

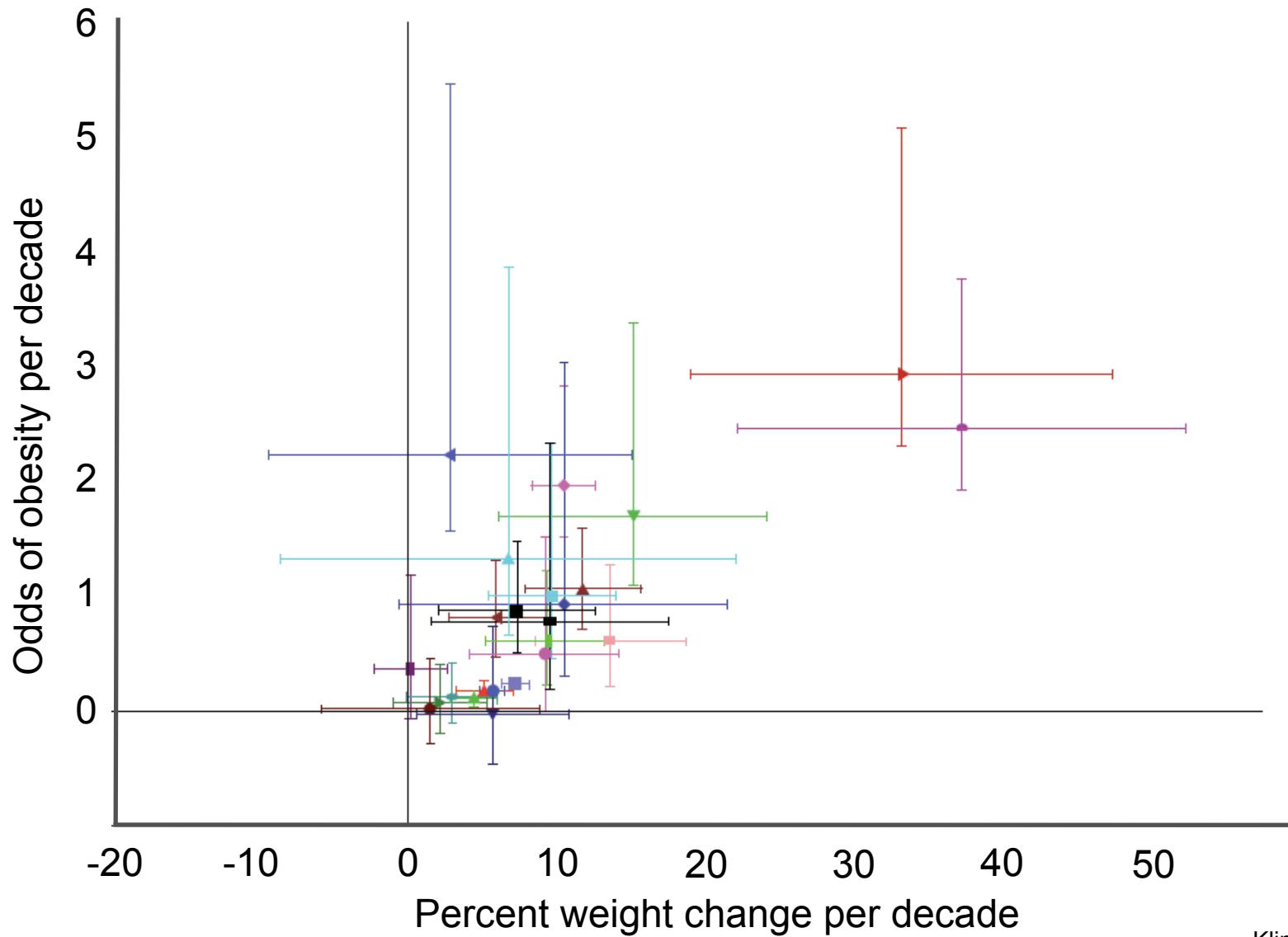
# **Perinatal DDT Exposure Impairs Energy Expenditure and Metabolism in Adult Female Mice**

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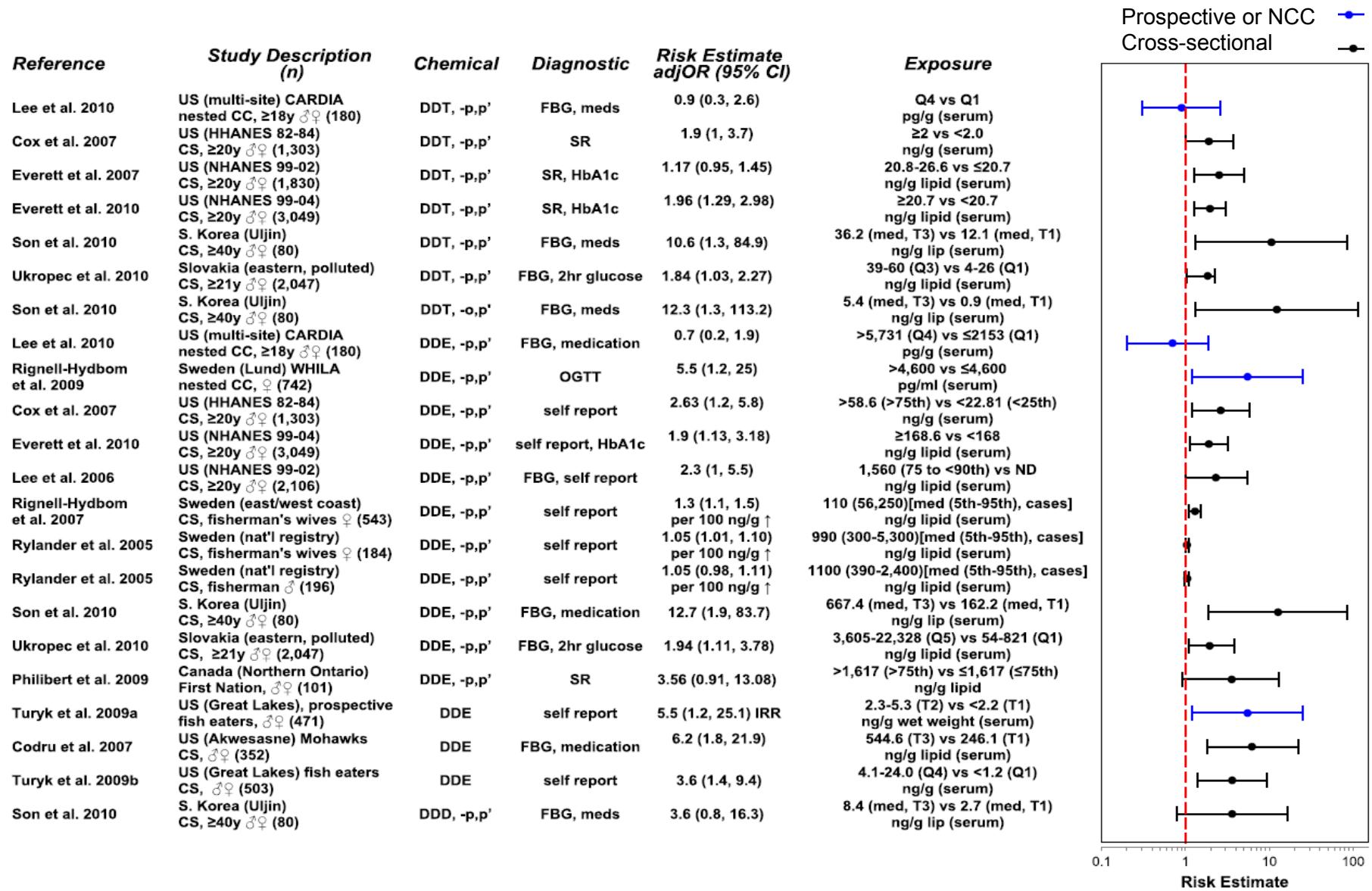
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# Average Body Weight & Obesity Has Been Rising in Animals Over Time



