

# Sleep, Rhinitis, Asthma and Obesity



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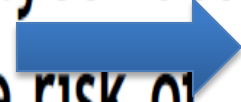
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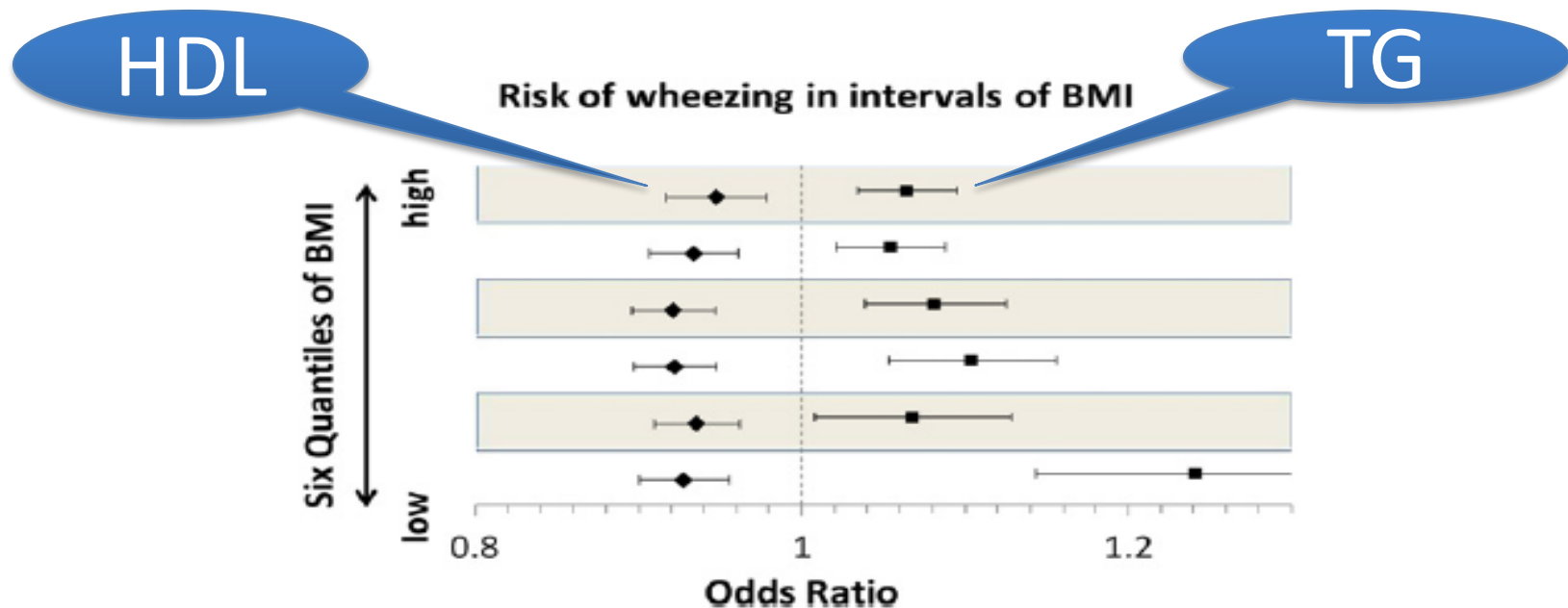


Figure 1 Risk of wheezing per standard deviation of s-HDL and s-TG by level of BMI. Diamonds: s-HDL; squares: s-TG. Odds ratio estimates with 95% confidence intervals indicated by error bars were obtained in one single logistic regression model adjusted for age, sex, adiposity, occupation, alcohol, and physical activity during working hours. S-TG, serum triglyceride; s-HDL, serum high density lipoprotein.

Table 3 Association of adiposity (body mass index, upper panel, and waist circumference, lower panel), s-triglycerides and s-HDL with self reported wheezing in the rhinitis and non-rhinitis population.

Analyses with WC	Risk of wheeze		
	Rhinitis population	Non-rhinitis population	Interaction <sup>b</sup>
	OR <sup>a</sup> (CI)	OR <sup>a</sup> (CI)	p-value
Waist circumference			
Normal <sup>d</sup>	Reference	Reference	
High <sup>d</sup>	1.47 (1.37–1.58)	1.07 (0.97–1.17)	
S-Triglycerides			
Normal <sup>d</sup>	Reference	Reference	
High <sup>d</sup>	1.21 (1.13–1.29)	1.07 (0.97–1.17)	
S-HDL			
Normal <sup>d</sup>	Reference	Reference	
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18.5–<25 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Reference	Reference	
25–<30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	1.16 (1.10–1.23)	1.22 (1.13–1.31)	
>30 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	1.58 (1.47–1.71)	1.87 (1.72–2.05)	0.02 <sup>c</sup>
S-Triglycerides			
Normal <sup>d</sup>	Reference	Reference	
High <sup>d</sup>	1.18 (1.10–1.26)	1.30 (1.20–1.41)	0.03
S-HDL			
Normal <sup>d</sup>	Reference	Reference	
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With increase BMI there is increase asthma but only in those that do not have rhinitis

In conclusion, we found that high s-TG and low s-HDL were significantly associated with the risk of wheezing in 85,555 Spanish workers and these associations persisted after adjusting in several ways for adiposity. The finding that these associations were mainly seen in individuals without rhinitis symptoms may support the notion that only specific types of asthma are associated with low-grade systemic inflammation.

# Study of 351 asthma children in PR compared to 327 controls

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BMI	0.69 ± 1.19*	0.51 ± 1.12
PBF	0.29 ± 0.86§	0.22 ± 0.77
WC	0.03 ± 1.04§	-0.03 ± 0.95
WHR	0.001 ± 0.85	-0.001 ± 1.13
Pulmonary function tests, mean ± SD	<b>Asthma</b>	<b>Control</b>
FEV <sub>1</sub> (L)	1.88 ± 0.67*	2.05 ± 0.74
FVC (L)	2.33 ± 0.82*	2.47 ± 0.88
FEV <sub>1</sub> /FVC (%)	80.9% ± 9.0%*	83.5% ± 8.9%
Asthma severity		
No. of ED/UC visits for asthma <sup>†</sup>	10 (5-20)	NA
Severity scores, past year <sup>†</sup>		
Prednisone courses (0-4)	2 (1-2)	NA
Exercise symptoms (0-3)	1 (1-3)	NA
Missed school days (0-3)	1 (0-2)	NA
Atopy measures		
Total serum IgE level (IU/mL) <sup>†</sup>	346 (116-881)*	158 (44-600)
Allergic rhinitis (%) <sup>  </sup>	53.6*	19.2
STR to (%)		
Dust mite	55.4*	41.6
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Increase obesity in asthma compared to controls

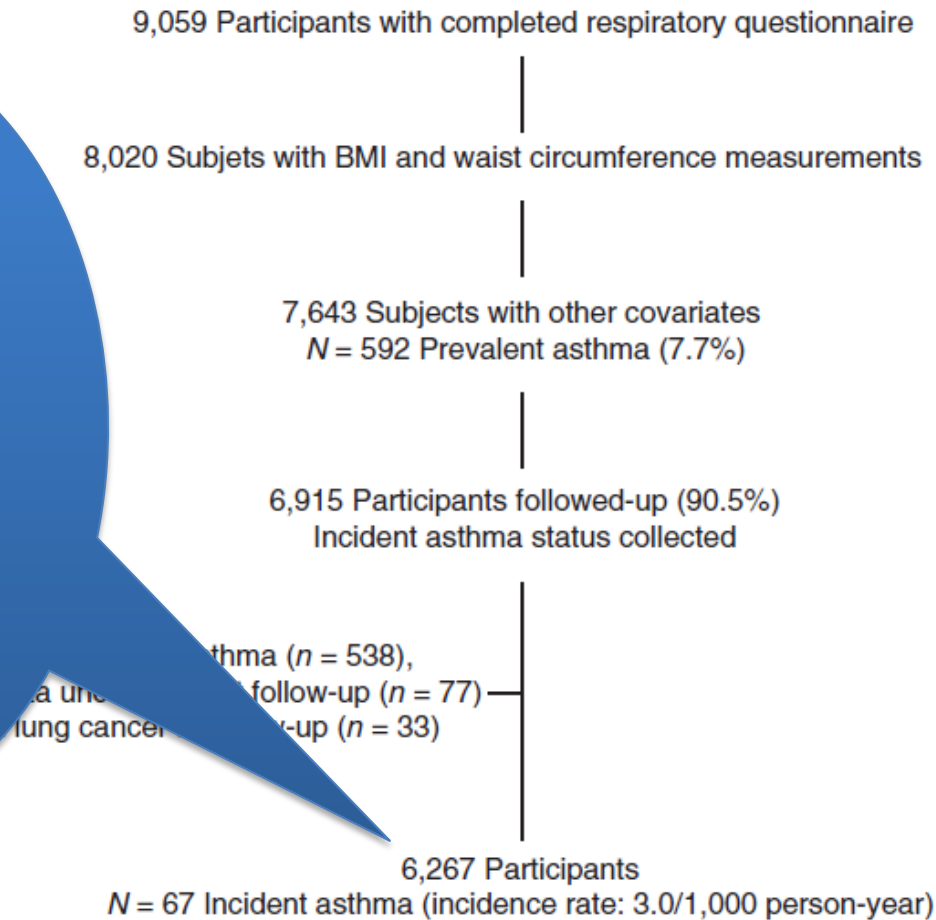
Lower FEV<sub>1</sub>

Increase allergies

## Conclusions:

- Adiposity indicators are associated with asthma, asthma severity/control, and atopy in Puerto Rican children.
- Atopy significantly mediates the effect of adiposity on asthma outcomes.
- Longitudinal studies are needed to further investigate the causal role, if any, of adiposity distribution and atopy on “obese asthma” in childhood.

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6,267  
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Never	61.1	60.6	0.002
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In patients with the mean age of 72 years with asthma compared to without asthma there is:

1. Increase BMI
2. Increase waist size
3. Increase obesity
4. Increase dyspnea



To conclude, abdominal overweight and obesity were found to be independently and strongly related to asthma prevalence and incidence in a large population-based study in the elderly. Given the parallel increase in the prevalence of elderly persons and of abdominal obesity in industrialized countries, an increasingly obese elderly population will undoubtedly require more attention by researchers and clinicians. Studies aiming to understand the origin of late-onset asthma and the mechanisms involved in the obesity–asthma link are needed.

