

A Clinical-Translator's Point-of-View:
At the Interface of Patient Care and Basic
Science

***Diagnosing Diabetes Mellitus in Adults:
Type 1, LADA, Type 2:***
Rationale and Implications of a β -Cell-
Centric Classification of Diabetes

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Diagnosing Diabetes Mellitus in Adults:

Type 1, Type 2, LADA

or

**Since Confusion Abounds, Isn't it
Time for A New Classification Schema
for the
Diagnosis and Treatment of Diabetes Mellitus
(DM)**

Get us ready for 'PRECISION MEDICINE'

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Purely Clinical Answer

Empiric, Pragmatic Approach

It doesn't matter which label is applied 😊

- **Insulin-Dependent**
 - DKA- ketosis prone : insulin needed for survival
- **OR NOT**- Everyone else
 - Use 'best clinical guess'; 'label' patient; Independent of age
 - Treat 'as needed' to get glycemic control,
 - (but must work under constraints of current 'definitions' for the classification of T2D- per payors/ governments)

'Diagnosis' Has Many Functions

Need To Be More Than Pragmatic!!

- *To plan patient's care* – MORE tailored patient-centric therapy
- *To prevent – disease* development and progression
- *To predict* – risk of DM
- *To proliferate* – and stimulate new scientific knowledge about DM

AND NEED TO CLASSIFY ACCURATELY

Current DM Classification Failing

(Certainly appropriate with knowledge available when current classification adopted)

BUT WE'VE LEARNED SO MUCH MORE

- Immune destruction of β -cells / and Insulin Resistance is used as basis of distinction between T1D, and T2D and all other sub-types of DM
- Diagnosis is often *imprecise*
 - *Flatbush DM- present in DKA- 'turn out to be T2DM'*
 - *LADA- Adults who look like 'typical T1DM'*
 - *Antibody positive who look like 'T2DM'*
 - *T1DM with Insulin Resistance (like T2DM)*

ie: Complicated by extensive overlap

yet distinct differences in etiology and phenotype

Literature Review

- Distinction between T1 and T2 – 5 papers (4 in young people)
- Distinction between diabetes and 'no diabetes' – 3 papers
- Incorrect classification relating to MODY – 4 papers
- Failure to distinguish diabetes by type (e.g. classification just as 'diabetes') – 2 papers
- Failure to recognise LADA, pancreatic diabetes or persistence of foetal haemoglobin – 1 paper each
- Diagnosis of AIDS considered in patients later identified as having diabetes – 1 paper

Definitions: T1D, 'LADA', T2D

May Seem Precise BUT..., Overlapping Phenotypes
In particular :

'LADA'- Ambiguous classification

- Later age; SPIDDM, 'Slowly progressive T1D'
 - 'Slower' destruction of β -cells than T1D
- Antibody positive T2D = 'T1.5D'
 - 'Faster' destruction of β -cells than in T2D
- T-cell abnormal SPIDDM
 - Antibody negative
- Insulin commonly considered the 'go to' drug, even in patients with LADA with retained β -cell function

Comparing Definitions for T1D, 'LADA', T2D

	IMMUNITY	AGE	GENES	BMI	INSULIN THERAPY
T1D In children	Strong +++	child	HLA++	low	Immediate
T1D In adults	++	adult	HLA+	normal	Immediate
LADA	+	adult	HLA	normal	Variable
T2D	weak	adult	?	high	Infrequent

Distinct Etiologies and Characteristics

	T1D	'LADA'	T2D	MODY
Typical Age of Onset	All Ages	Usually Age >30	Adults	Usually Age <25
% of all Diabetes	10%	10%	75%	5%
Typical BMI	Mostly Normal or Thin	Mostly Normal or Overweight	Mostly Overweight or Obese	Mostly normal
Ethnicity	All	All	All	All
Progression to insulin Dependence	Fast (Days/Week)	Latent (Months/Years)	Slow (Years)	Depends on MODY type
Insulin Resistance	Mostly no; ~10% ,yes	Some	Yes	Depends on MODY type
Presence of Autoantibodies	Yes (ICA, IA2, GAD65, IAA)	Yes (mostly GAD65), Some not	Some	No
T cell Reponses to islet proteins	Yes	Yes	No	No
Insulin/ C-peptides Level at diagnosis	Undetectable or extermely low	Low	Normal to High	Normal
Ketoacidosis	Yes	Yes, many not all	Rare	Rare
* Insulin Secretion	Low/null	Varies	Varies	Varies
* Islet Inflammation	Chronic Inflammation	Chronic Inflammation	Chronic Inflammation	None
HLA Link	High	Low	None	None
* TCF7L2 Link	None	In some pop'n, stronger link than T2D	?5%	None
Other Genes Involved	<i>PTPN22; INS; CTLA4; CCR5; FOXP3;CLEC16a HNF1A; IL2RA; IL6; ITPR3; OAS1; SUMO4</i>	<i>PTPN22; INS</i>	<i>PPARG; JAZF1; KCNJ11; NOTCH2; WFS1; IGF2BP2; FTO; SLC30A8; HHEX</i>	<i>HNF4A; GCK; HNF1A; IPF1; HNF1B; NEUROD1</i>
Early Treatment	Insulin required, diet & exercise helpful	Non-Insulin or insulin, diet & exercise helpful	Non-Insulin, diet & increased activity	Gene Specific
Late Treatment	Insulin, diet, exercise	Insulin, pills, diet, exercise	Insulin, pills, diet, exercise	Gene Specific

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TCF7L2 Link	None	Some Pop'n Greater than T2DM	? 5%	None

Diabetes is a Continuum OF β -cell FUNCTION

SO ISSUE IS LESS
'What is LADA?'

ISSUE IS WHAT ARE
MECHANISMS
And RATE OF
DESTRUCTION OF
 β -cells

In ALL PATIENTS
WITH DIABETES-
?Improve therapy!!

Trends in Endocrinology and Metabolism September 2014, Vol. 25, No. 9

Leif Groop, Can genetics improve precision of therapy in diabetes?

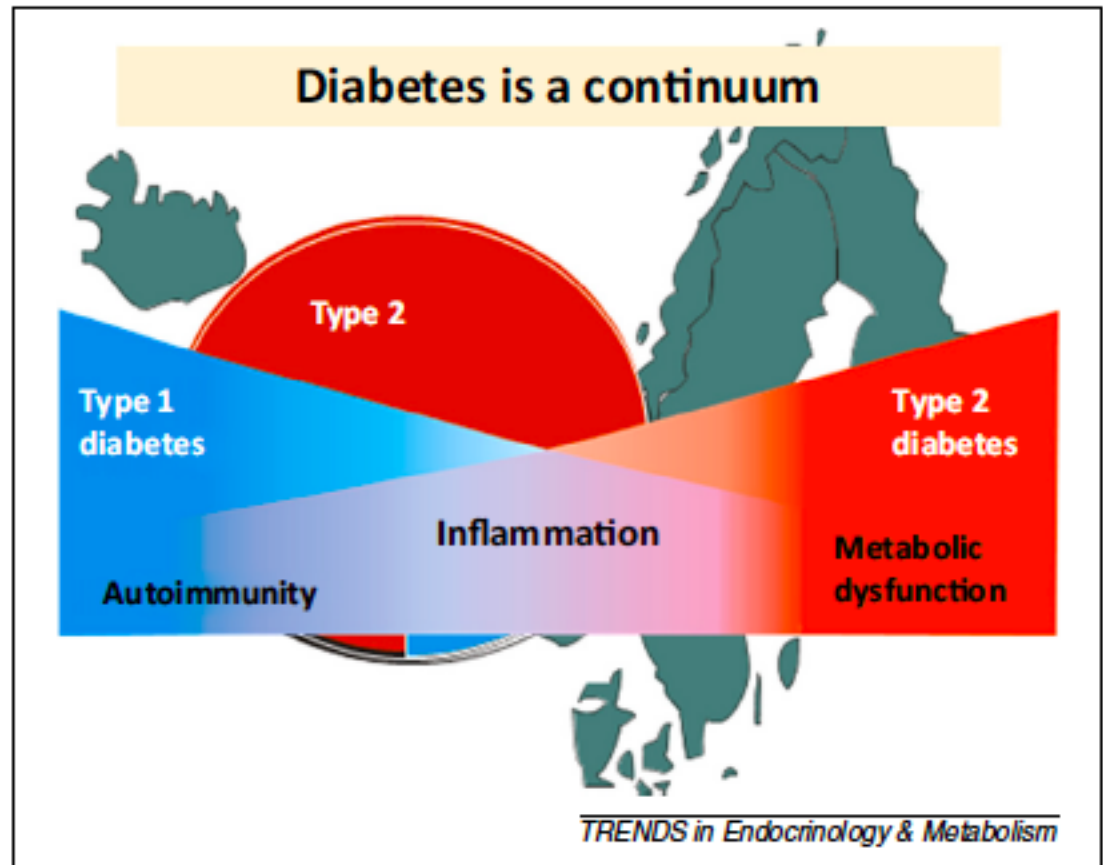


Figure 2. Diabetic disease as a continuum. Type 1 diabetes (T1D) and type 2 diabetes (T2D) most likely represent extremes on a continuum of diabetic subgroups with autoimmunity and T1D to the left and T2D with metabolic syndrome to the right. In between there are latent autoimmune diabetes in adults (LADA) patients and other subgroups that are insufficiently characterized by current diagnostic means.

Summary

- Current definitions are **imprecise and ambiguous**
 - Complicated by **overlapping characteristics** (e.g. T1D with T2D parents, or, T2D with antibodies-no insulin)
 - Don't take into account **newer understandings** of causes of DM/
mechanisms of hyperglycemia
- Need to focus on preservation/ improvement of β -cell function
Insulin is overused in patients with retained β -cell function
- Multiple mediating pathways of hyperglycemia
are not taken into account in choice of treatment
- Gov't and payers limit coverage for therapies based on 'diagnosis'

THUS....

Call to Action

- There is a need for a **nomenclature for the classification and diagnosis** of DM that is **in line with up-to-date** knowledge of pathophysiology and newer therapies,
- That supports individualized (**PRECISION**) medicine
- And creates and **targets regimens** that build upon all available treatment options, for the **multiple mediating pathways** of hyperglycemia
- **Forces** , by the logic of the new system, **gov't and insurers to pay** for the logical, effective, safe therapies
- Can **accommodate future** developments

The β -Cell Centric Classification of DM

Intuitively obvious approach...

ANSWERS THE CALL TO ACTION

ALL DM = Hyperglycemia

Classify each patient by the **specific cause(s)** of the β -cell dysfunction in the clinical presentation of their disease

Prescribe personalized treatment
(patient-centric/ PRECISION MEDICINE)

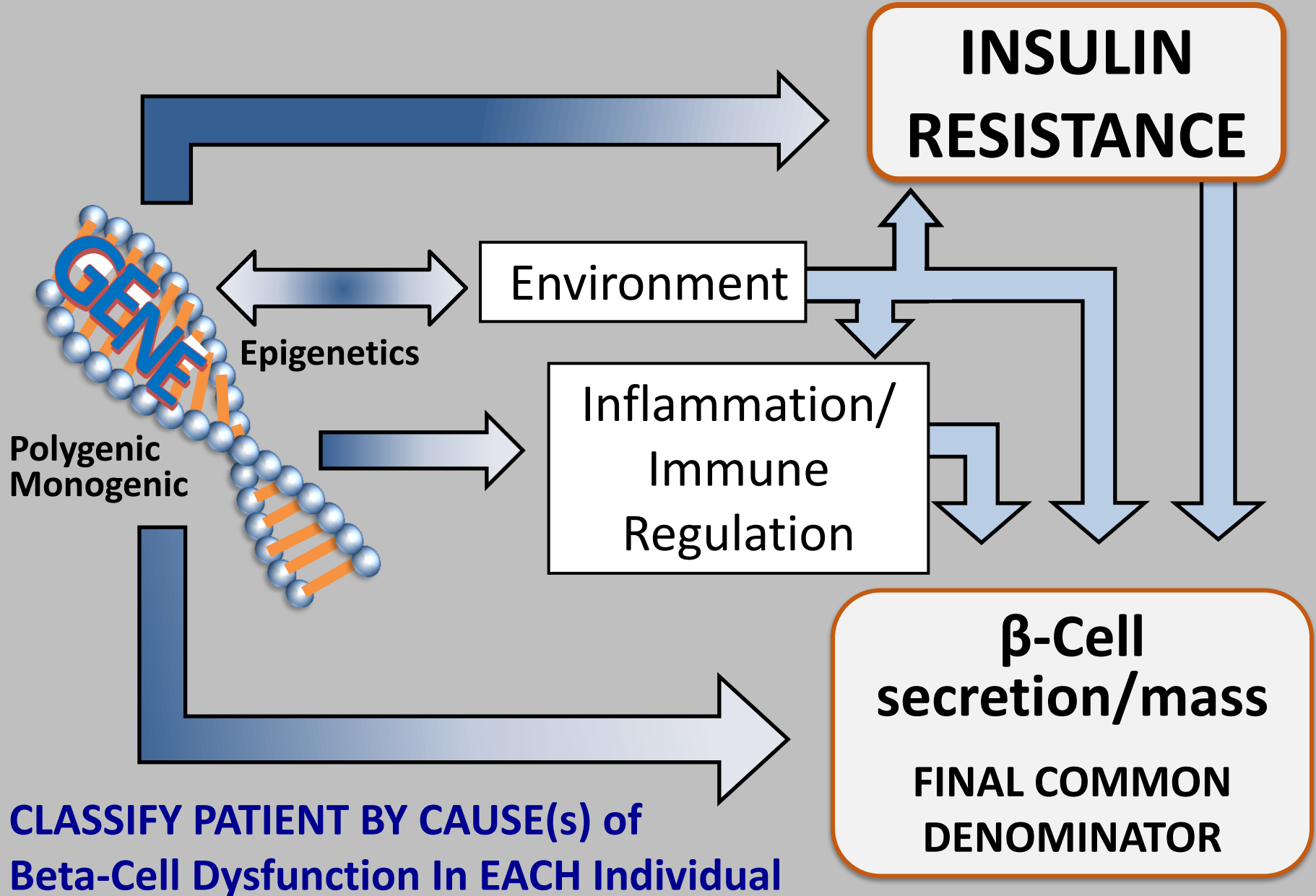
through **targeted therapies**

aimed at all possible mediating pathways of hyperglycemia

The ' β -Cell Centric' Classification will help improve
diagnosis and treatment,
especially as our knowledge-base expands

β -Cell Centric Classification of Diabetes:

Implications for Classification, Diagnosis, Prevention, Therapy, Research



Pushback

- What about 'pure' Insulin Resistance Syndromes?

The β -Cell:

The 'Final Common Denominator'

- Rare Insulin Resistance Syndromes, e.g. leprechaunism, may not have a specific β -cell genetic defect, but β -cells damage may be part of the disease

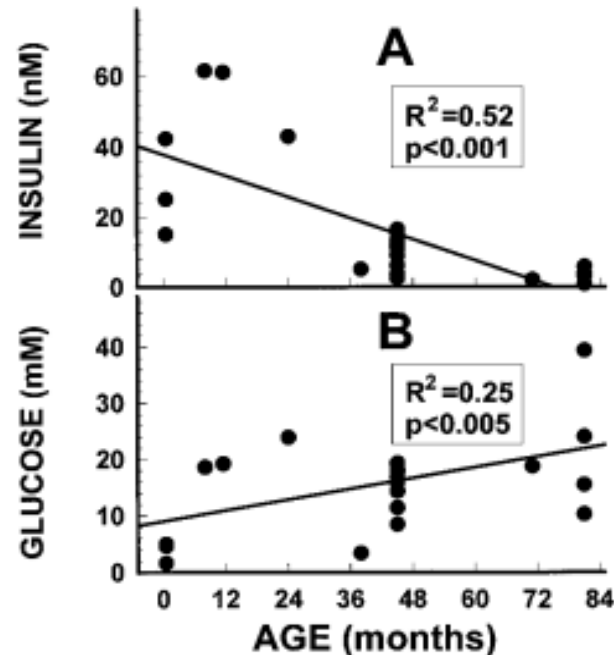


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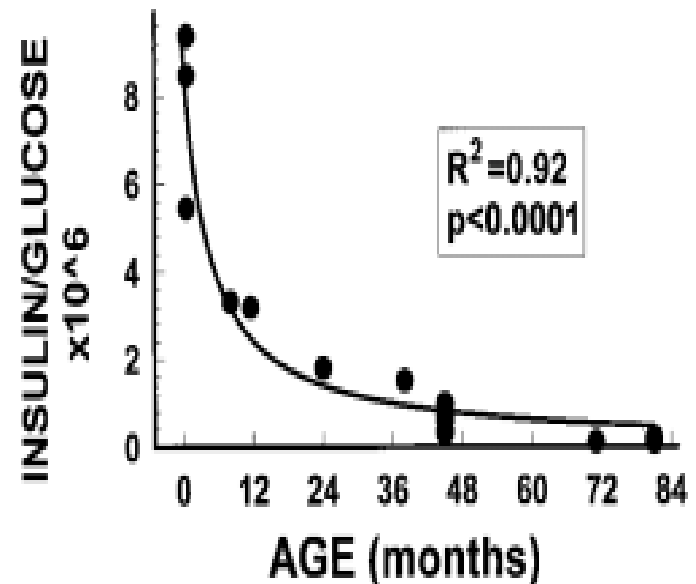


FIG. 4. Exponential decline in the insulin/glucose ratio in Rabson-Mendenhall syndrome. The insulin (nanomoles per L)/glucose (millimoles per L) ratio was plotted as a function of age and fitted to an exponential equation. Significance was determined using ANOVA.

