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# Prevenire i rischi perinatali associati all’obesità

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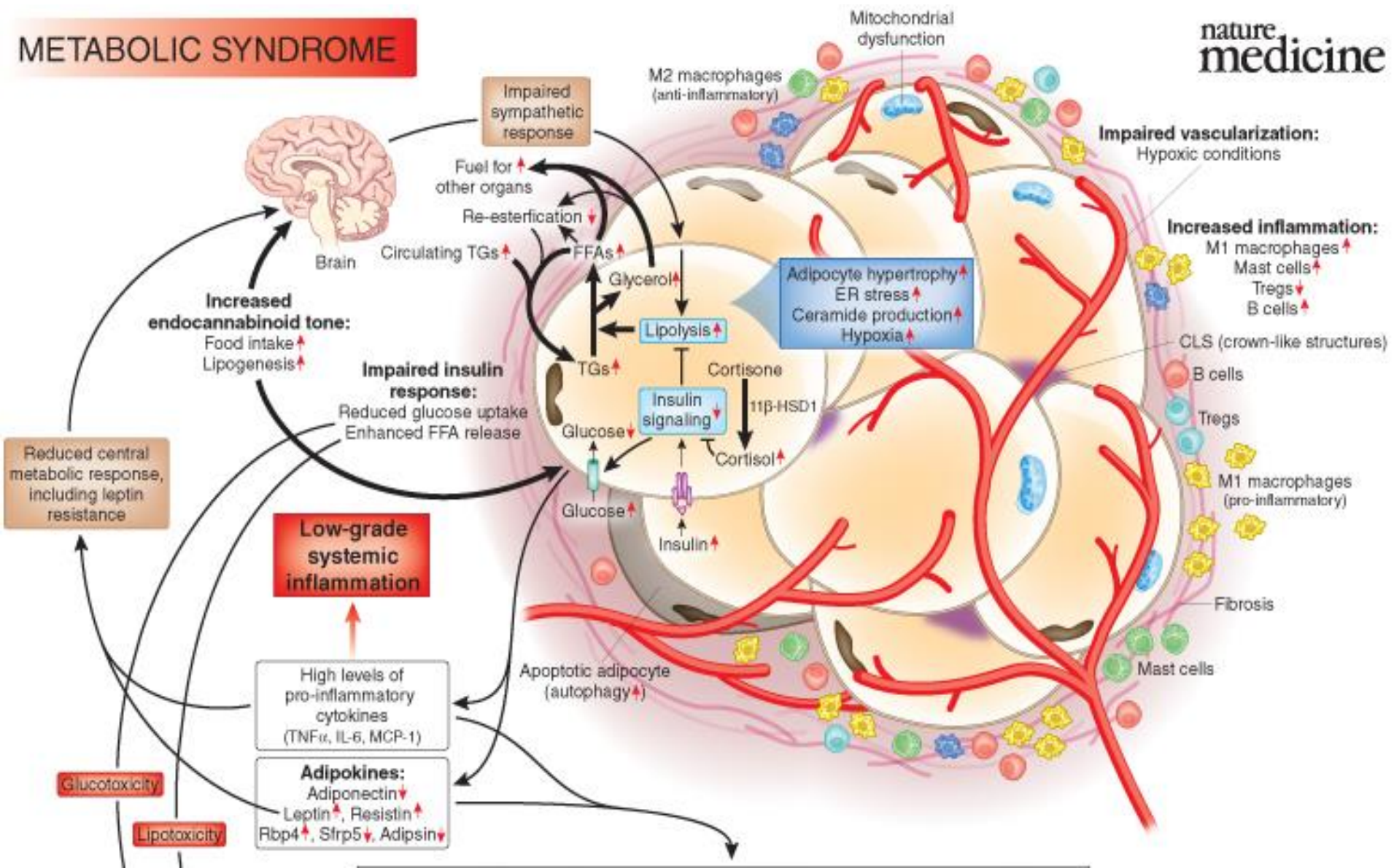
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# OBESITY IS A STATE OF LOW-GRADE INFLAMMATION

nature  
medicine

## METABOLIC SYNDROME



# Mets Definitions

The MetS is a cluster of metabolic abnormalities that appear to directly promote the development of atherosclerotic cardiovascular diseases and type 2DM

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It is characterized by a chronic low-grade systemic inflammation

	WHO (1999) [6]	EGIR (1999) [7]	NCEP ATP III (2001) [8]
	Glucose intolerance, IGT or diabetes and/or insulin resistance* together with two or more of the following:	Insulin resistance (defined as hyperinsulinaemia—top 25% of fasting insulin values among the non-diabetic population). Plus two of the following:	Three or more of the following five risk factors:
Fasting plasma glucose		≥ 6.1 mmol/l (110 mg/dl) but non-diabetic	≥ 5.6 mmol/l (100 mg/dl) <sup>a</sup>
Blood pressure	≥ 140/90 mmHg	≥ 140/90 mmHg or treatment	≥ 130/≥ 85 mmHg
Triglycerides	Raised plasma triglycerides: ≥ 1.7 mmol/l (150 mg/dl) <i>and/or</i>	> 2.0 mmol/l (178 mg/dl) or treatment <i>and/or</i>	≥ 1.7 mmol/l (150 mg/dl)
HDL-cholesterol	Men: < 0.9 mmol/l (35 mg/dl) Women: < 1.0 mmol/l (39 mg/dl)	< 1.0 mmol/l (39 mg/dl) or treatment	Men: < 1.03 mmol/l (40 mg/dl) Women: < 1.29 mmol/l (50 mg/dl)
Obesity	Men: waist-hip ratio > 0.90 Women: waist-hip ratio > 0.85 <i>and/or</i> BMI > 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Men: waist circumference ≥ 94 cm Women: waist circumference ≥ 80 cm	Men: waist circumference > 102 cm <sup>b</sup> Women: waist circumference > 88 cm
Microalbuminuria	Urinary albumin excretion rate ≥ 20 µg/min or albumin:creatinine ratio ≥ 30 mg/g		

# Metabolic syndrome—a new world-wide definition. A Consensus Statement from the International Diabetes Federation

K. G. M. M. Alberti, P. Zimmet\* and J. Shaw\*

## Central obesity

Raised  
triglycerides

Reduced HDL-  
cholesterol

Raised blood  
pressure

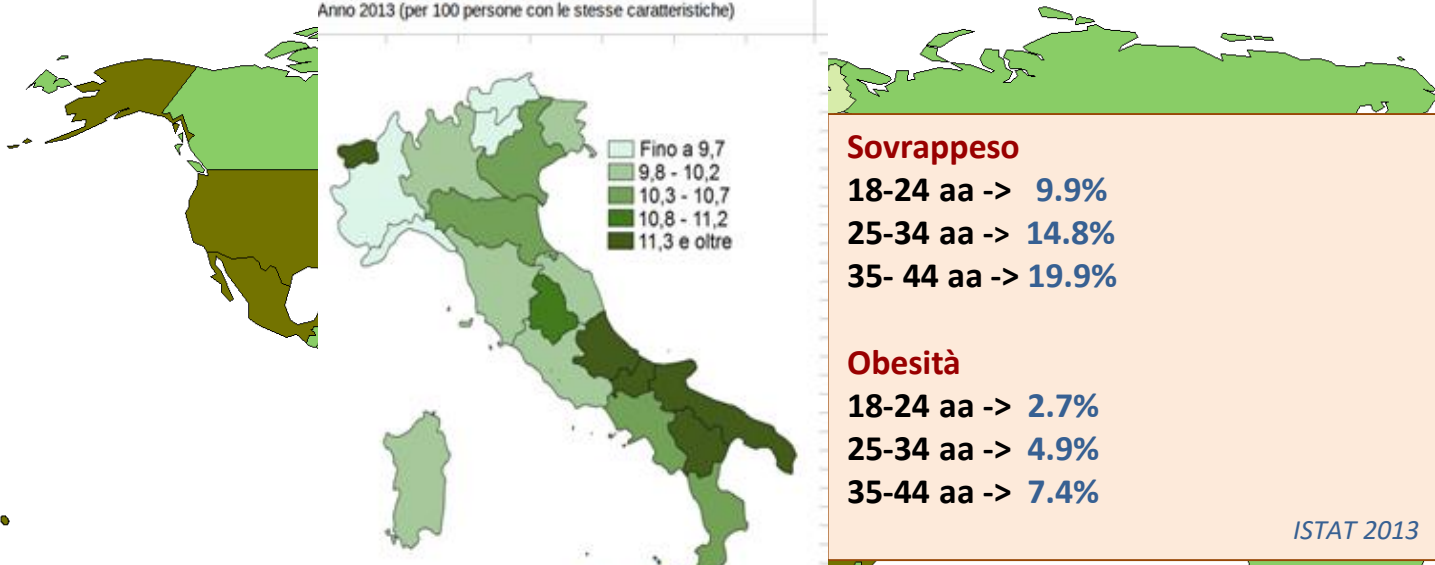
Raised fasting  
plasma glucose‡

Waist circumference\* †—ethnicity specific  
(see Table 7 plus any two of the following:  
 $\geq 1.7$  mmol/l (150 mg/dl)  
 or specific treatment for this lipid abnormality  
 $< 1.03$  mmol/l (40 mg/dl) in males  
 $< 1.29$  mmol/l (50 mg/dl) in females  
 or specific treatment for this lipid abnormality  
 Systolic:  $\geq 130$  mmHg  
 or  
 Diastolic:  $\geq 85$  mmHg  
 or treatment of previously diagnosed hypertension  
 Fasting plasma glucose  $\geq 5.6$  mmol/l (100 mg/dl)  
 or previously diagnosed Type 2 diabetes  
 If  $> 5.6$  mmol/l or 100 mg/dl, oral glucose tolerance  
 test is strongly recommended but is not necessary to  
 define presence of the syndrome