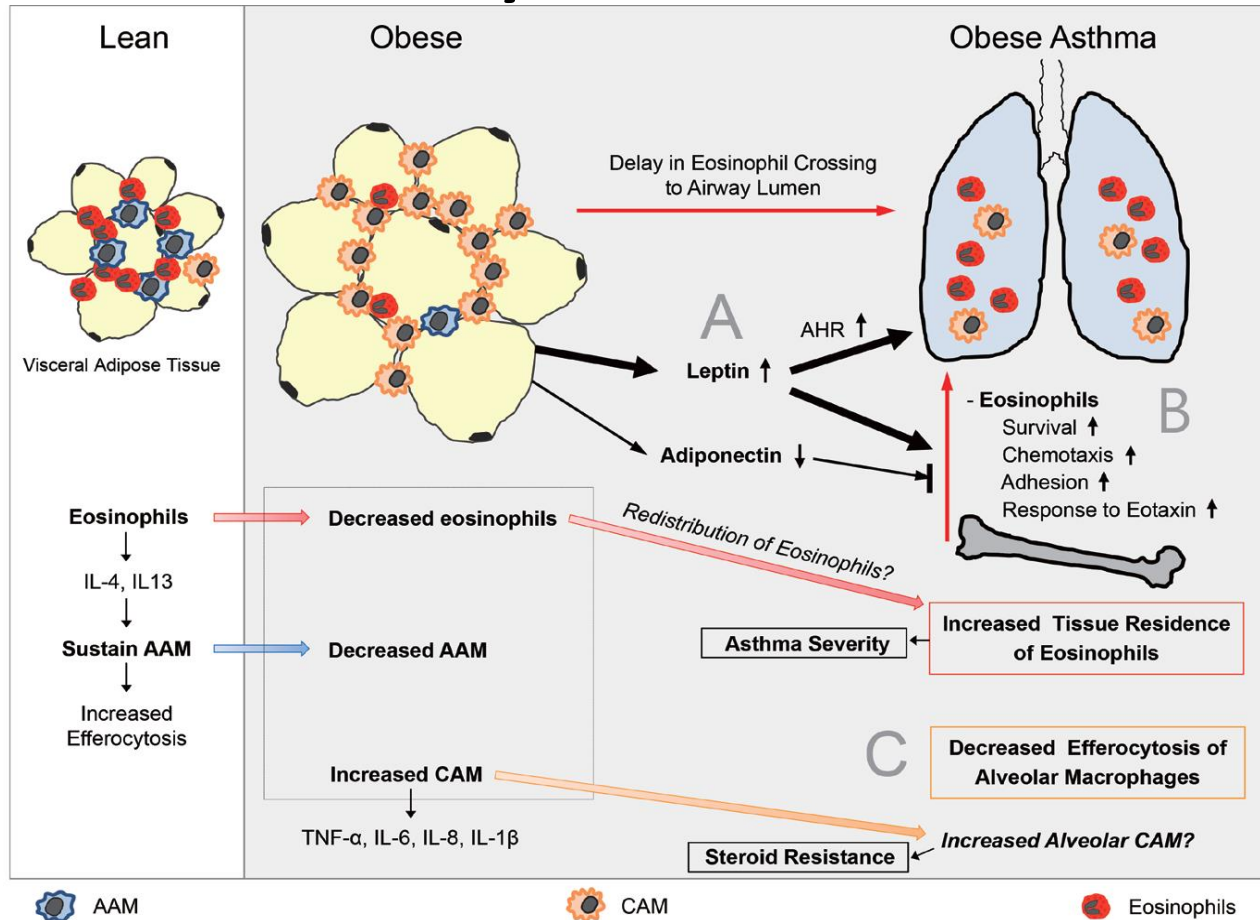
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# Obesity and Asthma



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# Sutherland- summary of asthma and obesity

**Table 1.** Notable characteristics of asthma in obese individuals

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- In epidemiological studies, obesity significantly increases the risk for asthma.
  - Obesity alters lung physiology in ways that mimic asthma, possibly confounding clinical evaluation of obese patients with respiratory symptoms.
  - A substantial body of literature has identified potential inflammatory pathways by which obesity increases asthma risk, including increased allergic sensitization and airway hyperresponsiveness, redistribution of lung eosinophils, altered macrophage phenotype and function, and neurogenic pathways.
  - Obese asthmatics have increased healthcare use and worsened health status.
  - Cluster analyses have identified a number of important characteristics that differ between obese and lean asthmatics, including symptom severity, airway inflammation, age of asthma onset, sex, and treatment responsiveness.
  - Both adult and pediatric studies indicate that obese asthmatics are less responsive to glucocorticoids, the mainstay of asthma controller therapy.
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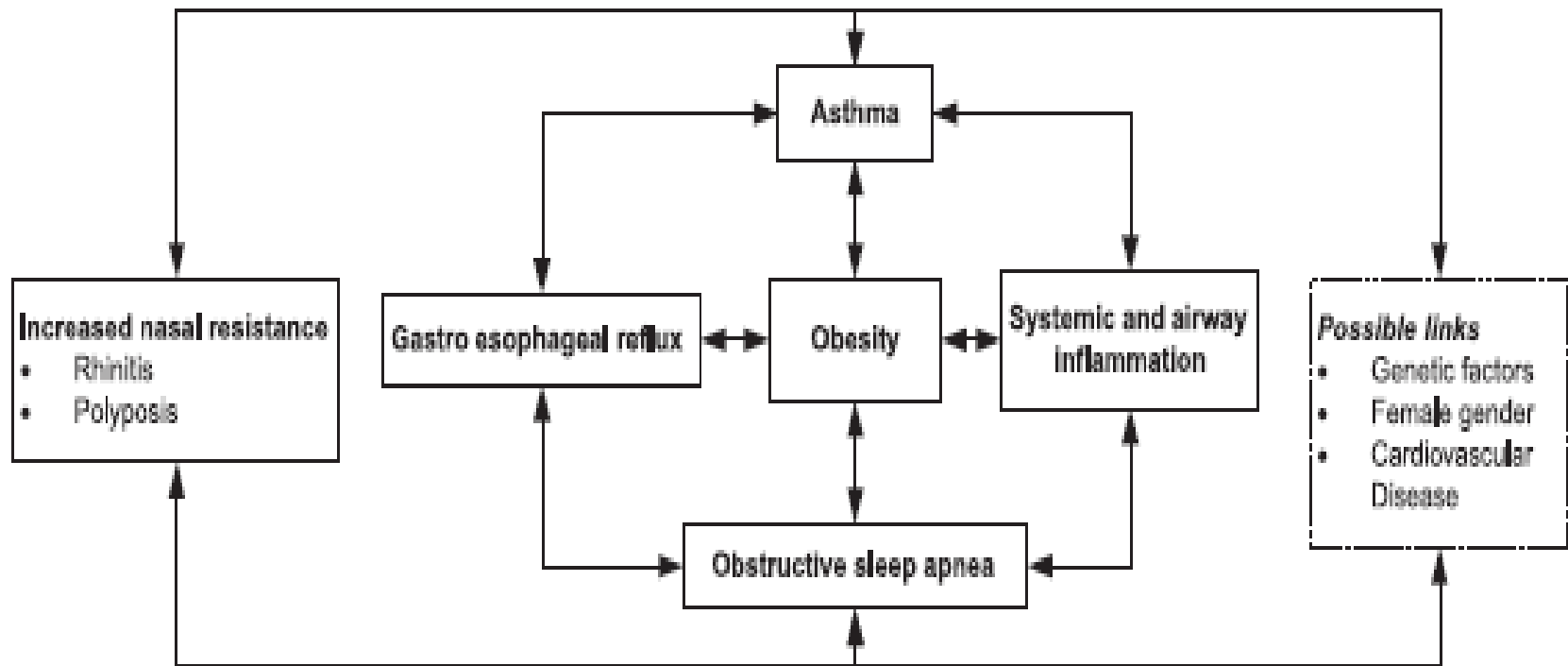


# Obstructive sleep apnea and asthma: Associations and treatment implications

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# Asthma and sleep apnea

*B. Prasad et al. / Sleep Medicine Reviews 18 (2014) 165–171*



**Fig. 1.** Obstructive sleep apnea and asthma: pathophysiologic links.

**Table 1**

Selected studies on the association of OSA and asthma published in the last five years.

Study/year	Study design/sample (n)	Measurement of OSA and asthma	Result
Bhattacharya et al., 2012 <sup>101</sup>	Cross-sectional/adult OSA related office visits to otorhinolaryngologist (4.1 ± 1.2 million visits)	OSA and asthma: International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision (ICD-9) codes	Increased risk for asthma (*OR 2.7; CI 1.6, 4.6) in OSA
Teodorescu et al., 2012 <sup>64</sup>	Cross-sectional/adult asthma referral population (752)	OSA: SA-SDQ Asthma: frequency of daytime and nighttime symptoms (NAEPP classification)	Increased OSA risk with persistent daytime (OR 1.9; CI 1.3, 2.9) and nighttime (*OR 1.9; CI 1.3, 2.9) symptoms of asthma
Williams et al., 2011 <sup>102</sup>	Cross-sectional/women before and during pregnancy (1335)	OSA: habitual snoring Asthma: self-report	Increased OSA risk in asthmatics both before (*OR 2.1; CI 1.1, 4.1) and during (*OR 1.79; CI 1.1, 3) pregnancy
Teodorescu et al., 2010 <sup>2</sup>	Cross-sectional/adult asthma referral population (472)	OSA: SA-SDQ Asthma control questionnaire	Asthmatics at high risk for OSA had increased risk for poorly-controlled asthma (*OR 2.9; CI 1.5, 5.3)
Alharbi et al., 2009 <sup>9</sup>	Cross-sectional/OSA referral population (606)	OSA: AHI > 5/hour Asthma: self-report of physician diagnosis	35% prevalence of asthma, body mass index (BMI) was a significant predictor (*OR 2.1; CI: 1.7, 2.4)
Teodorescu et al., 2009 <sup>13</sup>	Cross-sectional/asthma referral population (244)	OSA: SA-SDQ Asthma: symptoms (NAEPP classification)	Predictors of high OSA risk in asthma were female gender (*OR 2.1; CI: 1.1, 4.0), asthma severity (*OR 1.6; CI: 1.2, 2.0), GERD (*OR 2.7; CI: 1.5, 4.8), use of ICS (*OR 4.0; CI: 1.5, 10.5)
Auckley et al., 2008 <sup>1</sup>	Cross-sectional/asthma clinic population (177) vs. general medicine clinic population (GMC; 328)	OSA: Berlin sleep questionnaire Asthma: pulmonologist diagnosed, severity assessed by spirometry GMC: participants with history of OSA and asthma excluded	High OSA risk was more prevalent in asthma vs. GMC population (39.5% vs. 27.2%, *p = 0.004)

The OSA and asthma correlation was mainly in females

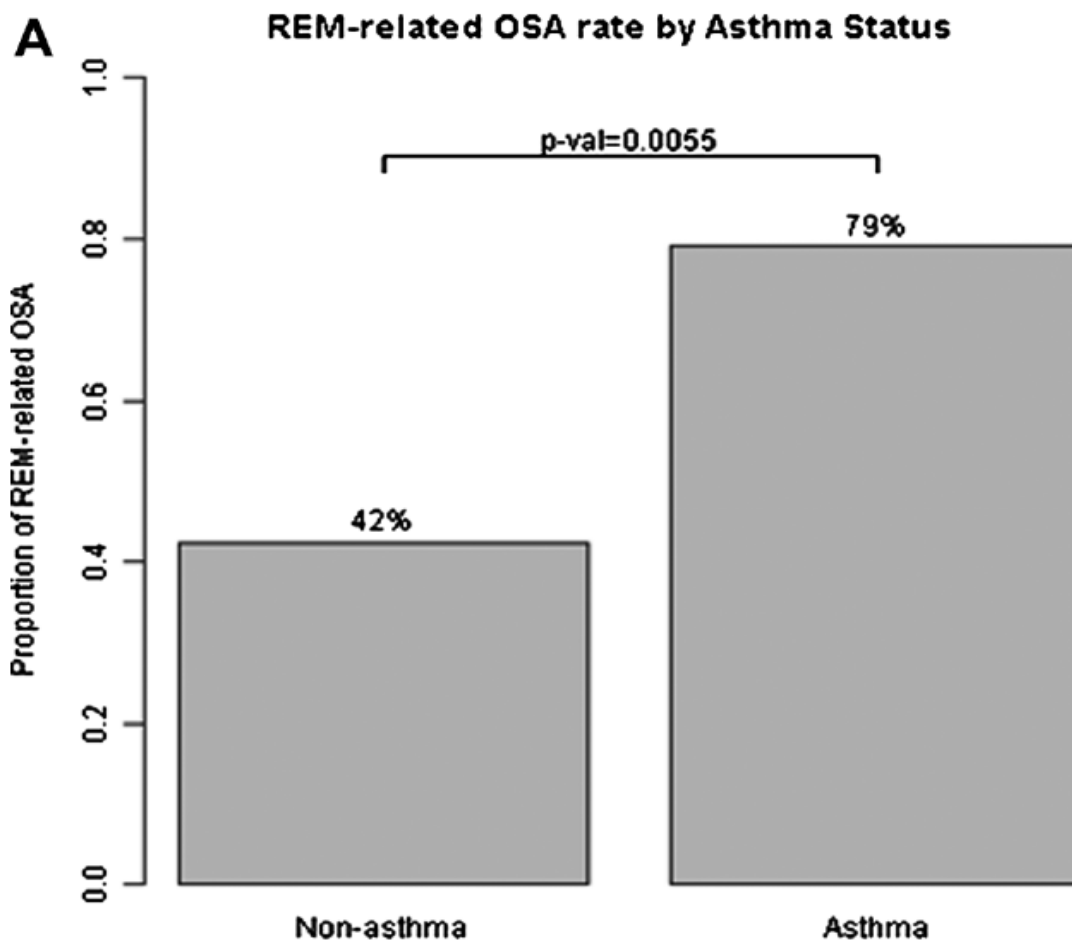
## **Practice points**

- 1) Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) and asthma are highly prevalent respiratory disorders that frequently overlap in patients.
- 2) A high index of suspicion is warranted for overlap of OSA and asthma, particularly in the presence of obesity, rhinitis, gastroesophageal reflux (GER), and in patients poorly responsive to therapy.
- 3) Individualized therapy addressing moderating factors such as weight gain, GERD, nasal obstruction, and cardiovascular disease is warranted for optimal outcomes.