Pushback-2

(I comment As First Recipient of the Bobby Clarke JDF fellowship 😊)

Loss of 'T1DM' Designation WILL NOT take away from
Focus on 'the CURE'

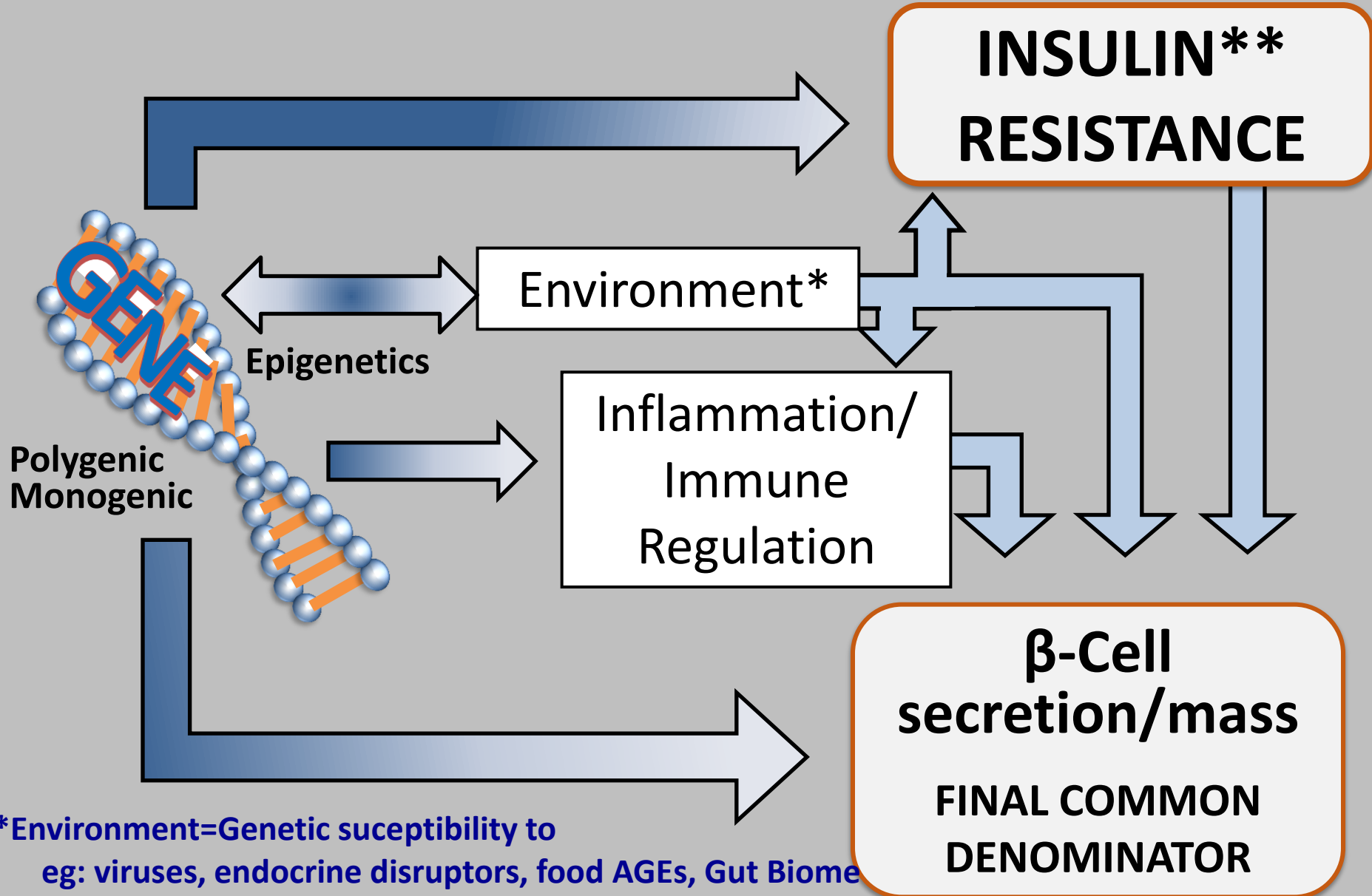
**New Classification will
FACILITATE SEARCH FOR 'THE CURE''**

(focusing on **mechanisms** that **slow** the injury/destruction of the b-cell in 'T1-LADA', or **speed** destruction in 'T2-LADA'etc

Actually , 'Juvenile Diabetes' Fits better, again 😊

β -Cell Centric Classification of Diabetes:

Implications for Classification, Diagnosis, Prevention, Therapy, Research



*Environment=Genetic susceptibility to
eg: viruses, endocrine disruptors, food AGEs, Gut Biome

**Insulin Resistance= Centrally Induced, Peripheral, Stress Hormones, Gut Biome

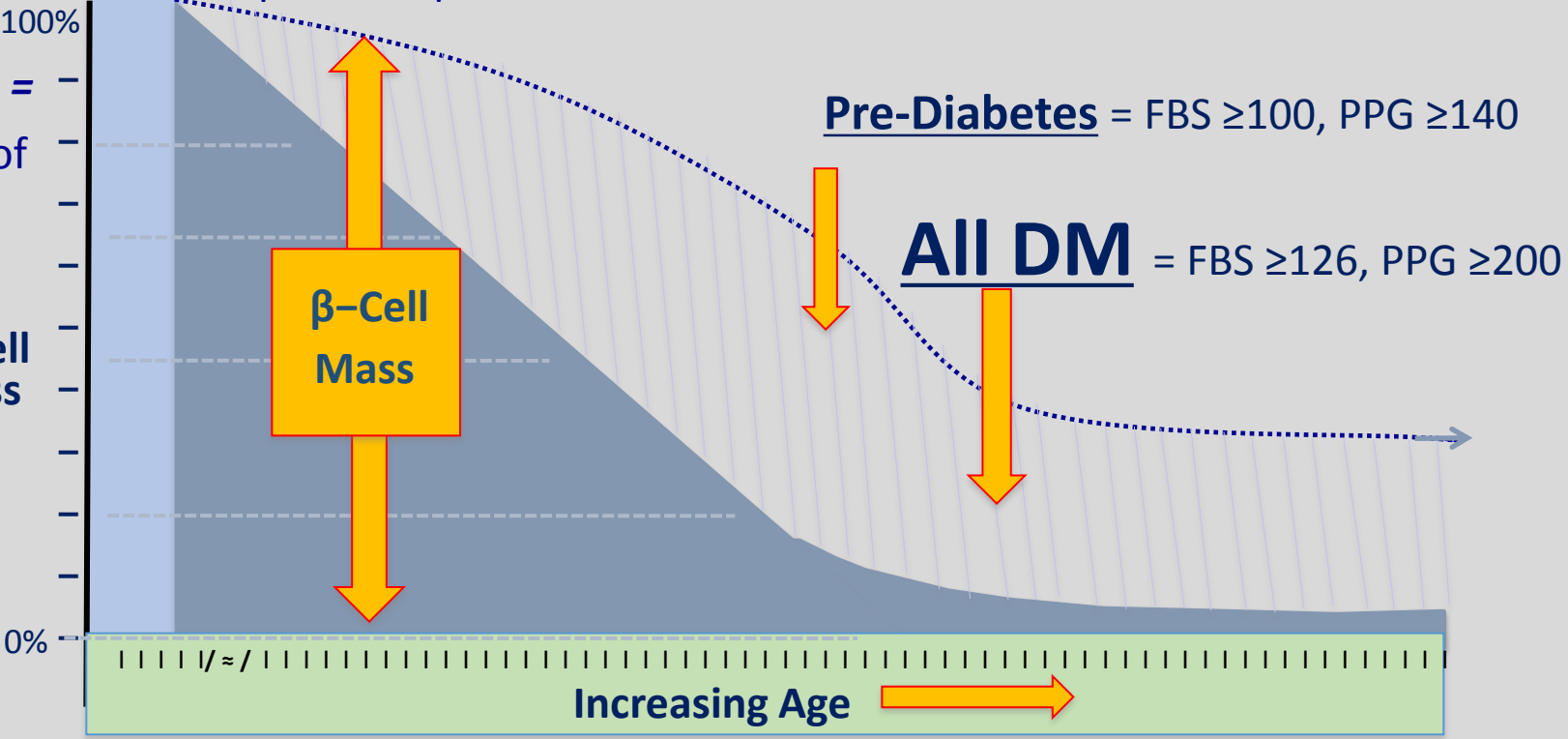
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% β -Cell Mass



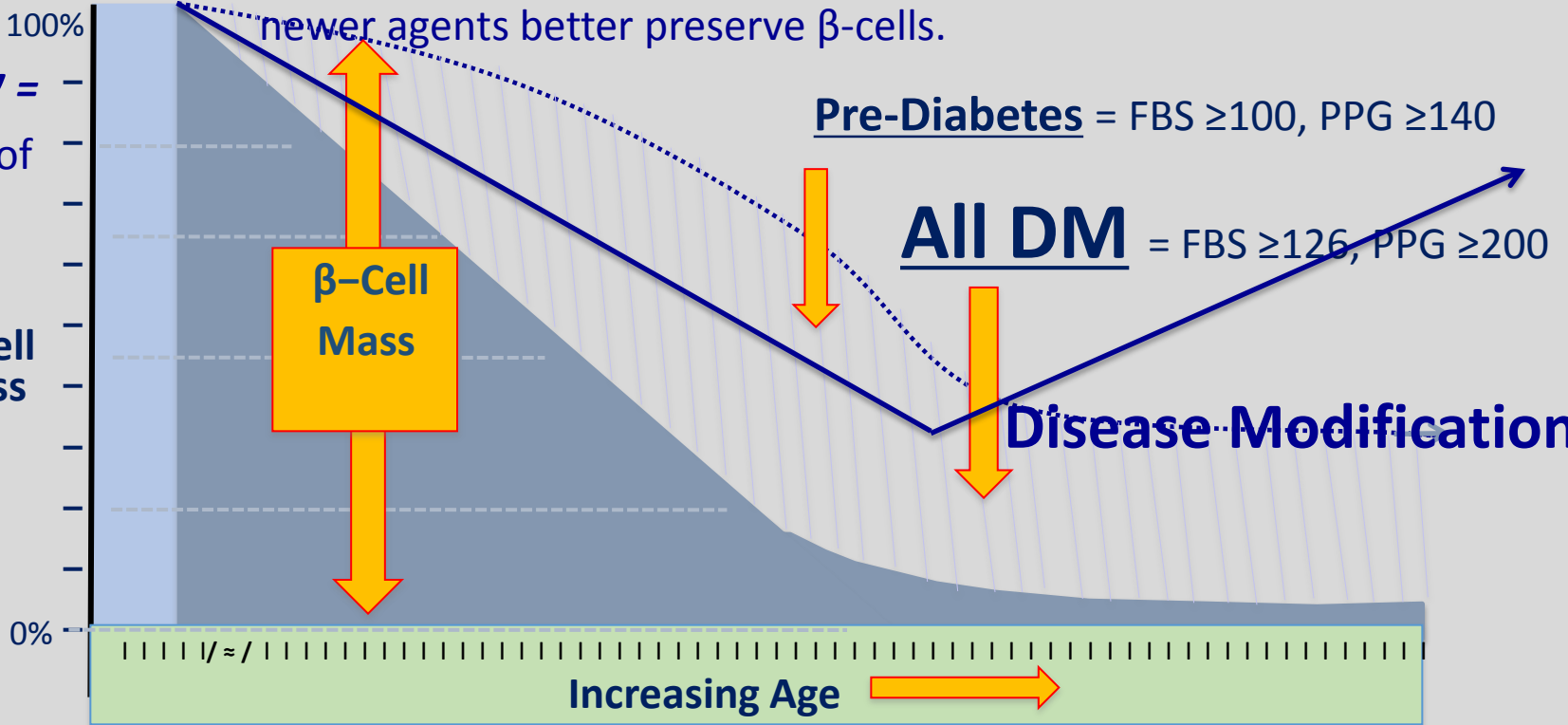
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β-Cell Centric Classification of DM:

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The β-cell centric classification allows for individualized care

by identifying and treating patient-specific etiologies

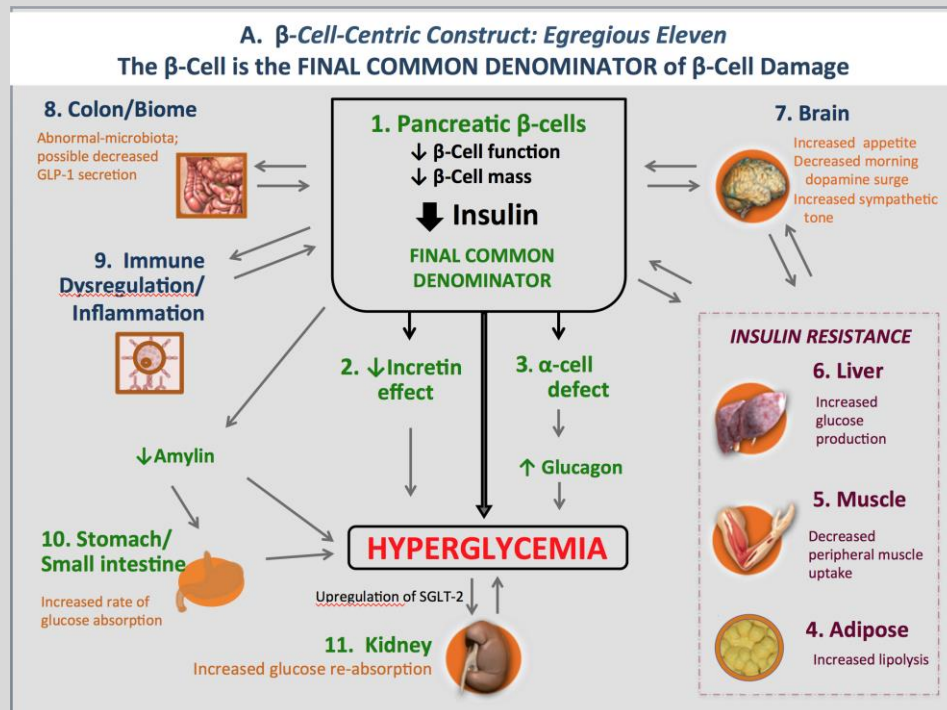
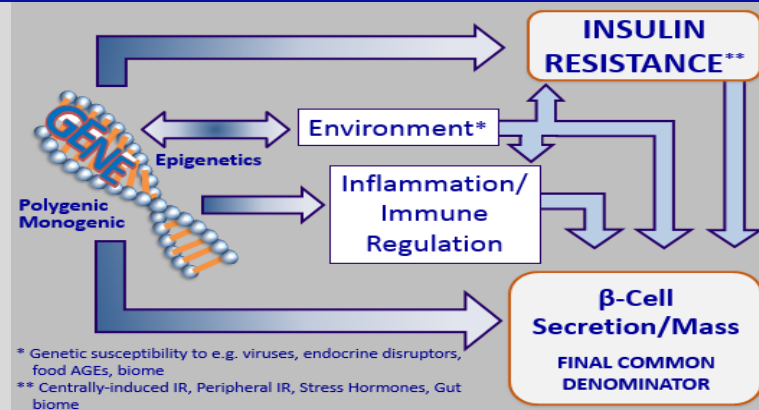
and mediating pathways of hyperglycemia

EGREGIOUS ELEVEN

1. One CORE Defect- the β-Cell

1. (at least) 6 treatable Causes of β-Cell Damage / HYPERGLYCEMIA

3. 5 treatable mediators of HYPERGLYCEMIA resulting from β-Cell Damage



A. β -Cell-Centric Construct: Egregious Eleven

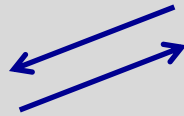
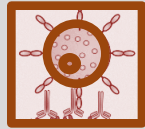
The β -Cell is the FINAL COMMON DENOMINATOR of β -Cell Damage

8. Colon/Biome

Abnormal-microbiota;
possible decreased
GLP-1 secretion



9. Immune Dysregulation/ Inflammation



10. Stomach/ Small intestine

Increased rate of
glucose absorption



↓ Amylin



1. Pancreatic β -cells

↓ β -Cell function
↓ β -Cell mass

↓ **Insulin**

**FINAL COMMON
DENOMINATOR**

2. ↓ Incretin
effect

3. α -cell
defect

↑ Glucagon

HYPERGLYCEMIA

Upregulation of SGLT-2

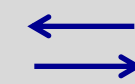
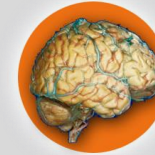
11. Kidney

Increased glucose re-absorption



7. Brain

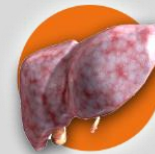
Increased appetite
Decreased morning
dopamine surge
Increased sympathetic
tone



INSULIN RESISTANCE

6. Liver

Increased
glucose
production



5. Muscle

Decreased
peripheral muscle
uptake



4. Adipose

Increased lipolysis



Brief Discussions

- Genetics
- Beta-Cell
- Immune Modulation/Inflammation
- Insulin Resistance
- Environment

New β -Cell Centric Construct: *Implications*

Genetics 101 for DM

Phenotype is *DEPENDENT ON*

Genotype:

Number of Genes- which genes- their nature, how many different ones, the 'severity/intensity' of expression!; epigenetics*

i.e: **Genes influence:**

B-Cell: Insulin secretory dynamics, sites of susceptibility of β -Cell to destruction by endogenous/ exogenous triggers

Immune Modulation/Inflammation

Insulin Resistance

Environment

(susceptibility to DM COMPLICATIONS)

*Int J Biochem Cell Biol. 2015 May 27. pii: S1357-2725(15)00143-0. doi: 10.1016/j.biocel.2015.05.022. [Epub ahead of print]

Epigenetic dynamics in immunity and autoimmunity. Zhao M1, Wang Z1, Yung S2, Lu Q. ;

Understanding type 2 diabetes: from genetics to epigenetics. Raciti GA, Longo M, Parrillo L, Ciccarelli M, Mirra P, Ungaro P, Formisano P, Miele C, Béguinot F. Acta Diabetol. 2015 Apr 5.

Genotyping

- Genotyping should be used for research (cost ~\$100) and later as diagnostic markers on custom chips (even LESS)
- Use for **Pharmacogenetics** should help guide choice of treatment
- Find Gene action/ Function - Leads to understanding mechanisms
 - e.g.: *TCF7L2*; Potential Therapy re: PARP-1 Inhibitor, other
 - Other Gene/Mechanism/ Therapy
 - low BMR- results in morbid obesity
 - Asian/ Eastern Europeans- store more Visceral Fat at Lower BMI
 - ? **PREVENT T2DM-*SLC30A8***
 - **Increase RISK- *TBC1D4* (Greenland)**

Systematic review: Pharmacogenetics of type II diabetes

Pharmacogenetics:

Which agents most likely
to be effective
in a given patient

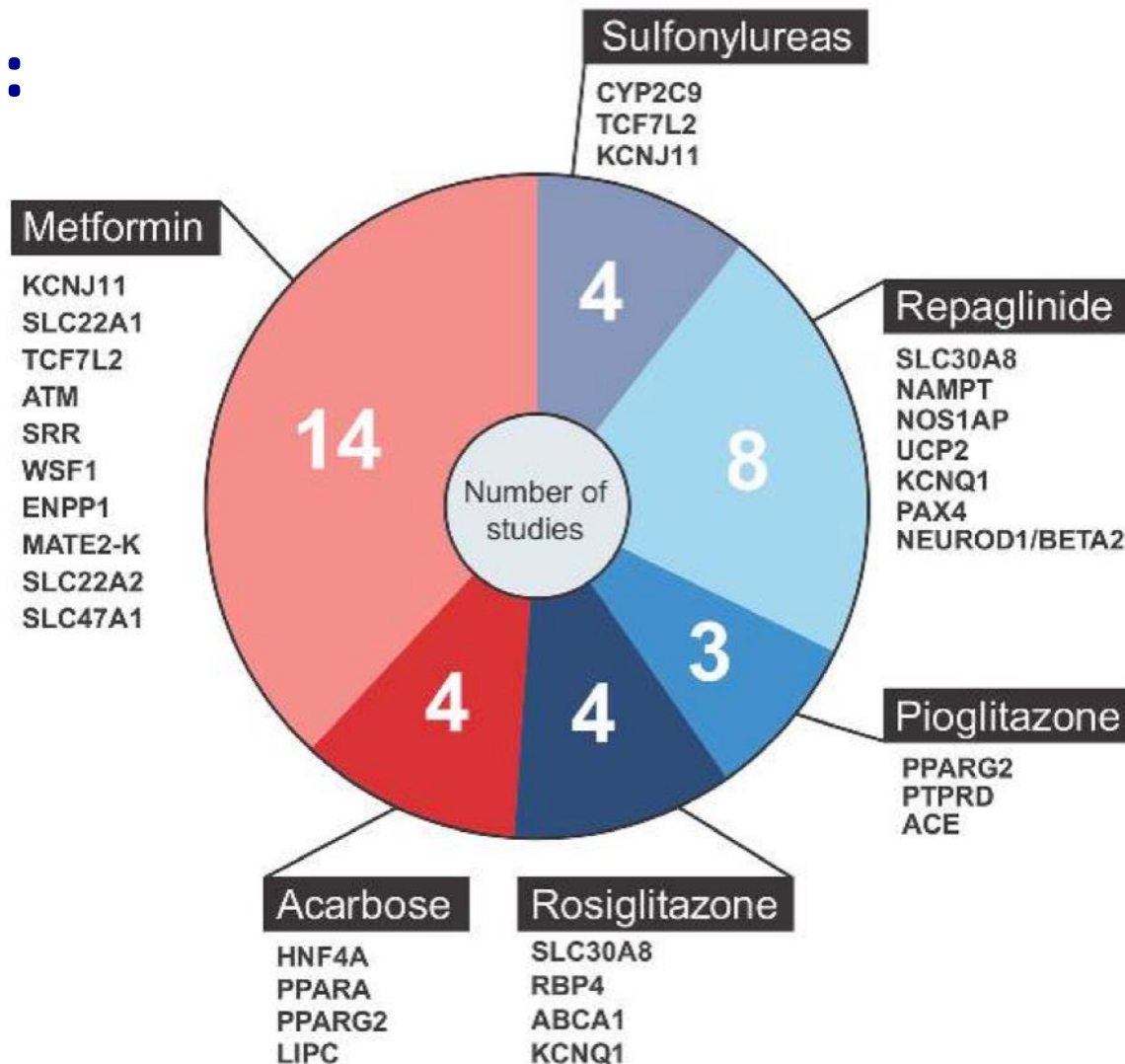
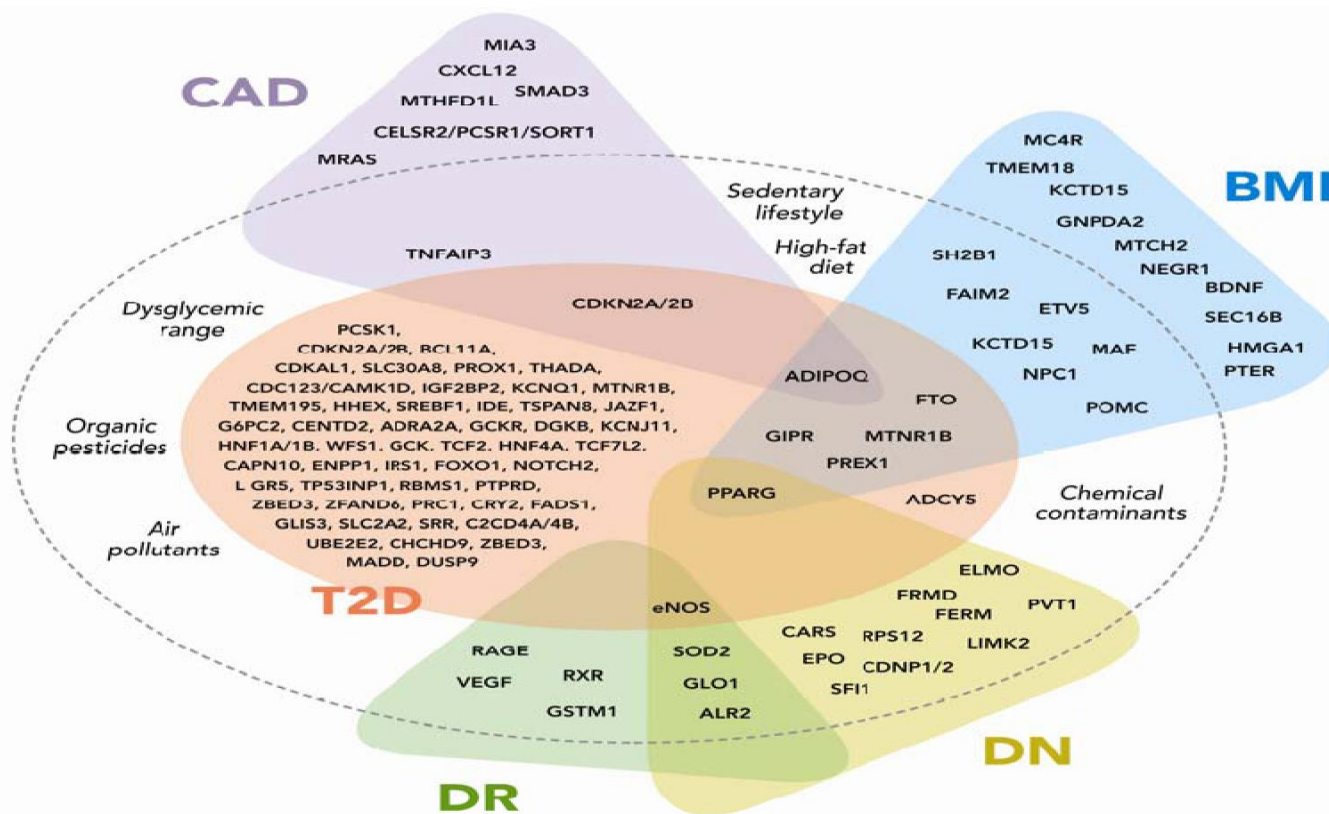


Fig. 1 Summary of the pharmacokinetic, pharmacodynamic and regulatory genes involved in significant gene–drug interaction in response to antidiabetic medication (adapted from Maruthur *et al.* [10]).

