

Continuous Glucose Monitors in Clinical Practice

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We are investigators in a study that uses continuous glucose monitors that are provided by Abbott

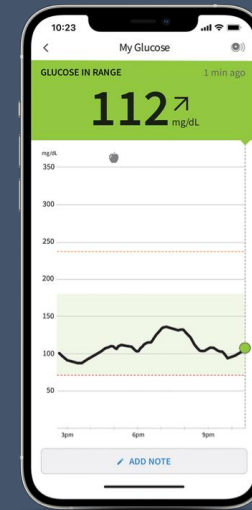
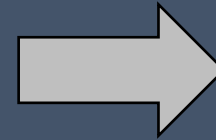
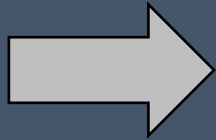
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Billing & Remote Physiologic Monitoring

Description	Who Can Perform the Service	Payment (\$)	Codes
Initial set up and monitoring	Clinician or non-clinician; one time	18	99453
16-30 days of monitoring data	Clinician or non-clinician once per month	61	99454
40 min of collecting & analyzing data	MD, DO, PA, or NP once per month • Does not require communication	58	99091
Management Services • Ex. Reach out to patient with concerning glycemia	MD, DO, PA, or NP once per month • Up to 60 minutes per month	48 77	99457 (1 st 20 min) + 99458 (2 nd , 3 rd 20 min)
Personal CGM Setup, >72 hr	Clinician or non-clinician	58-128	95249
Professional CGM Setup, >72 hr	Clinician or non-clinician	157-309	95250
Professional & Personal CGM Analysis, >72 hr	MD, DO, PA, or NP	35-97	95251

AGP Report

March 20, 2022 - March 26, 2022 (7 Days)



GLUCOSE STATISTICS AND TARGETS

March 20, 2022 - March 26, 2022 **7 Days**
% Time CGM is Active **90%**

Ranges And Targets For Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes

Glucose Ranges	Targets % of Readings (Time/Day)
Target Range 70-180 mg/dL	Greater than 70% (16h 48min)
Below 70 mg/dL	Less than 4% (58min)
Below 54 mg/dL	Less than 1% (14min)
Above 180 mg/dL	Less than 25% (6h)
Above 250 mg/dL	Less than 5% (1h 12min)

Each 5% increase in time in range (70-180 mg/dL) is clinically beneficial.

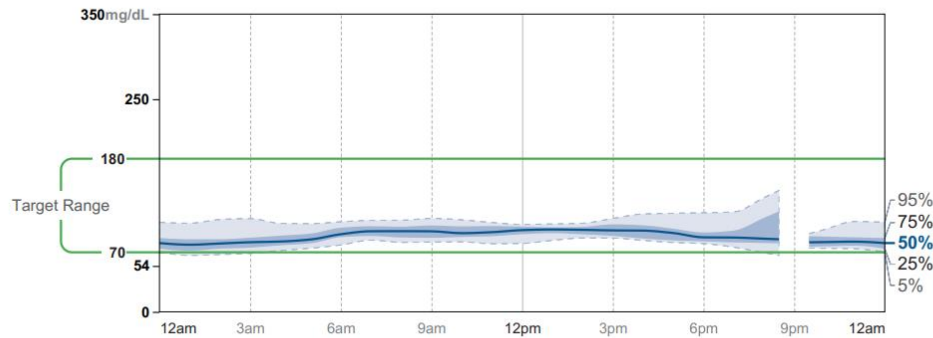
Average Glucose **90** mg/dL
Glucose Management Indicator (GMI) **5.5%**
Glucose Variability **13.1%**
Defined as percent coefficient of variation (%CV); target ≤36%

TIME IN RANGES



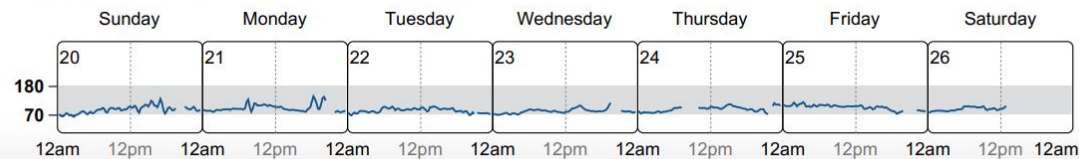
AMBULATORY GLUCOSE PROFILE (AGP)

AGP is a summary of glucose values from the report period, with median (50%) and other percentiles shown as if occurring in a single day.



DAILY GLUCOSE PROFILES

Each daily profile represents a midnight to midnight period with the date displayed in the top-left corner.



Glucose

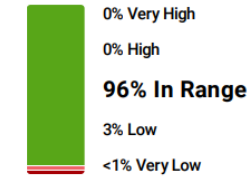
Average Glucose

86 mg/dL

Standard Deviation
10 mg/dL

GMI
N/A

Time in Range



Target Range:
 70-180 mg/dL

Sensor Usage

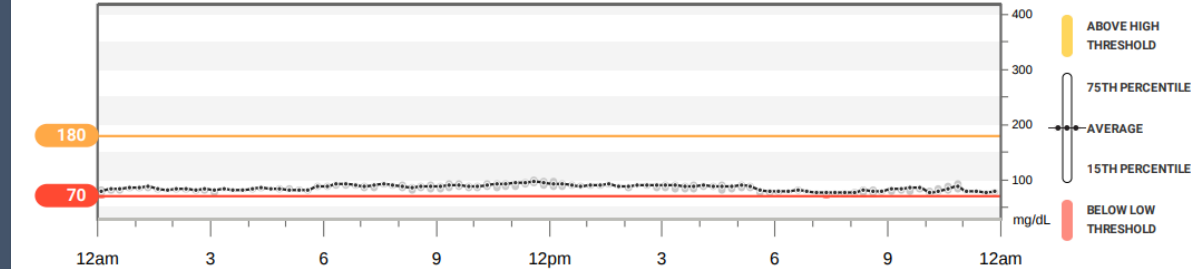
Days with CGM data
100%
 10/10

Avg. calibrations per day
1.2

Top Patterns

1 Matt's best glucose day was February 4, 2022
 Matt's glucose data was in the target range about 99% of the day.

This graph shows your data averaged over 10 days



GMI - A1c (%)	% of values (n=528)
0 to <0.1	19
<0.3	49
<0.5	72
<1.0	97

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The Old Paradigm

Food
Choice



Time to Feedback



Weeks to Months

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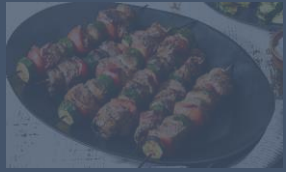


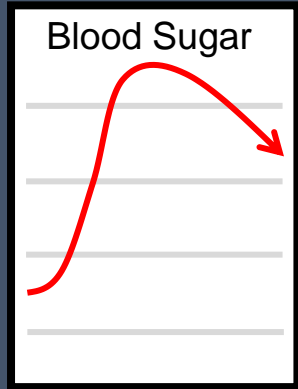
Immediate

Informed Food Choices













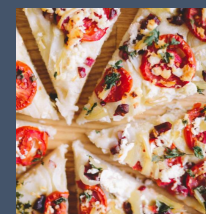
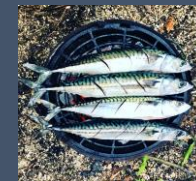
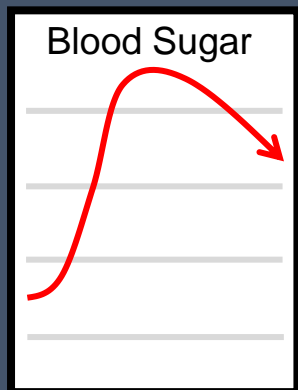
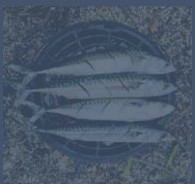
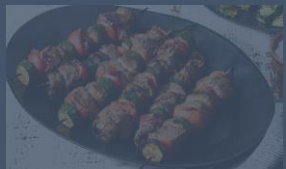
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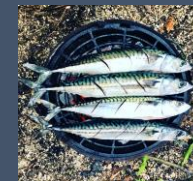
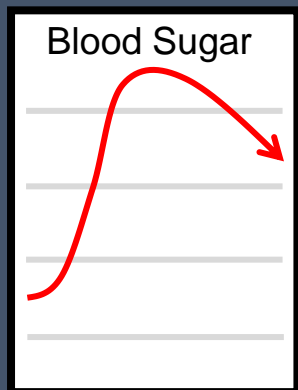
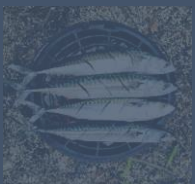
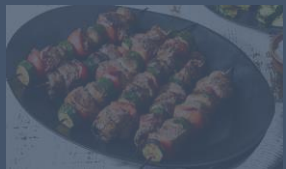




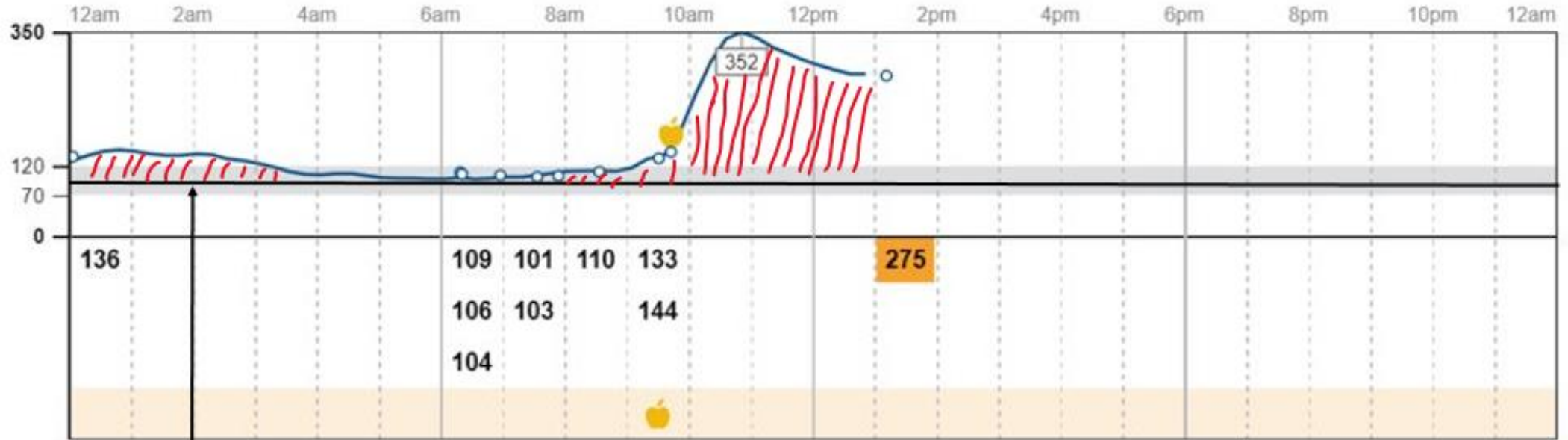
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Real Response to Being Informed



HbA1c 4.8% =
Avg glucose 91 mg/dl

▶ Eating some breakfast milk, fruit mango banana & peanut butter



Informed Patient = Empowered Patient

- “Most beneficial as it ensures far more frequent glucose tests than finger sticks.”
- “When the numbers were high, I liked doing what it took to drive them down”
- “Makes me more mindful of what I eat”
- “It helps to regain control of unhealthy eating habits”
- “Extremely helpful in food choices and amounts”
- “Increased vigilance about food and drink intake”

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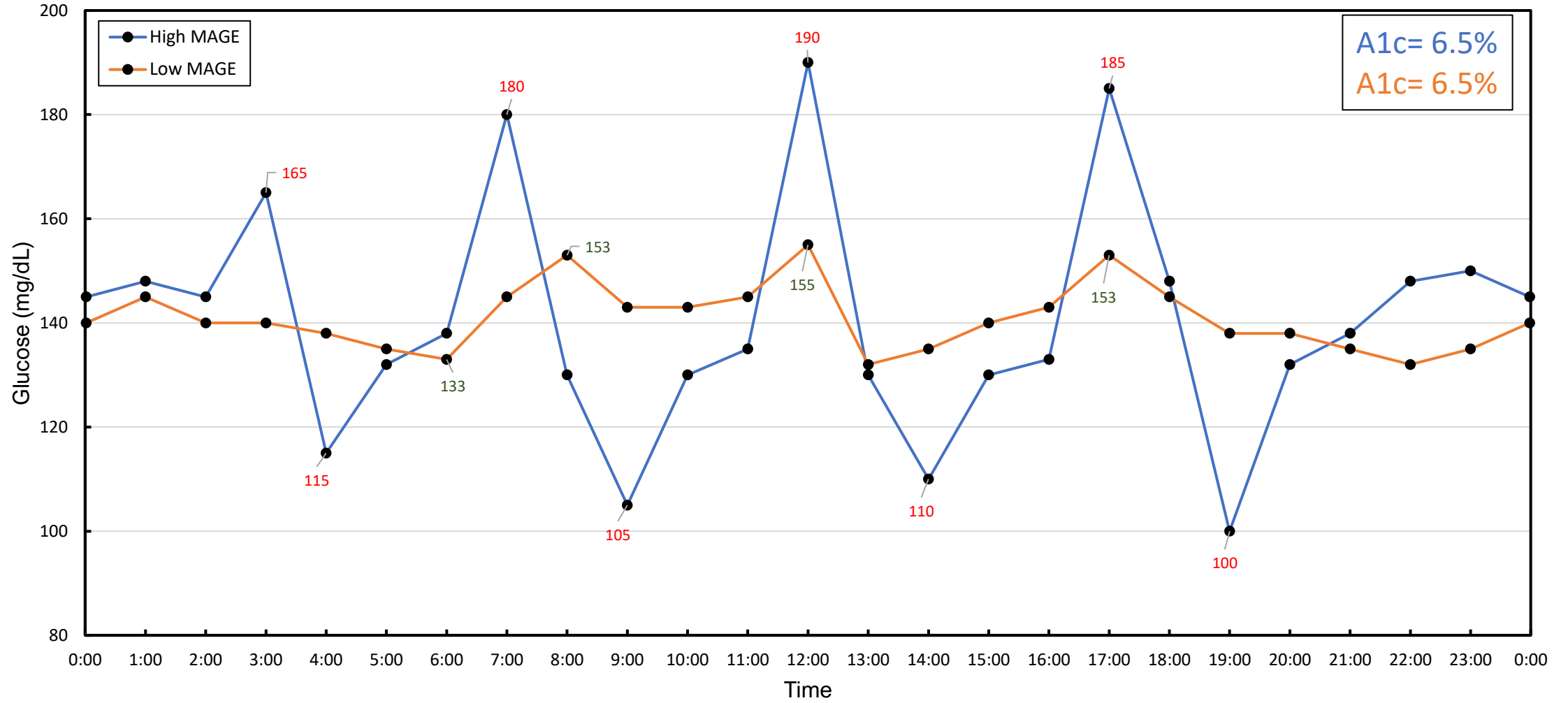
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- SD
- Coefficient of variation= SD / Mean
- Mean Amplitude of Glycemic Excursion (MAGE)
- CONGA, MODD, etc

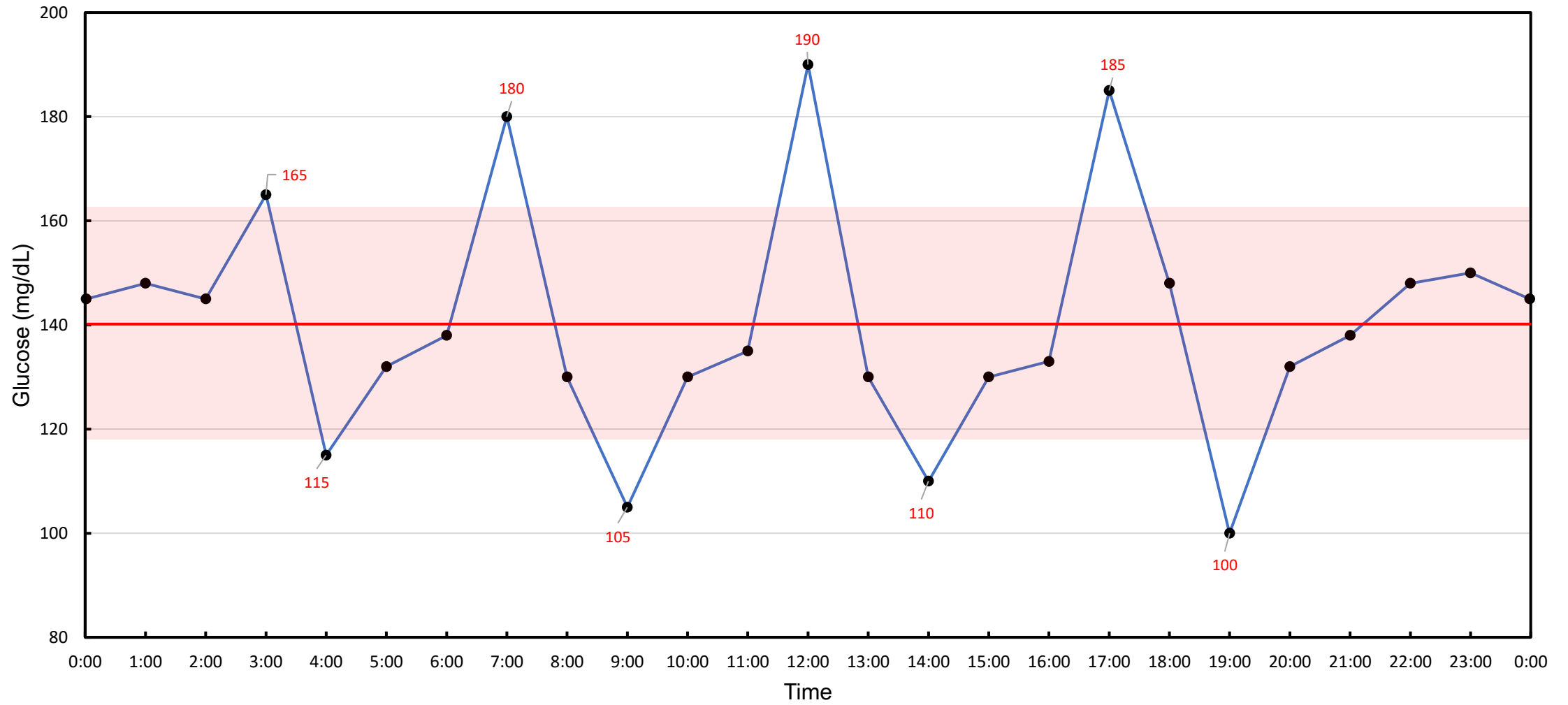
Why You Should Care

- 1.) A1c does not capture all risk glycemia-related risk
- 2.) Glycemic variability (GV) is a prime suspect for that unexplained risk
- 3.) CGMs allow easy measurement of GV
- 4.) Expect to see more research

