

# Maternal nutrition and offspring metabolic health in India: inter-generational programming of diabetes

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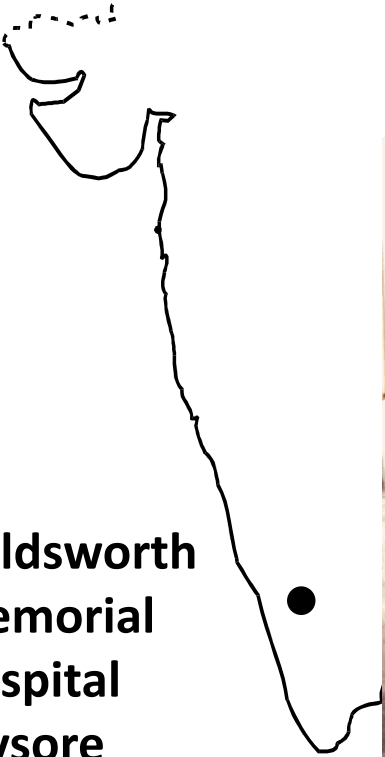


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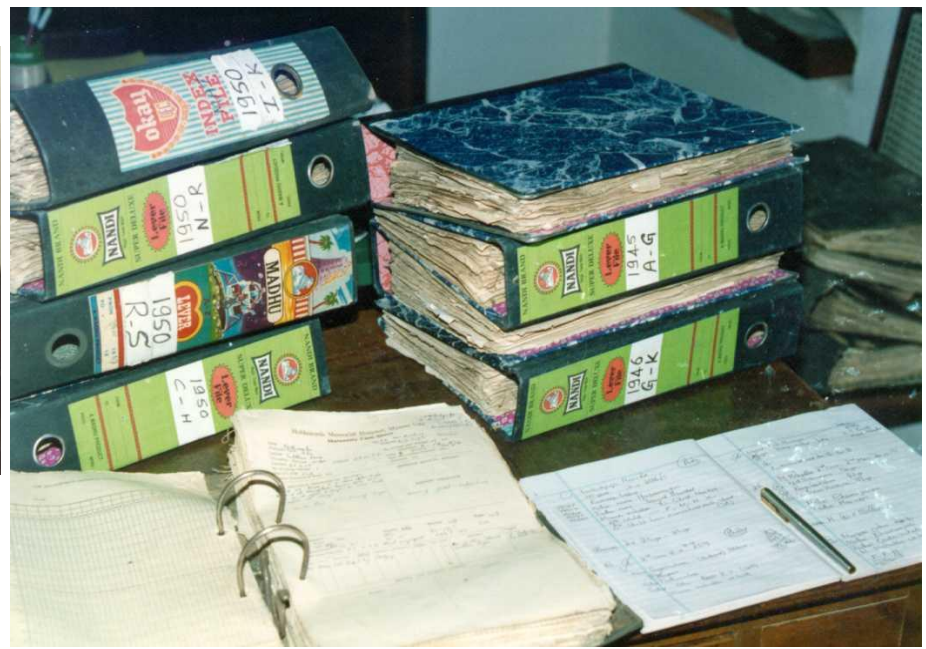
# Mysore Studies



**Holdsworth  
Memorial  
Hospital  
Mysore**



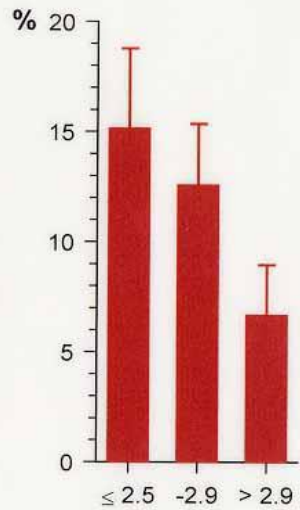
# Mysore Birth Records Study



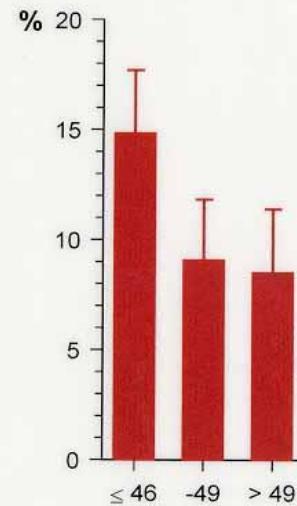
Stein et al, Lancet 1996

## PREVALENCE (%) OF CORONARY HEART DISEASE

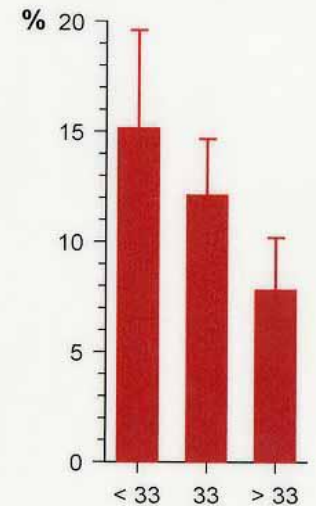
362 Men and women aged  $\geq 45$  years, Mysore, S.India



