



PODEN ARRIBAR A LA REMISSIÓ DE LA DM2 I FINS QUAN?: FÀRMACCS

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XIV JORNADA DE L'ASSOCIACIÓ CATALANA DE DIABETIS
MITES I REALITATS DE LA DIABETIS



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Conflicts of interests

AstraZeneca, Boehringer Ingelheim, Eli Lilly, Menarini, Jansen, Merck Sharp & Dohme, Novo-Nordisk, Sanofi

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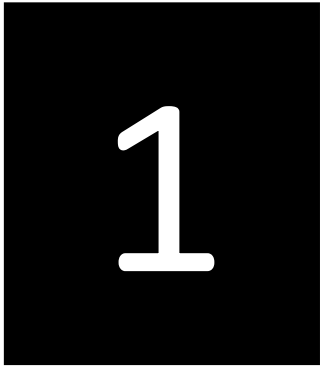
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Definition

Who Would Have Thought It?

An Operation Proves to Be the Most Effective Therapy for Adult-Onset Diabetes Mellitus

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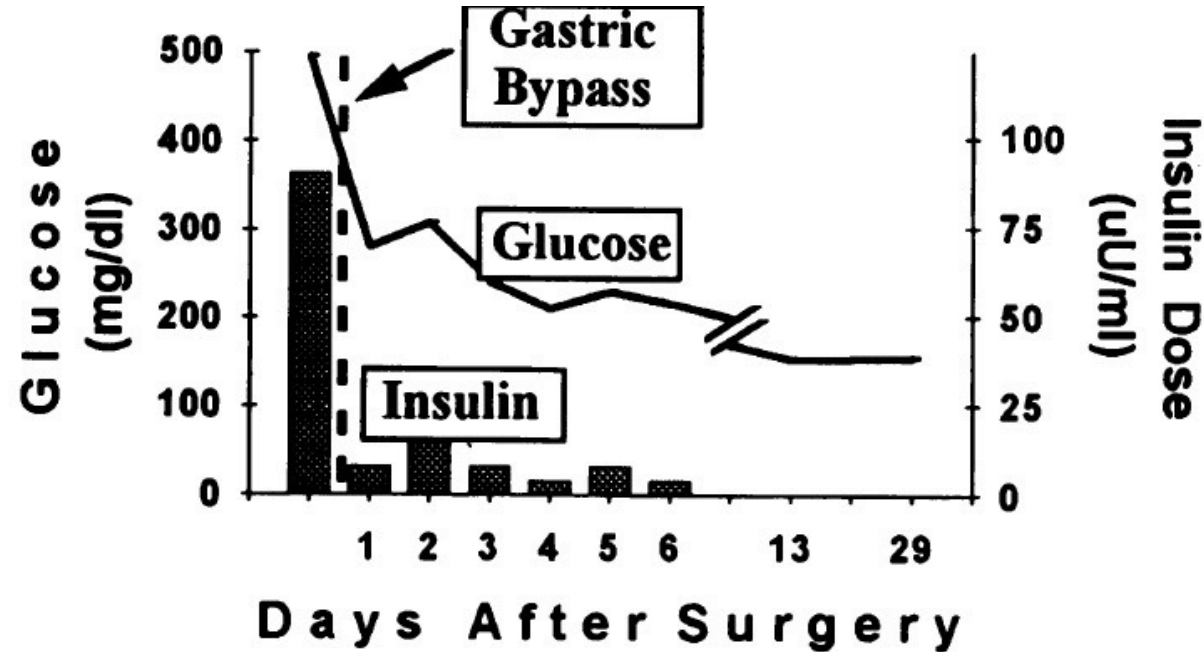
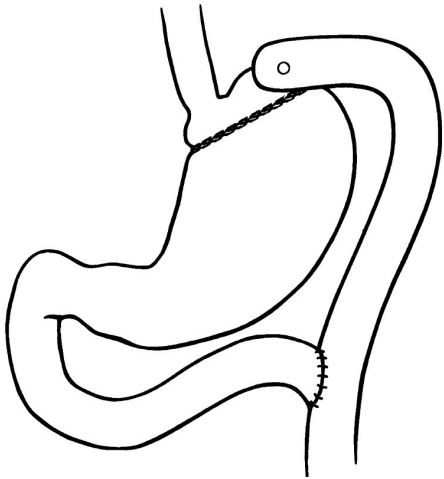


Figure 4. The correction of the hyperglycemia occurs rapidly. Patient 1 had an fasting blood glucose level of 495 mg/dL on the day before surgery despite the administration of 90 U of insulin. By the end of the 1st postoperative day, her fasting blood glucose level fell to 281 mg/dL and her insulin requirement dropped to 8 U. By the 6th postoperative day, she no longer required insulin.

2009



Reviews / Commentaries / ADA Statements

CONSENSUS STATEMENT

How Do We Define Cure of Diabetes?

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diseases. Infectious diseases could be seen as a model: acute bacterial pneumonia can be cured with antibiotics, but HIV infection, currently, can at best be stated to be in remission or converted to a chronic disease. The consensus group considered the history of childhood acute lymphoblas-

Definition of Remission used in Studies

Study	Year	A1C level	Fasting Glucose	Duration	Medications
Gregg E et al (Look Ahead) ¹	2012	5.7 - 6.5% (Partial) < 5.7%(Complete)	100-126 mg/dl < 100 mg/dl	Annually	Off All meds
Sjostrom et al (SOS) ²	2014	nd	< 110 mg/dl (IFG or normal)	nd	Off all meds
Yska et al (UK Cohort) ³	2015	< 6.0%		6 months	Off all meds
Purnell et al (LABS-2) ⁴	2016	< 6.5%	< 125 mg/dl (if A1c unavailable)	Annually	Off all meds
Schaur et al (STAMPEDE) ⁵	2018	< 6.0% < 6.5%, <7.0 %		1 year	Off all meds Off all meds, On meds
Lean MEJ et al. (DiRECT) ⁶	2018	<6.5%		Assessed at 1 year	Off all meds
Madsen et al (Danish Cohort) ⁷	2019	< 6.5% < 6.0%		1 year	Off all meds On metformin
Inge TH et al (Teen-LABS) ⁸	2019	< 6.5%	< 126 mg/dl (if A1c unavailable)		Off all Meds

1 JAMA 2012; 308(23): 2489-2496

2 JAMA 2014; 311(22): 2297-2304

3 JAMA Surg. 2015; 150(12):1126-1133

4 Diabetes Care. 2016; 39(7):1101-7

5 N Engl J Med. 2017; 376(7):641-651

6 Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2019; 7(5):344-355

7 Diabetologia 2019; 62(4):611-620

8 N Engl J Med. 2019 ; 380:2136-21453

Consensus Report: Definition and Interpretation of Remission in Type 2 Diabetes

2021

American Diabetes Association, European Association for the Study of Diabetes, Diabetes UK, the Endocrine Society, and the Diabetes Surgery Summit + 1 oncologist
(February 2019 and September 2020)

This group proposed “remission” as the most appropriate descriptive term, and **HbA1c <6.5%** (48 mmol/mol)* measured **at least 3 months** after cessation of glucose-lowering pharmacotherapy as the usual diagnostic criterion.

Not recommended: **FPG** (high variability)

Not recommended: **2-h plasma glucose (OGTT)** (high variability, complexity)

*In some circumstances, an **eA1C or GMI <6.5%** can be considered an equivalent criterion.

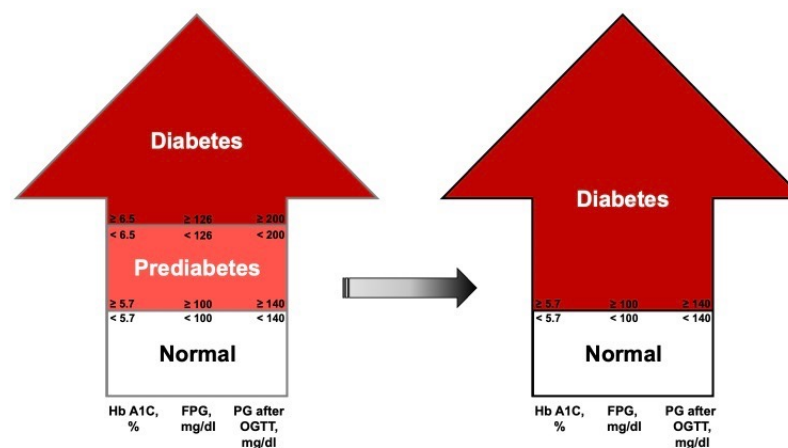
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Remission: HbA1c **<6.5%** measured at least 3 months after **cessation** of glucose-lowering pharmacotherapy



The time is now for new, lower diabetes diagnostic thresholds



Schwartz SS et al. Trends Endocrinol Metab 2022; 33:4-7.

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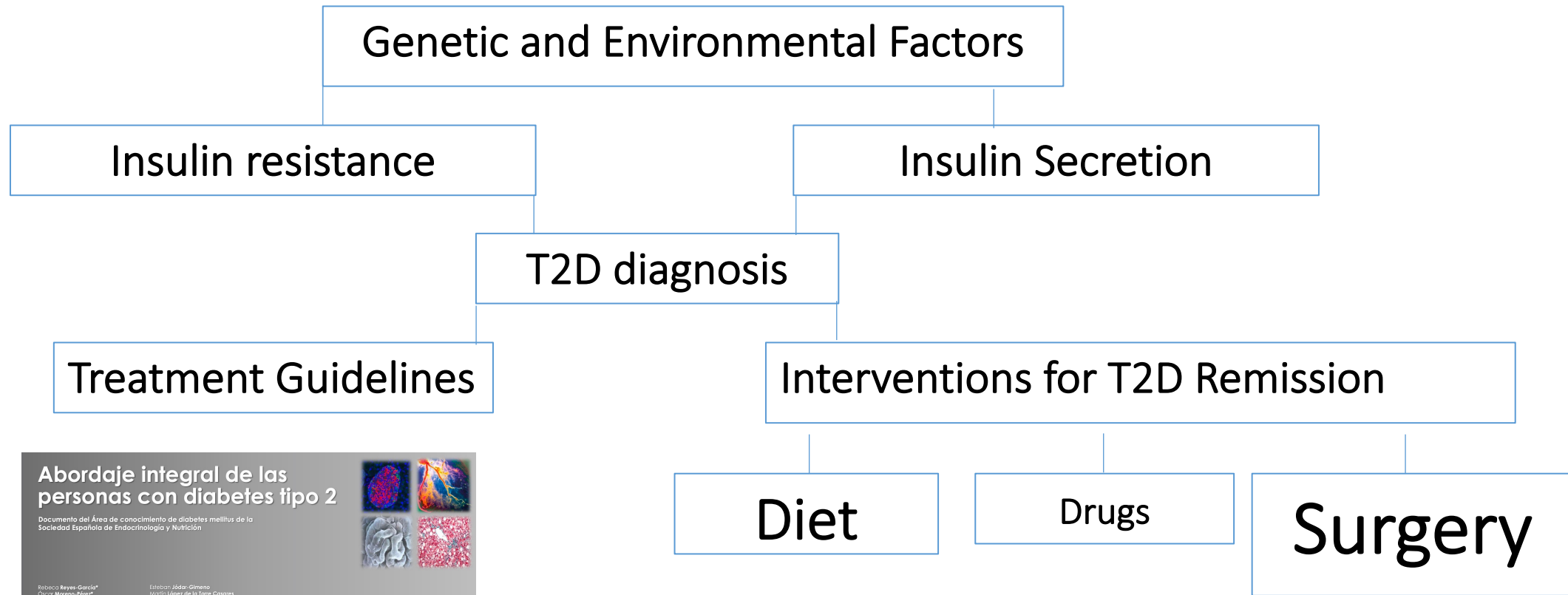
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Therapeutic Strategies for T2D remission



