

obesity,  
its distribution  
cardiovascular disease  
and  
diabetes

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# epidemiology of adiposity

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# adiposity measures

## "EPIDEMIOLOGICAL" MEASURES

- weight, height
- waist, hip, thigh circumferences
- skinfolds
  
- Body Mass Index ( $\text{weight}/\text{height}^2$ )
- waist hip ratio, waist height ratio
  
- % fat by impedance measures

## SCANS

- visceral and subcutaneous fat at different levels

# overweight/obesity

- Body Mass Index - BMI

$< 18.5 \text{ kg/m}^2$

underweight

$18.5 - 25 \text{ kg/m}^2$

normal weight

$25 - 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$

overweight/preobese

$30 - 35 \text{ kg/m}^2$

obese class I

$35 - 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$

obese class II

$\geq 40 \text{ kg/m}^2$

obese class III

# abdominal adiposity

- waist circumference

men

> or  $\geq$  102 cm

$\geq$  94 cm

women

> or  $\geq$  88 cm

$\geq$  80 cm

Asian population propositions

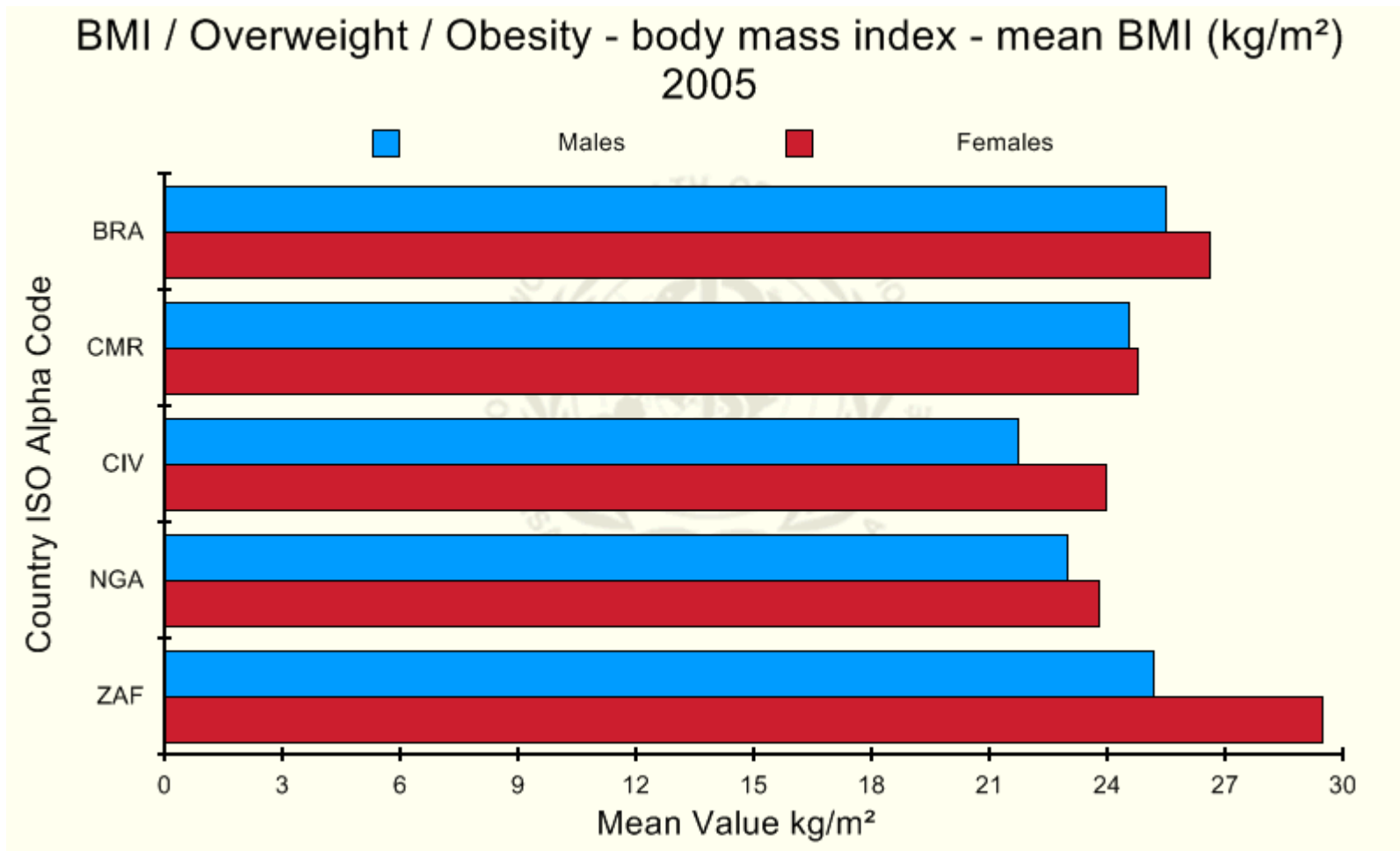
Africa ?

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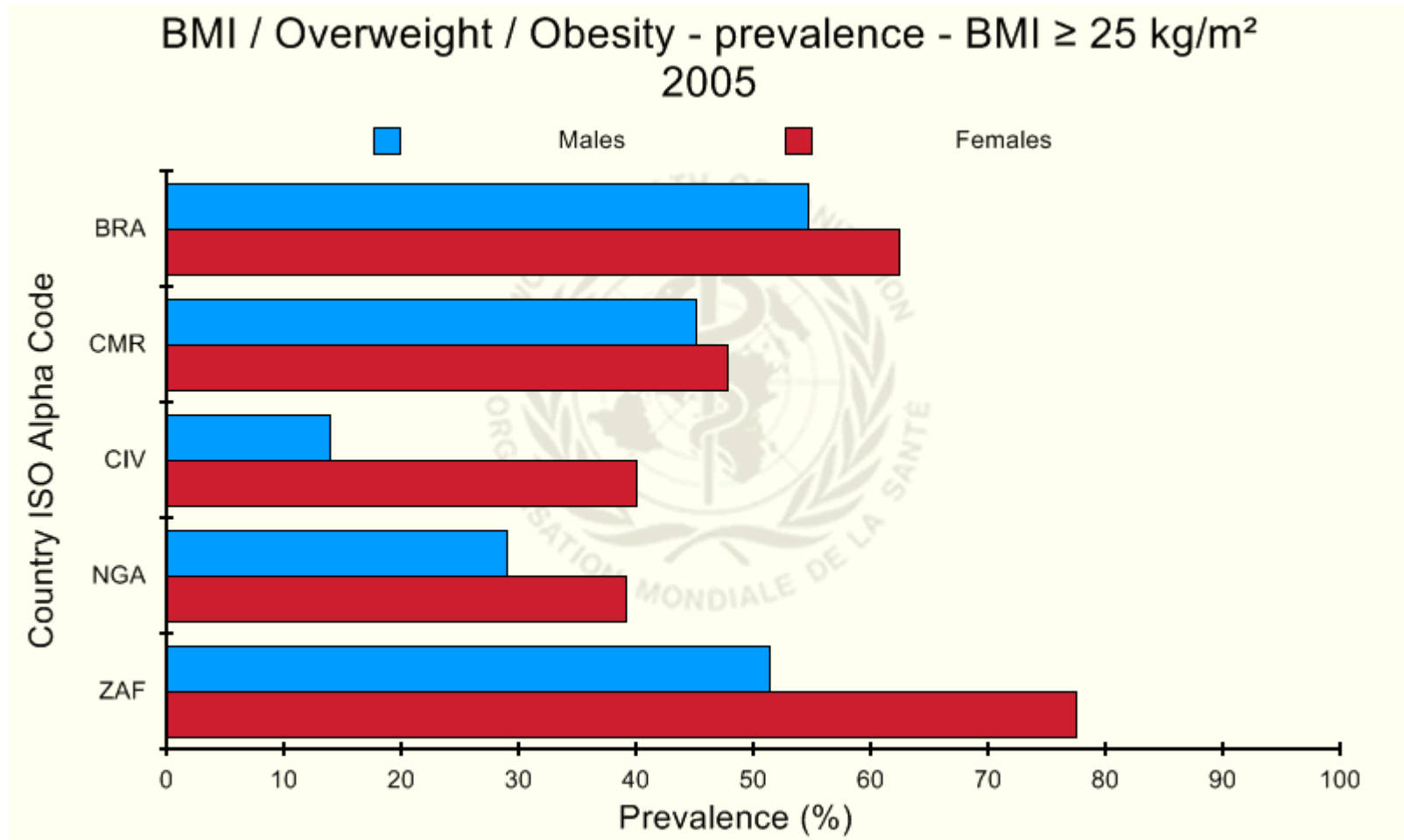
# mean BMI (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Africa



