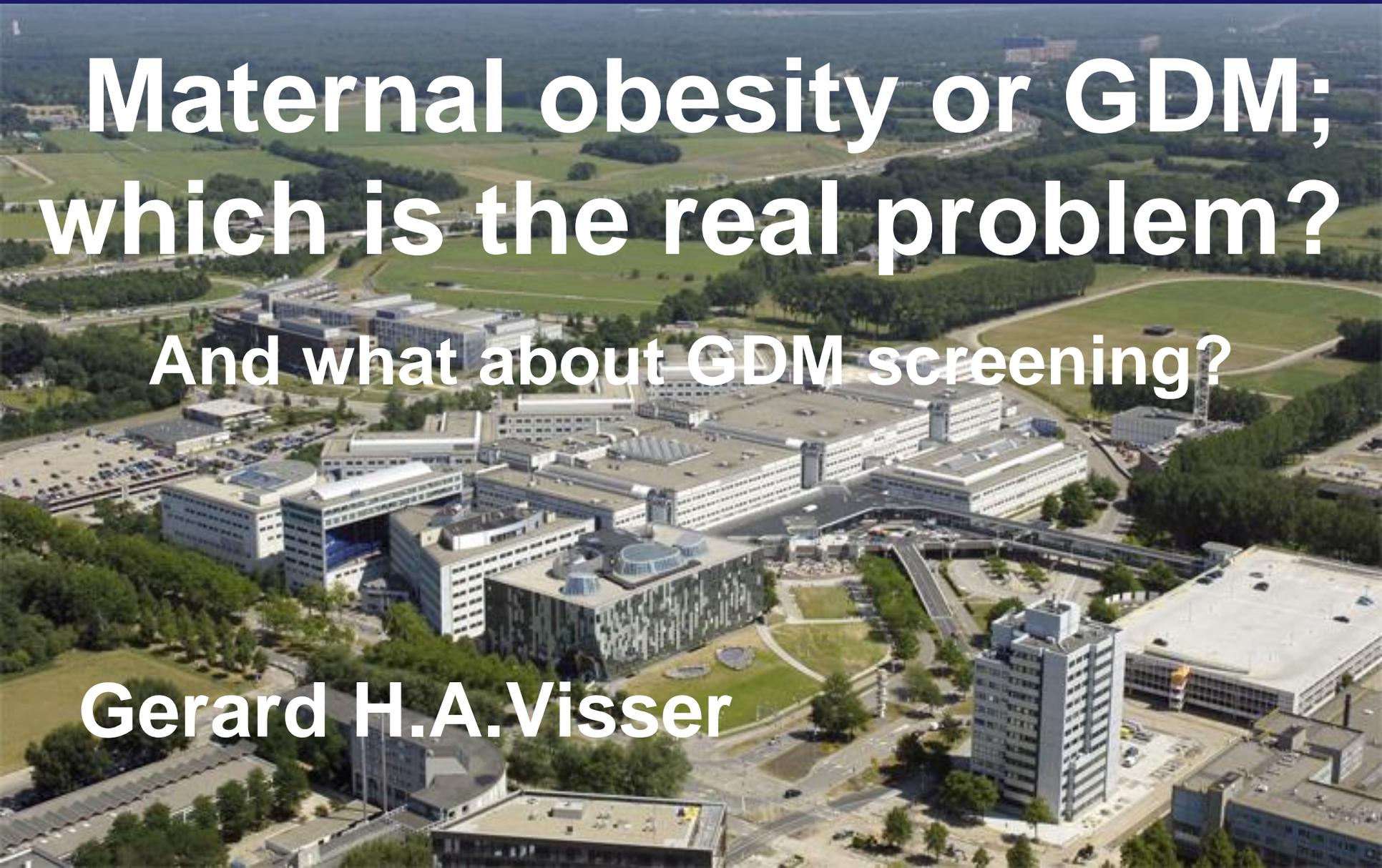


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**Maternal obesity or GDM;  
which is the real problem?**

**And what about GDM screening?**

**Gerard H.A. Visser**



# Obesity and GDM

BMI	Odds ratio	GDM
20-25	1	10%
25-30	1.6-1.7	
>30	3.6-4	35%
>40	10	100%

# Overweight and pregnancy

- GDM
- Macrosomia
- C.section
- Hypertension
- Preterm delivery
- Post operative complications
- Congenital malformations
- Fetal death
- Neonatal morbidity
- Autism



Odds ratios 2-3

# Obesity without diabetes

Body Mass index	<25	25-30	>30
PIH	1	1.7	5.6
Birth weight>p90	1	1.1	2.5
CS	1	1.6	2.7
Induction of labour	1	1.5	3.2

Jensen et al, 2003. 2459 'glucose tolerant' women

Correction for 2 h glucose level, age, parity, ethnicity, smoking, gest weight gain, gest age at delivery



# Obesity and GDM; direct perinatal outcome

independent risk factors with synergistic effects

	Control	GDM	Obesity	GDM and Obesity
Birth weight > 90 <sup>th</sup> centile	1	2.19	1.73	3.62
Cord C-peptide > 90 <sup>th</sup> centile	1	2.49	1.77	3.61
Primary Caesarean section	1	1.25	1.51	1.71
Preeclampsia	1	1.74	3.91	5.98
Newborn % body fat > 90 <sup>th</sup> centile	1	1.98	1.65	3.69
Shoulder dystocia/birth injury	1	1.14	1.03	1.8

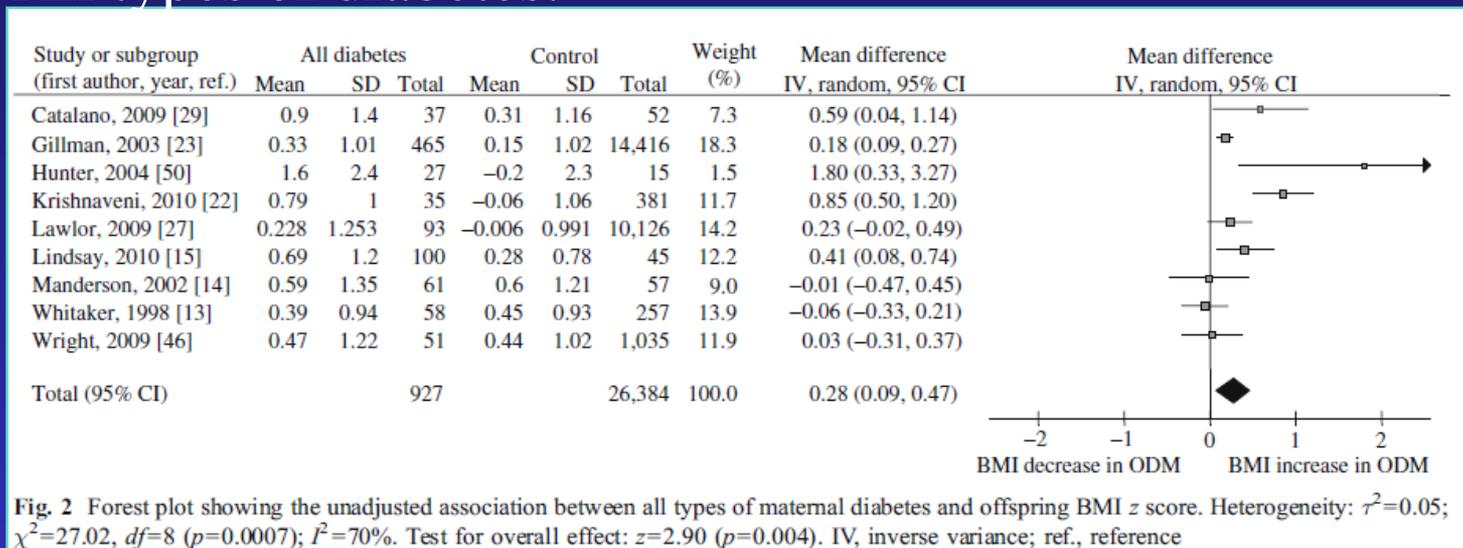
Adapted from Catalano et al, 2012

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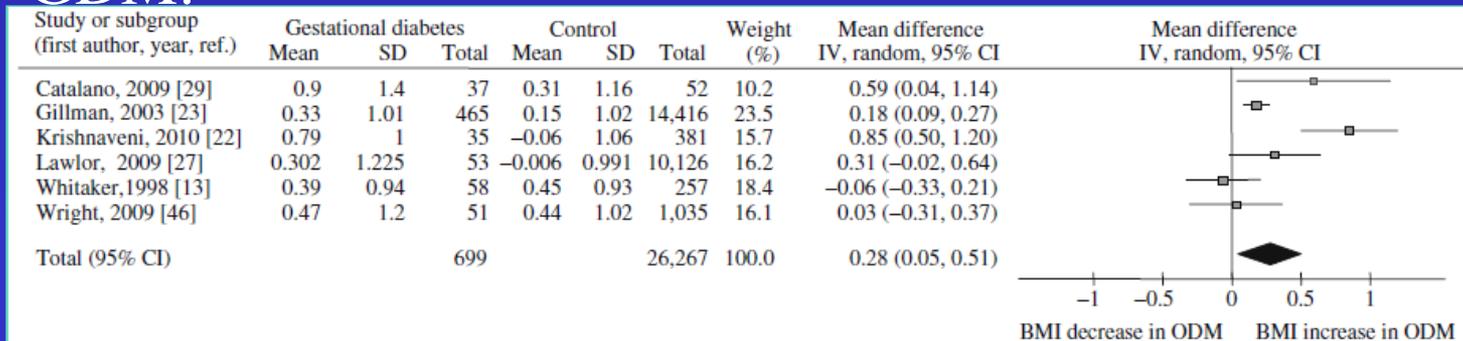
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- But what about long term outcome of the children?

# Mat Diabetes and Childhood obesity meta-analysis, Philipps et al, Diabetologia 2011

All types of diabetes:



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## Adjusted for maternal BMI:

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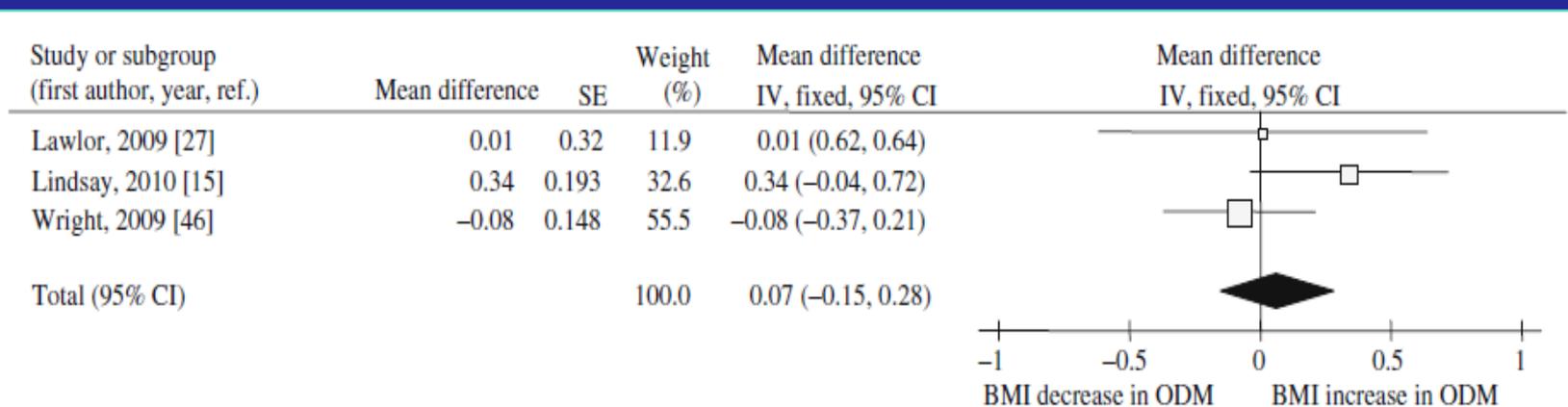


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# Maternal overweight is the main problem and not GDM

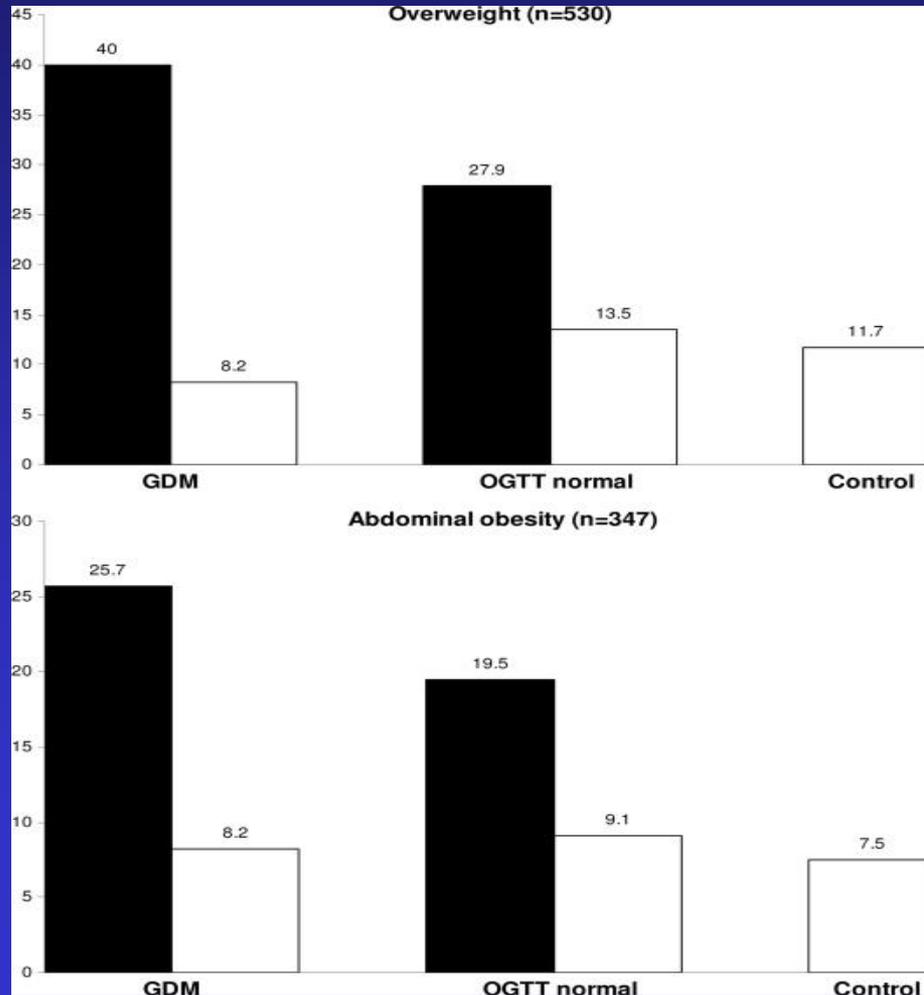
overweight and abdominal obesity in 16 y old adolescents

## Risk population:

-GDM 84

-Normal OGTT 657

Control 3.427



■ = mat BMI > 25

# Metabolic syndrome in 175 infants age 7-11, according to birth weight and GDM

TABLE 4. Hazard Ratio for the Risk of MS ( $n = 175$ )

Variables	Hazard Ratio	<i>P</i> Value	95% CI for Hazard Ratio
LGA versus AGA	2.19	.006	1.25–3.82
<u>Maternal obesity*</u> versus nonobese	1.81	.039	1.03–3.19
GDM versus control	1.44	.191	0.83–2.50
Male versus female	1.52	.133	0.88–2.61

\* Prepregnancy BMI of  $>27.3$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

# A 'typical' US situation

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## Review Article

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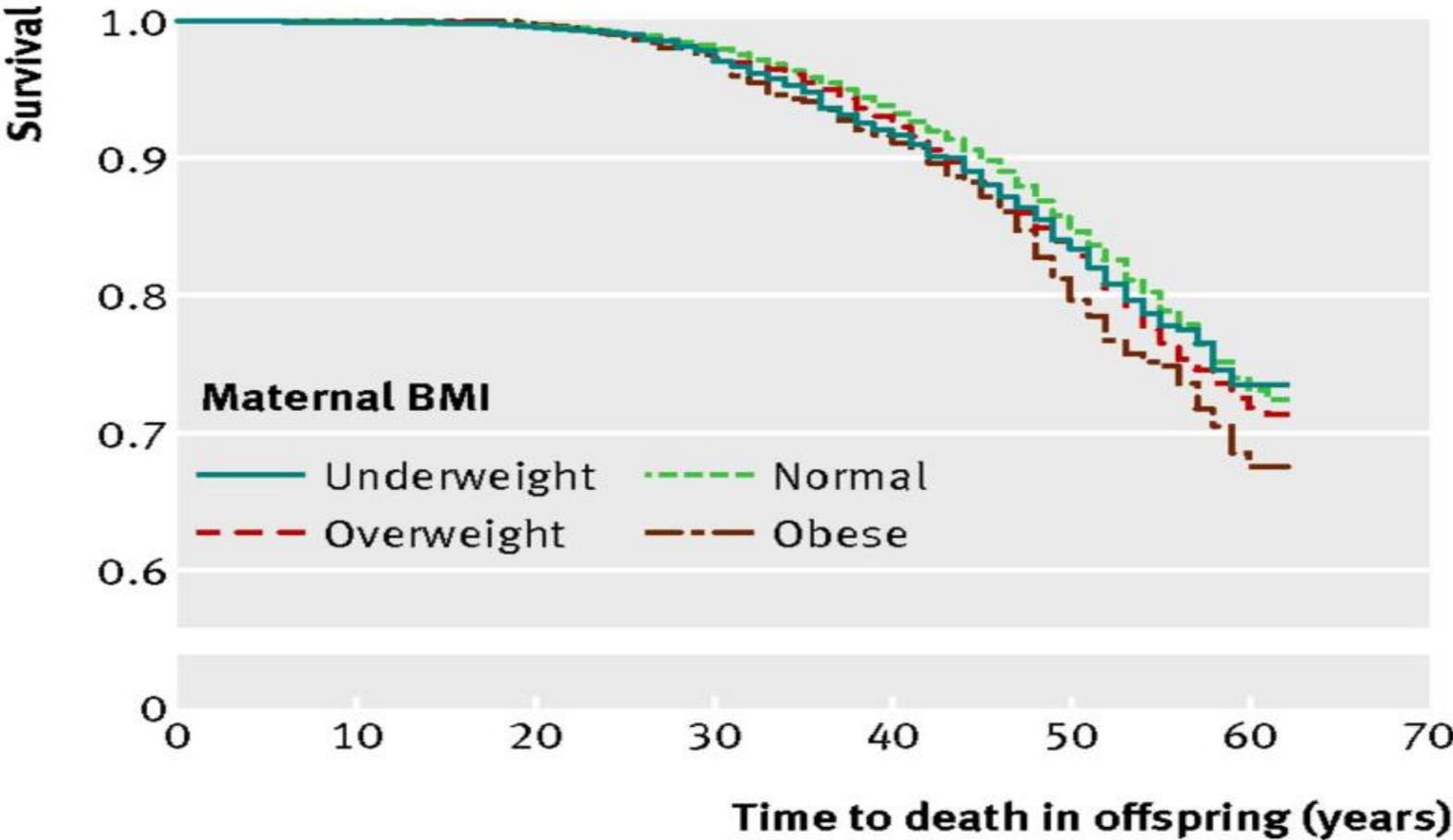
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**Results** Some animal studies support a relationship between exposure to hyperglycaemia *in utero* and future development of obesity and diabetes, but the results are inconsistent. Most of the human studies claiming to show a relationship have not taken into account important known confounders, such as maternal and paternal BMI. Evidence supporting a dose–response relationship between maternal hyperglycaemia exposure and obesity and diabetes in the offspring is weak, and there is no convincing evidence that treating gestational diabetes reduces the later risk of offspring obesity or glucose intolerance.

**Conclusions** Exposure to hyperglycaemia *in utero* has minimal direct effect on the later risk of obesity and Type 2 diabetes. The increased risk of obesity in the offspring of women with Type 2 or gestational diabetes can be explained by confounding factors, such as parental obesity.

