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## International Diabetes Federation Position Statement on the 1-hour post-load plasma glucose for the diagnosis of intermediate hyperglycaemia and type 2 diabetes <sup>☆, ☆ ☆</sup>

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## A B S T R A C T

Many individuals with intermediate hyperglycaemia (IH), including impaired fasting glycaemia (IFG) and impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), as presently defined, will progress to type 2 diabetes (T2D). There is confirmatory evidence that T2D can be prevented by lifestyle modification and/or medications, in people with IGT diagnosed by 2-h plasma glucose (PG) during a 75-gram oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT). Over the last 40 years, a wealth of epidemiological data has confirmed the superior value of 1-h plasma glucose (PG) over fasting PG (FPG), glycated haemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub>) and 2-h PG in populations of different ethnicity, sex and age in predicting diabetes and associated complications including death. Given the relentlessly rising prevalence of diabetes, a more sensitive, practical method is needed to detect people with IH and T2D for early prevention or treatment in the often lengthy trajectory to T2D and its complications. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Position Statement reviews findings that the 1-h post-load PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) in people with normal glucose tolerance (NGT) during an OGTT is highly predictive for detecting progression to T2D, micro- and macrovascular complications, obstructive sleep apnoea, cystic fibrosis-related diabetes mellitus, metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease, and mortality in individuals with risk factors. The 1-h PG of 209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) is also diagnostic of T2D. Importantly, the 1-h PG cut points for diagnosing IH and T2D can be detected earlier than the recommended 2-h PG thresholds. Taken together, the 1-h PG provides an opportunity to avoid misclassification of glycaemic status if FPG or HbA<sub>1c</sub> alone are used. The 1-h PG also allows early detection of high-risk people for intervention to prevent progression to T2D which will benefit the sizeable and growing population of individuals at increased risk of T2D. Using a 1-h OGTT, subsequent to screening with a non-laboratory diabetes risk tool, and intervening early will favourably impact the global diabetes epidemic. Health services should consider developing a policy for screening for IH based on local human and technical resources. People with a 1-h PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) are considered to have IH and should be prescribed lifestyle intervention and referred to a diabetes prevention program. People with a 1-h PG  $\geq 209$  mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) are considered to have T2D and should have a repeat test to confirm the diagnosis of T2D and then referred for further evaluation and treatment. The substantive data presented in the Position Statement provides strong evidence for redefining current diagnostic criteria for IH and T2D by adding the 1-h PG.

## Introduction

The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) estimates that 537 million individuals or 10.5 % of the global adult population were living with diabetes in 2021; 783 million or 12.2 % of adults are expected to have diabetes by 2045 [1]. In addition, an estimated 541 million individuals or 10.6 % of the global adult population had impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) in 2021 and are considered at increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes (T2D) with an expectation that this could increase to 730 million, or 11.4 % in 2045 [1].

The IDF Position Statement on the 1-hour post-load plasma glucose (1-h PG) for the diagnosis of intermediate hyperglycaemia (IH) and T2D is based on considerable evidence that an elevated 1-h PG during a 75 g oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) can identify individuals with normal glucose tolerance (NGT) (defined by glycated haemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 5.7 % [38.8 mmol/mol]) or fasting PG(FPG) < 100 mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L) or 2-h PG < 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) who have undiagnosed T2D or are at increased risk for T2D. It is well known that people with T2D have increased risk of micro- and macrovascular complications, obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA), cystic fibrosis-related diabetes mellitus (CFRD), metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD), and premature mortality. The 1-h PG has been the subject of review articles [2–12] including a published petition advocating its adoption to replace current diagnostic criteria [8]. The IDF Position Statement on the 1-hour post-load Plasma Glucose (1-h PG) for the Diagnosis of Intermediate Hyperglycaemia (IH) and T2D was prepared by an international IDF Task Force and reviewed by a panel of independent external experts.

### 1. What are the inadequacies of current diagnostic criteria for IH?

Despite the considerable proven benefit of lifestyle modification in thwarting the insidious progression to T2D, many individuals with IH, as presently defined, will nevertheless continue to progress. Furthermore, the preponderance of individuals at risk for developing T2D are not promptly identified and those that are, frequently do not receive adequate referral concerning lifestyle intervention. Therefore, it is paramount to screen individuals at increased risk with a more sensitive and practical method capable of identifying IH and T2D at an earlier time point than currently to initiate appropriate intervention as early as possible.

T2D can be prevented by intensive lifestyle modification and/or use of glucose-lowering drugs such as biguanides (e.g. metformin) and alpha-glucosidase inhibitors (acarbose) [13,14]. Recent analyses

demonstrated that most individuals with IH, defined as IGT, benefitted from lifestyle intervention [15–17]. In the same vein, intensive glycemic control in individuals with newly diagnosed T2D will have legacy effect regarding long-term complications [18–22]. In many populations, the diagnosis of IH and T2D can be best done with a post-challenge PG during an OGTT [23]. The reliance on FPG and/or HbA<sub>1c</sub> alone to diagnose IH and T2D can lead to missed opportunities for early diagnosis and prevention. Current diagnostic modalities are discrepant as they may identify different individuals depending on whether post-challenge PG, FPG or HbA<sub>1c</sub> determinations are employed [24–26]. Table 1 illustrates that there is currently no international consensus on the definition of IH as the American Diabetes Association (ADA), World Health Organization (WHO) and the informal International Expert Committee (IEC) propose different criteria [27].

The different definitions of IH have varying sensitivities and specificities that identify different, although, overlapping, populations. The prevalence of IH by different ADA/WHO diagnostic criteria was determined in the 2005–2008 National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys. The crude prevalence of IH in adults aged  $\geq 18$  years was 14.2 % for HbA<sub>1c</sub> 5.7–6.4 % (39–46 mmol/mol), 26.2 % for FPG (IFG<sub>ADA</sub>) 100–125 mg/dL (5.6–6.9 mmol/L), 7.0 % for FPG 110–125 mg/dL (IFG<sub>WHO</sub>) (6.1–6.9 mmol/L), and 13.7 % for OGTT 140–199 mg/dL (7.8–11.1 mmol/L) (IGT) [28].

**Table 1**  
Definitions of Intermediate Hyperglycaemia [27]

	ADA*	WHO	IEC
IFG (FPG)	100–125 mg/dL (5.6–6.9 mmol/L)	110–125 mg/dL (6.1–6.9 mmol/L) and 2-h PG <140 mg/dL (<7.8 mmol/L); if 2-h PG is measured	
IGT (2-h PG) after 75 g OGTT	140–199 mg/dL (7.8–11.0 mmol/L)	140–199 mg/dL (7.8–11.0 mmol/L)	
HbA <sub>1c</sub>	5.7–6.4 % (39–46 mmol/mol)		6.0–6.4 % (42–46 mmol/mol)

**Abbreviations:** ADA, American Diabetes Association; WHO, World Health Organization; IEC, International Expert Committee; IFG, impaired fasting glucose; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; 2-h PG, 2-hour plasma glucose; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test; HbA<sub>1c</sub>, glycated haemoglobin, A<sub>1c</sub>.

\*ADA definitions do not explain how to classify people who have both IFG and IGT.

Some individuals with T2D detected by an OGTT may no longer be classified as such when using HbA<sub>1c</sub> criteria (HbA<sub>1c</sub>  $\geq$  6.5 %; 48 mmol/mol) and vice versa. Several medical conditions can affect the HbA<sub>1c</sub> measurement including haematological disorders, renal failure, hypertriglyceridemia in addition to variability due to age and ethnicity. Lack of standardization of assays in many under-resourced settings also limits the diagnostic accuracy of HbA<sub>1c</sub> [29]. Furthermore, progression rates to diabetes appear to differ by IH definitions with a HbA<sub>1c</sub> level between 6.0 and 6.4 % (42–46 mmol/mol) possibly identifying individuals at lower risk than with IFG<sub>WHO</sub> and IGT criteria [30]. Furthermore, longitudinal studies have shown that 50–60 % of individuals with IH based on current criteria did not progress to diabetes in approximately 10 years whereas 30–40 % of those with newly diagnosed diabetes had NGT at baseline [31,32].

By employing current definitions of IH, when based mainly on FPG and/or HbA<sub>1c</sub>, individuals at increased risk may inadvertently be diagnosed relatively late in the gradual progression to diabetes. The delayed diagnosis obviates the potential benefit of earlier intervention when  $\beta$ -cell function is more intact particularly given the evidence that  $\beta$ -cell function is reduced at glucose levels below established thresholds for IFG or IGT [33–38]. Therefore, diagnostic measures with a greater sensitivity are needed to identify individuals with increased risk of developing T2D at an earlier stage [39–41].

FPG below ADA and WHO threshold for T2D defining IFG has also been found to predict increased risk for T2D in otherwise healthy people [42]. Physiologic FPG and 2-h PG levels associated with optimal  $\beta$ -cell function are considerably lower than presently proposed for IFG and IGT [43]. Although IH diagnosed by FPG or HbA<sub>1c</sub> is associated with increased risk for cardiovascular disease (CVD) and other complications, post-load PG is considerably more robust than FPG in this regard [44,45]. Therefore, implementation of lifestyle intervention before PG levels achieve current critical thresholds for IH may be more effective in thwarting progression to diabetes, reducing complications, and improving health outcomes and quality of life [34–36]. This should enhance benefit beyond that demonstrated in global diabetes prevention programs in those with IGT, particularly since interventions are less effective for prevention of T2D in people with isolated IFG than in people with IGT, with or without IFG [46,47].

## 2. What is the background for recommending the 1-h post-load PG level for predicting progression to T2D?

Numerous observational studies worldwide consistently demonstrate a direct association between 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) during an OGTT with incident T2D. Notably, this association is more robust compared with those observed for FPG or 2-h PG. Studies investigating the 1-h PG are listed in Table 2 [2,9]. Abdul Ghani et al. demonstrated the predictive power of the 1-h PG compared with FPG and 2-h PG values with incident diabetes over 8 years in a high-risk Mexican American cohort [48]. Furthermore, combining 1-h PG ( $\geq$ 155 mg/dL [8.6 mmol/L]) and the National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III (NCEP ATP III) criteria for the metabolic syndrome (i.e., at least three of the following criteria: waist circumference  $>$  102 cm in men or  $>$  88 cm in women, plasma triglycerides  $\geq$  150 mg/dL [1.7 mmol/L], HDL cholesterol  $<$  40 mg/dL [1.03 mmol/L] in men or  $<$  50 mg/dL [1.29 mmol/L] in women, blood pressure  $\geq$  130/85 mm Hg, and FPG  $\geq$  110 mg/dL [6.1 mmol/L]) [49] significantly improved the identification of high-risk individuals for T2D [48]. The Botnia Study in Finland and the Malmö Preventive Project (MPP) in Sweden have also provided evidence that FPG and 2-h PG were less efficient predictors than the 1-h PG of incident T2D and that the 1-h PG was a more efficient screening tool for selecting individuals at increased risk for developing T2D [50]. This evidence, based on prospective cohorts, strongly supports the effectiveness of 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) to detect high-risk individuals for T2D and its associated complications for early intervention.

The clinical benefit of the 1-h PG was compared with other markers for predicting T2D [66]. The Botnia Prospective Study confirmed that the 1-h PG (AUC = 0.75, sensitivity 75 %, specificity 68 %) predicted progression to T2D more accurately than FPG (AUC = 0.63, sensitivity 55 %, specificity 64 %) or 2-h PG (AUC = 0.68, sensitivity 56 %, specificity 73 %) levels. Another analysis of the improvement in combined sensitivity, specificity and PPV to predict future T2D risk proffered by the 1-h PG  $>$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) versus IFG and IGT in the San Antonio Heart Study (SAHS) and Botnia Study is shown in Table 3 [67]. The two were prospective longitudinal studies in which people without diabetes (Caucasians and Mexican Americans in the SAHS and Caucasians in the Botnia Study) were followed for 7–8 years.

