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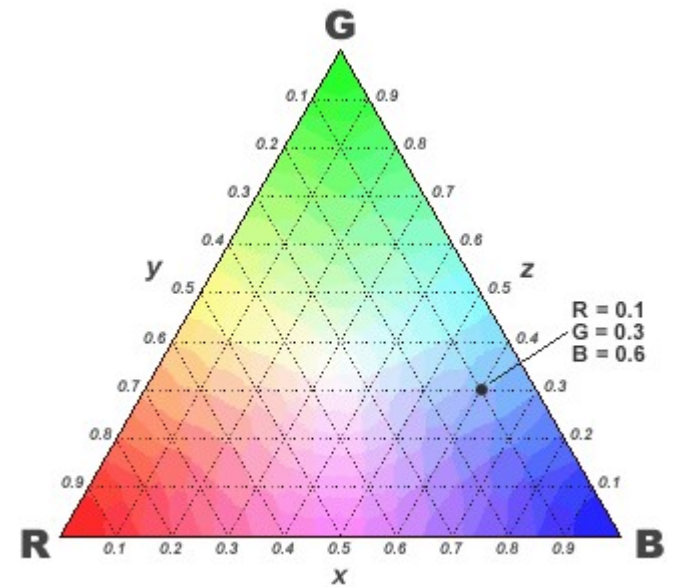
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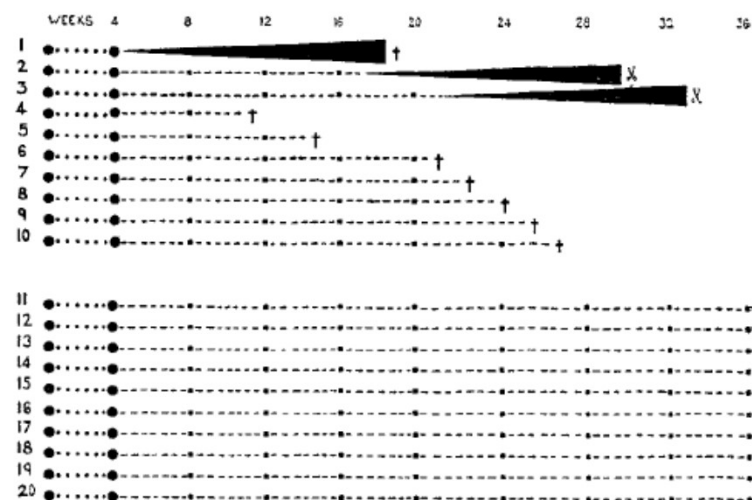


ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT AND SKIN CANCER.

BY G. M. FINDLAY, O.B.E., M.D., Sc.D. EDIN.

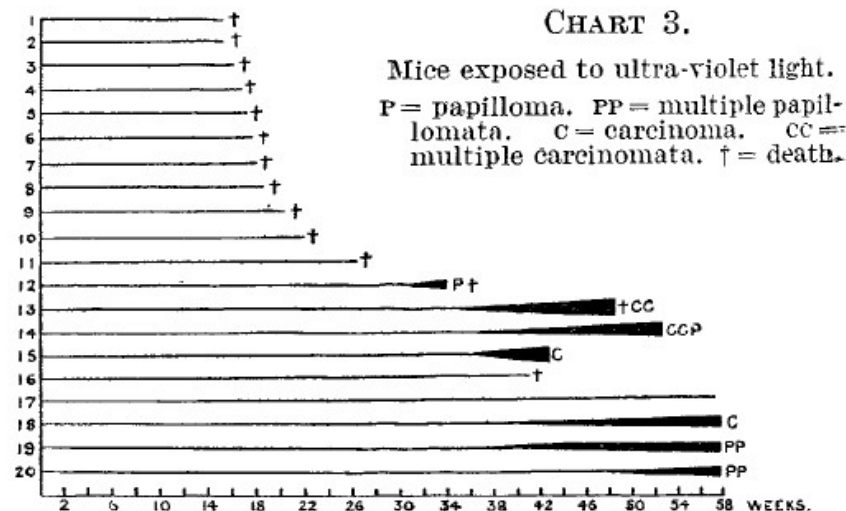
(From the Laboratories of the Imperial Cancer Research
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CHART 2.



1-10 = Mice tarred twice weekly and exposed to the mercury-vapour lamp for one month.
11-20 = Mice tarred twice weekly for one month.

CHART 3.



SunSmart - Skin Cancer Information and Sun Protection Advice

Most skin cancers are caused by overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun or sunbeds

Enjoy the sun safely. Whether you're at home or abroad, use shade, clothing and at least SPF15 sunscreen to protect yourself.

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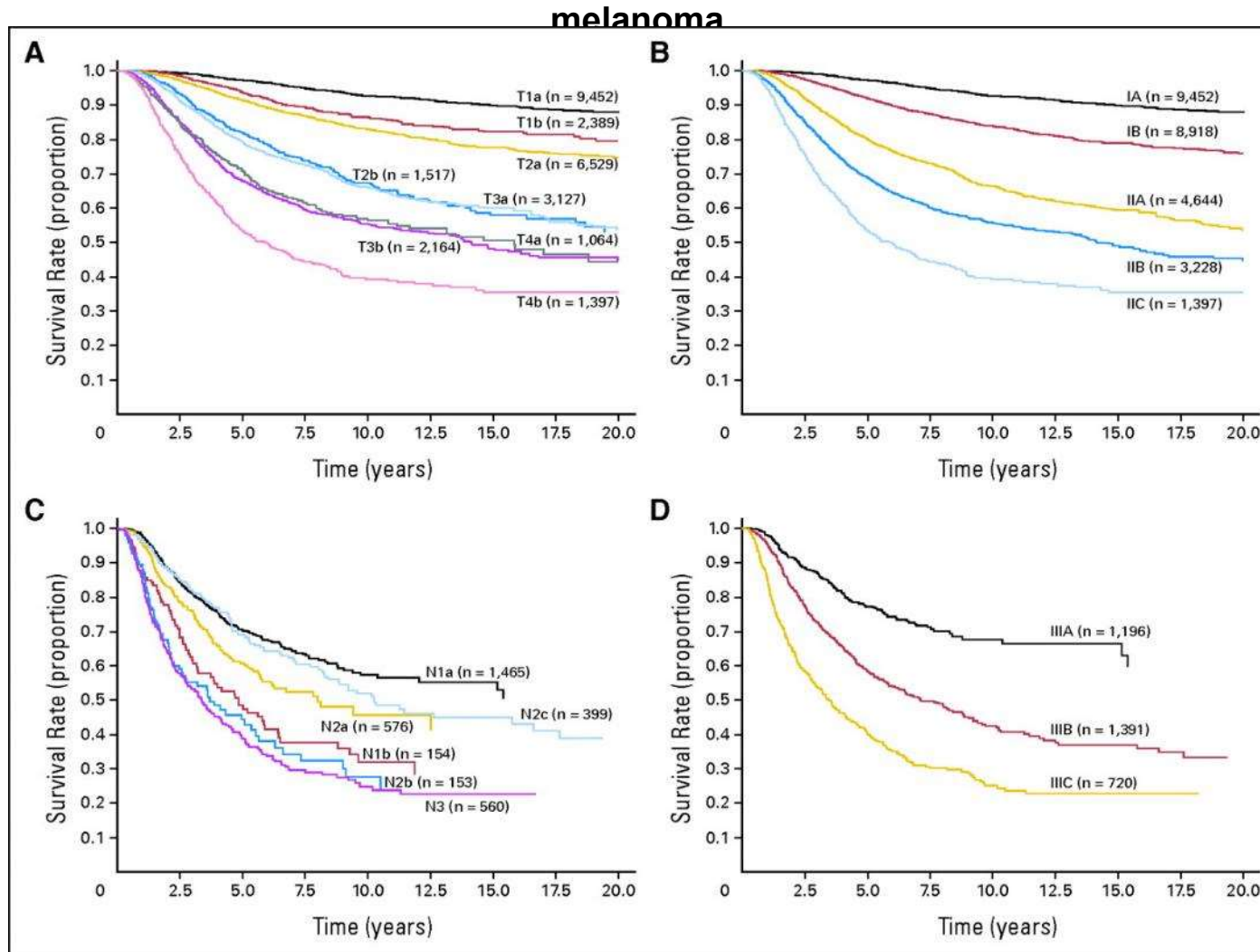
Posters and leaflets from the SunSmart campaign



Melanoma



Survival curves from the American Joint Committee on Cancer Melanoma Staging Database comparing (A) the different T categories and (B) the stage groupings for stages I and II



Charles M. Balch et al. JCO 2009;27:6199-6206

Melanoma



Risk factor	OR (95% CI) ^a <i>n</i> = 12,387	<i>N</i>
Hair color		
Brown/black	1	7,704
Red	1.76 (1.41-2.16)	3,608
Blond	1.41 (1.19-1.67)	942
Skin type		
III-IV	1	7,508
I-II	1.66 (1.36-2.01)	3,666
Freckling		
No	1	5,129
Yes	1.58 (1.25-2.01)	5,050
Family history of melanoma		
No	1	9,054
Yes	1.74 (1.21-2.46)	614
Total body nevus count distribution ^b		
0%-50%	1	1,354
50%-75%	1.64 (1.12-2.30)	638
75%-90%	2.72 (1.89-3.81)	794
>90%	5.50 (3.73-7.89)	701
Large nevi on body (≥5 mm)		
None	1	1,851
1-2	2.26 (1.29-3.68)	1,041
≥3	4.10 (2.19-7.08)	712
Sunburn ^c		
No	1	3,080
Yes	1.28 (1.05-1.27)	6,070

^aAdjusted ORs are calculated on multilevel models. For example, an individual with

