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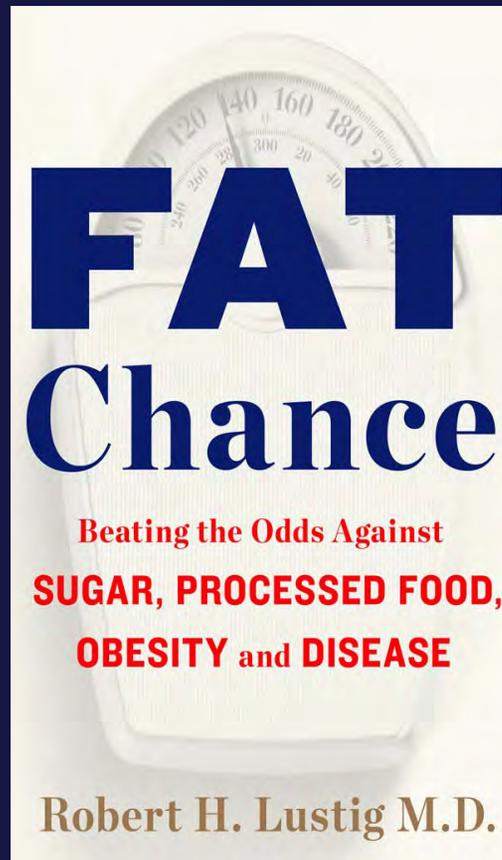
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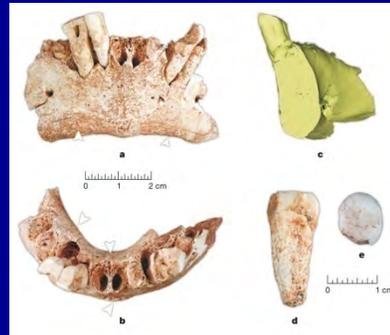
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**Dentists were the first  
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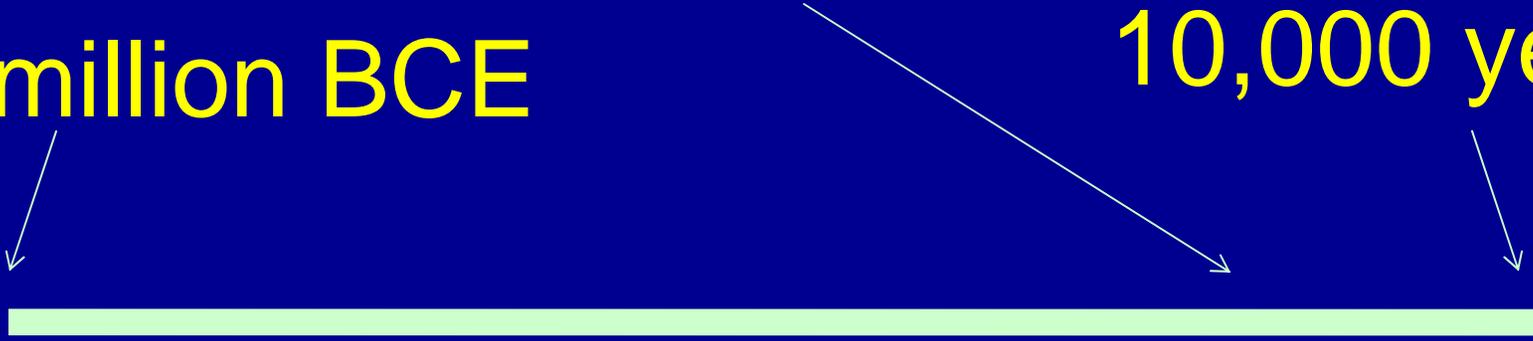
# "The worst mistake in the history of the human race" (Jared Diamond)



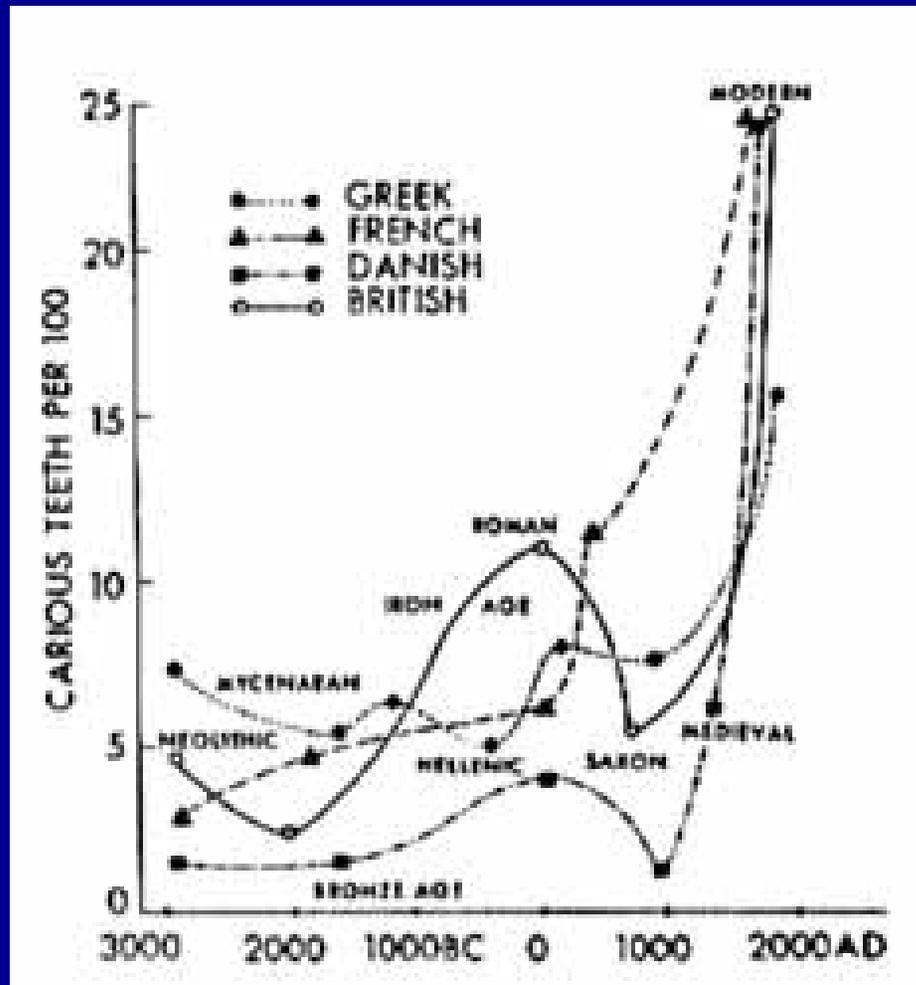
Virtually no evidence of caries in the human fossil record until 10-12k ya (i.e, after the invention of Agriculture)

5 million BCE

10,000 years



# Prevalence of Dental Caries in European Populations



# March 27, 1934

## Hotel Pennsylvania, New York City

**Conservative theory — Clean teeth do not decay:**

Dr. Thaddeus P. Hyatt, Metropolitan Life and New York University

Dr. Alfred Walker, New York University

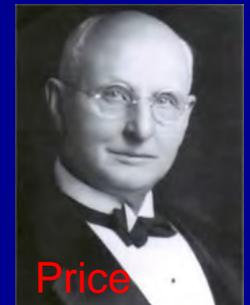
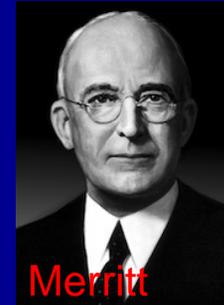
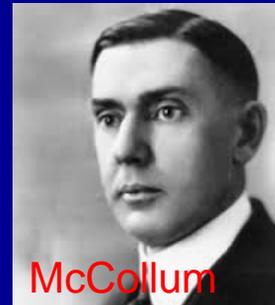
Dr. Maurice William, Oral Hygiene Committee of Greater New York

**Nutritional dentistry — Caries are a manifestation of your internal metabolic milieu:**

Dr. Elmer V. McCollum, Johns Hopkins University

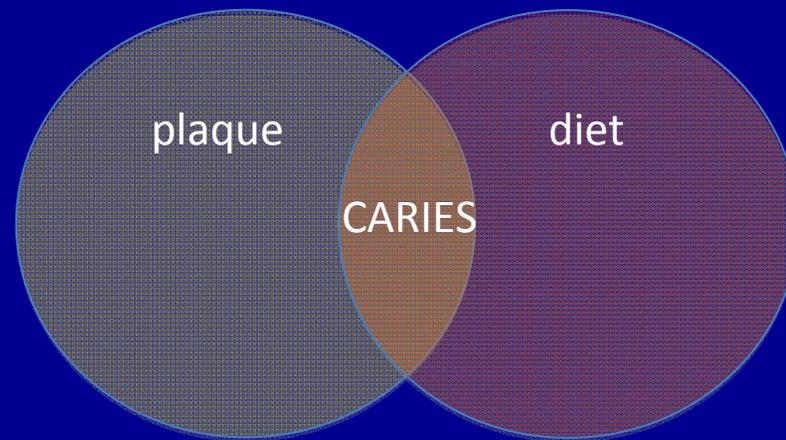
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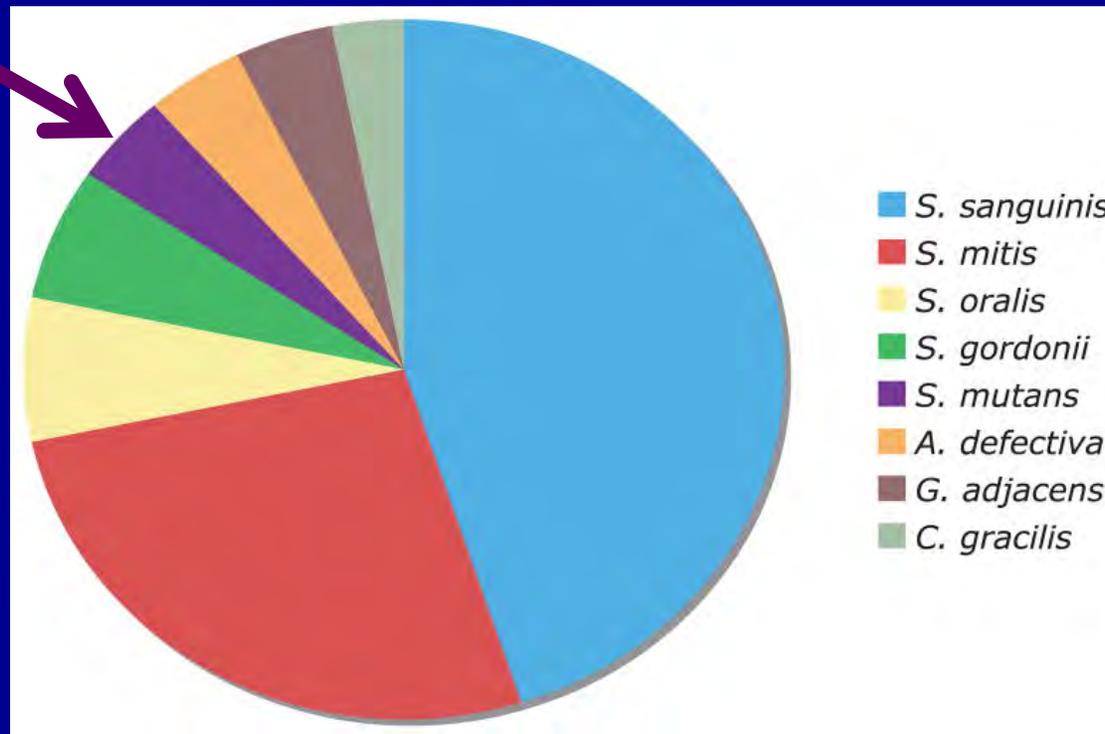


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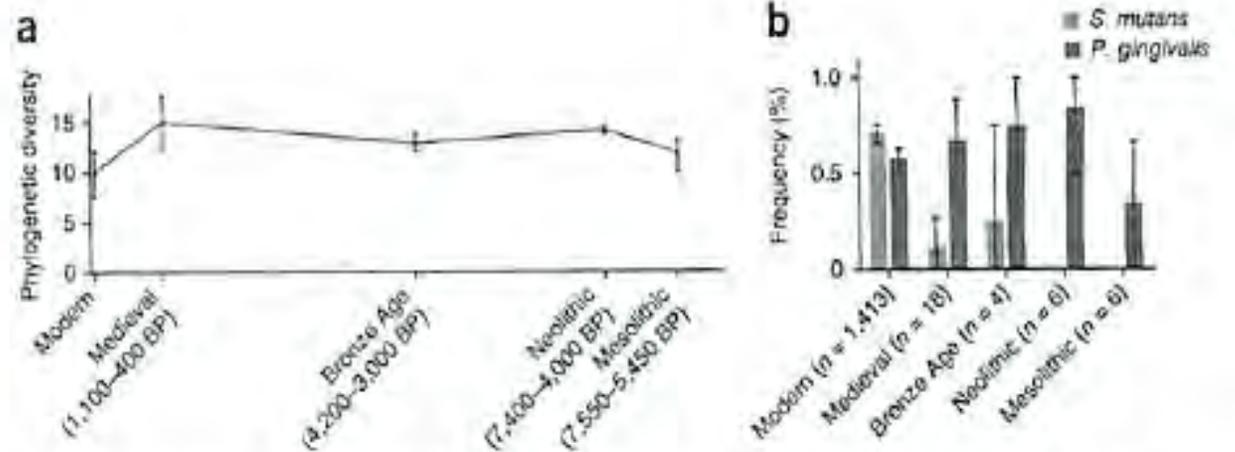


# Current mouth flora



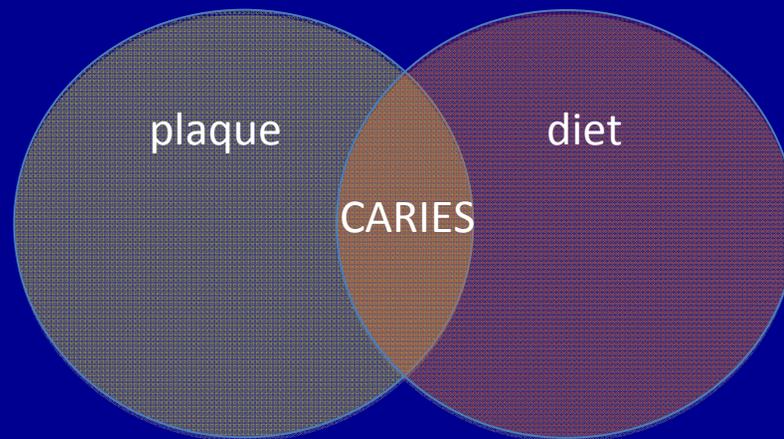
# The Modern Rise of Strep. Mutans

**Figure 3** Changes in the diversity and composition of oral microbiota. **(a)** For the V3 region sequences, we estimated the phylogenetic diversity<sup>50</sup> (**Supplementary Note**) of the archaeological dental calculus samples ( $n = 34$ ) and compared them to modern calculus ( $n = 6$ ) and plaque ( $n = 13$ ). We estimated phylogenetic diversity from only classified, Gram-positive bacterial sequences to minimize the influence of taphonomic bias (**Supplementary Note**). Diversity was calculated at a depth of 34 sequences and bootstrapped to assess the robustness of the pattern. Error bars represent bootstrapped diversity values generated by sampling 255 replicates without replacement. BP, years before the present. **(b)** Specific primers were used to amplify sequences unique to the oral pathogens *S. mutans* and *P. gingivalis*. Error bars represent bootstrapped frequencies generated by sampling 255 replicates without replacement.



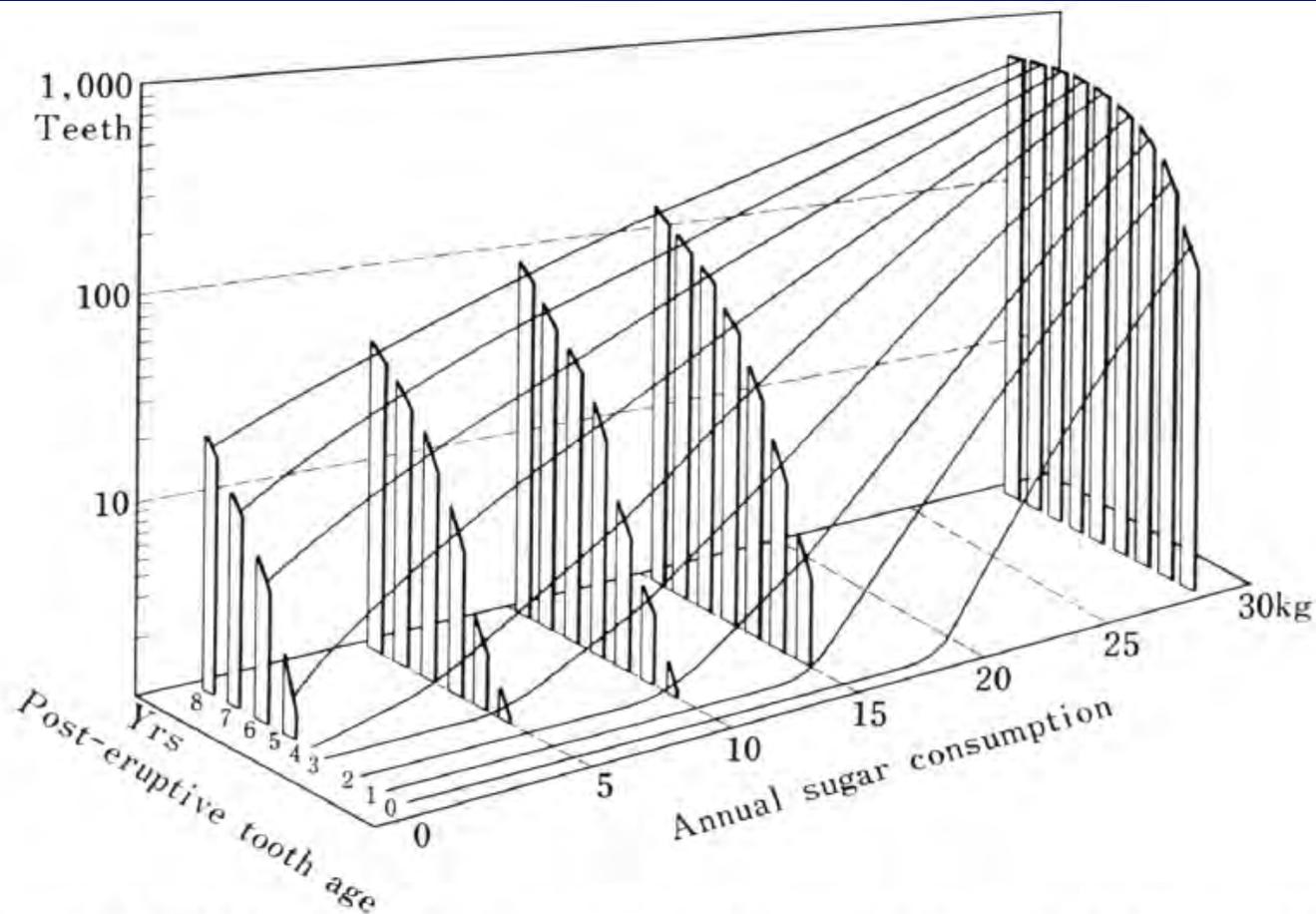
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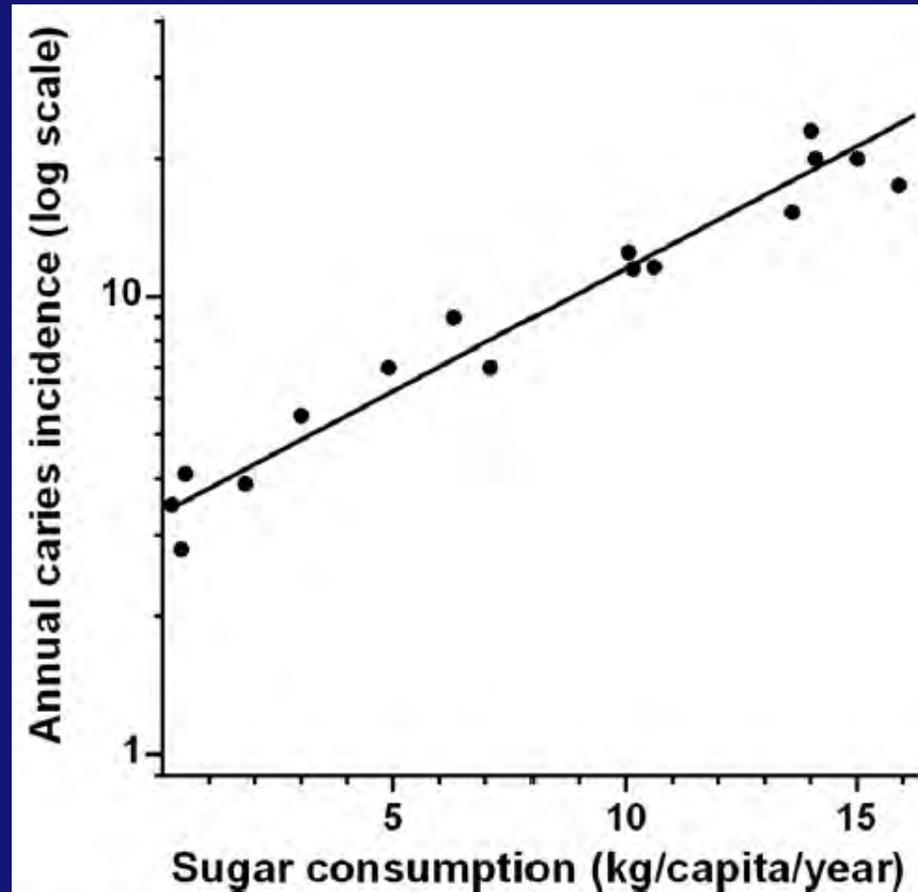
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# More sugar + older teeth = More caries



**Figure 1** Three-dimensional model of the cumulative numbers of caries in upper central incisor teeth. Data were plotted on a log scale, by post-eruptive tooth age up to 8 years, and related to the average annual sugar consumption per head in Japan from 1935 to 1957 (Takeuchi et al. [14], with permission).

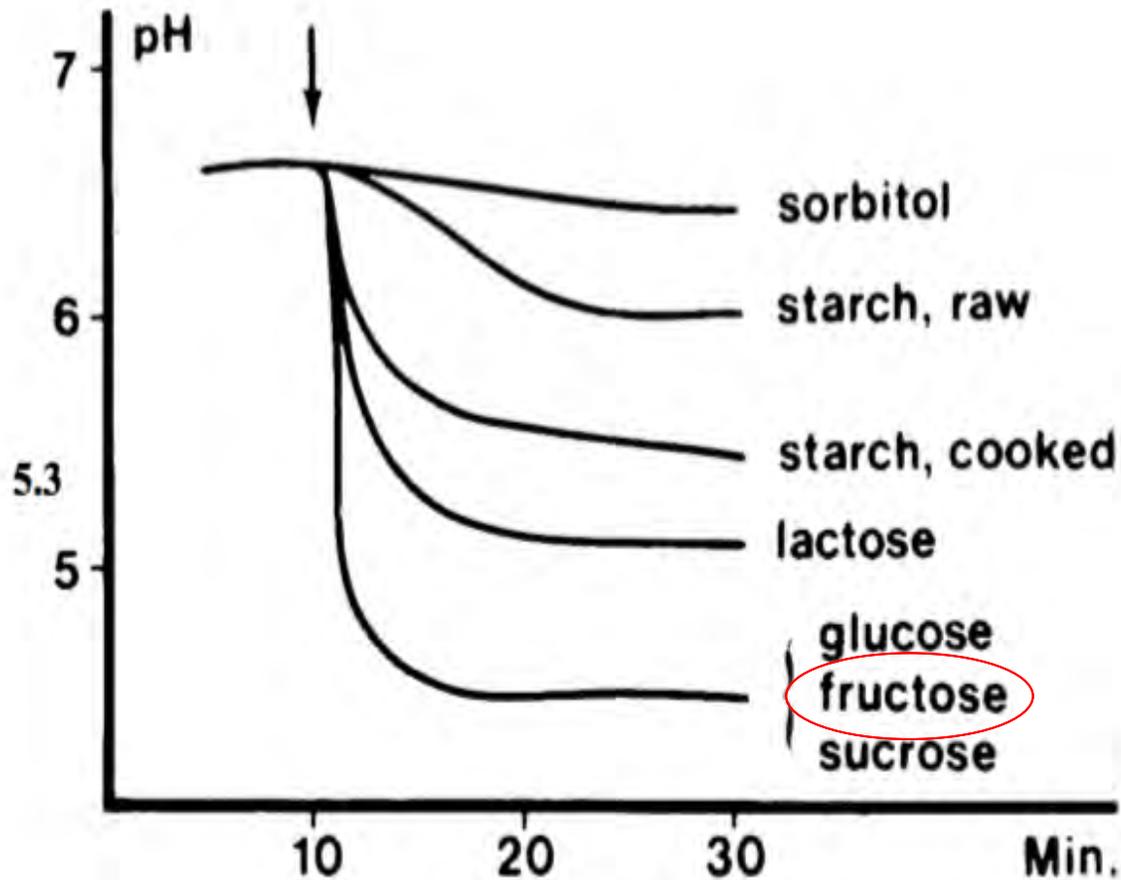
# Log-linear relationship between sugar and caries



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# Stephan Curve

pH changes in plaque following application of different carbohydrate solutions



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Baseline pH	7.5 <sup>a</sup>	0.4	14	7.4 <sup>a</sup>	0.5	15	6.6 <sup>b</sup>	0.6	14	6.7 <sup>b</sup>	0.8	15
pH <sub>5min</sub>	7.2 <sup>a</sup>	0.4	14	6.4 <sup>b</sup>	0.7	13	5.3 <sup>c</sup>	0.3	14	5.2 <sup>c</sup>	0.3	14
cH <sup>+</sup> area (μmol/l × min)	0.1 <sup>a</sup>	0.2	14	2.0 <sup>b</sup>	2.0	13	18.3 <sup>c</sup>	11.7	14	22.7 <sup>c</sup>	13.3	14

pH<sub>5min</sub>, pH at 5 min; cH<sup>+</sup> area, hydrogen ionic concentration between the times of 0 and 5 min (see text, p. 49 for details of procedures).

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	Mean	SD	<i>n</i>	Mean	SD	<i>n</i>	Mean	SD	<i>n</i>	Mean	SD	<i>n</i>
Mineral loss	447.9 <sup>a</sup>	169.0	14	420.0 <sup>a</sup>	160.1	15	955.6 <sup>b</sup>	543.6	14	1421.8 <sup>c</sup>	653.8	14

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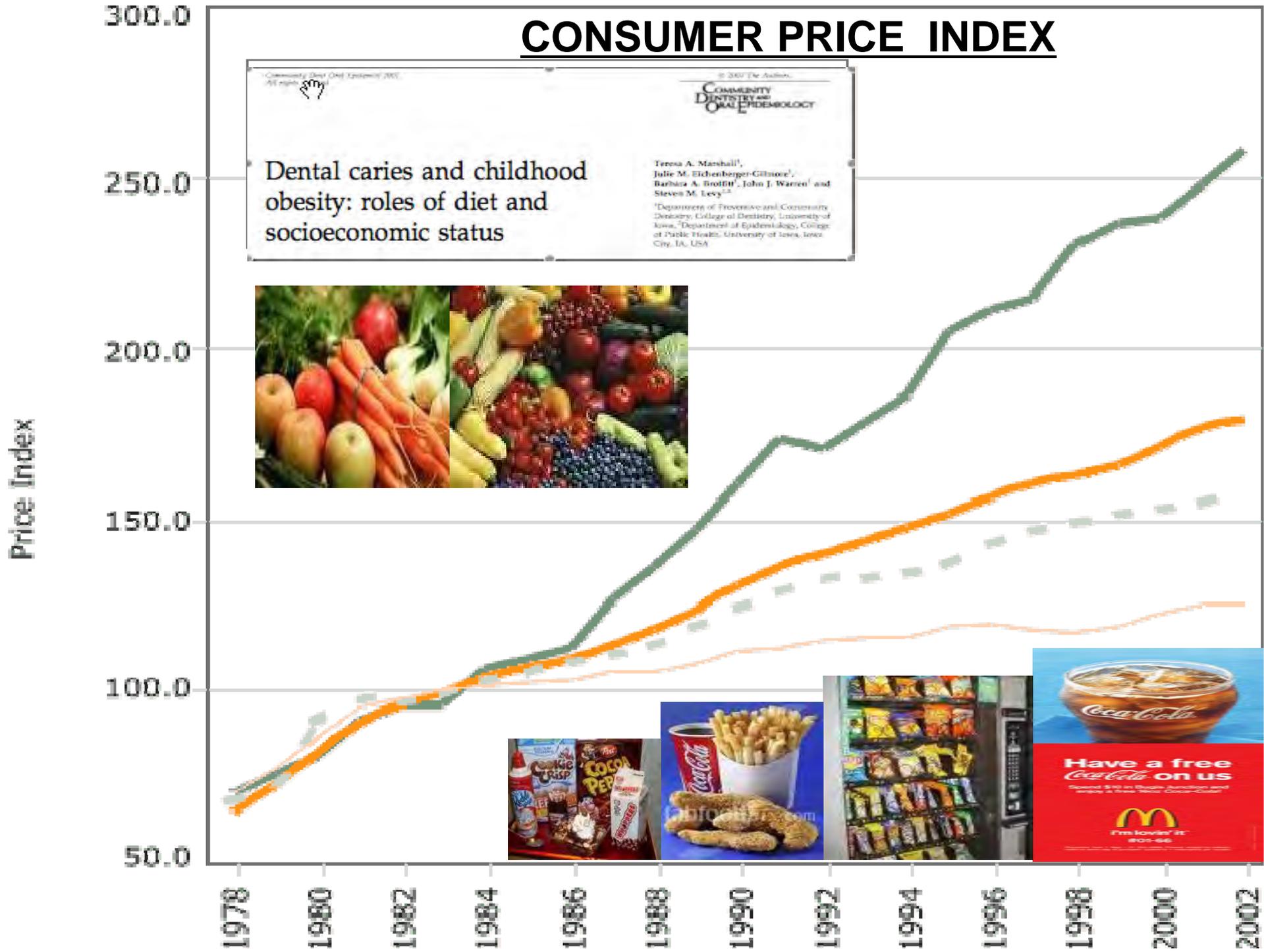
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## **“Dentist Does Diet”**

**"It seems that were we to turn to a low sugar, high fat type of diet, such as is prescribed for diabetic patients, we might expect a prompt and marked reduction in caries susceptibility. This type of diet is practicable in many countries, but fats are in many regions considerably more expensive to produce than are starches and sugars. At any rate, we now know how to produce good teeth as respects structure and how to preserve them in considerable measure from decay. "**



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**COMMUNITY DENTISTRY AND ORAL EPIDEMIOLOGY**

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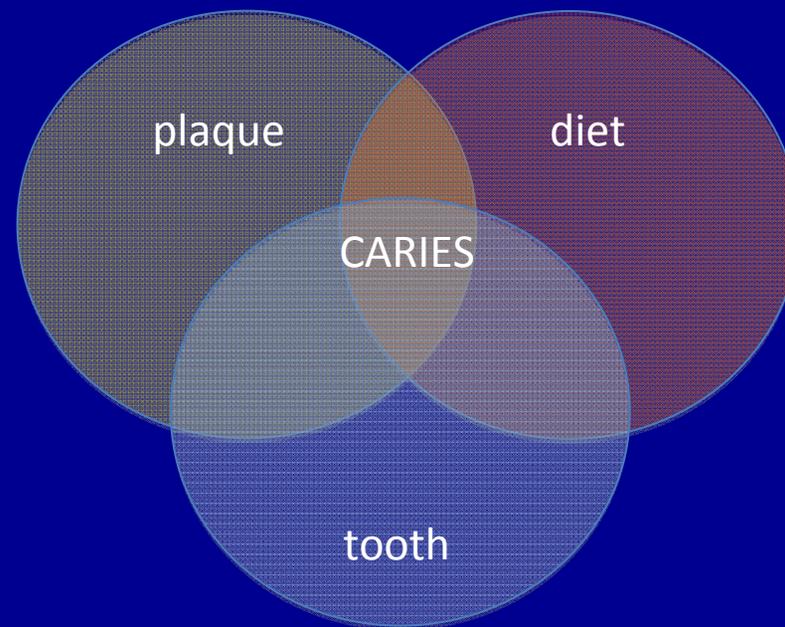
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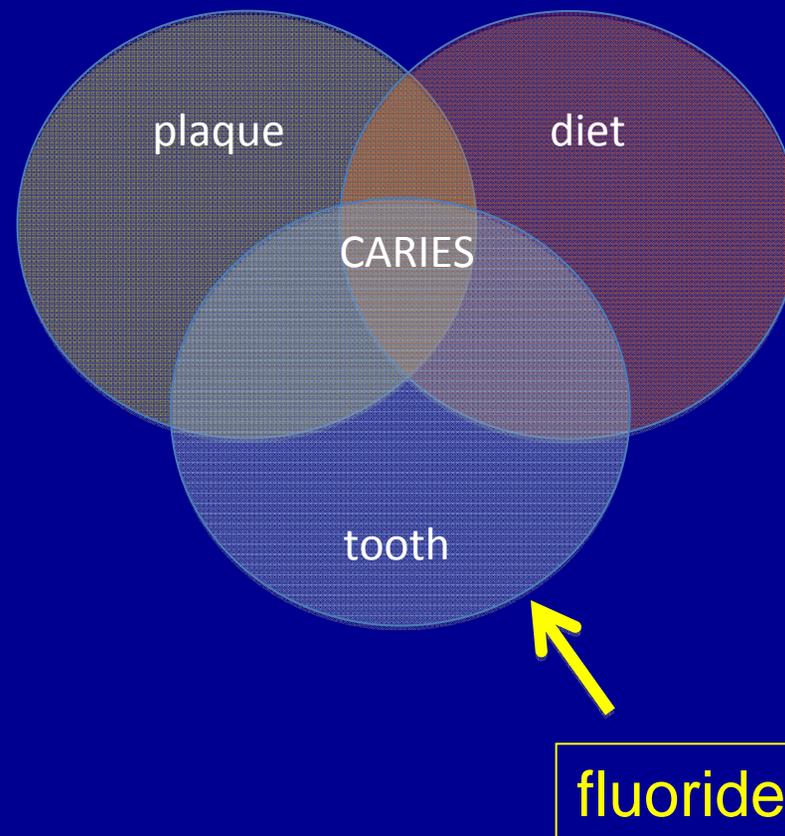
## Hoping for a miracle

"We realize very well, however, that if sugar is the great offender in the cause of dental caries, as seems to be the case, we have a very difficult task ahead in making much progress in its control by the reduction of sugar intake so far as the mass of people is concerned. **Most people would prefer some decay rather than to eliminate the sweets...** We should keep up the admonition and give the evidence as to its harmful effect on teeth. At the same time, let us hope our research workers discover a more practical means of controlling or preventing dental decay."