Gene/ Environment Interactions with DM and its Complications: some in common to both



Genes related to b-cells and complication risk may be the Same Or Different

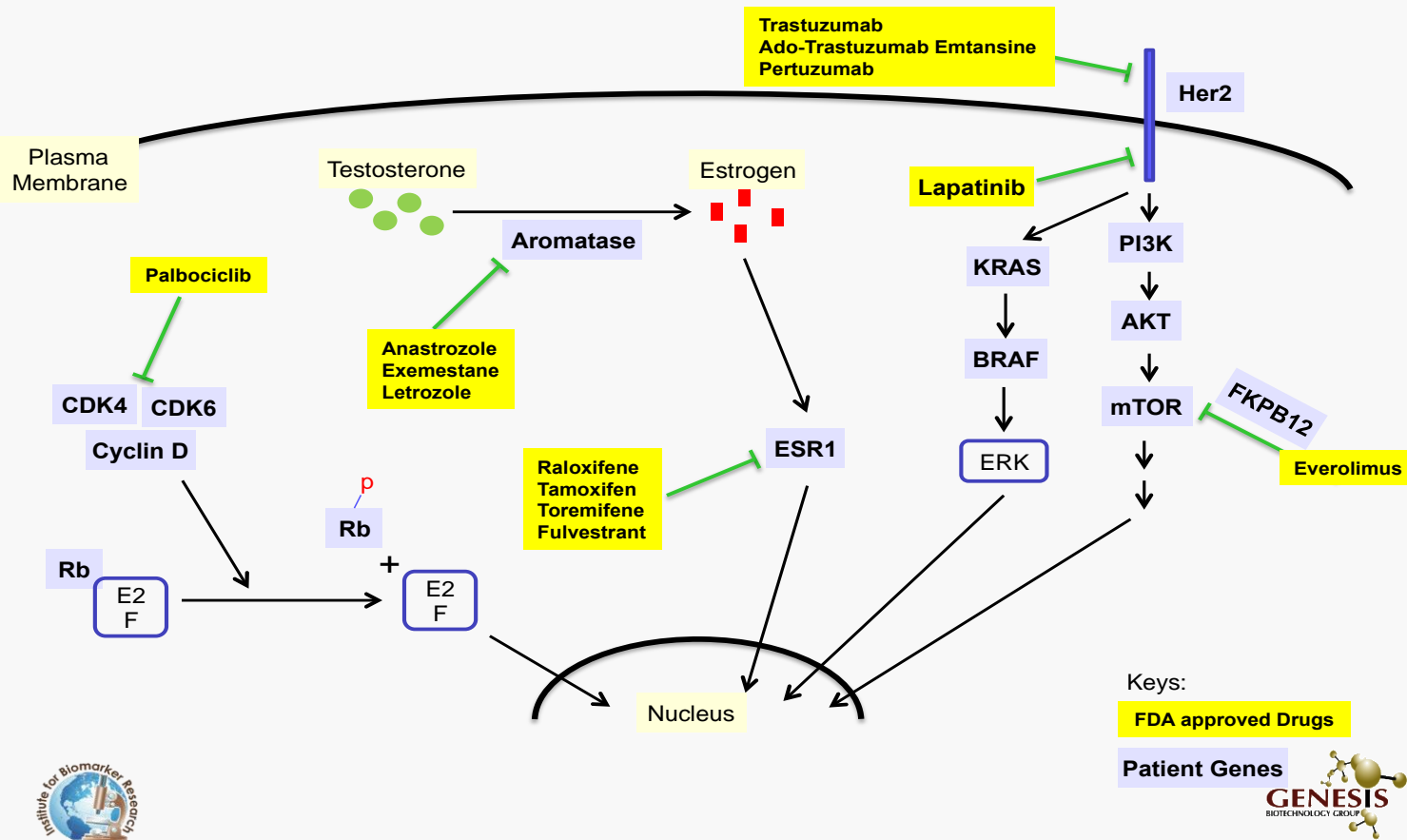
Figure 1. Interplay between genes and environmental/behavioral factors in the development of type 2 diabetes and related vascular complications. Variability in diabetes and obesity-related genes predispose to type 2 diabetes (T2D) and diabetic vascular complications such as coronary artery disease (CAD), diabetic nephropathy (DN), and diabetic retinopathy (DR). Behavioral (e.g., sedentary lifestyle, high-fat diet) and environmental factors (e.g., organic pesticides, chemical exposures, and air pollutants) have complementary effects on the development of type 2 diabetes. Additional genes are associated with CAD and body mass index (BMI) in the general population, without demonstrable effects on the risk of T2D.

Can picture Genomics CHIP for DM as developed for Breast Cancer-

multi-gene assay applied to paraffin-embedded breast cancer tissue, which allows physicians to predict subgroups of hormone-receptor-positive, node-negative patients who may benefit from hormonal therapy alone or require adjuvant chemotherapy to attain the best survival outcome

Molecular Mammoscan

Ex Vivo Functional Pharmacogenomic Assay



Could put other ' Markers on same chip, eg:

Proteinomics, Metabolomics, miRNAs, islet DNA,

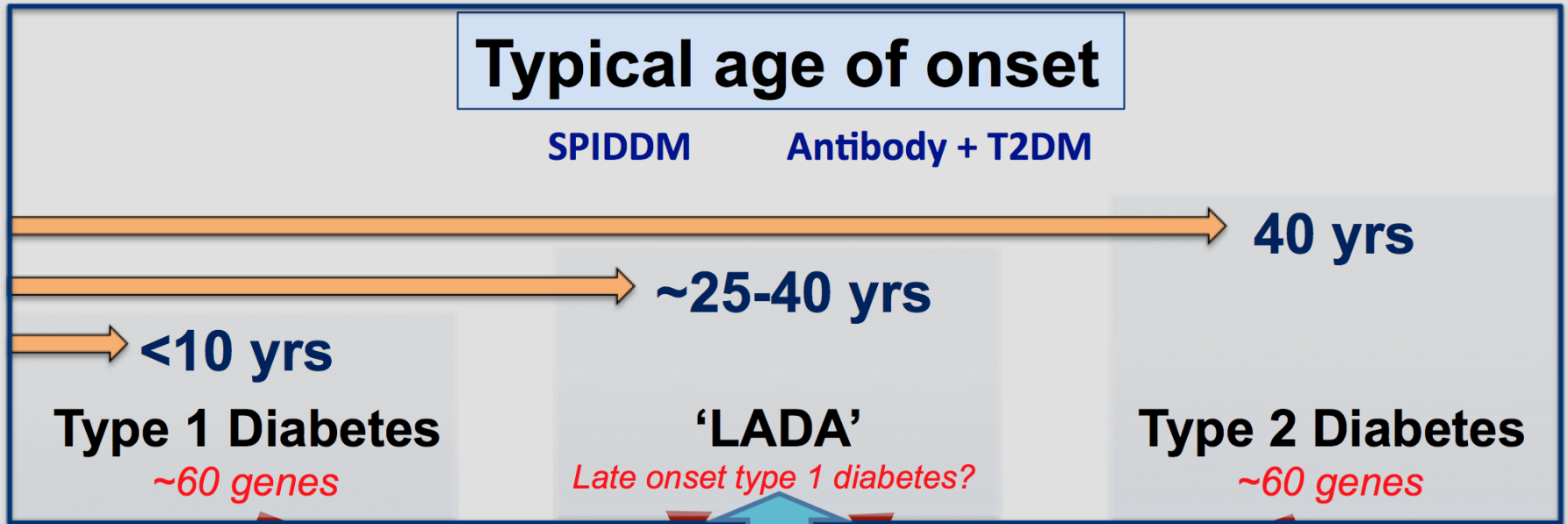
IR markers, inflam., Immune markers

As/when validated



Genetics of 'LADA'

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HLA

**We are looking for
LADA-Specific Genes**

TCF7L2

**No genes in
common**

And Same Genes (or other
T1DM –associated genes)

May be over-represented/ present in
'T2DM- Like' LADA patients

Eg:

We have found
'typical' T1DM genes,
(Whose defects destroy b-cells)
Whose ABSENSE may result in delay of T1DM,
Thus = 'Type 1-Like' LADA

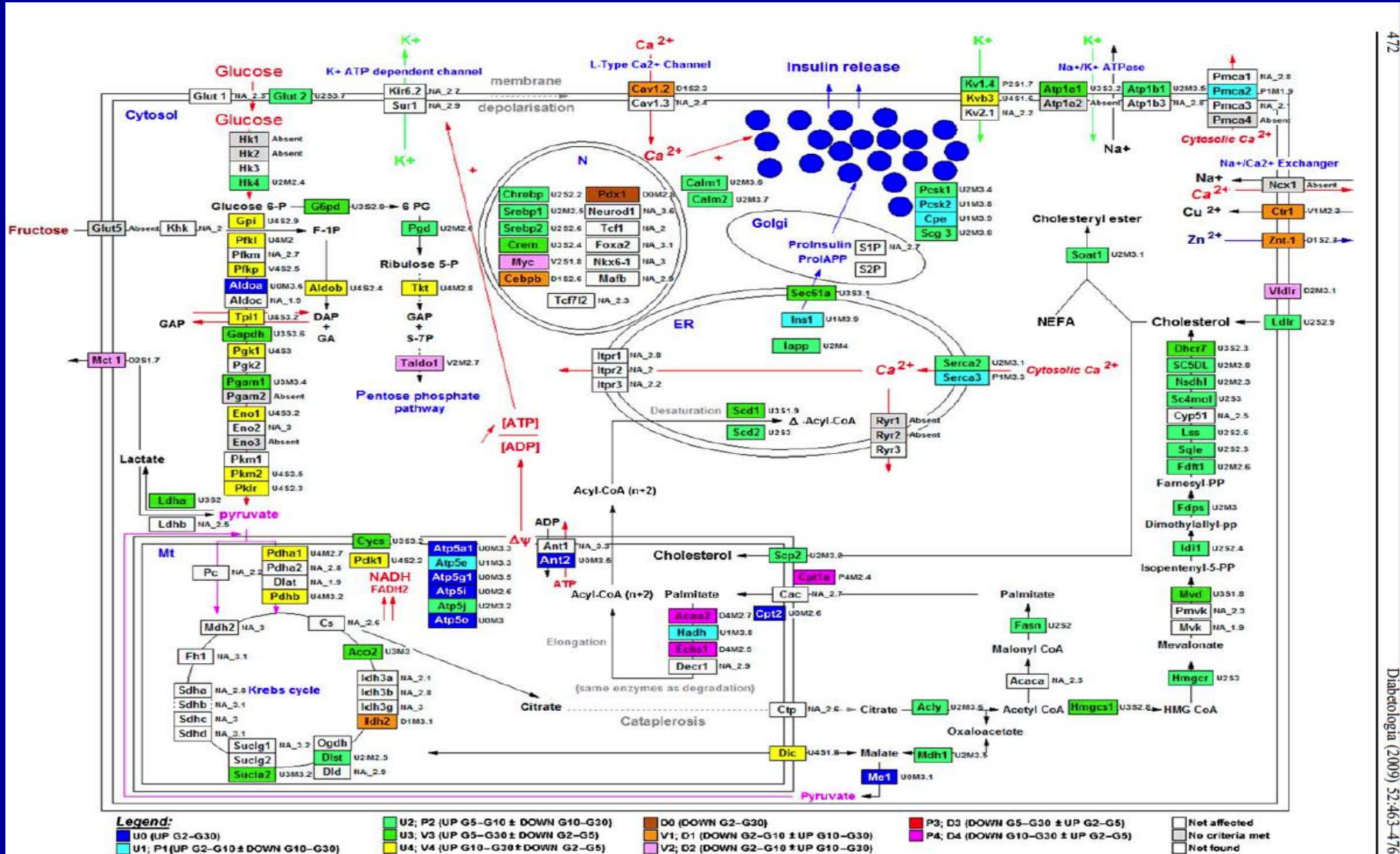
Slow Destruction of B-Cells in T1DM-like LADA; Fast Destruction of B-Cells in T2DM-Like LADA

New β -Cell Centric Construct: *Implications*

β -cell Issues

- Usual use of Glycemic Criteria- HgA1c, FBS, PPG
- Markers-Usual/Classic= C-Peptide
- New Non-Invasive
 - **β -Cell Mass Measures-**
 - Nano-particle labeled exendin imaging
 - **Circulating DNA Markers of β -Cell Destruction**
Glazer- Hebrew Univ
 - **Circulating mRNAs**
- **Try to Determine Mono-Genetic Causes**
NO LOGIC FOR USE OF AGENTS THAT MAY CONTRIBUTE TO APOPTOSIS
of β -Cell
STOP USING SU's, GLINIDES; Minimize INSULIN THERAPY

Be aware of all the Secretory Dynamic Pathways involved, AND GENES INVOLVED



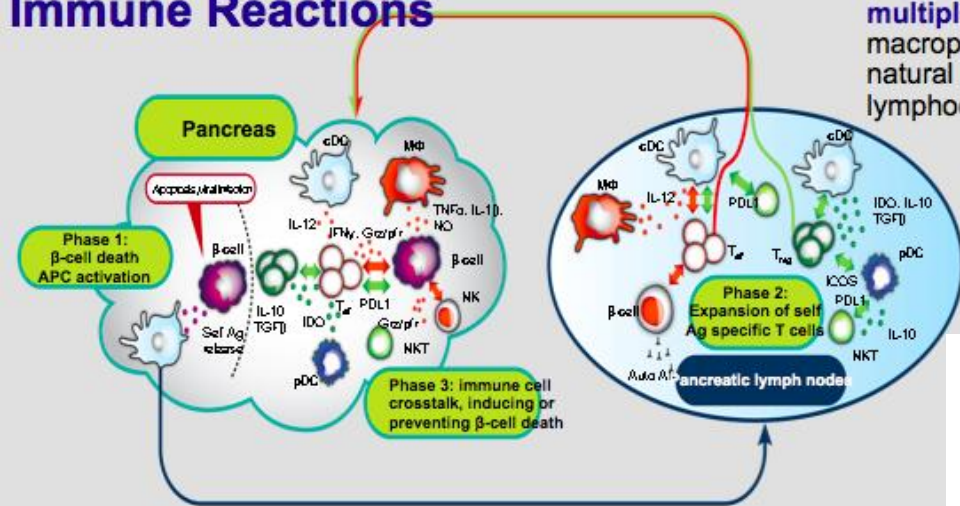
New β -Cell Centric Construct: *Implications*

Inflammation/ Immune Dysregulation Issues-ALL DM



β Cells are Destroyed by Innate (macrophages/cytokines) and Adaptive (T-cell/ antibody) Immune Reactions

β -cells are destroyed via multiple interactions between macrophages, dendritic cells, natural killer cells, and lymphocytes¹

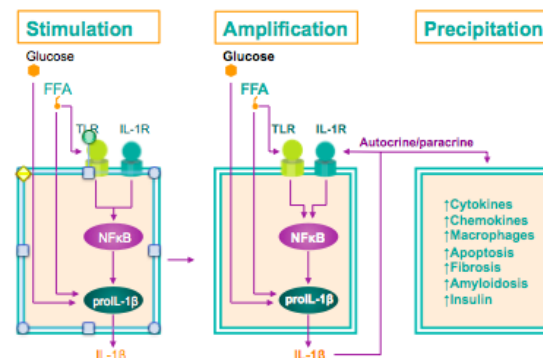


Same Processes for T1DM, T2DM

- Same AND Different Triggers



Cytokines, Inflammation, and Metabolic Stress May Play a Role in β -cell Apoptosis in T2DM



Initiation of a broad inflammatory response involves increased β -cell apoptosis

FFA, free fatty acids; IL, interleukin; NF, nuclear factor; T2DM, Type 2 diabetes mellitus; TLR, toll-like receptor

Gut Microbiota Trigger Inflammation/ Immune destruction of B-Cell in 'T1DM'

