

Effect of Caloric Restriction on Brain Health: Humans

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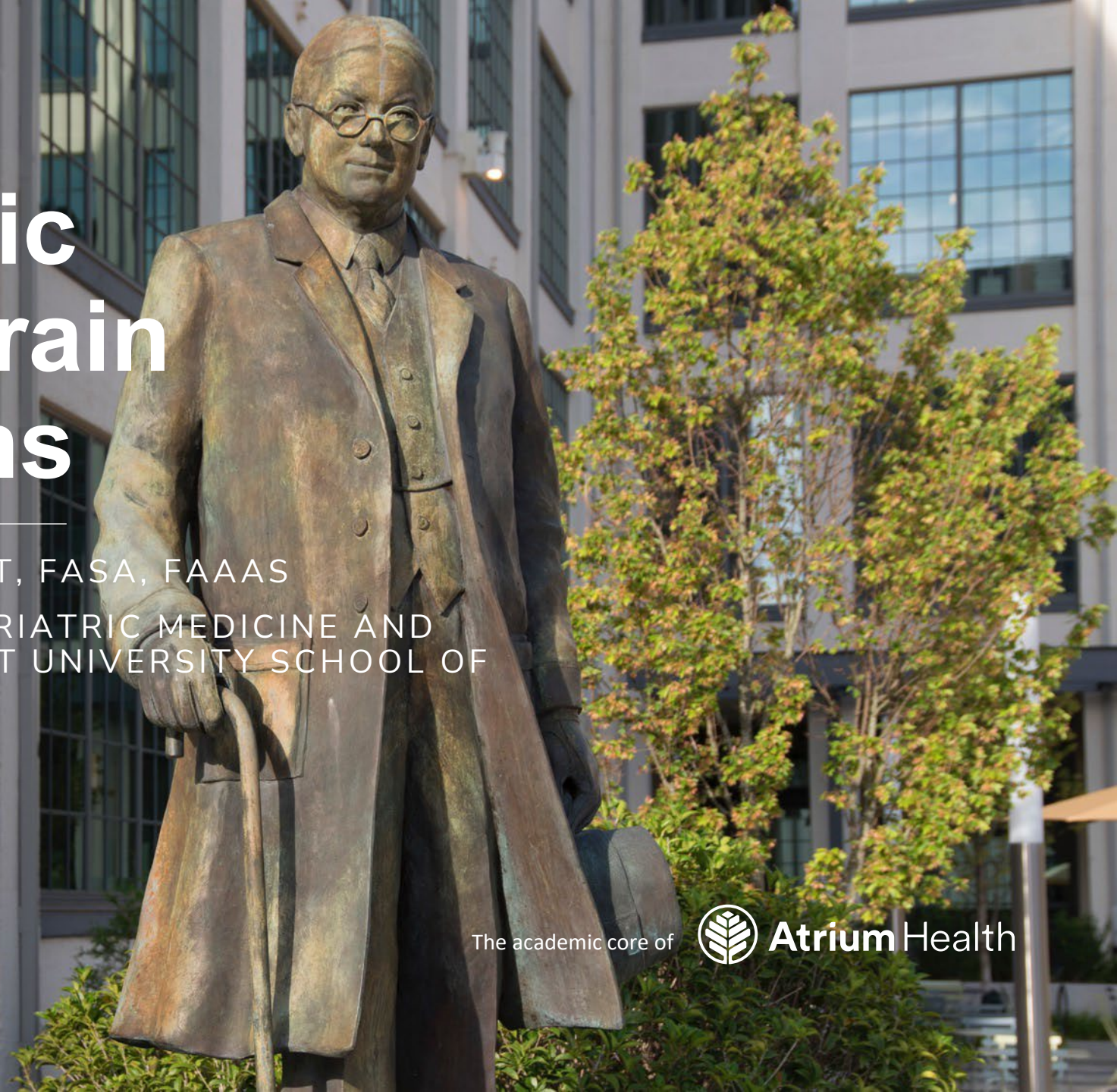


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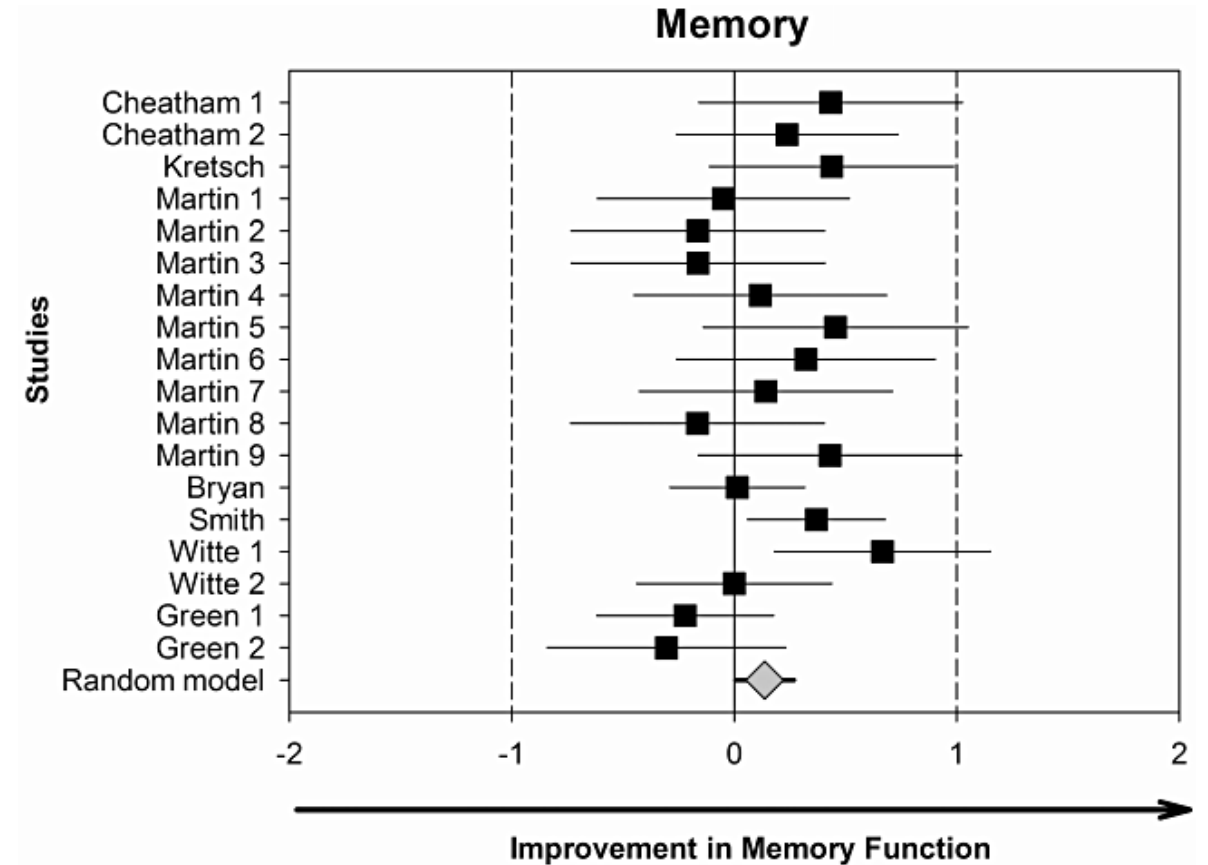
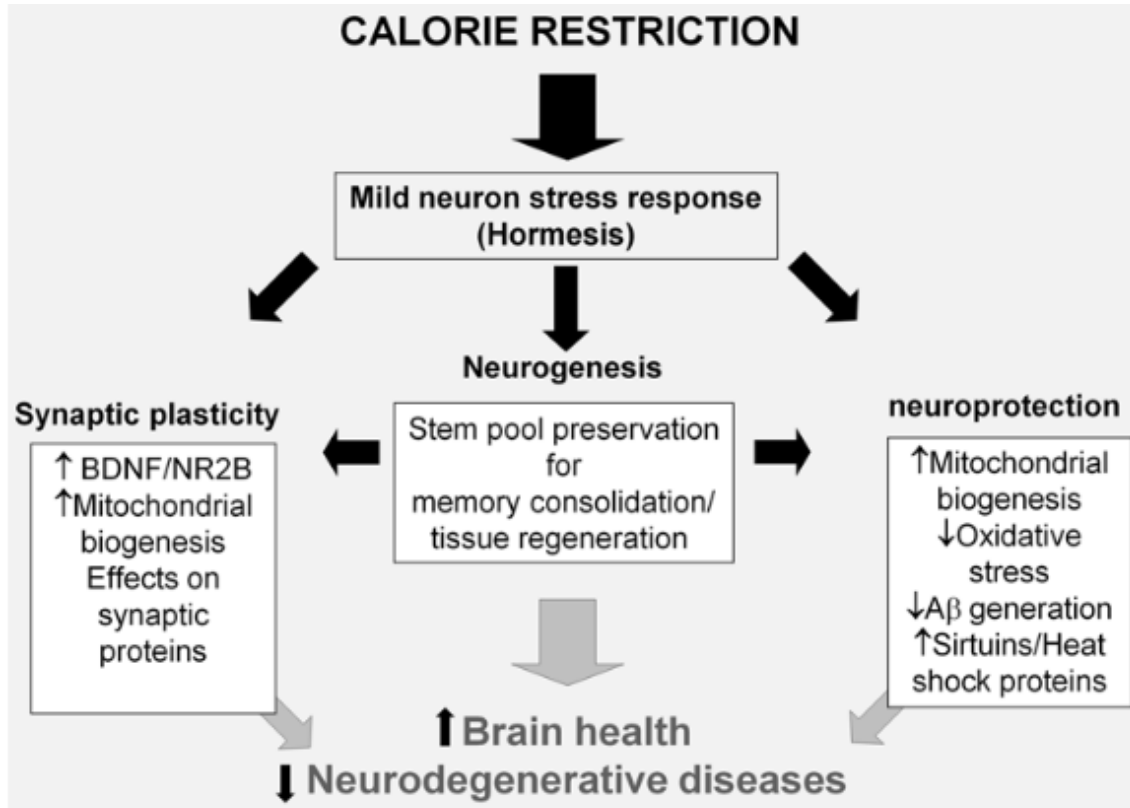
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Industry