Moreover, the predictive power of the 1-h PG was comparable with a multivariate model consisting of six metabolic markers (AUC = 0.78, sensitivity 67 %, specificity 75 %). Including 1-h PG with these markers outperformed the 1-h PG alone. HbA<sub>1c</sub> showed a non-significant slightly lower performance than the 1-h PG (AUC = 0.67, sensitivity 65 %, specificity 64 %) [64]. The combination of 1-h PG and HbA<sub>1c</sub> (AUC = 0.76, sensitivity 78 %, specificity 68 %) was comparable to 1-h PG alone but significantly outperformed HbA<sub>1c</sub> alone. Finally, a model combining 1-h PG, HbA<sub>1c</sub> and six other metabolic markers was significantly better in terms of predictive performance than 1-h PG and HbA<sub>1c</sub> [66]. The authors concluded that the 1-h PG, alone or in combination with metabolic markers, is a robust predictor for determining the future risk of T2D. Taking the evidence into consideration, the 1-h PG outperforms the 2-h PG and is cheaper to measure than metabolites. While the 30-minute PG, HbA<sub>1c</sub>, and mannose were statistically comparable to the 1-h PG, they showed slightly lower performance. The authors thus concluded that international diabetes organizations should consider shortening the standard 75-g OGTT to 1-h to improve the convenience of the test without decreasing the predictive value for IH and diabetes [66].

Furthermore, reproducibility of the 1-h PG was assessed by Briker et al. in 119 African people. When the second OGTT was performed within 11 days of the initial study, the reproducibility of the 1-h PG was equivalent to the FPG and 2-h PG. The  $\kappa$ -statistics (95 %CI) for reproducibility were: FPG  $\geq$  100 mg/dL (5.6 mmol/L) = 0.586 (0.428–0.743); 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) = 0.628 (0.488–0.768); 2-h PG  $\geq$  140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) = 0.640 (0.498–0.783). The concordance between baseline, 1-h PG and 2-h PG concentrations for OGTT-1 and OGTT-2 were  $r = 0.92$ ,  $r = 0.85$  and  $r = 0.92$  (all  $p < 0.001$ ), respectively [63]. Kasturi et al. found in adolescent girls with obesity that the 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had similar reproducibility and 1-year predictive ability for IH compared with standard fasting and 2-h OGTT criteria. They concluded that “the shortened 1-hour OGTT may provide diagnostic equivalence for IH risk with the additional advantage of a less time-consuming risk assessment [68].”

## 3. Why was the 2-h PG level selected instead of the 1-h PG?

In 1979, the National Diabetes Data Group (NDDG) recommended that an intermediate PG level (30 min, 1-h, or 1 1/2-h) be measured to diagnose IGT defined by a 2-h value  $\geq$  140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) but  $<$  200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) [69]. Due to the impracticality of measuring multiple intermediate PG values, the NDDG recommended a modification whereby IGT could be diagnosed if FPG was in the non-diabetic range and the 2-h PG levels met pre-specified threshold levels. Furthermore, as the 2-h PG during the OGTT was found to be more reproducible and provided a more sensitive and specific indicator of diabetes status than the 1-h PG, the latter measurement was abandoned [70,71]. However, as noted above, the reproducibility of the 1-h PG was more recently found to be equivalent to FPG and 2-h PG in studies by Briker et al. and Kasturi et al. [63,68]. The WHO and ADA criteria subsequently considered the 2-h PG as the only post-load value required. It should be noted that the criteria then did not require that the selection of the 1-h or 2-h PG be based on the presence of diabetes complications.

**Table 2**  
Odds ratios, hazard ratios and C-statistics for T2D prediction of 1-h PG in cohort studies.

1st author, Year of publication	Study Cohort	N (sample size)	Follow-up (years)	1 h-PG Cutoff mg/dL (mmol/L)	Findings			
						OR/HR T2D	Sensitivity T2D	Specificity T2D
Abdul-Ghani et al 2008 [48]	SAHS	1,611 MexicanAmericans	8	155(8.6)	(a) without Metabolic Syndrome NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 3.4[1.8–6.4] (b) with Metabolic Syndrome NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 15.2 [7.8–29.3]	75 %	79 %	NA
Abdul-Ghani et al 2010 [51]	SAHS and Botnia Study	3,450 Mexican AmericansFinnish	7–8	150(8.3)	FPG < 90 mg/dl and 1-h PG > 150 mg/dL (8.3 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 7.1 [3.3–17] FPG 90–100 mg/dL(5.0–5.6 mmol/L) and 1-h PG > 150 mg/dL (8.3 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 11.3 [5.0–25.8] FPG > 100 mg/dL(5.6 mmol/L) and 1-h PG > 150 mg/dL (8.3 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 17.7 [7.5–41.9]	NA	NA	NA
Priya et al 2013 [52]	Data from tertiary diabetes center	1,179NGT Indians	4.0	155(8.6)	NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L)Proportion (n, %): 98 (19.5) vs. 50 (8.0) OR [95 %CI]: 2.18 [1.23–3.89]	66 %	61 %	NA
Alyass et al 2015 [50]	Botnia Study	2,603 Finnish	4.94	160(8.9)	OR [95 %CI]: 8.0 [5.5–11.6]	75 %	73 %	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.83 [95 % CI: 0.80–0.86]
Alyass et al 2015 [50]	MPP	2,386Swedish	23.5	151(8.4)	OR [95 %CI]: 3.8 [3.1–4.7]	62 %	70 %	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.74 [95 % CI: 0.72–0.77]
Fiorentino et al 2015 [53]	CATAMERI study and EUGENE2 Study	392Caucasians	5.2	155(8.6)	NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 155 mg/dL(8.6 mmol/L) HR [95 %CI]: 4.02 [1.06–15.26]	NA	NA	NA
Bergman et al 2016 [37]	GOH Study	853 multiethnic individuals without diabetes	24	155(8.6)	NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 4.35 [2.50–7.73]	55.6 %	77.2 %	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.736 [95 %CI 0.699, 0.773]
Oka et al 2016 [54]	Historical cohort study.	1,445 Japanese workers	4.5	#205 (11.4)	1-h PG Q4 vs. Q1: HR [95 % CI]: 42.5 [5.7–315.2] Compared with the first quartile, the HR for future diabetes in the fourth quartile of 1-h PG was 42.5 [95 % CI: 5.7–315.2 (p < 0.05)] and the HR in the fourth quartile of 2-h PG was 4.4 [95 % CI: 1.8–10.8 (p < 0.05)], after adjustments for covariates including FPG.	NA	NA	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.88 [95 %CI 0.84, 0.91]
Oh et al. 2017 [55]	KoGES	5,703NGT Koreans	12	144(8.0)	NGT1-h PG > 144 mg/dL (8.0 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 144 mg/dL (8.0 mmol/L)	70 %	68 %	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.74 [95 %CI: NA]

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1st author, Year of publication	Study Cohort	N (sample size)	Follow-up (years)	1 h-PG Cutoff mg/dL (mmol/L)	Findings			
					OR/HR T2D	Sensitivity T2D	Specificity T2D	C-statistics
<i>Paddock et al</i> 2017 [56]	SWNA Study	1,946 people from Arizona	12.8 <sup>#</sup>	168(9.3)	HR [95 %CI]: 2.84 [2.34–3.45] NGT1-h PG > 168 mg/dL (9.3 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h PG < 168 mg/dL (9.3 mmol/L) HR [95 %CI]: 1.71 [1.60–1.82]	Reported for different cutpoints	Reported for different cutpoints	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.672 [95 %CI: NA] at 5 years AUC <sub>ROC</sub> 0.728 [95 %CI: NA] at 25 years
<i>Pareek et al</i> 2018 [57]	MPP	Population based cohort of 4,867 Swedish men	12 and 39	155(8.6)	NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h < PG 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) HR [95 %CI]: 3.87 [2.16–6.93] after 12 y NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h < PG 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) HR [95 %CI]: 2.93 [2.48–3.46] after 39 y	NA	NA	C-index 0.698 at 12 years C-index 0.637 at 39 y
<i>Sai Prasanna et al</i> 2017 [58]	Data from Electronic Health Records	1,356 Indians	5.6	153(8.5)	NGT1-h > 153 mg/dL (8.5 mmol/L) OR [95 %CI]: 1.026 [1.019–1.033]	64 %	66 %	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> : 0.716 [95 % CI: NA]
<i>Strandberg et al</i> 2011 [59]	Helsinki Businessmen Study	2,756	37 <sup>#</sup>	161(8.9)	NGT1-h > 161 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) and BMI < 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> HR [95 %CI]: 4.71 [3.36–6.60] NGT1-h > 161 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) and BMI ≥ 30 kg/m <sup>2</sup> HR [95 %CI]: 10.13 [6.46–18.59]	NA	NA	NA
<i>Thewjitharoen et al</i> 2019 [60]	Data from tertiary diabetes center	220 Thai people	>12	155(8.6)	Thai cardiovascular risk score validation NGT1-h < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (DM risk score 7.6 and CVD risk score 4.1) NGT1-h > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (DM risk score 9.1 and CVD risk score 6.7)	NA	NA	NA
<i>Kumpatla et al</i> 2019 [61]	Data from Electronic Health Records	4,023	11	155(8.6)	During follow-up period, 10.8 % of subjects in NGT 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) and 44.4 % in NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) converted to diabetes. NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) incident diabetes OR [95 %CI]: 7.9 [2.2–28.1] Individuals with NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) remained free of diabetes for a median period of 7.6 years (95 % CI 5.8–7.8), whereas NGT subjects with NGT1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) remained free for 10 years (95 % CI 8.5–10.0).	NA	NA	NA
<i>Manco et al</i> 2019 [62]	RISC cohort	797	3	155(8.6)	NGT1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT1-h > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) after adjusting age, sex, BMI. OR [95 %CI]: 2.19 [1.49–3.20]	NA	NA	AUC 0.67 [95 % CI]: NA
<i>Briker et al</i> 2020 [63]	Africans in America cohort	434	NA	155(8.6)	Assess variations in glucometabolic profiles. 17 % of NGT individuals, 72	NA	NA	NA

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Table 2 (continued)

1st author, Year of publication	Study Cohort	N (sample size)	Follow-up (years)	1 h-PG Cutoff mg/dL (mmol/L)	Findings			
					OR/HR T2D	Sensitivity T2D	Specificity T2D	C-statistics
					% of pre-diabetic individuals, and 96 % of diabetic individuals had 1-hour glucose levels $\geq 155$ mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) NGT individuals with 1-h PG $\geq 155$ mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) exhibited worse insulin resistance and $\beta$ -cell function compared to NGT 1-h $< 155$ mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) Second OGTT was performed in 27 % (119/434) of participants $10 \pm 7$ days after the first to check reproducibility. There was substantial agreement ( $\kappa=0.628$ ) between the 1-h PG $\geq 155$ mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) in the two OGTTs, indicating consistent results			
Saunajoki et al 2020 [64]	Oulu45Finland cohort	654	12	160(8.9)	NA	NA	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> [95 % CI]: 0.81 [0.76–0.86]	
Rong et al 2021 [65]	Chinese population	928 Male, $\geq 55$ years	20	155(8.6)	NA	NA	AUC <sub>ROC</sub> [95 % CI]: 0.778 [0.748–0.807] at 10 years AUC <sub>ROC</sub> [95 % CI]: 0.766 [0.736–0.796] at 20 years	
					In total, 1-h PG with a cut-point of 160 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) predicted 76.6 % (82/107), whereas 2-h PG with cut-point 122 mg/dL (6.8 mmol/L) predicted 62.6 % (67/107) of new cases with diabetes NGT and 1-h PG $\geq 155$ mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. NGT and 1-h PG $< 155$ mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), HR for incidence of T2D at 10 years and 20 years (after adjustment for age, BMI, waist circumference, systolic BP, triglyceride, HDL-C, history of hypertension, glucose tolerance and FPG): HR [95 % CI]: 1.300 [1.236–1.367] at 10 y and HR [95 % CI]: 1.269 [1.214–1.327] at 20 y.			

