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Lezione 5

Pancreas Endocrino

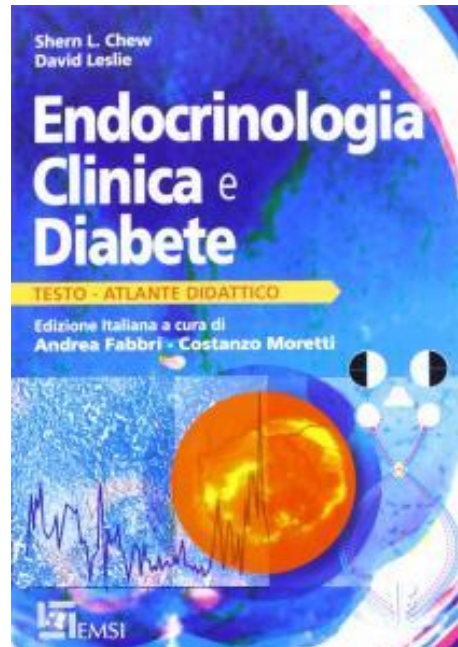
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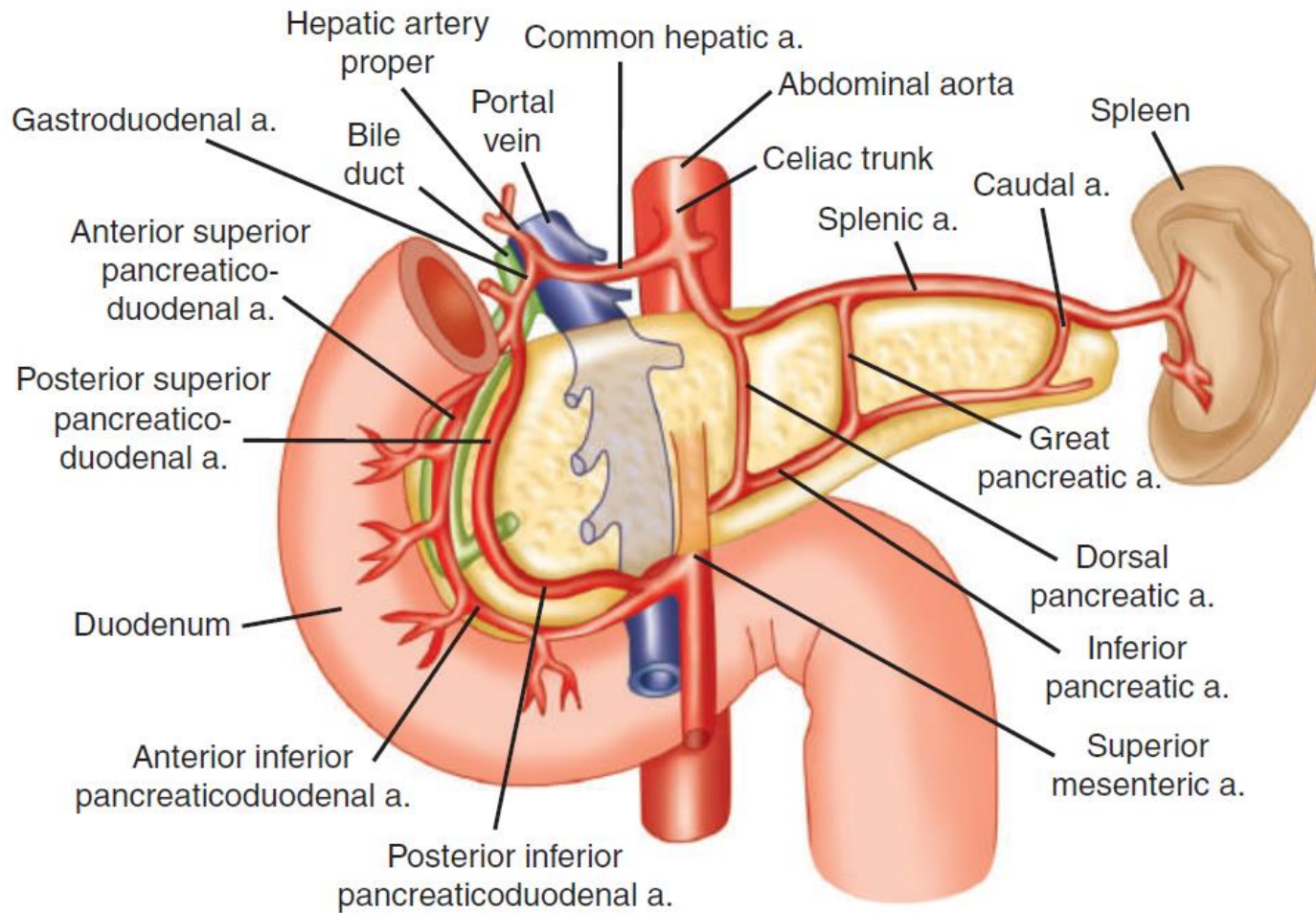
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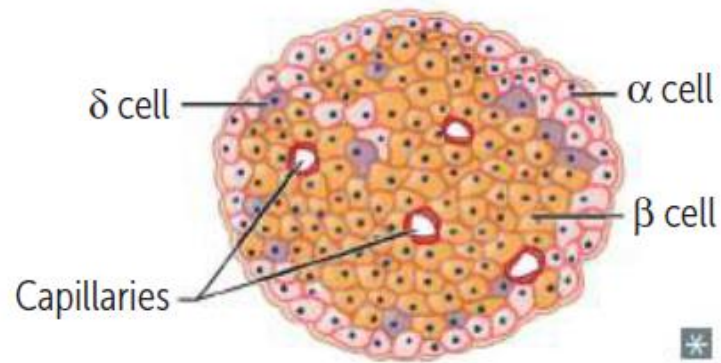
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Didattica

**IL PANCREAS E' UN ORGANO
MULTIFUNZIONALE DEI SISTEMI ENDOCRINO
E DIGESTIVO. ESSO GIOCA UN RUOLO
CHIAVE NEL METABOLISMO DI CARBOIDRATI
LIPIDI E PROTEINE ATTRAVERSO LA
SECREZIONE DI VARI ORMONI PROTEICI DI
CUI I PRINCIPALI SONO INSULINA E
GLUCAGONE**

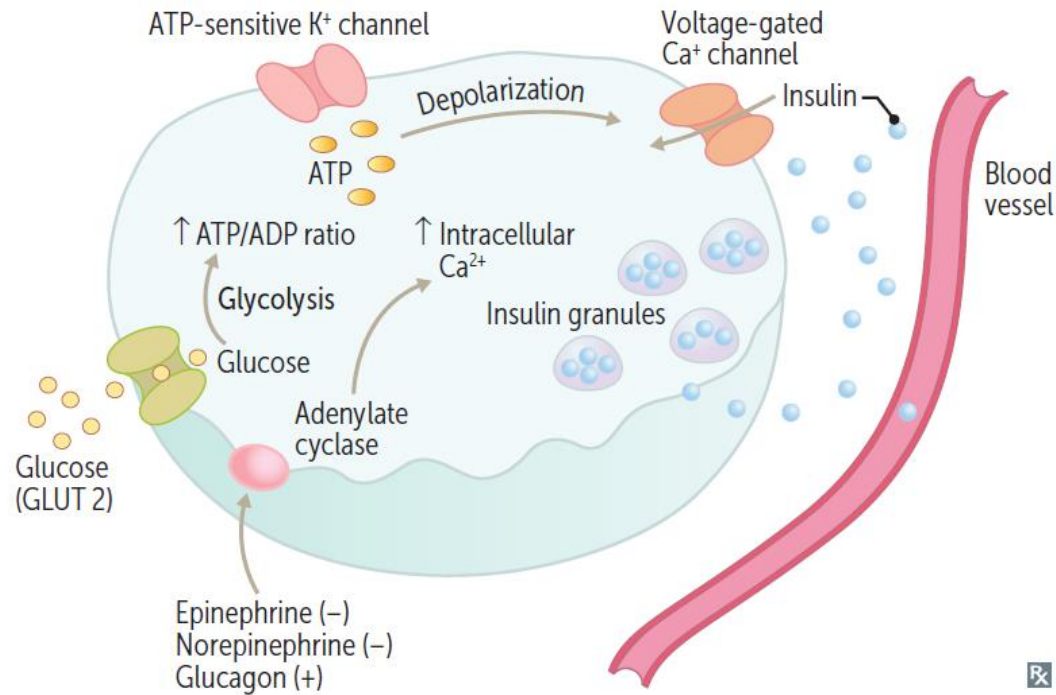
ANATOMY



ISLET CELL TYPES AND FUNCTION



CELL TYPE	QUANTITY (%)	LOCATION	HORMONE	FUNCTION
Alpha (α)	20	Peripheral	Glucagon	Increases blood glucose
Beta (β)	70	Central	Insulin	Decreases blood glucose
Delta (δ)	< 5	Variable	Somatostatin	Inhibits release of other islet cell hormones



Glucose is the most powerful stimulus for insulin release (Table 2-27). Glucose enters β -cells via the glucose transporter **GLUT 2** via facilitated diffusion, meaning that intracellular glucose concentration equilibrates with serum glucose concentration. Increases in serum glucose within β -cells are shunted into the glycolytic pathway. Increased glucose catabolism leads to a rise in the intracellular ATP:ADP ratio, which causes the **ATP-sensitive potassium channel** on the surface of β -cells to close. Closure of this potassium channel leads to depolarization of the cell, resulting in opening of voltage-gated calcium channels. The subsequent rise in intracellular calcium facilitates fusion of insulin-containing vesicles with the cell membrane, releasing insulin from the cell

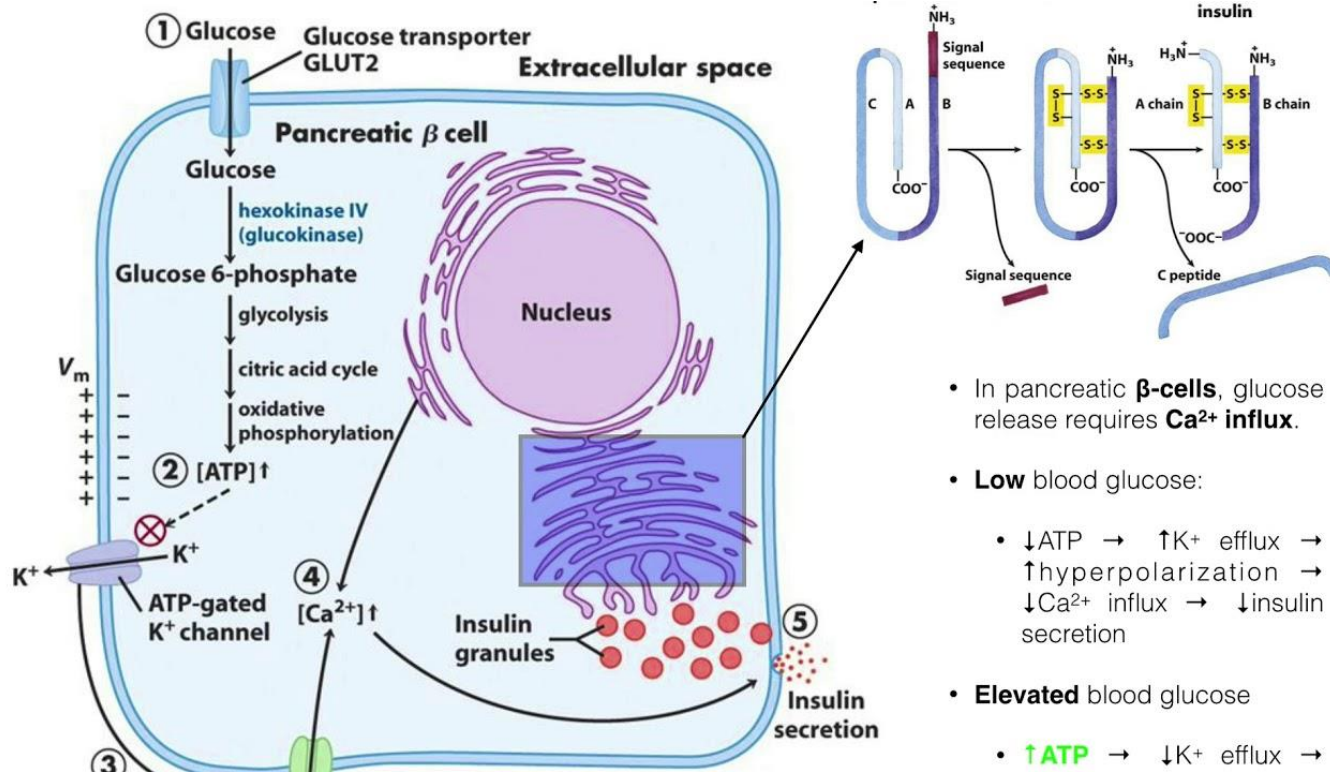


TABLE 2-27. Factors Affecting Insulin Release

PROMOTE INSULIN SECRETION	INHIBIT INSULIN SECRETION
Glucose	α -Adrenergic stimulation
Amino acids	Somatostatin
Vagal stimulation	Drugs: Phenytoin, vinblastine, colchicine
Sulfonylureas	
CCK, GIP, glucagon-like peptide	
Secretin, gastrin	
β -Adrenergic stimulation	

CCK, cholecystokinin; GIP, gastric inhibitory polypeptide.

Diabetes Mellitus (DM)

DM eventually → microvascular and macrovascular complications

- Microvascular: retinopathy, nephropathy, and peripheral neuropathy**
- Macrovascular: coronary heart disease (CHD), stroke, and peripheral vascular disease (PVD)**

Glucose Contributions to HbA_{1c}

HbA_{1c} =

**Fasting Glucose,
Influenced by:**

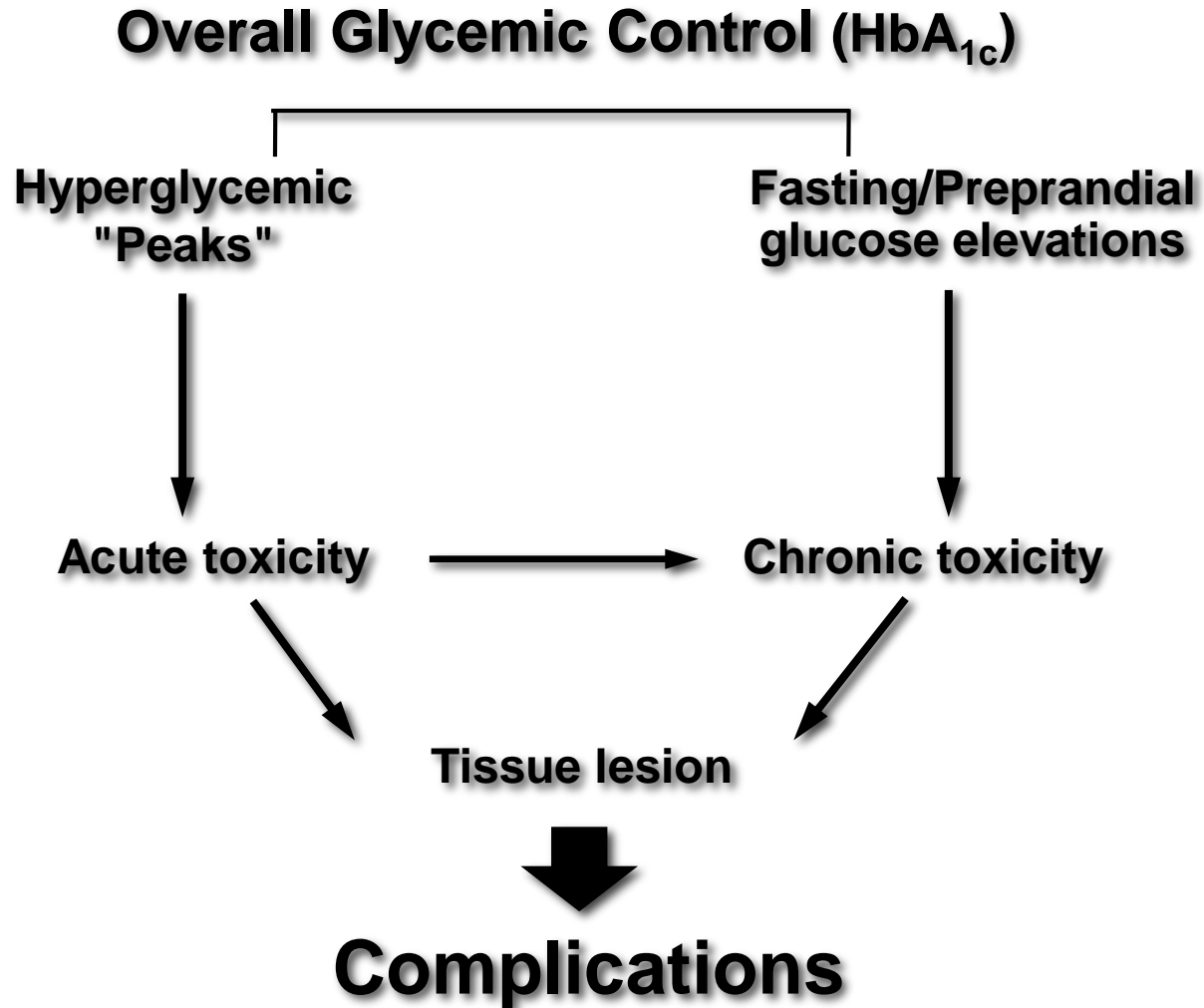
- ❖ Hepatic glucose production
- ❖ Hepatic sensitivity to insulin

