

Foie gras : où en est-on en 2019 ? Quel rôle pour le médecin de famille ?

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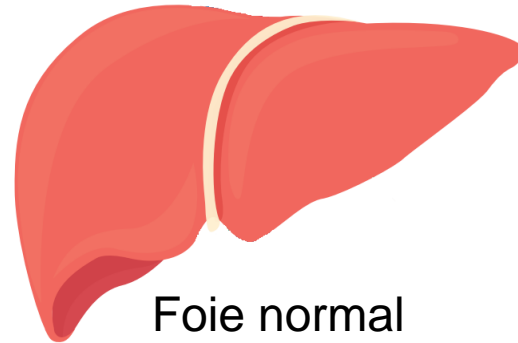
Le foie gras non-alcoolique (NAFLD)

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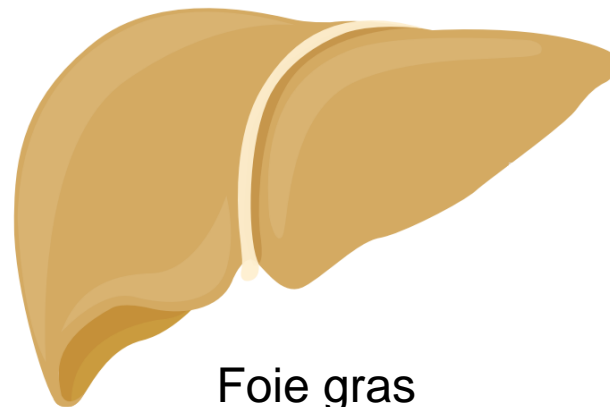
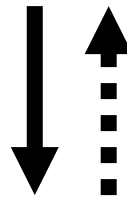
Stéatose dans > 5%
des hépatocytes

Exclusion:

Hépatite virale B, C,
Alcool,
Hémochromatose,
Auto-immune...



Foie normal



Foie gras

Facteurs liés à la progression

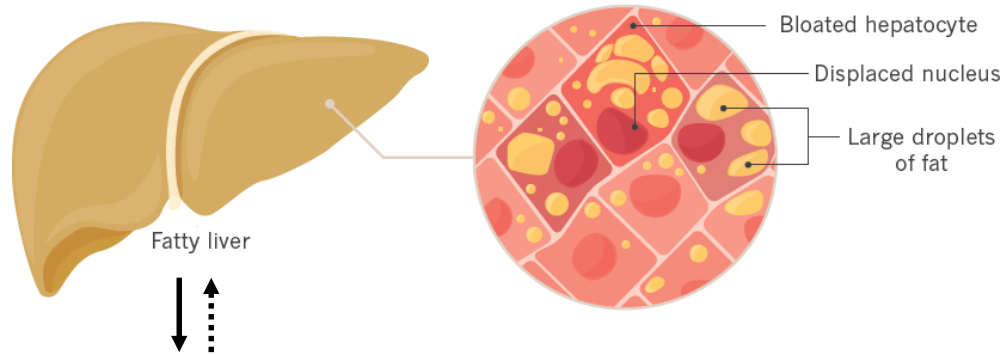
- Résistance à l'insuline
- Surpoids
- Syndrome métabolique
- Facteurs ethniques
- Facteurs génétiques
- Sexe
- Alimentation
- ...

La NAFLD, un diagnostic d'exclusion?

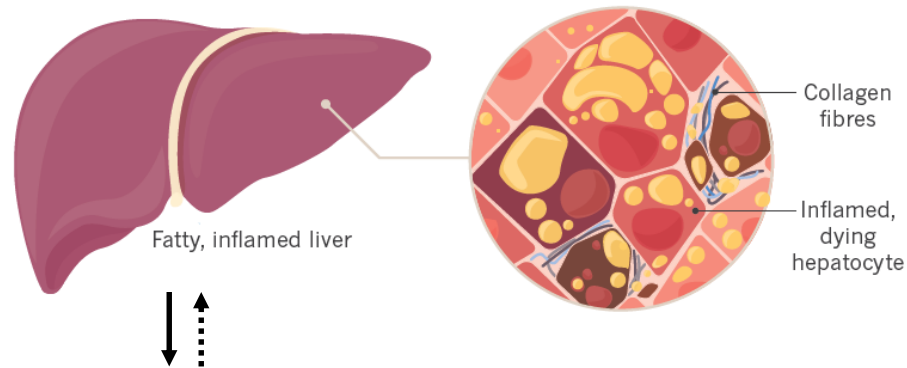
- **Définition:** “steatosis in >5% of hepatocytes according to histological analysis or by a proton density fat fraction >5.6% assessed by proton magnetic resonance spectroscopy”
- **“Non-alcoolique”:** Consommation OH de < 20g/j pour les femmes, < 30g/j pour les hommes
- **Exclusion** raisonnable d'autres causes d'hépatopathies: OH, HCV, HBV, médicamenteux (ex: méthotrexate), hémochromatose et d'autres causes plus rares selon l'anamnèse et les facteurs de risque
- Nouveau nom? “Metabolic liver disease ”?

Le foie gras non-alcoolique et sa progression

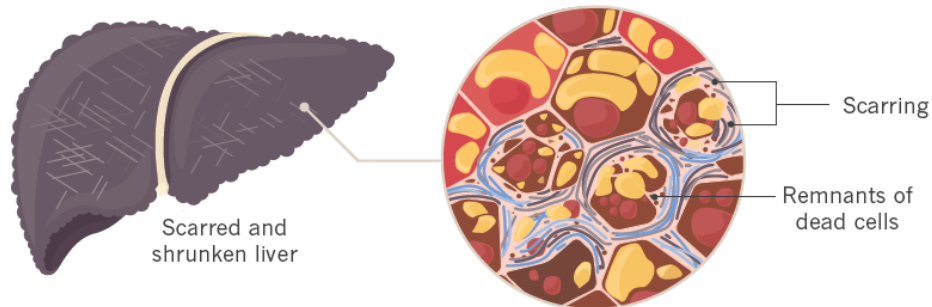
Foie gras
«simple»



Stéatohépatite
(NASH) et
fibrose

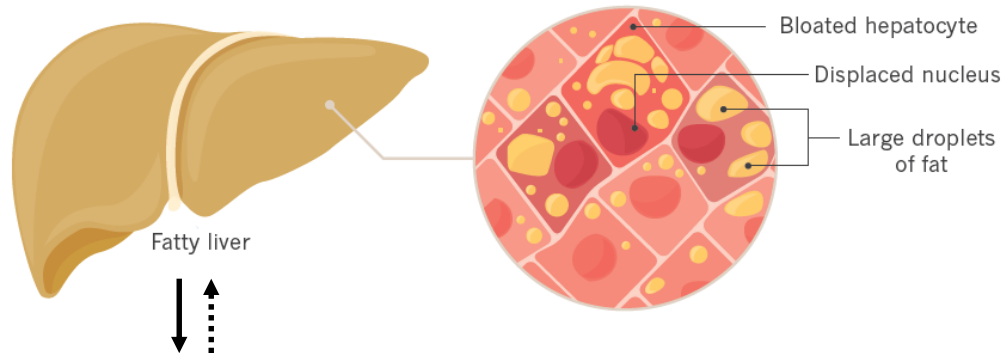


Cirrhose

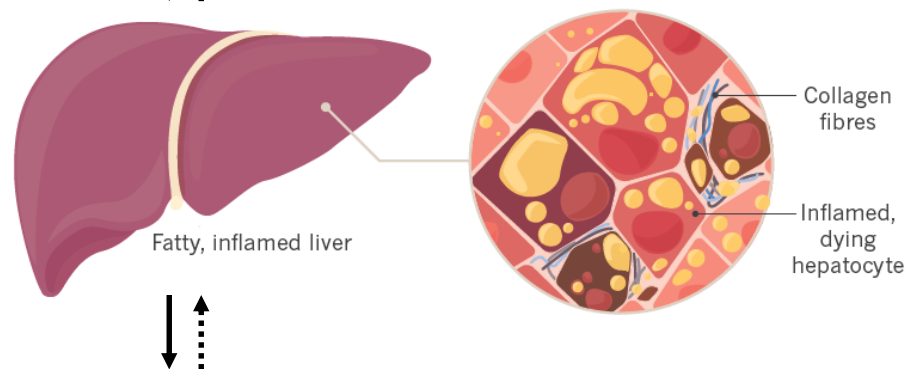


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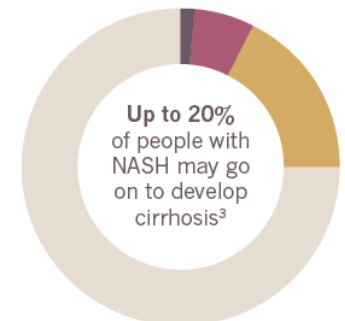
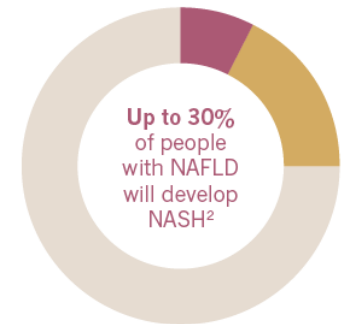
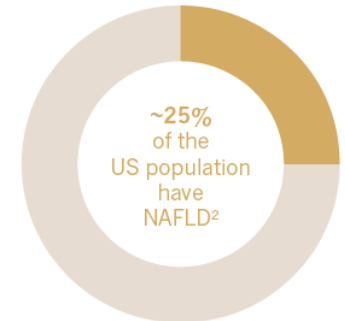
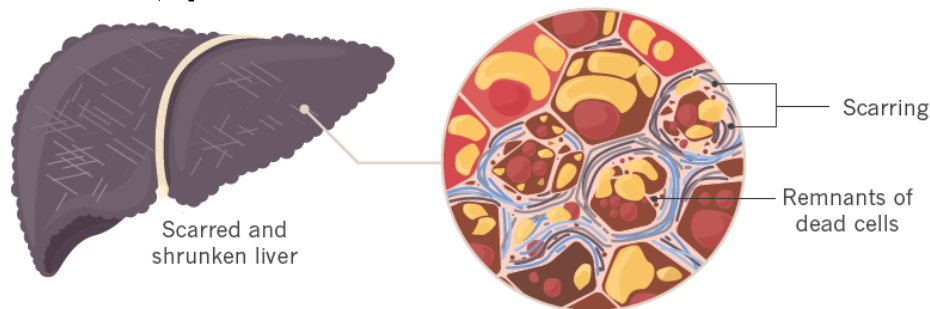
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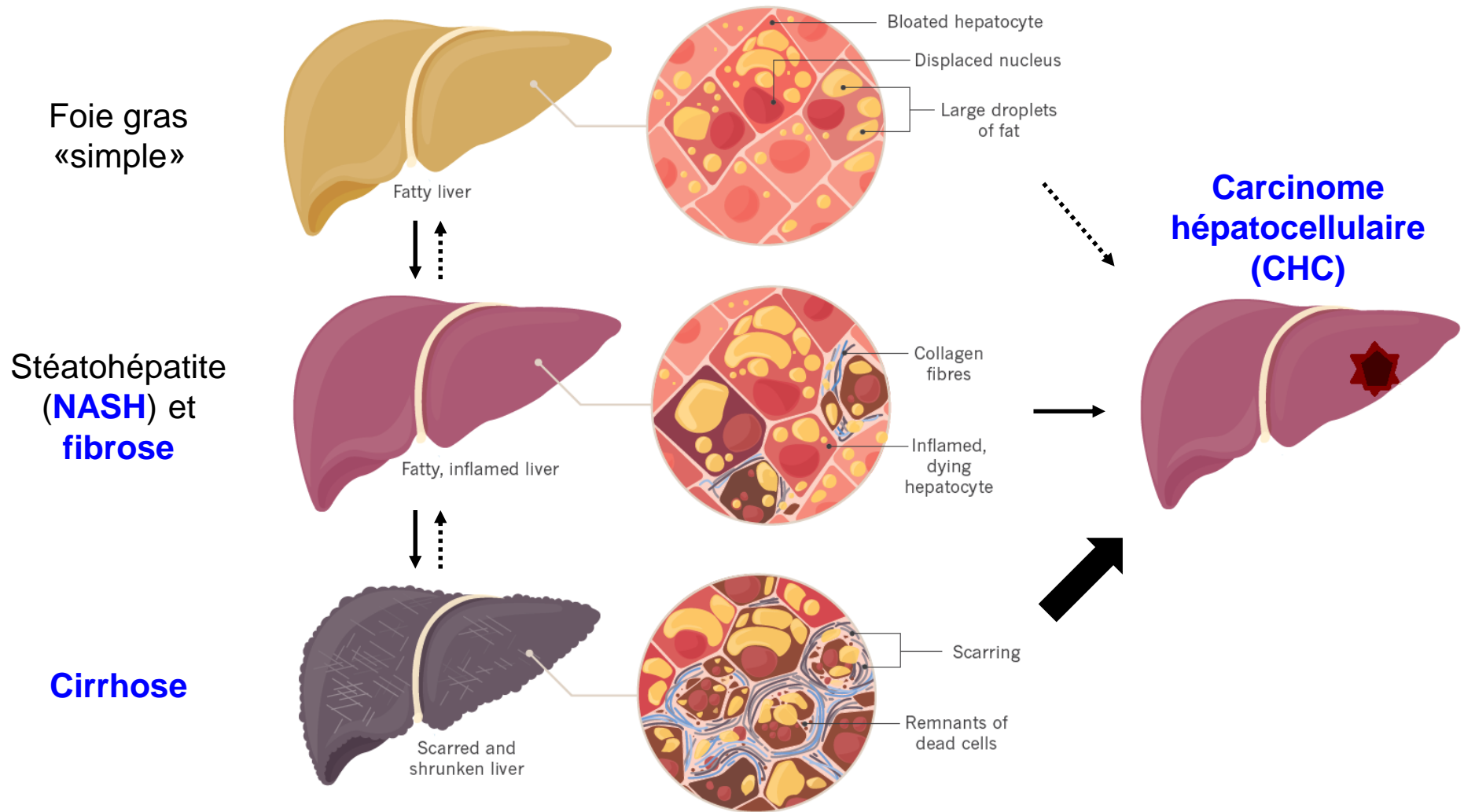
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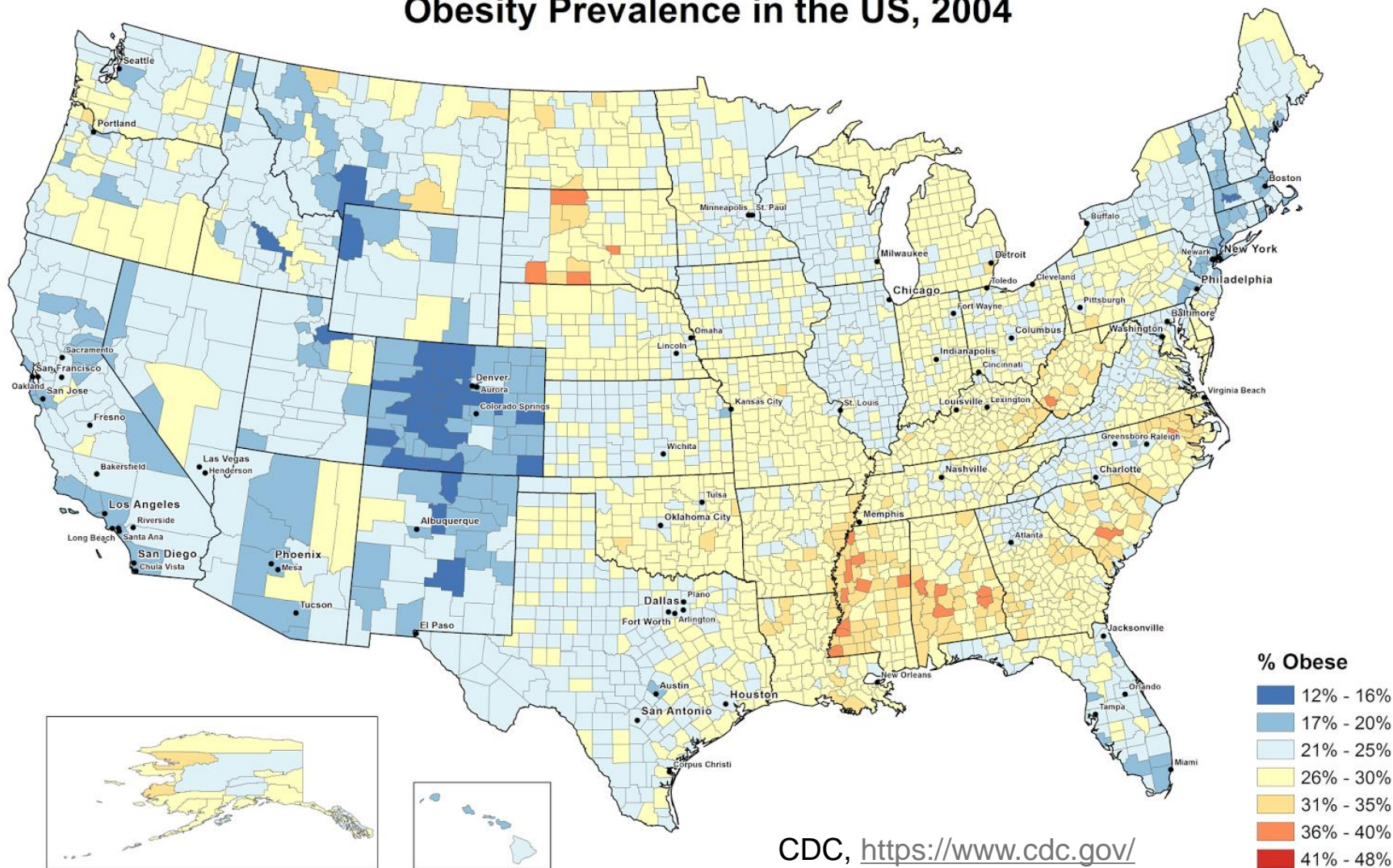