Davies et al. 2015. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev

Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer

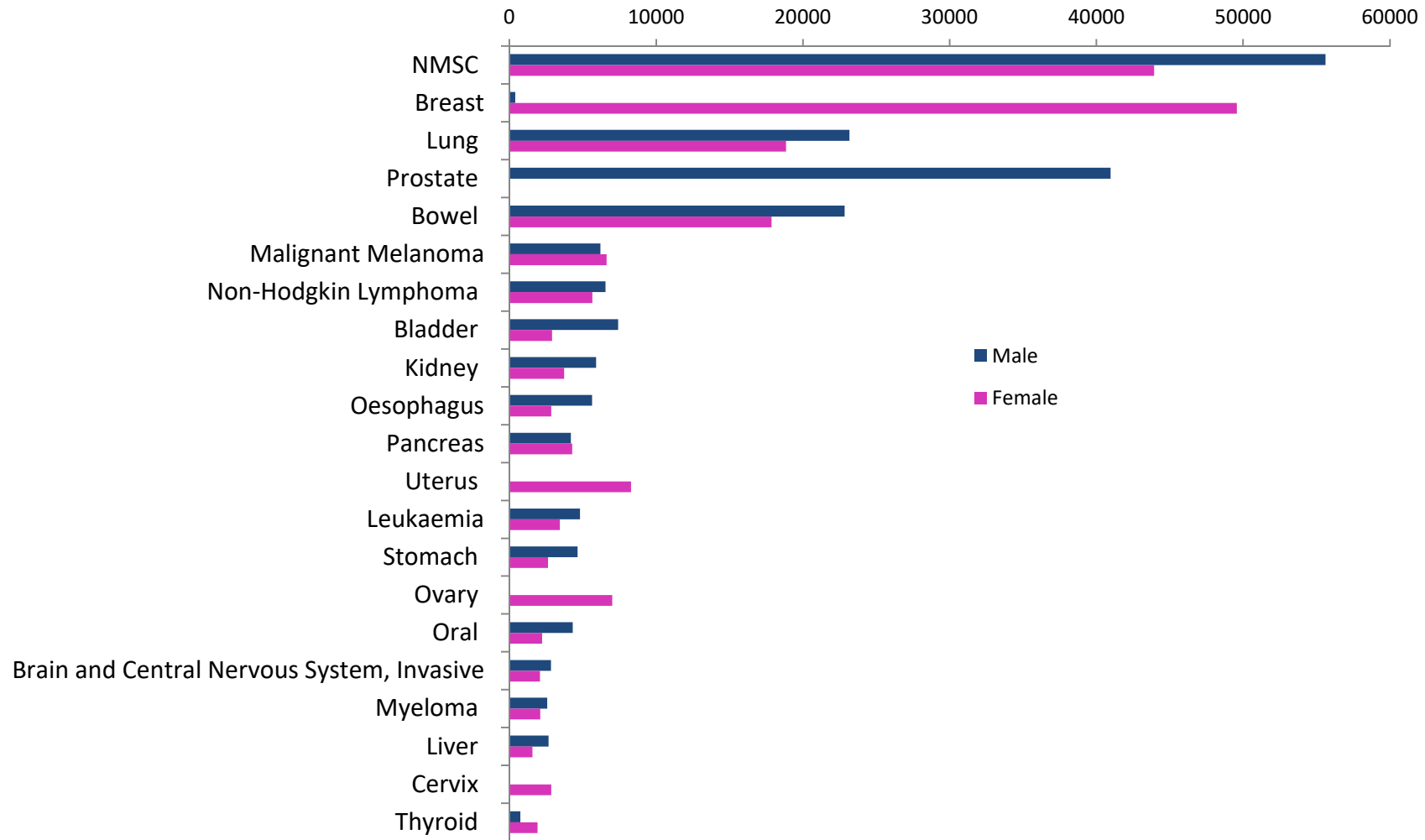
Squamous Cell Cancer



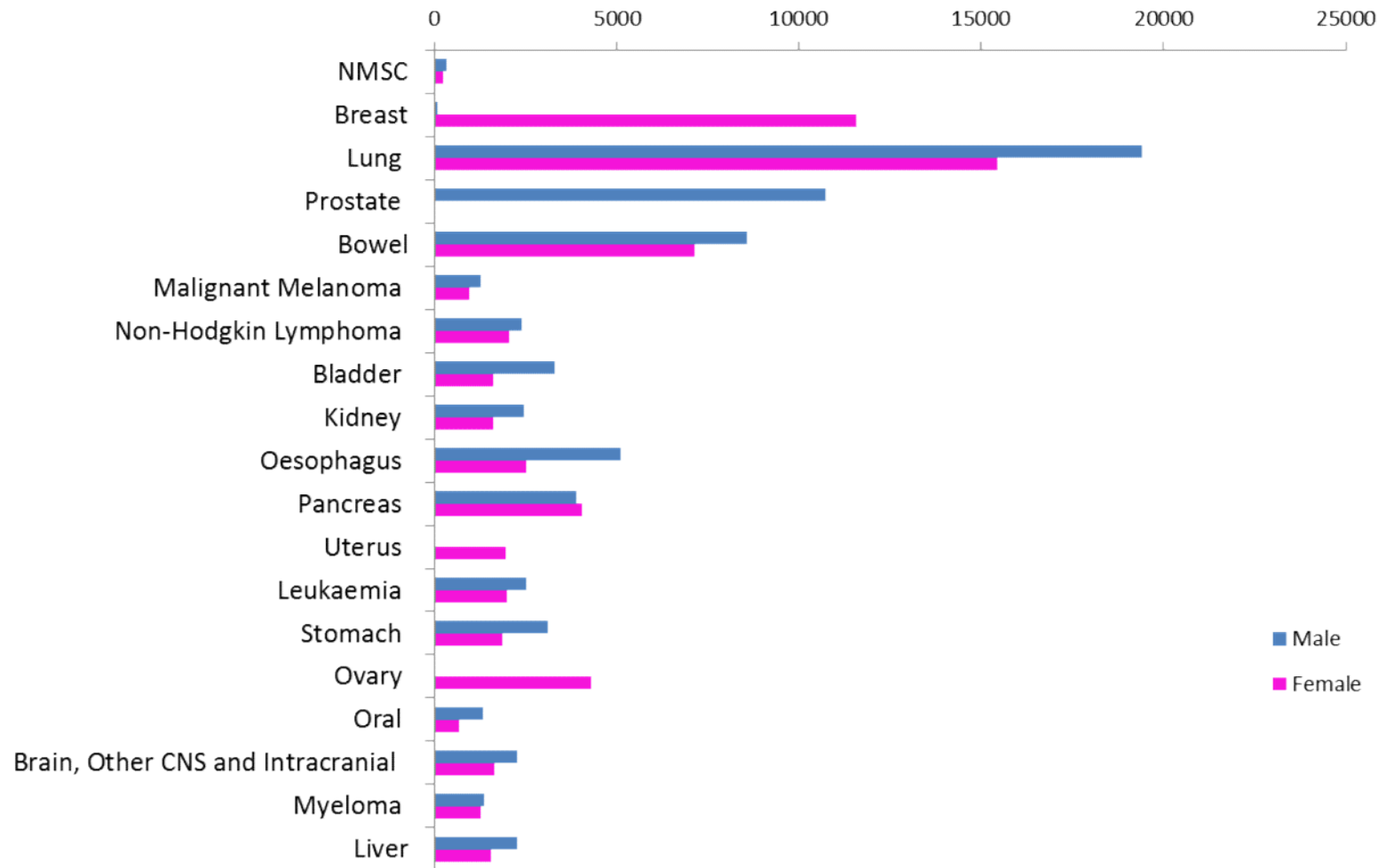
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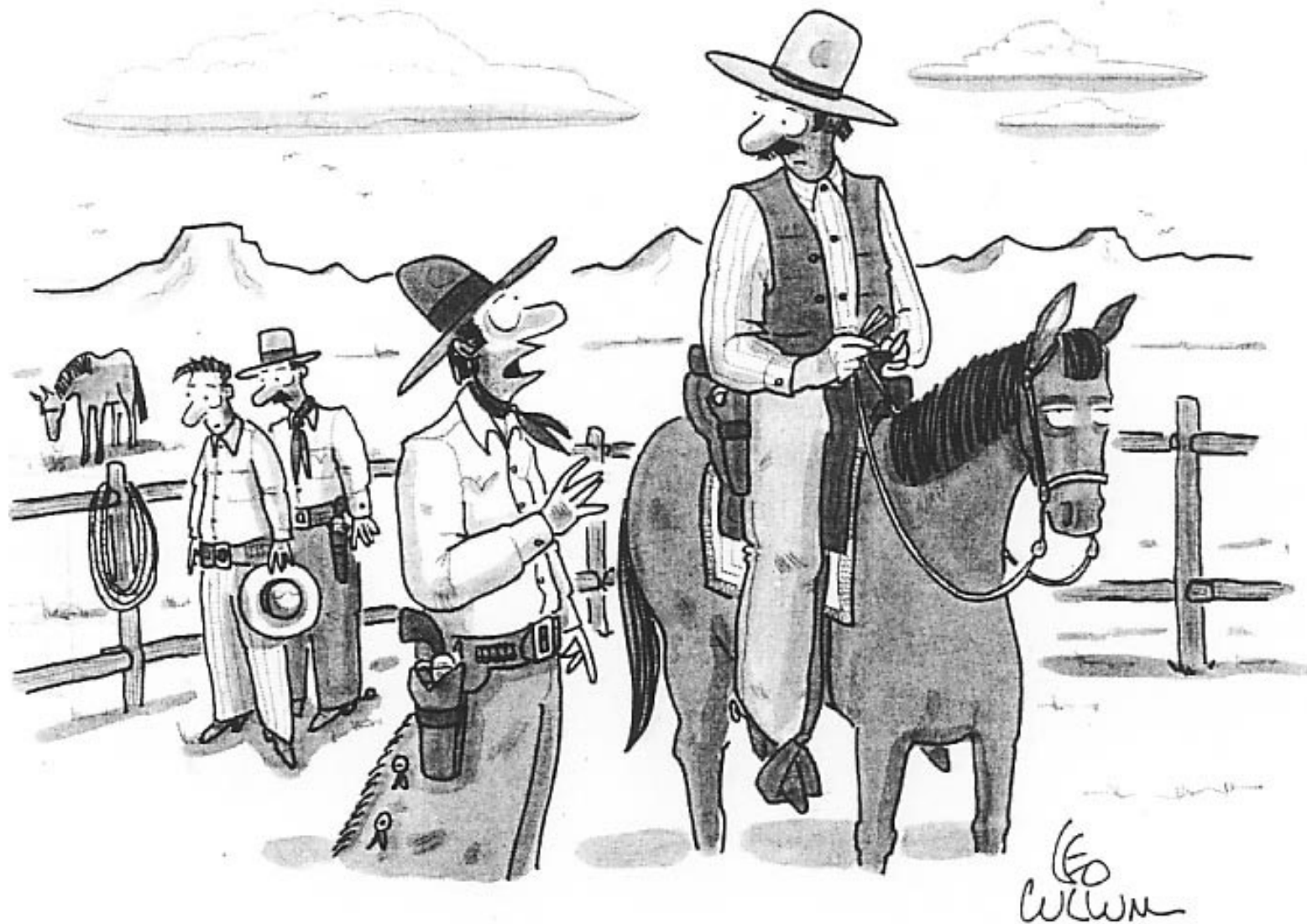


UK Cancer incidence 2010



UK Cancer mortality 2010

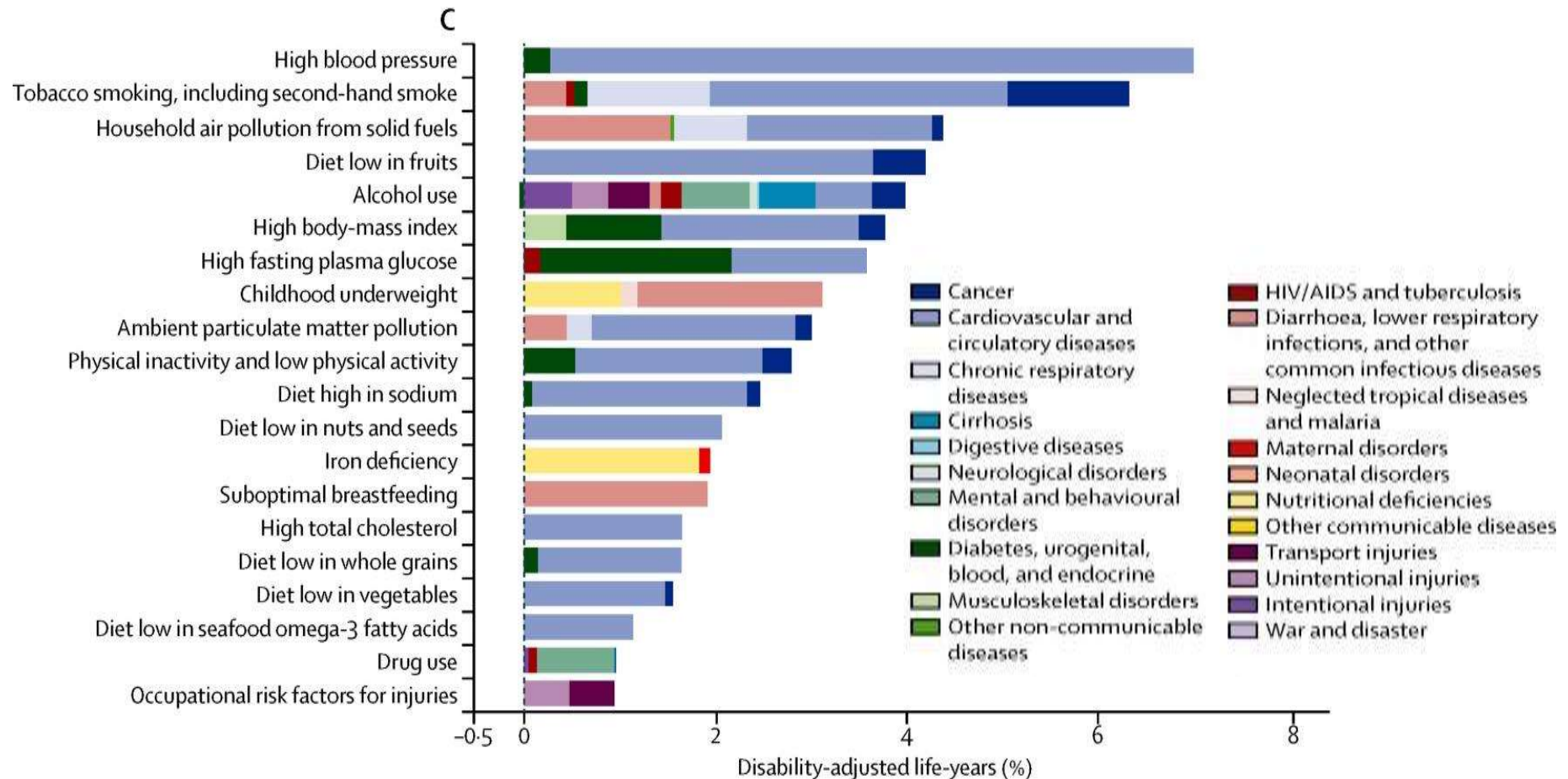




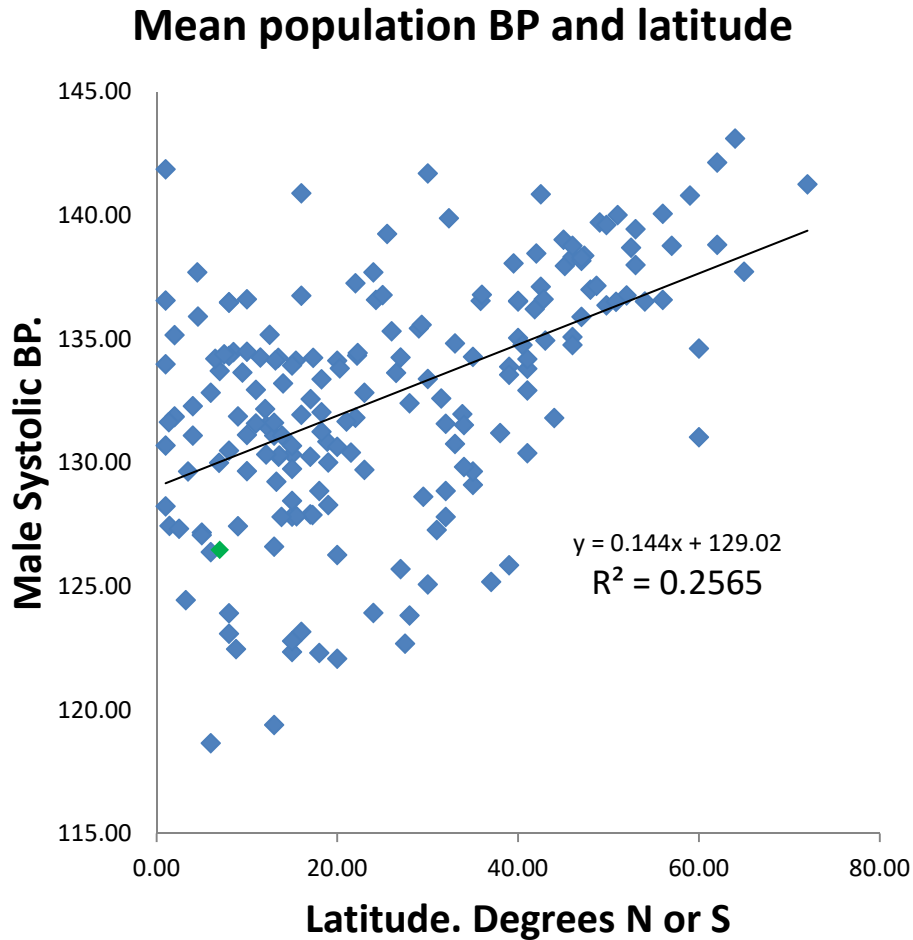
"Slim has a dry scaly patch on his neck! Ride to town and bring the dermatologist."

Global burden of disease

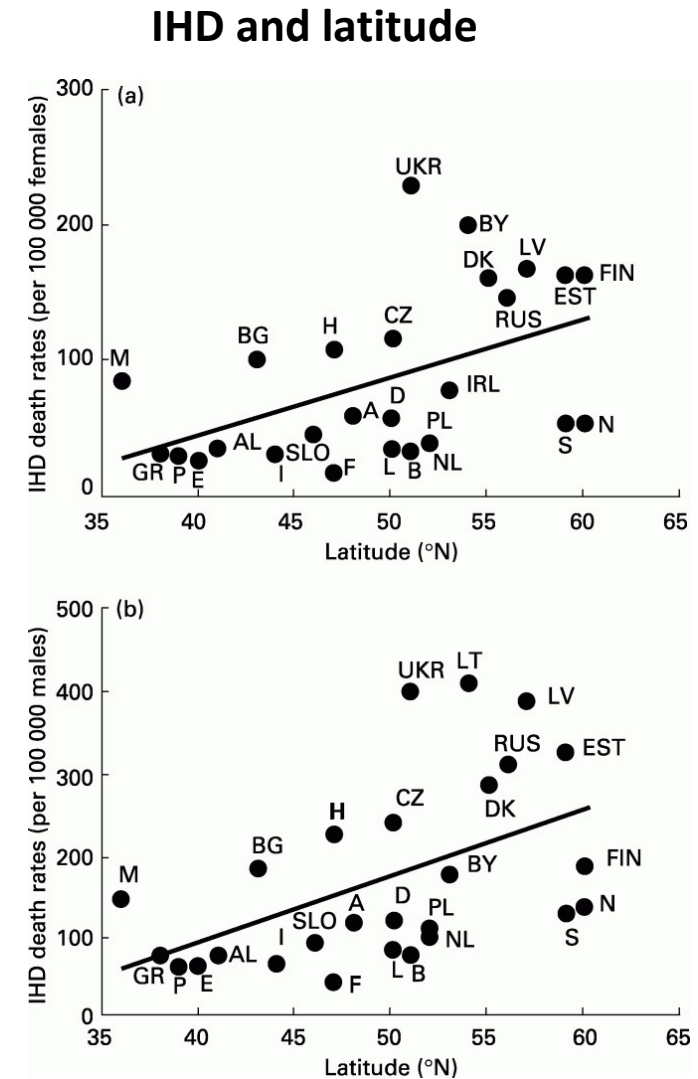
Top 20 risk factors in 2010



BP and IHD correlate with latitude



MRC-HPA Centre for Environment and Health (1980 data)



Zitterman. Progress in Molecular Biophysics 2006

BP is lower in summer

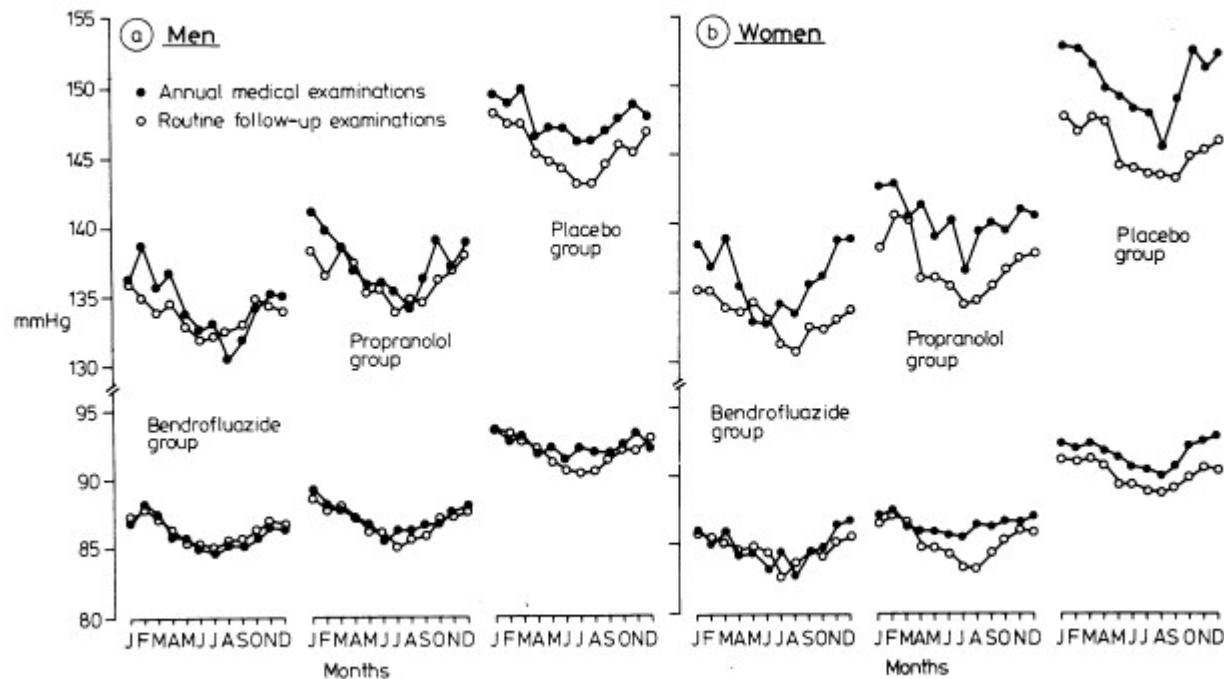


FIG 2—MRC treatment trial for mild hypertension: seasonal trends in blood pressure in (a) men and (b) women by treatment regimen and type of examination.