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**Postprandial Glucose,
Influenced by:**

- ❖ Preprandial glucose
- ❖ Glucose load from meal
- ❖ Insulin secretion
- ❖ Insulin sensitivity in peripheral tissues and liver

Possible Pathogenesis of Diabetic Complications



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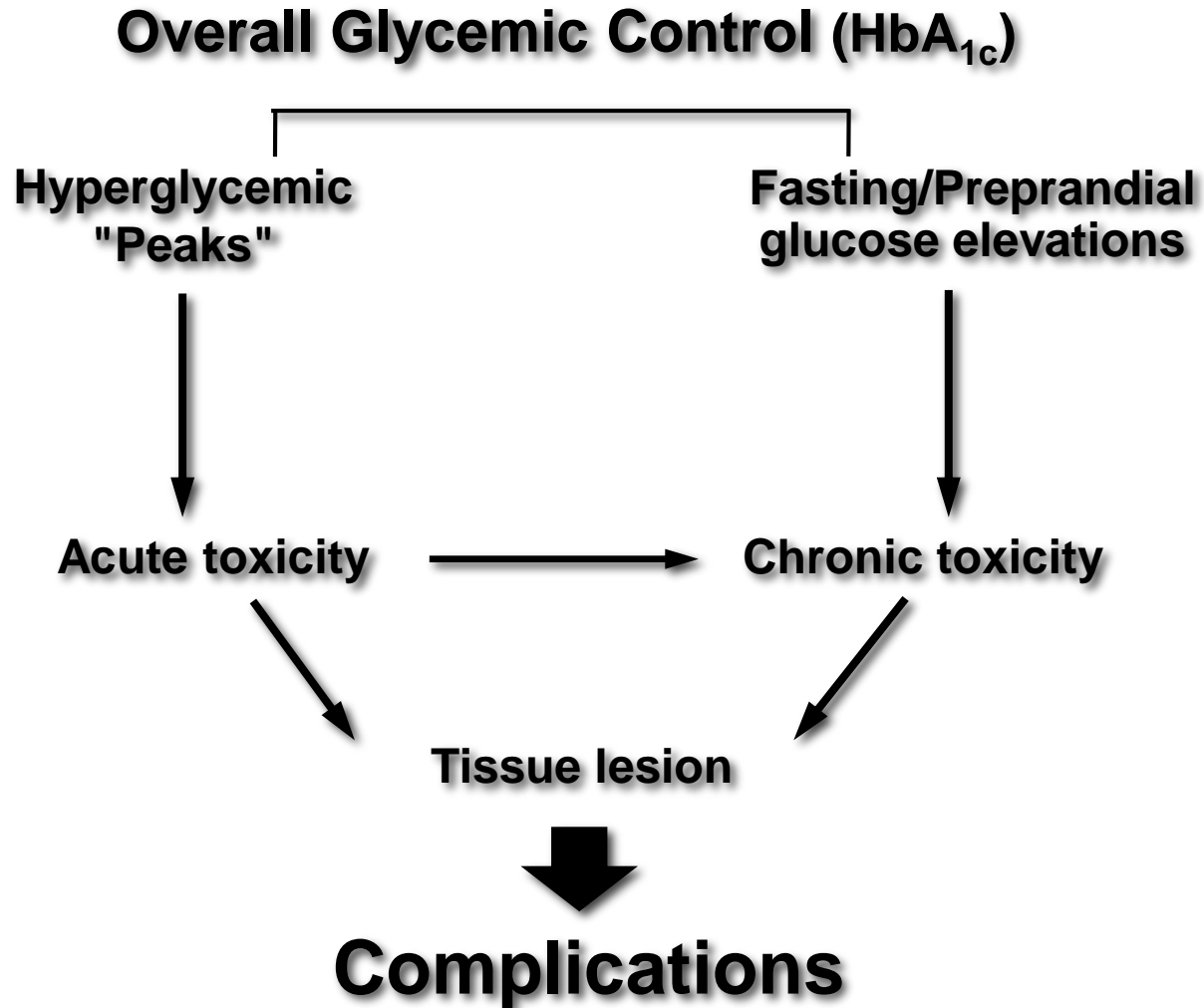
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Possible Pathogenesis of Diabetic Complications



Type 1 Diabetes

**Absolute deficiency in insulin
 β -cell destruction**

Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus

- **Characterized by absolute insulin deficiency**
- **Pathophysiology and etiology**
 - **Result of pancreatic beta cell destruction**
 - **Prone to ketosis**
 - **Total deficit of circulating insulin**
 - **Autoimmune**
 - **Idiopathic**

Pathogenesis of Type 1 diabetes.

Autoimmune Type 1 Diabetes

- **Beta cells destroyed via autoimmune mechanism.**
- **Genetically predisposed people: triggering factor = production of islet cell Ab.**
- **Islet cell Ab destroy Beta cells.**
- **Insulin production decreases.**

Pathogenesis of Type 1 diabetes.

Autoimmune Type 1 Diabetes

- Viruses + other environmental agents have been shown to be **triggering factors**.
- Viruses can damage beta cells by:
 1. Direct invasion.
 2. Triggering an autoimmune response.

Pathogenesis of Type 1 diabetes.

Autoimmune Type 1 Diabetes

- Implicated viruses:

mumps, intrauterine rubella, coxsackie B virus, echo virus, cytomegalovirus and herpes virus.

- Chemical substances that reduce diabetes:

alloxan, streptozotocin and dietary

nitric oxide

Pathogenesis of Type 1 diabetes.

Idiopathic Type 1 Diabetes

- No known aetiology.
- Permanent insulinopaenia.
- This form is strongly inherited.
- Not HLA associated.

Epidemiology

- **Average onset is in childhood or early adulthood (usually before 30 years of age)**
- **Characterized by autoimmune destruction of pancreatic β -cells → absolute insulin deficiency**
- **Patients dependent on exogenous insulin**

Incidence of Type 1 diabetes

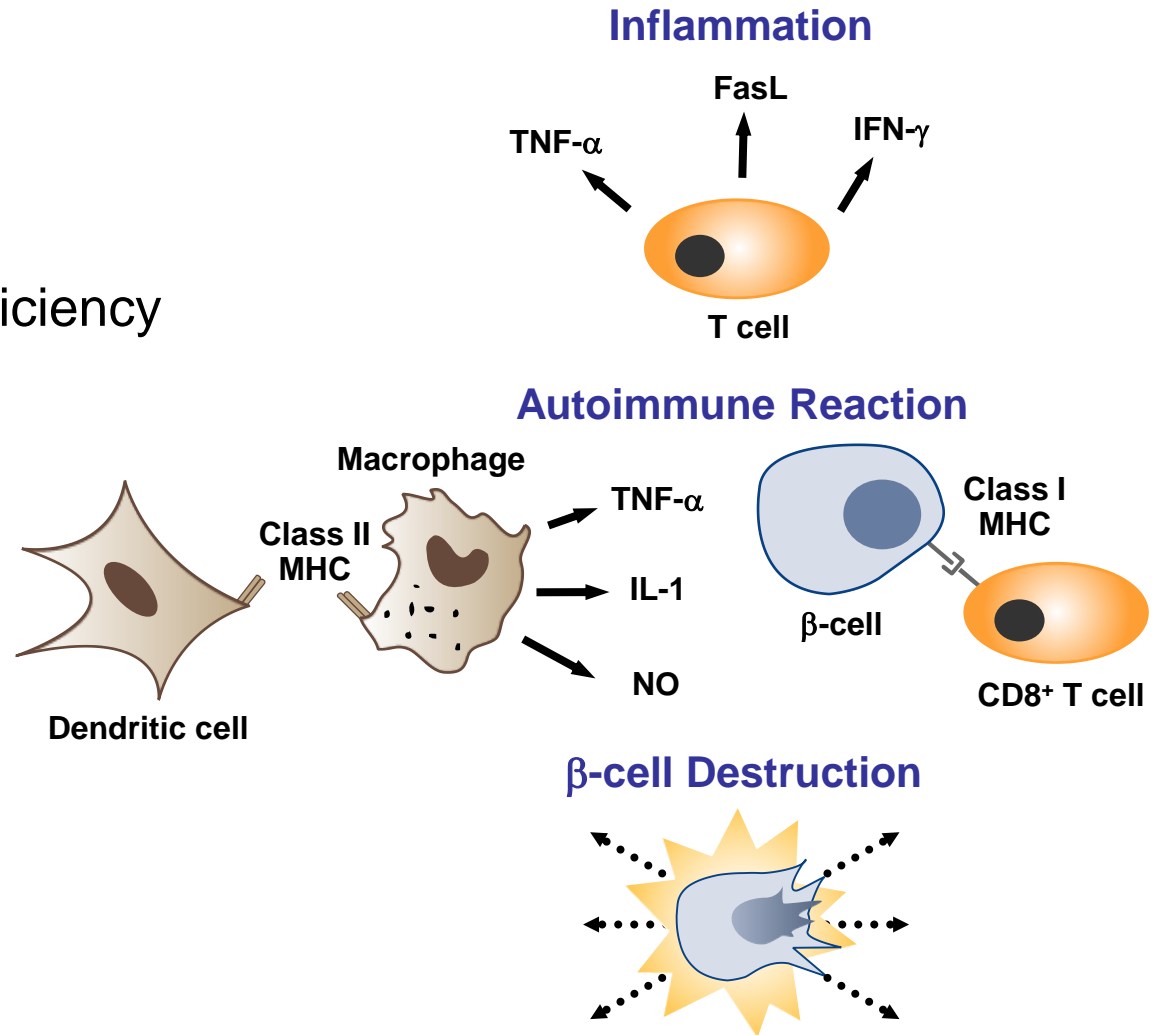
- ✓ Incidence peaks at 11-13 years.
- ✓ **Seasonal variation:** lowest rates in spring and summer.
- ✓ **Geographical variation:** Japan has a very low incidence.
- ✓ 10% of Type 1 diabetics are over 65 years of age.

Pathophysiology

- Immune-mediated destruction of pancreatic β - cells
- Certain antibodies detected in blood:
 - Islet cell antibody (ICA)
 - Glutamic acid decarboxylase (GAD65) antibody
 - Insulin autoantibody (IAA)
- HLA-DR3 and HLA-DR4 as well as DQA and DQB genes are strongly associated with type 1 DM
- Strong familial genetic link

Type 1 Diabetes Pathophysiology

- β -cell destruction
 - Usually leading to absolute insulin deficiency
- Immune mediated
- Idiopathic



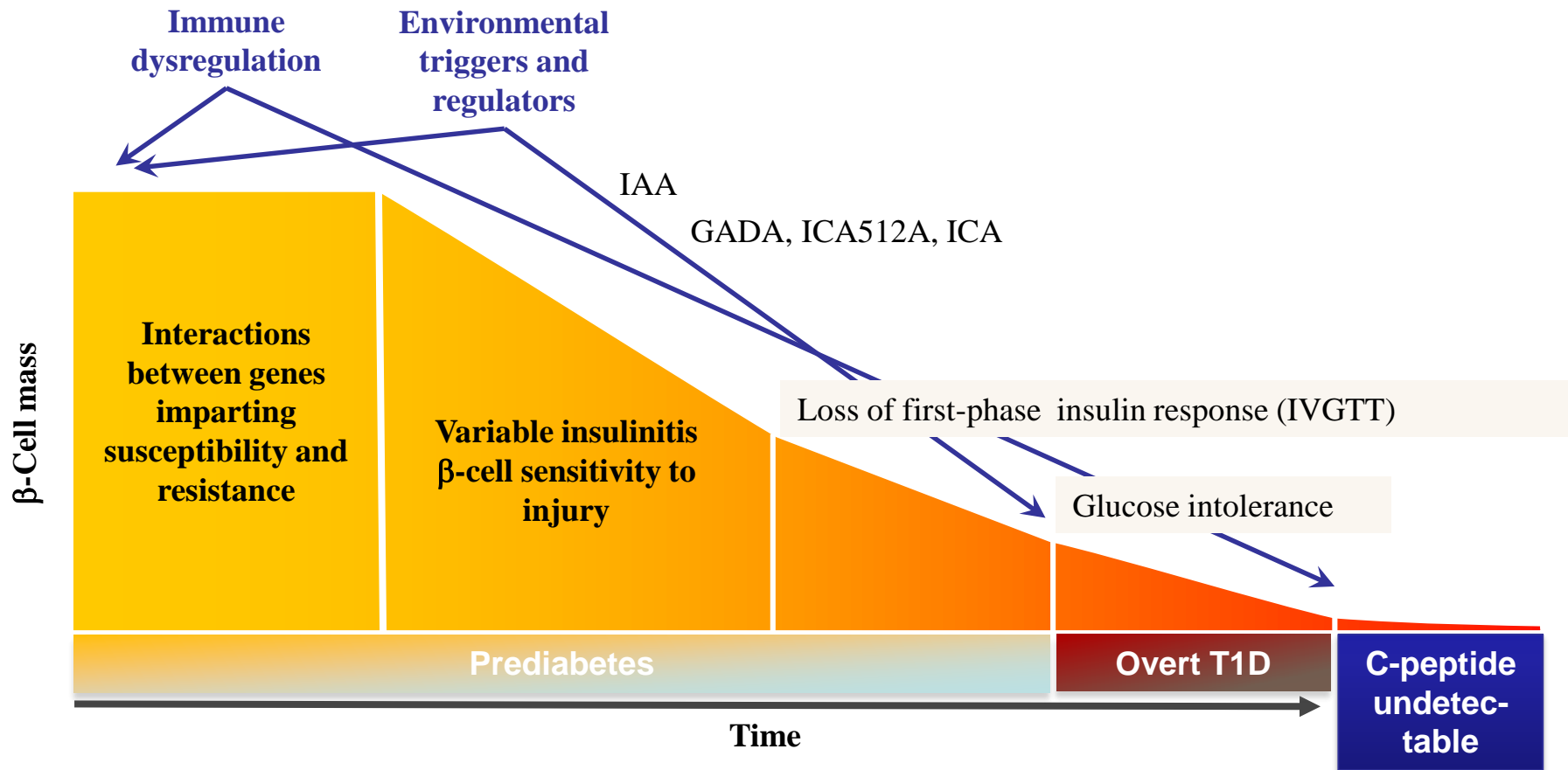
CD8, cluster of differentiation 8; FasL, Fas ligand; $\text{IFN-}\gamma$, interferon γ ; IL-1, interleukin 1; MHC, major histocompatibility complex; NO, nitric oxide; $\text{TNF-}\alpha$, tumor necrosis factor α .

Maahs DM, et al. *Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am*. 2010;39:481-497.

Pathophysiologic Features of Type 1 Diabetes

- Chronic autoimmune disorder
 - Occurs in genetically susceptible individuals
 - May be precipitated by environmental factors
- Autoimmune response against
 - Altered pancreatic β -cell antigens
 - Molecules in β -cells that resemble a viral protein
- Antibodies
 - Approximately 85% of patients: circulating islet cell antibodies
 - Majority: detectable anti-insulin antibodies
 - Most islet cell antibodies directed against GAD within pancreatic β -cells

Autoimmune Basis for Type 1 Diabetes



Atkinson MA. *Diabetes*. 2005;54:1253-1263. Adapted from Atkinson MA, Eisenbarth GS. *Lancet*. 2001;358:221-229.

