

# Cardiology Update 2013

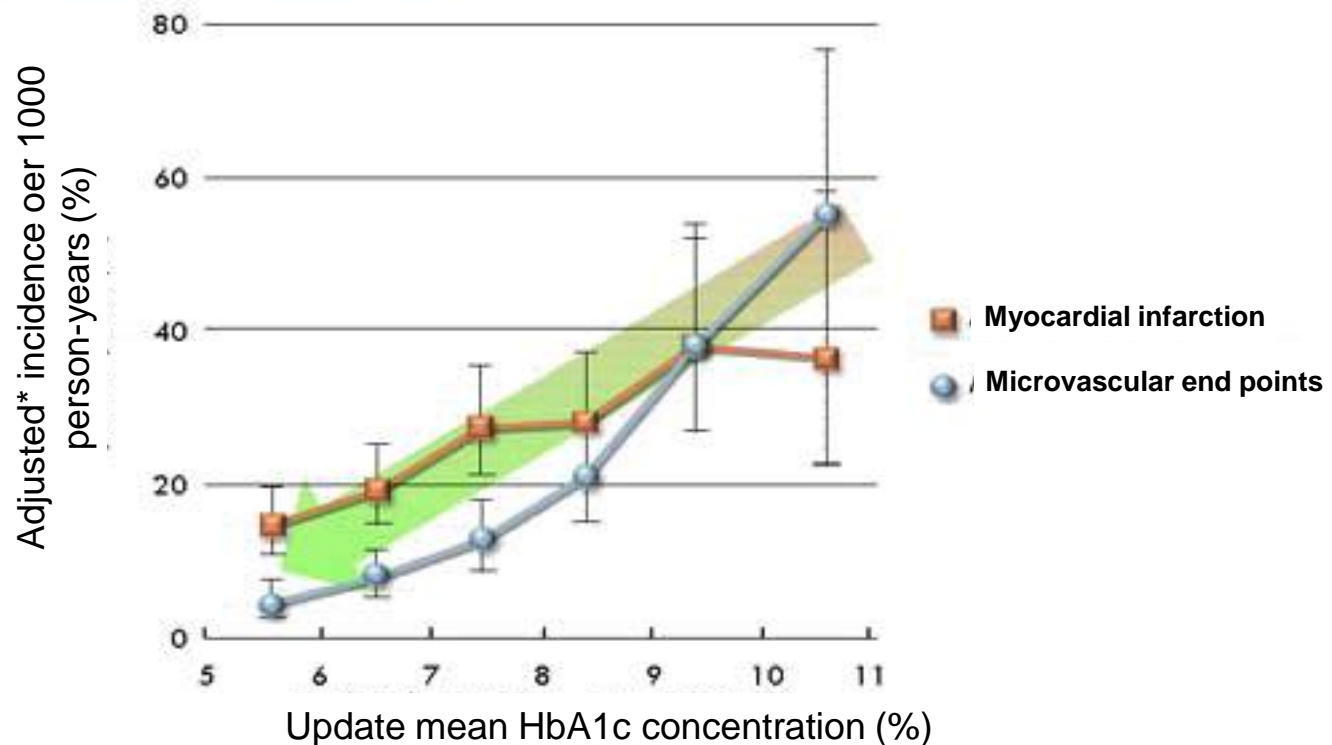
*Prevention, Diabetes and Renal Disease*

**Why is antidiabetic treatment less effective than expected?**

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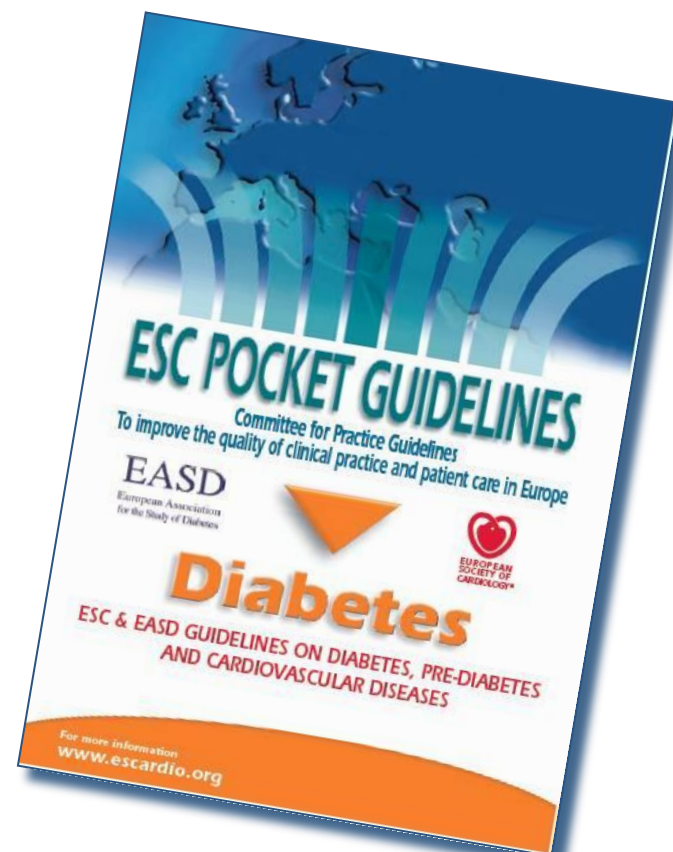
# Myocardial infarction and microvascular endpoints incidence by mean HbA1c concentration



# Treat to Target as close as possible to normal



**Aim for good glycemic control =  
 $\text{HbA1c} < 6.5\%$**



# Compare the effects of intensive vs standard glucose lowering on CV outcomes in T2DM patients

	CVD	Mortality
<b>ACCORD</b> A1c 7.5 vs 6.5%	↔	↑
<b>ADVANCE</b> A1c 7.3 vs 6.5%	↔	↔
<b>VADT</b> A1c 8.4 vs 6.9%	↔	↔

Initial Trial

VADT, NEJM 2009

The ACCORD Study Group, NEJM 2009

The ADVANCE Collaborative Group, NEJM 2008

# Why is antidiabetic treatment less effective than expected?

## Explanation 1: Concomitant therapies

- Concomitant treatment of other CVD risk factors (statins, BP lowering agents, aspirin)



Lower incidence of CV events

### **Message:**

**Additional benefits by intensive glucose control difficult to achieve**

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## Explanation

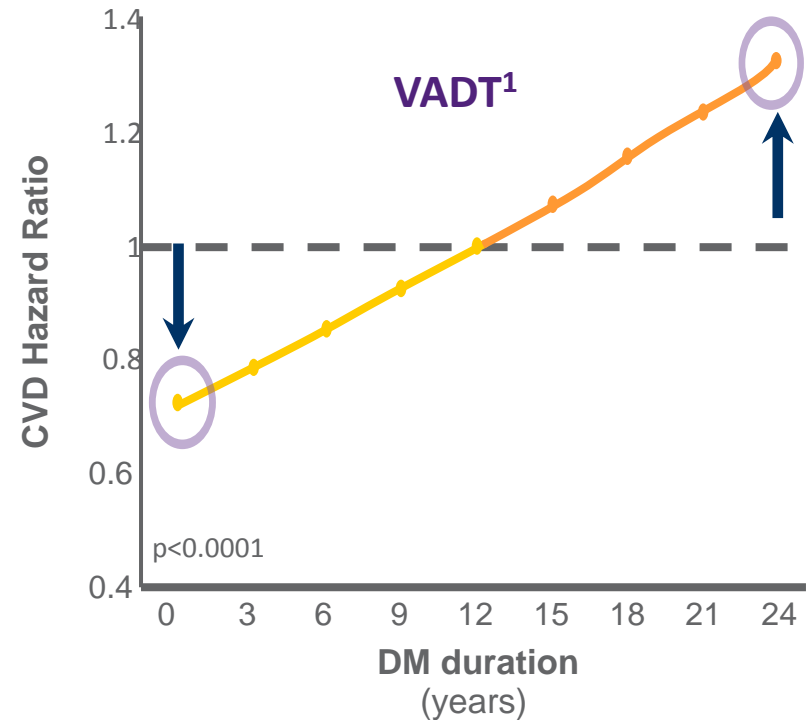
- Current glucose balancing effort over-insulin

	ACCORD <sup>1</sup>	ADVANCE <sup>2</sup>	VADT <sup>3</sup>
Achieved median HbA1c (I vs S) %	6.4 vs 7.5	6.3 vs 7.0	6.9 vs 8.5
On insulin at study end (I vs S) %	77 vs 55	40 vs 24	88 vs 74
Weight changes, Kg			
- intensive arm	+3.5	-0.1	+7.8
- standard arm	+0.4	-1.0	+3.4
Severe hypoglycemia (≥1 episode) %			
- intensive arm	16.2	2.7	21.2
- standard arm	5.1	1.5	9.9

# Why is antidiabetic treatment less effective than expected?

## Explanation 3: Advanced disease at baseline

- Participants had known duration of diabetes of 8–11 years, previous CVD or multiple risk factors; established atherosclerosis
- Subset analyses suggested a significant benefit of intensive glycaemic control in participants with shorter duration of diabetes, lower HbA<sub>1c</sub> at entry, absence of known CVD



### Message:

Long standing duration of diabetes beyond the stage where tight glycaemic control could exert any protective effect

