

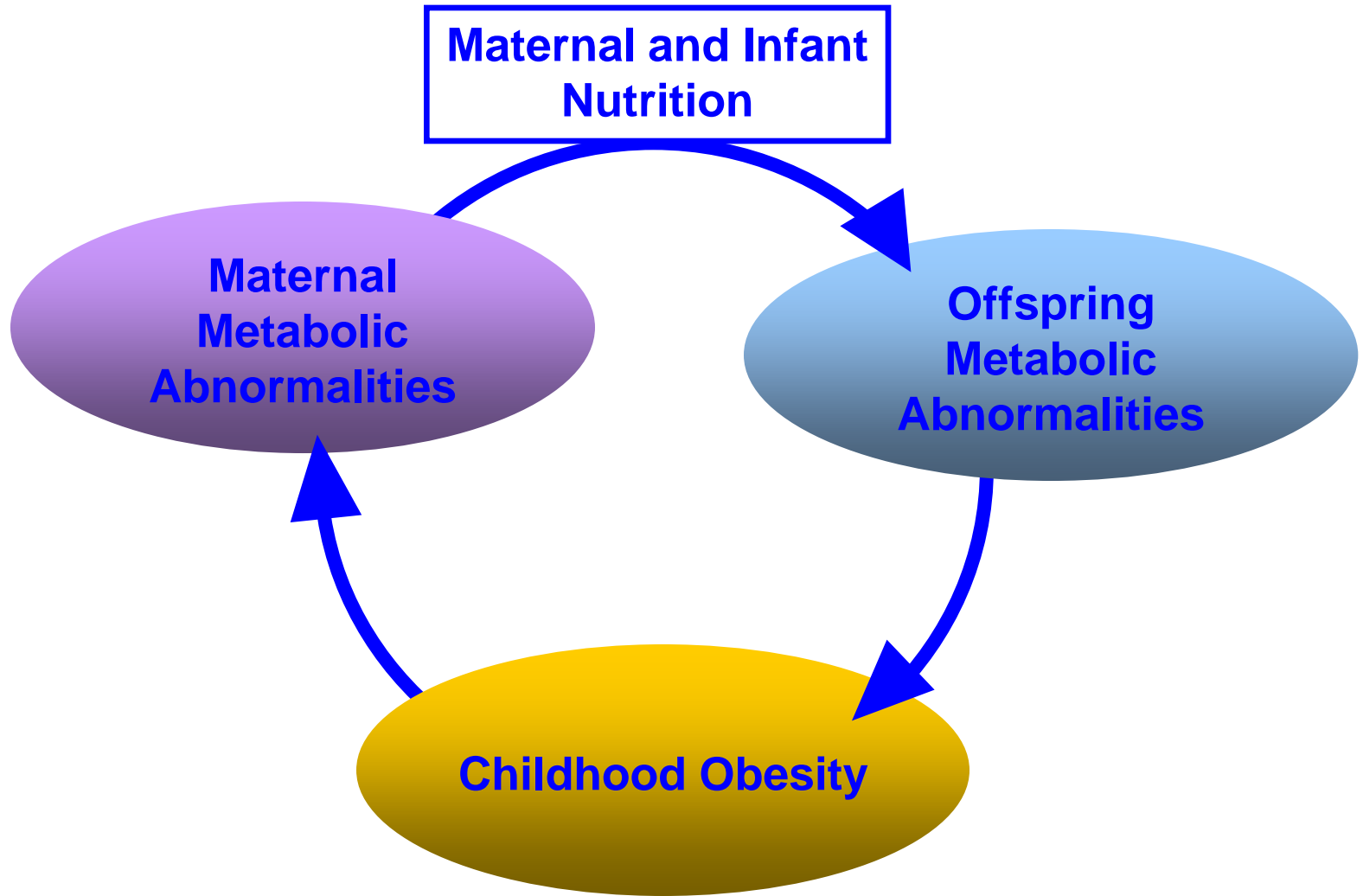
Gestational dietary intakes, metabolic abnormalities and human milk hormones

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Pregnancy



- Changes in carbohydrate and lipid metabolism
- 4-18% pregnant women develop gestational diabetes

Butte *Am J Clin Nutr* 2000; 71:1256S
CDA *Can J Diabetes* 2008; 32:S1

Consequences of Gestational Diabetes

	Mom	Offspring
pregnancy outcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•c-section	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•macrosomic infant
early postpartum / early life	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•lactation performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•compromised nutrition
long-term	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•type 2 diabetes•vascular disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•obesity•type 2 diabetes

Reece et al *Lancet* 2009;373:1789
Hilson et al *J Hum Lact* 2004;20:18

Dietary Intake and Glucose Metabolism

- Large prospective cohort studies
 - ↑total fat intake and ↑glucose intolerance
 - ↑*trans* fat, ↓polyunsaturated fat and ↑type 2 diabetes
- Clinical studies
 - ↑dietary fiber and ↑insulin sensitivity, ↓type 2 diabetes

Hu *et al.* *Diabetologia* 2001; 44:805
Weickert *et al.* *J Nutr* 2008; 138:439

Diet during 2nd Trimester of Pregnancy and Risk of Gestational Diabetes



	RR (95% CI)	p
Substituting 1% fat for CHO	1.1 (1.02-1.10)	0.002

Adjusted for BMI, maternal age, and ethnicity

Diet during 1st Trimester of Pregnancy and Risk of Gestational Diabetes



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OR (95% CI)

Substituting 1% fat for CHO

1.00 (0.96-1.05)

