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# **La dieta chetogenica nel paziente diabetico e obeso**

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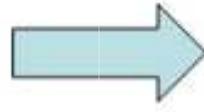
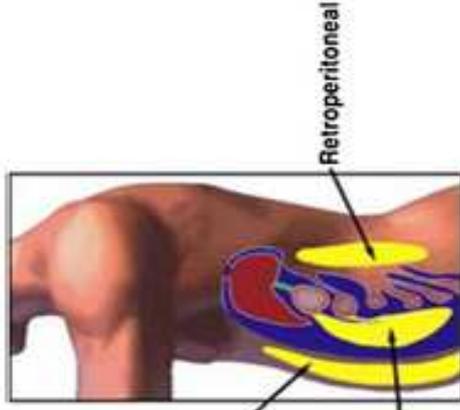
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## Excess calories

(increased intake +/-  
reduced energy expenditure)

## Subcutaneous stores overwhelmed

(genes, ethnicity, ageing)



## FAT 'Spill over'



Hepatic lipid accumulation

muscle

pancreatic beta cell

Perivascular fat ⇒  
Endothelial dysfunction (altered blood flow)

Insulin resistance

$\beta$  cell dysfunction?

Hyperglycaemia

# **VLCD chetogenica (VLCKD) e diabete mellito tipo 2**



# Indicazioni VLCKD



- **Obesità BMI > 30**  
**Sovrappeso 25 > BMI < 30 associato a:**
  - ◇ **Sindrome metabolica** *Dhindsa P. Diabet Med 2003 – CC Case. Diabetes Obes Metab 2002;*
  - ◇ **Diabete tipo 2** . *Bjorntorp P. "Obesity". Lancet 1997;350:423-6*
  - ◇ **Apnee del sonno** *Tuomilehto HP . Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 2009 - PM Suratt, American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, 2007*

## Controindicazioni assolute:

Diabete mellito tipo 1

IRC con GFR stimato < 45 ml/min

Età > 75 anni

Recente evento cardiovascolare (< 6 mesi)

Cirrosi epatica

Psicosi croniche

Porfirie

Terapia steroidea concomitante

Presenza di infezioni acute/croniche

Incapacità di avvertire i segni dell'ipoglicemia ("hypoglycemia unawareness")

Incapacità di eseguire correttamente l'autocontrollo glicemico domiciliare

Scarsa compliance nell'assunzione del corretto apporto idroelettrolitico e micronutrizionale

Colelitiasi nota

Nefrolitiasi recidivante e nefrolitiasi complicata da idronefrosi

# Acid–base safety during the course of a very low-calorie-ketogenic diet

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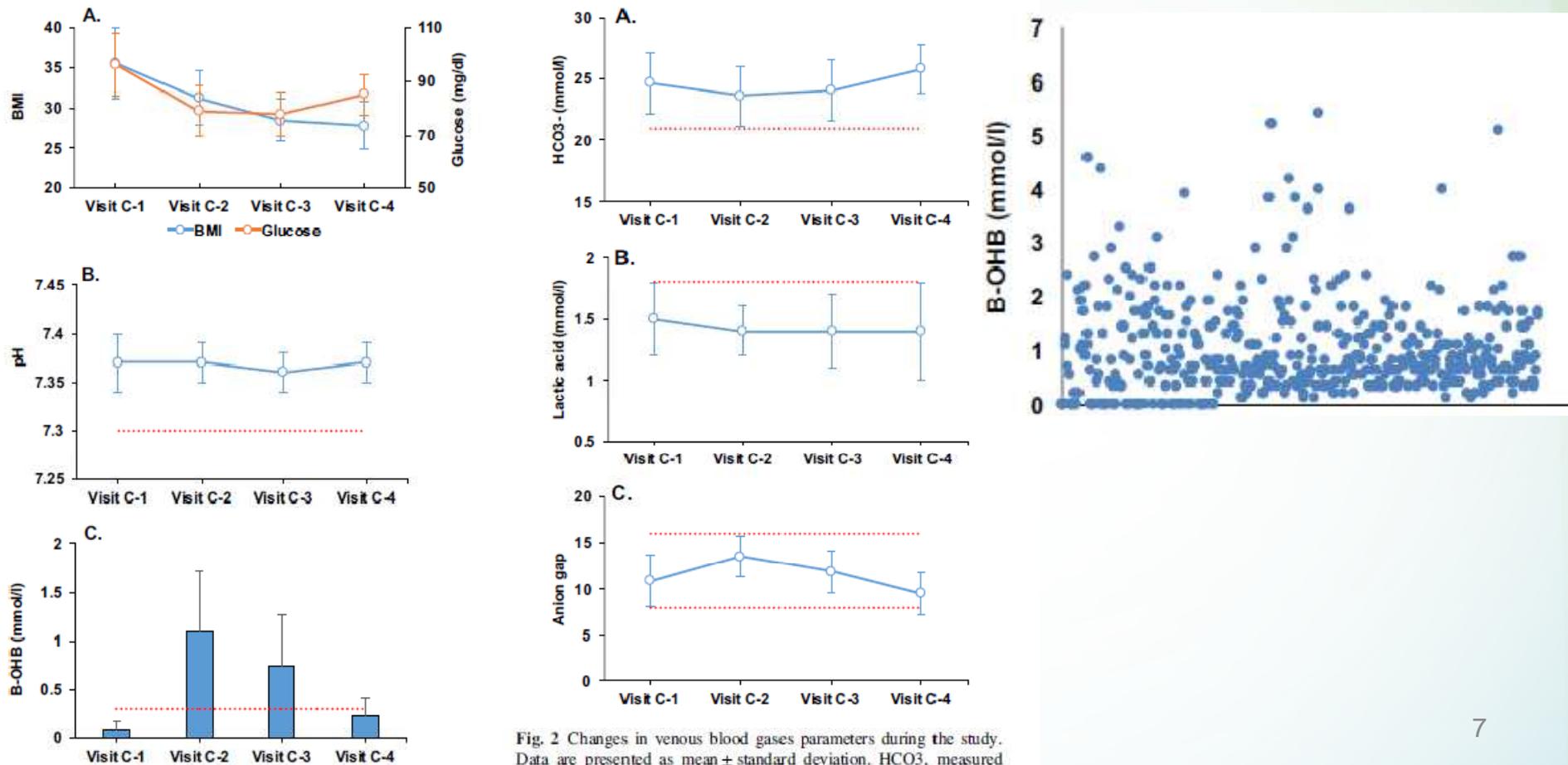
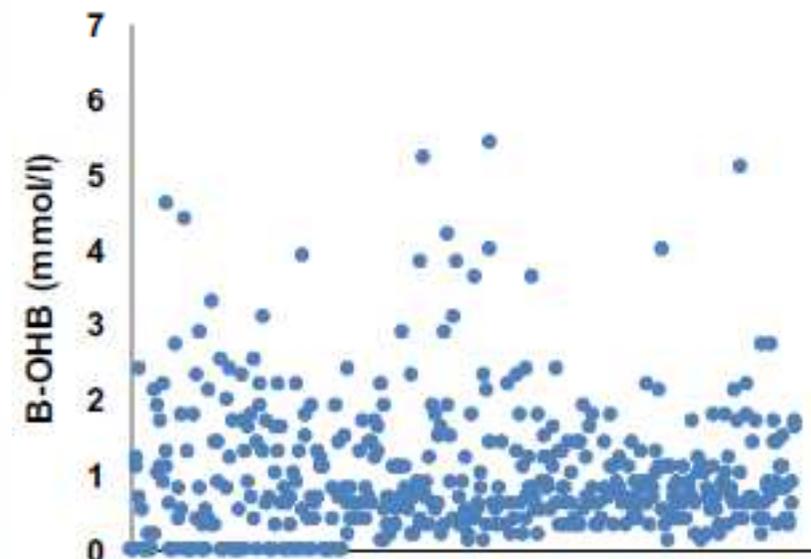


Fig. 2 Changes in venous blood gases parameters during the study. Data are presented as mean ± standard deviation. HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, measured

# Equilibrio acido-base

**Table 2** Comparison of the biochemical parameters between our study population (very low-calorie-ketogenic diet) and a cohort of patients with diabetic ketoacidosis

|                               | VLCK diet   | Diabetic ketoacidosis | <i>P</i> value |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Number of patients            | 20          | 51                    |                |
| Age (years)                   | 47.2 ± 10.2 | 39.0 ± 13.5           | 0.016          |
| Venous blood gases            |             |                       |                |
| pH                            | 7.37 ± 0.02 | 7.16 ± 0.12           | <0.001         |
| Measured bicarbonate (mmol/l) | 23.6 ± 2.4  | 12.3 ± 5.7            | <0.001         |
| Base excess (mmol/l)          | -1.4 ± 1.7  | -18.1 ± 14.8          | <0.001         |
| Biochemical parameters        |             |                       |                |
| Sodium (mmol/l)               | 142.0 ± 2.0 | 133.8 ± 6.3           | <0.001         |
| Potassium (mmol/l)            | 4.2 ± 0.2   | 5.0 ± 0.7             | <0.001         |
| Chloride (mmol/l)             | 104.8 ± 1.8 | 94.9 ± 6.9            | <0.001         |
| Anion gap                     | 13.5 ± 2.2  | 30.3 ± 7.9            | <0.001         |
| Glucose (mg/dl)               | 78.7 ± 9.5  | 545.5 ± 245.9         | <0.001         |
| Ketone bodies                 |             |                       |                |
| B-hydroxy-butyrate (mmol/l)   | 1.0 ± 0.6   | 5.4 ± 1.2             | <0.001         |