<sup>1</sup> Relationship of diabetes duration and HR for CVD events with intensive therapy;

# CVD and glucose control in type 2 diabetes

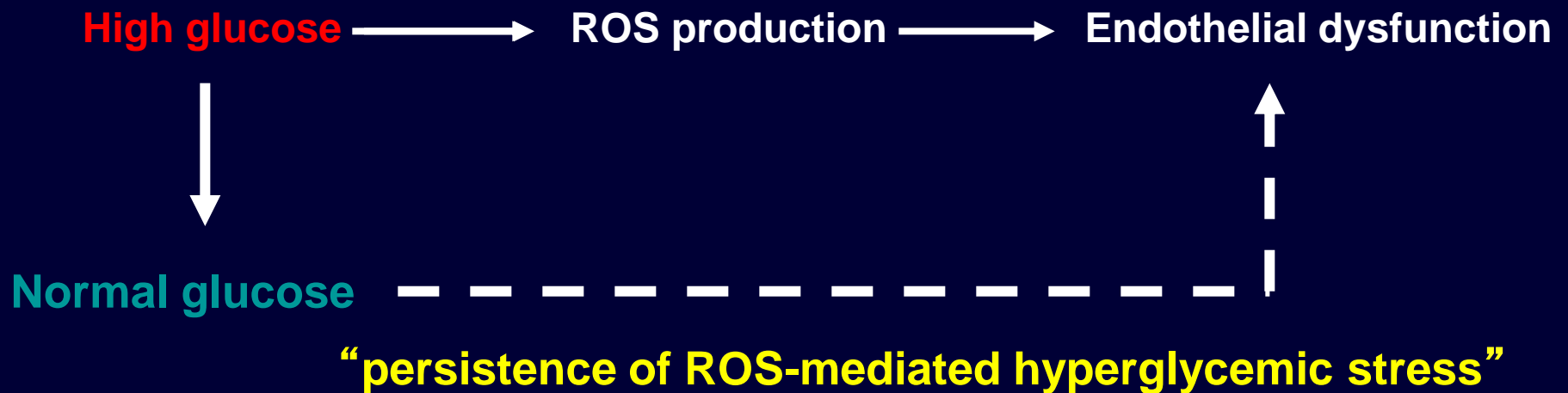
Lesson from the UKPDS:

- Glycemic control **early** **diabetes** may have a **beneficial** effect on later CV risk.
- Intervention results are similar to those seen in type 1 diabetes (DCCT/EDIC)

Long-term detrimental impact of early sustained hyperglycaemia!



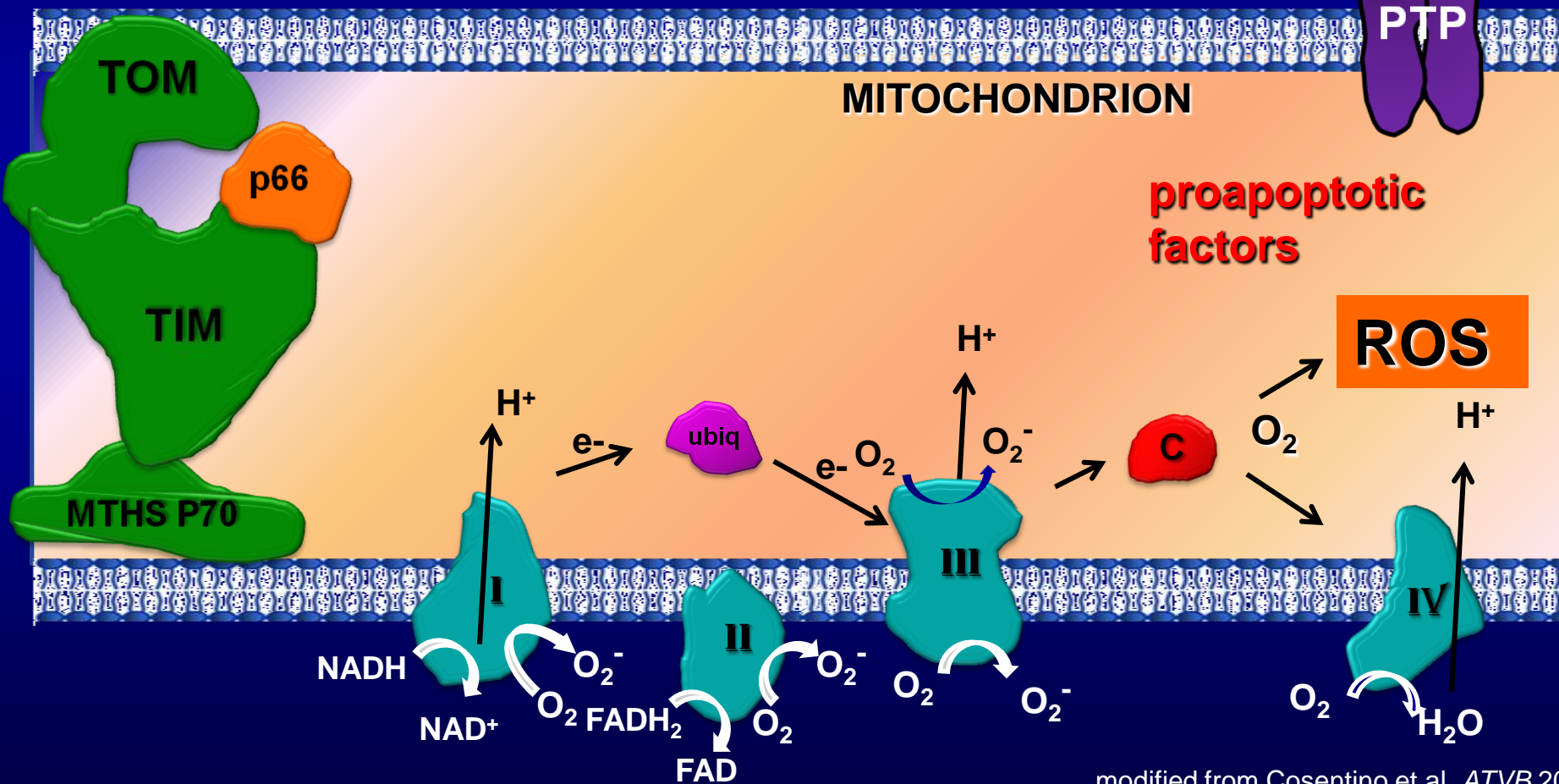
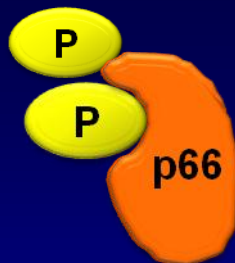
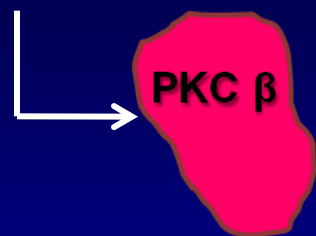
# The “Hyperglycemic Memory” concept



OXIDATIVE STIMULI

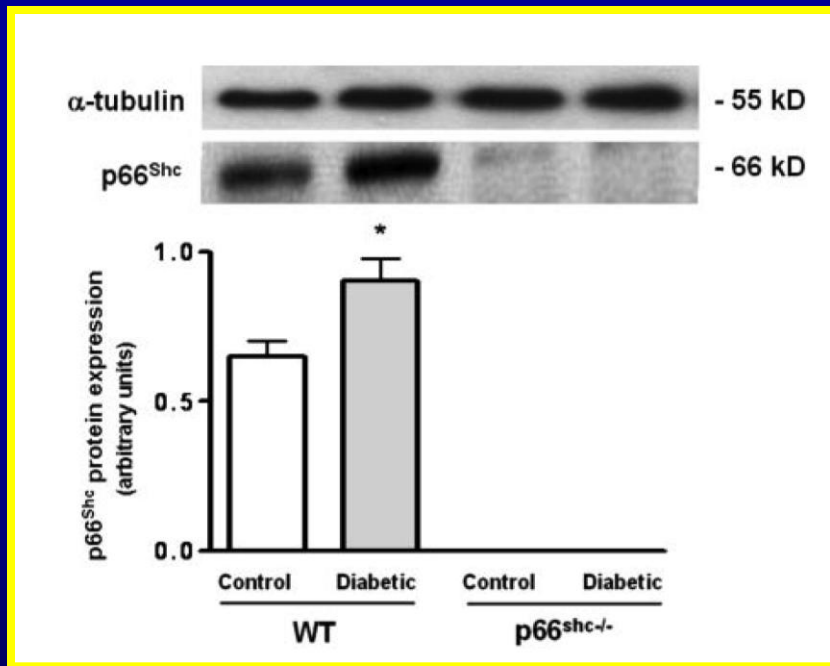
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APOPTOSIS