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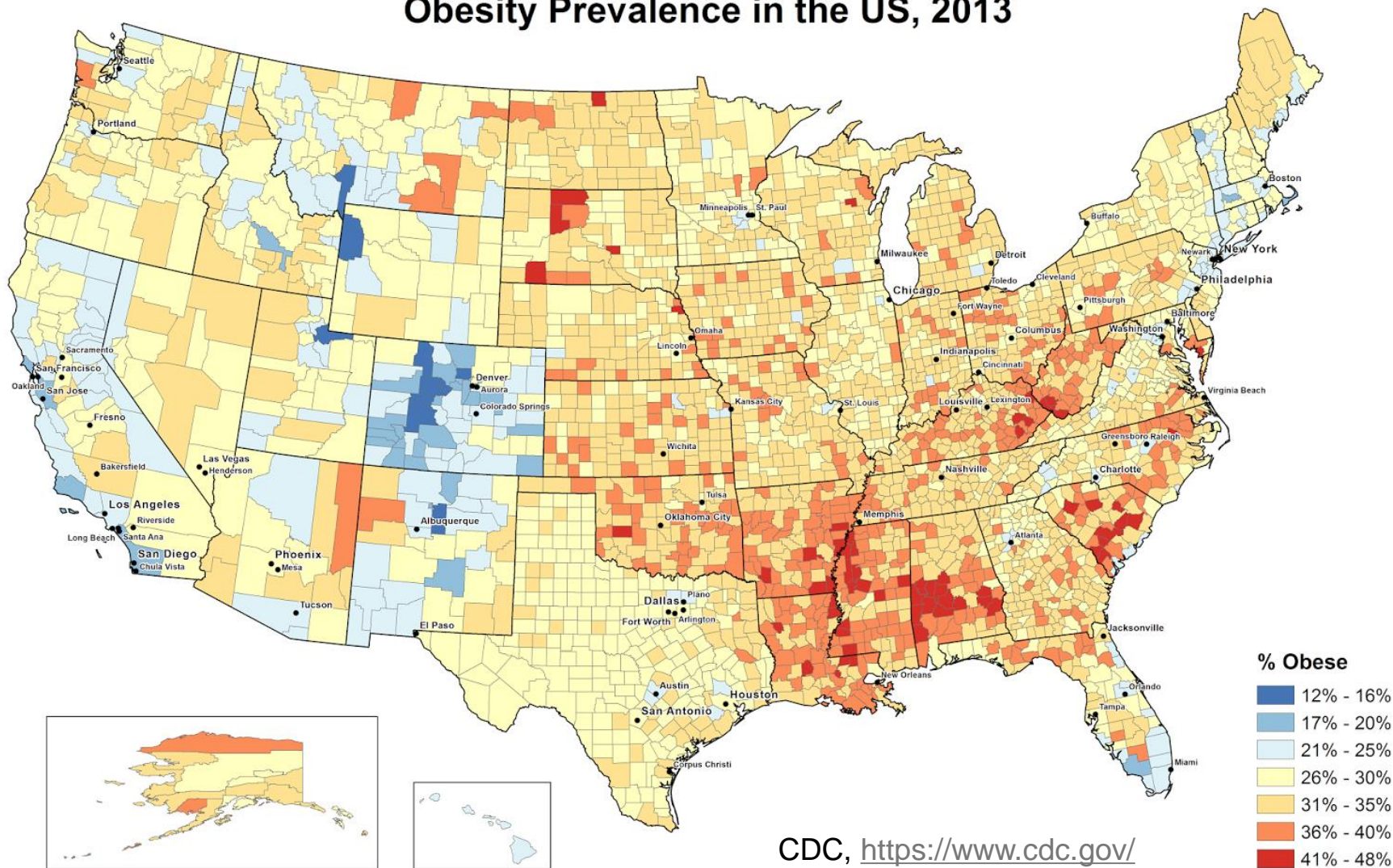
L'épidémie de l'obésité aux USA

Obesity Prevalence in the US, 2004

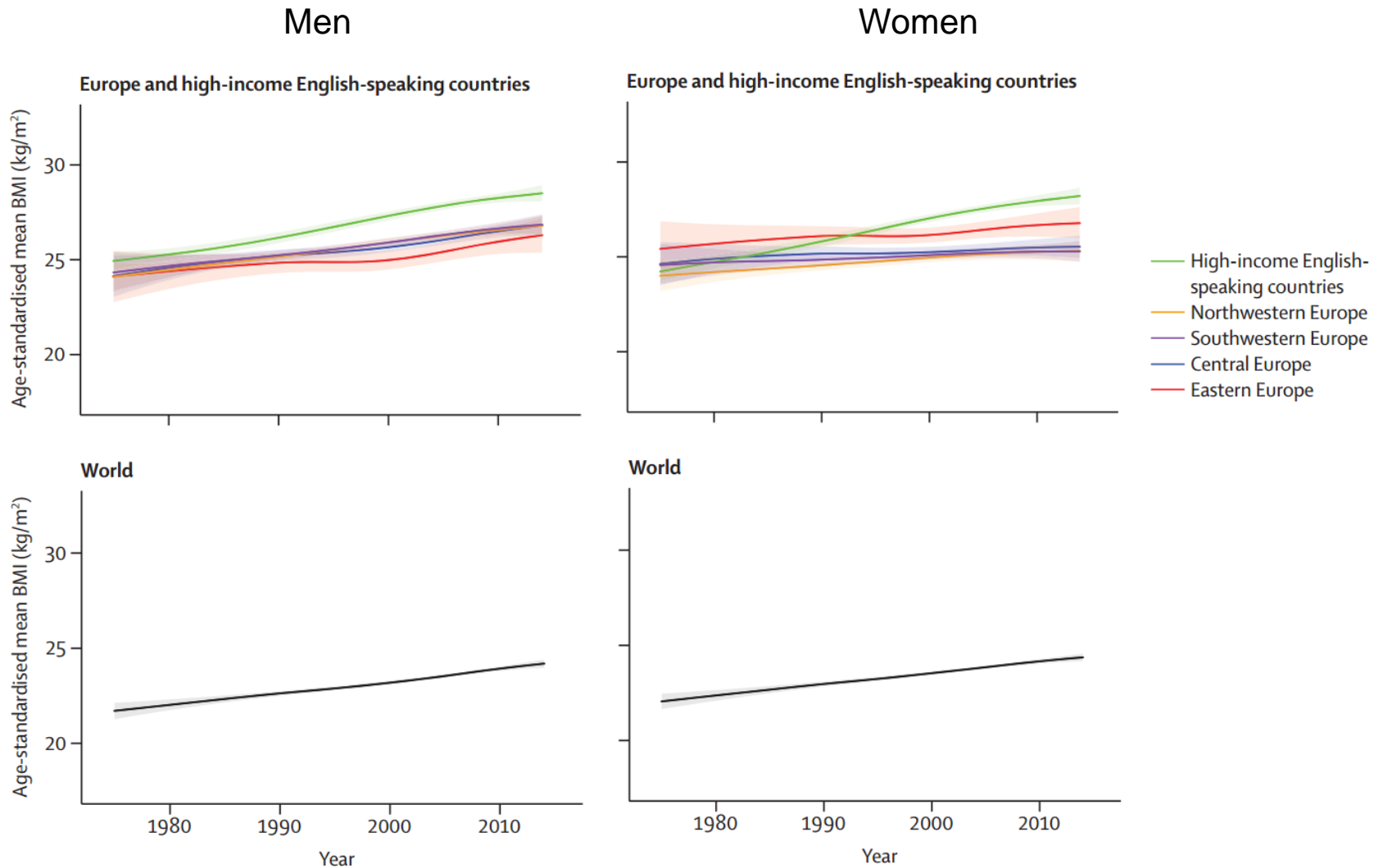


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Obesity Prevalence in the US, 2013

