



# Terapie endocrino-metaboliche e rischio oncologico



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## Metformina e Insulina

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# Diabete e Cancro



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## 1910

### A Statistical Study in Cancer Death-Rates

Cancer and Diabetes,

Both diseases have very much the same age distribution. They stand almost alone as being on the increase, while other causes of death show declining rates. The aetiology of both diseases is obscure. Both being diseases of old age...

... If there were a common factor in the causation of the dual increase a correlation between these diseases might be discovered.

Maynard GD. Biometrika 1910 ; 7: 276-304



# American Diabetes Association / American Cancer Society: Consensus Report 2010



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Type 2 diabetes and cancer share many risk factors, but potential biologic links between the two diseases are incompletely understood.

Cancer and diabetes are diagnosed within the same individual more frequently than would be expected by chance, even after adjusting for age.

**Giovannucci E et al. Diabetes Care 2010;33(7):1674-85.**



# Incidenza di cancro in pz con diabete: meta-analisi



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<b>Cancro</b>	<b>Autore</b>	<b>anno</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>RR</b>	<b>CI</b>
<b>Tutti</b>	Noto	2011	39 10 20	<b>1.1</b>	1.04 – 1.17
<b>Mammella</b>	Boyle	2012	16	<b>1.27</b>	1.16 – 1.39
	Liao	2011		<b>1.23</b>	1.18 – 1.27
	Larsson	2007		<b>1.20</b>	1.12 – 1.28
<b>Vescica</b>	Larsson	2006	21	<b>1.24</b>	1.08 – 1.42
<b>Tratto Biliare</b>	Ren	2011	5	<b>1.43</b>	1.18 – 1.72
<b>Colangiocarcinoma</b>	Jing	2012	24	<b>1.6</b>	1.38 – 1.87
<b>Colon retto</b>	Deng	2012	16	<b>1.26</b>	1.20 – 1.31
<b>Endometrio</b>	Friberg	2007	17	<b>2.1</b>	1.75 – 2.53
<b>Esofago</b>	Huang	2012	25	<b>1.30</b>	1.12 -1.50
<b>Stomaco</b>	Tian	2012	18	<b>1.11</b>	1.00 – 1.24
<b>HCC</b>	Wang	2012	9	<b>2.01</b>	1.61 – 2.51
<b>Rene</b>	Larsson	2011	14	<b>1.42</b>	1.06 – 1.91
<b>Fegato</b>	Gao	2010	15	<b>3.33</b>	1.82 – 6.1
<b>Linfoma NH</b>	Mitri	2008	35	<b>1.19</b>	1.04 – 1.35
<b>Pancreas</b>	Ben	2011		<b>1.94</b>	1.66 – 2.27
<b>Prostata</b>	Kasper	2006	19	<b>0.84</b>	0.76 – 0.93



# DIABETES AND CANCER – AN AACE/ACE CONSENSUS STATEMENT

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## Summary of the Association of Diabetes and Cancer Mortality

Study group	Cancer evaluated	Risk	95% CI
Campbell et al 2012 (men) (65)	Breast	RR 4.20 <sup>a</sup>	2.20-8.04
	Hepatic	RR 2.26 <sup>a</sup>	1.89-2.70
	Oropharyngeal	RR 1.44 <sup>a</sup>	1.07-1.94
	Pancreatic	RR 1.40 <sup>a</sup>	1.23-1.59
	Bladder	RR 1.22 <sup>a</sup>	1.01-1.47
	Colon	RR 1.15 <sup>a</sup>	1.03-1.29
	Prostate	RR 0.88 <sup>a</sup>	0.79-0.97
Campbell et al 2012 (women) (65)	Hepatic	RR 1.40 <sup>a</sup>	1.05-1.86
	Endometrial	RR 1.33 <sup>a</sup>	1.08-1.65
	Pancreatic	RR 1.31 <sup>a</sup>	1.14-1.51
	Colon	RR 1.18 <sup>a</sup>	1.04-1.33
	Breast	RR 1.16 <sup>a</sup>	1.03-1.29
Currie et al 2012 (66)	All cancers	HR 1.09 <sup>b</sup>	1.06-1.13
	Breast	HR 1.32 <sup>b</sup>	1.17-1.49
	Prostate	HR 1.19 <sup>b</sup>	1.08-1.31
	Bladder	HR 1.16 <sup>b</sup>	1.02-1.32
	Lung	HR 0.84 <sup>b</sup>	0.77-0.92



# Diabete e rischio di cancro: fattori interferenti

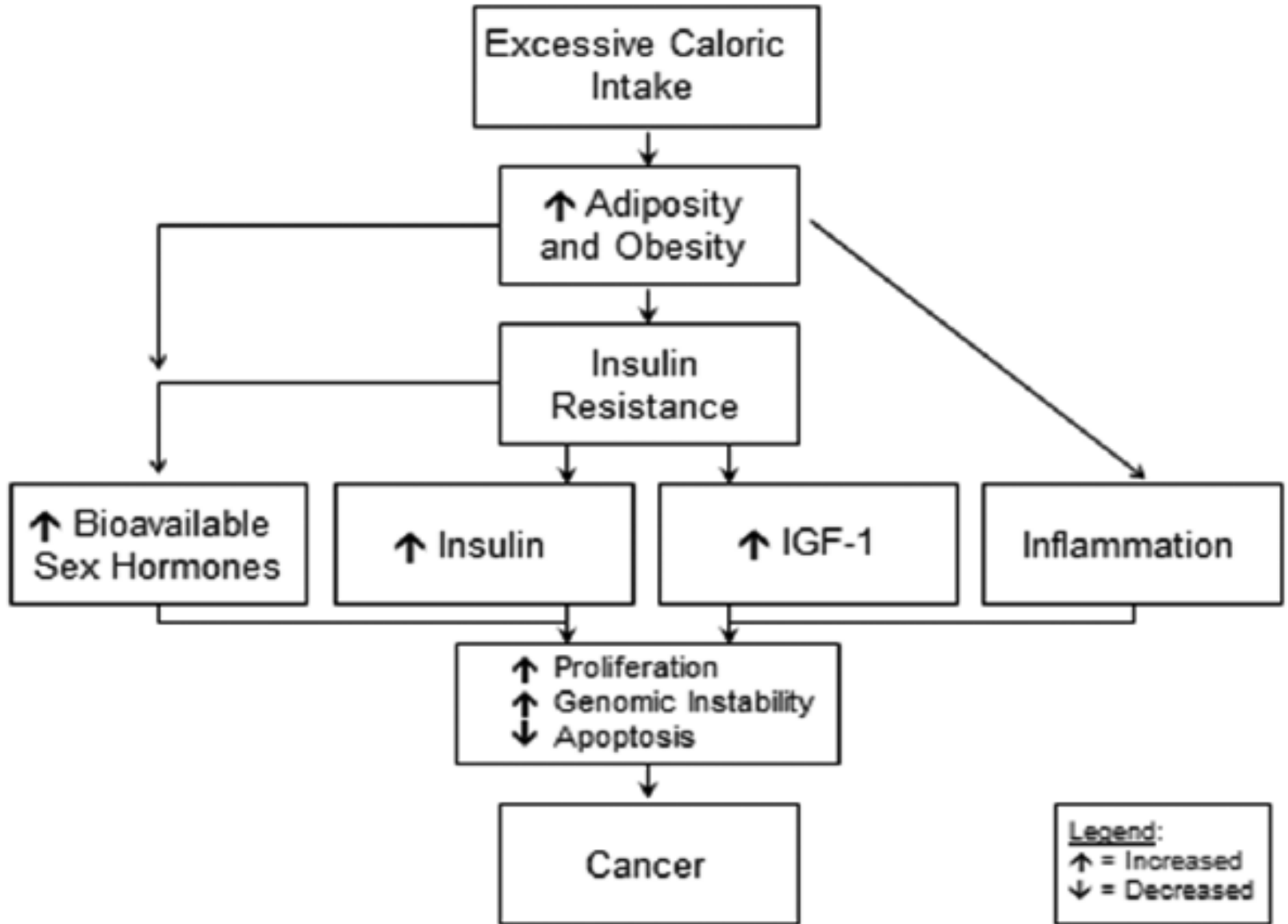


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- Tipo di diabete: tipo 1 / tipo 2
- Obesità
- Durata della malattia
- Grado di compenso metabolico
- Comorbilità
- Tipo di terapia
- Dieta e attività fisica