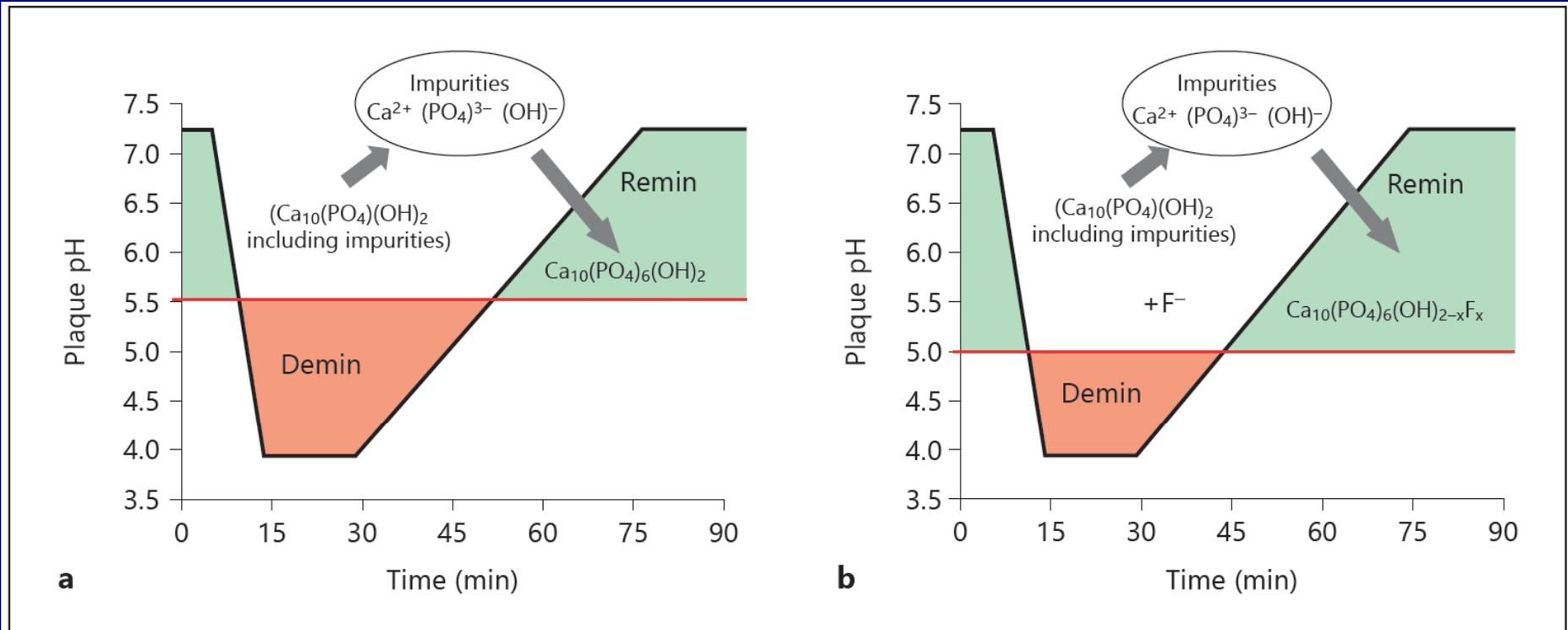
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# Mechanisms of action of fluoride

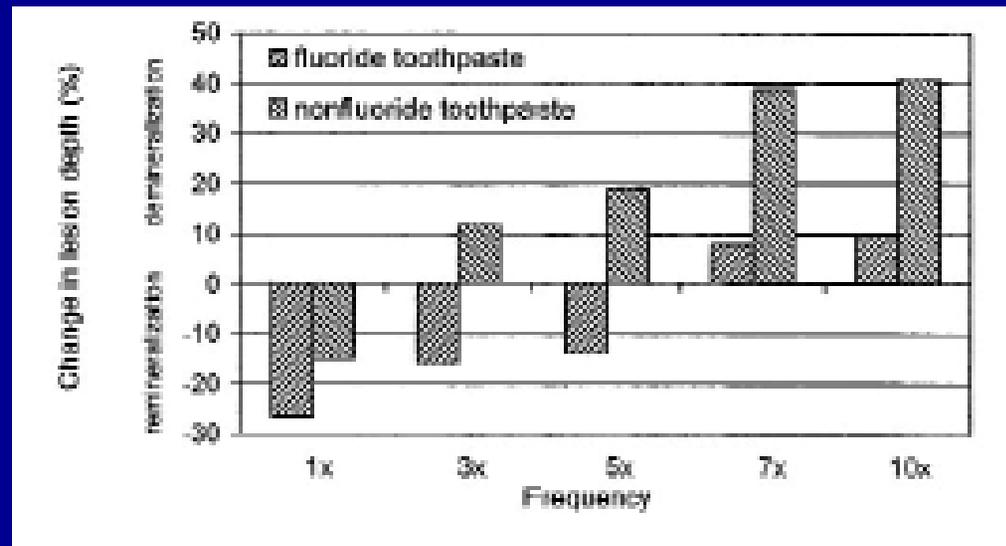
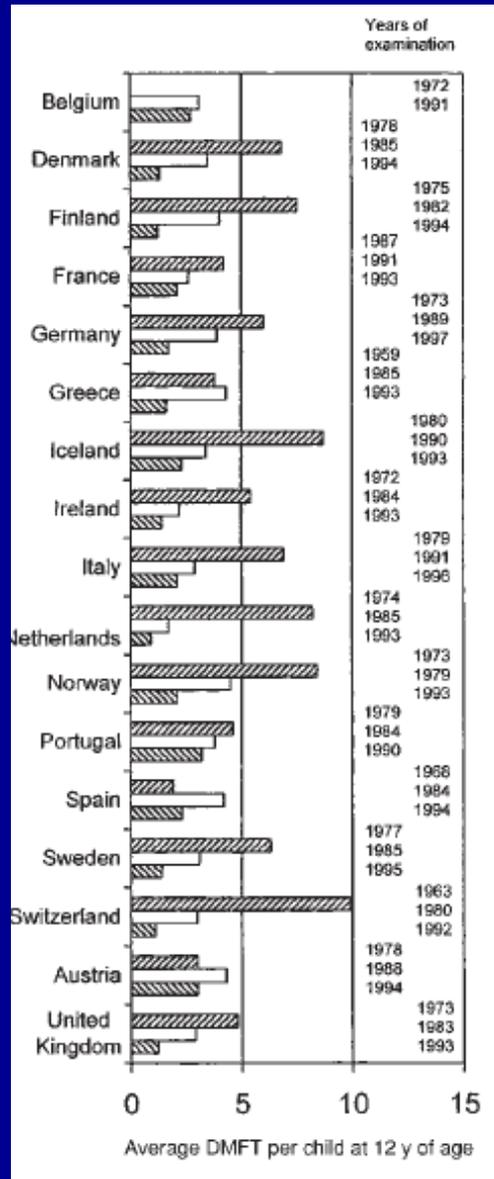


**Fig. 1.** Caries attack in the absence of fluoride (a) and in the presence of fluoride (b). In the presence of fluoride, the risk period (red area) is smaller than in the absence of fluoride as a result of a lower critical pH (pH 5.0 vs. 5.5). During remineralization, fluoridated hydroxyapatite is formed which is less soluble than the hydroxyapatite formed in the absence of fluoride.

# Water fluoridation becomes the standard

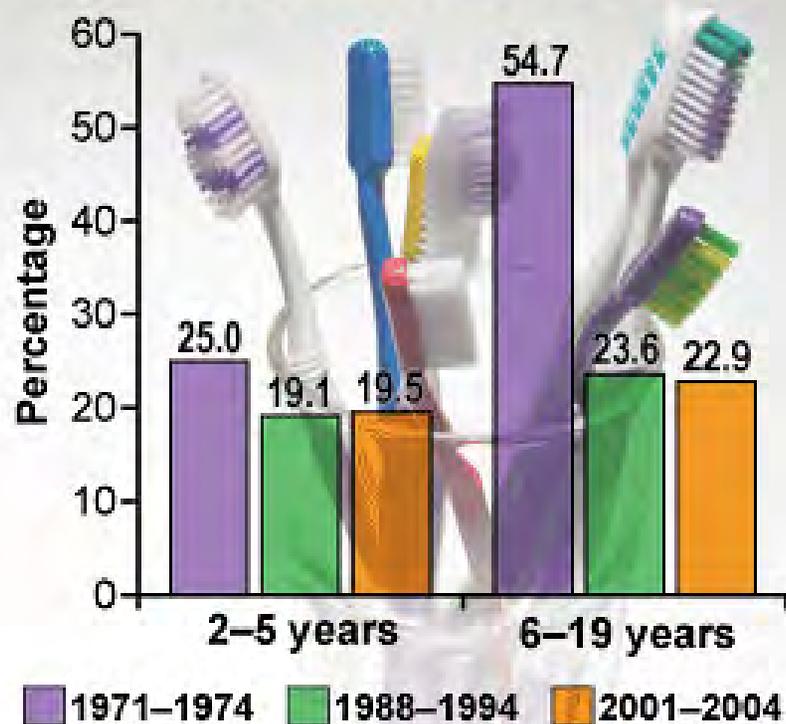
In 1945, Grand Rapids became the first city in the world to fluoridate its drinking water... During the 15-year project, researchers monitored the rate of tooth decay among Grand Rapids' almost 30,000 schoolchildren. After just 11 years, [Dr. H. Trendley] Dean - who was now director of the NIDR-announced an amazing finding. The caries rate among Grand Rapids children born after fluoride was added to the water supply dropped more than 60 percent. This finding, considering the thousands of participants in the study, amounted to a giant scientific breakthrough that promised to revolutionize dental care, making tooth decay for the first time in history a preventable disease for most people.

# Fluoride in water or toothpaste cuts cavities



# But we've reached an equilibrium – no further reduction in prevalence in caries

Untreated Dental Caries (Cavities) in Children Ages 2–19, United States



Untreated Dental Caries (Cavities) in Children Ages 2–19, by Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin, and Percent of Poverty Level, United States

	1971–1974	1988–1994	2001–2004
<b>2–5 years</b>			
Male	26.4%	19.3%	20.0%
Female	23.6%	18.9%	19.1%
<b>6–19 years</b>			
Male	54.9%	22.8%	23.9%
Female	54.5%	24.5%	22.0%
<b>Race and Hispanic Origin</b>			
<b>2–5 years</b>			
Not Hispanic or Latino			
White only	23.7%	13.8%	14.5%
Black or African American	29.0%	24.7%	24.2%
Mexican	—	34.9%	29.2%
<b>6–19 years</b>			
Not Hispanic or Latino			
White only	51.6%	18.8%	19.4%
Black or African American	71.0%	33.7%	28.1%
Mexican	—	36.5%	30.6%
<b>Percent of Poverty Level</b>			
<b>2–5 years</b>			
Below 100% of poverty level	32.0%	30.2%	26.1%
100%–less than 200%	29.9%	24.3%	25.4%
200% or more	17.8%	9.4%	12.1%
<b>6–19 years</b>			
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100%–less than 200%	60.3%	28.2%	32.7%
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# AAPD Leadership Perspective on the AAPD Foundation's Collaboration with the Coca-Cola Foundation (March 4, 2003)

## *A Brief Summary of Actions from AAPD Foundation President Joel H. Berg*

...This commitment from the Coke Foundation is a large, unrestricted gift to the AAPD Foundation's endowment to fund independent research. Universities or other independent university-related entities selected by the AAPD (after a competitive process using an RFP-type protocol) will conduct the research. The gift does not involve endorsements, sponsorships or other relationships or affiliations. The Coca-Cola Foundation distributes millions of dollars annually to non-profit entities, including large grants to Habitat for Humanity and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. We hope to leverage this interest on the part of the Coca-Cola Company and its Foundation in the oral health of children.

## *A Position Statement from AAPD Executive Director John S. Rutkauskas*

The AAPD and AAPDF leadership firmly believes that this collaboration is in the best interest of children. Both AAPD members and parents should be assured that we have never and will never – endorse any consumer product from any corporate sponsor. That would not be in the best interests of the AAPD, parents or the children we serve. The Foundation's research topics and protocol and its choice of consumer education messages have always been chosen by its Board, comprised primarily of pediatric dentists. This is a donation from Coca-Cola's Foundation to our Foundation. We genuinely believe that we can make a big difference in promoting responsible choices for parents regarding their children's dental health and overall health.

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Internal sugar industry documents reveal how it influenced national research priorities for tooth decay

A [new report](#) reveals that the sugar industry heavily influenced federal research—as well as the guidelines that resulted from that research.

Tooth decay [remains a](#)



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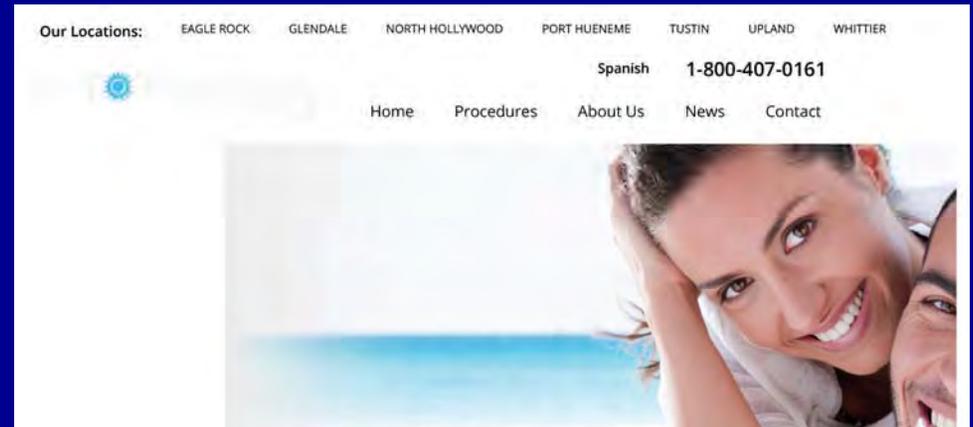
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## IS HIGH SUGAR INTAKE AFFECTING YOUR ORAL HEALTH? March 14, 2014

The World Health Organization may cut their recommended daily sugar intake in half. Should you follow their advice?

What Kind of Sugars Are You Consuming?

How Often Do You Indulge?

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“To sum up, while reducing overall sugar intake can help promote better oral health, it is not necessarily the most effective step to take. The best way to prevent tooth decay is to brush as quickly as possible after eating any kind of food, not just sugar.”

# Liver Decay

# The Fiction

“Beating obesity will take action by all of us, based on one simple **common sense** fact: **All calories count**, no matter where they come from, including Coca-Cola and everything else with calories...”

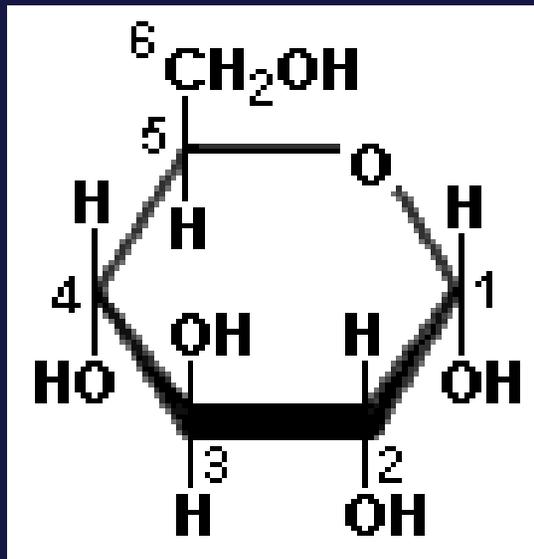
-The Coca Cola Company, “Coming Together”, 2013



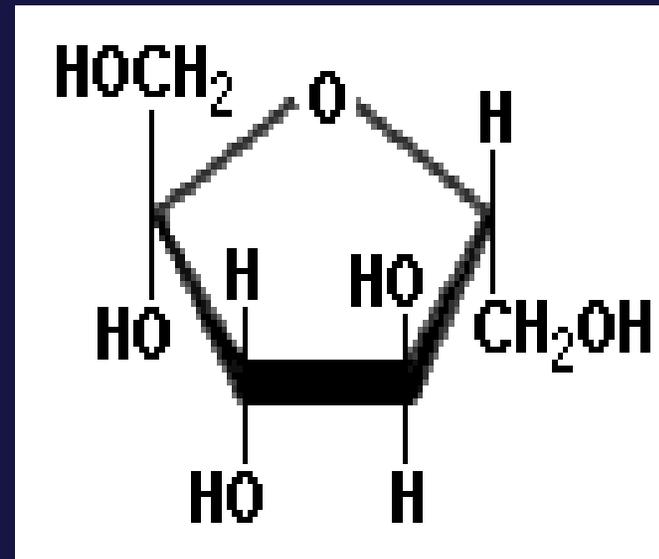
# The Science

- **Some Calories Cause Disease More than Others**
- **Different Calories are Metabolized Differently**
- **A Calorie is Not A Calorie**
  - Fiber
  - Protein
  - Fat
  - **Fructose**

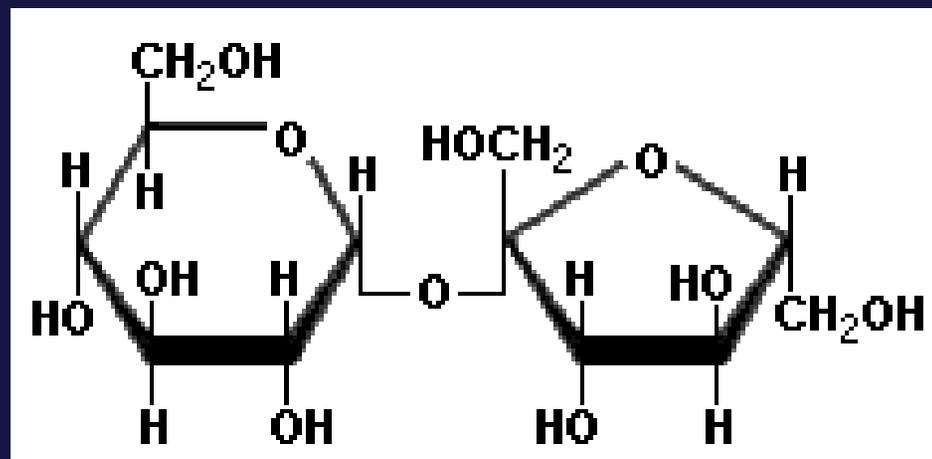
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**Fructose**



**Sucrose**

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# Toxicity:

The degree to which a substance can damage an organism

- Does not distinguish acute vs. chronic toxicity

## Requisites:

- Must be an “independent risk factor”
- Must establish causation
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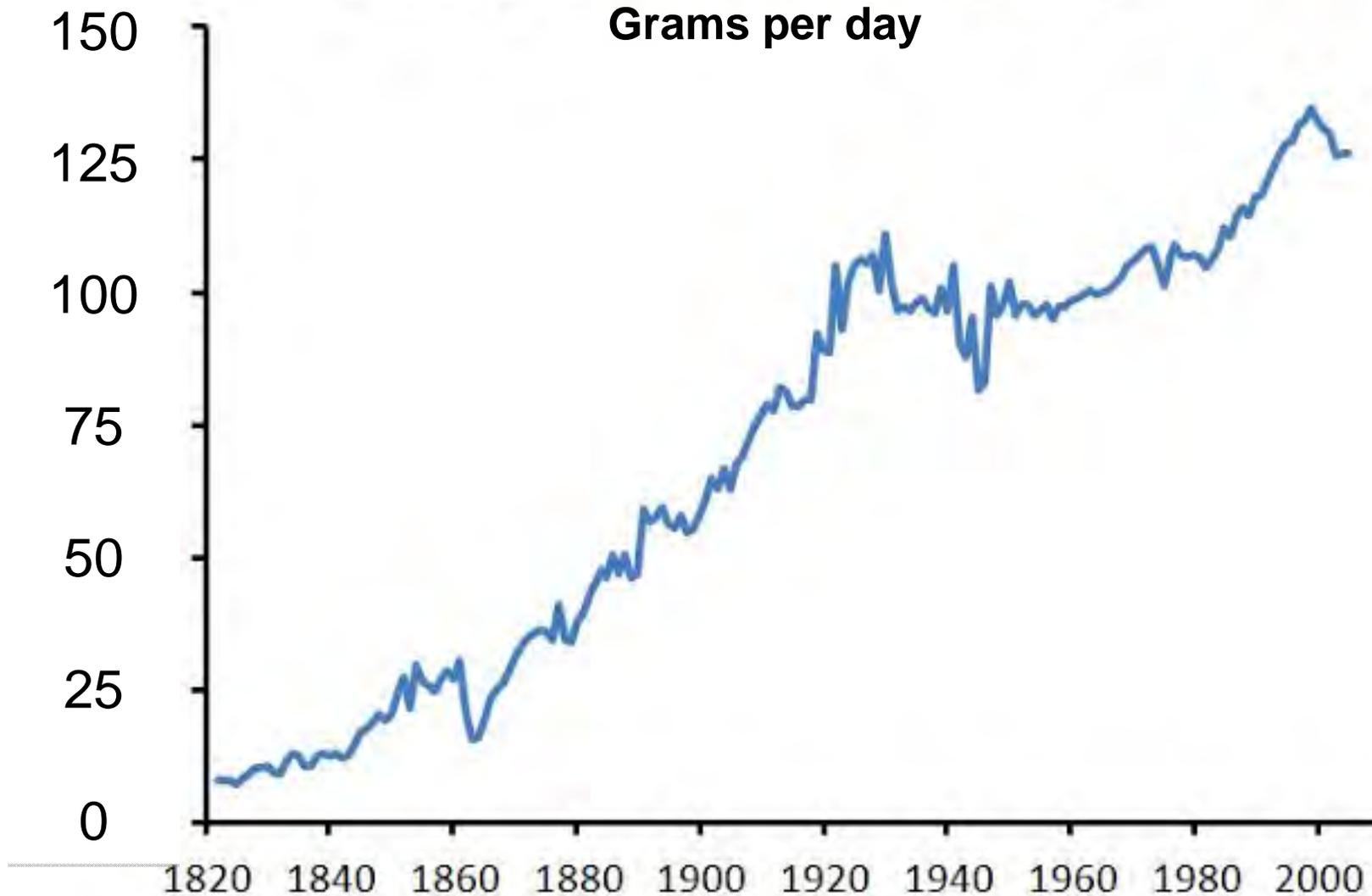
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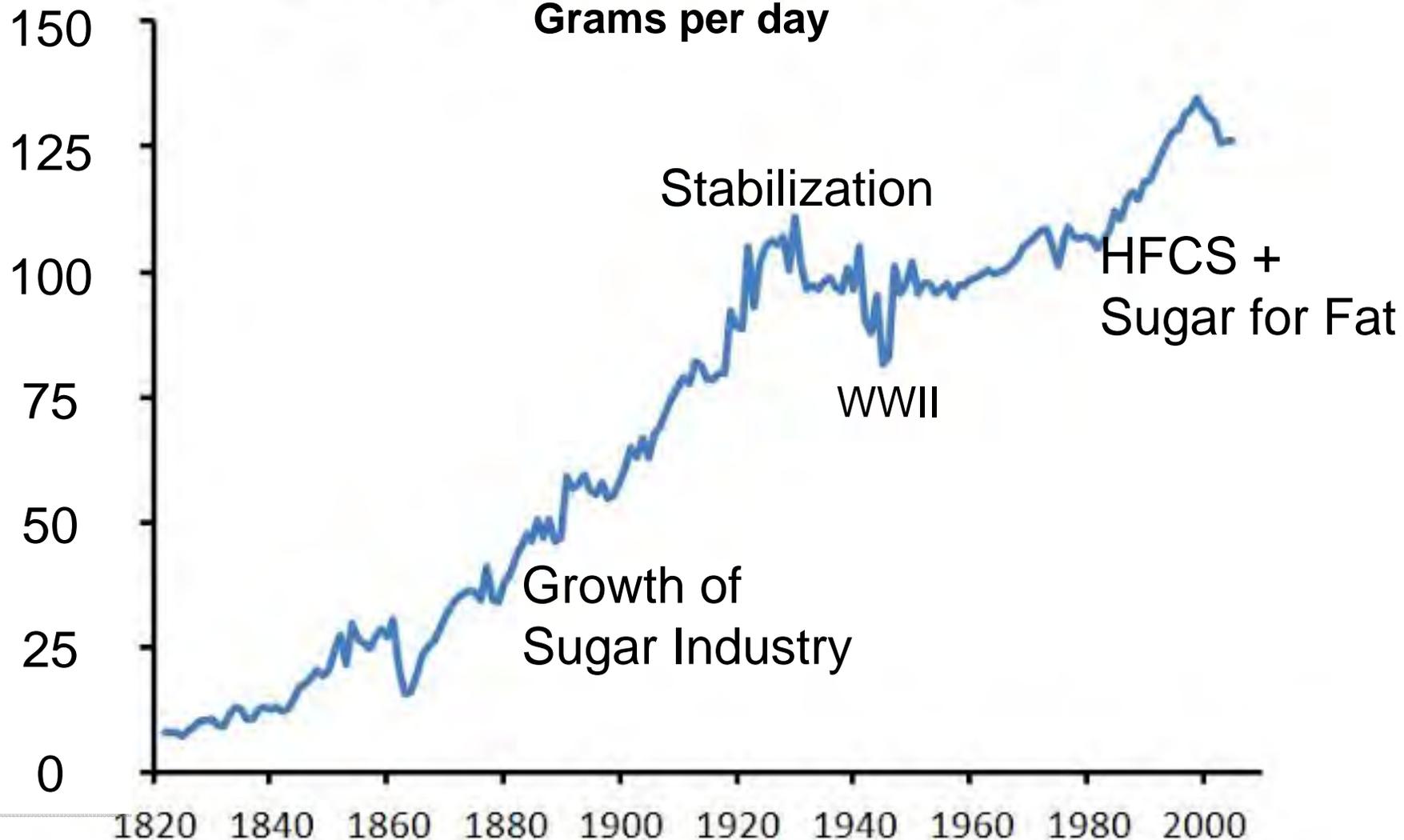
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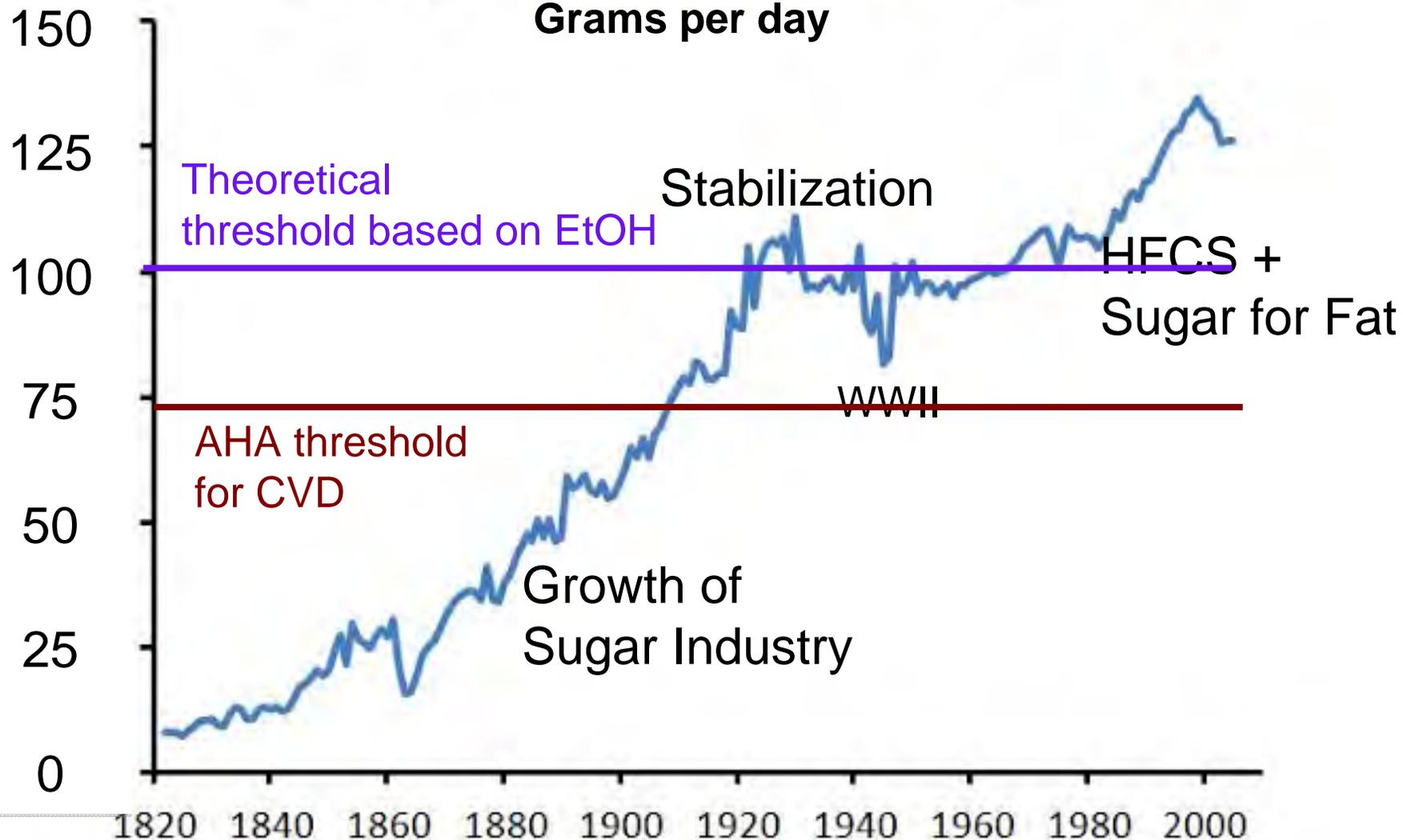
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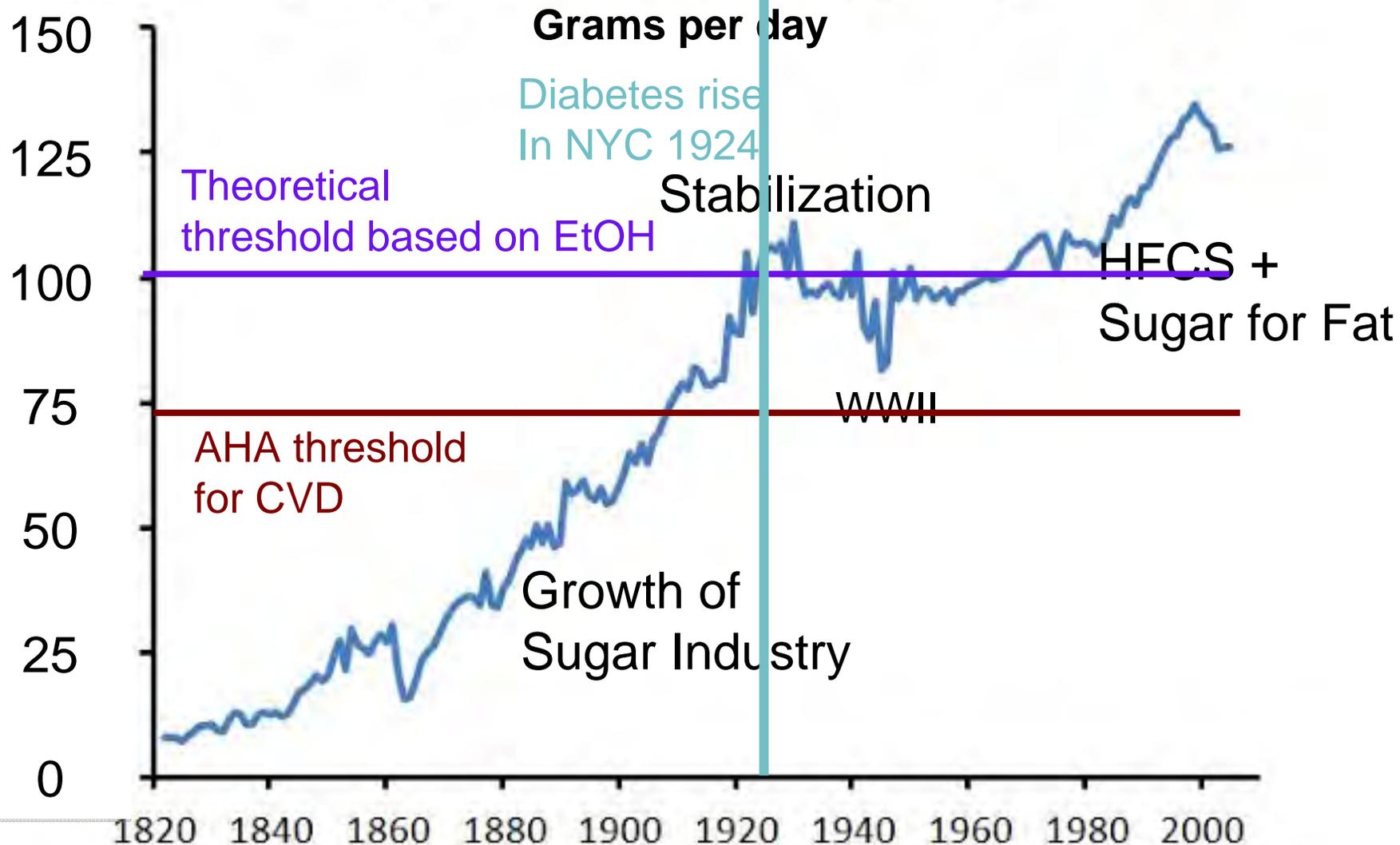