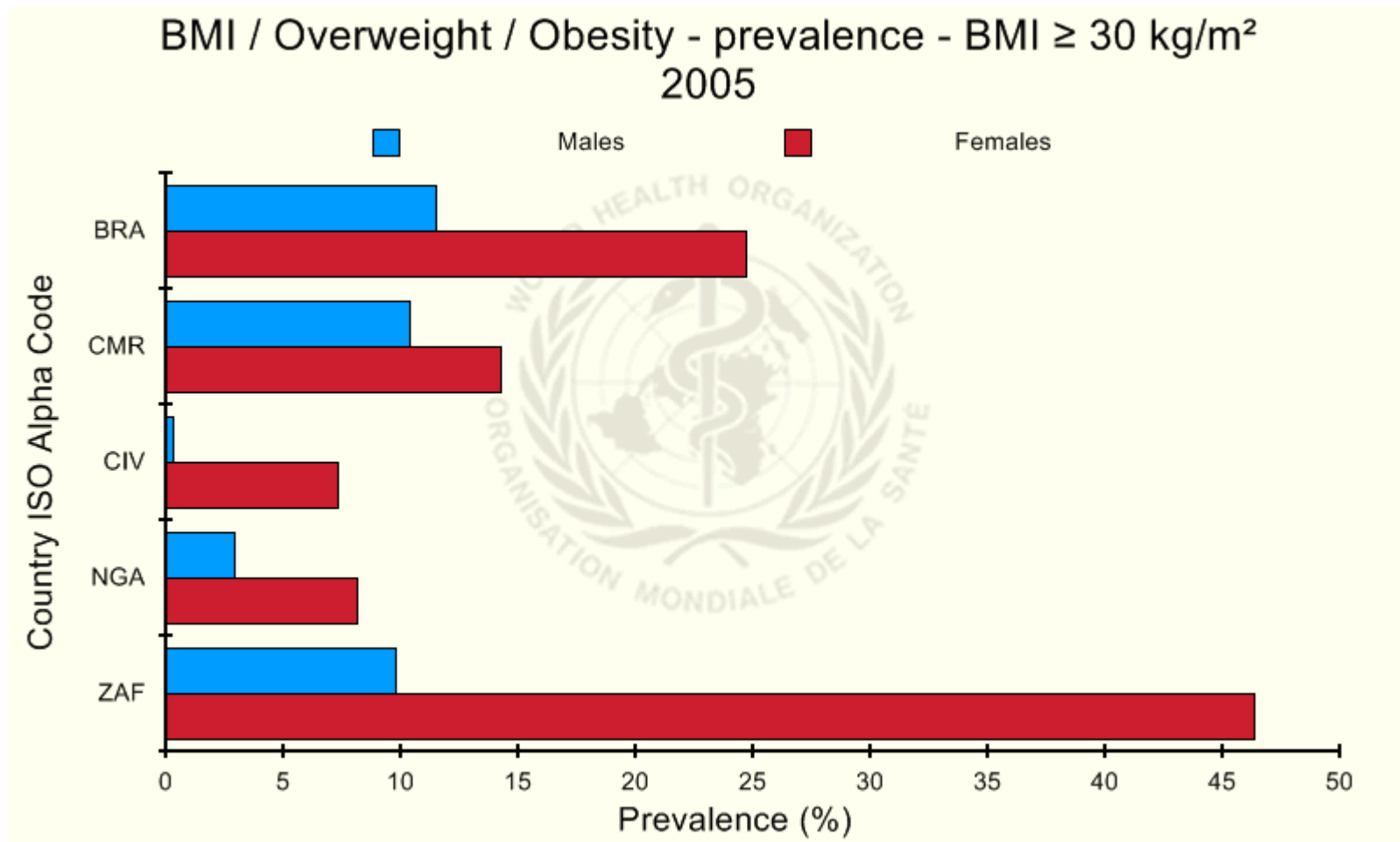
# overweight & obesity BMI $\geq$ 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Brazil, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria, South Africa



# obesity BMI $\geq$ 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

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worldwide  
obesity, overweight  
abdominal adiposity



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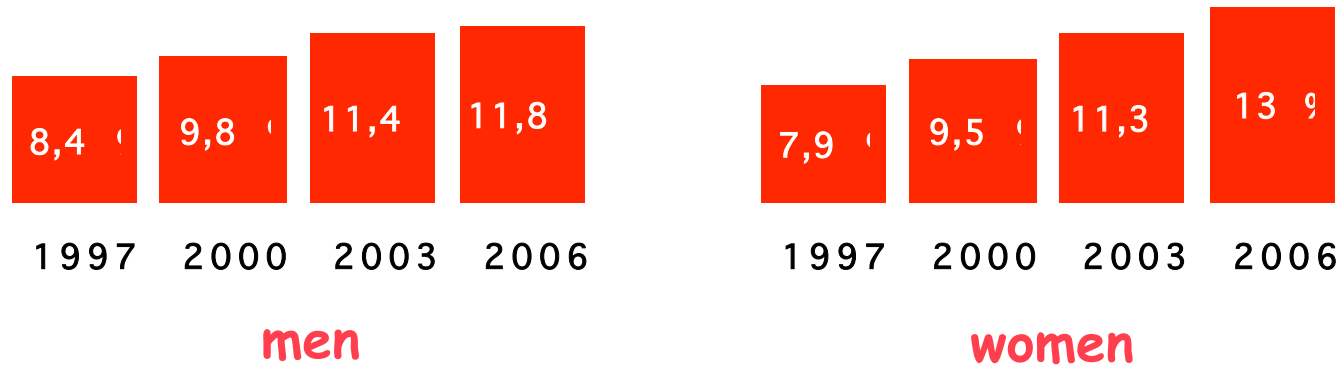
# increases in adiposity over time

France: ObEpi - Roche  
four surveys, every three years  
self measure of  
weight, height, waist circumference