Birthweight (kg)

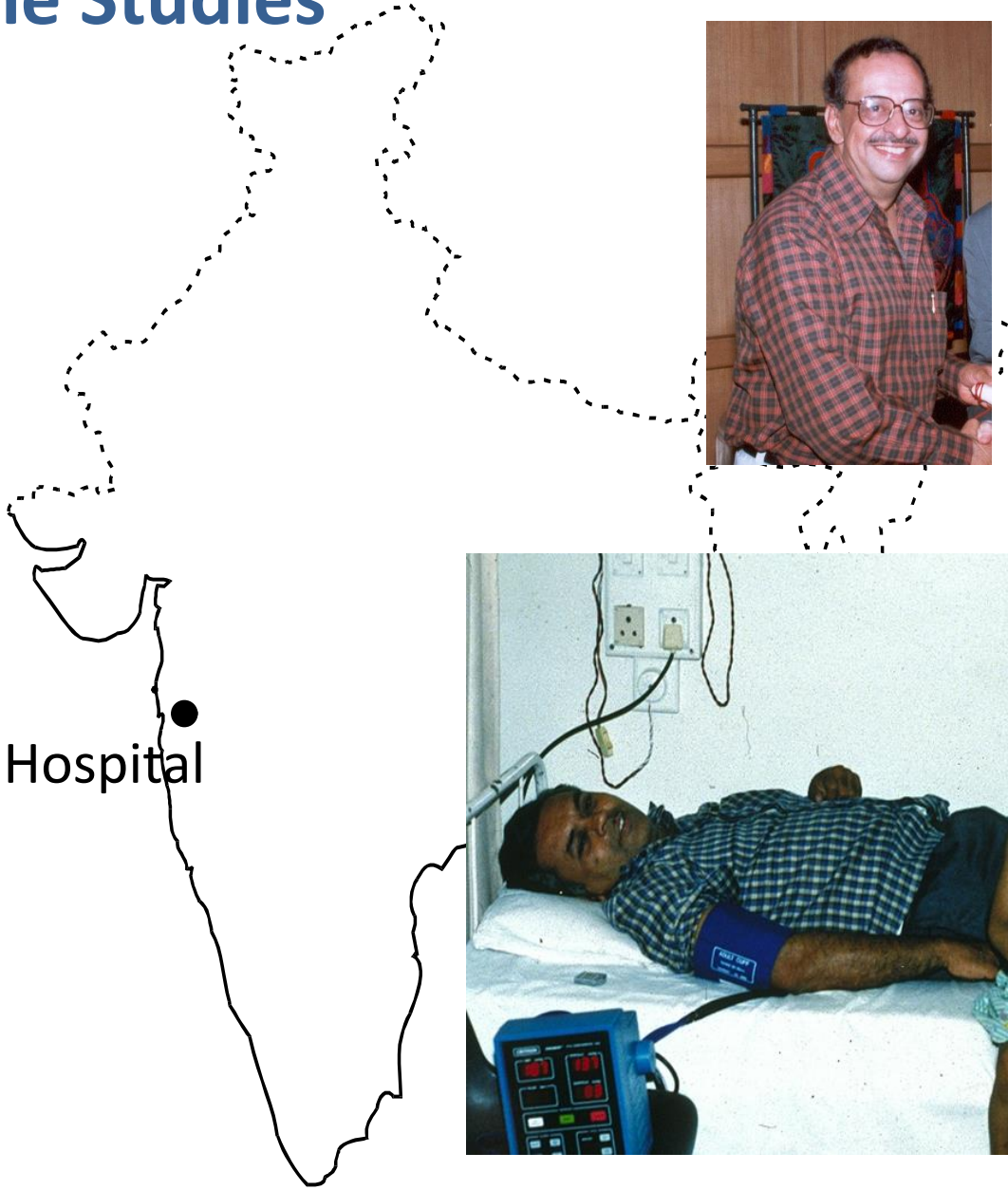


Birth length (cm)

