

DEVELOPMENTAL FACTORS IN ADULT OBESITY: DIET, ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMICALS AND IMPORTANCE OF ANIMAL MODELS

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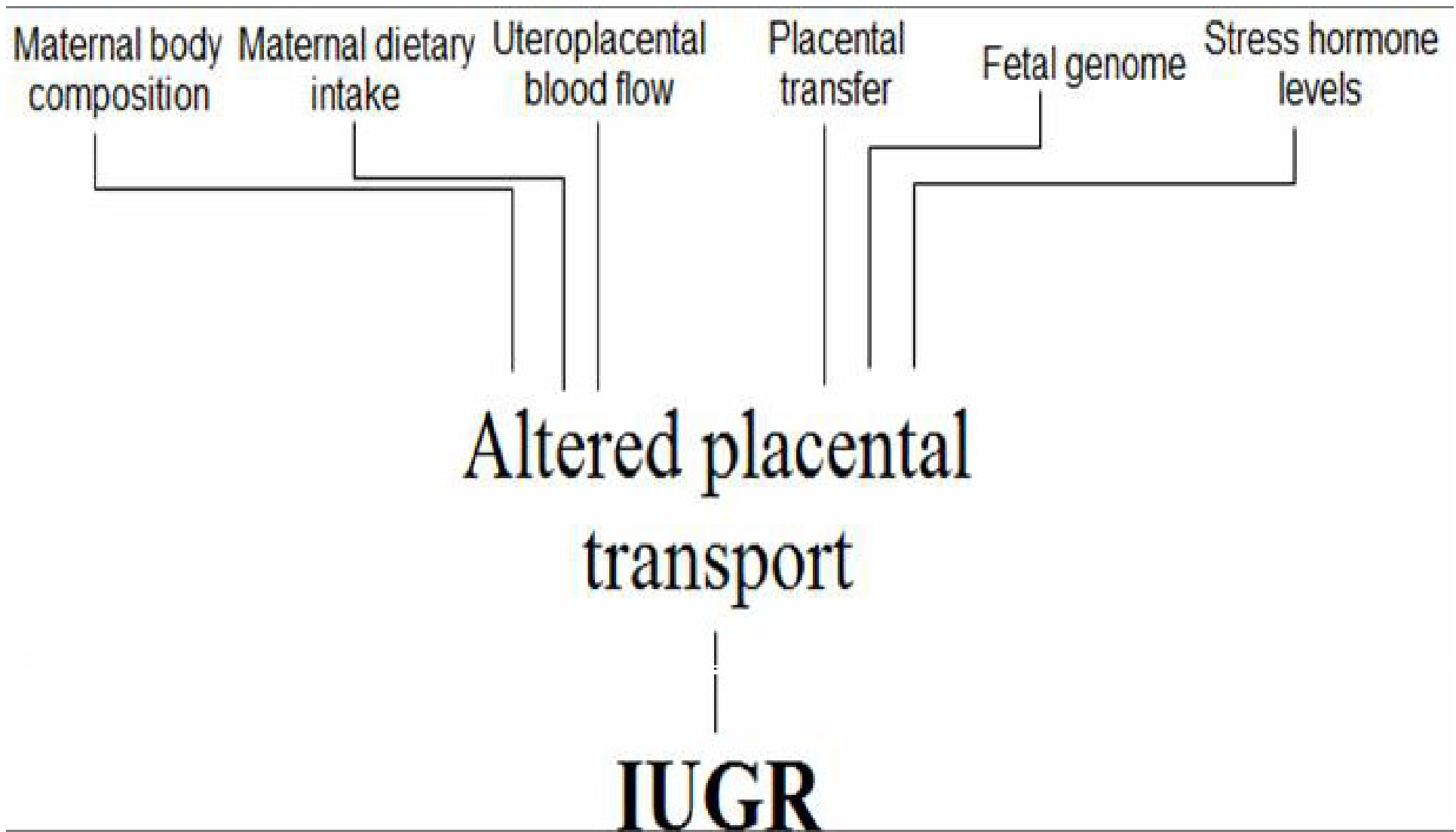
Bisphenol A



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IUGR **MACROSOMIA**
(Premature) **(Maternal Type II diabetes)**
(Reduced placental blood flow)

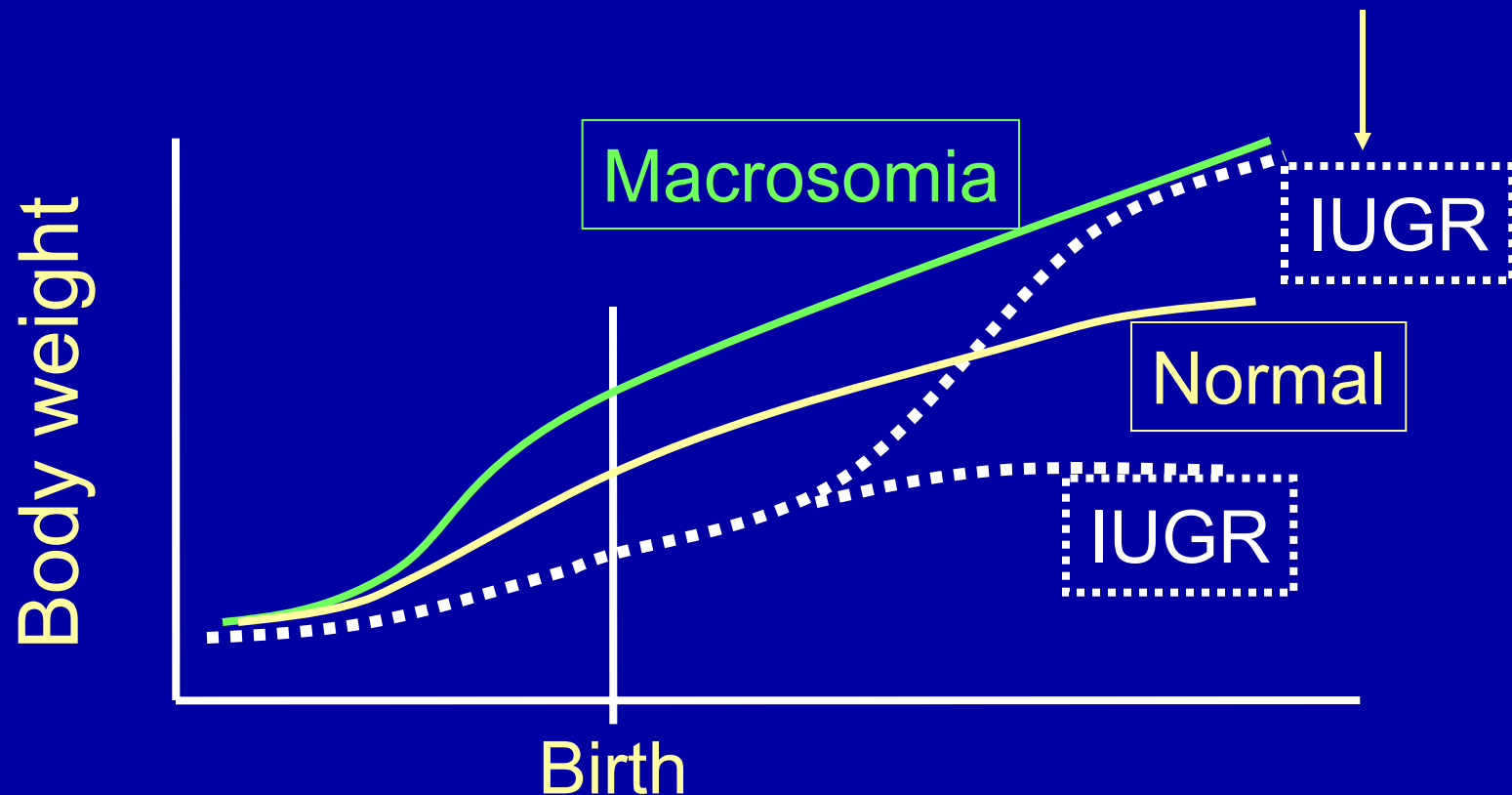




Proposed factors influencing induction of IUGR

- λ Babies that are overweight at birth are at risk for adult obesity and metabolic disease.
- λ Some babies with intrauterine growth restriction (IUGR) are at risk for a rapid period of postnatal weight gain, adult obesity and metabolic disease.

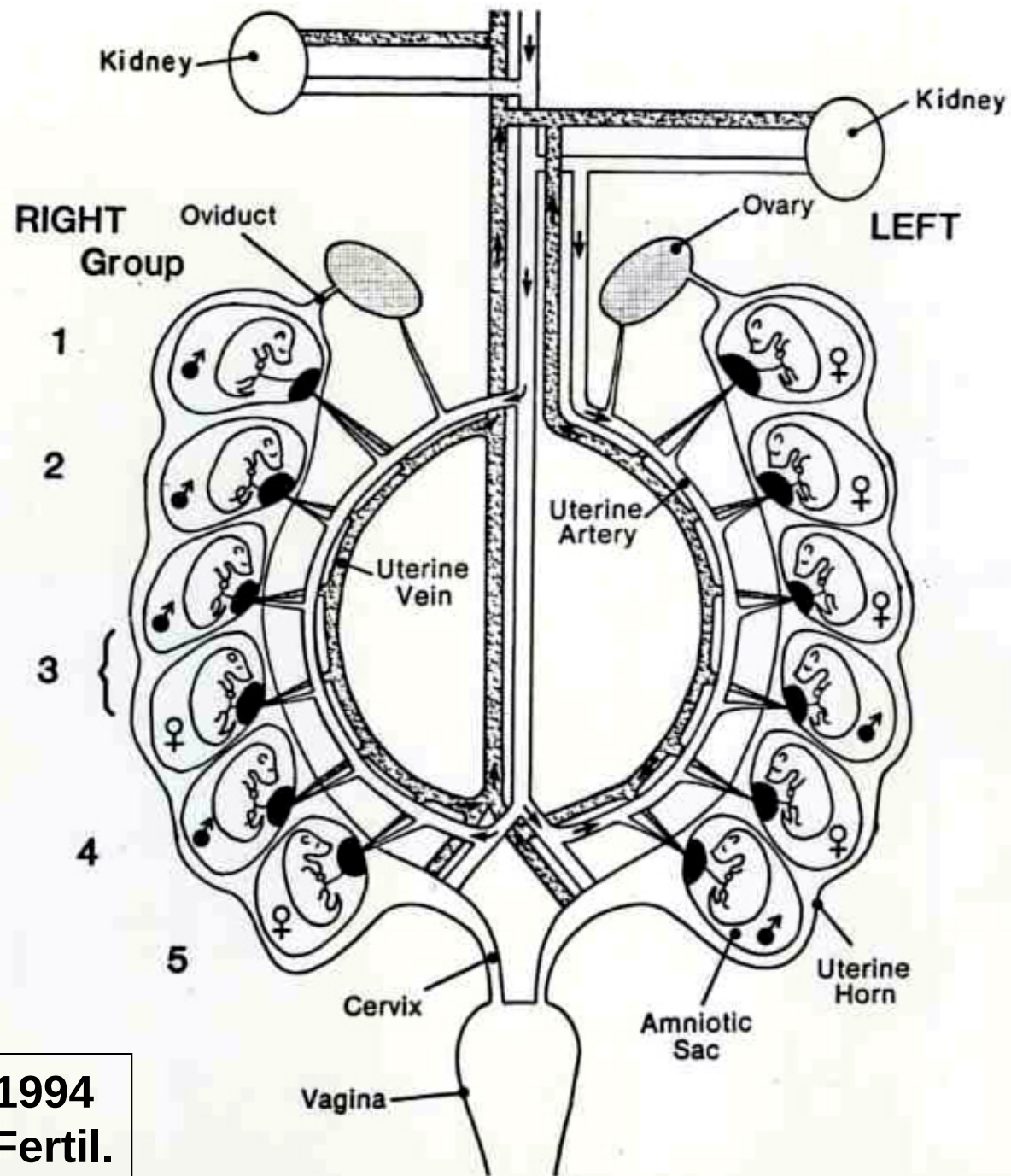
THRIFTY PHENOTYPE HYPOTHESIS



EXPERIMENTAL APPROACHES FOR ANIMAL RESEARCH ON THE FETAL BASIS OF METABOLIC SYNDROME

Treatment of Pregnant Females

- ❖ Caloric restriction
- ❖ Protein restriction
- ❖ High fat diet
- ❖ Exercise
- ❖ Dexamethasone administration
- ❖ Knockout mice (e.g. 11 β -HSD)
- ❖ Environmental chemicals - PLASTIC



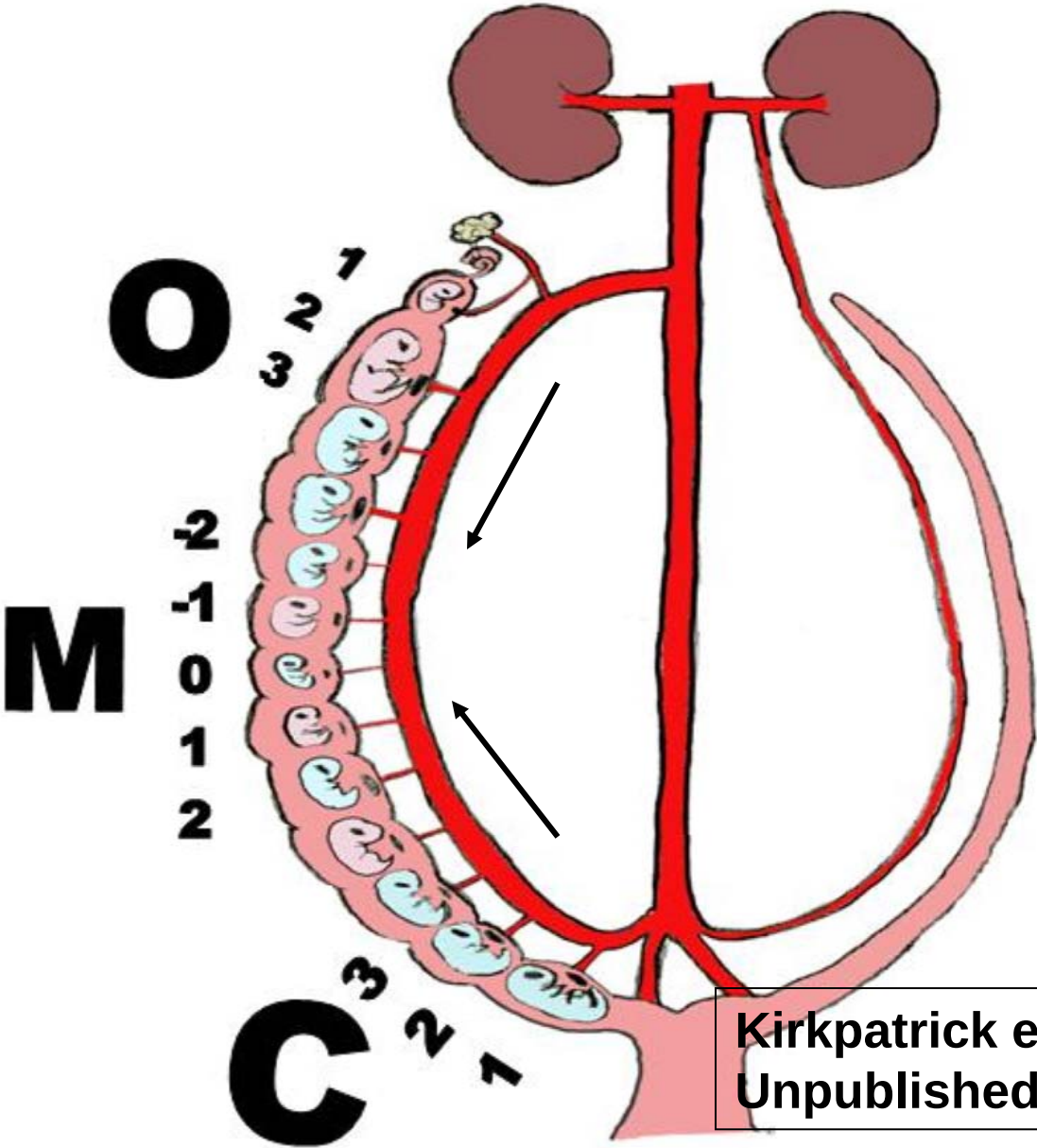
Even et al. 1994
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Uterine
Position