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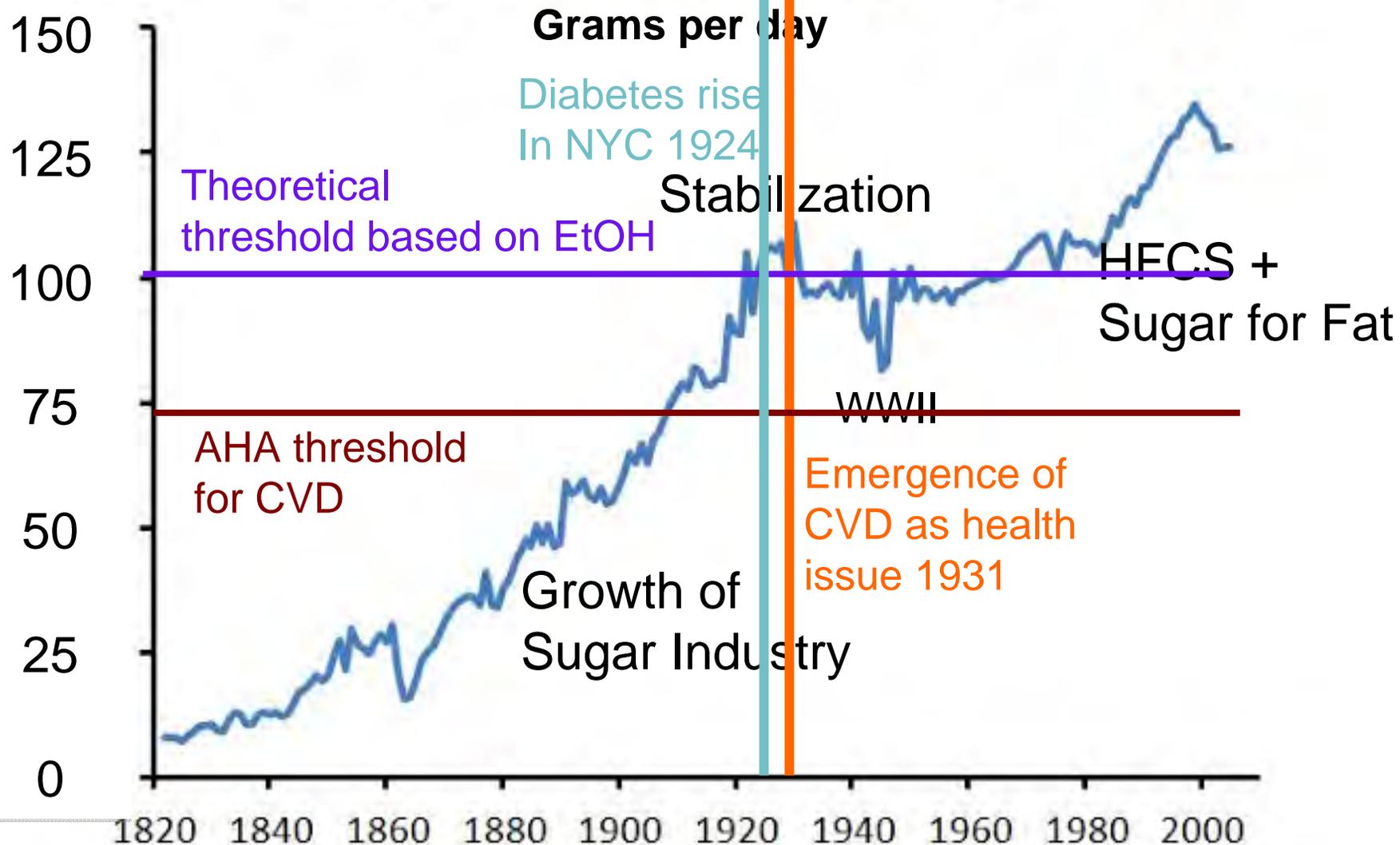


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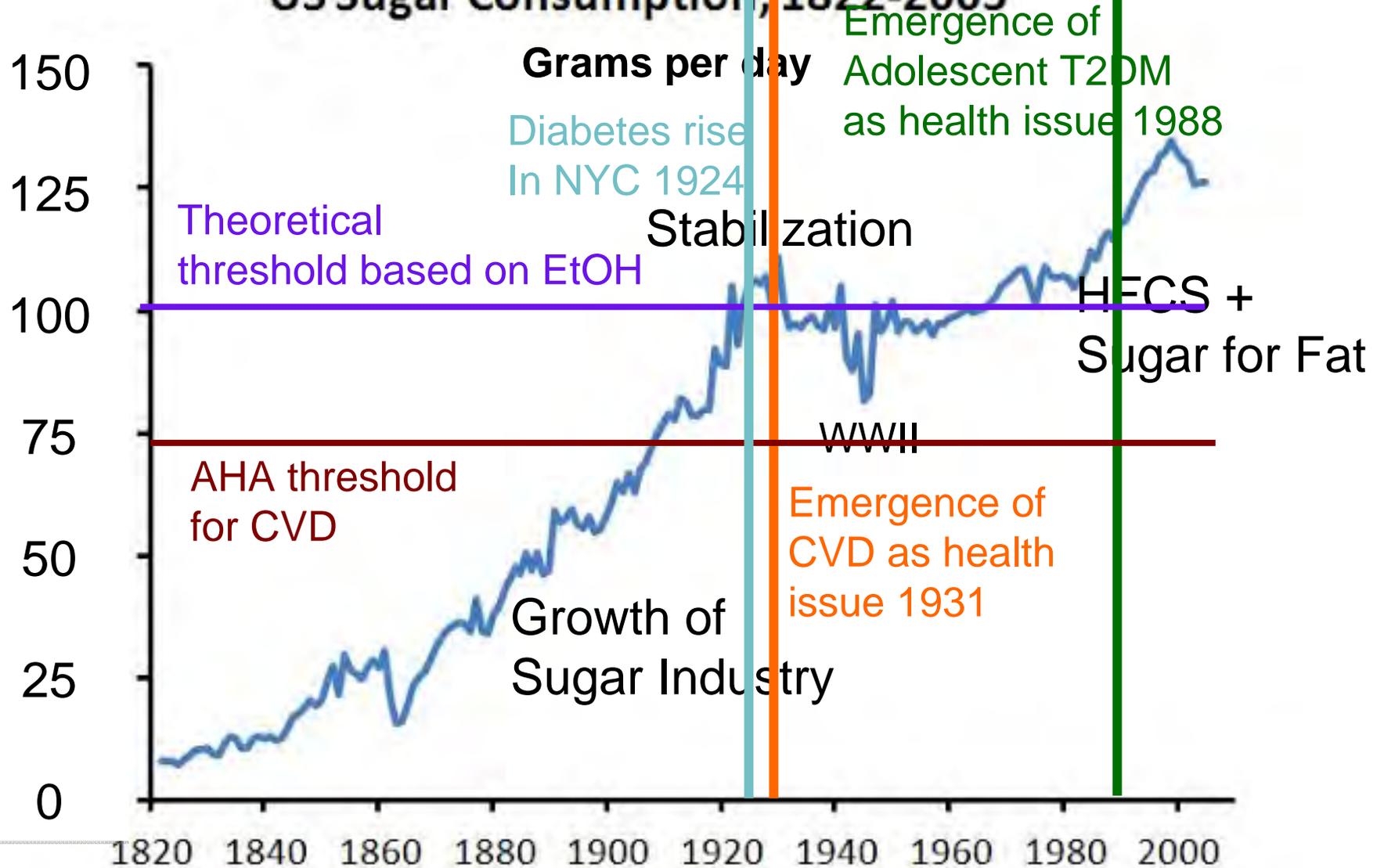
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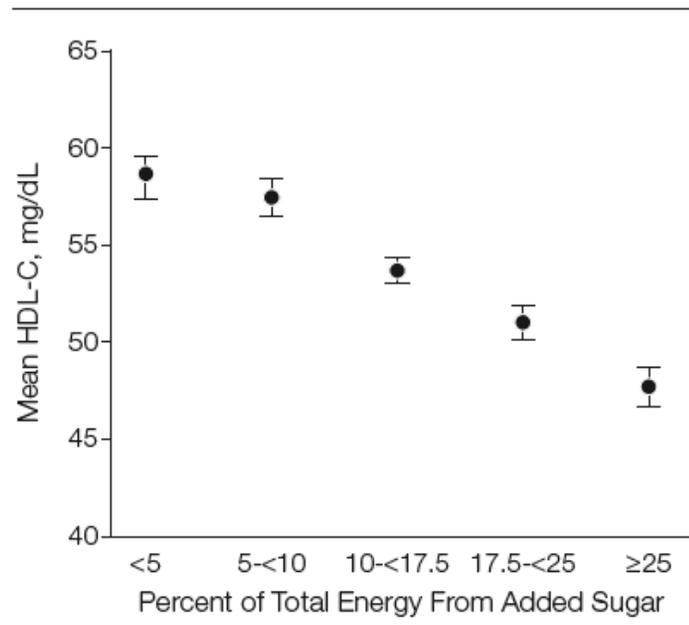
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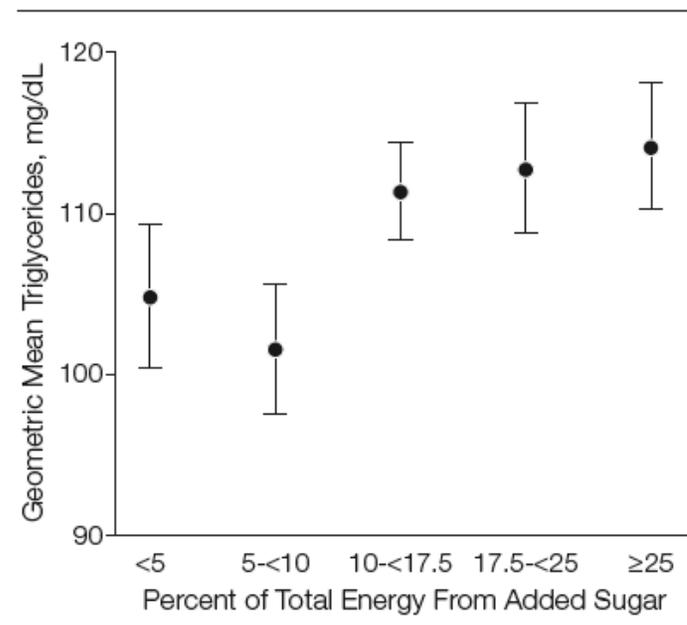
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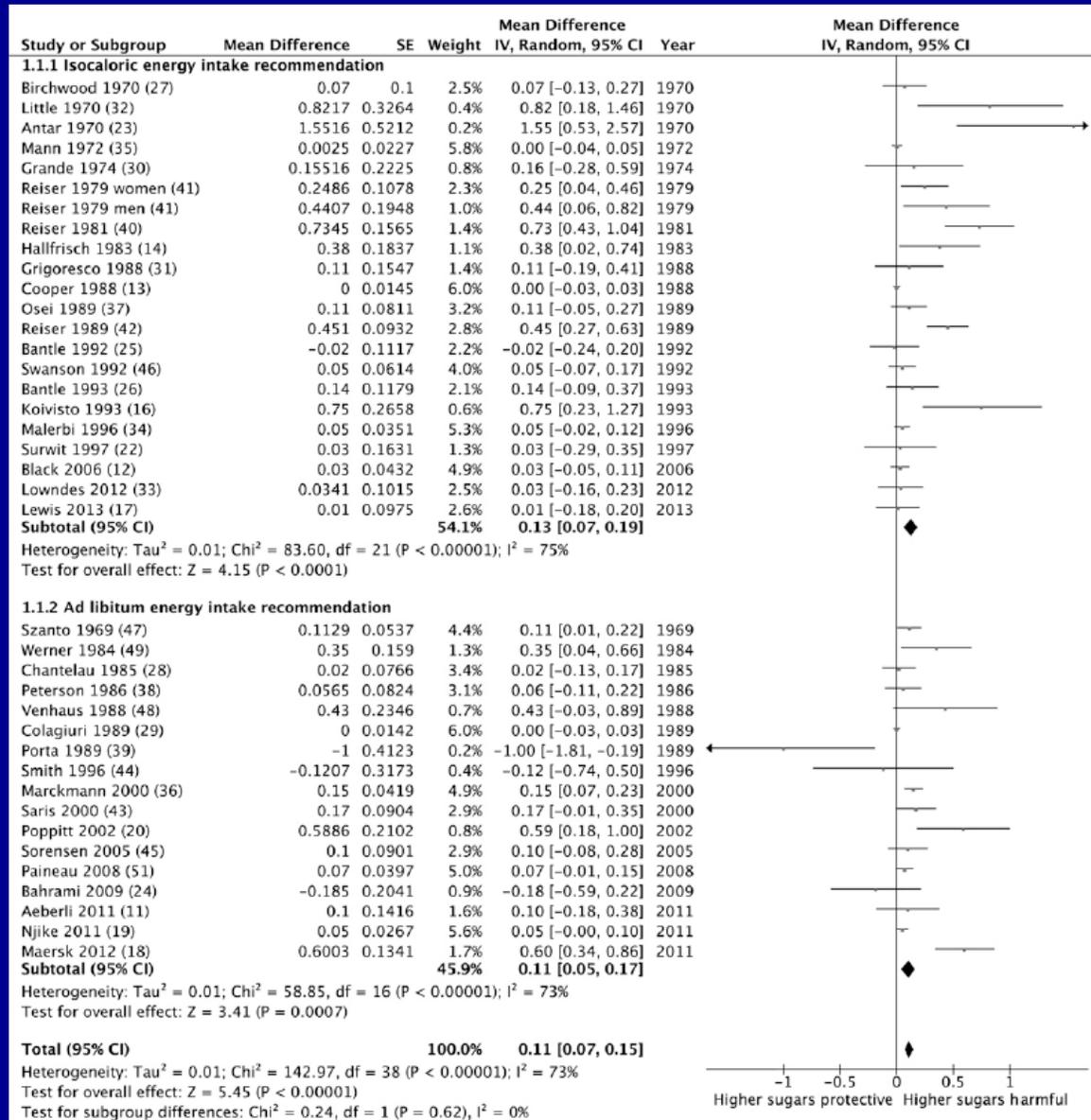
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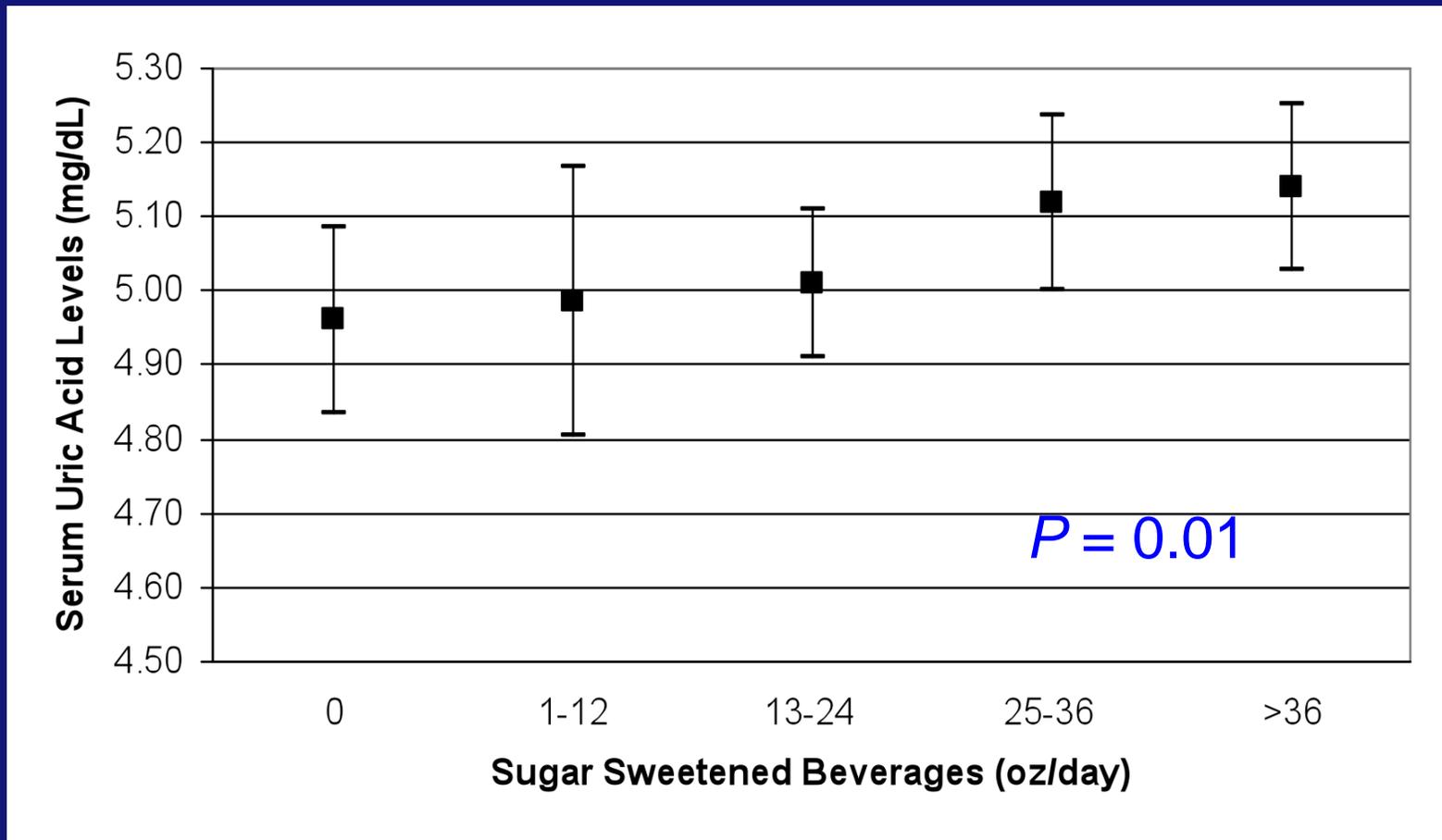
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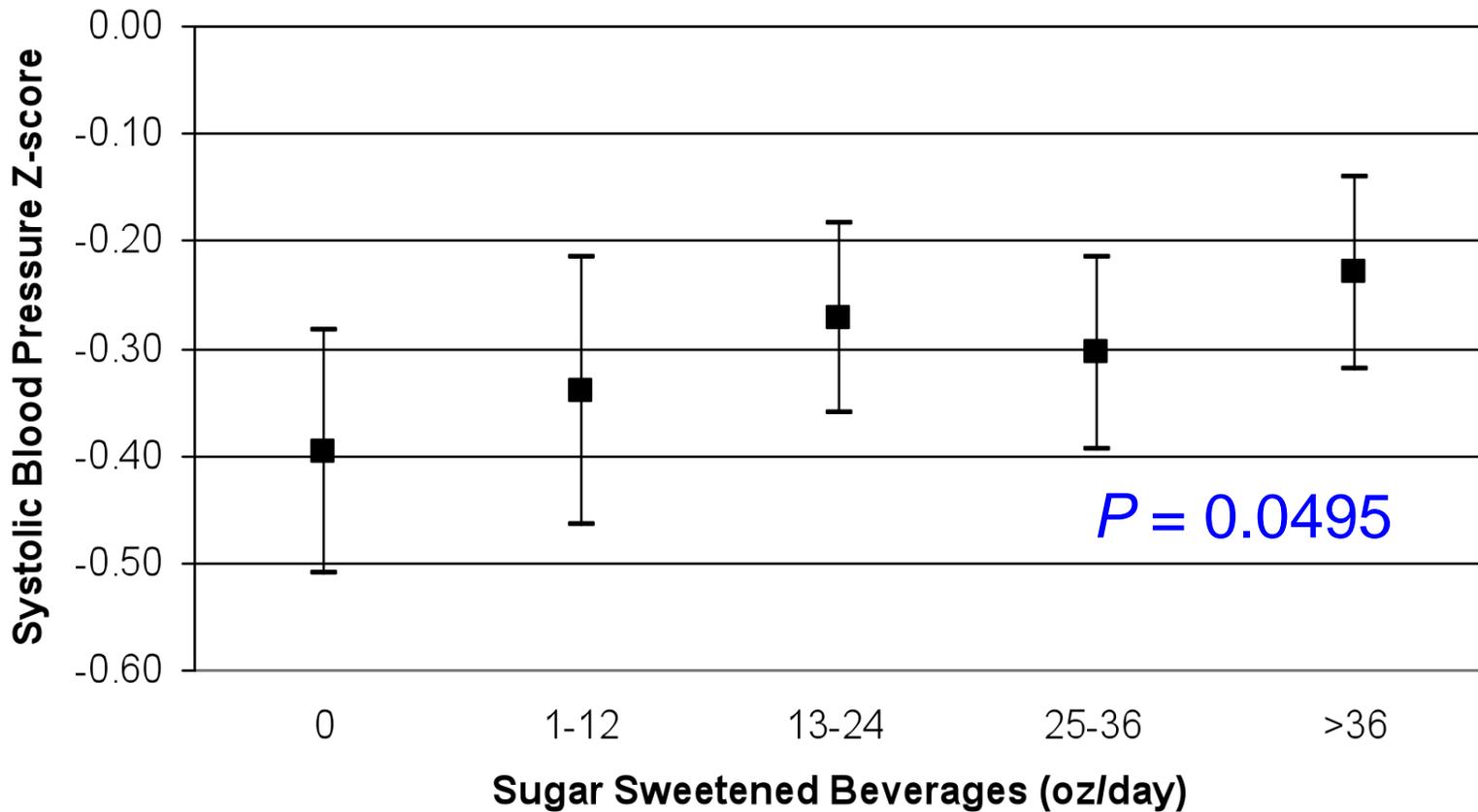
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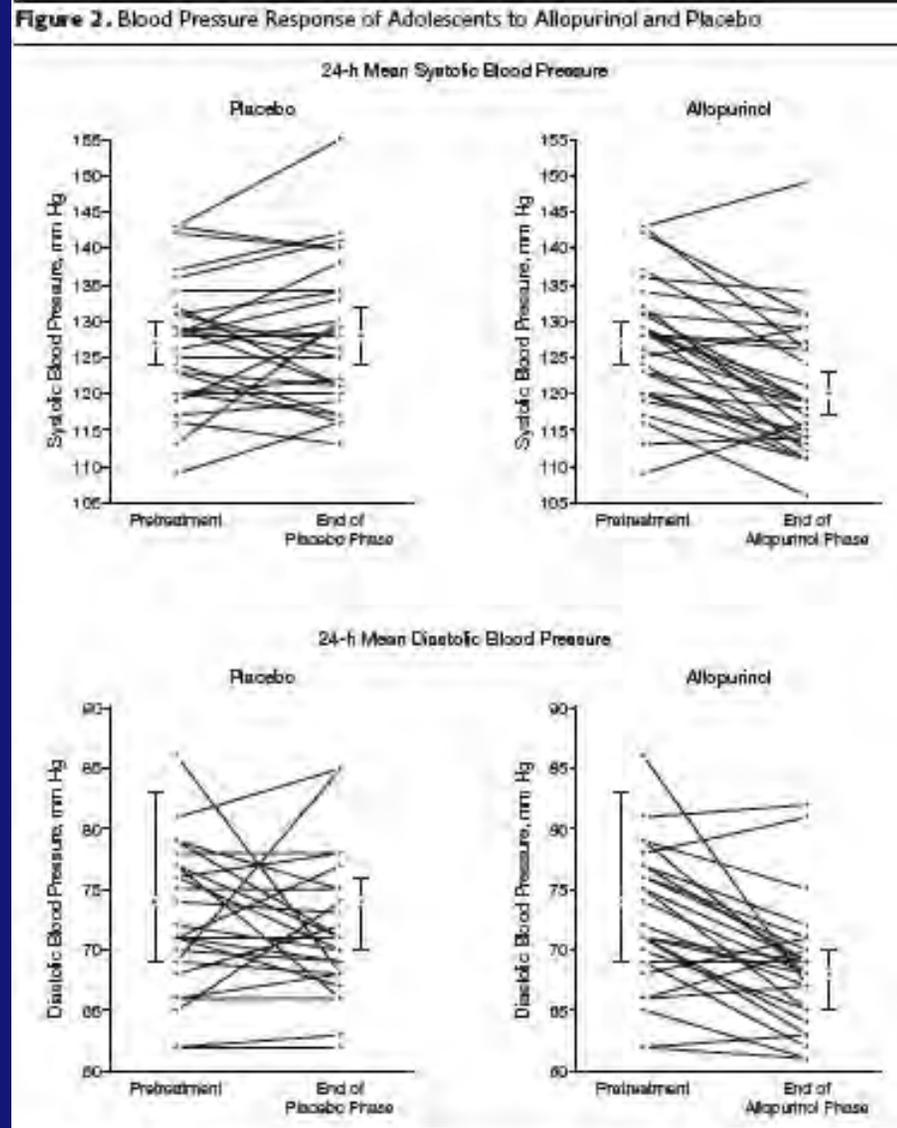
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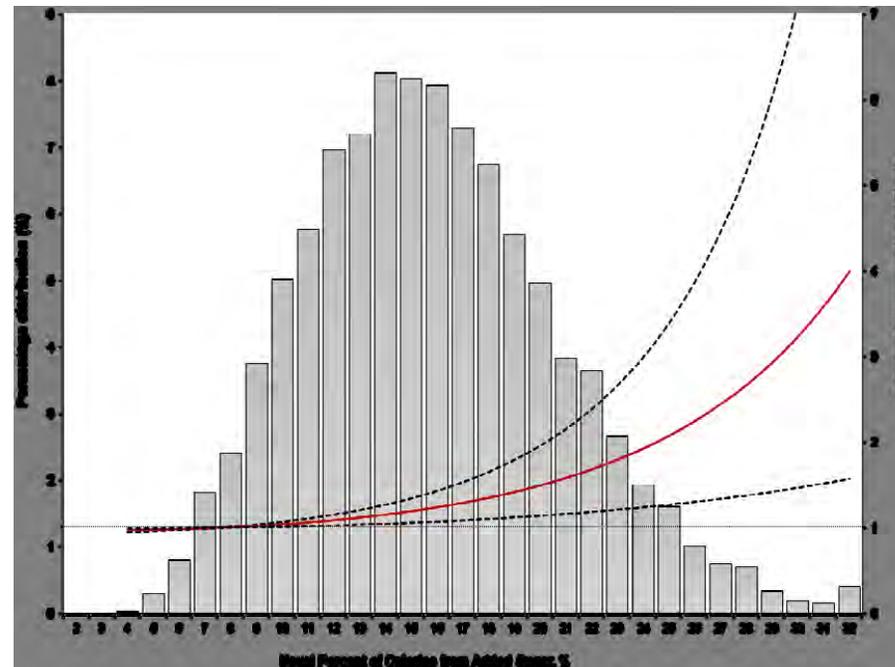


# Allopurinol lowers BP in obese adolescents with essential hypertension



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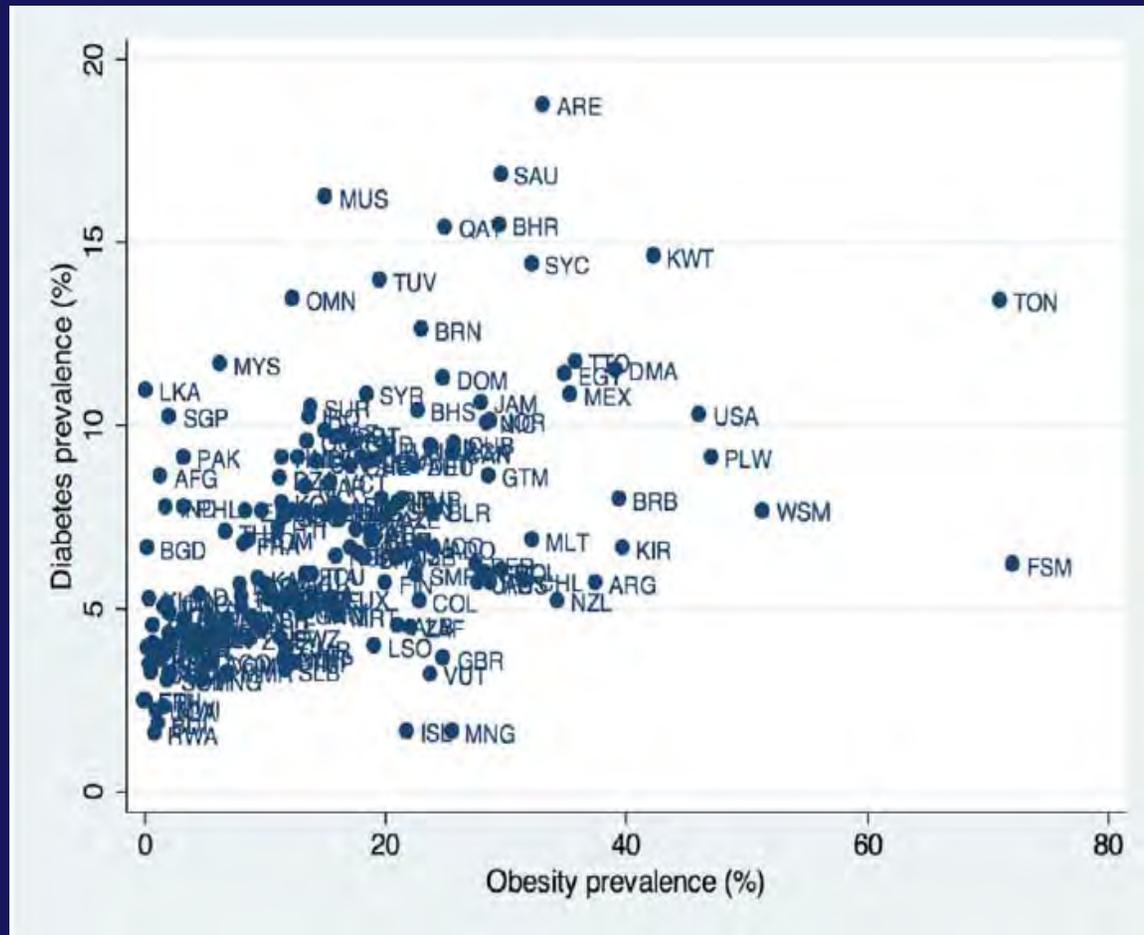
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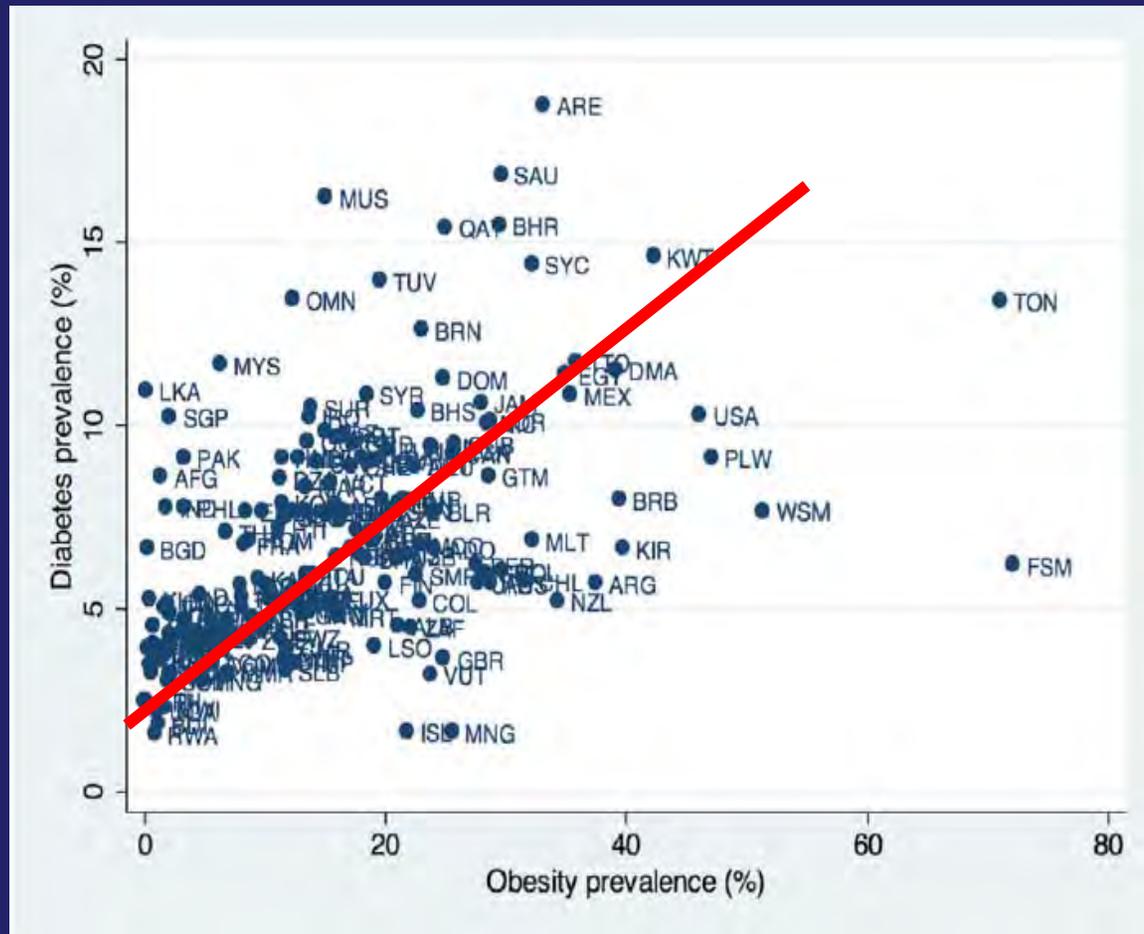
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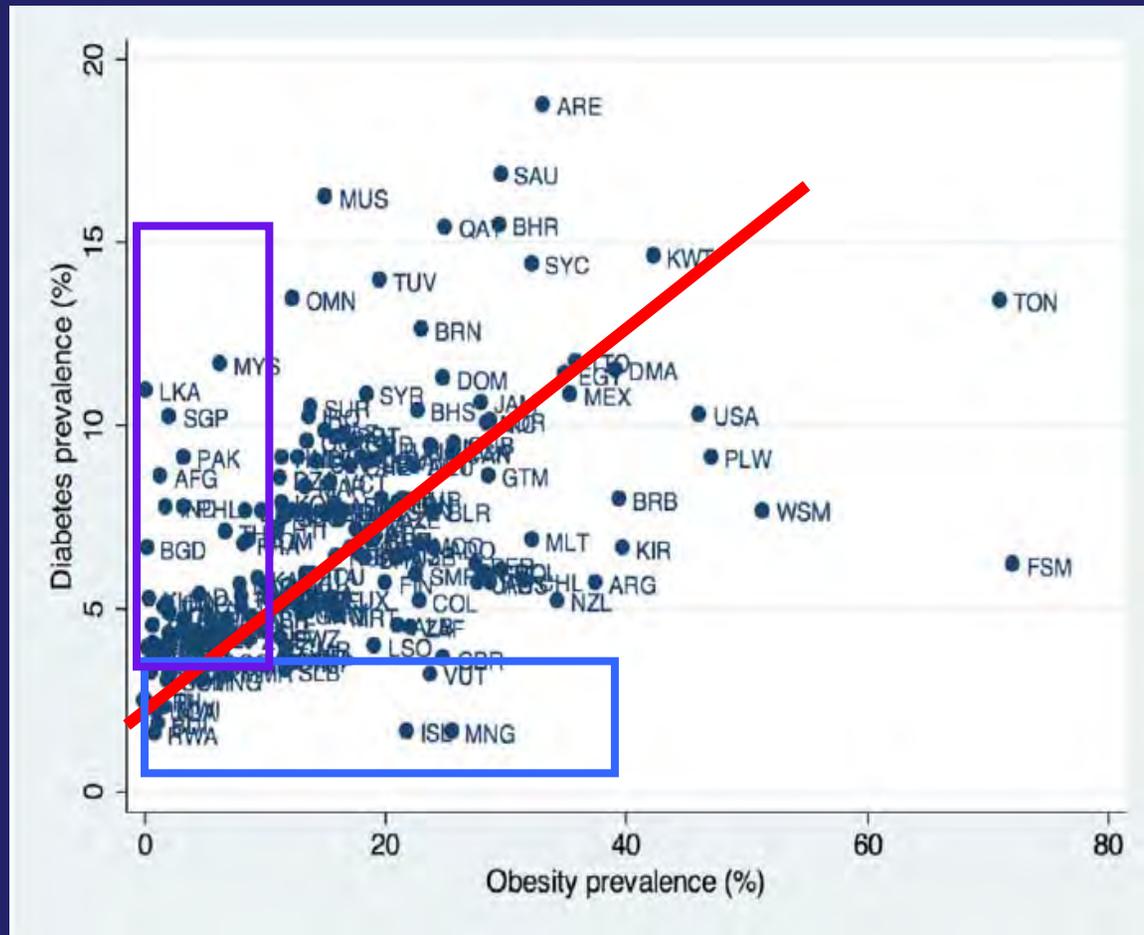