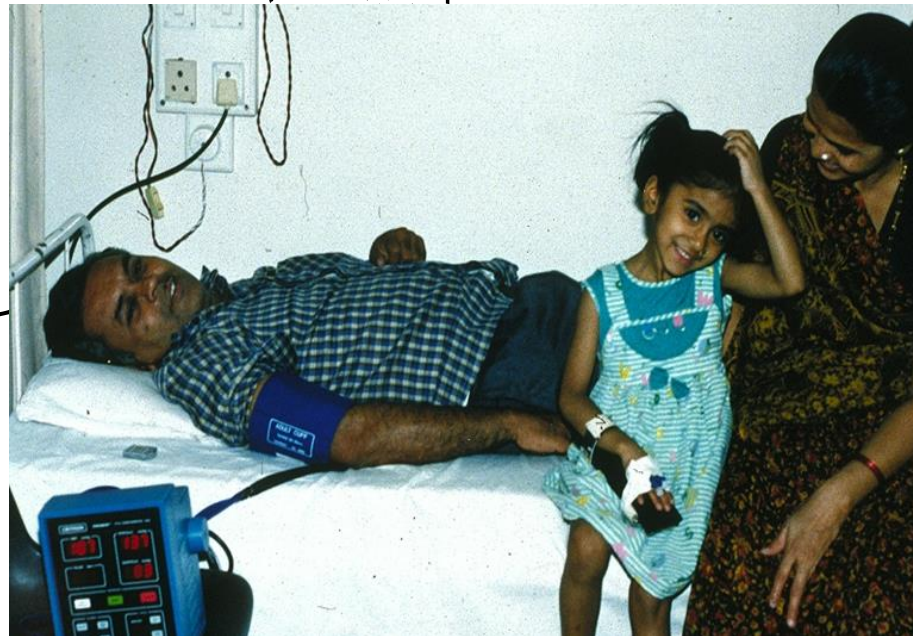


Head circumference (cm)

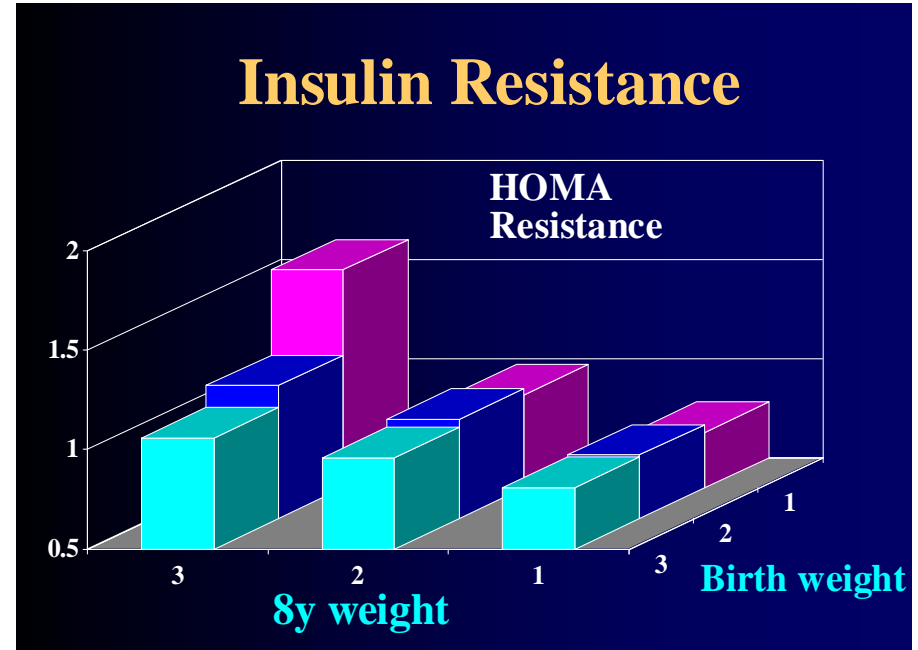
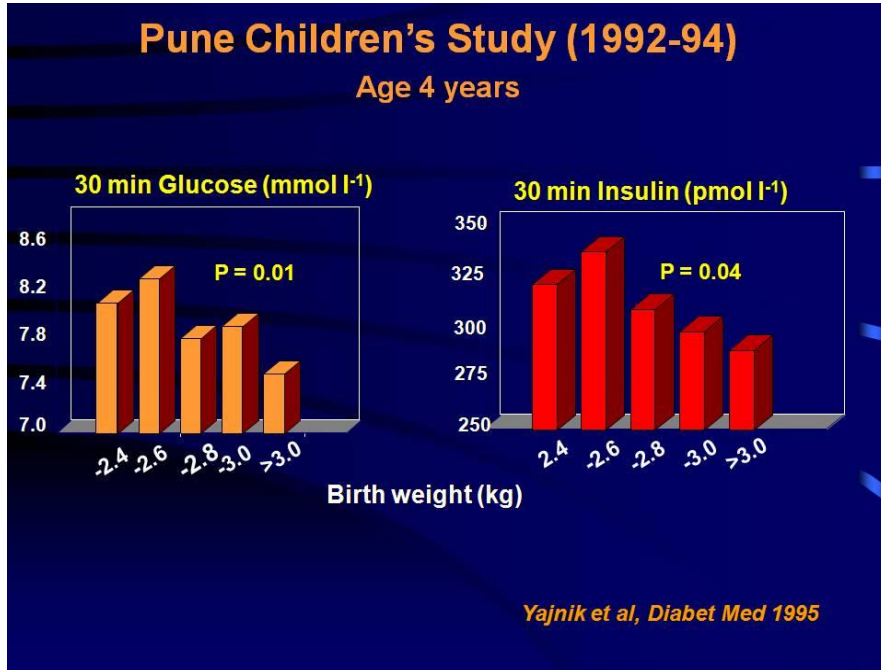
# Pune Studies



