

# What is the worst that could happen? The past, present and future of hyperinsulinaemia research

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I enei maunga  
In these mountains

Tukua taku wairua kia rere ki ngā taumata  
Let our spirits fly free

Hei ārahi i aku mahi me taku whai i hoa mahi.  
So that we may learn from our colleagues

Kia mau, kia ita, Kia kore ai e ngaro  
So that the knowledge is never lost, It does not disappear

Kia pupuri, Kia whakamaua  
It is kept safe



E whakanui ana matou ki o matou tūpuna, ko Joseph Kraft  
We acknowledge those that have gone before, especially  
Joseph Kraft.

Ko Ranginui e tū ake nei  
Ko Papatūānuku e takoto nei  
We acknowledge the Sky Father above and the Earth  
Mother below

Kia tīna (TĪNA)  
Haumi e, Hui e, Tāiki e  
Let us be united in purpose and understanding



# Disclaimer

- National Heart Foundation (NZ) PhD scholarship (Ref 1522) 2012-15
- I have started doing some consulting work for groups such as Vitality Works (NZ)
- I'm stubborn and hope to never to compromise my academic or professional integrity.



What is the worst that  
could happen: The Past











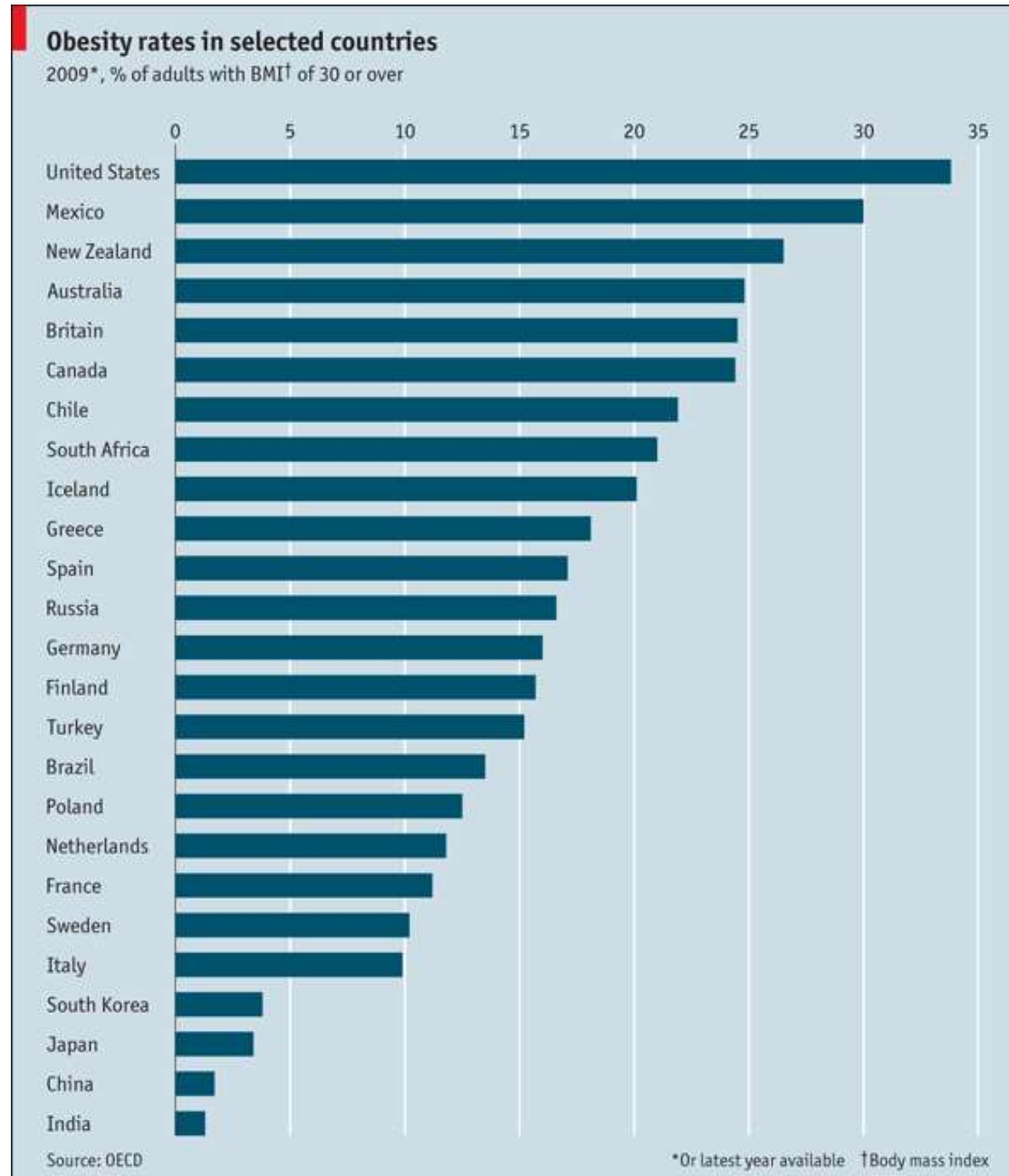












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# Detection of Diabetes Mellitus

## *In Situ* (Occult Diabetes) by Joseph R. Kraft, M.D.

In recent years, further development and refinement of technique has permitted reproducible serum insulin determinations to become available for correlation with plasma glucose levels during tolerance testing. In earlier presentations,<sup>1,2</sup> five basic insulin patterns were identified indicating the absence or presence of diabetes through a wide range of insulin response (diabetic state).

In a number of cases, normal glucose tolerances were associated with abnormal insulin patterns. Such situations, in which the glucose tolerance curve was normal and correlated insulin pattern was abnormal, were considered indicative of pre-diabetes or occult diabetes. In order to focus greater attention upon this, the earliest detectable phase of diabetes mellitus, the term diabetes mellitus *in situ* has been proposed and used interchangeably with occult diabetes throughout this report.

It is the primary purpose of this paper to review basic insulin patterns which develop in the course of standard glucose tolerance testing and indicate the significance of each.

duplicate procedure precision of 1 Standard Deviation =  $\pm 5$  microunits in measurements up to 150.

