

# Insulin Toxicity in Type 2 Diabetes



**“For the greatest enemy of truth is very often not the lie – deliberate, contrived and dishonest – but the myth – persistent, persuasive, and unrealistic. Too often we hold fast to the clichés of our forebears. We subject all facts to a prefabricated set of interpretations. **We enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought.**”**

***President John F. Kennedy***

***Yale University commencement address (June 11, 1962)***

From: [www.nusi.org](http://www.nusi.org)

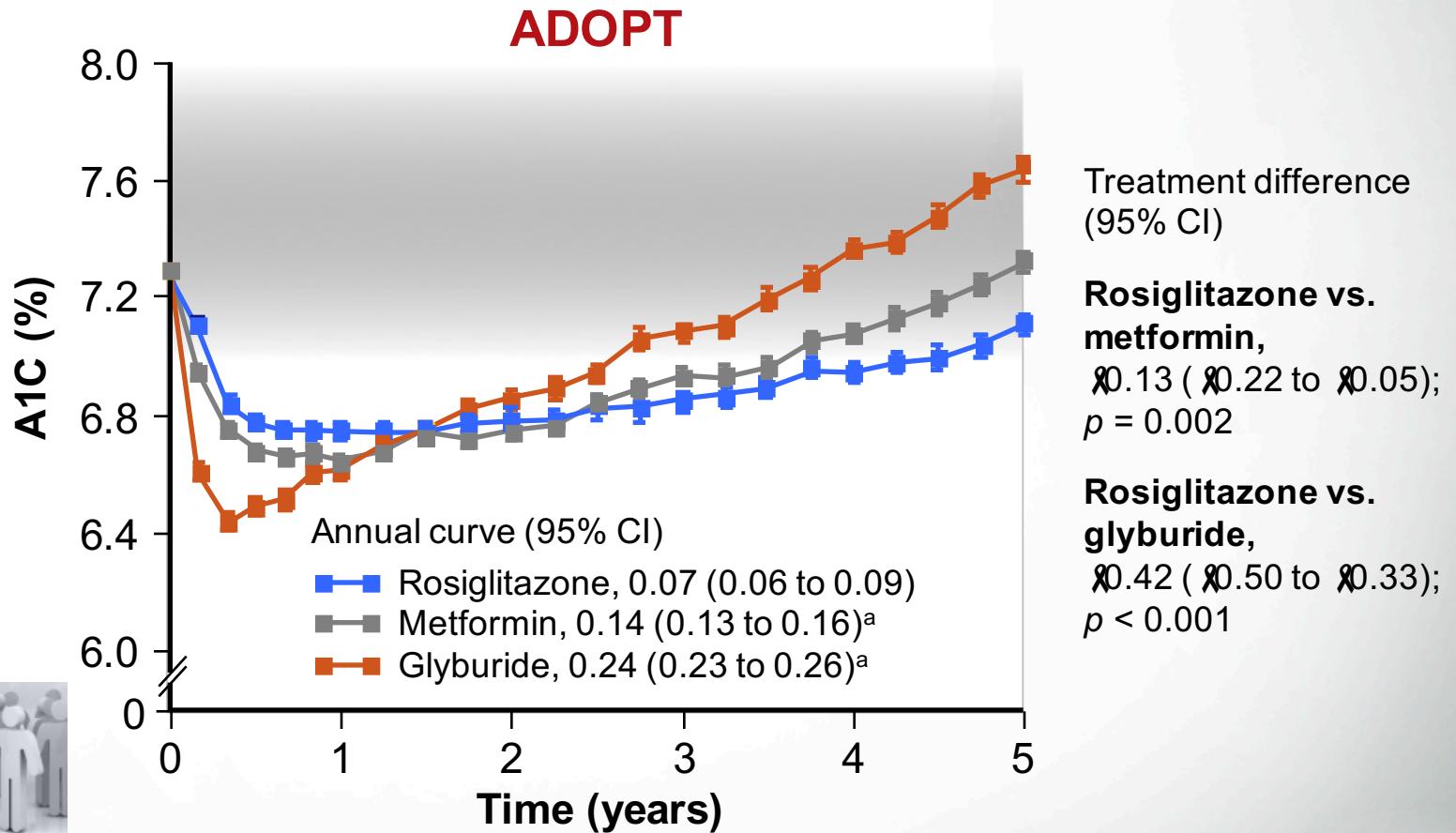
# How to Cure Type 2 Diabetes



“In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations and epochs, it is the rule.”

— Friedrich Nietzsche

# It is Hard to Treat T2DM Adequately... Because T2DM is a Progressive Disease



No. of patients

4012

3308

2991

2583

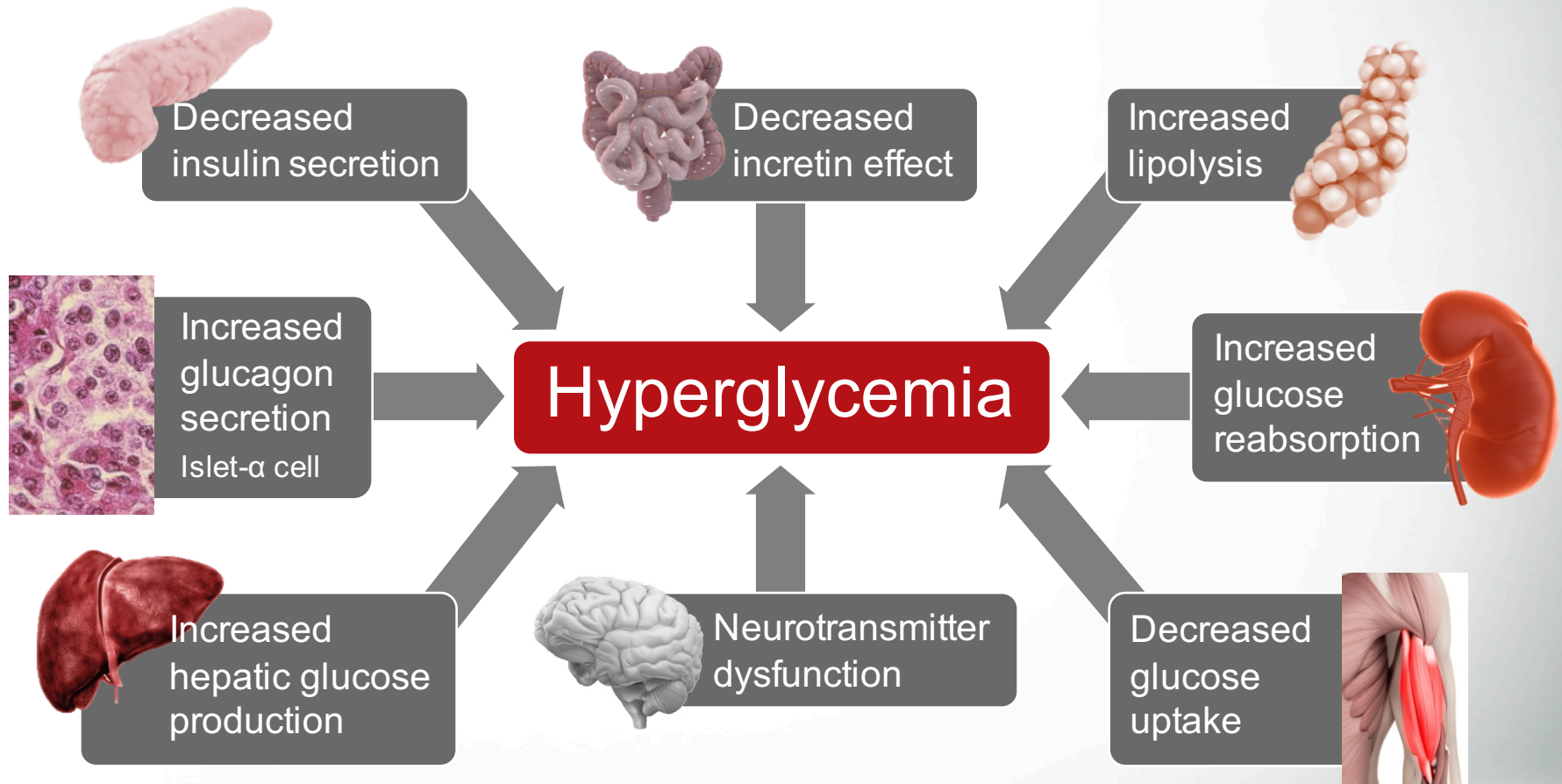
2197

822



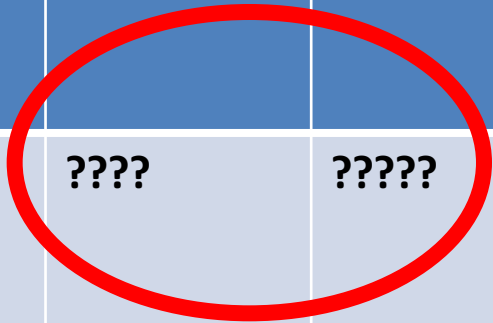
# *It is Hard to Treat T2DM Adequately...*

## **Because T2DM has Multiple Pathophysiologic Abnormalities**



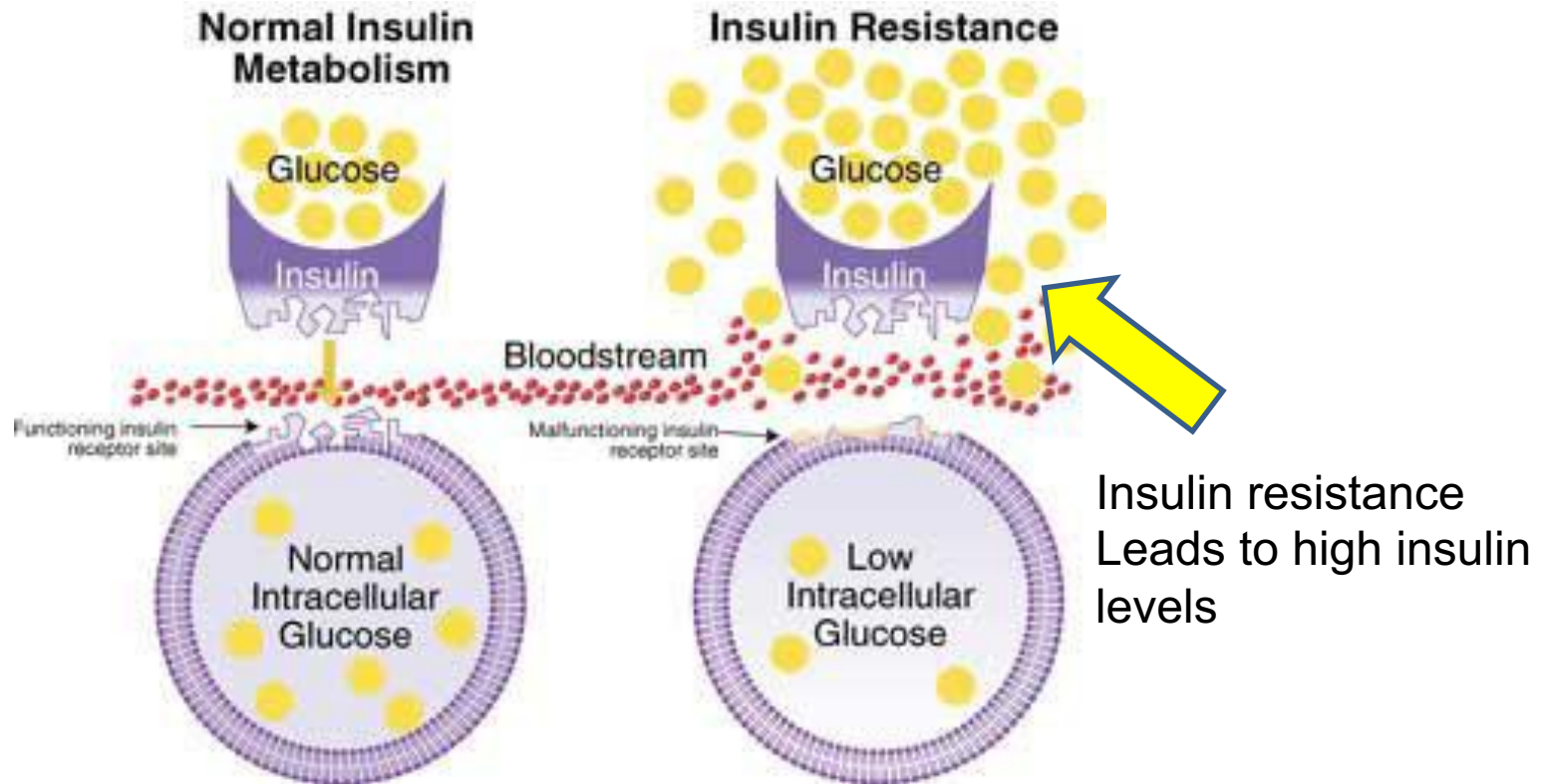
# Diabetes

Disease	Cause	Treatment	Symptom	Symptomatic Treatment
Diabetes Insulin Resistance	????	?????	High Blood Sugars	Insulin OHA
Infection	Bacteria	Antibiotic	Fever	Acetaminophen



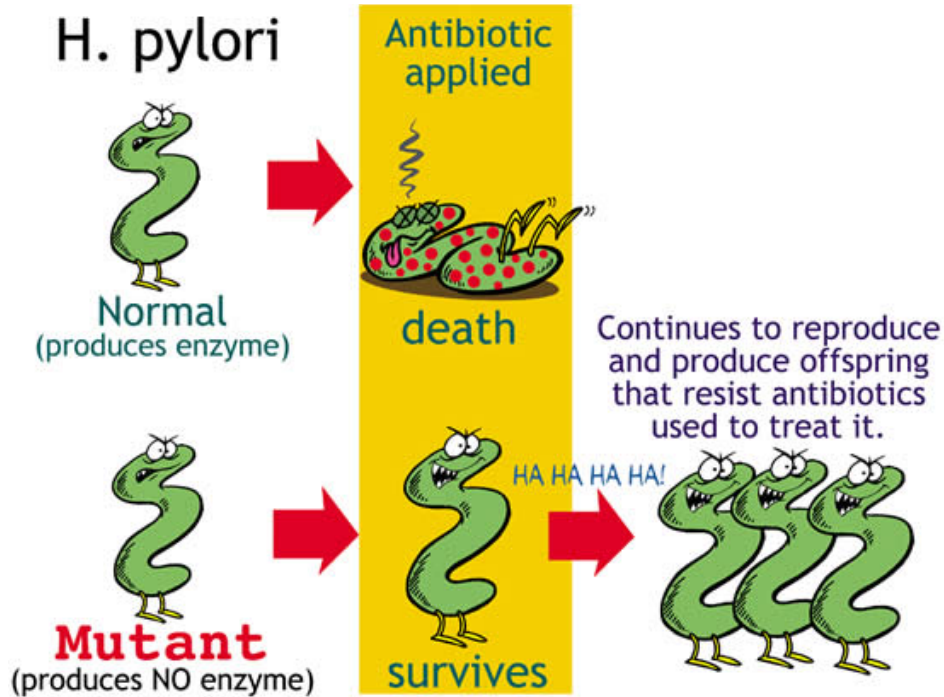
**Does not alter  
disease process**

# What causes Insulin Resistance?



How do we develop resistance in a biological system?

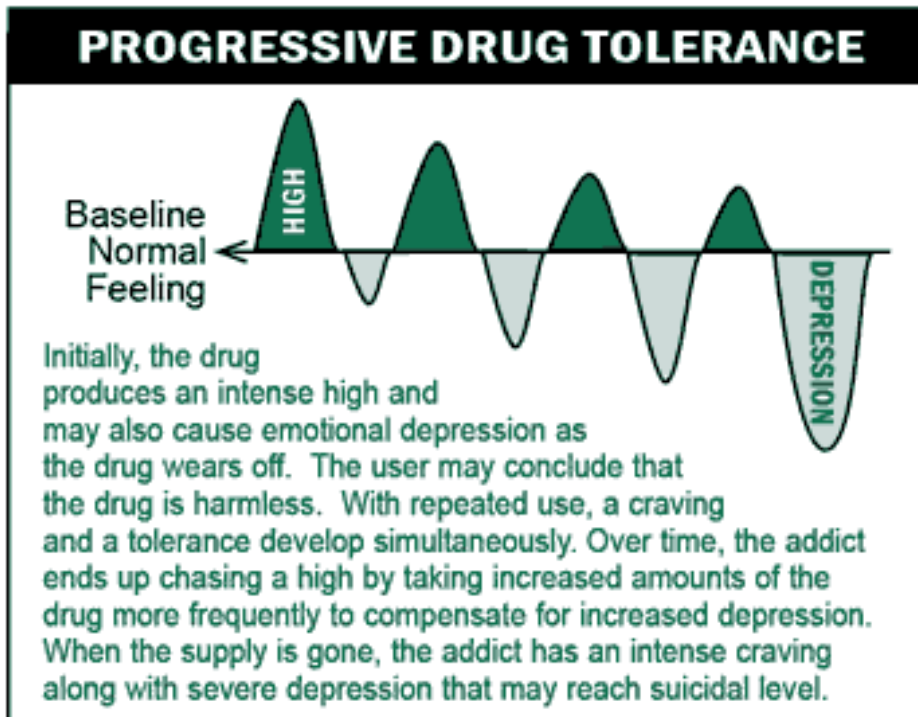
# What causes resistance to antibiotics ?



# What causes resistance to viruses?



# What causes resistance to addictive drugs?



Nicotine  
Nitroglycerin  
Alcohol  
Benzodiazepines  
Narcotics  
Cocaine  
Marijuana



# Down-regulation of Receptors

Ritalin (Methylphenidate)



Stimulant

Down-regulation  
Of receptors



Reduced activity  
In ADHD



**High, persistent** levels of hormone cause down-regulation of receptors

# Reinforcing cycles of Resistance

Persistent Exposure

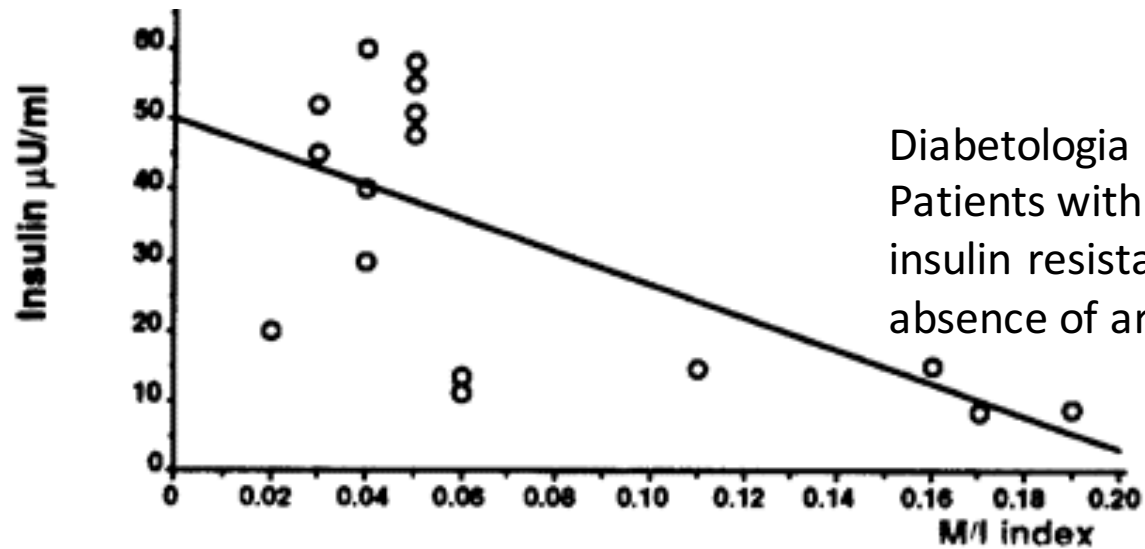


Resistance

**What causes Insulin Resistance?**

**Does Insulin cause Insulin Resistance?**

# Insulinomas

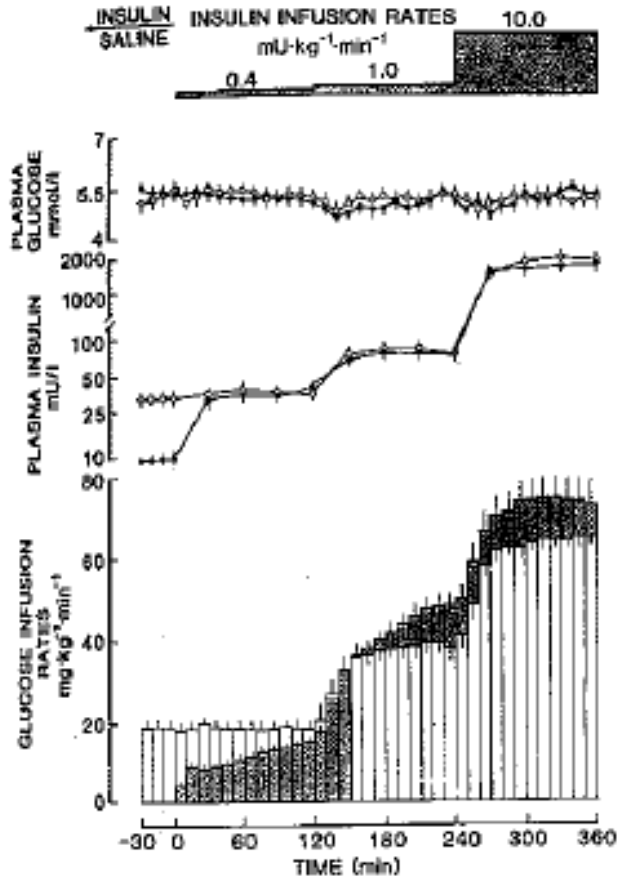


Increasing insulin resistance

Surgical resection of adenoma reverses insulin resistance

*J Endocrinol Invest* 13:241–245, 1990

# Insulin causes insulin resistance



**Table 1.** Effect of antecedent hyperinsulinaemia on stimulation of glucose utilization and suppression of glucose production by insulin

	Insulin infusion rates	
	(1 mU·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup> )	(10 mU·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup> )
Glucose utilization ( <i>n</i> = 7) (mmol·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·min <sup>-1</sup> )		
Saline	44 ± 3	68 ± 5
Hyperinsulinaemia	37 ± 3	60 ± 3
	<i>p</i> < 0.01	<i>p</i> < 0.05