Diabet. Med. 32, 295–304 (2015)

# Maternal obesity during pregnancy and premature mortality from cardiovascular event in adult offspring; Reynolds et al, BMJ 2013



Adjusted for mat age at delivery, socioeconomic status, birth weight, gestation at delivery

# Obesity and GDM

- Both have an (synergistic) effect on early perinatal outcome
- Obesity seems to have the most important effect on long term development of the offspring ( especially childhood obesity)

# So, which infants are likely to develop obesity/diabetes and what about prevention?

- Genetic predisposition ( thrifty genotype)
- High maternal BMI
- High weight gain in pregnancy
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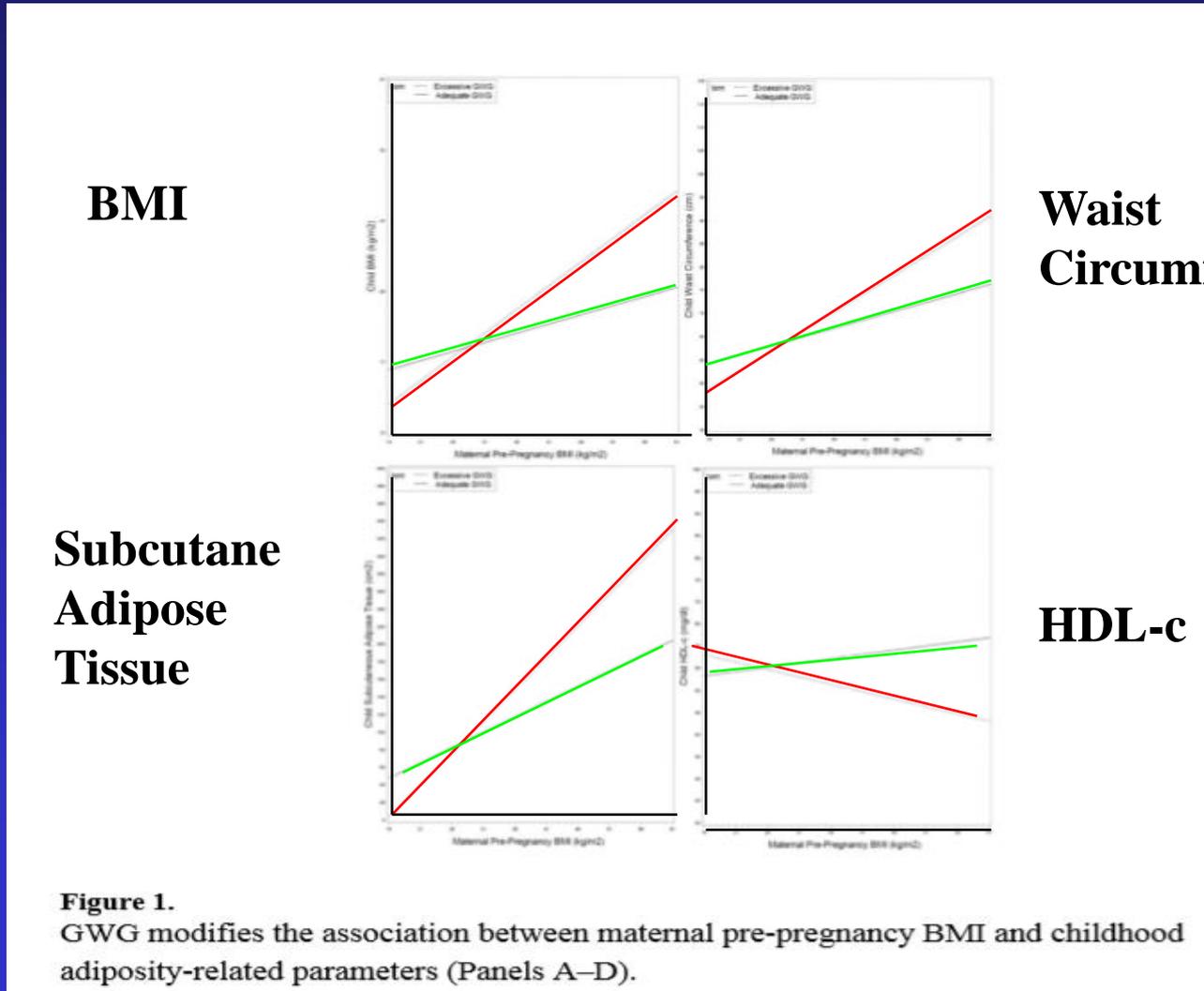


Maternal diabetes

# Weight gain during pregnancy in obese glucose tolerant women (BMI>30 ; multivariate analysis)

	< 5kg	5-10	10-15	>15
Hypertension	1	2.1	3.6	4.8
CS	1	2.4	3.0	3.6
Ind.labour	1	2.7	2.8	3.7
LGA	1	2.4	2.1	4.7
SGA	no difference			

# Prepregnancy BMI and Gest Weight Gain in relation to childhood obesity



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# RCT real-time CGM

## for 6 days at 8, 12, 21, 27 and 33 wks

	CGM	Controls*
• N	79	75
• HbA1c baseline	6.6%	6.8%
• HbA1c 33 wks	6.1%	6.1%
• Severe hypo glyc.	16%	16%
• LGA infant	45%	34%

A.L.Secher et al, Diab Care online Jan 24, 2013; 123 type-1 and 31 type 2 diabetes; \* 7 times daily self monitored plasma glucose; real-time CGM per protocol 49 (64%)

# RCT real-time CGM in GDM

2<sup>nd</sup> half of pregnancy; n=236

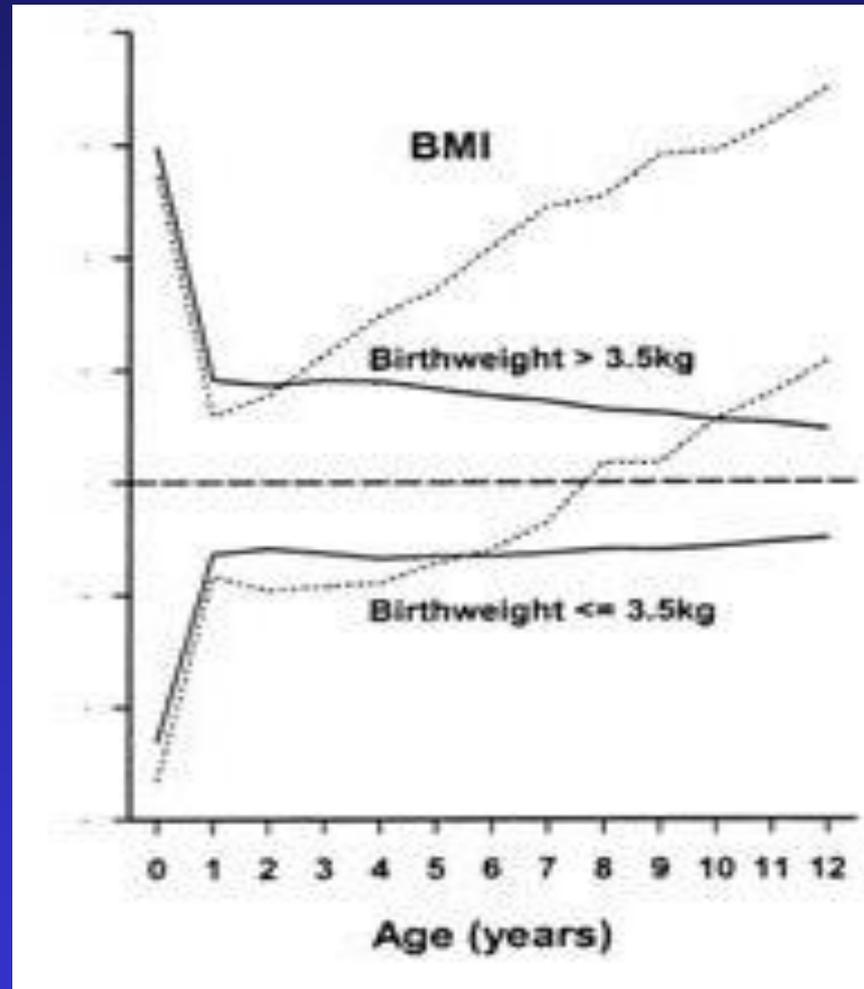
**Continuous Glucose Monitoring Effects on Maternal Glycemic Control and Pregnancy Outcomes in Patients With Gestational Diabetes Mellitus: A Prospective Cohort Study** JCEM 2015

Fan Yu,\* Lijuan Lv, Zhijiang Liang, Yi Wang, Jiyang Wen, Xiaohong Lin, Yuheng Zhou, Caiyuan Mai, and Jianmin Niu\*

and returned to the hospital for a visit on day 3. Visits included downloads and analysis of data in meter and sensor (only for patients in CGM group), nutrition consultation, education of information on blood glucose testing and self-care activities, and getting an individualized diabetes care prescription, which was arranged by the same obstetric diabetes team. After the first visit, patients adhered strictly to their new diet and lifestyle, and SMBG was performed every day.

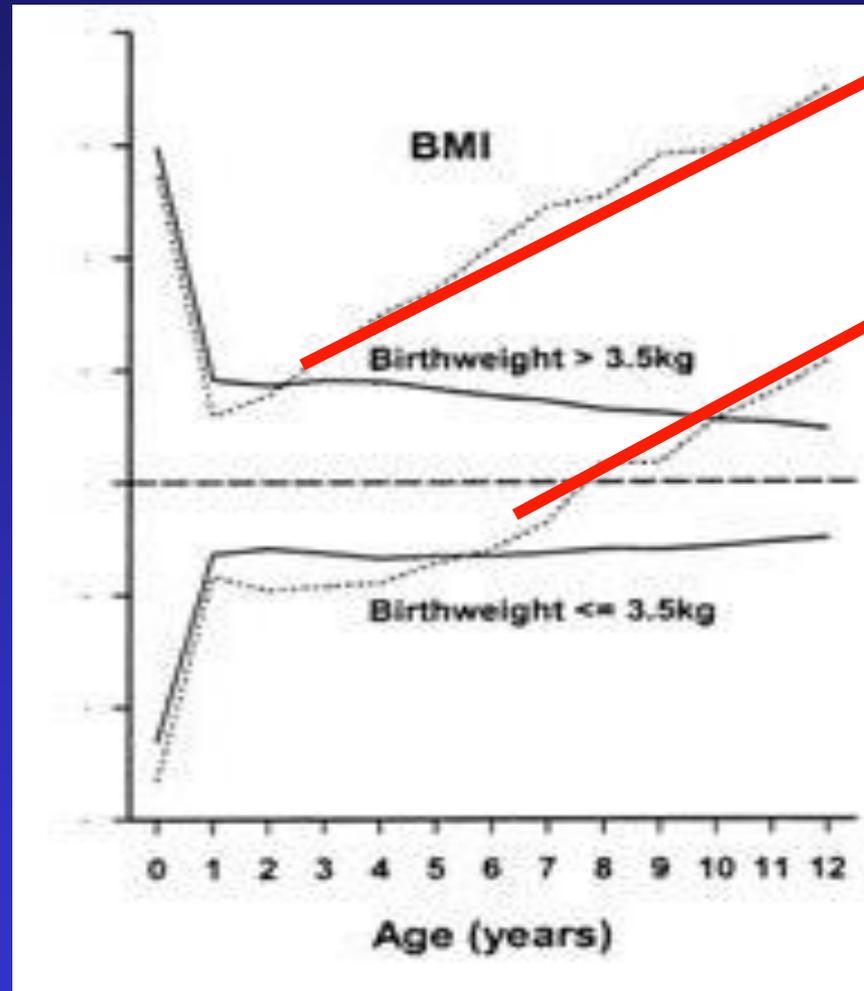
LGA 13.6% vs 25.6%; PE & CSs sign lower

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Mean Z-score

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Mean Z-score

diabetes

# Prevention of impaired outcome

- Prevent overgrowth of the young infant (2-7 yrs)

# Prevention

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-- Healthy diet

-- Exercise

-- Folic acid

(may prevent epigenetic changes)

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(Eriksson; Lillycrop et al, 2005)

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Maternal diabetes

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Type-1

Type 2

GDM

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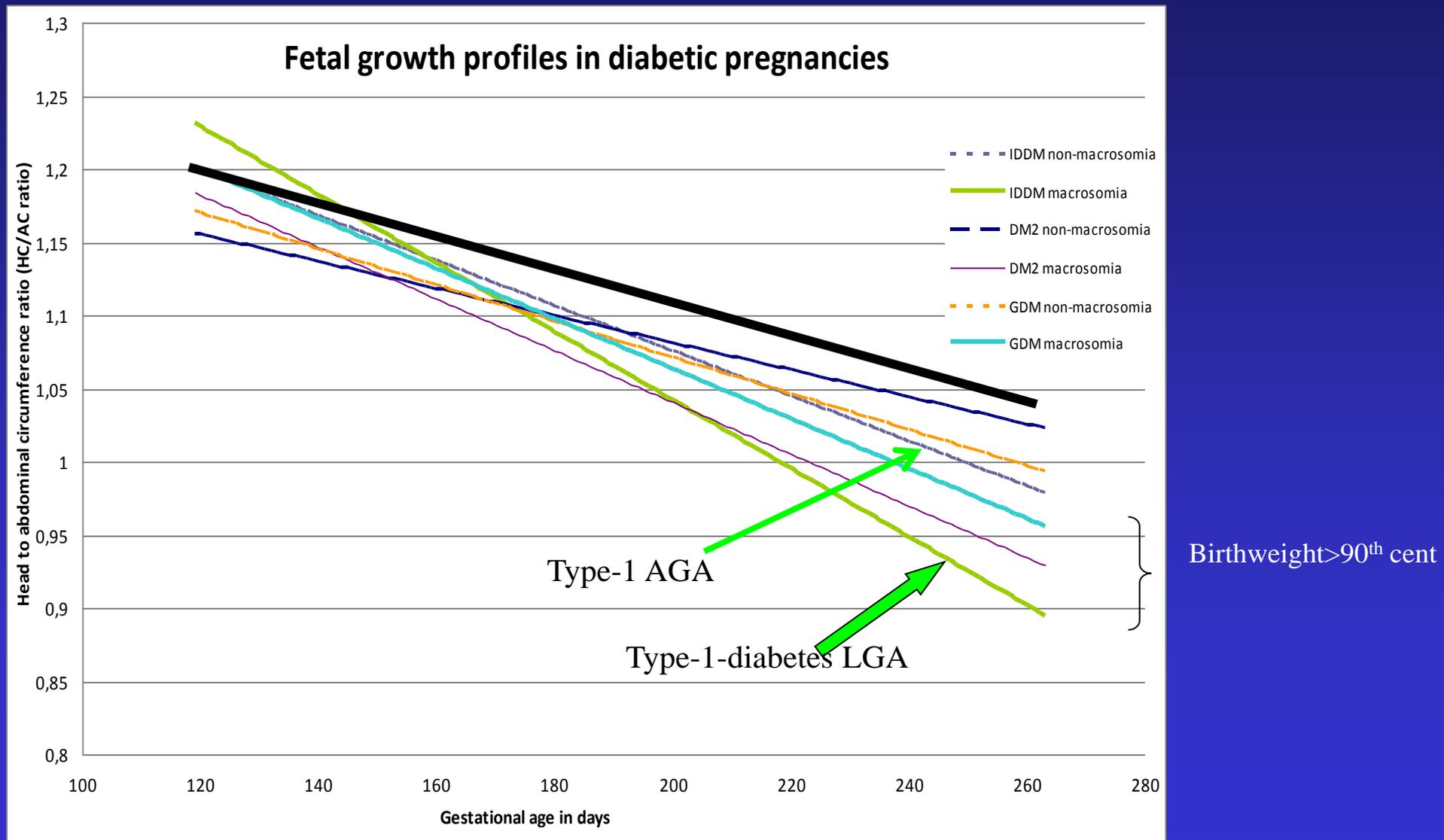
Type 2      35%

GDM      20%

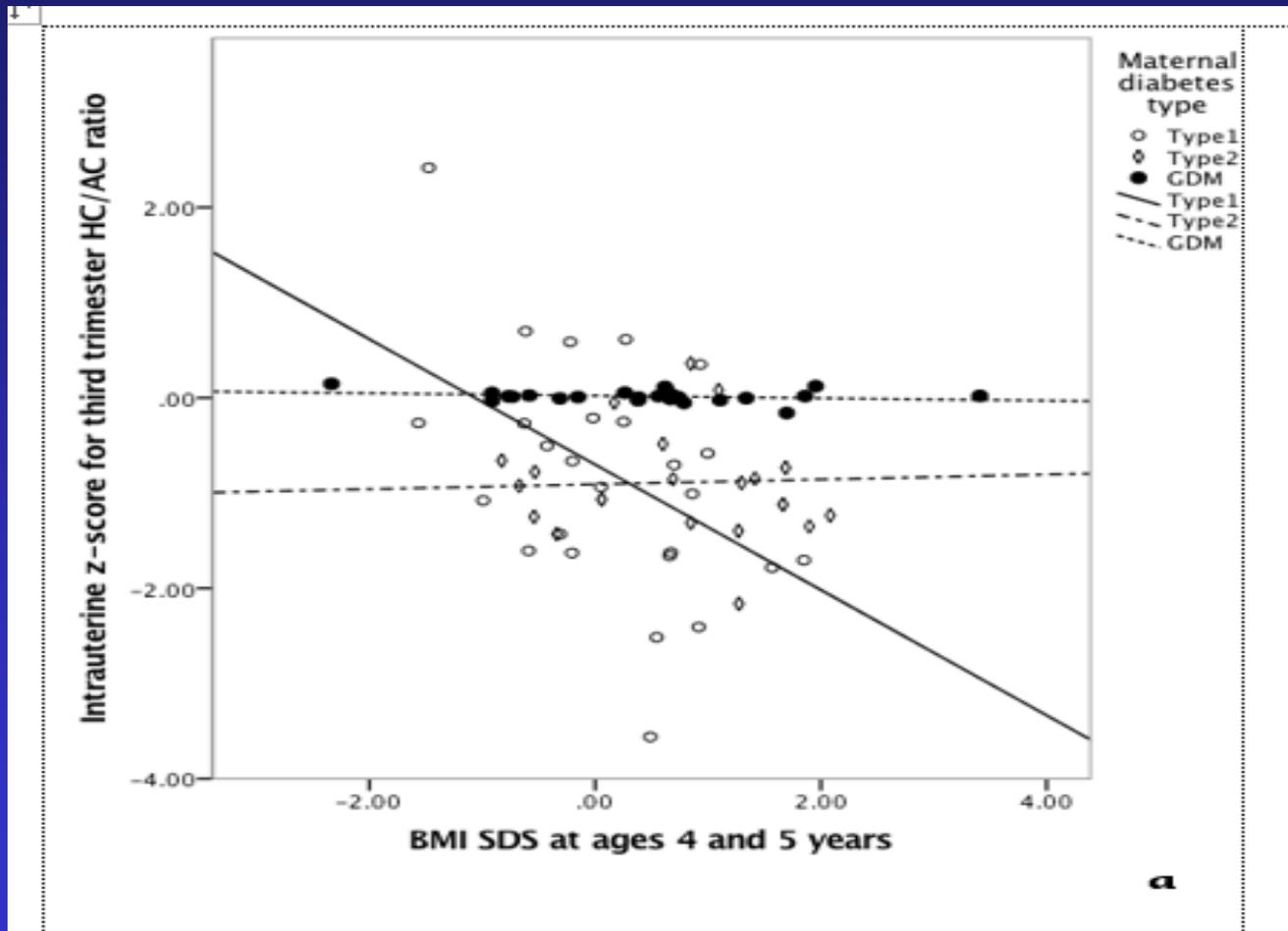
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# Fetal growth profiles in diabetic pregnancies

## Head to abdomen circumf. ratio (N. Hammoud et al, UOG 2012)



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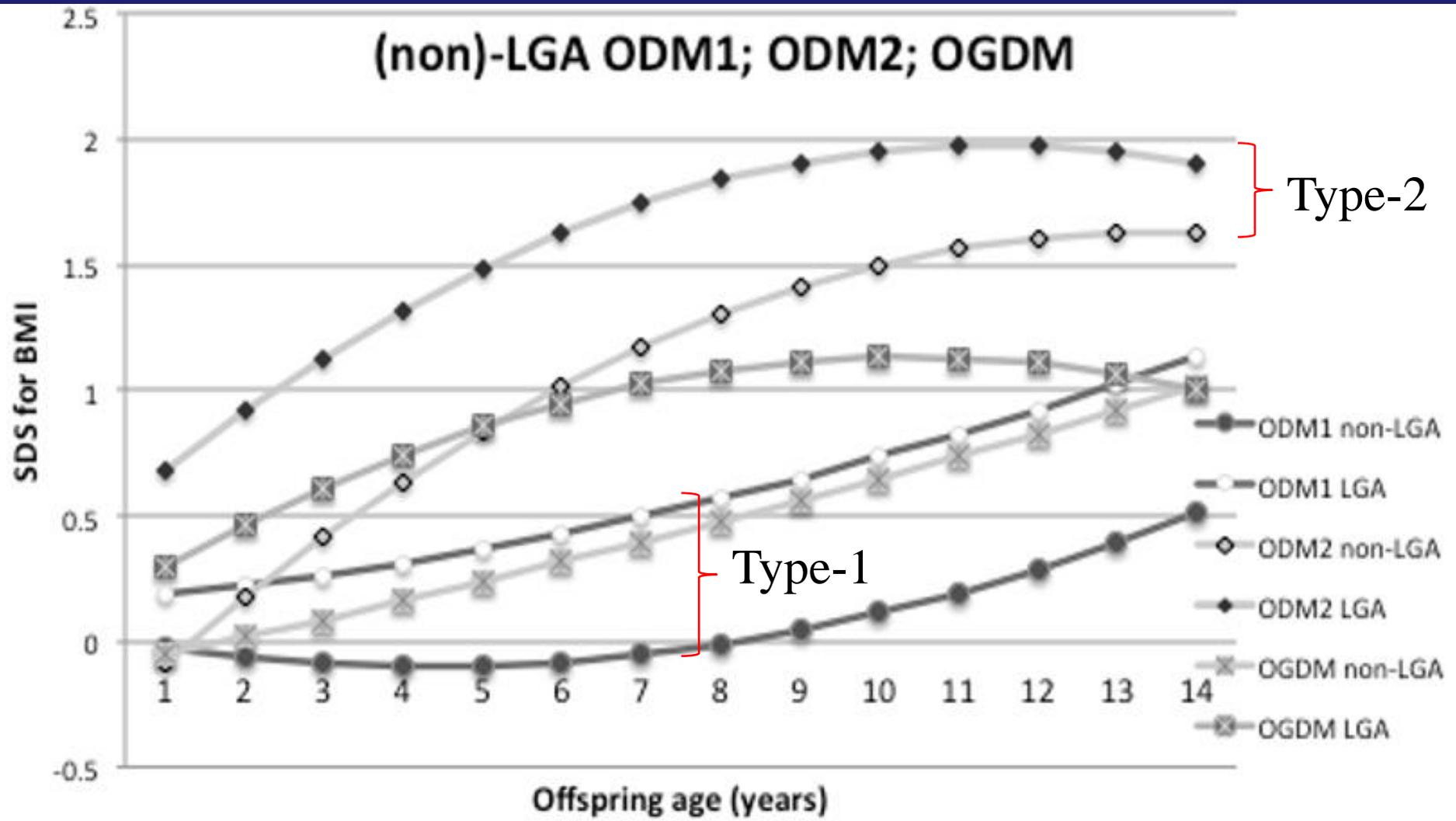
	type-1	type-2	GDM
Overweight	7%	36%	17%
Obese	0	18%	4%
BMI SDs	+0.15	+1.7	+0.65