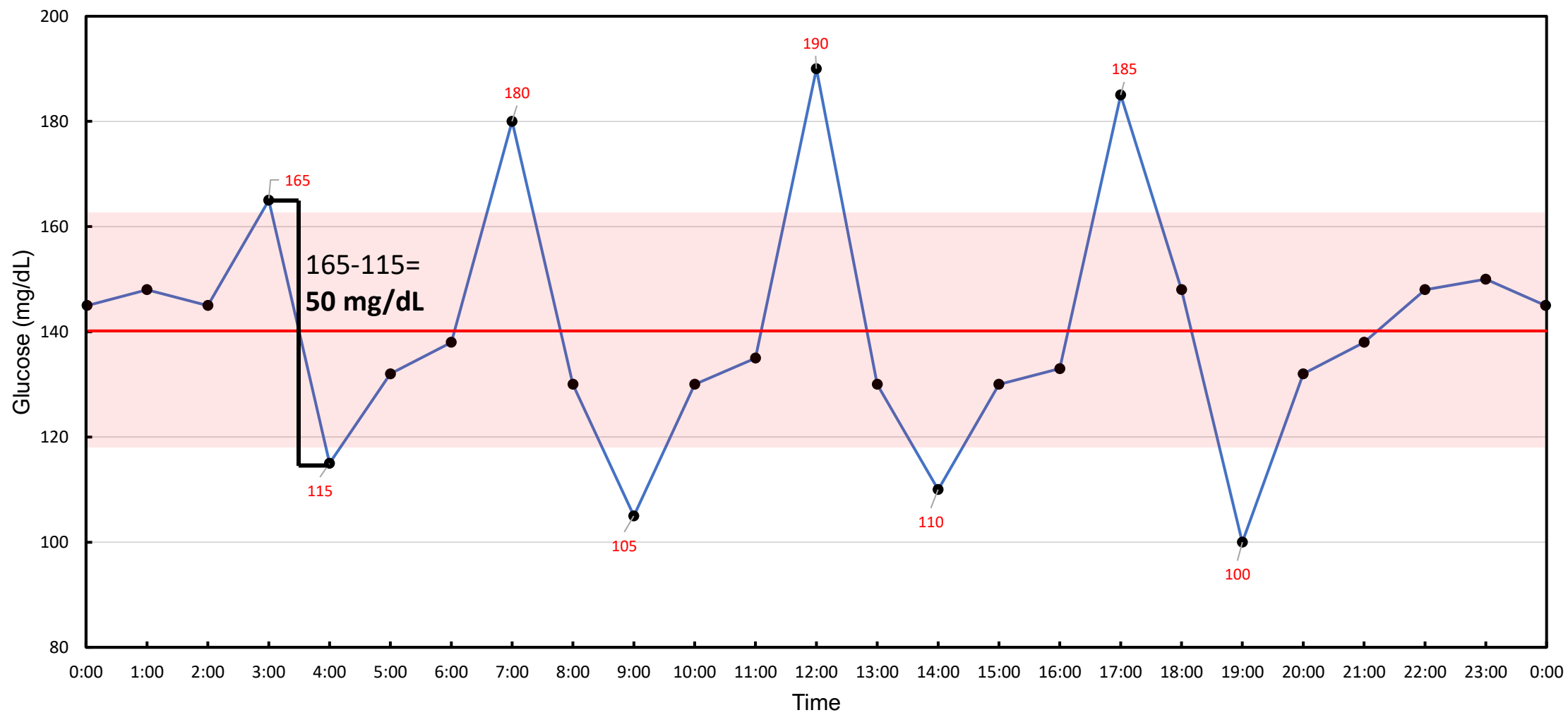
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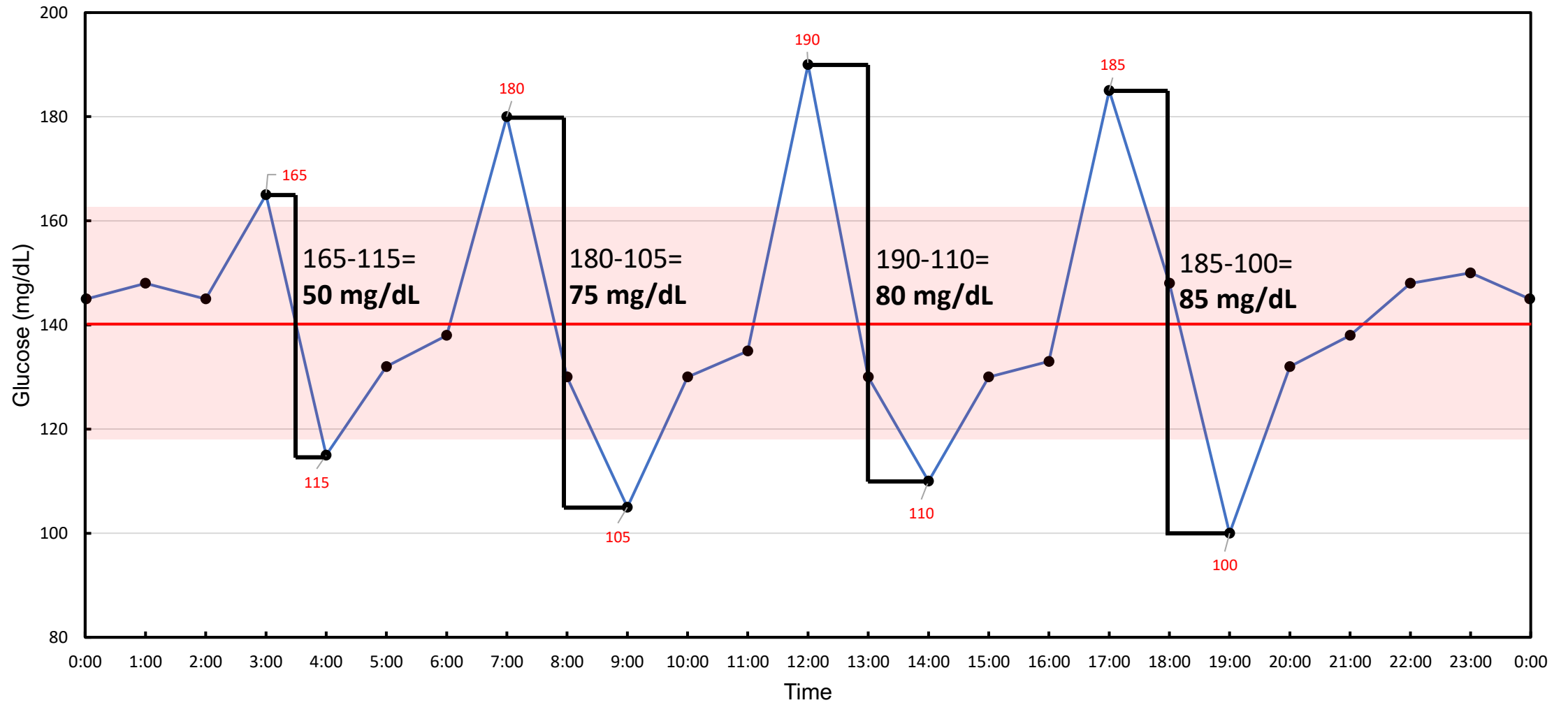
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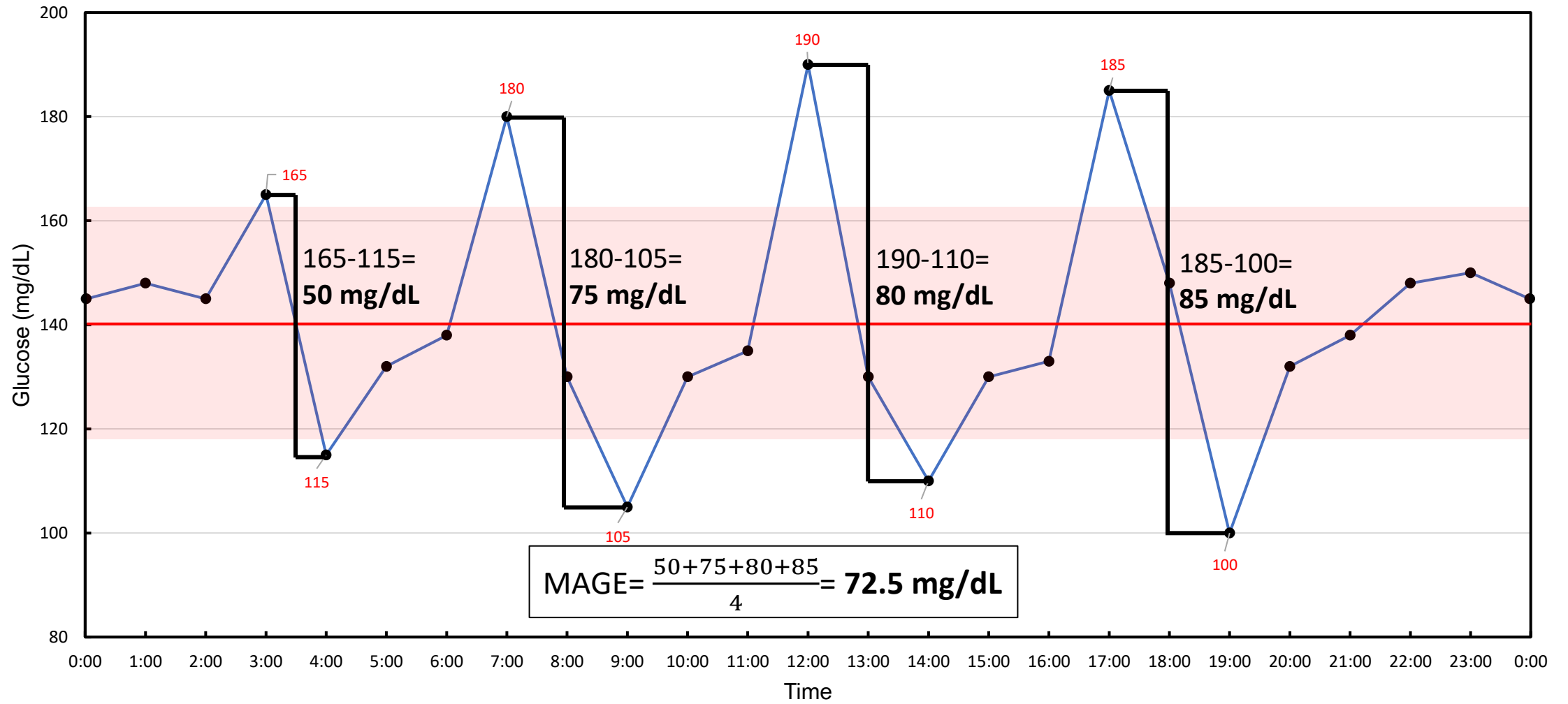
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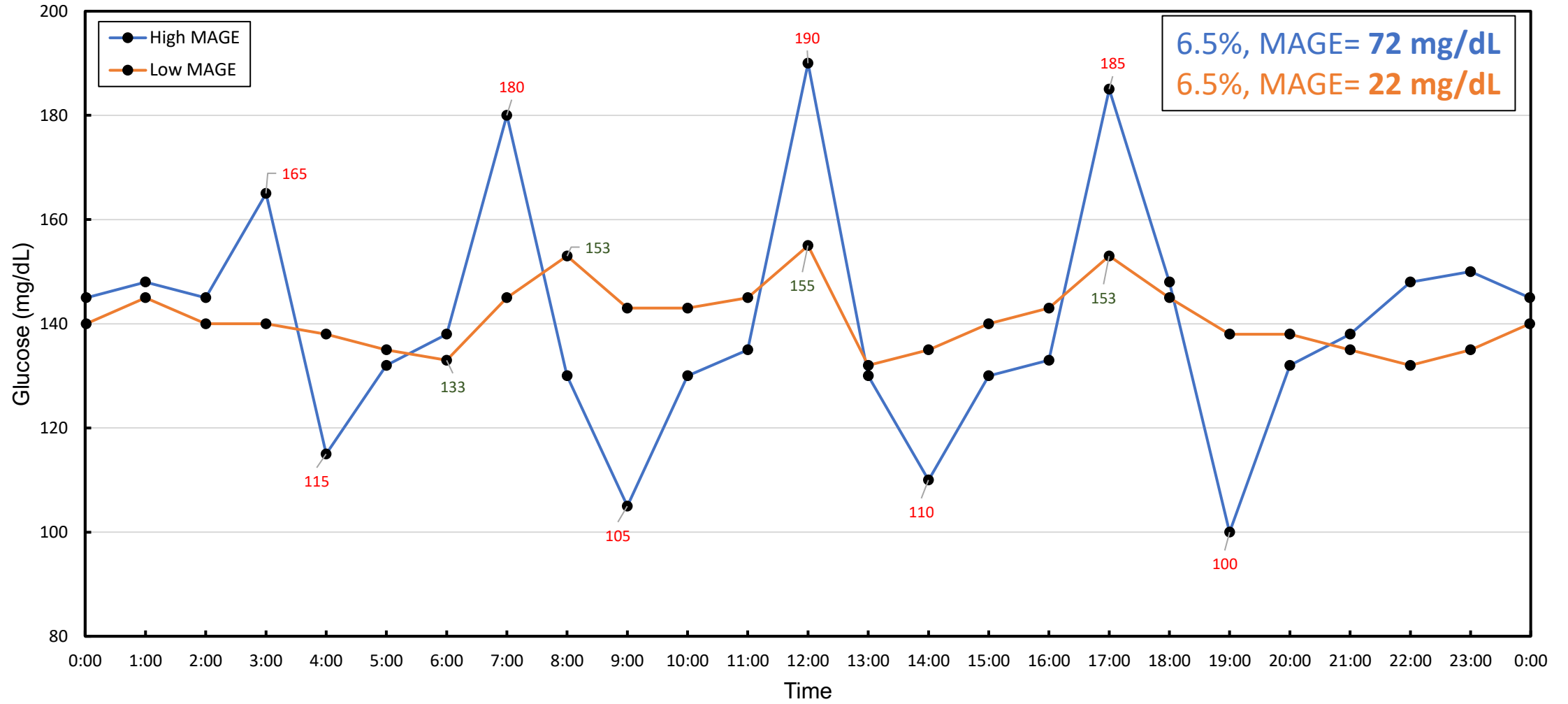
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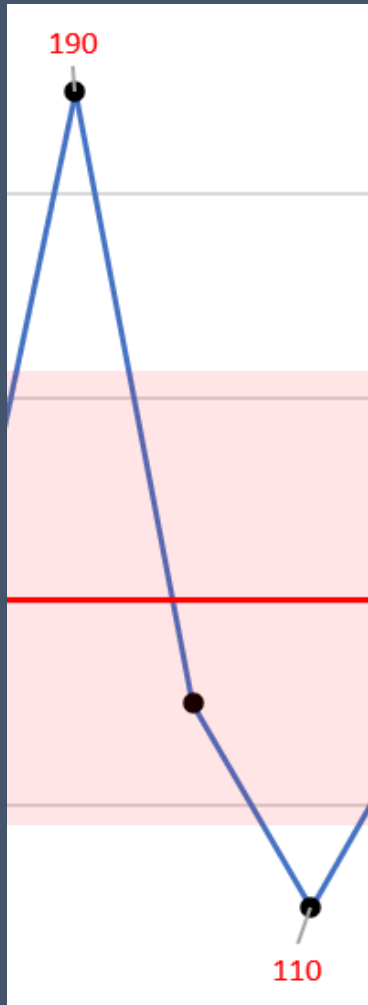
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Molecular Mechanisms

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Soft Outcomes

Endothelial Dysfunction
Unstable Plaques

Hard Outcomes

CVD



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In Vitro Human Endothelial Cells