# Nocturnal Phenotypical Features of Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA) in Asthmatic Children

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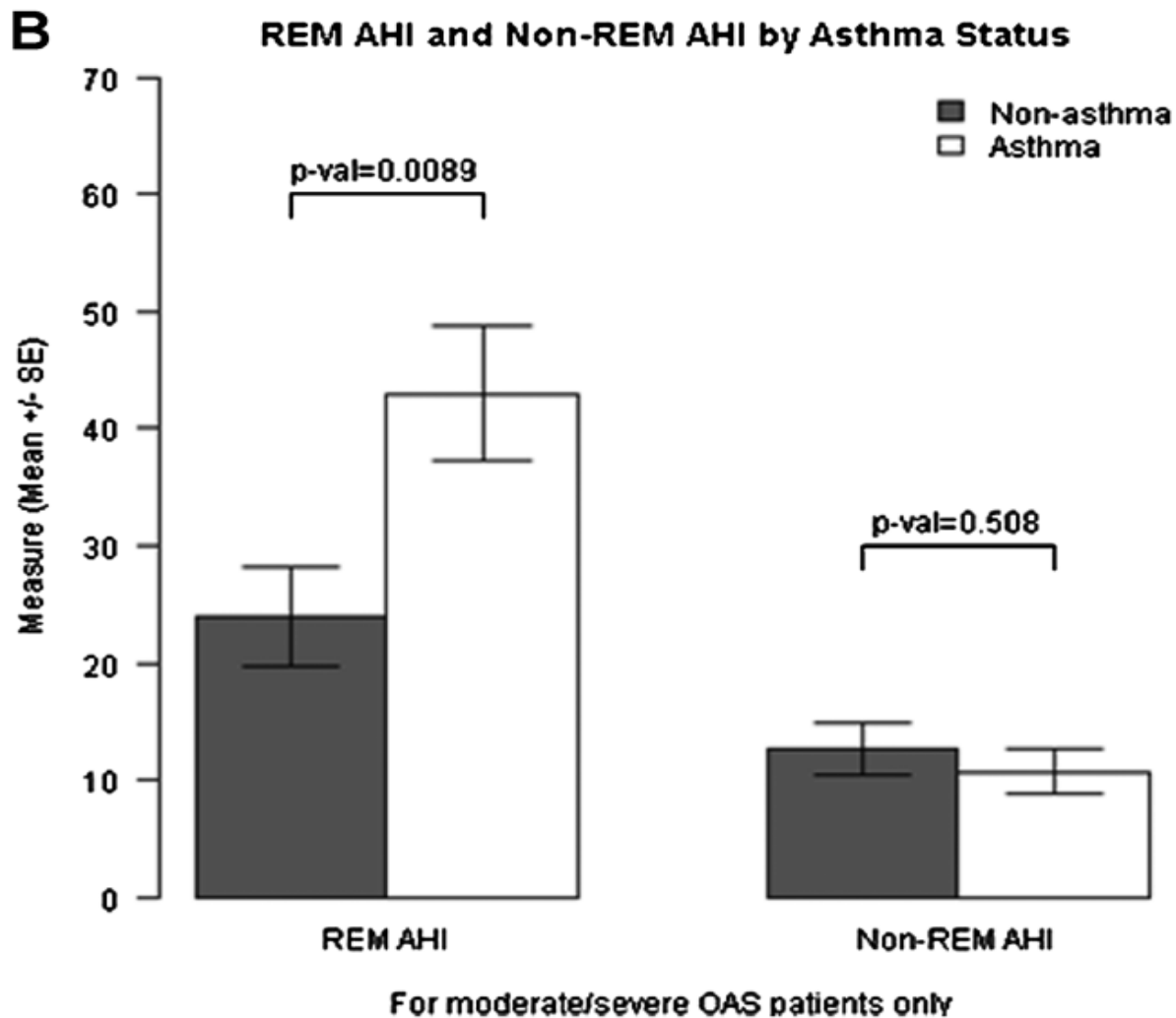
Moderate to severe OSA patients and the proportion with REM-related OSA



For moderate/severe OAS patients only

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AHI in and out of REM sleep in patients with OSA with and without asthma



**TABLE 4—Effect of Atopy and Rhinitis on REM-Related Breathing Abnormalities in Asthmatic Children**

	Co-variables in asthmatic children with OSAS		
	Yes (n = 9)	No (n = 53)	<i>P</i> -value
<b>Atopy</b>			
Max% REM SAO2 desaturation mean (SE)	14.2 (1.2)	11.7 (0.8)	0.251
REM AHI mean (SE)	27.5 (10.6)	20.4 (3.3)	0.435
Non-REM AHI mean (SE)	3.9 (1.2)	5.3 (1.1)	0.381
Co-variables in asthmatic children with OSAS			
	Yes (n = 33)	No (n = 29)	<i>P</i> -value
<b>Rhinitis</b>			
Max% REM SAO2 desaturation mean (SE)	11.7 (1.4)	12.4 (1.0)	0.654
REM AHI mean (SE)	24.3 (5.0)	19.7 (3.7)	0.234
Non-REM AHI mean (SE)	5.69 (1.3)	4.38 (1.3)	0.482

sion: These results demonstrate that asthma is associated with REM-related breathing abnormalities in children with moderate–severe OSA. The link between asthma and REM-related OSA is independent of asthma control and obesity. Further research is needed to delineate the REM-sleep biological mechanisms that modulate the phenotypical expression of OSA in asthmatic children. **Pediatr Pulmonol. 2013; 48:592–600.** © 2012 Wiley Periodicals, Inc.



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# Associations Between Obesity and Inflammatory Sinonasal Disorders

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**Objectives/Hypothesis:** Determine whether adult obesity is associated with chronic rhinosinusitis (CRS) and/or allergic rhinitis (AR).

**Study Design:** Cross-sectional analysis of medical panel survey.

**Methods:** The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, a large-scale household-based survey of health care utilization in the United States (2008 and 2010) was examined, identifying adult cases of CRS and AR. The presence or absence of obesity (body mass index  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>) was determined. Adjusting for age, sex, race, geographic region, insurance coverage, and Charlson Comorbidity Index, odds ratios for the presence of CRS and/or AR in the presence of obesity were determined. The relations between body mass index as a linear variable and the presence of CRS and AR were determined.

**Results:** A total of  $17.6 \pm 0.6$  million adults reported AR ( $7.7\% \pm 0.3\%$ ) and  $13.0 \pm 0.5$  million reported CRS ( $5.7\% \pm 0.2\%$ ; weighted estimates). Additionally,  $64.9 \pm 1.4$  million adults ( $29.0\% \pm 0.4\%$ ) were classified as obese based on body mass index. The adjusted odds ratio for AR when obesity was present was 1.22 ( $P < .001$ , 95% confidence interval = 1.12–1.33). The adjusted odds ratio for CRS when obesity was present was 1.31 ( $P < .001$ , 95% confidence interval = 1.18–1.45). Increasing body mass index as a continuous variable was significantly associated with the presence of both AR (odds ratio = 1.023,  $P < .001$ ) and CRS (odds ratio = 1.022,  $P < .001$ ).

**Conclusions:** The current data demonstrate an increased prevalence of adult obesity associated with both AR and CRS.

**Key Words:** Obesity, epidemiology, chronic rhinosinusitis, allergic rhinitis, prevalence, body mass index.

**Level of Evidence:** 2b

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**Methods:** The Medical Expenditure Panel Survey, a nationally representative survey of health care utilization in the United States (2008 and 2009), was used to determine the prevalence of obesity and AR. The presence or absence of obesity (body mass index  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>), CRS, and AR were determined. Demographic variables such as age, sex, race, geographic region, insurance coverage, and Charlson Comorbidity Index, odds ratios for CRS and AR in the presence of obesity were determined. The relations between body mass index as a continuous variable and the presence of CRS and AR were determined.

**Results:** A total of  $17.6 \pm 0.6$  million adults reported AR ( $7.7\% \pm 0.3\%$ ) and  $13.0 \pm 0.5$  million reported CRS ( $5.7\% \pm 0.2\%$ ; weighted estimates). Additionally,  $64.9 \pm 1.4$  million adults ( $29.0\% \pm 0.4\%$ ) were classified as obese based on body mass index. The adjusted odds ratio for AR when obesity was present was 1.22 ( $P < .001$ , 95% confidence interval = 1.12–1.33). The adjusted odds ratio for CRS when obesity was present was 1.31 ( $P < .001$ , 95% confidence interval = 1.18–1.45). Increasing body mass index as a continuous variable was significantly associated with the presence of both AR (odds ratio = 1.023,  $P < .001$ ) and CRS (odds ratio = 1.022,  $P < .001$ ).

**Conclusions:** The current data demonstrate an increased prevalence of adult obesity associated with both AR and CRS.

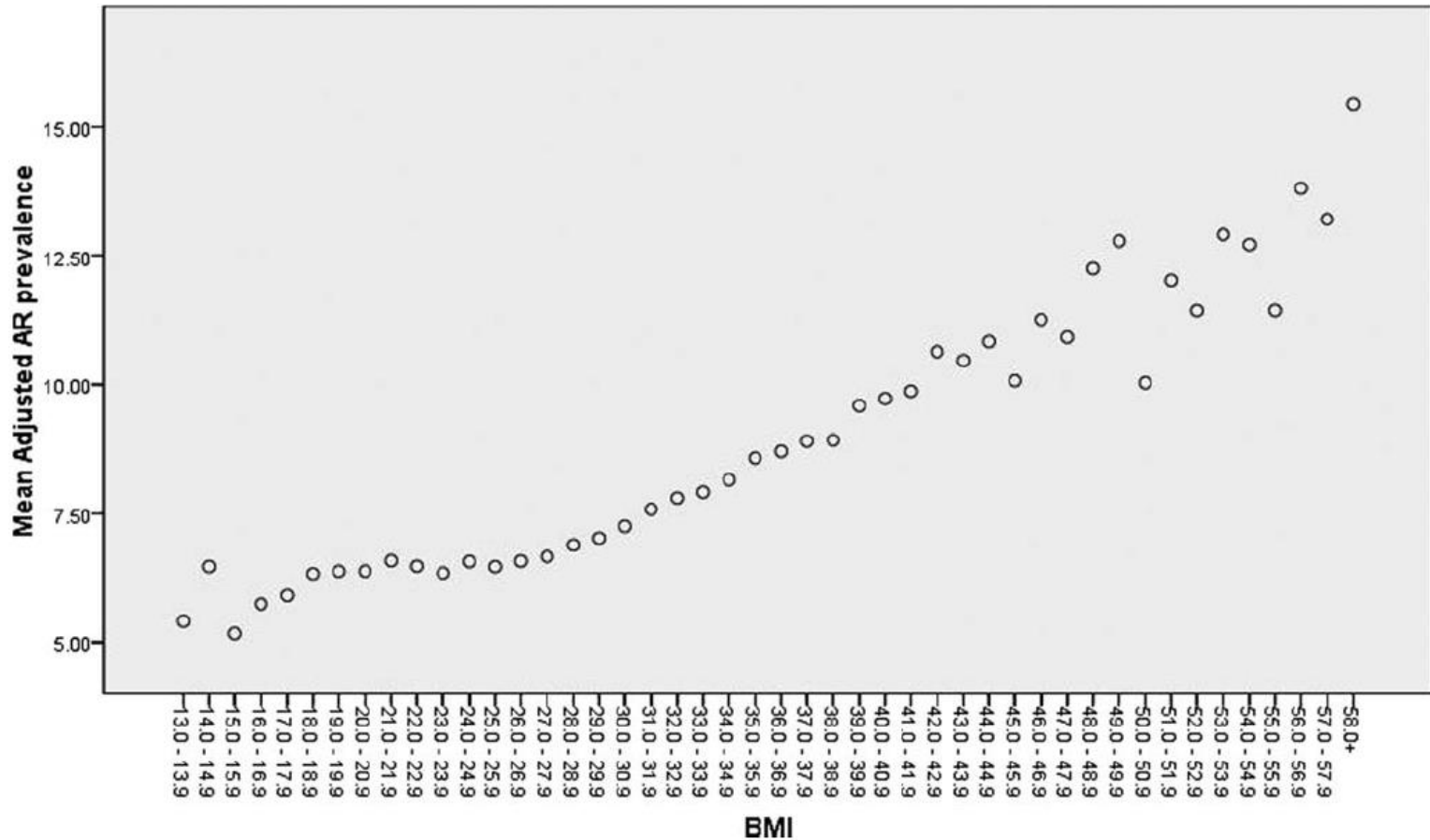
**Key Words:** Obesity, epidemiology, chronic rhinosinusitis, allergic rhinitis, prevalence, body mass index.