**Abbreviations:** T2D, type 2 diabetes; 1-h PG, 1-hour plasma glucose; OR, odds ratio; HR, hazard ratio; SAHS, San Antonio Heart Study; NGT, normal glucose tolerance; CI, confidence interval; FPG, fasting plasma glucose; AUC<sub>ROC</sub>, area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve; MMP, Malmö Preventive Project; CATAMERI, CATAnzaro Metabolic Risk factors; EUGENE2, European Network on Functional Genomics of T2D; GOH, Glucose Intolerance Obesity and Hypertension; KoGES, Korean Genome and Epidemiology Study; SWNA, Southwestern Native American; C index, concordance index; BMI, body mass index; DM, diabetes mellitus; CVD, cardiovascular disease; RISC, Relationship between Insulin Sensitivity and Cardiovascular Risk; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test.

**Notes:** NA: not available from the manuscript. Follow-up time is reported as mean otherwise # refers to median value. C-statistics refers to the area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve (AUC<sub>ROC</sub>) for 1-h PG for future diabetes.

This question was addressed by Paddock et al. who compared the 1- and 2-h PG levels for predicting diabetic retinopathy [72]. The prevalence and incidence of diabetic retinopathy, based on direct ophthalmoscopy, changed in a similar manner across the distributions of 1-h PG and 2-h PG concentrations. Receiver operating characteristics (ROC) analysis showed that the ability of 1-h PG and 2-h PG to predict the prevalence and incidence of retinopathy was similar. Similarly, data from a Finnish population-based study showed that retinopathy prevalence was associated with 30 min PG, 1-h PG and 2-h PG in people without diabetes [73], and started to increase at approximately 162 mg/dL (9 mmol/L) with the 1-h PG, i.e. already in people with IH. However, after adjustment for systolic blood pressure, only 30 min PG, 1-h PG and 2-h insulin

levels were associated with retinopathy.

As the 1-h PG can shorten the time needed for an OGTT, has economic and practical advantages, Paddock et al. recommended that the 1-h PG should be considered as an alternative post-glucose load time point to identify those at elevated risk for diabetic retinopathy [72].

#### 4. Is the 1-h PG level preferable to HbA<sub>1c</sub> and other post-load PG values such as shape of the glucose curve or the incremental area under the glucose concentration curve $\Delta$ (G<sub>0-120</sub>)?

The effectiveness of HbA<sub>1c</sub> and the 1-h PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was assessed for identifying dysglycaemia in 212 people in a real-life

**Table 3**  
Sensitivity, specificity, and PPV of various diabetes prediction models [67].

Model	SAHS				Botnia Study			
	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Sensitivity and specificity	PPV (%)	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Sensitivity and specificity	PPV (%)
SADPM	88.8	52.0	140.8	19.4	97.4	18.2	115.6	5.7
IFG and/or IGT	64.4	86.9	151.3	39.0	77.5	46.4	123.9	6.8
IFG	31.6	91.5	123.1	41.2	68.5	51.2	119.7	6.9
IGT	45.6	91.2	136.8	39.1	39.2	85.6	124.8	12.8
1-h PG > 155 mg/dL	75.0	78.7	153.7	45.9	62.0	81.3	143.3	14.5
Two-step model	77.7	77.4	155.1	44.8	75.8	71.6	147.4	11.9

SAHS, San Antonio Heart Study; PPV, positive predictive value; SADPM, San Antonio Diabetes Prediction Model; IFG, impaired fasting glucose; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance, 1-h PG, 1-hour plasma glucose.

clinical setting [74]. When comparing the accuracy of HbA<sub>1c</sub>, defined by ADA and IEC criteria (Table 1), FPG and 2-h PG with an elevated 1-h PG during the OGTT, the level of agreement was two-fold greater for the elevated 1-h PG [74]. The 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was therefore found to be superior for detecting high-risk individuals compared with HbA<sub>1c</sub>. Furthermore, HbA<sub>1c</sub> was a less precise correlate of insulin sensitivity and  $\beta$ -cell function than the 1-h PG and correlated poorly with the 2-h PG. Abdul-Ghani et al, in a study of 687 people free of T2D, demonstrated that although the HbA<sub>1c</sub> alone is a significant predictor of future risk of T2D, its predictive power was weaker when compared with the 1-h PG with a significantly lower AUC<sub>ROC</sub> (0.73 vs 0.84) [75].

Alyass et al [50] evaluated the performance of fourteen OGTT-PG traits from the longitudinal Botnia and MPP cohorts including post-load PG at different time points (30, 60, 90 min along with FPG and 2-h PG), shape of the glucose curve and AUC glucose<sub>0-120</sub> in predicting T2D. The 1-h PG alone outperformed the prediction model of multiple clinical risk factors (age, sex, BMI, family history of T2D) in the Botnia Study and MPP (AUC<sub>ROC</sub> 0.75 [0.72, 0.79] and 0.67 [0.64, 0.70]), respectively. Using this rigorous mathematical approach, the study demonstrated the 1-h PG as the most relevant OGTT-derived trait for classifying middle-aged European adults at increased risk for T2D [50].

### 5. What is the 1-h threshold level during the OGTT that identifies individuals at risk for T2D?

Longitudinal studies summarized in Table 2 have robustly demonstrated that individuals with NGT having a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL ( $\geq$ 8.6 mmol/L) during the OGTT were at increased risk to develop T2D [48,50,57,59,63–65].

The 1-h PG threshold of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was initially identified in 1,611 participants without diabetes in the SAHS [48] where it predicted risk of T2D in the subsequent 7–8 years with higher accuracy than in those with IGT (threshold 140 mg/dL [7.8 mmol/L]). A predictive model based on 1-h PG during the OGTT and the presence or absence of the metabolic syndrome, independent of 2-h PG, performed equally well in stratifying individuals for future risk of T2D compared with the model that included 2-h PG. The AUC<sub>ROC</sub> was 0.84 for 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL ( $>$ 8.6 mmol/L) vs. 0.79 for IGT. In addition, another report of 1,551 individuals without diabetes from the SAHS confirmed that 1-h PG was a good predictor for future T2D and had a greater AUC<sub>ROC</sub> compared with 2-h PG. The AUC<sub>ROC</sub> was 0.84 for 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) vs. 0.79 for IGT. When a cut point for continuous variables was used as a threshold for predicting future T2D, 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was determined to be the most accurate 1-h PG value with the sensitivity 75 % and specificity 79 % to predict incident T2D, while the 2-h PG of 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) had the sensitivity 51 % and specificity 92 % [76].

As another example, the 1-h PG of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was identified as most predictive of T2D in mixed populations of Caucasians and Hispanics [51]. The 1-h PG of 161 mg/dL (8.95 mmol/L) was found

to be optimal in the pan-European population of the Relationship between Insulin Sensitivity and Cardiovascular disease risk (RISC) study [77]. Nevertheless, the 1-h PG of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) may represent a reasonable compromise in terms of sensitivity and specificity for predicting T2D in multi-ethnic detection and prevention programs for T2D.

In combined populations of the Botnia (N = 2,603) and MPP (N = 2,386) studies, the 1-h PG was confirmed as the best predictor of incident T2D among 14 OGTT derived indices of risk over a follow-up period of 4.94 years and 23.5 years, respectively [50]. Of 75 % who progressed to T2D in the Botnia cohort, 30 % had a 1-h PG above the threshold of 160 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) at baseline. In the MPP, 37 % had a 1-h PG  $\geq$  151 mg/dL (8.4 mmol/L) at baseline and 33.3 % developed T2D. This compared with 11.8 % in participants with 1-h PG < 151 mg/dL (8.4 mmol/L) at baseline. Of people progressing to T2D during a 23.5-year follow-up, 62 % had a 1-h PG  $\geq$  151 mg/dL (8.4 mmol/L) at baseline [50].

In a larger sample from the MPP cohort (N = 4,867), in people with NGT at baseline but having a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), the cumulative T2D incidence per 1,000 person years was 2.2 after 12 years follow-up and increased to 8.8 after 39 years [57]. The cumulative incidence was even higher in those with IGT and 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), i.e., 6.3 and 9.6 after 12- and 39-years follow-up, respectively. The 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was associated with greater discriminative ability to predict T2D than 2-h PG at both 12- and 39-years follow-ups. Noteworthy, the presence of an elevated 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) together with IFG or IGT was associated with greater risk of T2D than IFG or IGT alone. People with IGT at baseline but with a 1-h PG below the threshold constituted a minority; very few of these individuals progressed to T2D while all individuals with IGT who progressed to T2D were captured by a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L).

A 1-h PG was evaluated as an alternative in European patients with coronary artery disease (CAD), with an algorithm created based on HbA<sub>1c</sub>, FPG and 1-h PG limiting the need for a 2-h PG [78]. A 2-h PG  $\geq$  200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) was the reference for undiagnosed T2D. The yield of HbA<sub>1c</sub>, FPG and 1-h PG was compared with the 2-h PG. In ROC analysis, a 1-h PG  $\geq$  216 mg/dL (12 mmol/L) balanced the sensitivity and specificity for detecting T2D (both 82 %; the positive and negative predictive values 40 % and 97 %). A combination of FPG < 117 mg/dL (6.5 mmol/L) and 1-h PG < 200 mg/dL (11 mmol/L) excluded 99 % of people with undiagnosed T2D. A combination of FPG > 144 mg/dL (8.0 mmol/L) and 1-h PG > 270 mg/dL (15 mmol/L) identified 100 % of people with undiagnosed T2D.

### 6. How does the 1-h PG compare with other diagnostic criteria for predicting complications?

A 1-h PG cut point of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) may identify a category of high-risk individuals comparable to IFG and IGT. A threshold value for IFG of 110 mg/dL (6.1 mmol/L) was chosen

arbitrarily as it represented “near the level above which acute phase insulin secretion is lost in response to intravenous administration of glucose and is associated with a progressively greater risk of developing micro- and macrovascular complications” [79]. Similarly, individuals with NGT with a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) have impaired  $\beta$ -cell responsiveness to a glucose stimulus while being insulin resistant and, as such, are at increased risk of developing T2D [53,79].

As to the diagnosis of overt diabetes, the diagnostic 2-h PG cut off value of 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) was justified “largely because at approximately that point in glucose distribution where the prevalence of the microvascular complications considered specific for hyperglycaemia (i.e., retinopathy) started to increase dramatically” [79]. For example, the Whitehall survey found that retinopathy developed after 6–8 years follow-up in individuals with a 2-h PG at baseline  $\geq$  229 mg/dL (12.7 mmol/L) [80]. Studies in Pima Indians [81,82], Egyptians [83], and data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III (NHANES III) [79] demonstrated the robust association between high FPG and increased risk of retinopathy over time. Threshold values of FPG ranging from 121 mg/dL (6.7 mmol/L) to 129 mg/dL (7.2 mmol/L) were predictive of increased risk for T2D. Therefore, the ADA Expert Committee agreed on a FPG value of 126 mg/dL (7.0 mmol/L) as reasonably equivalent to the 2-h PG diagnostic cut off in terms of enhanced risk for retinopathy [79].

Nonetheless, robust evidence demonstrates that high 1-h PG is also associated with increased risk of retinopathy. In the MPP cohort, the adjusted hazard ratios (HRs) for incident diabetic retinopathy during 39 years follow-up was significantly higher in NGT participants with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (HR 5.23, 95 % CI 3.24–8.43;  $p < 0.001$ ) and IGT participants with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (HR 4.67, 95 % CI 1.75–12.48;  $p < 0.001$ ). The risk of retinopathy was not increased in those with IGT having a 1-h PG below the threshold < 8.6 mmol/L compared with NGT alone [57]. (See [Supplementary Data, Table S7](#)). In a longitudinal study of an American Indian community, the ability of 1-h PG and 2-h PG to predict retinopathy was investigated with cross-sectional ( $n = 2,895$ ) and longitudinal ( $n = 1,703$ ) analyses of the prevalence and incidence of diabetic retinopathy, respectively, based on direct ophthalmoscopy. ROC analysis showed that 1-h PG and 2-h PG did not have different predictive values for identifying retinopathy cases. More importantly, the 1-h PG cut points of 230 mg/dL (12.8 mmol/L) and 173 mg/dL (9.6 mmol/L) did not have different accuracies compared with the 2-h PG cut points of 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) and 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L), respectively [72].

