



Sleep and Diabetes

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Become familiar with the molecular clock-control of glucose homeostasis
- Recognize the influence of circadian disruption on glucose management
- Identify the role of melatonin as a regulator of the timing system in the etiology of DM2

BACKGROUND

The internal timing system influences (and is influenced by) obesity and metabolic disease (refs 6-10)

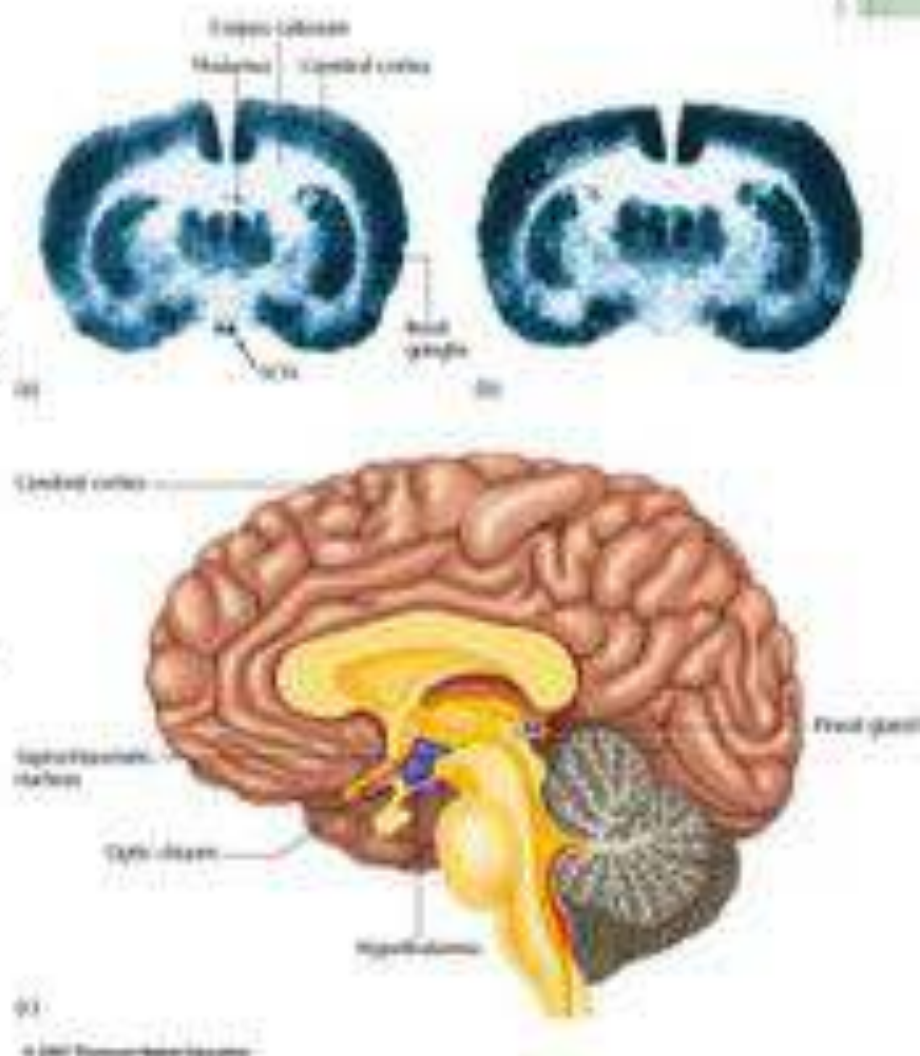
It regulates daily rhythms of insulin secretion and glucose metabolism.

The prevailing view is that the timing system synchronizes your biochemistry with daily variations in the environment in order to optimize energy utilization (ref 22)

