Gestational dietary intakes, metabolic abnormalities and human milk hormones

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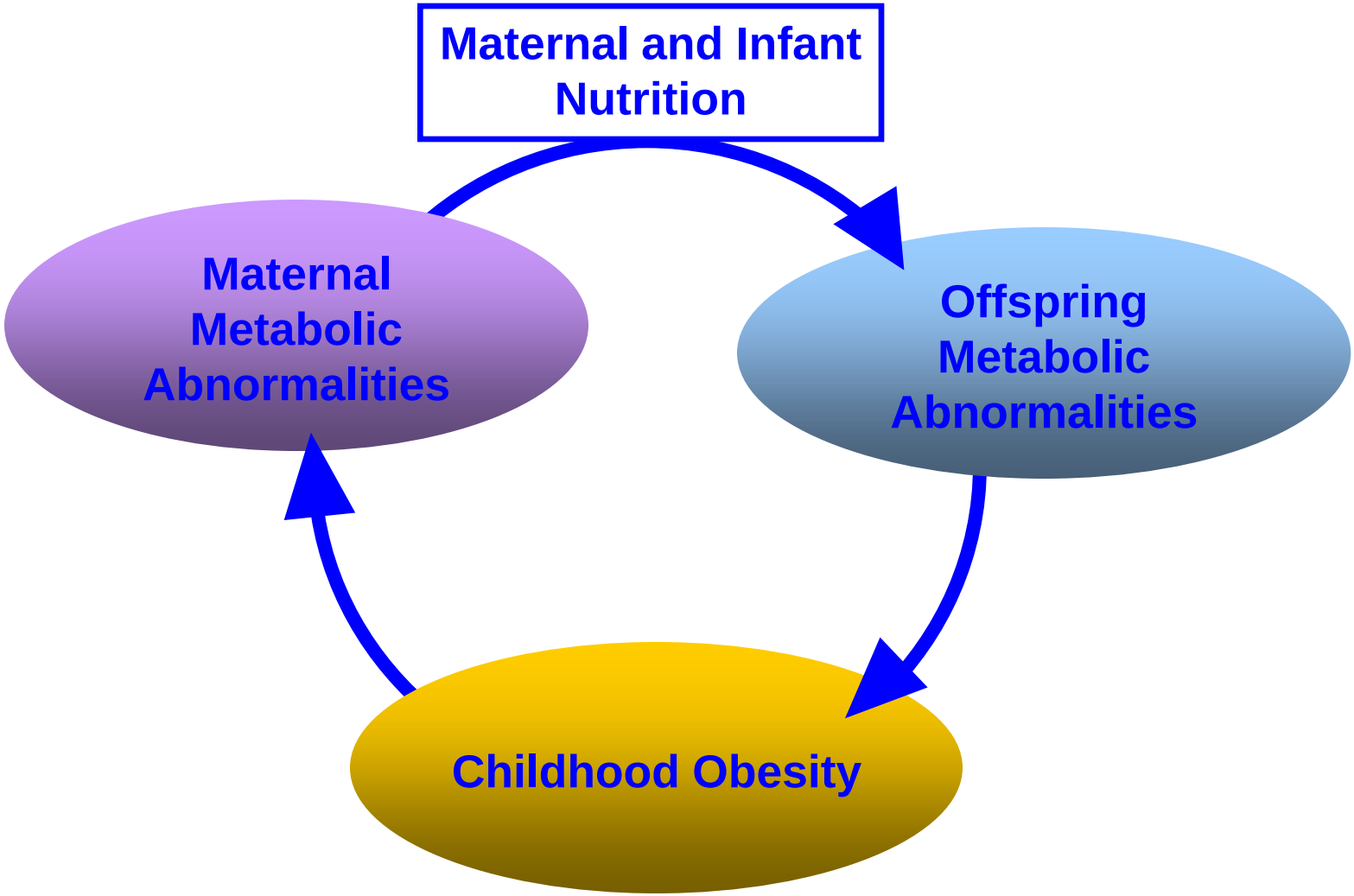
Maternal and Infant Nutrition
Offspring Metabolic Abnormalities
Childhood Obesity
Maternal Metabolic Abnormalities

Pregnancy

- Changes in carbohydrate and lipid metabolism
- 4-18% pregnant women develop gestational diabetes

Butte *Am J Clin Nutr* 2000; 71:1256S
CDA *Can J Diabetes* 2008; 32:S1

Consequences of Gestational Diabetes

	Mom	Offspring
pregnancy outcome	•c-section	•macrosomic infant
early postpartum / early life	•lactation performance	•compromised nutrition
long-term	•type 2 diabetes •vascular disease	•obesity •type 2 diabetes

Reece et al *Lancet* 2009;373:1789
Hilson et al *J Hum Lact* 2004;20:18

Dietary Intake and Glucose Metabolism

- Large prospective cohort studies
  - ↑total fat intake and ↑glucose intolerance
  - ↑*trans* fat, ↓polyunsaturated fat and ↑type 2 diabetes

- Clinical studies
  - ↑dietary fiber and ↑insulin sensitivity, ↓type 2 diabetes

Hu *et al. Diabetologia* 2001; 44:805
Weickert *et al. J Nutr* 2008; 138:439

Diet during 2nd Trimester of Pregnancy and Risk of Gestational Diabetes

	RR (95% CI)	p
Substituting 1% fat for CHO	1.1 (1.02-1.10)	0.002

Adjusted for BMI, maternal age, and ethnicity

Saldana *et al. Am J Clin Nutr* 2004; 79:479

Diet during 1st Trimester of Pregnancy and Risk of Gestational Diabetes

	OR (95% CI)
Substituting 1% fat for CHO	1.00 (0.96-1.05)

Adjusted for maternal age, pre-pregnancy BMI, ethnicity, previous GDM, history of diabetes in participant's mother, smoking during pregnancy

