

# Läkemedelsbehandling av obesitas hos barn

Mellansvenskt läkemedelsforum

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# Jävsdeklaration

- Styrelseledamot Svensk förening barnobesitas (2018-2022)
- Styrelseledamot ECOG /European Childhood Obesity Group
- Ledamot i European Childhood Obesity Group (ECOG) (2017-2021)
- Coordinerande Principal Investigator i Combat-JUDO. EU finansierat project där vi studerade Exenatide extended release på barnobesitas (2015-2016)
- Principal investigator Novonordisk studie med Liraglutide på ungdomar (12-18 år) med obesitas (2016-2019)
- Principal investigator Novonordisk studie med Semaglutide på barn (6-12 år) med obesitas (2016-2019)
- Sponsor och Coordinerande Principal Investigator i MINT (Metformin Intervention) studien på barn i åldern 6-18 år med obesitas. Finansierad av Merck
- Har patent i ett läkemedel mot obesitas (Fixed combination, modified release av Orlistat och Acarbos) och aktier i företaget Empros Pharma
- Föreläst vid ett rundabord samtal med politiker och ansvariga inom sjukvården, arvoderat av Novonordisk

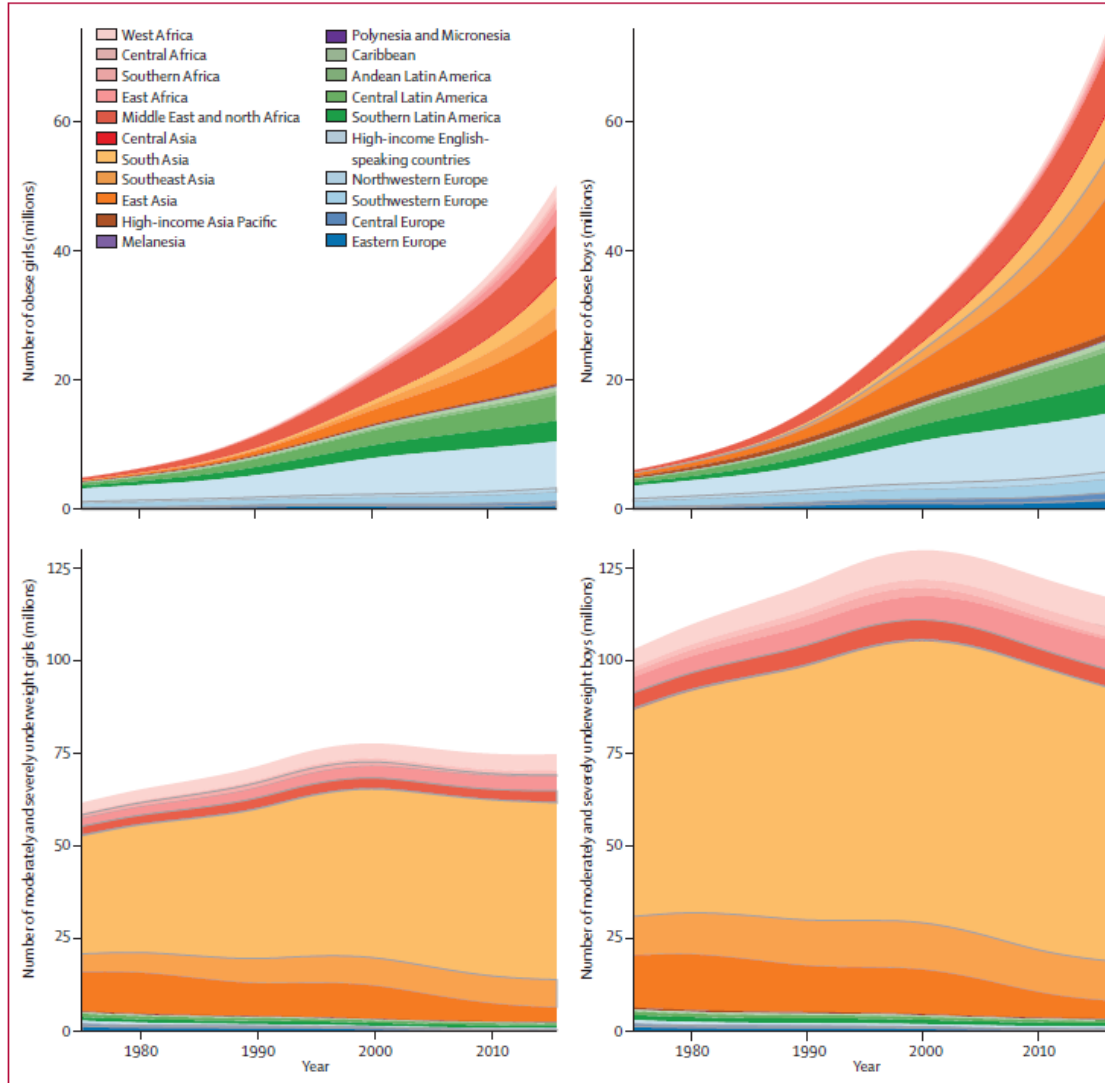
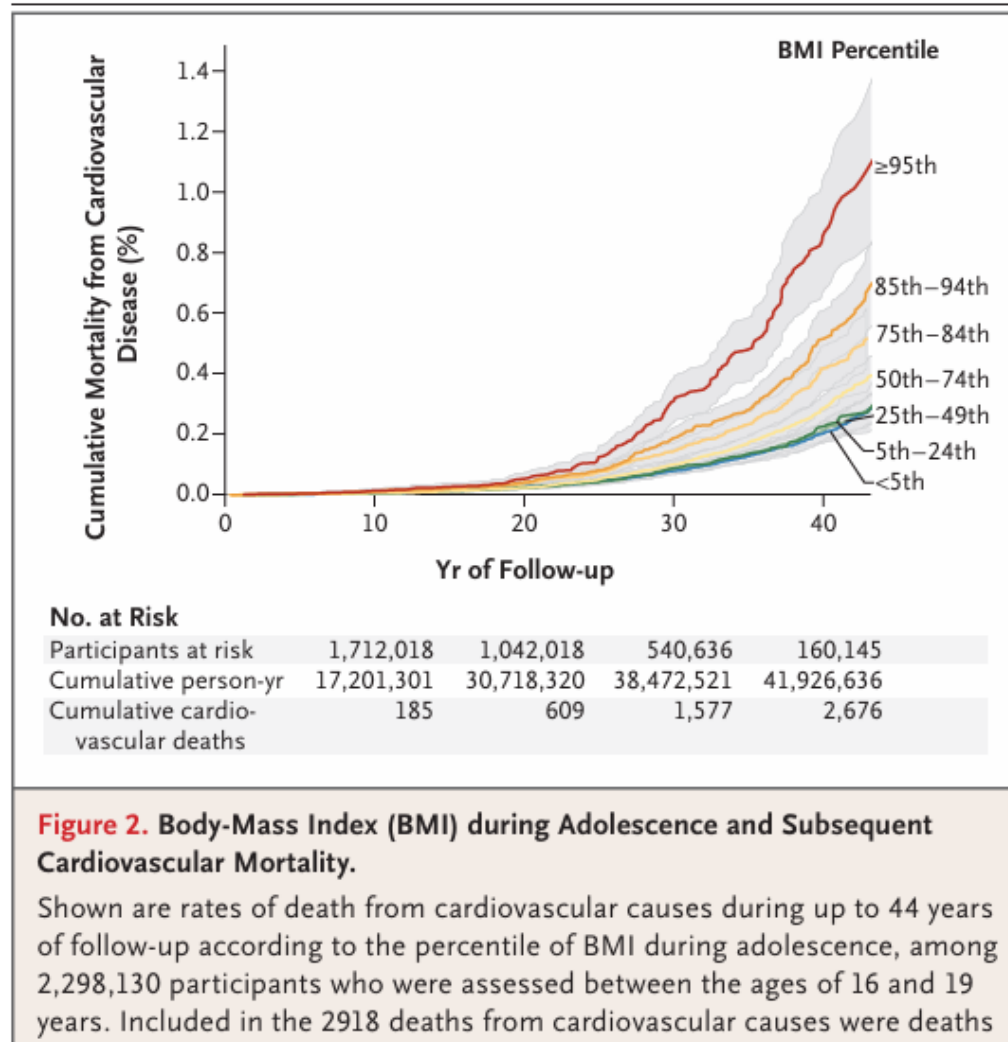


Figure 10: Trends in the number of children and adolescents with obesity and with moderate and severe underweight by region. Children and adolescents were aged 5-19 years. See appendix for results for adults. BMI=body-mass index.



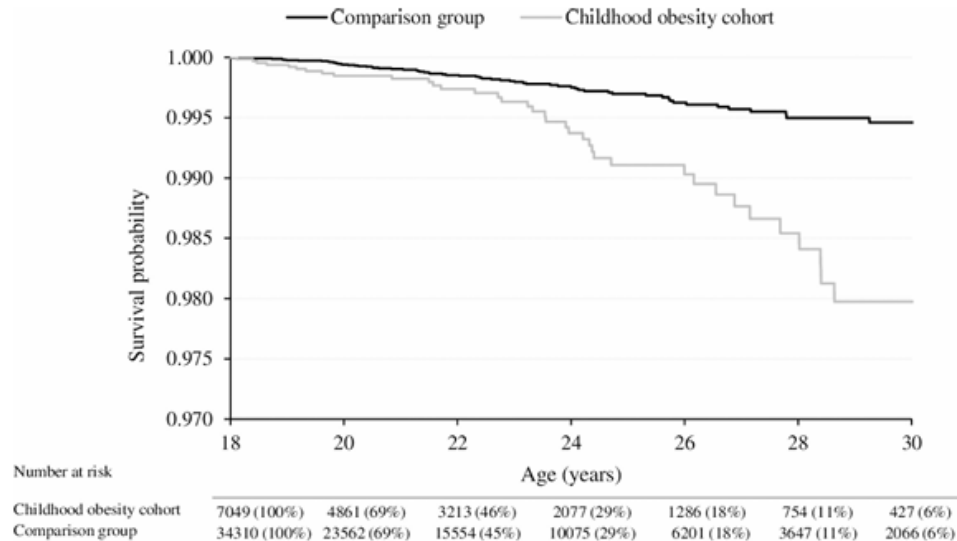
RESEARCH ARTICLE

# Association of childhood obesity with risk of early all-cause and cause-specific mortality: A Swedish prospective cohort study

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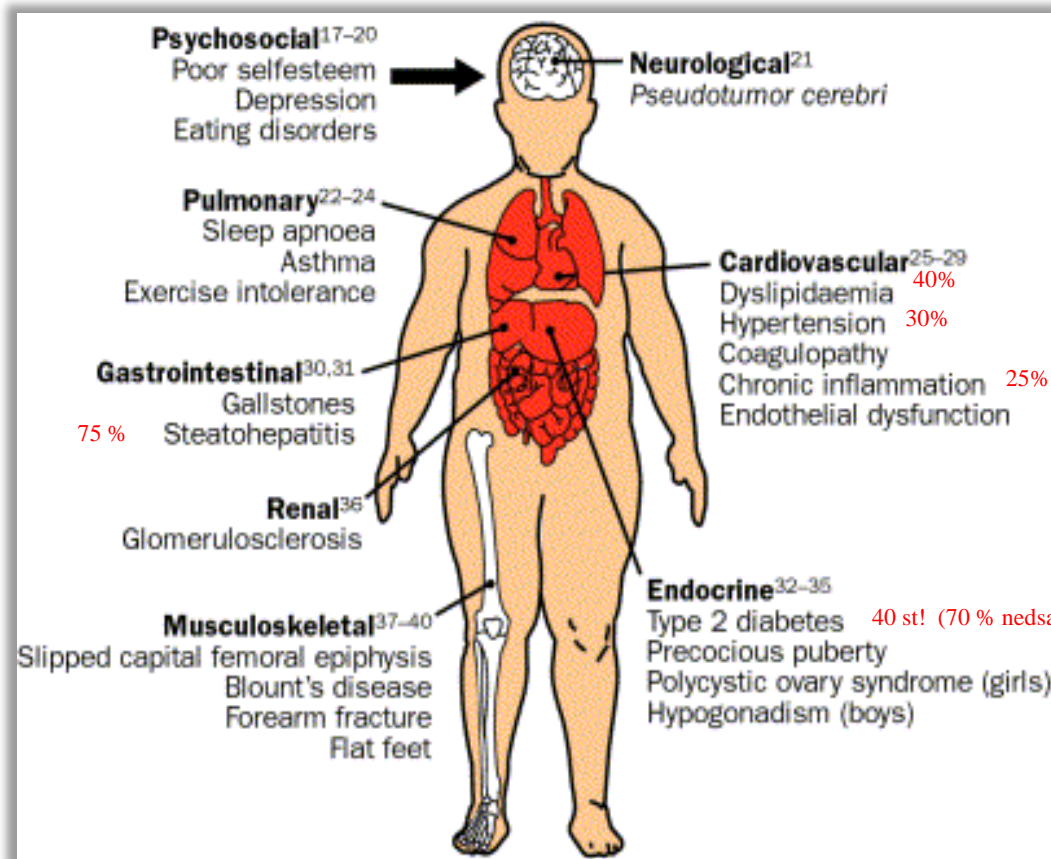
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**Fig 1. Survival curves of all-cause mortality in the childhood obesity cohort and the comparison group.**

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# Komplikationer till barnfetma



Svininfluensa!

Covid-19!