There are few published studies analyzing the association, or the predictive value, between 1-h PG and nephropathy (kidney function or microalbuminuria), in comparison with FPG and/or 2-h PG. Succurro et al. [84] reported that estimated GFR adjusted for age and gender was significantly lower in individuals with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) than in individuals with 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). People with higher 1-h PG values also showed an increased risk for chronic kidney disease (CKD) compared with people with lower values. Indeed, people who had 2-h NGT, but 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) also showed a higher risk for CKD compared with people having 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L).

Recently, Cassano et al [85], reported a link between 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) during an OGTT and possible increased risk for CKD in people with newly diagnosed T2D. 1-h PG was a major predictor of estimated glomerular filtration rate (e-GFR) justifying 23.6 % of its variation ( $p < 0.0001$ ). In another study, Saunajoki et al. [86], compared people free of known diabetes without albuminuria with people with albuminuria. The latter had significantly higher 1-h PG and 2-h PG levels, but not FPG or HbA<sub>1c</sub> levels. An elevated 1-h PG increased the estimated odds ratio of albuminuria more than three times in people with IH (OR 3.60; 95 % CI 1.70–7.64) and diabetes (OR 3.05; 95 % CI 1.29–7.23).

In the follow-up analysis of the Finnish Diabetes Prevention Study, the incidence of cardiovascular disease (CVD) among people with IGT at

baseline was associated with an updated mean (i.e., mean value at every recording of a new glucose measurement and includes all follow-up recordings prior to the event or end of follow-up) HbA<sub>1c</sub>, 1-h PG and 2-h PG HR per 1 unit SD of 1.57 (95 % CI 1.16 to 2.11),  $p = 0.0032$ , 1.51 (1.03 to 2.23),  $p = 0.036$  and 1.60 (1.10 to 2.34),  $p = 0.014$ , respectively. There was no association between updated mean FPG and CVD incidence ( $p = 0.11$ ) [87]. In analyses of the last value prior to the CVD event, the same three glycemic measurements were associated with CVD events, with HRs per 1 unit SD of 1.45 (1.06 to 1.98),  $p = 0.020$ , 1.55 (1.04 to 2.29),  $p = 0.030$  and 2.19 (1.51 to 3.18),  $p = 0.0001$ , respectively.

## 7. What is known about the prevalence of the 1-h PG $\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L)?

Several observational studies in different ethnic groups have analysed the proportion of individuals with NGT (i.e., normal FPG and 2-h PG) having a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (Table 4). The frequency of 1-h post-load PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) in those with NGT varies based on the study design, ranging from 11 to 16 % in population-based studies of obese youth to 25–42 % in cohorts enriched with high-risk people.

It is noteworthy that the frequency of individuals with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was demonstrated in the CATAMERI Study to increase with worsening glucose tolerance being 56.6 % in those with

**Table 4**

Proportion of people with NGT and a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) in various studies.

Study name	Mean age	Sex (% women)	Proportion of individuals with NGT and 1-hour post-load PG $\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L)(%)
SAHS (N = 1611) [48]	NA	NA	16.7
Botnia Study (N = 2442) [88]	46 $\pm$ 0.3	54	15.8
Chiba Foundation for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (N = 4970) [89]	38.8 $\pm$ 9.4	41	10.8
CATAMERI Study (N = 3020) [90]	48 $\pm$ 13	53	25.4
Section of Endocrinology, University of Florence (N = 1062) [91]	NA	NA	24.0
GENFIEV (N = 926) [92]	NA	NA	39.0
Israel GOH Study (N = 853) [37]	48.1 $\pm$ 6.8	48	25.4
Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Centre, India (N = 1179) [52]	NA	NA	42.6
The New York University Langone Diabetes and Endocrine Associates (N = 236) [39]	55.7 $\pm$ 12.8	69	28.9
MMP (N = 4867) [57]	48 (median age)	0	33.2
SOLAR (N = 233) [93]	11.1 $\pm$ 1.7	43	35.2
Bambino Study (N = 1038) [94]	11.3 $\pm$ 2.8	NA	11.4
RISC Study (N = 1205) [77]	44 $\pm$ 8	56.1	20.0

**Abbreviations:** MMP, Malmö Preventive Project; SAHS, San Antonio Heart Study; CATAMERI, CATAnzaro Metabolic Risk factors; GENFIEV, Genetic, Physiopathology and Evolution of Type 2 Diabetes; GOH, Israel Study of Glucose Intolerance, Obesity and Hypertension; SOLAR, Study of Latino Adolescents at Risk of Type 2 Diabetes; RISC, Relationship between Insulin Sensitivity and Cardiovascular Risk.



isolated IFG, 77.6 % in those with isolated IGT, 93.8 % in those with combined IFG + IGT, and 98.8 % in those with newly diagnosed T2D [90]. Similar findings were seen in the Israel Study of Glucose Intolerance, Obesity and Hypertension (GOH) [37] demonstrating the incremental cohort distribution shift towards the high 1-h PG value as the severity of dysglycaemia progresses (Table 5).

## 8. What is the evidence that the 1-h PG $\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) precedes IGT and T2D?

To test the hypotheses that the 1-h PG is an earlier marker of IH and T2D than the 2-h PG, Ha et al. analysed a longitudinal dataset of OGTTs from studies of Southwestern Native American (SWNA) over several decades [95]. To estimate individual glucose trajectories for diabetes risk prediction over time, a linear mixed effects model was used to: [1] determine the order of elevation of 1-h PG vs. 2-h PG for predicting IH; and [2] evaluate the timing of elevation of 1-h PG vs. 2-h PG for prediction of IH and T2D.

The 1-h PG threshold of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) for defining IH was crossed a median 1.6 years earlier (mean, 5.3 years) than the 2-h PG threshold of 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L), the current diagnostic threshold for IGT. Applying the 1-h PG threshold could therefore result in earlier detection and enhance intervention in individuals at high-risk for IH and T2D. The finding that a high 1-h PG represents an intermediate state between NGT and IGT was confirmed in a longitudinal study of the RISC cohort which found that a subset of individuals progressing from NGT to IGT after 3 years had 1 h-PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) at baseline, implying that a high 1-h PG occurred first [95]. Furthermore, the risk of progressing to IGT was higher in people with high 1-h PG than in those with low 1-h PG. Since most (74 %) crossed the 1-h PG threshold first, screening using the 1-h PG would identify people at risk who might benefit from early preventive intervention since insulin sensitivity and  $\beta$ -cell function are already impaired in individuals with NGT but high 1-h PG (see Section 9).

Similarly, the proposed 1-h PG cut-point of 209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) for diagnosing T2D (see Section 19) was crossed a median 1 year earlier (mean 1.6 years) than the standard 2-h PG threshold of 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L). Thus, using 1-h PG to diagnose T2D may also facilitate earlier initiation of glucose lowering therapy when reversal from T2D and adequate glycaemic control are more likely to be achieved [95,96].

## 9. What is known regarding the pathophysiology of NGT with 1-h PG $\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L)?

The natural history of progression from normal glucose homeostasis to T2D is characterised by three different phases [97]. The first phase occurs when  $\beta$ -cell function compensates for increased insulin demand owing to reduced insulin sensitivity. The second phase occurs when  $\beta$ -cell function is still maintained but  $\beta$ -cell mass becomes depleted leading finally to irreversible impairment of  $\beta$ -cell responsiveness. This

**Table 5**

Number of people in each glycemic category in the 2-h OGTT according to normal vs. high 1-h PG in the Israel GOH Study [37].

2-h OGTT	1-h PG	
	< 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) n (%)	$\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) n (%)
NGT	667 (81.9)	147 (18.1)
IFG	455 (59.9)	305 (40.1)
IGT	36 (35.0)	67 (65.0)
IFG + IGT	47 (16.7)	234 (83.3)
T2D	8 (4.1)	185 (95.9)

**Abbreviations:** 1-h PG, 1-hour plasma glucose; NGT, normal glucose tolerance; IFG, impaired fasting glucose; IGT, impaired glucose tolerance; T2D, type 2 diabetes.

leads to the third phase where insulin secretion from  $\beta$ -cells can no longer maintain glucose homeostasis and diabetes develops. The entire process may take more than a decade when FPG and 2-h PG levels remain in the normal range. There are, however, individuals with normal FPG and 2-h PG at the baseline observation who may develop T2D faster, and a continuum of risk for developing T2D across the spectrum of 2-h PG exists. As post-challenge PG increases, there is a decline in  $\beta$ -cell glucose sensitivity, a measure of the dependence of the insulin response to a glucose stimulus although sufficient insulin secretion may be maintained [98].

The RISC study [77] found that there was a progressive and significant decline in insulin sensitivity and  $\beta$ -cell glucose sensitivity (i.e., representing the dependence of insulin secretion on absolute glucose concentration) progressing from NGT with normal 1-h PG, to NGT with high 1-h PG, and to individuals with IGT while basal and total insulin secretion significantly increased. No differences were found in  $\beta$ -cell rate sensitivity (i.e., representing the dependence of insulin secretion on the rate of change of glucose concentration) and the potentiation factor (accounting for higher insulin secretion on the descending phase of OGTT hyperglycaemia than at the same glucose concentration on the ascending phase) between NGT with high 1-h PG and IGT. This suggests that NGT with a high 1-h PG represents a risk for T2D which may or may not be related to IGT with reduced  $\beta$ -cell glucose sensitivity as the phenotypic signature and pathogenetic cause. On the other hand, early  $\beta$ -cell dysfunction appeared to be a predominant feature in Asian populations who progressed to T2D [99–101]. A 10-year population-based study in Korea, using homeostatic model assessment for  $\beta$ -cell function and insulin resistance (HOMA- $\beta$  and HOMA-IR), demonstrated that while HOMA-IR increased with age, people developing T2D could not mount an insulin response to overcome the resistance [40]. In many populations, particularly in Asians, over 50 % of individuals with screen-detected T2D were diagnosed based on 2-h PG during an OGTT, not by FPG [23].

Longitudinal studies have also investigated individuals with both IGT and high 1-h PG. In particular, the MPP [57] demonstrated that the hazard ratio (HR) of developing diabetes during a 12-year follow-up was higher in NGT with a high 1-h PG (HR 3.87; 95 %CI 2.16–6.93) and in people with IGT with a high 1-h PG (HR 9.0; 95 %CI 3.83–21.16) compared with individuals with IGT having a normal 1-h PG at baseline. After 39 years of follow-up, individuals with NGT and IGT with a high 1-h PG had higher HR (2.93, 95 %CI 2.48–3.46 vs. 2.76, 95 %CI 1.87–4.06), while it was lower and non-significant in the IGT group with normal 1-h PG (HR 1.17, 95 %CI 0.43–3.15). (See [Supplementary Data Tables S1–S4, S8, S10](#)). There was a small number of individuals with IGT who had a normal 1-h PG, only a few who progressed to diabetes, consistent with findings from the Israel GOH study [37]. Table 5 confirms that with worsening dysglycaemia, the prevalence of high 1-h PG increased in the Israel GOH Study; a minority of individuals with IFG and IGT had a 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). (See [Supplementary Data Fig. S4](#)).

The significant increase in the incidence of T2D with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) progressing from NGT to IFG to IGT was shown in the SAHS and Botnia Study (Fig. 1) [48,88]. People with NGT in the SAHS had a low risk for T2D (5.0 %). However, people with NGT and a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had significantly increased risk (15.3 %) for future T2D compared with people with 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (2.9 %) (P 0.0001) [48]. People with IFG and a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a 37.3 % incidence of T2D, while people with IFG and a 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL had a 10.8 % incidence. People with IGT and a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a 35.5 % T2D incidence, while people with IGT and a 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a 17.8 % incidence rate [48].

