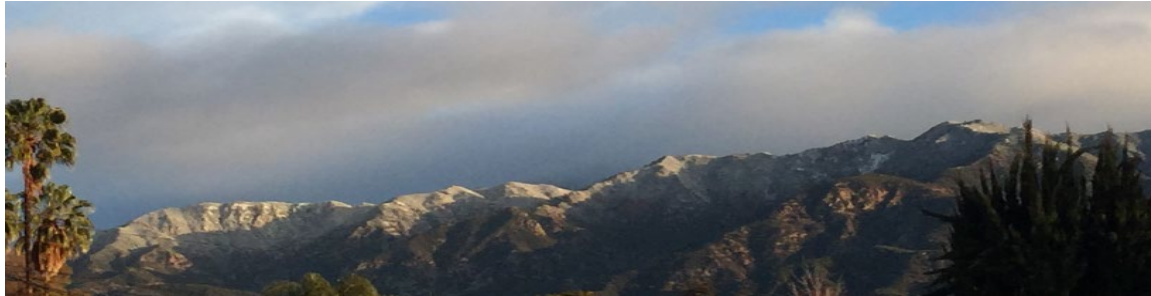


Unequal distribution of wealth and access: measuring the biology of disparities



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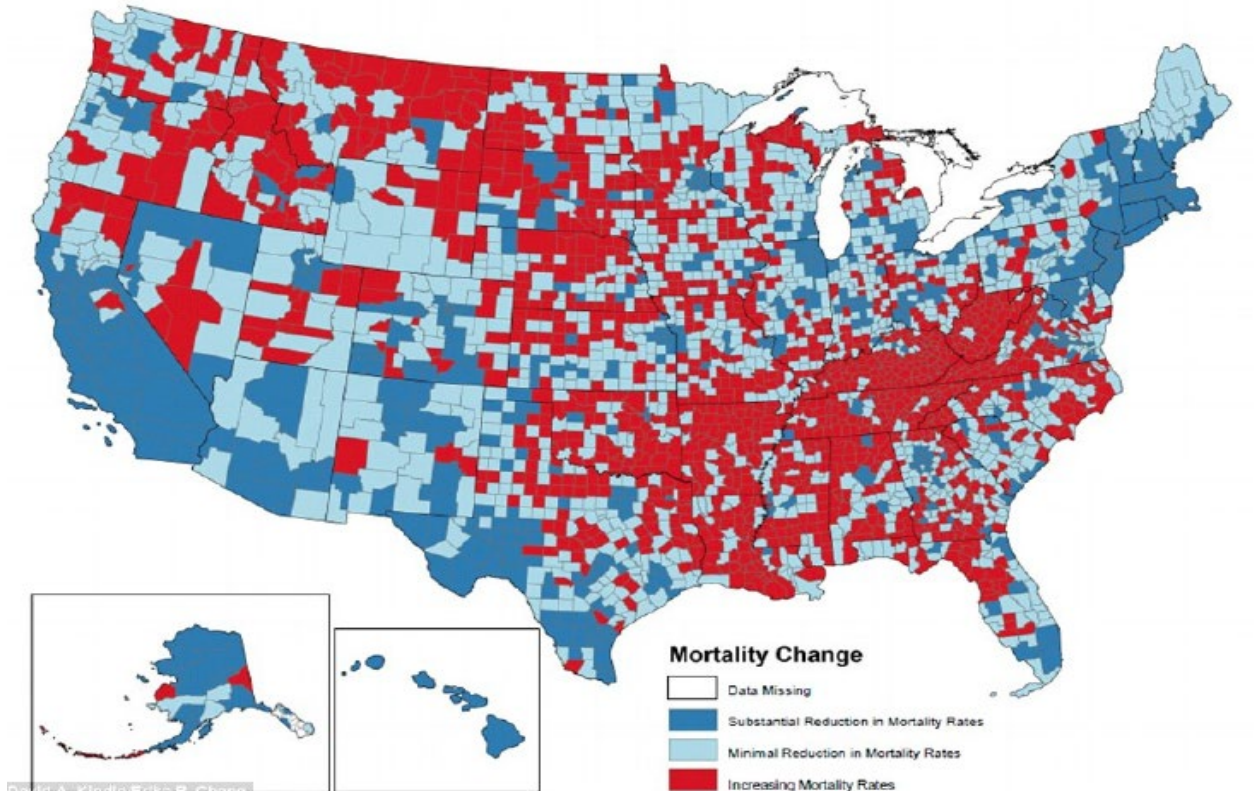
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Early death in women > 50% US Counties 2006

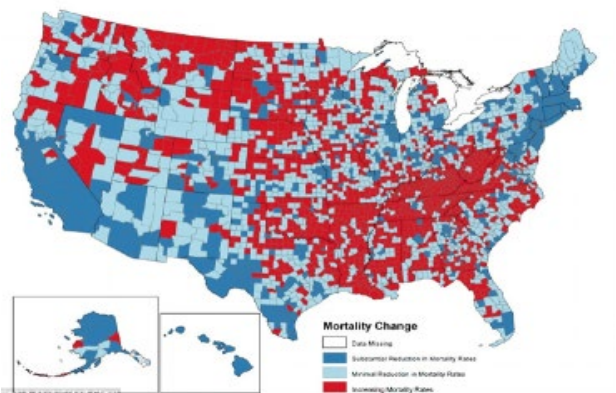
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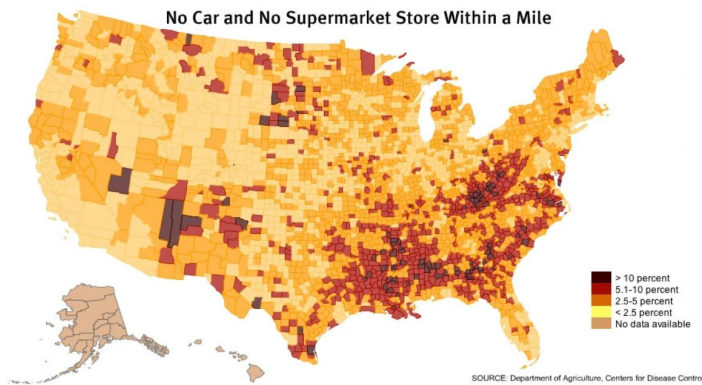
Early death, inactivity, type-2 diabetes