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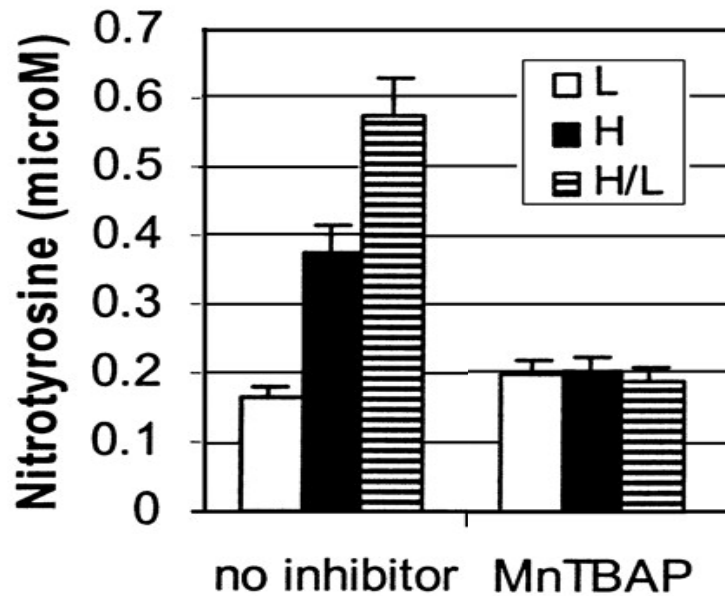
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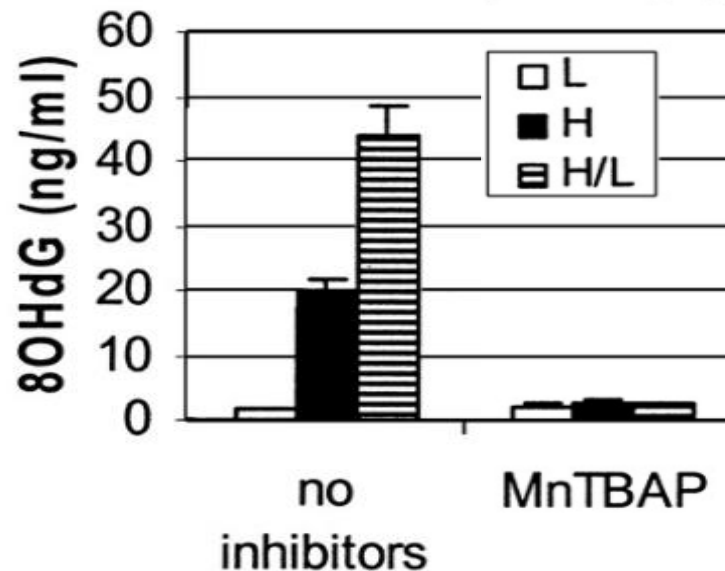
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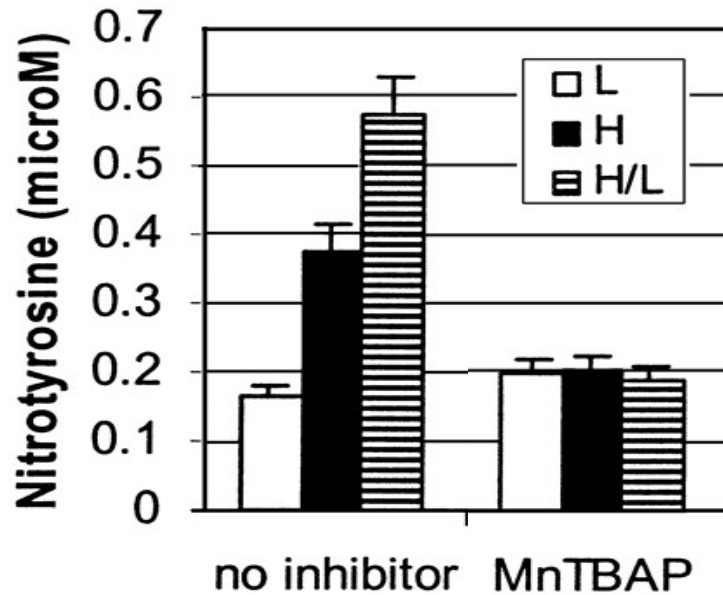
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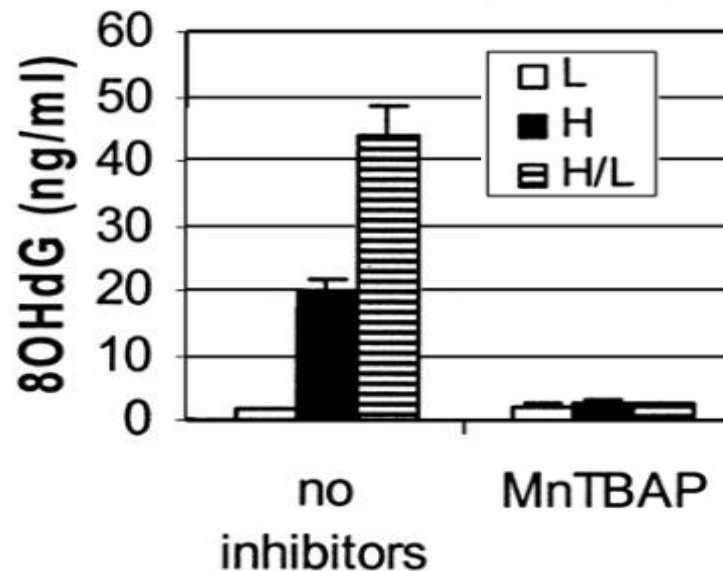
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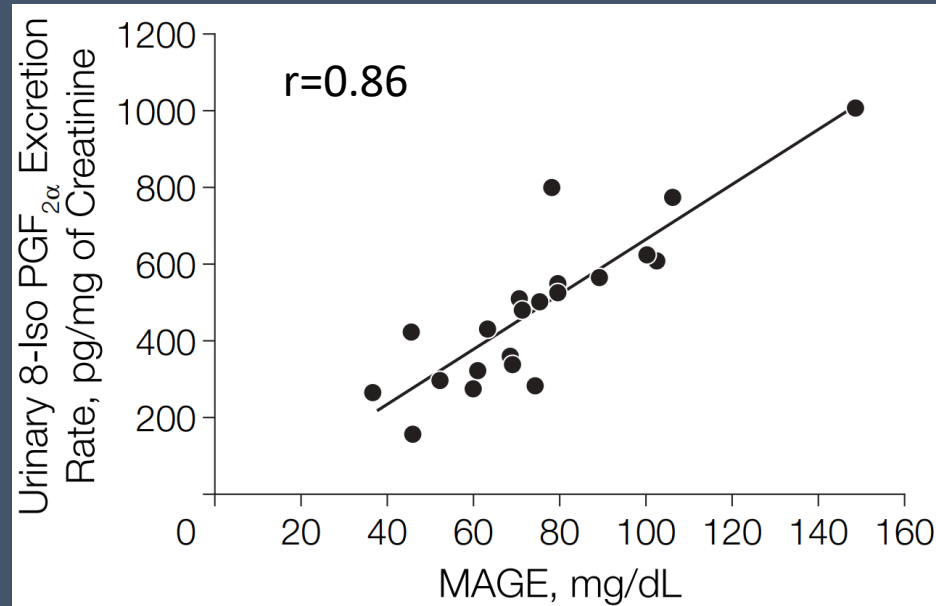
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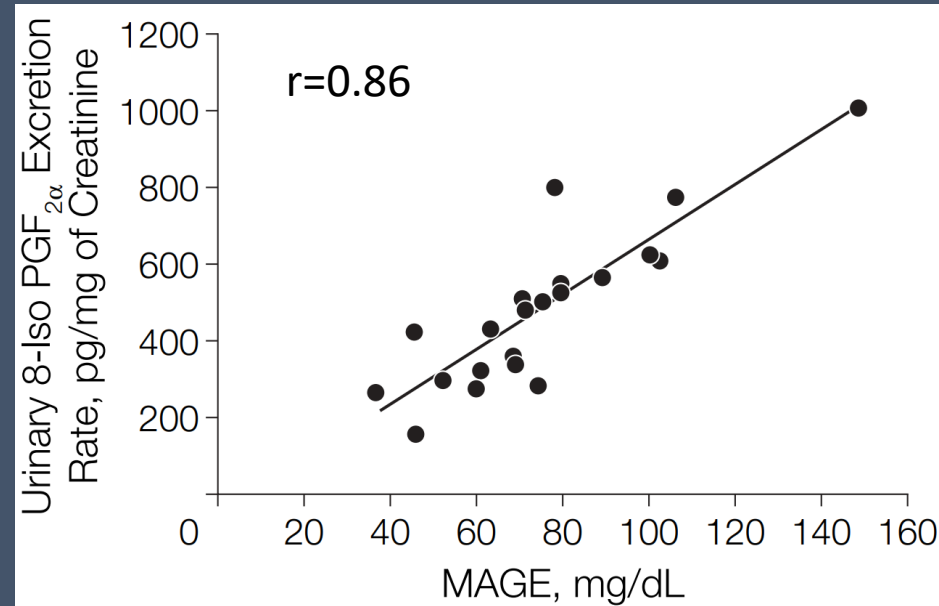
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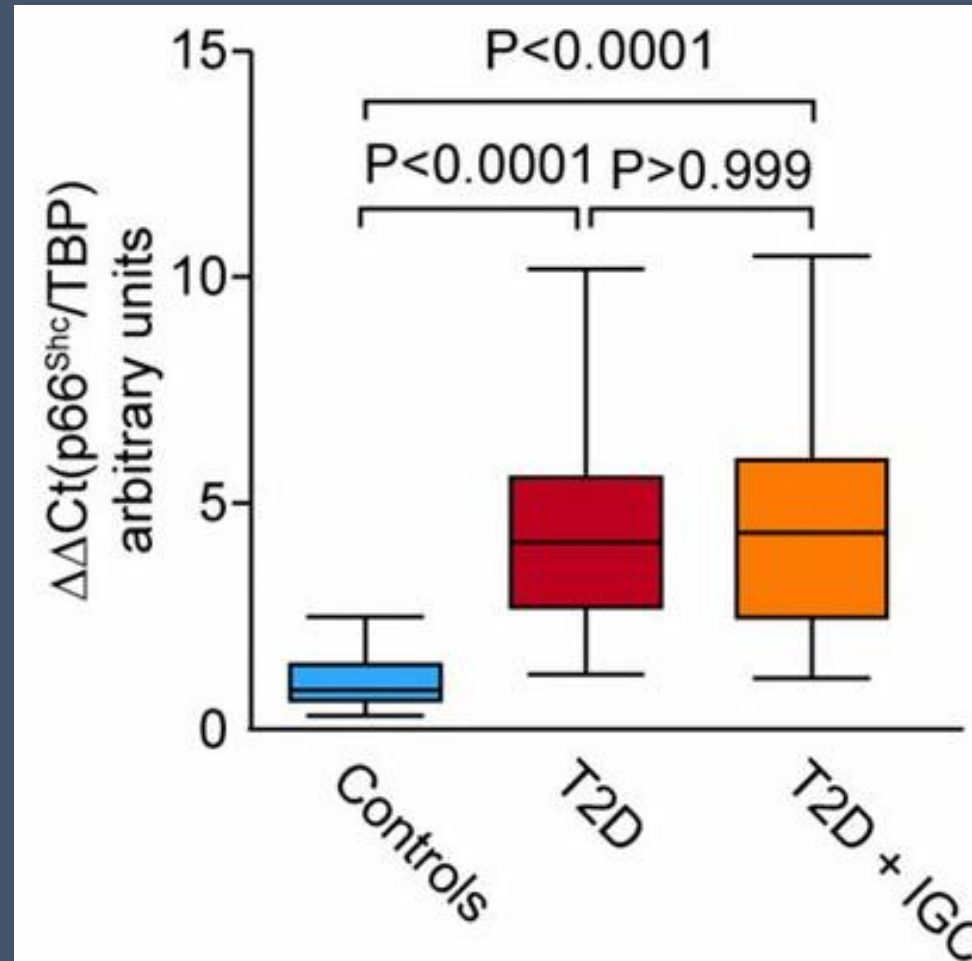
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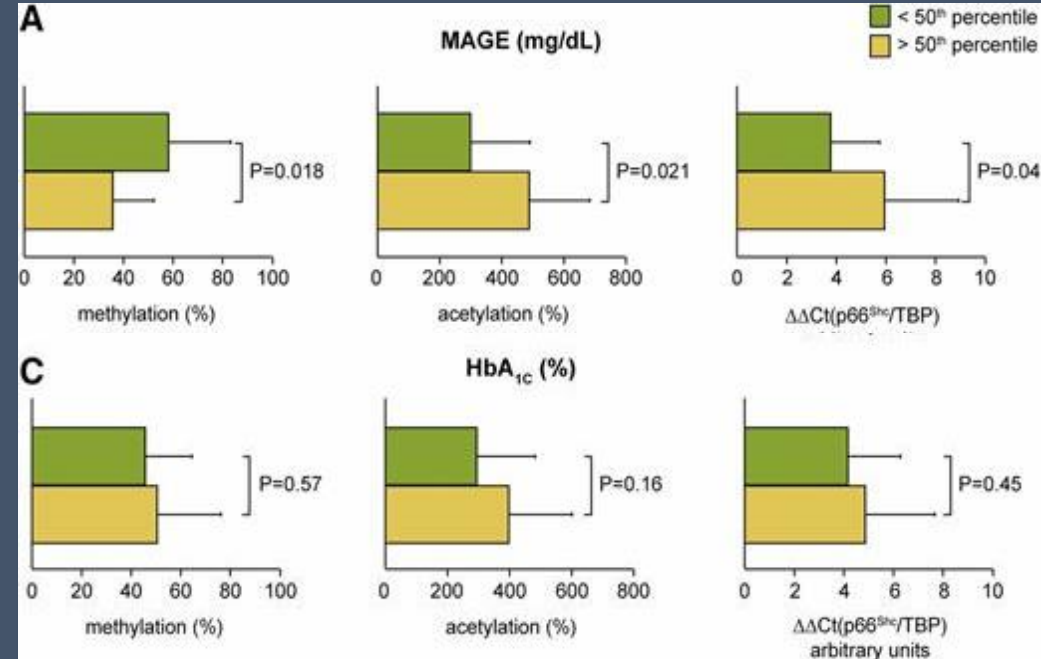
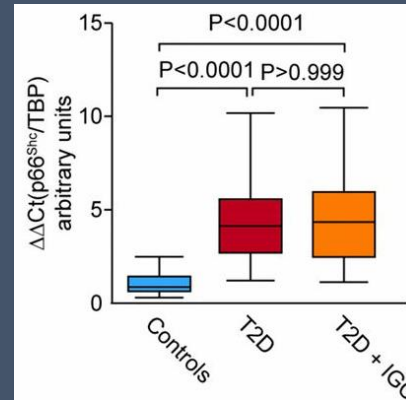
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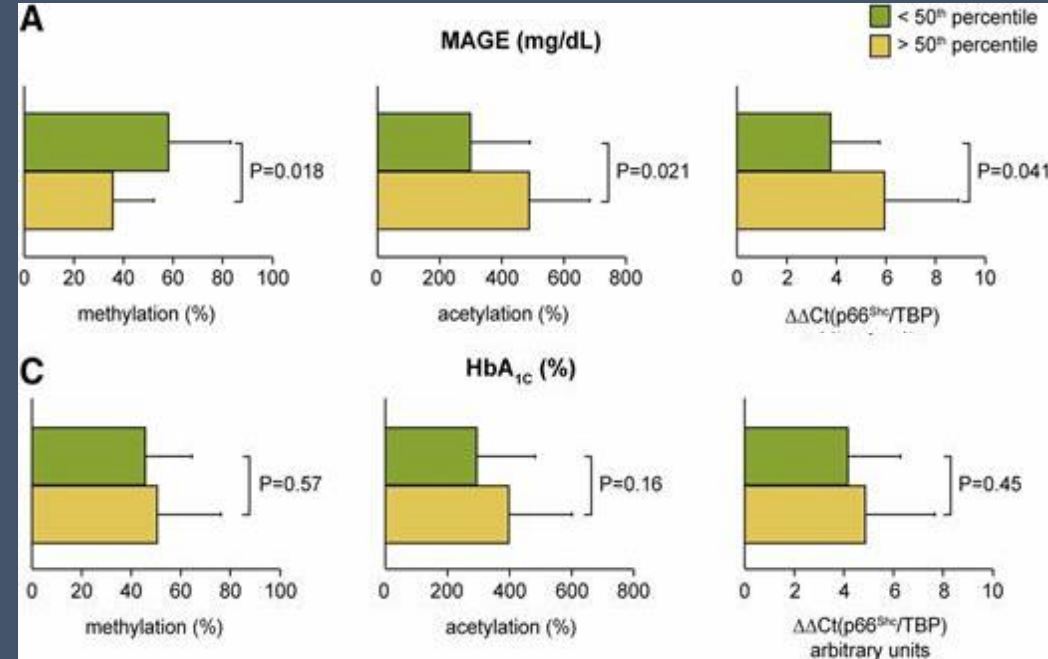
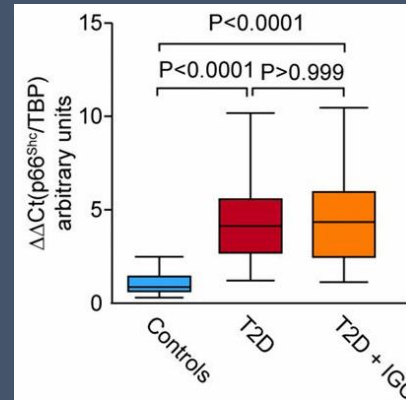
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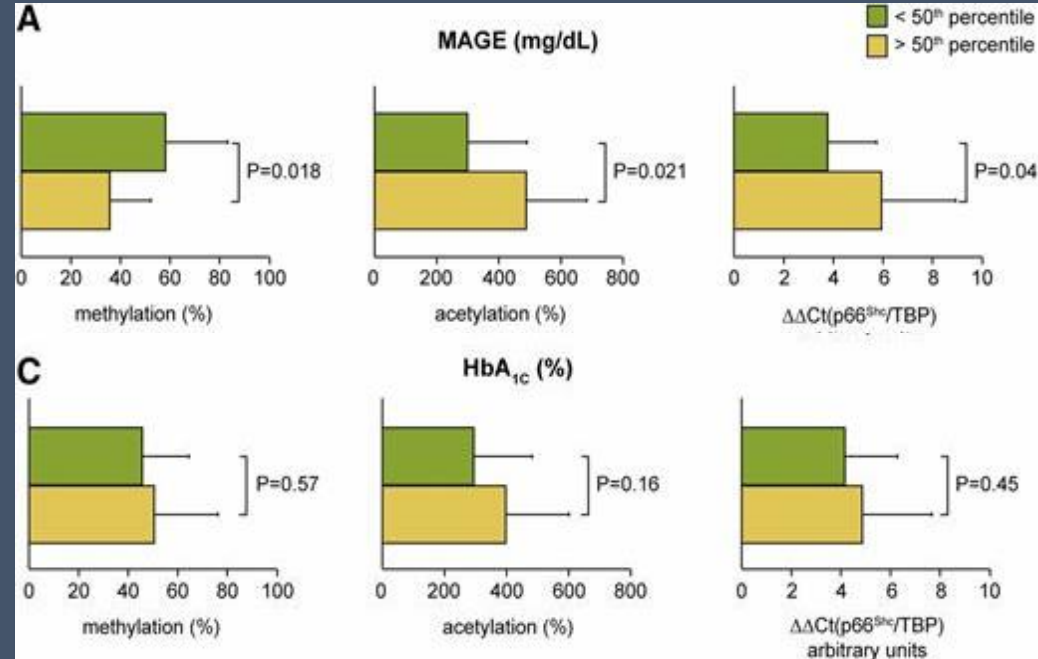
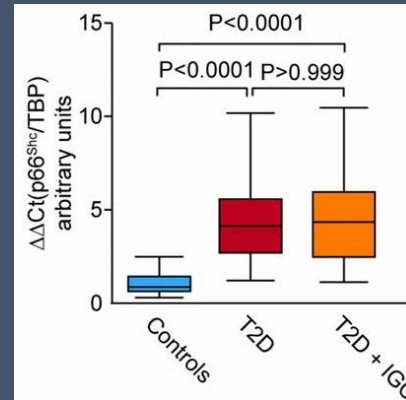
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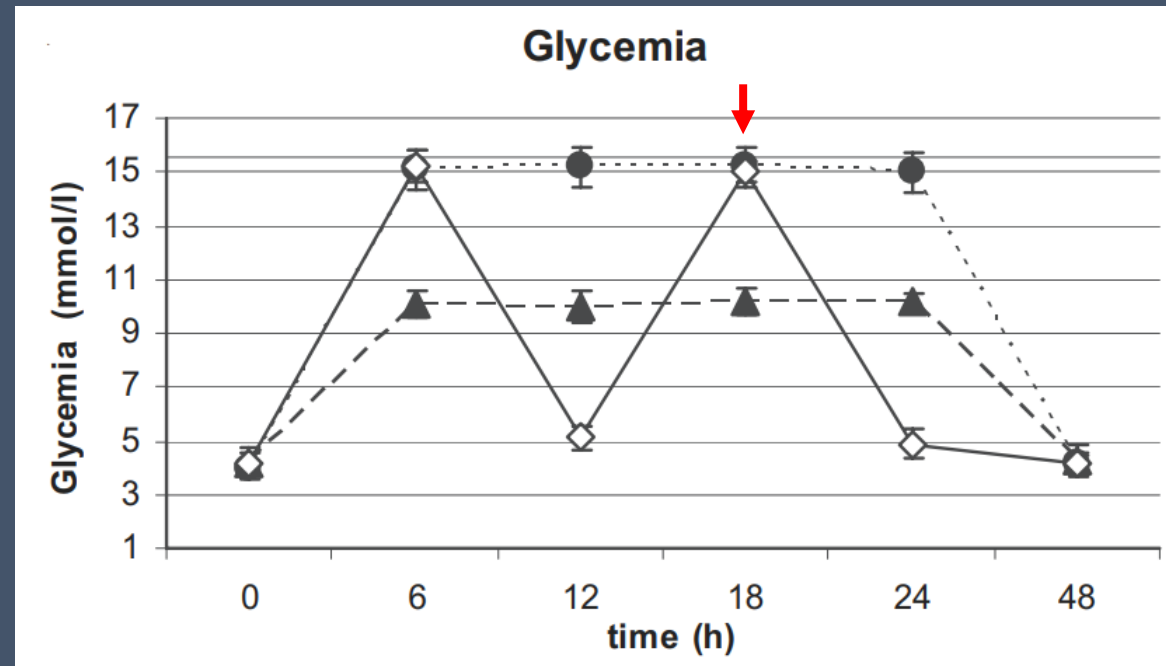
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Clamp [glucose] at:

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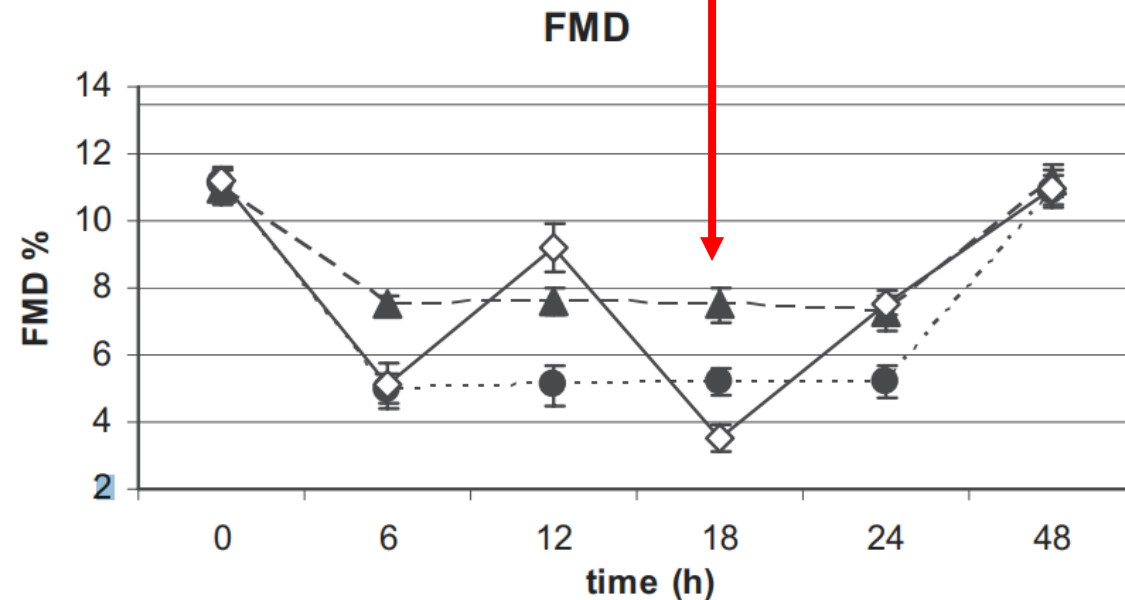
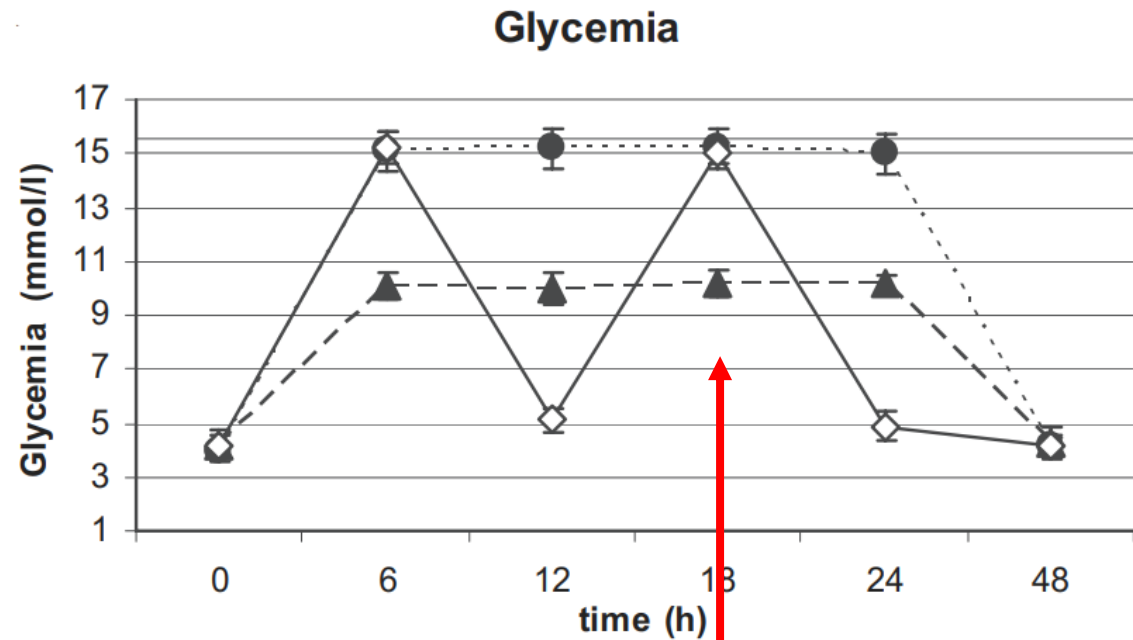
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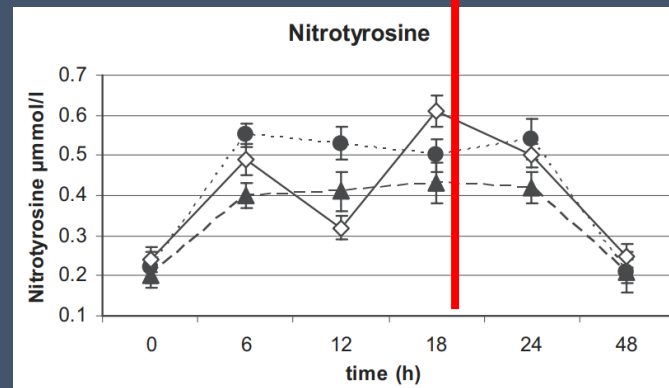
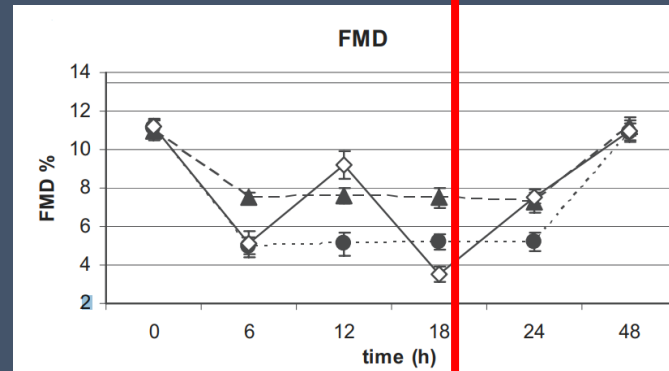
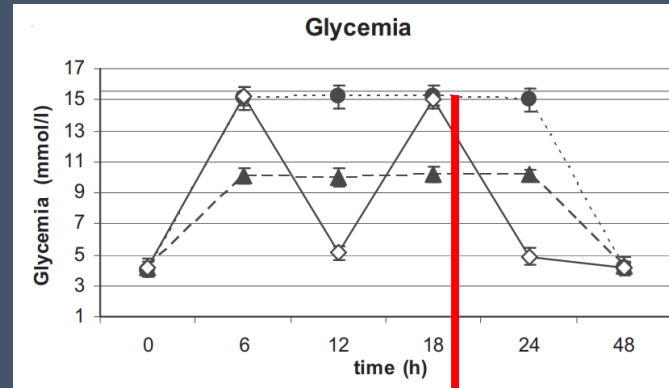
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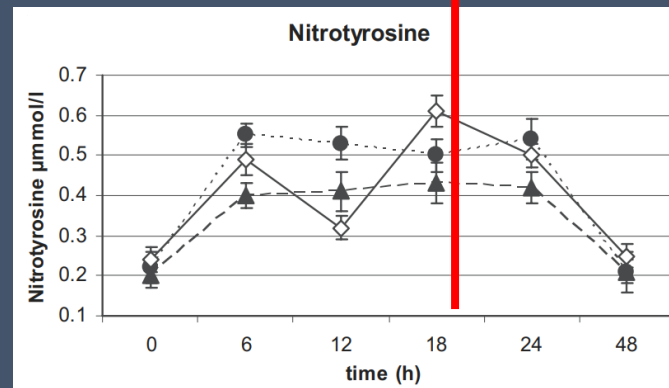
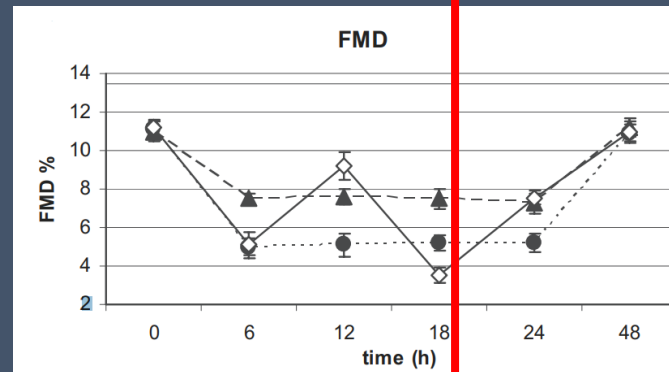
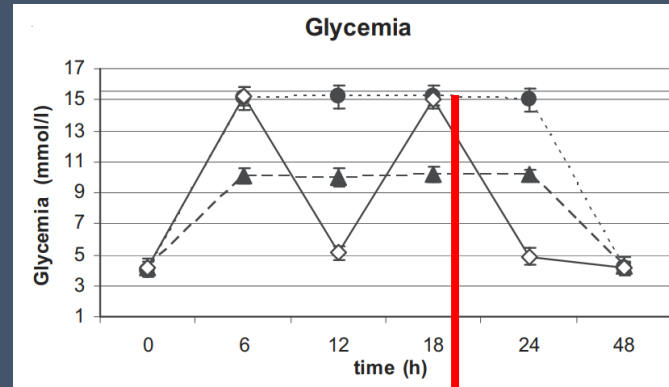
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= ↑ vascular dysfunction

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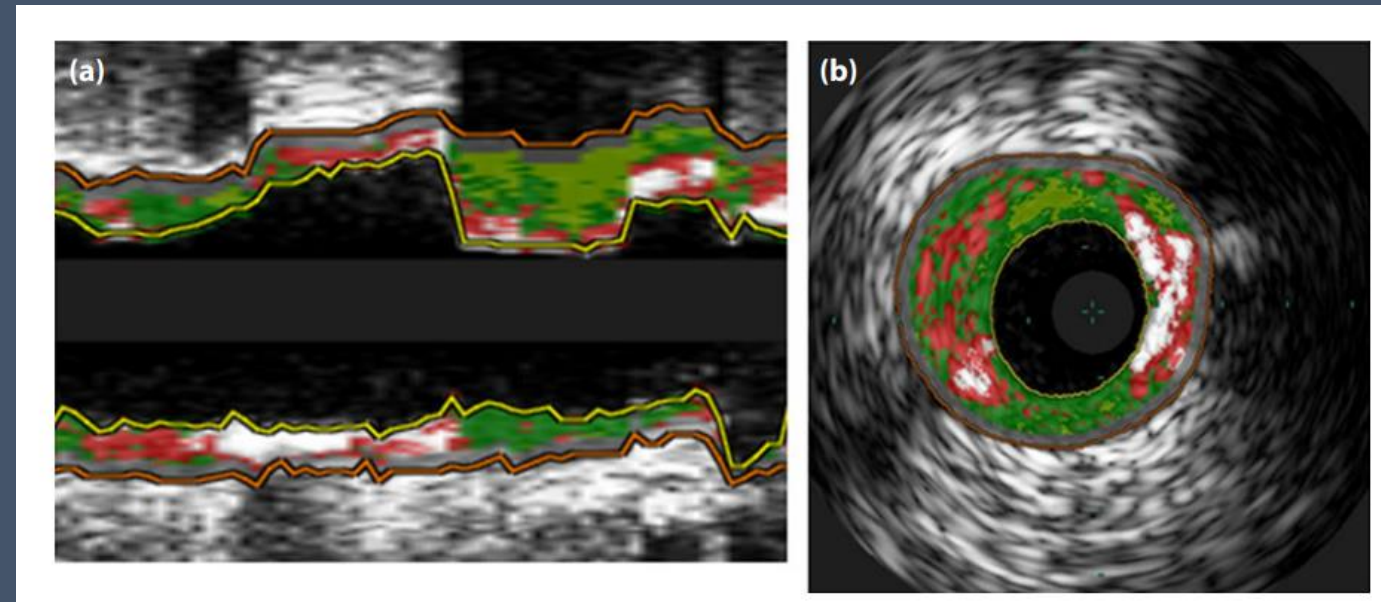
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GV via CGM ~10 days after PCI

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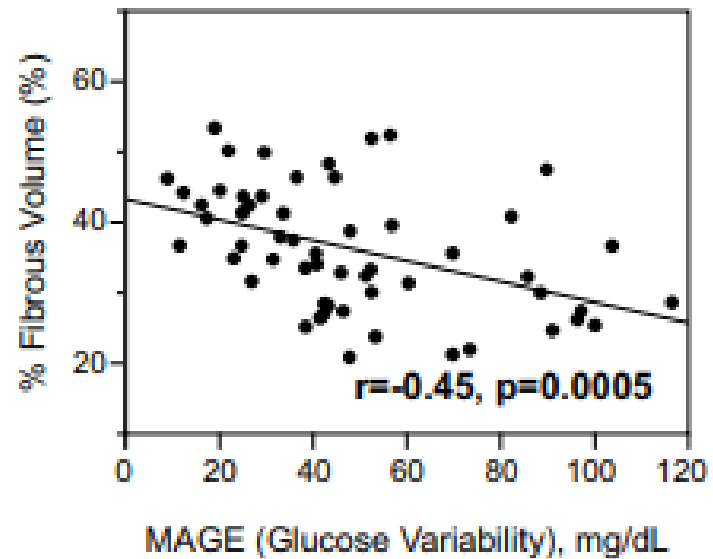
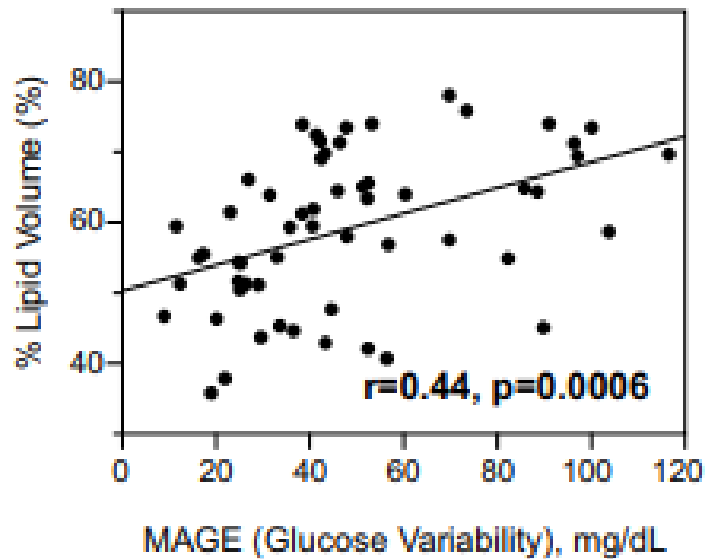
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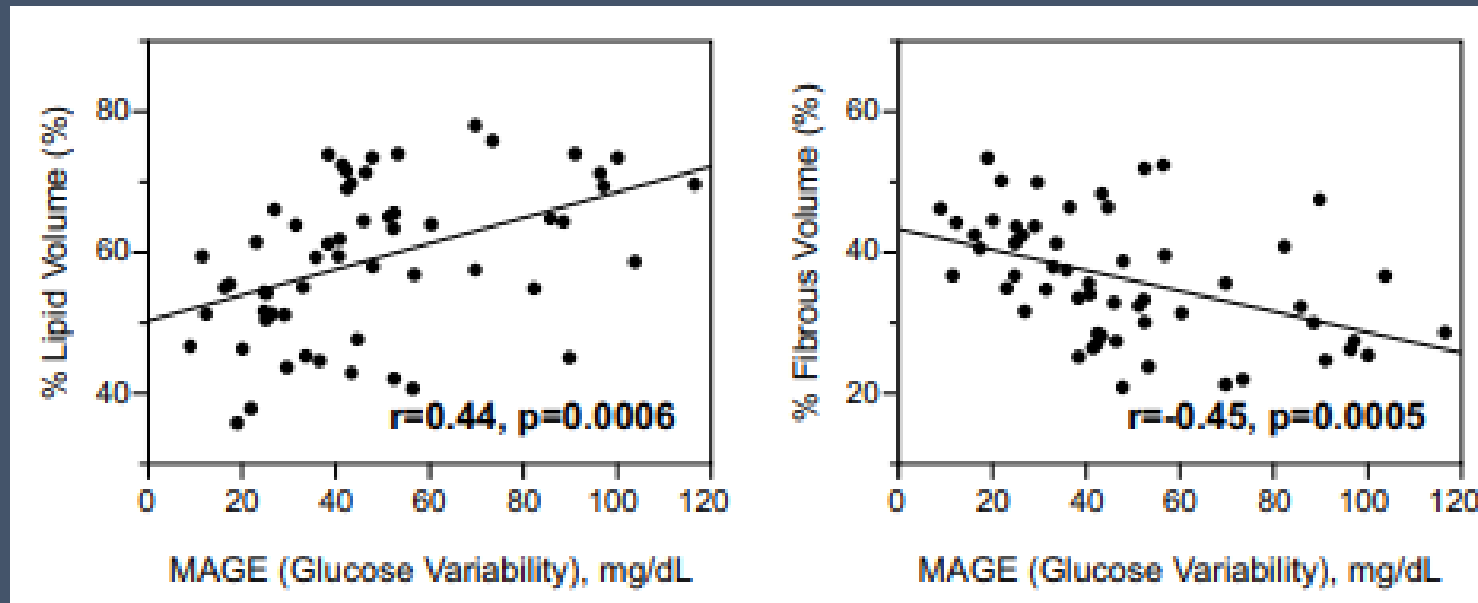
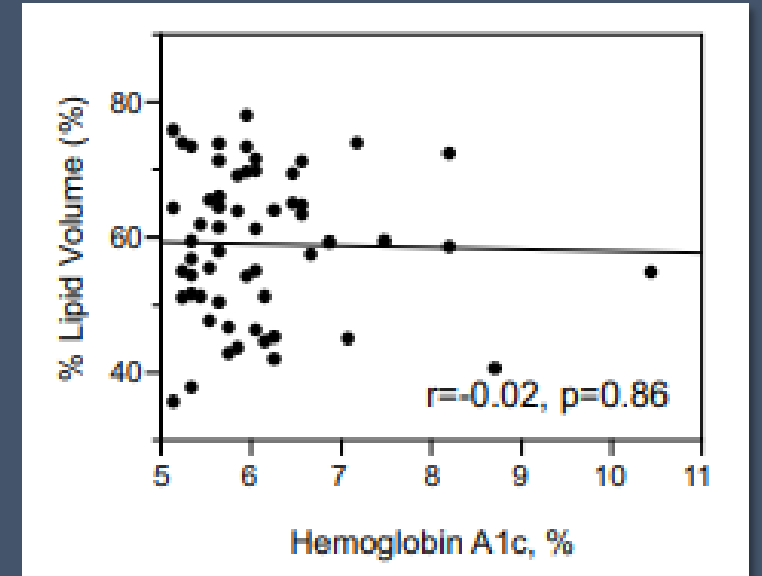
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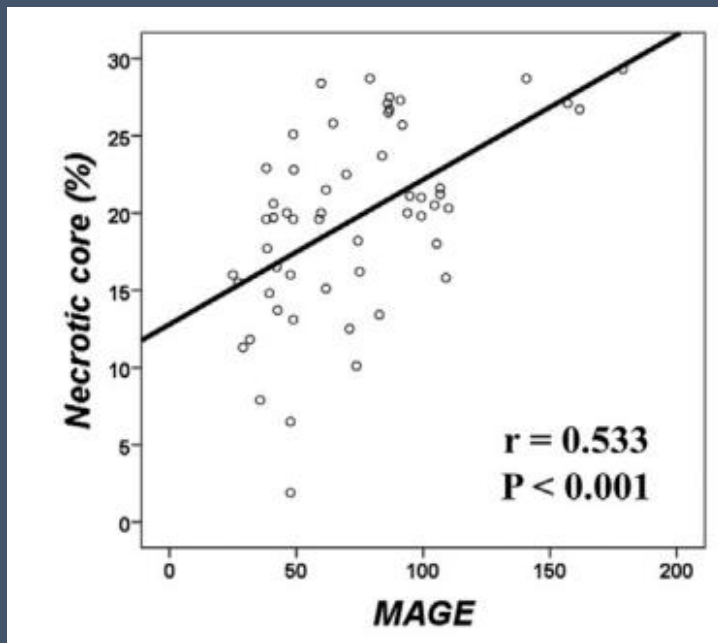
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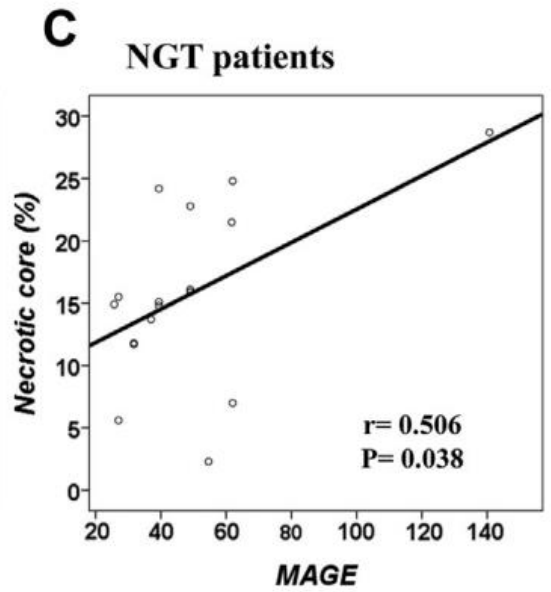
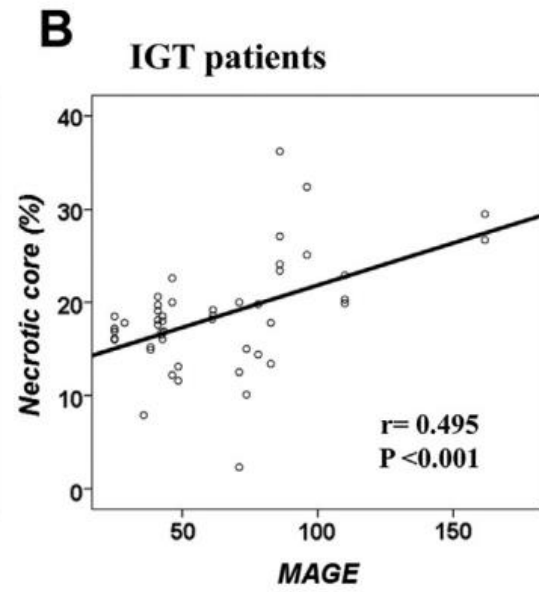
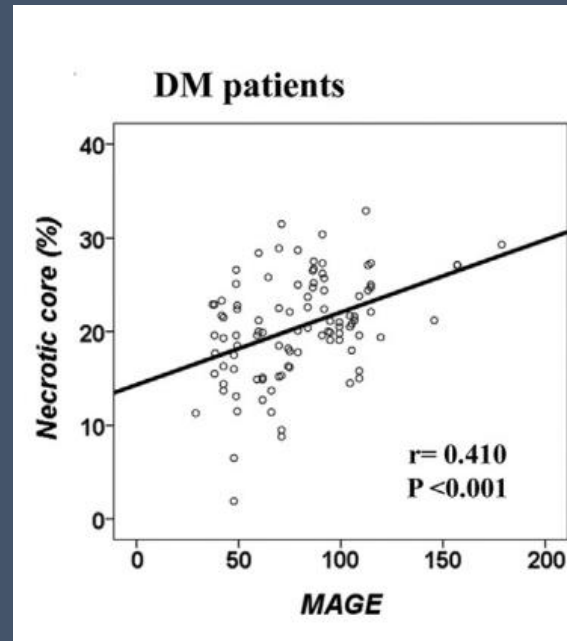
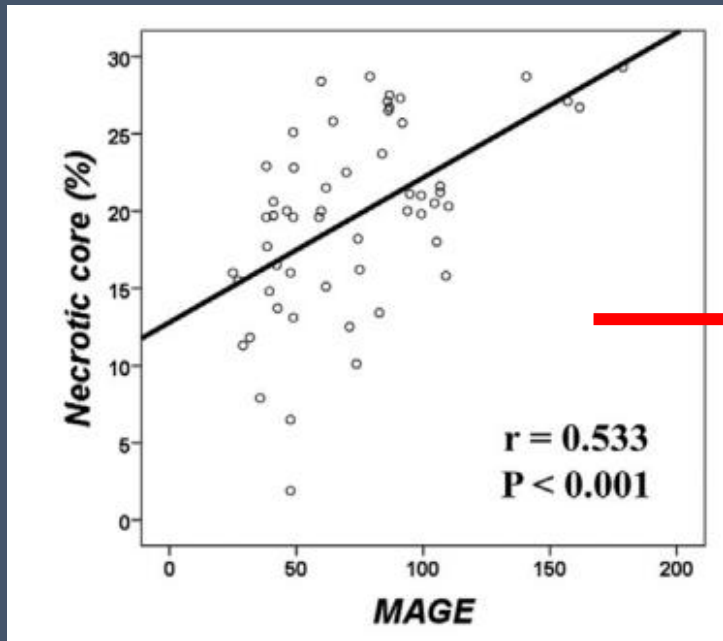
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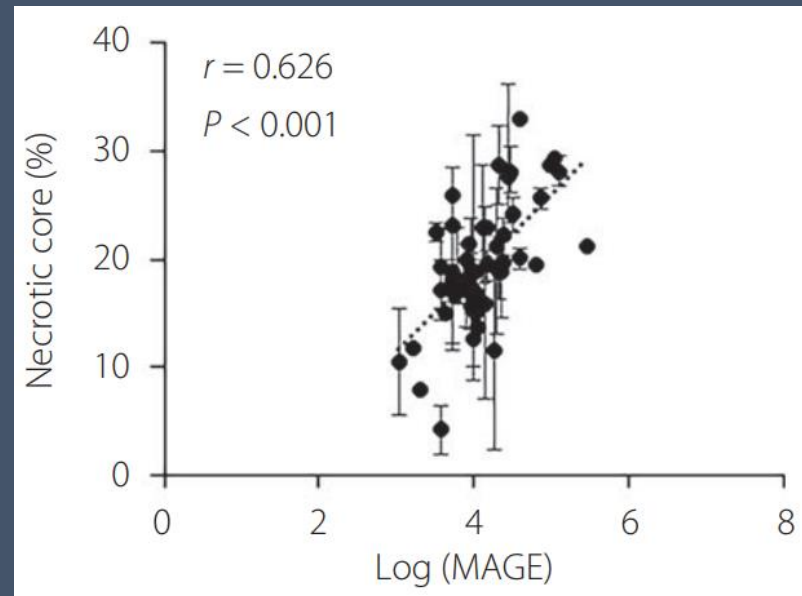