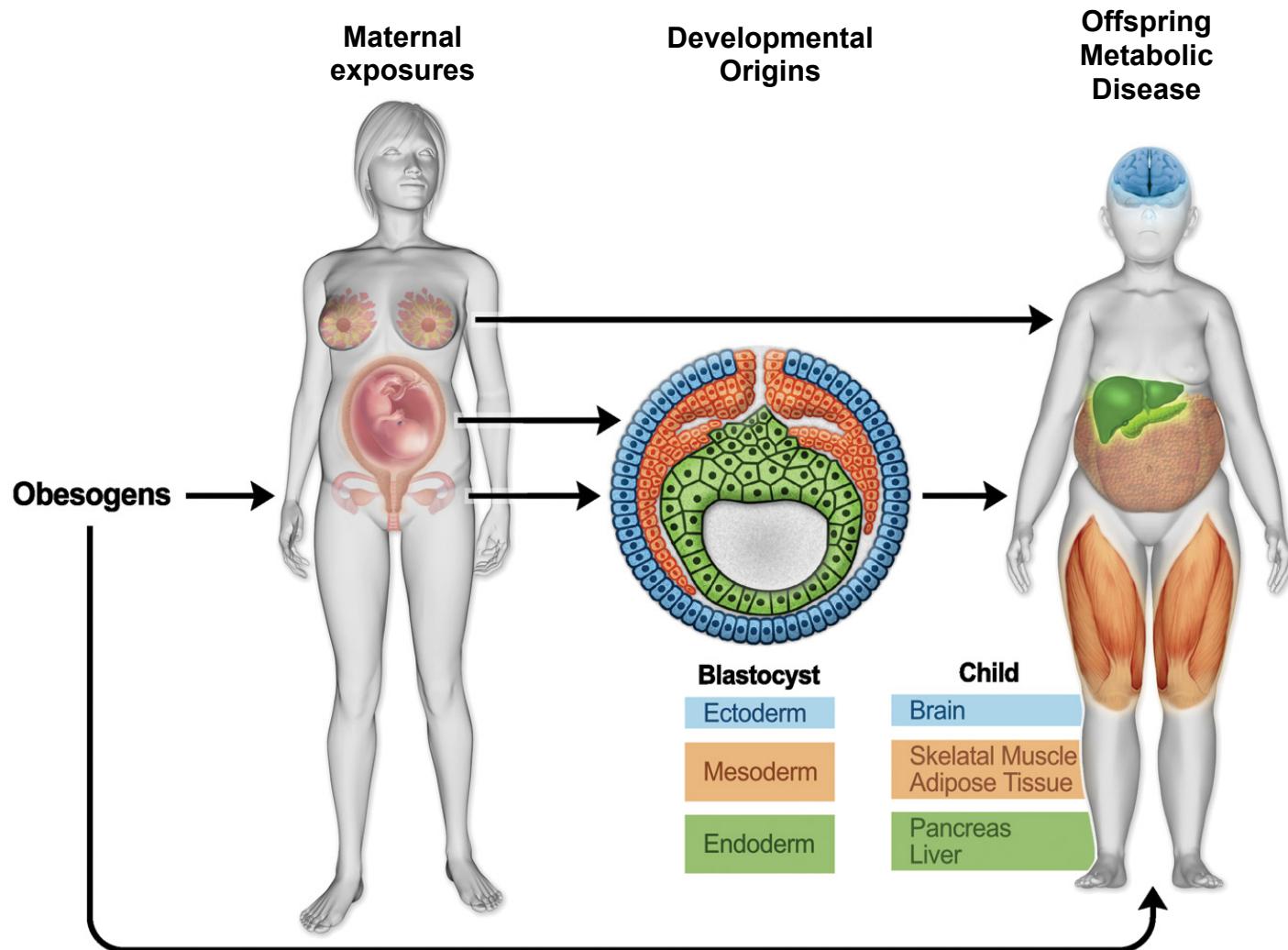
# DDTs and Risk of Diabetes



► lower 95% confidence interval   ▲ upper 95% confidence interval   ● risk estimate

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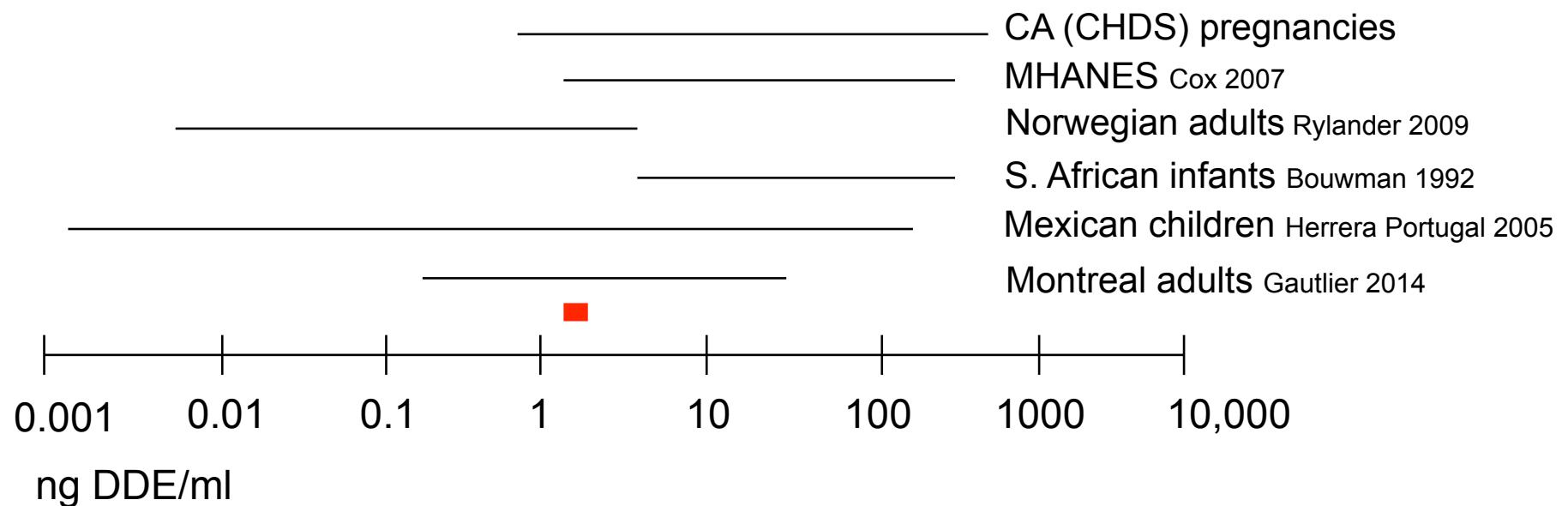
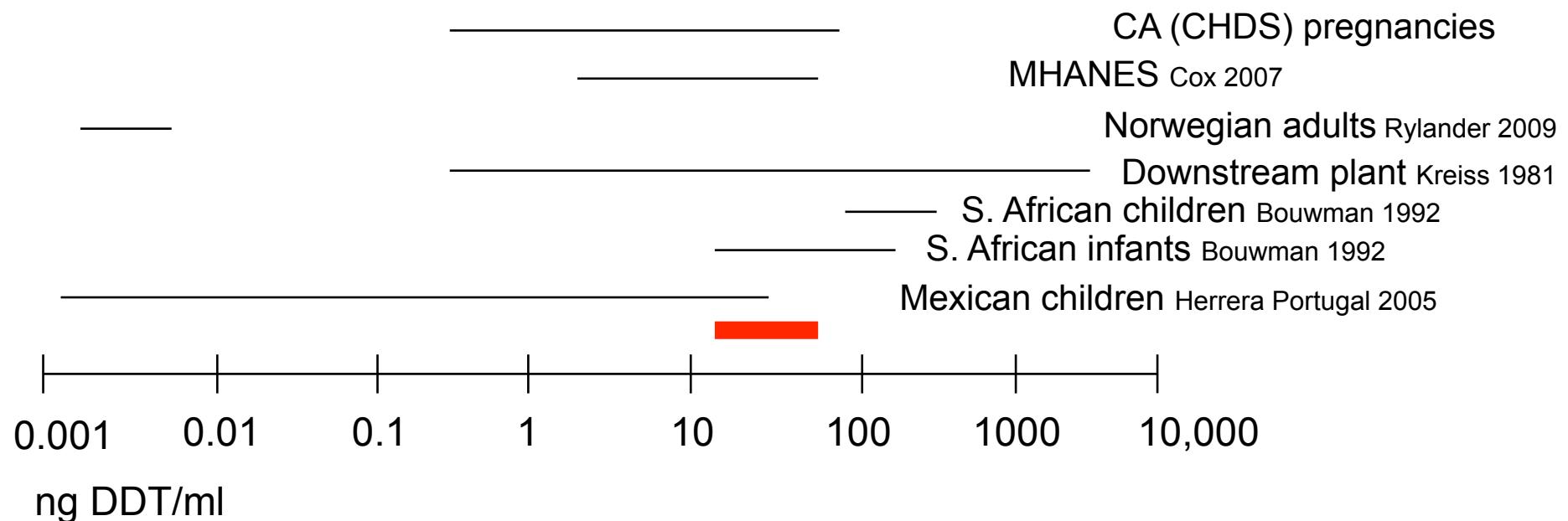
# Developmental Origins of Metabolic Disease