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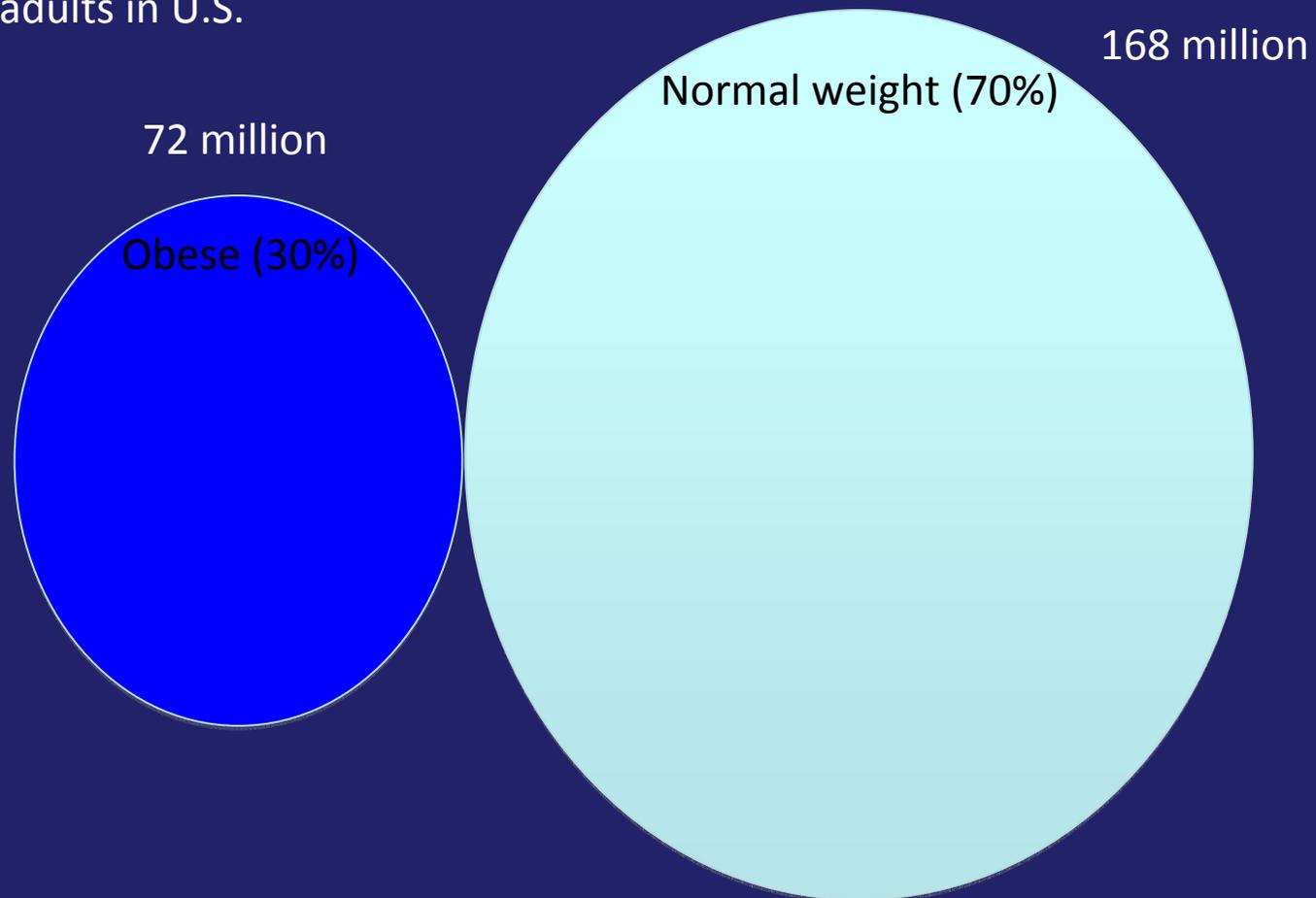


# Diabetes is NOT a subset of obesity

- Obesity is increasing worldwide by 1% per year
- Diabetes is increasing worldwide by 4% per year

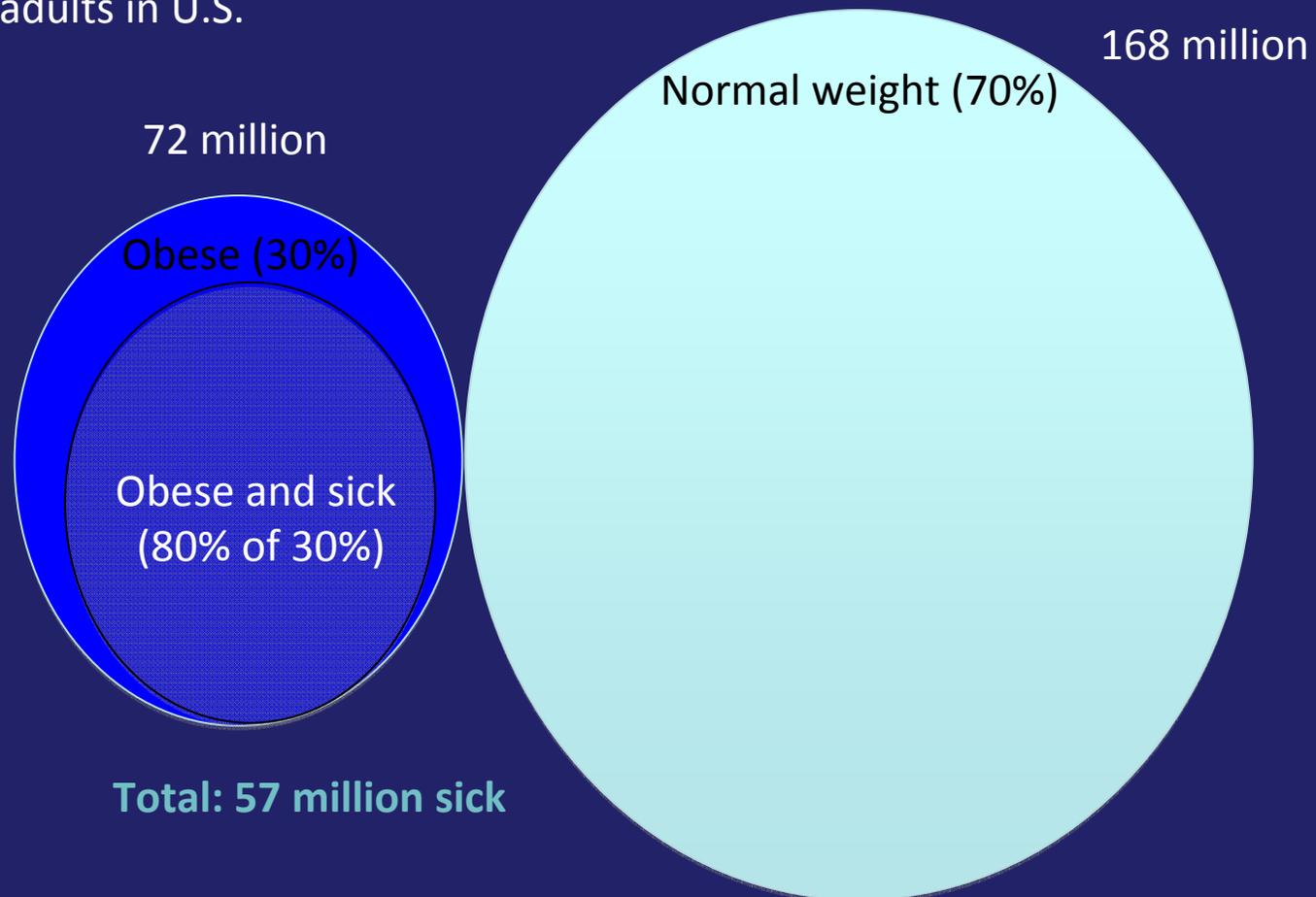
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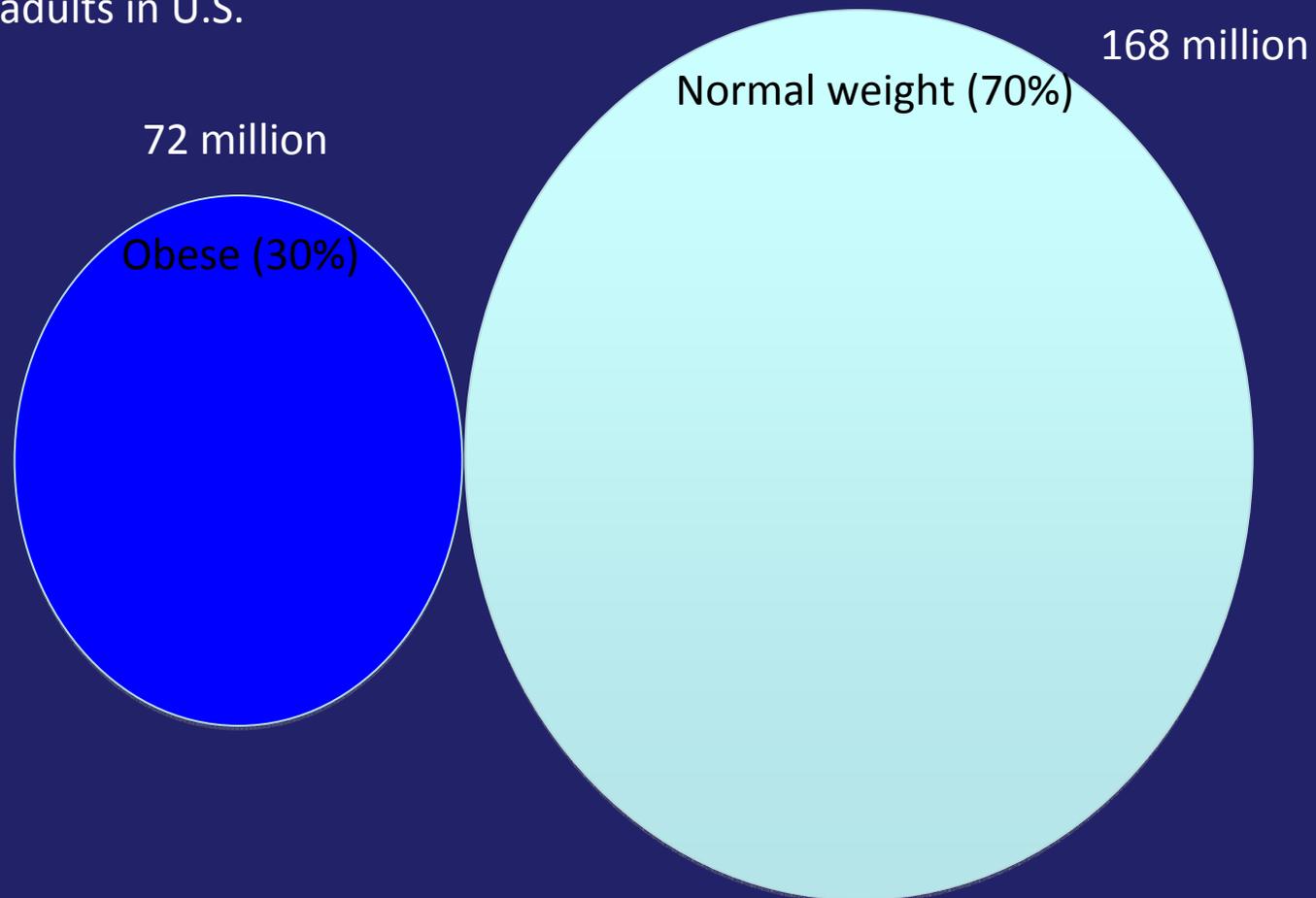
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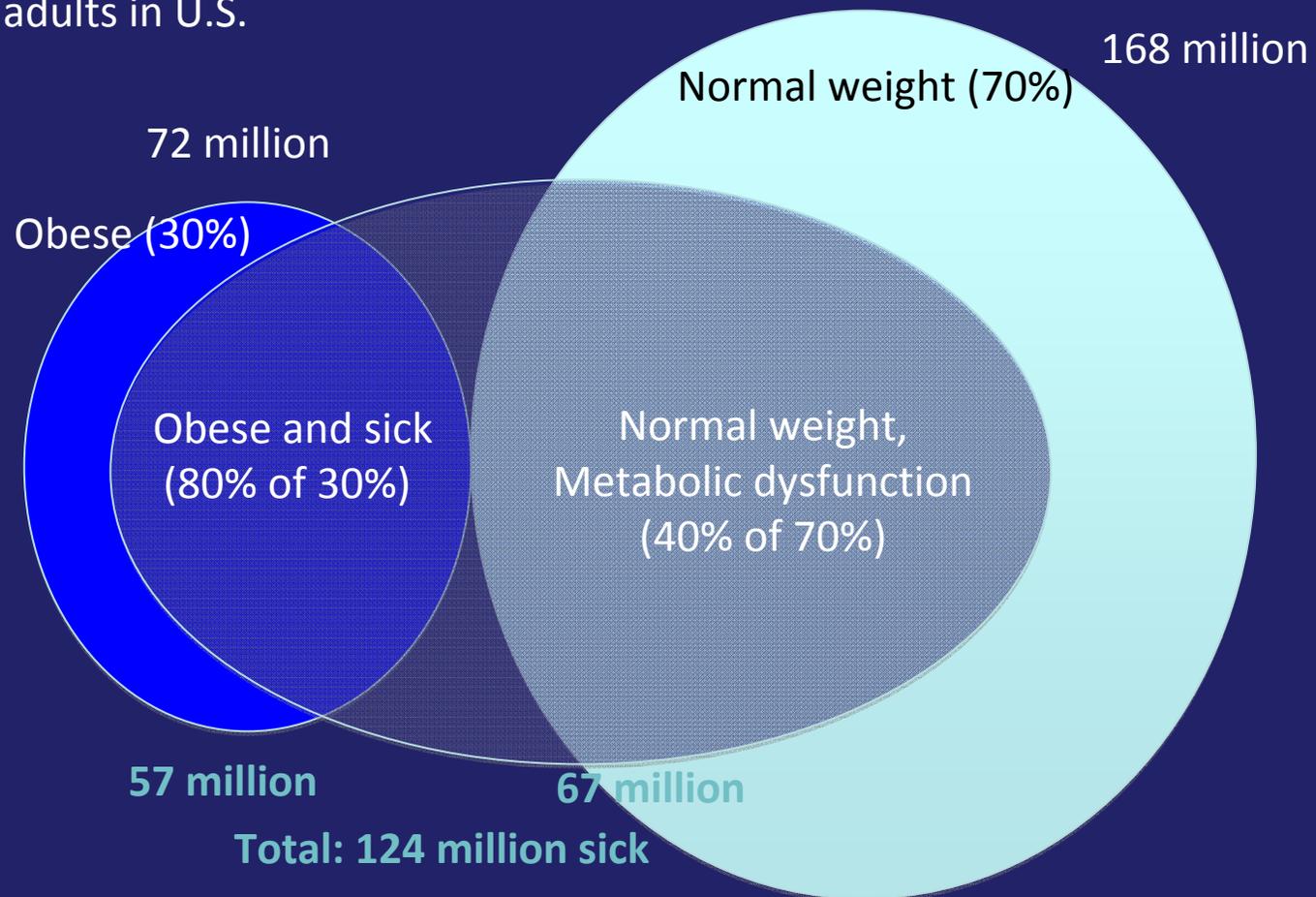
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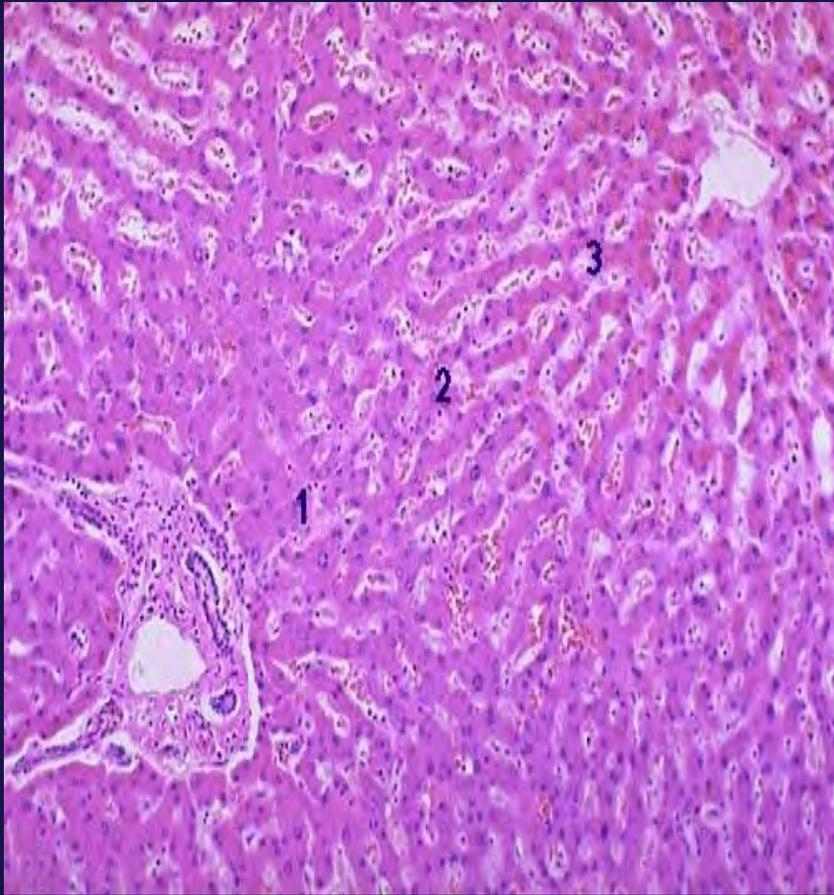
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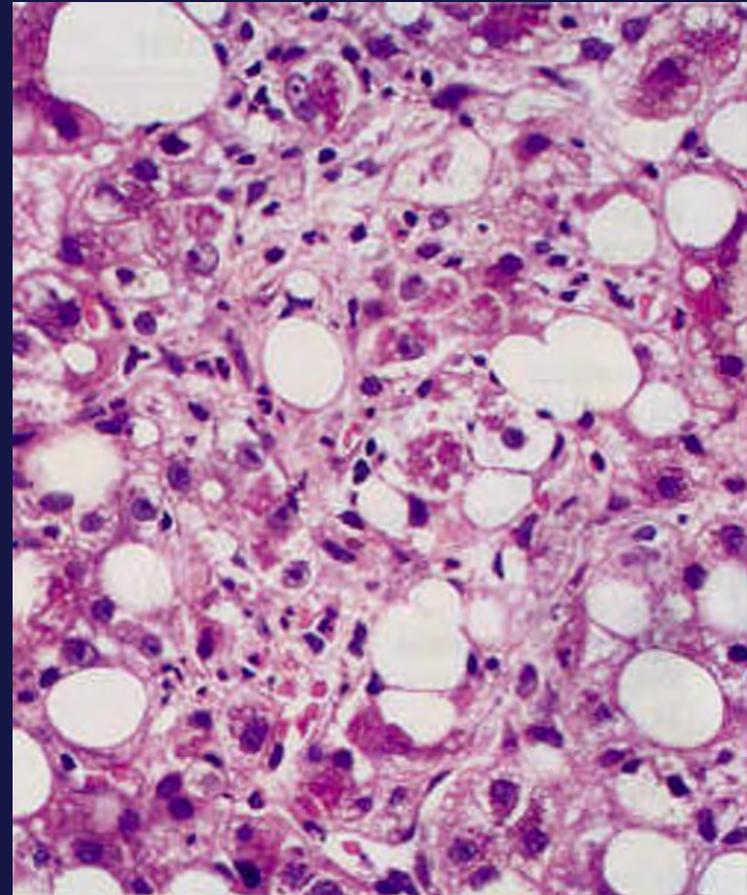
**Total: 124 million sick**

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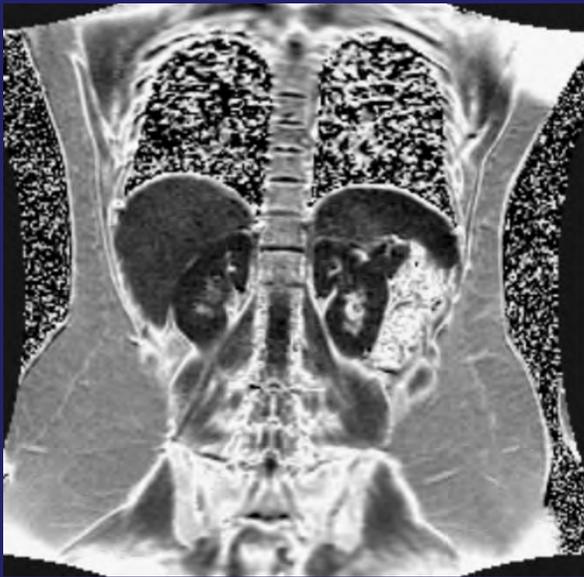


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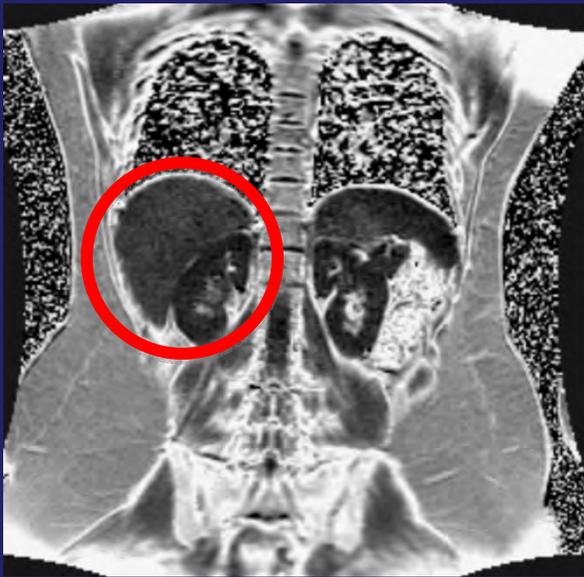
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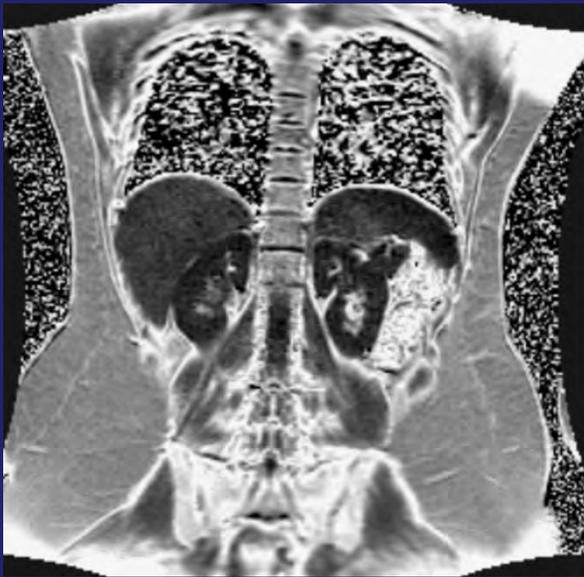
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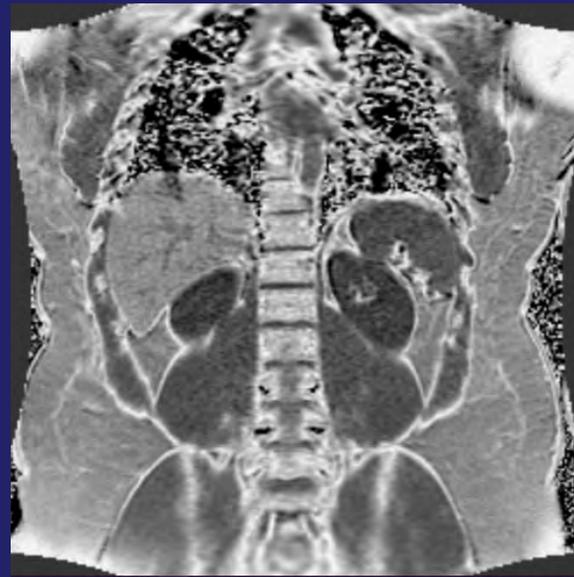
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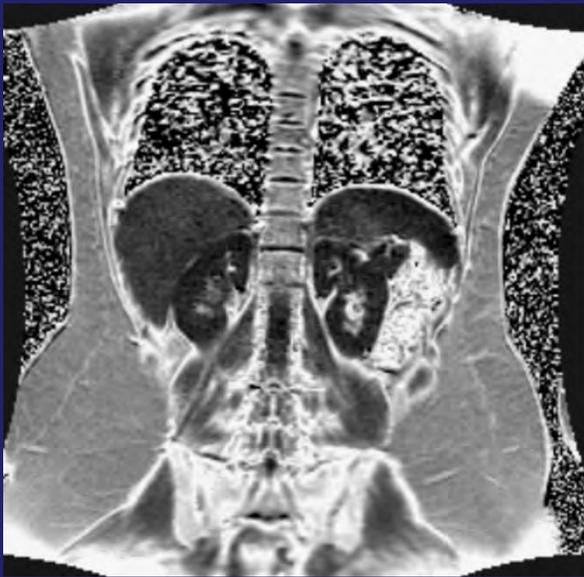
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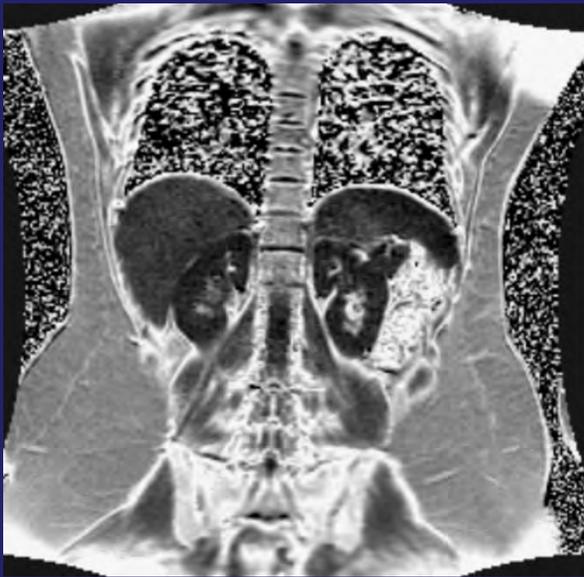
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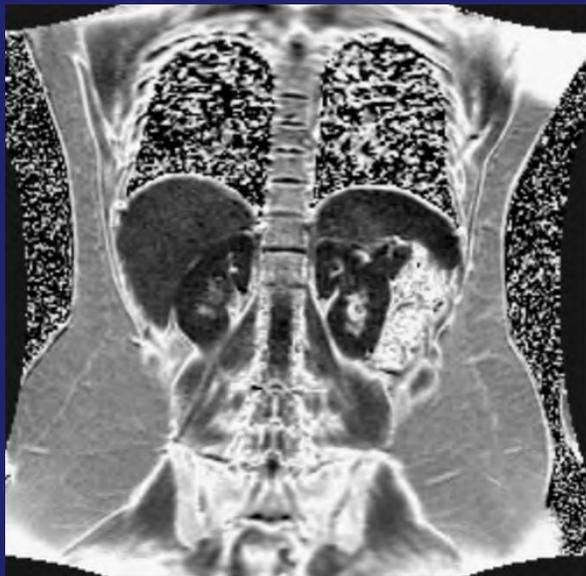
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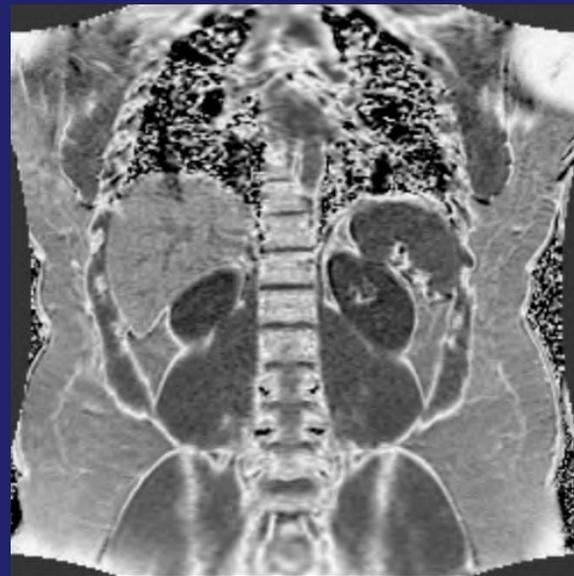
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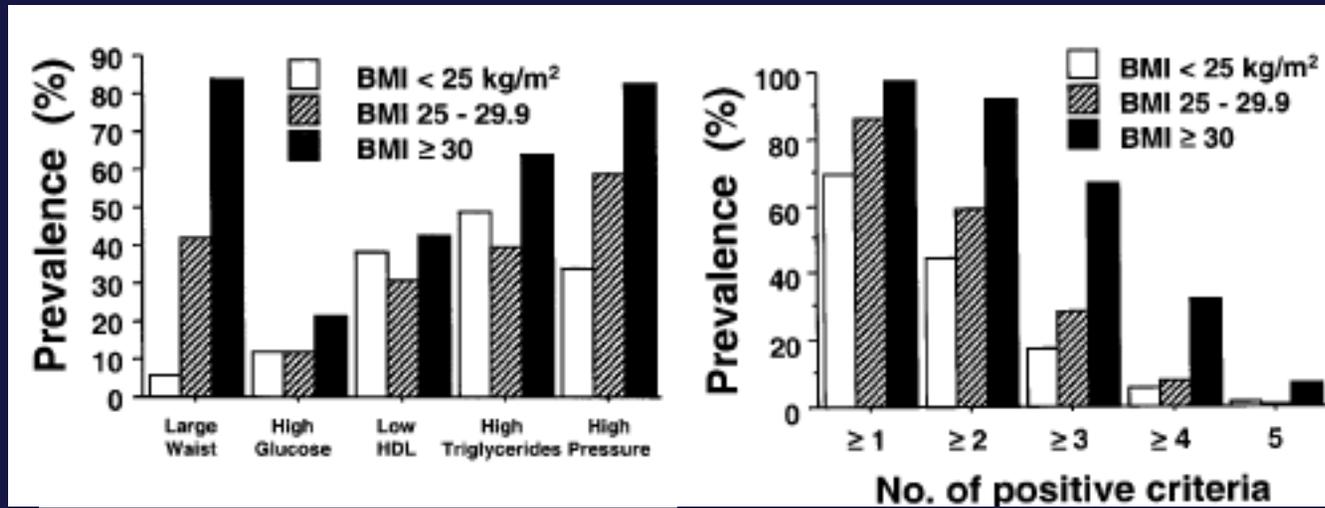
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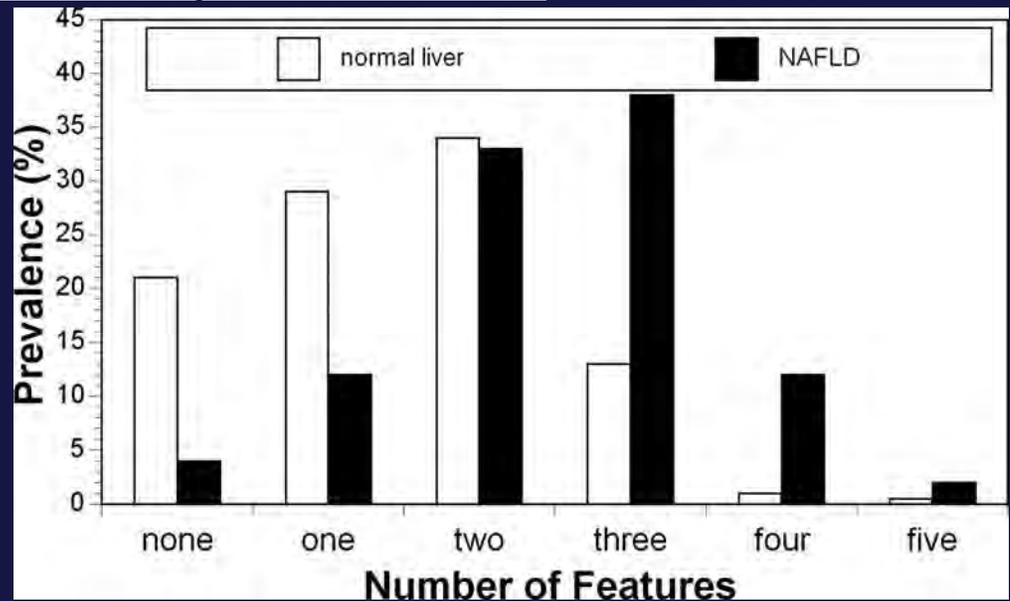
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# NAFLD and Metabolic Syndrome are congruent (if not the same)



