



**Invloed van voeding op  
het zelf-herstellend  
vermogen**

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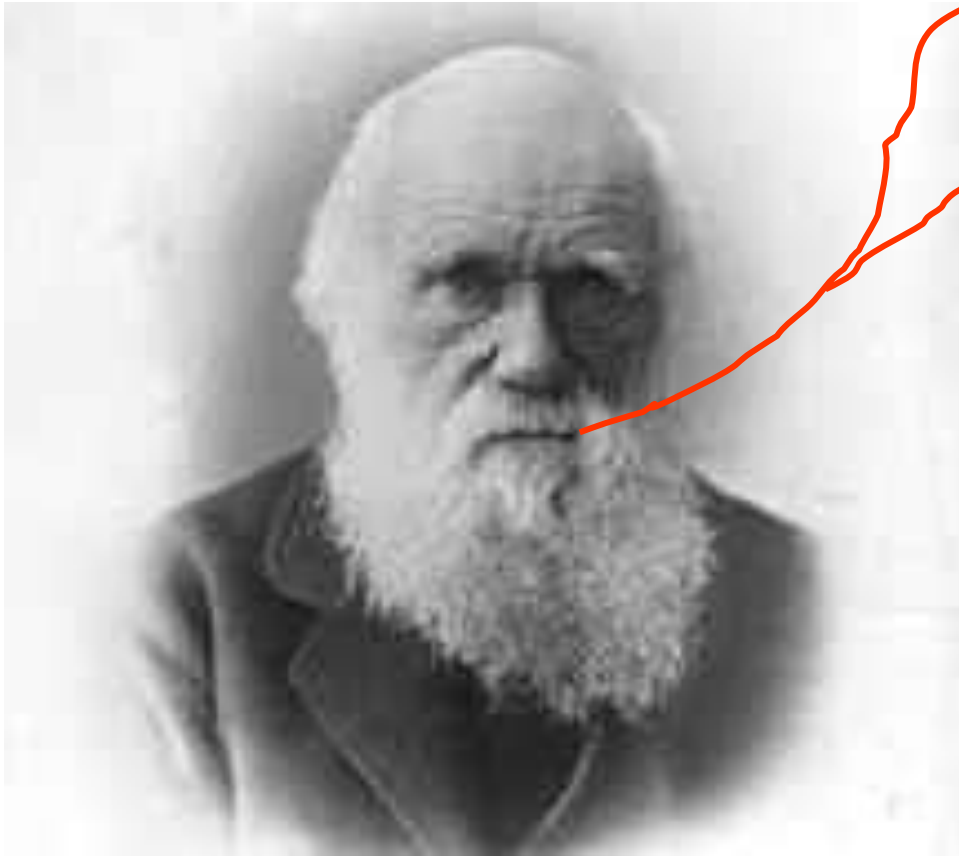
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*The bamboo that  
bends is stronger than  
the oak that resists*

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Charles Robert Darwin, (1809-1882)

*On the Origin of Species*, 1859

Muskiet, Adaptation to the conditions of existence, NTKC 2006

“Adaptation to the conditions of existence”

In the long run (species) we adapt by **mutation/selection**.

In the intermediate (several generations) and short run (individual) we adapt by **epigenetics**.

In the short run (individual) we adapt through **sensors**, e.g. receptor/transcription activators/repressors like PRR, PPARs, NFkB, nrf2, etc

# **Definitie van Gezondheid**

**Louis Bolk Instituut, Machteld Huber, 2011**

**Het vermogen om  
zich aan te passen en  
zichzelf te redden**

(Geïnspireerd door milieuwetenschappers die de gezondheid van de aarde beschrijven als 'het vermogen van een complex systeem om binnen een relatief smal bereik een stabiele omgeving te handhaven')

**How should we define health\_Huber BMJ 2011**

# **Veerkracht**

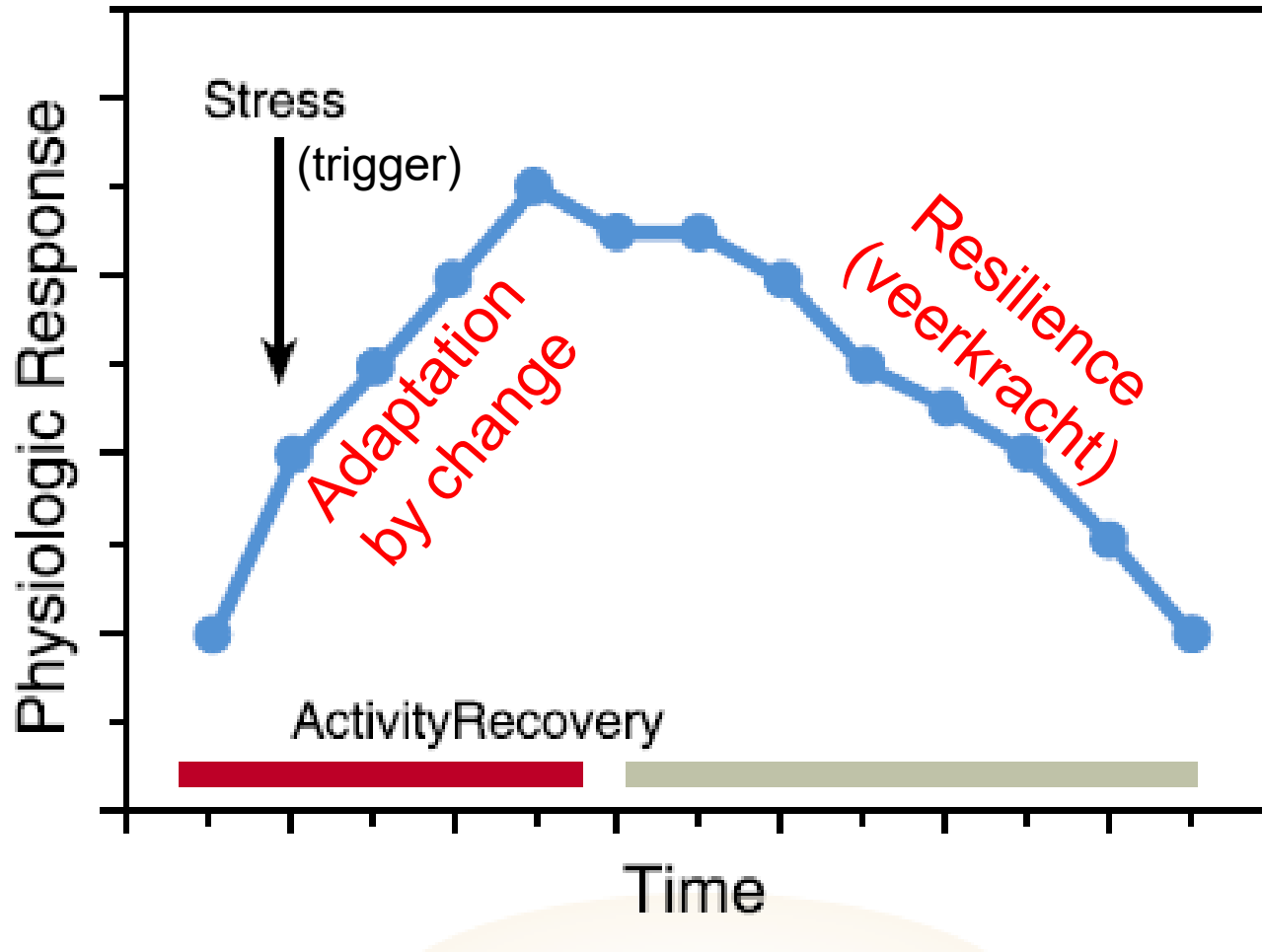
## **(weerstand, resilience)**

Komt uit de psychologie.  
Het vermogen van een persoon om  
zich adequaat aan te passen aan  
tegenspoed (een stressfactor)

# Homeostase vs. Allostase

- **Homeostase** houdt in dat een organisme binnen een bepaald bereik van fysiologische parameters blijft om een stabiele functie te behouden
- **Allostase** houdt in dat een organisme zich aanpast na een (patho)fysiologische stressor om een stabiele functie te behouden

## Normal



## A normal allostatic response

The response is initiated by a stressor/trigger, sustained for an appropriate interval, and then turned off

# Allostatische Belasting

Na een trigger is aanpassing via allostase nodig om te overleven

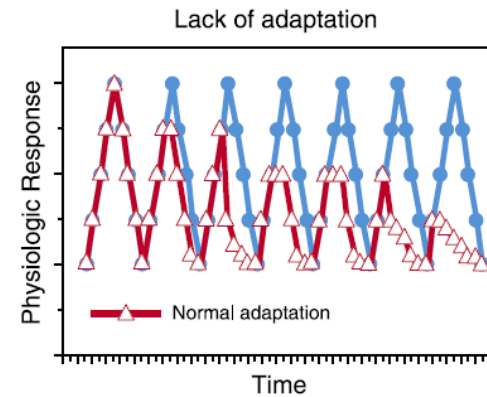
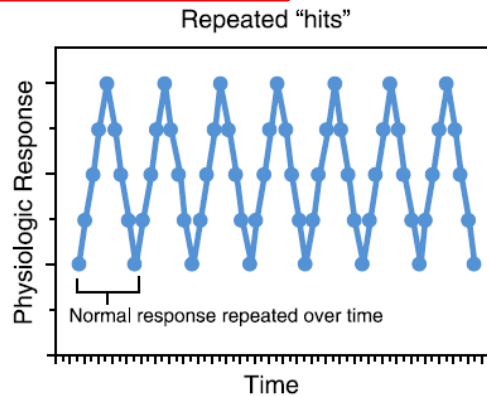
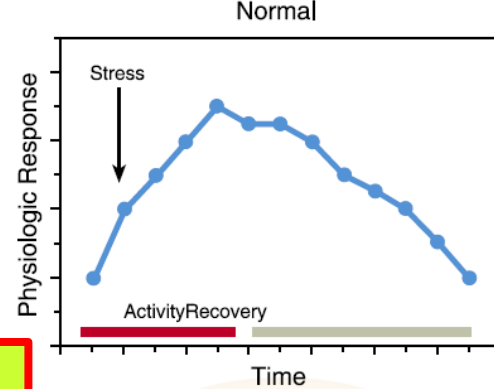
Op de lange termijn brengt allostase kosten met zich mee die ziekteprocessen kunnen versnellen

‘Allostatische belasting’ is de prijs die het lichaam betaalt om zich aan te passen



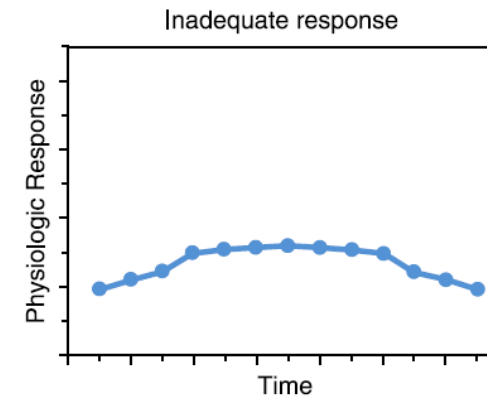
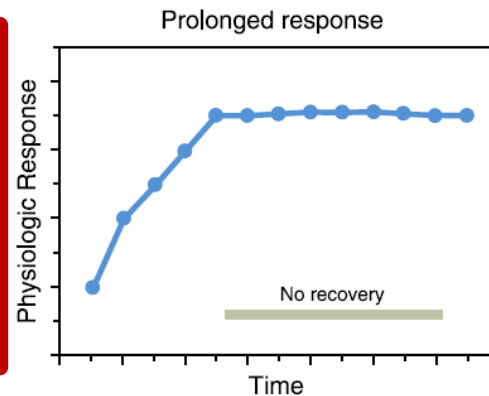
# Four conditions leading to an allostatic load

Repeated “hits” from multiple stressors



Lack of adaptation

Prolonged response due to delayed shut down

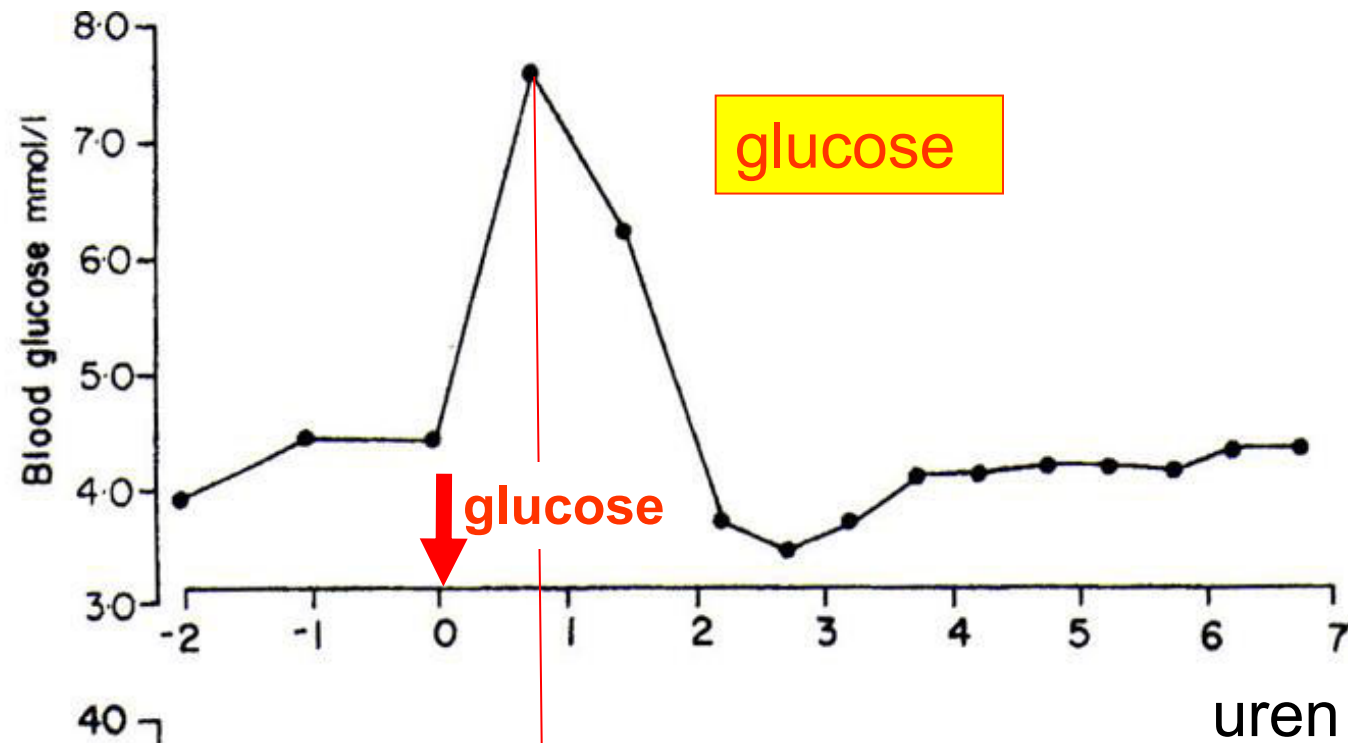


Inadequate response leading to compensatory hyperactivity of other mediators  
(e.g. inadequate secretion of glucocorticoids resulting in increased levels of cytokines that are normally counter-regulated by glucocorticoids)

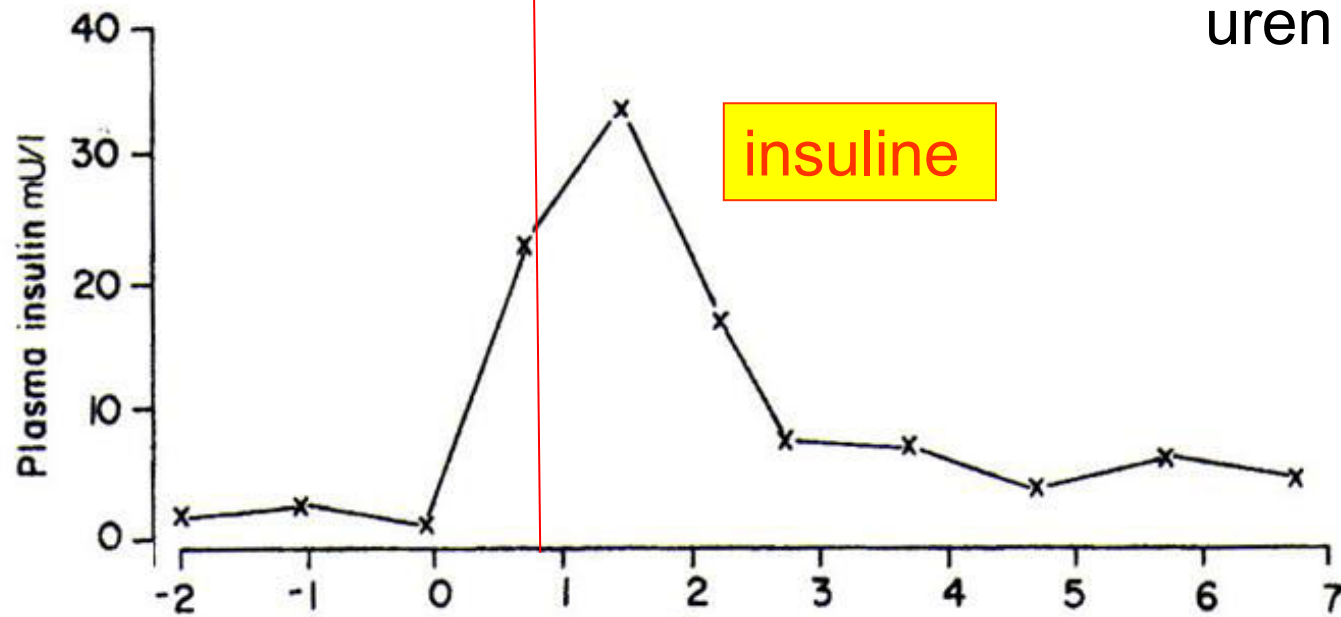
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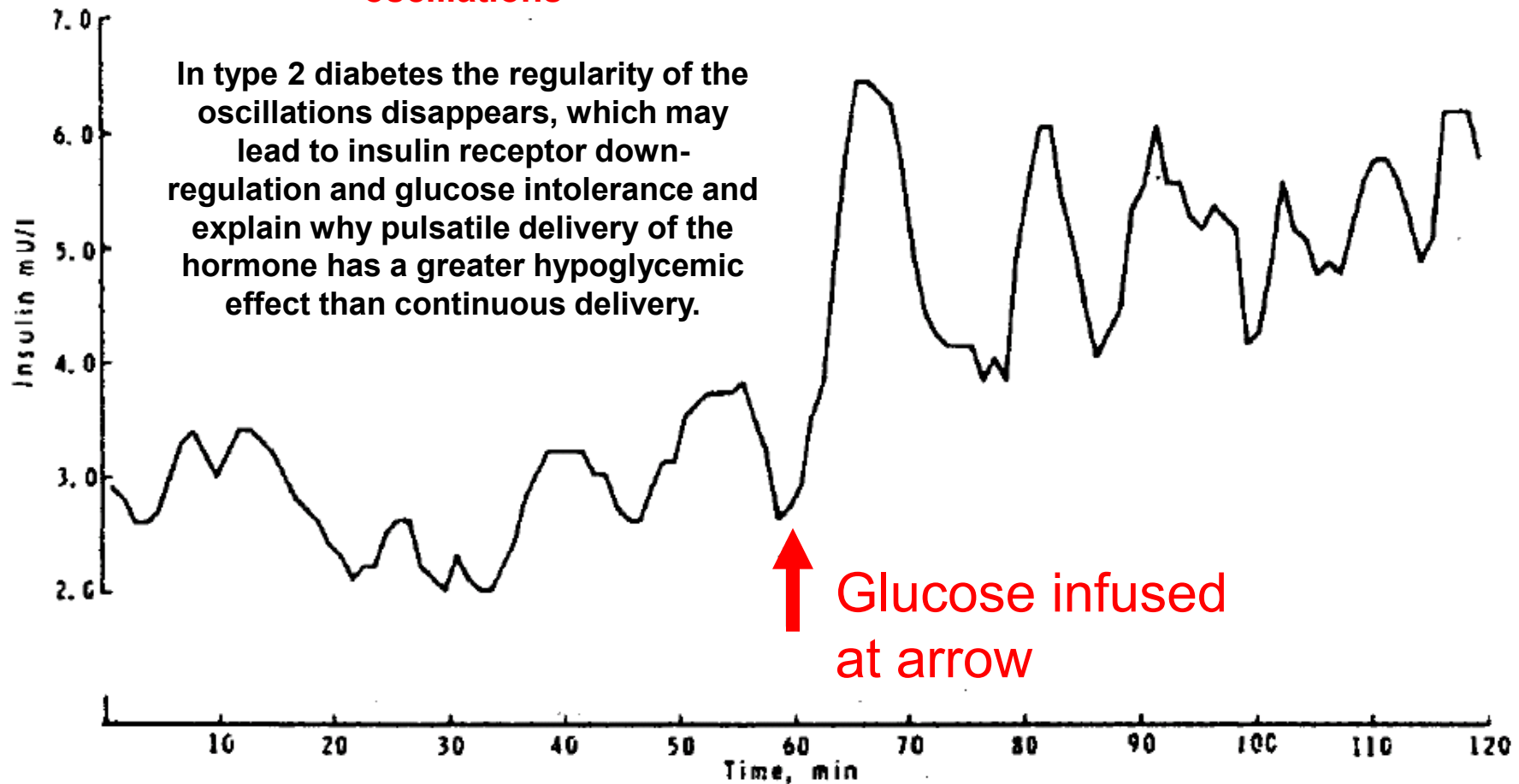


Reactie op  
75 g  
glucose  
oraal

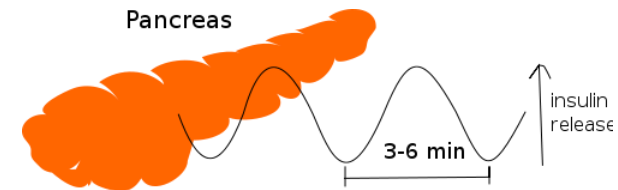
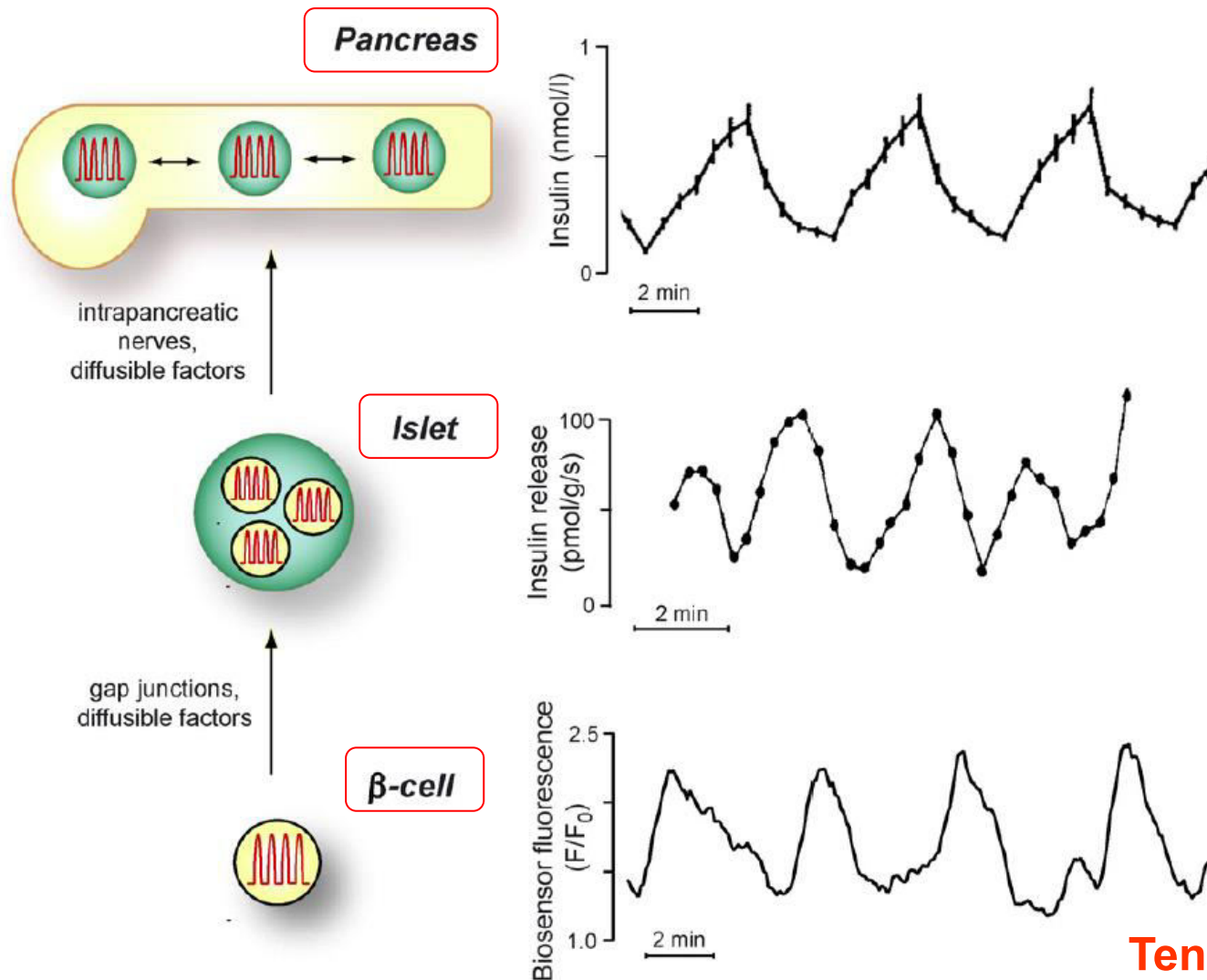


