



Assessment of impaired glucose tolerance and diabetes in an obese paediatric population

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Background & Aims

- Screening for prediabetes or type 2 diabetes (T2D) is recommended for obese children >10 yrs (or onset of puberty) in the presence of two or more of the following risk factors³
 - ✓ family history of T2D in a 1° or 2° relative,
 - ✓ High-risk ethnicity,
 - ✓ signs of insulin resistance (IR) or associated conditions,
 - ✓ maternal gestational diabetes.
- Diagnostic utility of HbA1C remains controversial in this population.

<u>AIMS</u>

- To evaluate the prevalence of prediabetes and T2D among a cohort of obese children using oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT)
- To assess the utility of alternative tests: fasting plasma glucose (FPG), and HbA1C as compared to the OGTT.

Patients & Methods

- 148 obese children/adolescents recruited from an ambulatory pediatric endocrine service (BMI Z-Score ≥ 2.0 SDS per WHO¹).
- Evaluation at 08:00 a.m. following 8-hour, overnight fast.
- Baseline measurement of plasma glucose, insulin, lipids, HbA1C, and leptin levels followed by a standard OGTT ².
- Patients with acute or chronic inflammatory process, known diabetes, medication that alters glucose/lipid metabolism were excluded.

DEFINITIONS

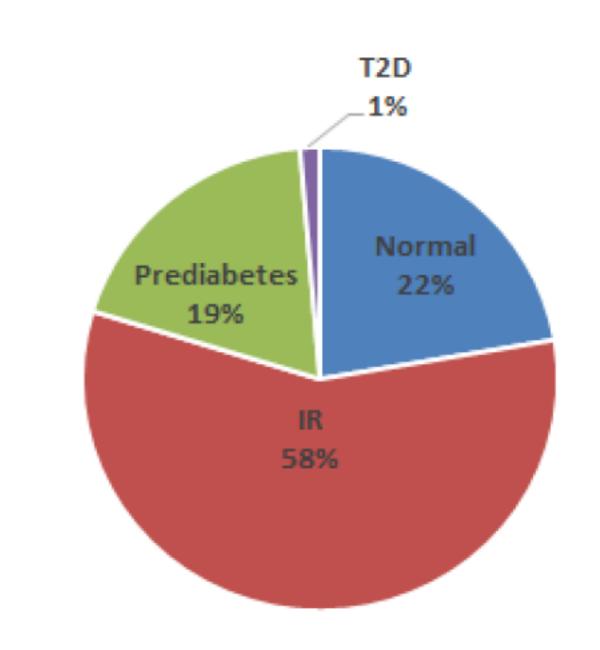
- Insulin resistance (IR): HOMA-IR ≥ 2.7 in the absence of prediabetes or T2D,
- Prediabetes: impaired fasting glucose (IFG) and/or impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) on standard OGTT³.
 - IFG = FPG between 5.6 6.9 mM
 - IGT = T120-glucose 7.8 11.0 mM (OGTT)
- T2D: FPG level ≥ 7.0 mM or a T120-glucose ≥ 11.1mM