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# Effetto della chirurgia bariatrica

	Surgery Group (#/ 10,000 person-yr)	Control Group (#/ 10,000 person-yr)
<b>All causes of death</b>	37.2	61.1
CV disease	8.5	19.3
Diabetes	0.3	3.5
<b>Cancer</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>15</b>
Other disease	11.4	17
<b>Non-disease causes</b>		
Accident	3.7	2.7
Poisoning	1.9	0.6
Suicide	2.7	1.2

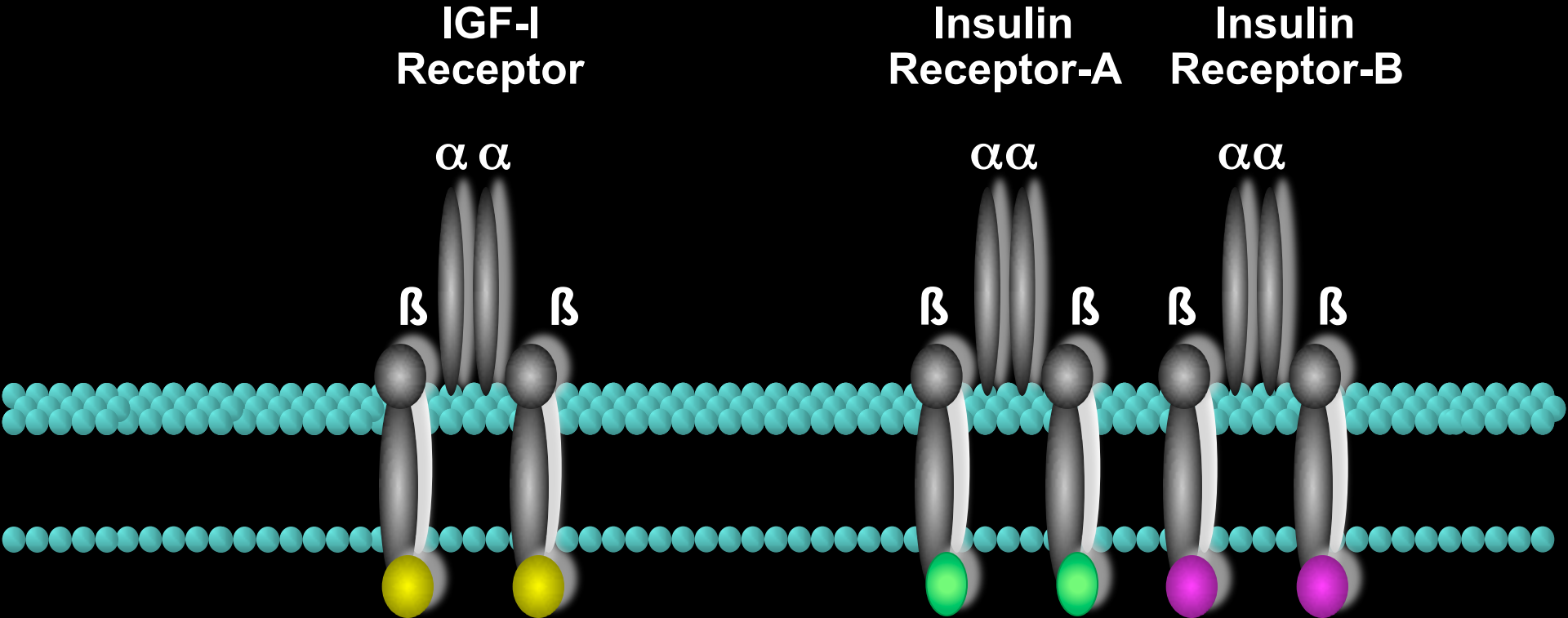


# Insulina, IGF-1 e Cancro



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Marker	Risk of Associated Cancer	Population	Reference
<b>C-Peptide</b>	<i>Increased</i> •Colorectal	Physicians' Health Study EPIC NYUWHS EPIC	Ma et al. 2004 Jenab et al 2007 Kaaks et al 2000 Cust et al 2007
	•Endometrial •Advanced Prostate	Physicians Health Study	Ma et al. 2008
<b>Insulin</b>	<i>Increased</i> •Endometrial •Colorectal	Women's Health Initiative Women's Health Initiative	Gunter et al 2008 Gunter et al 2009
	<i>Conflicting Results</i> •Pre-menopausal Breast	Women's Health Initiative Nurses' Health Study	Gunter et al 2008 Eliassen et al 2007
<b>IGF-I</b>	<i>Increased</i> •Colorectal		Chen et al 2009, Rinaldi et al 2010
	•Pre-menopausal Breast •Prostate	Meta-Analyses	Chen et al 2009 Chen et al 2009 Roddam et al 2008 Renehan et al 2004



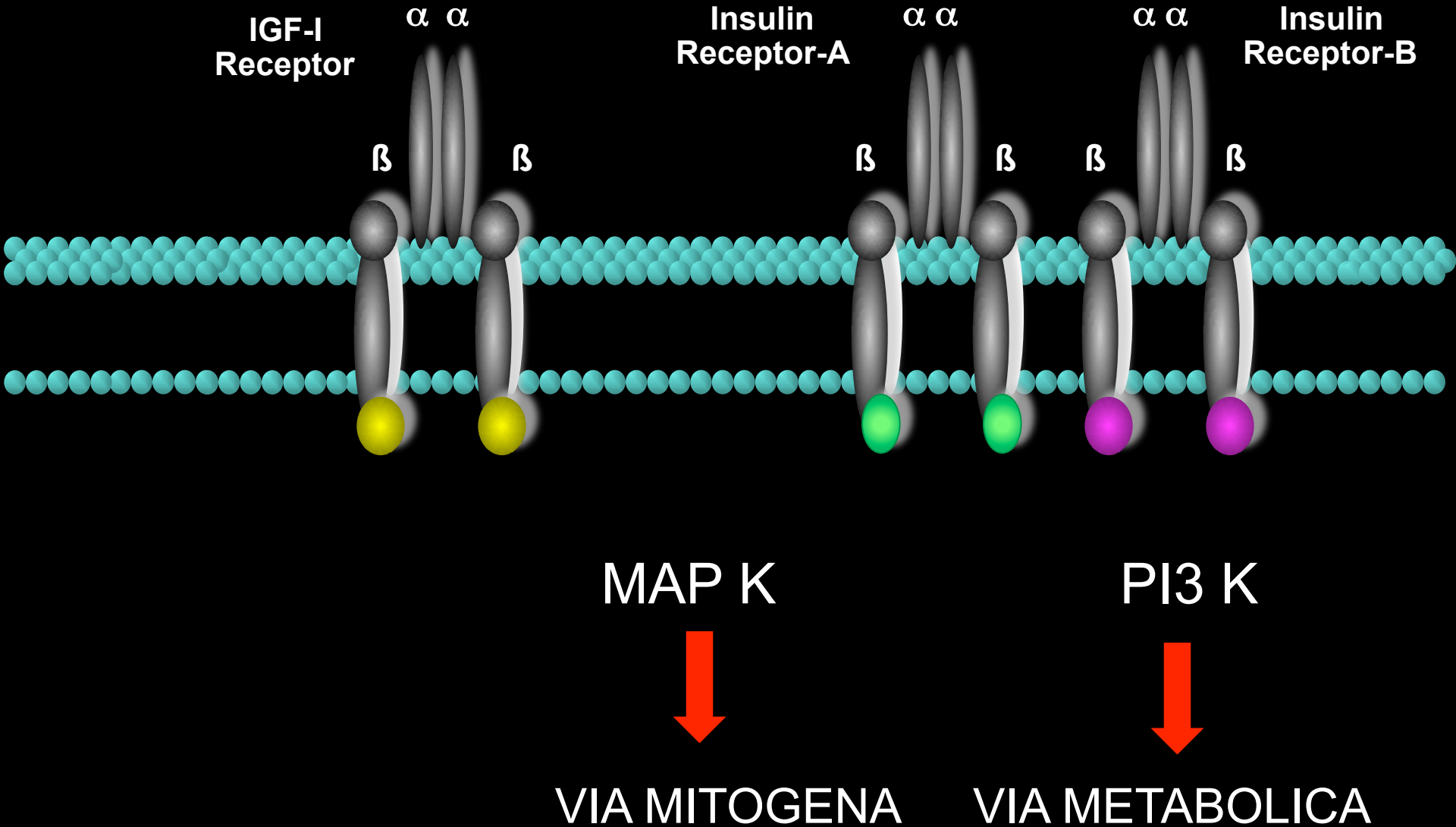
- ➔ Questi due recettori condividono la via intracellulare del segnale ormonale
- ➔ L'insulina ha una ridotta affinità per il recettore IGF-1R, ma a concentrazioni elevate è in grado di attivare anche questo recettore