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Earlier Age Death Women

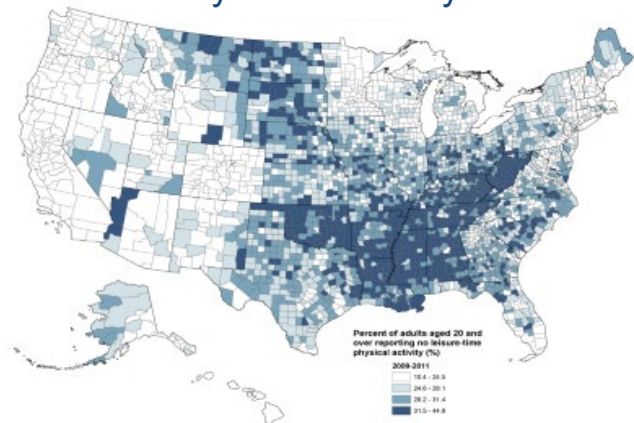


Lack of access to healthy food

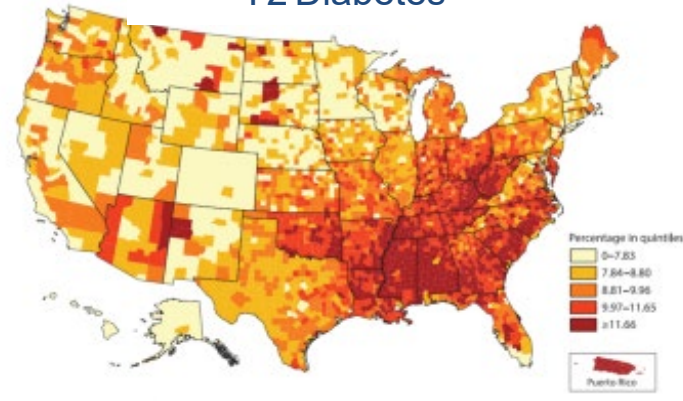


SOURCE: Department of Agriculture, Centers for Disease Control

Physical Inactivity

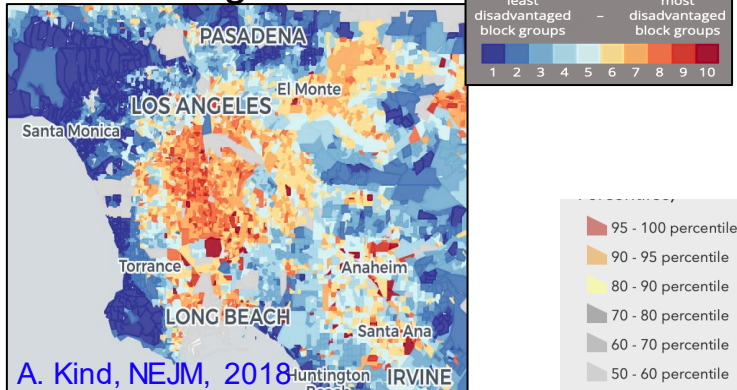


T2 Diabetes



LA as an example: unequal distribution of wealth = shorter lives

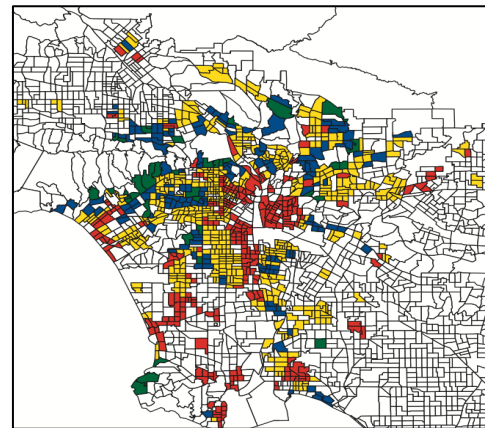
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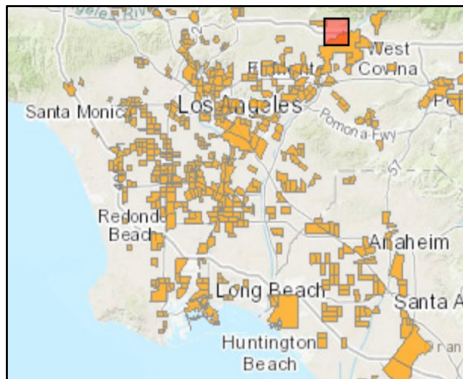
Air Toxics Cancer Risk



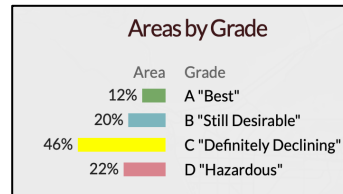
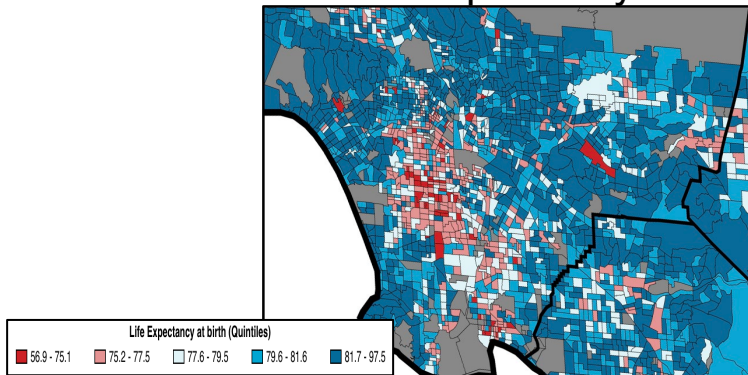
Redlining – 1930's