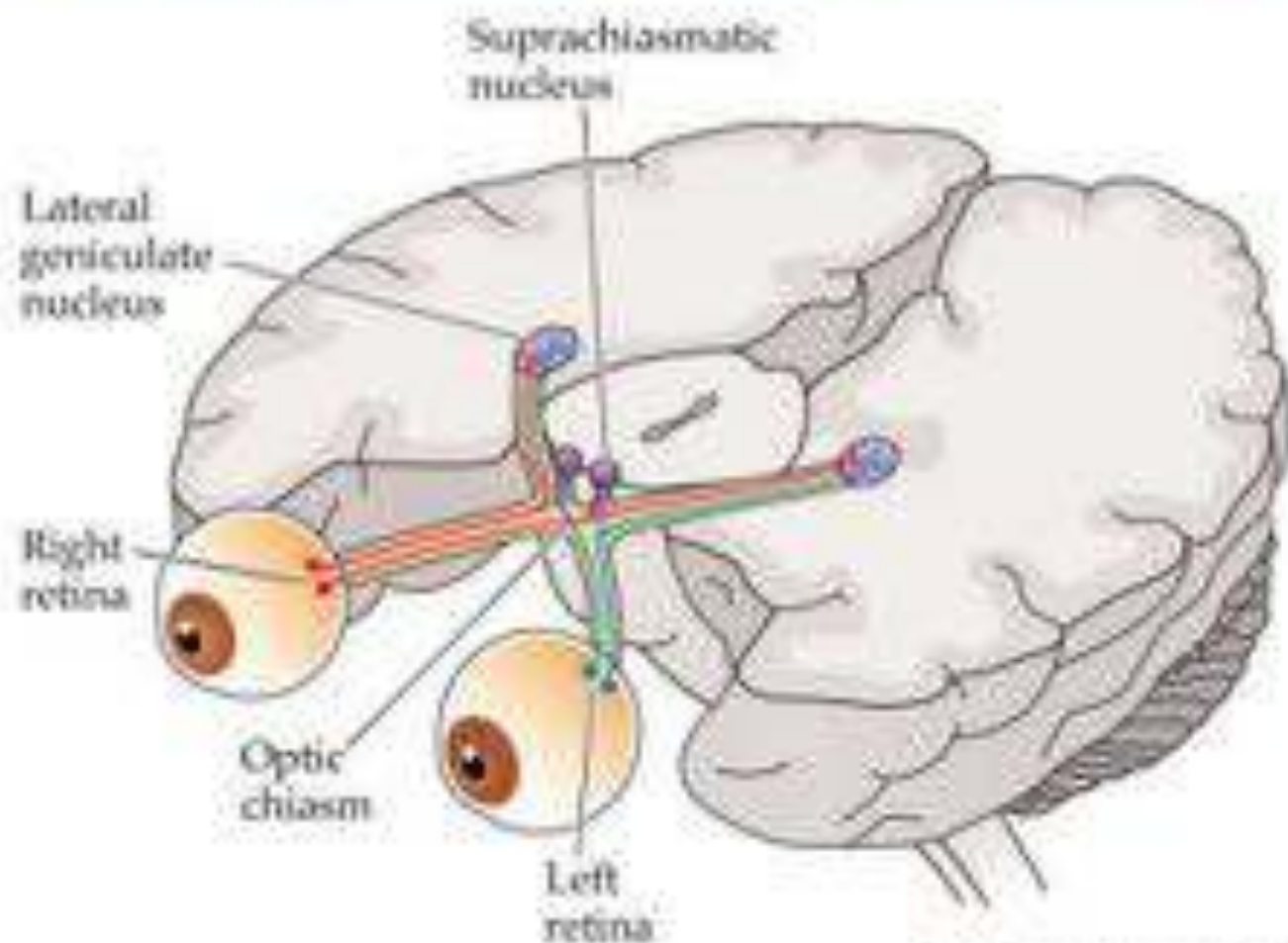


BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS

- **Circadian rhythms** – daily cycles of ~ 24 hours
- **Pineal gland** regulation – releases melatonin
- **Suprachiasmatic Nucleus (SCN)** acts as a biological clock
 - Found in the hypothalamus
 - Just above the optic chiasm
 - Receives info from the retina
- **Retinohypothalamic pathway**
- **GABA** released from the hypothalamus shuts down arousal systems



Retinohypothalamic pathway



Suprachiasmatic nuclei (central oscillator)

- Sleep/ wake cycles
- Body temperature
- Hormonal rhythms

Cellular level molecular clocks (peripheral oscillators)

- Autoregulatory feedback loop
oscillator of interacting transcription
factors known as clock genes

Chronomedicine and type 2 diabetes: shining some light on melatonin.