Diagnostic Elements

- ✓ Symptoms of diabetes and a casual plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dl
- ✓ Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG) ≥ 126 mg/dl
- ✓ Impaired Fasting Glucose (IFG):
 - 2-h plasma glucose ≥ 200 mg/dl after an OGTT
 - These criteria should be confirmed by repeat testing on a different day

Clinical features of Type 1 diabetes.

- ❖ Presents acutely. Symptoms due to **hyperglycaemia** (thirst, polyuria, tiredness, weight loss).
- ❖ **Ketone production** - abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.
- ❖ Other symptoms: blurred vision, repeated infections.
- ❖ No chronic complications at diagnosis, may only be apparent 5-10 years post diagnosis.

Pharmacotherapeutic Goals

Glycemic Controls	
HbA1c	<7 – 6.5%
Pre-prandial capillary plasma	90 – 130 mg/dL
Post prandial capillary plasma	<180 mg/dL

Desired Outcomes

- ✓ Reduce risk for microvascular and macrovascular complications
- ✓ Reduce mortality
- ✓ Achieve glycemic control
- ✓ Improved quality of life

Medical Nutrition Therapy

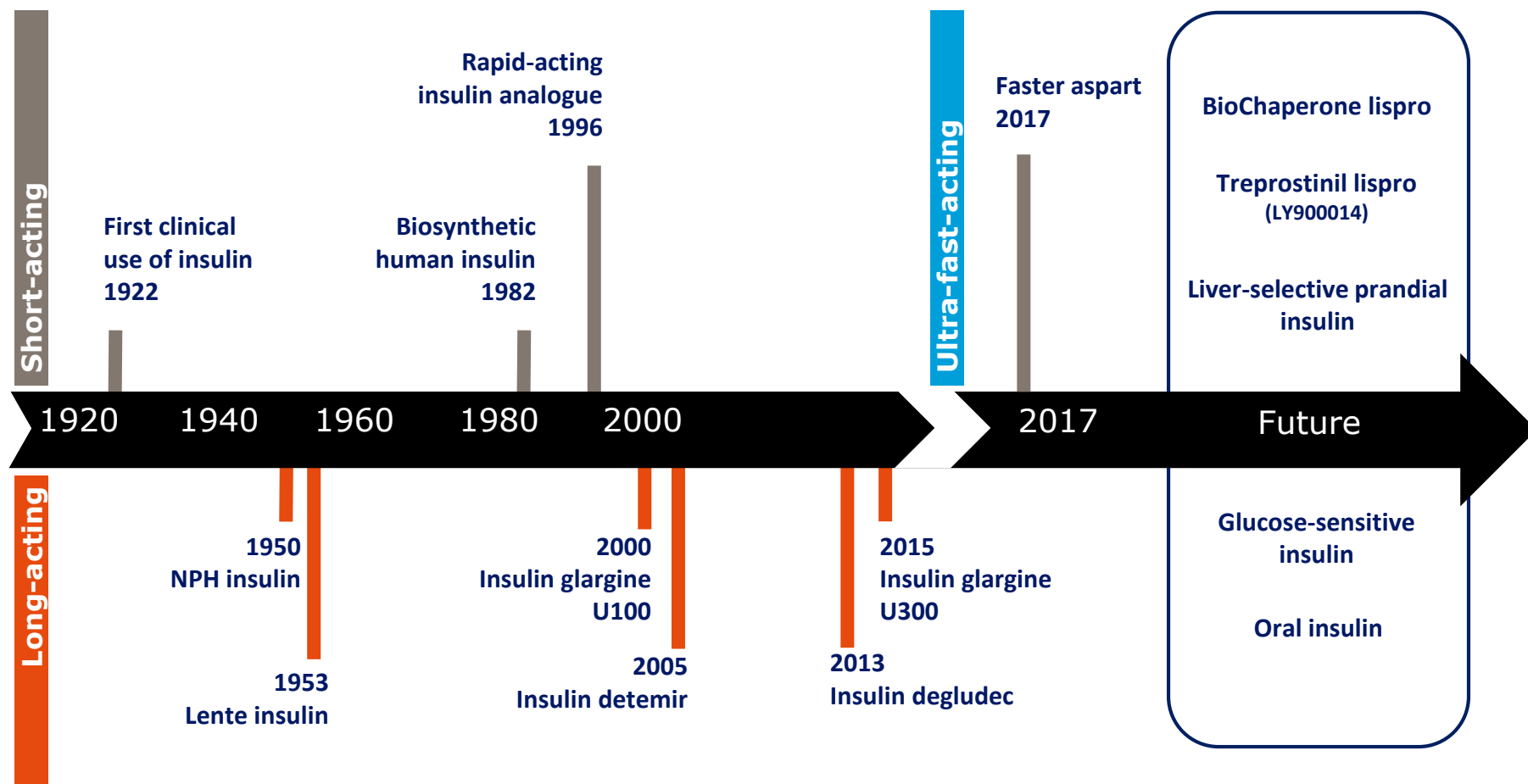
Nutrient	Recommended Intake
Carbohydrate	50-60% of total calories
Protein	15-20%
Totale fat	25-35%
Saturated fat	< 10 (<7 % in dyslipidemia)
Polyunsaturated fat	10 %
Mono unsaturated fat	up to 20%
Cholesterol	< 300 mg/dL (<200 mg/dl in dyslipidemia)
Total calories	Asjust based on age, weight and height

Pharmacotherapy in Type 1 DM

The primary therapy for type 1 DM is insulin therapy

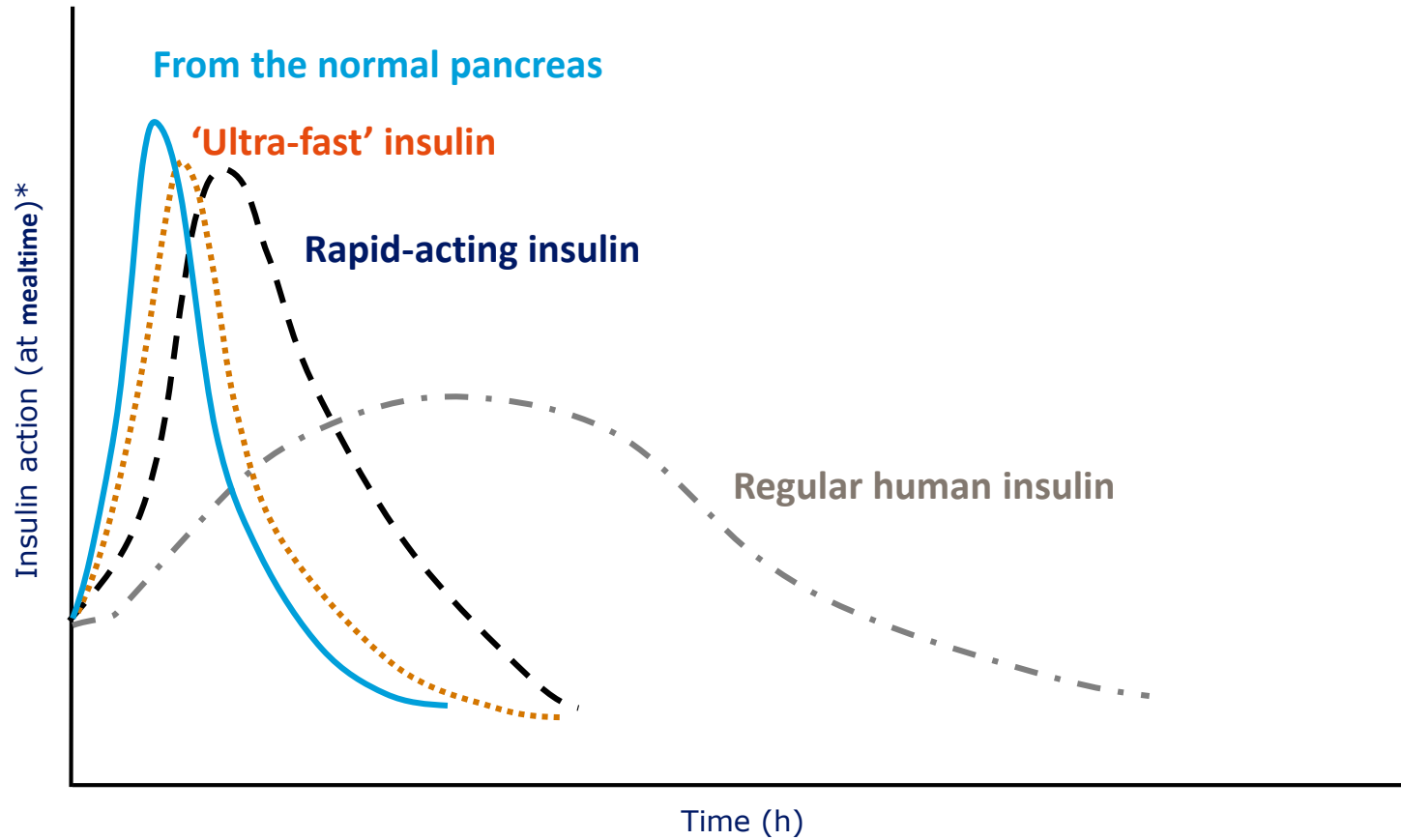
Four basic forms of insulin:

- Rapid-acting**
- Short-acting**
- Intermediate-acting**
- Long-acting**

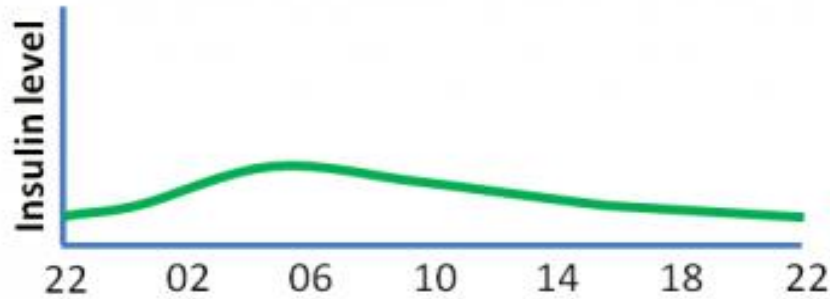


Faster aspart, fast-acting insulin aspart; NPH, neutral protamine Hagedorn

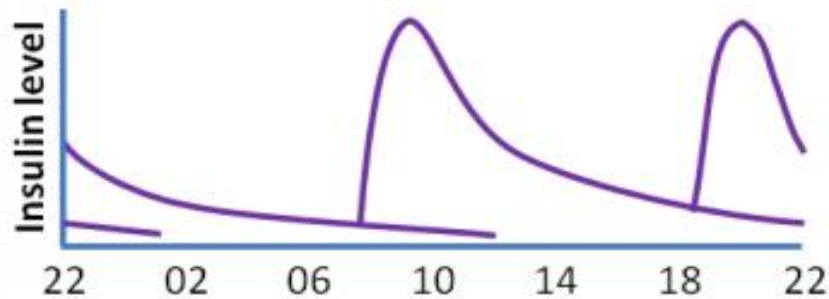
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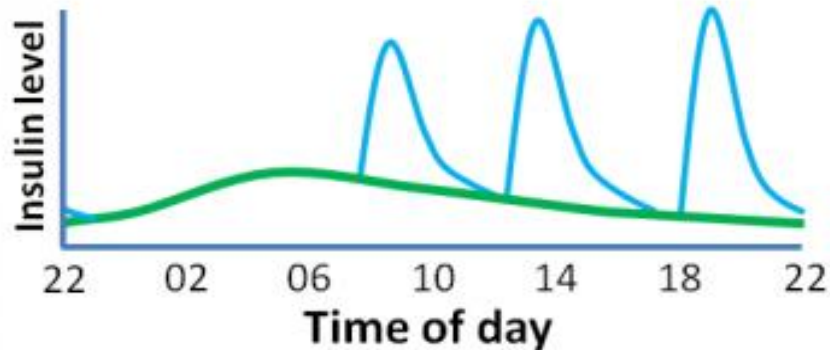
*Schematic representation
 T1D, type 1 diabetes; T2D, type 2 diabetes
 Adapted from Home. *Diabetes Obes Metab* 2015;17:1011-20



Once-daily basal insulin

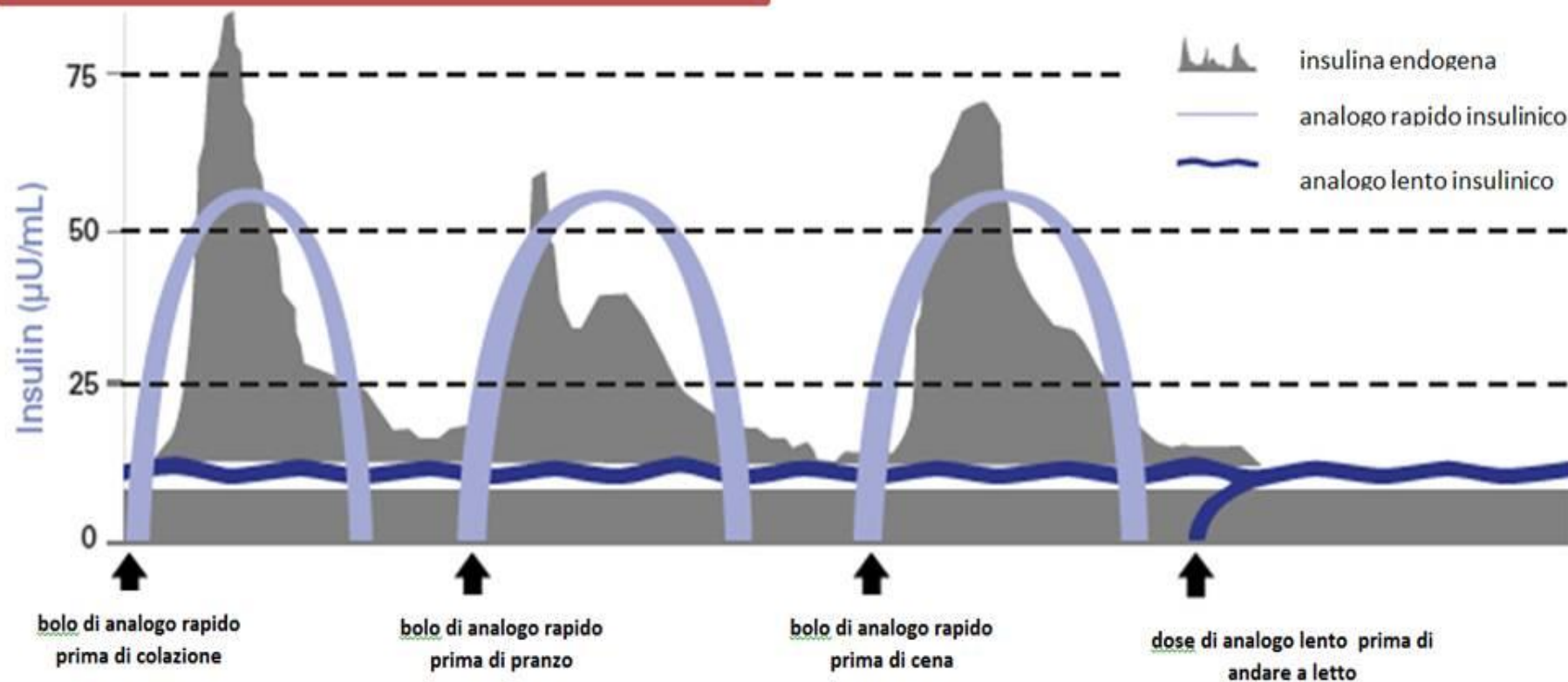


Twice-daily mix-insulin



Basal-bolus therapy

schema basal-bolus





Insulin Adverse Reactions

- **Lipoatrophy:** loss of fat at injection site due to antibody formation leading to breakdown of fat in the area of injection (need to rotate sites!)
- **Hypertrophy:** increase in fat mass at the site, the area is anesthetized, however leads to erratic insulin absorption
- **Resistance:** require large amounts of insulin to get desired effect, due to antibody formation

Insulin Adverse Reactions

- **Foods that will provide 10g of carbs:**
 - Cup of orange juice or soda
 - Sugar: 2 teaspoons or 2 cubes
 - Glucose tablets: 2-4 tablets
 - Apple juice: 1/3 cup
- **Foods to avoid**
 - Ice cream, candy bars, cookies, cakes
 - Complex carbs slowly absorbed
- **If unconscious: Glucagon 1mg SQ, IM, or IV and Dextrose 50% 50ml infusion**

Hormonal Responses to Exercise (non-diabetic)

Insulin Secretion



Counterregulatory Hormone Secretion
↑ (Epi/Nepi • Glucagon • GH, Cortisol)