- Nestle
- Annovis Bio
- Acumen Pharmaceuticals

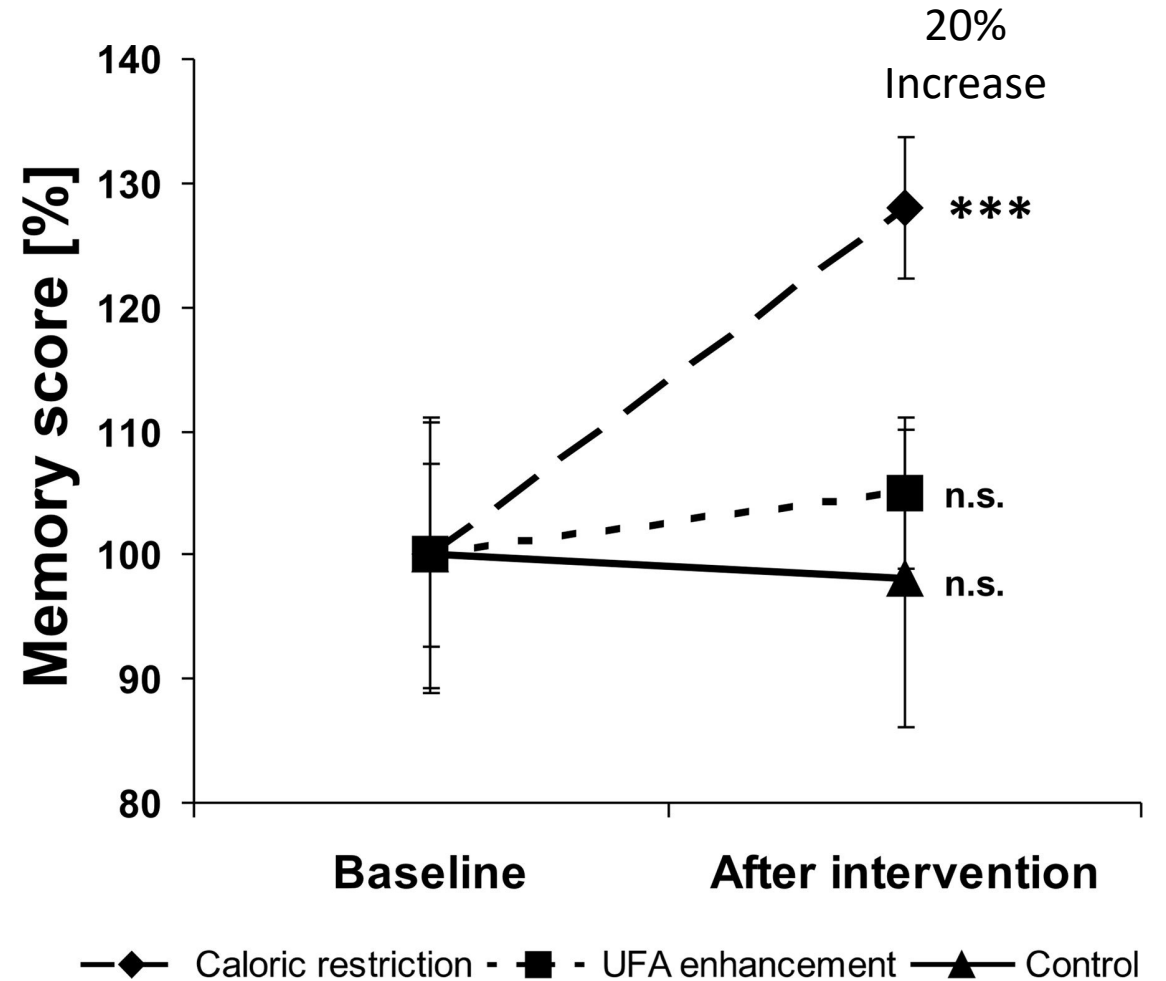
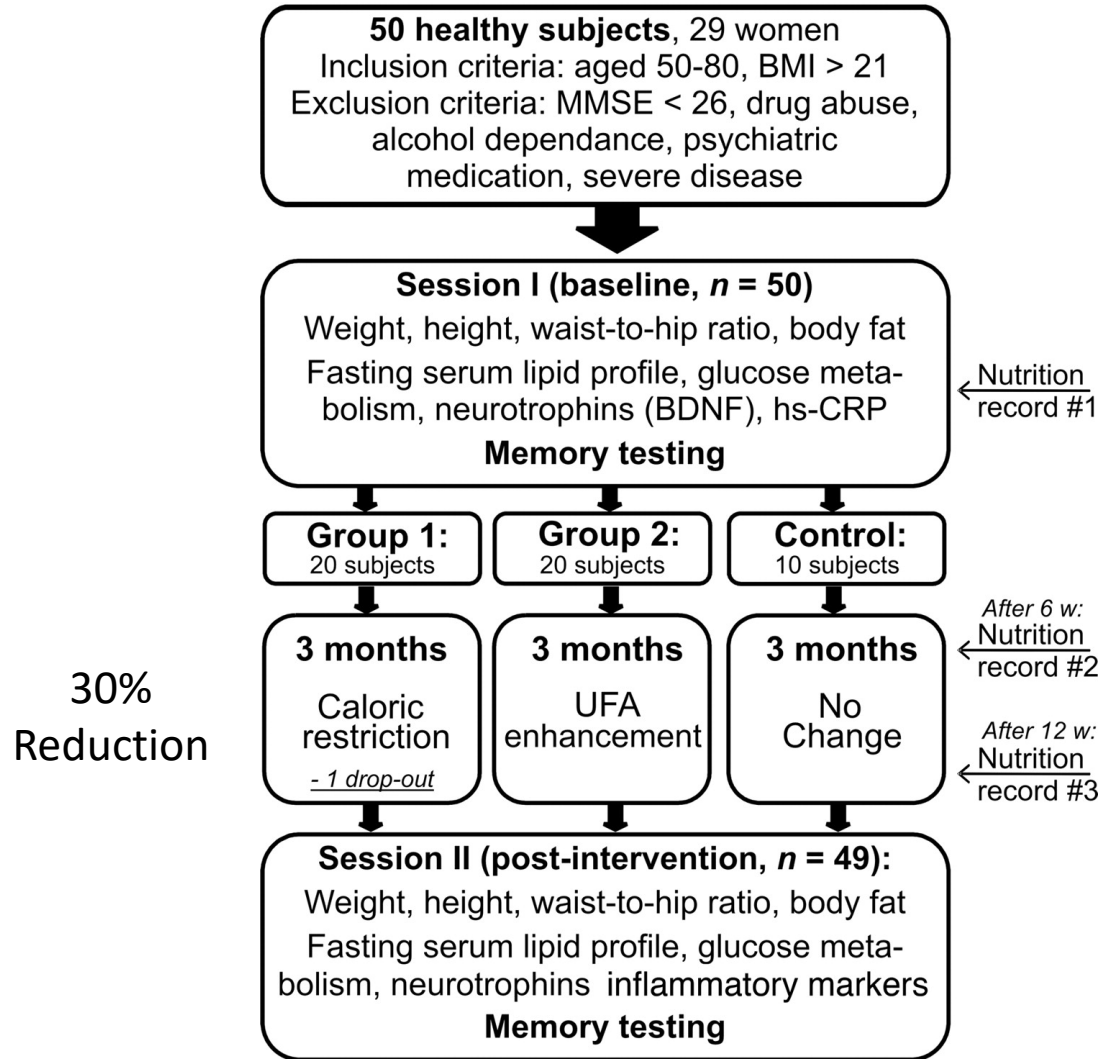
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Nutrition and Disease