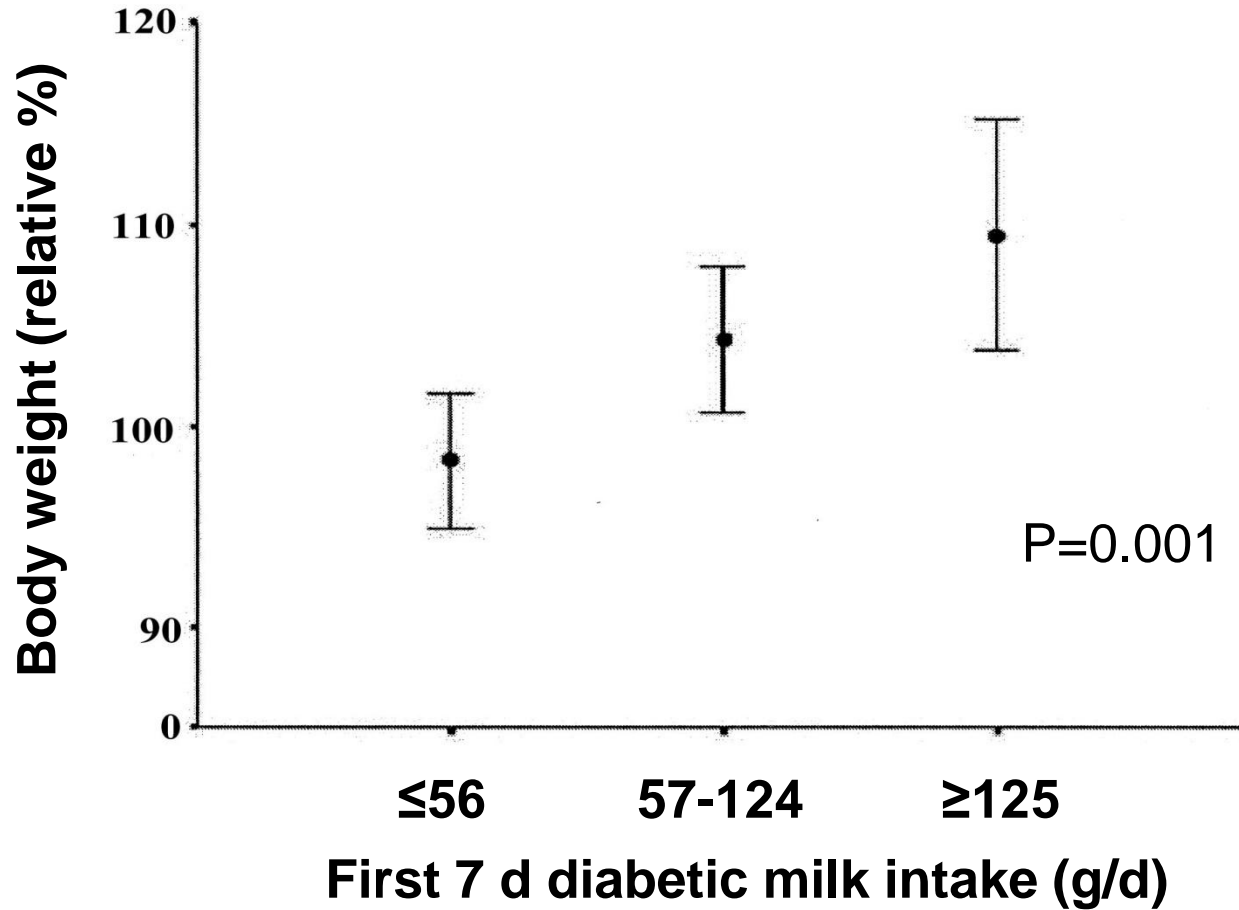
Adjusted for maternal age, pre-pregnancy BMI, ethnicity, previous GDM, history of diabetes in participant's mother, smoking during pregnancy

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Milk from women with diabetes and offspring body weight at 2 years



Detection of Metabolic Hormones in Human Milk

- **Insulin**

- Kulski *et al. Endocrinol Exp* 1983; 17:317
- Read *et al. Pediatr Res* 1984; 18:133
- Hamosh *et al. Pediatr Clin North Am* 2001; 48:69

- **Adiponectin**

- Martin *et al. Am J Clin Nutr* 2006; 83:1106
- Bronsky *et al. Clin Chem* 2006; 52:1763
- Weyermann *et al. Clin Chem* 2006; 52:2095

Knowledge Gaps

1. Only a few reports have investigated the impact of diet during pregnancy on risk of gestational diabetes, and none have studied this question using comprehensive glucose homeostasis profile
2. A number of studies have detected insulin and adiponectin in human milk, but none have investigated the impact of maternal metabolic status assessed during pregnancy on these hormones in milk