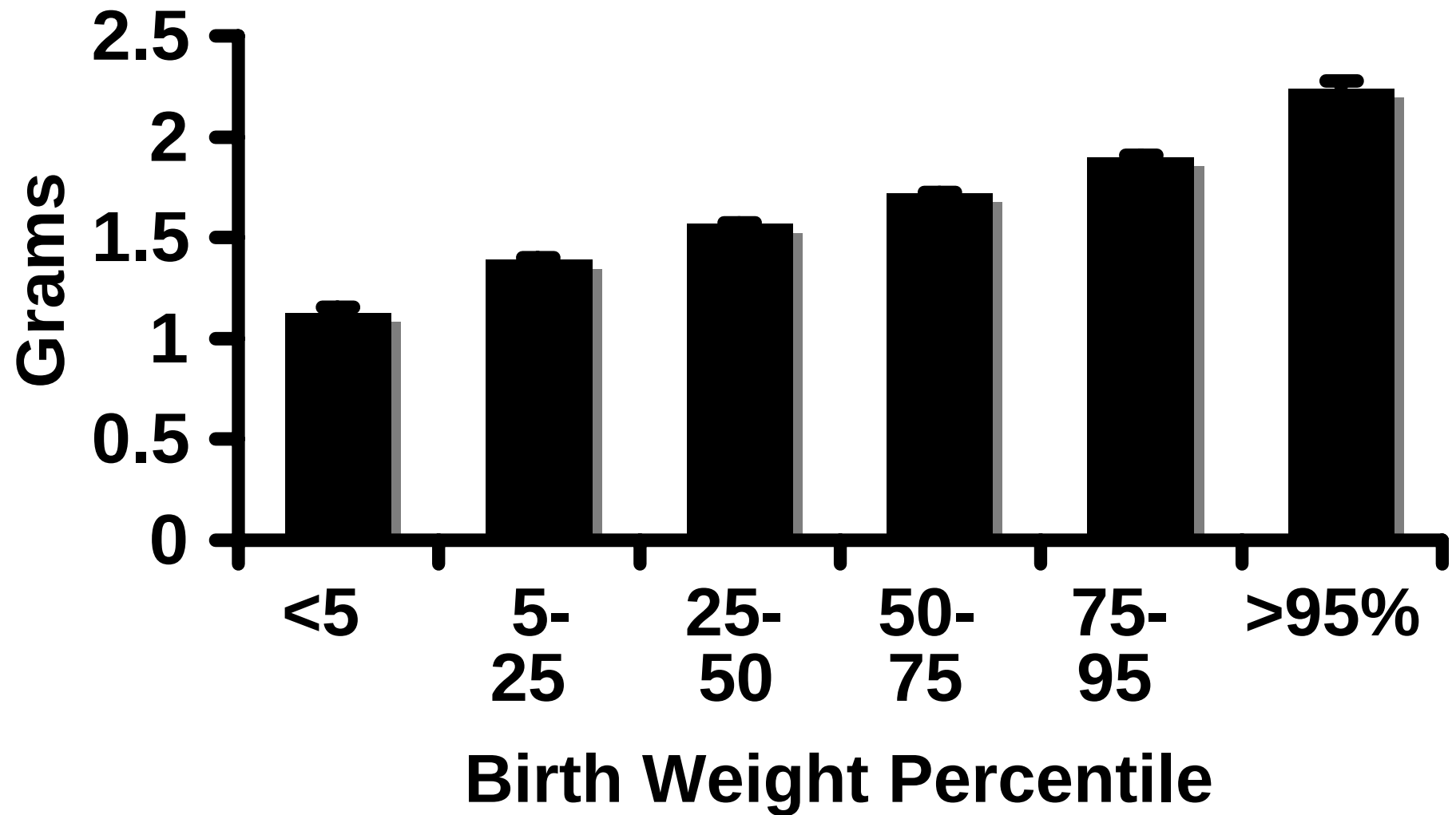
Placental
Blood
Flow

RADIOLABELED MICROSPHERES

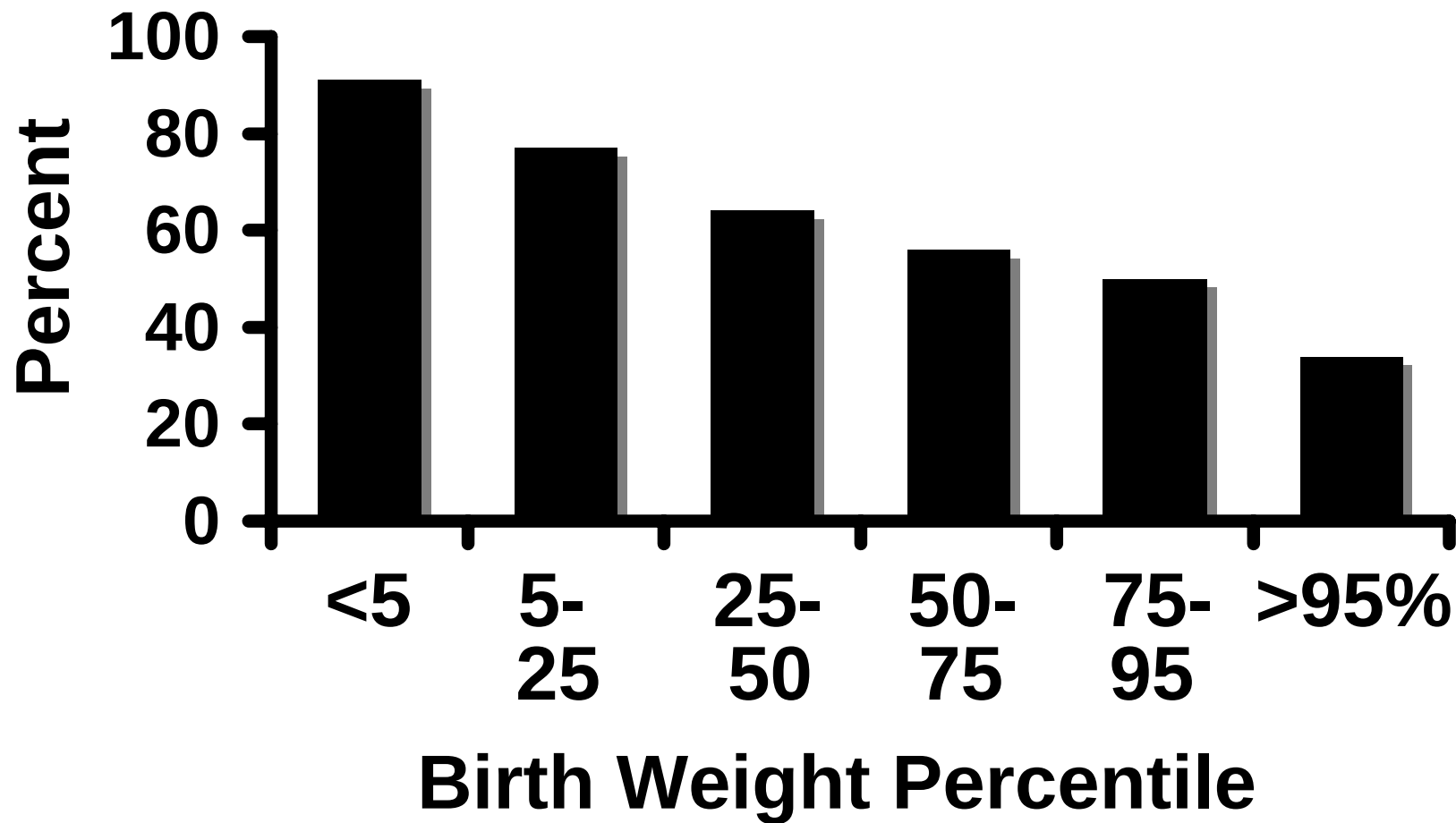
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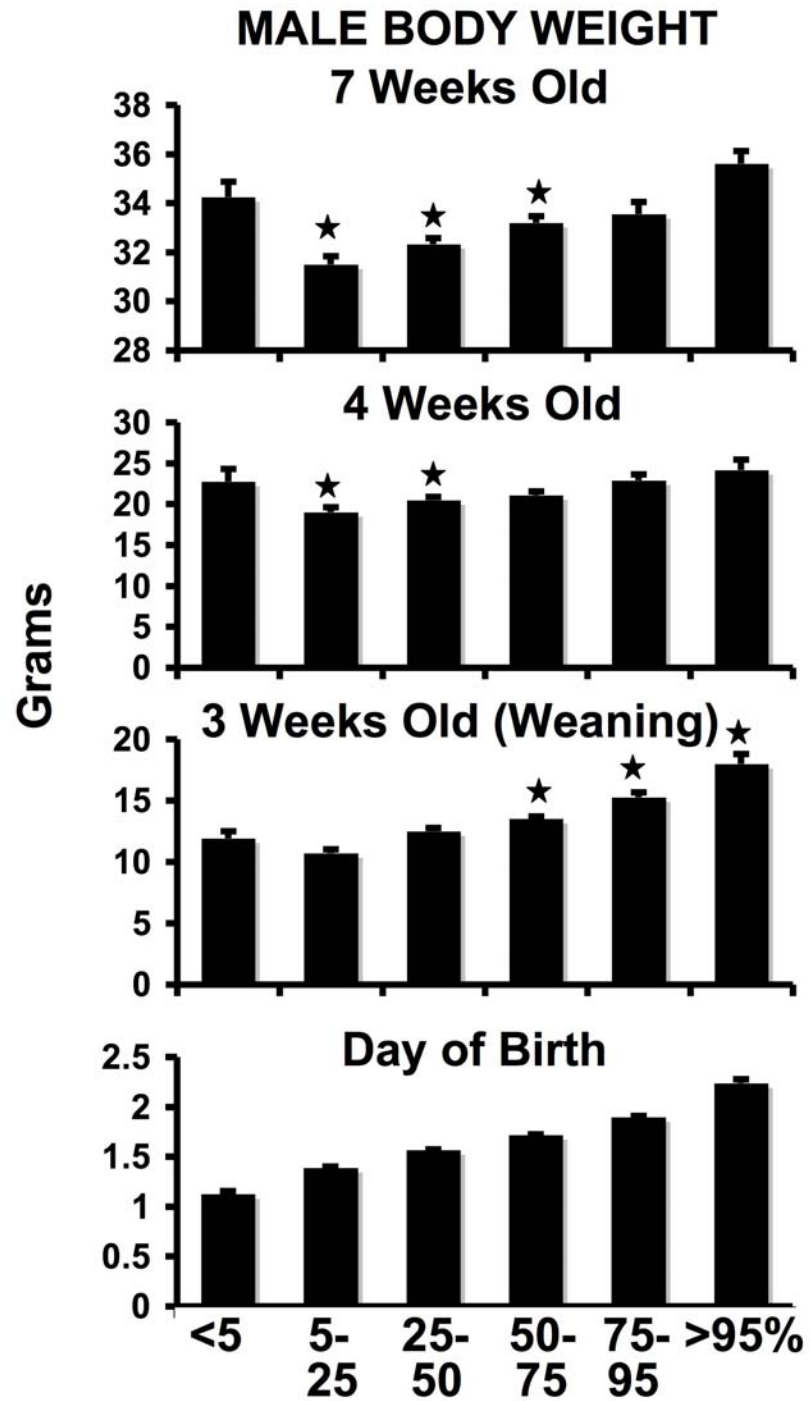