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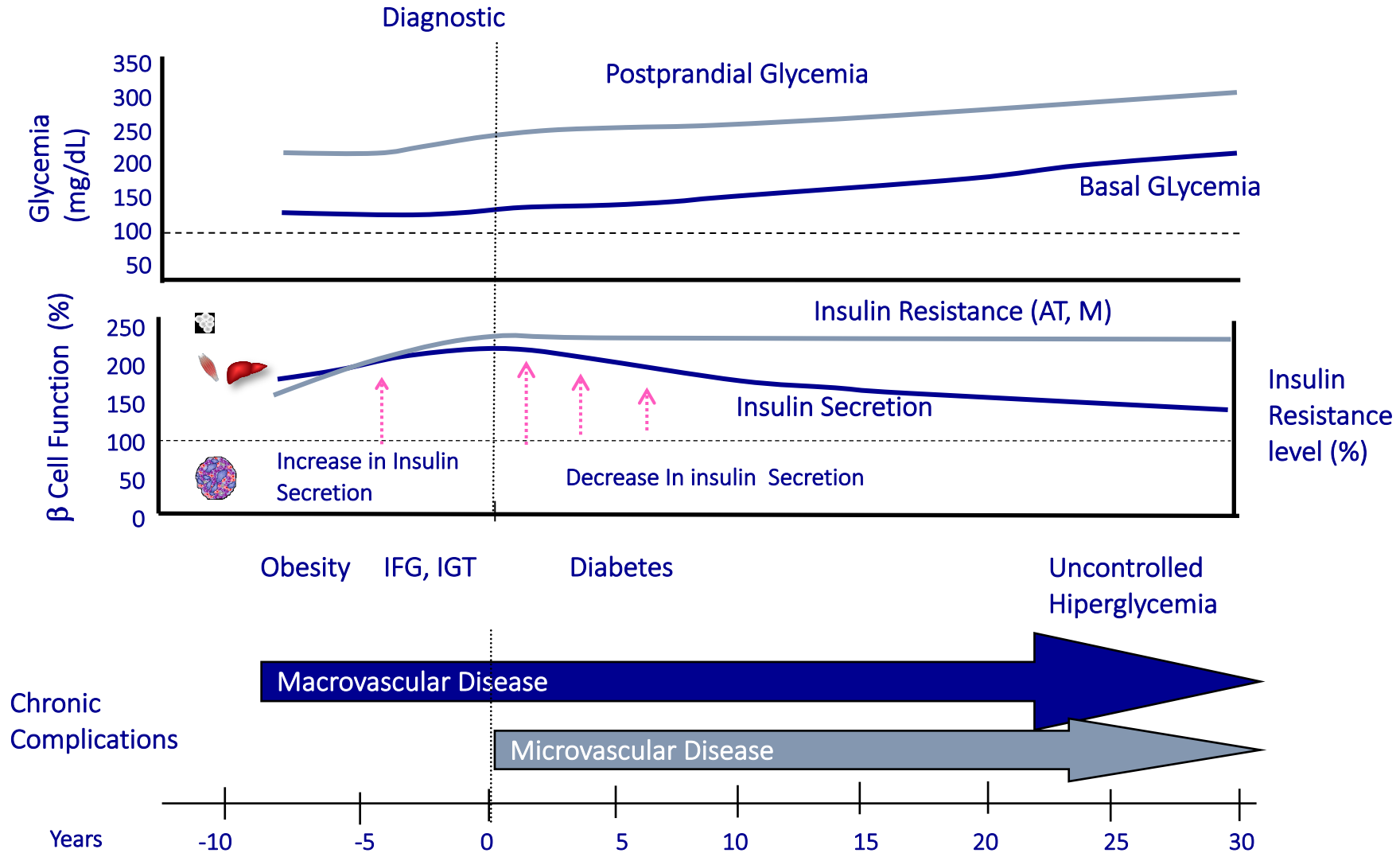
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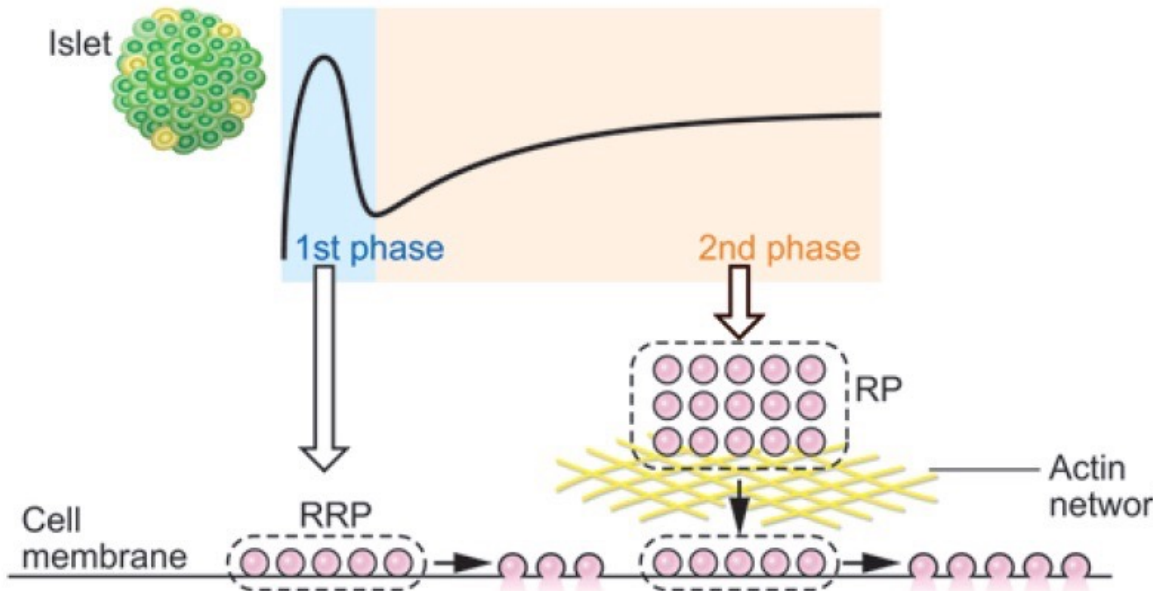
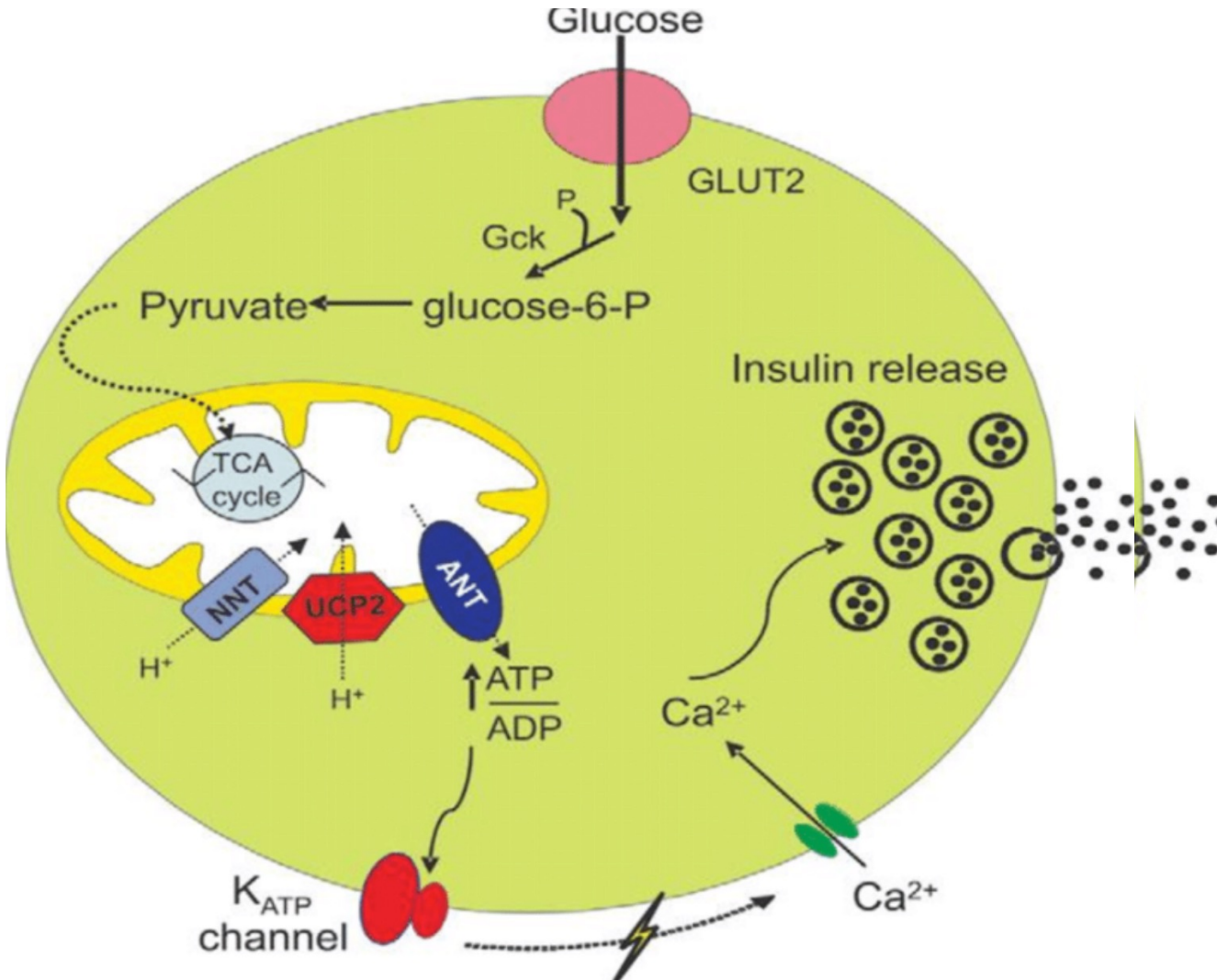
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Pathophysiology

T2D: Natural History



Healthy β Cell: signals from glucose metabolism mediate insulin secretion



β cell dedifferentiation and T2D

FoxO1 (factor de transcripción) pasa al núcleo para proteger a la célula β del estrés metabólico (**glucolipotoxicidad**).

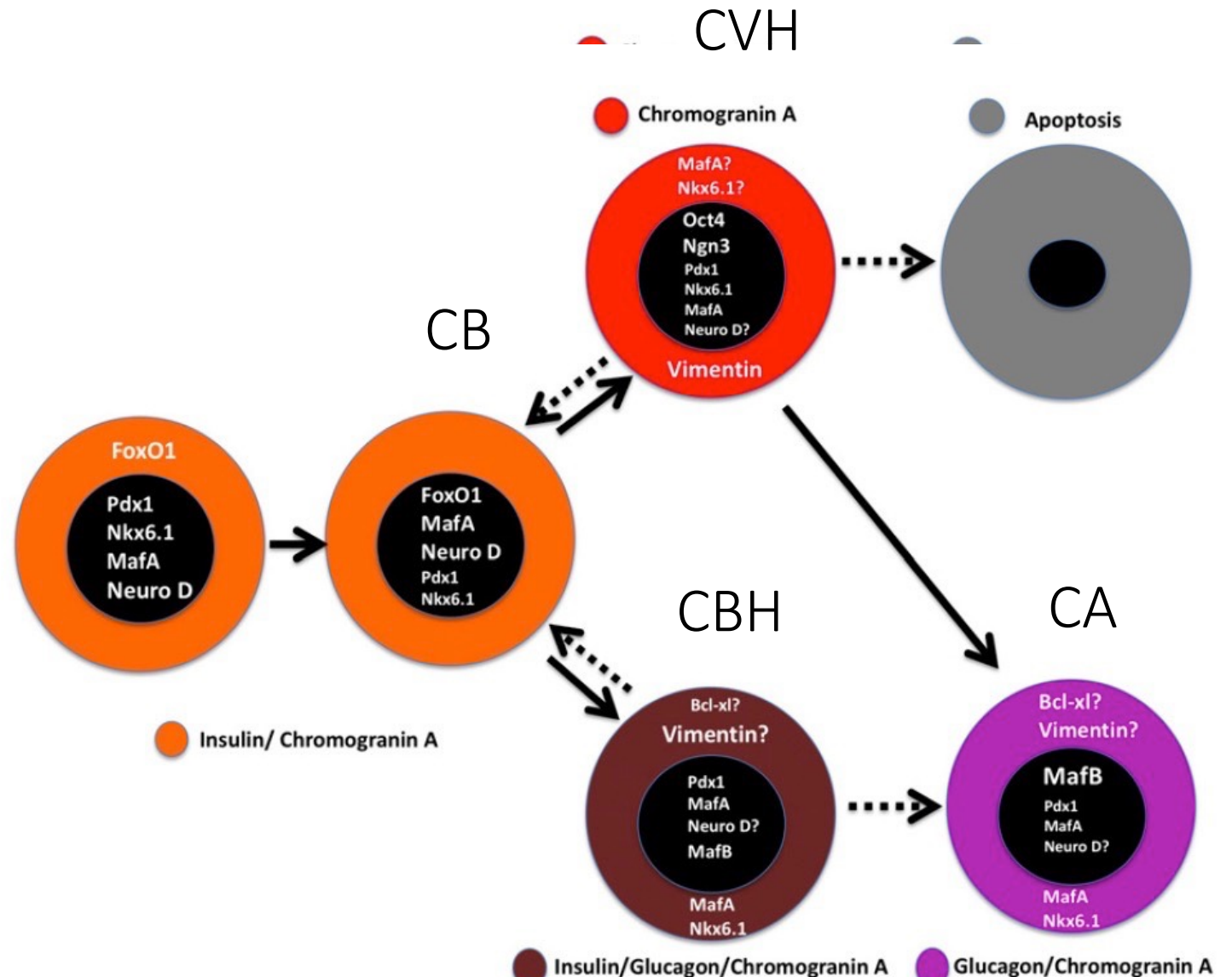
Así, oxida la glucosa y no los ácidos grasos; se produce insulina. Si persiste el estrés, FoxO1 se degrada, se oxida peor la glucosa y mejor los ácidos grasos (**inflexibilidad metabólica**); se genera más estrés oxidativo lo que deteriora la secreción de insulina: la célula β se transforma en una CVH (arriba) y sufre apoptosis, o se transdiferencia a CBH y a CA (abajo),

CB: célula β

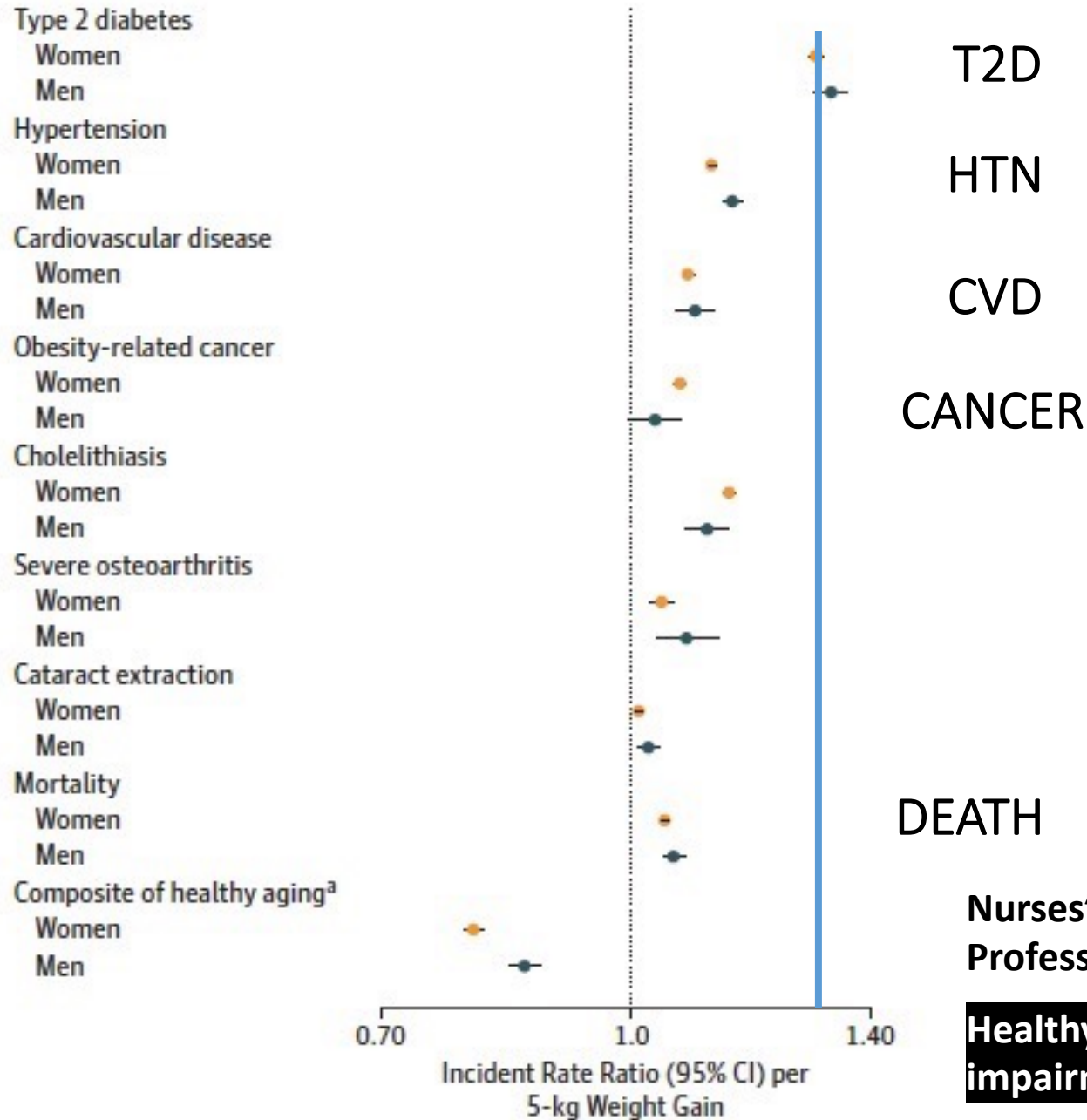
CVH: célula "vacía" de hormonas

CBH: célula bihormonal

CA: célula alfa



Weight gain in middle ages is a major driver for developing T2D



Accelerated aging
(sirtuins, mTOR
AMPK)