Prevalence of obesity\*, ages 18+, 2014 (age standardized estimate)  
Female

Persone obese di 18 anni e più per regione  
Anno 2013 (per 100 persone con le stesse caratteristiche)



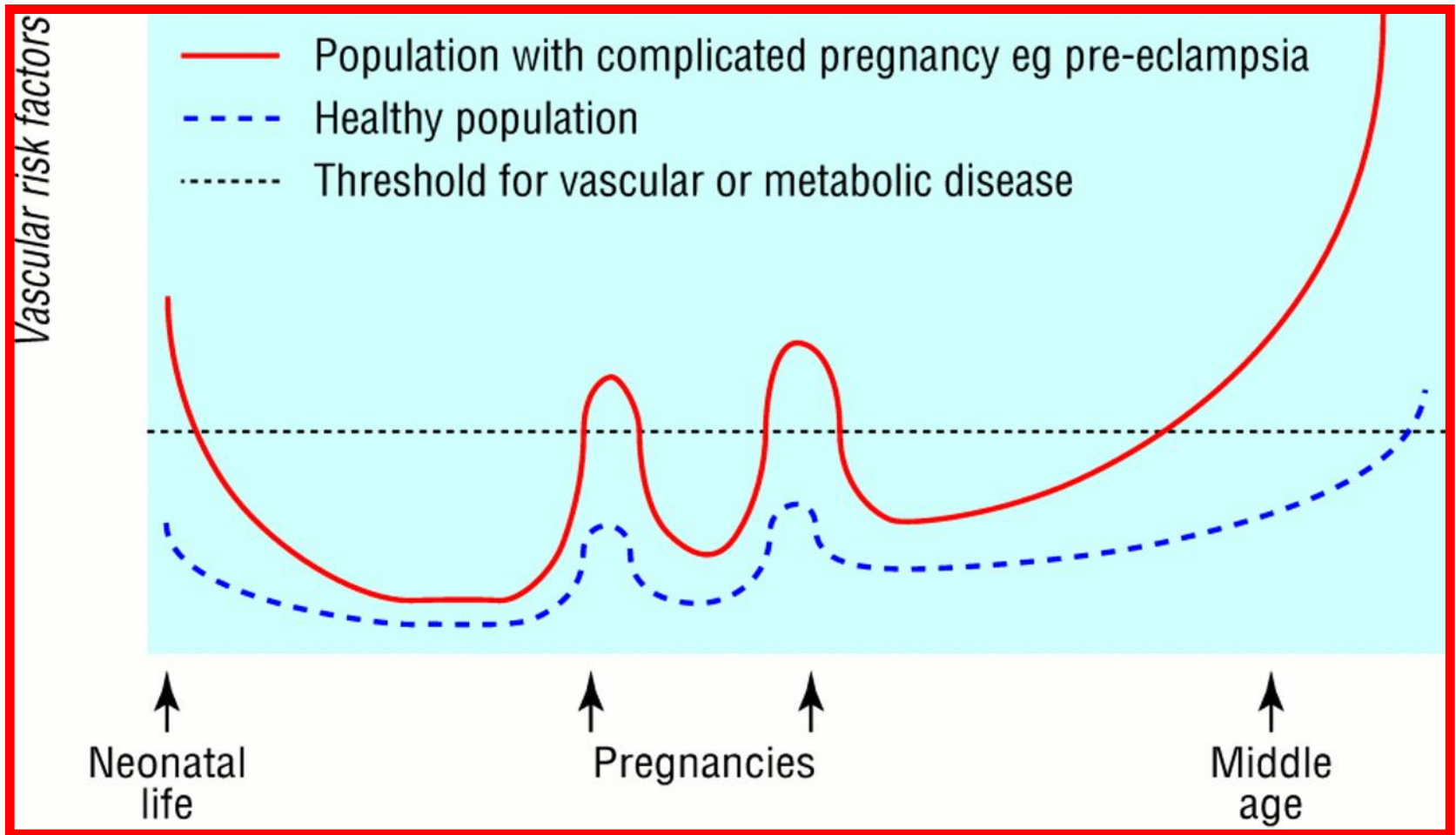
**Cedap** su 34.466 donne che hanno partorito nell'anno **2013** in **Emilia Romagna**:

- 67% normopeso
- 7.3% sottopeso
- **17.8% sovrappeso**
- **7.9% obese**



**2015: Obese 9.8%**

# LA GRAVIDANZA RAPPRESENTA UN TEST METABOLICO PER L'ORGANISMO.



**Pregnancy complications and maternal cardiovascular risk: opportunities for intervention and screening?**

Naveed Sattar, Ian A Greer

BMJ. 2002 Jul 20; 325(7356): 157–160.

## OBSTETRICS

# The multidisciplinary approach to the care of the obese parturient

Neda Ghaffari, MD; Sindhu K. Srinivas, MD, MSCE; Celeste P. Durnwald, MD

## PRENATAL CARE

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- Document height, weight, and BMI at every visit
  - Discuss weight gain goals per IOM guidelines (Table 1) and address throughout prenatal care
  - Refer to nutritionist
  - Recommend at least 30 minutes of daily exercise
  - Counsel on risks of obesity in pregnancy
  - Recommend first-trimester ultrasound for dating and diagnosis of multiple gestation
  - Early 1 hour GCT
  - Consider baseline EKG (if not done preconceptionally), especially with comorbidities
  - Screen for obstructive sleep apnea (Table 3); refer to sleep specialist if indicated
  - Offer aneuploidy screening and discuss limitations in obesity
  - Schedule anatomical survey at 20 weeks and discuss limitations in obesity
  - Discuss delivery planning
  - Discuss neuraxial anesthesia and set expectations for difficult placement
  - Growth ultrasound at 32 weeks
  - If BMI  $>40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> or per regional guidelines: consider antepartum testing, starting at 32 weeks
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# The Impact of Maternal Obesity on Maternal and Fetal Health

Meaghan A. Leddy,<sup>\*†</sup> Michael L. Power, PhD,<sup>\*</sup> Jay Schulkin, PhD<sup>\*</sup>

VOL. 1 NO. 4 2008 REVIEWS IN OBSTETRICS & GYNECOLOGY

Complication	OR (95% CI) or % vs Normal Weight	<i>P</i>
<b>Late pregnancy</b>		
Hypertensive disorder of pregnancy		
Gestational nonproteinuric hypertension	2.5 (2.1-3.0)	< .0001
Preeclampsia	3.2 (1.8-5.8)	.007
Gestational diabetes mellitus	2.6 (2.1-3.4)	< .001
Preterm birth	1.5 (1.1-2.1)	< .05
Intrauterine fetal demise (stillbirth)	2.8 (1.9-4.7)	< .001
<b>Fetal/neonatal complications</b>		
Fetal macrosomia (EFW $\geq$ 4500 g)	2.2 (1.6-3.1)	< .001
Shoulder dystocia	3.6 (2.1-6.3)	< .001
Birth weight > 4000 g	1.7 (1.4-2.0)	.0006
Birth weight > 4500 g	2.0 (1.4-3.0)	< .0001
Childhood obesity	2.3 (2.0-2.6)	< .05

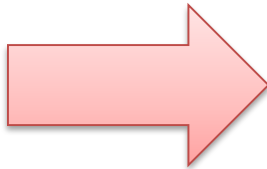


# GESTATIONAL DIABETES MELLITUS

70 observational studies (1977-2007), including 671,945 women (old criteria)

<b>Overweight</b>	→	OR 1.97	(95% CI=1.77-2.19)
<b>Obesity 1<sup>st</sup></b>	→	OR 3.01	(95% CI=2.34-3.87)
<b>Obesity 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup></b>	→	OR 5.55	(95% CI=4.27-7.21)

1 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>



prevalence of GDM  
increased by 0.92%

Before HAPO study

Prepregnancy BMI and the risk of gestational diabetes: a systematic review of the literature with meta-analysis

M. R. Torloni<sup>1,2</sup>, A. P. Betrán<sup>3</sup>, B. L. Horta<sup>4</sup>, M. U. Nakamura<sup>2</sup>, A. N. Atallah<sup>1</sup>, A. F. Moron<sup>2</sup> and O. Valente<sup>1</sup>