In the Botnia Study, people with NGT had a low risk for developing T2D (2.4 %). However, people with NGT and a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a significantly increased risk (8.5 %) for future T2D compared with people with NGT and a 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L)

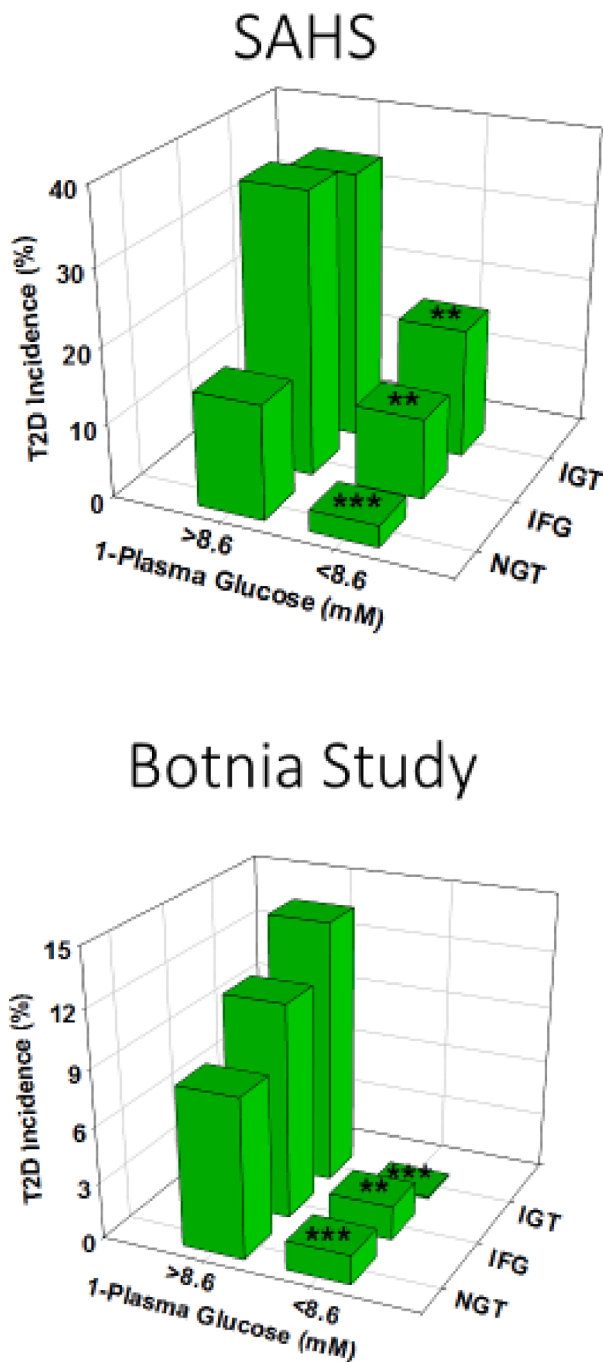


Fig. 1. 1-h PG and the incidence of T2D in the SAHS and Botnia Study (adapted from [48,88]. p values represent difference in T2D incidence in each category between people with high 1-h PG versus low 1-h PG: \*p < 0.05, \*\*p < 0.001, \*\*\*p < 0.0001.

L) (1.3 %) (P < 0.0001) [88]. People with IFG and a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a significantly increased risk (11.4 %) for future T2D compared with people with IFG and a 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (1.8 %). People with IGT and a 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a significantly increased risk (14 %) for future T2D compared with people with IGT and a 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (0 %) [88].

Thus, individuals with NGT with a high 1-h PG have reduced  $\beta$ -cell glucose sensitivity but still maintained NGT due to sufficient residual  $\beta$ -cell mass and preserved second phase insulin secretion. The subsequent loss of second phase insulin secretion results in IGT and gradually overt T2D.

The Diabetes Research on Patient Stratification (DIRECT) trial [102] included among IH categories a subgroup of participants (30.6 % of 2,111 people) with a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), with normal FPG, 2-h PG and HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 5.7 % (< 39 mmol/mol). This group with a high 1-h PG showed differences in both insulin sensitivity and  $\beta$ -cell function compared with the other groups with isolated IH defects (IFG, or elevated HbA<sub>1c</sub>), though a comparison with IGT was not possible due to low numbers. The group with the high 1-h PG demonstrated lower secretion at a reference glucose (rounded mean basal glucose in all participants) of 108 mg/dL (6.0 mmol/L). Moreover,  $\beta$ -cell glucose sensitivity was significantly impaired in those with an elevated 1-h PG, noted in the RISC study, as was the potentiation factor (index of OGTT insulin secretion potentiation) compared with those with IFG or HbA<sub>1c</sub>-defined IH. The 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) subgroup may therefore identify an IH phenotype with metabolic defects, specifically greater  $\beta$ -cell dysfunction compared with people with IH having other single defect in glycaemia regulation [102].

Consistent with these observations, insulin sensitivity in muscle, liver and adipose tissue was not different in non-obese (body mass index; BMI < 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup>) Japanese men with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) compared with those having 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). However, compared with the latter group, the insulinogenic index ( $\Delta$ insulin<sub>30</sub> /  $\Delta$ glucose<sub>30</sub>) was significantly lower in the high 1-h PG group ( $1.4 \pm 1.2$  vs  $0.7 \pm 0.3$ ), indicating impaired early insulin secretion. Adiponectin level was significantly lower ( $1.8 \pm 1.2$  vs  $1.1 \pm 0.8$  ng/mL) in the high 1-h PG group and did not significantly correlate with the insulinogenic index. Multiple regression analysis demonstrated that the insulinogenic index and adiponectin were independently associated with 1-h PG [103]. Thus, study participants with a high 1-h PG during an OGTT had reduced early insulin secretion than participants with a low 1-h PG, but insulin sensitivity and fat distribution were comparable between the groups. Thus, in non-obese Japanese men, impaired early insulin secretion might be an underlying mechanism of an elevated 1-h PG during an OGTT.

The pattern of the PG response curve during an OGTT has prognostic significance. Compared with a “monophasic” pattern, the “biphasic” pattern is associated with greater insulin sensitivity/secretion and a reduced risk of progression to diabetes. Jalleh et al. measured PG, glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), glucose dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) and insulin levels as well as speed of gastric emptying in 36 adults without diabetes aged over 65 years [104]; at baseline, 22 participants had a “monophasic” and 14 a “biphasic” glucose response during the OGTT. The 1-h PG response curve was greater and the GLP-1 AUC<sub>0-120 min</sub> and insulin secretion were lower in the monophasic group. There were no differences in gastric emptying, GIP, or insulin sensitivity. At  $5.8 \pm 0.1$  years follow-up, the 1-h PG response curve was greater while GLP-1 AUC<sub>0-120 min</sub> was lower in the monophasic group. A biphasic curve was associated with a lower 1-h PG response curve and an increase in GLP-1, but there was no difference in either GIP or gastric emptying rate. Therefore, a biphasic PG curve following a 75 g OGTT is associated with an increase in GLP-1 and insulin secretion and a reduction in 1-h PG response. These observations suggest that an increased GLP-1 response may be central to the reduced risk of dysglycaemia known to be associated with biphasic, compared to monophasic, glucose responses. These gastrointestinal and hormonal responses in the monophasic group further support the predictive value of 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) for T2D [104].

#### 10. Is the 1-h post-load PG $\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) associated with cardio-metabolic risk factors and target organ damage?

A large body of evidence suggests that individuals with NGT but having an elevated 1-h PG exhibit an unfavourable cardio-metabolic risk profile, with elevated plasma biomarkers of systemic inflammation increasing the risk of cardiovascular target-organ damage [105]. Furthermore, studies in cells, animals, and humans suggest that an

elevated 1-h PG is a sufficient stimulus for several cardiovascular risk factors including inflammation, thrombosis, and endothelial dysfunction, with oxidative stress generation as the possible pathogenetic factor [106]. These findings are summarized in Table 6.

Recently, Cassano et al reported that people with NGT and 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) exhibited levels of oxidative stress, endothelial dysfunction and platelet activation that were significantly higher compared with people with NGT and 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) but comparable with those found in people with IGT [85]. The worse oxidative profile found in people with NGT and 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was associated with a decreased eGFR. These results are in agreement with Succurro et al. showing that compared to people with 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), people with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), independent of the 2-h PG, demonstrated decreased eGFR and increased risk of CKD (OR 3.72 [95 % CI 1.02 to 13.58]) [84]. Another cross-sectional study in 496 people subdivided into two groups according to presence of albuminuria, assessed by urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio, reported that people with albuminuria displayed significantly higher 1-h PG and 2-h PG, but not FPG or HbA<sub>1c</sub> compared with people without albuminuria. Additionally, stratifying people according to the 1-h PG cut-off for IH and diabetes (<155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), 155–208 mg/dL (8.6–11.6 mmol/L) and  $\geq$  209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L)), a 3-fold increased risk of albuminuria was found in people with 1-h PG defined IH and diabetes compared with people with 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) (OR 3.60; 95 % CI 1.70–7.64 and OR 3.05; 95 % CI 1.29–7.23, respectively) [86].

Cross-sectional population-based studies have shown that an elevated 1-h PG is associated with CVD. In the CATAMERI study comprising 1,010 individuals without diabetes, a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was associated with prevalent CVD, including CAD and

cerebrovascular disease, independent of classical risk factors both in individuals with normal HbA<sub>1c</sub> (<5.7 %; 39 mmol/mol) as well as in those with HbA<sub>1c</sub>-defined IH (HbA<sub>1c</sub> 5.7–6.4 %; 39–46 mmol/mol) ( $p < 0.001$ ) [149]. In a logistic regression analysis, the odds ratios (OR) adjusted for several CVD risk factors revealed that individuals with HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 5.7 % (39 mmol/mol) and 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) and those with HbA<sub>1c</sub> 5.7 – 6.4 % (39–46 mmol/mol) and 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL had a 4.5-fold (OR: 4.54) and 6.2-fold (OR: 6.19) increased risk of composite CVD and 6.2-fold (OR: 6.16) and 8.0-fold (OR: 8.04) increased risk of CAD, respectively, in comparison with individuals with HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 5.7 % (39 mmol/mol) and 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) [149].

Hospital-based cross-sectional studies in people with CAD have also shown that elevated 1-h PG is also independently associated with worse clinical outcome. Among people admitted to a coronary care unit due to ACS, an OGTT including both 1-h and 2-h PG values identified individuals with the most severe in-hospital risk profile, adverse remodeling and longer hospitalization [152]. Among people with CAD who underwent coronary angiography, those with NGT but 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) exhibited greater severity of coronary artery lesions and an increased risk of re-admission with adverse CVD events [148].

Several longitudinal studies have evaluated the impact of 1-h PG on CVD and all-cause mortality. In the Helsinki Businessmen Study comprising 2,756 healthy men without diabetes at baseline followed for 44 years, a strong association between 1-h PG and CVD mortality was observed ( $p < 0.001$ ). Individuals with BMI < 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and 1-h PG concentration > 161 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) exhibited a 1.33-fold increase in all-cause mortality, compared with those having a BMI < 25 kg/m<sup>2</sup> and 1-h PG  $\leq$  161 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) after adjusting for age and

**Table 6**

Association of 1-h post-load PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) with cardiovascular risk factors, target organ damage, and adverse outcomes.\*.