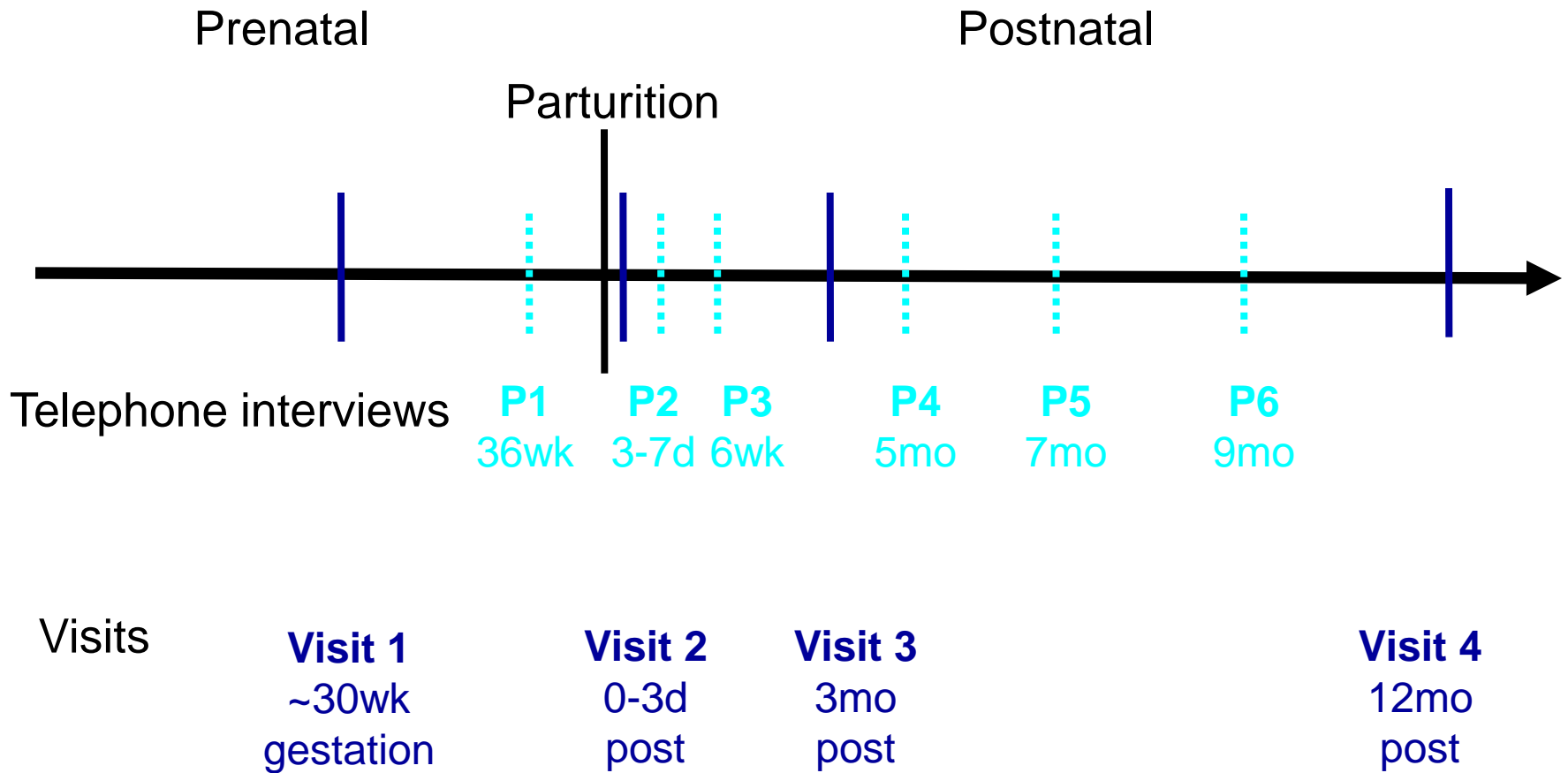


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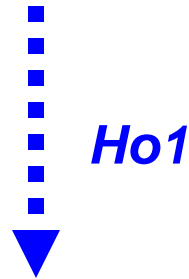