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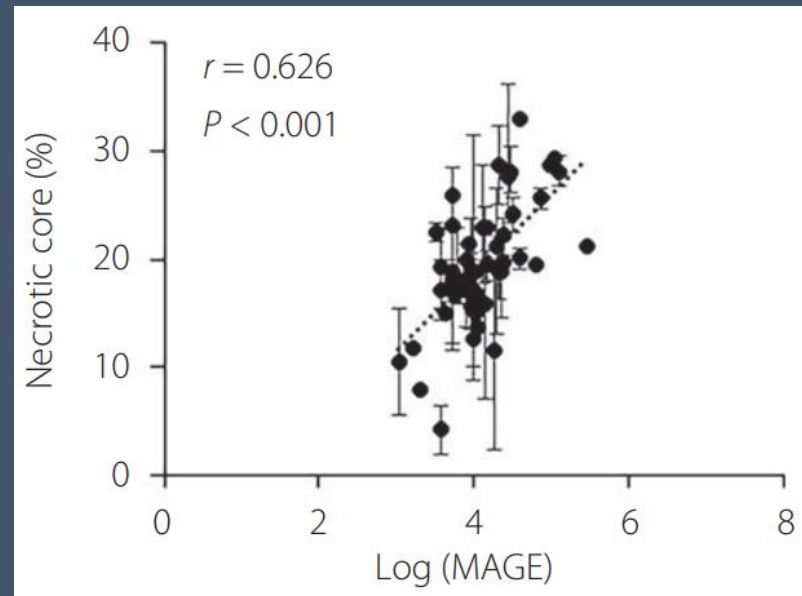
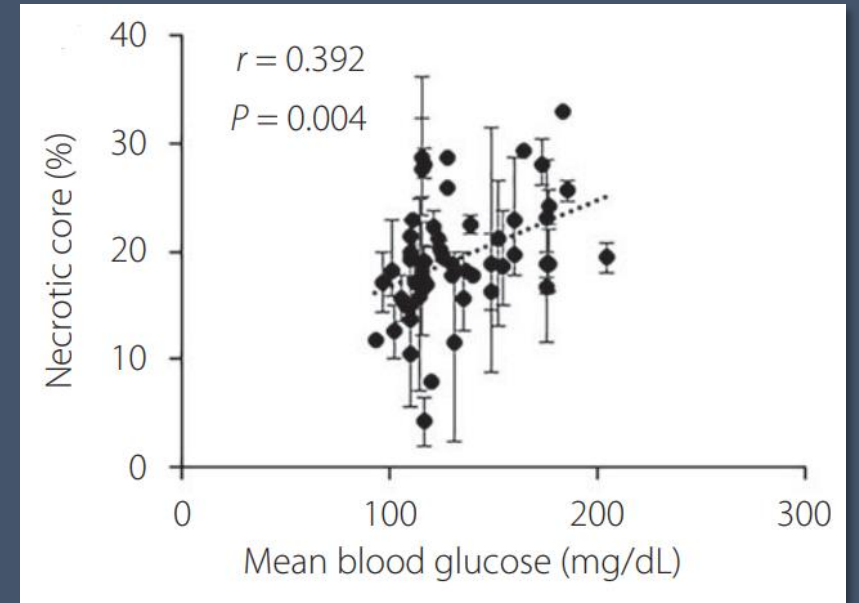
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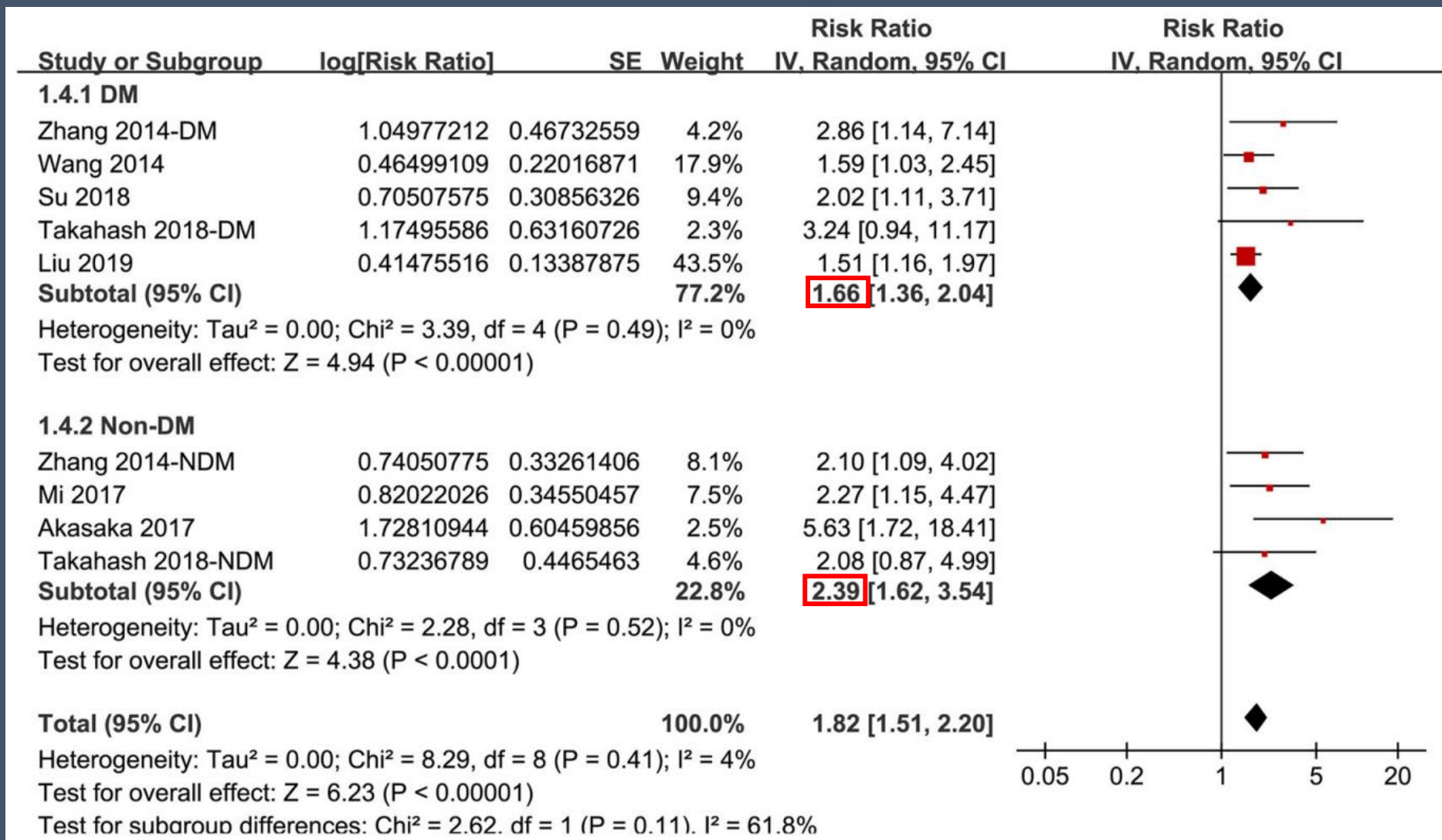
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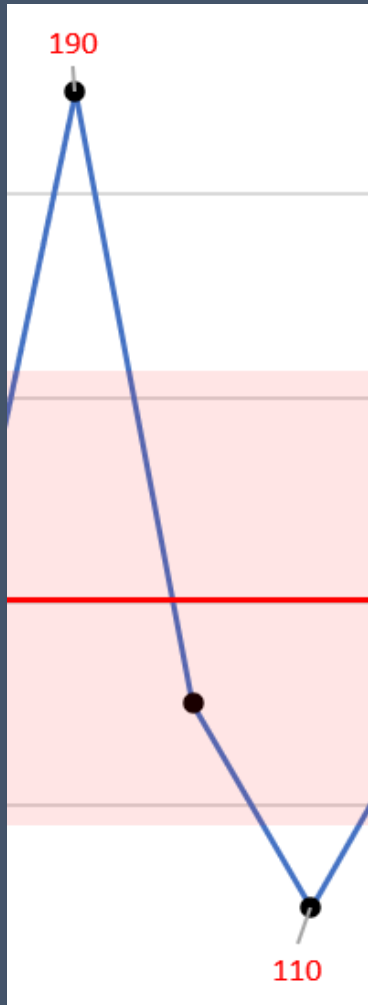
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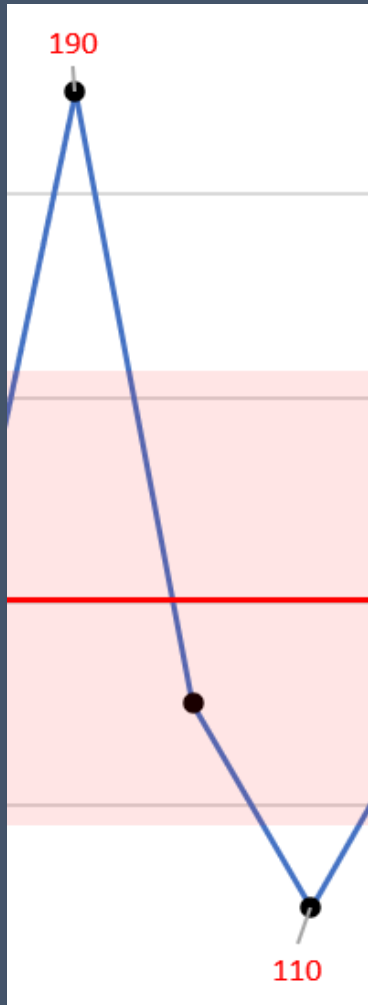
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- Medications

Outstanding Questions

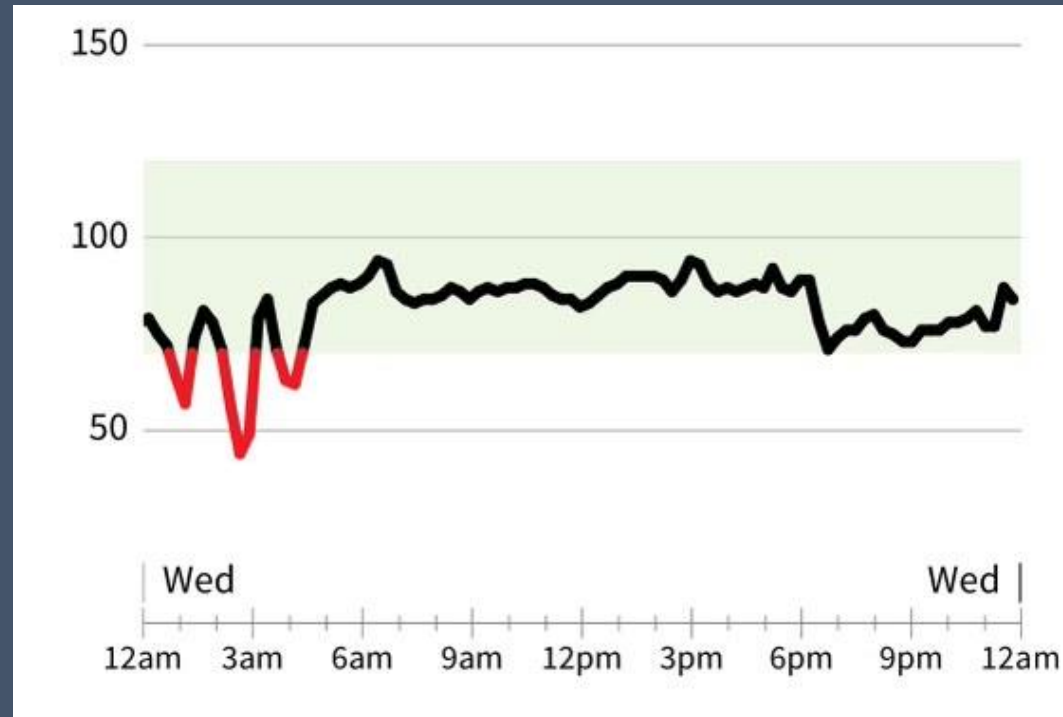
- Ambulatory GV and Outcomes
- Threshold GV for poor outcomes in healthy subjects
- Frequency

Outline

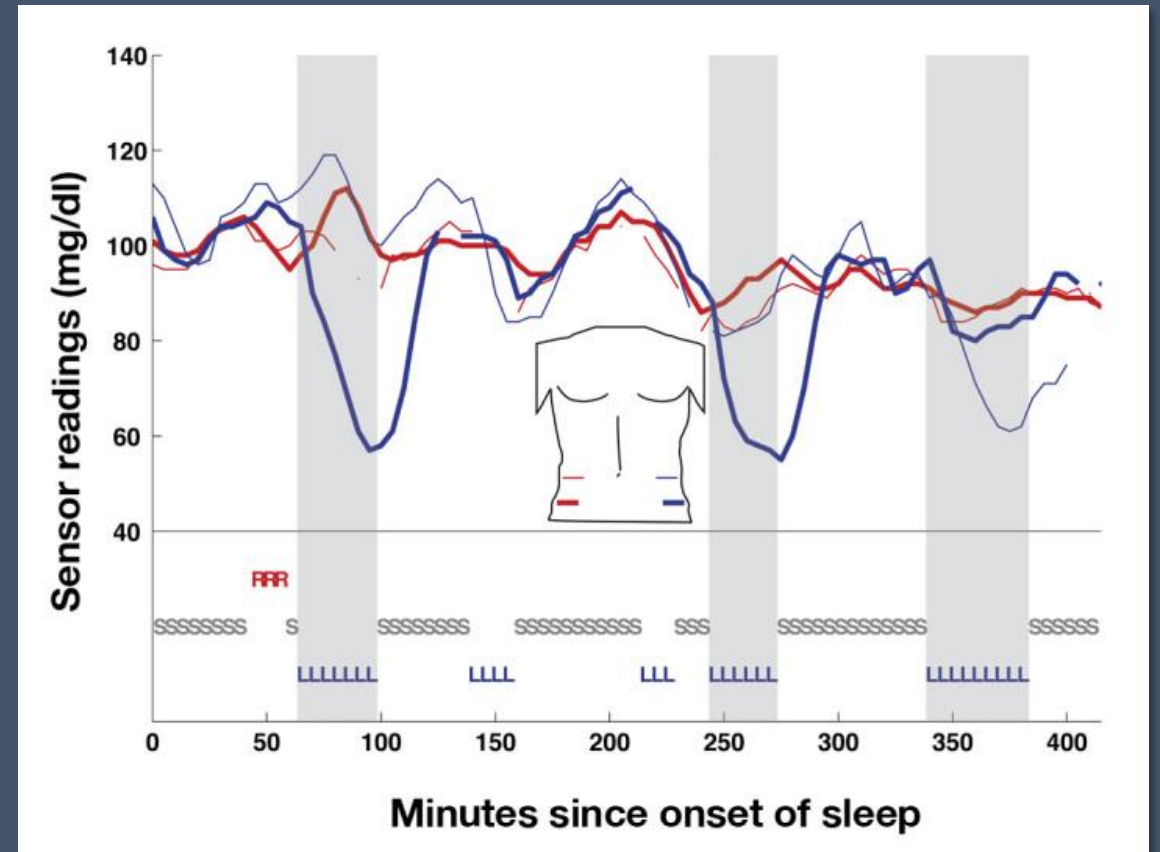
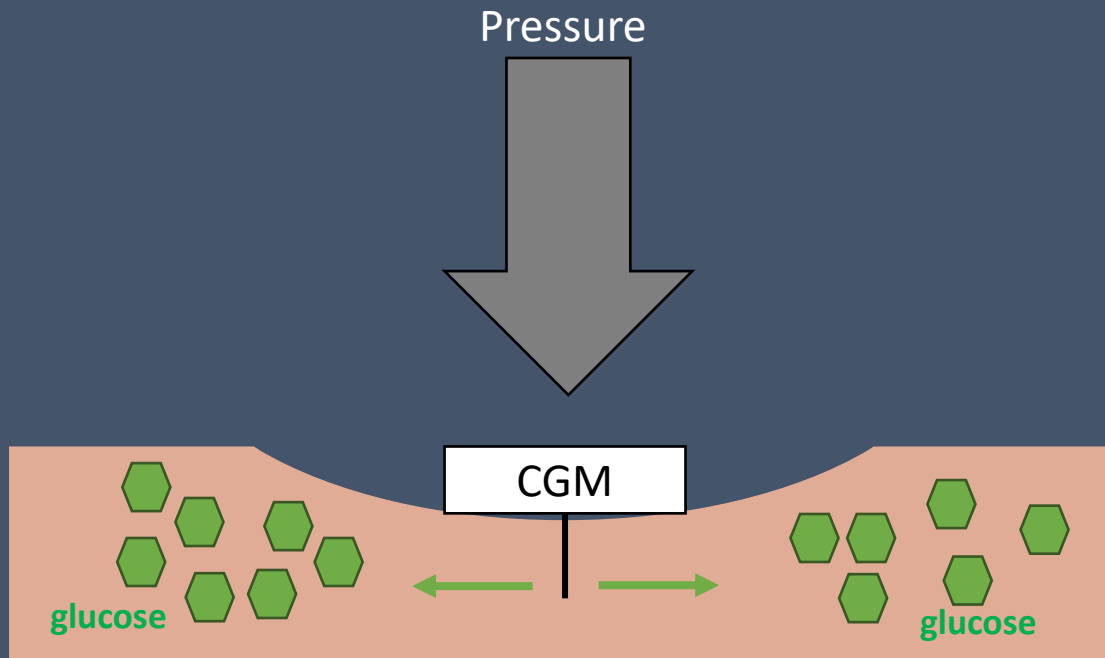
- What is a Continuous Glucose Monitor (CGM)?
- Rationale for patients
- Rationale for clinicians
- **CGM Case Studies**