Substrate Breakdown

- Glycogenolysis
- Lipolysis




BG Holds *Steady* Despite
↑ Glucose Utilization by Muscle

Hormonal Responses to Exercise (diabetic using insulin)

Insulin Levels

↗ or ⇄

**Counterregulatory Hormone
Action Suppressed**



**Substrate Breakdown Blocked
Glucose Uptake Accelerated**



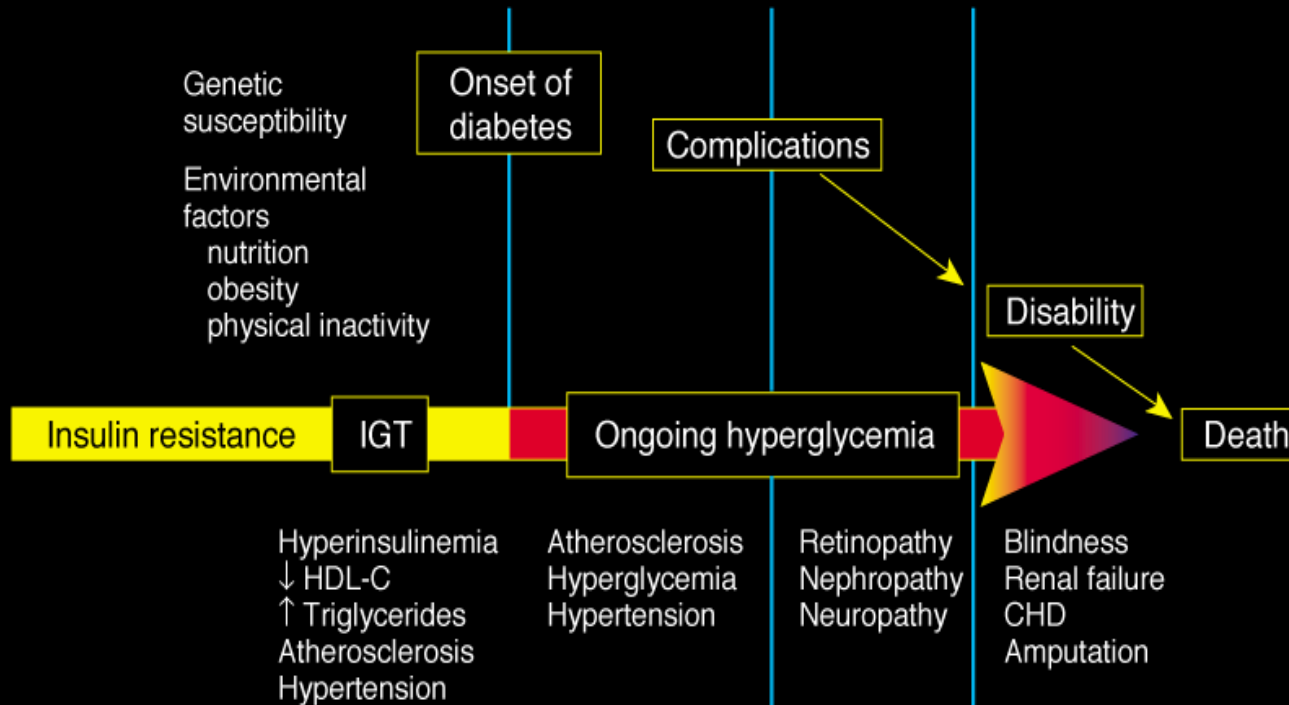
Hypoglycemia May Result

INSULIN TYPE	ONSET/DURATION OF ACTION	USES	NOTES
Rapid acting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lispro ■ Glulisine ■ Aspart 	20 min/4 h	Type 1 DM Type 2 DM Gestational DM for postprandial glucose control	Can cause hypoglycemia; rare hypersensitivity reactions
Short acting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regular 	1 h/6–8 h	Type 1 DM Type 2 DM Gestational DM DKA (IV) Hyperkalemia (+glucose) Stress hyperglycemia	The only insulin given IV
Intermediate-acting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ NPH 	2–4 h/10–18 h	Type 1 DM Type 2 DM Gestational DM	Most commonly used insulin type
Long-acting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Glargine ■ Detemir 	1 h/12–24 h 1 h/8–24 h	Type 1 DM Type 2 DM Gestational DM for basal glucose control	Establishes basal insulin level

Type 2 Diabetes

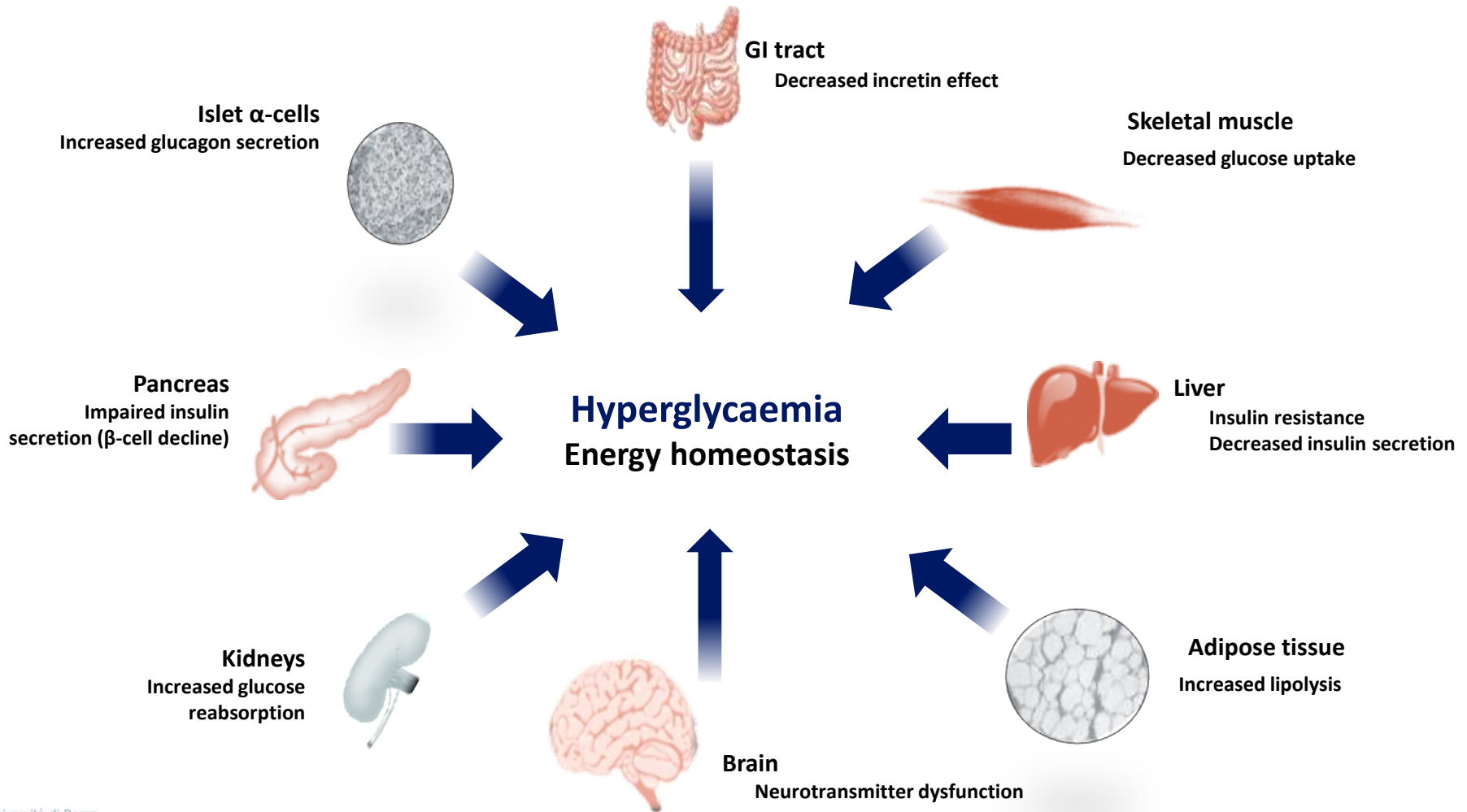
Natural history of patients with type 2 diabetes ...

Problems before you see them



Pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes

The ominous octet



GI, gastrointestinal 1. DeFronzo. *Diabetes* 2009;58:773–95

Type 2 diabetes

- ✓ **Patients frequently undiagnosed for many years.**
- ✓ **May present with hyperglycaemia symptoms.**
- ✓ **Coma is rare in type 2 diabetes.**
- ✓ **May progress to an absolute state of insulin deficiency.**

Pathogenesis of Type 2 diabetes

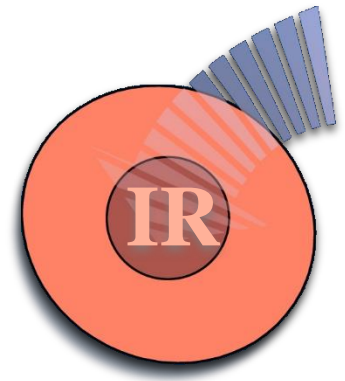
- **Cause:** a combination of impaired insulin secretion and insensitivity of target tissues to insulin.
- Impaired insulin secretion due to beta cell malfunction can be associated with:
 1. Incorrect secretion pattern.
 2. Ratio of proinsulin to insulin.
 3. Amyloid deposits.
 4. Slow destruction of beta cells

Mechanisms for insulin resistance

1. **Receptor numbers** are decreased. (Often seen in obese and aged patients.)
2. **Receptor structure** is abnormal.
3. Insulin resistance at **post receptor events**.

What is insulin resistance?

- Major defect in individuals with type 2 diabetes¹
- Reduced biological response to insulin^{1–3}
- Strong predictor of type 2 diabetes⁴
- Closely associated with obesity⁵



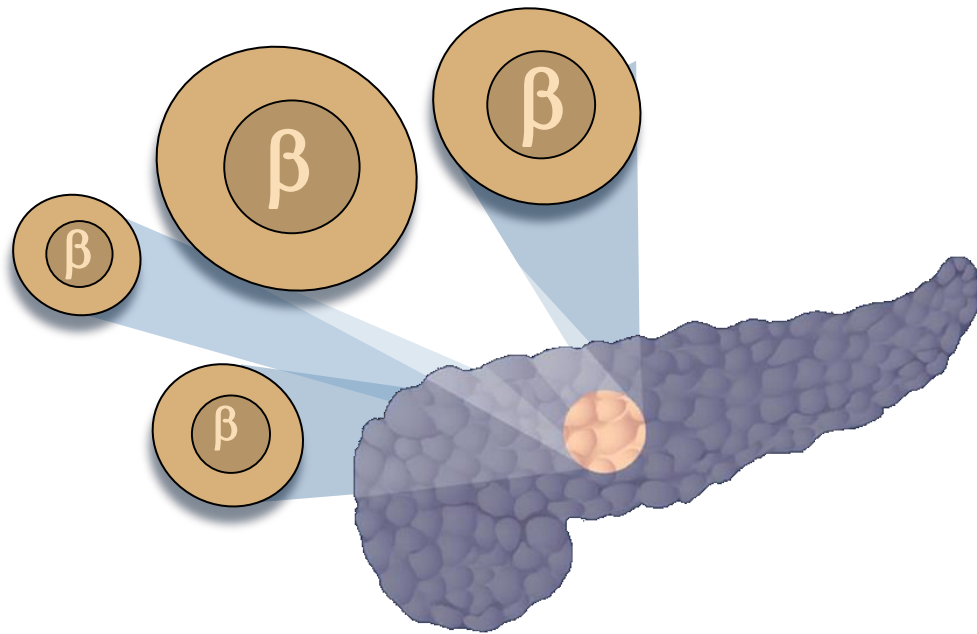
¹American Diabetes Association. *Diabetes Care* 1998; 21:310–314.

²Beck-Nielsen H & Groop LC. *J Clin Invest* 1994; 94:1714–1721. ³Bloomgarden ZT. *Clin Ther* 1998; 20:216–231.

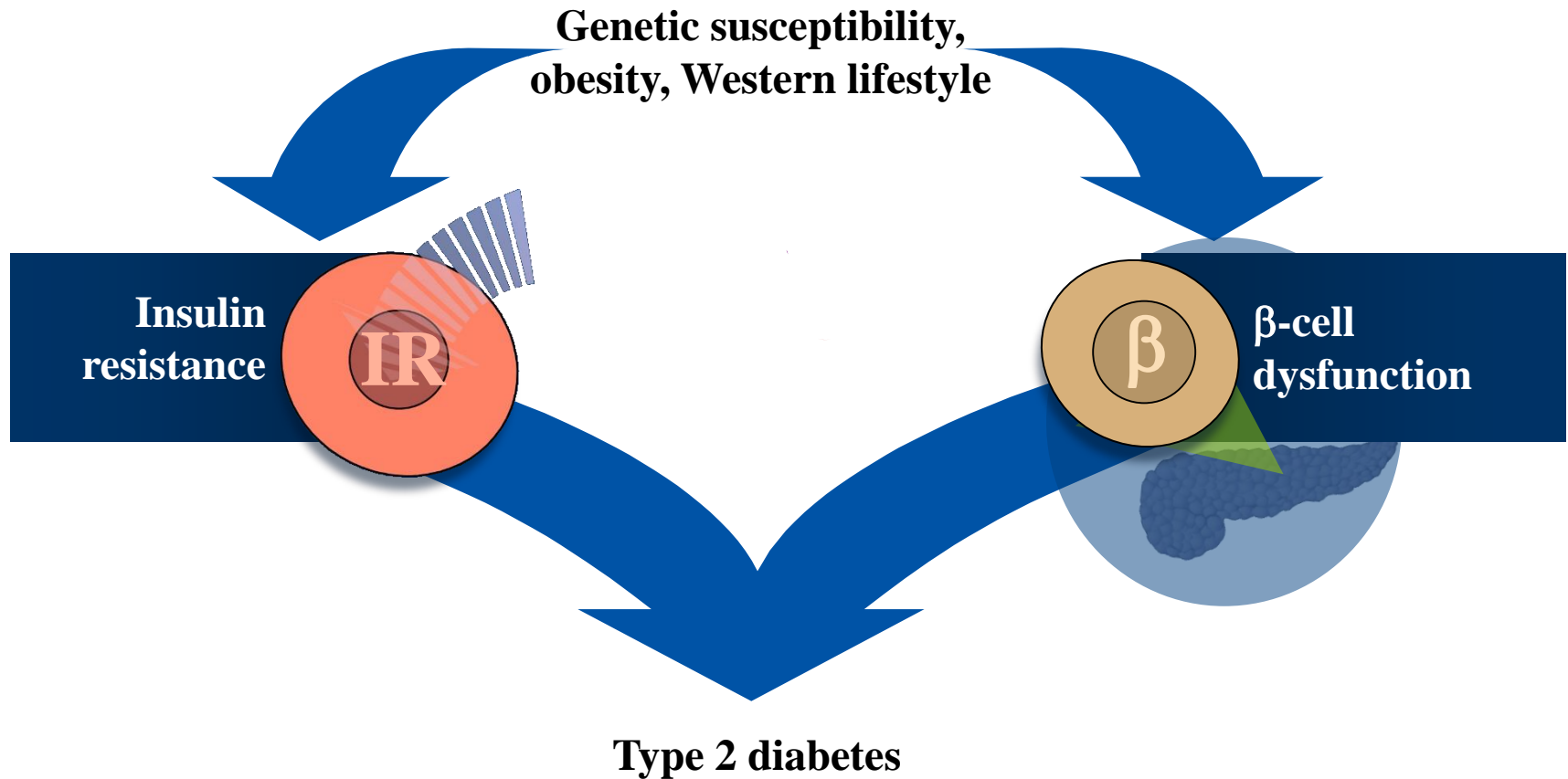
⁴Haffner SM, *et al.* *Circulation* 2000; 101:975–980. ⁵Boden G. *Diabetes* 1997; 46:3–10.

What is β -cell dysfunction?