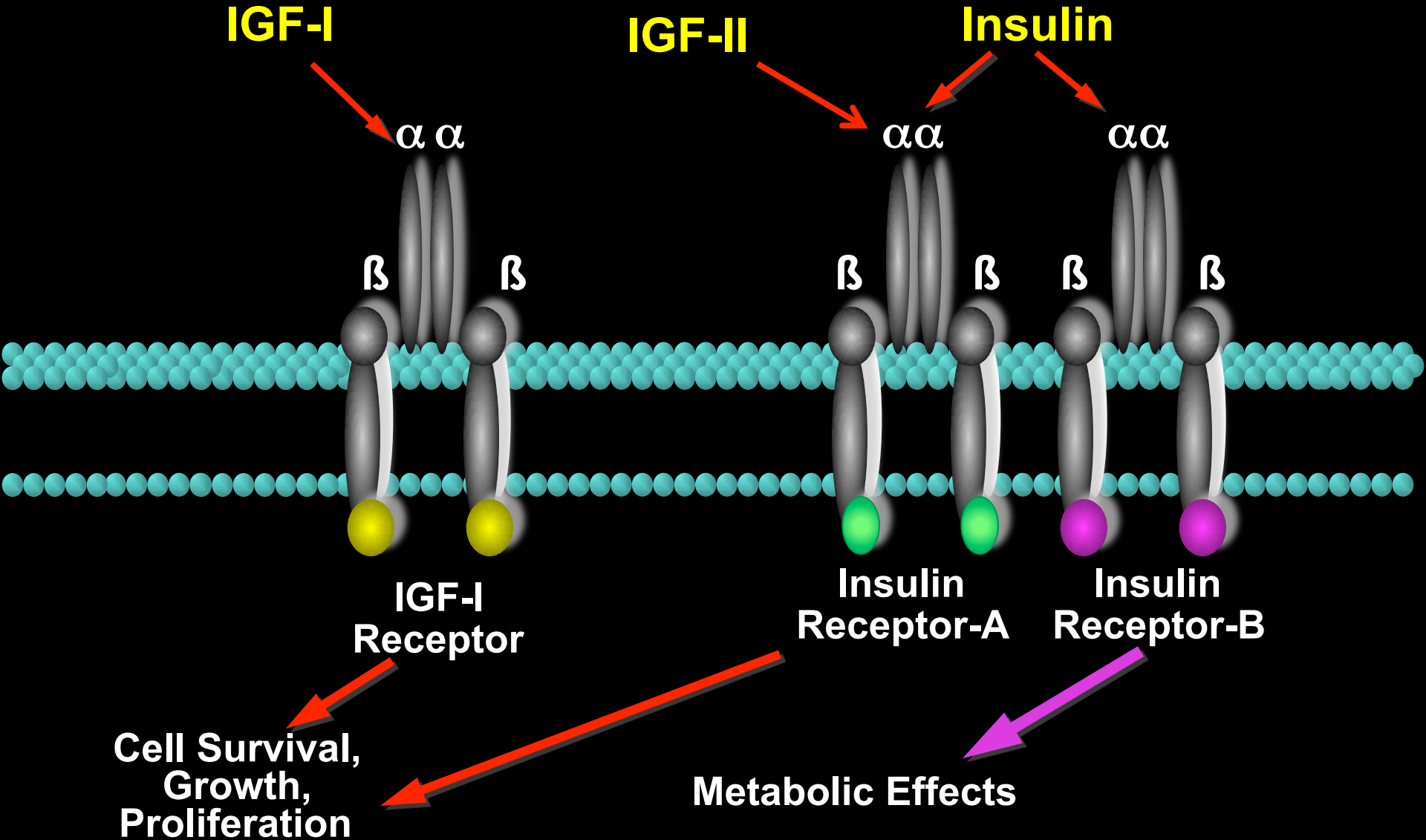
# IGF-1 Receptor and Insulin Receptors



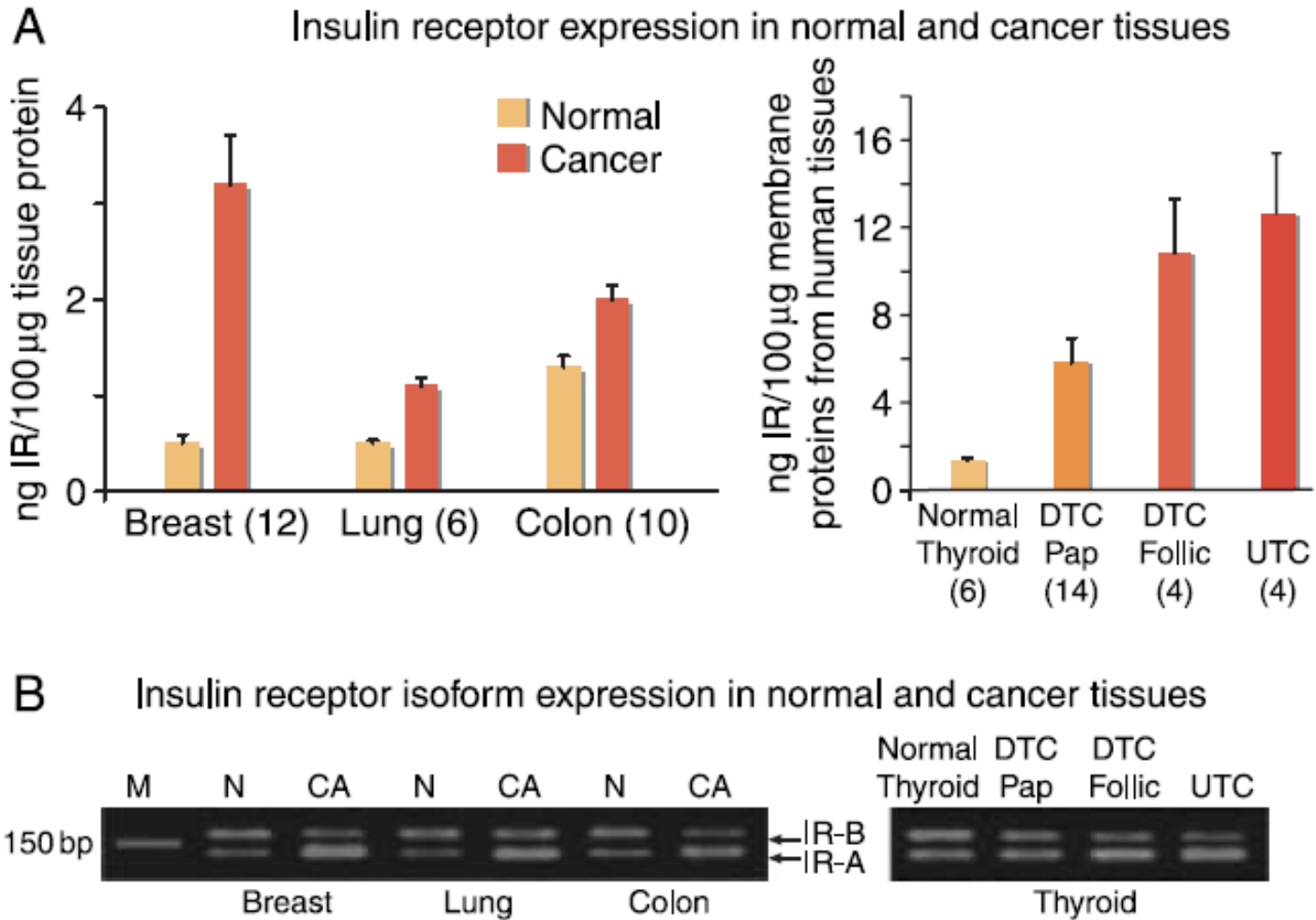
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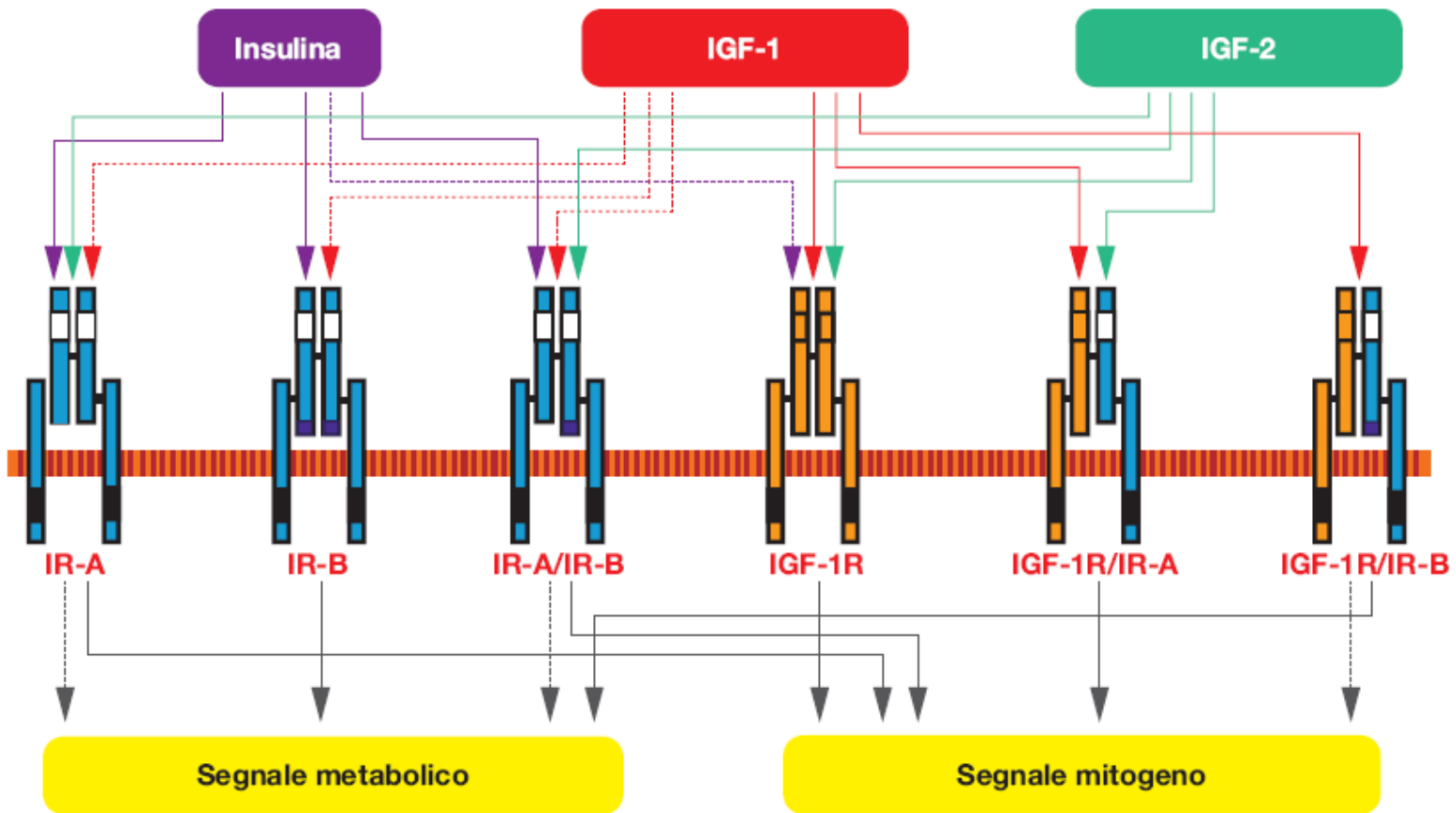
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Recettori dell'insulina (IR-A e IR-B), recettore dell'IGF-1 (IGF-1R) e recettori ibridi (IR-A/IR-B, IGF-1R/IR-A e IGF-1R/IR-B)

# Diabete e cancro



Effetto proliferativo

**L'insulina ha certamente un ruolo nel favorire la progressione e l'aggressività del tumore, ma verosimilmente non contribuisce alla comparsa di nuovi tumori**

**INFIAMMATORIO  
CRONICO**



Adipochine



Effetto mutageno ?