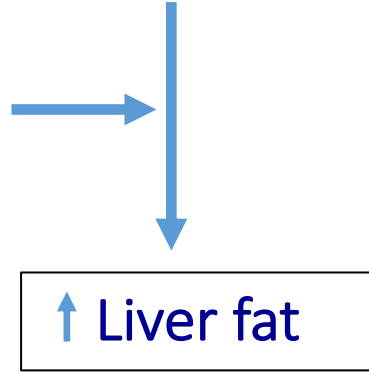
Nurses' Health Study (92837 women, weight gain: 18-55 yrs.). Health Professionals Follow-up Study (25303 men, weight gain. 23-55 yrs),

Healthy aging: no chronic diseases, no major cognitive or physical impairment

Twin cycle hypothesis: Calorie excess and T2D development

Positive calorie balance

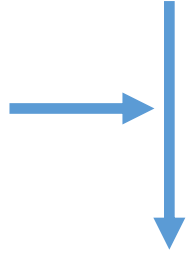
Pre-existing
muscle IR



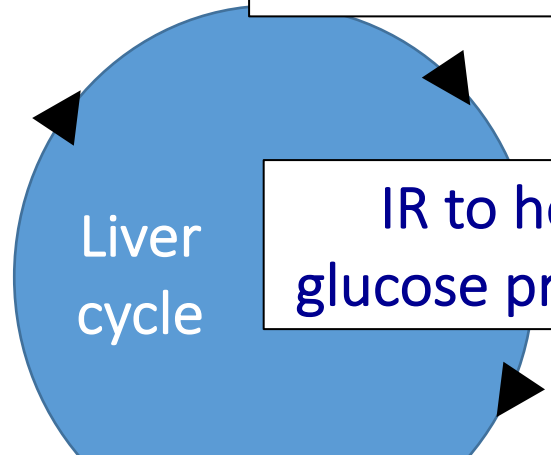
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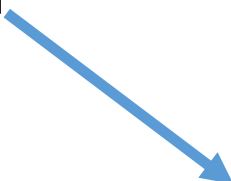
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↑ Liver fat

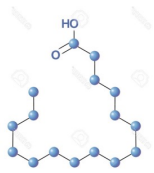


IR to hepatic glucose production

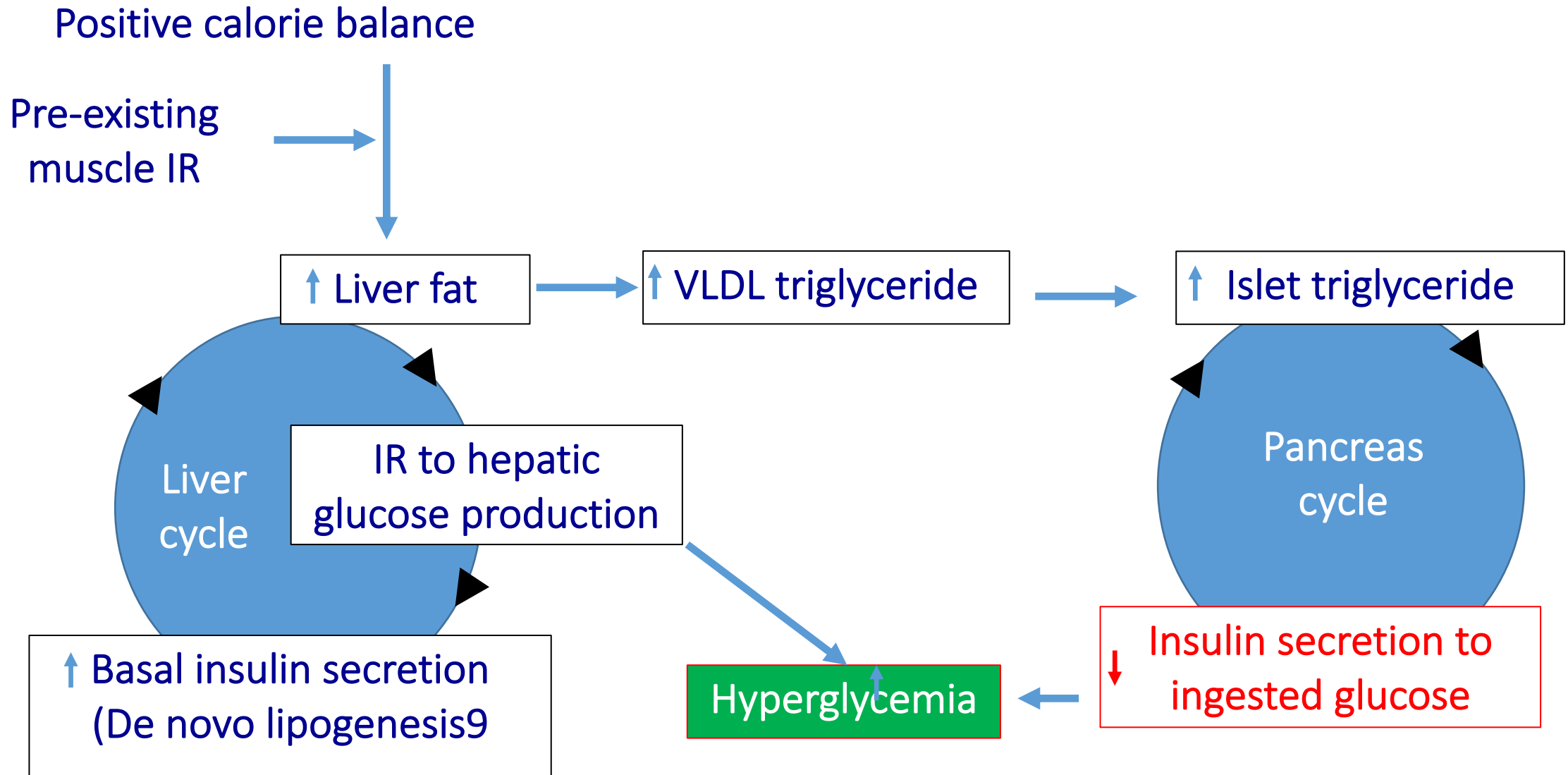


↑ Basal insulin secretion (De novo lipogenesis)

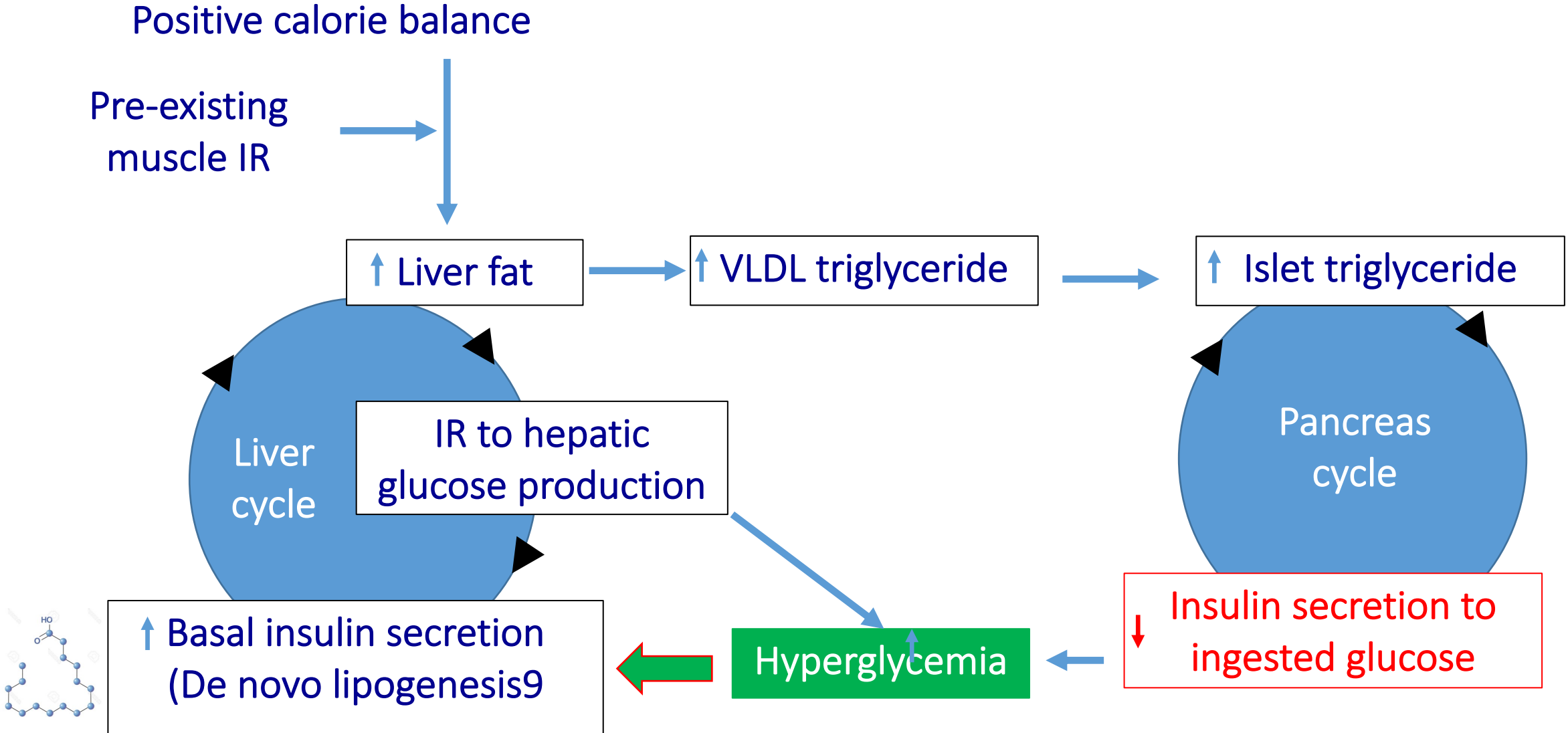
Hyperglycemia



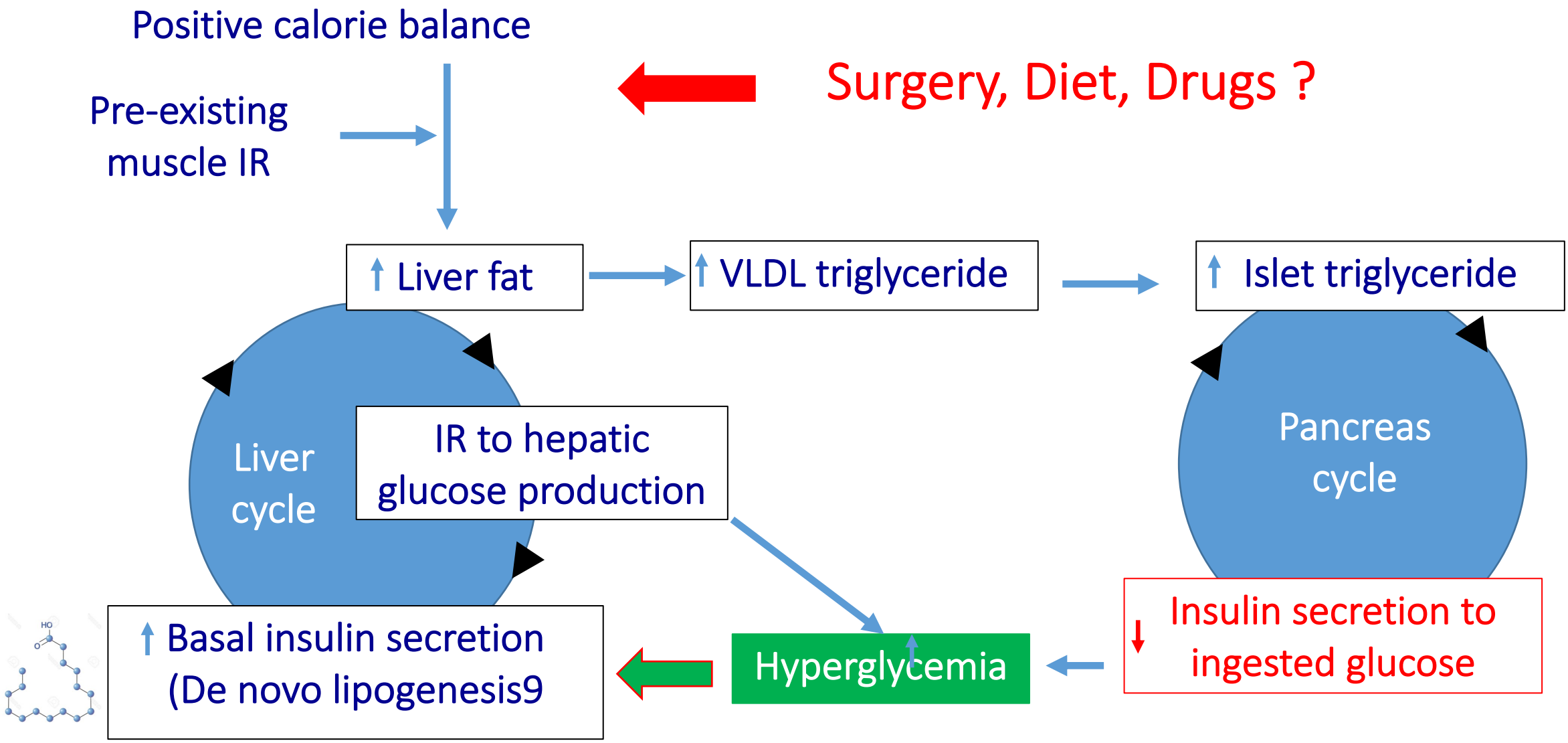
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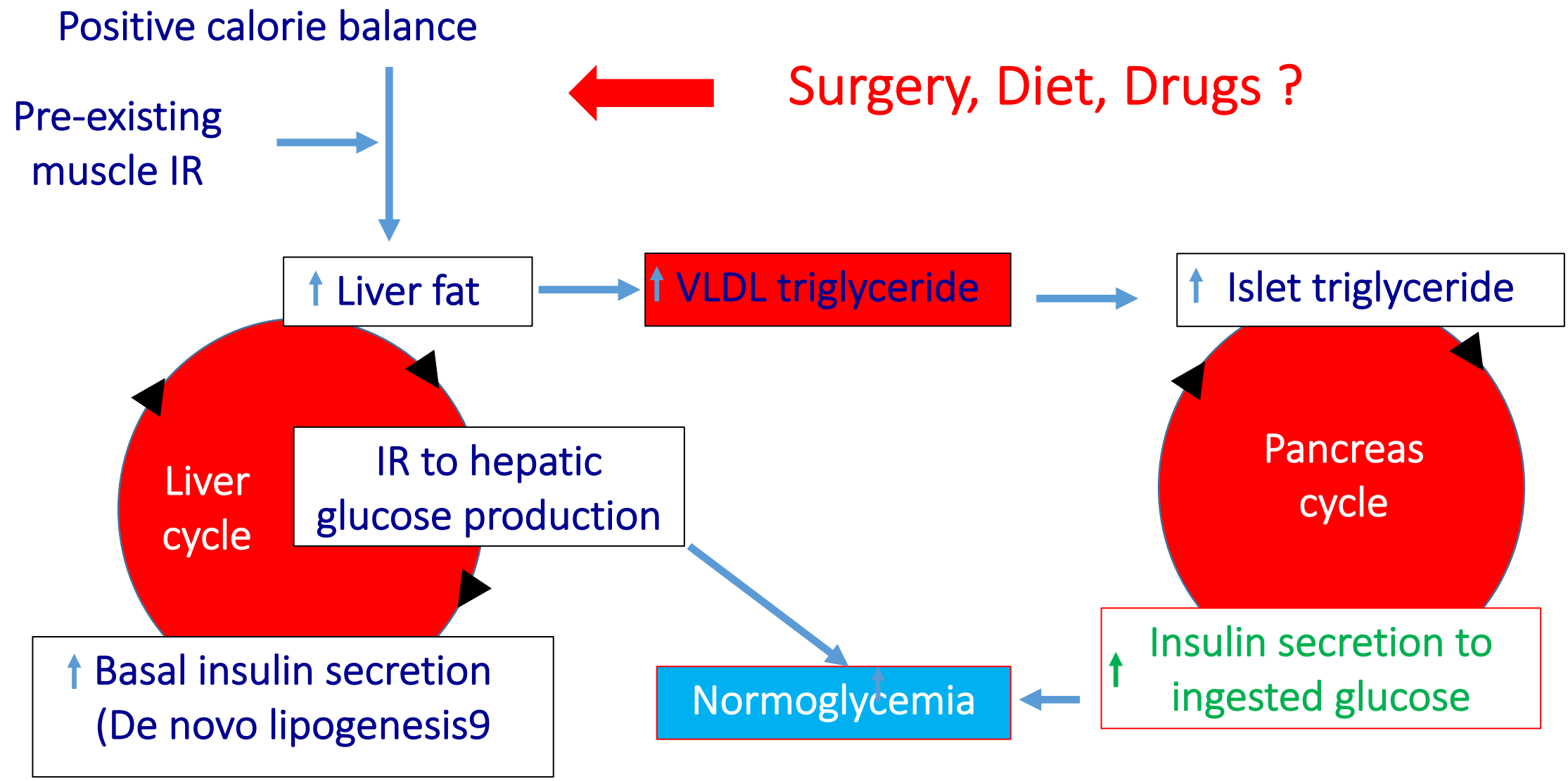
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Weighing in on Type 2 Diabetes Remission