## Differenze tra VLCKD e chetoacidosi diabetica

| <b>Livelli ematici</b>                               | <b>LCD</b> | <b>VLCKD</b> | <b>KD</b> |
|--|------------|--------------|-----------|
| Glucosio* (mg/dl)                                    | 80–120     | 70–110       | >300      |
| Insulina ( $\mu$ U/l)                                | 6–23       | 6.6–9.4      | 0         |
| Corpi chetonici(mM/l)                                | 0.1        | 0,5-5        | >5        |
| Corpi chetonici (mM/l)<br>(dopo introduzione di CHO) | 0.1        | <1           | >5        |
| pH   | 7.4        | 7.4          | <7.3      |

\* La glicemia media nel paziente diabetico aderente ad una LCD o VLCKD è variabile ma solitamente inferiore a 200 mg/dl. Modificato da Paoli et al. Eur J Clin Nutr. 2013 Aug; 67(8): 789–796. 2013 e da Goday et al. Nutr & Diabetes 6 e230, 2016



# Resting metabolic rate of obese patients under very low calorie ketogenic diet

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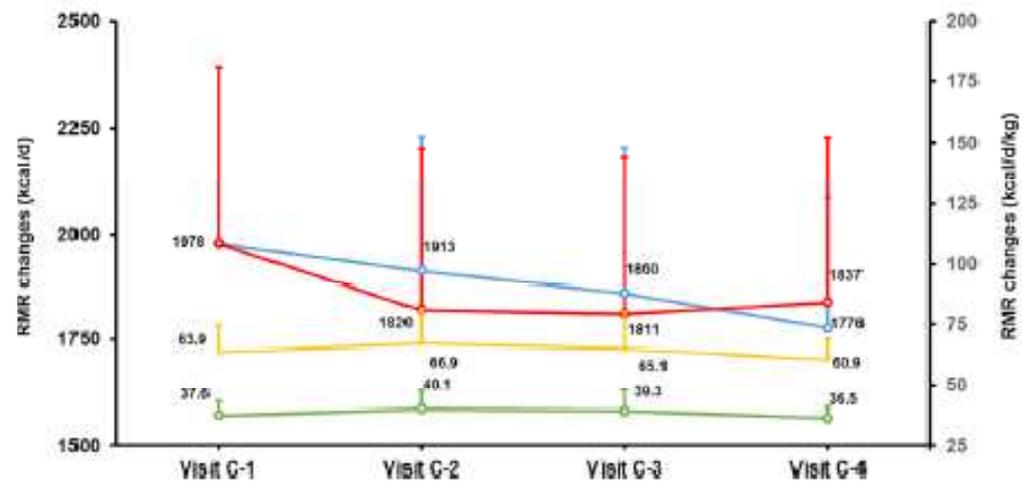
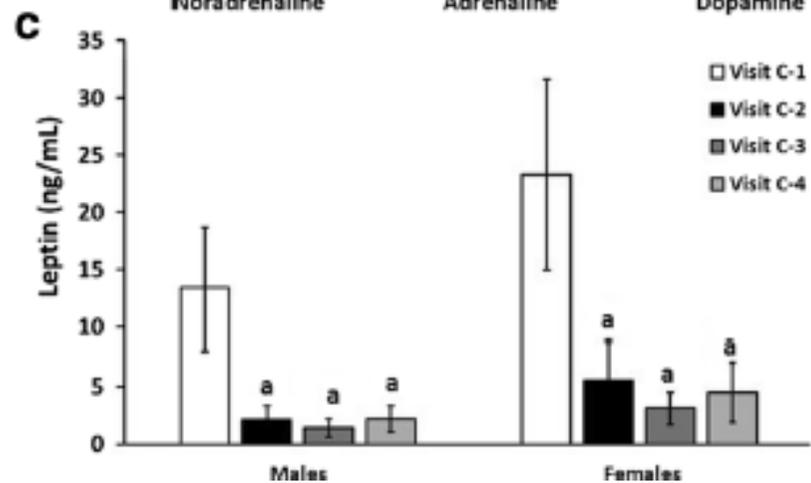
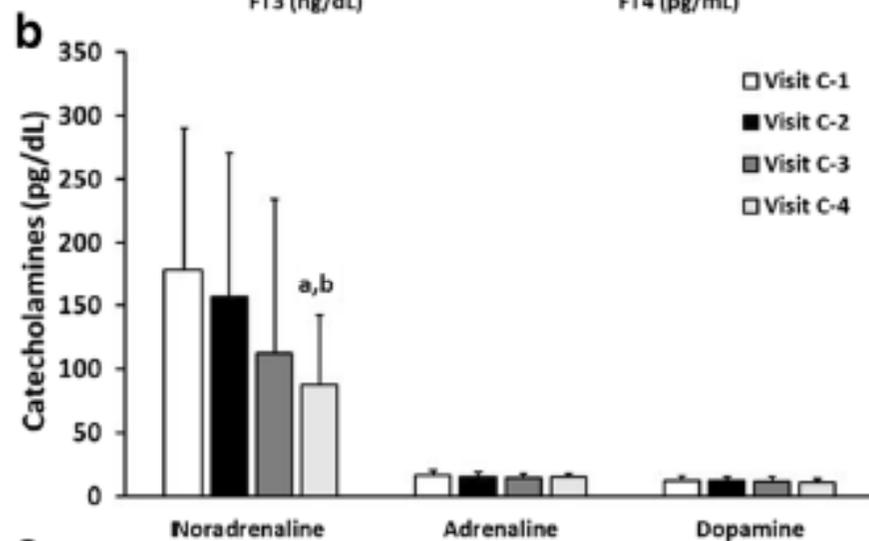
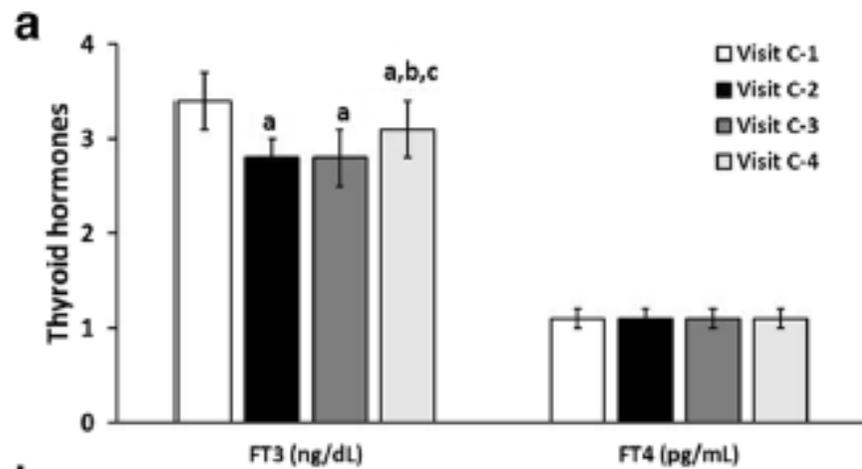
Gomez-Arbelaez et al. *Nutrition & Metabolism* (2018) 15:18

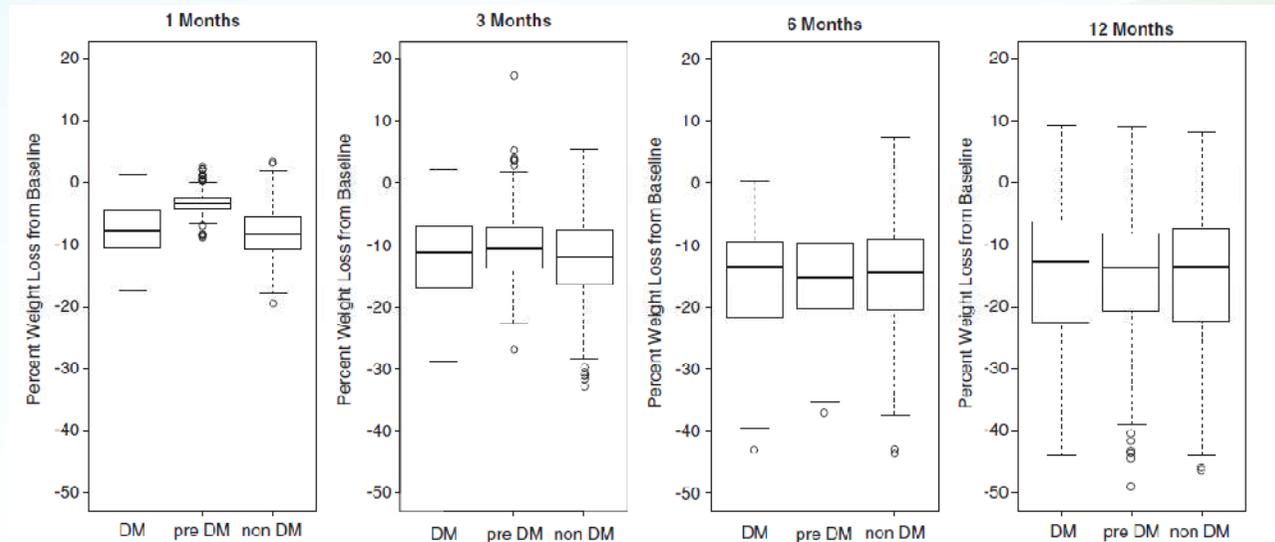
**Background:** The resting metabolic rate (RMR) decrease, observed after an obesity reduction therapy is a determinant of a short-time weight regain. Thus, the objective of this study was to evaluate changes in RMR, and the associated hormonal alterations in obese patients with a very low-calorie ketogenic (VLCK)-diet induced severe body weight (BW) loss.

