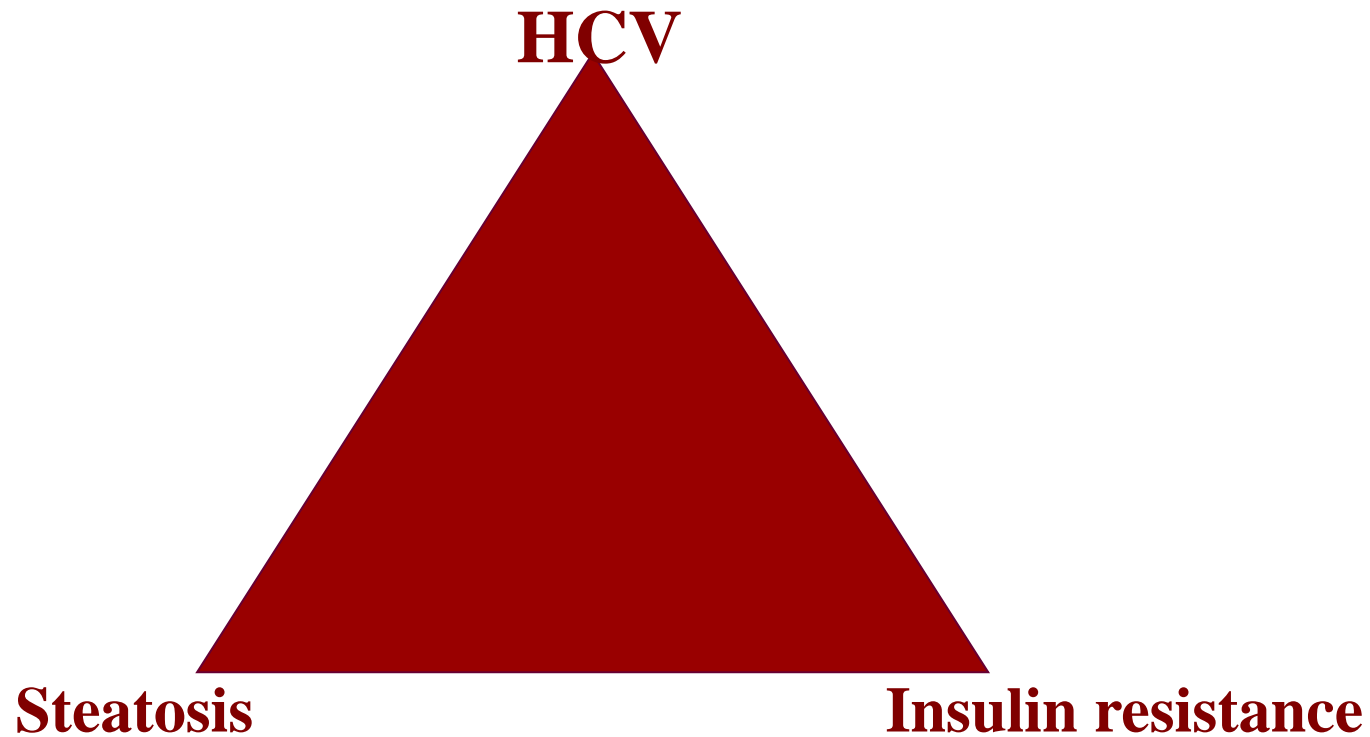


METABOLIC SYNDROME AND HCV: FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE

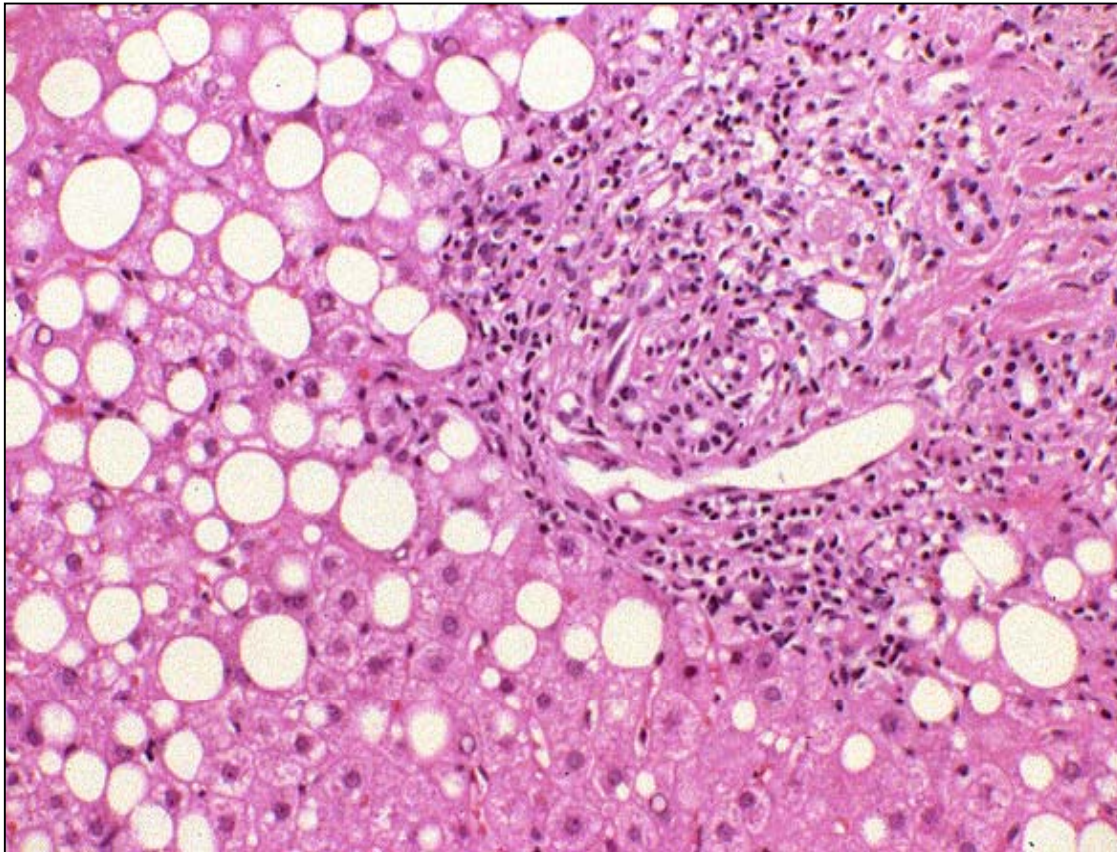


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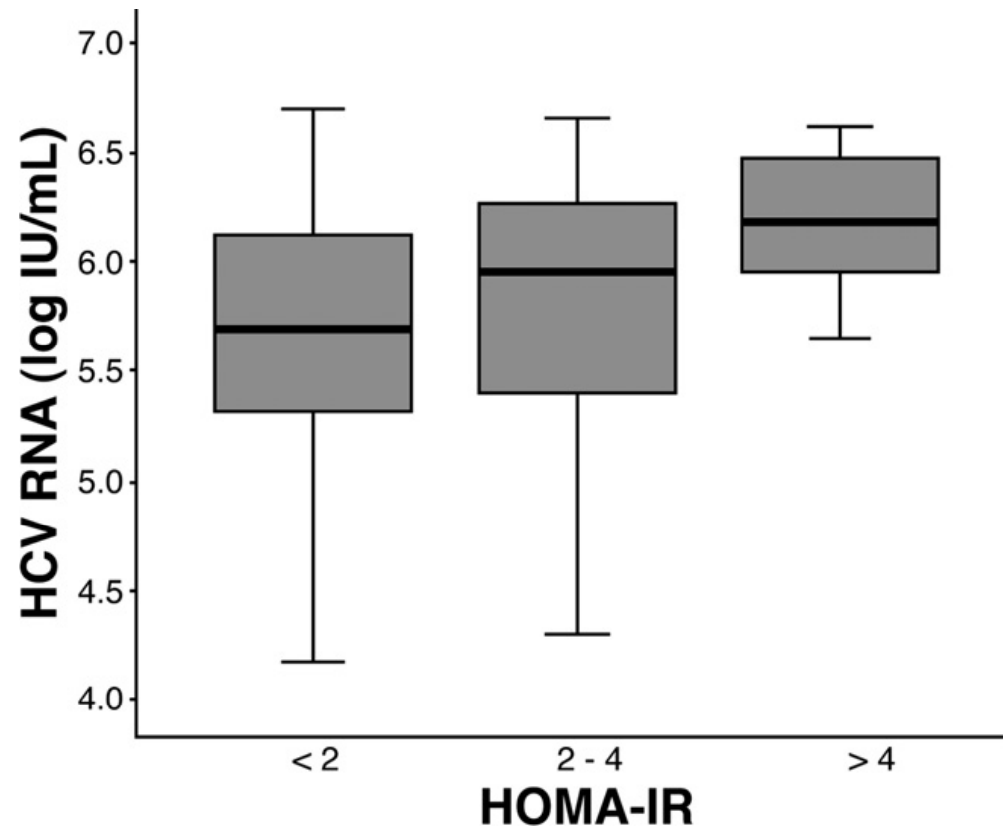
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Fatty Liver Disease in HCV



- Genotype 3
- In genotype 1
 - BMI
 - Diabetes
 - Insulin resistance

HCV virus and steatosis affect insulin resistance



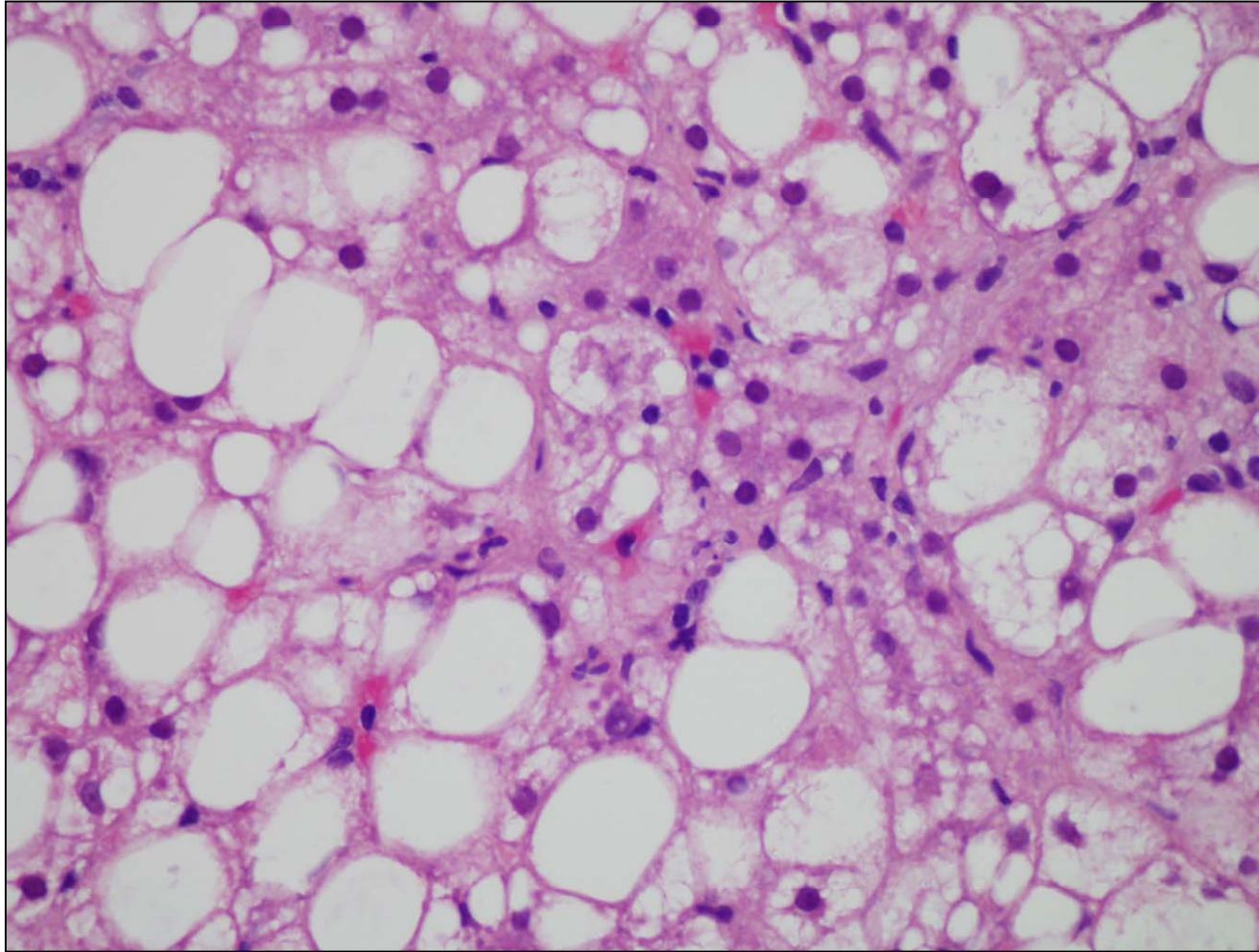
Factors associated with IR:

- Age > 40
- Male gender
- genotype 1 and 4
- advanced fibrosis
- steatosis > 30%

Hepatitis C and the Metabolic Syndrome

- **Insulin resistance and its consequences contribute to morbidity and mortality in patients with HCV**
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How to diagnose steatosis vs steatohepatitis in a patient with HCV



Effect of steatosis on HCV fibrosis: cross-sectional studies

Author	Effect of steatosis on fibrosis	Risk factors for fibrosis
Adinolfi	↑	BMI, genotype3
Hourigan	↑	BMI
Ruggiero	↑	BMI, genotype 3
Romero-Gomez	↑	Leptin, visceral obesity
Rubbia-Brandt	↑	Metavir activity
Ong	↑	Metabolic syndrome
Sanyal	↑	Cytologic Ballooning
Patton	↑	BMI, HCV RNA

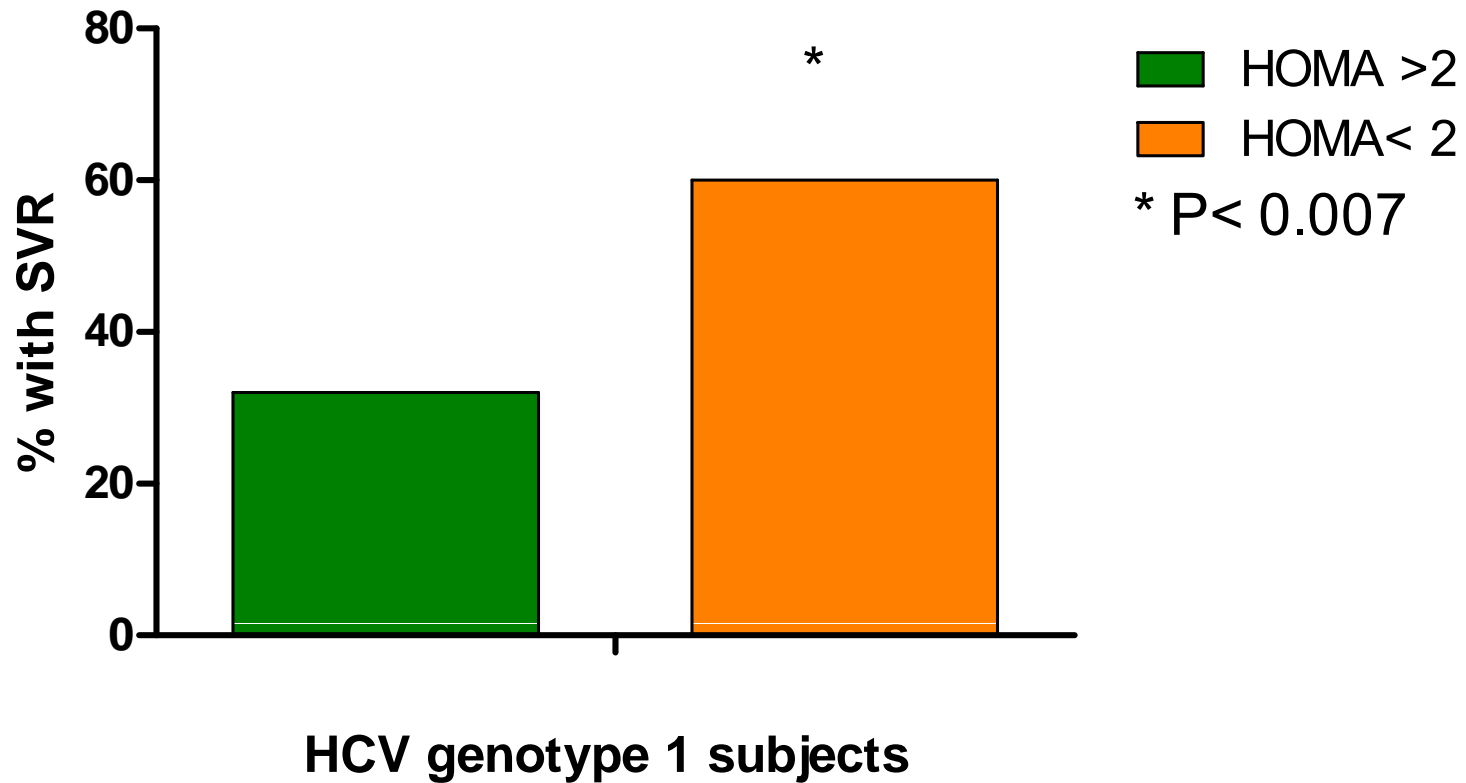
Contribution of MetS and NAFLD to HCV-related burden of HCC

Prevalence of HCC in HCV: 7.9/1000

Prevalence of HCC in NAFLD/NASH: 4.7/1000

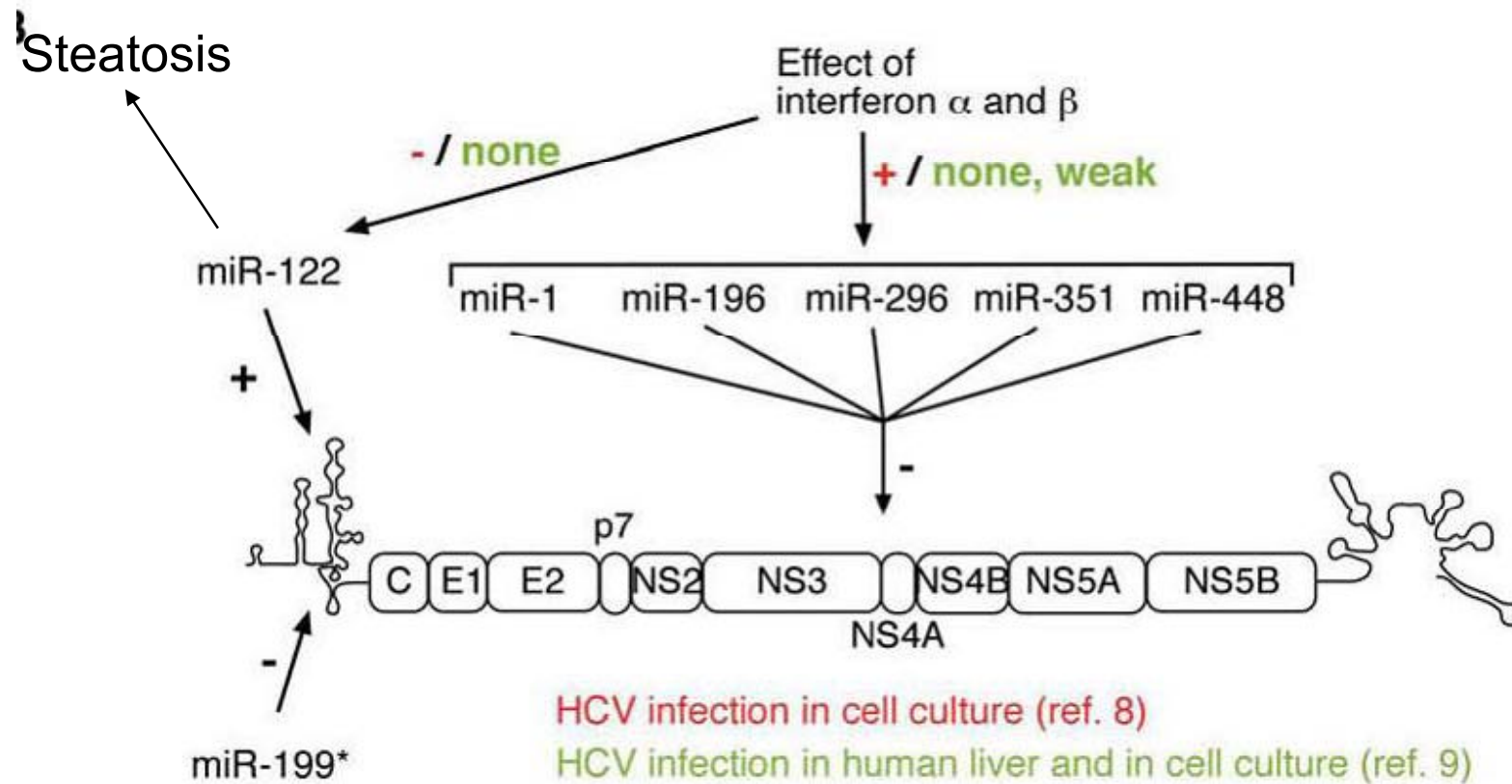
Risk Factor (ICD-9-CM code)	HCC Patients (%)	Control (%)	P Value	
HCV (070.41, 070.44, 070.51, 070.54, V02.62)	22	0.4	< 0.0001	→ Cirrhosis*: 69% Diabetes: 32% NASH: 68%
NAFLD/NASH (571.8, 571.9, 573.4, 573.8, 573.9)	54.6	2.9	< 0.0001	→ Cirrhosis*: 42% Diabetes: 36% HCV: 28%
Diabetes (250)	33.9	18.6	< 0.0001	→ HCV: 21% NASH: 58%
Alcohol (571.0, 571.1, 571.2, 571.3)	11.6	0.2	< 0.0001	*ICD-9-CM code 571.5 or 571.6