Each glucose insulin tolerance assay was plotted graphically and correlated with specimen collection time. The Wilkerson Point System for plasma glucose values as recommended by the American Diabetes Association<sup>4</sup> was used as reference base for classifying and grouping results (Table I).

### Age, Obesity and Sex Distribution

Of 3650 glucose/insulin tolerances performed, there were 2345 females and 1305 males, ranging in age from 3 to 87 years (mean age of 46.52 years). Two hundred-nineteen were 20 years or younger (mean age = 16.37). There were 1825 in the 21-49 age group, with a mean age of 34.48. Of 1606 who were 50 years and older, the mean age was 63.87. Subsequent studies concerning age and detectable phases of diabetes mellitus are pending.

Obesity was considered present in male patients whose actual weight exceeded 115% of their adjusted ideal weight, and in female patients whose actual weight exceeded 66.3 kg. (146 lb.).<sup>5</sup> Twenty-

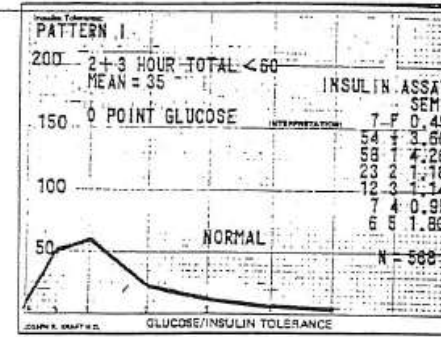


Fig. 2A. Normal 568 cases with: a. fasting level between 0 and 30 microunits; b. peak insulin at 1/2 or 1 hour; and c. return to fasting range at two to three hours.

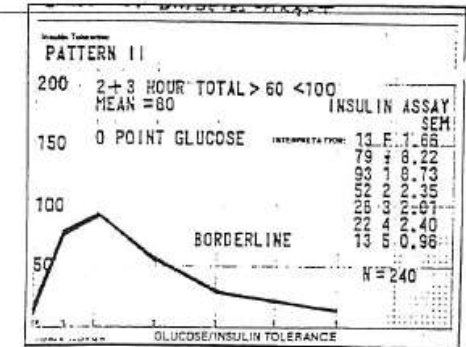


Fig. 2B. Of the 1713 zero point tolerances, 240 had borderline delay values with 2 plus 3 hour insulin total values between 60 and 100 microunits.

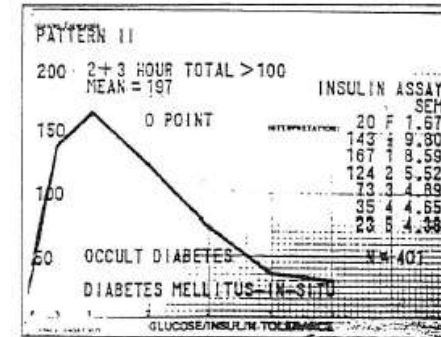


Fig. 3A. Pattern II—normal peak delayed return: a. demonstrates insulin delay with 2 plus 3 hour insulin total greater than 100 microunits; b. identifies 401 occult diabetics with normal zero point tolerances.

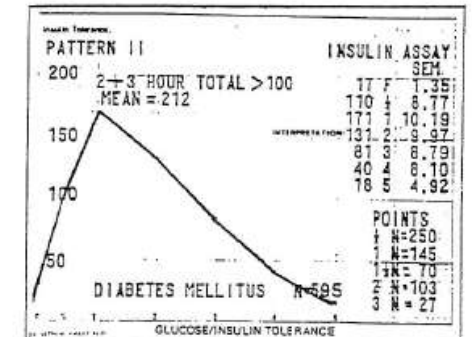



Fig. 3B. Pattern II—normal peak delayed return: a. demonstrates 2 plus 3 hour insulin total greater than 100 microunits; b. identifies 595 cases of diabetes mellitus with abnormal tolerances (1/2 to 3 Wilkerson points); c. basic pattern displayed by 996 of 3650 tolerances.



# DIABETES EPIDEMIC & YOU

Should Everyone Be Tested?


***ABSOLUTELY NOT!***  
Only those concerned  
about their future!



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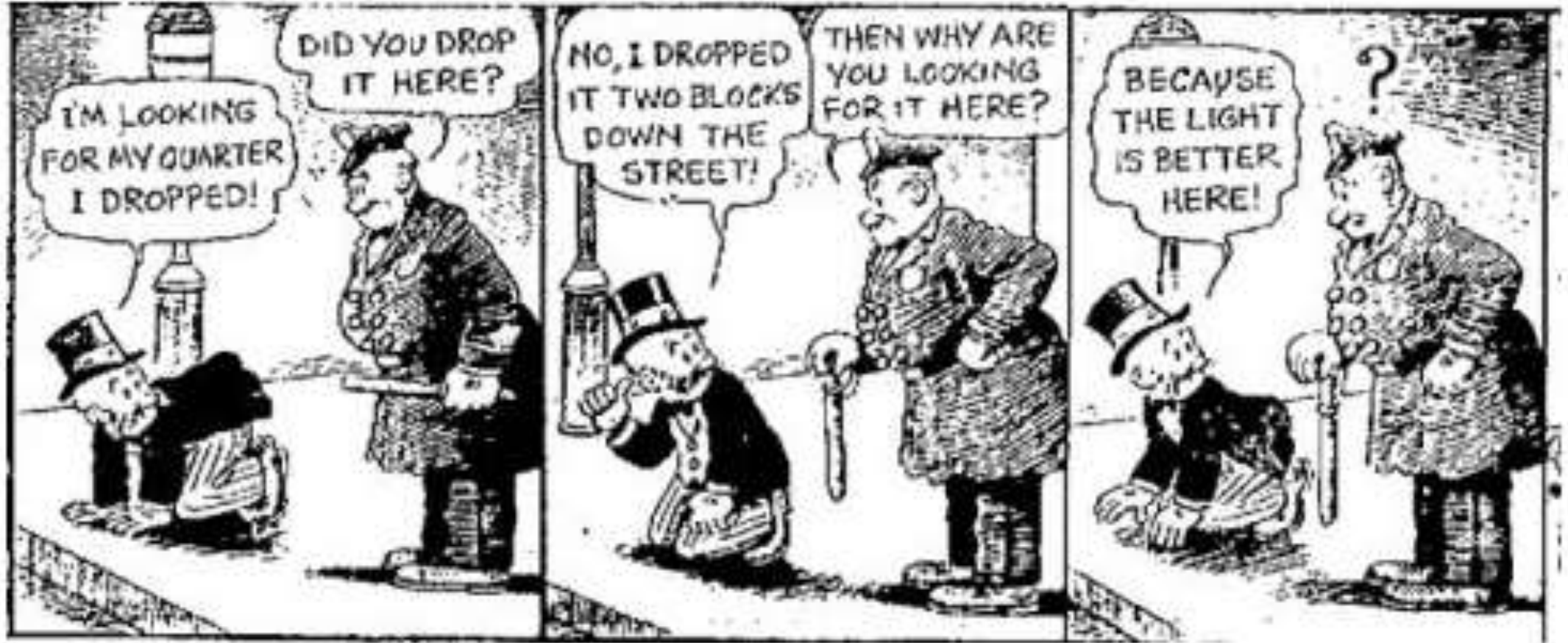