**Method:** From 20 obese patients who lost 20.2 kg of BW after a 4-months VLCK-diet, blood samples and body composition analysis, determined by DXA and MF-Bioimpedance, and RMR by indirect calorimetry, were obtained on four subsequent visits: visit C-1, basal, initial fat mass (FM) and free fat mass (FFM); visit C-2, - 7.2 kg in FM, - 4.3 kg in FFM, maximal ketosis; visit C-3, - 14.4 kg FM, - 4.5 kg FFM, low ketosis; visit C-4, - 16.5 kg FM, - 3.8 kg FFM, no ketosis. Each subject acted as his own control.

**Results:** Despite the large BW reduction, measured RMR varied from basal visit C-1 to visit C-2, - 1.0%; visit C-3, - 2.4% and visit C-4, - 8.0%, without statistical significance. No metabolic adaptation was observed. The absent reduction in RMR was not due to increased sympathetic tone, as thyroid hormones, catecholamines, and leptin were reduced at any visit from baseline. Under regression analysis FFM, adjusted by levels of ketonic bodies, was the only predictor of the RMR changes ( $R^2 = 0.36$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ).

**Conclusion:** The rapid and sustained weight and FM loss induced by VLCK-diet in obese subjects did not induce the expected reduction in RMR, probably due to the preservation of lean mass.





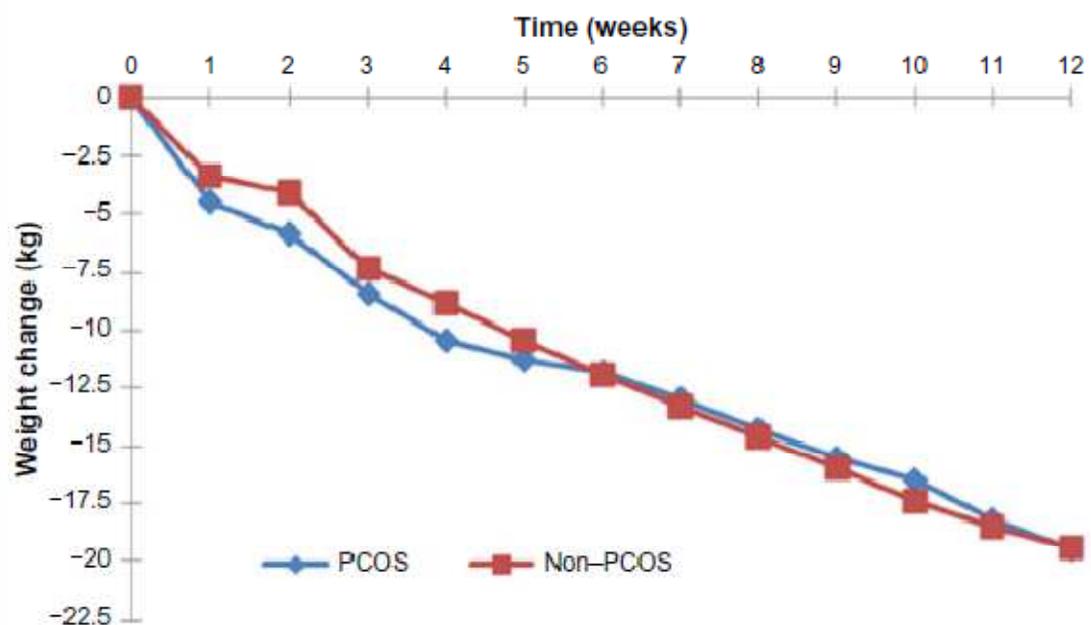
Perdita di peso (espressa in valori percentuali rispetto al basale) in una popolazione di pazienti obesi normoglicemici (non DM), con alterata tolleranza al glucosio (pre DM) e diabetici (DM).  
(Tratto da Li Z et al, Nutr Diabetes. 2014 10)

# Weight loss for women with and without polycystic ovary syndrome following a very low-calorie diet in a community-based setting with trained facilitators for 12 weeks

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# Variazione del microbiota indotto dalle VLCKD

## **Beneficial Effects of a Dietary Weight Loss Intervention on Human Gut Microbiome Diversity and Metabolism Are Not Sustained during Weight Maintenance**

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# Aumento della biodiversità e dell'*Acinetobacter*

## Abstract

**Objective:** In the present study, we examined the effect of a very low-calorie diet (VLCD)-based obesity program on human gut microbiome diversity and metabolism during weight loss and weight maintenance. **Methods:** Obese subjects underwent 3 months of VLCD followed by 3 months of weight maintenance. A lean and an obese control group were included. The microbiome was characterized by performing high-throughput dual-indexed 16S rDNA amplicon sequencing. **Results:** At baseline, a significant difference in the Firmicutes/Bacteroidetes ratio between the lean and obese individuals was observed ( $p = 0.047$ ). The VLCD resulted in significant alterations in gut microbiome diversity from baseline to 3 months ( $p = 0.0053$ ). *Acinetobacter* represented an indicator species for the observed effect (indicator value = 0.998,  $p = 0.006$ ). Metabolic analyses revealed alterations of the bacterial riboflavin pathway from baseline to 3 months ( $p_{\text{nom}} = 0.0078$ ). These changes in diversity and bacterial metabolism induced by VLCD diminished during the weight maintenance phase, despite sustained reductions in body weight and sustained improvements of insulin sensitivity. **Conclusion:** The present data show that a VLCD is able to beneficially alter both gut microbiome diversity and metabolism in obese humans, but that these changes are not sustained during weight maintenance. This finding might suggest that the microbiome should be targeted during obesity programs.

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# ARTICLE

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## **Artificial sweeteners induce glucose intolerance by altering the gut microbiota**

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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Short-term safety, tolerability and efficacy of a very low-calorie-ketogenic diet interventional weight loss program versus hypocaloric diet in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus

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**BACKGROUND:** The safety and tolerability of very low-calorie-ketogenic (VLCK) diets are a current concern in the treatment of obese type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) patients.