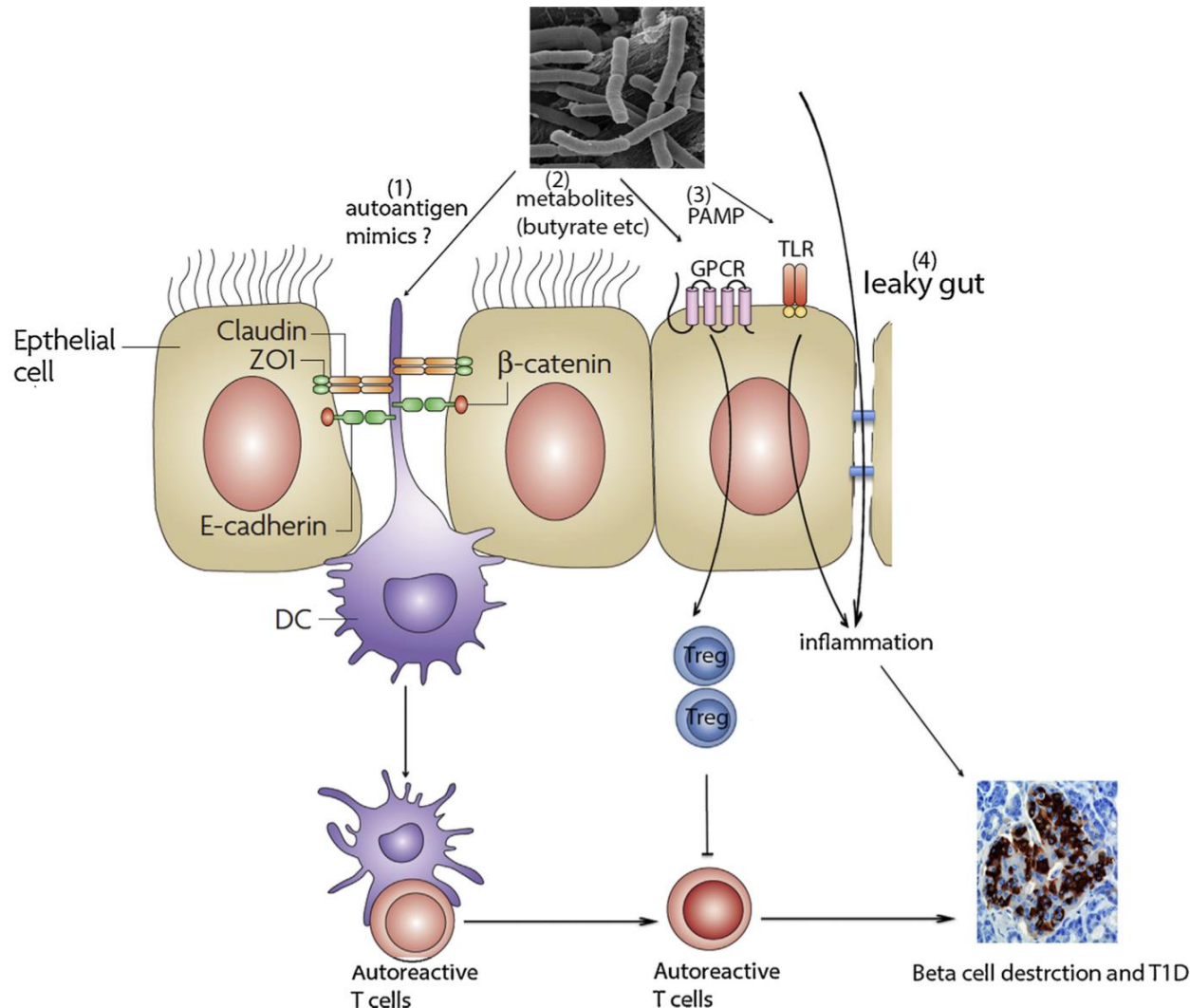
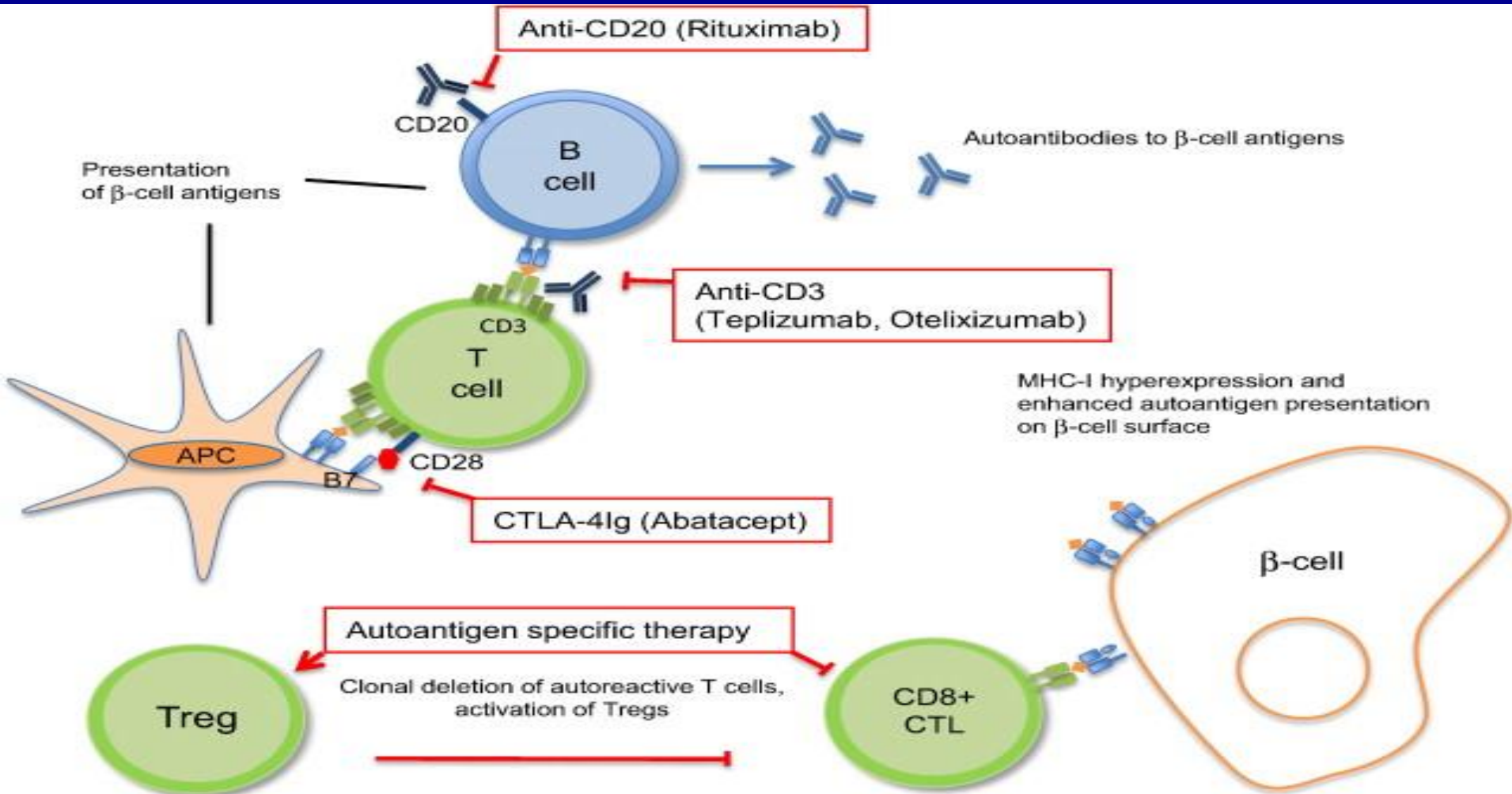


Fig. 1. The role of gut microbiota in the development of T1D. Gut flora can affect islet autoimmunity through mechanisms: (1) expression of autoantigen mimicry to activate autoreactive T cells by antigen-presenting cells to destruct islet beta cells. (2) Generating metabolites, such as acetate, butyrate etc., to induce the differentiation or migration of regulatory T cells to control autoreactivity through GPCR signaling pathway (such as Gpr43). (3) Gut bacteria-derived pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMP) activate TLR signaling pathway to initiate the inflammation, which activates autoreactive T cells and/or directly cause injury to beta cells through inflammatory cytokines. (4) Gut bacteria can penetrate the leaky gut and cause inflammation to destruct beta cells.

Pathogenesis and biological interventions in T1DM- LIKE autoimmune diabetes- Insulinitis

The class I MHC molecules are hyperexpressed on the β -cell surface in T1D patients making β -cells more susceptible to cytotoxic lymphocyte (CTL)-mediated destruction.



Efficacy of Immunotherapy in T1DM: Some Can Delay Decline in C-peptide

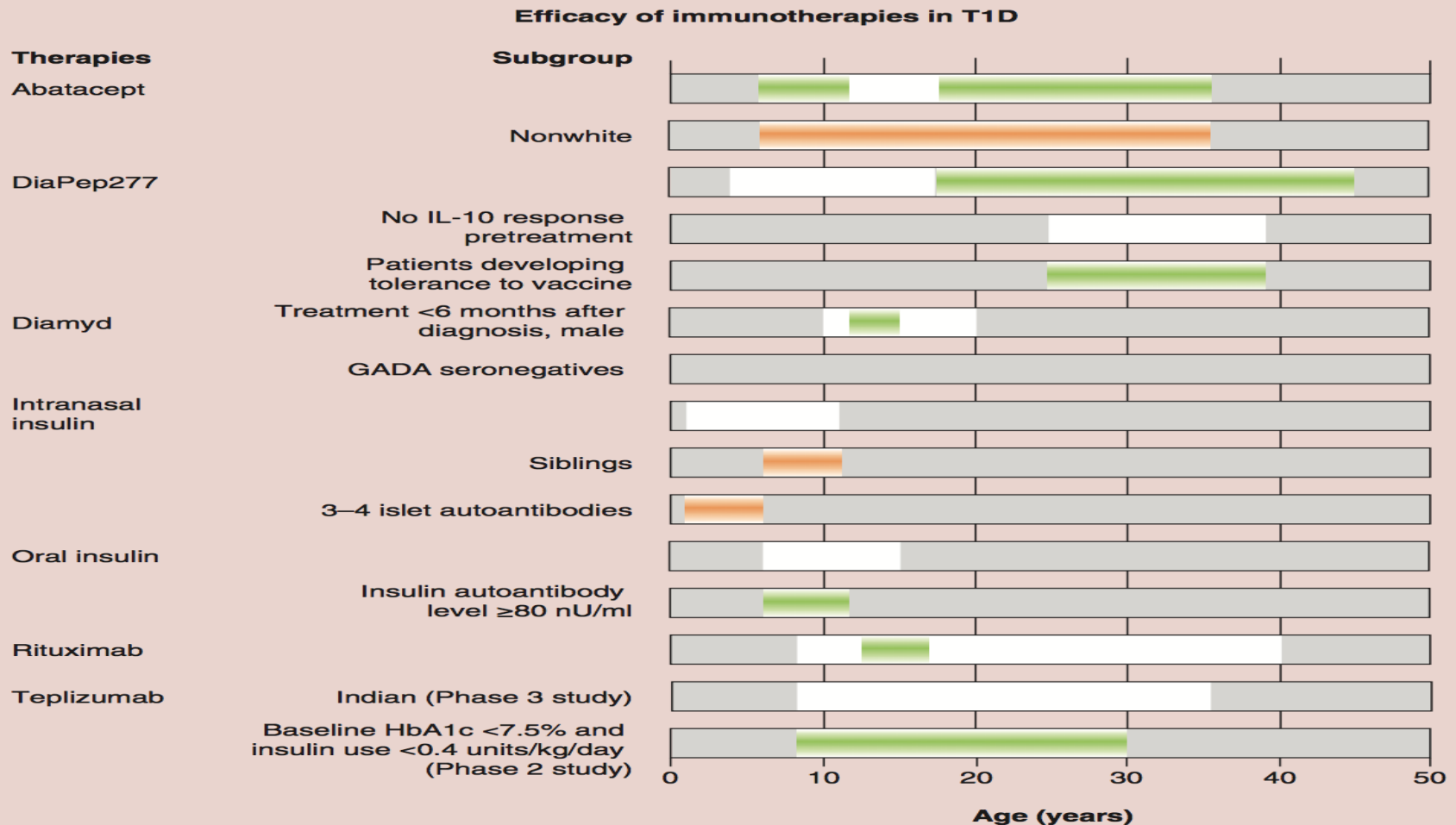


Figure 2. Heterogeneity in efficacy of immunotherapies in Type 1 diabetes. Treatment efficacy is determined by the impact of immunotherapy on decline in stimulated β -cell function as defined by C-peptide production in response to glucose. A positive effect implies delayed decline of C-peptide production upon a given immunotherapy (green). Lack of effect (white) denotes immunotherapy not changing the course of decline in β -cell function compared to placebo-treated subjects, whereas a (tendency of) negative effect implies an accelerated loss in β -cell function in response to intervention therapy (orange).
 GADA: Glutamic acid decarboxylase autoantibodies; T1D: Type 1 diabetes.

Insulin Resistance within the β -Cell Centric Construct

- Insulin Resistance is understood to expose and exacerbate the core β -cell defect
- Genetically- Based
- Exacerbated by Environmental issues: Diet, Activity, Biome
- Includes Multiple Causes of Insulin Resistance

Insulin Resistance Impairs β -Cell Function by:

- Lipo- and gluco-toxicity
- Inflammatory mechanisms
- Adipocytokines effect on β -cell

Insulin Resistance within the β -Cell Centric Construct

- Rare Insulin Resistance Syndromes- eg: leprechaunism may not have a specific β -Cell genetic defect, but β -cells may ultimately suffer damage

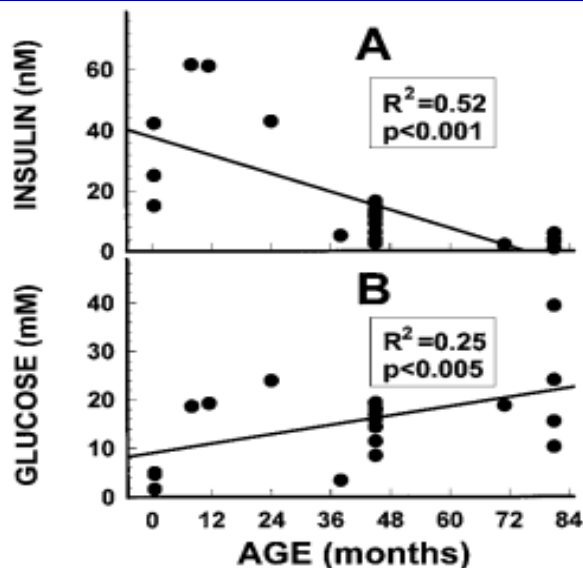


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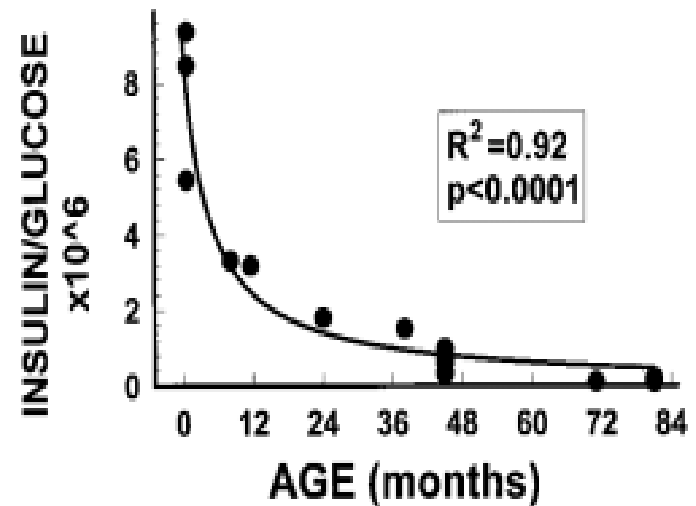
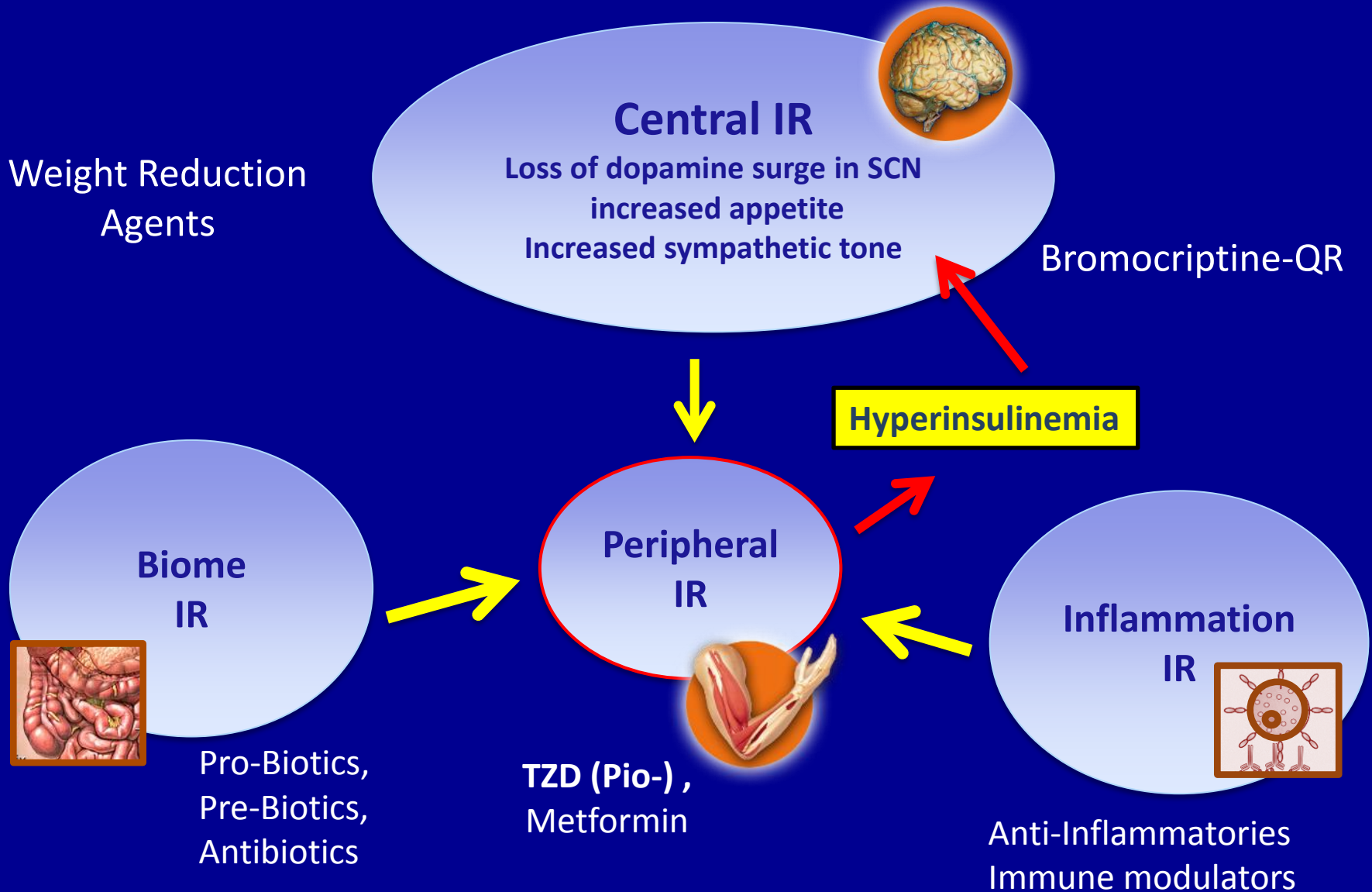
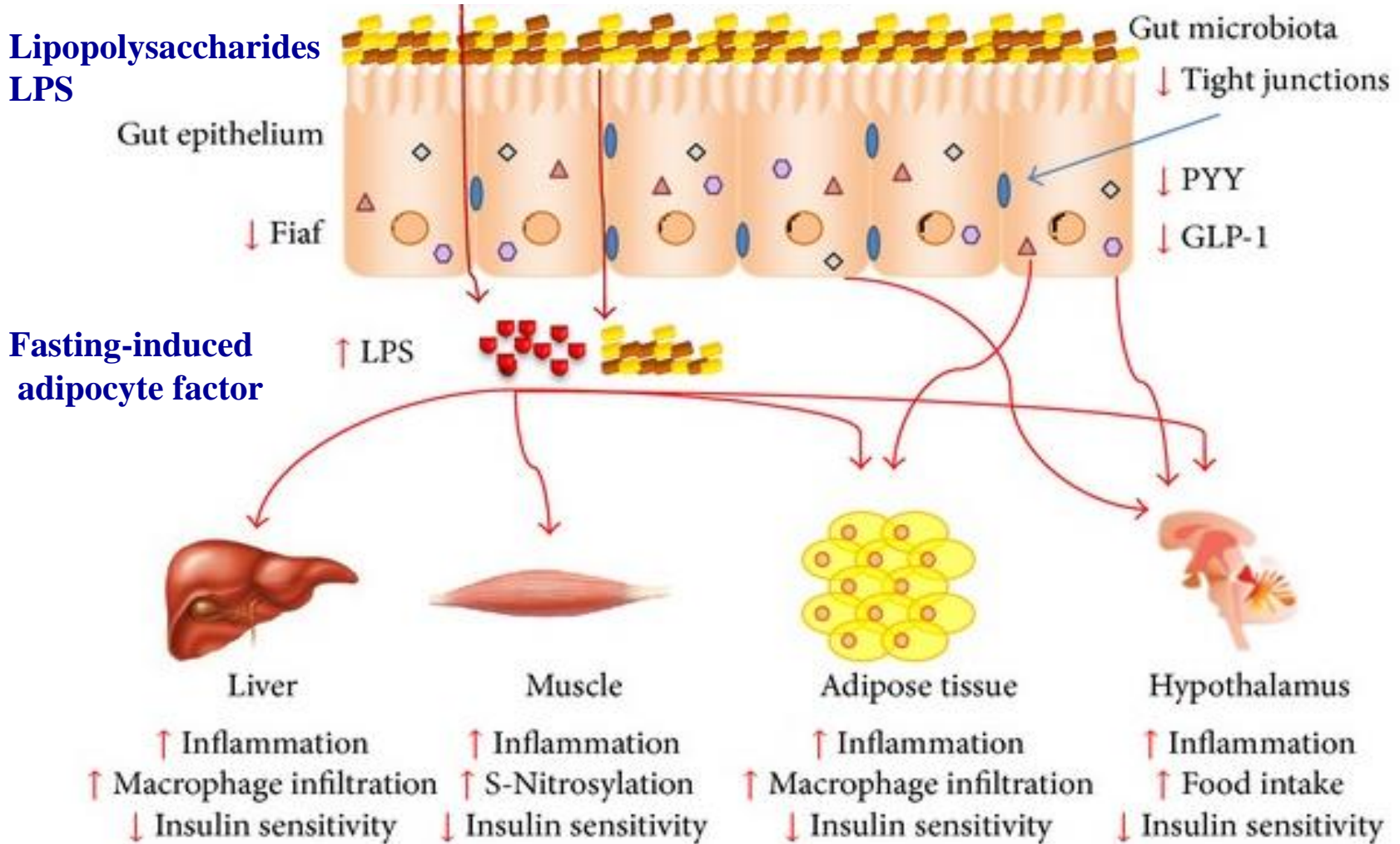