What is the worst that  
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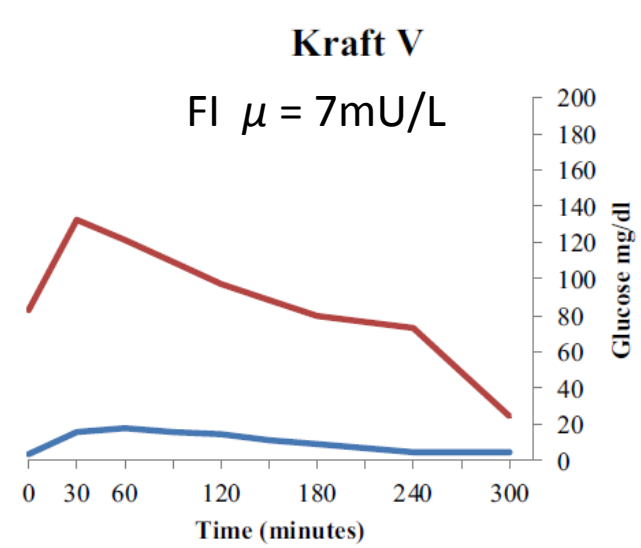
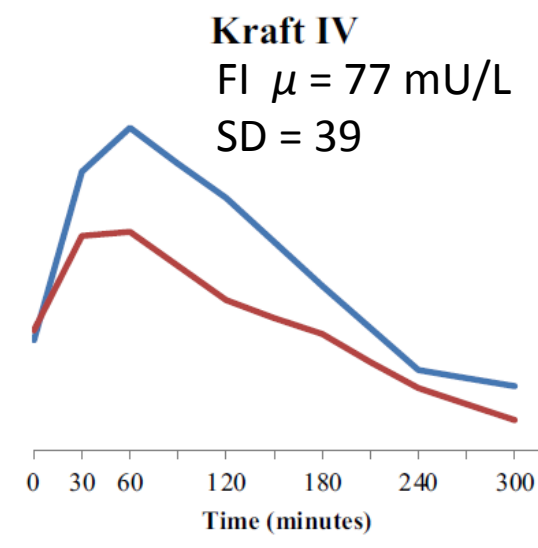
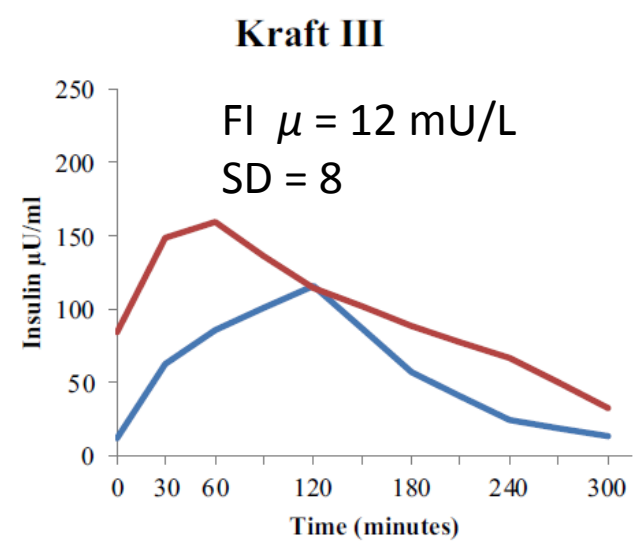
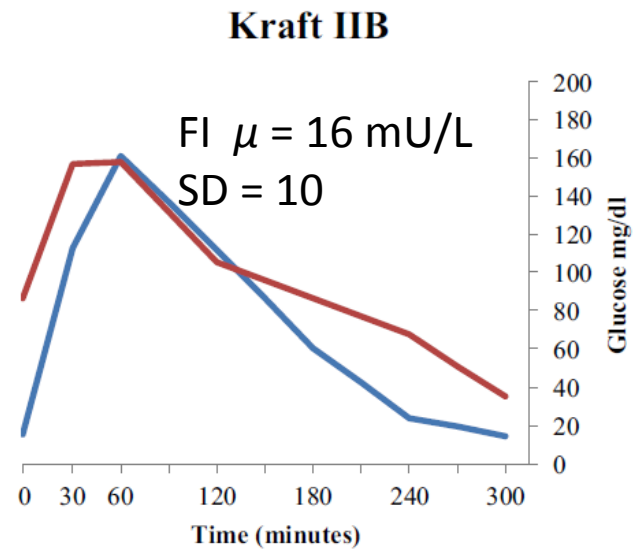
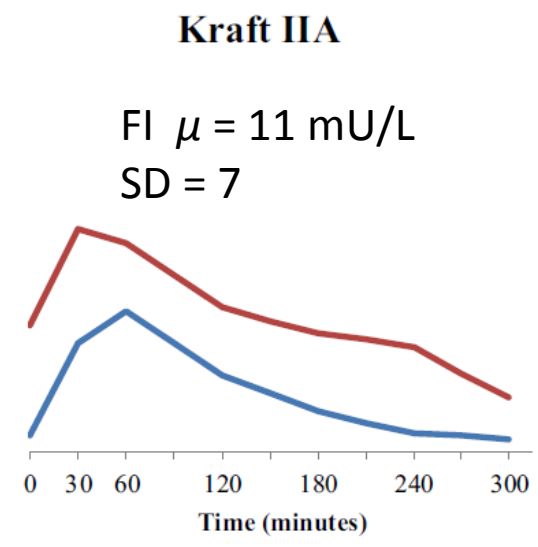
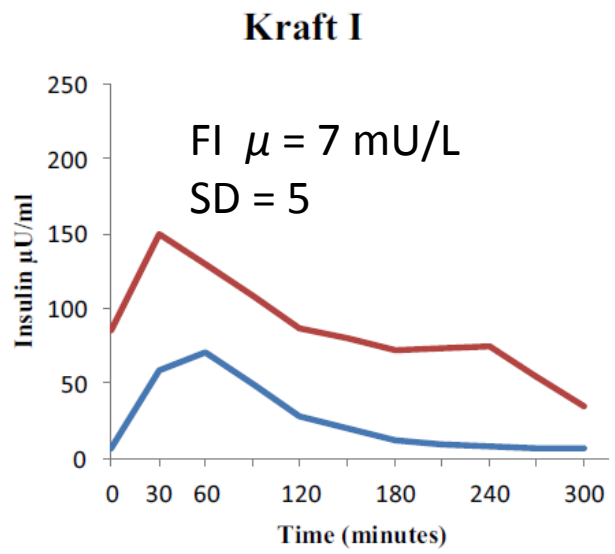
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Are we at risk of doing this with Fasting Insulin Levels?