KEM Hospital  
Pune

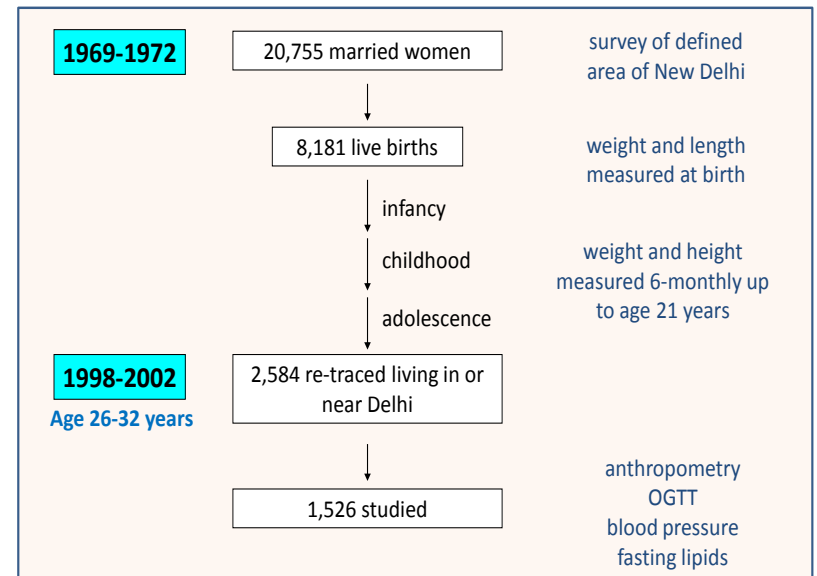
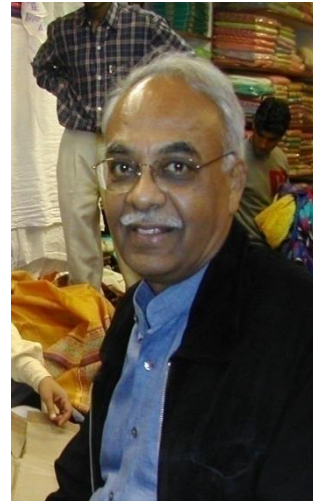
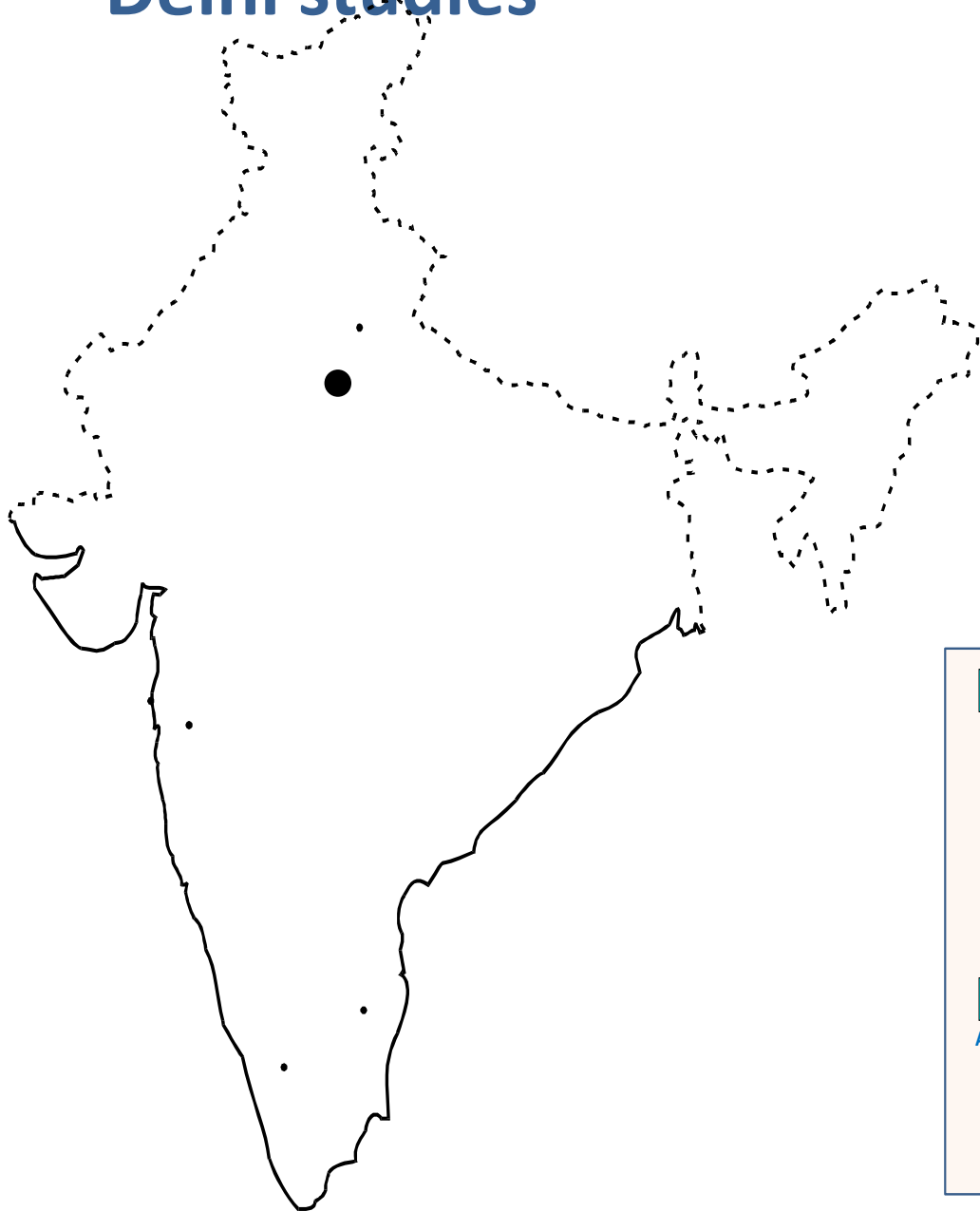


