## 'Type 2 Diabetes Prevention: What the trials tell us about pathogenesis'

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# Type 2 Diabetes Prevention

- Abnormal glucose metabolism
- Prevention of progression
  - Lifestyle interventions
  - Diabetes-specific pharmacological intervention
  - Non-specific pharmacological intervention
- Pathophysiology

## Abnormal Glucose Metabolism

- Impaired fasting glycaemia

   Fasting plasma glucose 6.1→7.0mmol/L
- Impaired glucose tolerance
  - Fasting glucose <7.0mmol/L</li>
  - − 2 hour glucose on OGTT 7.8 $\rightarrow$ 11.0mmol/L
- Diabetes
  - Fasting glucose ≥7.0mmol/L
  - 2 hour glucose ≥11.1mmol/L

## Abnormal Glucose Metabolism

- Spectrum of disease
- Type 1 diabetes is a categorical divide
   Defined by risk of microvascular disease

• Type 2 diabetes



## Physiology

• Declining beta cell function



# Physiology

• Increasing insulin resistance



## Physiology



## Pathogenesis

- Genetic factors
  - Cannot be modified
  - Complex polygenic inheritance of risk for diabetes
- Non-genetic factors
  - Modifiable
  - Can they be modified to prevent type 2 diabetes?

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#### PREVENTION OF TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS BY CHANGES IN LIFESTYLE AMONG SUBJECTS WITH IMPAIRED GLUCOSE TOLERANCE

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- 522 'middle aged' overweight subjects
- All had IGT

- Randomised to
  - Intensive lifestyle intervention
  - Control group

- Intervention Arm
  - Detailed individualised advice
  - Goals
    - Weight reduction of  $\geq 5\%$
    - Fat intake reduction to ≤30% of total Kcal intake
    - Increase fibre to ≥15g/ 1000Kcal
    - Moderate exercise ≥30 minutes per day
  - Dietary advice
  - 3 day food diaries completed 4 times/year
  - 7 sessions with dietitian in  $1^{st}$  year, 4 per year thereafter
  - Individualised exercise schedule
  - Supervised circuit training

- Control group
  - Oral and written diet and exercise information annually
- Mean follow up 3.2 years

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#### All features of insulin resistance

- Background
  - Nurses' Health Study started in 1976
  - 121,700 nurses answered biennial questionnaire about their health
- Data from those not previously diagnosed with diabetes assessed
- N=89,941 women only

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• Further evidence that risk of type 2 diabetes is attributable to modifiable risk factors

## **Diabetes Prevention Program**

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#### REDUCTION IN THE INCIDENCE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES WITH LIFESTYLE INTERVENTION OR METFORMIN

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM RESEARCH GROUP\*

• 3234 Subjects with IFG/ IGT

- Randomised to
  - Metformin and standard lifestyle advice
  - Intensive lifestyle intervention
  - Standard lifestyle advice only
  - (Troglitazone group)

- Intensive lifestyle
  - Target
    - Weight reduction of  $\geq 7\%$
    - Moderate exercise for ≥150 minutes/ week
  - Low calorie/ low fat diet
  - 16 lesson curriculum taught one to one over 24 weeks with subsequent monthly sessions

А +4-Change in Weight (kg) +2-Placebo 0. -2-Metformin -4-Lifestyle -6--8-0.5 1.0 2.0 2.5 3.0 3.5 4.0 1.5 Ò





- 58% reduction in progression to T2DM in lifestyle group
- 31% reduction in metformin group



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	HR (95% CI)	Р
Regression to NGR		
ILS versus placebo	2.05 (1.66-2.53)	< 0.0001
Metformin versus placebo	1.25 (0.99-1.58)	0.0601
Younger age	1.07 (1.02–1.11)	0.0031
Male versus female sex	1.17 (0.98–1.40)	0.0784
Caucasian versus non-Caucasian	1.00 (0.84-1.19)	0.9986
Lower fasting plasma glucose	1.52 (1.36-1.68)	< 0.0001
Lower 2-h plasma glucose	1.24 (1.13-1.35)	< 0.0001
Greater insulin sensitivity (l/fasting insulin)	1.07 (0.99–1.16)	0.0934
Greater insulin secretion (CIR)	1.09 (1.01–1.17)	0.0353
Higher baseline weight	1.01 (0.92–1.11)	0.8229
Greater weight loss	1.34 (1.21–1.49)	< 0.0001

# What about Troglitazone?

- Troglitazone
  - Thiazolidenedione class (Rosiglitazone, Pioglitazone)
  - PPARγ agonist
  - Nuclear receptor, alters gene transcription
  - Glucose lowering
  - Insulin sensitizing
  - Withdrawn soon after release due to liver safety concerns

• Only 0.9 years mean follow up (cf 2.8 years)





