



WELCOME TO THE FENLAND STUDY MEETING



The Fenland Study: contributing to understanding the causes of diabetes and obesity and possible solutions

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Meeting outline



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To update participants on the Fenland study including results from Phase 1 and progress with Phase 2

Presentation of key points

Questions and answer session

THE **FENLAND**
Study

The Question Time Panel

Dr Soren Brage



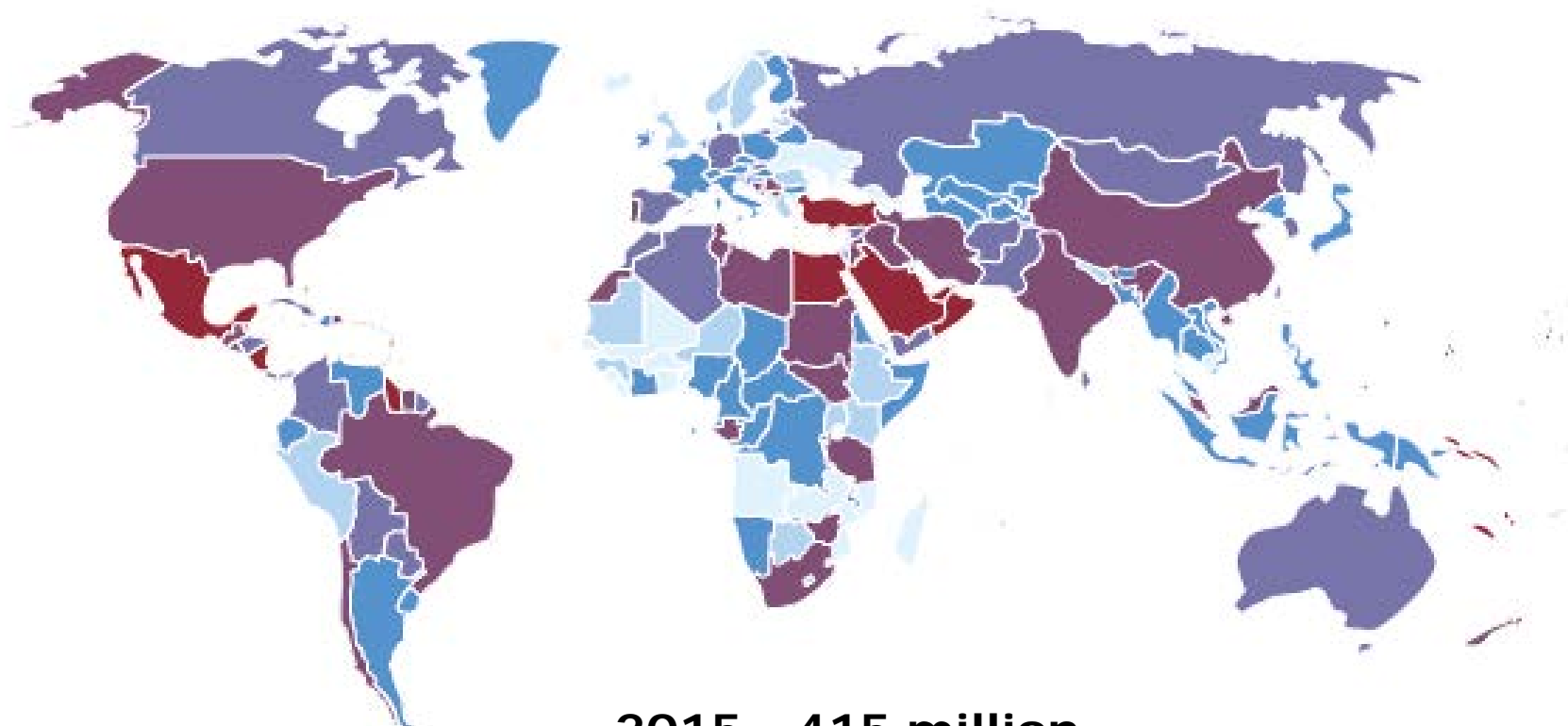
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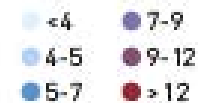
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Prevalence of diabetes in adults (20-79 years)

