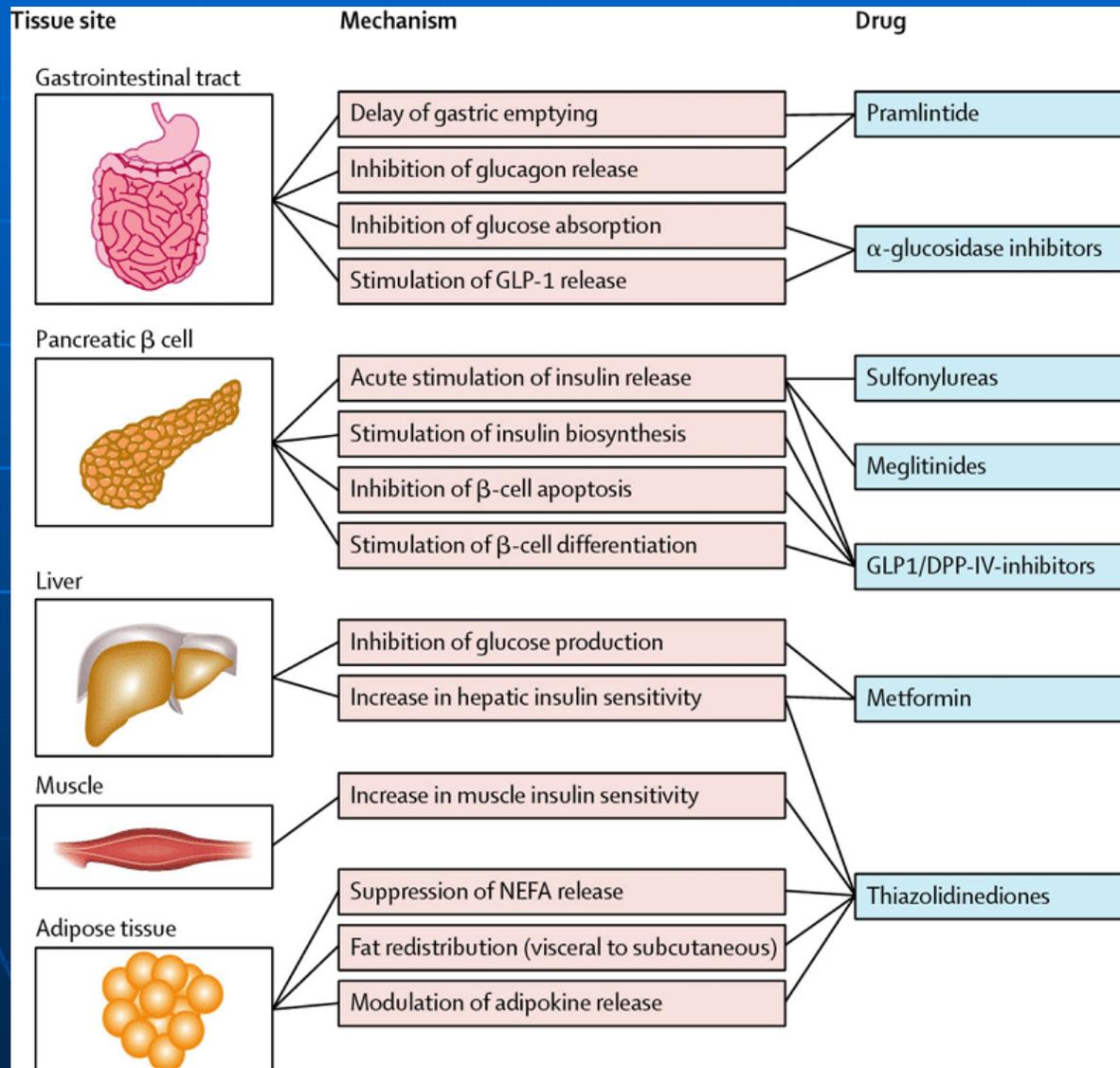
Hypoglycaemic Agents

- α glucosidase inhibitors
- Metaglinides
- Metformin
- Sulphonylureas
- Thiazolidindiones
- GLP – 1 analogues
- DPP IV inhibitors
- SGLT2 inhibitors

Their Effects Are Additive



Oral Agents and Site of Action



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Acarbose

- Marginal benefit – no overall effect on hyperinsulinaemia or insulin sensitivity
- Best for individuals with normal fasting glucose but high postprandial glucose levels
- Maximum HbA₁C reduction of 0.75%
- Can be used in combination with insulin, metformin or SU's

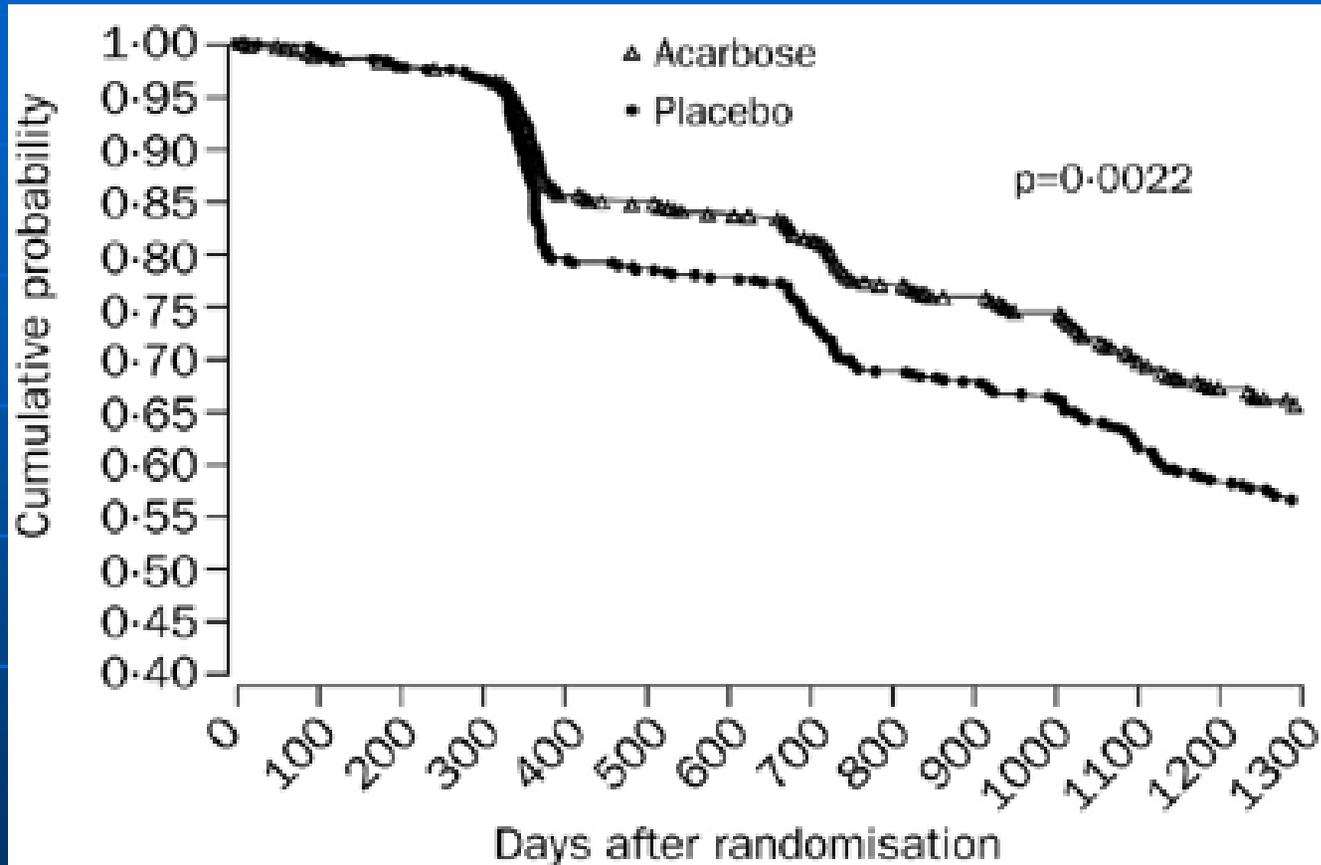
Acarbose

- GI side effects abound therefore dose gradually built up
- Contraindicated in inflammatory bowel disease, cirrhosis, severe renal impairment, history of abdominal surgery

Acarbose

- STOP-NIDDM trial (Lancet 2002)
- 714 patients with impaired glucose tolerance randomised to 100mg tds acarbose and 715 to placebo for a mean of 3.3 years

Acarbose



Compared with placebo:

48% reduction in incidence of new onset Type 2 diabetes

42% increase in incidence of normalised OGTT

Patients at risk

Acarbose	682	655	628	612	531	523	515	497	463	447	432	349	268	212
Placebo	686	671	655	640	512	505	497	470	434	427	414	331	255	208

Effect of acarbose and placebo on cumulative probability of remaining free of diabetes over time

Chiasson et al Lancet 2002 359:2072-2077

Acarbose - Reasons for Premature Discontinuation

Acarbose (n=714) Placebo (n=715)

All adverse events	136 (19%)	37 (5%)
Gastrointestinal	93 (13%)	18 (3%)
Flatulence	67 (9%)	5 (1%)
Diarrhoea	39 (5%)	6 (1%)
Abdominal pain	23 (3%)	4 (1%)
Other	9 (1%)	7 (1%)

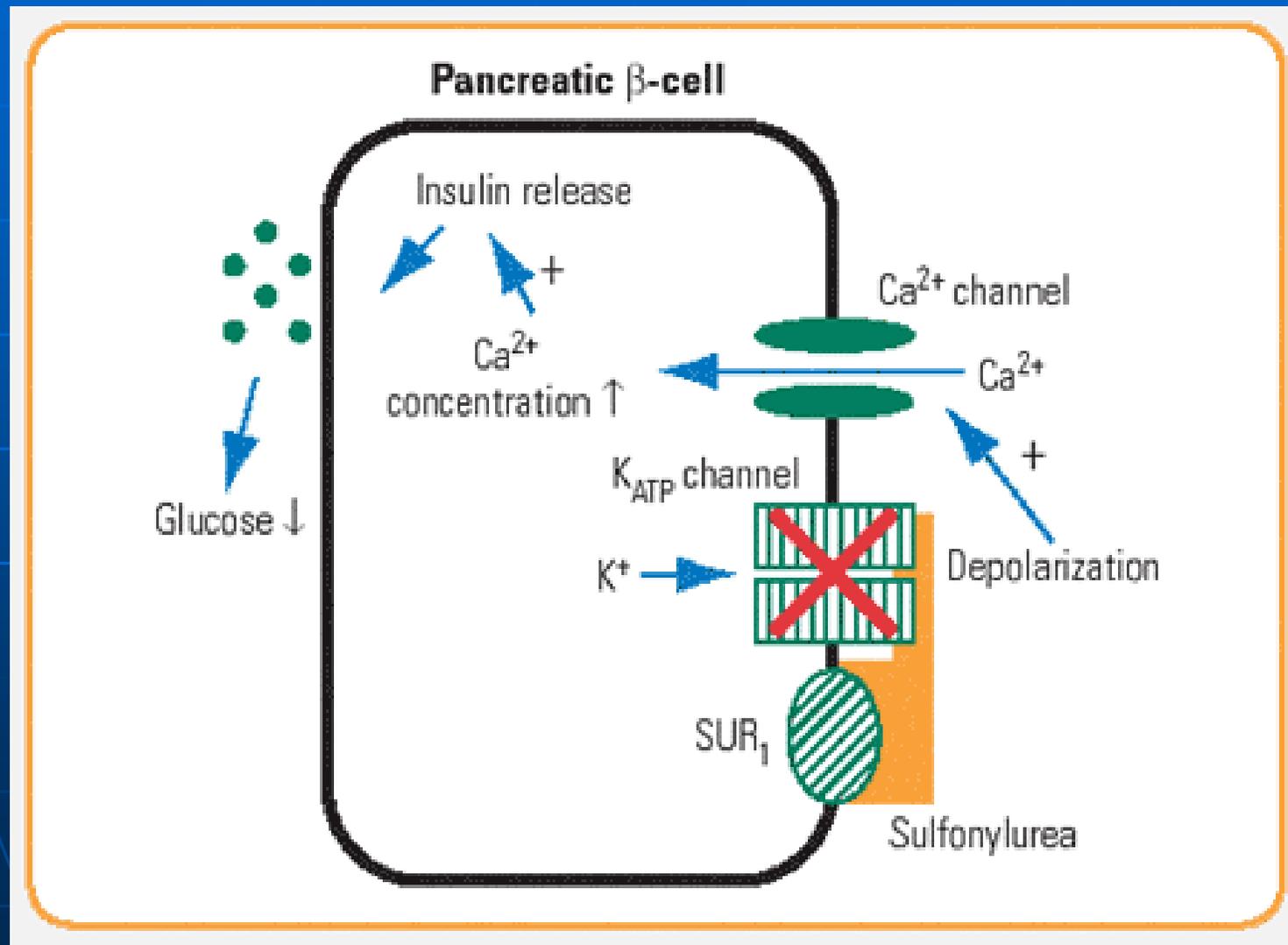
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Metaglinides

- Repaglinide and Nateglinide
 - First introduced in 1998
 - Work by binding to the sulphonylurea receptor and 'squeezing' the β cell to release insulin
 - They stimulate first-phase insulin release in a glucose-sensitive manner

Metaglinides



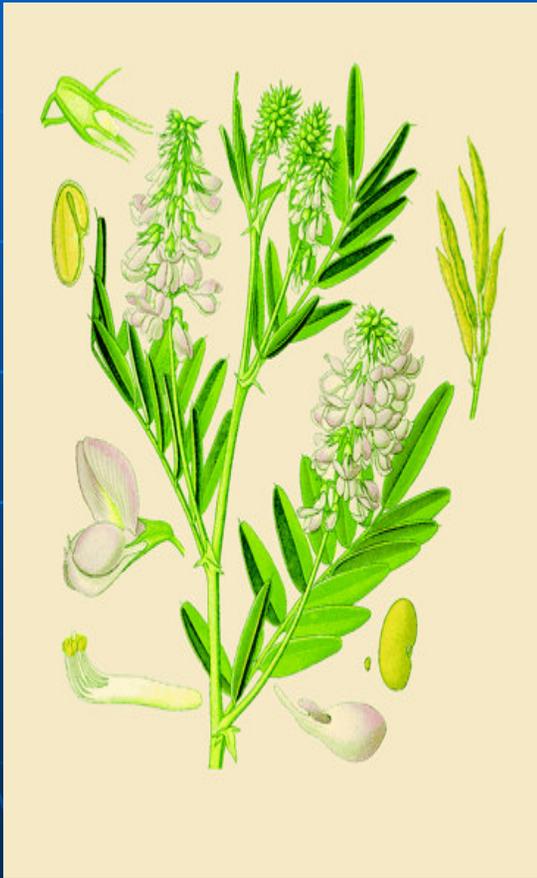
Metaglinides

- Short acting
- Taken only with meals
- Marginal benefit
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- Maximum HbA₁C reduction of 1.0%

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Metformin



Derived from French lilac (***Galega officinalis***)

Metformin

- Used since medieval times in some form or other
- Should be the first line oral hypoglycaemic agent for almost all individuals with type 2 diabetes
- BMI is no longer an issue

Ungar G, Freedman L, Shapira S. Pharmacological studies of a new oral hypoglycaemic drug. Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine. 1957;95:190-192

Metformin

- Works by decreasing hepatic gluconeogenesis, decreasing gut glucose uptake and increasing peripheral insulin sensitivity
- Relies on adequate β cell function
- Weight neutral
- Can be used in combination with other oral agents or insulin

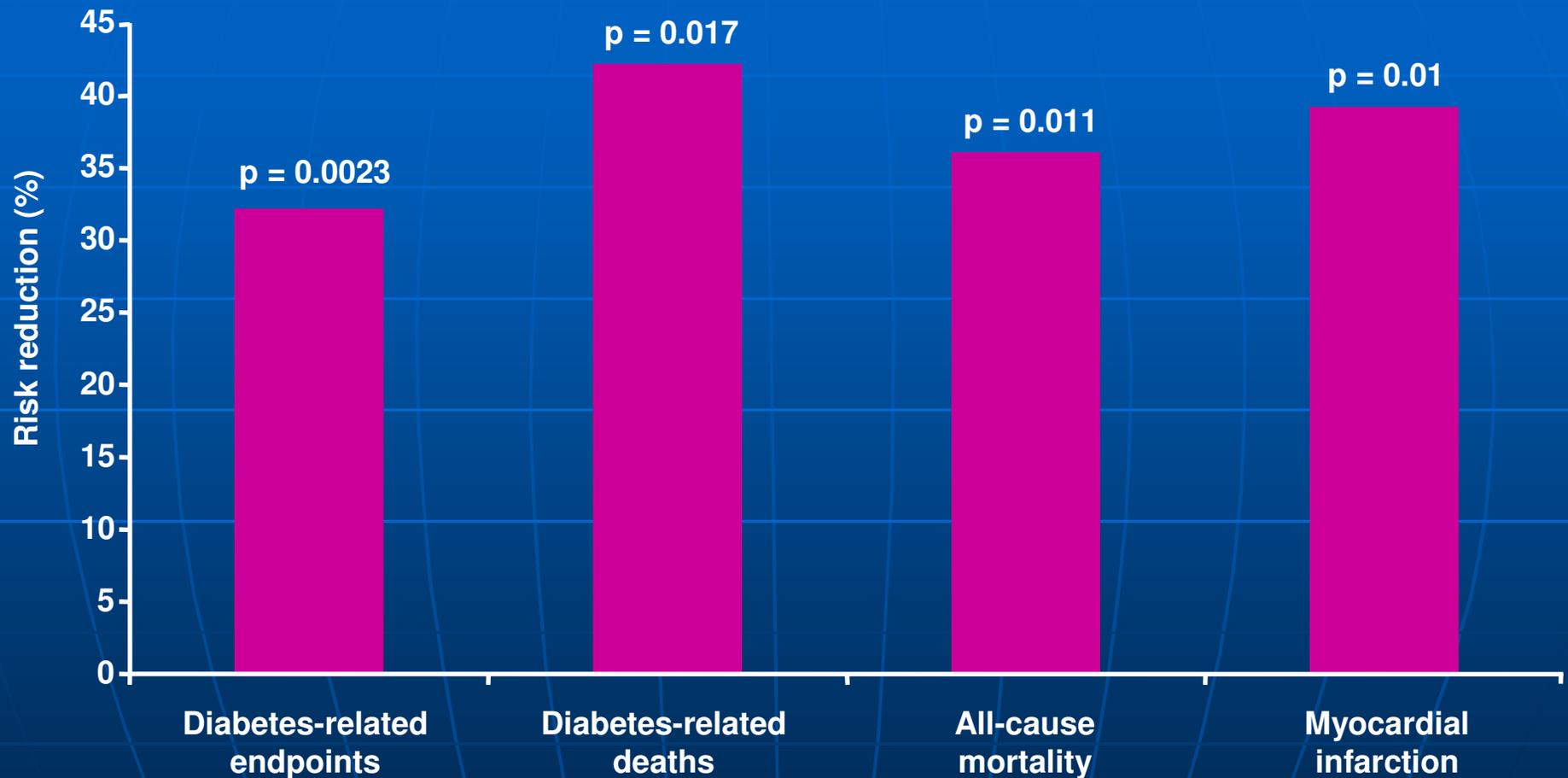
Metformin

- GI disturbance is common so dose titrated
- Maximum HbA₁C reduction is 1.5%

Metformin

- Hypoglycaemia is NOT a side effect of treatment
- Avoid in conditions predisposing to renal insufficiency and/or hypoxia
- Lactic acidosis is a theoretical risk

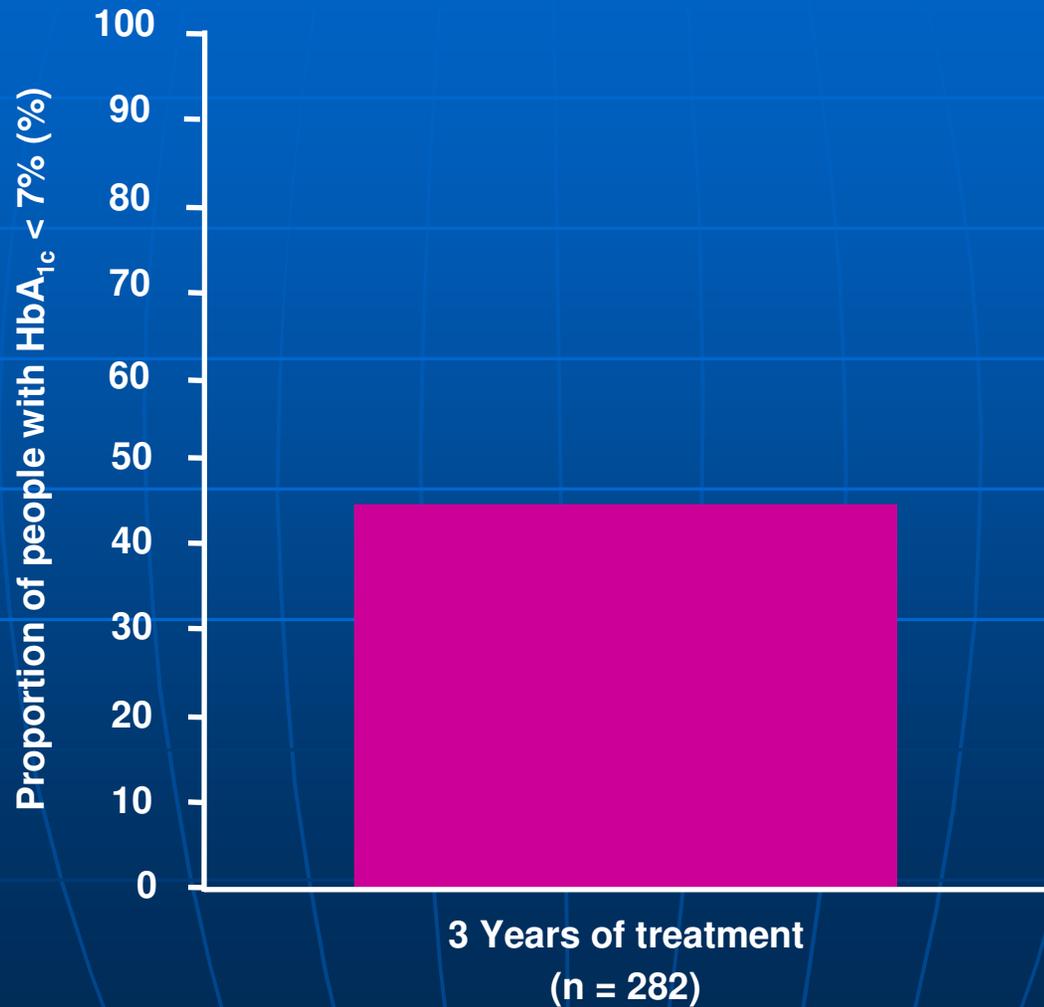
Preventing Cardiovascular Complications UKPDS: Benefits of Metformin in Overweight Type 2 Diabetes Patients