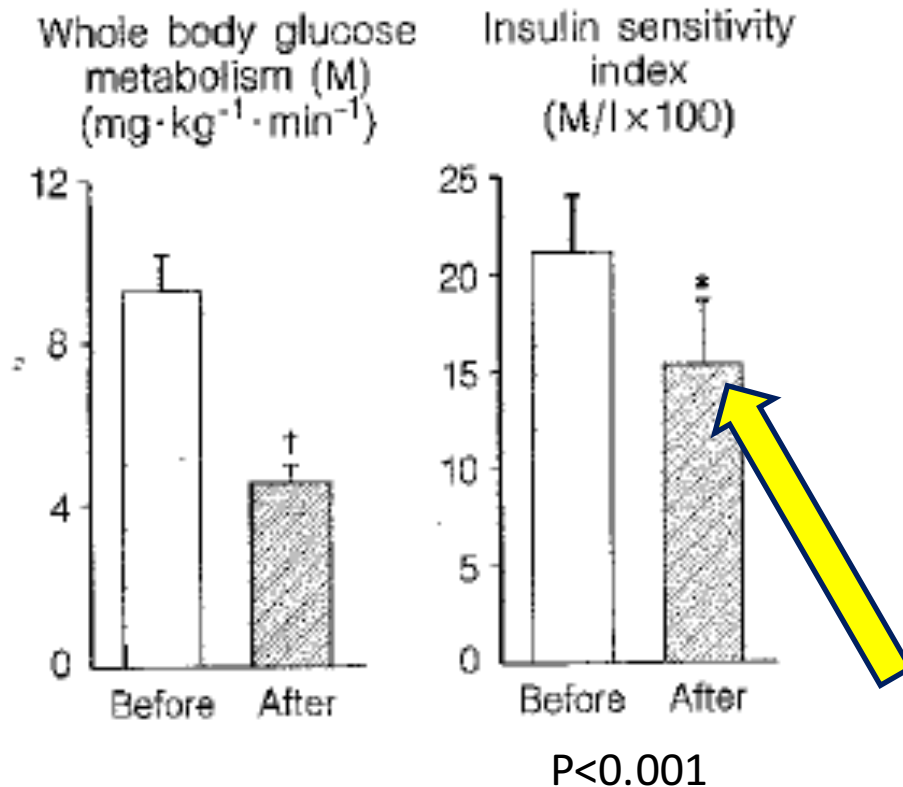


**Insulin Resistance**

Production of insulin resistance by hyperinsulinemia in man

*Diabetologia* 28:70 –75, 1985 Rizza RA

# Insulin causes insulin resistance



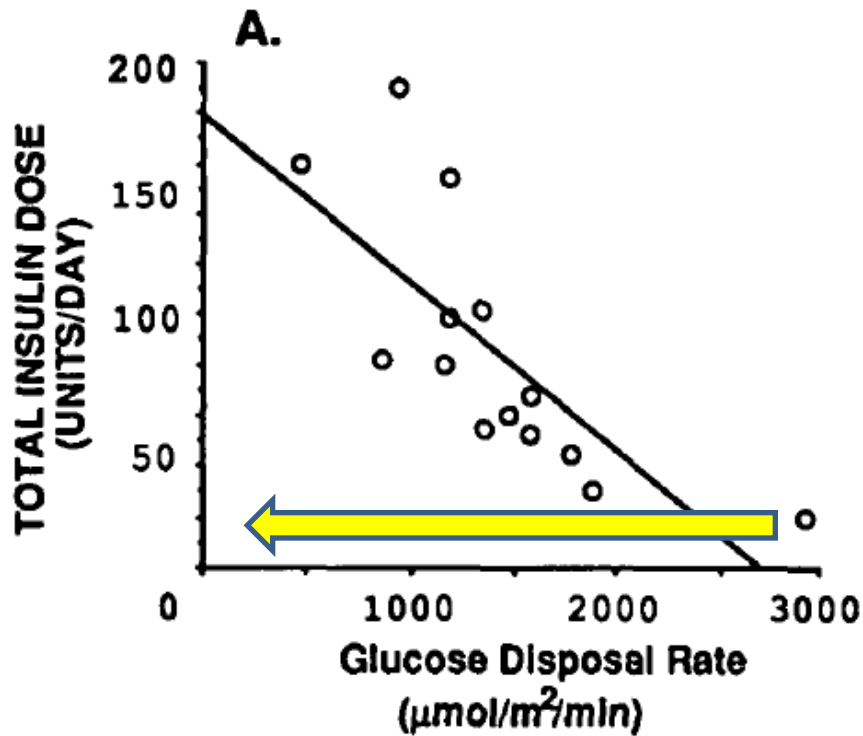
Before and after  
96h constant insulin infusion

“These results demonstrate that chronic, physiologic hyperinsulinemia ... leads to the development of insulin resistance”

Effect of sustained physiologic hyperinsulinemia and hyperglycemia on insulin secretion and insulin sensitivity in man

[Diabetologia](#) Oct1994, Vol37, [Iss 10](#), 1025-1035 Del Prato S

# Insulin causes insulin resistance



**Intensive Conventional Insulin Therapy for Type II Diabetes**

Diabetes Care 1993 16:23-31 Henry RR

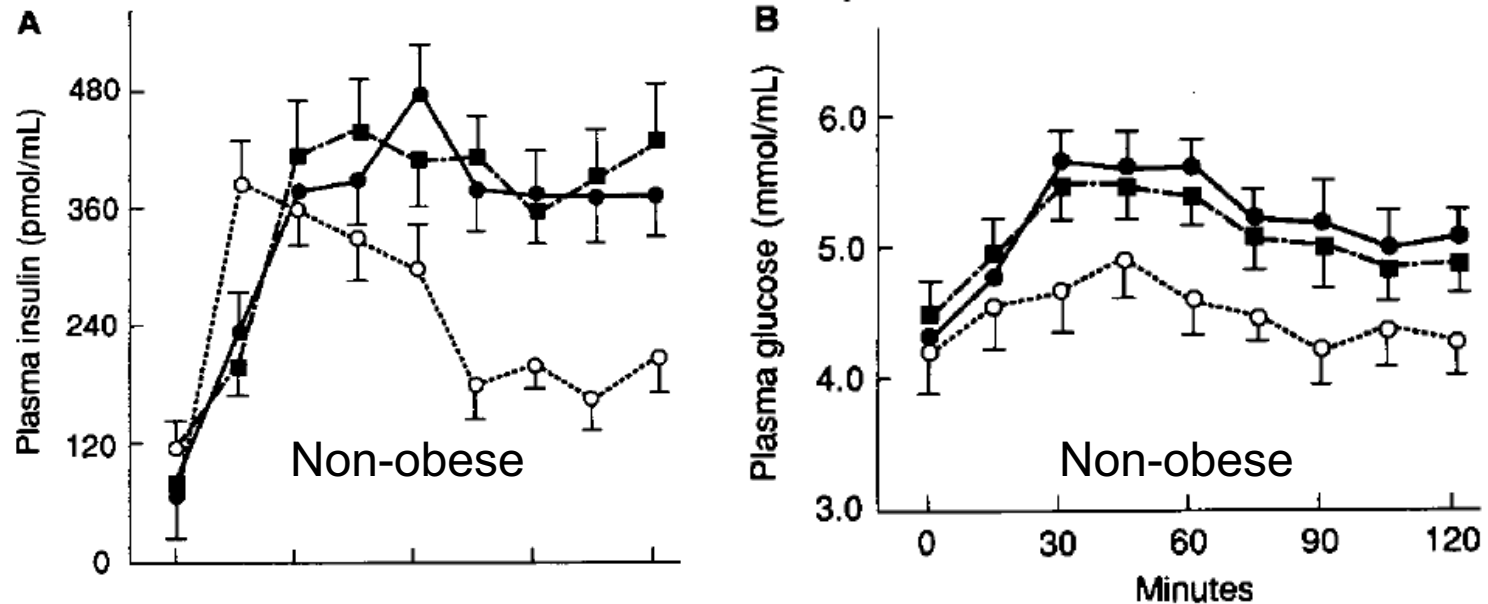
**Increasing insulin resistance!**

**8.7 kg weight gain!**

**Table 2—Insulin requirement and weight gain during intensive CIT of type II diabetes patients**

PARAMETER	MONTHS OF INSULIN TREATMENT			
	0	1	3	6
TOTAL INSULIN DOSE (U)	—	86 ± 13	92 ± 16	100 ± 24
BODY WEIGHT (KG)	93.5 ± 5.8	97.2 ± 5.9	100.5 ± 6.5*	102.2 ± 6.8*
WEIGHT GAIN (KG)		3.7 ± 1.0	7.0 ± 1.5	8.7 ± 1.9
CALORIC INTAKE† (KCAL/DAY)	2023 ± 138	1937 ± 122	1918 ± 121	1711 ± 119

# High insulin secretion is primary

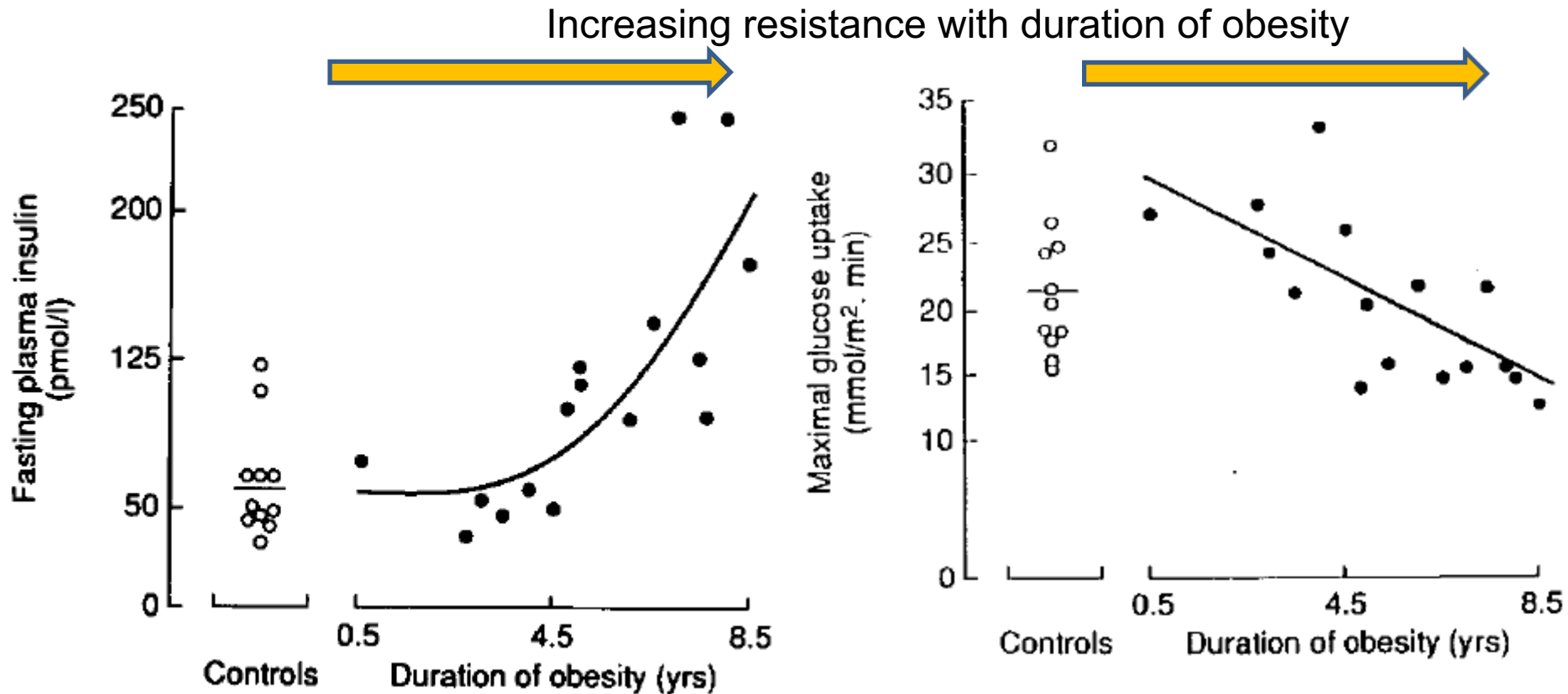


**FIG. 2. Evolution of plasma insulin (A) and plasma glucose concentrations (B) during the 120 min after the ingestion of a normal isocaloric lunch in normal children (○), children with obesity of 0-4.5 years duration (■), and children with obesity of 4.5-8.5 years duration (●). The insulin and glucose curves were obtained using the group**

Early Changes in Postprandial Insulin Secretion, not in Insulin Sensitivity Characterize Juvenile Obesity

*Diabetes* 43:696-702; 1994 Le Stunff C

# High insulin secretion is primary



*Diabetes* 43:696-702; 1994 Le Stunff C

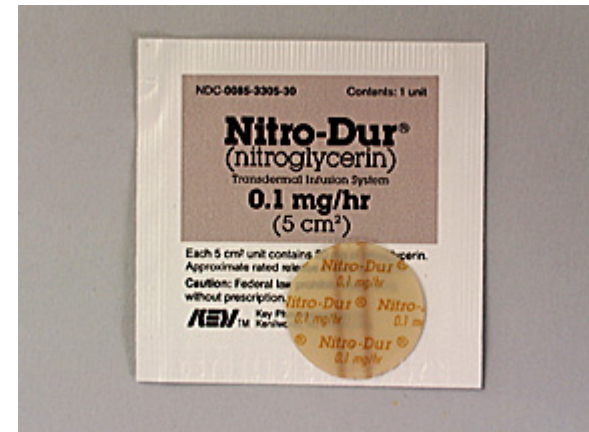
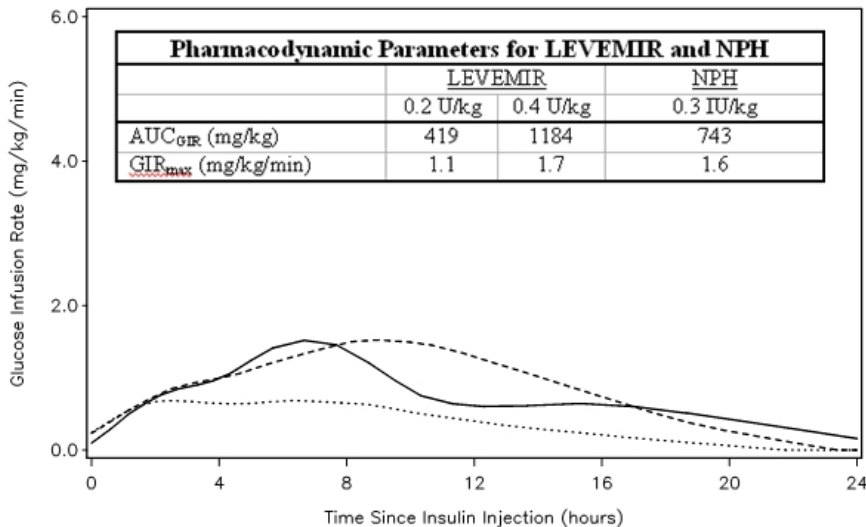
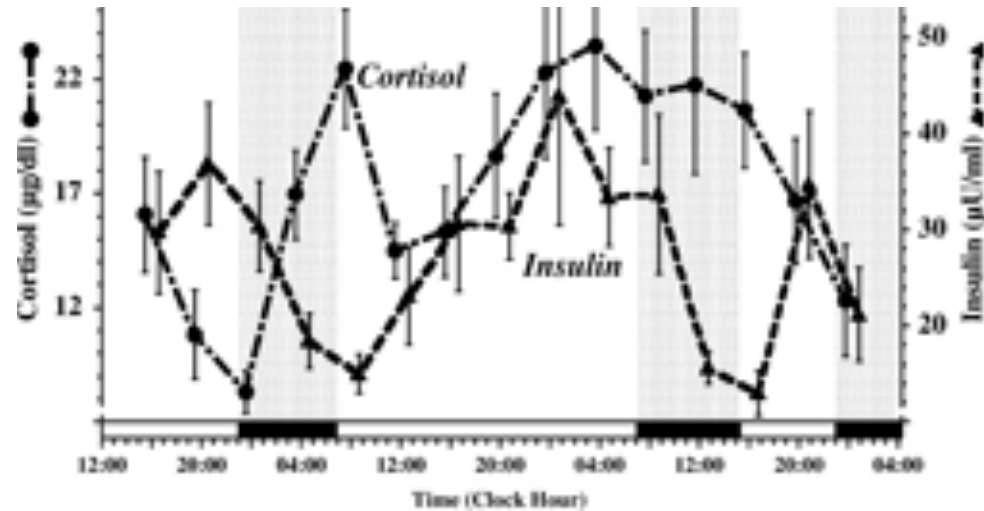
## Time Sequence of Juvenile Obesity





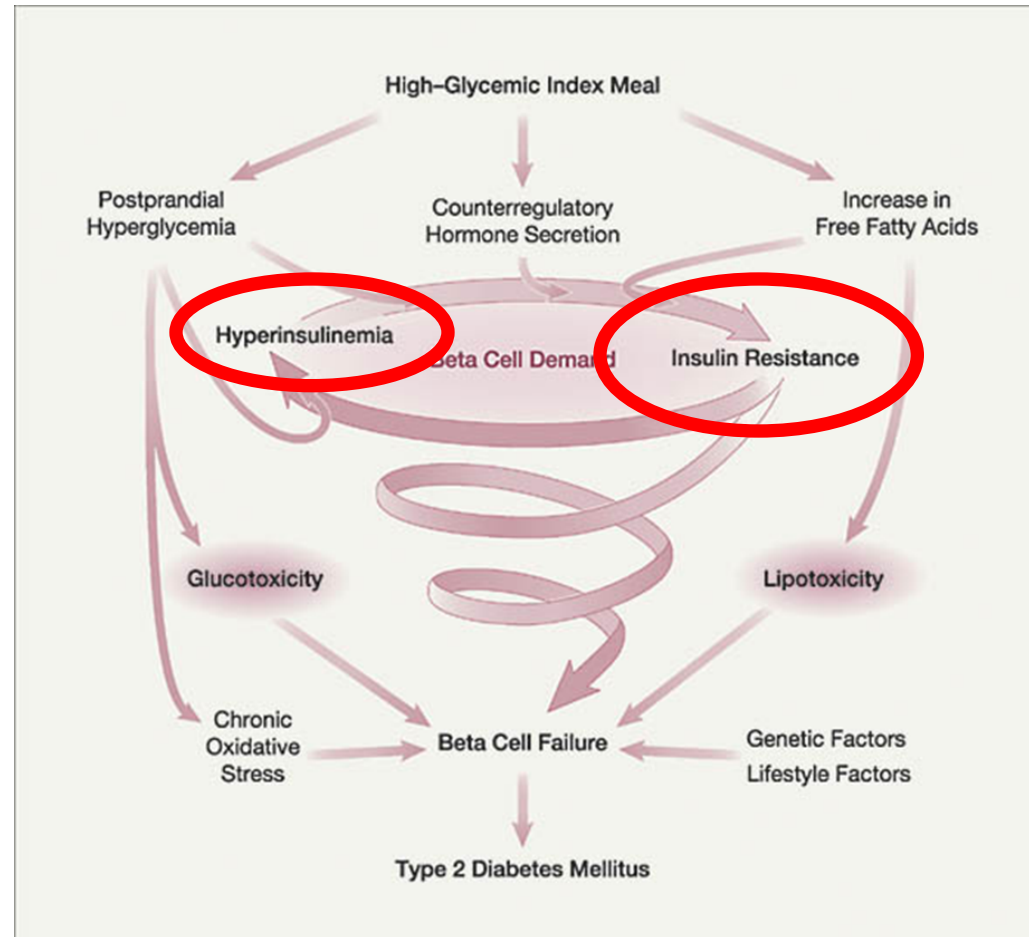
# Pulsatile Release Prevents Tolerance

## Endogenous Insulin



# Conclusions

- 1) Insulin causes insulin resistance
- 2) Insulin resistance causes hyperinsulinemia
- 3) Resistance requires high, *persistent* level



David Ludwig JAMA May 8, 2002 – Vol 287 No 18

***Insulin causes diabetes!***

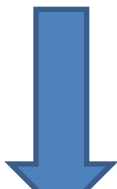
# Complications of Diabetes

# Complications of Diabetes

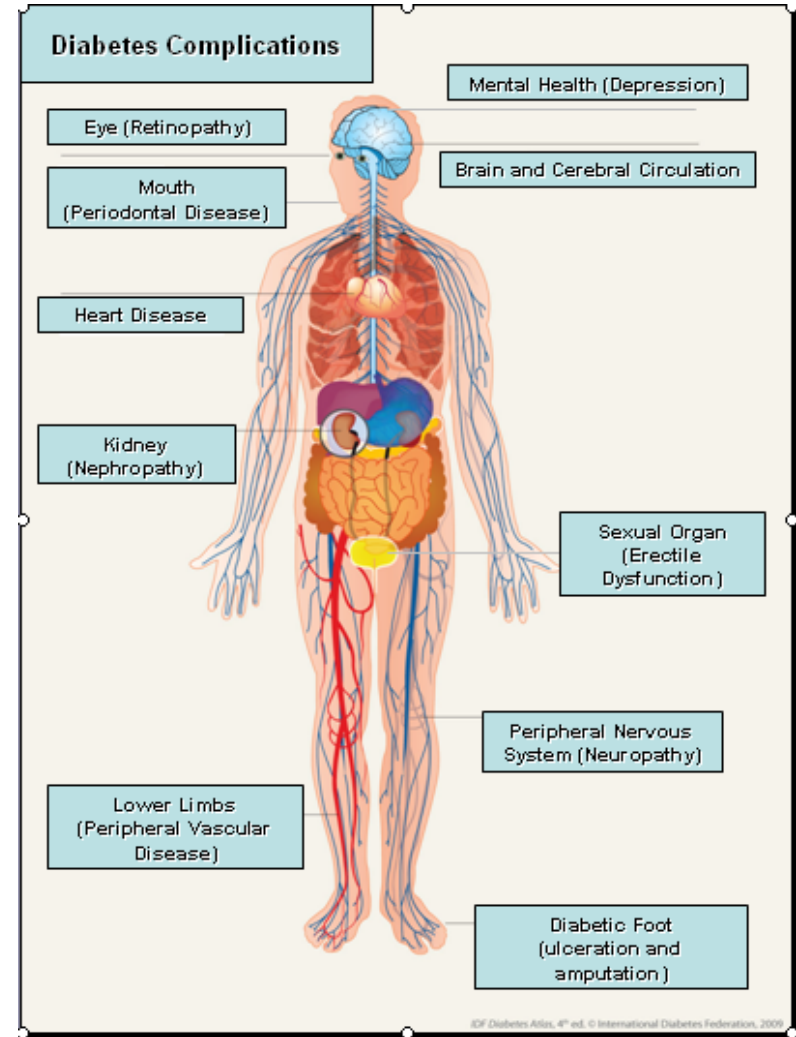
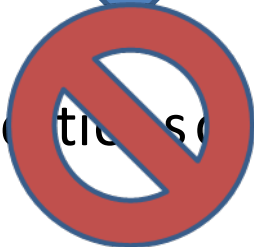
Type 1 and 2 Diabetes



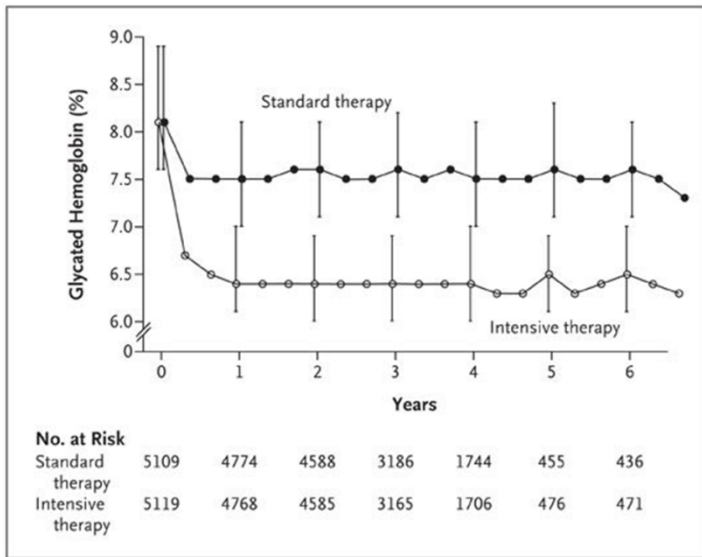
High Blood Sugars  
(Oxidative Stress)  
(Advanced Glycation  
End Products)