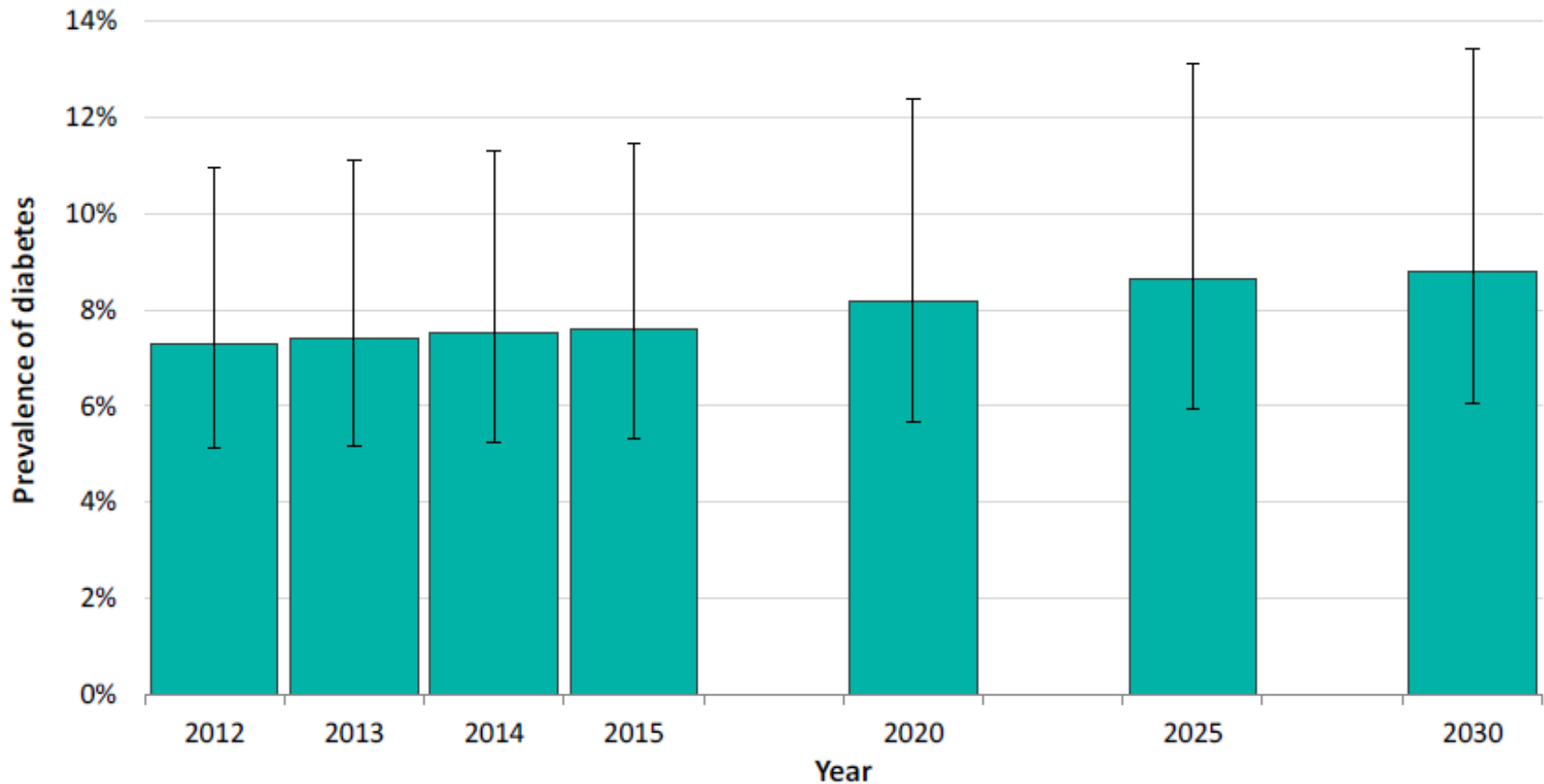


2015 415 million
2040 642 million

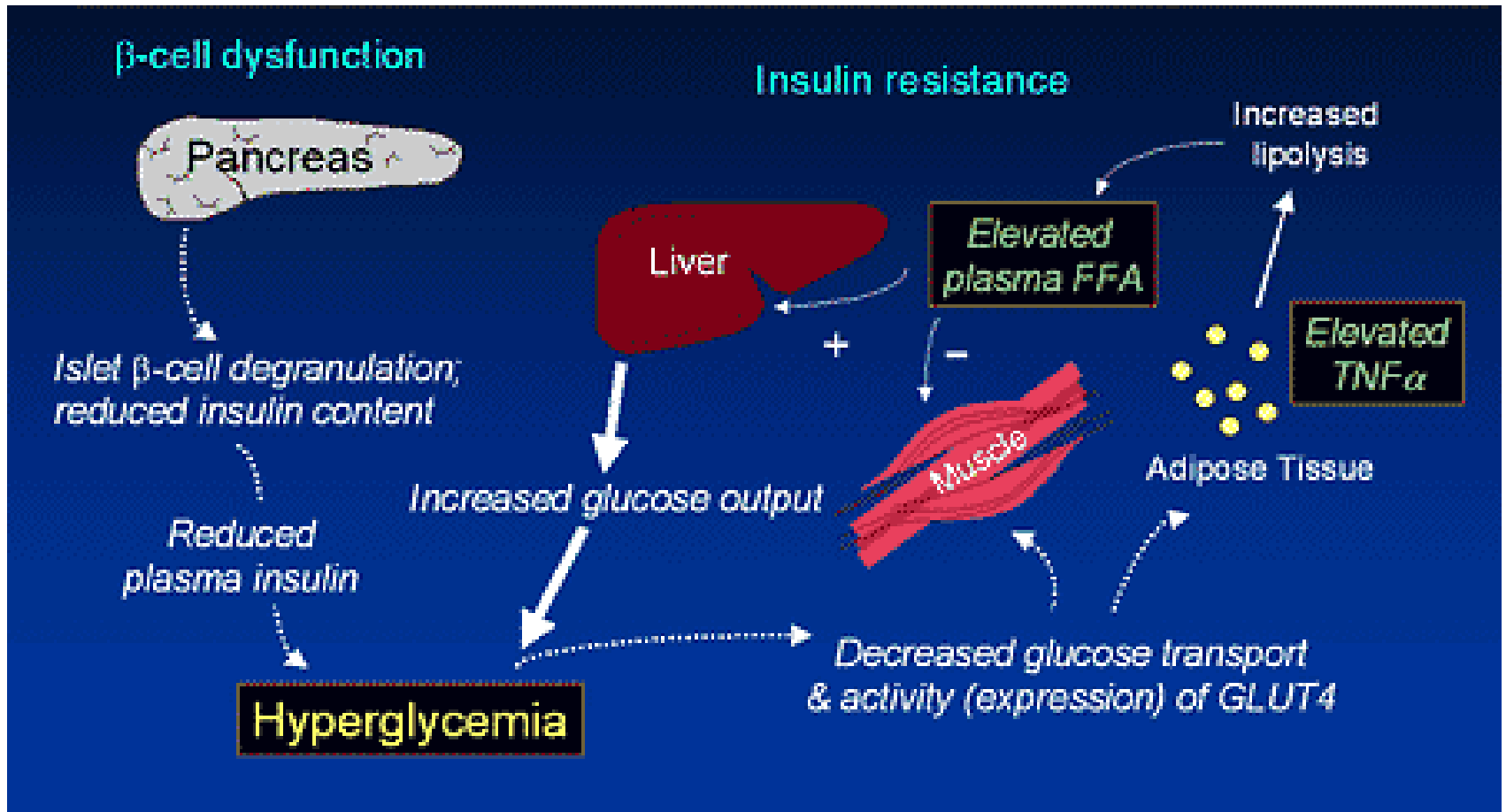


^aComparative prevalence

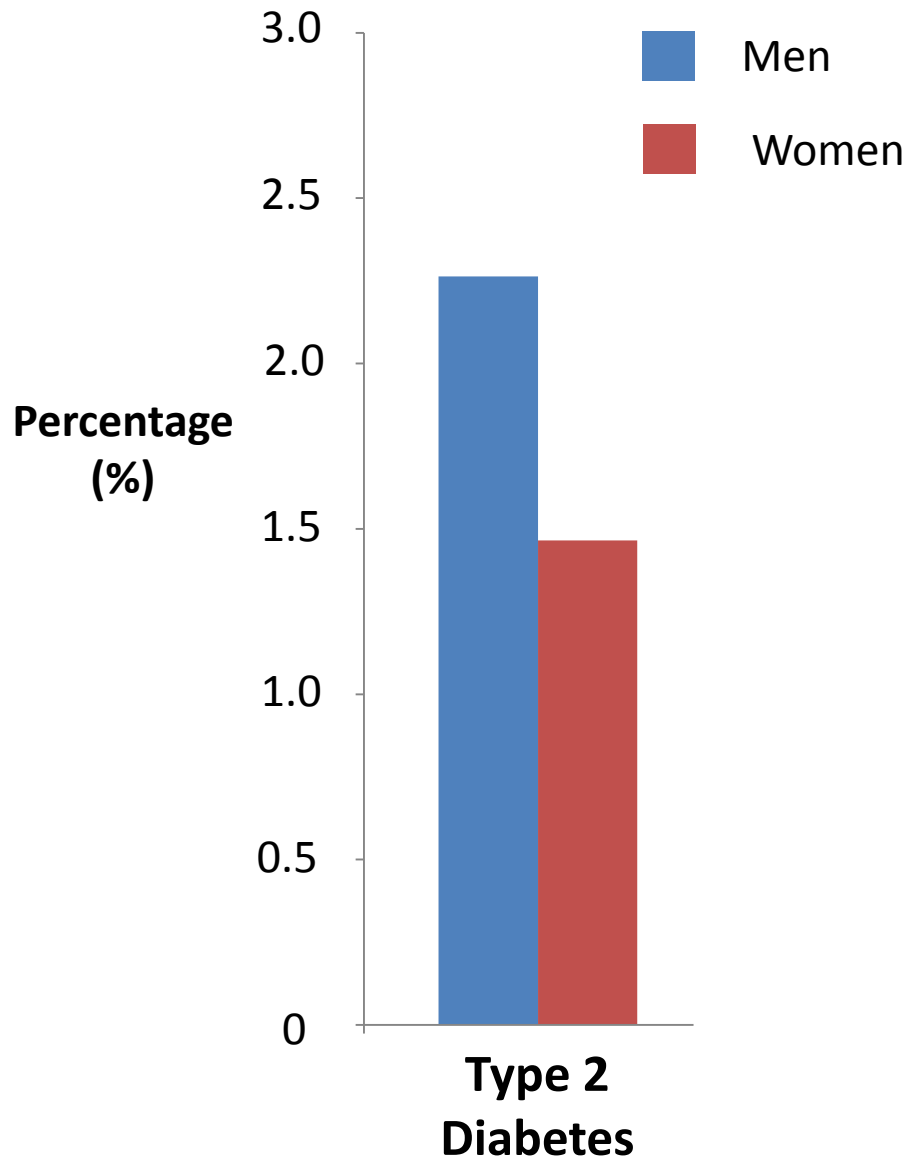
Trends in diagnosed adult diabetes prevalence in England



Type 2 diabetes results from defects in insulin resistance and secretion



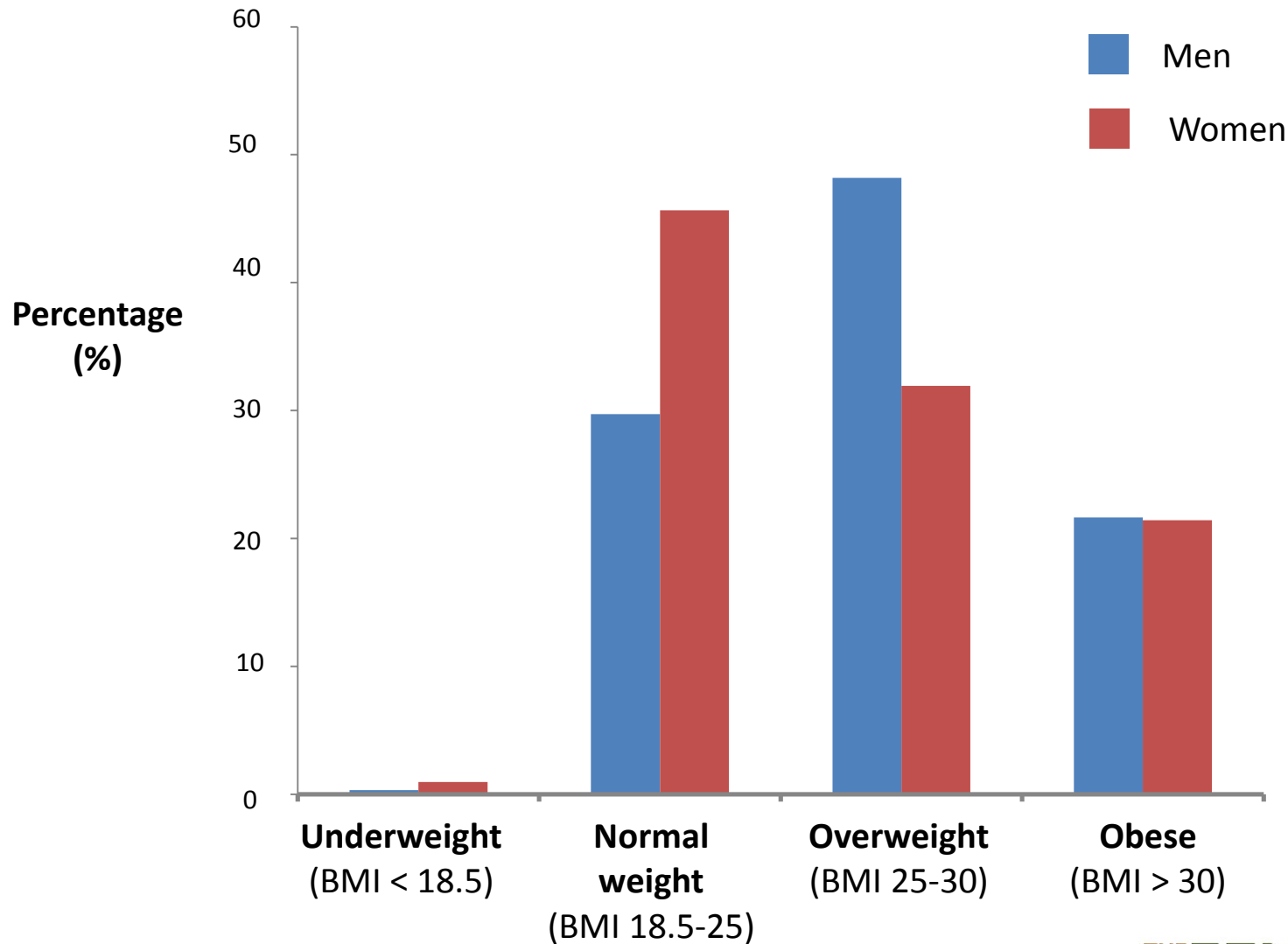
Prevalence of Undiagnosed Type 2 Diabetes



12,435 participants studied
between 2005 and 2015

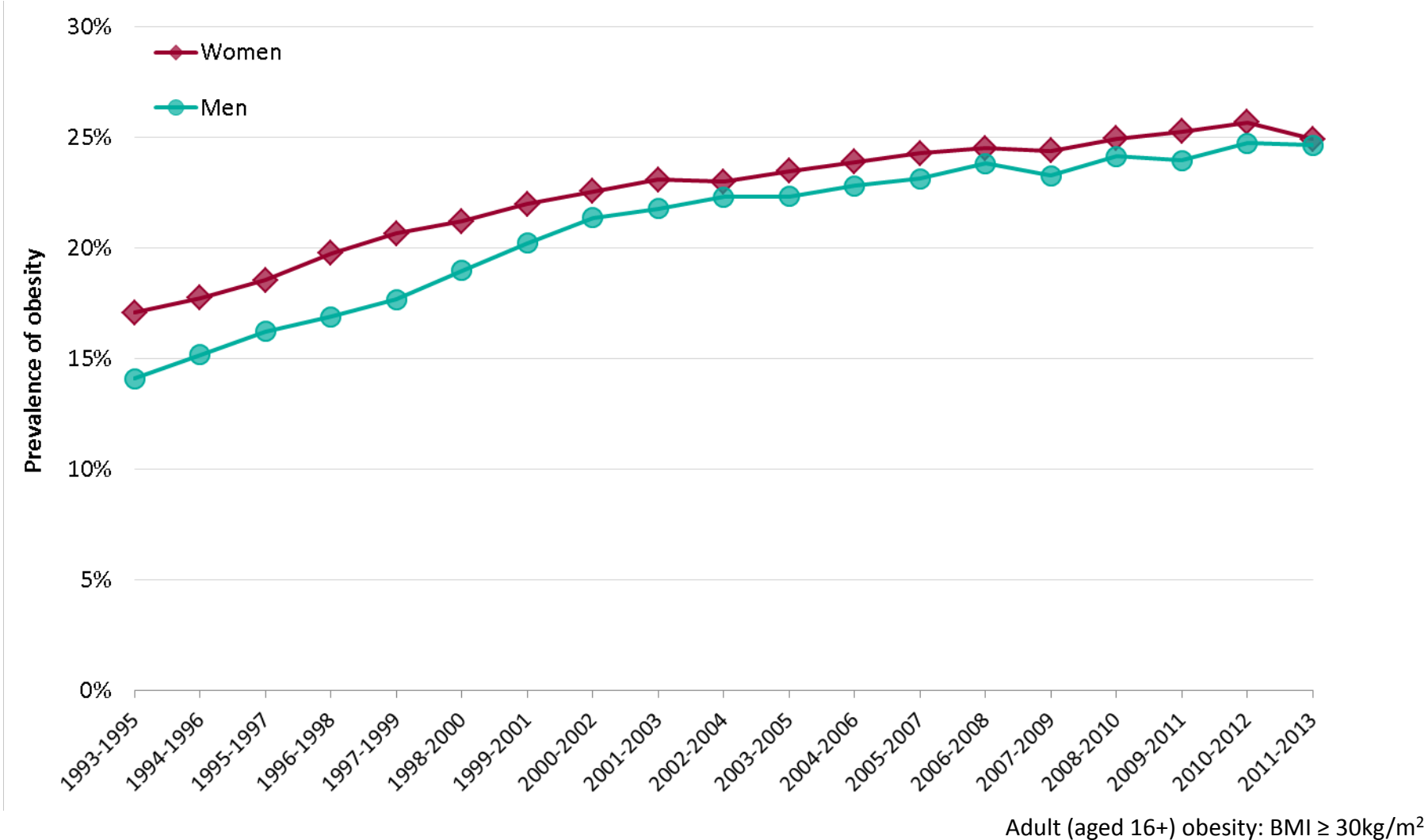
Three sites – Ely, Wisbech
and Cambridge