Case 1

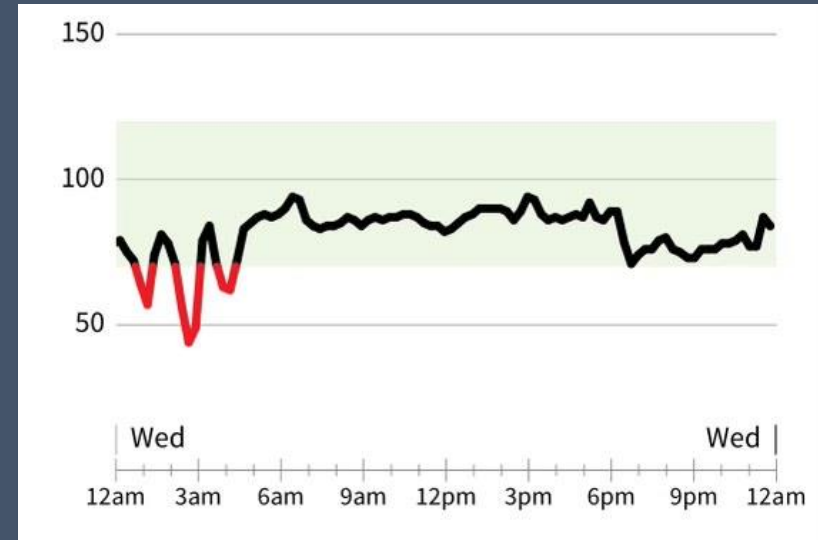
- Patient concerned about nighttime low blood sugar reading



Compression Hypoglycemia

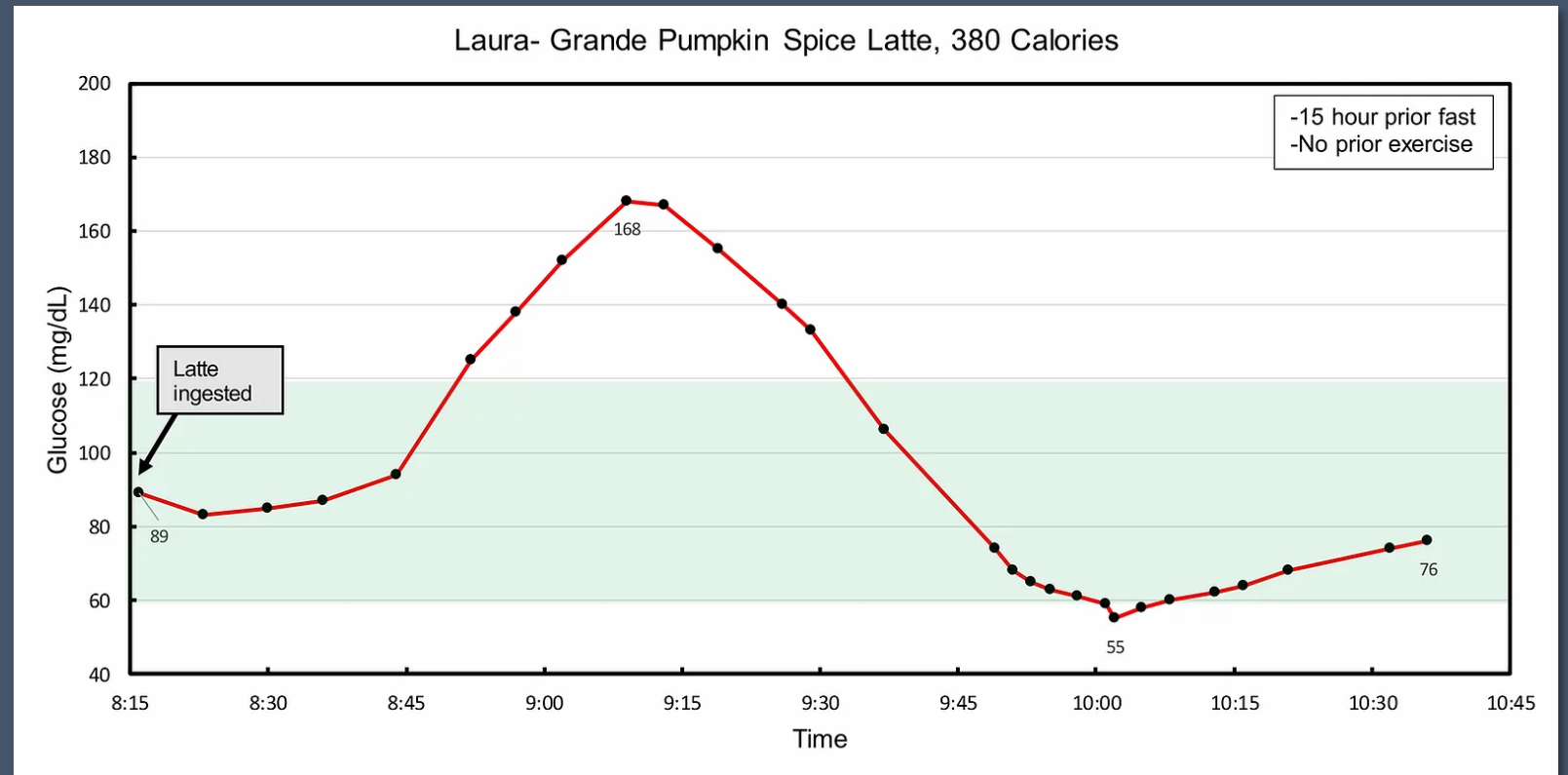
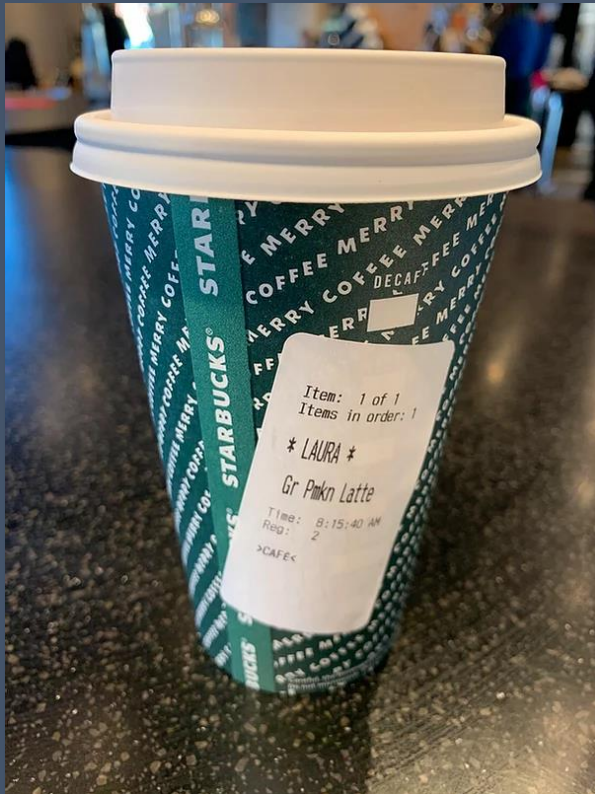


Solutions



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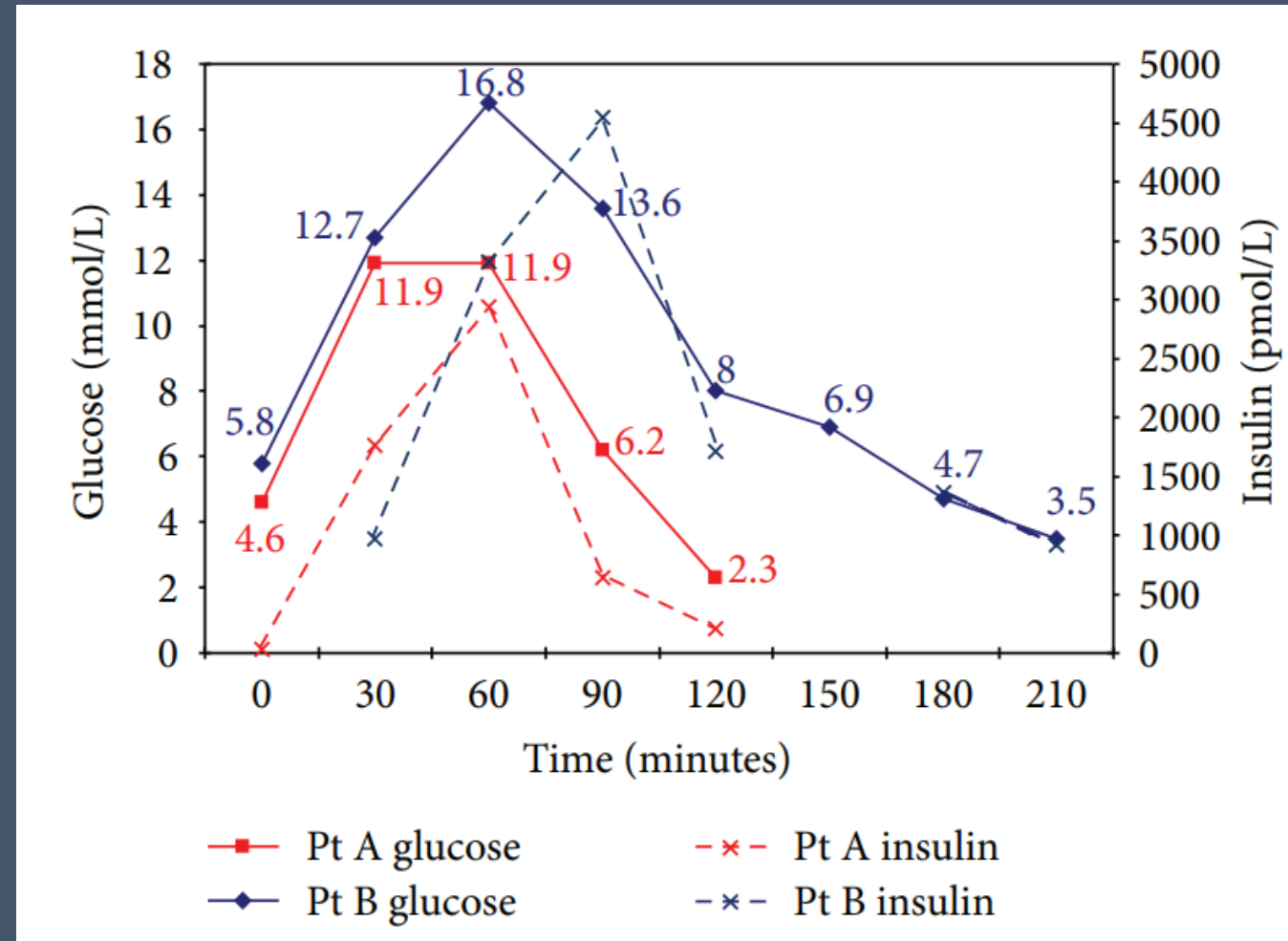
- Patient felt a little shaky after drinking a latte



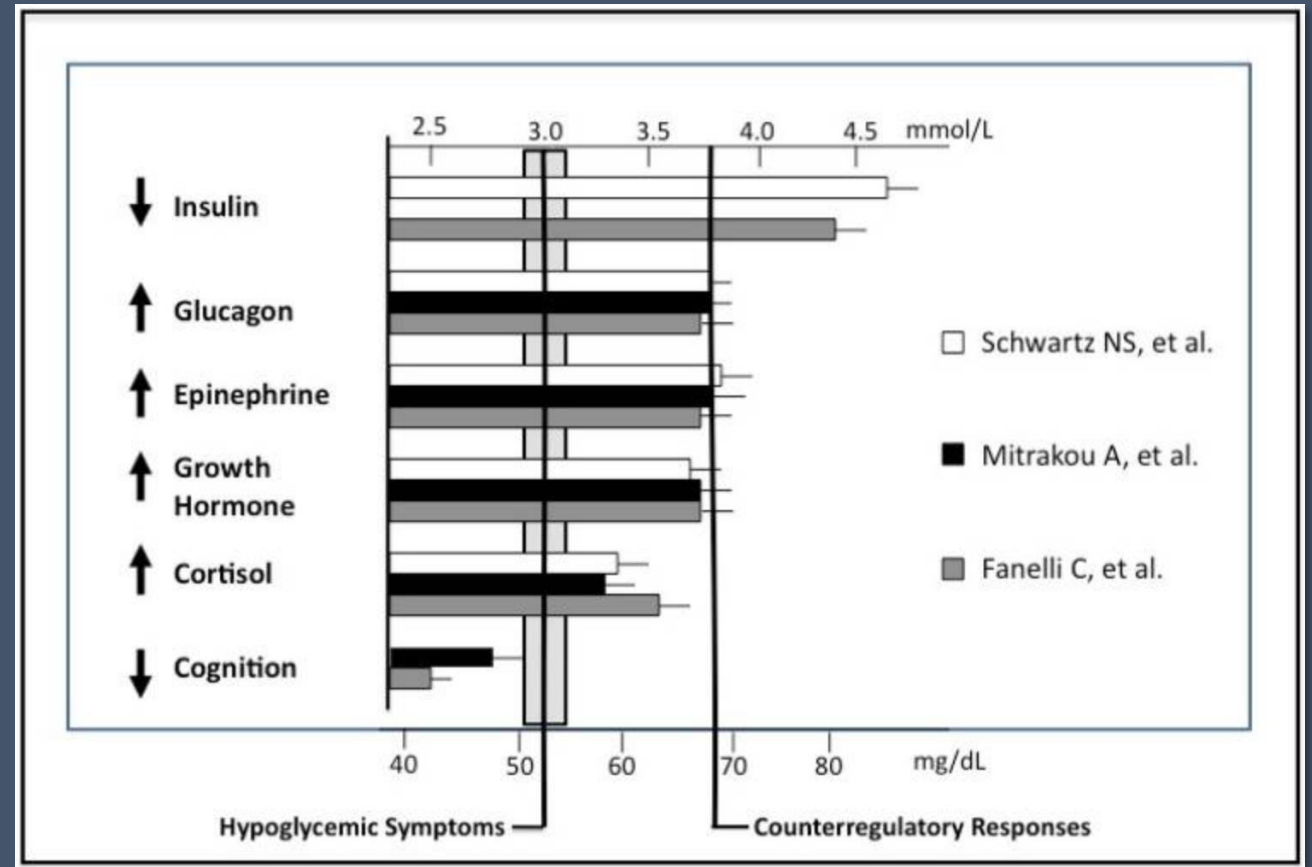
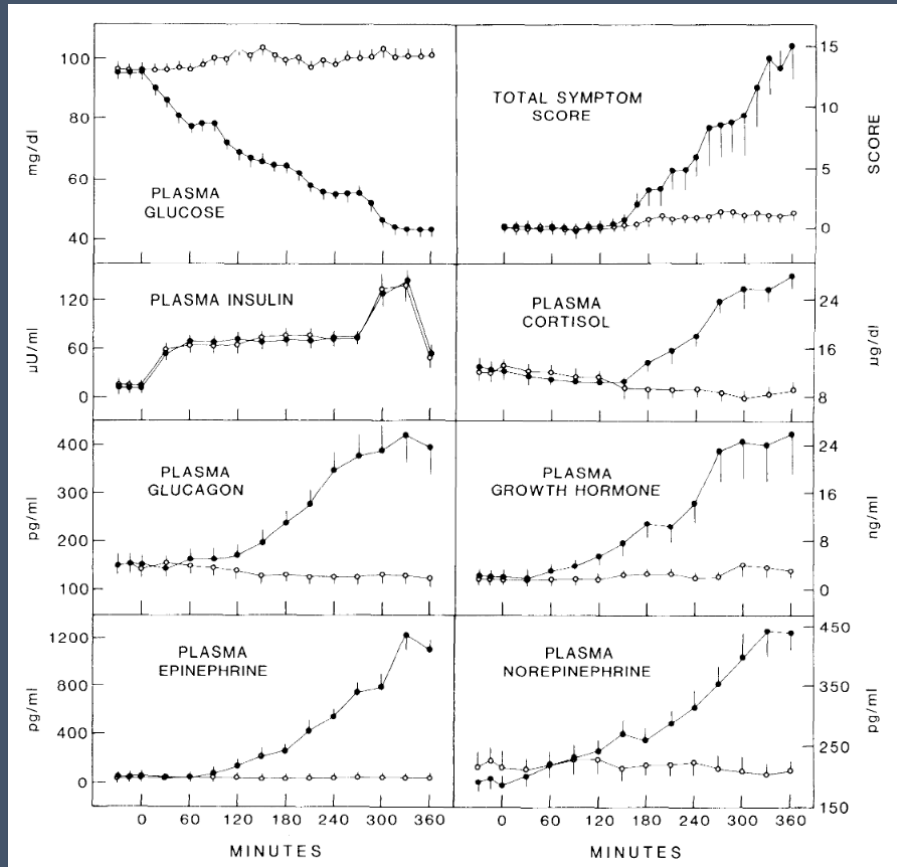
Reactive Hypoglycemia

Early RH	Idiopathic RH	Alimentary RH	Late RH	Rare
<p>Timing: 1-2 hours postprandial</p> <p>Mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↑ incretin effect • ↑ gastric emptying 	<p>Timing: 3 hours</p> <p>Metabolically healthy</p> <p>Not associated with developing DM</p> <p>Mechanism: Unclear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ?↑ insulin sensitivity • ?↑ incretin effect 	<p>Timing: Within 2 hours</p> <p>Mechanism: Upper GI surgery (ex. Gastrectomy, vagotomy)</p>	<p>Timing: 3 – 5 hours</p> <p>Increase risk of DM</p> <p>Mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ↓ first phase insulin • ↑ second phase insulin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Factitious hypoglycemia • Insulin autoimmune hypoglycemia • Insulinoma • Hereditary fructose intolerance • Unripe ackee fruit • Noninsulinoma pancreatogenous hypoglycemia syndrome

