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# The Diagnosis and Management of Type 3c Diabetes

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# Aim of presentation

To provide an overview of the characteristics, diagnosis, and management of type 3c diabetes

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## Diagnosis and treatment of diabetes mellitus in chronic pancreatitis

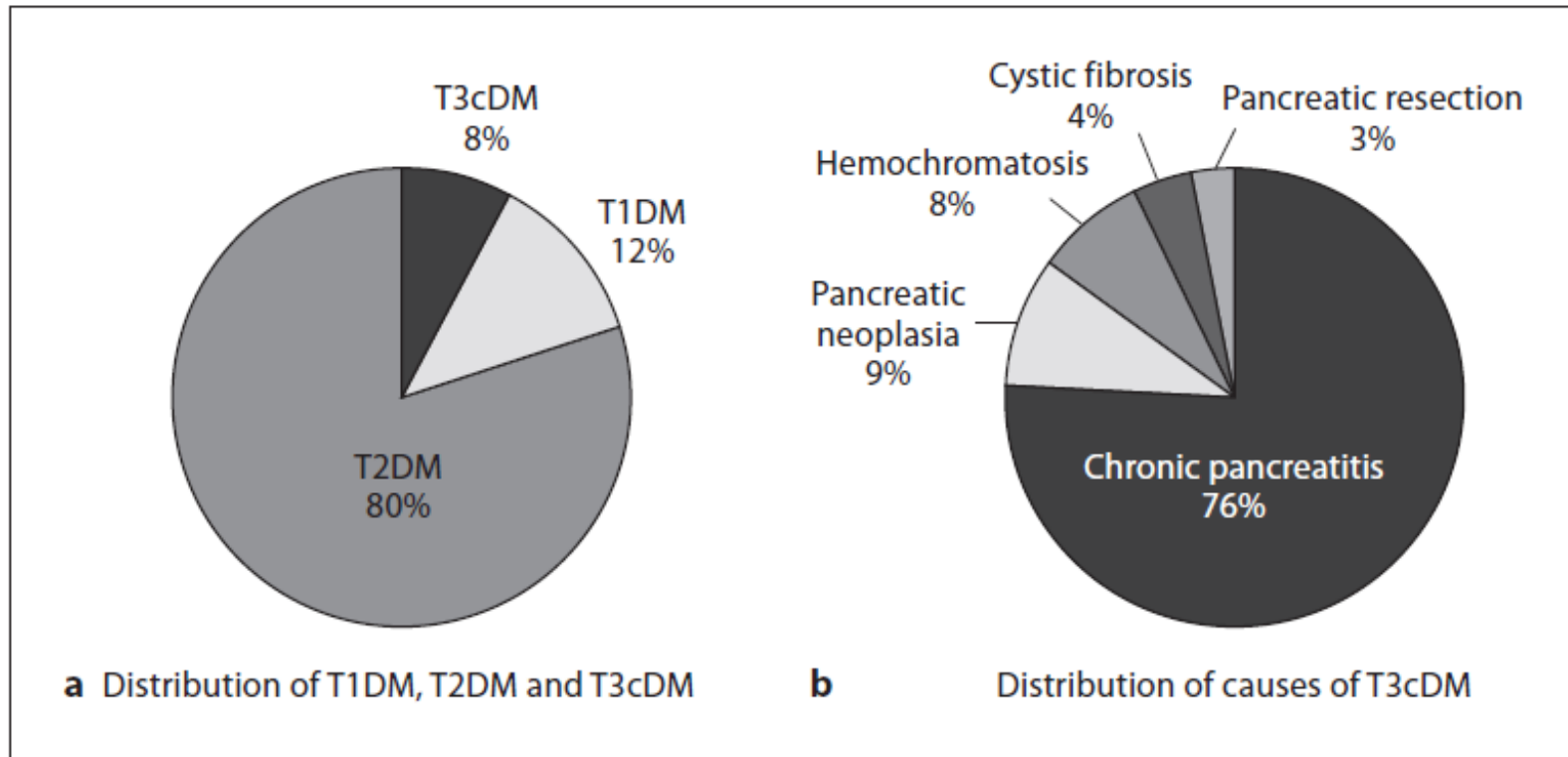
**Table 1 Current classification of diabetes mellitus**

I	Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus ( $\beta$ -cell destruction, usually leading to absolute insulin deficiency) A: Immune mediated B: Idiopathic
II	Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (may range from predominantly insulin resistance with relative insulin deficiency to a predominantly secretory defect with insulin resistance)
III	Other Specific Types Of Diabetes Mellitus A: Genetic defects of $\beta$ -cell function B: Genetic defects in insulin action C: Diseases of the exocrine pancreas 1: Pancreatitis 2: Trauma/pancreatectomy 3: Neoplasia 4: Cystic fibrosis 5: Hemochromatosis 6: Fibrocalculous pancreatopathy 7: Others D: Endocrinopathies E: Drug- or chemical-induced F: Infections G: Uncommon forms of immune-mediated diabetes H: Other genetic syndromes sometimes associated with diabetes
IV	Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

## Type 3c Diabetes (Diabetes of the Exocrine Pancreas)

*American Diabetes Association: Diagnosis and classification of diabetes. Diab Care 2011;34(suppl 1): S62-S69*

# Prevalence



Pancreatology

Review

Pancreatology 2011;11:279-294  
DOI: [10.1159/000329188](https://doi.org/10.1159/000329188)