Prevalence of Overweight and Obesity



Trend in obesity prevalence among adults

Health Survey for England 1993-2013 (3-year average)

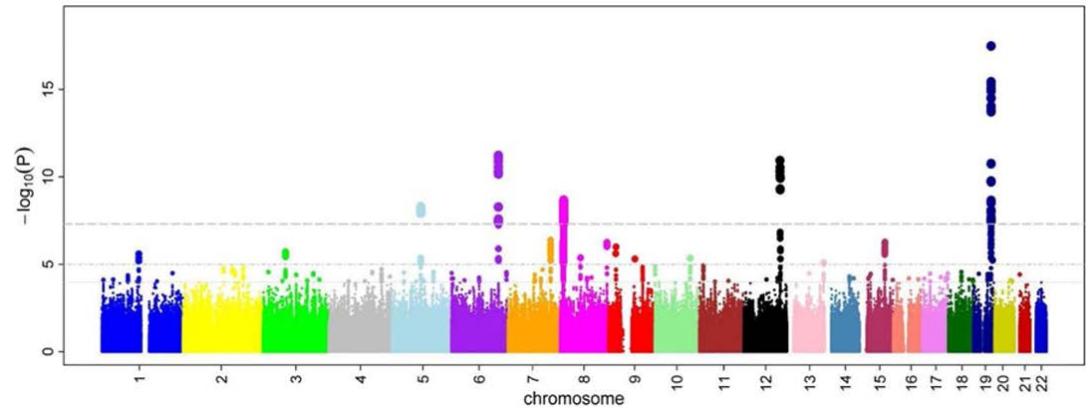


Adult (aged 16+) obesity: BMI \geq 30kg/m²

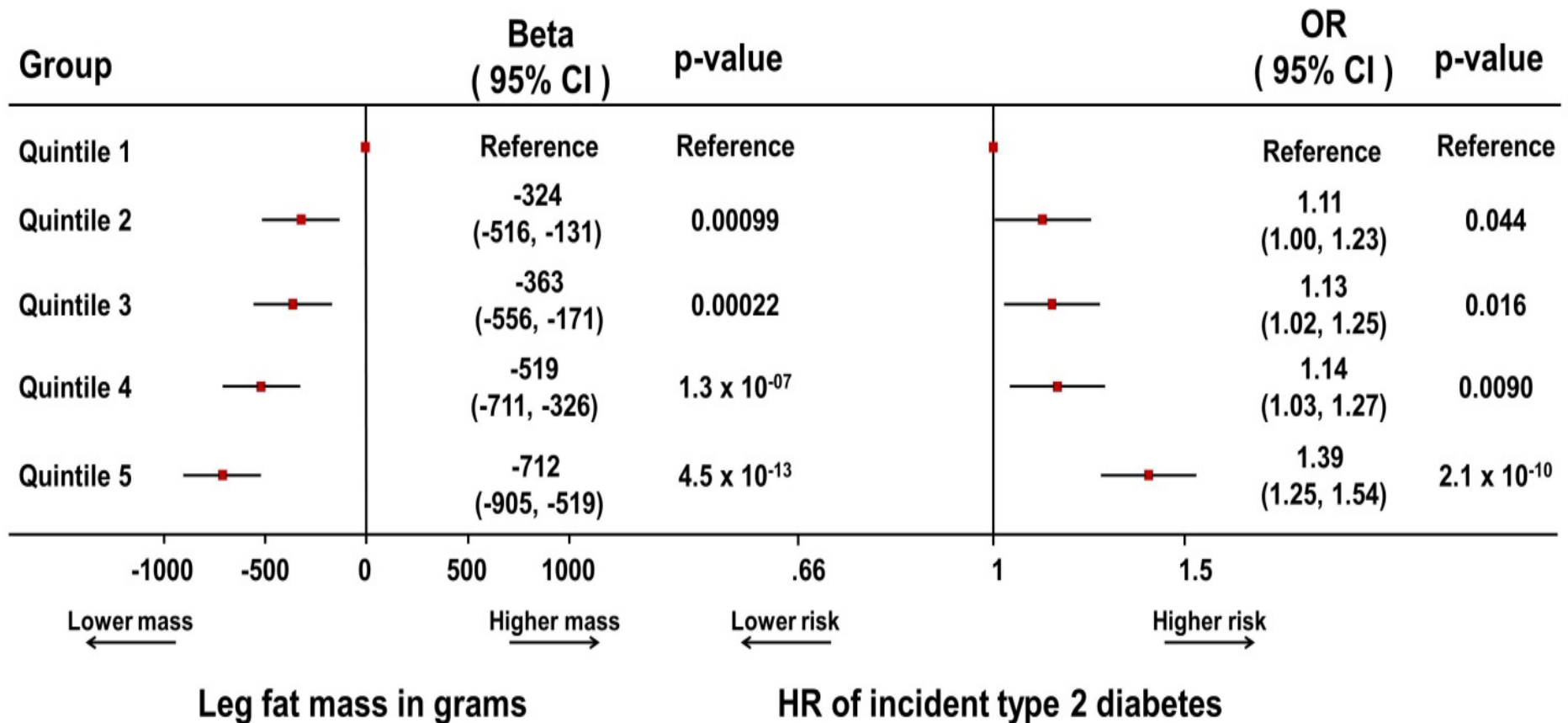
Measuring differences in where people store fat



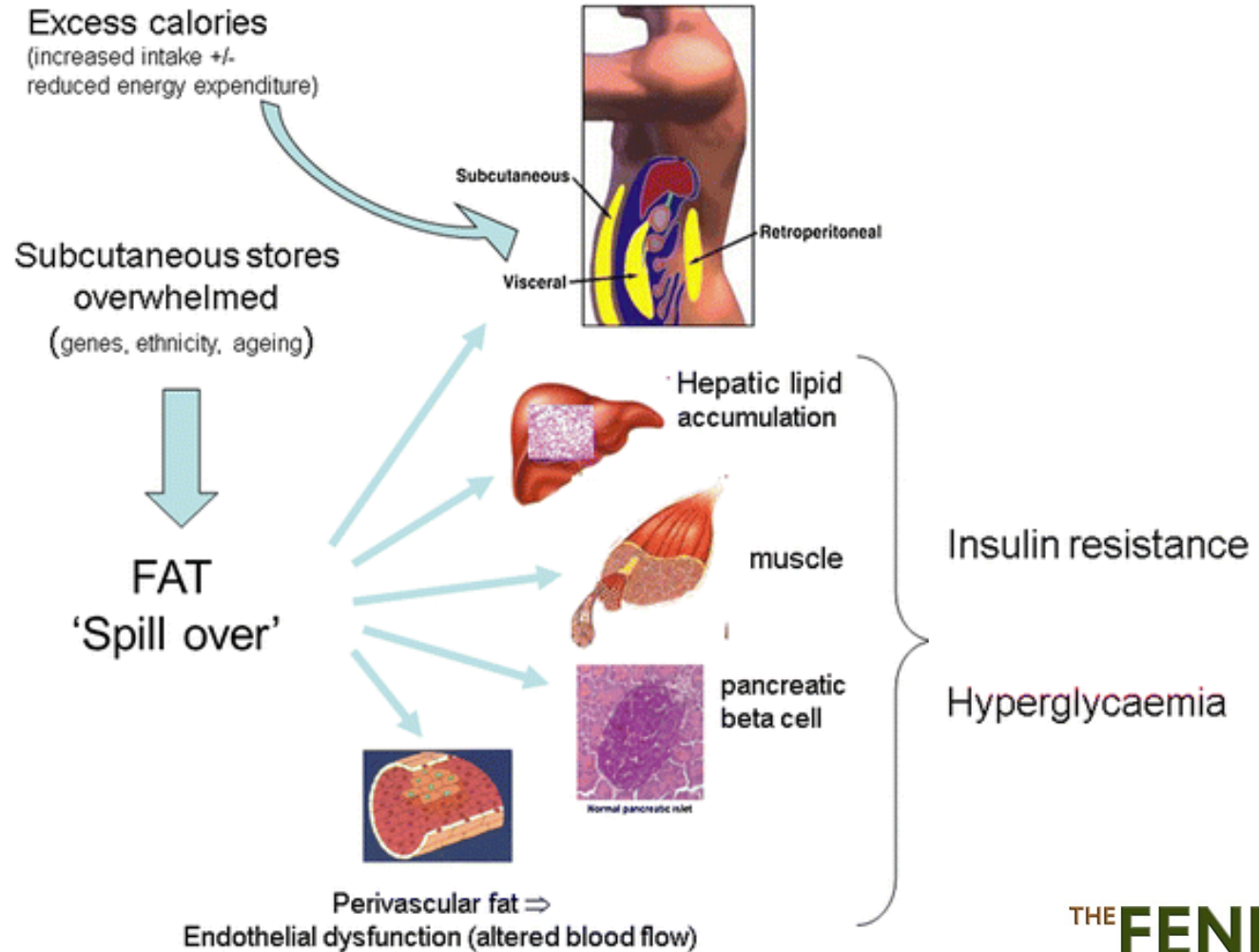
Advances in technology have enabled discovery of genetic susceptibility to diabetes



