



脂肪肝的西醫藥治療

Western medicine treatment on fatty liver

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Fatty liver



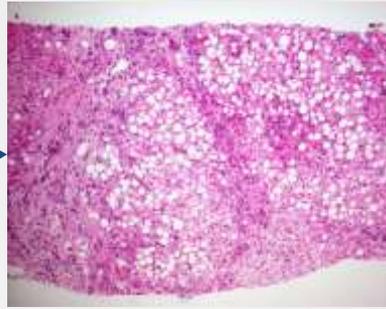
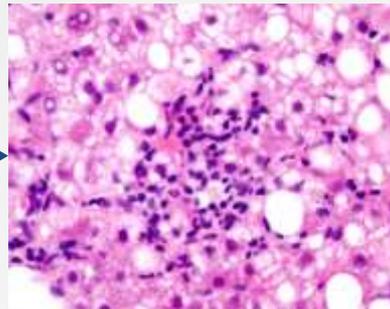
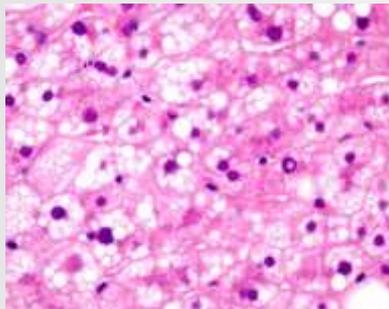
Less common causes:

Drugs (e.g. methotrexate, steroids)

Rapid weight loss

Acute fatty liver of pregnancy

Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) The spectrum of disease

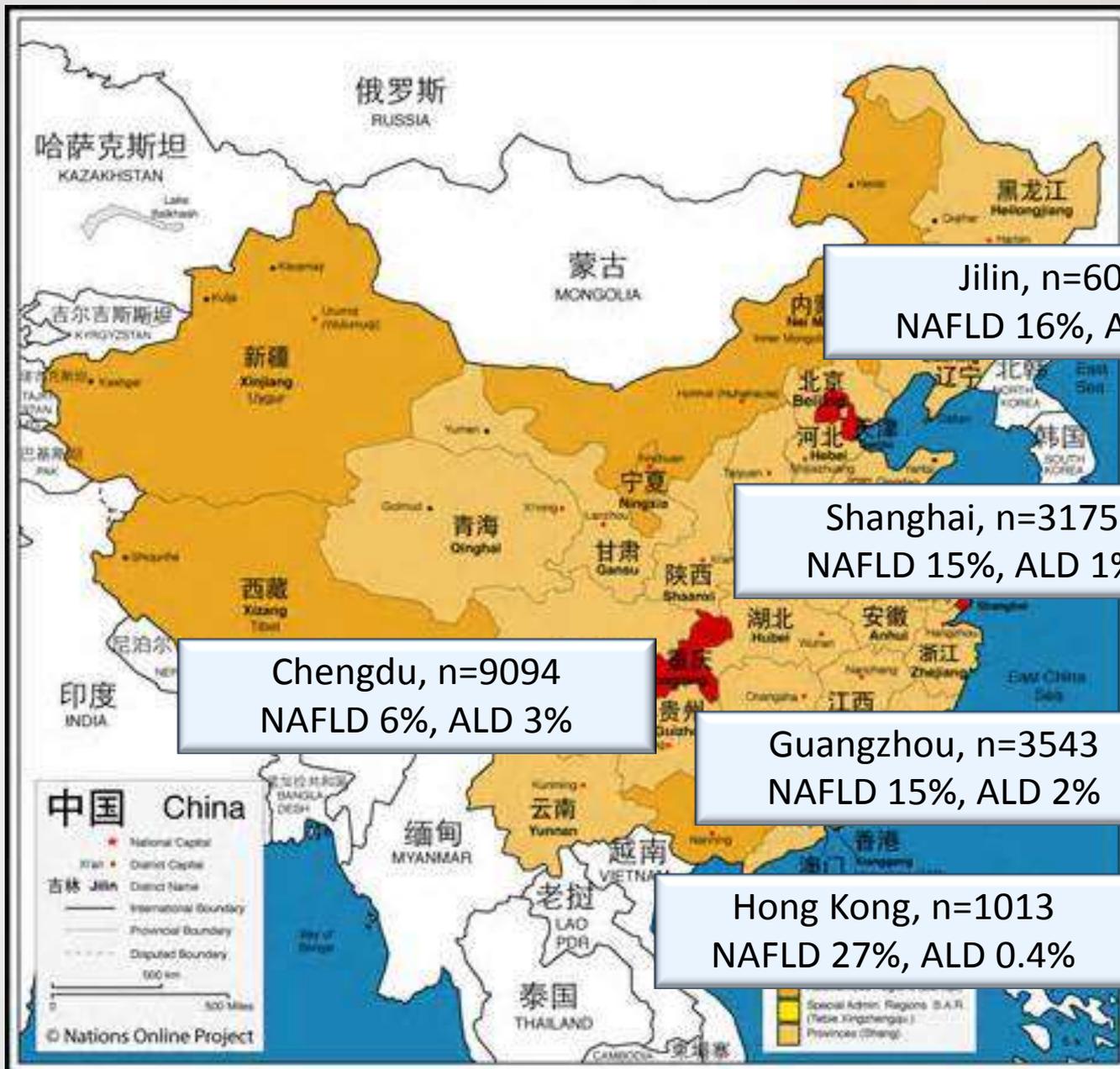


Non-alcoholic
fatty liver
(NAFL)

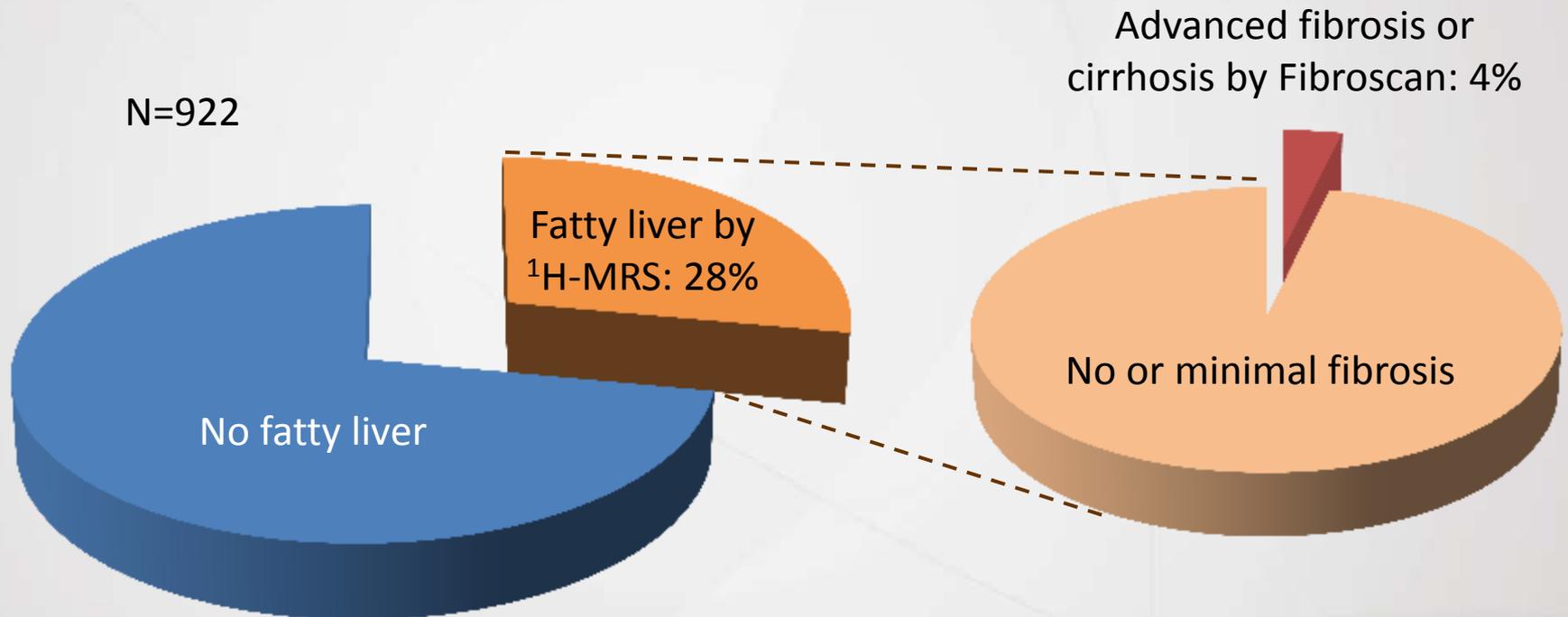
Non-alcoholic
steatohepatitis
(NASH)