**Table 7: Kraft pattern criteria 2014**

Kraft Pattern	Description
Pattern I Normal insulin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting insulin <math>\leq 30</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li><li>• 30 min or 1-hour peak</li><li>• 2-hour + 3-hour sum <math>&lt; 60</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li></ul>
Pattern IIA Borderline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting insulin <math>\leq 50</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li><li>• 30 min or 1-hour peak</li><li>• 2-hour + 3-hour sum <math>\geq 60</math>, <math>&lt; 100</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li></ul> OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting insulin 31-50 <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li><li>• 30 min or 1-hour peak</li><li>• 2-hour + 3-hour sum <math>&lt; 60</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li></ul>
Pattern IIB Hyperinsulinaemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting insulin <math>\leq 50</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li><li>• 30 min or 1-hour peak</li><li>• 2-hour + 3-hour sum <math>\geq 100</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li></ul>
Pattern III Hyperinsulinaemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting insulin <math>\leq 50</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li><li>• Delayed peak (2-hour or 3-hour)</li></ul>
Pattern IV Hyperinsulinaemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fasting insulin <math>&gt; 50</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li></ul>
Pattern V Hypoinsulinaemia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All values <math>\leq 30</math> <math>\mu\text{U/ml}</math></li></ul>



— Insulin  $\mu$ U/ml — Glucose mg/dl

# Sensitivity and specificity calculations

		The Truth		
		Has the disease	Does not have the disease	
Test Score:	Positive	True Positives (TP) a	False Positives (FP) b	$PPV = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$
	Negative	False Negatives (FN) c	True Negatives (TN) d	$NPV = \frac{TN}{TN + FN}$

**Sensitivity**

$$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

**Specificity**

$$\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$$

Or,

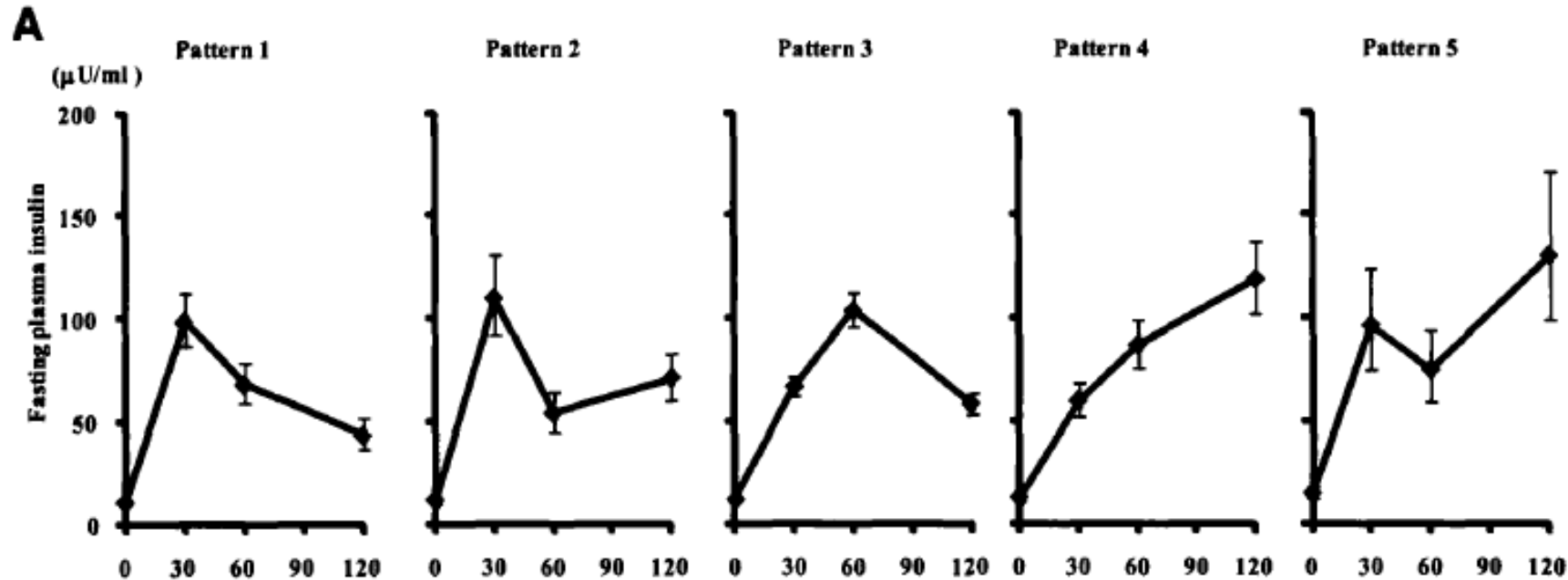
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**Table 20:** Sensitivity and specificity calculations