**Association with cardiovascular risk factors:**

- Insulin resistance [63,77,107,108]
- Obesity and visceral adiposity [109–112]
- Metabolic syndrome [111–113]
- Pro-atherogenic lipid profile [114,115]
- Increased uric acid [116]
- Increased viscosity [117]
- Reduced Vitamin D [118]
- Increase in pro-inflammatory markers [119,120]
- Increase in oxidative stress markers [85,121]
- Reduction in molecules with anti-inflammatory properties [119,122]
- Increase in platelet activation markers [85]
- Increase in advanced glycated end-products (AGEs) and decrease in endogenous secretory receptor for advanced glycation end products secreted RAGE (esRAGE) [123,124]
- Decrease in circulating adiponectin [103]

**Association with target-organ damage:**

- Subclinical atherosclerosis [125–127]
- Increased pulse pressure [127]
- Vascular (arterial) stiffness [89,127–129]
- Left ventricular hypertrophy [130]
- Impaired diastolic cardiac function [131]
- Right ventricular dysfunction [132]
- Subclinical left atrial myocardial dysfunction [133]
- Impaired insulin-stimulated myocardial glucose metabolism [134]
- Impaired myocardial mechano-energetic efficiency [135]
- Morpho-functional subcortical brain alterations and poor memory performance tests [136]
- Decline in kidney function [84,85]
- Increased albuminuria [86]
- Diabetic retinopathy [57,72]
- Increased liver enzymes, MASLD (formerly called non-alcoholic fatty liver disease or NAFLD), and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH, formerly, non-alcoholic steatohepatitis; NASH) [109,110,137–139]
- Cystic fibrosis-related diabetes (CFRD) [140–145]

**Capability of predicting progression to:**

- Macrovascular complications [57,146–152]
- All cause-mortality [57,59,130,146,147,150,151,153–155]

\* Modified from reference [2].

smoking [59]. In the population-based Erfurt Male Cohort Study (ERFORT), 1,125 men aged 40 to 59 years without diabetes were followed for 30 years [153]. Individuals with a 1-h PG > 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) exhibited a 1.49-fold increased risk for death compared with men having 1-h PG ≤ 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) after multiple adjustments [153].

The Israel GOH Study followed 1,945 individuals without diabetes at baseline for 33 years [154]. 1-h PG was determined after a 100-g OGTT. Individuals with NGT at baseline but having the 1-h PG > 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) exhibited a 1.32-fold increased risk for death compared with NGT individuals having a 1-h PG ≤ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) after multiple adjustments. In the MPP after 39 years follow-up, NGT individuals with 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) exhibited a 1.24-fold increased risk for incident myocardial infarction and fatal CAD and a 1.29-fold increased risk for all-cause mortality compared with NGT individuals with 1-h PG level < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) after multiple adjustments [57]. Furthermore, in the MPP, the 1-h PG, but not FPG or 2-h PG, was found to be an independent predictor of CVD death (HR: 1.09) and all-cause mortality (HR: 1.10). Addition of 1-h PG to clinical risk factors significantly improved their capability to predict CVD and all-cause mortality [155] (See Supplementary Tables S5, S6, S9).

In a cohort of 39,573 people without diabetes participating in the Chicago Heart Association Detection Project in Industry, high 1-h PG after a 50-gr oral glucose load was associated with an increased risk of stroke, CAD and increased CVD and all-cause mortality during a follow-up of 22 years in both men and women. This was independent of several traditional CVD risk factors [146]. These observations are consistent with results of the Honolulu Heart Program comprising 6,394 Japanese-American men without diabetes followed for 12 years that demonstrated 1-h PG after a 50-gr OGTT was directly associated with fatal and nonfatal CAD events [147].

The OPERA project in Finland elucidated risk of atherosclerosis in a population-based study encompassing middle-aged people with hypertension and randomly selected age- and sex-matched control people followed for 24 years. The 1-h PG was an independent and better predictor of CVD morbidity and mortality with slightly over 50 % more CVD endpoints that were not recognized by FPG or 2-h PG [150]. In a cohort of 862 Chinese men without diabetes at baseline having a median age of 74 years, an elevated 1-h PG was associated with a greater risk of developing CVD (adjusted HR: 1.097) and all-cause mortality (adjusted HR: 1.196) after a follow-up of 20 years [151]. Compared with 2 h-PG, 1 h-PG was a stronger independent predictor of CVD and all-cause mortality after adjusting for various traditional risk factors [151].

Overall, the evidence supports that the 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) is capable of independently detecting individuals at risk of cardiovascular target organ damage, adverse CVD outcomes, and mortality (see Supplementary Data; Tables S5, S6, S9).

## 11. What is known about the association of the 1-h PG with obstructive sleep apnoea?

Cross-sectional studies in people with NGT have reported an association between 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) and severity of obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA). An analysis performed in overweight/obese people without diabetes attending the Sleep Disorders Center in Ruijin Hospital, Shanghai showed that 1-h PG was significantly increased in people with mild to moderate OSA, and also in those with severe OSA [156]. Additionally, 1-h PG, but not FPG or 2-h PG, was significantly associated with parameters of OSA severity including apnoea-hypopnoea index (AHI), oxygen desaturation index, and percentage of lowest nocturnal oxygen saturation [156]. Pamidi et al. found similar results in a study [157] comprising people without diabetes having OSA; amongst individuals with NGT, 1-h PG was directly associated with severity of OSA assessed by AHI after adjustment for BMI. Moreover, the prevalence of 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) increased with worsening OSA, with the majority of people with an

elevated 1-h PG having moderate to severe OSA in both NGT (76 %) and IH groups (85 %) [157]. The association between elevated 1-h PG and severity of OSA has recently also been described in children and adolescents with obesity [158].

## 12. What is known about association of the 1-h PG with cystic fibrosis-related diabetes?

Several studies have demonstrated that elevated 1-h PG is associated with worse pulmonary function in people affected by cystic fibrosis (CF). A cross-sectional study in 101 children with CF undergoing CF-related diabetes (CFRD) screening with an OGTT, demonstrated that pulmonary function, assessed by percent predicted forced expiratory volume in 1 sec (FEV<sub>1</sub>), was inversely correlated with 1-h PG but not with FPG or 2-h PG [140]. Adjusted for BMI, predicted FEV<sub>1</sub> was reduced 1% for every 10 mg/dL (0.6 mmol/L) increase in 1-h PG. Subsequently, the same investigators performed a retrospective analysis in 80 paediatric patients with CF followed for 5 years and found that children with elevated 1-h PG ≥ 160 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) were more likely to have worse predicted FEV<sub>1</sub>% than those with lower 1-h PG [144].

Aside from its association with worse pulmonary function and its faster decline, a greater value of 1-h PG has been shown to be associated with an impaired β-cell function [142,145], and an increased risk for developing CFRD [141,143,144]. In a longitudinal study in Germany including 385 youths with CF, individuals with NGT and 1-h PG > 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) had a 3-fold increased risk of developing CFRD during a follow up of 3.6 years compared with counterparts with 1-h PG < 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L) (OR: 2.81, 95% CI: 1.43–5.51) [143]. A retrospective study in children attending The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Cystic Fibrosis Center confirmed this outcome and also demonstrated that a 1-h PG > 160 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L) was associated with a greater risk of CFRD during a 5-year follow-up [144]. Moreover, a retrospective longitudinal analysis of 158 children with CF attending the Children's Hospital of Colorado CF Center demonstrated that an elevation in 1-h PG preceded the increase in 2-h PG and that 1-h PG ≥ 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) predicted development of CFRD over the subsequent five years in children with NGT at baseline [141].

## 13. What is known about the association of the 1-h PG with metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD)?

Several studies have demonstrated an association between elevated 1-h PG and MASLD and MASH [109,110,137–139], conditions broadly recognized to confer an increased risk of both hepatic and extra-hepatic morbidity and mortality [159,160]. In the CATAMERI study, individuals with NGT and 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) displayed higher levels of liver damage biomarkers, aspartate aminotransferase (AST), alanine aminotransferase (ALT) and gamma-glutamyltransferase (GGT) in comparison with those with 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) adjusted for confounding factors [109]. Furthermore, a cross-sectional analysis of 700 individuals undergoing ultrasound evaluation for hepatic steatosis showed that participants with NGT but 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) displayed a significant 1.7-fold increased risk of hepatic steatosis compared with those with NGT and having 1-h PG < 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). A high 1-h PG was associated with elevated ALT, GGT, and high sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP) levels as well as increased hepatic insulin resistance [110]. The 1-hour PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) in people with NGT has also been associated with hepatic steatosis assessed by transient elastography [161] which is considered a safe, non-invasive tool that can risk-stratify people with a high 1-h PG with a high level of accuracy [161].

The capacity of the 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) to identify hepatic steatosis was also seen in people within HbA<sub>1c</sub>-defined categories [137]. In a study of 1,108 adults, people with HbA<sub>1c</sub> < 5.7 % (39 mmol/mol) but 1-h PG ≥ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a 1.61-fold

increased risk of hepatic steatosis compared with those with lower 1-h PG value (OR adjusted for age and sex: 1.62) [138]. Similarly, people having HbA<sub>1c</sub>-defined IH, those with elevated 1-h PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) were more likely to have hepatic steatosis and greater levels of AST, ALT, GGT, hs-CRP, complement C3, and lower level of insulin-like growth factor-1 (IGF-1) [138].

An Italian study evaluating hepatic steatosis with ultrasonography assessed by western blot duodenal abundance of the glucose carrier sodium/glucose co-transporter 1 (SGLT-1) during upper gastrointestinal endoscopy [137]. Individuals with hepatic steatosis displayed increased levels of 1-h PG but not increased FPG or 2-h PG [137]. Accordingly, 1-h PG was associated with an increased risk of MASLD fibrosis risk, steatosis and considered as a surrogate indicator of hepatic fibrosis [137]. Moreover, a short-term exposure to high glucose concentrations was shown to promote intracellular lipid accumulation in Huh7 hepatic cells and resulted in an upregulation of endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress-related responses and pro-inflammatory pathways implicated in the pathogenesis of liver fibrosis [162]. This observation suggested that early post-prandial hyperglycemia may contribute to hepatic steatosis, and its progression to more severe forms of liver damage. An observational study performed in 101 Indian adults with NGT, obesity and hepatic steatosis reported an association between 1-h PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) and a higher degree of fatty liver disease assessed by ultrasonography [163]. Furthermore, in 2,335 Caucasian individuals with varying glucose tolerance, 1-h PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) identified those harboring a higher risk of advanced hepatic fibrosis estimated by the non-invasive index of fibrosis FIB-4 in those with NGT or isolated IFG. The 1-h PG has shown a greater sensitivity and specificity for risk of hepatic fibrosis than FPG, 2-h PG, and HbA<sub>1c</sub> [139].

#### 14. Should classifying IH be based on 1-h PG or on both 1-h PG and 2-h PG levels?

The sensitivity, specificity, and net predictive values for the 1-h and 2-h PG values were derived from the MPP and Israel GOH Study [9]. The sensitivity was considerably greater for the 1-h PG level although somewhat less specific when contrasted with the 2-h PG values in both studies. The sensitivity and specificity relationships were more optimal in both cohorts for the 1-h PG. Individuals in the MPP and Israeli GOH Study having a 1-hour PG  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) combined with IGT had the greatest risk for microvascular disease, diabetes, and mortality possibly indicating the effect of an increased duration of exposure to hyperglycemia as IGT occurs later than the elevation in the 1-h PG level [9].

Venn diagrams in the [Supplementary Data](#) demonstrate the association between the 1-h PG, IFG and IGT for the CATAMERI Study ([Suppl. Fig. S1](#)) [90]), MPP ([Suppl. Fig. S2 and S3](#)) [57], and Israel GOH Study ([Suppl. Fig. S4](#)) [37]. The scatterplot in the [Supplementary Data](#) ([Fig. S5](#)) depicts the association between the 1-h PG and 2-h PG in the MPP [57].

#### 15. What are the health economic implications regarding the 1-h PG for detecting IH?

People with high 1-h PG represent a phenotype akin to IGT but exhibit a higher incidence of T2D. The major T2D prevention programs have robustly demonstrated the efficacy of lifestyle intervention in delaying the onset of T2D and reducing associated morbidity in people with IGT [164–168]. However, as noted earlier, diabetes prevention trials have been less effective in those with isolated IFG [46–47]. Hence, there is interest in ascertaining the benefits of intervention in people with high 1-h PG. The STOP DIABETES study [169], confirmed the efficacy of lifestyle intervention in delaying the onset of T2D in people with high 1-h PG. Therefore, the implication of early identification and lifestyle intervention in individuals with high 1-h PG are projected to be substantial, both in terms of direct and indirect cost reduction for

society. It is reasonable that cost-effectiveness of screening would be dramatically enhanced if screening is performed in people with known risk factors for diabetes including obesity and metabolic abnormalities.