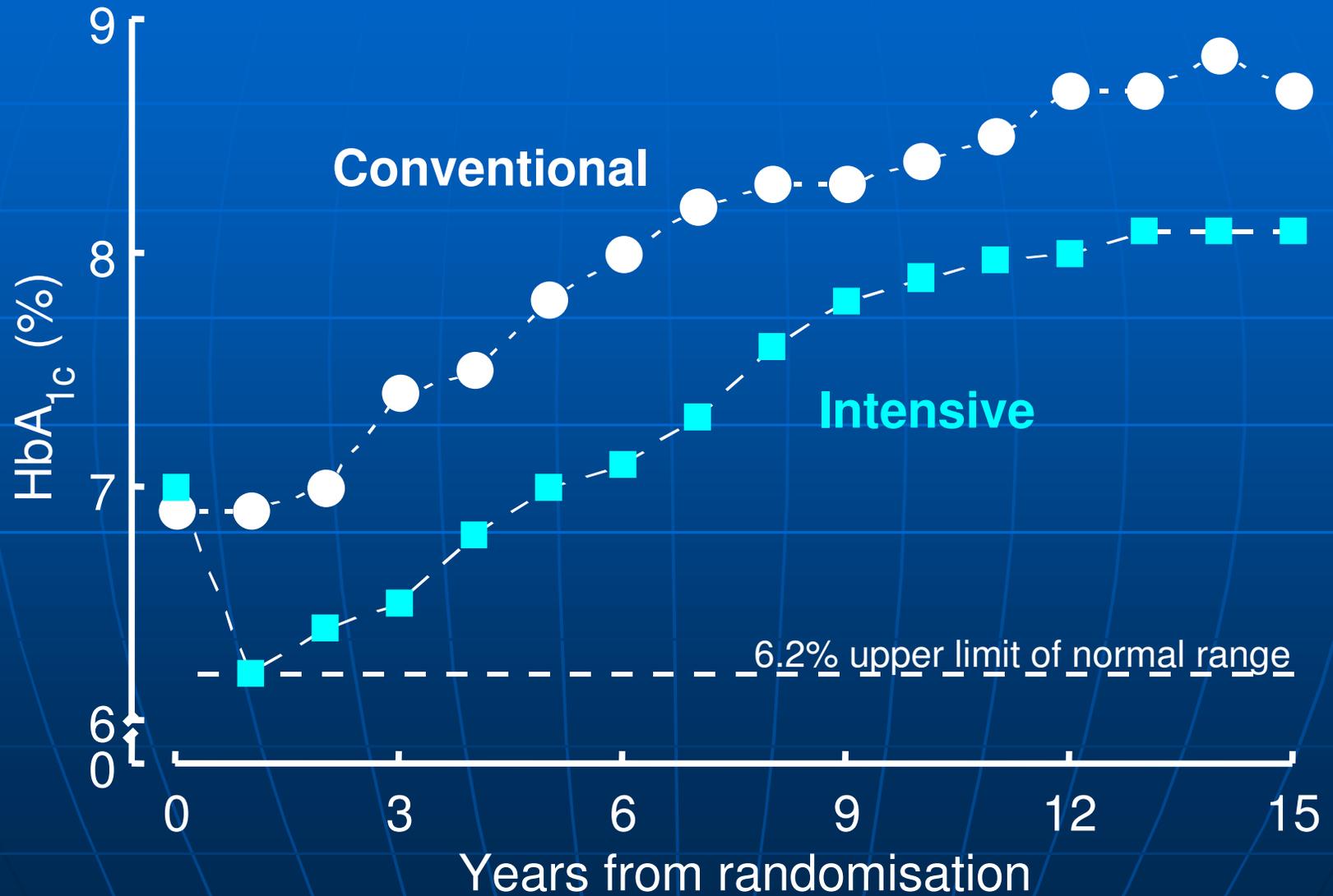
*Compared with conventional treatment group (primarily diet)

UKPDS Group. *Lancet* 1998; 352: 854–865.

Proportion of overweight people with Type 2 diabetes treated with metformin maintaining target HbA_{1c} (< 7%)

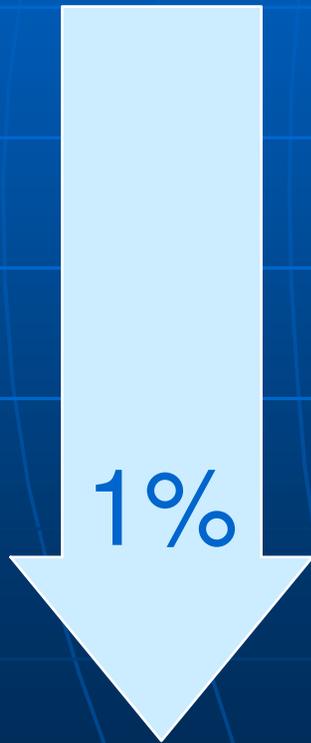


UKPDS HbA_{1c} - Cross-sectional, Median Values



Lessons from UKPDS: Better Control Means Fewer Complications

EVERY 1%
reduction in HbA_{1c}



REDUCED
RISK*

Deaths from diabetes

-21%

Heart attacks

-14%

Microvascular complications

-37%

Peripheral vascular disorders

-43%

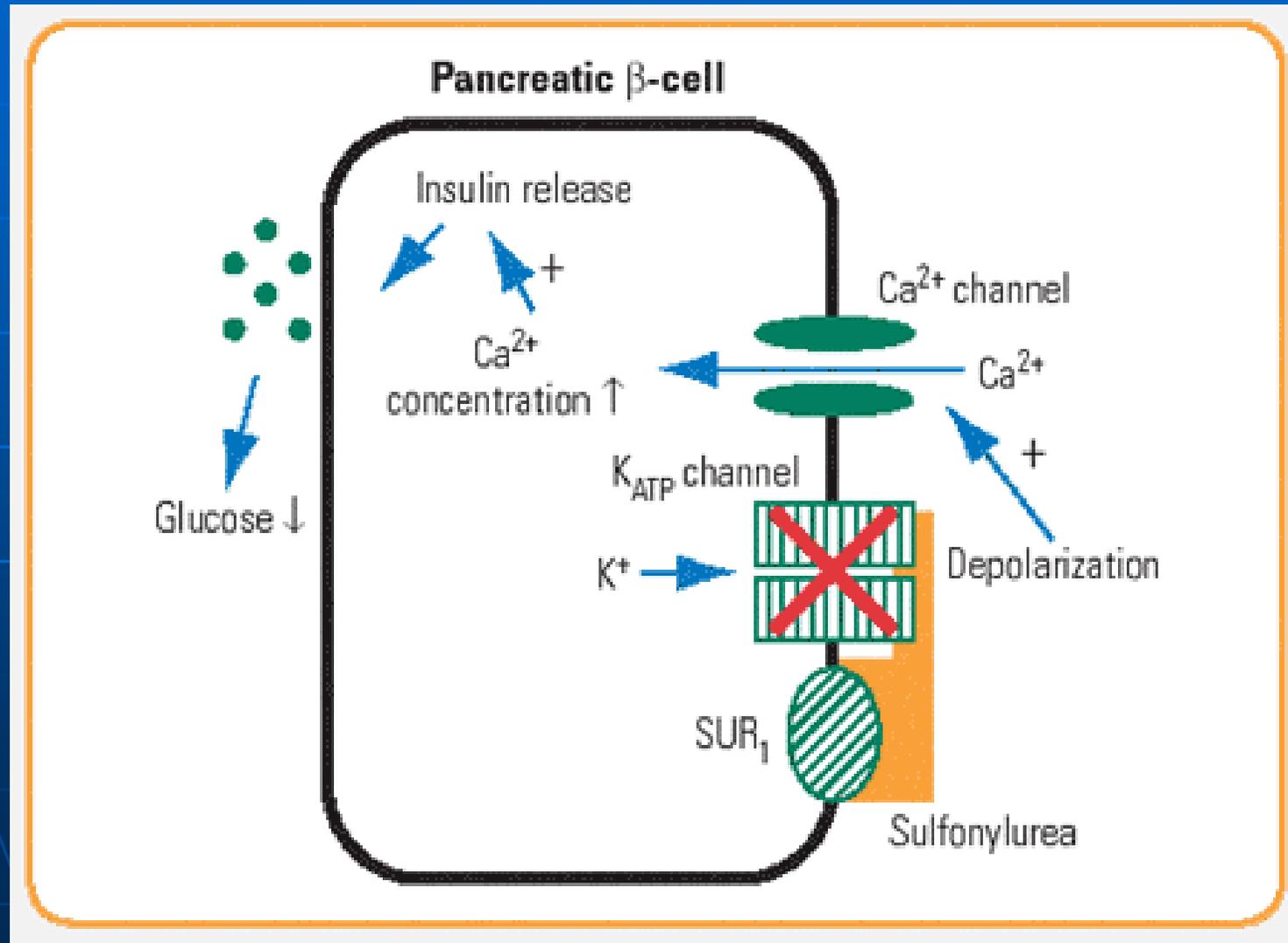
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Sulphonylureas

- Have been around since the 1950's
- Act by binding to the SU receptor causing an influx of Ca^{2+} and an exocytosis of insulin containing vesicles
- Relies on adequate β cell function
- Good for rapid symptom relief

Sulphonylureas



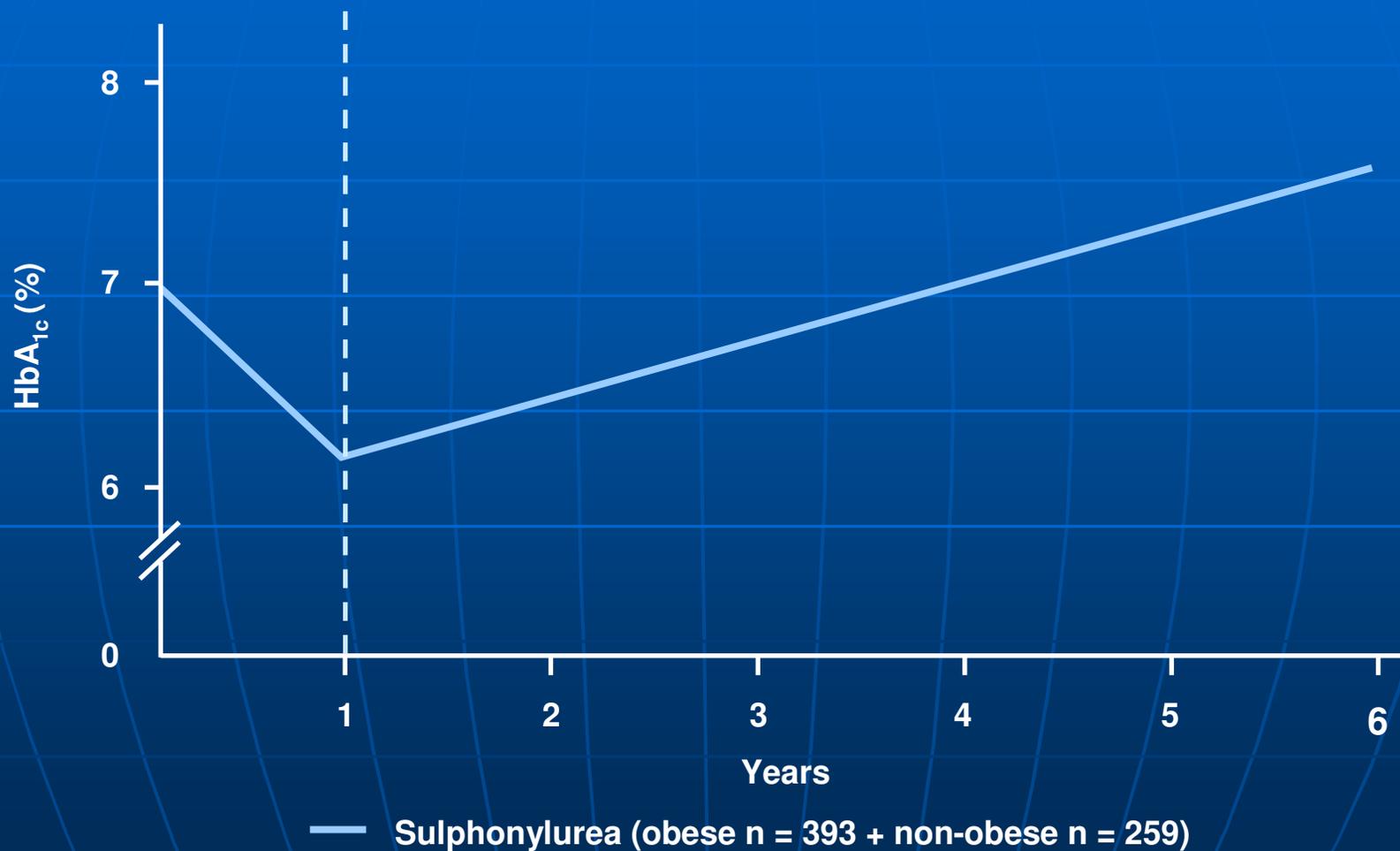
Sulphonylureas

- Use limited to individuals with a BMI < 25 or in whom metformin is contraindicated
- When used in combination, they flatten glucose excursions
- Can be used in combination with most other oral hypoglycaemic agents

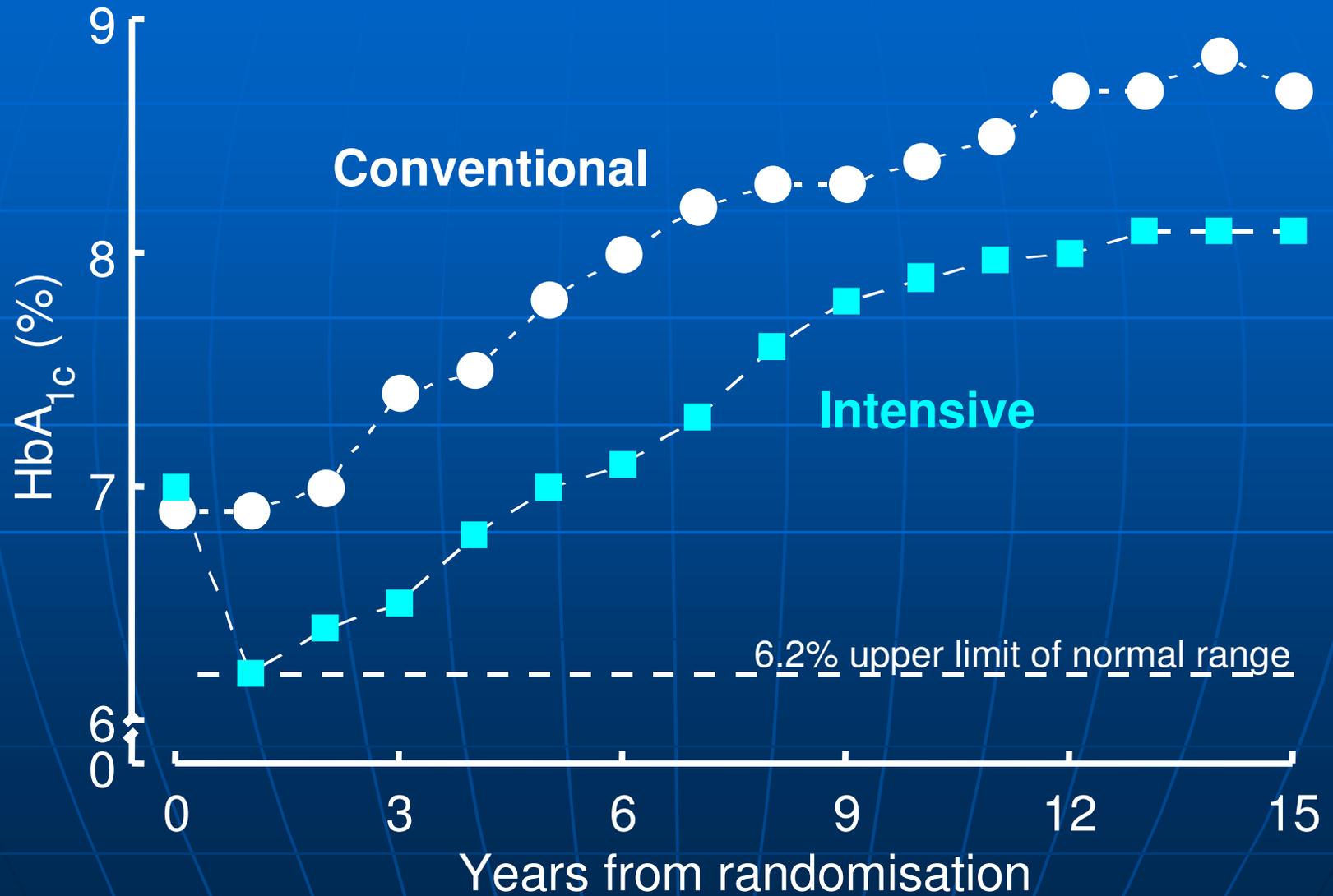
Sulphonylureas

- Their long half life makes hypoglycaemia more likely, especially in the elderly
- Avoid in hepatic or renal failure
- Maximum HbA₁C reduction is 1.5%
- Weight gain is common

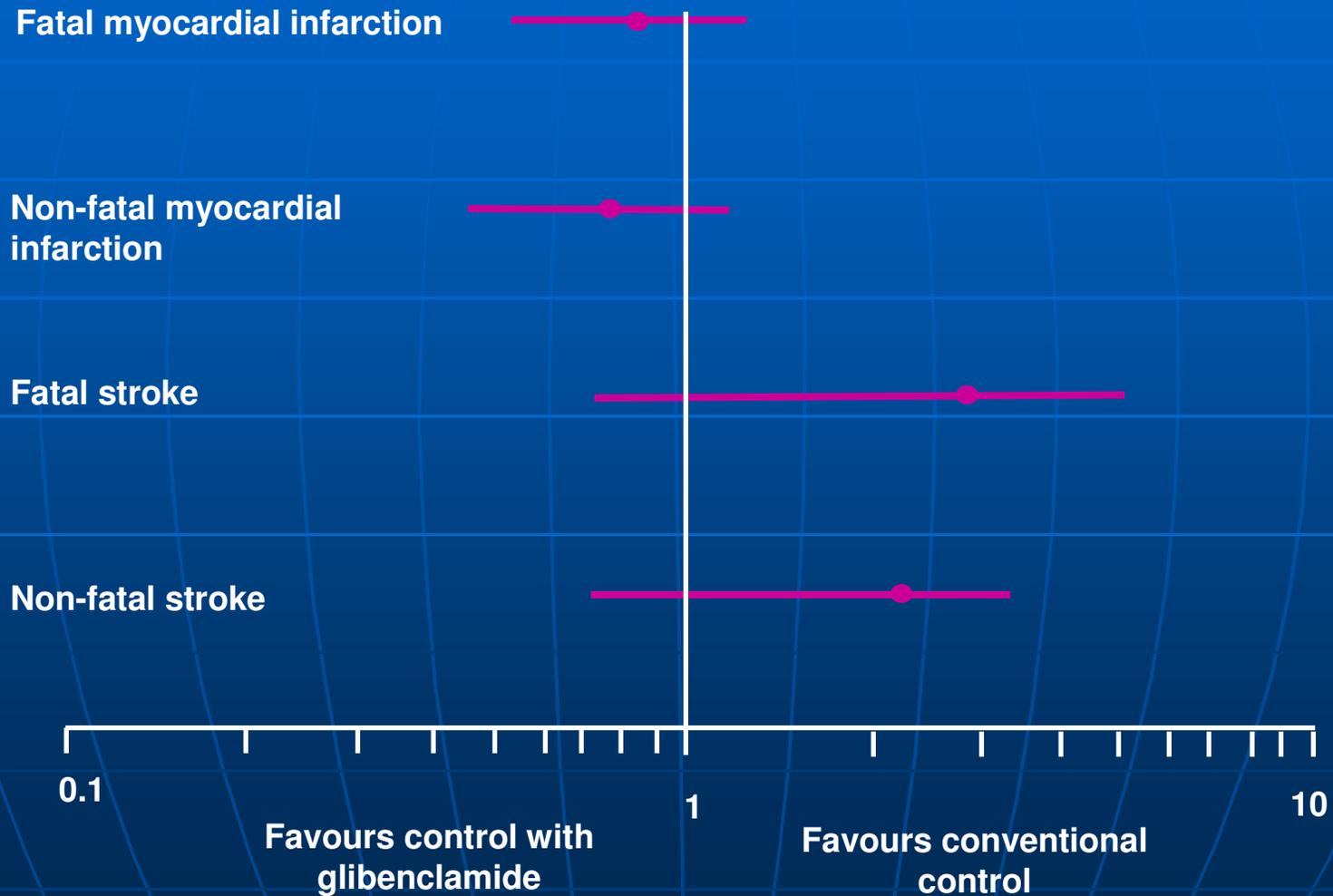
Glycaemic Control Starts to Deteriorate After 1 Year with a Sulphonylurea



UKPDS HbA_{1c} - Cross-sectional, Median Values



UKPDS: Sulphonylureas Have No Impact on Cardiovascular Outcomes



UKPDS Group. *Lancet* 1998; **352**: 837–853.