Maternal and Infant Nutrition Study

Scheduled Visits and Interim Interviews



**2nd trimester
macronutrient intake**

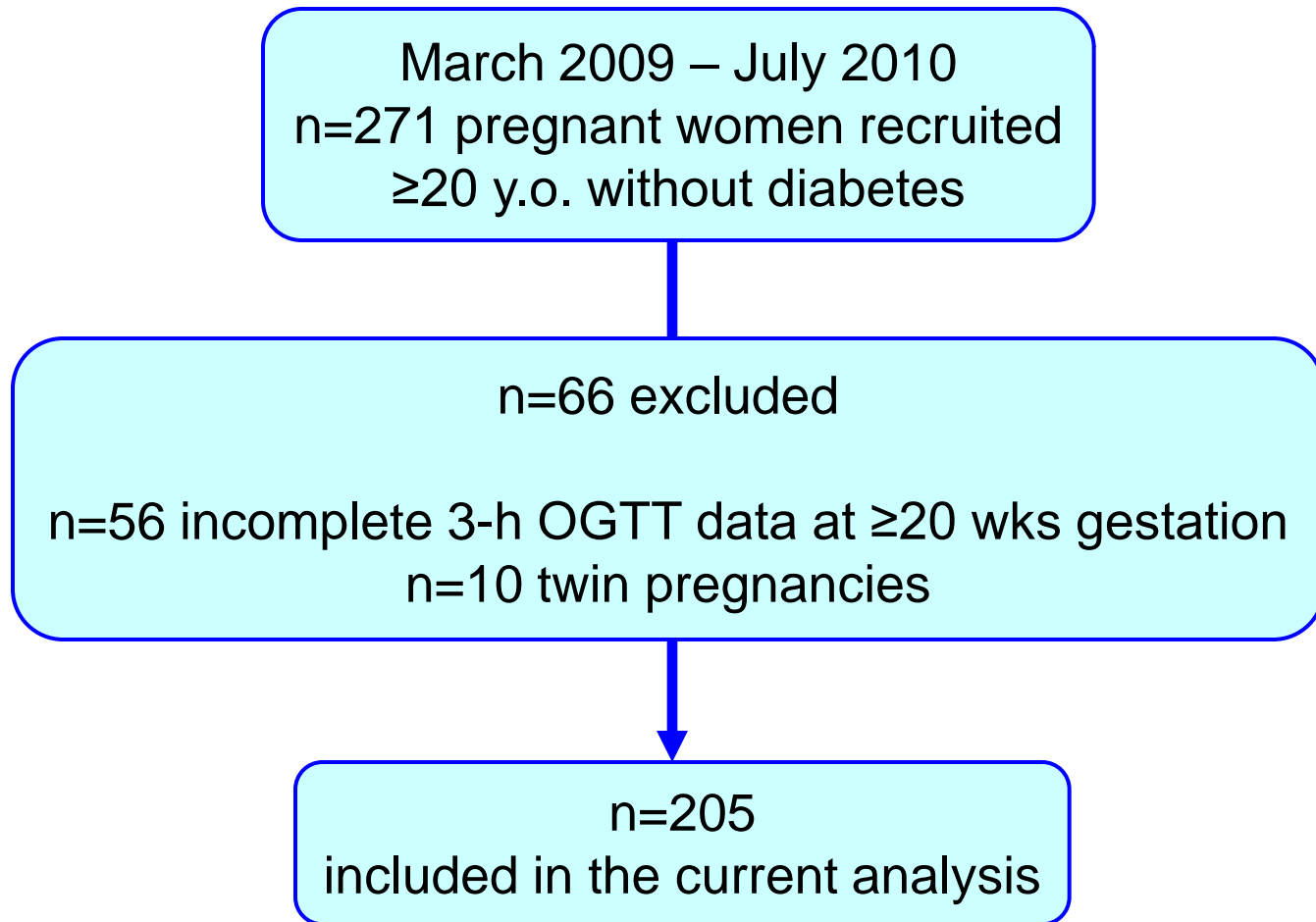


**Pregnancy
metabolic status**



Human milk
 Δ milk metabolic hormones

Methods: Study Participants



Results: Characteristics of participants by GDM status at 30±2.6 wks gestation

	No GDM (n=158)	GDM (n=47)
Age (years)	34.3 ± 4.2	35.5 ± 4.5
Ethnicity*		
White	100 (62.9)	22 (47.8)
Non-White	58 (36.7)	25 (53.2)
Family history of type 2 diabetes*	79 (50.0)	33 (70.2)
Pregravid BMI (kg/m ²)	24.7 ± 4.8	26.5 ± 6.6
Nulliparous	90 (57.3)	21 (44.7)

*P<0.05; mean ± SD or n (%)

Results: Dietary composition and insulin resistance among those with a family history of diabetes¹

	beta ± SE	p
Energy	-0.0001 ± 0.0002	0.63
% carbohydrate	-0.038 ± 0.023	0.10
% total fat	0.023 ± 0.026	0.37
% saturated fat	0.104 ± 0.057	0.07
% <i>trans</i> fat	0.295 ± 0.361	0.42
P : S fat ratio	-0.938 ± 0.551	0.09
Total fibre ²	-0.031 ± 0.024	0.20
Veggie&fruit fiber ²	-0.100 ± 0.029	0.0008

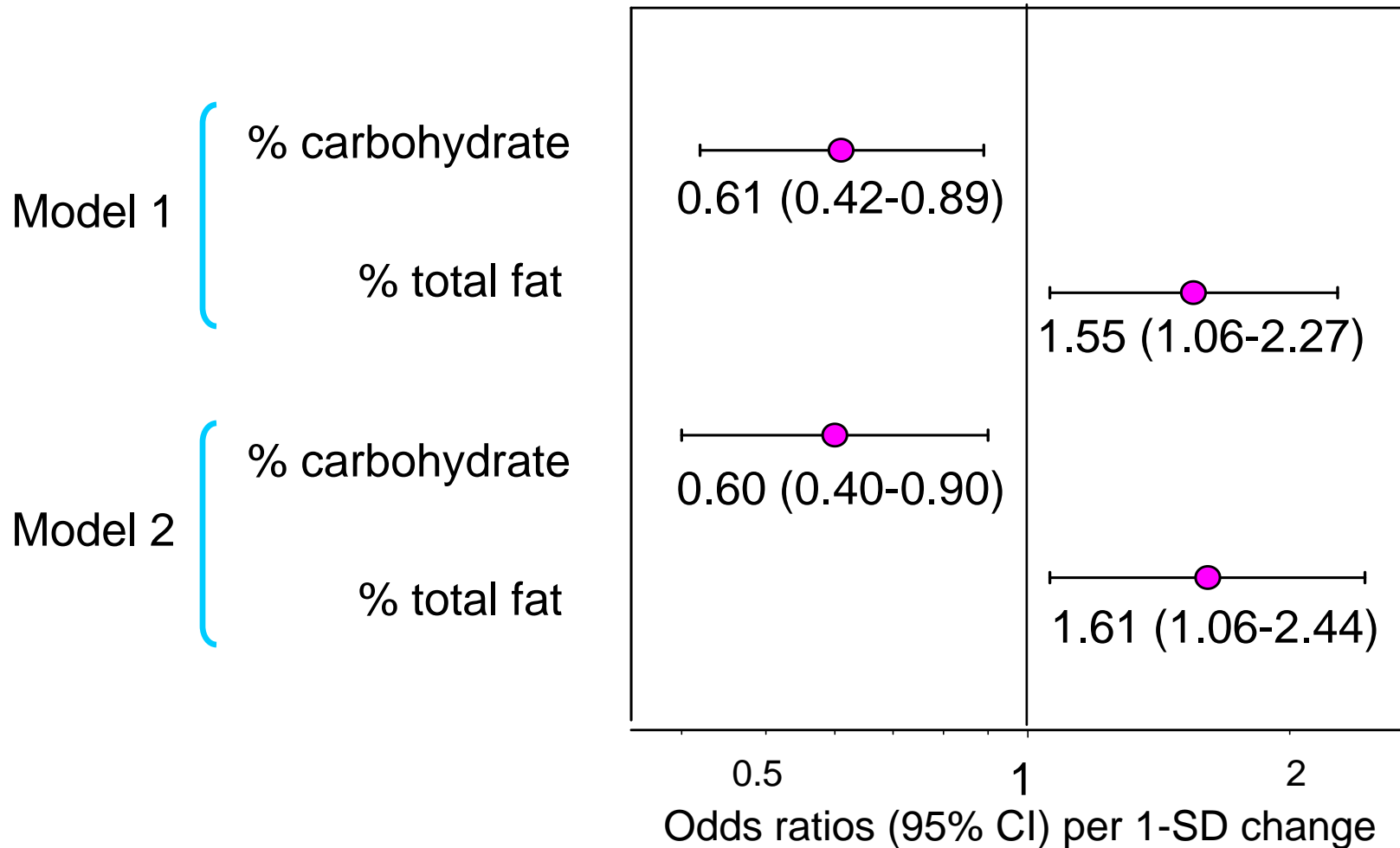
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Results: Dietary composition and insulin sensitivity among those with a family history of diabetes¹

	beta ± SE	p
Energy	0.00003 ± 0.00008	0.73
%carbohydrate	0.010 ± 0.009	0.28
% total fat	-0.0004 ± 0.010	0.97
% saturated fat	-0.020 ± 0.023	0.39
% <i>trans</i> fat	0.022 ± 0.143	0.88
P : S fat ratio	0.206 ± 0.220	0.35
Total fibre ²	0.003 ± 0.009	0.78
Veggie&fruit fiber ²	0.029 ± 0.012	0.01