Results

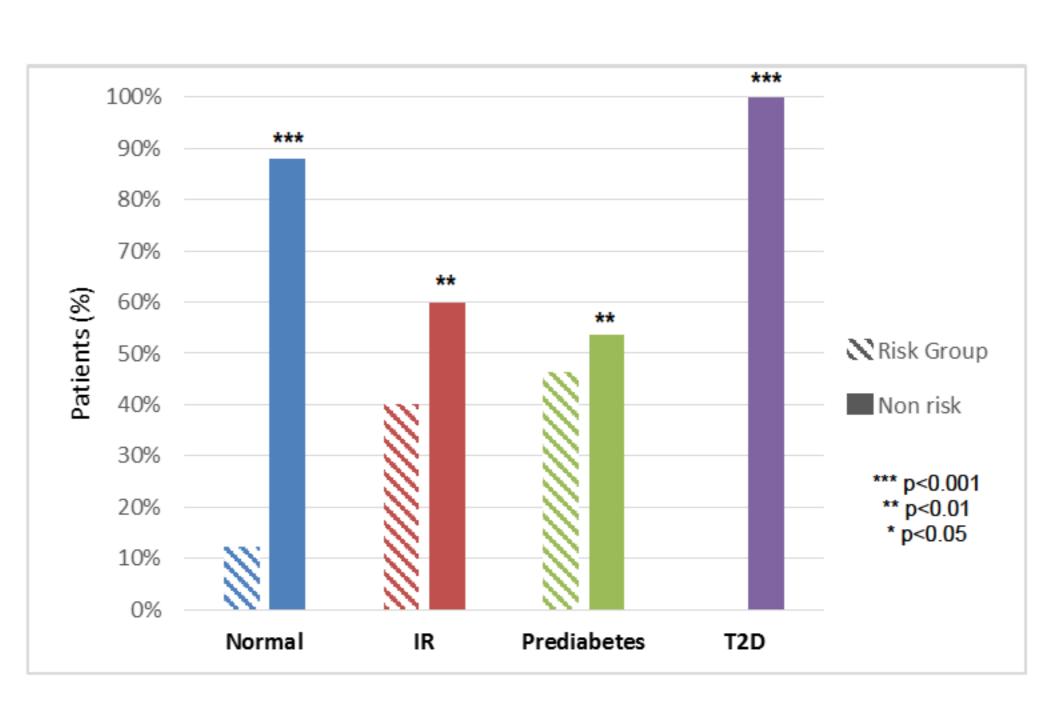
Patient characteristics

	n=148
Median age (range), years	11.9 (3.2-18.7)
Female / male (%)	53/47
Tanner 1 / Tanner 2-5 (%)	37/63
Median BMI Z-Score, (range), SDS	2.92 (2.0-12.9)
High-risk ethnicity (%)	24
T2D in 1° / 2° relative (%)	26
High-risk group per ADA (%)	34
Blood pressure> P95 (%)	8
Dyslipidemia (%)	24
Median HbA1C (range) ,%	5.3 (5.0-5.9)
Median HOMA-IR (range)	4.87 (19.9-0.9)
Median T0-glucose (range), mM	4.9 (3.1-5.8)
Median T120-glucose (range), mM	6.55 (3.6-12.4)

Diagnosis according to OGTT results

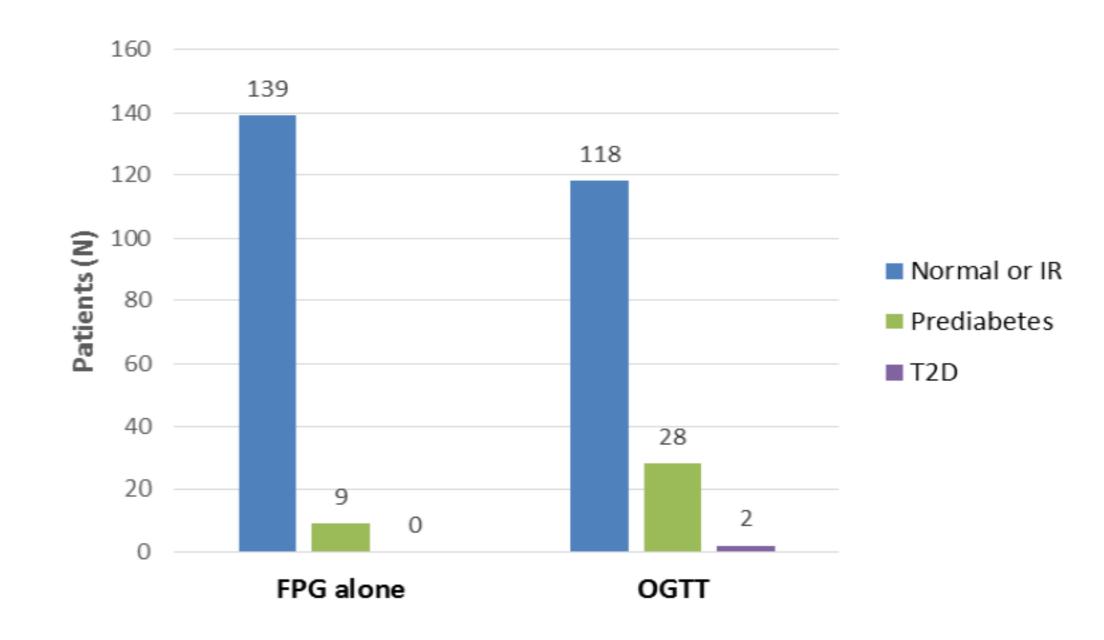


OGTT results by risk group (per ADA)



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FPG vs. OGTT for diagnosing prediabetes & T2D



Risk factors for prediabetes or T2D

Patients with prediabetes / T2D vs. normal OGTT /IR

- Age was associated with ↑ disease risk (p=0.048)
- Belonging to ADA-defined risk group was associated with ↑ disease risk (p<0.01)
- No association with ↑ risk: (all p>0.05)
 - Tanner stage
 - HbA1C
 - leptin levels

Discussion & Conclusions

- In total, 20% of this cohort of obese Swiss children had either prediabetes or T2D based on OGTT results.
- Remarkably, more than half would have been missed using fasting glucose measurement alone.
- HbA1C levels do not correlate well with OGTT results in children and adolescents.
- These data raise questions concerning the ADA identified limits for screening prediabetes and T2D in such at-risk paediatric patients.

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