# Pulsatile secretion of insulin (healthy subject)

Plasma insulin displays  $5 \pm 10$  min oscillations



# Pulsatile secretion of insulin at the level of the pancreas, islet of Langerhans and individual pancreatic beta-cell: synchronously every 3-6 minutes



Insulin release from the pancreas oscillates with a period of 3-6 minutes (100-800 pmol/L): this mechanism may avoid downregulation of the insulin receptor (Wikipedia)

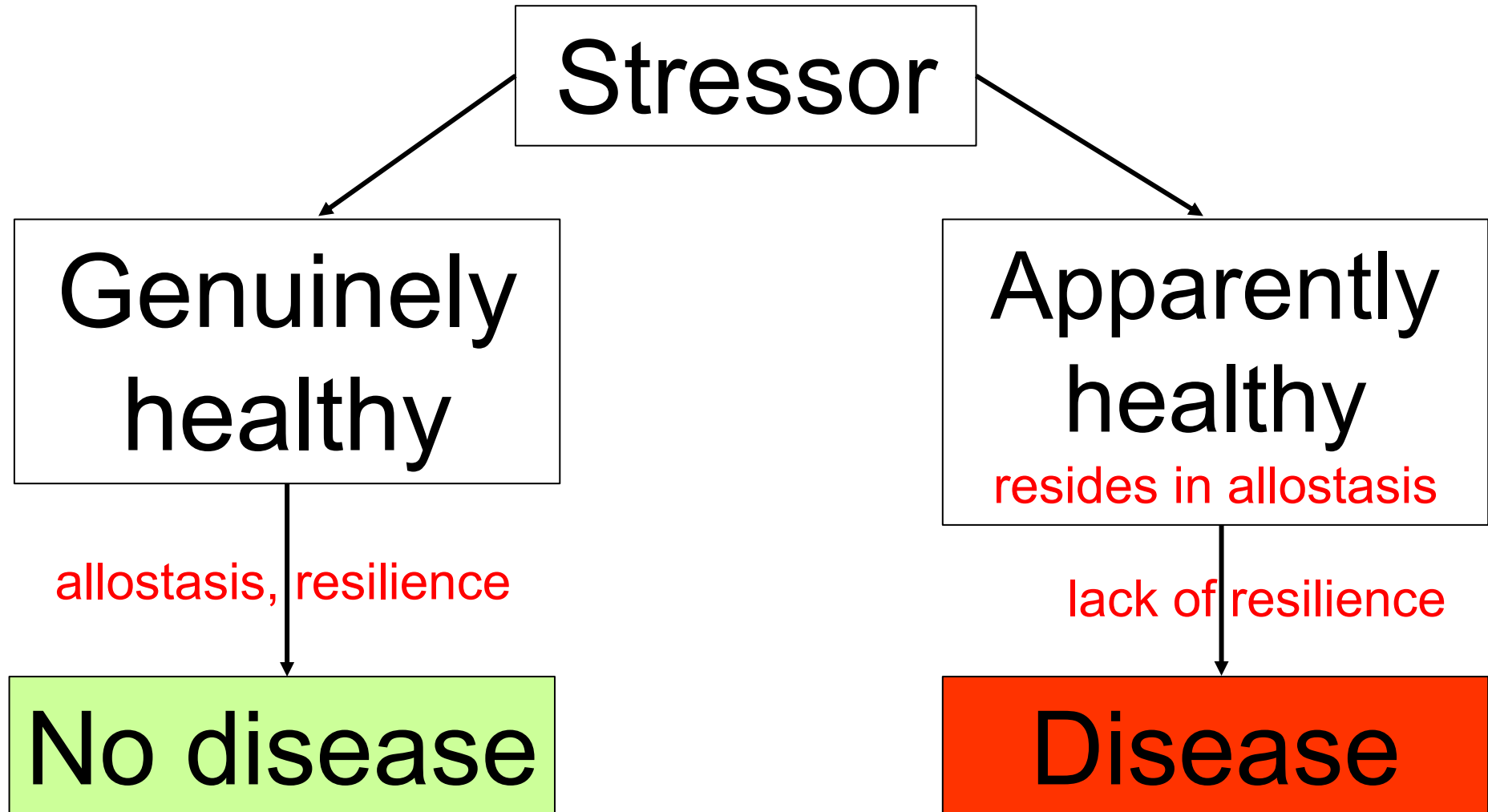
Tengholm, Mol Endocrinol 2009

# Pulsatieve secretie van insuline op het niveau van de pancreas, eilandje van Langerhans en individuele pancreas beta-cel: synchroon op minuten



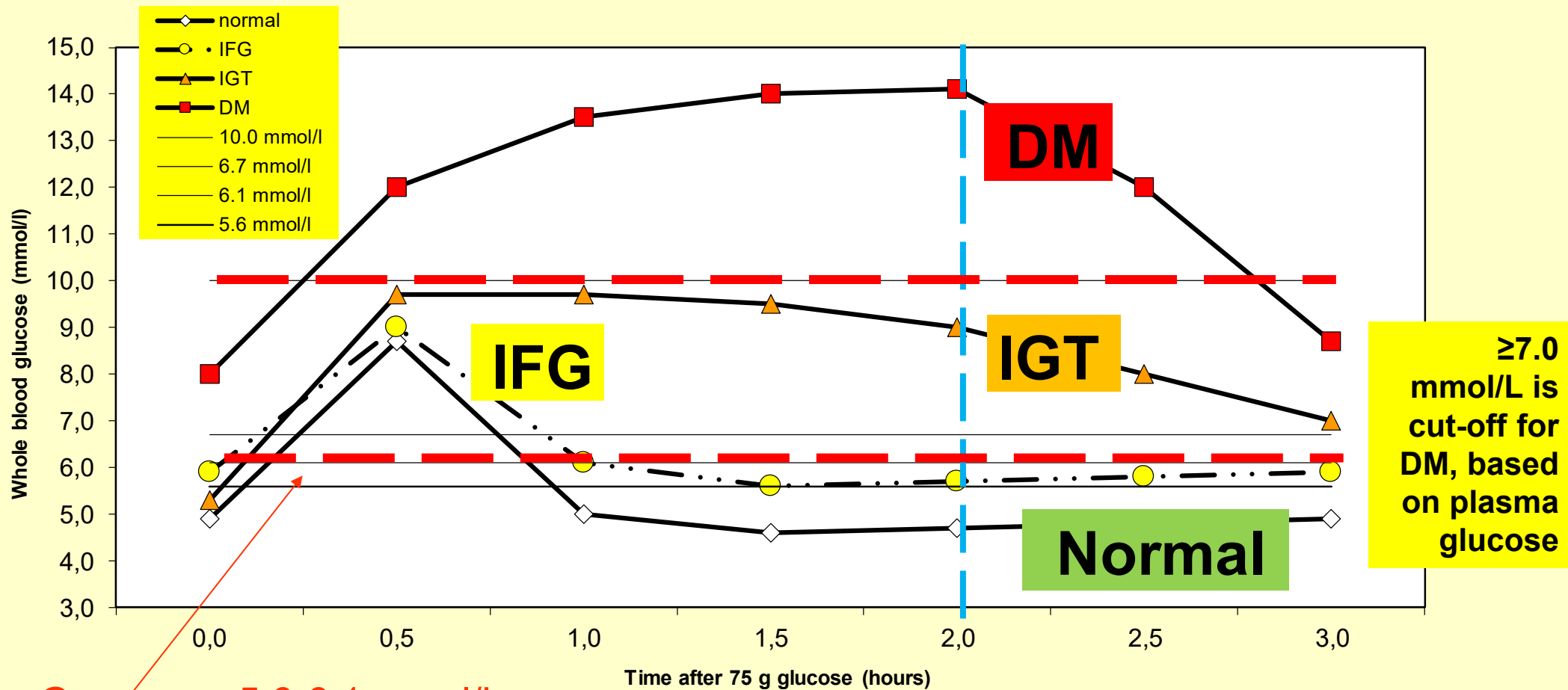
# Many people are apparently healthy

## Vulnerability shows when stressed



Abnormalities become notably apparent when the body is stressed

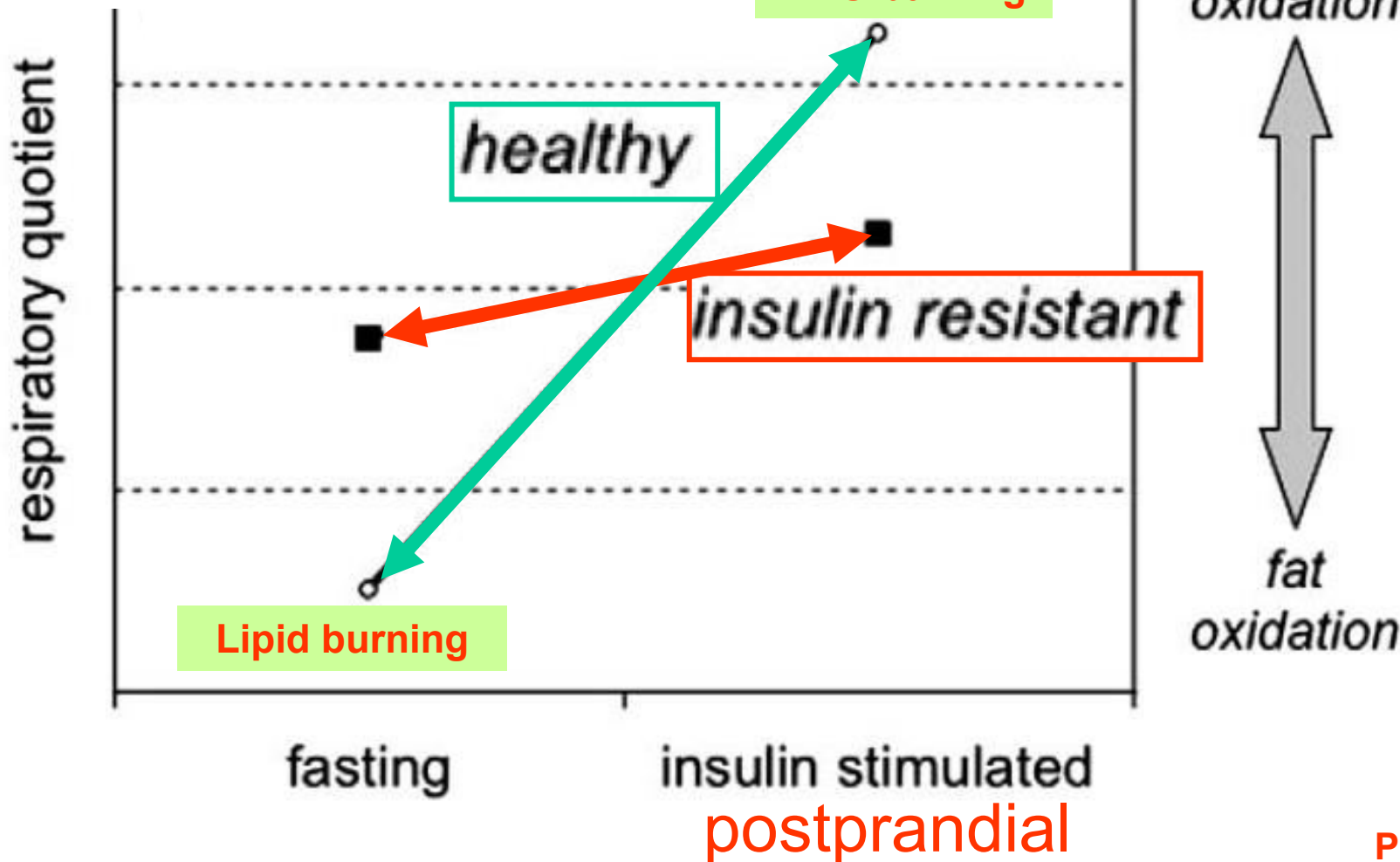
## Whole blood OGGT for normal, IFG, IGT and DM2





# Metabolic (in)flexibility

RQ =  
 $\text{CO}_2 \text{ produced} /$   
 $\text{O}_2 \text{ consumed}$

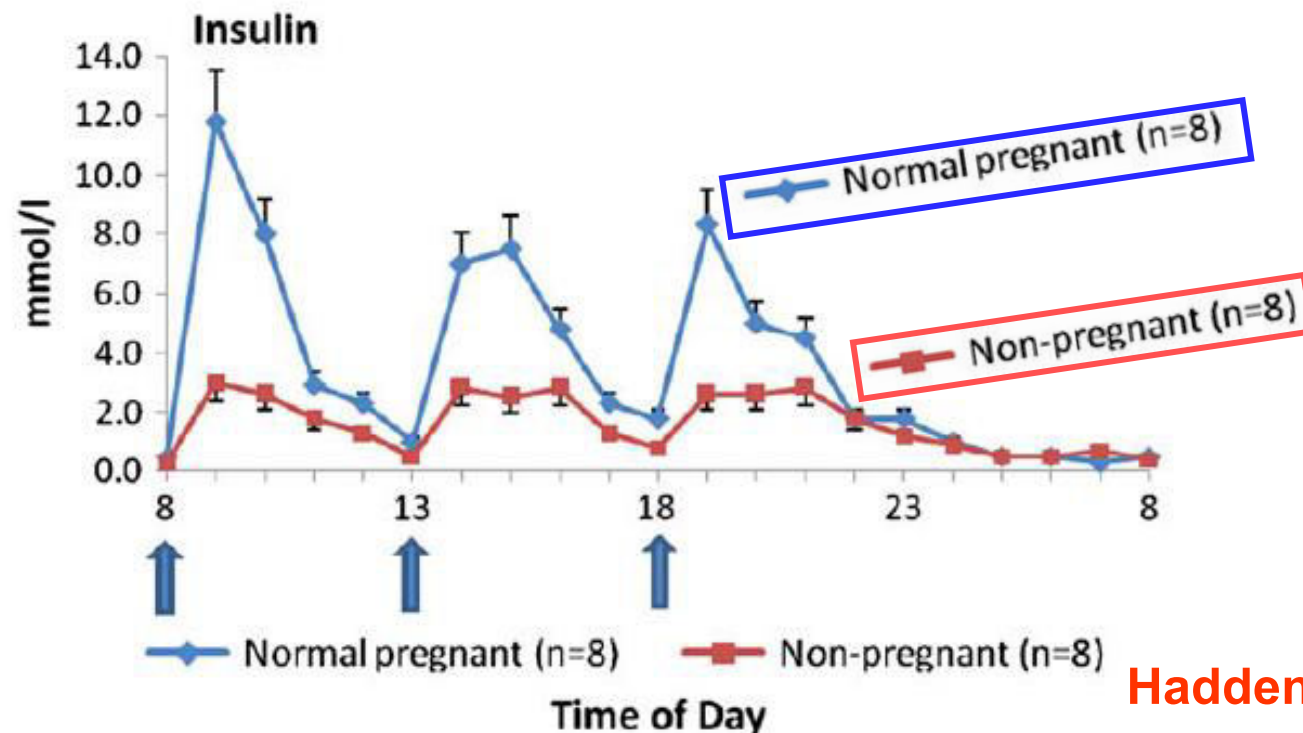
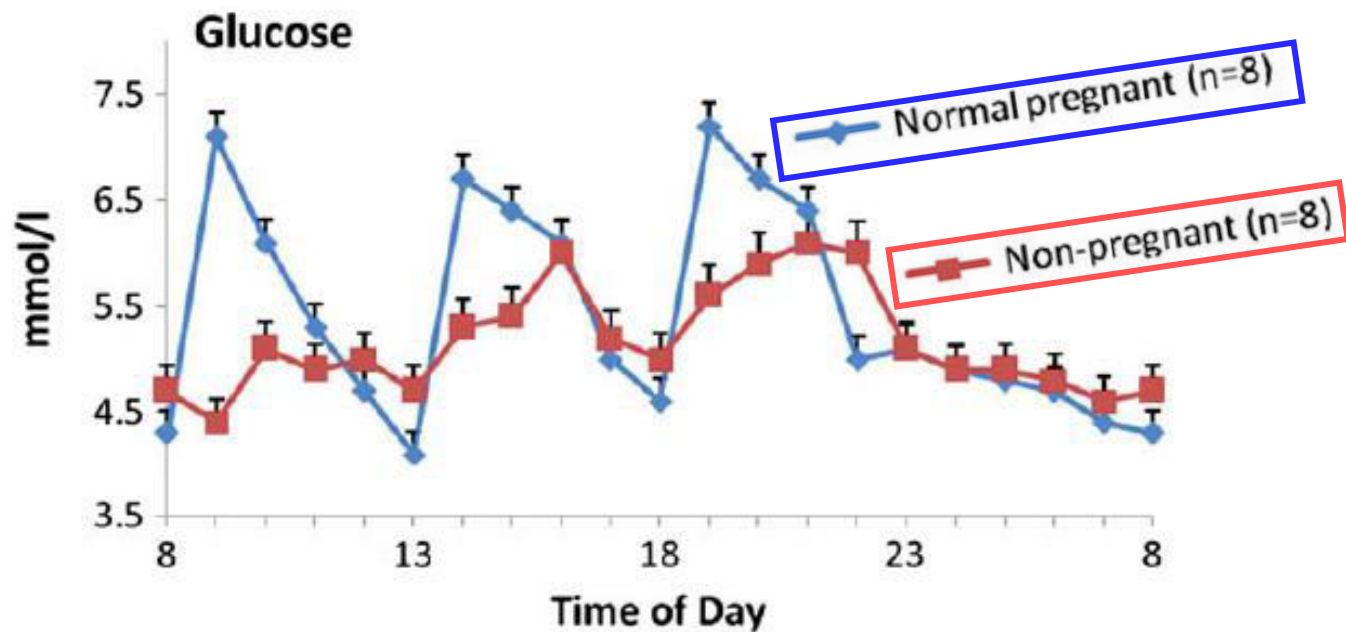


Healthy subjects (green line) display metabolic flexibility, i.e. heavily rely on lipid as source for substrate oxidation during fasting (low respiratory quotient, RQ) and rapidly switch to glucose oxidation upon insulin-stimulation (high RQ). In contrast, insulin-resistant – metabolic inflexible – subjects (red line) display a lower rate of lipid oxidation under fasting conditions (increased RQ), and do hardly increase glucose oxidation upon insulin-stimulation (lower RQ) compared to healthy individuals

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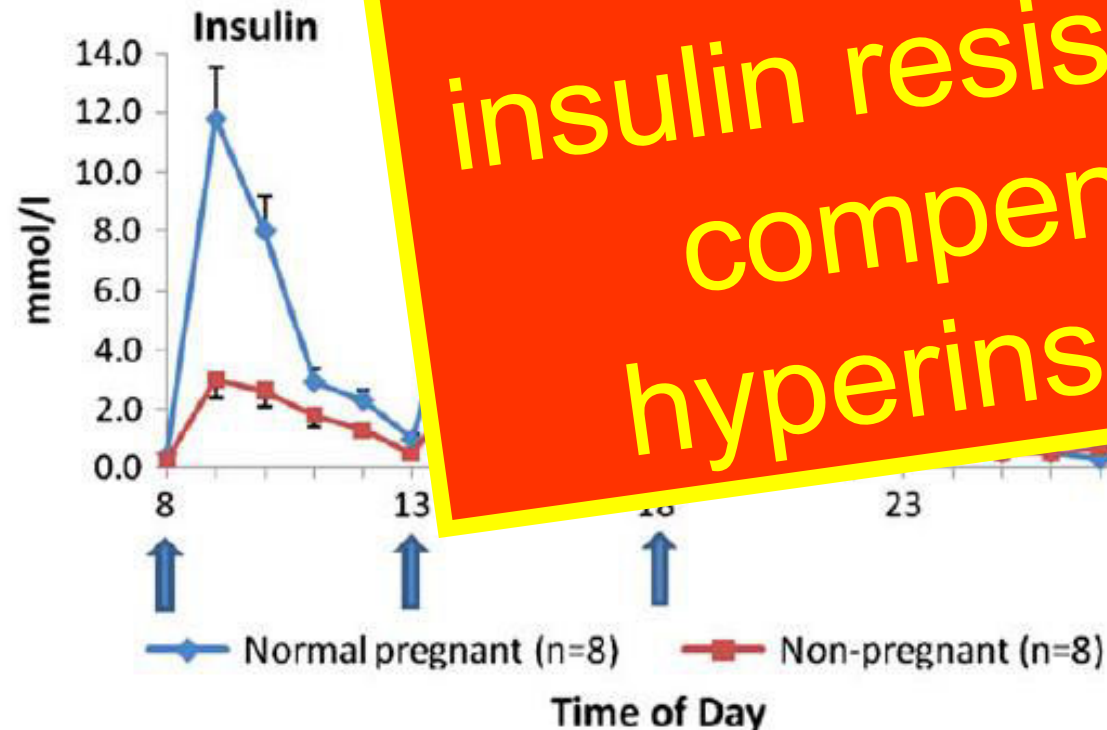


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changes in:

(a) plasma  
glucose

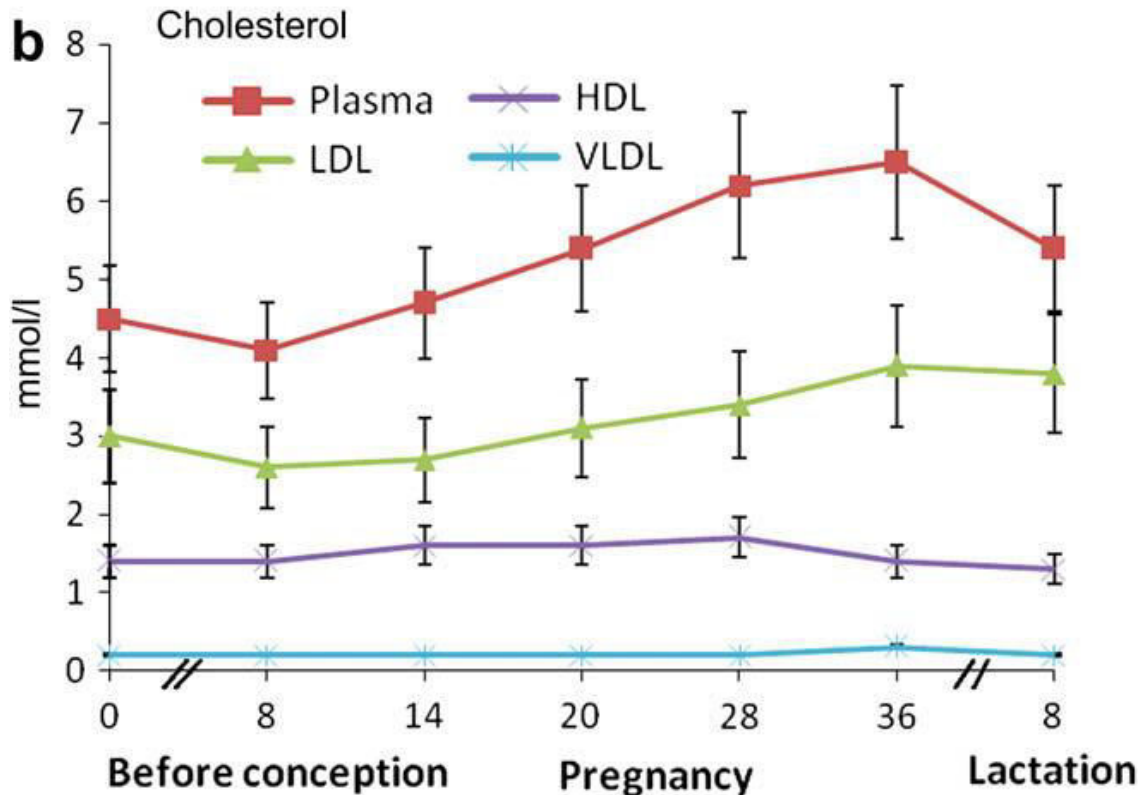
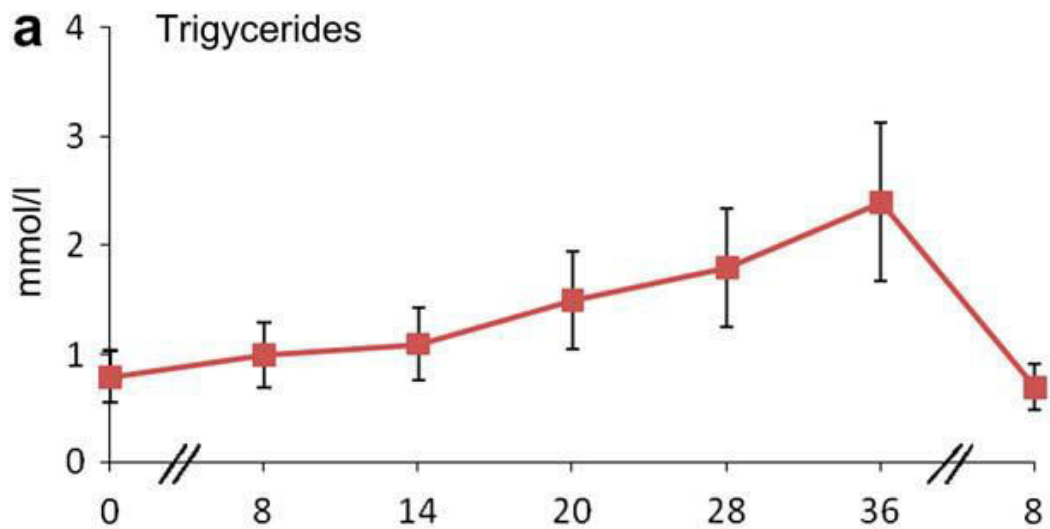
and

