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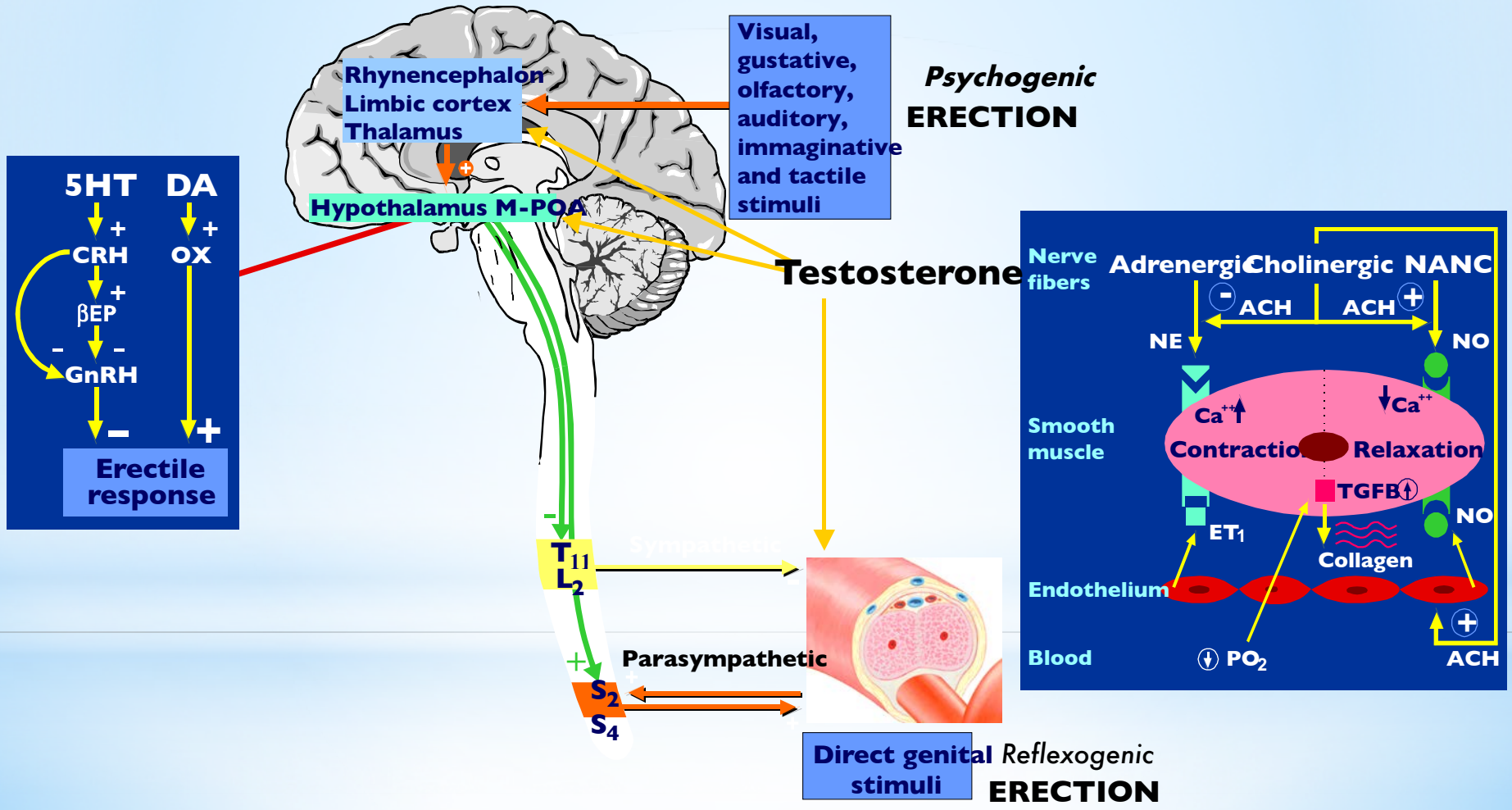
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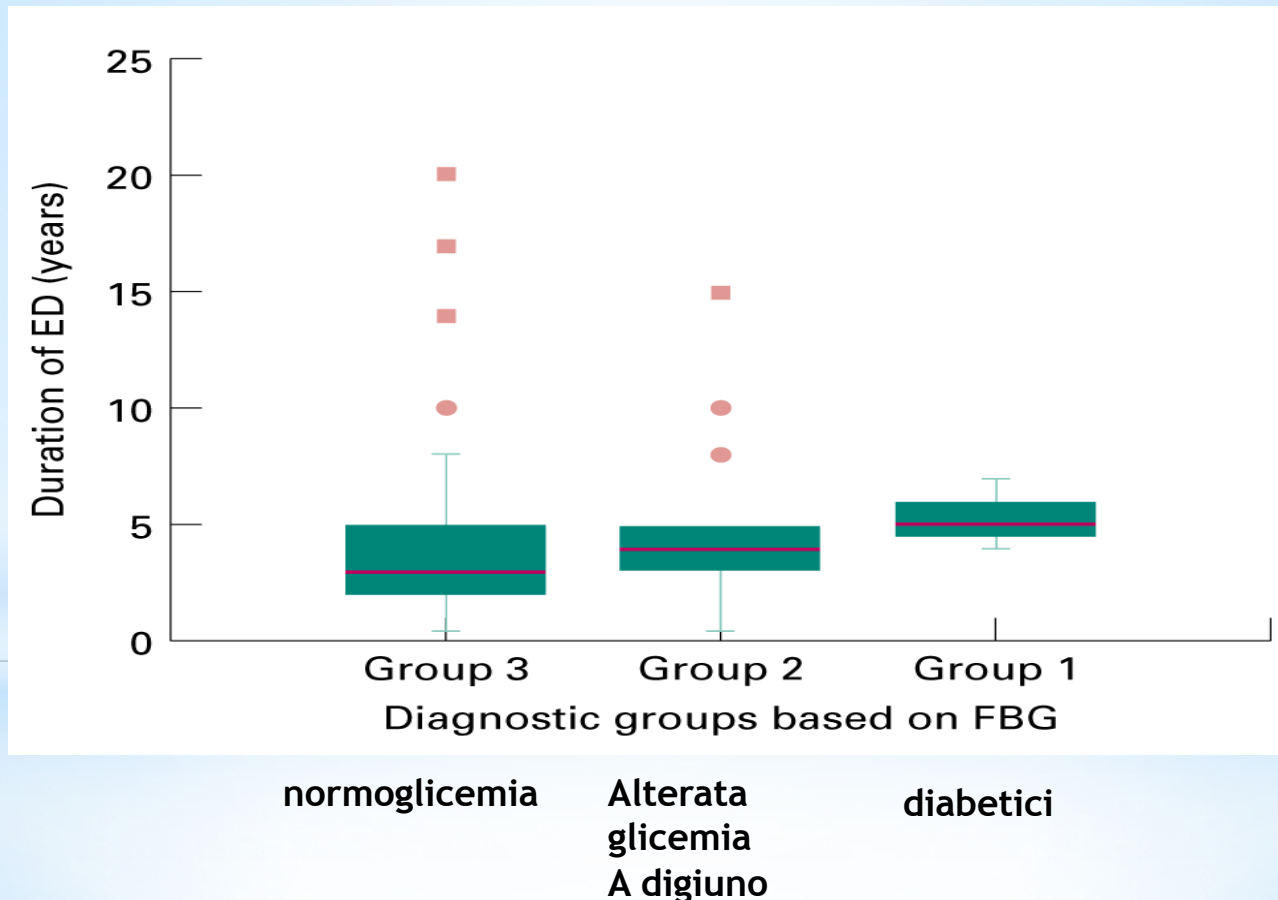
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