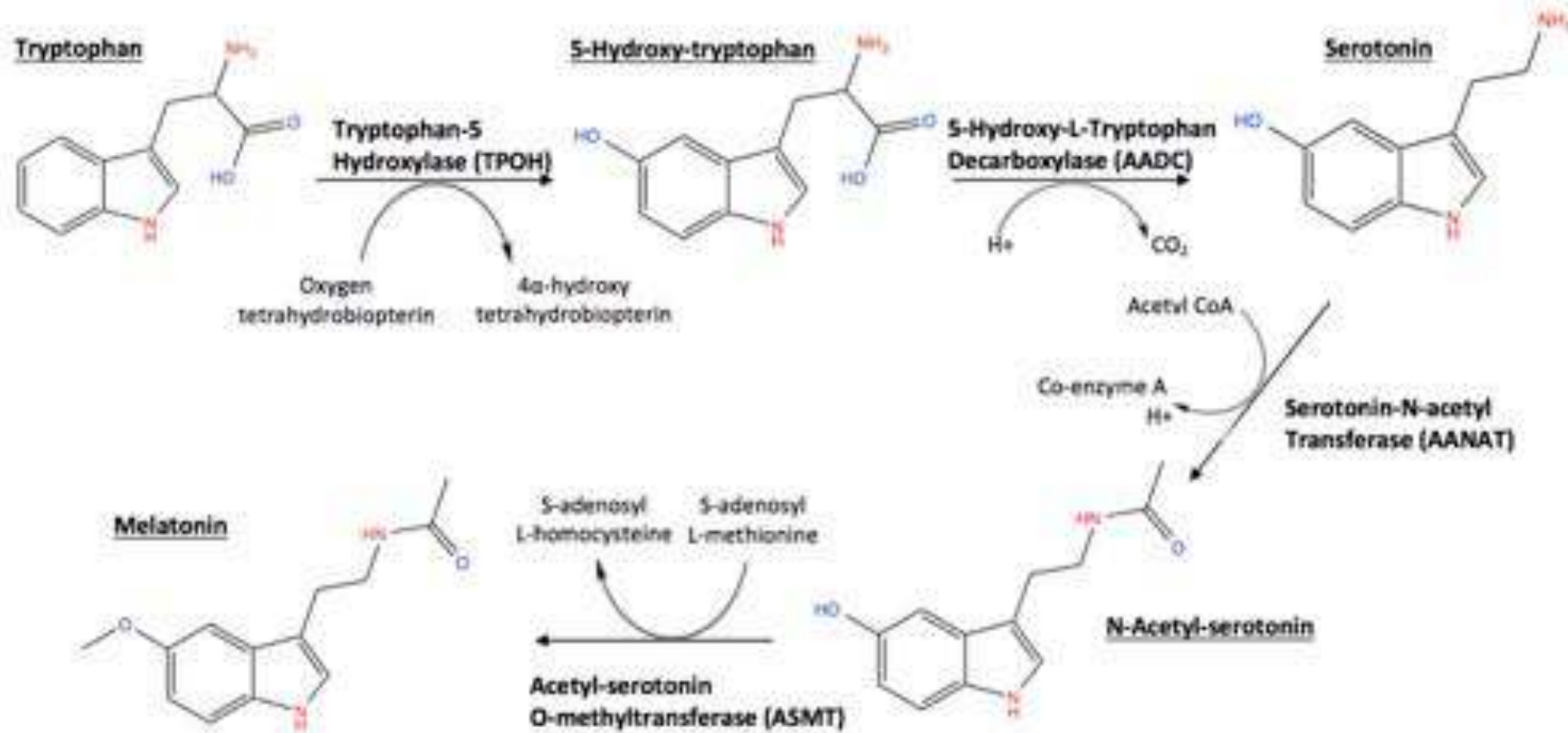
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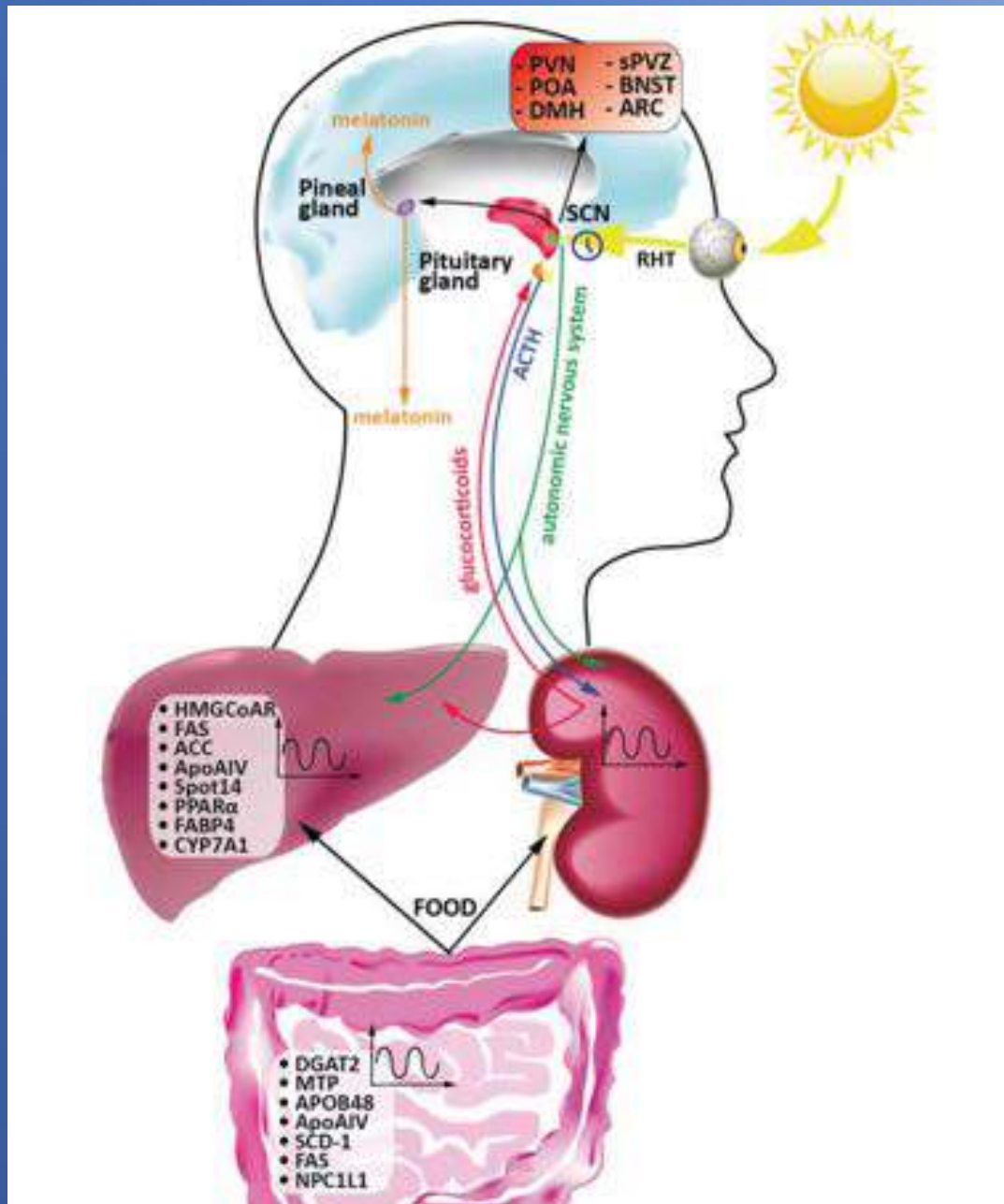
The Pineal Gland synthesizes and secretes melatonin

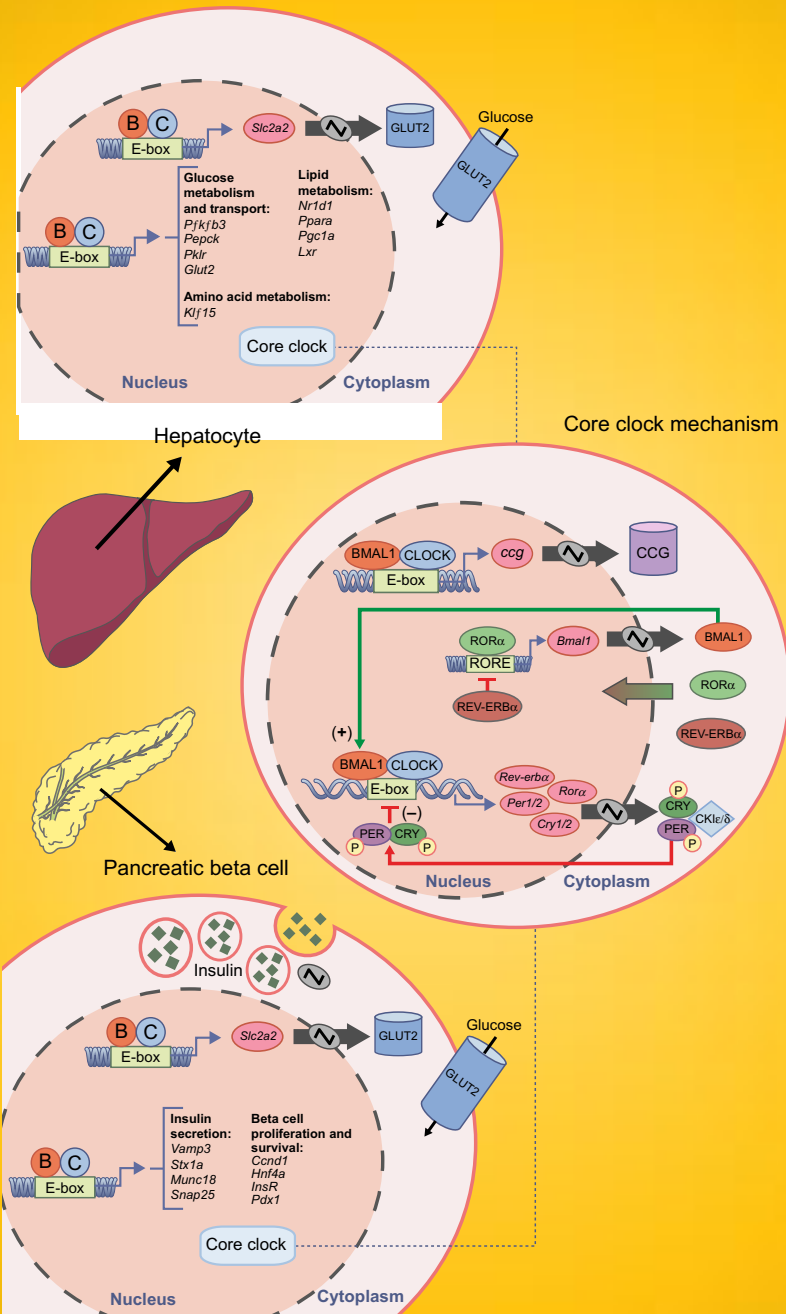
[Pineal Gland](#)