¹Adjusted for age, ethnicity, pregravid BMI, parity, previous GDM, pregnancy weight gain up to the OGTT, and gestational weeks at the time of OGTT; ²Additionally for energy intake

Results: Macronutrient Intake and Risk for GDM



1. adjusted for age, ethnicity, family history of diabetes, pregravid BMI; 2. additionally for parity, previous GDM, pregnancy weight gain up to the OGTT, and gestational weeks at the OGTT

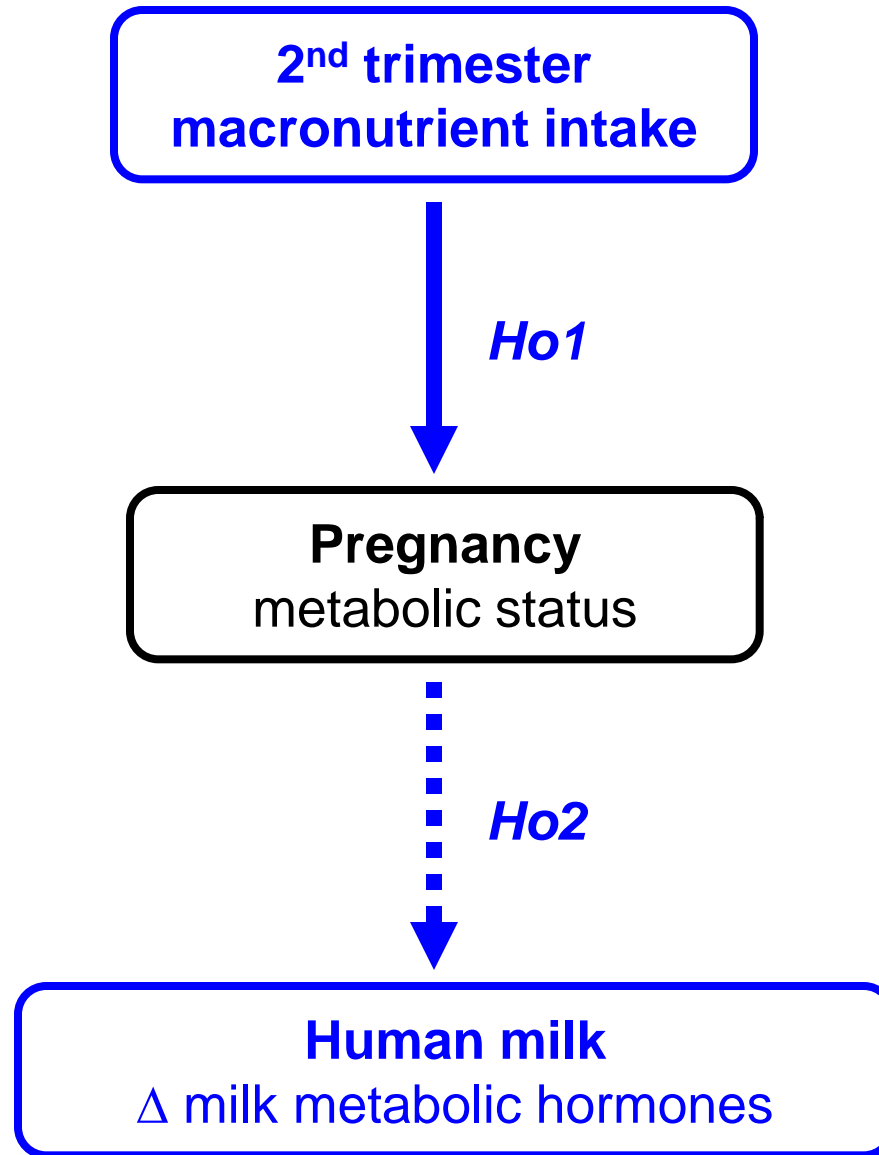
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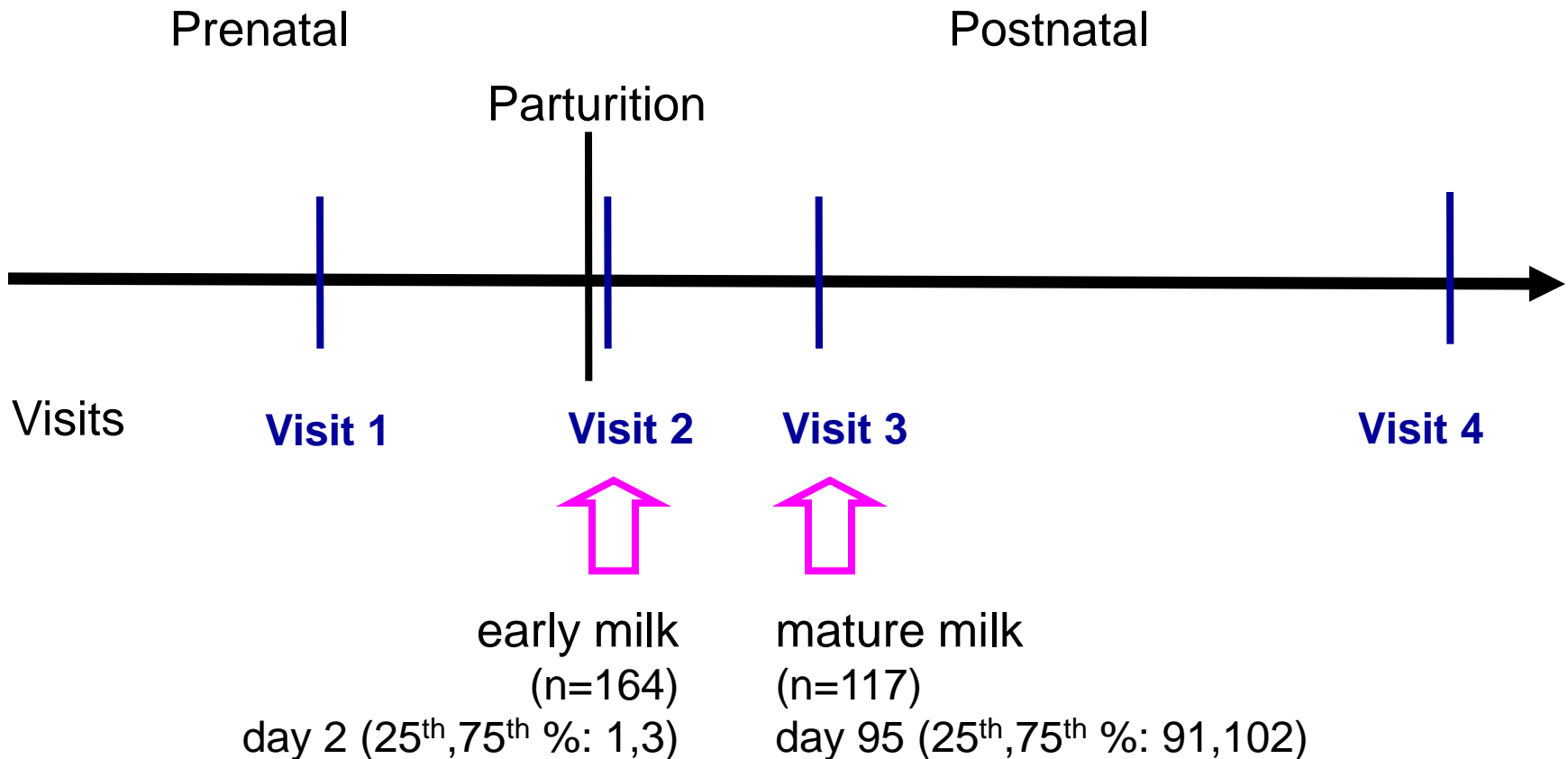
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Human milk
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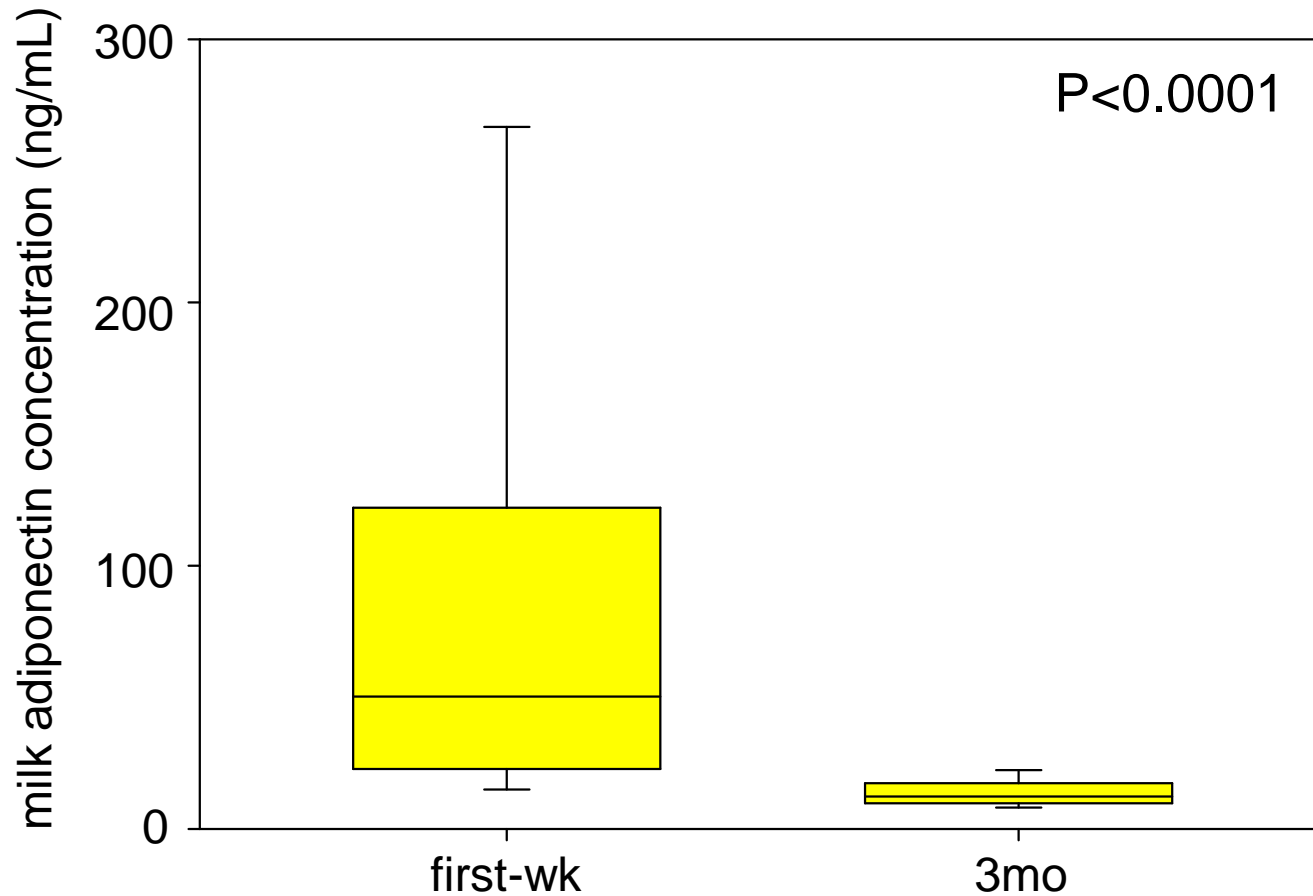