MALE MOUSE BODY WEIGHT AT BIRTH



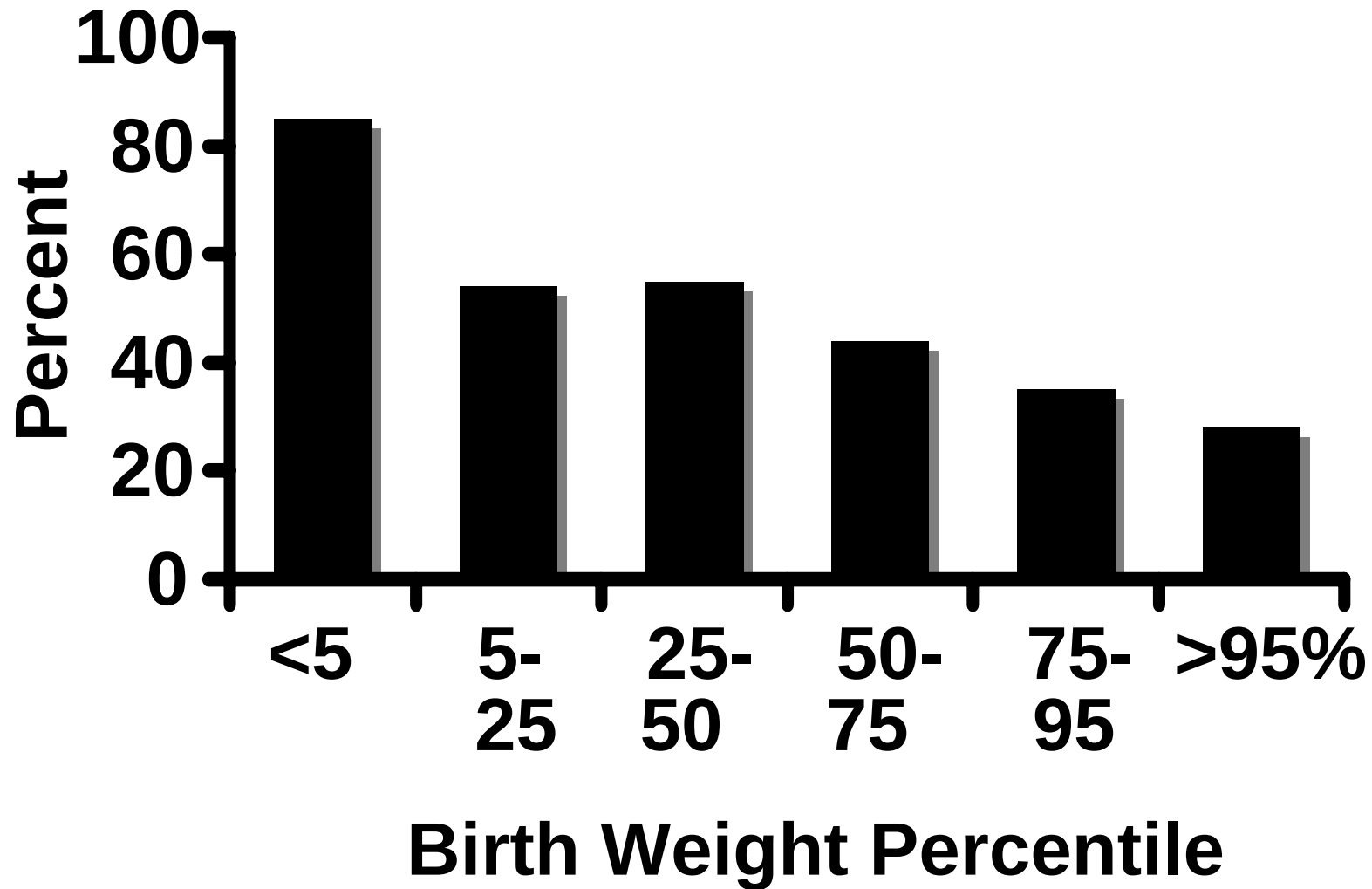
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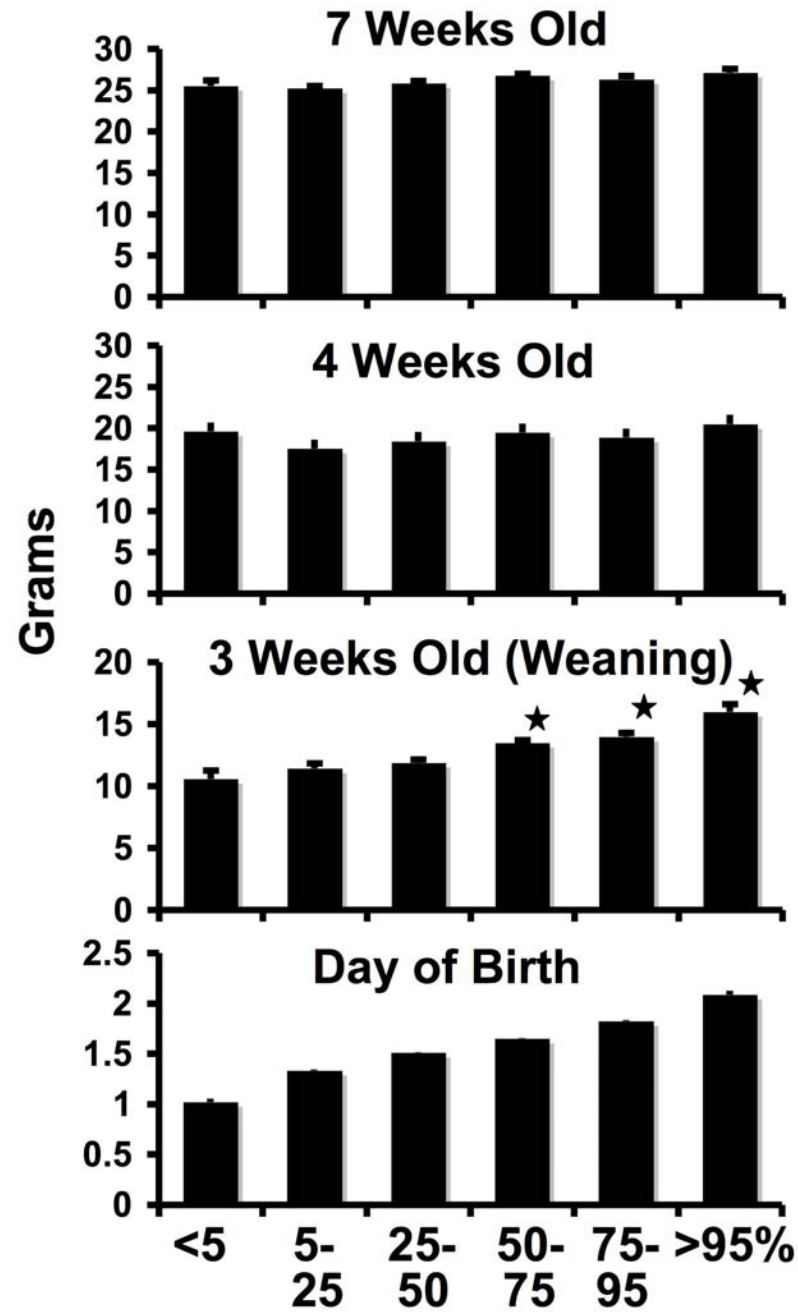


N = 294 pups

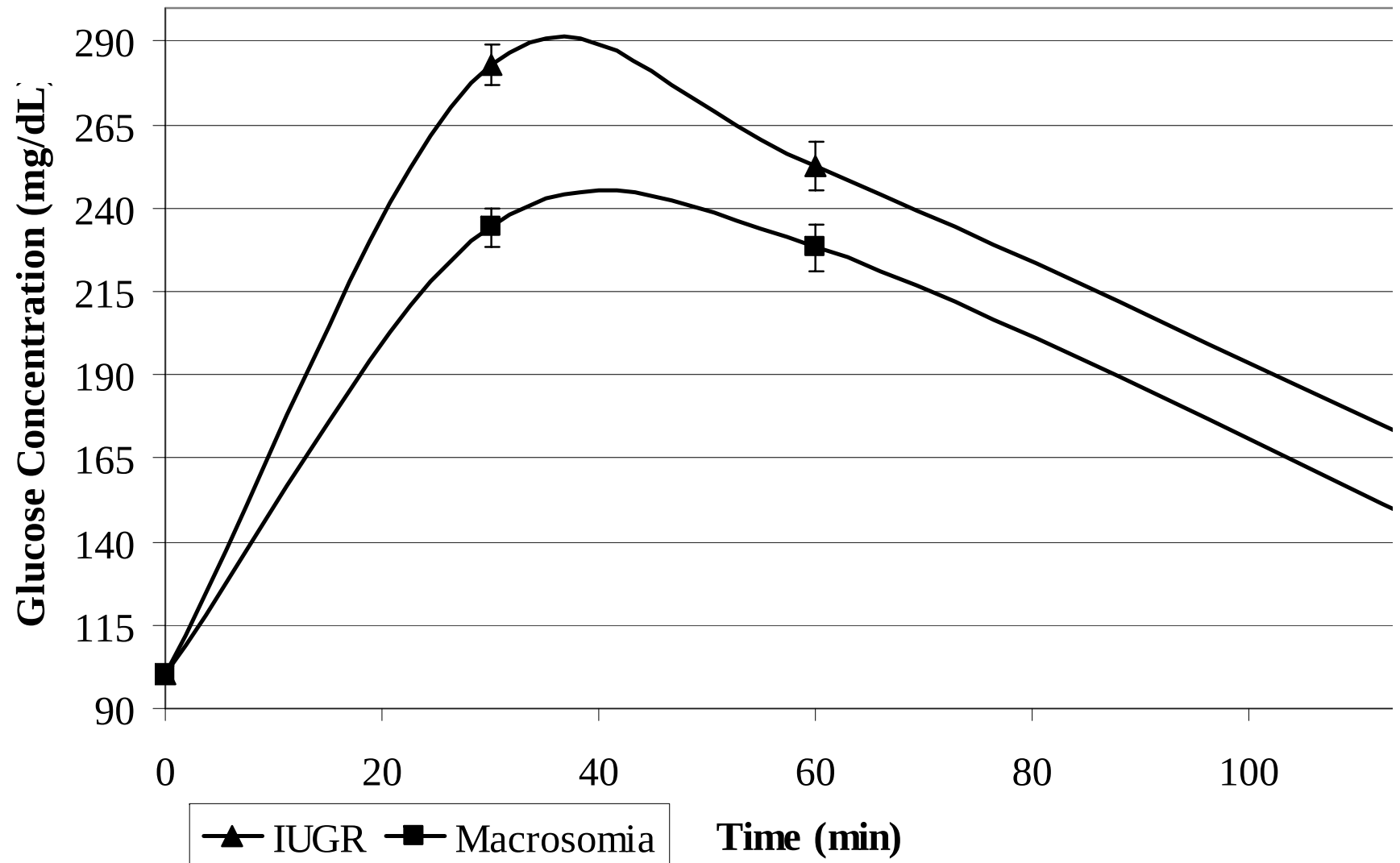
PERCENT INCREASE IN BODY WEIGHT DURING THE 7 DAYS AFTER WEANING IN FEMALE MICE



FEMALE BODY WEIGHT

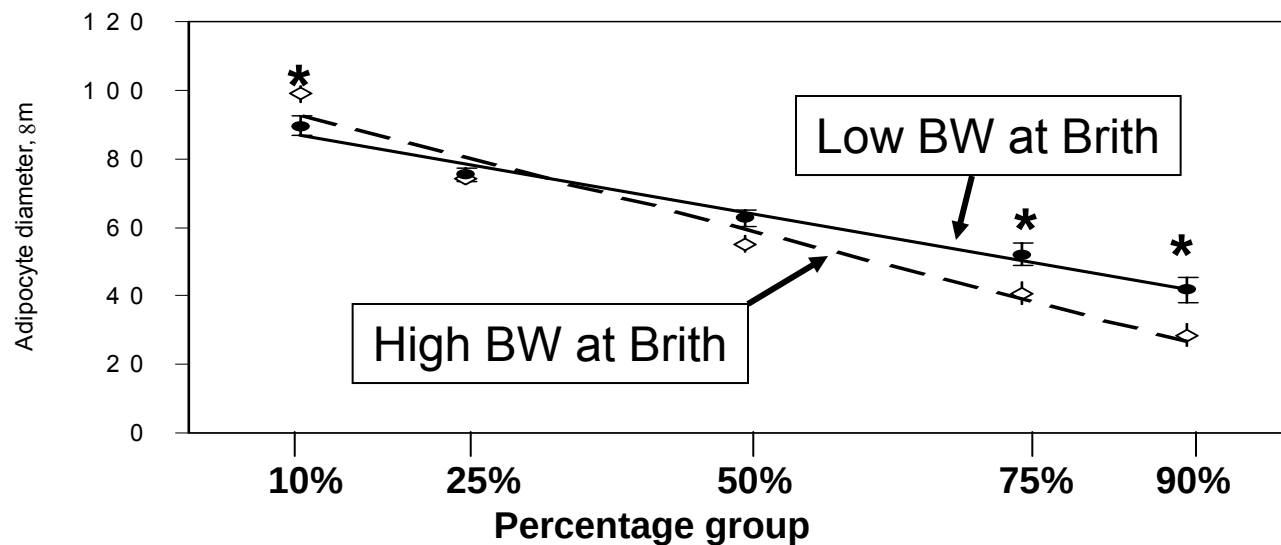
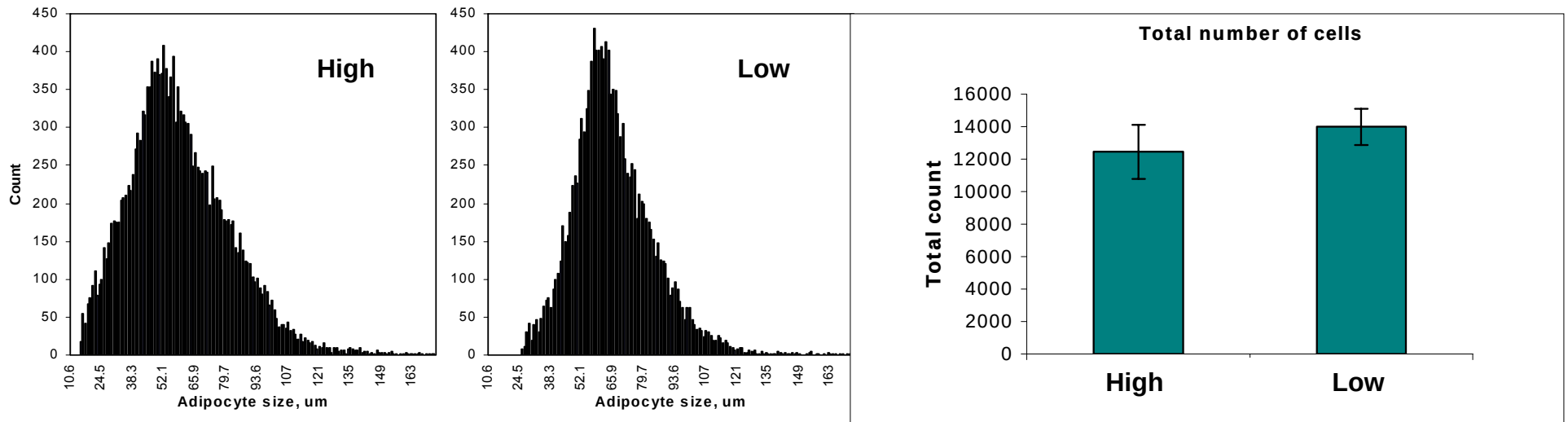