No Effect of Calorie Restriction or Dietary Patterns on Spatial Working Memory During a 2-Year Intervention: A Secondary Analysis of the CALERIE Trial

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N=218; 24 months; 21-50 yrs



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CALERIE II: the effect of 25% calorie restriction over two years on cognitive function (629.7)

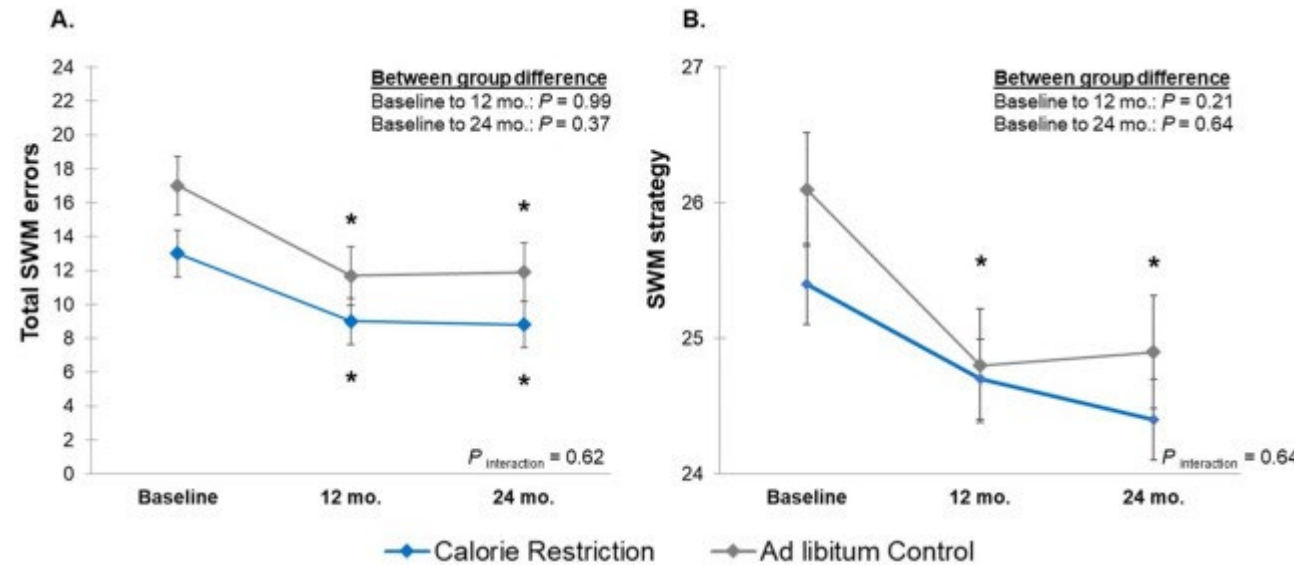
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Special Article

Effects of caloric restriction on human physiological, psychological, and behavioral outcomes: highlights from CALERIE phase 2

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No Overall Evidence of General Long-Term Cognitive Benefits From RCTs of Behavioral Weight Loss Interventions

- Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study: 4-year intervention; Cognitive assessments at 9 years (Luchsinger, et al., 2015): N=364
- Diabetes Prevention Program Observational Study: 2- to 3-year intervention, Cognitive assessments at 8-10 years (Luchsinger, et al., 2017): N=2280
- Action for Health in Diabetes: 10-year intervention; Cognitive assessments throughout years 8-24 (Espeland, et al., 2014)

Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study: Design

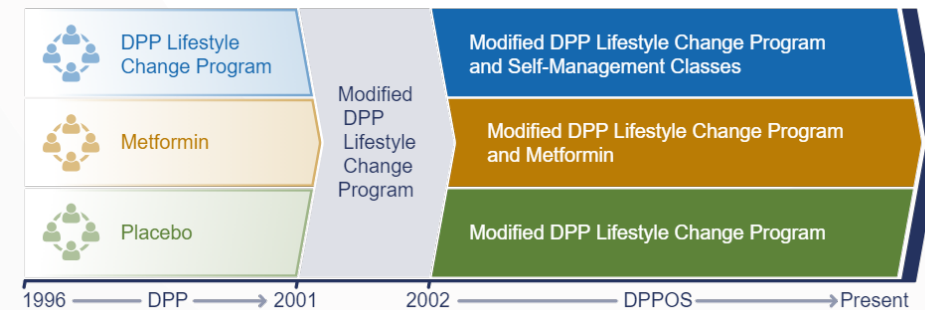
- Randomized controlled trial of overweight individuals with IGT
 - Mean age: 55 yrs; 67% female
- Individuals 40-65 yrs of age with BMI ≥ 25 and 2-hr plasma glucose 140-200 mg/dL (N = 522)
- Intensive Diet and Lifestyle Advice
(n = 265)

Basic Diet and Exercise Information
(n = 257)
- Intensive diet arm aimed at:
 - Reducing weight $\geq 5\%$, fat intake to $< 30\%$, saturated fat intake to $< 10\%$
 - Increasing intake of fiber, fruits, vegetables; physical activity ≥ 30 min/day

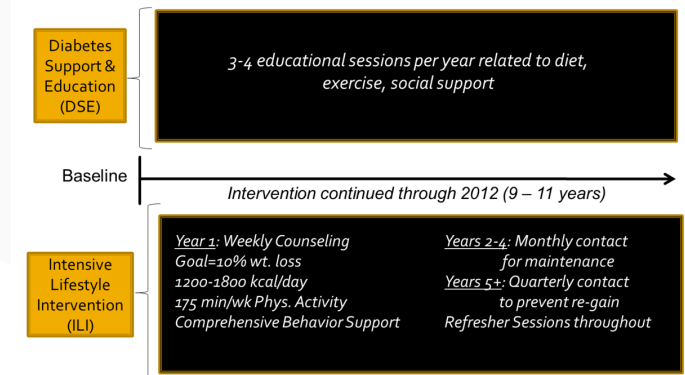
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DPP & DPPOS Timeline

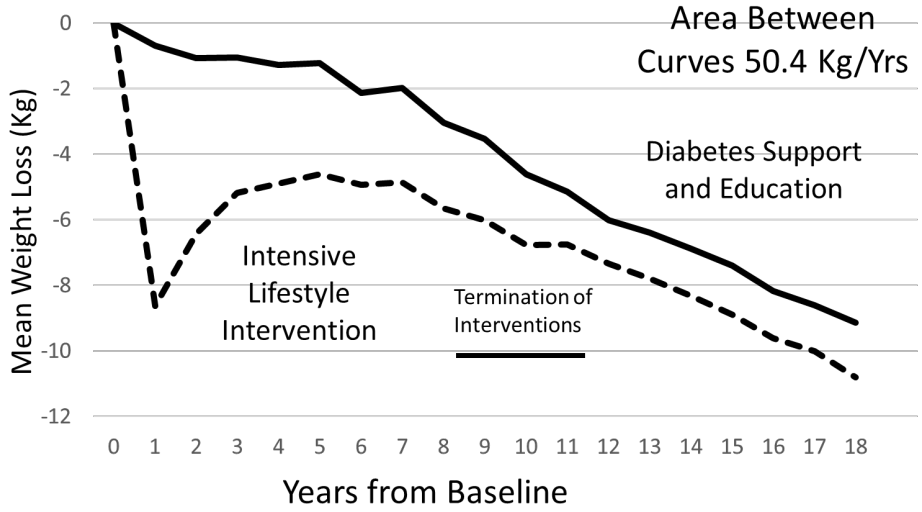


Look AHEAD Study Design

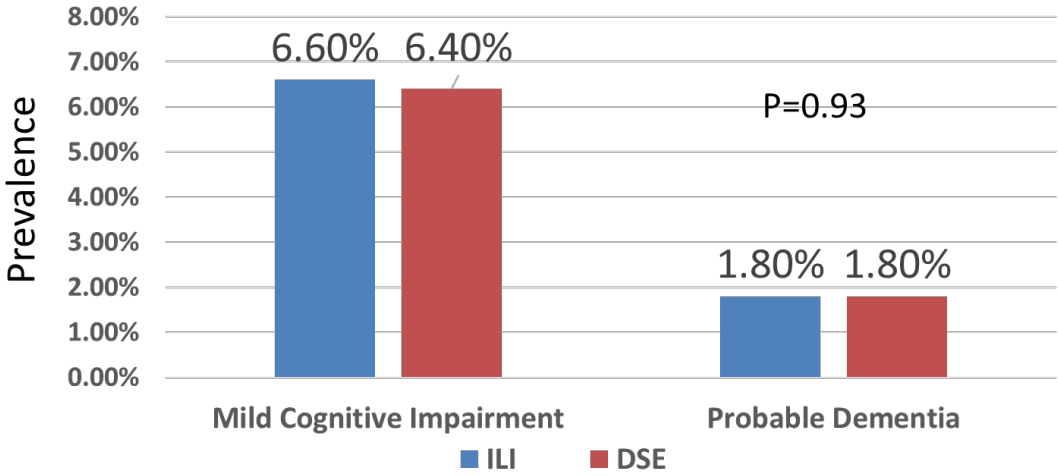




Mean Weight Change From Baseline

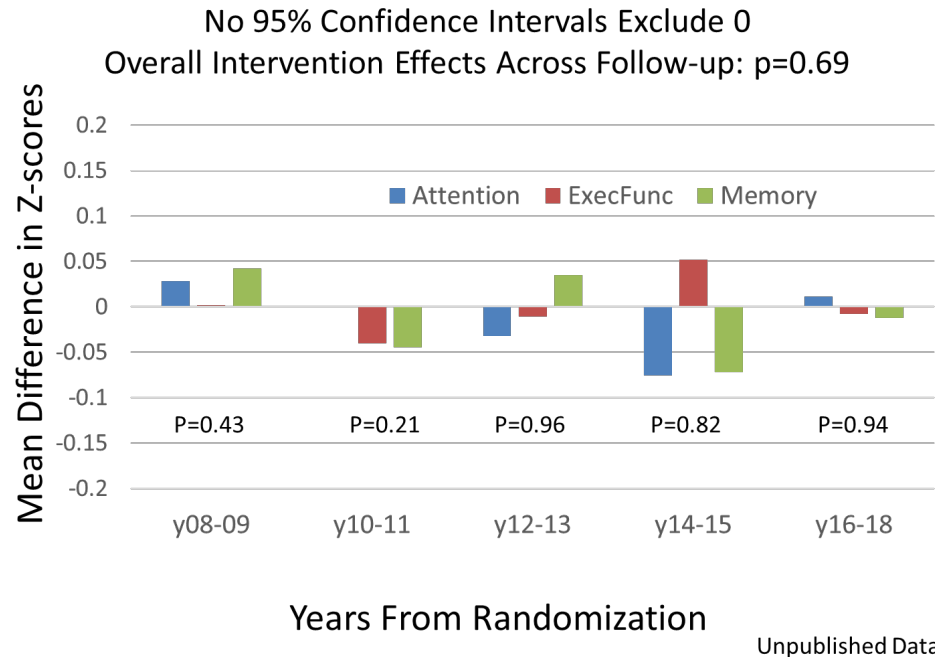


Prevalence of Cognitive Impairment in Look AHEAD by Intervention Assignment: Years 10-13