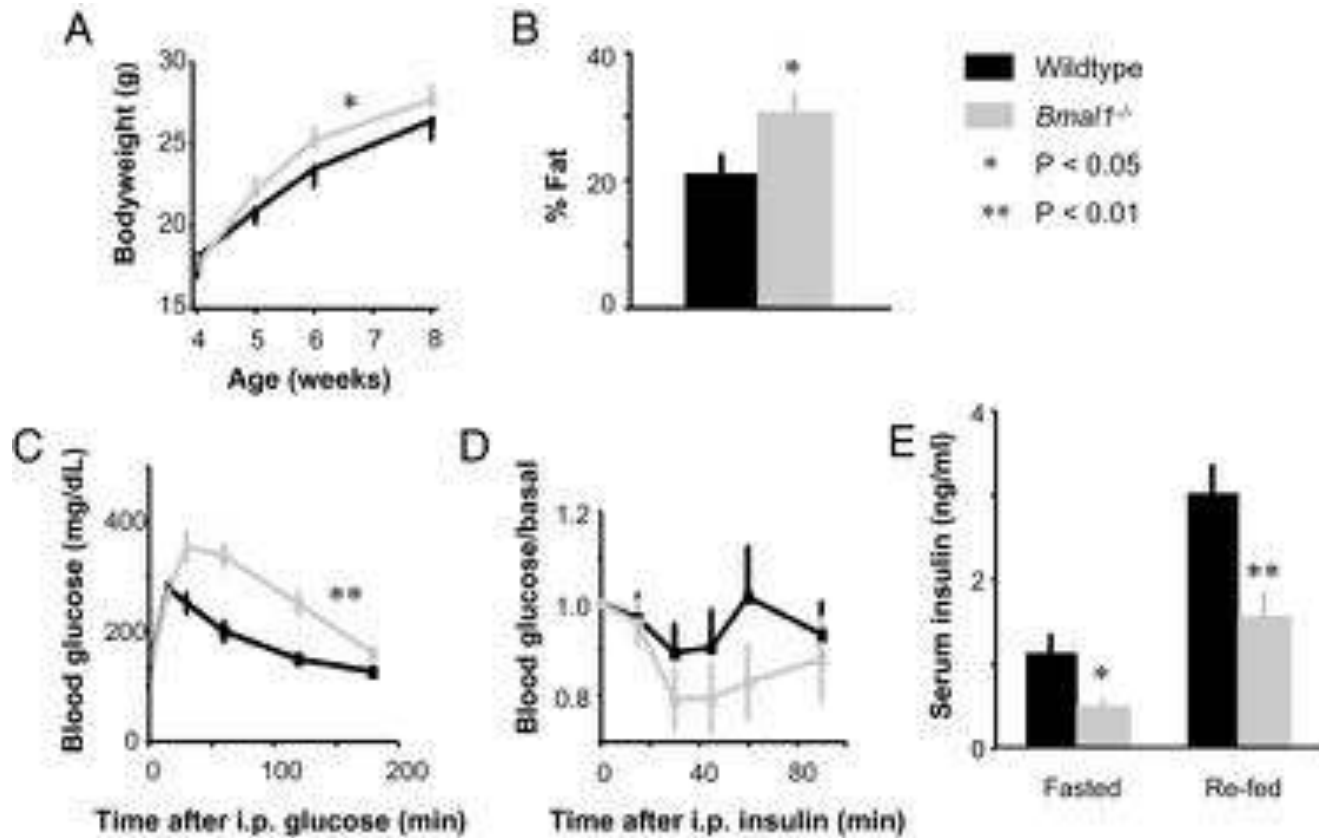
Melatonin comes from serotonin







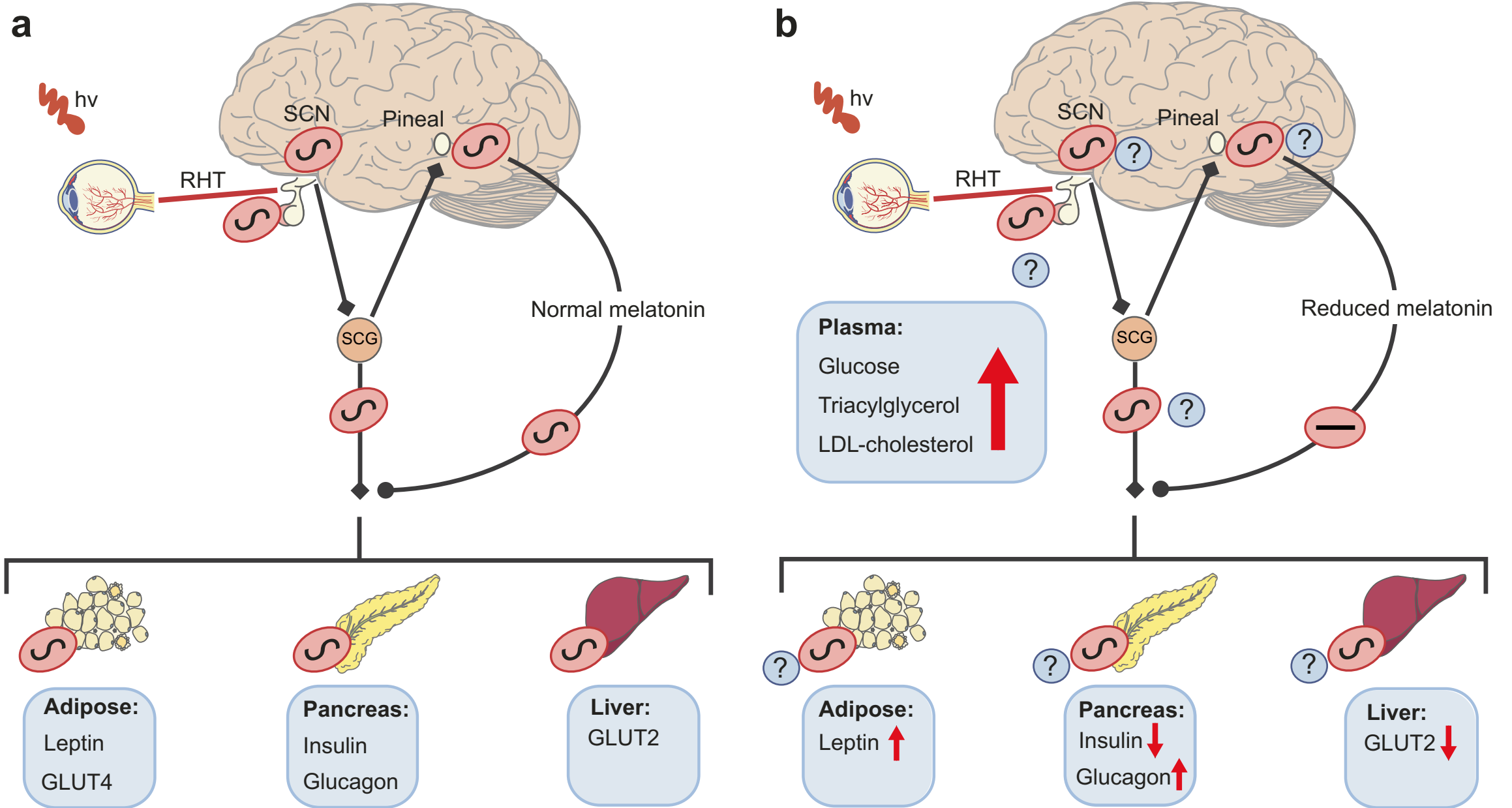




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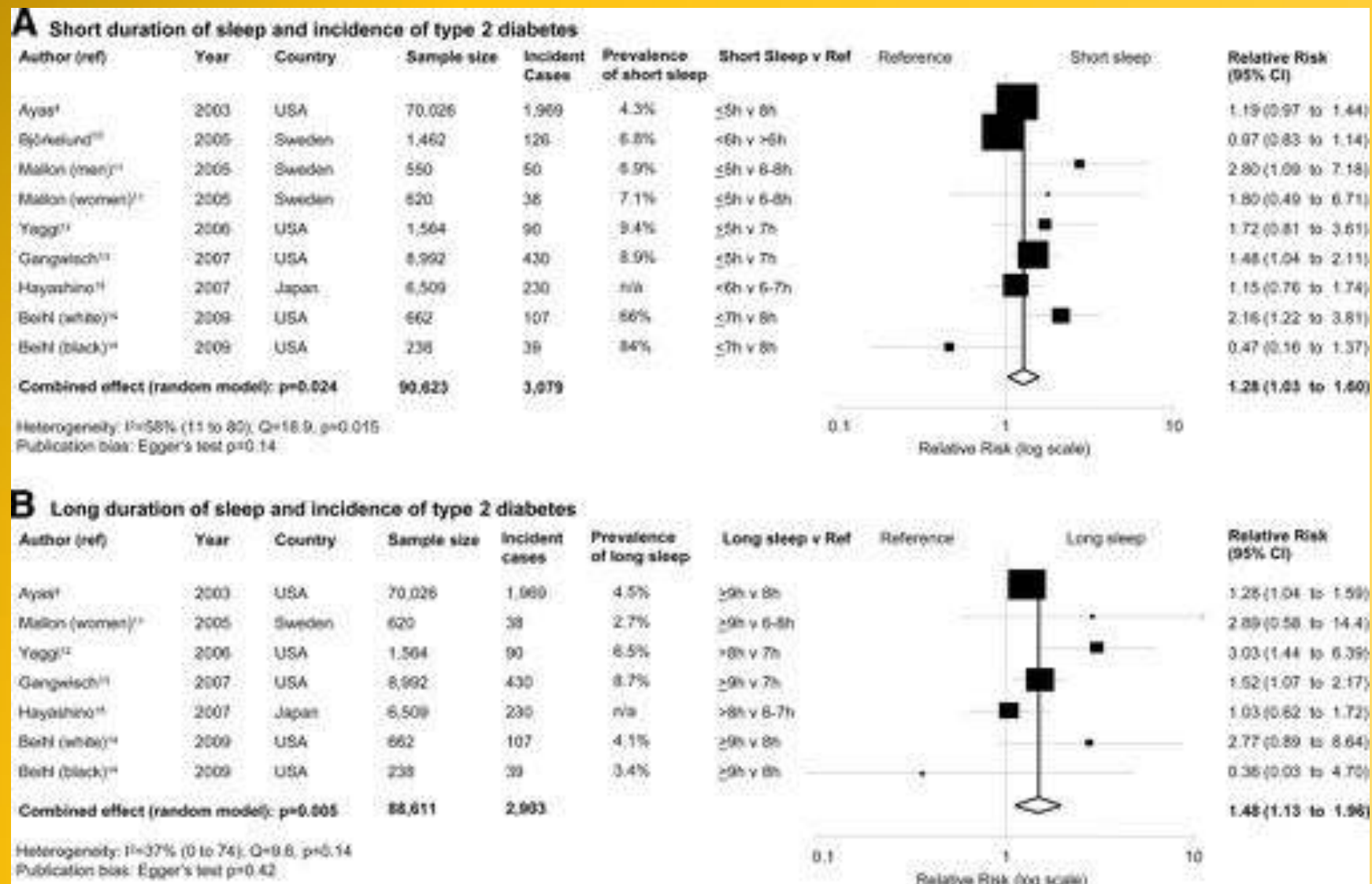
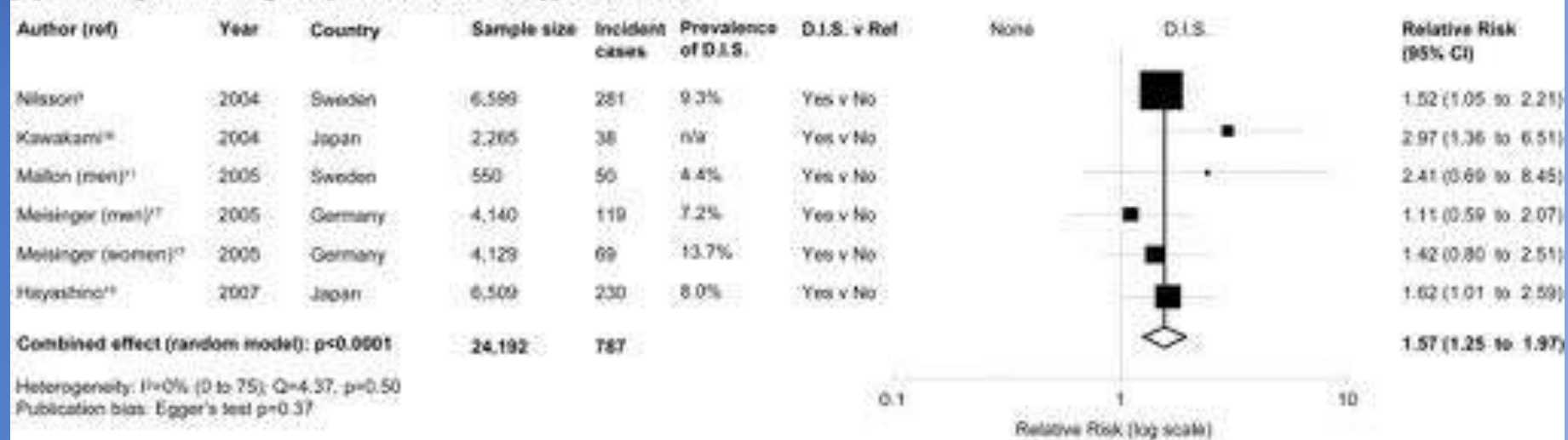


Figure 1—Quantity of sleep and the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Results