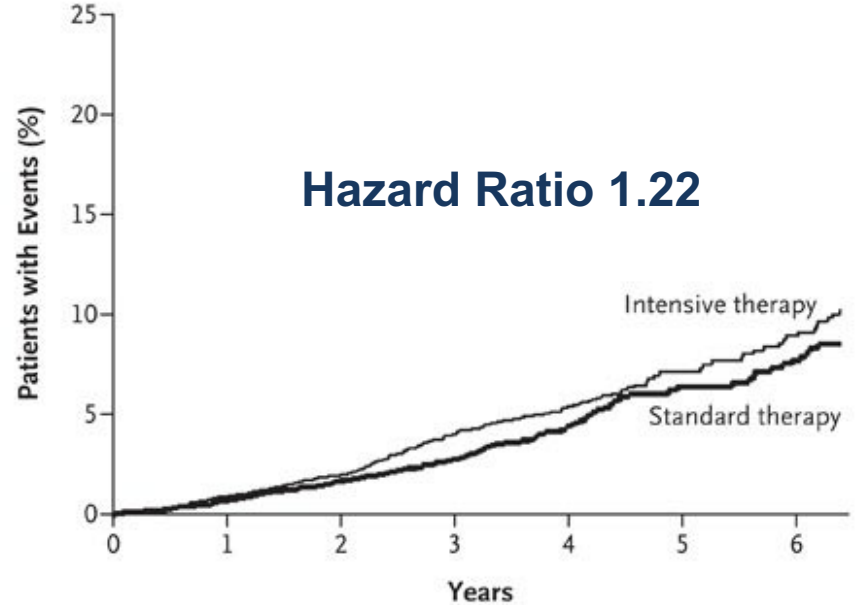
Complications of Diabetes



# ACCORD



## B Death from Any Cause



### No. at Risk

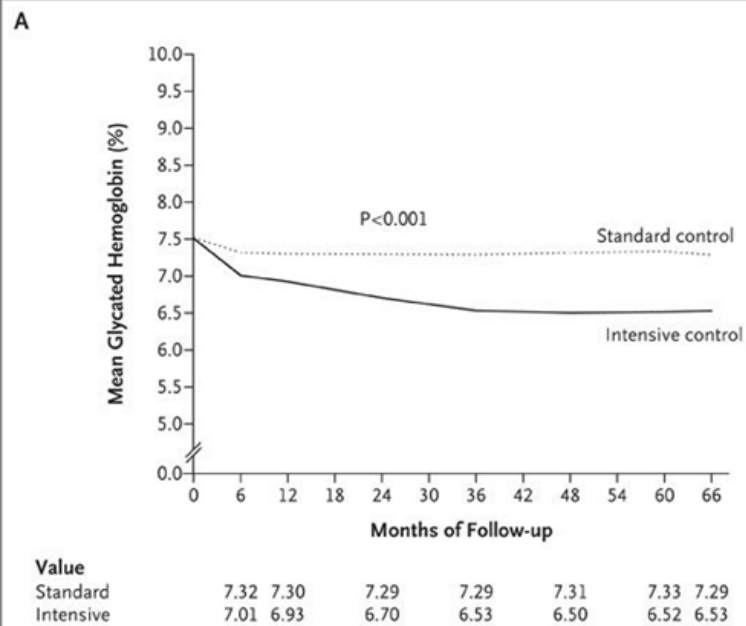
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Intensive therapy	5128	4972	4803	3250	1748	523	506
Standard therapy	5123	4971	4700	3180	1642	499	480

The Action to Control Cardiovascular Risk in Diabetes Study Group. N Engl J Med 2008;358:2545-2559

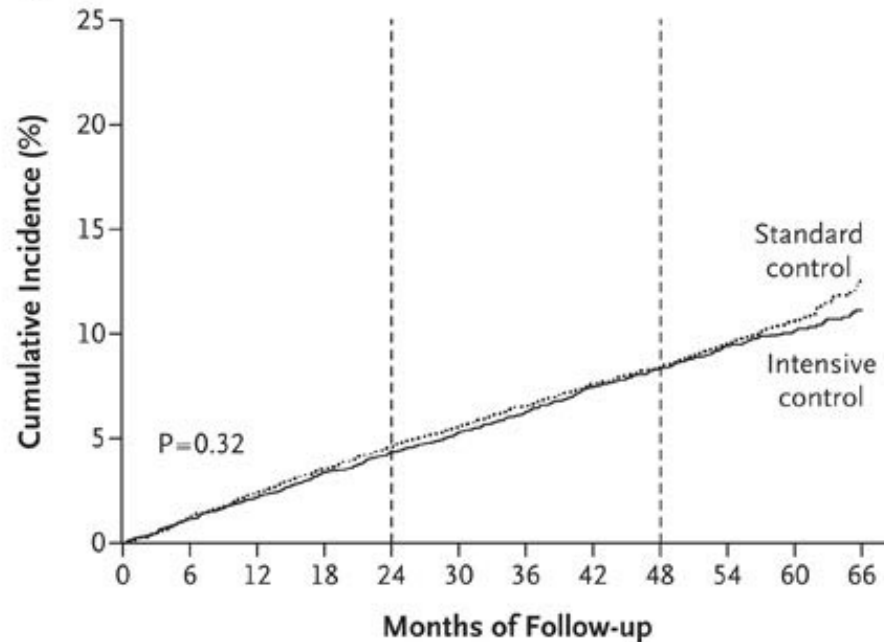


The NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

# ADVANCE



**B Major Macrovascular Events**



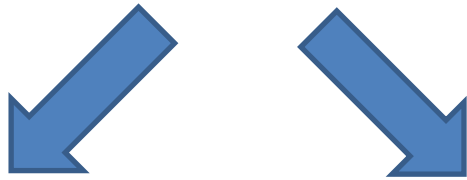
**No. at Risk**

Intensive	5570	5494	5428	5338	5256	5176	5097	5005	4927	4396	2071	486
Standard	5569	5486	5413	5330	5237	5163	5084	4995	4922	4385	2108	509

Cumulative Incidences of Events,  
According to Glucose-Control Strategy

# What about hyperinsulinemia?

Type 2 Diabetes



Increased Insulin

High Blood Sugars



Complications of Diabetes

## Insulin and atherosclerosis

Insulin:

- enhances VLDL synthesis and may reduce HDL-cholesterol levels
- increases cholesterol transport into arteriolar smooth muscle cells
- is a growth factor that:
  - augments collagen synthesis
  - stimulates proliferation of arteriolar smooth muscle cells
- promotes atherogenesis in animal models (rabbit, chicken, dog)
- causes insulin resistance

Diabetes is disease of *insulin resistance*

Current treatment is directed at *high blood sugars*

# Insulin treatment has toxicity

Insulin exposure category <sup>†</sup>	Mortality rate per 1000 person-years <sup>†</sup> (95% CI)	Unadjusted HR	95% CI	p-Value	Adjusted <sup>‡</sup> HR	95% CI	p-Value <sup>§</sup>
No exposure (reference)	39.86 (38.28–41.50)	1.00	Reference		1.00	Reference	
Low	82.60 (58.66–116.06)	2.03	1.44–2.86	<0.001	1.75	1.24–2.47	0.002
Moderate	85.70 (72.27–102.14)	2.11	1.77–2.52	<0.001	2.18	1.82–2.60	<0.001
High	95.29 (80.86–110.79)	2.32	1.96–2.73	<0.001	2.79	2.36–3.30	<0.001

**“significant and graded association between mortality risk and insulin exposure level”**

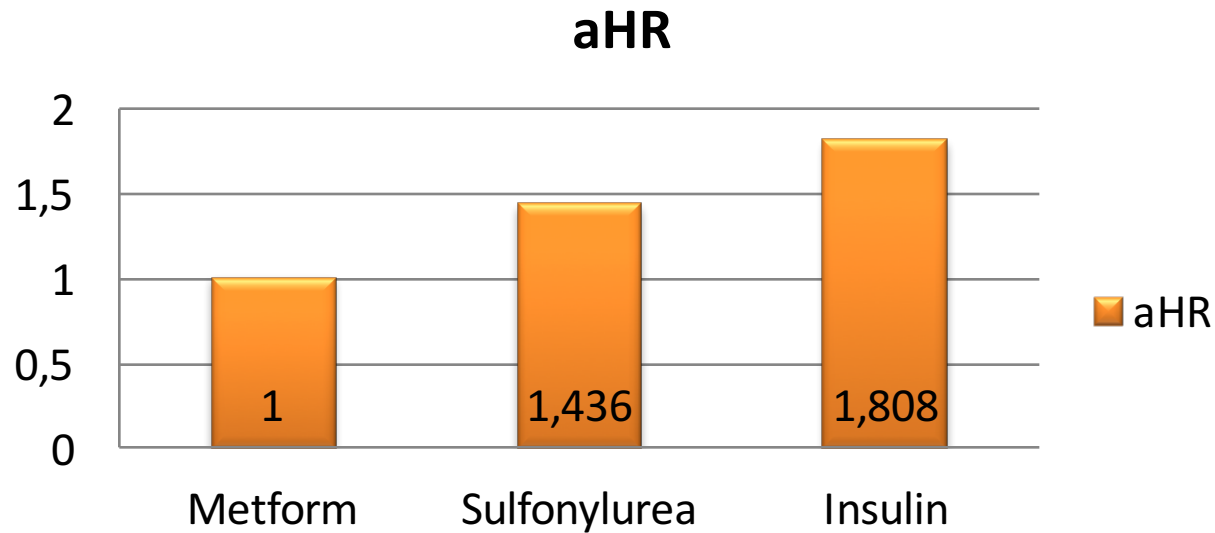
**12,272 new diabetics 1991-1996 Saskatchewan**

Insulin use and increased risk of mortality in type 2 diabetes: a cohort study

*Diabetes, Obesity and Metabolism* 12: 47–53, 2010 Gamble JM



# Insulin treatment has toxicity



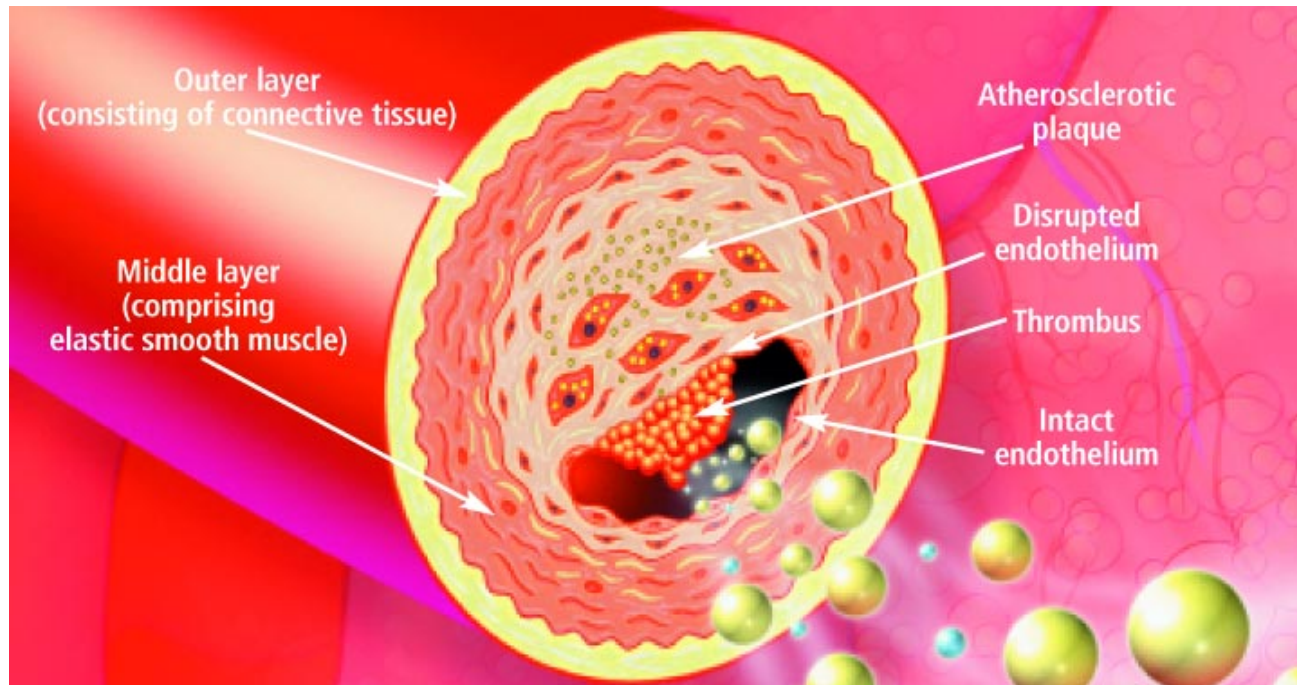
84,622 incident Type 2 DM cases

Hyperinsulinemia or insulin resistance?

Mortality and Other Important Diabetes-Related Outcomes With Insulin vs Other Antihyperglycemic Therapies in Type 2 Diabetes

J Clin Endocrinol Metab 98: 668–677, 2013 Currie CJ

# Hyperinsulinemia

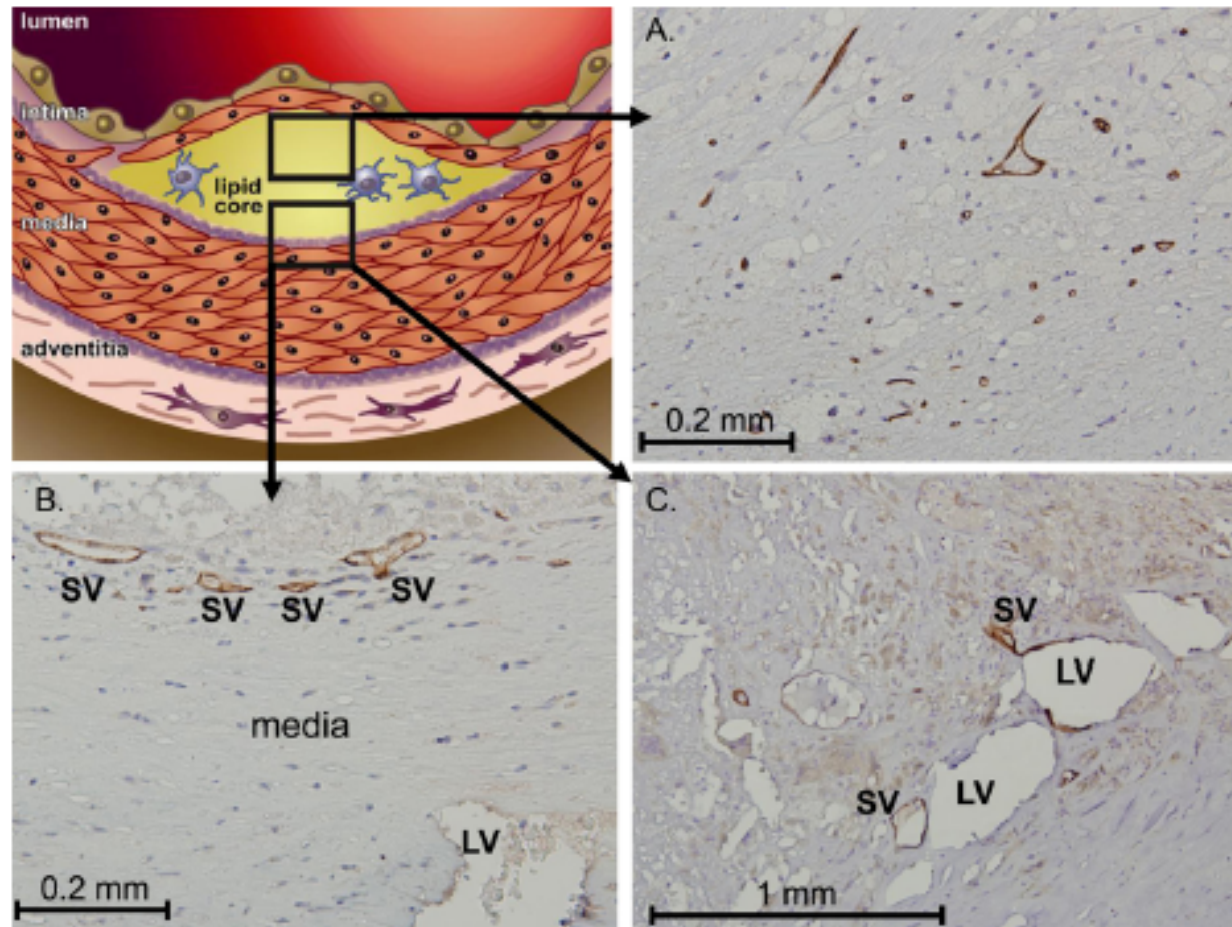


1. Increased adhesion molecule expression on endothelial cells
2. Increased trans-endothelial migration of leukocytes
3. Stimulation of smooth muscle cell proliferation
4. Pro-inflammatory effects

# References

- (1) Madonna R, De Caterina R. Prolonged exposure to high insulin impairs the endothelial PI3-kinase/Akt/nitric oxide signalling. *Thromb Haemost* 2009;101:345–50.
- (2) Okouchi M, Okayama N, Imai S, et al. High insulin enhances neutrophil transendothelial migration through increasing surface expression of platelet endothelial cell adhesion molecule-1 via activation of mitogen activated protein kinase. *Diabetologia* 2002;45:1449–56.
- (3) Pfeifle B, Ditschuneit H. Effect of insulin on growth of cultured human arterial smooth muscle cells. *Diabetologia* 1981;20:155–8.
- (4) Stout RW, Bierman EL, Ross R. Effect of insulin on the proliferation of cultured primate arterial smooth muscle cells. *Circ Res* 1975;36:319–27.
- (5) Iida KT, Shimano H, Kawakami Y, et al. Insulin up-regulates tumor necrosis factor-alpha production in macrophages through an extracellular-regulated kinase-dependent pathway. *J Biol Chem* 2001;276:32531–7.

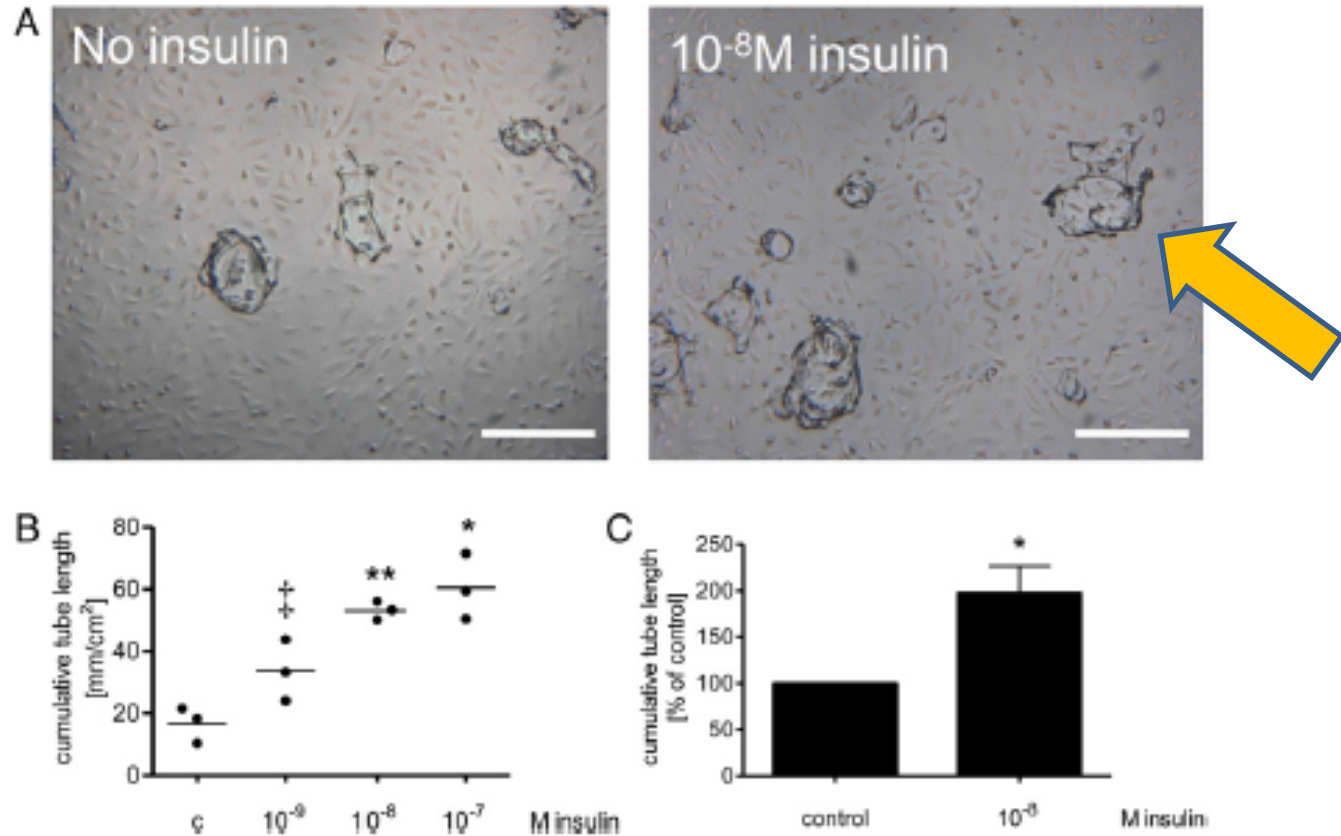
# Insulin receptor staining in human plaque



Endothelial insulin receptor expression in human atherosclerotic plaques:  
Linking micro- and macrovascular disease in diabetes?

Atherosclerosis 222 (2012) 208– 215, Rensing KL

# Insulin stimulates angiogenesis



In vitro angiogenic sprouting assay.

Endothelial insulin receptor expression in human atherosclerotic plaques:  
Linking micro- and macrovascular disease in diabetes?