Early and Late RH

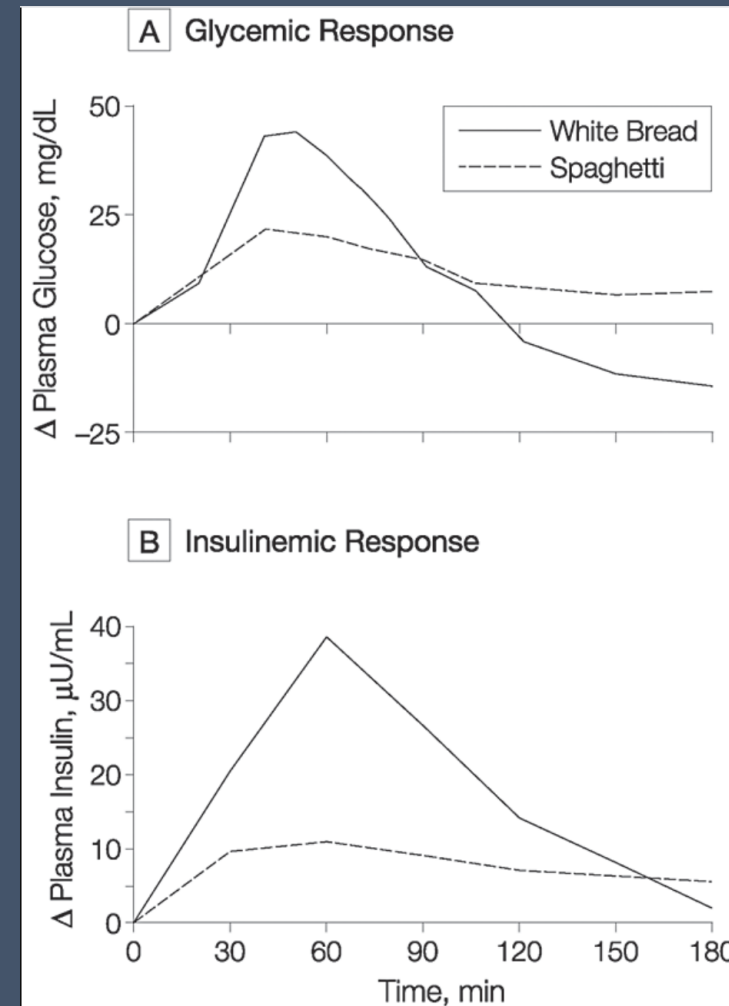


Hormonal Response to Reactive Hypoglycemia



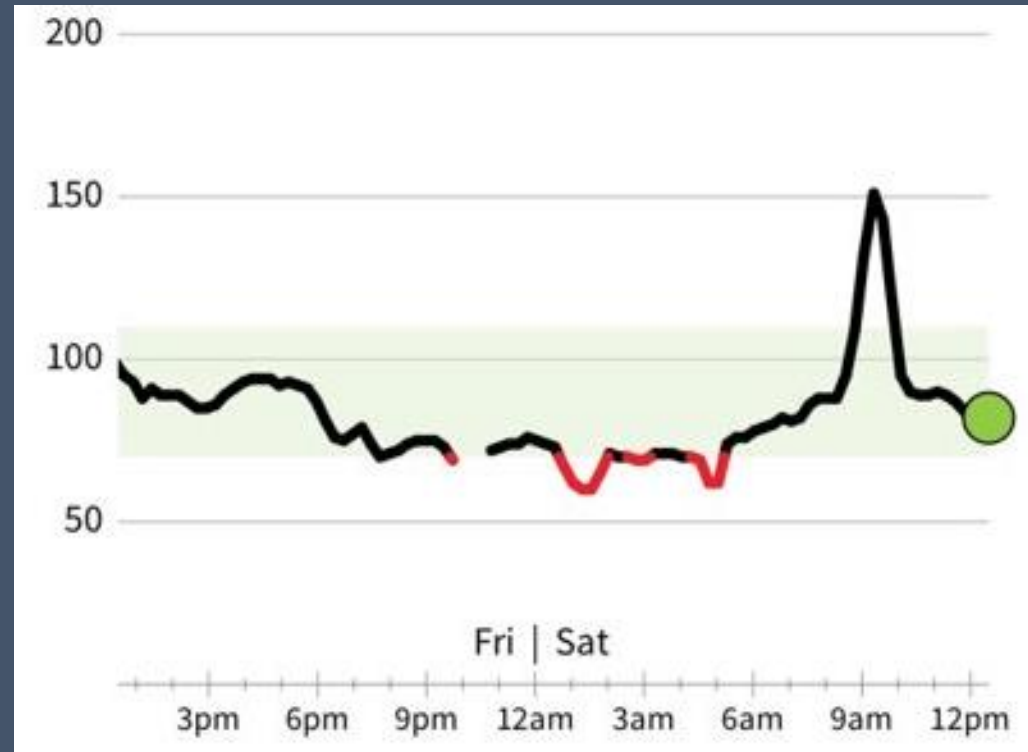
Preventing Reactive Hypoglycemia

- Decrease carbohydrate intake
- Eat lower glycemic index foods
- Even worth it in asymptomatic people



Case 3

- Patient confused by a non-food-related spike



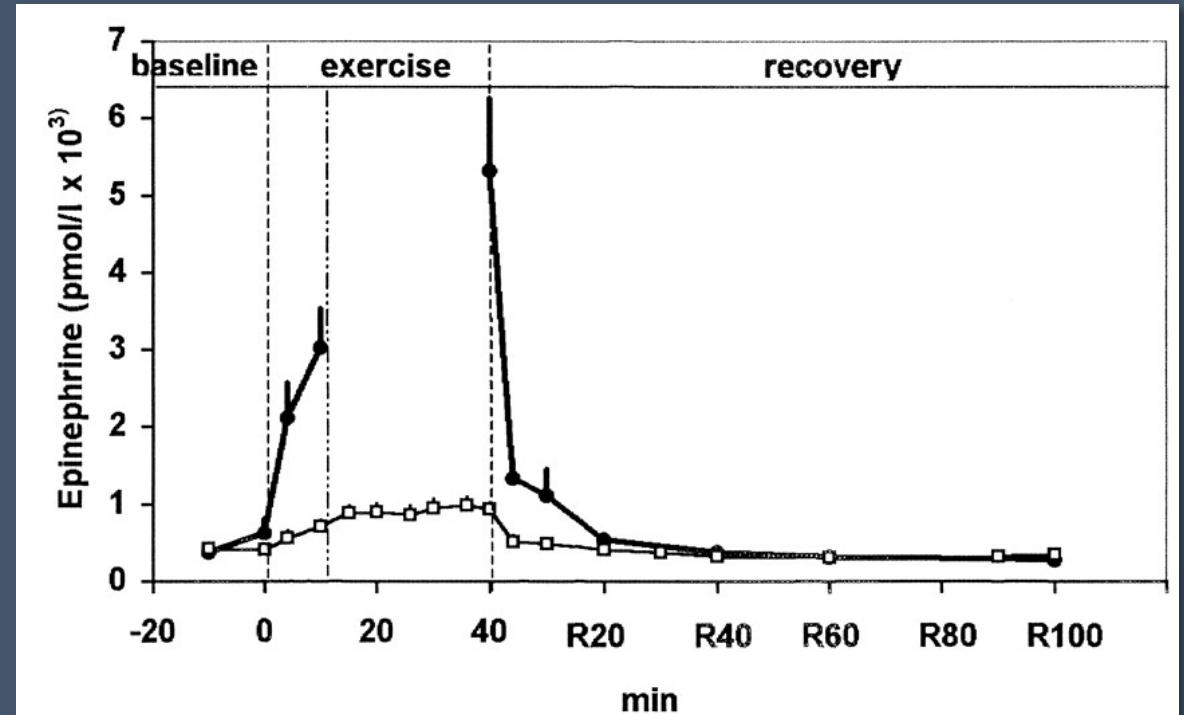
Glycemic Responses to Exercise

	Moderate Intensity	High Intensity
VO2 Max	<60%	>80%
Catecholamines	↑ x2-4 fold	↑ x14-18
Glucose utilization / production	GU = GP	GP ↑ x7-8 GU ↑ x3
Insulin	↓	↑ AFTER exercise, up to 1 hour post recovery
Glucagon	↑	↑
Blood glucose level	↔	↑, recovers within 1 hour

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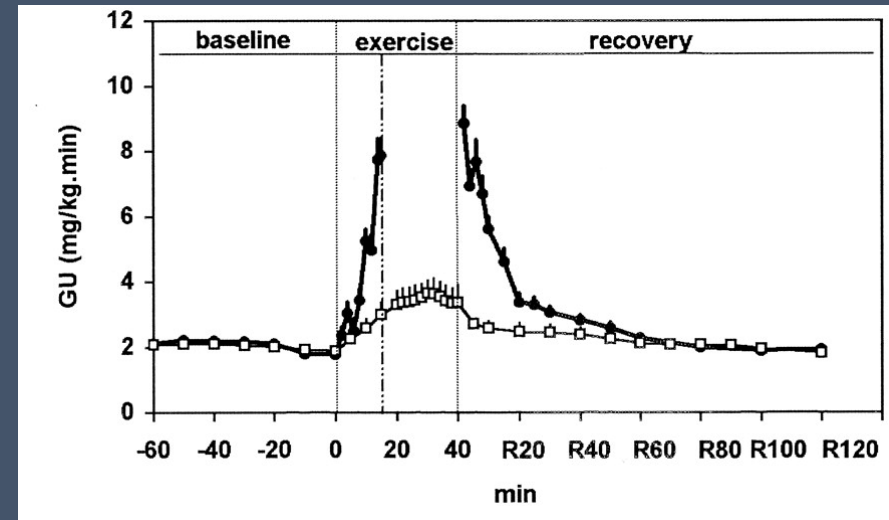
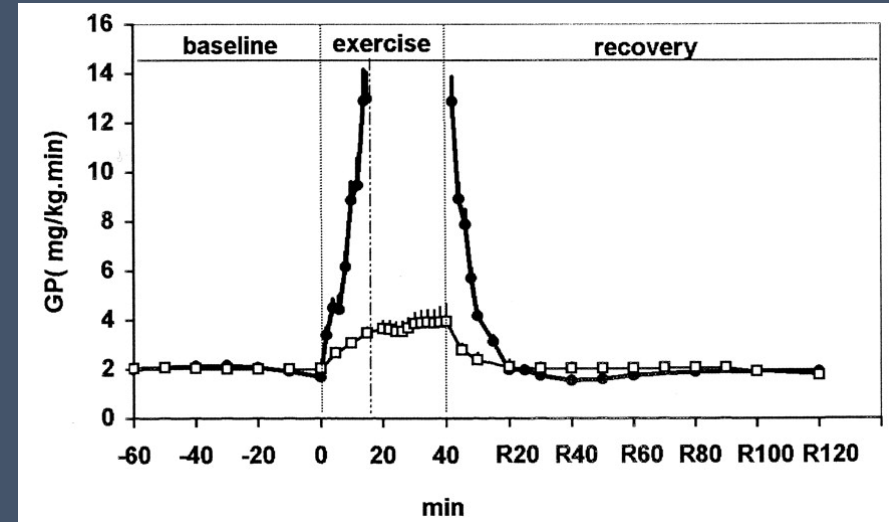
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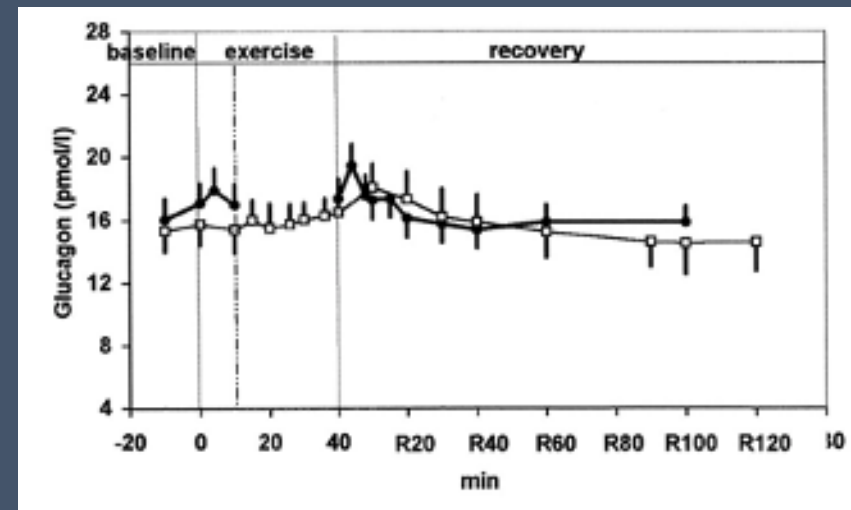
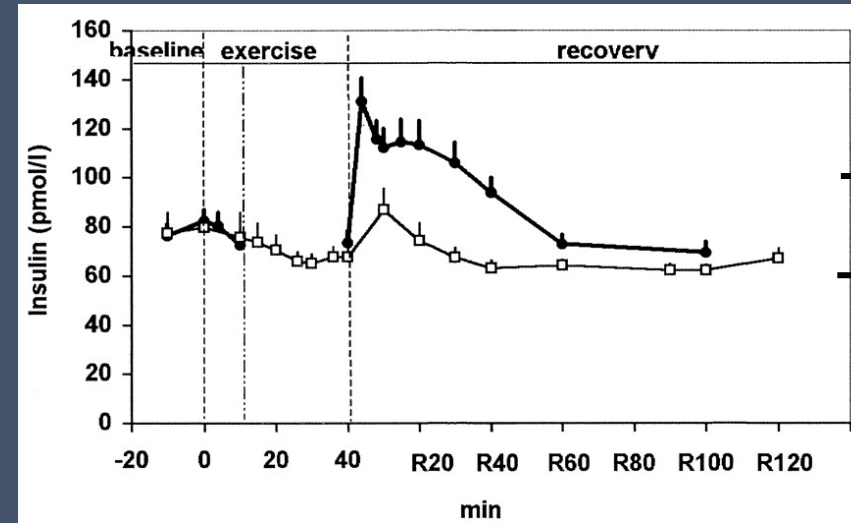
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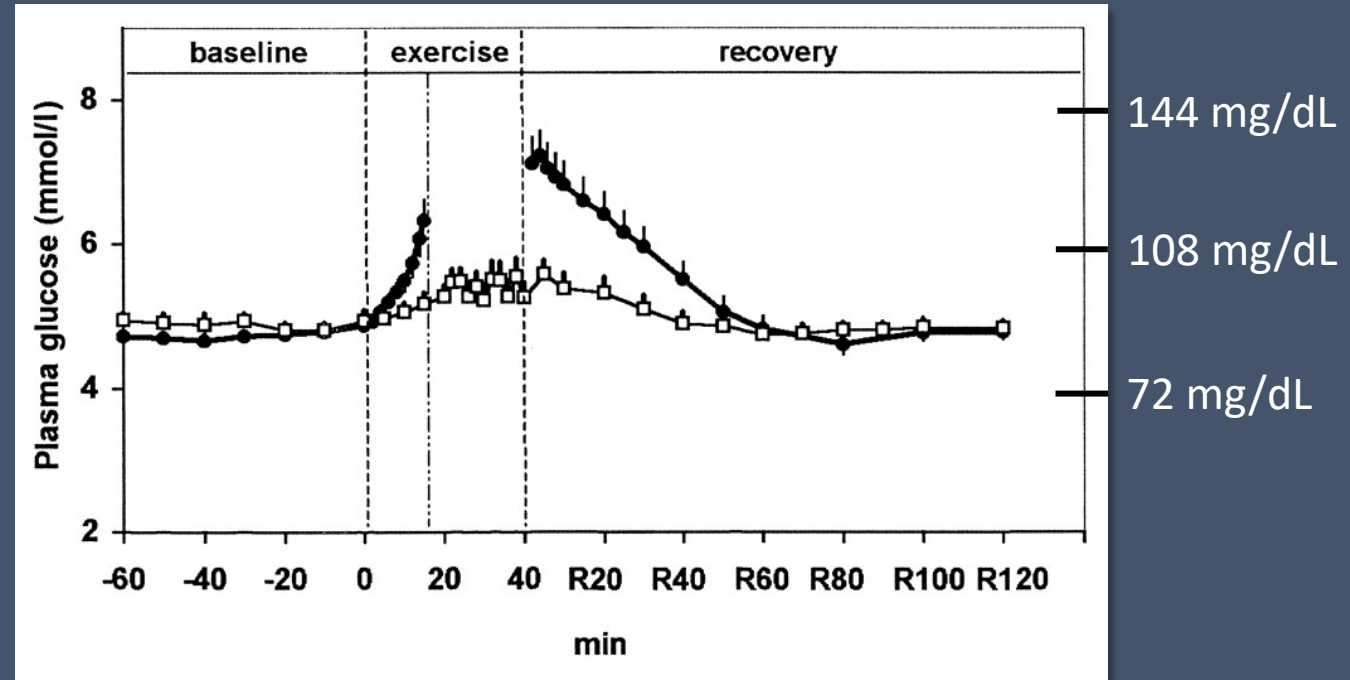
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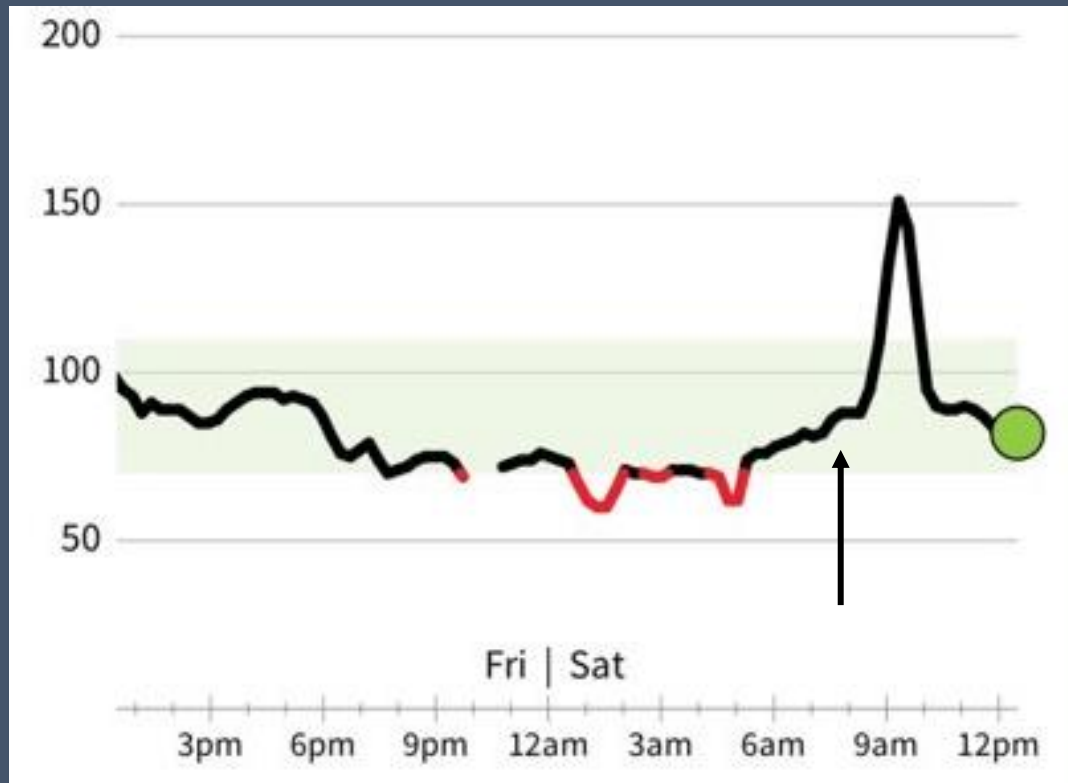
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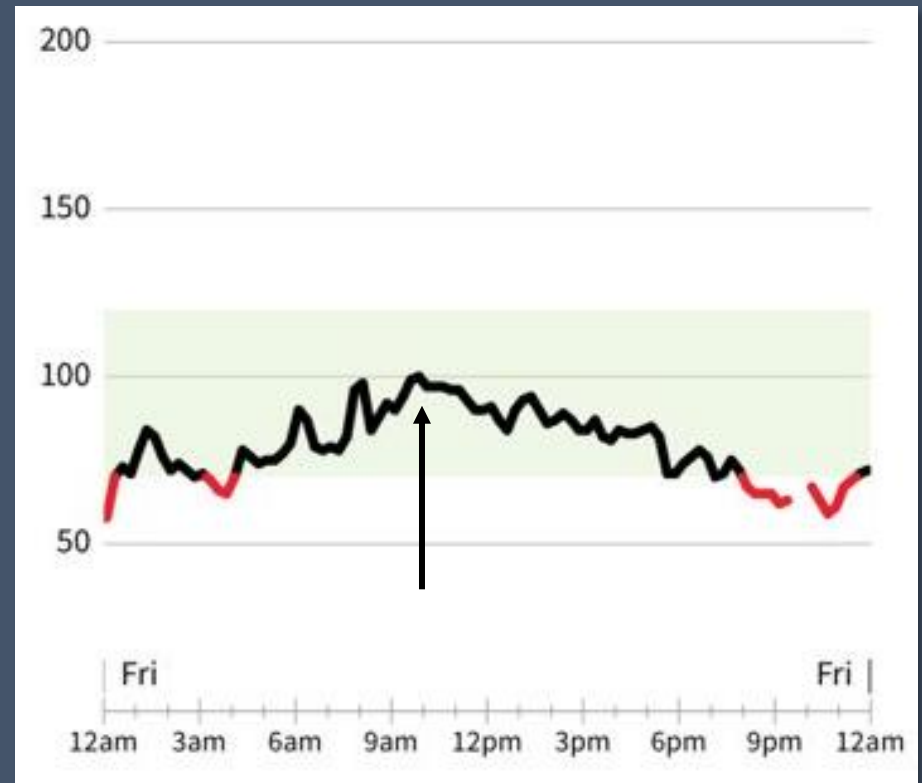
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Orange Theory