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Thiazolidinediones

- Pioglitazone (rosiglitazone was withdrawn in 2010)
- Work by increasing peripheral insulin sensitivity at a nuclear level on peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor γ (PPAR γ)
- "First do no harm"

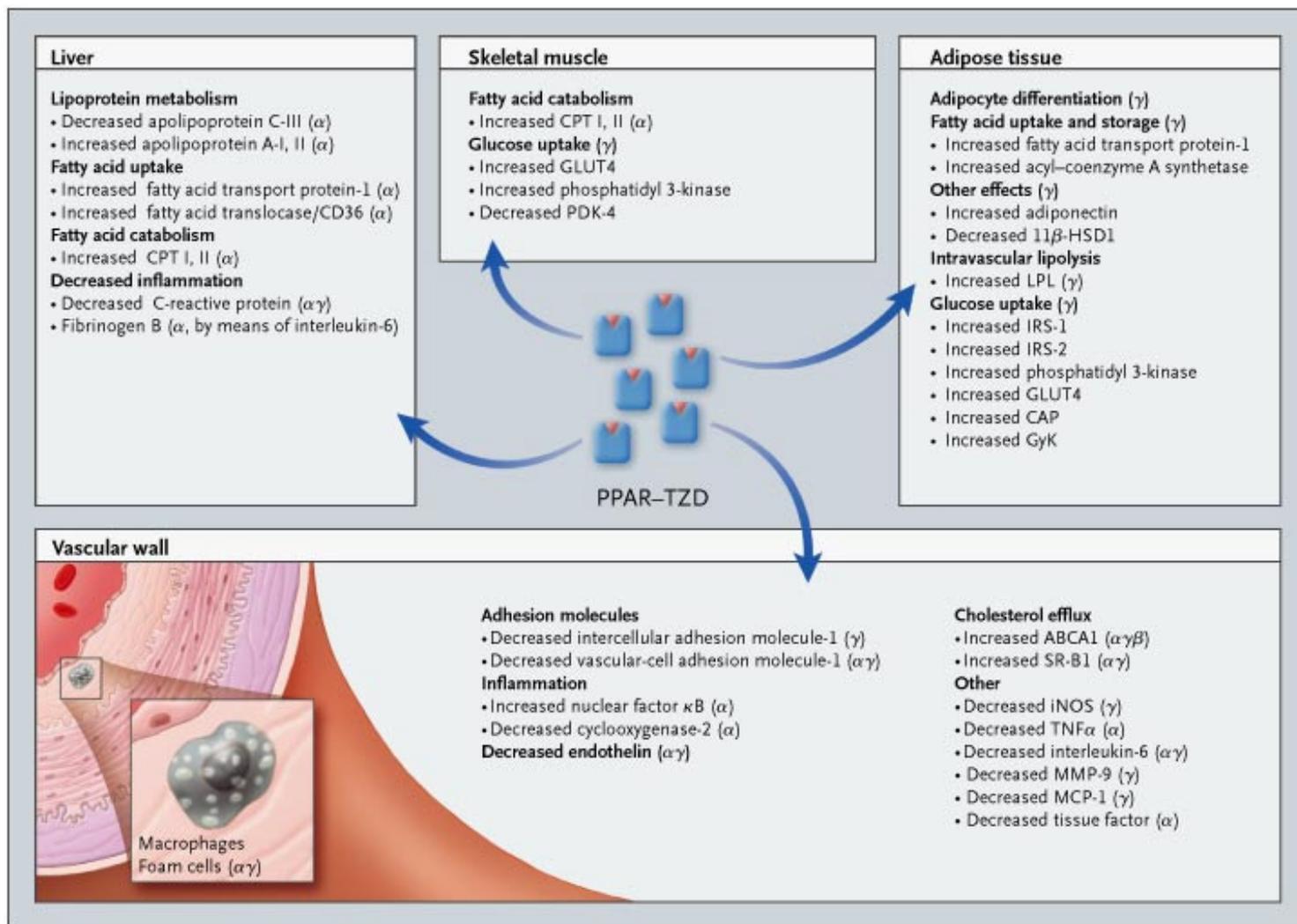
Thiazolidinediones

- Maximum HbA₁C reduction is 1.5%
- But this takes 4 to 6 months to achieve maximal benefit so give it time!
- Potential other benefits when considering type 2 diabetes as an 'endotheliopathy' outweighed by other factors

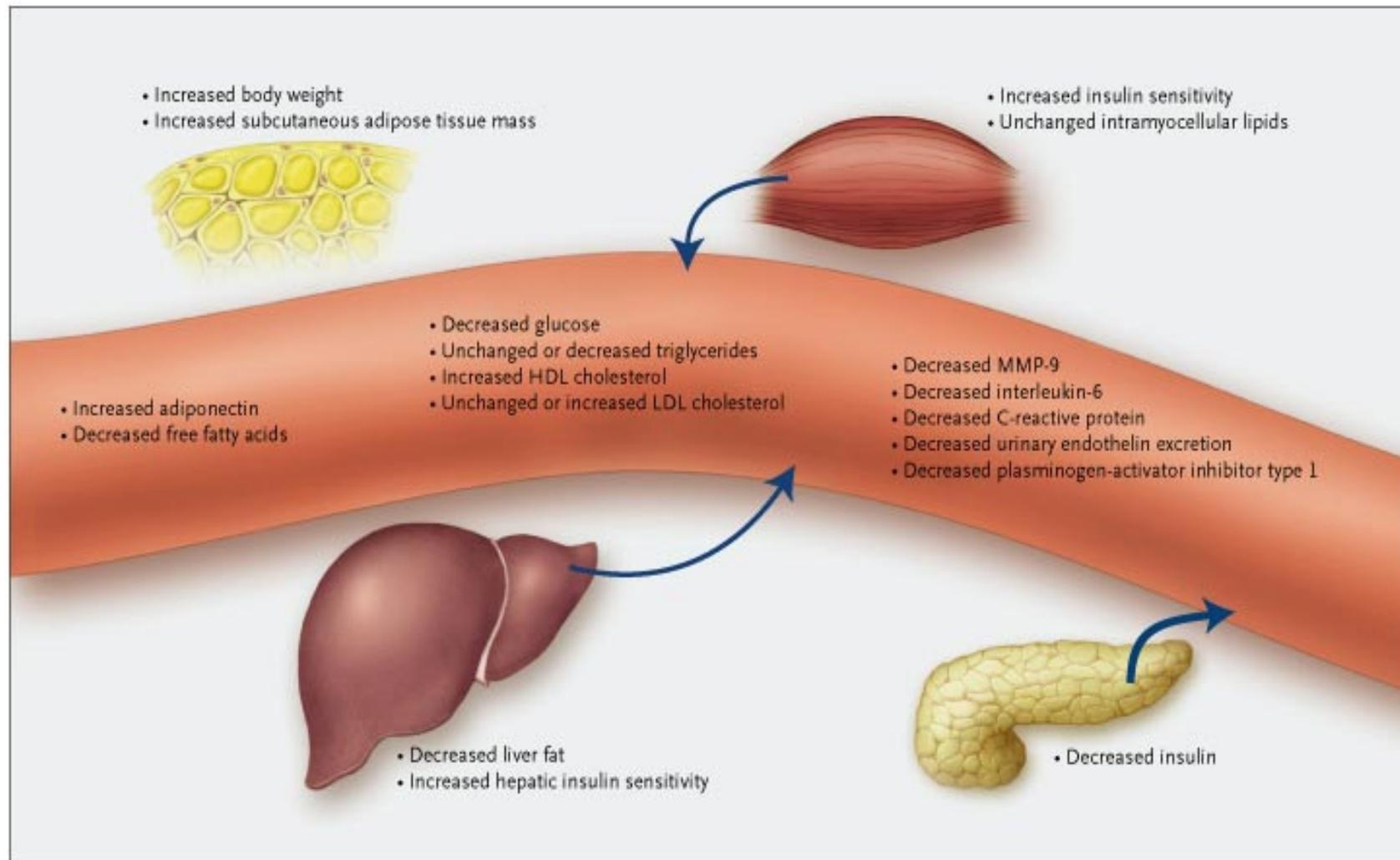
Thiazolidinediones

- Work by altering gene expression
- PPAR α and δ also important as receptors for fatty acids and their metabolites and thus play a role the regulation of glucose, fatty acid, and cholesterol metabolism
- Combination PPAR $\alpha\gamma$ agents were withdrawn due to safety concerns

TZD's – Molecular Targets



Mechanism of Action of Thiazolidinediones in Vivo in Humans



Comparative Effects of Maximal Doses of Rosiglitazone (8 mg) and Pioglitazone (30 to 45 mg) on Glycaemic Control as Measured by Absolute Change in Glycosylated Haemoglobin as Compared with Placebo or Control Group (Metformin, Sulphonylurea, or Insulin Alone or in Combination)

Type of Therapy	Study	No. of Patients	Duration of Study <i>wk</i>	Decrease in Glycosylated Hemoglobin %	Weight Gain* <i>kg</i>
Pioglitazone					
Monotherapy	Aronoff et al. ¹⁷	155	26	1.6	4.1
	Scherbaum and Göke ¹⁸	162	26	0.7	1.9
	Rosenblatt et al. ¹⁹	197	23	1.4	3.2
Combination therapy					
Metformin	Einhorn et al. ²⁰	328	16	0.8	2.3
Sulphonylurea	Kipnes et al. ²¹	376	16	1.3	3.7
Insulin	Rosenstock et al. ²²	358	16	1.0	3.7
Rosiglitazone					
Monotherapy	Lebovitz et al. ²³	327	26	1.5	4.5
Combination therapy					
Metformin	Fonseca et al. ²⁴	223	26	1.2	3.1
	Gomez-Perez et al. ²⁵	70	26	1.5	3.3
Sulphonylurea	Vongthavaravat et al. ²⁶	348	26	1.2	—
Insulin	Raskin et al. ²⁷	207	26	1.3	4.4

* A dash indicates no data.

Thiazolidinediones

- Combination tablet with metformin or glimepiride now available
- Licensed for triple therapy

Thiazolidinediones

- Need to check LFT's periodically
- Avoid in hepatic impairment
- Avoid in CCF (fluid retention)
- Fracture risk vastly increased – avoid in women
- Early data to show that they cause macular oedema

Hypoglycaemic Agents

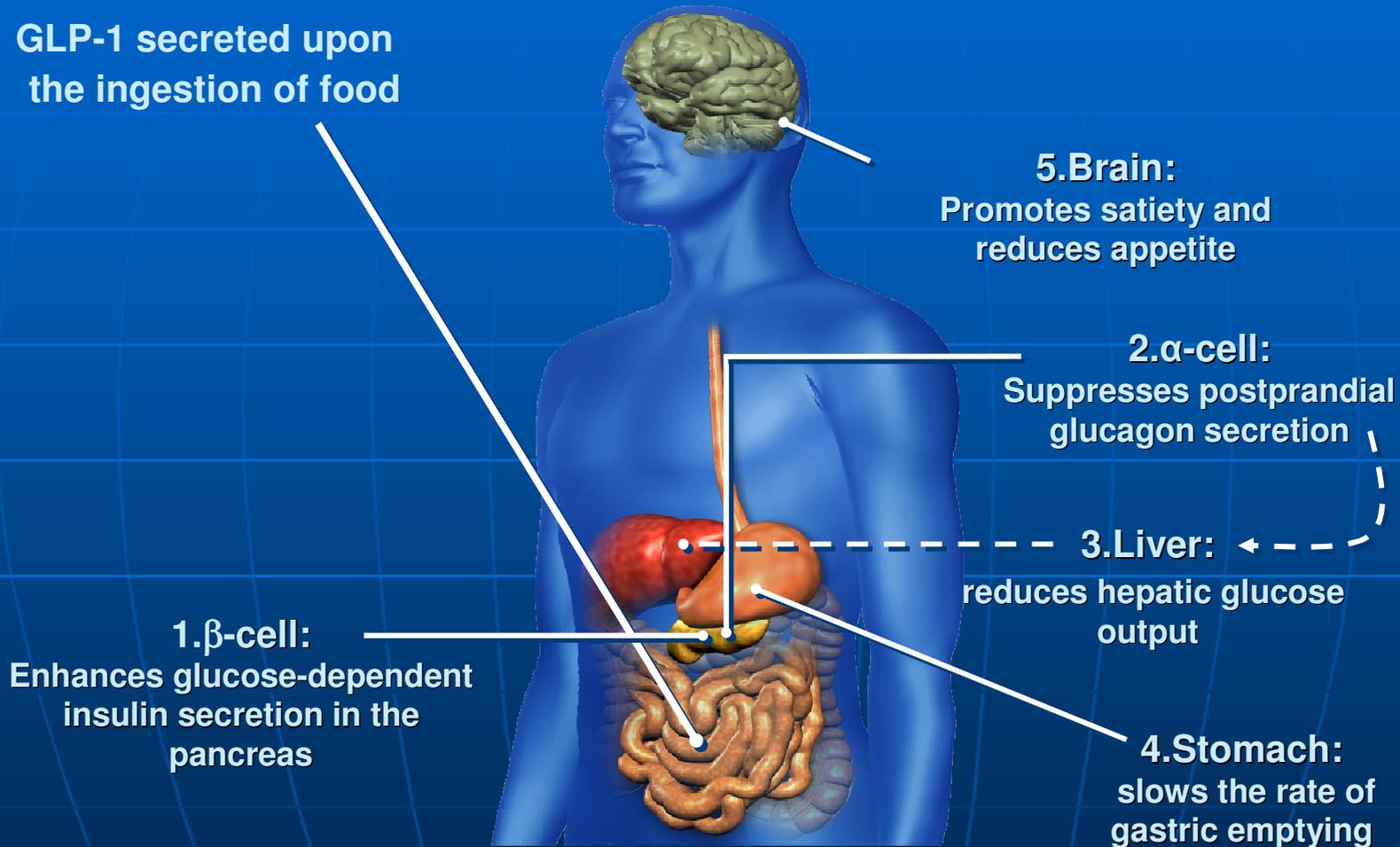
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GLP-1 Analogues

- Exentatide and Liragultide

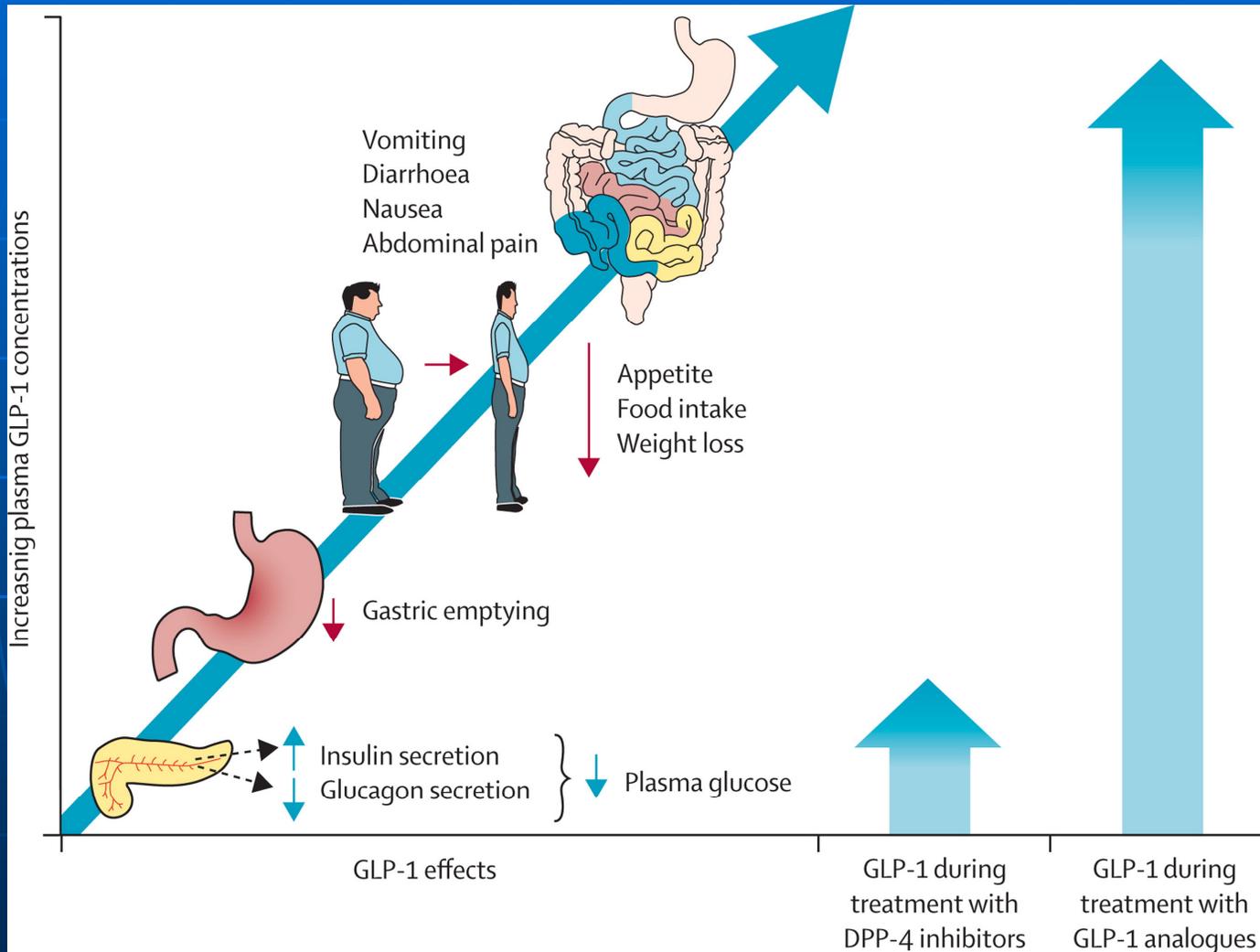
GLP-1 and DPP-IV

GLP-1 secreted upon
the ingestion of food



Nauck MA et al. *Diabetologia* 1993;36:741–744; Larsson H et al. *Acta Physiol Scand* 1997;160:413–422; Nauck MA et al. *Diabetologia* 1996;39:1546–1553; Flint A et al. *J Clin Invest* 1998;101:515–520; Zander et al. *Lancet* 2002;359:824–830.

Different Effects at Different Doses



Do They Work?

- HbA₁C reduction of about 1.1%
- Extensive weight loss
- ? B cell preservation
- 5mg bd ^s/_c fixed dose
- Expensive
- Haemorrhagic pancreatitis

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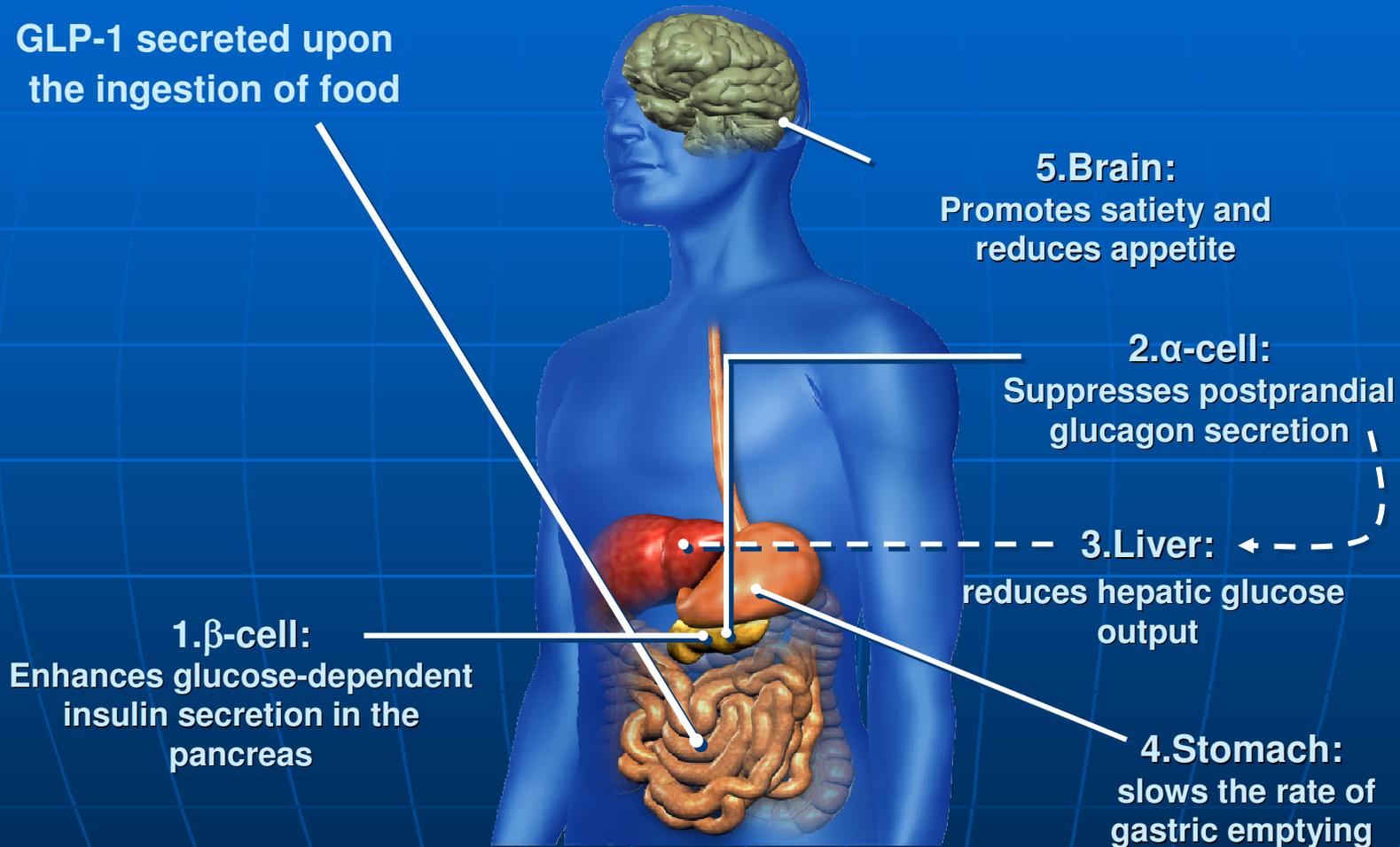
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DPP-IV Antagonists

- Sitagliptin and Vildagliptin

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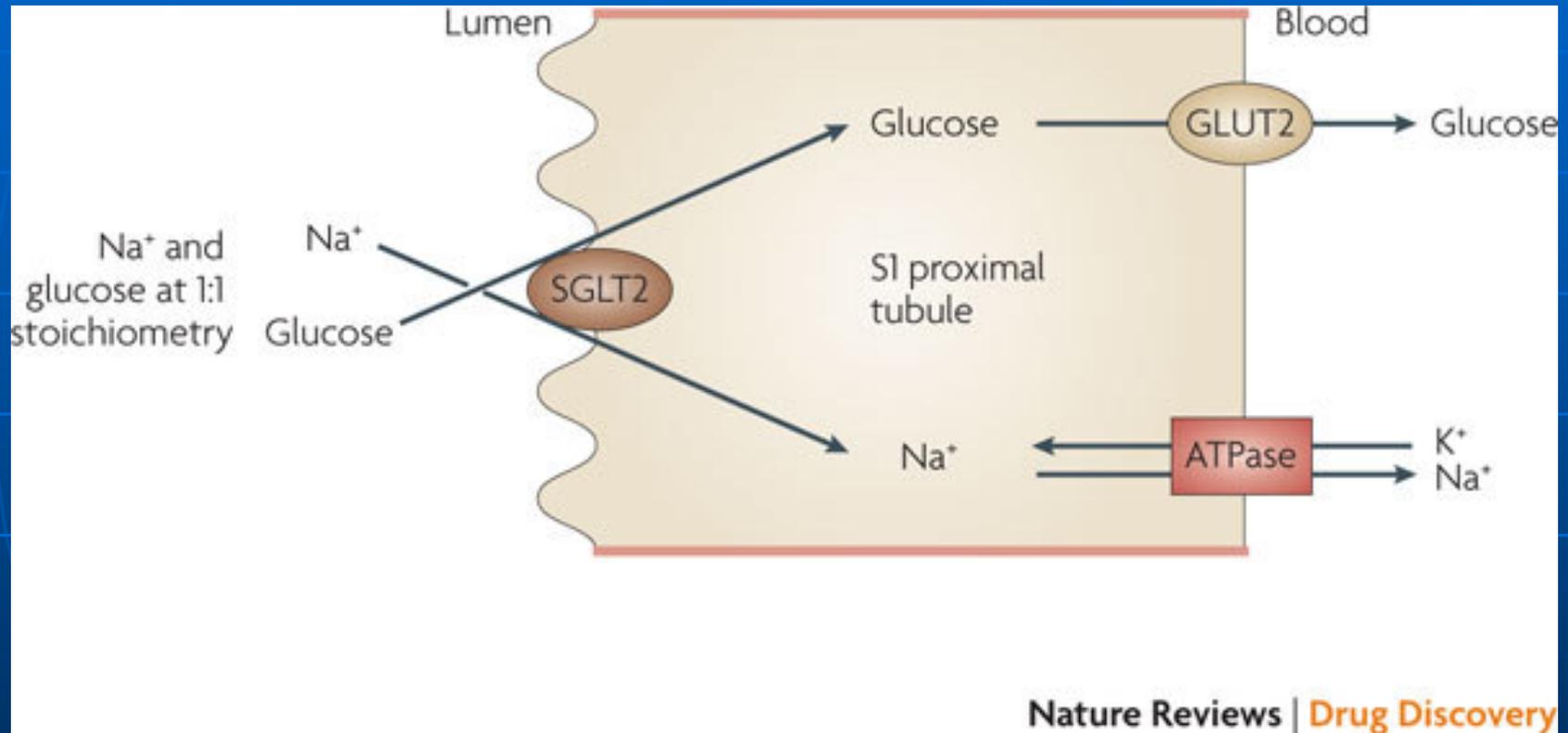
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SGLT2 Inhibitors