Progressive
liver fibrosis

Cirrhosis

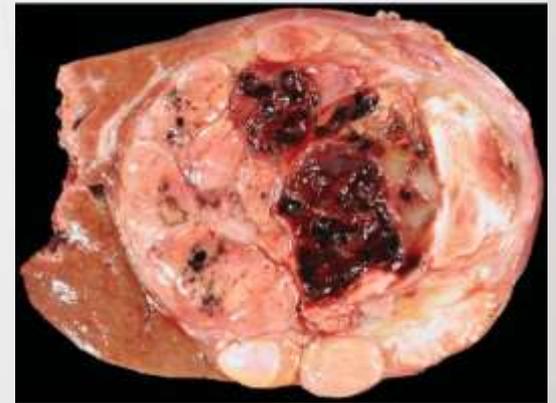
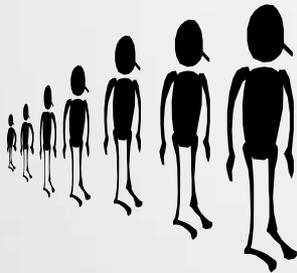
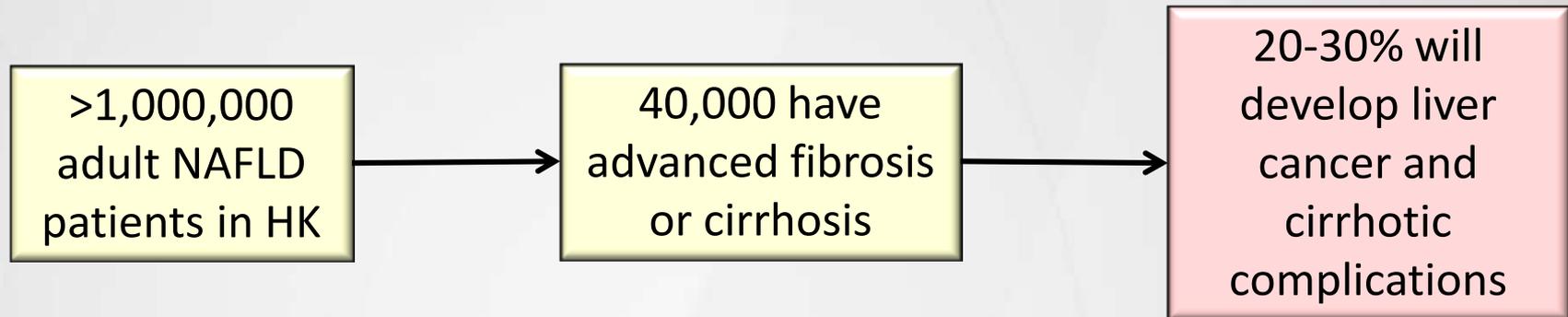


The HK-MRS Study



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Public health implications

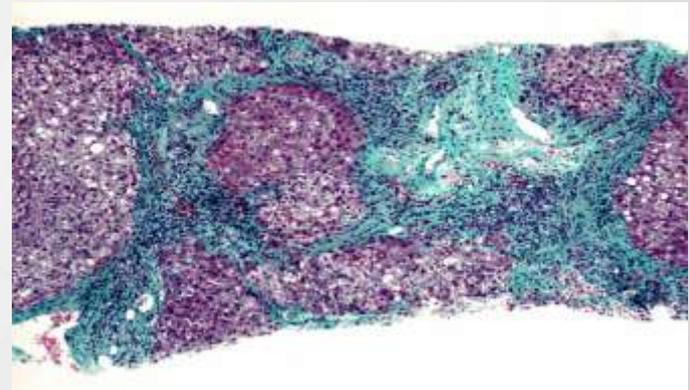
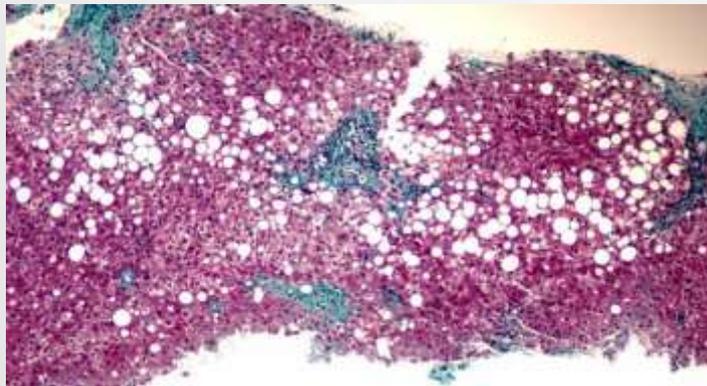
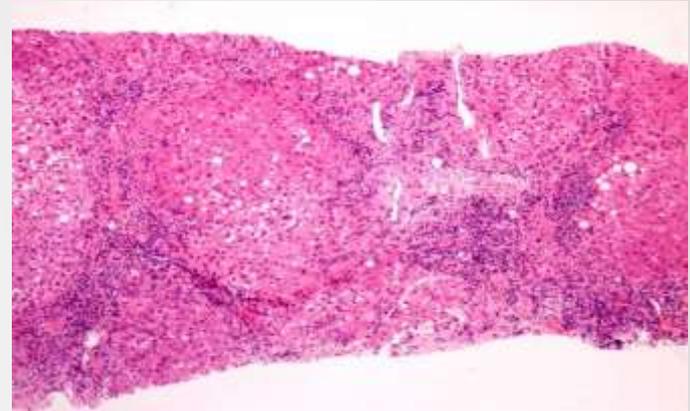
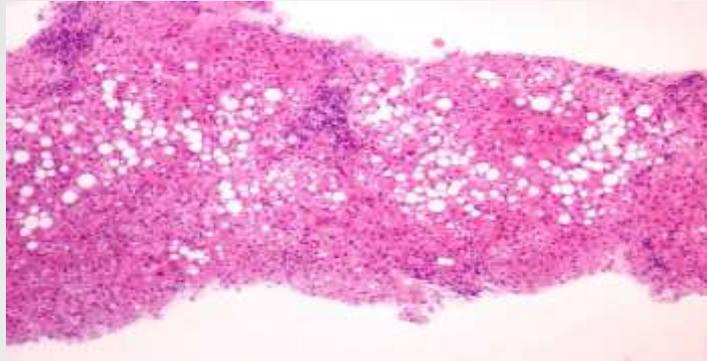


Fibrosis progression in NAFLD

| Year 3 | F0 | F1 | F2 | F3 | F4 | Total |
|----------|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Baseline | | | | | | |
| F0 | 17 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 26 |
| F1 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 17 |
| F2 | | | | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| F3 | | | | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| F4 | | | | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 28 | 15 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 52 |