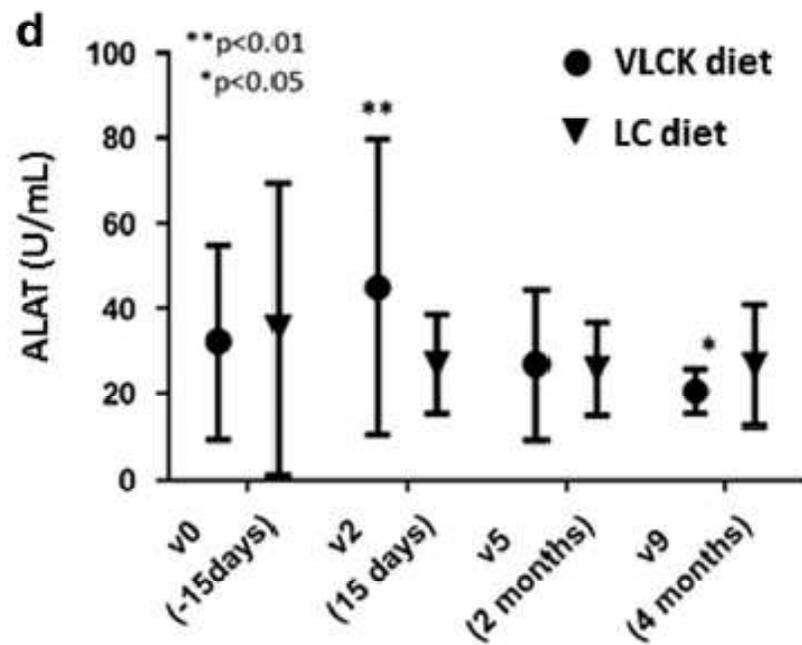
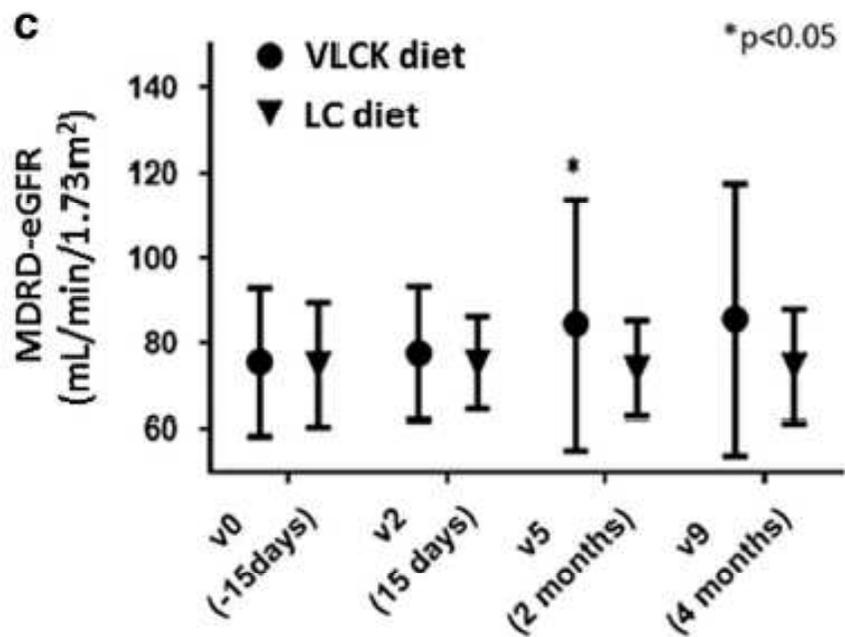
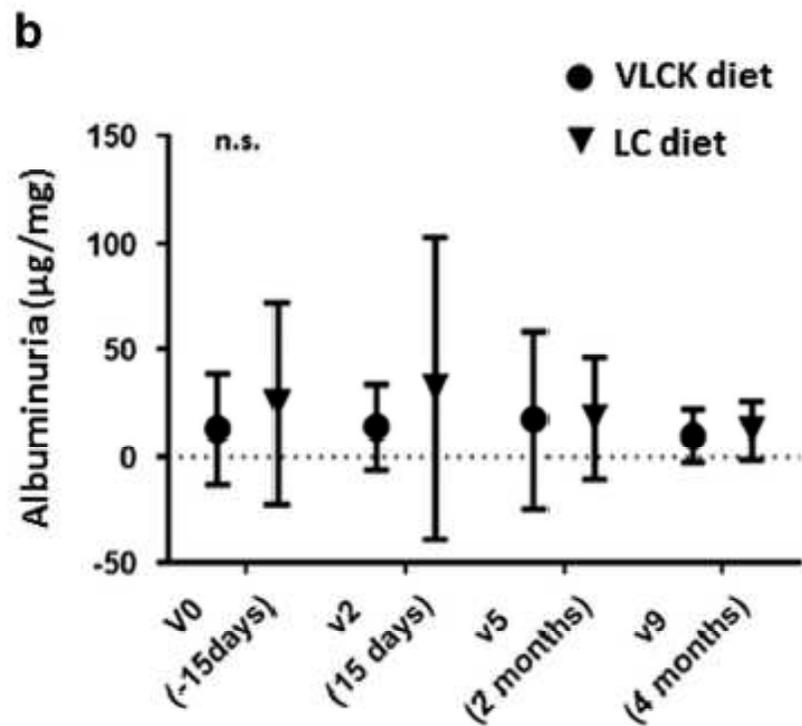
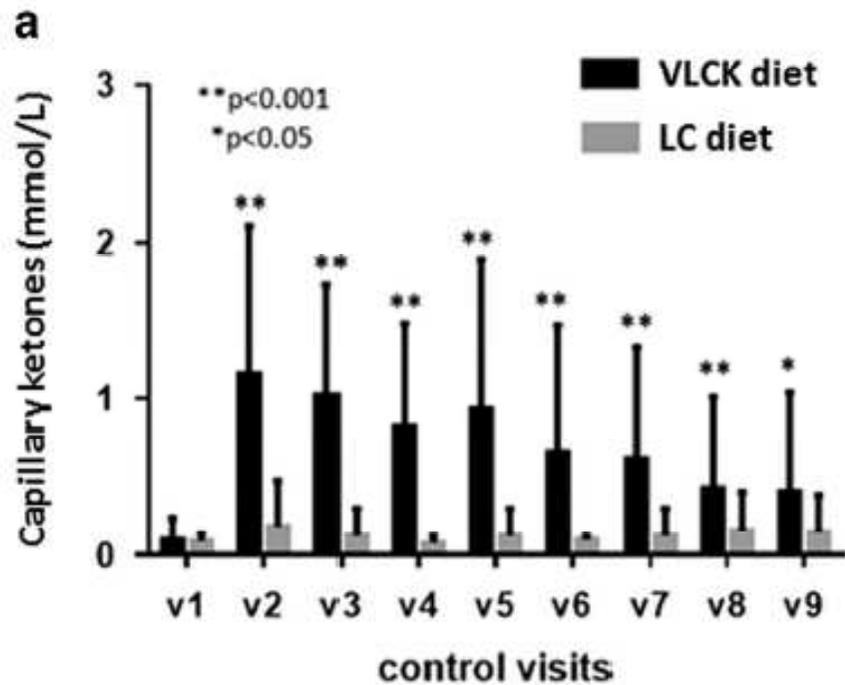
**OBJECTIVE:** Evaluating the short-term safety and tolerability of a VLCK diet (< 50 g of carbohydrate daily) in an interventional weight loss program including lifestyle and behavioral modification support (Diaprokai Method) in subjects with T2DM.

**METHODS:** Eighty-nine men and women, aged between 30 and 65 years, with T2DM and body mass index between 30 and 35 kg m<sup>-2</sup> participated in this prospective, open-label, multi-centric randomized clinical trial with a duration of 4 months. Forty-five subjects were randomly assigned to the interventional weight loss (VLCK diet), and 44 to the standard low-calorie diet.

**RESULTS:** No significant differences in the laboratory safety parameters were found between the two study groups. Changes in the urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio in VLCK diet were not significant and were comparable to control group. Creatinine and blood urea nitrogen did not change significantly relative to baseline nor between groups. Weight loss and reduction in waist circumference in the VLCK diet group were significantly larger than in control subjects (both  $P < 0.001$ ). The decline in HbA1c and glycemic control was larger in the VLCK diet group ( $P < 0.05$ ). No serious adverse events were reported and mild AE in the VLCK diet group declined at last follow-up.

**CONCLUSIONS:** The interventional weight loss program based on a VLCK diet is most effective in reducing body weight and improvement of glycemic control than a standard hypocaloric diet with safety and good tolerance for T2DM patients.

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# Indicatori di efficacia

Table 3. Efficacy outcomes

|   | VLCK diet group (n = 45) |              |                      | LC diet group (n = 40) |                         |                      |
|---|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
|   | Baseline                 | 4 months     | P-value <sup>a</sup> | Baseline               | 4 months                | P-value <sup>a</sup> |
| <i>Body weight</i>                            |                          |              |                      |                        |                         |                      |
| Body weight (kg)                              | 91.5 (11.4)              | 76.8 (9.1)   | < <b>0.0001</b>      | 90.0 (11.3)            | 84.95 (13.6)            | 0.5960               |
| Weight lost > 5% of weight                    | -                        | 40 (97.6%)   | -                    | -                      | 18 (50.0%) <sup>†</sup> | -                    |
| Weight lost > 10% of weight                   | -                        | 35 (85.4%)   | -                    | -                      | 6 (16.7%) <sup>†</sup>  | -                    |
| BMI (kg m <sup>-2</sup> )                     | 33.3 (1.5)               | 27.9 (1.8)   | < <b>0.0001</b>      | 32.9 (1.6)             | 31.0 (2.2)              | < <b>0.0001</b>      |
| Waist (cm)                                    | 108.1 (8.6)              | 96.1 (7.6)   | < <b>0.0001</b>      | 105.8 (8.5)            | 100.4 (9.2)             | <b>0.0481</b>        |
| <i>Glycemic control</i>                       |                          |              |                      |                        |                         |                      |
| Fasting glycemia (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )       | 136.9 (34.4)             | 108.9 (20.4) | < <b>0.0001</b>      | 140.5 (43.1)           | 123.3 (24.3)            | 0.1821               |
| HbA1c (%)                                     | 6.9 (1.1)                | 6.0 (0.7)    | < <b>0.0001</b>      | 6.8 (1.0)              | 6.4 (0.8)               | 0.1453               |
| Patients with HbA1c ≥ 7%                      | 21 (46.7%)               | 5 (12.8%)    | <b>0.0008</b>        | 15 (34.9%)             | 9 (25.7%)               | 0.3828               |
| HOMA Index                                    | 6.9 (4.4)                | 3.5 (1.9)    | < <b>0.0001</b>      | 5.8 (2.9)              | 4.6 (2.5) <sup>†</sup>  | <b>0.0010</b>        |
| Patients treated with oral antidiabetic drugs | 33 (73.3%)               | 20 (50.0%)   | <b>0.0267</b>        | 38 (86.4%)             | 30 (83.3%)              | 0.7057               |
| <i>Lipid profile</i>                          |                          |              |                      |                        |                         |                      |
| Total cholesterol (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )      | 200.1 (36.0)             | 187.5 (46.3) | 0.1615               | 199.4 (51.0)           | 191.7 (34.1)            | 0.4489               |
| Triglycerides (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )          | 150.5 (54.4)             | 114.6 (57.2) | <b>0.0040</b>        | 176.1 (92.0)           | 158.3 (61.0)            | 0.3308               |
| LDL-c (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )                  | 112.7 (33.6)             | 110.6 (38.4) | 0.7892               | 109.8 (45.5)           | 107.1 (29.9)            | 0.7629               |
| HDL-c (mg dl <sup>-1</sup> )                  | 55.9 (11.1)              | 54.5 (11.3)  | 0.5728               | 55.1 (11.7)            | 52.4 (10.0)             | 0.3017               |

# Effetti collaterali

**Table 2.** Adverse effects in both groups

| Symptoms <sup>a</sup>           | V2 (15 days)                |                           |         | V9 (4 months)               |                           |         |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
|                                 | VLCK diet group<br>(n = 15) | LC diet group<br>(n = 14) | P-value | VLCK diet group<br>(n = 15) | LC diet group<br>(n = 14) | P-value |
| Asthenia                        | 7                           | 0                         | 0.0092  | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3396  |
| Headache                        | 9                           | 1                         | 0.0124  | 2                           | 0                         | 0.1739  |
| Nausea                          | 9                           | 0                         | 0.0028  | 3                           | 0                         | 0.0936  |
| Vomiting                        | 7                           | 0                         | 0.0092  | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3396  |
| Constipation                    | 2                           | 0                         | 0.1772  | 8                           | 0                         | 0.0046  |
| Cramps                          | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3429  | 0                           | 0                         | –       |
| Myalgia                         | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3429  | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3396  |
| Muscular weakness               | 1                           | 1                         | 0.9328  | 0                           | 0                         | –       |
| Heaviness and tiredness of legs | 1                           | 1                         | 0.9328  | 0                           | 0                         | –       |
| Hair loss                       | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3429  | 2                           | 0                         | 0.1739  |
| Orthostatic hypotension         | 0                           | 0                         | –       | 6                           | 0                         | 0.0155  |
| Edema                           | 0                           | 0                         | –       | 1                           | 0                         | 0.3396  |
| Others <sup>b,c</sup>           | 20                          | 4                         | 0.0004  | 5                           | 8                         | 0.0731  |
| <i>Patients lost</i>            |                             |                           |         |                             |                           |         |
| Due to side-effects             | 0                           | 0                         |         | 1                           | 0                         |         |
| Voluntary dropout               | 0                           | 4                         |         | 4                           | 4                         |         |
| Total dropout                   | –                           | –                         |         | 5                           | 8                         |         |

# VLCKD e remissione del DMT2

*Research Design and Methods:* People with T2DM duration 0.5-23 years (n=30) followed a VLCD for 8 weeks. All oral agents or insulins were stopped at baseline. Following stepped return to isocaloric diet, a structured, individualized program of weight maintenance was provided. Glucose control, insulin sensitivity, insulin secretion, hepatic and pancreas fat content were quantified at baseline, after return to isocaloric diet and after 6 months to permit the primary comparison of change between post-weight loss and 6 months in responders. Responders were defined as achieving fasting blood glucose <7mmol/l after return to isocaloric diet.

