

Perioperative pathophysiology and the objectives behind Enhanced Recovery Care

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A Clinical Pathway to Accelerate Recovery After Colonic Resection

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Objective

To investigate the feasibility of a 48-hour postoperative care program after colonic resection.

Summary Background Data

Postoperative hospital stay after colonic resection is usually 6 to 12 days, with a complication rate of 10% to 20%. Factors for early recovery include stress-induced ileus, paralytic ileus, pain, and fatigue. It has been hypothesized that an accelerated multimodal rehabilitation program with optimal pain relief, stress reduction with regional anesthesia, early enteral nutrition, and early mobilization may enhance recovery and reduce the complication rate.

Methods

Sixty consecutive patients undergoing elective colonic resection were prospectively studied using a well-defined postoperative care program including continuous thoracic epidural analgesia and enforced early mobilization and enteral nutrition, and a planned 48-hour postoperative hospital stay. Postoperative follow-up was scheduled at 8 and 30 days.

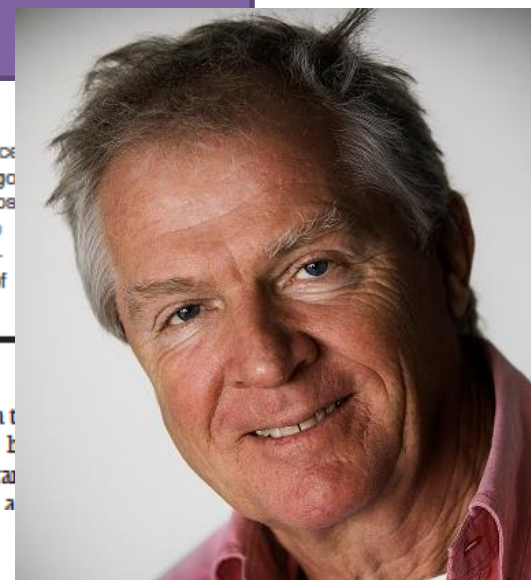
The postoperative hospital stay after colonic resection is usually 6 to 12 days,¹⁻⁶ with a complication rate of 10% to 20%, because many patients are elderly and at high risk. The recent introduction of multimodal postoperative reha-

- ✓ 60 patients (74 yo)
- ✓ Open colon resection + postop care program
- ✓ Epidural, early feeding and mobilization
- ✓ Median LOS 2 days
- ✓ 15% readmissions

Conclusion

A multimodal rehabilitation program may significantly reduce the postoperative hospital stay in high-risk patients undergoing colonic resection. Such a program may also reduce postoperative ileus and cardiopulmonary complications. These results may have important implications for the care of patients after colonic surgery and in the future assessment of open versus laparoscopic colonic resection.

approximately 4 to 6 days.^{6,10,11} However, in studies on the effect of laparoscopic-assisted colonic resection, there has rarely been a focus on revising perioperative care programs and on including optimal analgesia, early mobilization, and



Surgery-induced insulin resistance in human patients: relation to glucose transport and utilization

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- ✓ 6 patients
- ✓ Muscle biopsies
- ✓ Insulin clamp
- ✓ Glut 4 translocation

Thorell, A., J. Nygren, M. F. Hirshman, T. Hayashi, K. S. Nair, E. S. Horton, L. J. Goodyear, and O. Ljungqvist. Surgery-induced insulin resistance in human patients: relation to glucose transport and utilization. *Am. J. Physiol.* 276 (*Endocrinol. Metab.* 39): E754–E761, 1999.—To investigate the underlying molecular mechanisms for surgery-induced insulin resistance in skeletal muscle, six otherwise healthy patients undergoing total hip replacement were studied before, during, and after surgery. Patients were studied under basal conditions and during physiological hyperinsulinemia (60 μ U/ml). Biopsies of vastus lateralis muscle were used to measure GLUT-4 translocation, glucose transport, and glycogen synthase activities. Surgery reduced insulin-stimulated glucose disposal ($P < 0.05$) without altering the insulin-stimulated increase in glucose oxidation or suppression of endogenous glucose production. Preopera-

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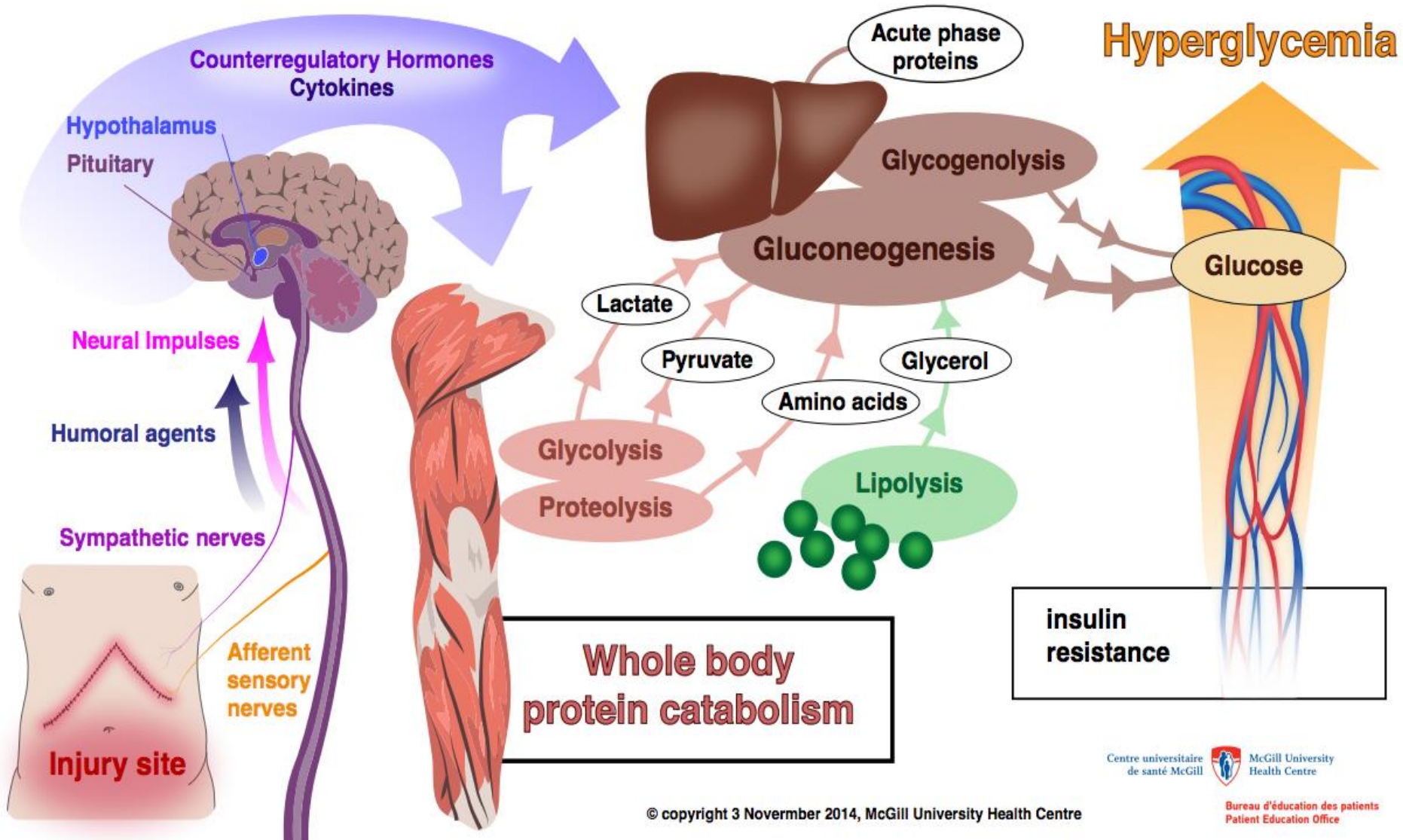
Elements of the stress response

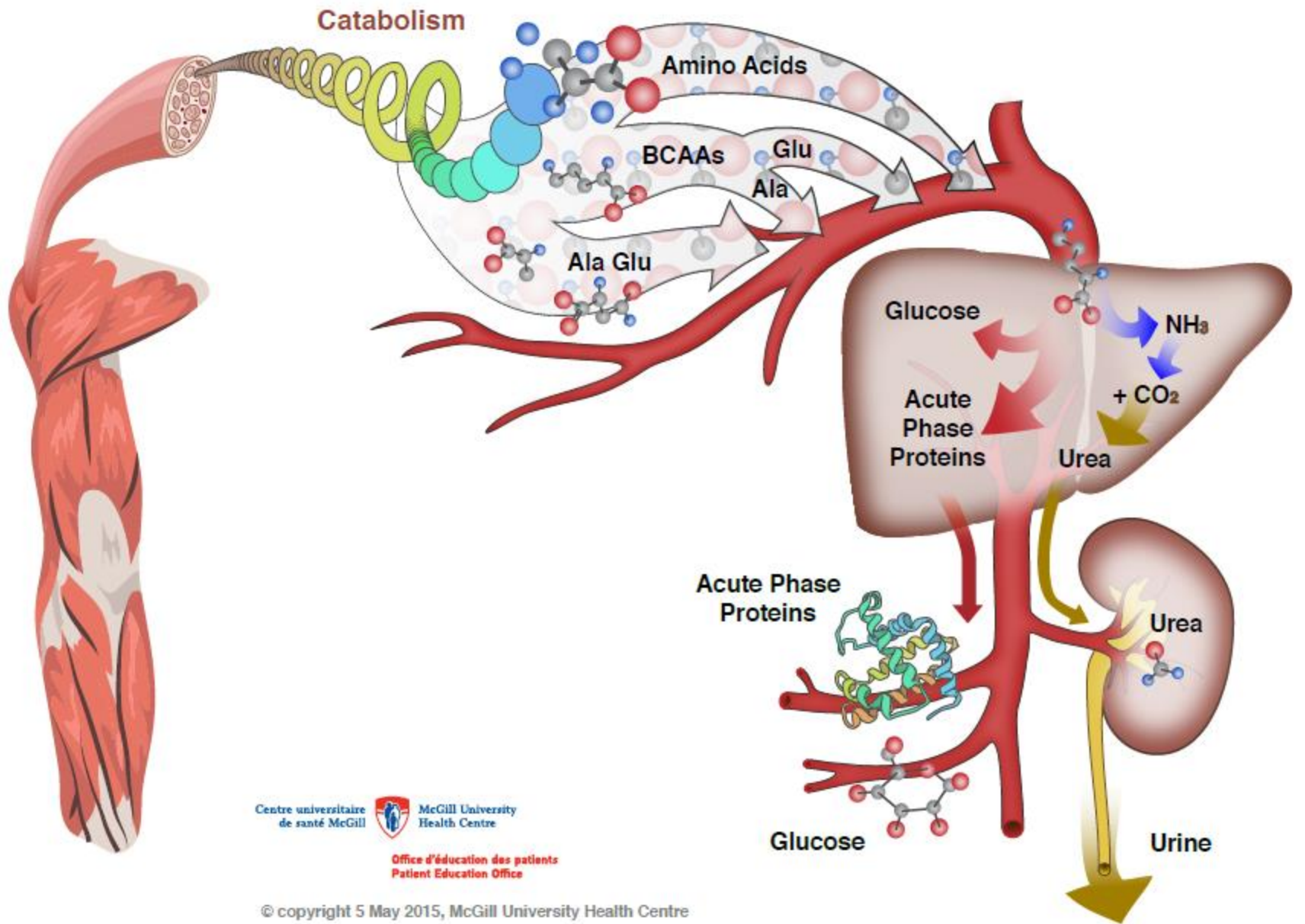


Surgical stress:

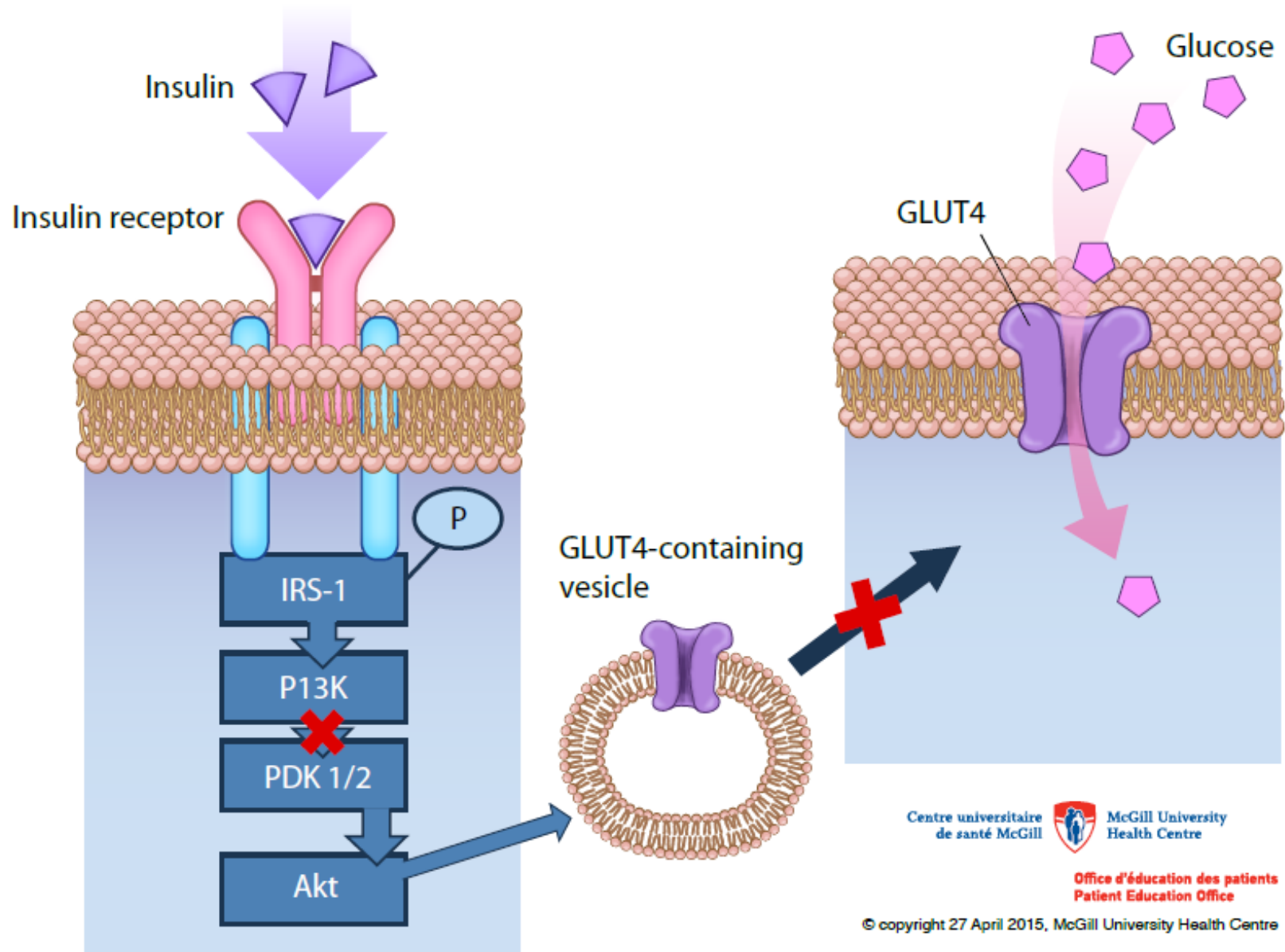
pain, catabolism, fluid/salt retention, immune dysfunction, nausea/vomiting, ileus, impaired pulmonary function, increased cardiac demands, hypercoaguability, sleep disturbances, fatigue

Surgery is a stressor





Effect of Insulin on Glucose Uptake



Elements of the stress response mediated by insulin resistance

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Approaches to reduce surgical stress

Minimally Invasive Surgery

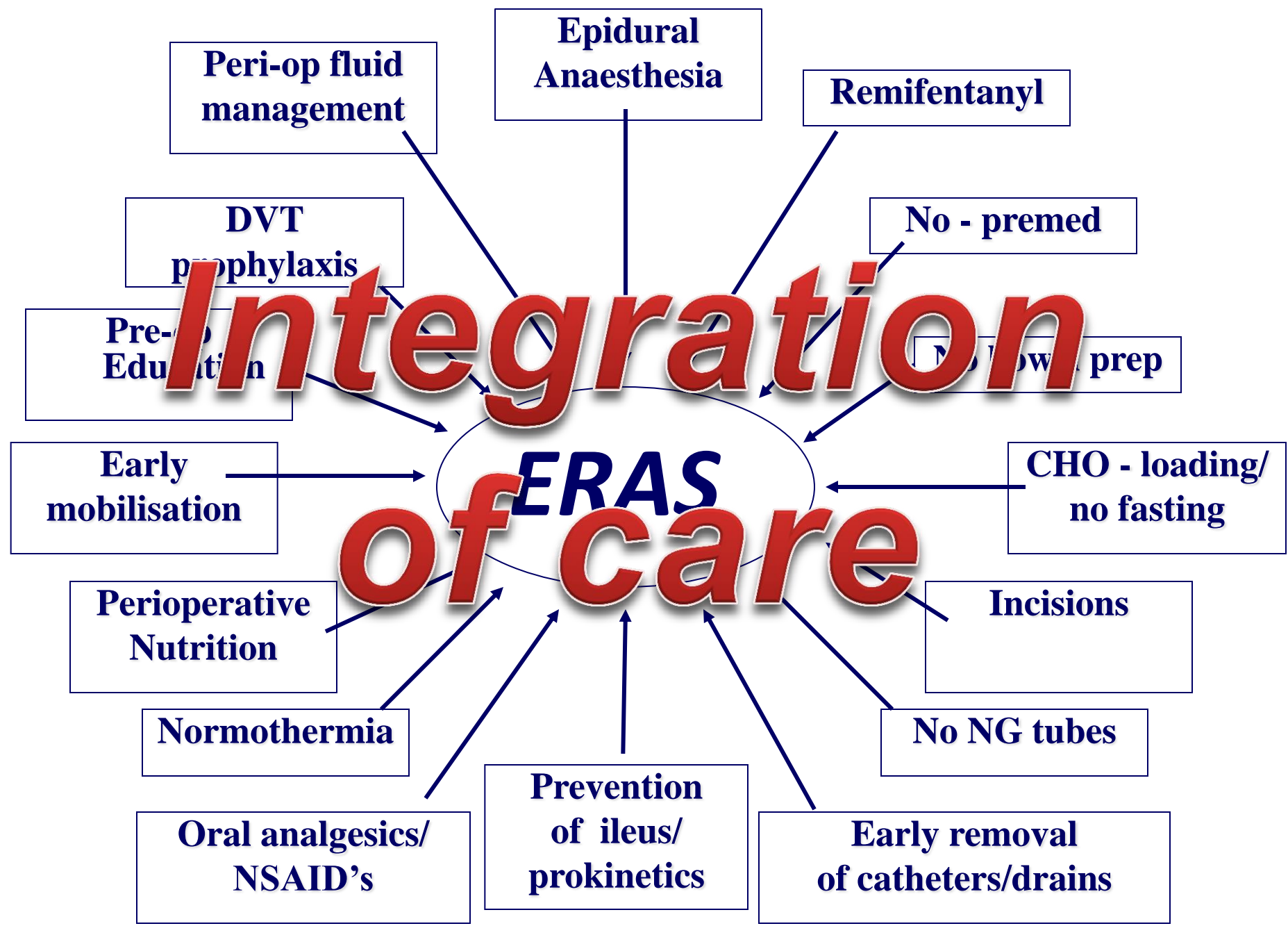
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Other interventions:
fluid balance
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preoperative carbohydrate
postoperative nutrition

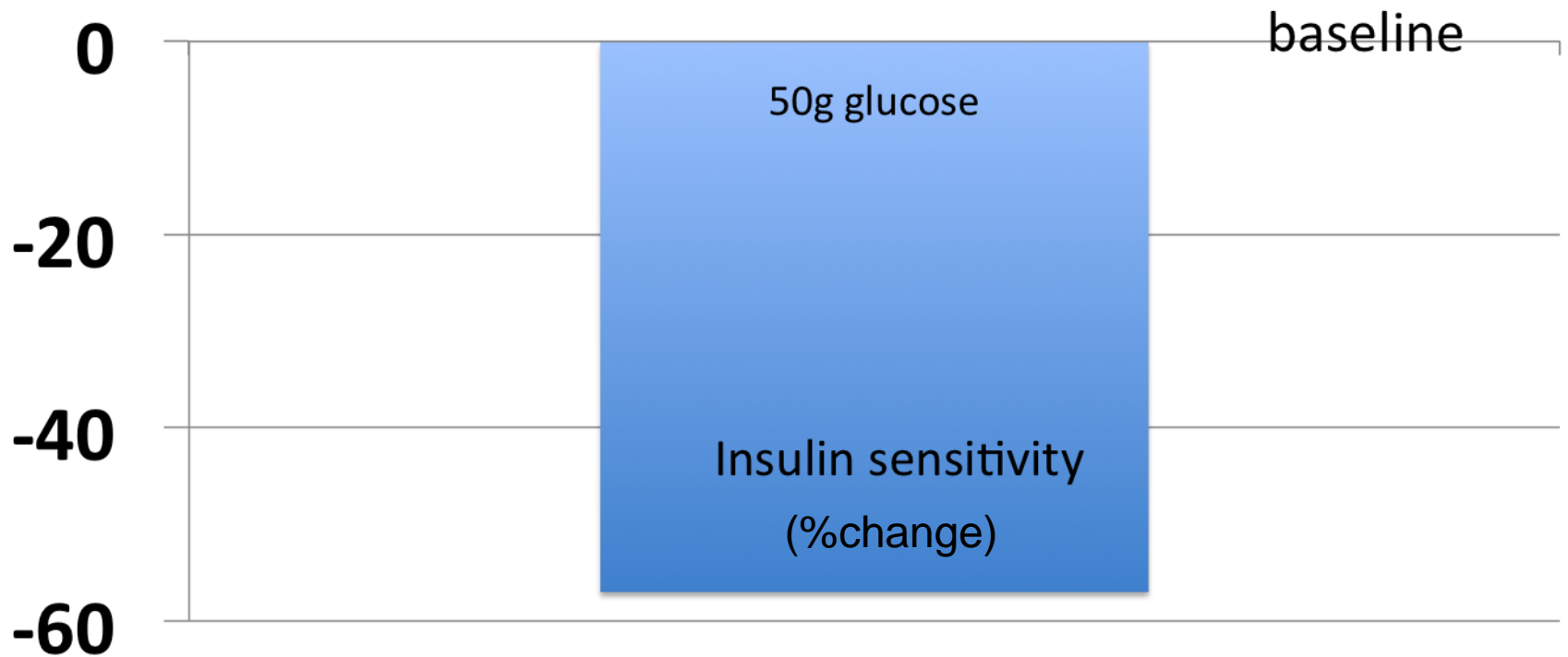
Pharmacologic interventions:
non-opioid, multimodal analgesia
anti-emetics
glucocorticoids
systemic local anesthetics
insulin
 β -blockade
 α 2-agonists
anabolic agents
Nutrition