Insulin resistance and SVR



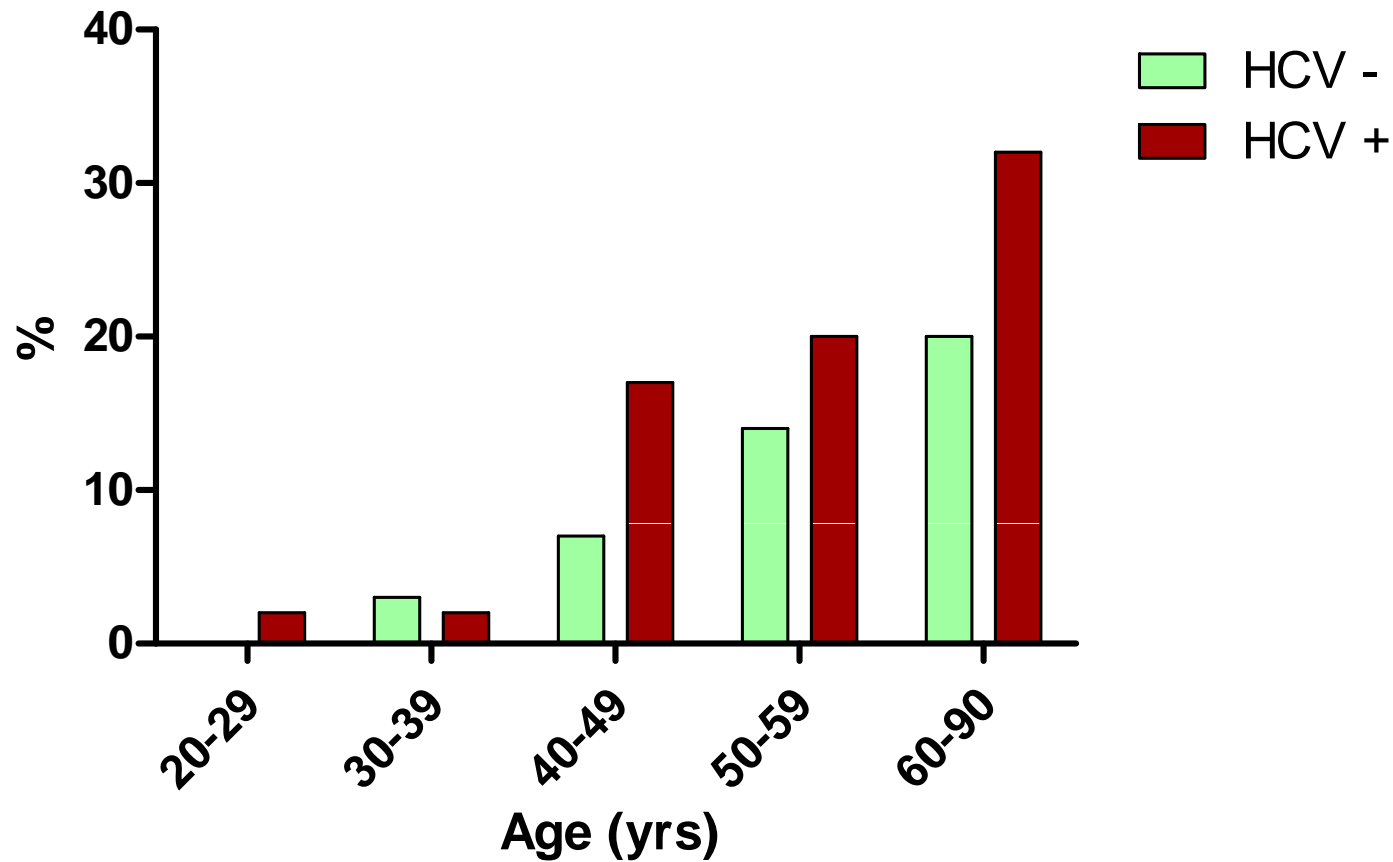
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MicroRNAs and HCV



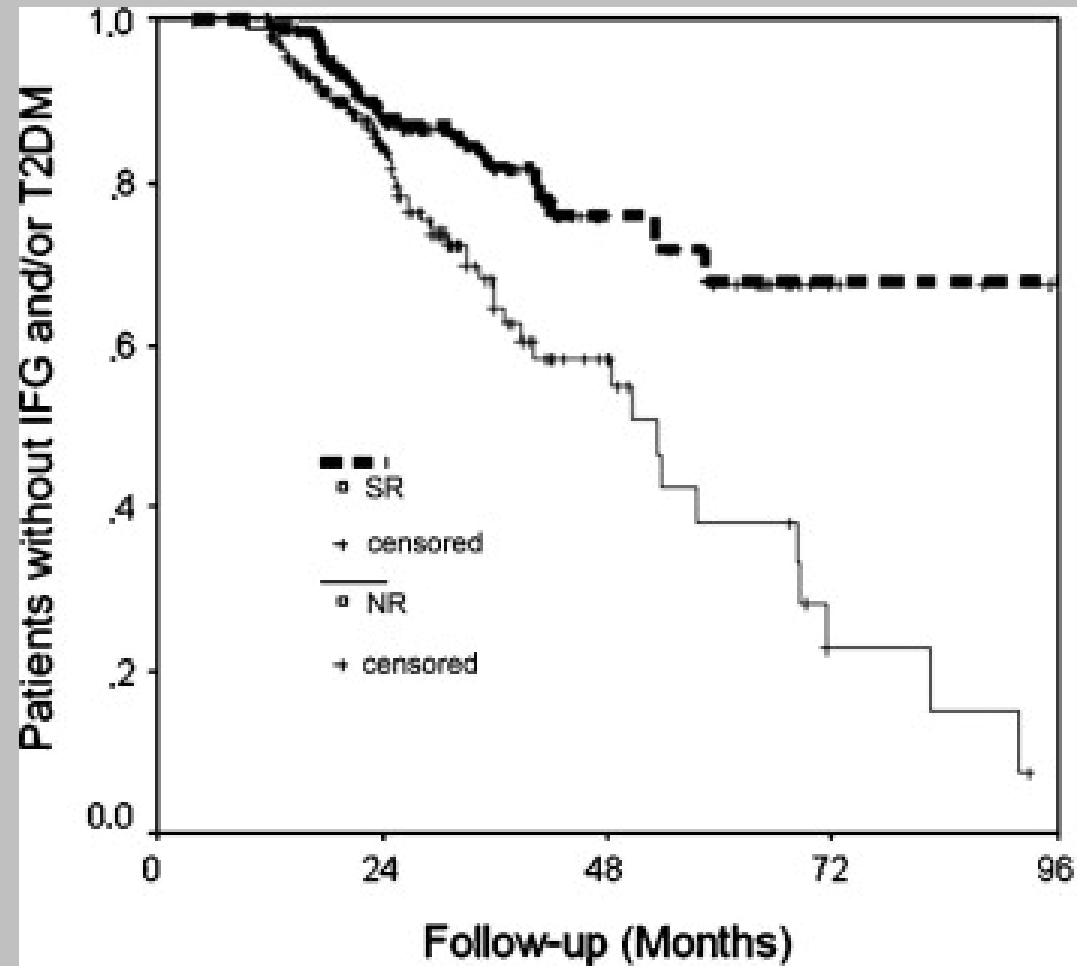
Pfeffer and Baumert, J Hepatology, 2008, 59:606-611

Impact of HCV on development of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus



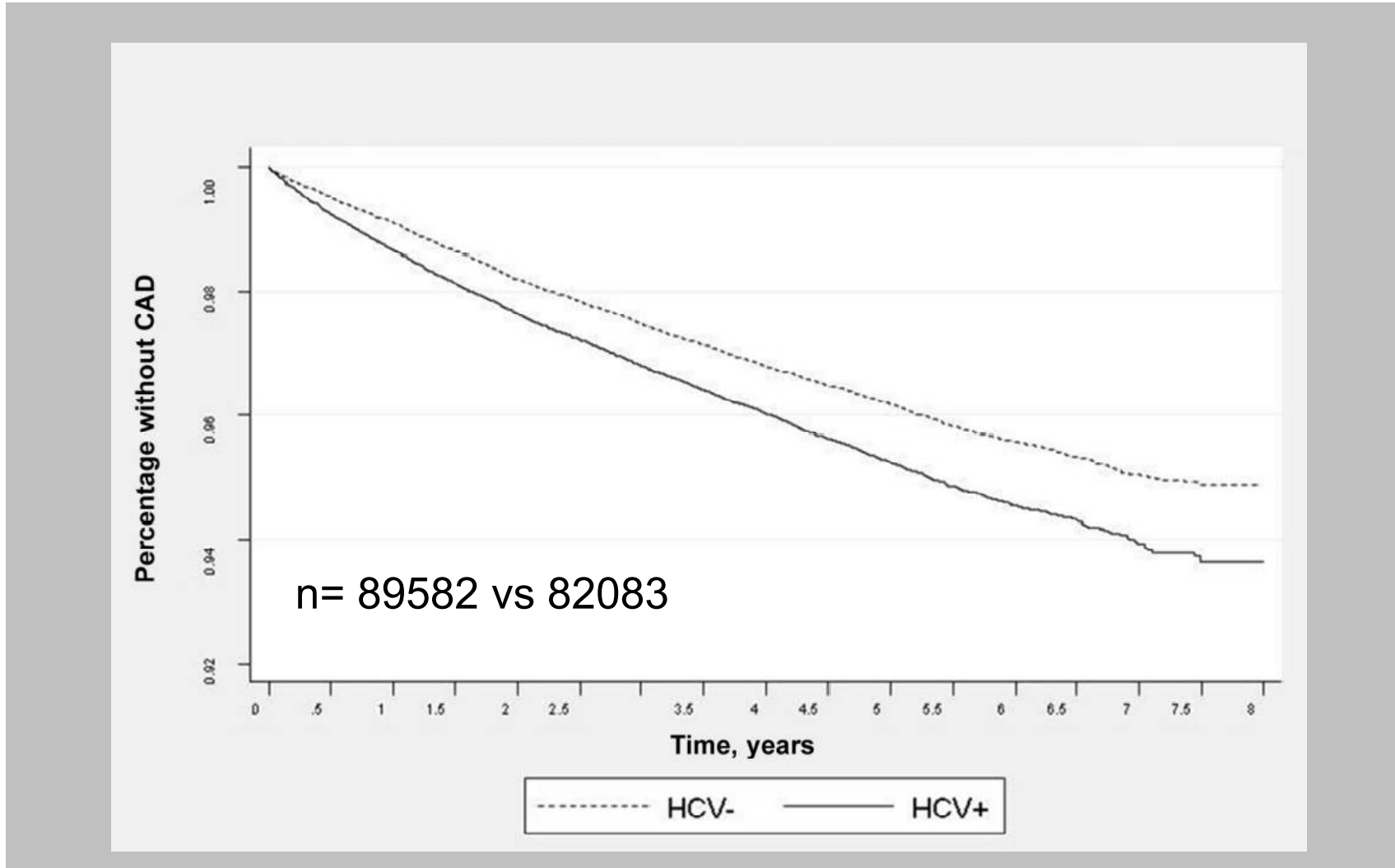
Mehta et al, Ann Intern Med, 2000, 133:592-599