(b) insulin

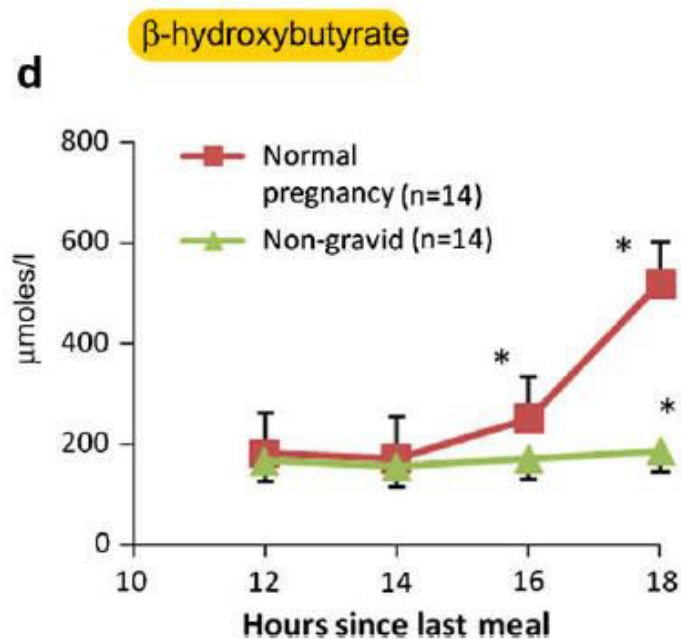
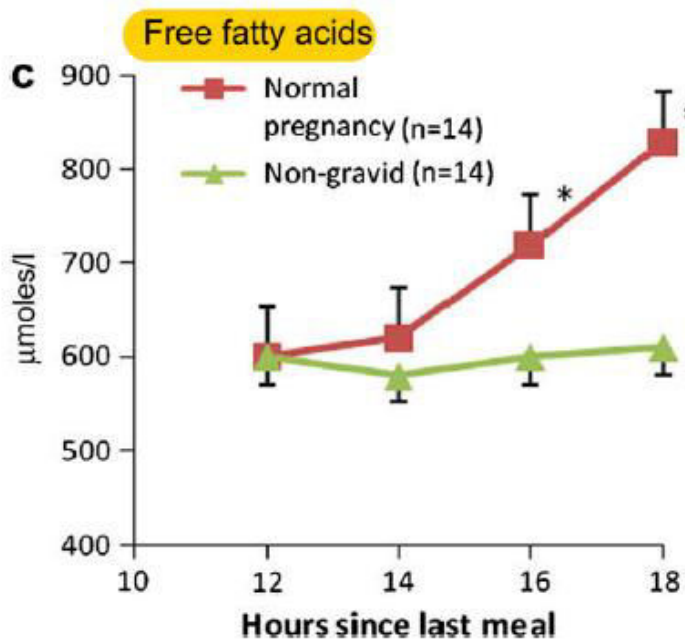
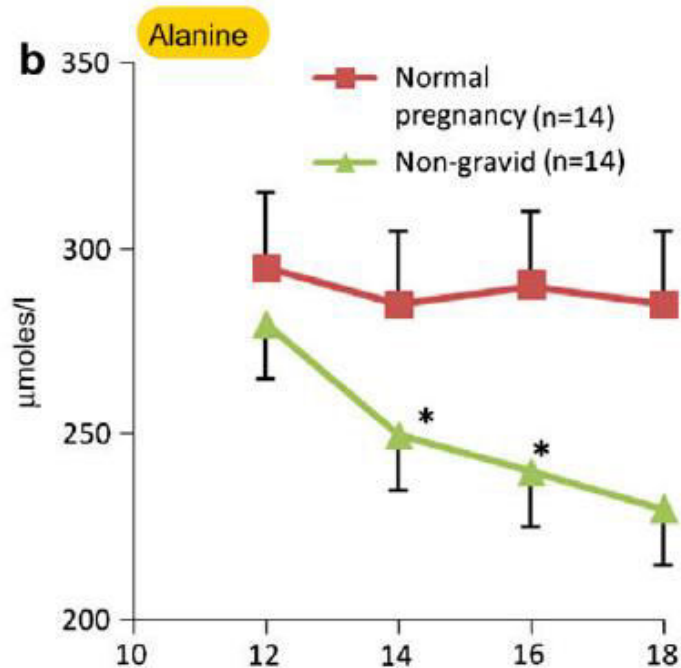
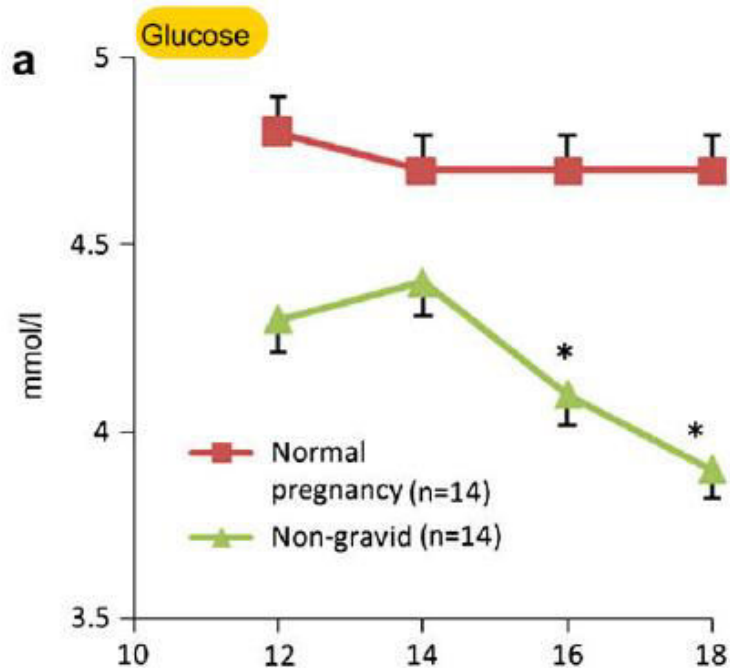


Pregnancy is an allostatic state of insulin resistance and compensatory hyperinsulinemia

The effect of normal late pregnancy on diurnal changes in: plasma glucose and (b) insulin



Triglycerides and  
cholesterol in  
plasma and in  
lipoprotein  
fractions  
before, during and  
after  
**normal  
pregnancy**

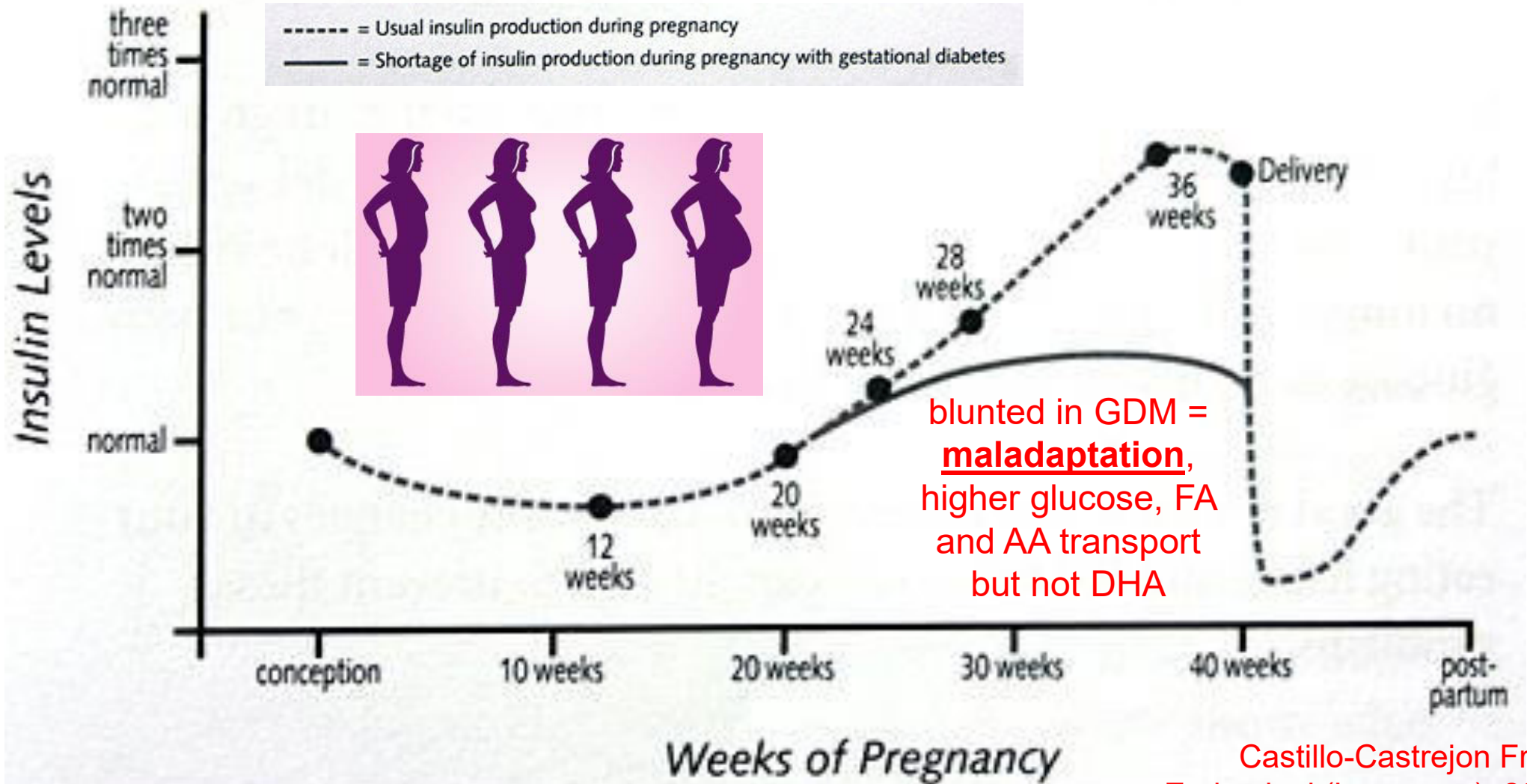


**Facilitated  
starvation in late  
pregnancy:**  
Changes in plasma  
concentrations of  
(a) glucose,  
(b) alanine,  
(c) free fatty acids  
(d) beta-  
hydroxybutyrate in  
non-pregnant and  
pregnant women  
between 12 h  
fasting and 18 h  
fasting during the  
3<sup>rd</sup> trimester

**Hadden, Semin Fetal  
Neonatal Med 2009**



# Insulin in pregnancy: the placenta starts an inflammatory reaction (TNFa), causing progressive loss of insulin sensitivity and thereby increasing nutrient transfer to the fetus



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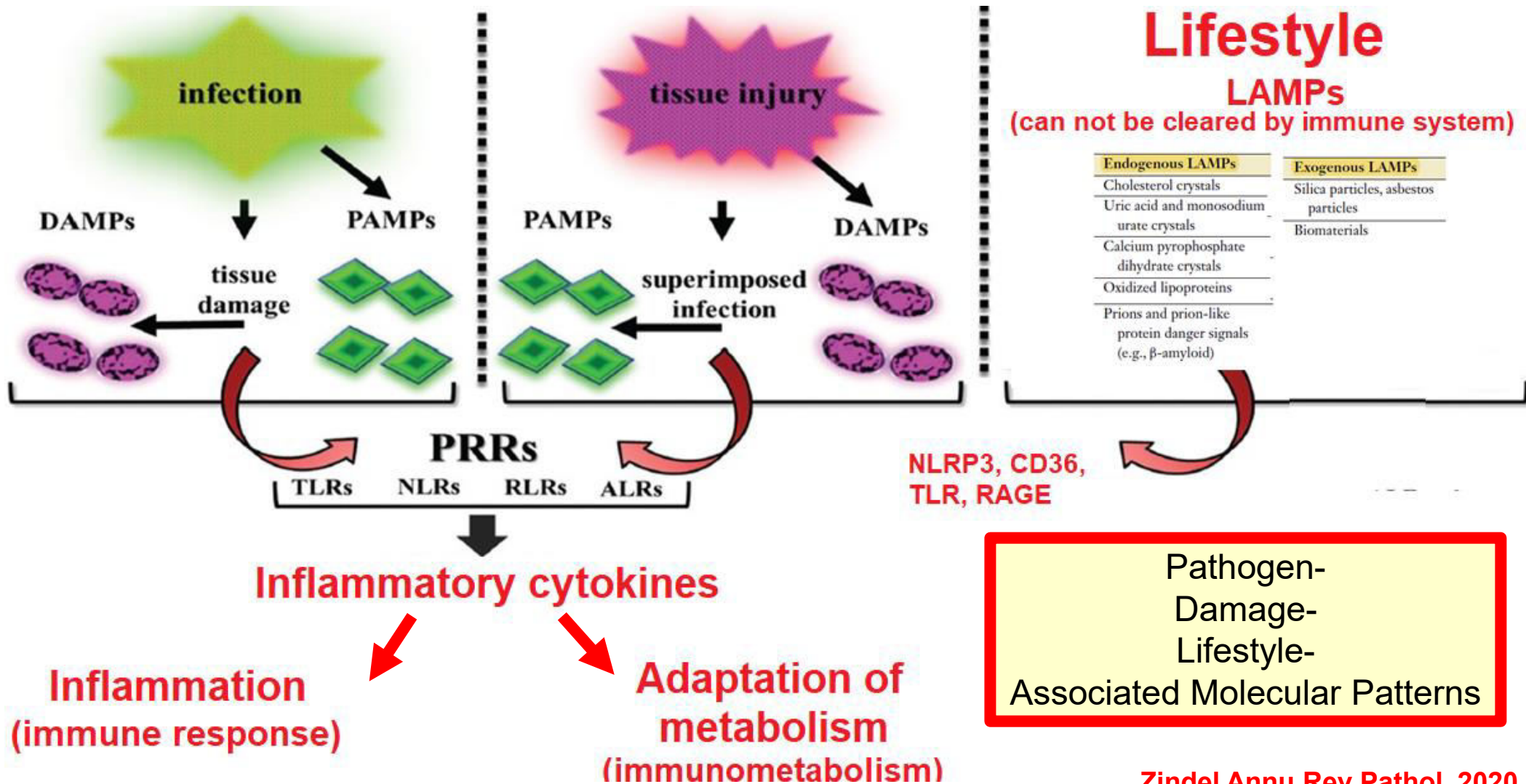
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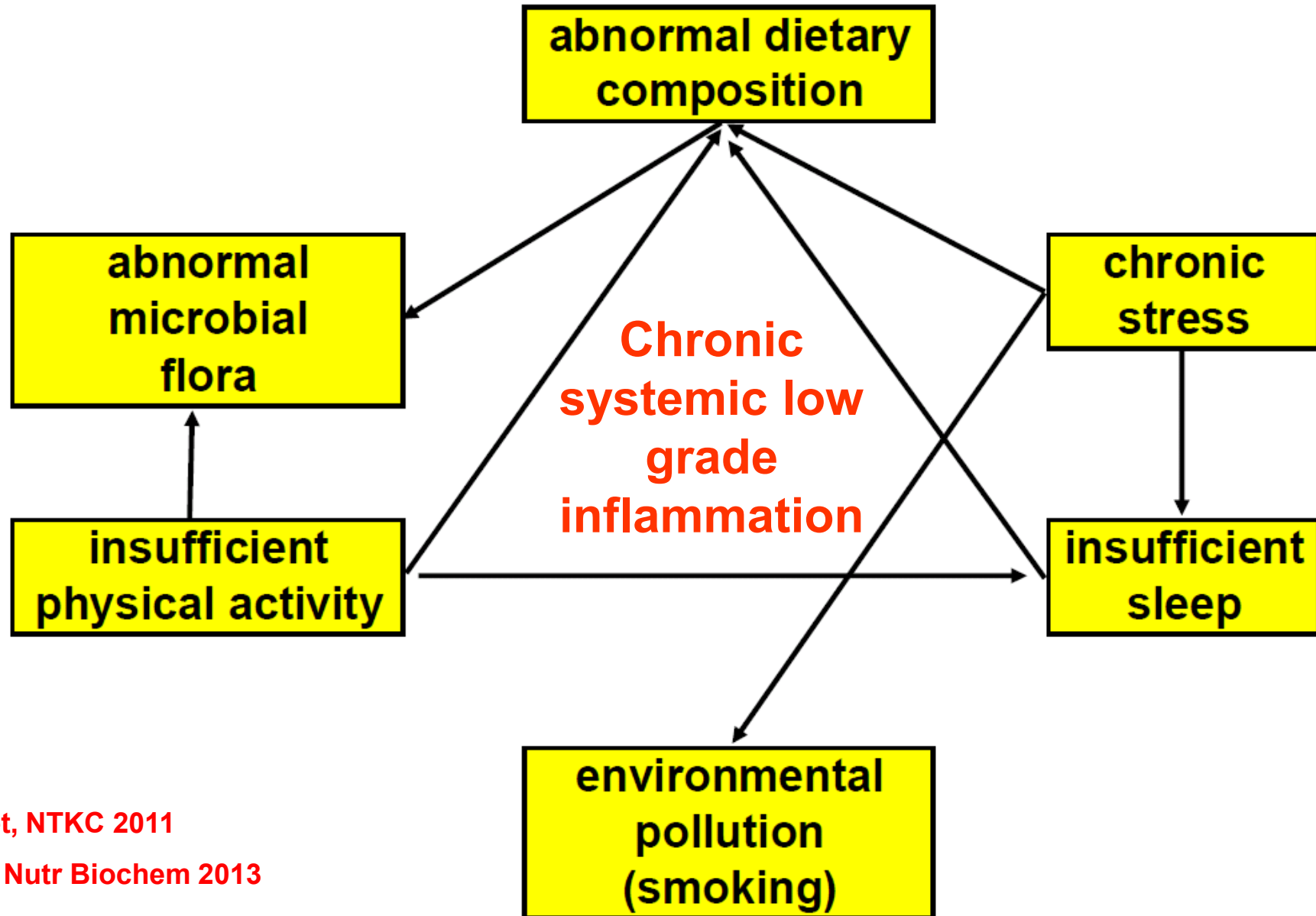


# PAMPs, DAMPs and LAMPs

Three sources of danger signals/inflammation



# Lifestyle factors exhibit interaction



Muskiet, NTKC 2011

Ruiz, J Nutr Biochem 2013

# Western people reside in a pro-inflammatory state

THE RED THREAD  
in Western disease



Constituent	Adjusted score
Energy	−0.0549
Energy*	−0.23
Garlic	0.27
Ginger	0.18
Saffron	0.18
Turmeric	0.774
Tea	0.552
Caffeine	0.035
Wine	0.48
Beer	0.2
Liquor	0.1
Alcohol	0.534
Carbohydrate	−0.346
Fiber	0.52
Fat	−0.323
(n-3) Fatty acids	0.384
(n-6) Fatty acids	−0.016
MUFA	−0.05
Saturated fat	−0.25
Protein	0.05
Cholesterol	−0.21

Constituent	Adjusted score
Vitamin A	0.58
Thiamin	0.05
Riboflavin	0.16
Niacin	0.26
Vitamin B-6	0.286
Folic Acid	0.214
Vitamin B-12	−0.09
Vitamin C	0.367
Vitamin D	0.342
Vitamin E	0.401
$\beta$ -carotene	0.725
Magnesium	0.905
Zinc	0.316
Iron	0.029
Selenium	0.021
Quercetin	0.49
Luteolin	0.43
Genistein	0.68
Daidzein	0.17
Cyanidin	0.13
Epicatechin	0.12

**The 42  
nutrients in  
the dietary  
‘inflammatory  
index’ of the  
University of  
North Carolina**

Based on the  
ability to predict  
hs-CRP

**Cavicchia, J Nutr 2009**

## Lifestyle

## Exercise

Too little (inactivity)

Too much

## Nutrition

Alcohol (excessive)

Excessive energy intake

'Fast food'/western style diet

## Fat

Saturated

Trans fatty acids

High-fat diet

High N6 : N3 ratio

Fibre (low intake)

Fructose

Glucose

High glucose/GI foods

Glycaemic load

Glycaemic status

Meat (domesticated)

Salt

Sugar-sweetened drinks

Starvation

Obesity/weight gain

Smoking

Sleep deprivation

Stress/anxiety/depression/

'burn out'

'Unhealthy' lifestyle

## Exercise/physical activity/fitness

'Healthy' obesity

Intensive lifestyle change

## Nutrition

Alcohol

Capsaicin

Cocoa/chocolate (dark)

Dairy calcium

Eggs

Energy intake (restricted)

Fish/fish oils

Fibre (high intake)

Garlic

Grapes/raisins

Herbs and spices

Lean game meats

Low GI foods

Low N6 : N3 ratio

Mediterranean diet

Fruits/vegetables

Mono-unsaturated fats

Nuts

Olive oil

Soy protein

Tea/green tea

Vinegar

Smoking cessation

Weight loss

# Lifestyle related pro- and anti- inflammatory factors



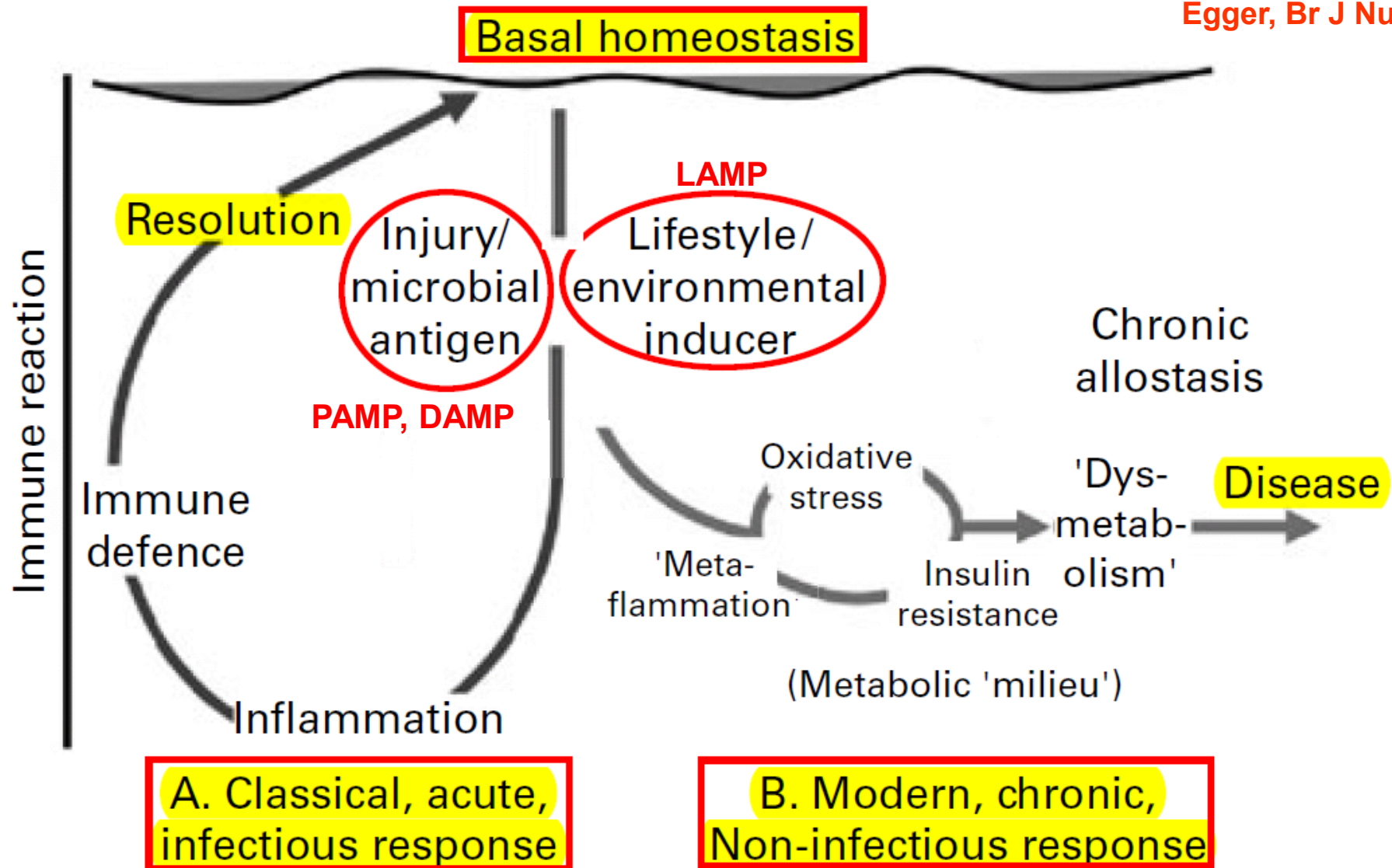
# Components of the Dietary Inflammation Score (DIS) and Lifestyle Inflammation Score (LIS)