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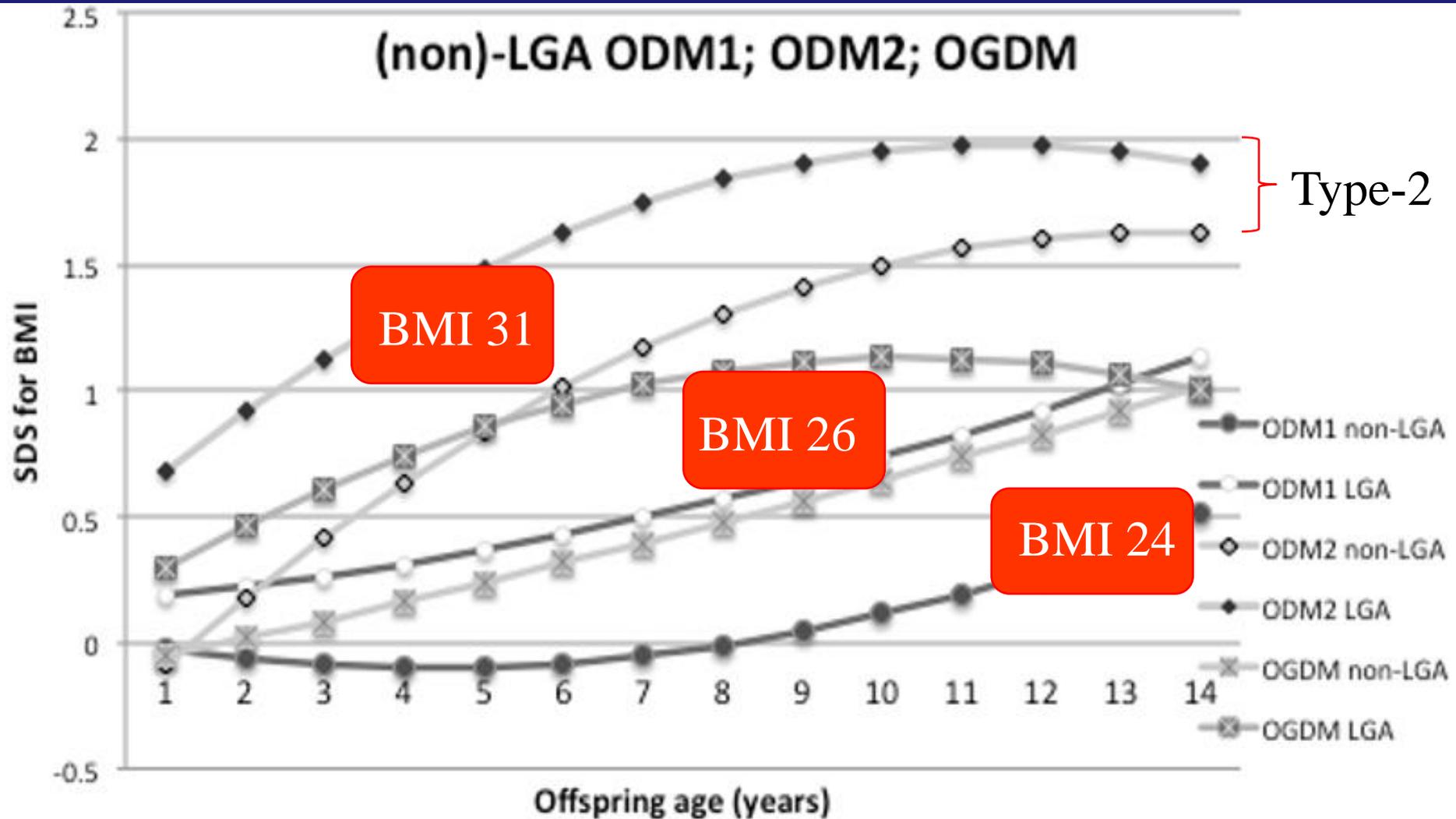


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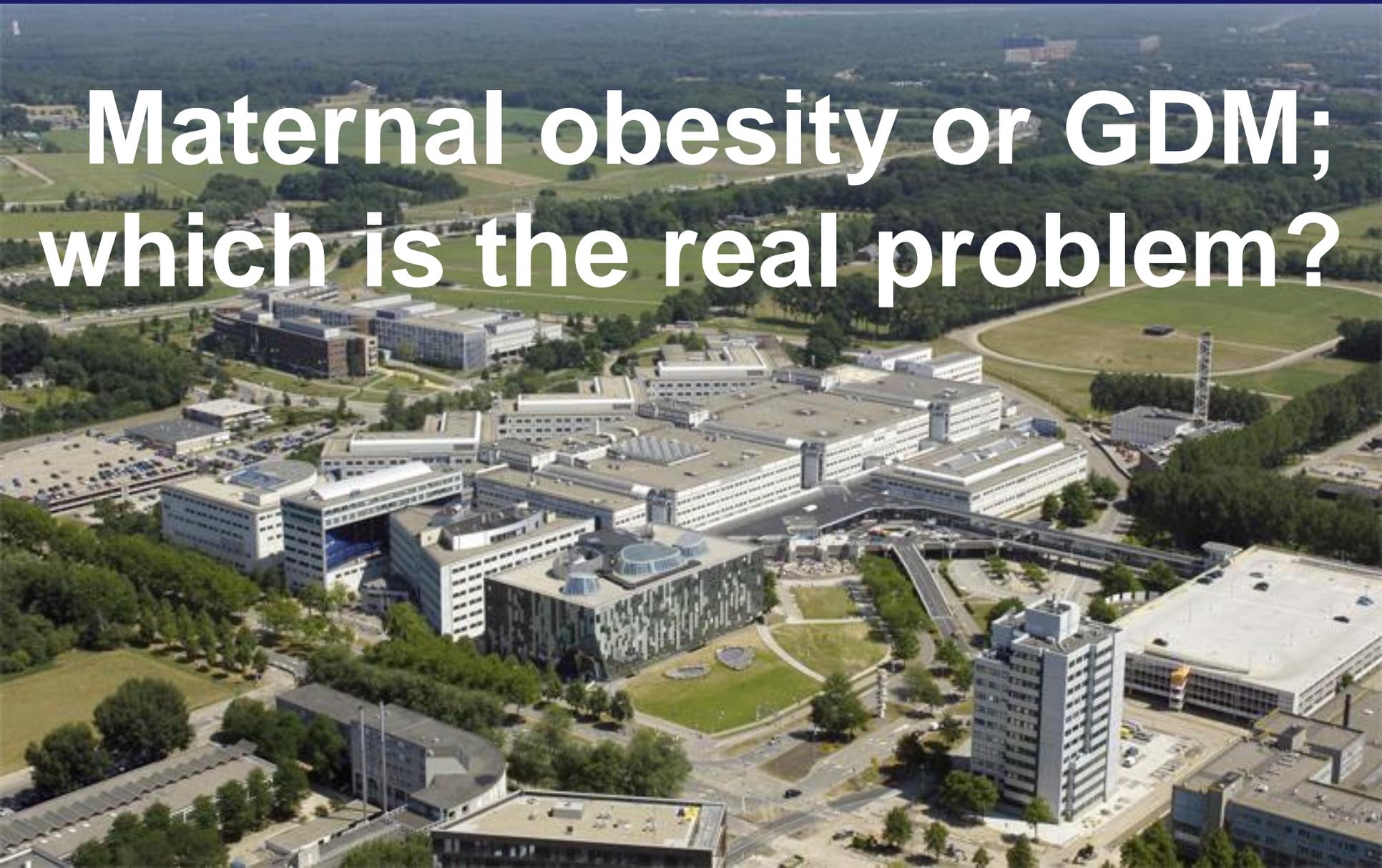


# Lifestyle and Nutrition, offspring 10y

	type-1	type-2	GDM
Breakfast>3wk	98%	81%	98%
No snacks	4%	28%	12%
Member sportsclub	90%	67%	84%

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**And what about GDM  
screening?**



# Should we screen for GDM?

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- Treatment improves outcome ( screening is therefore useful)
  - Mortality
  - Birth trauma
  - LGA
  - % CS ( Landon et al, only)
- } 50% reduction

Crowther et al, 2005; n=1000; Landon et al, 2010, n=958

# Outcome after screening is better than outcome following symptoms

	screening	symptoms
• N	175	74
• BMI	30	26
• GA at diagnosis (wks)	27	31
• HbA1c at diagnosis (%)	5.4	5.5
• FAC > 90 <sup>th</sup> centile (%)	33	68
• Birthweight > 90 <sup>th</sup> centile (%)	17	36
• Birthweight > 97.7 <sup>th</sup> centile (%)	5	16

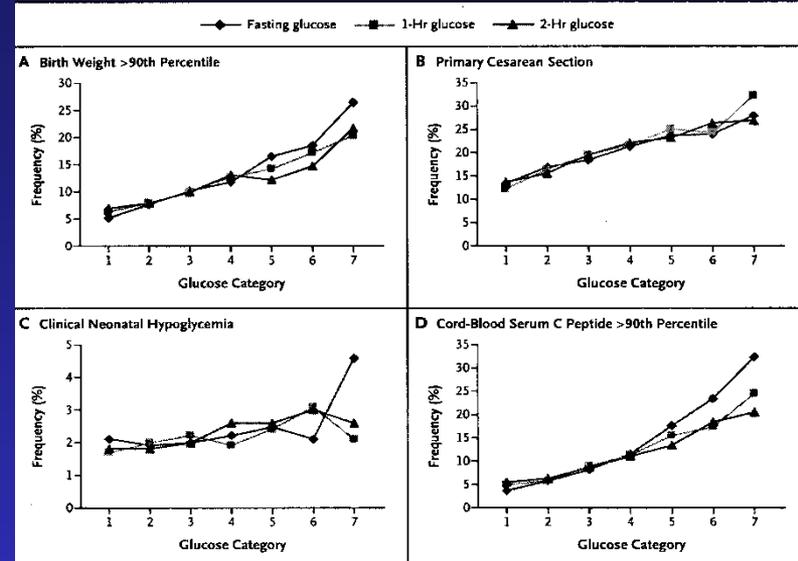
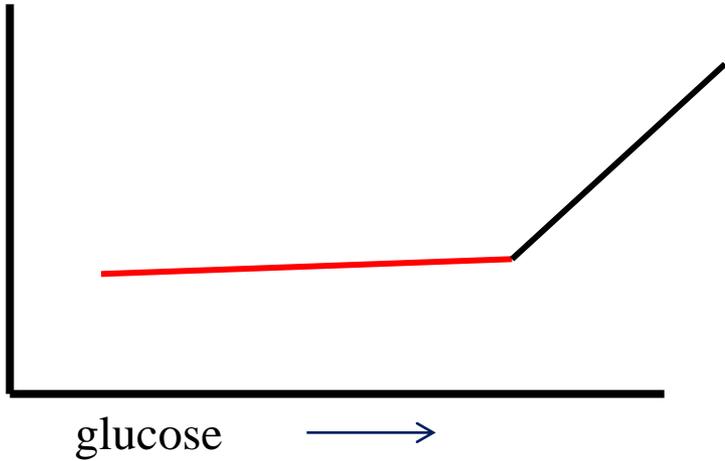
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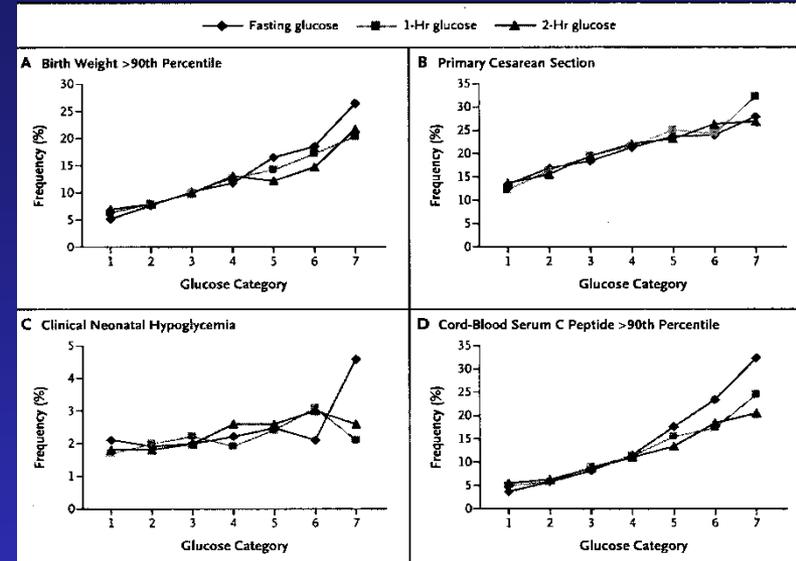
- So, screening for GDM in the total population
- Preferably one-step procedure
- At 24-28 wks gestation

# Gestational diabetes

Birth Weight >90<sup>th</sup> centile



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# Gestational diabetes

75 g OGTT:      fasting => 5.1 mmol/l  
                  1 hour => 10.0  
                  2 hour => 8.5

Diagnostic criteria based on 1.75 fold  
increase in LGA infant

(Metzger et al, Diab Care, 2010;33:676-682)

Prevalence of GDM of

17.8%

75 g OGTT:      fasting =>5.3 mmol/l  
                  1 hour => 10.6  
                  2 hour => 9.0

Diagnostic criteria based on 2 fold  
increase in LGA infant

(E.A.Rian, Diabetologia 2011;54:480-486)

Prevalence of GDM of

10.5%

# It is the question if are we ready for such an increase in GDM?

- Don't we make the healthy sick  
( stop harming the healthy, Moynihan et al, BMJ 2012)
- Does outcome really improve
- Shouldn't we look more for women with risk factors
- Etc
- etc

# GDM and Obesity; practical considerations

- Use strict threshold values for obese women ( according to IADPSG criteria)
- Use higher values in non-obese women

# Use strict oGTT criteria in obese women

- Glucose values in obese women with a normal oGTT are higher than those in women with normal weight, and GDM is usually more severe
- Obesity by itself has a negative effect on outcome
- Obesity and GDM have a synergistic effect on direct outcome
- Diet, treatment and frequent visits may reduce weight gain, which by itself has a positive effect on outcome

# Management of the obese patient

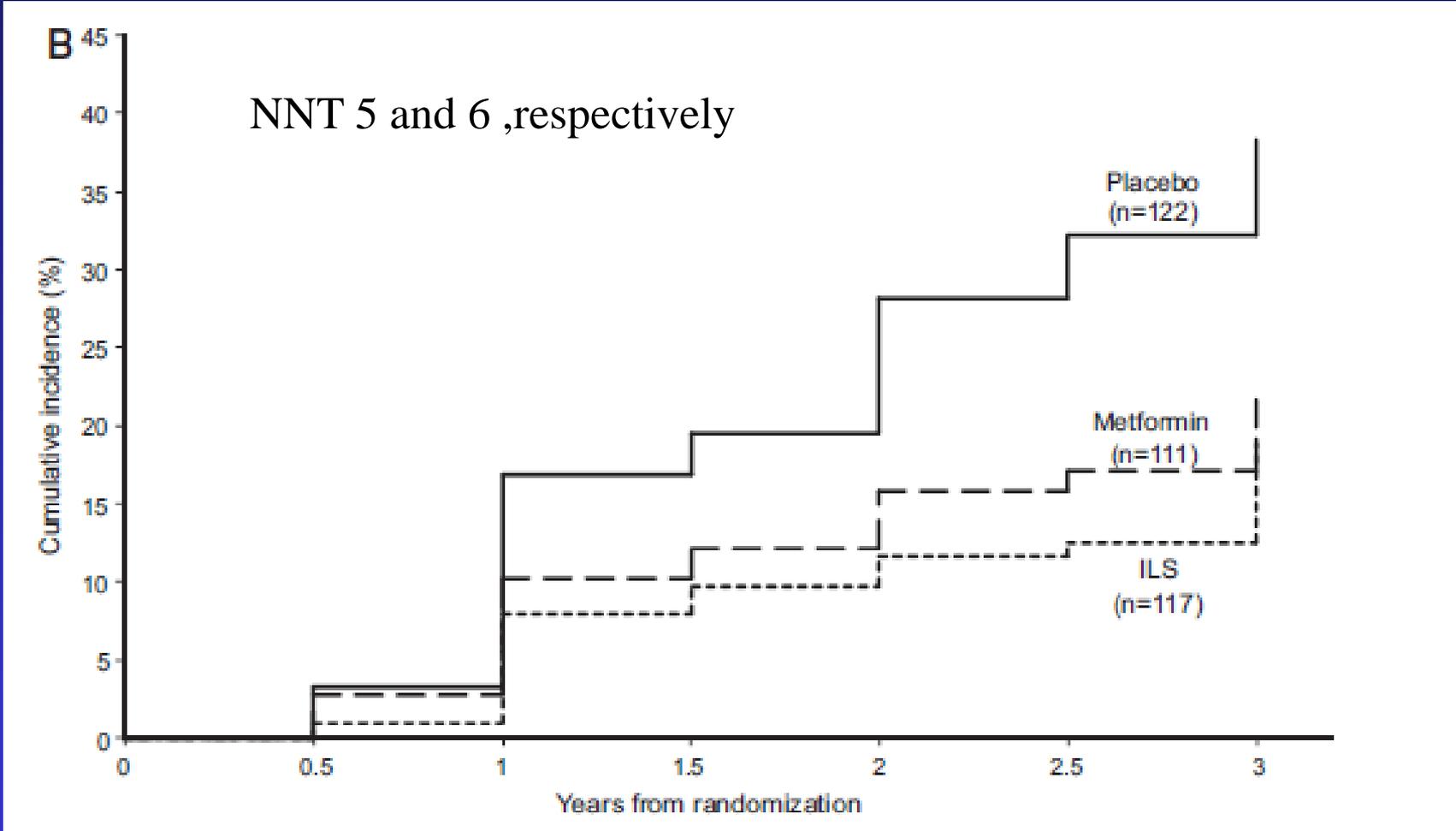
- Lose weight before pregnancy
- Healthy lifestyle
- Restrict weight gain during pregnancy (dietician, frequent antenatal visits)
- First trimester screening for unrecognized type-2 diabetes ( OGTT or HbA1c)
- Metformin for PE prevention?
- Second trimester OGTT
- Beware of large baby and 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester onset of GDM

# RCTs metformin in Obese non-diabetic women, started in 1st trimester

Author	Inclusion	N	MWG	BW	PE	Weight at 1y
Carlsen 2012	PCO mean BMI 30	258	-1 kg	-	?	+0.5kg
Chiswick 2015	BMI>30 Cauc.only	449	-	-	-	
Syngelaki 2016	BMI>35	400	-3 kg	-	4fold reduction	

And what about the development of type-2 diabetes in women who had a GDM during pregnancy?

# Incidence of diabetes following GDM



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**So, please arrange an adequate  
follow-up especially in obese  
women !!**

contact programs:



**Thank you**

# Screening for gestational diabetes:

- Yes, the whole population; but that does not happen yet ! (Even in countries with 'universal' screening only 10-90% of women will actually be screened; Jiwani et al JMFNM 2012)
- Tell me how many GDM you want and I will give you the formula
- No clear advantages of a one-step approach
- Use strict criteria in obese women
- Implement an adequate postpartum screening follow-up program in women with GDM

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- Genetic predisposition
- Maternal BMI
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- Excessive weight gain  $> 2$  y of age
- Socio-economic circumstances

For the time being, however, I guess  
that big babies are going to stay



# And which can we change/influence?

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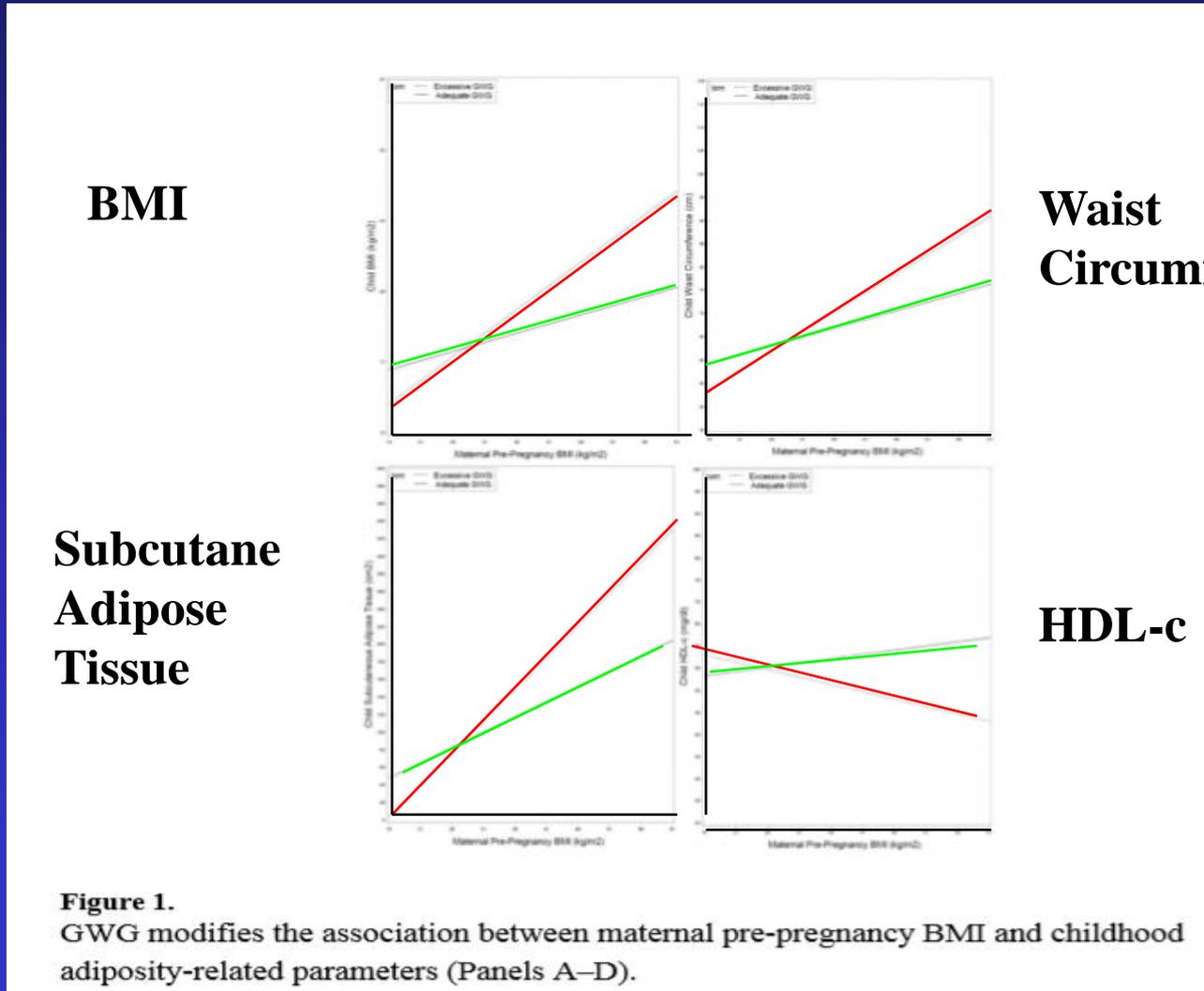
# Do you want to become pregnant?