SVR decreases risk of type II diabetes mellitus

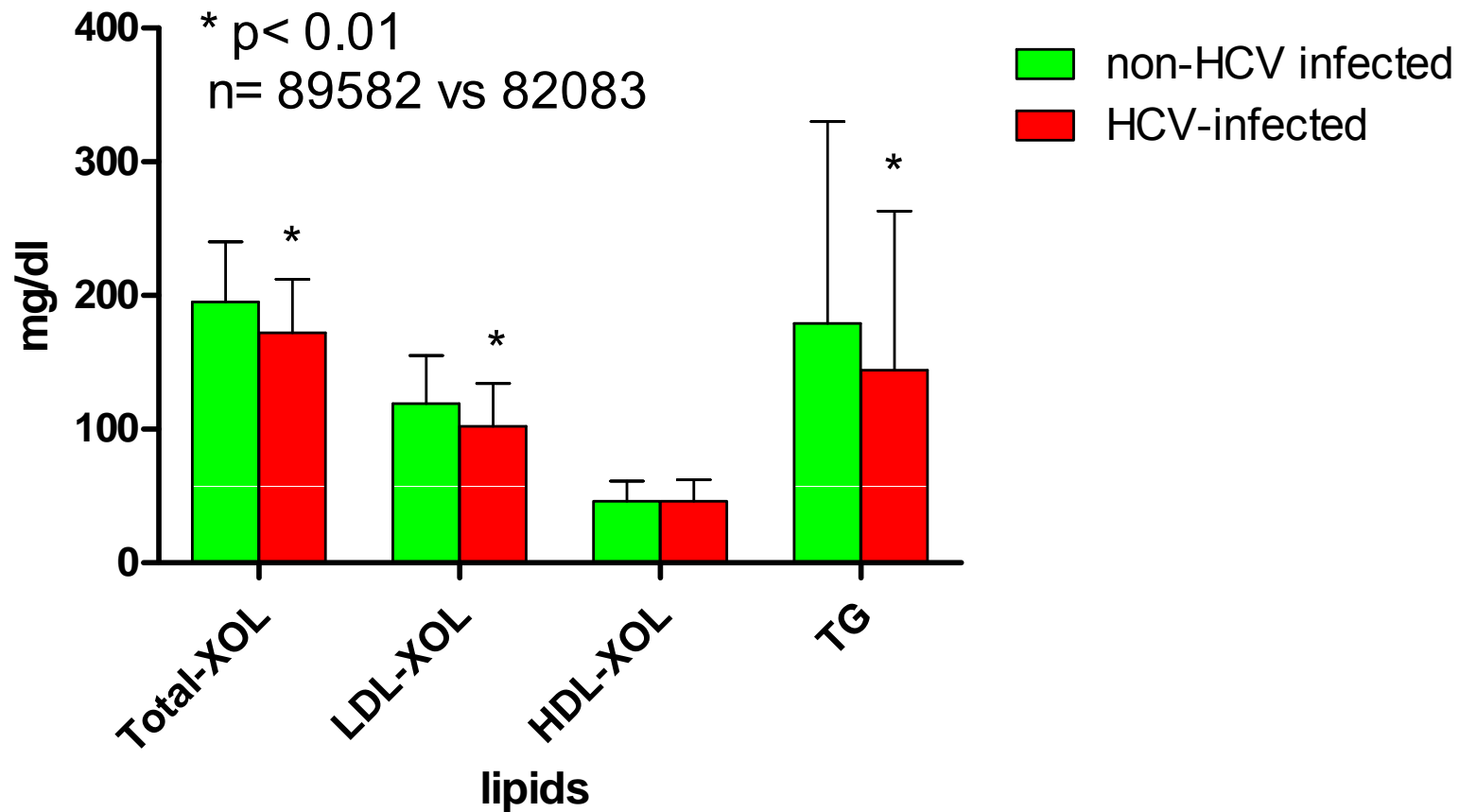


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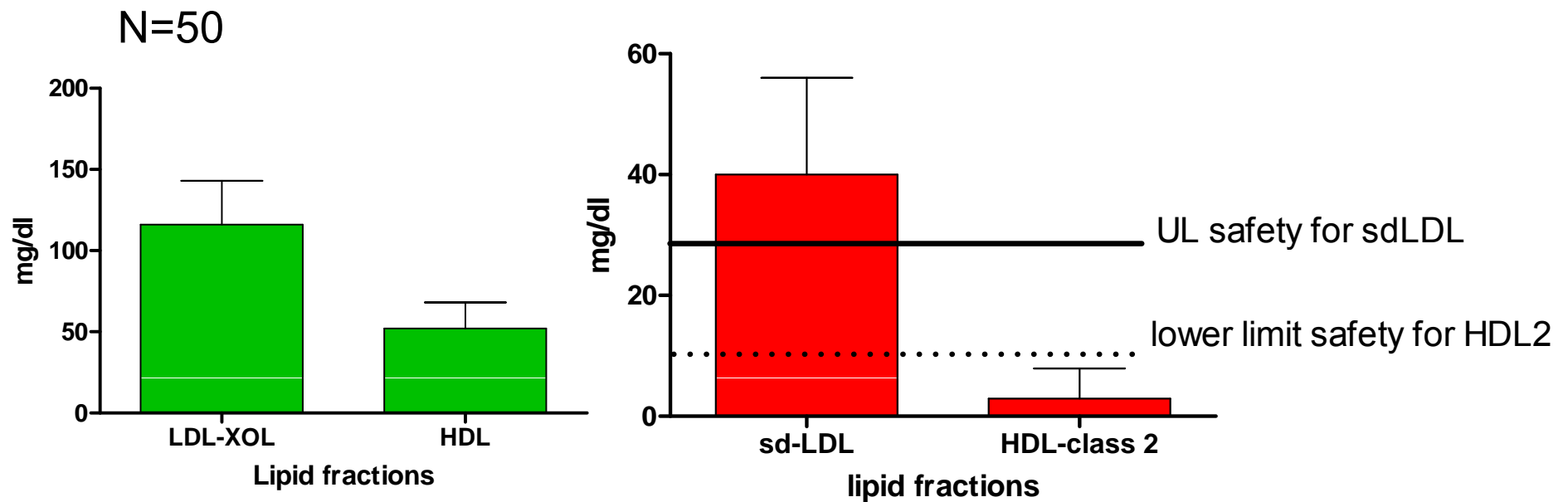
HCV: a risk factor for coronary artery disease



Is HCV associated with dyslipidemia?



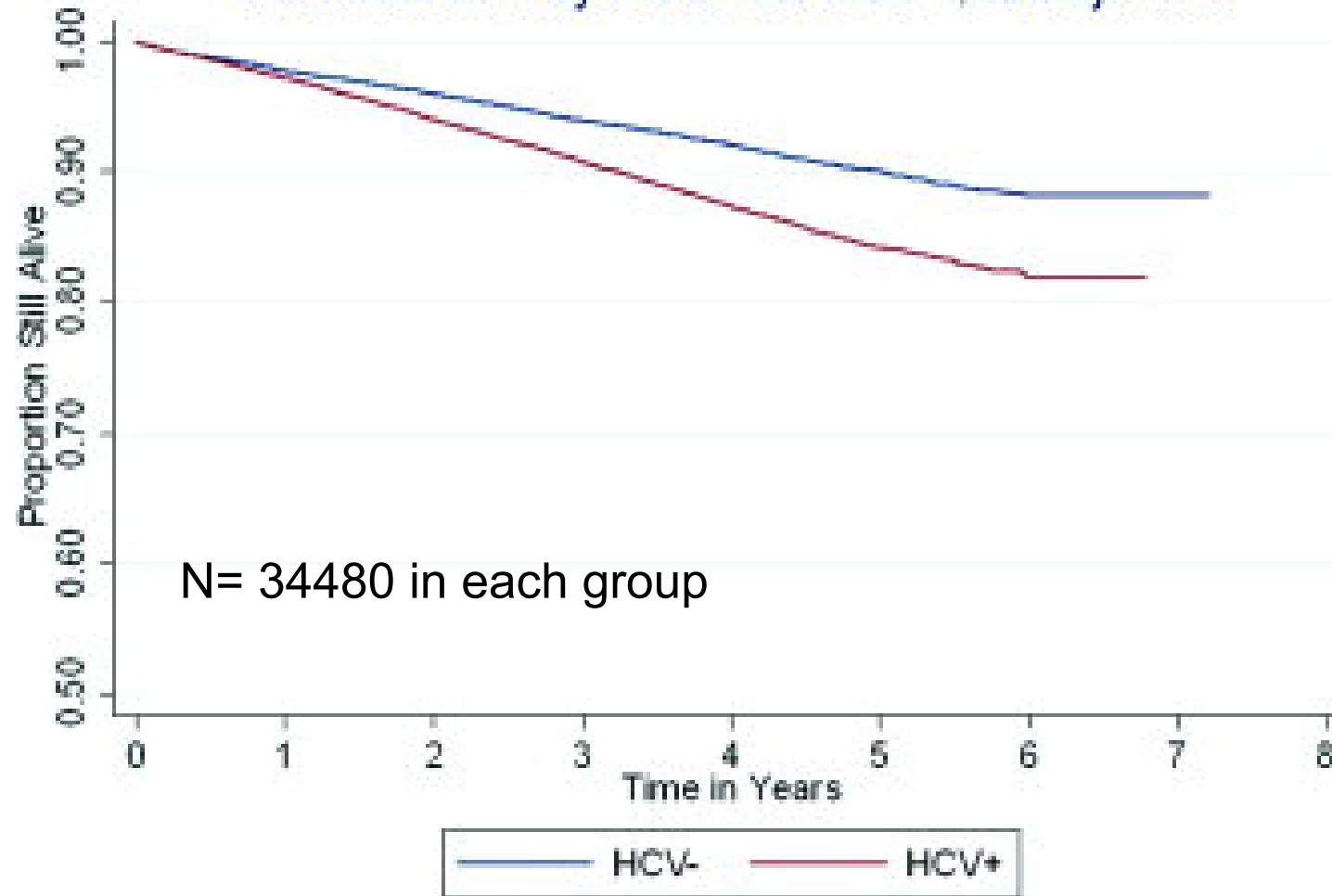
Simple Lab tests are misleading for atherogenic risk in this population



Sd-LDL vs FLD activity (steatosis-ballooning-lob inflam) $r = 0.53$, $p < 0.0006$