**Level of Evidence:** 2b

Multivariate Analysis Results for the Association Between Obesity and Allergic Rhinitis and Chronic Rhinosinusitis.

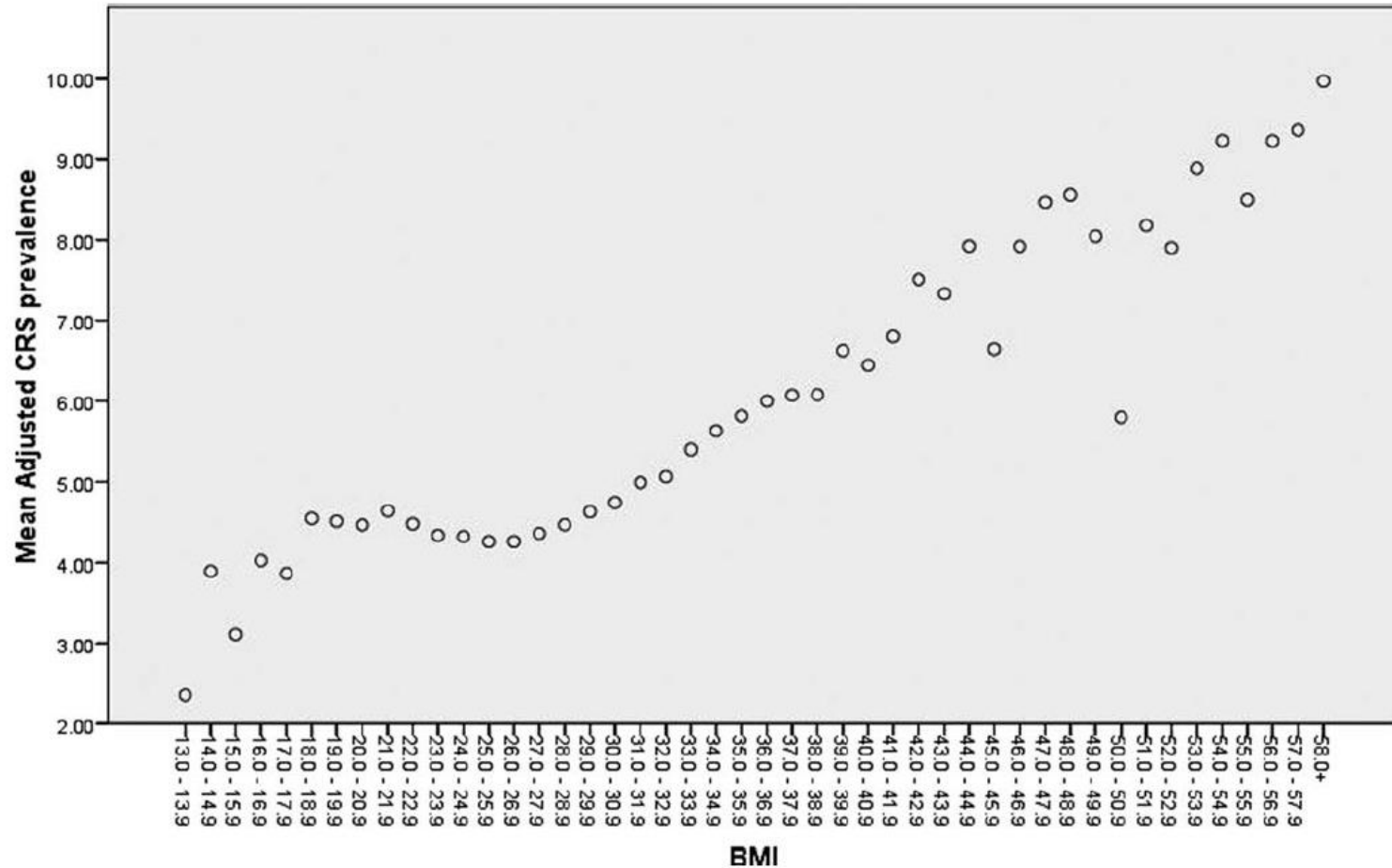
Characteristic	Allergic Rhinitis			Chronic Rhinosinusitis		
	Odds Ratio	95% CI	<i>P</i>	Odds Ratio	95% CI	<i>P</i>
Obese	1.218	1.117–1.328	<.001	1.309	1.184–1.448	<.001
Age, mean yr	1.001	0.998–1.003	.535	0.990	0.987–0.994	<.001
Gender						<.001
Male	0.601	0.550–0.657	<.001	0.538	0.482–0.601	
Female	Reference			Reference		
Race/ethnicity, %			<.001			<.001
Hispanic	0.889	0.775–1.042		0.396	0.312–0.502	
Black not Hispanic	0.614	0.521–0.723		0.484	0.396–0.592	
Asian	0.767	0.628–0.938		0.203	0.125–0.331	
Other not Hispanic	Reference			Reference		

# Allergic rhinitis vs. BMI



Bhattacharyya: Obesity and Sinonasal Disease

# Chronic rhinosinusitis vs. BMI



Bhattacharyya: Obesity and Sinonasal Disease



## **CONCLUSION**

The current data demonstrate an increased prevalence of obesity in the setting of CRS or ARS. Given the current findings, further research is warranted to determine if a potential causal relation between obesity and AR and CRS exists, especially given the projected future population demographics with respect to overweight and obese patients in the United States.

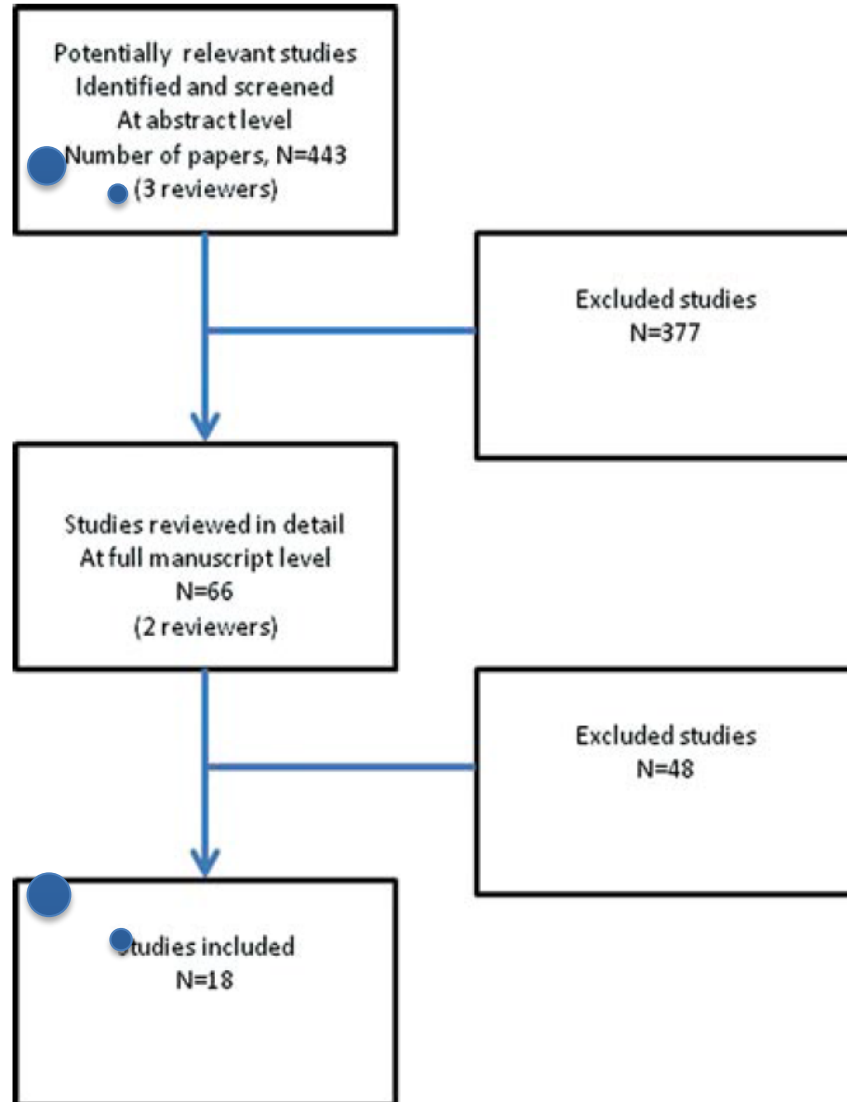
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Reviewed 443 manuscripts



18 articles met quality to include in the meta-analysis

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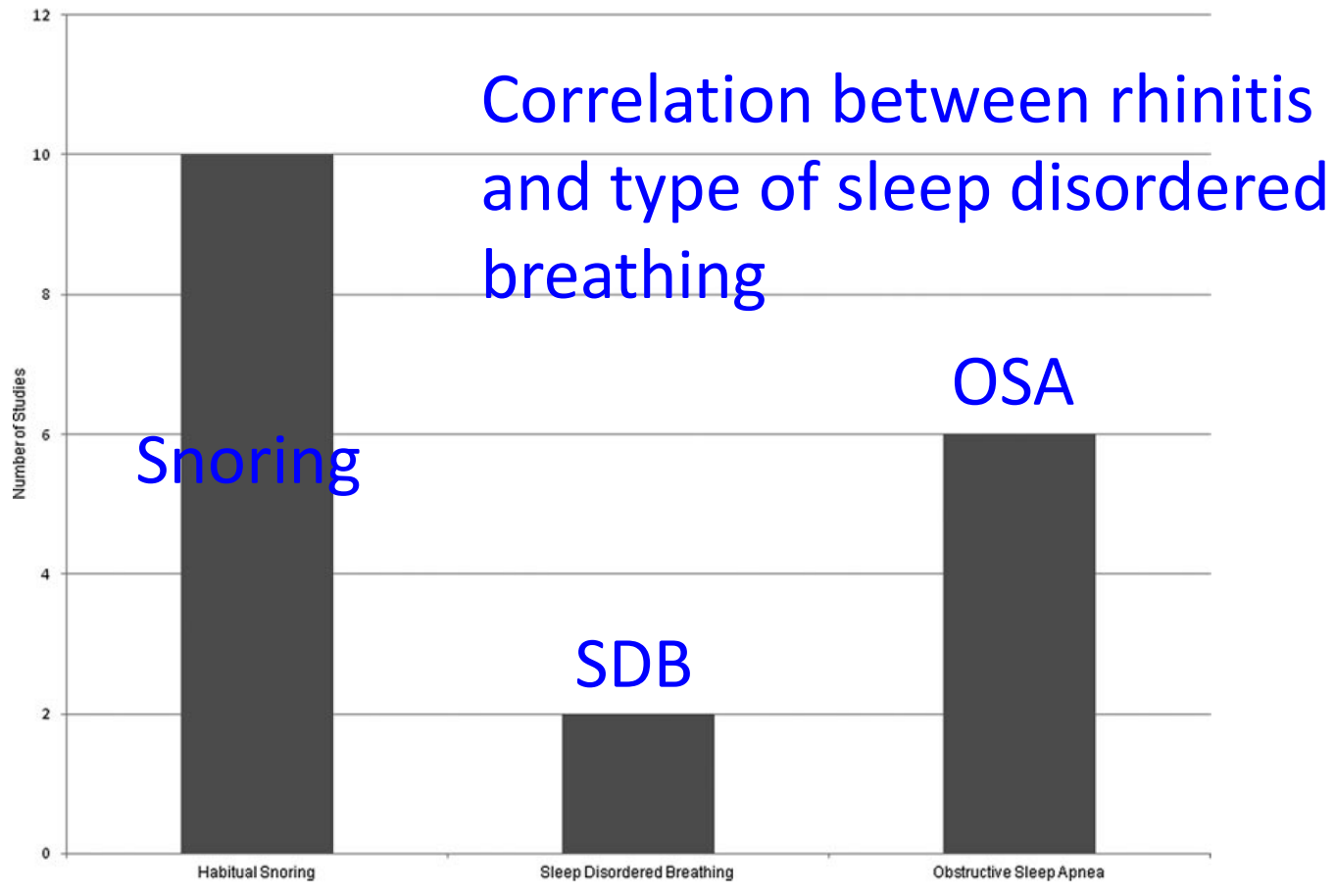



FIGURE 2. Sleep disorders assessed in included studies.