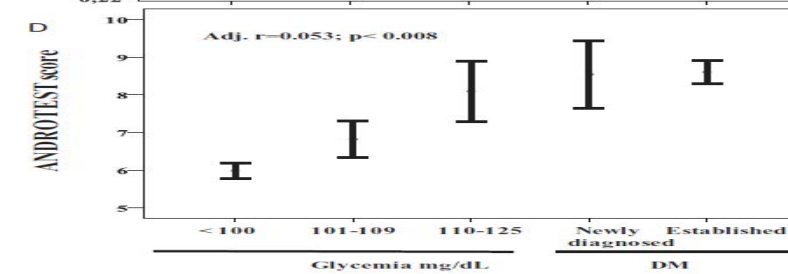
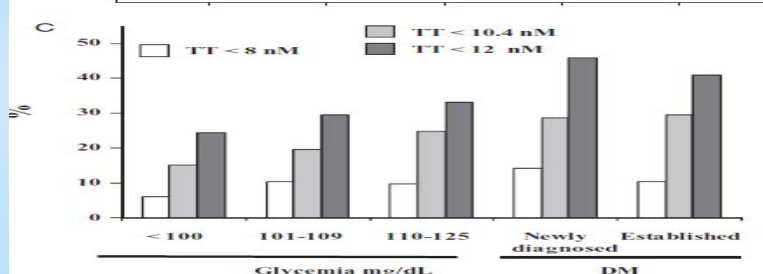
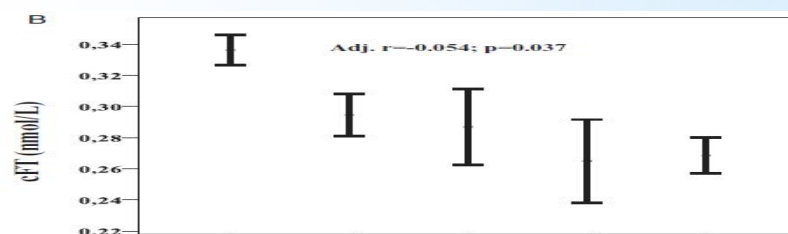
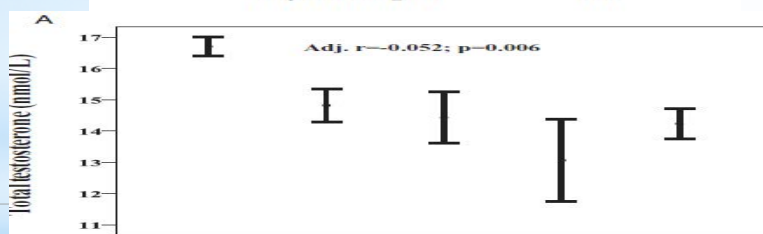
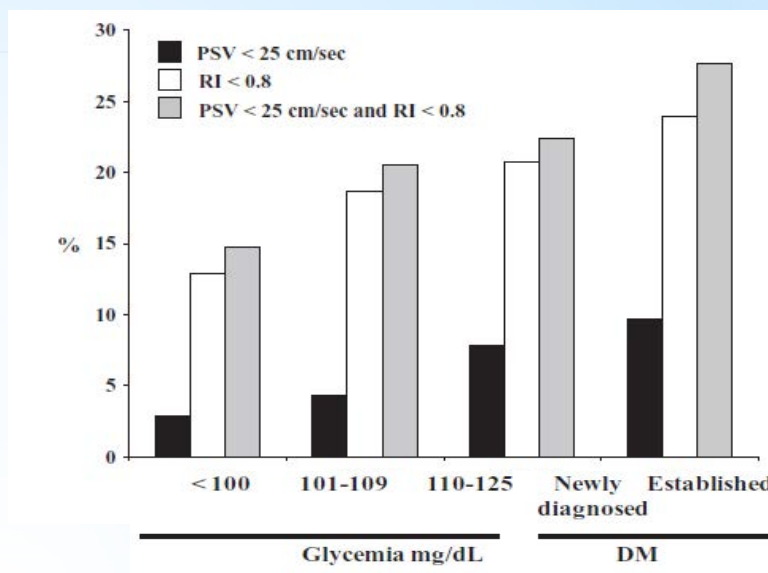
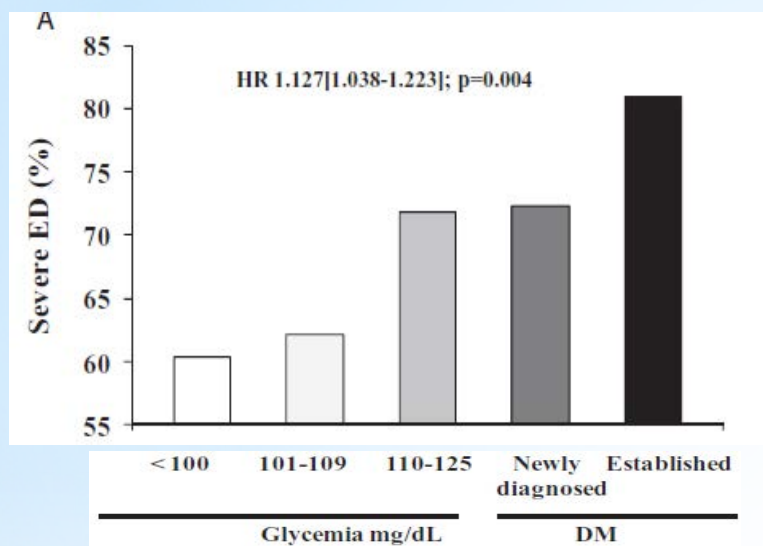