## descriptions, rationales for inclusion, and assigned weights

Components	Rationales for inclusion	General descriptions	Weights <sup>2</sup>
DIS components <sup>3</sup>			
Leafy greens and cruciferous vegetables	Kale, spinach, lettuce (iceberg, head, romaine, or leaf), broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, parsley, watercress	Contain a variety of potent antioxidants (e.g., $\beta$ -carotene, folacin, magnesium, calcium, glucosinolates, isothiocyanates, lutein, and indoles); contain flavonoids and polyphenols, which activate the transcription factor, Nrf2, which plays a key role in cellular protection against oxidative stress and inflammation (29–31, 50, 61, 72, 80–83)	– 0.14
Tomatoes	Tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato sauce, salsa	Contain $\beta$ -carotene, vitamin C, and lycopene, the latter of which is a potent singlet oxygen quencher and one of the most powerful antioxidants among the natural carotenoids (32–35)	– 0.78
Apples and berries	Fresh apples, pears, apple juice or cider, strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, cherries	Contain flavonoids (e.g., anthocyanins, quercetin, and phenolic acids) that suppress proinflammatory cytokine production and are powerful antioxidants; potentially increase postprandial plasma antioxidant capacity (36–38)	– 0.65
Deep yellow or orange vegetables and fruit	Cantaloupe, peaches, carrots, dark yellow or orange squash, figs	Contain provitamin A carotenoids (e.g., $\beta$ -carotene and $\alpha$ -carotene), which have a conjugated double-bond structure making them strong antioxidants (40)	– 0.57
Other fruits and real fruit juices	Fresh fruits other than those listed above (e.g., pineapples, honeydew, grapes, kiwi, watermelon, lemon, grapefruit, and oranges), orange juice, grapefruit juice, grape juice, and other real fruit juice	Contain antioxidants (e.g., flavonoids, such as hesperidin, naringenin, neohesperidin, limonene, vitamin C, $\beta$ -cryptoxanthin, plant sterols, salicylates, naringin, nobelitin, and narirutin) with similar mechanisms to those described above (41–48, 72)	– 0.16
Other vegetables	Vegetables other than those listed above (e.g., okra, green peppers, onions, zucchini, and eggplant)	Contain antioxidants and polyphenols with similar mechanisms to those described above	– 0.16
Legumes	String beans, peas, lima beans, lentils, and other beans (excluding soybeans)	Contain folacin, iron, isoflavones, protein, vitamin B6, and have a high antioxidant capacity; rich in fiber, which is associated with beneficial alterations to the gut microbiota, reducing immune response in the gut (49, 51, 61)	– 0.04
Fish	Tuna fish, salmon, other light and dark meat fish, breaded fish cakes or fish sticks	Contain $\Omega$ -3 fatty acids, which compete with proinflammatory $\Omega$ -6 fatty acids by synthesizing eicosanoids and suppress the capacity of monocytes to synthesize IL-1 $\beta$ and TNF- $\alpha$ (52–54)	– 0.08

# The difference between classical inflammation initiated by a microbial antigen or injury, and metaflammation caused by lifestyle or environmental inducers

Egger, Br J Nutr 2009



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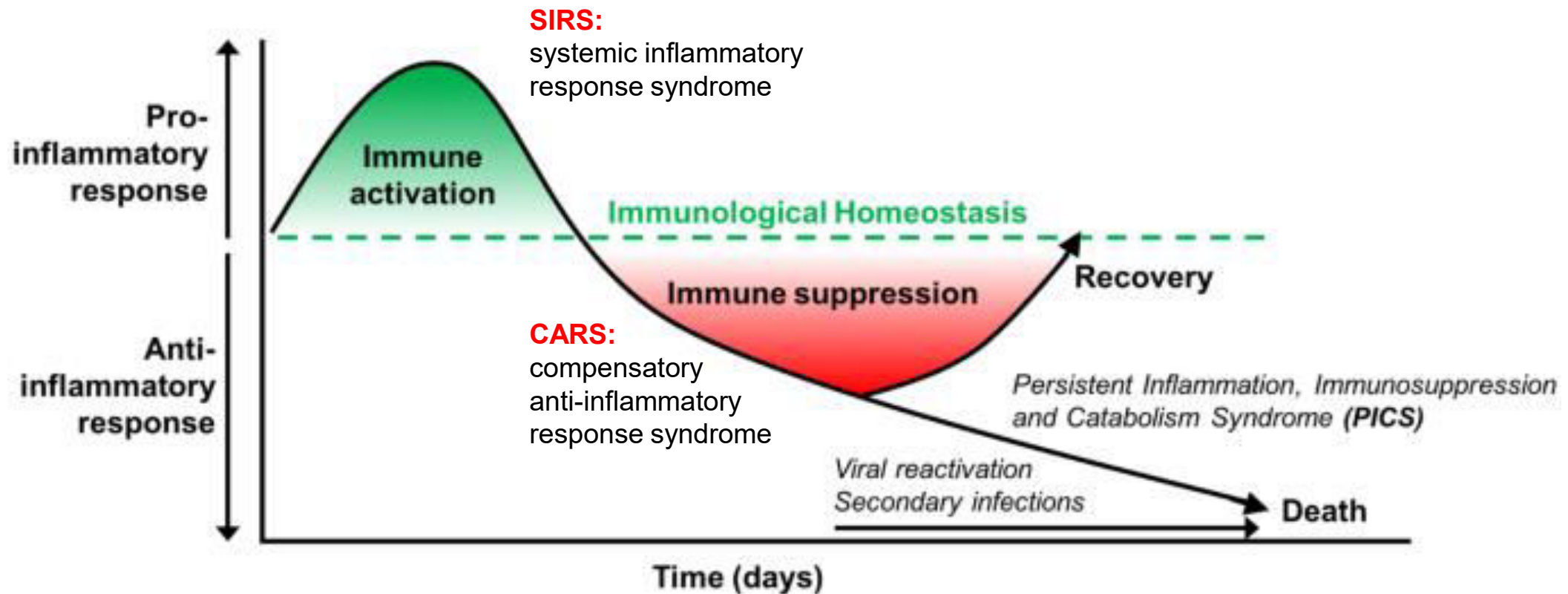
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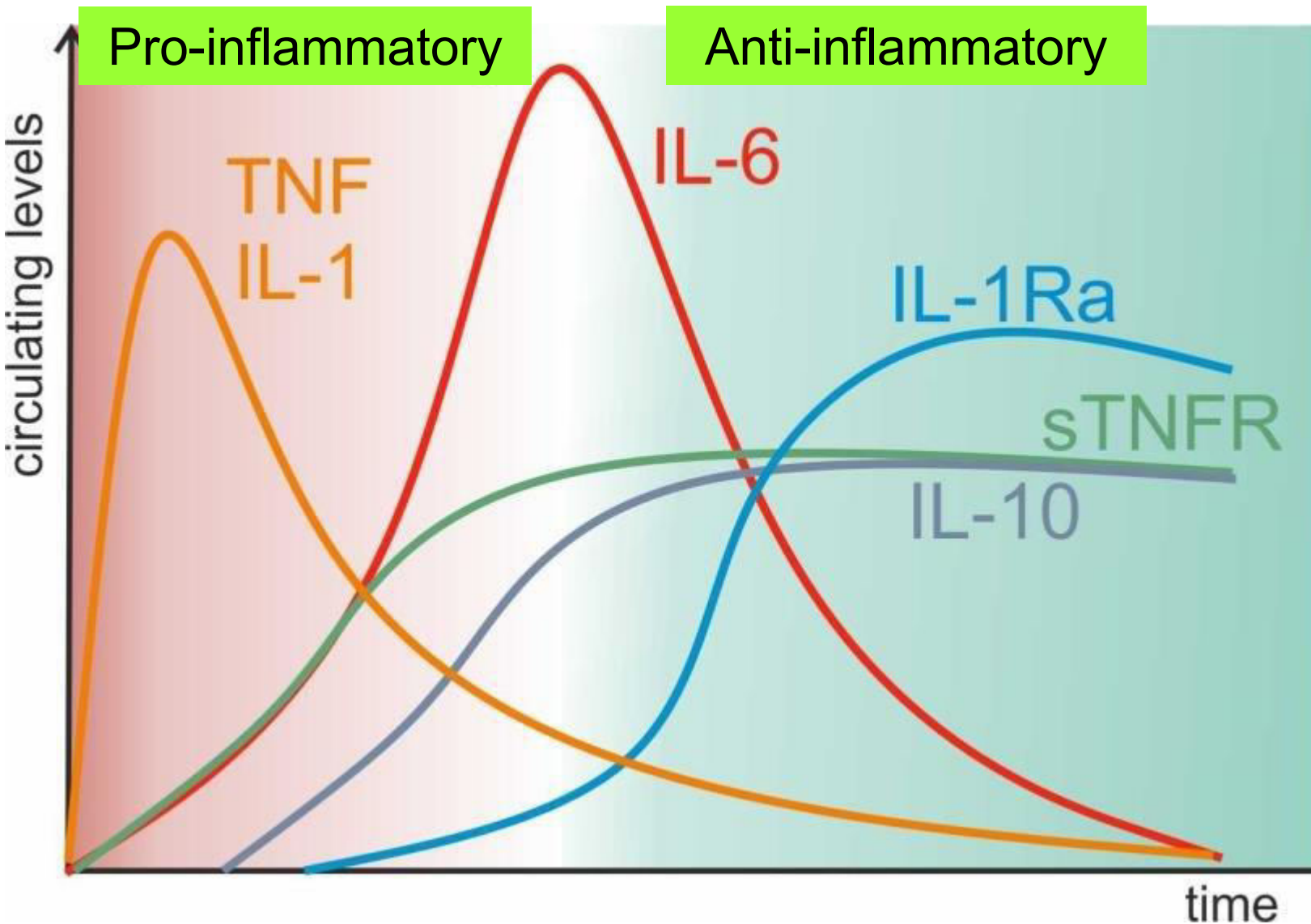
# The immunological response following infection:

## PAMP/DAMP detection by PRR→

## SIRS→CARS→recovery/death/PICS



# Cytokine kinetics in sepsis



Both, IL-1 $\beta$  and TNF- $\alpha$  trigger an anti-inflammatory cascade resulting in the production of IL-10.

Sugimoto Front Immunol 2016

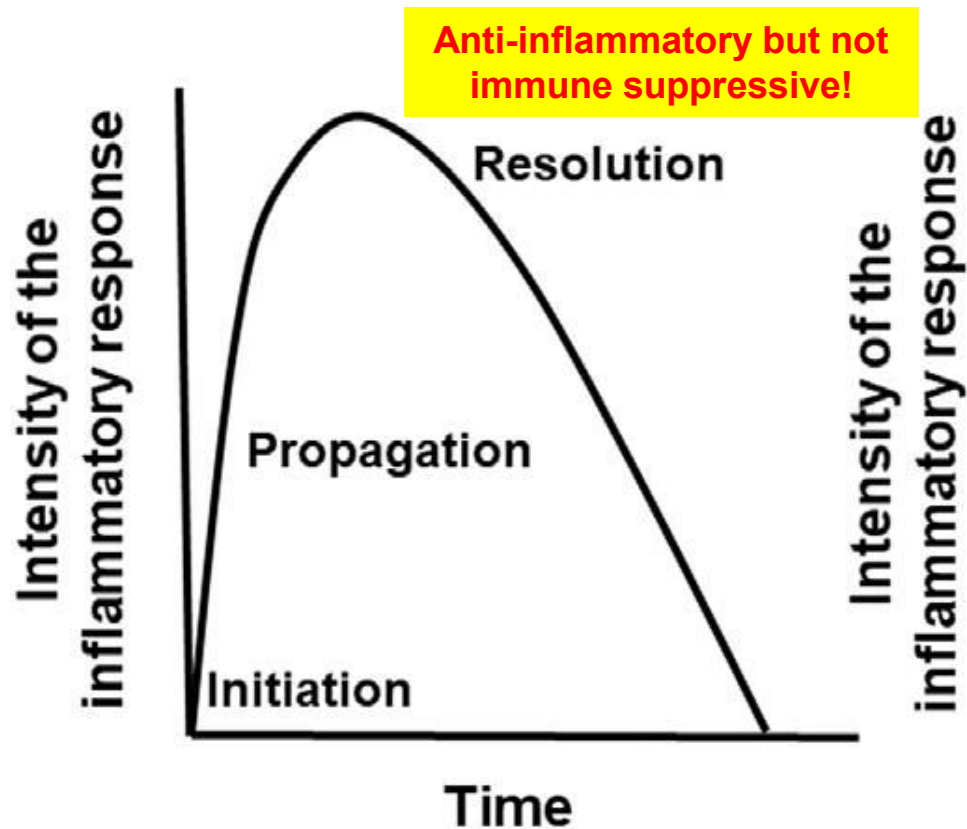
Tumor necrosis factor (TNF) and interleukin (IL-)1 are the first cytokines to be released in sepsis and promote the secretion of IL-6. Together, these cytokines are the orchestrators during the pro-inflammatory phase in sepsis.

After some time, compensation mechanisms arise to dampen the pro-inflammatory response such as IL-10, IL-1 receptor antagonist (IL-1Ra) and soluble TNF receptor (sTNFR).

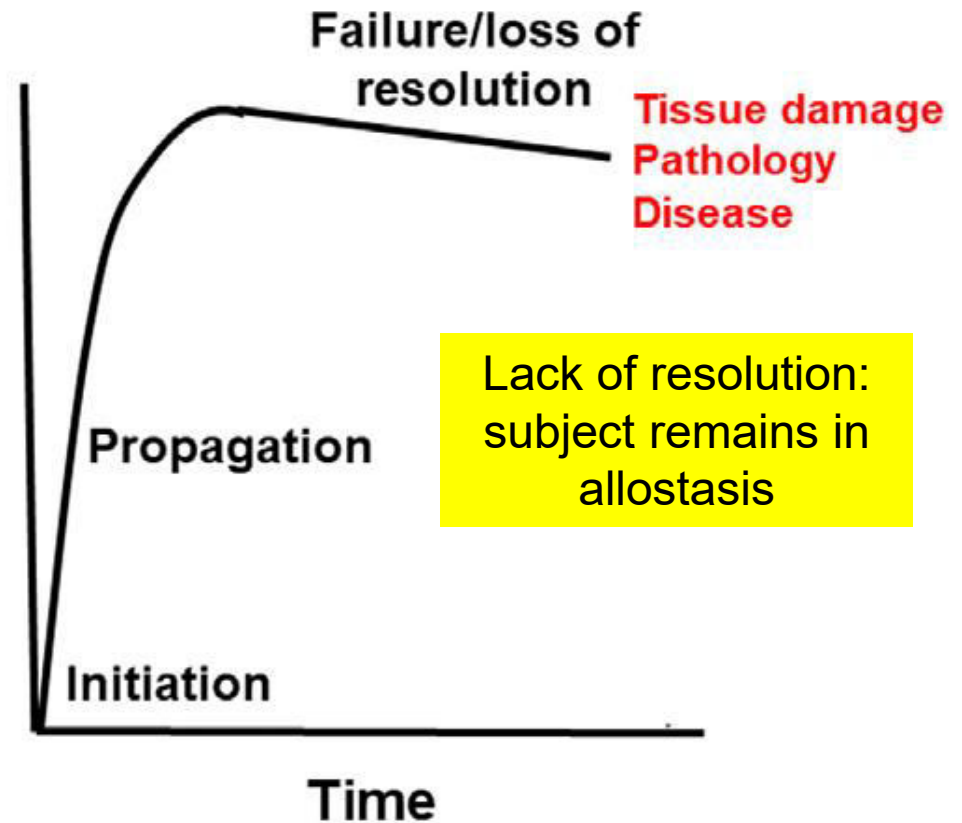
Interleukin 6 (IL-6) is an interleukin that acts as both a pro-inflammatory cytokine and an anti-inflammatory myokine.

# Self-limiting vs. chronic inflammation

## SELF-LIMITING INFLAMMATION



## CHRONIC INFLAMMATION



**Endogenous biochemical pathways that become jointly activated during a defense reaction can counter-regulate inflammation and promote resolution**

Resolution is an  
active rather than a  
passive process

# Many mediators regulate the pro- and anti-inflammatory responses

Mediator class	Pro-inflammatory	Anti-inflammatory
Amines	Histamine, bradykinin	Adrenaline, noradrenaline
Lipid mediators	PGE <sub>2</sub> , PGI <sub>2</sub> , LTB <sub>4</sub> , LTC <sub>4</sub>	PGJ <sub>2</sub> , PGA <sub>1/2</sub> , lipoxins
Complement	C3a, C5a	C1q receptor
Cyclic nucleotides	cGMP	cAMP
Adhesion molecules	E-selectin, P-selectin, ICAM1, VCAM1	$\alpha_v\beta_3$ integrin, TSP receptor, PS receptor
Cytokines	TNF, IL-1 $\beta$ , IL-6	TGF- $\beta$ 1, IL-10
Chemokines	IL-8 (CCL8), GRO/KC, MIP1 $\alpha$ (CCL3), MCP1 (CCL2)	-
Steroid hormones	-	Glucocorticoids

SPMS

Cross-talk

cAMP, cyclic adenosine 3,5 monophosphate; cGMP, cyclic guanosine 3,5 monophosphate; ICAM1, intercellular adhesion molecule 1; IL, interleukin; LT, leukotriene; MCP1, monocyte chemotactic protein 1; MIP1 $\alpha$ , macrophage inflammatory protein 1 $\alpha$ ; PG, prostaglandin; PS, phosphatidylserine; TGF- $\beta$ 1, transforming growth factor- $\beta$ 1; TNF, tumour-necrosis factor; TSP, thrombospondin; VCAM1, vascular cell adhesion molecule 1.

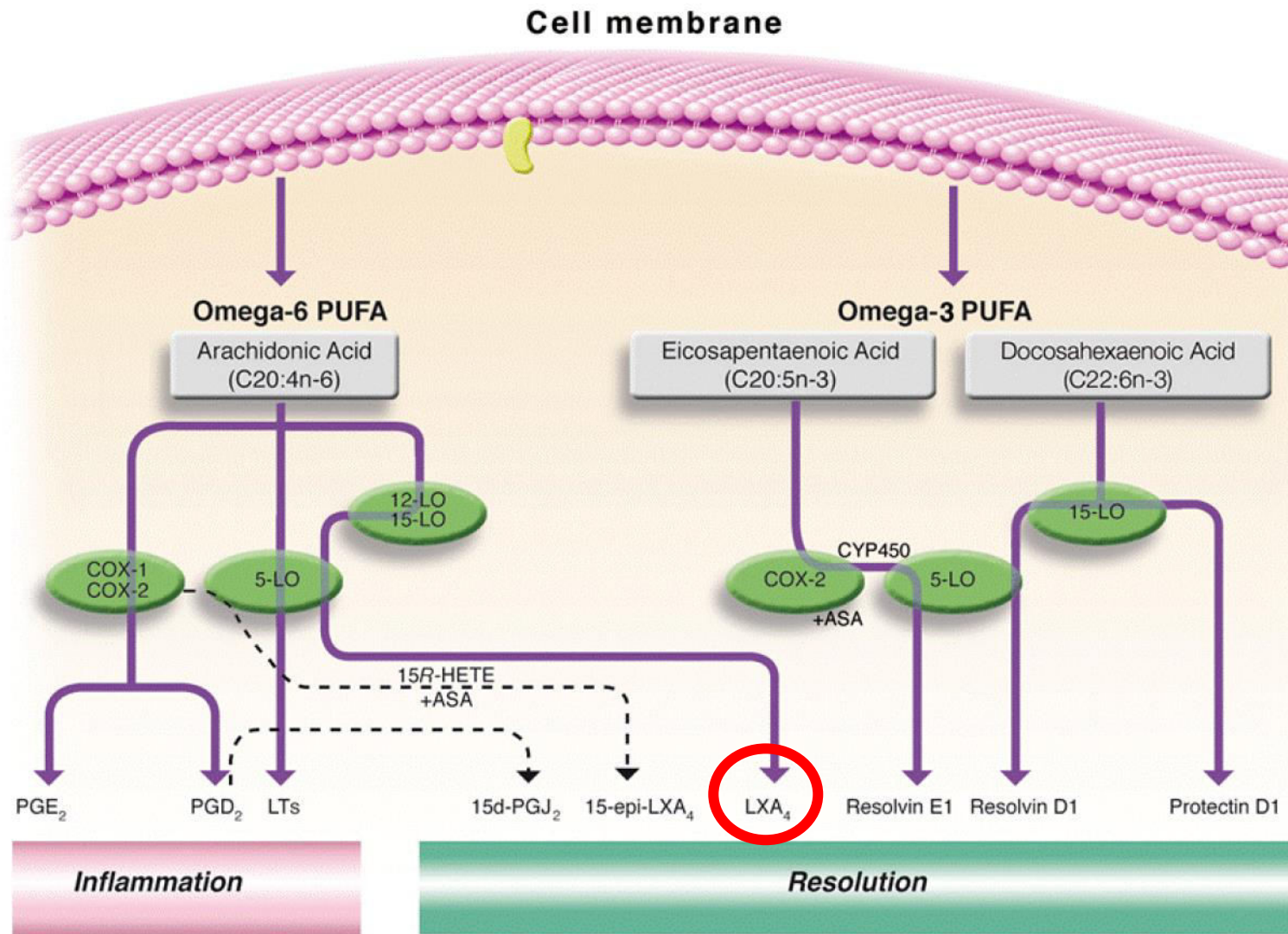
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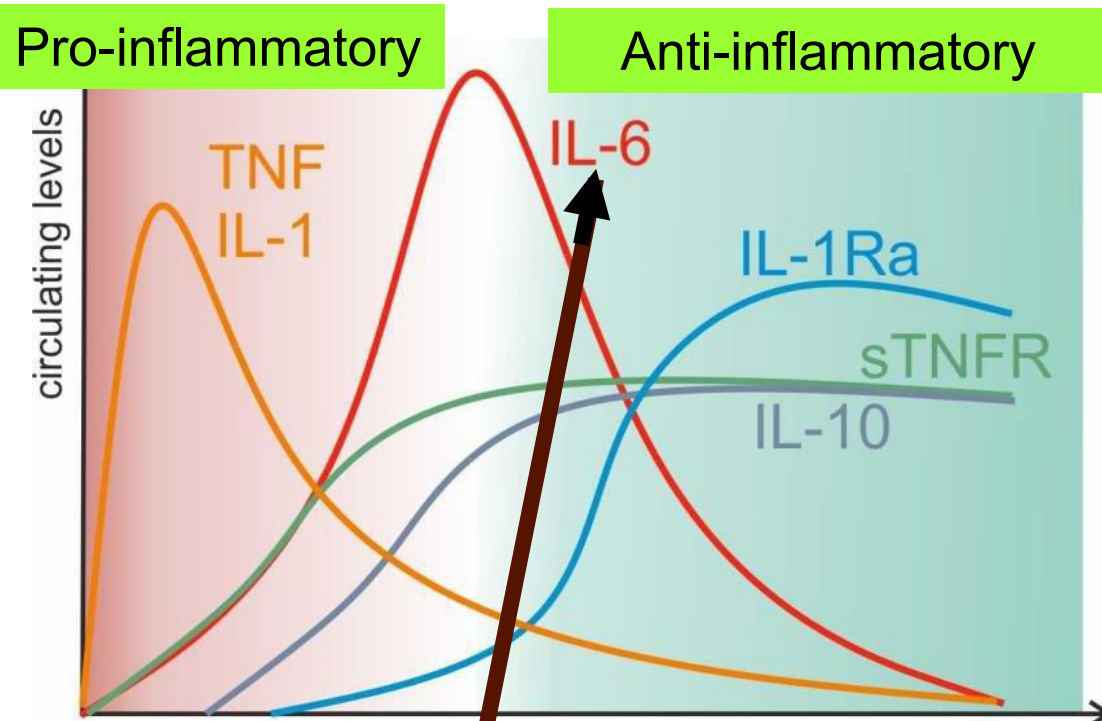
# Protective $\omega$ -6 and $\omega$ -3 derived circuits in inflammation



The  $\omega$ -6 PUFA arachidonic acid is released from phospholipids and metabolized by COX or 5-LO to form inflammatory mediators, such as PGs and LTs. During the process of resolution, there is a —class switch from the biosynthesis of these inflammatory mediators to the formation of lipid autacoids with anti-inflammatory and proresolving properties, including the LXs and the cyclopentenone PGs of the D series (15d-PGJ<sub>2</sub>). In addition, during the resolution of inflammation,  $\omega$ -3 PUFAs such as EPA and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) are converted to potent anti-inflammatory and proresolving lipid mediators, including resolvin E1, resolvin D1, and protectin D1. ASA: aspirin, CYP450: cytochrome P450.