Andellini et al. [170] estimated the benefits arising from early identification of people with high 1-h PG and subsequent low-cost lifestyle interventions in a population that simulated a general one followed for years. The primary focus was the reversal of IH, delay in progression to T2D and development of cardiovascular comorbidities. A robust structured health economic analysis was used to estimate the cost-effectiveness of 1-h PG measurements in comparison to the conventional 2-h PG for screening of diabetes risk over a 35-year period. The primary outcome was the cost per quality-adjusted life year (QALY) gained.

The authors developed a Monte Carlo-based Markov simulation model, which forecasted the long-term effects of two distinct strategies concerning both clinical and cost-effectiveness outcomes. The simulation model extracted data from the MPP regarding T2D progression and all-cause mortality [57,164,167], from the DPP Outcomes Study (DPPOS) [165] for the effect of metformin and lifestyle interventions on disease progression, and from the United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study (UKPDS) for data related to the development of diabetes complications [19], diabetes-related deaths and regression from IGT to NGT [171]. The cohort included 20,000 simulated people with a 35-year follow-up.

The analysis projected that the 1-h PG would increase the number of years free from clinical T2D by 2 years, delay the onset of T2D by 1 year per person and to decrease the incidence of T2D complications by 40 % (relative risk 0.6) per person resulting in an overall increase of 0.58 QALY gained per person when a high 1-h PG was used to screen people for risk of T2D and lifestyle intervention implemented. Despite expenditures associated with 1-h PG testing (a 5-time-point OGTT repeated every three years in people with NGT with low 1-h PG and yearly in people with IGT and NGT with high 1-h PG) and preventive treatment, long-term costs, related to diabetes and associated complications, would be reduced by simulated low-cost (lifestyle intervention plus metformin) interventions.

The lifetime cost saving for those who were diagnosed with high 1-h PG and treated by lifestyle intervention and metformin was approximately 31, 225,719.82 €. The incremental cost-effectiveness ratio for the overall population was estimated at –8,214.7€ per each QALY gained, signifying the potential cost savings and health benefits associated with the 1-h PG screening strategy [170].

Simulation models are widely used to assess long-term effects and future costs of an intervention compared to standard of care to inform decisions that impact care. In the case of 1-h PG, the simulation model found that it was clinically superior and more cost-effective compared to the conventional 2-h PG. It is worth noting that this study [170] did not consider the reduction of indirect costs of T2D or improvement in quality of life and increased life expectancy. Therefore, this analysis likely provided an underestimation of cost-effectiveness.

#### 16. What is known about the 1-h PG for detecting youths and adolescents at high-risk for T2D?

The incidence of T2D in youth is very low and characterized by accelerated deterioration in insulin secretion and an increased development of complications [172]. Young people who progressed to overt diabetes presented a steady decline in the disposition index (DI) while those who reverted to NGT experienced a steady increase that persisted after completion of pubertal transition [93,173,174]. Thus, it is crucial to screen young individuals who are overweight or obese for IH and diabetes to ensure early diagnosis and targeted interventions to prevent or delay progression to T2D and onset of complications [175].

The incidence of IH and diabetes depends on whether FPG, 2-h PG, or HbA<sub>1c</sub> is used for screening. Using only one of these methods can result in an underestimation in the incidence of IH [176]. In a group of 154

children and adolescents from the “Bambino” study with follow-up data, addition of the 1-h PG to FPG and 2-h PG following an OGTT achieved 100% sensitivity to detect incident IGT over a median follow-up of 2 years [177]. High 1-h PG delineates in youths, as in adults, a phenotype of IH characterized by reduced first phase secretion, insulin sensitivity and DI not different from IGT [178–180]. Importantly, it is also a marker of CVD risk [178,179,181] and fatty liver disease [177]. In two large studies of white non-Hispanic children and adolescents, lipid profiles and blood pressure values in those with NGT and different high 1-h PG cut points were similar to those with IGT [178] and/or IFG [179]. The “Bambino” study [177] also demonstrated significantly higher values of ALT in those with high 1-h PG suggesting that this phenotype is associated with fatty liver disease, likely in a bi-directional relationship as it is for IGT and overt diabetes. These observations strongly suggest that young individuals with high 1-h PG have a cardio-metabolic risk profile similar to people with IGT.

Factors that can influence diagnostic accuracy of 1-h PG in youths and explain discrepancies among paediatric studies with respect to those in adults include age and puberty-related changes of insulin metabolism, ethnicity, length of follow-up, and endpoint used in the prediction analyses to define the disease.

The large fluctuation in insulin sensitivity and secretion at the pubertal transition may account for a lower diagnostic threshold defining high 1-h PG in youths compared with adults. In a cross-sectional study [178] investigating diagnostic accuracy of high 1-h PG in youth by ROC analysis, the best 1-h PG cut point identifying those with IGT was 132.5 mg/dL (7.36 mmol/L). In a training set of 920 individuals, the test had an AUC of 0.86, sensitivity 80.8% and specificity 74.3%. In a validation set of individuals from the same population, the threshold identified those with IGT with an AUC of 0.81, sensitivity 70.3% and specificity 80% [178]. The same threshold predicted IH in a multi-ethnic cohort (34% Caucasian, 31% Hispanic, 32% African American) of 202 young individuals with obesity [181] with an AUC of 0.63 for the high 1-h PG to predict incident IH, with the sensitivity 65% and specificity 62%. Of note, AUCs of FPG, 2-h PG and HbA<sub>1c</sub> were low, 0.545, 0.563 and 0.599, respectively. The 83 individuals (41%) with high 1-h PG defined at baseline with the 132.5 mg/dL (7.4 mmol/L) threshold, presented about a three times higher risk to develop IH (i.e., IGT and/or IFG) over a 2-year follow up, independent of confounders. The adult cut point of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) had a low diagnostic sensitivity of 20%, while the specificity was high, 86%, as expected, and was not associated with increased odds of developing IH.

A cohort study investigated the diagnostic accuracy of the adult threshold for high 1-h PG in Latino youths [93]. The high 1-h PG defined as  $\geq 155$  mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was associated with a greater reduction in  $\beta$ -cell function and 2.5 times greater likelihood of developing IH over 8 years of follow up. The pattern of change for people with high 1-h PG was characterized by a steady decline in DI resulting in a 55% decrease in this parameter by year 8. There was an initial decline in the DI also in youths with low 1-h PG, followed by a successive increase that produced a 29% higher DI than baseline.

The “Bambino” study addressed the potential influence of age and puberty-related changes in a cohort of 154 white non-Hispanic young individuals with obesity exploring with ROC analysis the diagnostic accuracy of age-, sex- and pubertal stage-specific values of 1-h PG [177]. Threshold values ranged from a minimum of 129 mg/dL (7.2 mmol/L) in prepubertal children (AUC 0.90, sensitivity 100% and specificity 76%) to a maximum of 194 mg/dL (10.8 mmol/L) in girls (AUC 0.77, sensitivity 95% and specificity 85%). In the entire sample, the threshold value of 159 mg/dL (8.8 mmol/L) had an AUC 0.82, sensitivity 86% and specificity 79% [177].

Tricò et al. explored the potential influence of ethnicity/race on 1-h PG diagnostic accuracy and observed similar predictive power for IH in Caucasian, African-American, and Hispanic people despite well-known ethnic-related differences in insulin sensitivity and secretion [181]. Length of follow-up and the definition of the disease, i.e., IH or T2D,

were also important factors to consider. In large cohorts of adults [50,55,56] the optimal cut point for the 1-h PG to maximize both the sensitivity and specificity ranged from 130 to 161 mg/dL (7.2 to 8.9 mmol/L) with T2D as the endpoint.

In paediatric cohort studies with IH (IFG and/or IGT) as the endpoint, follow-up ranged from 2 to 8 years [93,177,181]. The threshold value of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) has been proposed in young individuals, although long-term (i.e., decades) cohort studies with overt diabetes and/or micro-angiopathy as endpoints, are lacking. Indeed, the value of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), would not capture a very large segment of the population. In the study of Tricò et al. [181] and the “Bambino” study (n = 2,295) [177], the prevalence of a high 1-h PG defined by the cut off of  $\sim 132.5$  mg/dL (7.36 mmol/L) was 40% and 36%, respectively. In the Bambino study, the prevalence of a high 1-h PG defined by the threshold of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) was 15%. Furthermore, in a US multi-ethnic population (n = 129) of Hispanic (82%), African American (30%) and Asian (17%), modelling of 1-h PG based on the 132.5 mg/dL (7.36 mmol/L) threshold showed a significant association with changes in DI similar in magnitude to the 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) threshold value. However, as only the higher 1-h PG threshold value was associated with increased odds of IH, lends further support to 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) for use in screening [182]. The 1-h PG has been proven to be reproducible in the short-term (i.e., six weeks) with a better correlation coefficient than the 2-h PG (0.42 vs. 0.28, respectively) [68].

Thus, the evidence supports screening with the 1-h PG cut point of 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) in young individuals for risk of IH and T2D, since this will capture those likely to experience a progressive decline in  $\beta$ -cell function toward overt diabetes. Nevertheless, there is need for a large multi-ethnic cohort study to confirm the diagnostic value of 1-h PG in youth [177].

## 17. What is the importance of post-challenge glucose in older people?

While there are no specific studies on the 1-h PG in the elderly, information about post-challenge PG may be extrapolated from studies that have evaluated its importance in older people, since both 1-h PG and 2-h PG are highly correlated. The pooled data from several European populations without known diabetes showed that the mean post-challenge 2-h PG concentration in the OGTT rose with aging increasing particularly after 50 years of age [183]. FPG level changed little with age. Similar results were observed in Asian Indian, Chinese and Japanese populations [184]. Thus, it can be concluded that the steep increase in prevalence of T2D with age is mainly driven by the elevation in post-challenge glucose.

The Rancho Bernardo Study in California examined the frequency of isolated post-challenge hyperglycaemia in men and women aged 50–89 years with no history of myocardial infarction or diabetes [185]. Of new screen-detected people with diabetes, 60% had isolated high 2-h PG. The US Cardiovascular Health Study found that more than half of new screen-detected people with diabetes aged 65–80 years had isolated post-challenge hyperglycemia [186]. A Korean study found that people  $\geq 65$  years had a higher homeostatic level of pancreatic  $\beta$ -cell function (i.e., higher fasting and 2-hour insulin, and C-peptide levels and better  $\beta$ -cell function [HOMA- $\beta$  scores]) compared with people  $< 65$  years [187]. The older group had the lowest diagnostic yield when using FPG (46%) and the highest with 2-h PG (85%). These results were mostly due to the higher frequency of isolated post-challenge hyperglycaemia in older people.

IGT is a common condition in older people. A population-based study in Finland with a 22-year follow-up among people with an average age of 73 years showed that the prevalence of isolated IGT was 15.8%, combined IFG and IGT was 4.2%, and isolated IFG was 4.0% using the WHO criteria [188].

Thus, to detect hyperglycaemia in older people without diabetes, it is

especially important to perform an OGTT with determination of post-challenge 1-h or 2-h PG.

### 18. What is the evidence that intervention in individuals with a 1-h PG $\geq$ 155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) is effective?

The STOP DIABETES study [169] was a retrospective observational study in a community practice in southern California of 422 individuals at increased risk of T2D with well-established risk factors. Participants had an OGTT and were risk stratified based on the presence and severity of insulin resistance, impaired  $\beta$ -cell function, and 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L).

Glycaemic response was defined as normal if the participant had NGT according to ADA criteria and a 1-h PG  $<$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). Moderate impairment in glucose tolerance was defined by the presence of NGT and 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L), or IFG or IGT, or both, and 1-h PG  $<$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). A severe abnormality in glucose tolerance was defined by IFG or IGT, or both, and 1-h PG  $>$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L).