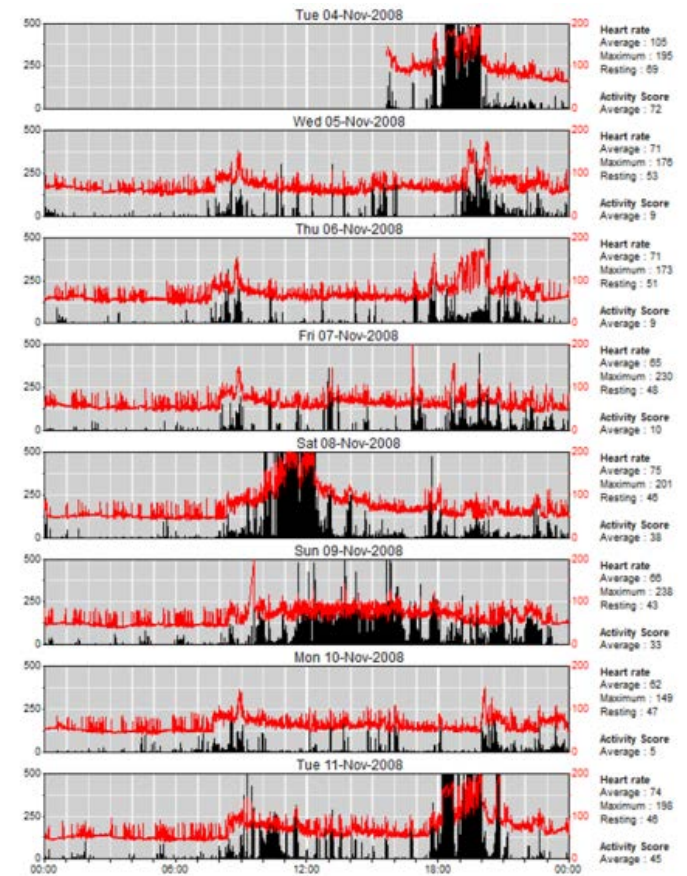
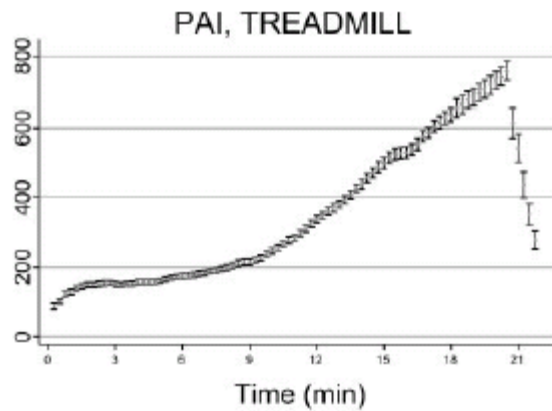
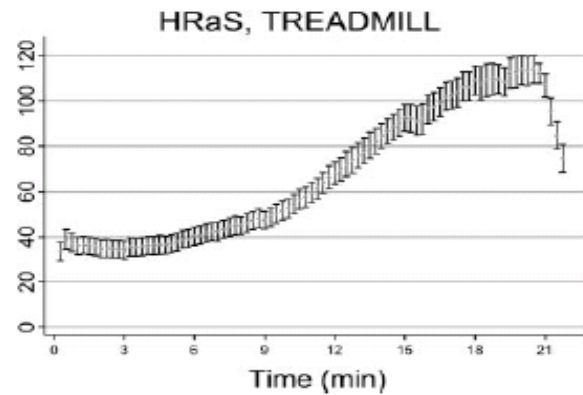
Genetically driven insulin resistance, capacity to store fat and diabetes risk



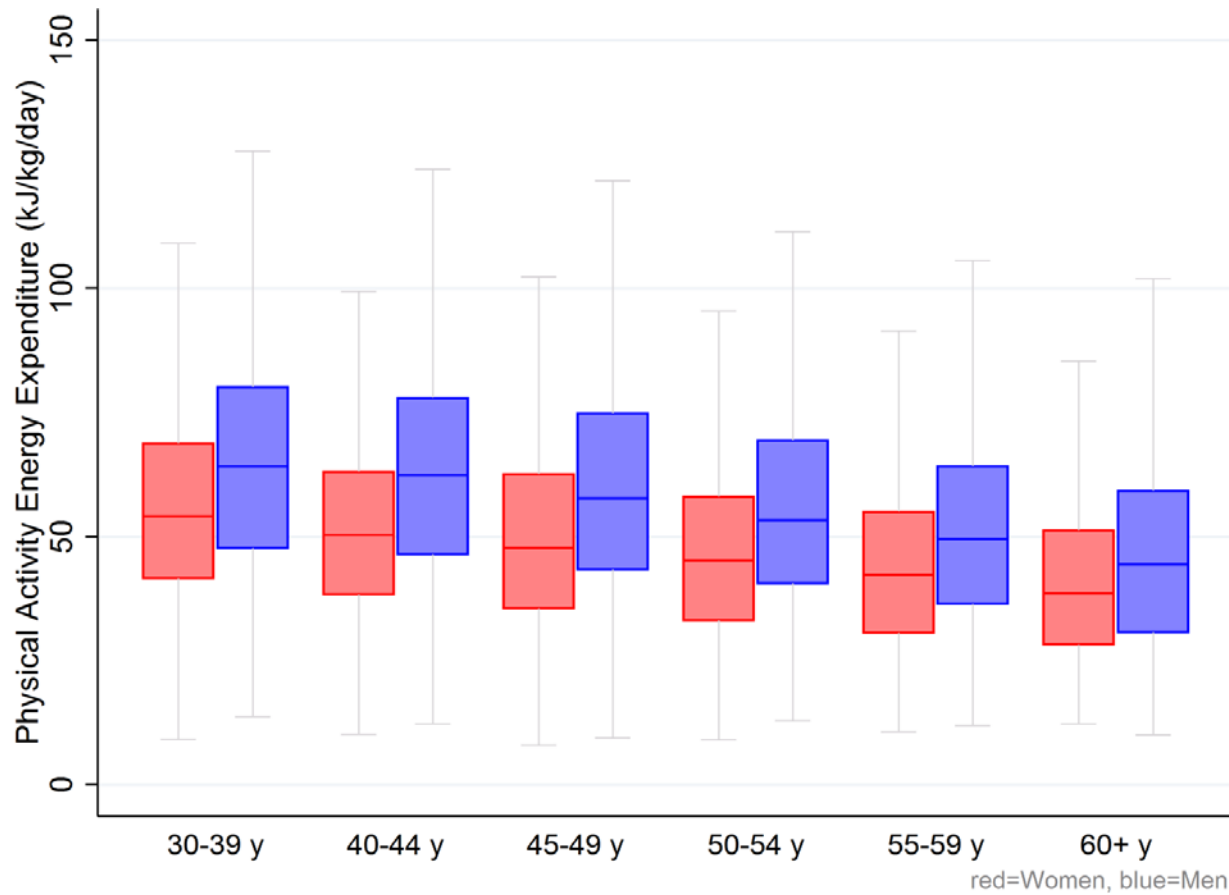
The fat "overspill" hypothesis that links obesity with insulin resistance



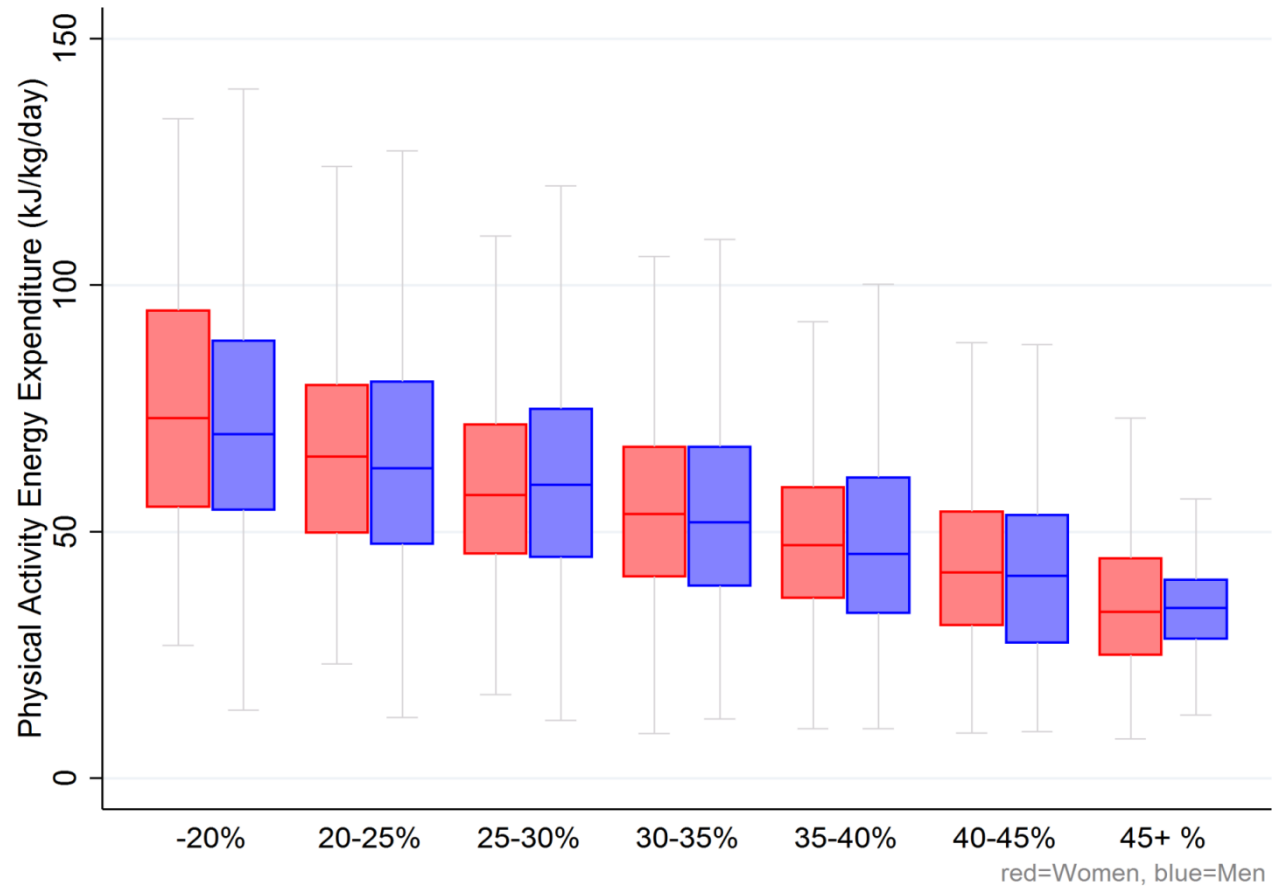
Physical activity and fitness assessment