# Pune Children's Study



Bavdekar et al, Diabetes, 1999

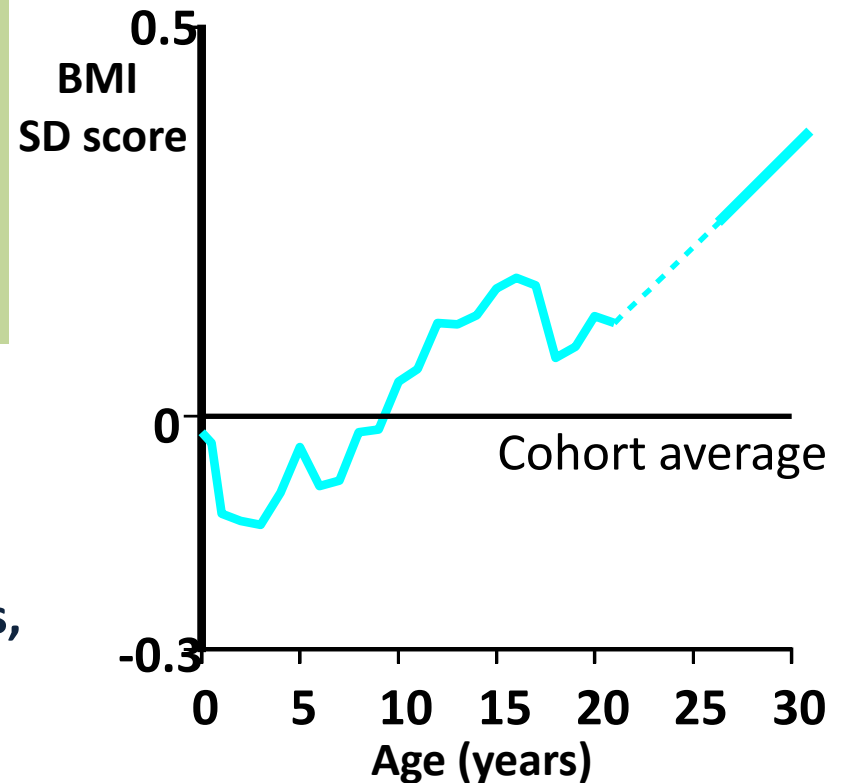
# Delhi studies



## New Delhi Birth Cohort

- In childhood:
  - Less than 1% were obese (IOTF  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Mean BMI ranged from  $-0.4$  to  $-1.0$  SD (CDC)
- At 26-32 years:
  - 10% obese (BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - 10% impaired glucose tolerance (pre-diabetes)
  - 4% type 2 diabetes
  - 25% Metabolic Syndrome