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Potential Causes of Insulin Resistance and Their Interplay



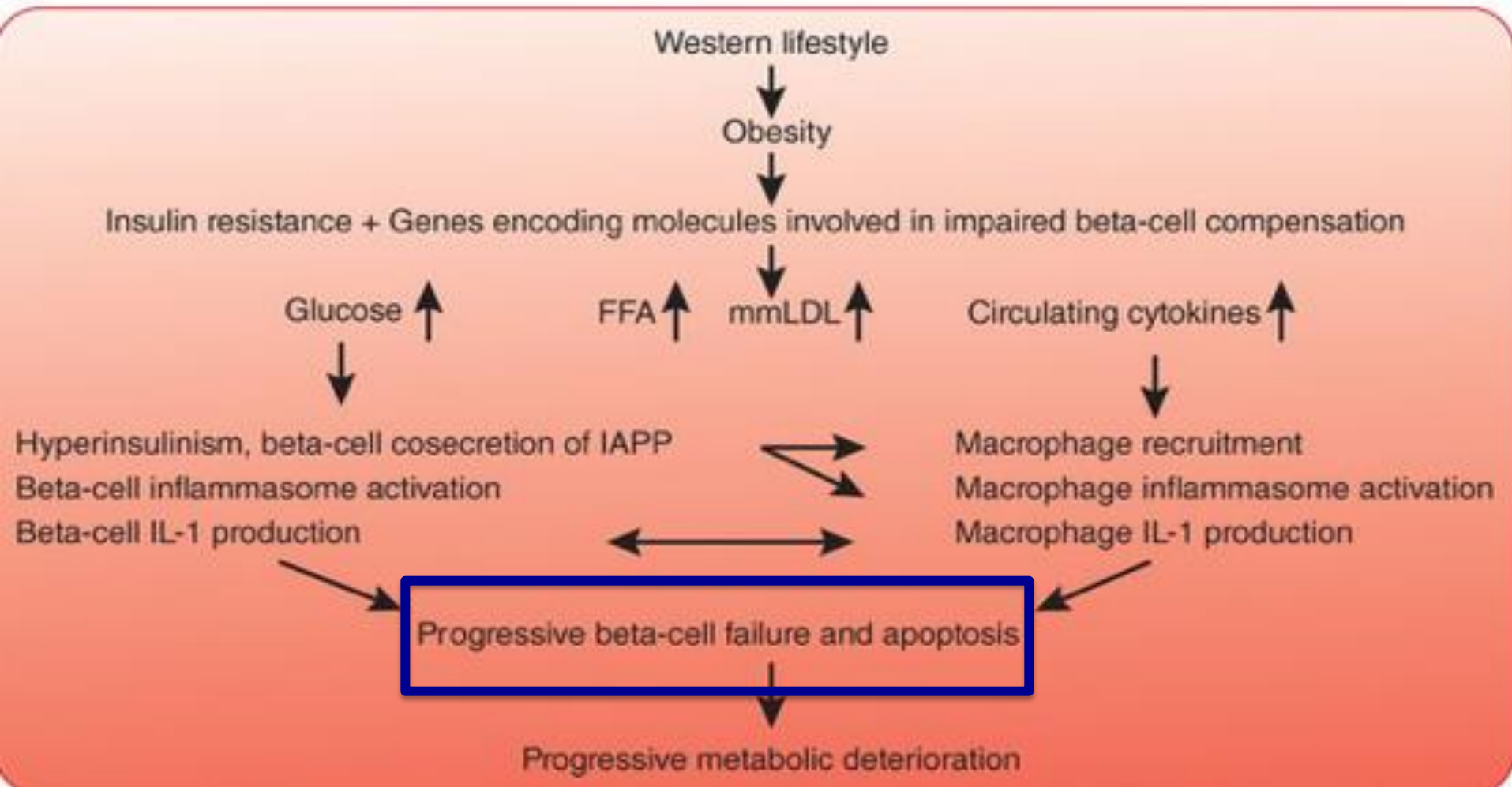
Metabolic Derangement, and Insulin Resistance Associated with Microbiome



Pioglitazone Treats Secondary Adverse Effects of Abnormal Biome

Simplistic Inflammatory and Non-Inflammatory Effects of Insulin Resistance on B-Cell Function

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New β -Cell Centric Construct: *Implications*

Environmental Risk Factors in T1D/T2D, ? 'LADA'

T1D

- Seasonality at diagnosis
- Migrants assume risk of host country
- Risk factors from case-control studies
 - Hormones
 - Stress
 - Improved Hygiene
 - Infant/childhood diet
 - Viruses – exposures as early as in utero
 - Vitamin D
 - Cow's Milk
 - Gut-microbial Balance – Biome
 - Lack of Physical Activity

T2D

- Obesity-Diet
- Lack of Physical Activity
- AGE ingestion

LADA

- Coffee
- More Educated

Can Keep Current Terminology

Incorporate the β -Cell Centric Approach with each to determine issues in individual patient or a New Terminology?

	Younger			Older		
	T2D	MODY, monogenic	T1D	SPIDDM	'LADA' Autoimmune T2D	T2D
Genes						
- mono		+,which				
- poly	+,which		+,which	+,which	+,which	+,which
Inflammation	+/-	—	+	+	+	+/-
Resistance	+/-		+/-	—	+/-	+/-
Environment	+,which		+,which	+,which	+,which	+,which

Easier to get buy-in from many different stakeholders, MDs, etc

Or New Terminology Should Reflect the β -Cell Centric Approach;

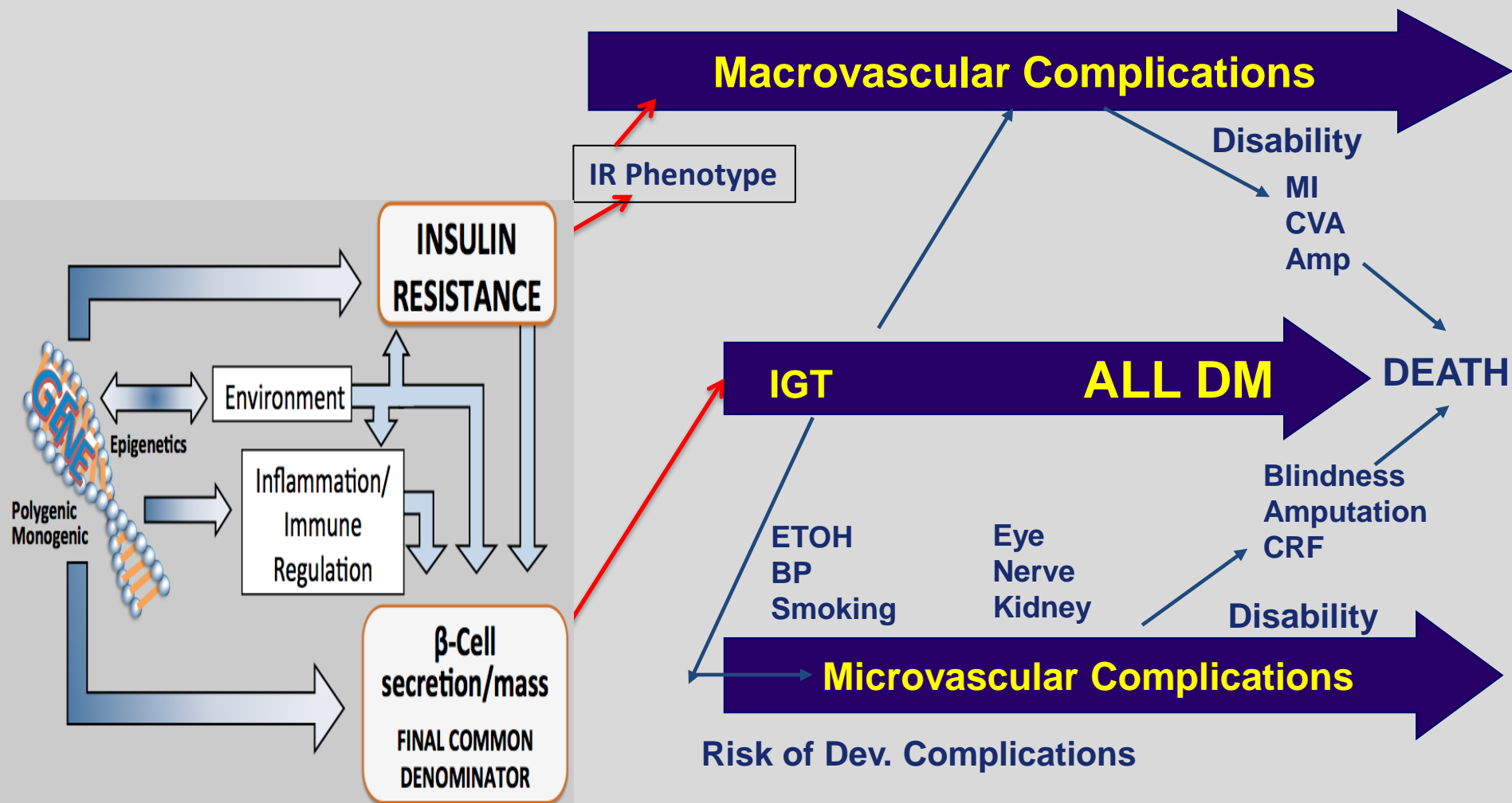
Disease = DIABETES; Phenotype= Hyperglycemia

Genes		
- mono		+,which
- poly	+,which	
Inflammation	+/-	
Resistance	+/-	
Environment	+,which	

Implications for Therapy: Use whatever logically sensible/necessary based on cause of hyperglycemia in each patient

New approach is Commensurate with Natural History of ALL DM

Age 0-15 15-40+ 15-50+ 25-70+



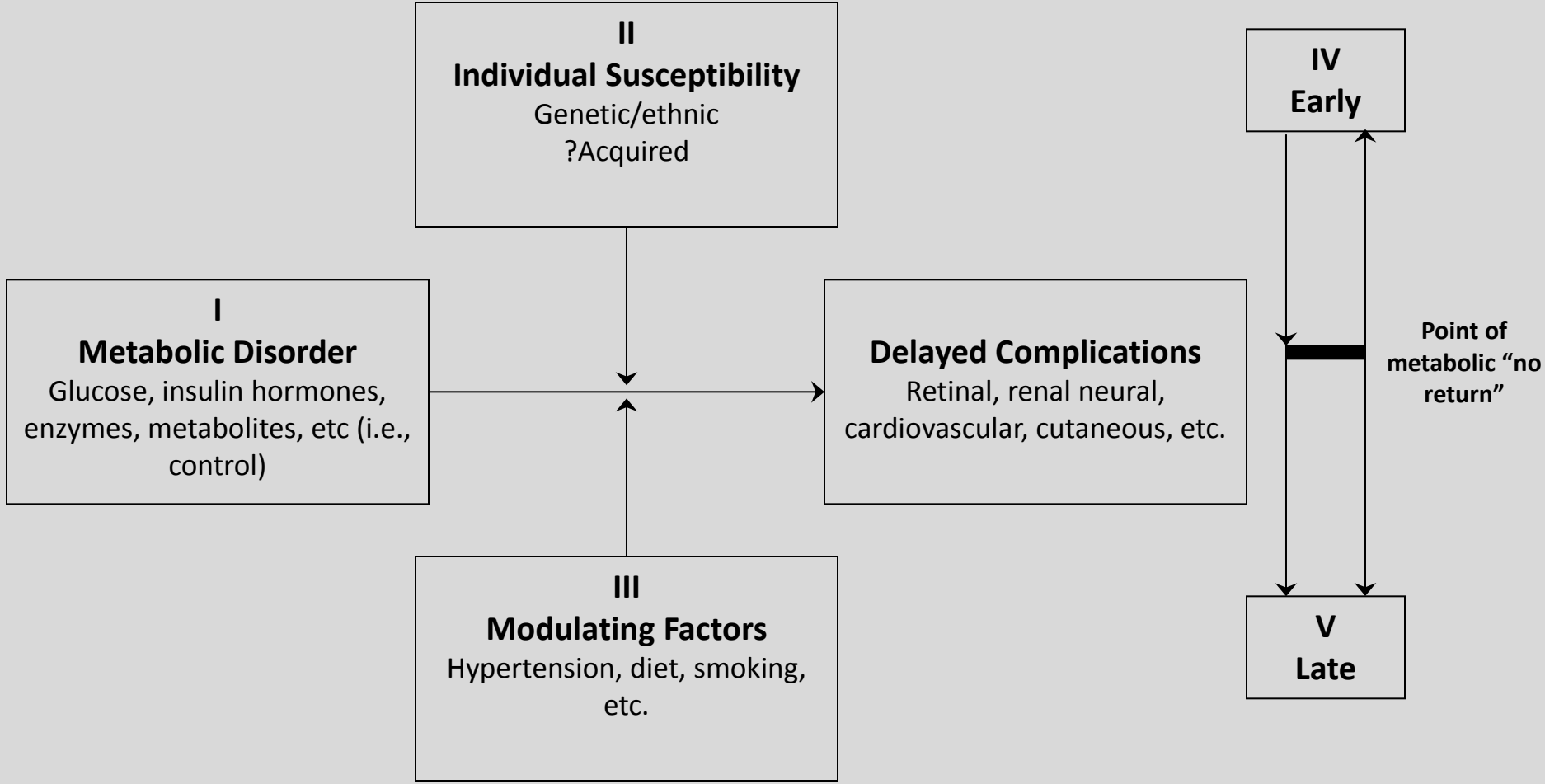
ANOTHER EPIPHANY:

WHAT ABOUT COMPLICATIONS OF
DIABETES?

We noticed :

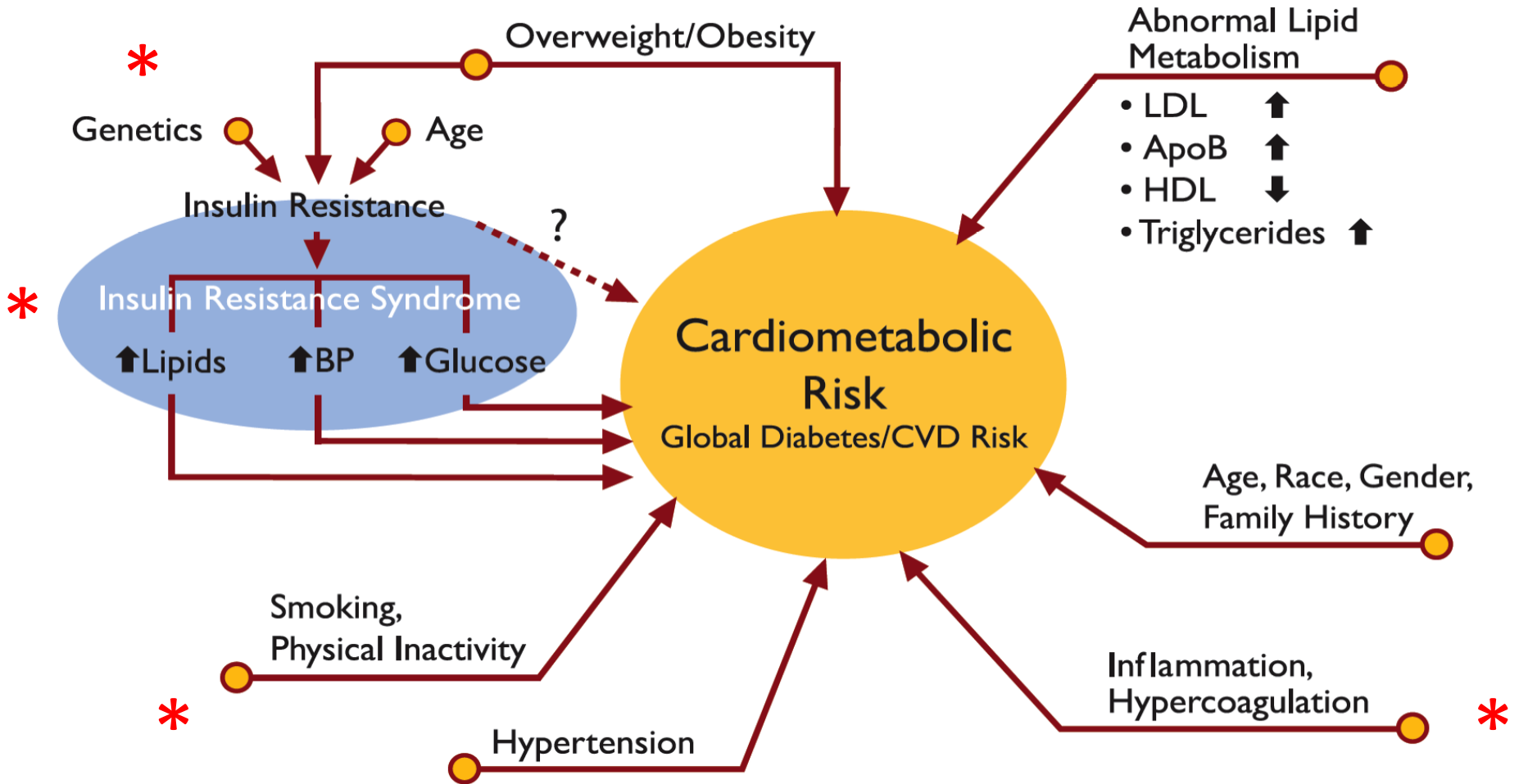
Pathophysiology of Diabetic Complications: Old Conundrum :

why similar HgA1c in different folk give different risks



Factors Contributing to Cardiometabolic Risk

ARE THE SAME AS THOSE THAT DAMAGE THE Beta-Cell



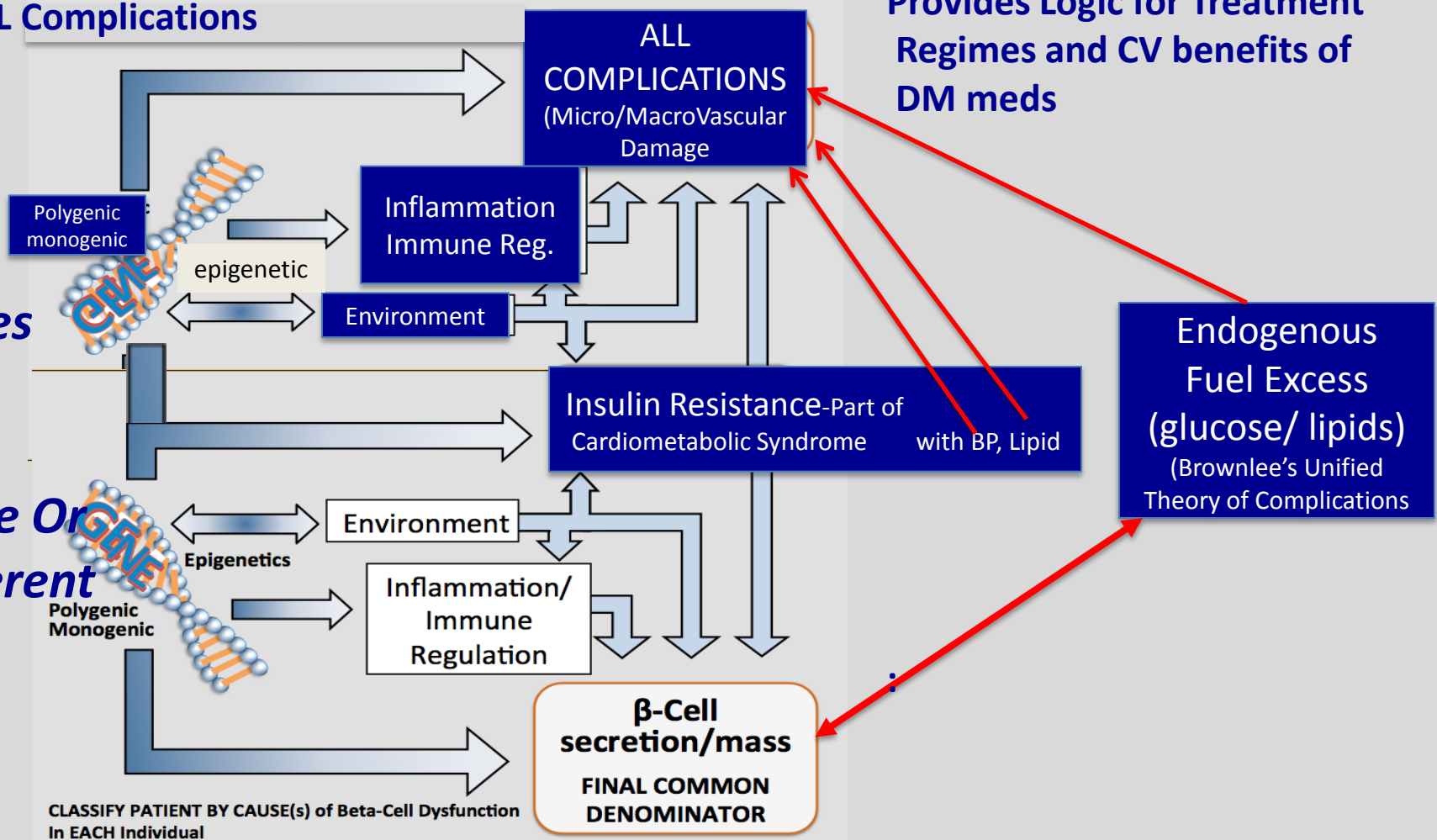
A Unifying Pathophysiologic Approach to The Complications of Diabetes in the Context of the Beta-cell

Classification of Diabetes.