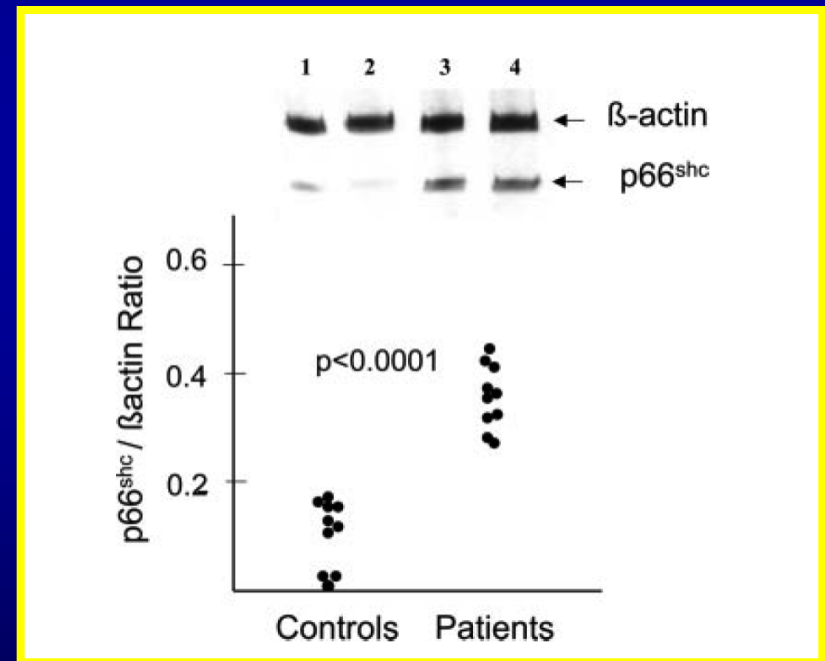
# Upregulation of p66<sup>Shc</sup> expression in experimental and human diabetes

Camici et al. PNAS 2007



Mouse

Pagnin et al. JCEM 2005



Human

## Editorial

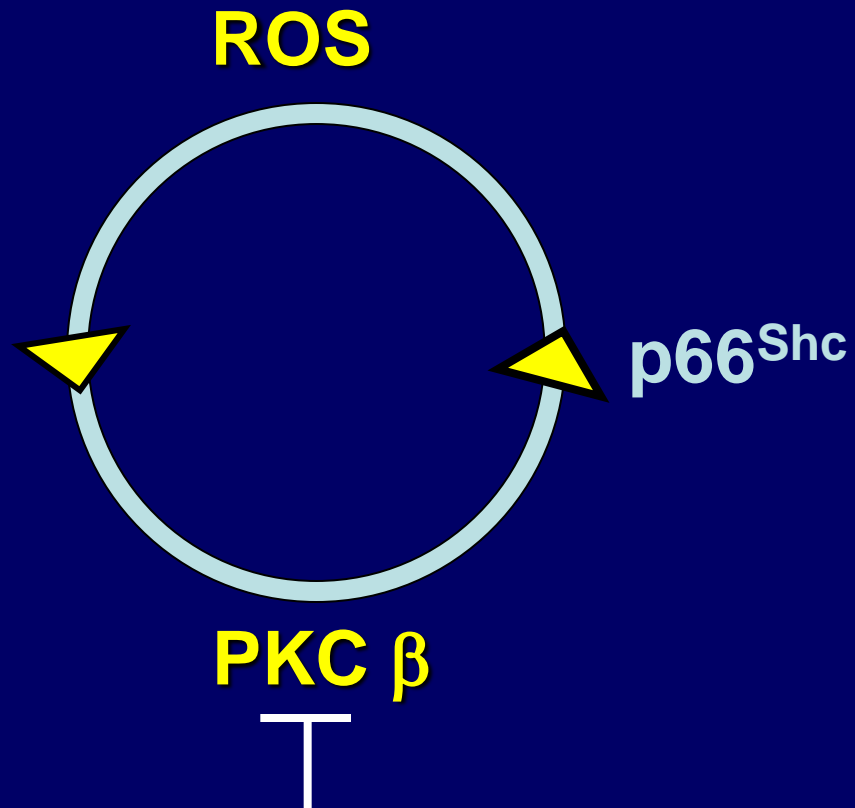
# Redox Mediating Epigenetic Changes Confer Metabolic Memories

Assam El-Osta

**“BAD LEGACY EFFECT”  
OF HYPERGLYCEMIA**

*It's not always the case that it's easy to forgive and forget,  
particularly when it comes to past memories....*

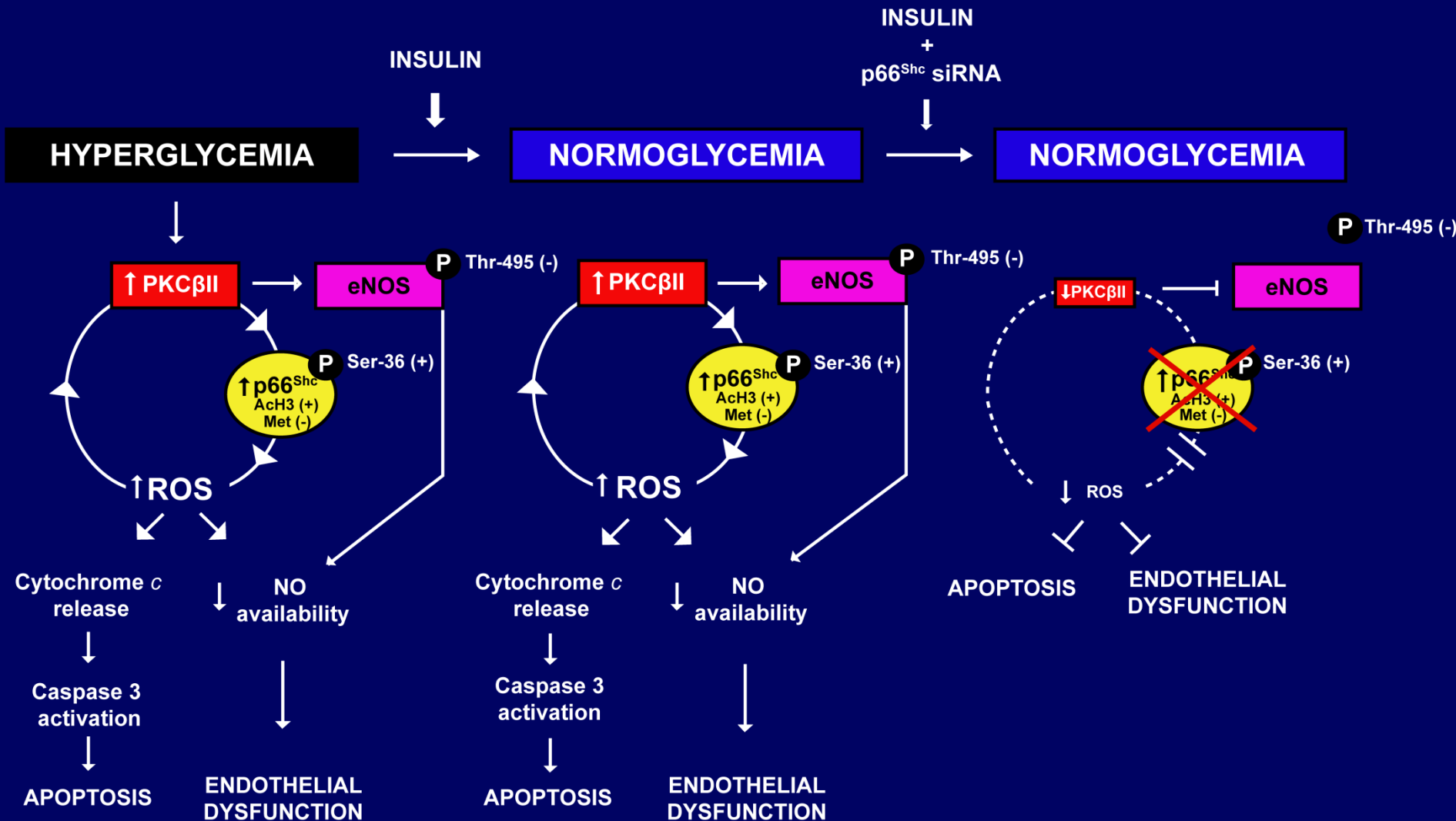
# Experimental Hypothesis



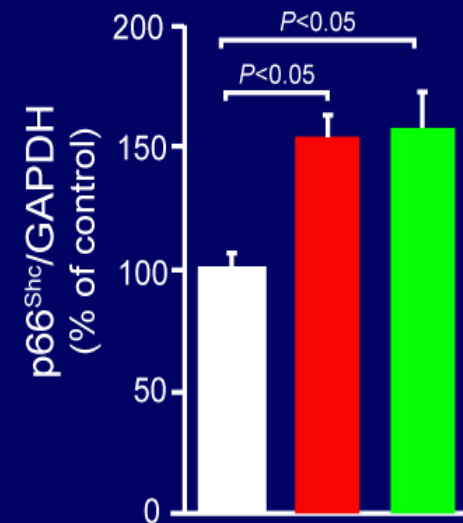
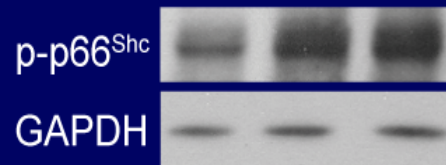
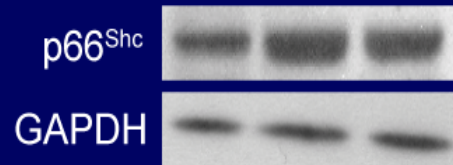
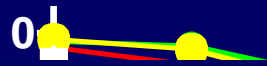
**Normal Glucose**