# prevalences 1997-> 2006

## obesity France

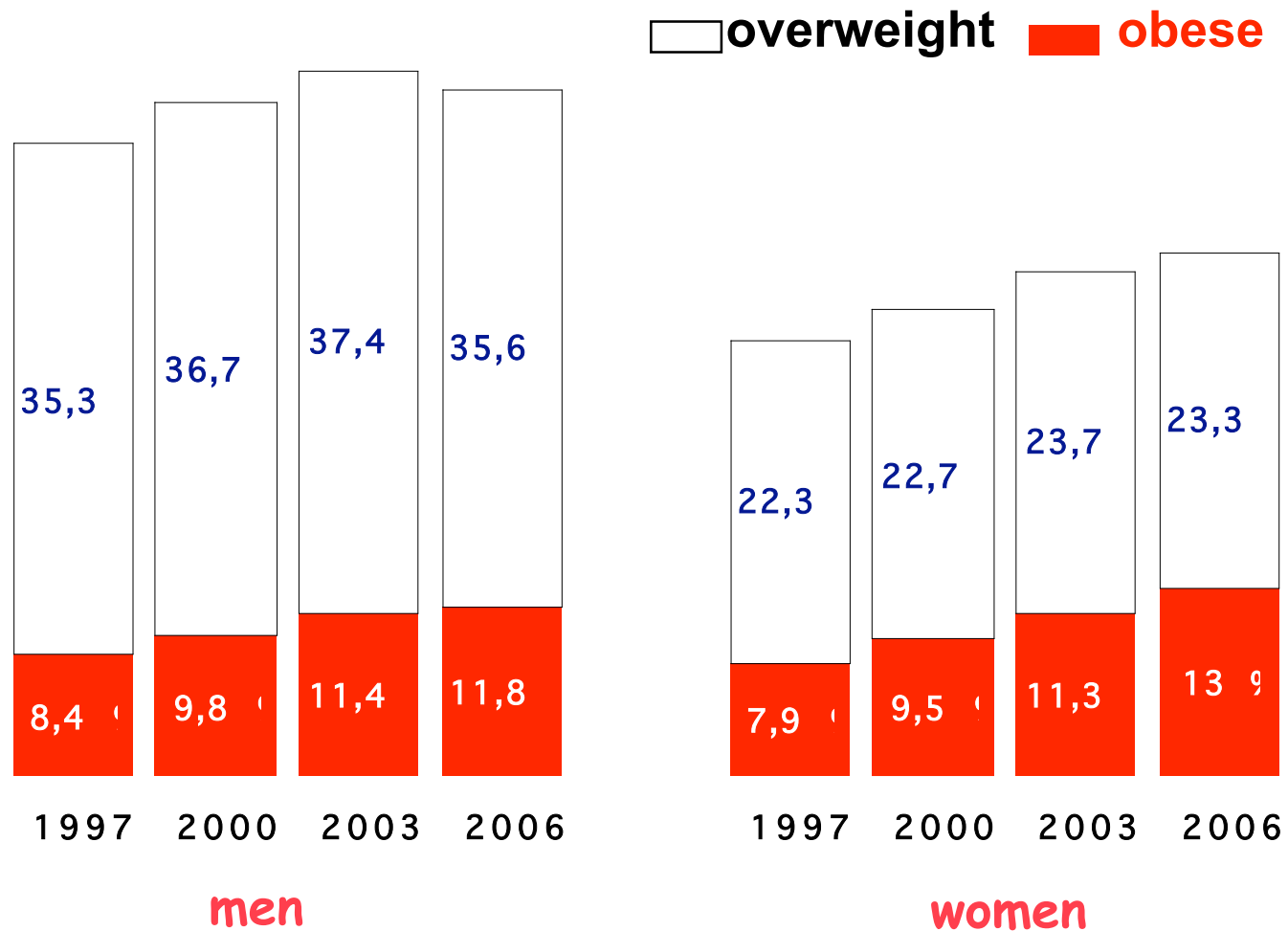
■ obese



ObÉpi - Roche 2006

# prevalences 1997-> 2006




## overweight, obesity France



ObÉpi - Roche 2006

# mean waist 1997-→ 2006 France

men

|      |         |   |          |
|------|---------|---|----------|
| 1997 | 90.5 cm |   |          |
|      |         |    | + 1.2 cm |
| 2000 | 91.7 cm |   |          |
|      |         |   | + 0.8 cm |
| 2003 | 92.5 cm |   |          |
|      |         |  | + 0.4 cm |
| 2006 | 92.9 cm |   |          |

# mean waist 1997-→ 2006

## France

|      | men     |            | women   |            |
|------|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| 1997 | 90.5 cm | } + 1.2 cm | 79.2 cm | } + 1.9 cm |
| 2000 | 91.7 cm |            | 81.1 cm |            |
| 2003 | 92.5 cm | } + 0.8 cm | 82.3 cm | } + 1.2 cm |
| 2006 | 92.9 cm |            | 83.7 cm |            |

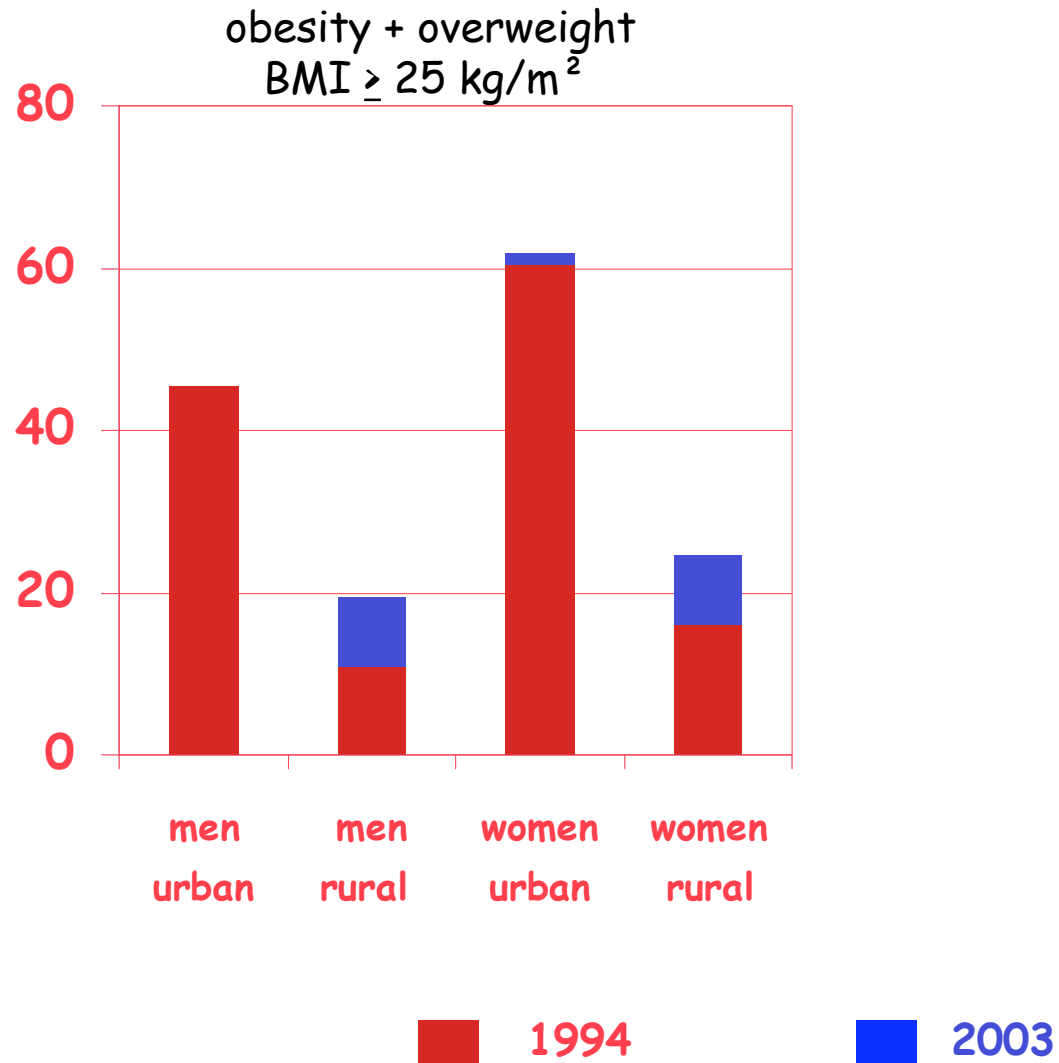
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Cameroon surveys