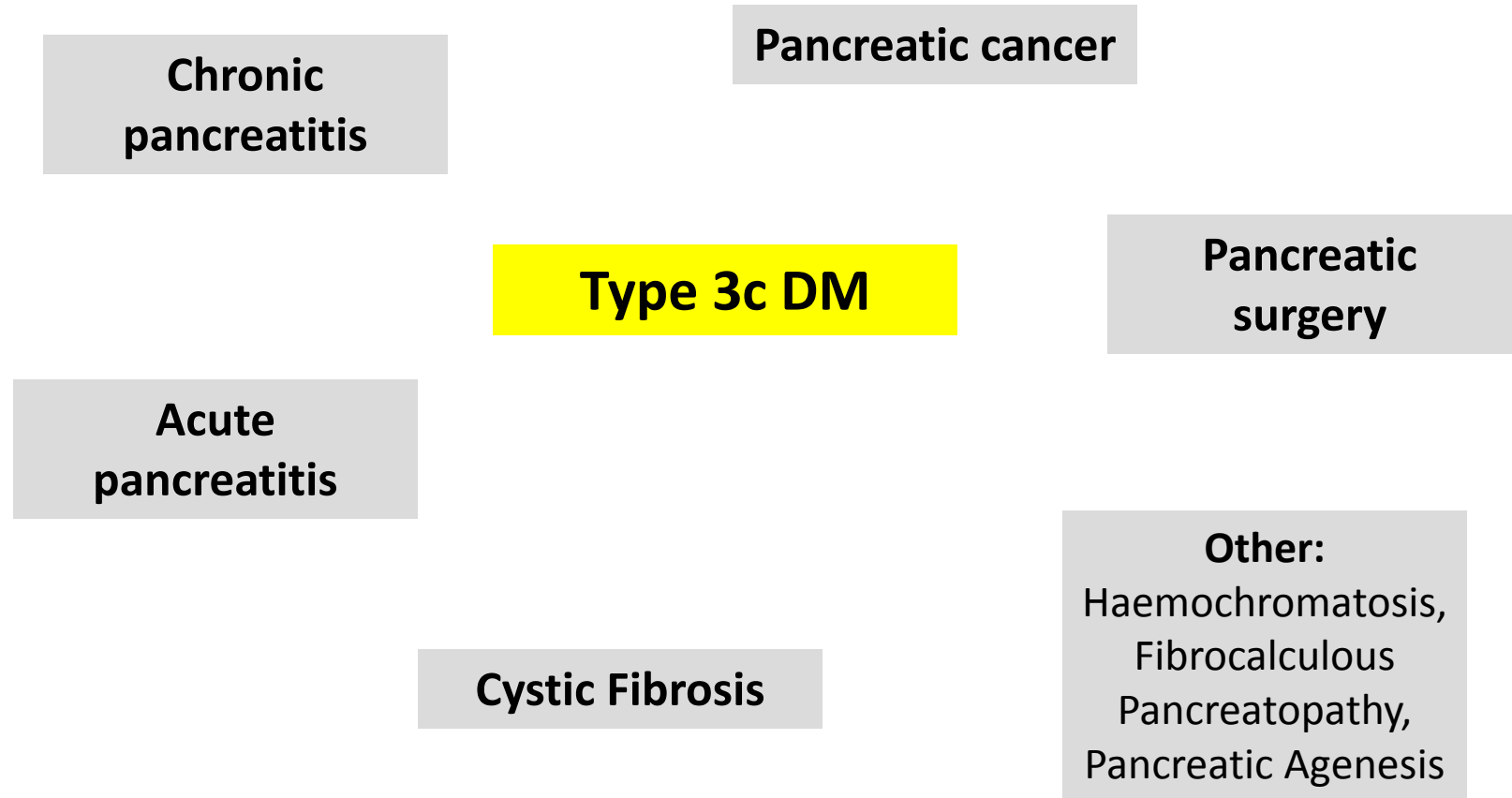
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**Pancreatogenic Diabetes:  
Special Considerations for Management**

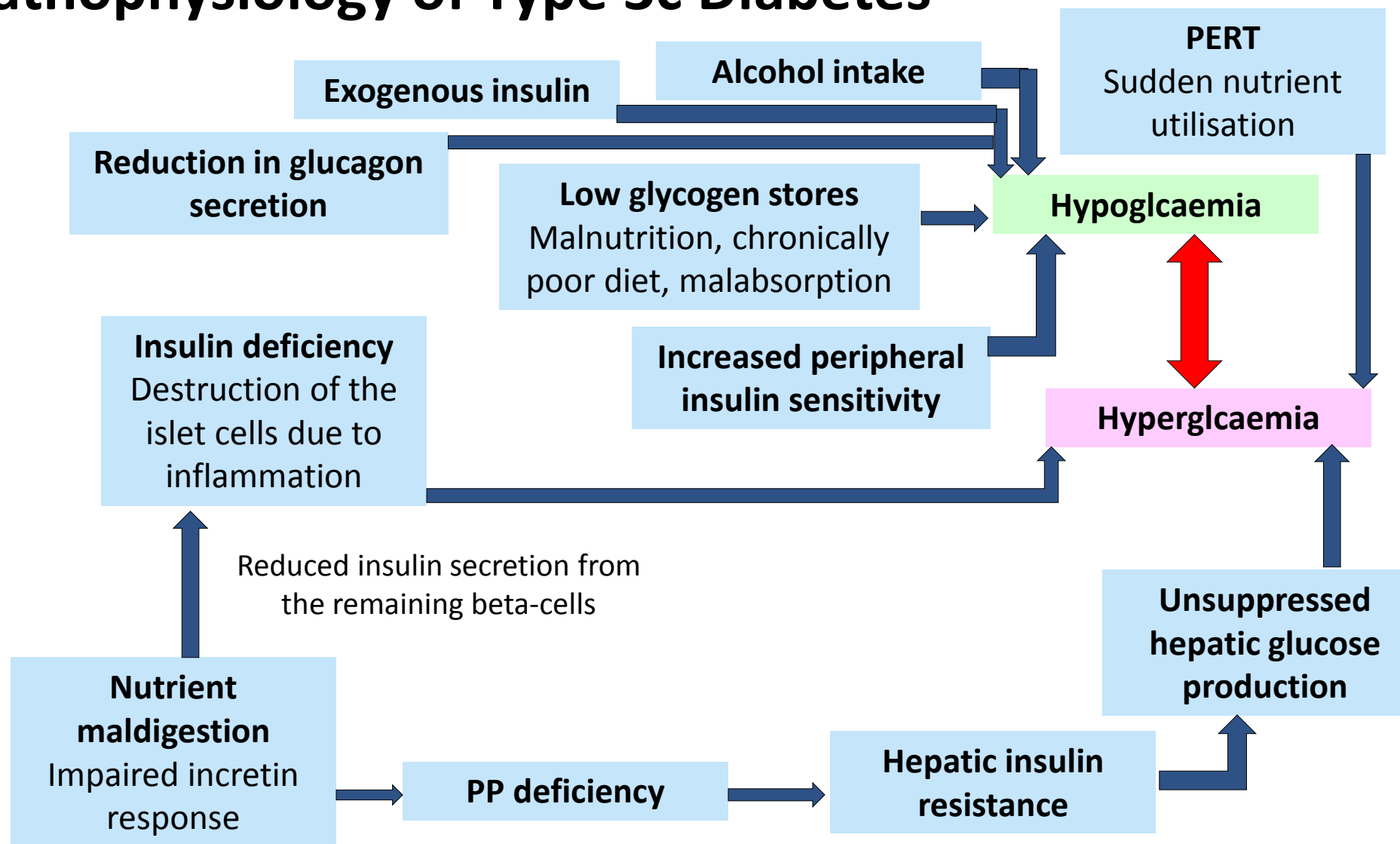
YunFeng Cui<sup>a, b</sup> Dana K. Andersen<sup>a</sup>