are expressed as RR (95% CI). The size of squares is proportional to the weight of the study. A: Forest plot of the risk of type 2 diabetes associated with short duration of sleep compared with the reference group in nine population cohorts from seven published prospective studies. B: Forest plot of the risk of type 2 diabetes associated with long duration of sleep compared with the reference group in seven population cohorts from six published prospective studies. n/a, not available.

A Difficulty in initiating sleep and incidence of type 2 diabetes



B Difficulty in maintaining sleep and incidence of type 2 diabetes

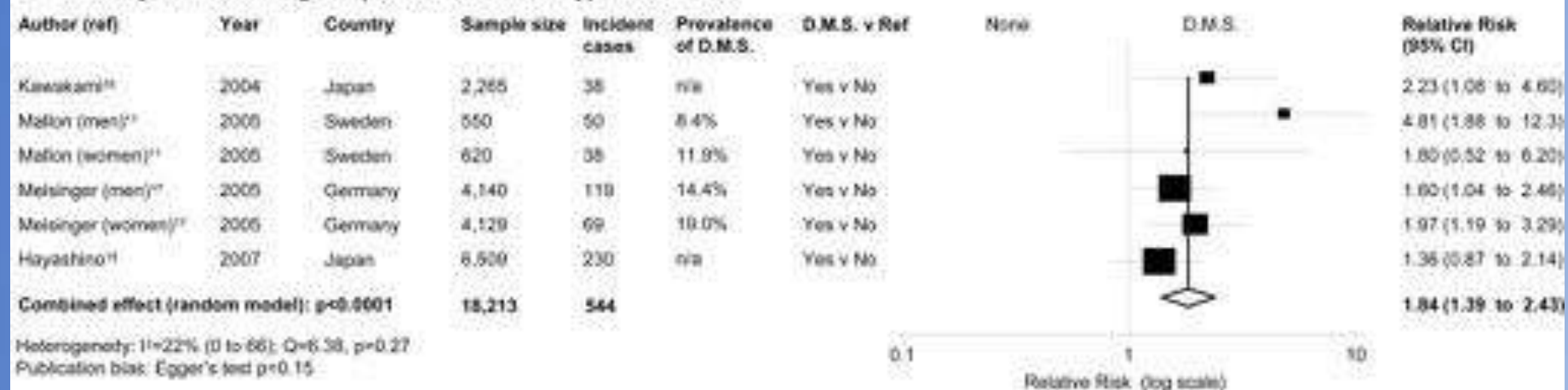
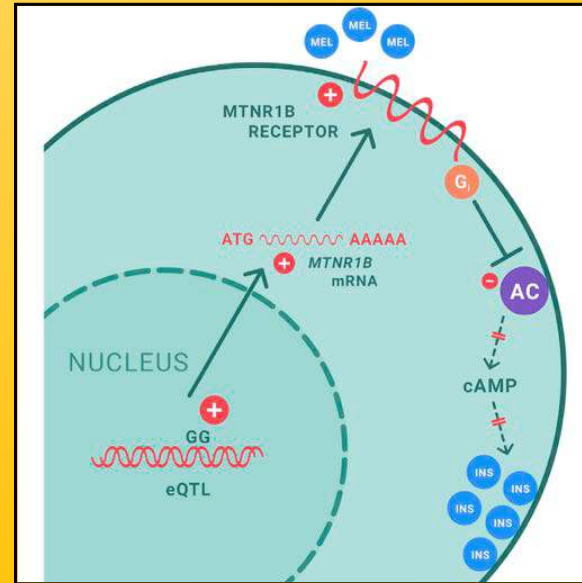