Radesky *et al. Paediatr Perinat Epidemiol* 2008; 22:47

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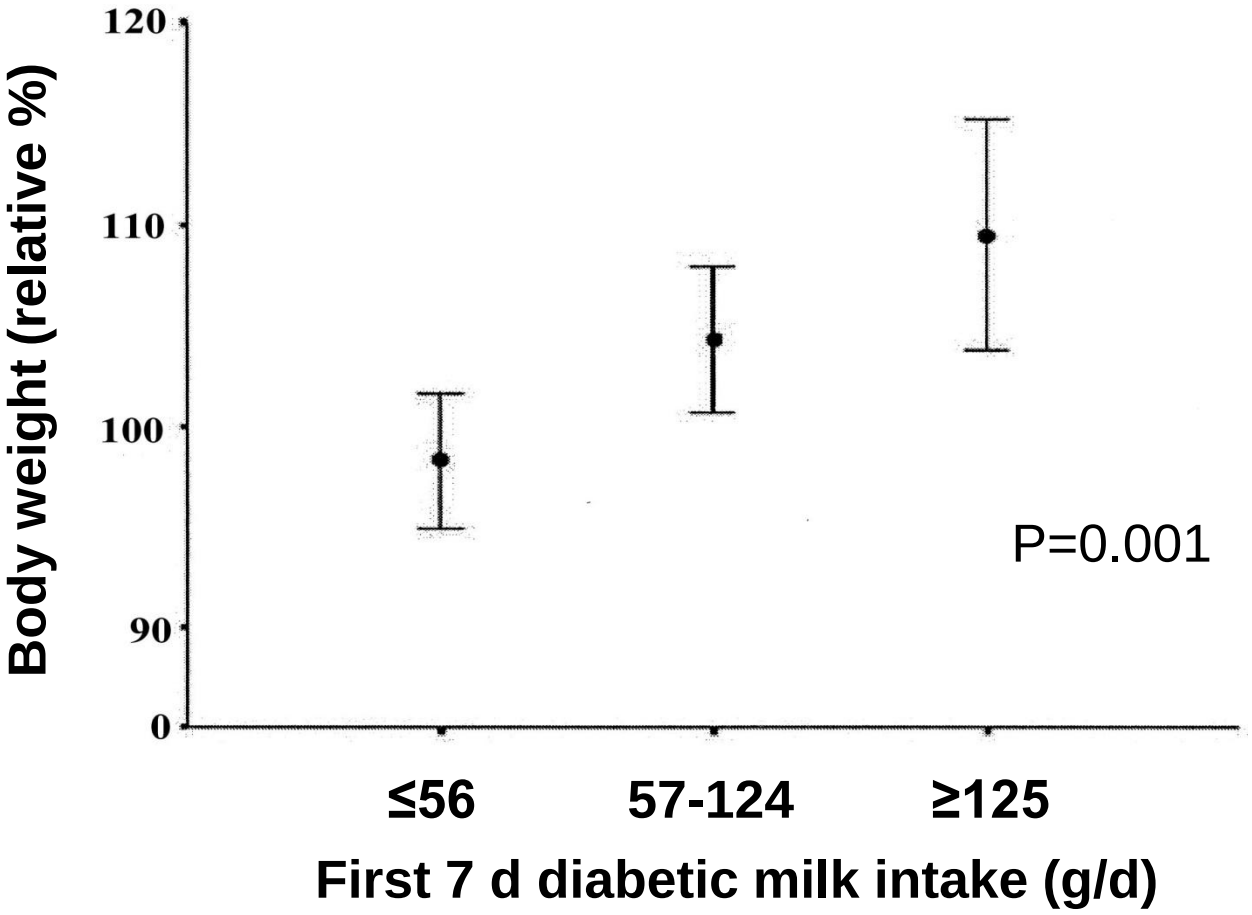
Milk from women with diabetes and offspring body weight at 2 years



Plagemann *et al. Diabetes Care* 2002; 25:16

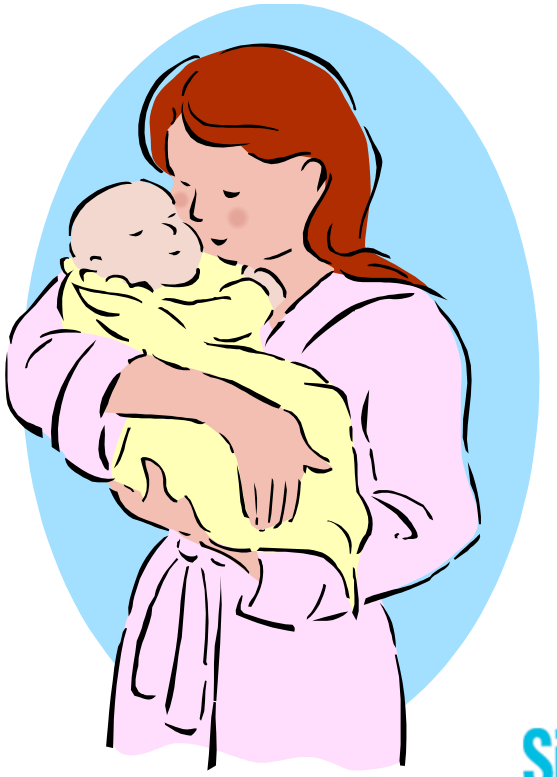
Detection of Metabolic Hormones in Human Milk

- Insulin
  - Kulski *et al. Endocrinol Exp* 1983; 17:317
  - Read *et al. Pediatr Res* 1984; 18:133
  - Hamosh *et al. Pediatr Clin North Am* 2001; 48:69
- Adiponectin
  - Martin *et al. Am J Clin Nutr* 2006; 83:1106
  - Bronsky *et al. Clin Chem* 2006; 52:1763
  - Weyermann *et al. Clin Chem* 2006; 52:2095

Knowledge Gaps

1. Only a few reports have investigated the impact of diet during pregnancy on risk of gestational diabetes, and none have studied this question using comprehensive glucose homeostasis profile

2. A number of studies have detected insulin and adiponectin in human milk, but none have investigated the impact of maternal metabolic status assessed during pregnancy on these hormones in milk