*Obesity Reviews*  
2009

## The Role of Obesity in Preeclampsia

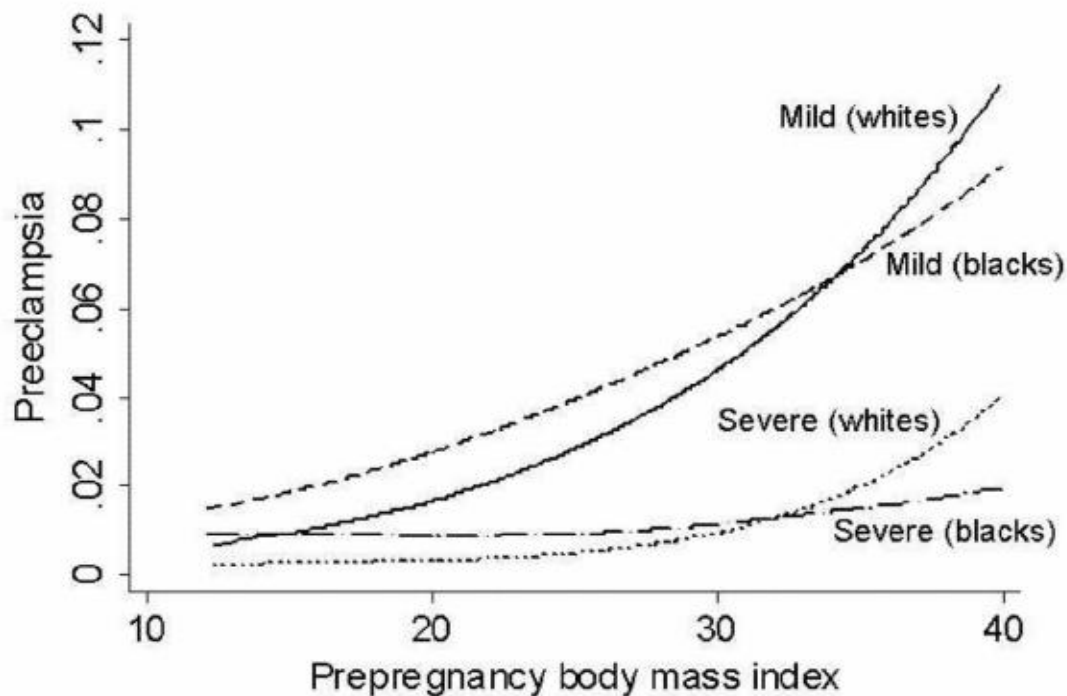
James M. Roberts<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Lisa M. Bodnar<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Thelma E. Patrick<sup>1,4</sup>, and Robert W Powers<sup>1,2</sup>

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**Figure 1. Prepregnancy BMI is associated with an increased risk of preeclampsia**  
Data from the Perinatal Collaborative Study including more than 19,000 Black and 19,000 white women was analyzed and the unadjusted prevalence of preeclampsia as related to prepregnancy BMI presented<sup>7</sup>. The prevalence of preeclampsia increased with increasing prepregnancy BMI for mild and severe preeclampsia and in blacks and whites.

# SLEEP DISORDERS BREATHING

## (OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA)

Group of disorders characterized by abnormal respiratory patterns (apneas, hypopneas) or abnormal gas exchange (hypoxia) during sleep

*The most common type*

especially among **young obese women**

Is

**obstructive sleep apnea (OSA)**

result of repetitive episodes of upper airway obstruction during sleep

# Maternal- Neonatal outcomes and SDB in Pregnancy

SDB is prevalent in early pregnancy

Pregnancy itself has been linked to an increased risk for SDB.

→ in the non pregnant population SDB have be linked to hypertension and type 2 diabetes

→ In pregnancy it correlates in pregnancy (**PIH, PE, GDM**).



enhanced inflammatory and oxidative stress responses

→ **endothelial damage, and metabolic derangements**

These same biological pathways have been associated with adverse pregnancy outcomes (**PE, GDM, spontaneous PTB, and IUGR**) *Louis j, Obstet & Gyn 2012*

▪ Frequent snoring in pregnant women is associated with

▪ impaired glucose tolerance and **GDM**

*Facco FL, Am J Obstet Gynecol 2010*

▪ pregnancy induced hypertension (**gestational hypertension and pre-eclampsia**)

*Bourjeily G, Eur Respir J, 2010*

*Ursavas A, Respiration 2008*

*Franklin KA, Chest 2000*

*Pérez-Chada D, Acta Obstet GynecolScand 2007*

# Preterm birth

## Maternal Obesity and Risk of Preterm Delivery

Sven Cnattingius, MD, PhD

Population-based cohort study of women with live singleton births in Sweden from 1992 through 2010.

Maternal and pregnancy characteristics were obtained from the nationwide Swedish Medical Birth Register.

**1,559,551 deliveries**

### Risk of preterm birth:

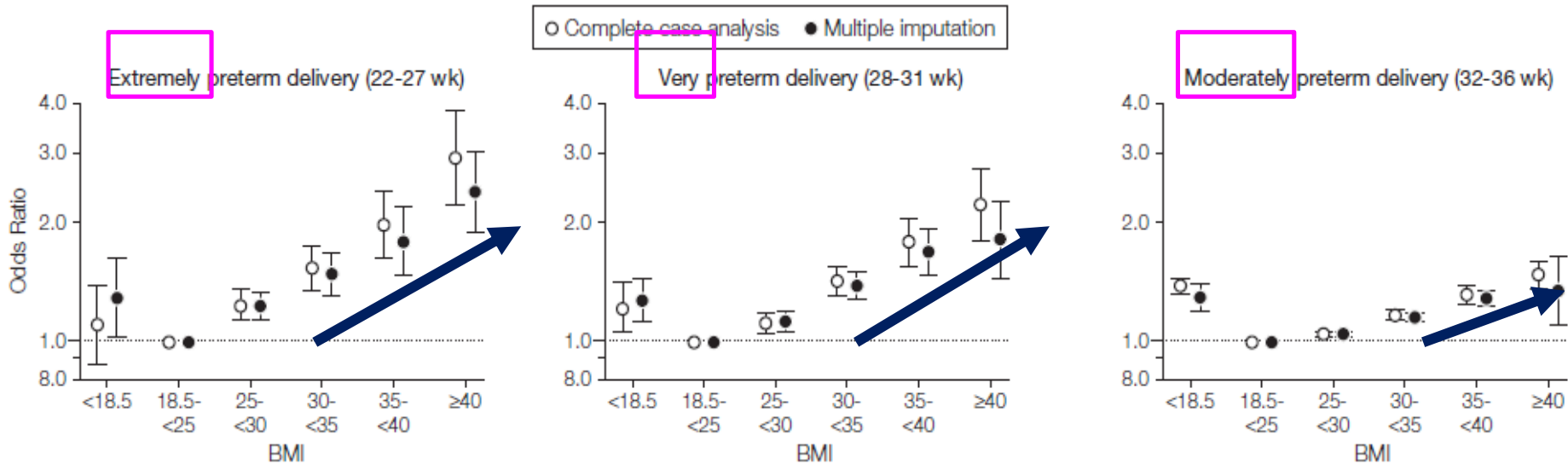
- Spontaneous
- Medically indicated



*Pregnancy induced hypertension  
Diabetes mellitus*

**...increases with BMI!**

# Risk of spontaneous PTB



# Risk of medically indicated PTB

	BMI Categories					
	<18.5	18.5-25	25-30	30-35	35-40	≥40
<b>All Women</b>						
<b>Extremely preterm delivery<sup>a</sup></b>	➔					
No. (%)	17 (0.07)	395 (0.04)	226 (0.06)	108 (0.09)	35 (0.11)	17 (0.16)
Adjusted OR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	1.05 (0.63-1.74)	1 [Reference]	1.51 (1.27-1.79)	2.48 (1.99-3.1)	2.74 (1.92-3.92)	3.84 (2.32-6.38)
<b>Very preterm delivery<sup>a</sup></b>						
No. (%)	60 (0.15)	1517 (0.15)	745 (0.19)	324 (0.28)	121 (0.37)	71 (0.66)
Adjusted OR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	0.97 (0.74-1.28)	1 [Reference]	1.29 (1.18-1.41)	1.91 (1.68-2.17)	2.52 (2.08-3.06)	4.16 (3.23-5.36)
<b>Moderately preterm delivery<sup>a</sup></b>						
No. (%)	448 (1.09)	9006 (0.89)	4310 (1.13)	1725 (1.52)	618 (1.91)	256 (2.40)
Adjusted OR (95% CI) <sup>b</sup>	1.24 (1.12-1.37)	1 [Reference]	1.22 (1.18-1.27)	1.62 (1.54-1.71)	2.00 (1.84-2.18)	2.45 (2.15-2.79)