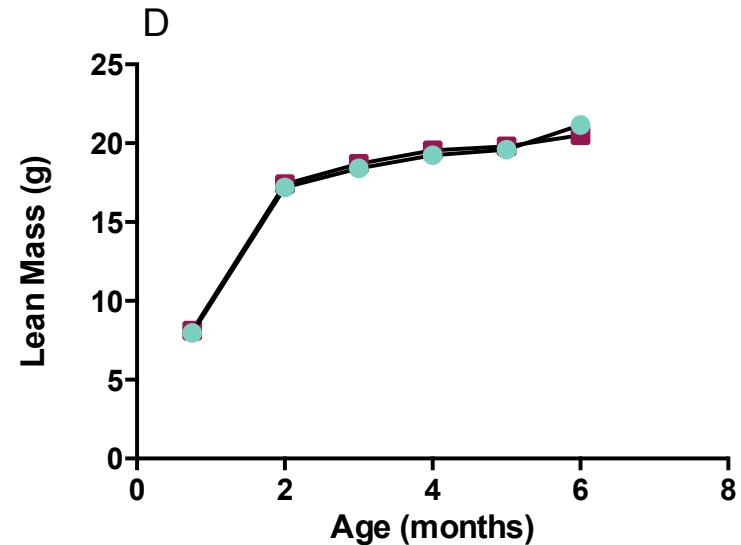
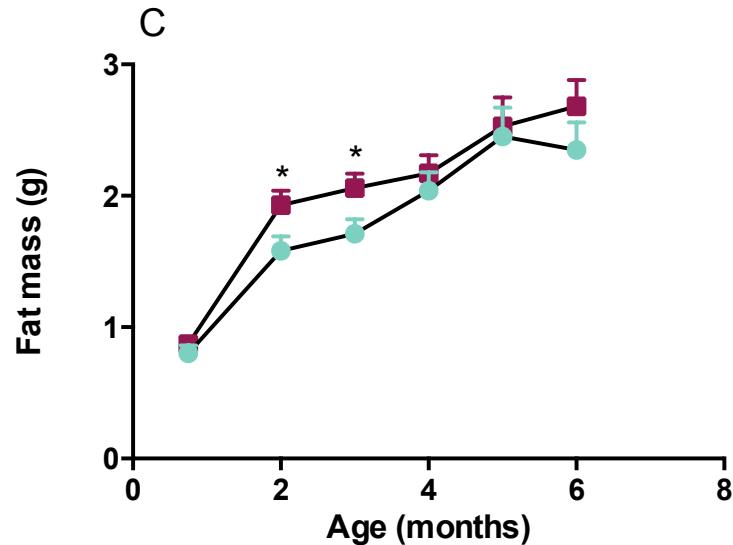
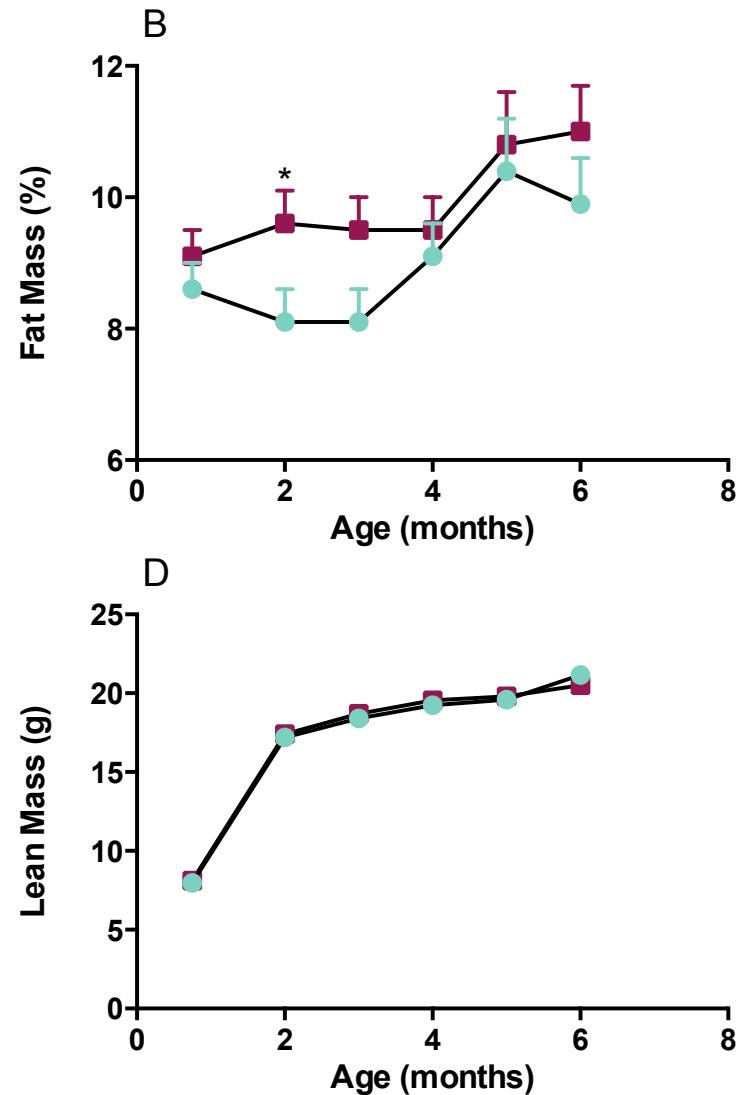
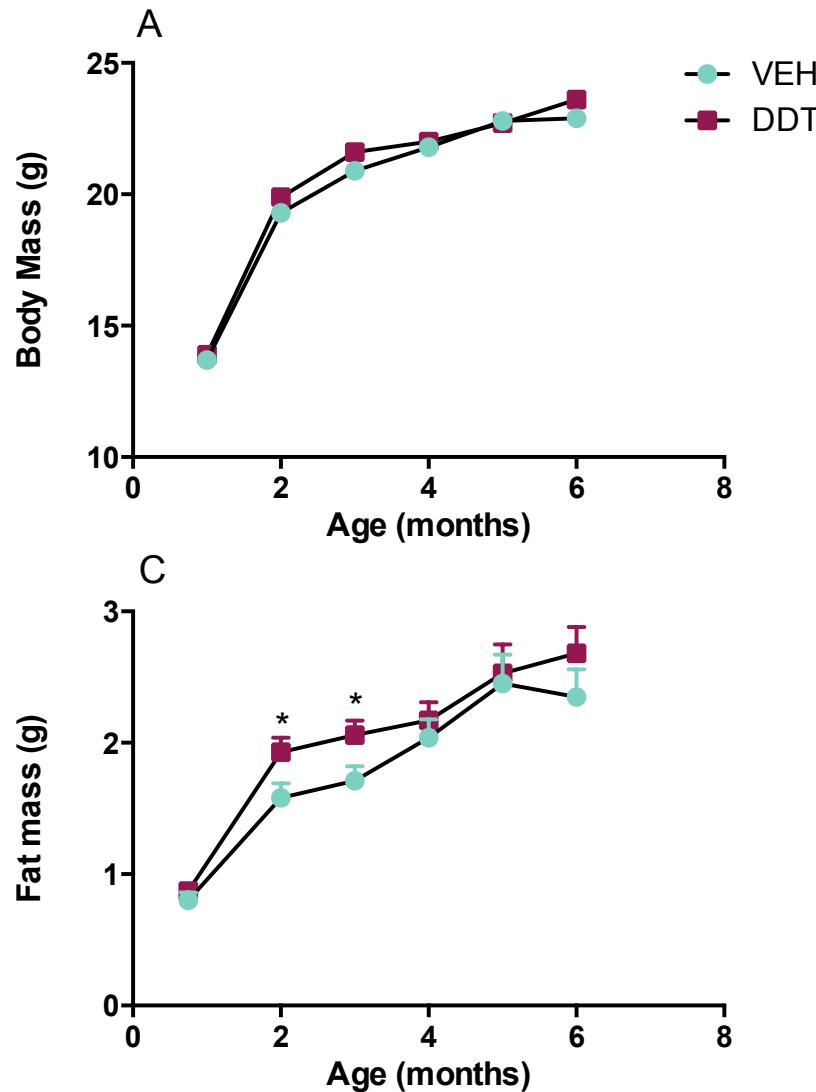
La Merrill & Birnbaum 2011

**Could  
Developmental Exposure to DDT  
Increase Adult Risk of  
Obesity and Diabetes?**

# Internal Dose in Range of Human Exposure



# Perinatal DDT Increases Early Adult Adiposity



# What Causes Excess Body Mass?

- The 1<sup>st</sup> Law of Thermodynamics!