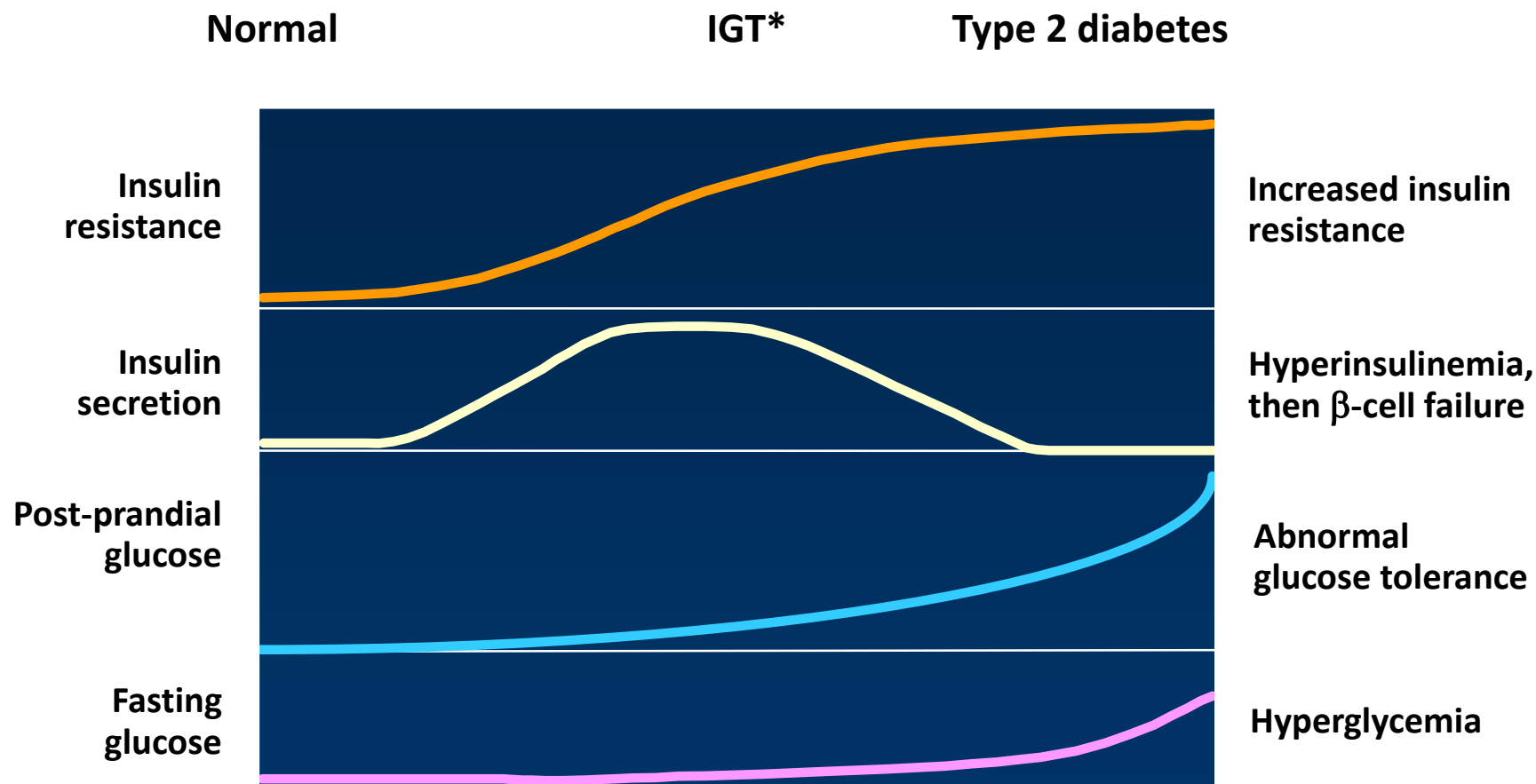
- Major defect in individuals with type 2 diabetes
- Reduced ability of β -cells to secrete insulin in response to hyperglycemia



Insulin resistance and β -cell dysfunction are core defects of type 2 diabetes



How do insulin resistance and β -cell dysfunction combine to cause type 2 diabetes?



*IGT = impaired glucose tolerance

Clinical features of Type 2 diabetes

- ❖ Diagnosis due to presence of complications.(At least 30% patients have complications at diagnosis).**
- ❖ Symptoms are mild, gradual onset. Classic diabetic symptoms may be present.**
- ❖ Type 2 diabetics are usually:
over 40 years, fat (“apple obesity”) and no ketones are present.**

Those at Risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes

- Gestational Diabetes
- Family History
- Ethnicity
- Obesity
- Physical Inactivity
- Age
- IGT/IFG
- Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

Risk factors for type 2 diabetes

- Hypertension
- Dyslipidaemia
- Abdominal obesity
- Overweight
- Insulin Resistance

Metabolic Syndrome/
Syndrome X



Prevention of type 2 diabetes

Lifestyle modification

- Diabetes Prevention Program
- Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study



Diagnosis of Diabetes

Diagnosis cannot be made from:

- Blood glucose strips read visually or by a meter.
- Glycosylated Haemoglobin - HbA1c



Glucose Tolerance Test

- 3 days of unrestricted diet and exercise
- Evening meal as normal the night before
- Overnight fast of 8-14 hours

TEST

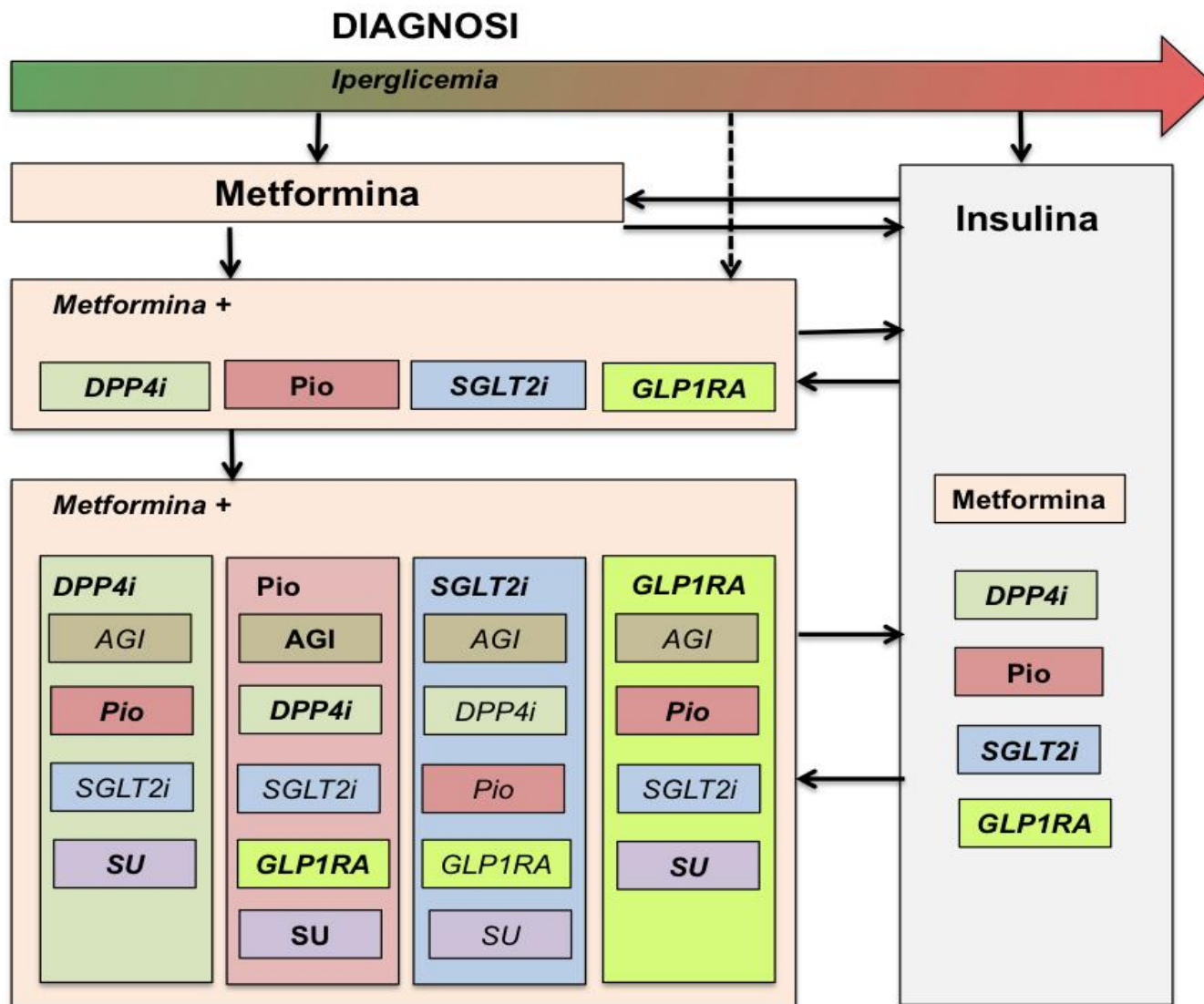
- Fasting blood on the morning
- Drink 75g of anhydrous glucose in 250-300ml water over 5 mins
- Blood sample 2 hours later
- No smoking during the test

DIAGNOSIS AFTER AN OGTT

	Impaired Fasting Glucose (IFG)	Impaired Glucose Tolerance (IGT)	Diabetes
Fasting Venous Plasma Glucose	6.1 mmol/l to 6.9 mmol/l	<7.0 mmol/l	≥ 7.0 mmol/l
2 hr post	< 7.8 mmol/l	≥ 7.8 mmol/l up to 11.1 mmol/l	≥ 11.1 mmol/l (WHO,2006)

Impaired Glucose Regulation

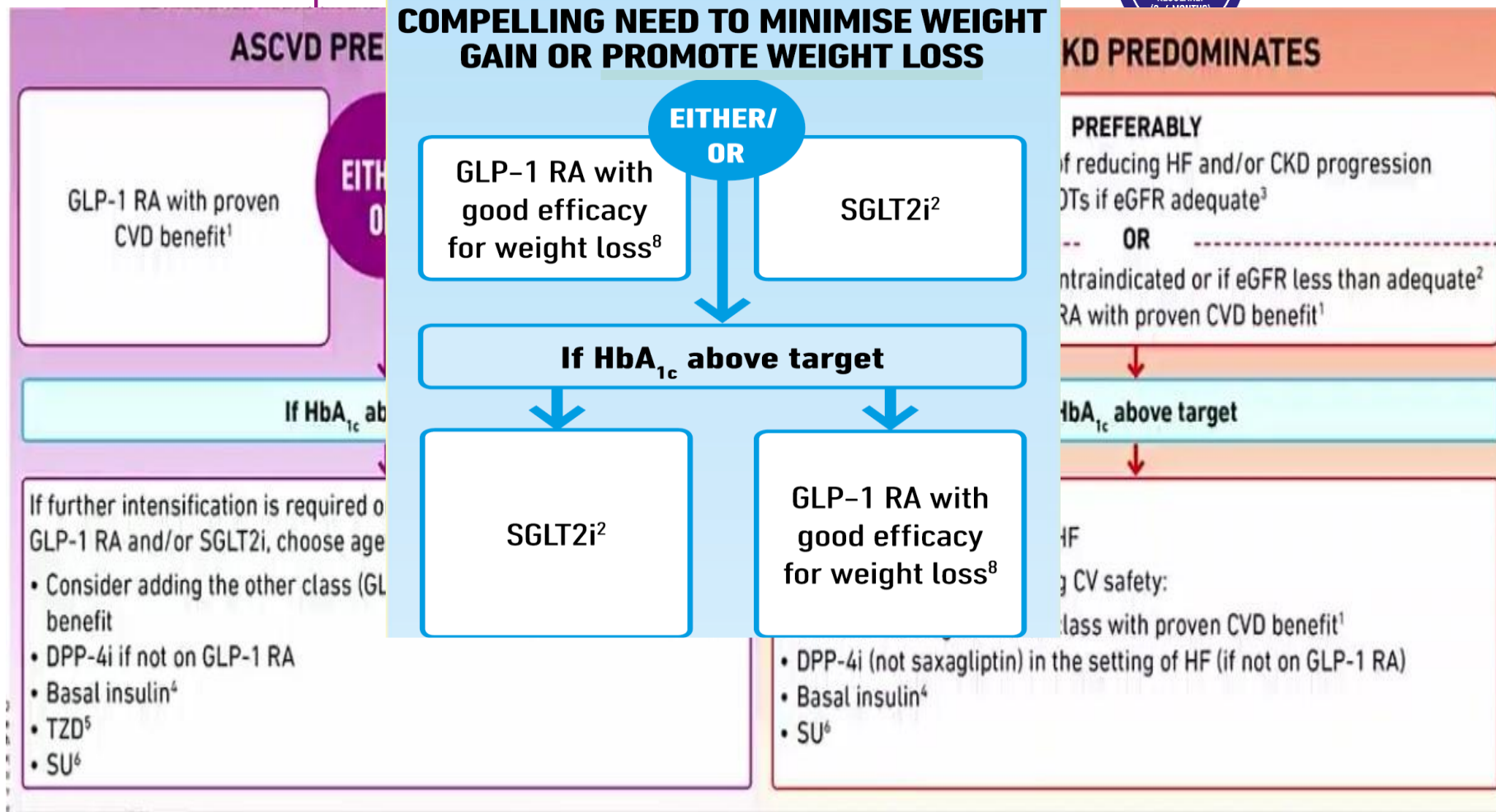
- Impaired Glucose Tolerance (IGT)
 - Abnormalities in glucose regulation in the post-prandial state.
 - More common in women
- Impaired Fasting Glucose (IFG)
 - Elevated fasting glucose concentrations, but lower than those required to diagnose diabetes
 - More common in men



GLUCOSE-LOWERING MEDICATION IN TYPE 2 DIABETES: OVERALL APPROACH

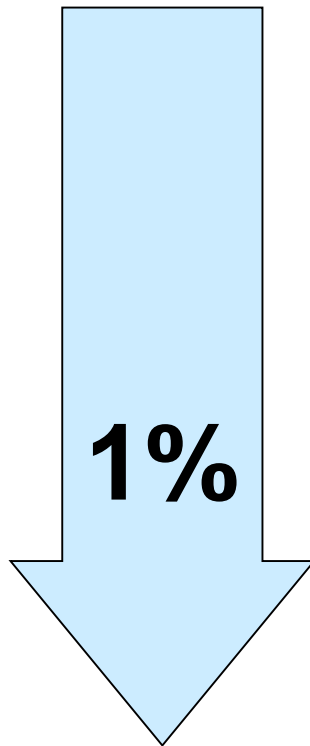
FIRST-LINE THERAPY IS METFORMIN AND COMPREHENSIVE LIFESTYLE (INCLUDING WEIGHT MANAGEMENT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY)
IF HbA_{1c} ABOVE TARGET PROCEED AS BELOW

TO AVOID
CLINICAL INERTIA
REASSESS AND
MODIFY TREATMENT
REGULARLY
(3-6 MONTHS)



Lessons from UKPDS: Better control means fewer complications

**EVERY 1%
reduction in HBA_{1c}**



REDUCED RISK*

-21%

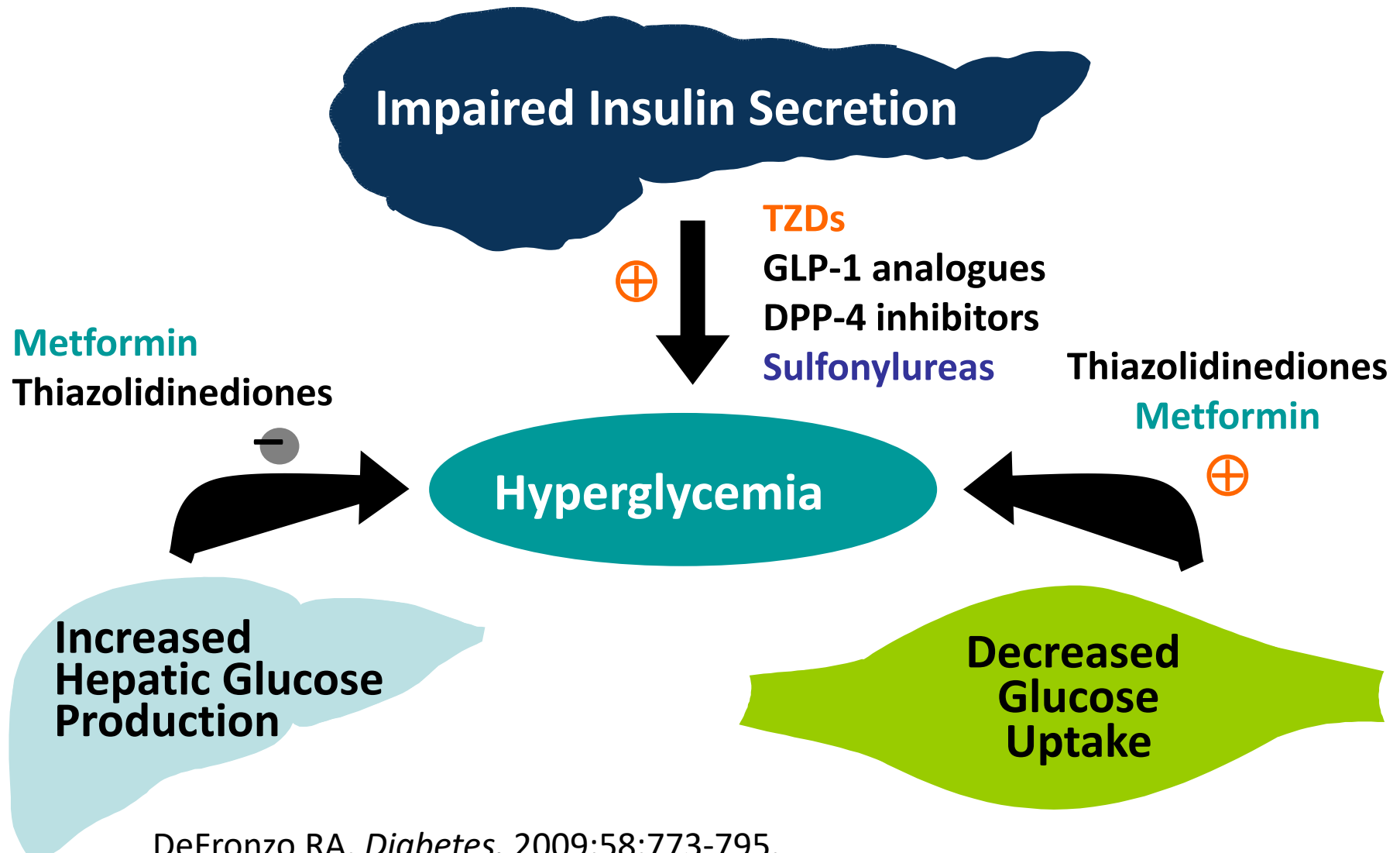
-14%

-37%

-43%

UKPDS 35. BMJ 2000; 321: 405-12

Pathophysiologic Approach to Treatment of T2DM



Does decreasing insulin resistance decrease macrovascular complications?