Serum vitamin D levels inversely correlate with BP and CVD

Annals of Internal Medicine

| REVIEW

Systematic Review: Vitamin D and Cardiometabolic Outcomes

Anastassios G. Pittas, MD, MS; Mei Chung, MPH; Thomas Trikalinos, MD; Joanna Mitri, MD; Michael Brendel, BA; Kamal Patel, MPH; Alice H. Lichtenstein, DSc; Joseph Lau, MD; and Ethan M. Balk, MD, MPH



*Ann Intern
Med.* 2010;152(5):307-314

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Figure 1. Association between vitamin D status and incident hypertension or cardiovascular disease in longitudinal observational cohorts.

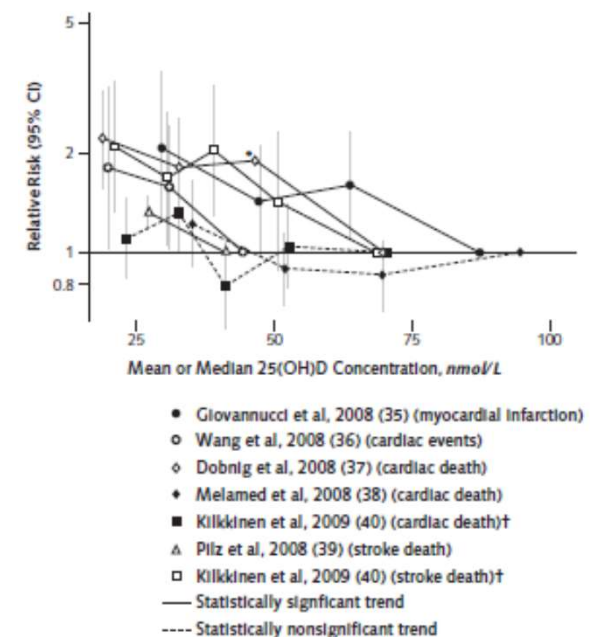
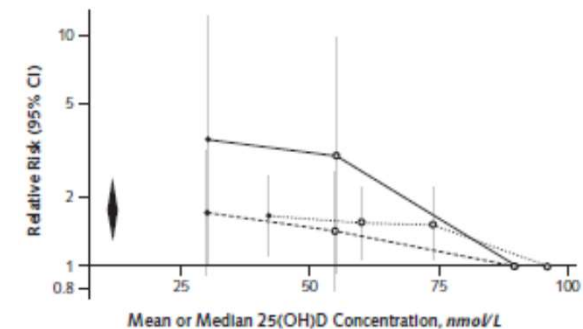
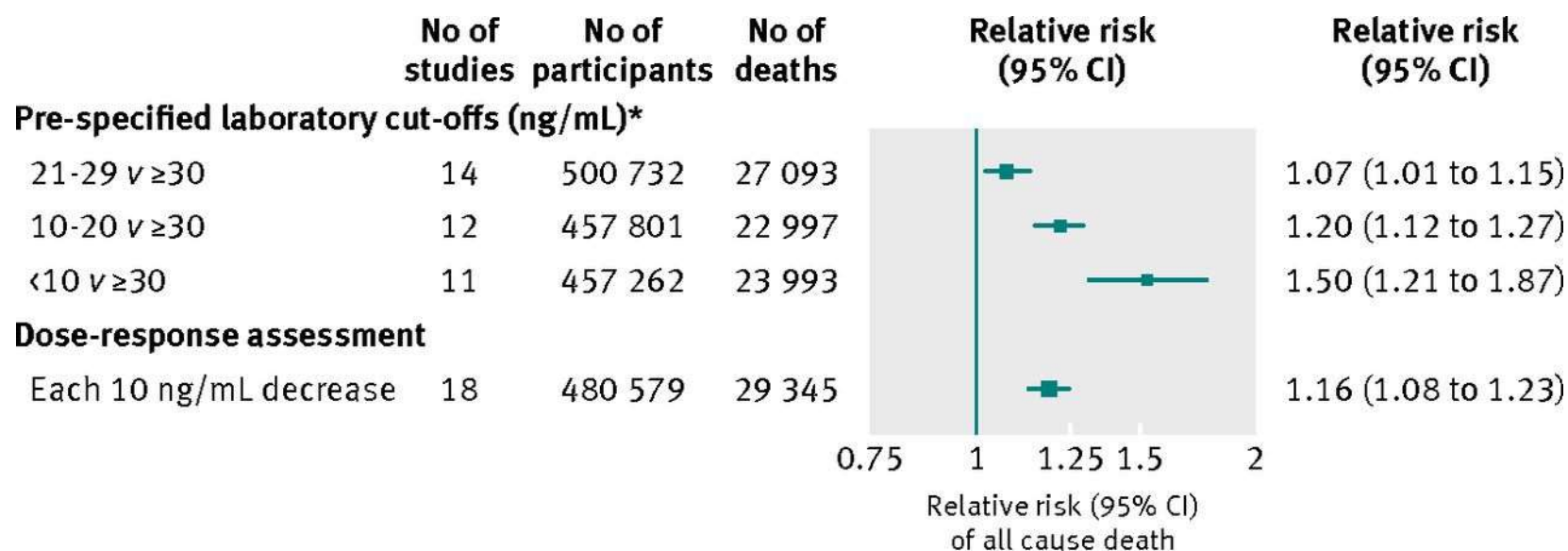


Fig 2 Association of circulating 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentrations with all cause mortality, based on primary prevention cohorts. *Indirect comparisons based on available studies with relevant information in each category; summary estimates presented were calculated using random effects models.



Chowdhury R et al. BMJ 2014;348:bmj.g1903

BMJ

Oral Vitamin D supplementation has no effect on BP

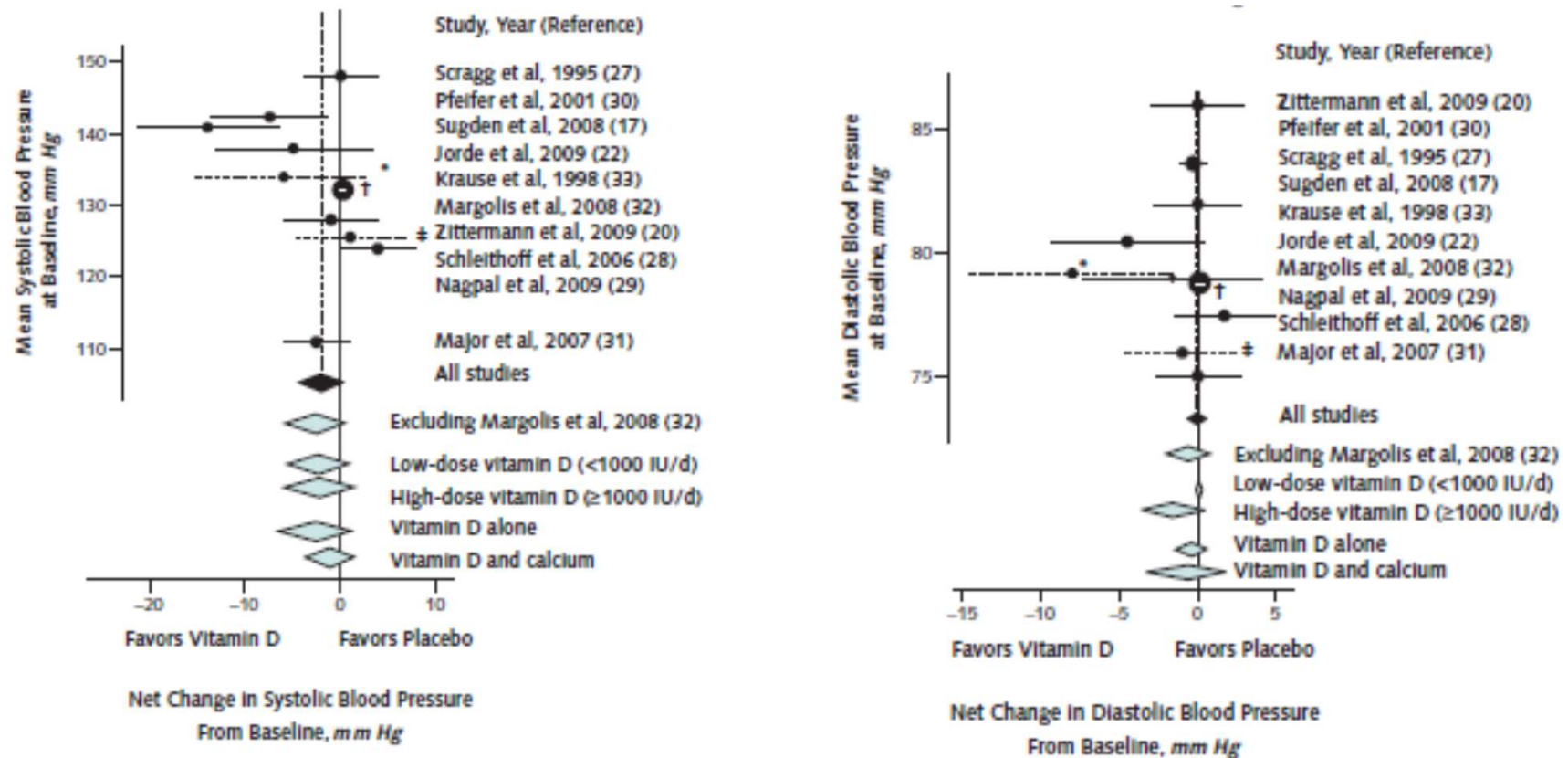
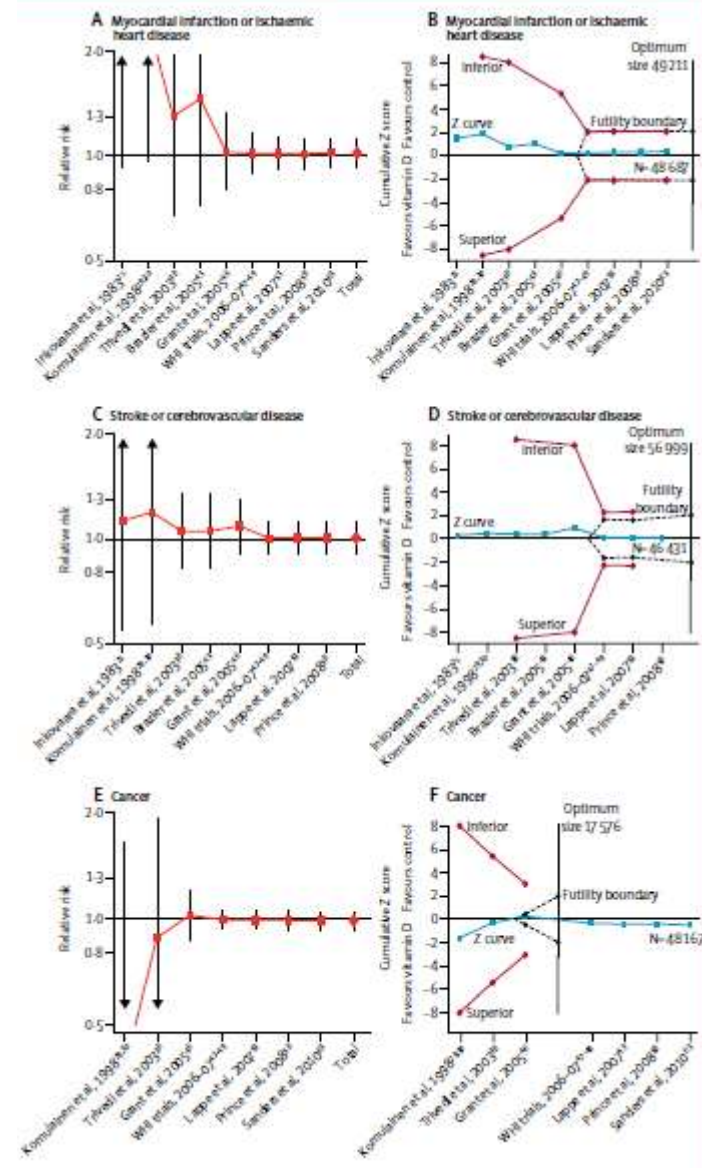
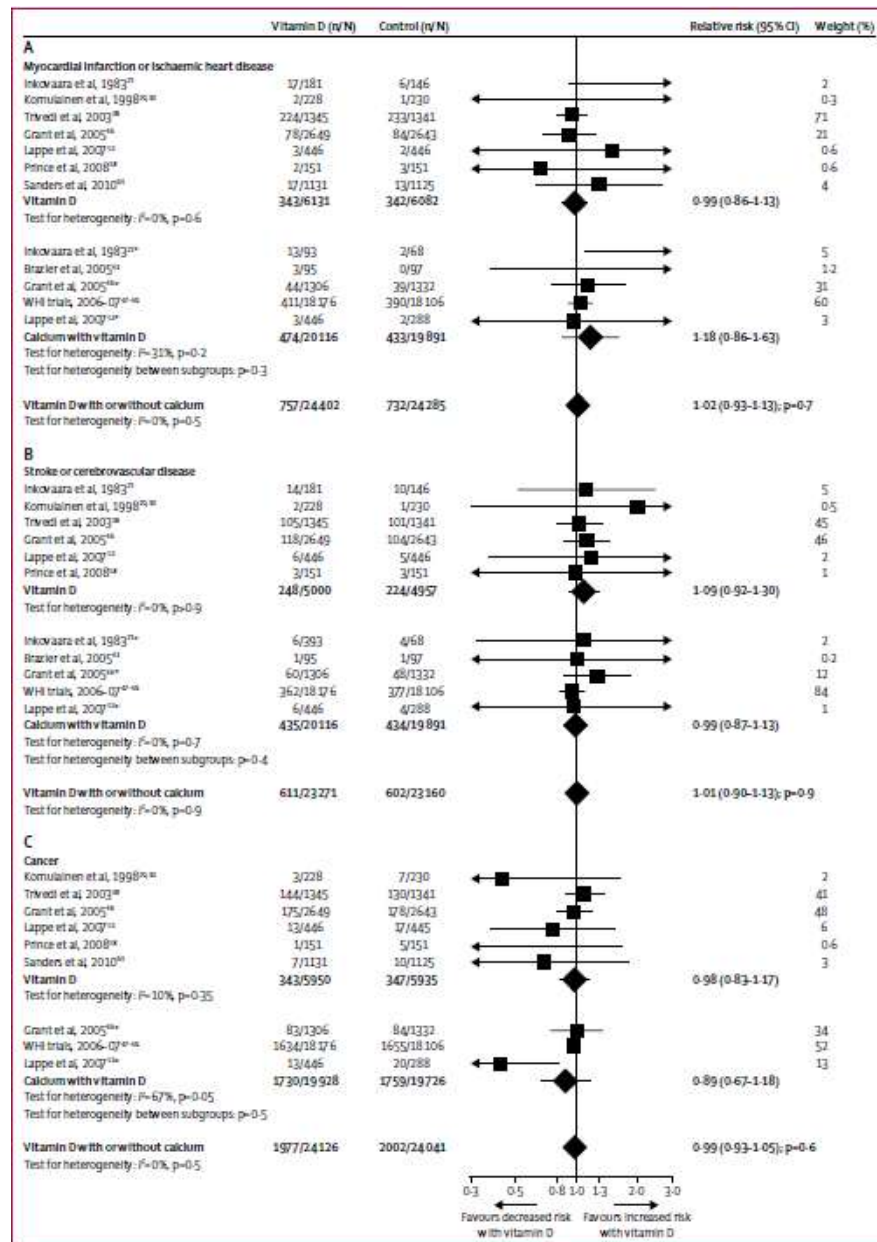


Figure 2. Meta-analyses of the effect of vitamin D supplementation on net change in blood pressure.