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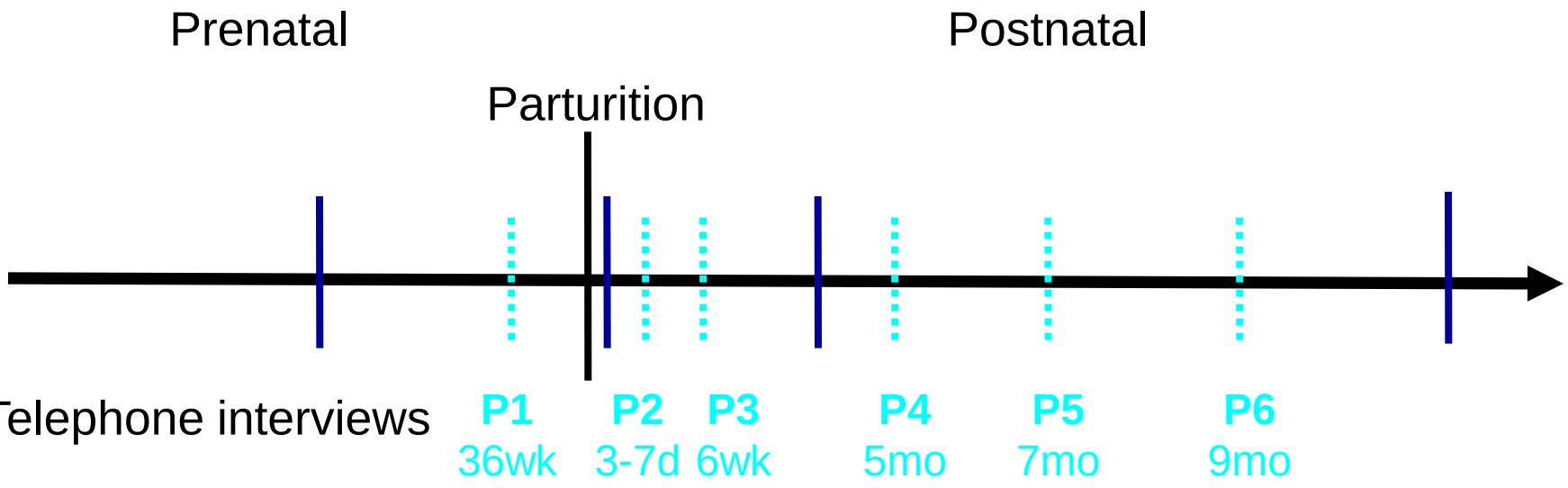
Maternal and Infant Nutrition Study