**Childhood BMI of men and women who developed diabetes or pre-diabetes,**



*Bhargava et al, New Eng J Med 2004*

# Pune Maternal Nutrition Study

1993

1994-96

2000-03  
2006-08

2013

Preconception

Intrauterine

Birth

Postnatal

6 and 12 y

18 y

**Maternal**  
Size  
Hemo-  
globin  
**2675**

**Maternal**  
Size  
Nutrition  
Metabolism  
**Paternal** size  
Metabolic variables  
Fetal growth (USG)  
**814**

**Size**  
Phenotype  
**770**

**Growth**  
every  
6 months  
**743**

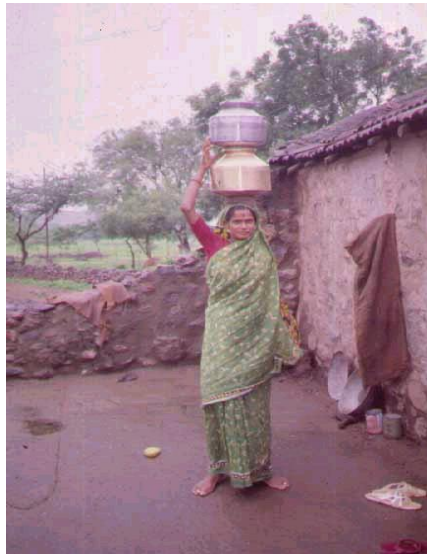
**Children**  
& parents  
Size, body  
composition  
IR  
CVD risk  
markers  
Cognition  
**698**

**Children**  
& parents  
Size, body  
composition  
IR  
CVD risk  
markers  
Genetics and  
Epigenetics  
**663**

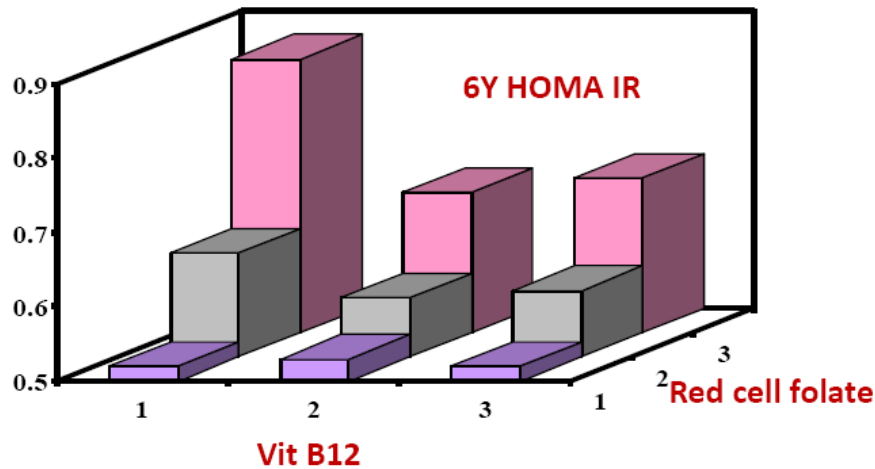
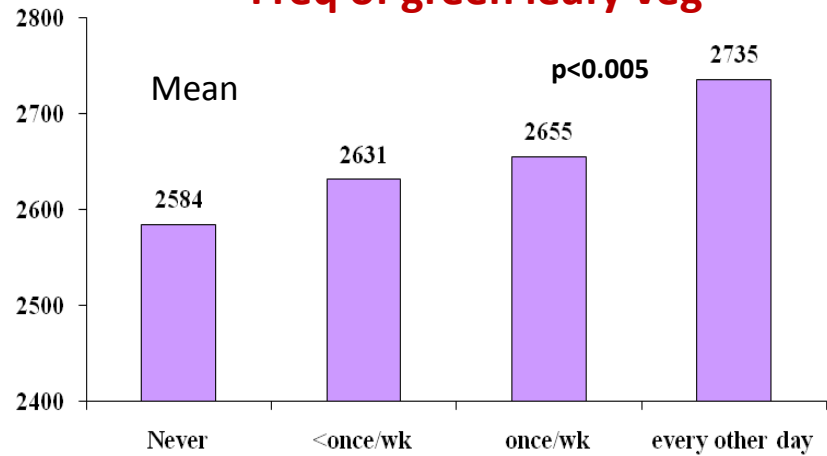




# Maternal Nutrition & offspring size, metabolism



**Freq of green leafy veg**



Rao et al, J Nutr 2001  
 Yajnik et al, Int J Obes 2003  
 Yajnik et al, Diabetologia 2008

Adjusted for sex, age and fat%; maternal adiposity, protein intake, birth size, vitamin B12