MOST MECHANISMS OF B-cell Damage Overlap with Causes of ALL Complications

Provides Logic for Treatment Regimes and CV benefits of DM meds

Genes may Be Same Or Different



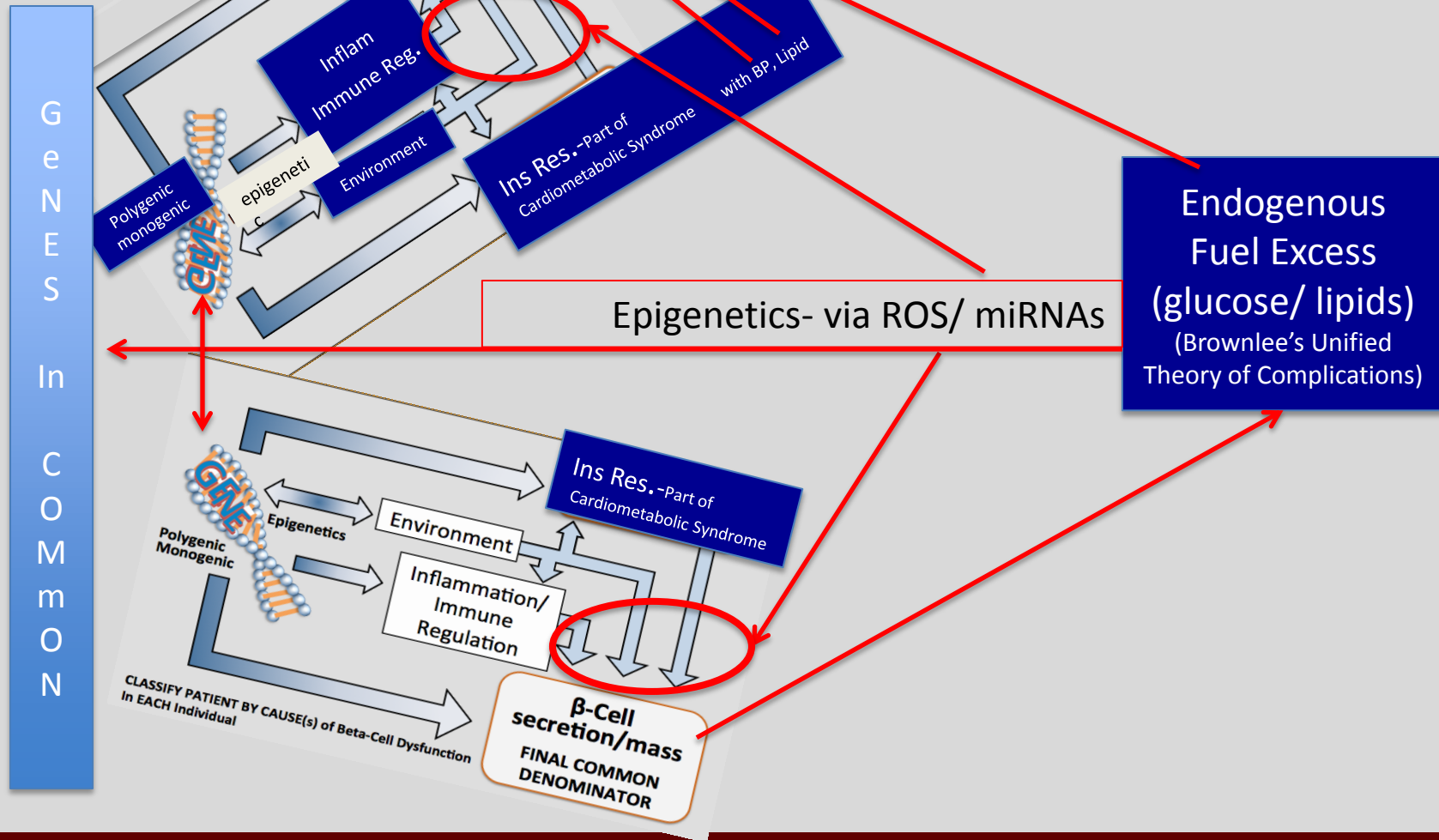
*Environment=Genetic susceptibility to eg: viruses, endocrine disruptors, food AGEs, Gut Biome; **Insulin Resistance= Centrally Induced, Peripheral, Stress Hormones, Gut Biome

Unified Theory of Diabetes and All Its Complications

Most Mechanisms of B-Cell Damage (Hyperglycemia)

Overlap with Causes of Vascular Disease :

Provides Logic for Treatment Regimes and CV Benefits of DM Meds



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**Brownlee's
Mechanism's
leads to
EPIGENETIC
EFFECTS**

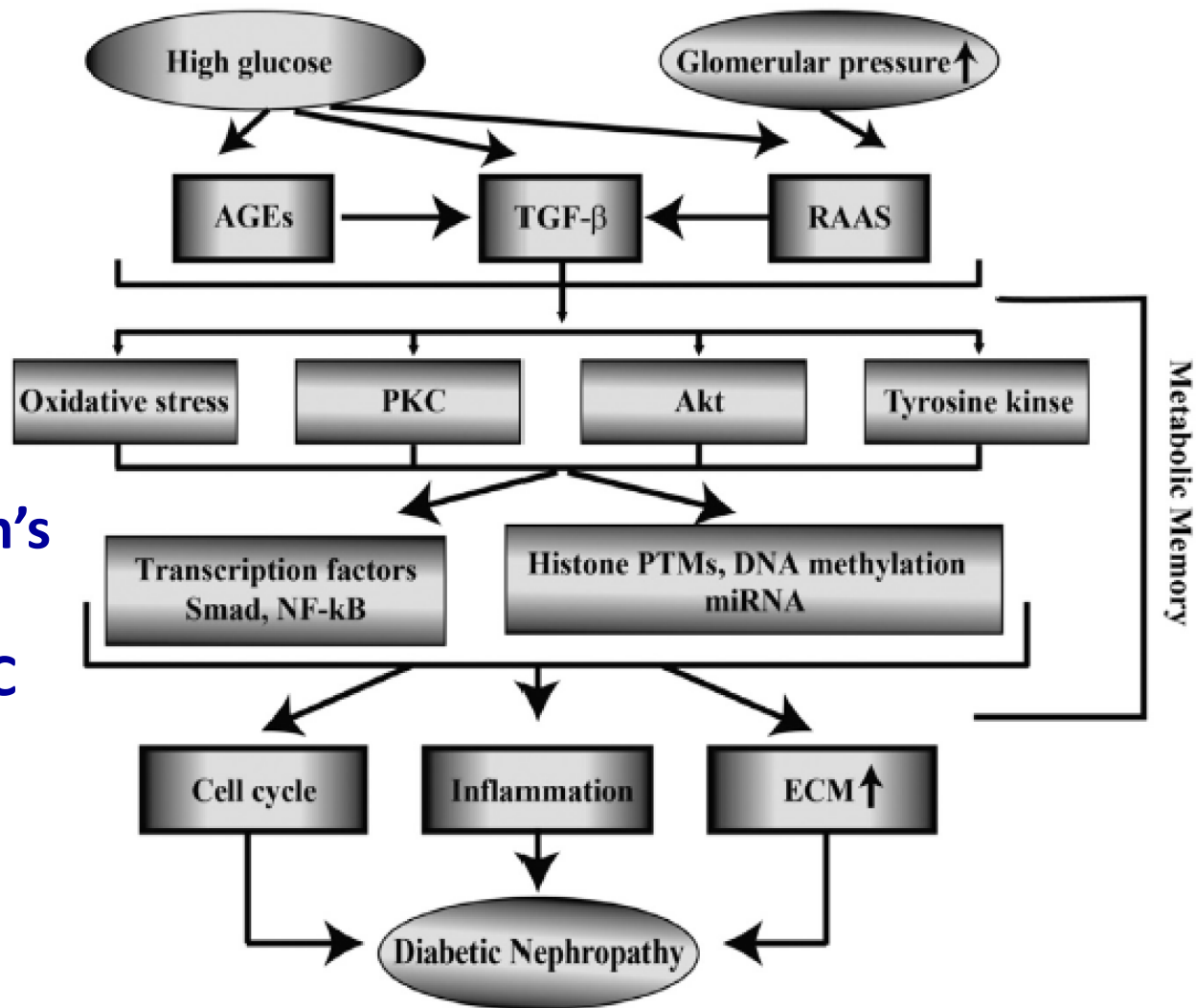
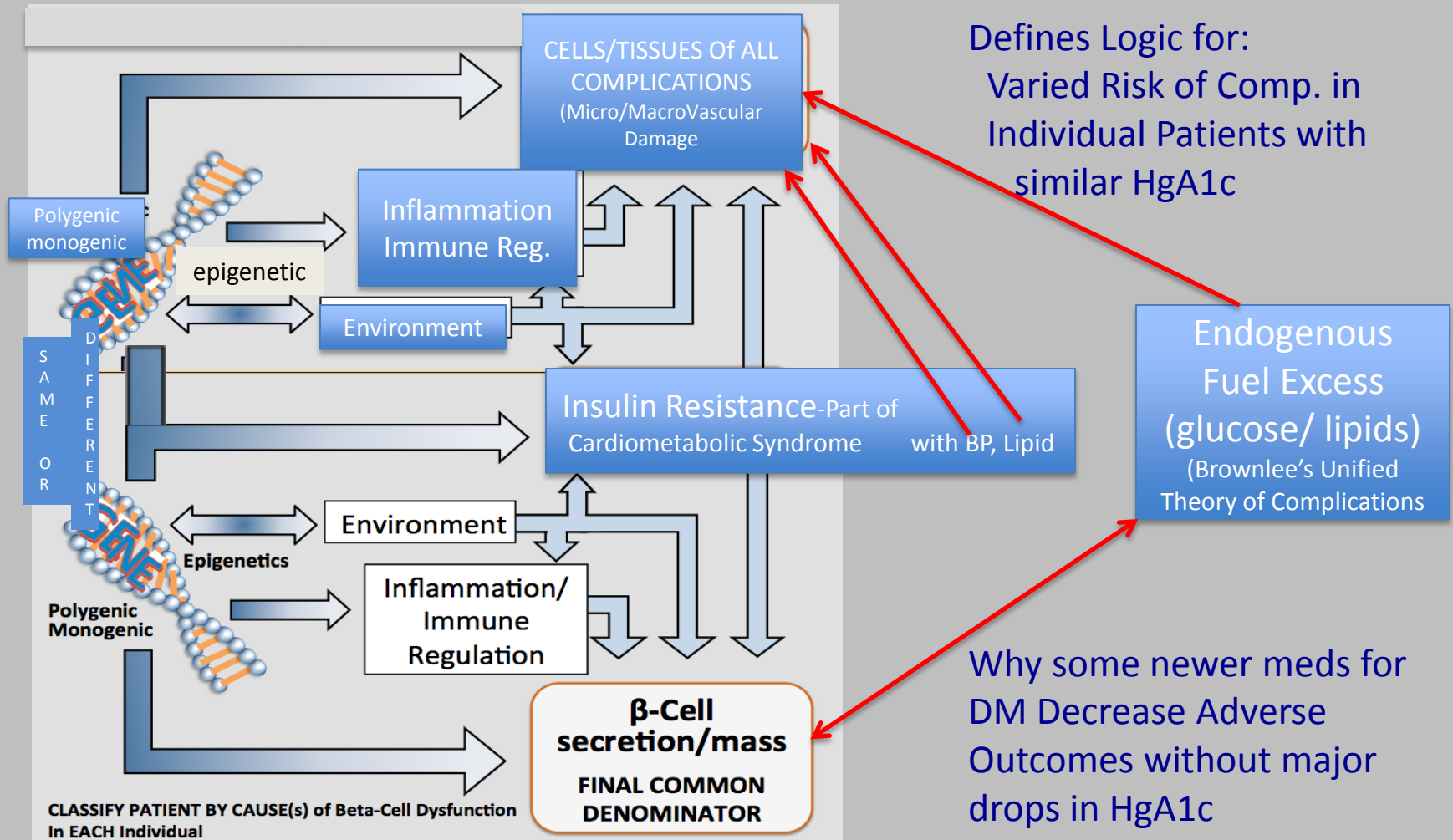


Figure 1. Major pathways involved in the pathophysiology of DN. Complex interactions between metabolic and hemodynamic factors regulate the pathogenesis of DN. Persistence of HG-mediated damage including epigenetic modifications even after return to normoglycemia can lead to metabolic memory and increased risk for long-term complications. PKC, protein kinase C; RAAS, rennin-angiotensin-aldosterone system; AGEs, Advanced glycation end products; ECM, Extracellular matrix.

An Integrated Pathophysiologic Approach to The Complications of Diabetes in the Context of the Beta-cell Classification of Diabetes.

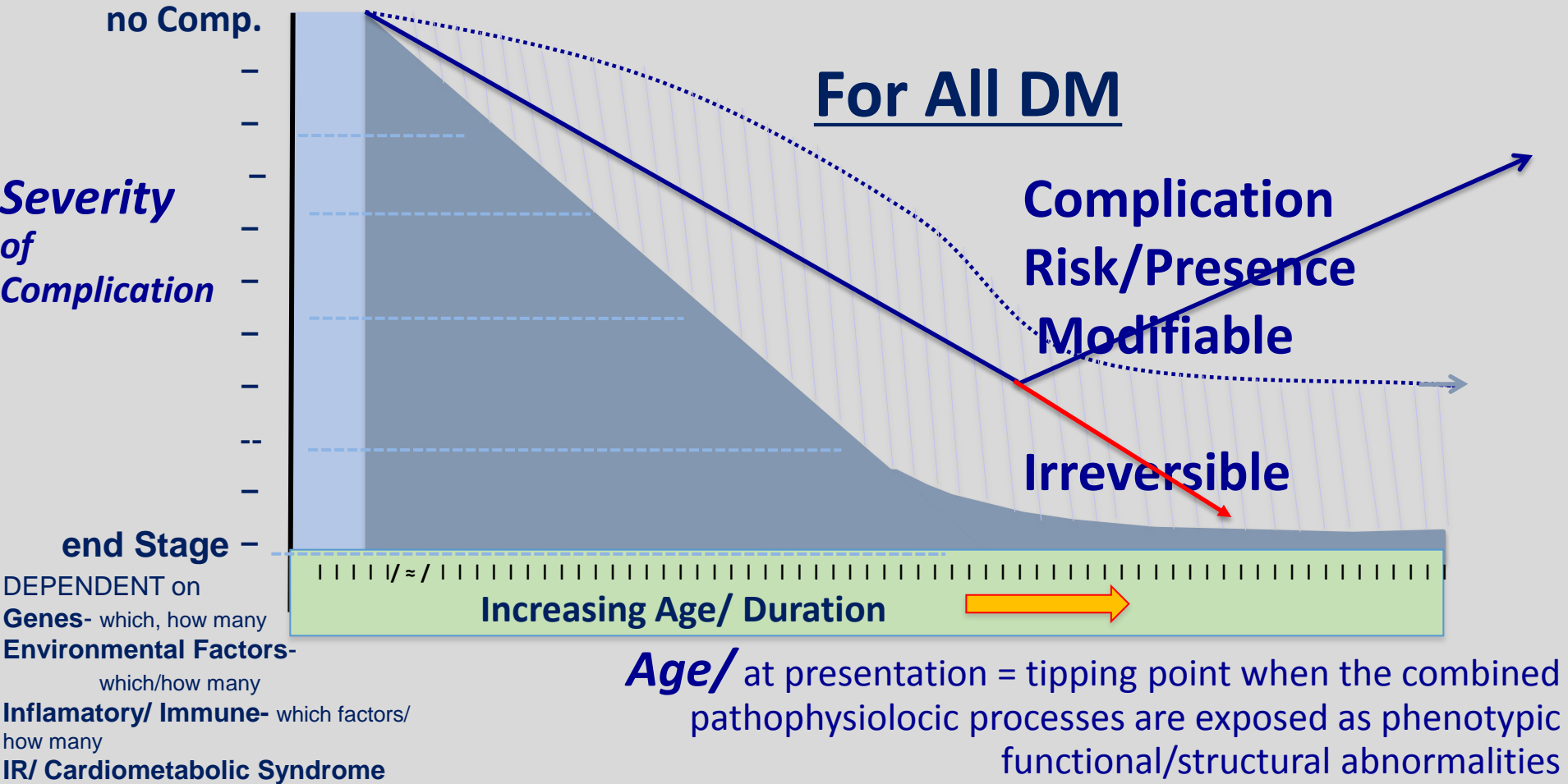


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Phenotypic Presentation of Each Complication is defined by:

Slope = 'Natural History' over time,

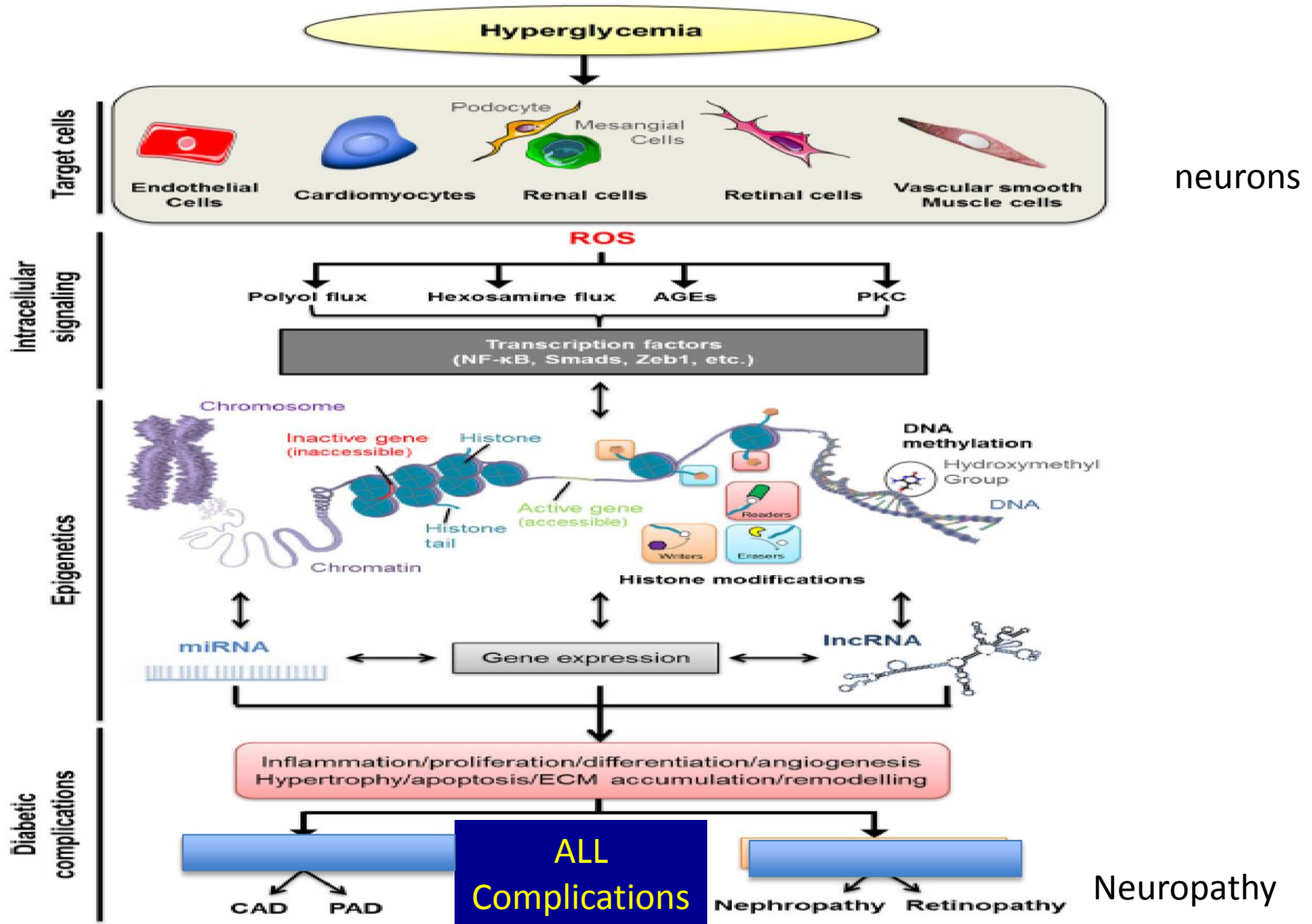
i.e.= **RATE OF Development of Comp.** Slope is not linear, and may be intermittently relapsing, remitting, stabilized, and improved, until 'point of no return' when presence and damage irreversible