SGLT2 Inhibitors

- Work independently of insulin to inhibit glucose re-uptake from the proximal convoluted renal tubule
- Can be used in type 1 or type 2 diabetes
- Can be used in combination with any other agent

SGLT2 Inhibitors

- Developed from the bark of the apple tree
- Hba1c reduction \sim 6mmol/mol (0.75%)
- Associated with weight loss

SGLT2 Inhibitors

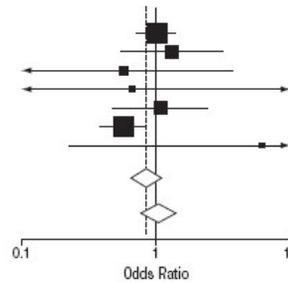
■ Safety

- No increased incidence of hypos
- No increased incidence of UTI's
- Increase in urinary volumes by 4-600mls/day
- Slight increase in thrush

Safety Issues

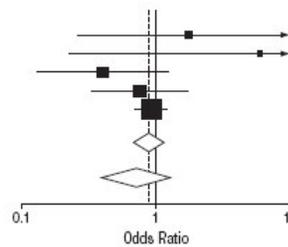
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Source	OR (95% CI)	Weight, %
Cryer et al. ²⁰ 2005	1.01 (0.74-1.38)	44.00
Hanefeld et al. ³⁸ 2004	1.31 (0.57-3.03)	5.30
Hermann et al. ⁴¹ 1994	0.57 (0.09-3.66)	1.68
Lawrence et al. ⁴⁴ 2004	0.66 (0.03-16.86)	0.55
Scherthaner et al. ²⁰ 2004	1.09 (0.49-2.40)	6.58
UKPDS Group, ²² 1998 (UKPDS 34)	0.58 (0.40-0.84)	41.62
Virtanen et al. ²⁵ 2003	6.10 (0.23-159.27)	0.18
Overall pooled OR	0.85 (0.69-1.05)	100.00
Pooled OR, excluding UKPDS 34	1.04 (0.80-1.37)	



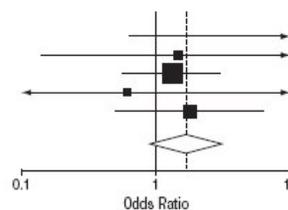
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Hermann et al. ⁴¹ 1994	1.74 (0.27-11.11)	1.07
Lawrence et al. ⁴⁴ 2005	5.93 (0.23-151.78)	0.20
Marbury et al. ⁴⁵ 1999	0.41 (0.14-1.21)	7.72
St John Sutton et al. ²⁰ 2002	0.76 (0.34-1.70)	8.52
UKPDS Group, ¹ 1998 (UKPDS 33)	0.92 (0.72-1.18)	82.48
Overall pooled OR	0.89 (0.71-1.11)	100.00
Pooled OR, excluding UKPDS 33	0.72 (0.41-1.28)	



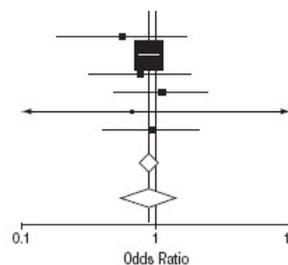
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Barnett et al. ²⁶ 2003	12.11 (0.66-222.45)	2.60
Gómez-Pérez et al. ³⁹ 2002	1.46 (0.15-14.54)	7.58
St John Sutton et al. ²⁰ 2002	1.32 (0.59-2.95)	60.80
Virtanen et al. ²⁵ 2003	0.61 (0.02-15.96)	5.92
Weisman et al. ²⁷ 2005	1.77 (0.51-6.11)	22.92
Overall pooled OR	1.68 (0.92-3.06)	100.00



D

Source	OR (95% CI)	Weight, %
Aronoff et al. ²³ 2000	0.56 (0.19-1.64)	1.54
Dormandy et al; PROactive Investigators, ³¹ 2005	0.89 (0.77-1.01)	90.74
Hanefeld et al. ⁴⁰ 2004	0.76 (0.33-1.77)	2.50
Kipnes et al. ⁴² 2001	1.11 (0.51-2.39)	2.40
Lawrence et al. ⁴⁴ 2004	0.66 (0.03-16.86)	0.19
Scherthaner et al. ²⁰ 2004	0.92 (0.42-2.04)	2.53
Overall pooled OR	0.88 (0.78-1.00)	100.00
Pooled OR, excluding PROactive Study ³¹	0.86 (0.57-1.31)	



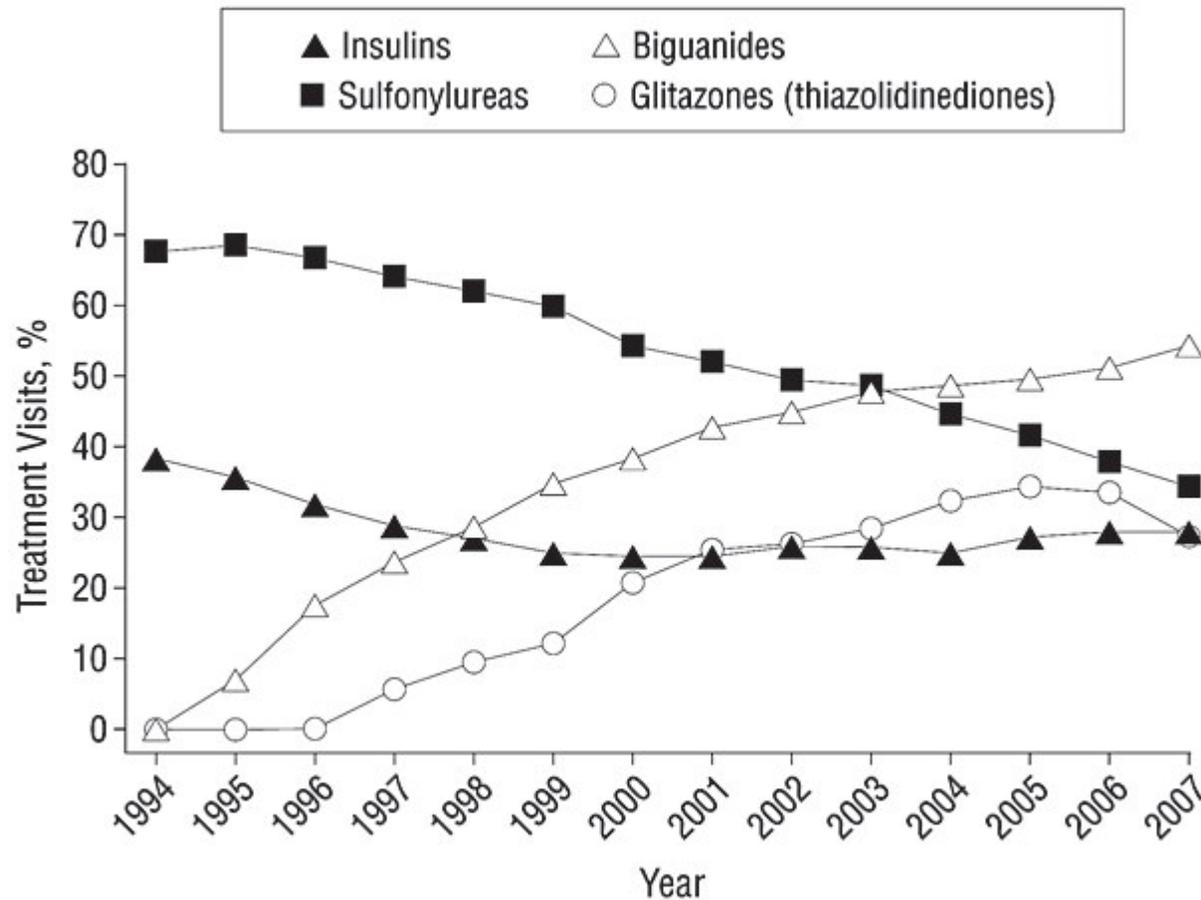
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- SU's are neutral

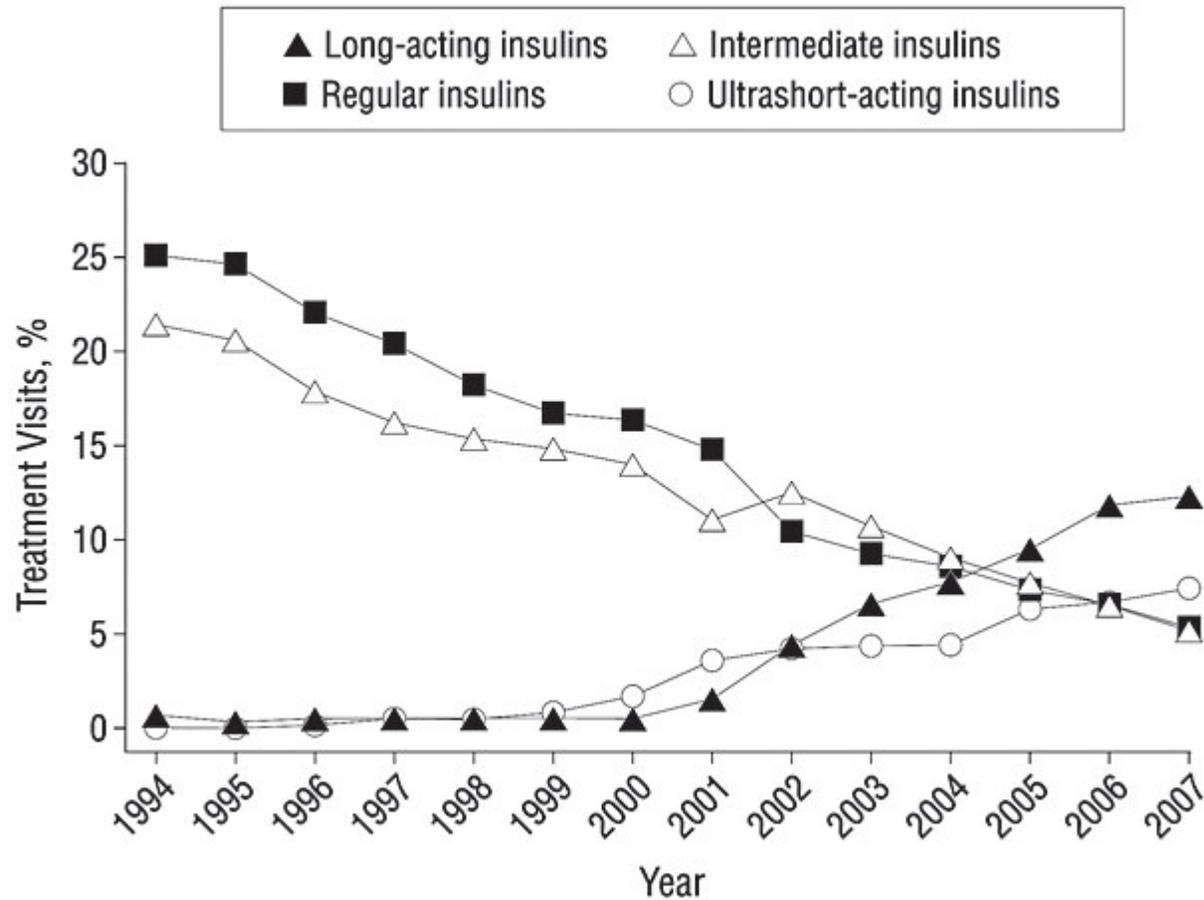
- Rosi is bad

- Pio is OK

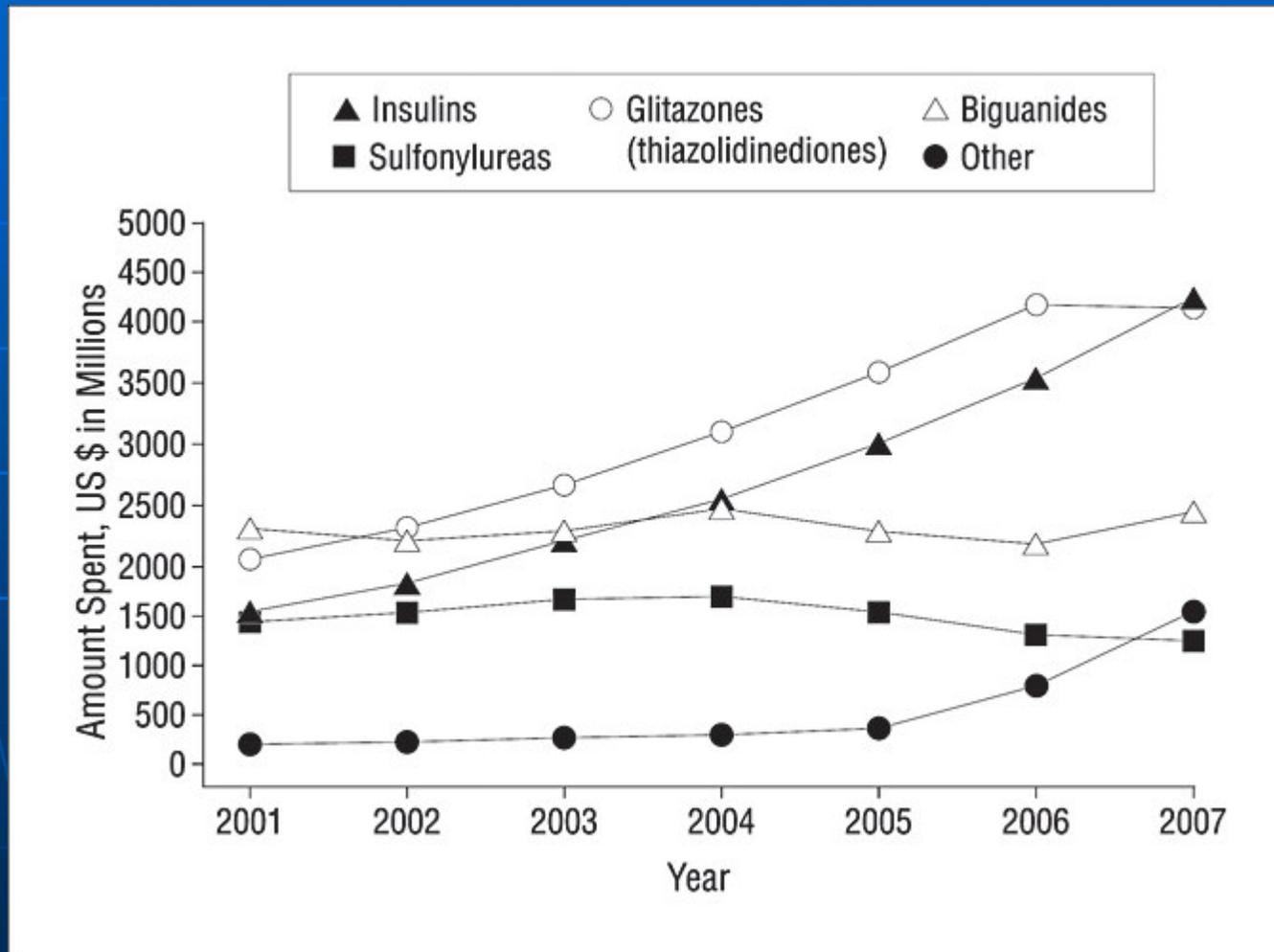
US Trends in OHA Use



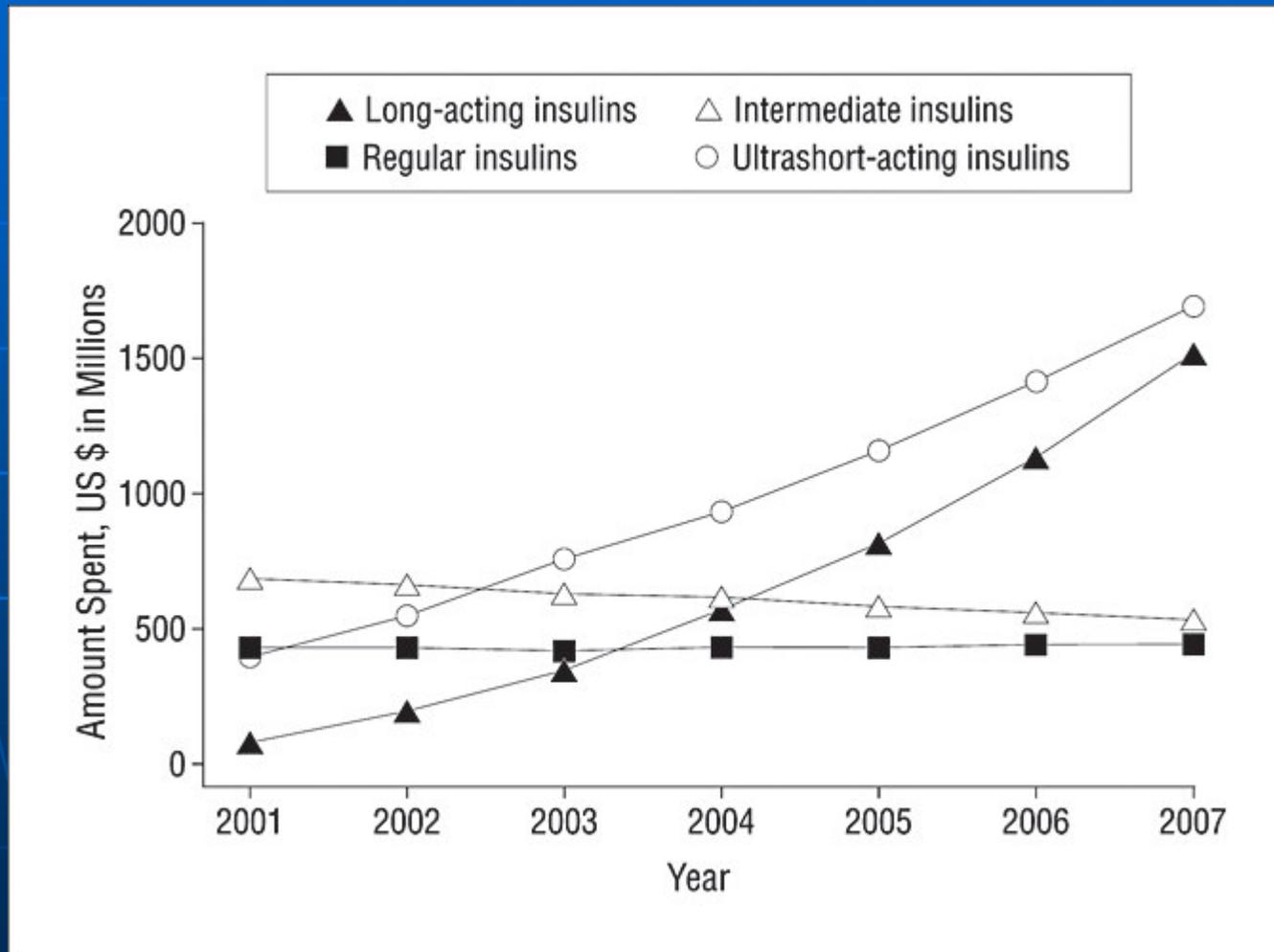
US Trends in Insulin Use



Increased Costs - Overall



Increased Insulin Costs



Things That Make the Most Difference

- Smoking OR 2.87
- Raised ApoB/ApoA1 ratio OR 3.25
- History of hypertension OR 1.91
- Diabetes OR 2.37
- Abdominal obesity OR 1.12
- Psychosocial factors OR 2.67
- Daily fruit and veg intake OR 0.7
- Regular alcohol consumption OR 0.9
- Regular physical activity OR 0.86

Metabolic Syndrome – ATP III

Abdominal obesity, given as waist circumference*	
Men	>102 cm (>40 in)
Women	>88 cm (>35 in)
Triglycerides	3.87 mmol/l
HDL cholesterol	
Men	<1.0 mmol/l
Women	<1.3 mmol/l
Blood pressure	130/ 85 mm Hg
Fasting glucose	6.0 mmol/l
<i>Circulation.</i> 2002; 106: 3143–3421	

Metabolic Syndrome – WHO

Insulin resistance, identified by 1 of the following:

- Type 2 diabetes
- Impaired fasting glucose
- Impaired glucose tolerance
- or for those with normal fasting glucose levels (<110 mg/dL, 5.94 mmol/l), glucose uptake below the lowest quartile for background population under investigation under hyperinsulinemic, euglycemic conditions

Plus any 2 of the following:

- Antihypertensive medication and/or high blood pressure (140 mm Hg systolic or 90 mm Hg diastolic)
- Plasma triglycerides ≥ 150 mg/dL (1.7 mmol/L)
- HDL cholesterol <35 mg/dL (<0.9 mmol/L) in men or <39 mg/dL (1.0 mmol/L) in women
- BMI >30 kg/m² and/or waist:hip ratio >0.9 in men, >0.85 in women
- Urinary albumin excretion rate ≥ 20 μ g/min or albumin:creatinine ratio ≥ 30 mg/g

http://whqlibdoc.who.int/hq/1999/WHO_NCD_NCS_99.2.pdf.

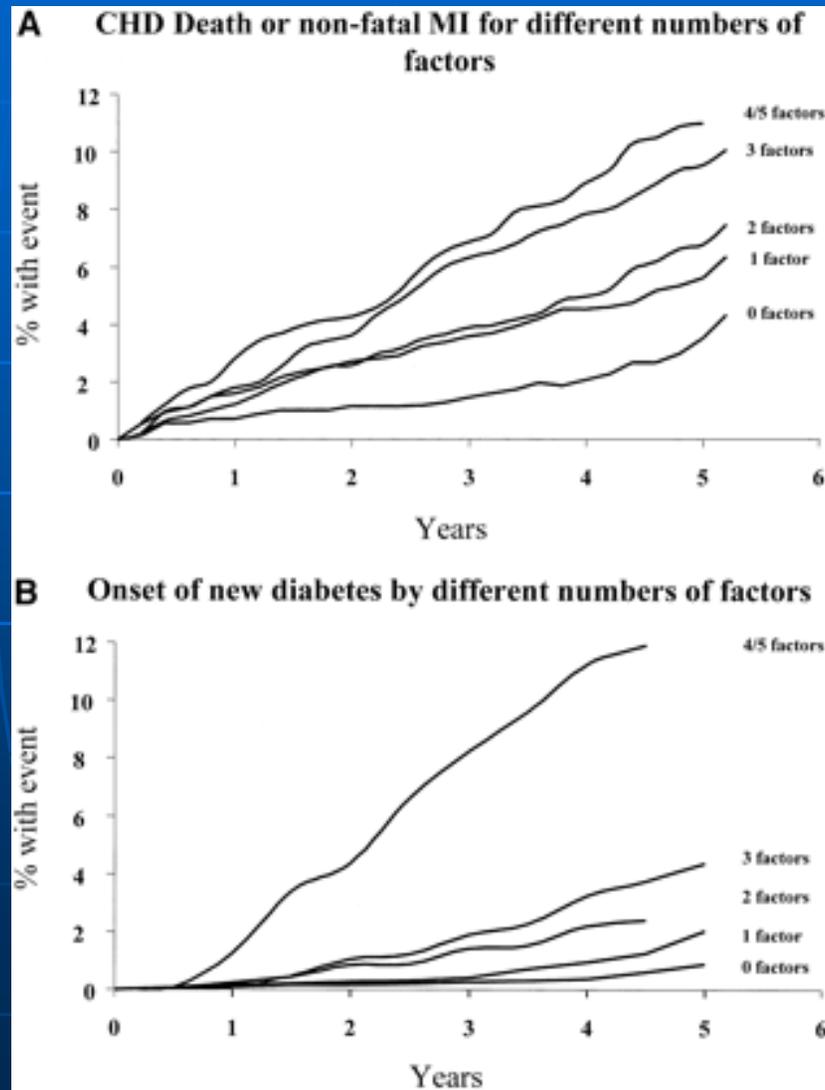
Metabolic Syndrome – IDF

- Central Obesity
 - Defined as waist circumference ≥ 94 cm for European men and ≥ 80 cm for European women
- Plus ANY TWO of the following four factors
 - Raised TG: ≥ 1.7 mmol/l or if specifically treated
 - Low HDL: < 1.03 mmol/l in men or < 1.29 in women or if specifically treated
 - Raised BP: Systolic ≥ 130 or diastolic ≥ 85 or treatment of previously diagnosed hypertension
 - Raised fasting plasma glucose ≥ 5.6 mmol/l or previously diagnosed type 2 diabetes. (If > 5.6 OGTT strongly recommended)

Agreement?