Food Deserts



CDC Life Expectancy 2023

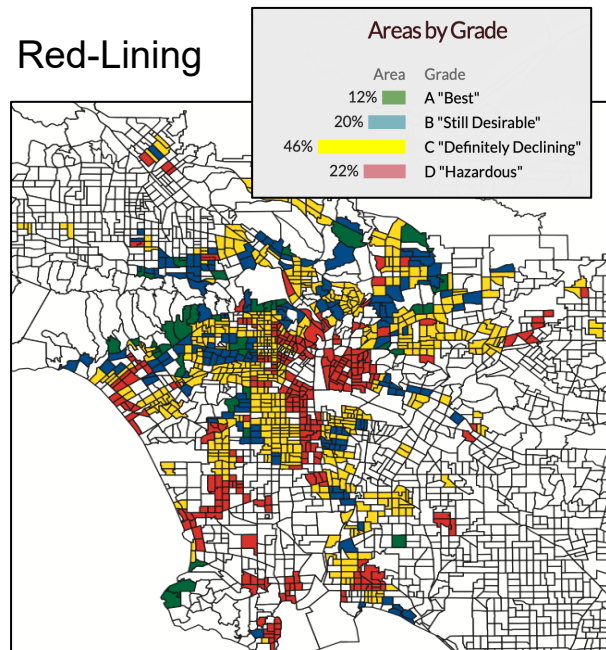


Poor resourced neighborhood links to Redlining – LA

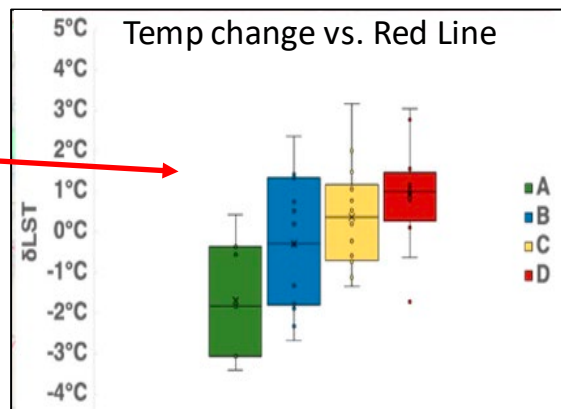
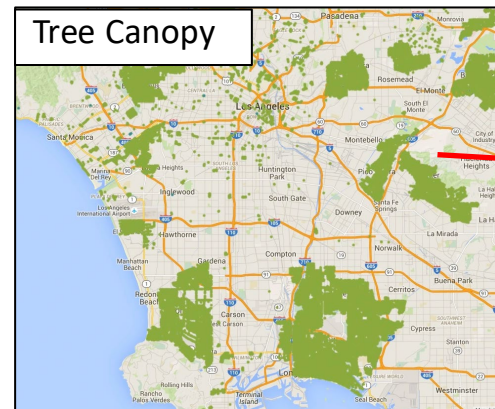
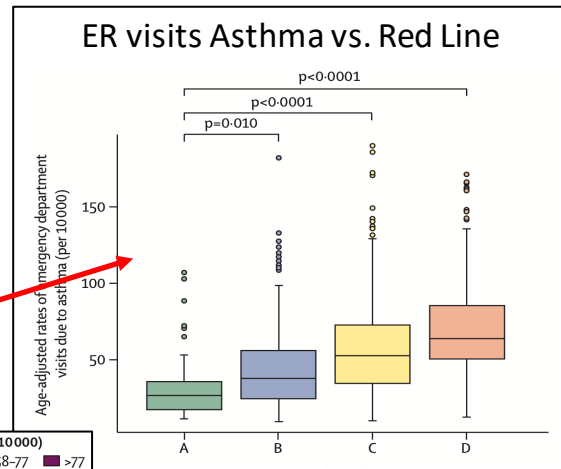
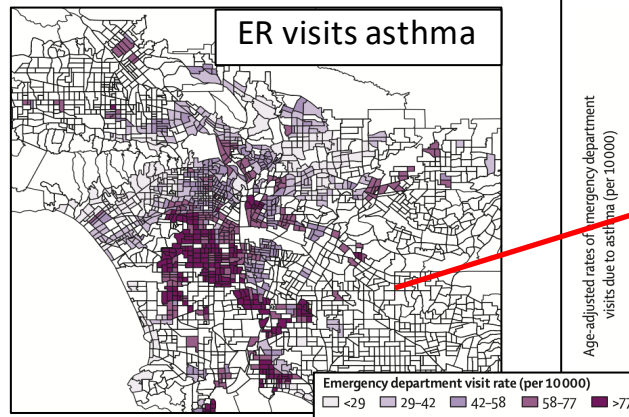
Denial of loans, insurance, health care, supermarkets

Increase ER visits and temperature

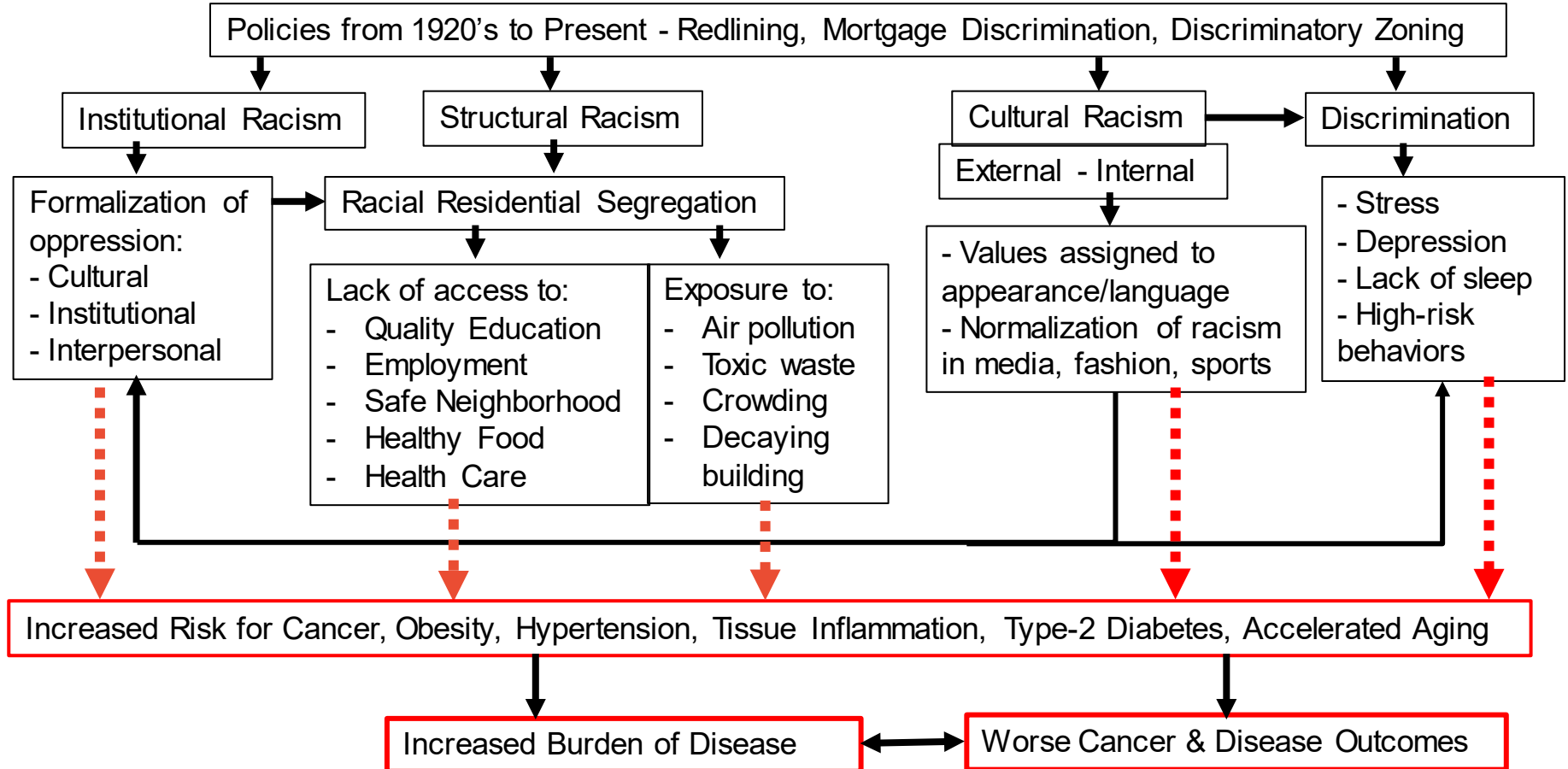
Red-Lining



Jeremy Hoffman et al. *Climate*, 2020
Anthony Nardone et al. *Lancet*, 2020



Racism – institutional, structural, cultural - and Discrimination – *need biology*