# Diabete e deficit erettile: spesso sintomo di esordio



# Hormonal Association and Sexual Dysfunction in Patients with Impaired Fasting Glucose: A Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Study

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# Co-morbidity prevalence with low serum T levels in adult and elderly men

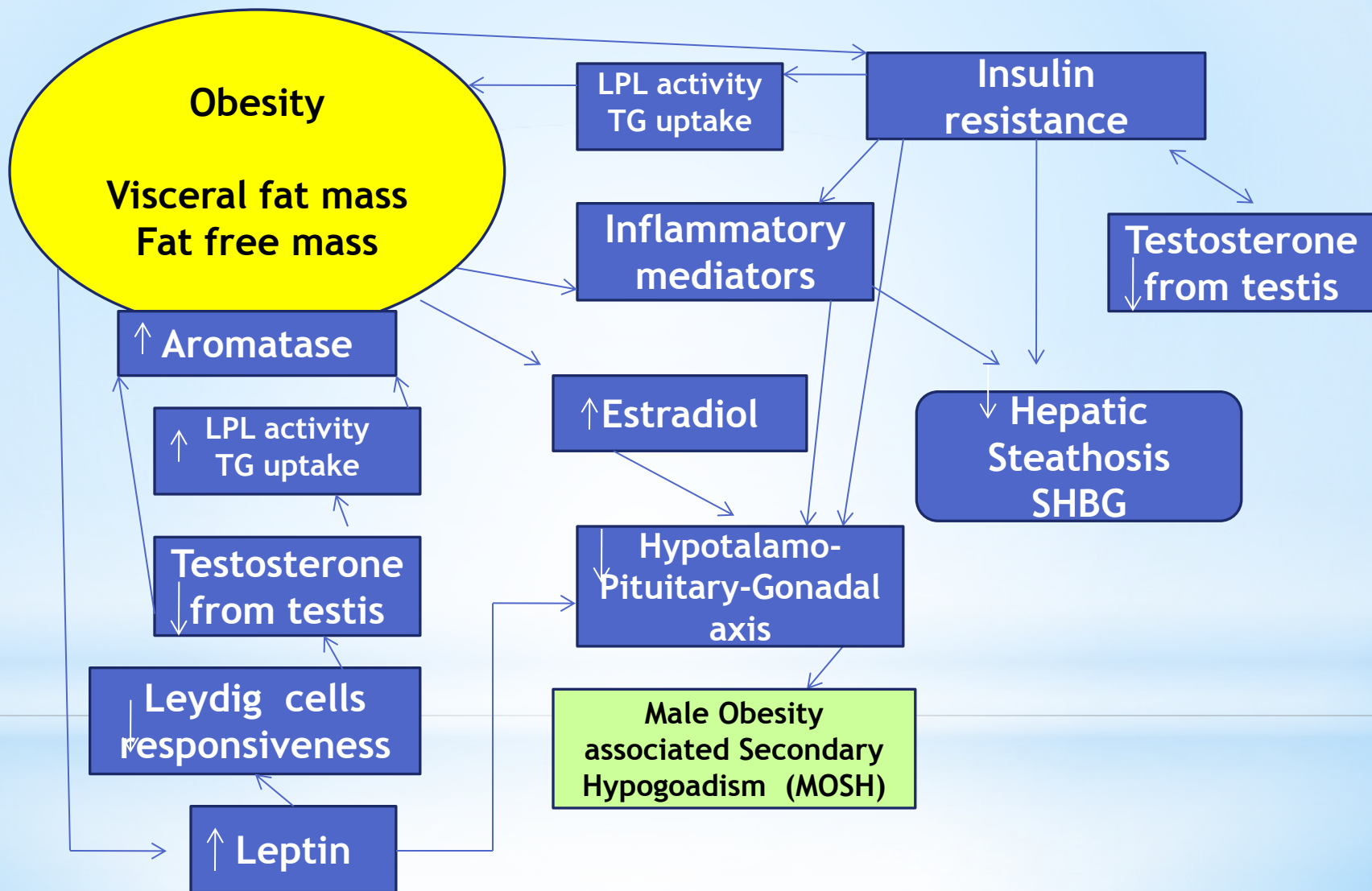
(Mulligan T et al, Int J Clin Pract, 2006)

Condition	Hypogonadal patients (n = 836)	Eugonadal patients (n = 1326)	p-value*
Hypertension	547 (65.4)	678 (51.1)	<0.001
Hyperlipidaemia	506 (60.5)	670 (50.5)	<0.001
Diabetes	258 (30.9)	237 (17.9)	<0.001
Obesity	270 (32.3)	225 (17.0)	<0.001
Prostatic disease/disorder	165 (19.7)	226 (17.0)	0.121
Chronic pain	155 (18.5)	211 (16.0)	0.113
Insomnia/sleep disturbance	129 (15.4)	185 (14.0)	0.342
Asthma/COPD	102 (12.2)	118 (8.9)	0.013
Headaches (within the last 2 weeks)	70 (8.4)	125 (9.4)	0.405
Rheumatoid arthritis	28 (3.3)	29 (2.2)	0.101
Osteoporosis	15 (1.8)	15 (1.1)	0.199
Not reported	0 (0.0)	4 (0.3)	nr

Risk factor/condition	Hypogonadism prevalence rate (95% CI)	Odds ratio (95% CI)
Obesity	52.4 (47.9–56.9)	2.38 (1.93–2.93)
Diabetes	50.0 (45.5–54.5)	2.09 (1.70–2.58)
Hypertension	42.4 (39.6–45.2)	1.84 (1.53–2.22)
Rheumatoid arthritis	47.3 (34.1–60.5)	1.59 (0.92–2.72)
Hyperlipidaemia	40.4 (37.6–43.3)	1.47 (1.23–1.76)
Osteoporosis	44.4 (25.5–64.7)	1.41 (0.64–3.01)
Asthma/COPD	43.5 (36.8–50.3)	1.40 (1.04–1.86)
Prostatic disease/disorder	41.3 (36.4–46.2)	1.29 (1.03–1.62)
Chronic pain	38.8 (33.7–44.0)	1.13 (0.89–1.44)
Headaches (within last 2 weeks)	32.1 (25.3–38.8)	0.81 (0.58–1.11)

CI, confidence interval; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

# Link tra diabete mellito e deficit di testosterone





# ETIOPATOGENESI DE NEL PAZIENTE DM NUOVE TEORIE

## Meccanismi patogenetici comuni

Riduzione del  
segnale NO-  
cGMP

Aumento del  
segnale RhoA-  
ROCK

Iperattività  
autonomica

Aterosclerosi  
pelvica

Conseguenze funzionalità  
livello tissutale  
(cavernosi, prostata,  
vescica)

*Ridotta funzione nervosa ed endoteliale*

*Alterato rilasciamento o contrattilità della  
muscolatura liscia*

*Insufficienza arteriosa, ridotto flusso sanguigno  
e ipossia correlata al danno d'organo*

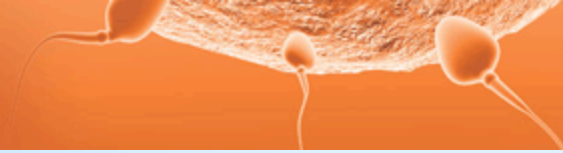
**DE**  
LUTS  
IPB

*Infiammazione cronica*

*Squilibrio ormonale steroideo*

**Diabete, ipertensione,  
sindrome metabolica, ecc**





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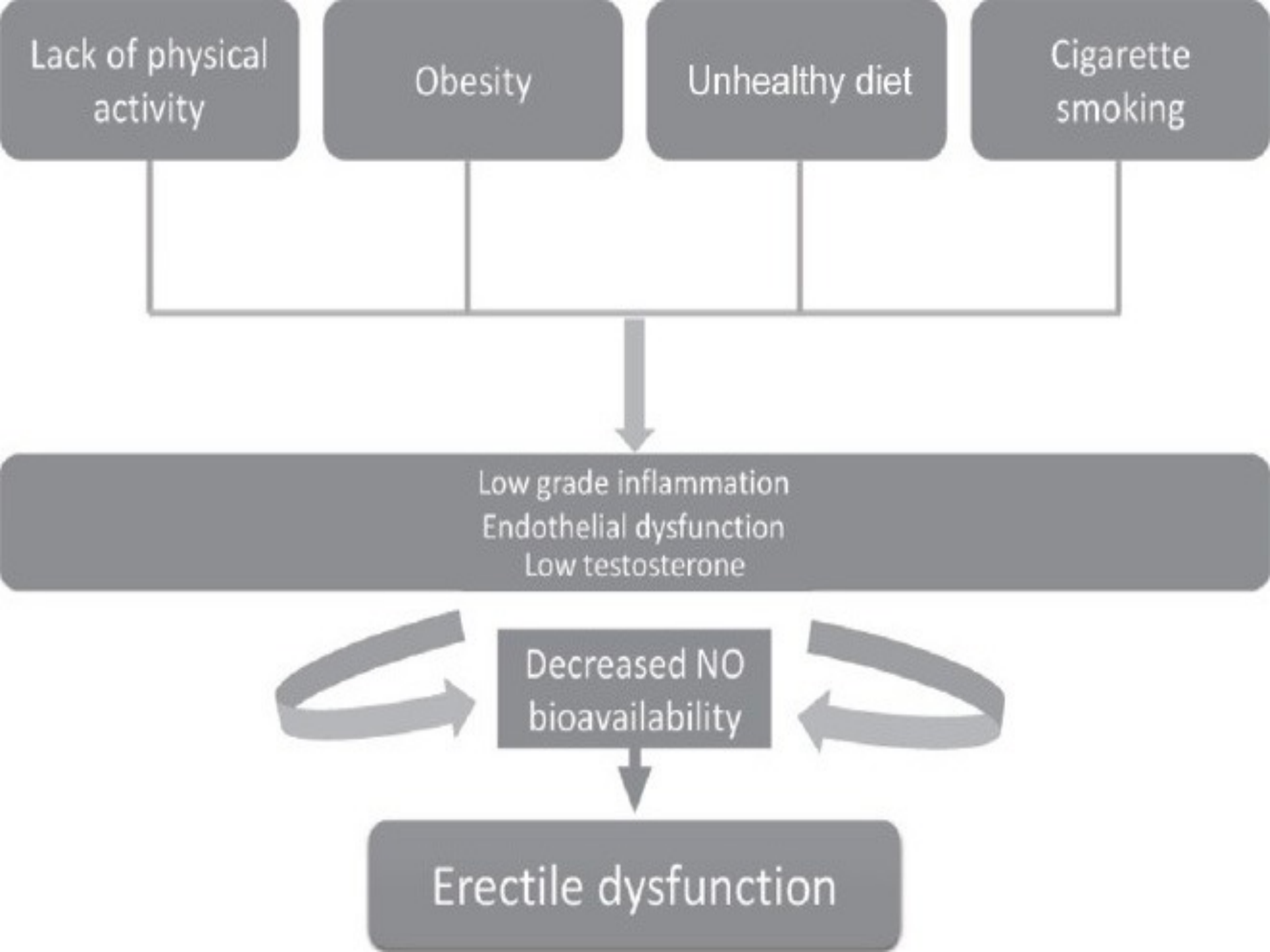
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## **Lifestyle modifications and erectile dysfunction: what can be expected?**