Scheduled Visits and Interim Interviews



Visits

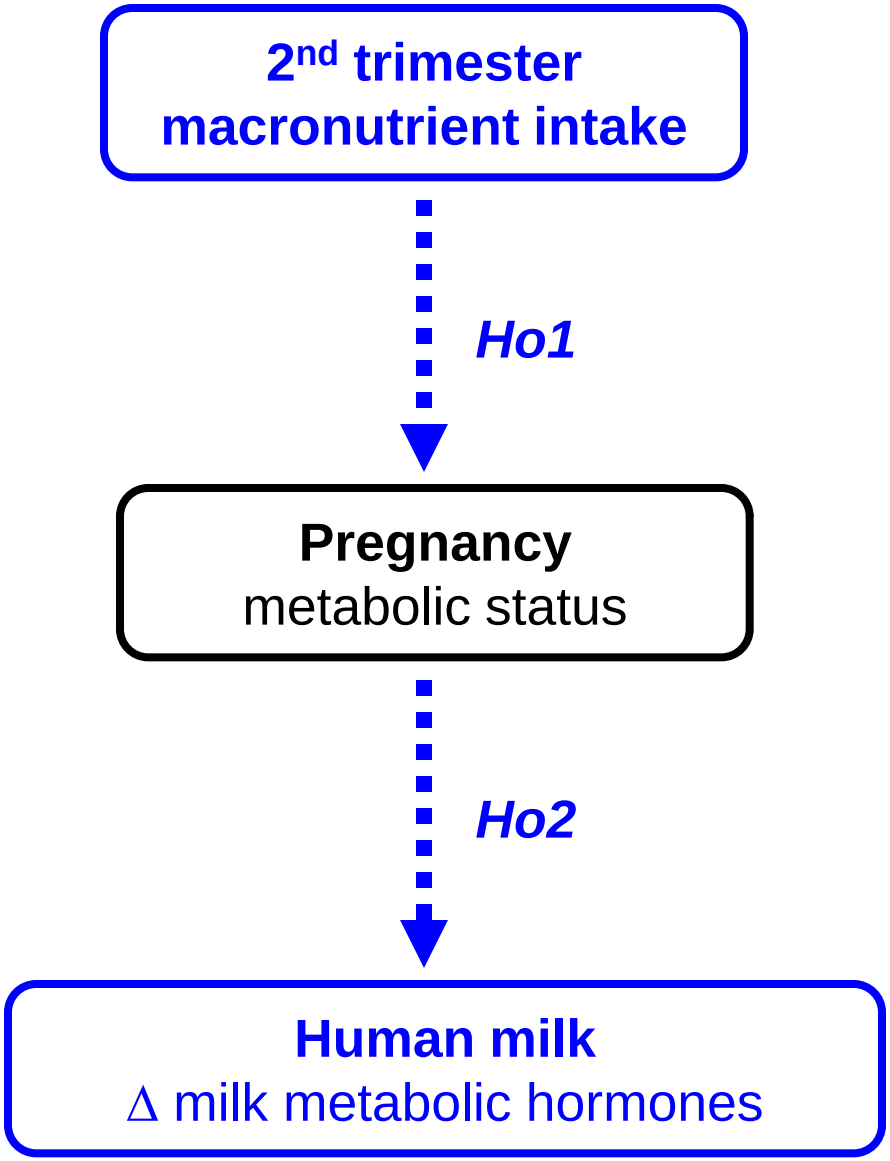
Visit 1
~30wk
gestation

Visit 2
0-3d
post

Visit 3
3mo
post

Visit 4
12mo
post

Ley *et al. BMC Public Health* 2010;10:590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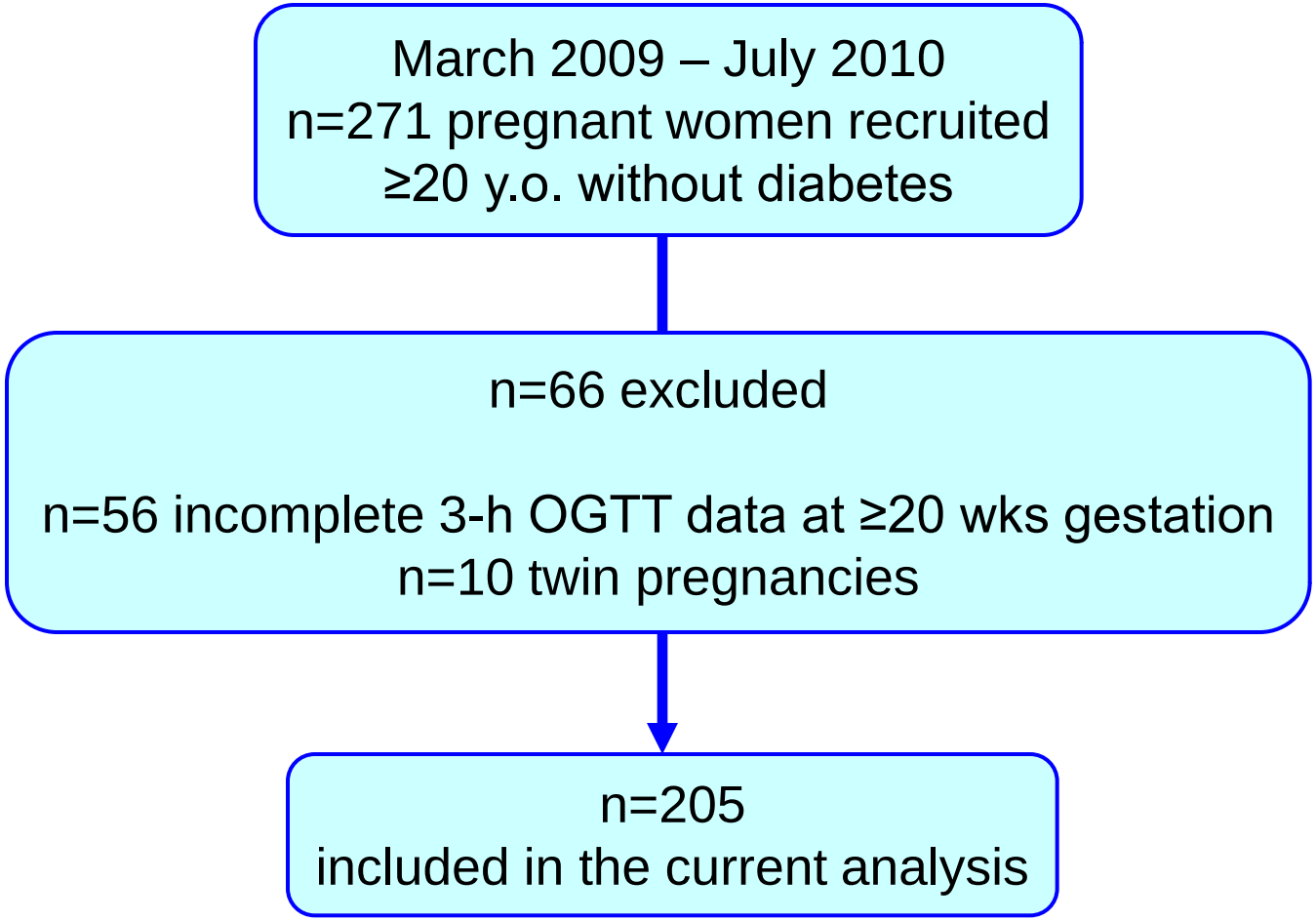
Methods: Study Participants



Results: Characteristics of participants by GDM status at 30±2.6 wks gestation

	No GDM (n=158)	GDM (n=47)
Age (years)	34.3 ± 4.2	35.5 ± 4.5
Ethnicity*		
White	100 (62.9)	22 (47.8)
Non-White	58 (36.7)	25 (53.2)
Family history of type 2 diabetes*	79 (50.0)	33 (70.2)
Pregravid BMI (kg/m^2)	24.7 ± 4.8	26.5 ± 6.6
Nulliparous	90 (57.3)	21 (44.7)

*P<0.05; mean ± SD or n (%)

Ley *et al. Am J Clin Nutr* 2011; 94:1232

Results: Dietary composition and insulin resistance among those with a family history of diabetes[1]

	beta ± SE	p
Energy	-0.0001 ± 0.0002	0.63
% carbohydrate	-0.038 ± 0.023	0.10
% total fat	0.023 ± 0.026	0.37
% saturated fat	0.104 ± 0.057	0.07
% *trans* fat	0.295 ± 0.361	0.42
P : S fat ratio	-0.938 ± 0.551	0.09
Total fibre[2]	-0.031 ± 0.024	0.20
Veggie&fruit fiber[2]	**-0.100 ± 0.029**	**0.0008**

[1]Adjusted for age, ethnicity, pregravid BMI, parity, previous GDM, pregnancy weight gain up to the OGTT, and gestational weeks at the time of OGTT; [2]Additionally for energy intake

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Results: Dietary composition and insulin sensitivity among those with a family history of diabetes[1]

	beta ± SE	p
Energy	0.00003 ± 0.00008	0.73
%carbohydrate	0.010 ± 0.009	0.28
% total fat	-0.0004 ± 0.010	0.97
% saturated fat	-0.020 ± 0.023	0.39
% *trans* fat	0.022 ± 0.143	0.88
P : S fat ratio	0.206 ± 0.220	0.35
Total fibre[2]	0.003 ± 0.009	0.78
Veggie&fruit fiber[2]	**0.029 ± 0.012**	**0.01**