Than first lose weight, and than we will tell you were your puppy is.....



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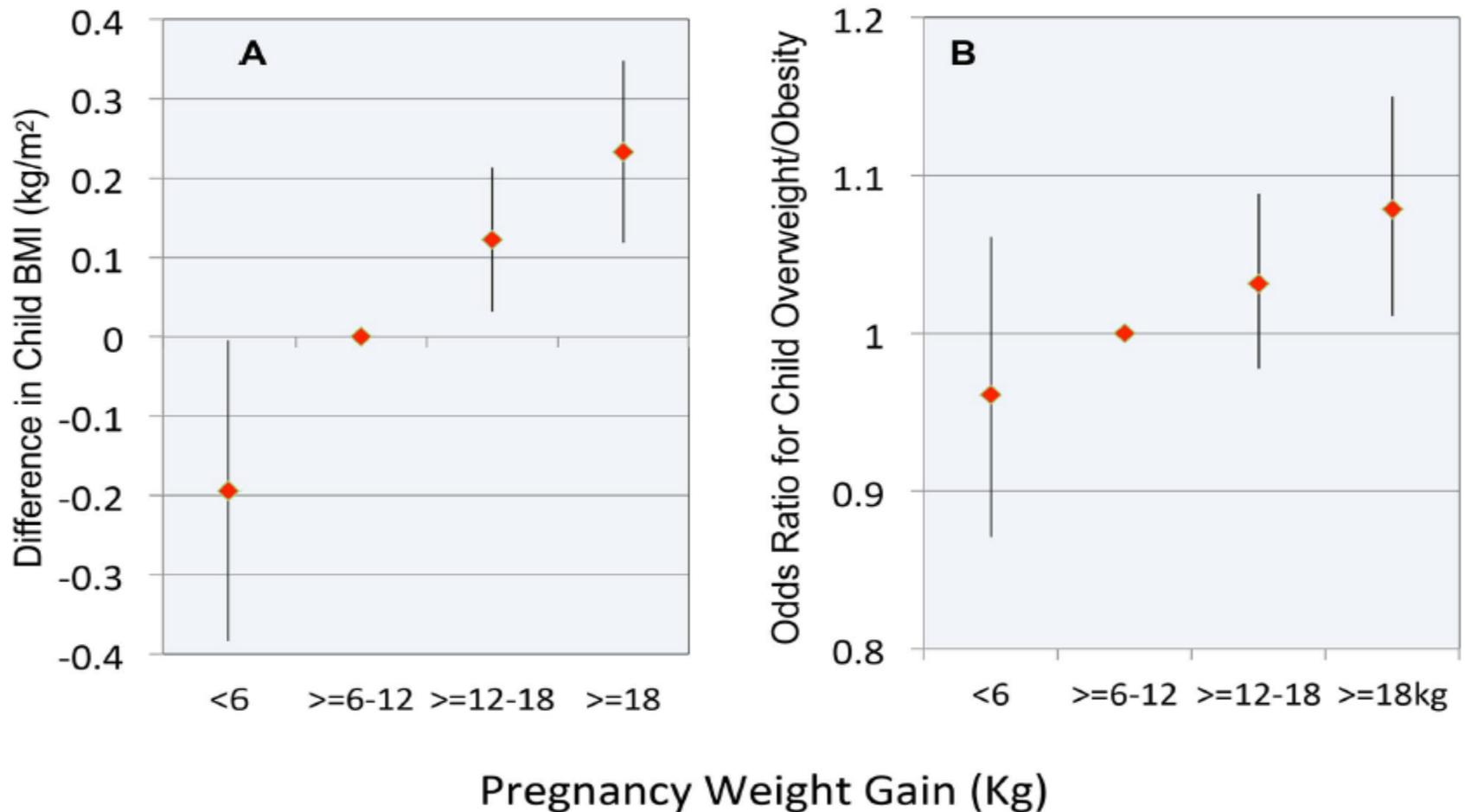
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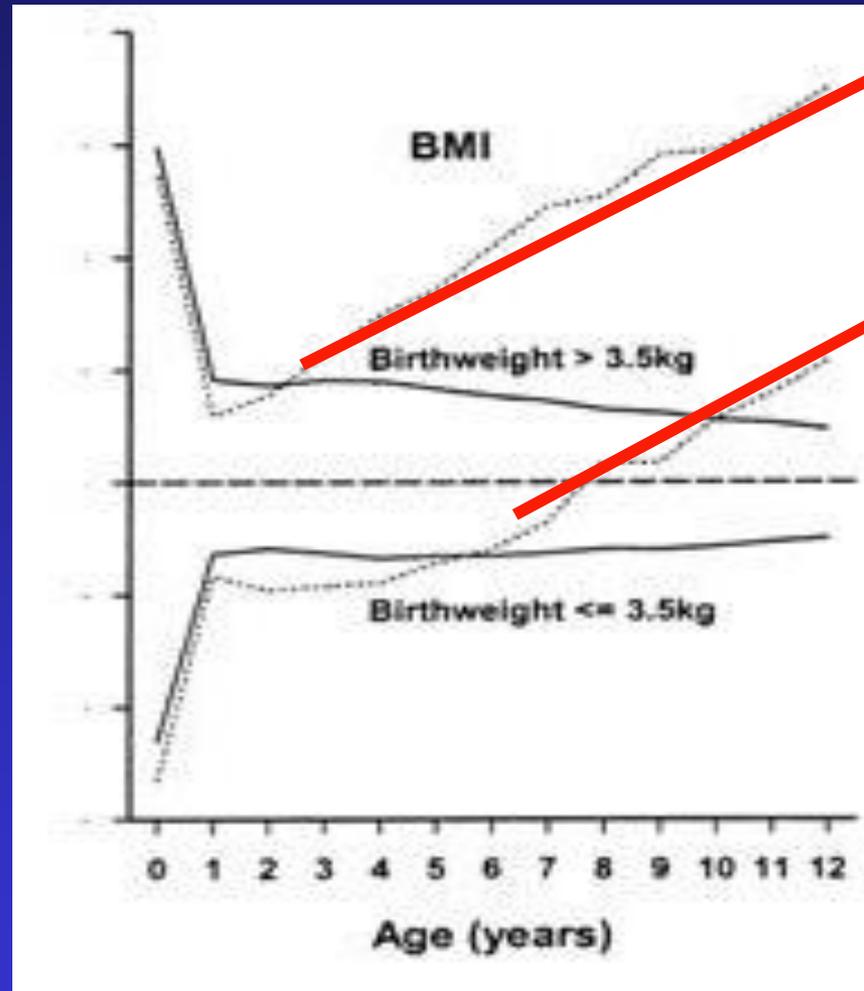
# Childhood obesity in relation to gestational weight gain



**Figure 3. Relationship between pregnancy weight gain and body weight in childhood.** (A) Difference in child BMI; (B) OR for child overweight or obesity. Reference range for pregnancy weight gain is  $\geq 6$  to 12 kg. Error bars are 95% confidence intervals.

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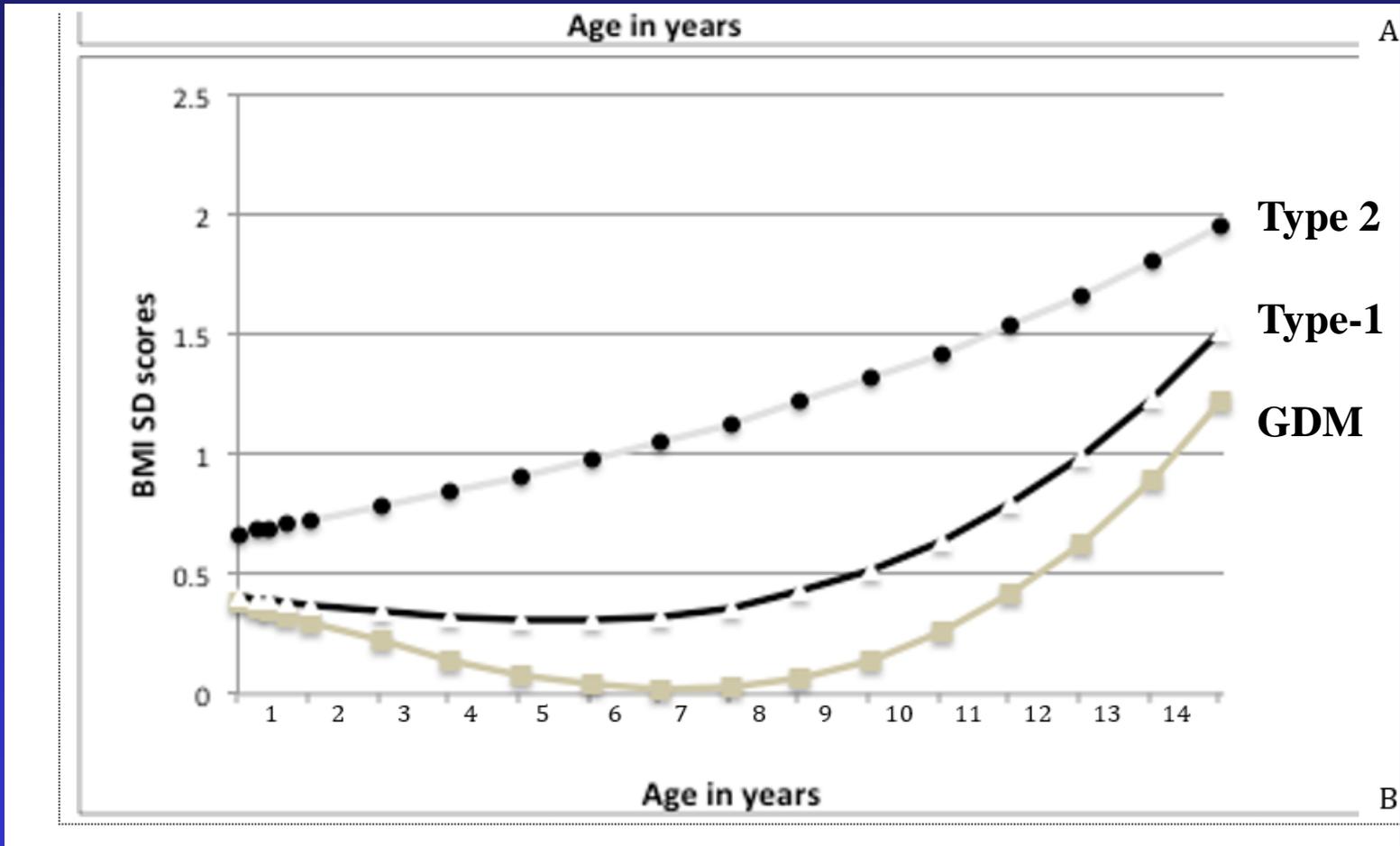
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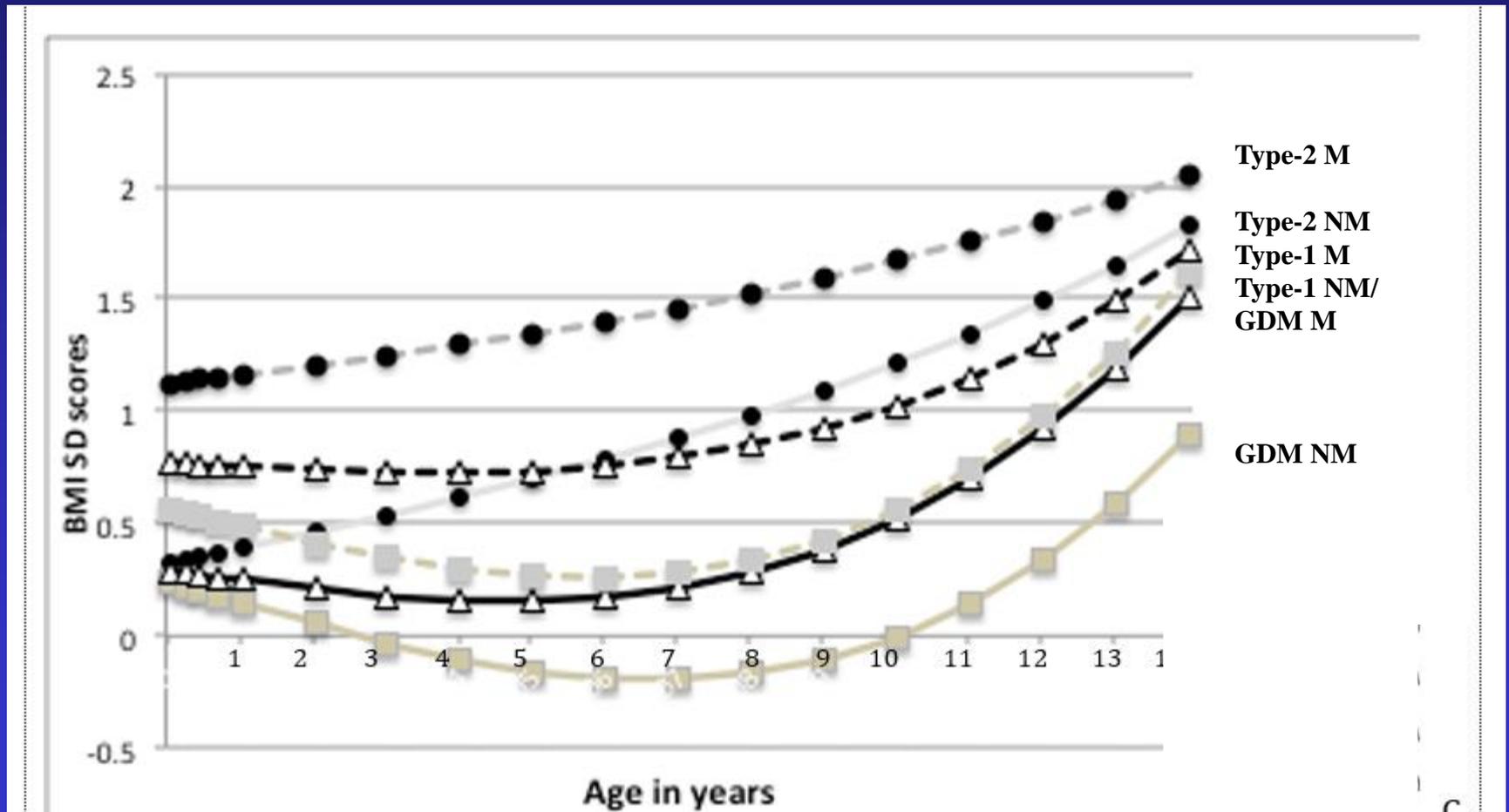
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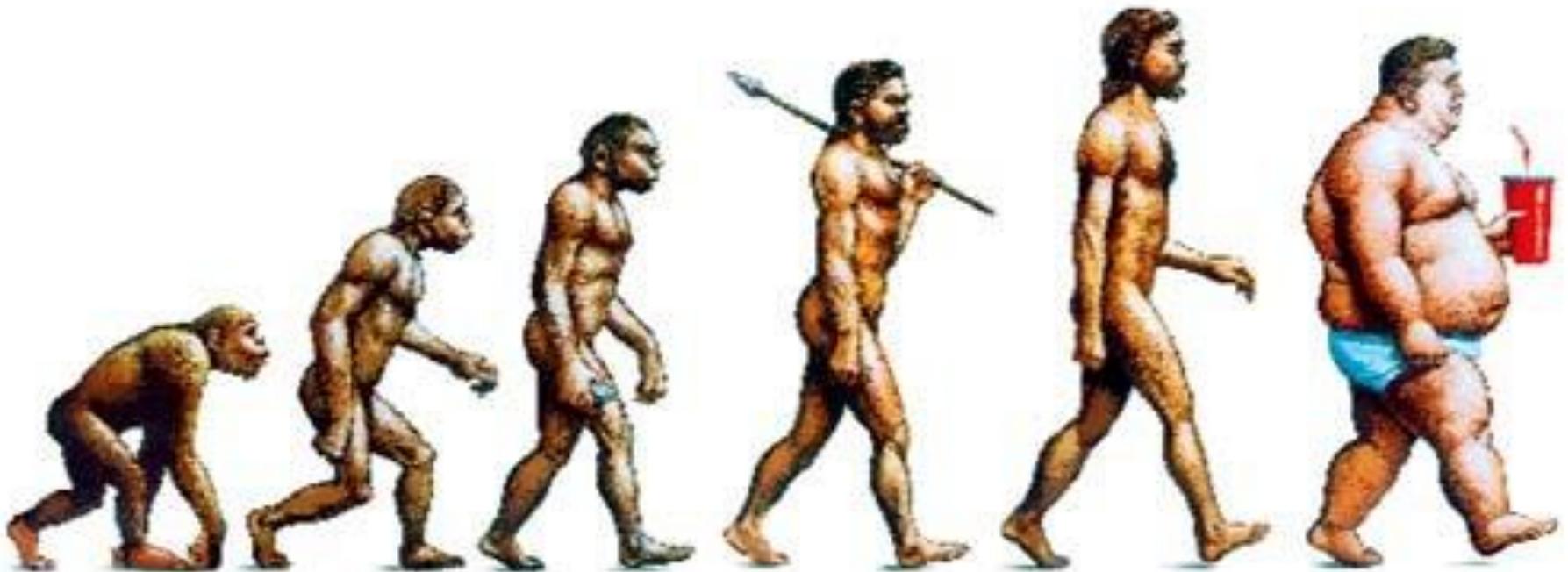
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# Prevention of impaired outcome

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# The descent of Man

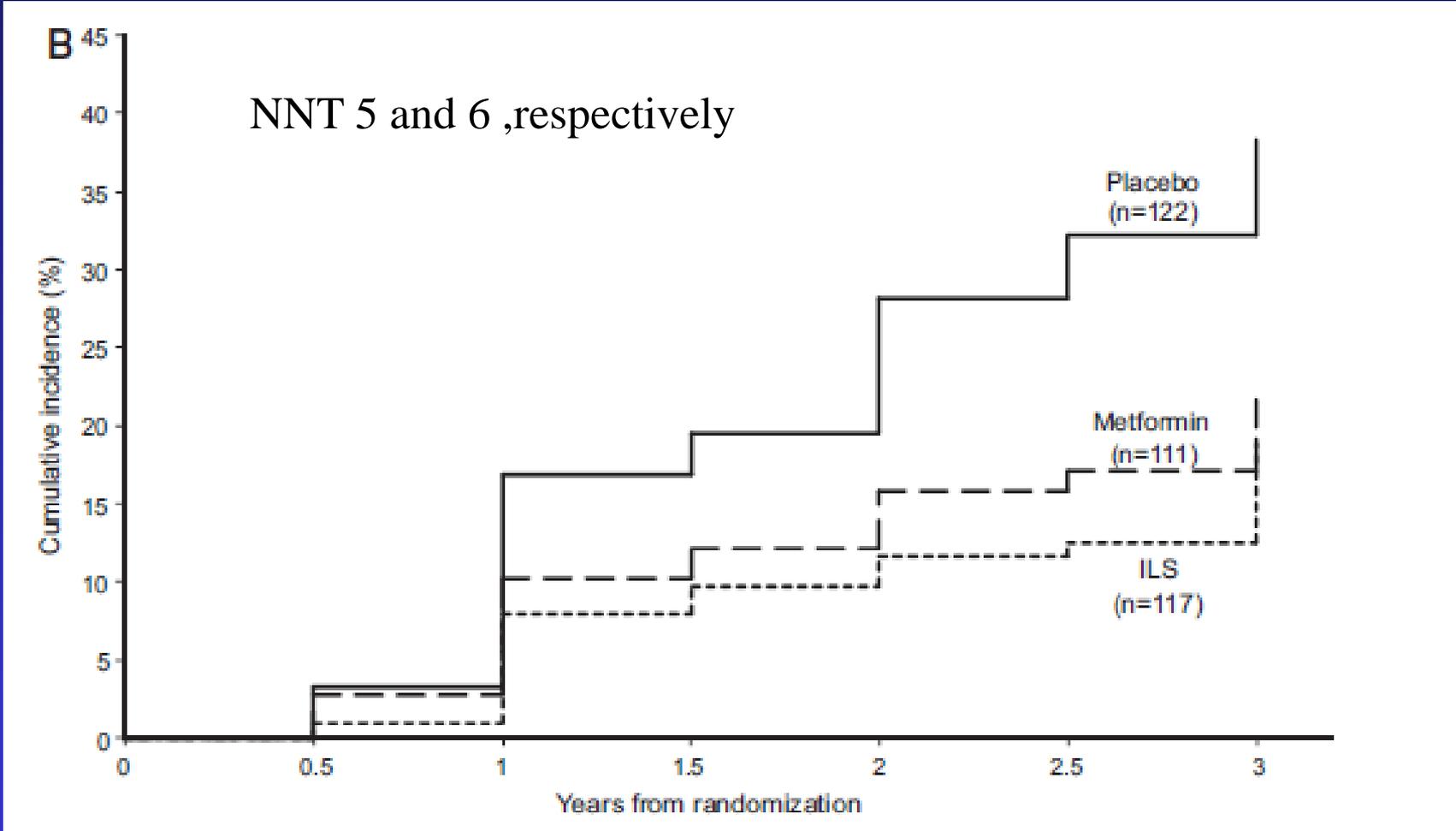


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**In other words, we do not seem ready for an increase in GDM**

contact programs:

# In conclusion

- Obesity/metabolic syndromy increases maternal and perinatal risks
- It also affects long term fetal outcome, either directly or through an increased Cesarean Delivery rate
- Treatment/prevention is difficult and requires a nationwide ( governmental ) approach

# Metabolic Syndrome

Syndrome X, Insulin resistance syndrome, CHAOS

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with  $\geq 3$  of the following conditions:

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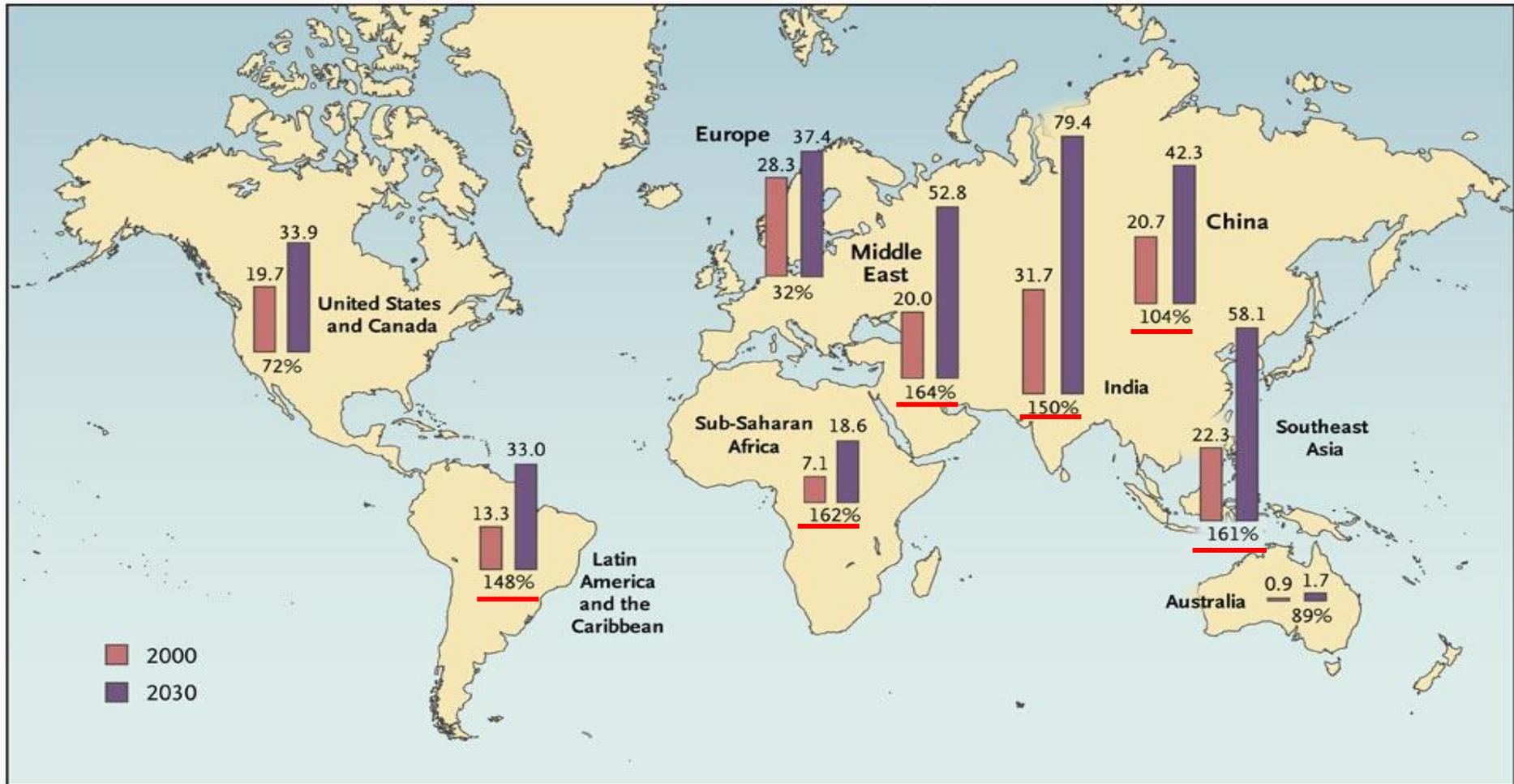
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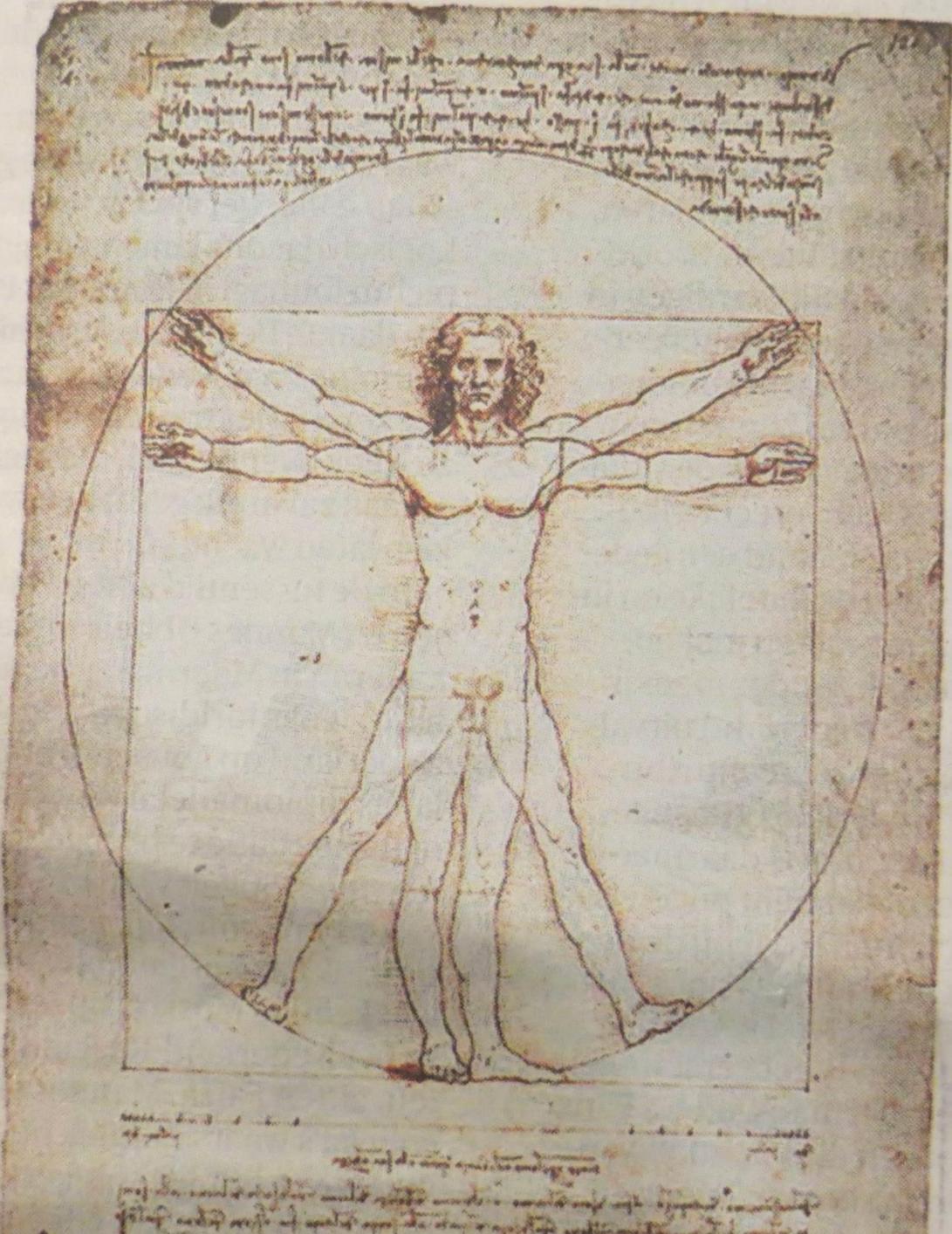
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# The Epidemic of Diabetes, 2000 and 2030



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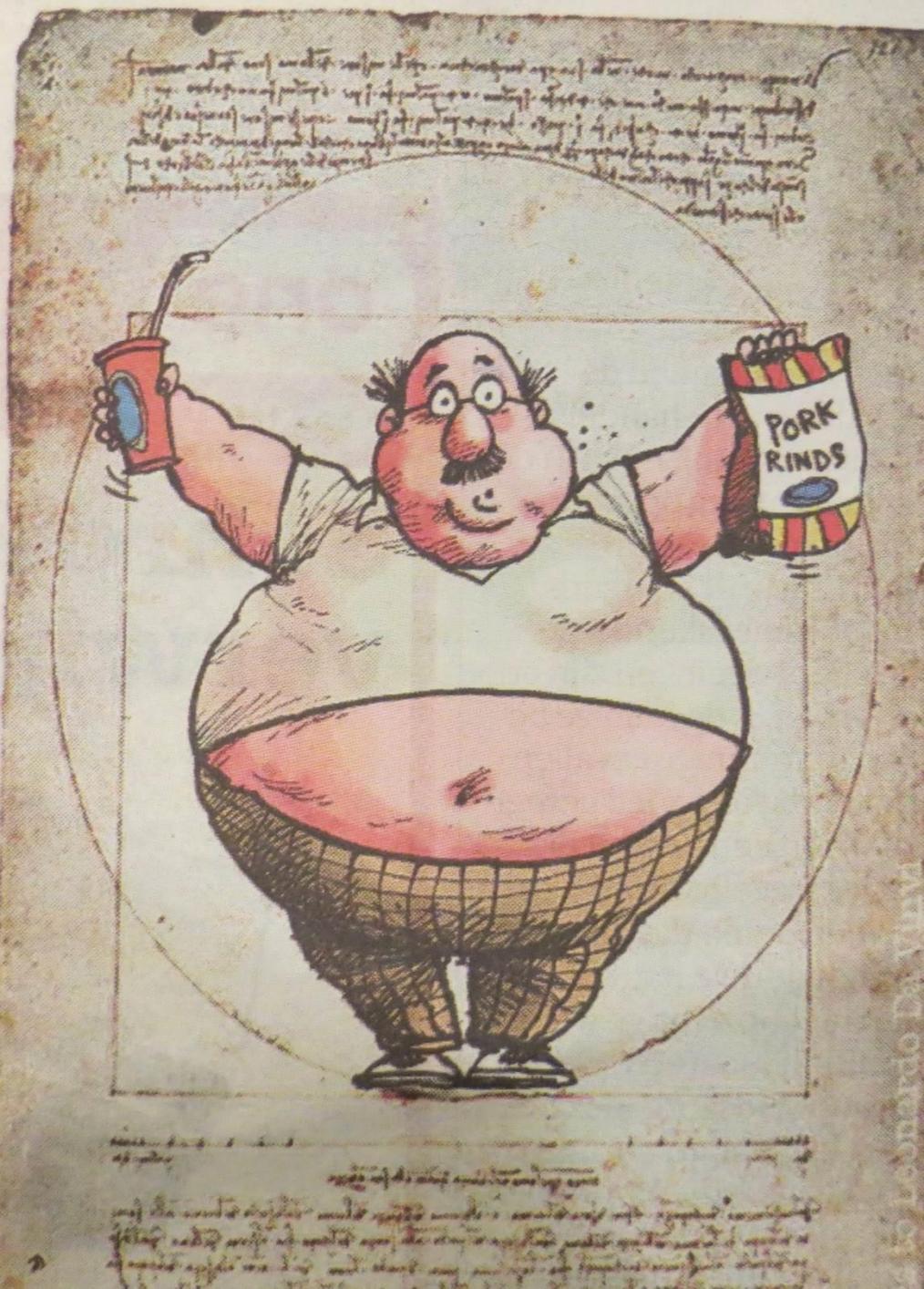
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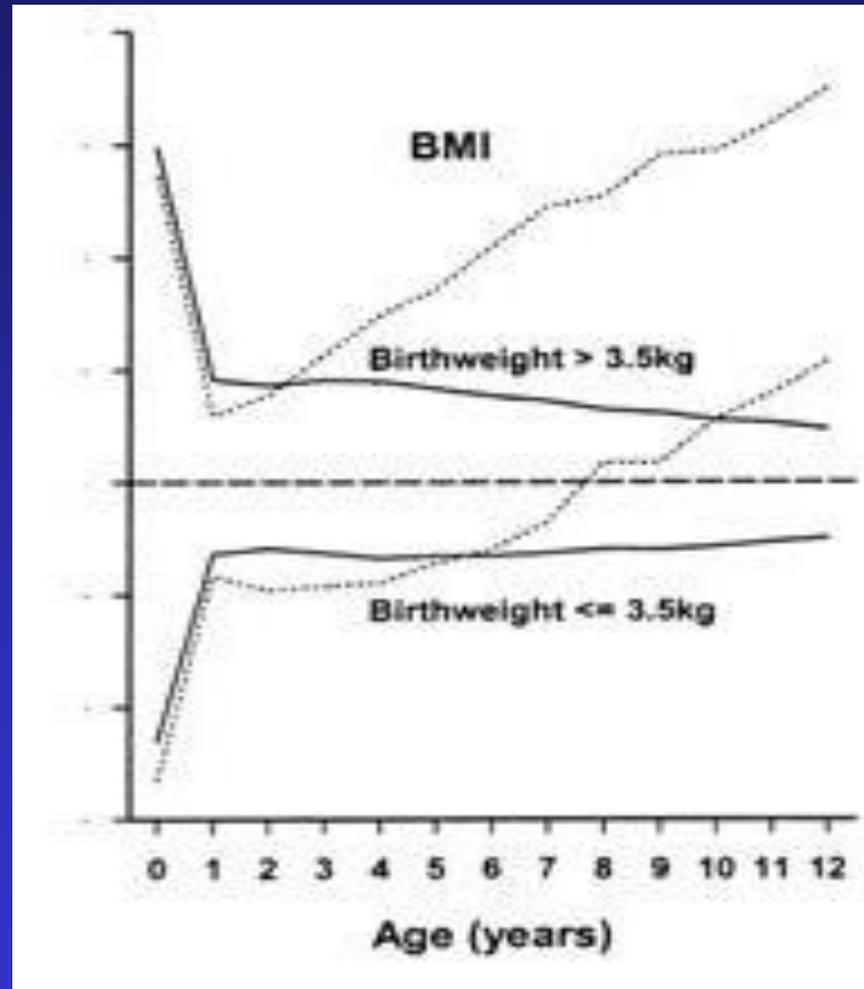
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# Birthweight, Infant growth & Type-2 diabetes



Mean Z-score

**University Medical Center, Utrecht, the NL**

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obese-/non-obese women**

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## CLINICAL OPINION

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### OBSTETRICS

# Is the evidence strong enough to change the diagnostic criteria for gestational diabetes now?

Gerard H. A. Visser, MD; Harold W. de Valk, MD, PhD

In 2008, the Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes (HAPO) study group published the results of a large international observational study on the relationship between second-trimester oral glucose tolerance test (oGTT) values and outcome.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately, but not surprisingly, there was a linear relationship among fasting, 1-hour and 2-hour glucose values, and the frequency of primary cesarean delivery, fetal macrosomia (birth weight >90th centile), clinical neonatal hypo-

The International Association of the Diabetes and Pregnancy Study Groups has proposed new thresholds for oral glucose tolerance test that are based on the large observational Hyperglycemia and Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes study. By using these criteria about 18% of pregnant women will be diagnosed as having gestational diabetes mellitus. The question arises if we are ready for such an enormous increase in gestational diabetes mellitus patients, if outcome would really be by using these criteria, and if additional studies are necessary before deciding on new diagnostic thresholds. In this clinical opinion, the pros and cons will be discussed.

**Key words:** adverse pregnancy outcome, diabetes mellitus, glucose intolerance, metabolic syndrome, oral glucose tolerance test

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# Pregnancy Weight Gain and Childhood Body Weight: A Within-Family Comparison

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## Abstract

**Background:** Excessive pregnancy weight gain is associated with obesity in the offspring, but this relationship may be confounded by genetic and other shared influences. We aimed to examine the association of pregnancy weight gain with body mass index (BMI) in the offspring, using a within-family design to minimize confounding.

**Methods and Findings:** In this population-based cohort study, we matched records of all live births in Arkansas with state-mandated data on childhood BMI collected in public schools (from August 18, 2003 to June 2, 2011). The cohort included 42,133 women who had more than one singleton pregnancy and their 91,045 offspring. We examined how differences in weight gain that occurred during two or more pregnancies for each woman predicted her children's BMI and odds ratio (OR) of being overweight or obese (BMI  $\geq$  85th percentile) at a mean age of 11.9 years, using a within-family design. For every additional kg of pregnancy weight gain, childhood BMI increased by 0.0220 (95% CI 0.0134–0.0306,  $p < 0.0001$ ) and the OR of overweight/obesity increased by 1.007 (CI 1.003–1.012,  $p = 0.0008$ ). Variations in pregnancy weight gain accounted for a 0.43 kg/m<sup>2</sup> difference in childhood BMI. After adjustment for birth weight, the association of pregnancy weight gain with childhood BMI was attenuated but remained statistically significant (0.0143 kg/m<sup>2</sup> per kg of pregnancy weight gain, CI 0.0057–0.0229,  $p = 0.0007$ ).

**Conclusions:** High pregnancy weight gain is associated with increased body weight of the offspring in childhood, and this effect is only partially mediated through higher birth weight. Translation of these findings to public health obesity prevention requires additional study.

Please see later in the article for the Editors' Summary.

No data on maternal BMI

# Lowest risk of SGA/LGA, preterm delivery

6.500 obese women, California

Weight gain	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
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2.2-5			X (white women)
5-9		X	
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With an increase in Preterm delivery in case of weight loss, in all 3 categories

# Adjusted effects of gestational weight loss, according to maternal BMI; Bavaria, n=445.000

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• PT del	↑	↑	-	-	-
• SGA	↑	↑	↑	↑	(1.3)
• LGA	-	-	-	↓	↓
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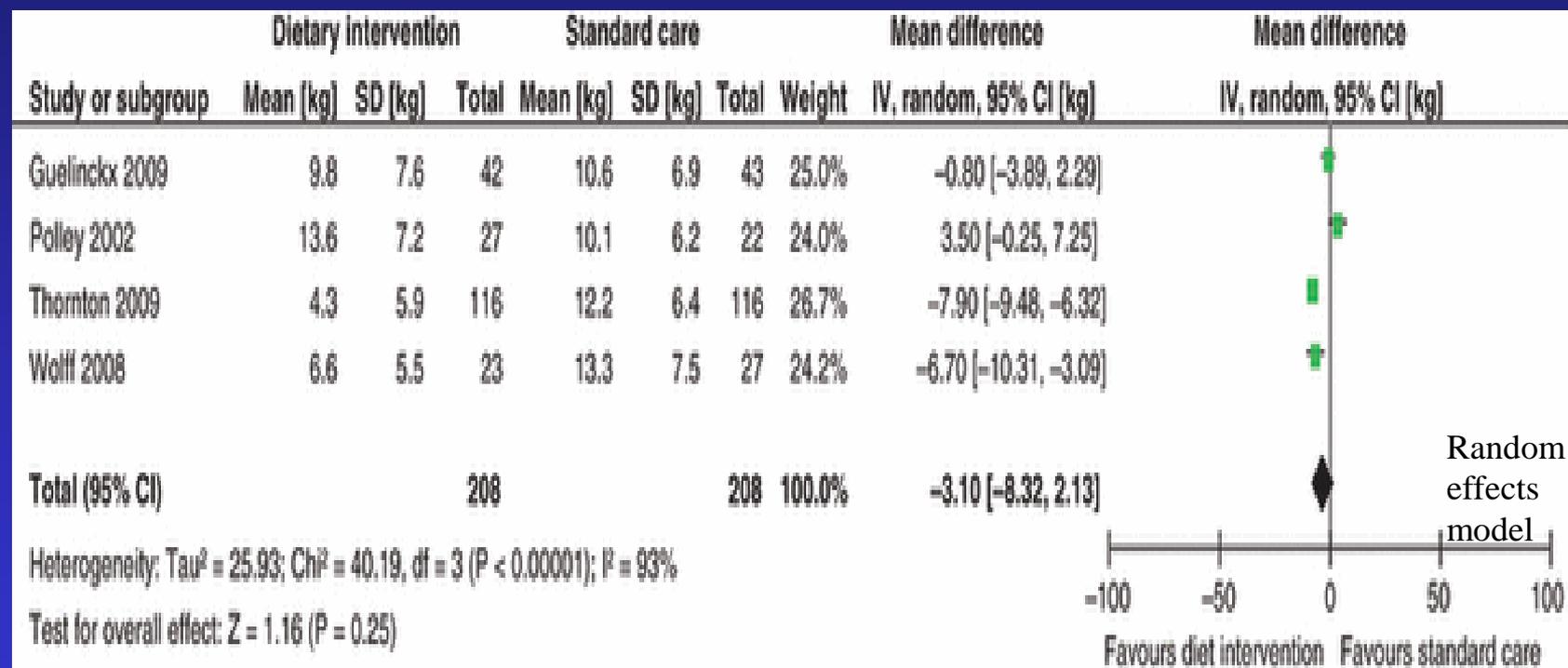
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- Nog te includeren:
- Baric surgery
- Beperkte gewichtstoename tijdens zwangerschap; lange termijn gevolgen sterke weight gain tijdens zwangerschap
- Metformine- gewichtsloss