HCV impairs survival

Survival Rate by HCV- vs. HCV+, unadjusted

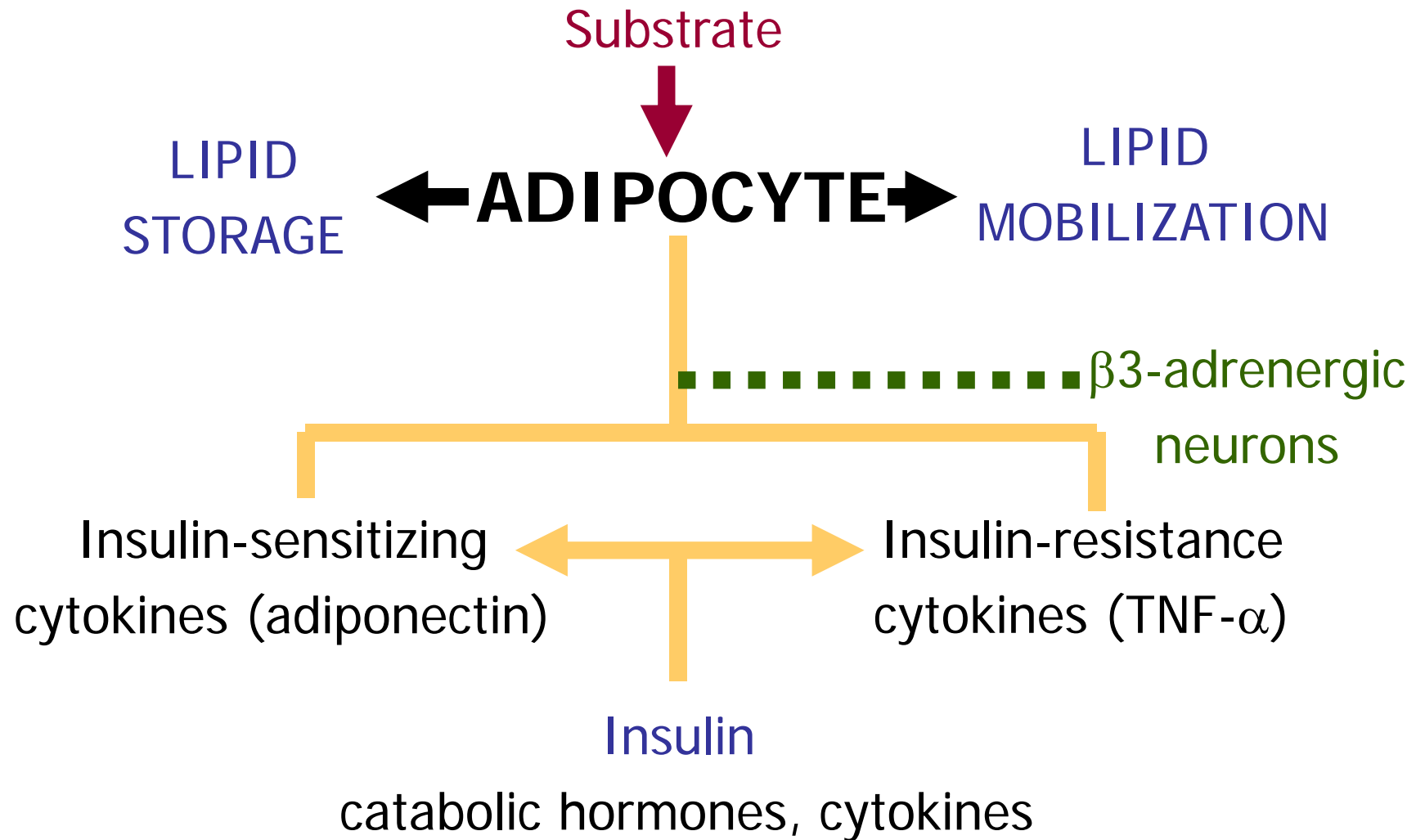


Butt et al, HEPATOLOGY 2009;50:387-392

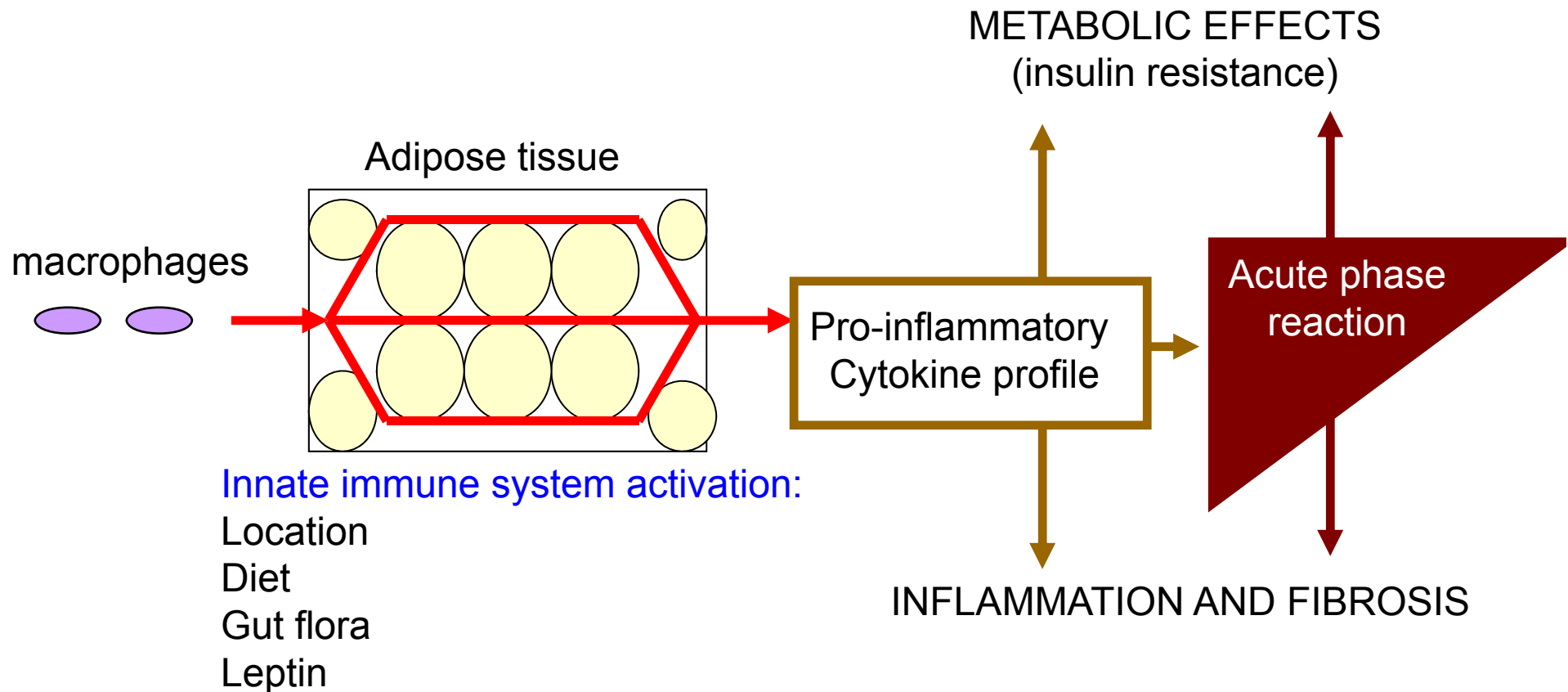
Hepatitis C and Metabolic Syndrome: Clinical implications

- Hepatitis C is associated with the metabolic syndrome
- Subjects with HCV have a higher risk of developing diabetes, chronic kidney disease, coronary artery disease
- In subjects with HCV, the presence of insulin resistance and MetS is associated with steatosis, increased progression to cirrhosis and HCC
- Insulin resistance confers resistance to PEG-IFN and ribavirin therapy