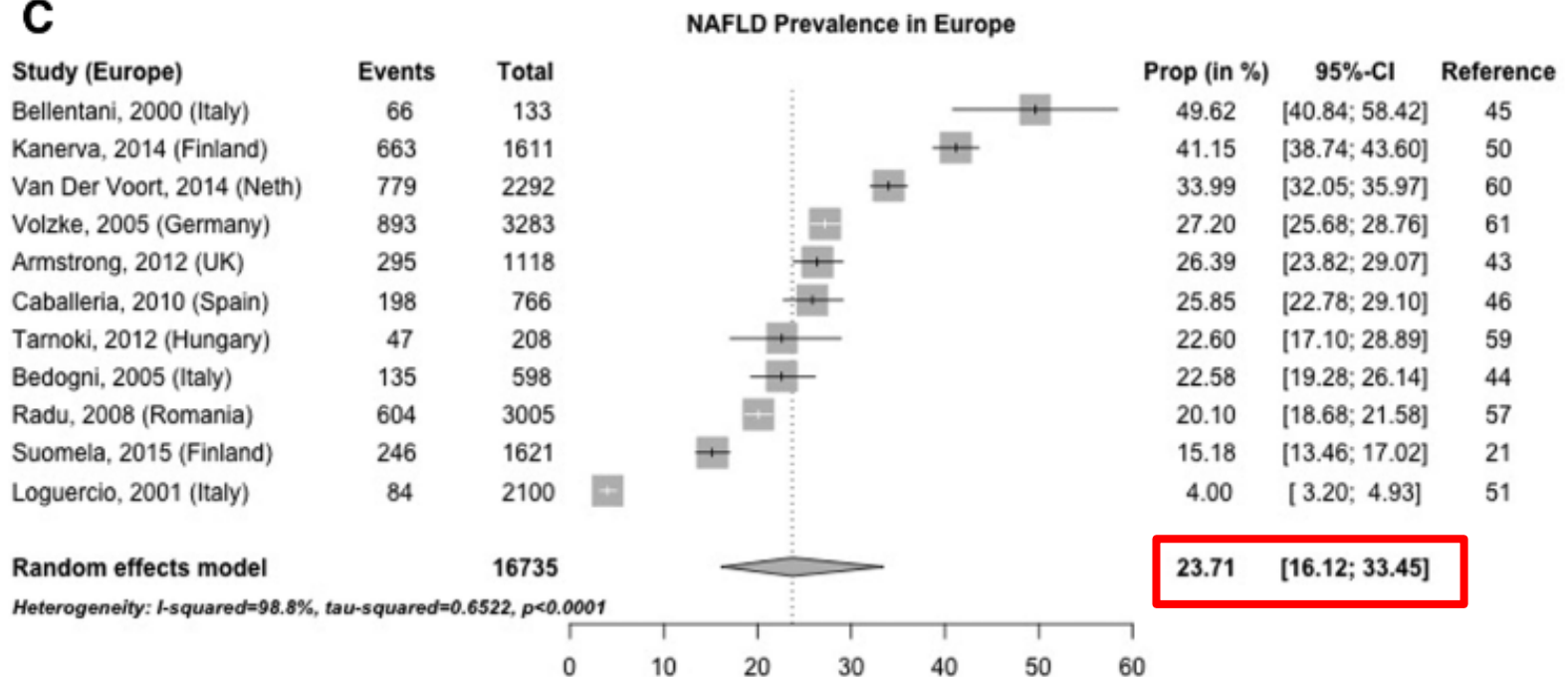


Augmentation de l'IMC mondial

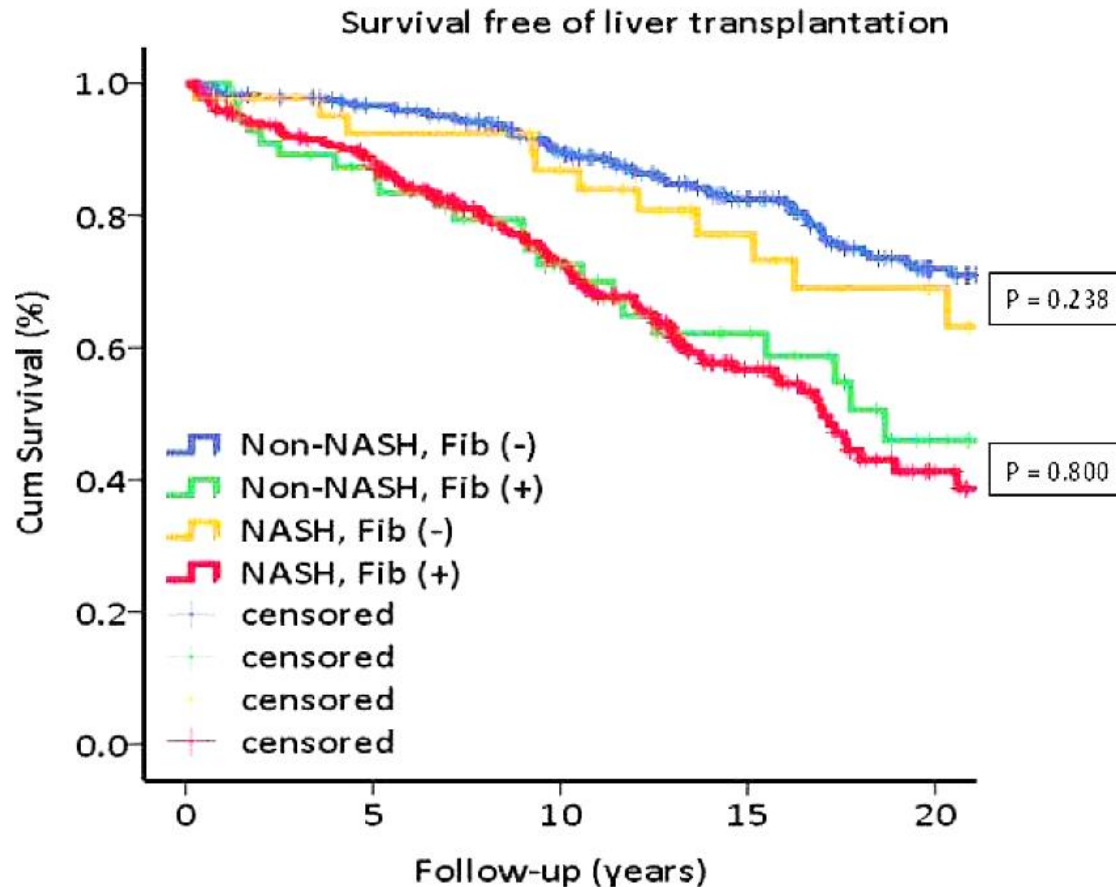


Prévalence élevée de la NAFLD en Europe

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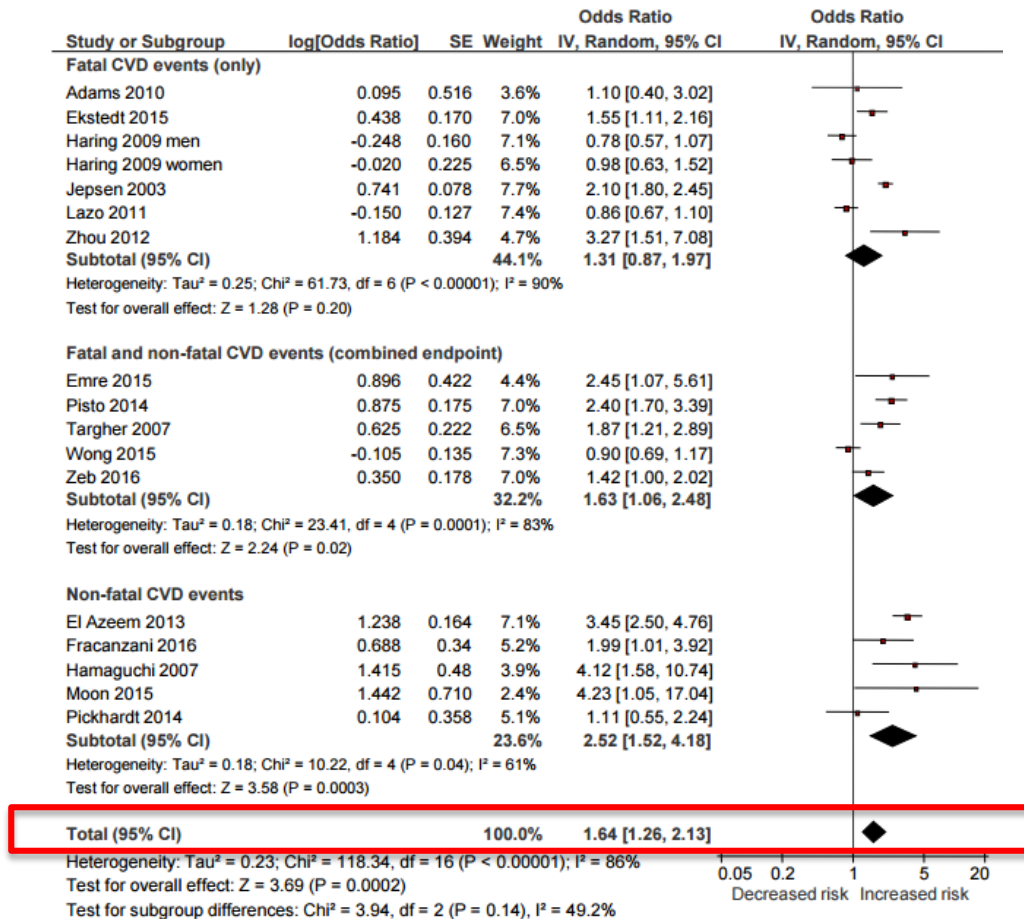
La fibrose hépatique est associée à la survie à long terme



Cause de mortalité: cardiovasculaire 38%, cancer 19%, cirrhose 8%, CHC 1%

Prédicteurs indépendants: fibrose, diabète, tabac, absence statine

Augmentation des évènements cardiovasculaires



16 observational studies with 34,043 adult individuals and 2,600 CVD outcomes (>70% CVD deaths) over a median period of 6.9 years

Le foie gras est sous-évalué par les médecins de premier recours US

Table 2. Proportions of patients meeting process measures

	<i>N (%)^a</i>
<i>All patients</i>	251
<i>Review of primary care records</i>	
Elevation of transaminases	99 (39.4)
Consideration of NAFLD/NASH	54 (21.5)
Referral to GI/hepatology	26 (10.4)
Recommendation for lifestyle modification	37 (14.7)
Receipt of any NAFLD care	99 (39.4)

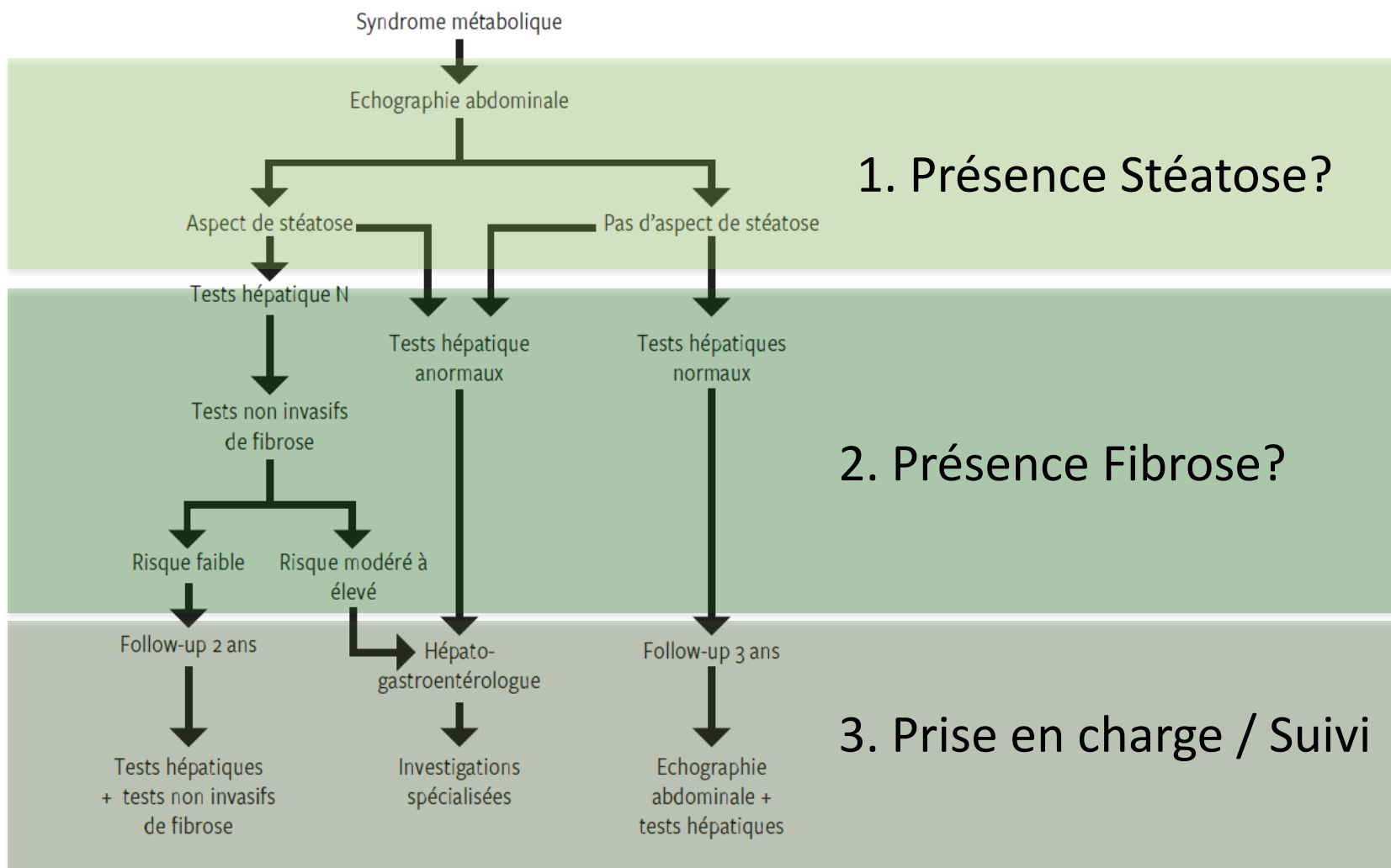
Seul facteur associé à prise en charge NAFLD: magnitude élévation ALAT
MAIS: cohorte US (Vétérans), résultats à répliquer en Europe / Suisse

Recommandations dans la prise en charge de la NAFLD

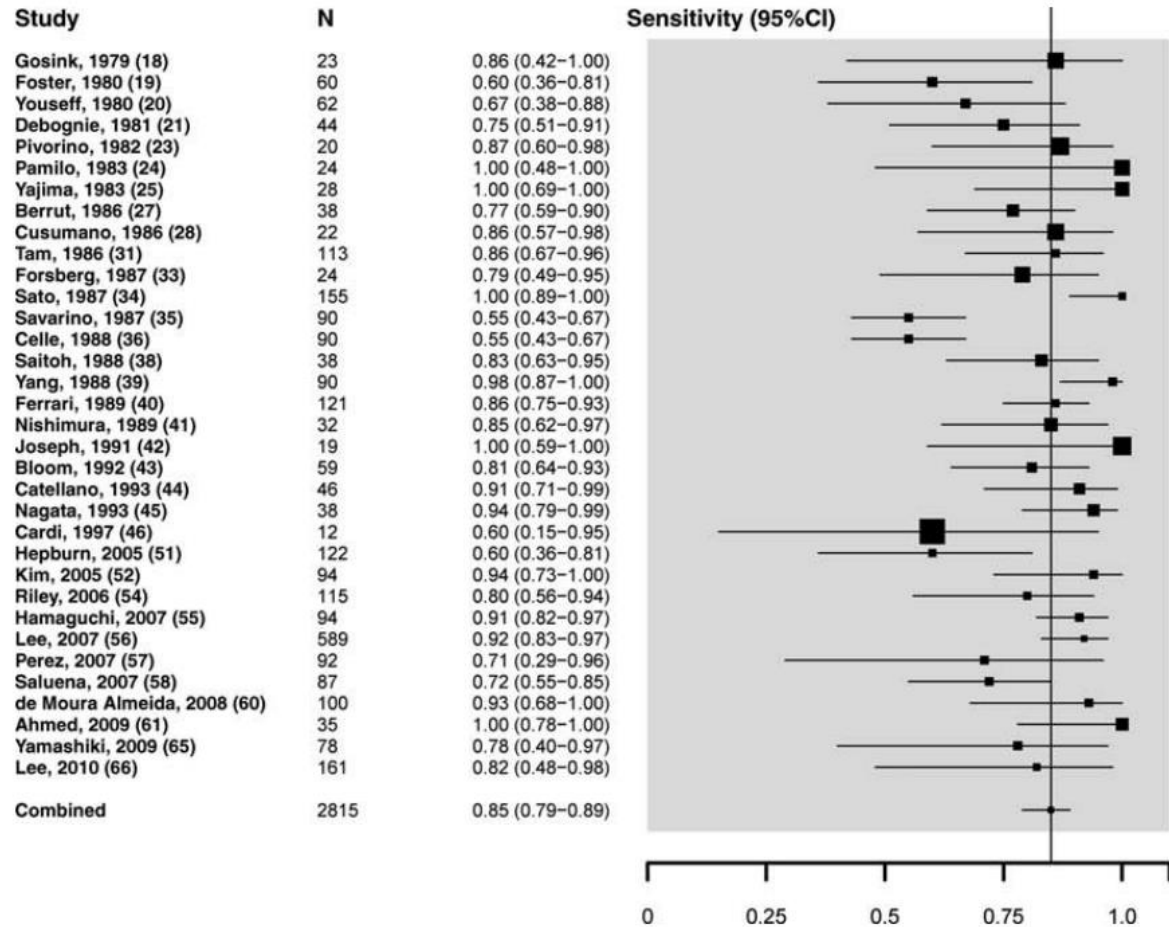
EASL–EASD–EASO Clinical Practice Guidelines for the management of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease[☆]

European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL)*, European Association for the Study of Diabetes (EASD) and European Association for the Study of Obesity (EASO)

Proposition d'algorithme décisionnel devant un syndrome métabolique



Dépistage de la stéatose hépatique – performance de l'échographie

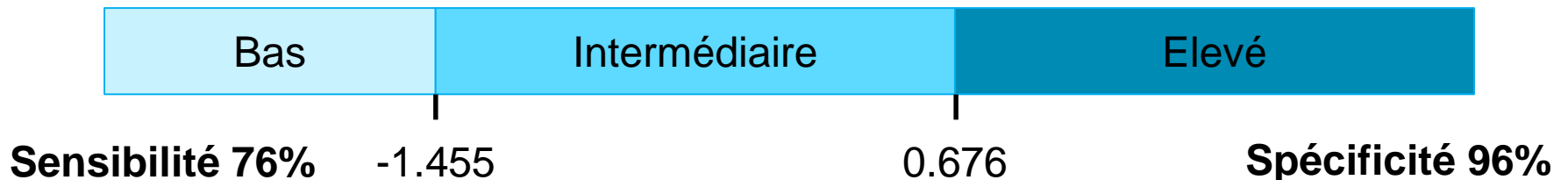


Pooled sensitivity (vs histology gold standard): 85% (80-89%)

Evaluation non-invasive de la fibrose

Marqueur sérique: NAFLD fibrosis score

- Age, IMC, diabète, ASAT, ALAT, plaquettes, **albumine**
- <http://nafldscore.com/>
- Associé à la mortalité (Kim et al, *Hepatology* 2013)
- Surtout intéressant aux 2 extrêmes
- Classifie en 3 groupes lié au risque de fibrose (gold-standard biopsie)



NAFLD fibrosis score Online calculator

Angulo P, Hui JM, Marchesini G et al. **The NAFLD fibrosis score**
A noninvasive system that identifies liver fibrosis in patients with NAFLD
Hepatology 2007;45(4):846-854 [doi:10.1002/hep.21496](https://doi.org/10.1002/hep.21496)

Age (years)

BMI (kg/m²)

IGF/diabetes

AST

ALT

Platelets (x10⁹/l)

Albumin (g/l)

BMI: body mass index
IGF: impaired fasting glucose

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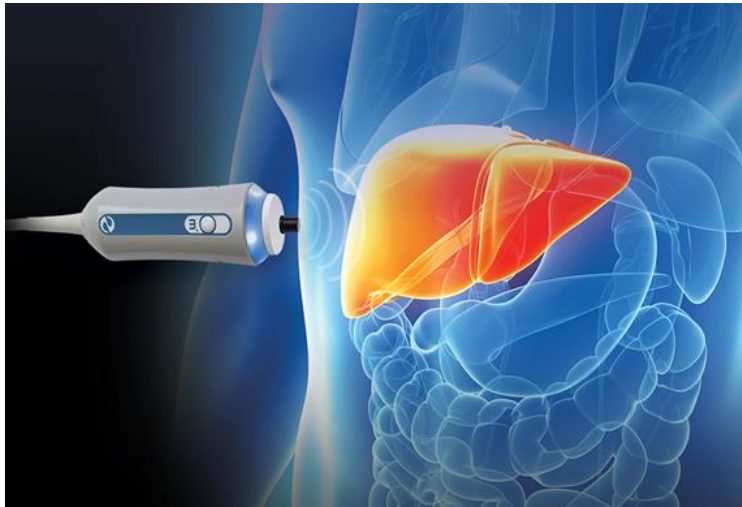
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IGF/diabetes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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ALT	<input type="text" value="76"/>
Platelets (x10 ⁹ /l)	<input type="text" value="200"/>
Albumin (g/l)	<input type="text" value="43"/>
Score	-0.094