1/4 patients had increased liver fibrosis

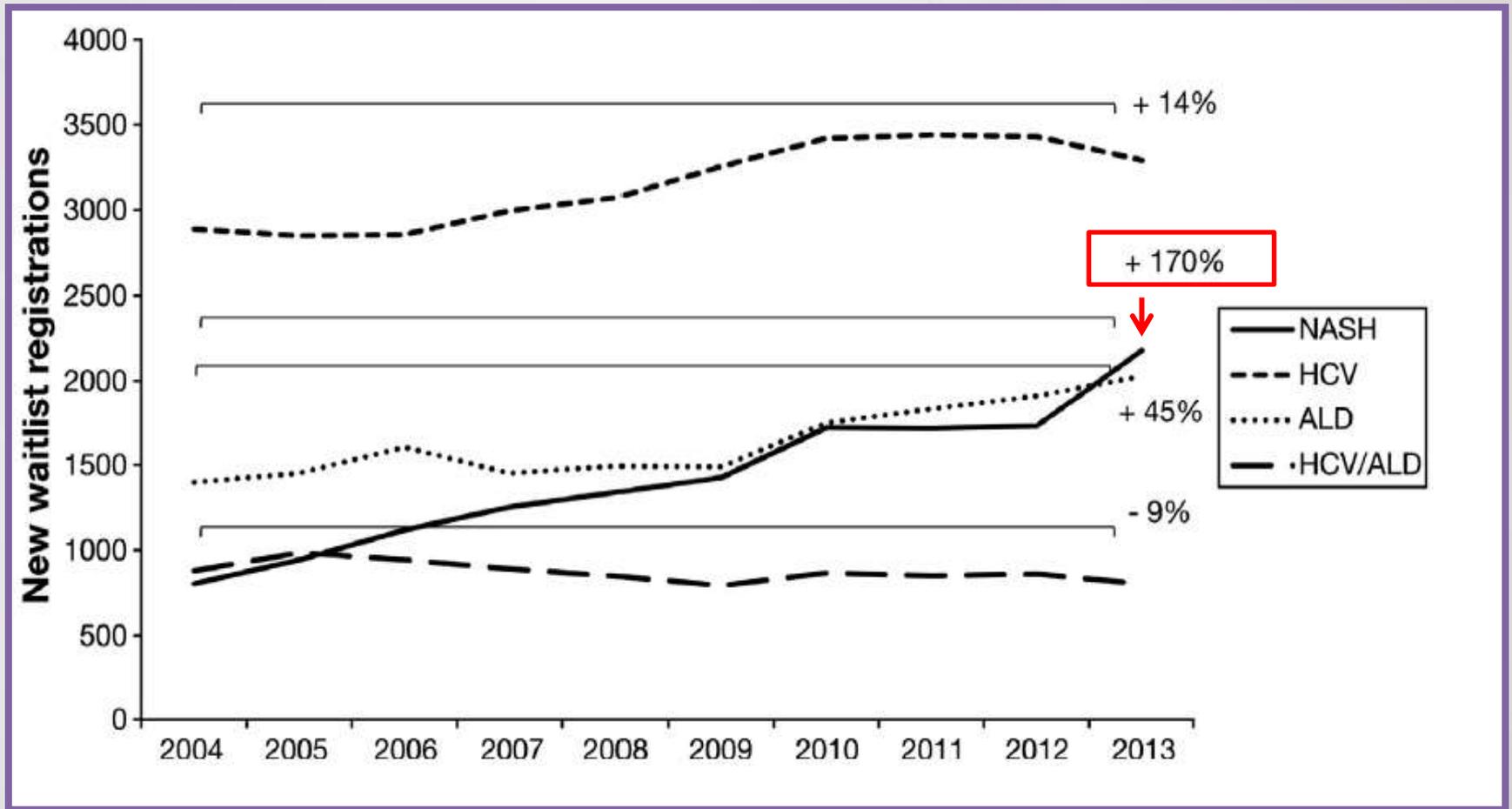
Histological progression of NAFLD



First Liver Biopsy

Second Liver Biopsy

Fatty liver has become the 2nd leading indication for liver transplantation in USA

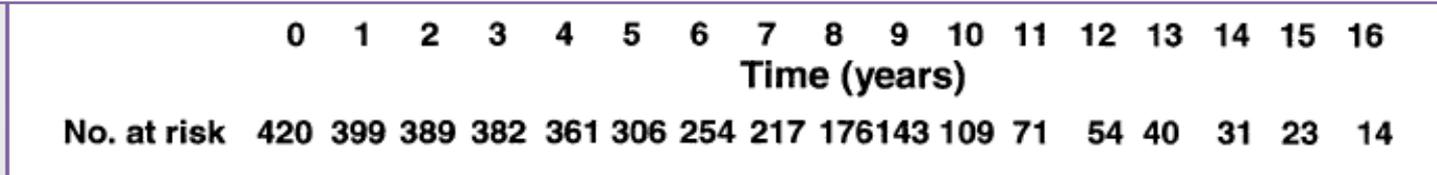


Mortality of NAFLD patients

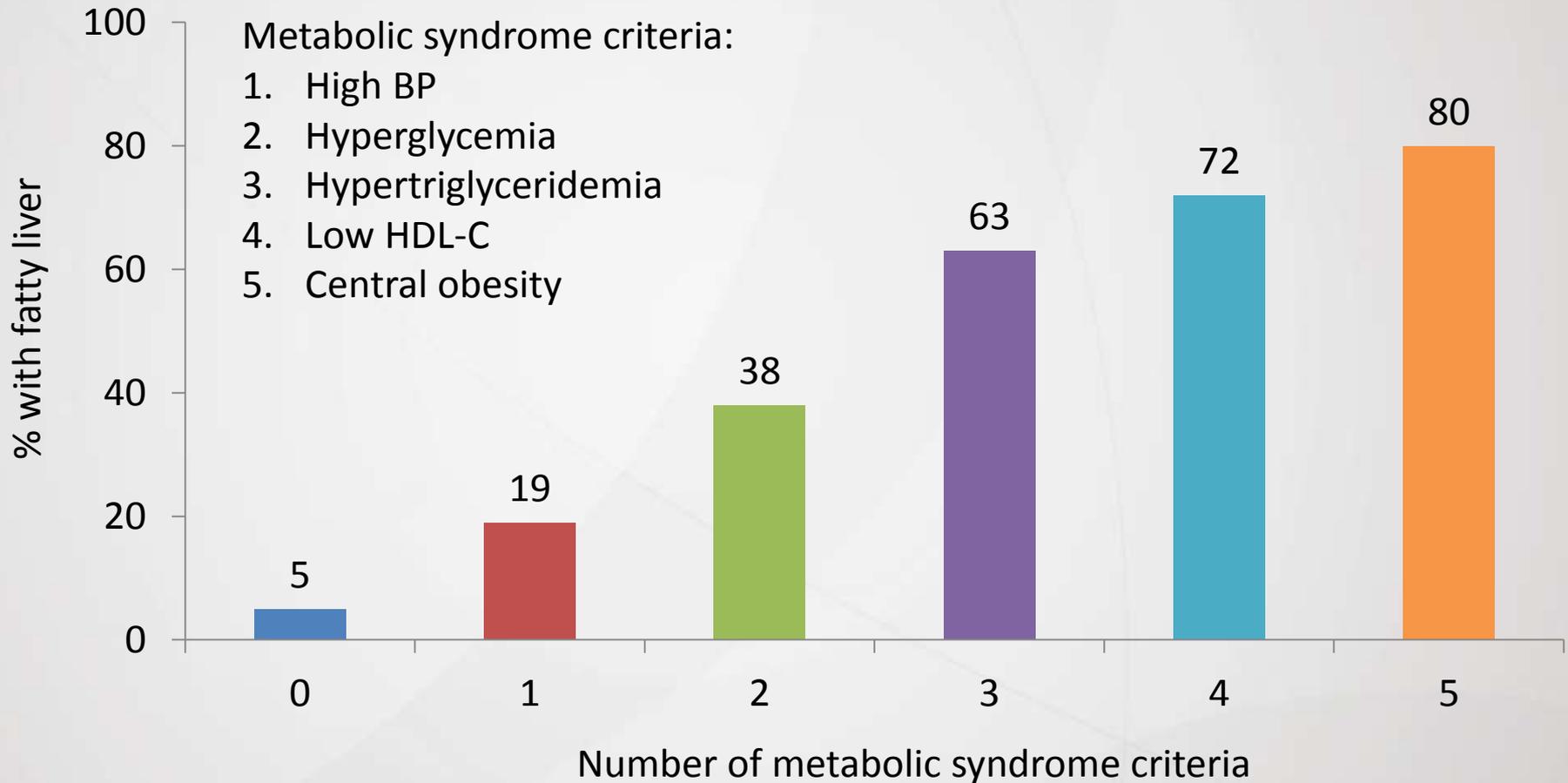


Causes of death (rank)

| | Normal population | NAFLD patients |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Malignancy | 1 | 1 |
| CVS disease | 2 | 2 |
| Liver disease | 13 | 3 |



Metabolic syndrome and fatty liver

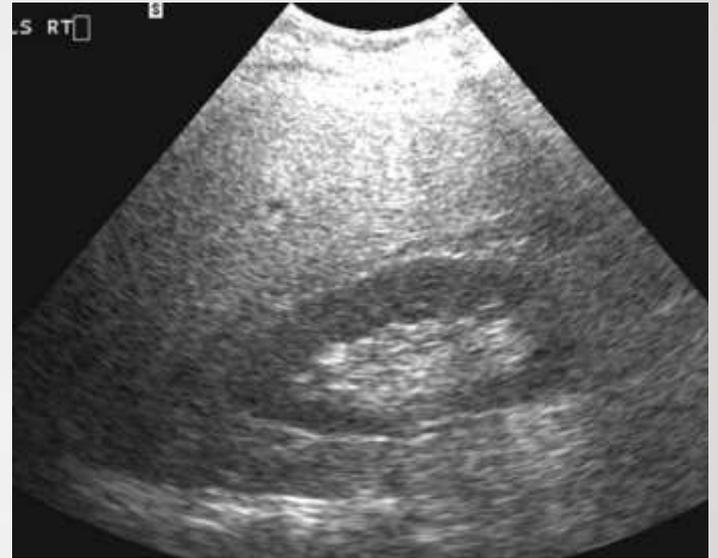


Investigations for suspected NAFLD

- Confirm the diagnosis
- Assess disease severity
- Associated cardiometabolic diseases

Diagnosis

- Bright liver under ultrasound
- Liver enzymes can be normal in >half of cases
- Exclude other liver diseases (e.g. viral hepatitis)