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This report represents the first systematic review of existing literature on the association of AR and SDB. This review supports a correlation between AR and SDB. However, the majority of the studies included in this review had evidence Levels of 3 or 4. Further higher quality studies should be carried out in the future to better determine the relationship between AR and SDB in children. 

# The link between rhinitis and rapid-eye-movement sleep breathing disturbances in children with obstructive sleep apnea

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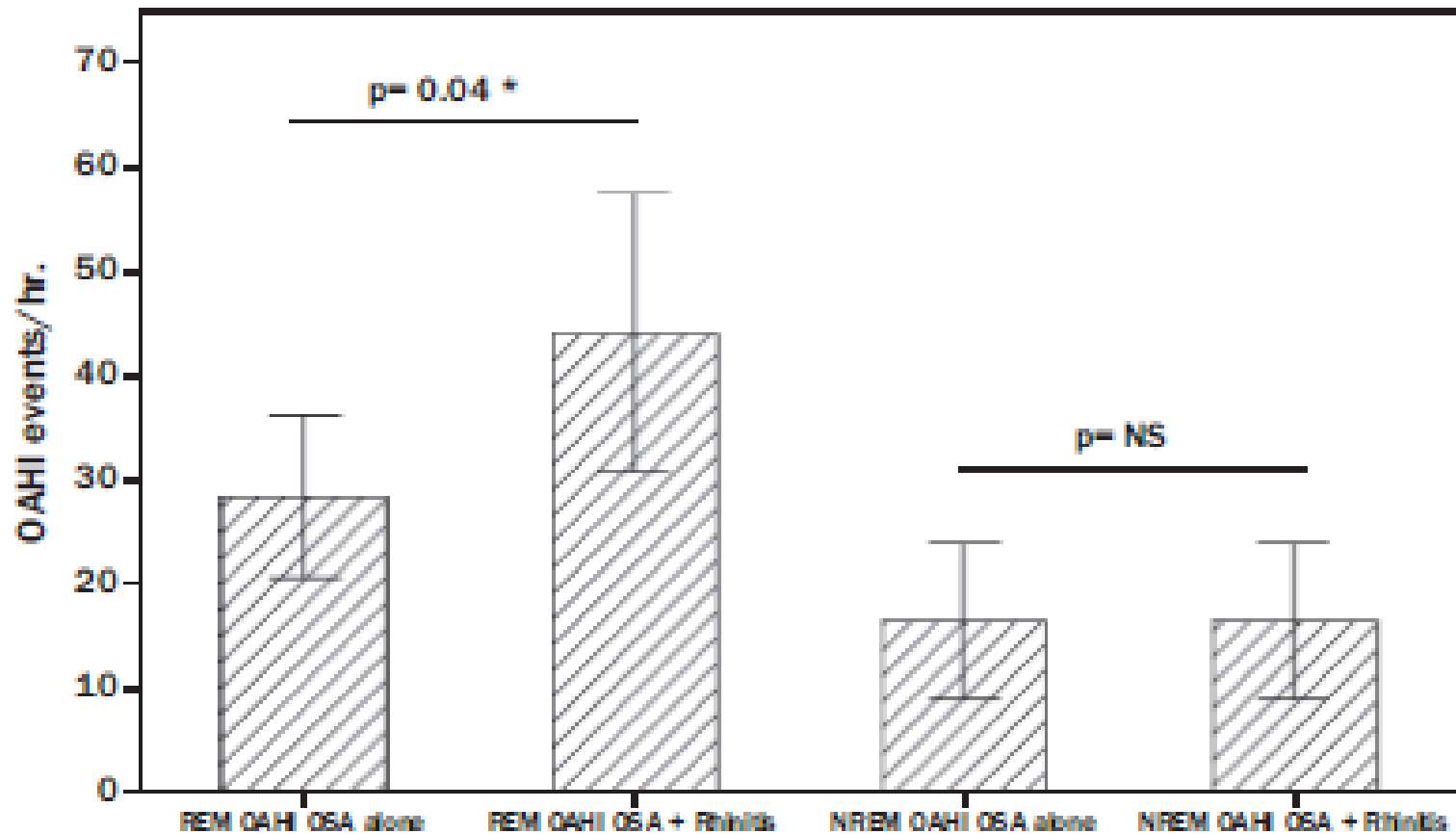
**Conclusion:** *Rhinitis is highly prevalent in children with OSA. Although OSA is not more severe in children with rhinitis, they do have a distinct OSA phenotype characterized by more REM-related OSA. Further research is needed to delineate the link between REM-sleep and the physiology of the nose during health and disease.*

Table 1 Demographic and polysomnographic profile of subjects

Factors/Variables	Total (n = 145)	OSA only (n = 82, 57%)	OSA with Rhinitis (n = 63, 43%)	p Value
Demographic variables				
Gender				0.57
Female	55 (38%)	34 (41%)	21 (33%)	
Male	90 (62%)	48 (59%)	42 (67%)	
Age, mean (SD)	6.26 (3.1)	6.14 (3.1)	6.4 (3.0)	0.61
Ethnicity				0.95
White	96 (62%)	55 (67%)	41 (65%)	
Other	49 (37%)	27 (33%)	22 (35%)	
BMI, mean (SD)	20.4 (6.3)	20.5 (6.3)	20.1 (6.5)	0.71
Sleep study parameters				
OSA severity				
Mean (SD) OAH1 (mild)	2.62 (0.9)	2.65 (0.9)	2.58 (0.9)	0.70
Mean (SD) OAH1 (moderate-severe)	18.8 (16.6)	18.04 (19)	20 (12.6)	0.61
TST, mean (SD)	518.6 (53)	515.7 (54)	522.6 (53)	0.50
TST supine, %; mean (SD)	41.0 (18.5)	44.6 (20.5)	38.8 (17)	0.24
REM (%), mean (SD)	19.6 (4.2)	19 (6)	20.1 (3.3)	0.38



Rhinitis and OSA in REM and NREM Sleep  
95% CI for the Mean



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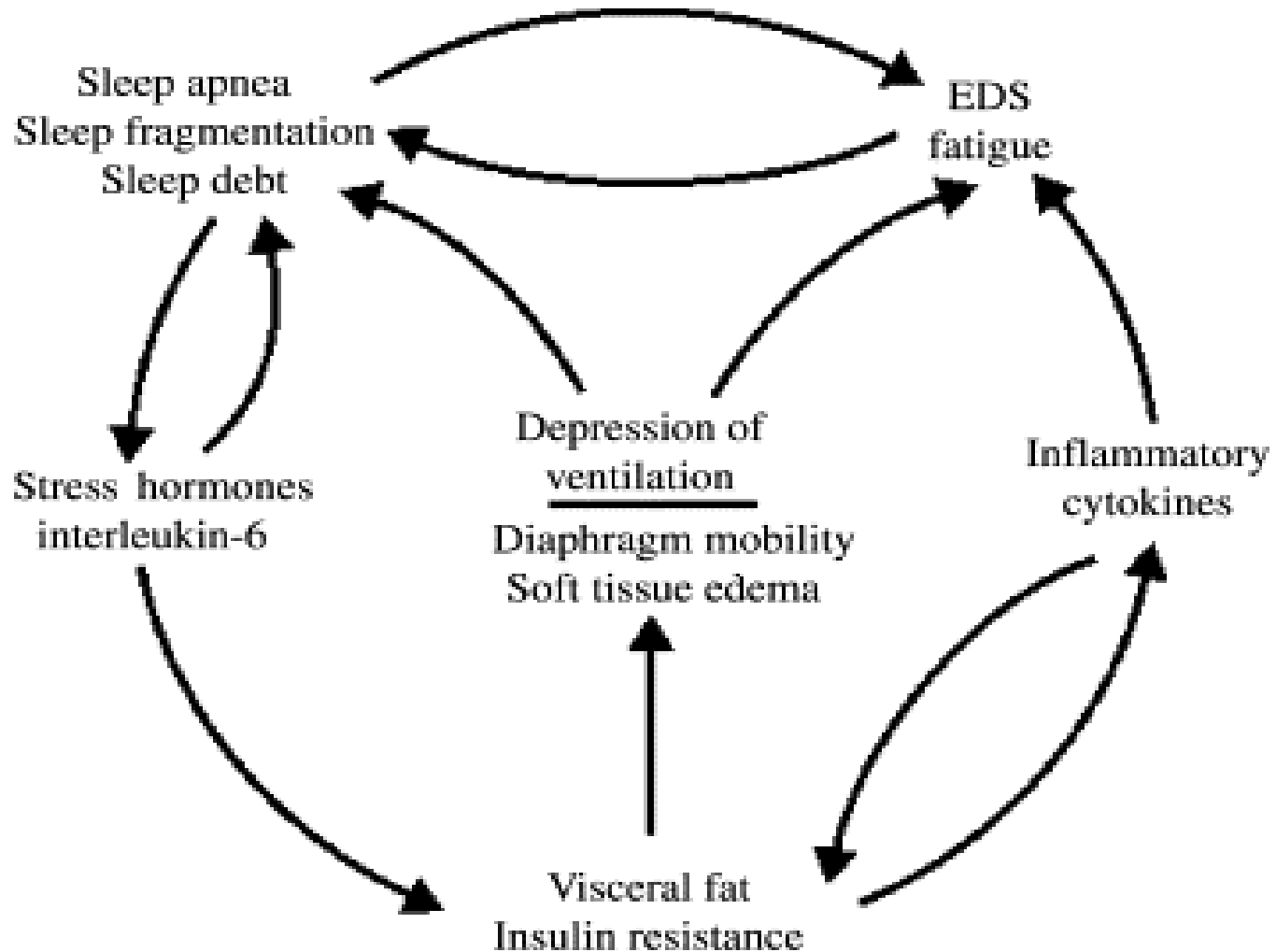
## Key Points: ALLERGY AND SLEEP-DISORDERED BREATHING

- Allergic rhinitis significantly contributes to sleep-disordered breathing through multiple mechanisms, with the greatest impact mediated primarily through nasal obstruction
- Sleep impairment is very common in patients with allergic rhinitis, chronic rhinosinusitis, and nasal polyposis, and has a significant impact on disease-specific and general health quality of life measures
- The degree of sleep disturbance is directly related to the severity of the allergic disease at a given time
- Nasal obstruction also demonstrates circadian rhythm and positional variability, with worsening in the overnight hours and in the supine position
- Nasal obstruction increases the likelihood of snoring, obstructive sleep apnea, and intolerance to medical device therapies for sleep apnea.