Adults:  
Marchesini et al. Hepatology 37:917, 2003



Children:  
Schwimmer et al. Circulation 118:277, 2008

# Epidemiology of NAFLD

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) has become epidemic

Steatosis:

45% Latinos

33% Caucasians

24% African Americans

NASH

5.5% of US Adults

Children:

Steatosis in 13% of autopsy specimens ages 5-19

38% in obese autopsy specimens

# NAFLD is a primary predictor of T2DM in Korean adults

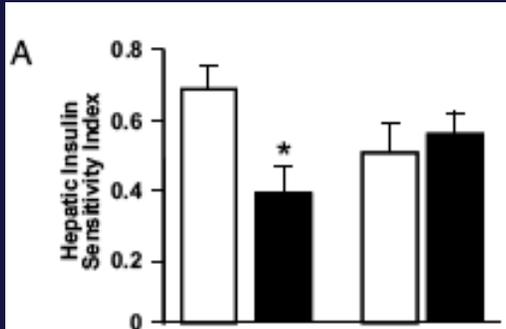
**TABLE 2.** OR for T2DM at 5-yr follow-up

	T2DM -no./total no. (%)		OR (95% confidence interval)		
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All	54/8120 (0.7%)	120/2971 (4%)	6.29 (4.55-8.69)	3.24 (2.19-4.78)	2.05 (1.35-3.12)
Insulin					
Quartile 1	13/2468 (0.5%)	8/307 (2.6%)	5.05 (2.08-12.29)	3.47 (1.23-9.79)	1.96 (0.63-6.13)
Quartile 2	16/2262 (0.7%)	6/511 (1.2%)	1.67 (0.65-4.28)	1.34 (0.46-3.87)	0.71 (0.22-2.26)
Quartile 3	11/2002 (0.6%)	22/768 (2.9%)	5.34 (2.58-11.06)	3.74 (1.59-8.84)	2.92 (1.12-7.62)
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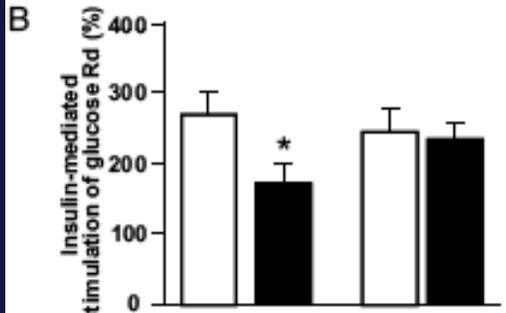
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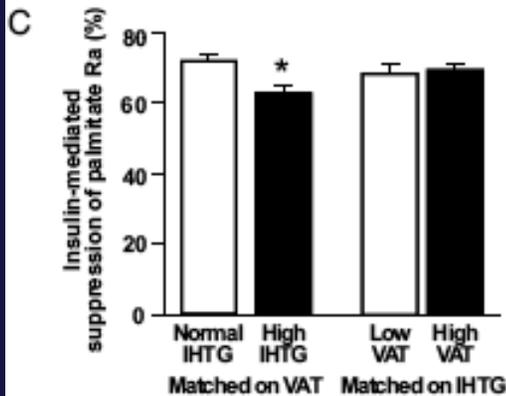
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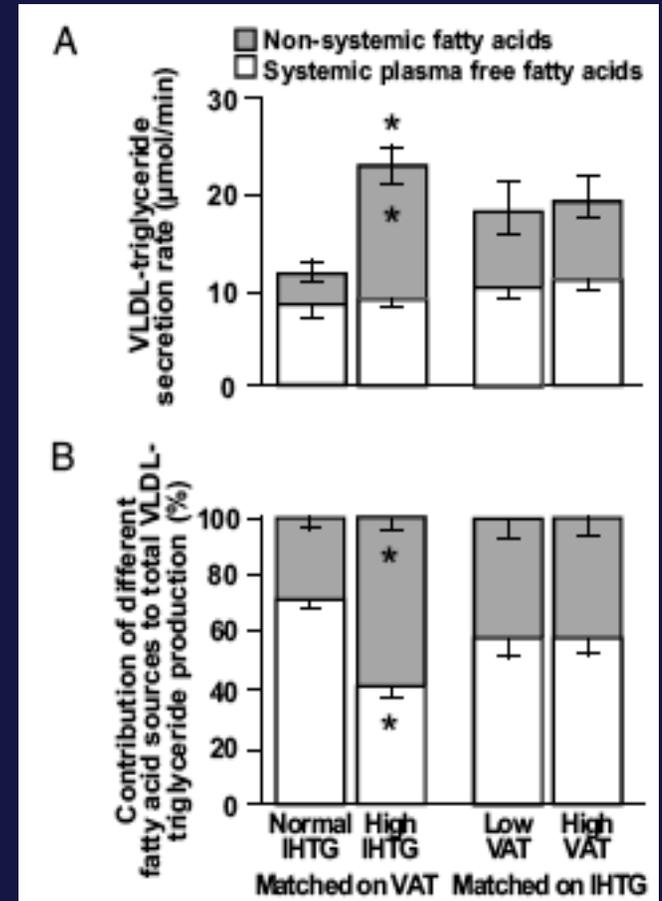
Insulin Stimulated Glucose Disposal Rate



Insulin Stimulated Palmitate Suppression Rate



VLDL Secretion Rate



Contribution Of Free Fatty Acids To VLDL

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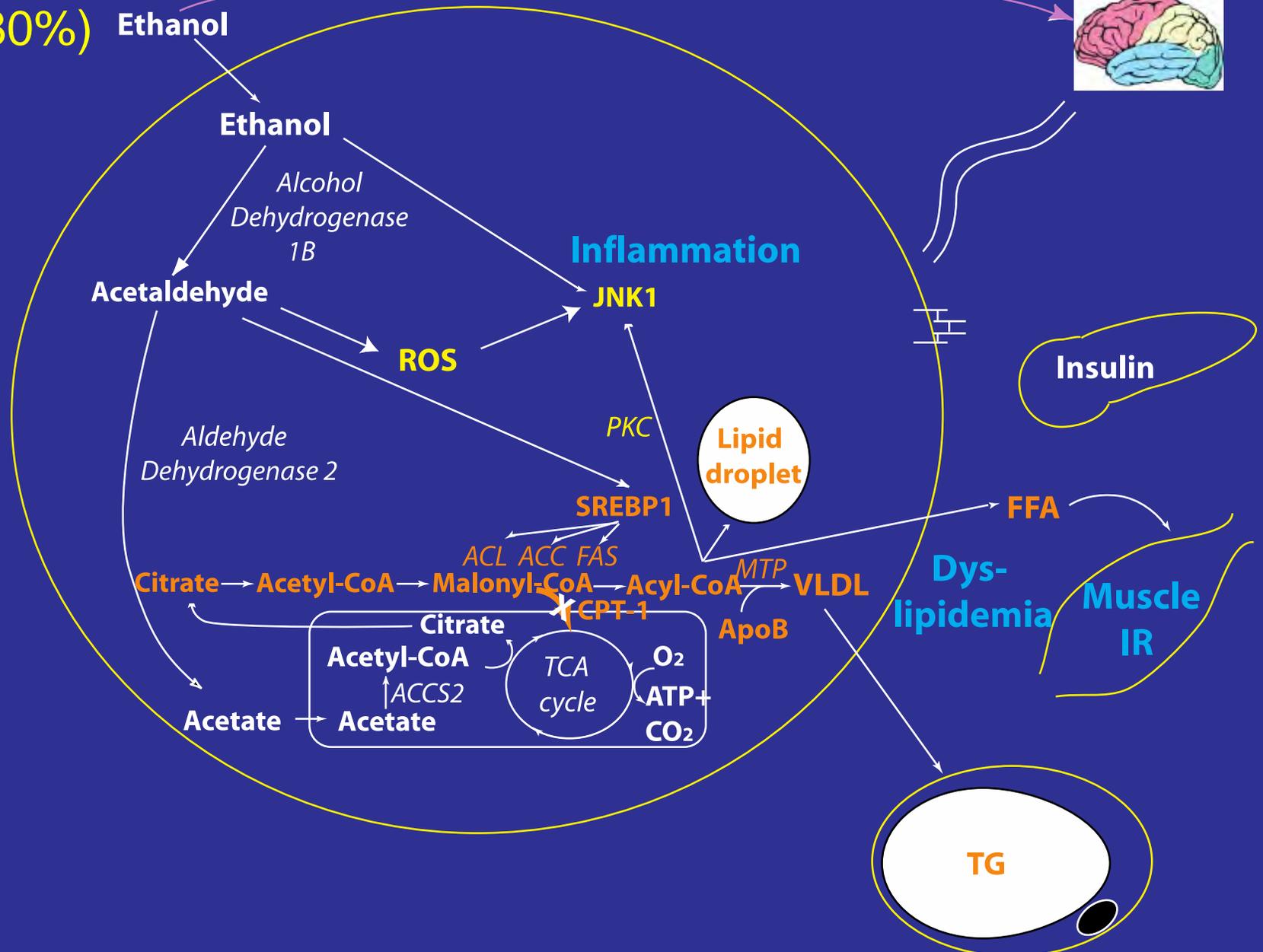
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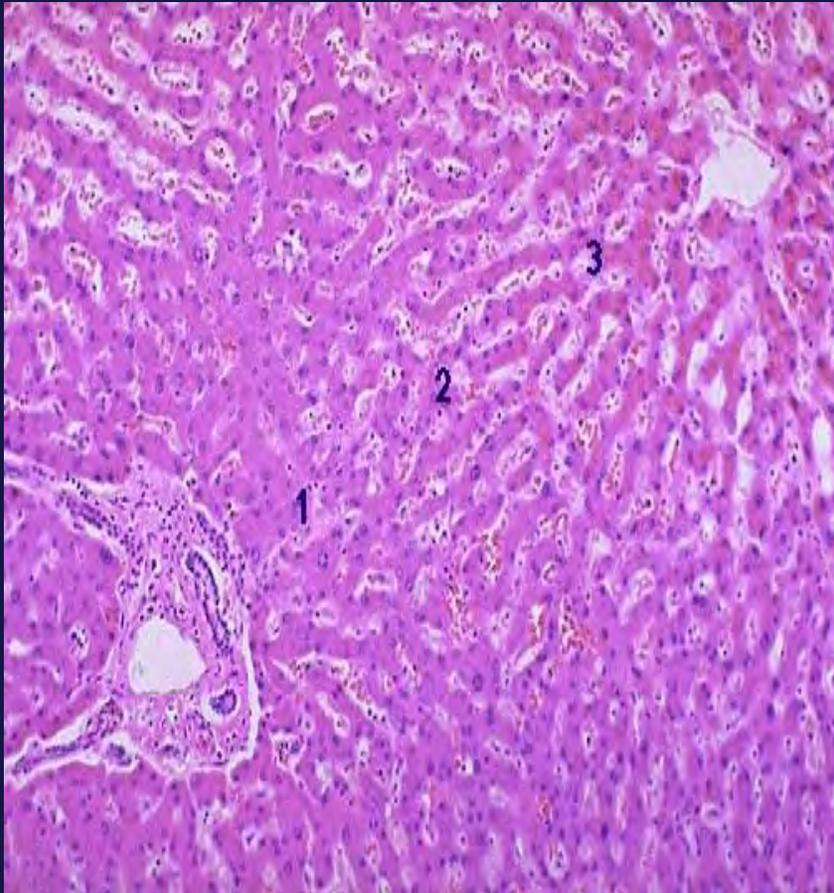
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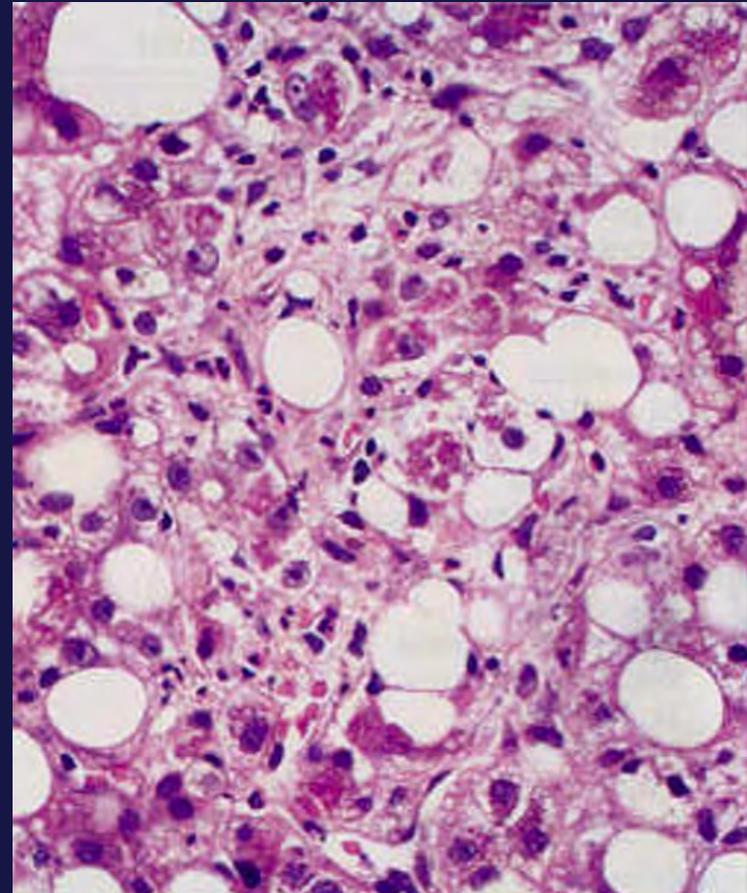
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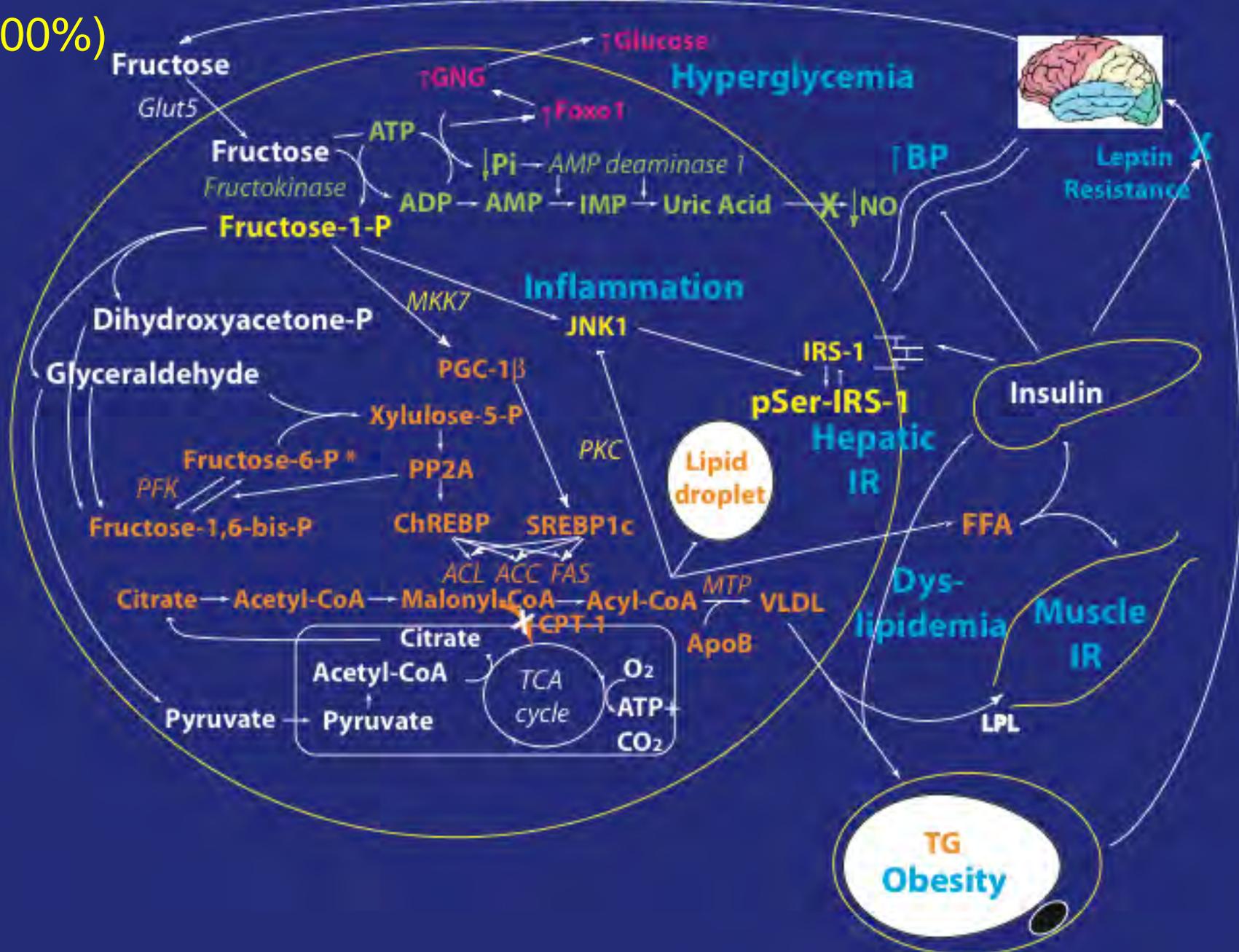
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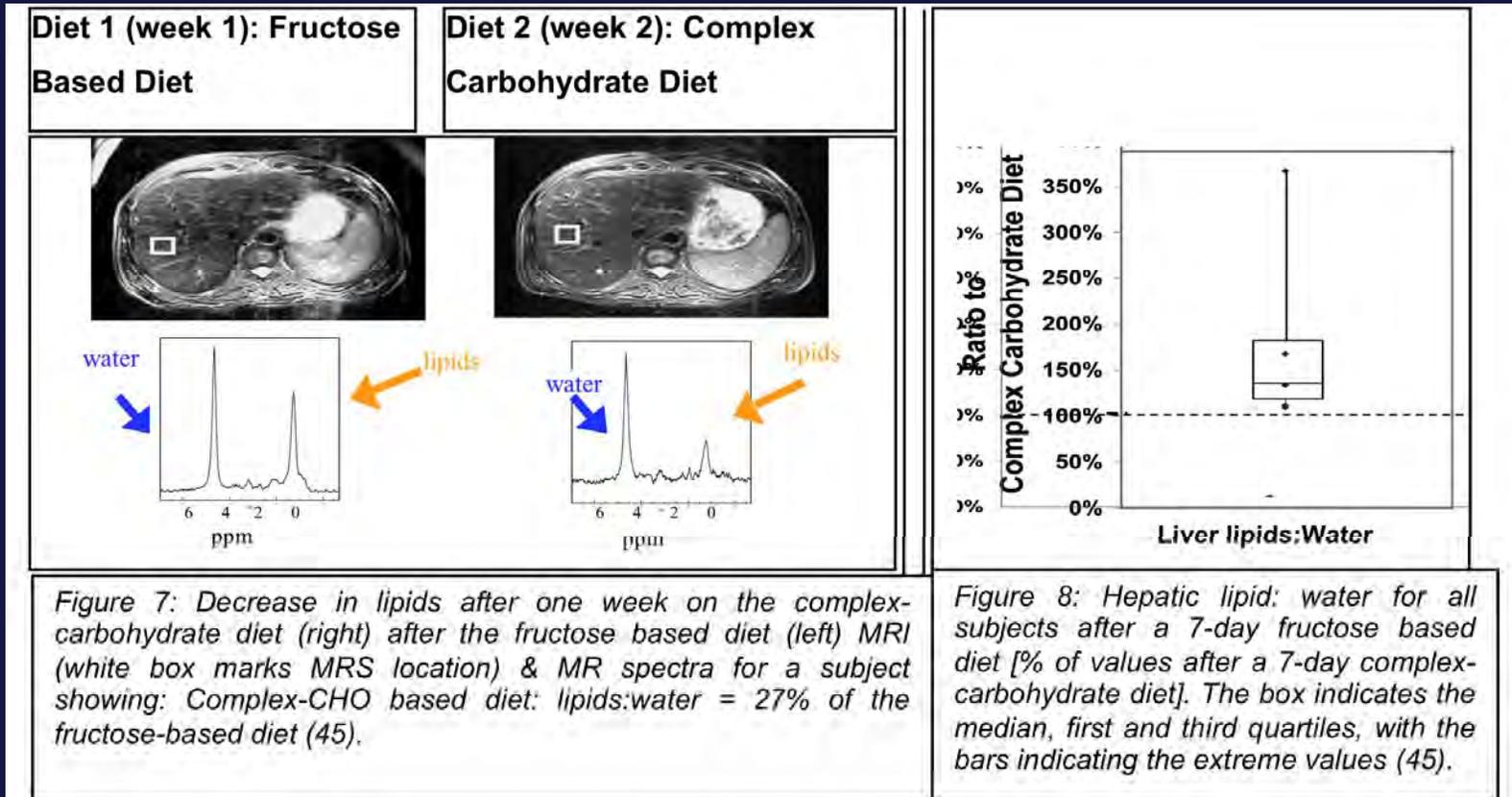
Alcohol?  
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# Detrimental Effects of Fructose

(100%)



# Isocaloric fructose vs. complex carbohydrate increases intrahepatic lipid in adults



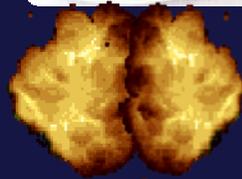
# The second problem



## The common link

The browning reaction or Maillard reaction or non-enzymatic glycation

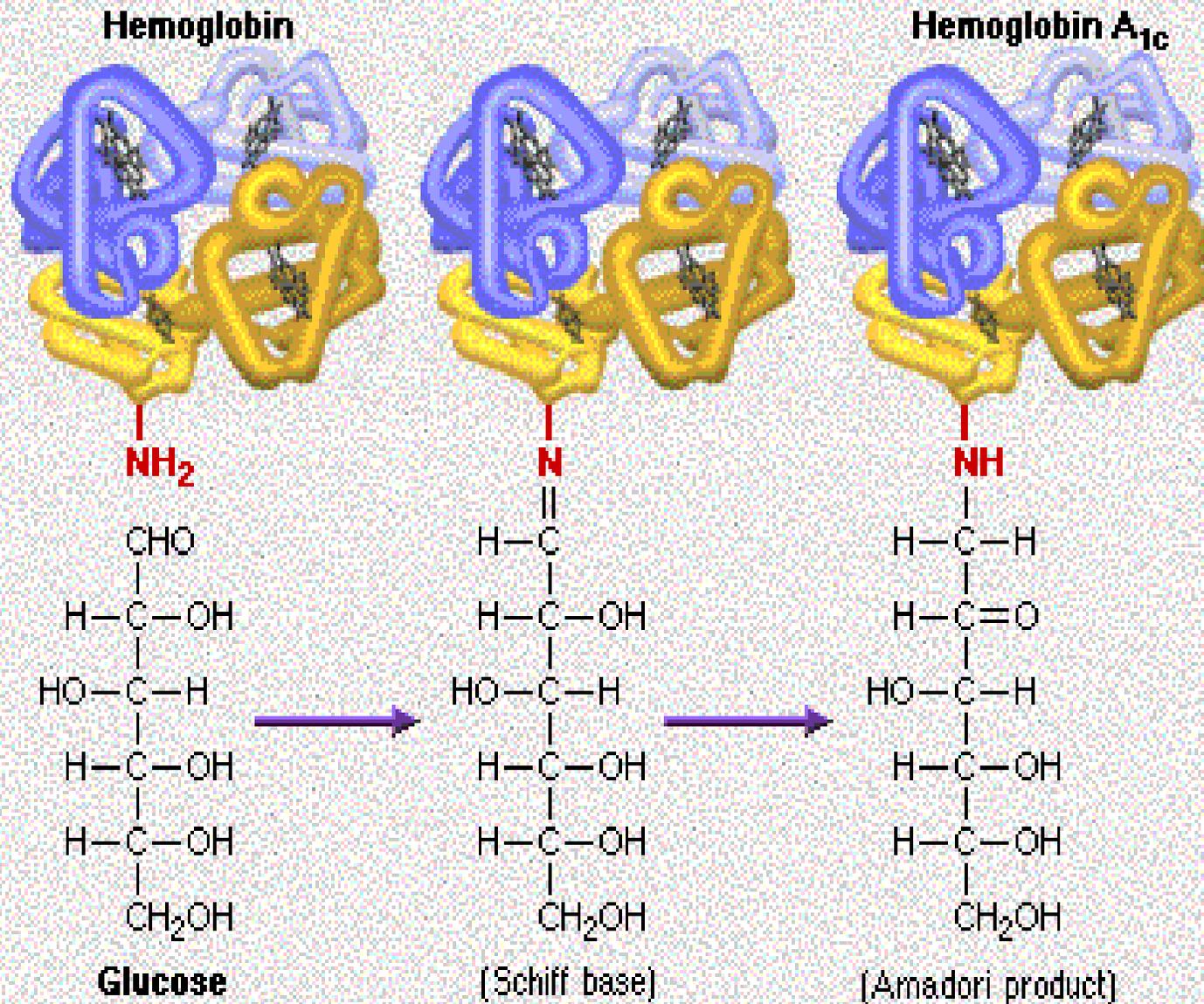
Instead of roasting 1 hour at 375 degrees we slow cook at 98.6 degrees for 75 years



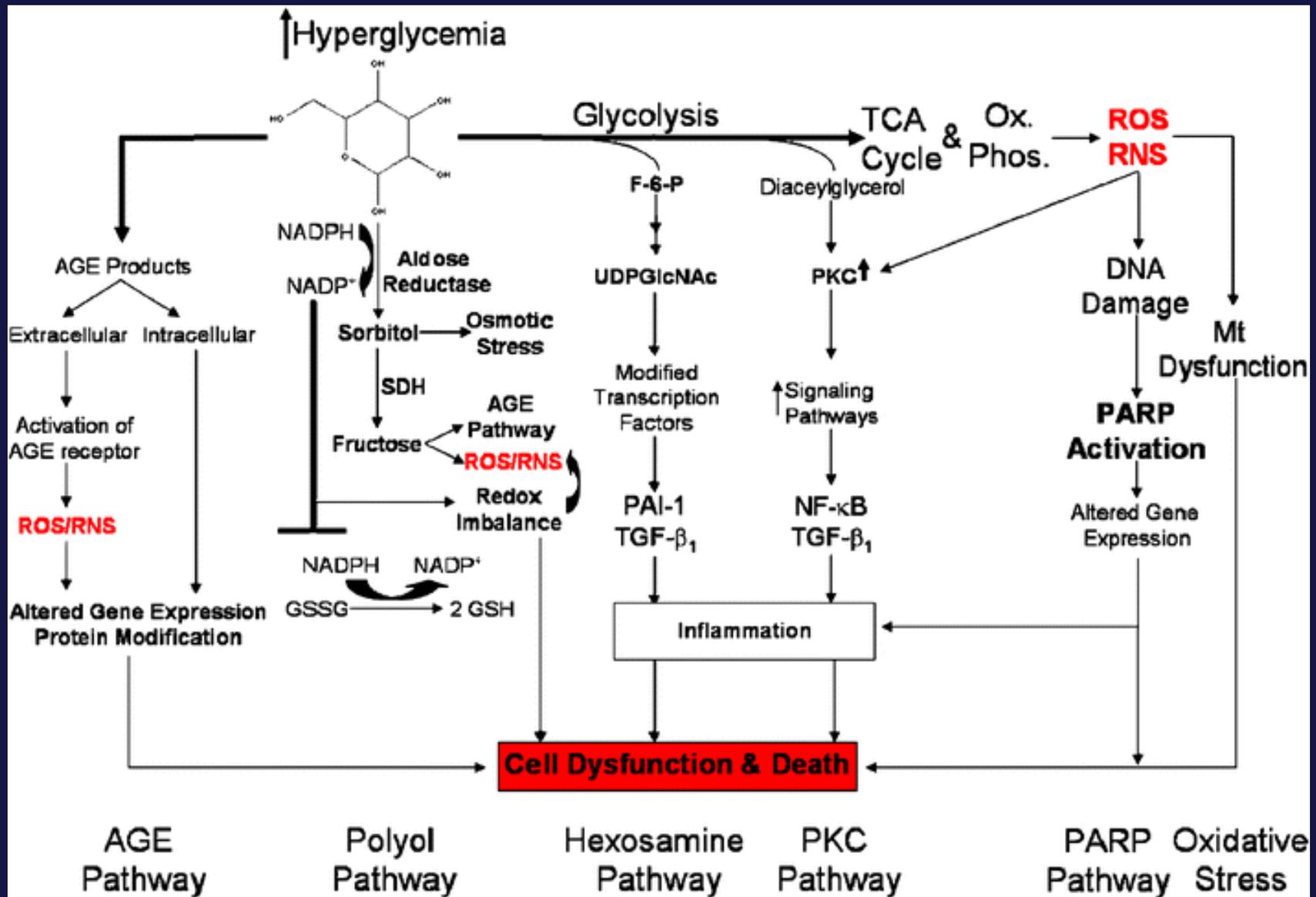
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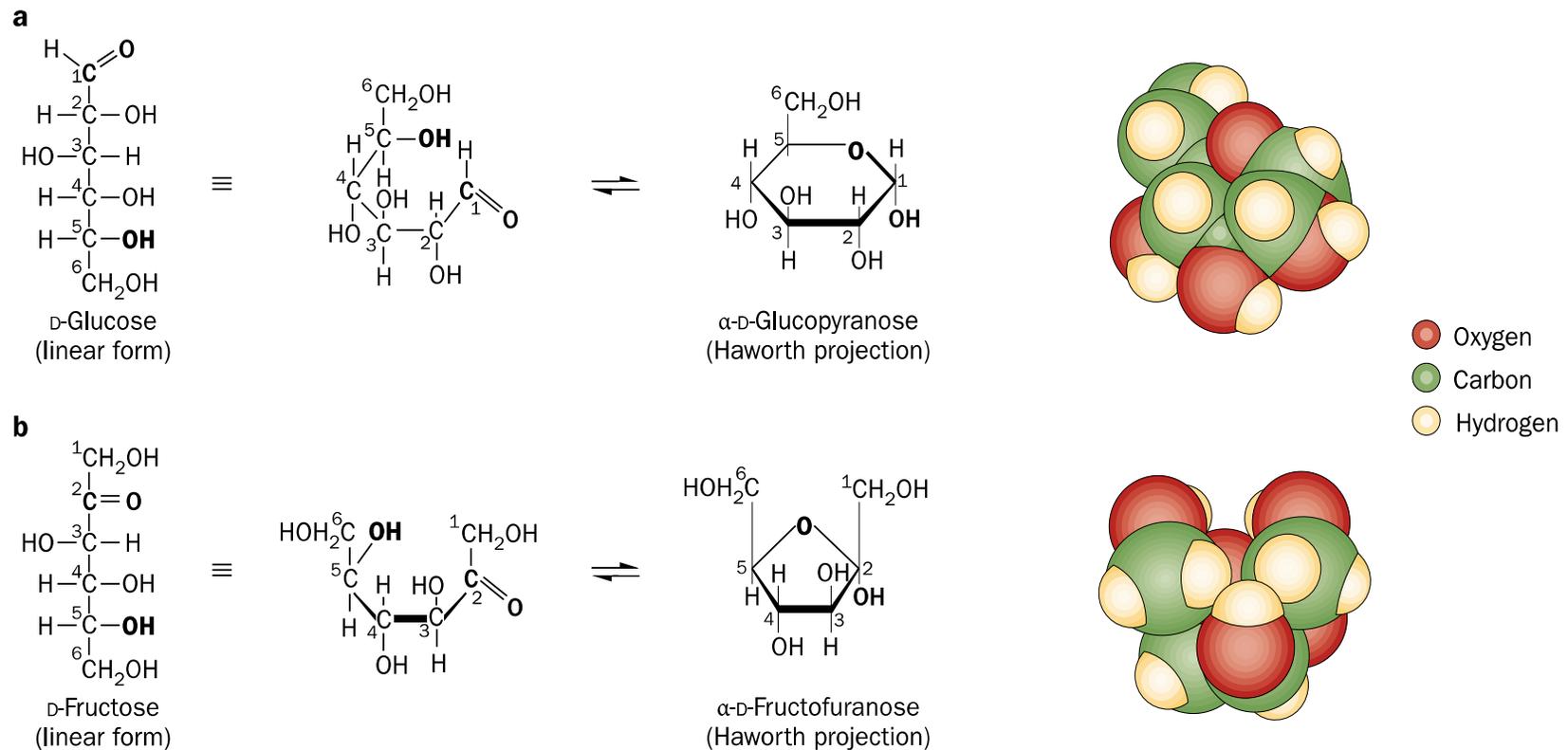
# The Amadori Reaction