GLUCOSE TOLERANCE IN MALE MICE



Coe et al. unpublished

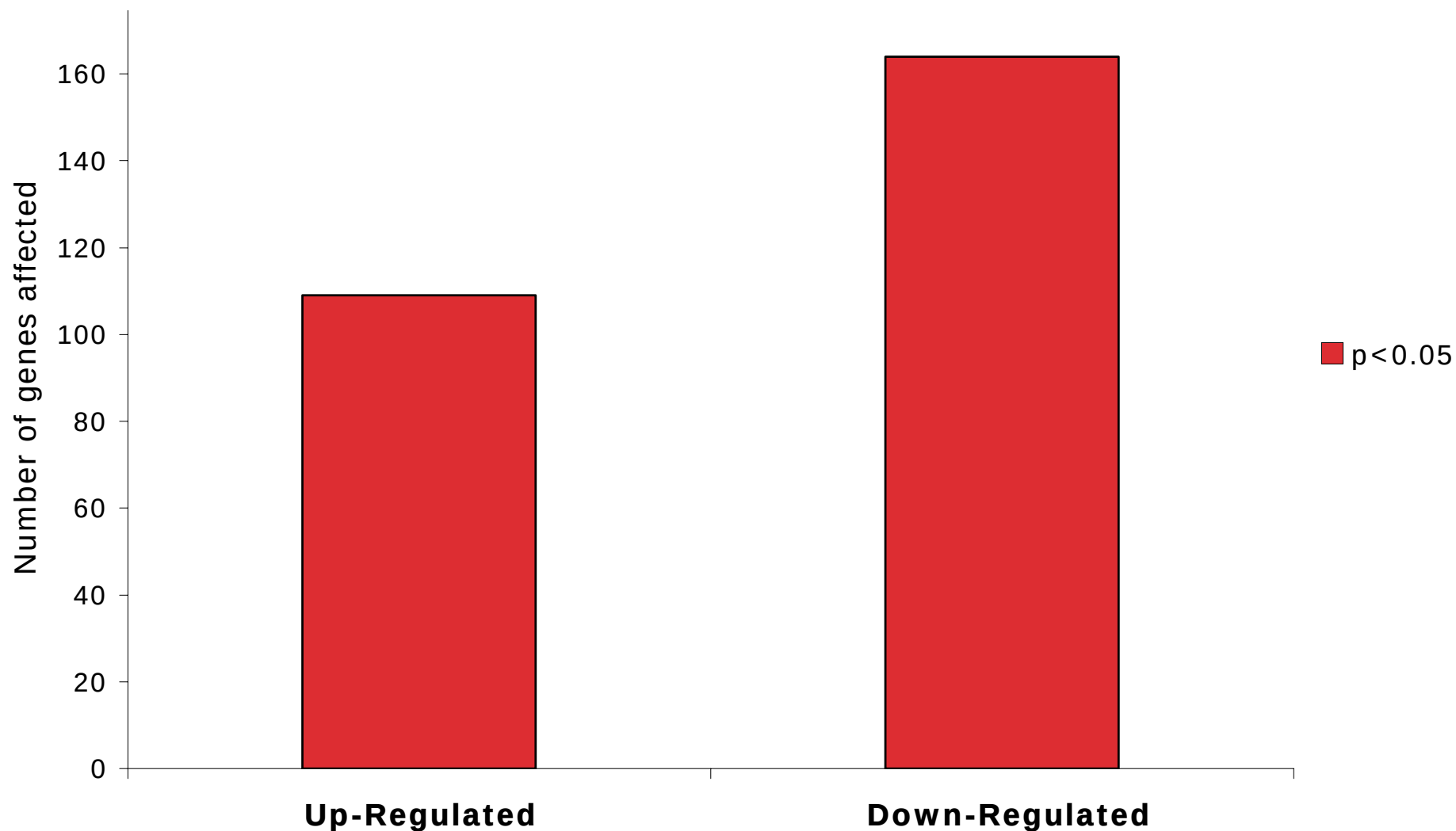
COULTER COUNTER ANALYSIS OF FAT CELL DIAMETER IN MALE MICE



* indicates difference between High and Low birth wt groups (P<0.05)

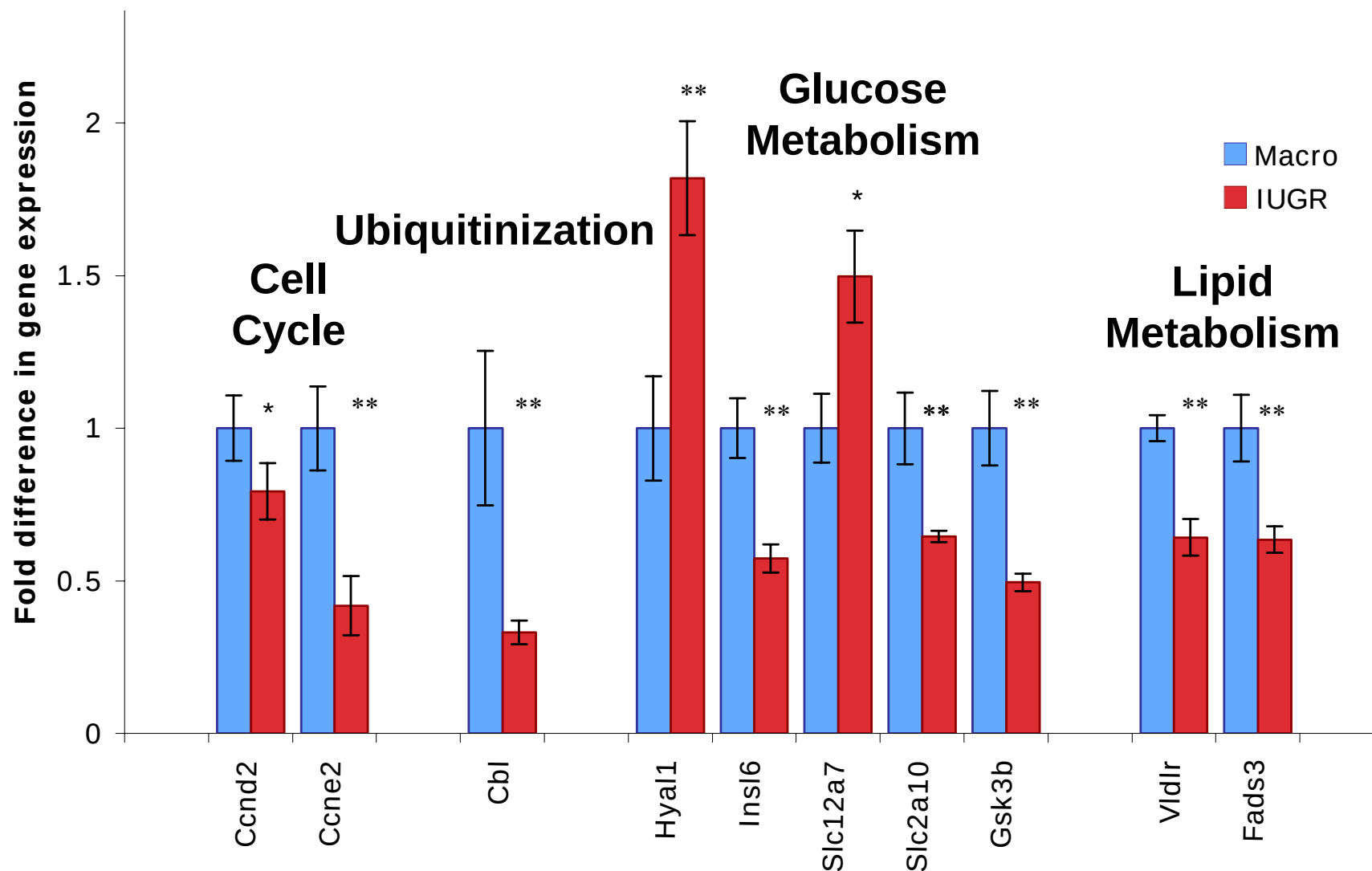
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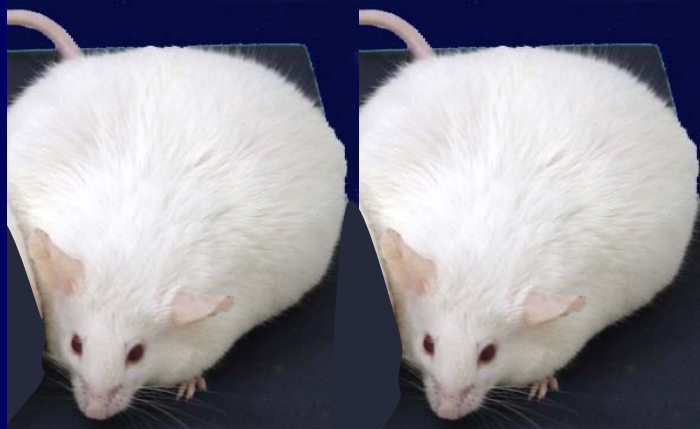
Taylor et al. unpublished

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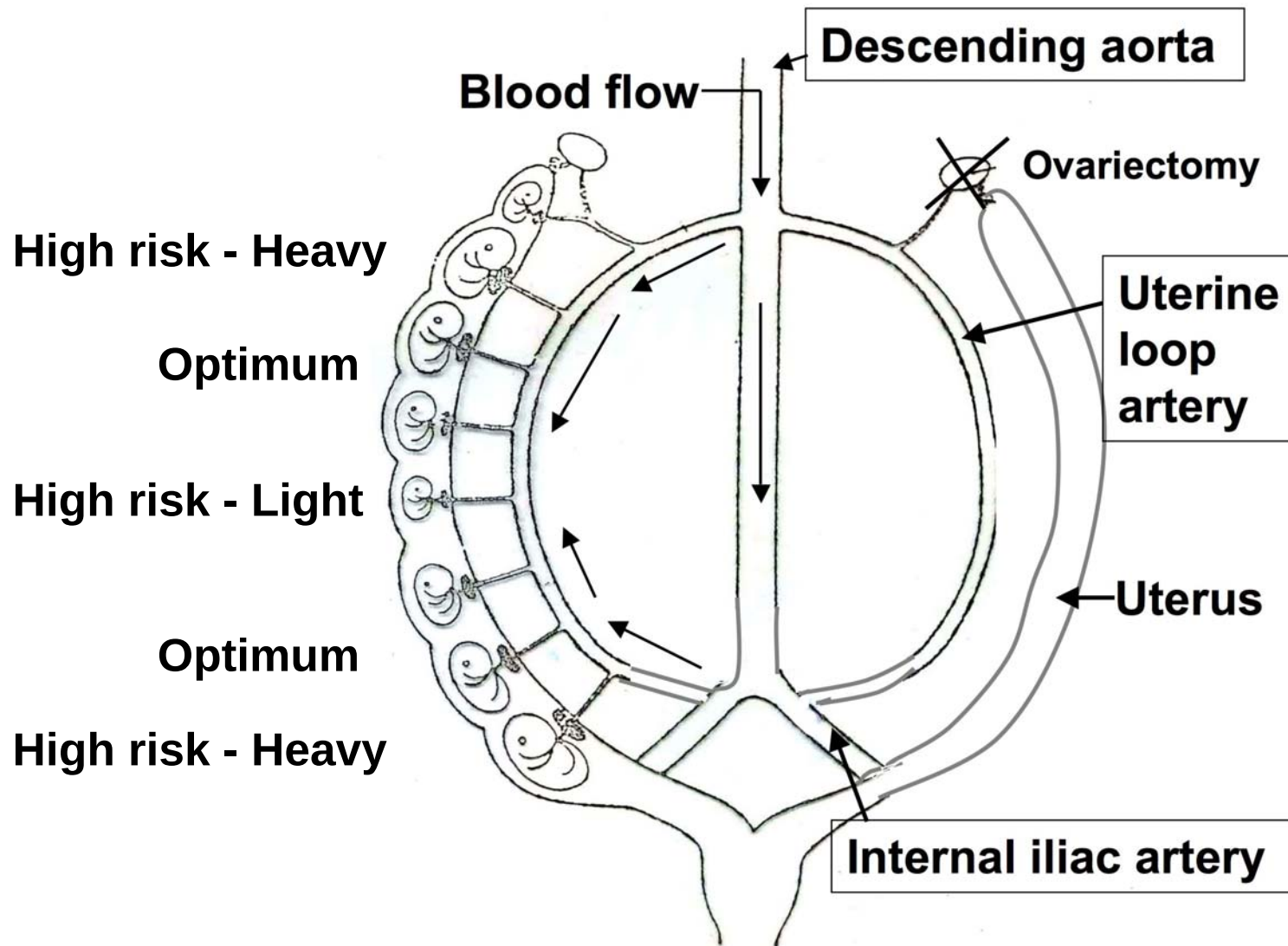
IUGR and Macrosomia Result in Differences in Adult Obesity