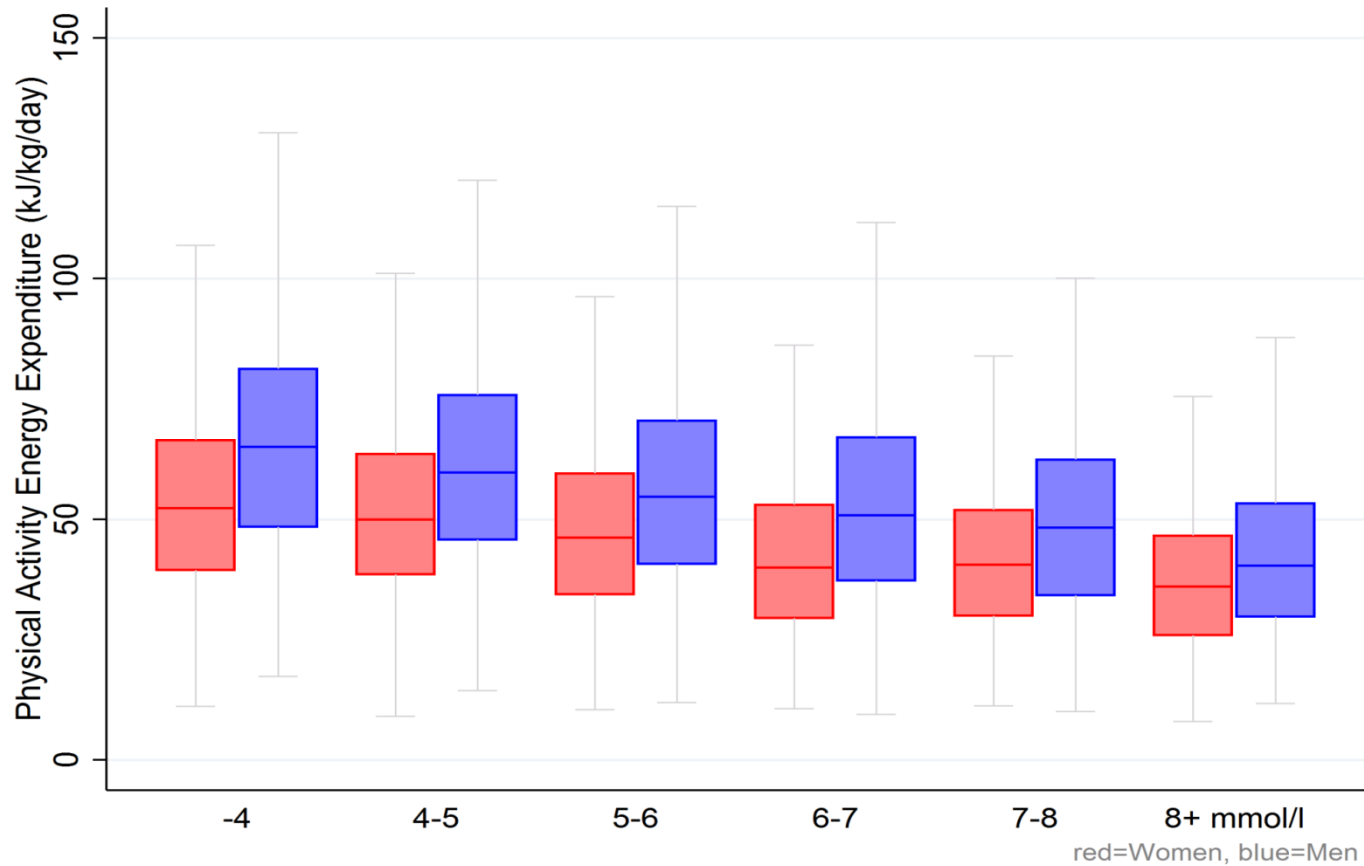
Physical activity by age and sex



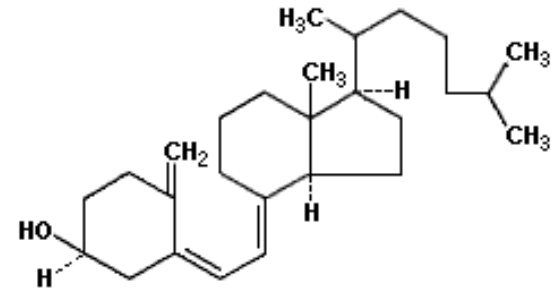
Physical activity by body fatness



Physical activity by 2-hr glucose

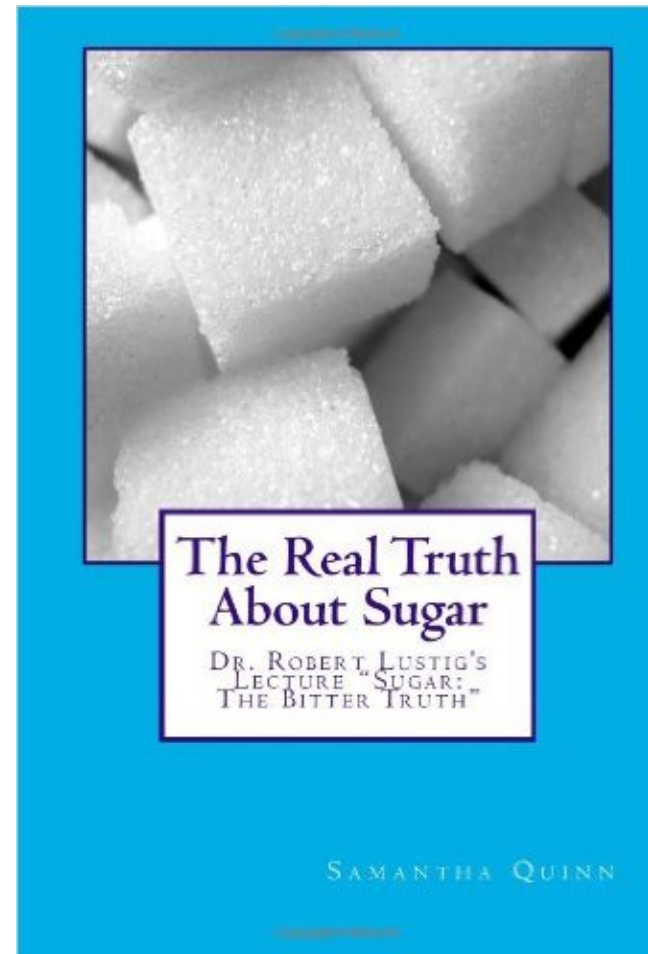
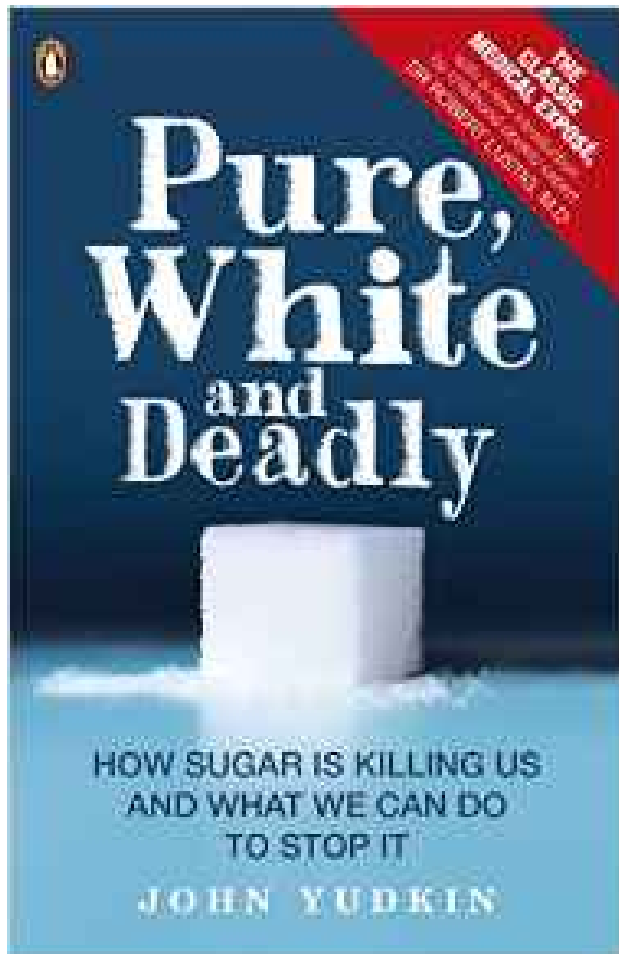


Assessment of diet and nutrient intake



FOODS AND AMOUNTS	AVERAGE USE LAST YEAR									
	Never or less than once/month	1-3 per month	Once a week	2-4 per week	5-6 per week	Once a day	2-3 per day	4-5 per day	6+ per day	
DRINKS										
Low calorie or diet fizzy soft drinks (glass)										
Fizzy soft drinks, eg. Coca cola, lemonade (glass)										

Controversies: Sugar and type 2 diabetes



Major food sources of free and non-free sugar

Free sugars

44%



25%



13%



10%



Non-free sugars

50%



28%



11%



Major food sources of sugar from liquids and solids

Sugars from liquids

Sugars from solids

33%



33%



29%

20%



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29%

13%



21%



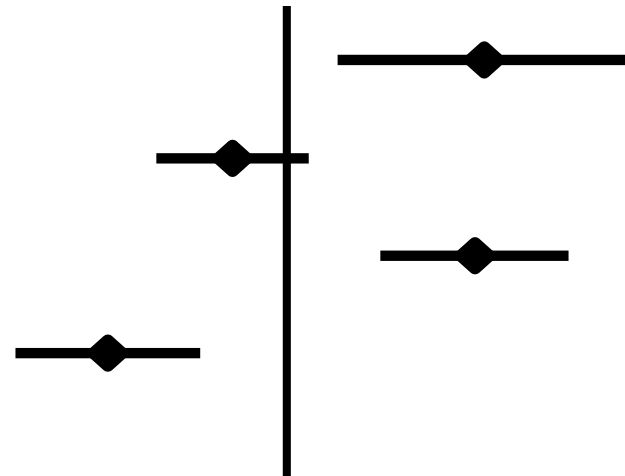
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15%

Sugar intake and insulin resistance

Sugars from liquids
Sugars from solids
Free sugars
Non-free sugars



Association between sugary drinks and future diabetes

Consumption of sweet beverages and type 2 diabetes incidence in European adults: results from EPIC-InterAct