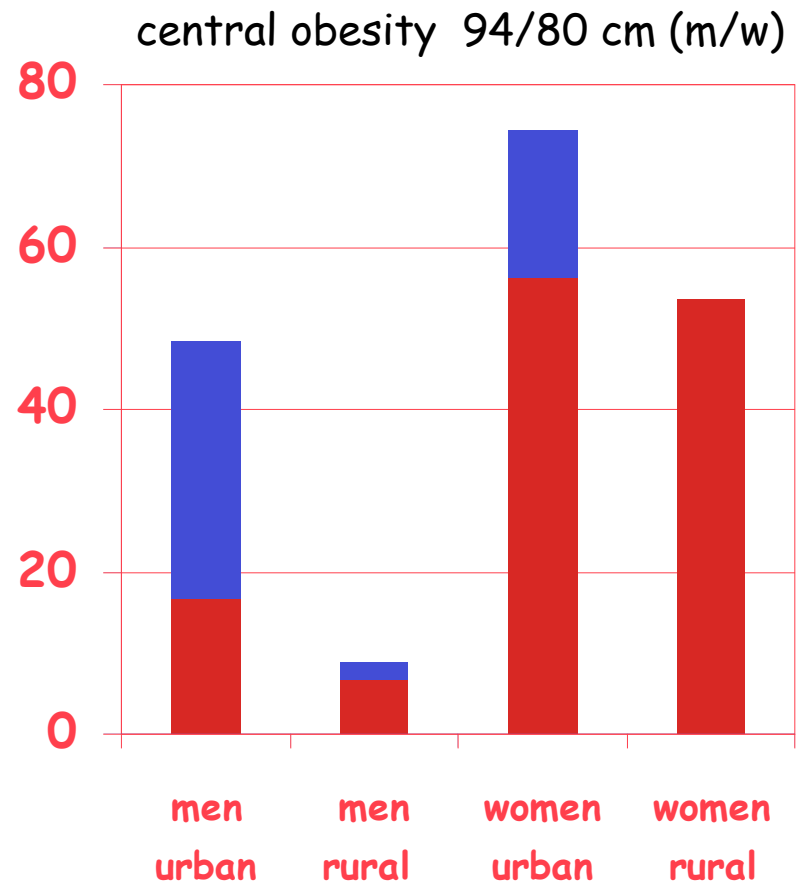
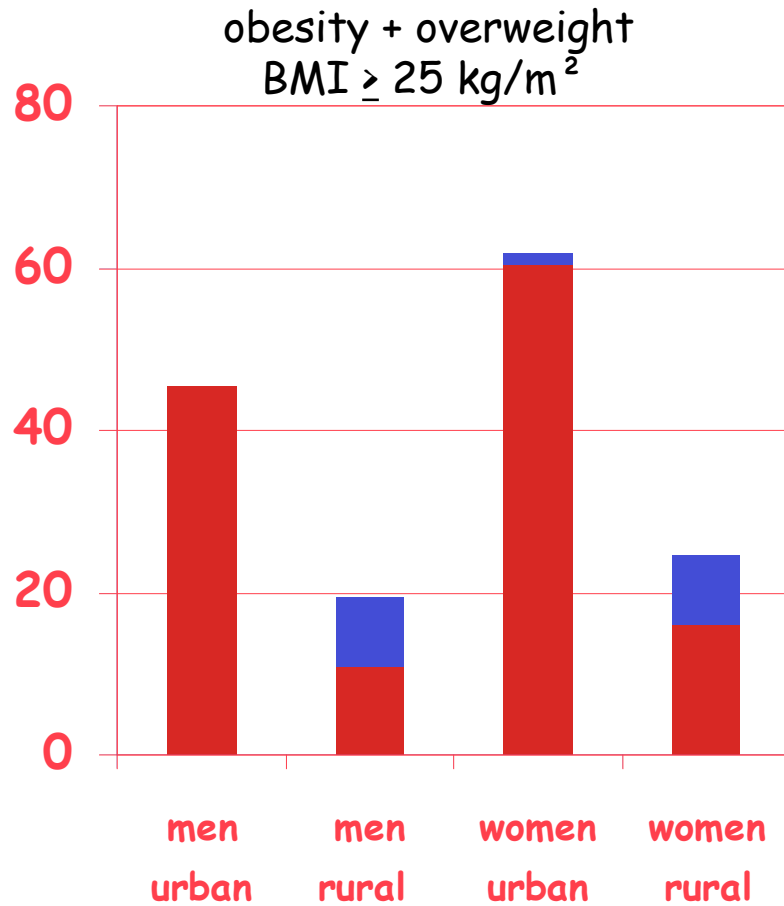
# obesity increasing in Cameroon



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1994

2003

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# protocol - IDEEA study

- random selection of primary care physicians in each region of each participating country
- physicians trained to
  - measure waist circumference, weight, height
  - complete a short form with
    - age,
    - sex,
    - presence of diabetes,
    - presence of cardiovascular disease

# Odds Ratios (95% CIs) age and region adjusted for CVD and Diabetes

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waist quintiles (cm)

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<76    ≥76 to <84    ≥84 to <92    ≥92 to <101    ≥101

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CVD    **1**

Diabetes

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# odds ratios

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- use logistic regression to evaluate odds  
$$\log [p/(1-p)] = \alpha + \beta * \text{age} + \chi * \text{region} + \delta_i * \text{waist quintile}_i$$

# Odds Ratios (95% CIs) age and region adjusted for CVD and Diabetes **men & women**

## waist quintiles (cm)

|          | <84 | ≥84 to <92    | ≥92 to <99    | ≥99 to <107   | ≥107          |
|----------|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|          | <76 | ≥76 to <84    | ≥84 to <92    | ≥92 to <101   | ≥101          |
| CVD      | 1   | 1.1 (1.0-1.3) | 1.3 (1.2-1.5) | 1.6 (1.5-1.8) | 2.2 (2.0-2.5) |
|          | 1   | 1.3 (1.1-1.4) | 1.5 (1.3-1.7) | 1.8 (1.6-2.0) | 2.6 (2.4-2.9) |
| Diabetes | 1   | 1.5 (1.3-1.7) | 1.9 (1.7-2.1) | 2.4 (2.1-2.7) | 4.0 (3.6-4.4) |
|          | 1   | 1.8 (1.5-2.0) | 2.5 (2.2-2.8) | 3.7 (3.3-4.1) | 6.8 (6.2-7.6) |