# p66<sup>Shc</sup> Drives Vascular Hyperglycemic Memory

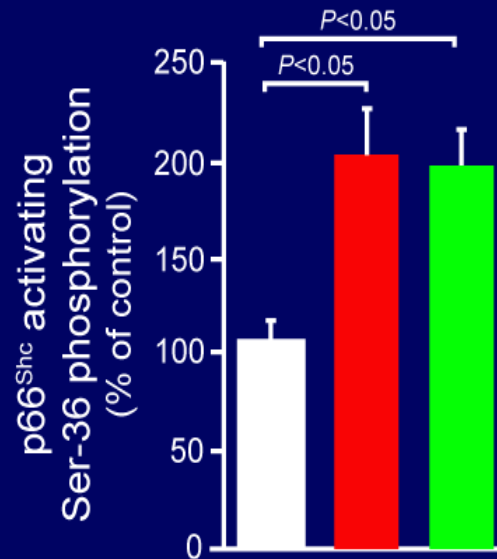
## *A Detrimental Vicious Cycle*



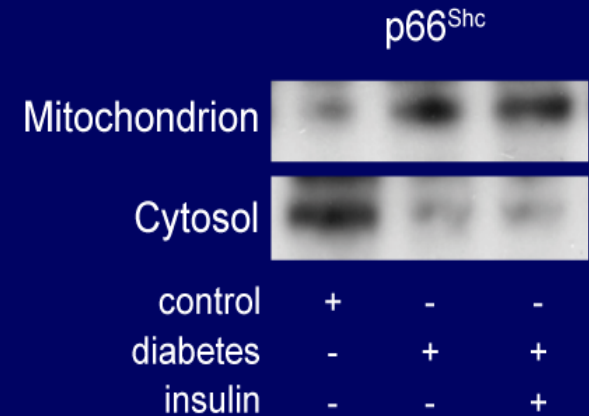
# Restoration of normoglycemia does not improve endothelial function in diabetic mice treated with insulin



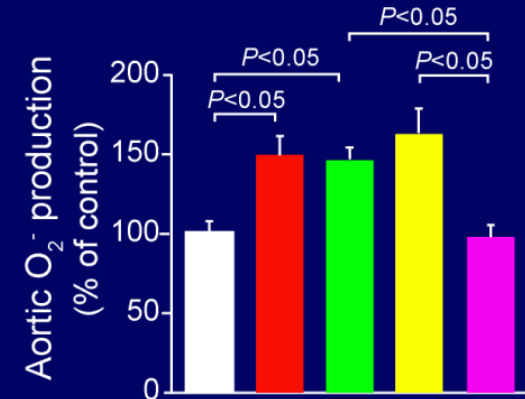
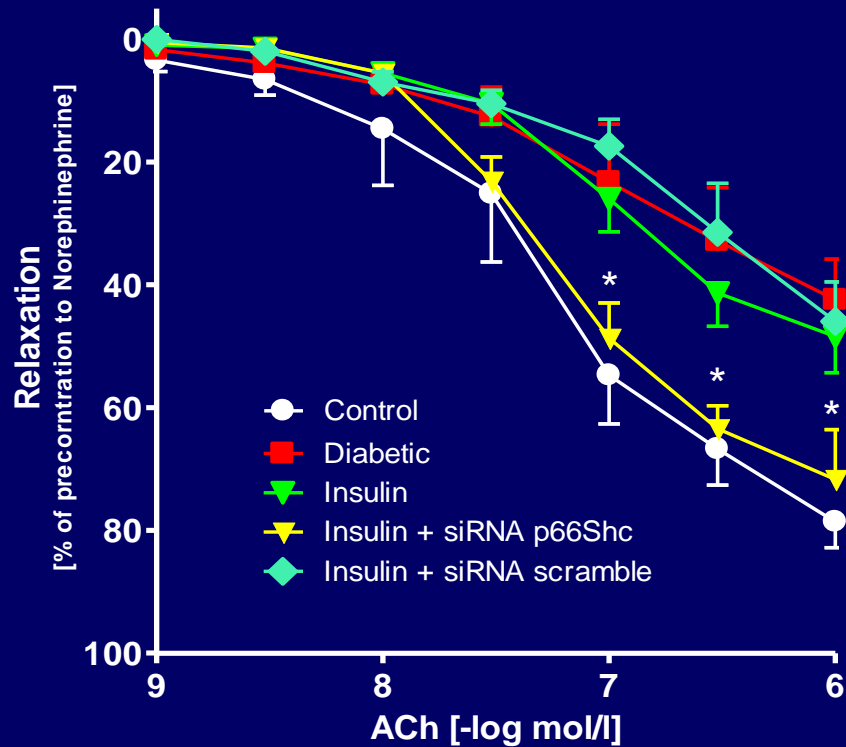
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diabetes	-	+	+
insulin	-	-	+



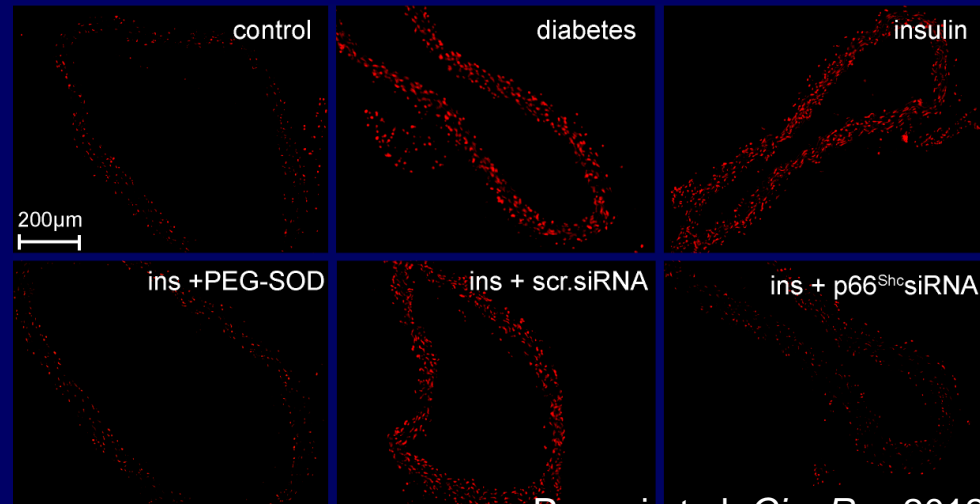
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# *In vivo* Knockdown of p66<sup>Shc</sup> Blunts Vascular Hyperglycemic Memory in Mice

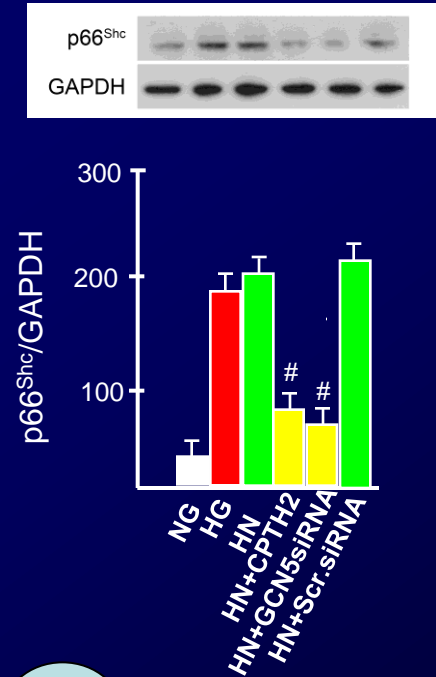
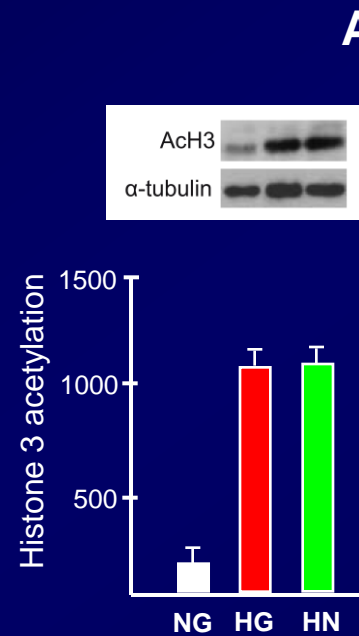
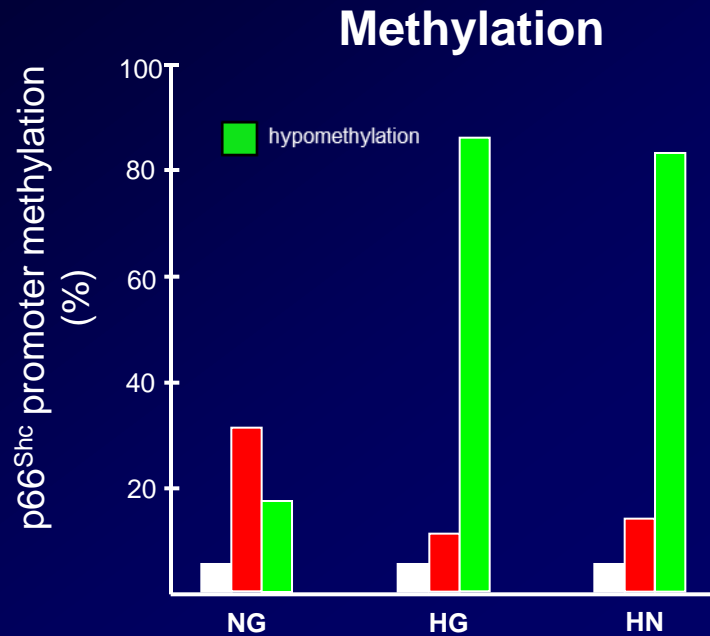


control	+	-	-	-	-
diabetes	-	+	-	-	-
insulin	-	-	+	+	+
scr. siRNA	-	-	-	+	-
p66 <sup>Shc</sup> siRNA	-	-	-	-	+