The InterAct consortium

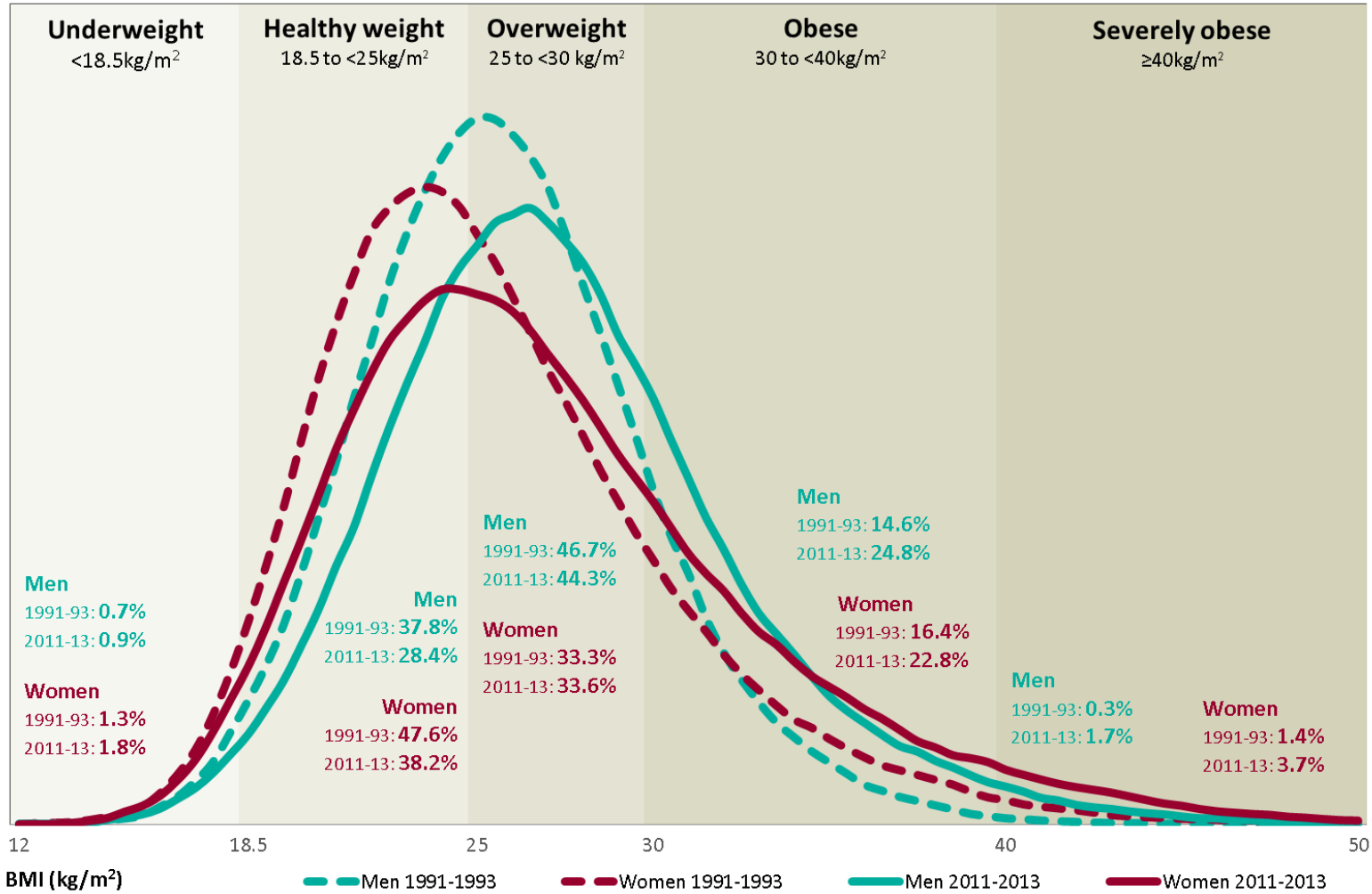


Impact of research findings

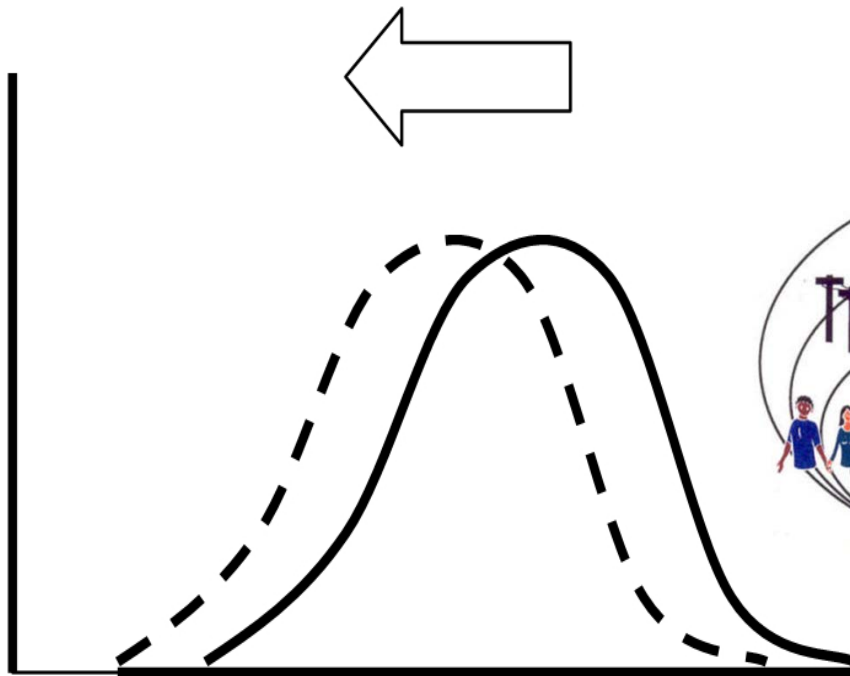


Change in the adult BMI distribution

Health Survey for England 1991-1993 and 2011-2013

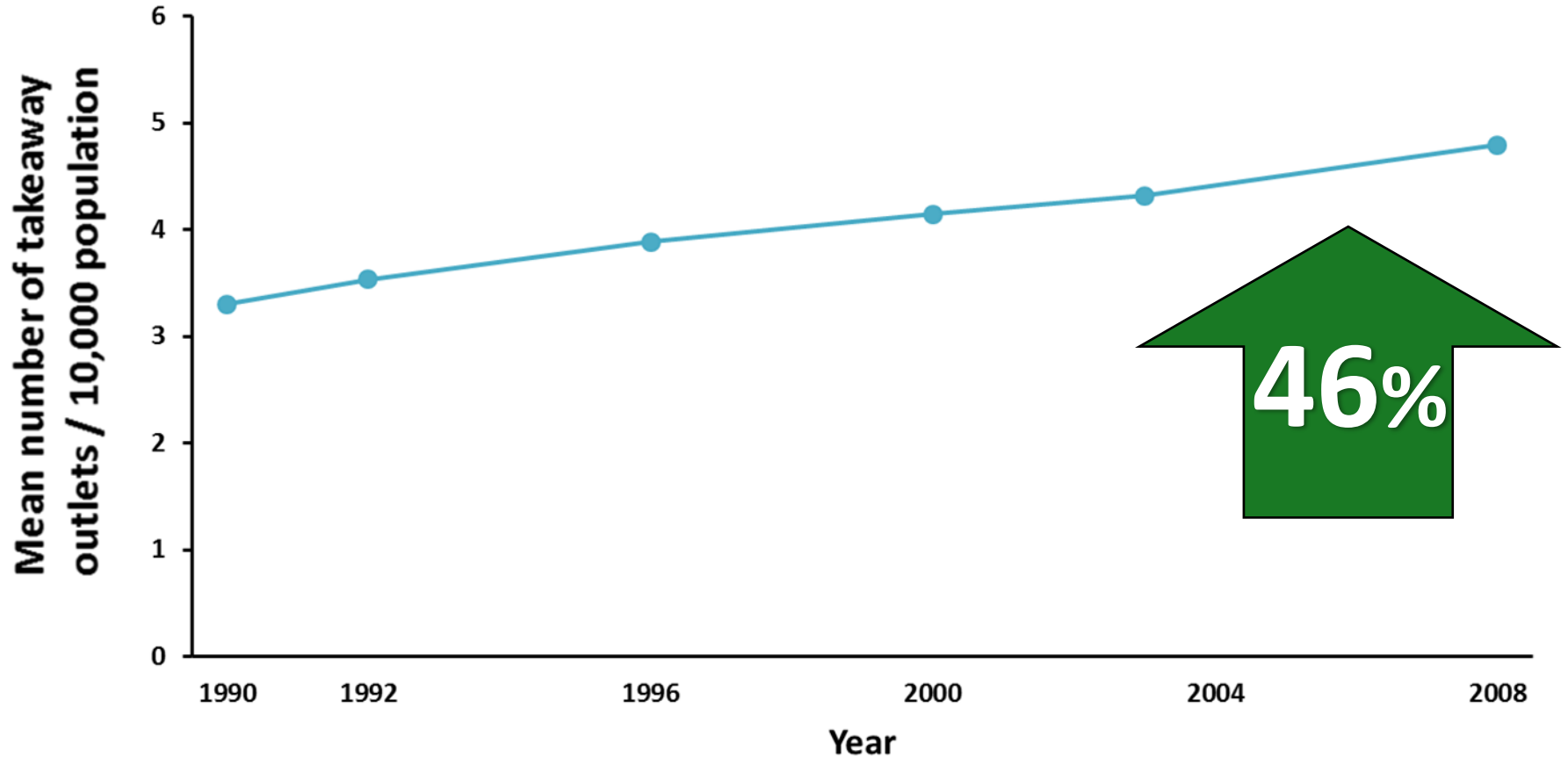


Adults aged 18+ years (population weighted)