# odds ratios for diabetes for a 1 Standard Deviation increase in waist and BMI

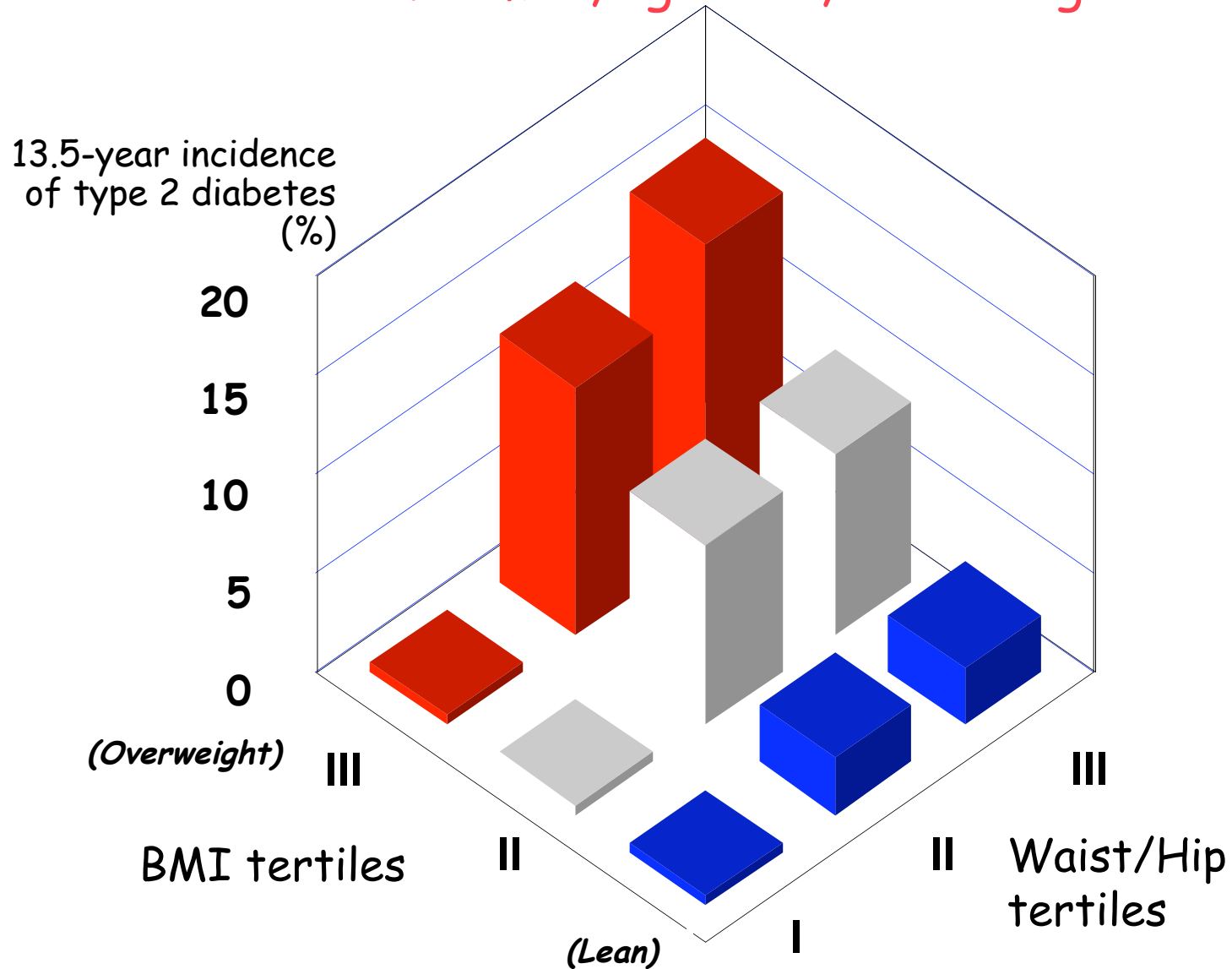
|                 | waist         | BMI           |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>S Africa</b> |               |               |
| Men             | 1.7 (1.3-2.2) | 1.5 (1.2-1.9) |
| Women           | 1.9 (1.5-2.4) | 1.7 (1.3-2.1) |
| <b>Overall</b>  |               |               |
| Men             | 1.6 (1.5-1.7) | 1.5 (1.4-1.6) |
| Women           | 1.8 (1.7-1.9) | 1.7 (1.6-1.8) |

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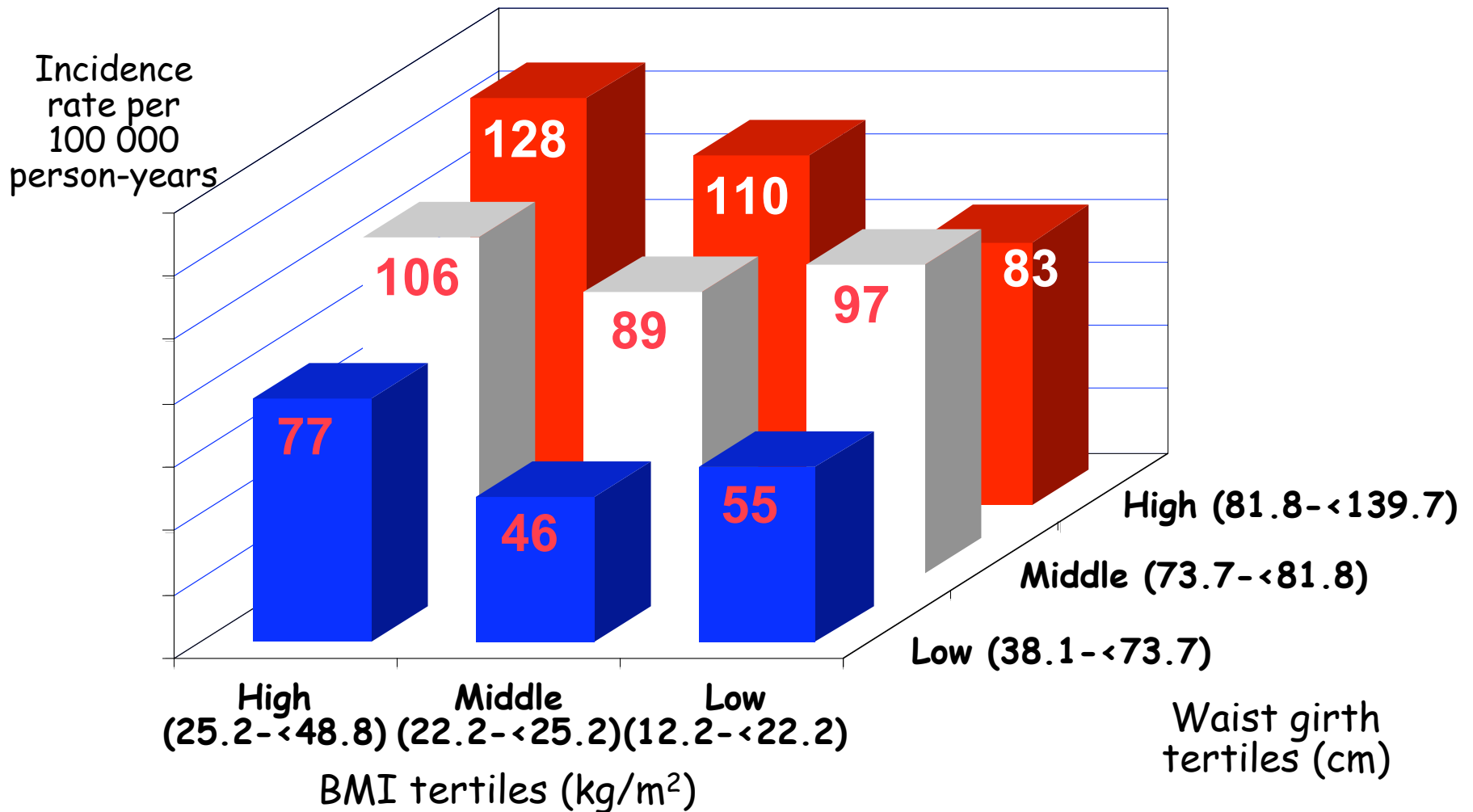
# incidence of type 2 diabetes