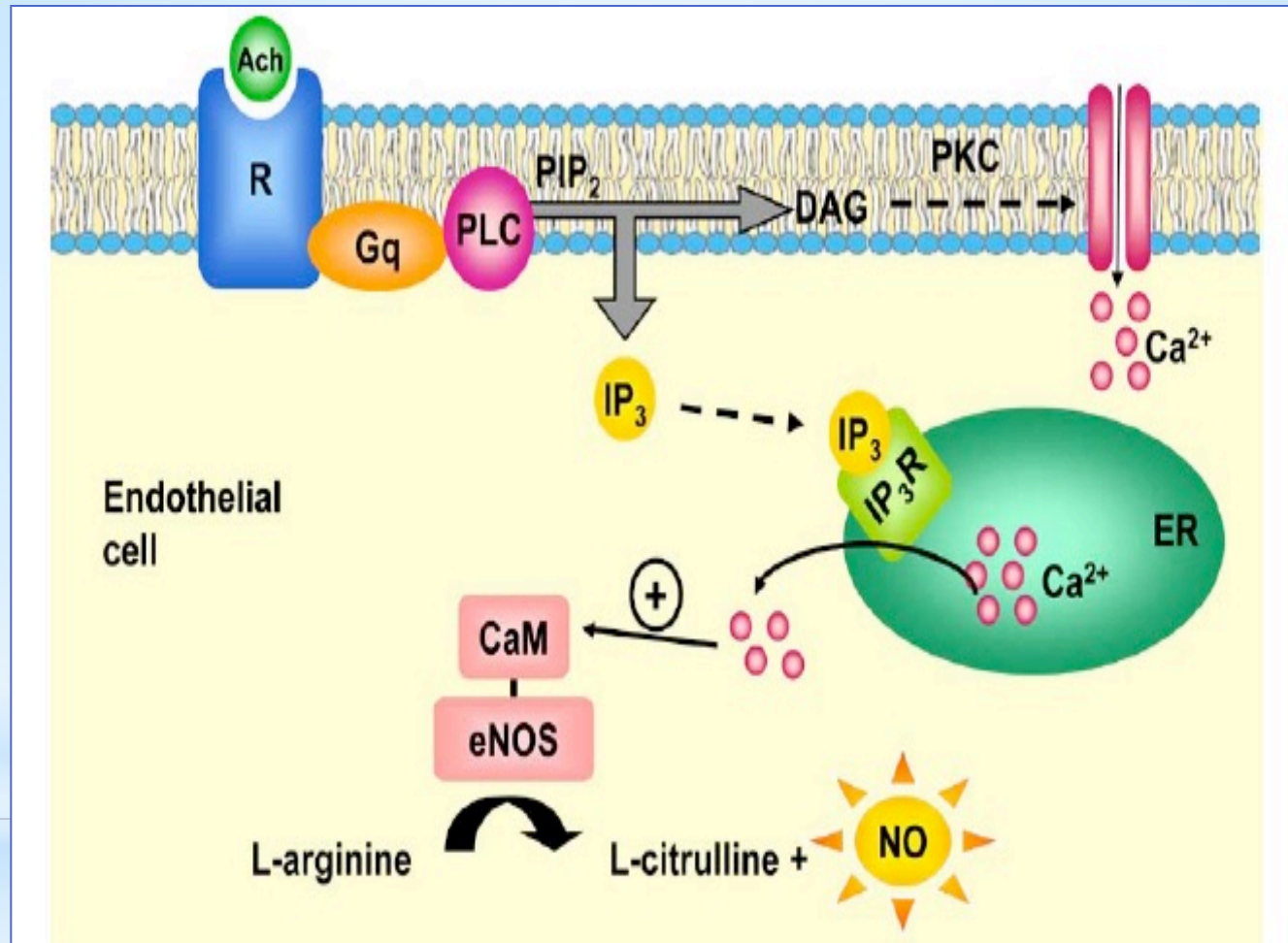
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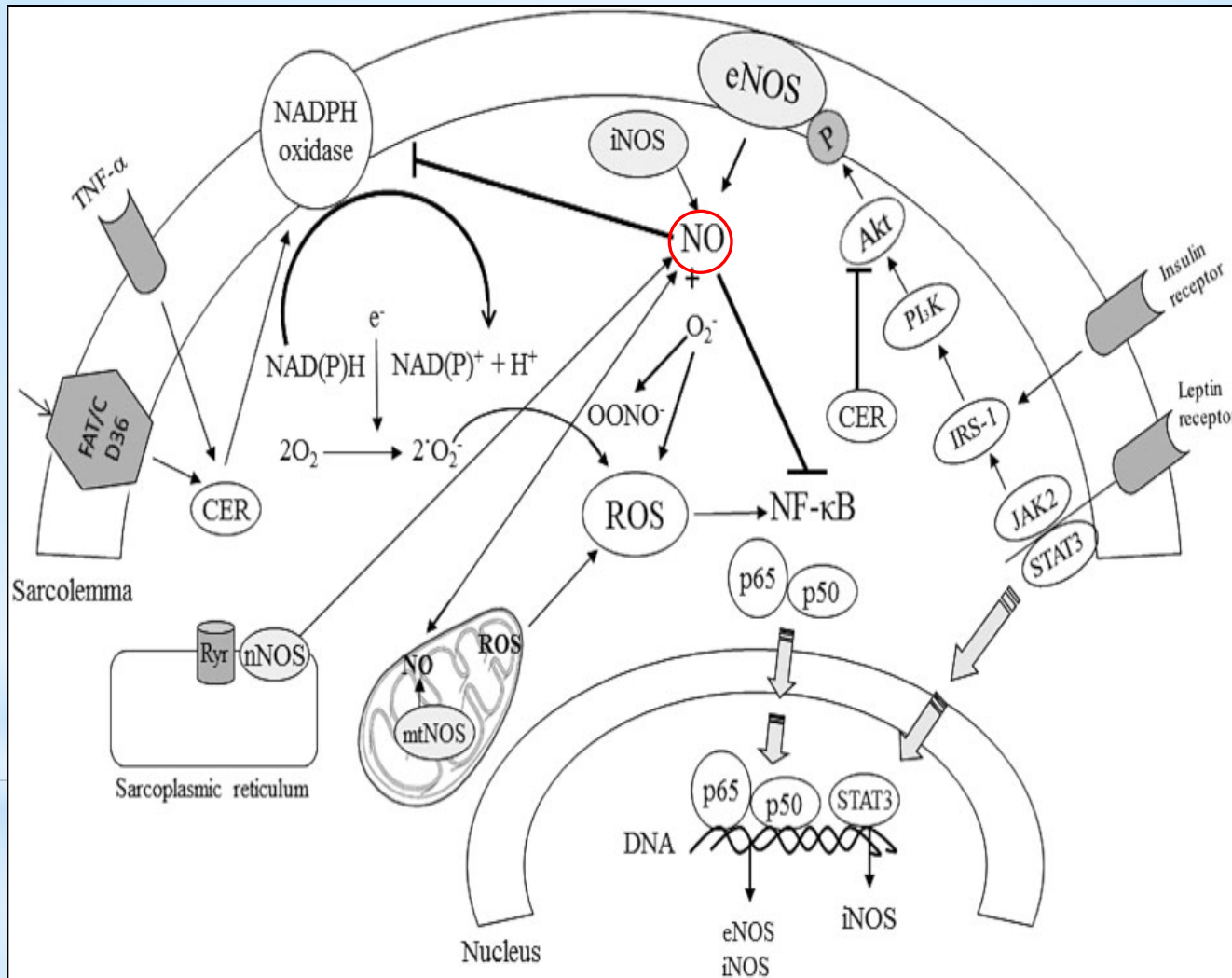
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# Nitric oxide synthesis in endothelial cell