Hundreds of Genes in Epididymidal Adipocytes
Differ in Activity

Affymetrix Mouse Genome 430 Array

Compensatory Ovulation Following Hemiovariectomy



EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

**Randomly assign adult CD-1 mice
to be fed different mouse feeds**

1. Purina 5008: Pregnancy and lactation chow

Purina 5001: Post-weaning chow

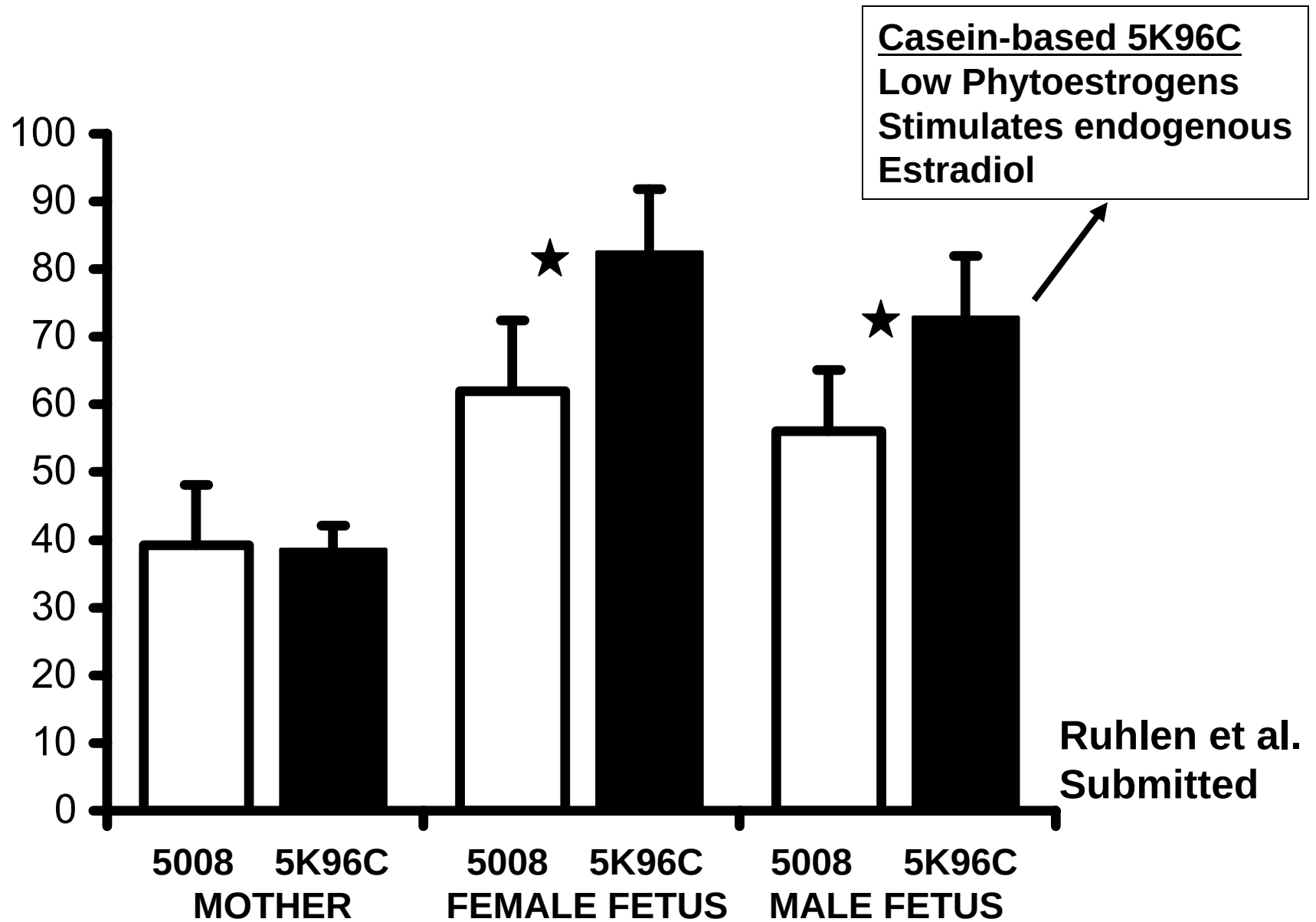
- soy based rodent feeds
- high levels of phytoestrogens:
genistein and daidzein

2. Purina 5K96C

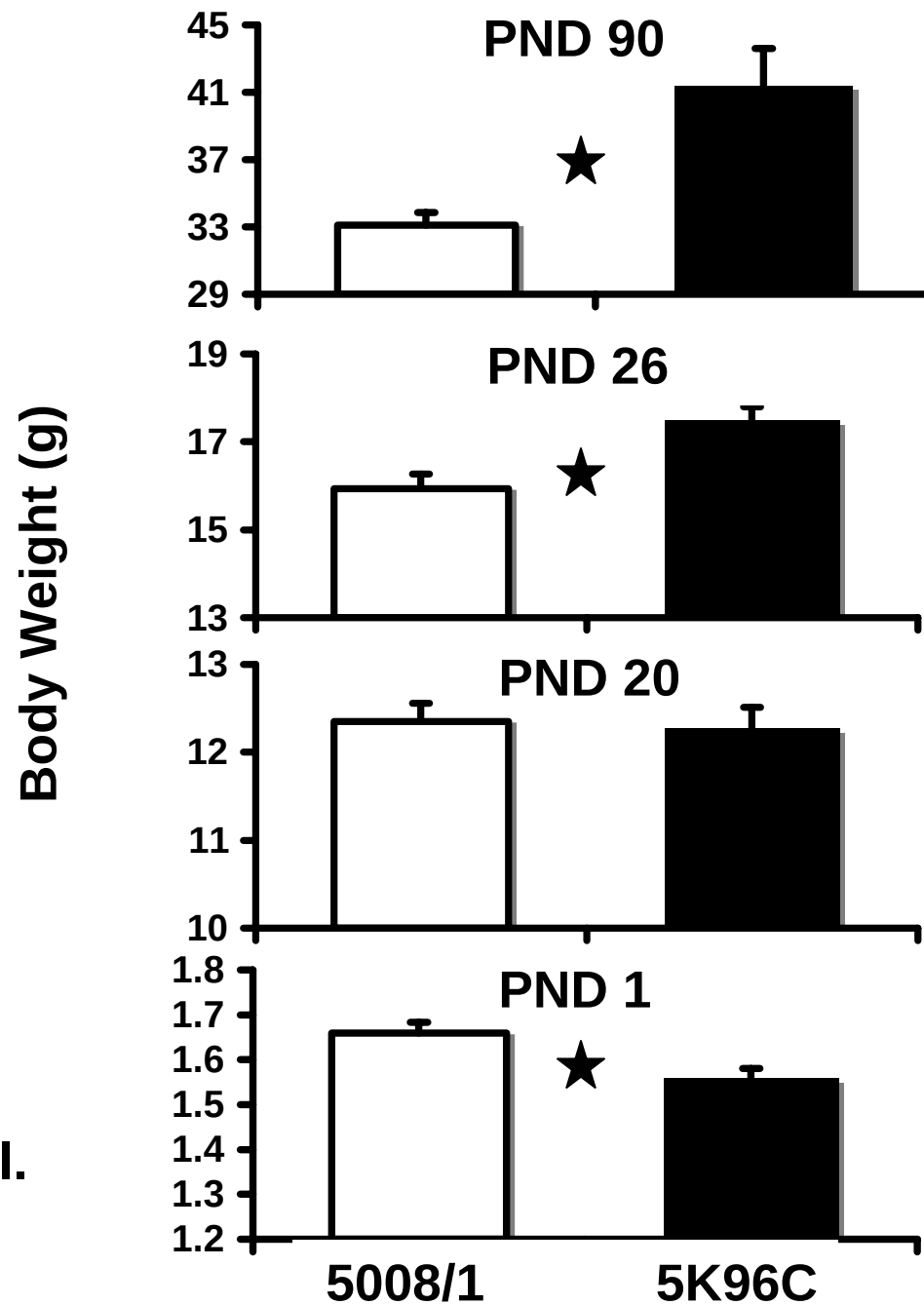
- casein based feed
- undetectable phytoestrogens (MCF-7 cells)

Examine offspring at different ages

SERUM ESTRADIOL



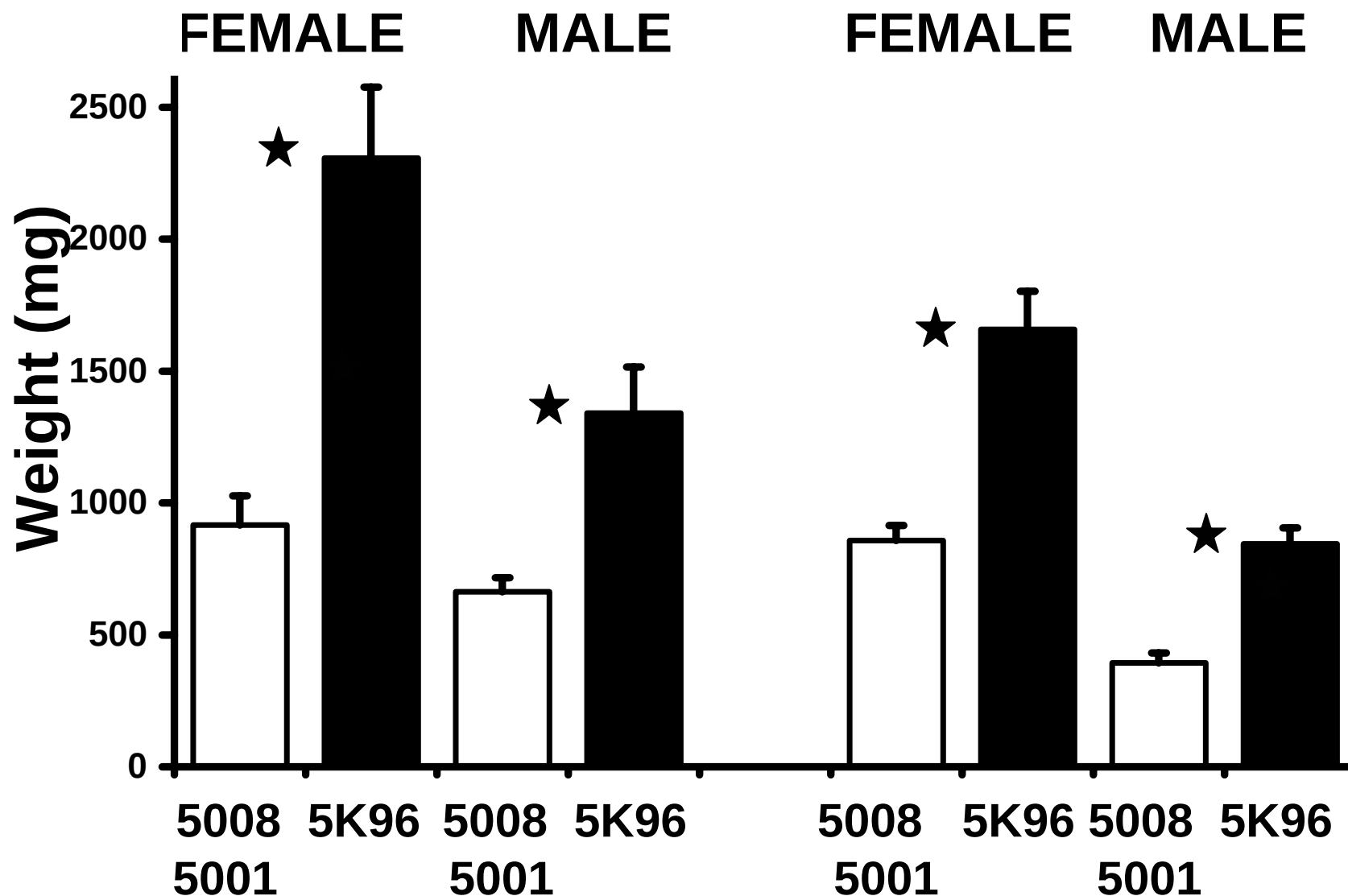
EFFECT OF FEED ON BODY WEIGHT IN FEMALE MICE