# Incident cancers in large randomized trials of glucose lowering



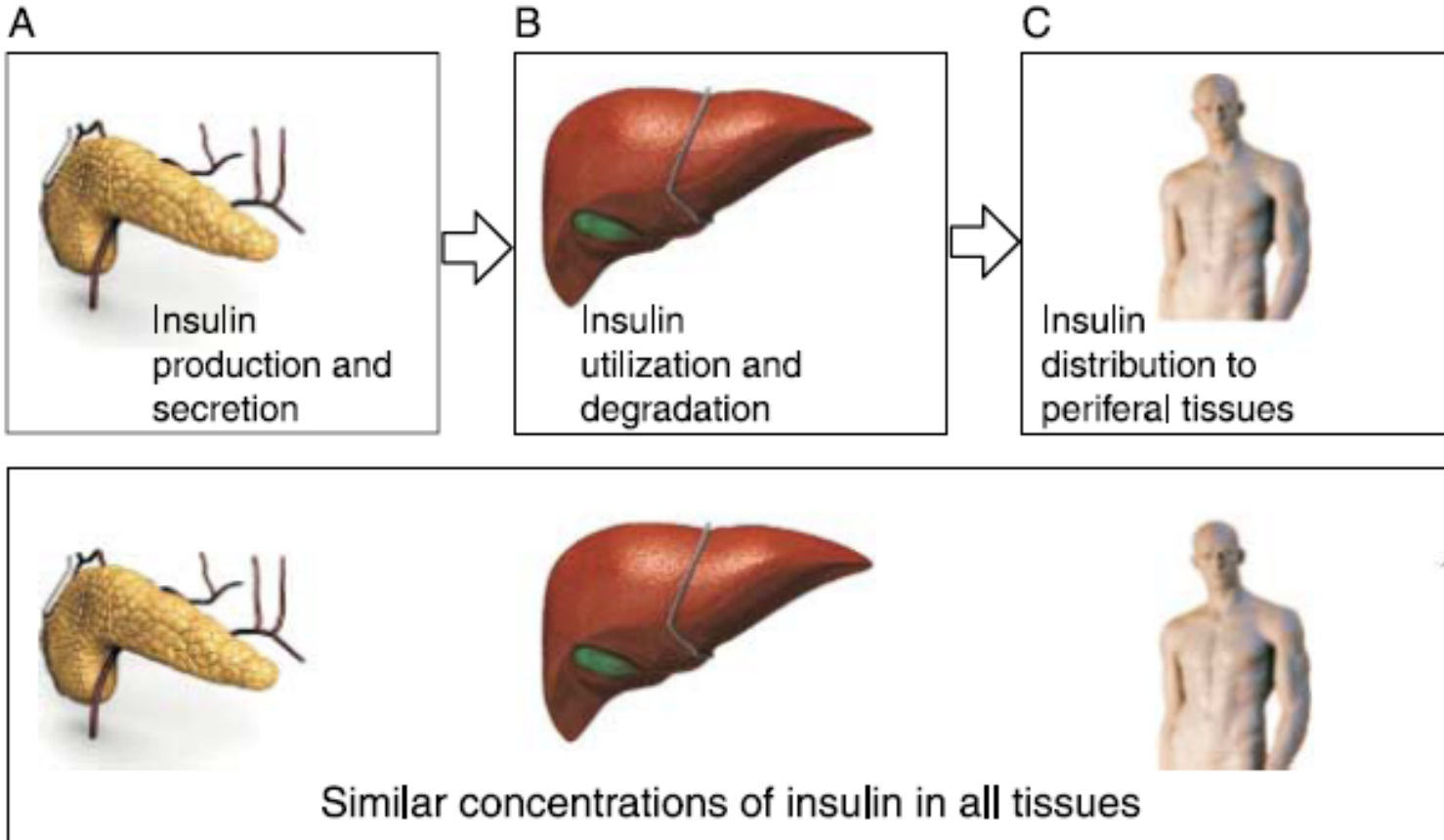
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Trials	N°	Follow up	Intensive %	Control %	RRR
All intensive UKPDS	2729	10	0.44	0.44	0.98 (0.64-1.52)
Insulin UKPDS	911	10	0.46	0.48	0.94 (0.55-1.62)
Glyburide UKPDS	615	10	0.44	0.48	0.91 (0.49-1.67)
Metformina UKPDS	342	10	0.35	0.49	0.71 (0.29-1.76)
VADT	892	10.7	0.48	0.42	1.15 (0.65-2.05)
ACCORD	5128	5.6	1.3	1.2	1.08 (0.90-1.3)
ADVANCE	5571	5	0.43	0.43	1.00 (0.78-1.29)

# Sede di iniezione ?



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# Mitogenicità analoghi in vitro



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Tipo insulina	Affinità recettore insulina	Potenza metabolica	Affinità recettore IGF-1	Potenza mitogenica
Umana	100	100	100	100
Lispro	84	82	156	66
Aspart	92	101	81	58
Glargine	86	60	641	783
Detemir	18	27	16	11

# Glargine e rischio di cancro



Studio	Risultati	limiti
Germania: 127.031 pz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aumento del rischio nei pz glargine vs NPH all'analisi cruda</li> <li>▪ Aumento del rischio con glargine dopo aggiustamento per la dose di insulina</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Esposizione breve all'insulina</li> <li>▪ Non aggiustamento per per BMI con bias da indicazione</li> </ul>
Regno Unito: 62.809 pz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non evidenza di rischio con glargine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minore eterogeneità tra i pz trattati con insulina vs le altre analisi di registro</li> </ul>
Svezia: 114.841 pz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Non aumento del rischio di neoplasia</li> <li>▪ Rischio di ca della mammella nei pz trattati con glargine, ma non in quelli con glargine + altre insuline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Limitato numero di neoplasie</li> <li>▪ Differenze nelle caratteristiche demografiche dei pz</li> </ul>
Scozia: 49.197 pz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Aumento complessivi di neoplasie nei trattati con glargine, ma non in quelli con glargine + altre insulina</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Differenze demografiche tra i gruppi</li> <li>▪ Bias di allocazione</li> </ul>

## Similar risk of malignancy with insulin glargine and neutral protamine Hagedorn (NPH) insulin in patients with type 2 diabetes: findings from a 5 year randomised, open-label study

- RCT della durata 5 anni glargine vs NPH in 1.024 pazienti DMT2. End-point primario: progressione della retinopatia diabetica (studio di non inferiorità).

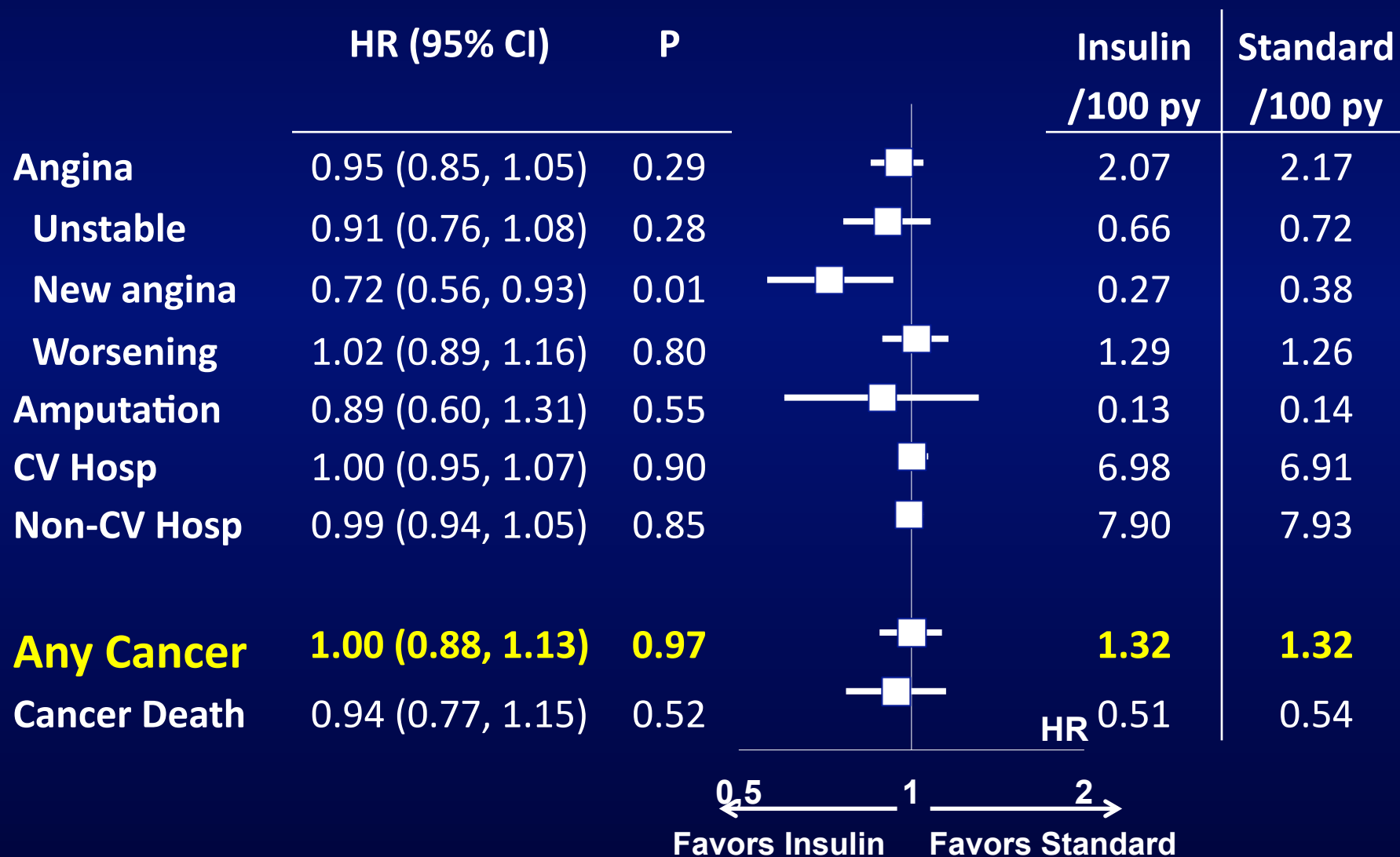
Incidenza di progressione: *14.2% in glargine vs 15.7% in NPH.\**