Espeland MA, et al. Neurology 2017

Mean Intervention Effect: ILI Minus DSE



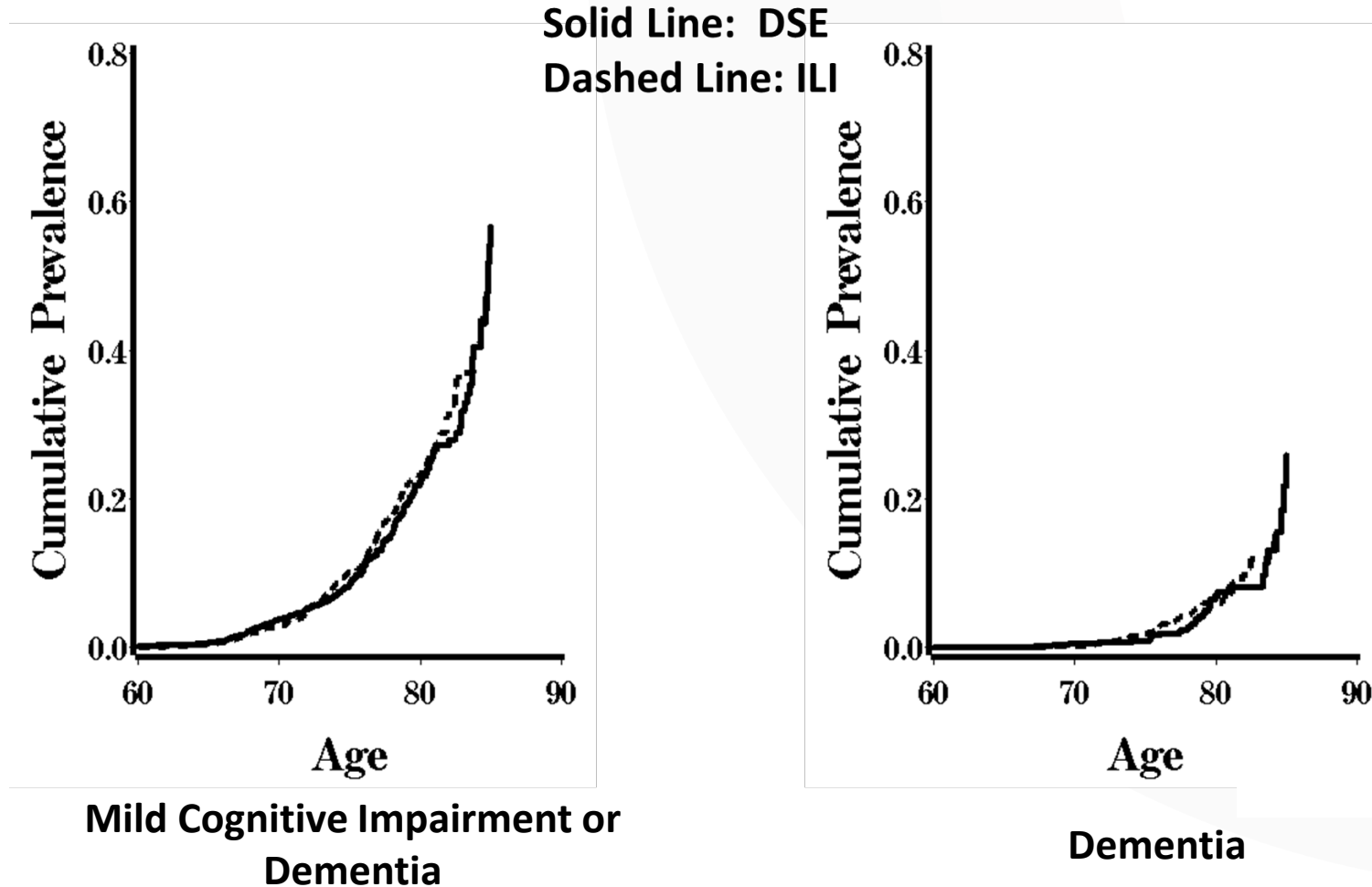
Unpublished Data

Look AHEAD Brain MRI Ancillary Study

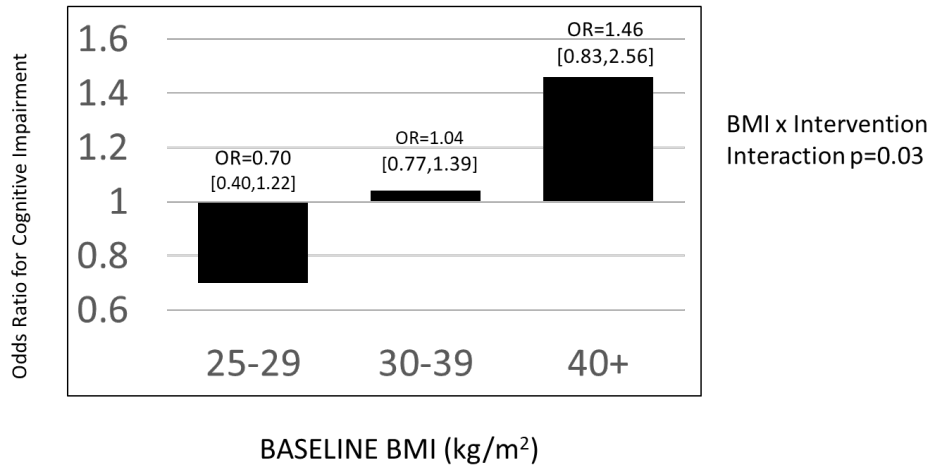
| Relative Intervention Effects | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Smaller Ischemic Lesion Volume | Smaller Ventricle Volume | Greater Cerebral Blood Flow |
| 28% | 9% | 6% |
| P=0.02 | P=0.04 | P=0.04 |

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Prevalence of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia in Look AHEAD After Termination of Intervention