# Stillbirth

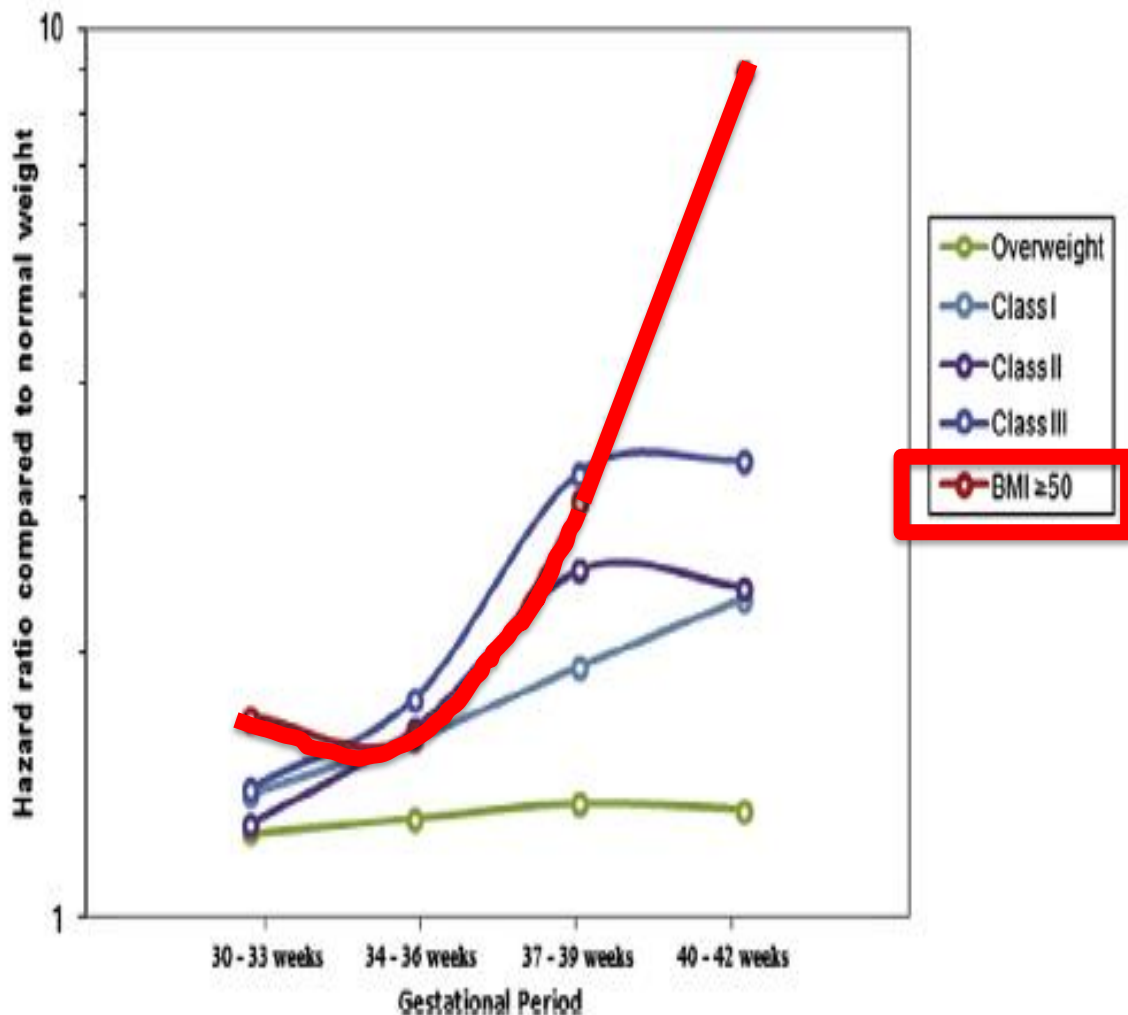
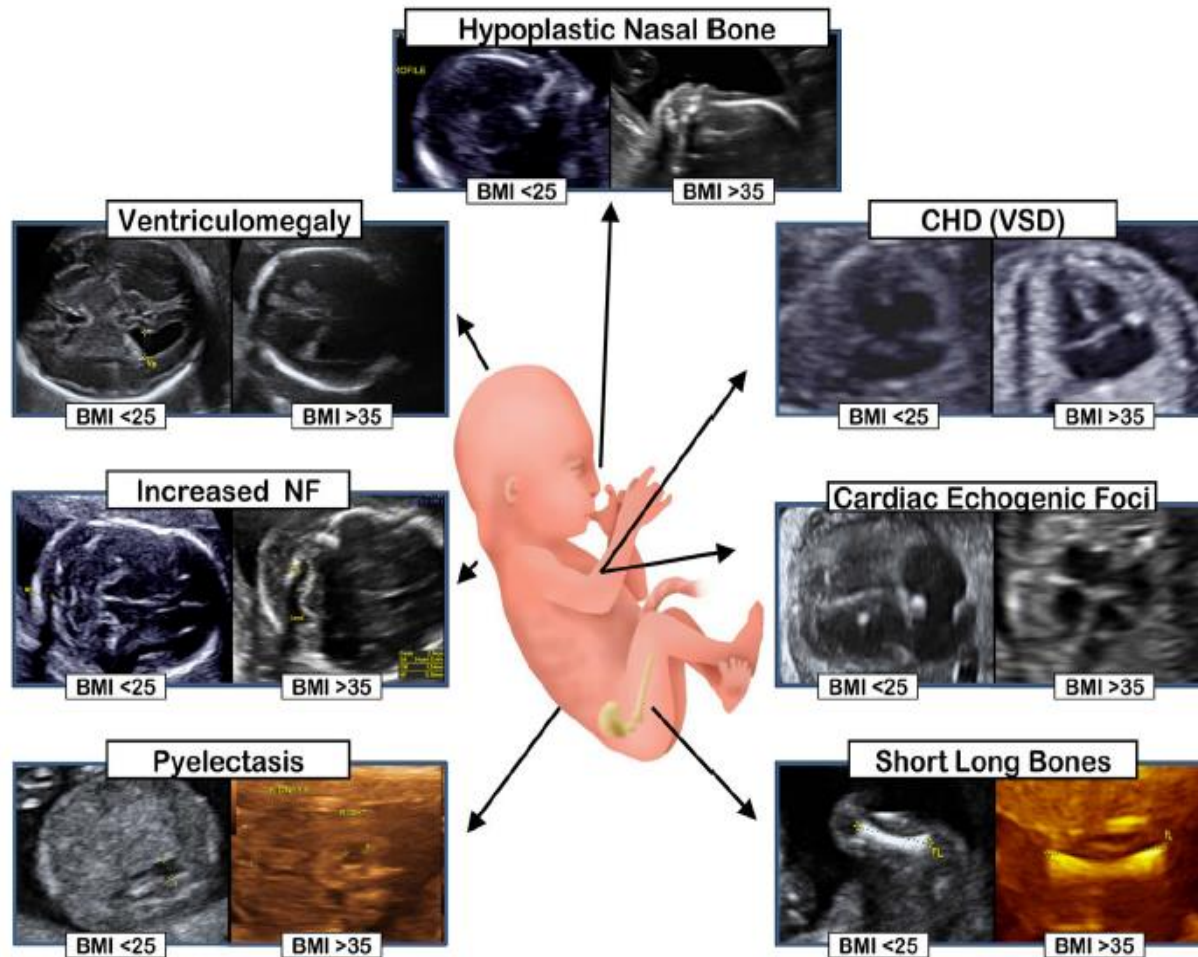


Fig. 1. Risk of stillbirth according to gestational age. (Reprinted from American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology 2014; 210; Yao R, Ananth CV, Park BY, Pereira L, Plante LA; Obesity and the risk of stillbirth: a population-based cohort study; 457.e1–9, Copyright (2014), with permission from Elsevier.) [9].



**Figure 3. Differential capacity for visualization of fetal structures and markers of aneuploidy in normal weight (BMI <25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) and obese women (BMI >35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>)**

As demonstrated in multiple studies (15–19, 54) and visualized herein, maternal obesity decreases the practitioner’s ability to confidently recognize such markers, or accurately assess their dimensions. For example, from the representative images in obese women, please note the poor delineation of the borders of the lateral ventricles and renal pelvis (which may lead to inaccurate assessment), alongside the decreased echogenicity of the intracardiac echogenic focus (which may lead to missed diagnosis).

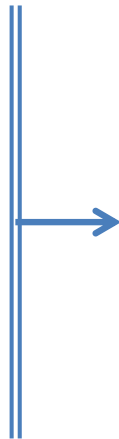


# The role of gestational diabetes, pre-pregnancy body mass index and gestational weight gain on the risk of newborn macrosomia: results from a prospective multicentre study

Salvatore Alberico<sup>1</sup>, Marcella Montico<sup>2</sup>, Valentina Barresi<sup>1</sup>, Lorenzo Monasta<sup>2</sup>, Caterina Businelli<sup>1</sup>, Valentina Soini<sup>1</sup>, Anna Erenbourg<sup>1</sup>, Luca Ronfani<sup>2\*</sup>, Gianpaolo Maso<sup>1</sup> and for the Multicentre Study Group on Mode of Delivery in Friuli Venezia Giulia

14.109 women

- Maternal obesity**
- Excessive GWG**
- GDM & pregestational Diabetes**



**Independent  
predictors  
of  
MACROSOMIA  
(>4000g)**

# Pre-Pregnancy Body Mass Index in Relation to Infant Birth Weight and Offspring Overweight/Obesity: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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37 observational studies included in the meta-analysis  
More than 700.000 women