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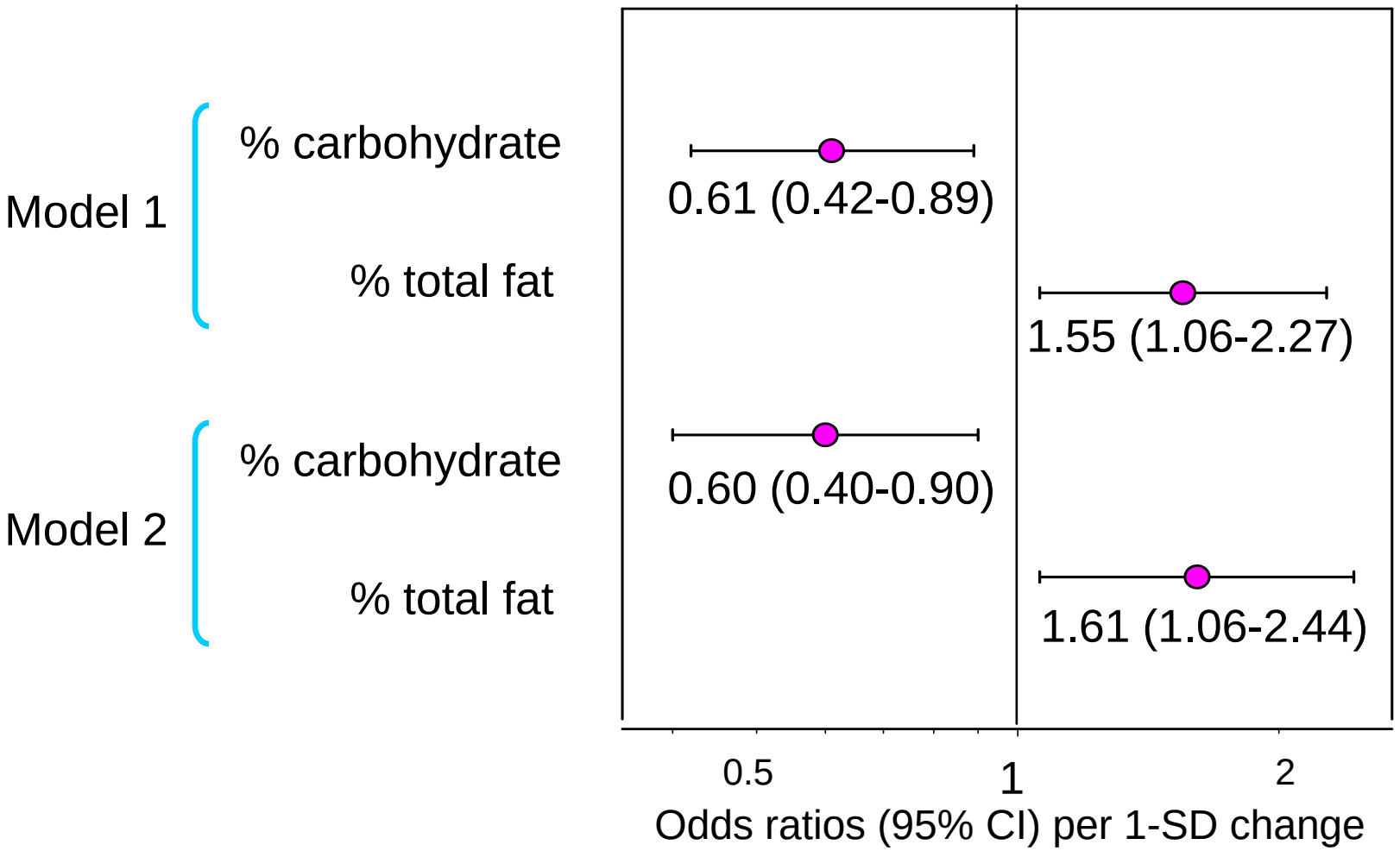
Results: Macronutrient Intake and Risk for GDM



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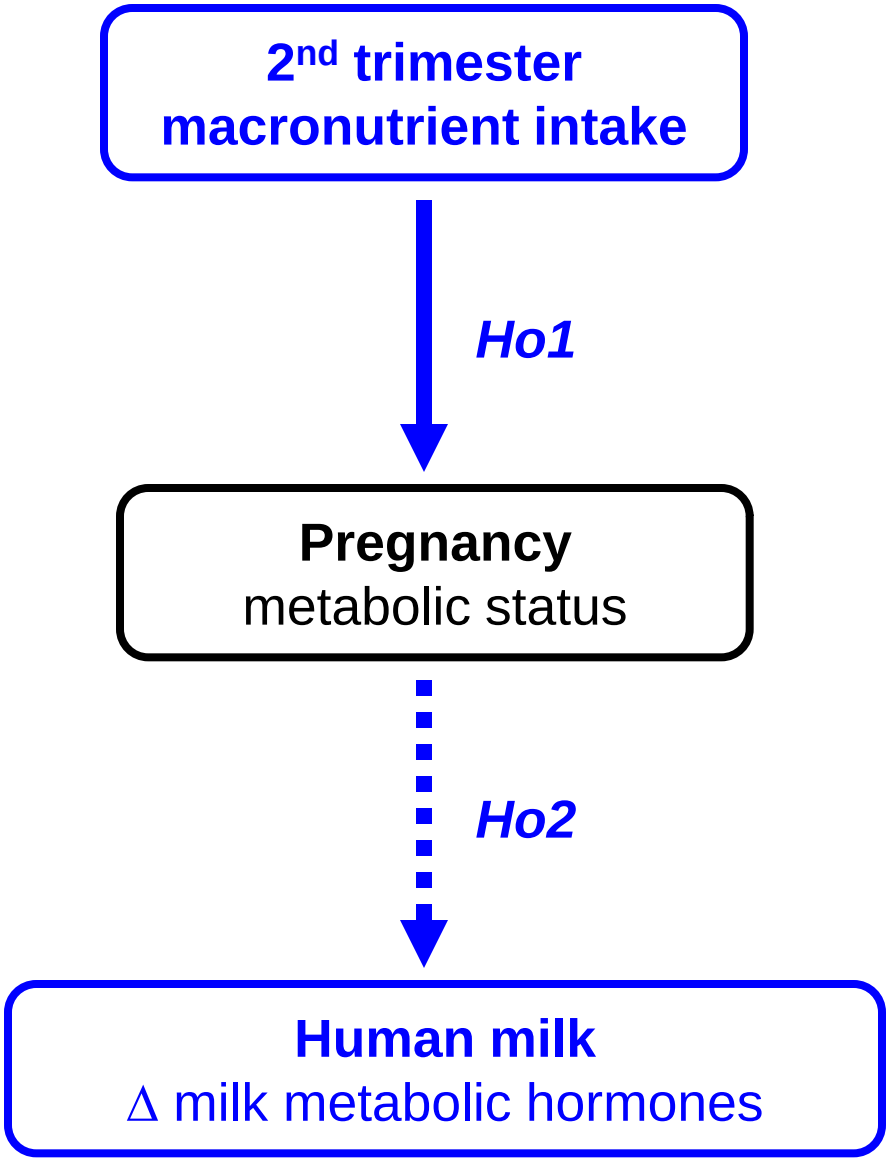
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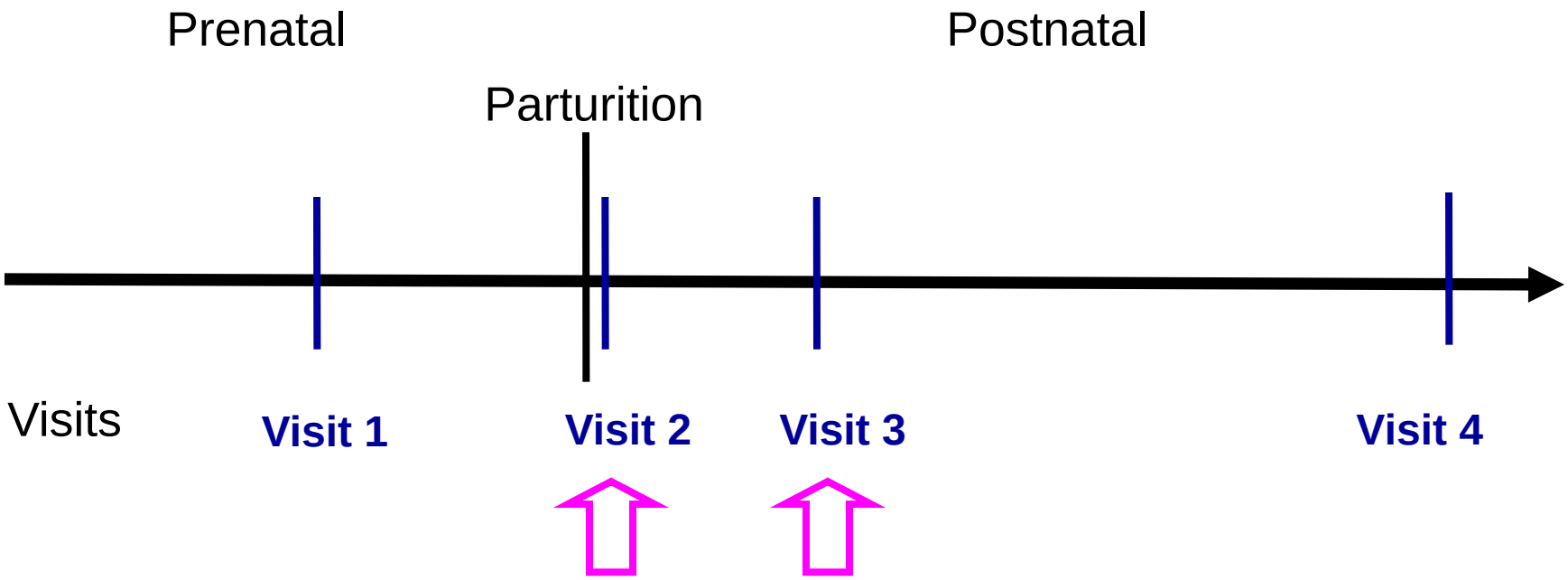
Scheduled Visits



