

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^o or 2^o relative,
 - ✓ High-risk ethnicity,
 - ✓ signs of insulin resistance (IR) or associated conditions,
 - ✓ maternal gestational diabetes.
- Diagnostic utility of HbA1C remains controversial in this population.

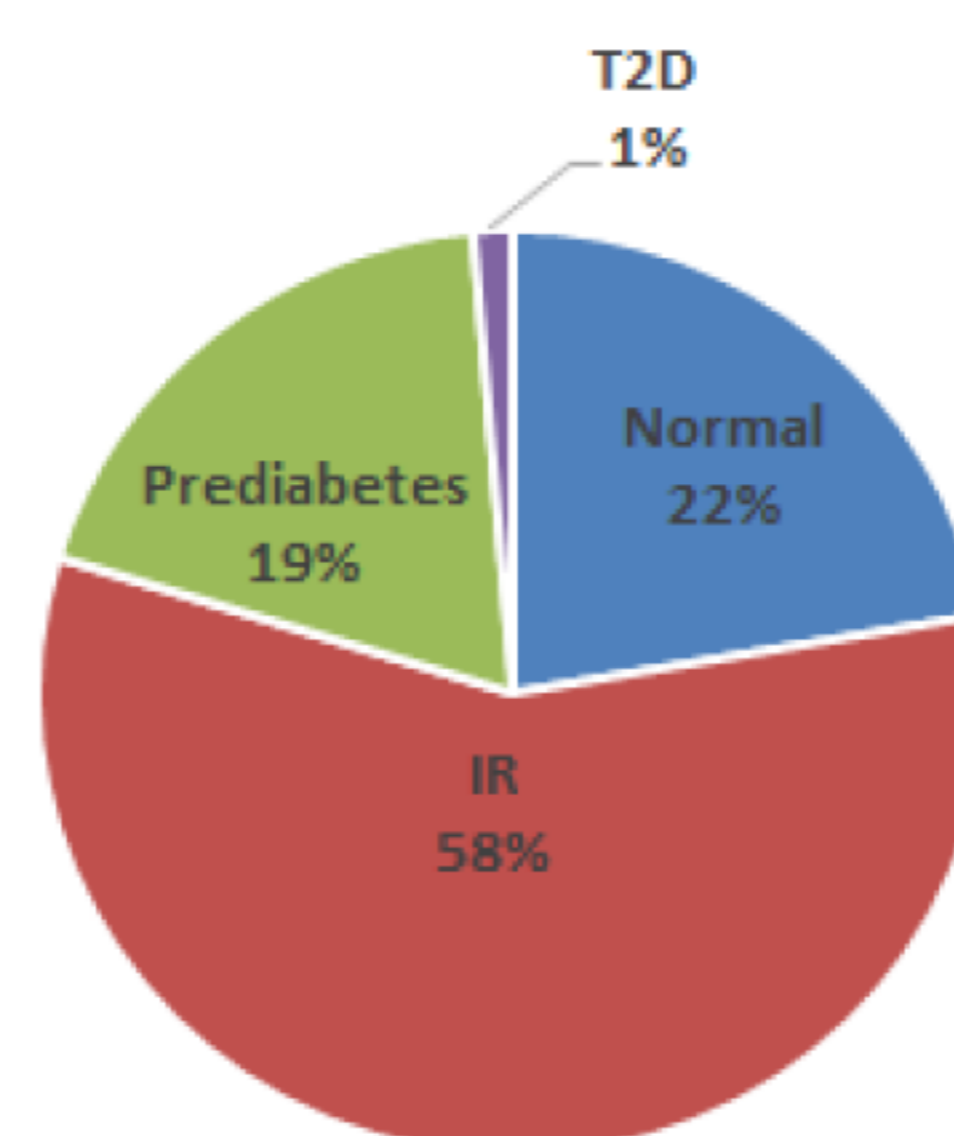
AIMS

- 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.