Pittas et al. *Ann Intern Med.* 2010;152(5):307-314

....or IHD, Stroke or Cancer



Bolland et al. Lancet Diabetes Endocrinol. 2014



From NO to Nitrite and Nitrate....and Back Again: *Role in Mammalian Biology*

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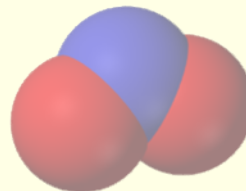
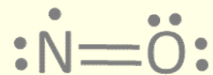
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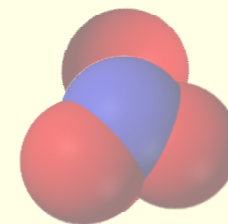
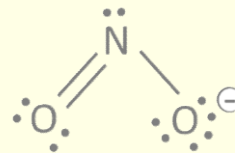
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Immune regulation
Inflammation
Apoptosis



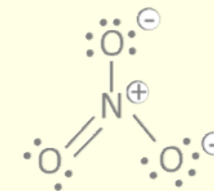
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Nitrite



Nitrate



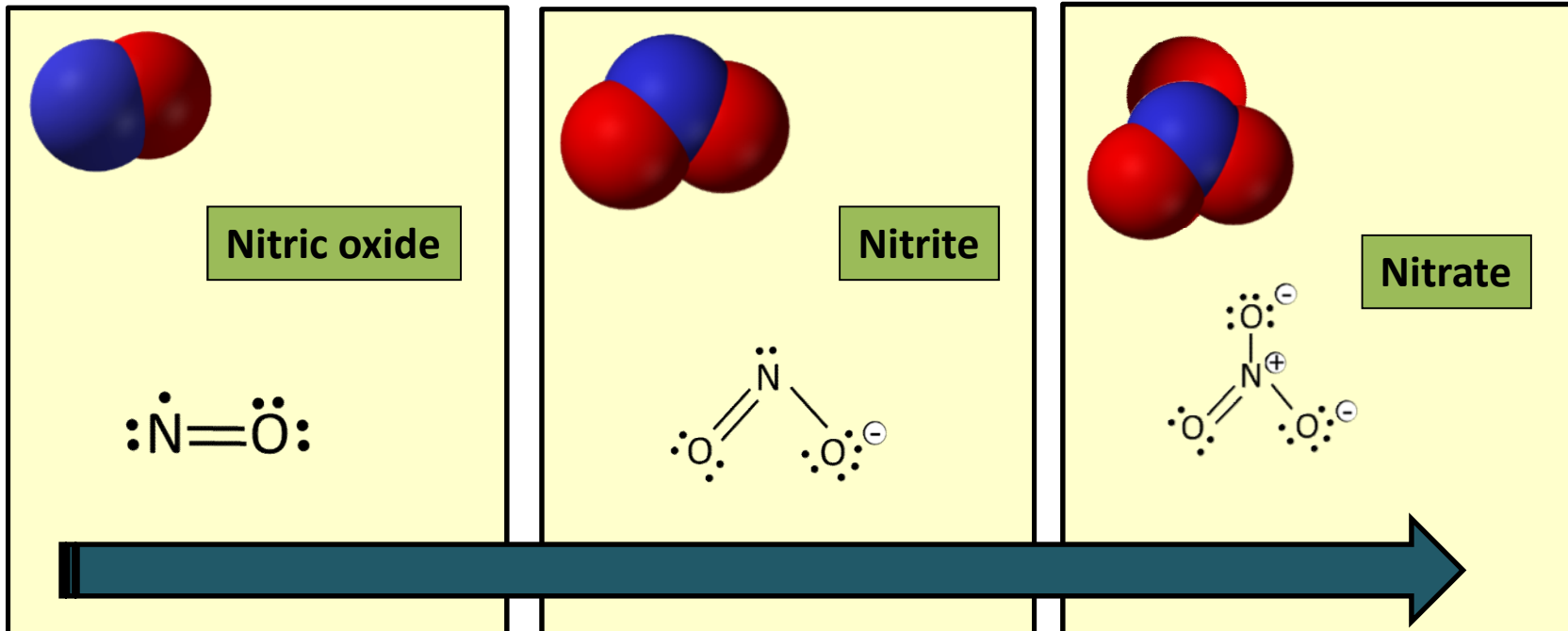
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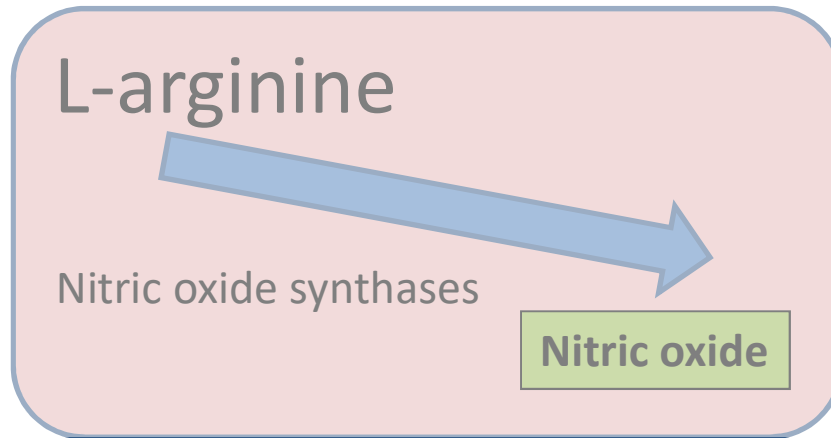
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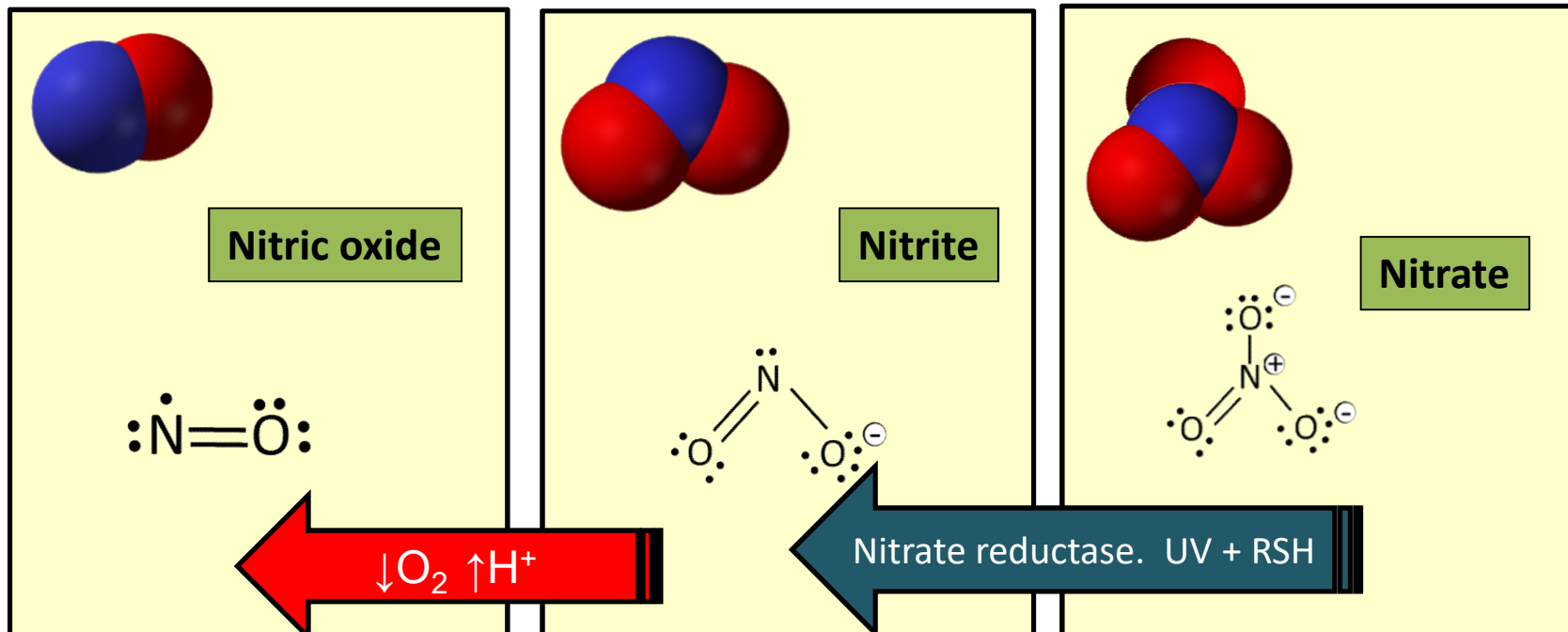


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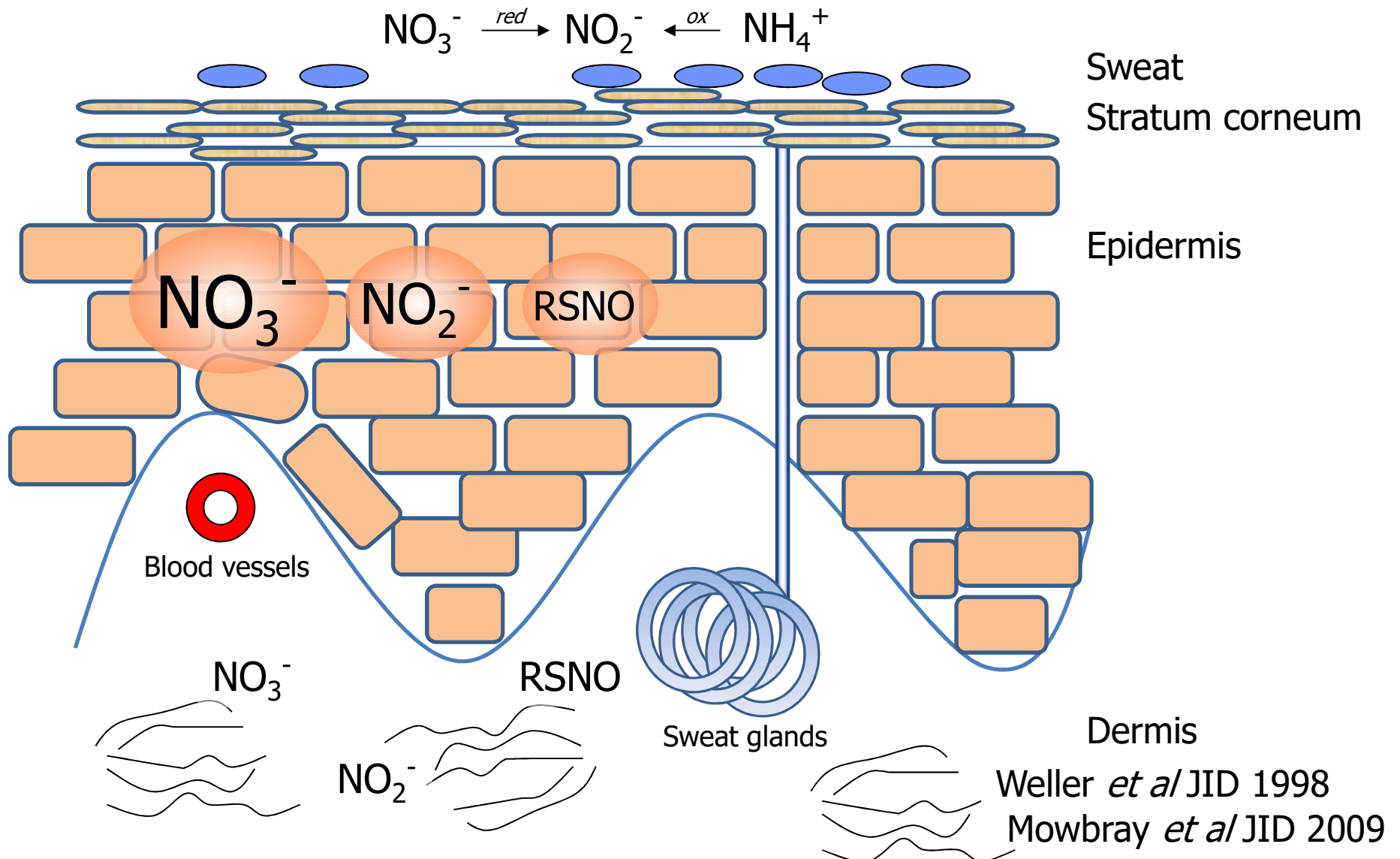


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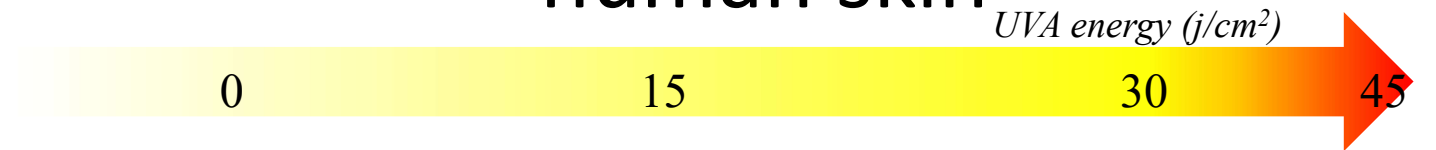


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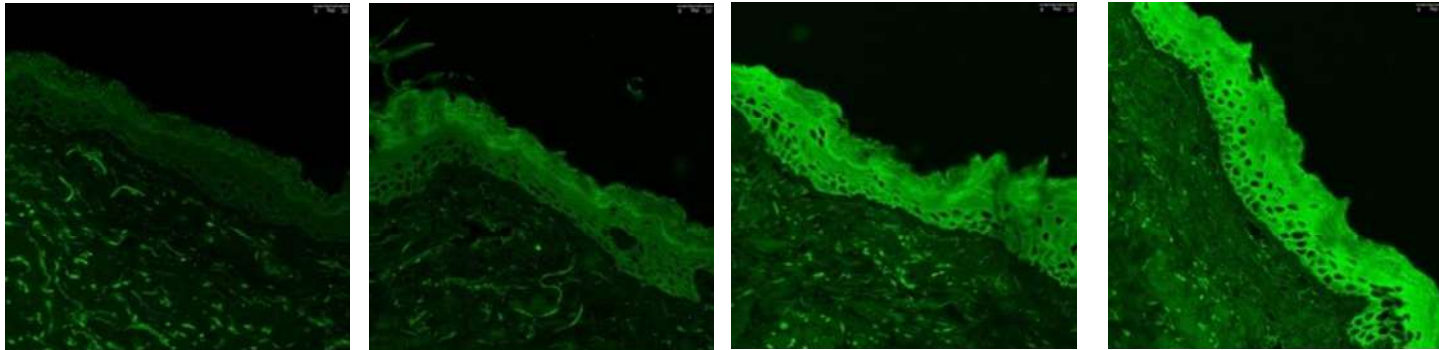
The skin contains significant stores of bound NO species



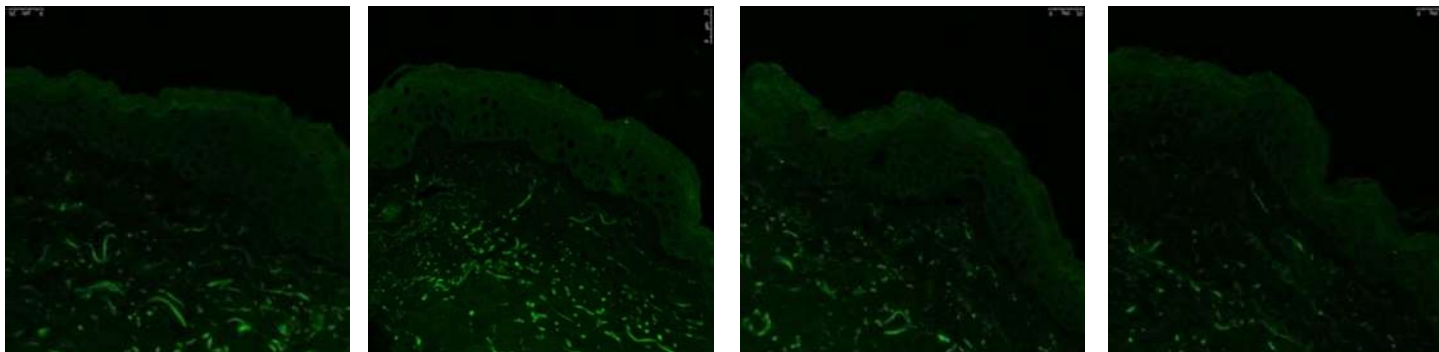
UVA dose dependently releases NO from human skin