Insulin resistance: a vital physiologic phenomenon

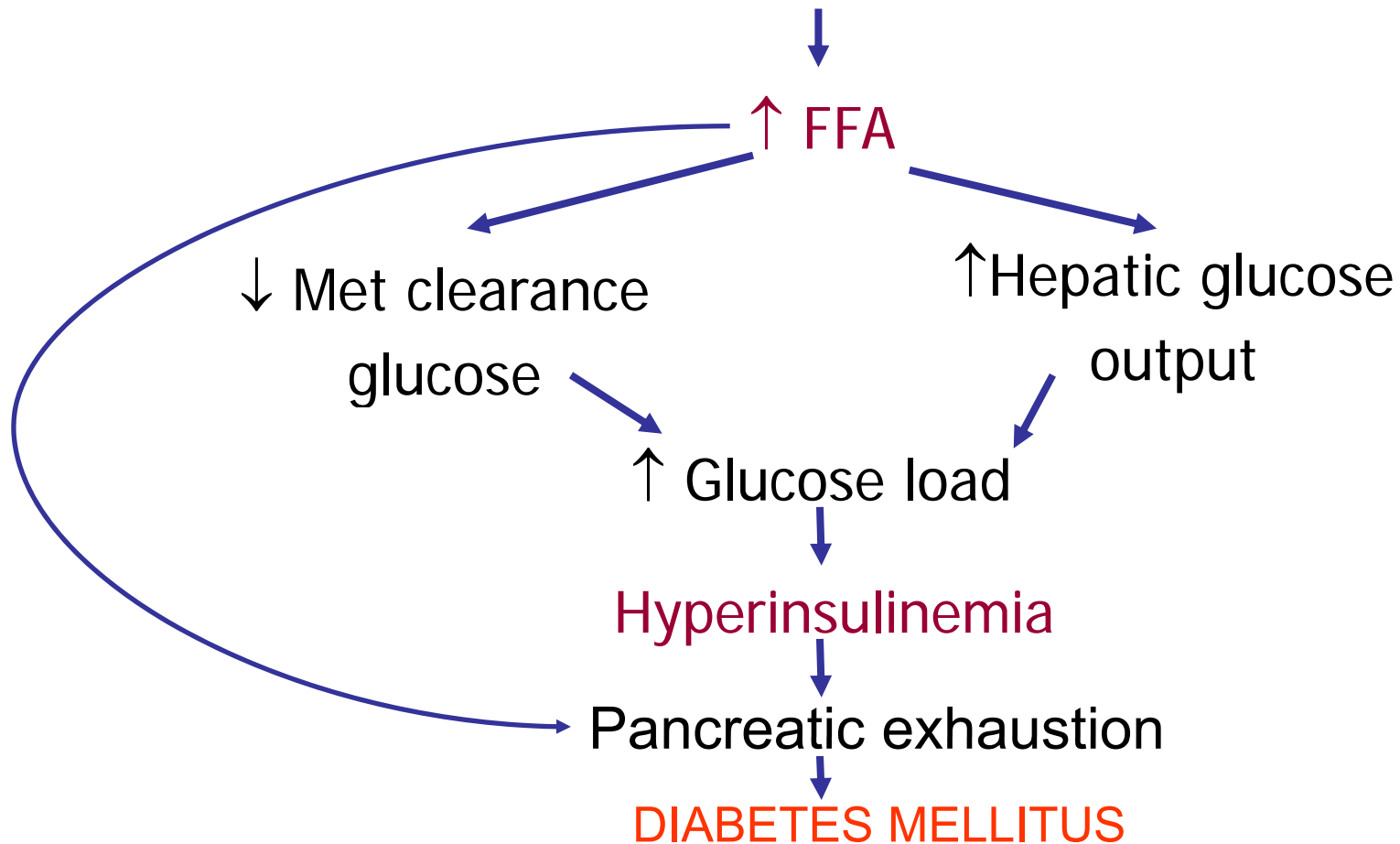


Pathogenesis of insulin resistance

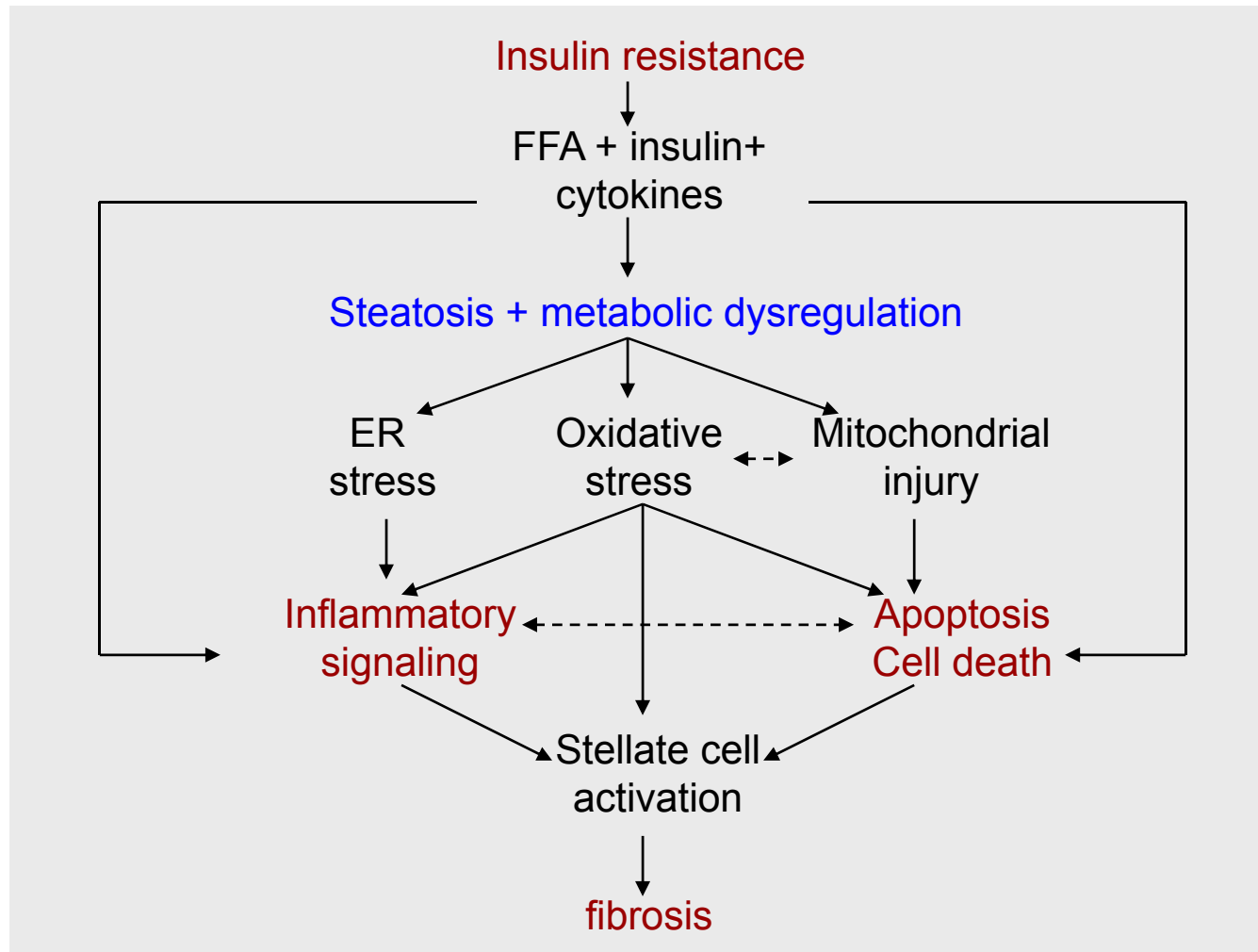


Pathophysiology of insulin resistance

Obesity, Genetics, Environment, Diet, Activity
(Insulin sensitivity vs resistance)

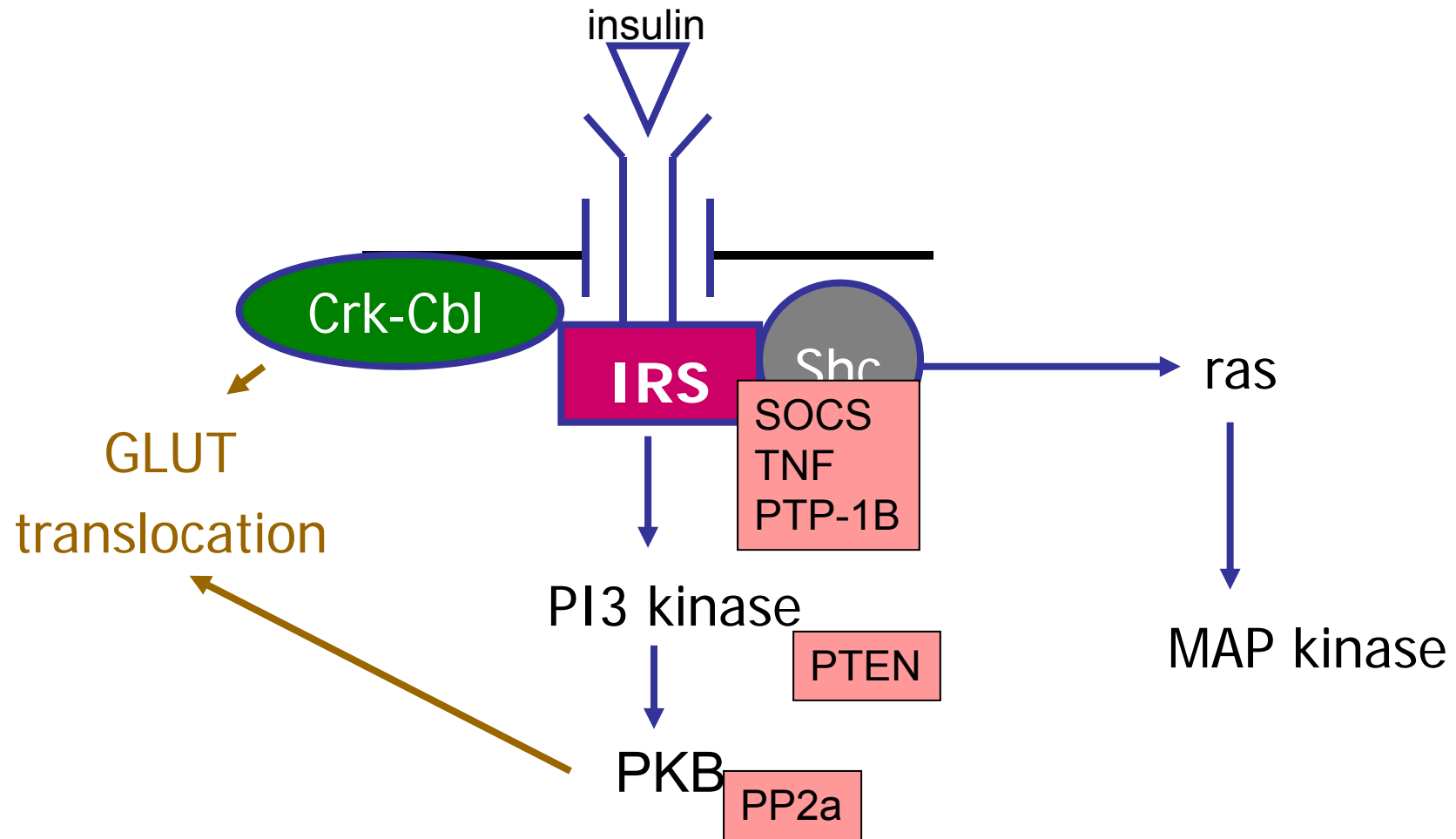


Pathogenesis of NASH



Multiple sources

Mechanisms of impaired insulin signaling in HCV



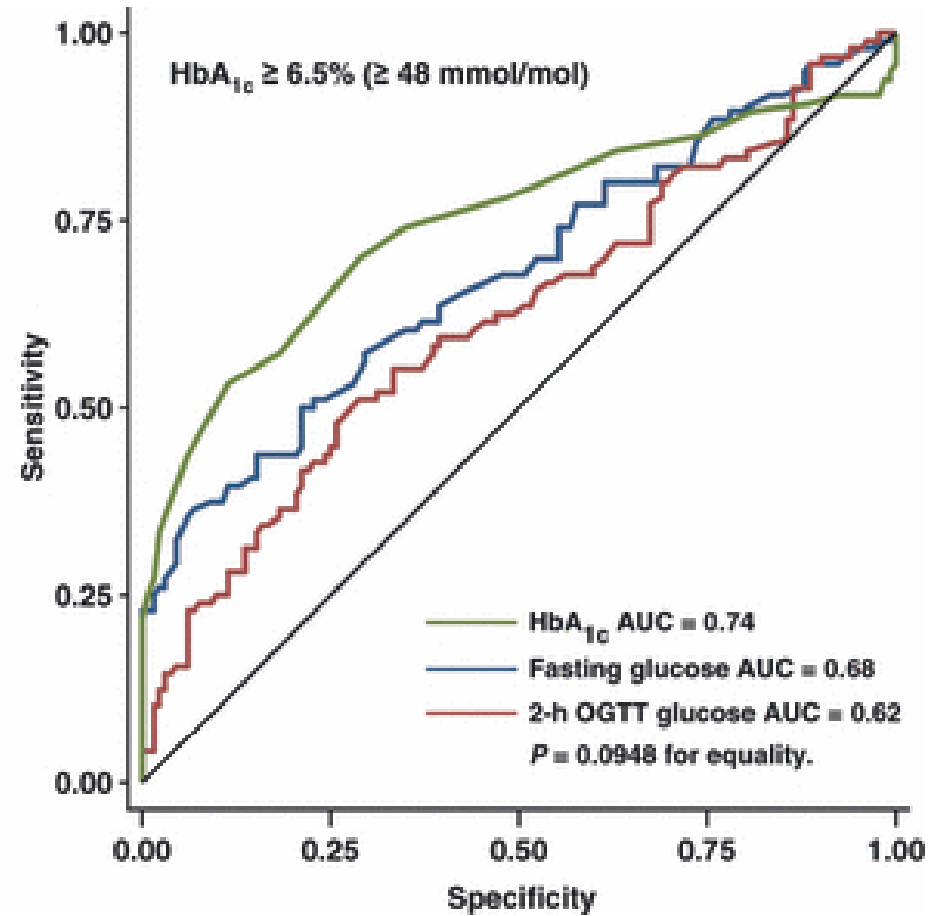
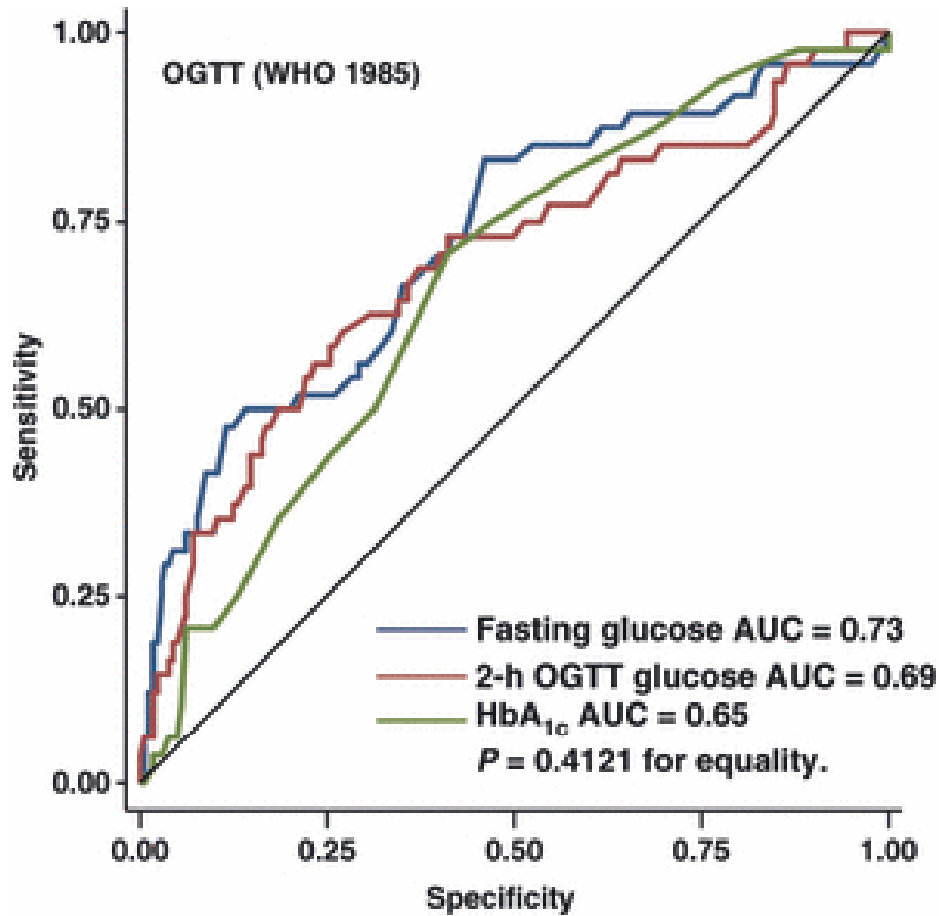
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Hepatitis C and the Metabolic Syndrome: Implications for Management