# Nationella riktlinjer för vård vid obesitas

Prioriteringsstöd till beslutsfattare och chefer  
2023



Socialstyrelsen

**Rekommendationer till hälso- och sjukvården:**  
**Kirurgi**

Id	Erbjud operationen ...	till personer med obesitas som är aktuella för operationen och ...	Prioritet
18	gastric bypass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är vuxna</li> <li>har BMI <math>\geq 35</math></li> </ul>	2
14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är barn i åldern 15–17 år</li> <li>har BMI <math>\geq 35</math></li> </ul>	3
16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är vuxna</li> <li>har BMI 30–35</li> </ul>	3
19	sleeve-gastrektomi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är vuxna</li> <li>har BMI <math>\geq 35</math></li> </ul>	3
20	BPD/DS (biliopankreatisk diversion med duodenal switch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är vuxna</li> <li>har BMI <math>\geq 50</math></li> </ul>	5
Id	Endast inom ramen för forskning och utveckling: Erbjud operationen ...	till personer med obesitas som ...	Prioritet
15	sleeve-gastrektomi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är barn i åldern 15–17 år</li> <li>har BMI <math>\geq 35</math></li> </ul>	FoU
17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>är vuxna</li> <li>har BMI 30–35</li> </ul>	FoU



# Nationellt vårdprogram för behandling av obesitas hos barn och ungdomar

Nationellt programområde för barn och ungas hälsa

Nationellt system  
för kunskapsstyrning  
Hälso- och sjukvård  
ÖVERSIKTSREGIONER I SAMVIRKAN

15 maj 2023

## Vårdprogrammet lägger tonvikt på

- Respektfullt och icke stigmatiserande bemötande
- Obesitas är en kronisk sjukdom och ska följas upp
- Att obesitas går att behandla
- Tidig identifikation
- Tidig intensiv individanpassad behandling
- Utbildning och kompetens
- Teamarbete
- Samordning mellan olika vårdnivåer

***“Tänk inte att behandlingen ger barnet dålig självkänsla utan tänk istället att barnet ges verktyg för ett liv i hälsa med redskap som kan följa dem resten av liv”***

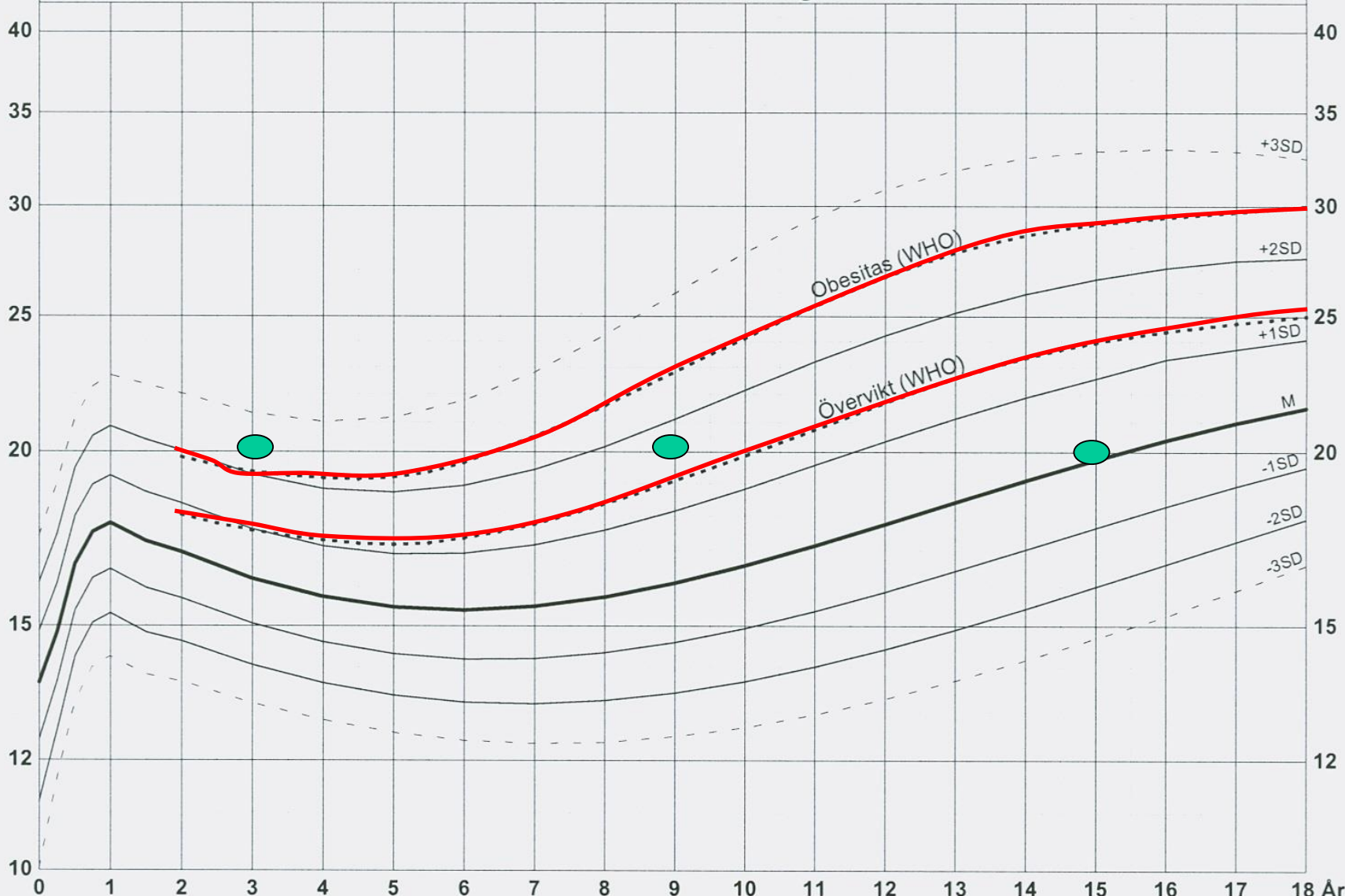
Hälsa oberoende storlek HOBS

# Definition av barnövervikt och barnfetma

BMI (Body Mass Index):

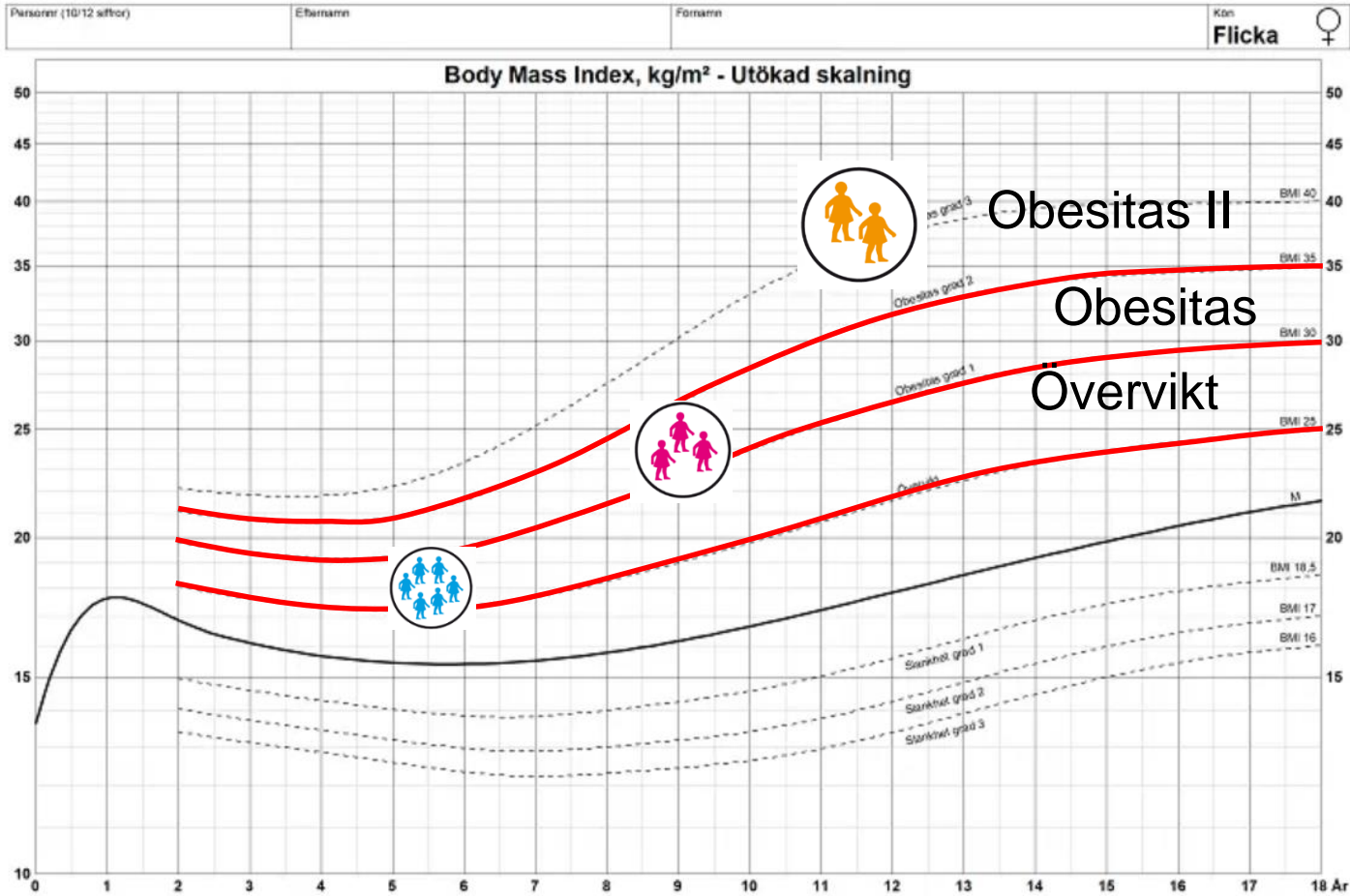
$$\frac{\text{vikt (kg)}}{\text{längd * längd (m)}} = \frac{39 \text{ kg}}{1,40 * 1,40 \text{ m}} = 20$$

# Body Mass Index, kg/m<sup>2</sup>



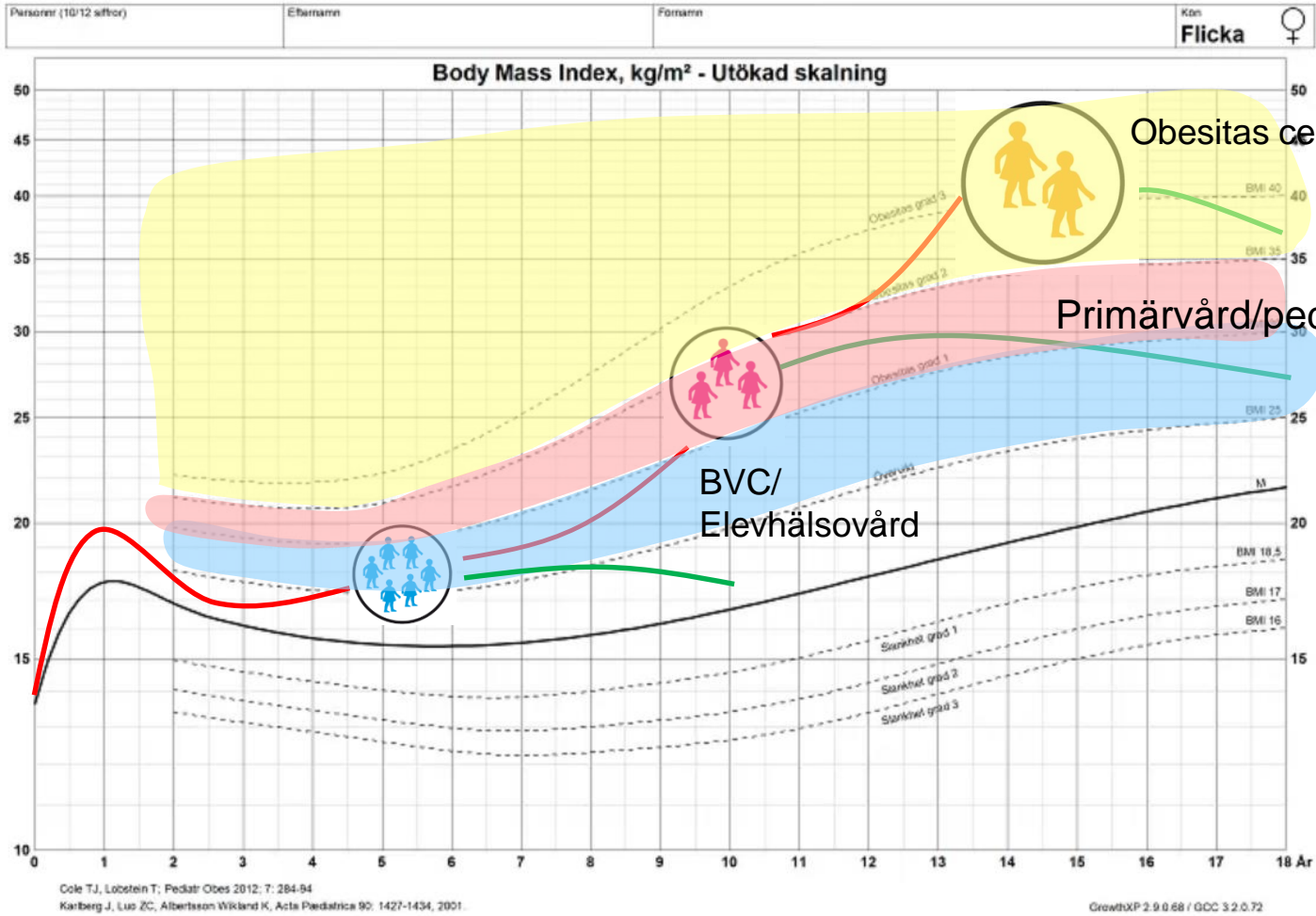
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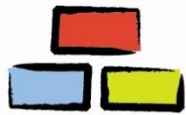
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# Kombinerad levnadsvanebehandling (KLB)