Afferent neural blockade:
local infiltration anesthesia
peripheral nerve blocks
epidural/spinal anesthesia

Integration **ERAS** *of care*

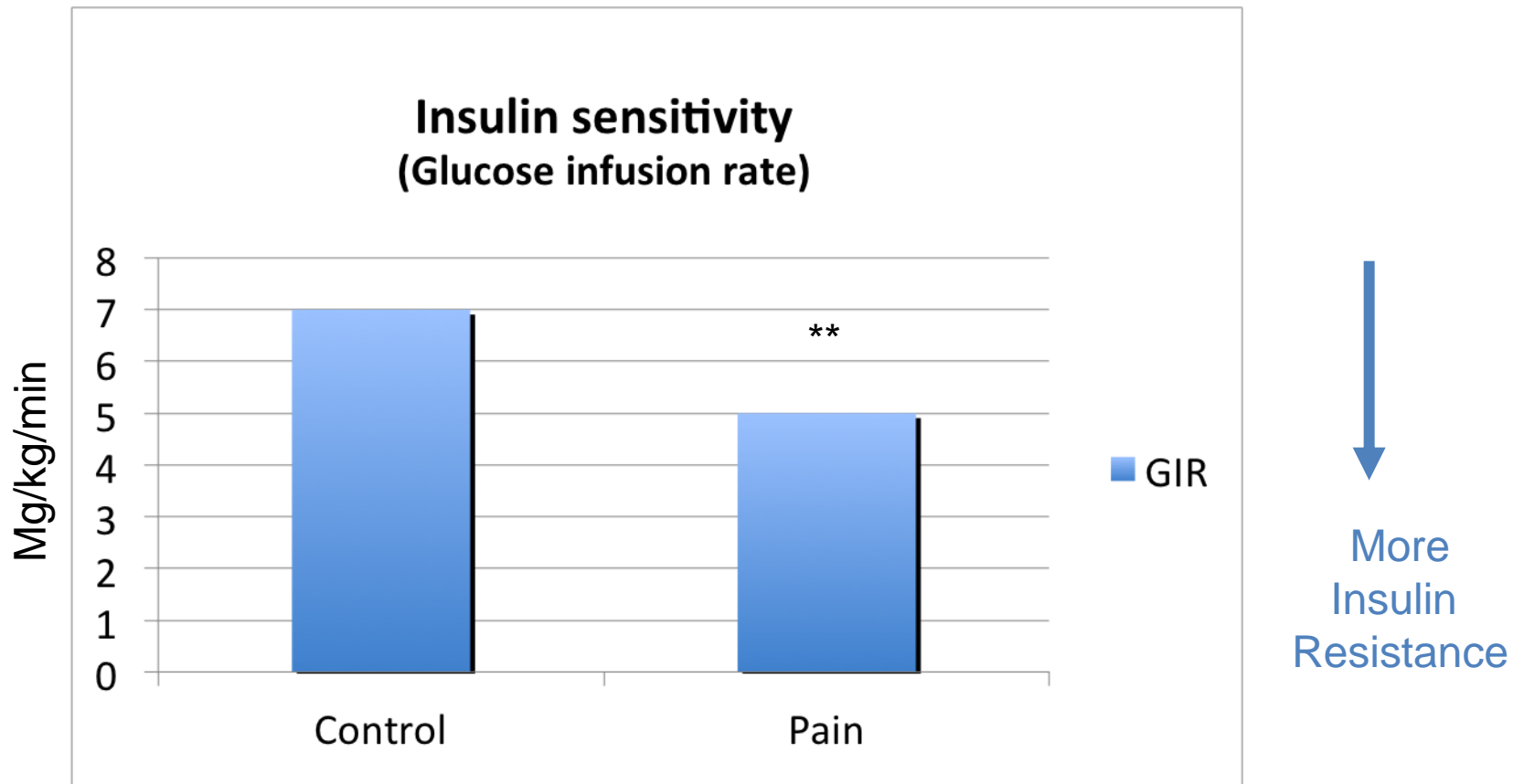


3 days Hypocaloric nutrition* cause insulin resistance

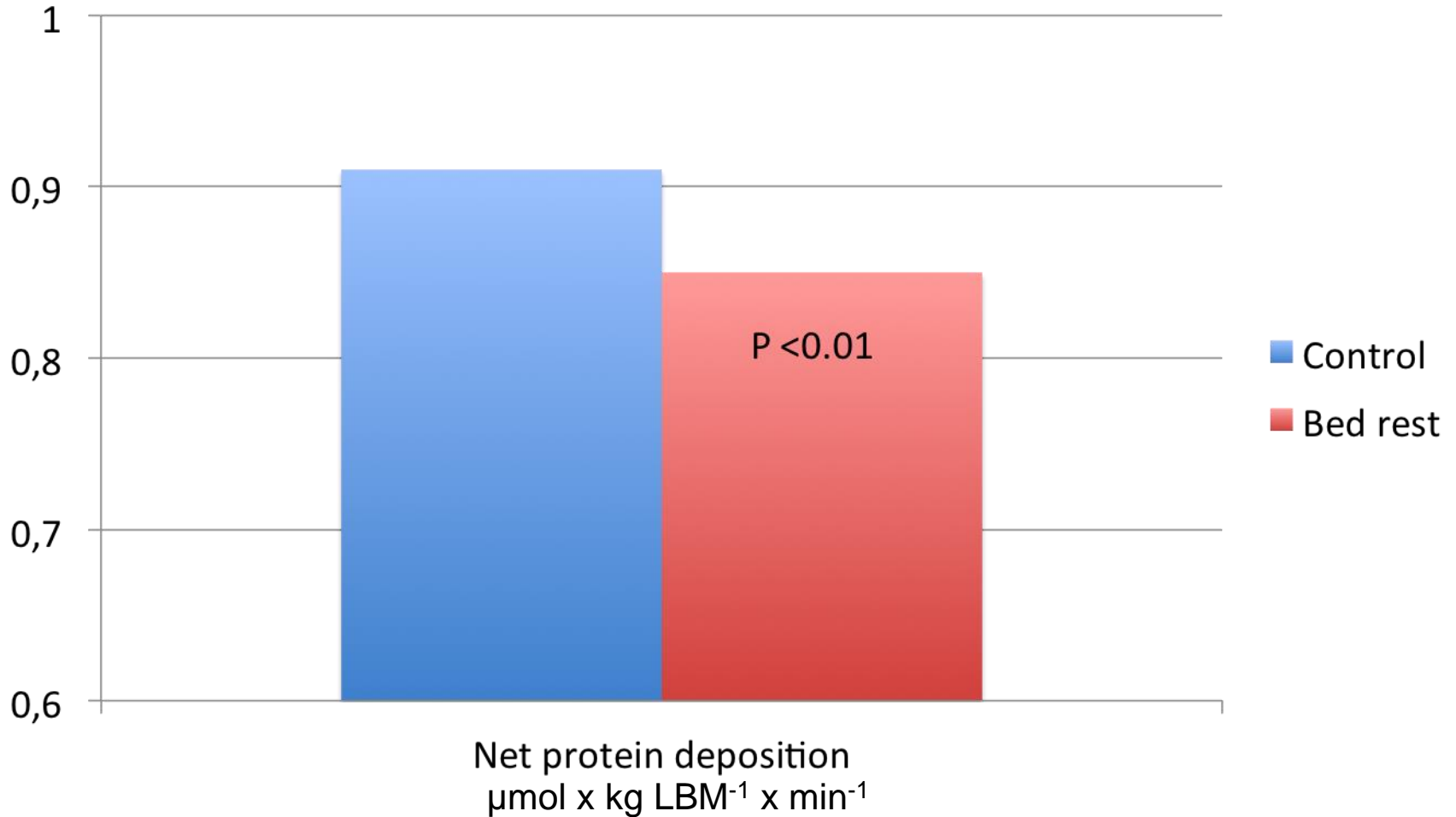


* 2000 ml 2.5% glucose

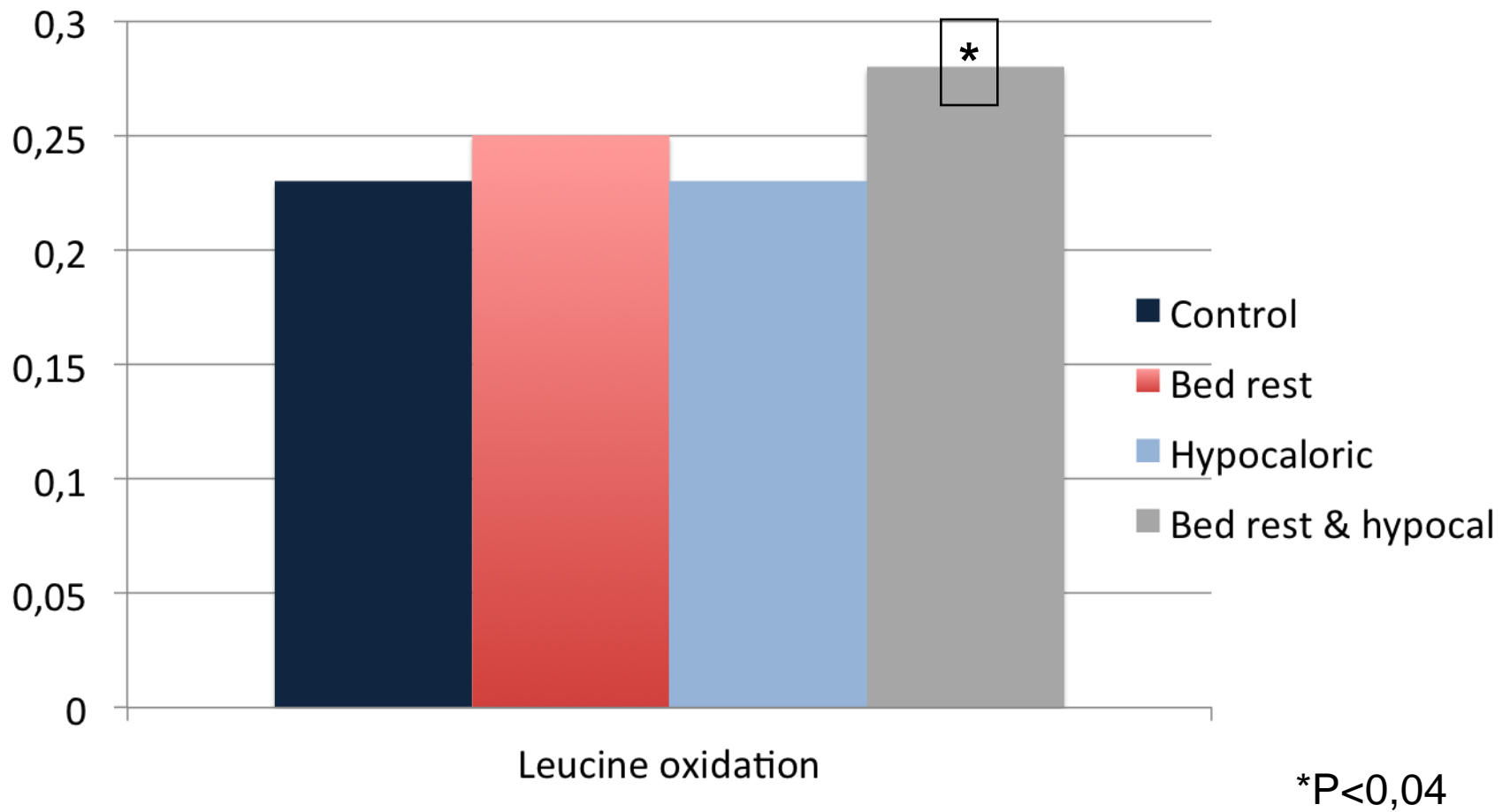
Pain reduce Insulin sensitivity



Effect of bed rest



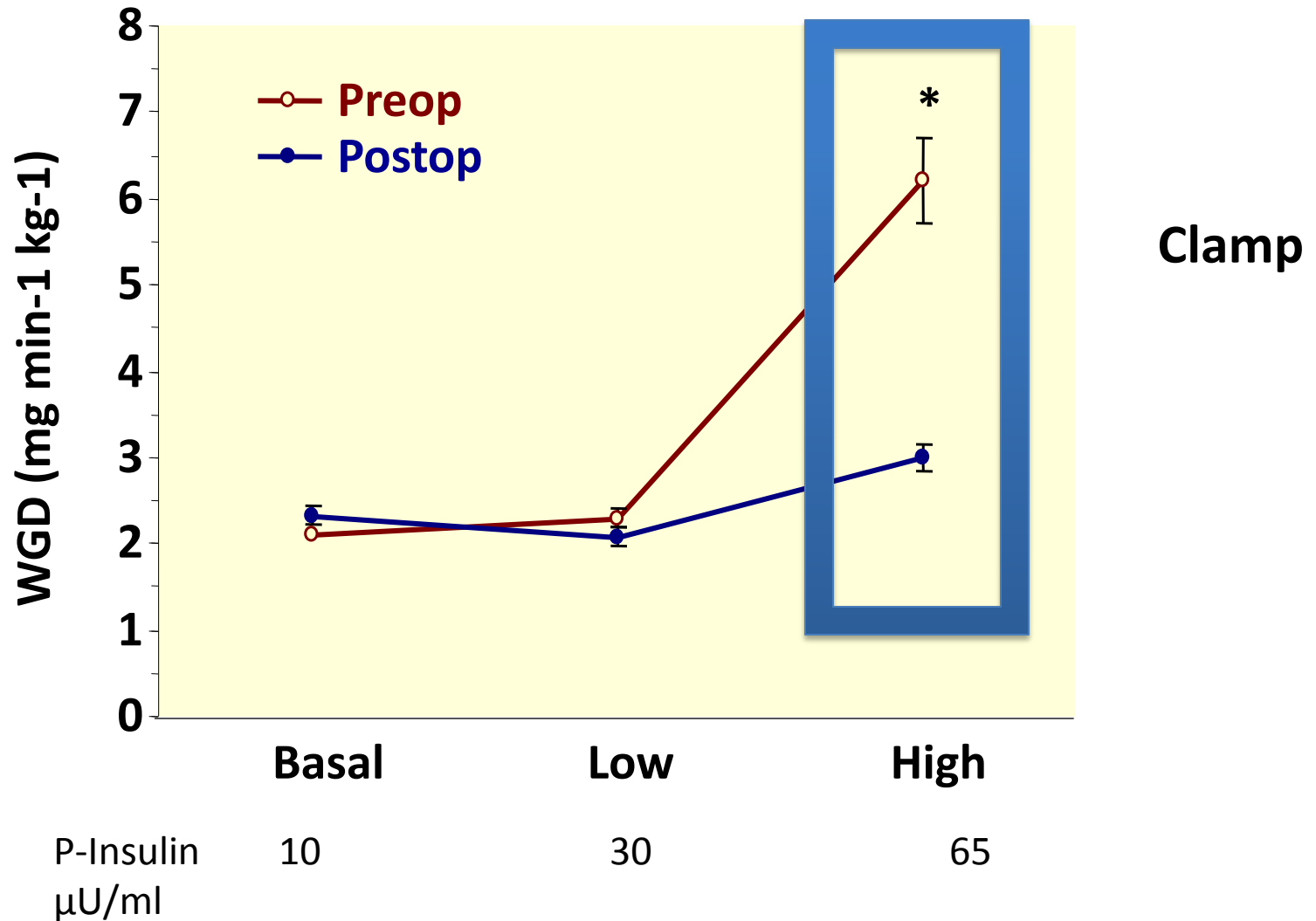
Combined hypocarolic feeding and bed rest increase protein catabolism



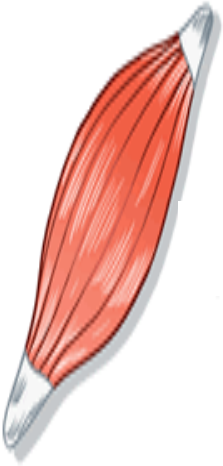
Metabolic changes

	Day	Night
Hormones	Insulin +	Insulin – Glucagon Cortisol
Substrates	Storage	Breakdown
Utilization	CHO > Fat	Fat > CHO