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# Sleep Disturbance and Inflammation



Vgontzas AN. Does obesity play a major role in the pathogenesis of sleep apnoea and its associated manifestations via inflammation, visceral adiposity, and insulin resistance?. [Review] [144 refs] [Journal Article. Review] Archives of Physiology & Biochemistry. 114(4):211-23, 2008 Oct.





IT'S YOUR GAME!



# Similarities between the two

## **Obese man with severe OSA**

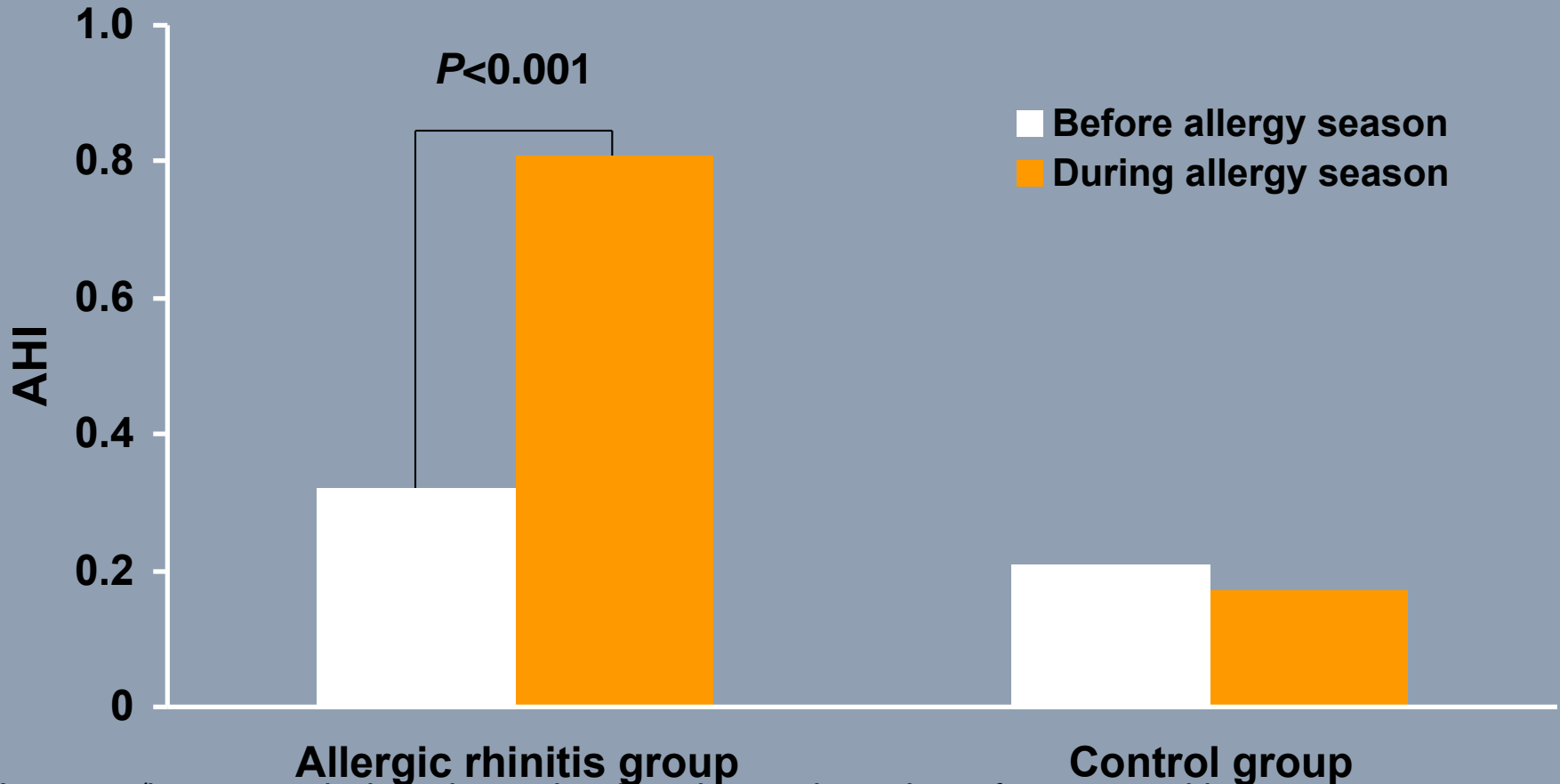
- Increase in IL-1
- Increase in TNF
- Increase in Il-6
- Increase in T-helper 2 cytokines
- Decrease in T-helper 1 cytokines

## **A young girl snoring and with rhinitis**

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# Allergic Patients Experience More Apnea/Hypopnea than Non-allergic Controls

**Allergic patients had more apnea/hypopnea episodes than non-allergic controls**

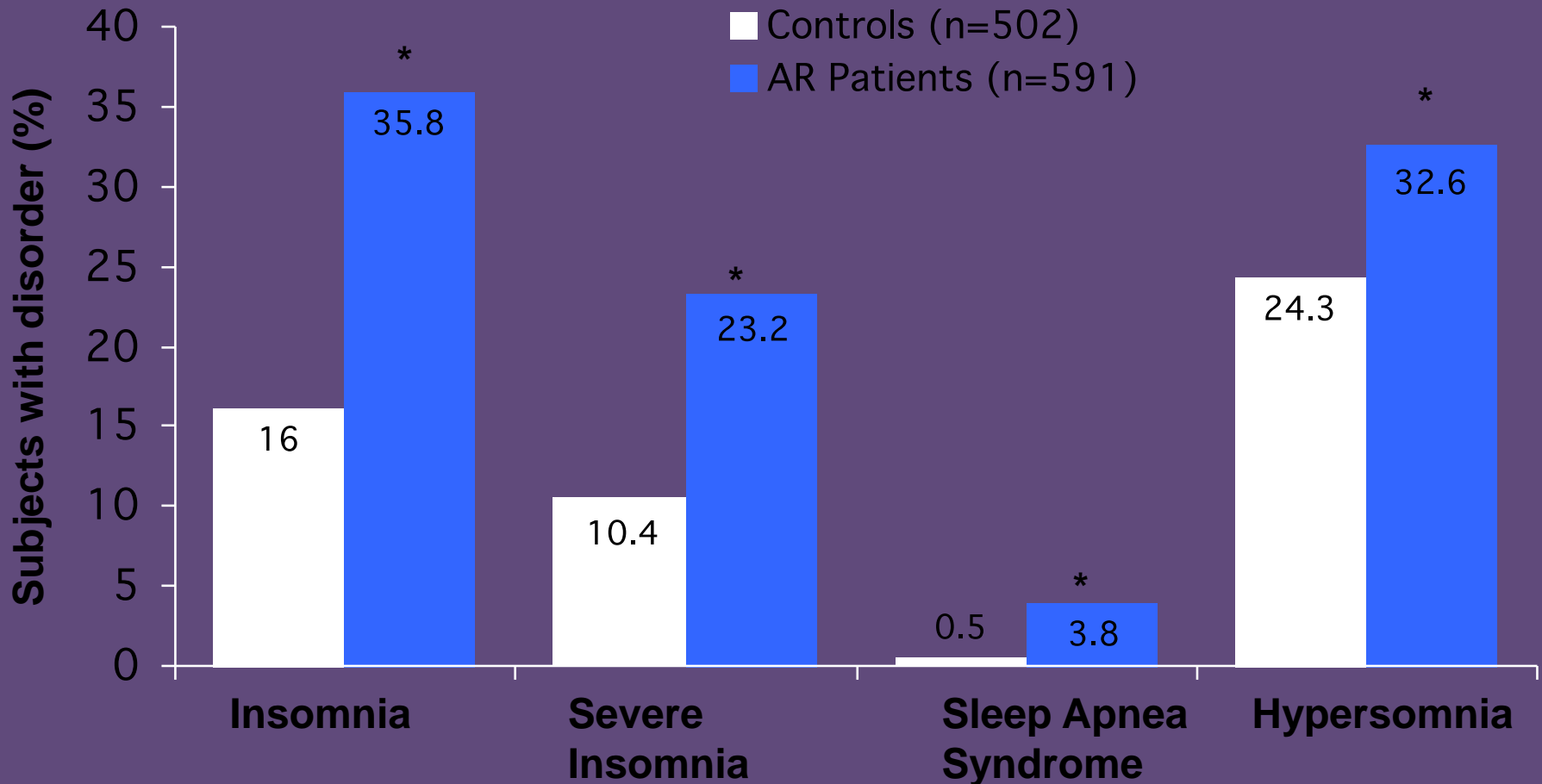


AHI=apnea/hypopnea index, determined as the total number of apnea and hypopnea episodes (assessed by polysomnography) divided by hours of sleep.

Stuck et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2004;113:663.

# Allergic Rhinitis Symptoms are Associated with *Sleep Disorders*

Prevalence of *Sleep Disorders* in Patients with Allergic Rhinitis and Controls

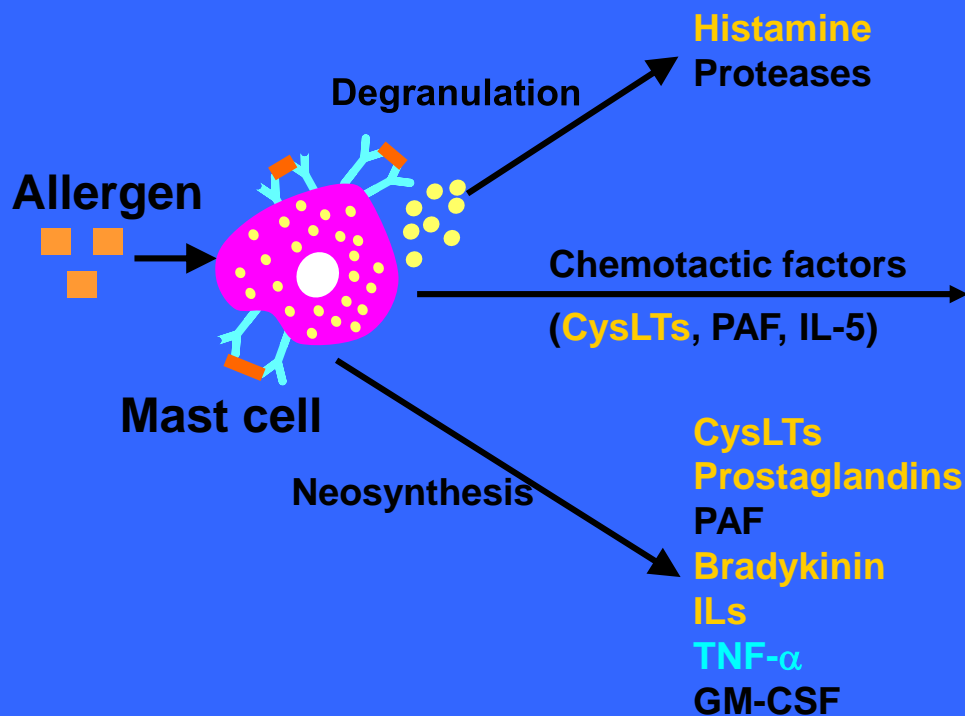


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# Pathophysiology of Allergic Rhinitis and Impact on Sleep