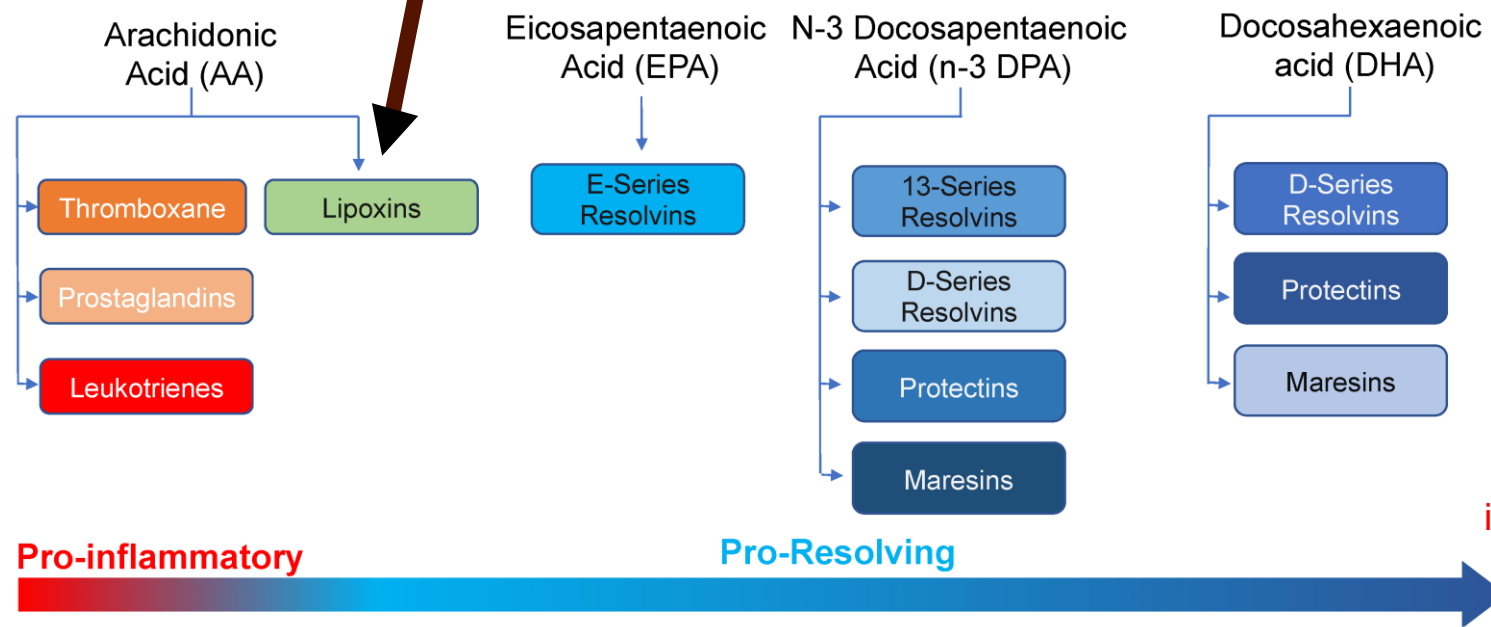
**Lipoxin A2**

**Gonzalez-Periz, ScientificWorldJournal 2010**



# Cytokine and Lipid mediators that regulate the acute inflammatory response

Steeland Int J Mol Sci 2018

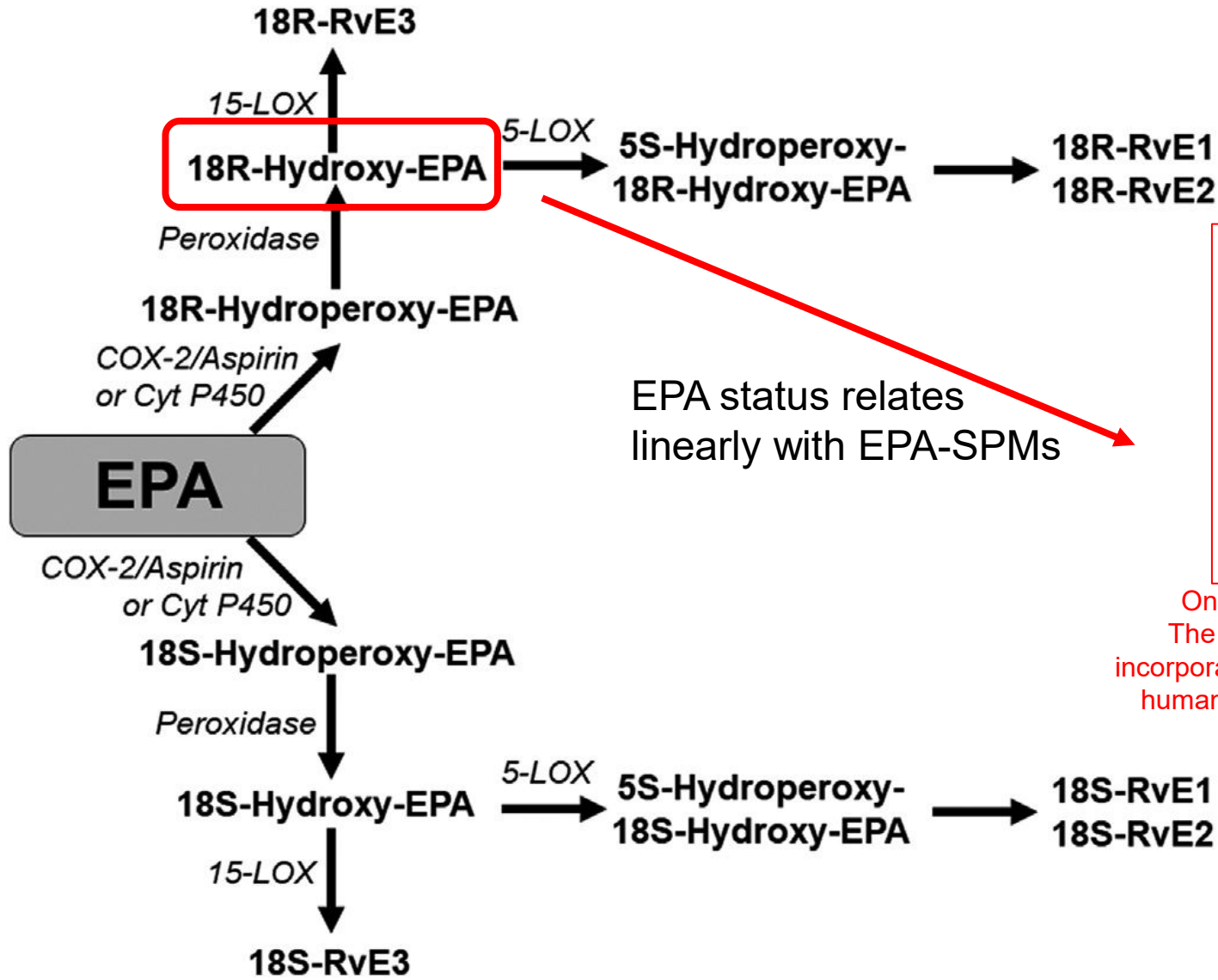


**Cytokine SPM cross talk:**  
Serhan J Clin Invest. 2018

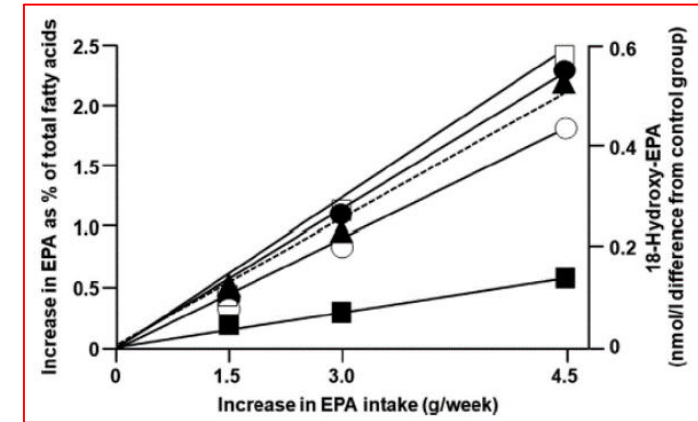
Role of lipid mediators in the initiation and resolution of inflammation; Dalli Biomolecules. 2022



# Pathway of synthesis of specialised pro-resolving mediators from eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA)

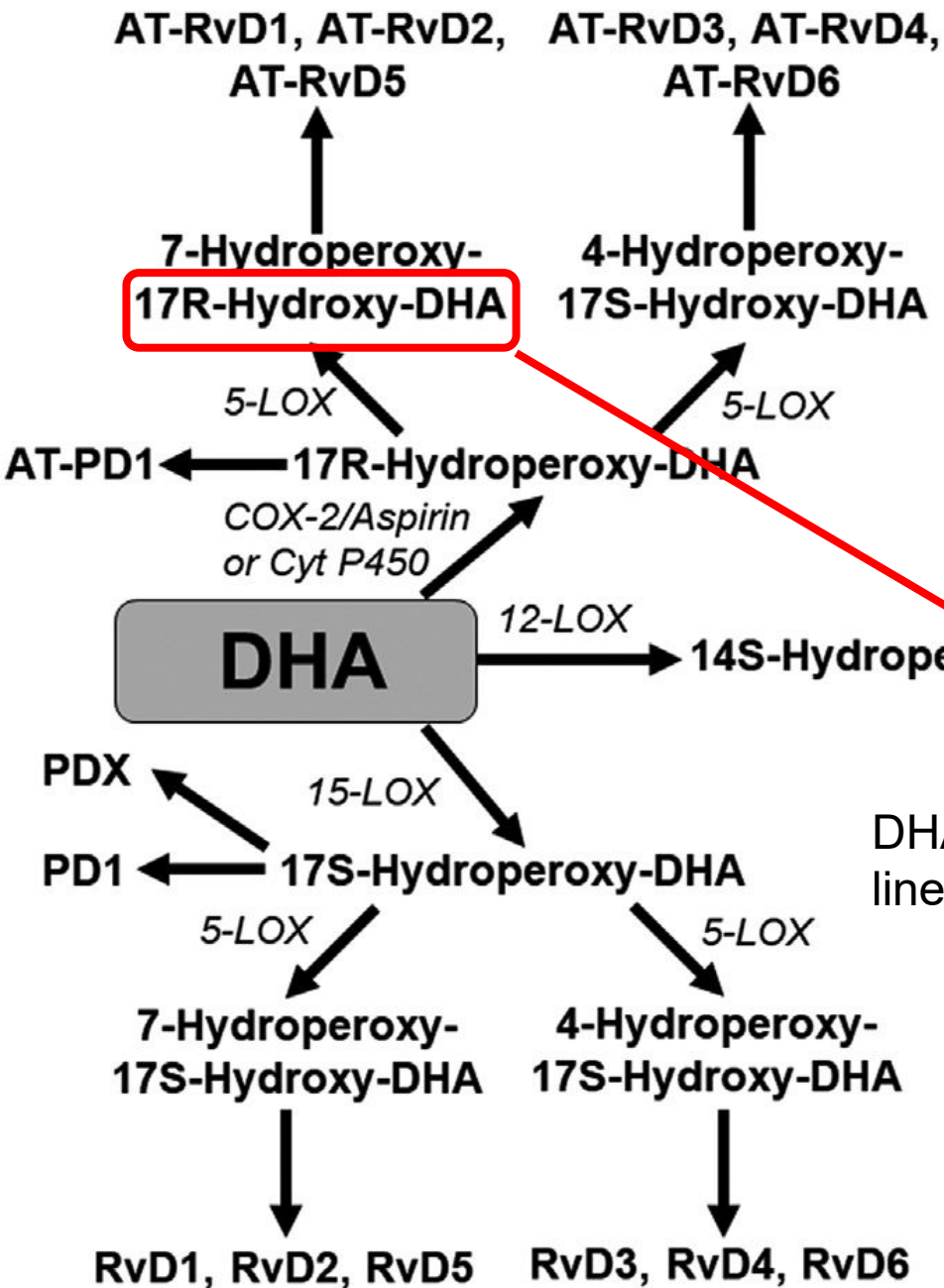


Plasma phosphatidylcholine (closed circles),  
 plasma non-esterified fatty acids (closed squares),  
 mononuclear cells (open circles) and platelets (open squares)  
 Plasma 18-hydroxy-EPA concentrations (closed triangles)



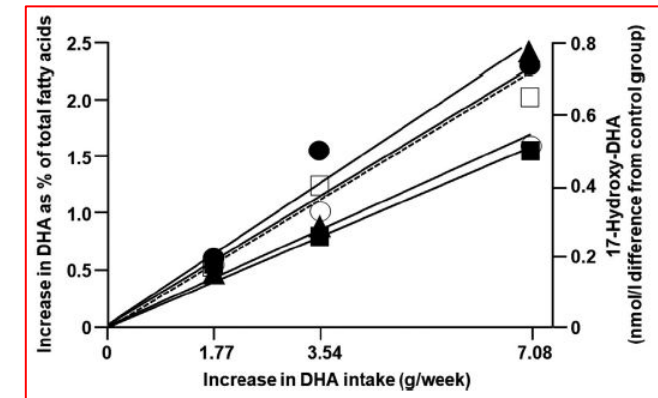
One year supplementation study, healthy subjects.  
 The relationship between increased EPA intake, the  
 incorporation of EPA into different blood pools in healthy  
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# Pathway of synthesis of specialised pro-resolving mediators from docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)

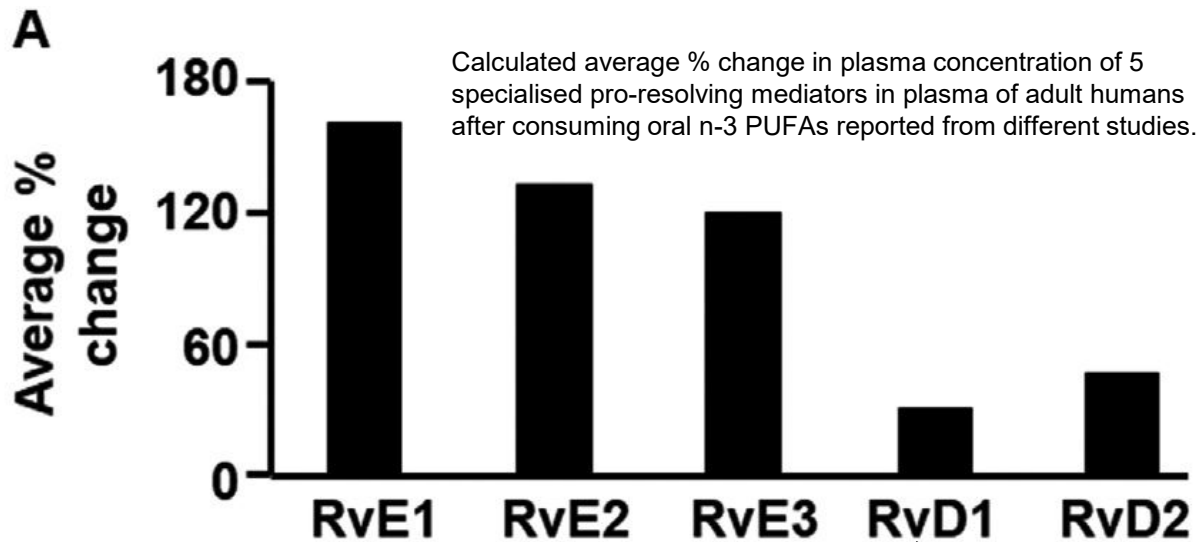


DHA status relates linearly with DHA-SPMs

DHA content of plasma phosphatidylcholine (closed circles), plasma non-esterified fatty acids (closed squares), mononuclear cells (open circles) and platelets (open squares) Plasma 17-hydroxy-DHA concentrations (closed triangles)

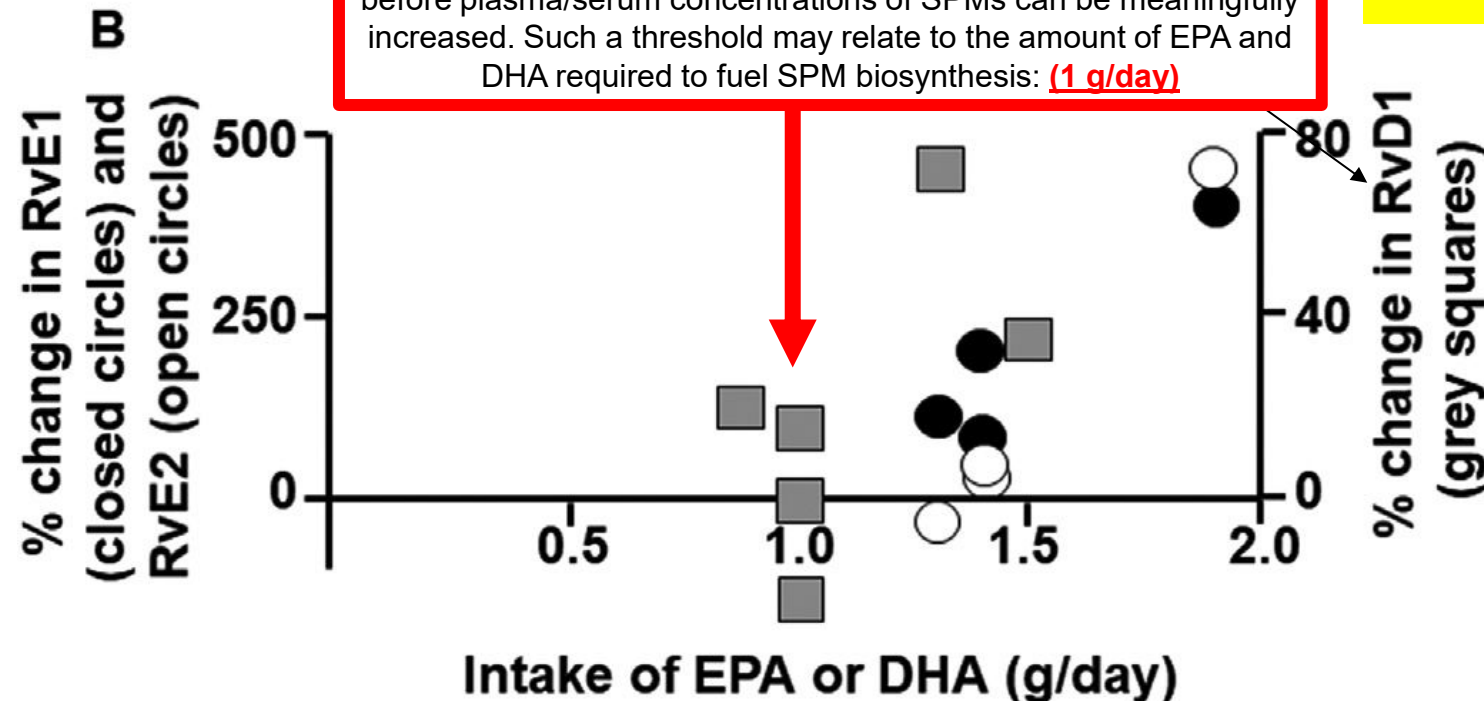


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**The effect of oral n-3 PUFAs on plasma concentrations of specialized pro-resolving mediators (SPM) in adult humans: need >1 g LCP $\omega$ 3/day**

There may be a **threshold intake of n-3 PUFAs** that is required before plasma/serum concentrations of SPMs can be meaningfully increased. Such a threshold may relate to the amount of EPA and DHA required to fuel SPM biosynthesis: **(1 g/day)**



Data are calculated as % difference between group average after and before n-3 PUFAs or, where before n-3 PUFA data were not available, between after n-3 PUFAs and values in the control group

# EPA and DHA per 100 g fish

Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) c20:5 (n-3)



omega-3

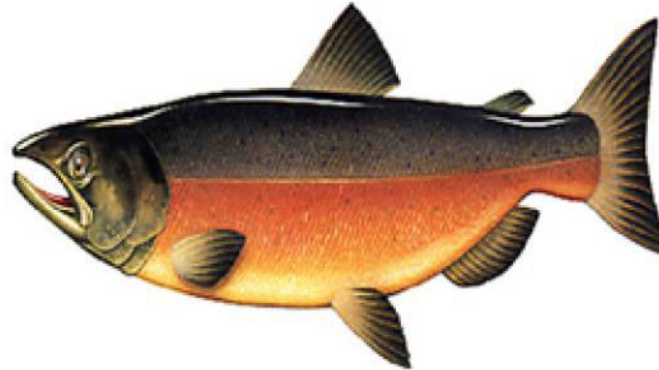


Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) c22:6 (n-3)