792 men, aged 54, Goteborg



# coronary heart disease in women

## The Nurses' Health Study : 8 year follow-up



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# Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study

**Aim:** delay onset of Type II diabetes in overweight ( $BMI \geq 25 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ) & impaired glucose tolerance (OGTT) by lifestyle changes

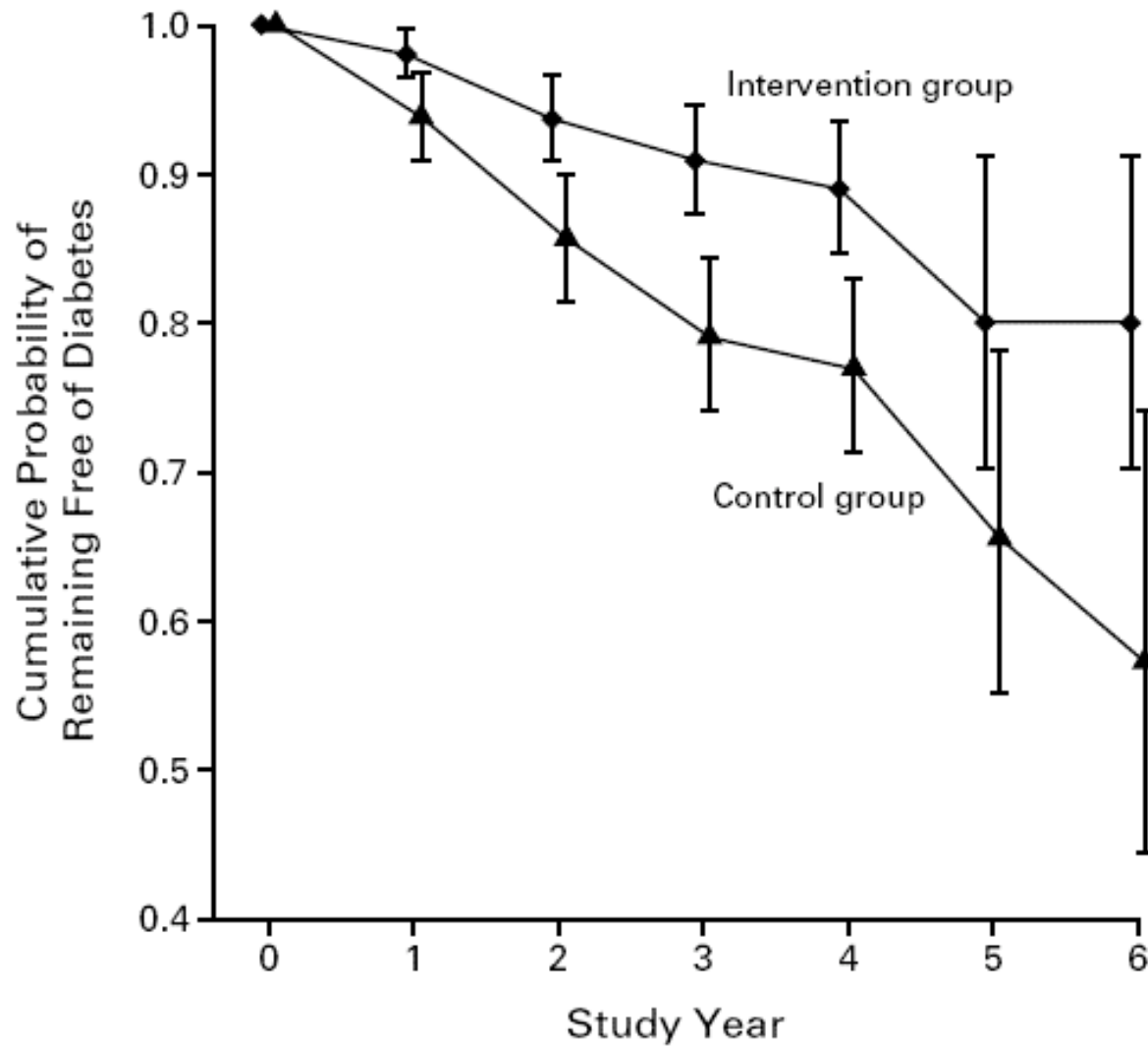
# intervention and success for goals

## Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study

|                               | intervention<br>n=256 | control<br>n=250 | p     |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------|
| weight loss > 5%              | 43%                   | 13%              | 0.001 |
| fat intake < 30% energy       | 47%                   | 26%              | 0.001 |
| saturated fat < 10% energy    | 26%                   | 11%              | 0.001 |
| fibre intake < 15 g/1000 kcal | 25%                   | 12%              | 0.001 |
| exercise > 4hr/wk             | 86%                   | 71%              | 0.001 |
| change in weight (kg)         | -4.2                  | -0.8             | 0.001 |
| change in waist (cm)          | -4.4                  | -1.3             | 0.001 |