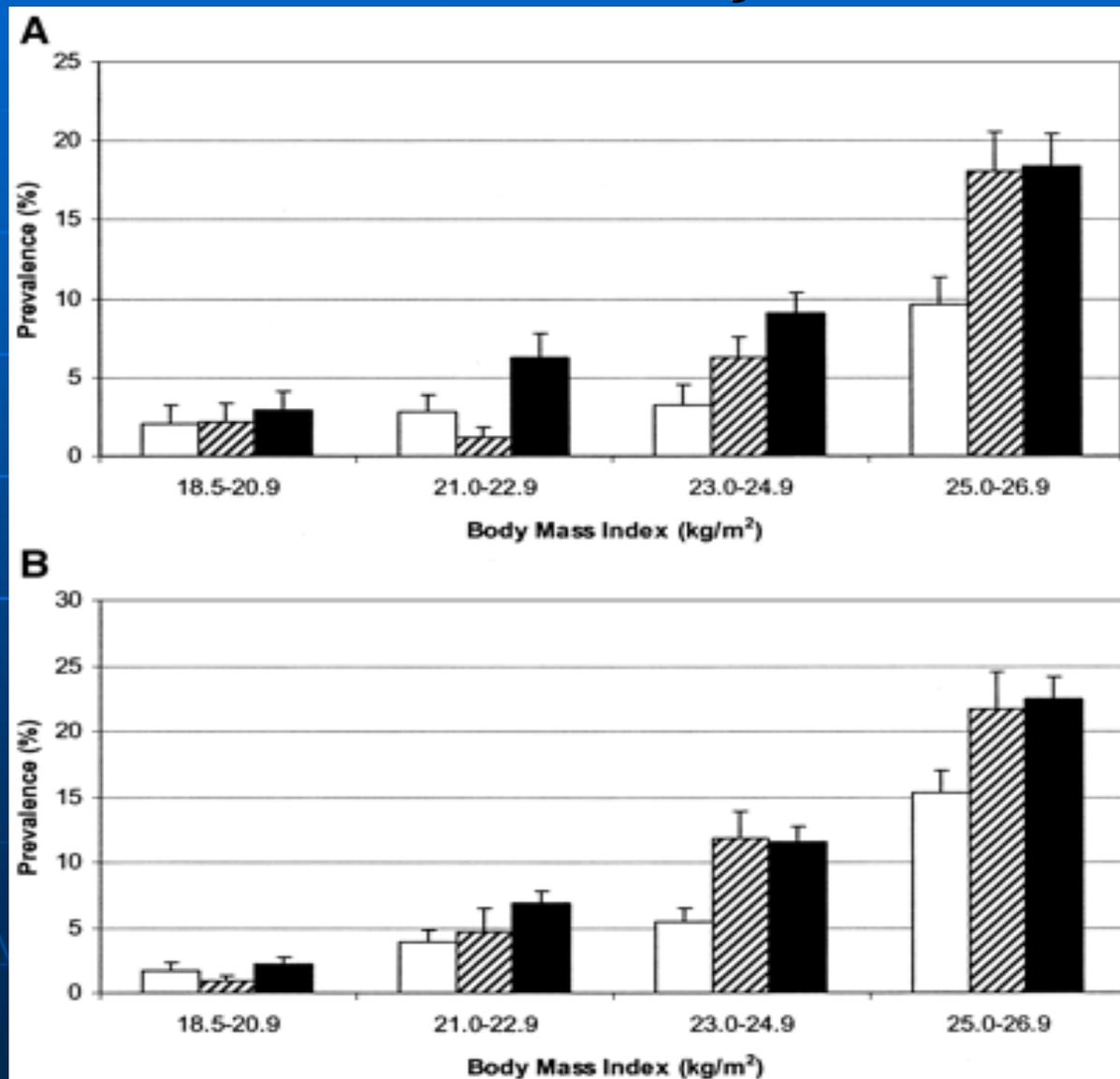
- Anywhere between 35 and 75% depending on what definitions you compare
- However, CV risk is increased depending on how many components of the metabolic syndrome are present

CVD Event Rate vs Number of Risk Factors (Metabolic Syndrome)



Sattar et al Circulation
2003;108:414-419

BMI is Directly Related to Risk of Development of the Metabolic Syndrome



A = Men

B = Women

■ = Blacks

▨ = Hispanics

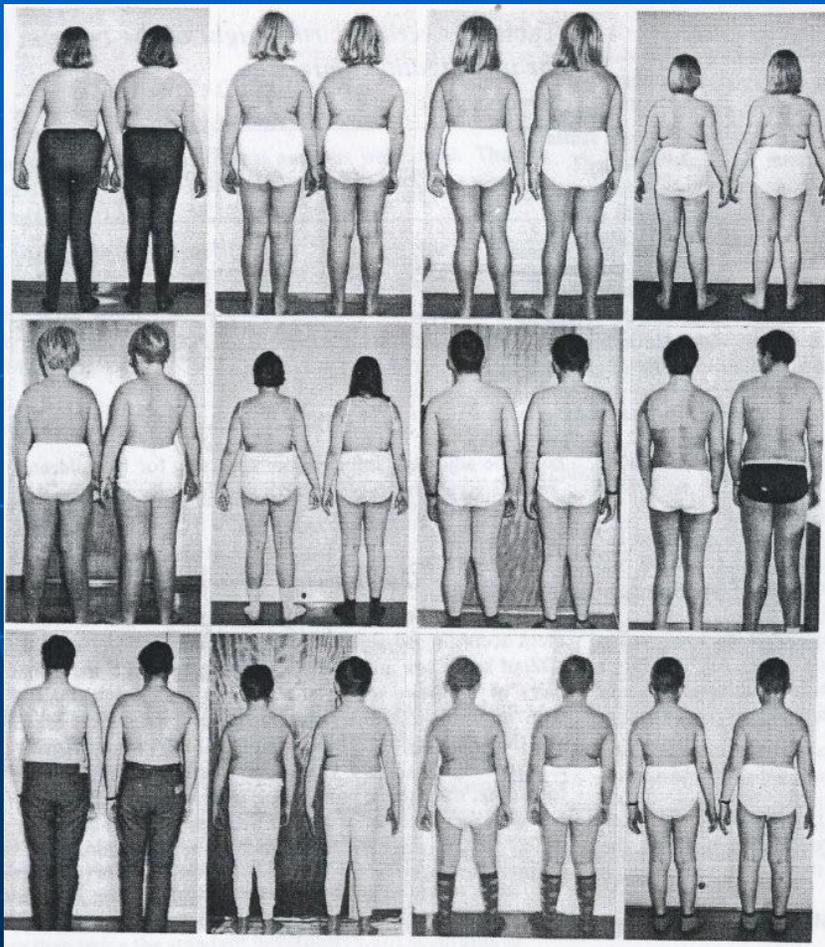
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St Onge MP et al
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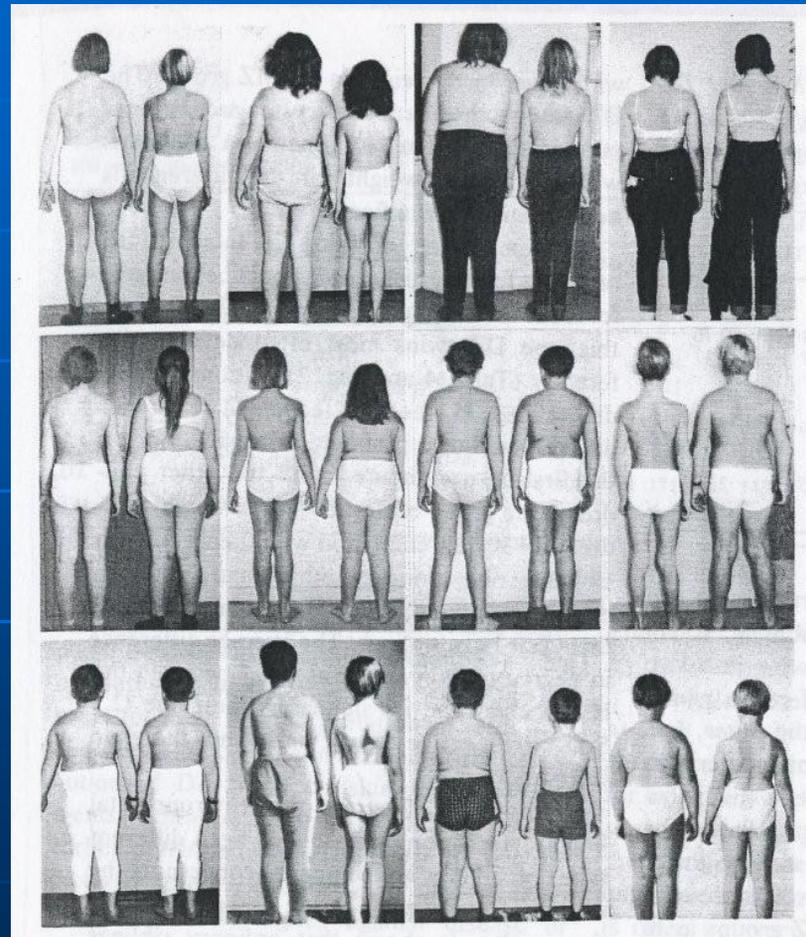
Time Magazine 23rd June 2008



Is it All in The Genes?



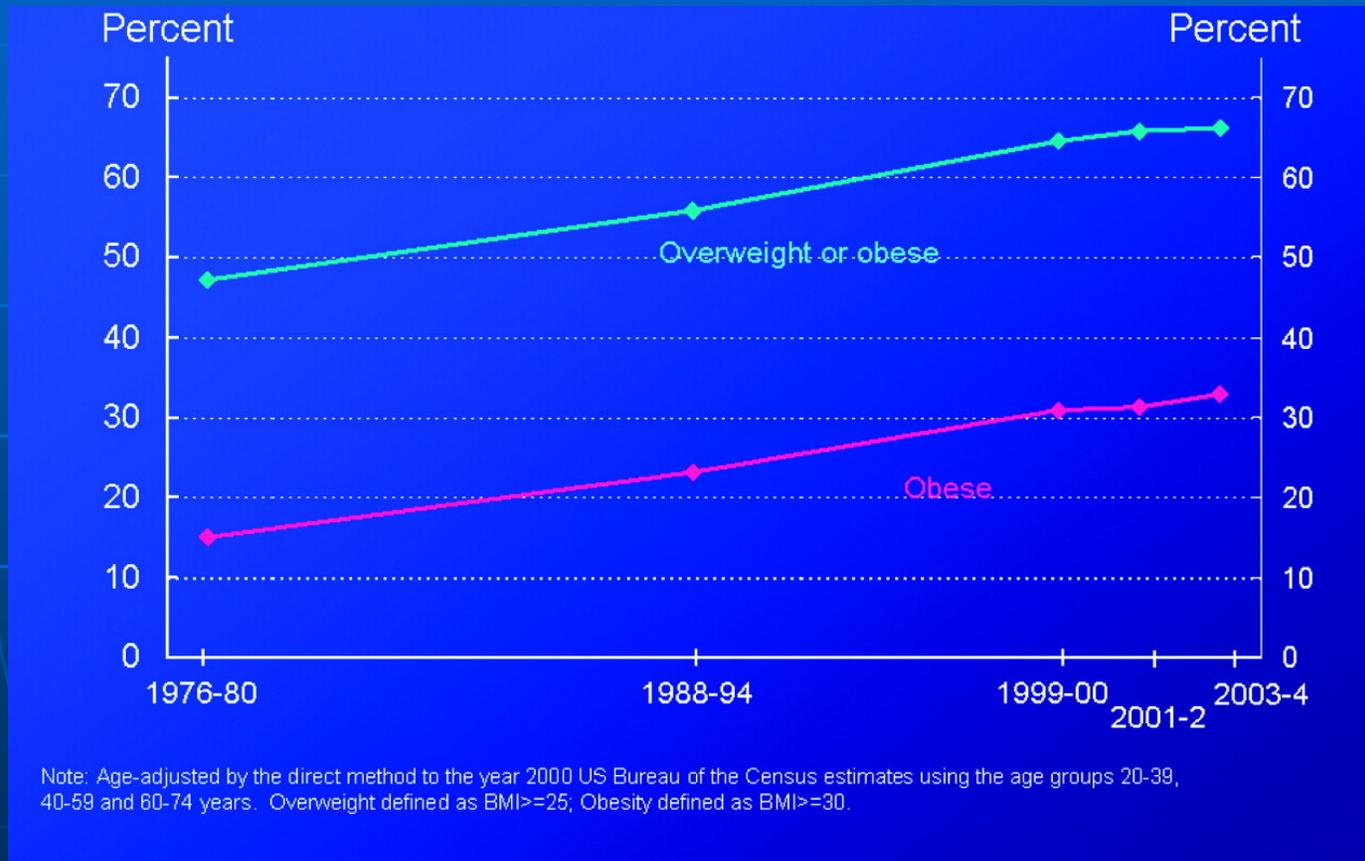
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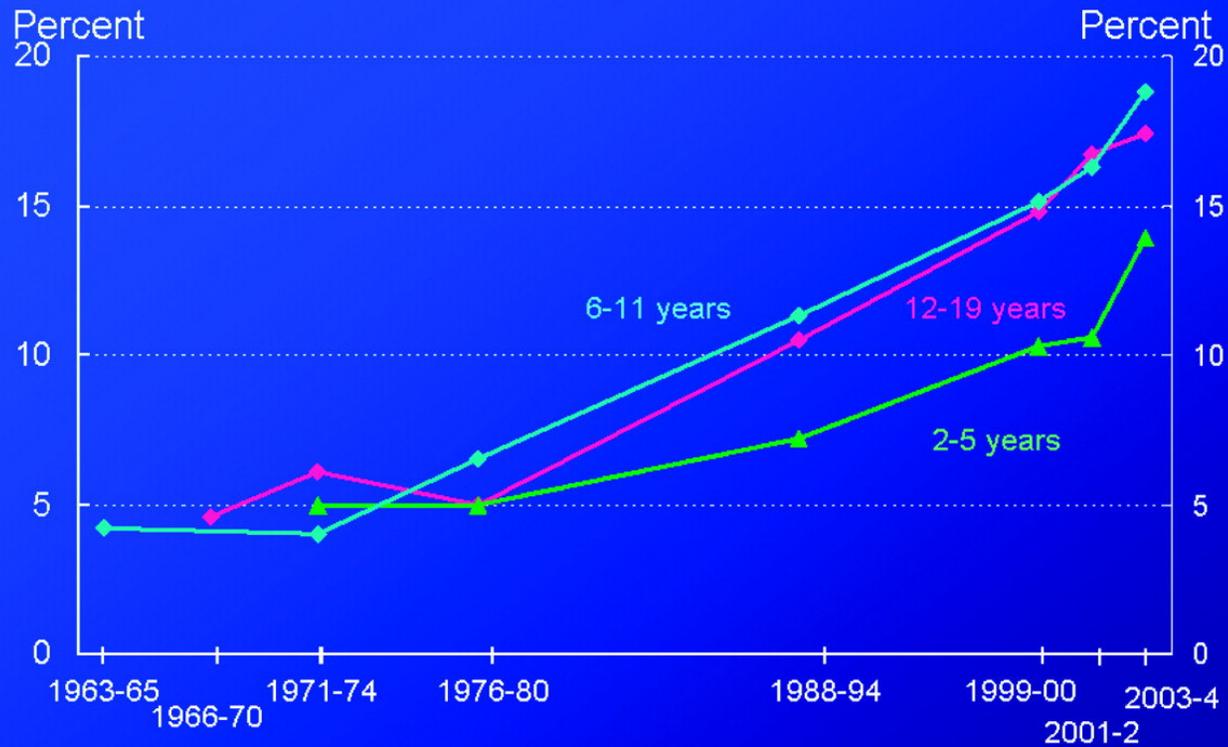
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Trends in US Adult Overweight and Obesity - 20 to 74 Years



Trends in US Childhood Overweight



Note: Overweight is defined as BMI \geq gender- and weight-specific 95th percentile from the 2000 CDC Growth Charts.
Source: National Health Examination Surveys II (ages 6-11) and III (ages 12-17), National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys I, II, III and 1999-2004, NCHS, CDC.

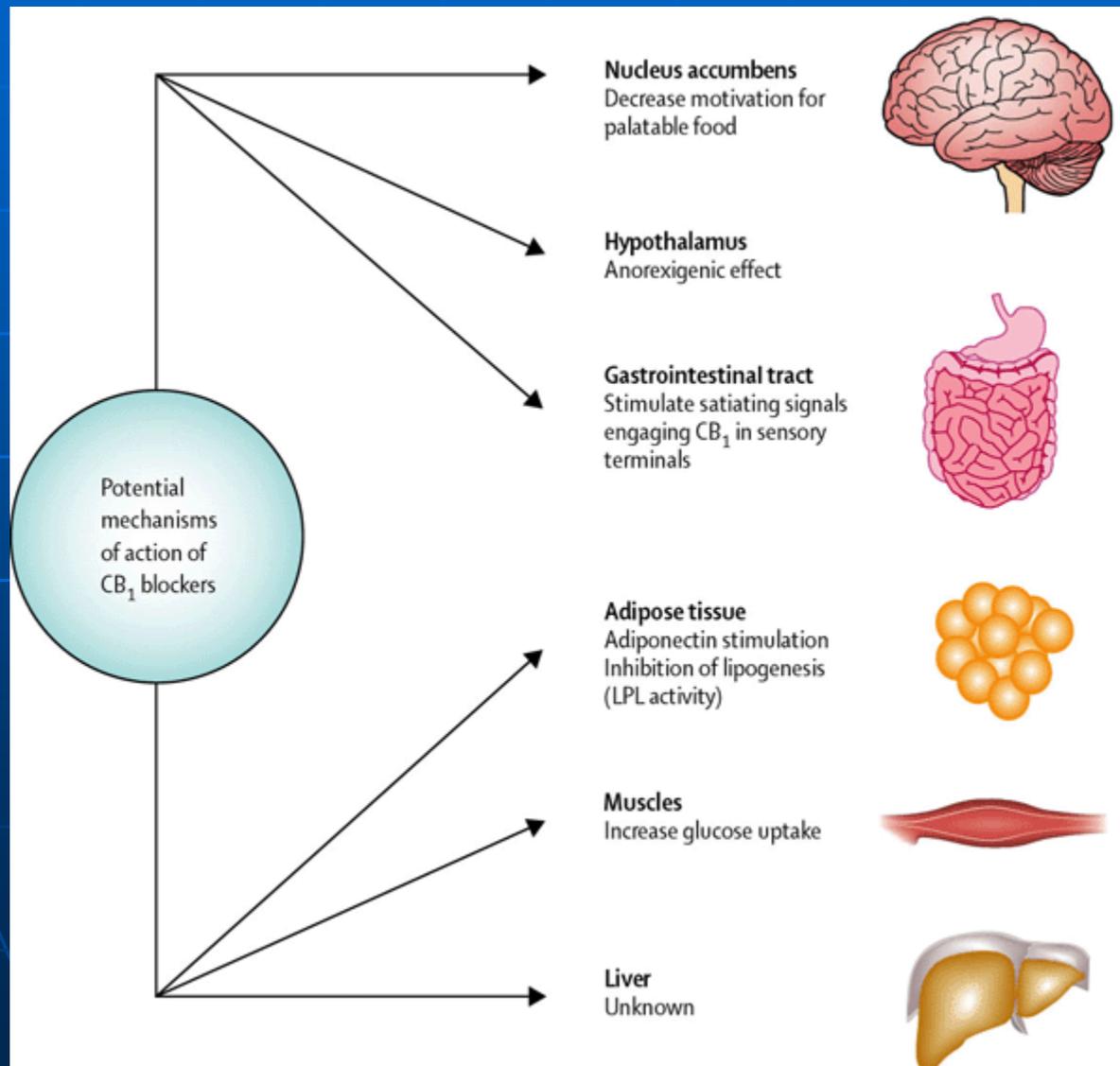
2 Drugs available

- Orlistat
- Sibutramine

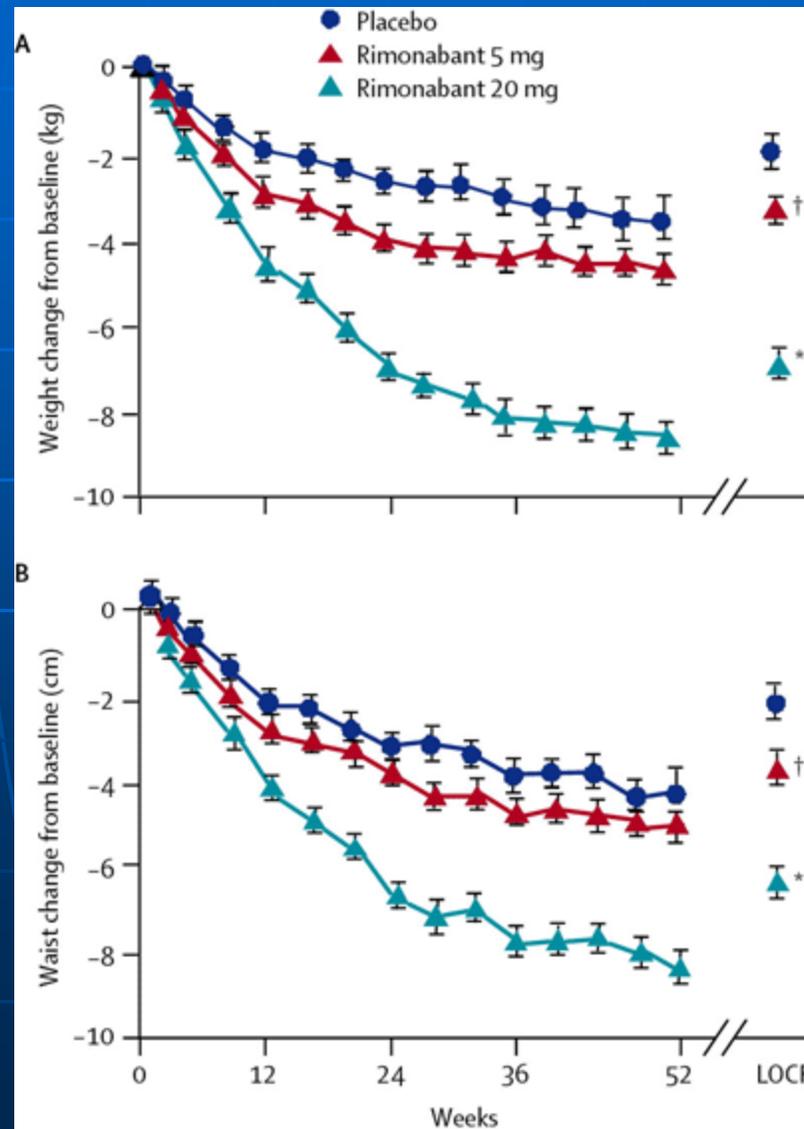
Rimonabant (Acomplia)