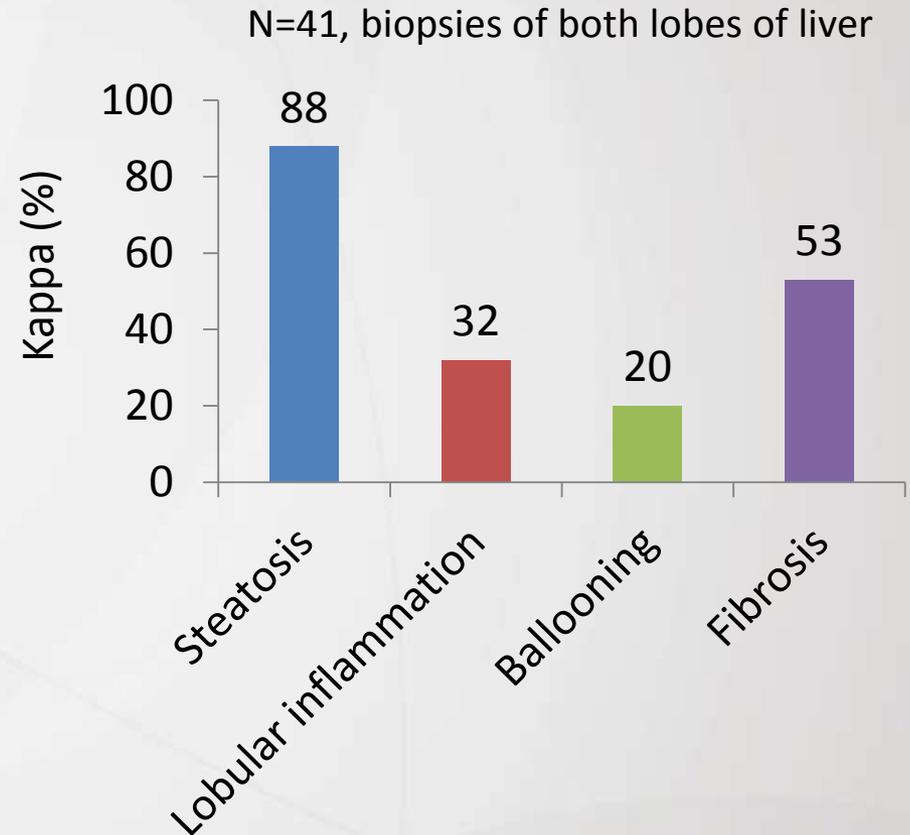


Diagnostic workup

- Minimal workup: HBsAg, anti-HCV
- Alcohol and drug history
- Less common liver diseases according to clinical presentation and local epidemiology

Problems of liver biopsy for the evaluation of NAFLD

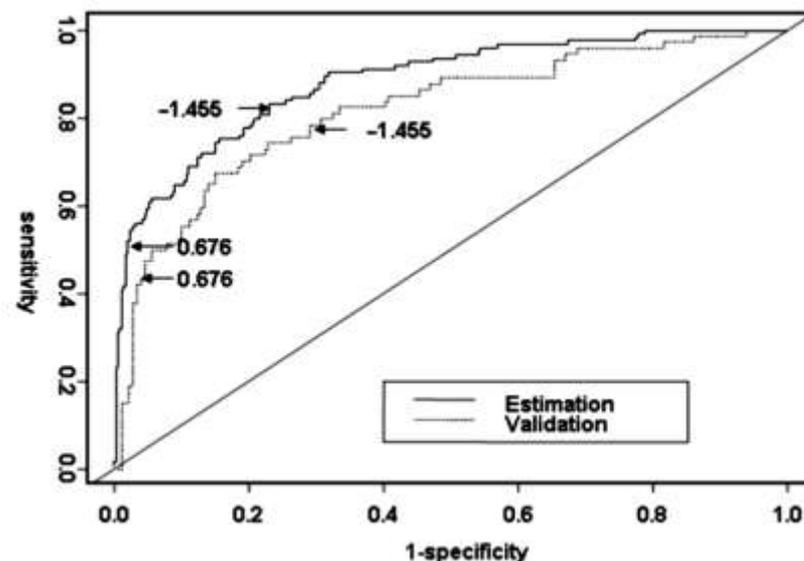
- Contraindications
 - Bleeding tendency
 - Ascites
- Complications
 - Pain
 - Bleeding
- Sampling error



NAFLD fibrosis score

- Derivation and validation in 733 NAFLD patients
- 6 parameters: age, hyperglycemia, BMI, platelet, albumin, AST/ALT ratio

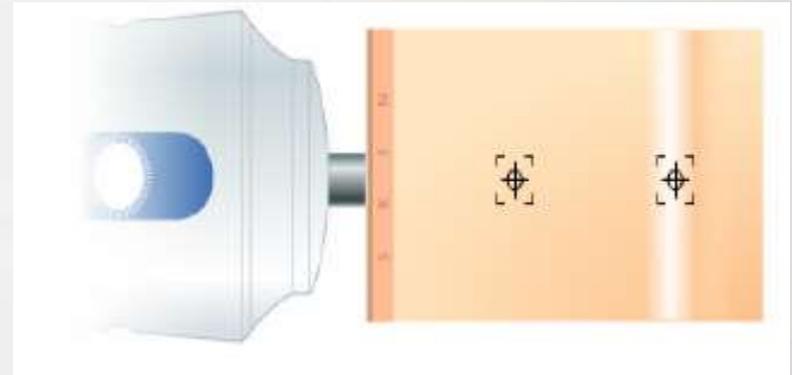
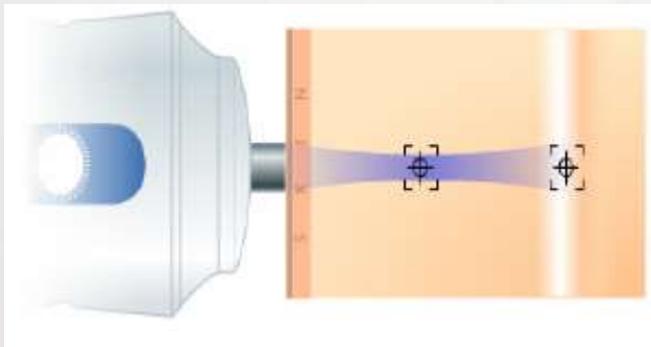
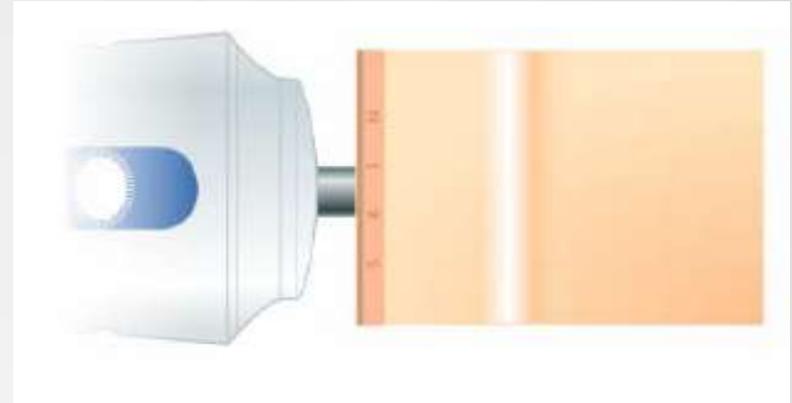
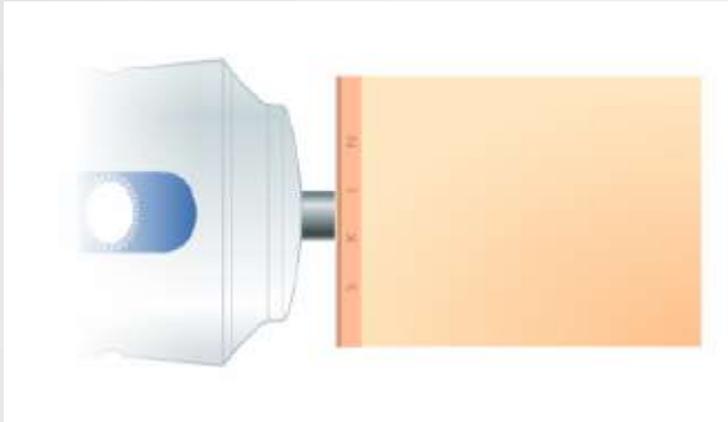
AUROC for F3 disease:
0.88 in estimation group
0.82 in validation group