Resistance is in uptake

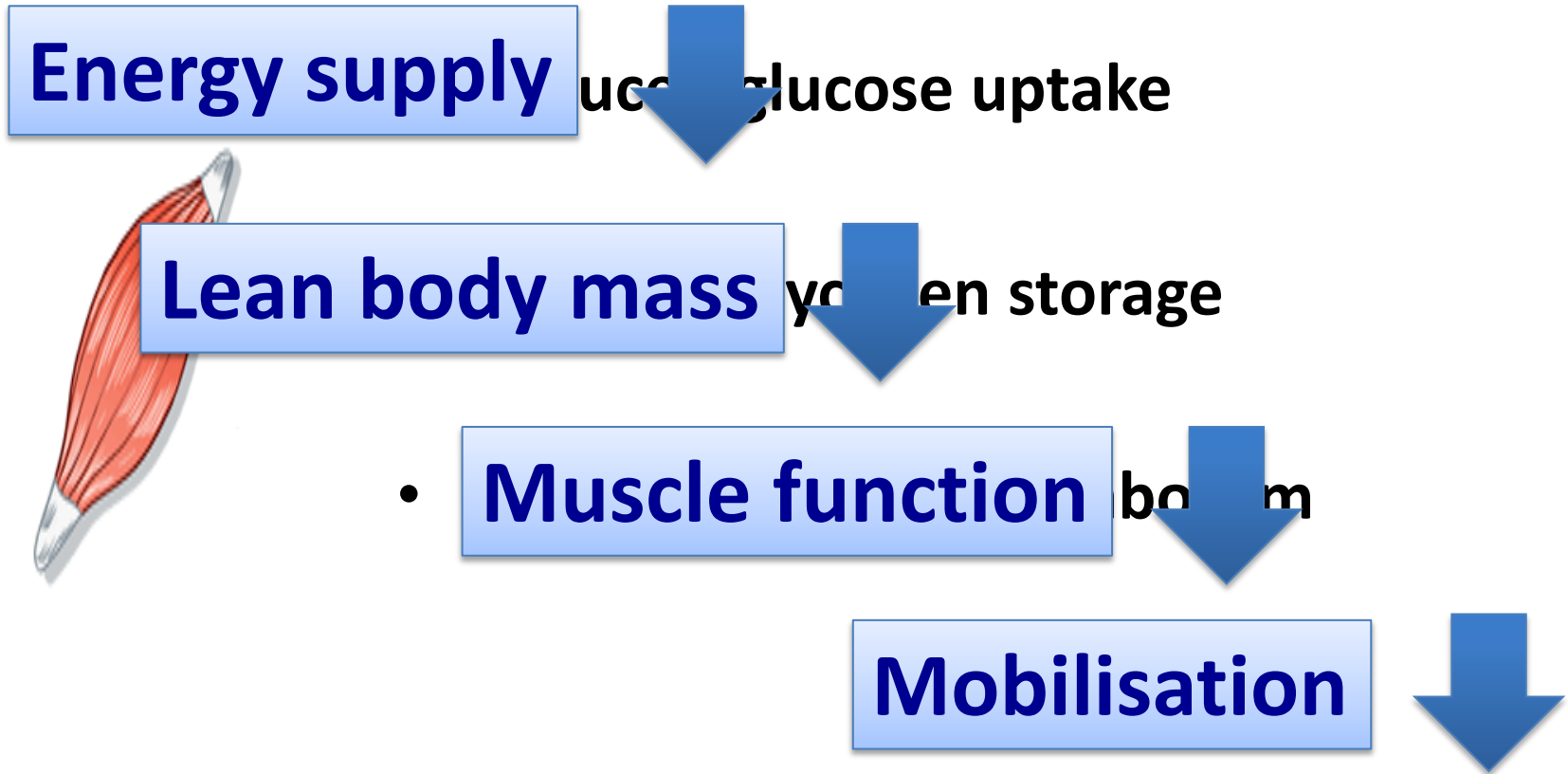


Insulin resistance muscle

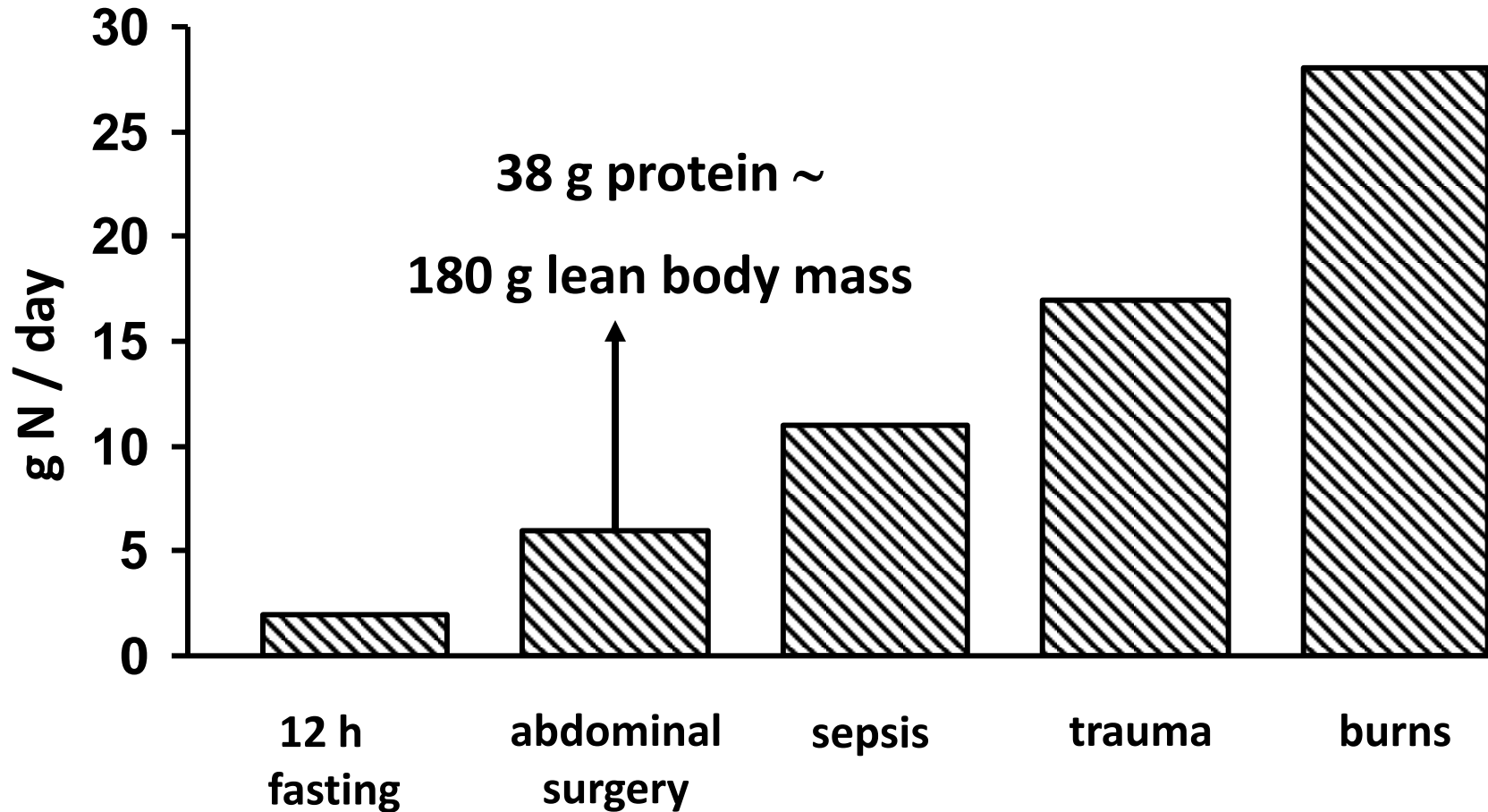


- **Reduced glucose uptake**
- **Reduced glycogen storage**
- **Increased protein catabolism**

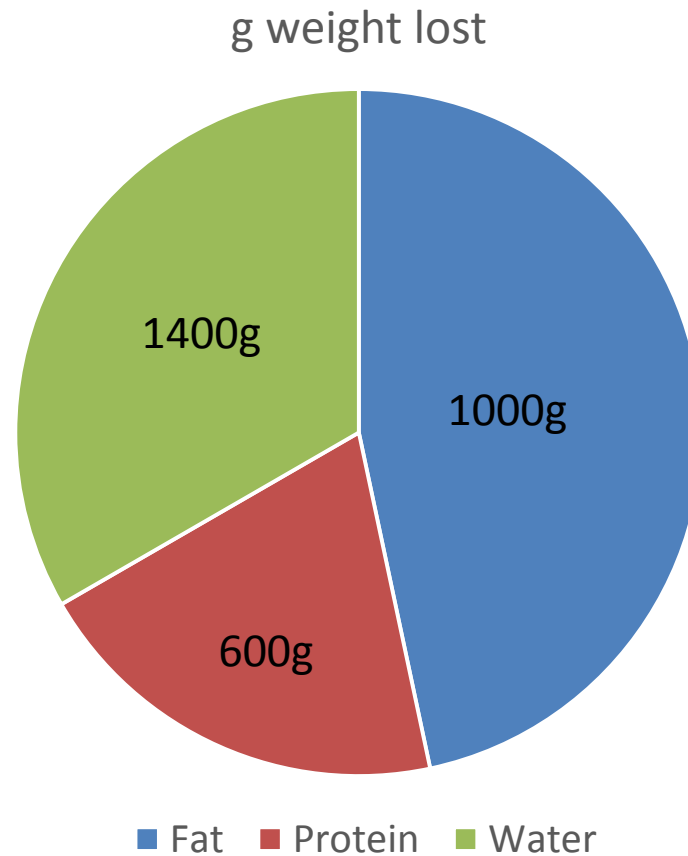
Insulin resistance muscle



Stress and protein loss



Postoperative Catabolism



Nitrogen loss



minor surgery

40 g

1.2 kg

gastrointestinal tract surgery

100-150 g

3 – 4.5 kg

sepsis

200 g

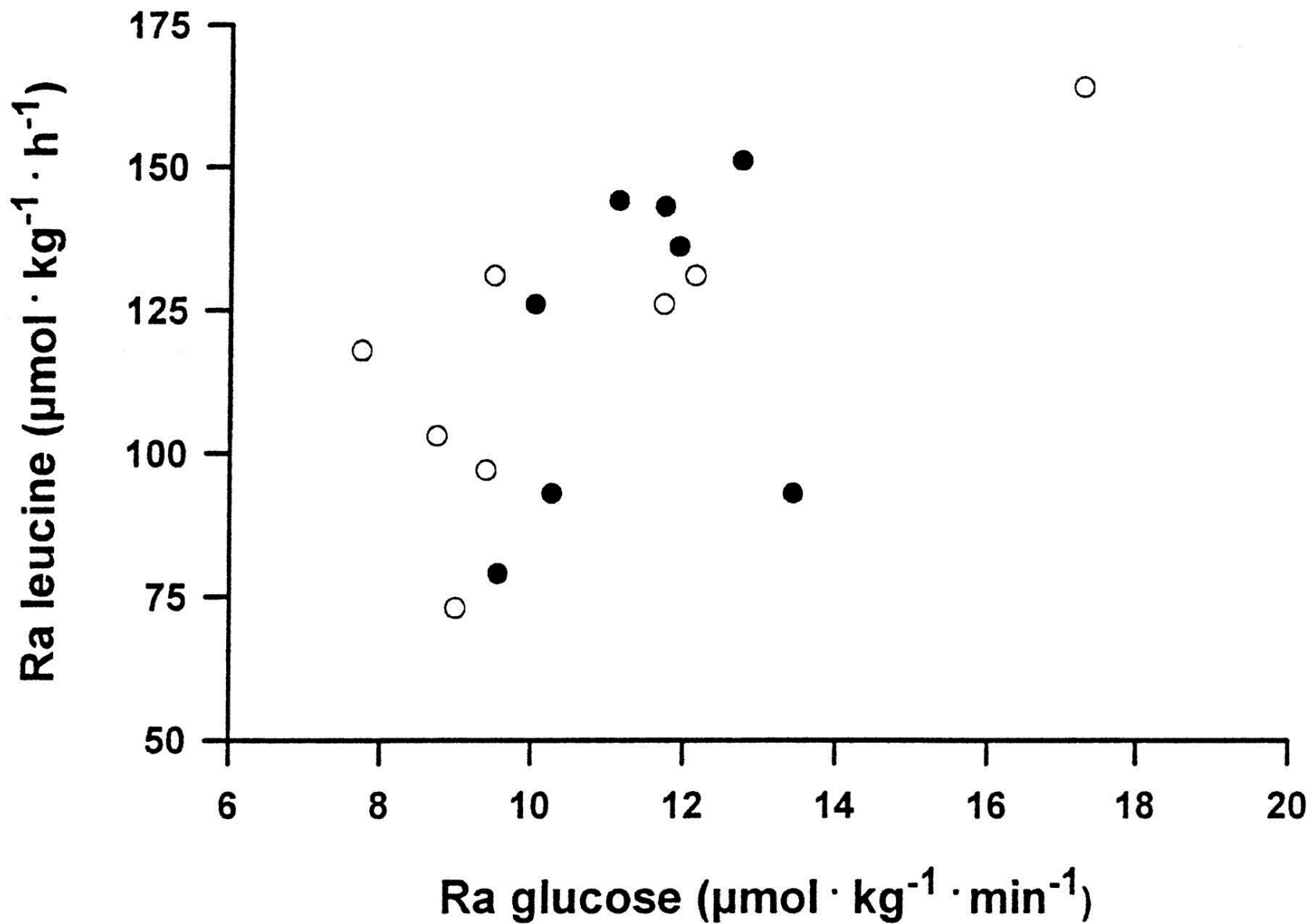
6 kg

burns

300 g

9 kg