- A selective CB1 endocannabinoid receptor antagonist indicated for the treatment of obesity – 33% of people in the trials lost > 10% body weight (another 33% lost 5%)
 - Reduces hunger
 - Helps stop smoking
 - May reduce alcohol cravings

CB₁ Blockers - Sites and Mechanisms of Action

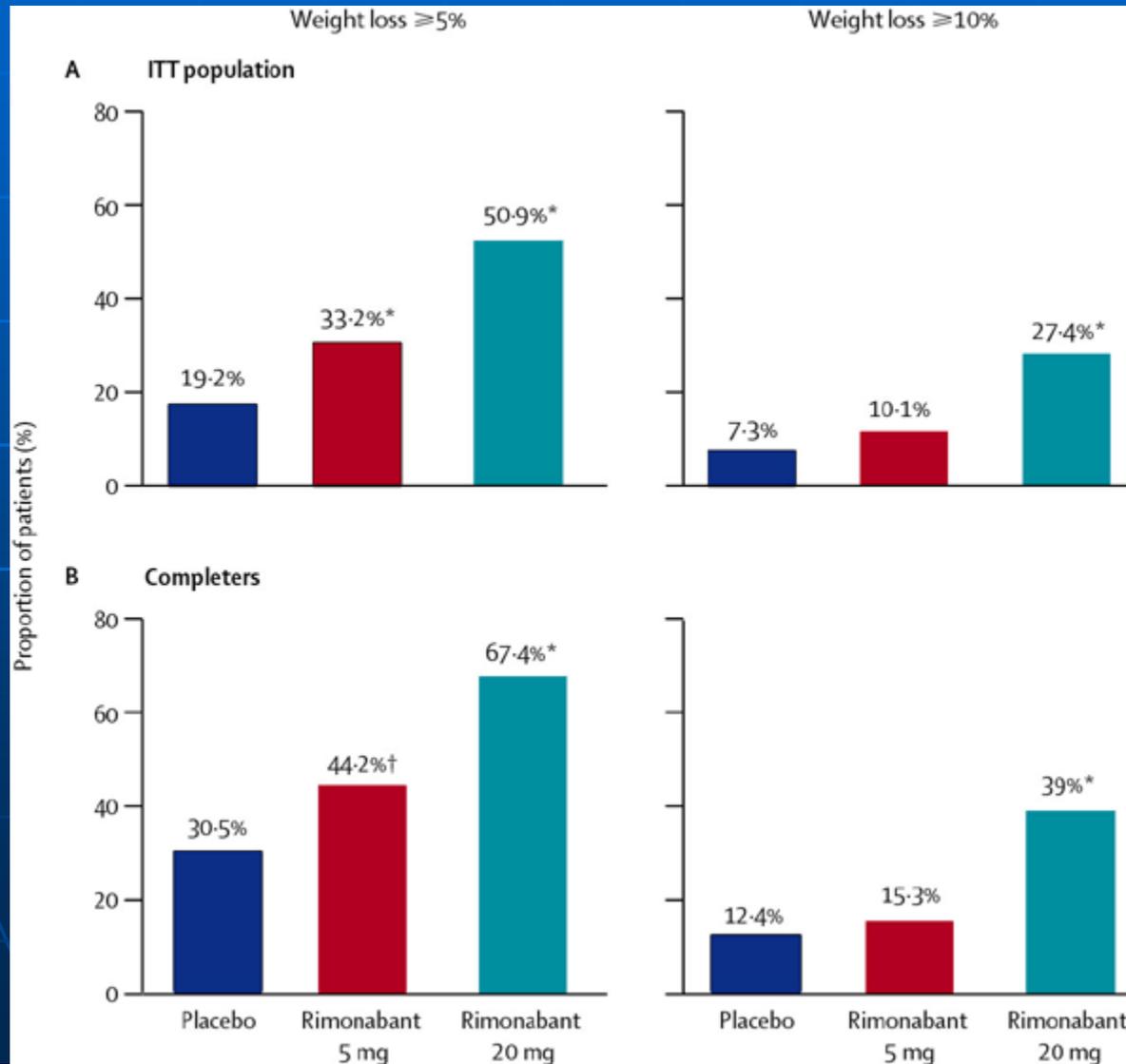


CB₁ Blockade - Effects on Weight and Waist Circumference



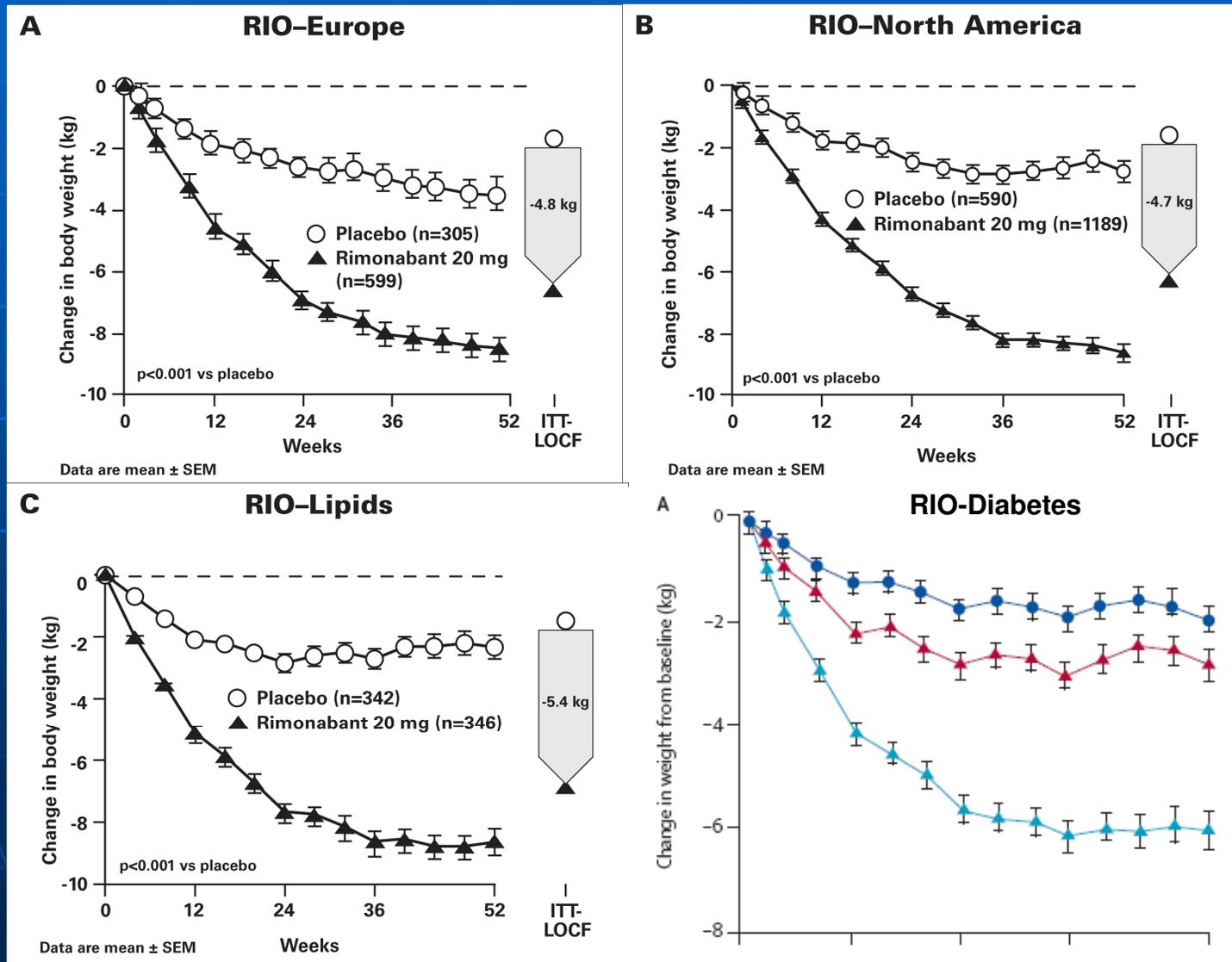
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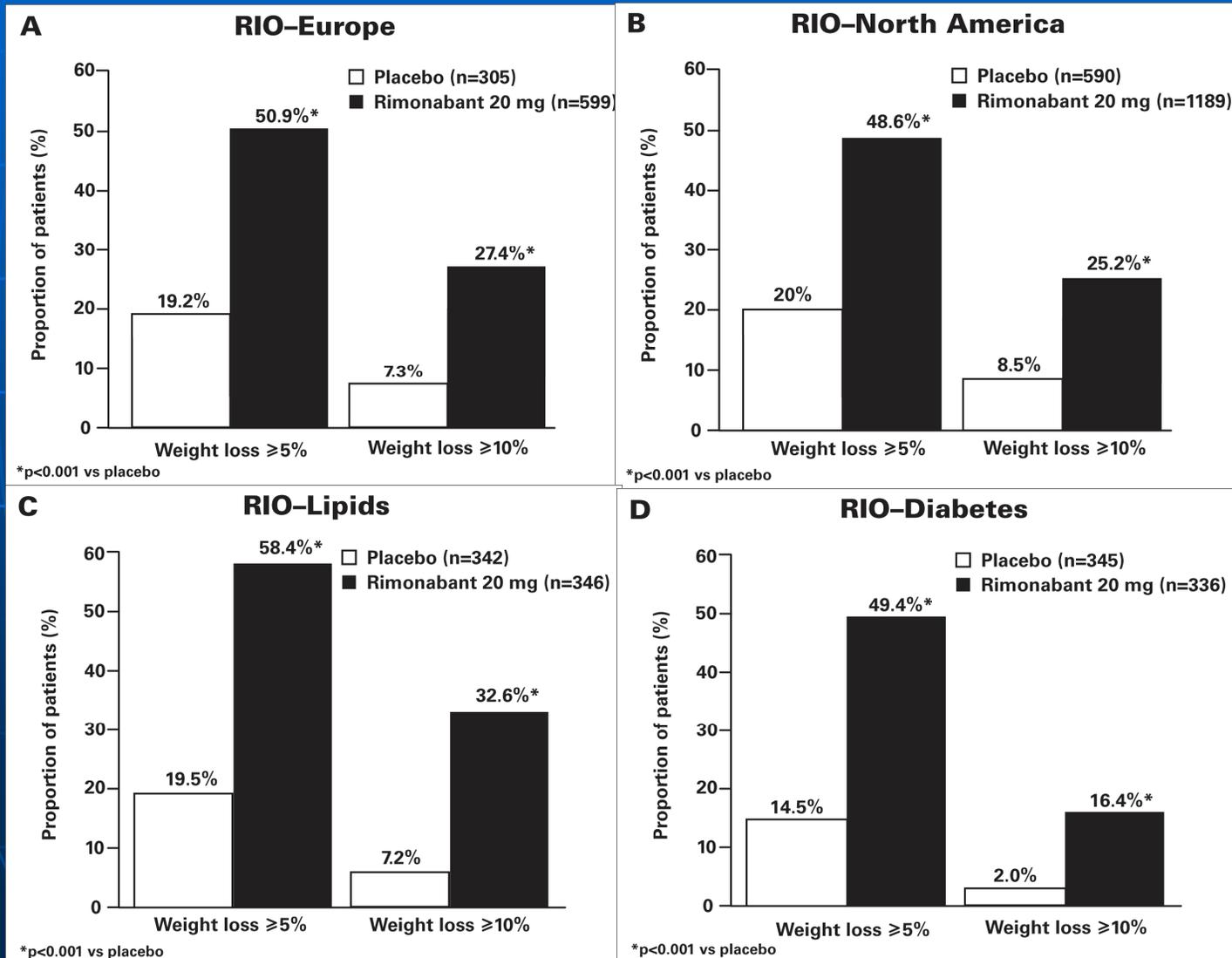


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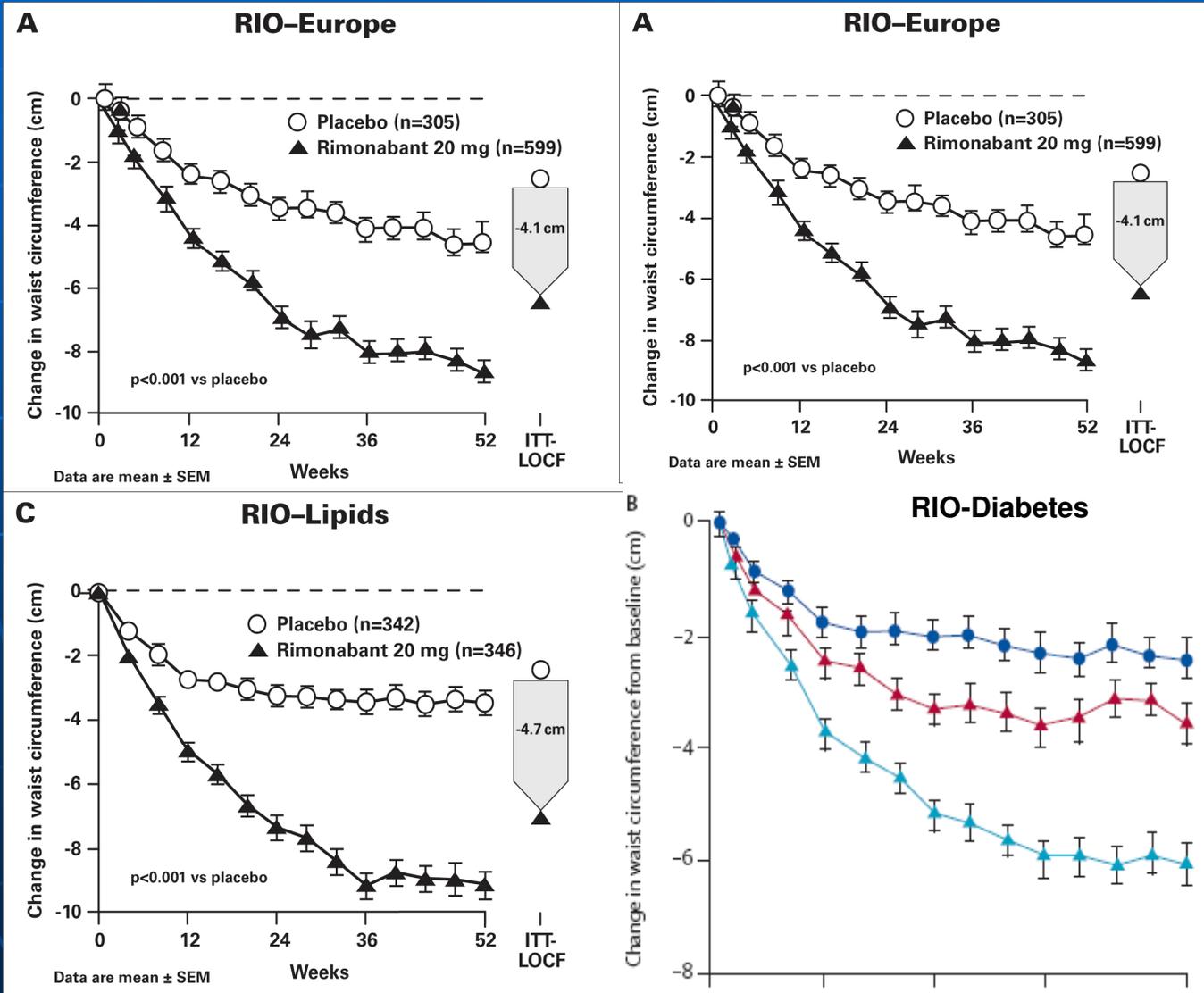
CB₁ Blockade – Effects on Weight Loss at 1 year



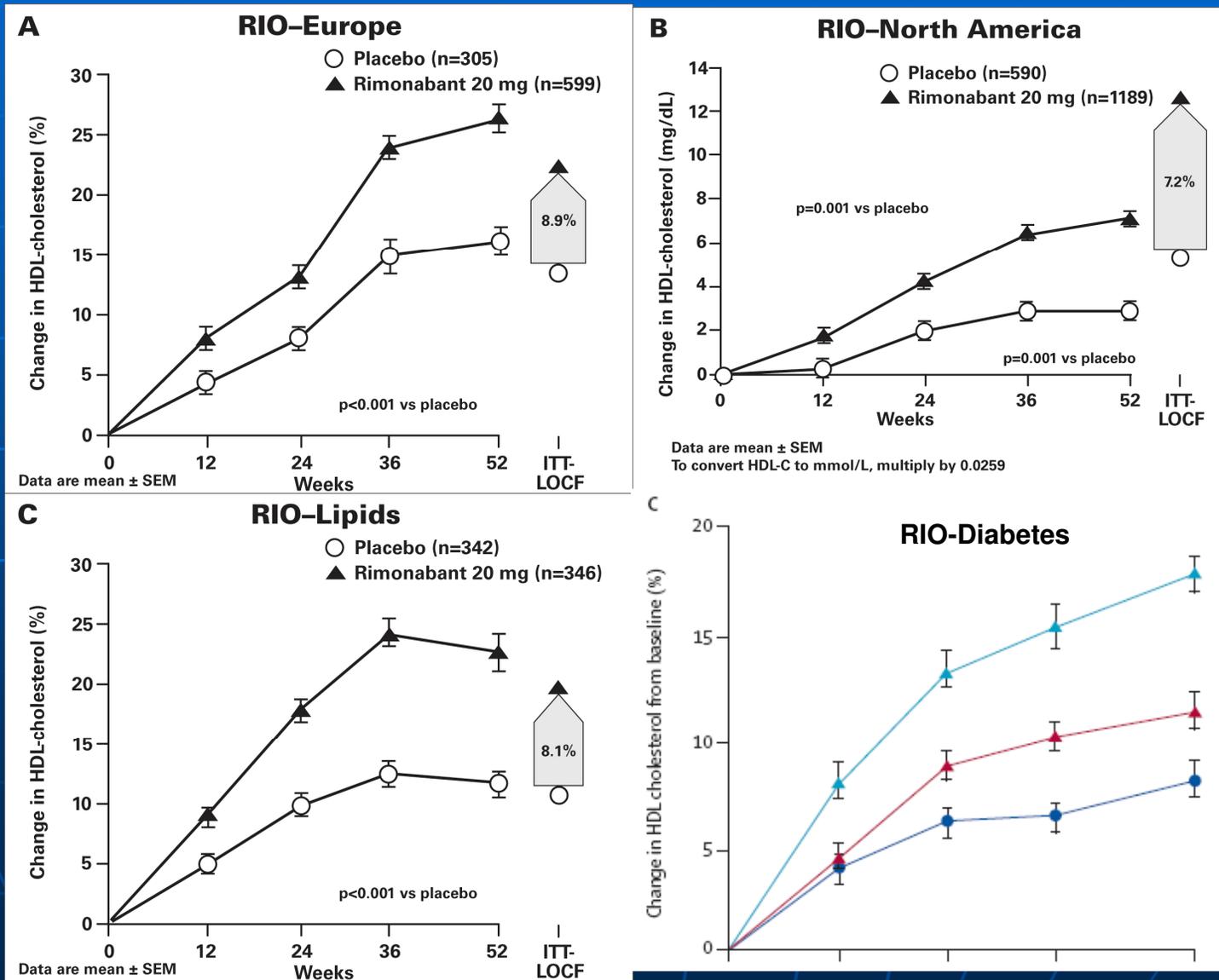
CB₁ Blockade – Proportion of Patients Achieving Target Weight at 1 year