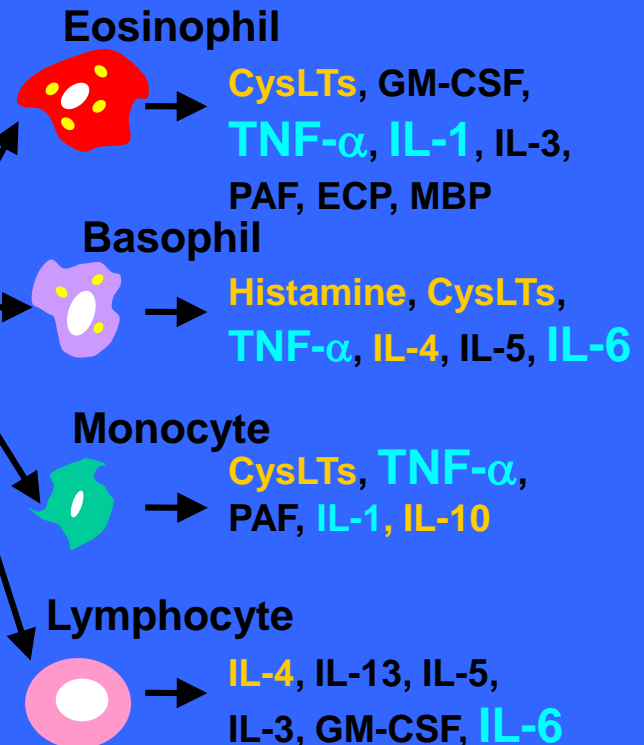
## Early-Phase Response

### Mast Cell



## Late-Phase Response

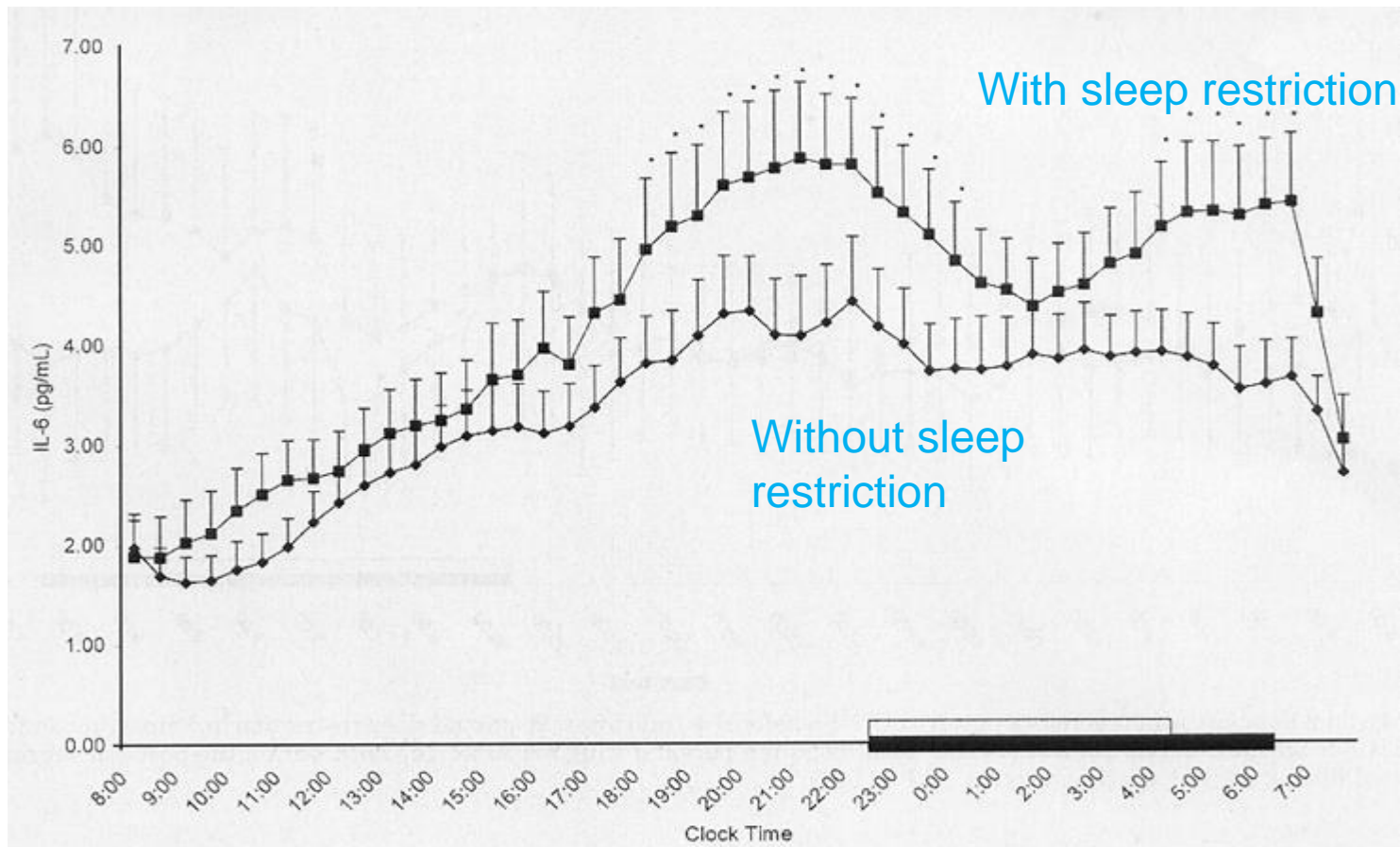
### Cellular Infiltration/Inflammation



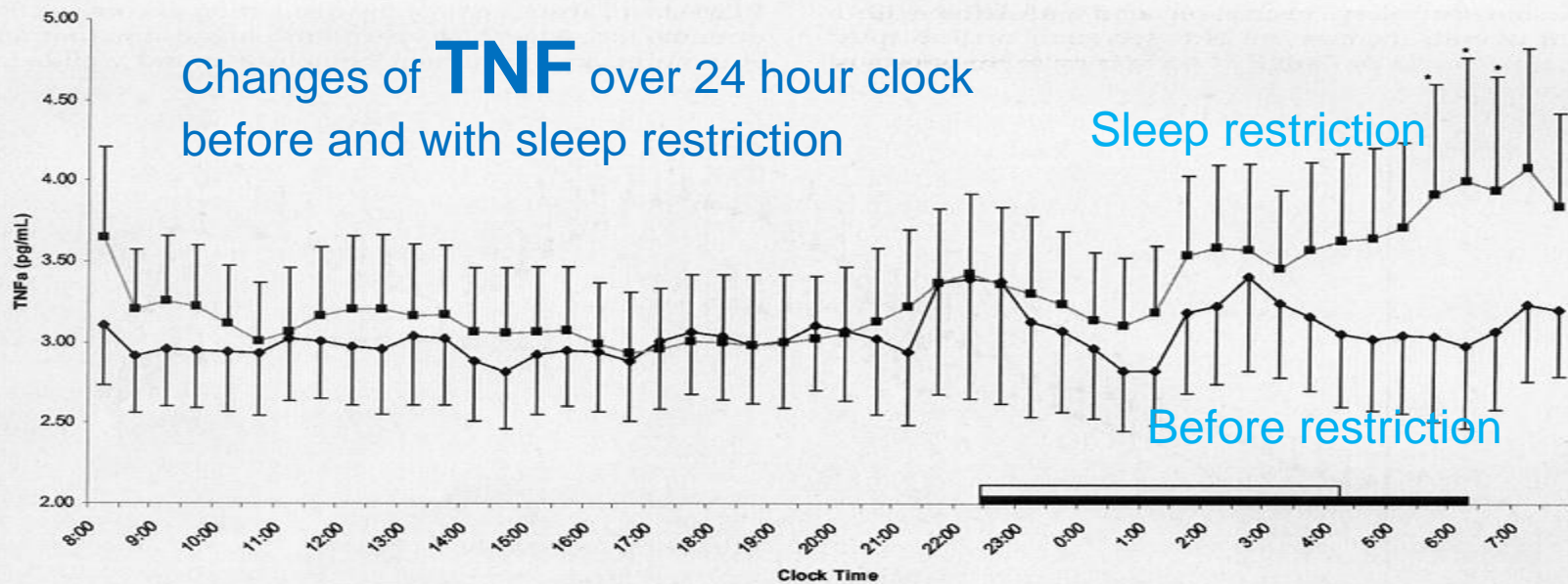
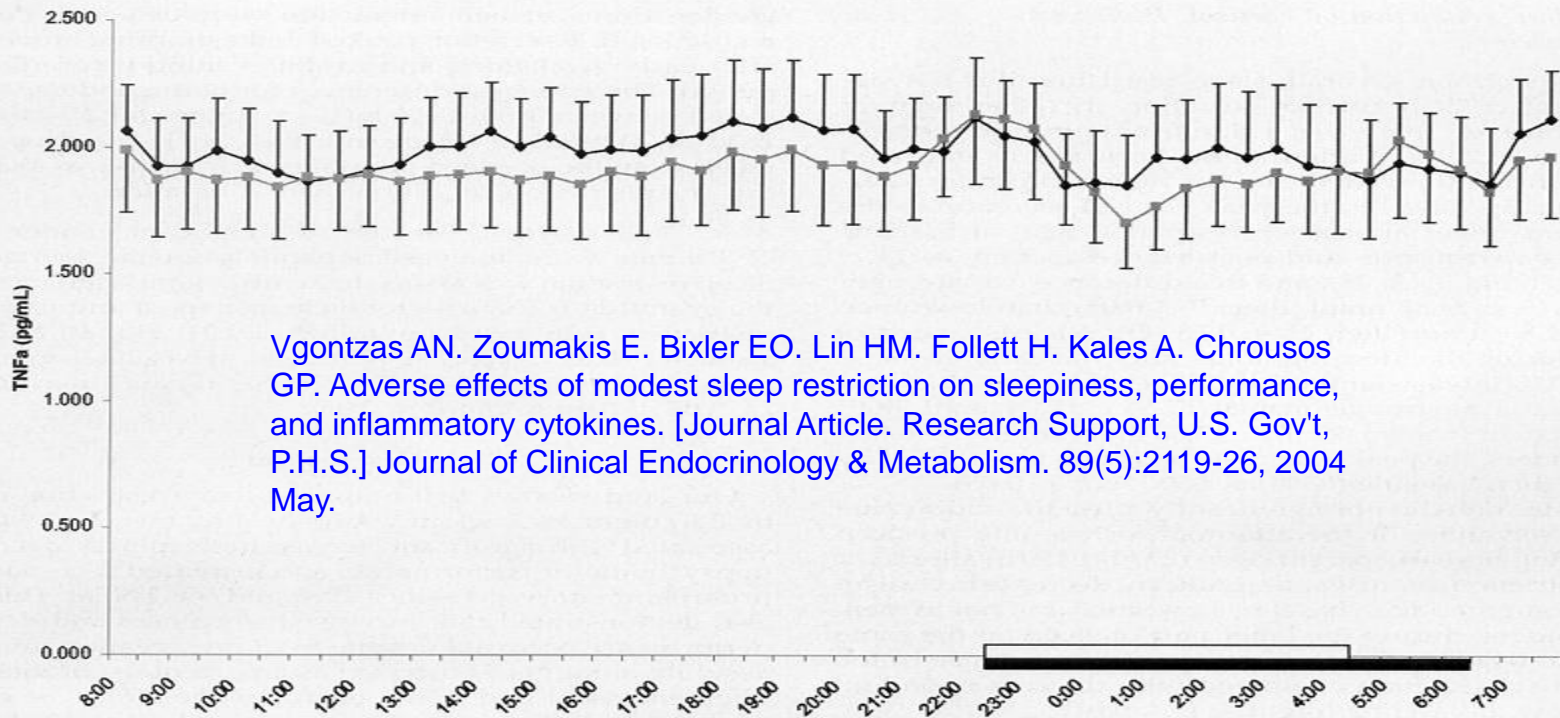
# Multiple Pro-Inflammatory Factors in Allergic Rhinitis Affect Sleep and Symptoms