1 g of nitrogen is 30 g hydrated lean tissue



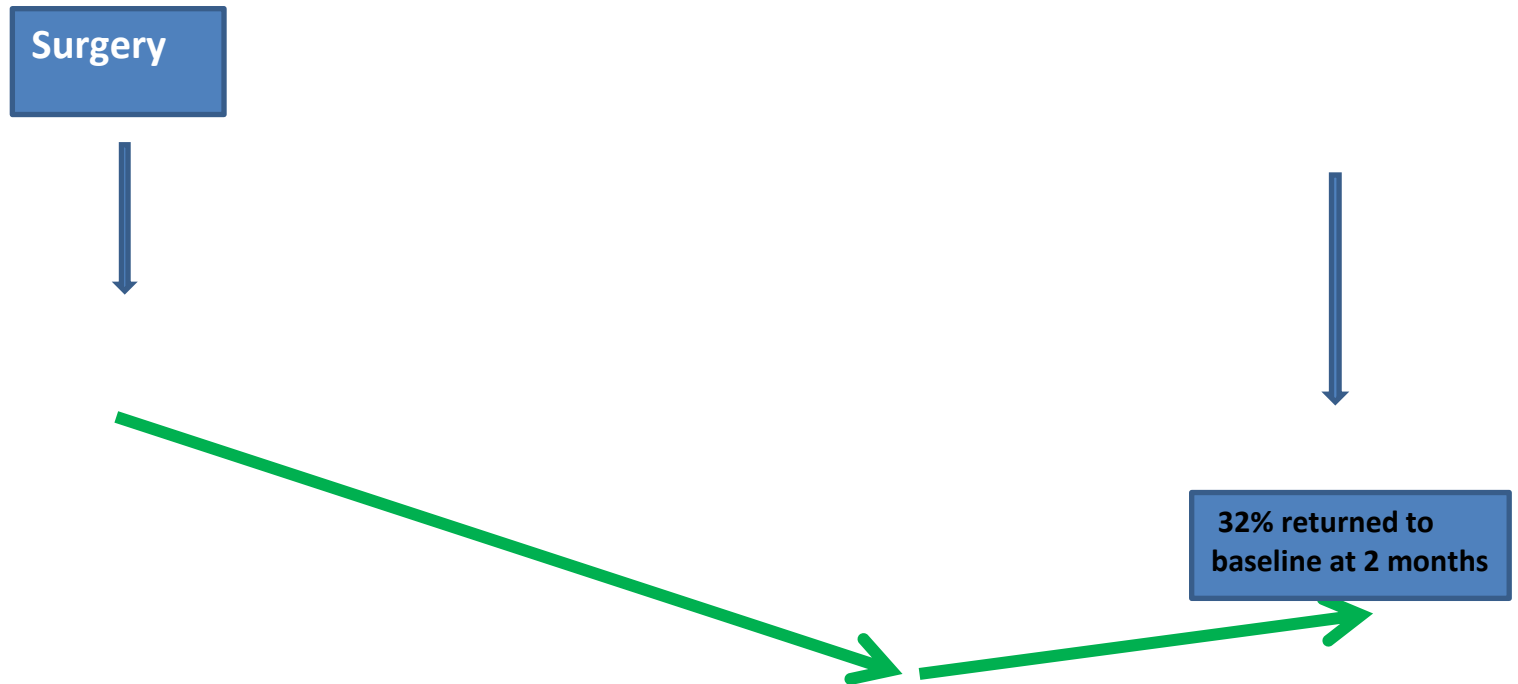
Influence of body composition profile on outcomes following colorectal cancer surgery

[Br J Surg 2016](#)

- 805 patients for colorectal cancer surgery
- Lumbar skeletal muscle index (LSMI), visceral adipose tissue (VAT by analysis of CT images).
- Myosteatorsis associated with prolonged LOS
- **Muscle depletion independent risk for complications and long LOS**
- Myopenia is an independent prognostic effect on cancer survival for patients with colorectal cancer.