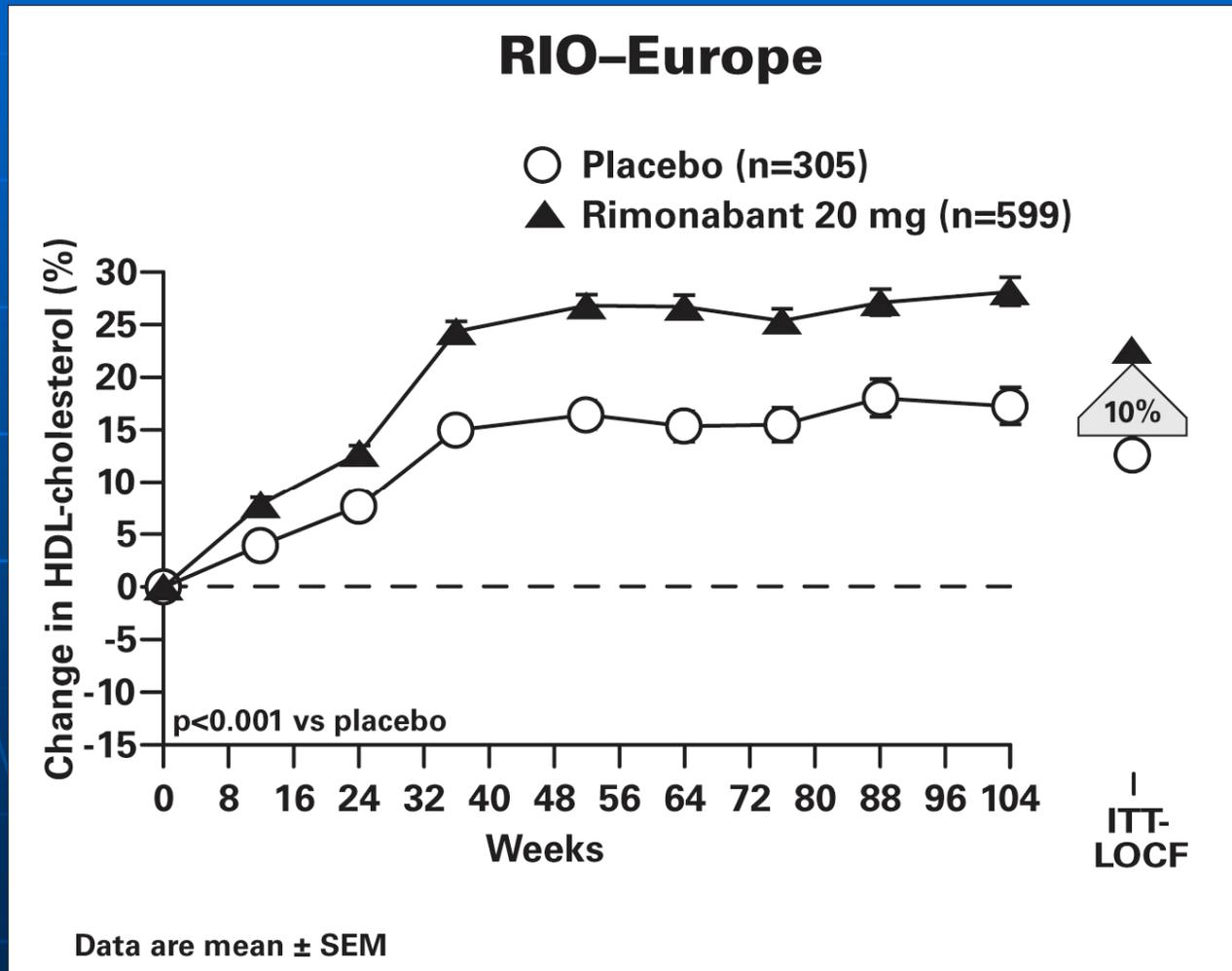
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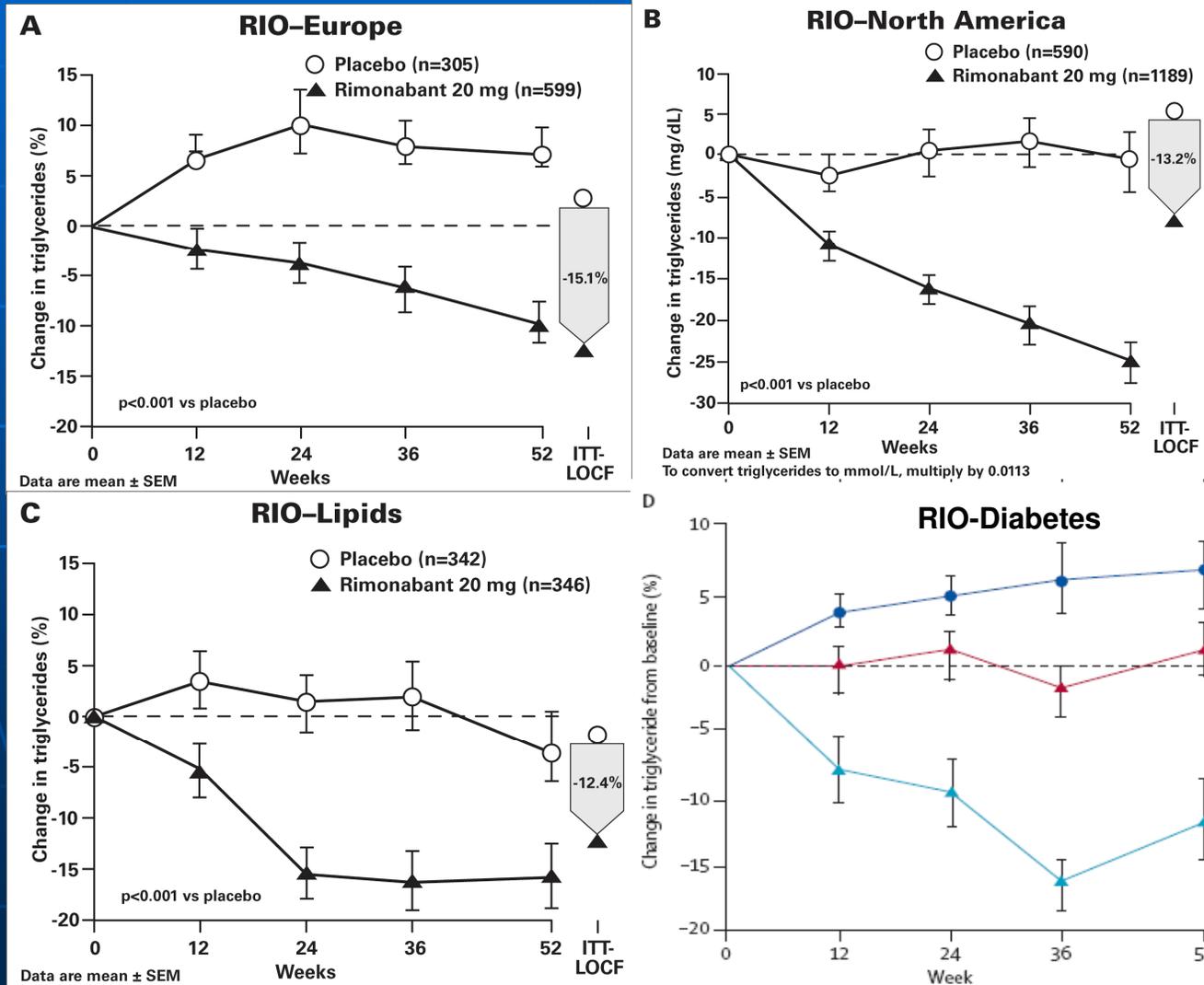
CB₁ Blockade – Effects on HDL at 1 year



CB₁ Blockade – Effects on HDL at 2 years

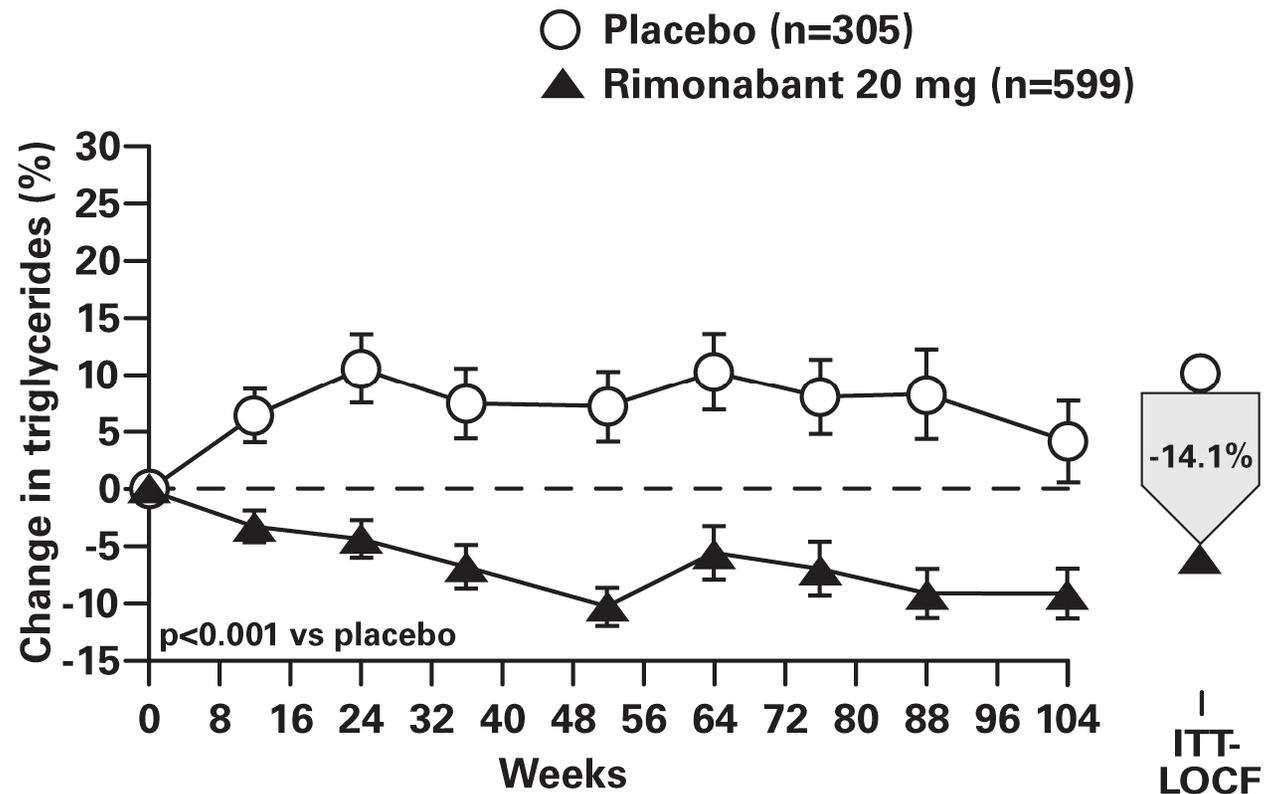


CB₁ Blockade – Effects on TG at 1 year



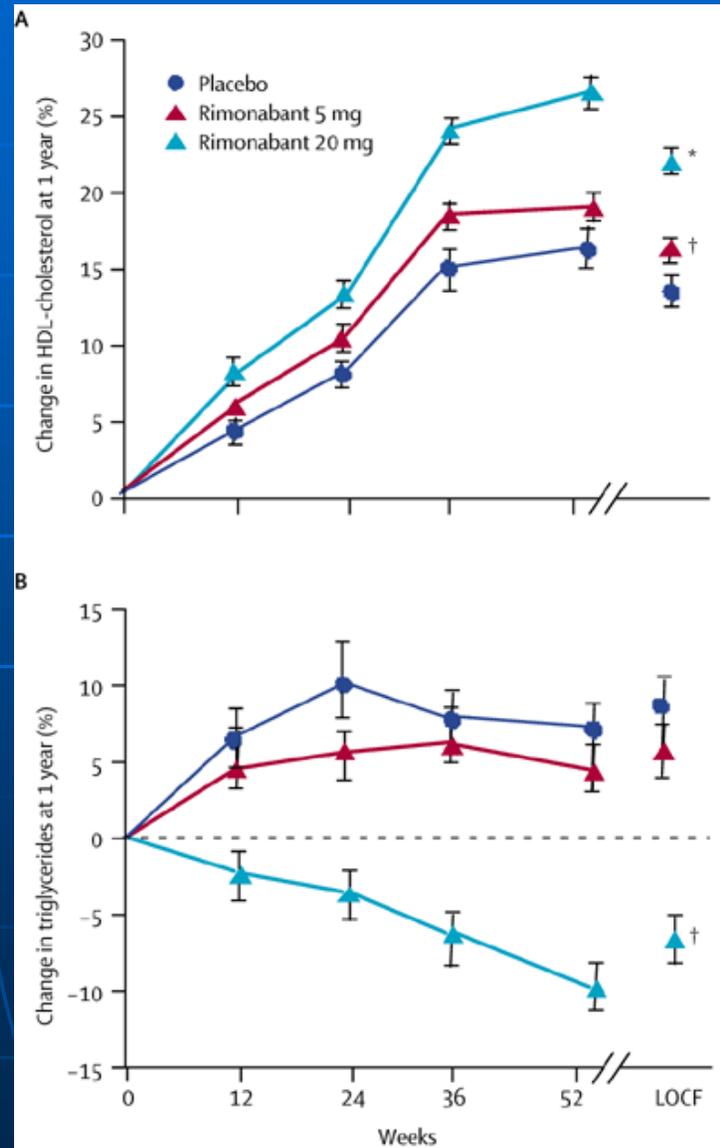
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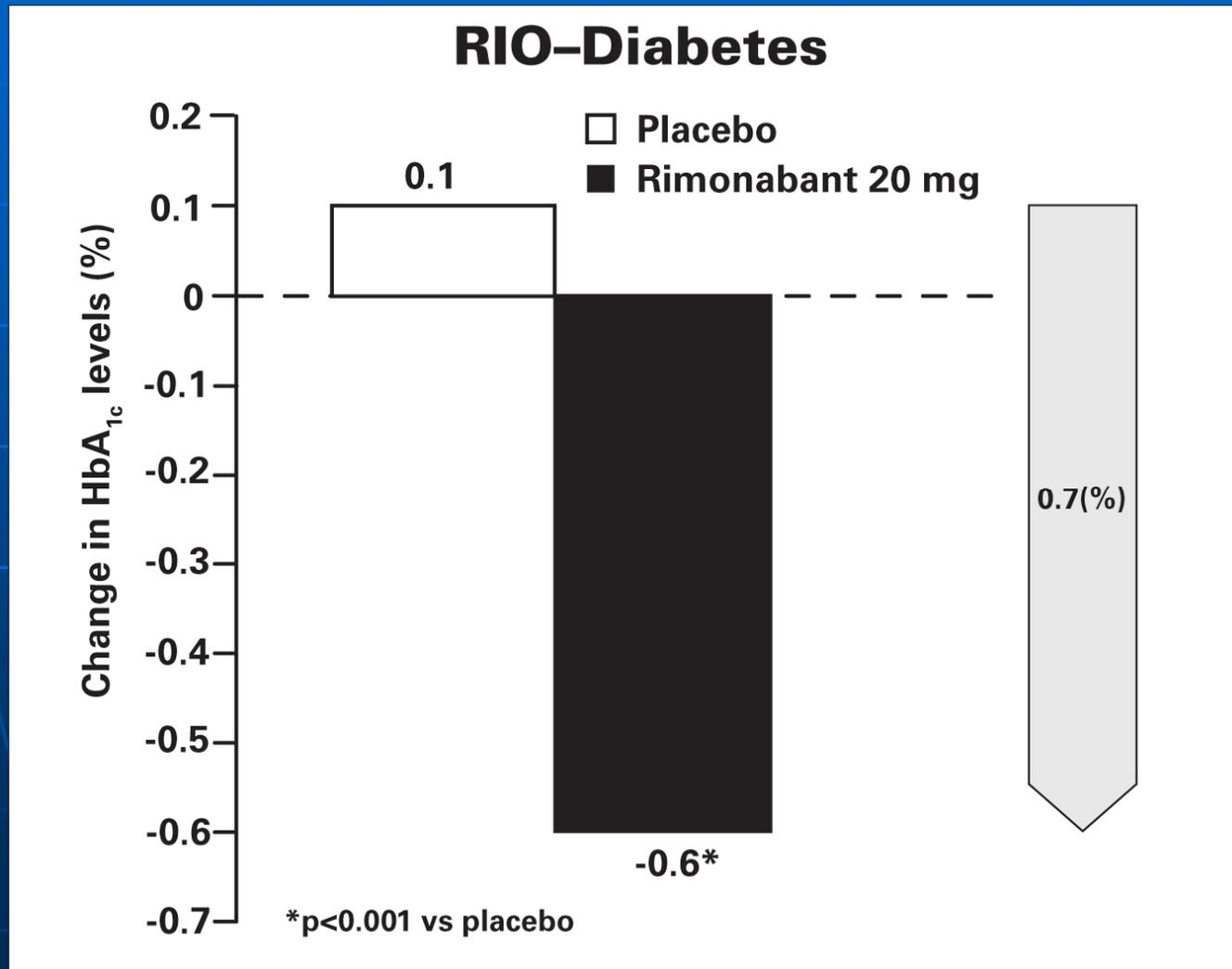
Data are mean ± SEM

CB₁ Blockade - Effects on Lipids



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CB₁ Blockade – Effects on HbA_{1c} at 1 year (2nd line)



Side Effect Profile

	Placebo (n=1603) %	Rimonabant (n=2503) %
Nasopharyngitis	17.5	16.3
Upper respiratory tract infection	11.4	12.4
Nausea	4.9	11.9
Headache	11.8	9.4
Influenza	8.6	8.9
Arthralgia	8.2	8.1
Dizziness	4.9	7.5
Back pain	7.6	7.0
Sinusitis	8.0	6.5
Diarrhoea	4.8	6.3
Asthenia/fatigue	5.0	6.0
Anxiety	2.4	5.6
Insomnia	3.2	5.4

Adverse events reported at a frequency of >5% in any group.

Ongoing Phase 2 and 3 Trials with Rimonabant

- Smoking cessation
- Alcohol detoxification
- Food craving / eating disorders
- Energy expenditure
- Pre-diabetes / diabetes prevention

Amylin (Pramlintide)

- Synthetic amylin approved by FDA March 2005 for use in type 1 or type 2
- Amylin is made in and secreted from β cells
- Amylin helps suppress glucagon secretion
- sc injection given at mealtimes
- HbA1C reduction of $\sim 0.5\%$

Ruboxistaurin (Arxxant)

- PKC antagonist
- PKC β is an enzyme that has been implicated in the underlying process of microvascular damage
- For the treatment of diabetic retinopathy, diabetic peripheral neuropathy and macular oedema
- Was due for launch 2006 but safety issues have delayed this

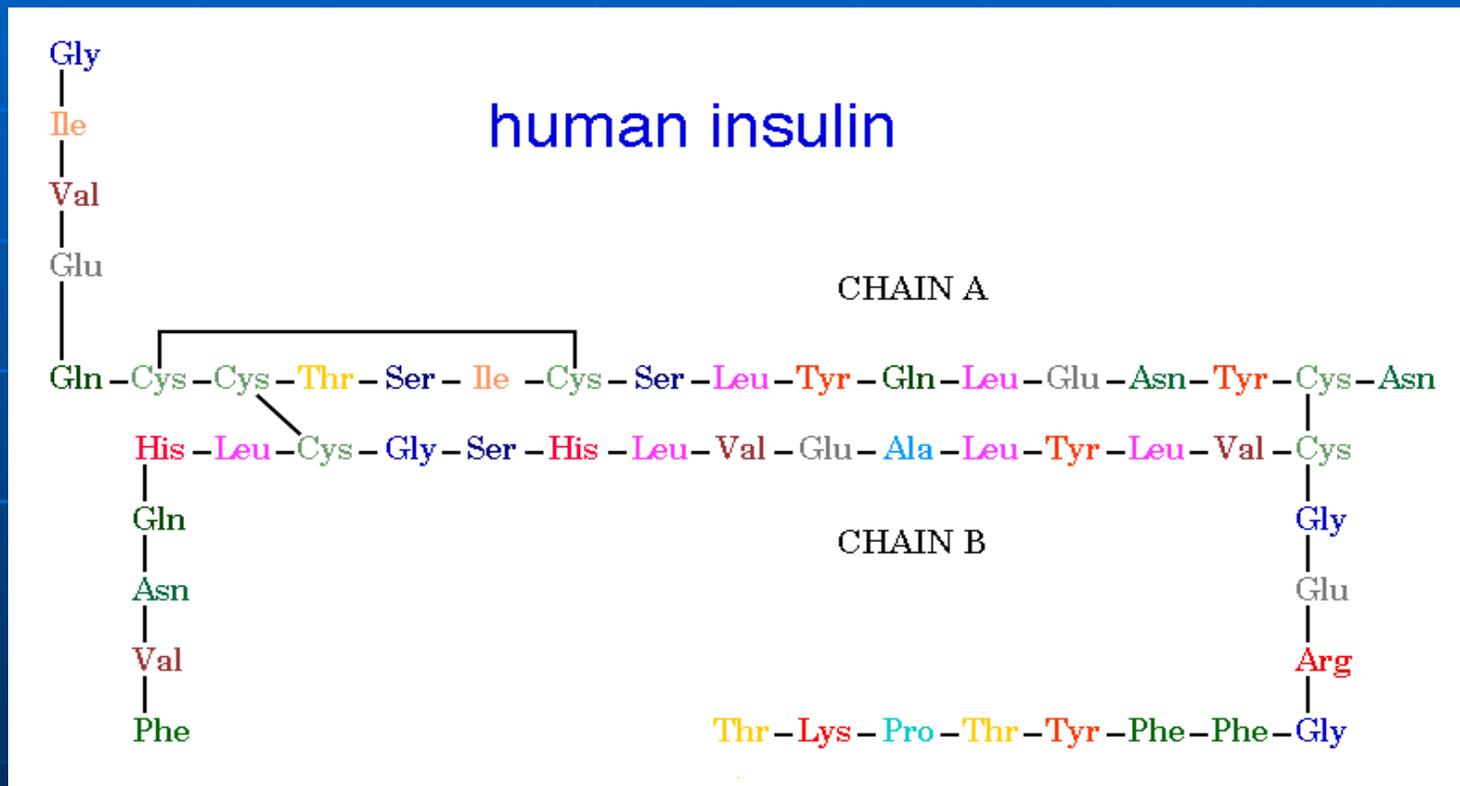
Drugs that can Precipitate or Worsen Diabetes

- Corticosteroids
- β blockers
- ? Thiazide diuretics
- Atypical antipsychotics
- Antidepressants
- Anticonvulsants
- Lithium

Insulins

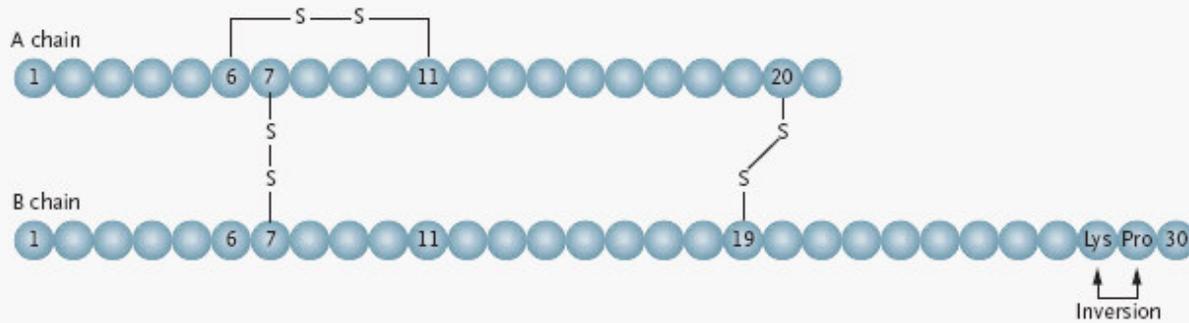
- Soluble (short acting)
- NPH (intermediate)
- Once daily
- Mixtures
- Insulin analogues – ultra short, long and mixtures