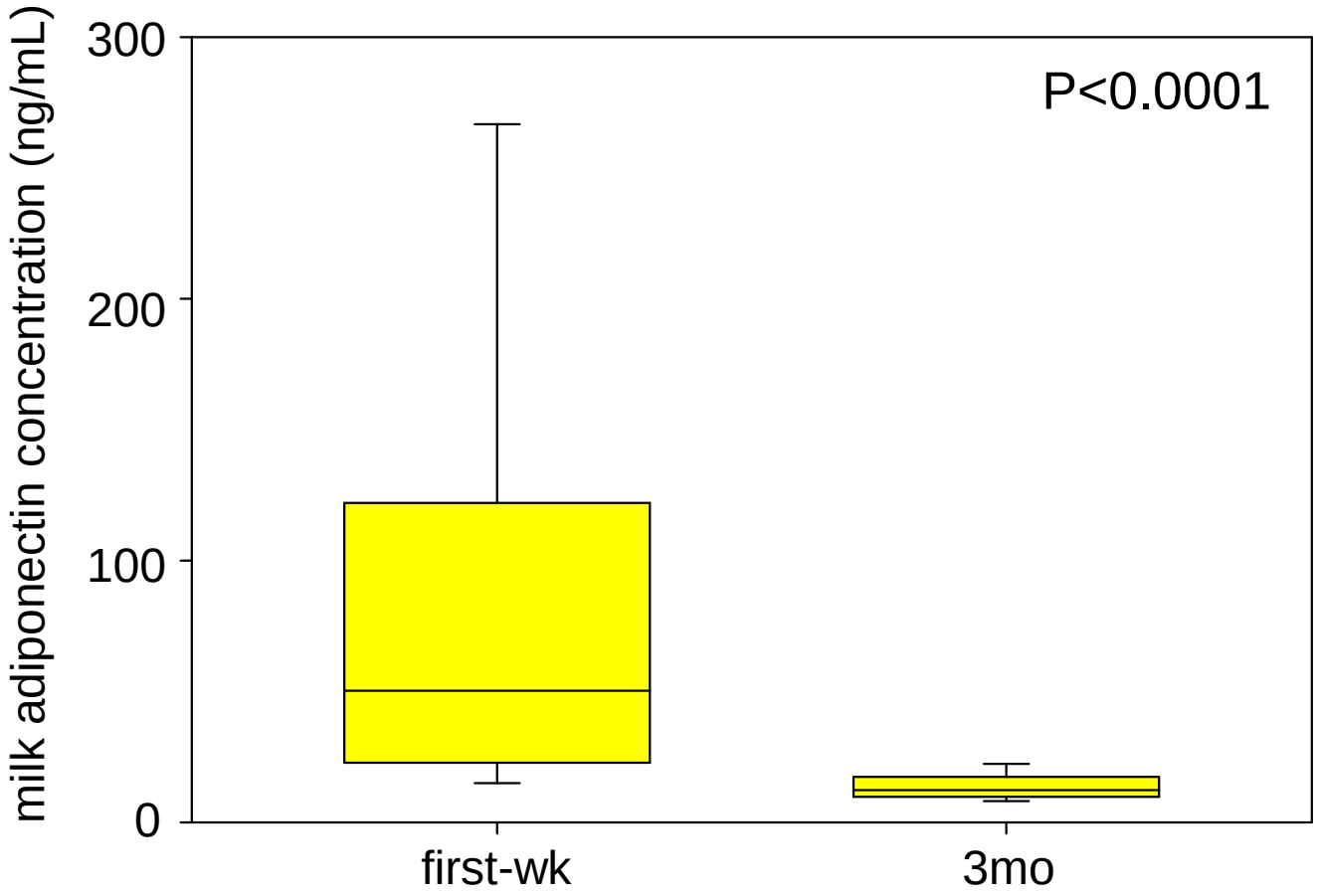
early milk
(n=164)
day 2 (25th,75th %: 1,3)

mature milk
(n=117)
day 95 (25th,75th %: 91,102)