# Generation of reactive oxygen species by carbohydrate



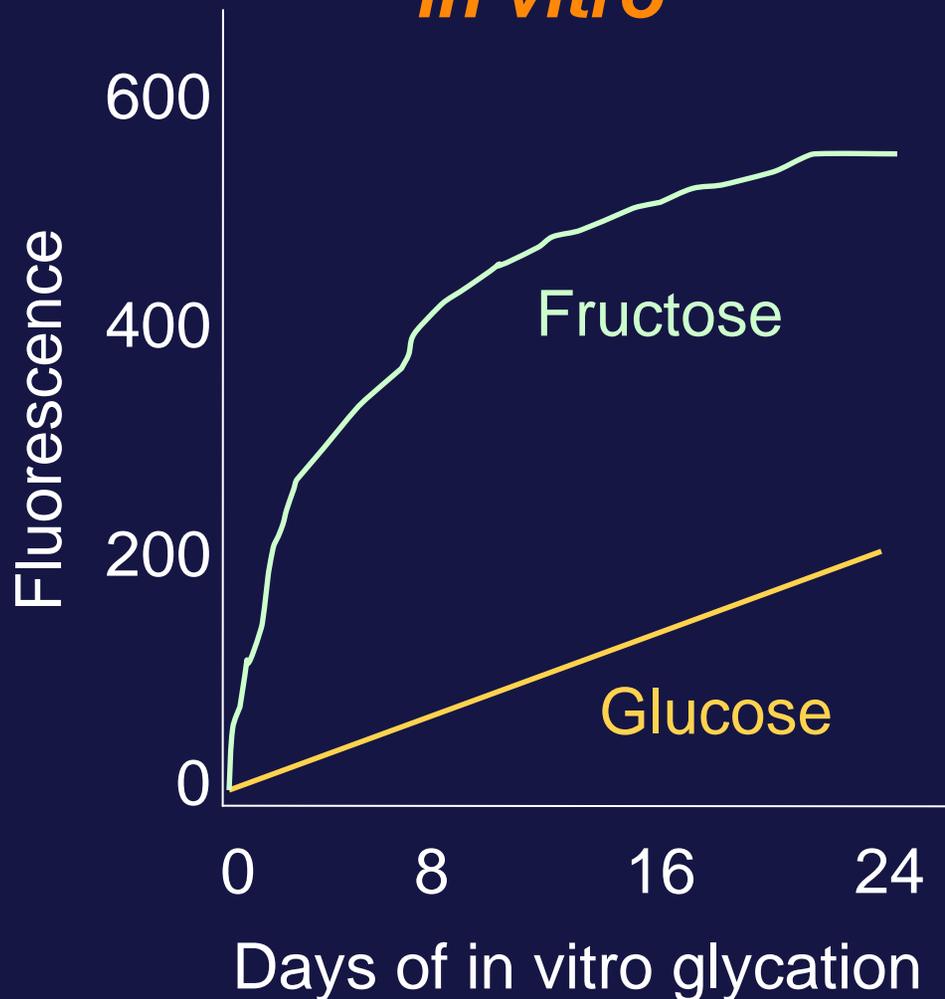
# The furan ring of fructose is more unstable, so at equilibrium, fructose exists in the linear form



# Non-enzymatic glycation: fructose >> glucose

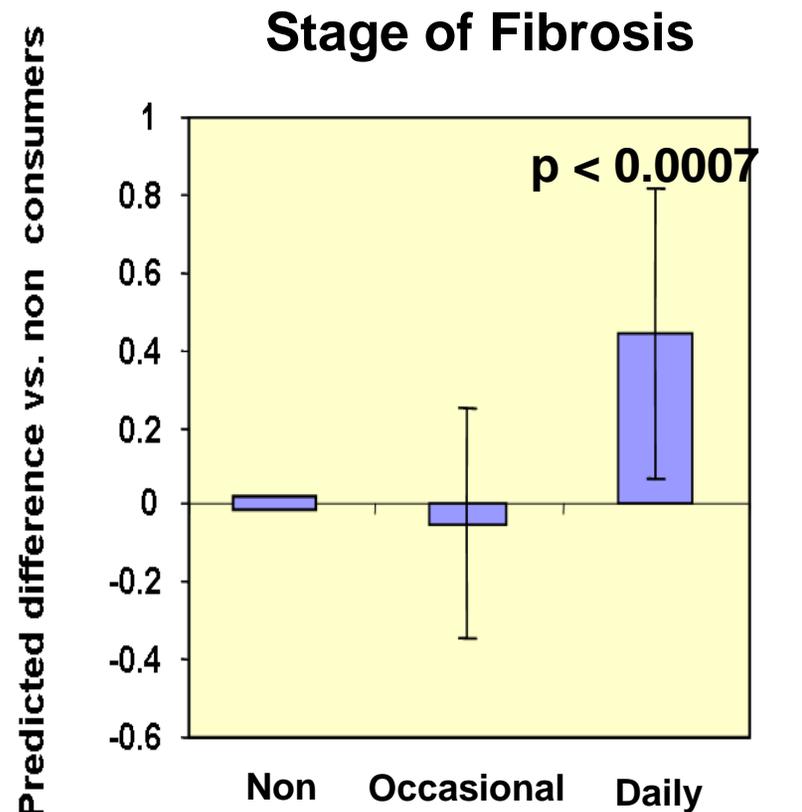
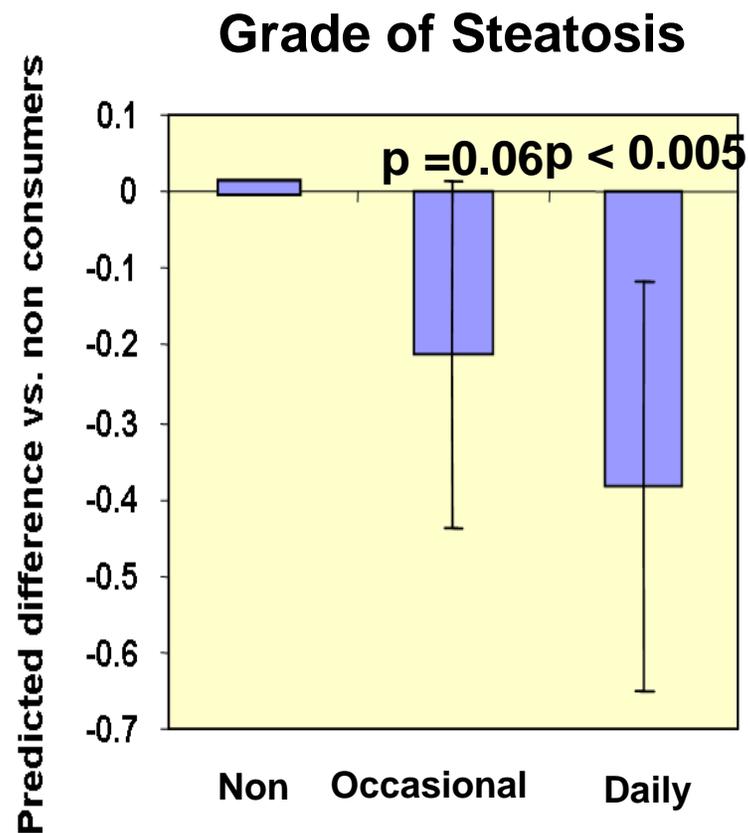
## Fructose and glycation *in vitro*

## Rates of reactivity



	Rate (/mM/hr)	Carbonyl %
Glucose	0.6	0.002
Galactose	2.8	0.02
Fructose	4.5	0.7

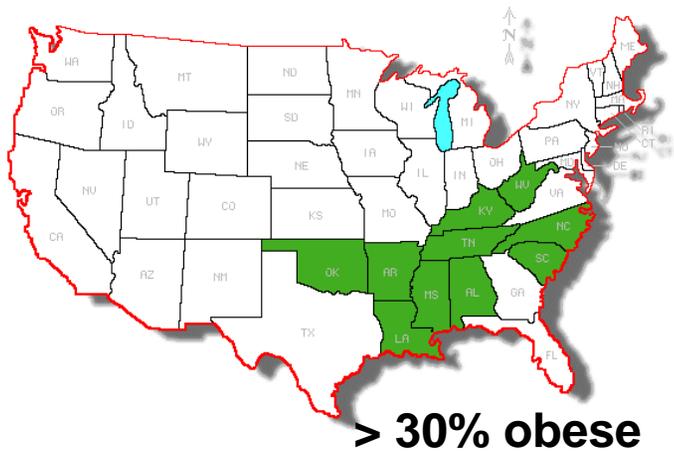
# Association of fructose consumption with severity of steatosis and fibrosis



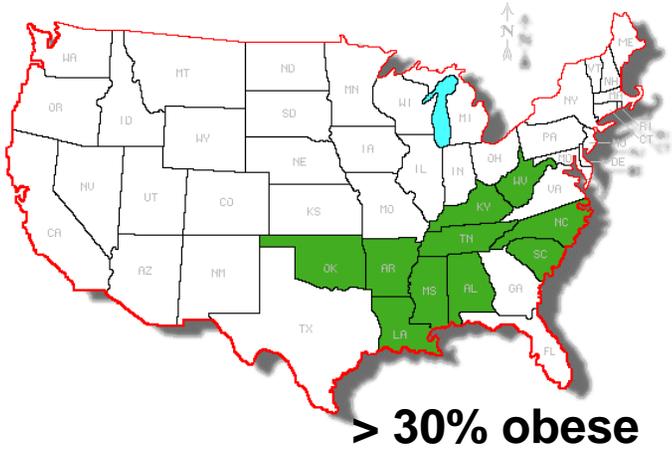
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# **Sugar and Diabetes: Human Correlation**

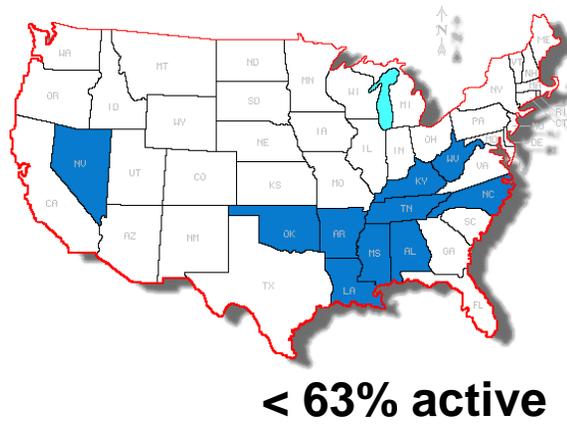
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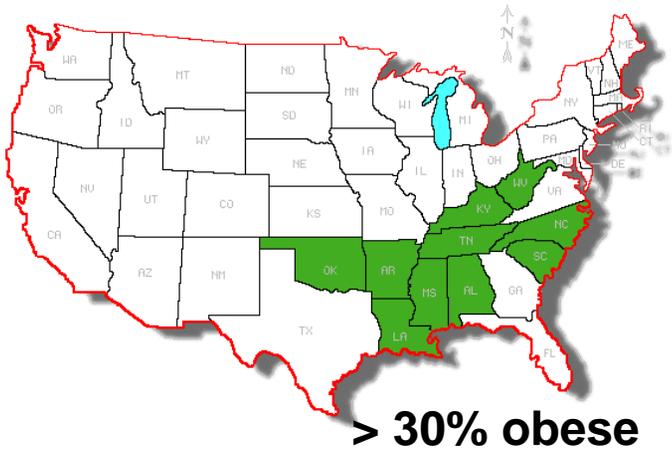
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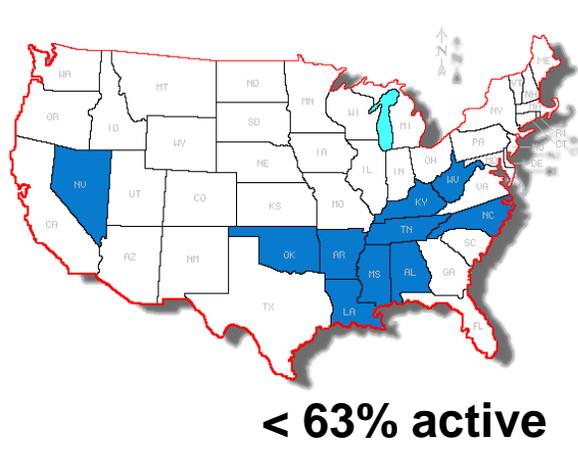
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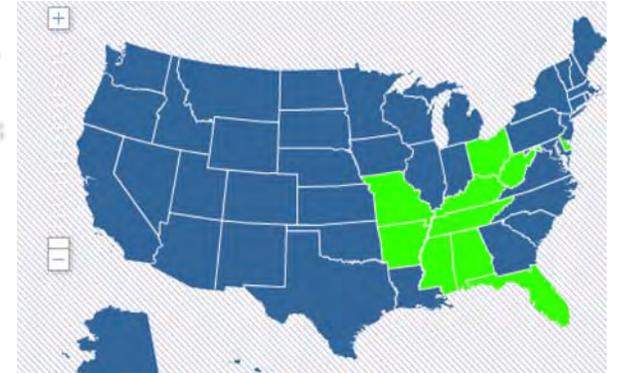
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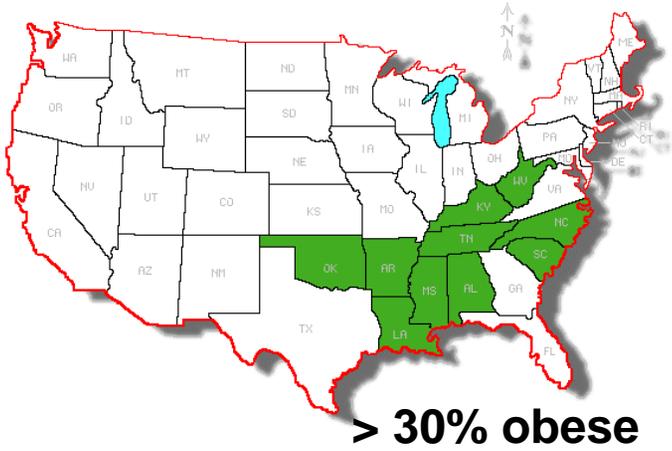
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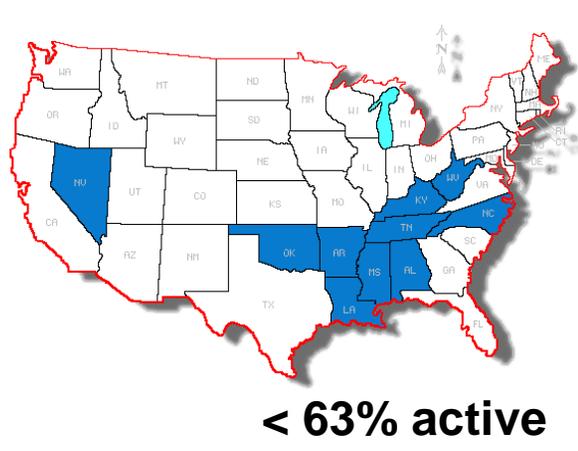
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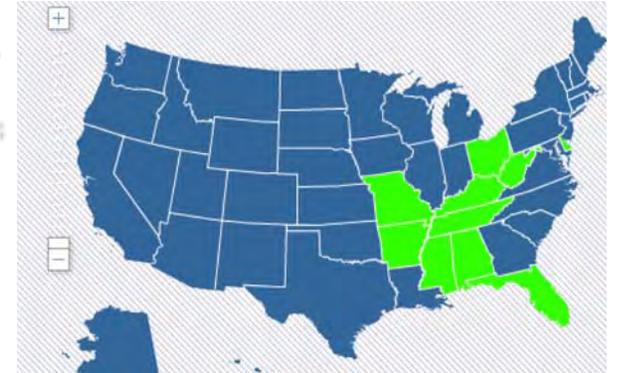
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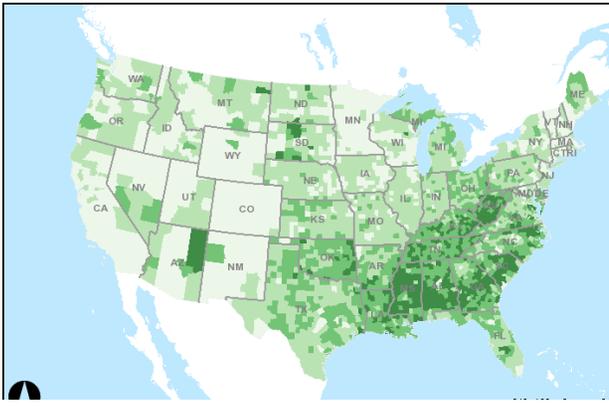
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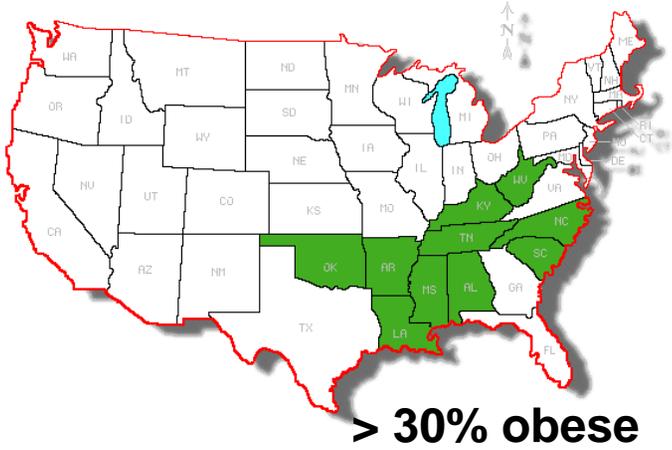
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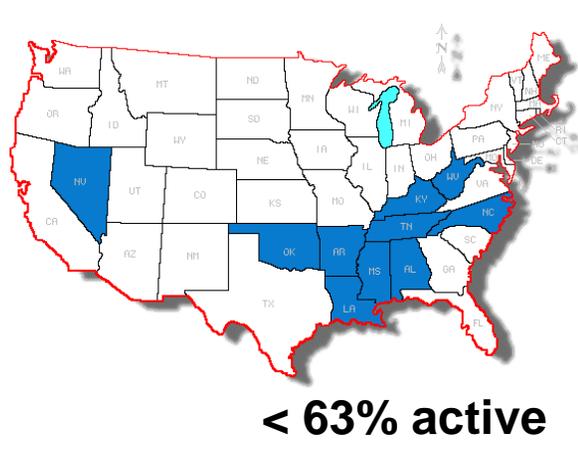
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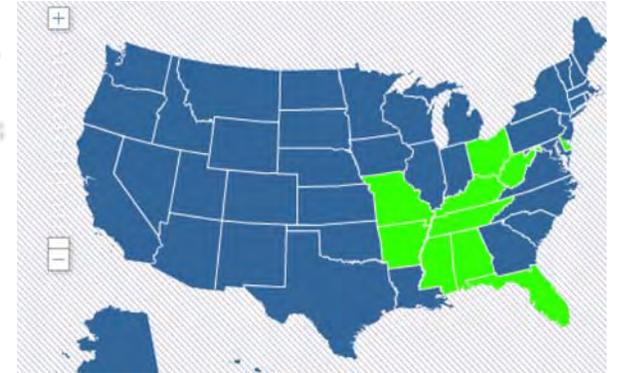
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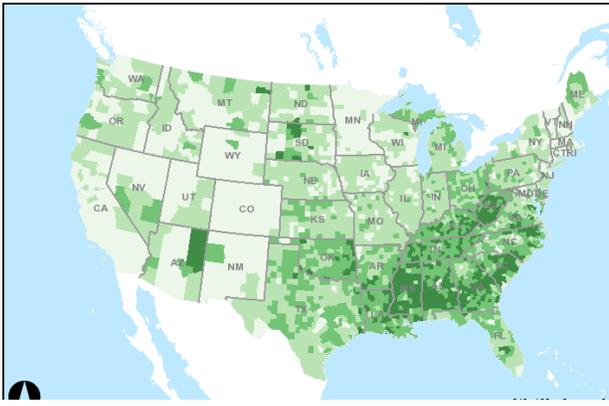
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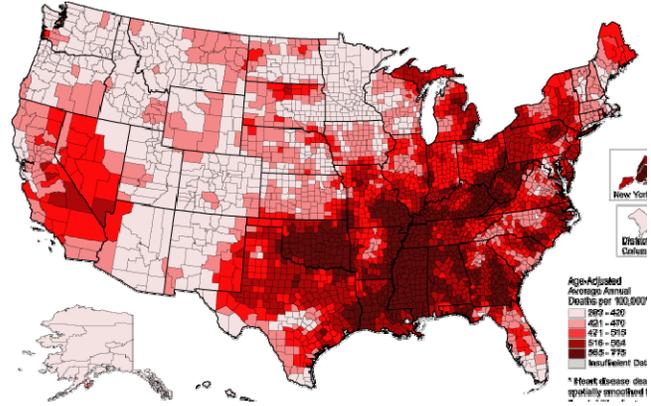
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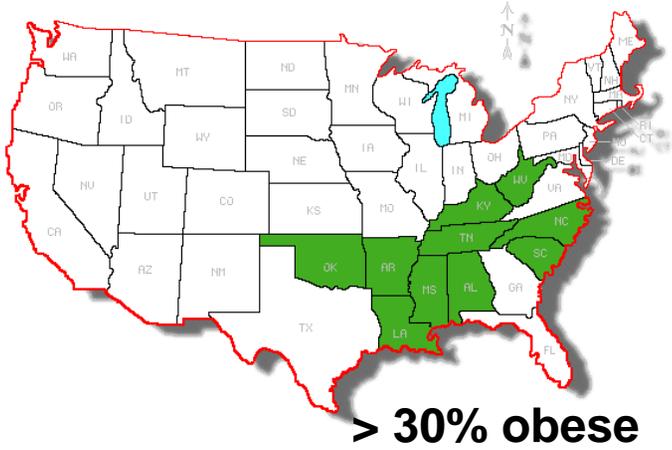
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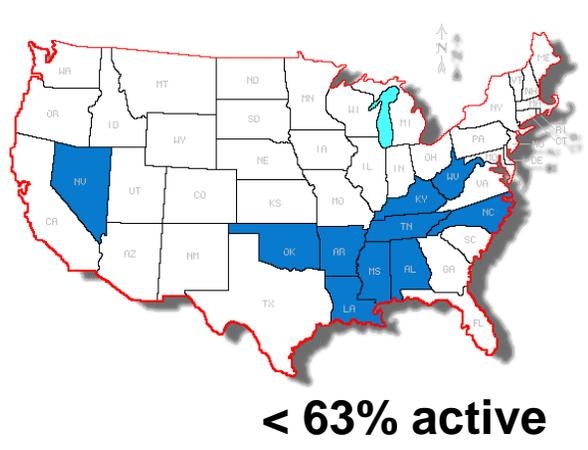
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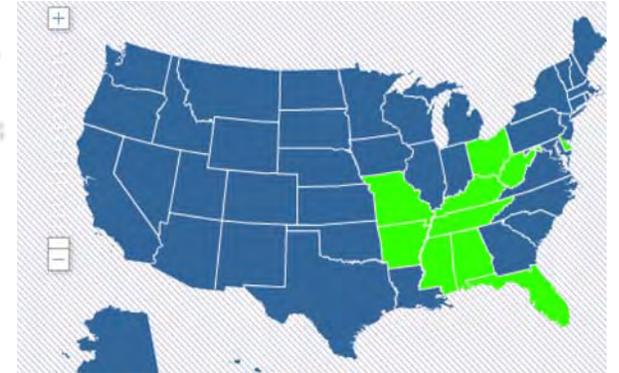
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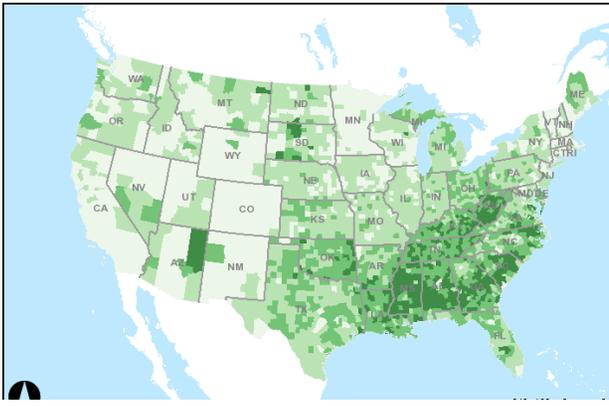
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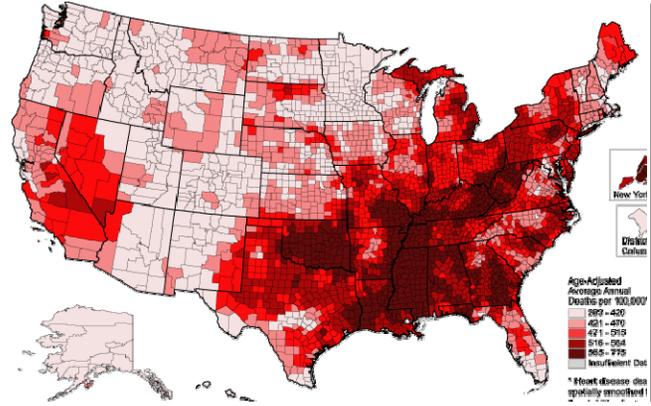
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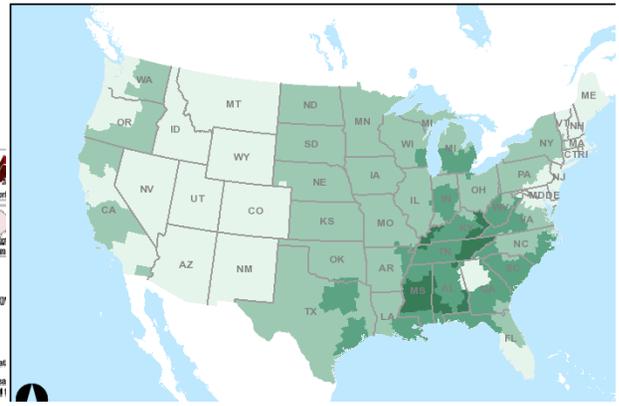
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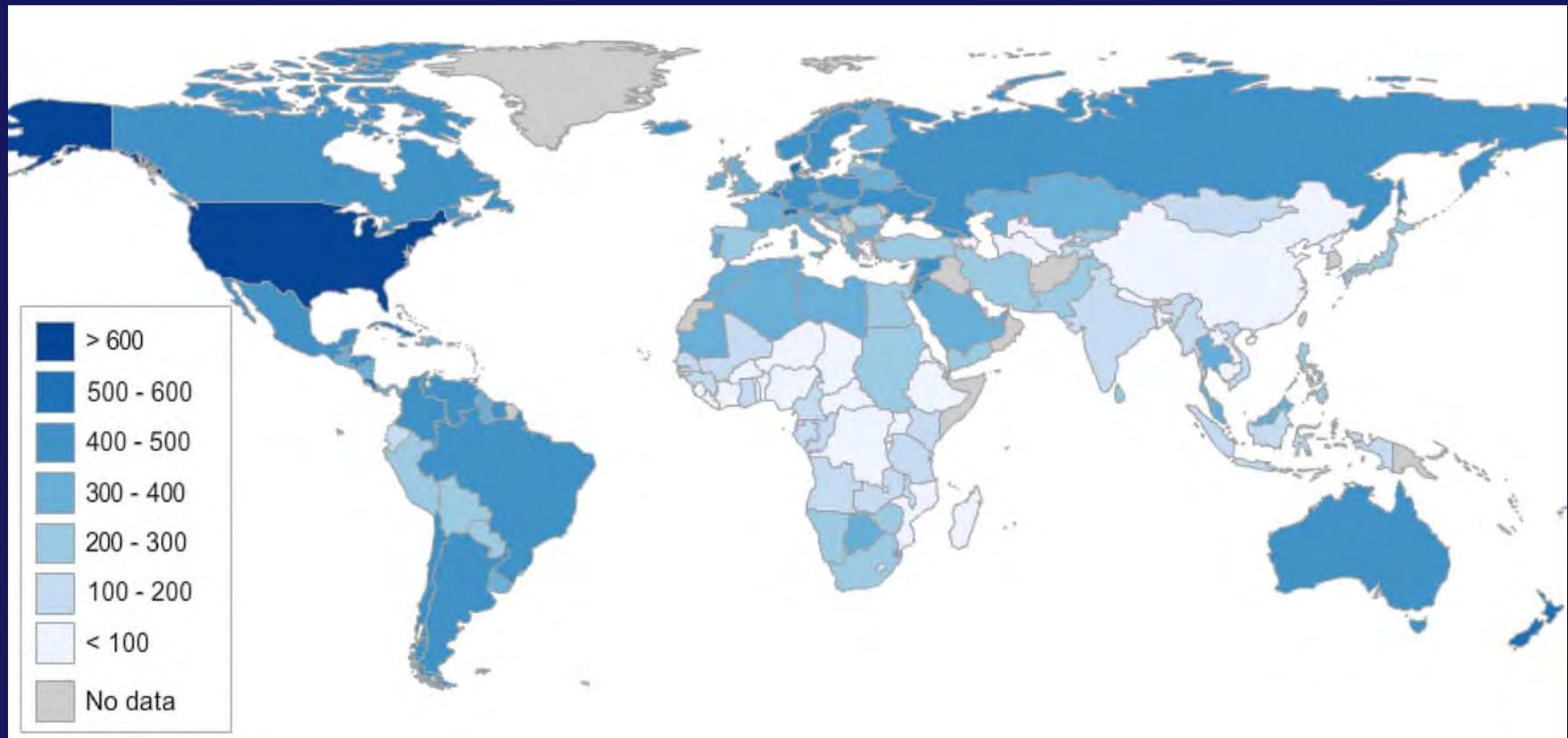
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Soda Per Capita

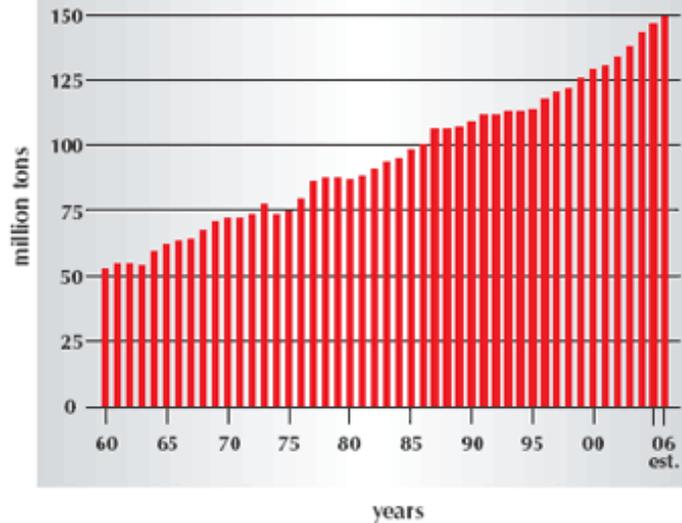


# Global consumption of sugar/sugarcrops Calories per day, 2007



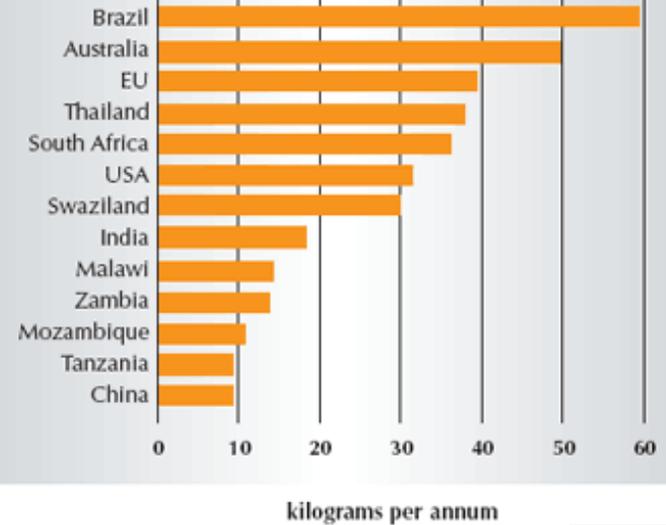
Data from Food and Agriculture Organization, World Health Organization, 2007