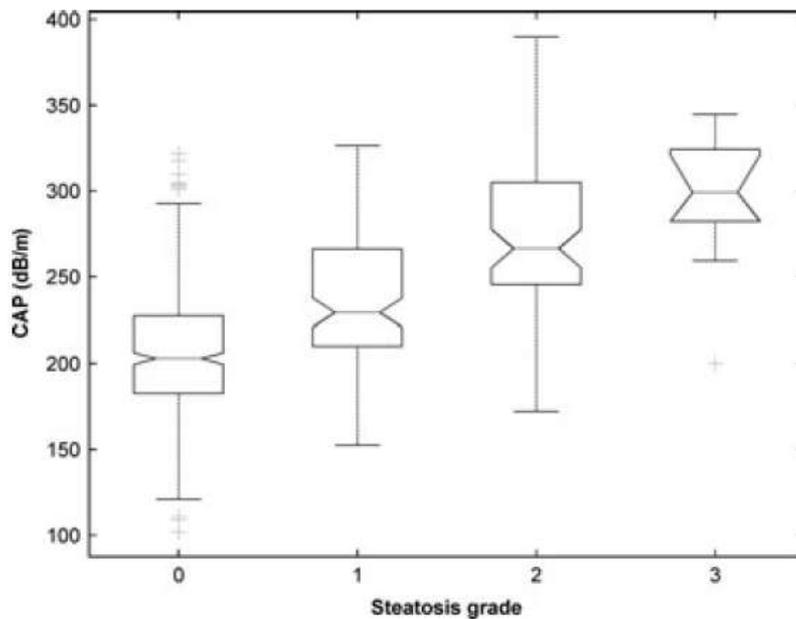
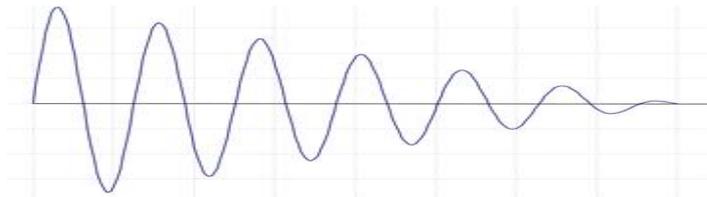
Transient elastography (FibroScan®)



Liver stiffness measurement (LSM)



Controlled attenuation parameter (CAP) and liver fat

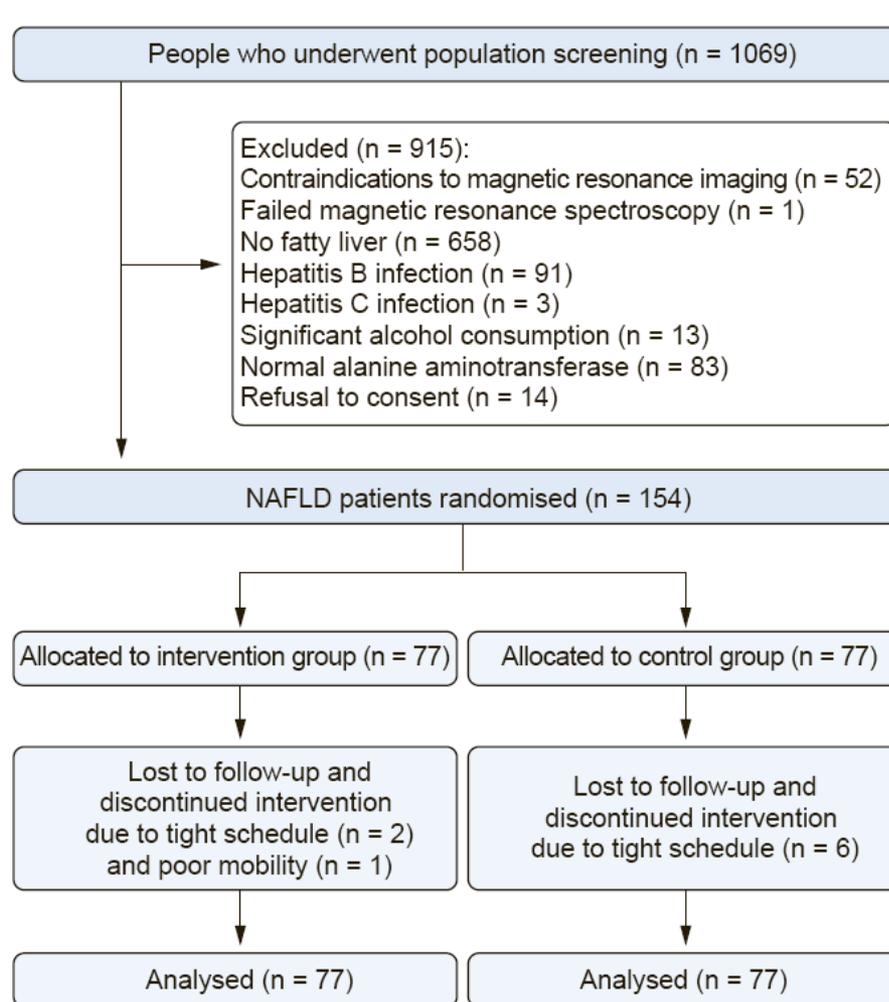


| Steatosis | ≥10% | ≥33% | ≥66% |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| AUROC | 0.80 | 0.86 | 0.88 |
| Cutoff | 222 | 233 | 290 |
| Sensitivity | 76% | 87% | 78% |
| Specificity | 71% | 74% | 93% |

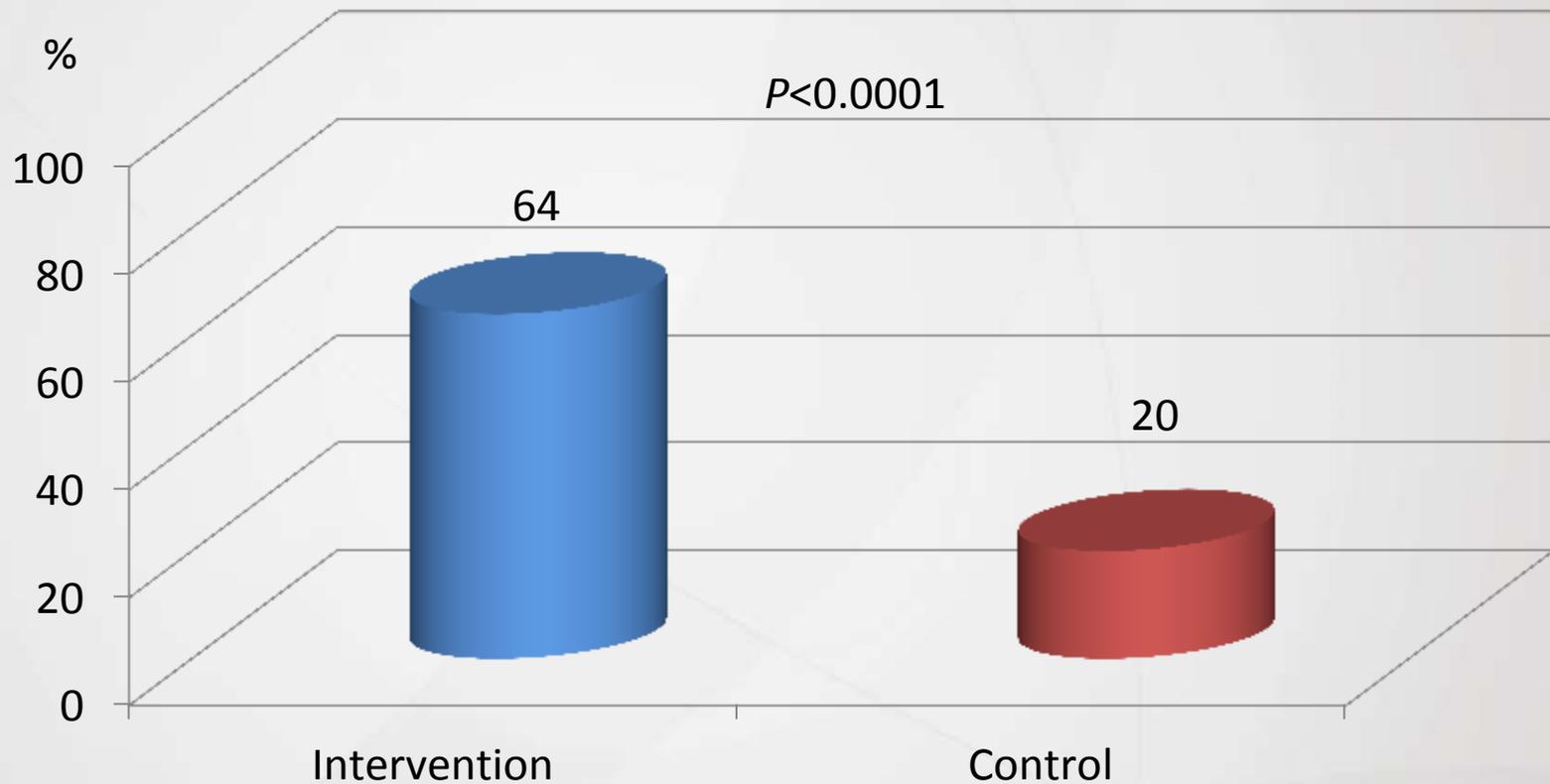
Treatment of NAFLD

- Lifestyle modification, weight reduction
- Treat associated metabolic disorders (statin is safe)
- Pharmacological treatment for NASH
- Bariatric surgery if morbidly obese