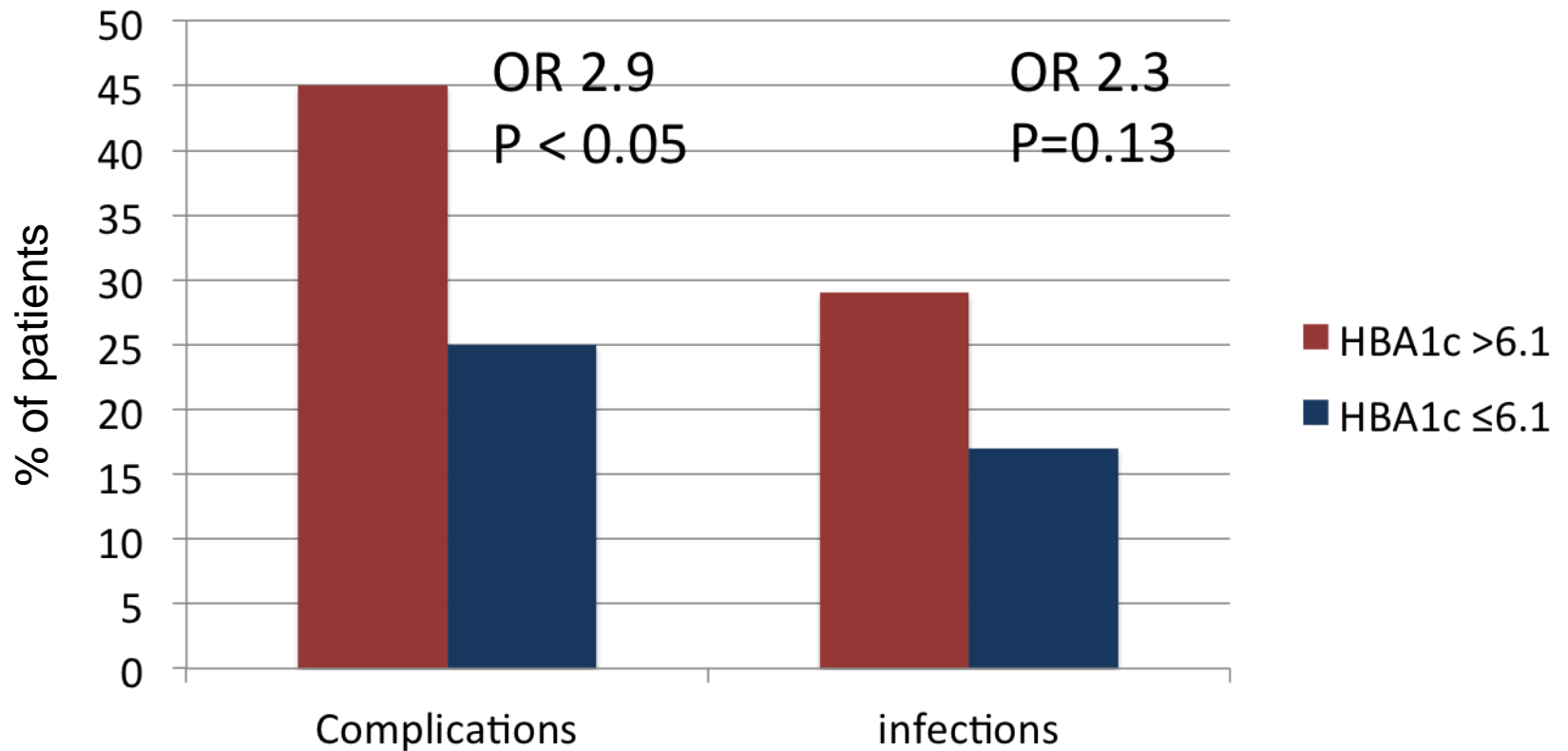
Loss of functional capacity after surgery for colorectal cancer

(Chao L, Surg Endosc 2013)



Impact of insulin resistance on recovery

HbA1c, Glucose control and postop complications and infections



Postoperative insulin resistance increase the risk for complications

273 patients open cardiac surgery, insulin sensitivity determined at the end of op

Complication	OR for every decrease by 1 mg/kg/min (Insulin sensitivity)	P value
Death	2.33 (0.94-5.78)	0.067
Major complication	2.23 (1.30-3.85)	0.004
Severe infection	4.98 (1.48-16.8)	0.010
Minor infection	1.97 (1.27-3.06)	0.003

The ORs were adjusted for potential confounders

Operative Day glucose & outcomes

Colorectal cancer patients, n= 7,576

Glucose level	Outcome	Odds ratio (95% CI)	p value
Moderate (161-200 mg/dl) (8.9-11.1 mmol/l)	Surgical site infection	1.44 (1.10-1.87)	<0.01
	Pneumonia	1.37 (1.00-1.87)	<0.05
Severe (>200mg/dl) (>11.1 mmol/l)	Pneumonia	1.55 (1.10-2.18)	<0.01
	Re operation	1.37 (1.02-1.87)	<0.05

Increasing hyperglycemia greater risk & longer stay

TABLE 5. Independent Risk Factors Associated With Reoperation and Length of Hospital Stay in Nondiabetic Patients

Characteristic	OR	95% CI	P*
Reoperation			
Steroid use	2.29	0.66–7.93	0.19
Age <50 yr	0.70	0.41–1.18	0.18
ASA ≥3	0.62	0.36–1.09	0.09
Emergency surgery	3.80	1.48–9.76	0.005
Surgery time ≥180 min	1.26	0.74–2.16	0.40
Hyperglycemia group			Overall 0.007
Normoglycemia (reference)	1.0		
Mild hyperglycemia	2.10	1.05–4.20	0.036
Severe hyperglycemia	3.83	1.63–9.01	0.002