# diabetes incidence

## Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study



# diabetes incidence post intervention

## Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study

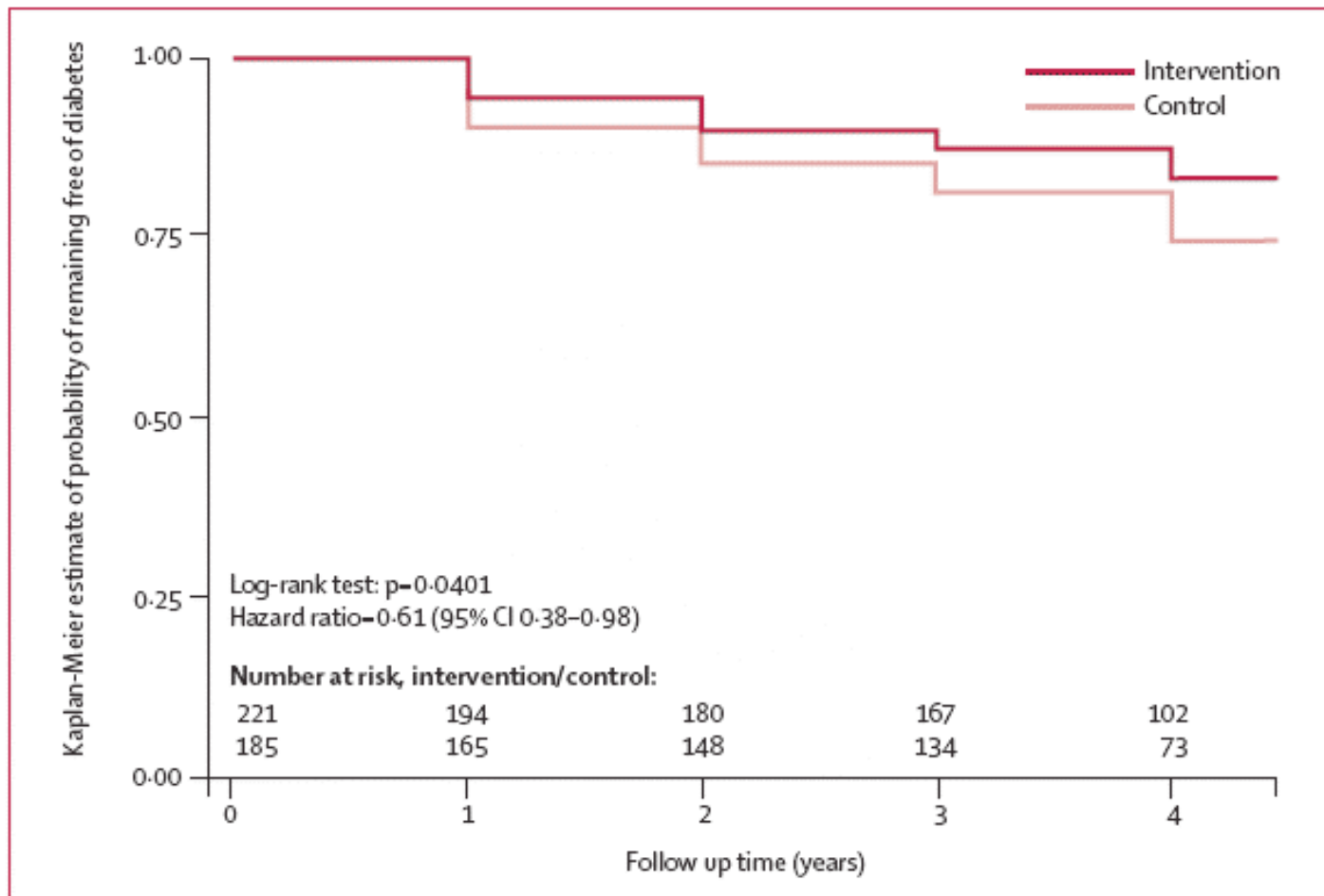
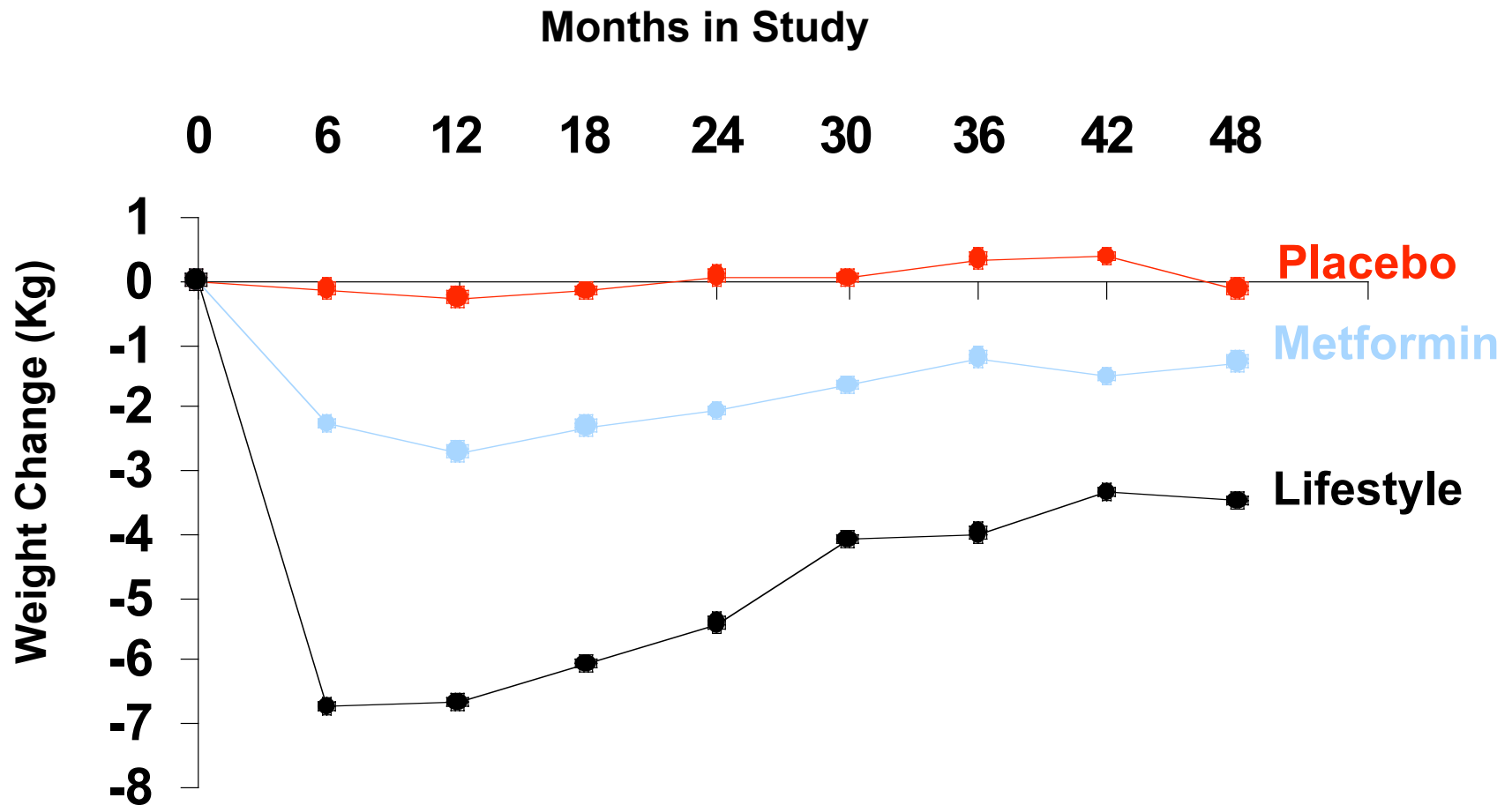


Figure 3: Diabetes by treatment group during the post-intervention follow-up period