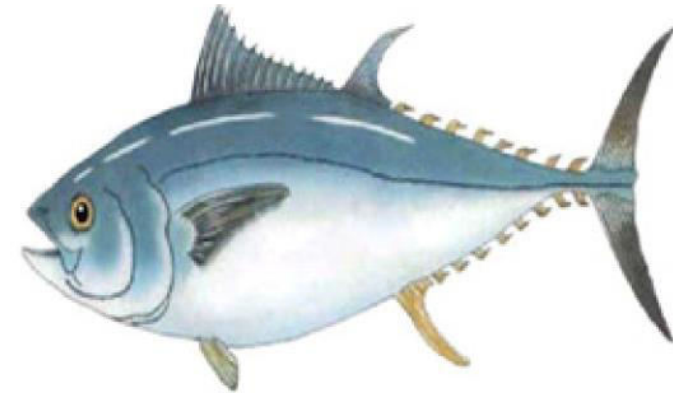
'fatty' fish: 1-1.5 g/100 g



Mackerel - 1 810 mg



Salmon - 1 800 mg



Tuna - 1 500 mg



Herring - 1 200 mg

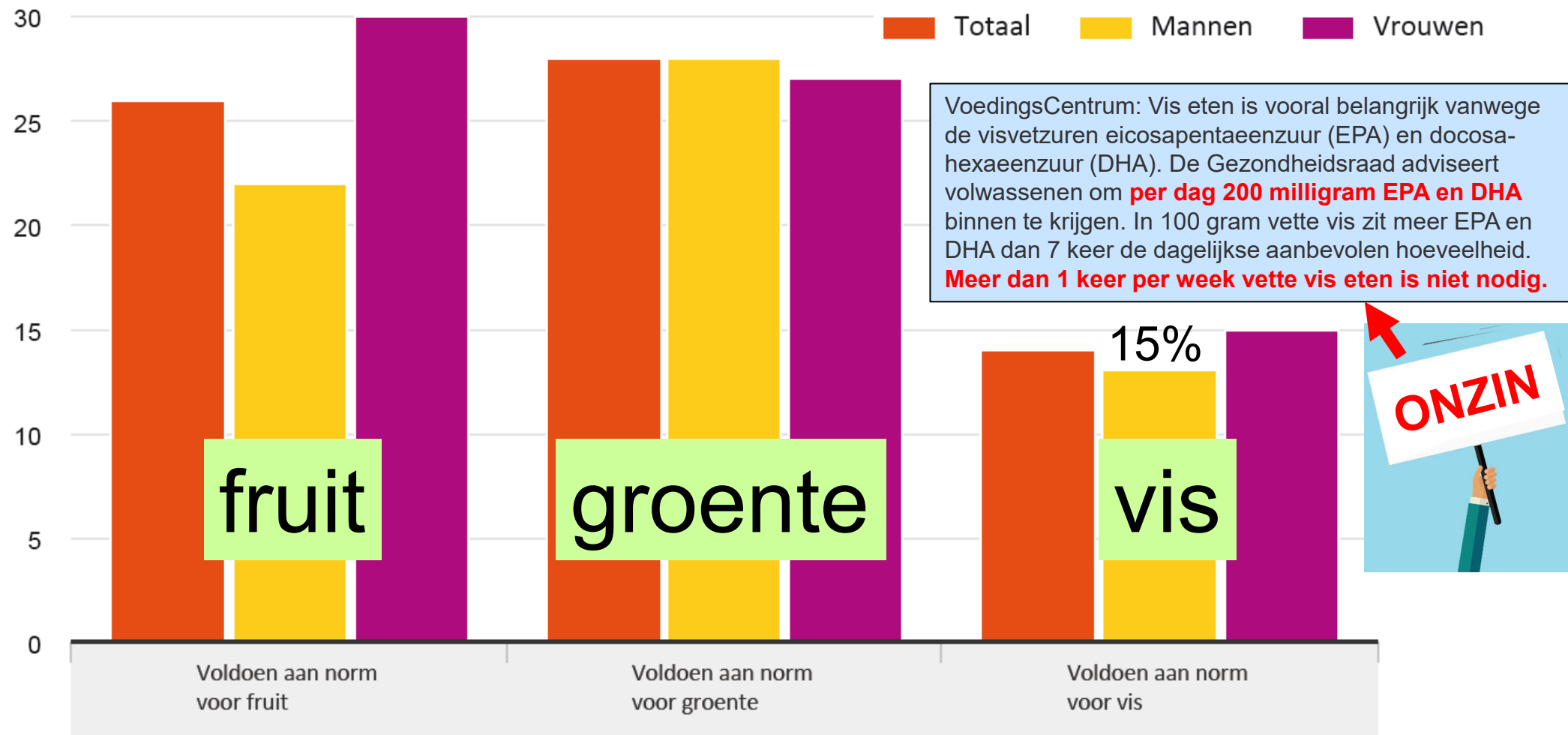


Salmon trout - 1 060 mg



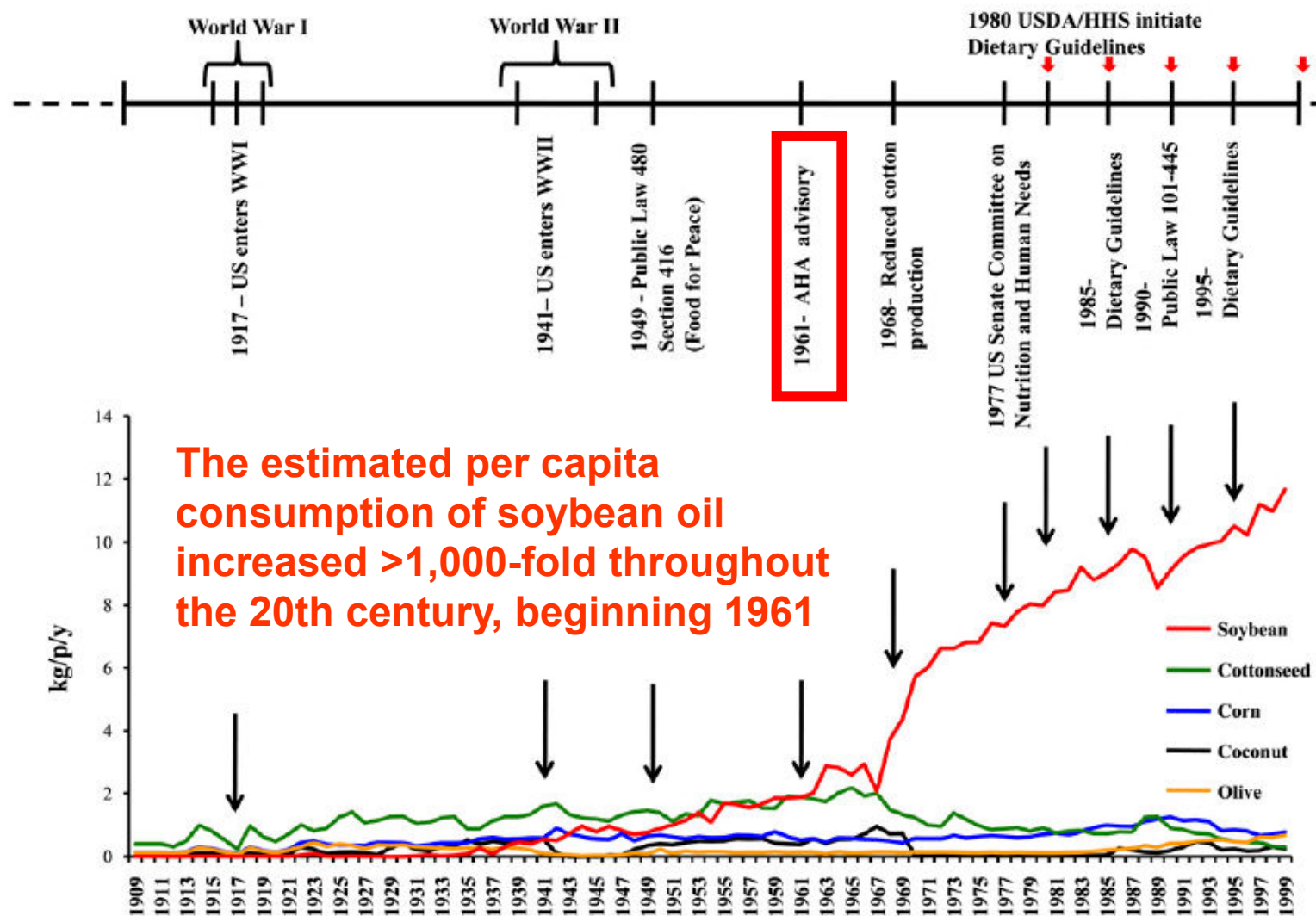
Codfish - 240 mg

# Voldoen aan de richtlijnen voor fruit, groente en vis vanaf 4 jaar naar geslacht, 2014

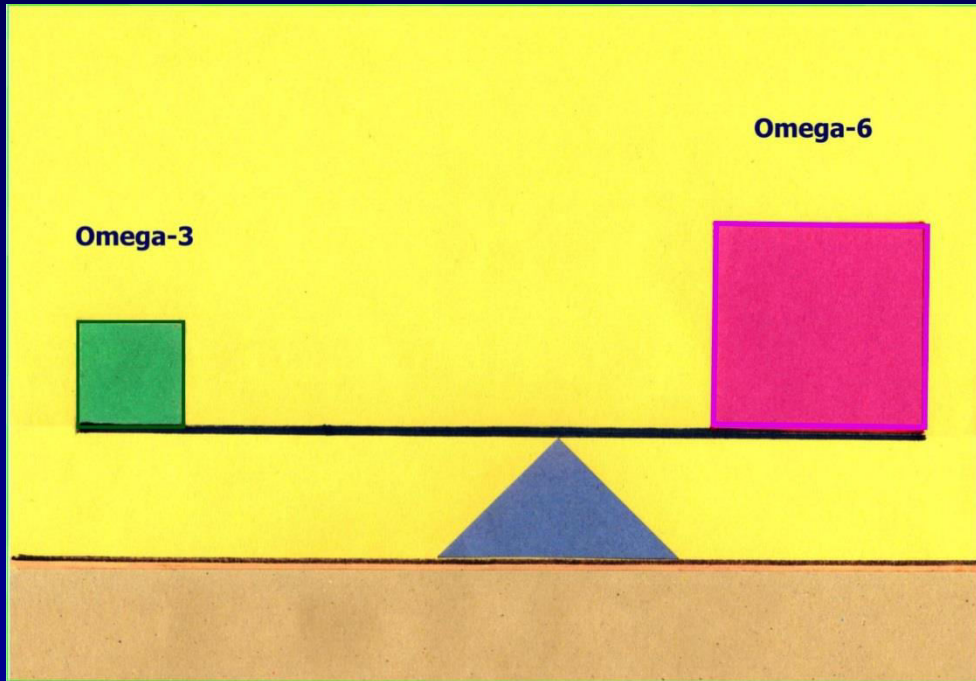




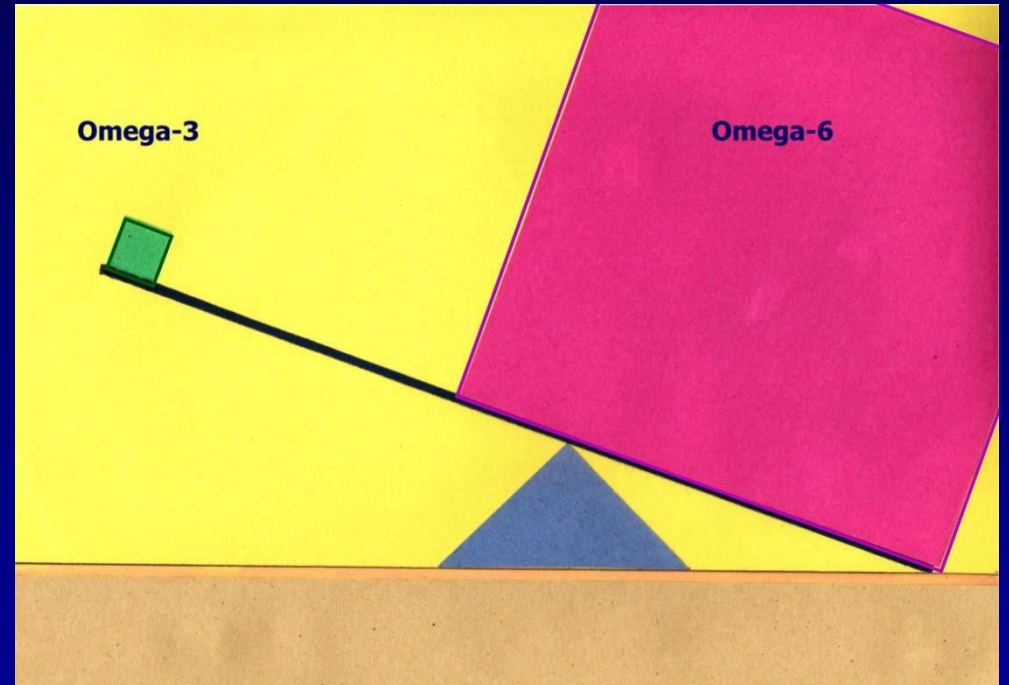
**The historical event immediately preceding the largest increase in apparent consumption of soy oil in the United States was the 1961 American Heart Association (AHA) Central Committee Advisory Statement that advised Americans to replace their saturated fat intake with polyunsaturated fats.**



# Omega 3/6 balance

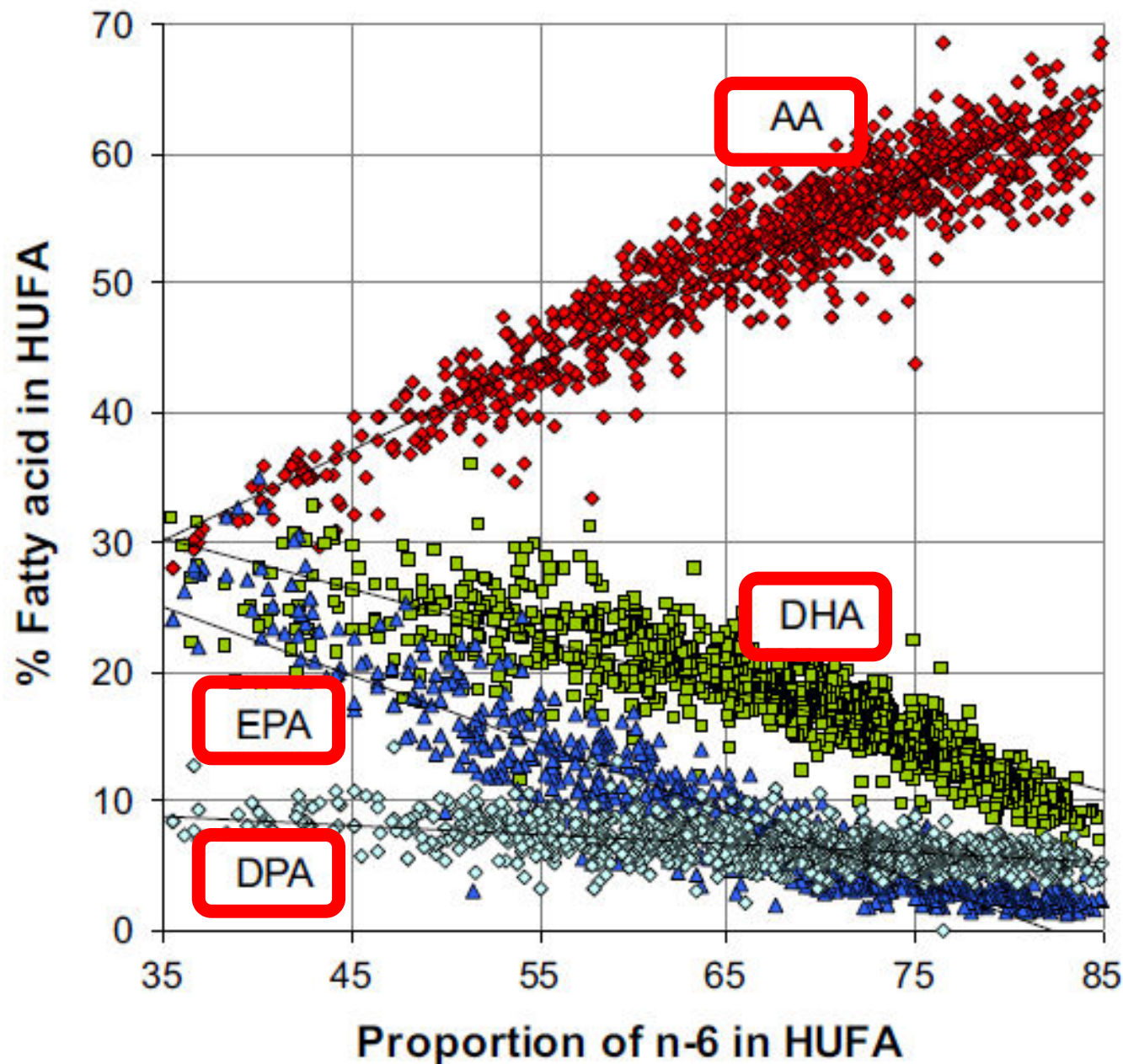


**Ancient diet**



**Current diet**

## Balance Among Competing HUFA



## Balance among competing n-3 and n-6 HUFA

Analysis of the proportions of individual HUFA among total HUFA in 1015 whole blood samples show lower proportions of 20:4n-6 (AA) when proportions of 20:5n-3 (EPA), 22:5n-3 (DPA) and 22:6n-3 (DHA) are higher. The proportions of 20:3n-6, 22:4n-6, and 22:5n-6 were all less than 10% of HUFA and are not shown.

The dotted lines represent approximate HUFA balances for people in the indicated regional groups with different traditional food habits that cause different %n-6 in HUFA

Bilbus Lands 2015



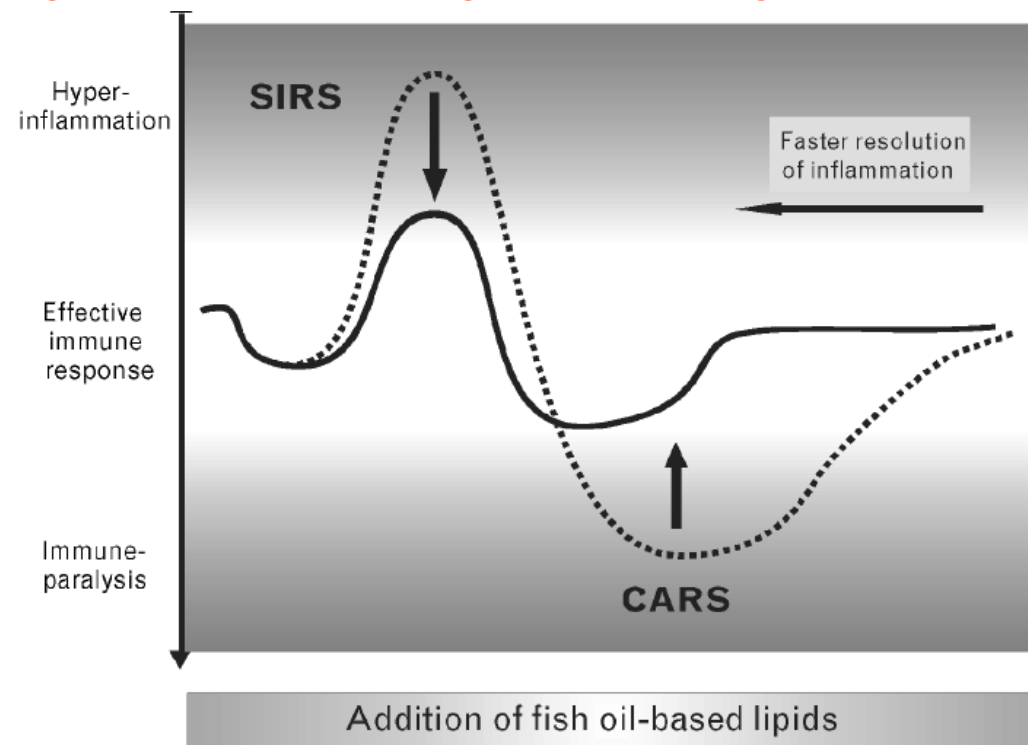
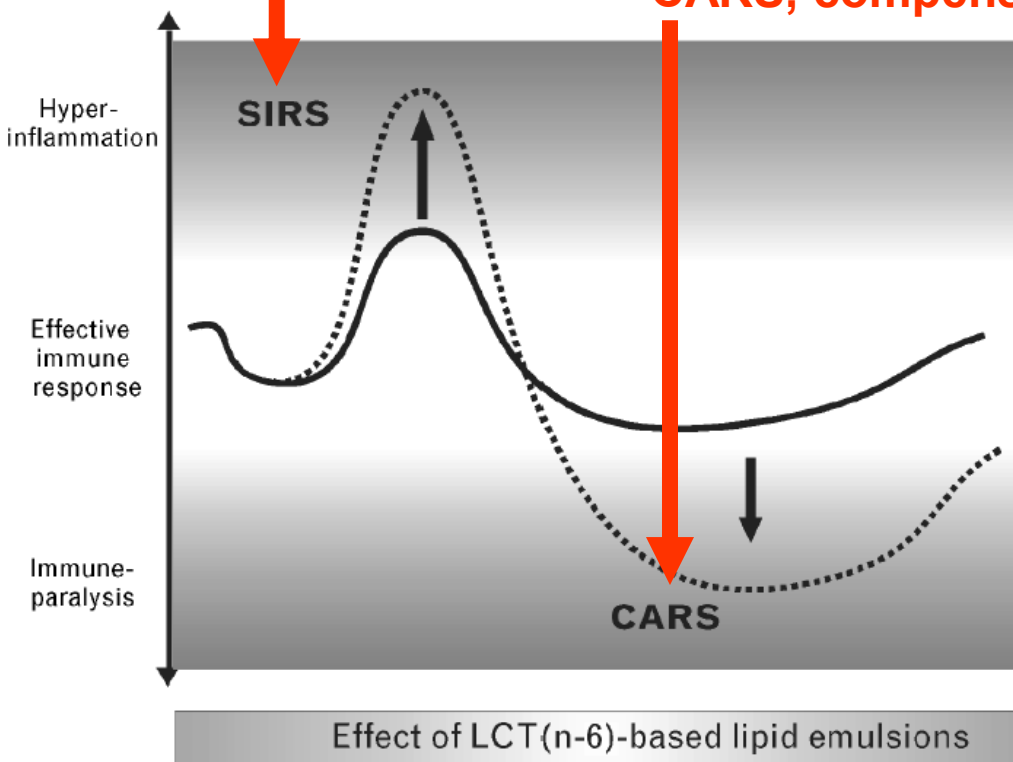
# Immune reaction during sepsis

## Omega-6 increases and fish oil dampens SIRS/CARS

**SIRS, systemic inflammatory response syndrome**

**CARS, compensatory anti-inflammatory response syndrome**

(a)



**A high LCP $\omega$ 3/LCP $\omega$ 6 ratio dampens both the SIRS and CARS, resulting in a more balanced immune response and preventing hyper-inflammation and immuneparalysis.**

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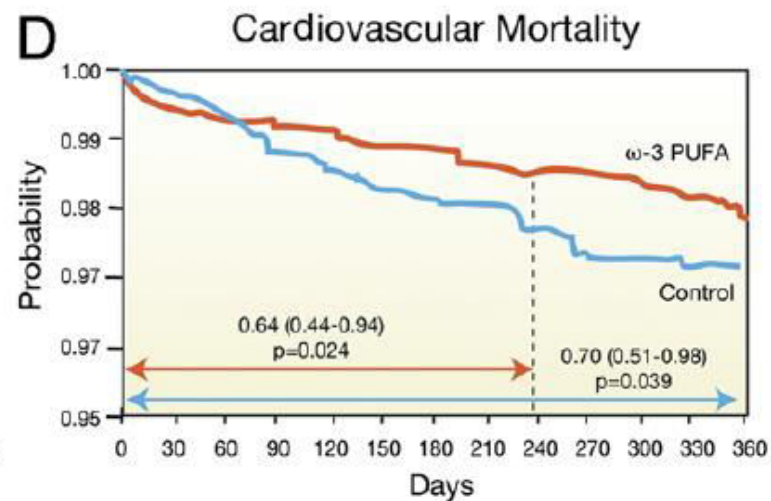
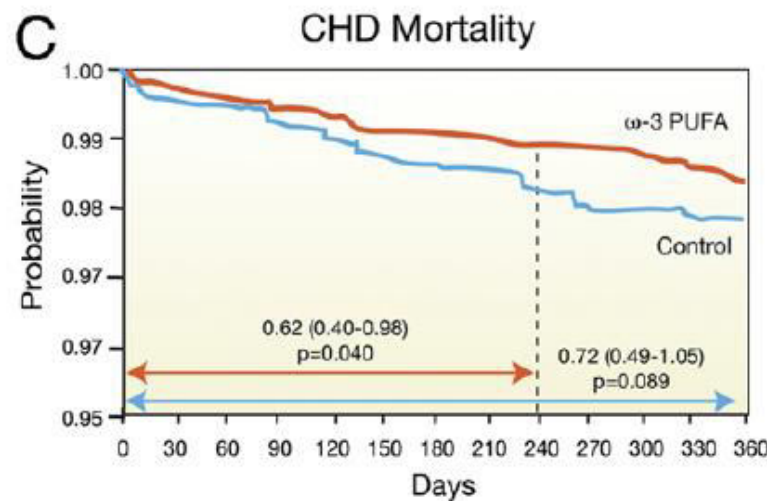
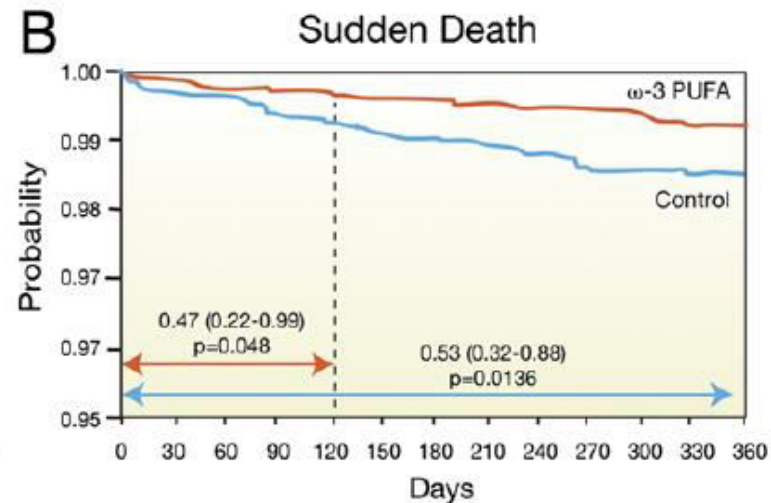
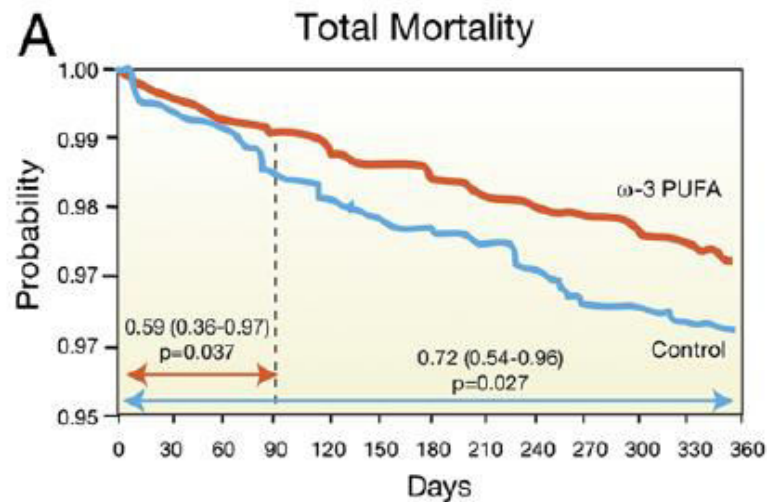
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# Fish oil fatty acids play roles in:



- (Brain) development
- **Coronary heart disease**
- (Neuro) psychiatric diseases
- Pregnancy complications
- **Traumatic brain injury**
- Other

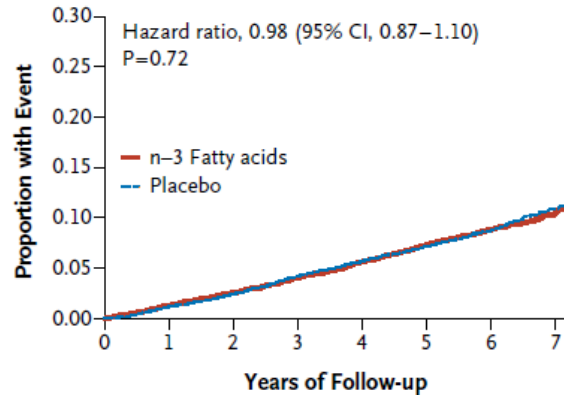
# GISSI, 1999: 11,323 post-MI patients $\omega$ 3PUFA (850 mg of EPA/DHA=1.2:1) vs. usual care



# ORIGIN trial (international multicenter), 2012

**12,536 patients at high risk for CAD events**, with impaired fasting glucose, impaired glucose tolerance, or diabetes, 6.2 years at least  
**900 mg ethyl esters of n-3 fatty acids or placebo**