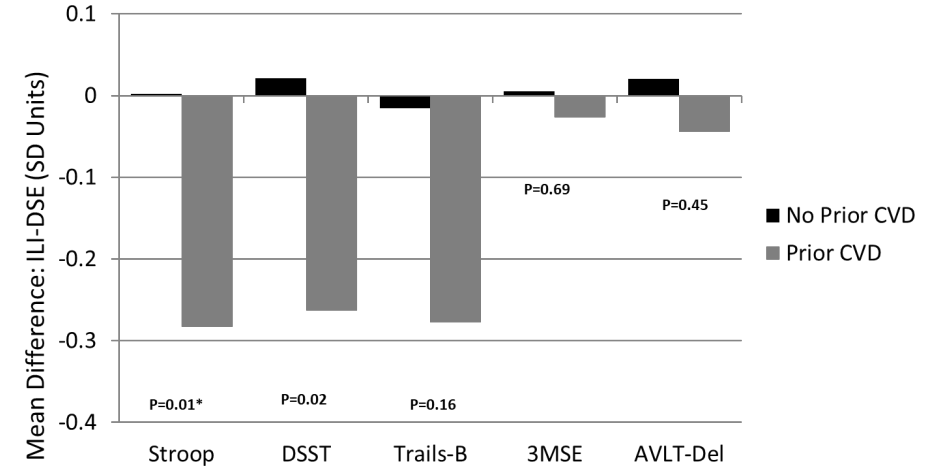


Cognitive Impairment (MCI or Dementia) Relative Intervention Effect: ILI vs DSE



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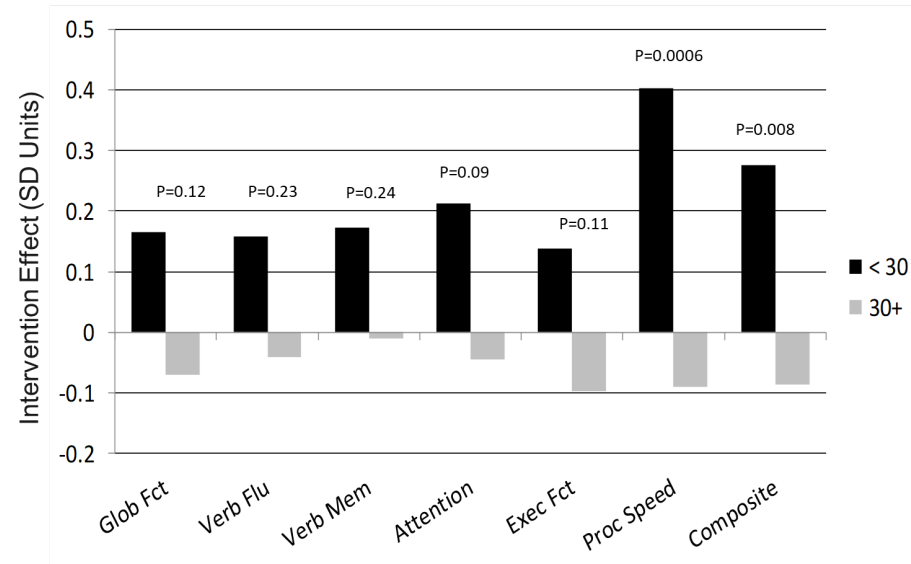
Mean Intervention Effects on Cognitive Function Tests** by CVD History at Baseline



*Interaction Test: Covariate adjustment for baseline age, SF-36 mental score, clinic, education, and race/ethnicity
 **Negative mean differences indicate poorer performances among the ILI compared to DSE participants

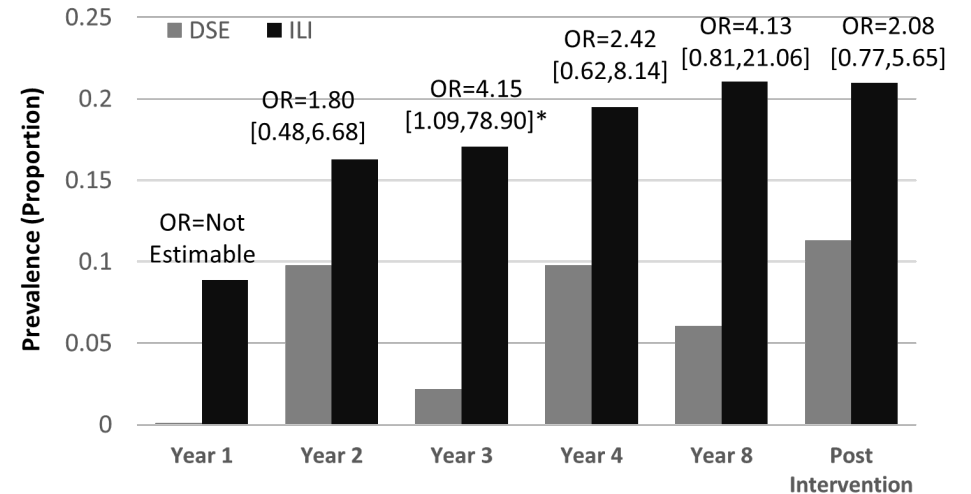
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Mean Intervention Effects (Intervention Minus Control): By Baseline BMI



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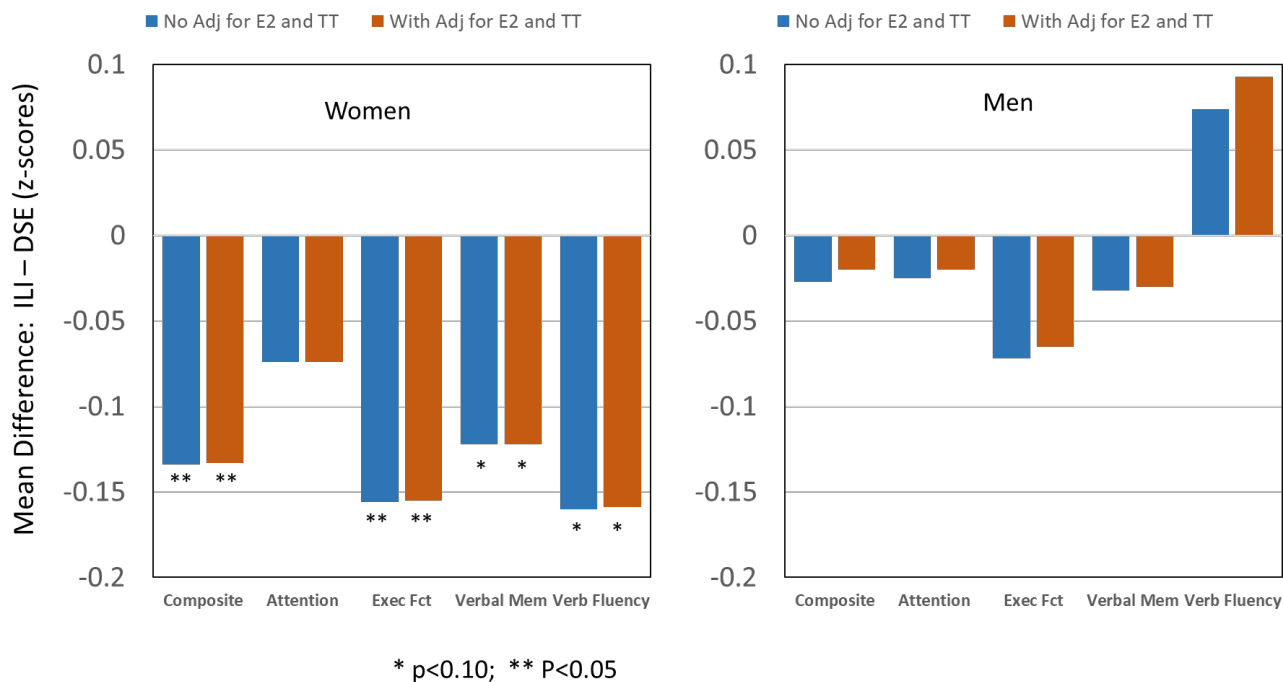
Prevalence of self-reported difficulties in problem-solving over time for participants with baseline difficulties & history of CVD