Sulfonylureas/insulin

Myocardial infarction

21%

All-cause mortality

8%

Not significant

Not significant

Metformin

Myocardial infarction

39%

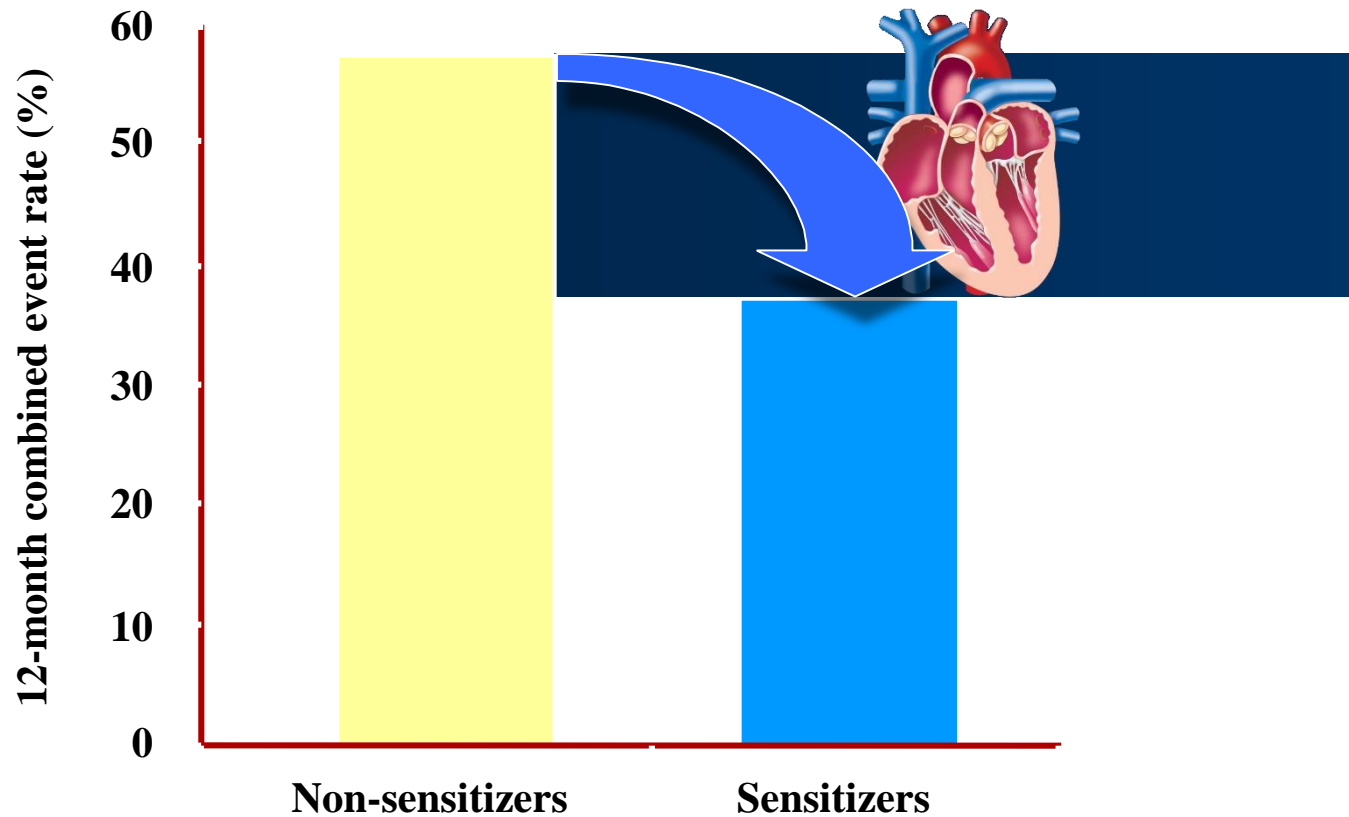
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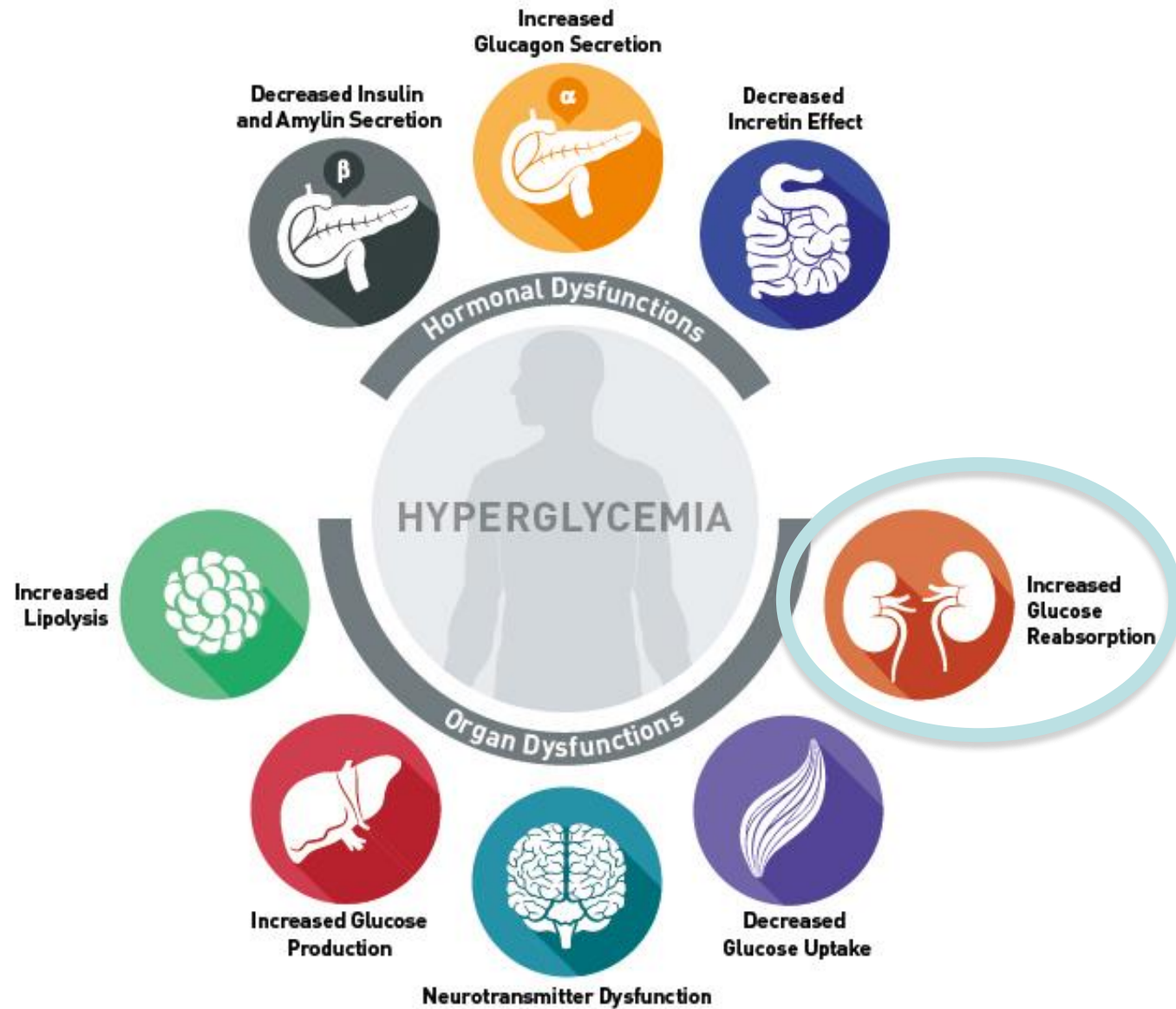
36%

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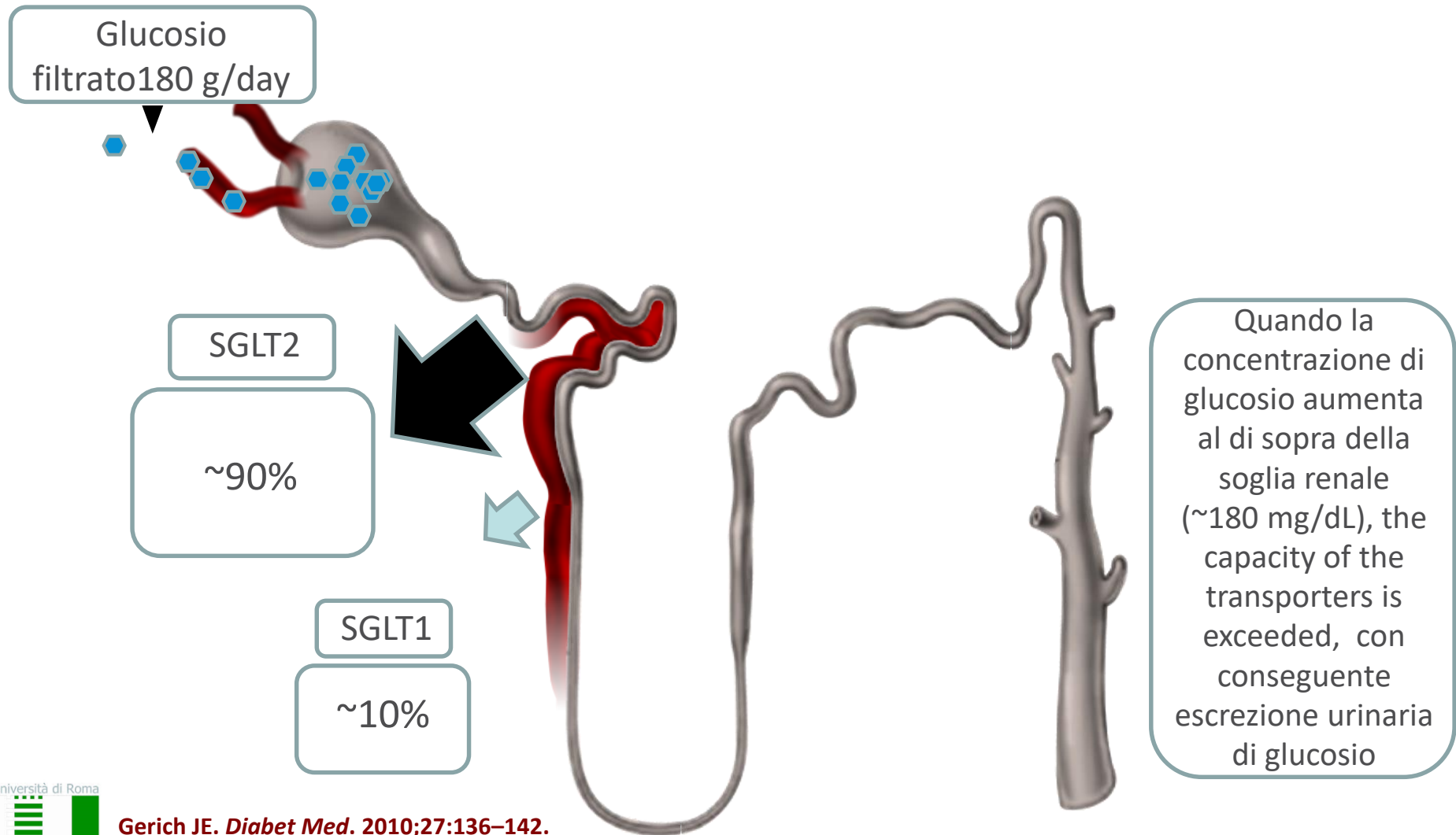
Significant