Figure 2—Quality of sleep and the risk of developing type 2 diabetes. Results are expressed as RR (95% CI). The size of squares is proportional to the weight of the study. A: Forest plot of the risk of type 2 diabetes associated with difficulty in initiating sleep (D.I.S.) compared with none in six population cohorts from five published prospective studies. B: Forest plot of the risk of type 2 diabetes associated with difficulty in maintaining sleep (D.M.S.) compared with none in six population cohorts from four published prospective studies. n/a, not available.

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Increased Melatonin Signaling Is a Risk Factor for Type 2 Diabetes

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

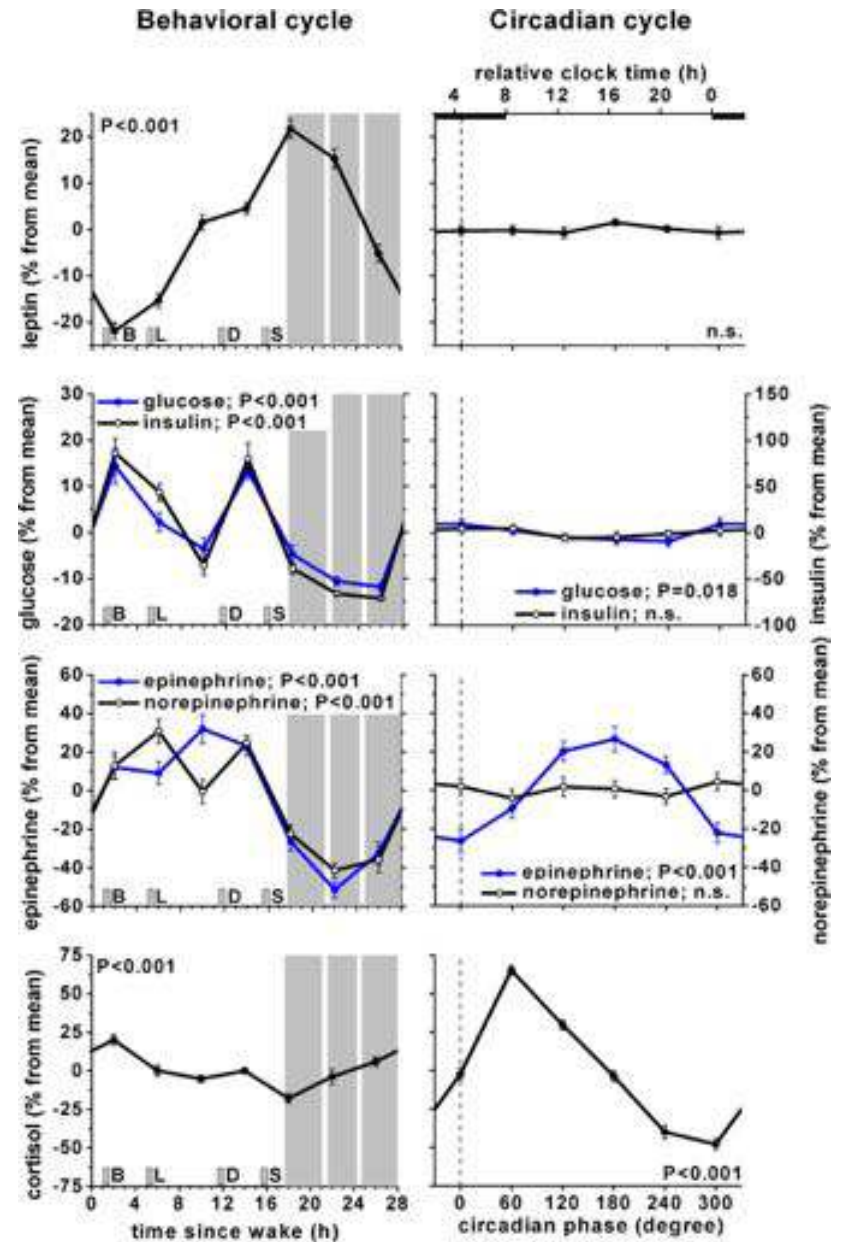
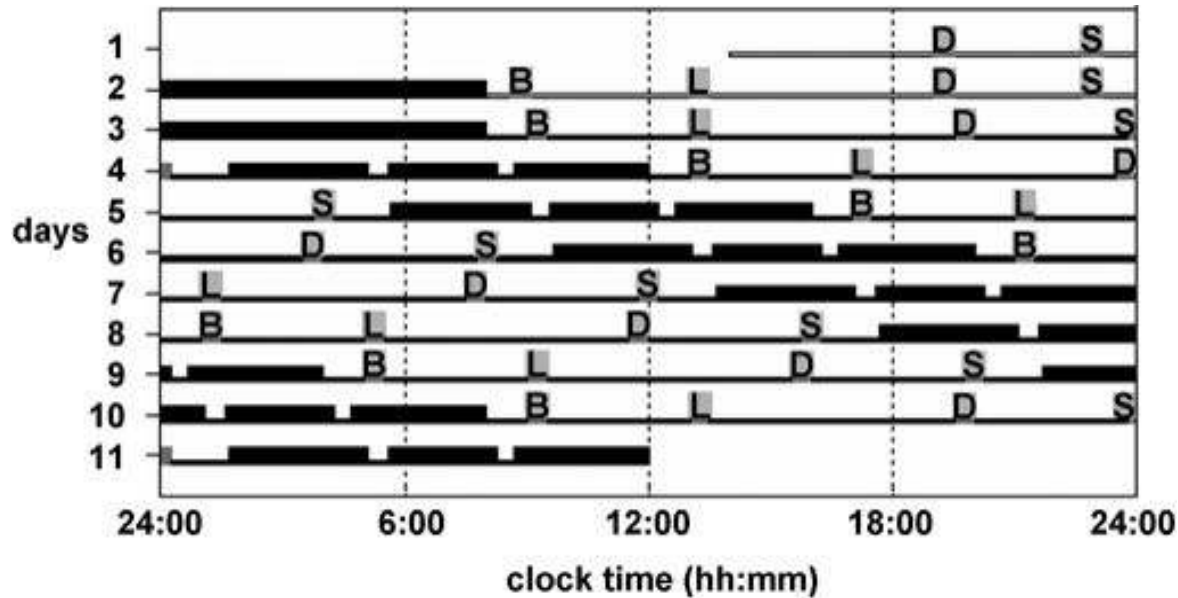
Tuomi et al. show that a common (about 30%) human type 2 diabetes risk variant of the melatonin receptor 1B gene affects insulin release. A recall-by-genotype study demonstrated that melatonin treatment inhibits insulin secretion, with at-risk carriers exhibiting higher glucose levels. Melatonin might have a protective role in preventing nocturnal hypoglycemia.