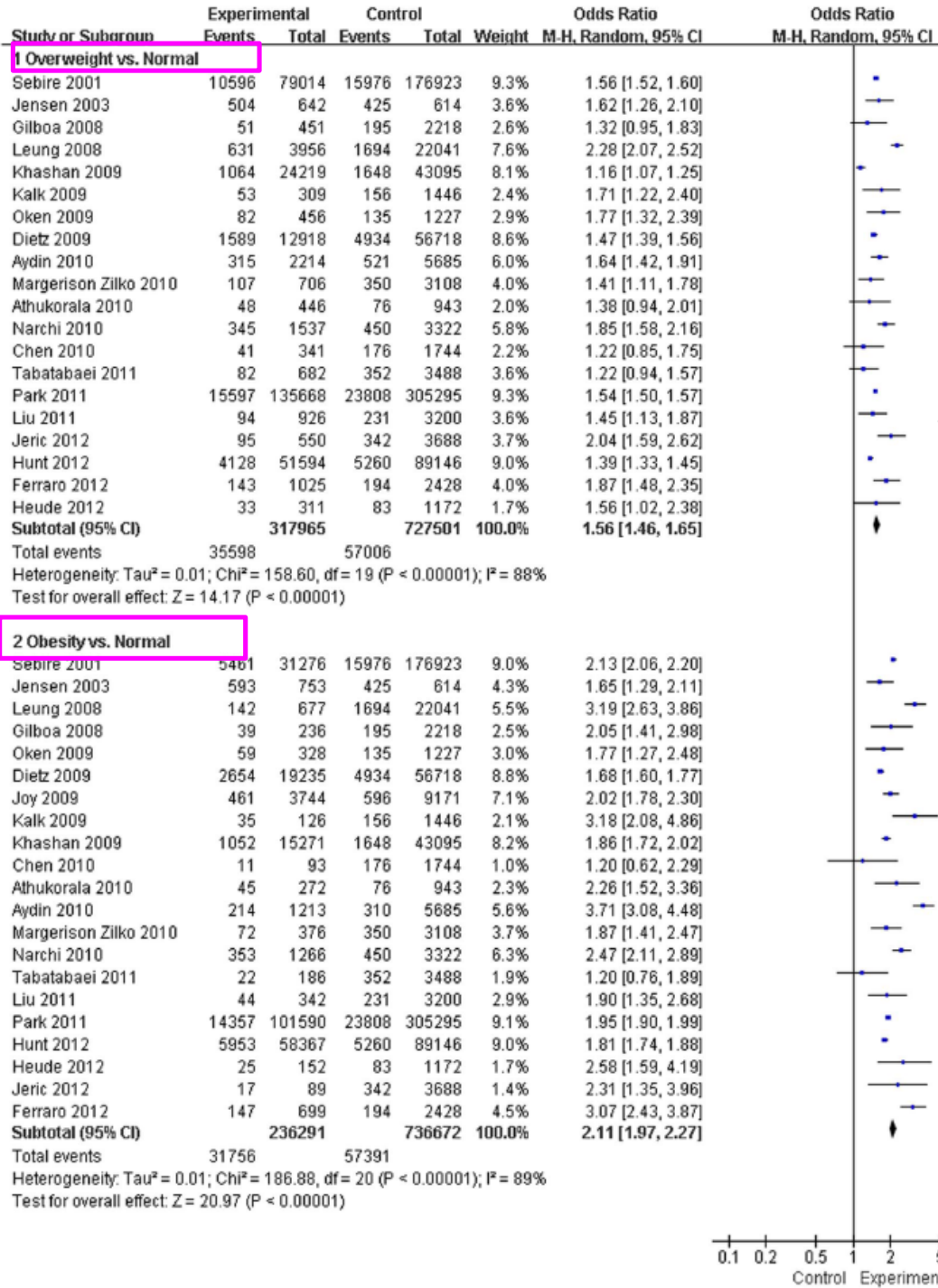
Investigating the effect of maternal BMI categories on

- Birth-weight
  - Overweight/obesity in the offsprings
- 
- 16 studies assessed the association between BMI and SGA
  - 21 studies assessed the association between BMI and LGA

# PRE-PREGNANCY BMI & RISK OF LGA

In comparison with normalweight:

- Pre-pregnancy overweight/obesity increases the risk of LGA, HBW and macrosomia



0.1 0.2 0.5 1 2 5 10  
Control Experimental

## Indications for induction of labour: a best-evidence review

E Mozurkewich,<sup>a</sup> J Chilimigras,<sup>a</sup> E Koepke,<sup>a</sup> K Keeton,<sup>a</sup> VJ King<sup>b</sup>

**Table 2.** Summary: quality of evidence and grades of recommendation<sup>8</sup>

Indication	Quality of evidence	Benefits/harm	Grade of recommendation
Post-term pregnancy	High	Net benefits	Strong
PROM	High	Net benefits	Strong
PPROM	Moderate	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Macrosomia	Moderate	Net harm	Weak (against induction)
Twin gestation	Low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Oligohydramnios	Low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Diabetes	Moderate	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Cholestasis	Very low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Cardiac disease	Very low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Mild pre-eclampsia	No evidence	—	No recommendation
Severe pre-eclampsia (preterm) induction versus expectant	Moderate	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak (against induction)
Severe pre-eclampsia (preterm) induction versus caesarean section	Very low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Eclampsia (induction versus caesarean section)	Low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
UGR/SGA (preterm)	High	Trade-offs	Weak
UGR/SGA (term)	Low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak
Gastroschisis	Low	Uncertain trade-offs	Weak

SGA, small for gestational age.



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# PRACTICE BULLETIN

*CLINICAL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES FOR OBSTETRICIAN—GYNECOLOGISTS*

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## Fetal Macrosomia

*Suspected fetal macrosomia is encountered commonly in obstetric practice. As birth weight increases, the likelihood of labor abnormalities, shoulder dystocia, birth trauma, and permanent injury to the neonate increases. The purpose of this document is to quantify those risks, address the accuracy and limitations of methods for estimating fetal weight, and suggest clinical management for a pregnancy with suspected fetal macrosomia.*

- The prenatal diagnosis is imprecise
- Suspicion is not an indication for IOL because it does not improve maternal-fetal outcomes

***How should a diagnosis of suspected fetal macrosomia affect the management of labor and vaginal delivery?***

A clinician's suspicion of a LGA fetus on prenatal examination and communication of fetal size concerns to the patient has been associated with ***increased labor and delivery interventions***

## Fetal origins of coronary heart disease

DJP Barker

BMJ VOLUME 311 15 JULY 1995

NOVEMBER 4, 2008

**Environment Special:**  
The oceans—why 70%  
of our planet is in danger

**The Facebook Movie:**  
The secret history of  
social networking

# TIME



## How the first nine months shape the rest of your life

The new science  
of fetal origins

BY ANNIE MURPHY PAUL

www.time.com

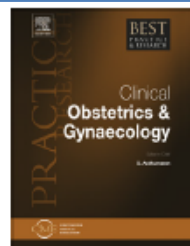


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### Obesity in obstetrics

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Yariv Yogev, MD<sup>a,\*</sup>

## childhood obesity

- There is accumulating abundant evidence linking **macrosomia** to **increased overweight and obesity** in adolescents as well as adults.
- The prevalence of **childhood obesity** is between 2.4 and 2.7 times **higher** in the offspring of **obese women**.
- **This risk is further increased** with additive risk factors such as **maternal diabetes** during pregnancy.
- Maternal obesity is also associated with **cardiovascular disease** in the **adult offspring**.

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**Original article**

# **Lifestyle-induced maternal body composition changes and birthweight in overweight/obese pregnant women**

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Fabio Facchinetti**



139 women with

- BMI  $\geq$  25
- 9th-12th week

→ **Lifestyle program:**

- *low glycemic diet with caloric restriction (1800 kcal/day)*
- *physical activity*