Approximately 25% of participants had NGT combined with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L). The annual incidence of T2D in these individuals was higher (4.8%) than in those with IFG or IGT, or both (3.8%). The incidence of T2D was equally reduced in these two groups by treatment with metformin and pioglitazone (to 1.7% and 1.9%, respectively) and metformin, pioglitazone, and GLP-1 receptor agonist (to 0% and 0.7%). The annual incidence of T2D in those receiving only lifestyle therapy was 4.1%. NGT was restored in 39% receiving lifestyle therapy only, 52% receiving metformin and pioglitazone and 77% receiving metformin, pioglitazone, and GLP-1 receptor agonist [169].

Although relatively few people completed the follow-up of seven years, the STOP DIABETES study nonetheless identified a subgroup of individuals with NGT and a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) who should be considered as having IH and documented that effective interventions were associated with lower risk of progression to T2D. However, there is lack of high-quality data from large-scale prospective trials in this area.

### 19. What is the evidence that the 1-h PG can diagnose T2D?

A meta-analysis of 15 studies comprising 35,551 participants with Caucasian, American Indian, Japanese, Mexican American, and South Asian ethnicities (54% Caucasian) was performed to determine the optimal 1-h PG cutoff equivalent to the gold standard 2-h PG 200 mg/dL ( $\geq$  11.1 mmol/L), diagnostic of T2D [96]. The cutoff of 209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) had a sensitivity of 0.92, specificity of 0.91, AUC 0.939, and a positive predictive value of 45%. The 1-h PG correctly classified 31,164 of 32,246 (91%) individuals as not having diabetes and as many as 3,082 (9%) individuals who did not have T2D by current criteria as having diabetes [96].

The OGTT would be impractical and costly if performed as the initial screening test for T2D or IH. Prescreening with validated diabetes risk screening calculators based on questionnaires (e.g., Finnish Diabetes

Risk Score - FINDRISC; ADA risk score, etc.) [33,189] to identify high-risk individuals is suggested to decrease the proportion of false positive cases and to exclude people who are at a low risk of T2D from glycaemia testing. Further laboratory measurements should be considered in those subsequently determined to be high-risk with a risk score. The diagnosis at the next step should be confirmed with a second test, as recommended by ADA and WHO [190]. In this way, the burden of glycaemia testing can be reduced very significantly without increasing the number of false negatives [191]. A cross-sectional study validated the diabetes risk score using the 1-h PG in addition to FPG and HbA<sub>1c</sub> in a Saudi population to detect IH or T2D combined (i.e., dysglycaemia) with a reasonable AUC of 0.76 (95 % confidence interval 0.73–0.79) [192]. Of people with dysglycaemia, 58 % were identified with 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) alone.

Additional studies involving age, sex, and ethnicity as well as assessing risk factors for complications of hyperglycaemia should be considered. As the proposed 1-h PG cut-point of 209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) for diagnosing T2D (see Section 8) was crossed a median of 1 year earlier (mean 1.6 years) than the standard 2-h PG threshold of 200 mg/dL (11.1 mmol/L), this may facilitate earlier initiation of therapy when adequate glycaemic control is easier to achieve and reversal from diabetes more likely [95,96].

### 20. Conclusions: Current OGTT criteria for IH and T2D should be redefined with a 1-h post-load PG level

Table 7 summarizes the benefits inherent by screening with the 1-h post-load PG for the diagnosis of IH and T2D reviewed in this IDF Position Statement. As the current diagnostic criteria are suboptimal for the early detection of IH and T2D, we propose that the 1-h post-load PG level during the 75-g OGTT will serve as a novel screening tool that could replace the 2-h OGTT (Table 8). The 1-h PG determination is either better than or equivalent to the 2-h PG so a 1-h OGTT alone would suffice. However, the 2-h OGTT can be used, if preferred. Adding the 1-h PG to the 2-h OGTT, which could improve risk stratification, would increase complexity in the assessment of glycaemia and is not formally recommended.

Health services should consider developing a policy for screening for IH based on local human and technical resources. People detected to be at high-risk for T2D (e.g., achieved high score on validated screening questionnaire, overweight or obesity, family history, age 35 years or older, history of gestational diabetes, polycystic ovary syndrome, hypertension, sedentary, CVD) should undergo a 75-gram 1-h OGTT after an overnight fast. People with a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) are considered to have IH and should be prescribed lifestyle intervention and referred to a diabetes prevention program. People with a 1-h PG  $\geq$  209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) are considered to have T2D and should have a repeat test to confirm the diagnosis of T2D and then referred for further evaluation and treatment.

Considerable evidence presented suggests that a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) detects individuals with NGT having reduced  $\beta$ -cell function. Identifying the earliest time point on the IH continuum is

**Table 7**

Overview: The 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) for diagnosis of Intermediate Hyperglycaemia and T2D.

1. Defines high-risk of T2D in adults, children, and youth
2. Associates with worsened metabolic and atherogenic profiles
3. Identifies risk for micro- and macrovascular complications and mortality
4. Identifies risk for OSA, CFRD, MASLD, and severity of hepatic fibrosis
5. Occurs *before* the onset of IGT
6. Merits identification *before* IGT occurs
7. Cost-effective for high-risk screening
8. Provides opportunity for earlier detection and intervention in high-risk populations identified with primary screening tools (FINDRISC, ADA)
9. May benefit from lifestyle and pharmacologic interventions to reduce progression to T2D
10. Reduces diagnostic complexity and confusion with current diagnostic criteria for IH
11. Shortens OGTT from 2 to 1 hour making it more practical and clinically acceptable
12. Threshold  $\geq$  209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) defines T2D

**Table 8**  
Screening algorithm for IH and T2D.

1. Screen high-risk population with validated questionnaire (FINDRISC, ADA)
2. High-risk people should undergo laboratory screening:
  - a. 1-h 75-gram OGTT or,
  - b. 2-h 75-gram OGTT (i.e., FPG + 2-h PG) or,
  - c. FPG or,
  - d. HbA<sub>1c</sub>
3. People with a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) are considered to have IH and should be prescribed lifestyle intervention and referred to a diabetes prevention program.
4. People with a 1-h PG  $\geq$  209 mg/dL (11.6 mmol/L) are considered to have T2D and should have a repeat test to confirm the diagnosis of T2D and then referred for further evaluation and treatment.

critical to avoid progressive and insidious deterioration in  $\beta$ -cell function. An elevated 1-h PG level provides an opportunity for early identification of a large population at increased risk and people with previously undiagnosed T2D. The 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) has been shown to occur some years before the development of IGT and T2D. Therefore, when the 1-h PG level is elevated, lifestyle intervention that has been proven to be effective for people with IGT who have an elevated post-challenge glucose, may have the greatest benefit for preserving or reversing the deterioration in  $\beta$ -cell function and to prevent further progression to IH and diabetes.

An elevated 1-h post-load PG level has been confirmed to be a better or at least equally as good predictor of T2D than isolated HbA<sub>1c</sub> or 2-h PG in various populations. In addition, epidemiologic studies have consistently shown that a 1-h PG  $\geq$  155 mg/dL (8.6 mmol/L) predicted an increased risk for microvascular disease, myocardial infarction, fatal CAD, and mortality when the 2-h PG level was  $<$  140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L). An elevated 1-h PG is also associated with other conditions such as OSA, CFRD, and MASLD.

A 1-h 75-g OGTT may also have a future role for detection of gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) [5,193]. The 1-h PG threshold of 160 mg/dL (8.9 mmol/L), with a sensitivity of 62 % and specificity of 94 % identifying 8.6 % of pregnant women as positive, was found to have the same diagnostic performance as the conventional 2-h PG of 140 mg/dL (7.8 mmol/L) for detecting GDM in a Brazilian cohort of 4,998 pregnant women. The authors concluded that the 1-h OGTT could be simpler, less costly and improve adherence to pregnancy screening protocols [193]. In addition, a retrospective study of 769 Portuguese women with GDM [194] found that postpartum, the 1-h PG  $\geq$  142 mg/dL (7.9 mmol/L) had a sensitivity of 91.4 %, specificity of 75.1 % and an AUC of 0.90 (CI 95 %: 0.86—0.93) to predict changes at 2-h in the reclassification test. Although these findings are promising, the 1-h OGTT requires further assessment during pregnancy and postpartum before it can be implemented for screening and diagnosis.

Additional related publications are summarized in references [195–207].

The evidence presented in the Position Statement justifies a valuable opportunity to extend the diagnosis of IH and T2D using the 1-h PG. A growing population of individuals at increased risk for T2D can be identified earlier in the lengthy trajectory to diabetes with the 1-h PG determination. The substantial evidence gathered over 40 years summarized in this Position Statement strongly supports redefining current screening and diagnostic recommendations for IH and T2D with the 1-h PG level during 75 g OGTT. This will reduce misclassification and maximize opportunities for early detection and prevention.

Observations presented in this Position Statement lay the foundation for advancing global public health beyond the significant achievements in diabetes prevention studies. Given the relentlessly rising prevalence of diabetes, urgent action is needed to stop or delay diabetes, prevent premature death and disabilities, make healthcare sustainable, ensure societal productivity and reduce human suffering. Against this background, despite challenges inherent in implementing the 1-h OGTT, there is considerable upside potential to support its use to diagnose high-risk individuals subsequent to general screening with a risk scoring questionnaire (FINDRISC; ADA) [189] thereby enabling early

interventions which will favourably impact the global diabetes epidemic. Shortening of the OGTT from 2 to 1 hour does not make the OGTT less informative but will have many advantages.

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## Glossary

*1-h PG*: 1-hour plasma glucose  
*2-h PG*: 2-hour plasma glucose  
*ADA*: American Diabetes Association  
*AHI*: Apnoea-hypopnoea index  
*AUC<sub>ROC</sub>*: Area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve  
*BMI*: Body mass index  
*CATAMERI*: CATAnzaro Metabolic Risk factors  
*CFRD*: Cystic fibrosis-related diabetes mellitus  
*CI*: Confidence interval  
*C-index*: Concordance index  
*CVD*: Cardiovascular disease  
*DI*: Disposition Index  
*DPPOS*: DPP Outcomes Study  
*eGFR*: Estimated glomerular filtration rate  
*EUGENE2*: European Network on Functional Genomics of T2D  
*FINDRISC*: Finnish Diabetes Risk Calculator  
*FPG*: Fasting plasma glucose  
*GDM*: Gestational diabetes mellitus  
*GENFIEV*: Genetic, Physiopathology and Evolution of Type 2 Diabetes  
*HbA<sub>1c</sub>*: Glycated haemoglobin  
*GOH*: Israel Study of Glucose Intolerance, Obesity and Hypertension  
*HOMA- $\beta$* : Homeostatic model assessment  $\beta$ -cell function  
*HOMA-IR*: Homeostatic model assessment Insulin resistance  
*HR*: Hazard ratio  
*IDF*: International Diabetes Federation  
*IEC*: International Expert Committee  
*IFG*: Impaired fasting glucose  
*IGT*: Impaired glucose tolerance  
*IH*: Intermediate Hyperglycaemia  
*KoGES*: Korean Genome and Epidemiology Study  
*MASLD*: Metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease  
*MMP*: Malmö Preventive Project  
*NCEP ATP III*: National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III  
*NDDG*: National Diabetes Data Group  
*NGT*: Normal glucose tolerance  
*NHANES III*: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III  
*OGTT*: Oral glucose tolerance test  
*OSA*: Obstructive sleep apnoea  
*OR*: Odds ratio  
*PPV*: Positive predictive value  
*RISC*: Relationship between Insulin Sensitivity and Cardiovascular Risk  
*SADPM*: San Antonio Diabetes Prediction Model  
*SAHS*: San Antonio Heart Study  
*SOLAR*: Study of Latino Adolescents at Risk of Type 2 Diabetes  
*SWNA*: Southwestern Native American  
*T2D*: Type 2 diabetes  
*UKPDS*: United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study  
*WHO*: World Health Organization