THUS: In Same Context, Need to Change Classification/ Nomenclature of the Complications of Diabetes

- Moreover:
- ‘Microvascular/ Macrovascular ‘ terminology have lost their meaning given new understanding of Causes of Complications-
- it’s CELLS/TISSUES affected by the pathophysiologic mechanisms
- Complications of ‘T1DM’ and T2DM’ are the same, not different
- MAJOR CORROLARY: Newer DM medications have been found to reduce complications of Diabetes by the common mechanisms causing DM and DM complications
- Diabetes Medications have become the Cardiologist’s Best Friends

Complications are Cellular/Tissue Based: not only 'vascular'



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	study	HgA1c drop	eye	nerv e	kidne y	MA CE	CV Mo rt	MI	CVA	CHF	All Cause Mort	Inferences on Value of Glycemic Control and Other Mechanisms of DM meds in Reducing Complications of Diabetes
CV Benefits of DM Meds Driven By Other Mechanisms!!												
Prim ary	UKPDS	0.9	Reduced	Reduced	Reduced			Reduced			Reduced	Glycemic Hypothesis Proven in Primary
PRE V.	DCCT	~2.0	Reduced	Reduced	Reduced	Reduced						Prevention despite 'wrong meds'
SEC	VADT	1.5		–	–	–		–	–	–		Glycemic Benefit could not be proven in face of
ON D	ADV.	0.8		↓	↓	↓		–	–	–		Metabolic memory
ARY	ACCOR D	1.1		↓	↓	↓	↑	–	–	–		Wrong drugs, wrong process of care
PRE	BROMO -QR	(pts <7.0)				Reduced					↑	Benefits primarily driven
VEN	EMPA-Reg	0.6 early			Reduced	Reduced	Reduced			Reduced		
TI	IRIS	IR/pre-DM						Reduced	Reduced			Besides glycemia, eg:
ON	LEADER	0.4			Reduced	Reduced	Reduced				Reduced	↓ IR, Arterial Stiffness, Inflamm., Symp. Tone

β -Cell (Islet Cell) Classification Model- Implications for Therapy: Targets for Therapies/ New Guidelines

Medication Choice Based on

1. Glycemic Efficacy

BUT ALSO

2. Number of Targets of Therapy each drug addresses

(combo therapy efficacy likely depends on number of overlapping mechanisms)

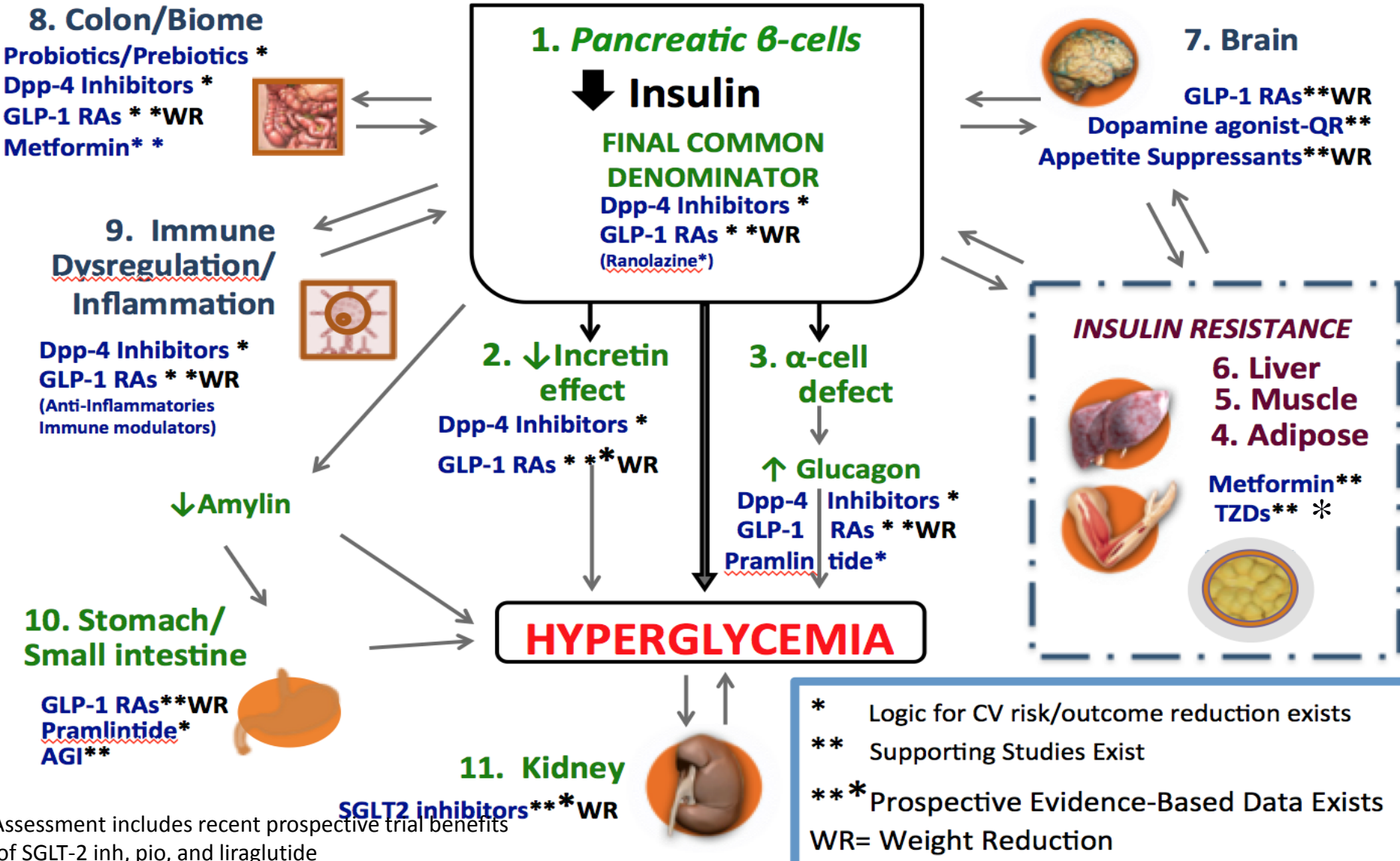
3. Weight loss

4. Proven Reduction in Risk Factors/ CV outcomes-

Synergies—eg: SGLT-2, (pioglitazone, bromocriptine QR, metformin, GLP-1)

Precision Medicine Approach to DM/ CV Therapy: Algorithms should Assess not only Glycemic benefits of agents/classes but CV/weight benefits

***Implications for New Guidelines



Sample Triple Therapy: Anticipated Effects

Table III. Proposed optimal triple therapy with the best risk reduction for patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus presenting with established cardiovascular disease.

Variable	Metformin	Pioglitazone	Empagliflozin	Anticipated Effect?
Cardiovascular death	↓	↔	↓↓	↓↓↓
All-cause death	↓	↔	↓↓	↓↓↓
Myocardial infarction	↓	↓	↔	↓↓
Stroke	↓	↓	↔	↓↓
Fluid retention	↔	↑	↓	↔
Heart failure	↔	↑	↓	↔
Weight	↓	↑	↓	↓
Blood pressure	↔	↓	↓	↓↓
HbA _{1c}	↓	↓	↓	↓↓↓
LDL-C	↓	↔	↑	↔
HDL-C	↔	↑	↑	↑↑
Albuminuria	↔	↓	↓	↓↓
Insulin sensitivity	↑	↑↑	↑	↑↑↑

Source: From Schernthaner and Schernthaner.⁴²

↓ = lowered; ↑ = elevated; ↔ = unchanged; HbA_{1c} = glycosylated hemoglobin.

An 'Evidence-Based Practice, Patient Centeric' Approach

As a
Clinician

Think
Inside a
Larger
Box 😊

Evidence-Based AND Patient Centric: **EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE**

Mechanism of Disease +

Mechanism of Drug +

Patient Factors =

Right Drug

Clinical Expertise, Expert Opinions

Patient-Based experience

Evidence-Based Medicine

Randomized, prospective trials –(if exists and if patient fits)

New β -Cell Centric Construct: *Implications* Diagnosis Markers

By Virtue of Family History 'DM", Physiogomy, hyperglycemia, in prediabetic and diabetic range *

➤ Genes

- Family History
- Genotype- HLA, *TCF7L2*, etc

➤ β -Cell

- FBS, 2hr ppg, HgA1c, ? C-peptide, ?other- β -Cell mass measures

➤ Inflammation

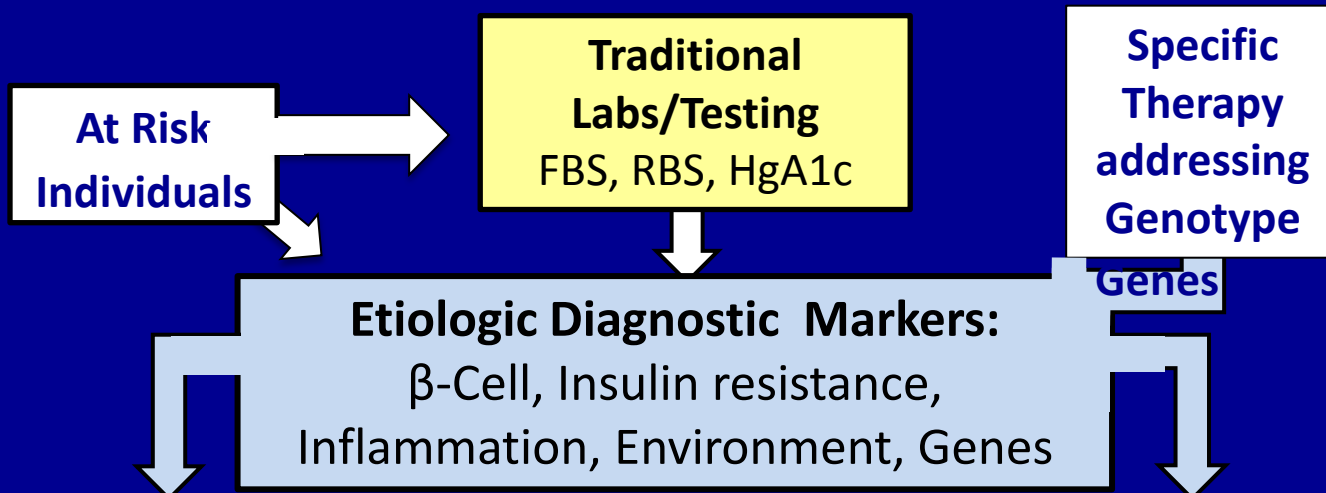
- Antibodies, Inflammatory Markers, T-Cell function, ?other

➤ Insulin Resistance

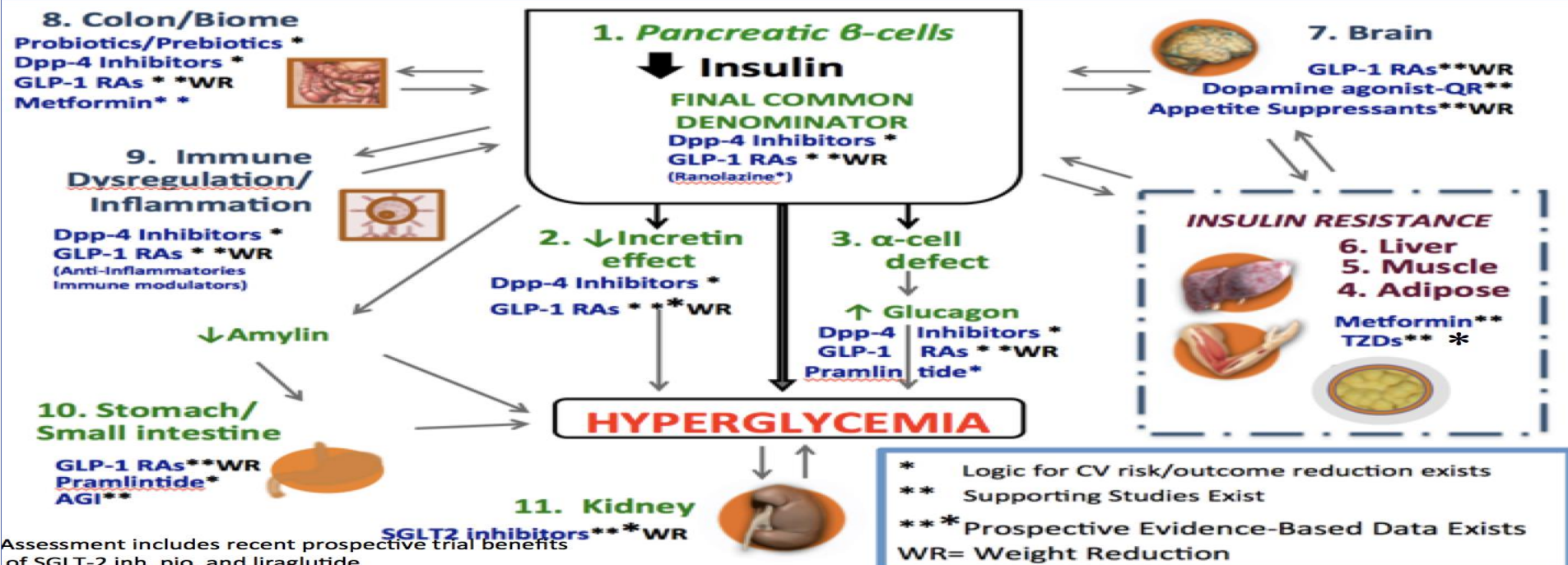
- BMI, Adiponectin, Adipocytokines, ? Other

* Individualized and reliant on cost, insurance coverage, formulary, government

Patient-Centric Diagnosis & Process of Care/Therapy



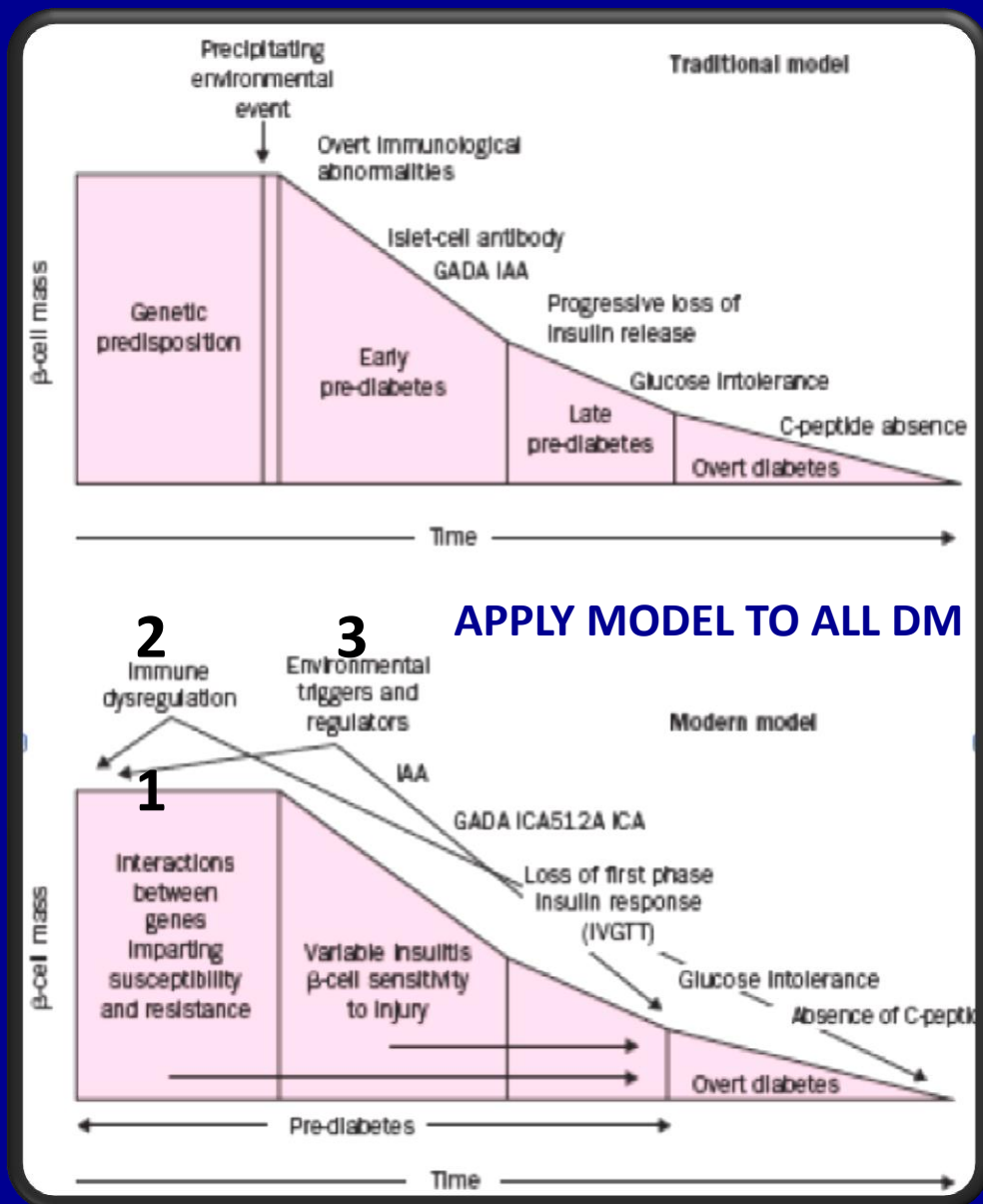
Least Number of Meds that Rx most Number of Mechanisms of Hyperglycemia



Assessment includes recent prospective trial benefits of SGLT-2 inh, pio, and liraglutide

Going Forward: New Focus of Care: Primary Prevention: ? For All DM in New Classification

- Genetic/antibody screening 1
effort to identify eligible subjects
- Potential Immune Modulators 2
- Environmental Modulation 3
 - Especially as we learn more-
vaccination, endocrine disruptors,
diet, exercise
- Intervention needs to be extremely safe
- Defining risk factors will facilitate
primary prevention studies



Choice of Therapy

- Based on
 - Treating Causes of **β -Cell** dysfunction
 - Treating Abnormalities resulting from **β -Cell dysfunction**
- **No Logic for Agents that Decrease β -Cell dysfunction**