Excess Mass = Energy Intake > Energy Expenditure

- Energy Intake

Food calories

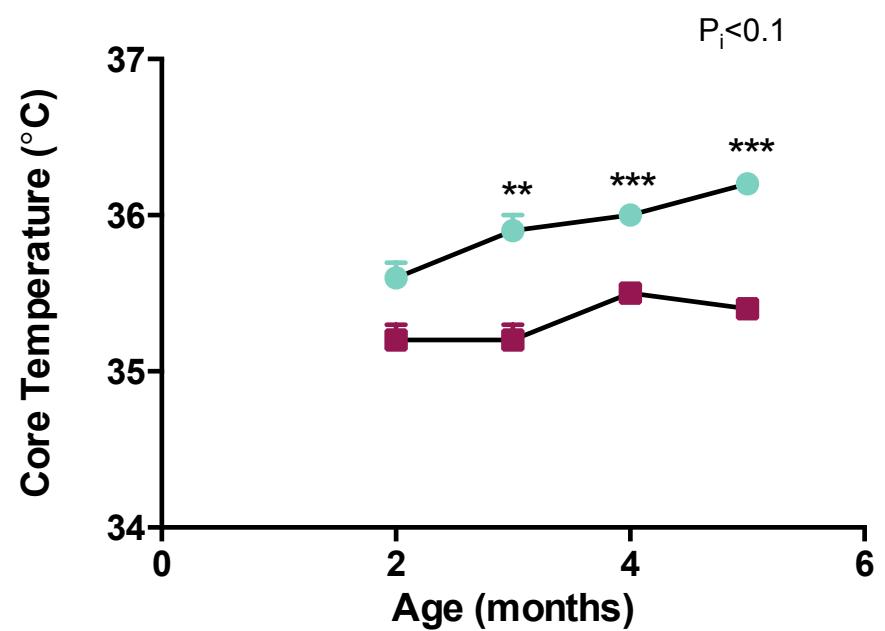
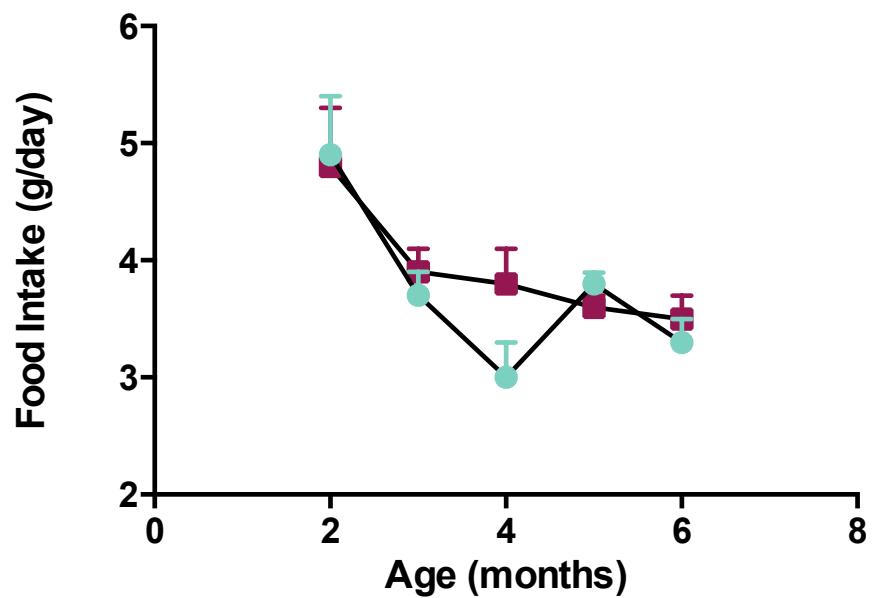
- Energy Expenditure

10-30% physical activity

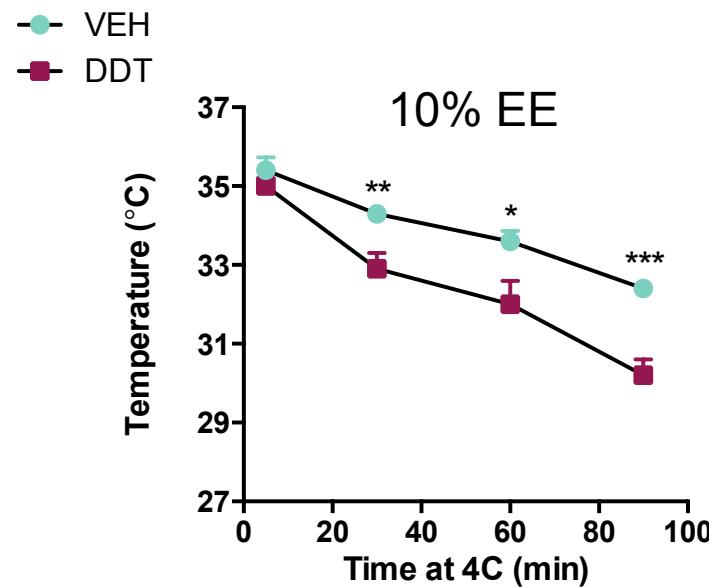
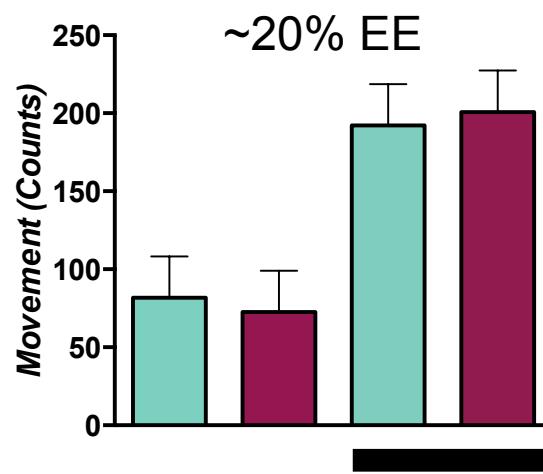
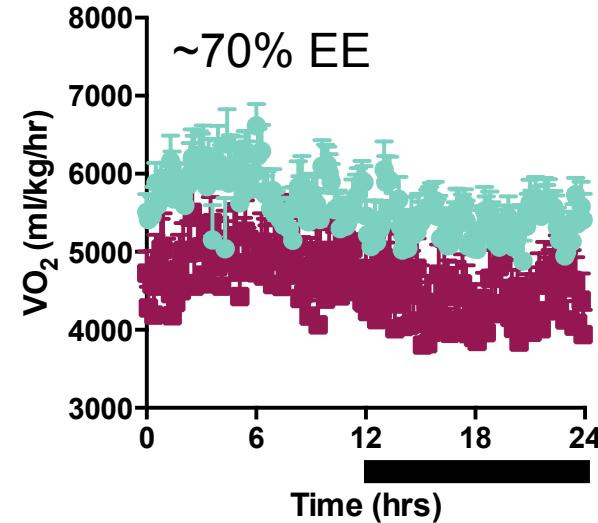
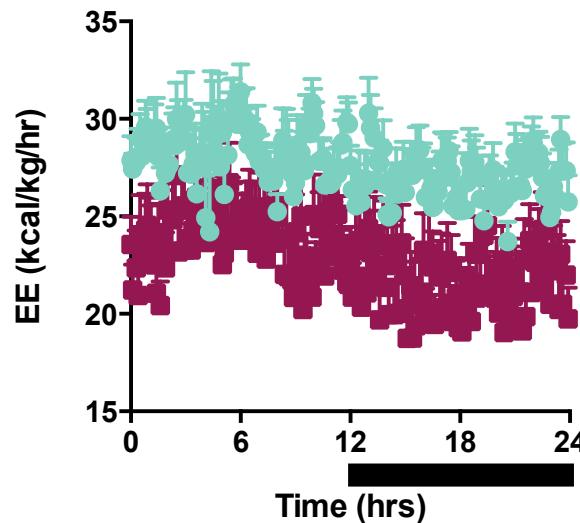
60-80% resting metabolic rate (homeothermy)

10% adaptive thermogenesis (response to cold and diet)