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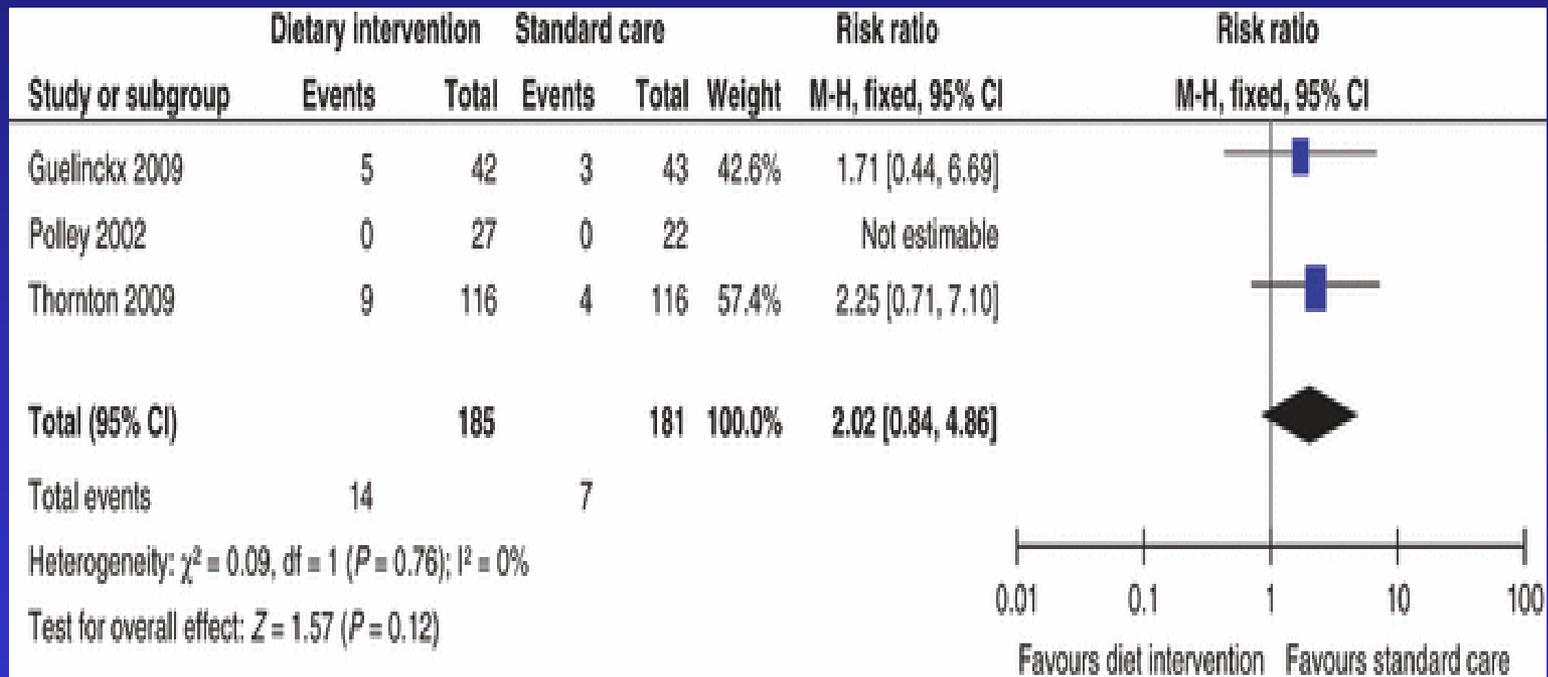
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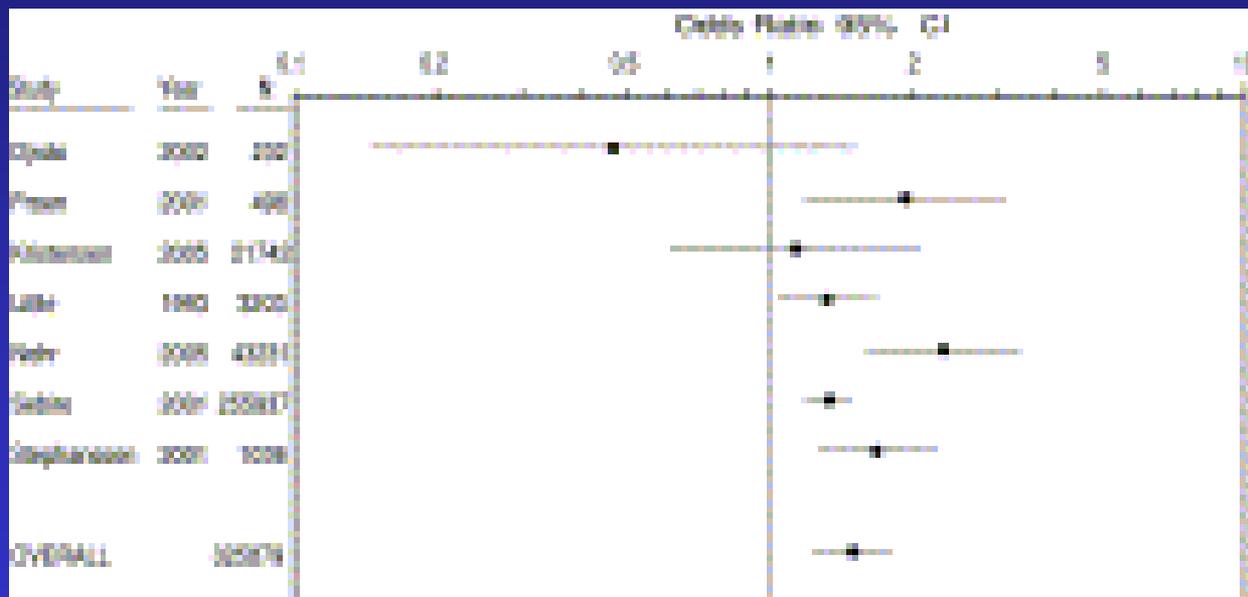
**The potential hazards of GWL  
cannot be underestimated and the  
practice cannot be recommended**

Dodd & Robinson, Evid Based Med, Aug 2011

Commentary to the German study

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# It used to be quiet on the GDM front

- GDM a diagnosis still looking for a disease
- Just another routine test to tell 2.3% of pregnant women that they have a disease
- GDM is the mere interpretation of a laboratory test
- Antenatal scare, not care

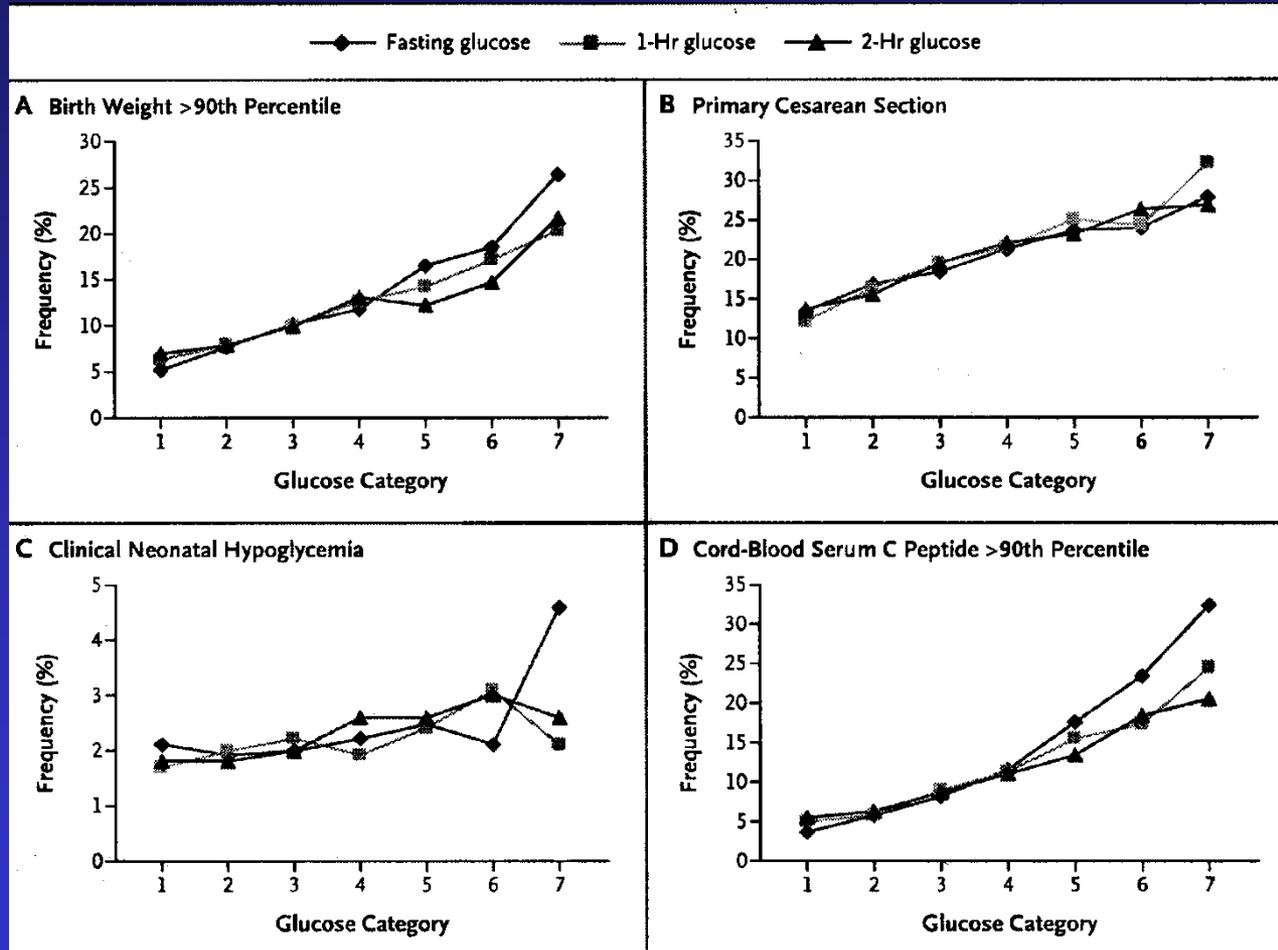
# Treatment of GDM improves outcome

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- Mortality
  - Birth trauma
  - LGA
  - % CS (Landon et al, only)
- } 50% reduction

Crowther et al, 2005; n=1000; Landon et al, 2010, n=958

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(NEJM, May 8, 2008)

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# ‘Preventing overdiagnosis: how to stop harming the healthy’ Moynihan et al, BMJ 2012

Drivers for overdiagnosis:

- Technological changes detecting even smaller abnormalities
- Commercial and professional vested interests
- Conflicting panels producing expanded disease definitions and writing guidelines
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- Health system incentives favoring more tests and treatments
- Cultural belief that more is better

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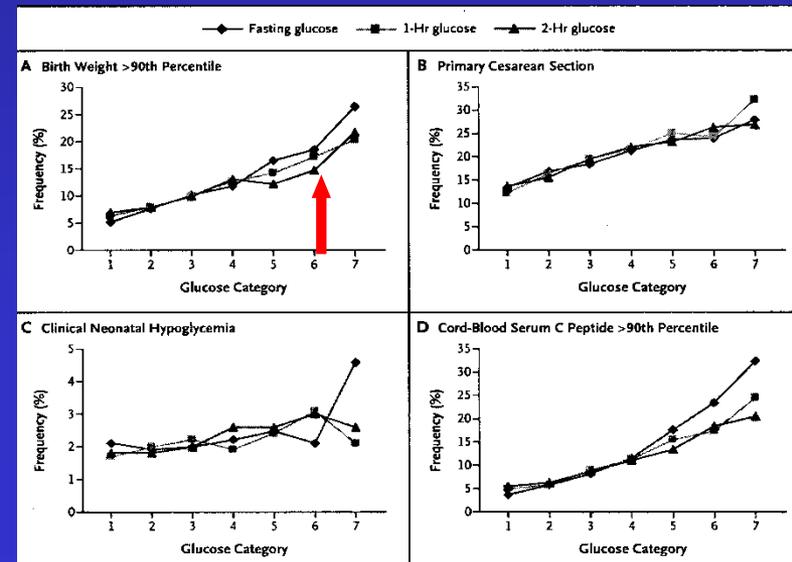
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### Arguments in favor

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- Adequate diagnosis is cost-effective

### Arguments against

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6% GDM; Obesity 10 to 30%  
Odds ratio for GDM= 3-4

Overall incidence GDM 10.4%

Yes, but also for very mild cases??

Only if post delivery care would reduce the incidence of diabetes in these women, or if PE and CSs would be reduced by 0.5 and 2.7%, respectively (Werner et al, Diab Care 2012; Mission et al, AJOG 2012)

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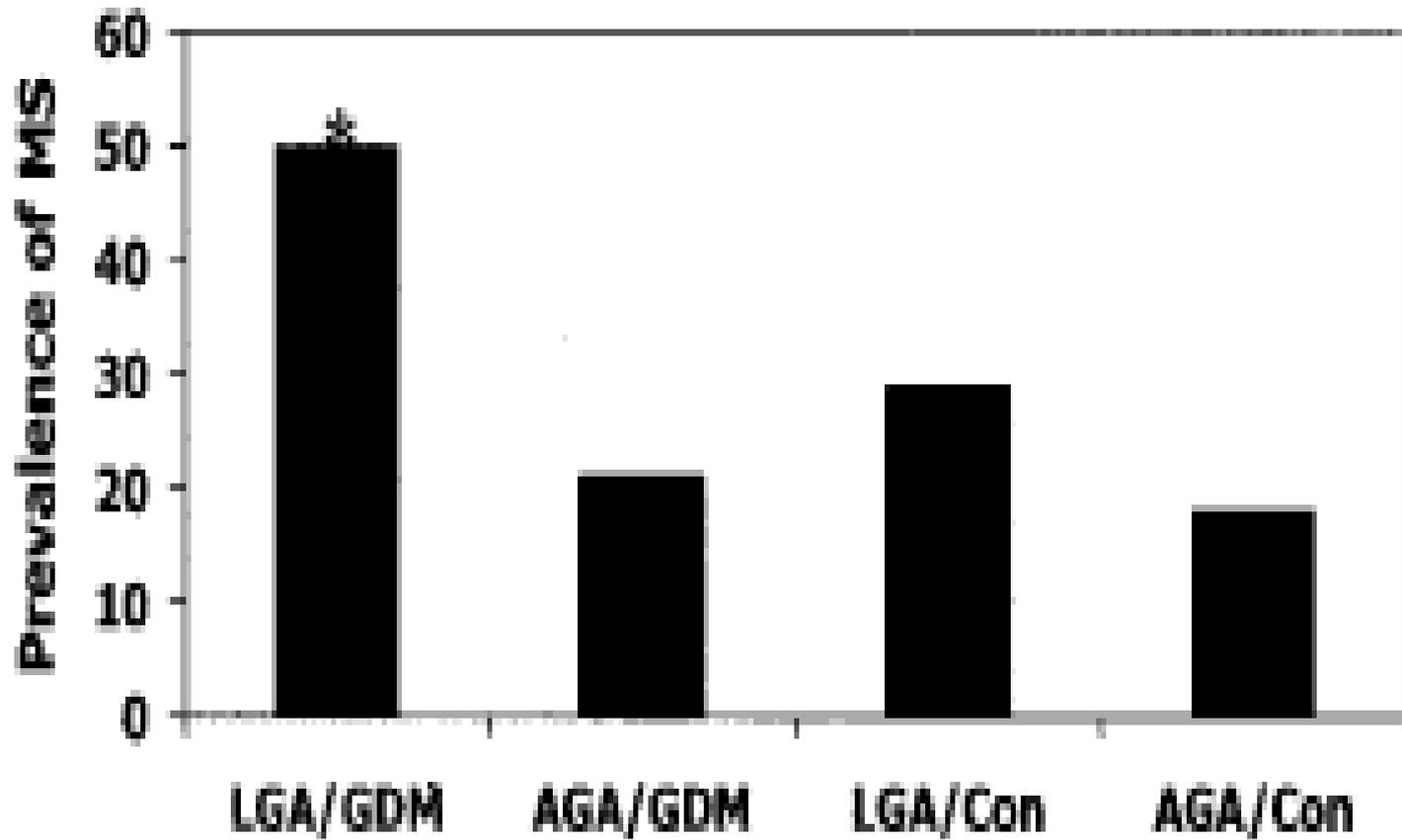
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# Metabolic syndrome in 175 infants age 7-11, according to birth weight and GDM



# Obesity and GDM

- Obesity seems to have the most important effect on long term development of the offspring ( especially childhood obesity)

# Adopt the IADPSG oGTT threshold values

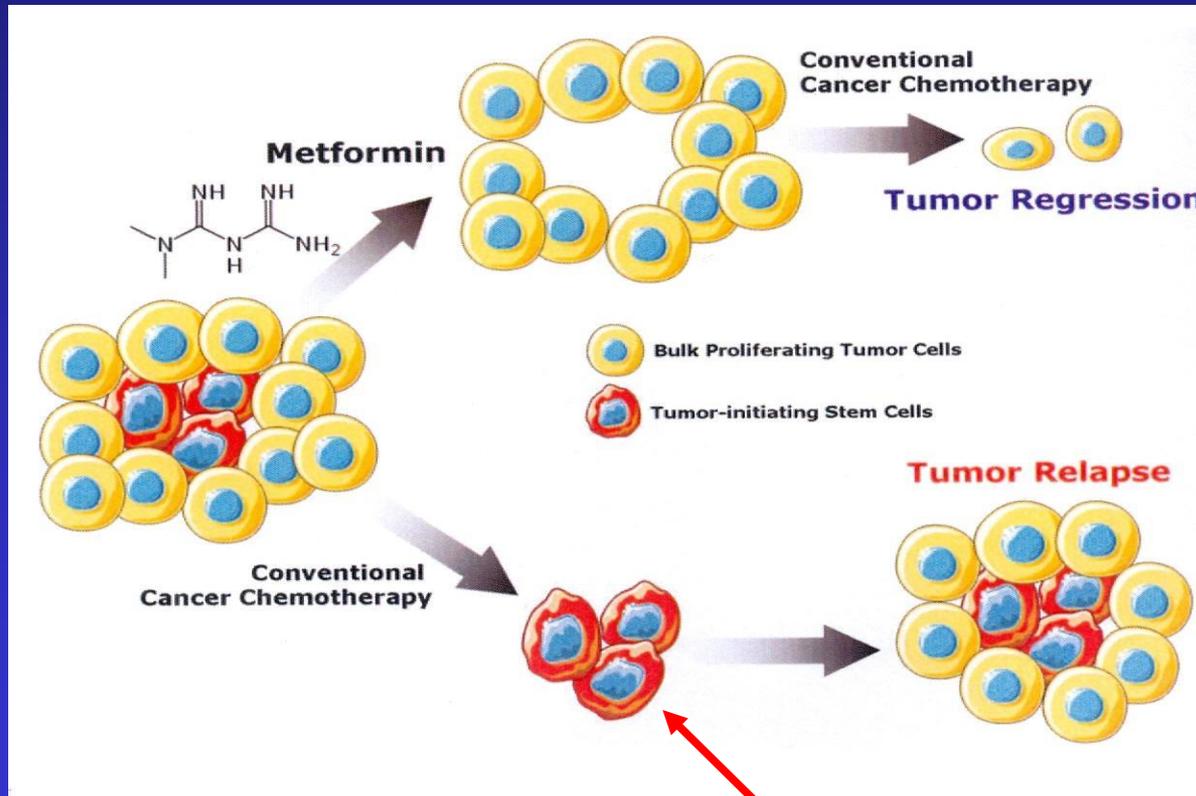
- You want to be on the safe side, but you realise that you will most likely overtreat the 'healthy'.
- Moreover you realise that the oGTT has a poor reproducibility, whereby GDM still may emerge during the 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester

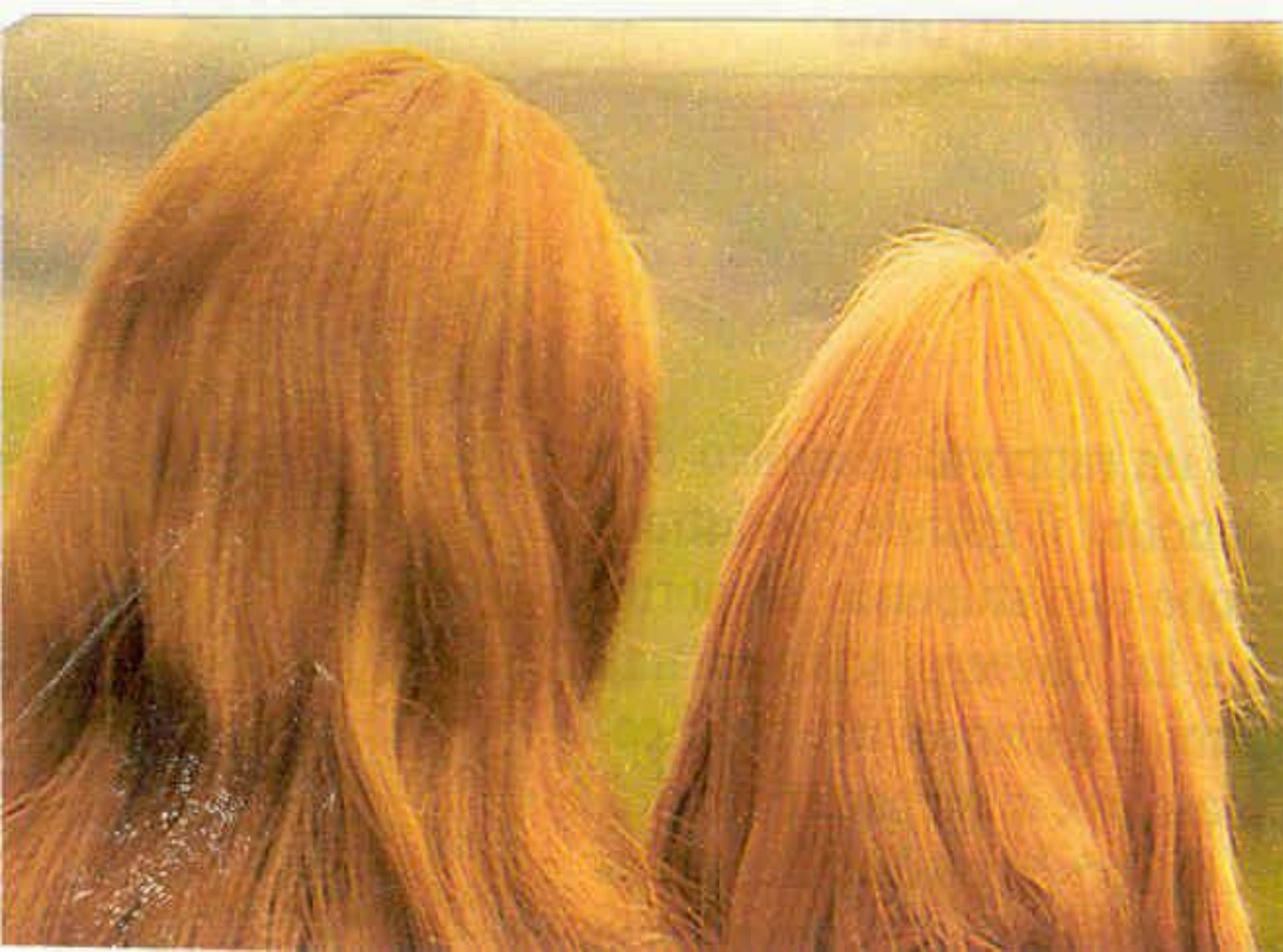
# Adopt the 'Ryan' oGTT threshold values (based on 2-fold increase in LGA)

- You realise that GDM has gone up due to an increase in maternal obesity
- However, you consider evidence insufficient for treatment of very mild increases of glucose, apart from that in obese women
- You are prepared to participate in a RCT treating half of the women with glucose values in between both diagnostic threshold values and stratifying for BMI