Atherosclerosis 222 (2012) 208– 215, Rensing KL

# INSULIN CAUSES SALT AND WATER RETENTION

“Elevation of plasma insulin concentration within the physiological range has a marked anti-natriuretic action”

Renal effect of insulin to increase sodium retention in the kidney

Parving H [DIABETOLOGIA, Volume 32, Number 9](#) (1989), 694-699

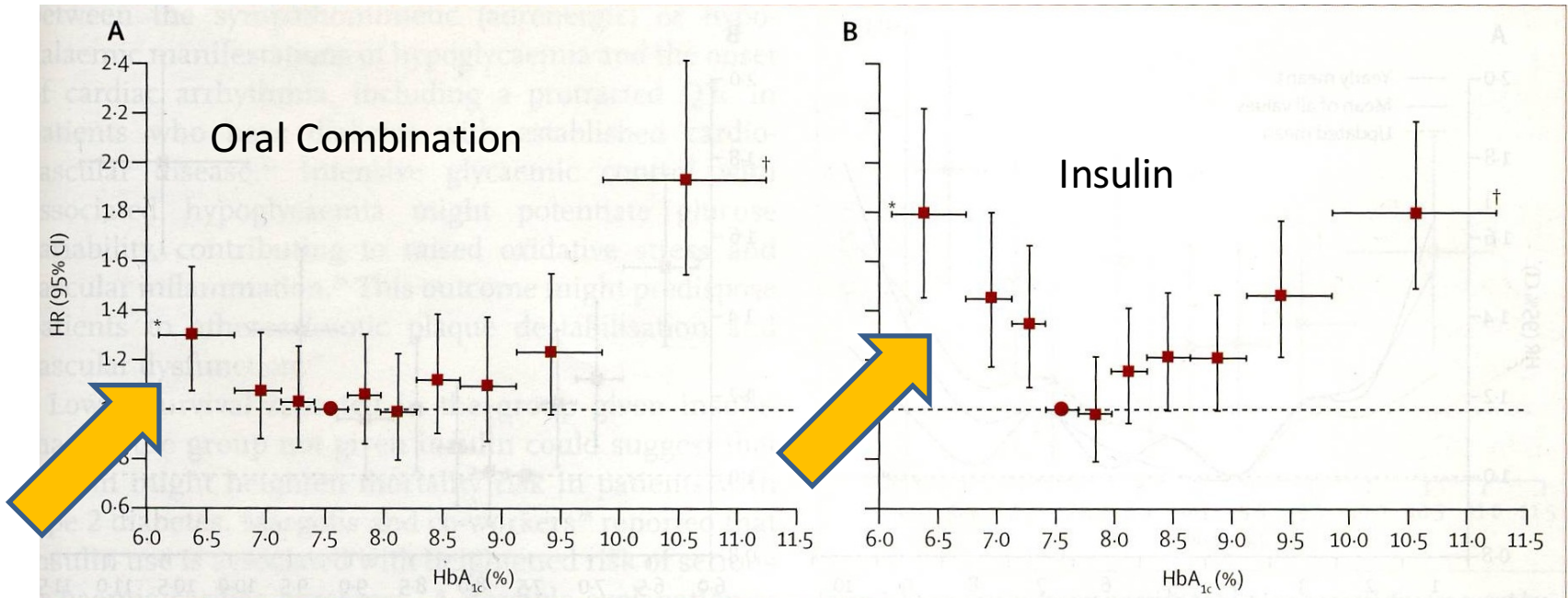


# Insulin Toxicity in Diabetes

Basic science evidence suggests that *insulin itself is a toxic agent*



# Low A1C is **NOT** good for you



Adjusted Hazard Ratios by A1c

27,965 patients intensified from oral monotherapy to combination therapy

Survival as a function of HbA<sub>1c</sub> in people with type 2 diabetes: a retrospective cohort study

Lancet 2010; 375:481-89, Currie CJ



# Low A1C is a risk factor

Table 2—Conditional logistic regression model of cardiovascular events

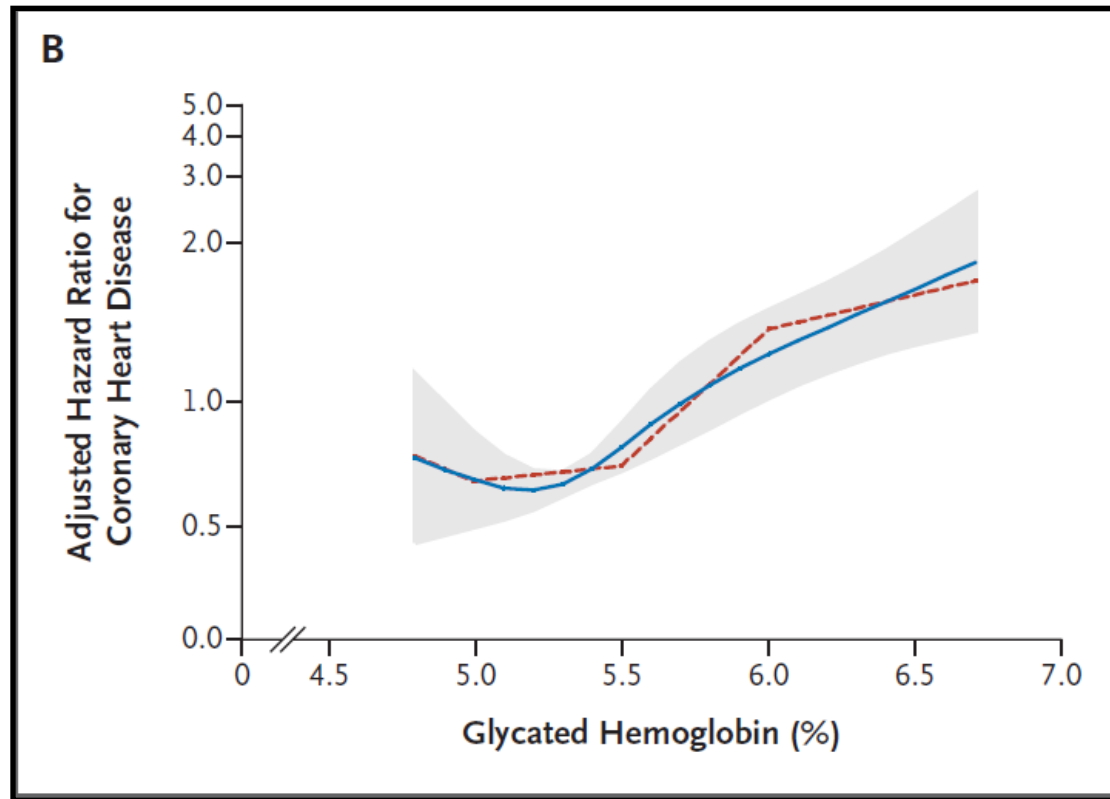
Covariate	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P
Mean A1C level (%)		
≤6.0	1.20* (1.10–1.31)	<0.001
>6.0–8.0	Reference	—
>8.0	1.16* (1.09–1.25)	<0.001
≥6 A1C tests over prior 3 years	0.84 (0.80–0.89)	<0.001
A1C range >1.0%	1.29 (1.21–1.38)	<0.001
Diabetes medications		
Insulin only	2.65 (2.31–3.05)	<0.001
Metformin only	1.06 (0.92–1.23)	0.41
Sulfonylurea only	1.55 (1.36–1.76)	<0.001
Insulin and oral medications	2.56 (2.19–3.00)	<0.001
Other oral medications/oral combination	1.55 (1.33–1.80)	<0.001
No diabetes medications	Reference	—

## A1C and Cardiovascular Outcomes in Type 2 Diabetes

*Diabetes Care* 34:77–83, 2011, Colacayo et al

Nested case control study of 11,157 cases of DM2

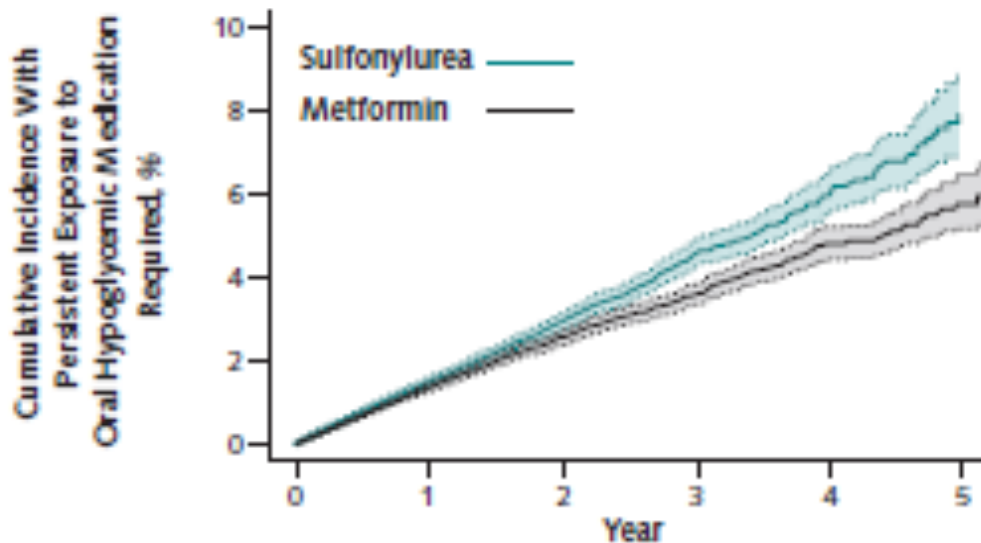
# Not the case in non-diabetics



Glycated Hemoglobin, Diabetes, and Cardiovascular Risk in Nondiabetic Adults  
N Engl J Med 2010;362:800-11, Selvin E

# Metformin versus Sulfonylurea

Figure 2. Cumulative incidence (95% CIs) of cardiovascular disease or death.



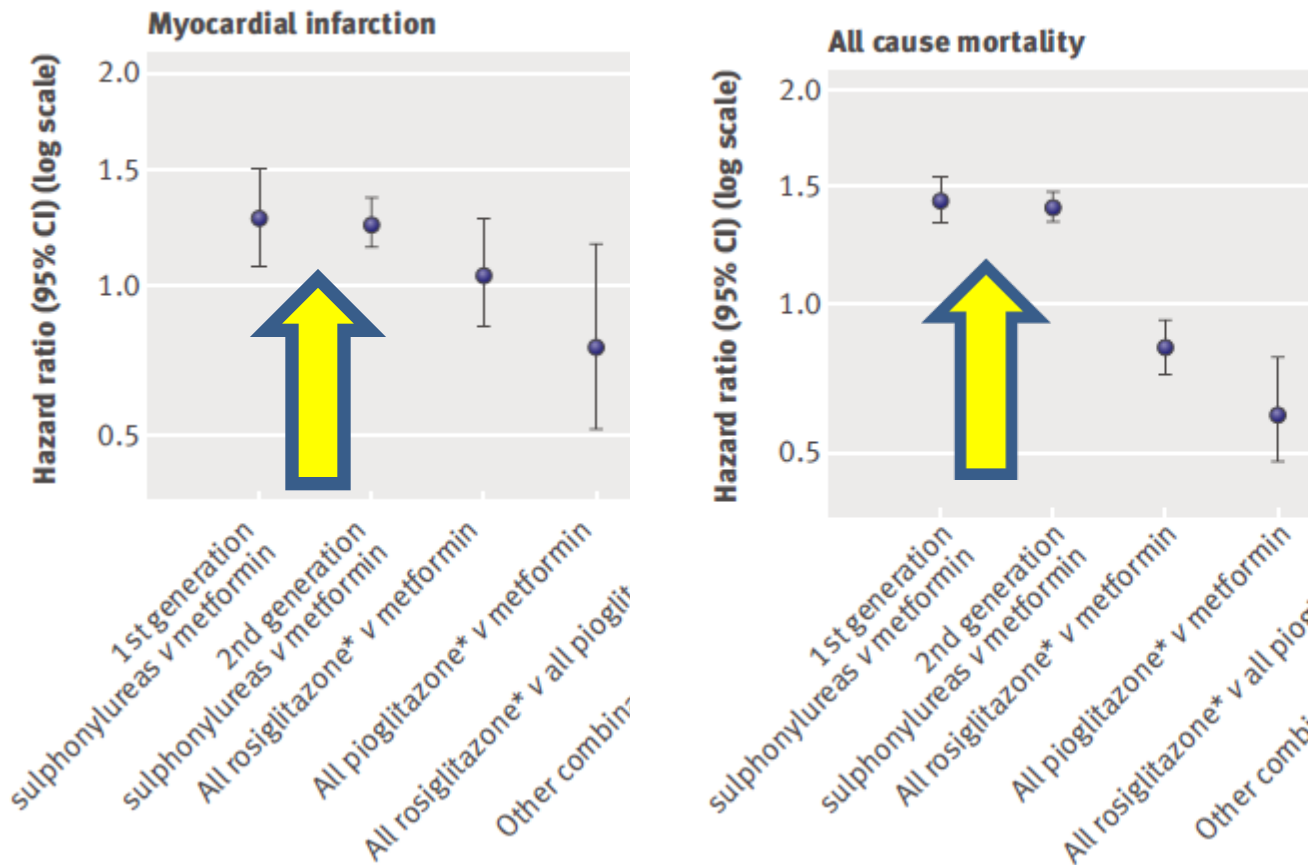
Retrospective cohort study of 253,690 patients initiating treatment

Patients receiving metformin, n	80 648	33 418	16 887	7976	3297	718
Patients receiving sulfonylurea, n	80 648	29 502	14 118	6185	2301	462

Comparative Effectiveness of Sulfonylurea and Metformin Monotherapy on Cardiovascular Events in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

*Ann Intern Med.* 2012;157:601-610 Roumie CL

# Metformin versus sulphonyurea



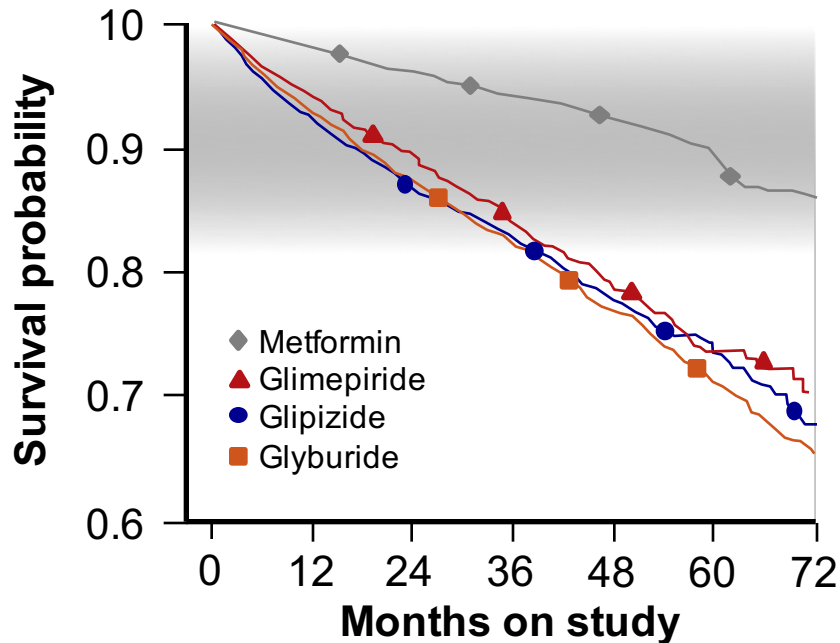
Retrospective cohort study 91,521 patients with DM

Risk of cardiovascular disease and all cause mortality among patients with type 2 diabetes prescribed oral antidiabetes drugs

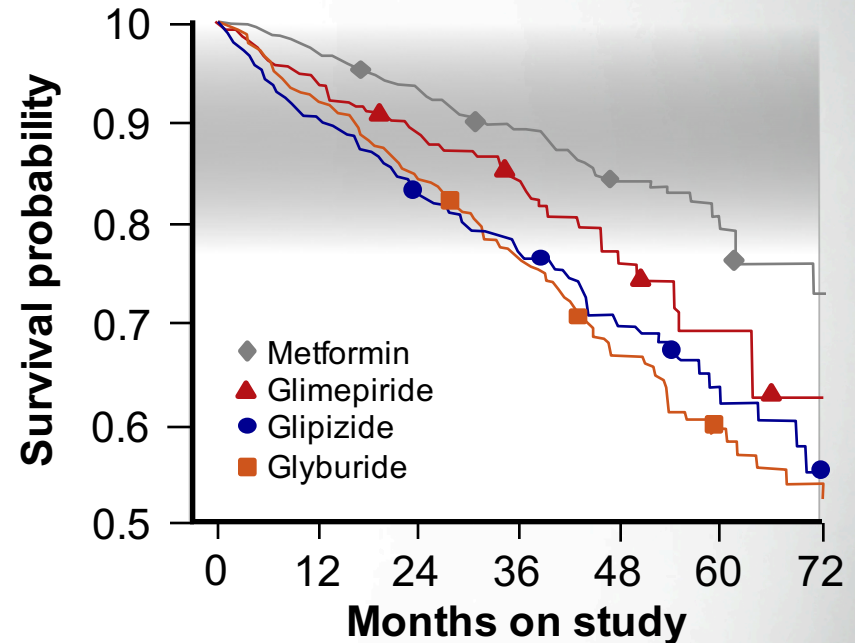
Tzoulaki I. BMJ 2009; 339:b4731

# Risk of Mortality: SU vs. Metformin

A) Entire cohort



B) Subgroup w/ documented CAD

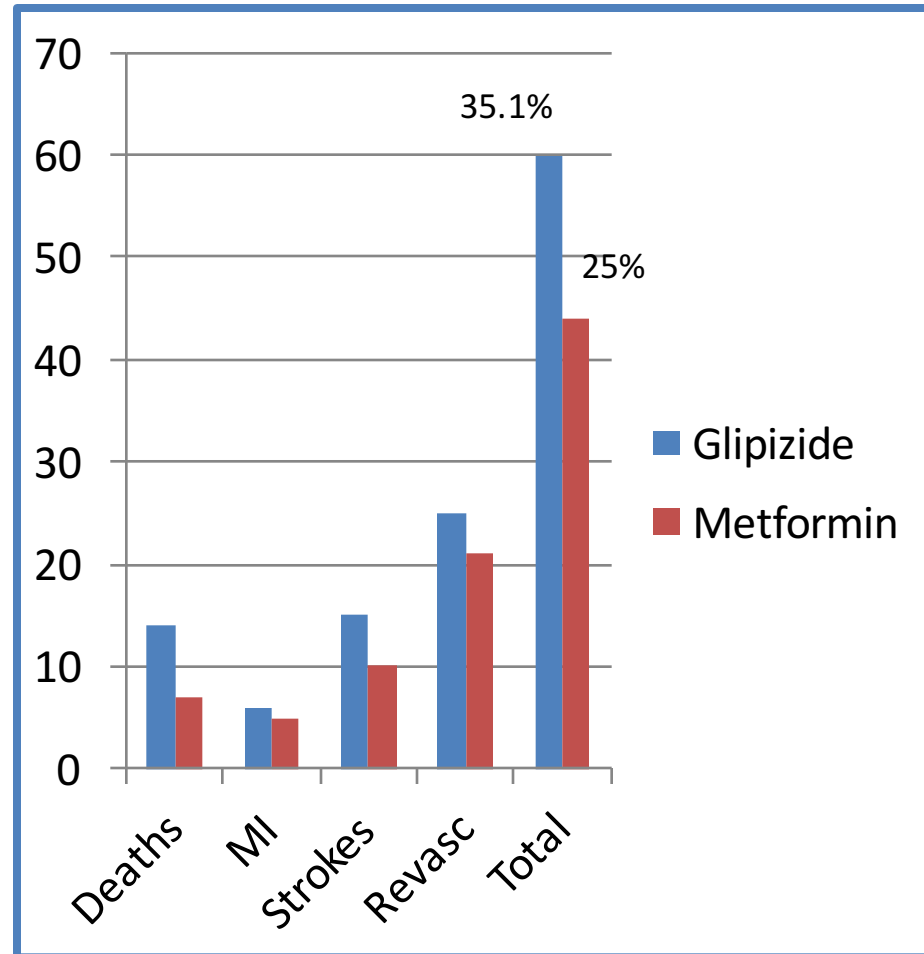


Retrospective cohort study of 23,915 DM2 patients initiated with metformin or SU  
40-60% increase risk of MI/ death



# Sulfonylurea versus Metformin

Multicenter,  
randomized,  
double-blind,  
placebo-  
controlled trial



Effects of Metformin Versus Glipizide on Cardiovascular Outcomes in Patients With Type 2 Diabetes and Coronary Artery Disease

Diabetes Care, epub Dec 10, 2012 Hong Jie

# Insulin infusion post MI increases mortality

**Table 4** The effect of insulin treatment from the time of hospital discharge for patients discharged alive ( $n=1073$ )

Patients on insulin	OR (95% CI)	<i>p</i> value
Reinfarction		
Insulin <sup>a</sup>	1.94 (1.34–2.81)	0.0004
New on insulin <sup>b</sup>	2.04 (1.29–3.21)	0.0021
Reinfarction/stroke		
Insulin <sup>a</sup>	1.89 (1.35–2.63)	0.0002
New on insulin <sup>b</sup>	2.12 (1.40–3.21)	0.0004
Death/reinfarction/stroke		
Insulin <sup>a</sup>	1.78 (1.32–2.38)	0.0001
New on insulin <sup>b</sup>	1.65 (1.14–2.40)	0.0086

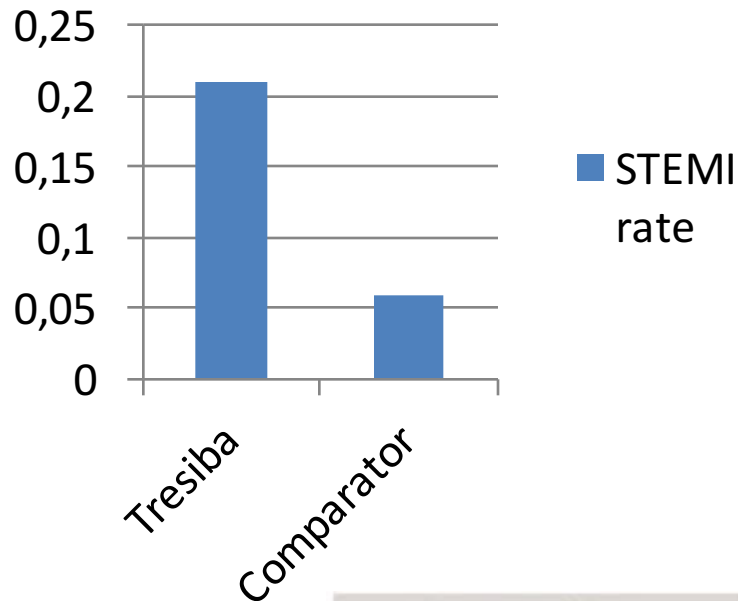
Experiences from an extended follow-up of the Diabetes Mellitus Insulin-Glucose Infusion in Acute Myocardial Infarction (DIGAMI) 2 Study

[Diabetologia](#). 2011 Jun;54(6):1308-17, Mellbin et al

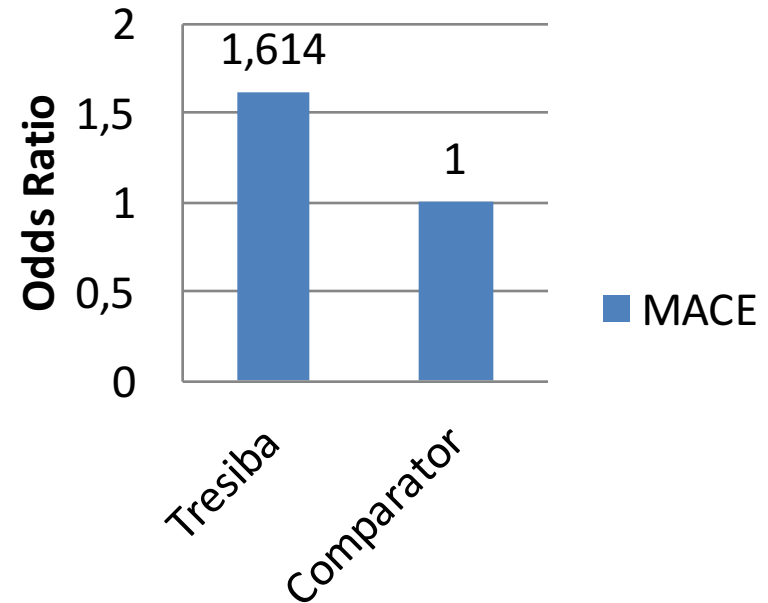
4 – 8 year follow up, 1,145 patients

# Long acting insulin increases risk

350% increase rate of  
MI



MACE





# Cancer



# Diabetes increases cancer risk

**Table 2** Associations between diabetes (mainly type 2) and incidence cancer risk: from meta-analyses

Authors [ref.]	Cancer type	No. of cohorts/no. of case-control studies	No. of cases	Risk estimates (95% CI)
Larsson et al, 2007 [11]	Breast (all)	15/5	30,407	1.20 (1.12, 1.28)
	Premenopausal	Not stated	Not stated	0.91 (0.62, 1.34)
	Postmenopausal	Not stated	Not stated	1.16 (1.09, 1.24)
Larsson et al, 2005 [12]	Colorectal	9/6	26,306	1.30 (1.20, 1.40)
Friberg et al, 2007 [13]	Endometrial	3/13	7,596	2.10 (1.93, 3.24)
Larsson and Wolk, 2011 [14]	Kidney	9/0	8,757 <sup>a</sup>	1.42 (1.06, 1.91)
Larsson et al, 2006 [15]	Bladder	3/7	Not stated	1.24 (1.08, 1.42)

Mechanism:

Hyperinsulinemia?

Hyperglycemia?