# Perinatal DDT Decreases Thermogenesis



# Perinatal DDT Decreases Energy Expenditure



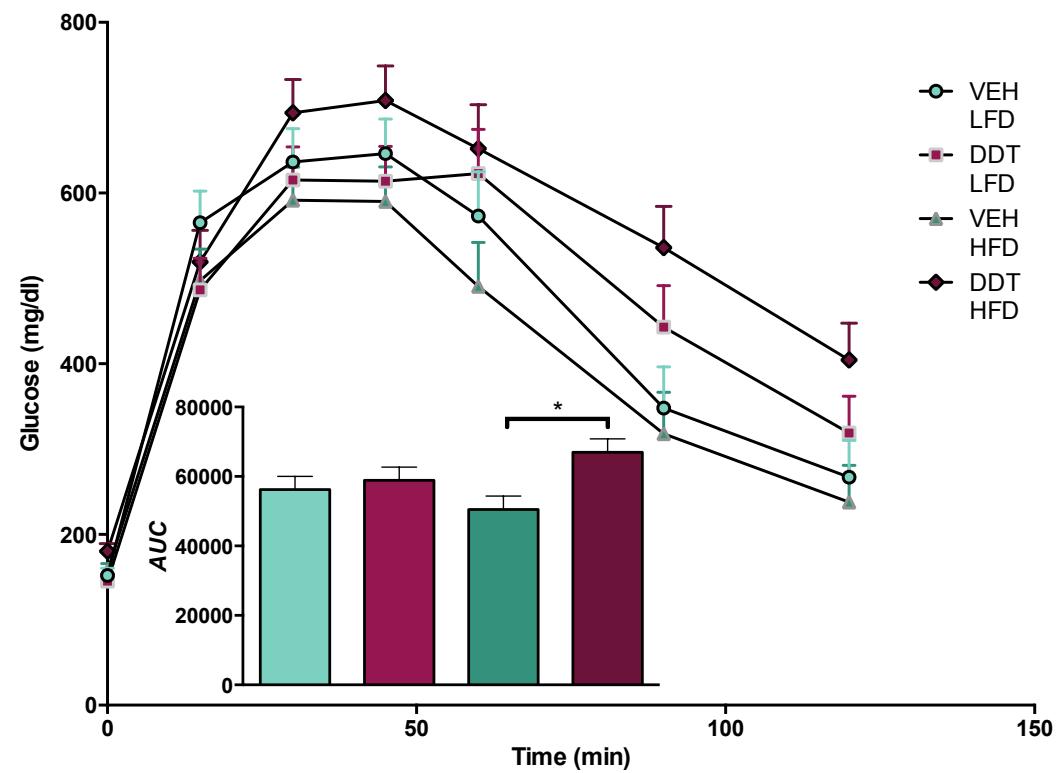
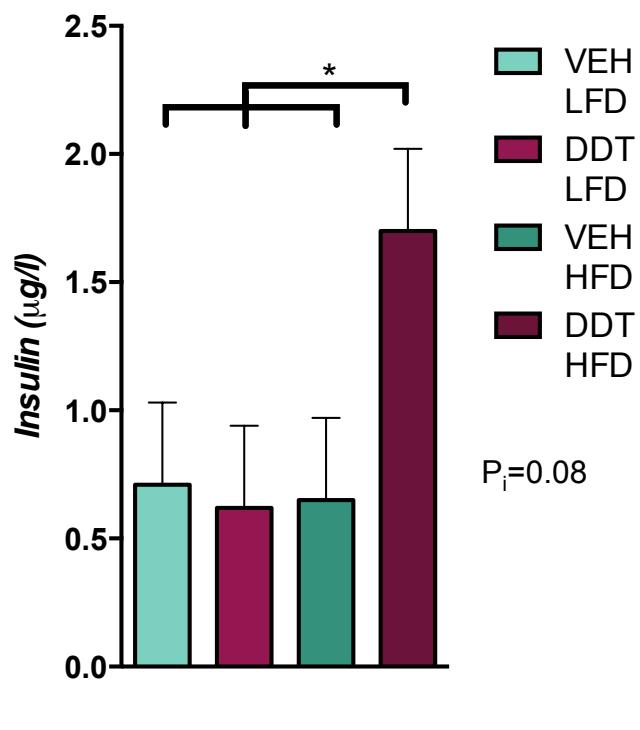
Mammalian body temperature maintenance is essential.

Therefore when thermogenic capacity is reduced, metabolic compensation occurs.

**Does this metabolic compensation increase susceptibility to diet induced- metabolic disruption?**

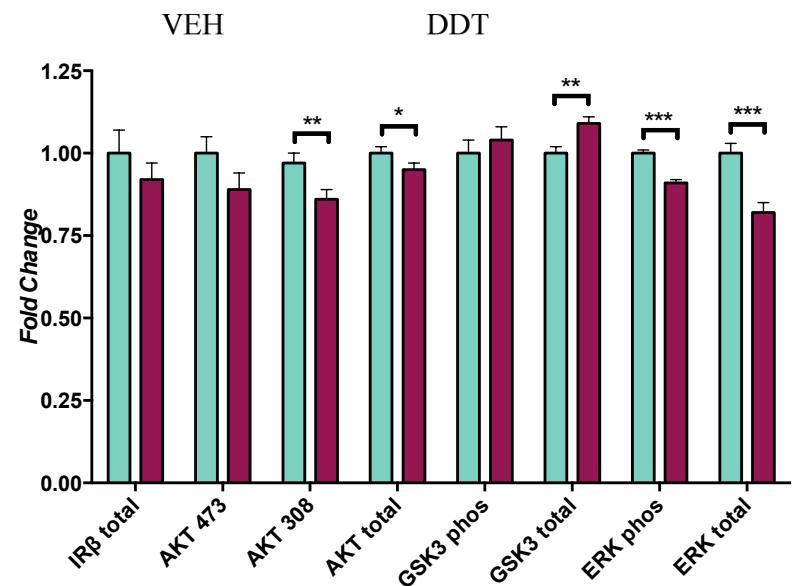
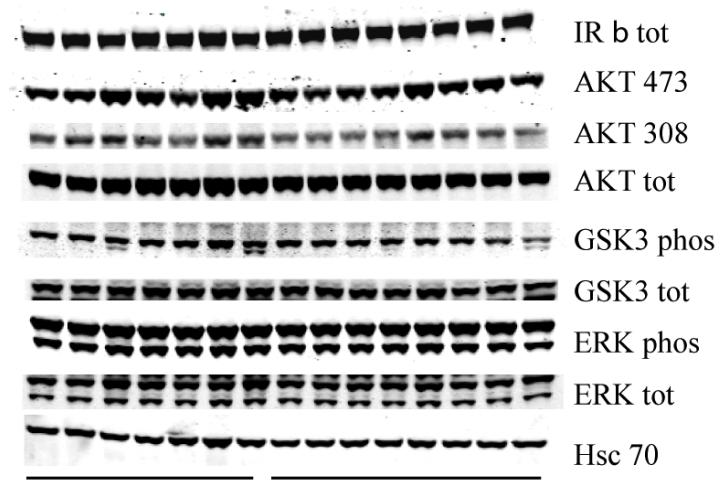
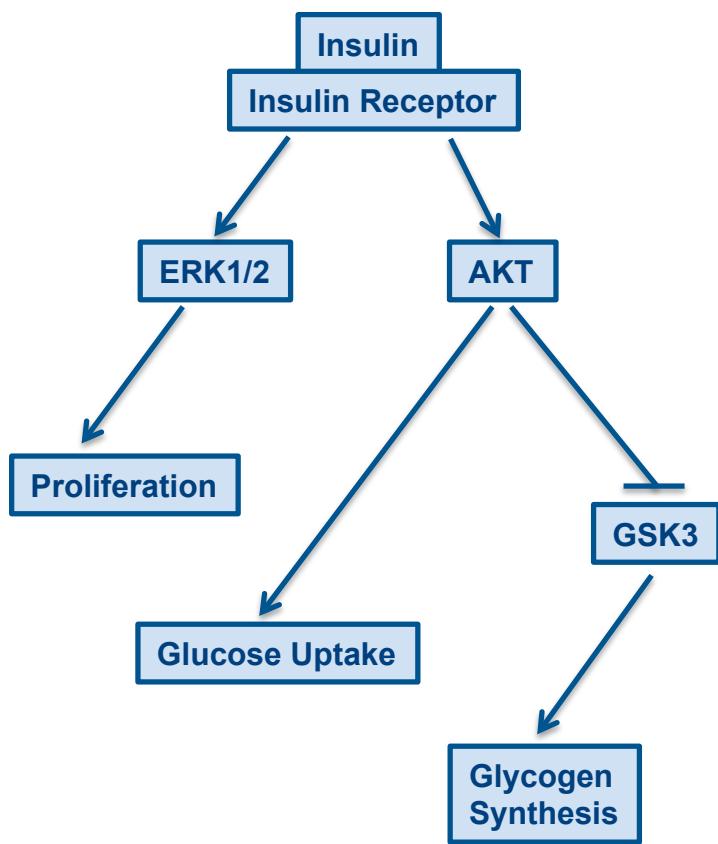