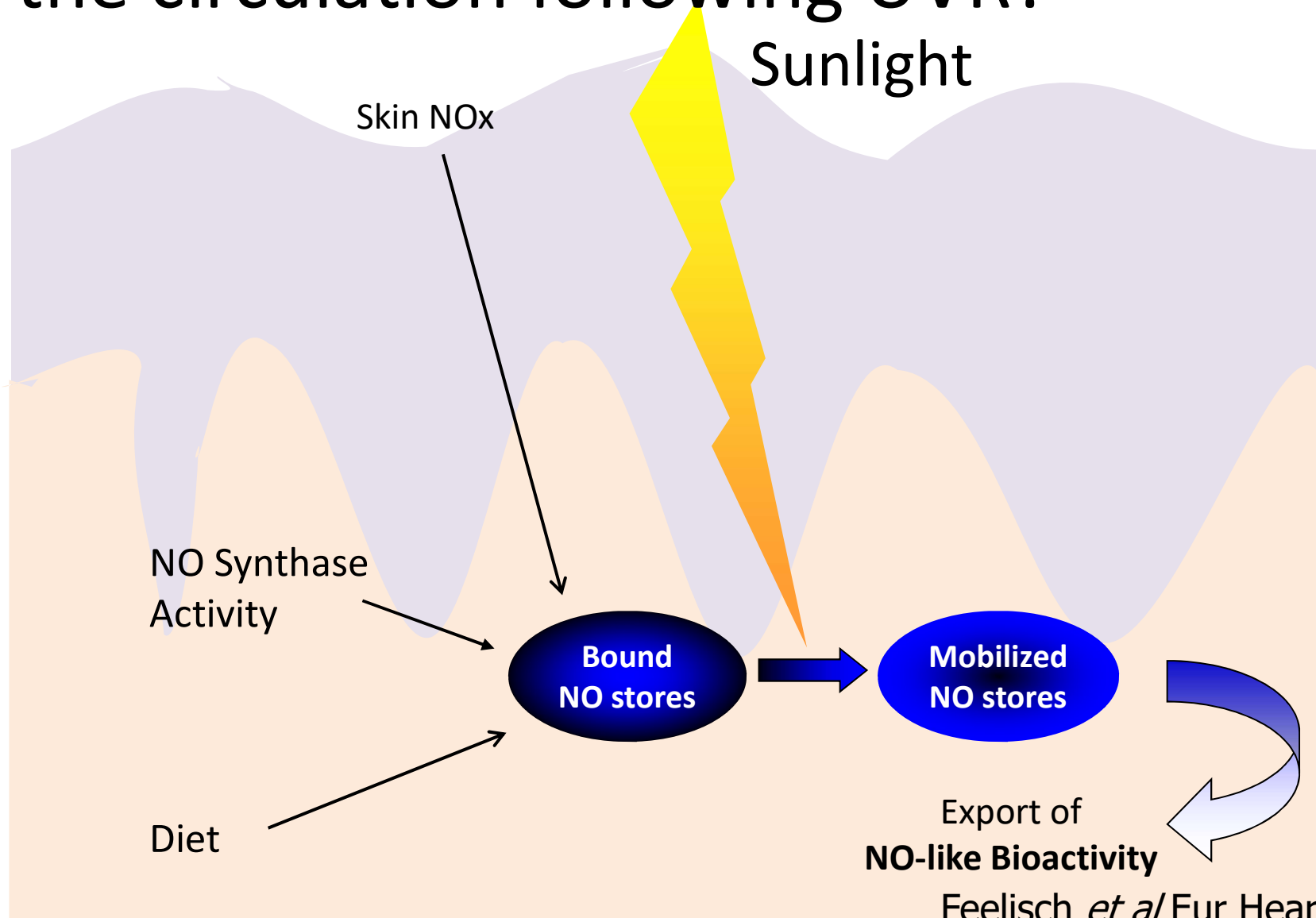
Irradiated group



Sham-irradiated group



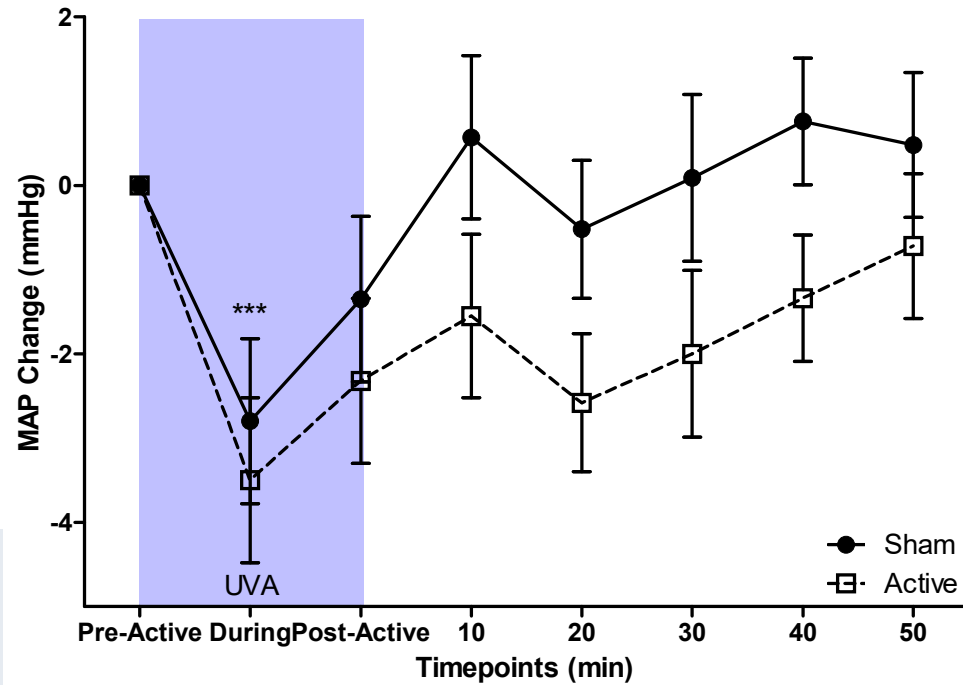
Can cutaneous NO can be exported to the circulation following UVR?



UVA lowers BP

C)

MAP Change from Baseline

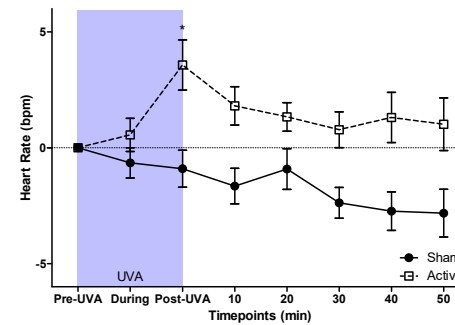


20J/cm² UVA

Liu *et al*/JID 2014

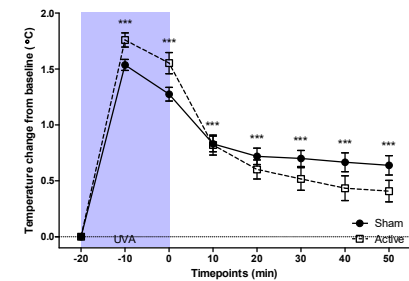
D)

Heart Rate Change from Baseline

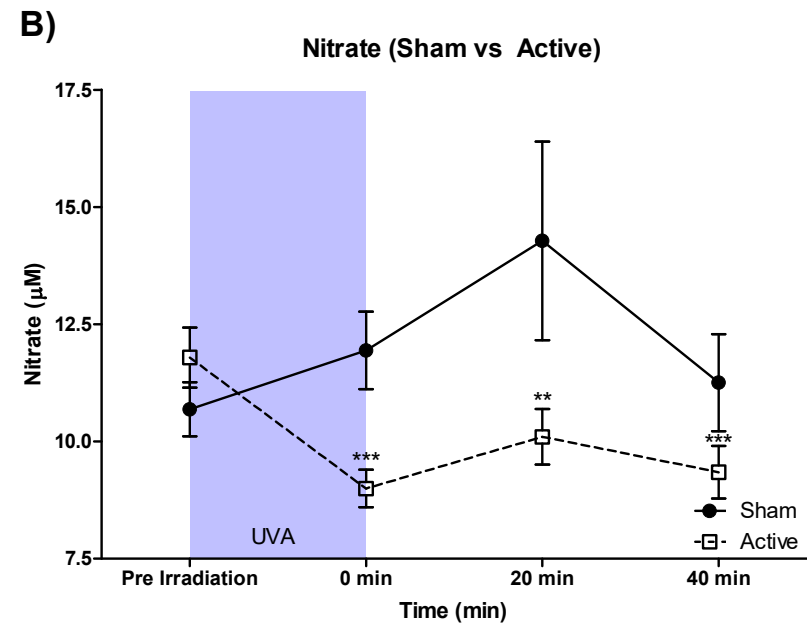
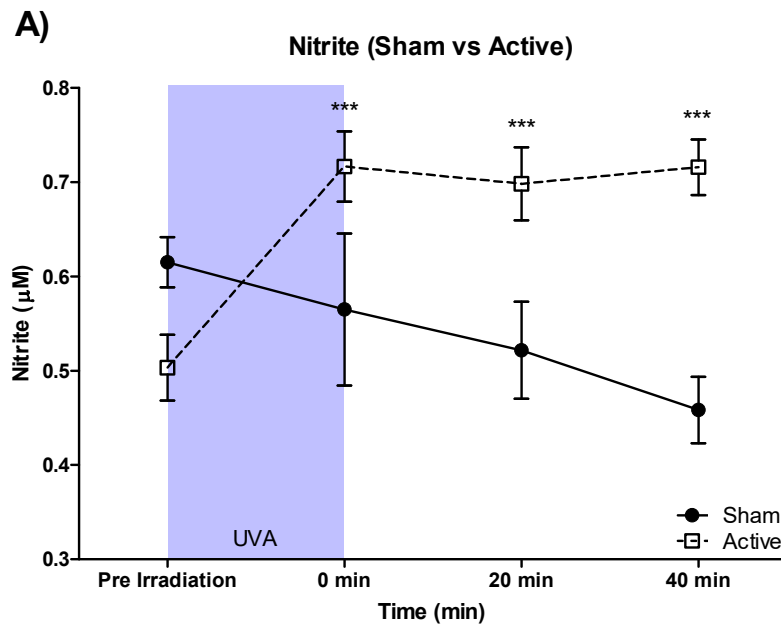


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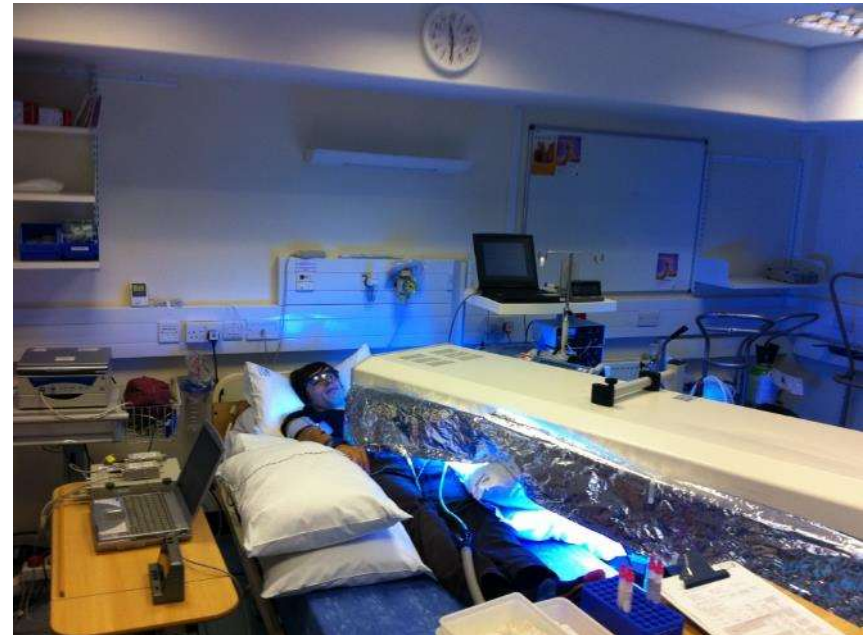
Combined skin temperature change from baseline