**BIA was performed at enrolment and at 35th-36th week.**



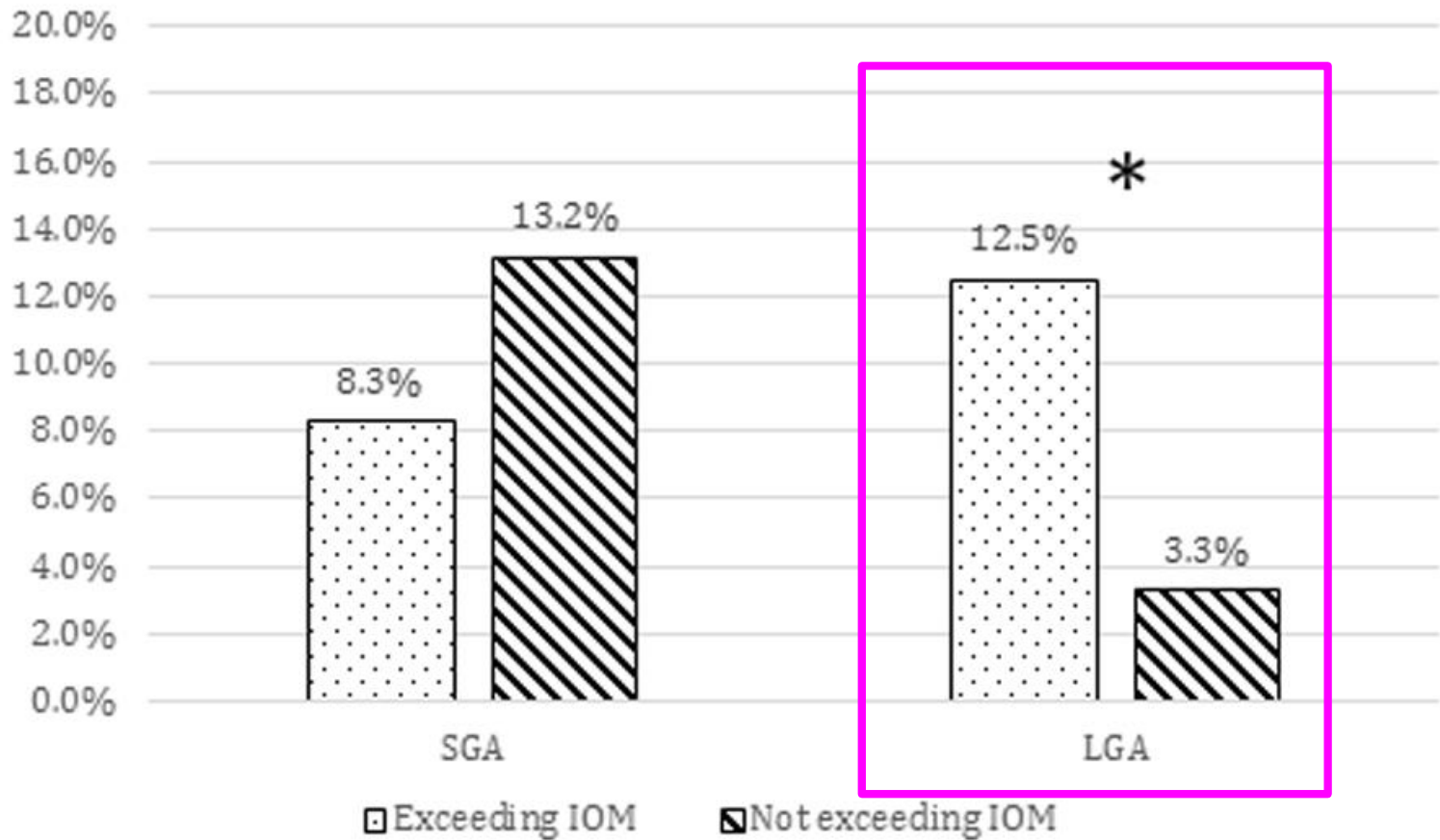
**GDM** → **28.1% women**

GDM was higher in **obese** (33.3%) vs overweight (13.5%,  $p = 0.022$ ).

Women who developed GDM had babies with

- **higher birthweight** ( $3,573 \pm 364$  vs.  $3,400 \pm 337$  grams,  $p = 0.03$ )
- higher occurrence of **LGA babies** (12.8% vs. 4%,  $p = 0.05$ )

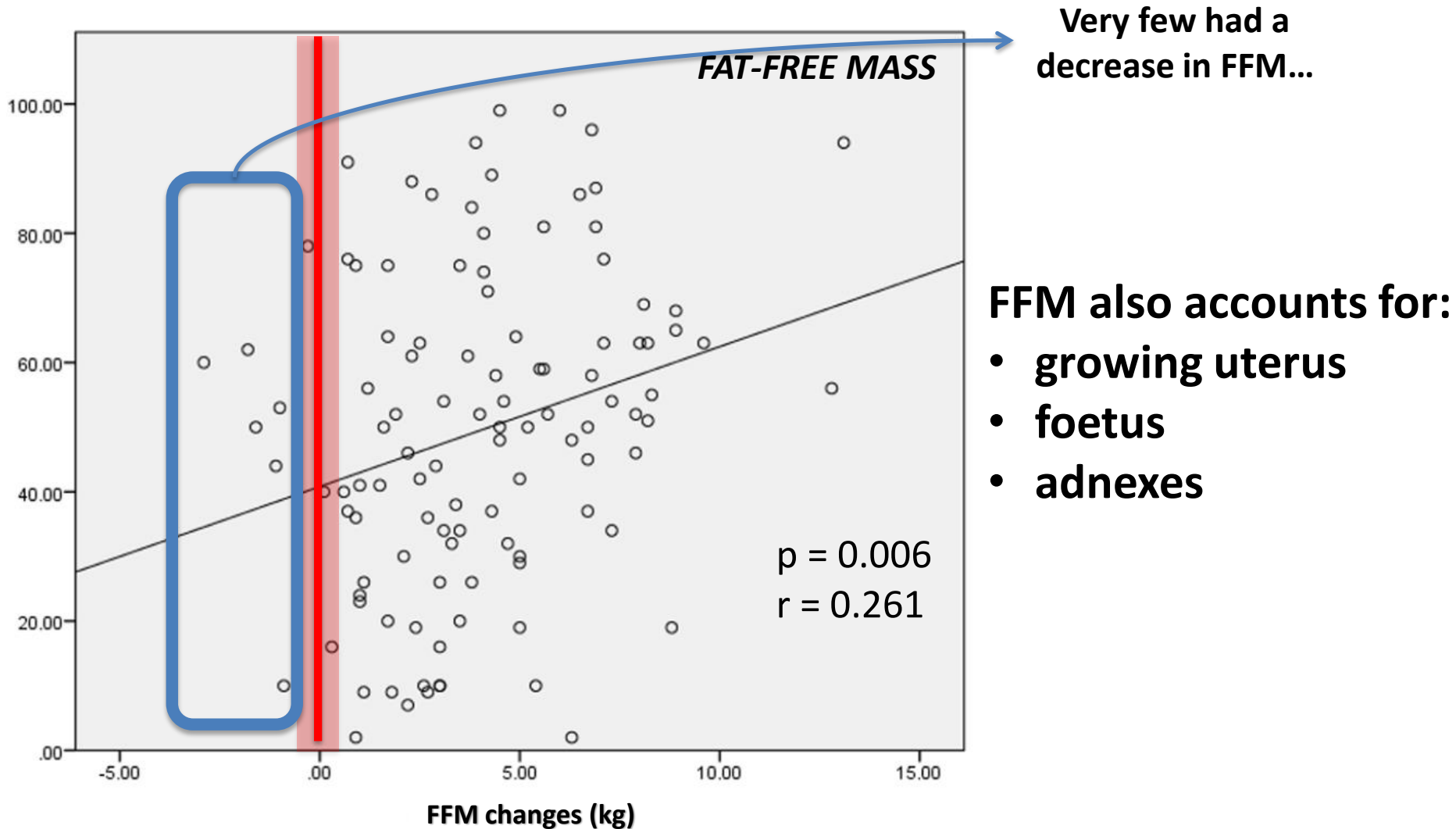
while occurrence of SGA was not affected (7% vs. 13%).



As expected...  $\uparrow$  GWG =  $\uparrow$  Birthweight

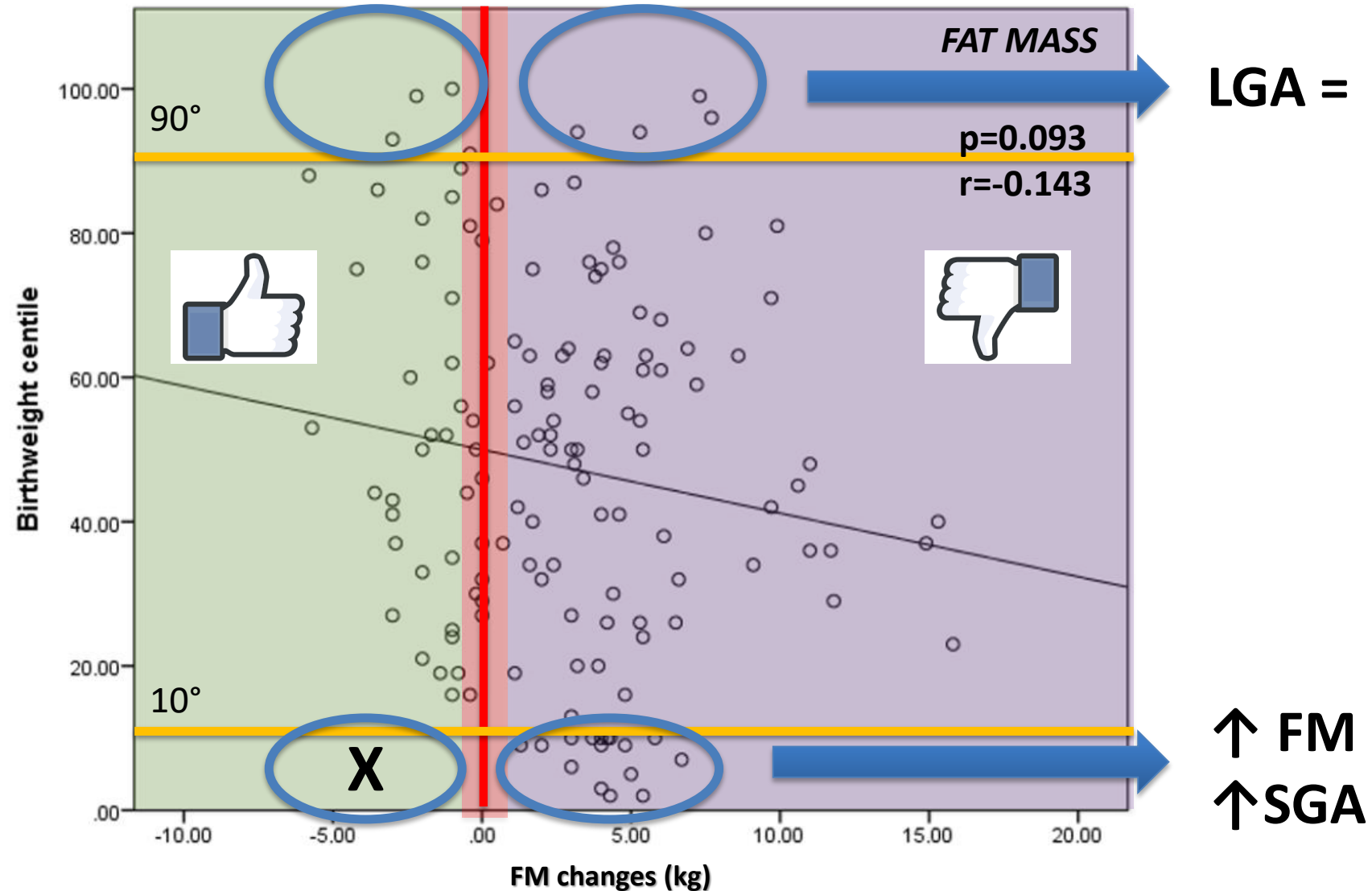
**But GWG is just an approximate parameter...**