***Based on Hardt et al, Diab Care. Feb 2008. 31:  
1,922 hospitalised DM patients***

# Conditions associated with type 3c DM



# Pathophysiology of Type 3c Diabetes



## Brittle Diabetes

# Risk of developing DM in CP?

## What is the risk of developing DM in CP?

- 5-80%, depending on aetiology, geography, duration of follow-up
- Common consequence of alcohol-related and idiopathic/tropical CP

## What factors affect the risk?

- Surgery (distal pancreatectomy) (1B)
- Age (1B)
- Duration of disease (1B)
- Heavy smoking (1C)
- Calcifications (1C)
- Gender (2A)
- Family history (2A)

## *Not enough evidence /no evidence*

- BMI
- Zinc status
- High fat intake
- Genetic mutations

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United European Gastroenterology evidence-based guidelines for the diagnosis and therapy of chronic pancreatitis (HaPanEU)

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# Comparing Type 3c diabetes to Types 1 and 2

**Table 1. Comparing and Contrasting the Characteristics of Types 1, 2 and 3c Diabetes\***

Characteristic	Type 1 Diabetes	Type 2 Diabetes	Type 3c Pancreatogenic Diabetes
Hyperglycemia	Severe	Usually Mild	Mild, or severe in 'brittle diabetes' <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Due to unsuppressed hepatic glucose production</li> <li>• Exaggerated (peripheral) sensitivity to insulin</li> </ul>
Hypoglycemia	Common	Rare	Common and may be severe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deficiency in glucagon secretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Impaired activation of gluconeogenesis</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Hepatic insulin sensitivity is reduced, due to deficiency in polypeptide secretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Exogenous insulin delivery exaggerates this</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Peripheral sensitivity to insulin enhanced from relative hyperinsulinemia &amp; reduced counter-regulatory hormone release (glucagon)</li> <li>• Poor dietary intake due to pain, smoking, alcohol or symptom avoidance</li> <li>• PEI with malabsorption</li> <li>• Persistent alcohol intake in some</li> </ul>
Ketoacidosis	Common	Rare	Rare
Diabetes-associated antibodies	Yes	Rare	No
Insulin Levels	Low	High	Low
Glucagon Levels	Normal or High	Normal or High	Low
Peripheral Insulin Sensitivity	Normal or Increased	Decreased	Increased
Hepatic Insulin Sensitivity	Normal	Normal or Decreased	Decreased
Pancreatic Polypeptide Levels	Normal or Low (may be low or absent in those with severe autonomic neuropathy <sup>27</sup> )	High (may be decreased in those with severe autonomic neuropathy <sup>27</sup> )	Low
Incretin Secretion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gastric Inhibitory Polypeptide (GIP) Levels</li> <li>• Glucagon-like Peptide-1 (GLP-1) Levels</li> </ul>	Normal or Low Normal	Normal or High Low or normal <sup>16</sup> (may increase with metformin therapy or with PERT <sup>28</sup> )	Incretin secretion is impaired in the setting of maldigestion, hence diminished insulin release from remaining beta-cells Low Normal or High <sup>14</sup>
Age of Onset	Childhood or Adolescence	Mainly in Adulthood	Any (chronic pancreatitis usually presents in adulthood)
Overweight/Obese	Rare	Common	Uncommon. However, patients with chronic pancreatitis may be overweight or obese, but have muscle depletion compared to matched controls <sup>3</sup>
Undernutrition	Uncommon	Rare	Common <sup>25,26,29</sup>
Nutrient Deficiency	Rare	Rare	Deficiency of fat-soluble vitamins is common in chronic pancreatitis due to PEI and poor diet <sup>9,30,31</sup>
Bone Mineral Density / Risk of Fracture	Risk of low bone mineral density and higher fracture risk, especially at the hip <sup>32</sup>	May have low bone mineral density, although may also have increased fracture risk despite normal/high bone mineral density (could be related to falling risk due to complications such as poor eyesight, neuropathy) <sup>32</sup>	Depending on the type of pancreatic disease, the risk of low bone mineral density is substantial. In chronic pancreatitis, 65% of patients have either osteoporosis or osteopenia <sup>33</sup> , and there is a high risk of atraumatic fracture compared to controls <sup>34,35</sup>
Risk of Pancreatic Cancer	No higher risk <sup>29</sup>	Twofold risk of developing pancreatic cancer <sup>36</sup>	5% of patients with chronic pancreatitis will develop pancreatic cancer over a 20-year period Risk of pancreatic cancer higher for patients with both chronic pancreatitis and diabetes, than for those with chronic pancreatitis alone (although diabetes could be a manifestation of pancreatic cancer rather than a risk factor) <sup>37</sup>

Duggan & Conlon. Practical Gastroenterology May 2017 (163) 14-23

Based on earlier tables by Slezak & Andersen, and Cui YF & Andersen DK



# Diagnosis



Original article

Detection, evaluation and treatment of diabetes mellitus in chronic pancreatitis: Recommendations from *PancreasFest 2012*