Kost



Fysisk aktivitet

# Kost

## Portions storlek



Regelbunda måltider



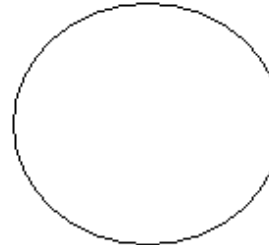
Val av dryck



Frukt och grönsaker



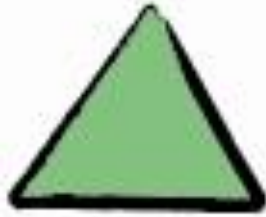
Annat



Övrigt







# Fysisk aktivitet



Inaktivitet

Träning

Vardags aktivitet



Inaktivitet



Träning



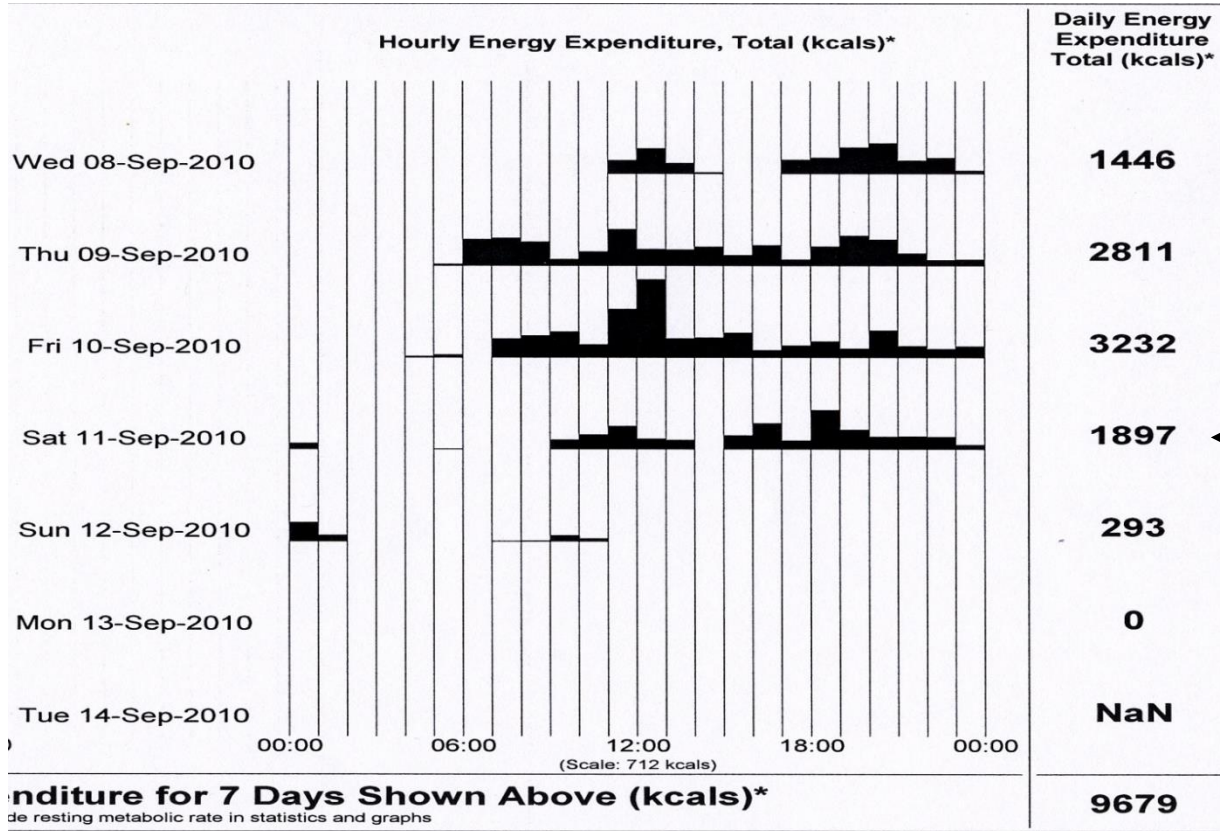
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Daglig aktivitet



# Daglig aktivitet (accelerometer)



Skol dag

Helg



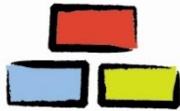
Om den initiala livsstilsinterventionen inte är framgångsrik

Är det en brist på kunskap?  
Eller hur de ska lyckas med det?  
Vad är orsaken?  
Behandlingens intensitet?  
- Annat?

Sömn



Kost



Fysisk aktivitet



Sömn  
Sömn duration  
Sömn kvalitet  
Regelbunden sömn



Melatonin är godkänt för - insomni hos barn och ungdomar 6–17 år med ADHD där sömnhygienåtgärder har varit otillräckliga.

# REVIEWS

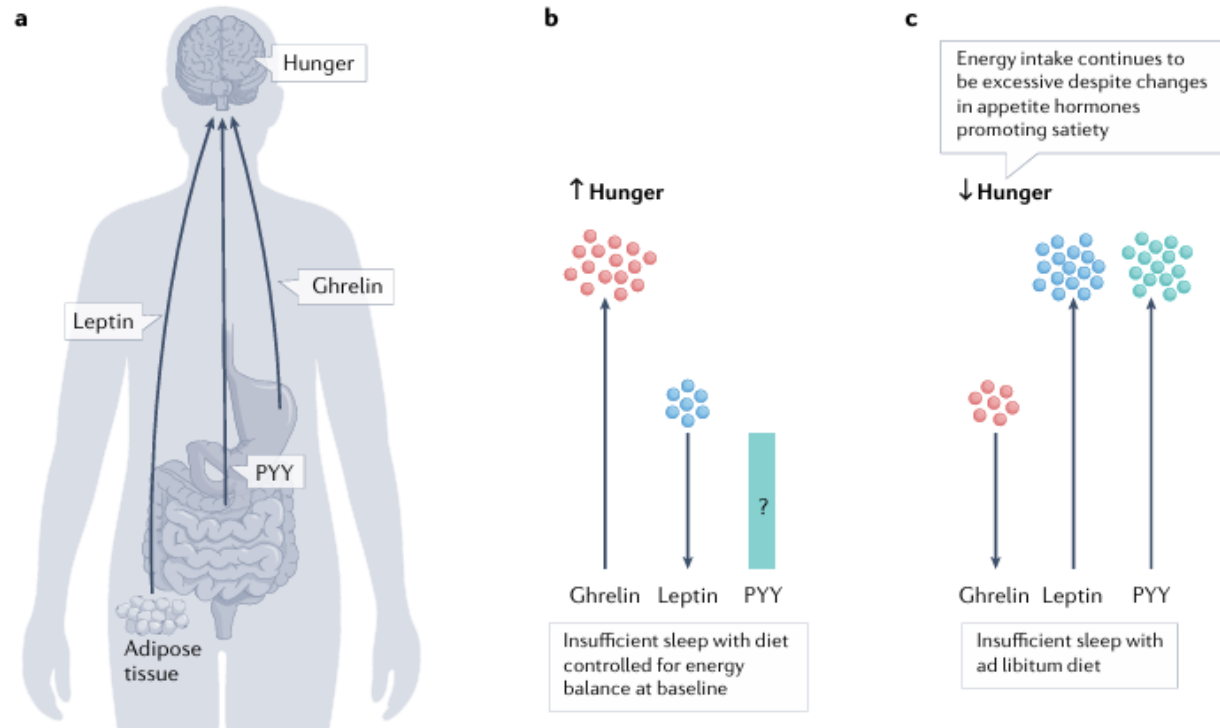


## The role of insufficient sleep and circadian misalignment in obesity

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**Abstract** | Traditional risk factors for obesity and the metabolic syndrome, such as excess energy intake and lack of physical activity, cannot fully explain the high prevalence of these conditions. Insufficient sleep and circadian misalignment predispose individuals to poor metabolic health and promote weight gain and have received increased research attention in the past 10 years. Insufficient sleep is defined as sleeping less than recommended for health benefits, whereas circadian misalignment is defined as wakefulness and food intake occurring when the internal circadian system is promoting sleep. This Review discusses the impact of insufficient sleep and circadian misalignment in humans on appetite hormones (focusing on ghrelin, leptin and peptide-YY), energy expenditure, food intake and choice, and risk of obesity. Some potential strategies to reduce the adverse effects of sleep disruption on metabolic health are provided and future research priorities are highlighted. Millions of individuals worldwide do not obtain sufficient sleep for healthy metabolic functions. Furthermore, modern working patterns, lifestyles and technologies are often not conducive to adequate sleep at times when the internal physiological clock is promoting it (for example, late-night screen time, shift work and nocturnal social activities). Efforts are needed to highlight the importance of optimal sleep and circadian health in the maintenance of metabolic health and body weight regulation.





**Fig. 3 | Model of changes in appetite hormones, hunger and energy intake in response to insufficient sleep.** The peripheral appetite-stimulating hormone ghrelin and the satiety hormones leptin and peptide-YY (PYY) feed back to the brain to influence appetite and hunger. When sleep is restricted but diet is controlled for the energy balance needed for a typical day with adequate sleep, the appetite-stimulating hormone ghrelin is increased and the satiety hormone leptin is decreased, resulting in increased hunger levels. By contrast, ghrelin is decreased and leptin and PYY are increased under an ad libitum diet during restricted sleep, reducing hunger levels. Changes in appetite hormones during ad libitum diets are probably due to increased energy intake during sleep restriction. However, energy intake remains excessive despite reductions in hunger, which suggests that other factors promote food intake. It is unknown how PYY might change during sleep restriction under a diet controlled for energy balance for a typical day with adequate sleep.



Hälsa

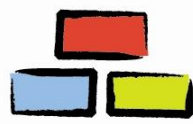


Somatisk - psykologisk

Sömn



Kost



Fysisk aktivitet





## Hälsa (jaget)

### Somatisk:

- Smärta
- Typ 2 diabetes
- NAFLD
- Högt blodtryck
- ..

### Psykologiskt

- Själv känsla
- Själv förtroende
- Själv kärlek
- Själv destruktivt
- Depression
- Neuropsykiatri – ADHD/ADD
- Ät störningar



Hälsa



Somatisk - psykologisk

Sömn



Stress

Kost



Fysisk aktivitet



# Stress

Skilsmässa

Föräldrar med drogproblem/alkohol problem

Föräldrar med psykiatriska problem

Övergrepp

Dyslexi

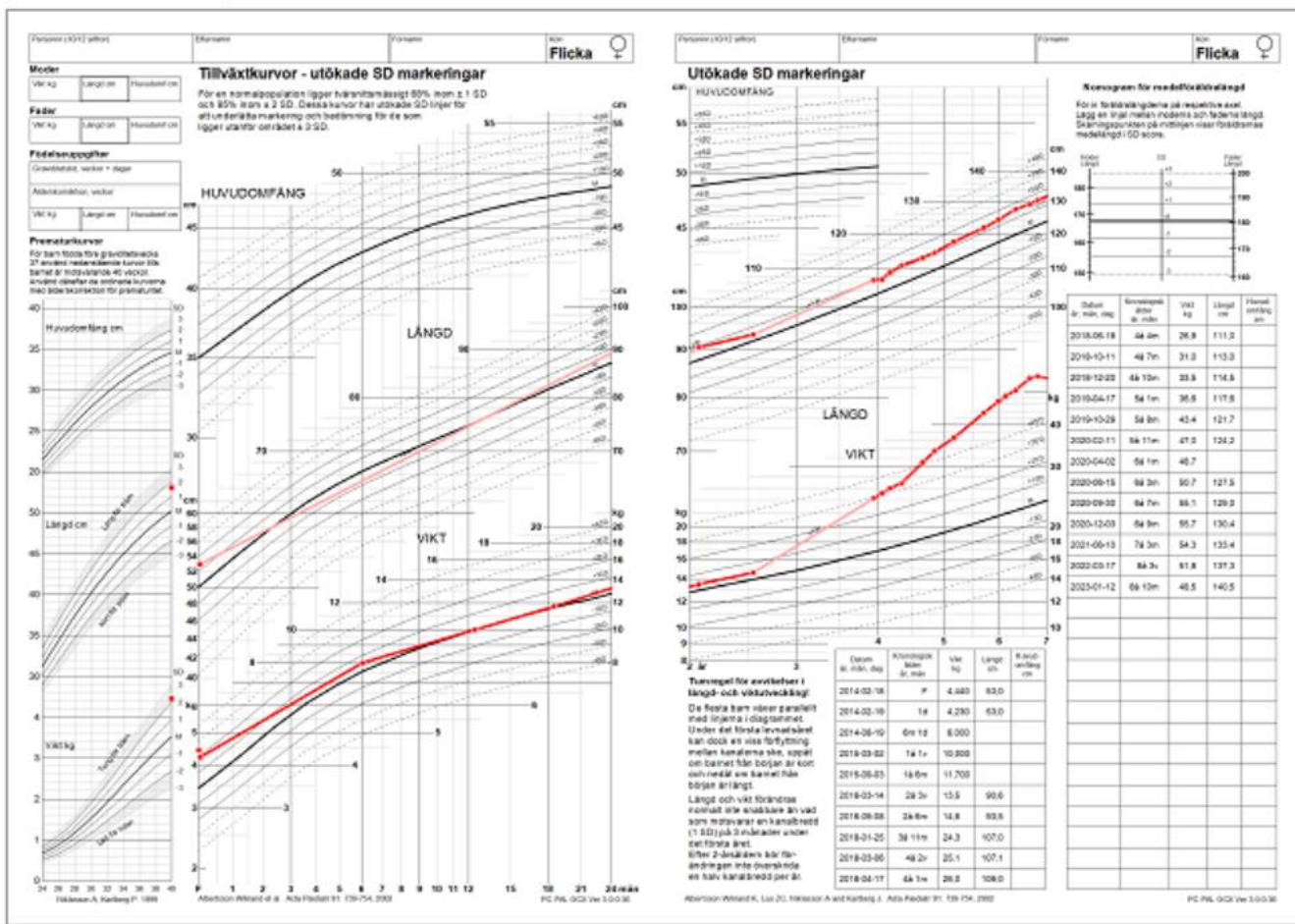
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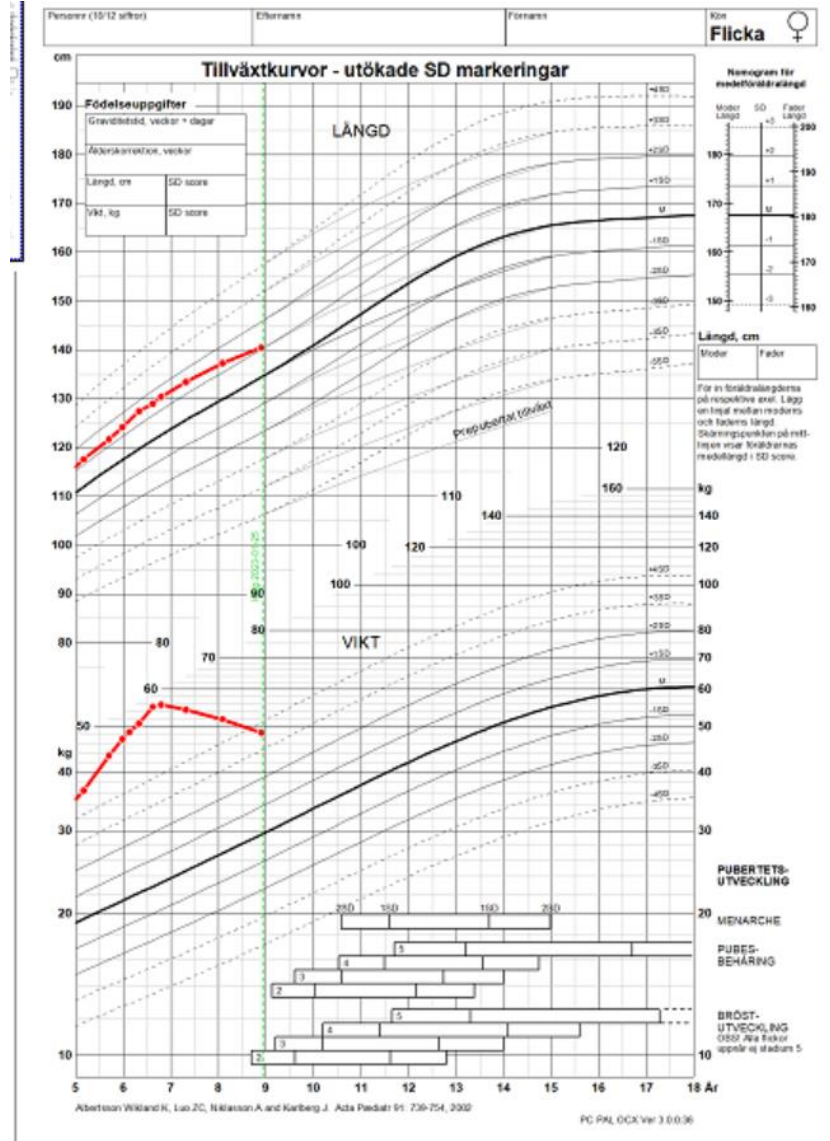
ADHD/ADD (18-58% bland de med obesitas)