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Variable	Time (years)	Placebo	Metformin	Troglitazone	ILS	P difference among four treatments (Kruskal-Wallis)
n		172	164	187	183	
Fasting insulin (pmol/l)	0	144	138	132	132	0.58
	1	132	111	90	102	< 0.01
	$\Delta$		34	*	*	< 0.01
30-min insulin (pmol/l)	0	513	498	498	474	0.72
	1	522	447	402	408	< 0.01
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Sensitivity [1/fasting insulin	0	6.94	7.25	7.58	7.58	0.58
1,000/(pmol/l)]	1	7.58	9.02	11.11	9.80	< 0.01
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Sensitivity {ISI 10,000/	0	11.8	12.0	12.3	12.5	0.64
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#### Acarbose

ARTICLES

#### Acarbose for prevention of type 2 diabetes mellitus: the STOP-NIDDM randomised trial

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## STOP-NIDDM

- Acarbose
  - $-\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitor
  - Decreases post-prandial glucose
  - Shown to increase insulin sensitivity
- 1368 subjects with IGT randomised to
  - Acarbose treatment
  - Placebo

## STOP-NIDDM

Mean follow up 3.3 years



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- Risk of progression to T2DM reduced by 25%
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- Are diabetes drugs *preventing* diabetes or simply masking the diagnosis?
  - Metformin and troglitazone used in treatment
     with glucose lowering effect and insulin sensitizing
  - Effect of drugs accounted for in statistics
  - Acarbose not absorbed and does not affect monosaccharide absorption

## **Non-Diabetes Drugs**

Emerging Treatments and Technologies

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### XENical in the Prevention of Diabetes in Obese Subjects (XENDOS) Study

A randomized study of orlistat as an adjunct to lifestyle changes for the prevention of type 2 diabetes in obese patients

- Orlistat
  - GI lipase inhibitor
  - Not absorbed
  - Weight loss agent
- XENDOS
  - 3305 subjects, all obese
  - 21% had IGT
  - Randomised to
    - Lifestyle advice only
    - Lifestyle plus Orlistat



	Year 1			Year 4		
	Placebo + lifestyle	Orlistat + lifestyle	P between treatments*	Placebo + lifestyle	Orlistat + lifestyle	P between treatments*
n	1,295	1,487		567	851	
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	-2.6	-3.6	< 0.01	-1.9	-2.6	< 0.01
Systolic BP (mmHg)	-5.2	-7.3	< 0.01	-3.4	-4.9	< 0.01
Total cholesterol (%)	-1.3	-8.8	< 0.01	-2.3	-7.9	< 0.01
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HDL cholesterol (%)	8.5	3.4	< 0.01	9.1	6.5	< 0.01†
LDL-to-HDL ratio	-0.3	-0.5	< 0.01	-0.4	-0.6	< 0.01
Triglycerides (%)	-6.3	-6.2	<0.05‡	2.9	2.4	NS
Waist circumference (cm)	-7.0	-9.6	< 0.01	-4.4	-6.4	< 0.01
Venous whole blood glucose (mmol/l)						
Fasting	0.2	0.1	<0.01§	0.2	0.1	< 0.01
2 h	-0.4	-0.6	< 0.01	-0.2	-0.4	< 0.019
AUC (mmol $\cdot$ min <sup>-1</sup> $\cdot$ l <sup>-1</sup> )#	-27	-51	< 0.01	3	-14	< 0.01
Serum insulin (pmol/l)						
Fasting	-17.0	-26.5	< 0.01	-20.6	-32.0	< 0.01
2 h	-107.5	-157.4	< 0.01	-76.7	-115.4	< 0.019
AUC (nmol $\cdot$ min <sup>-1</sup> $\cdot$ l <sup>-1</sup> )#	-11.0	-14.6	< 0.01	-8.4	-10.9	< 0.01
Fibrinogen (µmol⁄l)	0.1	0.2	NS	-0.5	-0.4	< 0.05
Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1 (U/ml)	-3.0	-7.1	< 0.01	0.1	-3.0	< 0.01

- Orlistat
  - Reduces risk of developing T2DM in obese subjects with normal and impaired glucose tolerance
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    - Lipids
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    - Fasting insulin and insulin response

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HOW?

## Back to Troglitazone

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- 266 women with previous GDM randomised to
  - Troglitazone
  - Placebo

• Median follow up 3 years

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Median	-0.09	0.99	2.28	
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 For insulin output, protection from diabetes was limited to 1/3 of women who had the greatest reduction from baseline in first 3 months

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**Insulin Sensitivity** 

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- Elucidated mechanism of diabetes prevention
  - 'Responders' move back along the parabolic relationship between insulin secretion and insulin sensitivity

## DPP: Cui Bono?

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**Insulin Sensitivity** 

## Summary

- Abnormal glucose metabolism is a spectrum of disease
- Progression to type 2 diabetes may be prevented by lifestyle and pharmacology
- Pharmacology may not be specifically targeted at glucose
- Prevention of progression to type 2 diabetes is dependent on a change in insulin sensitivity