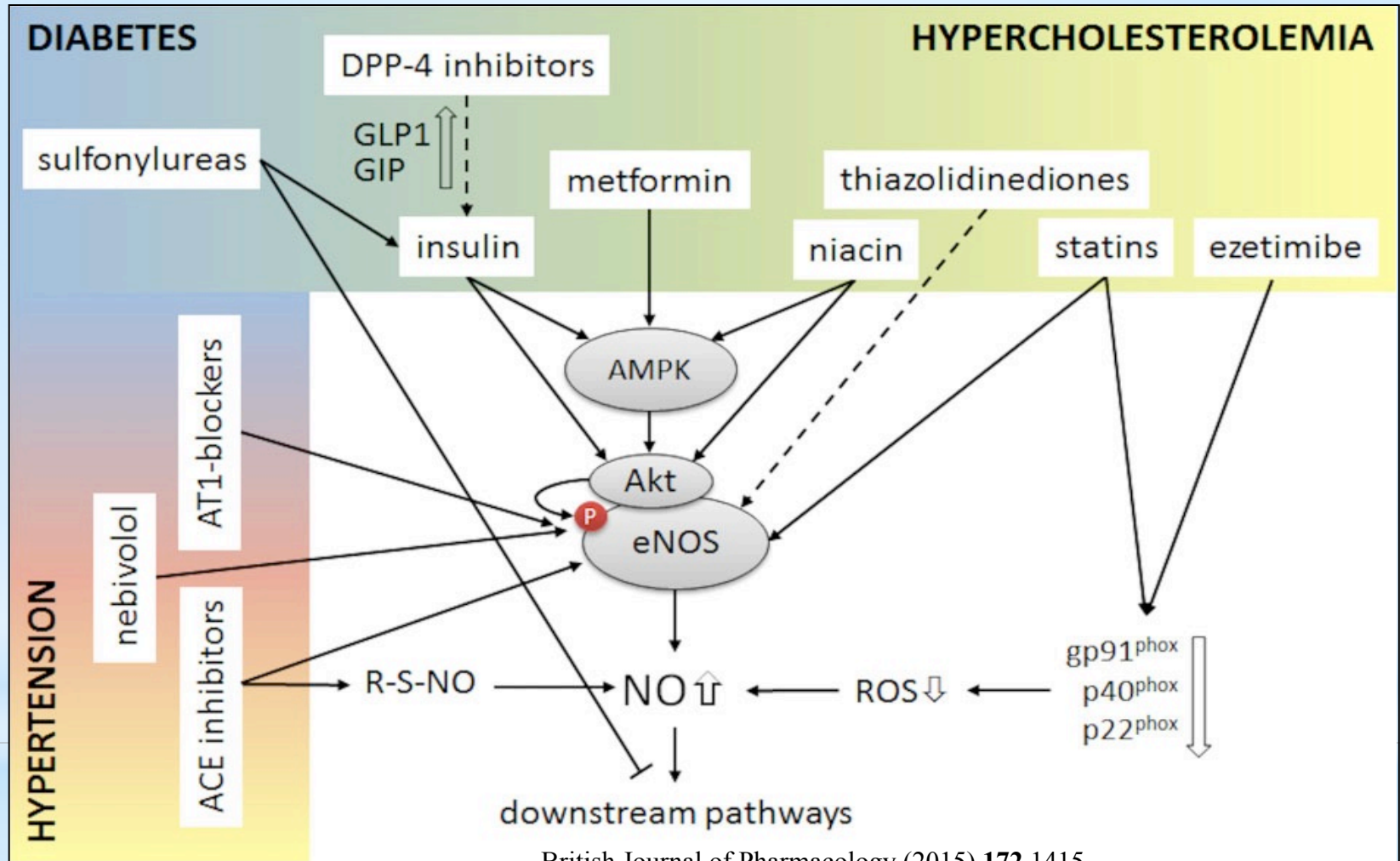


# NO signalling and metabolic syndrome-related pathways





# Effect of drugs used in the metabolic syndrome on cardiac NO signalling.



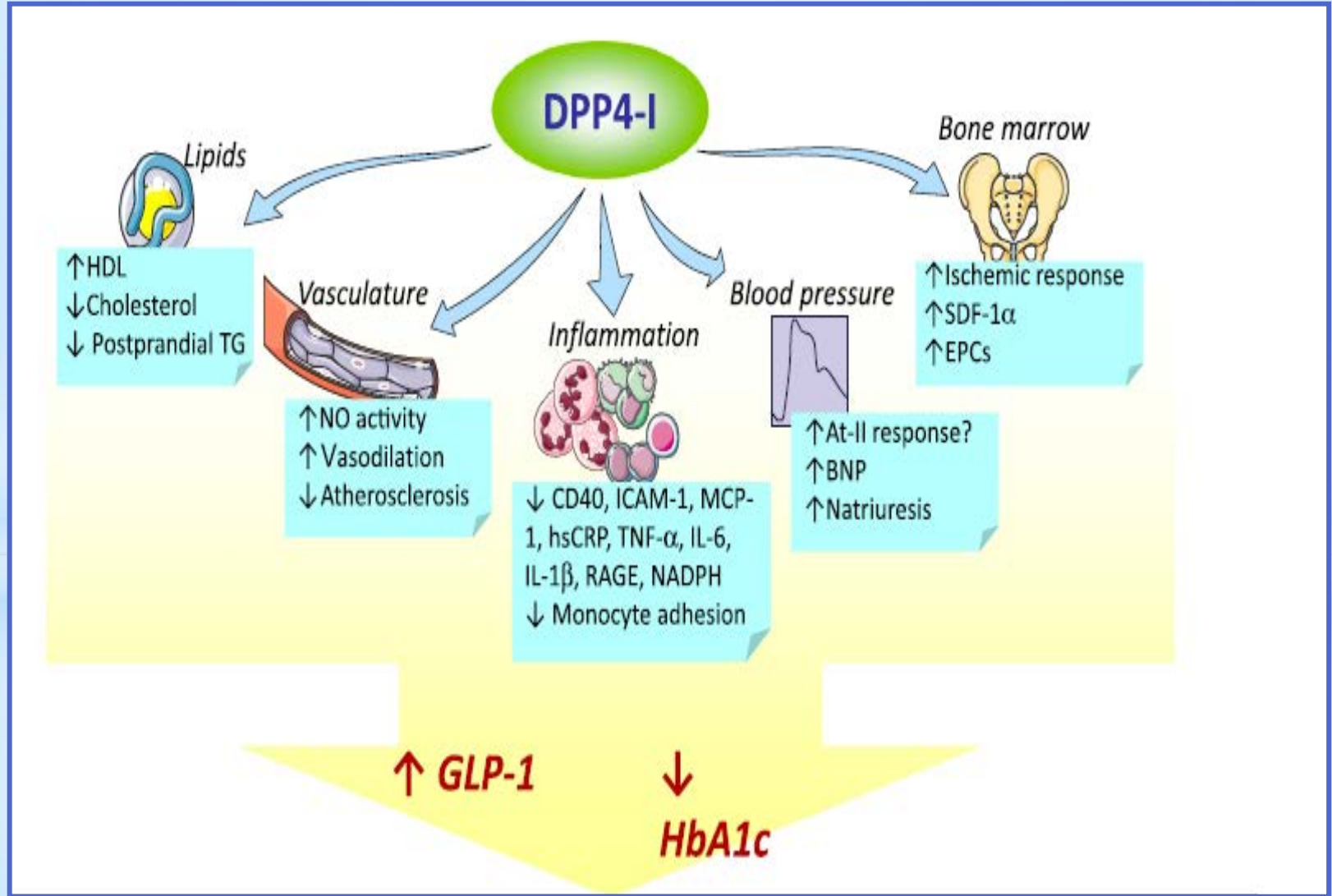
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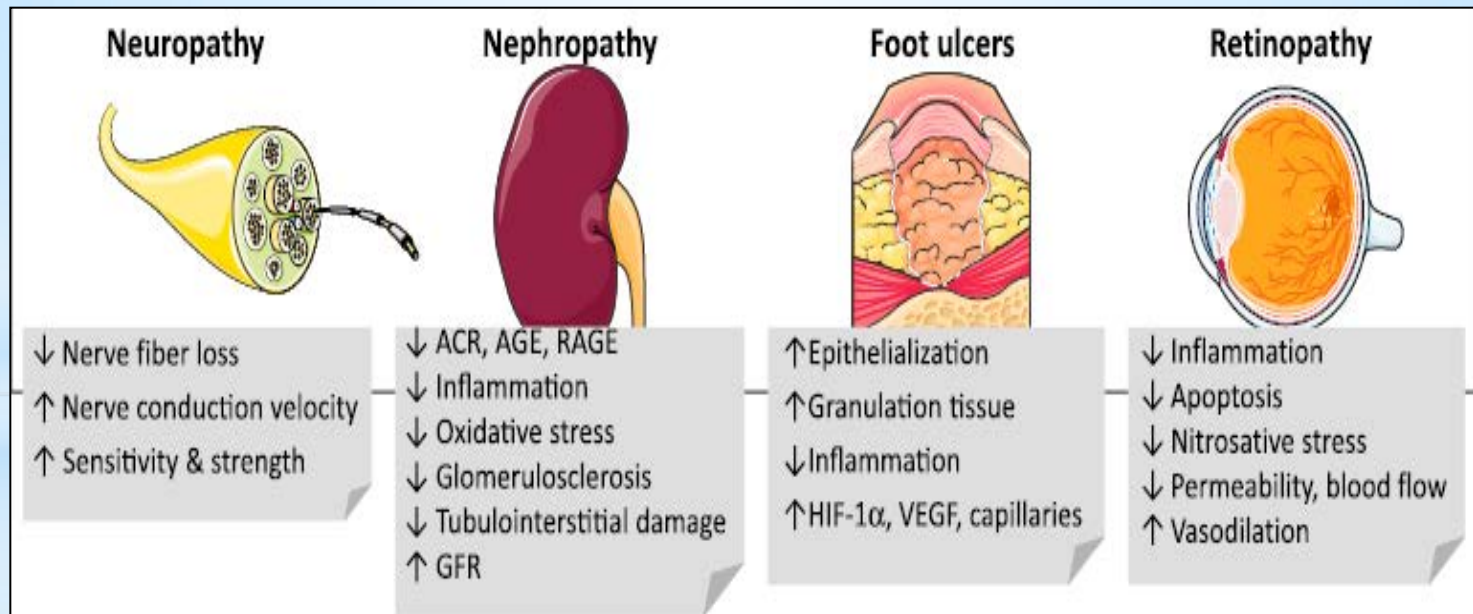