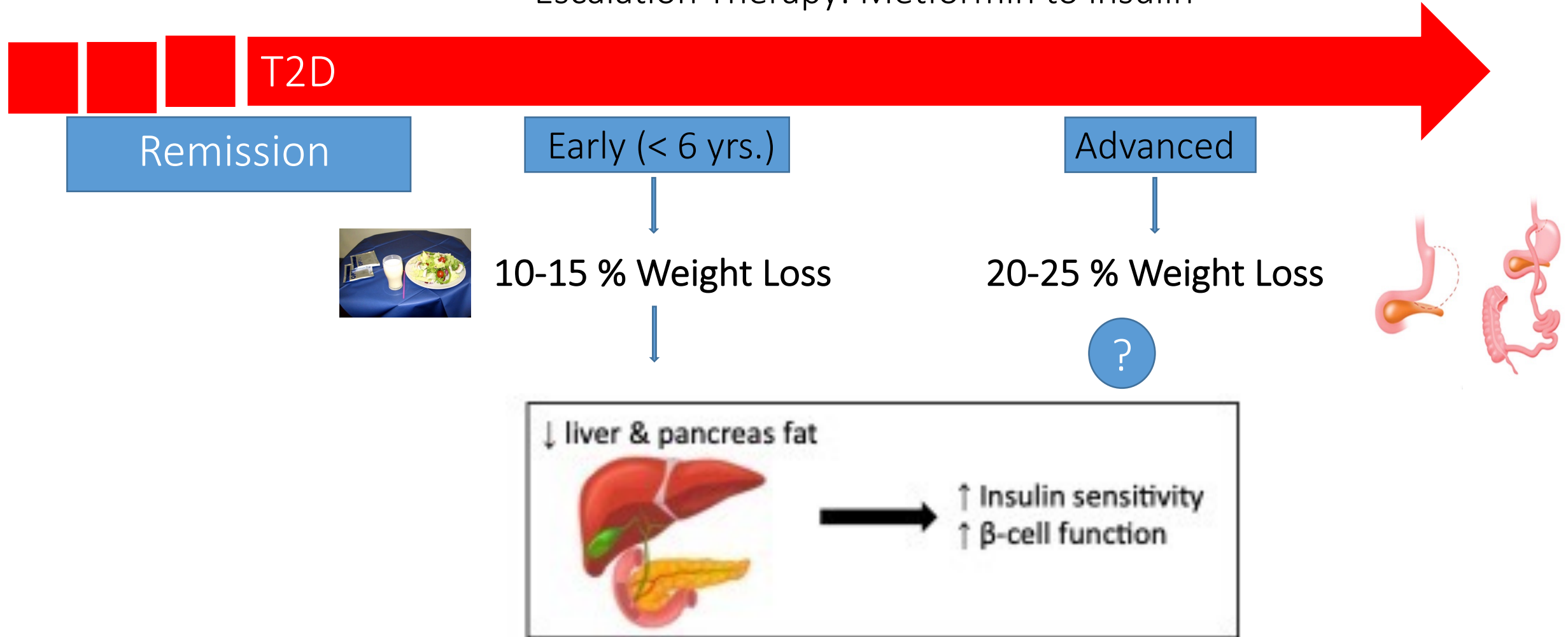
Escalation Therapy: Metformin to insulin



T2D

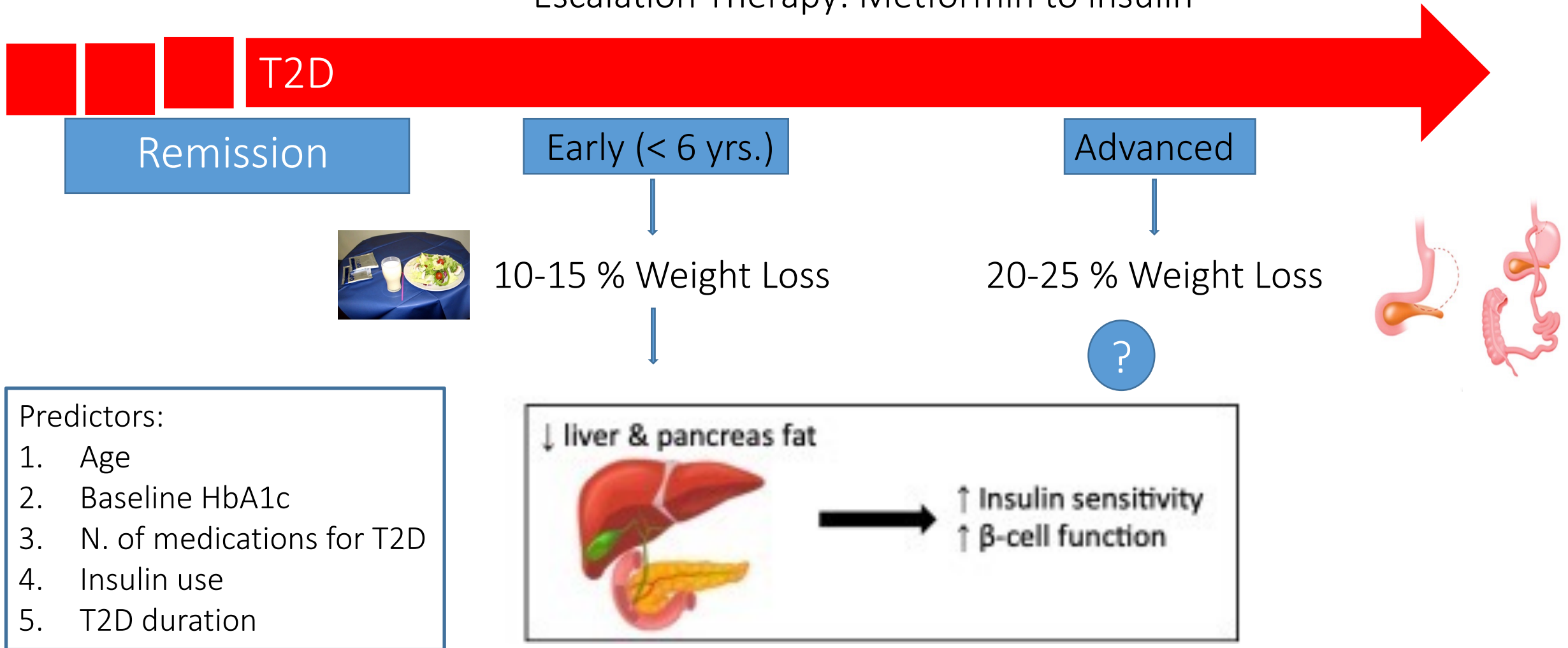
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Predictors:

1. Age
2. Baseline HbA1c
3. N. of medications for T2D
4. Insulin use
5. T2D duration

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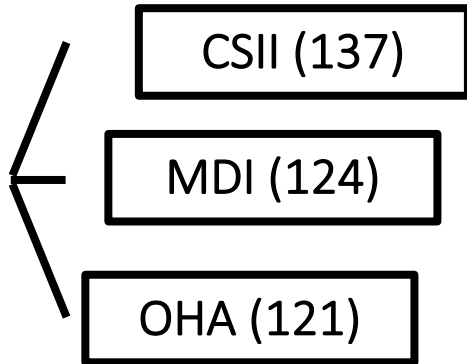
The Impact of Traditional Drugs for T2D and Some New Ones is Limited

Effect of intensive insulin therapy on β -cell function and glycaemic control in patients with newly diagnosed type 2 diabetes: a multicentre randomised parallel-group trial

- Multicentric, China, open-label
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Pts.:

- FPG: 126-300 mg/dL
- Naïve for glucose-lowering agents
- 25-70 yrs. GAD Abs -



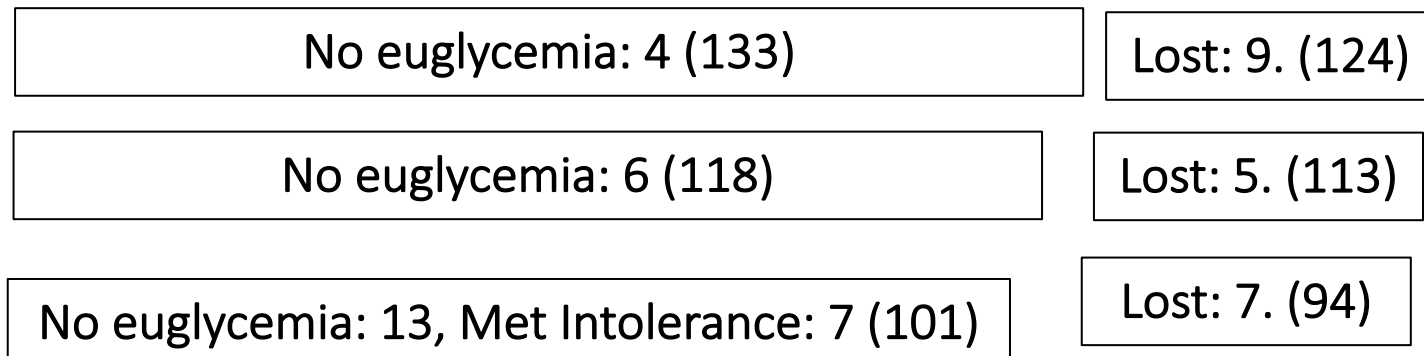
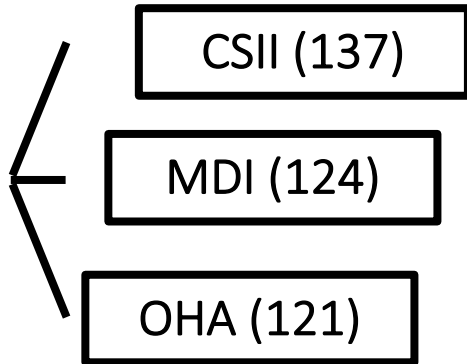
No euglycemia: 4 (133)	Lost: 9. (124)
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Intensification (up to 2 wks.): capillary euglycemia: fasting < 110 mg/dL + 2h post-meal (3 meals): < 144 mg/dL

Follow-up: diet and exercise (1 yr.)

Primary endpoint: Time in euglycemia and T2D remission for at least 1 yr. w/o glucose-lowering drugs).