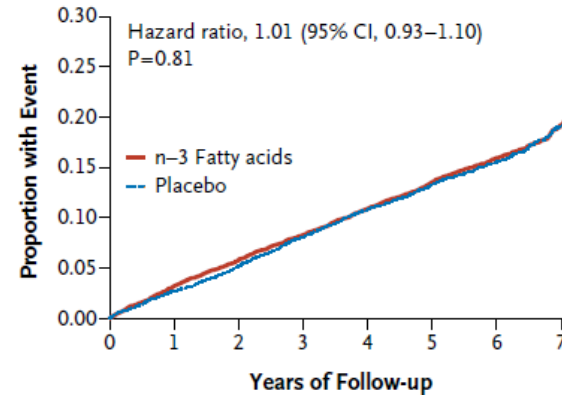
**A Death from Cardiovascular Causes**



No. at Risk

n-3 Fatty acids	6281	6161	6034	5882	5706	5503	3896	879
Placebo	6255	6143	6017	5848	5685	5492	3893	837

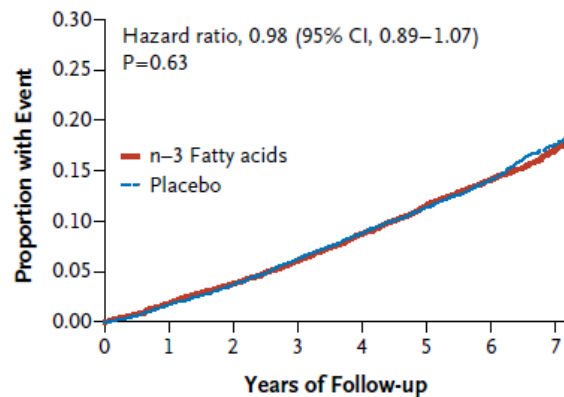
**B Myocardial Infarction, Stroke, or Cardiovascular Death**



No. at Risk

n-3 Fatty acids	6281	6044	5843	5630	5403	5154	3601	791
Placebo	6255	6051	5852	5616	5387	5140	3604	766

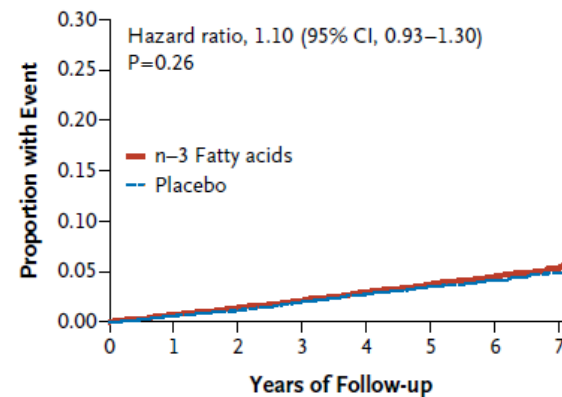
**C Death from Any Cause**



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**D Death from Arrhythmia**



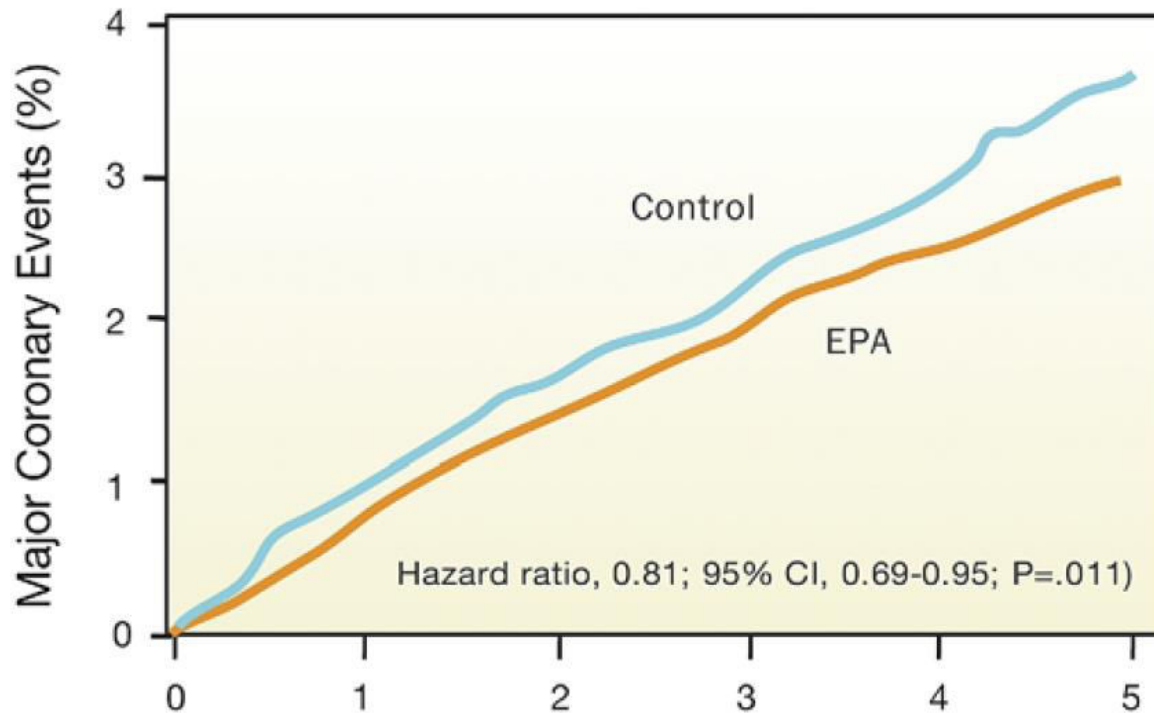
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**ORIGIN**  
**investigators,**  
**Bosch,**  
**NEJM 2012**

# EPA in primary prevention (JELIS)

18,645 patients  $\geq 6.5$  mmol/L cholesterol, 1,800 mg EPA with statin or statin-only, 5 years, primary: major coronary event (SCD, (non)fatal MI, unstable angina, angioplasty, stenting, CABG)

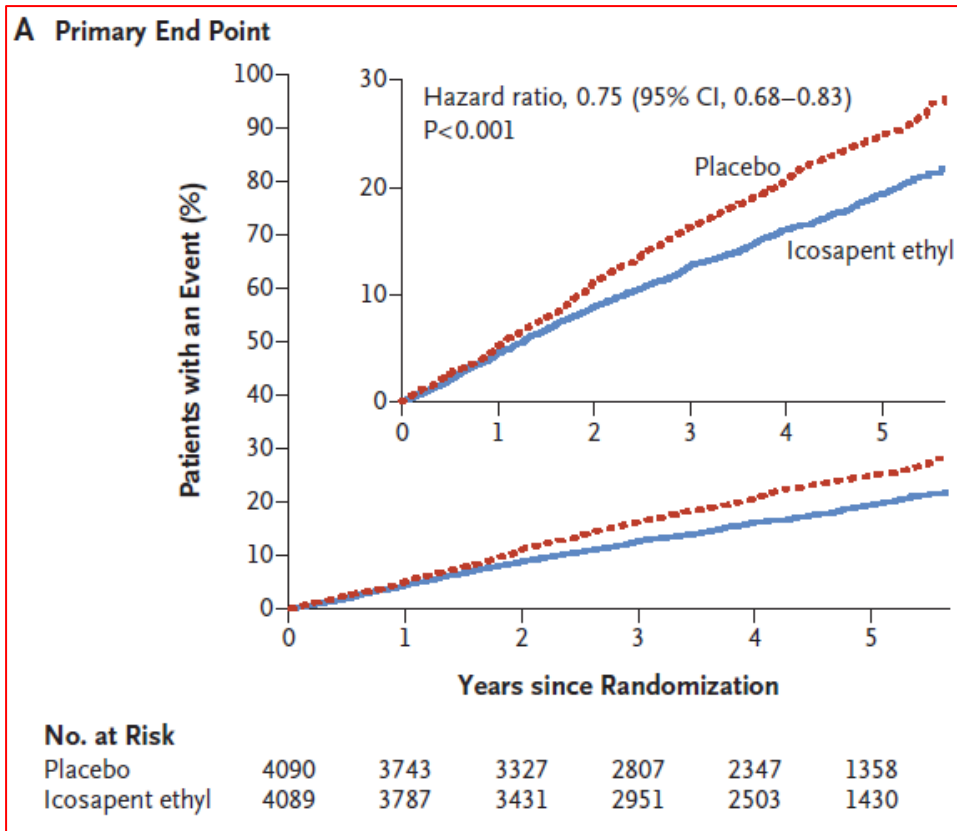


Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA; 1.8 g/d) reduced the incidence of major adverse coronary events by 19%, in the Japan EPA Lipid Intervention Study (JELIS)

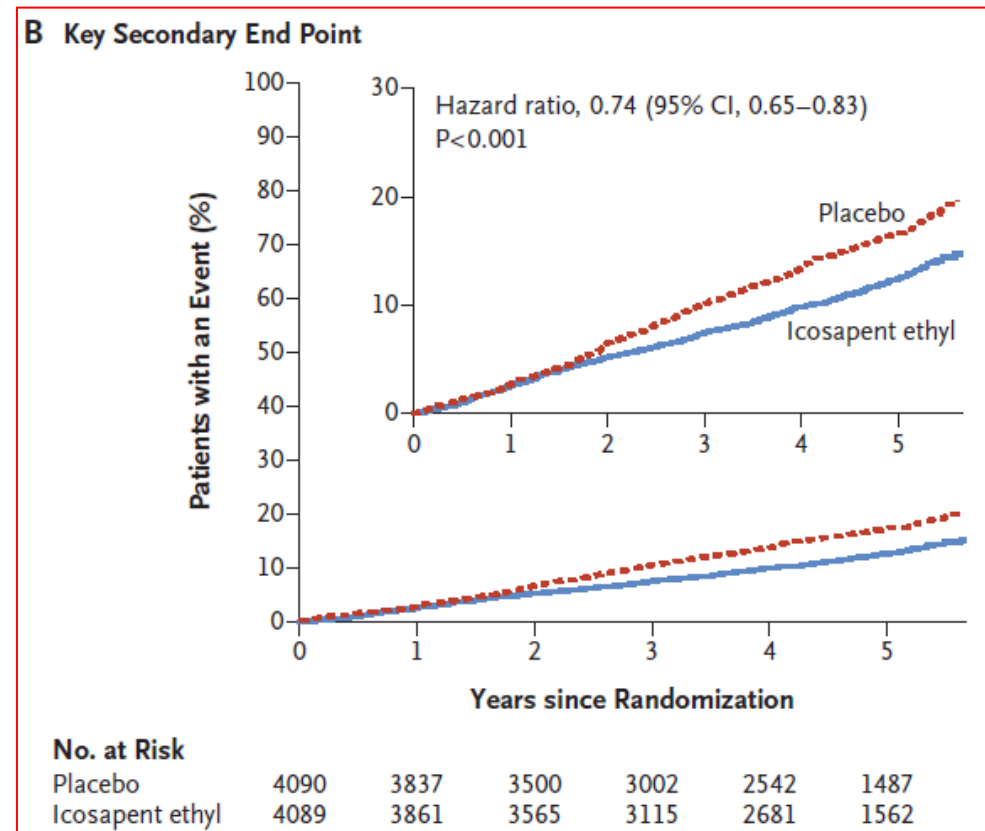
Yokoyama Lancet 2007; Lavie, J Am Coll Cardiol 2009

# Among patients with elevated triglyceride levels (despite the use of statins), the risk of ischemic events, including cardiovascular death, was significantly lower among those who received 4 g of icosapent (EPA) ethyl vs placebo (RCT, n=8,179; REDUCE-IT)

Established CAD/diabetes and other risk factors, who had been receiving statin therapy with fasting TG 1.52-5.63 mmol/L and LDLC 1.06-2.59 mmol/L



Primary end point was a composite of cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, nonfatal stroke, coronary revascularization, or unstable angina.



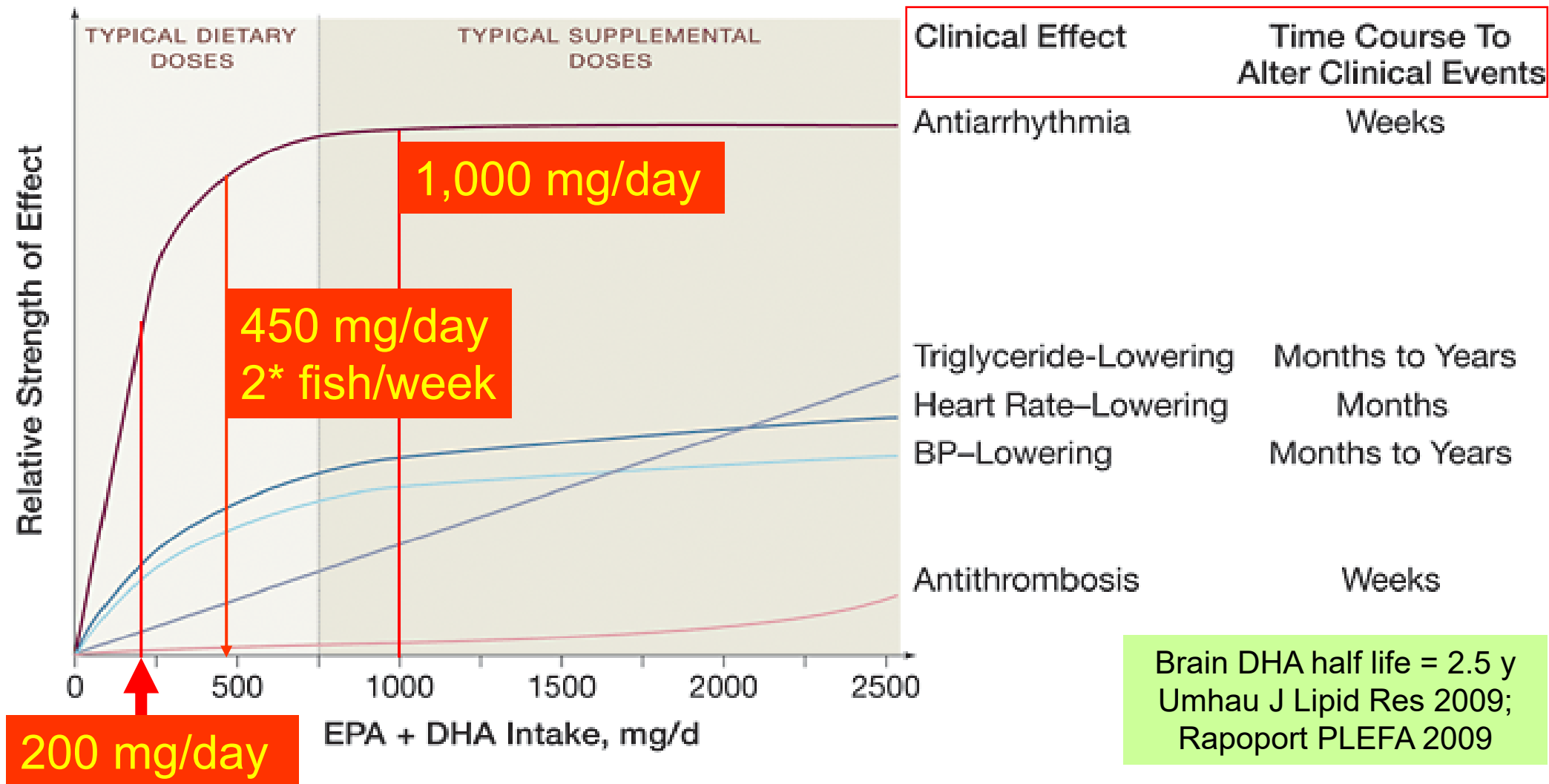
secondary end point was a composite of cardiovascular death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or nonfatal stroke.

# Why Omega-3 supplementation in secondary prevention does not prevent CVD events

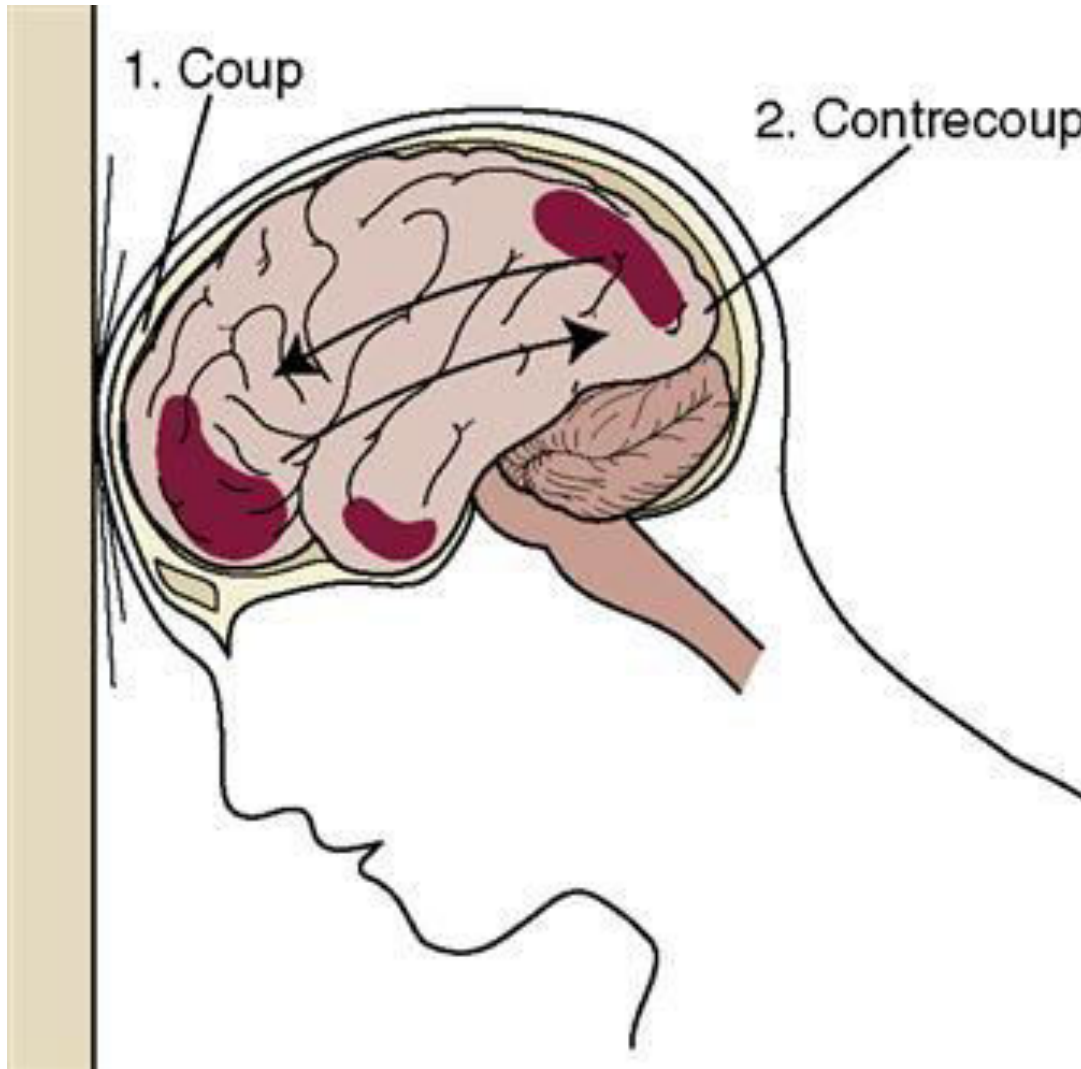
1. Use of an overly strict adjustment for multiple comparisons
2. Failure to stratify by statin use
3. Inclusion of studies with insufficient omega-3 dosing
4. Insufficient consideration of baseline omega-3 status



# Potential Dose Responses and Time Courses for Altering Clinical Events of Physiologic Effects of Fish or Fish Oil Intake



# Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) can lead to neurodegenerative changes



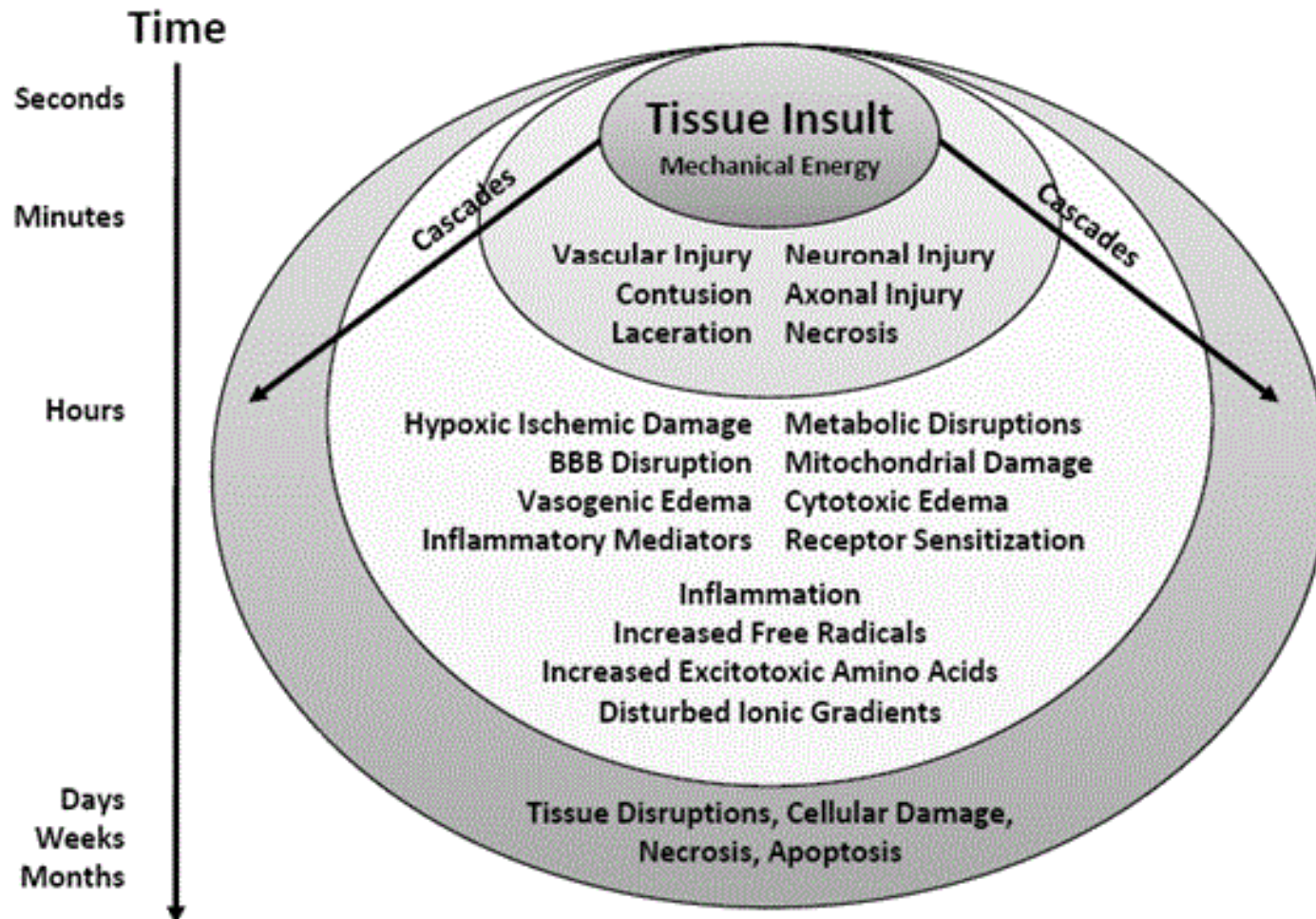
The brain often strikes both in the direct and opposite plane of motion against the inner bony table. This is the coup-contrecoup pattern, where contusions to the brain are seen at the site of skull impact and 180 degrees opposite the site of impact.

Affected individuals often exhibit disordered memory and executive functioning and behavioral and personality disturbances (e.g., apathy, depression, irritability, impulsiveness, and suicidality).

Upon autopsy, the presence of hyperphosphorylated tau protein deposition, whether it be in the form of neurofibrillary tangles (NFTs), neuropil threads (NTs), or glial tangles (GTs), is a defining feature **of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE)**

**The primary injury of TBI is caused by transfer of mechanical injury to brain tissue. This is followed by the secondary injury that occurs over minutes to hours to days and even weeks and months.**

**It is characterized by numerous metabolic and biochemical cascades that may cause more damage than the initial tissue insult itself**



The secondary injury of TBI is a prolonged pathogenic process leading to cell death and worsening damage to the brain far beyond the primary injury. The secondary injury phase of TBI consists of: ischemia, excitotoxicity, and intracellular biochemical cascades; axonal injury; cerebral edema; and inflammation and regeneration.

**"Hersentrauma kan  
honderdduizenden  
neuronen doden, maar de  
secundaire  
ontstekingsreactie kan  
miljoenen neuron en de  
patiënt doden"**



# 'He's going to be better than he was before'

By **Stephanie Smith**, CNN

January 18, 2014 -- Updated 2109 GMT (0509 HKT)

"That (inflammation) will continue over and over unless there's a second response that turns it off," said Sears, president of the Inflammation Research Foundation.

There are seven such cases in the medical literature, according to Sears.



Grant Virgin suffered a traumatic brain injury after being struck by a hit-and-run driver

Weeks before fish oil was even considered, Grant Virgin underwent multiple surgeries, and spent considerable time on a ventilator.

Nine weeks after the accident, as Grant was being transferred from an acute care to a rehabilitation hospital, the Virgin family told doctors at the new facility that he was already on a 20-gram-per-day regimen of fish oil.