# A positive correlation was found between birthweight centile and fat free mass (FFM) variation

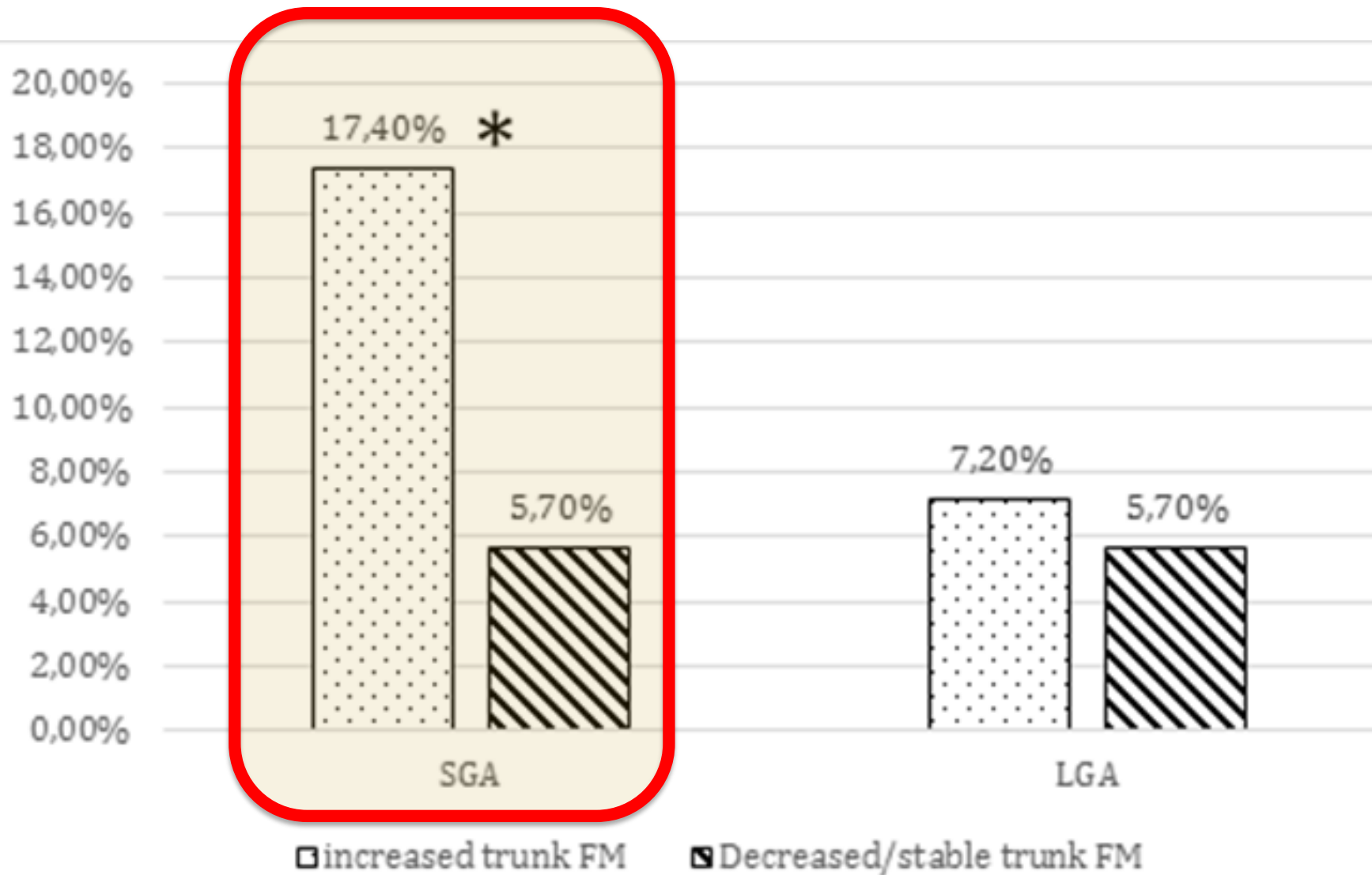


# INCREASED FAT MASS AND RISK OF SGA BABIES

Lifestyle-induced maternal body composition changes and birthweight in overweight/obese pregnant women



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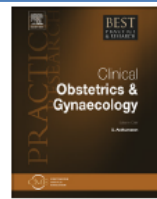




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**Treatment** in these patients should be **multidisciplinary** and involve nutritionists, dietitians, other internal medicine specialists, psychologists, and psychiatrists.

**Pregnancy** of the obese patient should be considered a high risk and thus be more **closely monitored**.

The obstetrician should inform the patients on the different risks and complications and keep them actively involved in the treatment.

Physician and patient cooperation and attention can lead to early detection of complications and better fetal and maternal outcome.

The obstetrician's role does not end until after pregnancy, when...

**...every effort should be made  
to encourage weight reduction and lifestyle modification  
in order to minimize the risks for the mother and her future offspring.**

# GWG

## Diet or exercise, or both, for preventing excessive weight gain in pregnancy (Review)

Muktabhant B, Lawrie TA, Lumbiganon P, Laopaiboon M



THE COCHRANE  
COLLABORATION®

2015

Evidence from 65 RTCs using:

- Diet
- Exercise
- Both strategies combined



Compared with no intervention

**“HIGH QUALITY EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT**

- **DIET**
  - **EXERCISE**
  - **BOTH**
- EXCESSIVE GWG”**

**DURING PREGNANCY CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF**

**“Other benefits may include a lower risk of :**

- ***Caesarean delivery***
- ***Macrosomia***
- ***Maternal hypertension***
- ***neonatal respiratory morbidity***

**exercise interventions** ...particularly for high-risk women receiving combined diet and



## Dietary advice interventions in pregnancy for preventing gestational diabetes mellitus (Review)

Tieu J, Shepherd E, Middleton P, Crowther CA

11 RCT  
2.786 women

### Authors' conclusions

Very low-quality evidence from five trials suggests a possible reduction in GDM risk for women receiving dietary advice versus standard care, and low-quality evidence from four trials suggests no clear difference for women receiving low- versus moderate- to high-GI dietary advice. A possible reduction in pregnancy-induced hypertension for women receiving dietary advice was observed and no clear differences were seen for other reported primary outcomes. There were few outcome data for secondary outcomes.

For outcomes assessed using GRADE, evidence was considered to be low to very low quality, with downgrading based on study limitations (risk of bias), imprecision, and inconsistency.

More high-quality evidence is needed to determine the effects of dietary advice interventions in pregnancy. Future trials should be designed to monitor adherence, women's views and preferences, and powered to evaluate effects on short- and long-term outcomes; there is a need for such trials to collect and report on core outcomes for GDM research. We have identified five ongoing studies and four are awaiting classification. We will consider these in the next review update.