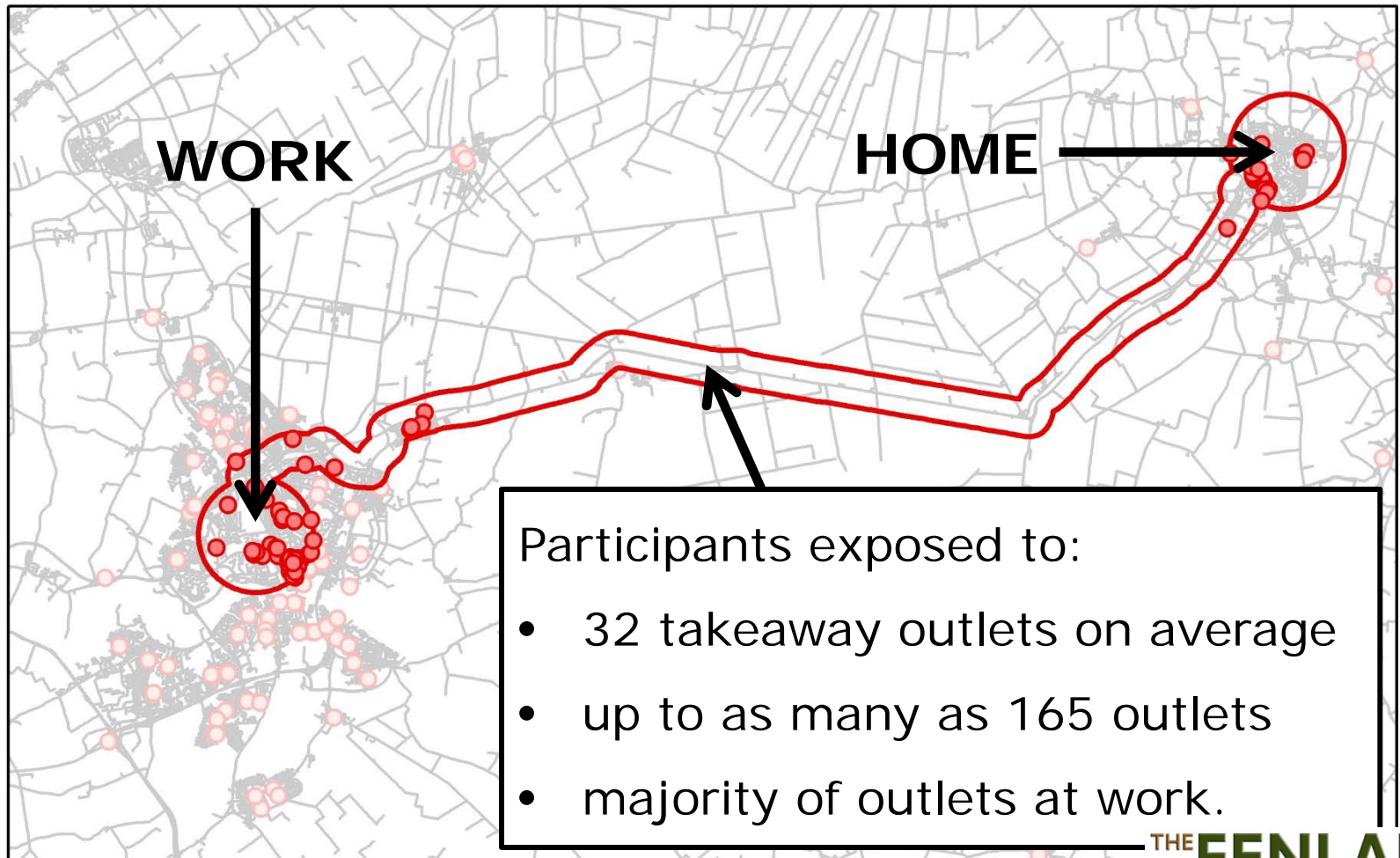


- transport policy
- foot/cycle paths
- school characteristics
- workplace layout
- family activity levels
- attitudes
- preference

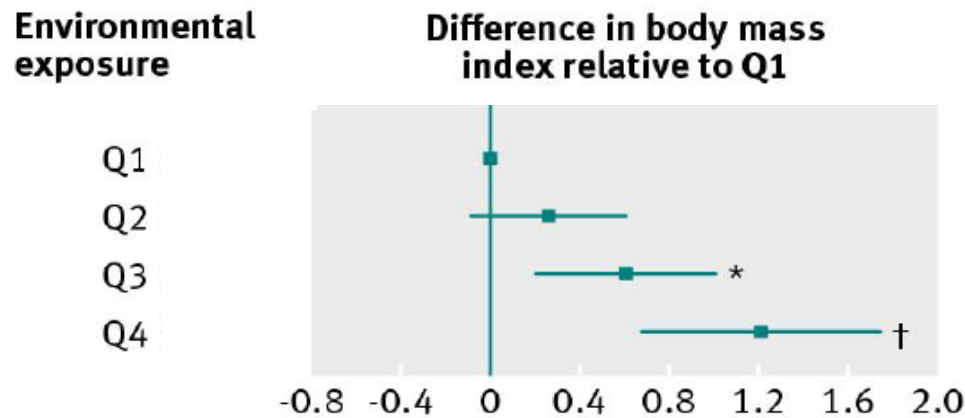
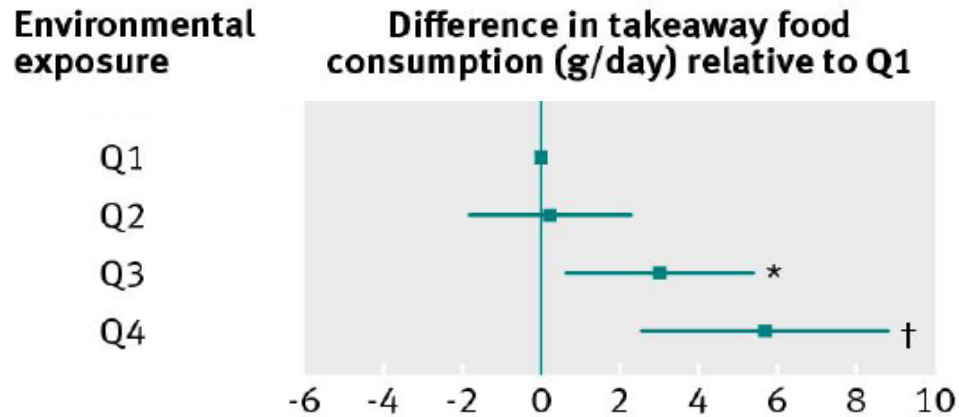
Takeaway food outlet proliferation



Non-home takeaway food exposure



Evidence for environmental effects on obesity



Phase 2 of the Fenland Study



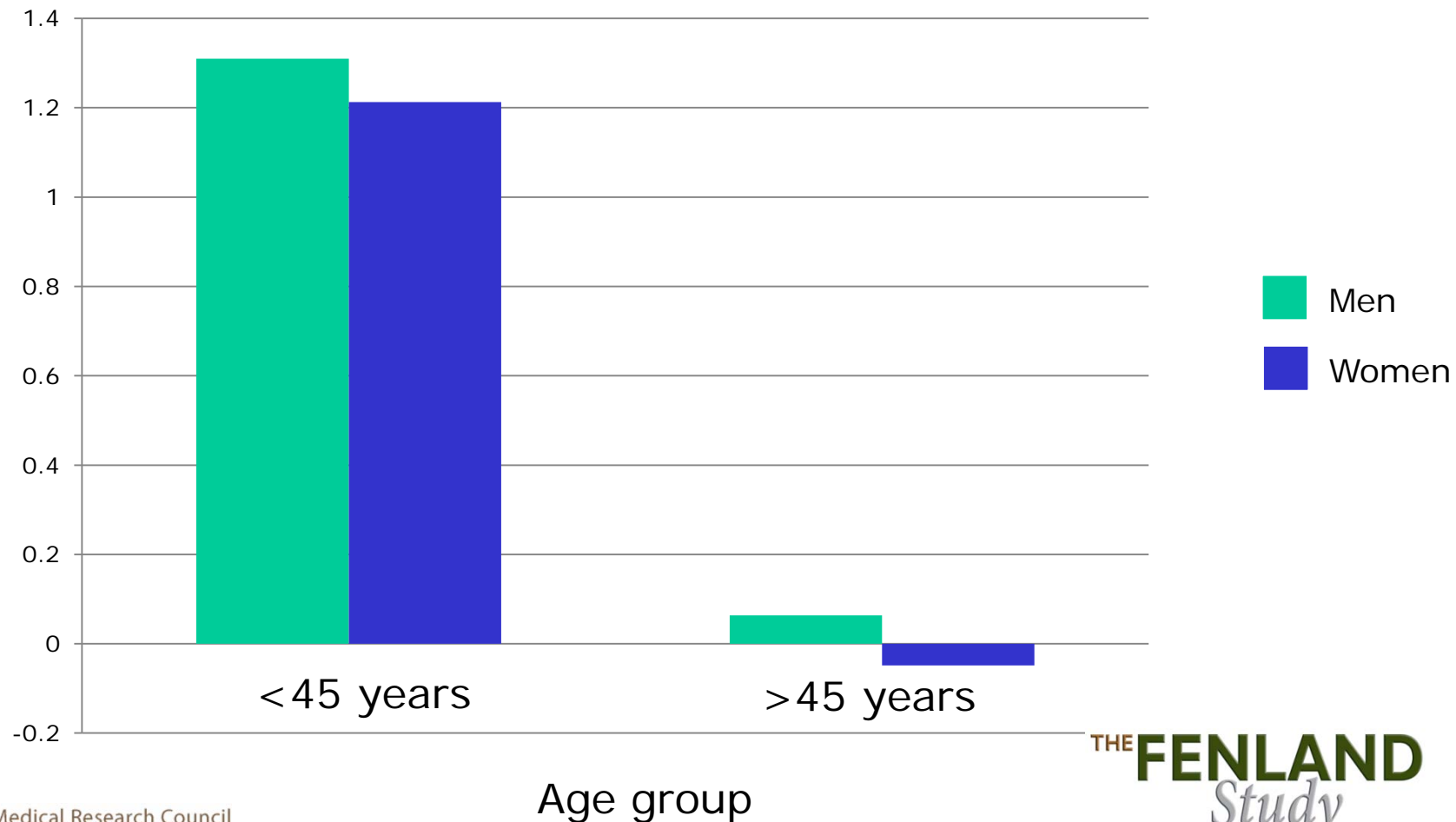
Re-invitation to screening in Phase 2 for all participants from Phase 1

Focus on studying change in metabolic risk factors and their determinants over time