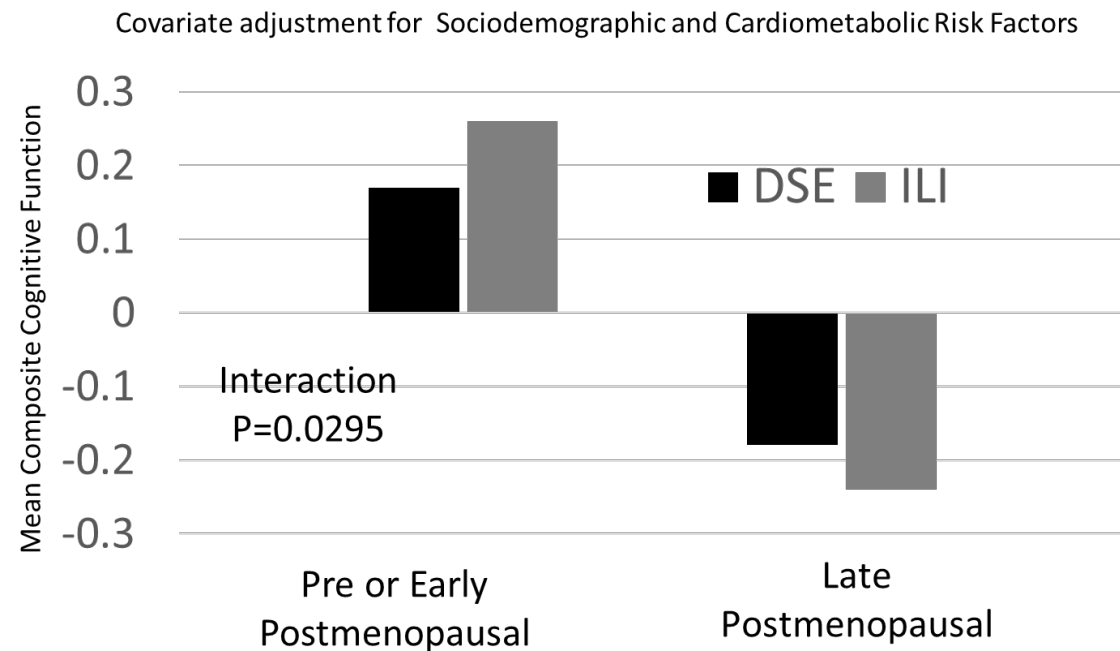
*95% Confidence Interval Excludes 1

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Long-term Differences in Cognitive Function Between Intervention Groups for Women and Men



Mean Composite (z-score) Cognitive Function by Intervention Assignment and Menopausal Status



Major Gaps in the Field

The long-term effects of CR on cognitive function on cognition have not been assessed in older individuals with normal glucose metabolism.

Why is there a disconnect between the expected benefits seen for other health outcomes and the lack of cognitive benefits seen in major clinical trials?

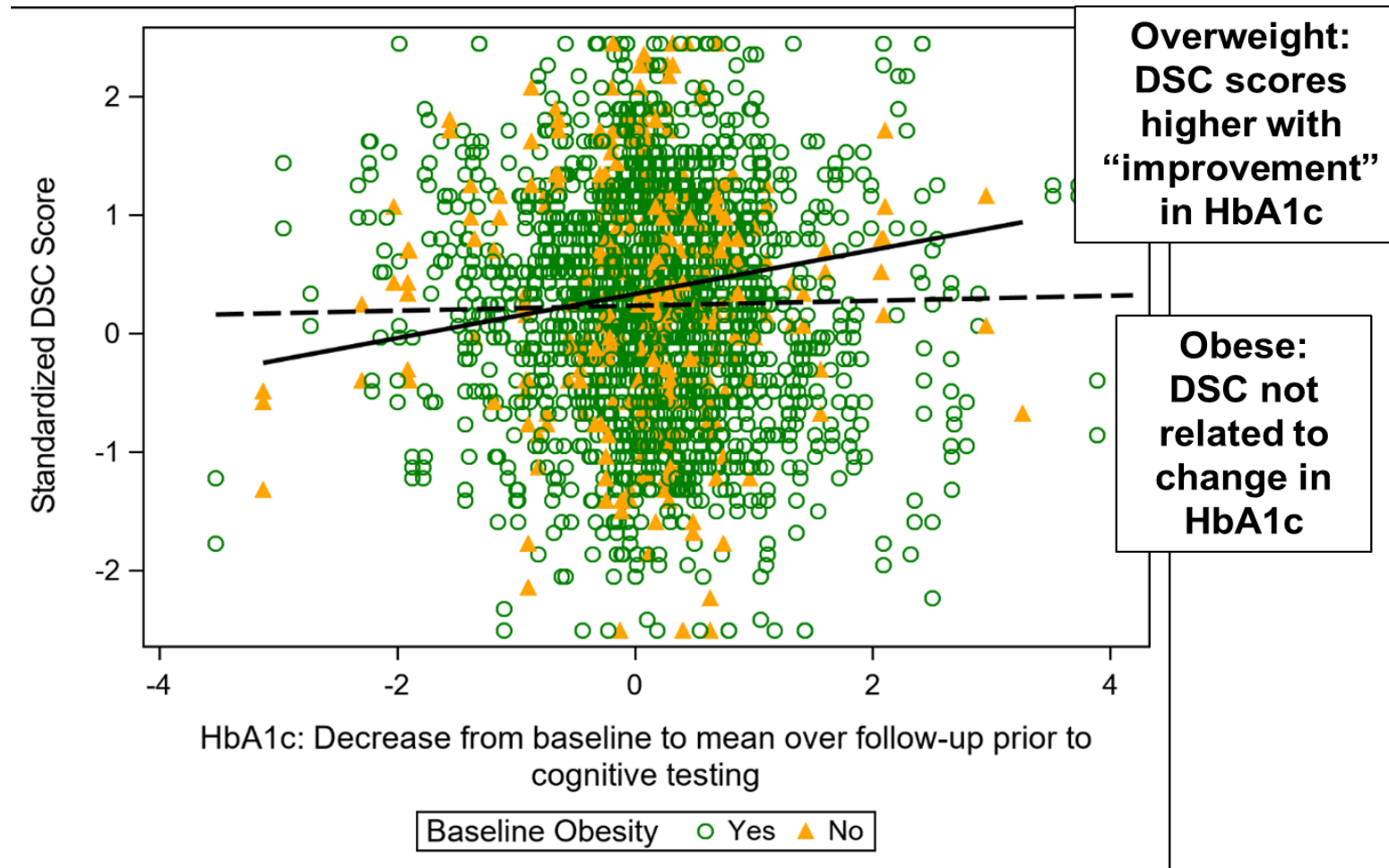
How are the subgroup differences seen in the Look AHEAD trial explained and how do these inform personalized intervention approaches? Is there a “window of opportunity” for CR to be effective in preventing cognitive decline?

Should CR be combined with other approaches to prevent cognitive decline as a multidomain intervention strategy?