- Analisi post-hoc sull'incidenza di neoplasie. Esposizione cumulativa >4aa. La frequenza di neoplasie emergenti nel corso del trattamento è stata: *11.1% (57/20) glargine vs 12.3% (62/31) NPH: RR 0.90 (95% IC 0.64-1.26)*. Non si rileva aumento del cancro al seno. §

\*Rosenstock J, et Al.  
Diabetologia. 2009 Sep;52(9):1978-88. Epub 2009 Jul 13.

§ Rosenstock J, et Al.  
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# Additional Outcomes





# Studio ORIGIN



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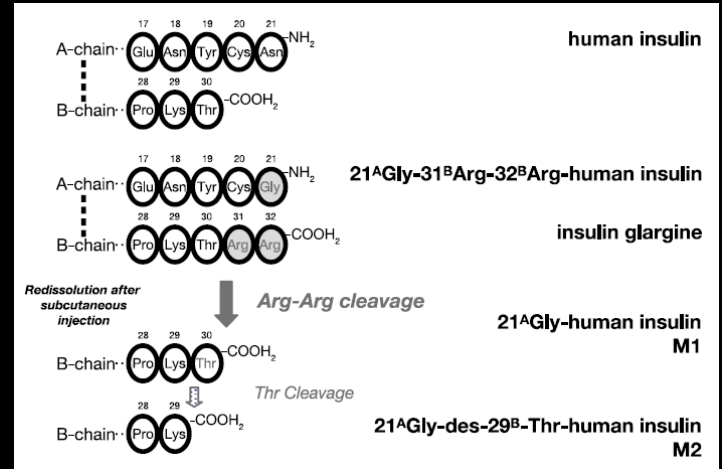
Neoplasie	Glargine	Controllo
INCIDENZA	1.32/100/anno	1.32/100/anno
MORTALITA'	0.51/100/anno	0.54/100/anno

- HbA1c e la terapia ipoglicemizzante non modificano il rischio
- Non vi è alcuna relazione con la dose di insulina
- Nessuna differenza di sede (mammella, colon, prostata, polmone, melanoma)

Bordeleau et al. ADA 2013



Dopo la somministrazione di glargine, l'esposizione anche a dosi sovratrapautiche è marginale, perché glargine è rapidamente e quasi completamente processata a M1 che media l'effetto metabolico dell'insulina



type 1 di-  
e is rapidly  
metabolic

## Metabolism of Insulin Glargine After Repeated Daily Subcutaneous Injections in Subjects With Type 2 Diabetes

**CONCLUSIONS**—After subcutaneous injection, glargine was minimally detectable in blood, whereas its metabolite M1 accounted for most (>90%) of the plasma insulin concentration and metabolic action of the injected glargine.





# Metformina e rischio di cancro e prognosi



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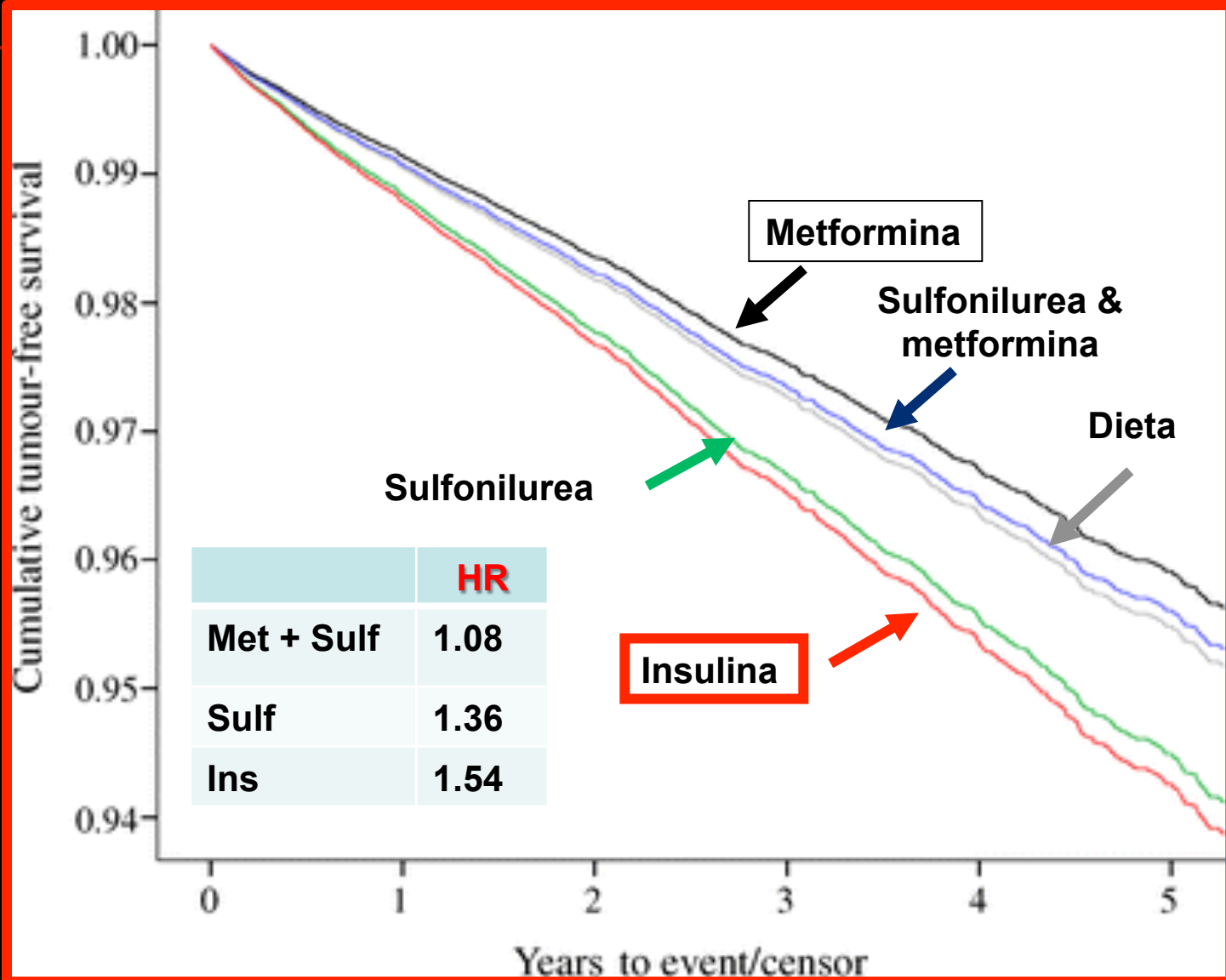
## Tutti tipi di cancro