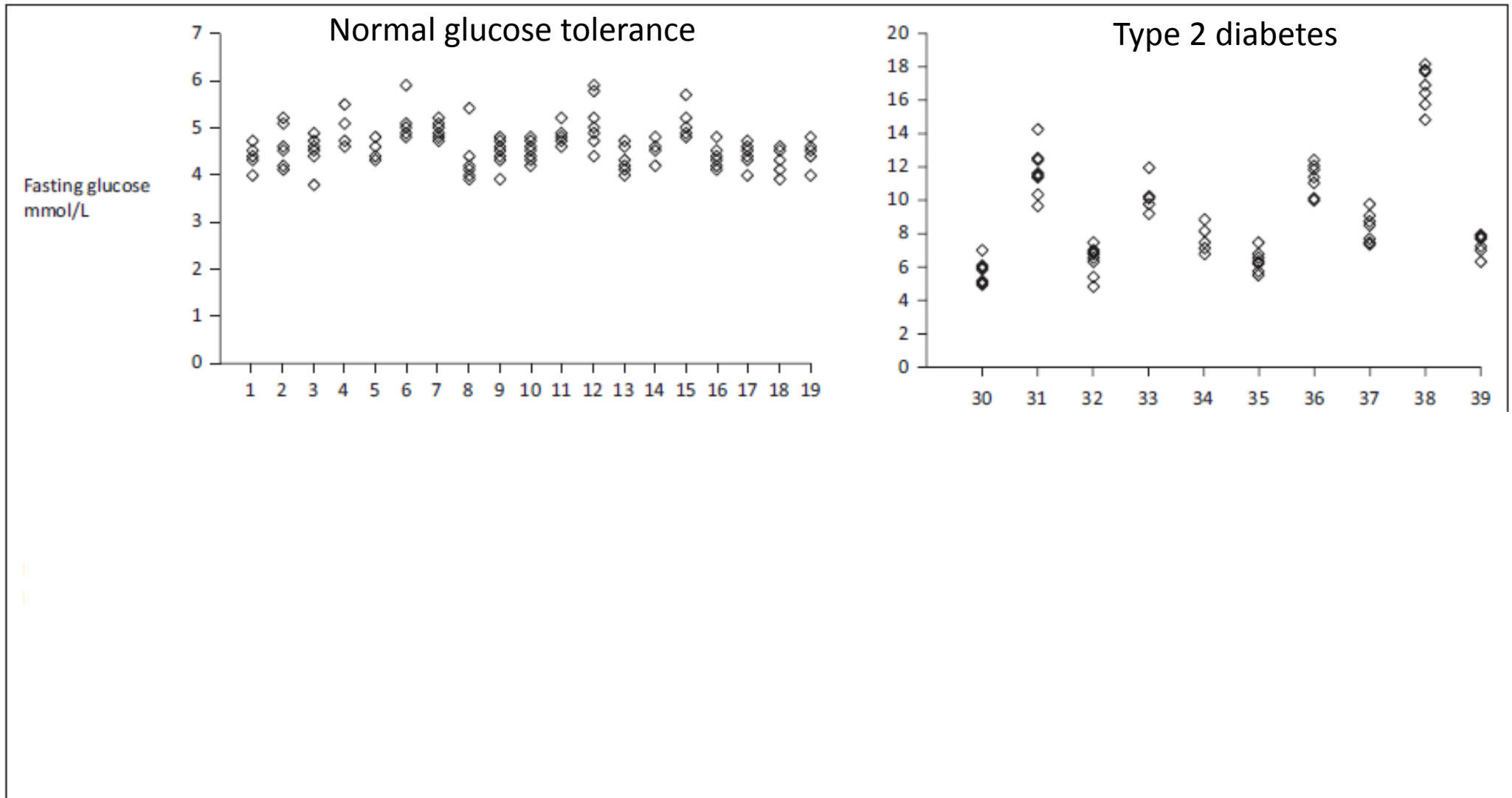
Test variable	Sensitivity	Specificity	Sum SS
2-hr insulin $< 30 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.98	0.62	1.60
OGIS $< 600 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$	0.95	0.34	1.30
2-hr insulin - fasting insulin $> 30 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.90	0.83	1.73
2-hr glucose $> 80 \text{ mg/dL}$	0.90	0.38	1.28
HOMA2 %B $> 20$	0.87	0.40	1.27
1-hr insulin $> 50 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.86	0.49	1.36
2-hr insulin $> 45 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.85	0.95	1.80
Age $> 35$ years	0.85	0.24	1.09
2-hr insulin - fasting insulin $> 35 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.84	0.92	1.76
2-hr glucose - fasting glucose $> 0 \text{ mg/dL}$	0.83	0.47	1.31
fasting insulin $> 5 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.83	0.46	1.29
1-hr insulin $> 60 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.80	0.61	1.40
2-hr insulin $> 50 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.79	0.99	1.78
3-hr insulin $> 20 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.79	0.85	1.64
2-hr insulin $> 45 \mu\text{U/mL}$ and 2-hr glucose $> 80 \text{ mg/dL}$	0.78	0.96	1.74
OGIS $< 500 \text{ mL}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}\cdot\text{m}^{-2}$	0.70	0.84	1.54
2-hr insulin $> 45$ and 2-hr glucose $> 90$	0.69	0.97	1.67
2-hr glucose-fasting glucose $> 10 \text{ mg/dL}$	0.68	0.67	1.35
2-hr insulin-fasting insulin $> 50 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.65	1.00	1.64
2-hr glucose $> 100 \text{ mg/dL}$	0.63	0.73	1.35
Age $> 50$ years	0.61	0.52	1.13
3-hr insulin $> 30 \mu\text{U/mL}$	0.60	0.99	1.58
fasting glucose $> 85 \text{ mg/dL}$	0.56	0.46	1.02

# Two-hour insulin bigger predictor of T2D



People with pattern 4 or 5 had > 37% chance of T2D over 10 years  
People with pattern 1-3 had a <16% chance of T2D over 10 years