*Results:* Weight fell ( $98.0 \pm 2.6$  to  $83.8 \pm 2.4$  kg) and remained stable over 6 months ( $84.7 \pm 2.5$  kg). 12/30 achieved fasting plasma glucose <7mmol/l following return to isocaloric diet (responders), and 13/30 after 6 months. Responders had shorter duration diabetes and higher initial fasting plasma insulin level. HbA1c fell from  $7.1 \pm 0.3$  to  $5.8 \pm 0.2\%$  ( $55 \pm 4$  to  $40 \pm 2$  mmol/mol) in responders ( $p < 0.001$ ), and from  $8.4 \pm 0.3$  to  $8.0 \pm 0.5\%$  ( $68 \pm 3$  to  $64 \pm 5$  mmol/mol) in non-responders, remaining constant at 6 months ( $5.9 \pm 0.2$  and  $7.8 \pm 0.3\%$ ;  $41 \pm 2$  and  $62 \pm 3$  mmol/mol respectively). The responders were characterized by return of first phase insulin response.

*Conclusions:* A robust and sustainable weight loss program achieved continuing remission of diabetes for at least 6 months in the 40% who responded to a VLCD by achieving fasting plasma glucose of <7mmol/l. T2DM is a potentially reversible condition.

Very low calorie diet and 6 months of weight stability in type 2 diabetes: Pathophysiologic changes in responders and non-responders Diabetes Care. 2016 May;39(5):808-15

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# Responders vs. non responders

**Table 1.** Fasting anthropometric and metabolic data in responders and non-responders at baseline, after the VLCD and return to isocaloric eating, and then after a 6 month weight maintenance period (\* =  $p < 0.05$  for baseline to after VLCD difference; # =  $p < 0.05$  for baseline to month 6 difference and ° =  $p < 0.05$  for baseline difference between groups). HGP=hepatic glucose production; IR= insulin resistance; IS = insulin sensitivity; VAT=visceral adipose tissue; SAT=subcutaneous adipose tissue; BP= blood pressure.

|  | Responders (n=12) |                  |                  | Non-Responders (n=17) |                    |                    |
|--|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|  | Baseline          | After VLCD       | After 6 months   | Baseline              | After VLCD         | After 6 months     |
| Weight (kg)  | 99.8±3.2          | 84.1±3.1         | 84.4±3.2         | 96.7±3.9              | 83.6±3.5           | 84.8±3.7           |
| BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )   | 34.0±0.8          | 28.6±0.8 *       | 28.7±0.7 #       | 34.4±1.1              | 29.8±1.1 *         | 30.2±1.1 #         |
| Waist:hip ratio  | 0.97±0.02         | 0.93±0.02 *      | 0.93±0.02 #      | 0.96±0.02             | 0.91±0.01 *        | 0.92±0.01 #        |
| Fat mass (%)   | 36.2±1.9          | 30.1±2.0 *       | 31.5±1.9 #       | 42.6±2.2 °            | 37.2±2.0 *         | 40.8±2.5           |
| Serum insulin (mU/l)   | 20.4 (5.7-48.1)   | 7.9 (3.4-16.6) * | 7.6 (3.1-31.6) # | 9.3 (3.9-48.9) °      | 5.5 (1.4-22.9) *   | 5.9 (1.2-14.9) #   |
| Serum ALT (U/l)  | 43 (11-151)       | 26 (18-42) *     | 21 (7-27) #      | 22 (12-61) °          | 19 (13-47)         | 18 (9-33) #        |
| Triglycerides (mmol/l)   | 1.97±0.32         | 1.25±0.16 *      | 1.15±0.12 #      | 1.30 (0.50-8.10)      | 1.00 (0.60-2.00) * | 1.20 (0.50-3.10) # |
| Non-HDL cholesterol (mmol/l)   | 3.6±0.3           | 2.8±0.3 *        | 2.8±0.3 #        | 3.3±0.3               | 2.7±0.3 *          | 2.7±0.2 #          |
| HDL cholesterol (mmol/l)   | 1.1±0.1           | 1.1±0.1          | 1.4±0.1 #        | 1.3±0.1 °             | 1.3±0.1            | 1.5±0.1            |
| Basal HGP (mg/kg <sub>FM</sub> /min)   | 2.6 (2.2-4.0)     | 2.4 (2.1-3.5)    | 2.7 (2.4-3.1)    | 3.3 (2.6-8.1)         | 3.0 (2.4-4.5) *    | 3.2 (2.2-8.6)      |
| Hepatic IR index<br>( $\mu\text{mol}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}\cdot\text{kg}_{\text{FM}}^{-1}\cdot\text{pmol}\cdot\Gamma^{-1}$ ) | 2153 (822-5947)   | 851 (305-1798)   | 750 (310-3723)   | 1237 (425-6602)       | 773 (156-2201)     | 755 (166-2397)     |
| Muscle IS (mg/kg <sub>FM</sub> /min)   | 5.9±0.4           | 7.0±0.6          | 7.2±0.8          | 8.9±1.3               | 9.0±0.9            | 10.4±1.2 #         |
| VAT area (cm <sup>2</sup> )  | 287.0±23.1        | 191.9±18.9 *     | 179.5 ±22.3 #    | 289.6±23.7            | 209.5±22.1 *       | 198.9±4.8 #        |
| SAT area (cm <sup>2</sup> )  | 319.6±31.0        | 232.0±23.1 *     | 238.6±20.3 #     | 285.4±24.7            | 223.3±23.5 *       | 219.3±22.8 #       |
| Systolic BP (mmHg)   | 142±5             | 129±7 *          | 128±5 #          | 159±6                 | 139±5 *            | 143±6 #            |
| Diastolic BP (mmHg)  | 91±2              | 84±4 *           | 82±2 #           | 90±2                  | 84±2 *             | 85±2 #             |

**Lancet. 2017 Dec 4. Primary care-led weight management for remission of type 2 diabetes (DiRECT): an open-label, cluster-randomised trial.** Lean ME et al.

Open-label, cluster-randomised trial (DiRECT) at 49 primary care practices in Scotland and the Tyneside region of England. Practices were randomly assigned (1:1), via a computer-generated list, to provide either a weight management programme (intervention) or best-practice care by guidelines (control). We recruited individuals aged 20-65 years who had been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes within the past 6 years, had a body-mass index of 27-45 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, and were not receiving insulin. The intervention comprised withdrawal of antidiabetic and antihypertensive drugs, total diet replacement (**825-853 kcal/day** formula diet for 3-5 months), stepped food reintroduction (2-8 weeks), and structured support for long-term weight loss maintenance. Co-primary outcomes were weight loss of 15 kg or more, and remission of diabetes, defined as glycated haemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub>) of less than 6.5% after at least 2 months off all antidiabetic medications, from baseline to 12 months. We recruited **306 individuals**. At 12 months, we recorded weight loss of 15 kg or more in 36 (24%) participants in the intervention group and no participants in the control group ( $p < 0.0001$ ). **Diabetes remission** was achieved in 68 (**46%**) participants in the intervention group and six (**4%**) participants in the control group. Remission varied with weight loss in the whole study population, with achievement in none of 76 participants who gained weight, six (7%) of 89 participants who maintained 0-5 kg weight loss, 19 (34%) of 56 participants with 5-10 kg loss, 16 (57%) of 28 participants with 10-15 kg loss, and 31 (86%) of 36 participants who lost 15 kg or more. Mean bodyweight fell by 10.0 kg (SD 8.0) in the intervention group and 1.0 kg (3.7) in the control group (adjusted difference -8.8 kg, 95% CI -10.3 to -7.3;  $p < 0.0001$ ). Quality of life, as measured by the EuroQol 5 Dimensions visual analogue scale, improved by 7.2 points (SD 21.3) in the intervention group, and decreased by 2.9 points (15.5) in the control group (adjusted difference 6.4 points, 95% CI 2.5-10.3;  $p = 0.0012$ ). Nine serious adverse events were reported by seven (4%) of 157 participants in the intervention group and two were reported by two (1%) participants in the control group. Two serious adverse events (biliary colic and abdominal pain), occurring in the same participant, were deemed potentially related to the intervention. No serious adverse events led to withdrawal from the study. At 12 months, almost half of participants achieved remission to a non-diabetic state and off antidiabetic drugs.