# HFD Increases Susceptibility to Adult Insulin Resistance Induced by Perinatal DDT

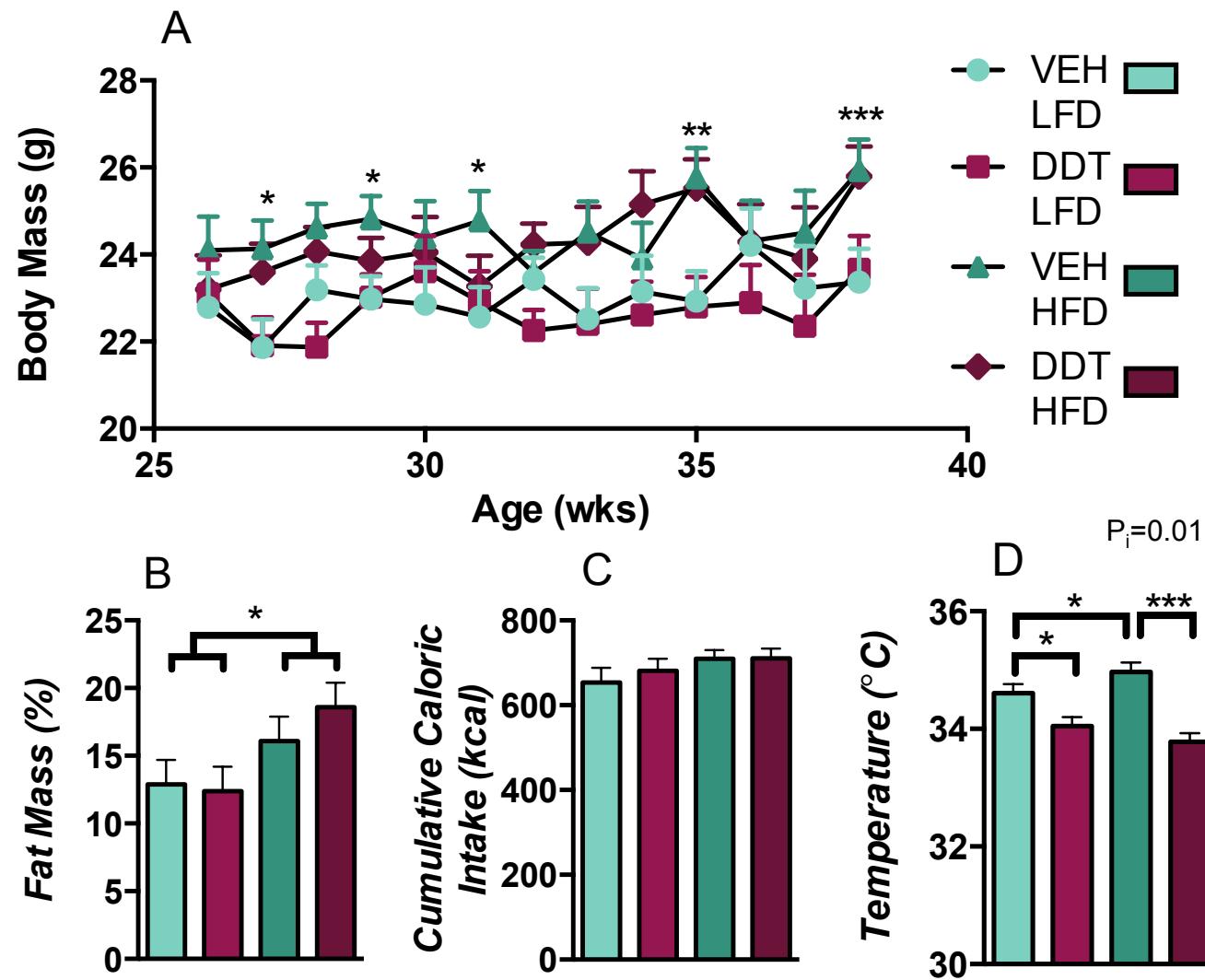


# Perinatal DDT Reduces Hepatic Proteins Downstream of Insulin in HFD-fed Mice

## Normal Insulin Signaling

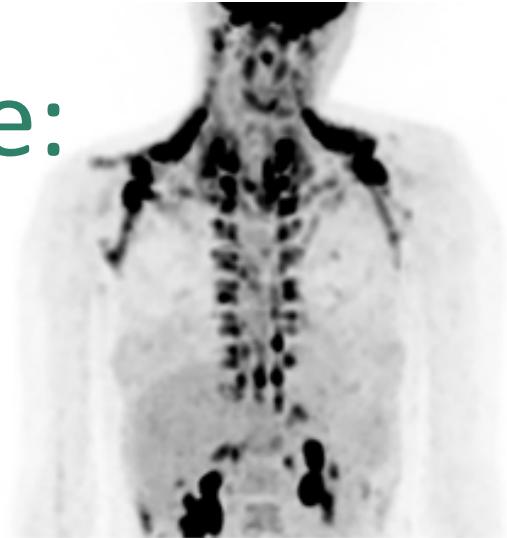


# HFD Attenuates the Depressive Effect of Perinatal DDT on Thermogenesis

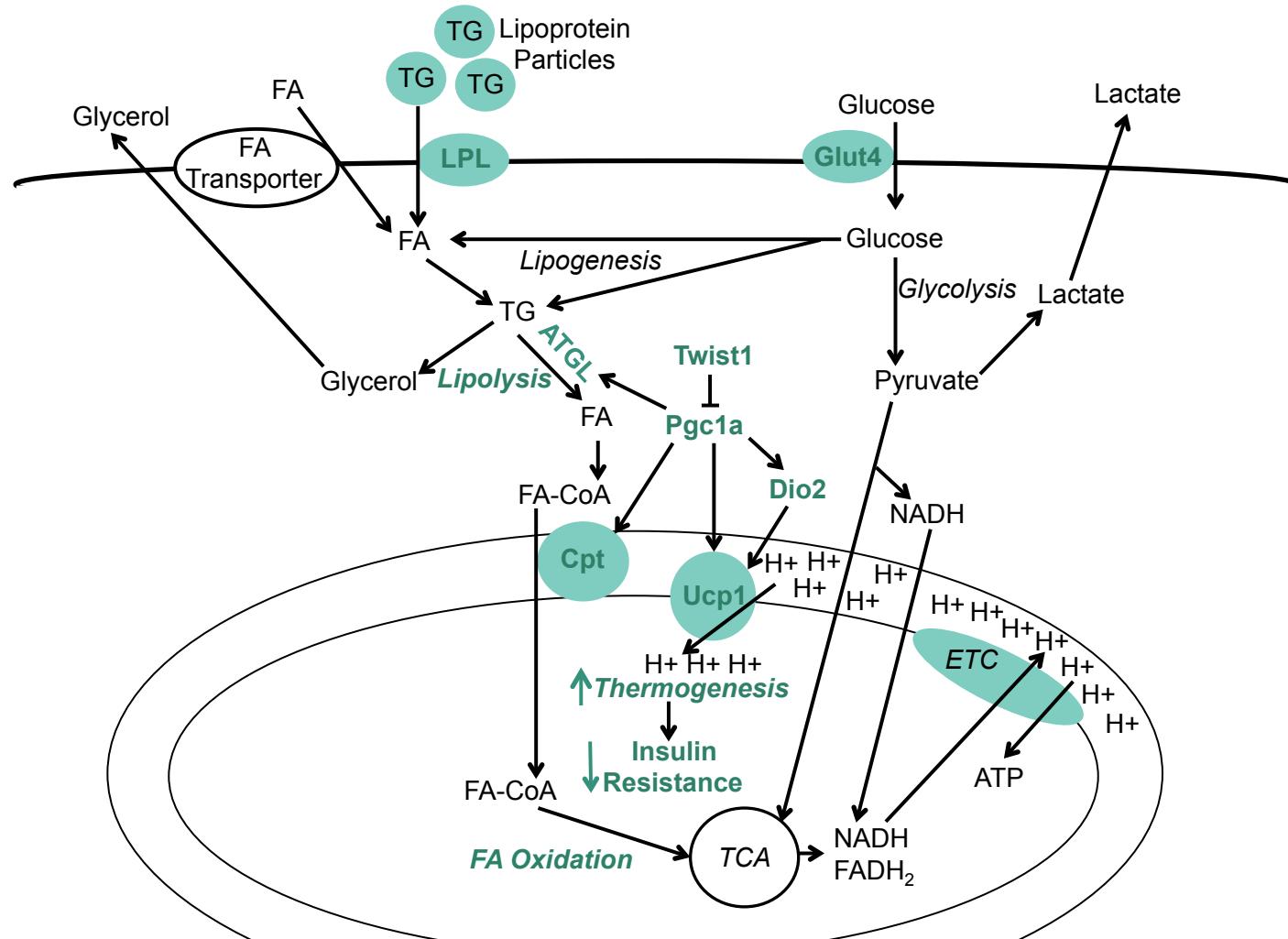


# Brown Adipose Tissue: A Primer

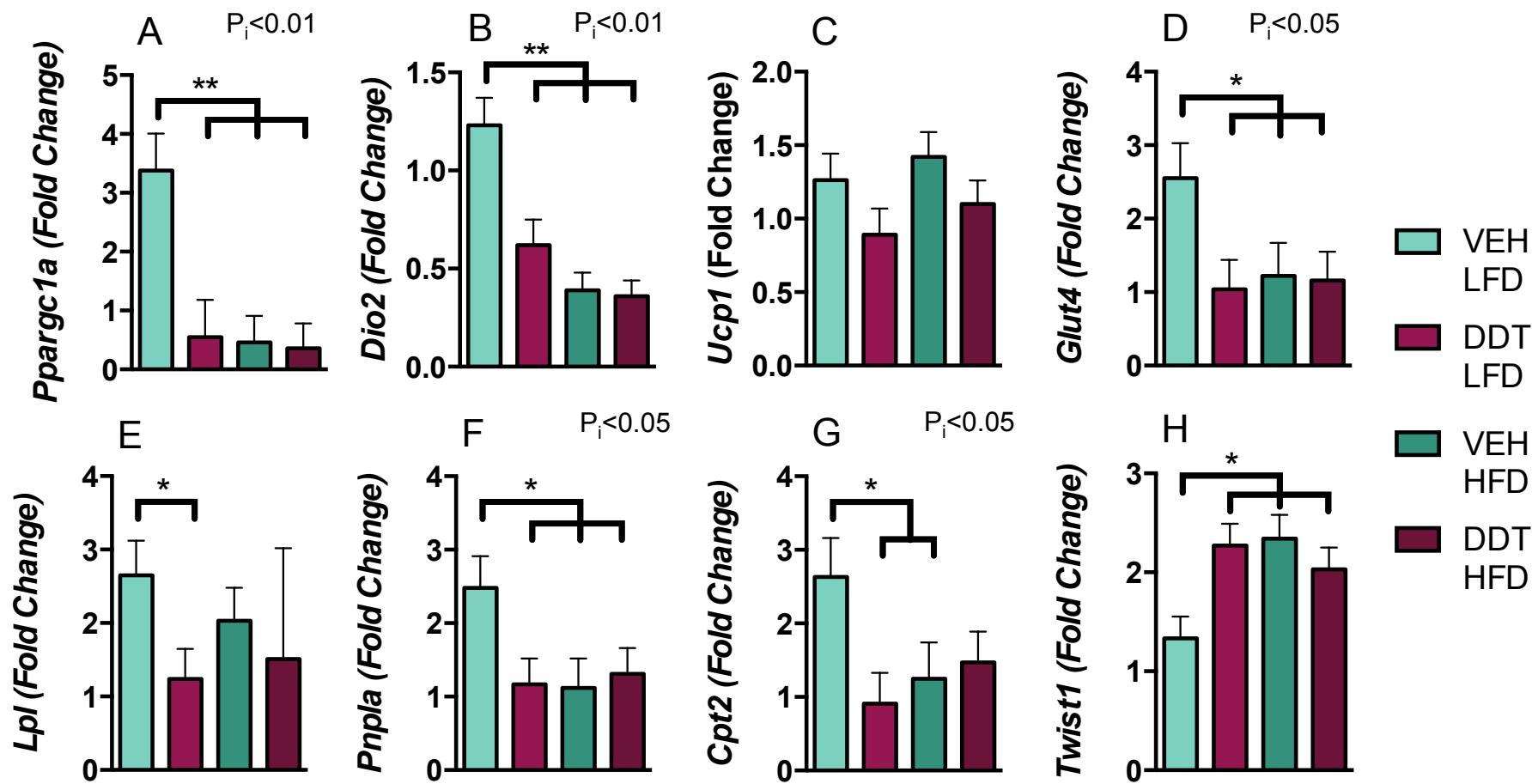