**THUS: SELECT AGENTS THAT CAN PRESERVE
 β -Cell function/mass**

Allows us to Correct a myth

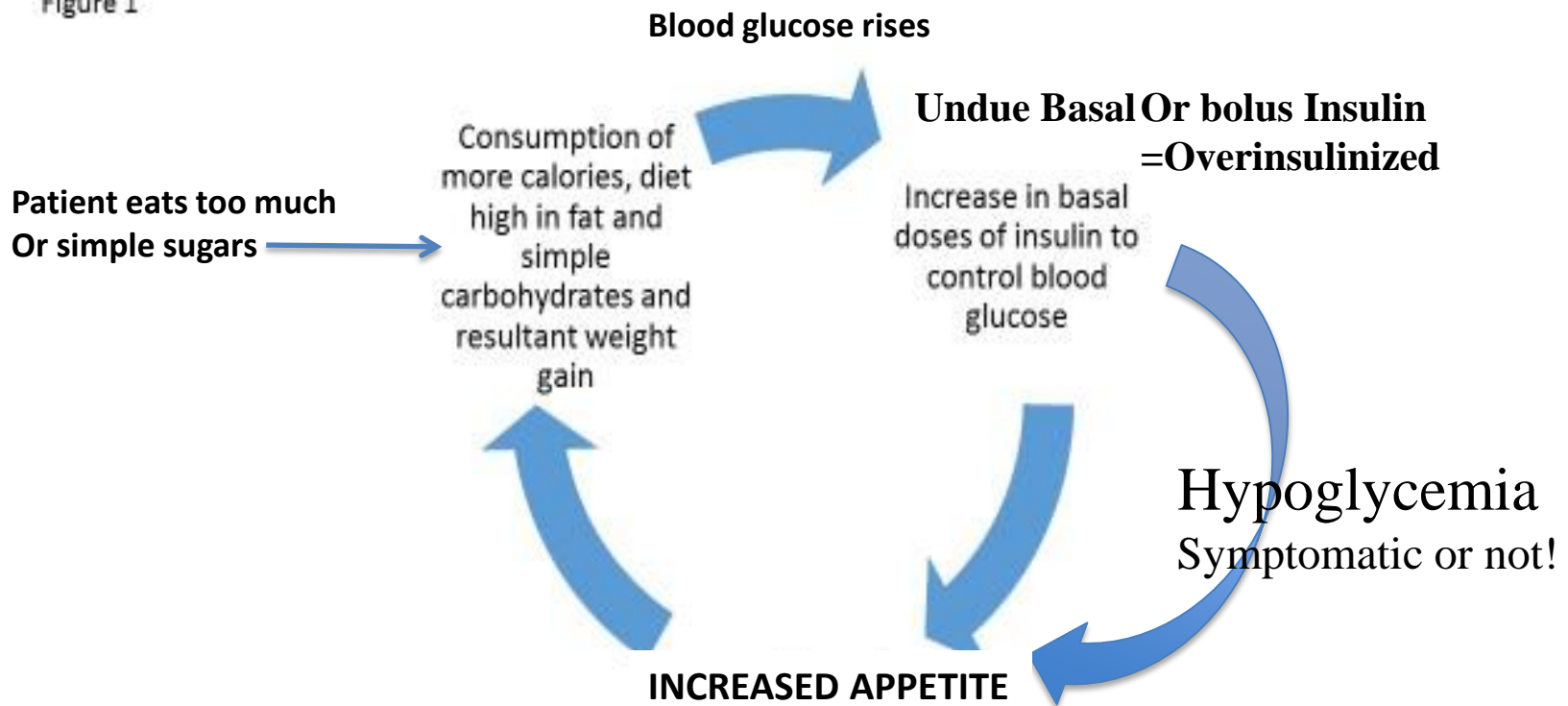
MYTH: “Most Patients with ‘T2DM’ will eventually progress to insulin because of inexorable β -Cell loss”

- But data obtained on SU=apoptosis; Hyperinsulinism with weight gain
- Think of bariatric patients –no insulin after 25 years DM/ 20 years insulin
- Most patients dying with DM have > 20% **β -Cell** mass- Butler
- Need to remove >80% pancreas in sub-total pancreatectomies to leave patient with DM post-op

Avoid Early Insulin Therapy (except in Ketosis-prone)

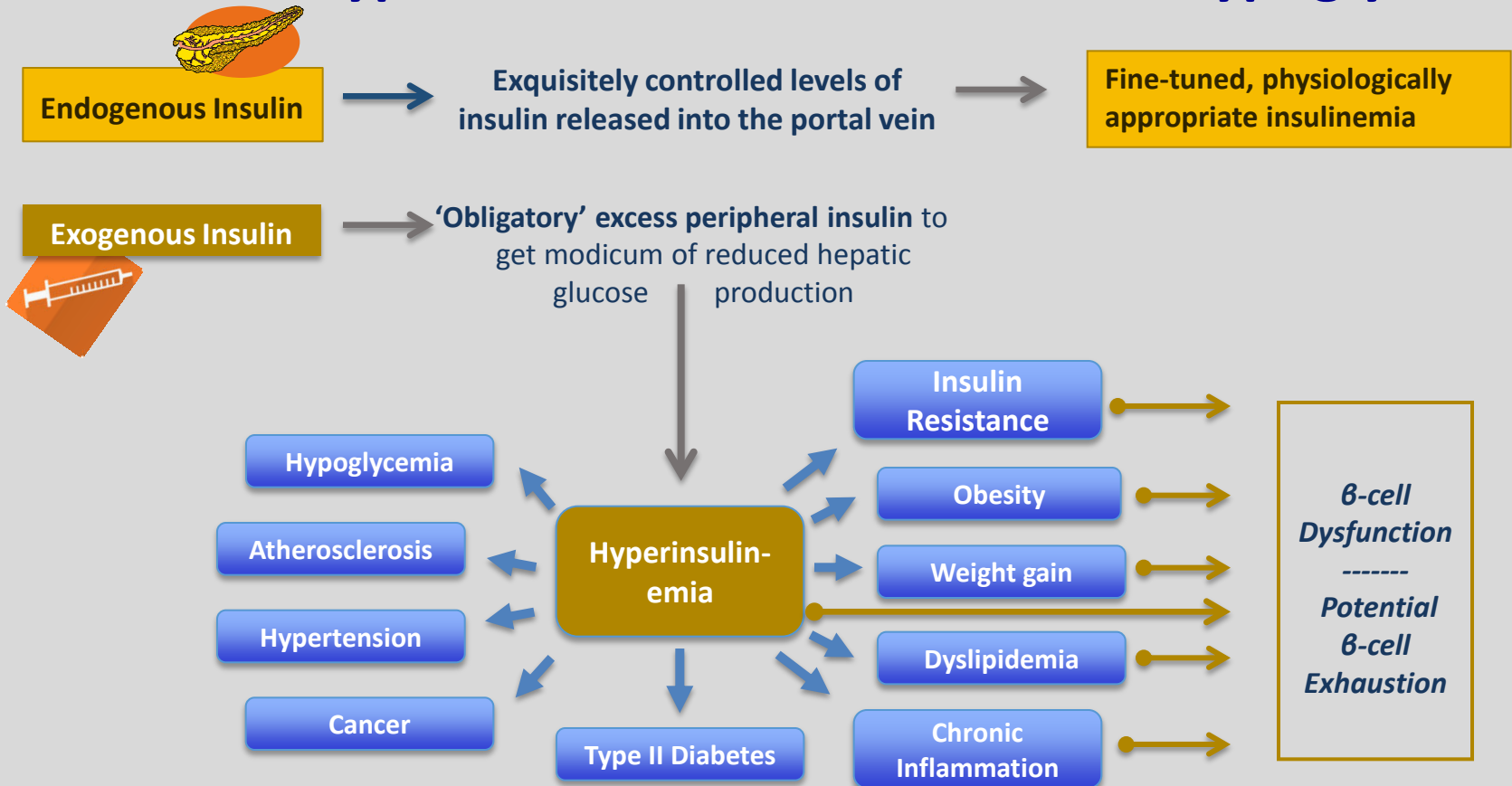
Vicious Circle(s) of Hyperinsulinemia- Result in Weight Gain and Hypoglycemia

Figure 1



NOTE:

There is NO perfect Exogenous Insulin: All result in HyperInsulinemia and Potential Hypoglycemia

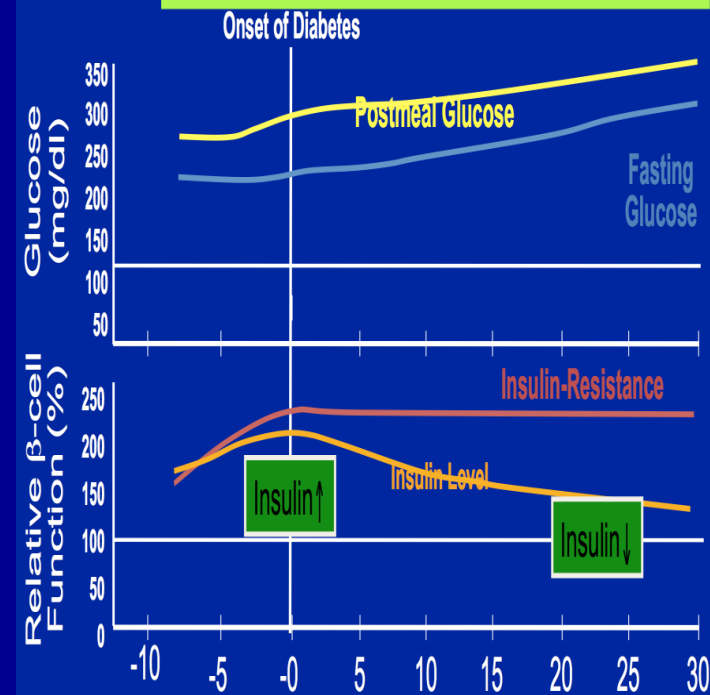
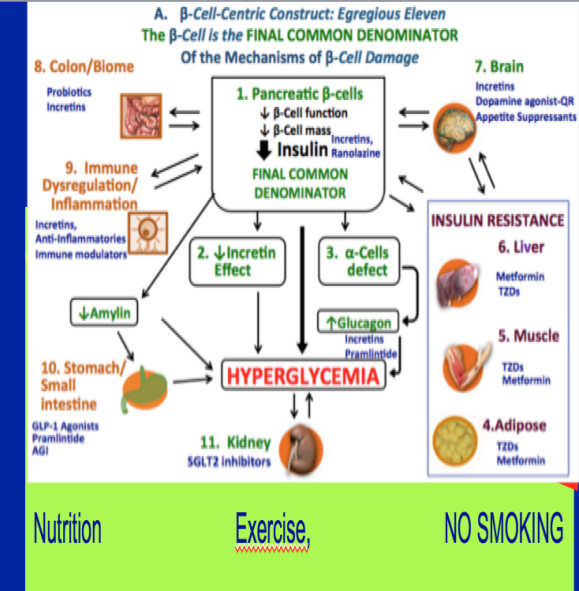


Therapeutic Principles Across Continuum of Care

Right Drug for Right Patient and vice versa

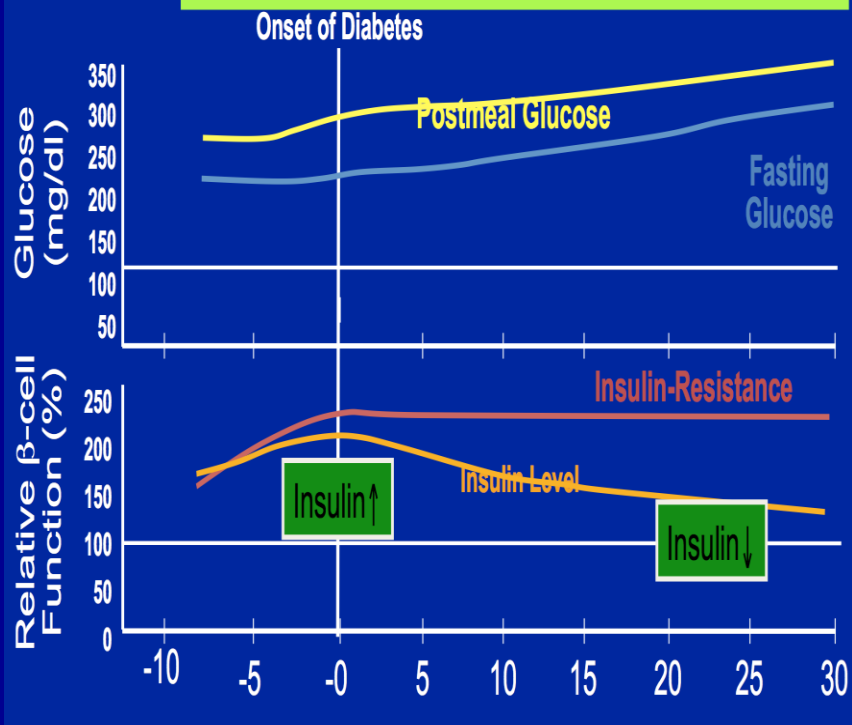
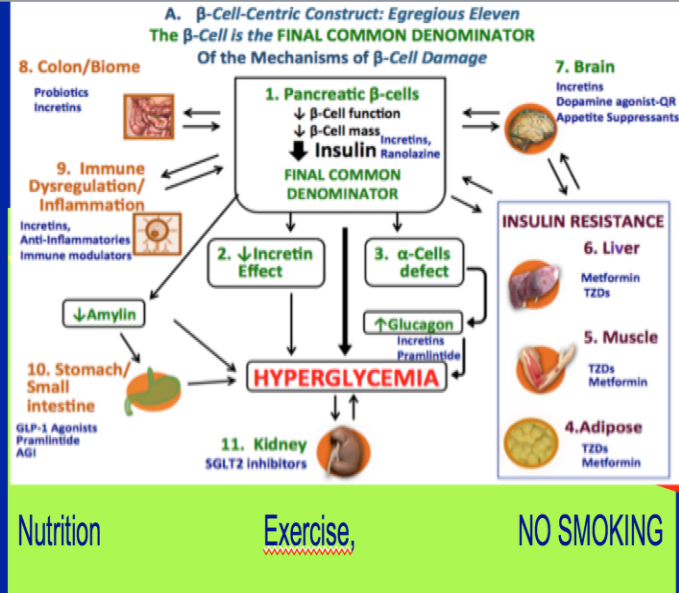
DETERMINE INSULIN DEPENDENCY-(DKA, c-peptide,?other
 DETERMINE Patient Specific Mechanisms of Hyperglycemia

- Treat ? For prevention/ pre-diabetes
- Treat as many of the Egregious 11 Targets as needed, least # of agents, lowest sugars/HgA1c as possible without undue weight gain or hypoglycemia
- Early Combination Therapy- Patient Centric- even 6.5-7.5 HgA1c
 - Efficacy, - CV event reduction, Weight Loss
 - (Not first-second-third line; Not competition between classes)
- Can Modify therapy after 1m-not 3m-use Fructosamie
- Stabilize, preserve β -cells, the CORE DEFECT
- (NO SU/GLINIDES)-
- Ideally agents will have potential to synergistically decrease in CV risk factors / outcomes



Therapeutic Principles Across Continuum of Right Drug for Right Patient and vice versa

1. Delay Need for Insulin
2. No need for Early Insulin
3. If need Insulin, Continue Non-Insulin RX (Avoids need for Meal-Time Insulin- (Decrease Risk Hypoglycemia 85%- Garber)
4. Get Patients off insulin who had been given early Insulin



Hedge your Bets: Incretins for all patients

DPP4 inhibitors, GLP-1 RAs, [other agents that increase GLP-1
eg: metformin, colsevalam, (TGR-5)]

- **T1DM:** minimize brittle, dawn, unpredictability, variability, ?
CV benefits, Treat those 'Type 2' Genes', ANTI-
INFLAMMATORY
- **LADA** = SPIDDM/ Autoimmune T2DM. Same as above - Slow ,
stabilize disease process, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
- **T2DM:** Same as above, treats 7 MOA's of DeFronzo's Octet,
decreases oxidative stress, β -cell inflammation decreases
lipo- and gluco-toxicity, ?preserve mass, decreases appetite,
treats IR via wt. loss
- **MODY 3-** recent report

FOR ALL DM – potential CV benefit (ANTI-INFLAMMATORY)

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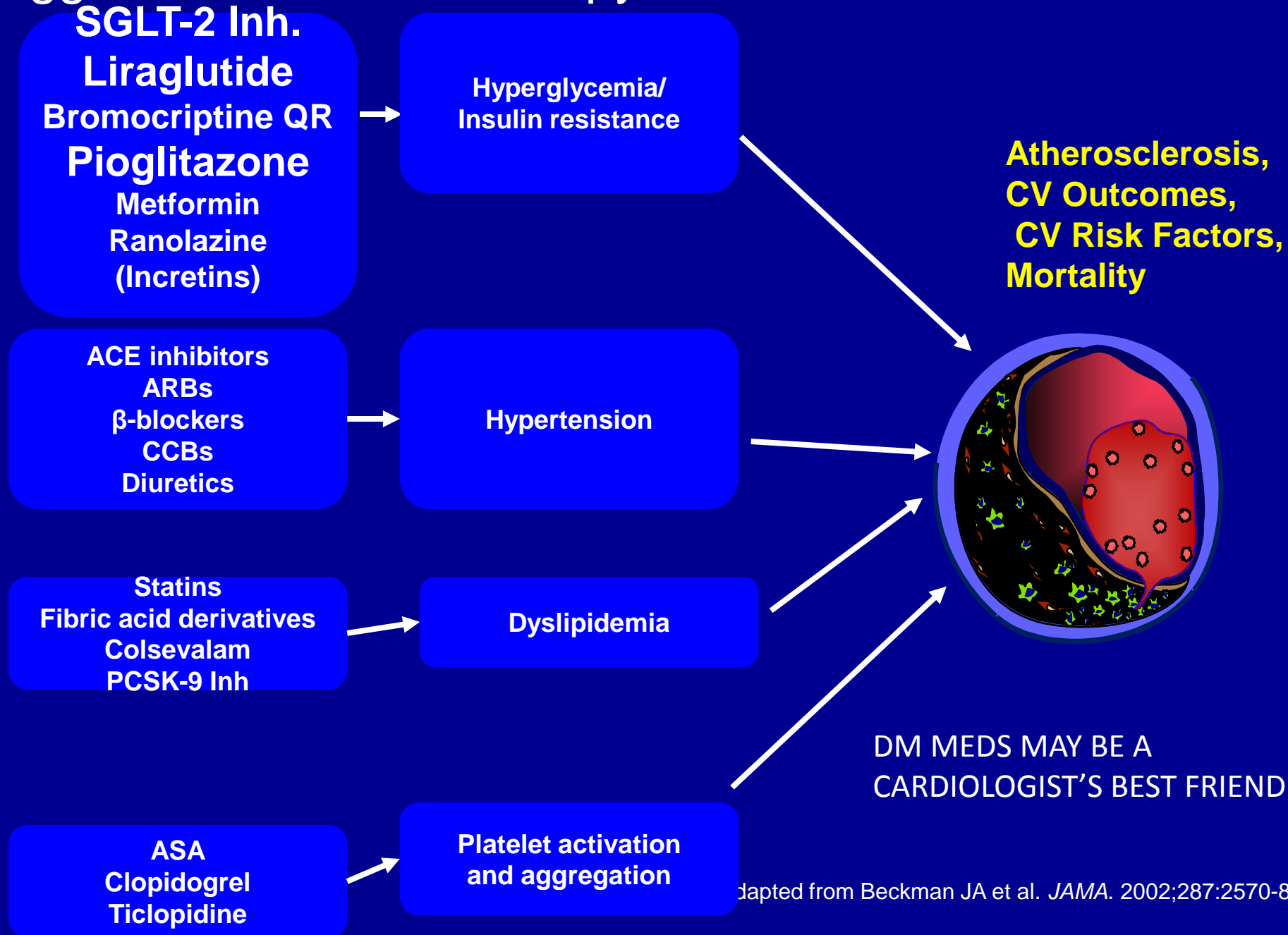
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Aggressive medical therapy in diabetes- SUMMARY



Treating the ABCs Reduces Diabetic Complications

Strategy	Complication	Reduction of Complication
Blood glucose control	Heart attack	↓ 37% ¹
	Cardiovascular disease	↓ 51% ²
Blood pressure control	Heart failure	↓ 56% ³
	Stroke	↓ 44% ³
	Diabetes-related deaths	↓ 32% ³
	Coronary heart disease mortality	↓ 35% ⁴
Lipid control	Major coronary heart disease event	↓ 55% ⁵
	Any atherosclerotic event	↓ 37% ⁵
	Cerebrovascular disease event	↓ 53% ⁴

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Conclusion

- Current classifications of DM are inadequate:
- new classification schema -the β -cell as THE CORE DEFECT in ALL DM,
- The various mediators of β -cell dysfunction offer key opportunities for Prevention, Therapy, Research and Education
- Same Mechanisms of β -cell dysfunction are responsible for DM complications (explains why some DM meds can decrease CV outcomes)
- Patient care should shift from current classifications that limit therapeutic choices to:
 - one that views a given patient's disease and treatment course based on their individual cause(s) of metabolic dysregulation, e.g. genes, inflammation, insulin resistance- (including gut biome, central (brain) mechanisms), environmental factors, etc.

Conclusion-2

- Defining markers, and Processes of Care = patient-centric, Precision Medicine approaches
- In T1D and LADA, in particular, incretins, insulin sensitivity agents, SGLT-2 inhibitors and others are either underutilized in some cases, and under-evaluated in others
- Convene Organizations eg:ADA/EASD/WHO/IDF/AACE / JDF to Revise Classification of DM
- More research always needed, but,
- in an evidence-based PRACTICE approach to care, we can START NOW

Based on 'New' Classification: Recommended Process For Prevention, Diagnosis and Therapy

- Convene ADA/EASD/WHO/AACE Committee: Revise Classification of DM
- Put processes into place. Increase current repositories. JAEB, JDRI to include LADA patients, (but all kinds of hyperglycemic patient types), Large Health Systems (K-P)
- Research into these ideas/approaches
- EDUCATE MDs re :issues

Use Evidence-Based Practice Approaches to DX

Where evidence is incomplete but logic exists, apply appropriate treatment to improve patient care.