Getting at the biology: nutrition and calories are no longer linked

Before 1950's

Privileged

High calories
Good nutrition



Good health
Higher BMI

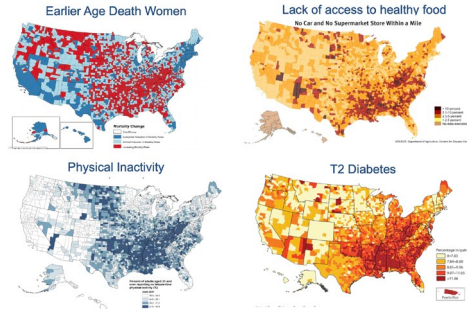
Disadvantaged

Low calories
Malnutrition



Poor health – anemia, Scurvy,
Rickets, protein/energy malnutrition

Today



Good nutrition
Low calories



Good health
Lower BMI
Space to exercise

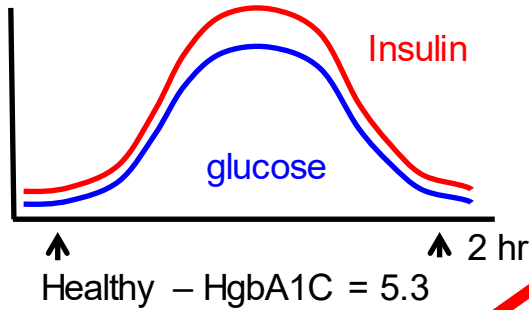
Poor nutrition
High Calories



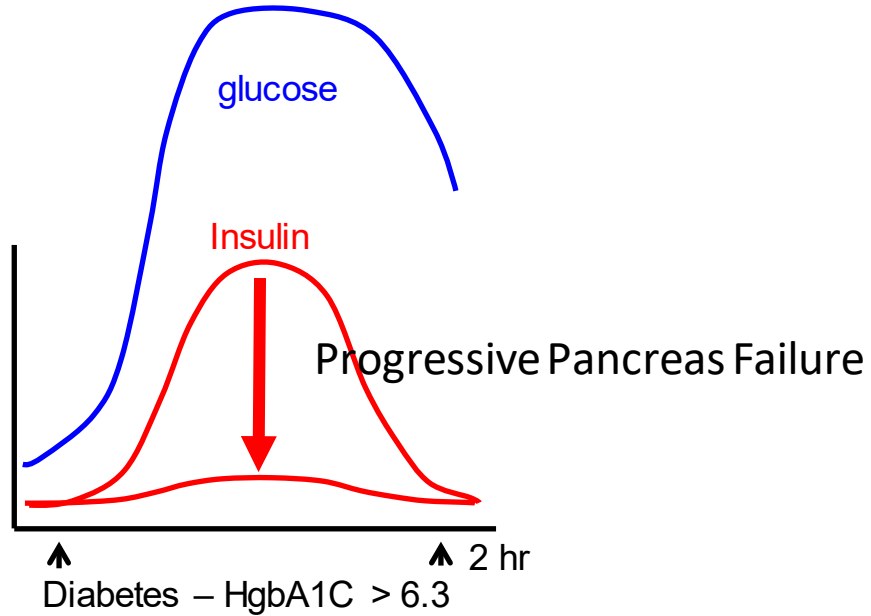
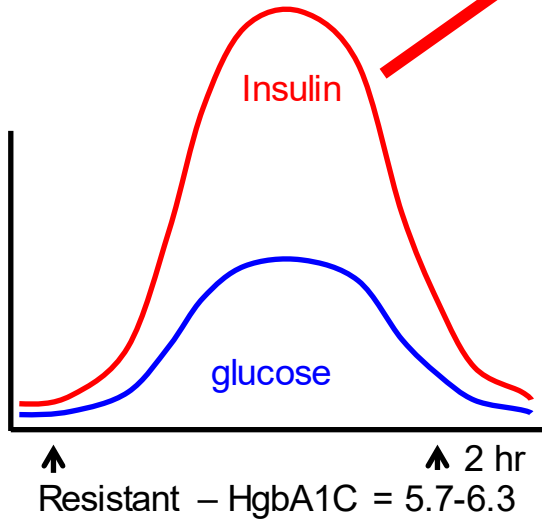
Obesity, heart disease,
HTN, T2DM, cancer
No space to exercise

Definitions: T2DM - **glucose**↑; Insulin resistance - **insulin**↑

Difficulty controlling eating is biology not “will-power”

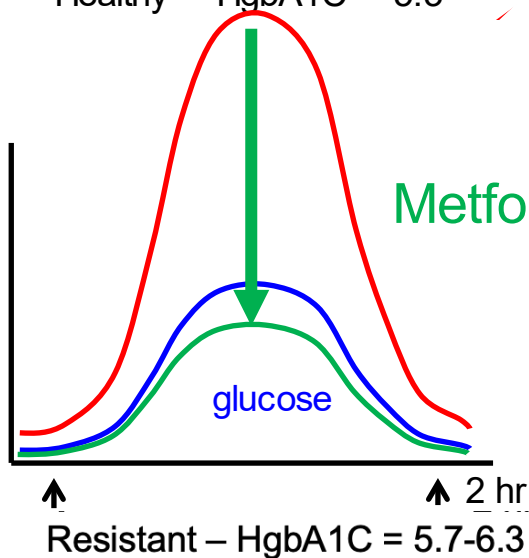
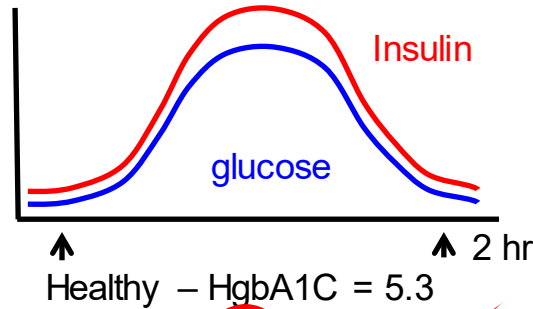


- stimulates hunger
- promotes carbohydrate to fat
- prevents fat access (breast feeding)



60% of T2DM can be prevented w/diet, walking, metformin

- need for medical education



Metformin

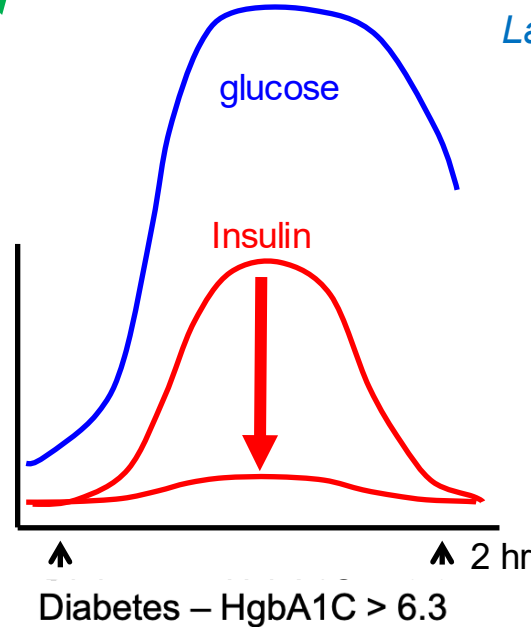
Metformin - decreases serum insulin

- decreases hunger – CNS effects

- increases fat breakdown

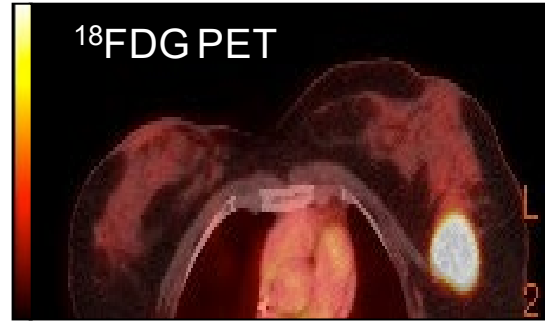
- **prevents >60% T2D – DPP & DPPO**

Lancet 374:1677-1686, 2009



Woman: Insulin Resistant

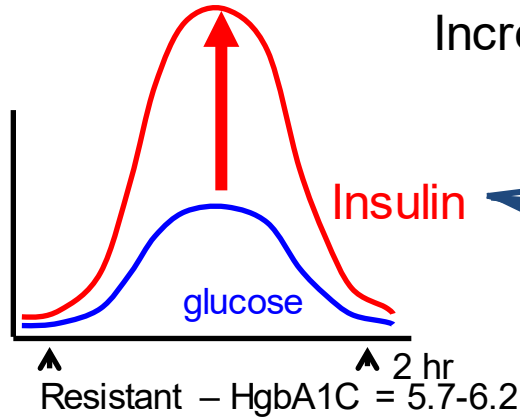
Insulin resistance, produces high insulin