Diabetologia (2012) 55:1607–1618

Diabetes and cancer: evaluating the temporal relationship between type 2 diabetes and cancer incidence

# Metformin reduces risk of cancer

Metformin use in patients with type 2 diabetes and controls in Tayside, Scotland, 1993-2001

Unadjusted odds ratios (95% CI)      Adjusted odds ratios (95% CI)

Exposure during year before index date:

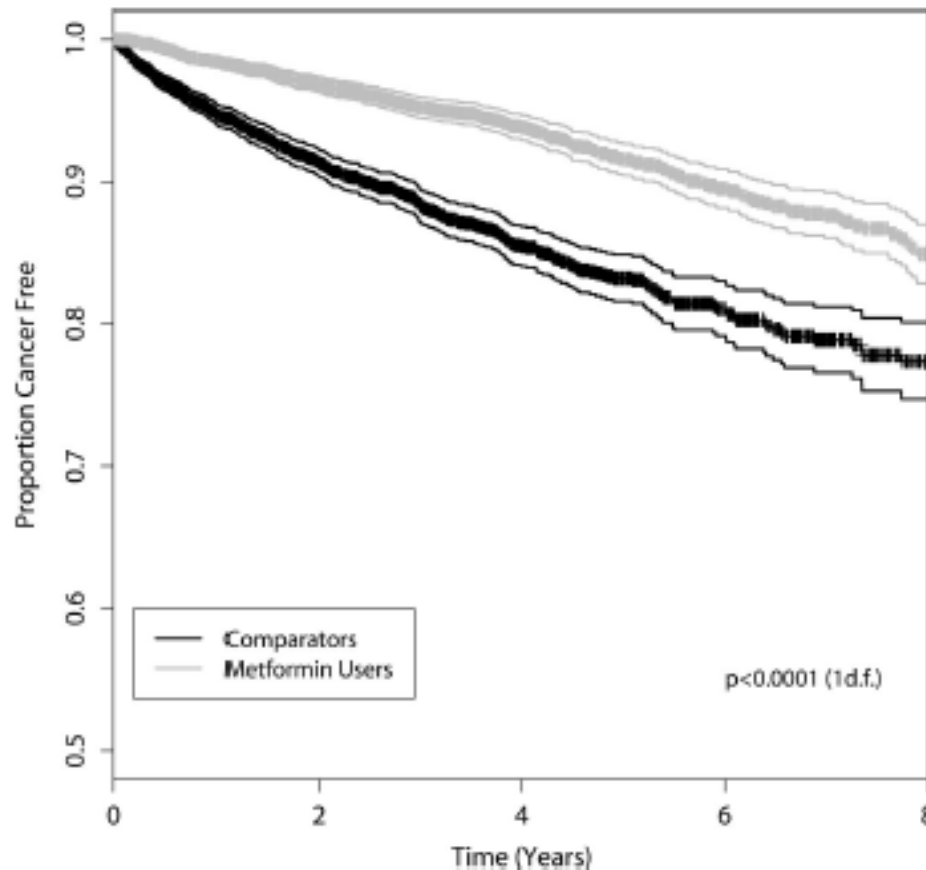
No	1.00	1.00
Yes	0.86 (0.73 to 1.02)	0.85 (0.71 to 1.01)

## Case control trial 983 cases

Metformin and reduced risk of cancer in diabetic patients

BMJ VOLUME 330 4 JUNE 2005, 1304-5

# Metformin reduces risk of cancer



Observational cohort study

4,085 patients

Adjusted hazard ratio  
0.63 (0.53-0.75)

**Figure 2**—Kaplan-Meier plot with 95% CIs showing time to cancer among metformin users and comparators.

New users of metformin are at low risk of incident cancer: a cohort study among people with type 2 diabetes

[Diabetes Care](#). 2009 Sep;32(9):1620-5 Libby G

# Insulin increases cancer risk

Covariate	HR	95% CI for HR		<i>p</i> value
		Lower	Upper	
<b>Relative risk compared to metformin mono-therapy</b>				
<b>Treatment<sup>a</sup></b>				
Sulfonylureas (Cohort 2)	1.36	1.19	1.54	<0.001
Metformin plus sulfonylureas (Cohort 3)	1.08	0.96	1.21	0.21
Insulin-based therapies (Cohort 4)	1.42	1.27	1.60	<0.001

Retrospective cohort of 62 809 patients newly started on diabetes medications

The influence of glucose-lowering therapies on cancer risk in type 2 diabetes  
CJ Currie Diabetologia (2009) 52:1766-1777

# Insulin increases cancer mortality

Table 2—Cancer mortality and adjusted HR from multivariate Cox regression

	Total n	Cancer deaths	Cancer mortality rate (per 1,000 person-years) (%)	Adjusted HR (95% CI)*
Oral antidiabetics				
Metformin	6,969	245 (3.5)	6.3	1.0†
Sulfonylurea	3,340	162 (4.9)	9.7	1.3 (1.1–1.6)
Insulin use				
No insulin use	8,866	323 (3.6)	6.8	1.0†
Insulin use	1,443	84 (5.8)	9.9	1.9 (1.5–2.4)

Population based cohort study from Saskatchewan

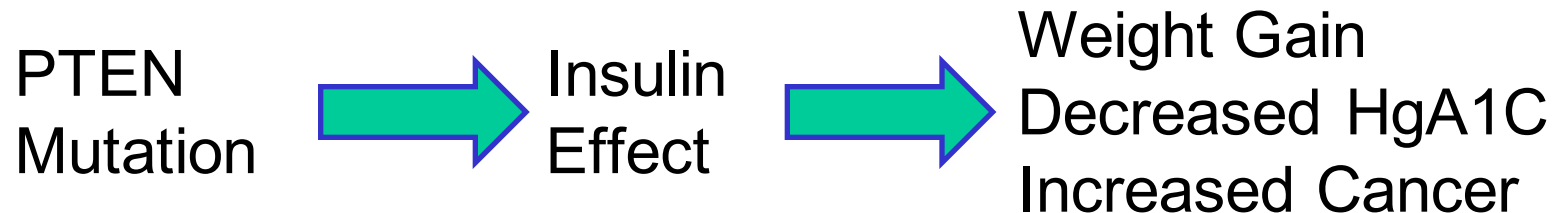
10,309 new diabetics

Increased cancer-related mortality for patients with type 2 diabetes who use sulfonylureas or insulin

[Diabetes Care](#). 2006 Feb;29(2):254-8 Bowker SL

# Common pathway of insulin sensitivity, obesity and cancer risk

“persons susceptible to cancer owing to a constitutive mutation in the tumor-suppressor gene *PTEN* also have **heightened sensitivity to insulin and are obese**”



***PTEN* Mutations as a Cause of Constitutive Insulin Sensitivity and Obesity**

N Engl J Med Volume 367(11):1002-1011 September 13, 2012

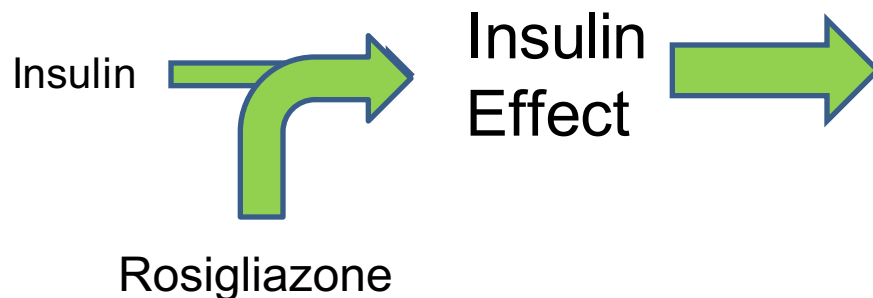
# TZDs worked too well!

**Table 2.** Clinical and laboratory data for Responders and Non-Responders prior to rosiglitazone therapy

	Responders (n=27)	Non-Responders (n=9)
Age (years)	56±2	51±3
Male/female	14/13	5/4
Weight (kg)	85±3	85±5
Fat mass (%)	40.08±2.3	31.3±3.5*
ISIcomposite	1.89±0.14	3.55±1.34*

“the increase in % fat mass correlated with the decrease in HbA1C during rosiglitazone treatment”

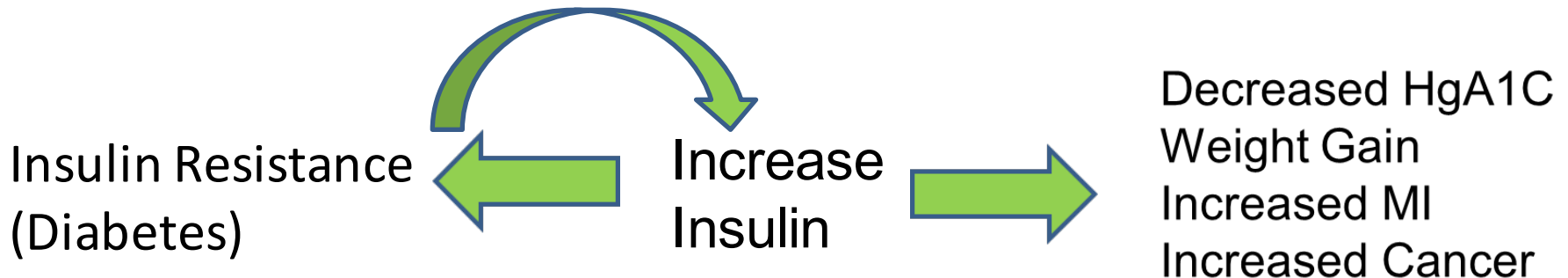
Predictors of improved glycaemic control with rosiglitazone therapy in type 2 diabetic patients  
Br J Diab Vasc Dis Jan/Feb 2005; 5:1 28-35



Decreased HgA1C  
Weight Gain  
Increased MI  
Increased Cancer



# Current Treatment Paradigm

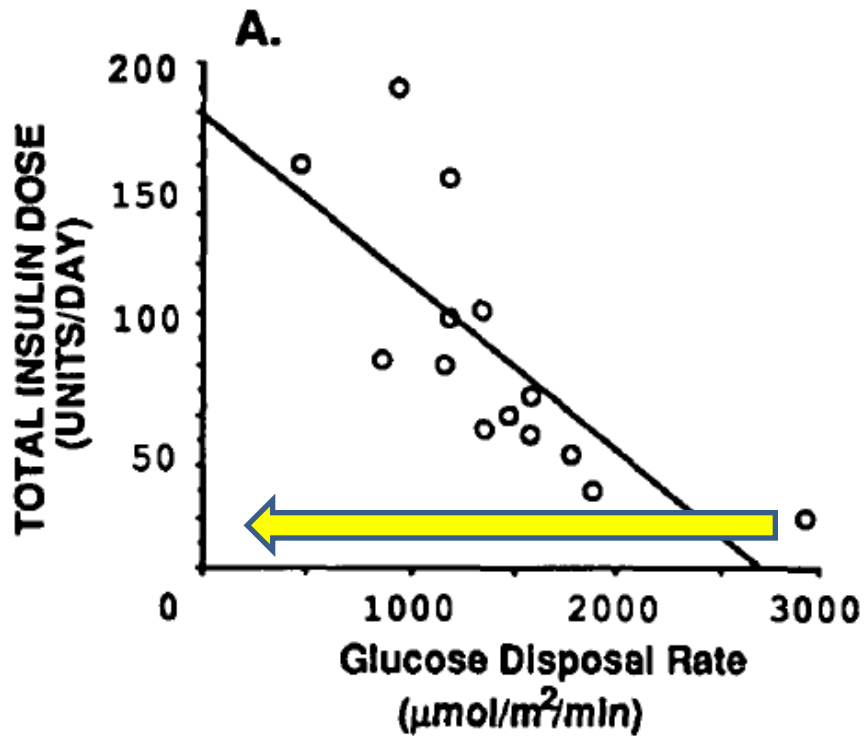


# Current Treatment Paradigm



Insulin cures type I diabetes  
Insulin *causes* type II diabetes

# Current Treatment Paradigm is Idiotic



Increasing insulin resistance!

Diabetes Care 1993 16:23-31 Henry RR



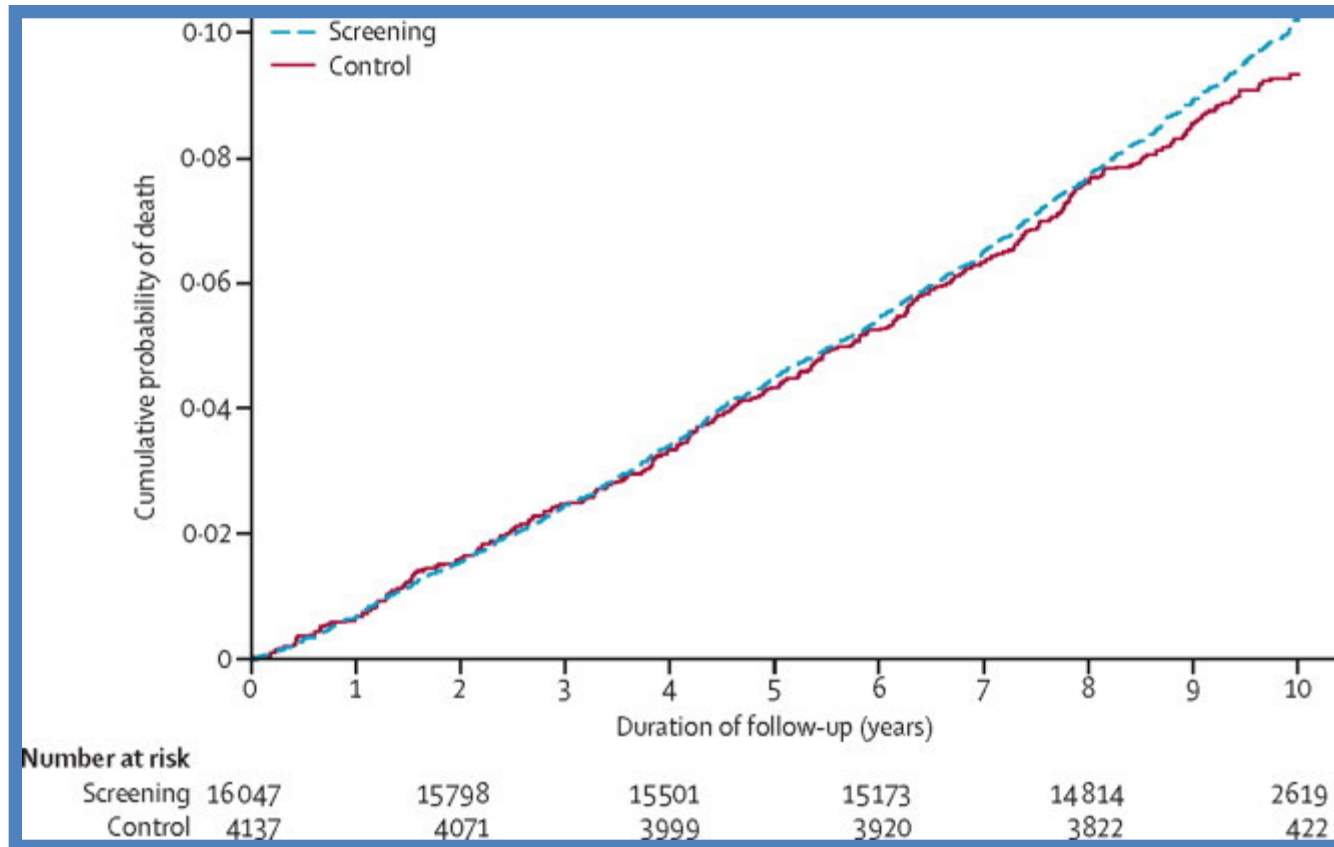
www.shutterstock.com · 104533313

You can't treat a *hyperinsulinemic* state with  
*insulin!*

# Diabetes is getting worse!



# Diabetes Screening is Useless



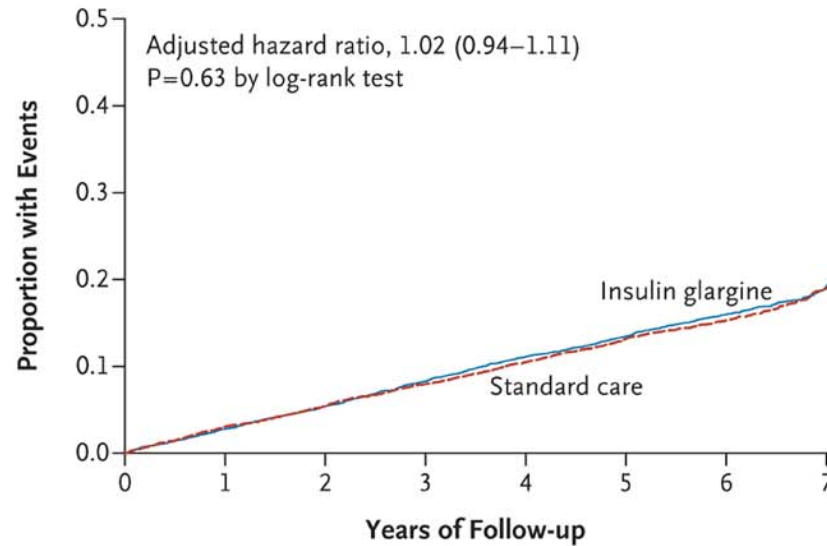
Screening for type 2 diabetes and population mortality over 10 years (ADDITION-Cambridge): a cluster-randomised controlled trial

Lancet. 2012 November 17; 380(9855): 1741–1748 Simmons RK

# Glucose Lowering without Hyperinsulinemia

# ORIGIN

## A Myocardial Infarction, Stroke, or Death from Cardiovascular Causes (Coprimary Outcome)



### No. at Risk

Insulin glargine	6264	6057	5850	5619	5379	5151	3611	766
Standard care	6273	6043	5847	5632	5415	5156	3639	800

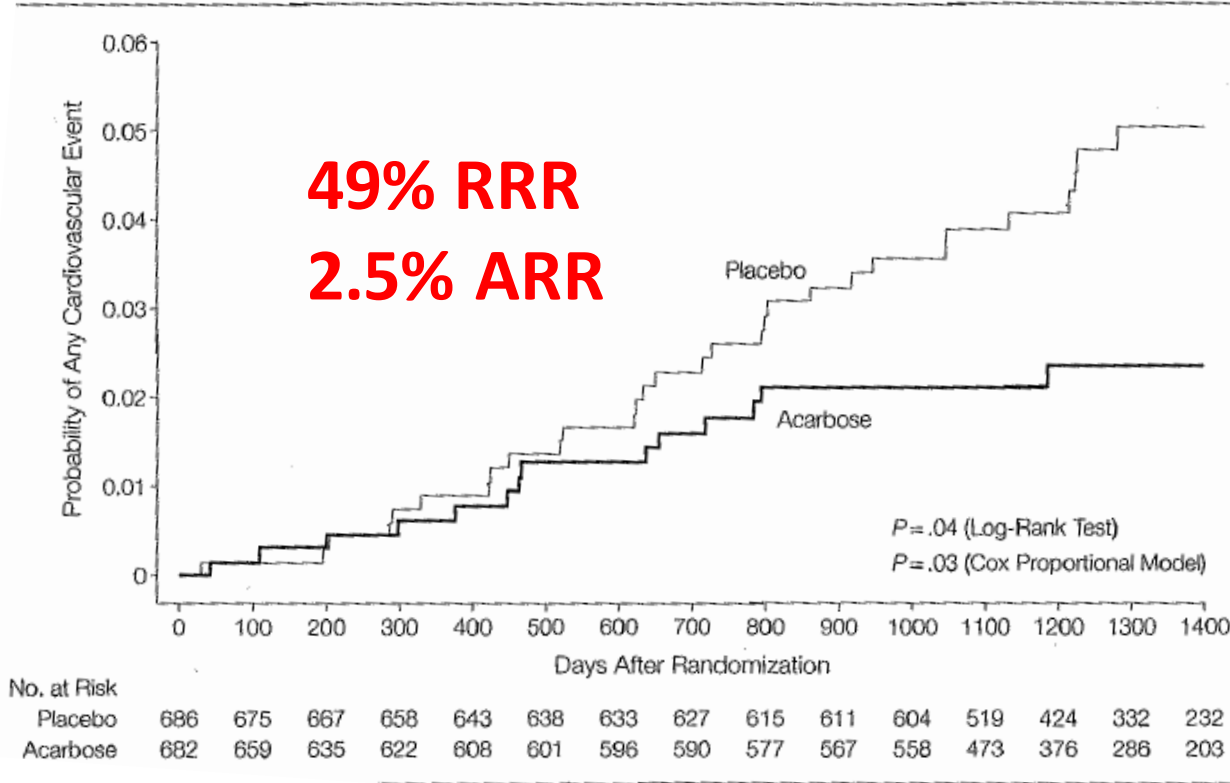
Proportion of Participants with Events over Time.

No measureable difference in outcomes



# Lowering glucose *without raising insulin* improves outcomes

Figure 2. Effect of Acarbose on the Probability of Remaining Free of Cardiovascular Disease



Randomized  
1,429  
patients  
3.3 year  
follow up

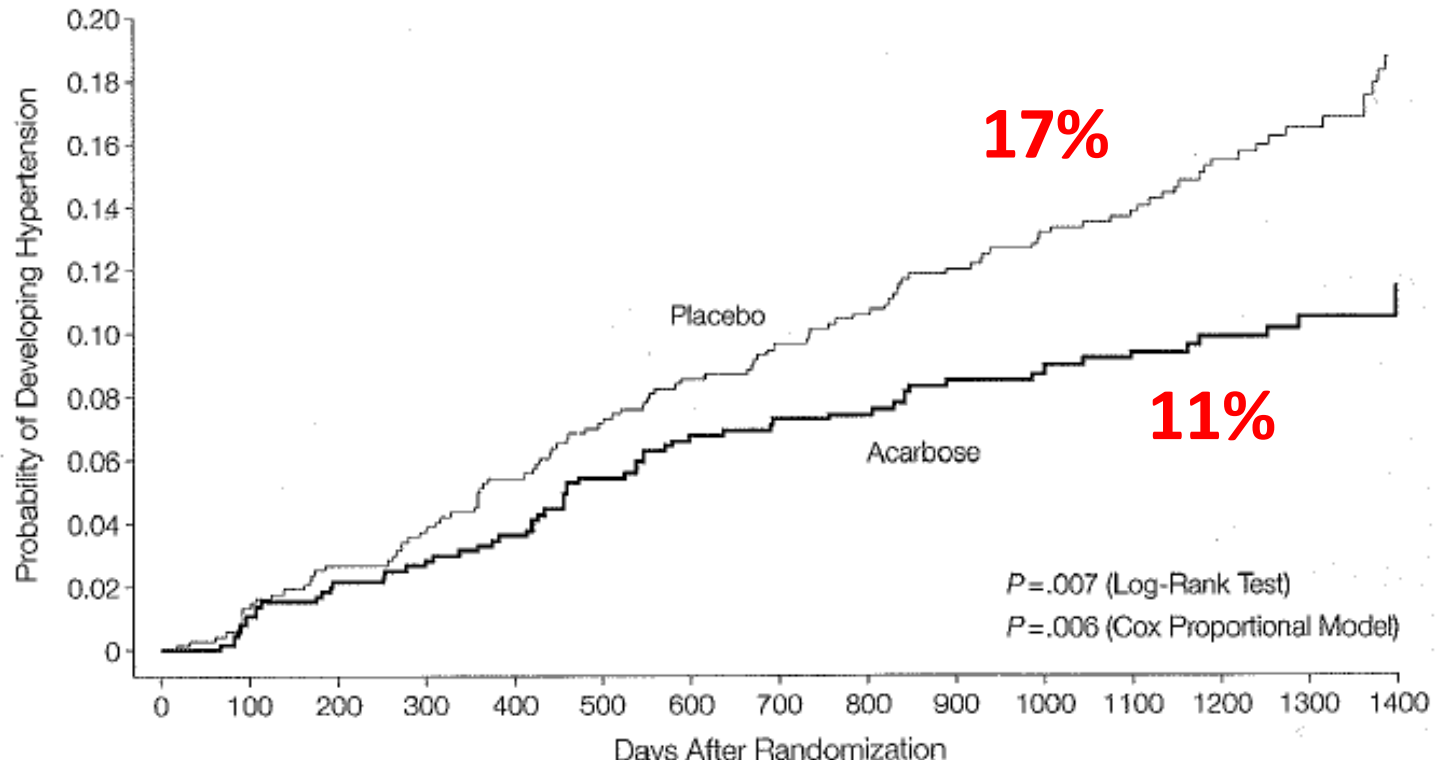
Acarbose Treatment and the Risk of Cardiovascular Disease and Hypertension in Patients with Impaired Glucose Tolerance

JAMA 2003; 290: 486-494



# Hypertension

**Figure 4.** Effect of Acarbose on the Probability of Remaining Free of Hypertension



HR 0.66 P= 0.006

# Treatment considerations

1. Insulin causes diabetes
2. Insulin increases cancer and CV events
3. **\*\*Decreasing insulin\*\*** reduces diabetes, CV events, and cancer
4. How to decrease insulin without raised blood sugars?