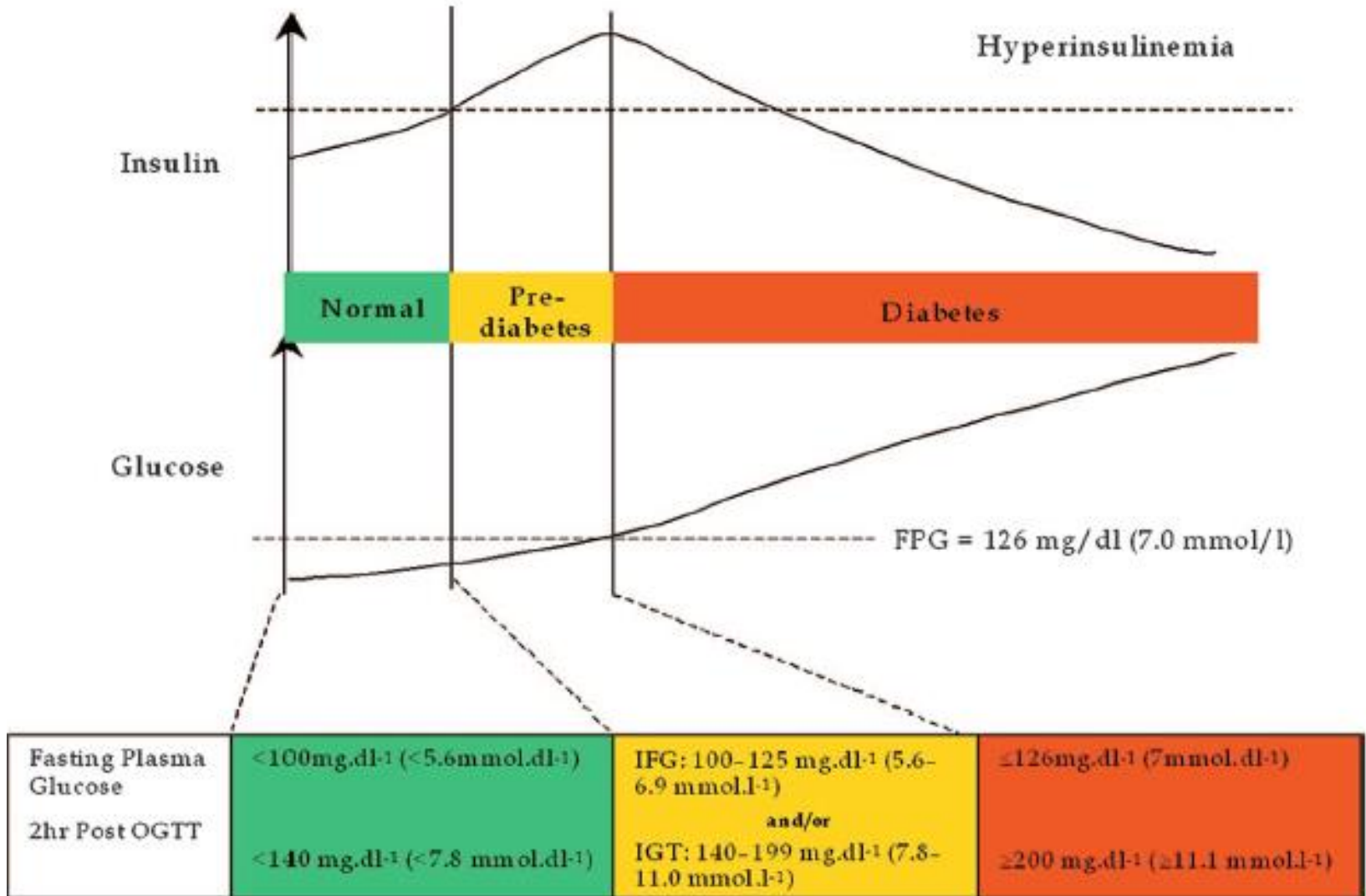
Reoperation

Characteristic	Medians Ratio*	95% CI	P†
Length of stay			
Steroid use	1.03	0.83–1.28	0.77
Age <50 yr	0.95	0.89–1.02	0.15
ASA score ≥3	1.21	1.13–1.30	<0.001
Emergency surgery	1.53	1.26–1.86	<0.001
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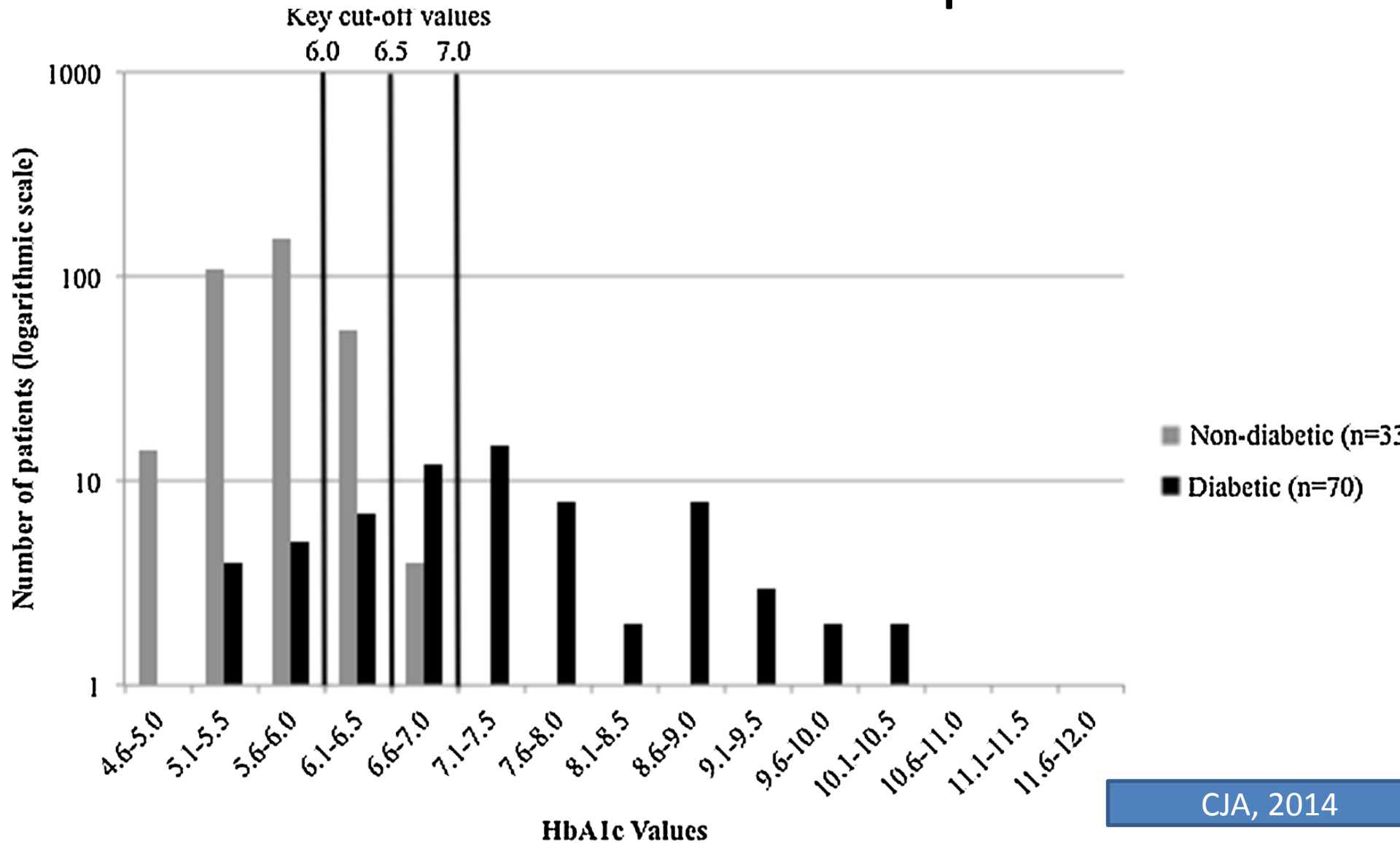


Length of stay

Development of Diabetes



High rate of preoperative HbA1C in non diabetic colorectal patients



Preoperative Insulin Resistance and the Impact of Feeding on Postoperative Protein Balance: A Stable Isotope Study

J Clin Endocrinol Metab, November 2011, 96(11):E1789–E1797

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	Before Surgery	After Surgery
IS	5.6	5.4
IR	5.9	4.1

mc/kg/h

Patients at risk of development of IR

- Elderly
- Cancer
- Frail
- Obese
- Depressed

Strategies to Impact on Insulin Resistance

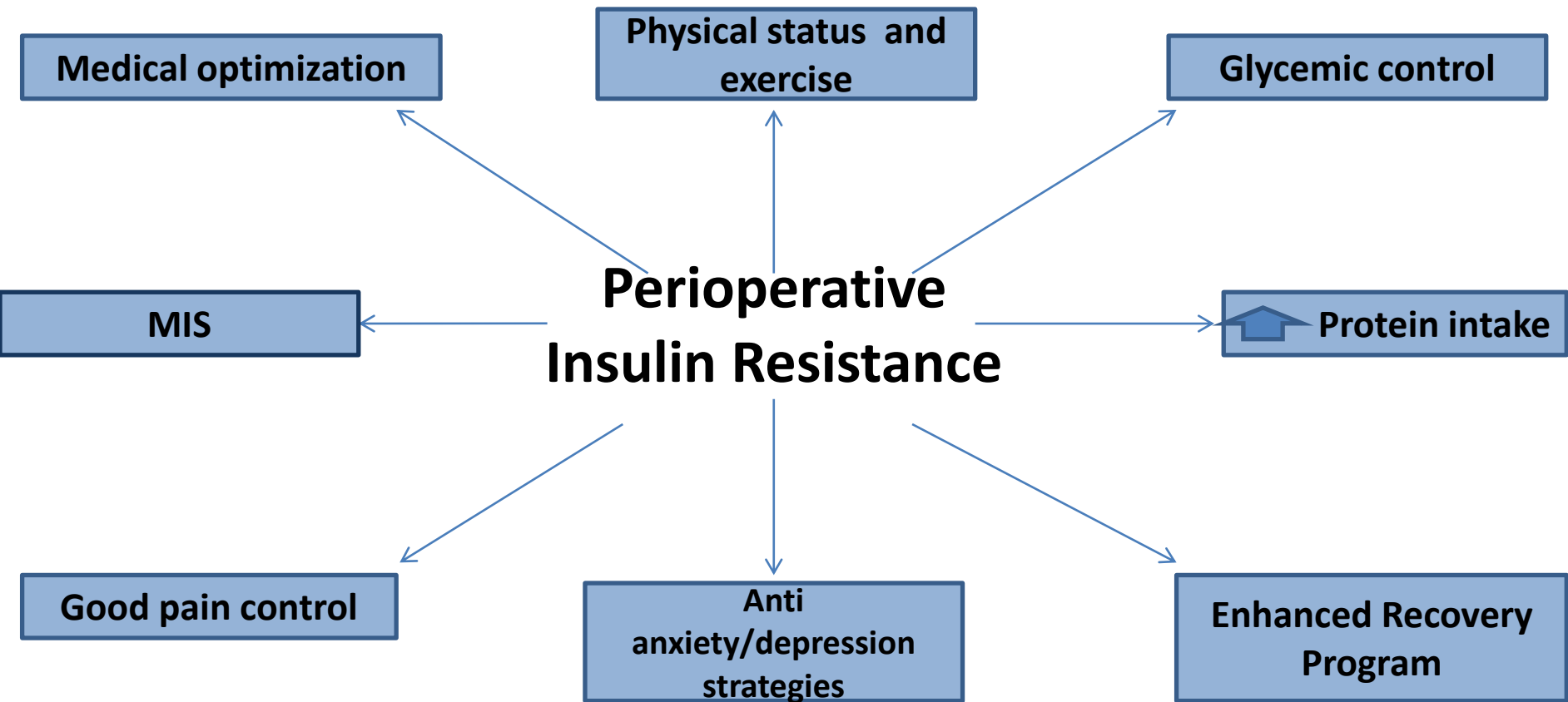


Table 1. Clinical Strategies Thought to Directly or Indirectly Modulate the Surgical Stress Response and Nutritional Outcome

	Hormonal	Metabolic	Inflammatory
Minimally invasive surgery	✓	✓	✓
Neural blockade	✓	✓	✓
Opioid-sparing pain control	✓		
Prevention of hypothermia	✓	✓	
Perioperative fluid management	✓		
Anabolic agents (e.g., growth hormone)	✓	✓	
Glucocorticoids	✓	✓	✓
β-blockade	✓	✓	
α ₂ -agonists	✓		✓
Exercise	✓	✓	✓
Carbohydrate loading	✓	✓	✓
Immunonutrition		✓	✓
Early oral nutrition	✓	✓	✓
Adequate dietary protein		✓	
Insulin (glycemic control)	✓	✓	✓

The effects of a 2 week modified high intensity interval training program on the homeostatic model of insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) in adults with type 2 diabetes

[J Sports Med Phys Fitness](#). 2014

- 6 individualized training sessions of HIT (4x30 seconds at 100% of estimated maximum workload followed by 4 minutes of active rest) over 2 weeks
- HOMA-IR calculated from fasting glucose/fasting insulin
- Decreased all parameters of glucose
- Better glucose utilization

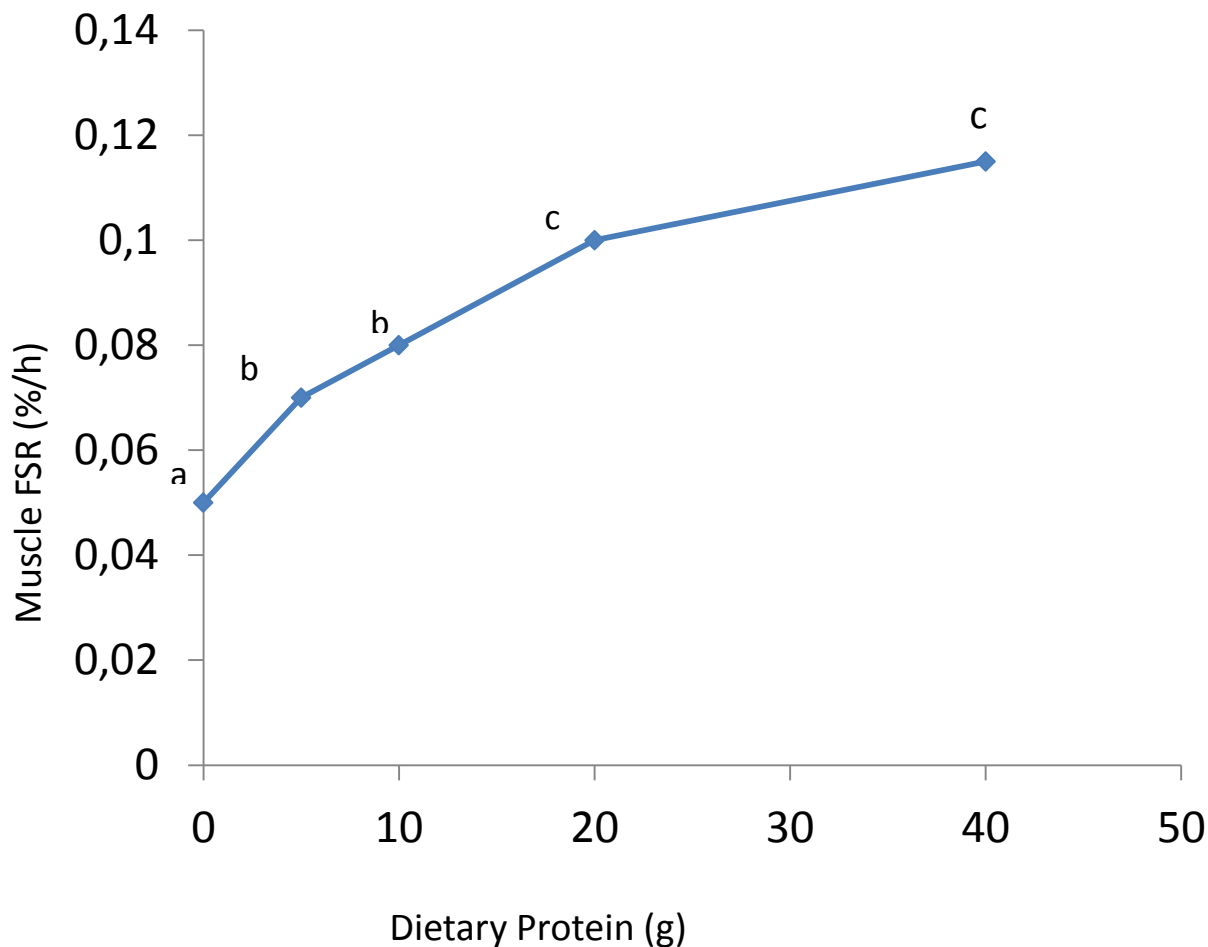
The effects of high-intensity interval (HIT) training on glucose regulation and insulin resistance: a meta-analysis