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+

At risk breast tissue
Increased insulin sensitivity



AKT/mTOR/glycolysis

Wnt/beta-catenin

EZH2/Notch/cMyc

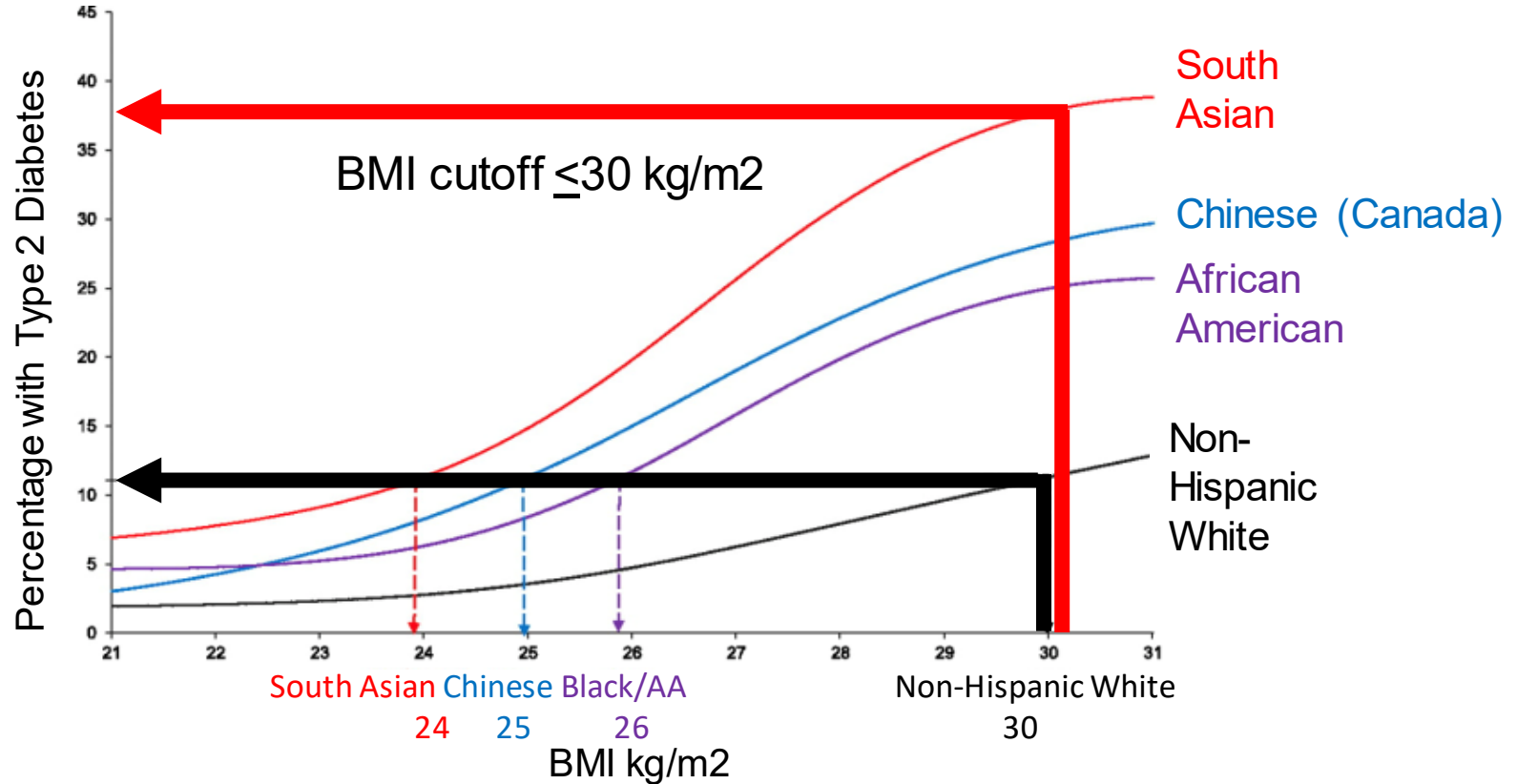
IL6/Stat3/NFkB/IRF1

Epi studies are confusing: Obesity does not consistently increase risk of premenopausal TNBC in AA women

- Carolina Breast – Basal type TNBC increased in obese premenopausal Black/African American women (WHR).
- Women's Contraceptive and Reproductive Experience (CARE) (BMI ≥ 30) – No association
- Black Women's study (BMI) – ***Adams-Campbell*** - inverse association BMI and premenopausal cancer
- AMBER Association – consortium Carolina Breast, Multi-ethnic cohort, Black Women's study ***Adams-Campbell***, Women's Circle of Health - NO association (BMI, WHR)

Biphasic variable - BMI ≥ 30 YES or NO

BMI and metabolic health – one size fits all fails



Significant individual variability in insulin resistance



Carolyn (Sister)

58 years old

6'3" and 243 lbs.

BMI = 31

Diet – carbs, sugar

Smoker, no exercise

HgbA1c = 5.4

Cholesterol (total) = 168

No Asian Ancestry

Lost 40 lbs. on metformin



Vicky (me)

63 years old

5'8" and 128 lbs.