Insulin sensitizers reduce cardiovascular events in type 2 diabetes



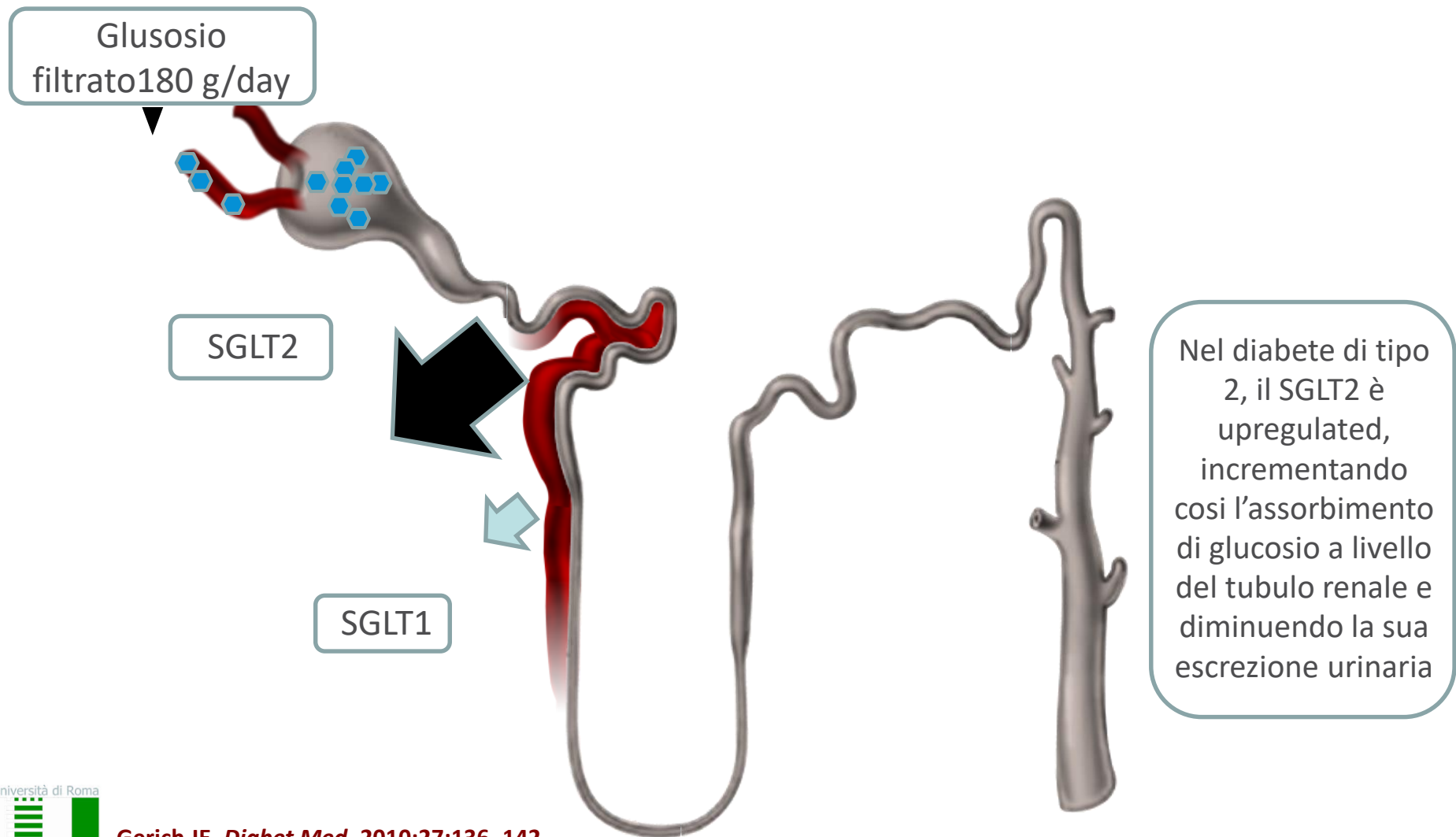


Riassorbimento del glucosio a livello renale in pazienti con iperglicemia



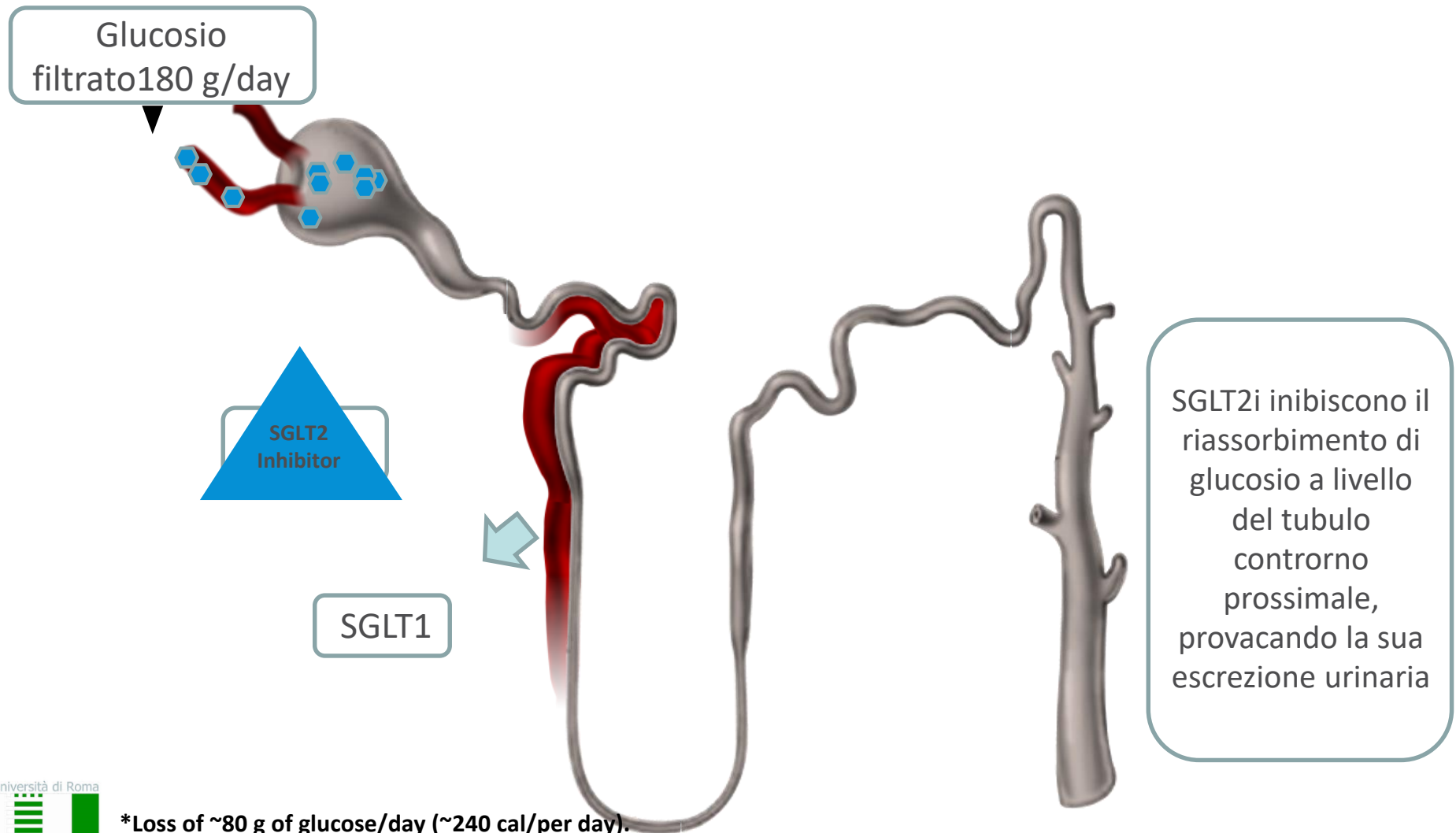
Gerich JE. *Diabet Med.* 2010;27:136–142.

Upregulation del SGLT2 in pazienti diabetici con iperglicemia



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Urinary glucose excretion via SGLT2 inhibition



*Loss of ~80 g of glucose/day (~240 cal/per day).

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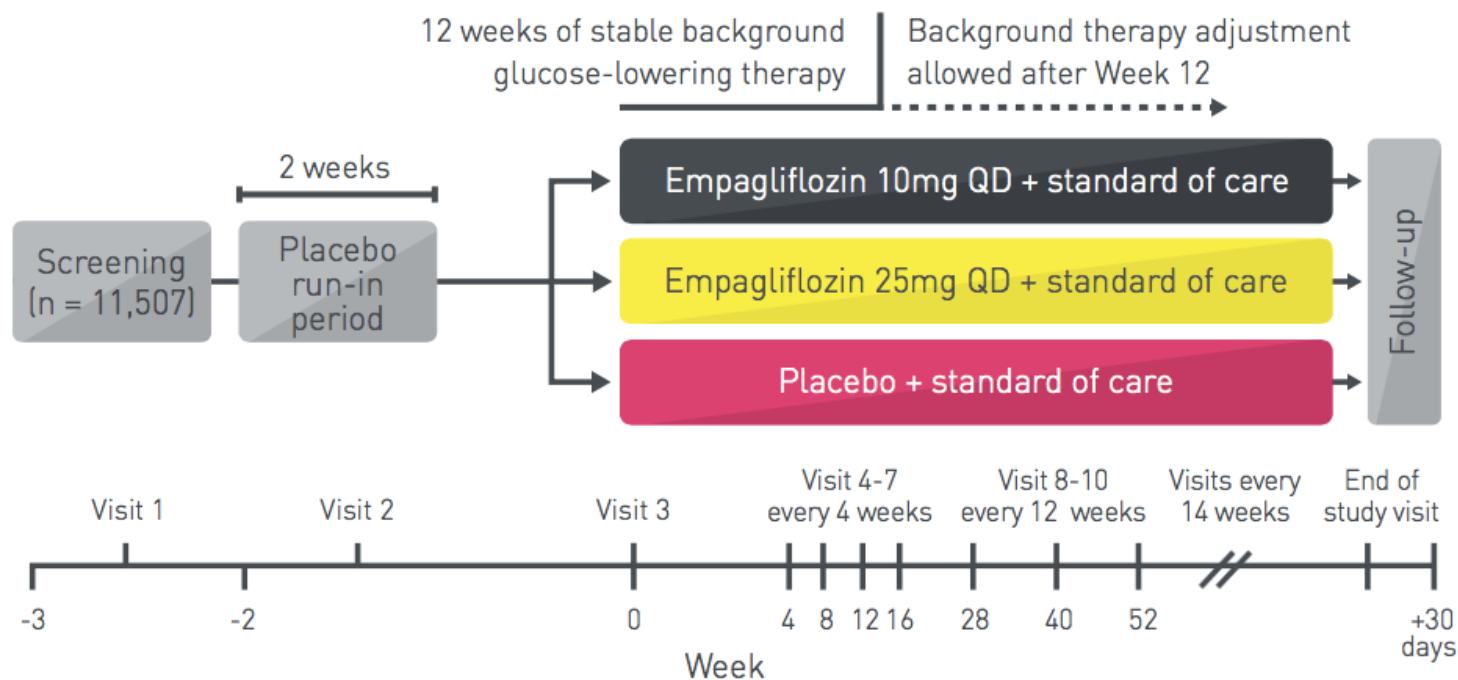
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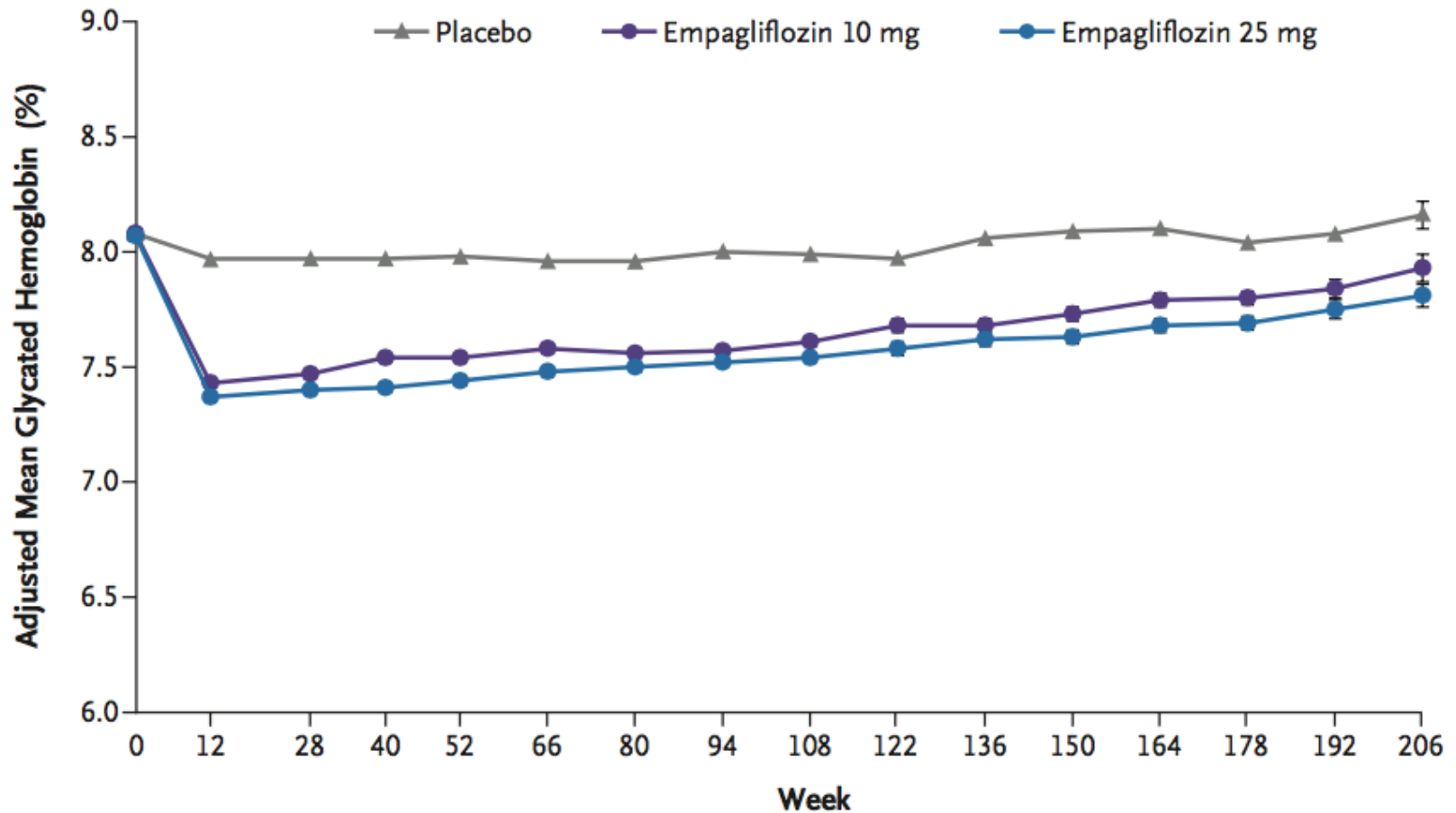
Key inclusion criteria³

- High risk of CV events due to previous CV event or established CVD
- Insufficient glycemic control





Empagliflozin, Cardiovascular Outcomes, and Mortality in Type 2 Diabetes



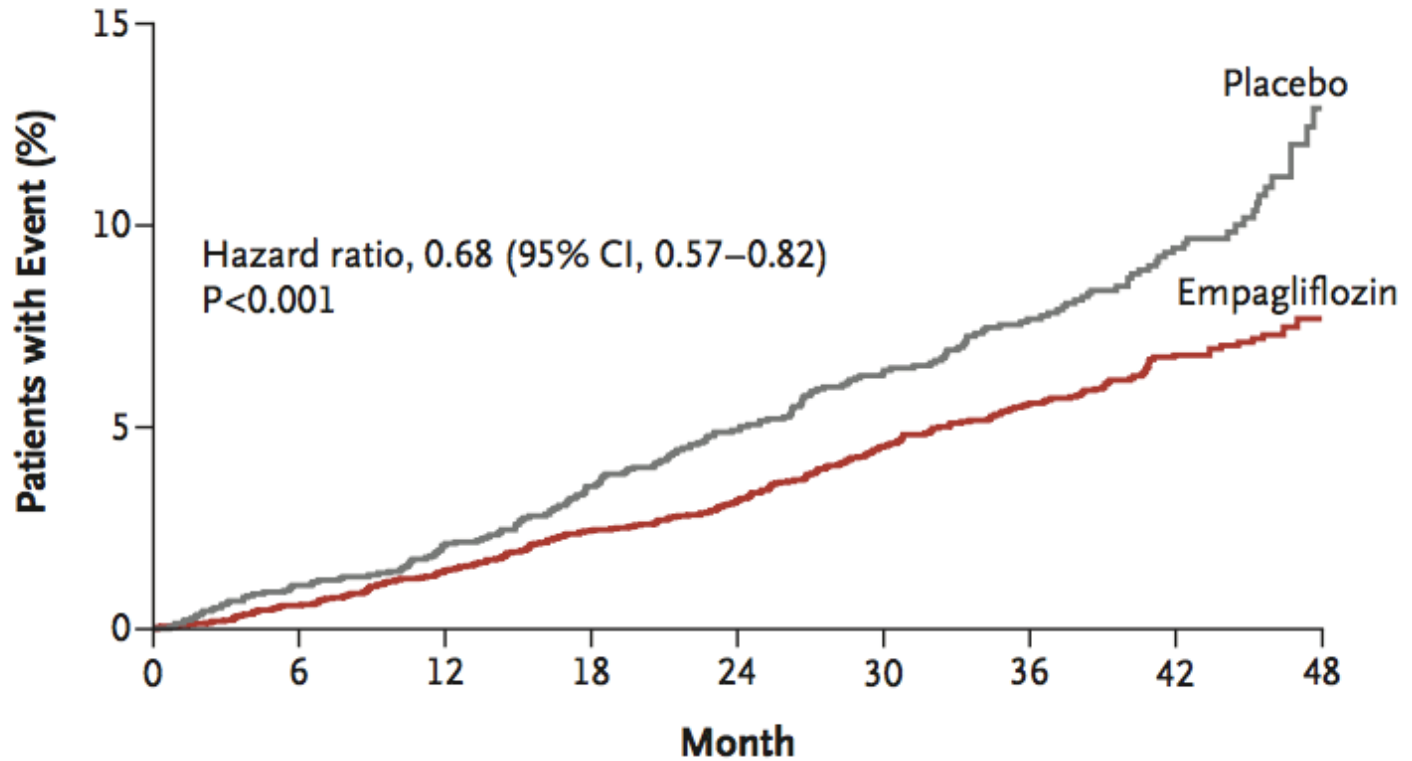
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Death from Any Cause