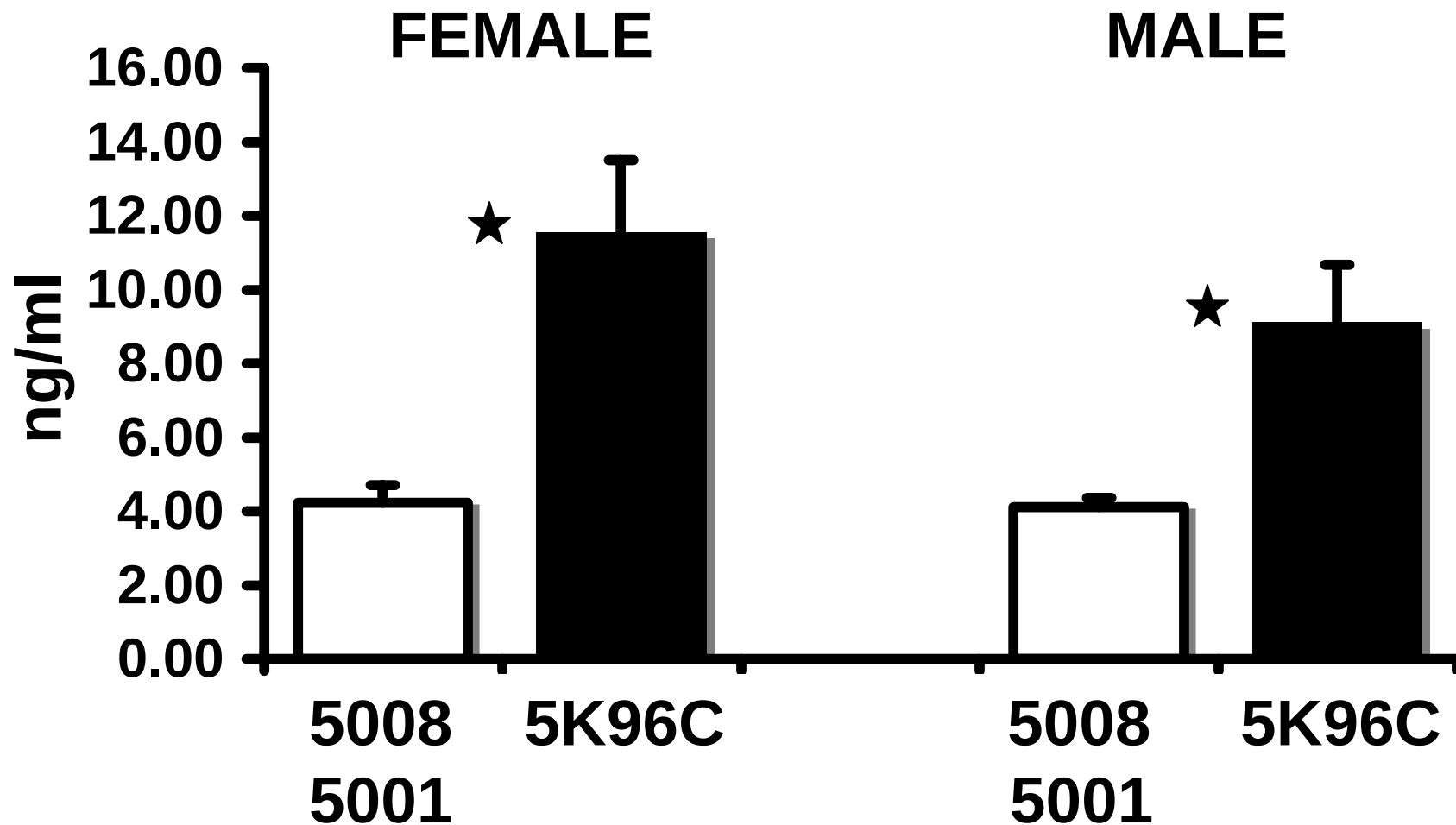
Ruhlen et al.
Submitted

GONADAL FAT PAD

RENAL FAT PAD



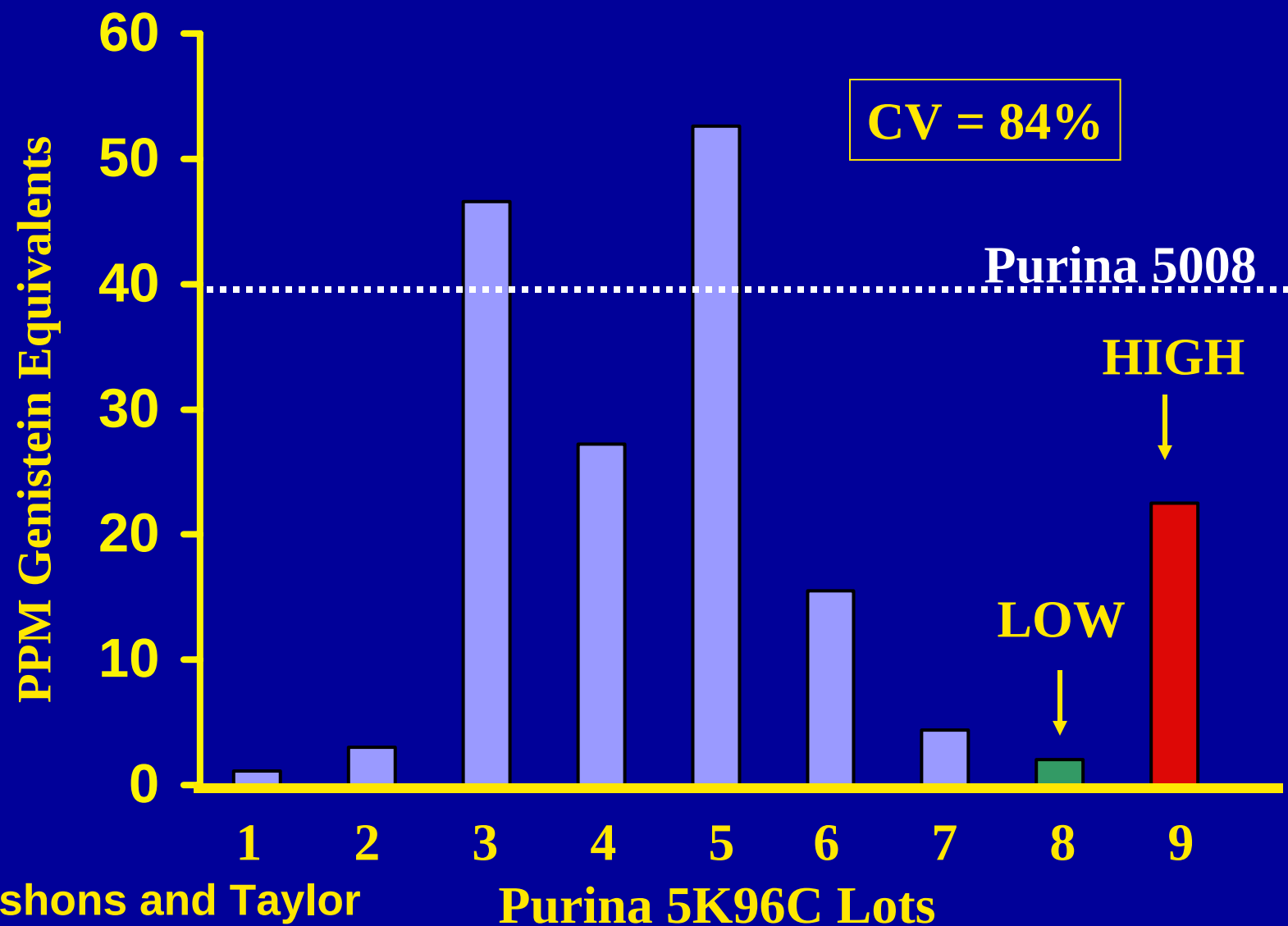
SERUM LEPTIN IN ADULT MICE



Ruhlen et al.
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PURINA FEEDS

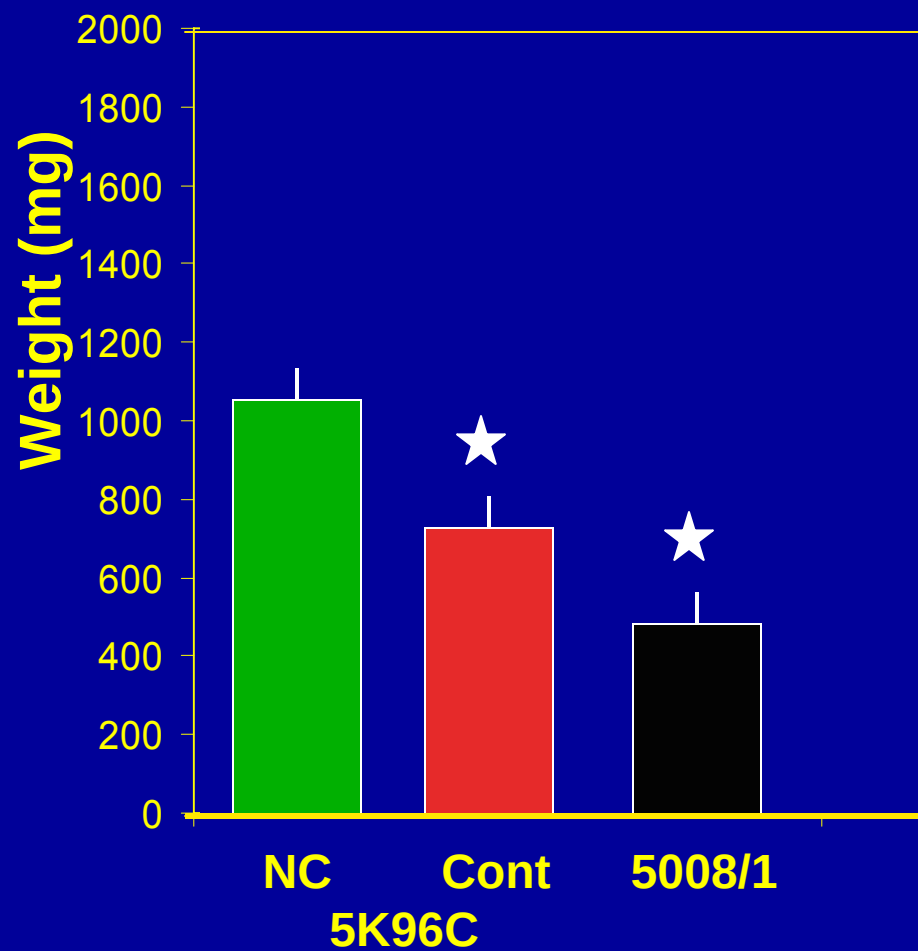
ESTROGENIC ACTIVITY IN DIFFERENT LOTS OF CASEIN-BASED PURINA 5K96C FEEDS MCF-7 CELL BIOASSAY



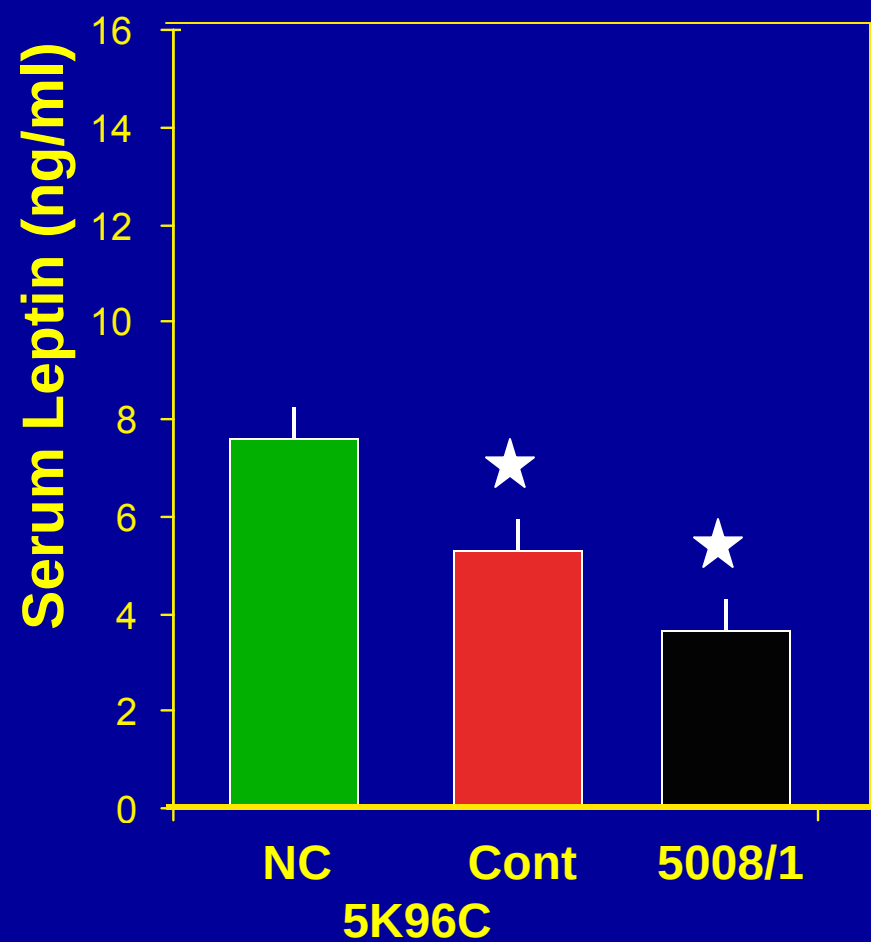
Welshons and Taylor
unpublished

2-MONTH OLD CD-1 FEMALE MICE

GONADAL FAT



SERUM LEPTIN



USES OF BISPHENOL A IN PRODUCTS

Production Capacity > 6.5 Billion Pounds / Year

Refrigerator Bottles

1 Gal. Square

1/2 Gal. Round

1/2 Gal. Square

Polycarbonate Bottles

- The premier bottle... #7 recycle code on the bottom is your guarantee of quality!
- Glass-like, non-porous material
- **NO Plastic Leaching**
- **NO Dioxin Leaching**
- Durable
- No Heat or Cold distortion

Manual Water Bottle Pump

- Fits most 2, 3 or 5 gal. bottles
- Dispenses water easily with just a light touch

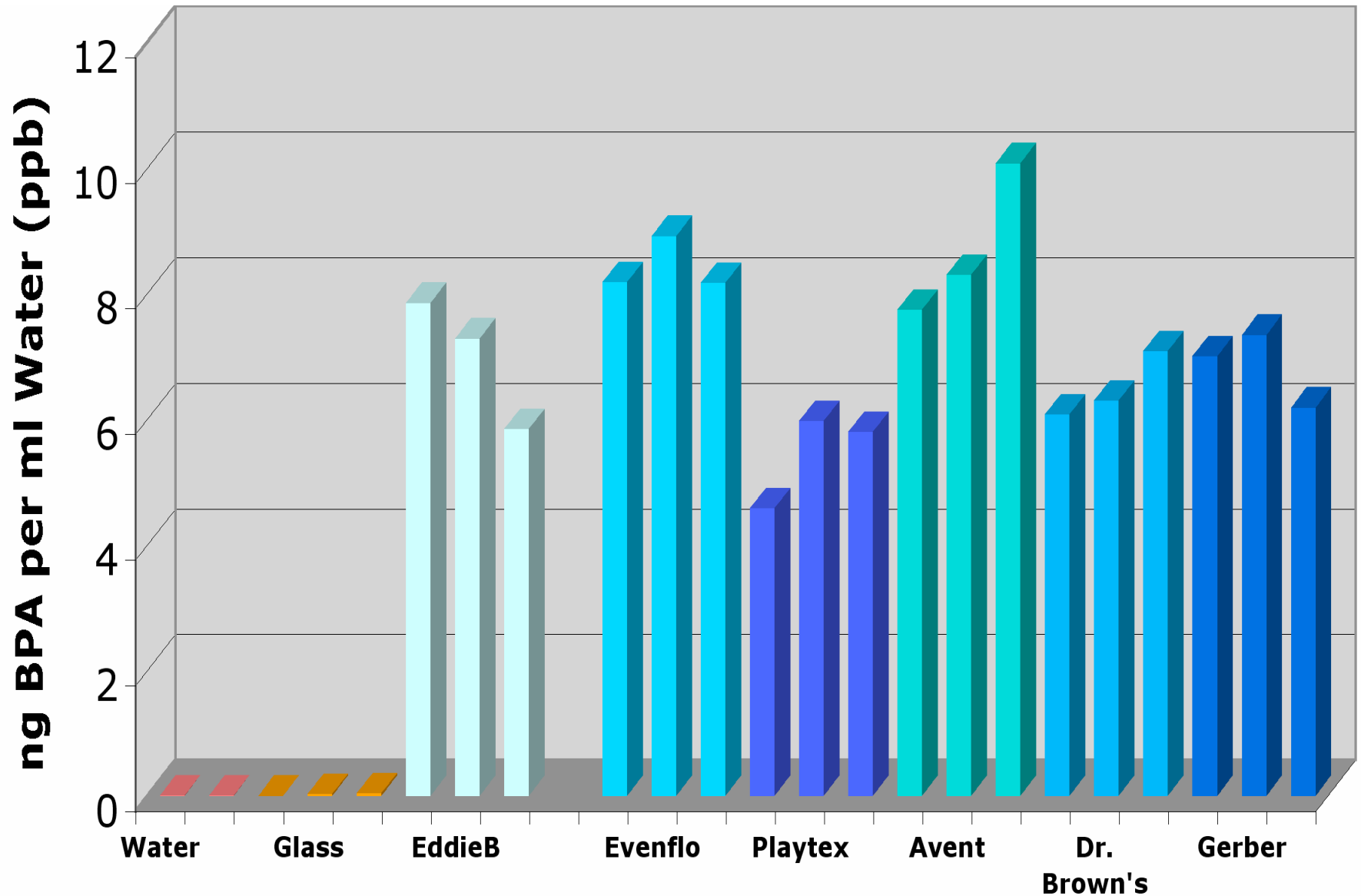
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BISPHENOL A LEACHES FROM NEW POLYCARBONATE BABY BOTTLES