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Euglycemia

Remisión DM2 (1a)**

Hipoglucemia

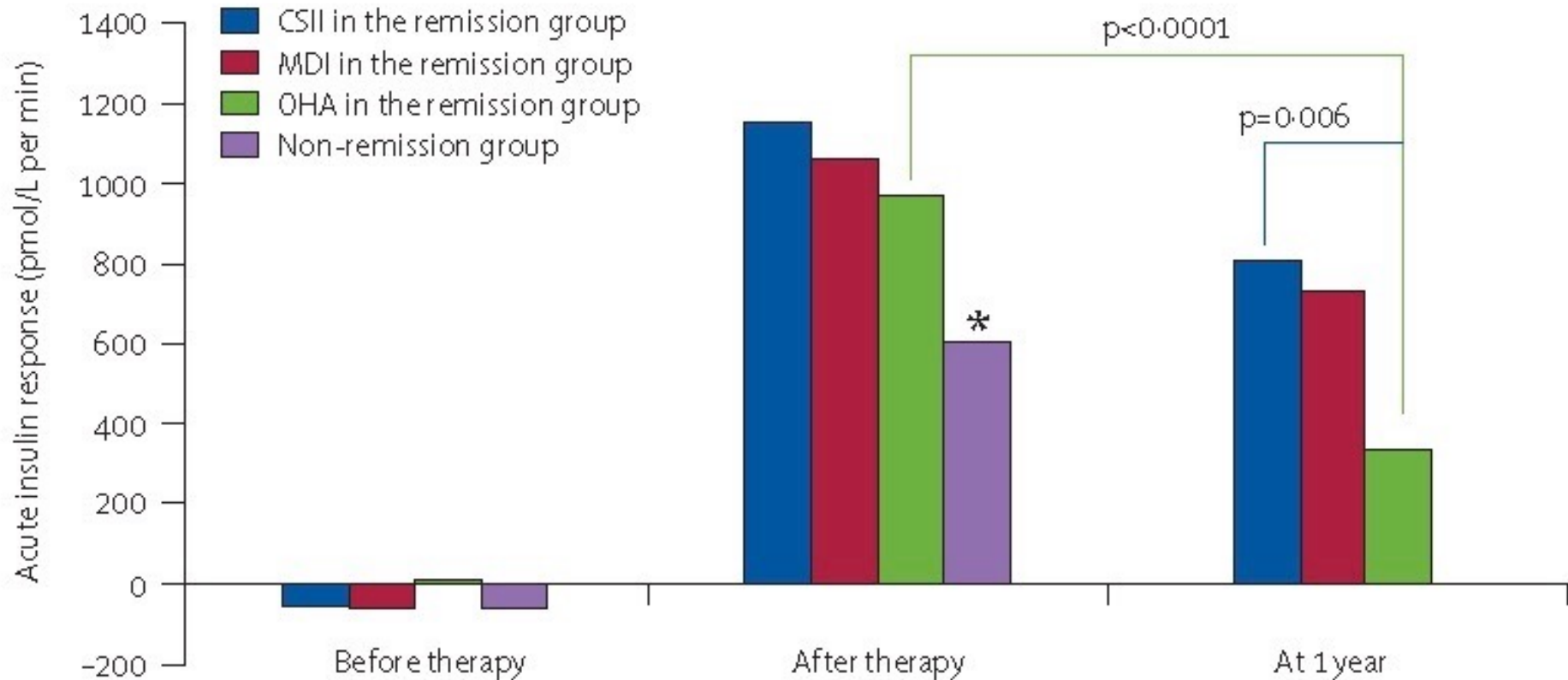
Group	Sujetos*	Time to euglycemia*	Remisión DM2 (1a)**	Hipoglucemia
CSII	97 %	4.0 (2.5) days	51 %	34 %
MDI	95 %	5.6 (3.8) days	45 %	28 %
OHA	84 %	9.3 (5,3) days	27 %	19 %

* Both were better for insulin interventions as compared with OHA administration

** No differences in severe hypoglycemia. Hypoglycemia episode: symptoms + glycemia < 55 mg/dl. More hypos with insulins than with OHA.

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1st Pphase insulin Secretion

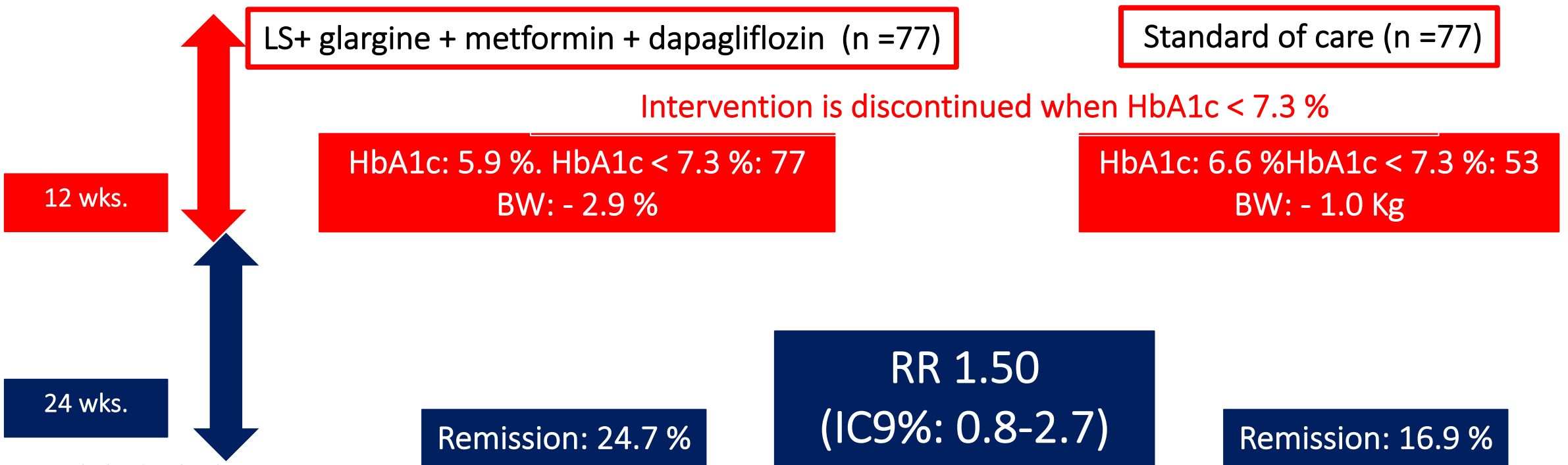


Insulin therapy improved beta cell function longer than OHAs, extending the remission period.

Remission of Type 2 Diabetes Following a Short-term Intervention With Insulin Glargine, Metformin, and Dapagliflozin

N = 154, T2D duration < 8 yrs. 0-2 glucose-lowering drugs

- Open-label, randomized.
- Age: 57 yrs.; T2D duration 37 mp. HbA1c 6.7%. BMI 33. eGDR 96. Drug-naive: 55 %, Insulin: 0 %
- Primary outcome: Remission: HbA1c < 6.5 % at 24-wk follow-up (secondary: 36, 48, 64 wks.)



Remission of Type 2 Diabetes
Following a Short-term Intensive
Intervention With Insulin
Glargine, Sitagliptin, and
Metformin: Results of an
Open-label Randomized
Parallel-Design Trial

N = 102, T2D duration < 5 yrs. No insulin

- Open-label, randomized.
- Age: 56 yrs.; T2D duration 24 mp.. HbA1c 6.6%. BMI 32. Drug-naive: 15 %.
- Primary outcome: RR of remission: HbA1c < 6.5 % at 24-wk follow-up, modified to HR of relapse throughout the whole study period. Relapse (primary definition): a capillary glucose level >180 mg/d on \geq 50% of measurement over 1 wk. and no acute illness, HbA1c \geq 6.5%, use of any glucose-lowering drug, FPG \geq 126 mg/dL or a 2-h postprandial (OGTT) \geq 200 mg/dL

LS+ glargine + metformin + sitagliptin (n =50)

Standard of care (n =52)

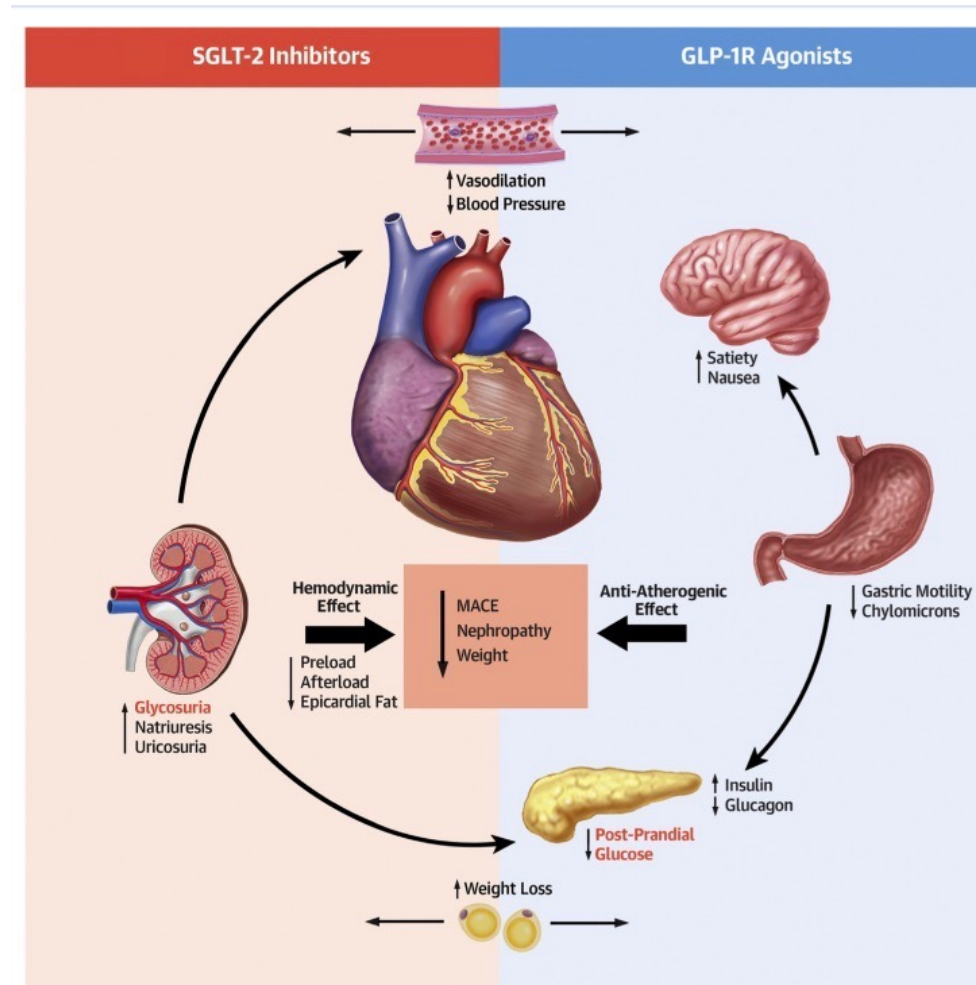
Intervention is discontinued when HbA1c < 7.3 % (100 % vs 71 %)

With the FPG/OGTT relapse criteria included, the HR of relapse was 0.72 (95% CI 0.47–1.10) in the intervention group compared with the controlgroup (primary analysis), and the number of participants remaining inremission was not significantly different between treatment groups at 24,

12 wks.

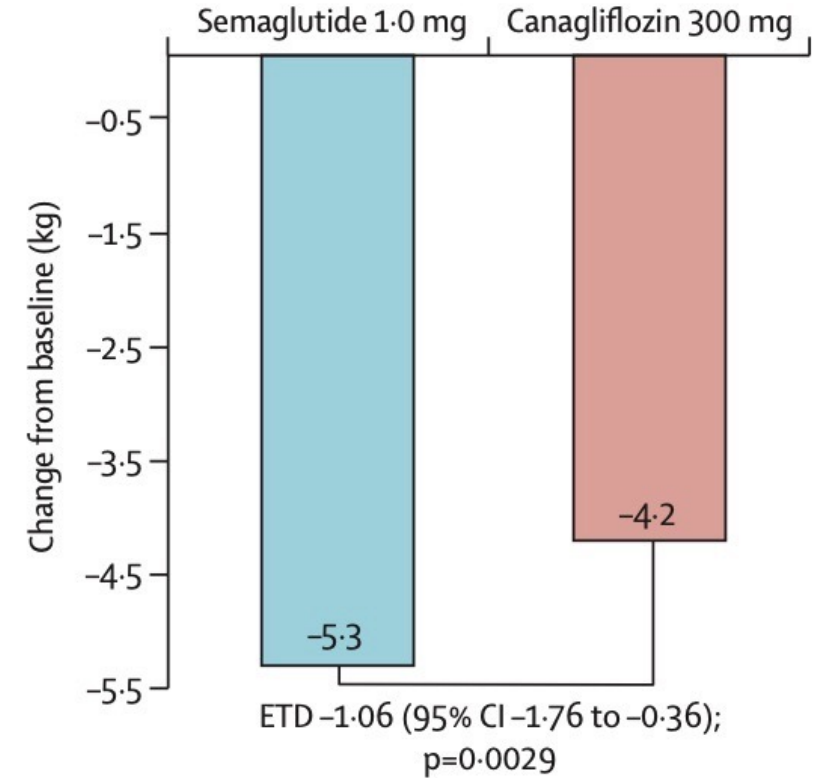
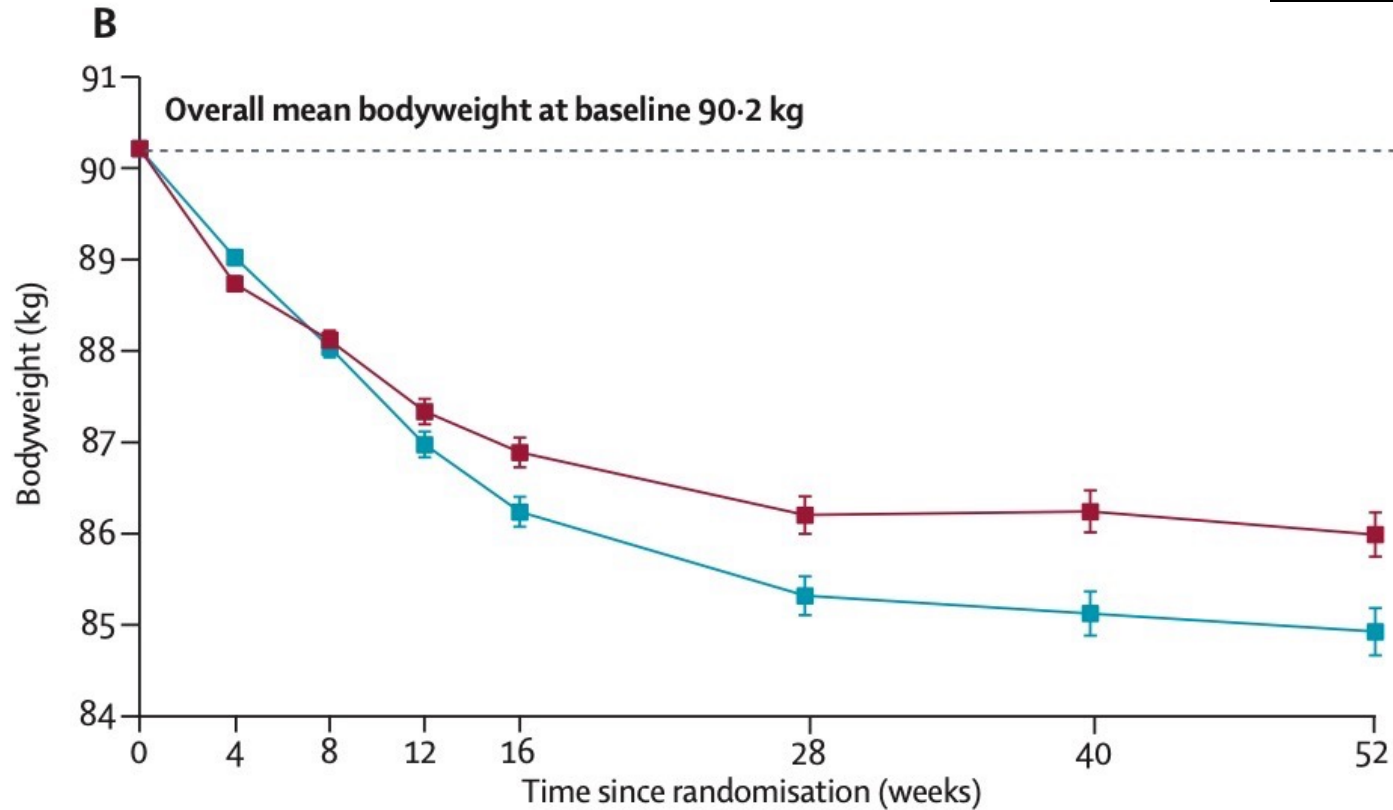
Up to 64
wks.