# Diabetes Prevention Program

**Aim:** delay onset of Type II diabetes in  
by lifestyle changes  
or by metformin treatment  
in IGT patients

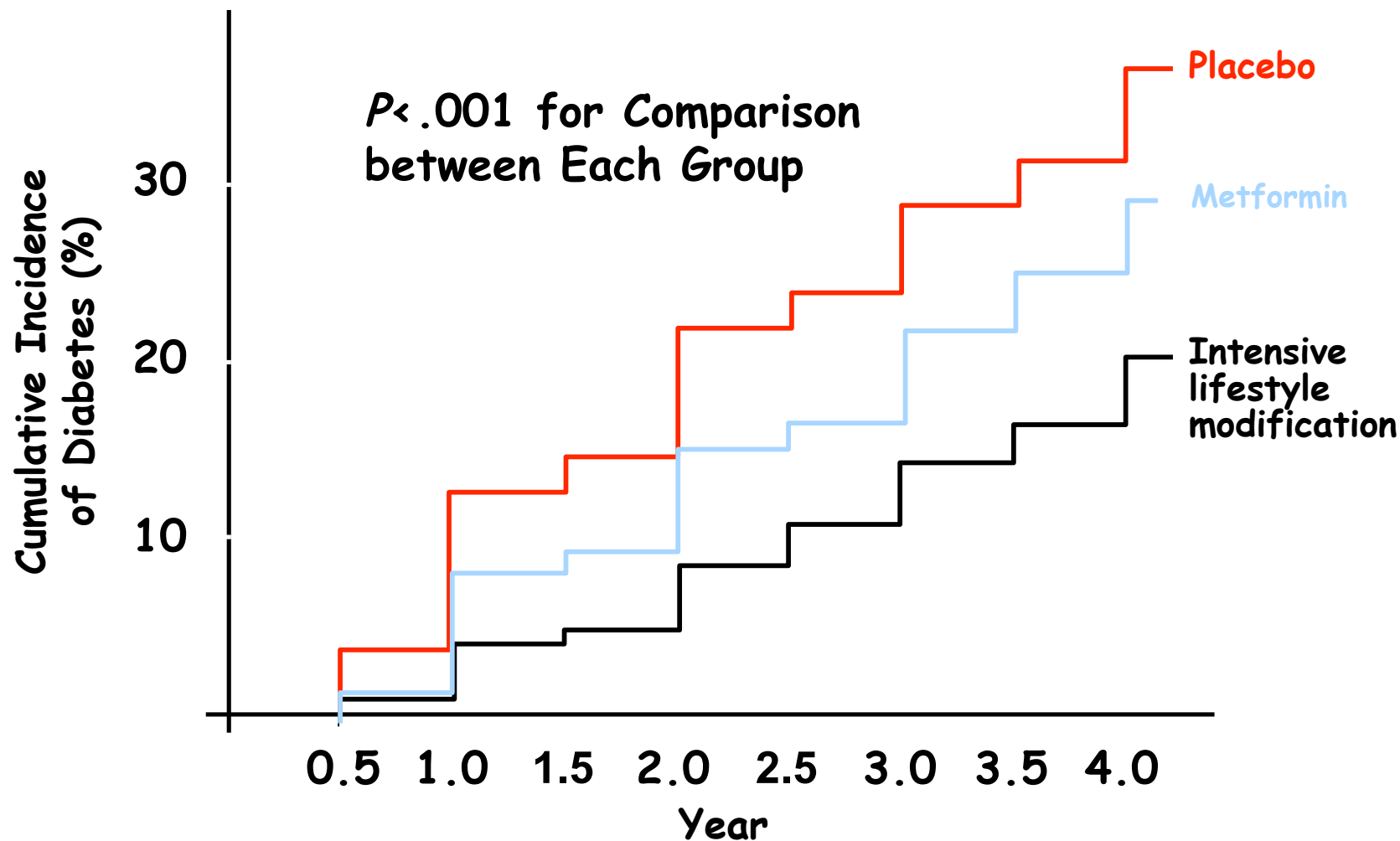
# mean weight change: Diabetes Prevention Program



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# incidence of type 2 diabetes

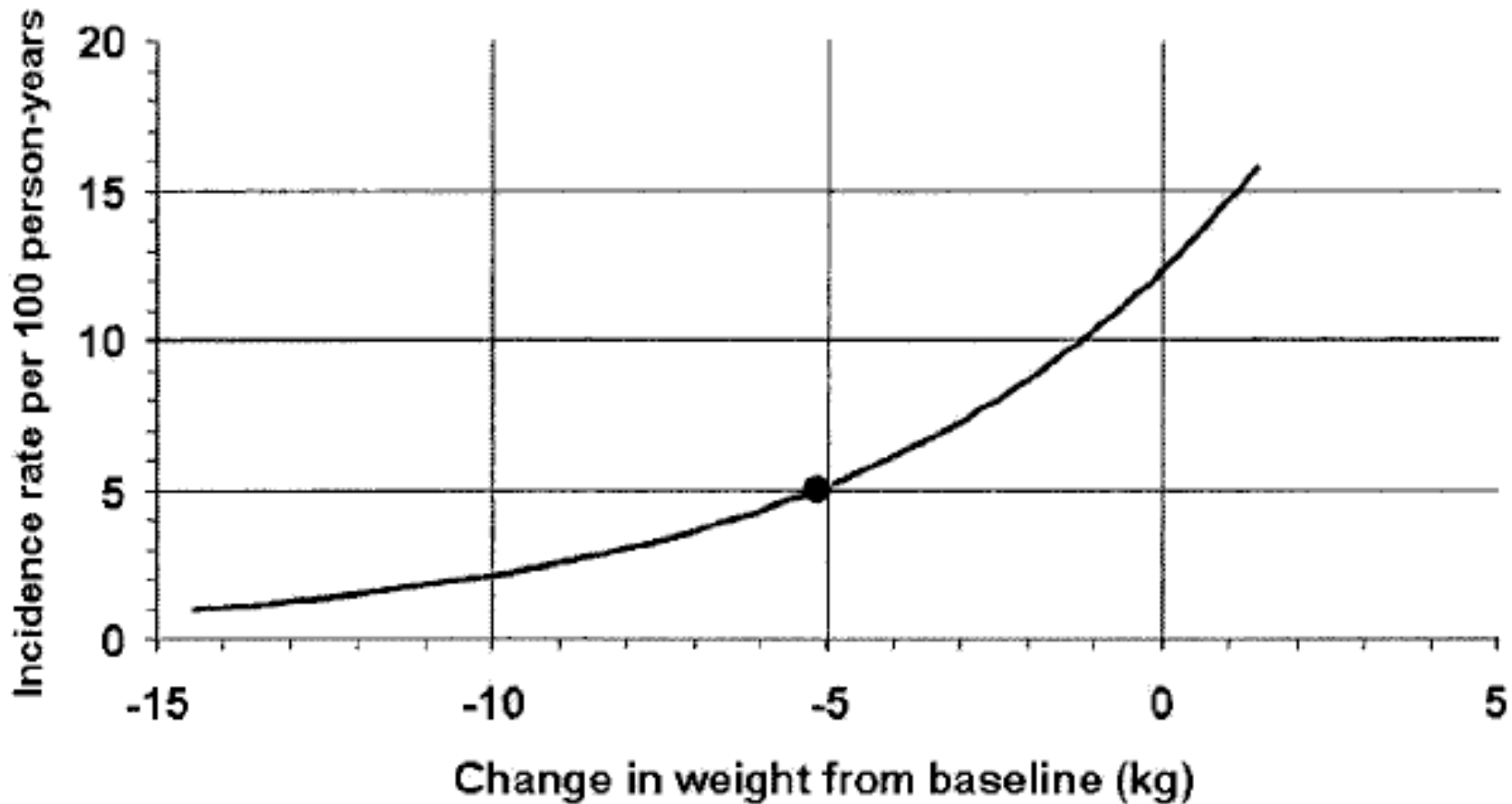
## Diabetes Prevention Program



# incidence of type 2 diabetes

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### lifestyle intervention group



# in conclusion

- overweight, obesity, abdominal adiposity are common
- they are generally increasing in all parts of the world
- they are associated with and are precursors of
  - CVD
  - Diabetes
  - ... many other health problems
- reducing obesity/abdominal adiposity **probably** has an effect on CVD and diabetes