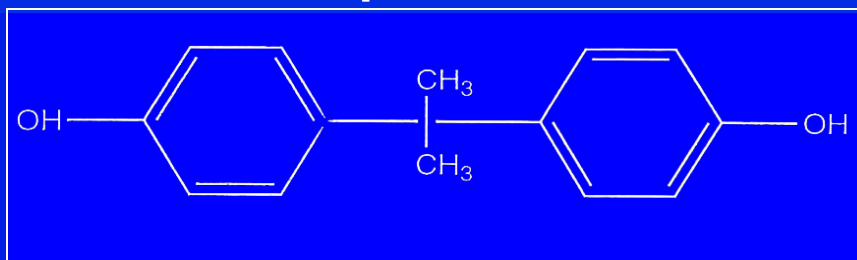


Taylor, vom Saal, Welshons and Rottinghaus (unpublished)

NATURAL AND MANMADE ESTROGENS

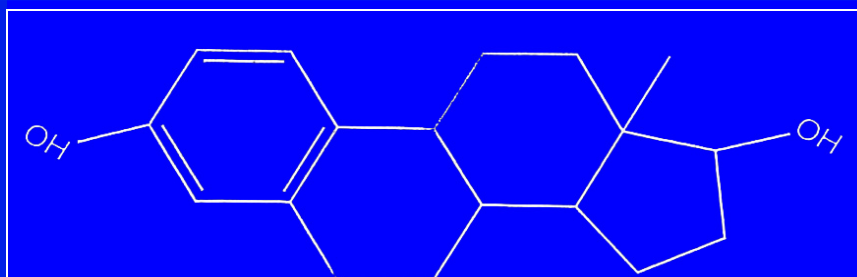
POLYCARBONATE PLASTIC & RESIN

Bisphenol A



NATURAL HORMONE

Estradiol



ESTROGENIC DRUG

Diethylstilbestrol (DES)



INTRAUTERINE POSITION INFLUENCES SERUM ESTRADIOL AND TESTOSTERONE IN MALE MOUSE FETUSES

2M

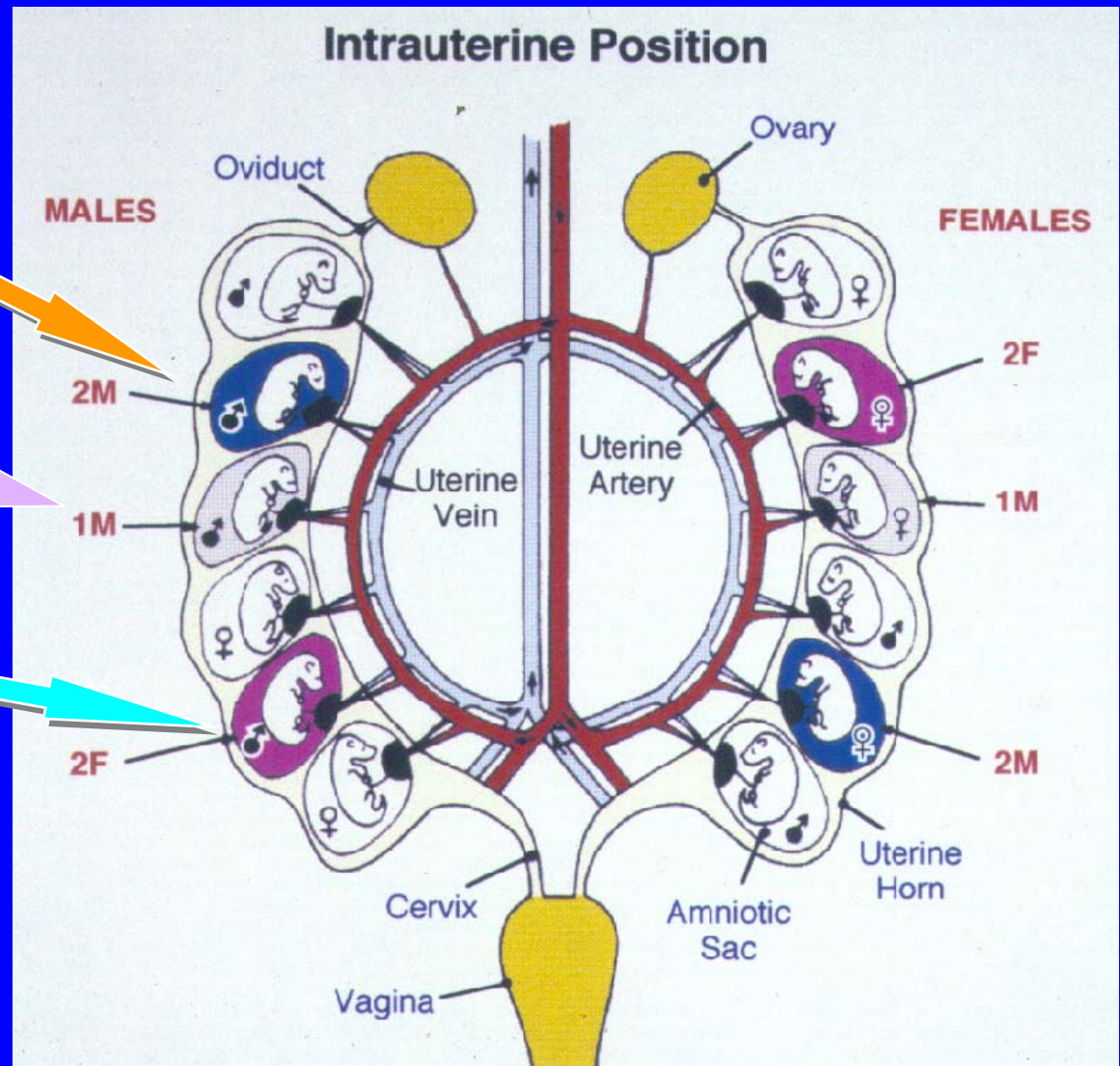
$E_2 = 78 \text{ pg/ml}$
 $T = 5.7 \text{ ng/ml}$

1M

$E_2 = 94 \text{ pg/ml}$
 $T = 4.6 \text{ ng/ml}$

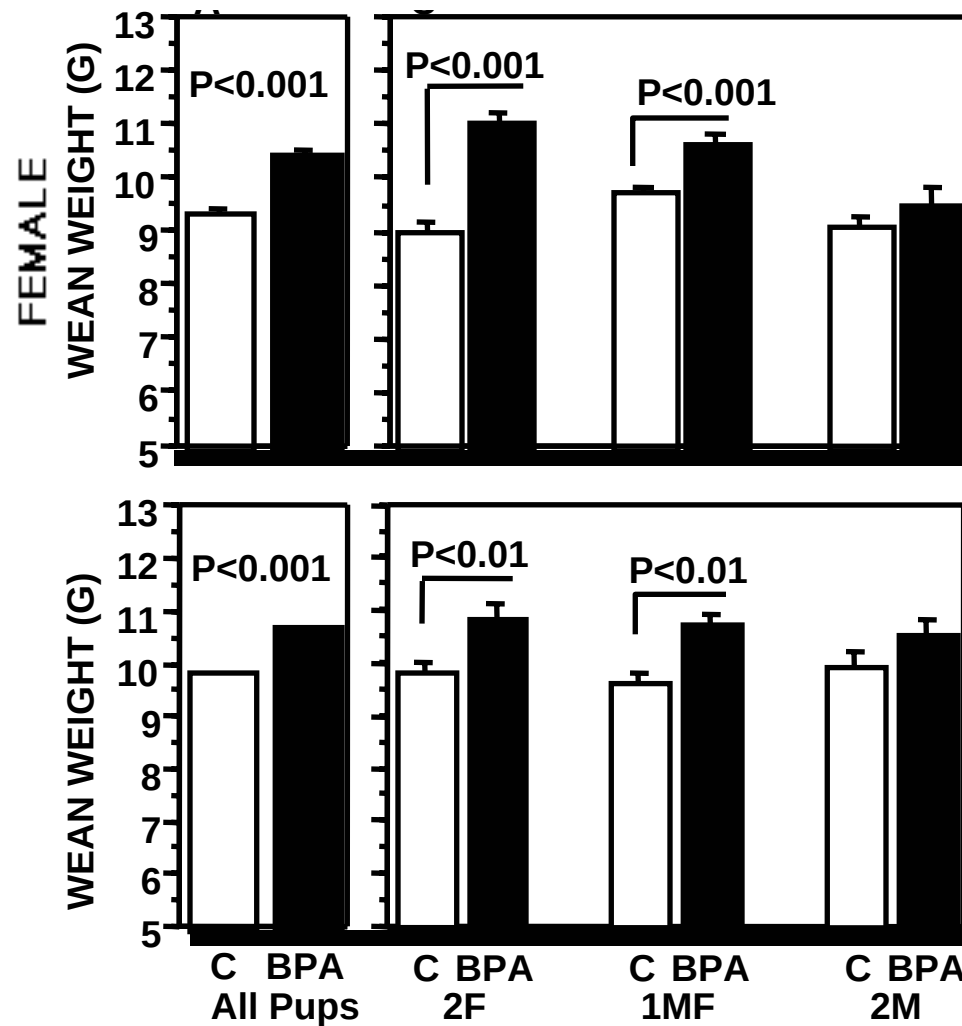
2F

$E_2 = 101 \text{ pg/ml}$
 $T = 4.2 \text{ ng/ml}$



F. vom Saal
J. Anim. Sci.
67:1824-1840, 1989

PRENATAL BISPHENOL A EXPOSURE INCREASES BODY WEIGHT AT WEANING IN MICE WITH ELEVATED FETAL ESTROGEN LEVELS

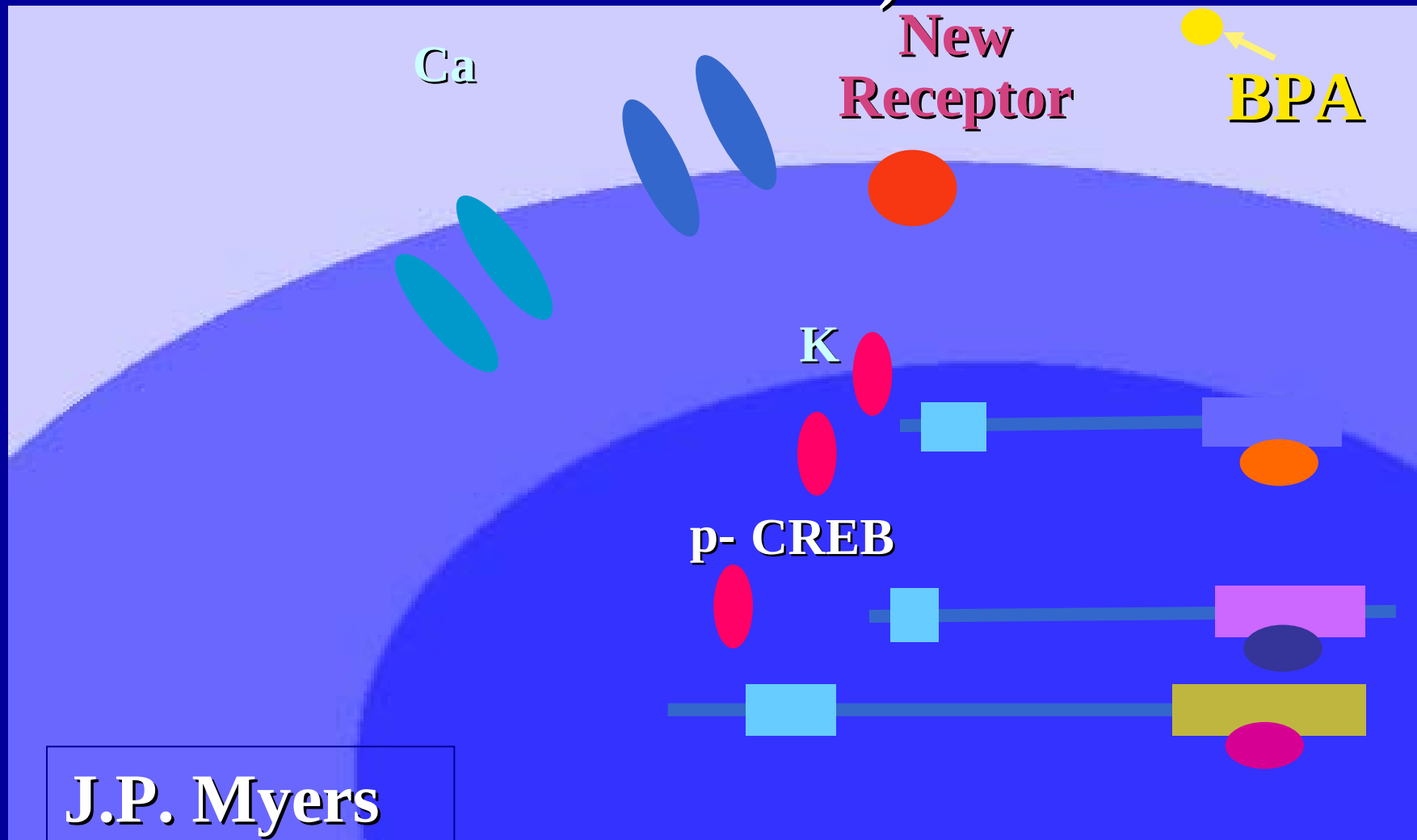


**Maternal BPA Oral Dose:
2 µg/kg/day, GD 11-17**

**High Medium Low
Fetal Estradiol**

**Howdeshell et al.
Nature, 1999**

Bisphenol A activates cAMP Responsive Element Binding Protein (CREB) at Human Exposure Levels (95% of Americans)