**Insulin is the *problem*, not the solution**

# Diabetes – Medical treatment

## Good

1. Metformin
2. Onglyza
3. Acarbose

## Bad

1. Insulin
2. Sulphonylureas
3. TZDs

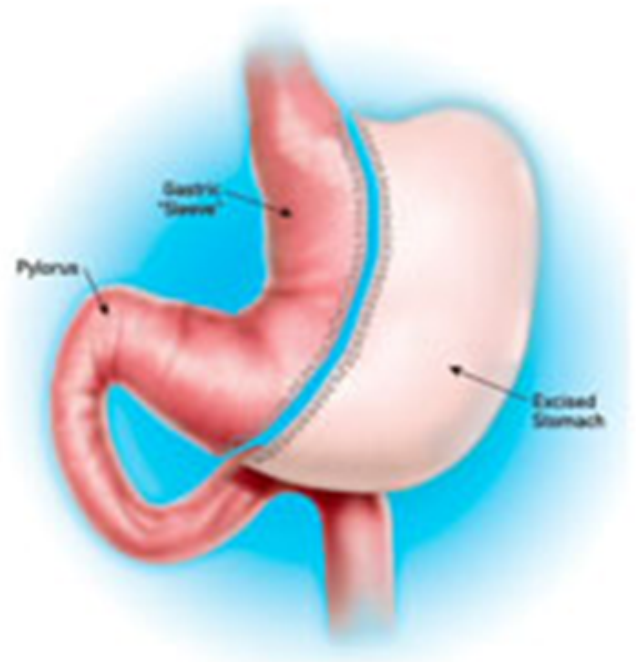


# Surgical Options

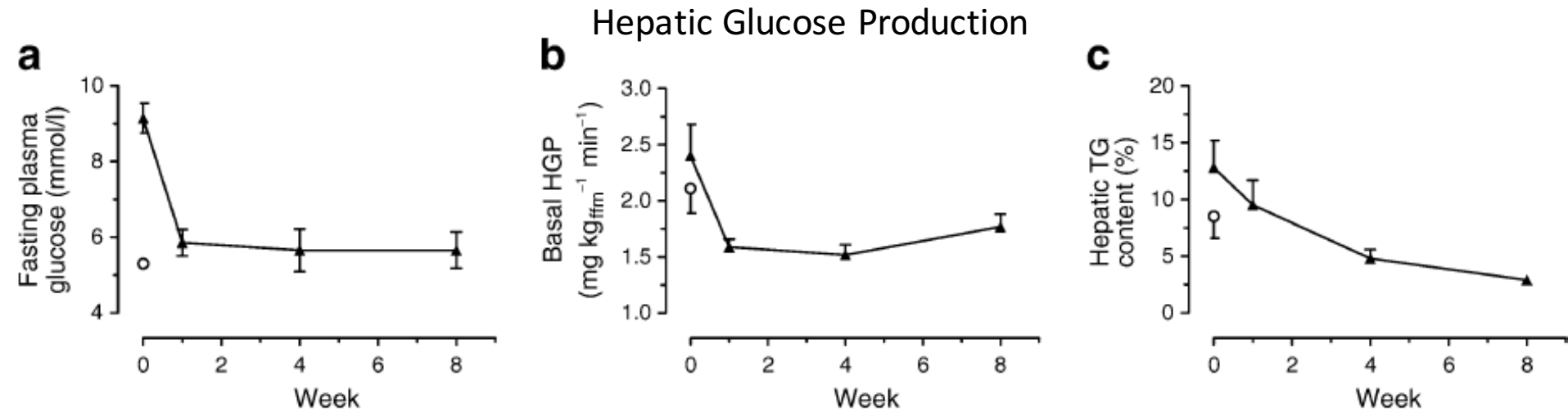
Roux-En-Y Gastric Bypass  
Sleeve Gastrectomy  
Laparoscopic banding

>90% cure rates for  
diabetes

## Sleeve Gastrectomy



# Diabetes is a Reversible Disease!

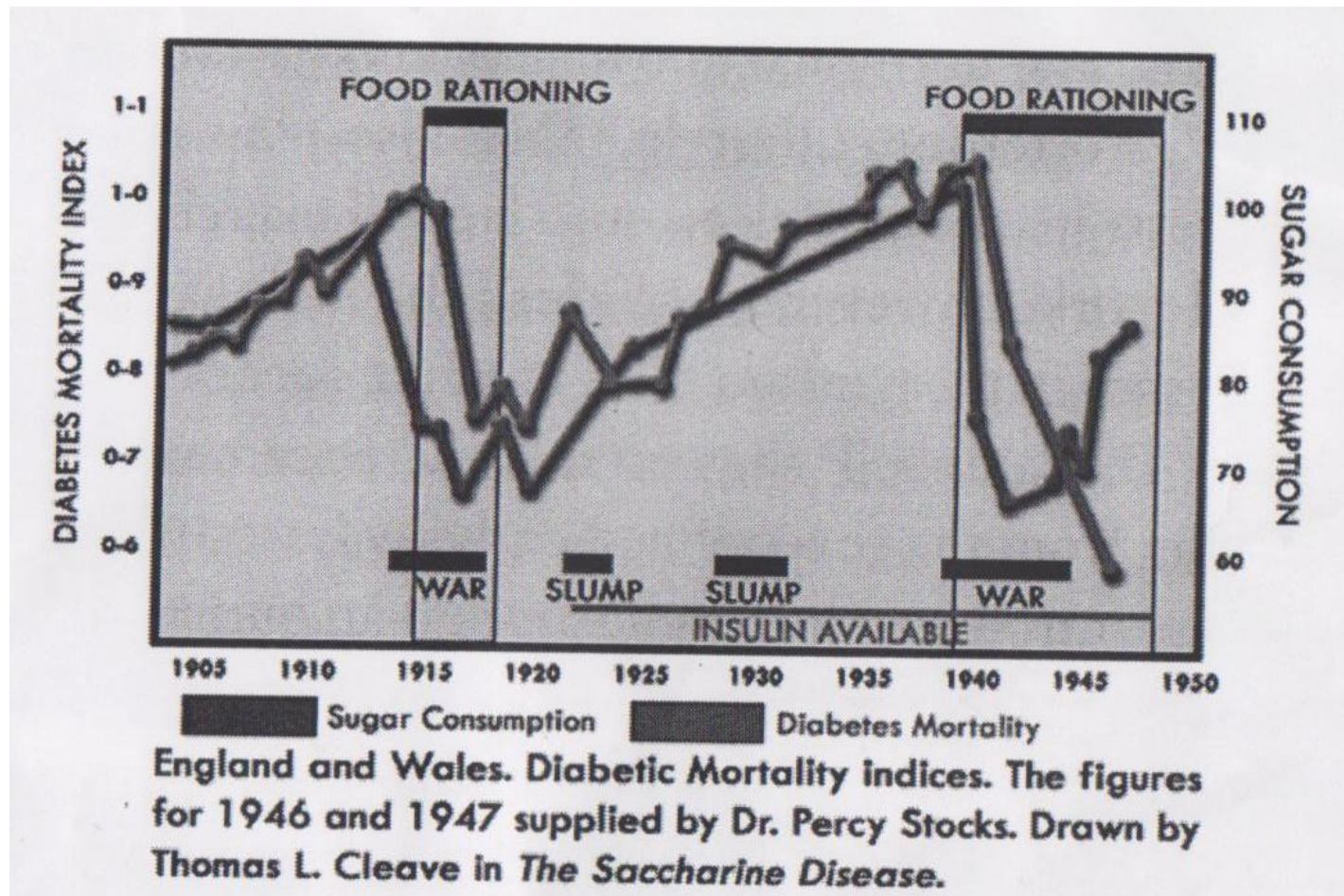


***Changes of insulin sensitivity and beta cell function are reversible***

Reversal of type 2 diabetes: normalisation of beta cell function in association with decreased pancreas and liver triacylglycerol

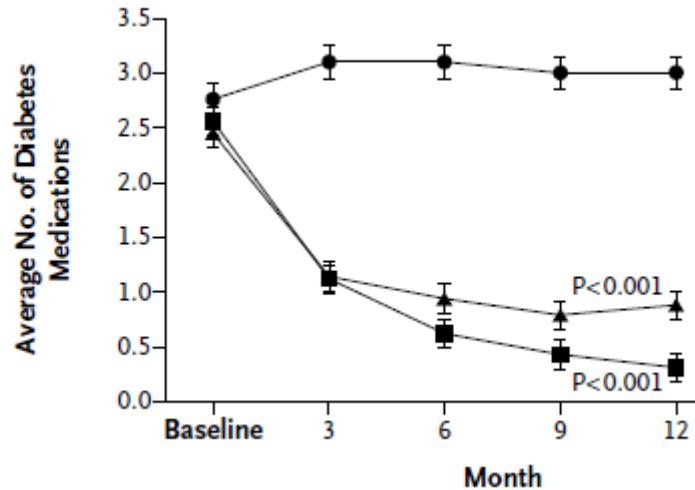
Diabetologia 2011 Oct;54(10):2506-14, Lim EL

# Food Rationing decreases Diabetes

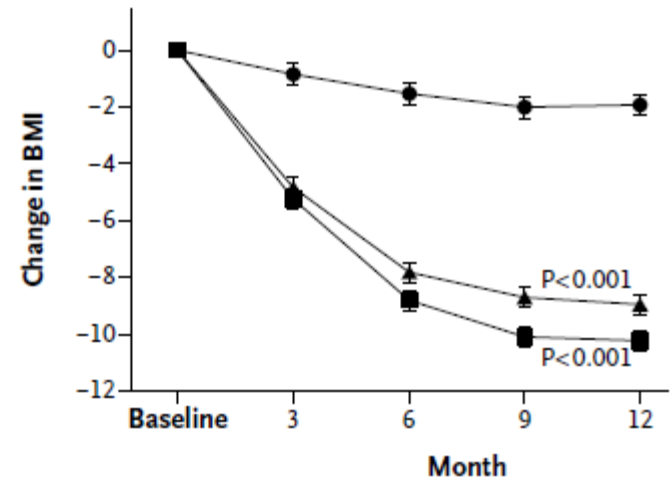


# Surgery cures diabetes

C Average No. of Diabetes Medications



D Change in BMI



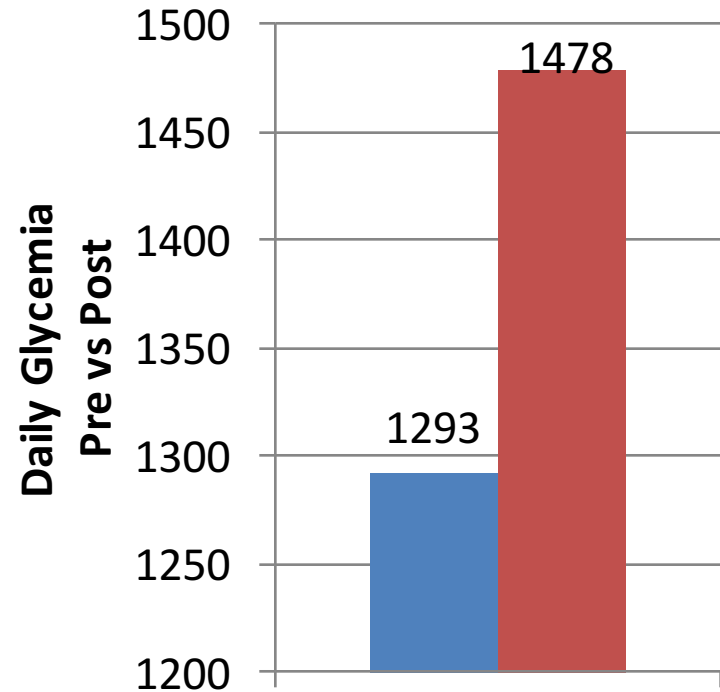
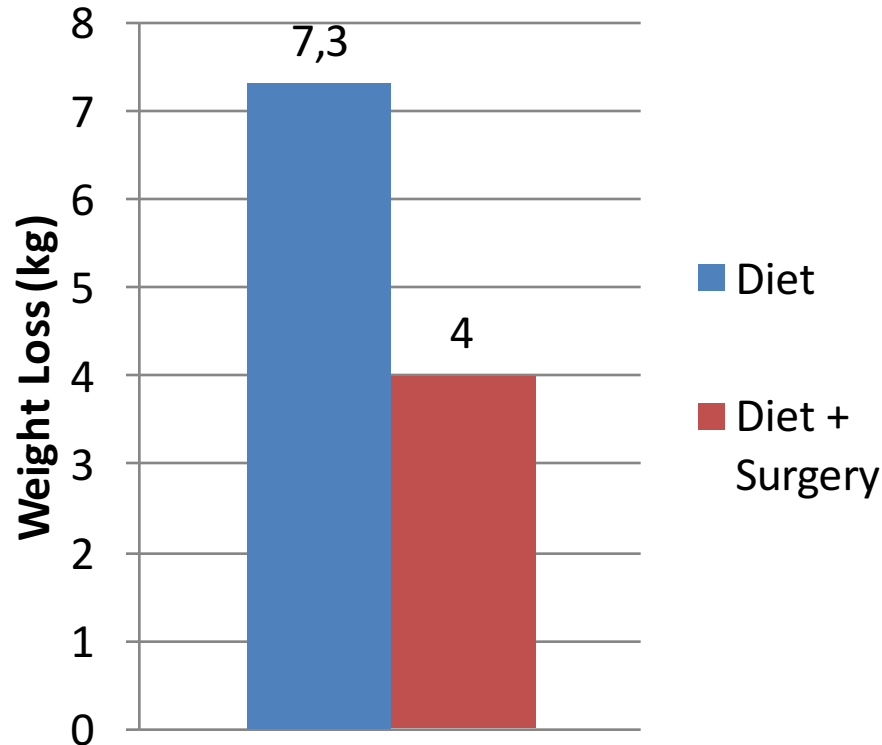
● Intensive medical therapy    ■ Roux-en-Y gastric bypass    ▲ Sleeve gastrectomy

Bariatric Surgery versus Intensive Medical Therapy  
in Obese Patients with Diabetes

N Engl J Med 2012;366:1567-76 Schauer PR

**Basically surgically enforced fasting regimens**

# Fasting vs. Bariatric Surgery



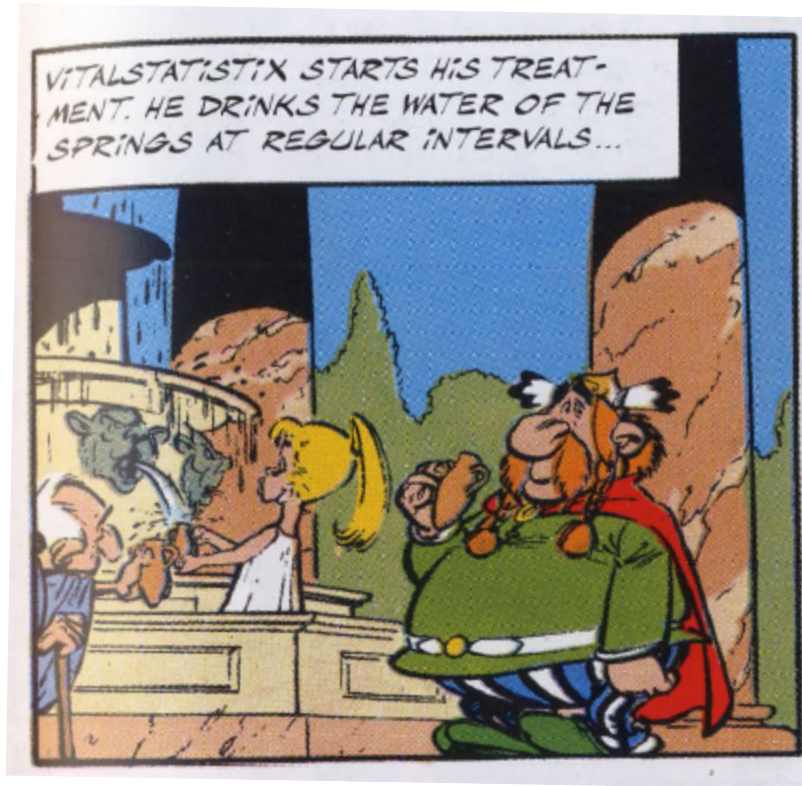
Rapid Improvement of Diabetes After Gastric Bypass Surgery: Is It the Diet or Surgery?

Diabetes Care. 2013 Mar 25, Lingway I

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23530013>



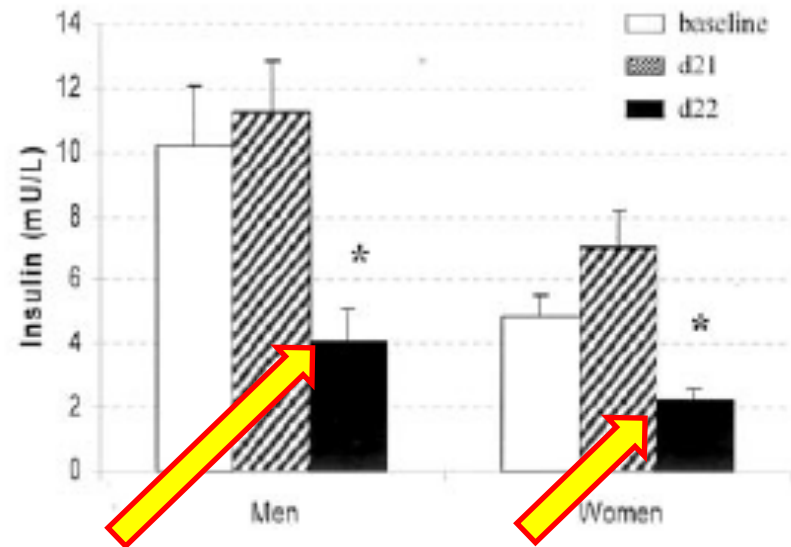
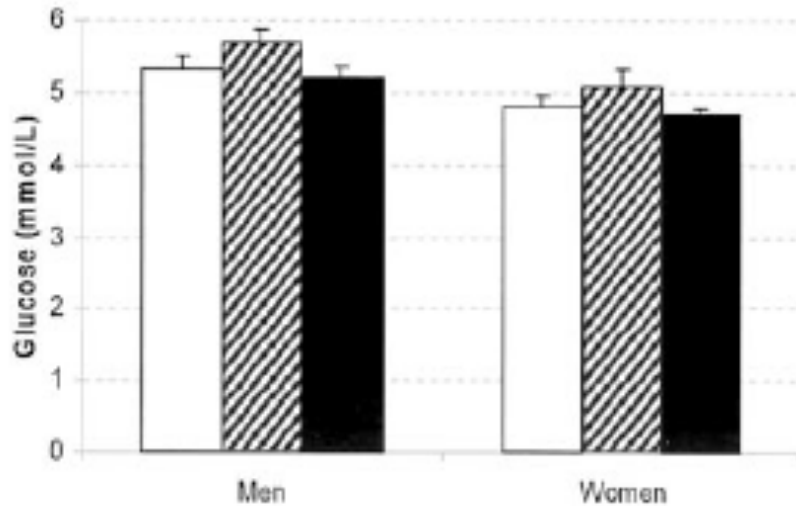
# Fasting – a time tested treatment



*"Our food should be our medicine. Our medicine should be our food. But to eat when you are sick is to feed your sickness."*

Hippocrates

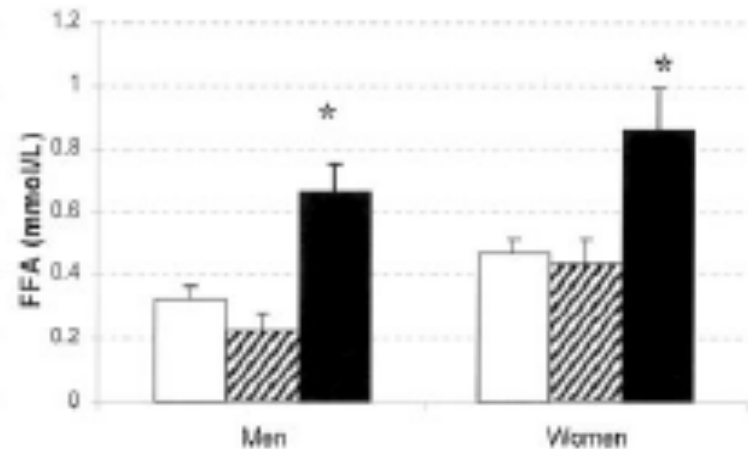
# Fasting reduces plasma insulin



## Stable blood sugars

Alternate-day fasting in nonobese subjects: effects on body weight, body composition, and energy metabolism

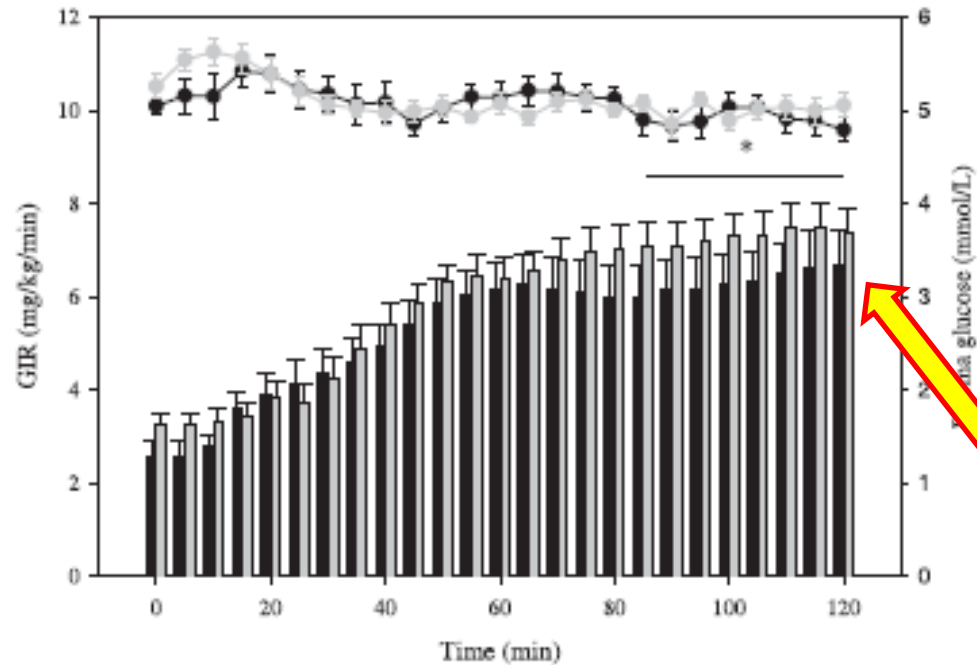
*Am J Clin Nutr* 2005;81:69 –73 Heilbronn LK



# Fasting improves insulin sensitivity

Euglycemic clamp

Glucose  
Infusion  
rate



“Insulin-mediated whole body glucose uptake rates increased from 6.3 to 7.3 mg/kg/min ( $P$  0.03)”

Effect of intermittent fasting and refeeding on insulin action in healthy men

*J Appl Physiol* 99: 2128–2136, 2005 Halberg N

# Fasting increases norephrine

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
REE (kJ/min)	3.97 ± 0.9	4.37 ± 0.9 <sup>2</sup>	4.53 ± 0.9 <sup>2</sup>	4.43 ± 0.9 <sup>2</sup>
Nonprotein RQ	0.83 ± 0.06	0.73 ± 0.04 <sup>2</sup>	0.70 ± 0.04 <sup>2</sup>	0.70 ± 0.04 <sup>2</sup>
Weight (kg)	64.2 ± 13.5	63.5 ± 13.3 <sup>2</sup>	62.6 ± 13.2 <sup>2,3</sup>	61.5 ± 13.2 <sup>2,3,4</sup>