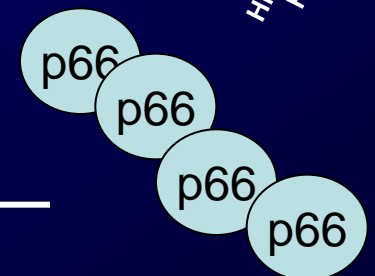
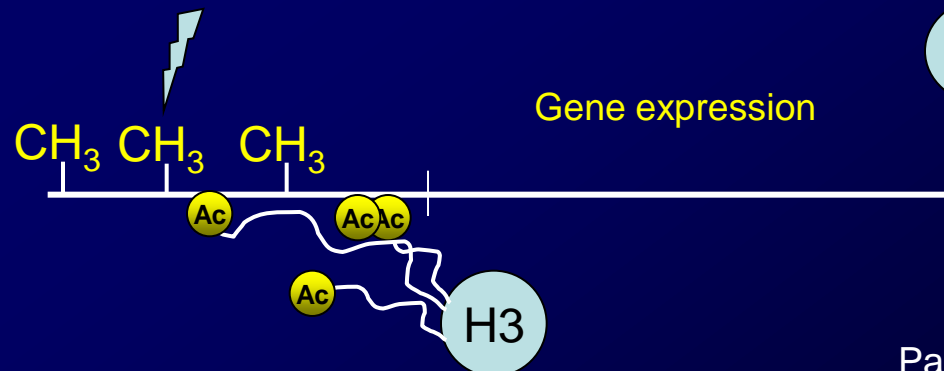
# Persistent p66<sup>Shc</sup> upregulation due to *de novo* transcription induced by epigenetic changes of promoter



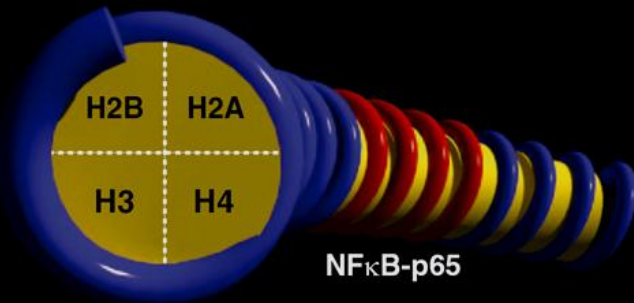
DNA polymerase

High Glucose

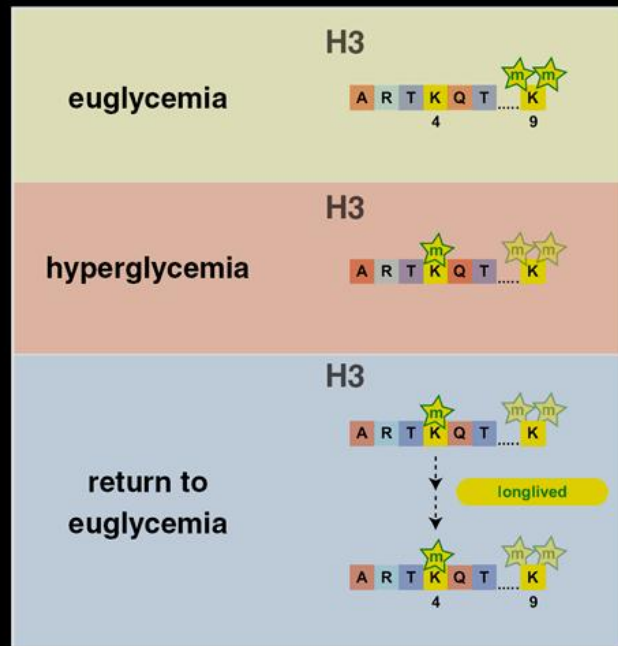
p66 promoter



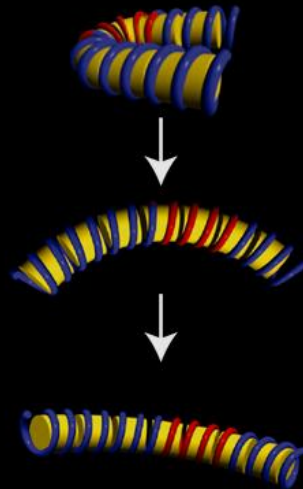
# Hyperglycemia confers gene activating events that are associated with changes in chromatin structure and function



*glucose variability* ↔ *histone modifications* ↔ *chromatin architecture*



"closed" structure  
gene suppression



"open" structure  
gene activation

HYPERGLYCEMIA



EPIGENETIC CHANGES



TRANSCRIPTION



"MEMORY EFFECT"

# Study Design

## *p66<sup>Shc</sup> and vascular hyperglycemic memory in T2DM patients*

Newly diagnosed  
T2DM patients



Glycemic control

baseline



6 months

**HYPERGLYCEMIA**

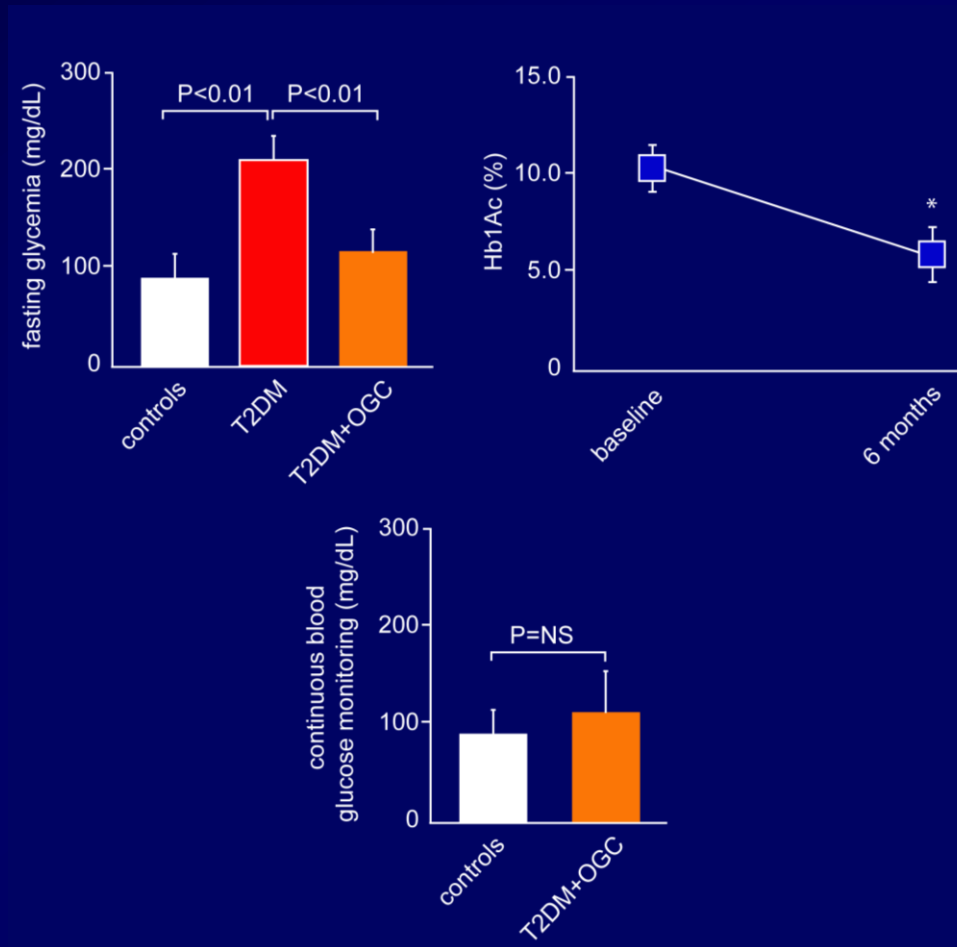
**NORMOGLYCEMIA**

p66<sup>Shc</sup> expression  
epigenetic analysis of p66<sup>Shc</sup> promoter  
oxidative stress (8-isoPGF2 $\alpha$ )  
vascular function (FMD)