Ley *et al. BMC Public Health* 2010; 10:590

Results: Milk adiponectin concentrations in first-week v. 3-month postpartum

(n=111; paired t test)



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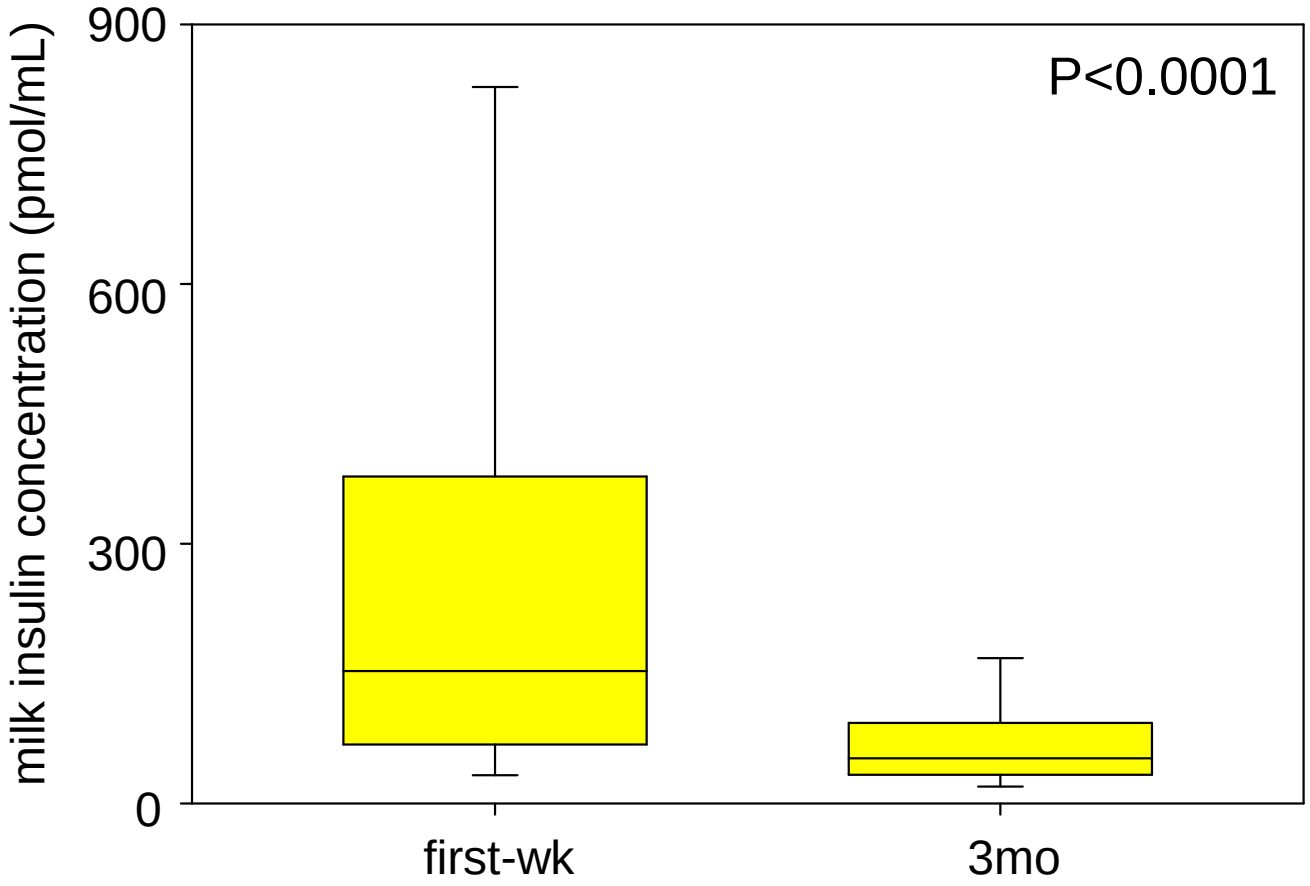

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Results: Maternal prenatal metabolic measures and milk adiponectin[1]

	1st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	**p**	**beta±SE**	**p**
Pregravid BMI	0.003±0.014	0.81	-0.019±0.010	0.06
Serum Fasting Glucose	-0.048±0.139	0.73	-0.036±0.060	0.55
Serum HOMA-IR	0.027±0.053	0.61	-0.056±0.035	0.12
Serum ISogtt	-0.088±0.125	0.48	0.071±0.079	0.37
Serum adiponectin	**0.102±0.032**	**0.002**	**0.045±0.020**	**0.03**
Gestational diabetes	-0.129±0.180	0.47	-0.081±0.117	0.49

[1]General linear model analyses were used with adjustment for maternal age, ethnicity, and postpartum time

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Results: Maternal obstetrical measures and milk adiponectin[1]

	1st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	**p**	**beta±SE**	**p**
Nulliparous	**0.546±0.146**	**0.0002**	0.138±0.098	0.16
Scheduled C-section[2]	**-0.422±0.186**	**0.02**	-0.231±0.120	0.06
Unscheduled C-section[2]	**0.387±0.162**	**0.02**	-0.158±0.107	0.14
Length of gestation	**0.171±0.058**	**0.004**	-0.027±0.040	0.50

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[2]v. spontaneous delivery

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Results: Maternal prenatal metabolic measures and milk insulin[1]

	1st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	p	beta±SE	p
Pregravid BMI	-0.002±0.020	0.91	**0.053±0.014**	**0.0003**
Serum Fasting Glucose	-0.185±0.200	0.36	**0.218±0.087**	**0.01**
Serum HOMA-IR	0.015±0.077	0.85	**0.255±0.047**	**<0.0001**
Serum ISogtt	-0.217±0.180	0.23	**-0.521±0.108**	**<0.0001**
Serum adiponectin	-0.022±0.048	0.65	**-0.116±0.029**	**<0.0001**
Gestational diabetes	-0.200±0.259	0.44	0.102±0.174	0.56

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Results: Maternal obstetrical measures and milk insulin[1]

	1st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	**p**	**beta±SE**	**p**
Nulliparous	-0.191±0.219	0.38	**-0.310±0.144**	**0.03**
Scheduled C-section[2]	-0.178±0.279	0.53	0.301±0.180	0.10
Unscheduled C-section[2]	0.099±0.246	0.69	0.144±0.160	0.37
Length of gestation	-0.074±0.086	0.39	0.056±0.059	0.34