**TABLE 3**  
Biochemical values<sup>1</sup>

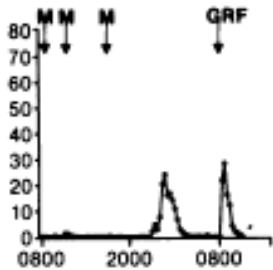
	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Norepinephrine (pmol/L)	1716 ± 574	2134 ± 1079	3409 ± 1349 <sup>2,3</sup>	3728 ± 1636 <sup>2,3</sup>
Epinephrine (pmol/L)	425 ± 180	311 ± 152	395 ± 158	398 ± 257
Insulin (pmol/L)	71 ± 21	71 ± 41	58 ± 19	59 ± 23
Glucose (mmol/L)	4.9 ± 0.5	3.9 ± 0.5 <sup>2</sup>	3.6 ± 0.5 <sup>2,3</sup>	3.5 ± 0.5 <sup>2,3</sup>
Fatty acids (μmol/L)	240 ± 191	616 ± 225 <sup>2</sup>	957 ± 443 <sup>2,3</sup>	1135 ± 575 <sup>2,3</sup>

Resting energy expenditure in short-term starvation is increased as a result of an increase in serum norepinephrine

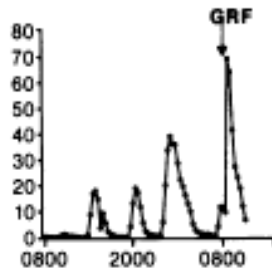
*Am J Clin Nutr* 2000;71:1511–5 Zauner C

# Fasting increases Growth Hormone

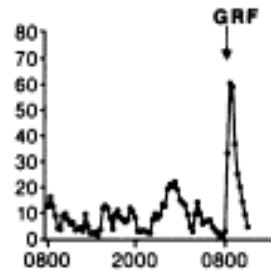
**CONTROL**



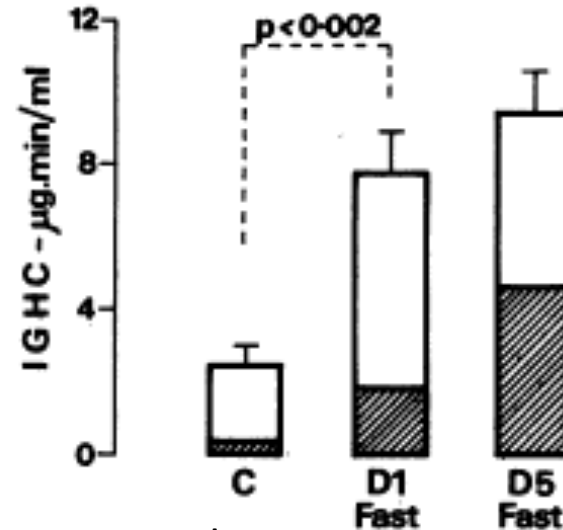
**DAY 1**



**DAY 5**



□ pulsatile  
▨ non-pulsatile



Integrated GH concentration

Growth Hormone:

Increases availability and utilization of fats for fuel

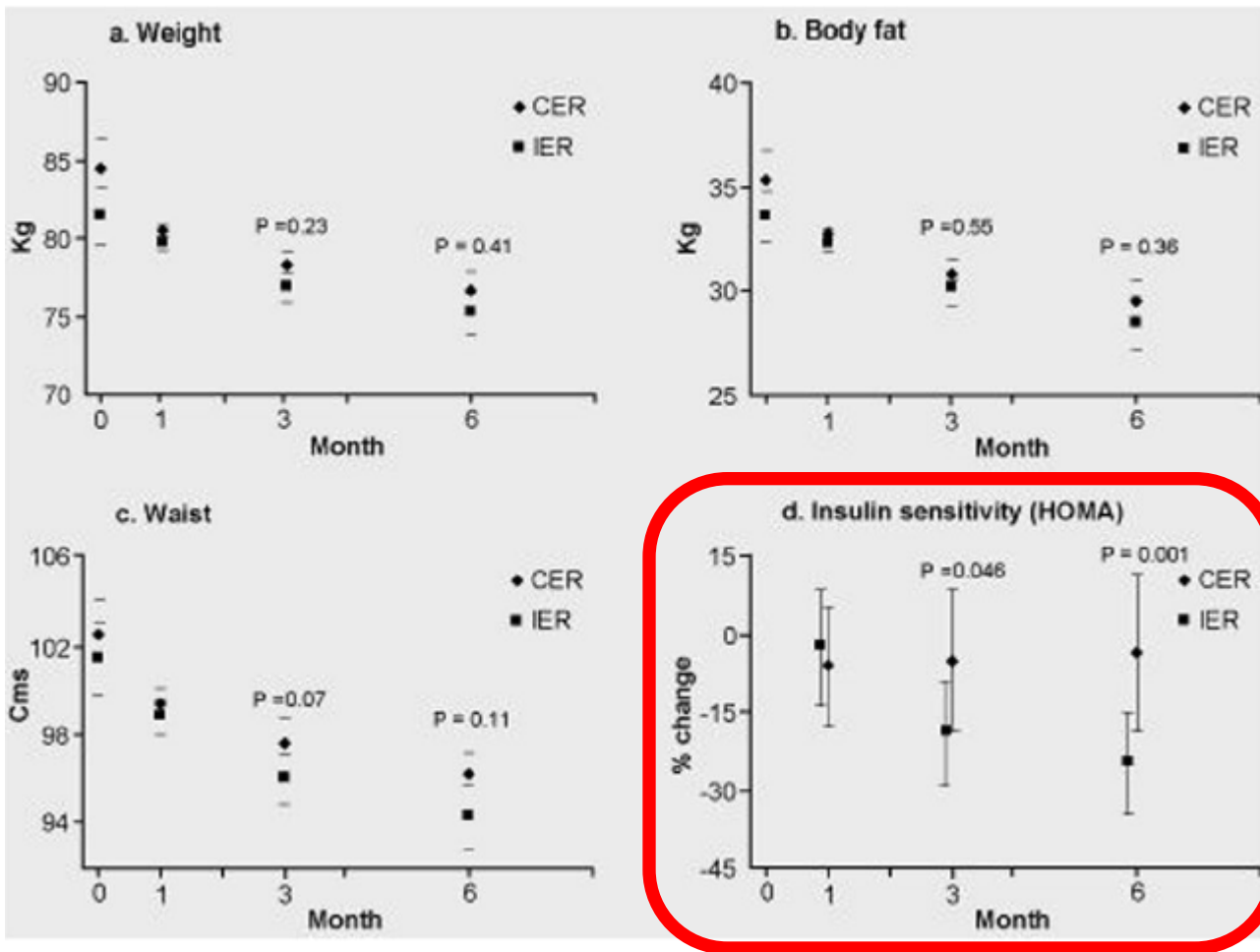
Preserves muscle mass

Fasting enhances growth hormone secretion and amplifies the complex rhythms of growth hormone secretion in man

J Clin Invest. 1988 April; 81(4): 968–975 Ho KY

# Intermittent caloric restriction is better than continuous

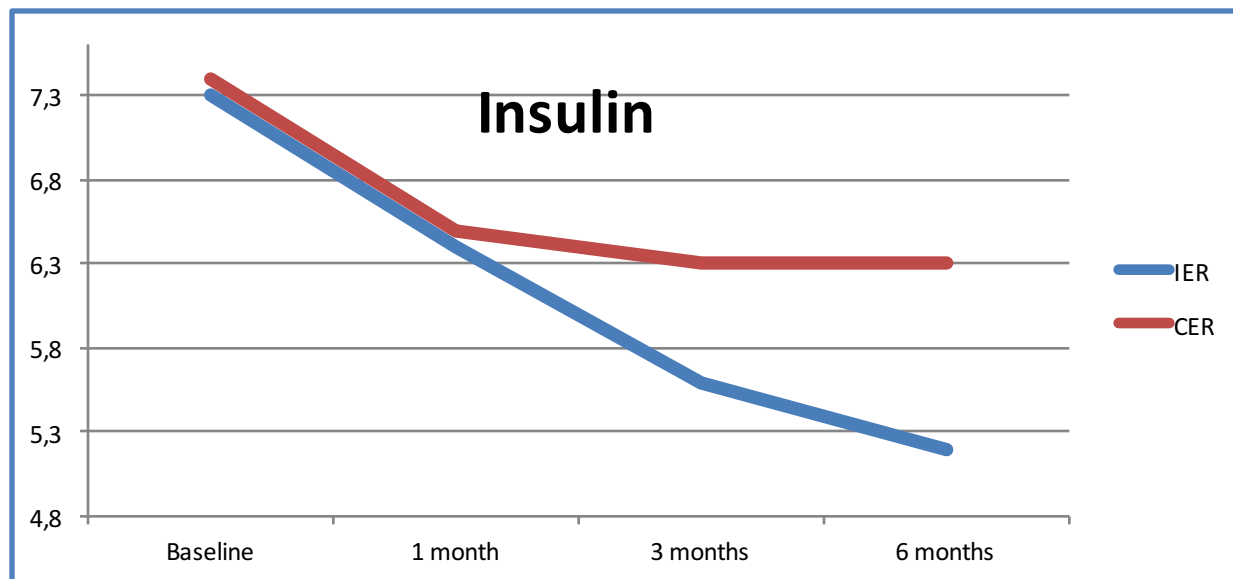
Randomized trial  
25% caloric reduction



The effects of intermittent or continuous energy restriction on weight loss and metabolic disease risk markers: a randomised trial in young overweight women  
Int J Obes (Lond). 2011 May ; 35(5): 714–727 Harvie MN

# Intermittent caloric restriction is better than continuous

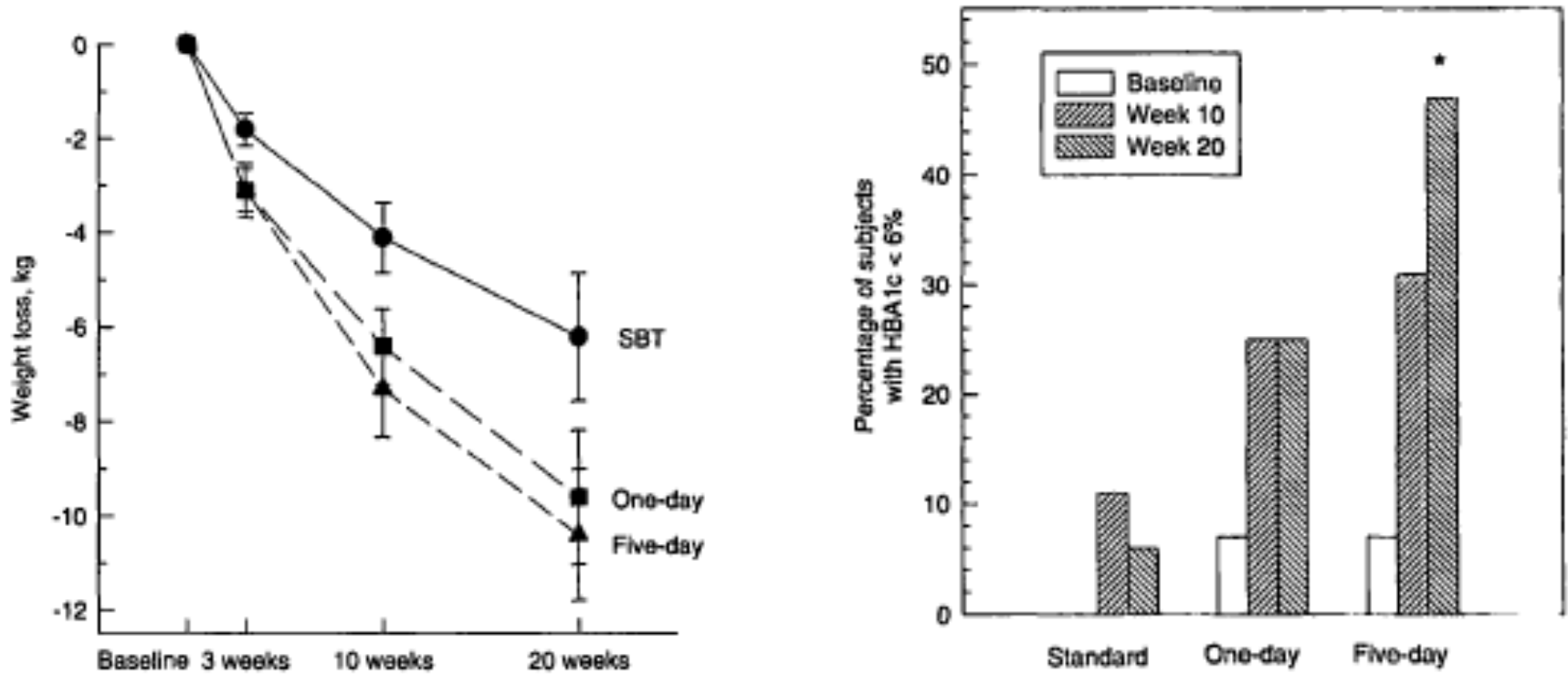
Parameter		Baseline	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	P value <sup>4</sup>
Insulin ( $\mu\text{U}/\text{ml}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	IER	7.3 (6.3 to 8.4)	6.4 (5.7 to 7.3)	5.6 (4.7 to 6.5)	5.2 <sup>3</sup> (4.5 to 6.0)	0.04
	CER	7.4 (6.4 to 8.6)	6.5 (5.7 to 7.5)	6.3 (5.4 to 7.3)	6.3 <sup>3</sup> (5.4 to 7.4)	
HOMA ( $\mu\text{U}/\text{mmol/L}$ ) <sup>2</sup>	IER	1.5 (1.3 to 1.8)	1.4 (1.2 to 1.6)	1.1 (1.0 to 1.4)	1.1 <sup>3</sup> (0.9 to 1.3)	0.04
	CER	1.6 (1.3 to 1.8)	1.3 (1.2 to 1.6)	1.3 (1.1 to 1.5)	1.3 <sup>3</sup> (1.1 to 1.6)	



# Clinical Effects



# Fasting reduces diabetes



**P<0.05**

Obese DM2 patients randomized to standard calorie restriction or 5 day periodic fast or 1 day week fasting

The Effect of Short Periods of Caloric Restriction on Weight Loss and Glycemic Control in Type 2 Diabetes

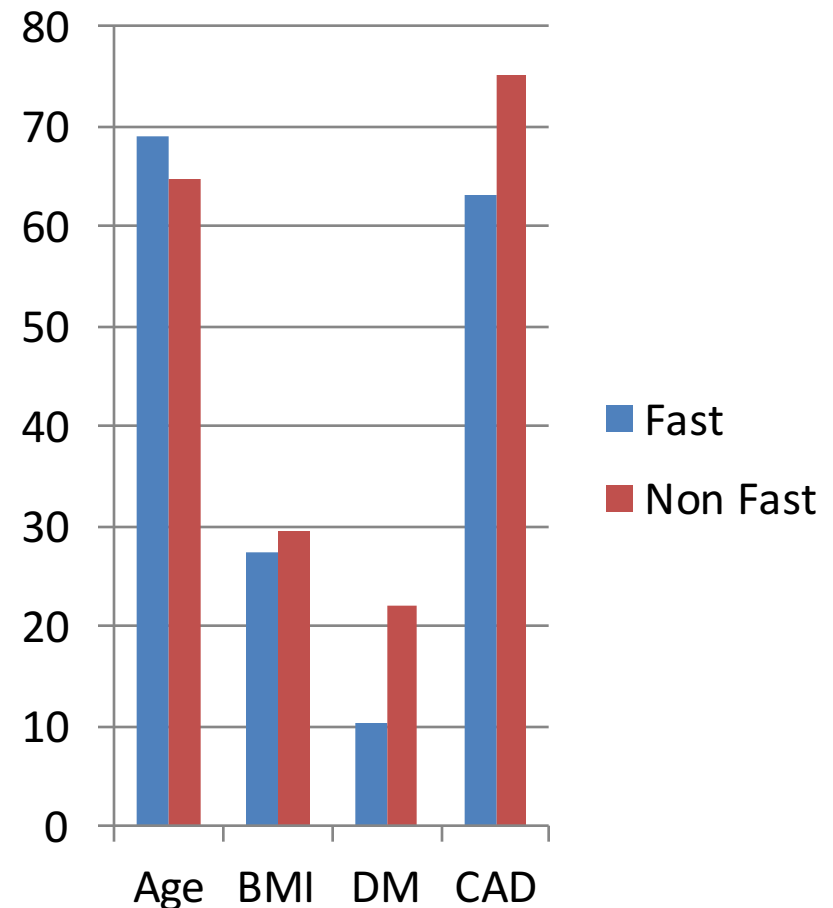
[Diabetes Care](#). 1998 Jan;21(1):2-8 Williams KV

# Fasting associated with less DM and CAD

Prospective study 200 patients going for angiography

Relation of routine, periodic fasting to risk of diabetes mellitus, and coronary artery disease in patients undergoing coronary angiography

[Am J Cardiol.](#) 2012 Jun 1;109(11):1558-62 Horne BD



# How to Treat Type 2 Diabetes

Insulin *causes*  
diabetes

Diabetes is a *curable*  
disease

**\*\*Lower insulin  
levels\*\***

Bariatric surgery without the  
surgery – Fasting!

## Effects of Fasting

- Decrease blood glucose (good)
- Increase FFA and cholesterol (good)
- Decrease insulin (good)
- ***Restores insulin sensitivity*** (good)
- Increase norepinephrine (good)
- Increase growth hormone (good)
- Fat loss (good)
- Preserved muscle mass (good)

# **How to Cure Type 2 Diabetes**

Diabetes is a *curable* disease

Insulin *causes* diabetes

**\*\*Lower insulin levels\*\***

Bariatric surgery without the surgery – Fasting!

# Can We Cure Type 2 Diabetes?

No Diabetes – no diabetic nephropathy, no diabetic foot ulcers, diabetic retinopathy, reduced stroke, MI, cancers

No Drugs, no surgery, no cost to patients, no long term side effects

12 month intensive fasting regime to cure diabetes

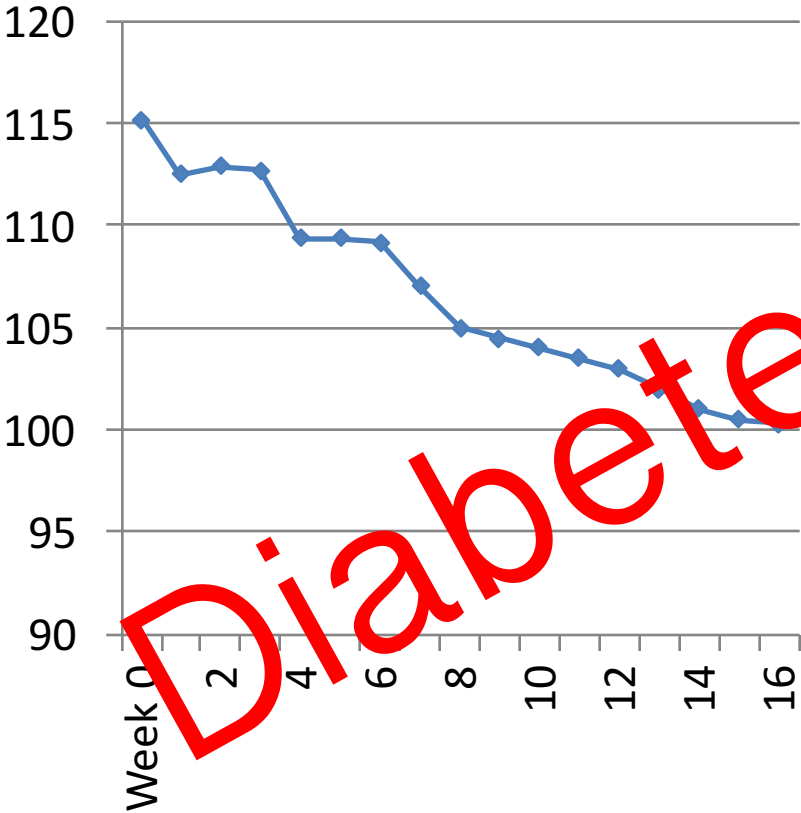


# Case 1- Richard

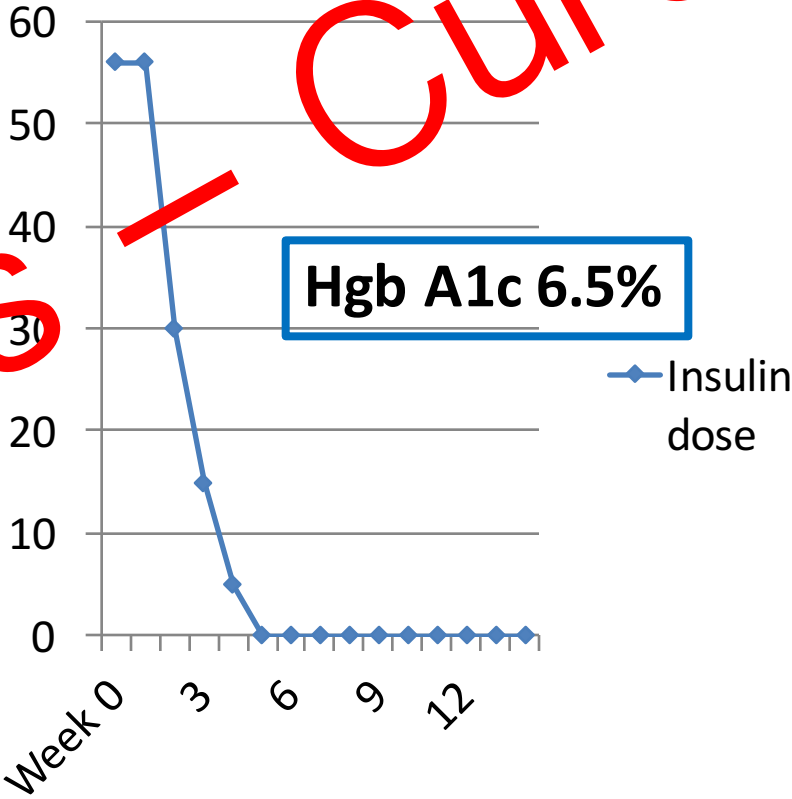
- 55 year old white male
- Diabetes since 2002
  - Retinopathy
  - Neuropathy
  - Nephropathy
- Started in IDM program June 2013

# Richard

### Weight (kg)



### Insulin dose



**Hgb A1c 6.5%**

**Diabetes Cured**

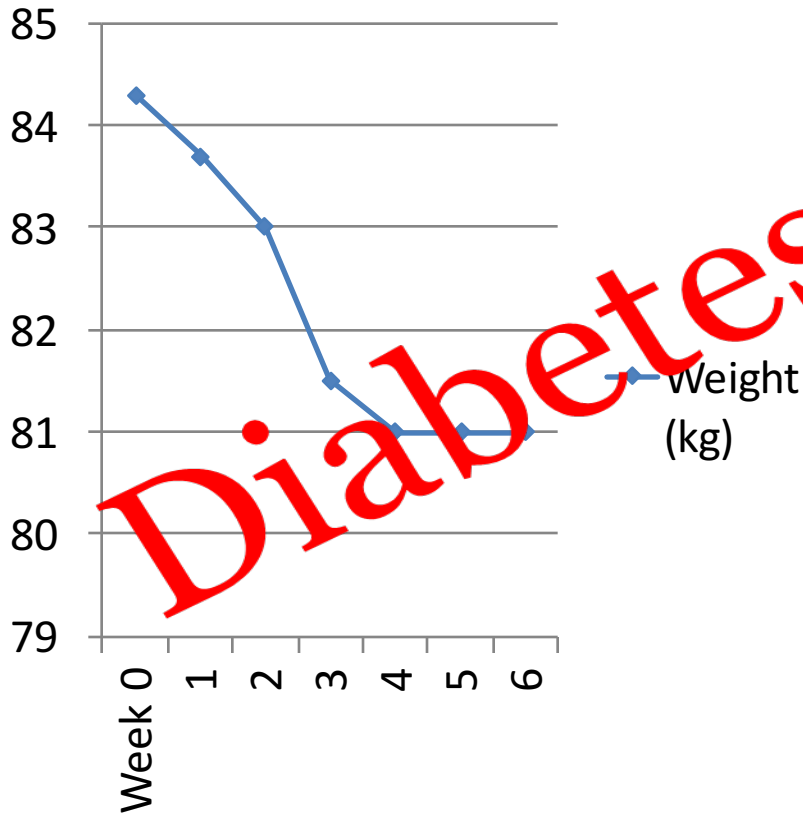
# Case 2 - Balraj

- 45 yo Sri Lankan man
- Diabetes diagnosed 2003
  - Nephropathy
  - Retinopathy
- ITP
- Started IDM program Aug 27, 2013