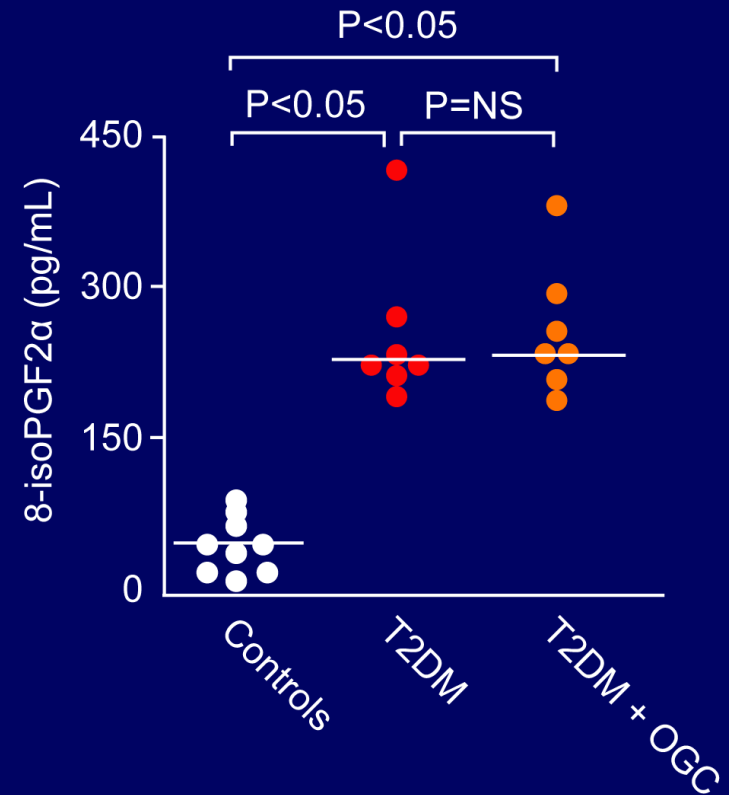
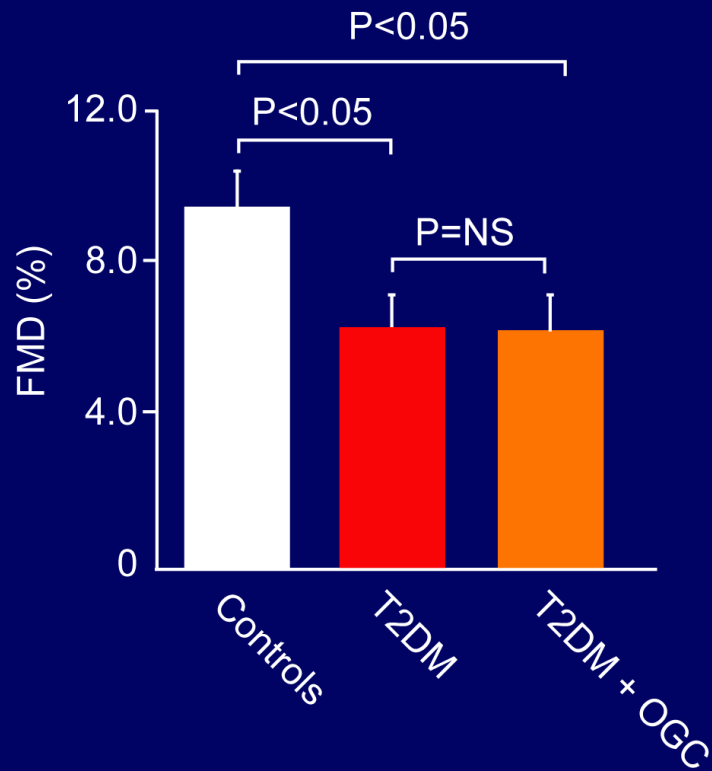


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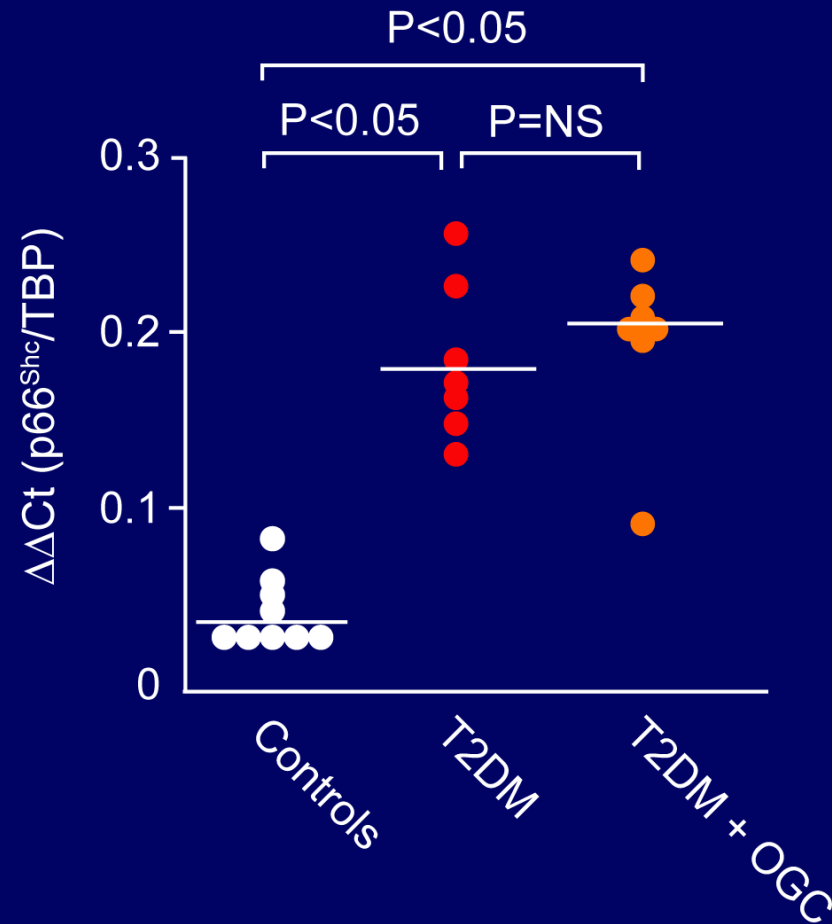
# Achievement of optimal glycemic control in newly diagnosed T2DM patients