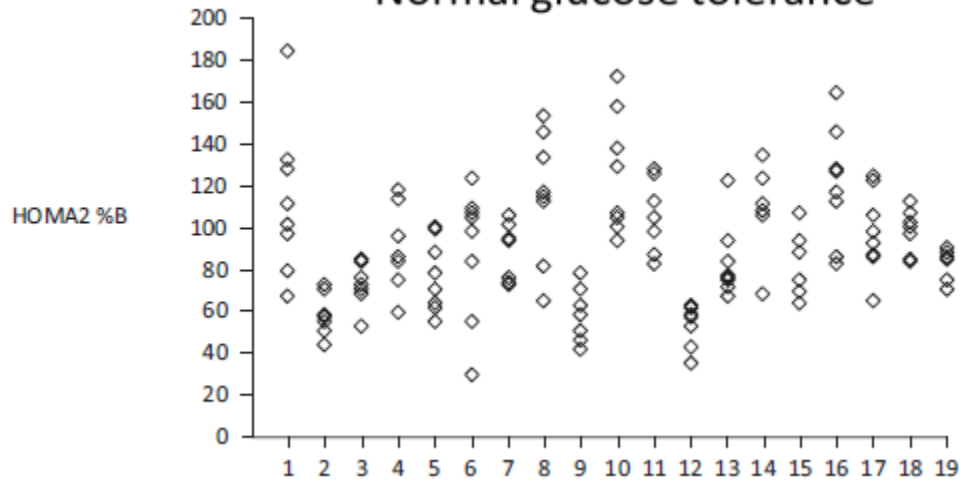
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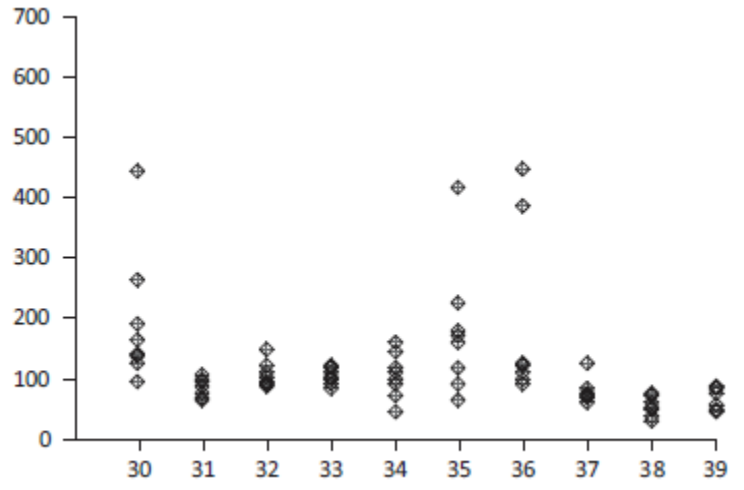
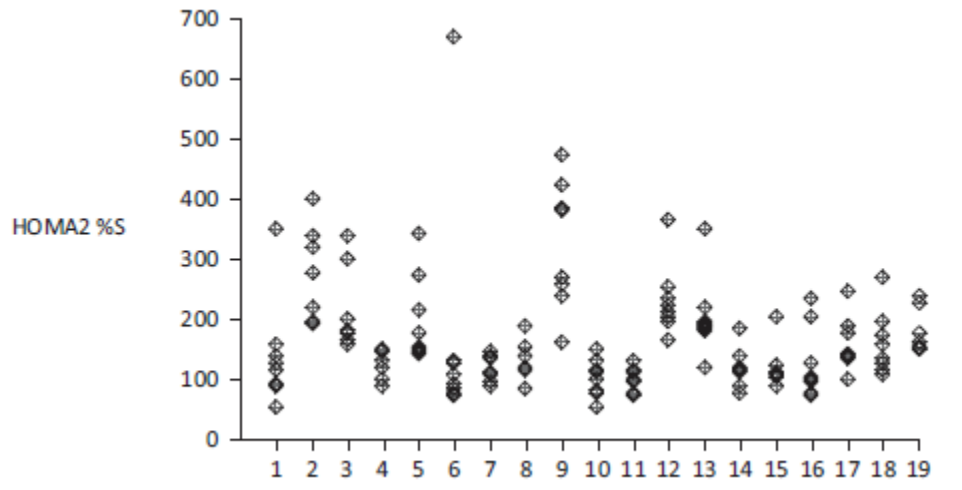
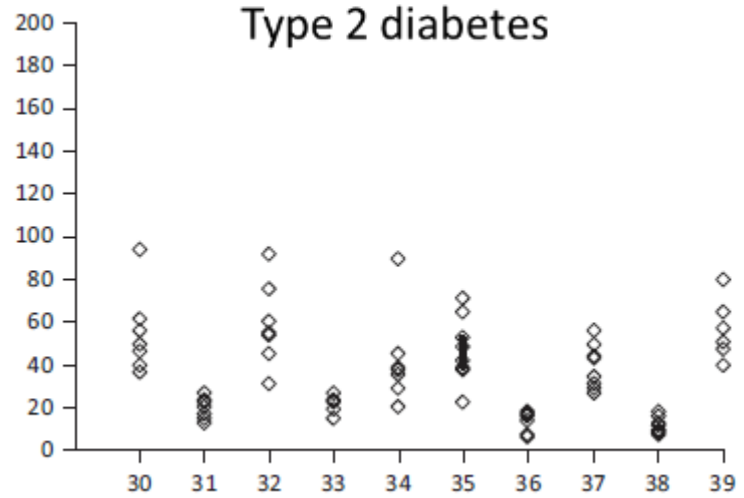