Michael R. Rickels<sup>a</sup>, Melena Bellin<sup>b</sup>, Frederico G.S. Toledo<sup>c</sup>, R. Paul Robertson<sup>d</sup>, Dana K. Andersen<sup>e</sup>, Suresh T. Chari<sup>f</sup>, Randall Brand<sup>g</sup>, Luca Frulloni<sup>g</sup>, Michelle A. Anderson<sup>h</sup>, David C. Whitcomb<sup>c,i,j,\*</sup> for the PancreasFest Recommendation Conference Participants<sup>1</sup>

## Initial evaluation:

- Fasting glucose and HbA1c
- Repeated annually
- Impairment in either requires further evaluation

## Diabetes

- HbA1c >48 (6.5%) (*but HbA1c <6.5% does not exclude DM, measure is limited*)
- Glucose >7 mmol/L

## Impaired glucose tolerance

- HbA1c 38.8-46.4 (5.7-6.4 %)
- Glucose 5.5 – 6.9 mmol/L

**Impairment in fasting glucose or HbA1c should be further evaluated by a 75g OGTT**

***Based on ADA Guidelines***

# Proposed diagnosis of Type 3c DM

**Table 2 Proposed diagnostic criteria for type 3c diabetes mellitus**

Major criteria (must be present)

- Presence of exocrine pancreatic insufficiency (monoclonal fecal elastase-1 test or direct function tests)
- Pathological pancreatic imaging (endoscopic ultrasound, MRI, CT)
- Absence of type 1 diabetes mellitus associated autoimmune markers

Minor criteria

- Absent pancreatic polypeptide secretion
- Impaired incretin secretion (*e.g.*, GLP-1)
- No excessive insulin resistance (*e.g.*, HOMA-IR)
- Impaired beta cell function (*e.g.*, HOMA-B, C-Peptide/glucose-ratio)
- Low serum levels of lipid soluble vitamins (A, D, E and K)

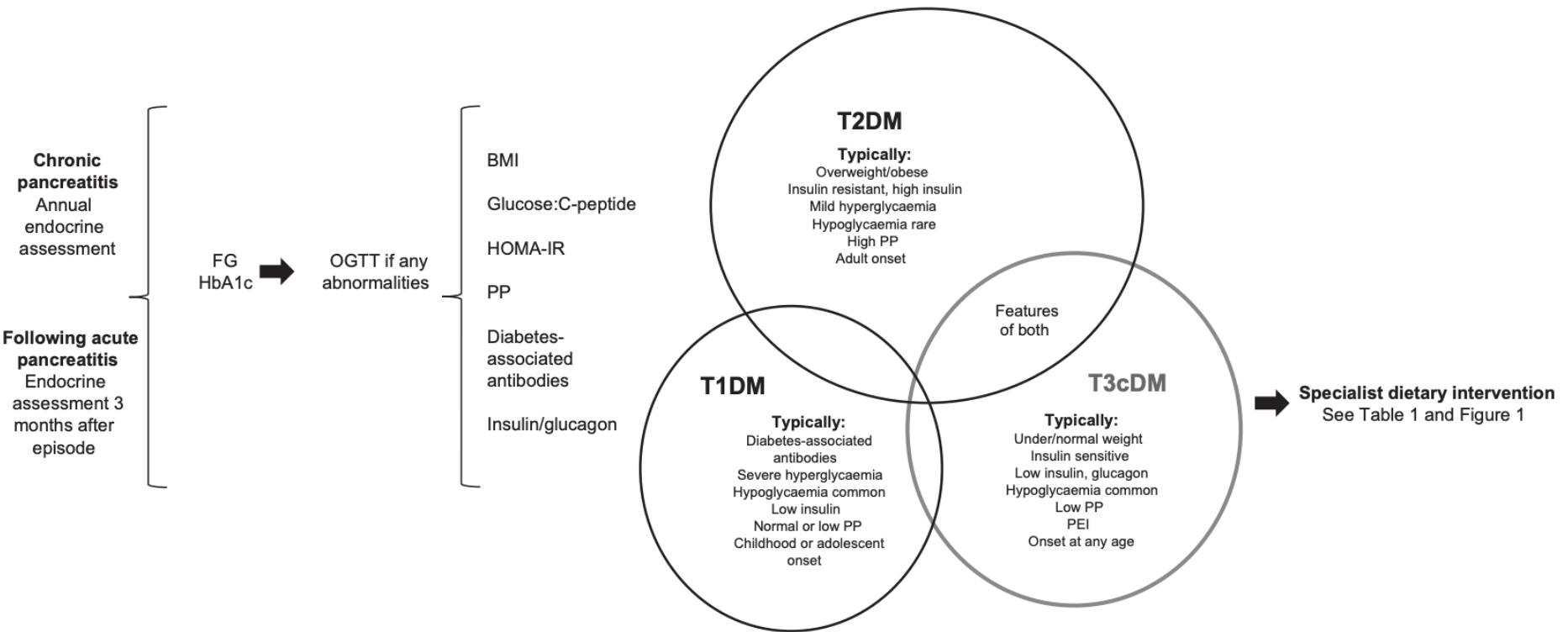
MRI: Magnetic resonance imaging; CT: Computed tomography; GLP-1: Glucagon-like peptide-1; HOMA-IR: Homeostasis model assessment of insulin resistance; HOMA-B: Homeostasis model assessment of beta-cell.

## Problems with diagnostic criteria

- How best to measure insulin resistance?
- Timing of c-peptide measurement?
- PP may also be decreased in type 1/2
- Fat soluble vitamins may not always be low
- In many cases, these data are not available

Ewald N, Hardt PD. *World J Gastroenterol.* 2013;19(42):7276–7281.