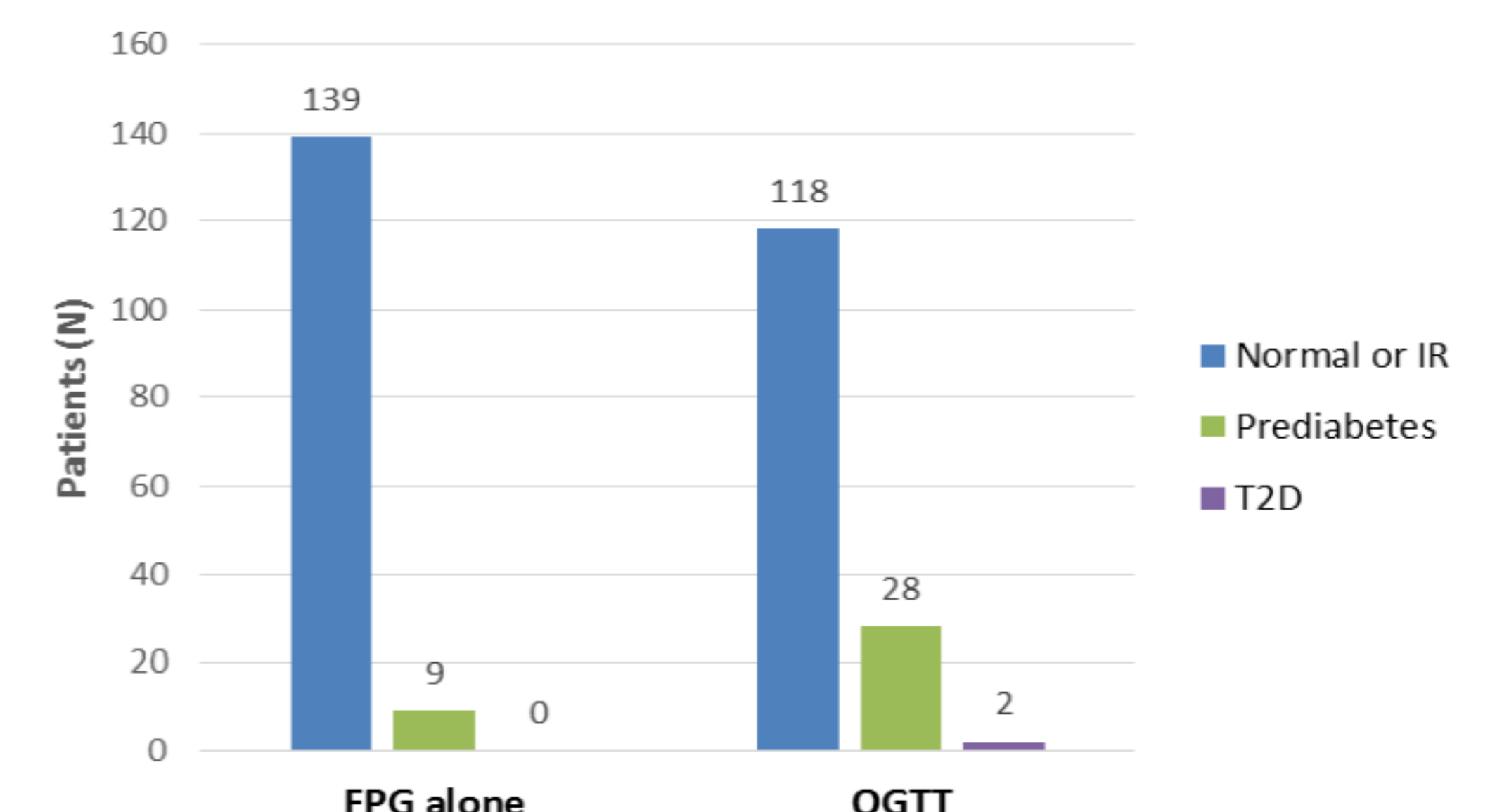
Results

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 ^o / 2 ^o 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)