No. at Risk

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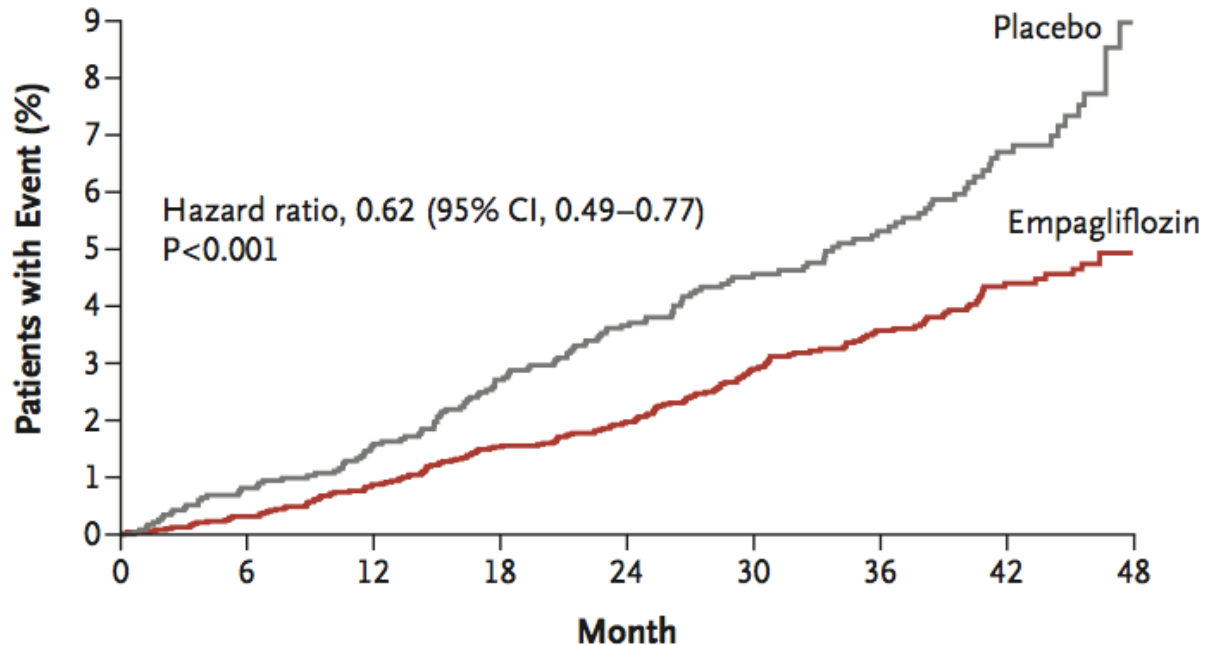
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Death from Cardiovascular Causes



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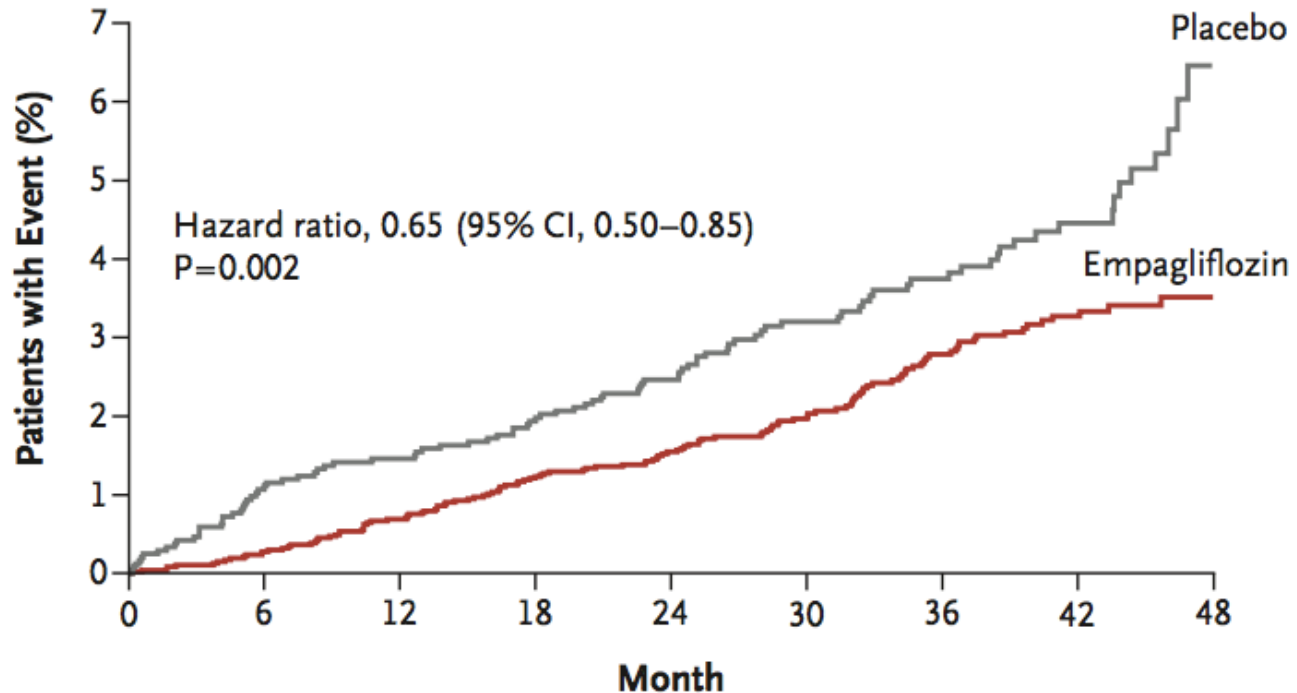
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Hospitalization for Heart Failure



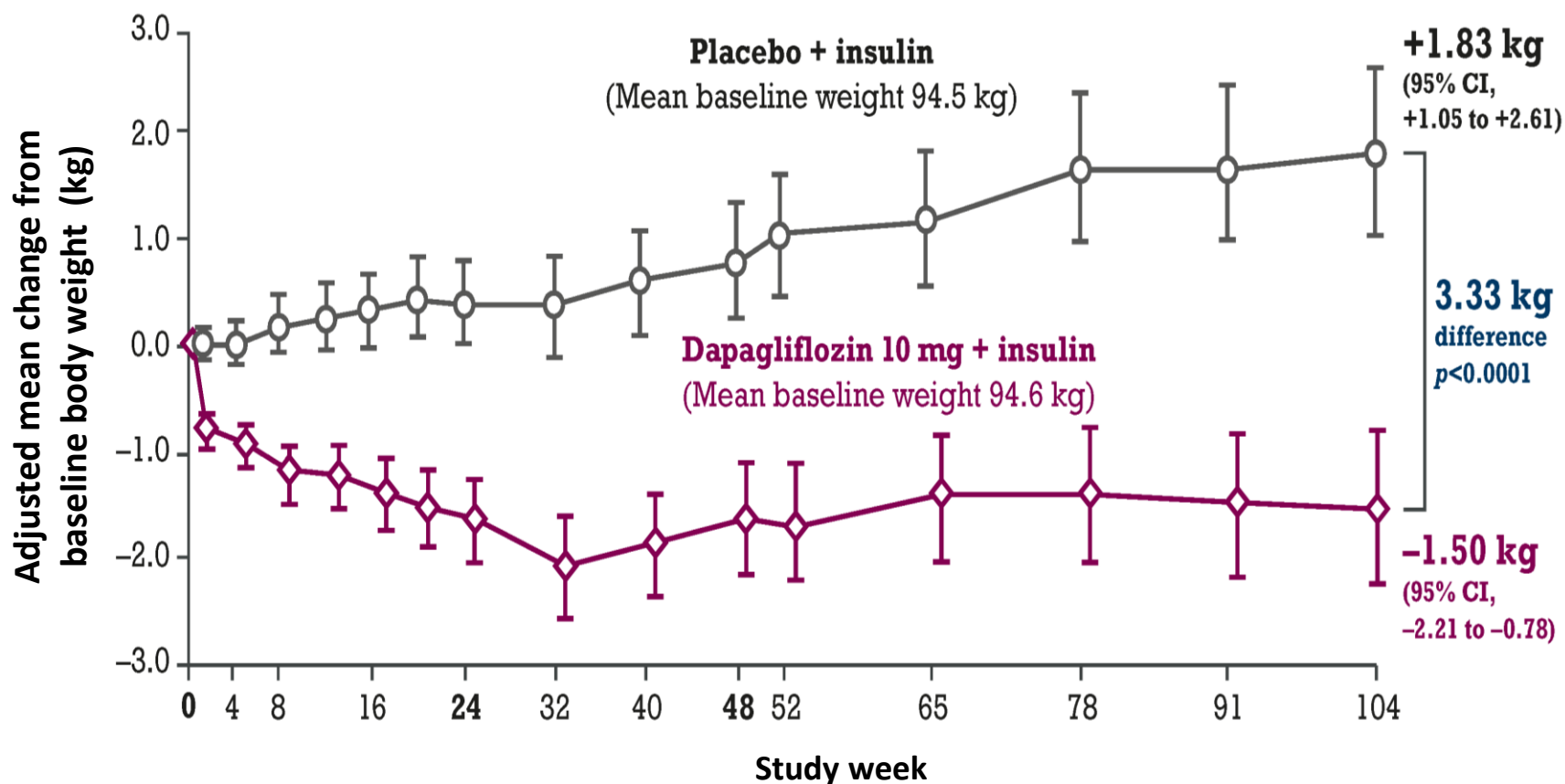
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Empagliflozin	4687	4614	4523	4427	3988	2950	2487	1634	395
Placebo	2333	2271	2226	2173	1932	1424	1202	775	168



Dapagliflozin in patients with type 2 diabetes receiving high doses of insulin: efficacy and safety over 2 years

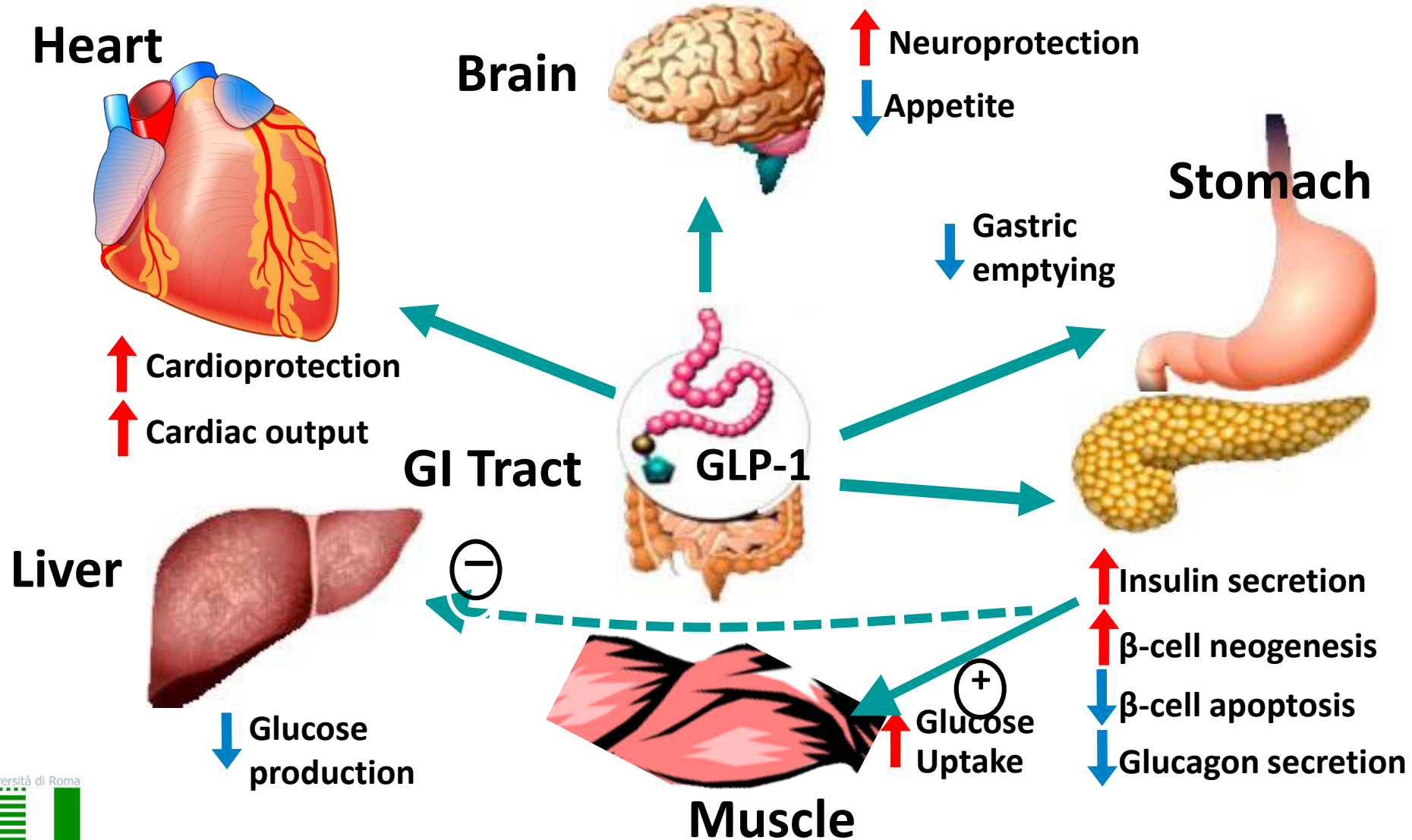
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GLP-1 Receptor Agonists

- First-in-class exenatide approved in 2005
- Augment insulin secretion
- Inhibit glucagon secretion
- Lower fasting glucose and improve postprandial glucose profile

GLP-1 Actions in Peripheral Tissue



Drucker DJ. *Cell Metab.* 2006;3:153-165.

Incretin-based Therapies

GLP-1 RAs

Drug	Starting dose
Exenatide	INITIAL: 5 mcg SC twice daily
Liraglutide	INITIAL: 0.6 mg SC once daily x 1 week, then increase to 1.2 mg SC once daily
Exenatide extended-release	INITIAL: 2 mg SC once weekly
Albiglutide	INITIAL: 30 mg SC once weekly
Dulaglutide	INITIAL: 0.75 mg SC once weekly

DPP-4 Inhibitors

Drug	Starting dose
Alogliptin	INITIAL: 25 mg PO once daily
Linagliptin	INITIAL: 5 mg PO once daily
Saxagliptin	INITIAL: 2.5 mg or 5 mg PO once daily
Sitagliptin	INITIAL: 100 mg PO once daily

Beneficial Effects of Incretin-based Therapies

Effect	GLP-1 RAs*	DPP-4 Inhibitors**
Reduction in A1c	0.5%-1.5%	0.5%-0.9%
Reduction in FPG	7-74 mg/dL	11-29 mg/dL
Reduction in PPG	41-47 mg/dL	49-68 mg/dL
Effect on weight	↓1-4 kg	↓0.9-↑1.4 kg
Improvement in markers of pancreatic beta cell function?	Yes	Yes

*Exenatide 5-10 mcg SC twice daily, Liraglutide 1.2-1.8 mg once daily

**Sitagliptin 100 mg PO once daily, Saxagliptin 2.5-5 mg PO once daily, Linagliptin 5 mg PO once daily

Side Effects: GLP-1 Receptor Agonists and DPP-4 Inhibitors

	GLP-1 Receptor Agonists	DPP-4 Inhibitors
Side effects	Gastrointestinal	Well tolerated
Weight	> 85% patients lose weight	Weight neutral
Administration	Once, twice-daily or weekly injection	Oral, once daily
Other cardiac risk factors	↓ Triglycerides ↑ HDL ↓ Blood pressure	Unknown

Side Effects: Metformin and Thiazolidinediones

	Metformin	Thiazolidinediones
Side effects	Gastrointestinal	Fluid retention, congestive heart failure, bone fractures
Weight	Weight neutral	Weight gain
Renal impairment	Restricted > 1.4 mg/dL	

How much exercise?

Exercises should be done according to FITT principle.

- **FREQUENCY:** Exercising 4 to 6 times a week.
- **INTENSITY:** 30-40 min of exercise at 50- 60 % of target heart rate.
- **TYPE:** SAFE exercises are recommended.
- **TIME:** Morning is ideal

Peripheral and autonomic neuropathy

Recommended:

- non-weight-bearing activities
- swimming
- bicycling
- chair and arm exercises

Contraindicated:

- treadmill
- prolonged walking
- jogging
- step exercises

Nephropathy

Recommended

- Low to moderate intensity forms of exercise

Contraindicated

- High intensity forms of exercise

Diabetic retinopathy

Recommended

- Low-impact cardiovascular conditioning, such as swimming, walking, low-impact aerobics, stationary cycling, endurance exercises

Contraindicated

- Strenuous activities, pounding or jarring, such as weight lifting, jogging, high-impact aerobics, racquet sports.

Summary

- **Physical activity should be encouraged in all people with diabetes**
- **People need to be educated about prevention and treatment of hypoglycaemia**
- **People should be taught to plan for periods of physical activity**

“Exercise is the best insulin sensitizer on the market; better than any medication we currently have available”