# Guidelines for pancreatitis-related type 3c diabetes: *Screening and assessment*



# Special considerations for CP-related type 3c diabetes

## **Risk of pancreatic cancer in CP patients**

- 4-5% develop pancreatic cancer over the life-time of the disease, x10-20 higher risk than normal
- Early-onset CP have x 50 higher risk
- Smoking: risk factor

## **Pancreatogenic DM with CP = 'pre-malignant state' (Cui *et al*)**

- *'Avoid insulin, Insulin Secretagogues'*
- Weight loss, exercise, drugs which reduce circulating insulin may have a protective effect
- More research required

# Pharmacological treatment options

## Drugs typically used are the same as for Type 2

- Few studies have examined therapeutic efficacy for Type 3c vs type 2
- Type 3c DM patients specifically excluded from studies

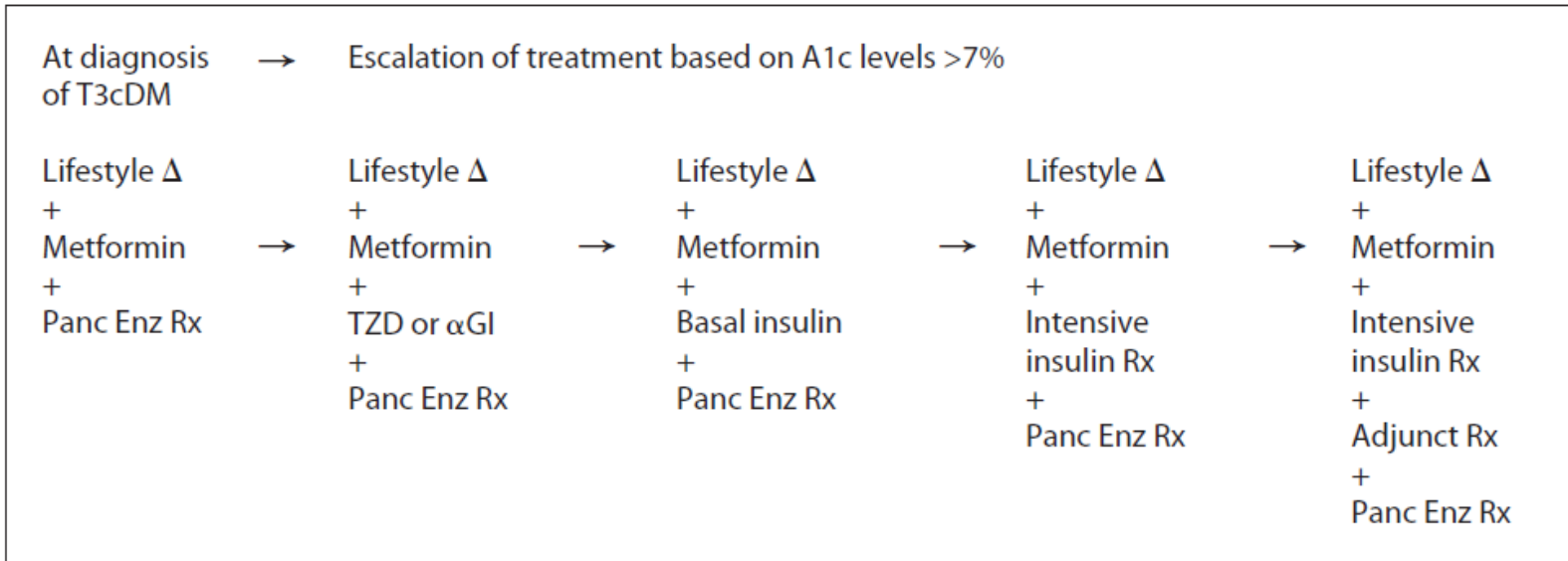
## Insulin

- May be required for hyperglycaemia
- Anabolic effects may be beneficial
- Insulin vs no insulin depends on clinical presentation
  - Profound hyperglycaemia (HbA1c >69.4 (8.5%), glucose >10 mmol/L) with catabolic with glycosuria and weight loss – insulin preferred

## Metformin

- GI side effects
- May reduce the requirement for insulin

# Suggested algorithm for treatment of Type 2 DM *(Cui et al, 2011)*



**Both exocrine and endocrine insufficiency likely to co-exist**



# Therapeutic goals

## Pancreatogenic Diabetes: Special Considerations for Management

YunFeng Cui<sup>a, b</sup> Dana K. Andersen<sup>a</sup>

**Inferred from best practice as applied to type 1 and 2 DM**

### **Principal goal of therapy:**

- Reduce HbA1c <53 (7%), fasting glucose 3.9-7.2 mmol/L
- For all patients, concentrated effort to correct lifestyle factors (reinforced at every visit)
  - Weight loss in obese, daily exercise, limit CHO, abstain from alcohol and smoking

# Management Guidelines for Type 3c Diabetes

**ADA Guidelines on standards of care in diabetes**

**Individualised treatment programme by RD**

**Patient should actively engage with self-management, education and treatment planning with healthcare team**

- Including the collaborative development of individualised eating plans

**Those on intensive insulin regimens**

- Self-monitoring of blood glucose 6-10 times per day

Duggan et al. Eur J Clin Nutr. 2016; 1-6



# Self-monitoring in type 3c diabetes

**Table 3. Suggested Self-Monitoring Regimen for Blood Glucose Testing in T3cDM\***

Minimum 6-10 blood glucose testing occasions per day:

- Prior to all meals and snacks
- Occasionally post-prandially
- Before bed
- After physical activity
- In the presence of suspected hypoglycemic symptoms
- After treating for hypoglycemia until normoglycemia is maintained
- Before critical tasks e.g. driving, swimming, using dangerous equipment, etc.