**...antidiabetics (except for sulfonylureas) may positively affect tissue NO availability and NO signalling thereby providing a promising tool to treat cardiac complications of the metabolic syndrome.**



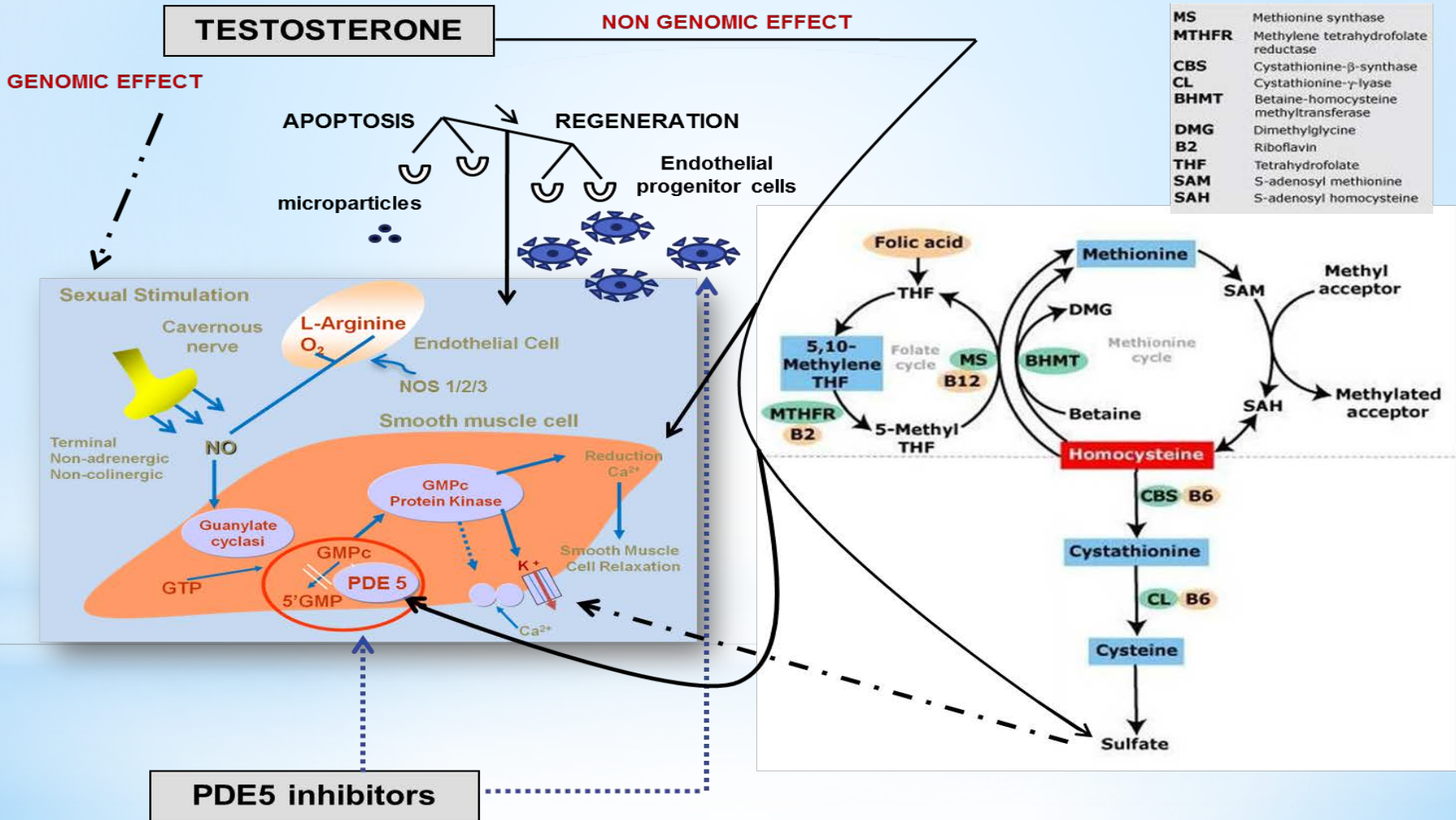
# The roles of DPP-4 inhibition on diabetic microangiopathy