# Pre-eclampsia

## Effect of diet- and lifestyle-based metabolic risk-modifying interventions on preeclampsia: a meta-analysis.

Allen R *Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand* 2014 Oct

18 studies included :

- 6 diet
- 6 diet + physical exercise + lifestyle changes
- 6 essential fatty acid implementation

... compared with control group

The *interventions overall* reduced the risk of preeclampsia  
(RR 0.81, 95% CI 0.69-0.94; p = 0.0006)

There was no reduction in the risk of preeclampsia with  
*mixed interventions* (RR 0.93, 95% CI 0.66-1.32, p = 0.68)  
*fatty acid supplementation* (RR 0.92, 95% CI 0.71-1.18; p = 0.49)

# Preterm birth

## Pre-pregnancy BMI and weight gain: where is the tipping point for preterm birth?

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**Table 2 Association between pre-pregnancy weight, weight gain during pregnancy and preterm birth – unadjusted analysis**

Weight gain (kg)	Underweight			Overweight			Obese		
	Spontaneous births		Induced PTB	Spontaneous births		Induced PTB	Spontaneous births		Induced PTB
	PTB with PROM	PTB without PROM		PTB with PROM	PTB without PROM		PTB with PROM	PTB without PROM	
< 7.0	1.66*** (1.36, 2.03)	1.75*** (1.38, 2.21)	0.72 (0.37, 1.42)	0.70*** (0.58, 0.79)	0.57*** (0.46, 0.69)	0.68* (0.47, 0.98)	0.58*** (0.47, 0.70)	0.54*** (0.42, 0.69)	0.87 (0.58, 1.30)
7.0-9.4	1.22 (0.96, 1.57)	1.23 (0.92, 1.65)	1.13 (0.63, 2.03)	0.86 (0.67, 1.09)	0.68* (0.50, 0.94)	0.90 (0.52, 1.57)	0.88 (0.59, 1.32)	0.38* (0.19, 0.76)	0.74 (0.27, 2.03)
9.5-12.7	1.39* (1.12, 1.73)	1.52** (1.19, 1.95)	1.17 (0.60, 2.06)	1.00 (0.79, 1.26)	0.97 (0.73, 1.29)	1.14 (0.66, 1.99)	0.99 (0.64, 1.52)	0.57 (0.29, 1.11)	2.82* (1.45, 5.49)
>12.7	0.82 (0.62, 1.09)	1.11 (0.82, 1.51)	1.11 (0.60, 2.07)	1.19 (0.96, 1.49)	1.00 (0.75, 1.34)	1.05 (0.59, 1.87)	1.35 (0.97, 1.88)	1.65* (1.13, 2.41)	1.29 (0.56, 3.00)

\*p < 0.05.

\*\*p < 0.001.

\*\*\*p < 0.0001.

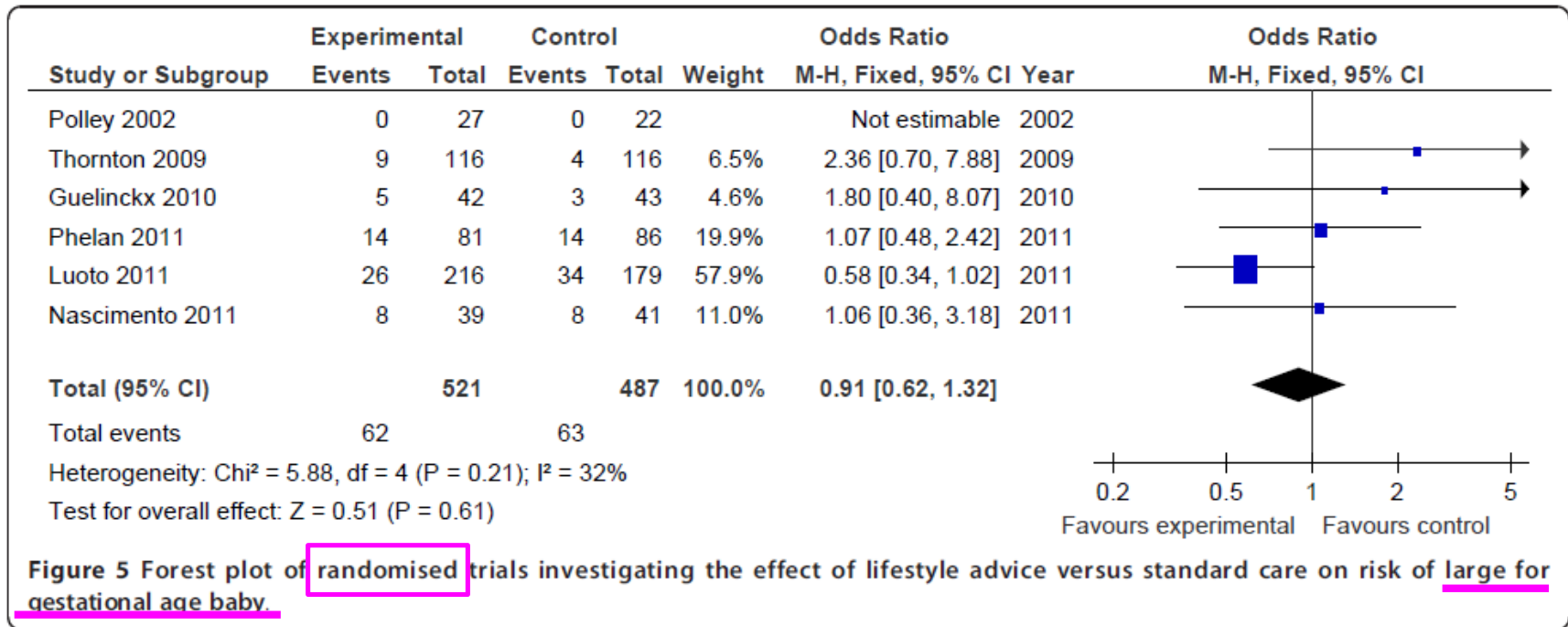
# Lifestyle interventions for overweight and obese pregnant women to improve pregnancy outcome: systematic review and meta-analysis

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2012

**13 RCTs: 1,228 women**  
**6 non RCTs: 1,534 women**

The nature of interventions varied widely between studies (i.e. individual or group sessions)



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## Antenatal lifestyle advice for women who are overweight or obese: LIMIT randomised trial

**Study Design:** Multicenter RCT

Dietary and Lifestyle Advice Group

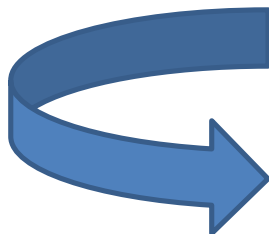
Standard Care Group

**Inclusion Criteria:**

- Singleton pregnancy
- between 10<sup>+0</sup>-20<sup>+0</sup> weeks
- BMI ≥ 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

2008-2011:  
2.152 women

**Exclusion Criteria:** Multiple pregnancy, or type 1 or 2 diabetes



To determine the effect of antenatal dietary and lifestyle interventions on health outcomes in overweight and obese pregnant women

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**Antenatal lifestyle advice for women who are overweight or obese: LIMIT randomised trial**
**Primary outcome: LGA (>90<sup>th</sup> centile)**
**Table 2| Prespecified outcomes in infants born to women with BMI  $\geq 25$  at trial entry by treatment group. Values are numbers (%) of women and treatment effects are relative risks based on imputed data**

Outcome	Lifestyle advice (n=1075*)	Standard care (n=1067*)	Treatment effect (95% CI), P value	
Large for gestational age	203 (19)	224 (21)	0.90 (0.76 to 1.07), 0.23	0.90 (0.77 to 1.07), 0.24
Major congenital anomaly	25 (2)	14 (1)	1.76 (0.92 to 3.37), 0.09	1.77 (0.93 to 3.39), 0.08
Birth weight above 4000 g	164 (15)	201 (19)	0.81 (0.67 to 0.98), 0.03	18% reduction
Hypoglycaemia requiring treatment	107 (10)	103 (10)	1.03 (0.79 to 1.33), 0.85	1.02 (0.79 to 1.31), 0.91
Admission to NICU or SCBU	394 (37)	385 (36)	1.02 (0.91 to 1.14), 0.79	1.00 (0.90 to 1.12), 0.99
Hyperbilirubinaemia requiring phototherapy	73 (7)	88 (8.)	0.82 (0.61 to 1.11), 0.19	0.81 (0.60 to 1.09), 0.16
Nerve palsy	4 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	(N/A), 0.69‡	NA
Fracture	4 (0.4)	2 (0.2)	(N/A), 0.69‡	NA
Birth trauma	6 (0.6)	7 (0.7)	0.85 (0.29 to 2.52), 0.77	NA
Shoulder dystocia	44 (4)	35 (3)	1.25 (0.81 to 1.93), 0.32	1.25 (0.81 to 1.93), 0.32

## Original Article

## Adherence to a lifestyle programme in overweight/obese pregnant women and effect on gestational diabetes mellitus: a randomized controlled trial

...Follow-up: 16<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 36<sup>th</sup> week**Table 4.** Maternal and neonatal outcomes

	Group I (69)	Group SC (62)	P-value
GDM diagnosis	13 (18.8%)	23 (37.1%)	0.019
Pregnancy-induced hypertension	2 (2.9%)	13 (21%)	0.001
Preterm birth	0	5 (8.1%)	0.016
Gestational age at delivery (days)	277.3 ± 8.3	275 ± 10.6	0.142
Induction of labour	24 (34.8%)	34 (54.8%)	0.021
Caesarean delivery	17 (24.6%)	25 (40.3%)	0.055
Birth-weight (g)	3432.5 ± 333.7	3512.3 ± 447.3	0.246
LGA infants (≥90 <sup>th</sup> centile)	1 (1.4%)	7 (11.3%)	0.019
Macrosomia (>4000 g)	2 (2.9%)	7 (11.3%)	0.058
SGA infants (≤10 <sup>th</sup> centile)	6 (8.7%)	5 (8.1%)	0.897

GDM, gestational diabetes mellitus; LGA, large for gestational age; SGA, small for gestational age.



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