# Meccanismi ipoglicemizzanti delle VLCKD

## Effetti acuti:

- 1) riduzione drastica apporto di carboidrati (**effetto preponderante**)
- 2) ripristino precoce funzione beta cellulare
- 3) incremento secrezione endogena incretinica in risposta al pasto
- 4) modulazione della secrezione di leptina/adiponectina e altre adipochine

## Effetti nel medio e lungo termine:

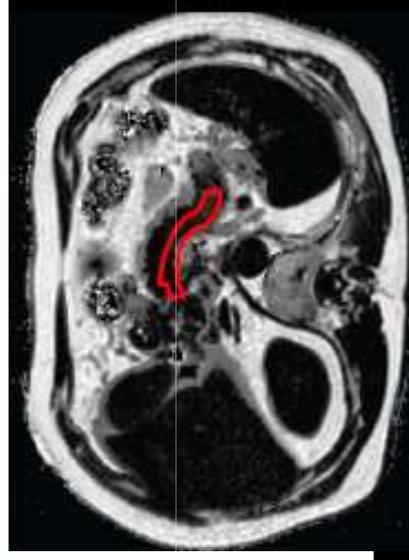
- 1) riduzione insulinoresistenza nei tessuti bersaglio per tessuto adiposo nel fegato, nel muscolo scheletrico e del VAT)
- 2) appetito per modulazione GLP-1, leptina, insulina
- 3) stile di vita più attivo con incremento attività fisica

**Riduzione tessuto adiposo  
ectopico epatopancreatico con  
ripristino precoce funzione beta  
cellulare**

# Reversal of type 2 diabetes: normalisation of beta cell function in association with decreased pancreas and liver triacylglycerol

Diabetologia (2011) 54:2506–2514

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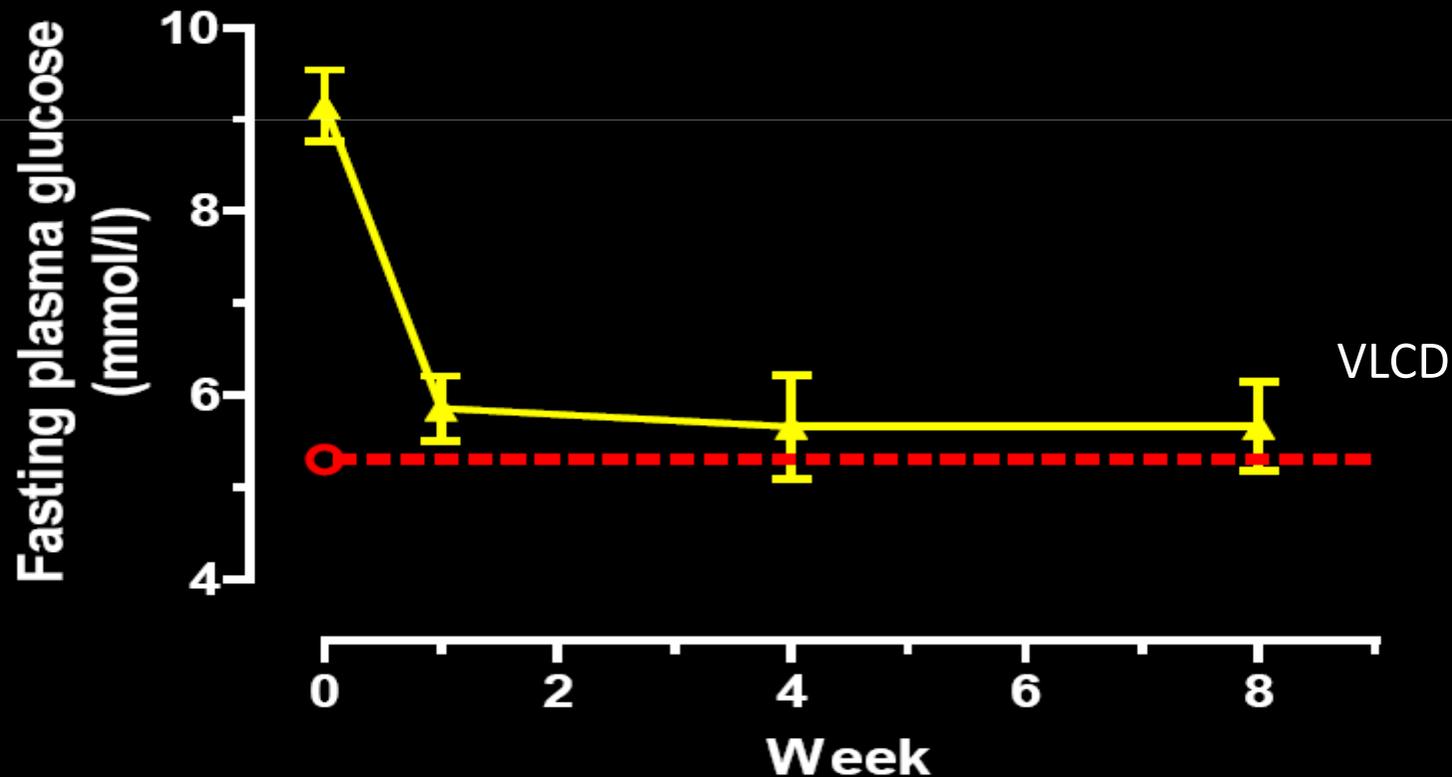
- a) Pancreas: beta cell function using an incremental insulin secretion test
- b) Liver: insulin sensitivity by isoglycaemic hyperinsulinaemic clamp
- c) Liver and pancreatic fat levels: 3 point Dixon MR method

# Counterpoint Study

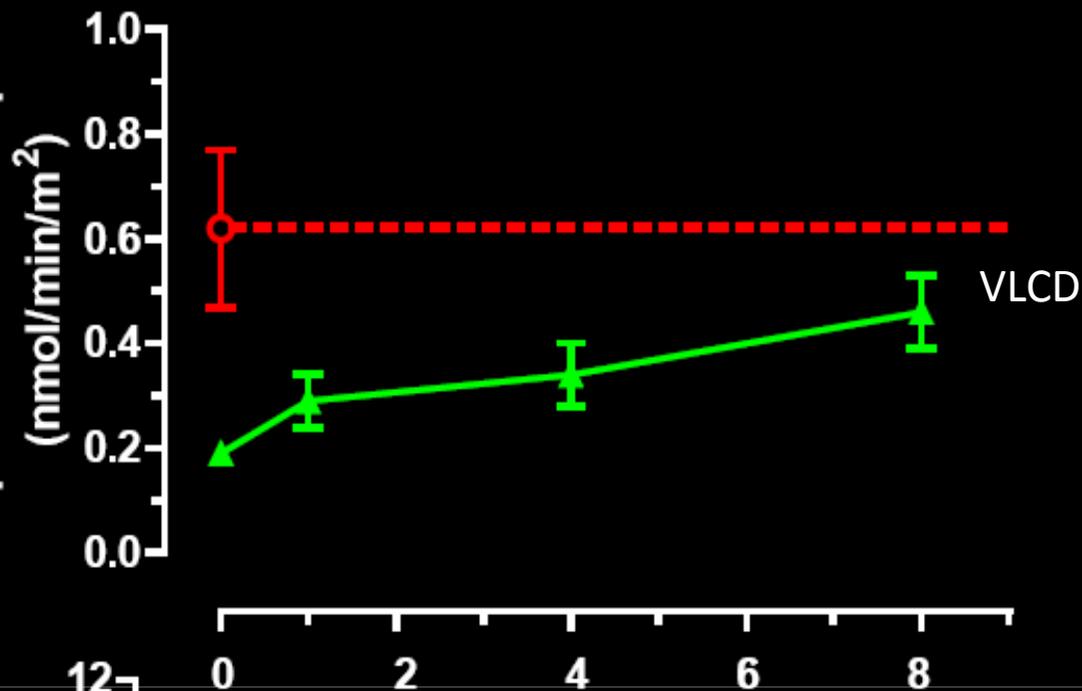
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## Plasma glucose