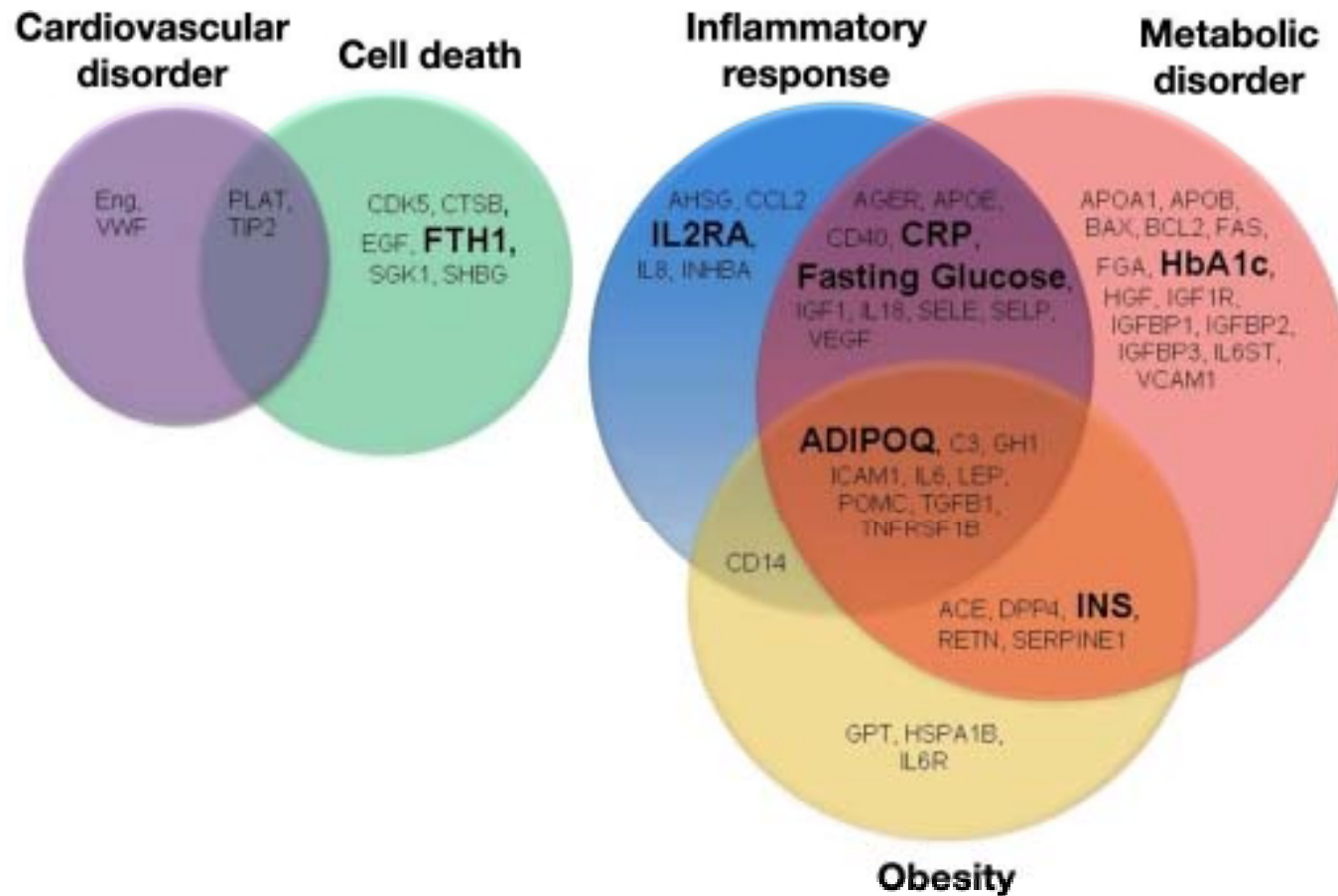
- Assess presence of or risk of:
 - type 2 diabetes mellitus (www.diabetes.fi)
 - coronary artery disease
- Lifestyle intervention
- Drugs to prevent diabetes
- Drugs to prevent coronary artery disease
- Should insulin resistance be treated prior to anti-HCV treatment

Can diabetes be predicted by usual glycemic measures?



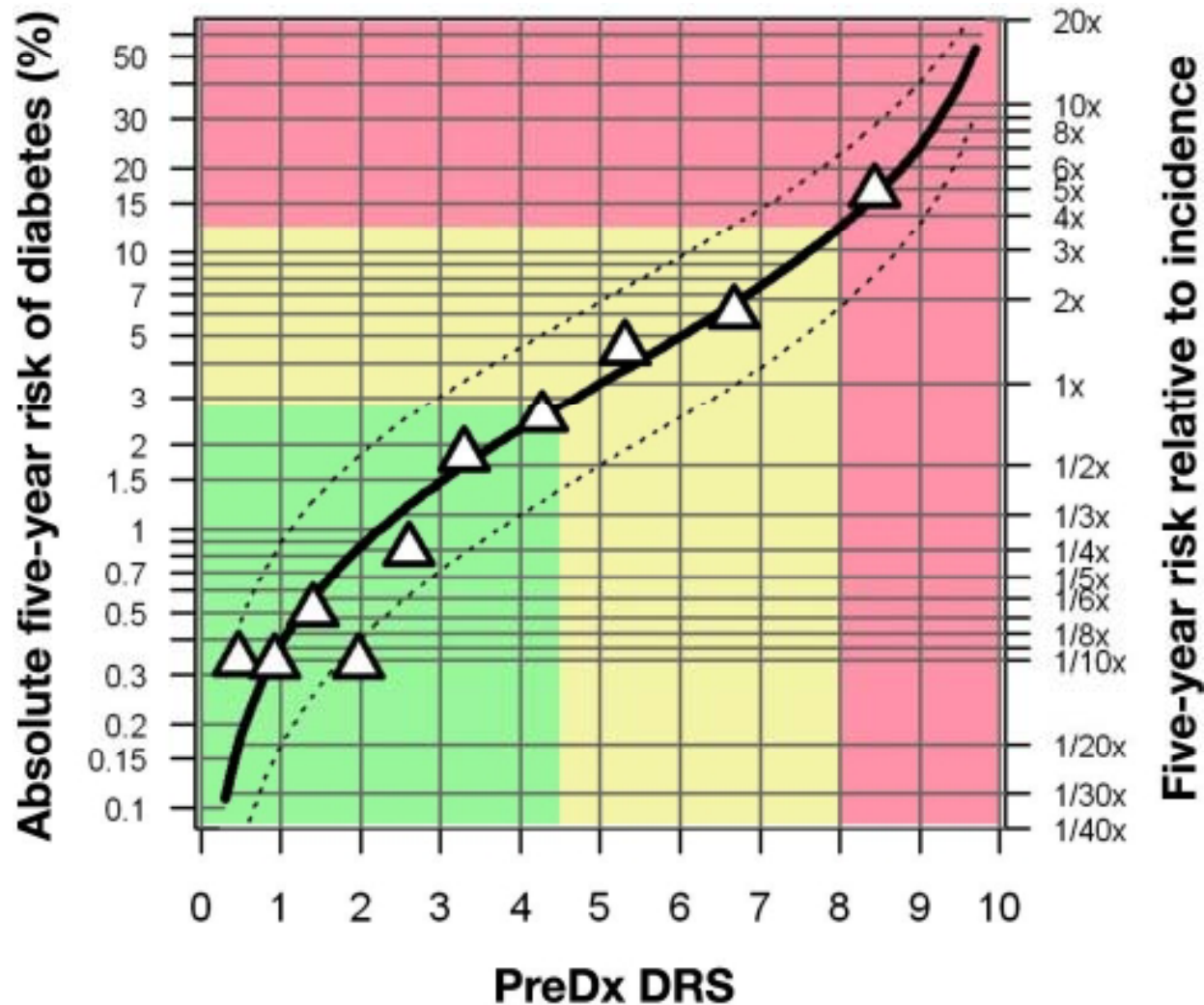
Pajunen et al, Diabet Med. 2011 Jan;28(1):36-42.

Biomarkers predictive of development of Type 2 diabetes



Urdea et al, J Diabetes Sci Technol. 2009 Jul 1;3(4):748-55.