Obes Rev, 2015

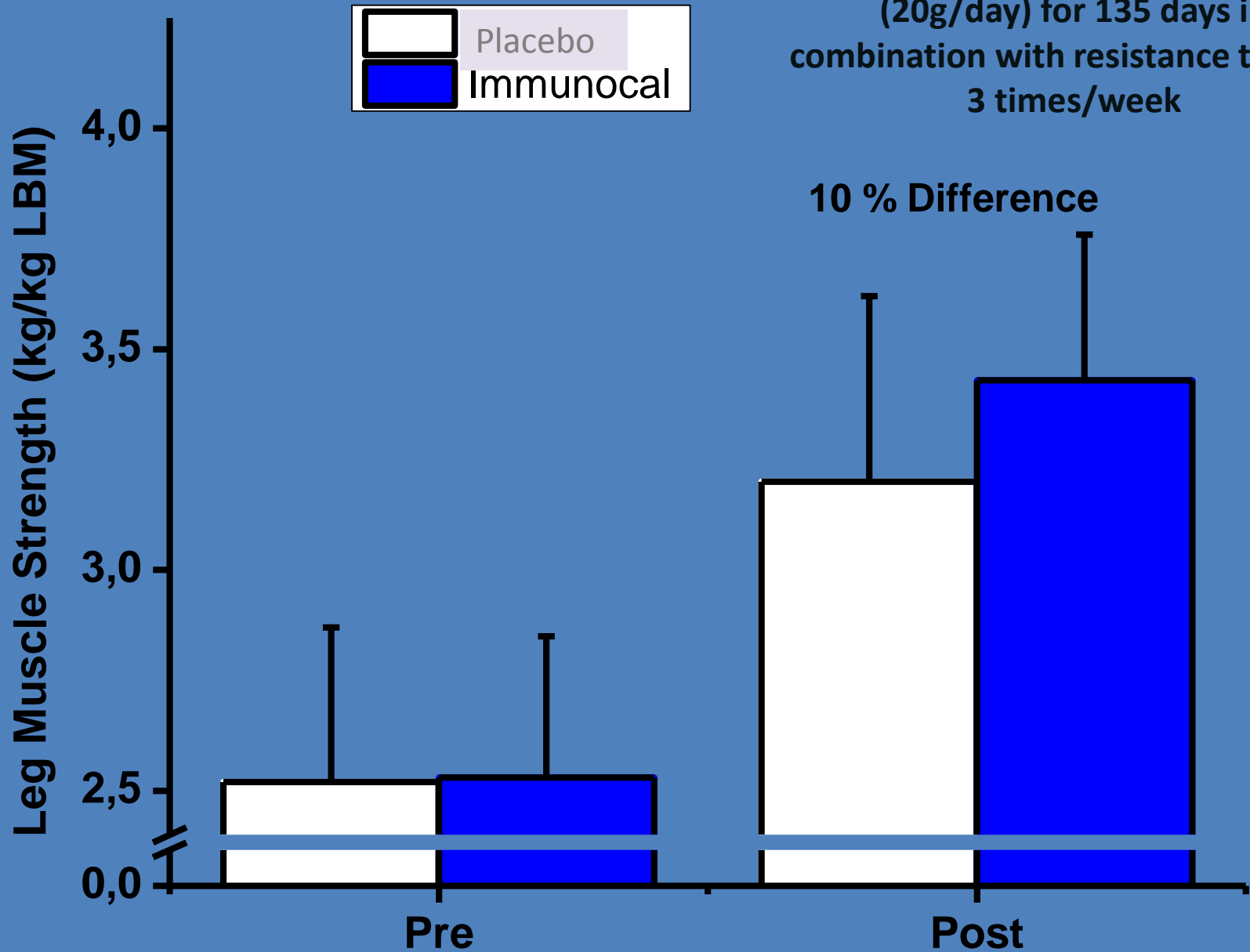
- Fifty Studies, 250 pts
- > 2 weeks supervised HIT, 90% VO₂ peak
- Decreased fasting glucose
- Decreased fasting insulin
- Better insulin sensitivity
- Average body fat loss of 1.3 kg



Increase in muscle protein synthesis following exercise with whey proteins, increased insulin sensitivity



99 elderly subjects ingested
Immunocal (20g/day) or casein
(20g/day) for 135 days in
combination with resistance training
3 times/week



In-Hospital Exercise Program



The effect of perioperative glucose control on postoperative insulin resistance[☆]

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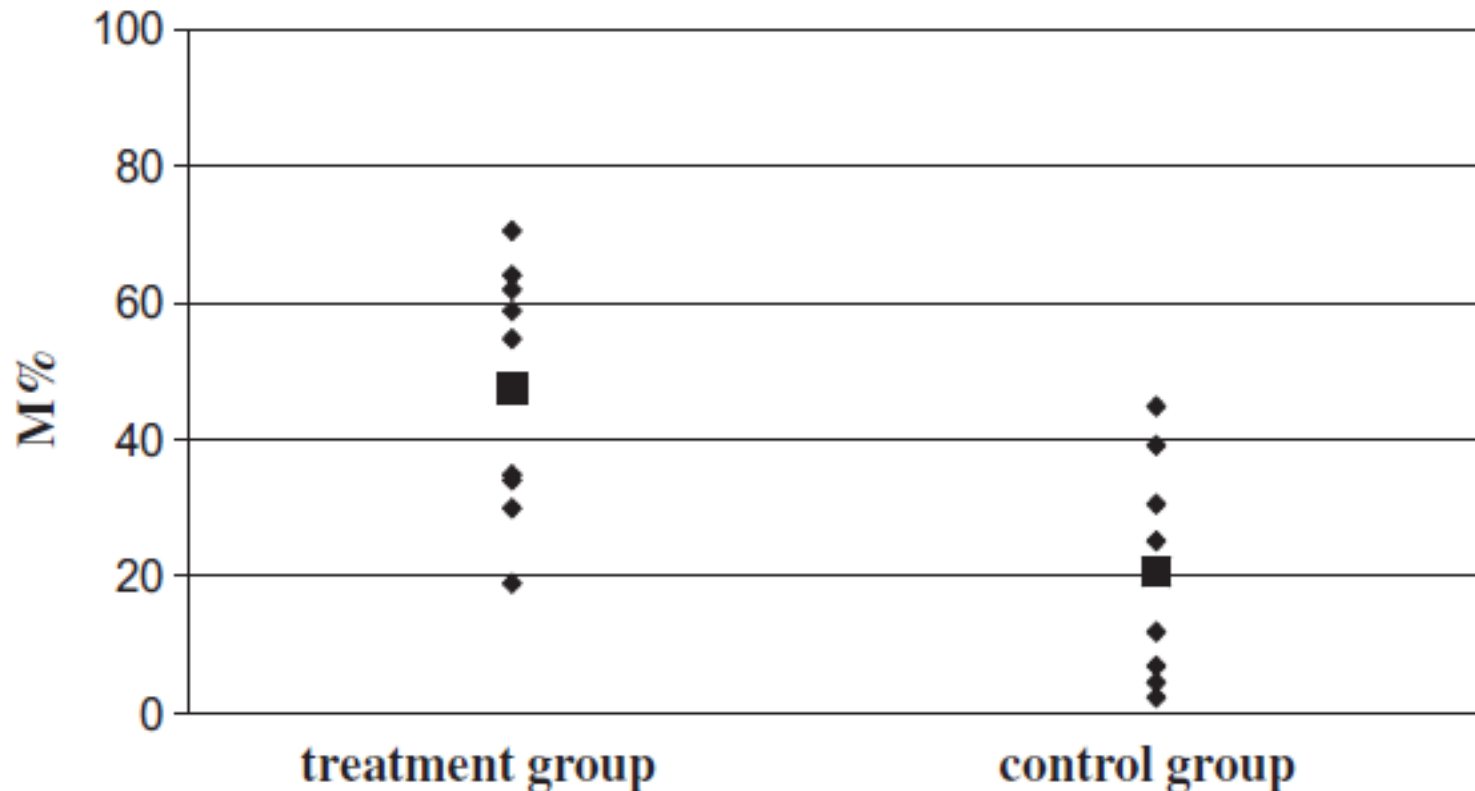
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- Hepatectomy
- BG treated (6-8 mmol/l) vs BG control > 8mmol/l
- Hyperinsulinemic normoglycemic clamp before and after surgery to measure insulin resistance

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Keeping the B S <8mmol/l with insulin impacts on postop insulin resistance

Recent Metformin Ingestion Does Not Increase In-Hospital Morbidity or Mortality After Cardiac Surgery

Anesth Analg 2007;104:42-50

- 1284 diabetic patients
- Received metformin within 8-24 h of surgery
- Comparison with non-metformin therapy
- Propensity score analysis

Factor	Metformin-treated	Nonmetformin-treated	Odds ratio (95% CI)	P-value
Mortality	3 [0.7% (0.1, 2.0%)]	6 [1.4% (0.5, 2.9%)]	0.5 (0.1, 2.0)	0.51
Cardiac morbidity	2 [0.5% (0.1, 0.2%)]	6 [1.4% (0.5, 2.9%)]	0.3 (0.1, 1.7)	0.29
Prolonged intubation	7 [1.6% (0.6, 3.2%)]	23 [5.2% (3.3, 7.7%)]	0.3 (0.1, 0.7)	0.003
Renal morbidity	2 [0.5% (0.1, 0.2%)]	7 [1.6% (0.6, 3.2%)]	0.3 (0.1, 1.4)	0.18
Neurologic morbidity	6 [1.4% (0.5, 2.9%)]	7 [1.6% (0.6, 3.2%)]	0.9 (0.3, 2.6)	0.78
Infection morbidity	3 [0.7% (0.1, 2.0%)]	14 [3.2% (1.7, 5.3%)]	0.2 (0.1, 0.7)	0.007
Overall morbidity	15 [3.4% (1.9, 5.5%)]	34 [7.7% (5.4, 10.6%)]	0.4 (0.2, 0.8)	0.005

Outcome	Metformin-treated		Nonmetformin-treated		P-value
	N	Median (25th, 75th%)	N	Median (25th, 75th%)	
Initial tracheal intubation time (h)	443	7.8 (5.1, 13.2)	443	8.5 (2.6, 13.1)	0.11
Total tracheal intubation time (h)	443	8.1 (5.1, 13.7)	443	8.8 (5.8, 14.3)	0.047
Hospital length of stay (days)	443	7 (5, 8)	443	6 (5, 8)	0.60
Cardiac output ^a	443	5.3 (4.4, 6.4)	443	5.4 (4.4, 6.4)	0.68
pH ^a	442	7.4 (7.4, 7.4)	442	7.4 (7.4, 7.4)	0.08
Pco ₂ (mm Hg) ^a	442	41 (37, 45)	442	39 (36, 43)	<0.001
Po ₂ (mm Hg) ^a	442	146 (109, 190)	442	153 (116, 197)	0.29

Metformin and recovery

Take home message

- Metabolic response to surgery remains the pivotal concept which guides clinicians to identify therapeutic modalities
- Insulin resistance appears to be an important pathogenic mechanism which impacts on outcomes beyond LOS.
- We should continue to focus on physiology to explain other possible mechanisms which control surgical metabolism and recovery

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