Highlights

- rs10830963 is an eQTL in human islets conferring increased *MTNR1B* mRNA expression
- Melatonin inhibits cAMP rises in mouse islets and clonal insulin-secreting cells
- Melatonin blocks insulin release in mouse islets and clonal insulin-secreting cells
- Melatonin's inhibition of insulin release is stronger in risk allele carriers



Disruption of the timing system alone can lead to metabolic dysfunction



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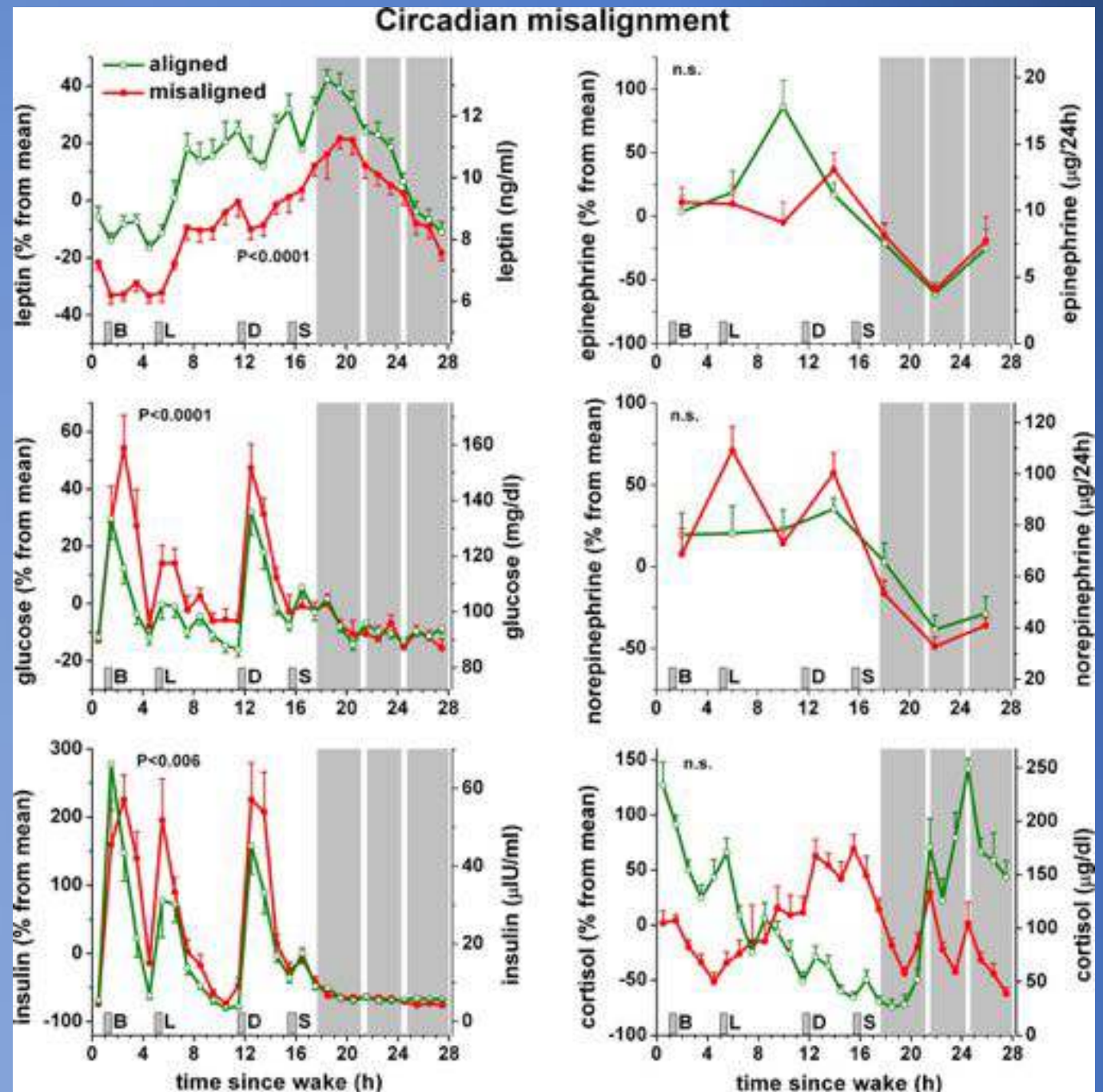
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