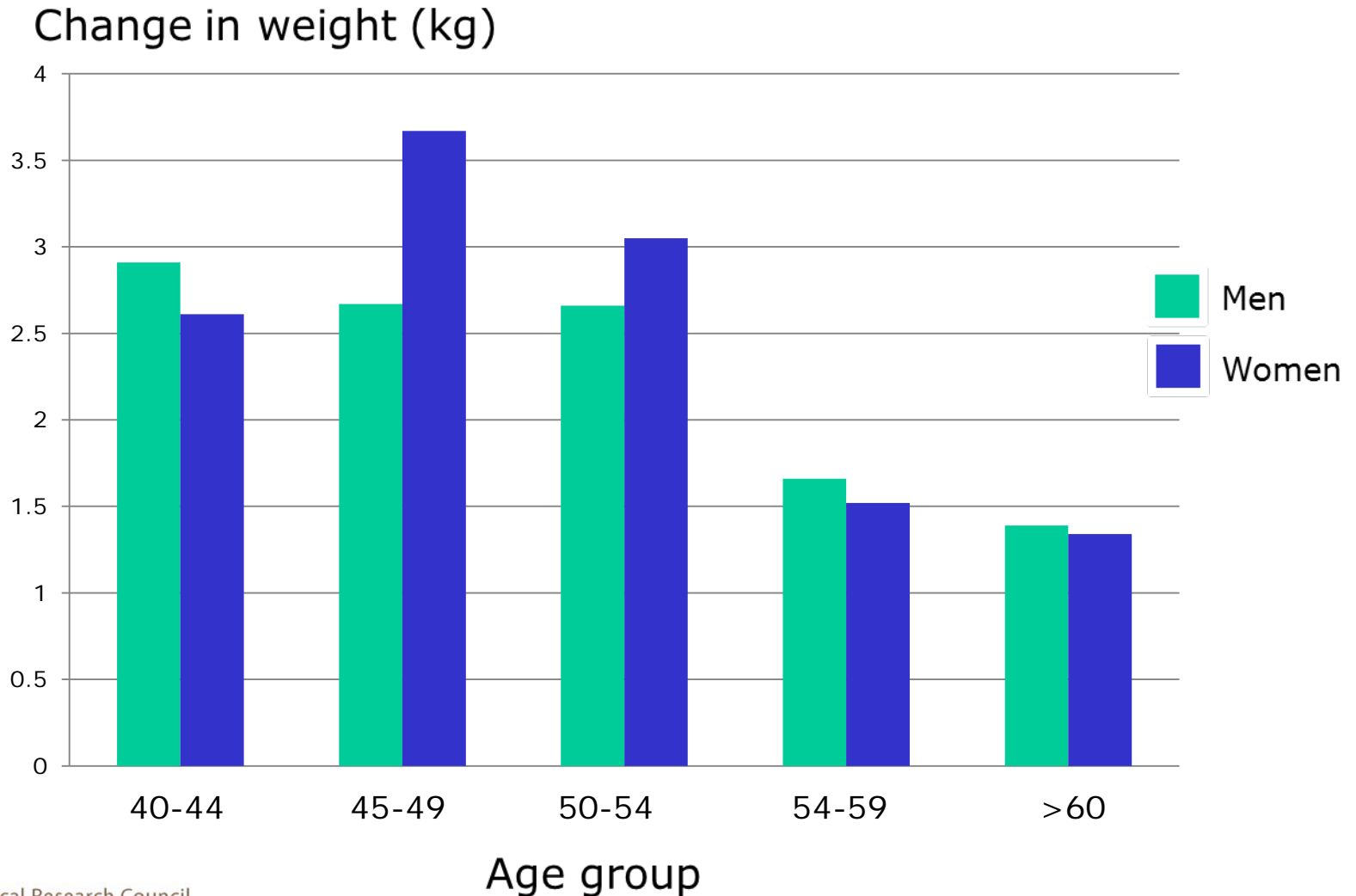
To date 2,178 people have participated in Phase 2

Change in weight between baseline and follow up by age and sex

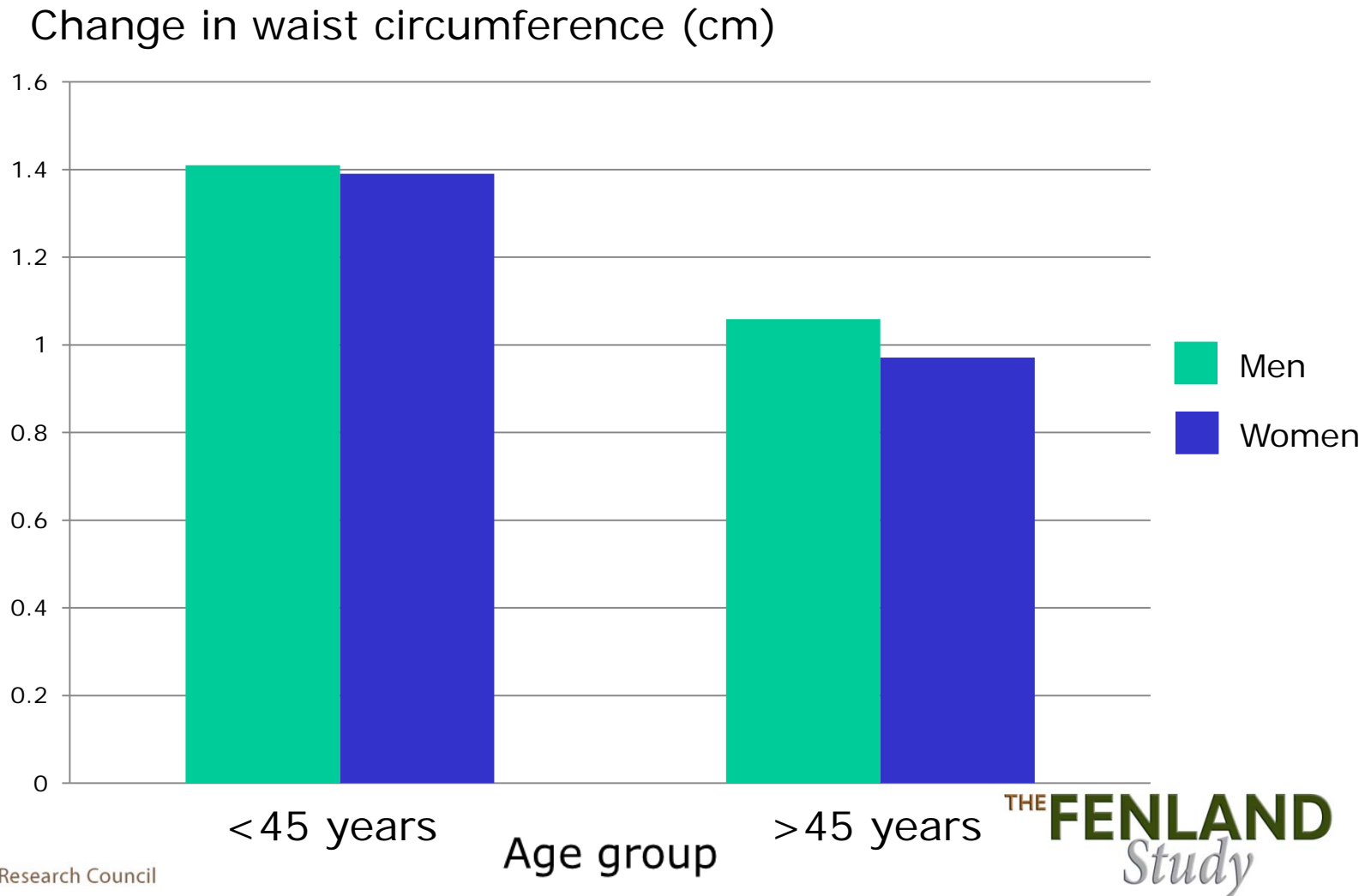
Change in weight (kg)



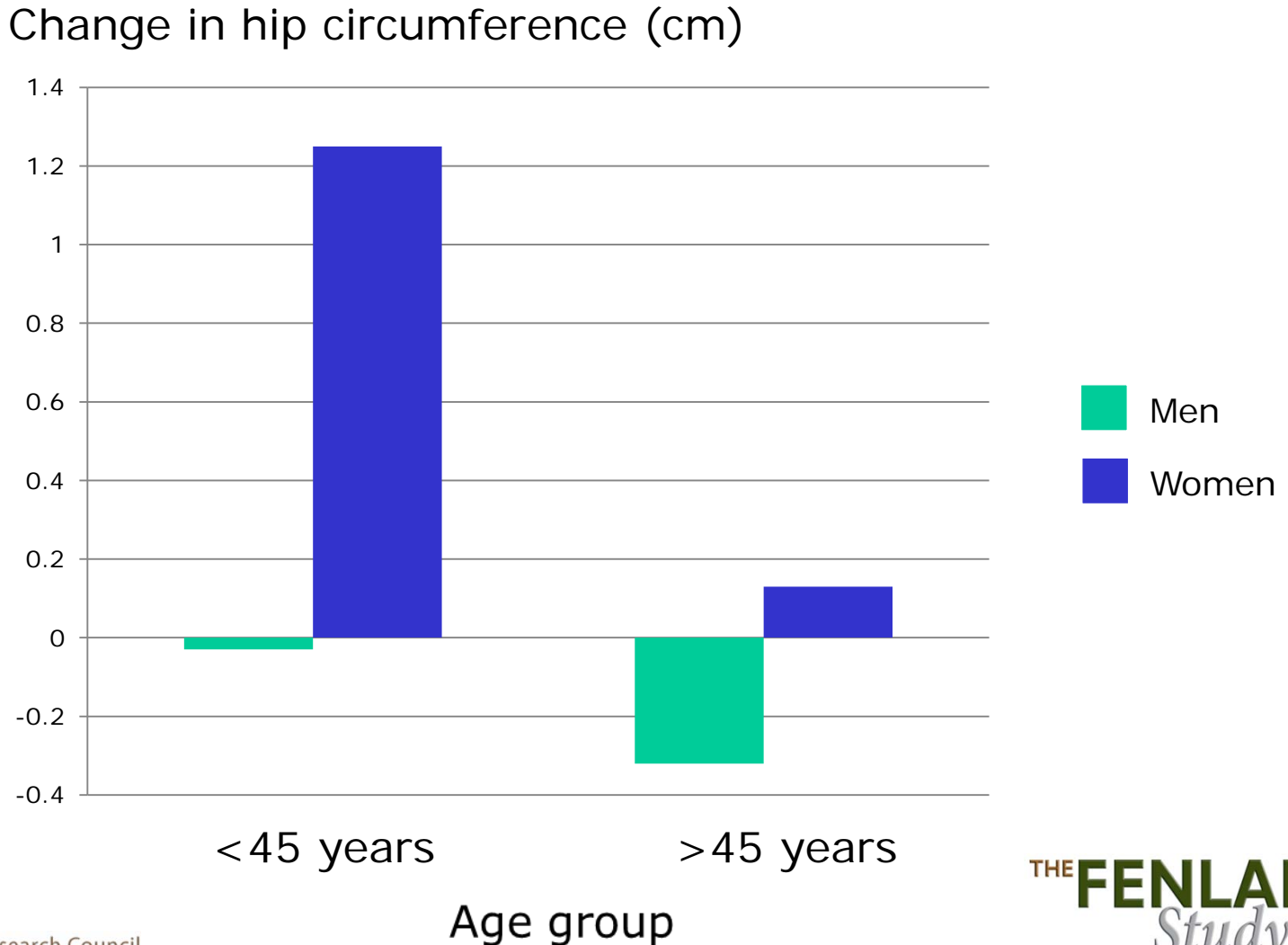
Change in weight between baseline and follow up by age and sex: the Ely Study 1990-96



Change in waist circumference between baseline and follow up by age and sex



Change in hip circumference between baseline and follow up by age and sex



Thanks



To all the
participants who
have helped
with the Fenland
study



QUESTIONS