- BURNS energy to make heat
- Neonatal response to ambient temperature
- Recently discovered to be present and active in adult humans
  - Presence of BAT in adult humans associated with lower diabetes risk (A1C)
  - Activation of adult human BAT may contribute to loss of over 4 kg body fat annually



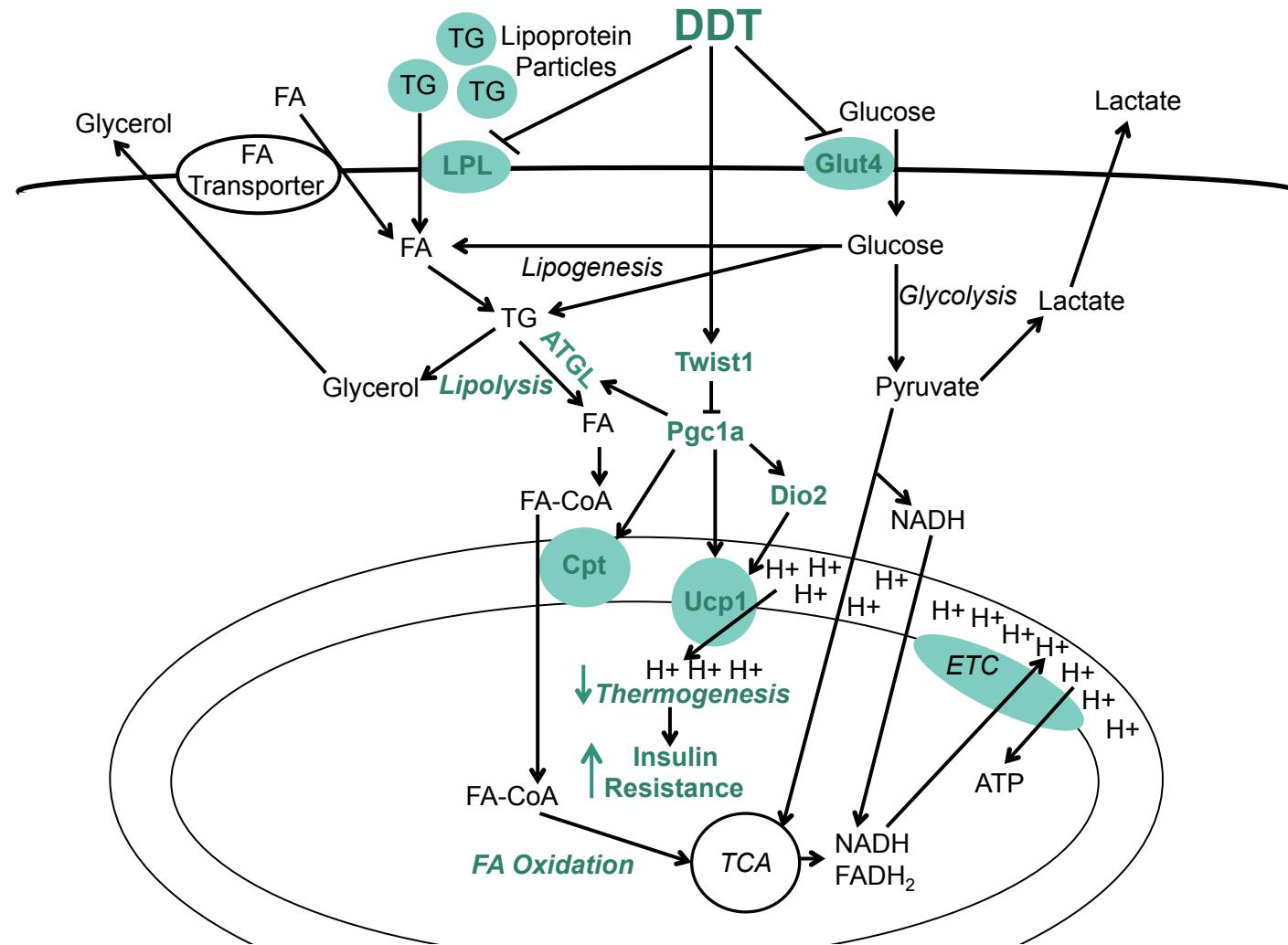
# Pathway to Thermogenesis: Respiration and its Uncoupling in Brown Adipose