# Study the safety of oral antidiabetic drugs

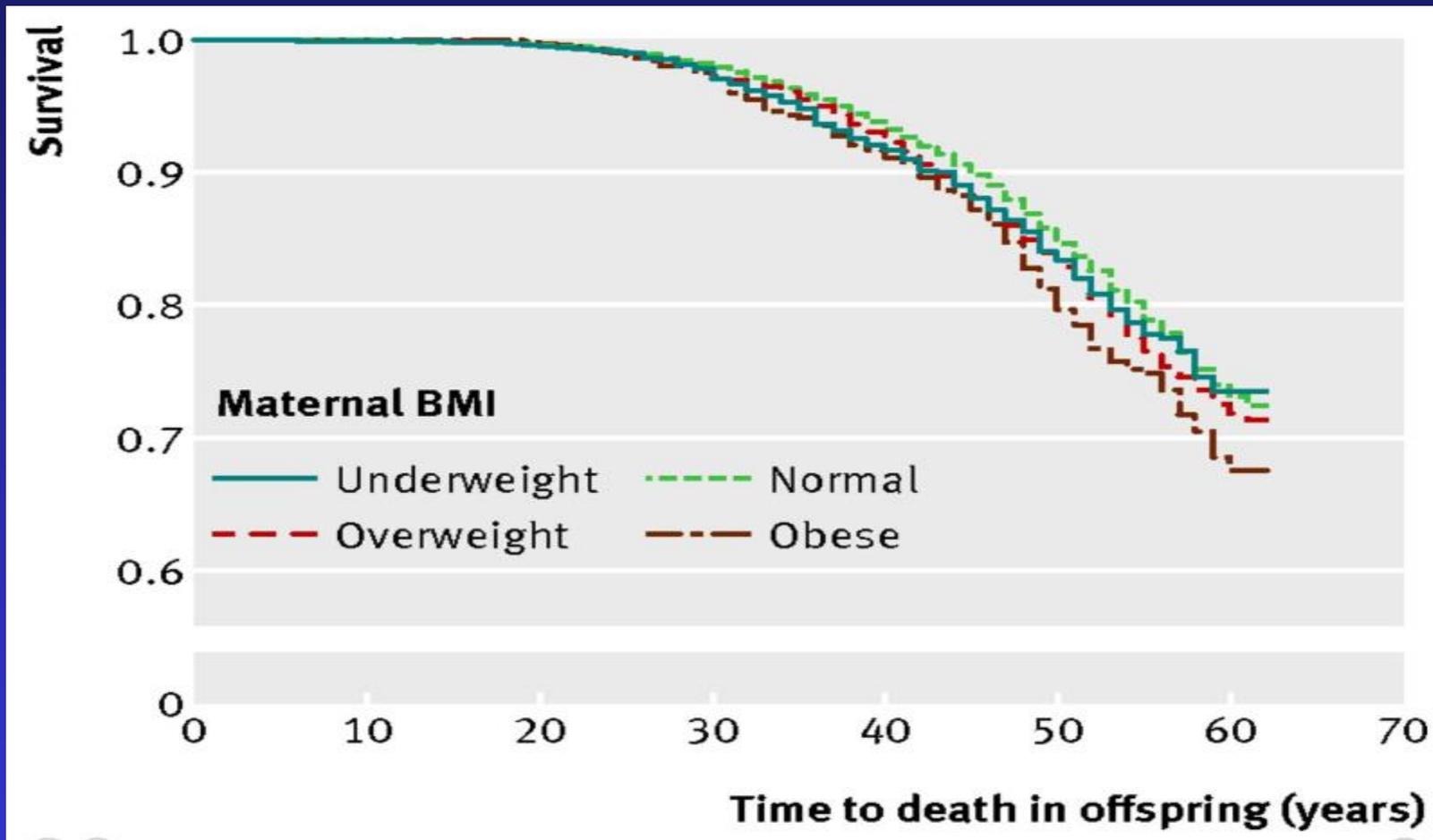
Metformin: a new drug to kill the ‘dandelion root’







# Maternal obesity during pregnancy and premature mortality from cardiovascular event in adult offspring; Reynolds et al, BMJ 2013



Adjusted for mat age at delivery, socioeconomic status, birth weight, gestation at delivery

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And both are not going to eat it “*



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- Or better, do a RCT, with treatment or not, in women with values in between both definitions ( clinical outcome, cost-effectiveness)
- Alternatively, one may decide to classify obese women according to the IADPSG definitions, given the synergistic effect of both conditions ( and considering that frequent visits and diet may improve outcome)

# Obesity and GDM

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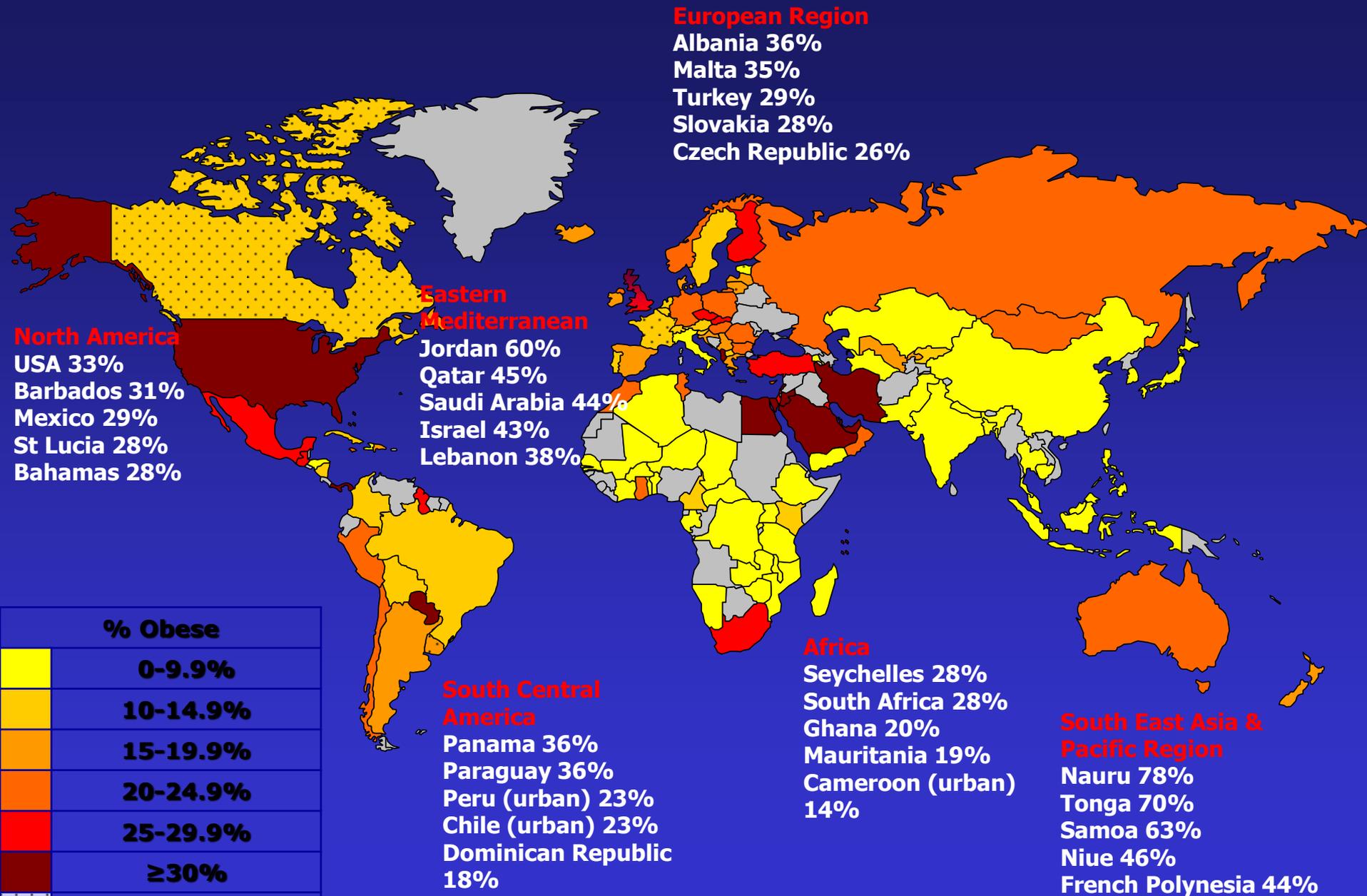
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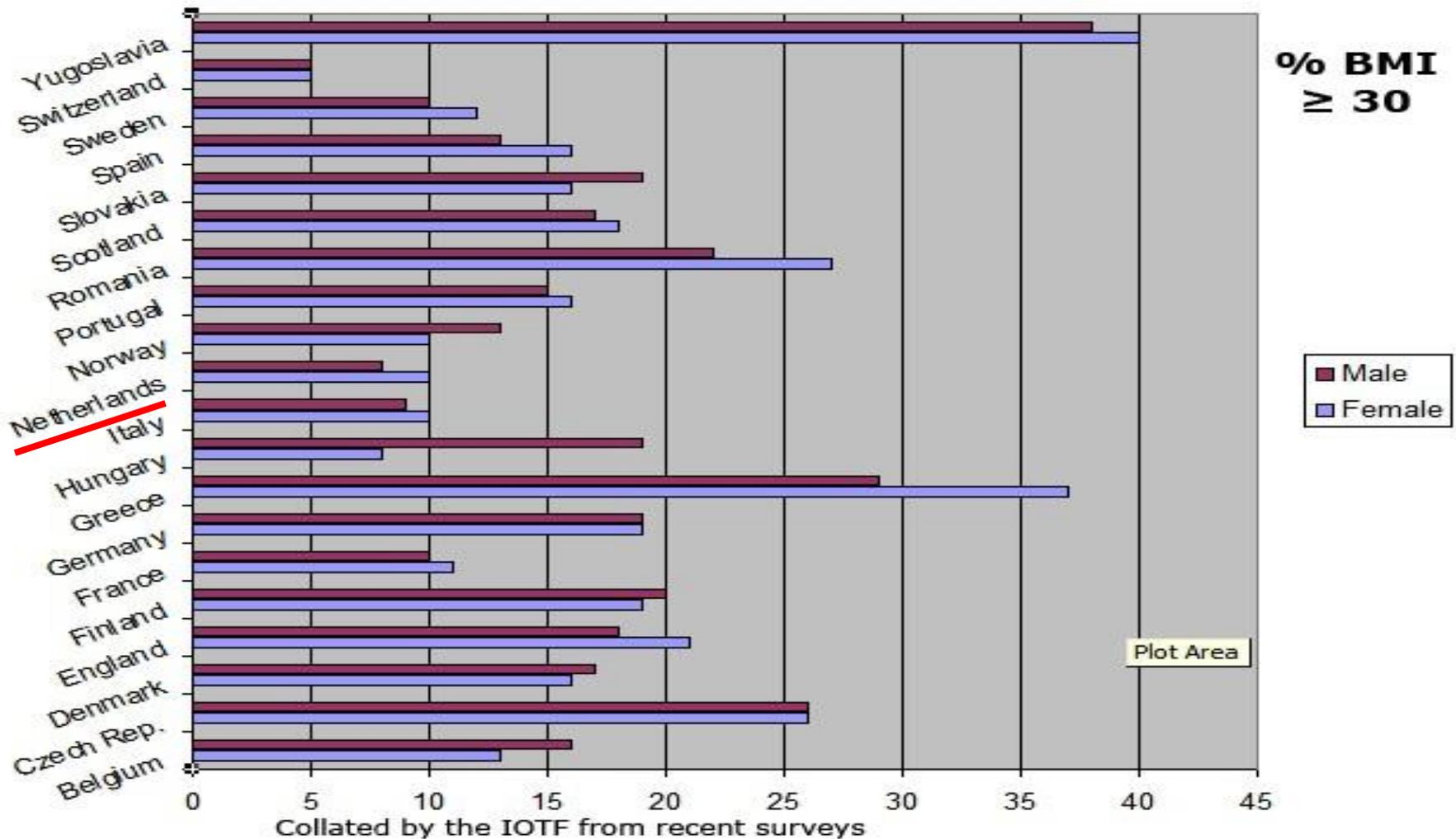
# Obesity – Global prevalence



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## Prevalence - Europe

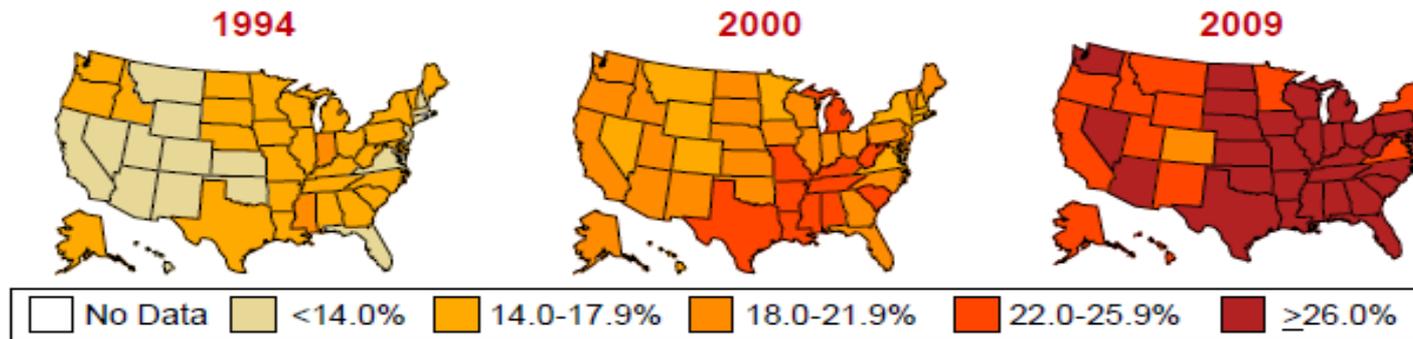
Male and female obesity levels in selected European countries



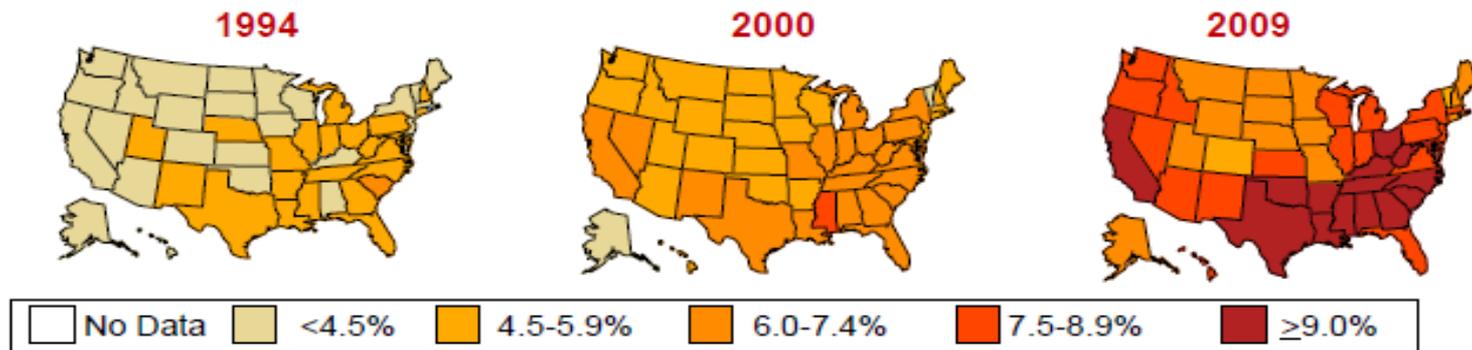
# Obesity and Diabetes in the USA

## Age-adjusted Percentage of U.S. Adults Who Were Obese or Who Had Diagnosed Diabetes

### Obesity (BMI $\geq 30$ kg/m<sup>2</sup>)



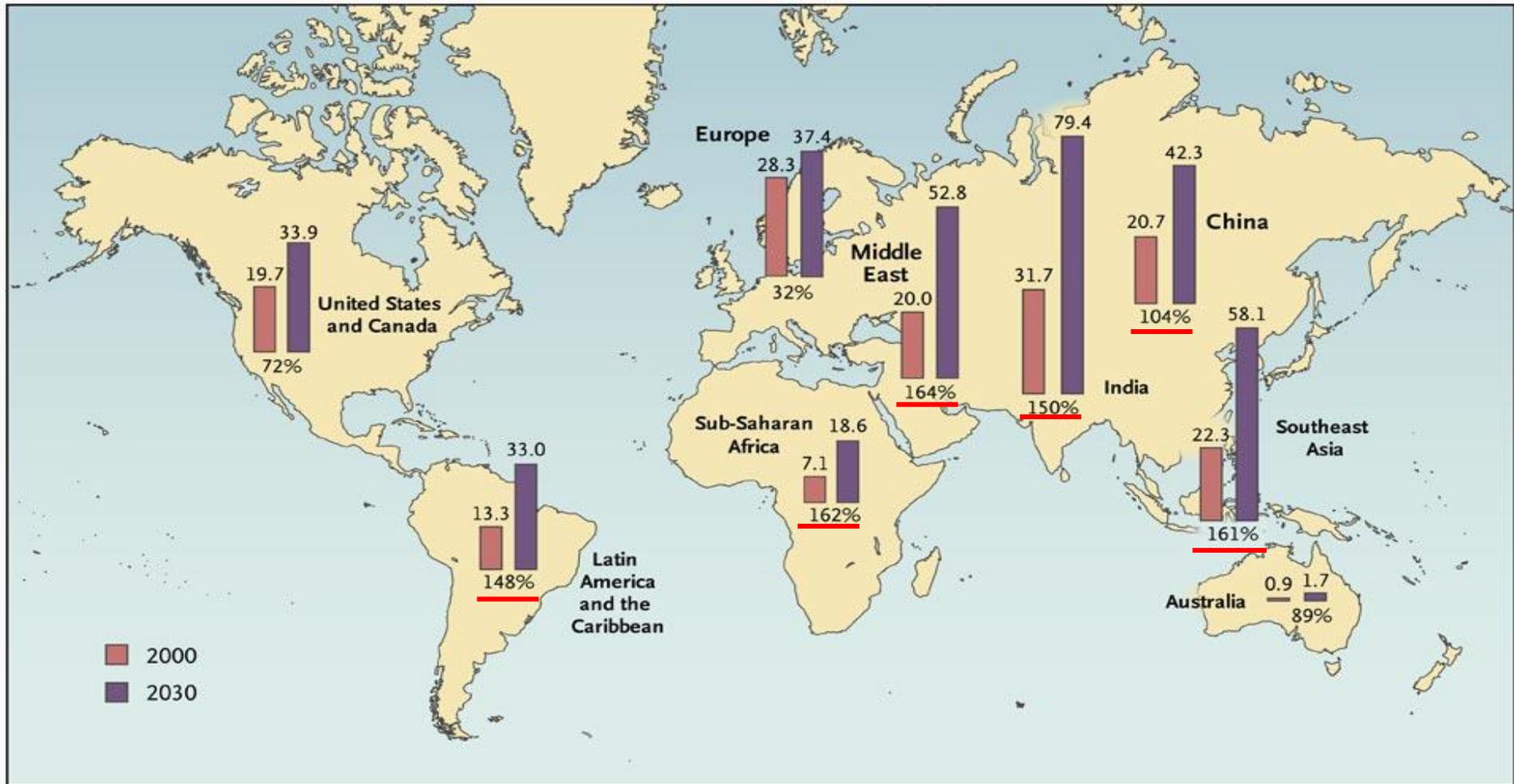
### Diabetes



CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. National Diabetes Surveillance System available at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/statistics>



# The Epidemic of Diabetes, 2000 and 2030



**More diabetes, more gestational diabetes**

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# Alternatives for insulin; type-2; gest diabetes

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**-Glibenclamide (glyburide)** ( Langer et al, NEJM 2000)

FDA Category C

**-Metformin** ( Rowan et al, NEJM 2008)

Metformin crosses the placenta ( fetal concentration 50% of maternal). It has been used in women with PCOS and/or type-2-diabetes in the first half of pregnancy and there is thus far no evidence that it may induce congenital malformations.

However, long term follow-up data are lacking, especially in IUGR infants

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But what about a nine months  
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**MICHELIN MAN DENIES PATERNITY SUIT..... CLAIMS CHILD IS NOT HIS**



# Pima Indians NIDDM

Incidence of NIDDM in 20-24 y old offspring of:

- nondiabetic women 1.4 %
- women developing NIDDM after pregnancy 8.6 %
- **women with NIDDM during pregnancy 45 %**

differences persist taking into account paternal diabetes, age at onset diabetes in parents, birth weight

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**So, diabetes during pregnancy results in an almost 10% incidence of diabetes in offspring**

# So,

- Abnormal intrauterine environment induces DM and obesity in offspring
- Most studies were not controlled for maternal BMI
- It remains uncertain whether GDM or Obesity is the factor most strongly related to obesity in offspring

# However,

- Given the synergistic effect of Obesity and GDM, be very strict in diagnosing and treating Obese women who have GDM

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(E.A.Rian, Diabetologia 2011;54:480-486)

- Poor reproducibility of OGTT
- Glucose weak predictor of LGA
- Obesity is a stronger predictor

-GDM is only related to childhood obesity in case of maternal obesity (Pirkola et al, 2010)

-Economic factors

-On the other hand: treatment is relatively easy ( insulin in only 8-20 % of women)

(Rian, 2011; RCOG SACO paper 23, January 2011)

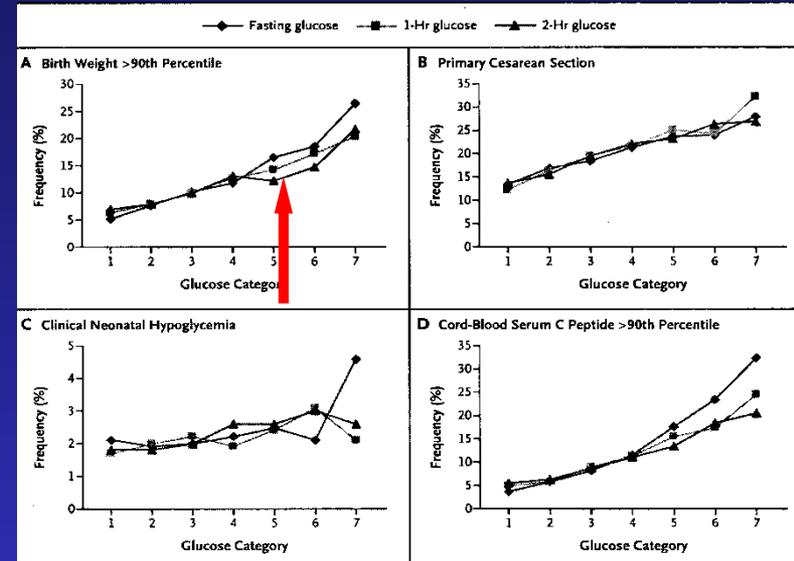
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7. What are the key research gaps in the diagnostic approach of gestational diabetes mellitus, and how can these be addressed?