BMI = 19

Diet – low carb, vegetarian, veggies

1 hour swimming & 30 mins running/day

HgbA1c = 6.0 on 2500 mg Metformin

Cholesterol (total) = 190 on Lipitor 40 mg

Asian Ancestry by 23andMe

Off Statin HgbA1c = 5.5

Catchment Area Study – 981 women enrolled

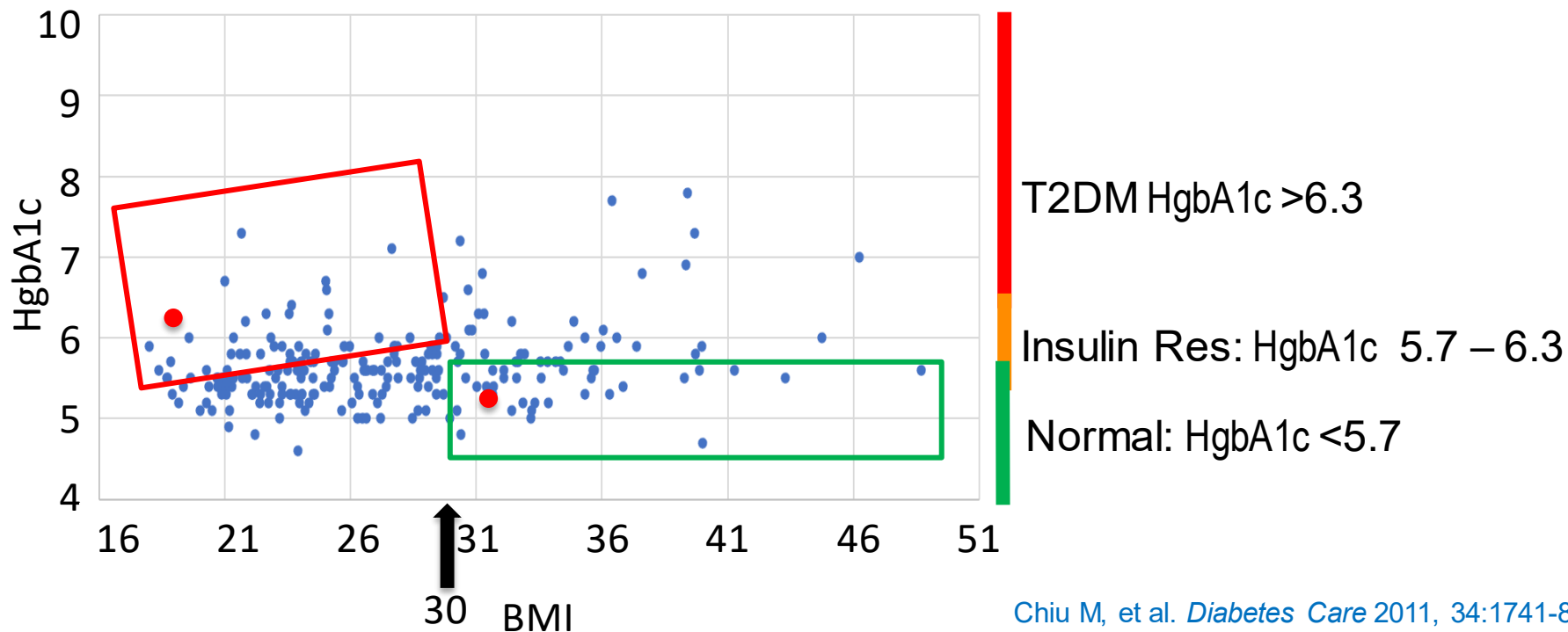
Redcap survey – demographics, zip code, education, employment, nutritional survey, food shopping and access. Mix of neighborhoods.

- ***Genetic ancestry in progress.***

Age	31-61 (mean 43)				
Race/Ethnicity	NHW	HW	Black	Asian	NA
	288 (35%)	378 (46%)	41 (5%)	116 (14%)	4 (<1%)
Neighborhood Disparity Index	1-3 (adv)	4-6	7-10	 Neighborhood does not accurately predict disparity	
	312 (38%)	426 (52%)	89 (11%)		
HgbA1C	≤ 5.6	5.7-5.9	≥ 6.0		
236 analyzed	138 (58%)	59 (25%)	39 (17%)		

Catchment Area – exclusion known Type-2 DM Metabolically unhealthy low BMI

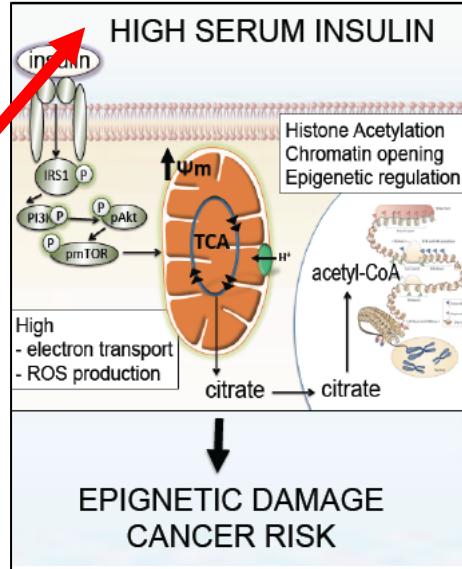
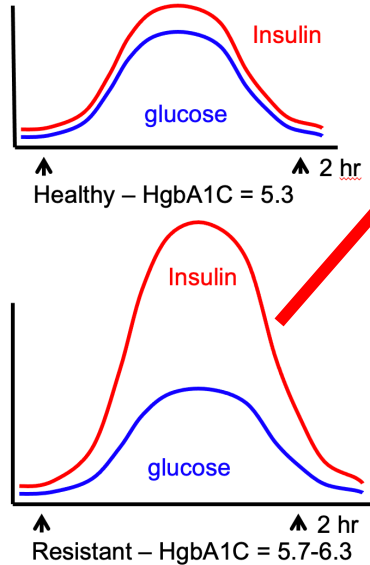
HgbA1c vs BMI n = 236



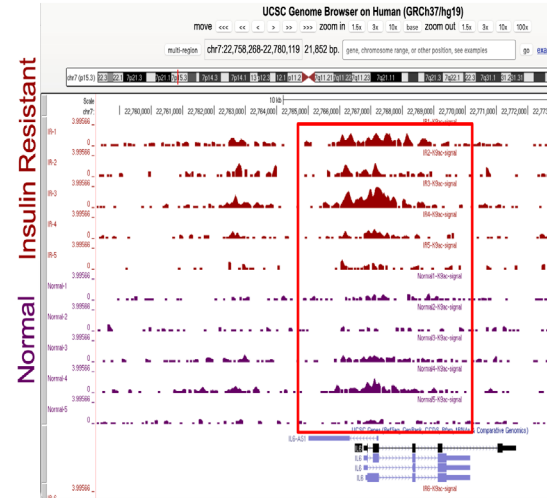
Pre-diabetic/insulin resistance women have chromatin acetylation at H3K9Ac and chromatin opening.

Top hits are promoter regions for genes coding for $\text{TNF}\alpha$ and IL6; $\text{TNF}\alpha$ /IL6 cytokines are increased.

Also increased in racial residential segregation, CVD, cancer.



ChIP-seq - H3K9Ac
n=40: 20 HgbA1c < 5.7 and 20 HgbA1c 6.0-6.3

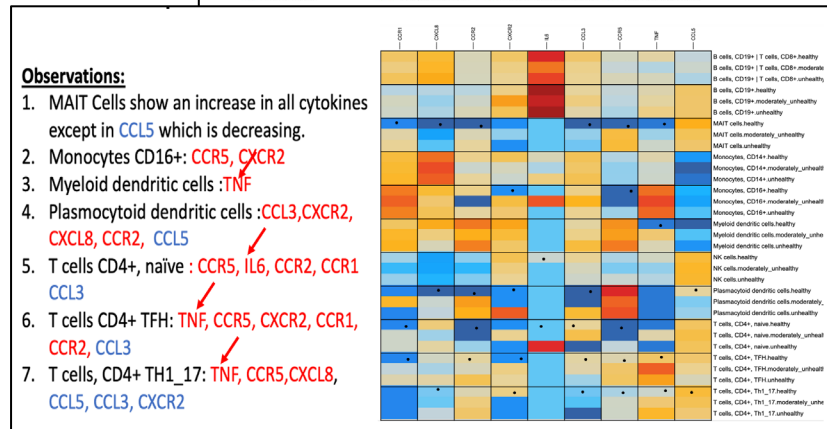
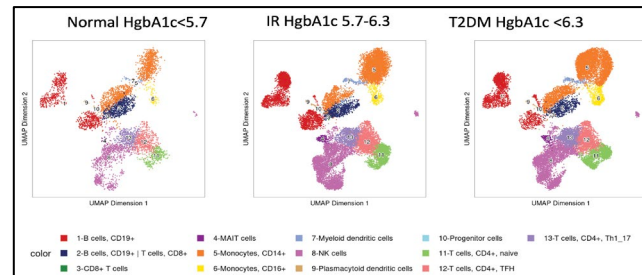