UVA lowers circulating NO_3 and increases NO_2

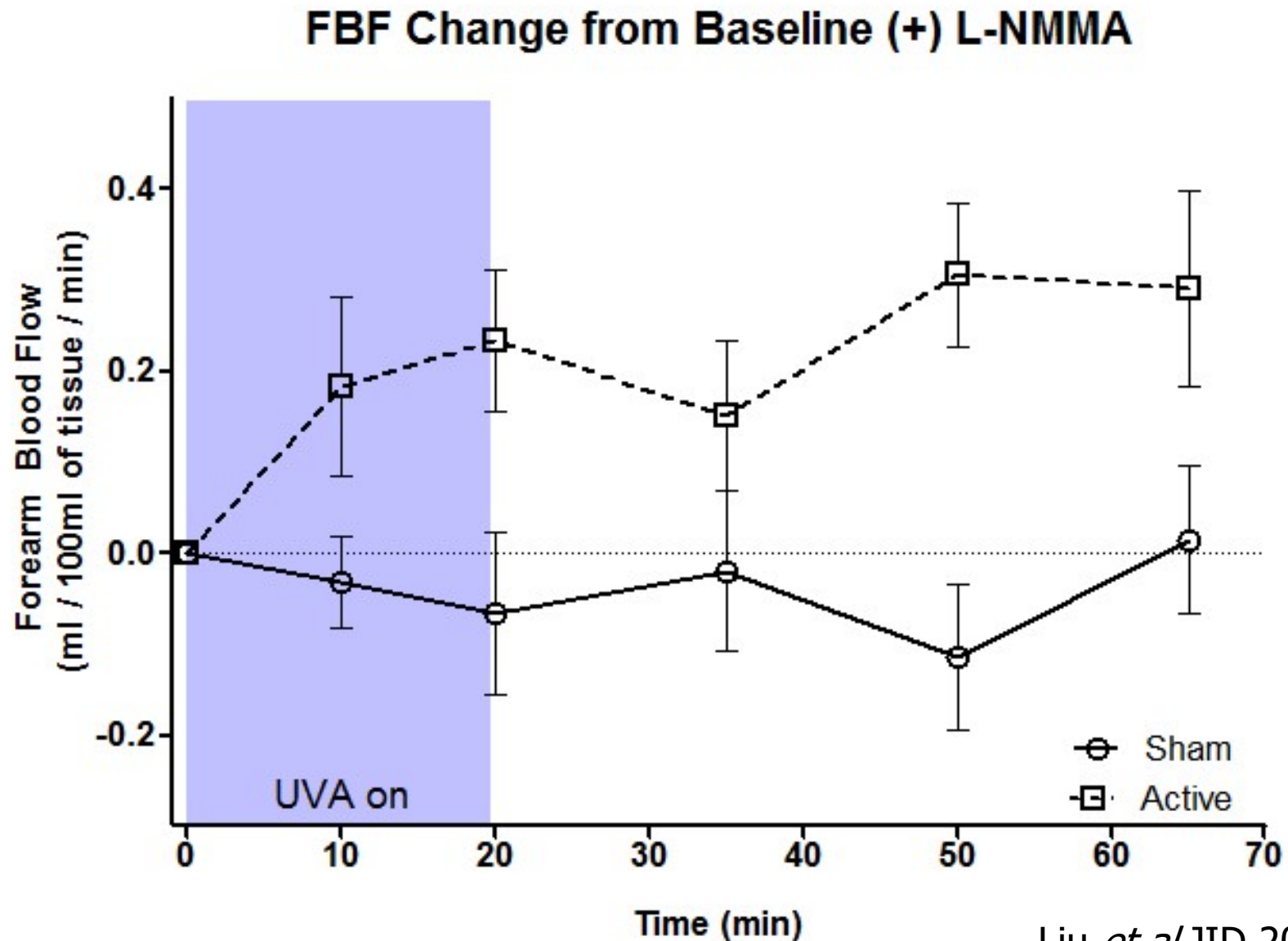


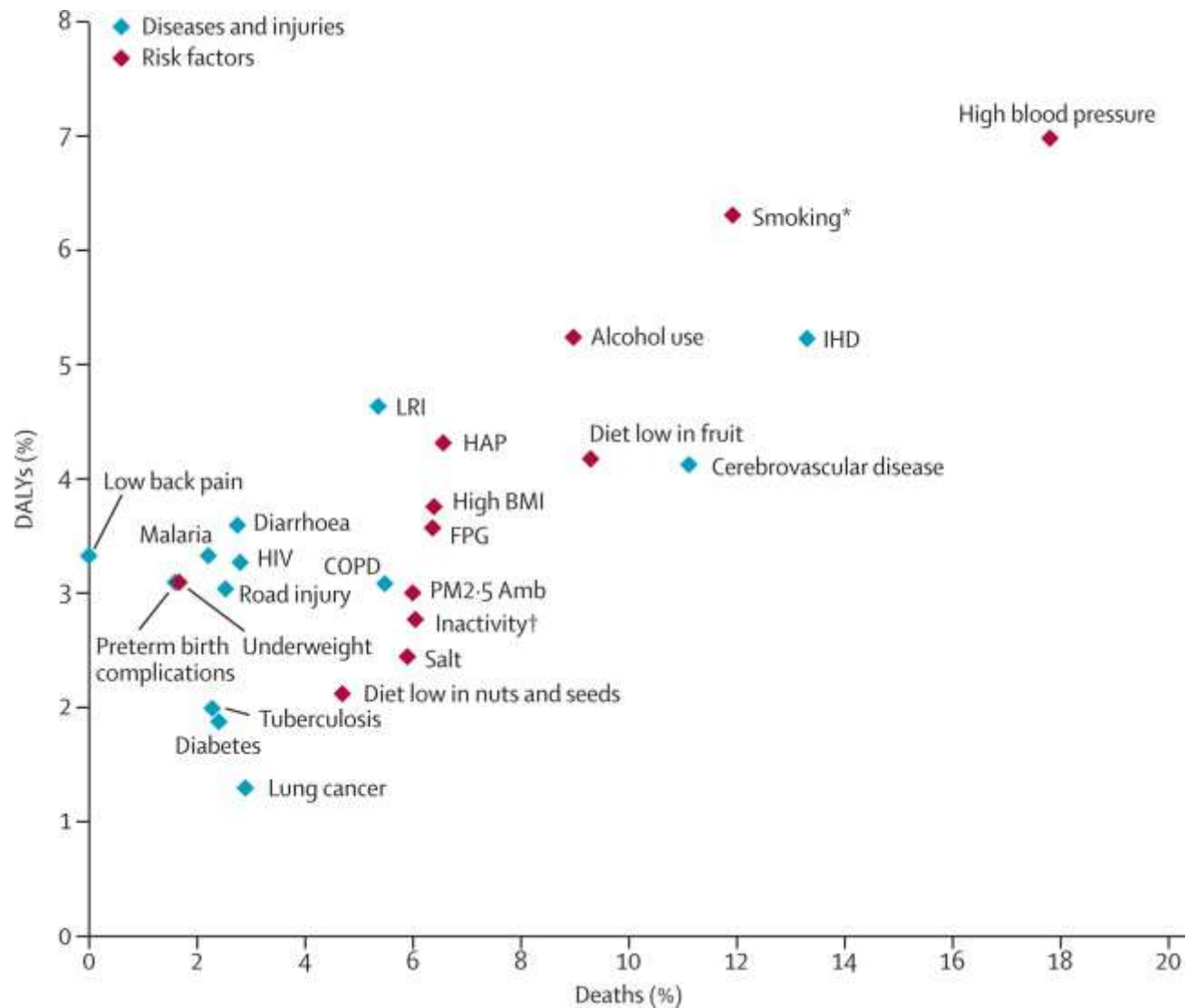
Forearm Plethysmography



NOS antagonist (L-NMMA) infused to brachial artery
Arm irradiated (or sham)

UVA vasodilates arterial vasculature





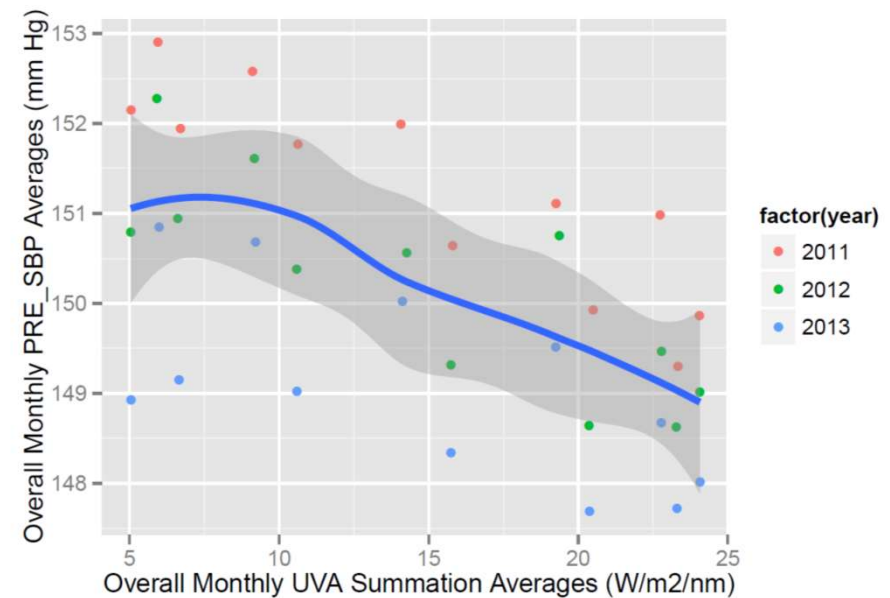
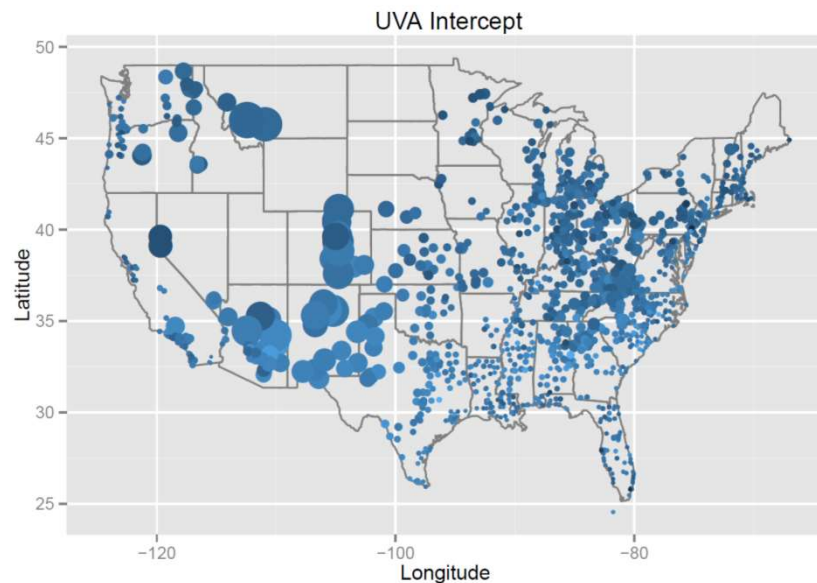
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GBD 2010: design, definitions, and metrics

The Lancet Volume 380, Issue 9859 2012 2013 2063 - 2066

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UVA inversely correlates with pre-dialysis BP



355,831 patients
2178 dialysis units
Thrice weekly for 3 years

UVA Irradiation of Human Skin Vasodilates Arterial Vasculature and Lowers Blood Pressure Independently of Nitric Oxide Synthase

Donald Liu¹, Bernadette O. Fernandez², Alistair Hamilton³, Ninian N. Lang⁴, Julie M.C. Gallagher⁵, David E. Newby⁴, Martin Feelisch² and Richard B. Weller^{1,3}

Journal of Investigative Dermatology advance online publication, 20 February 2014; doi:10.1038/jid.2014.27



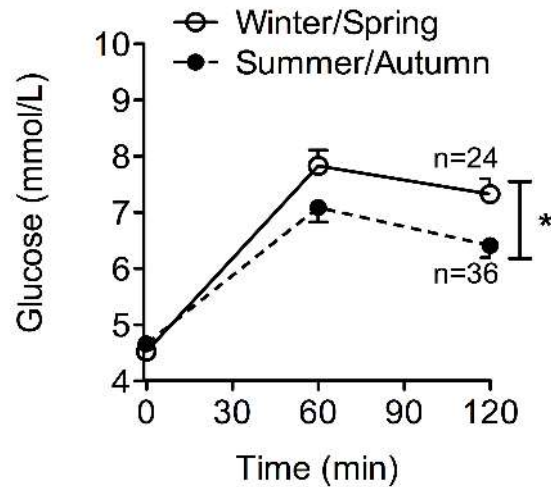
Diabetes Volume 63, ■■■ 2014

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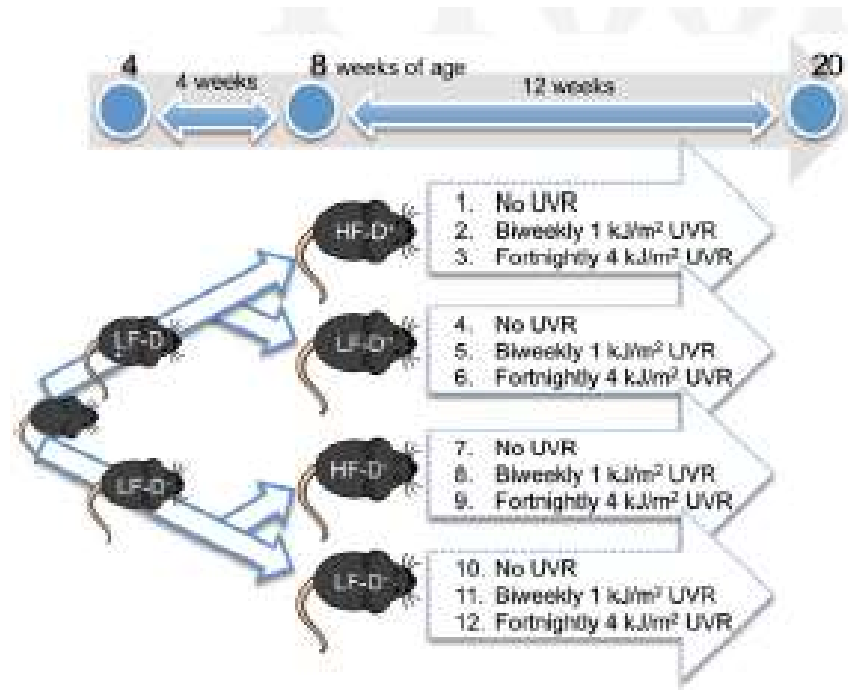
Ultraviolet Radiation Suppresses Obesity and Symptoms of Metabolic Syndrome Independently of Vitamin D in Mice Fed a High-Fat Diet

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UV and metabolic syndrome



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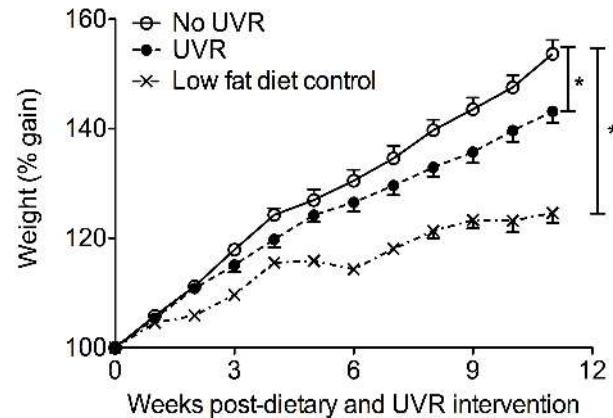