Scheduled Visits



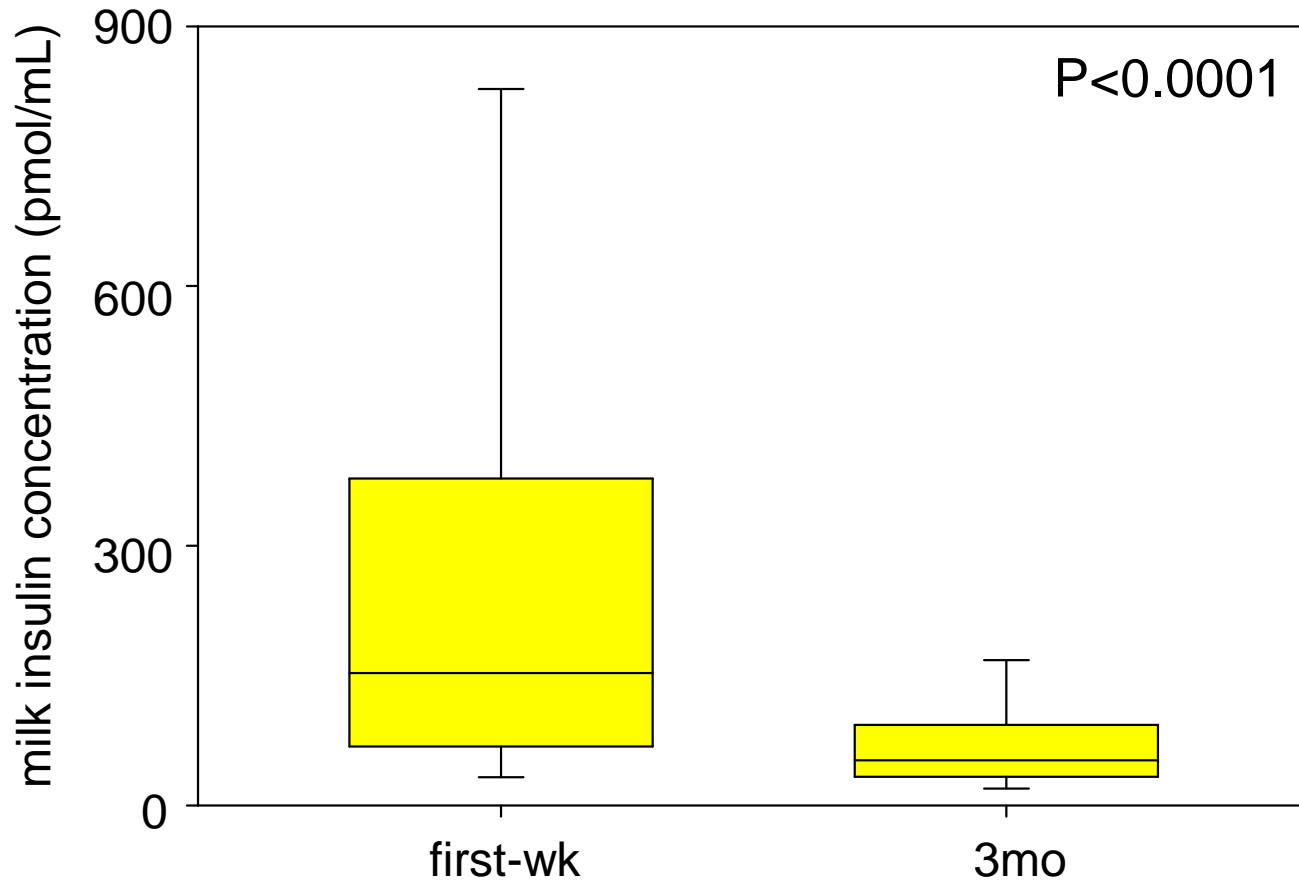
Results: Milk adiponectin concentrations in first-week v. 3-month postpartum

(n=111; paired t test)



Results: Milk insulin concentrations in first-week v. 3-month postpartum

(n=111; paired t test)



Results: Maternal prenatal metabolic measures and milk adiponectin¹

	1 st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	p	beta±SE	p
Pregravid BMI	0.003±0.014	0.81	-0.019±0.010	0.06
Serum Fasting Glucose	-0.048±0.139	0.73	-0.036±0.060	0.55
Serum HOMA-IR	0.027±0.053	0.61	-0.056±0.035	0.12
Serum ISogtt	-0.088±0.125	0.48	0.071±0.079	0.37
Serum adiponectin	0.102±0.032	0.002	0.045±0.020	0.03
Gestational diabetes	-0.129±0.180	0.47	-0.081±0.117	0.49

¹General linear model analyses were used with adjustment for maternal age, ethnicity, and postpartum time

Ley *et al.* *Am J Clin Nutr* 2012; 95:867

Results: Maternal obstetrical measures and milk adiponectin¹

	1 st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	p	beta±SE	p
Nulliparous	0.546±0.146	0.0002	0.138±0.098	0.16
Scheduled C-section ²	-0.422±0.186	0.02	-0.231±0.120	0.06
Unscheduled C-section ²	0.387±0.162	0.02	-0.158±0.107	0.14
Length of gestation	0.171±0.058	0.004	-0.027±0.040	0.50

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²v. spontaneous delivery

Results: Maternal prenatal metabolic measures and milk insulin¹

	1 st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	p	beta±SE	p
Pregravid BMI	-0.002±0.020	0.91	0.053±0.014	0.0003
Serum Fasting Glucose	-0.185±0.200	0.36	0.218±0.087	0.01
Serum HOMA-IR	0.015±0.077	0.85	0.255±0.047	<0.0001
Serum ISogtt	-0.217±0.180	0.23	-0.521±0.108	<0.0001
Serum adiponectin	-0.022±0.048	0.65	-0.116±0.029	<0.0001
Gestational diabetes	-0.200±0.259	0.44	0.102±0.174	0.56

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Results: Maternal obstetrical measures and milk insulin¹

	1 st week		3mo	
	beta±SE	p	beta±SE	p
Nulliparous	-0.191±0.219	0.38	-0.310±0.144	0.03
Scheduled C-section ²	-0.178±0.279	0.53	0.301±0.180	0.10
Unscheduled C-section ²	0.099±0.246	0.69	0.144±0.160	0.37
Length of gestation	-0.074±0.086	0.39	0.056±0.059	0.34

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Conclusions

- Prenatal metabolic abnormalities are associated with higher insulin in mature milk
- Obstetrical parameters are associated with higher adiponectin in early milk