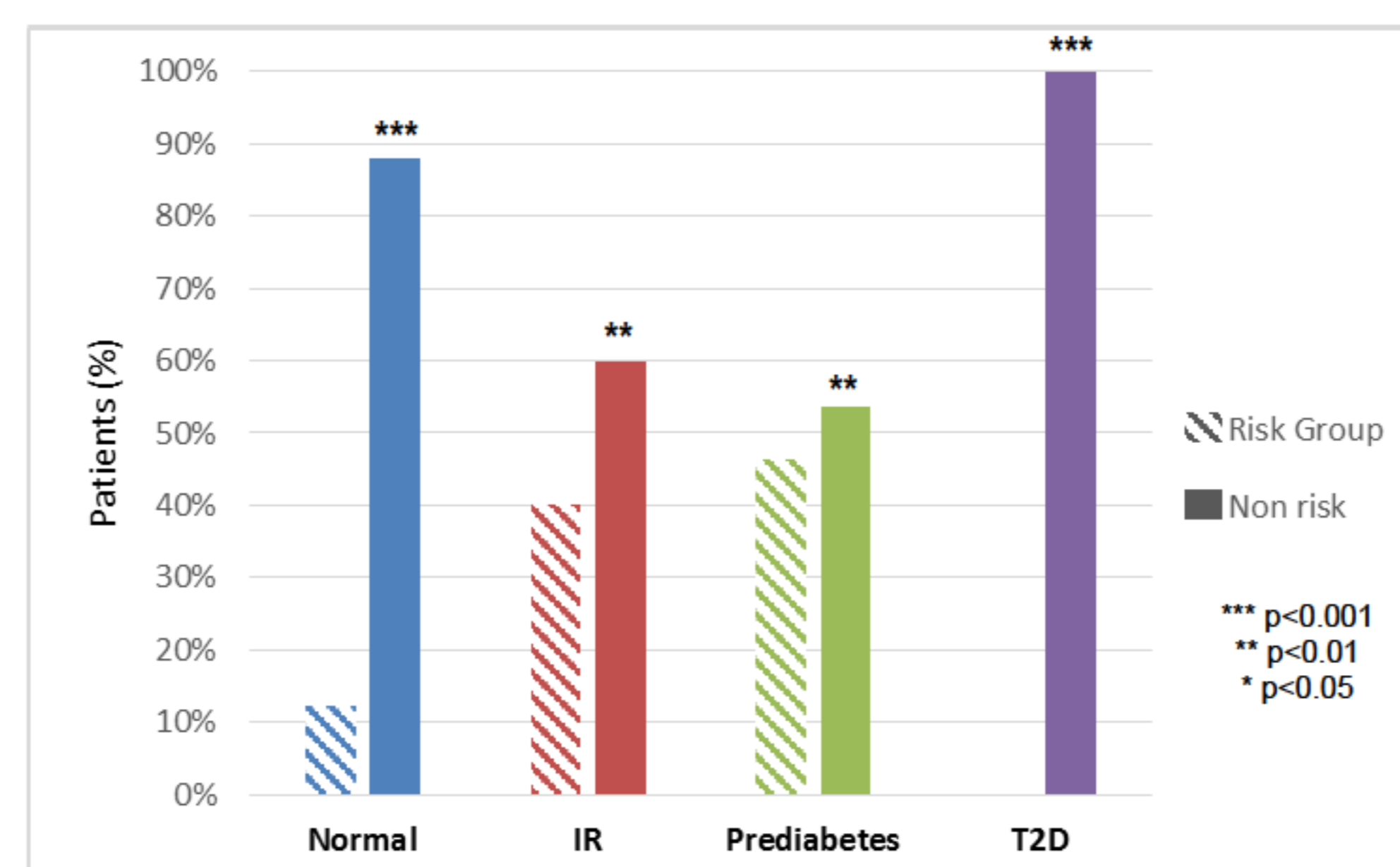
Diagnosis according to OGTT results



FPG vs. OGTT for diagnosing prediabetes & T2D



OGTT results by risk group (per ADA)



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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