Performance of PreDx for prediction of Type 2 DM

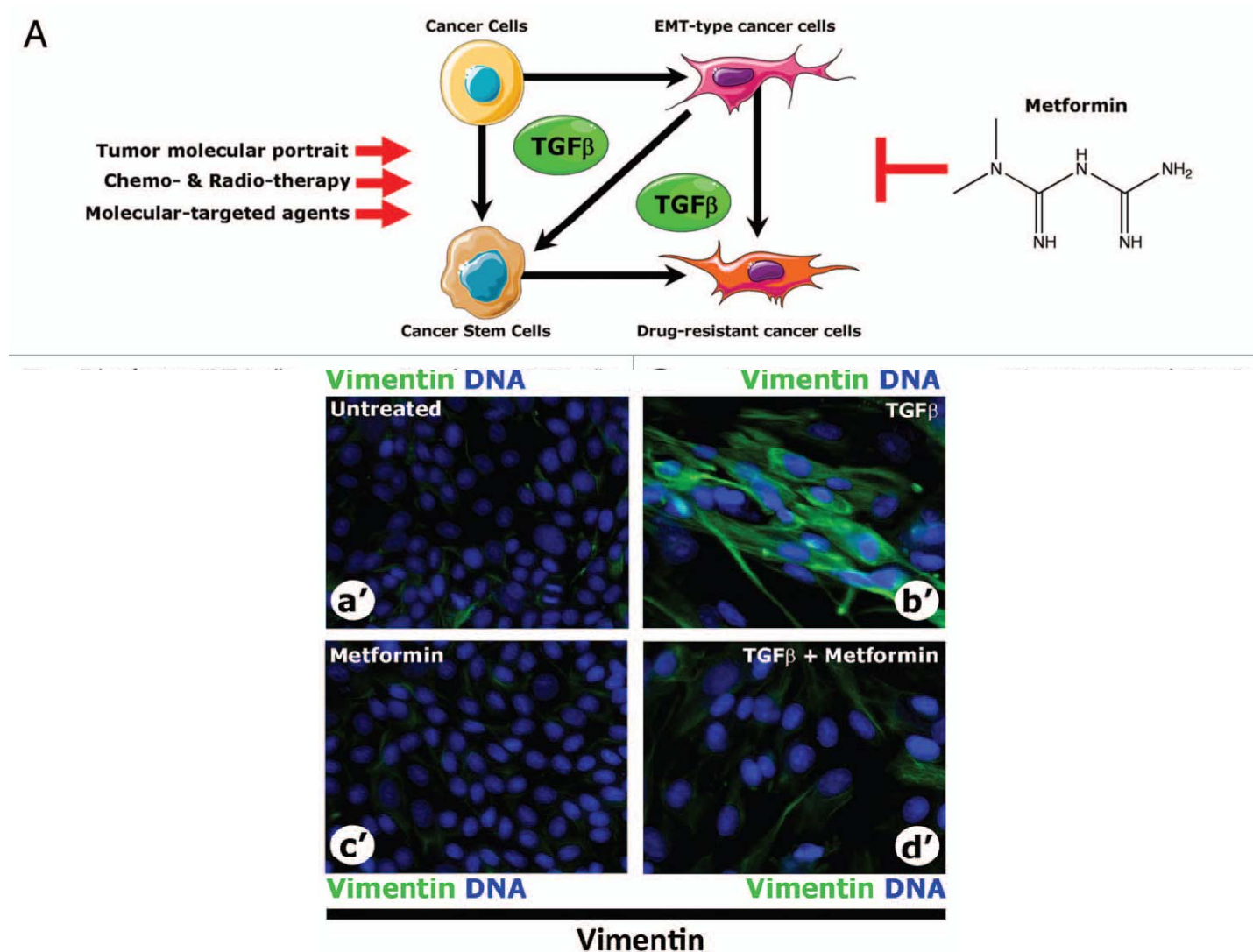


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Approaches to reduce risk of T2DM in subjects at risk

- **Lifestyle changes:**
 - 58% reduction with intense changes
 - 60% risk of new onset T2DM after intense intervention is stopped.
- **Drugs:**
 - Metformin
 - Glitazones
 - ? Acarbose
- **Bariatric surgery** (for BMI > 40 kg/m²)

Metformin: potential uses in HCV



Cufi et al, Cell Cycle 2010, 9:22, 4461-4468

Is metformin protective against HCC?

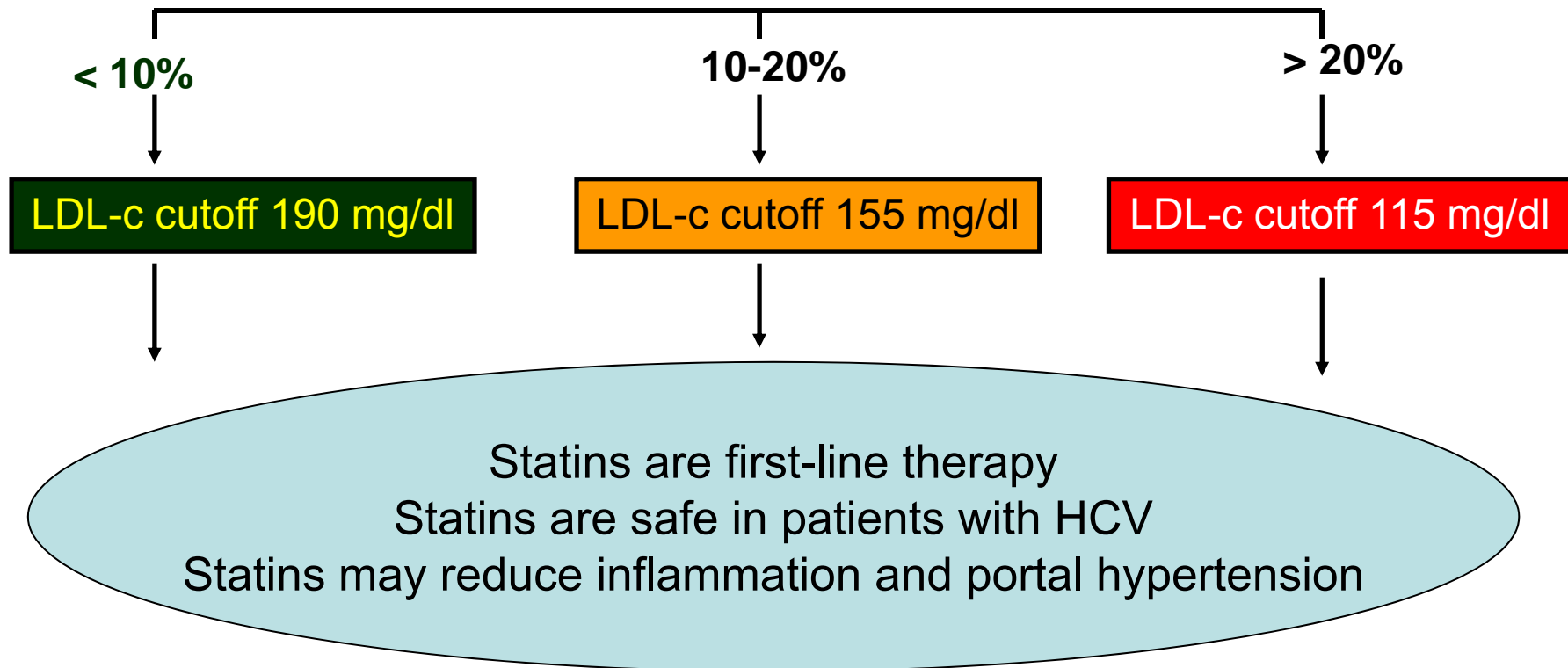
	n	Metformin (%)	Sufonylurea (%)	Insulin (%)
HCC	190	9.5	53	40
Controls	215	24	51	22
Cirrhosis	144	40	16	43

Donadon et al, Liver Int. 2010 May;30(5):750-8.

Approach to management of dyslipidemia

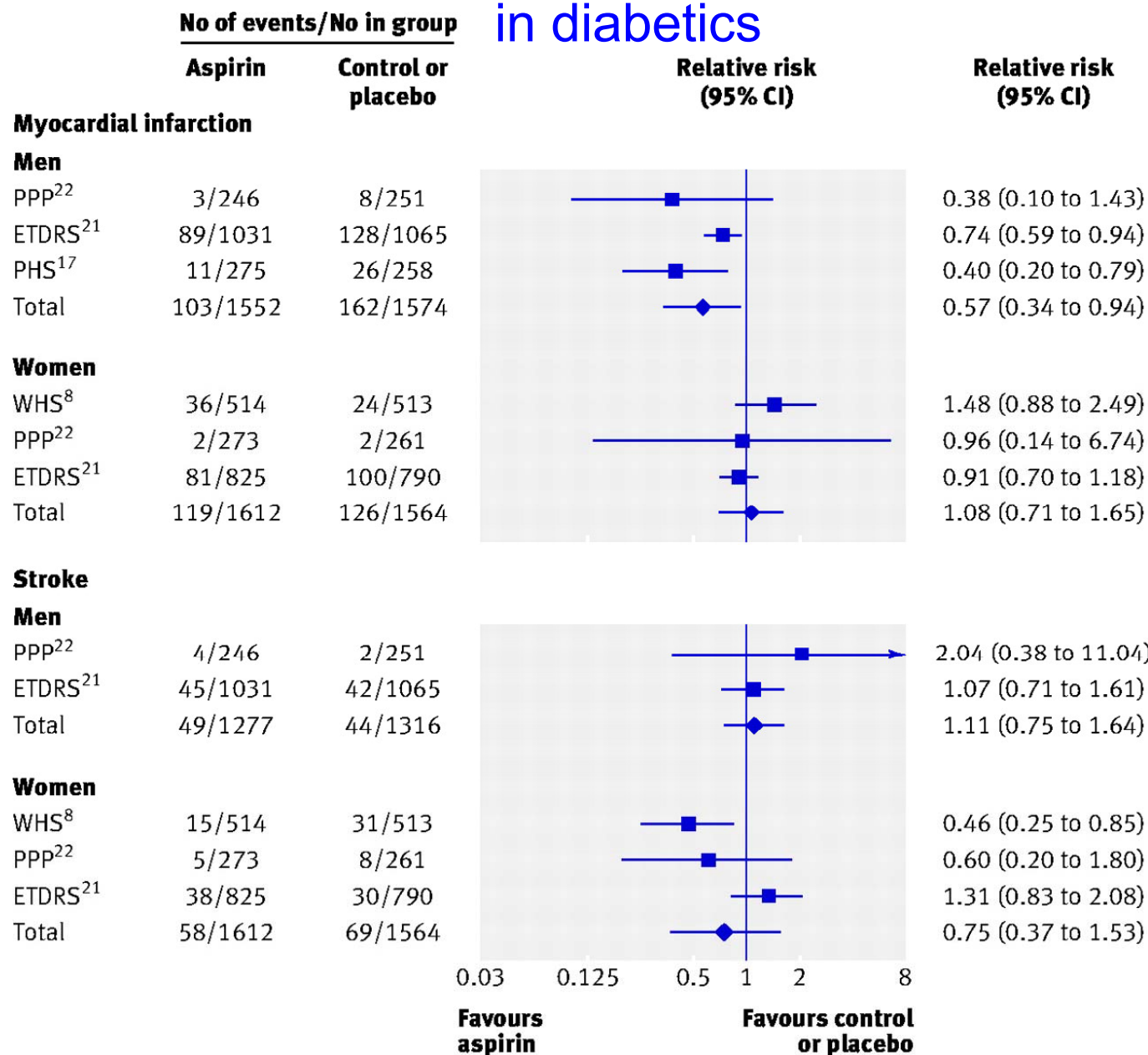
Estimate 10 yr risk of coronary heart disease

<http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/atpIII/calculator.asp?usertype=prof>
(lifestyle recommendations)



ATP III recommendations for management of atherogenic dyslipidemic

Is Aspirin beneficial for prevention of cardiovascular events in diabetics



DeBerardis et al, BMJ, BMJ 2009; 339:b4531

Pioglitazone + PEG-IFN + Ribavirin for HCV

- N= 5
- All nonresponders
- Treated with pioglitazone (30 mg/day) + standard PEG/Riba
- None of the subjects responded although insulin sensitivity improved.

Future Directions

- Long-term studies to reduce the burden of non-hepatic complications related to MetS in subjects with HCV.
- Validation of the value of personalized approaches to reduce the risk of diabetes, CAD, HCC in subjects with HCV
- Define the role of insulin resistance in treatment resistance to triple therapy
- Define the role of modulating MetS to further boost the response to PEG-IFN and ribavirin.

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