*\*Based on ADA self-monitoring blood glucose testing for T1DM and T2DM patients on intensive insulin regimens<sup>38</sup>*

# Dietary management

## Suggested management guidelines *(Duggan & Conlon, 2013)*

### Principles of Management

Prevent:

- Hypoglycemia
- Hyperglycemia
- Exacerbation of malnutrition
- Co-morbidities associated with diabetes (e.g. retinopathy, renal disease)

### Management Strategies

- Do not skip meals
- Take small, frequent meals
- Measure glucose levels frequently, particularly after physical activity, and if diet is poor
- Avoid alcohol
- Ensure adequacy of enzyme therapy
- Minimize high-sugar/ high-glycemic index food or fluids
- Consider a diary to record diet, glucose levels, enzymes, exercise, at least until acceptable glucose control is maintained
- Dietitian assessment/ monitoring

# Diabetes and **pancreatic cancer**

**Diabetes and PDAC strongly associated**

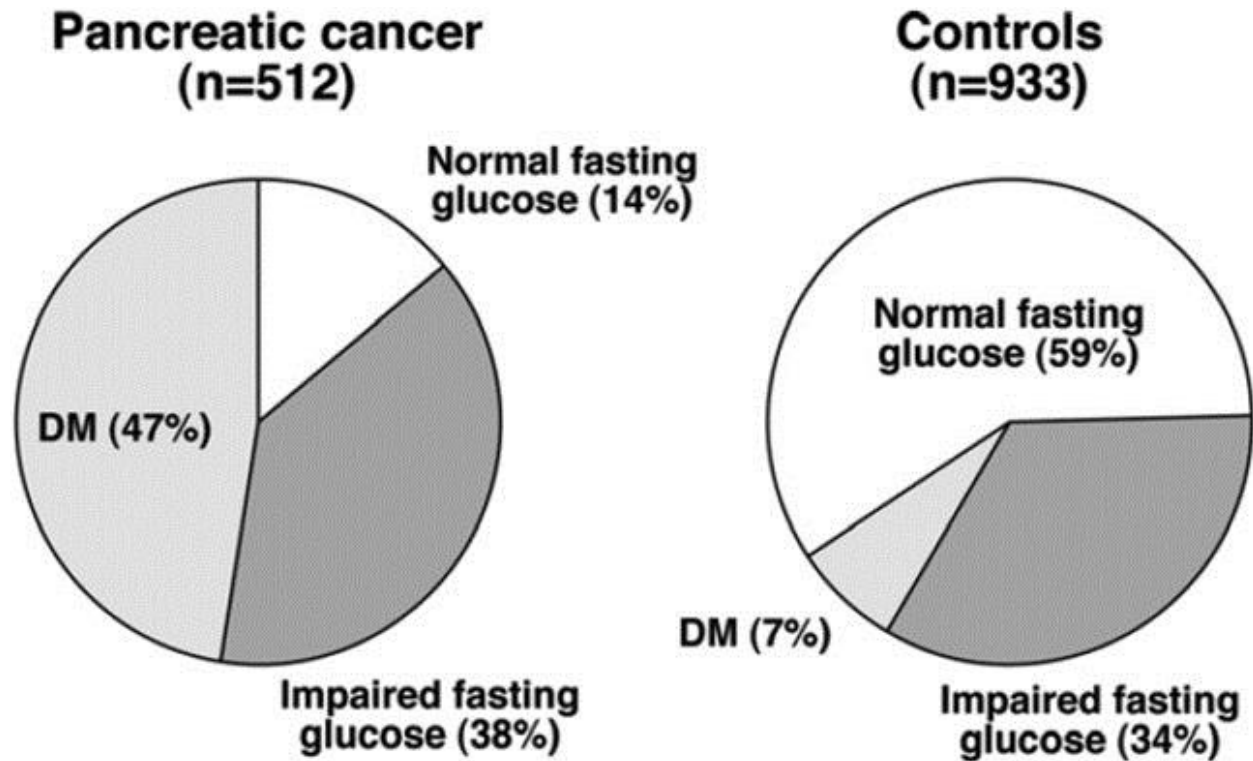
**Study of n=100 cancer patients (lung, breast, prostate, pancreas)**

- **PDAC 68%**
- **Other cancers 15-21%**
- **Age-matched controls 24%**
- **Most patients with PDAC/DM diagnosed with DM <2 yr prior**

**'Dual causality'**

Aggarwal G et al. Pancreas 2013; 42:198-201

# PDAC and DM



Pannala et al. Gastroenterology 2008; 134:981-987



# Obesity and weight

## Diabetes, Pancreatogenic Diabetes, and Pancreatic Cancer

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*Diabetes* 2017;66:1103–1110 | DOI: 10.2337/db16-1477

### Obesity

- **Hyperinsulinaemia**
- **Adipokines**

### Clinical scenario

- **PDAC associated with weight loss rather than gain**
- **Deteriorating glycaemic control, weight loss, >50 years**
  - **Atypical of T2DM – should consider pancreatic cancer**

# Endocrine function following acute pancreatitis

## Systematic review Das et al, 2013

### 24 studies (post acute pancreatitis) (n=1,102)

- Pre-DM or DM in 37% (pooled prevalence)
- New DM in 15% 12 months after 1<sup>st</sup> attack, increased risk after 5 years
- 8/24 studies included '*all severe AP*' subjects



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# Research gaps I

**Guidance Statement 1.1:** Further refinement of risk stratification is needed for diabetes that could influence clinical decision making, such as, for example, earlier consideration of TPIAT prior to loss of islet function. Areas for investigation include the molecular genetics of recurrent acute or chronic pancreatitis, their relationship with type 2 diabetes susceptibility alleles, and canonical risk factors for type 2 diabetes.

Refinement of risk stratification that may influence clinical decisions

Distinguishing between types of DM

**Guidance Statement 1.2:** During the discussion, it was recognized that while pathophysiologic defects that distinguish between pancreatogenic (type 3c), type 1, and type 2 diabetes have been described, further research is needed to determine whether metabolic tests of islet cell hormone secretion and action or other biomarkers can better distinguish among these three forms of diabetes, and whether treatment based on proper classification improves clinical outcomes.

Earlier identification of T3DM

**Guidance Statement 2.1:** Additional research is needed to determine whether earlier case identification can result in improved long-term glycemic control and a consequent reduction in diabetes-associated complications.



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# Research gaps II

**Guidance Statement 2.2:** Further research is needed into whether the one-hour glucose level during a standard 75 g oral glucose tolerance test can improve risk stratification and, if so, using what criteria. In addition, investigation into the potential role for simultaneous measurement of C-peptide and insulin during the oral glucose tolerance in assessing insulin secretion and sensitivity, respectively, is warranted to evaluate the discriminatory value of this test for identifying impaired beta-cell function or insulin resistance.