$9.2 \pm 0.4 \rightarrow 5.9 \pm 0.4$  mmol/l;  $p = 0.003$

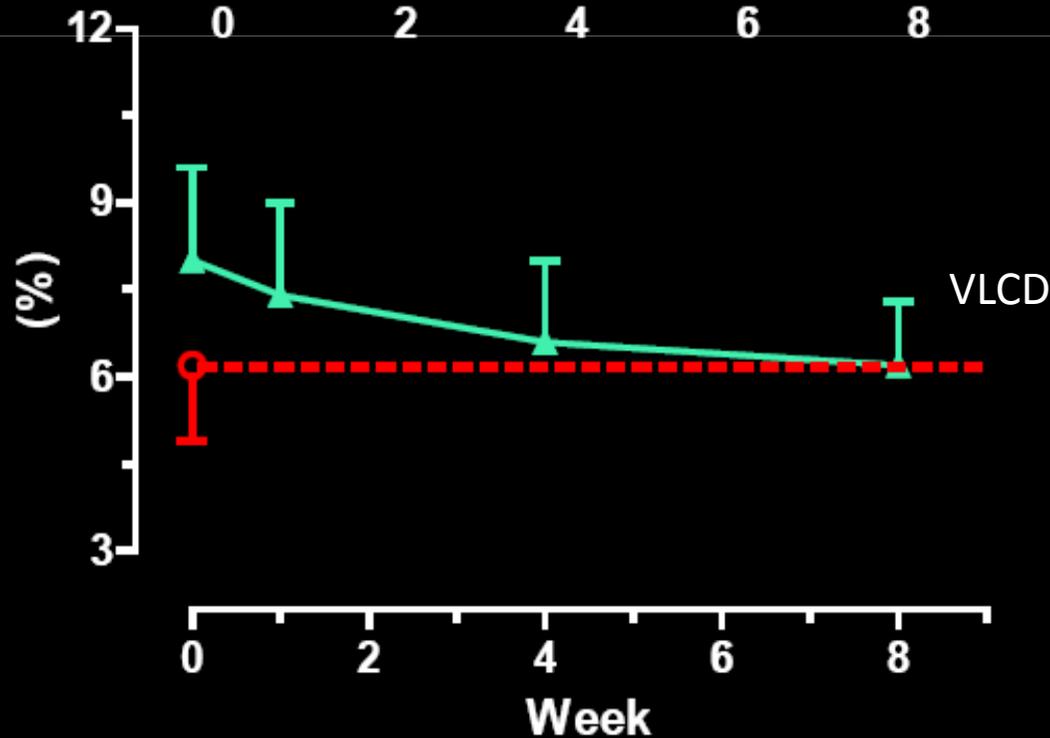


First phase insulin response



- Insulin secretion ↑ steadily
- At 8 weeks, similar to control values

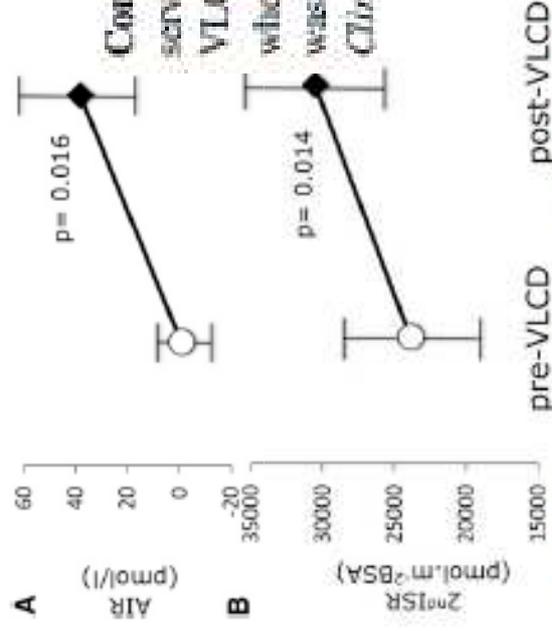
Pancreas fat content (%)



- Pancreatic fat content fell gradually over 8 weeks

# Very-low-calorie diet: a quick therapeutic tool to improve $\beta$ cell function in morbidly obese patients with type 2 diabetes<sup>1-3</sup>

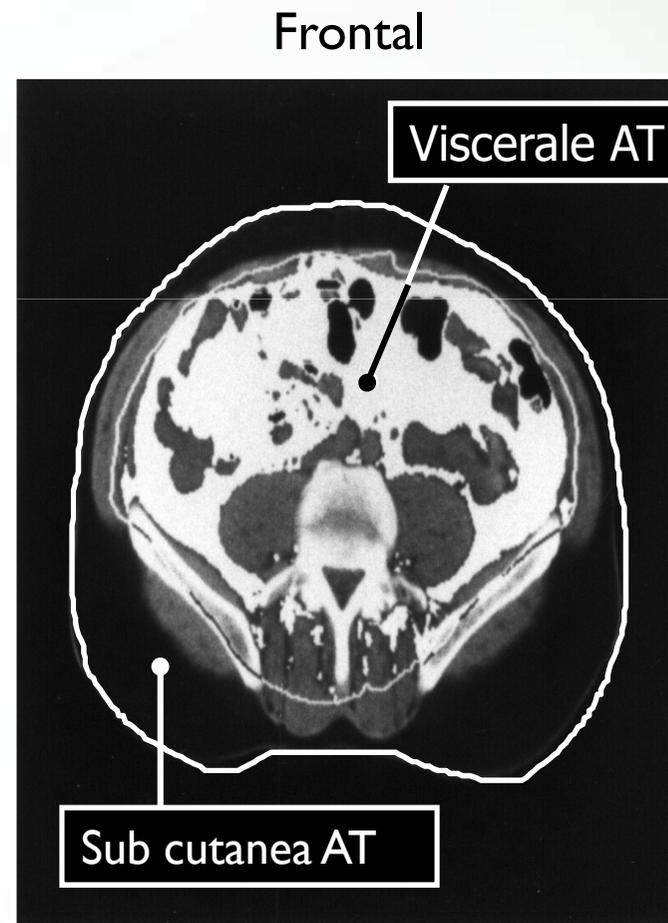
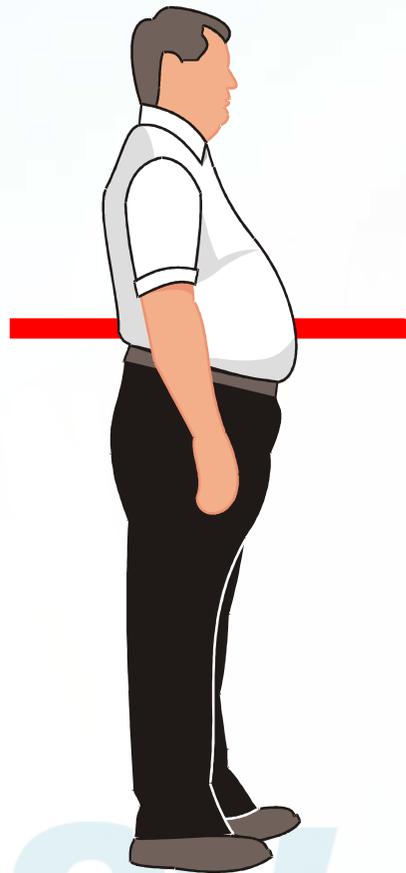
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**FIGURE 2.** Mean ( $\pm$ SEM) AIR (A) and 2ndISR (B) in response to a VLCD.  $n = 14$  in each panel. AIR, acute insulin response; VLCD, very-low-calorie diet; 2ndISR, second-phase insulin secretion rate, ie, total amount of insulin released during second-phase secretion.

**Conclusion:** The marked improvement in metabolic profile, observed in severely obese patients with type 2 diabetes after a 7-d VLCD, was primarily due to the amelioration of  $\beta$  cell function, whereas no contribution of insulin sensitivity was shown. This trial was registered at [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov) as NCT01447524. *Am J Clin Nutr* 2012;95:609-13.

# Effetti su tessuto adiposo viscerale e steatosi epatica

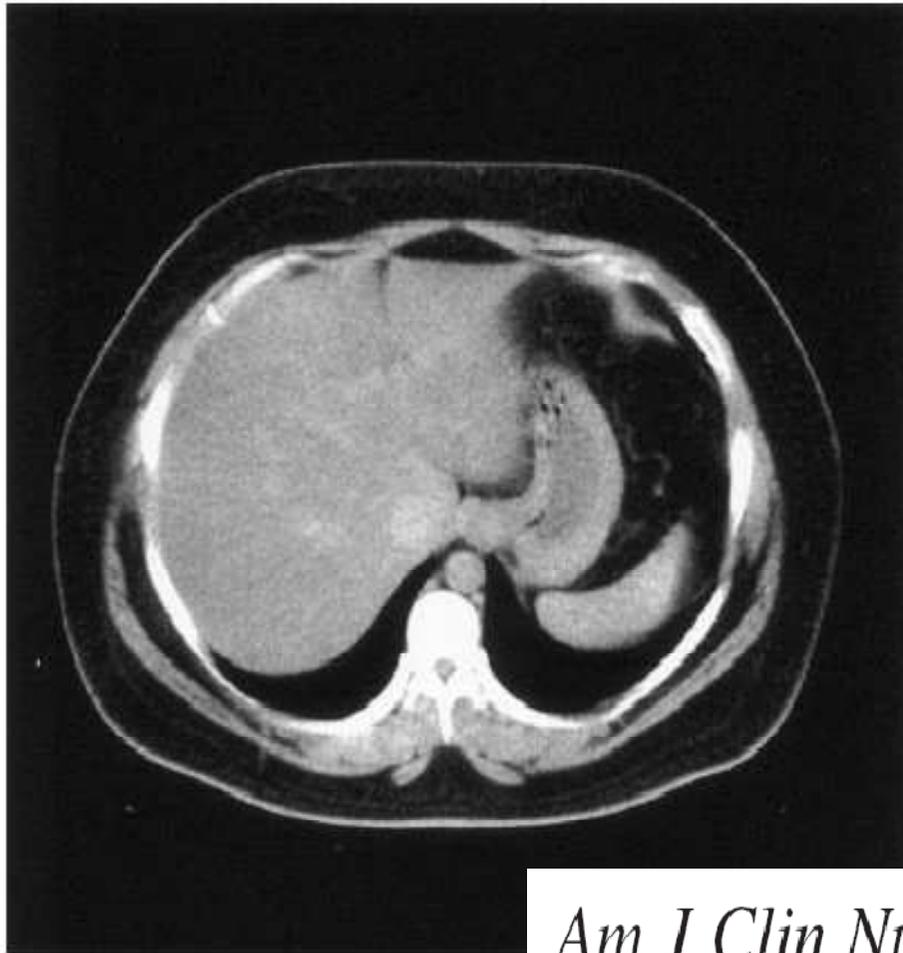


Dorsal

# Fegato

Baseline

Week 12



*Am J Clin Nutr* 2006;84:304–11.