Insulin

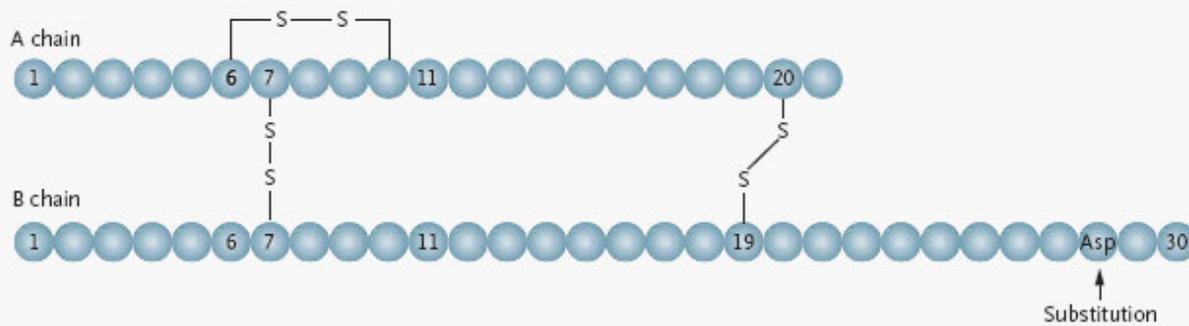


Insulin Analogues

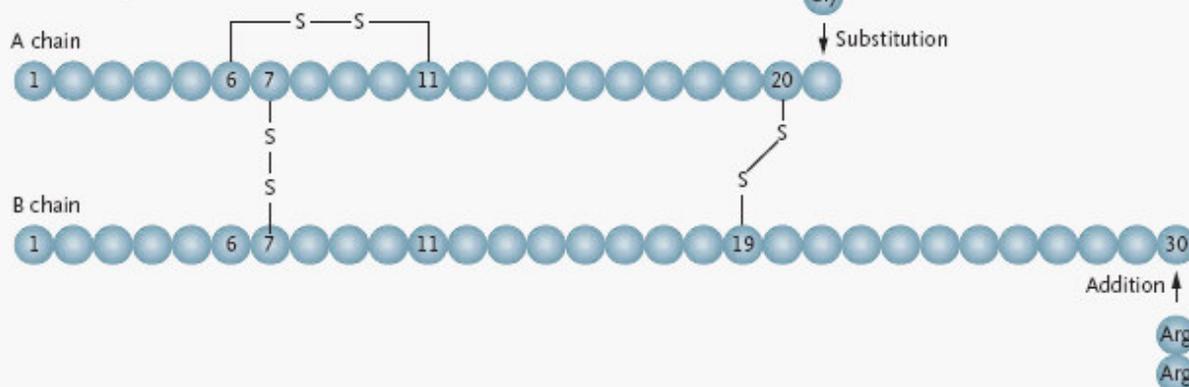
Insulin Lispro



Insulin Aspart

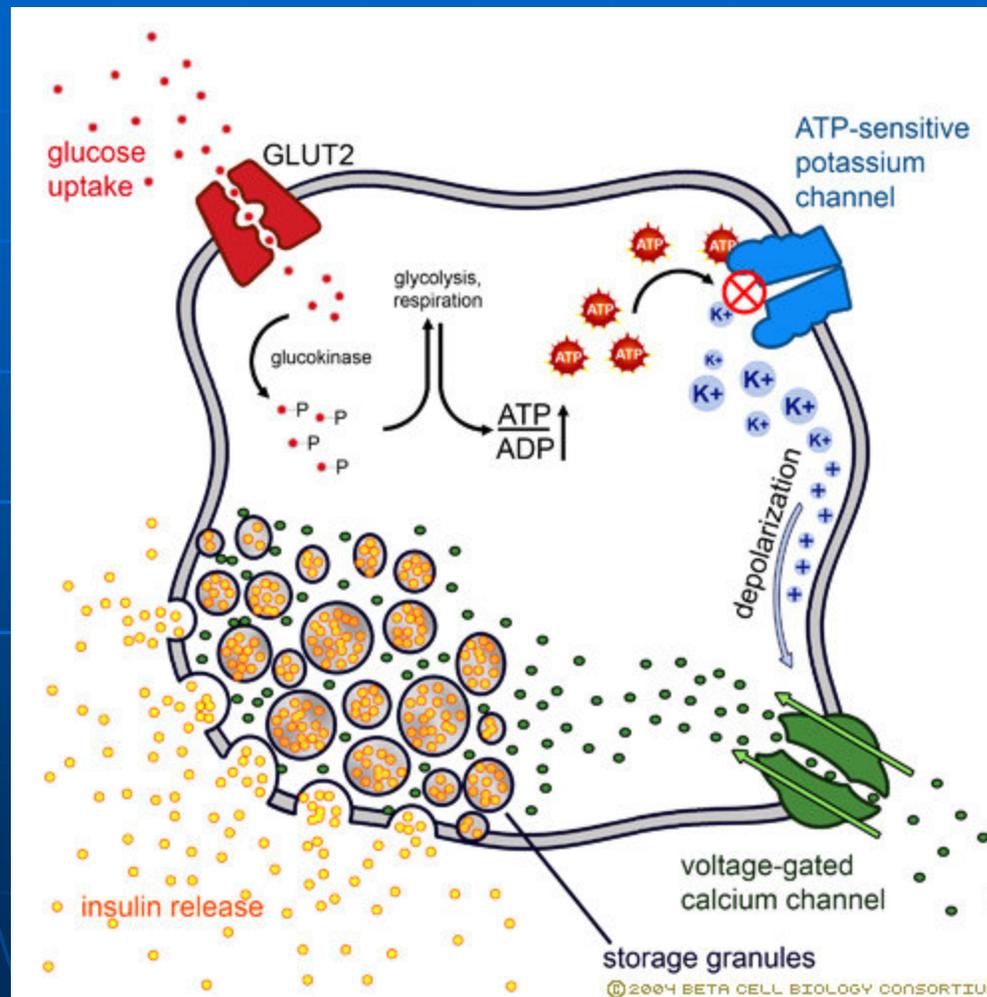


Insulin Glargine

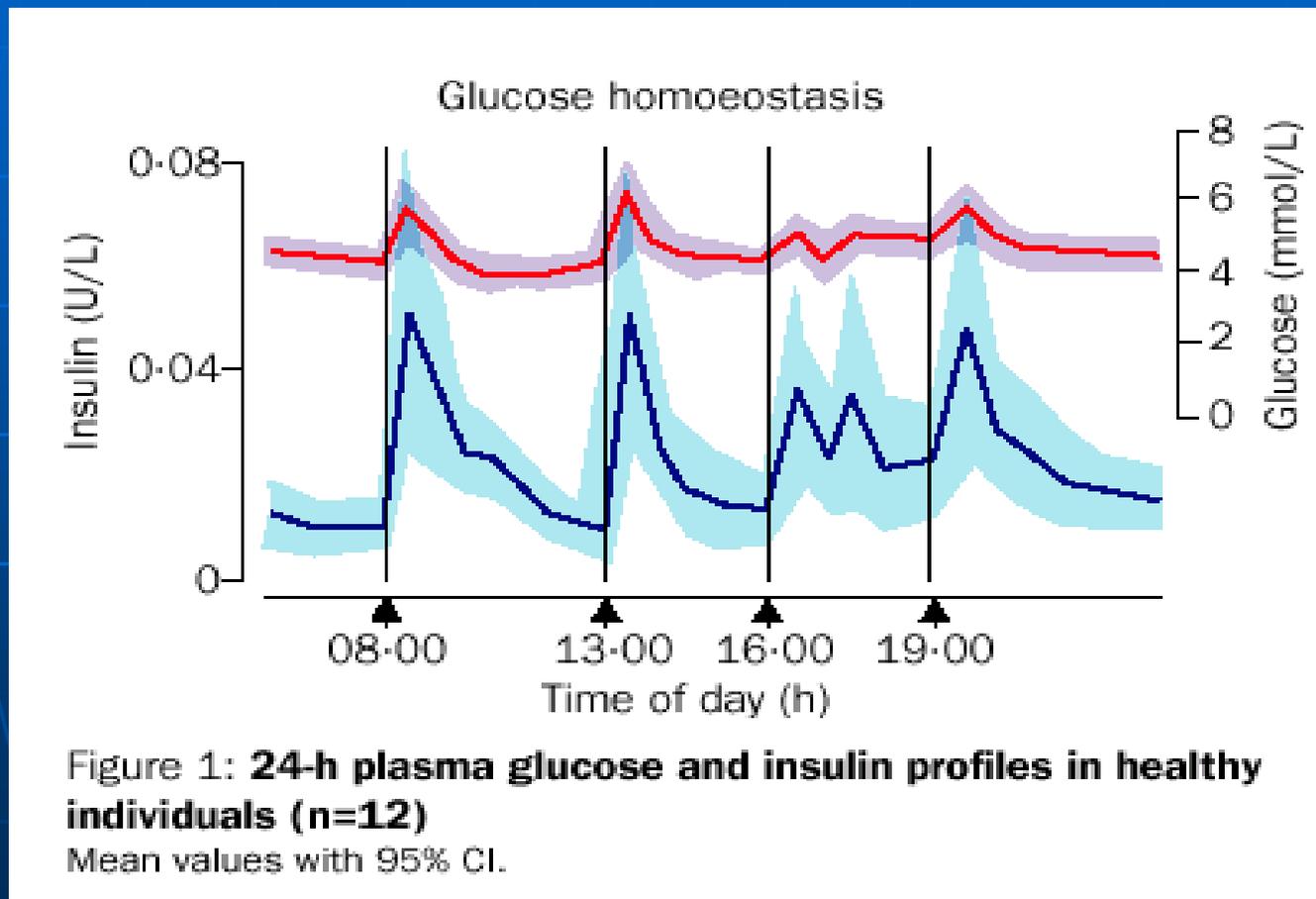


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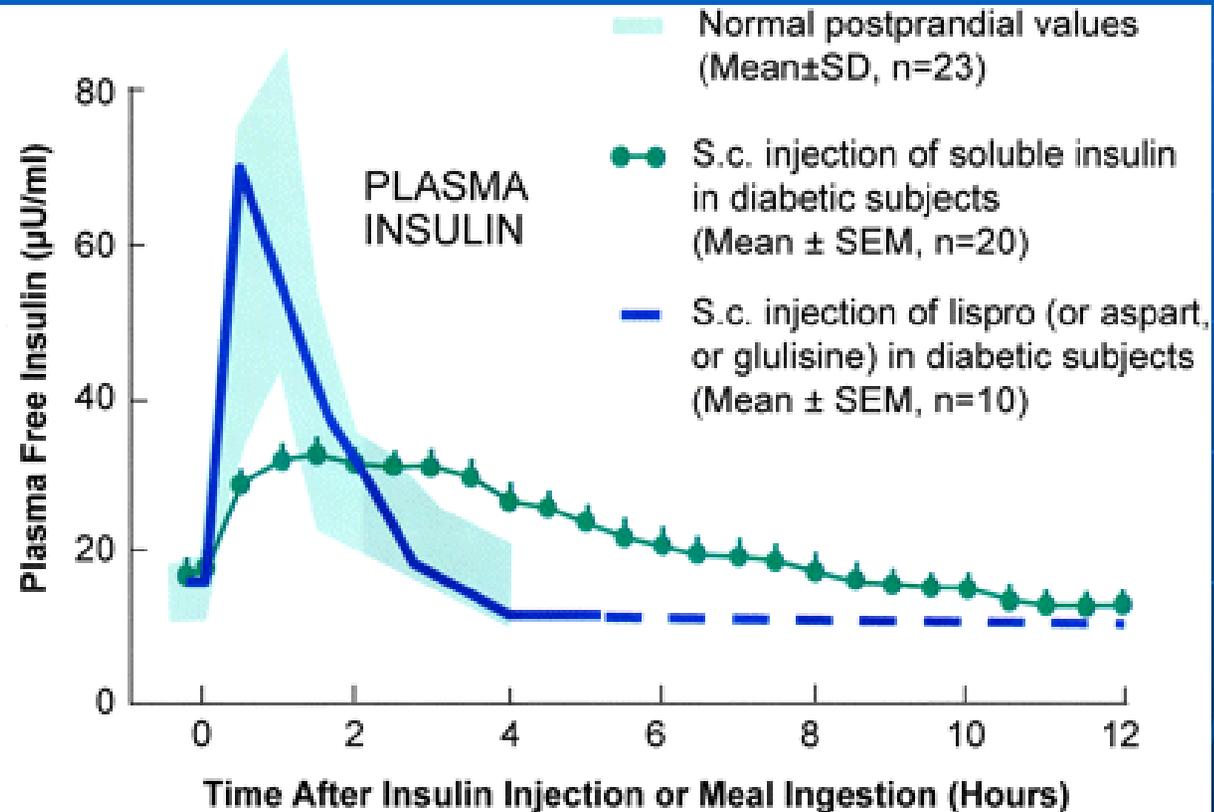
Beta cell



Normal insulin and glucose profiles

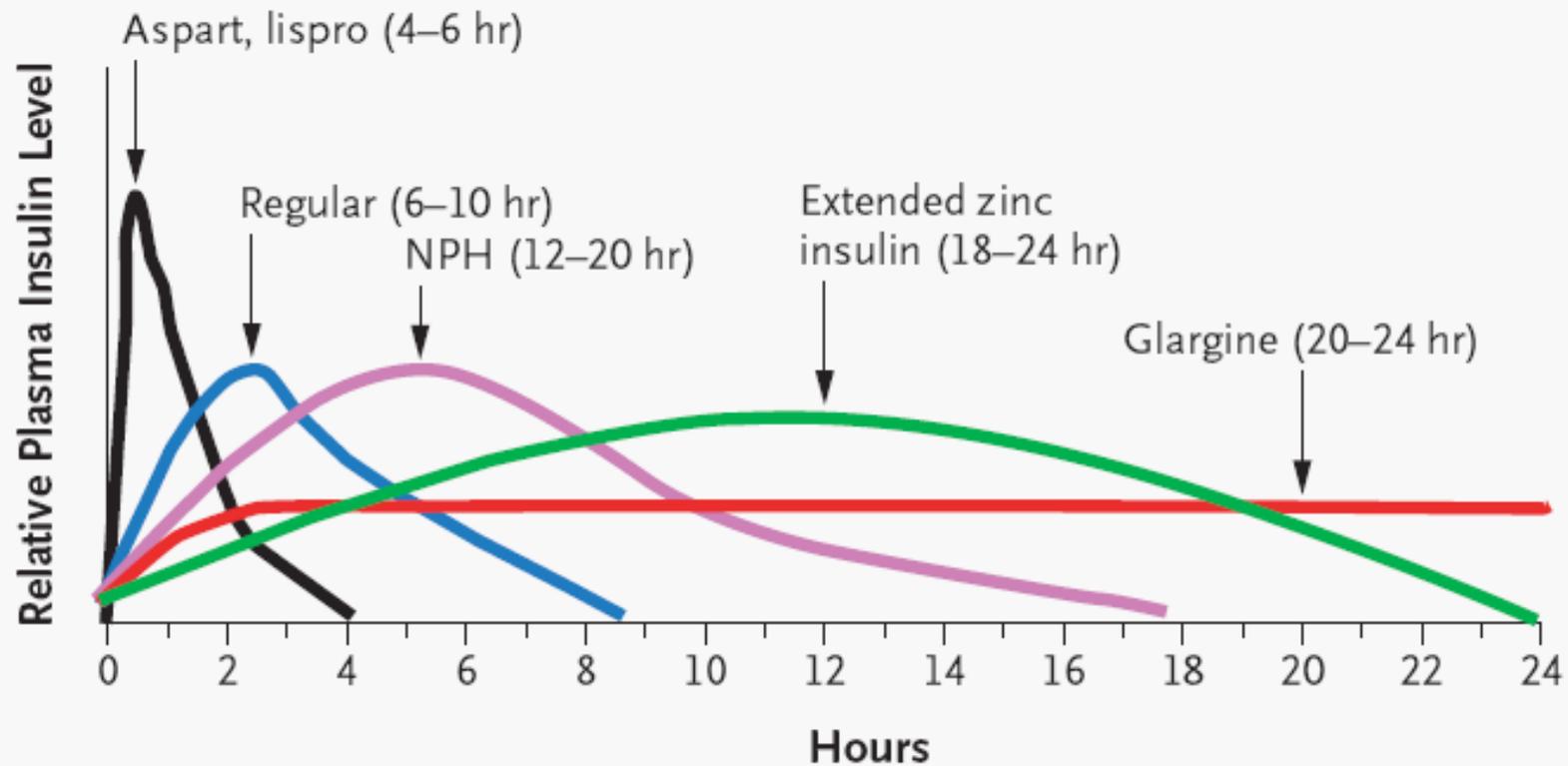


Insulin Profiles



Adapted from: Bolli G.B. et al, *N.Engl.J.Med.* 310:1706-11, 1984
Ciofetta M. et al., *Diabetes Care* 22:795-800, 1999

Insulin Durations



Short acting

- Actrapid
- Humulin S

NPH

- Insulatard
- Humulin I

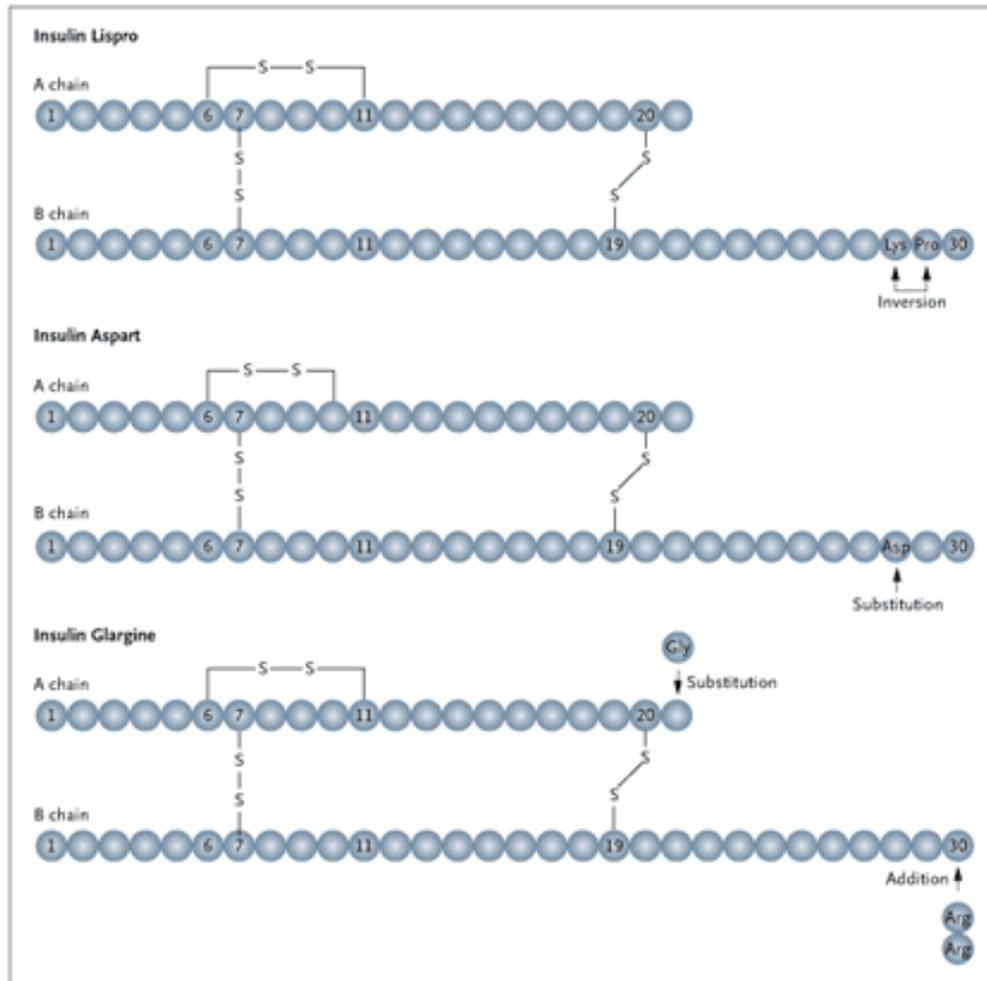
Once daily

- Ultratard
- Monotard
- [Often given with Metformin]
- [Both being withdrawn]

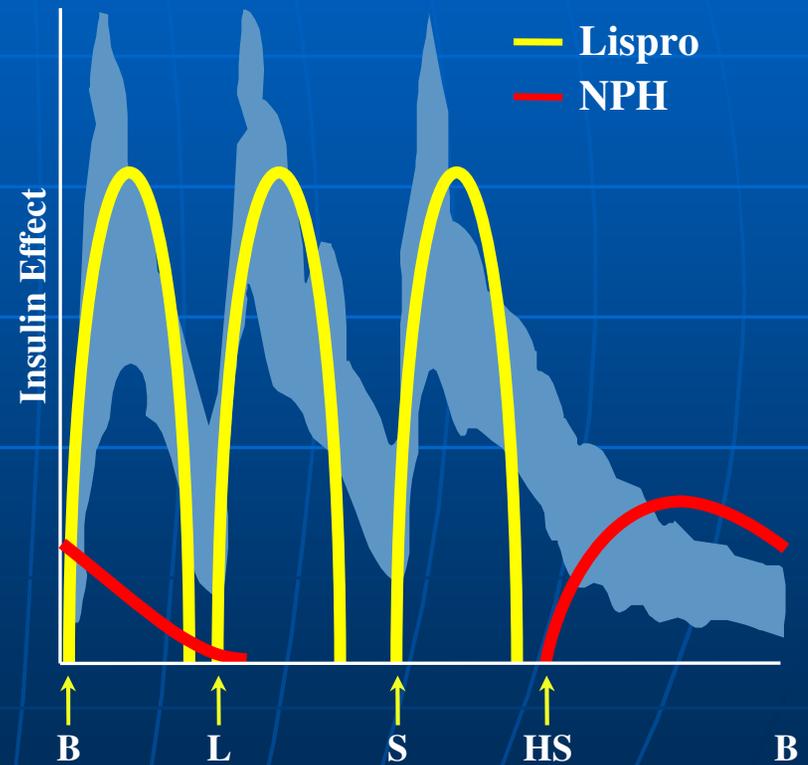
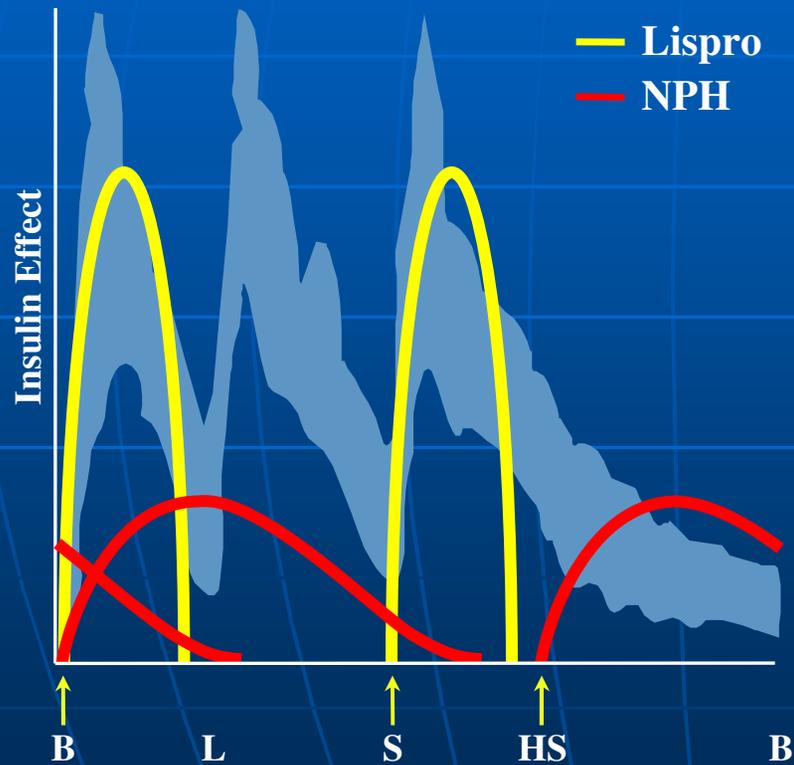
Mixtures

- Mixtard 30
- Humulin M1/M2/M3/M4/M5

Insulin Analogues



Multiple Daily Injections (MDI) NPH + Mealtime Lispro



Analogues

- Ultra short acting
 - Novorapid (Insulin Aspart)
 - Humalog (Lispro)
- Mixtures
 - Humalog 25
 - Novomix 30
- Long acting
 - Insulin Glargine
 - Detemir



Recent Data

Cost-effectiveness of insulin analogues for diabetes mellitus

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Interpretation: The cost-effectiveness of insulin analogues depends on the type of insulin analogue and whether the patient receiving the treatment has type 1 or type 2 diabetes. With the exception of rapid-acting insulin analogues in type 1 diabetes, routine use of insulin analogues, especially long-acting analogues in type 2 diabetes, is unlikely to represent an efficient use of finite health care resources.

Any questions?