New Weight-Lowering Drugs for T2D show promise in the T2D Remission



SUSTAIN 8: Available SGLT2i for Losing Weight in T2D

BW Loss (Kg), 52 wks.



-5.9 Kg

-4.7 Kg

Semaglutide versus dulaglutide once weekly in patients with type 2 diabetes (SUSTAIN 7): a randomised, open-label, phase 3b trial

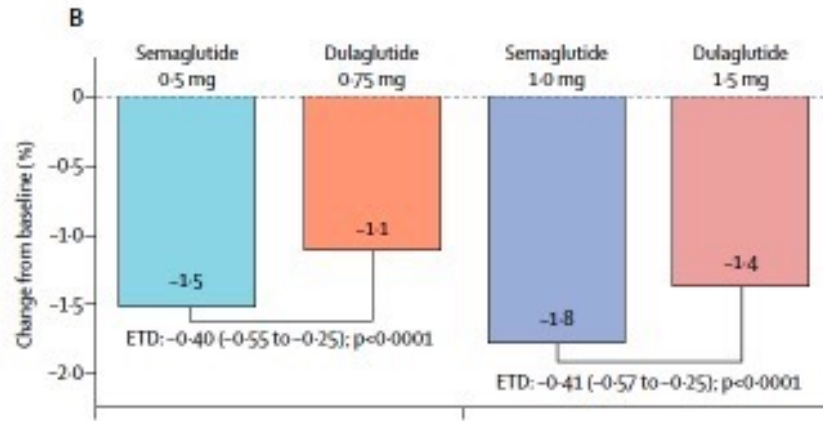
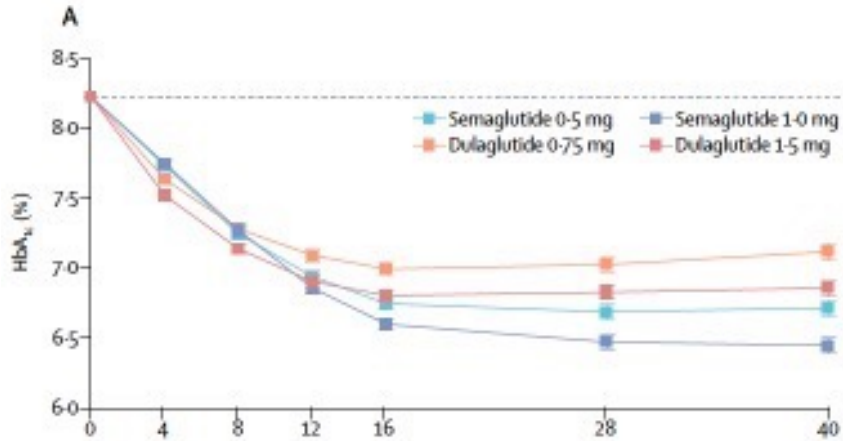
N = 1201; 40 wks
56 yrs. Females: 45 %.

TD duration: 7.4. HbA1c 8.2.

All on metformin

BW: 95. BMI: 34. WC: 111

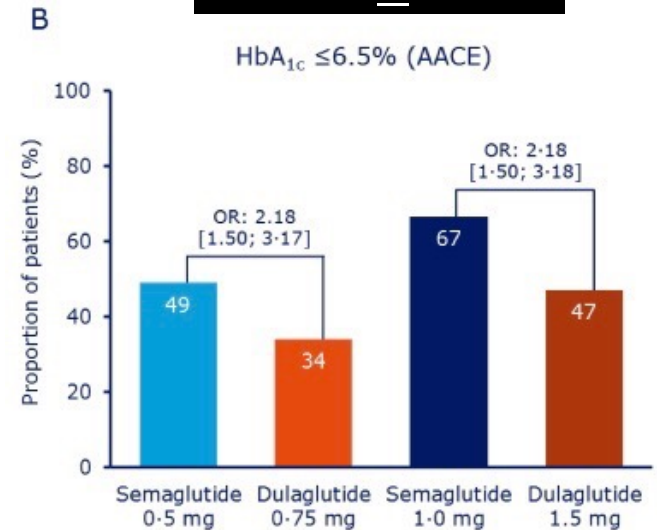
HbA1c Reduction



-1.8

-1.4

HbA1c ≤ 6.5 %



67 %

47 %

RCT, OL (1-1-1-1): S 0.5- D 0.75-S 1.0-D 1.5. Primary outcome: % change in HbA1c

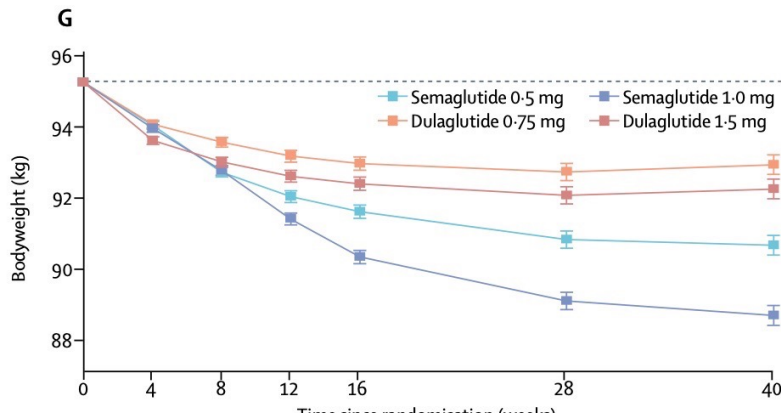
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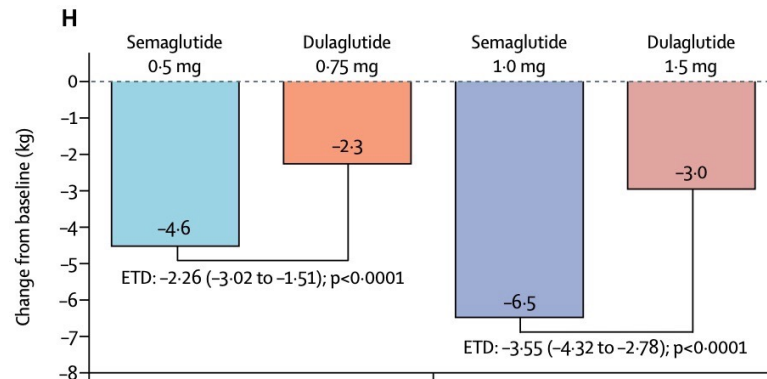
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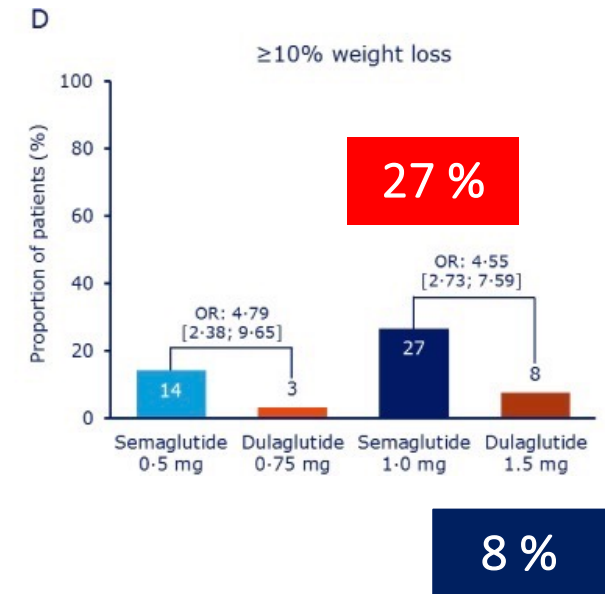


BW Loss (Kg)



-6.5 **-3.0**

BW Loss ≥ 10 %.



8 %

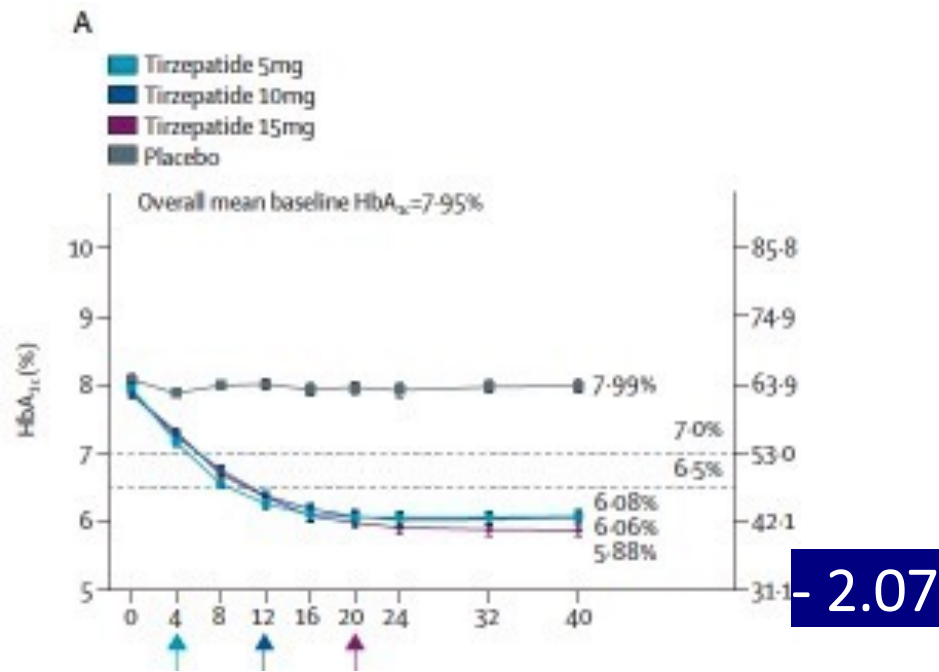
Efficacy and safety of a novel dual GIP and GLP-1 receptor agonist tirzepatide in patients with type 2 diabetes (SURPASS-1): a double-blind, randomised, phase 3 trial

N = 478, 40 wks

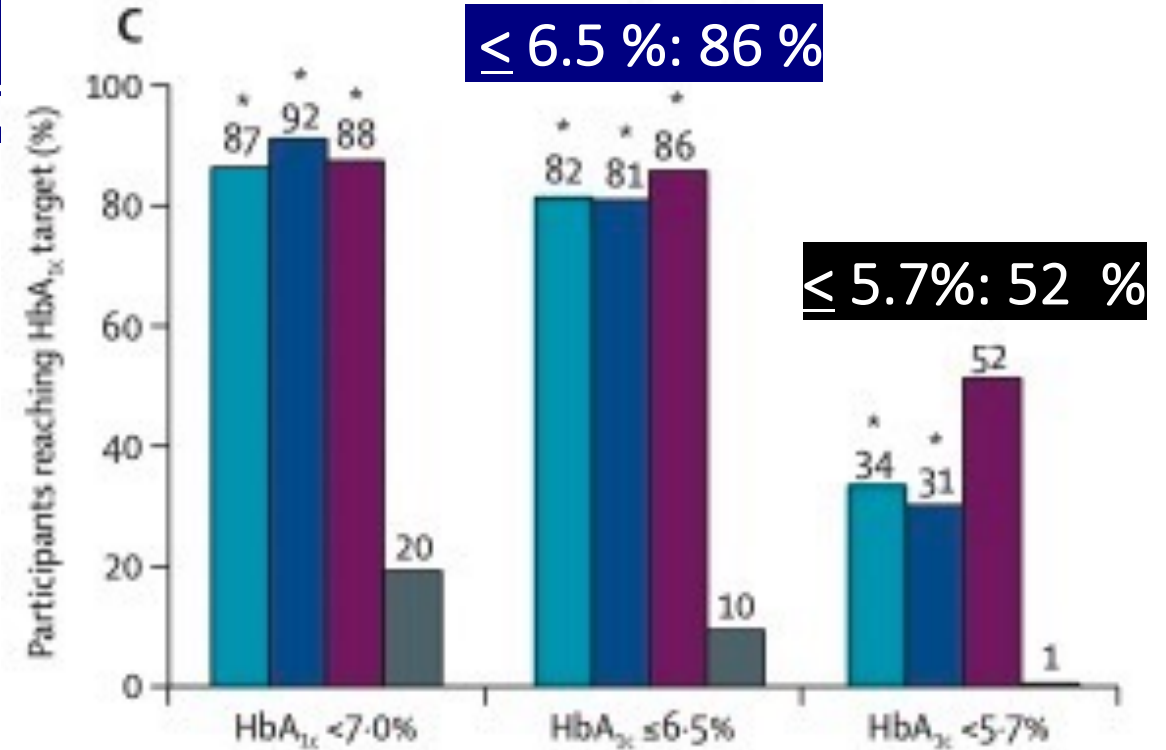
54 yrs. Females: 48 %.

T2D duration: 4.7. HbA1c 7.9. No Insulin

BW: 86. BMI: 32. WC: ?