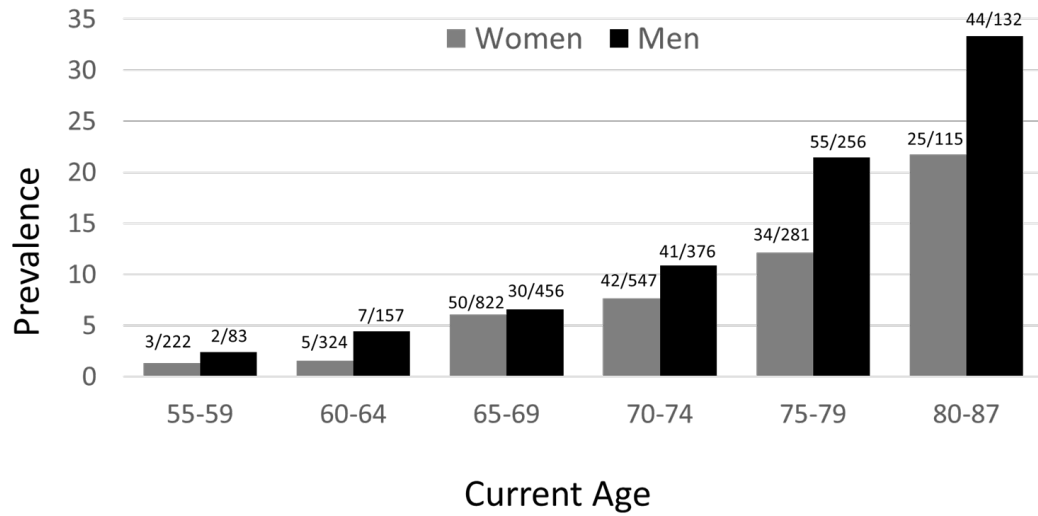


Questions

Better Glycemic Control Is Associated with Better Cognitive Function Among Individuals with Overweight

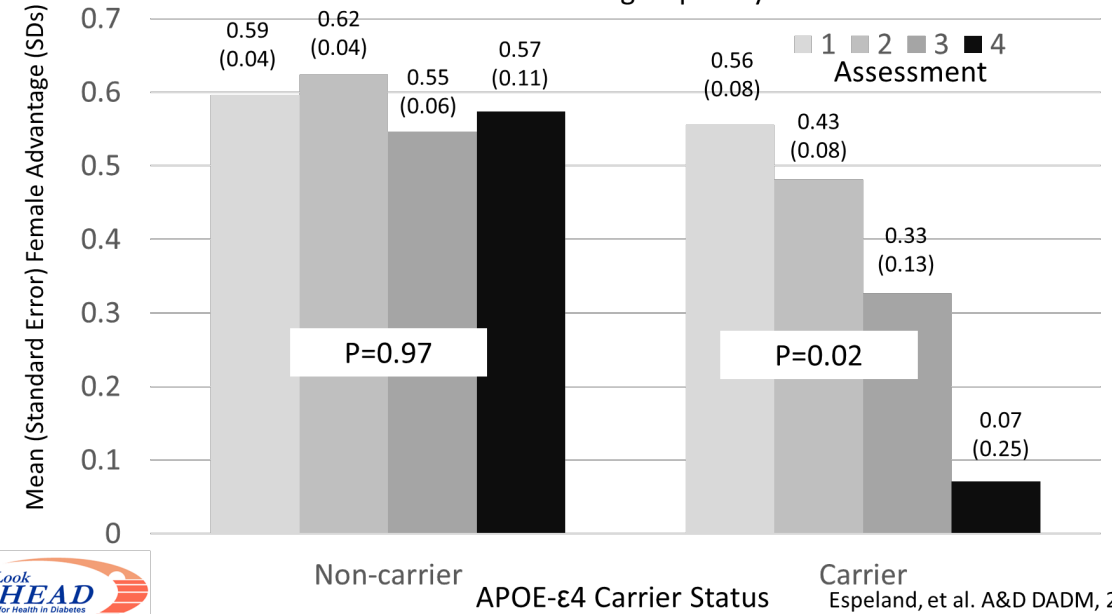


Prevalence of Cognitive Impairment by Age and Sex

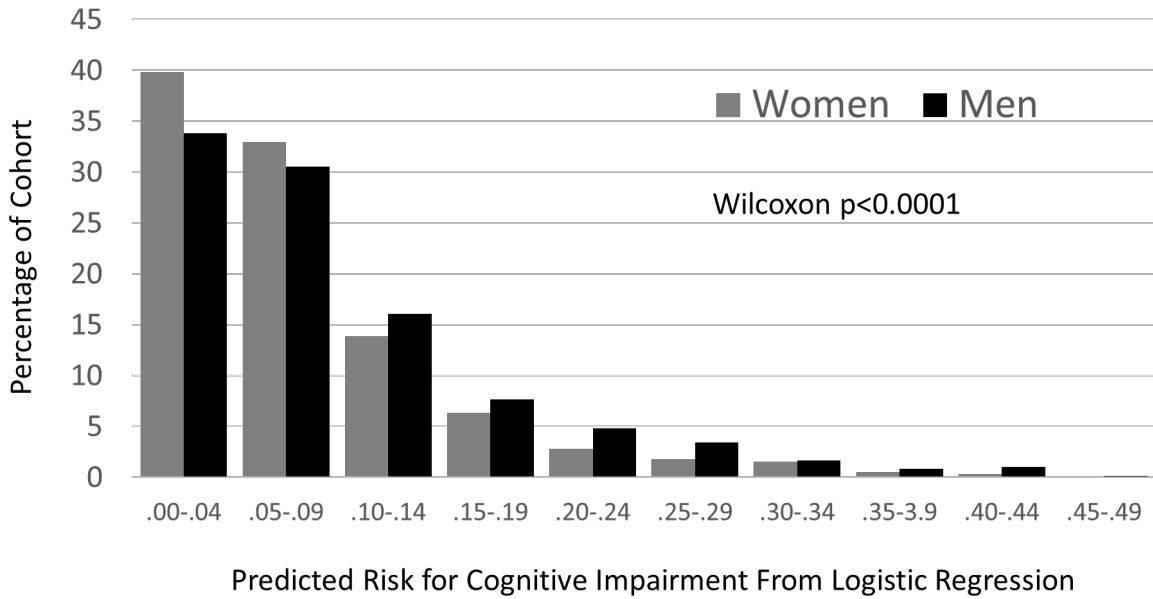


No interaction between age and sex (p=0.669)

Cognitive advantage that women have over men for composite cognitive function over time: Adults with T2DM grouped by APOE-ε4 carriers status



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Covariate-Adjusted MRI Outcomes Across 5 ROIs

| MRI Outcome | Women | Men | Difference Women minus Men | |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| | Mean (SE) | Mean (SE) | Mean (SE) | 95% CI |
| Total volume (cc) | 900.8 (1.8) | 890.0 (3.0) | 10.9 (3.9) | [3.3,18.5]* |
| Total white matter hyperintensity volume (cc) | 3.97 (0.39) | 2.58 (0.59) | 1.39 (0.71) | [0.0,2.78]* |
| Cerebral blood flow (mL/100g/min) | 51.11 (0.85) | 48.65 (1.30) | 2.44 (1.57) | [-0.64,5.50] |

*95% CI excludes 0

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