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# TESTOSTERONE E DE





## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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## Adding liraglutide to lifestyle changes, metformin and testosterone therapy boosts erectile function in diabetic obese men with overt hypogonadism

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## SUMMARY

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# Participants, setting, design overview and therapeutic strategy

T1



Basal

T2



+ 1 yrs

T3



+2 yrs

Clinical features (Kg,cm, Blood Pressure)  
Glycaemia, HbA1c, Chol, HDL, Trigl T, SHBG, FT  
**IIEF15**

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Obese T2 DM men with prepubertal onset  
Hypogonadism (n.13)  
S Klinefelter (n.10/13)  
Hypo.Hypo (n. 3/13)

Obese T2 DM with postpubertal onset  
hypogonadism ( n 30)  
T2 DM (n. 25/30)  
Adult Hypo Hypo (n.5/30)

Lifestyle+T U 1 gr i.m. 12/ws  
Met (2.-3 gr/die)

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HbA1c > 7,5

HbA1c < 7,5

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## Clinical characteristics , metabolic parameters and hormonal levels in obese T2DM men with hypogonadism treated with TU and Met for 1 yr

	Postpubertal onset (n30)		Prepubertal onset (n13)	
	T1	T2	T1	T2
Age (yrs)	53,5± 4,4		50,6±4,3	
BMI	34,2±2,3	32,5±1,9 *	34,7±2,3	33,5±33,5 *
Waist (cm)	105,1±10,3	102,1±8,5 **	105,1±10,3	102,1±9,4 **
Glyc (mg/dl)	184,5±31	162,1±20,5 ***	184,4±31	162,1±20,4 **
HbA1c %	8,8±0,6	7,8±0,6 **	8,6±0,4	7,9±0,4 **
T (ng/dl)	278,4±23,7	464,3±63,5 ***	309,4±29,7	412,3±47,5 ***
SHBG (nMol/l)	36,3±2,7	37,3±3,4 *	36,6±2,7	37,6±2,4 *
FT (ng/dl)	5,2±0,6	8,7±1,5 ***	5,8±0,7	7,7±1,2 ***
IIEF 15	12,2±2,3	14,4±1,8**	14,0±2,0	16,3±3,2 **

\*p <0,05

\*\*p >0,01

\*\*\* p> 0,001

## Clinical characteristics , metabolic parameters and hormonal levels of subgroup of poor responders among the post-pubertal onset hypogonadal men (n 16)

	T1	T2	T1
Age (yrs)	52,5± 4,5		
BMI	35,2±2,3	34,±3,2 *	32,6±2,0 **
Waist (cm)	103,7±7,0	100,1±6,5 **	92,1±5,3 ***
Glyc (mg/dl)	180,4±25	155,1±20,0 ***	130,4±16 ***
HbA1c %	9,1±0,4	8,5±0,3 **	7,3±0, ***
T (ng/dl)	282,4±25,0	466,3±63,5 ***	481,7±57,3 ***
SHBG (nMol/l)	36,0±3,2	37,3±3,4 *	39,1±2,2 **
FT (ng/dl)	5,4±0,6	8,7±1,6 ***	9,0±1,3
IIEF 15	12,2±2,2	14,6±1,7*	19,9±2,0 ***

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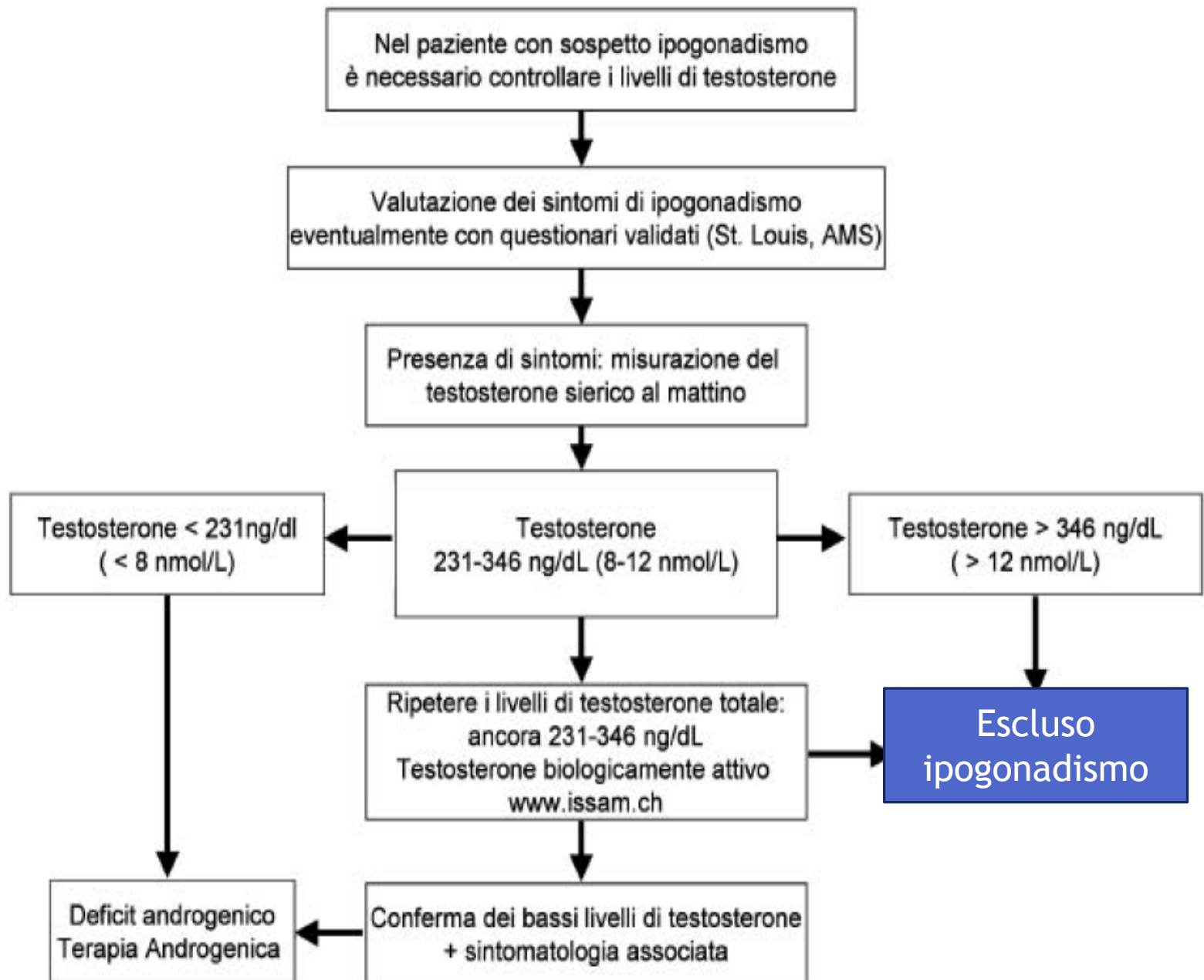
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## [Regulatory effect of liraglutide on the expression of eNOS in the corpus cavernosum of diabetic rats].