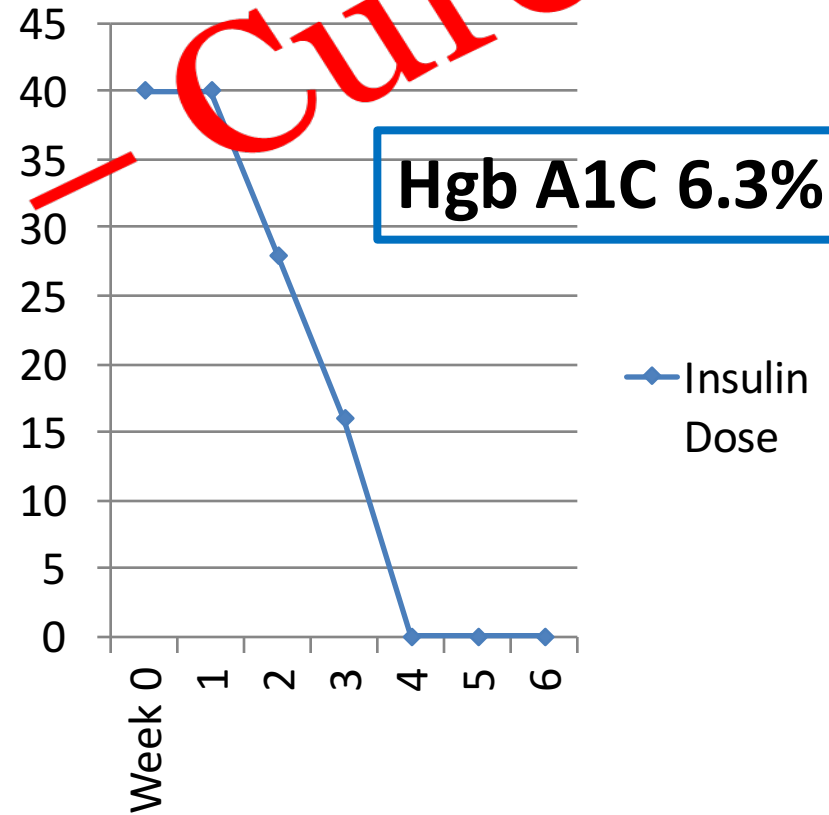


# Balraj

## Weight (kg)



## Insulin Dose



**Diabetes**

**Cured**

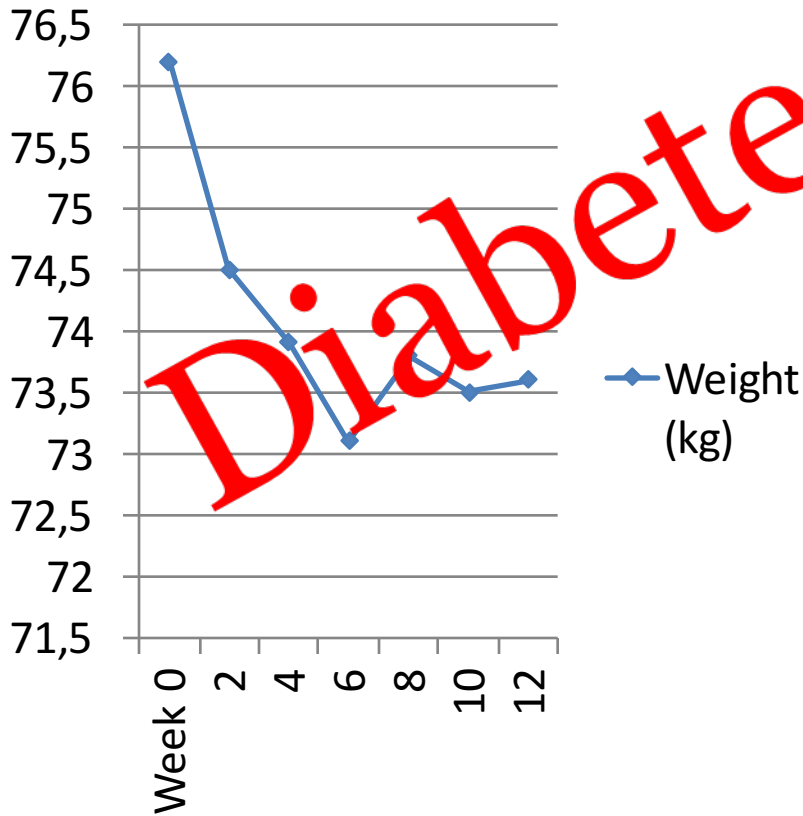
**Hgb A1C 6.3%**

# Case 3 - Armando

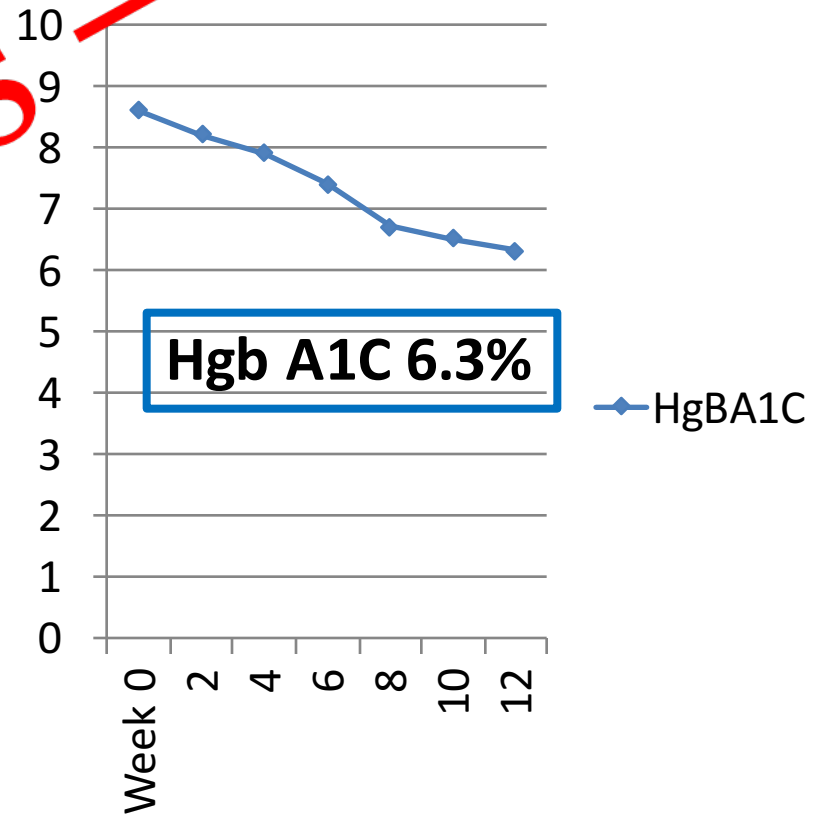
- 45 year old Philippine patient
- Newly diagnosed with diabetes – not currently on medications and does not want to take medication
- Starting HgB A1C 8.7% and rising over 6 months
- Started IDM program June 2013

# Armando

## Weight (kg)



## HgBA1C



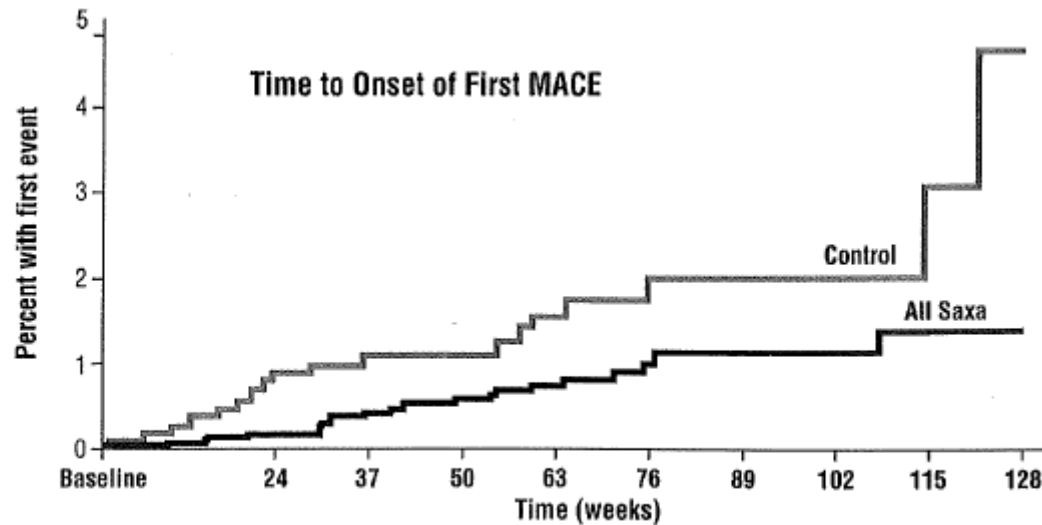
**Diabetes — Cured**

# Time to get started...



Jason Fung's Intensive Diabetes Dietary Management (IDDM) Clinic  
<http://kidneylifescience.ca/drjasonfung>

# DPP-4 Inhibitors may reduce cardiovascular events



4,607 patients randomized

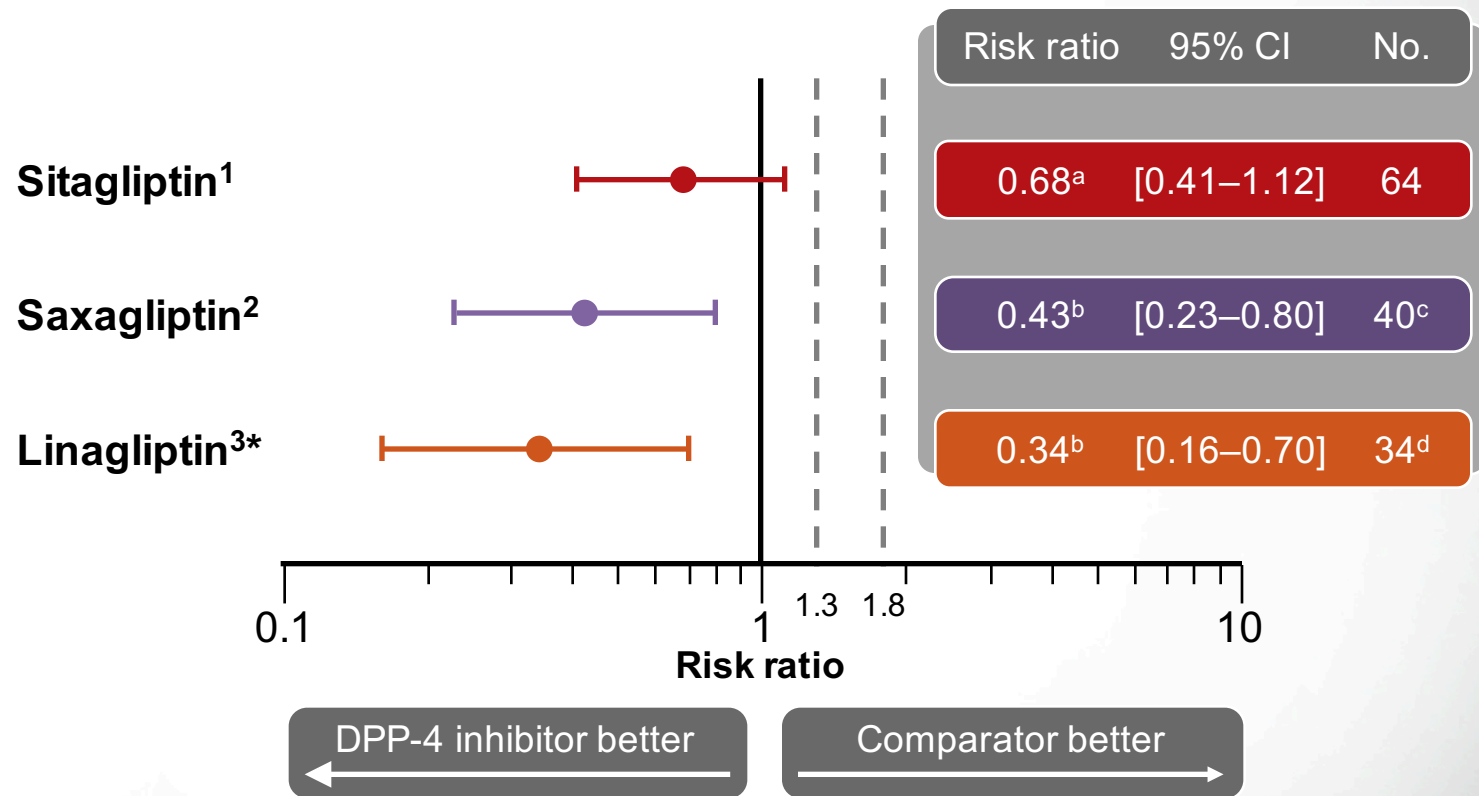
#### Patients at Risk

Control	1251	935	860	774	545	288	144	123	102	57
All Saxa	3356	2615	2419	2209	1638	994	498	436	373	197

A Systematic Assessment of Cardiovascular Outcomes in the Saxagliptin Drug Development Program for type 2 Diabetes

Postgrad Med 2010 Vol122; 3: 16-27 Frederich

# Stratified Analyses of CV Events: Pooled Data from Registration Trials (DPP-4 Inhibitors)



\*The main contributor to the overall differences in the primary endpoint was the events in the head-to-head study of linagliptin vs. glimepiride. Comparisons with placebo were not statistically significant (Johansen et al 2012; Trajenta Canadian Product Monograph July 2011).

<sup>a</sup>Calculated using exact procedures for the Poisson processes; <sup>b</sup>Cox hazard ratio; <sup>c</sup>Patients with events: n = 22, saxagliptin; n = 18, control;

<sup>d</sup>Patients with events: n = 11, linagliptin; n = 23, comparator.

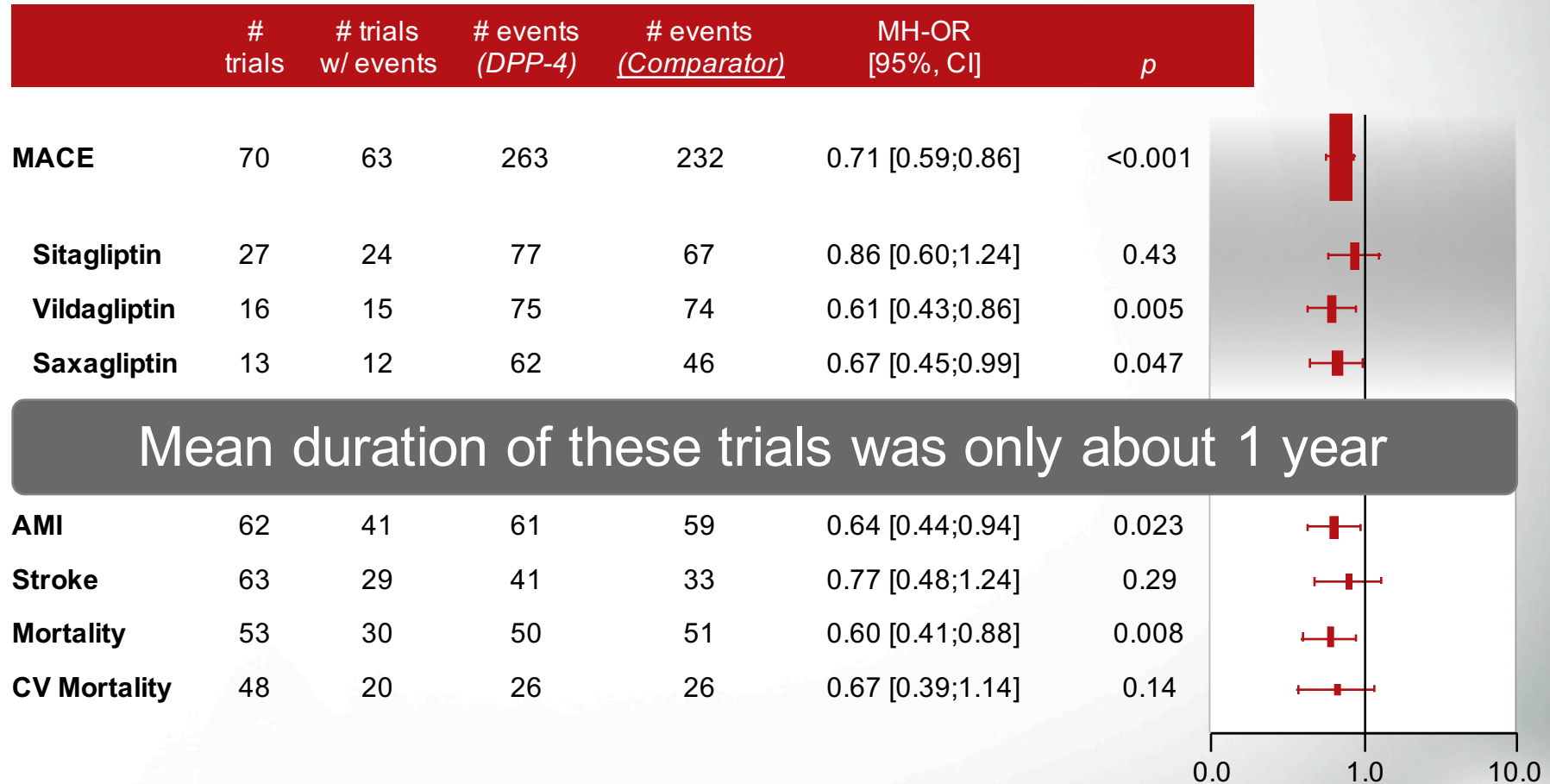
1. Williams-Herman D, et al. BMC Endocr Disord 2010; 10:7. 2. Frederich R, et al. Postgrad Med 2010; 122:16-27.

3. Johansen O-E, et al. Cardiovasc Diabetol 2012; 11:3.



# Treatment with DPP-4 Inhibitors is Associated with Significant Reduction in MACE & Mortality in T2DM

Meta-analysis: 70 trials; 41,959 patients; mean follow-up of 44.1 weeks

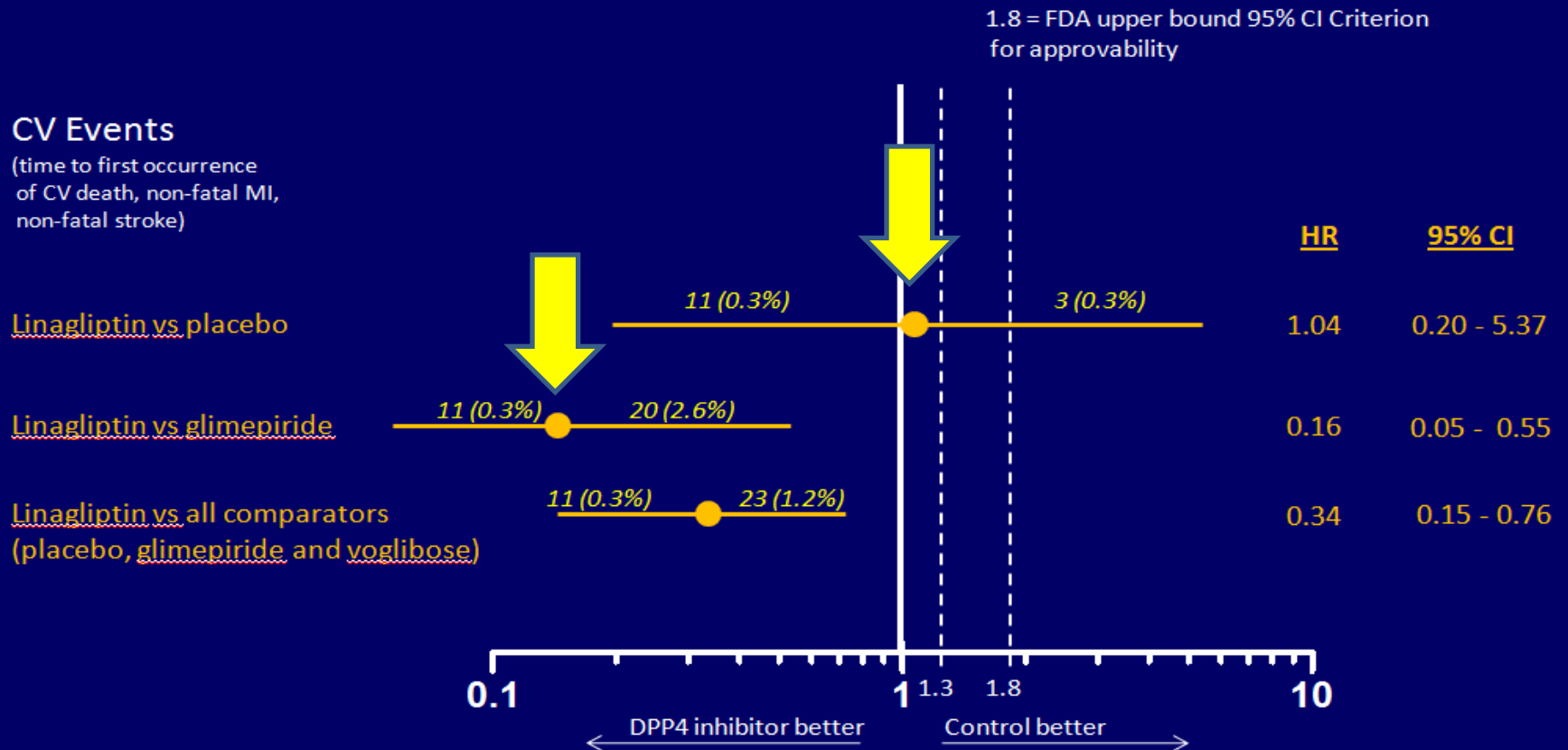


# LINAGLIPTIN: Stratified Analysis of CV Events

Pooled Phase 3 trials (5077 patients, 3319 on Lina)

## CV Events

(time to first occurrence of CV death, non-fatal MI, non-fatal stroke)



Adapted from Johansen et al., 2012 and Linagliptin Canadian product monograph (July 26, 2011)

Johansen et al., 2012. Cardiovascular Diabetology 11:3.



# Ongoing CV Outcome Trials: DPP-4 Inhibitors

Trial	Therapies	#	Population	Primary endpoint	End Date
<b>CAROLINA</b>	Linagliptin/ Glimepiride	6000	CVD or $\geq 2$ RF	<b>Non-inferiority:</b> time to first occurrence of any component of MACE composite outcome	Sept 2018
<b>EXAMINE</b>	Alogliptin/ Placebo	5400	ACS 15-90 days before	<b>Non-inferiority:</b> time to occurrence of MACE	Dec 2014
<b>SAVOR-TIMI 53</b>	Saxagliptin/ Placebo	16,500	CVD or $\geq 2$ RF	<b>Superiority</b> efficacy, <b>non-inferiority</b> safety: composite CV death, NF MI, NF stroke	July 2013
<b>TECOS</b>	Sitagliptin/ Placebo	14,000	Established CVD	<b>Non-inferiority:</b> time to first occurrence of composite CV outcome	Dec 2014

CVD = cardiovascular.

Adapted from:

1. Golden SH. Am J Cardiol 2011; 108(Suppl):59B-67B.
2. Fonseca V. Am J Cardiol 2011; 108(Suppl):52B-58B.
3. [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov)



# Yes, we can

45 years old

Diabetes for 20 years

On 100 units/ day of  
insulin

After 2 months – off all  
insulin

CURED of diabetes