Mobbing

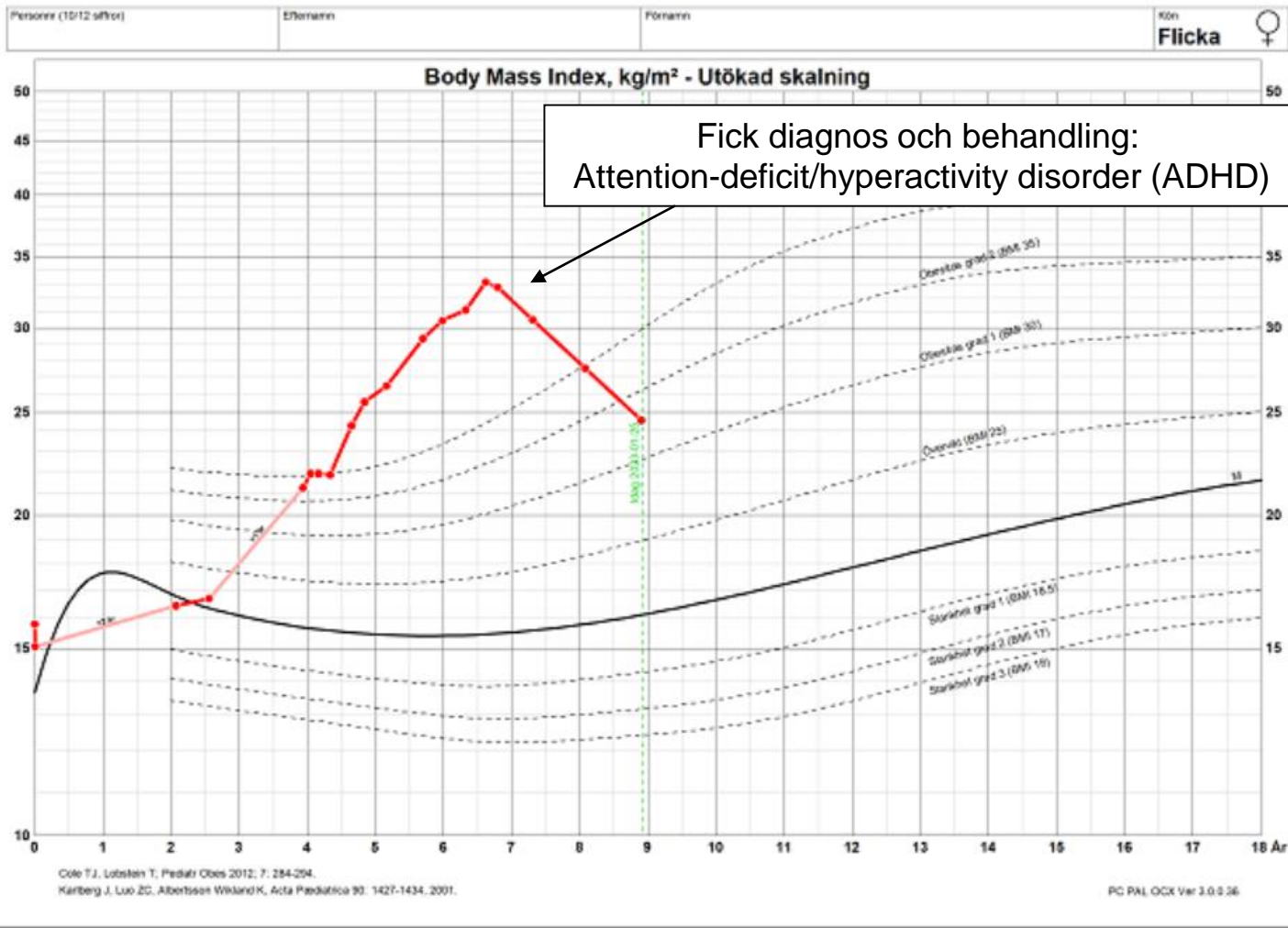
Trauma

# Patient exempel





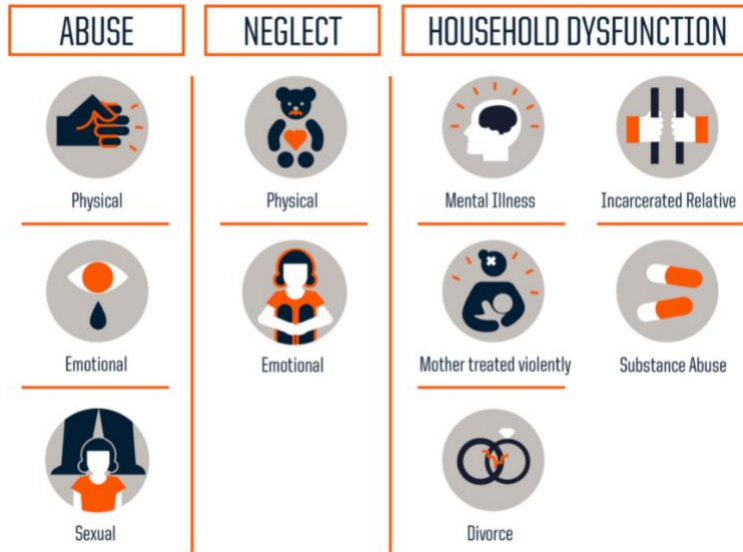






# Adverse Childhood Event

Three Types of ACEs



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## The association between adverse childhood experiences and childhood obesity: A systematic review

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### Summary

Adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) are associated with numerous physical and mental health issues in children and adults. The effect of ACEs on development of childhood obesity is less understood. This systematic review was undertaken to synthesize the quantitative research examining the relationship between ACEs and childhood obesity. PubMed, PsycInfo, and Web of Science were searched in July 2020; Rayyan was used to screen studies, and the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale was used to assess risk of bias. The search resulted in 6,966 studies screened at title/abstract and 168 at full-text level. Twenty-four studies met inclusion criteria. Study quality was moderate, with greatest risk of bias due to method of assessment of ACEs or sample attrition. Findings suggest ACEs are associated with childhood obesity. Girls may be more sensitive to obesity-related effects of ACEs than boys, sexual abuse appears to have a greater effect on childhood obesity than other ACEs, and co-occurrence of multiple ACEs may be associated with greater childhood obesity risk. Further, the effect of ACEs on development of childhood obesity may take 2–5 years to manifest. Considered collectively, findings suggest a need for greater attention to ACEs in the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity.