# Mysore Parthenon Study

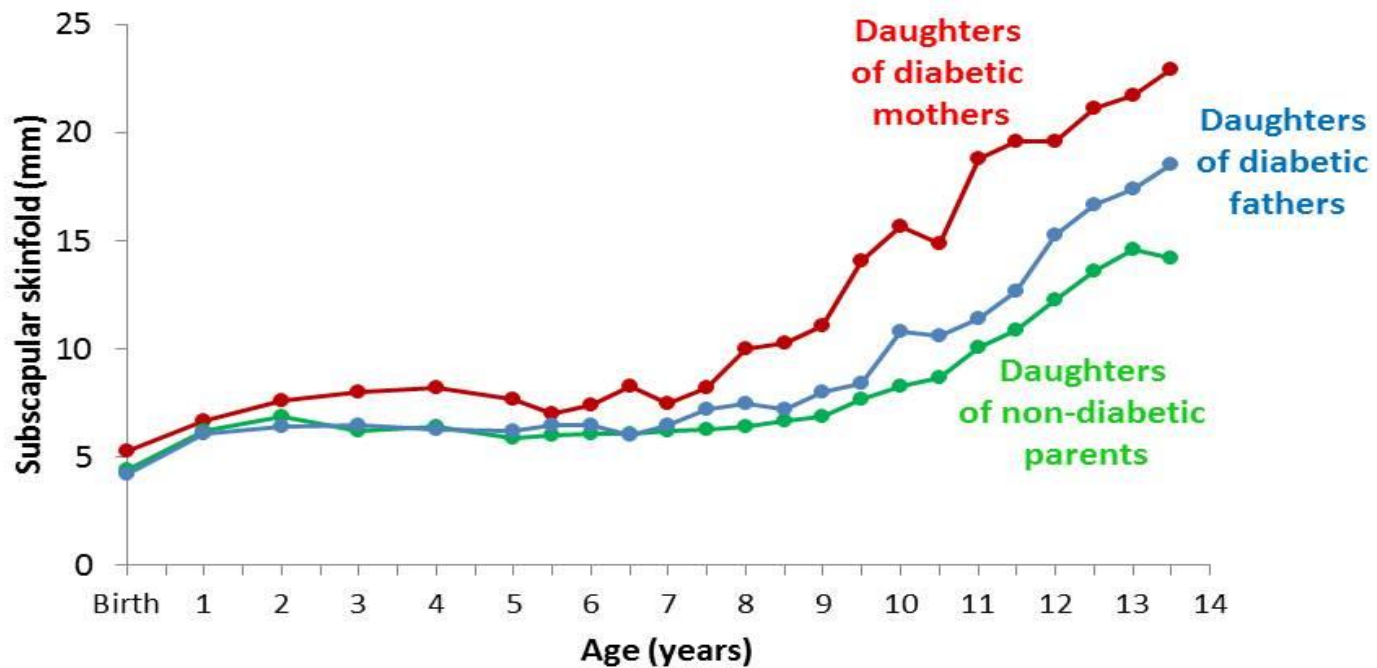


~6% gestational diabetes; mean age 24 yrs; mean BMI 23 kg/m<sup>2</sup>

Birth weight: GDM 3.3 kg; non-GDM 2.9 kg; increased adiposity

# Effects of Gestational Diabetes on the Children

## Girls



# Mumbai Maternal Nutrition Project

Randomised controlled trial of pre-conceptual micronutrient supplementation



# Mumbai Trial

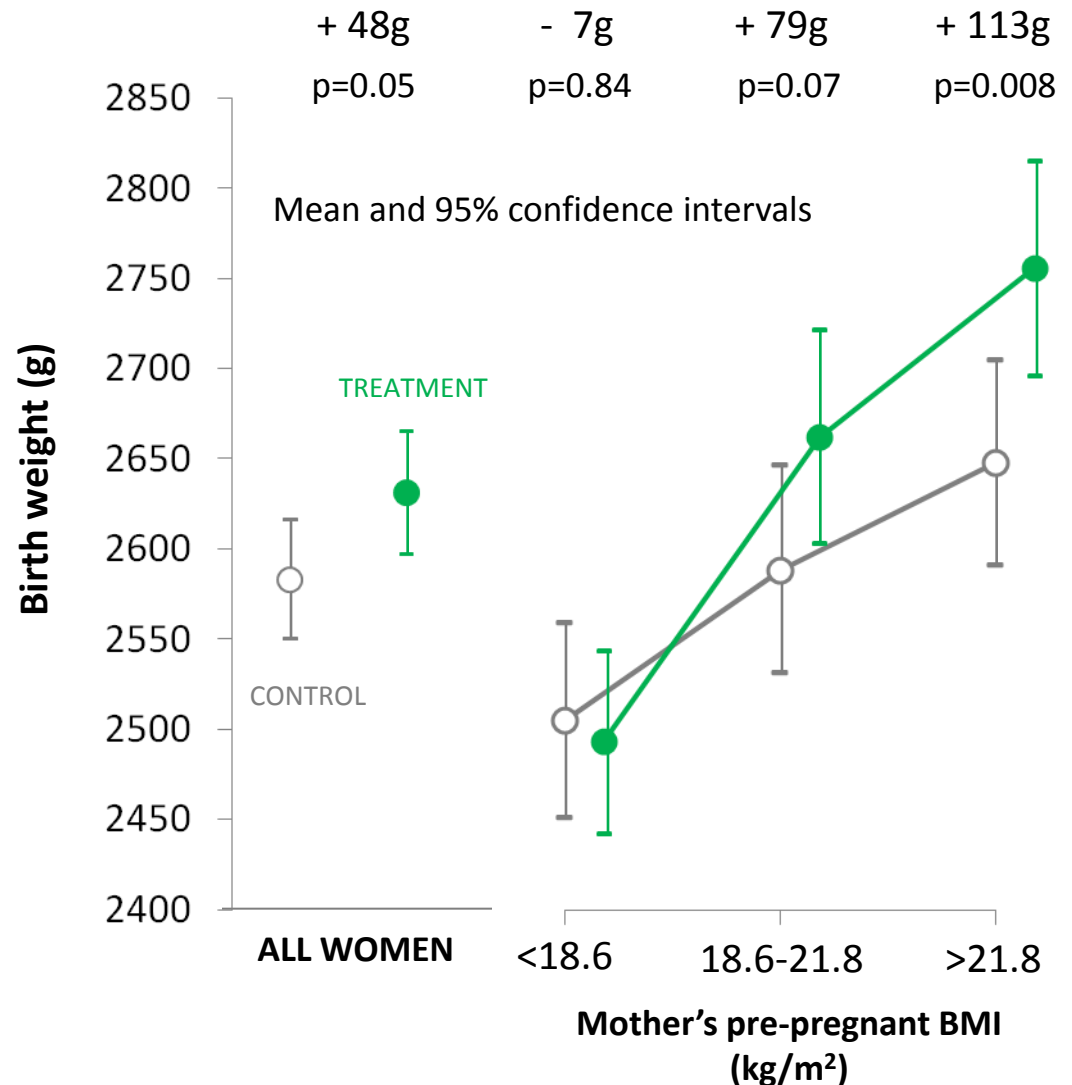
Randomised 6513; pregnancies 2291; singleton livebirths 1962



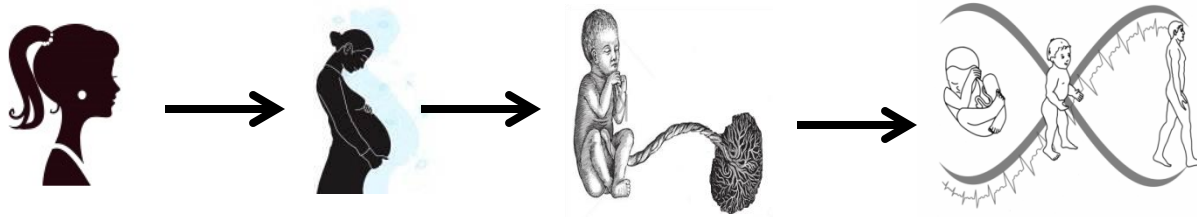
**Birth size effect**  
**+48g overall, more in heavier mothers**

**Low birth weight reduced**  
**(34 v 41%)**

**GDM reduced in mothers**  
**(7 v 13%)**



# Pune Intervention Study ICMR-MRC



**Pre-intervention  
screening (n=690)**  
•Exclusion (n=133)

**Individual  
Randomisation  
(n=557)**

**Intervention**

**Newborn**  
•Cord blood  
B12, DNA  
•Anthro  
• Follow up

- 1) B12 (2mcg)
- 2) MMN + B12 + milk
- 3) Placebo\*

- Adolescent girls and boys
- Physiological doses
- 3y/till first delivery

\*Iron and folate tablets as per Government of India guidelines to all

## HISTORIC COHORTS

Birth weight  
Child/adult BMI

## PROSPECTIVE COHORTS

Maternal size, diet,  
micronutrient status, fuels

Maternal pre-eclampsia  
Child growth

**INSULIN RESISTANCE  
DIABETES  
CVD RISK FACTORS  
CVD  
COGNITION**

Intermediate outcomes:  
Fetal development

## TRIALS

Pre-conceptional:  
Food-based micronutrients (Mumbai)  
Vitamin B12 +/- MMN and protein (Pune)

Other pre- and post-natal interventions

**PILOT WORK**  
Acceptability  
Absorption  
Dose-response

**PUBLIC HEALTH  
IMPACT**

**MECHANISMS**  
Epigenetics, metabolomics,  
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