< -1.455: predictor of **absence** of significant fibrosis (F0-F2 fibrosis)
≤ -1.455 to ≤ 0.675: indeterminate score
> 0.675: predictor of **presence** of significant fibrosis (F3-F4 fibrosis)

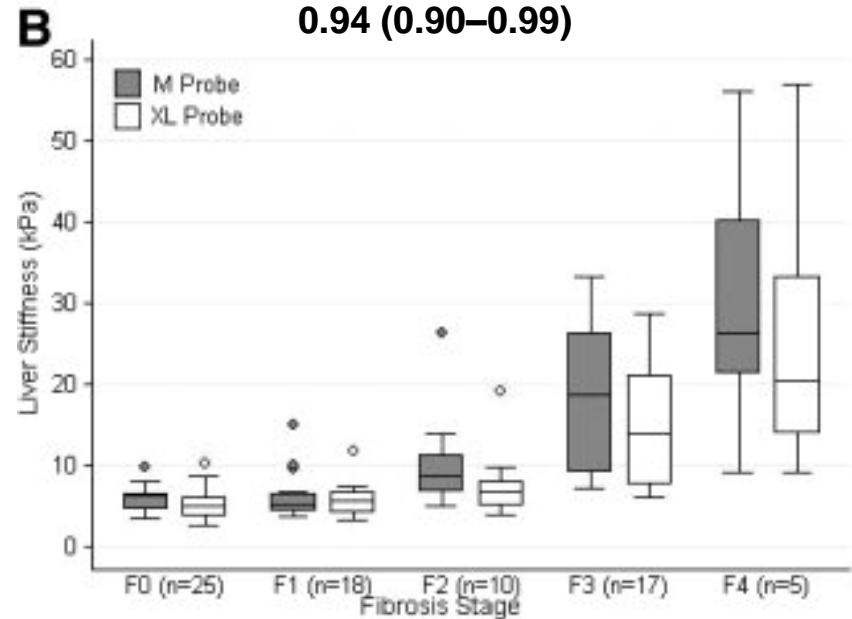
BMI: body mass index
IGF: impaired fasting glucose

Evaluation non-invasive de la fibrose par elastométrie hépatique

Fibroscan[®]



Meta-analysis: pooled AUROC for
adv fibrosis in NAFLD =
0.94 (0.90–0.99)



Prise en charge - général

Dépistage et prise en charge syndrome métabolique

- En particulier résistance à l'insuline et diabète
- Identification et prise en charge **facteurs risque CV** (cause mortalité # 1 !!)

Mesures hygiéno-diététiques

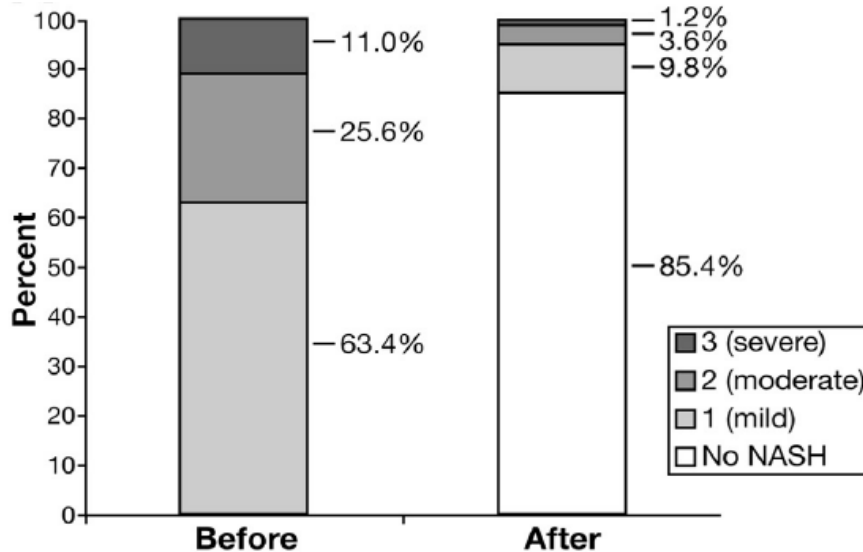
- Perte de 7-10% du poids corporel (Lazo et al *Diab Care* 2010)
- Exercice physique (Thoma et al *J Hep* 2012)
- Limiter consommation alcool

Prise en charge spécifique

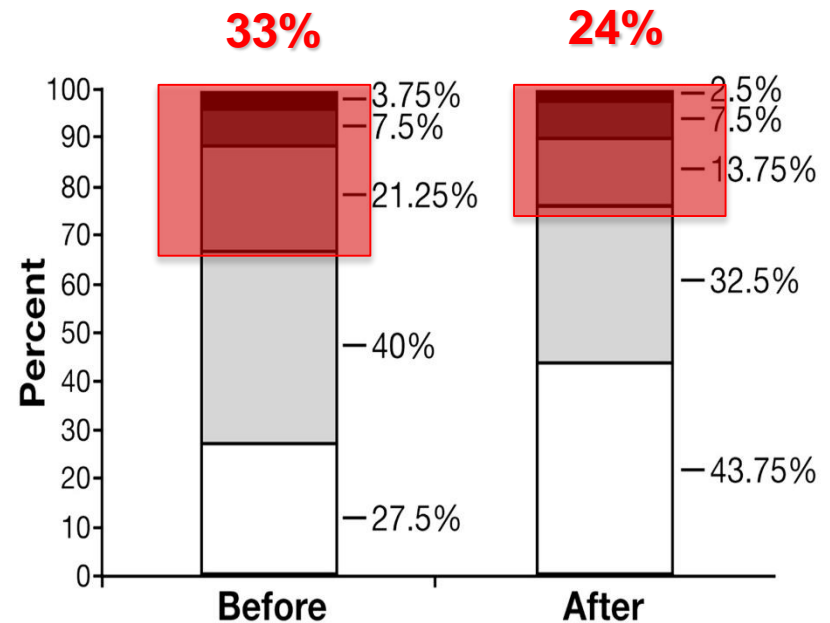
- Indication traitement: Fibrose > NASH > stéatose
- Prise en charge hépatopathie (ex: dépistage CHC dans cirrhose)
- Place de la chirurgie bariatrique

C'est une maladie réversible!

Résolution de la NASH

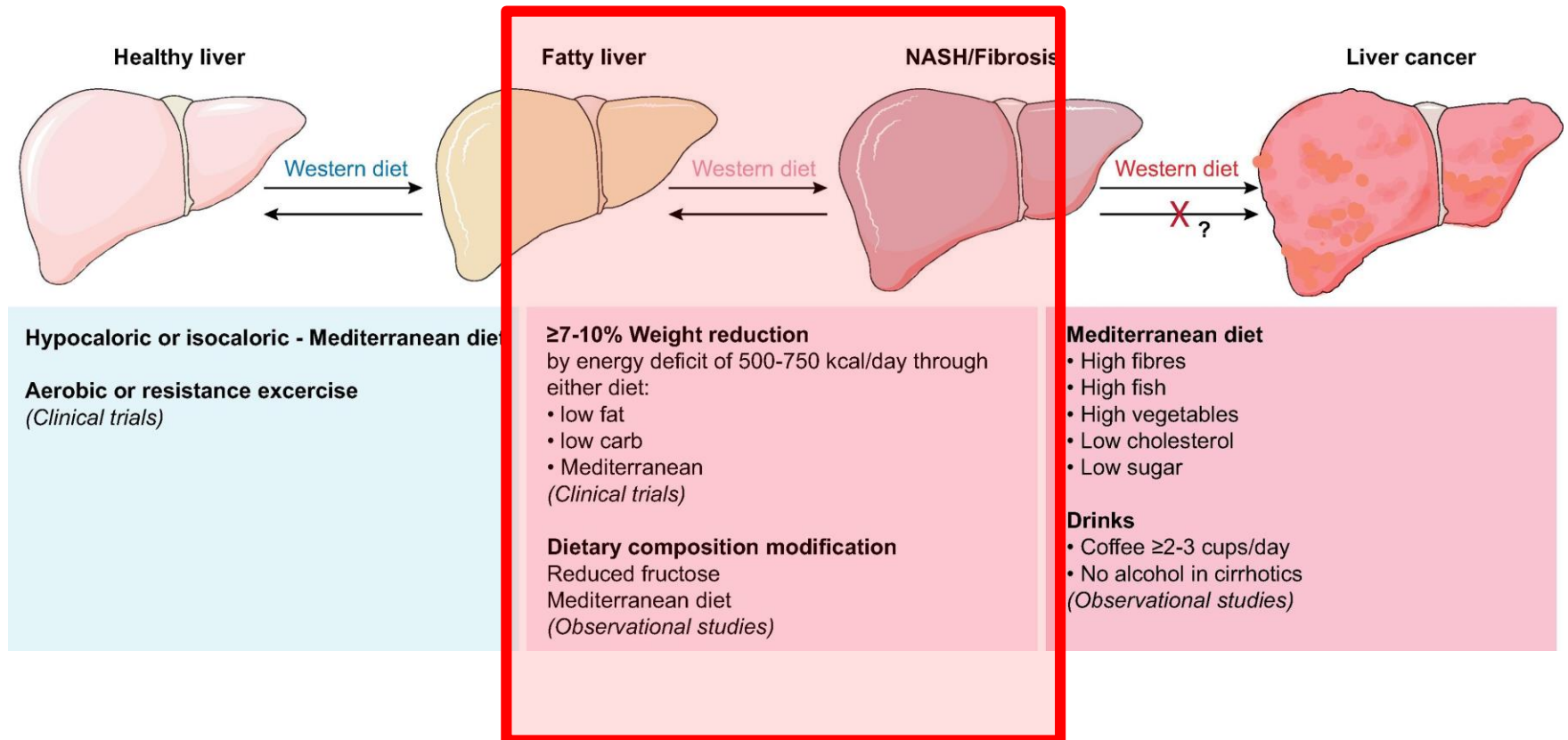


Amélioration de la fibrose

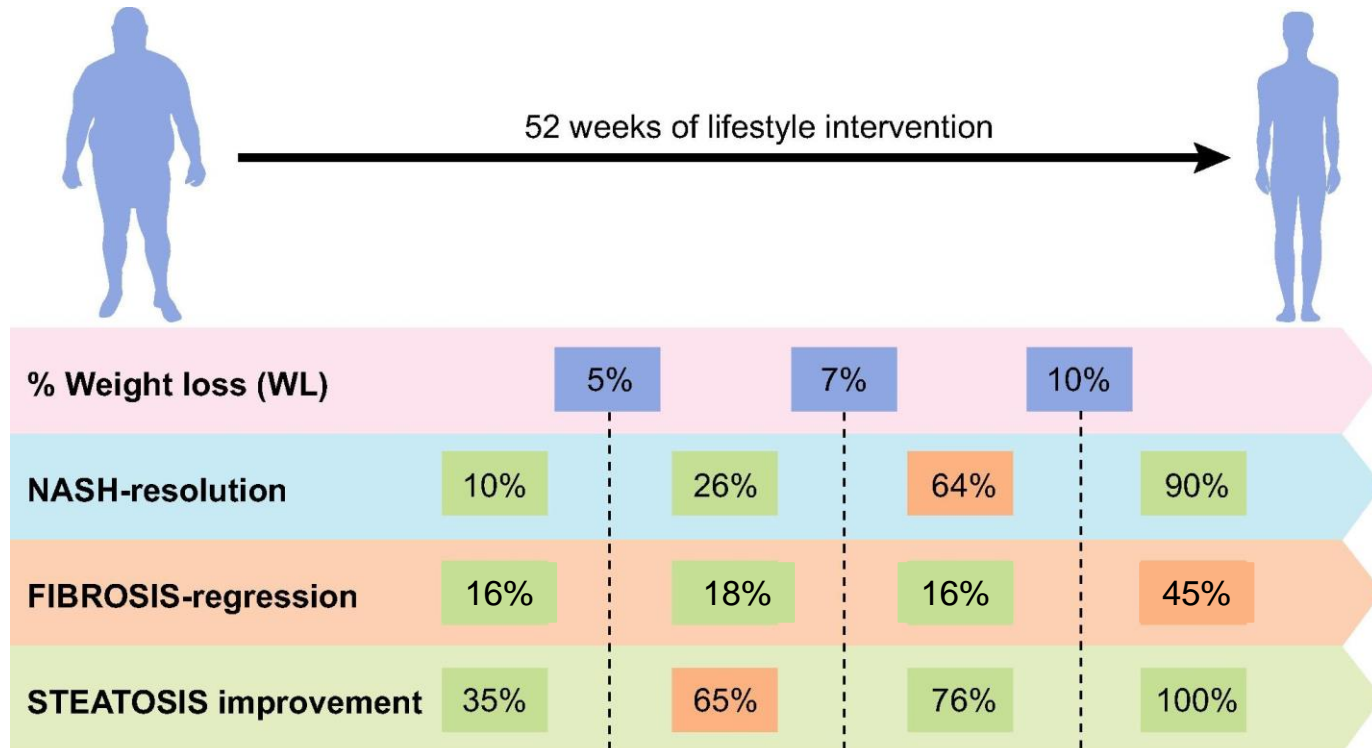


NASH : 1 an après chirurgie bariatrique (n=109)

Strategies for lifestyle change in different stages of NAFLD



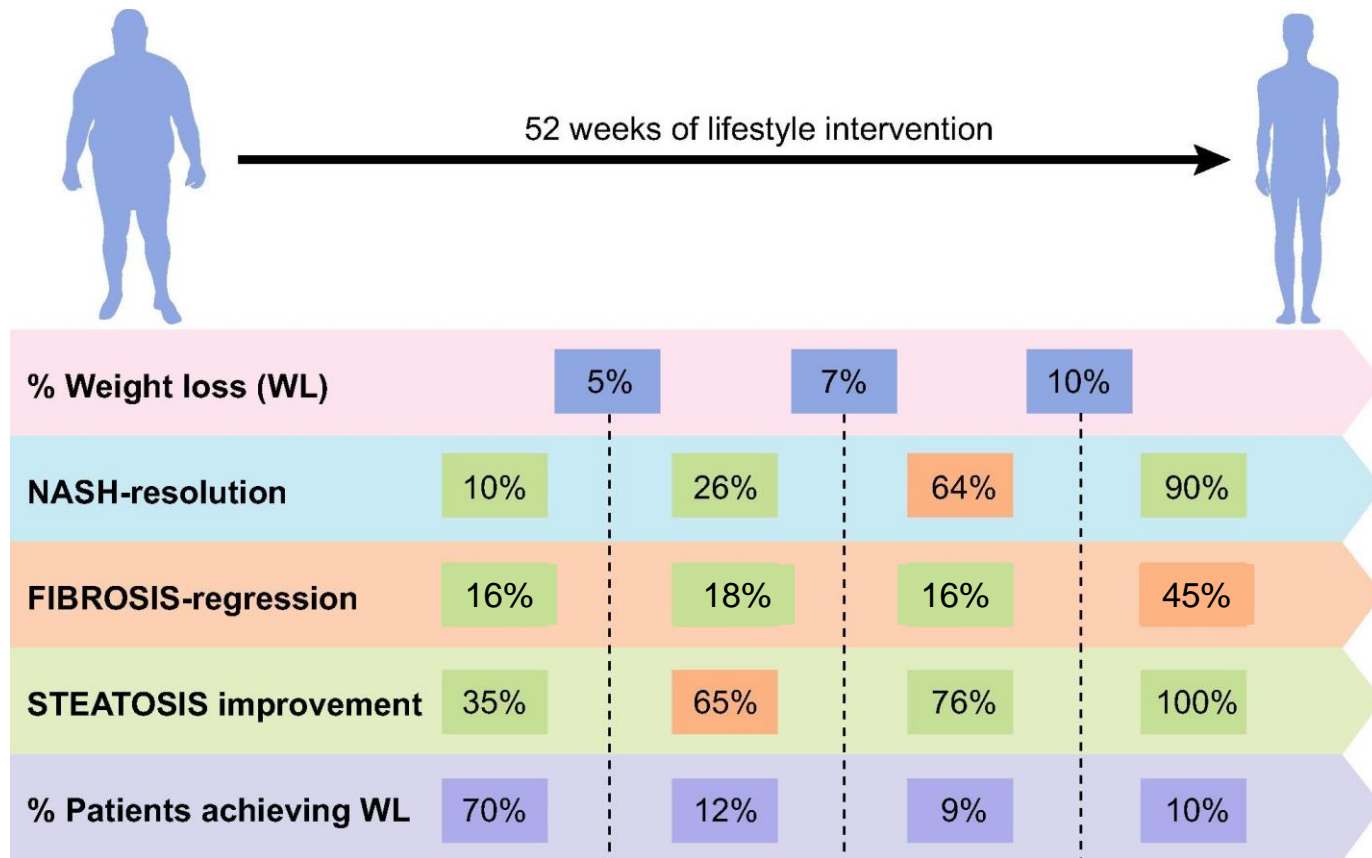
Lifestyle interventions



N=293 patients with biopsy-proven NASH.
52 weeks of lifestyle interventions (low-fat hypocaloric diet, walk 200 mins/week, behavioral sessions every week). 2nd liver biopsy at 52 weeks (n=261/293)