	HR	95% CI
Incidenza	0.68	0.52
Mortalità	0.70	0.51

## Tipi di cancro

	HR	
Colon	0.64	S
Mammella	0.70	NS
Pancreas	0.20 – 0.38	S
Fegato	0.33	S
Prostata	0.56 – 1.62	NS

# Terapia del diabete e cancro



Currie CJ et Al "The influence of glucose lowering therapies on cancer risk in type 2 diabetes".  
Diabetologia 52; 1766-1777, 2009



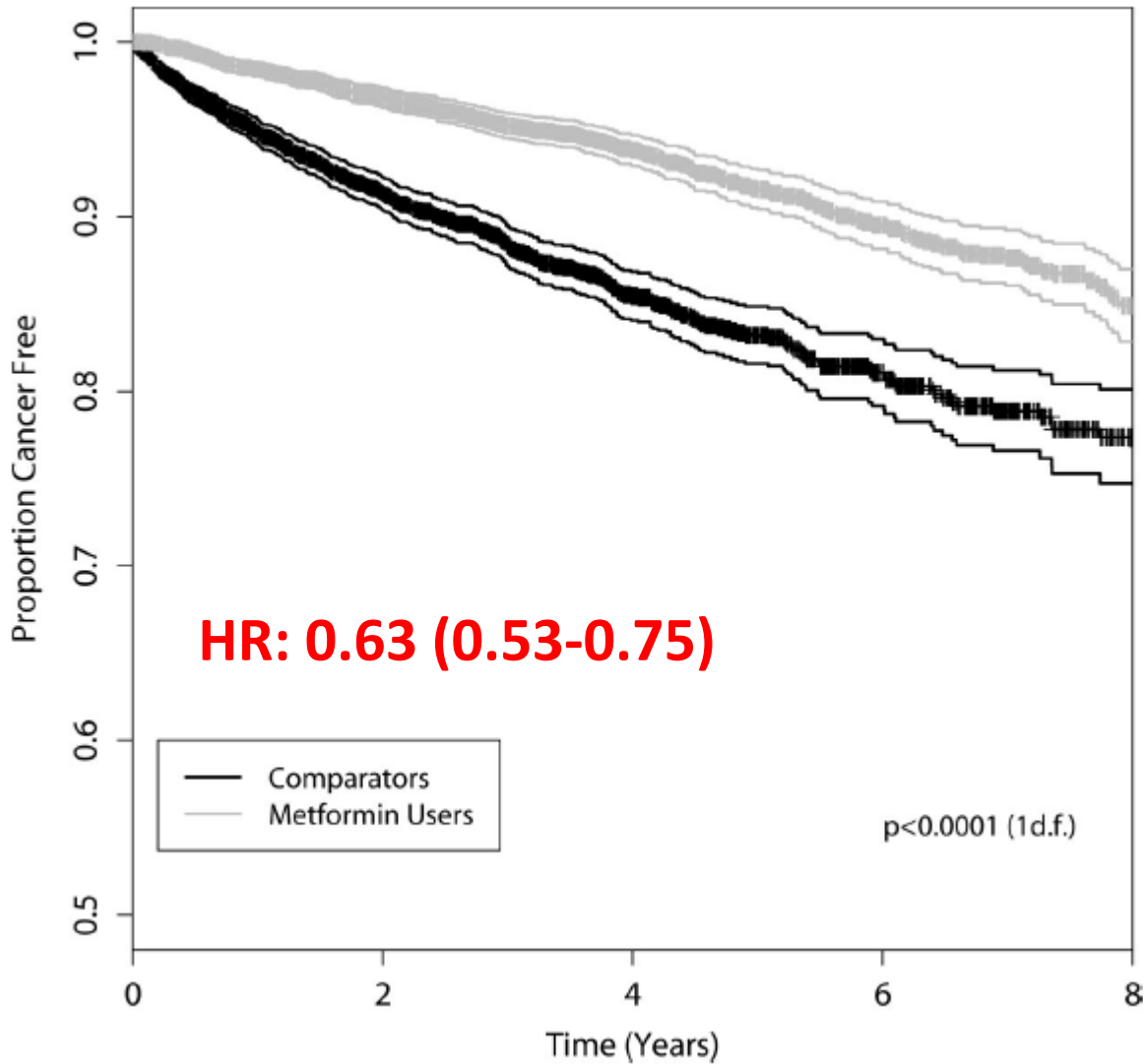
# New Users of Metformin Are at Low Risk of Incident Cancer

*Diabetes Care* 32:1620–1625, 2009

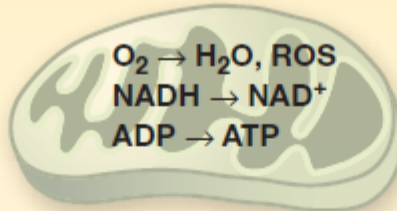
A cohort study among people with type 2 diabetes



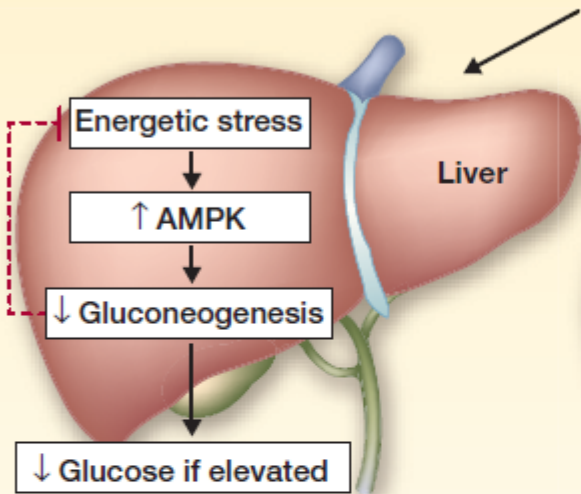
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### Mitochondrial oxidative phosphorylation