# HFD Attenuates the Depressive Effect of Perinatal DDT on BAT Thermogenesis & Substrate Utilization



# Working Model: Perinatal DDT Exposure Impairs Respiration and its Uncoupling in Brown Adipose



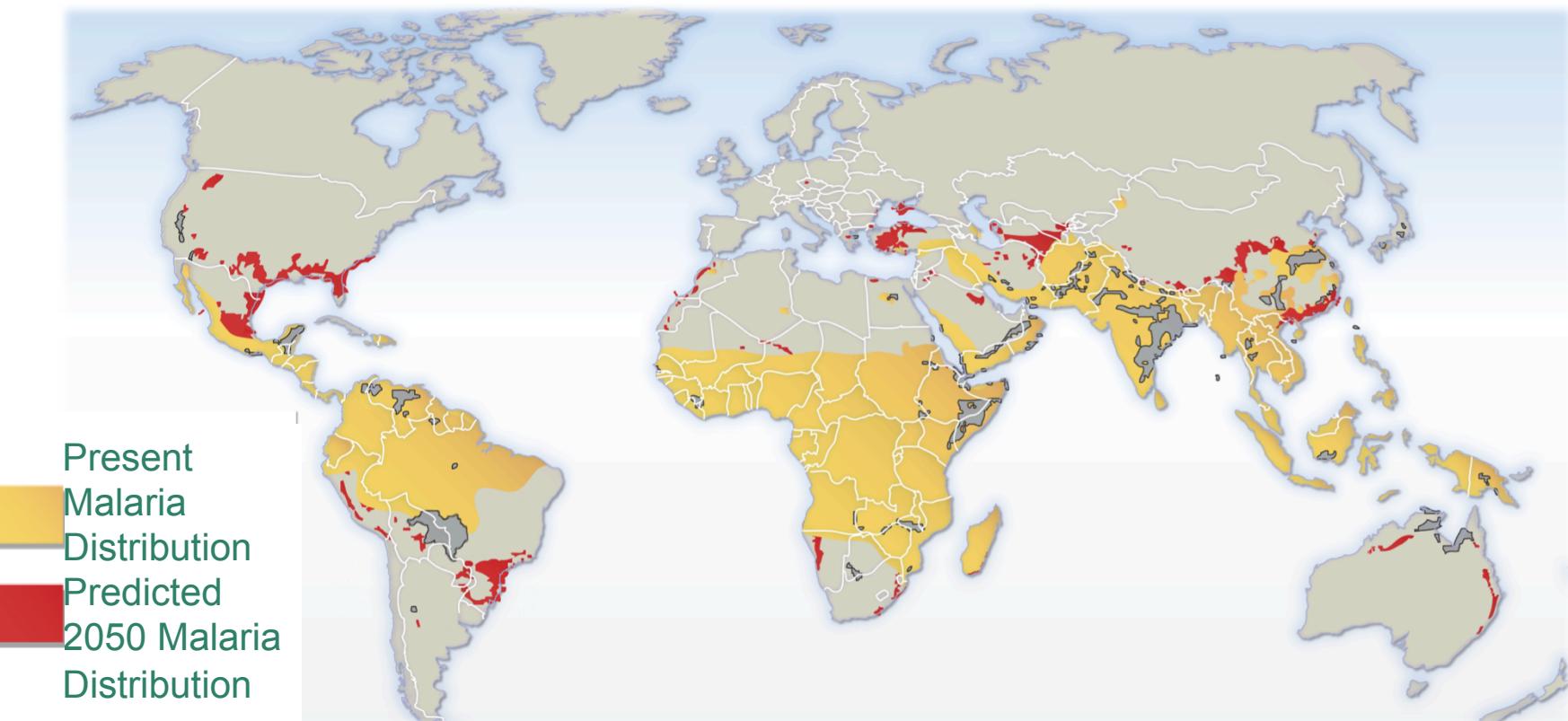
# Results Summary

- Perinatal DDT exposure leads to...
  - Increased adipose in early adulthood
  - Decreased energy expenditure
    - Decreased thermogenesis
  - Susceptibility to HFD
    - Insulin resistance
    - Decreased thermogenesis
  - Defects in brown adipose substrate utilization implicated



# Malaria & Climate Change

- Predictions about mosquitos carrying malaria
  - Larger numbers in existing range
  - Expanse of distribution

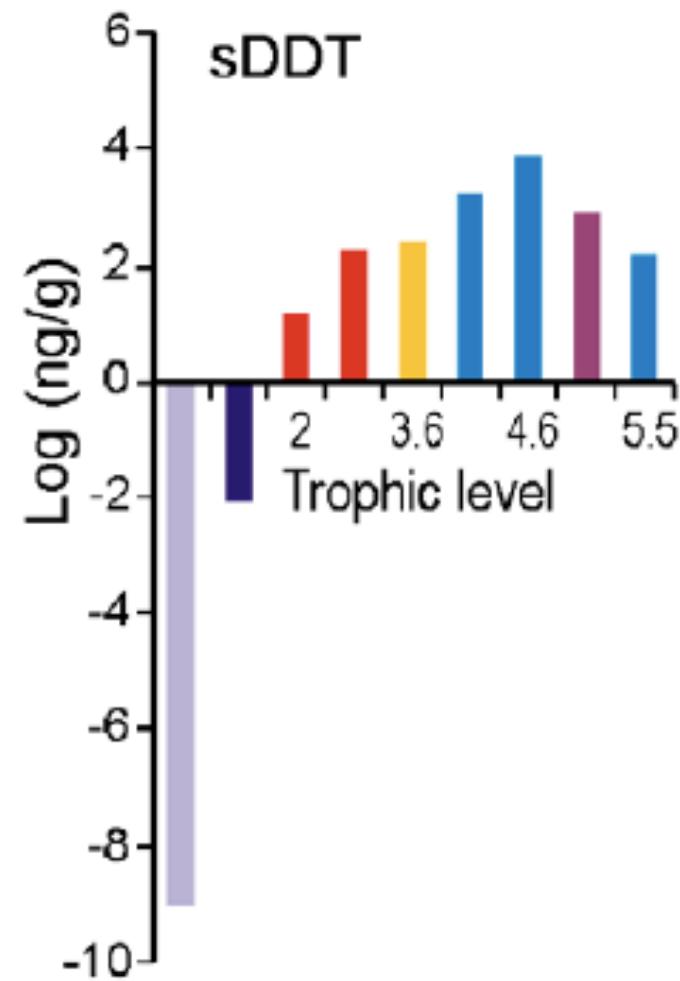
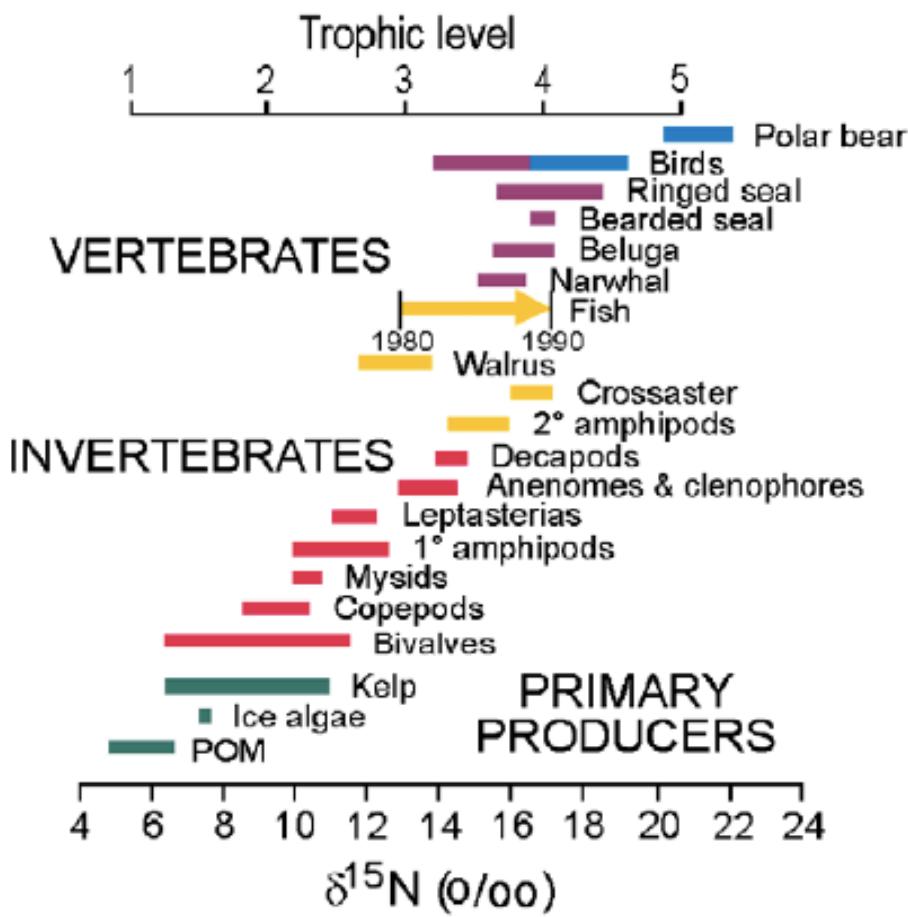


Rogers 2000, Kiszewski 2004, Pascual 2006, IPCC 2007, Siraj 2014, Noyes 2009

# Melting glaciers are a source of marine DDTs:

$\geq 60\%$  to subalpine lakes

46% DDTs in Canadian Archipelago



Macdonald 2005



# Thank you for your attention!

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