Vilar-Gomez et al, *Gastroenterology*, 2015
Romero-Gomez et al, *J Hep*, 2017

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Mediterranean diet overview

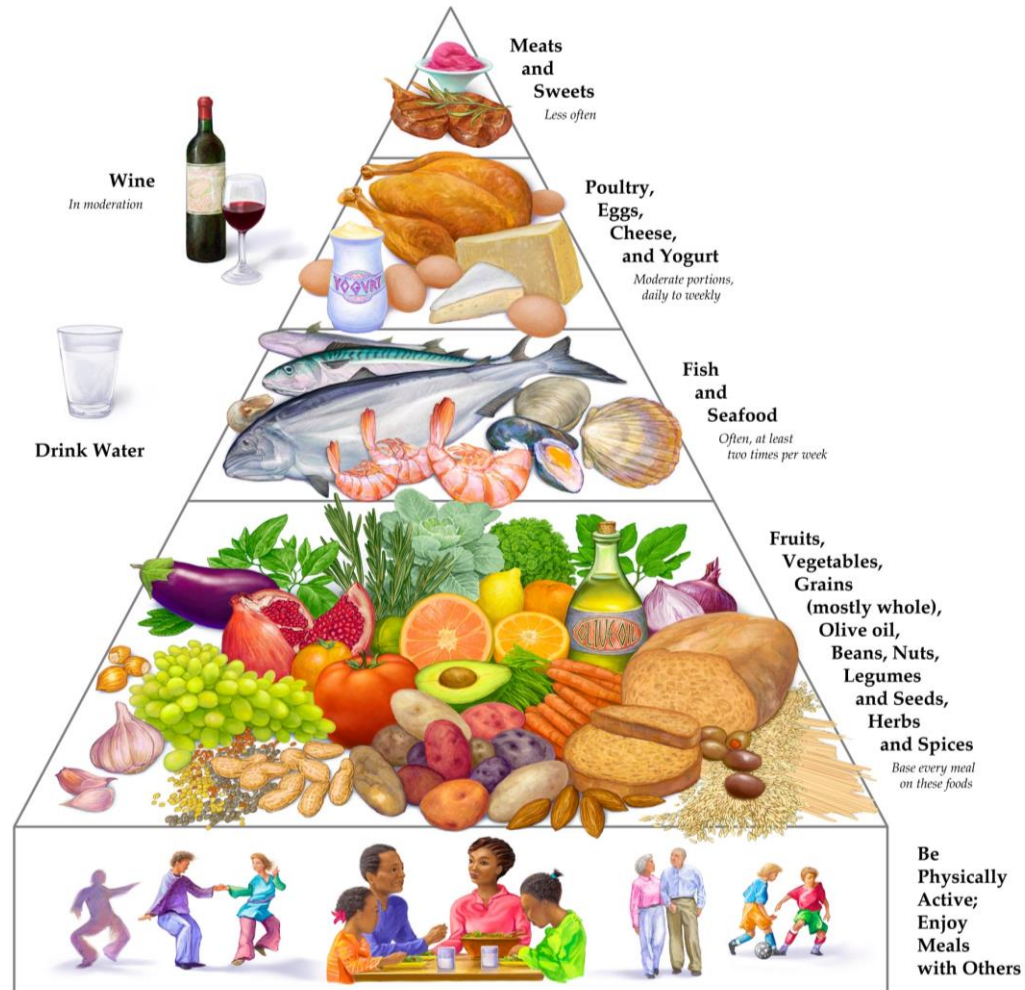
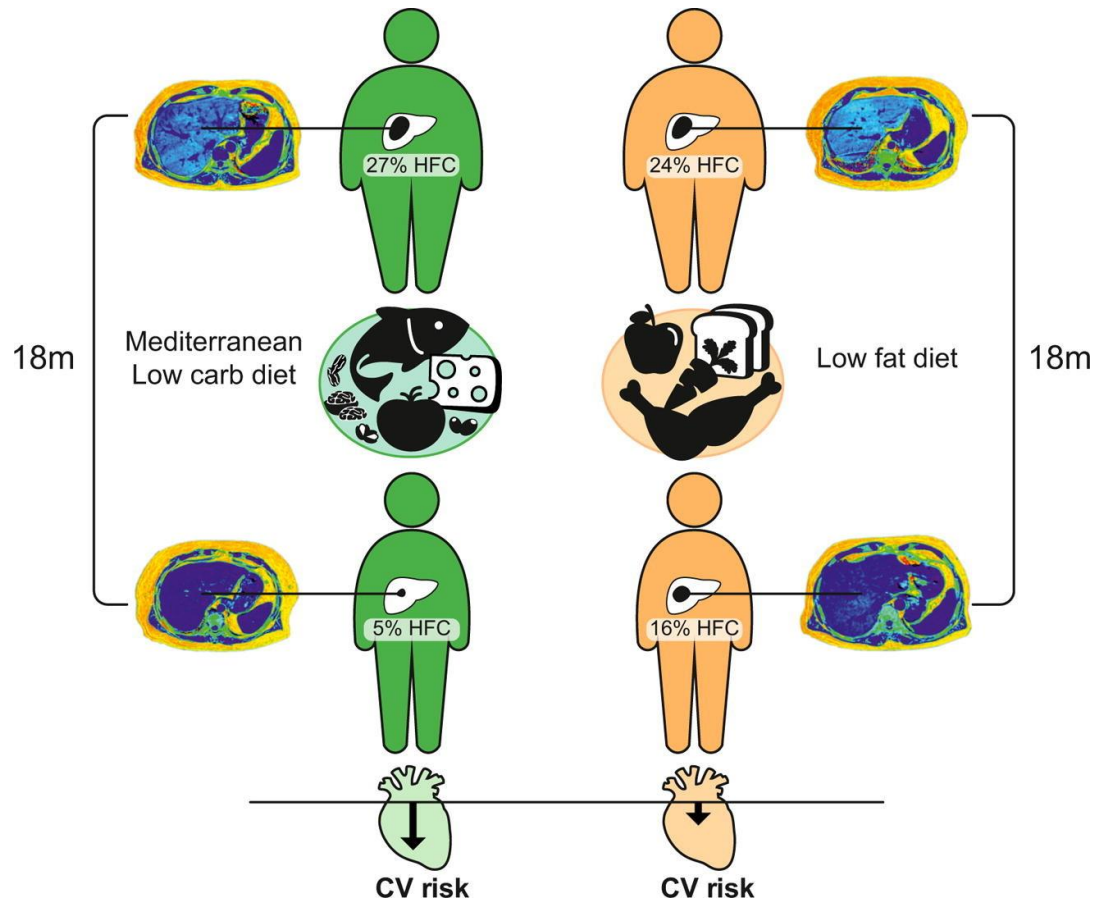


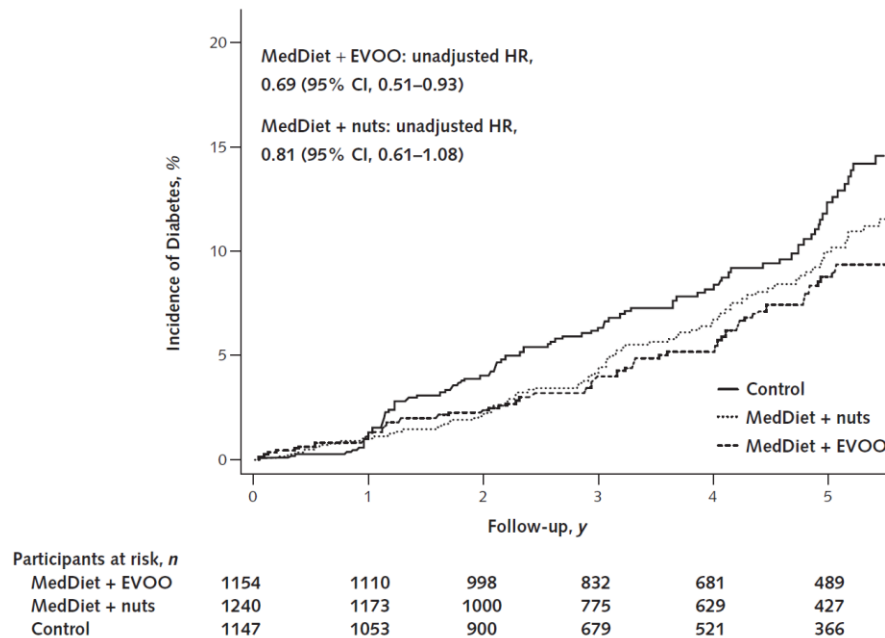
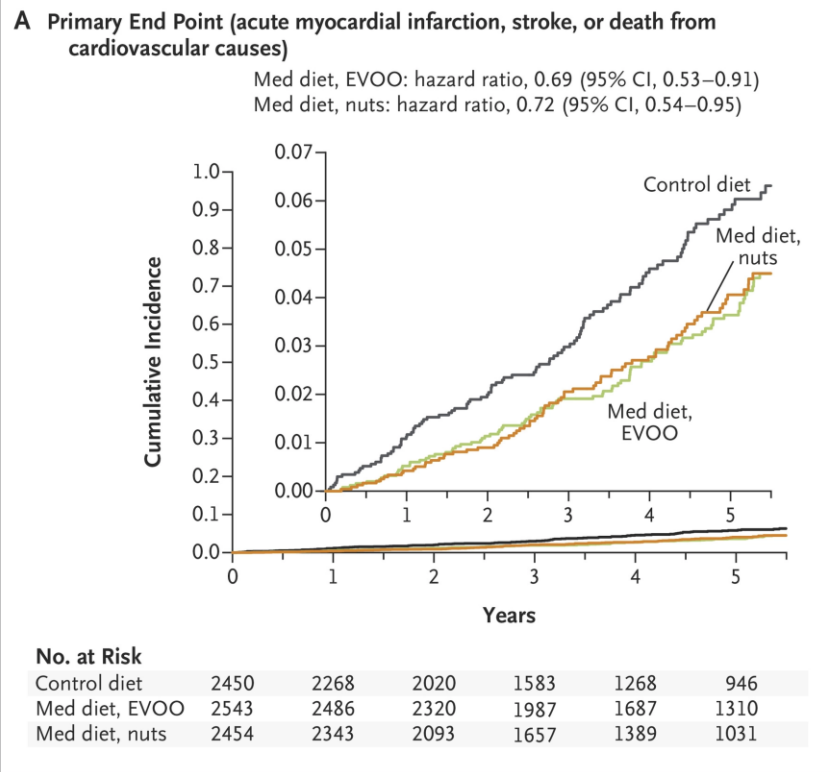
Illustration by George Middleton

Beneficial effect of Mediterranean diet on hepatic fat content



18-month trial in n=278 pts with abdominal obesity or dyslipidemia
Randomised to low fat or Med diet/low-carbohydrate +/- physical activity
Hepatic fat content (HFC) measured using MRI at baseline, 6 and 18 months.

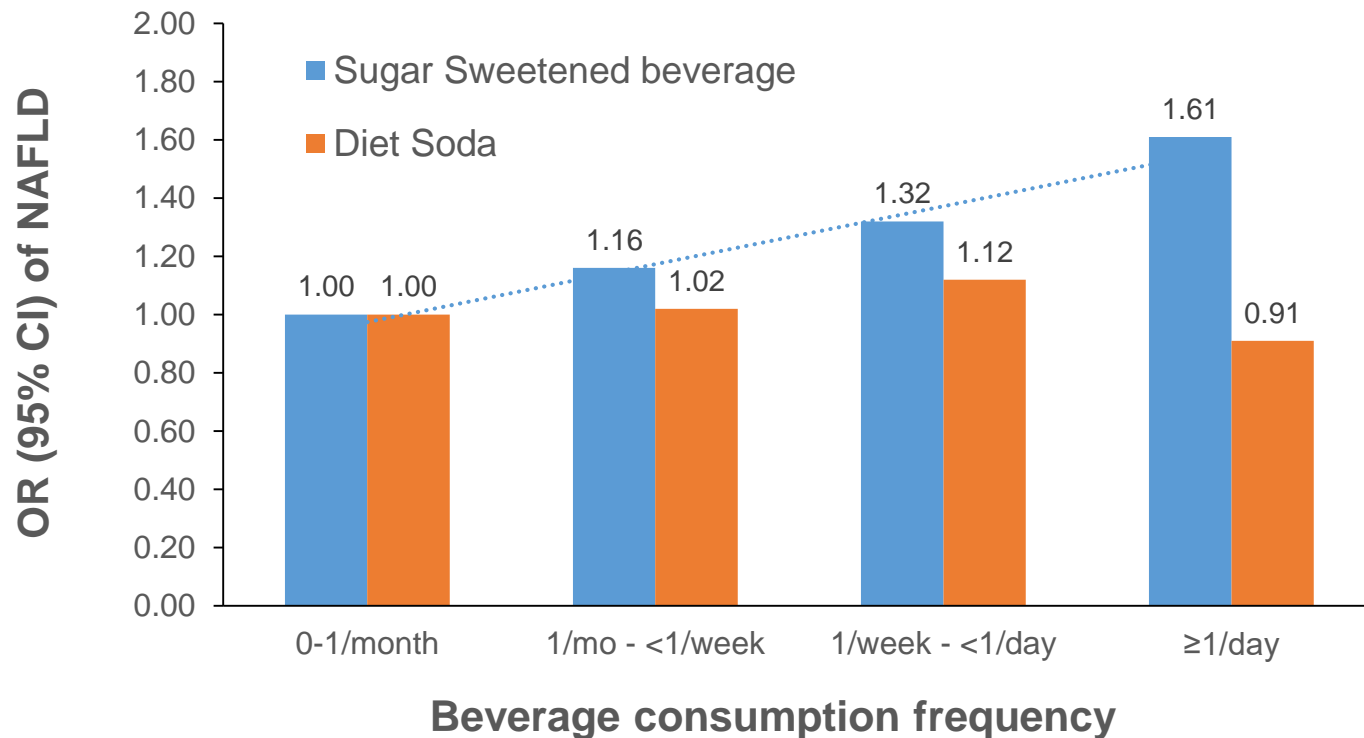
Prevention of CV events and diabetes by the Mediterranean diet



N=7447 patients with T2D or ≥ 3 CV risk factors

Multi-center RCT: Med diet + extra-virgin olive oil (EVOO), Med diet + nuts vs control diet (advice on a low-fat diet), no physical activity / weight loss intervention.