**HbA1c
Reduction**

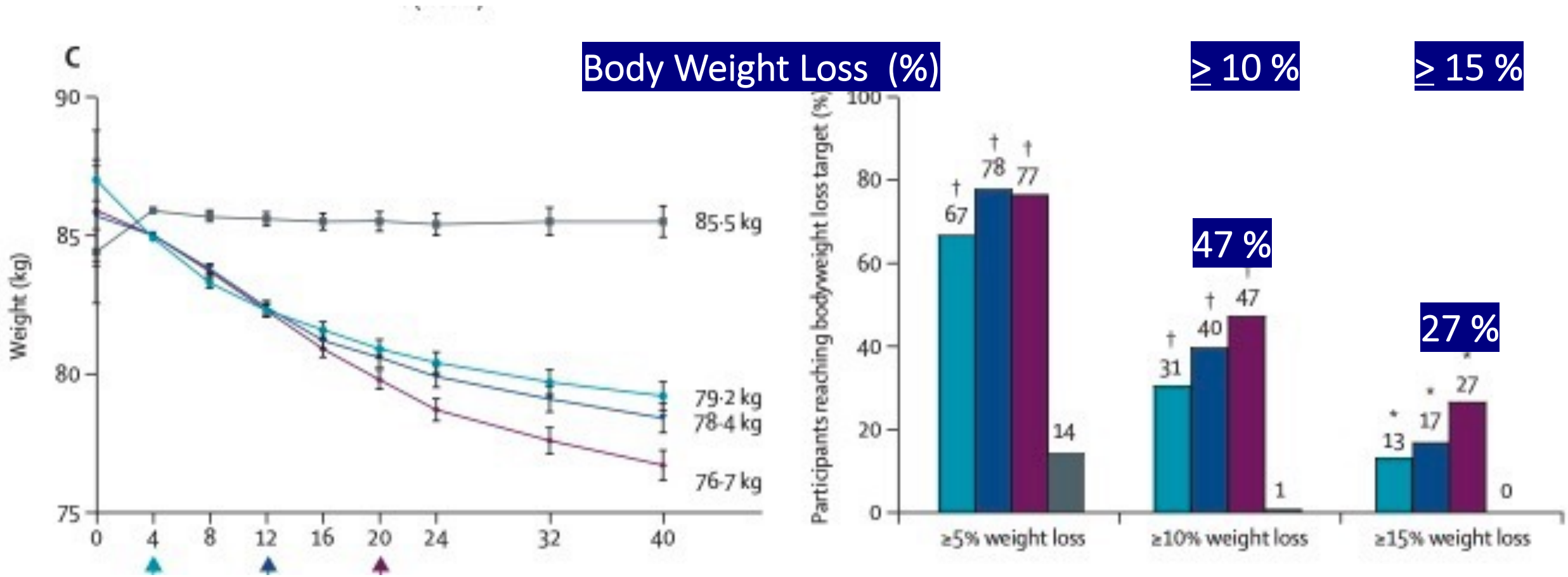


RCT, DB (1-1-1-1): T 5- T 10- T 15-P. All: insufficiently controlled with diet and exercise and naïve for diabetes injectable drugs. Primary endpoint: % o change of HbA1c

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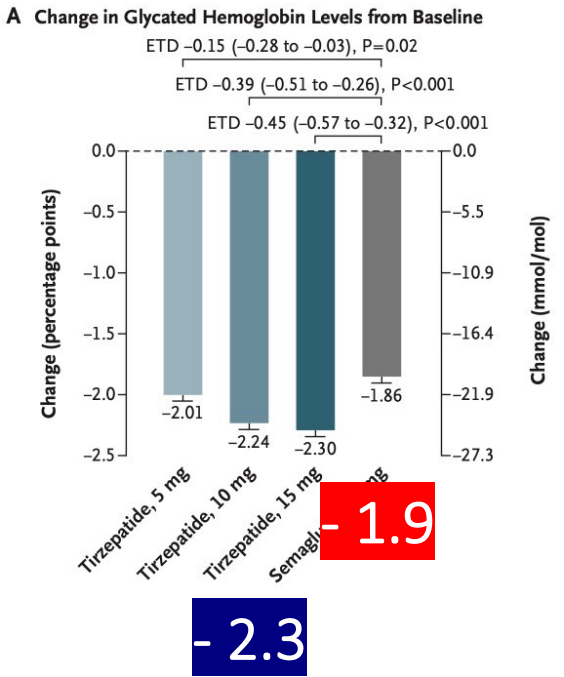
Tirzepatide versus Semaglutide Once Weekly in Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

N = 1878, 40 wks
57 yrs. Females: 53 %.

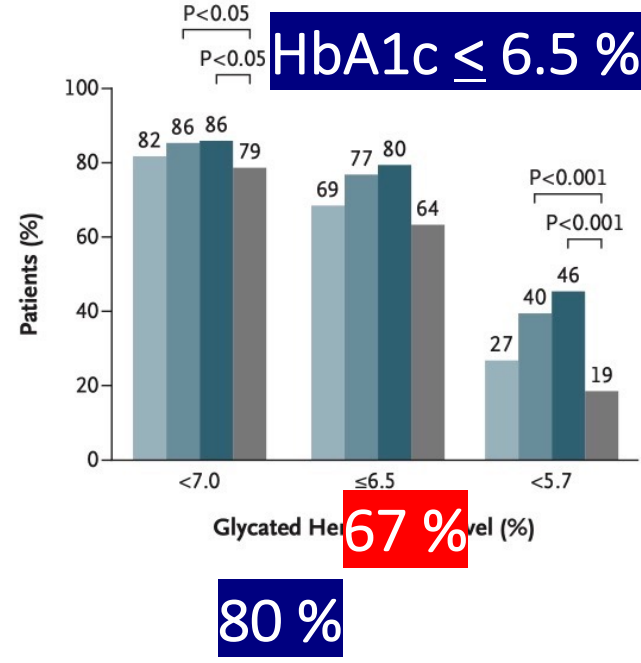
T2D duration: 8. HbA1c 8.3
Not controlled with metformin

BW: 94. BMI: 34. WC: 109

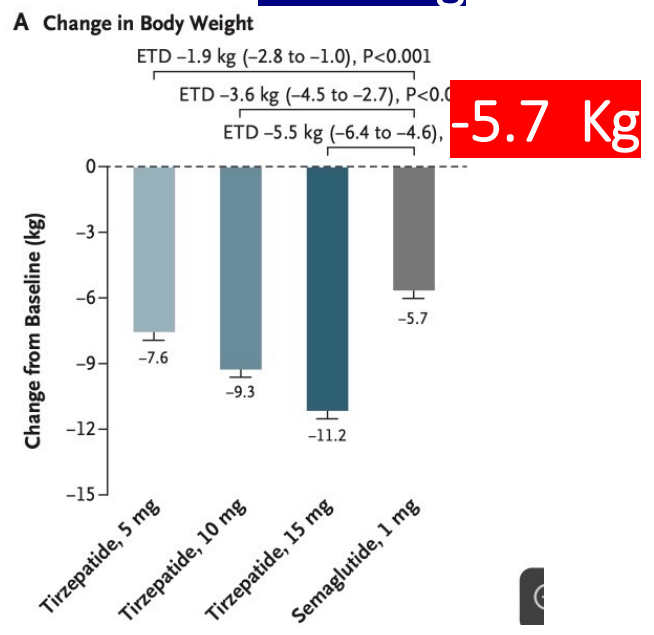
HbA1c Reduction



C Patients Who Met Glycated Hemoglobin Targets



BW loss (Kg).



RCT, OL (1-1-1-1): T 5-T 10-T 15-S 1.0. Primary outcome: change in HbA1c

AE leading to discontinuation:
6.0%-8 pep.5%-8.5%-4.1%

Frias JP J et al. N Engl J Med 2021; 385:503-515.

2021

Efficacy and safety of once-weekly semaglutide 2.0 mg versus 1.0 mg in patients with type 2 diabetes (SUSTAIN FORTE): a double-blind, randomised, phase 3B trial

Frias JP et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol 2021;9:563-574

Semaglutide 2.4 mg once a week in adults with overweight or obesity, and type 2 diabetes (STEP 2): a randomised, double-blind, double-dummy, placebo-controlled, phase 3 trial

Davies M et al. Lancet 2021; 397:971-984.

Safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of concomitant administration of multiple doses of cagrilintide with semaglutide 2.4 mg for weight management: a randomised, controlled, phase 1b trial

Enebo LB et al. Lancet. 2021;;397:1736-1748

Efficacy and Safety of Dulaglutide 3.0 mg and 4.5 mg Versus Dulaglutide 1.5 mg in Metformin-Treated Patients With Type 2 Diabetes in a Randomized Controlled Trial (AWARD-11)

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Frias JP et al. Diabetes Care. 2021; 44:765–773

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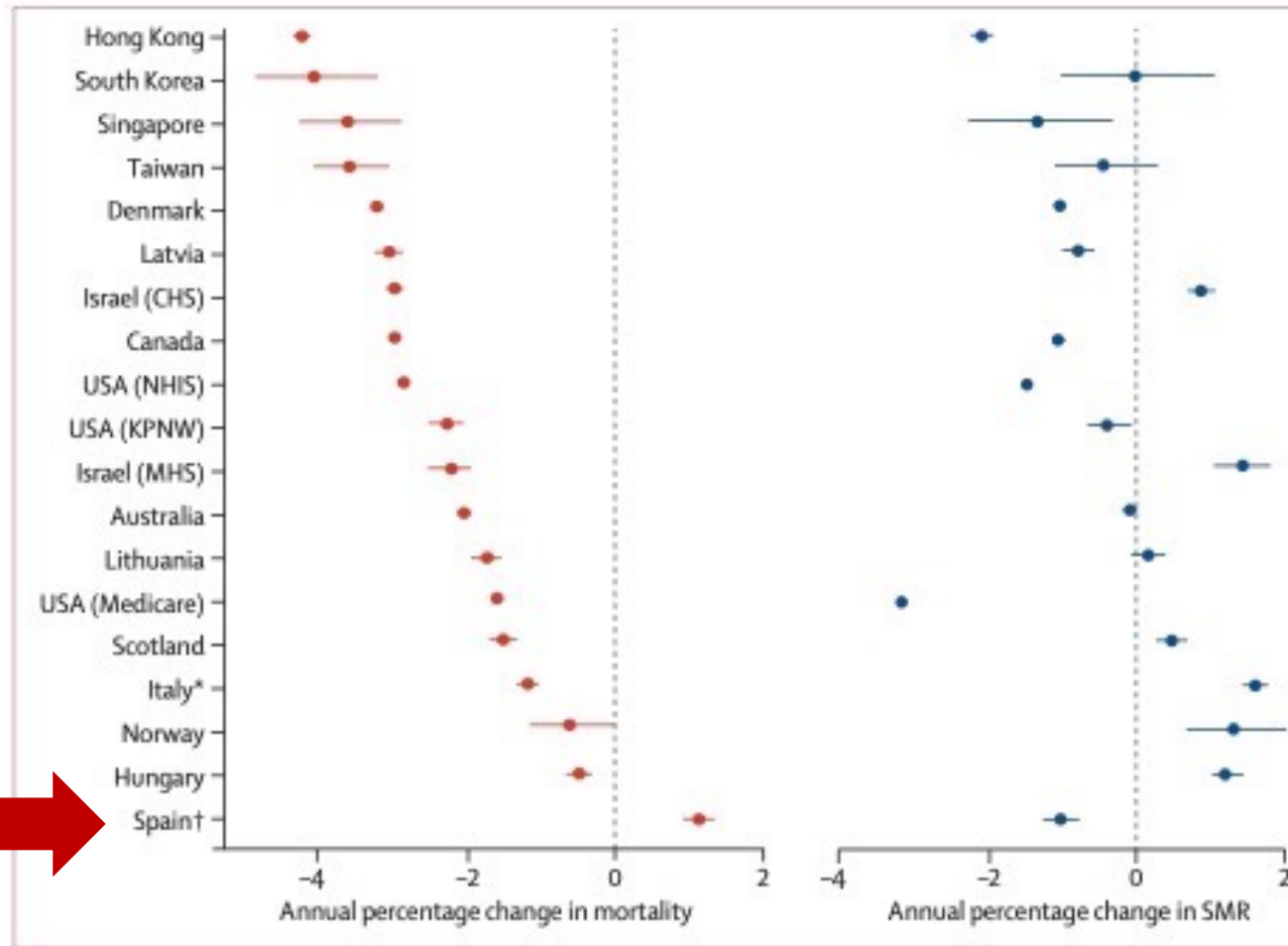
Improving Other
Adiposopathies

Promoting
Healthy Aging

Looking beyond T2D Remission

Rethinking
Diabetes Care

Trends in all-cause mortality among people with diagnosed diabetes in high-income settings: a multicountry analysis of aggregate data



”For instance, in Catalonia, Spain, mortality in people with diabetes increased from approximately **2012 to 2016**; however, mortality increased more rapidly in populations without diabetes (in both Catalonia and Spain).”

Source: Information System for the Development of Research in Primary Care [SIDIAP]

T2D diagnosis: ICD-10.

Risk of bias (from 0 to 9): 6 (high-medium).

*The standardized mortality rate (SMR) is the ratio of the number of deaths observed in a population over a given period to the number that would be expected over the same period if the study population had the same age-specific rates as the standard population ($SMR = \text{Observed Deaths} / \text{Expected Deaths}$).