Top Hits:
- $\text{TNF}\alpha$
- IL6

Cytokine n=245
correlation HgbA1c
- $\text{TNF}\alpha$ p= 0.002
- IL6 p= 0.001

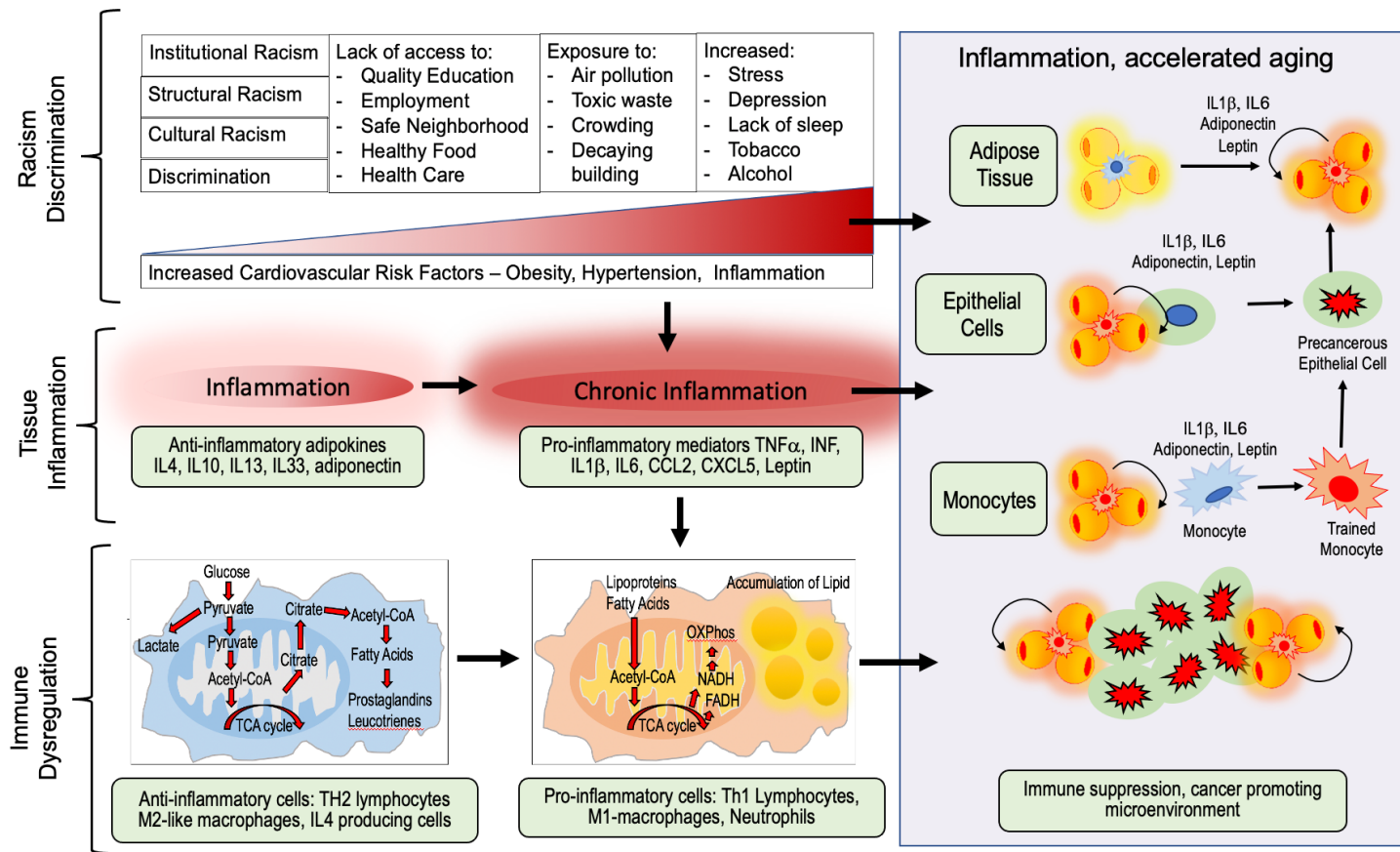
Bulk white blood cells give same results as single cell analysis

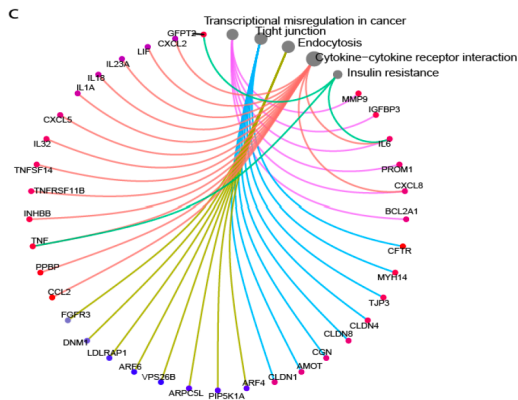
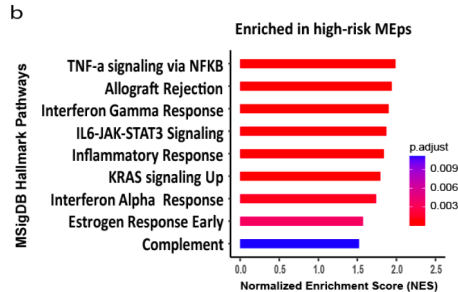
Single cell analysis - 32 URM Latinas



Common Pathways – Racism, lack of access, exposures to toxins, stress, crowding

- Same pathways that drive heart disease, T2 diabetes, kidney disease, cancer



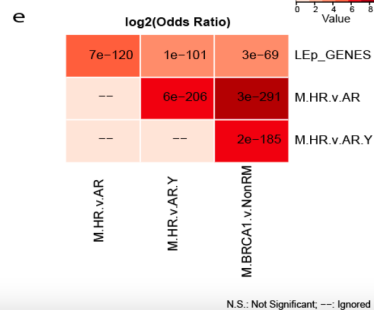
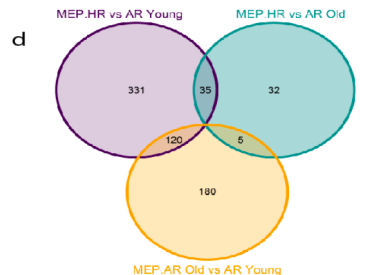
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KEGG pathways enriched in HR MEps

fold change category



fold change	category
3	Cytokine-cytokine receptor interaction
2	Endocytosis
1	Insulin resistance
0	Tight junction
-1	Transcriptional misregulation in cancer



- Wnt/beta-catenin signaling
- EMT

- TNFalpha/NFkB
- INF-gamma
- IL6-JAK-STAT3

Senescence Accelerated Aging

Reversibility: Over 60% of diabetes can be prevented.
If insulin-resistant women become metabolically healthy – does the epigenetic/inflammation/aging damage get reversed?