Role of OGTT, C-peptide, insulin

**Guidance Statement 2.3:** Further research is needed to better define the PP response compared with measures of fasting glucose, HbA1c, and oral glucose tolerance in the determination of risk for progression to pancreatogenic diabetes.

PP response

**Guidance Statement 2.4:** Future research is needed to determine whether the insulin or C-peptide response to glucose-potentiated arginine testing is predictive of islet yield and metabolic functional outcomes when assessed prior to TPIAT.

Predicting islet yield for TPIAT

Metformin, other OHAs, insulin

**Guidance Statement 3:** Additional studies should examine the efficacy, safety, and tolerability of metformin compared with sulfonylurea therapy early in the course of pancreatogenic diabetes. Furthermore, studies are needed to evaluate the long-term glyce-mic control and rate of diabetes-associated complications of early insulin compared with oral therapy for pancreatogenic diabetes.



# Our recent study

**N=26 SAP patients (1= episode, min 1 year post SAP)**

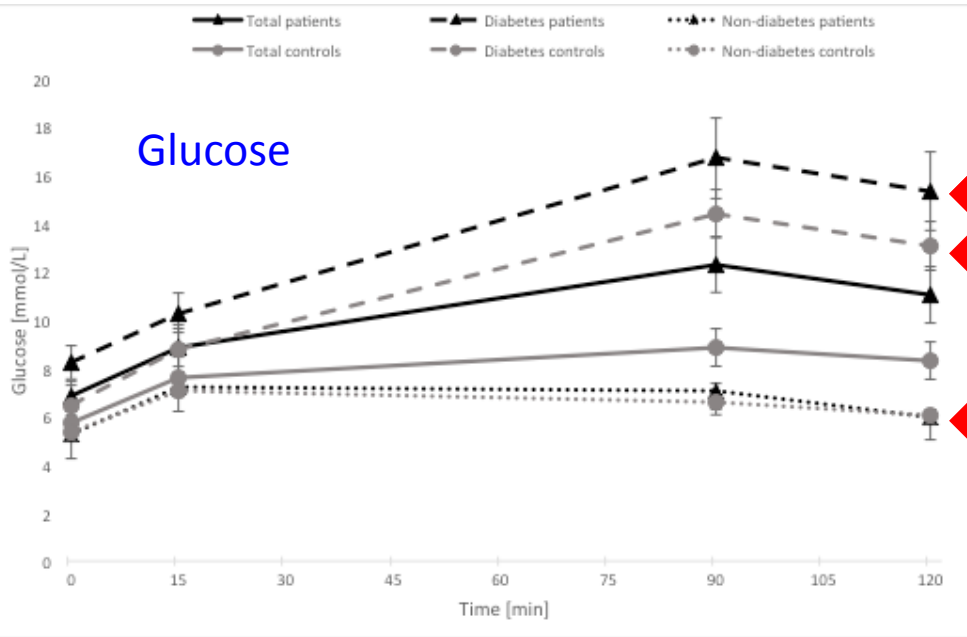
**N=26 matched controls (age, BMI, DM status)**

**No difference in waist circ, W:H, family history, smoking status**

**54% diabetes in post SAP group, 35% in controls**

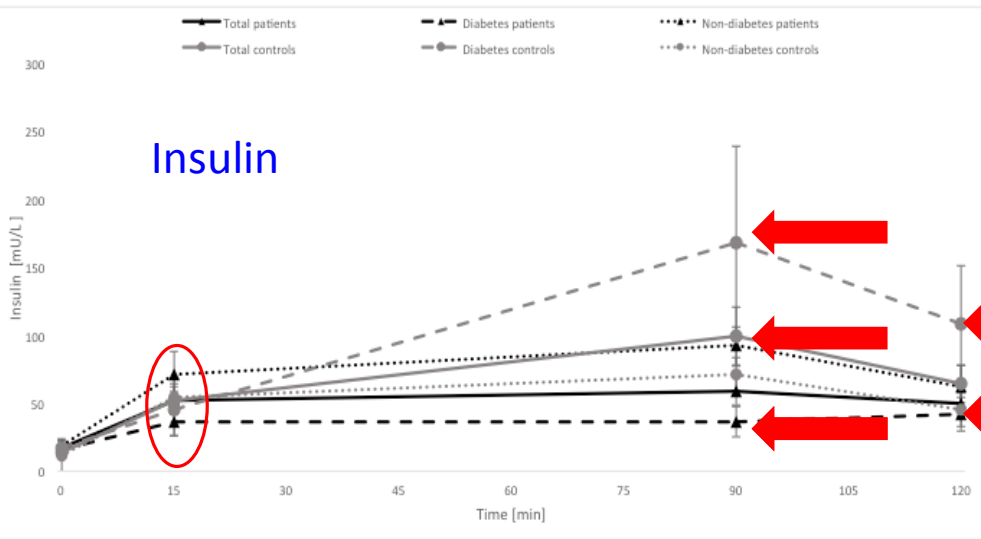
**27% diagnosed using fasting glucose**

**46% using HbA1c**



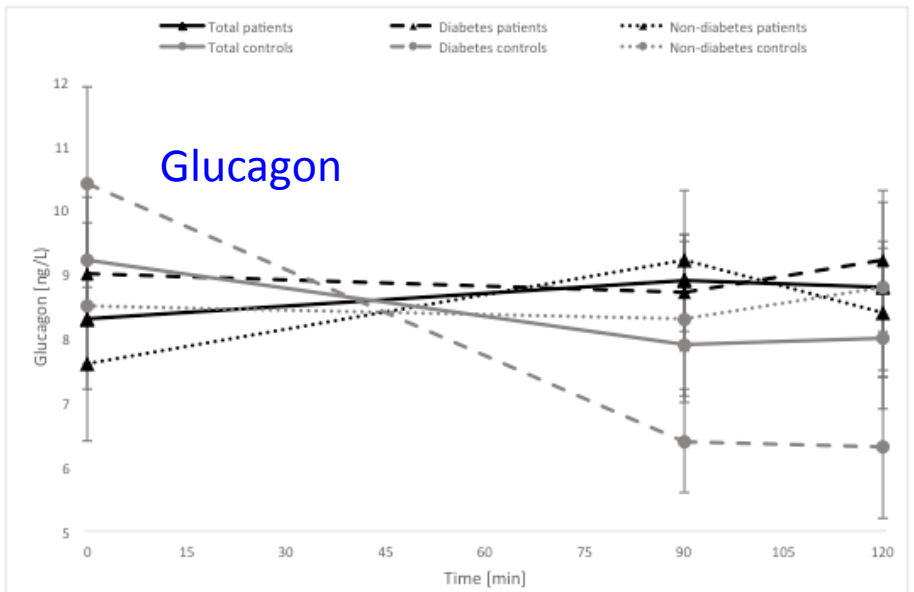
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No sig difference in  
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control subjects