# Persistent endothelial dysfunction and oxidative stress in T2DM with optimal glycemic control (OGC)

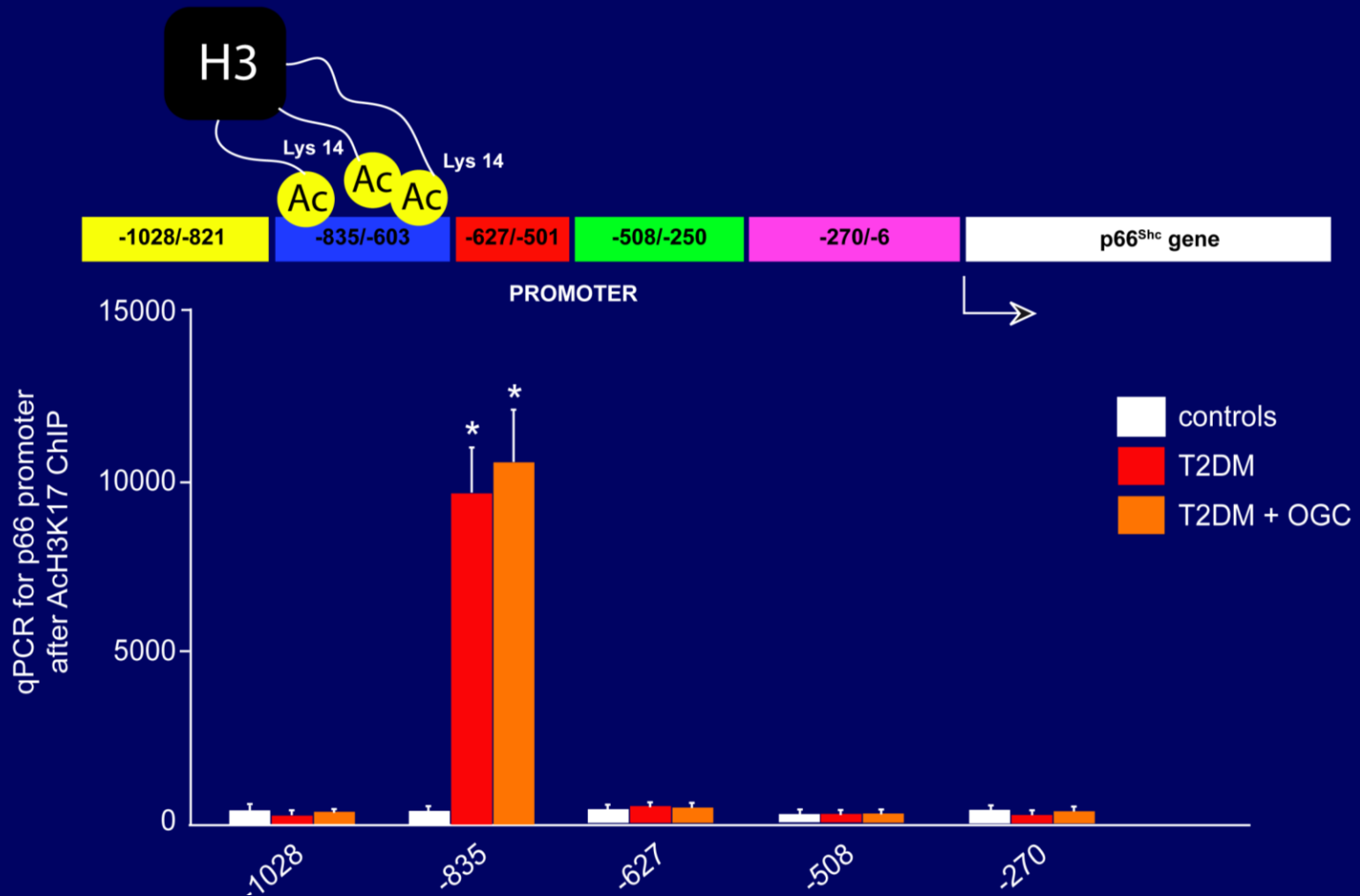


# Glycemic control does not revert p66<sup>Shc</sup> upregulation in patients with T2DM

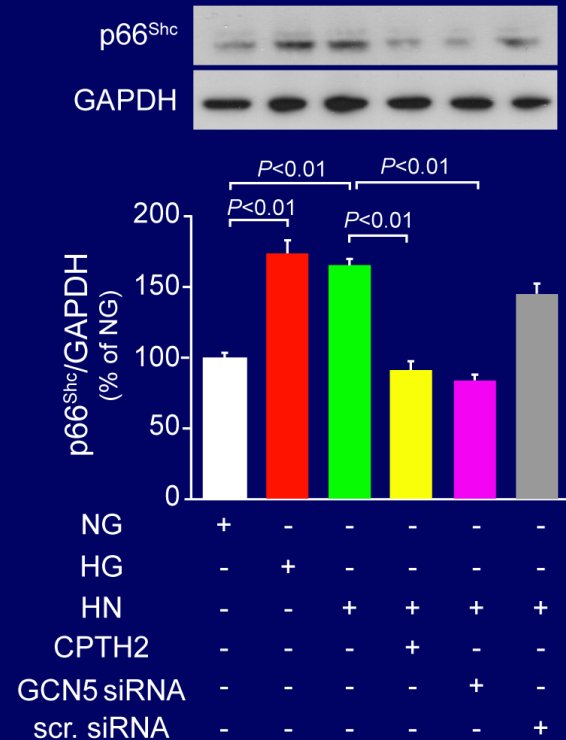
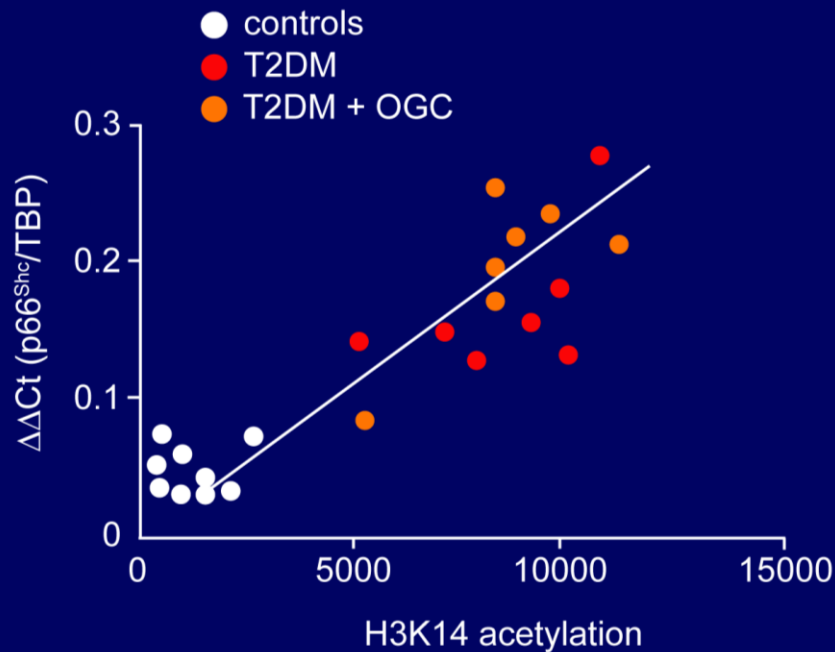


# Epigenetic analysis of p66<sup>Shc</sup> promoter in controls and T2DM

Histone 3 acetylation persists despite optimal glycemic control in T2DM



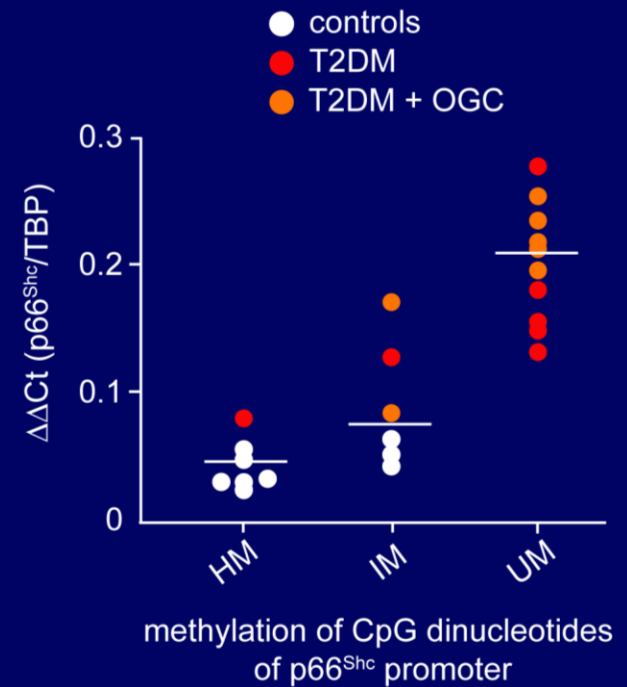
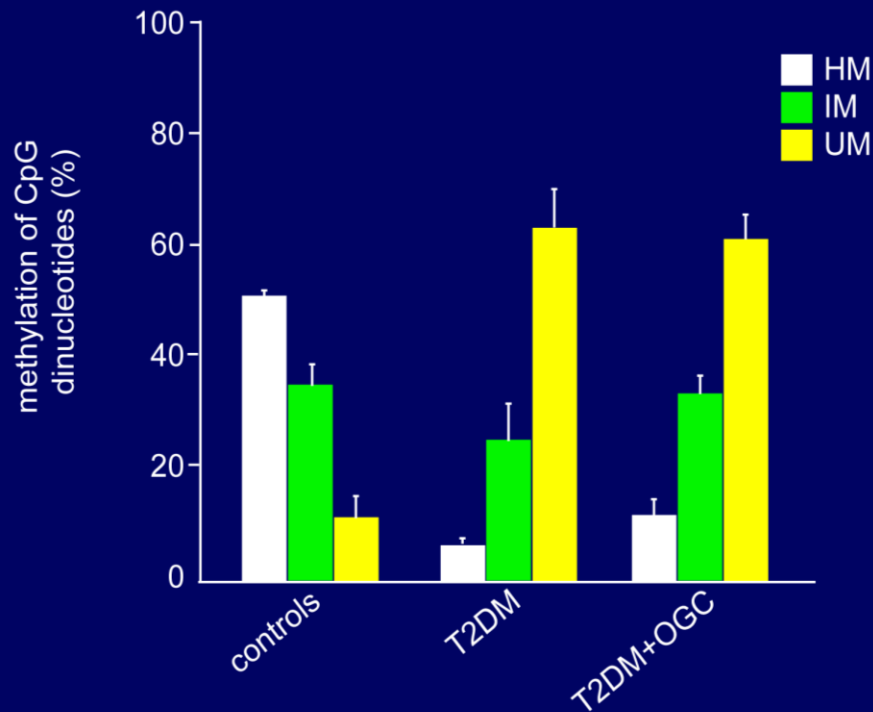
# H3K14 acetylation favours sustained p66<sup>Shc</sup> overexpression during subsequent normoglycemia



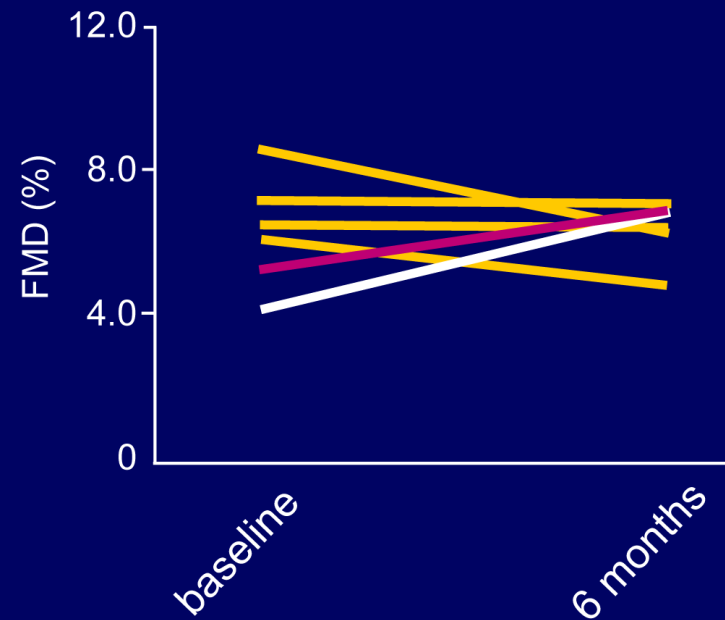
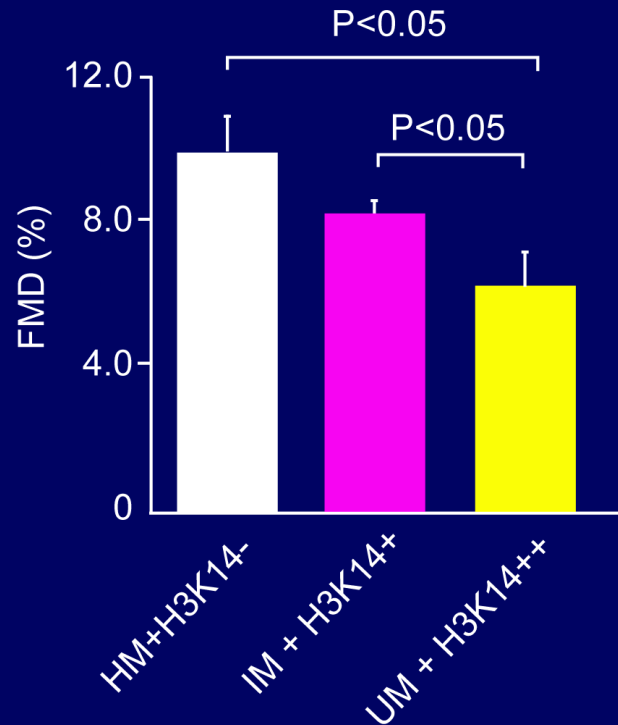
Paneni et al. Circ Res 2012