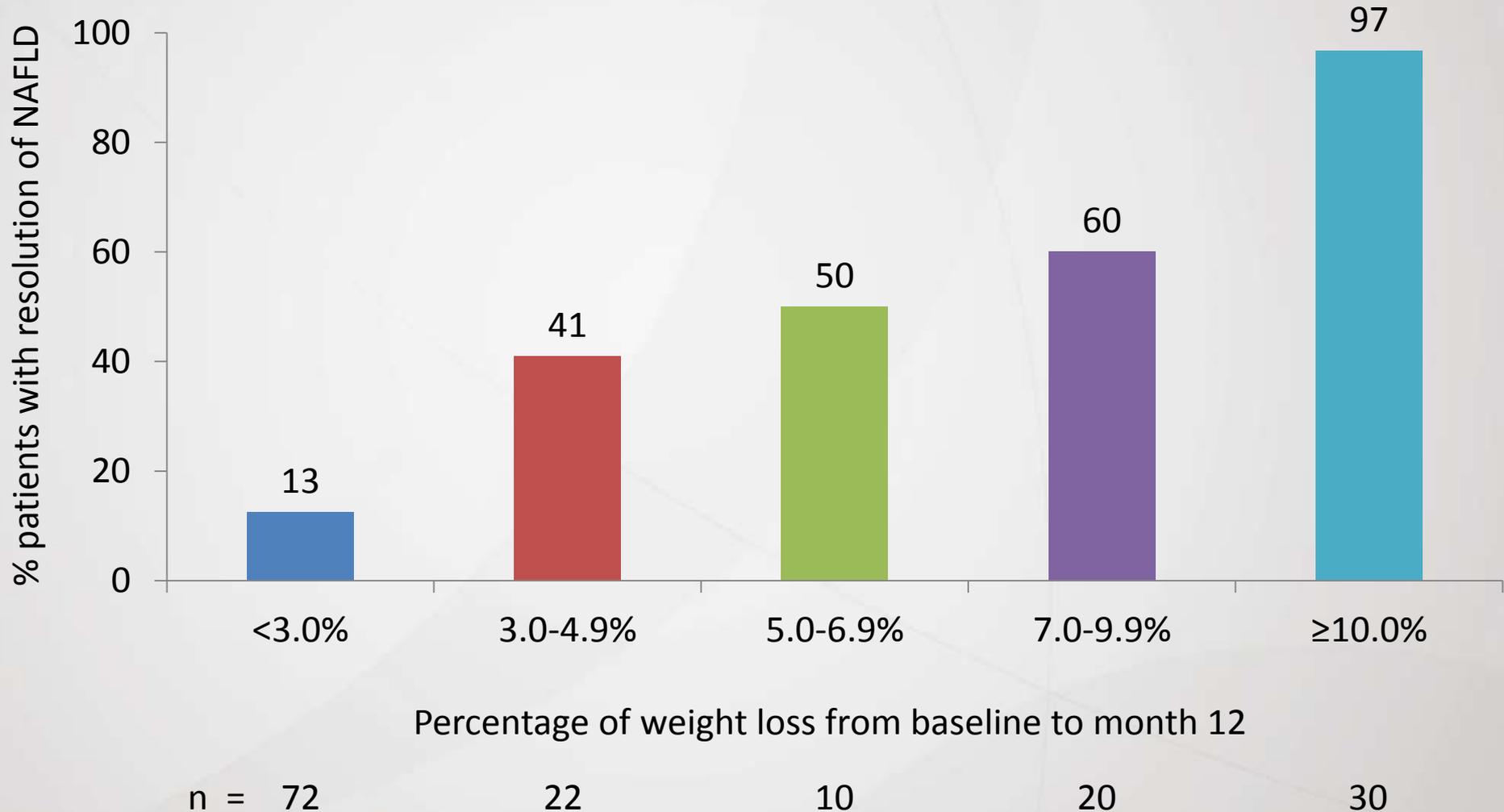
NAFLD-Diet Study



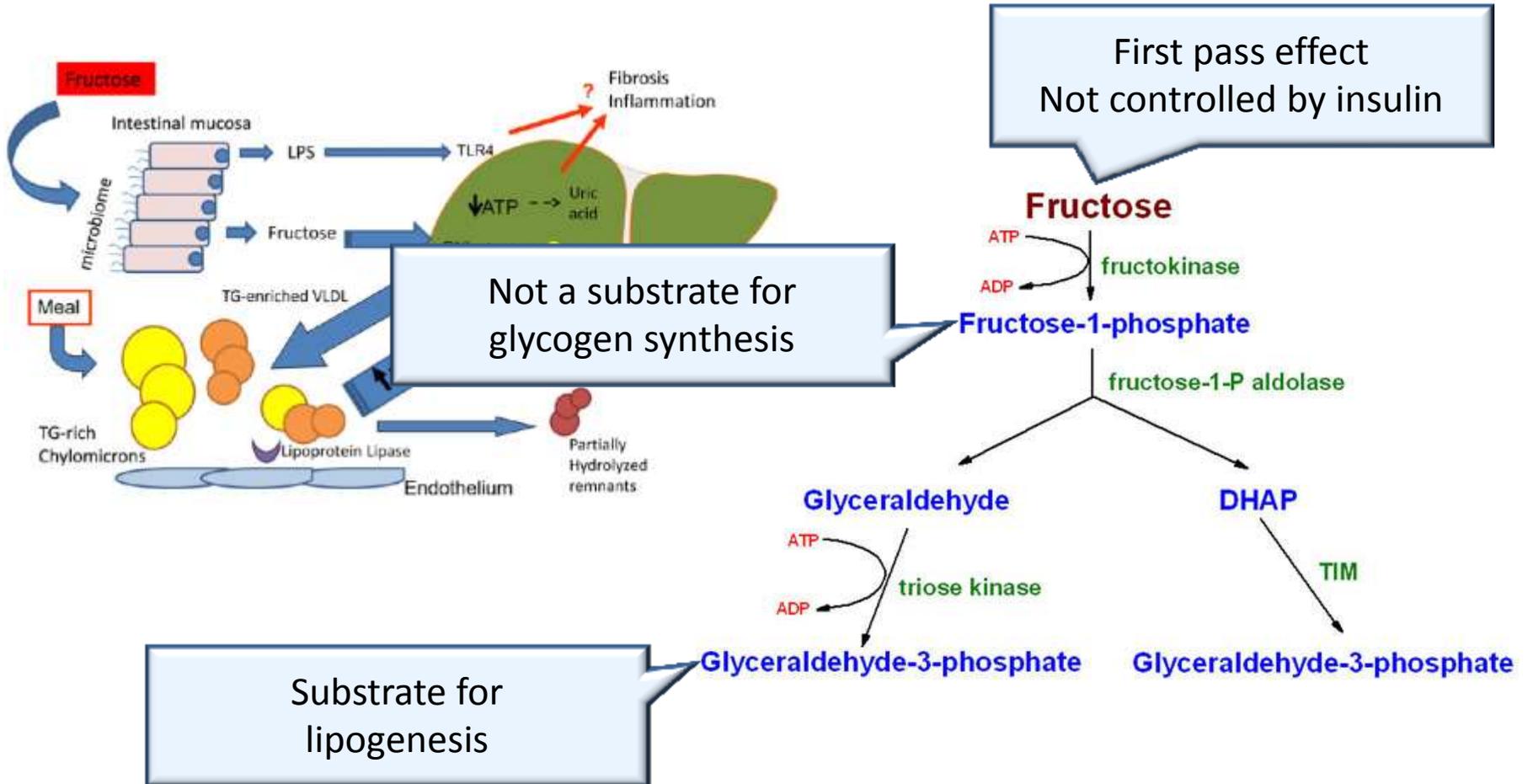
Proportion of patients with resolved NAFLD



Degree of weight loss and remission of NAFLD



Fructose and NAFLD



Pharmacological treatment of NASH

Vitamin E

- Anti-oxidant
- Reduces liver fat and inflammation
- Neutral effects on insulin resistance
- Uncertain effects on the cardiovascular system and malignancy