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Conclusions

- Prenatal metabolic abnormalities are associated with higher insulin in mature milk
- Obstetrical parameters are associated with higher adiponectin in early milk

Discussion

- animal models
  - oral insulin stimulated gut maturation/ function and attenuated atherosclerosis progression
- preterm infants
  - tube-fed insulin enhanced intestinal function and reduced feeding intolerance

- milk metabolic hormones might have a role through local and/or systemic mechanisms regulating infant development

Shehadeh *et al. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr* 2006; 43:276

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Donor Human Milk Experimental Study

Donor Human Milk

- There are increasing demands for donor milk when mother's own milk is not available
- Donor milk is pasteurized at 62.5°C for 30 min (Holder method) in North America
- Limited data are available on its impact on milk metabolic hormones

Tully *et al. J Hum Lact* 2000; 16:235
Human Milk Banking Association of North America 2005

Methods: Pasteurization Effects

Human Milk Bank Association of North America guidelines

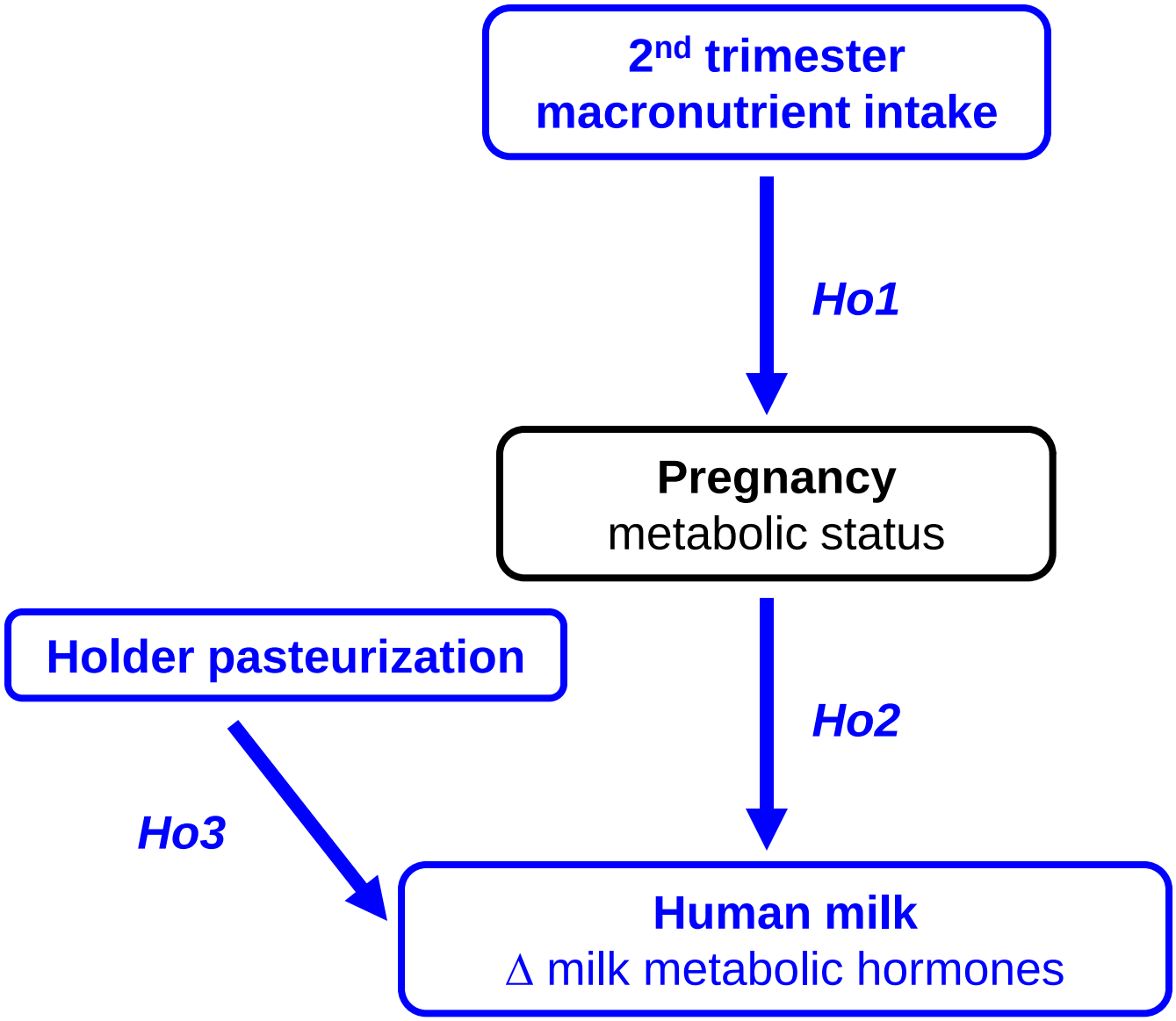
- Milk samples from 34 mothers were pooled to produce 17 distinct batches (4 mothers / batch)
- Holder pasteurized (62.5°C for 30 min)
- Adiponectin, insulin, energy, fat, glucose and total protein concentrations were measured pre- and post-pasteurization

Results: Concentrations (Mean ± SD) of milk components pre- and post-pasteurization

	Pre	Post	% Δ
Adiponectin, ng/mL	**13.91 ± 4.84**	**9.34 ± 2.96**	**-32.8****
Insulin, pmol/L	**162.8 ± 64.2**	**87.8 ±26.3**	**-46.1****
Energy, Kcal/dL	71.5 ± 9.9	69.4 ± 8.8	-2.9
Fat, g/L	4.29 ± 0.95	3.91 ± 0.81	-8.9*
Glucose, mmol/L	0.97 ± 0.25	1.11 ± 0.22	1.4*
Protein, g/L	14.8 ± 1.5	14.8 ± 1.1	<1.0

*<0.05; **<0.0001

Ley *et al. Pediatr Res* 2011; 70:278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Limitations and future directions

- Observed association of vegetable and fruit fiber intake with insulin sensitivity might have been confounded by other components

- Impact of variations in milk hormones on infant development and subsequent risk for type 2 diabetes warrants further investigation

Take Home Messages

Our findings support continued work to develop

1. prenatal nutritional strategies to prevent maternal metabolic abnormalities and

2. postnatal strategies to improve development of nutritionally vulnerable offspring exposed to maternal metabolic abnormalities

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