Discussion

- animal models
 - oral insulin stimulated gut maturation/ function and attenuated atherosclerosis progression
- preterm infants
 - tube-fed insulin enhanced intestinal function and reduced feeding intolerance
- milk metabolic hormones might have a role through local and/or systemic mechanisms regulating infant development



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Donor Human Milk Experimental Study

Donor Human Milk

- There are increasing demands for donor milk when mother's own milk is not available
- Donor milk is pasteurized at 62.5°C for 30 min (Holder method) in North America
- Limited data are available on its impact on milk metabolic hormones

Methods: Pasteurization Effects

Human Milk Bank Association of North America guidelines

- Milk samples from 34 mothers were pooled to produce 17 distinct batches (4 mothers / batch)
- Holder pasteurized (62.5°C for 30 min)
- Adiponectin, insulin, energy, fat, glucose and total protein concentrations were measured pre- and post-pasteurization

Results: Concentrations (Mean \pm SD) of milk components pre- and post-pasteurization

	Pre	Post	% Δ
Adiponectin, ng/mL	13.91 \pm 4.84	9.34 \pm 2.96	-32.8**
Insulin, pmol/L	162.8 \pm 64.2	87.8 \pm 26.3	-46.1**
Energy, Kcal/dL	71.5 \pm 9.9	69.4 \pm 8.8	-2.9
Fat, g/L	4.29 \pm 0.95	3.91 \pm 0.81	-8.9*
Glucose, mmol/L	0.97 \pm 0.25	1.11 \pm 0.22	1.4*
Protein, g/L	14.8 \pm 1.5	14.8 \pm 1.1	<1.0

* <0.05 ; ** <0.0001

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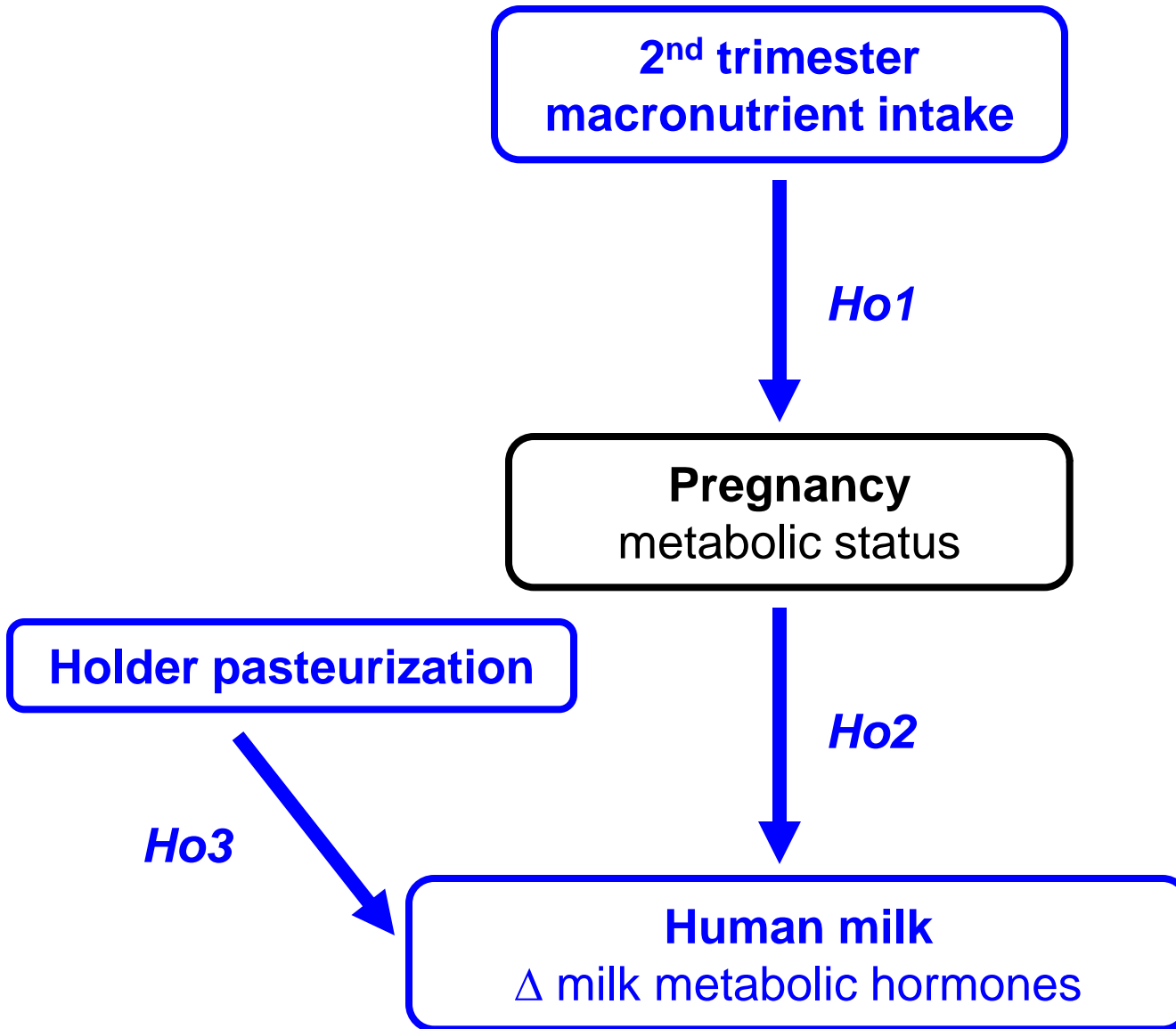
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Limitations and future directions

- Observed association of vegetable and fruit fiber intake with insulin sensitivity might have been confounded by other components
- Impact of variations in milk hormones on infant development and subsequent risk for type 2 diabetes warrants further investigation

Take Home Messages

A woman with blonde hair is looking down at a baby lying on a white surface. The woman's face is partially visible, and she appears to be holding the baby. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Our findings support continued work to develop

1. prenatal nutritional strategies to prevent maternal metabolic abnormalities and
2. postnatal strategies to improve development of nutritionally vulnerable offspring exposed to maternal metabolic abnormalities

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