- Gli effetti antidiabetici delle VLCKD (riduzione dei livelli glicemici con ripristino della funzione beta cellulare) sono **correlati alla riduzione dei livelli di trigliceridi in sede epatica e pancreatica**
- A differenza dei farmaci antidiabetici anche innovativi, la dieta proteica rappresenta uno strumento altamente efficace per arrestare il declino beta cellulare (**REMISSIONE DEL DIABETE**) analogamente a quanto indotto dalla chirurgia bariatrica

## **Effetti su russamento notturno e OSAS**

**La riduzione dell'edema dei tessuti molli dell'orofaringe, del grasso cervicale e delle resistenze all'espansione diaframmatica riduce numero e gravità delle apnee notturne**



- **Effetto riscontrabile già dopo pochi giorni di dieta**
- **Effetto più marcato nei soggetti con ridotta lunghezza mandibolare**

## **Preparazione preoperatoria alla chirurgia bariatrica**



La **perdita di peso preoperatoria** del paziente (**riduzione della massa grassa viscerale e del volume epatico**):

- **migliora le procedure dell'intervento**
- **ottimizza il timing chirurgico**
- **riduce il rischio anestesiológico**
- **aumenta la compliance del paziente al regime dietetico postoperatorio**
- **rappresenta un utile strumento predittivo del successo dell'intervento nel lungo periodo**

## **La terapia farmacologica ipoglicemizzante orale e insulinica durante la dieta proteica**



**È opportuno concordare preventivamente le  
variazioni del dosaggio con il diabetologo o il  
medico curante**



## **VLCKD e farmaci antidiabetici**

- 1) Sospendere prima dell'inizio della dieta gli SGLT2 inibitori (rischio di chetoacidosi), i secretagoghi (rischio di ipoglicemia) e acarbose (inutilità clinica e meteorismo)**
- 2) Subito dopo i glitazonici (edema e aumento peso)**
- 3) Subito dopo i DPP-4 inibitori/GLP-1 agonisti (per inibizione glucagone e moderata stimolazione insulinica)**
- 4) Infine la metformina**

Se glicemia media di risveglio (FPG) compresa tra 80 e 110 mg/dl: dimezzare analogo lento serale;

## **VLCKD e terapia insulinica**

Se FPG tra 110 e 150 mg/dl ridurre dose del 30%

Se FPG tra 150 e 200 mg/dl: lasciare dose invariata

Se FPG > 250 mg/dl: iniziare dieta ipocalorica standard fino ad avere FPG < 250 mg/dl

Dimezzare dose analoghi insulinici rapidi da subito fino a eventuale progressiva e graduale sospensione

Nel primo mese è opportuno adeguare settimanalmente la dose insulinica via email

## **Attenzione:**

**enfaticamente importanza della prevenzione dell'ipoglicemia e del corretto trattamento nel paziente diabetico in corso di VLCKD chetogenica!**

## **Rischi:**

**il paziente può non correggere l'ipoglicemia per paura di uscire dalla chetosi e di un eventuale incremento ponderale CHO-indotto (non è sufficiente introdurre un integratore proteico)**

**Sospendere immediatamente la VLCD in presenza di febbre, vomito, dolori addominali, traumi, infezioni**

# TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA CARDIOVASCOLARE

## TERAPIA ANTIPERTENSIVA

1. Garantire un buon apporto di sodio con la dieta anche in presenza di ipertensione arteriosa
2. Monitorare i valori pressori domiciliari che si riducono già dopo 24-48 ore di dieta
3. In caso di PA non ben controllata prima dell'inizio dieta lasciare la terapia inalterata
4. Se PA a target al basale ridurre/sospendere (se PA < 120/80) nell'ordine:  
Alfa litici periferici (doxazosin) per ipotensione ortostatica  
Diuretici tiazidici/dell'ansa (idroclorotiazide/furosemide) per ipotassiemia  
Calcioantagonisti per rischio ipotensione  
Beta bloccanti (titolando la dose in modo che FC a riposo sia 60-70 bpm)  
ACE inibitori/antagonisti angiotensina II (preferire losartan)

## TERAPIA IPOURICEMIZZANTE

Controllo farmacologico con allopurinolo e/o febuxostat predieta; idratazione adeguata

## TERAPIA IPOLIPEMIZZANTE

**Statine** invariate o riduzione subordinata al raggiungimento specifico del target di LDL

**Ezetimibe** riduzione o sospensione subordinata al raggiungimento specifico del target di LDL

**Fibrati** riduzione o sospensione in base ai valori di trigliceridi o di colesterolo HDL

**Omega 3** riduzione (garantire un apporto fisiologico-sostitutivo con olio di krill)

**TERAPIA ANTIAGGREGANTE** invariata

**TERAPIA ANTICOGULANTE invariata** (preferire i NAO; monitorare verdure a foglia larga per dicumarolici con controllo INR dopo 2 settimane di dieta)

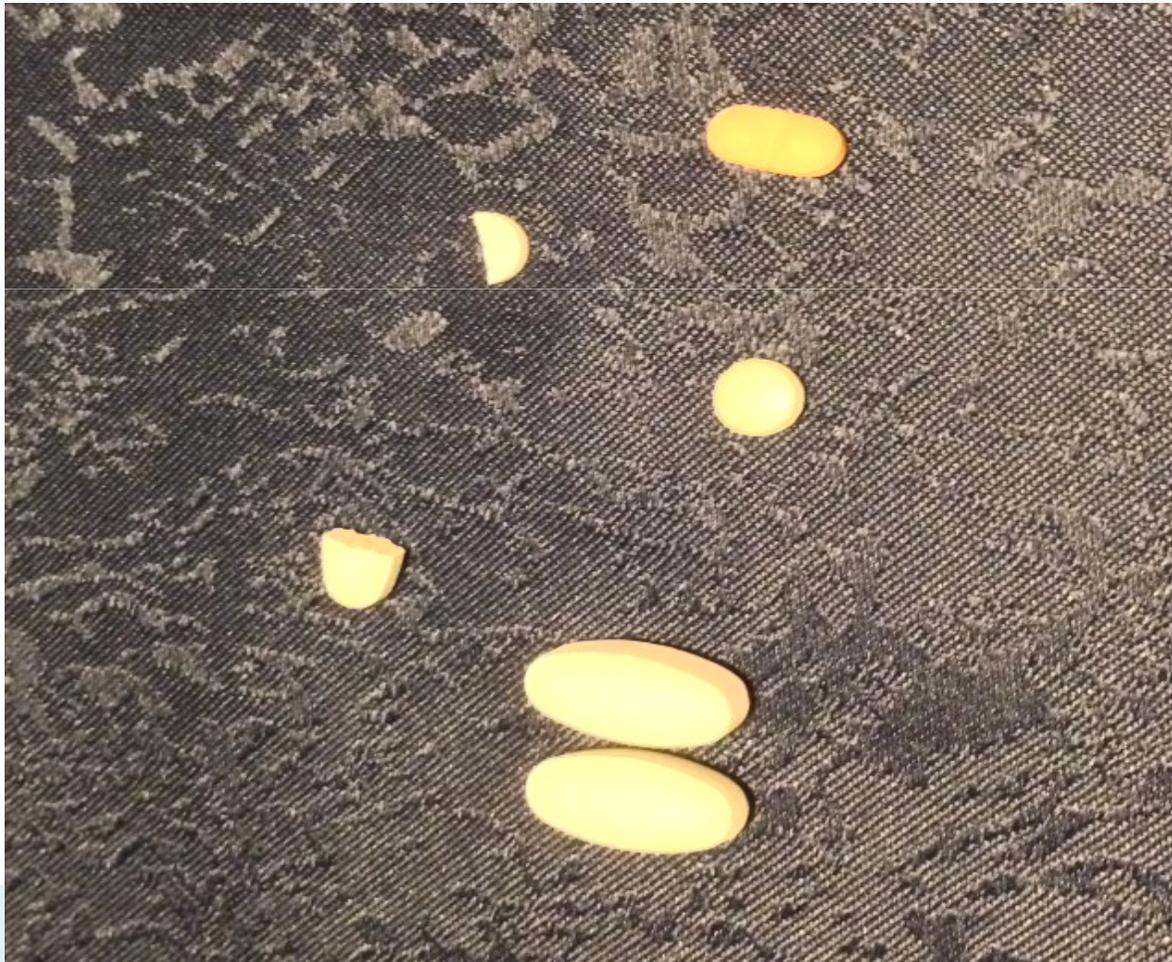
## **REGIME DIETETICO E TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA**

| <b>Data</b>          | <b>Peso</b>  | <b>Terapia farmacologica</b>  |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| <b>inizio</b>        | <b>115,8</b> | <b>Olmesartan 40; Furosemide 25; Atenololo 50; Glimepiride 4; Metformina 1000 x 2; Insulina lispro 10+25+25U; Insulina glargine 35U; ASA 100; Simvastatina 40; Omeprazolo 20.</b> |
| <b>1<br/>settim</b>  | <b>110,2</b> | <b>Olmesartan 40; Furosemide 25; Atenololo 50; Metforal 1000 x 2; Lantus 16 U; ASA 100; Simvastatina 40; Omeprazolo 20.</b>   |
| <b>16<br/>settim</b> | <b>92,8</b>  | <b>Olmesartan 20; Furosemide 12,5; Metforal 500 X 2; ASA 100; Simvastatina 20; Omeprazolo 20 mg. a dì alterni.</b>  |

# TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA: PRIMA DEL REGIME DIETETICO



# TERAPIA FARMACOLOGICA: DOPO 16 SETTIMANE



**Grazie per l'attenzione!**