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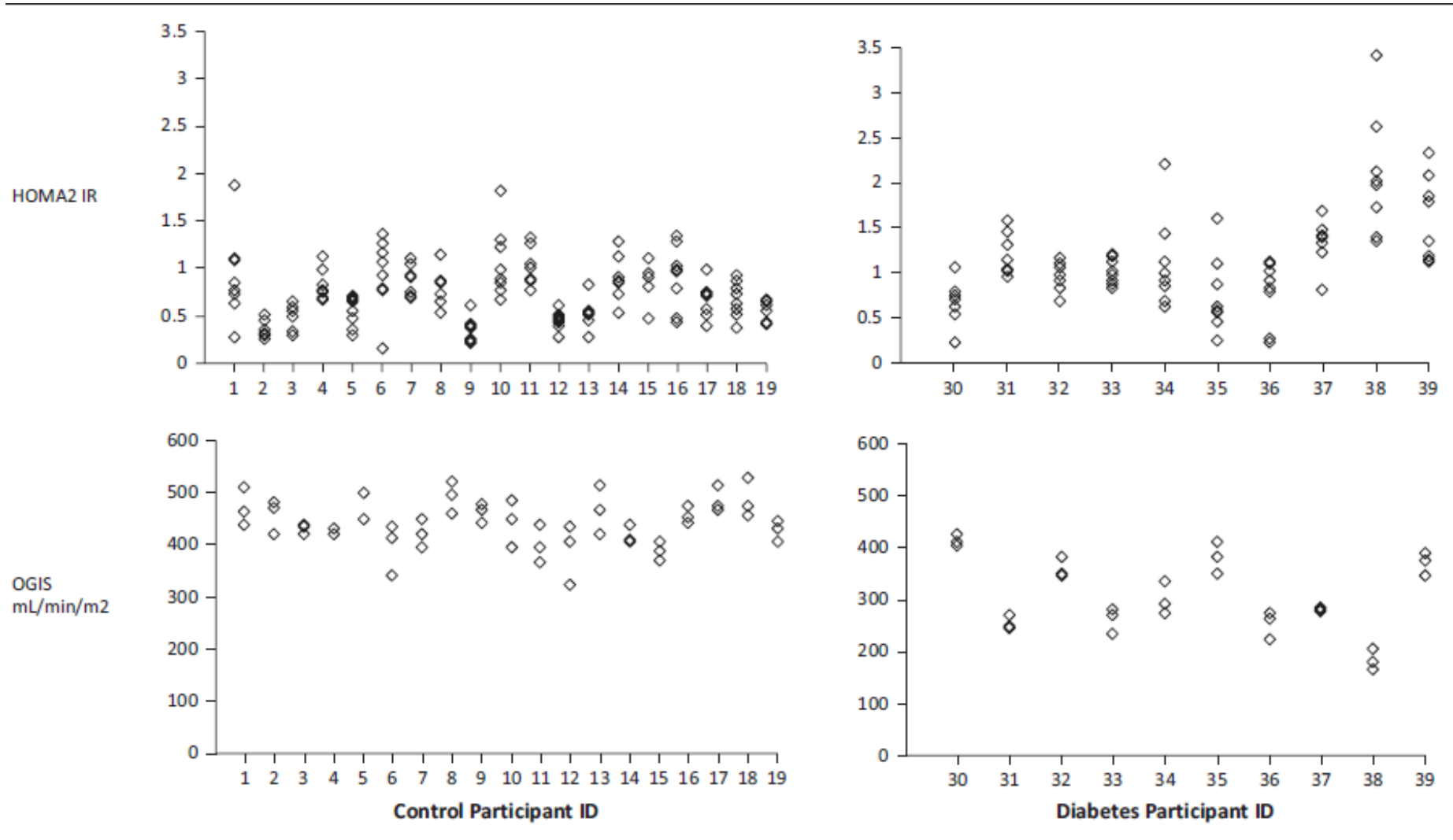
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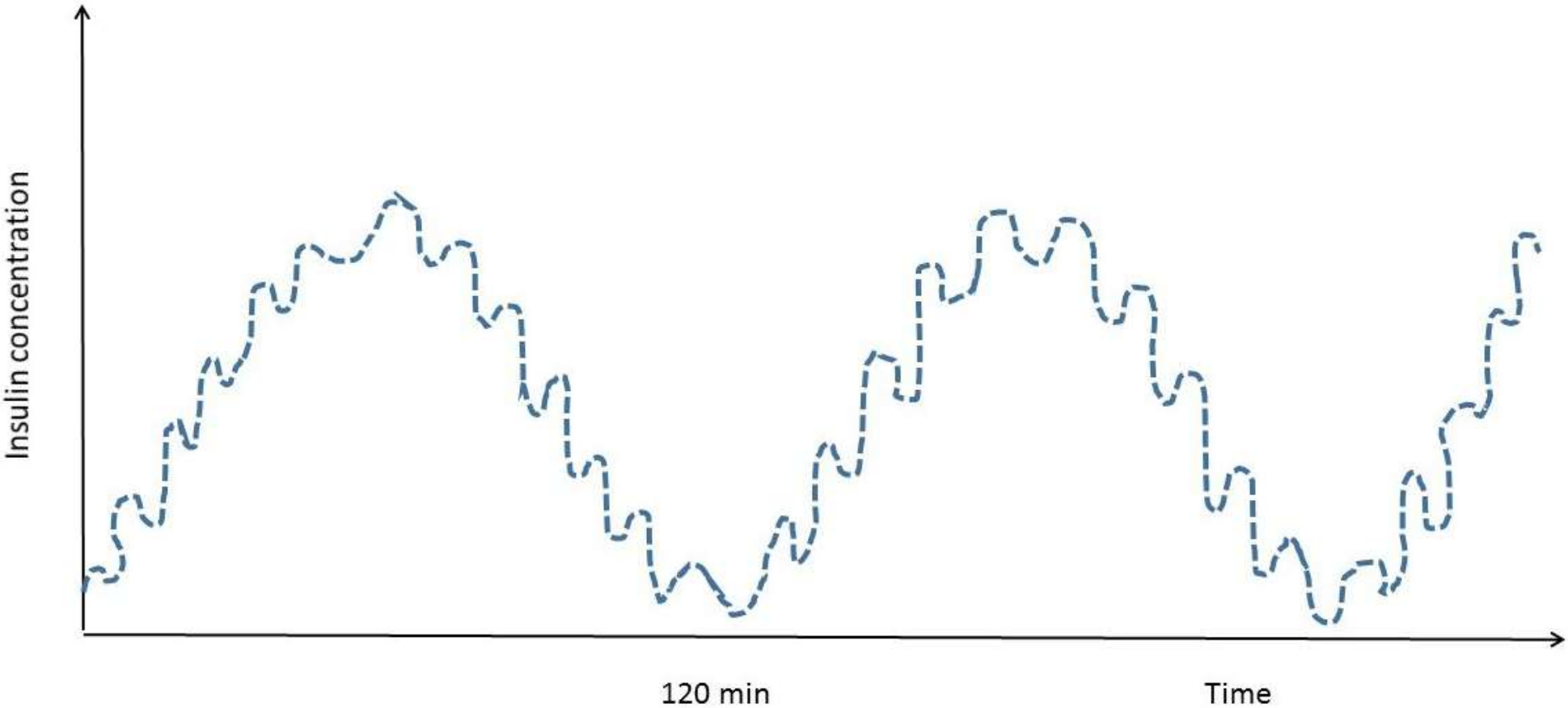
### Type 2 diabetes