# More diabetes, more gestational diabetes

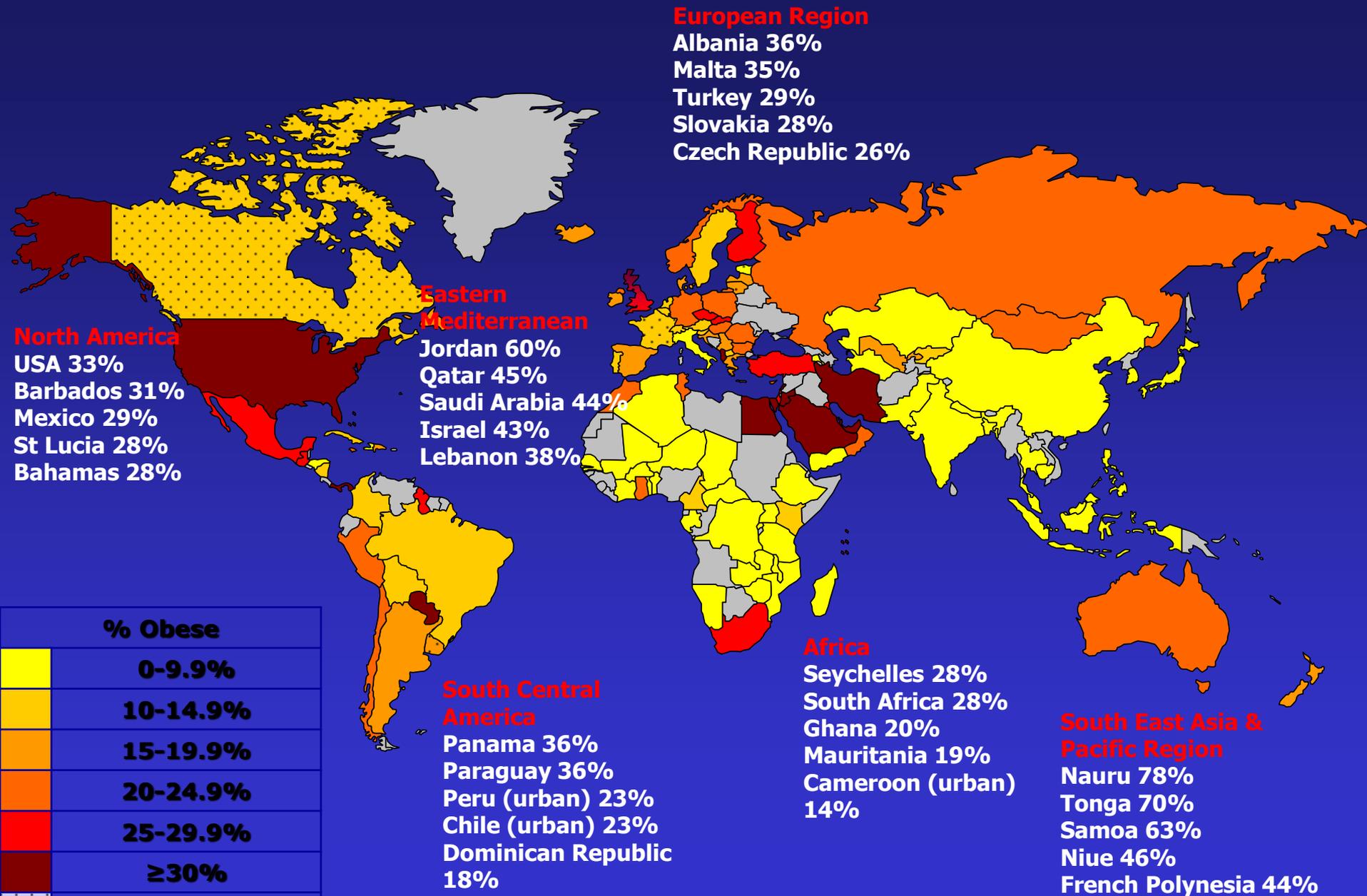
75 g OGTT:      fasting => 5.1 mmol/l  
                         1 hour => 10.0  
                         2 hour => 8.5

Diagnostic criteria based on 1.75 fold increase in LGA infant (IADPSD)

(Metzger et al, Diab Care, 2010)



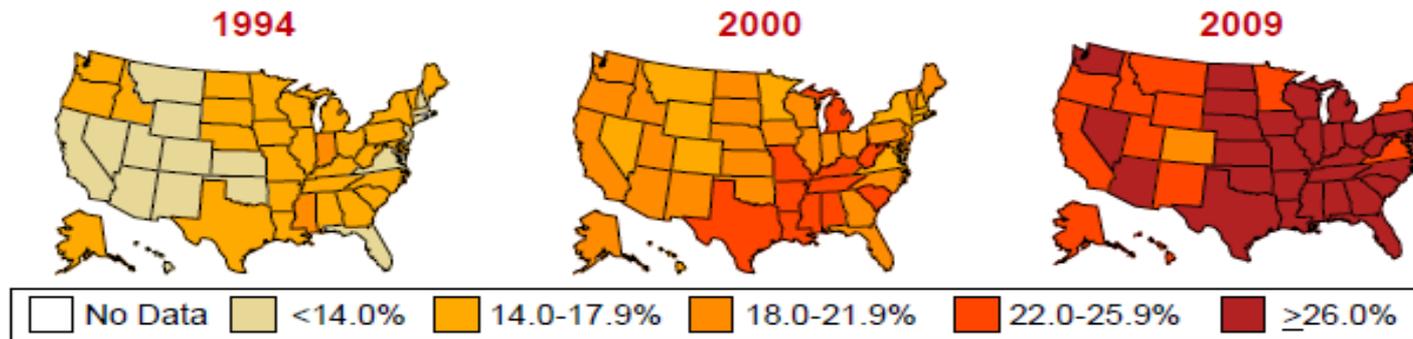
# Obesity – Global prevalence



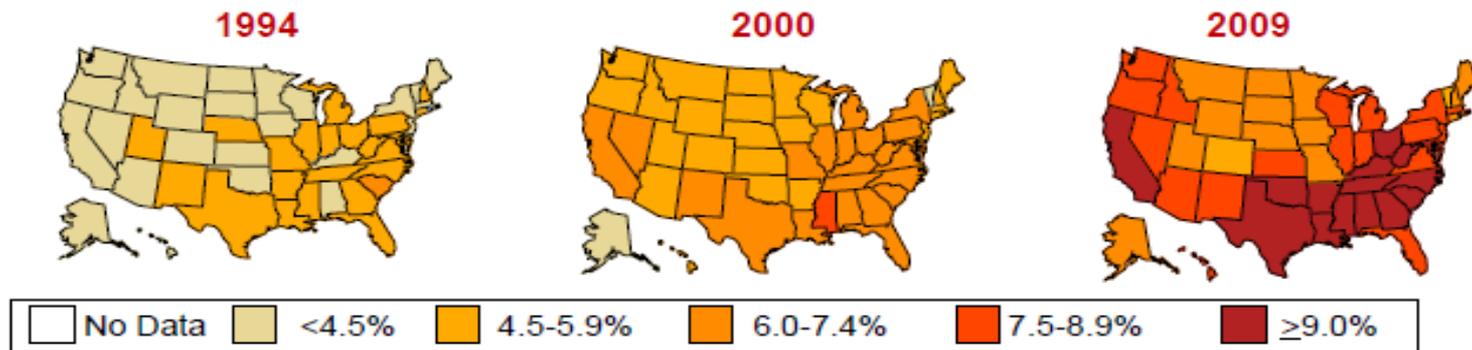
# Obesity and Diabetes in the USA

## Age-adjusted Percentage of U.S. Adults Who Were Obese or Who Had Diagnosed Diabetes

### Obesity (BMI $\geq 30$ kg/m<sup>2</sup>)



### Diabetes



CDC's Division of Diabetes Translation. National Diabetes Surveillance System available at <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/statistics>



# Maternal overweight is the main problem and not GDM

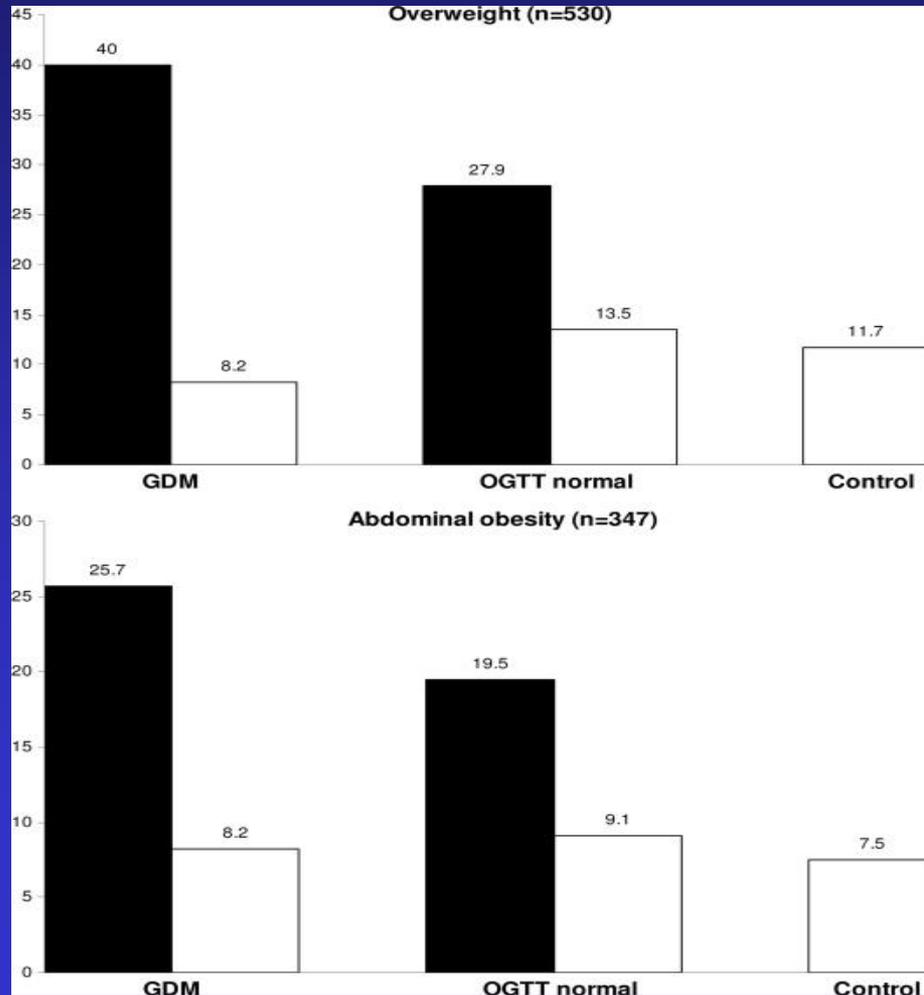
overweight and abdominal obesity in 16 y old adolescents

## Risk population:

-GDM 84

-Normal OGTT 657

Control 3.427



■ = mat BMI > 25

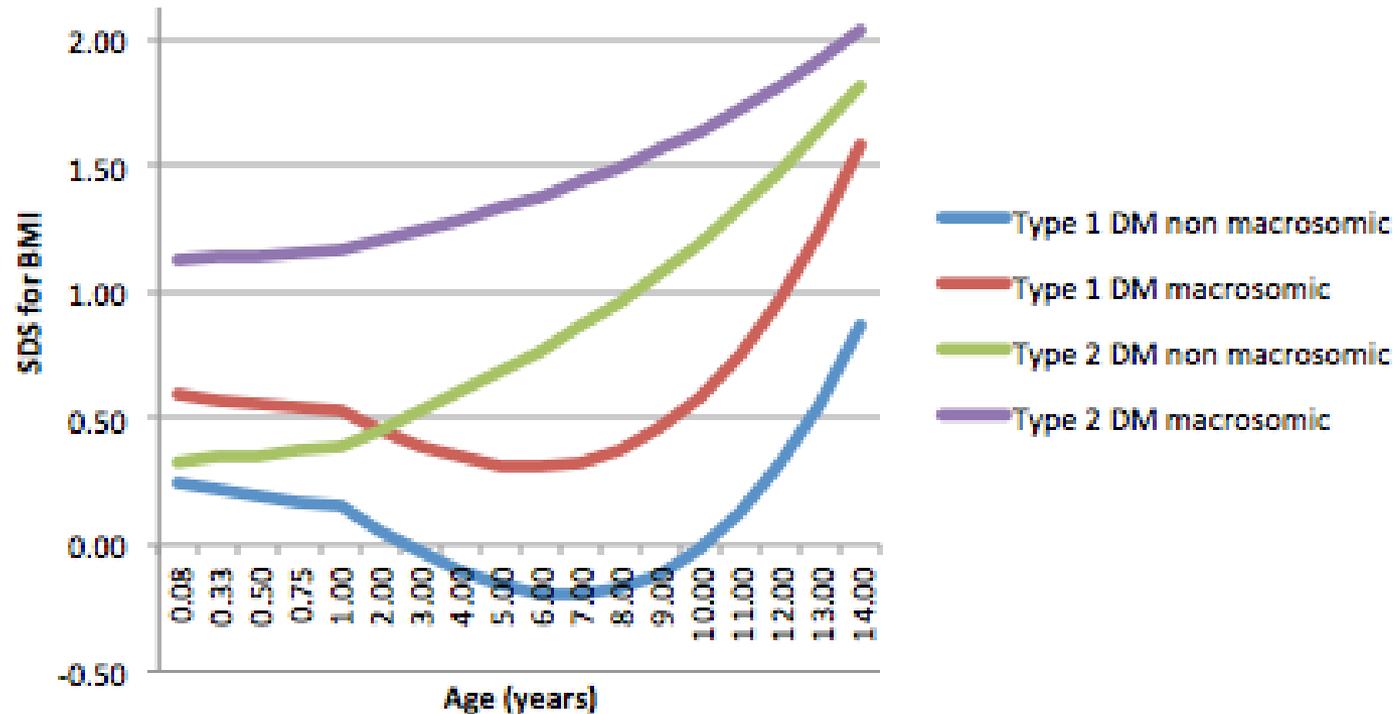
# Obesity and GDM

- Obesity seems to have the most important effect on long term development of the offspring ( especially childhood obesity)

# Obesity and GDM

- Both have an (synergistic) effect on early perinatal outcome

# Childhood obesity in relation to macrosomia at birth and diabetes type

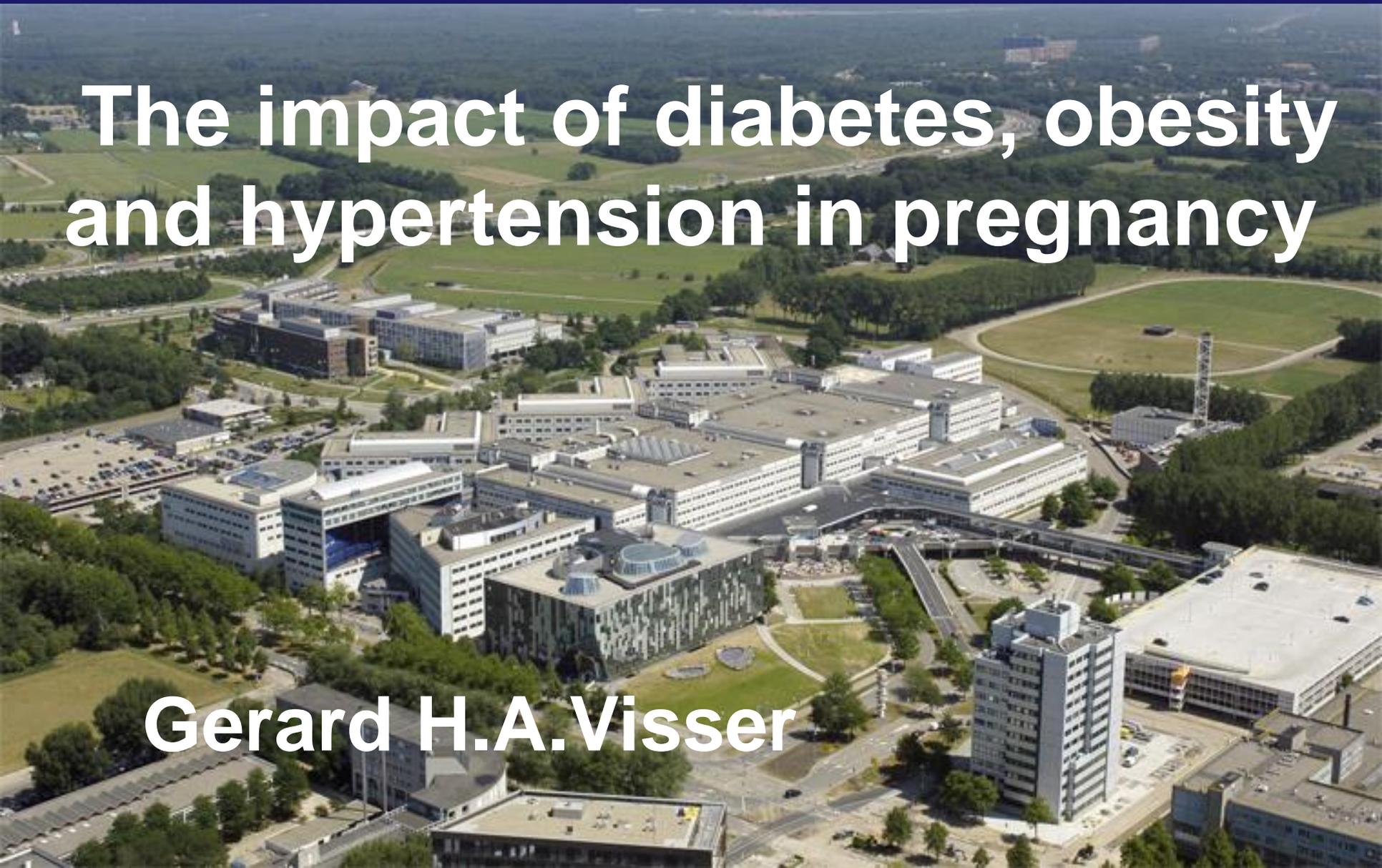


Model: lineair mixed model, leeftijd als lineaire variabele

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# Diabetes and Pregnancy

Cong malf    PN death    Macrosomia    Mat death

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GDM	?	?	?	?
Type- 2	?	?	?	?
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# Infant weight at age 14.....

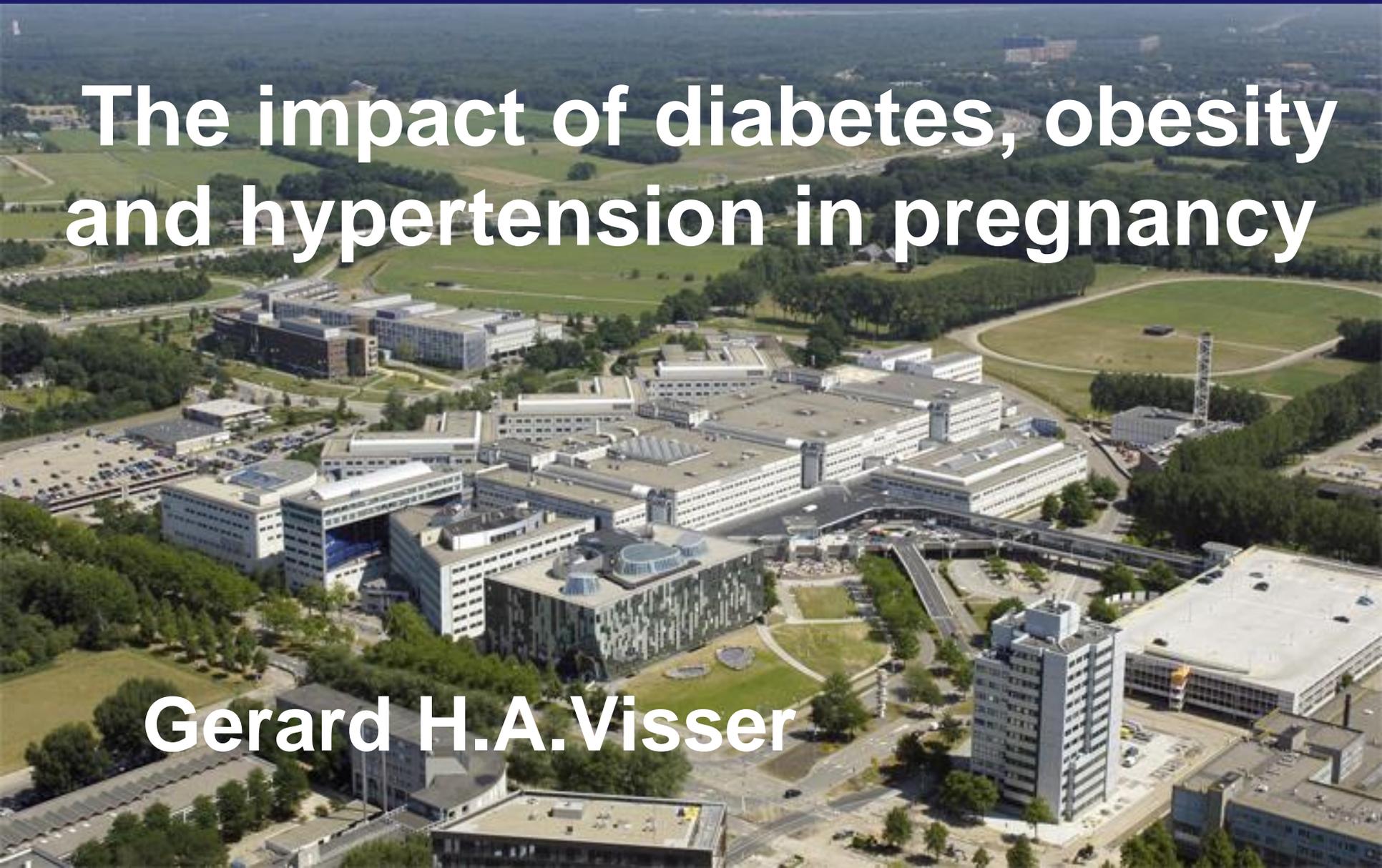
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