WORLD SUGAR CONSUMPTION



2010

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION 2005/06 est.



kilograms per annum



- <4%
- 4 - 5%
- 5 - 7%
- 7 - 9%
- 9 - 12%
- >12%

# Prevalence of diabetes, 2010

\* comparative prevalence

IDF Diabetes Atlas, 4<sup>th</sup> ed. © International Diabetes Federation, 2009

# SSB's and BMI-adjusted risk of diabetes in EPIC-Interact (Europe)

**Table 2** HRs (and 95% CIs) for type 2 diabetes according to type and amount of sweet beverage consumption in the EPIC-InterAct study

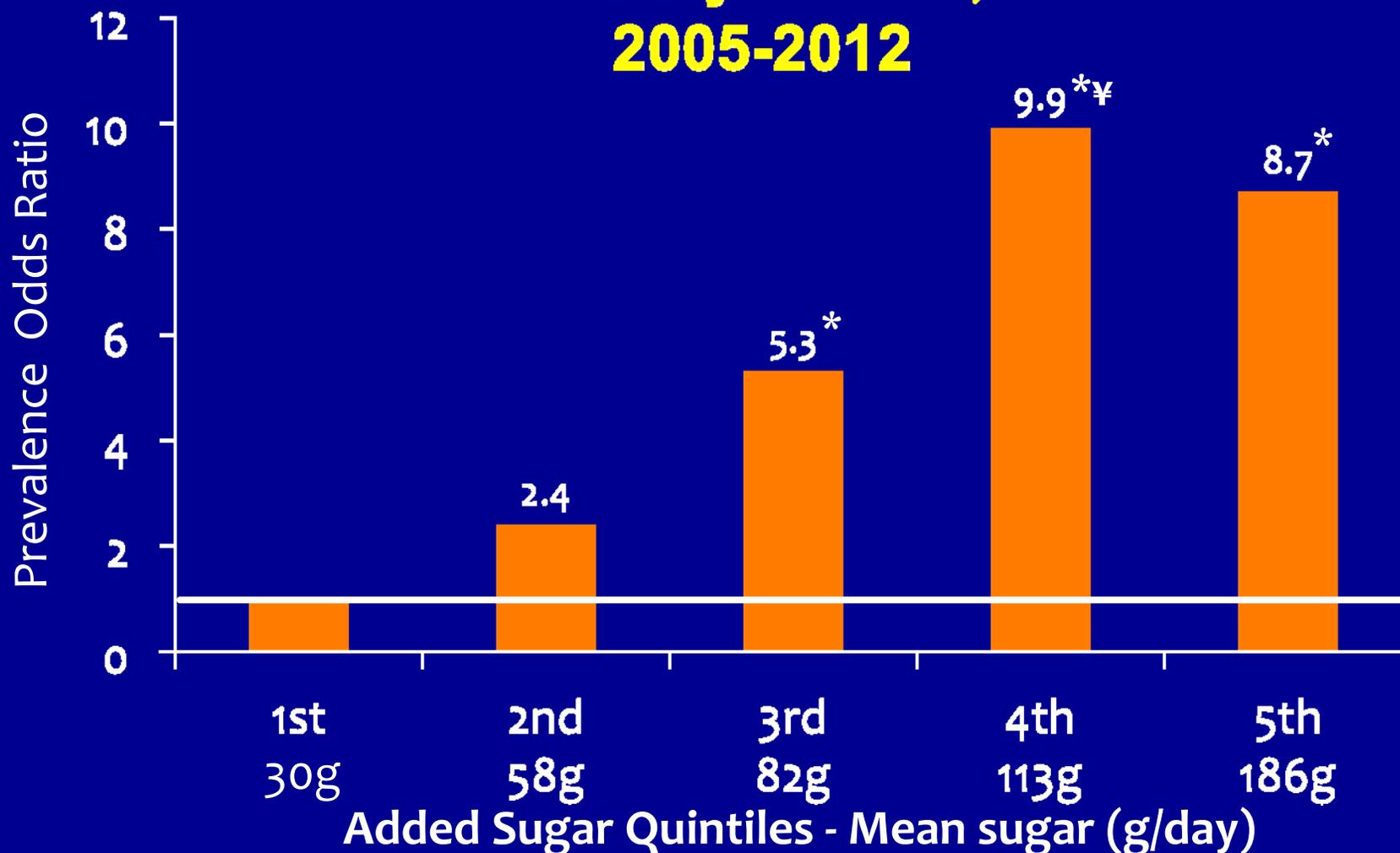
Variable and model	<1 glass <sup>a</sup> / month HR	1–4 glasses <sup>a</sup> / month HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	>1–6 glasses <sup>a</sup> / week HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	≥1 glass <sup>a</sup> / day HR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	<i>p</i> for trend
Juices and nectars (median intake, g/day)	(0.0)	(17.1)	(100.0)	(338.3)	
No. cases	5,837	1,702	3,425	720	
Crude model	1.00 (ref)	0.88 (0.80, 0.98)	0.89 (0.83, 0.94)	0.97 (0.85, 1.11)	0.64
Adjusted model	1.00 (ref)	0.91 (0.80, 1.02)	0.96 (0.88, 1.04)	1.00 (0.87, 1.15)	0.63
Adjusted model+EI	1.00 (ref)	0.91 (0.81, 1.02)	0.96 (0.88, 1.04)	0.99 (0.86, 1.14)	0.84
Adjusted model+EI+BMI	1.00 (ref)	0.97 (0.86, 1.10)	1.04 (0.96, 1.13)	1.06 (0.90, 1.25)	0.21
Total soft drinks <sup>c</sup> (median intake, g/day)	(0.0)	(20.0)	(95.1)	(413.1)	
No. cases	5,794	1,604	2,987	1,299	
Crude model	1.00 (ref)	1.21 (1.07, 1.36)	1.30 (1.18, 1.43)	1.78 (1.55, 2.04)	<0.0001
Adjusted model	1.00 (ref)	1.21 (1.07, 1.37)	1.26 (1.13, 1.42)	1.58 (1.35, 1.84)	<0.0001
Adjusted model+EI	1.00 (ref)	1.21 (1.07, 1.37)	1.27 (1.12, 1.43)	1.59 (1.35, 1.88)	<0.0001
Adjusted model+EI+BMI	1.00 (ref)	1.17 (0.97, 1.42)	1.11 (0.98, 1.26)	1.21 (1.05, 1.41)	0.0005
Sugar-sweetened soft drinks <sup>d</sup> (median intake, g/day)	(0.0)	(19.3)	(94.3)	(425.7)	
No. cases	3,948	964	1,599	605	
Crude model	1.00 (ref)	1.14 (0.97, 1.35)	1.16 (1.05, 1.28)	1.68 (1.40, 2.02)	<0.0001
Adjusted model	1.00 (ref)	1.13 (0.97, 1.31)	1.04 (0.94, 1.15)	1.39 (1.16, 1.67)	<0.0001
Adjusted model+EI	1.00 (ref)	1.12 (0.96, 1.31)	1.04 (0.94, 1.15)	1.39 (1.15, 1.69)	0.001
Adjusted model+EI+BMI	1.00 (ref)	1.19 (0.91, 1.56)	1.07 (0.94, 1.21)	1.29 (1.02, 1.63)	0.013
Artificially sweetened soft drinks <sup>e</sup> (median intake, g/day)	(0.0)	(18.3)	(89.0)	(500.0)	
No. cases	5,242	689	894	291	
Crude model	1.00 (ref)	1.09 (0.97, 1.23)	1.52 (1.36, 1.69)	1.84 (1.52, 2.23)	<0.0001
Adjusted model	1.00 (ref)	1.10 (0.93, 1.29)	1.46 (1.29, 1.65)	1.93 (1.47, 2.54)	<0.0001
Adjusted model+EI	1.00 (ref)	1.08 (0.93, 1.26)	1.46 (1.29, 1.65)	1.88 (1.44, 2.45)	<0.0001
Adjusted model+EI+BMI	1.00 (ref)	1.05 (0.81, 1.35)	1.18 (1.03, 1.35)	1.13 (0.85, 1.52)	0.24

## Associations between consumption of sugar sweetened beverages and fruit juice and incident type 2 diabetes: meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies

<b>Sugar Sweetened Beverages (n=17)</b>	<b>Not Adjusted for Adiposity: Relative Risk</b>	<b>I<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusted for Adiposity: Relative Risk</b>	<b>I<sup>2</sup></b>
Meta-analysis, crude:	1.25 (1.14 to 1.37)	89	—	—
+multivariable adjusted	1.18 (1.09 to 1.28)	89	1.13 (1.06 to 1.21)	79
+calibration for information bias	1.43 (1.20 to 1.70)	86	1.28 (1.12 to 1.46)	73
+calibration for publication bias	1.42 (1.19 to 1.69)	85	1.27 (1.10 to 1.46)	73

<b>Fruit Juices (n=13)</b>	<b>Not Adjusted for Adiposity: Relative Risk</b>	<b>I<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Adjusted for Adiposity: Relative Risk</b>	<b>I<sup>2</sup></b>
Meta-analysis, crude:	0.97 (0.90 to 1.06)	79	—	—
+multivariable adjusted	1.05 (0.99 to 1.11)	58	1.07 (1.01 to 1.14)	51
+calibration for information bias	1.06 (0.98 to 1.14)	49	1.10 (1.01 to 1.20)	29
+calibration for publication bias	Not detected	—	Not detected	—

# Adjusted<sup>1</sup> Prevalence Odds Ratio for Metabolic Syndrome, NHANES 2005-2012



<sup>1</sup> Adjusted for age, BMI z-score, energy intake, and physical activity

\* Statistically significant compared to 1<sup>st</sup> quintile ( $p < 0.05$ )

¥ Statistically significant compared to 2<sup>nd</sup> quintile (Wald test,  $p < 0.05$ )

# **Sugar and Diabetes: Human Causation**

# An international econometric analysis of diet and diabetes

## Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO); FAOSTAT

Food Supply data in kcal/capita/day calculation:

Food Supply =  $\sum$  Supply Elements -  $\sum$  Utilization Elements =  
(Production + Import Quantity + Stock Variation - Export Quantity)  
- (Feed + Seed + Processing + Waste).

Only industrial waste factored in.

Extracted Food Supply data for 2000 and 2007:

Total Calories	Roots & Tubers, Pulses, Nuts, Vegetables
Fruits-Excluding Wine	Meat
Oils	Cereals
Sugar, Sugarcrops & Sweeteners	

## International Diabetes Federation (IDF)

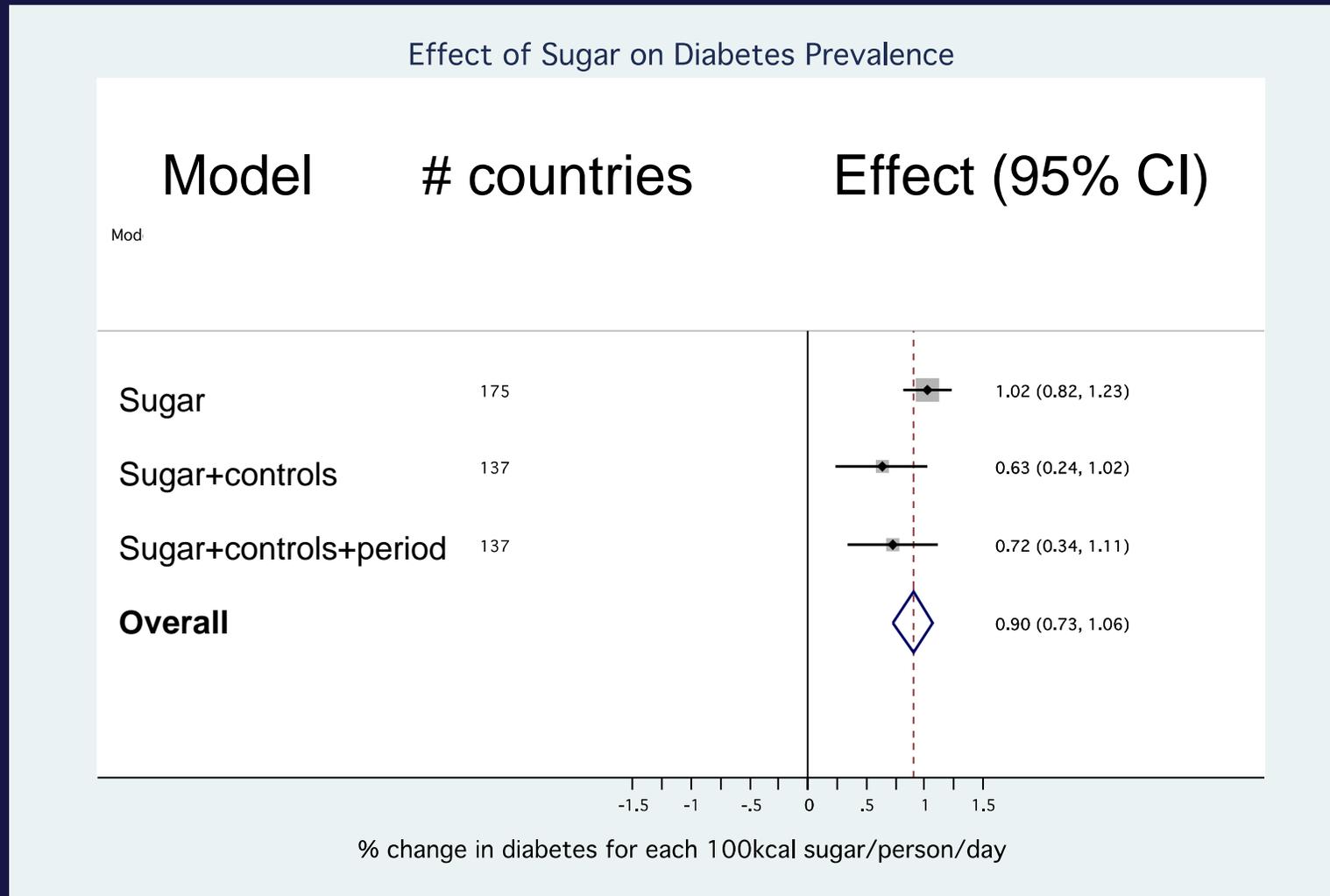
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## The World Bank World Development Indicators Database

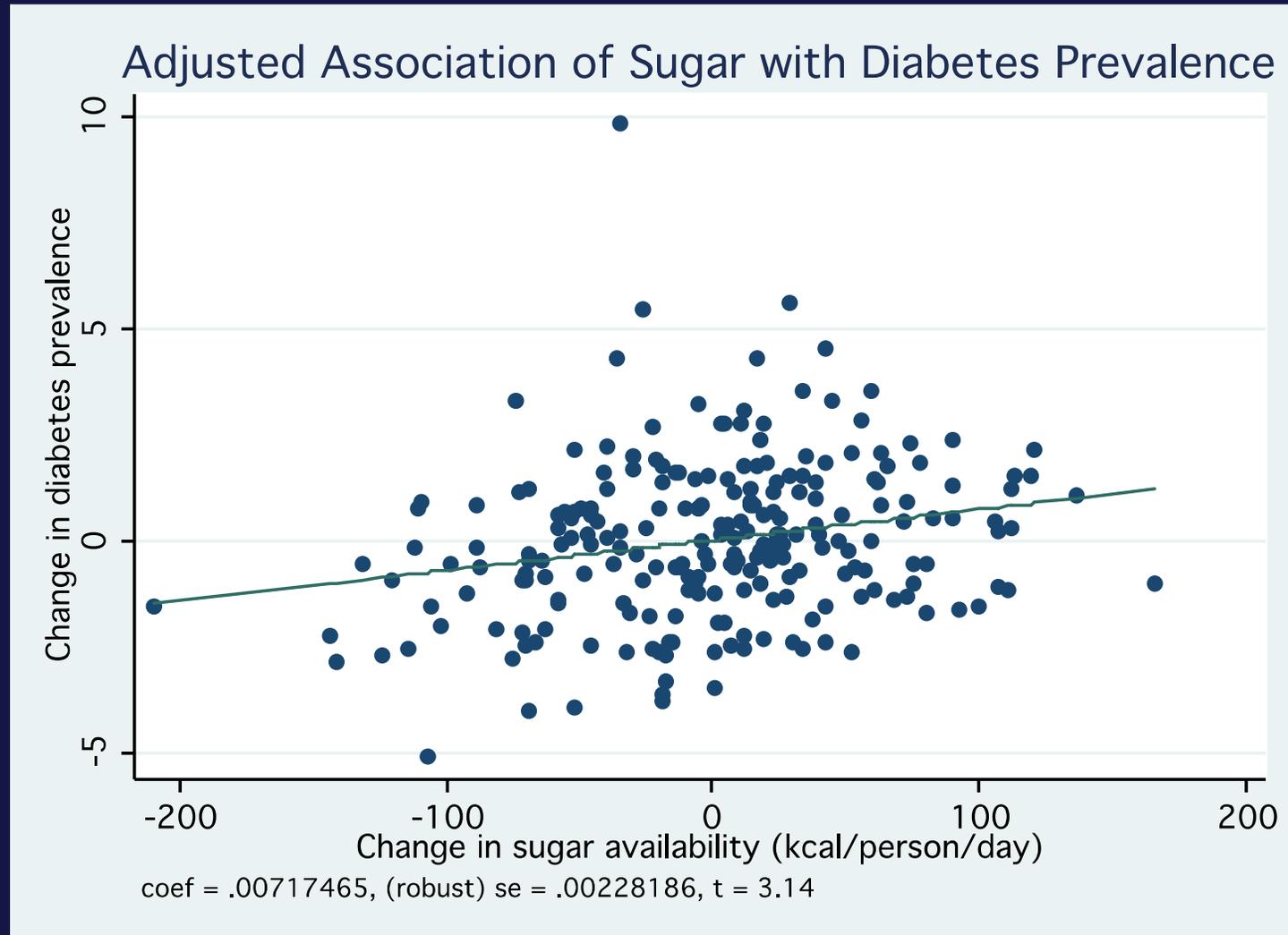
GDP expressed in purchasing power parity in 2005 US dollars for comparability among countries

# An international econometric analysis of diet and diabetes

Diabetes prevalence rose from 5.5% to 7.0% for 175 countries 2000-2010



# An international econometric analysis of diet and diabetes



## **An international econometric analysis of diet and diabetes**

**Only changes in sugar availability predicted changes in diabetes prevalence**

**Every extra 150 calories increased diabetes prevalence by 0.1%**

**But if those 150 calories were a can of soda, diabetes prevalence increased 11-fold, by 1.1% (95% CI 0.03 — 1.71%,  $p < 0.001$ )**

**This study meets the Bradford Hill criteria for Causal Medical Inference:**

**—dose      —duration      —directionality      —precedence**

**We estimate that 25% of diabetes worldwide is explained by sugar**

Basu et al. PLoS One, e57873, 2013

# Interventional Proof

Original Article  
PEDIATRIC OBESITY

Obesity

## Isocaloric Fructose Restriction and Metabolic Improvement in Children with Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome

*Robert H. Lustig<sup>1</sup>, Kathleen Mulligan<sup>2,3</sup>, Susan M. Noworolski<sup>4</sup>, Viva W. Tai<sup>2</sup>, Michael J. Wen<sup>2</sup>, Ayca Erkin-Cakmak<sup>1</sup>, Alejandro Gugliucci<sup>3</sup>, and Jean-Marc Schwarz<sup>5</sup>*

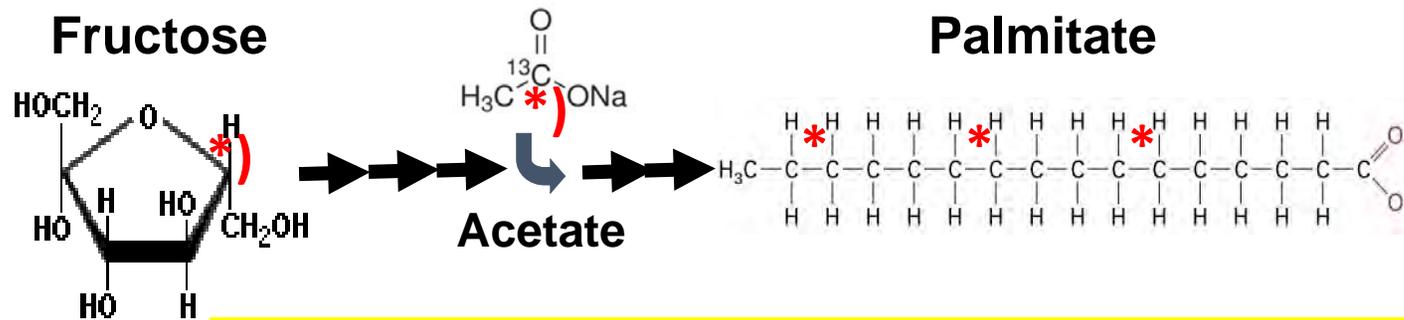
# Strategy

- Isocaloric fructose restriction x 9 days in children who are habitual sugar consumers
- No change in weight
- Substitute complex carbs for sugar
- Maintain baseline macronutrient composition of the the diet
- Study in PCRC at Day 0 and Day 10
- Assess changes in organ fat, *de novo* lipogenesis, and metabolic health

# DNL is the Conversion of Dietary Carbohydrates into Lipids

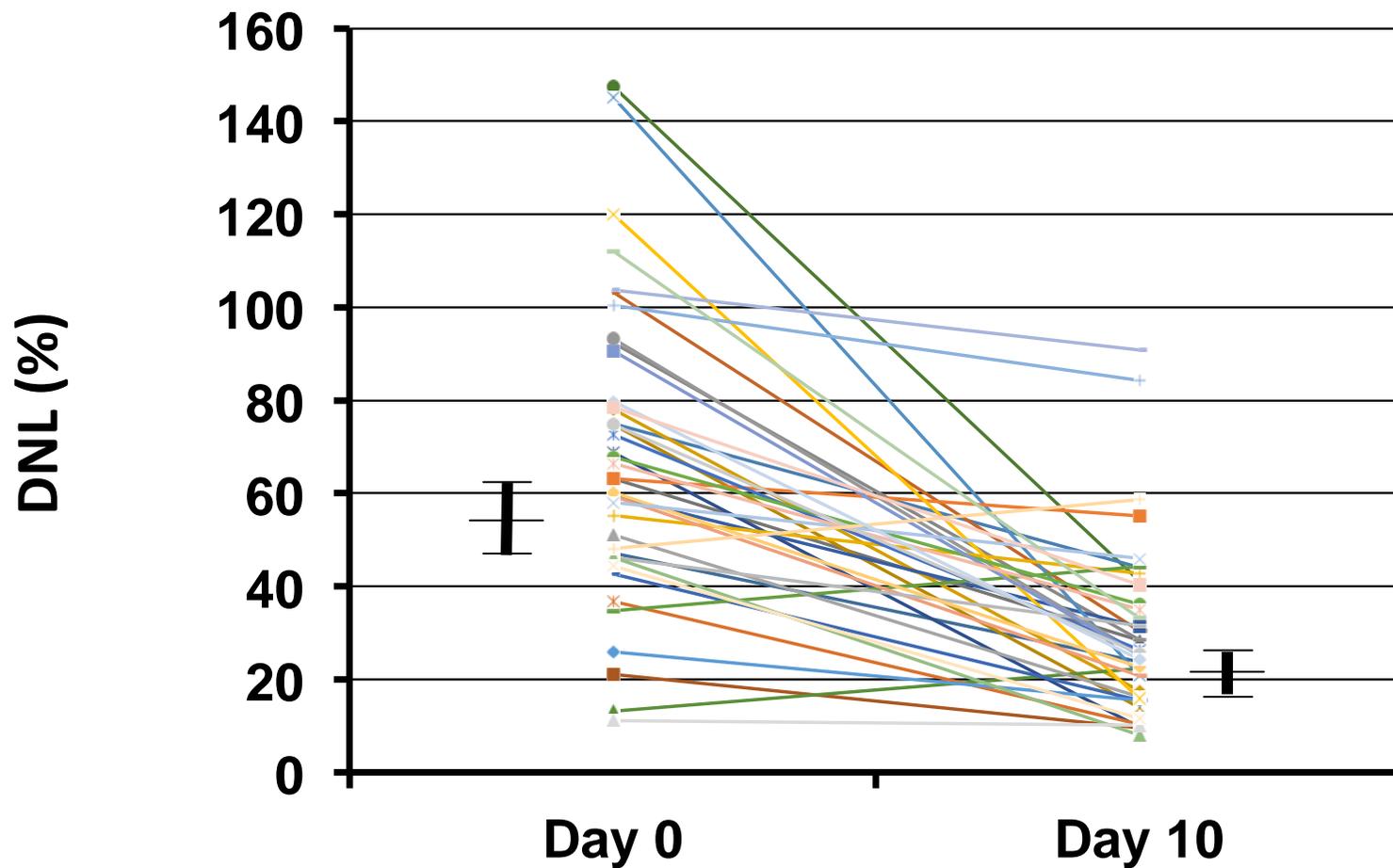


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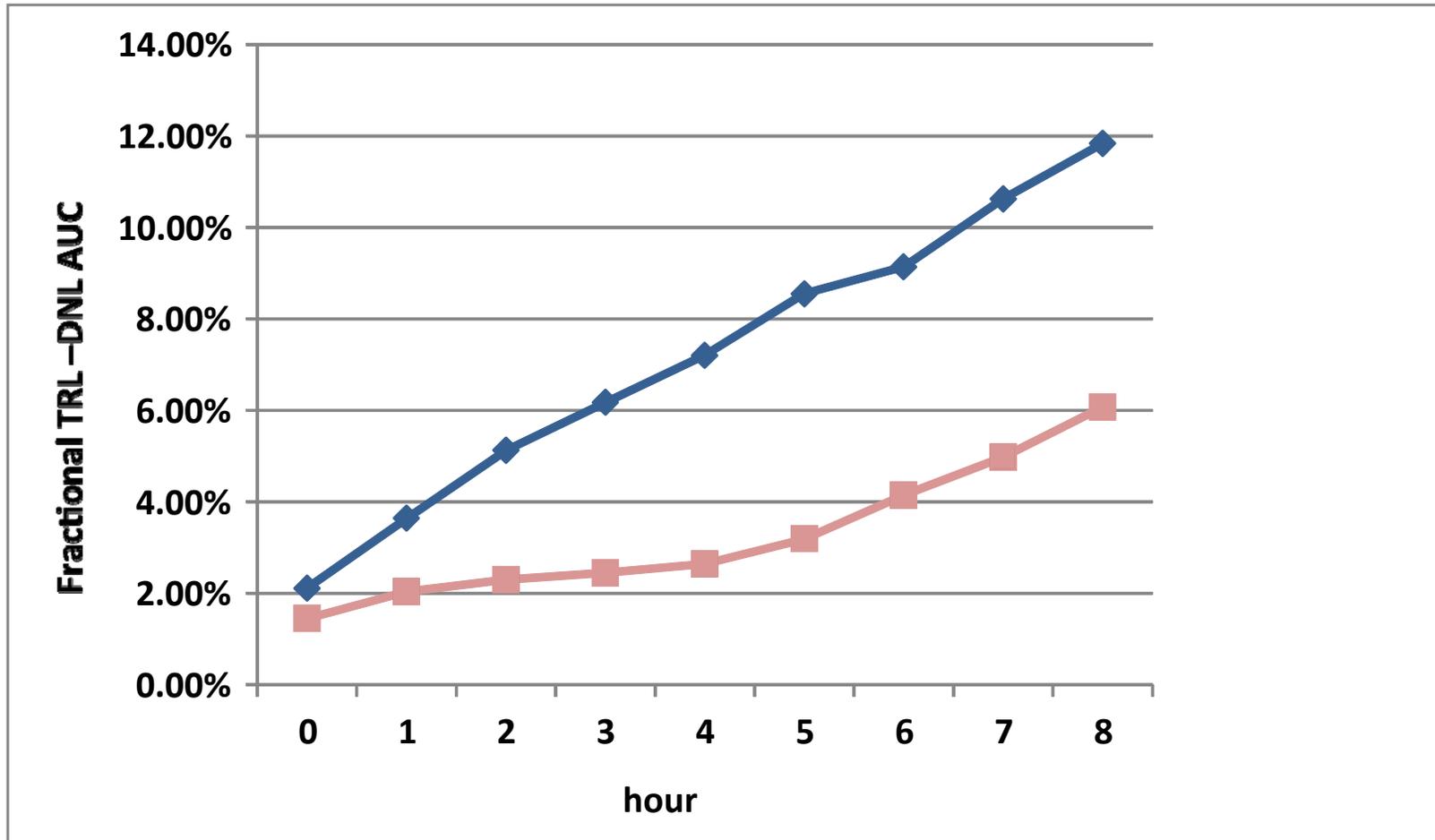


New Tracer Method using MIDA: Hellerstein and Neese, AJP 1999

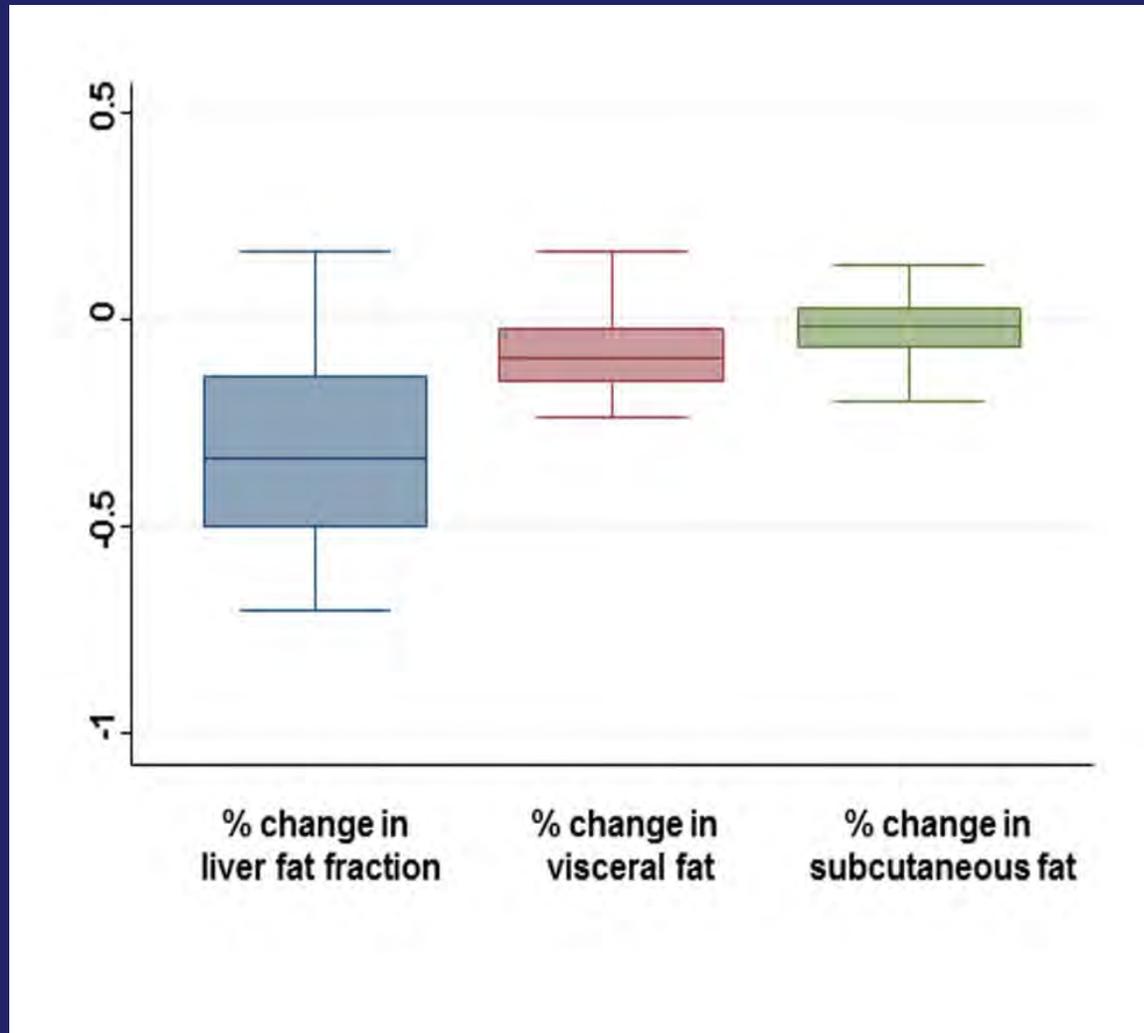
# DNL AUC Pre and Post Fructose Restriction