# Insulin oscillatory pattern conceptual model





What is the worst that  
could happen: The Future



Hello Catherine,

This is [REDACTED]. I am working on prediction of Diabetes. I wanted to develop a expert system for diagnosis of diabetes based on patients' symptoms, physical examinations, BMI, past & present history ,lab findings etc.

If you can provide me Dataset I will be highly obliged.

Waiting for a positive response.

Warm Regards!!!!

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# Create a Trust to hold the Kraft database

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KRAFT Research

The purpose of this site is to provide a secure place to store Dr KRAFT's research data and documentation associated

## Research Data



## History

Dr Kraft is the author of 'Diabetes Epidemic and You'. Kraft has carried out more than 14,000 oral glucose tolerance tests over a few decades. Normally we measure the glucose response to drinking glucose. This response can tell us the degree to which we metabolize and remove glucose from our blood. Very important for diabetes diagnosis and other metabolic issues. Kraft's test are different though. He is way more thorough than normal. First, rather than monitoring glucose for 2 hours post test, he monitors it for at least 5 hours. Second, he also measures insulin, as well as glucose, over the course of the test. From his test results and the other literature, as well as his pathology and direct autopsy observations, he concludes that:

1. We may be able to diagnose diabetes much much earlier than we do
2. Abnormal insulin levels (high) are directly and indirectly damaging to the vascular system, and therefore almost every organ in the body
3. This high insulin (hyperinsulinemia) is a condition in its own right and really the causal mechanism behind most of the metabolic and chronic diseases we experience today.

## Joseph R. Kraft



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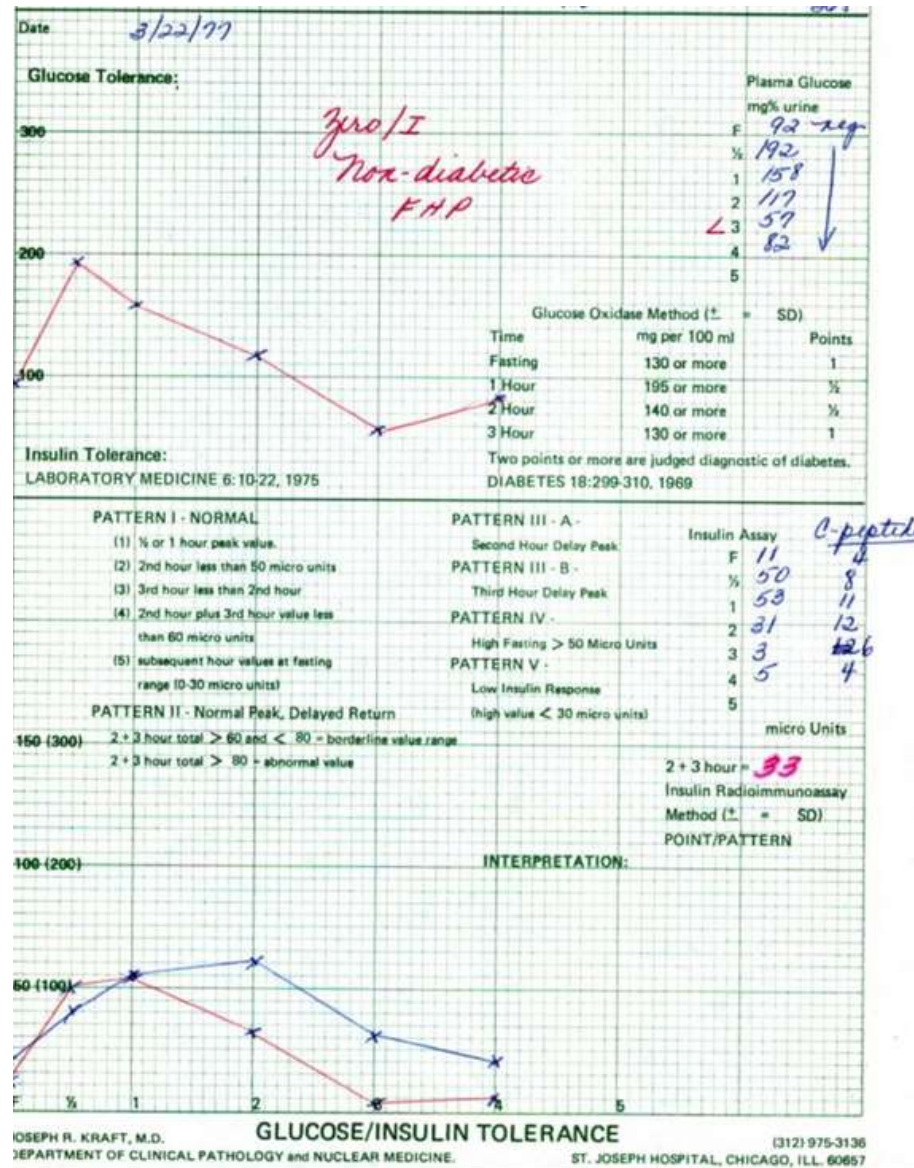
# My current research: RACer



Maintaining the nasal cycle during CPAP treatment to maintain good HPA-axis health.

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# Optical character recognition for c-peptide data





# Thank you

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