### KEYWORDS

adverse childhood experiences, obesity, pediatric obesity

Hälsa



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Fysisk aktivitet

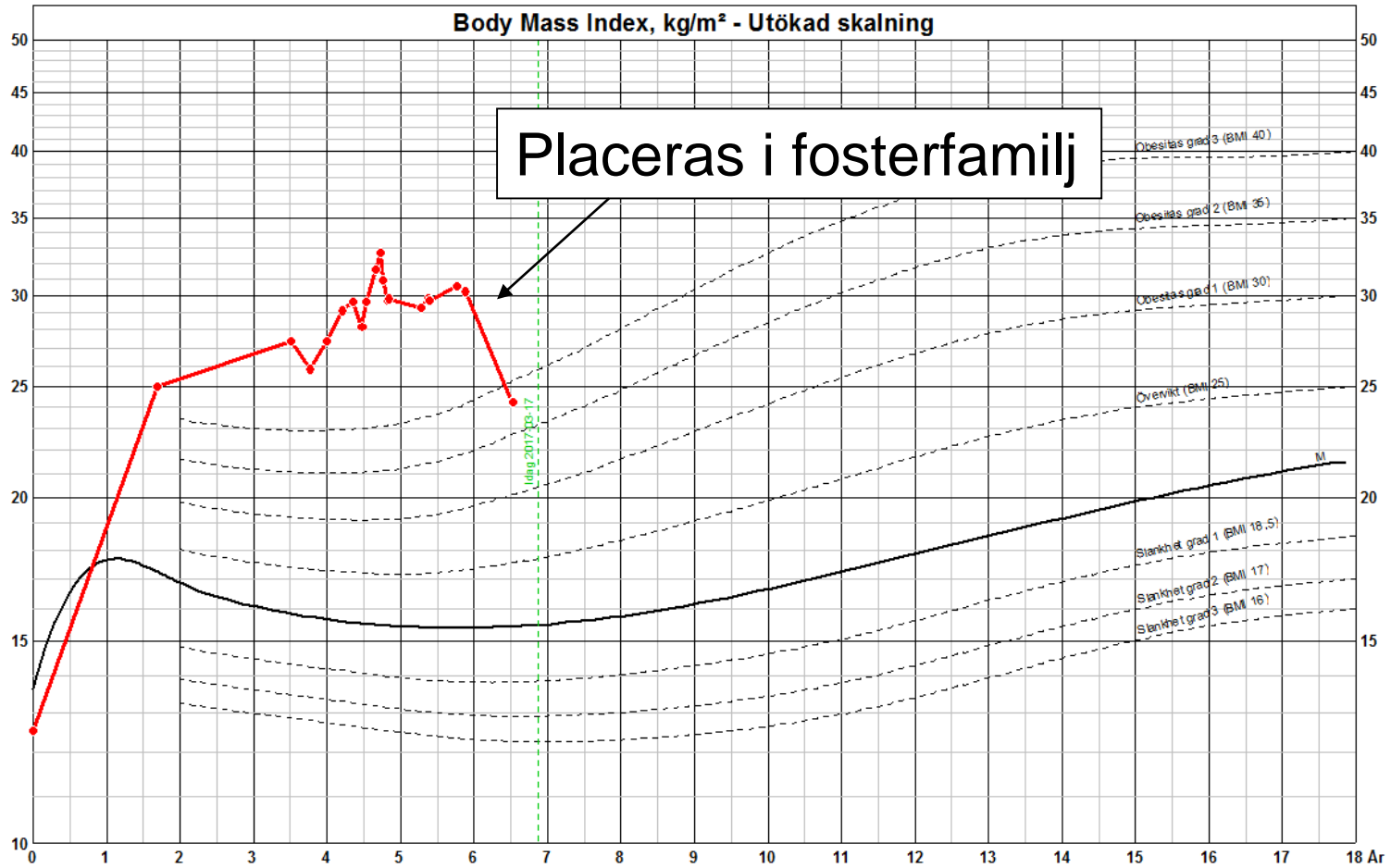


Familj / vänner



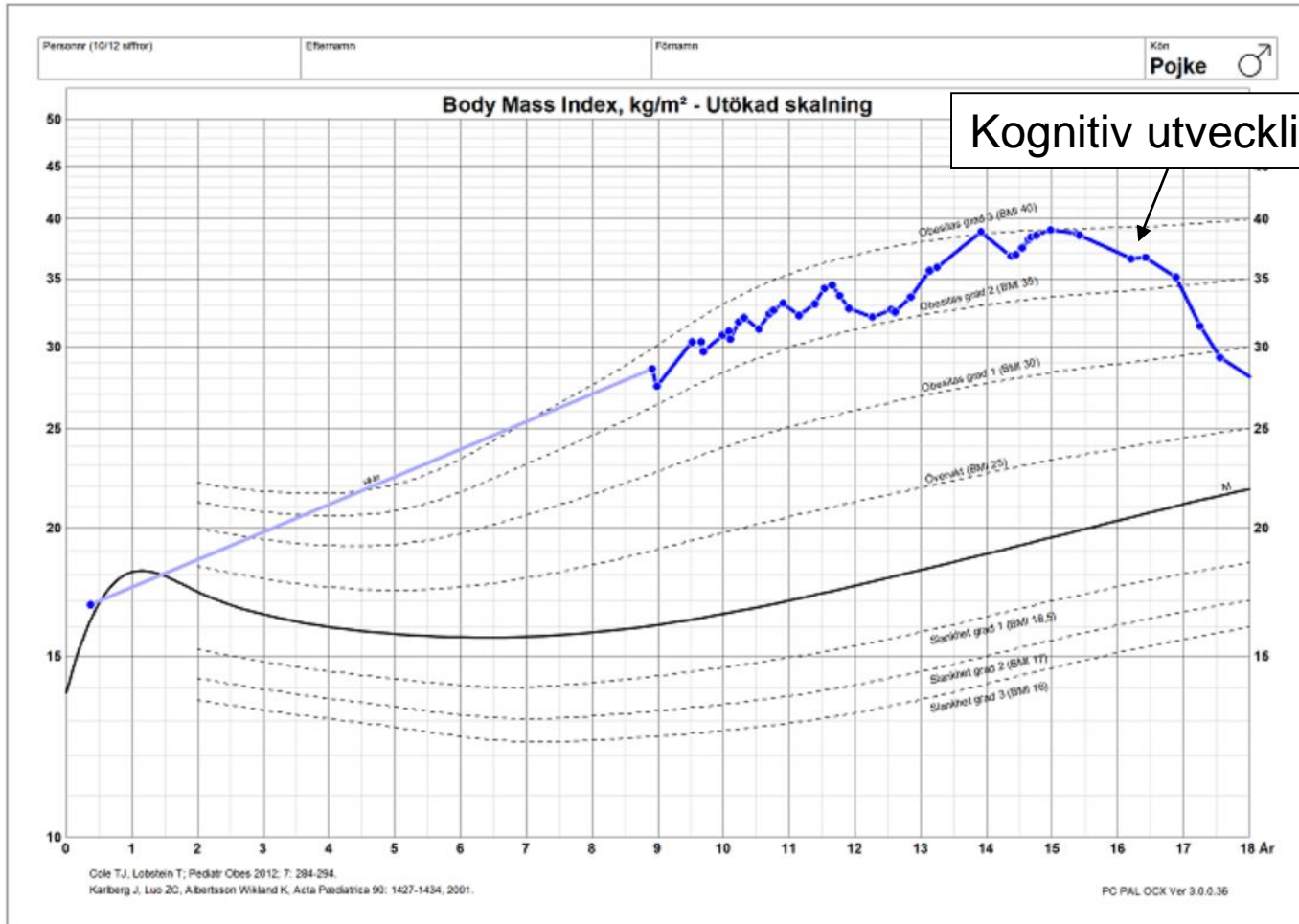
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Vänner  
Socialtjänsten  
Barnpsykiatri  
Skola  
Sjuk och hälsovård  
Nätverk

Body Mass Index, kg/m<sup>2</sup> - Utökad skalning



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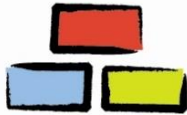
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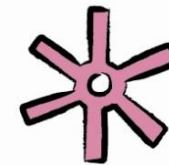
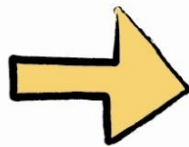
Kost



Fysisk aktivitet



Motivation/mål



Familj / vänner



# Motivation / mål

## Mål:

Gå ned i vikt – vilken tidsram

Förändra levnadsvanor

## Motivation:

Redo att förändra vs tron på att kunna förändra

# Mål

- Primär – beteende - dynamisk;
  - Bättre matvanor
  - Aktivitet – mindre inaktivitet, mer fysisk aktivitet
  - Livskvalitet
  - sömn
  - Motivation? Stress?
- Sekundär - resultat- slut mål - statisk;
  - Normala blodfetter, blodtryck, glukos, kroppssammansättning
  - Normalt och bättre BMI



Hälsa



Somatisk- psykologisk

sömn



Stress

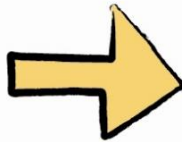
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Fysisk aktivitet



Motivation/Mål



familj / vänner



## Läkemedel

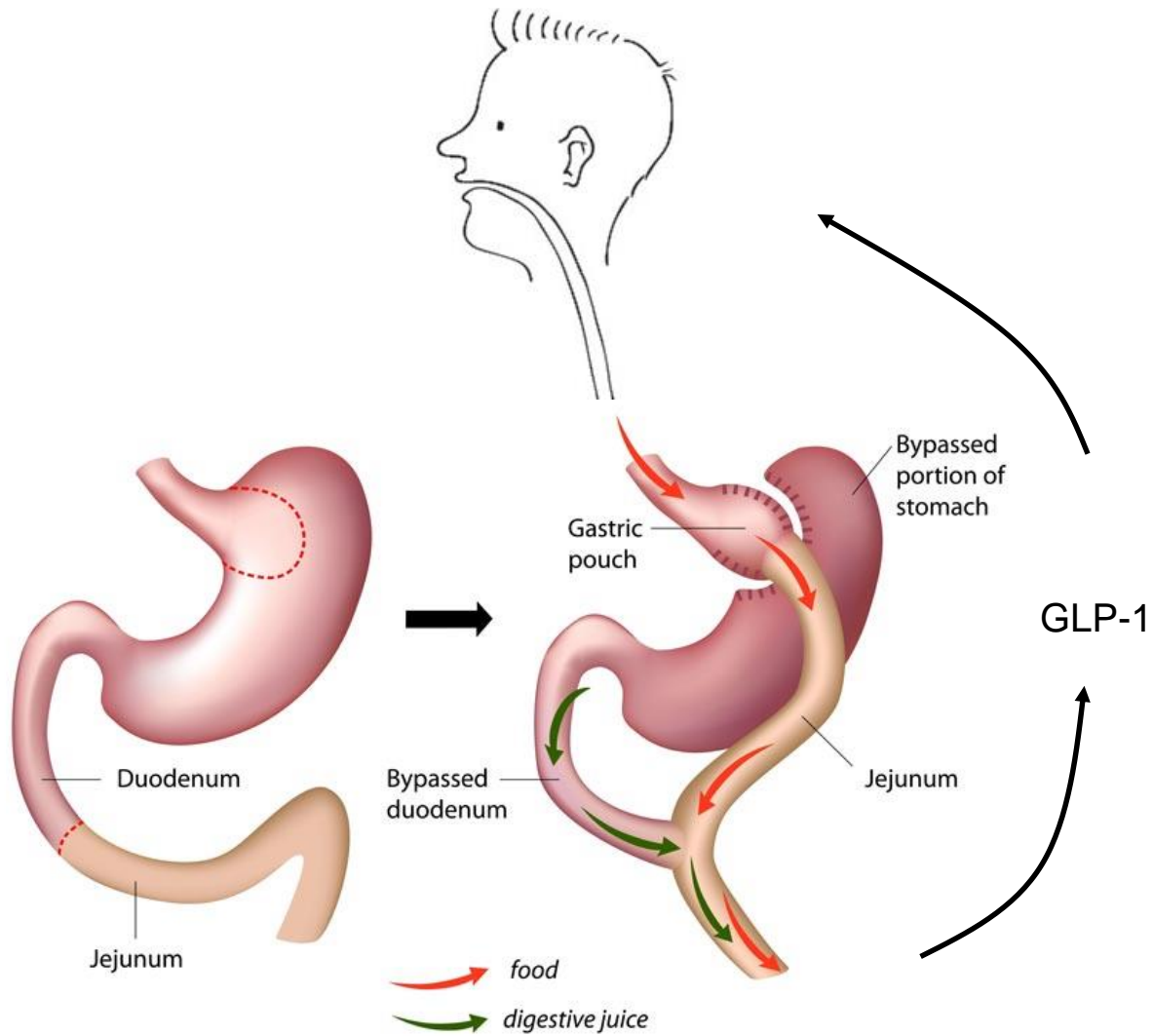
Behandla vikten?  
och/eller komplikationer?

- Blodtryck
- Blodfetter
- Blodsocker
- Leversteatos

Behandla?

- Neuropsykiatri ADHD/ADD
- Depression
- Ätstörning
- Sömn störning

Det gör livsstilsinterventionen möjlig!



# GLP-1 analoger

## 1 gång per dag

### Liraglutide:

0,6 mg 1 gång per dag	vecka 1
1,2 mg 1 gång per dag	vecka 2
1,8 mg 1 gång per dag	vecka 3
2,4 mg 1 gång per dag	vecka 4
3,0 mg 1 gång per dag	

Victoza® – för typ 2 diabetes, Subventionerat

Saxenda® – för obesitas, Inte subventionerat  
godkänt från 12 års ålder

## 1 gång per vecka

### Semaglutide:

0,25 mg 1 gång per vecka	månad 1
0,5 mg 1 gång per vecka	månad 2
1,0 mg 1 gång per vecka	månad 3
1,7 mg 1 gång per vecka	månad 4
2,4 mg 1 gång per vecka	månad 5

Ozempic® – för typ 2 diabetes, subventionerat

Wegovy® – för obesitas, inte subventionerat  
godkänt från 12 års ålder

Intyg merkostnadsersättning till försäkringskassan

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## A Randomized, Controlled Trial of Liraglutide for Adolescents with Obesity

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ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND**

Obesity is a chronic disease with limited treatment options in pediatric patients. Liraglutide may be useful for weight management in adolescents with obesity.

**METHODS**

In this randomized, double-blind trial, which consisted of a 56-week treatment period and a 26-week follow-up period, we enrolled adolescents (12 to <18 years of age) with obesity and a poor response to lifestyle therapy alone. Participants were randomly assigned (1:1) to receive either liraglutide (3.0 mg) or placebo subcutaneously once daily, in addition to lifestyle therapy. The primary end point was the change from baseline in the body-mass index (BMI; the weight in kilograms divided by the square of the height in meters) standard-deviation score at week 56.

**RESULTS**

A total of 125 participants were assigned to the liraglutide group and 126 to the placebo group. Liraglutide was superior to placebo with regard to the change from baseline in the BMI standard-deviation score at week 56 (estimated difference,  $-0.22$ ; 95% confidence interval [CI],  $-0.37$  to  $-0.08$ ;  $P=0.002$ ). A reduction in BMI of at least 5% was observed in 51 of 113 participants in the liraglutide group and in 20 of 105 participants in the placebo group (estimated percentage, 43.3% vs. 18.7%), and a reduction in BMI of at least 10% was observed in 33 and 9, respectively (estimated percentage, 26.1% vs. 8.1%). A greater reduction was observed with liraglutide than with placebo for BMI (estimated difference,  $-4.64$  percentage points) and for body weight (estimated difference,  $-4.50$  kg [for absolute change] and  $-5.01$  percentage points [for relative change]). After discontinuation, a greater increase in the BMI standard-deviation score was observed with liraglutide than with placebo (estimated difference, 0.15; 95% CI, 0.07 to 0.23). More participants in the liraglutide group than in the placebo group had gastrointestinal adverse events (81 of 125 [64.8%] vs. 46 of 126 [36.5%]) and adverse events that led to discontinuation of the trial treatment (13 [10.4%] vs. 0). Few participants in either group had serious adverse events (3 [2.4%] vs. 5 [4.0%]). One suicide, which occurred in the liraglutide group, was assessed by the investigator as unlikely to be related to the trial treatment.

**CONCLUSIONS**

In adolescents with obesity, the use of liraglutide (3.0 mg) plus lifestyle therapy led to a significantly greater reduction in the BMI standard-deviation score than placebo plus lifestyle therapy. (Funded by Novo Nordisk; NN8022-4180 ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT02918279.)

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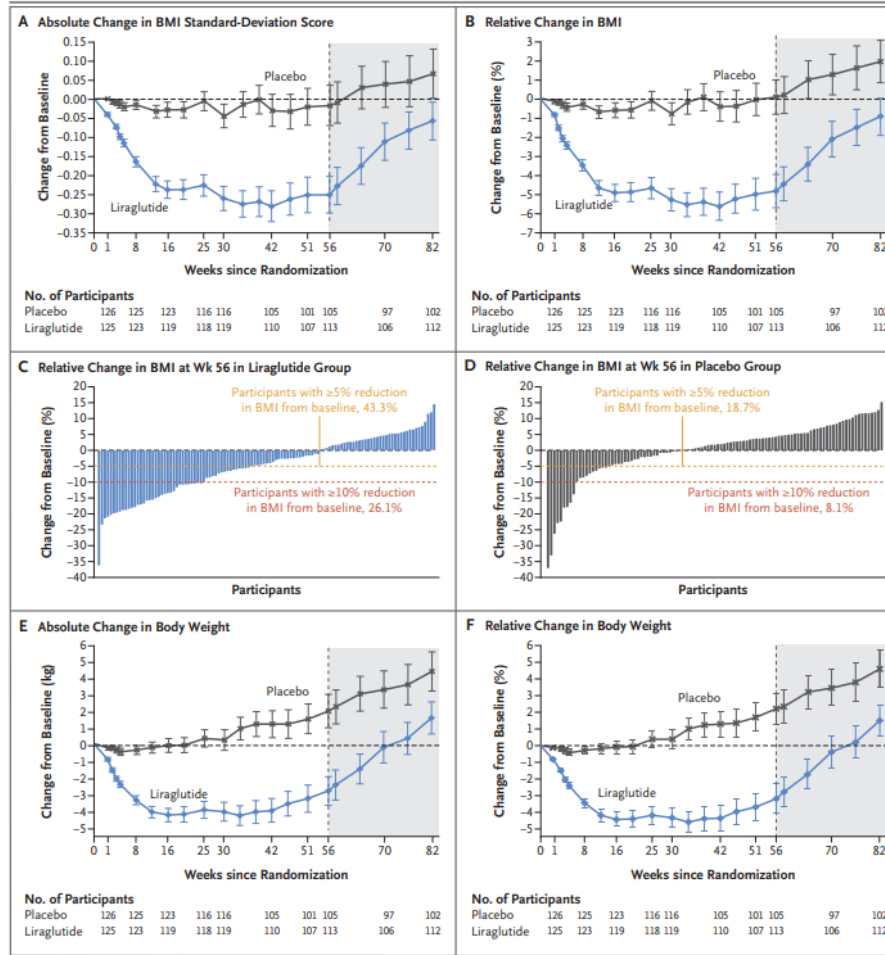
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## Liraglutide

- GLP-1 analog
- Ges subcutant 1 g/d

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Obesitas hos ungdomar 2021





Liraglutide 3.0 mg (Saxenda)  
ges 1 gång/dag subcutant

Är nu godkänt från 12 år mot obesitas  
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Vissa individer svarar bra,  
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När de har slutat, så går de snabbare  
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- Skapar behandlingen problem

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Once-Weekly Semaglutide in Adolescents with Obesity

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ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND**

A once-weekly, 2.4-mg dose of subcutaneous semaglutide, a glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor agonist, is used to treat obesity in adults, but assessment of the drug in adolescents has been lacking.