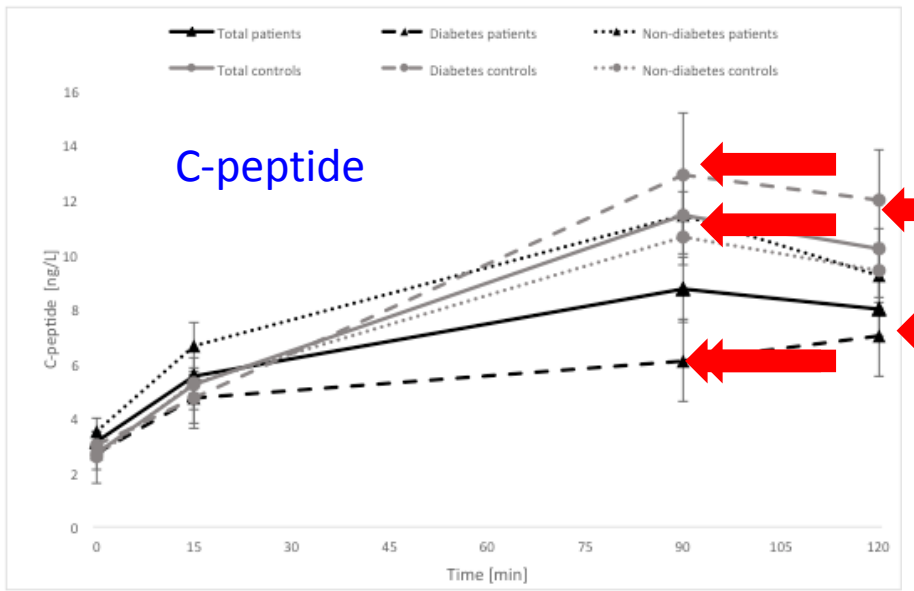


Insulin lower in diabetic  
CP than in controls with  
DM at 90 mins and 120  
mins

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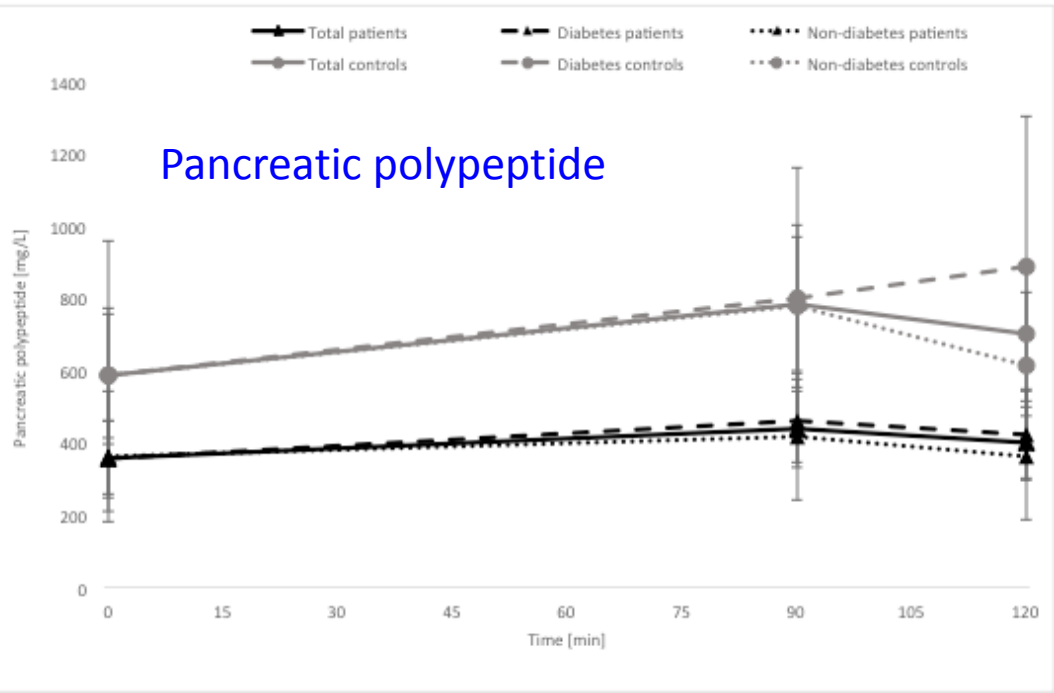
Poor response to OGTT  
Glucagon suppression?



C-peptide is sig. lower in diabetic CP patients compared to diabetic control subjects at 90 / 120 mins

Duggan & Conlon, Unpublished

# Pancreatic polypeptide



Not significantly different

Duggan & Conlon, Unpublished

- First study to investigate behavior of glucose, insulin, PP, c-peptide and glucagon over 2 hour OGTT in patients following SAP
- Potential for differentiating type 3c from types 1 and 2
- High prevalence of DM following SAP, OGTT required to diagnose all cases

# Summary

**Metformin is drug of choice**

**Principle goal of therapy:**

HbA1c <7%, fasting glucose 3.9-7.2 mmol/L

**Increased risk of pancreatic cancer: 'Premalignant state'**  
Consideration prior to insulin use

**Initial evaluation:**  
Glucose, HbA1c, repeat annually. Any impairment requires further evaluation

**'Brittle DM'**  
Careful dietary management, in context of overall condition

## Type 3c DM

**Many research gaps**

**Conditions:**  
CP, post AP, pancreatic cancer, pancreatic surgery, CF

**Distinct from types 1 and 2:**  
Shares characteristics with both



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