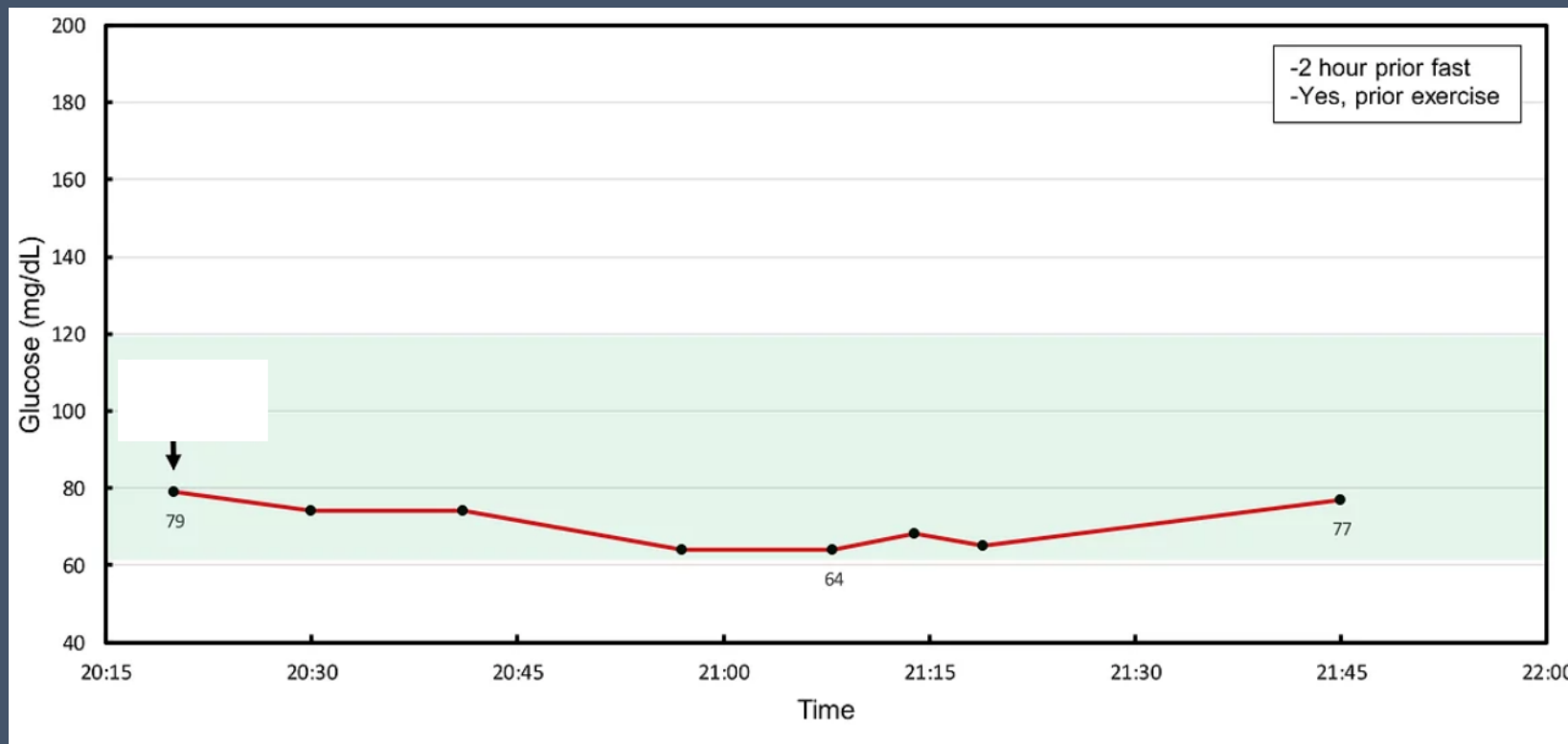


Walking



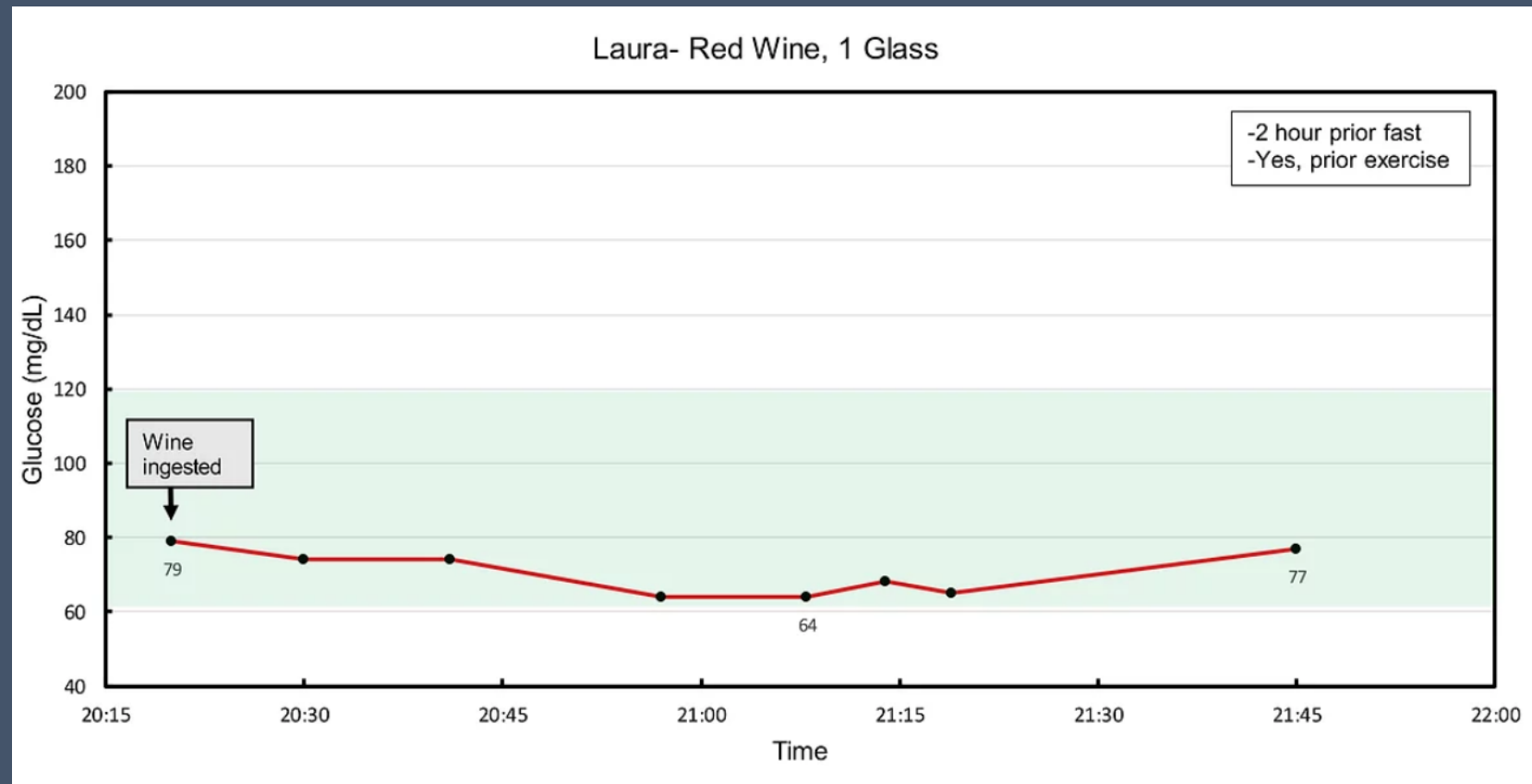
Case 4

- Patient said she had something to drink and was surprised that her sugar went down



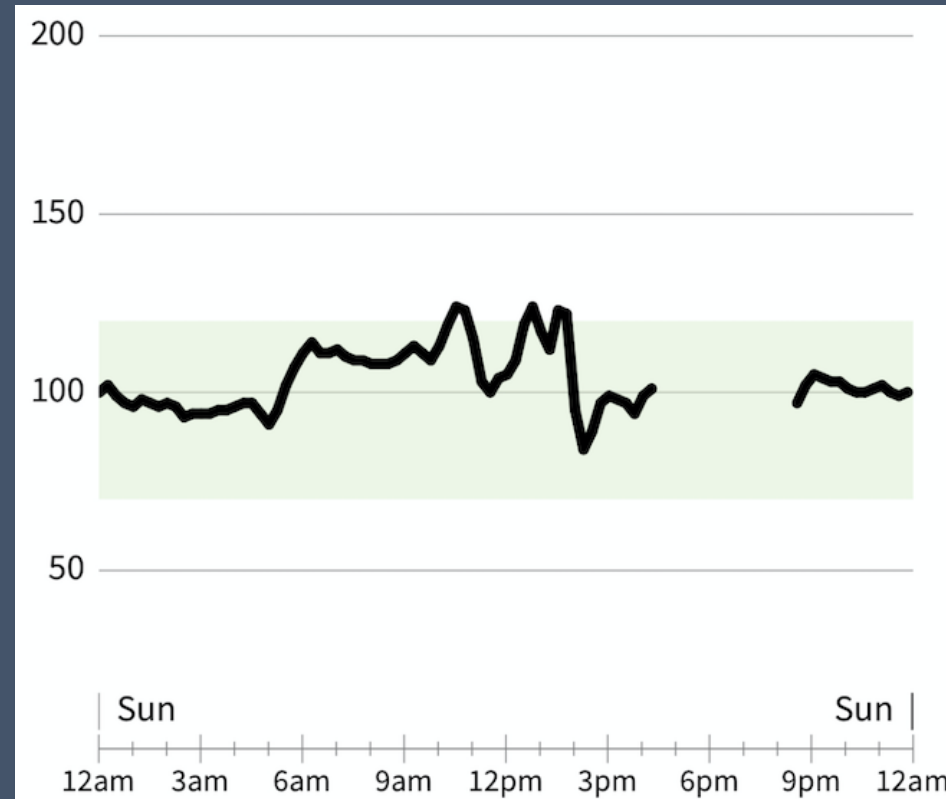
Alcohol and Glycemia

- Decreased hepatic gluconeogenesis
- Variable
 - Cocktail
 - Wine
 - Beer
 - Fasting
 - Eating



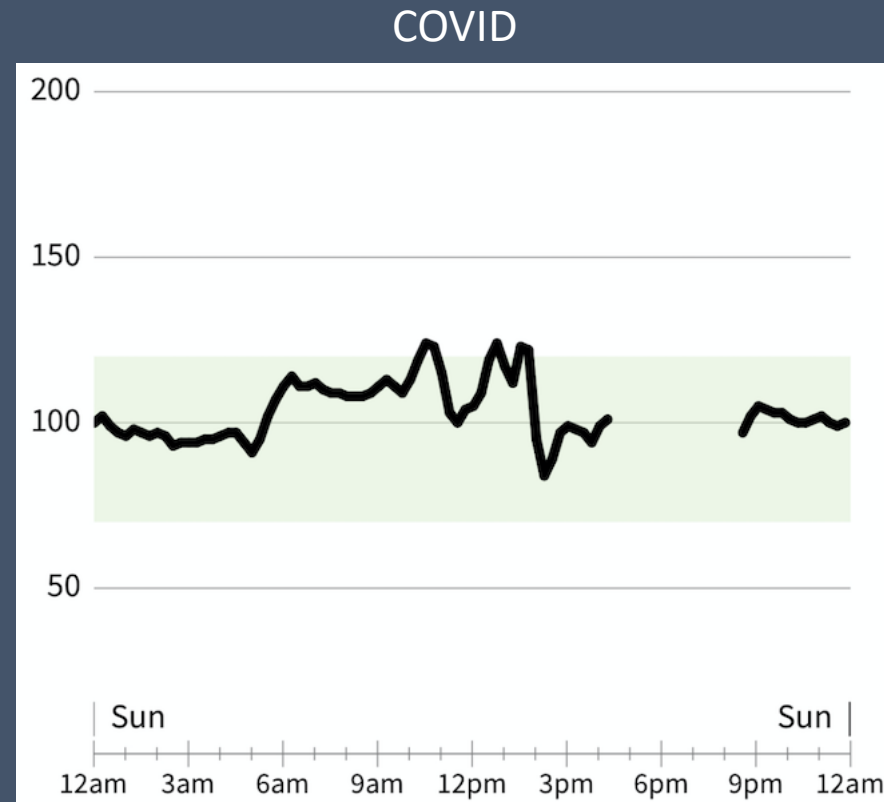
Case 5

- Patient reports her baseline has been higher over the past few days despite no dietary changes



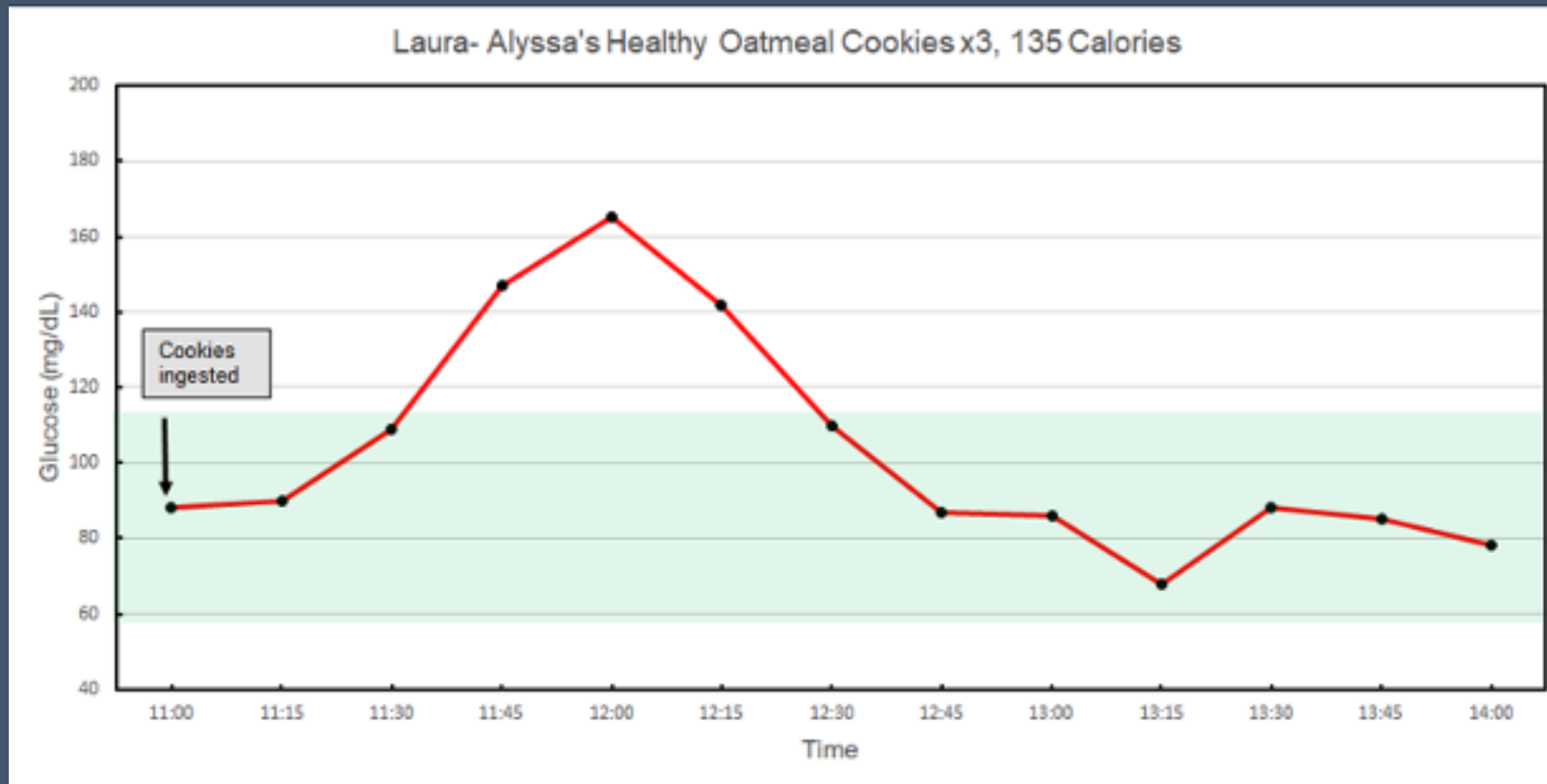
Day to Day Living that Alters Blood Sugar

- Stress
- Illness
- Hot shower
- Night Shift
- Dawn Phenomenon



Case 6

- I thought I was eating something healthy



“Healthy” Foods



Nutrition Facts	Amount/serving	% DV*
Serving Size: 2 pieces, 1.5 oz, Servings: 4		
Calories: 90		
Calories from Fat: 27		
Percent (%) Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.		
Total Fat	3g	5%
Saturated Fat	0.6g	3%
Trans Fat	0g	0%
Cholesterol	0mg	0%
Sodium	10mg	<1%
Total Carb	14g	5%
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Sugars	2g	
Protein	4g	
Vitamin A	4%	Vitamin C 2%
Calcium	0%	Iron 2%

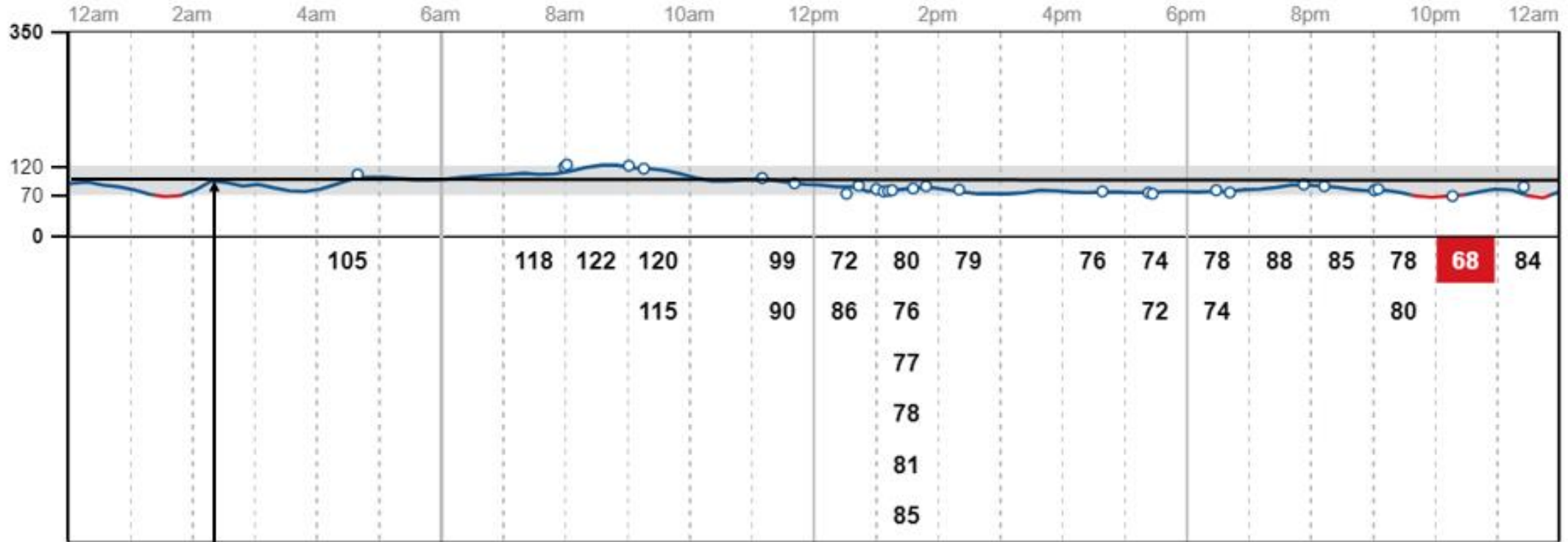
INGREDIENTS: CERTIFIED GLUTEN FREE WHOLE GRAIN ROLLED OATS, GROUND WHOLE OATS, OAT BRAN, GROUND FLAX SEEDS, CHIA SEEDS, DRIED FRUITS (CRANBERRIES, DATES, COCONUT, BLACKCURRANTS), EXTRA VIRGIN ORGANIC COCONUT OIL, ORGANIC PALM FRUIT OIL, OLIVE OIL, EGG WHITES, CHICORY ROOT FIBER, FILTERED WATER, CINNAMON, VANILLA, BAKING SODA, NATURAL FLAVORS.



CGMs and Medication

- Moving a Patient with type 2 diabetes from SAD to TCR
 - Initially CGMs aid in monitoring medication titration (see Guideline Central)
 - Later CGMs aid in monitoring excursions

Success!



GMI 4.8%

- ▶ I woke up haven't ingested anything yet about to take meds. Ate a small pluot ◀
- ▶ Chewing gum ▶ Eating a few honey roasted almonds Going to bed ◀
- ▶ Took a nap
- ▶ Just ate a tiny piece of bread for sacrament
- ▶ Just ate Turkey lunch meat, black olives and a pickle
- ▶ Chewing gum to avoid junk food
- Eating coleslaw and cheese steak without the bun ◀

TCR



Key Points

- CGM feedback is immediate
- CGMs empower patients to improve their metabolic health
- Glycemic variability is an emerging nontraditional risk factor for vascular disease
- CGMs can easily characterize glycemic variability
- Be prepared for CGM data that patients will ask you about

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