**METHODS**

In this double-blind, parallel-group, randomized, placebo-controlled trial, we enrolled adolescents (12 to <18 years of age) with obesity (a body-mass index [BMI] in the 95th percentile or higher) or with overweight (a BMI in the 85th percentile or higher) and at least one weight-related coexisting condition. Participants were randomly assigned in a 2:1 ratio to receive once-weekly subcutaneous semaglutide (at a dose of 2.4 mg) or placebo for 68 weeks, plus lifestyle intervention. The primary end point was the percentage change in BMI from baseline to week 68; the secondary confirmatory end point was weight loss of at least 5% at week 68.

**RESULTS**

A total of 201 participants underwent randomization, and 180 (90%) completed treatment. All but one of the participants had obesity. The mean change in BMI from baseline to week 68 was  $-16.1\%$  with semaglutide and  $0.6\%$  with placebo (estimated difference,  $-16.7$  percentage points; 95% confidence interval [CI],  $-20.3$  to  $-13.2$ ;  $P<0.001$ ). At week 68, a total of 95 of 131 participants (73%) in the semaglutide group had weight loss of 5% or more, as compared with 11 of 62 participants (18%) in the placebo group (estimated odds ratio, 14.0; 95% CI, 6.3 to 31.0;  $P<0.001$ ). Reductions in body weight and improvement with respect to cardiometabolic risk factors (waist circumference and levels of glycated hemoglobin, lipids [except high-density lipoprotein cholesterol], and alanine aminotransferase) were greater with semaglutide than with placebo. The incidence of gastrointestinal adverse events was greater with semaglutide than with placebo (62% vs. 42%). Five participants (4%) in the semaglutide group and no participants in the placebo group had cholelithiasis. Serious adverse events were reported in 15 of 133 participants (11%) in the semaglutide group and in 6 of 67 participants (9%) in the placebo group.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Among adolescents with obesity, once-weekly treatment with a 2.4-mg dose of semaglutide plus lifestyle intervention resulted in a greater reduction in BMI than lifestyle intervention alone. (Funded by Novo Nordisk; STEP TEENS ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT04102189.)

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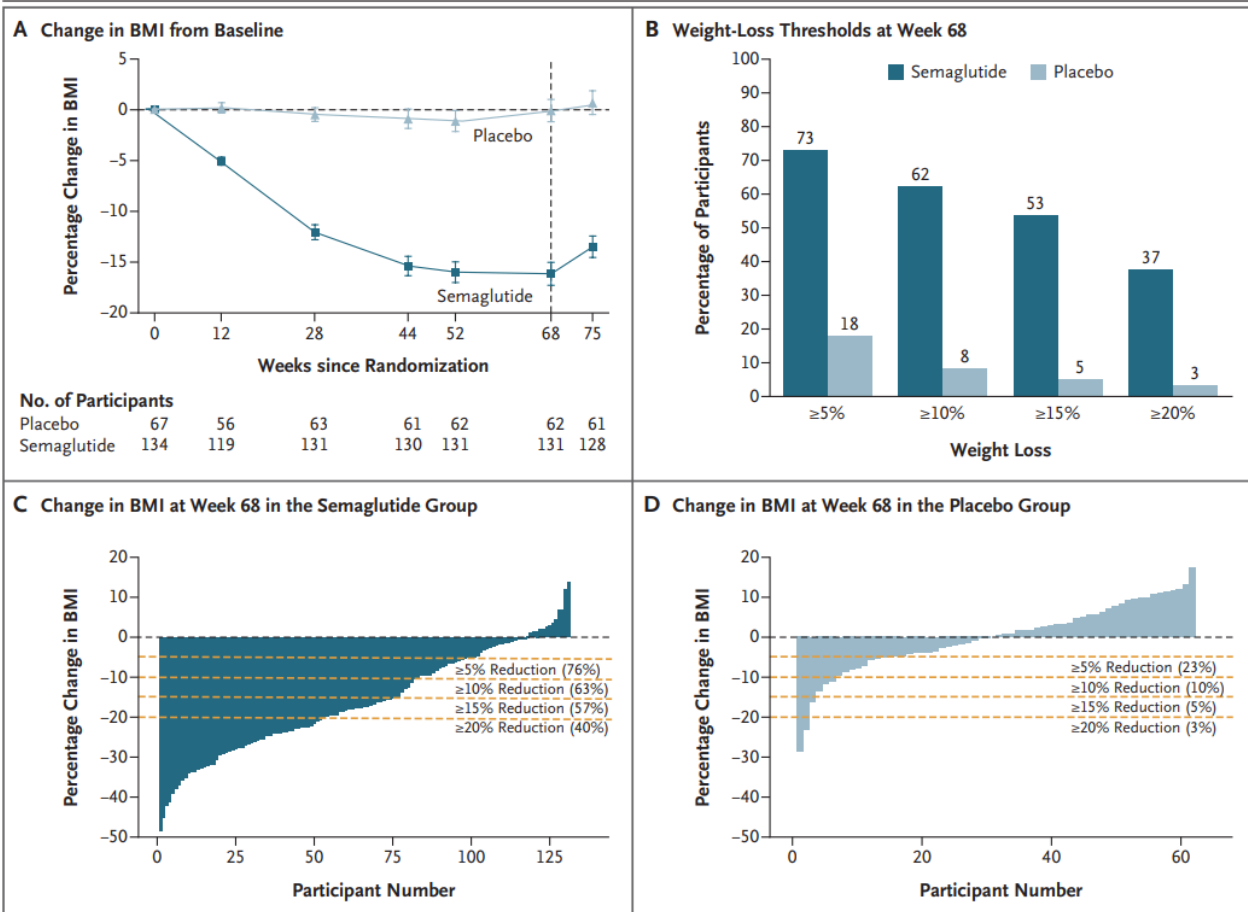
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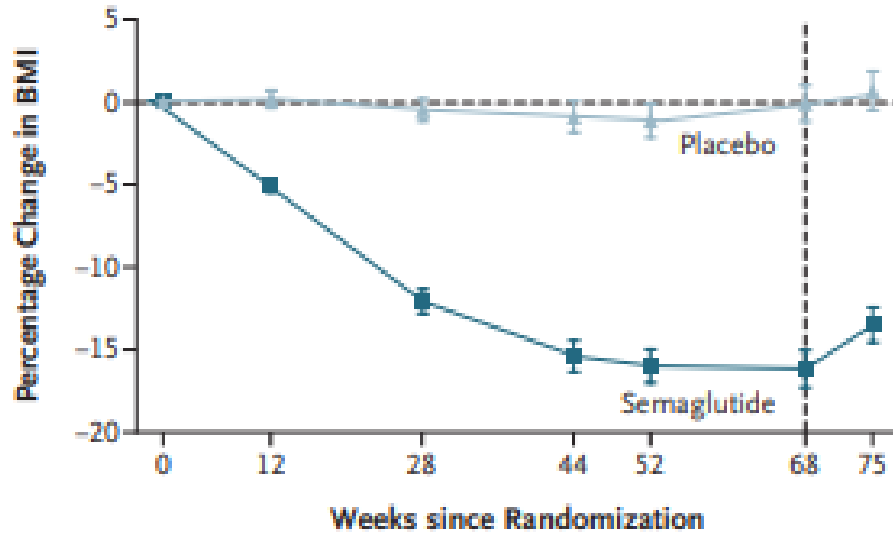








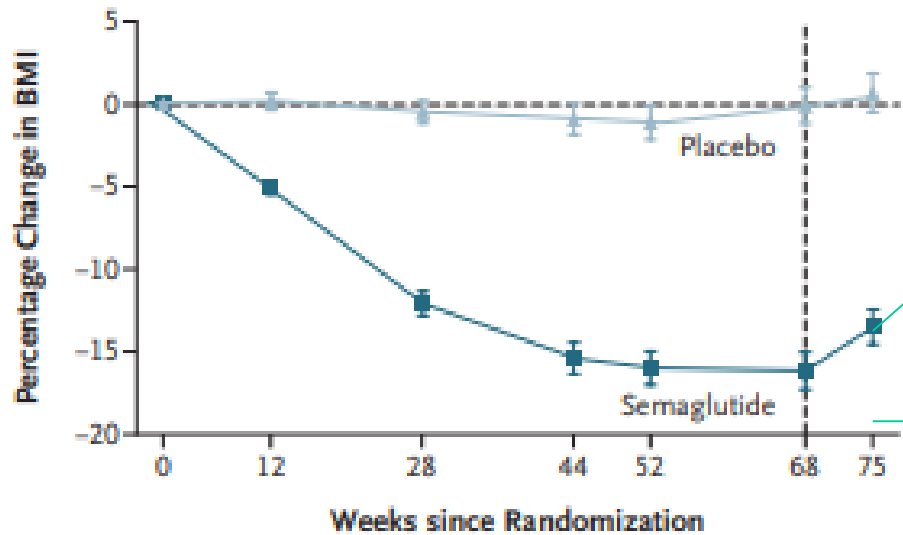
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# Approved anti-obesity medications

FDA

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**Liraglutide 3.0 mg** approved  
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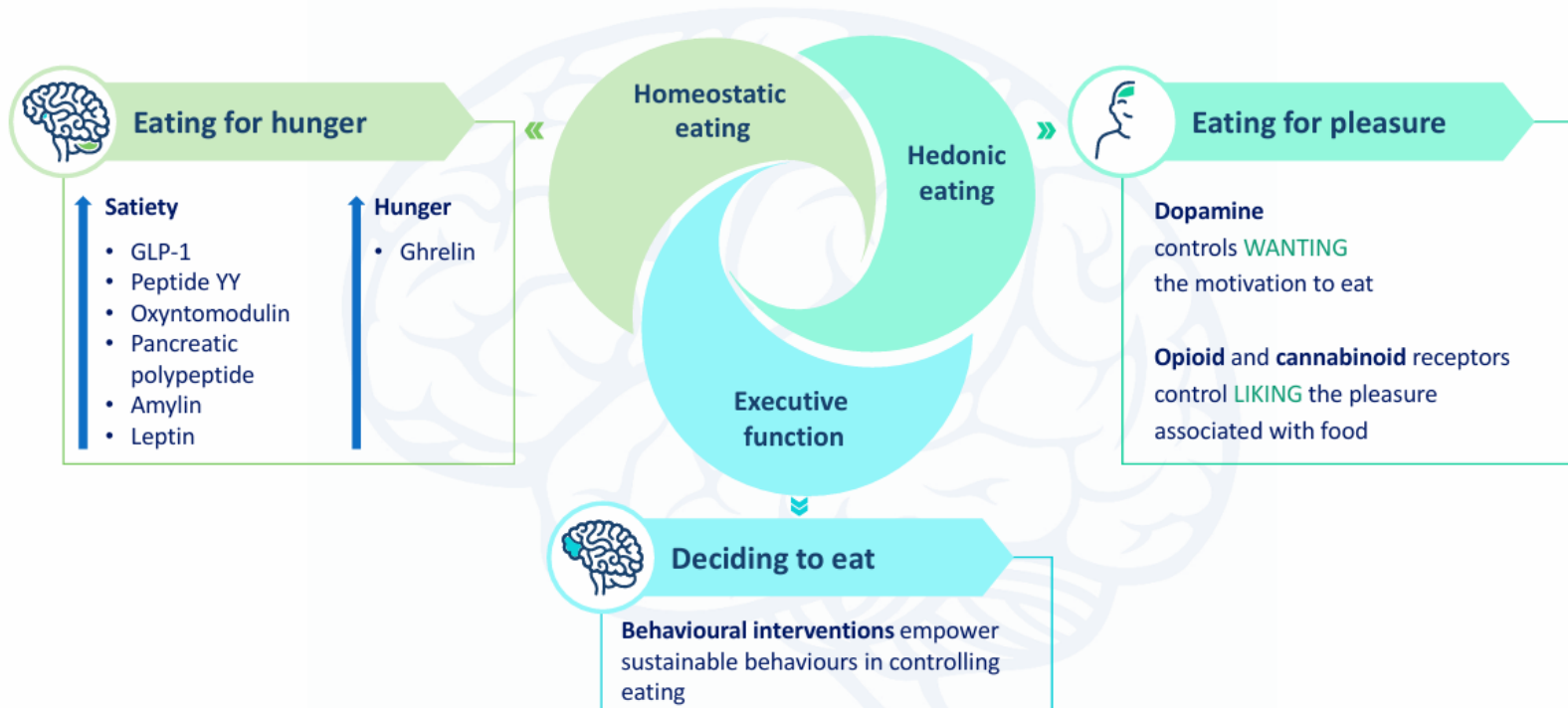
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FDA, The US Food and Drug Administration; EMA, The European Medicines Agency; MHRA, The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency

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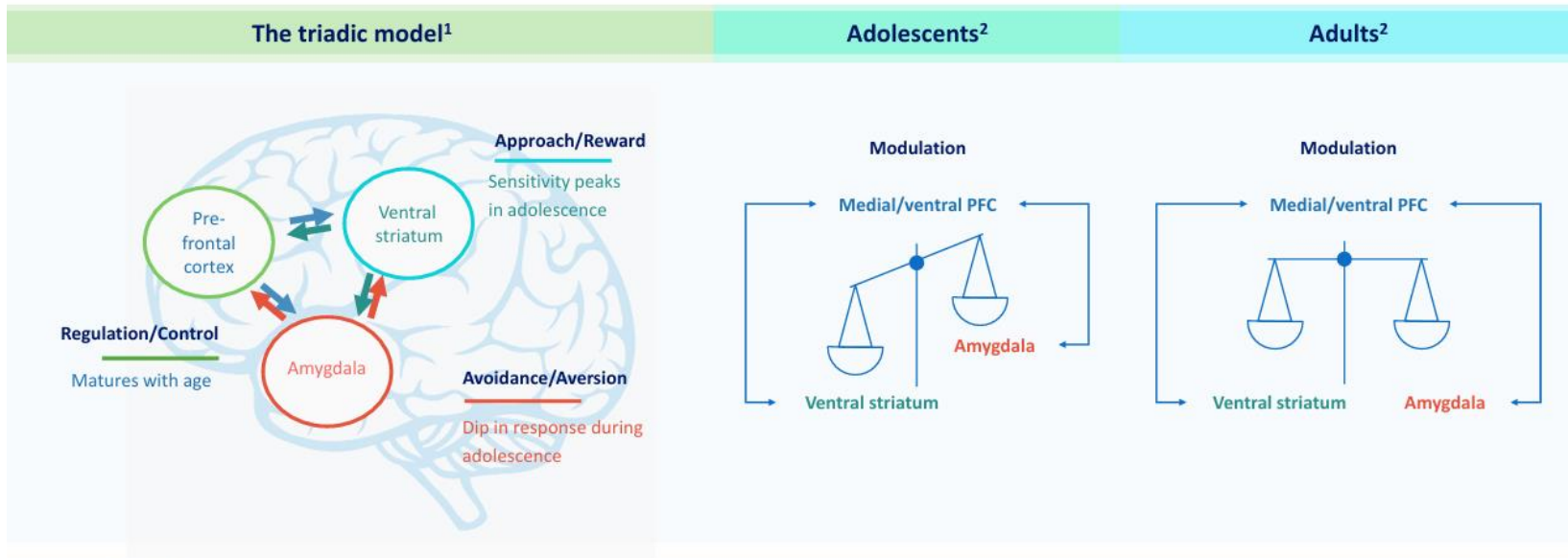
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# The balance of control and reward is skewed in adolescents



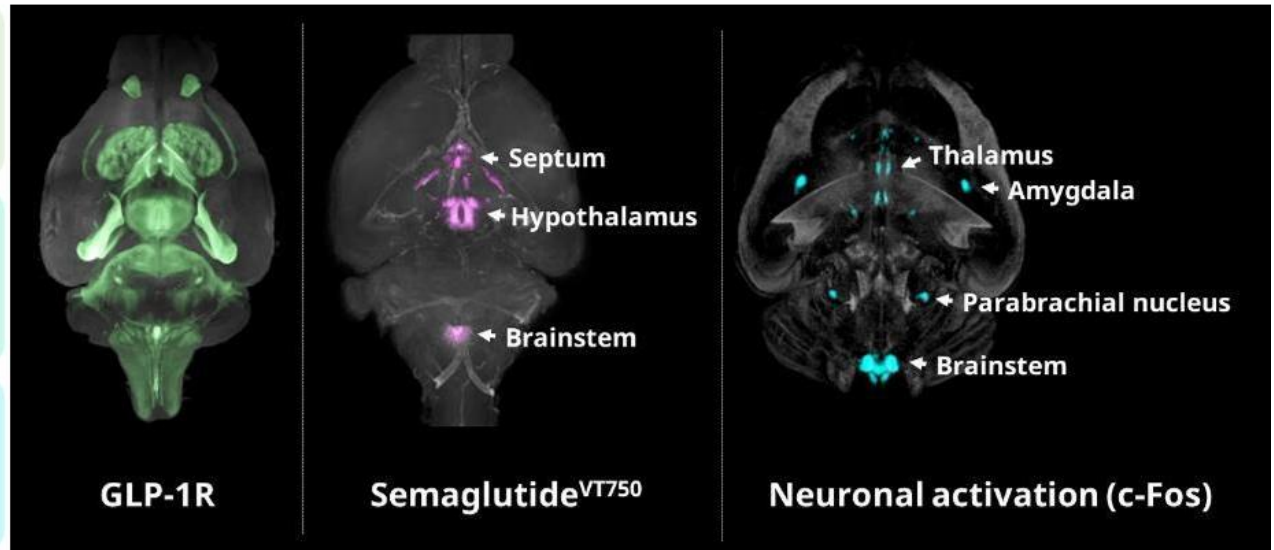
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# GLP-1RAs targets and activates brain regions associated with hedonic and homeostatic control of energy intake

Several GLP-1Rs  
in the brain

GLP-1R targeting in septum,  
hypothalamus, and  
hindbrain

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regions associated with  
control of food intake and  
reward



*CVO, circumventricular organ; GLP-1R, glucagon-like peptide 1 receptor; NTS, nucleus of the solitary tract  
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**Fig. 1** *Galega officinalis*. *G. officinalis*, the herbal lineage of metformin, is also known as goat's rue, French lilac, Italian fitch, Spanish sainfoin or professor weed. This plant was used as a traditional medicine in medieval Europe; it is now classed as a noxious weed in many states of the USA. Copyright Malcolm Storey, [www.bioimages.org.uk](http://www.bioimages.org.uk) (photograph taken in Berkshire, UK, 1 July 2000)

**Table 1** Landmark events in the history of metformin for the management of type 2 diabetes

Year	Landmark	Reference
1772	<i>Galega officinalis</i> used to treat symptoms of diabetes (Hill)	[3]
1844–1861	Identification and synthesis of guanidine (Strecker)	[6]
1878–1879	Synthesis of biguanide (Rathke)	[6]
1918	Guanidine lowers blood glucose in animals (Watanabe)	[7]
1922	Synthesis of dimethylbiguanide (Werner and Bell)	[17]
1926–1928	Galegine and synthalin lower blood glucose in animals and humans	[8–13]
1929	Metformin and other biguanides lower blood glucose in animals (Hesse and Taubmann; Slotta and Tischesche)	[18, 19]
1930s	Use of guanidine derivatives to treat diabetes initially grows then declines due to toxicity and also availability of insulin	[6]
1944–1947	Guanidine-based antimalarial agent, proguanil (Paludrine), lowers blood glucose in animals	[20, 21]
1949–1950	Dimethylbiguanide (flumamine) tested as potential antimalarial agent and used to treat influenza in Philippines. Also found to potentially lower blood glucose (Garcia)	[22]
1956	Jan Aron encourages Jean Sterne and Denise Duval to study guanidine-based glucose-lowering agents	[6]
1957	Jean Sterne publishes use of metformin to treat diabetes	[24]
1957–1959	Phenformin and buformin reported as treatments for diabetes	[32, 33, 37, 38]
1958	Metformin introduced to treat diabetes in the UK and other European countries	[6]
1958–1964	Sterne and colleagues (especially Azerad) further evaluate metformin in individuals with diabetes	[25–28, 36]
1968	First large prospective comparator trial of metformin (Edinburgh, UK; notably Duncan, Clarke and Campbell)	[42]
1977–1980	Phenformin and buformin withdrawn in most countries because of risk of lactic acidosis	[49]
1980–1994	Substantial new scientific and clinical evidence (e.g. Hermann, Noel, Wiernsperger and Bailey), strategic input by Lipharmaceuticals (e.g. Howlett, Meynaud, Daniel, Goodman) and discussions with the FDA (Reaven, DeFronzo, Bailey, Turner, Garber)	[6, 41, 44, 56–62]
1994–1995	Metformin approved (1994) and introduced (1995) in the USA	[6]
1995–1996	Key publications confirm favourable benefit:risk ratio of metformin in management of T2D	[63, 64]
1995–2000	Extensive diabetes education programme by Bristol-Myers Squibb (e.g. Cryer)	[6]
1998	UKPDS reports long-term metabolic effects of metformin and reduced cardiovascular risk with use	[69]
2000–2002	Extended-release formulation and fixed-dose combination drugs with metformin as the primary active ingredient are approved in the USA	[65, 67]
2002	Metformin reduced progression of ‘prediabetes’ (IGT and/or IFG) to T2D in the DPP	[82]
2005	The IDF recommends metformin as an initial glucose-lowering pharmacotherapy for T2D. Other guidelines adopt metformin as an initial glucose-lowering agent	[75]
2008	UKPDS follow-up: continued reduction of cardiovascular risk with use of metformin (Holman)	[74]
2011	Metformin included in WHO’s essential medicines list	[79]

DPP, Diabetes Prevention Program; IDF, International Diabetes Federation; T2D, type 2 diabetes; WHO, World Health Organization



## Metformin in Obese Adolescents

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**OBJECTIVE** — To summarize the bolic risk in obese children and adolescents.

**RESEARCH DESIGN AND METHODS** — Meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials in obese subjects age  $\leq 19$  years of interest include changes in BMI and insulin resistance.

**RESULTS** — Five trials met inclusion criteria. Metformin reduced BMI by 1.4–2.2 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and insulin resistance (HOMA-IR) score.

**CONCLUSIONS** — Metformin improves insulin resistance in hyperinsulinemic obese children and adolescents.

Metformin has been shown to reduce weight gain, hyperinsulinemia, hyperglycemia in adults with diabetes (1,2) and to reduce progression from impaired glucose tolerance to diabetes in those without diabetes (3). These findings have led to an increase in the use of metformin in obese children with hyperemia. However, obesity is not a clear indication for metformin in the U.S.

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## Systematic Review of Metformin Use in Obese Nondiabetic Children and Adolescents

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### Key Words

Metformin · Obesity · Children · Insulin resistance

### Abstract

**Objective:** Childhood obesity has become epidemic and is accompanied by an increase in prevalence of type 2 diabetes (T2DM) in youth. Addressing obesity and insulin resistance by drug treatment represents a rational approach to the prevention of T2DM. A systematic review was conducted to evaluate the effectiveness of metformin in obese children and adolescents. **Methods:** A PubMed database search was conducted, using 'metformin', 'obesity', 'insulin resistance', 'children', 'adolescents' as search terms. **Results:** Five trials were included in the present review. Metformin was used for 6–12 months at a dosage of 1,000–2,000 mg daily, decreasing BMI by 1.1–2.7 compared with placebo or lifestyle intervention alone. Concomitantly, fasting insulin resistance improved after metformin therapy. Post-treatment follow-up was performed in one study, showing no relapse 1 year of discontinuation of therapy the decrease appears. **Conclusions:** Short-term metformin treatment appears to moderately affect weight reduction in obese children and adolescents, with a concomitant improvement in fasting insulin sensitivity. Further studies are needed to confirm these findings.

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## Systematic Review of the Benefits and Risks of Metformin in Treating Obesity in Children Aged 18 Years and Younger

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**IMPORTANCE** Childhood obesity is an important public health problem with increasing prevalence. Because treatment often has limited success, new approaches must be identified.

**OBJECTIVE** To evaluate the effectiveness and safety of metformin for treating obesity in children aged 18 years and younger without a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus.

**EVIDENCE REVIEW** We included randomized clinical trials identified through searches of MEDLINE, the Cochrane Library, and ClinicalTrials.gov. Our primary outcome measure was change in body mass index (BMI, calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared). We assessed study quality, pooled data using a random-effects model, and performed subgroup and sensitivity analyses.

**FINDINGS** Fourteen randomized clinical trials were eligible. For BMI, moderate-strength evidence indicated a reduction of  $-1.38$  (95% CI,  $-1.93$  to  $-0.82$ ) from baseline compared with control at 6 months. A similar, if less dramatic, effect was observed in studies less than 6 months, but the pooled estimate from studies of 1 year of treatment was not statistically significant. Subgroup analyses indicated smaller, but significant, effects for those with baseline BMI below 35, those of Hispanic ethnicity, those with acanthosis nigricans, those who had tried and failed diet and exercise programs, and in studies with more girls or higher mean age (adolescents). Moderate-strength evidence indicated that with metformin, 26% reported a gastrointestinal event compared with 13% in control groups (relative risk, 2.05; 95% CI, 1.19–3.54), although there was no difference in discontinuations due to adverse events. No serious adverse events were reported.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** Metformin provides a statistically significant, but very modest reduction in BMI when combined with lifestyle interventions over the short term. A large trial is needed to determine the benefits to subgroups or impacts of confounders. In the context of other options for treating childhood obesity, metformin has not been shown to be clinically superior.