Association between sugar-sweetened beverages and NAFLD

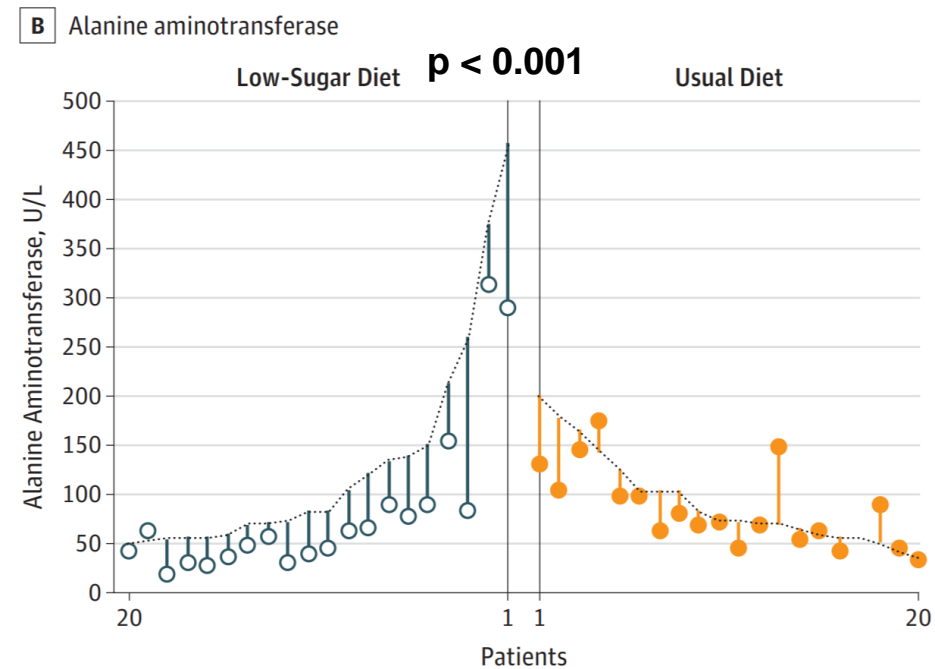
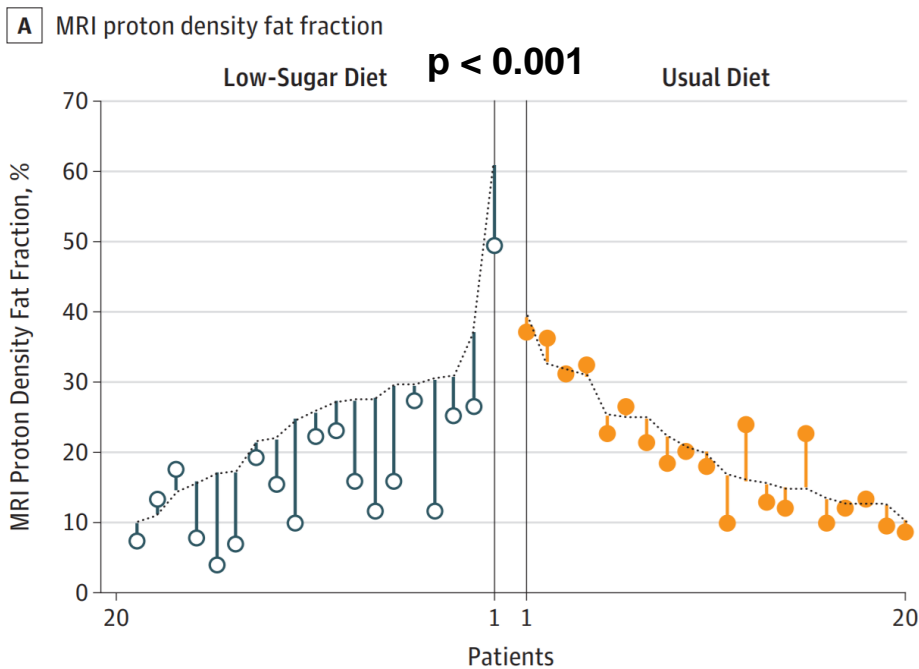


N=2566, Framingham Offspring and Third Generation cohorts

Fatty liver disease measured using liver attenuation on CT

Adjusted for age, sex, energy intake, alcohol intake, dietary intake, smoking, and cohort.

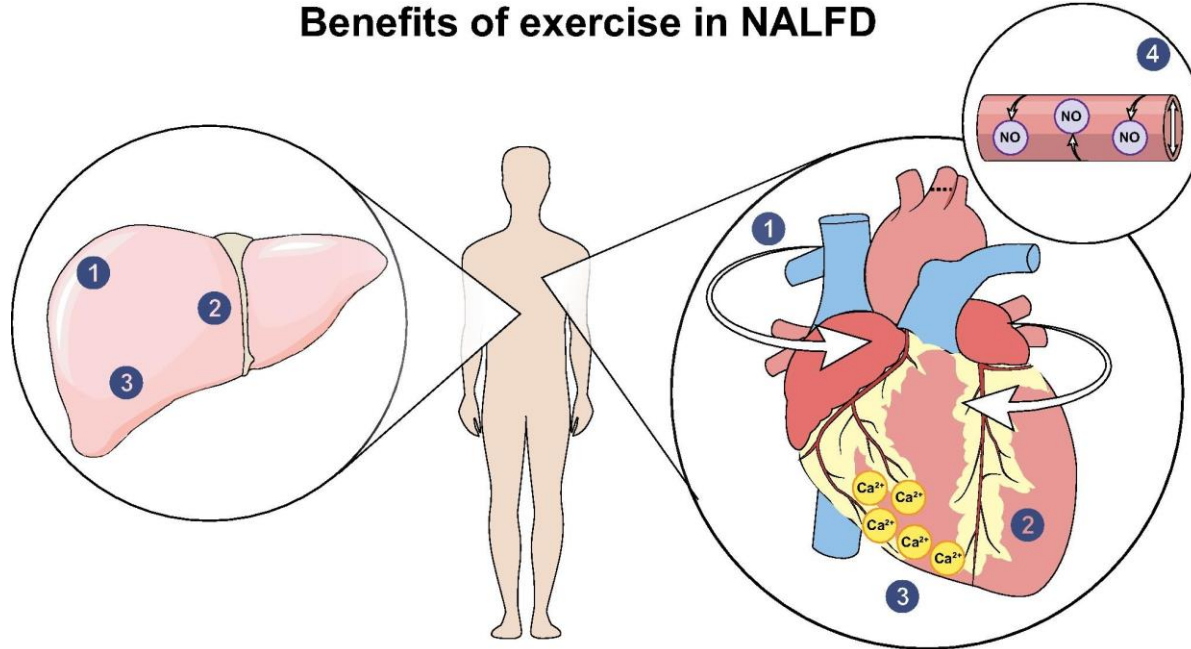
Low free sugar diet leads to reduced steatosis in adolescent boys with NAFLD



N=40 adolescent boys aged 11-16 years old with NAFLD (MRI-PDFF > 10% and ALT \geq 45)
RCT: Restricted free sugar <3% daily calories for 8 weeks vs control (regular diet)
MRI-proton-density fat fraction measurement

Benefits of exercise in NAFLD

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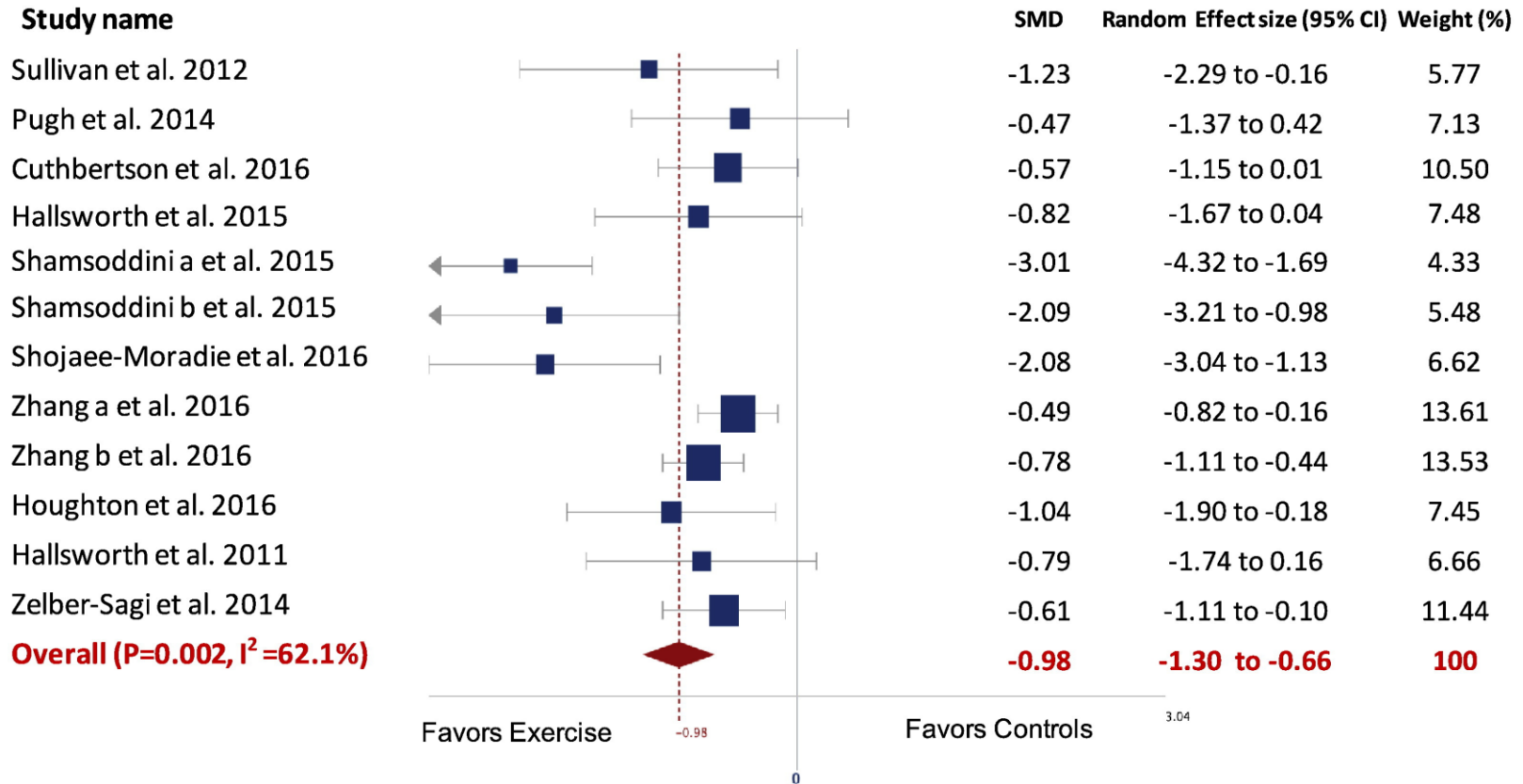
Changes in the liver

- 1 Peripheral insulin sensitivity \uparrow = *de novo* lipogenesis \downarrow
- 2 Visceral fat \downarrow = lipid supply to liver \downarrow
- 3 VLDL clearance \uparrow = lipid storage \downarrow

Changes to cardiovascular system

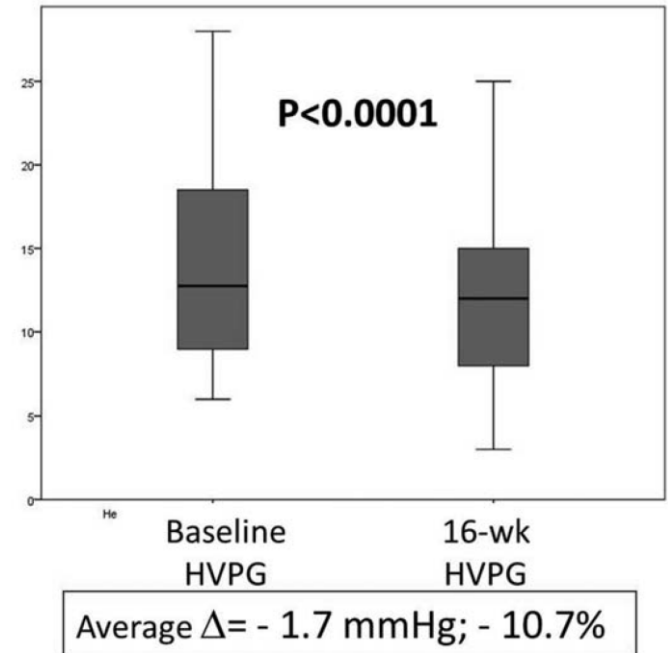
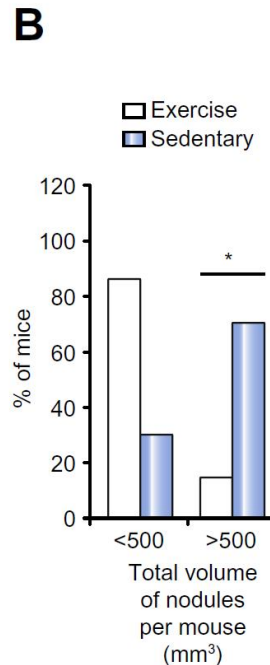
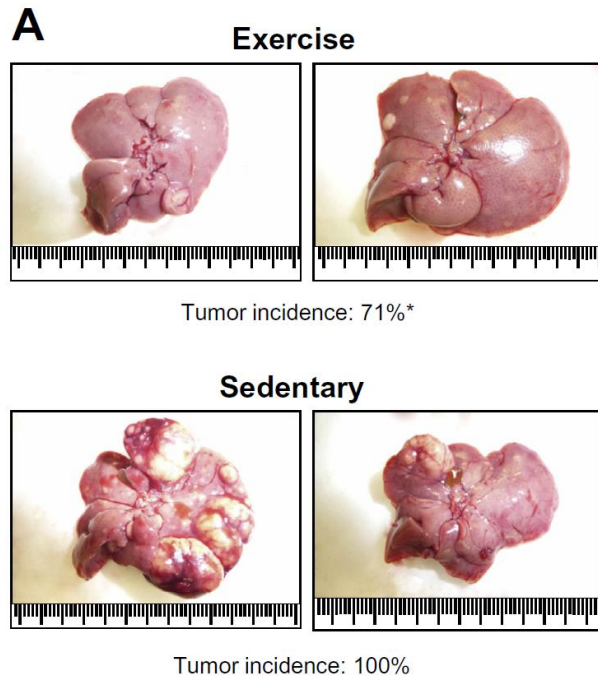
- 1 Torsion \downarrow = myocardial damage \downarrow
- 2 EDV \uparrow = preload \uparrow
- 3 Ca^{2+} handling \uparrow = SV \uparrow + EF \uparrow
- 4 FMD \uparrow = O^2 supply \uparrow

Impact of exercise on intrahepatic lipid – Meta-Analysis



d. Effect of exercise alone (left) vs. control (right) on IHTG

Other beneficial effects of exercise and diet in advanced disease



Reduced HCC in a PTEN-deficient model

16 weeks of diet and moderate exercise reduced portal pressure in overweight/obese pts with cirrhosis and portal HTN