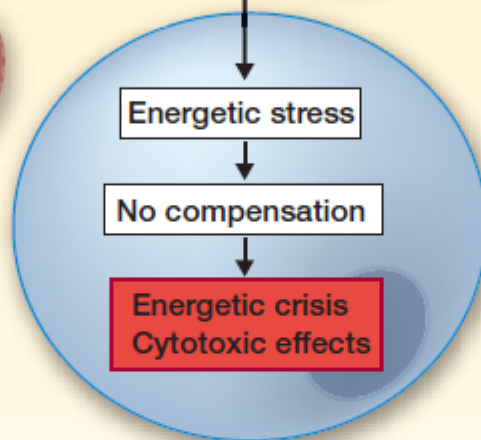
Metformin



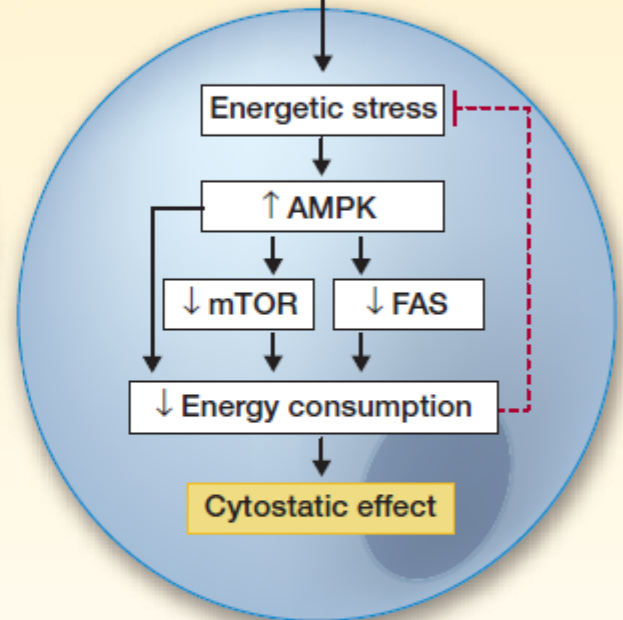
↓ Glucose if elevated

↓ Insulin if elevated

Reduced growth of the subset of cancers stimulated by the metabolic environment seen in type II diabetes and obesity



Tumor cell sensitive to energetic stress



Tumor cell capable of responding to energetic stress

Effects on host indirectly influencing target cells require

- baseline hyperinsulinemia
- neoplasm that is insulin sensitive

Direct effects on target cells require

- adequate drug concentration in tissue
- expression of cell surface drug transporters such as OCT1



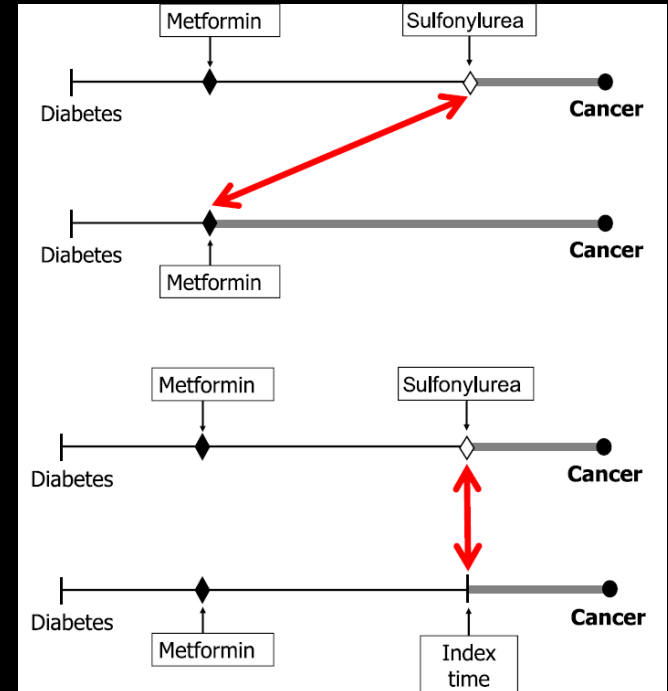
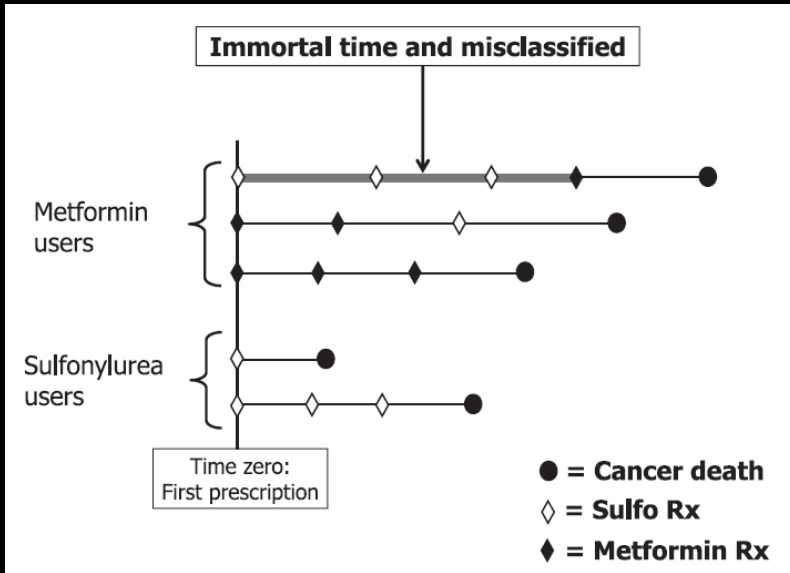
# Metformin and the Risk of Cancer



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Time-related biases in observational studies

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LAURENT AZOULAY, PHD<sup>1,3</sup>



**CONCLUSIONS**—Although observational studies are important to better understand the effects of drugs, their proper design and analysis is essential to avoid major time-related biases. With respect to metformin, the scientific evidence of its potential beneficial effects on cancer would need to be reassessed critically before embarking on further long and expensive trials.

*Diabetes Care* 35:2665–2673, 2012



# Clinical Trials studying Metformin and Cancer



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Trial Number	Type of Trial	Phase	Tumor Type	Stage	Primary Outcome
NCT01266486	Single arm, Open-Label	Phase II	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	Early stage	pS6K, p4E-BP-1, pAMPK
NCT01302002	Non-Randomized, Open Label	Phase 0	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	Operable stage I and II	Proliferation and apoptosis
NCT00897884	Single arm, non-randomized	-	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	Operable T1-4 (T1≥1cm), Nx	Proliferation
NCT00984490	Single arm, open label	-	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	Stage I and II	Proliferation
NCT01310231	Randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled	Phase II	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	Metastatic	Progression free survival
NCT01101438	Randomized, double blind, placebo controlled	Phase III	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	Early stage	Invasive disease free survival
NCT00930579	Non-randomized, Open label	Phase II	<b>Breast Cancer</b>	DCIS or operable invasive breast cancer	AMPK / mTOR signaling
NCT01205672	Single arm, open label	-	<b>Endometrial Cancer</b>	All candidates for surgical staging	Insulin / glucose metabolism and mTOR signaling
NCT01333852	Randomized, double blind, placebo controlled	-	<b>Head &amp; Neck Cancer</b>	Metastatic or recurrent	Disease control at 12 weeks
NCT01210911	Randomized, placebo, controlled	Phase II	<b>Pancreatic Cancer</b>	Locally advanced or metastatic	6 month survival
NCT01167738	Randomized, open label	Phase II	<b>Pancreatic Cancer</b>	Metastatic	Progression free survival at 6 months
NCT01215032	Single arm, open label	-	<b>Prostate Cancer</b>	Castration resistant	PSA response
NCT01243385	Single arm, open	Phase II	<b>Prostate Cancer</b>	Locally advanced	Progression free



# Conclusioni 1°



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- L'associazione tra diabete e rischio neoplastico è stata osservata e sostanzialmente confermata
- Numerosi sono i fattori confondenti che rendono difficile identificare un chiaro rapporto di causa ed effetto
- L'asse insulina / IGF-1 sembra avere un ruolo: appare certo un effetto proliferativo, meno convincente l'effetto carcinogenetico

# Conclusioni 2°



- Sono numerosi gli studi osservazionali e le metanalisi che attribuiscono alla terapia insulinica (in particolare agli analoghi) un effetto favorevole e alla metformina un effetto protettivo nei confronti del rischio di neoplasia.
- Molti di questi studi sono metodologicamente poco corretti
- Il maggior rischio attribuito all'insulina glargine sembra molto ridimensionato
- Sono necessari ulteriori studi RCT per potere avere una risposta definitiva (sono in corso numerosi trials per la metformina)





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