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# Effects of metformin extended release compared to immediate release formula on glycemic control and glycemic variability in patients with type 2 diabetes

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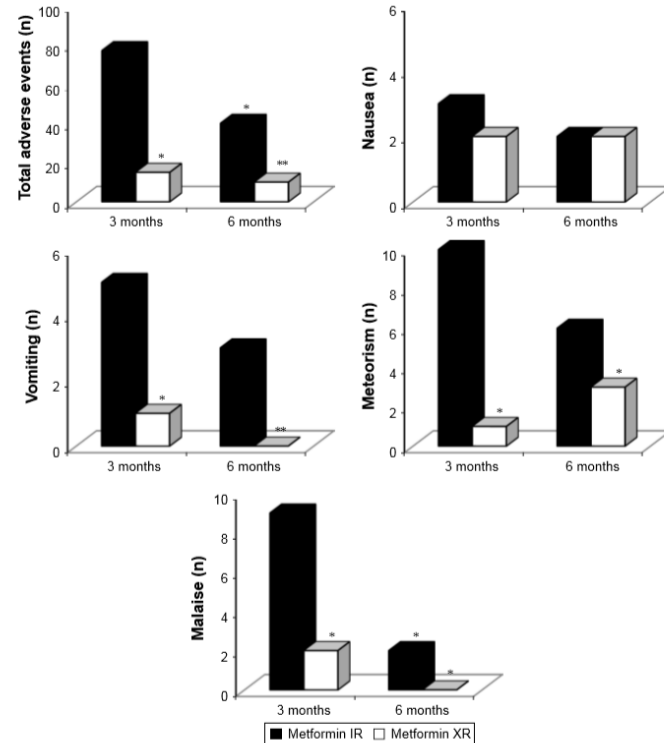
**Purpose:** The purpose of this study is to evaluate, in a randomized clinical trial, the effects of metformin immediate release (IR) compared with metformin extended release (XR) on the gastrointestinal tolerability and glycemic control.

**Materials and methods:** We enrolled 253 Caucasian patients with type 2 diabetes not well controlled by diet (glycated hemoglobin [HbA<sub>1c</sub>] >7.0% and <8.5%). Patients were randomized to metformin IR or metformin XR for a period of 6 months at the maximum tolerated dose. The average dose of metformin IR used was 2,000±1,000 mg/day, while that of metformin XR was 1,000±500 mg/day. We evaluated body weight, HbA<sub>1c</sub>, fasting and postprandial glucose, fasting plasma insulin (FPI) and homeostasis model assessment insulin resistance (HOMA-IR), lipid profile, and levels of some adipocytokines, including tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$  (TNF- $\alpha$ ), high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP), visfatin, and vaspin. Moreover, at the baseline and after 6 months, we administered patients some validated questionnaires to assess patients' satisfaction toward treatments.

**Results:** After 6 months, both formulations gave a similar reduction in body weight and body mass index (BMI); however, metformin XR gave a greater improvement in glycemic control, FPI, and HOMA-IR, compared with both baseline and metformin IR. A reduction in total cholesterol (TC) and low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol was observed with metformin XR compared with IR. Levels of TNF- $\alpha$ , hs-CRP, and vaspin were reduced by metformin XR but not by the IR formulation. Metformin XR also raised the levels of visfatin.

**Conclusion:** Metformin XR formulation seems to be more effective than metformin IR in improving glyco-metabolic control, lipid profile, and levels of some adipocytokines in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

**Keywords:** glycemic control, insulin resistance, metformin immediate release, metformin extended release



**Figure 3** Adverse events with metformin immediate release and metformin extended release.  
Notes: Metformin IR dosage: 2,000±1,000 mg/day; metformin XR dosage: 1,000±500 mg/day. \*P<0.05 vs 3 months with IR. \*\*P<0.01 vs 3 months with IR.  
Abbreviations: IR, immediate release; XR, extended release.



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### Effects of Metformin on Energy Intake and Satiety in Obese Children

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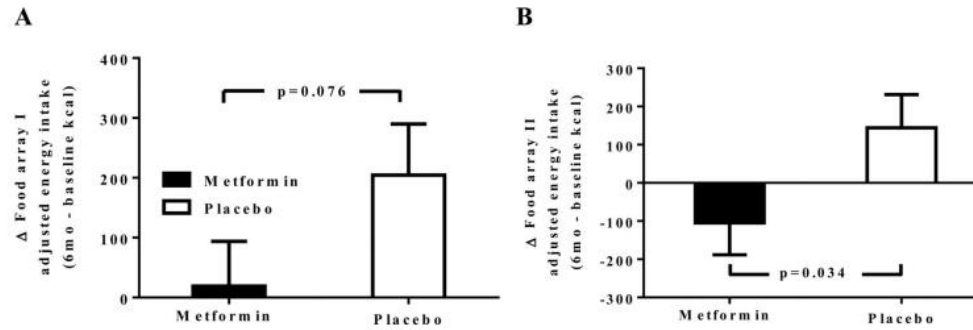
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#### Abstract

**Aims**—Metformin’s ability to promote weight loss is believed to be at least partly attributable to decreased energy consumption. There are few data regarding the effects of metformin on energy intake in children. We therefore investigated metformin’s effects on appetite and energy intake in obese hyperinsulinemic children.

**Materials and Methods**—We conducted a 6-month randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial to evaluate the effects of metformin 1000mg BID on body weight and energy balance in 100 obese hyperinsulinemic children aged 6–12y. Subjects ate *ad libitum* from standardized food arrays on two separate occasions before, and then again after, 6 months of study medication. The first test meal was consumed after an overnight fast. The second was preceded by a pre-meal load. For each test meal, energy intake was recorded, and subjects completed scales of hunger, fullness, and desire to eat.

**Results**—Data from the meal studies at baseline and after treatment with study medication were available for 84 children (45 metformin-treated and 39 placebo-treated). Compared with placebo, metformin treatment elicited significant reductions from baseline in adjusted mean energy intake after the pre-meal load (metformin:  $-104.7 \pm 83.8$  kcal vs. placebo:  $+144.2 \pm 96.9$  kcal;  $p=0.034$ ) independent of changes in body composition. Metformin also significantly decreased ratings of hunger ( $-1.5 \pm 5.6$  vs.  $+18.6 \pm 6.3$ ;  $p=0.013$ ) and increased ratings of fullness ( $+10.1 \pm 6.2$  vs.  $-12.8 \pm 7.0$ ;  $p=0.01$ ) following the pre-meal load.



**Figure 1.** Change in energy intake from baseline to 6 months of treatment adjusted for changes in body composition for Food Array I (Fig 1A, after an overnight fast) and Food Array II (Fig 1B, after a pre-load shake-like beverage). Mean  $\pm$  SEM of the change in food intake is shown.

# New mechanisms of metformin action: Focusing on mitochondria and the gut

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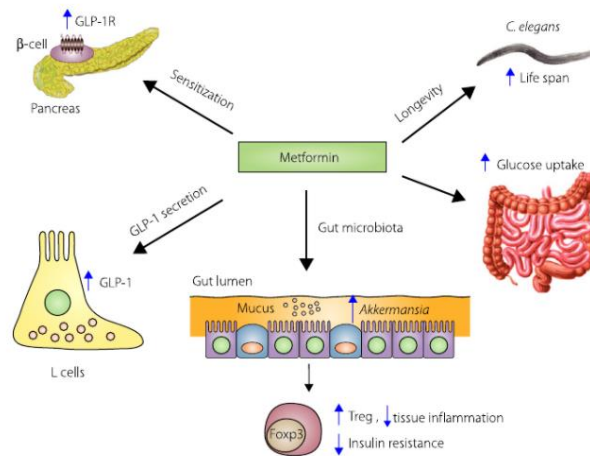
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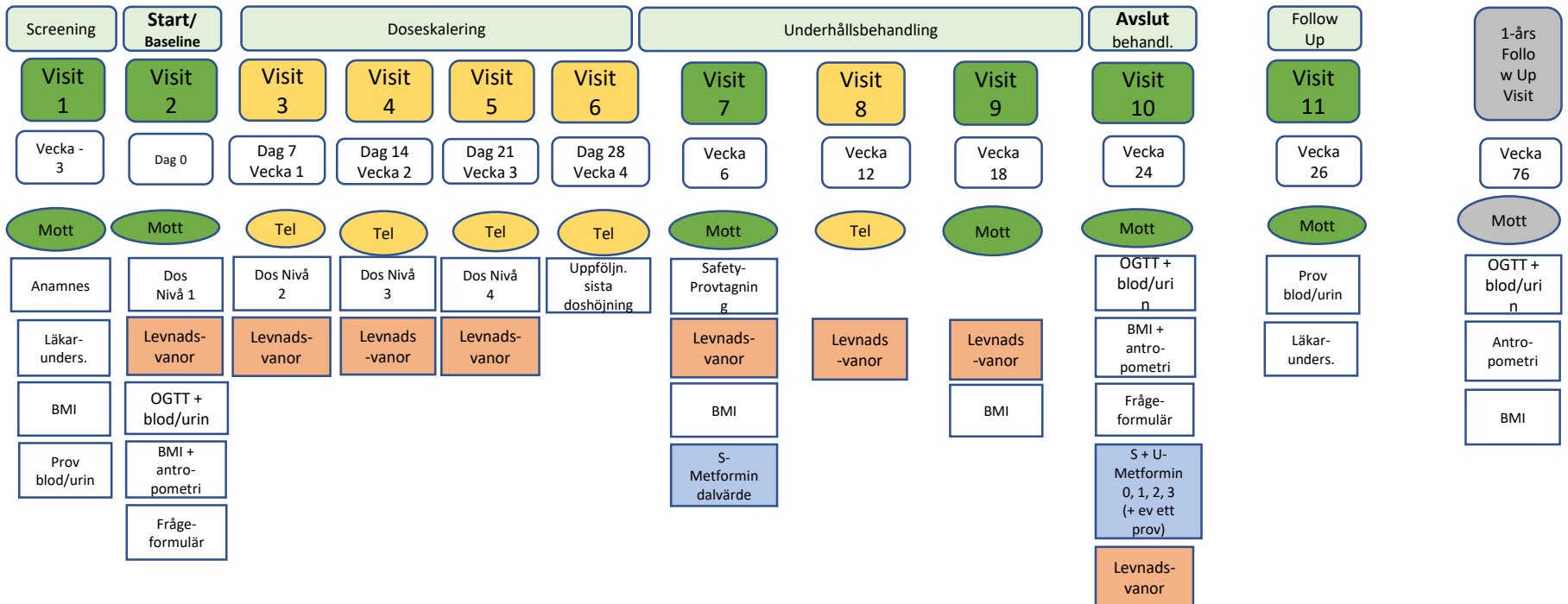
The most well-known mechanism of metformin action, one of the most commonly prescribed antidiabetic drugs, is adenosine monophosphate-activated protein kinase activation; however, recent investigations have shown that adenosine monophosphate-activated protein kinase-independent pathways can explain some of metformin's beneficial metabolic effects as well as undesirable side-effects. Such novel pathways include induction of mitochondrial stress, inhibition of mitochondrial shuttles, alteration of intestinal microbiota, suppression of glucagon signaling, activation of autophagy, attenuation of inflammasome activation, induction of incretin receptors and reduction of terminal endoplasmic reticulum stress. Together, these studies have broadened our understanding of the mechanisms of antidiabetic agents as well as the pathogenic mechanism of diabetes itself. The results of such investigations might help to identify new target molecules and pathways for treatment of diabetes and metabolic syndrome, and could also have broad implications in diseases other than diabetes. Accordingly, new antidiabetic drugs with better efficacy and fewer adverse effects will likely result from these studies.

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**Figure 2** | Effects of metformin on the gut. Metformin induces glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1) release from intestinal L cells, and also GLP-1 receptor expression on pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells. Metformin increases the abundance of *Akkermansia*, a mucus-degrading Gram-negative bacteria, in the gut, which is associated with restoration of reduced regulatory T (Treg) cells and amelioration of low-grade tissue inflammation in the adipose tissue of obese animals. Increased life span of *Caenorhabditis elegans* by metformin has also been attributed to changes in intestinal microbiota. The intestine is a major organ responsible for uptake and utilization of glucose after metformin administration.

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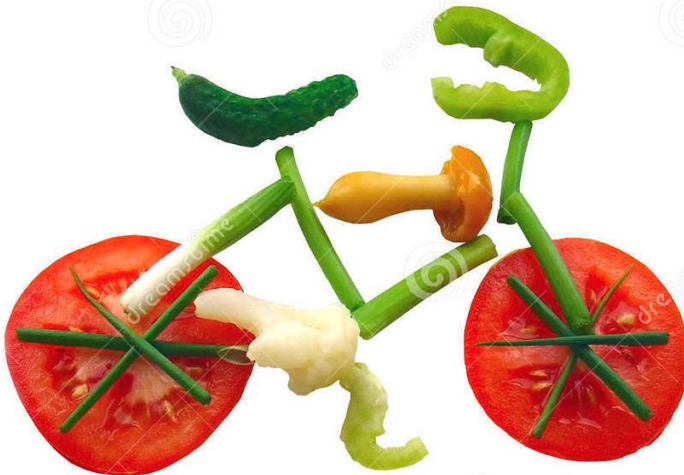


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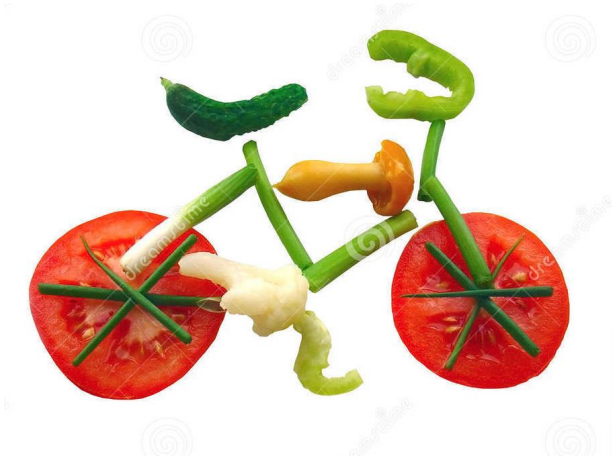
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# Sammanfattning

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- Undersök faktorer som,
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  - Stress
  - Familj
- Rätt läkemedel till rätt person gör det möjligt att genomföra levnadsvane förändringen
- Teamarbete (läkare, dietist, fysioterapeut, psykolog)



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