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### **Abstract**

**OCTOBER:** To explore the effects of the glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1) liraglutide on the penile erectile function of rats with diabetic erectile dysfunction (DED) by observing the impact of liraglutide on the expression of eNOS in the corpus cavernosum of diabetic rats.

**METHODS:** We randomly divided 30 six-week-old male SD rats into a normal control (n = 10) and an experimental group (n = 20), established models of diabetes mellitus (DM) in the experimental rats, and subdivided them into a DM (n = 8) and a GLP-1 group (n = 8) to receive intramuscular injection of normal saline and liraglutide at 5 mg per kg of the body weight per day, respectively. After 12 weeks of intervention, we obtained the levels of FPG, FINS, TG, TC, HDL-C, LDL-C, testosterone, and IL-6 and the indexes of Homa-IR and Homa- $\beta$ , detected the expressions of Akt/p-Akt and eNOS/p-eNOS in the corpus cavernosum by Western blot, and compared the erectile function between different groups.

**RESULTS:** The frequency and rate of penile erection were significantly lower in the DM group than in the GLP-1 and normal control groups ( $P < 0.05$ ) and also lower in the GLP-1 group than in the normal controls ( $P < 0.05$ ). Immunofluorescence staining showed the expression of eNOS mainly in the cytoplasm of the cavernosal vessels and sinusoidal endothelial cells, markedly lower in the DM and GLP-1 groups than in the normal rats ( $P < 0.05$ ), but higher in the GLP-1 than in the DM group ( $P < 0.05$ ). The level of eNOS/p-eNOS in the penile tissue was significantly decreased in the DM and GLP-1 groups in comparison with the normal controls ( $P < 0.01$  or  $P < 0.05$ ), while that of p-eNOS was markedly increased in the GLP-1 group as compared with the DM group ( $P < 0.05$ ). No statistically significant differences were observed in the Akt level among the three groups of animals ( $P > 0.05$ ). The expression of p-Akt was remarkably reduced in the DM and GLP-1 groups in comparison with the control rats ( $P < 0.01$  or  $P < 0.05$ ), but higher in the GLP-1 than in the DM group ( $P < 0.05$ ). **CONCLUSION:** GLP-1 can protect the function of endothelial cells in the corpus cavernosum and improve the erectile function of DED rats by regulating the Akt/eNOS signaling pathway, which indicates that GLP1 could be an important option for the treatment and prevention of DED.



# Studio prospettico osservazionale nel paziente diabetico con Disfunzione erettile e/o ipogonadismo e/o sintomi delle basse vie urinarie

## GRUPPO DI STUDIO DIABETE e ANDROLOGIA AMD

### INTRODUZIONE:

Recenti studi hanno evidenziato che la disfunzione erettile (DE) presenta lo stesso meccanismo patogenetico dei sintomi delle basse vie urinarie ( o lower urinary tract symptoms in sigla LUTS) attraverso un' attivazione della via RhoA/RhoAkinase e che entrambi presentano le stesse comorbidità (diabete mellito, sindrome metabolica, ipertensione arteriosa, dislipidemia) . Il trattamento sia della DE che dei LUTS non può prescindere da una valutazione dello stato della funzione gonadica essendo entrambi gli organi un bersaglio del testosterone. La riduzione età correlata della funzione testicolare con riduzione dei valori del testosterone totale, identificata nosologicamente dall' ipogonadismo dell' età adulta ( Late Onset Hypogonadism, LOH), aggrava sia la DE che il metabolismo glucidico e lipidico a causa dell'aumento della massa grassa e riduzione della massa magra con peggioramento dell' insulinoresistenza.

### Criteria di inclusione

Età tra i 40-65 anni
DM (criteri International Diabetes Federation)
AMS q * > 30 totale sexual sub scale > 5
Testosterone totale <12 nmol/L **
IPSS *** <13
IIEF-5 **** < 25

\* AMS questionario;

\*\*Nei pazienti obesi conferma formula di Vermeulen ([www.issam.ch/AMS\\_English\\_Evaluation.pdf](http://www.issam.ch/AMS_English_Evaluation.pdf)), con cut-off inferiore a 250 pmol/L (10 pg/ml) ;

\*\*\* Questionario International Prostate Symptoms Score

\*\*\*\* International Index Erectile Function

### Criteria di esclusione

Terapia con androgeni o steroidi	Iperprolattinemia o altra patologia ipotalamo-ipofisaria
Sospetto o diagnosi di K prostatico e/o K mammario	Grave insufficienza cardiaca, epatica o renale
OSAS non in trattamento con cPAP, policitemia, valori di Hct > 52%	Desiderio di prole
Ipertrofia prostatica benigna con IPSS > 13	Malattia psichiatrica grave
PSA > 4 ng/ml	

### DISEGNO DELLO STUDIO



- ANAMNESI FARMACOLOGICA
- DOSAGGI ORMONALI\*
- IPSS, IIEF-5, AMSq
- ECOGRAFIA PROSTATICA SOVRAPUBICA
- ECD PENIENO BASALE E DINAMICO

\*LH,PRL, testosterone totale, SHBG, protidogramma, PSA libero e totale, EMOCROMO

- 6 mesi
- ANAMNESI FARMACOLOGICA
  - DOSAGGI ORMONALI\*
  - IPSS, IIEF-5, AMSq

### Obiettivi primari:

Valutare nella popolazione diabetica maschile che giunge negli ambulatori territoriali di diabetologia la prevalenza dei disturbi della basse vie urinarie, della disfunzione erettile e/o dell'ipogonadismo e l'eventuale loro coesistenza.

### Obiettivi secondari:

Valutare la possibilità di un approccio diagnostico-terapeutico integrato nell' ambito del TEAM diabetologico da parte del medico diabetologo con esperienza professionale in andrologia clinica.

## CARATTERISTICHE DEMOGRAFICHE DEI PAZIENTI da gennaio 2015

Nr PAZIENTI: 43

ETA':  $55 \pm 6,1$

DIAGNOSI DI DM2

DURATA DELLA MALATTIA:  $9,95 \pm 3,9$

HbA1C:  $7,93 \pm 0,91$  %

IPSS:  $10,6 \pm 1,84$

IIEF-5:  $13,8 \pm 3,2$

AMSq:  $45 \pm 15$  totale      sexual sub scale  $10 \pm 4$

Testo totale pg/ml :  $9,8 \pm 1,7$

PSA TOTALE:  $0,9 \pm 0,4$

TERAPIA DM2	PZ
MET+ SU	8
MET+ DDPIVinh	16
MET+ DDPIVinh+ SU	4
GLP1 combo	7
MET+ INSULINA BASALE	6
INSULINA BASAL BOLUS	2

***GRAZIE  
PER L'ATTENZIONE***