T2D: Current Management

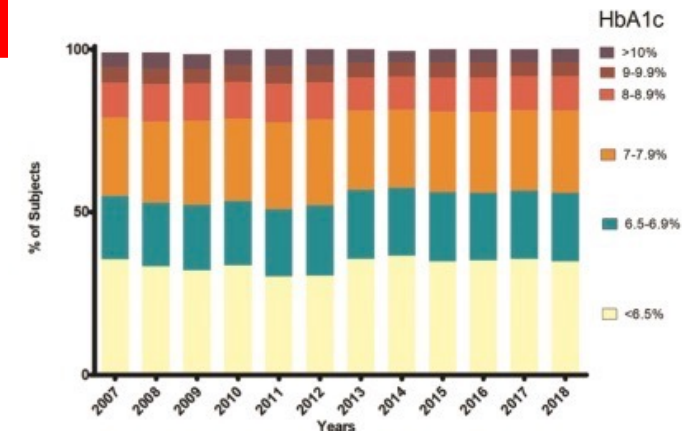
Prevention
Failure

Diagnosis: Trivialized
and late

Escalation Therapy,,Weight gain,
chronic complications, increasing
costs

T2D

Stakeholders' Inertia
(Primary and Specialized
Care, Patients, Caregivers)

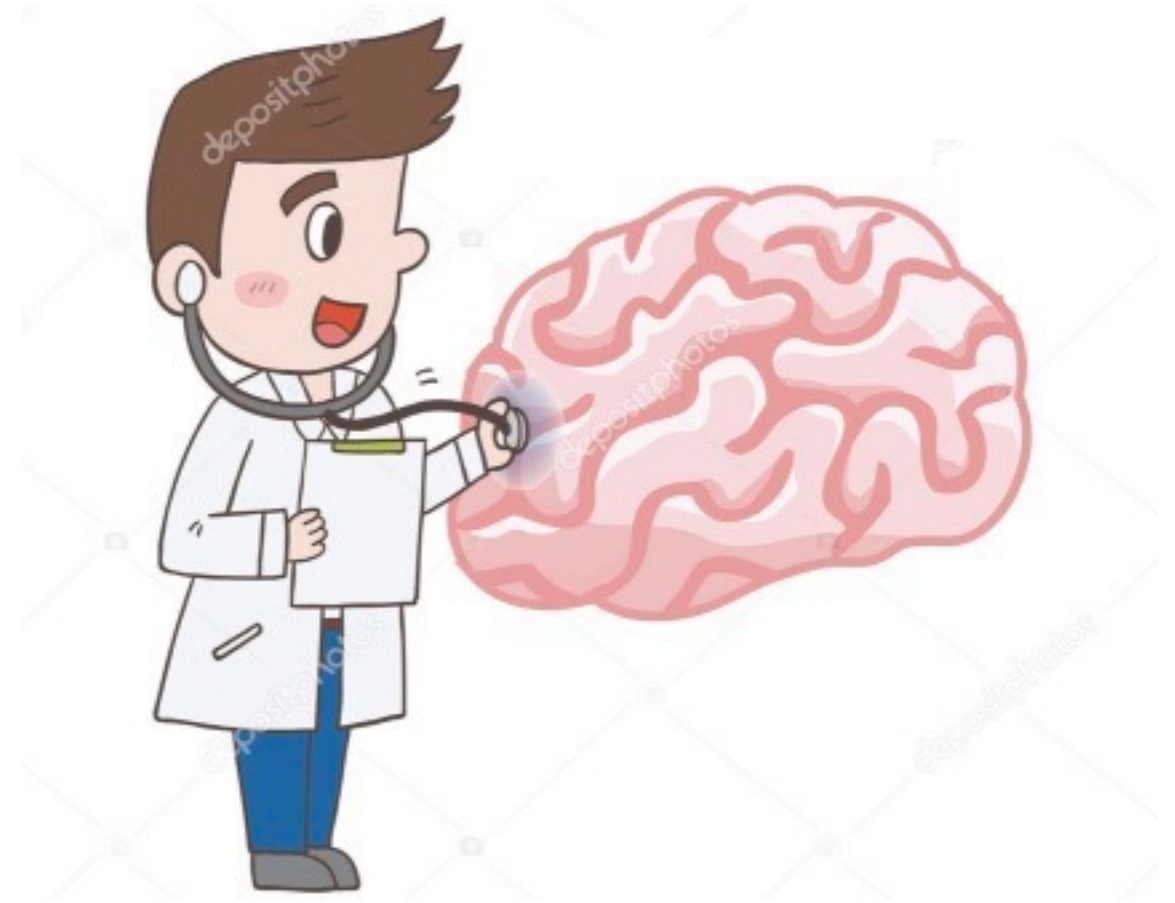


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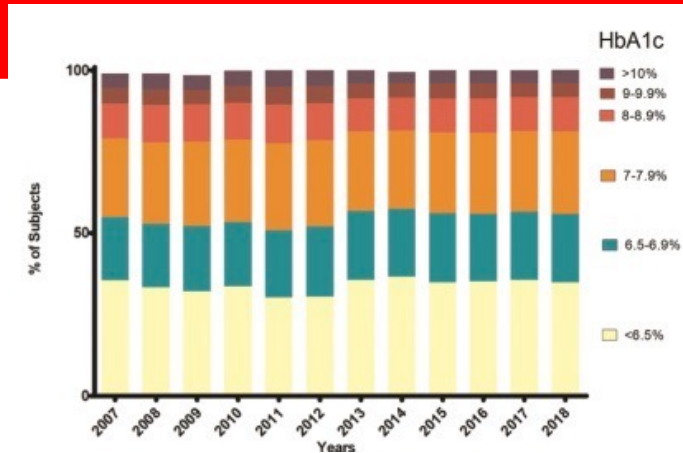
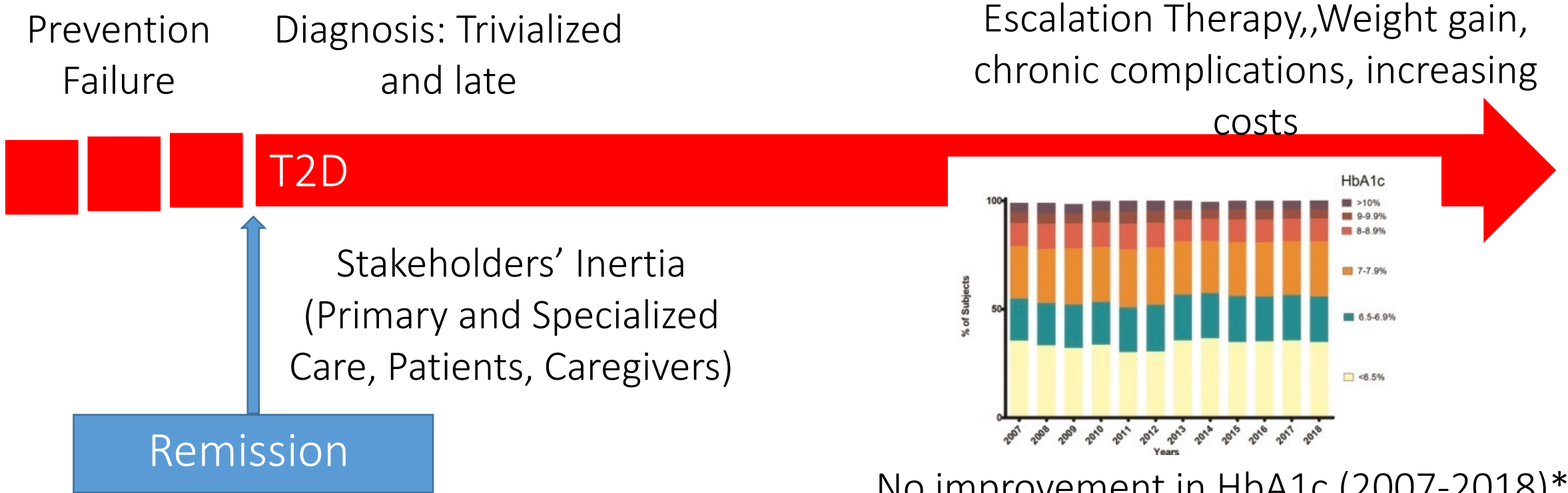
The doctor's brain legacy effect

“Insanity is doing the same thing
over and over and expecting
different results”.

A. Einstein



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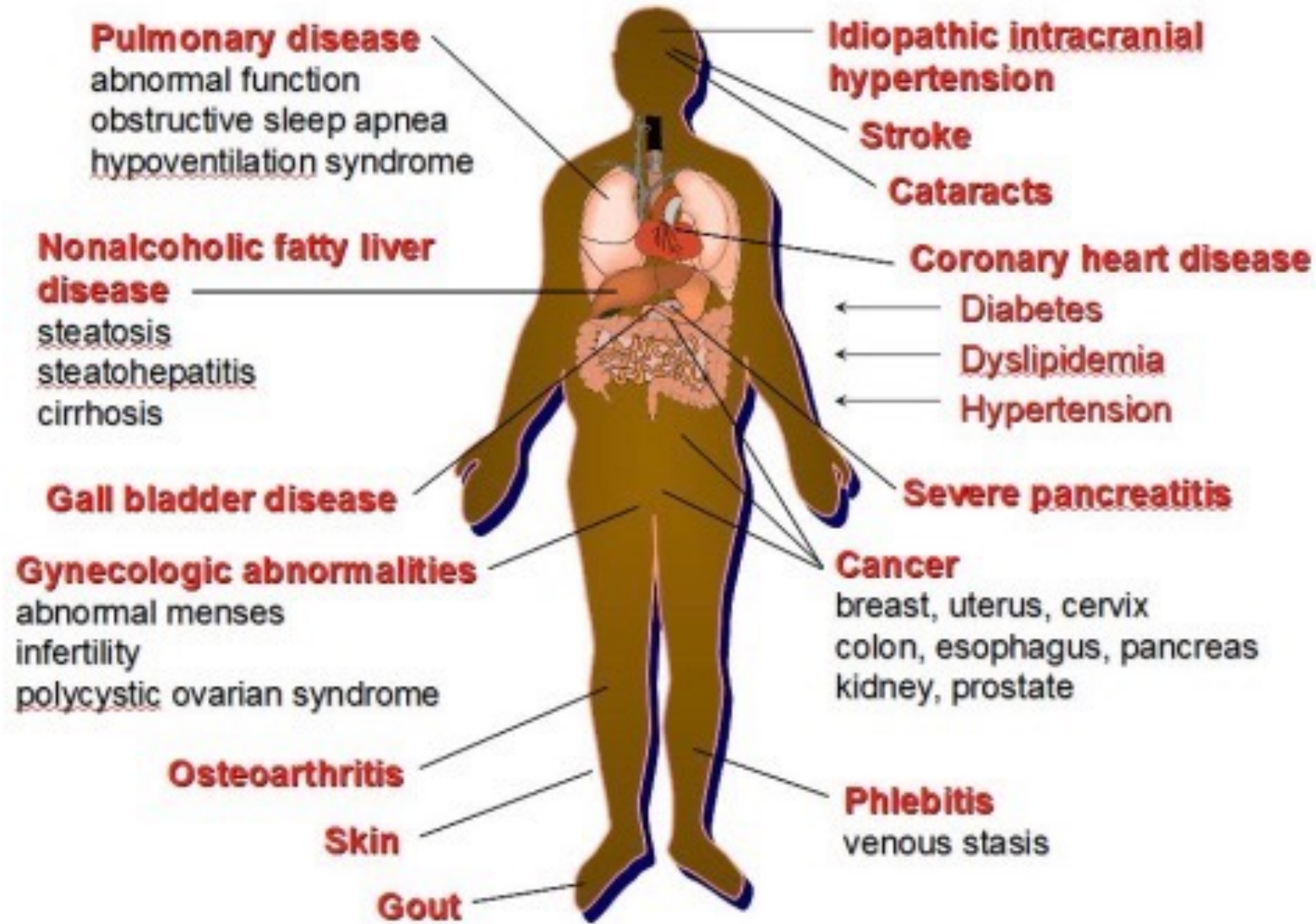


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Improving Other
Adiposopathies

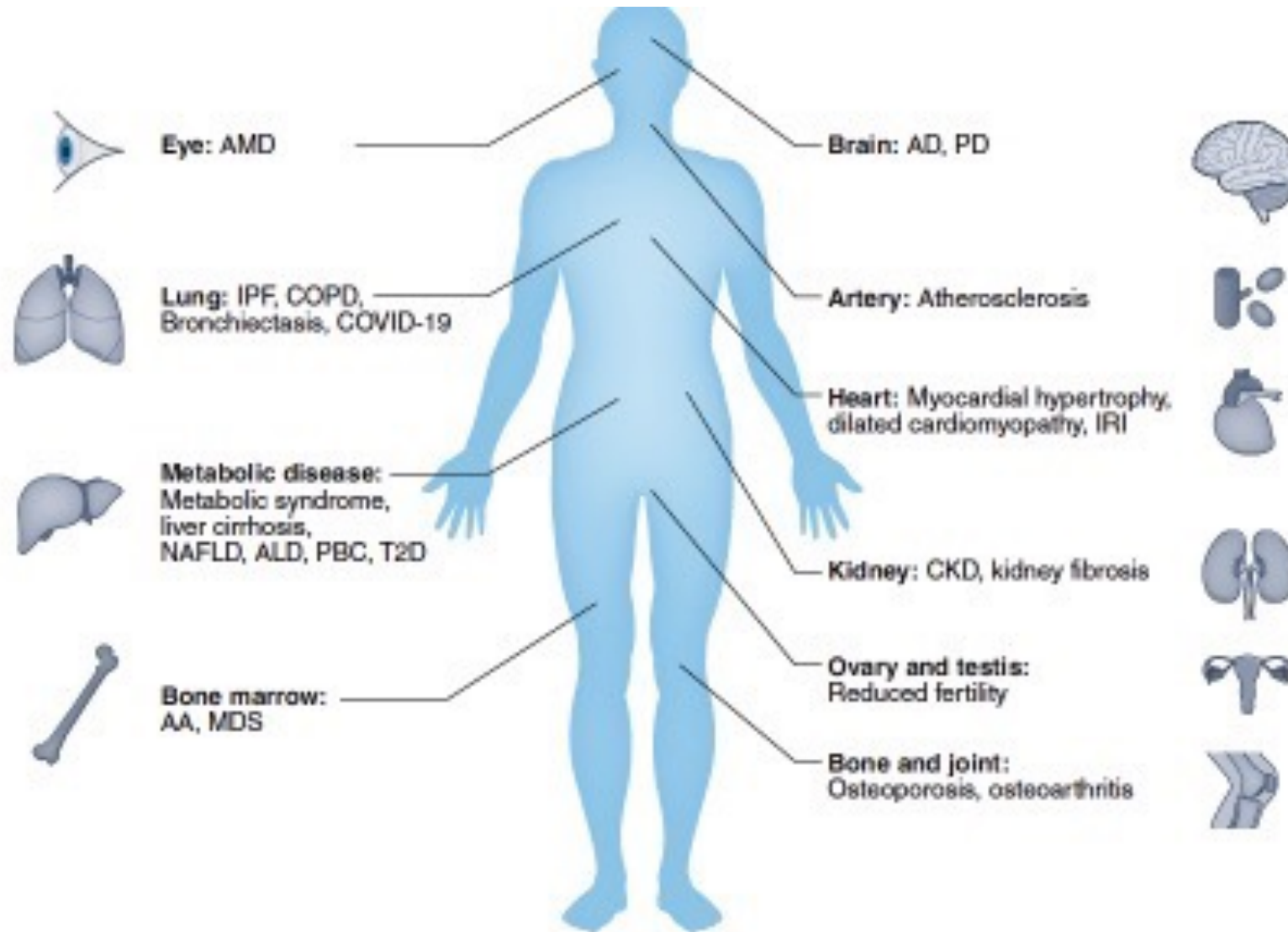
Adiposopathies



Looking beyond T2D Remission

Promoting
Healthy Aging

Age-Related Conditions



Some Answers, but Many Remaining Questions

1. T2D Remission: Criteria: **HbA1c < 6.5 % — 3 mo..**
2. The Most Long-Term Effective Intervention for T2D Remission is **Bariatric Surgery**
3. Significant **Weight Loss** is Critical for T2D Remission
4. New **Weight-Lowering Drugs for T2D** show promise for achieving T2D Remission (Less Weight Required ?)
5. T2D Remission as a Therapeutic Target might Impact on **Diabetes Care**
Other Adiposopathies and **Healthy Aging**