Strategies for pharmacological management of NAFLD

GUT

LIVER

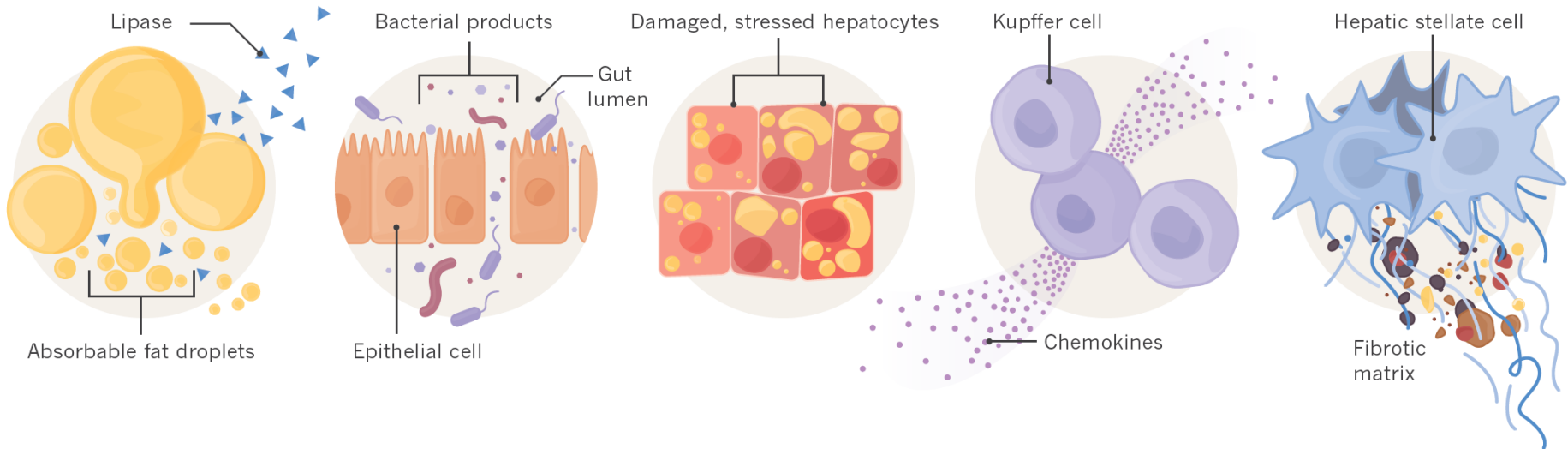
Fat absorption

Gut-liver interaction

**Metabolic Stress
Steatosis**

Liver Inflammation

Fibrosis



No clear role for metformin

AST/ALT

4.2.2 NAFLD

Bugianesi 2005	-50	18	26	-31	15	27	25.0%	-19.00 [-27.94, -10.06]
Nar 2008	-16	13	19	-7	14	15	24.6%	-9.00 [-18.18, 0.18]
Subtotal (95% CI)		45			42	49.6%		-14.06 [-23.86, -4.26]

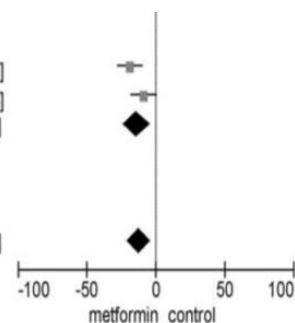
Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 28.62$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.34$, $\text{df} = 1$ ($P = 0.13$); $I^2 = 57\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.81$ ($P = 0.005$)

Total (95% CI)	116		118	100.0%		-12.20 [-20.62, -3.79]
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Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 52.96$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 10.60$, $\text{df} = 5$ ($P = 0.06$); $I^2 = 53\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 2.84$ ($P = 0.004$)



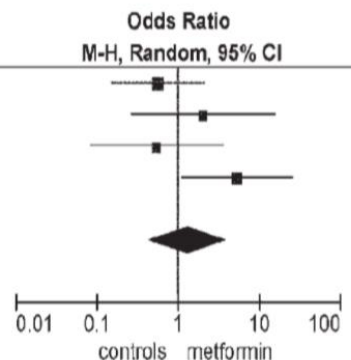
Steatosis

Study or Subgroup	Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Random, 95% CI
Haukeland 2008	31.6%	0.56 [0.15, 2.05]
Idilman 2008	19.9%	2.00 [0.26, 15.38]
Shields 2009	21.9%	0.54 [0.08, 3.53]
Uygun 2004	26.7%	5.25 [1.09, 25.21]
Total (95% CI)	100.0%	1.30 [0.41, 4.08]

Total events

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.64$; $\text{Chi}^2 = 5.68$, $\text{df} = 3$ ($P = 0.13$); $I^2 = 47\%$

Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.44$ ($P = 0.66$)



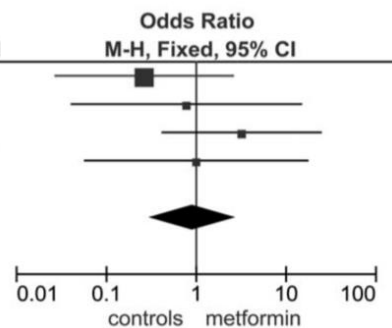
Fibrosis resolution

Study or Subgroup	Weight	Odds Ratio M-H, Fixed, 95% CI
Haukeland 2008	53.6%	0.26 [0.03, 2.57]
Idilman 2008	15.5%	0.78 [0.04, 14.75]
Shields 2009	16.3%	3.20 [0.42, 24.42]
Uygun 2004	14.6%	1.00 [0.06, 17.41]
Total (95% CI)	100.0%	0.93 [0.31, 2.83]

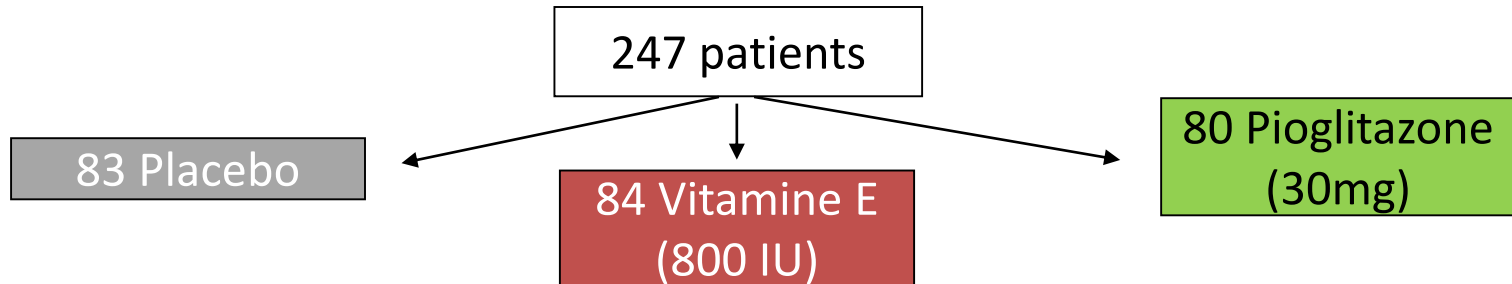
Total events

Heterogeneity: $\text{Chi}^2 = 2.62$, $\text{df} = 3$ ($P = 0.45$); $I^2 = 0\%$

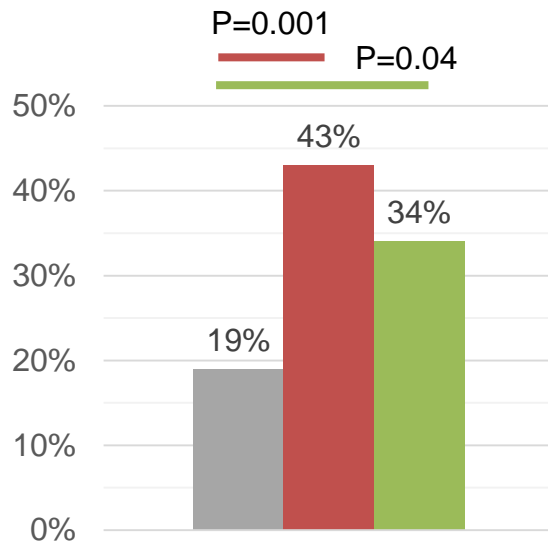
Test for overall effect: $Z = 0.13$ ($P = 0.90$)



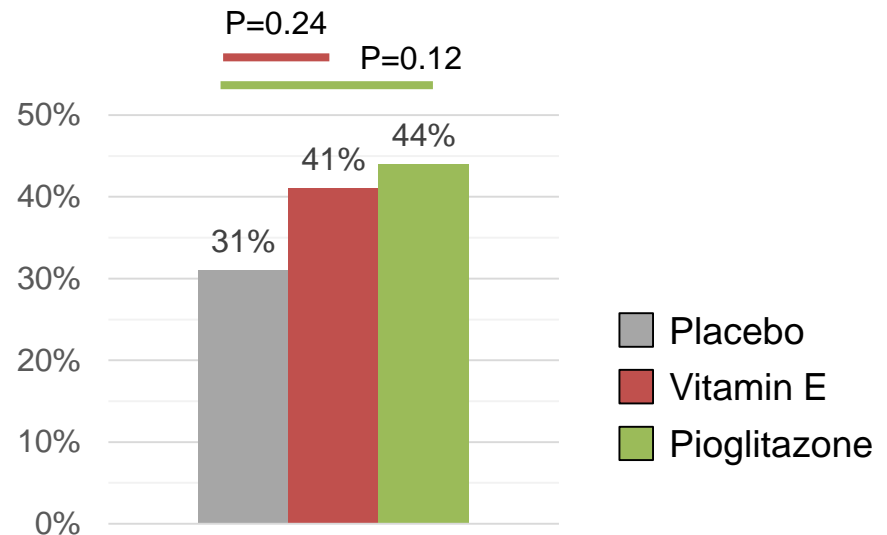
Pioglitazone and Vitamine E in non-diabetic patients with NASH (22 months)



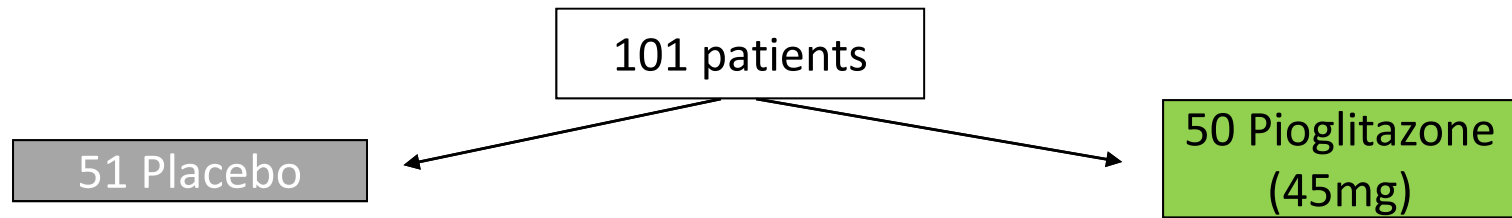
Histological Improvement



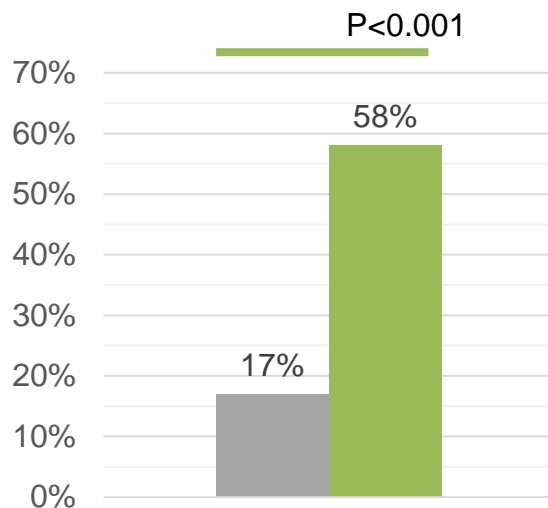
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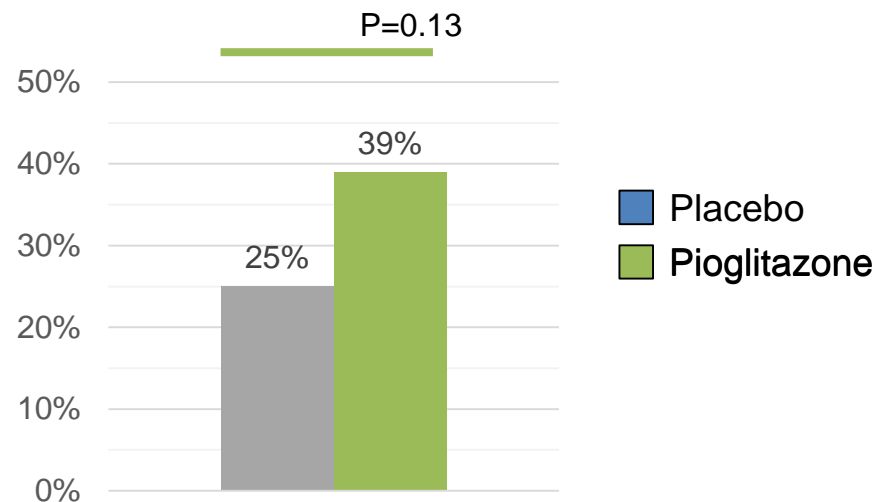
Pioglitazone in patients with (pre-) diabetes and NASH (18 months)



Improvement NAS ≥ 2 with no worsening fibrosis



Fibrosis ≥ 1 Improvement



Pioglitazone and Vitamin E in patients with NASH

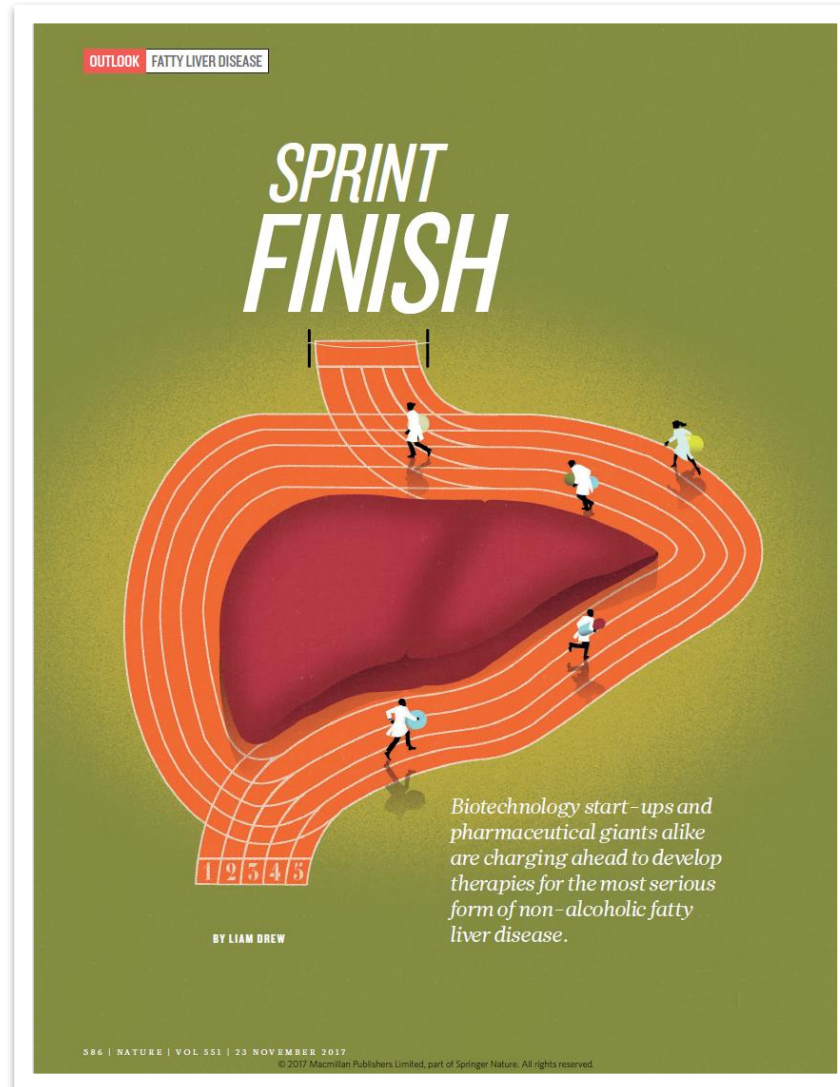
EASL:

While no firm recommendations can be made, pioglitazone (most efficacy data, but off-label outside T2DM) or vitamin E (better safety and tolerability in the short-term) or their combination could be used for NASH (**B2**)

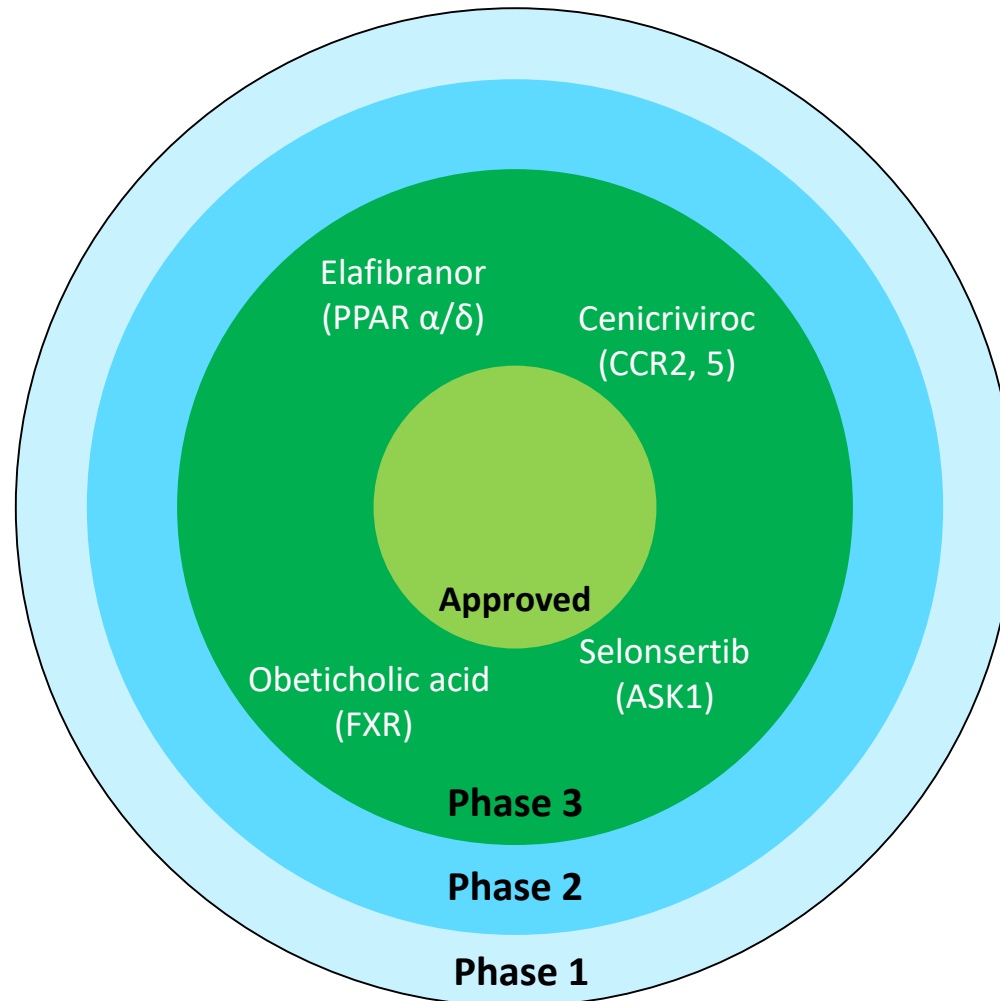
no general recommendation for vitamin E or pioglitazone

- concerns about cardiovascular risk for glitazones
- concerns about increased risk for malignancies with vitamin E
- No clear effect on fibrosis

Upcoming therapies in NAFLD

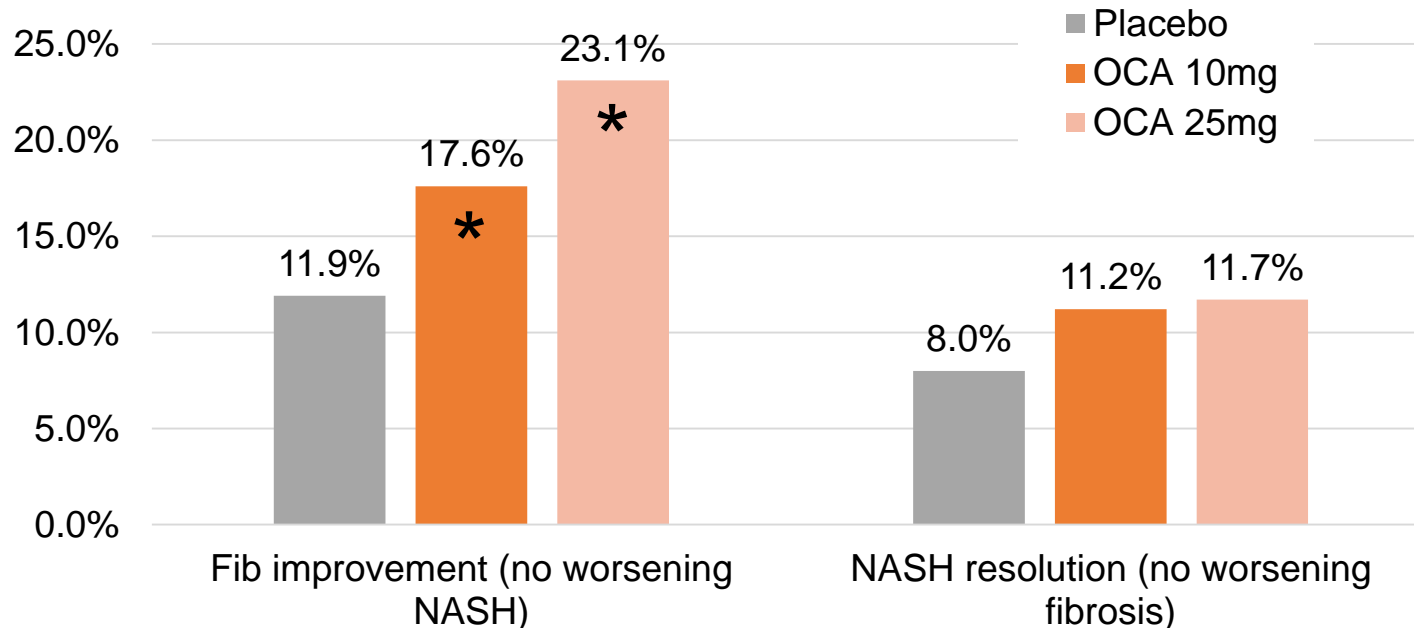


Management – Ongoing phase 3 clinical trials in NASH



Positive results from REGENERATE: A phase 3 international, randomized, placebo-controlled study of obeticholic acid treatment for NASH

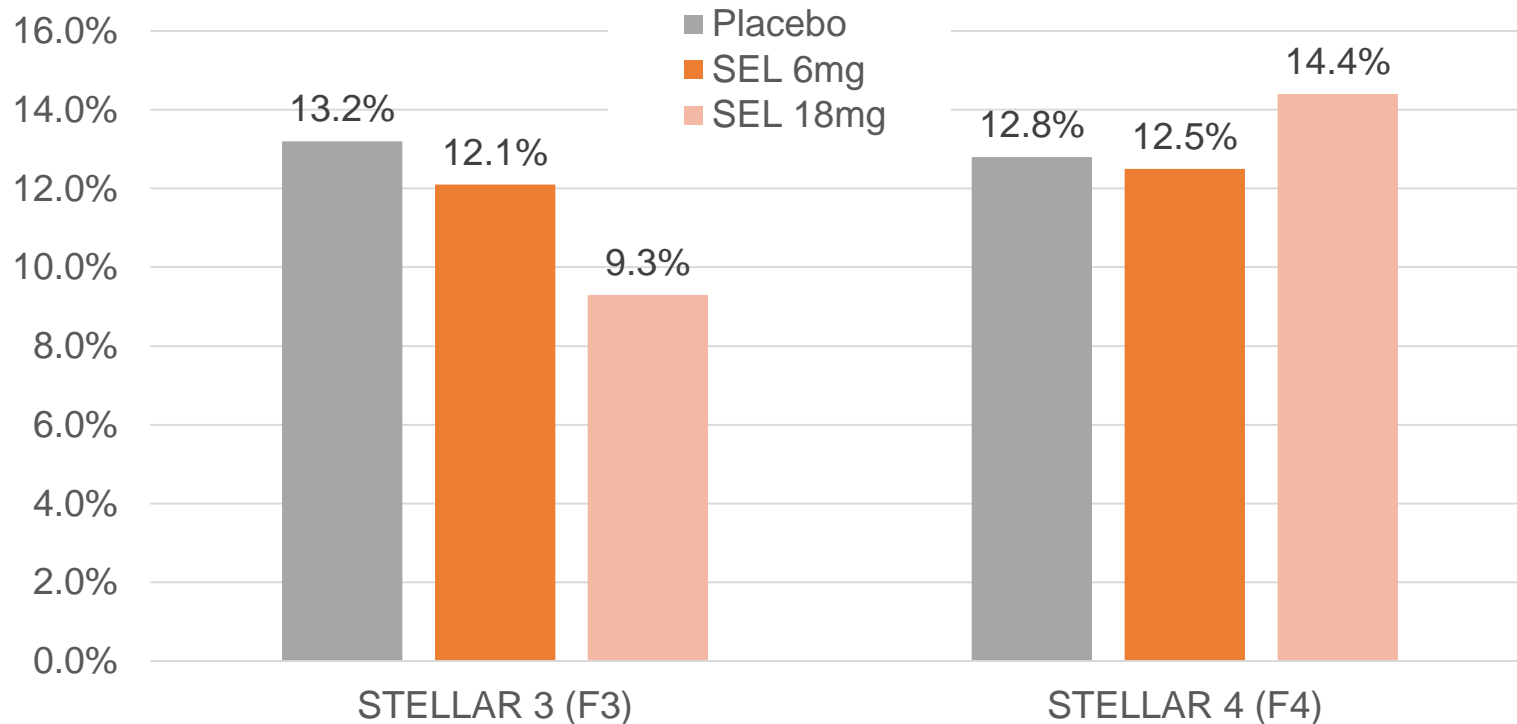
REGENERATE phase 3 study (OCA in stage 2-3 NASH – month 18 interim analysis)



* $p < 0.05$ compared to placebo

Phase 3 trials of selonsertib in NASH with advanced fibrosis (STELLAR-3 and -4) did not meet week 48 primary endpoint

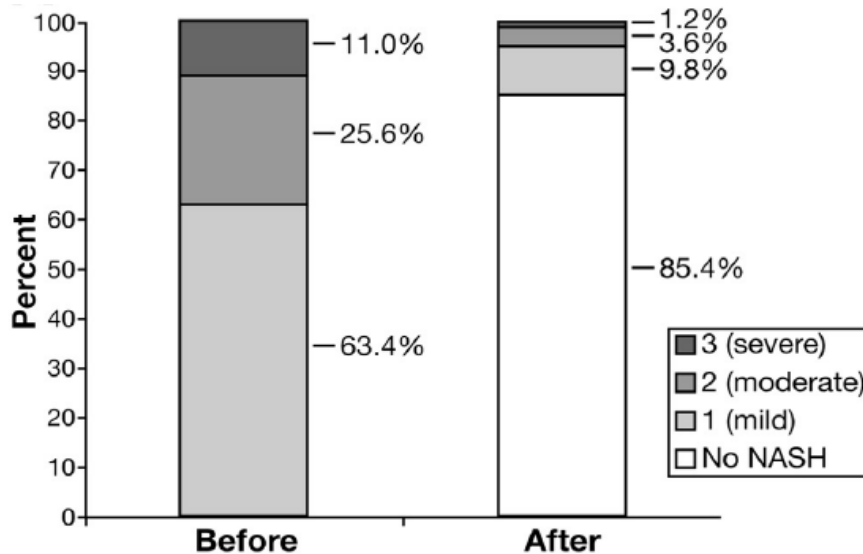
Selonsertib in NASH phase 3 studies (F3 or F4 fibrosis)



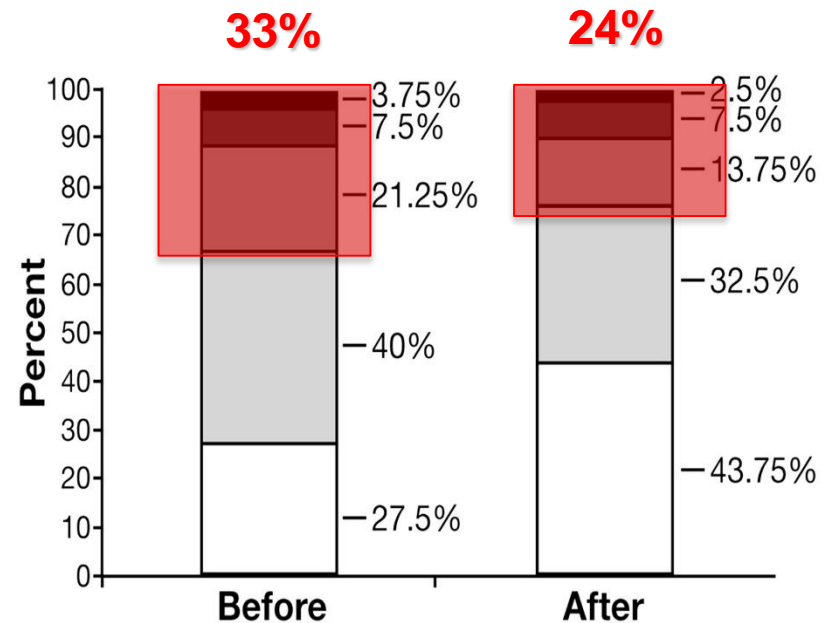
Fibrosis improvement without worsening of NASH

Rappel: Penser à la chirurgie bariatrique!

Résolution de la NASH



Amélioration de la fibrose



NASH : 1 an après chirurgie bariatrique (n=109)

Penser au dépistage du CHC!

Table 3. Recommendations for HCC surveillance: Categories of adult patients in whom surveillance is recommended.

- Cirrhotic patients, Child-Pugh stage A and B (**evidence low; recommendation strong**)
 - Cirrhotic patients, Child-Pugh stage C awaiting liver transplantation (**evidence low; recommendation strong**)
 - Non-cirrhotic HBV patients at intermediate or high risk of HCC* (according to PAGE-B[†] classes for Caucasian subjects, respectively 10–17 and ≥ 18 score points) (**evidence low; recommendation weak**)
 - Non-cirrhotic F3 patients, regardless of aetiology may be considered for surveillance based on an individual risk assessment (**evidence low; recommendation weak**)
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Le dépistage par échographie hépatique 2x/an est préconisé chez les patients cirrhotiques (+/- les patients F3)

Conclusions

- Le foie gras est une pathologie en pleine **expansion** épidémiologique.
- Un **dépistage** de la NAFLD, en particulier la fibrose avancée, est recommandée chez les patients avec syndrome métabolique.
- Le rôle du **médecin de premier recours** est fondamental pour l'identification des patients à haut risque d'évolution, le suivi et la prise en charge thérapeutique.
- Rôle des mesures hygiéno-diététiques: perte de 7-10% du poids et activité physique.
- Pas de traitement encore approuvé. De **nouvelles molécules** sont en phase de développement.
- Ne pas oublier: dépistage du CHC si cirrhose et penser à la chirurgie bariatrique si indication.

Merci de votre attention !