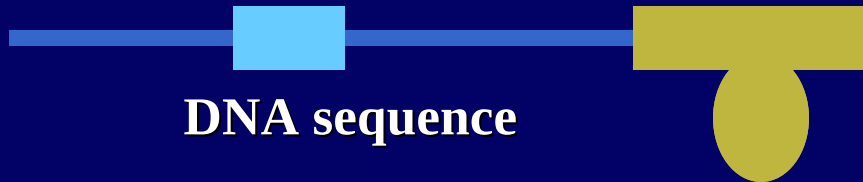
J.P. Myers

Calafat et al. 2005; Zhang et al. 2003; Quesada et al. 2003

Gene in differentiating fat cell

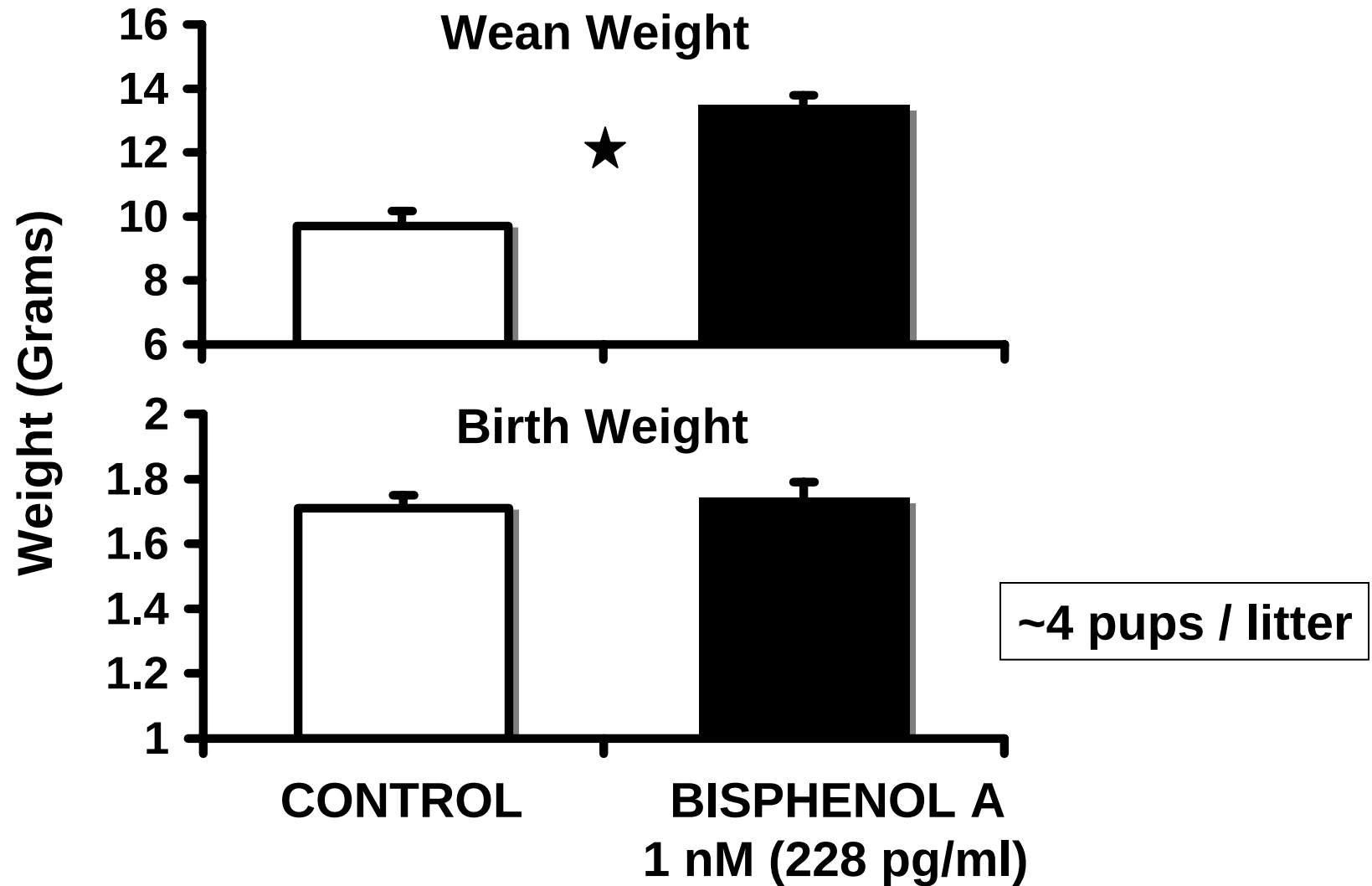
Promoter

mRNA production site



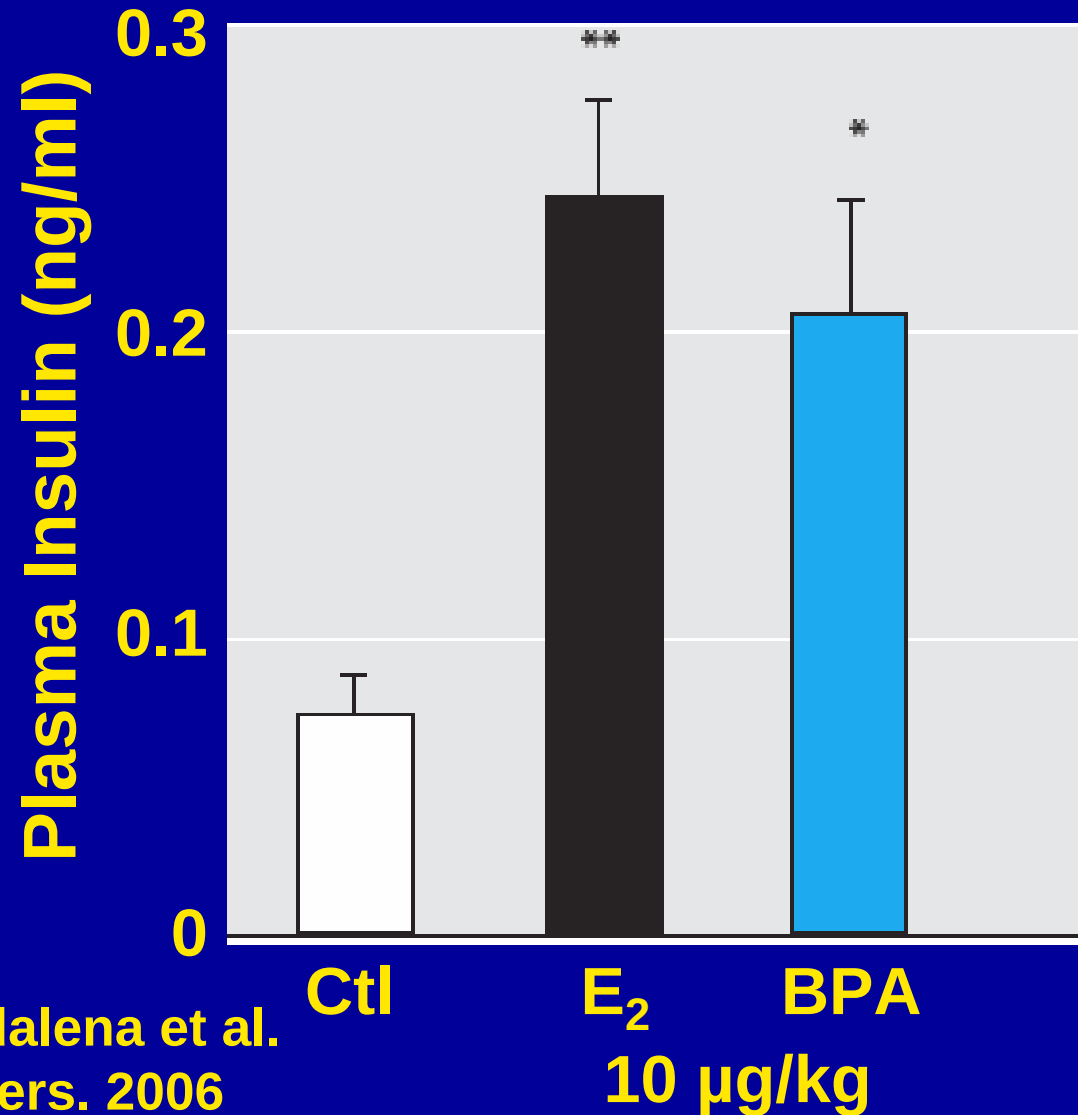
P-CREB

EMBRYONIC EXPOSURE TO BISPHENOL A INCREASES POSTNATAL GROWTH RATE IN MICE



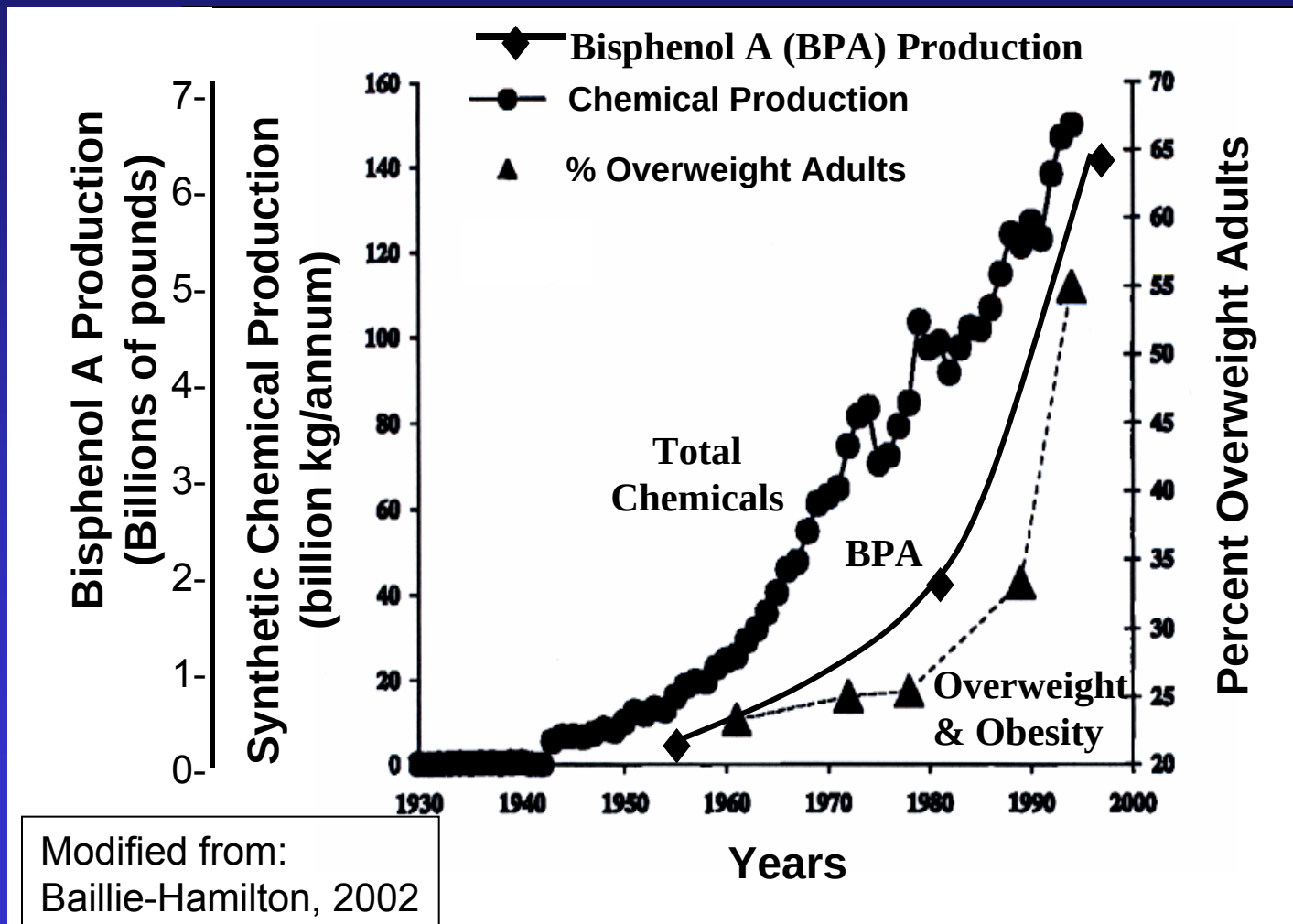
Takai et al.. 2000
Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comm.

BISPHENOL A STIMULATES INSULIN SECRETION IN PANCREATIC β CELLS IN MICE



Alonso-Magdalena et al.
Env. Health Pers. 2006

All Manmade Chemicals and Bisphenol A: Production Parallels the Global Obesity Epidemic



BISPHENOL A

(as of December 2007)

EVIDENCE FOR BIAS DUE TO SOURCE OF FUNDING IN RELATION TO REPORTED OUTCOME IN RESEARCH WITH ANIMALS

SOURCE OF FUNDING	<u>STUDY OUTCOME</u>		
	HARM	NO HARM	
Government	153 (92%)	14 (8%)	167
Chemical Corporations	0 (0%)	13 (100%)	13
	153	23	180

vom Saal and Hughes, 2005
Environ. Health Perspect.

Also > 180 studies of
molecular mechanisms

BIASED OUTCOME DUE TO SOURCE OF FUNDING IN LOW-DOSE BISPHENOL A RESEARCH (as of December 2005)

STUDIES THAT USED THE ESTROGEN-INSENSITIVE CHARLES RIVER SPRAGUE-DAWLEY (CD-SD) RAT

SOURCE OF FUNDING	REPORTED STUDY OUTCOME		
	HARM	NO HARM	TOTAL
Government	0 (0%)	7 (100%)	7
Chemical Corporations	0 (0%)	3 (100%)	3
	0 (0%)	10 (100%)	10

**vom Saal and Hughes, 2005
Environ. Health Perspect.**

Reported low-dose effects have not been replicated in repeat studies conducted in independent laboratories. The vast majority of available data shows no low dose effect whatsoever.

Bisphenol A Safety Overview
American Chemistry Council
Document for California Assembly
December 2005

Environmental Science and Technology

February 22, 2006

THE WEINBERG PROPOSAL

Paul D. Thacker

A scientific consulting firm says that it aids companies in trouble, but critics say that it manufactures uncertainty and undermines science.

“We will harness, focus and involve the scientific and intellectual capital of our company with one goal in mind — creating the outcome our client desires.”

Letter from the FDA to the California Assembly, April, 2005

The FDA sees no reason to ban bisphenol A.

The FDA approved bisphenol A for use in food and beverage containers in 1963. The standard was that bisphenol A was Generally Regarded As Safe (GRAS), since it had been in use for a few years and there was no evidence of harm.

George Pauli, Ph.D.
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PUBLISHED STUDIES SINCE 1997 REPORTING LOW-DOSES EFFECTS OF BISPHENOL A IN MICE AND RATS DURING DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ 17=Altered brain structure & chemistry
21=Altered behavior
- ◆ 5=Increased prostate size and cancer
9=Lowered sperm production
- ◆ 6=Altered adult hormone levels
- ◆ 7=Abnormal mammary glands
3=Early puberty in females
- ◆ 7=Increased subsequent body weight
- ◆ 2=Altered immune system

SHOULD BISPHENOL A (BPA) BE BANNED IN BABY PRODUCTS AND FOOD AND BEVERAGE CONTAINERS?

Hundreds of published scientific studies show:

- 1) High exposure is occurring: fetuses - adults.
- 2) Developing fetuses and babies are more sensitive to BPA than adults.
- 3) BPA is an endocrine disruptor that causes a wide range of abnormalities in animals.
- 4) Alternative plastics that are much more stable and safer than BPA are available.

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