Primary Prevention: ALLIANCE Metformin vs. placebo:

Endpoint: presence/absence mammary atypia; biology “heavy” trial

Inclusion

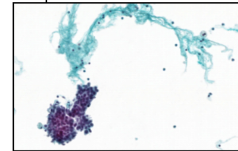
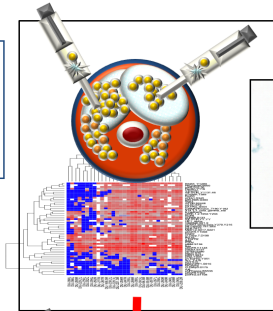
>20% life-time risk
Cytological breast atypia
BMI ≥ 25

BMI, WHC
Metabolic markers
- insulin
- HOMA IR
- HgbA1c
- CRP
Plasma
WBC DNA/RNA

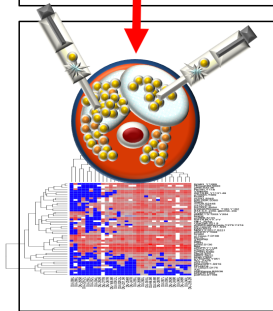
Premenopausal
women with
mammary atypia

Metformin 850 bid
vs. placebo
12 months

RPFNA, RPPM
- 12 mos
- 24 mos



Yes atypia



Yes/no atypia?
- ChIP-seq
- Pathway
- RPPM
- Aging

Public health

Body mass index does not always predict metabolic health.

- Clinicians and research studies need to consider individuals as individuals

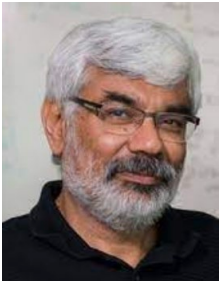
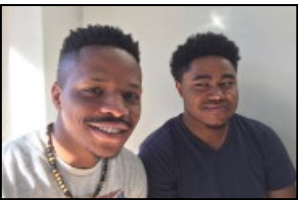
Metformin, diet, and exercise can prevent 60% of type-2 diabetes.

- Trial data exists, guidelines exist, need to include in medical training and Quality Assurance standards.

Future Directions

- If insulin-resistance is treated and the person is metabolically health, do the epigenetic and inflammatory changes reverse?
- Early monitoring of HgbA1c and early treatment.

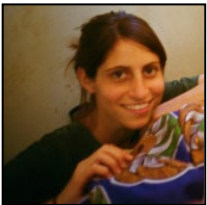
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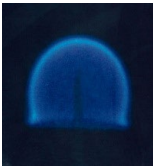
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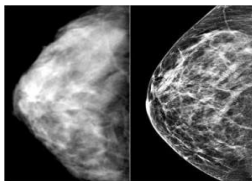
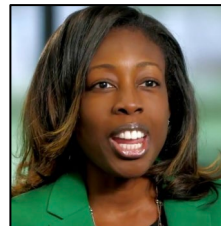


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Senescence of heart, pancreas, brain, lung can be driven by immune system. Can be transplanted.

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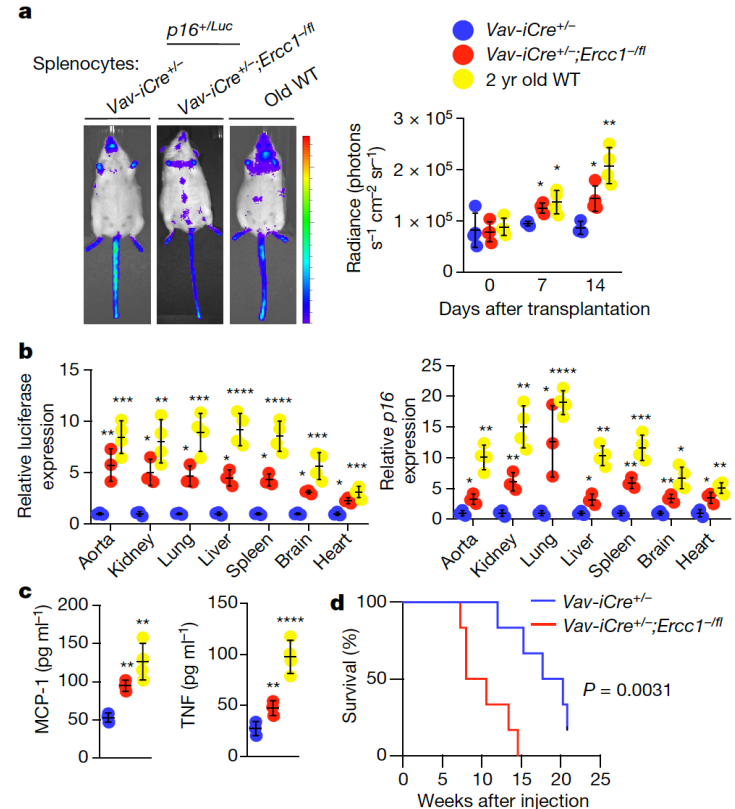
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Modeling disparities - integration with biology



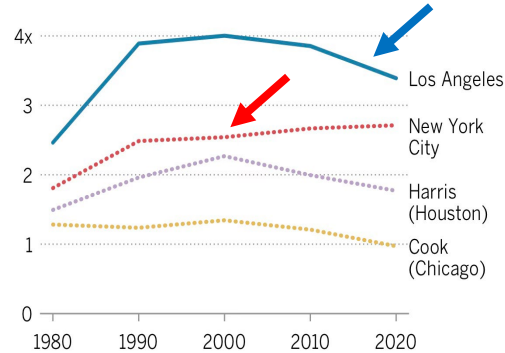
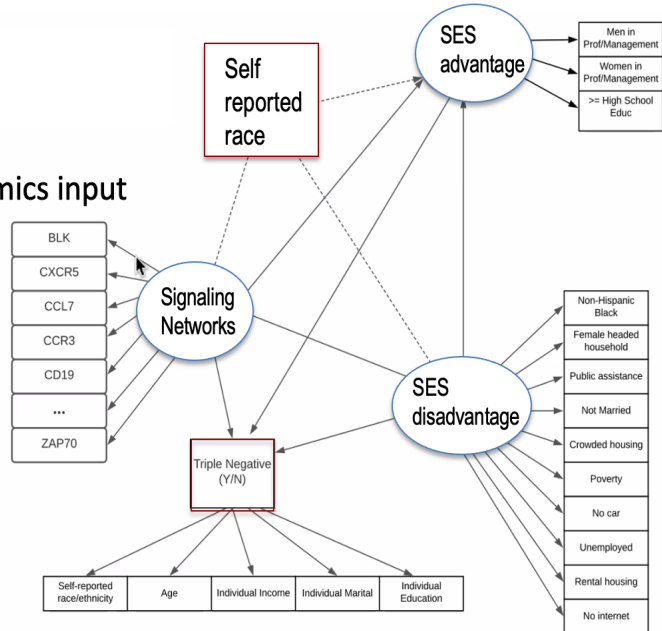
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