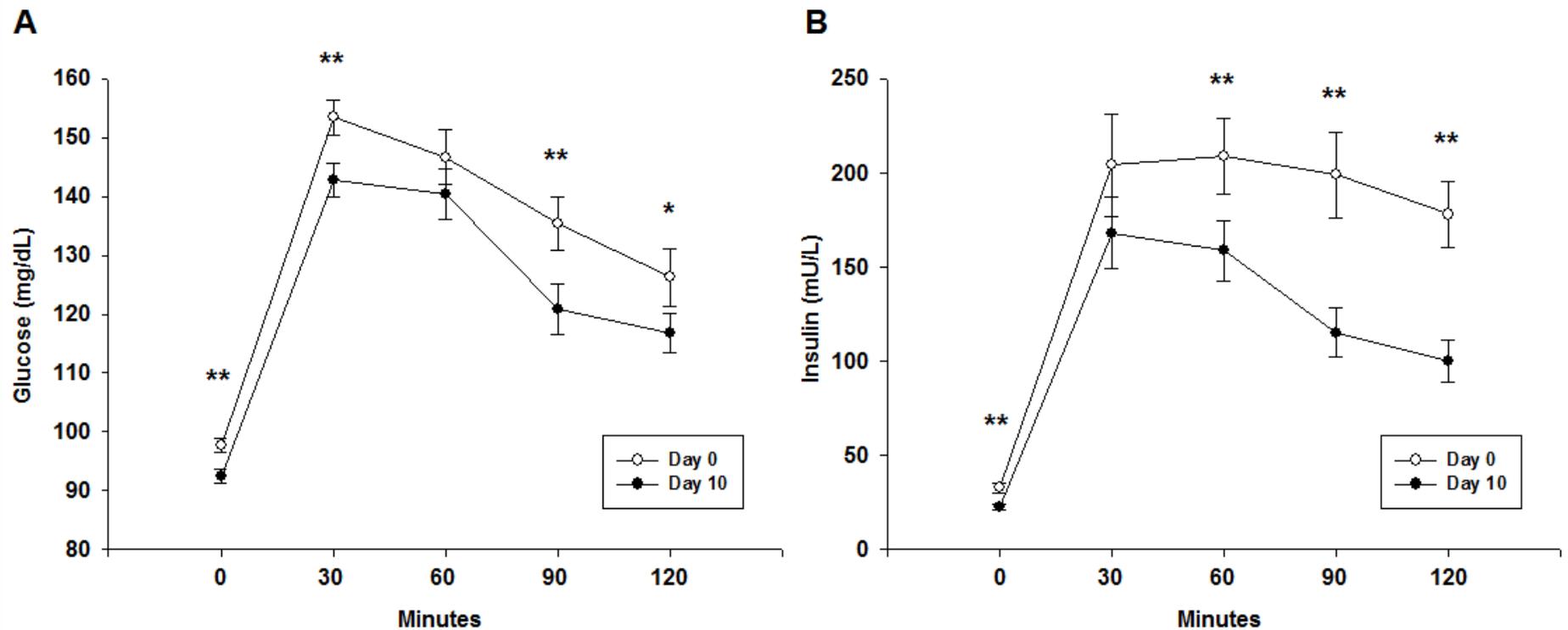
# Triglyceride-rich Lipoprotein DNL AUC (n=17)



# Changes in liver, visceral, and subcutaneous fat (n = 37)

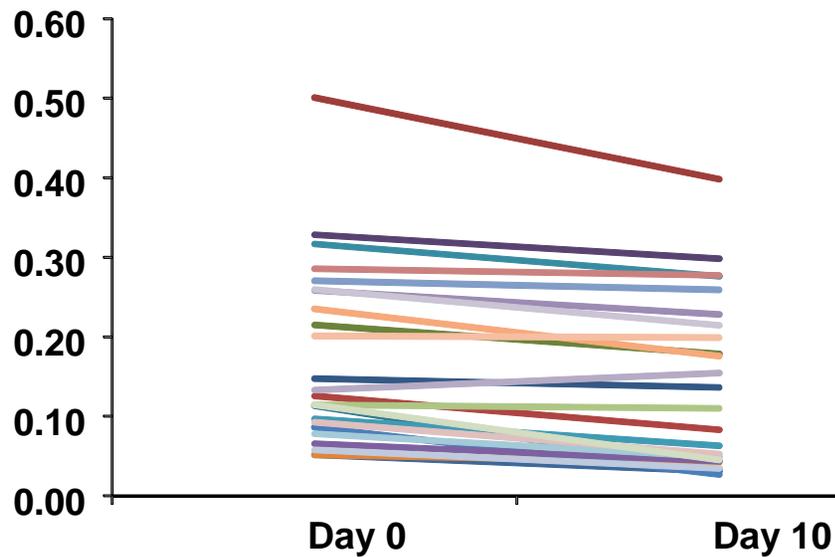


# Oral glucose tolerance test before and after isocaloric fructose restriction



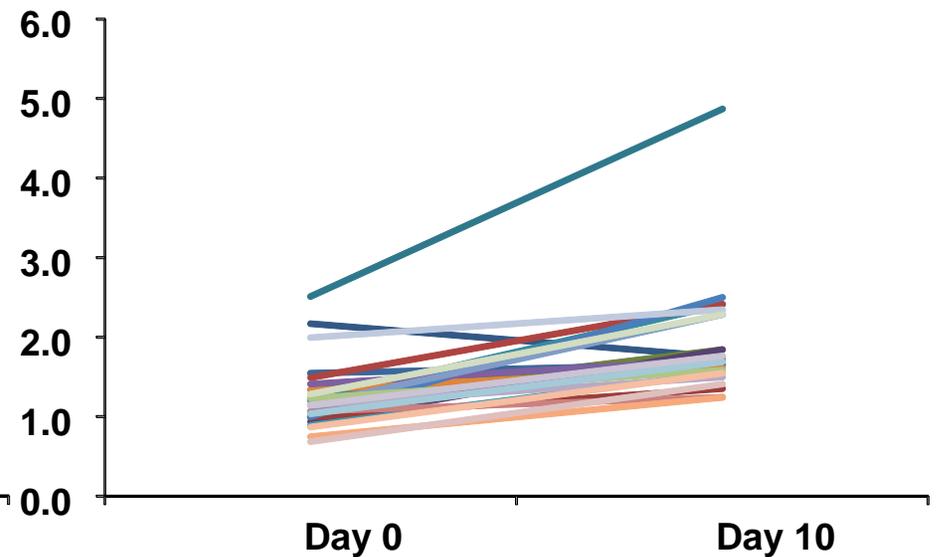
**For pediatric subjects with  
hepatic steatosis (n = 25)**

# Change in Liver Fat and Insulin Sensitivity



**Liver Fat**

**-30% (-50, -20); p <0.001**



**Composite Insulin Sensitivity Index**

**+0.65 ( 0.41, 0.88); p <0.001**

**Adjusted for change in weight**

# Correlation between Insulin Sensitivity & Liver Fat vs Visceral Fat

Spearman R	Day 0		Day 10		Change in fat (Absolute)	
	Liver Fat Fraction	Visceral Fat	Liver Fat Fraction	Visceral Fat	Liver Fat Fraction	Visceral Fat
Insulin Sensitivity (CISI) DAY 0	- 0.36 §	- 0.57*				
Insulin Sensitivity (CISI) DAY 10			- 0.28	- 0.34 §		
Change in Insulin sensitivity ( $\Delta$ CISI)					- 0.54*	0.06

\*  $p < 0.05$

§  $0.05 < p < 0.1$

## What the data say

- **Prospective correlational** data demonstrate **associations** between added sugar and heart disease and diabetes, **exclusive of calories or obesity**
- **Econometric** data show **causal medical inference** for added sugar and diabetes, **exclusive of calories or obesity**
- **Interventional isocaloric glucose for fructose exchange** shows improvements in fatty liver disease, insulin resistance and metabolic health in children in 10 days, and insulin resistance is driven by liver fat

# Recognition at the American Heart Association

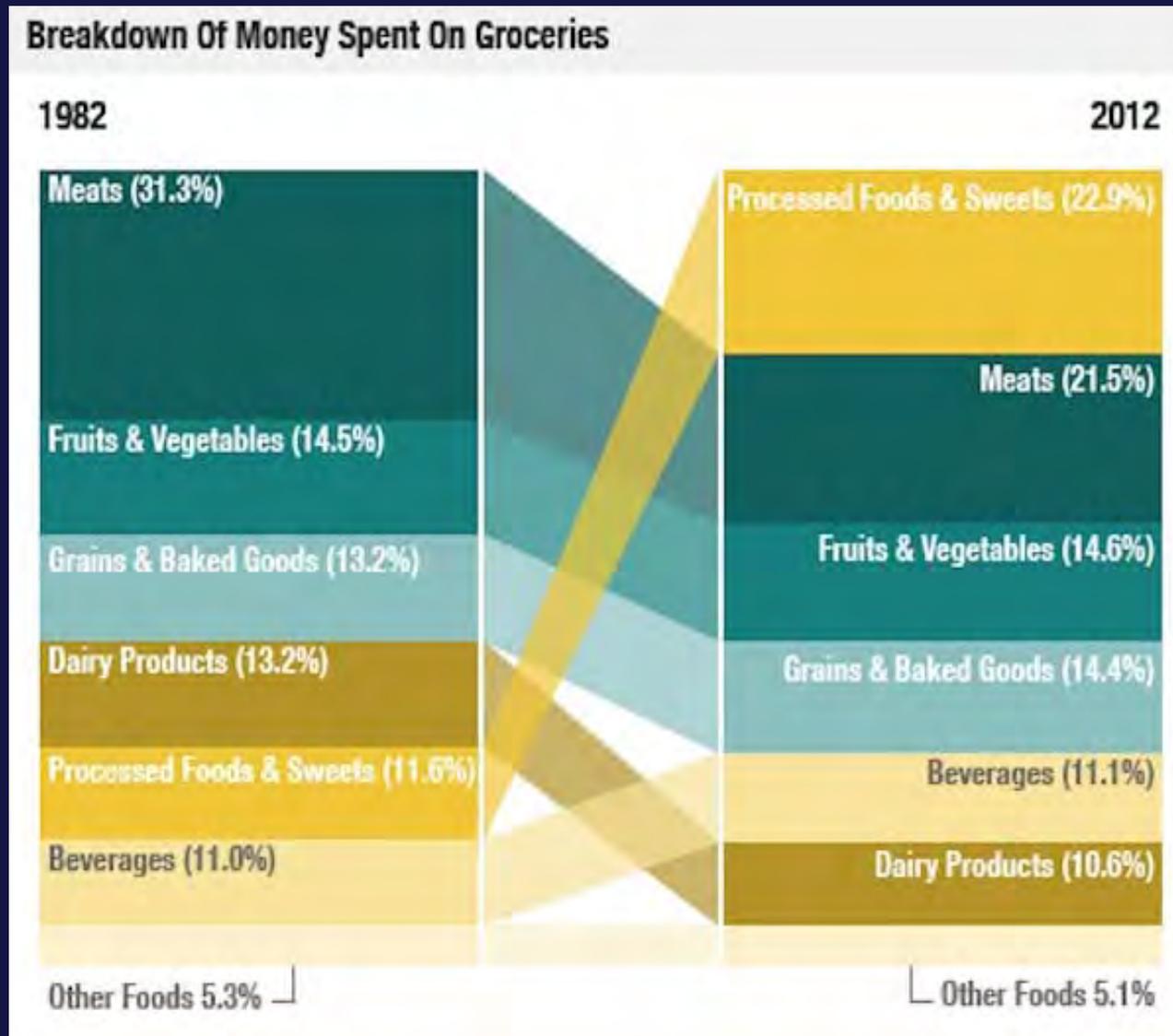
## AHA Scientific Statement

### **Dietary Sugars Intake and Cardiovascular Health A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association**

Rachel K. Johnson, PhD, MPH, RD, Chair; Lawrence J. Appel, MD, MPH, FAHA;  
Michael Brands, PhD, FAHA; Barbara V. Howard, PhD, FAHA;  
Michael Lefevre, PhD, FAHA; Robert H. Lustig, MD; Frank Sacks, MD, FAHA;  
Lyn M. Steffen, PhD, MPH, RD, FAHA; Judith Wylie-Rosett, EdD, RD;  
on behalf of the American Heart Association Nutrition Committee of the Council on Nutrition,  
Physical Activity, and Metabolism and the Council on Epidemiology and Prevention

**Recommends reduction in sugar intake from 22 tsp/day  
to 9 tsp/day (males) and 6 tsp/day (females)**

# How our food dollars have been reallocated

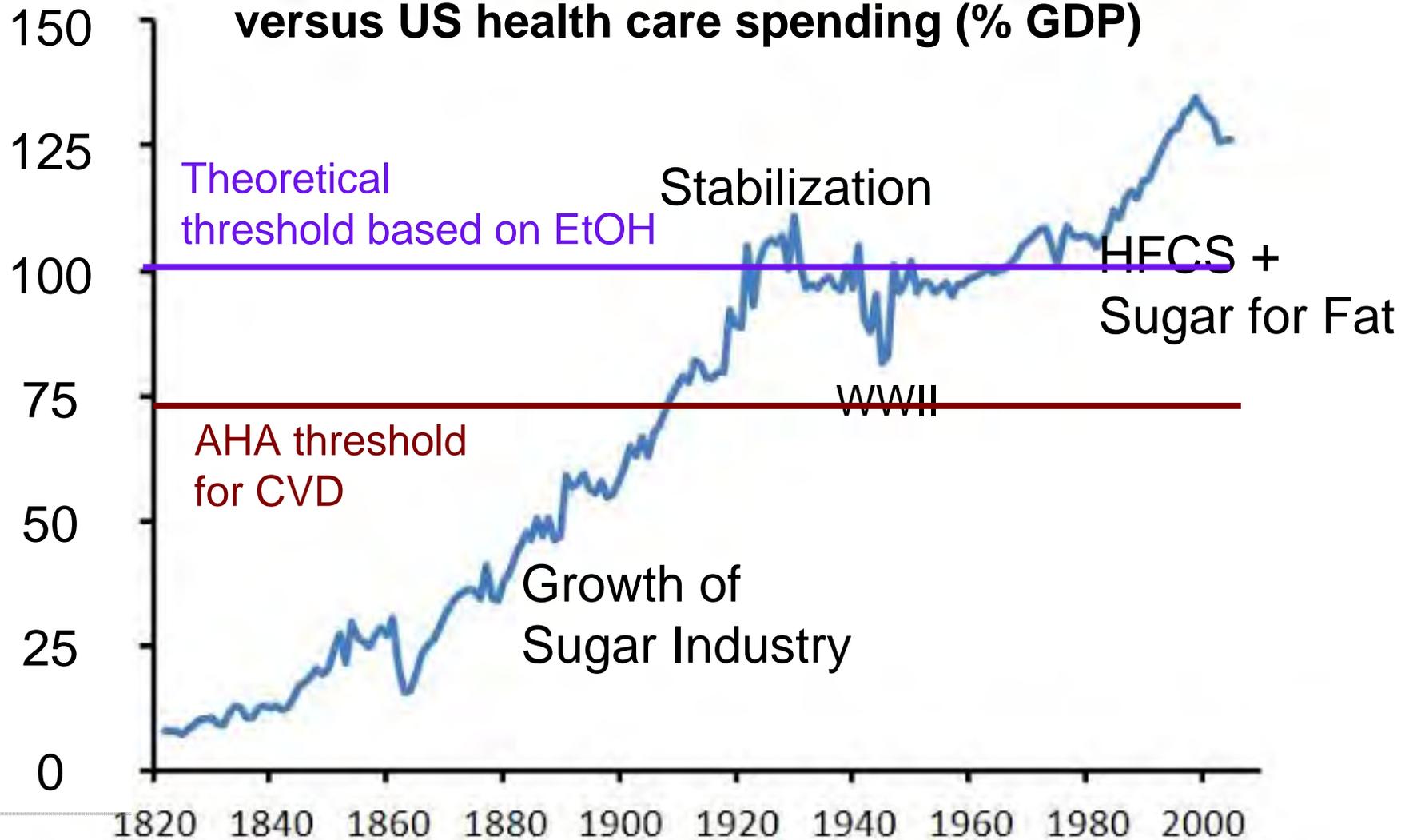


# **An inconvenient truth**

**The “medical” model isn’t the medical model;**

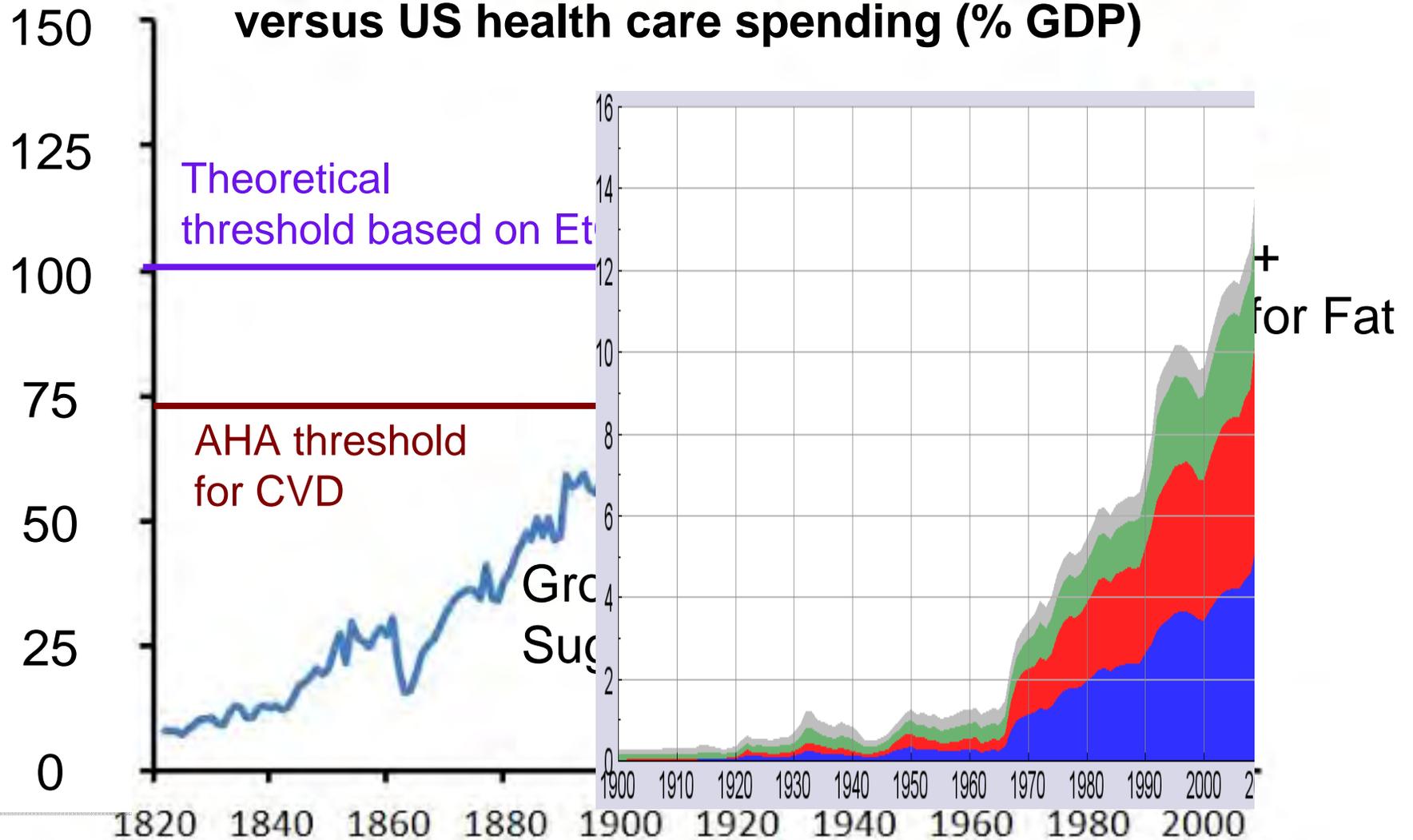
**It’s the “sugar” model**

# US Sugar Consumption, 1822-2005 versus US health care spending (% GDP)



U.S. Commerce Service 1822-1910, combined with Economic Research Service, USDA 1910-2010  
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## ESPECIALISTAS PROPONEN UN IMPUESTO MÁS ALTO A REFRESCOS

*octubre 16, 2013*



La organización civil el Poder del Consumidor y especialistas recomendaron imponer un gravamen de dos pesos a las bebidas azucaradas, a fin de disminuir su consumo y evitar daños en la salud como el sobrepeso y la diabetes.

**YES**

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**Berkeley vs. Big Soda**

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# Diabetes experts tell G20 to tax sugar to save lives and money

BY BEN HIRSCHLER



Diabetes experts called on world leaders on Thursday to use sugar taxes to fight obesity, arguing such a move would save lives and slash healthcare budgets.

Ahead of a meeting of G20 leaders this weekend, the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) wants the dual epidemics of obesity and diabetes to be placed on the global agenda alongside major geopolitical and financial issues.

## PHOTOS OF THE DAY



## Budget 2016

# George Osborne unveils sugar tax in eighth budget as growth forecast falls

- Proceeds of levy on soft drinks to fund school sports
- Cuts to business rates, capital gains and corporation tax
- Income tax personal allowance increased
- Growth forecast down from 2.4% to 2%

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Osborne announces soft drinks sugar tax and tax-free personal allowance - budget highlights video

[George Osborne](#) has unveiled a new tax on sugary drinks, such as Coca-Cola, Red Bull and Irn Bru, pledging to use the takings to provide more sports funding for schools.

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# Proposal #1

## UCSF Healthy Beverage Initiative

The image is a screenshot of a web browser displaying a news article. The browser's address bar shows the URL: <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2015/05/129901/ucsf-launches-health-beverage-initiative>. The page features the UCSF logo at the top left and a navigation menu with links for About, Patient Care, Research, Education, and News Center. The main article is titled "UCSF Launches Healthy Beverage Initiative" and has a sub-headline: "Health Sciences Campus Will Focus Sales on Zero-Calorie and Nutritious Drinks". The author is listed as Kristen Bole, dated May 29, 2015. Below the text is a video player with a play button and a thumbnail image of a human torso with a liver highlighted in pink. A clipboard icon is overlaid on the video, with the text "Liver Disease" written on it. To the right of the main article is a "Most-Read News" section with four items, each with a small thumbnail image: "E-Cigarettes Expose People to More Than 'Harmless' Water Vapor", "Kids with Autism, Sensory Processing Disorders Show Brain Wiring Differences", "\$100M Gift to Advance Health Sciences", and "Opening Day at the New Medical Center". Below this is a "Related News" section with one item: "UCSF to Launch Redesign of Flagship Website" dated June 04, 2015. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons.

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### UCSF Launches Healthy Beverage Initiative

Health Sciences Campus Will Focus Sales on Zero-Calorie and Nutritious Drinks

By [Kristen Bole](#) on May 29, 2015 | [Email](#) | [Print](#)

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## Proposal #2

**Type 2 Diabetes should be renamed:**

**PROCESSED FOOD DISEASE**

## Proposal #3

**Rollback the subsidies for processed food:**

**CORN  
WHEAT  
SOY  
SUGAR**

**Proposal #4**

**REAL FOOD APPROVED**

## **Proposal #5**

**Remove Sugar from the FDA  
“Generally Recognized as Safe” (GRAS) List**

# Conclusions

- The dentists knew about fructose/sugar toxicity long before the doctors did, but fluoride allowed for “selective amnesia”
- Although dietary fat can induce NAFLD, fat ingestion does not explain the current epidemic of NAFLD/NASH; but fructose does
- A calorie is **NOT** a calorie, and fructose is **NOT** glucose
- Fructose is “**alcohol without the buzz**”; it is a dose-dependent chronic hepatotoxin ; NASH and ASH share the same pathogenesis
- **Evolution doesn't lie: the overlap between tooth and liver decay inform us about the changes in our environment, and what to do about them**
- **But understanding the science often doesn't translate into policy**

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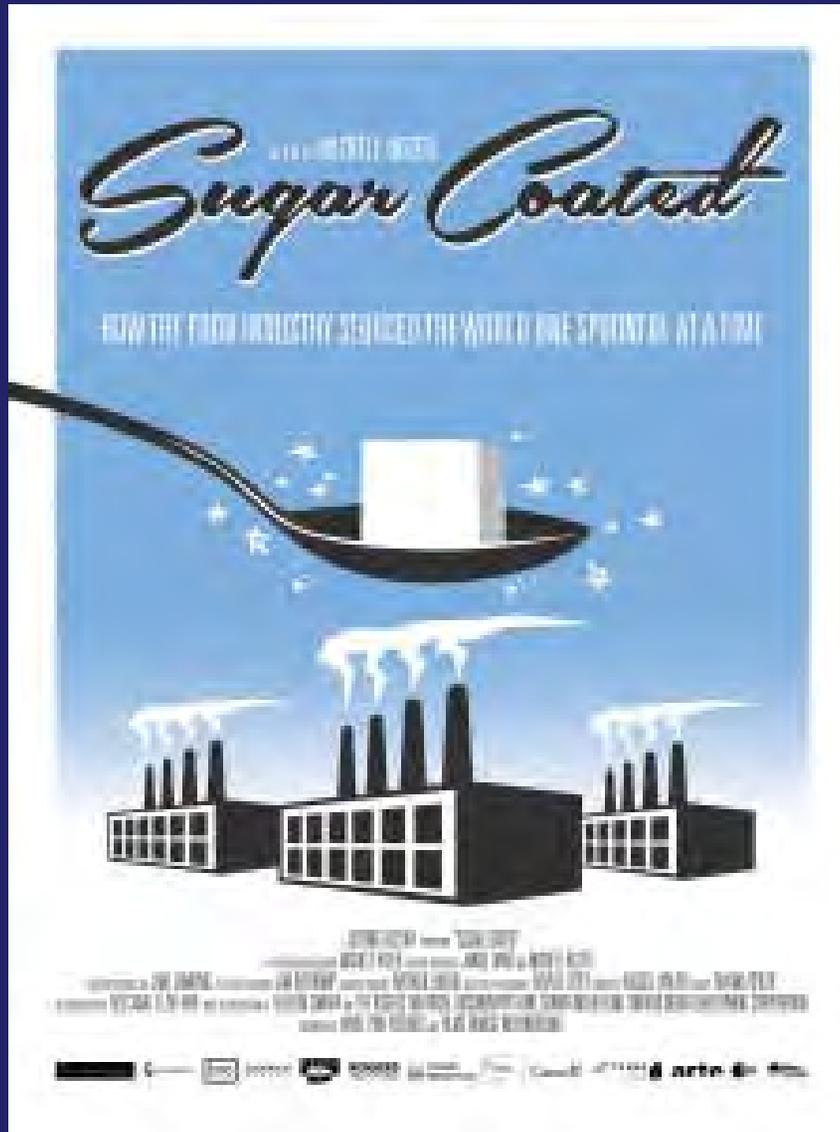
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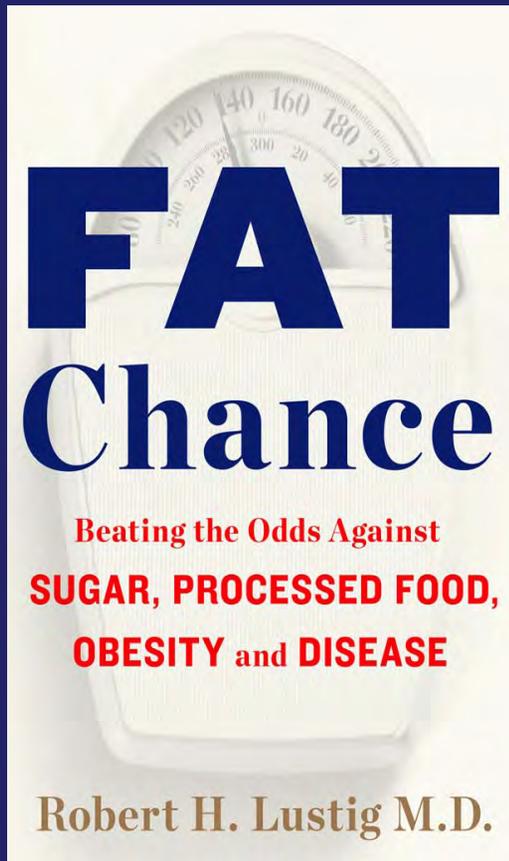


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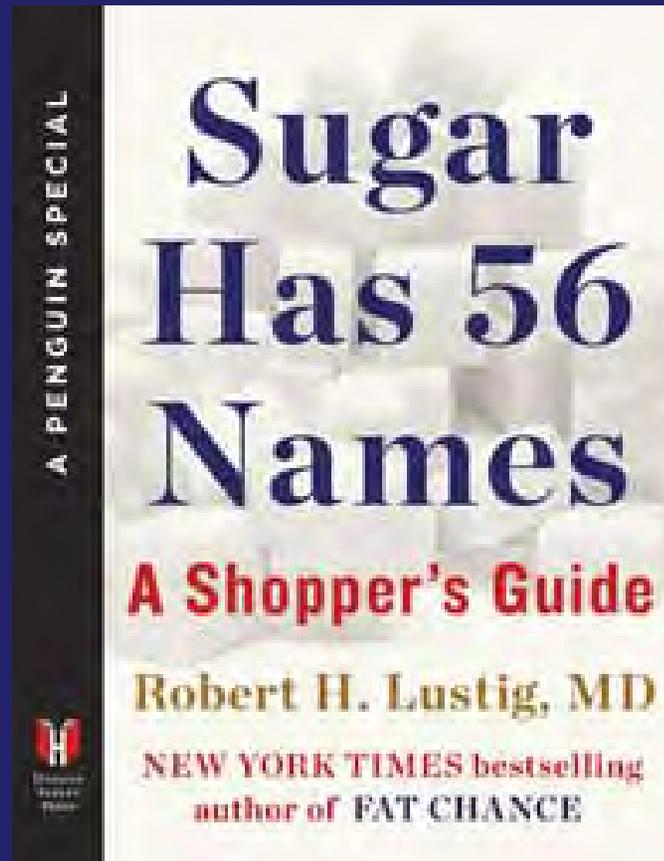


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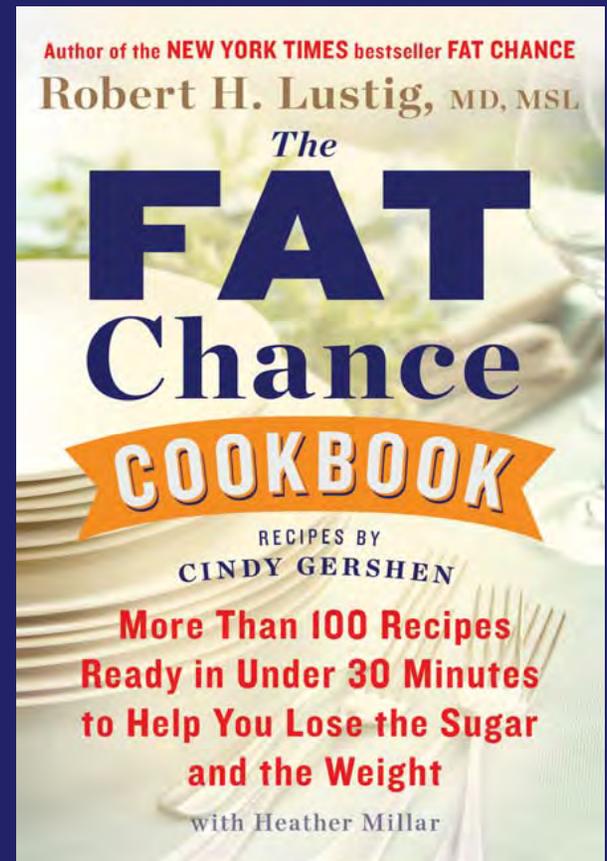
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E-book Hudson Street Press  
Sept 3, 2013

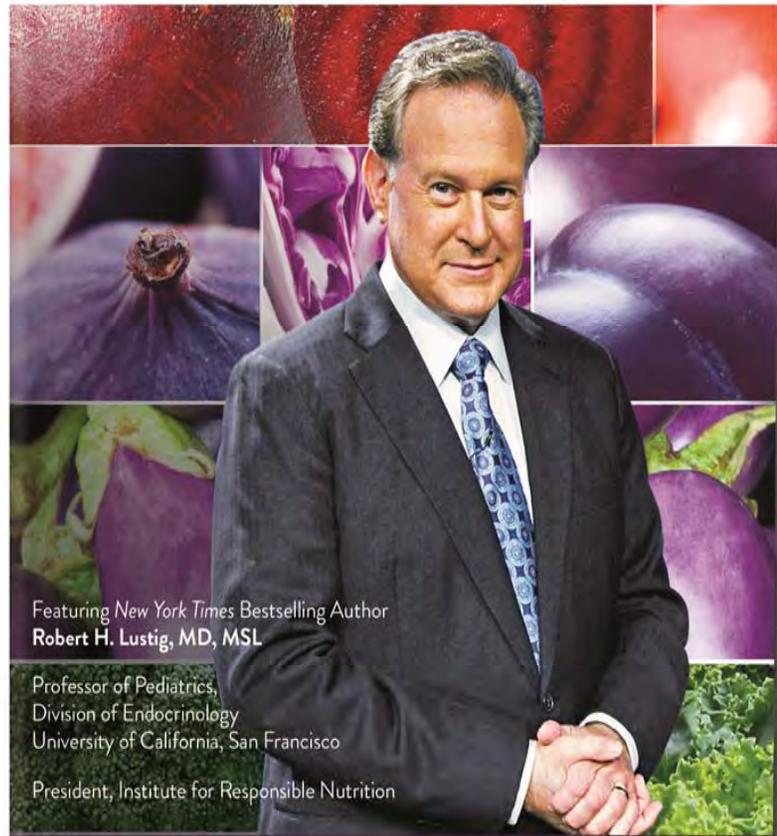


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