Geldenhuys et al. Diabetes. 2014

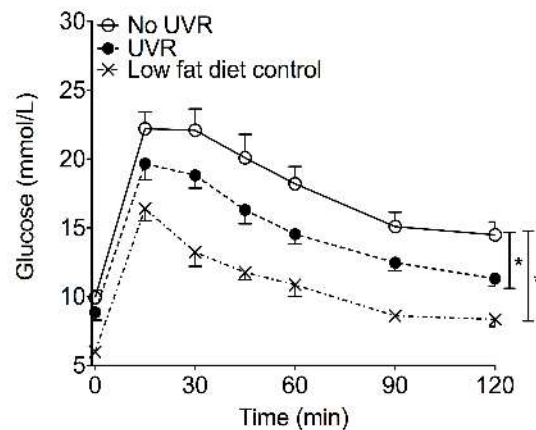
UV and metabolic syndrome

Fig1

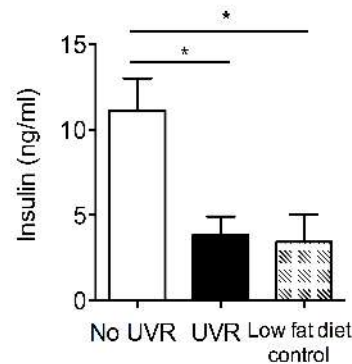
A Percentage weight gain



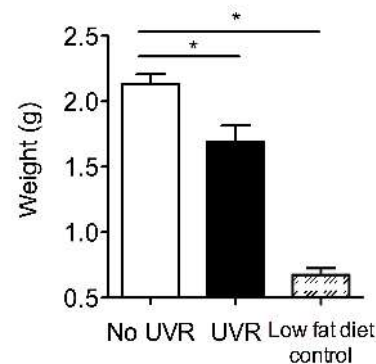
B Glucose tolerance test



C Fasting insulin

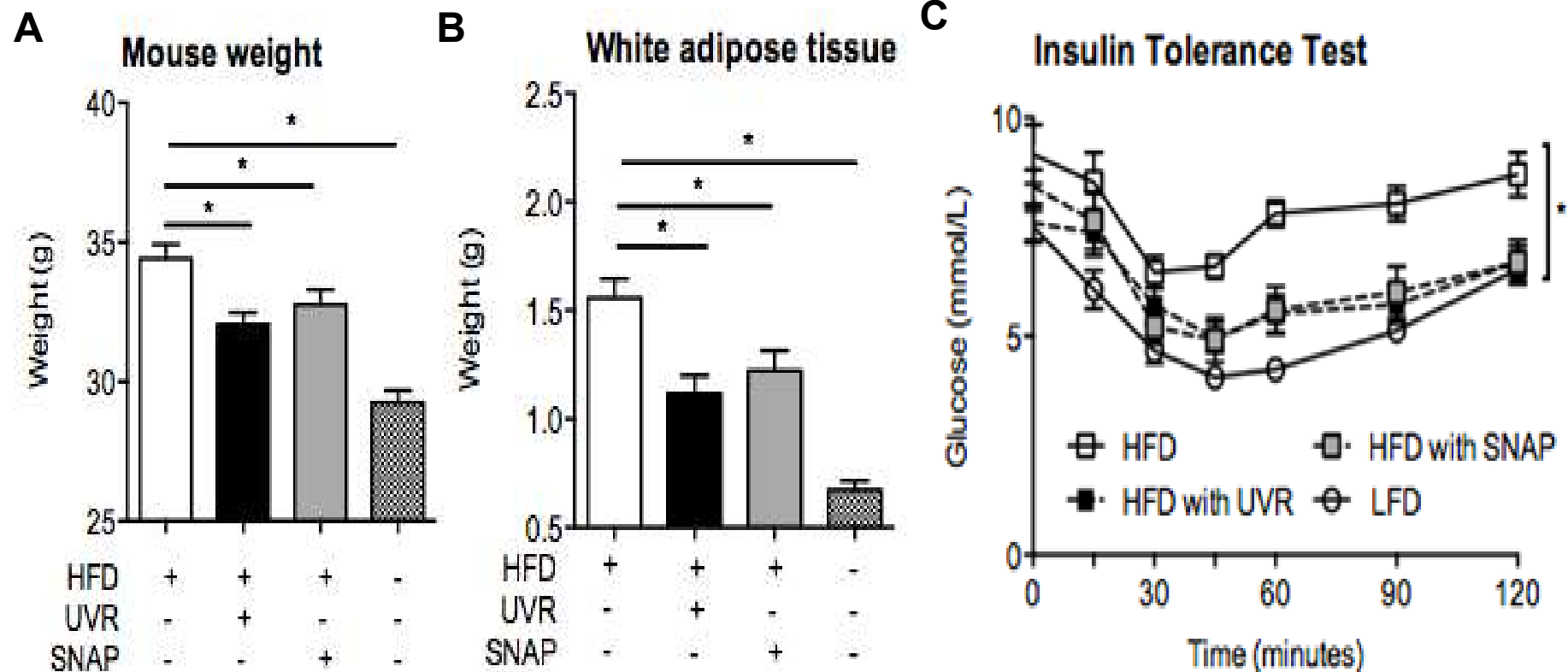


D Gonadal fat pad



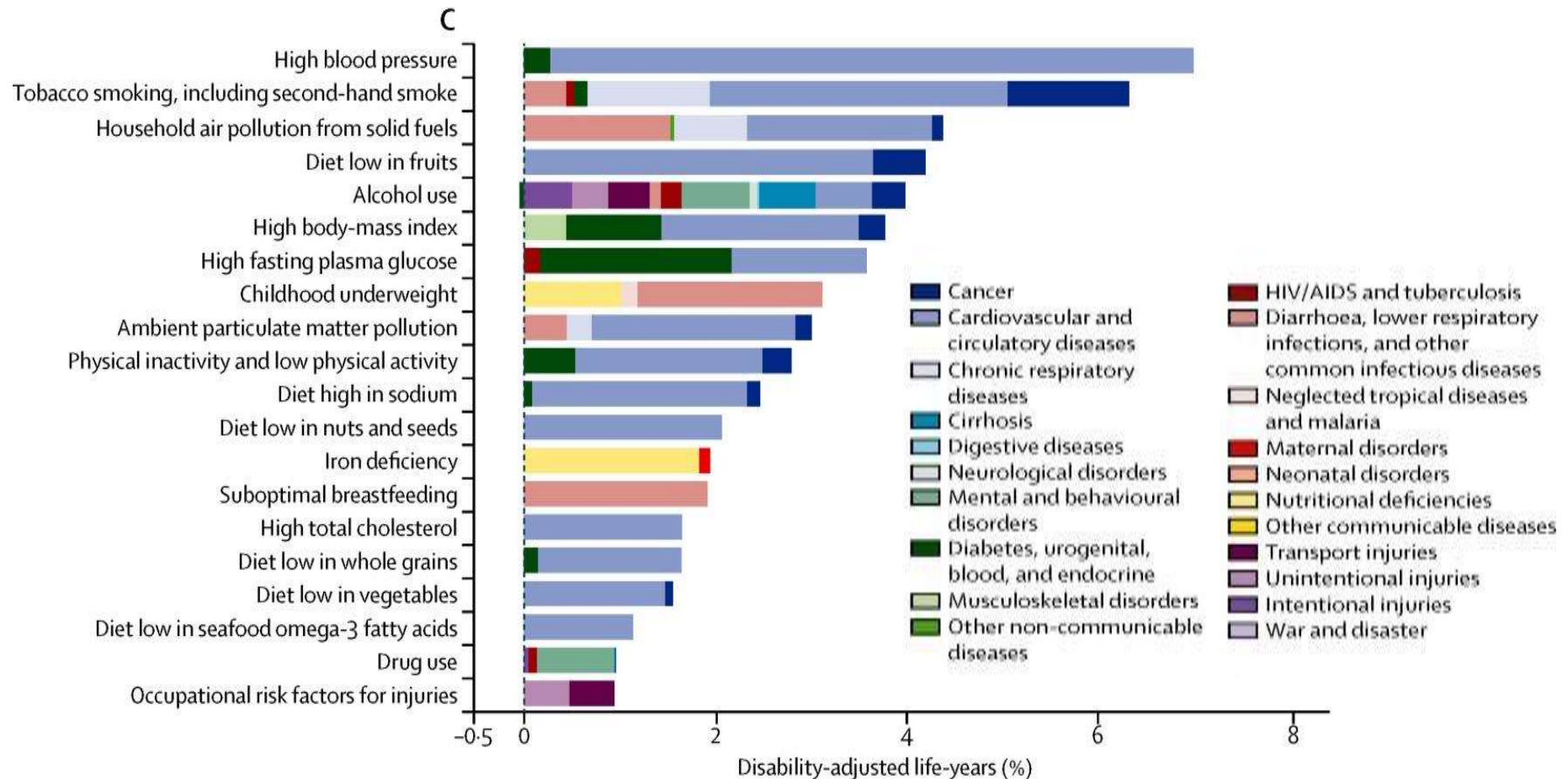
- UV (erythemal or sub-erythemal) reduces metabolic syndrome
- Vitamin D independent.

UVR or topical NO limit weight gain and ITT impairment



Global burden of disease

Top 20 risk factors in 2010



...but what about skin cancer?

Skin cancer as a marker of sun exposure associates with myocardial infarction, hip fracture and death from any cause

Peter Brøndum-Jacobsen,^{1,3} Børge G Nordestgaard,^{1,3} Sune F Nielsen¹ and Marianne Benn^{2,3*}

- Entire Danish population aged > 40
- 1990-2006.
- 4.4 million individuals
- Confounders
 - Occupation
 - Education
- Exposures
 - NMSC
 - MM
- Outcomes
 - MI
 - Hip fracture
 - Death

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Non-melanoma skin cancer.

OR all cause death.	0.96 (0.95-0.97)
OR MI	0.87 (0.85-0.9)

Avoidance of sun exposure is a risk factor for all-cause mortality: results from the Melanoma in Southern Sweden cohort

■ P. G. Lindqvist¹, E. Epstein², M. Landin-Olsson³, C. Ingvar⁴, K. Nielsen⁵, M. Stenbeck⁶ & H. Olsson⁷

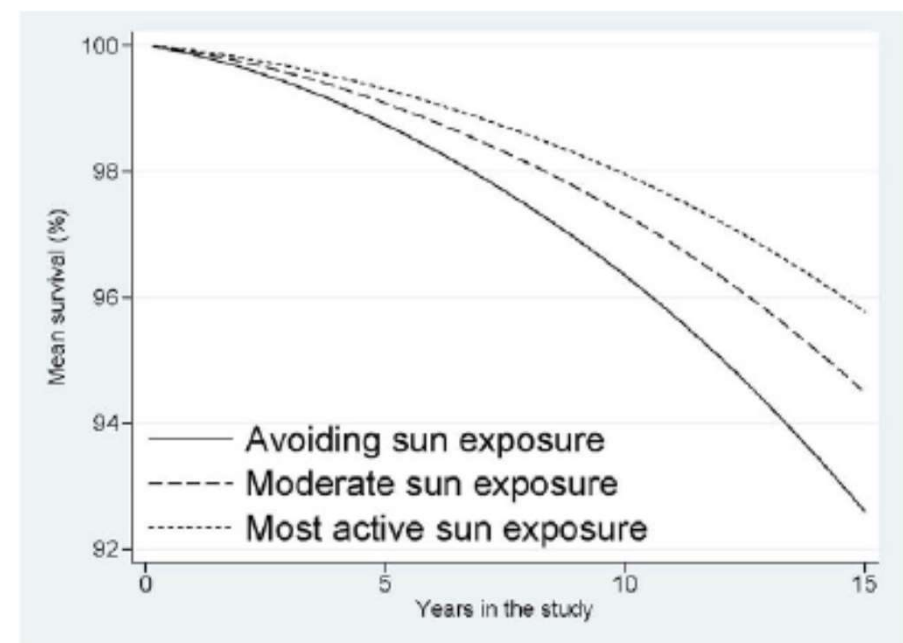
- 30,000 Swedish Women
- 20 years follow up
- Sun habits
 - Sun bed use
 - Summer sunbathing
 - Winter sunbathing
 - Foreign hols
- Confounders
 - Marital status
 - Education
 - Income
 - Smoking
 - Alcohol
 - Pregnancies
 - Comorbidity
 - DM/Anticoag/ CVS
 - BMI
 - Exercise

Sun exposure	Alive	Dead	HR	95%CI
0	1352	364	1	Ref
1	6229	771	0.8	0.7-0.9
2	8384	782	0.71	0.6-0.8
3	8081	508	0.61	0.5-0.7
4	2927	115	0.53	0.4-0.7

	Women alive	Women dead	Model 1	
			HR	95% CI
<u>Use of sunbeds?*</u>				
No	11,117	1,825	1.0	ref
Yes	12,856	720	0.77	0.7-0.8

Lindqvist et al. J Internal Med. 2014

Lindqvist et al. J Internal Med. 2016



Reduced Melanoma After Regular Sunscreen Use: Randomized Trial Follow-Up

Adèle C. Green, Gail M. Williams, Valerie Logan, and Geoffrey M. Strutton

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INTRODUCTION

The need for more effective prevention of melanoma is recognized around the world as climbing incidence and high mortality in white populations persist.¹⁻³ In the United States, approximately 68,700 new melanoma occurrences and more than 8,600 deaths were expected to occur in 2009.⁴ Exposure to solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation is the only established modifiable cause of melanoma.^{5,6}



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Results

Ten years after trial cessation, 11 new primary melanomas had been identified in the daily sunscreen group, and 22 had been identified in the discretionary group, which represented a reduction of the observed rate in those randomly assigned to daily sunscreen use (hazard ratio [HR], 0.50; 95% CI, 0.24 to 1.02; $P = .051$). The reduction in invasive melanomas was substantial ($n = 3$ in active v 11 in control group; HR, 0.27; 95% CI, 0.08 to 0.97) compared with that for preinvasive melanomas (HR, 0.73; 95% CI, 0.29 to 1.81).

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...**an ambitious and unique study**: it was conducted in a region with the highest rate of skin cancer in the world, had a follow-up period of 10 years after the trial, and achieved relatively high rates of compliance among the participants assigned to the group using sunscreen.⁴

[Gimotty](#) and [Glanz](#) JCO 2010.

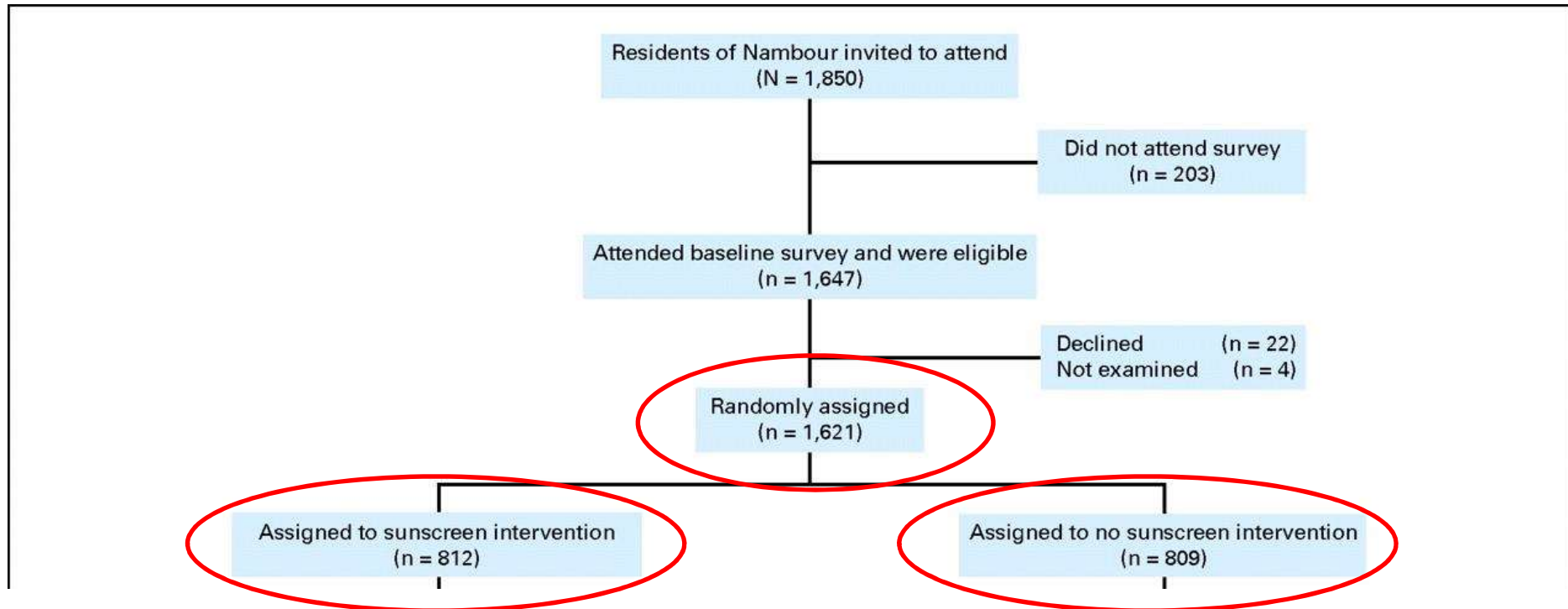
.....this **carefully executed** and **ambitious** study is **commendable**.....

Hensin Tsao. NEJM Journal Watch 2011

unprecedented and is **not likely to be replicated** given the magnitude of the study, the long-term follow-up, and the high rate of compliance of participants.

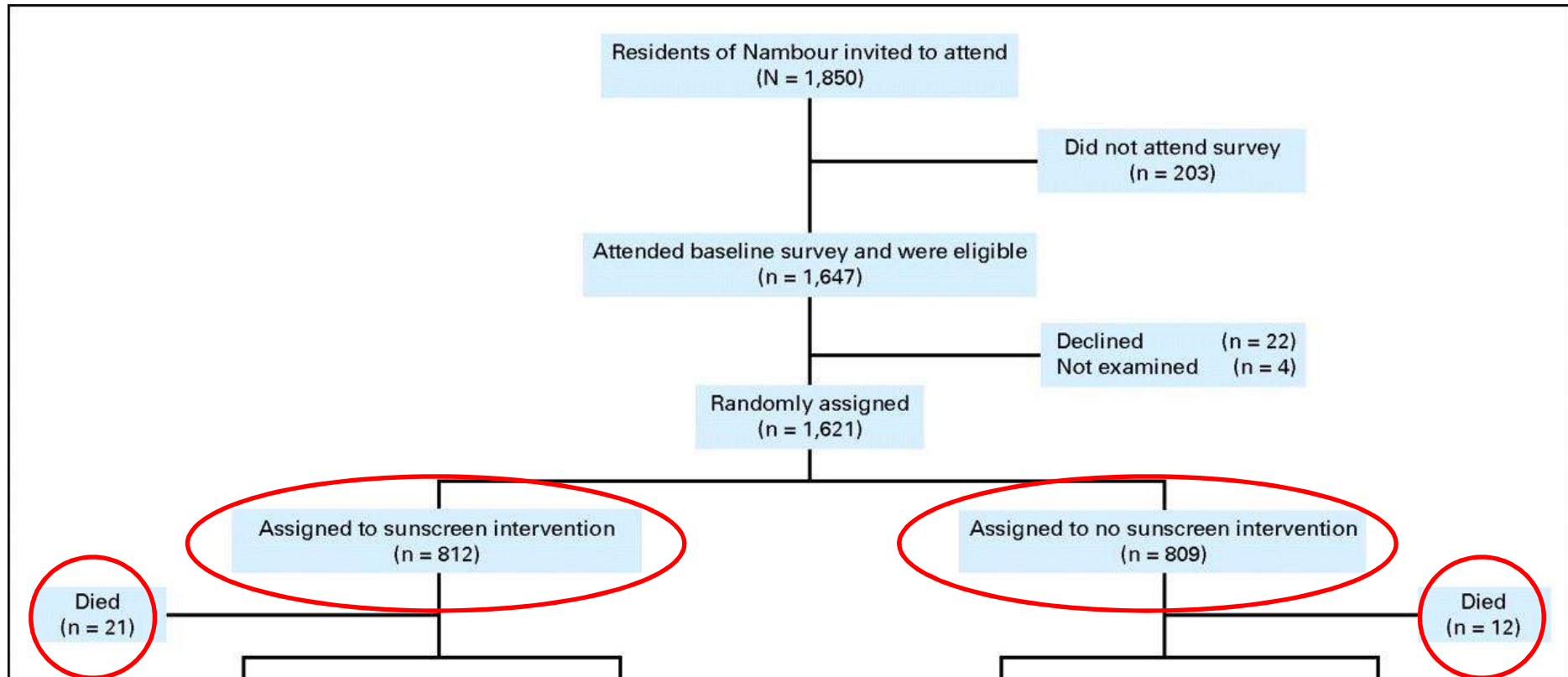
Bigby and Kim. Arch Derm. 2011

Nambour Skin Cancer Prevention Trial follow-up profile.