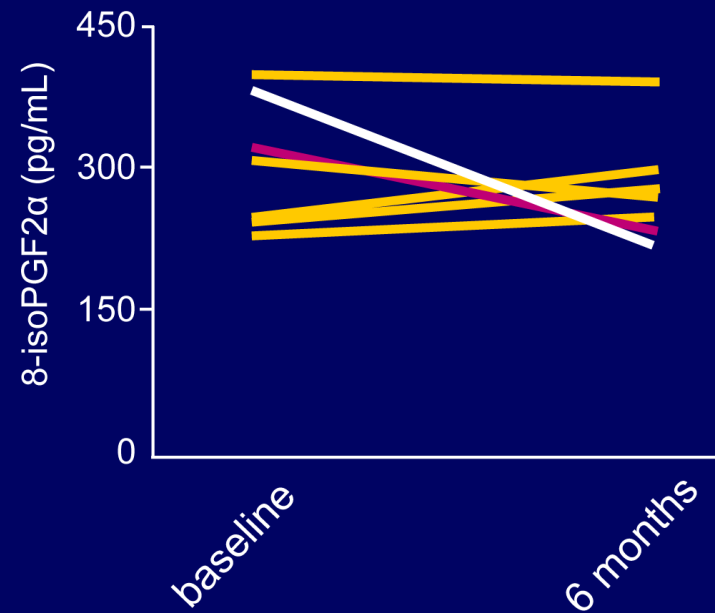
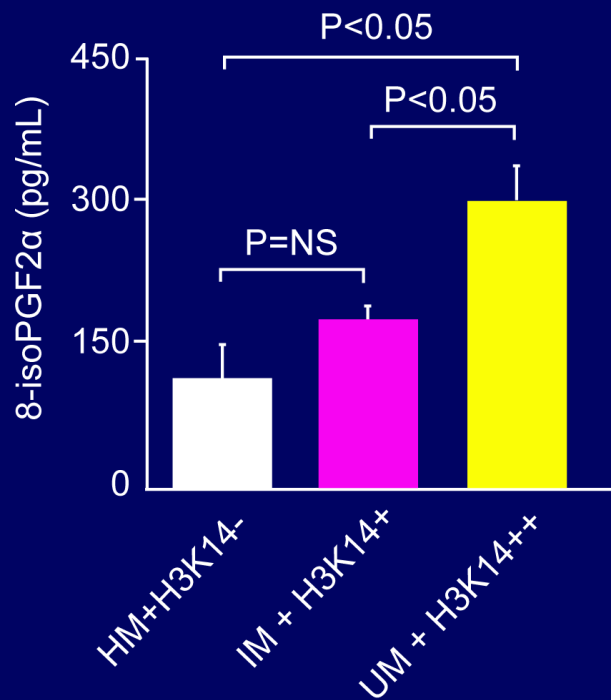
# T2DM induces irreversible p66<sup>Shc</sup> promoter demethylation



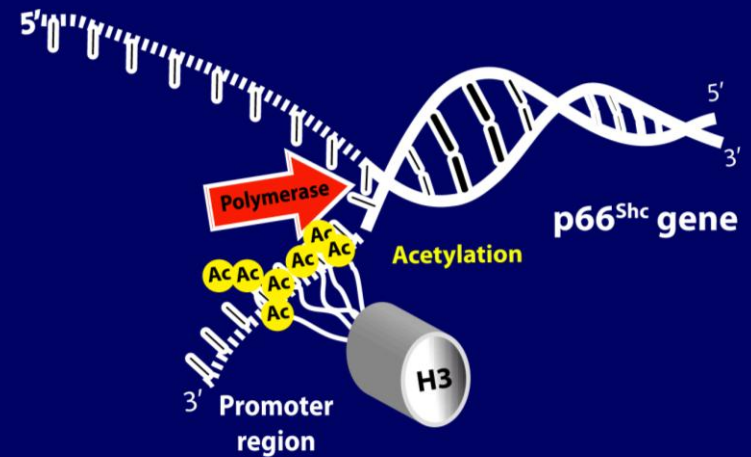
# Adverse epigenetic remodeling of p66<sup>Shc</sup> promoter correlates with persistent vascular dysfunction



# Adverse epigenetic remodeling of p66<sup>Shc</sup> promoter correlates with persistent oxidative stress

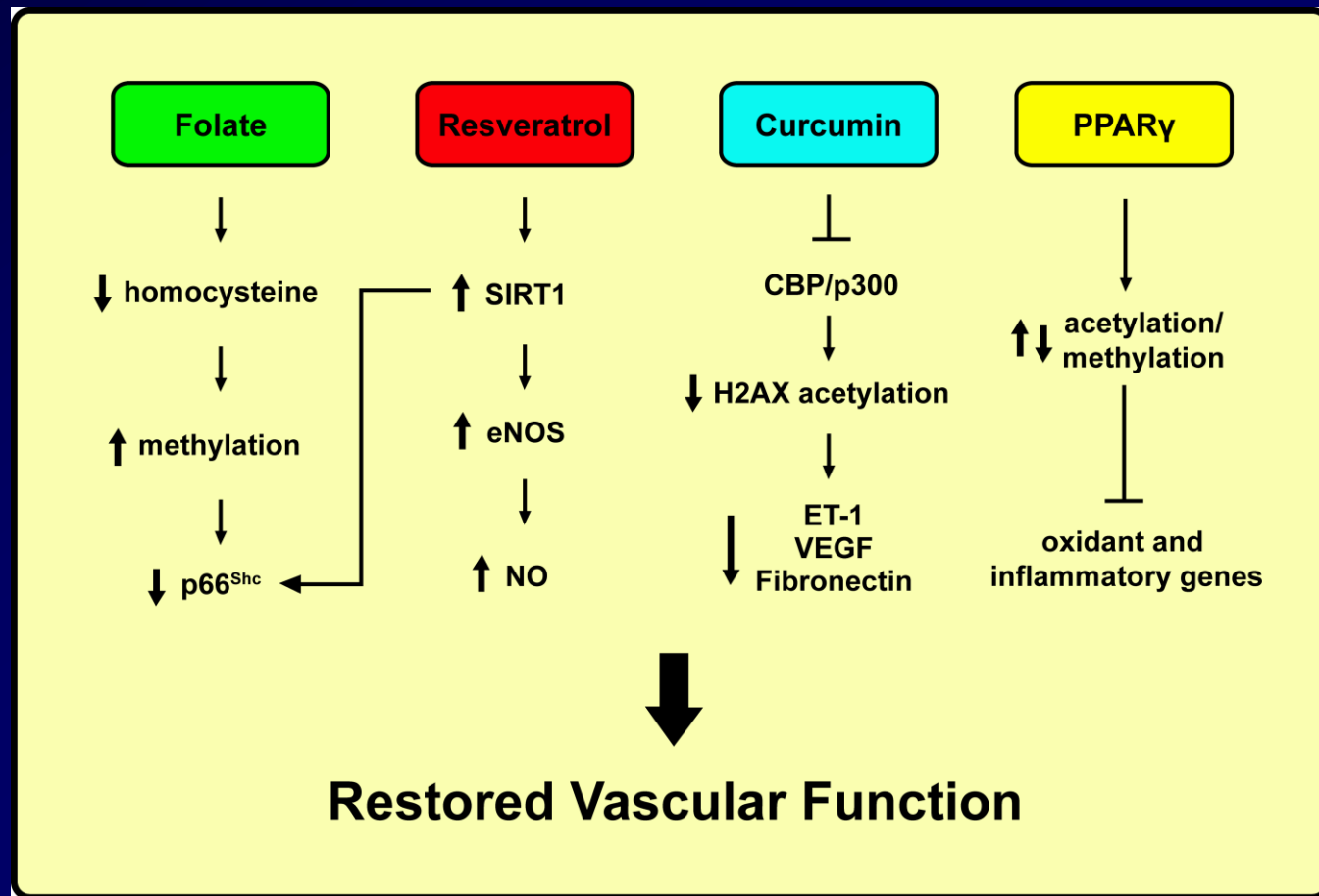


# Take home message



- Cardiovascular risk burden is not eradicated by intensive glycemic control and new mechanism-based therapeutic strategies are needed
- Epigenetic regulation of p66<sup>Shc</sup> gene may contribute to the residual burden in T2DM patients with OGC
- Plastic alterations of the chromatin may be amenable to pharmacological intervention (targeted approaches to reprogram these modifications).

# Mechanism-based approach for the treatment of diabetic vascular disease





# Why focusing on “hyperglycemic memory”?

## Probability of all-cause mortality with intensive glucose-lowering vs standard treatment