Forty-eight hours after receiving high-dose fish oil, Grant Virgin asked a nurse for a cell phone to call his mother, and proceeded to have a conversation with her.

His parents decided to give fish oil a try

The teen surprised his mother by calling her in the middle of the night

His mother calls his recovery "unbelievable"

# 9 TBI patients treated with high dose LCP $\omega$ 3

patients presented with severe TBI and traumatically induced coma  
treated with 16.2 g/day LCP $\omega$ 3: 10.8 g EPA, 5.4 g DHA

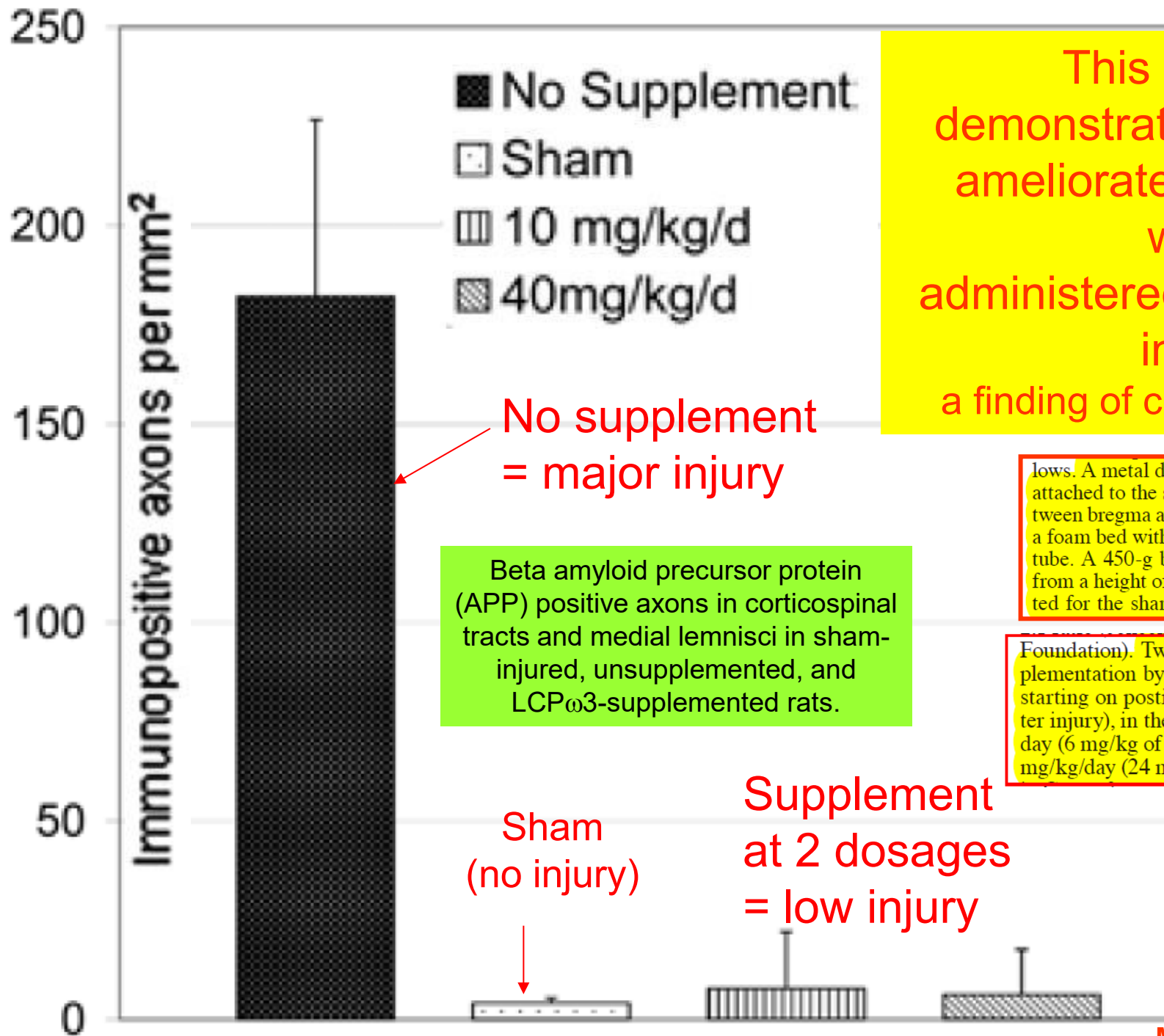
All patients' Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) scores improved over the course of the study

Case No.	Age (yrs)/ Sex	MOI	Initial GCS Score	Duration of O3FA Tx (days)	Initial CT Findings	Procedures During Stay	LOS (days)	Discharge	Last Imaging Findings	Last GCS Score	Last Known Follow-Up
1	59/M	Fall, hit by object	7T	35	SDH, SAH	ICP monitor, craniectomy, LD, bone flap removal for infection	54	SNF	Decrease in size of extra-axial collection, improved MLS	11	Sudden death secondary to PE 3 wks postdischarge
2	32/M	MVC	7T	10	tSAH	ICP monitor	10	Inpatient rehab	Normal	15	Discharged to home from SNF
3	39/M	MCC, no helmet	6T	30	EDH, tSAH, SDH	Hemicraniectomy, LD, cranial reimplantation	31	Inpatient rehab	Evolution of postop changes, hemorrhagic contusions	15	Independent living; no focal neurological deficits at 4 mos
4	19/M	MVC, no seatbelt, ejected 30 ft	8T	9	Contusion, SDH, tSAH, EDH, IVH	ICP monitor, craniectomy, TL, SDH evacuation	32	SNF	Temporal & frontal encephalomalacia	11	NA
5	46/M	MCC, no helmet	3T	21	SF, EDH, ICH, spine Fxs	Frontotemporal craniotomy, ICP monitor	29	NA	Postop changes, hypoattenuation of BG, temporal lobe contusion	9	6 mos: lethargy, nonverbal, no spontaneous movements, & spasticity
6	23/F	MCC, w/ helmet	4T	7	ICH, SAH, SDH, DAIs	ICP monitor	14	Inpatient rehab	Bilat ICH w/ vasogenic edema & GWM interface w/ DAI	11	NA
7	22/M	MVC, no seatbelt	6T	12	SF, SDH, ICH	EVD	25	NA	Encephalomalacia, resolving ICH	11	NA
8	26/F	Pedestrian struck by car	5T	23	SFs; cerebral edema MLS; cerebral contusions	Decompressive hemicraniectomy, TL, ICP monitor; craniotomy for EDH evacuation; VPS	35	Inpatient rehab	Resolution of edema; posttraumatic hydrocephalus treated w/ VPS	12	Regained speech in 2 languages, rt-sided spasticity, ambulating w/ cane, returned to university
9	19/F	MCC, no helmet	4T	13	SF, C1 Fx, ICH, tSAH, DAI	ICP monitor	18	Inpatient rehab	Evolving DAI changes	15	2 mos: STM deficits, otherwise normal speech, motor, & ambulation

BG = basal ganglia; DAI = diffuse axonal injury; EDH = epidural hematoma; EVD = external ventricular drain; Fx = fracture; GWM = gray-white matter; ICH = intracerebral hemorrhage; IVH = intraventricular hemorrhage; LD = lumbar drain; LOS = length of hospital stay; MCC = motorcycle collision; MLS = midline shift; MOI = mechanism of injury; MVC = motor vehicle collision; NA = not available; PE = pulmonary embolism; SAH = subarachnoid hemorrhage; SDH = subdural hemorrhage; SF = skull fracture; SNF = skilled nursing facility; STM = short-term memory; TL = temporal lobectomy; tSAH = traumatic SAH; Tx = treatment; VPS = ventriculoperitoneal shunt.

small sample size, open label,  
nonrandomized, no placebo arm

**Bailes Sears J Neurosurg. 2020**



This rat study demonstrates that LCP $\omega$ 3 ameliorate axonal injury when administered 24 h following injury: a finding of clinical importance

No supplement = major injury

Beta amyloid precursor protein (APP) positive axons in corticospinal tracts and medial lemnisci in sham-injured, unsupplemented, and LCP $\omega$ 3-supplemented rats.

Sham (no injury)

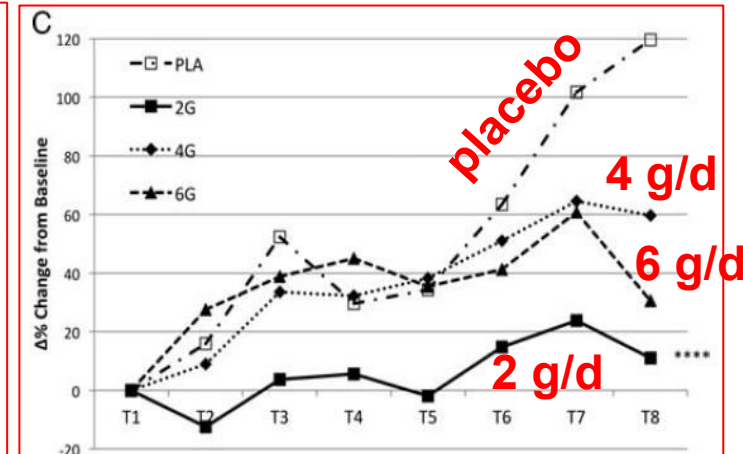
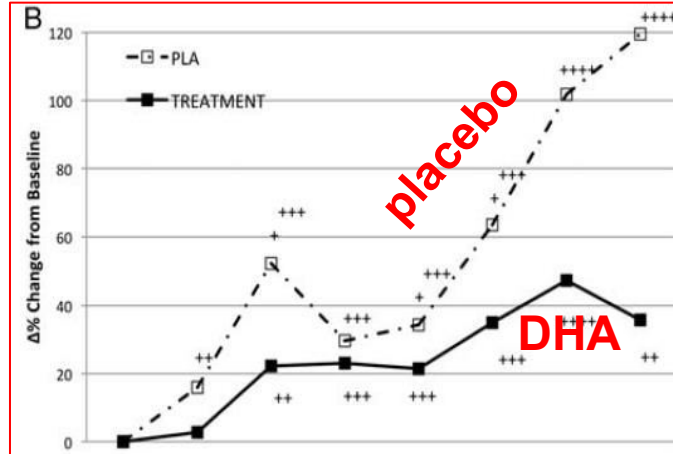
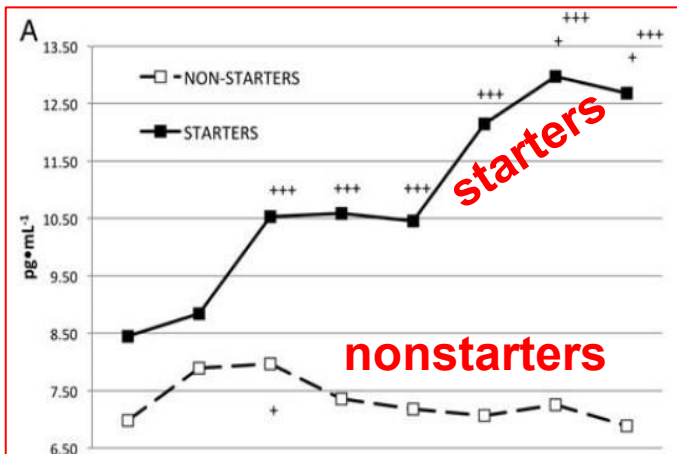
Supplement at 2 dosages = low injury

lows. A metal disk 10 mm in diameter and 3-mm thick is attached to the skull with cyanoacrylate and centered between bregma and lambda. The animal is placed prone on a foam bed with the metal disk directly under a Plexiglas tube. A 450-g brass weight is dropped through the tube from a height of 2 m striking the disk. (This step is omitted for the sham-injury group.) The animal is then ven-

Foundation). Two of the 4 groups received dietary supplementation by gavage with a fish oil concentrate daily, starting on postinjury Day 1 (approximately 24 hours after injury), in the following amounts: Group 1, 10 mg/kg/day (6 mg/kg of EPA and DHA per day); and Group 2, 40 mg/kg/day (24 mg/kg of EPA and DHA per day). The rats



**A, Changes in serum NFL (pg/mL) over the course of the study in starters (best players, in the starting lineup) and nonstarters (substitutes, bench) B and C, Effect of supplemental DHA on serum neurofilament light (NFL; % change from baseline) over the course of the study in starters, during the season (T1-T8)**



2 g/d appeared to produce the most marked reductions in serum NFL.  
Conclusions about the differing doses is limited by low study numbers

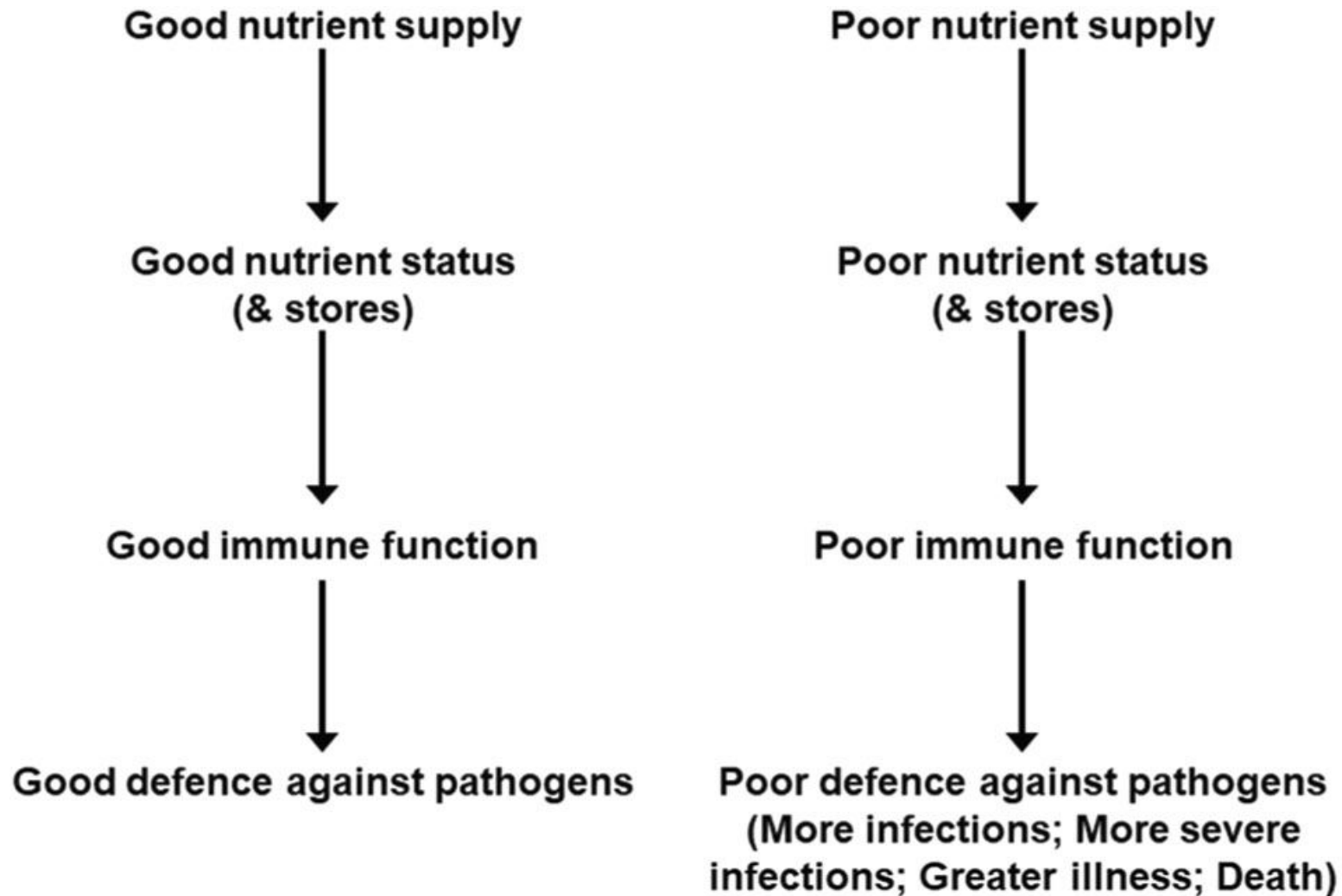
**Oliver Med Sci Sports Exerc. 2016**

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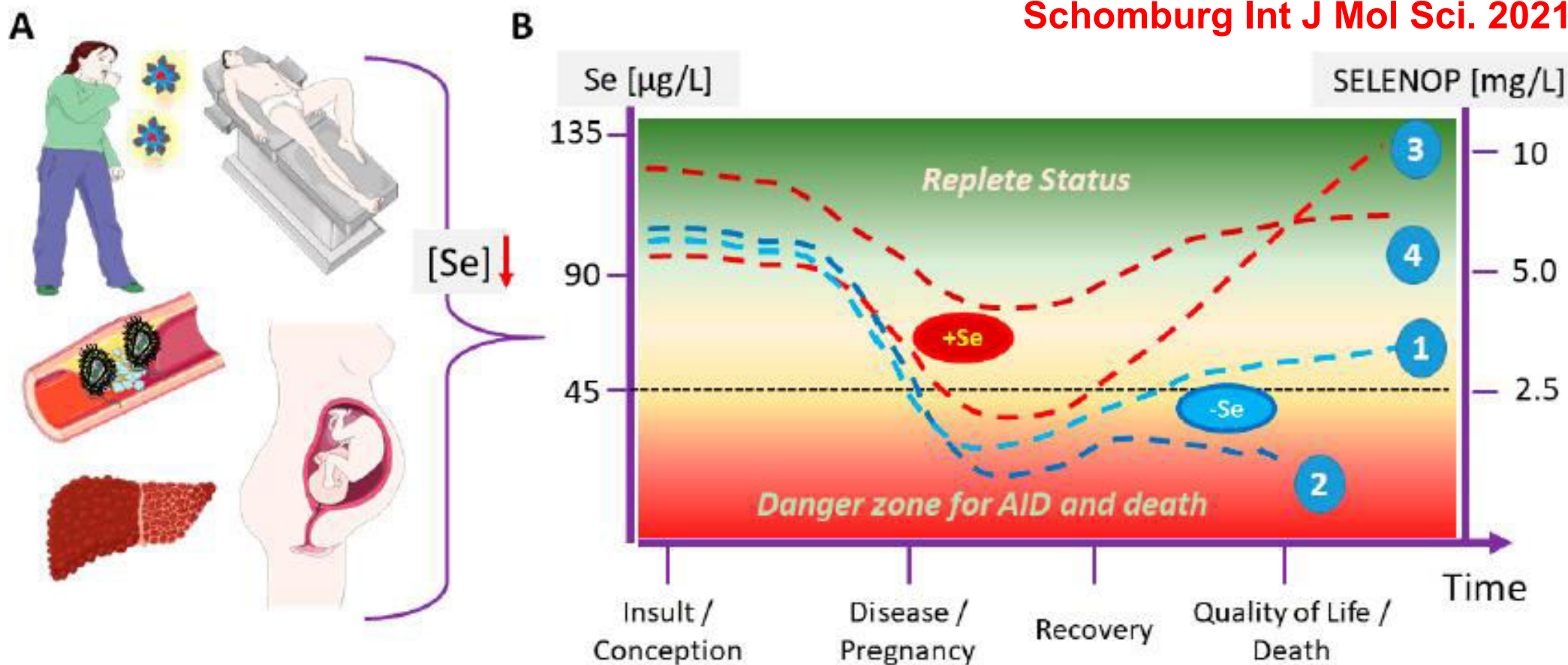
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# Relationships between good and poor nutrition, immunity and infection.



# Hypothesis: Se decline into a critical zone as trigger for immune system failure, Autoimmune Disease (AID) or even death

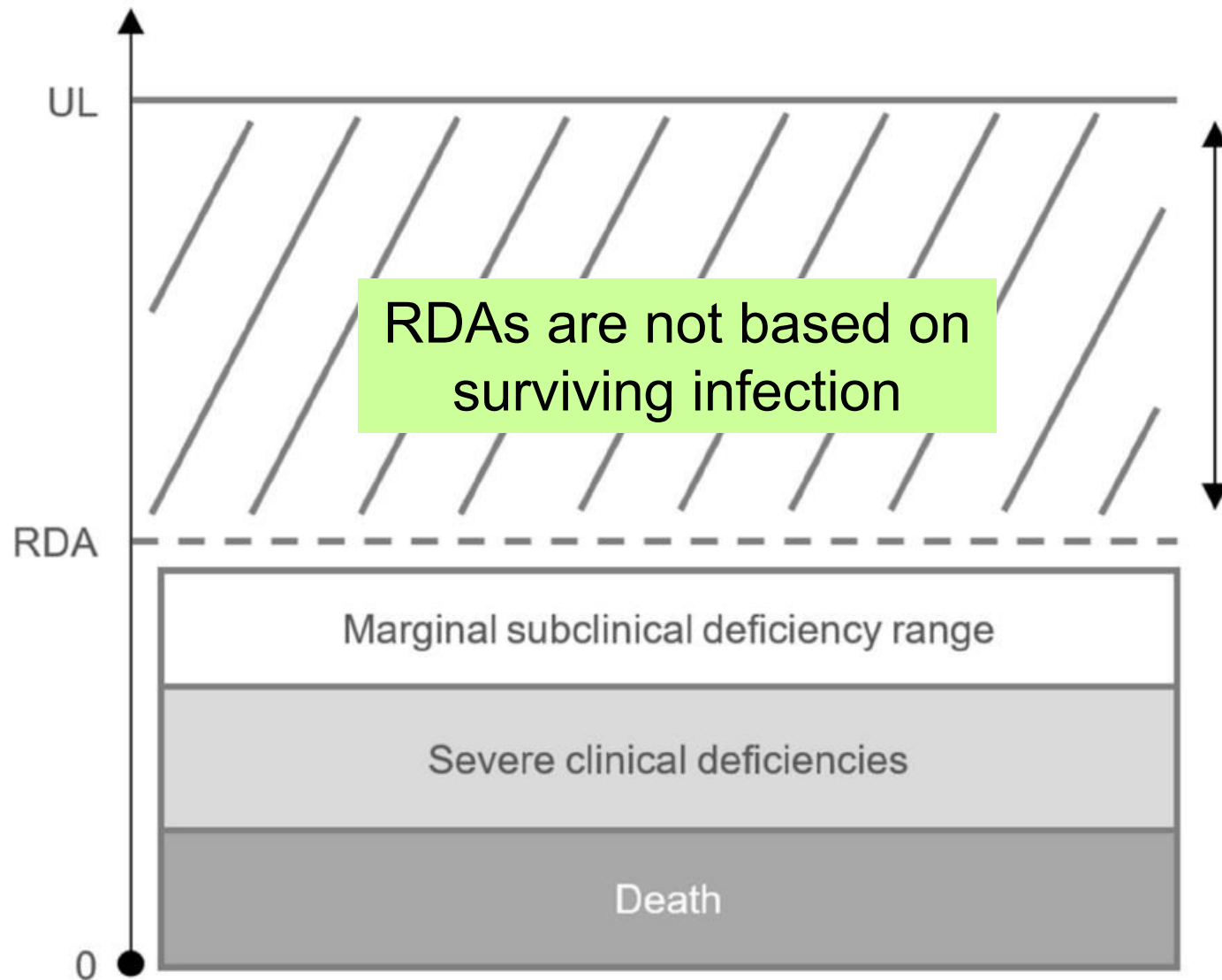
Schomburg Int J Mol Sci. 2021



(A) Bacterial or viral infections, acute or chronic illness, AID, surgery, liver disease, or pregnancy are associated with a vicious cycle of inflammation, increasing cytokine levels and decreasing Se status. During and following to these conditions, AID may develop.

(B) A disease-related drop in Se status below a certain threshold into a critical concentration range ("danger zone") impairs regular immune system function and potentially disrupts self-tolerance, leading to AID. (1) Under regular conditions, disease-associated Se decline is transient, recovering with time. (2) Fatal disease course is associated with strong Se status decline and lack of its recovery. (3) Supplemental Se (+Se) reduces both the Se trough and time spent in severe deficiency, thereby likely improving odds of convalescence. (4) The risk for dropping into the danger zone of severe Se deficiency and immune system failure can be reduced by early Se supplementation, thereby starting on a sufficiently high status, ideally in combination with adequate and avoid side effects, i.e., to substitute what is needed without supplementing beyond requirement.

# For optimal immune protection and resistance to infection, daily intakes may need to be much higher than the RDAs



Conditions of increased requirements: e.g., infection, stress, and pollution

Optimum level of micronutrient (?)

The immune system needs multiple specific micronutrients, including vitamins A, D, C, E, B6, and B12, folate, zinc, iron, copper, and selenium, which play vital, often synergistic roles at every stage of the immune response.

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# Western lifestyle

chronic danger signals (LAMPs)

**Chronic systemic low grade inflammation**

Energy  
reallocation

Modulate  
immune  
response

Tissue repair

aim

**Allostasis:**

**insulin/leptin resistance, others**

time

**Metabolic syndrome**

time

**Metabolic syndrome  
related diseases**

Muskiet, NTKC 2011

Ruiz, J Nutr Biochem 2013



**Voeding is preventie.**

**Pas bij een trigger  
(infectie, MI, hersentrauma, etc)  
worden tekorten duidelijk:  
het lichaam kan dan niet  
adequaat reageren.**

**Er is dan geen veerkracht**

**The end**