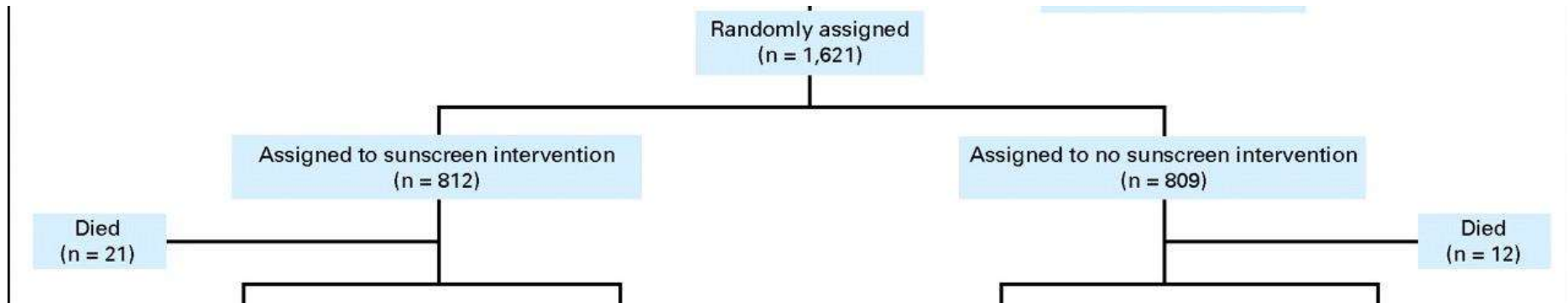
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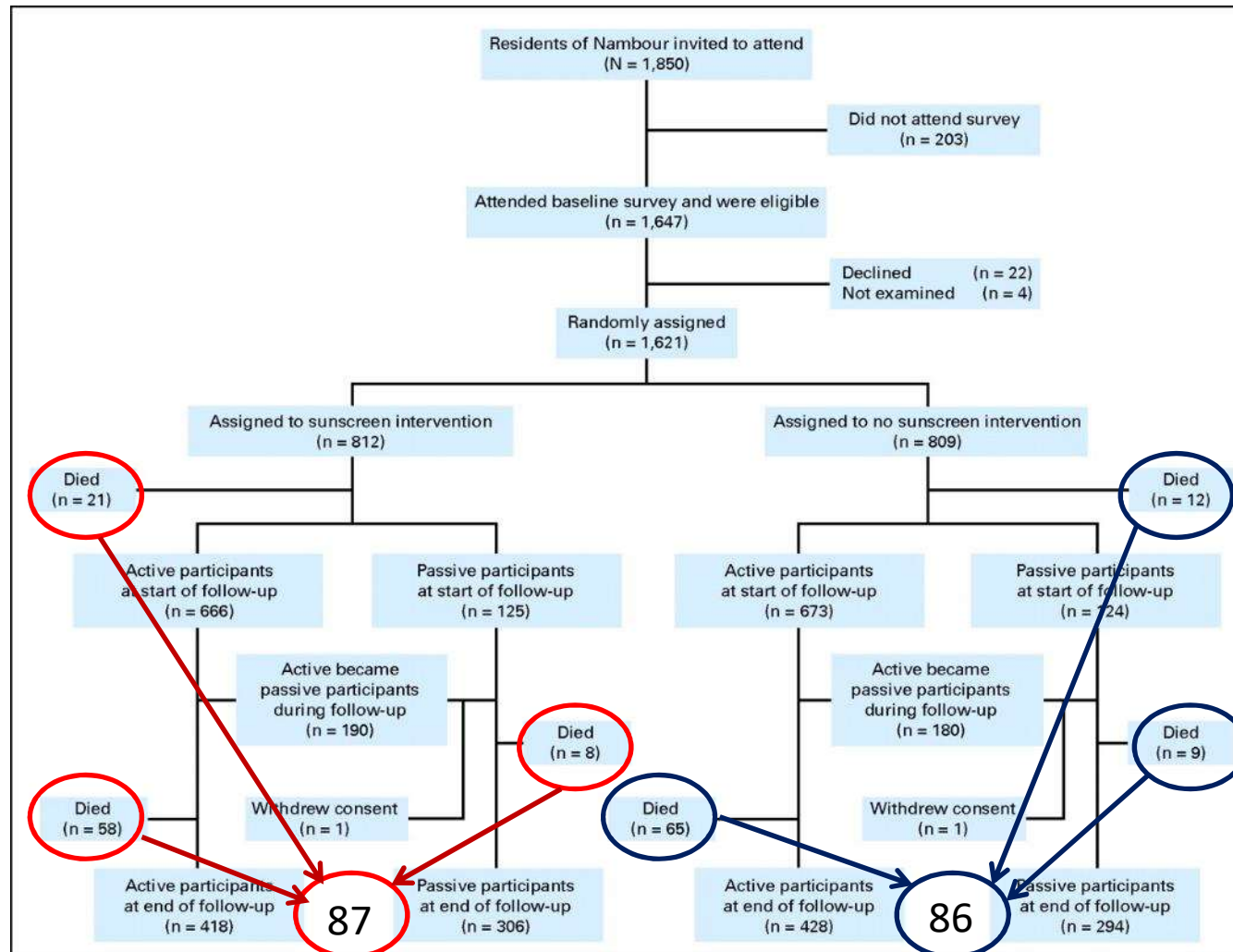
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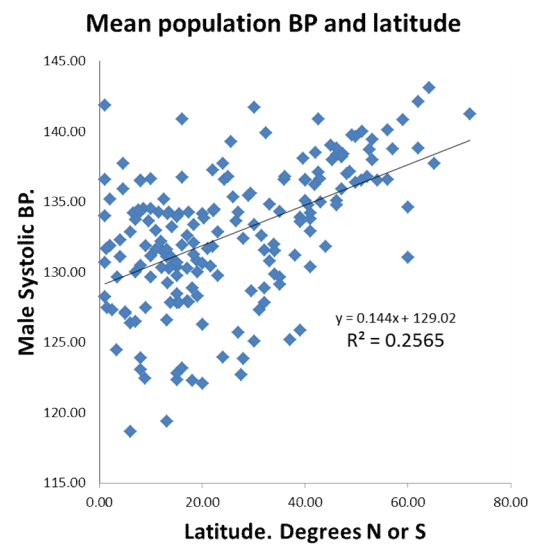


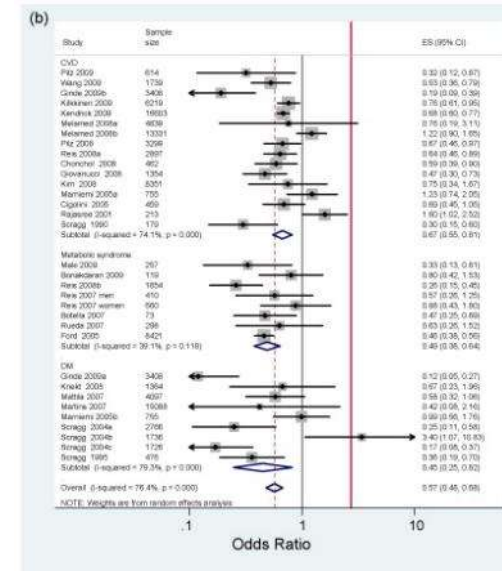
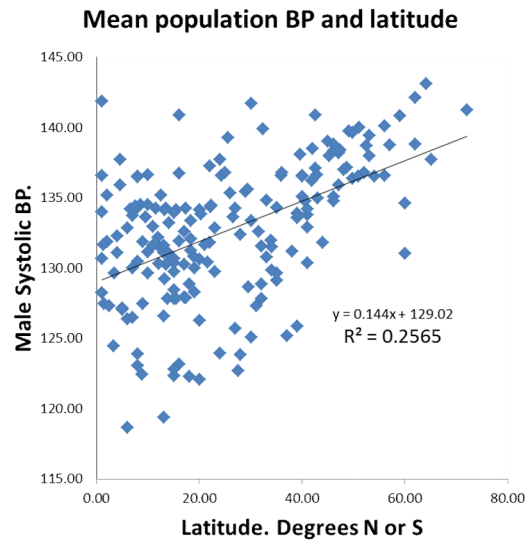
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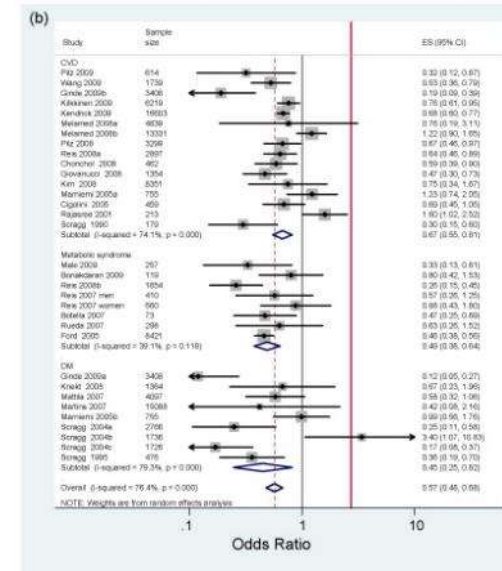
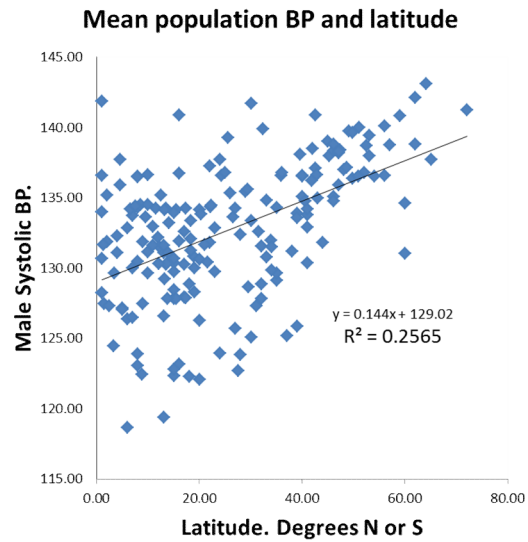


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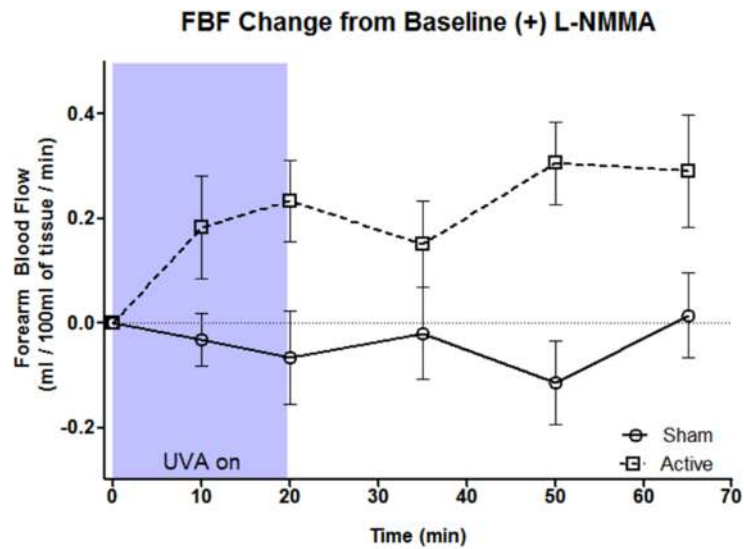




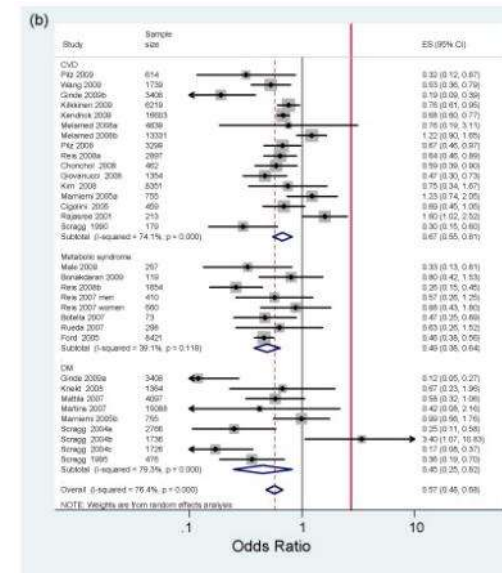
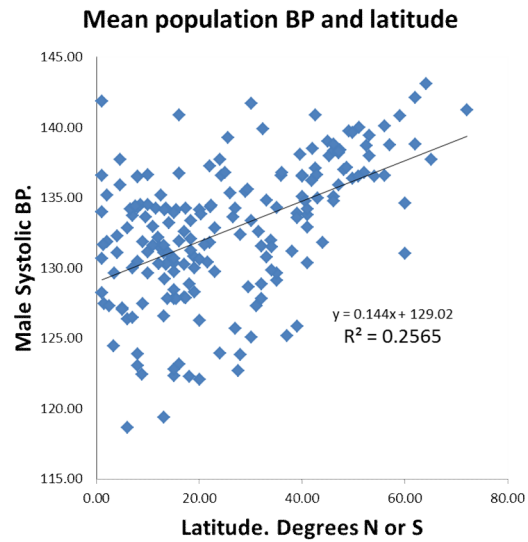
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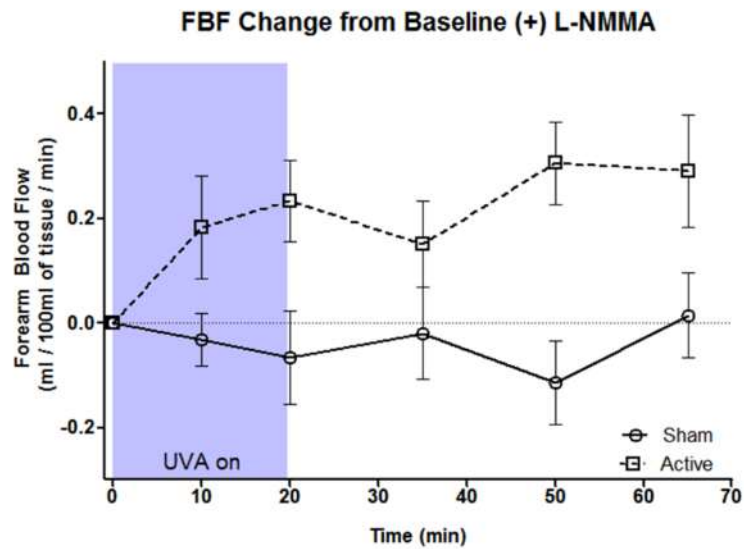
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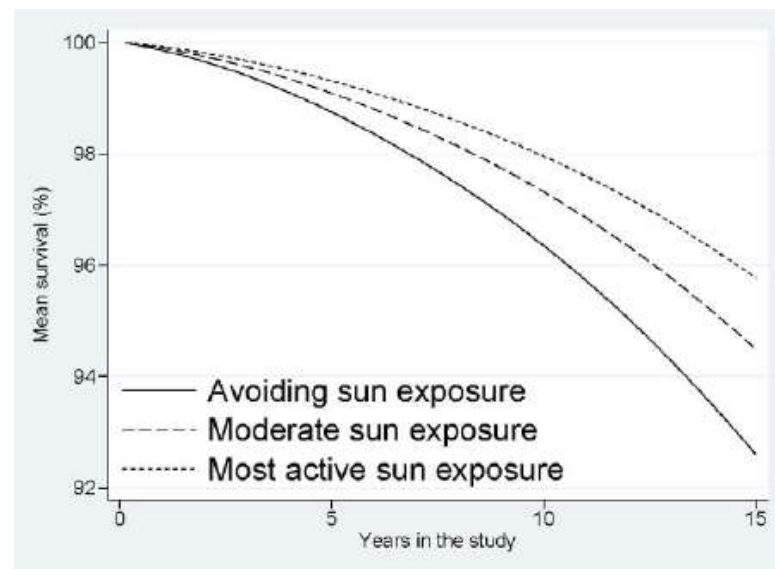
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The Edinburgh message

“....when you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, *however improbable*, must be the truth.”

(Sherlock Holmes: The Sign of Four)



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- Sunlight has health benefits.
- Vitamin D only accounts for some of these.
- 'All cause mortality' trumps skin cancer



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