Pioglitazone

- Insulin sensitizer
- Reduces liver fat and inflammation
- Causes weight gain \pm fluid retention
- May increase the risk of bladder cancer

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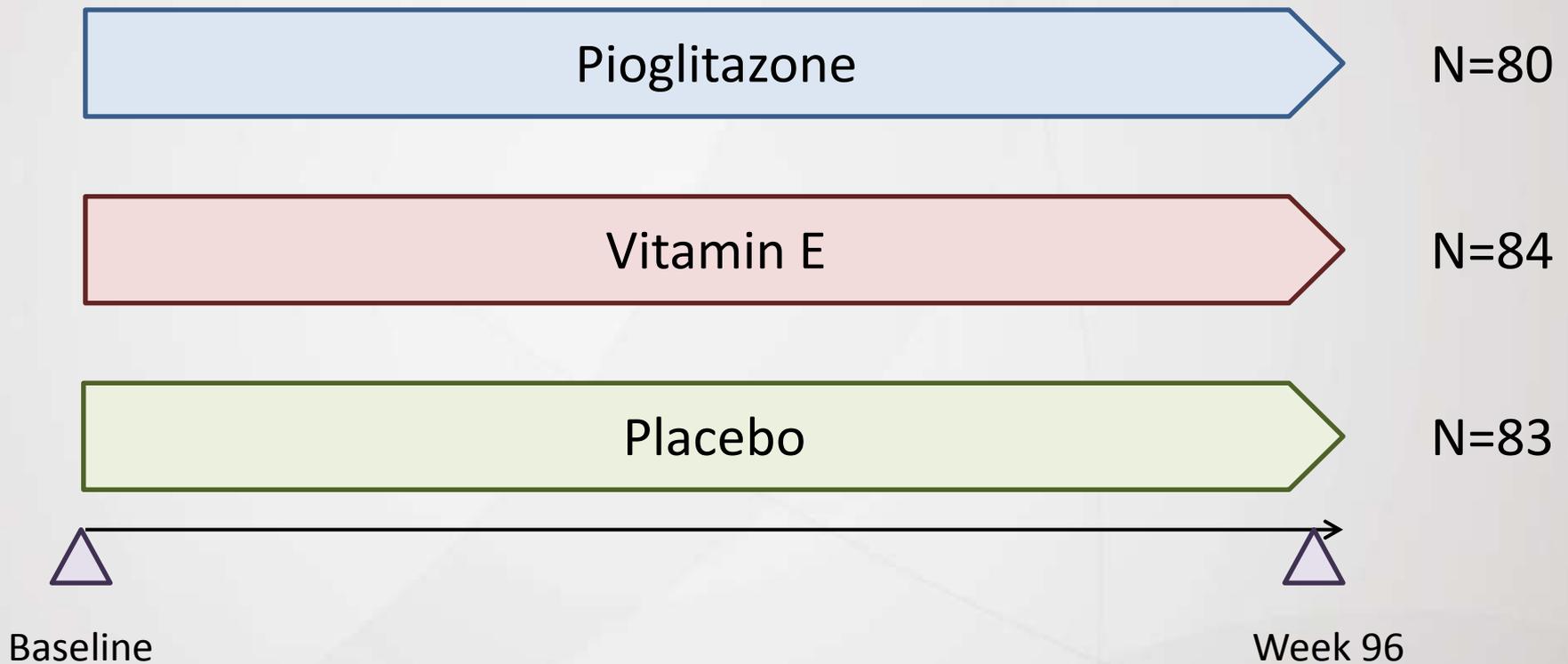
Pioglitazone, Vitamin E, or Placebo for Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis

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PIVENS Study

247 patients with biopsy-proven NASH

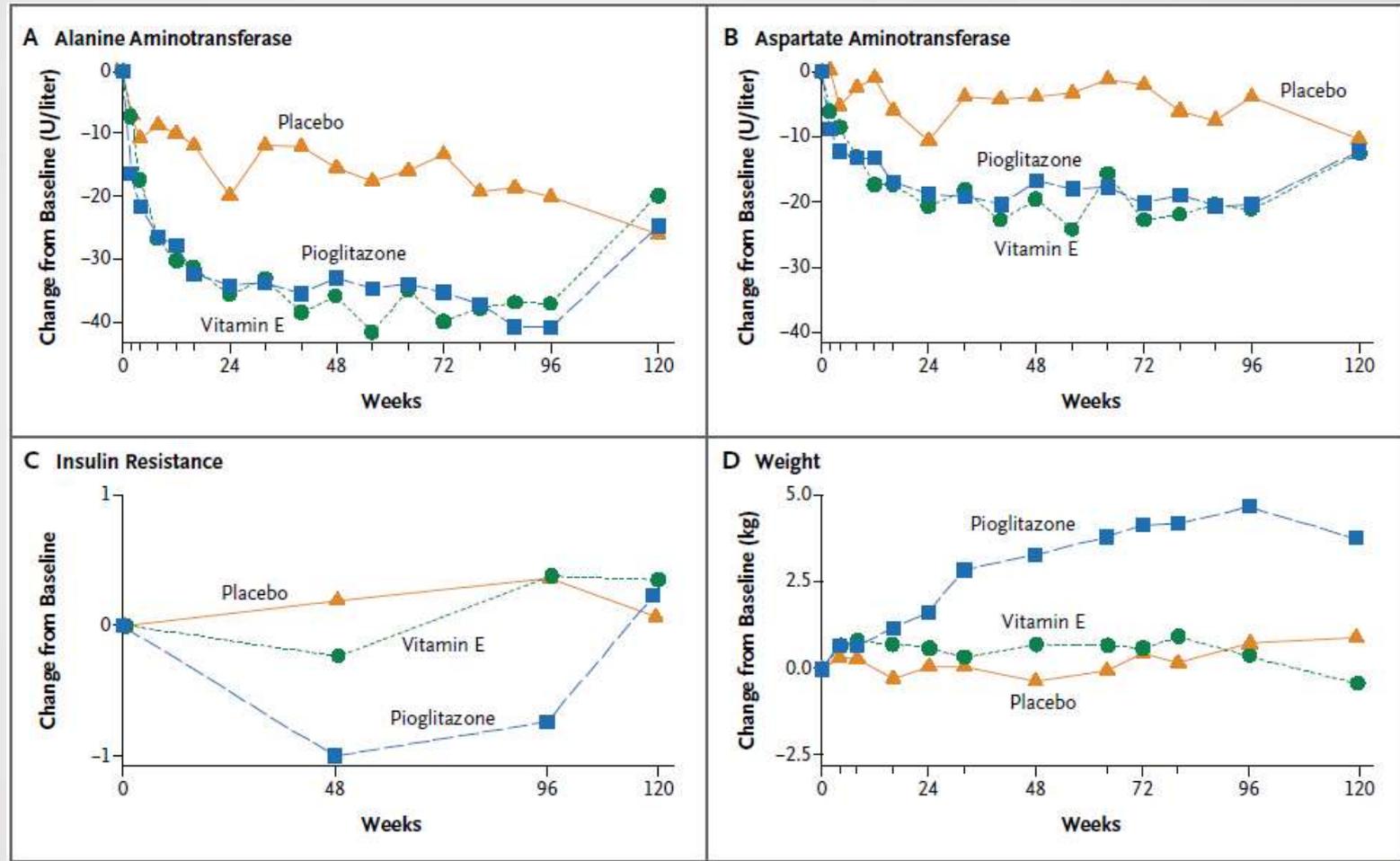


Histological changes at 96 weeks

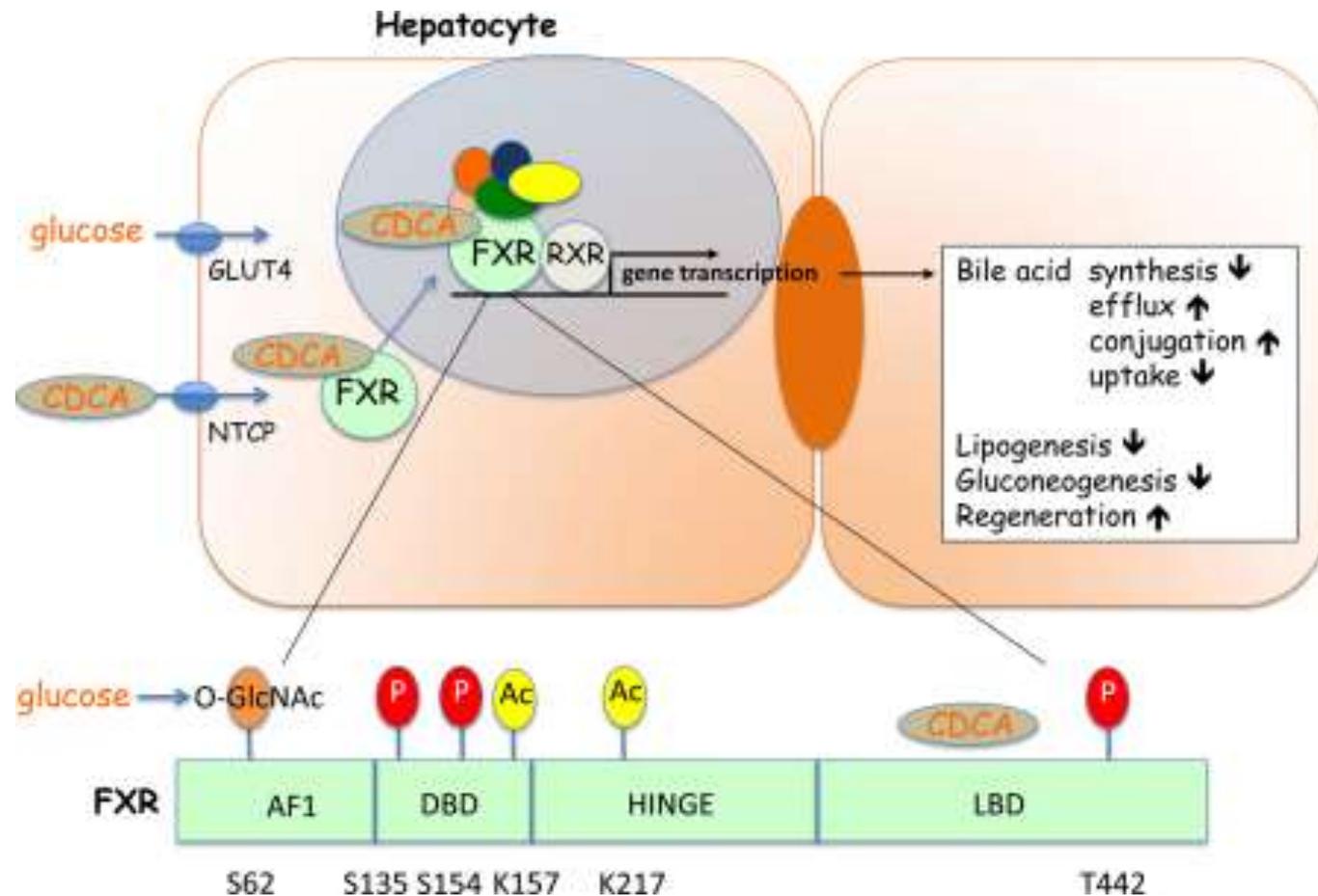
| Variable | Placebo | Vitamin E | Pioglitazone | P (Vitamin E vs placebo) | P (Pioglitazone vs placebo) |
|-------------------------------------|---------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Primary outcome* | 19% | 43% | 34% | 0.001 | 0.04 |
| Improvement in steatosis | 31% | 54% | 69% | 0.005 | <0.001 |
| Improvement in lobular inflammation | 35% | 54% | 60% | 0.02 | 0.004 |
| Improvement in ballooning | 29% | 50% | 44% | 0.01 | 0.08 |
| Improvement in fibrosis | 31% | 41% | 44% | 0.24 | 0.12 |
| Resolution of NASH | 21% | 36% | 47% | 0.05 | 0.001 |

* Improvement of ballooning by ≥ 1 point; no increase in fibrosis; NAFLD activity score declines by ≥ 2 points or to ≤ 3 points

Biochemical and weight changes



Farnesoid X receptor (FXR)

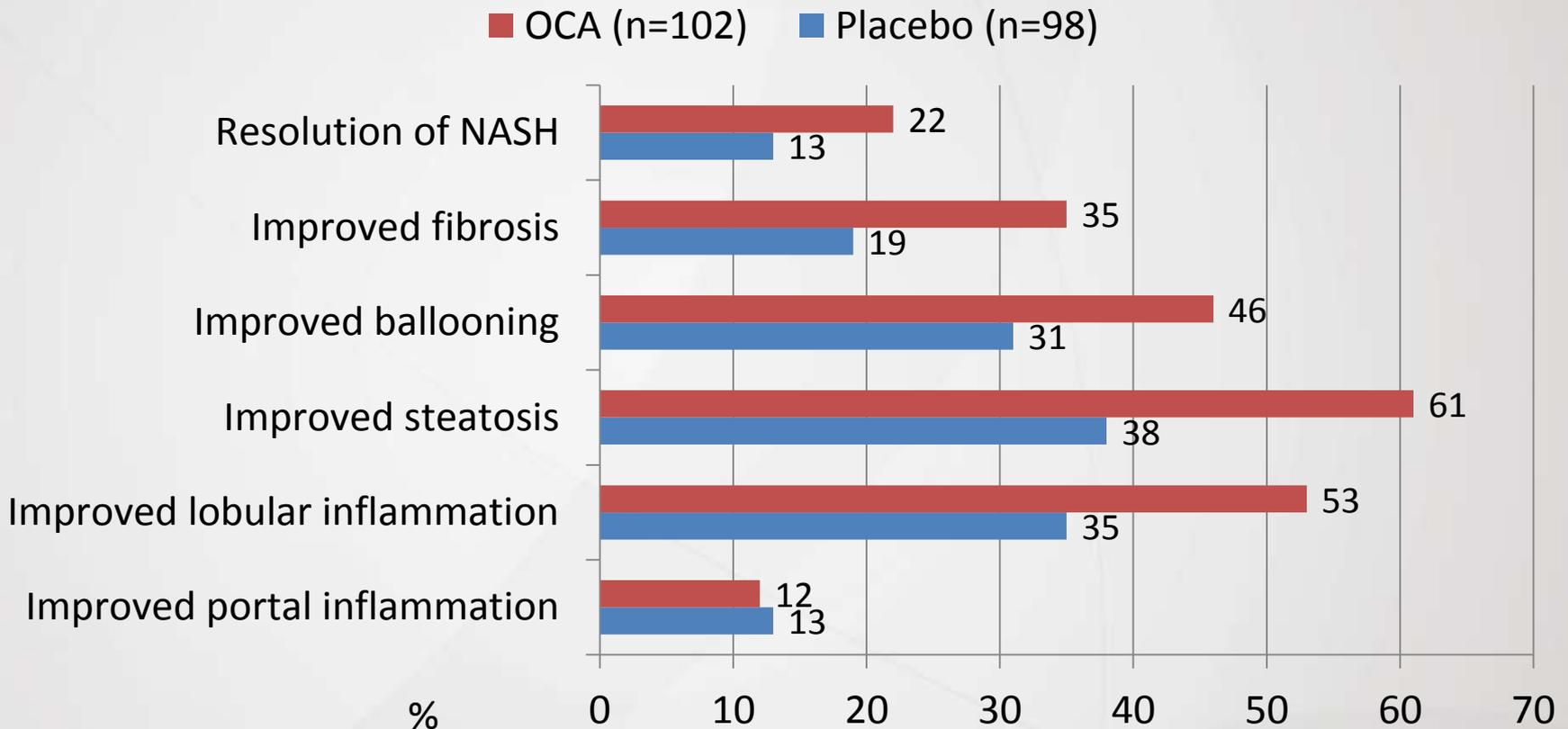


FXR agonist in NAFLD and T2DM

| | Placebo (n=23) | | 25 mg OCA (n=20) | | | 50 mg OCA (n=21) | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----|------------------|-----|-------|------------------|-----|-------|
| | Baseline | D43 | Baseline | D43 | P | Baseline | D43 | P |
| ALT (U/L) | 37 | 48 | 41 | 31 | 0.003 | 36 | 46 | 0.84 |
| TC (mg/dL) | 166 | 174 | 163 | 181 | 0.08 | 170 | 183 | 0.15 |
| LDL-C (mg/dL) | 98 | 107 | 98 | 120 | 0.01 | 104 | 129 | 0.008 |
| HDL-C (mg/dL) | 40 | 40 | 37 | 35 | 0.42 | 43 | 37 | 0.01 |
| TG (mg/dL) | 178 | 178 | 193 | 170 | 0.09 | 156 | 120 | 0.02 |
| ELF | 8.2 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 0.004 | 8.0 | 8.1 | 0.21 |

Mudaliar et al. Gastroenterology 2013;145:574

FLINT Study: Obeticholic acid for NASH



Take home messages

- NAFLD is the most common chronic liver disease worldwide and is emerging to be an important cause of cirrhosis and liver cancer.
- NAFLD is strongly associated with metabolic syndrome, cardiovascular disease and malignancy.
- Apart from diagnosis and risk stratification, it is important to detect and manage the associated metabolic disorders.
- Vitamin E and pioglitazone may be considered in selected NASH patients.

Thank you!



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