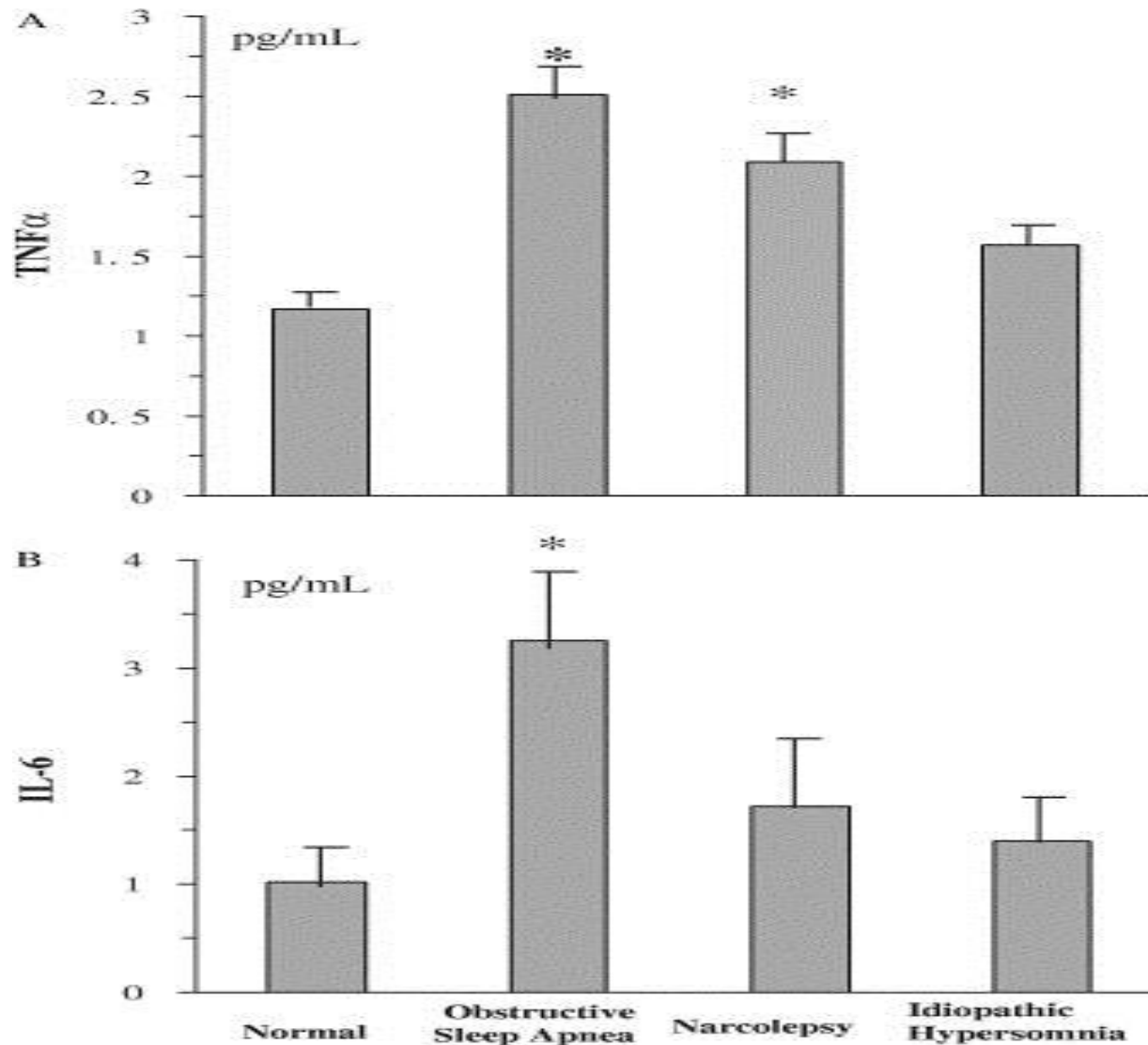
Mediator	Effect on Sleep
Histamine	Balance between wakefulness and sleep, arousal; ↑ nasal obstruction, rhinorrhea, & pruritus
CysLT	↑ Slow-wave sleep, ↑ Sleep-disordered breathing; ↑ Nasal obstruction, rhinorrhea
IL-1	
IL-4	↑ Latency to REM and ↓ REM duration
IL-10	
Bradykinin	↑ Sleep apnea; ↑ Nasal obstruction & rhinorrhea
Substance P	↑ Latency to REM, arousal; ↑ Nasal obstruction

# Effect of sleep restriction on IL-6



Vgontzas AN. Zoumakis E. Bixler EO. Lin HM. Follett H. Kales A. Chrousos GP. Adverse effects of modest sleep restriction on sleepiness, performance, and inflammatory cytokines. [Journal Article. Research Support, U.S. Gov't, P.H.S.] Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism. 89(5):2119-26, 2004 May.





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# Nurses Health Study: Snoring Increases the Risk of Associated Diseases

Condition

Increased Risk with More Frequent Snoring

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Coronary Heart Disease<sup>1</sup>

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Stroke<sup>1</sup>

✓

Hypertension<sup>2</sup>

✓

Diabetes<sup>3</sup>

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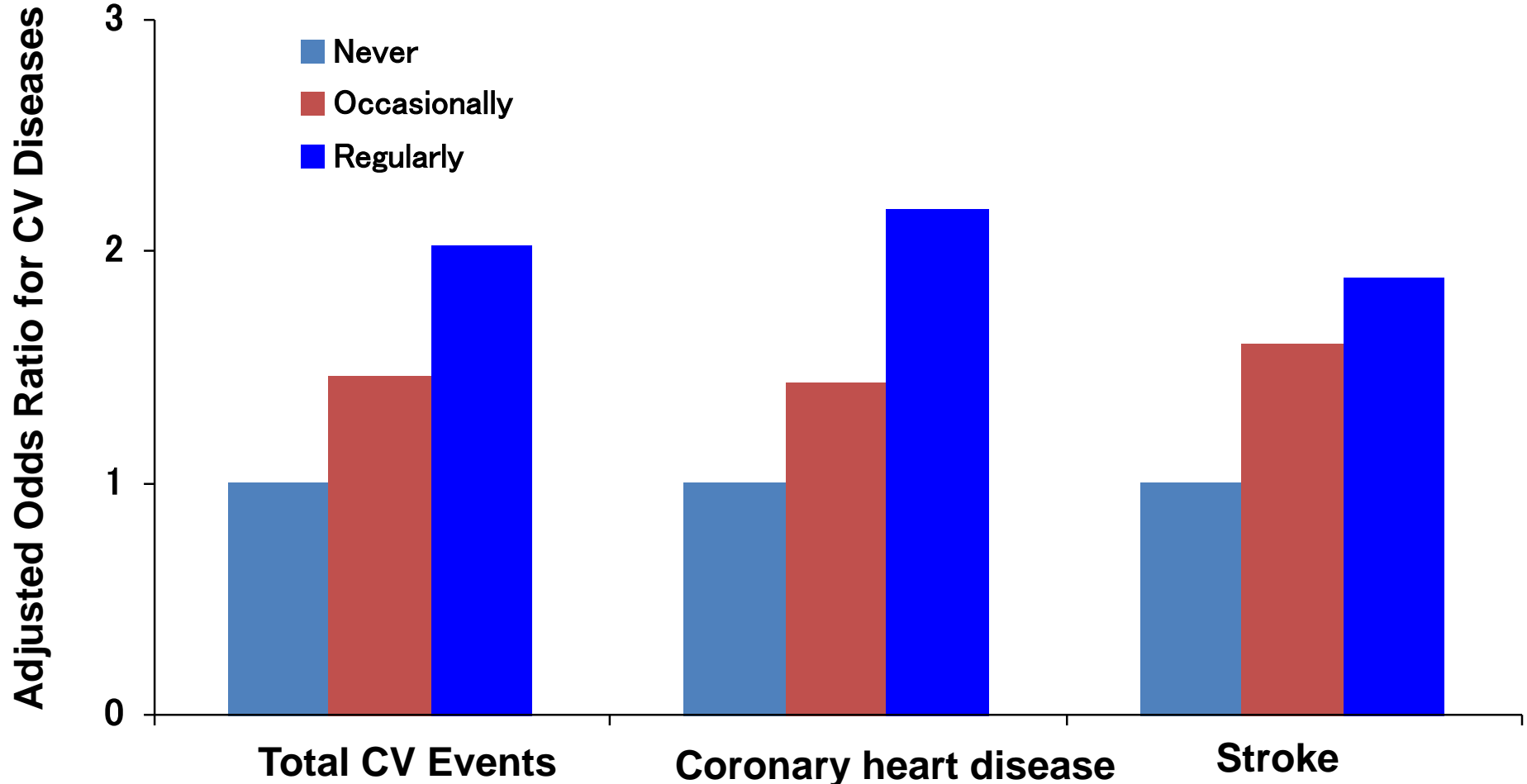
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# Nurses Health Study: Snoring Increases Risk of CV Disease

Age-Adjusted Odds Ratio for CV Disease by Snoring Category

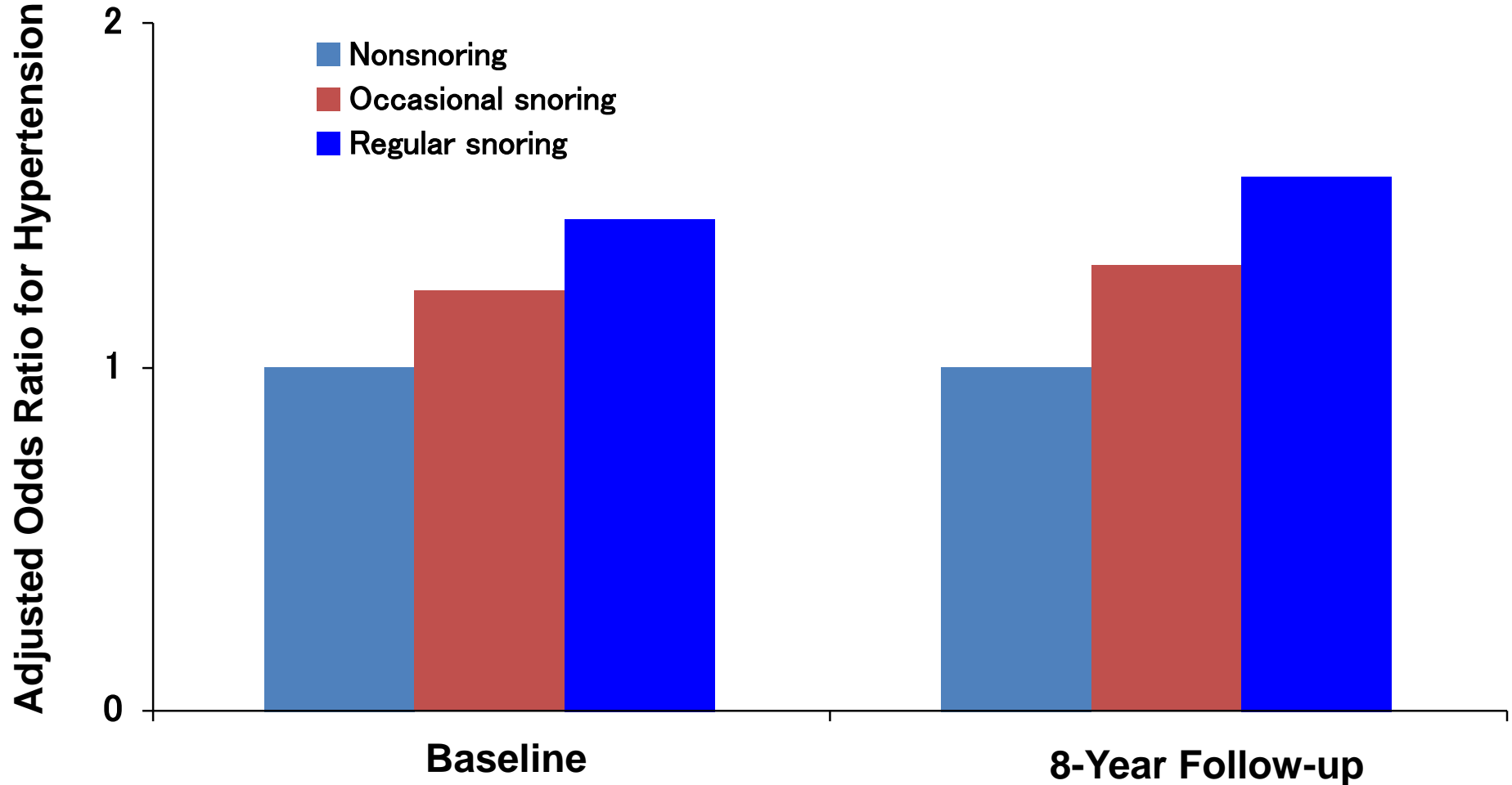


N=71,779 subjects.

Hu et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2000;35:308.

# Nurses Health Study: Snoring Increases Risk of Hypertension

## Multivariate-Adjusted Odds Ratio for Hypertension by Snoring Category

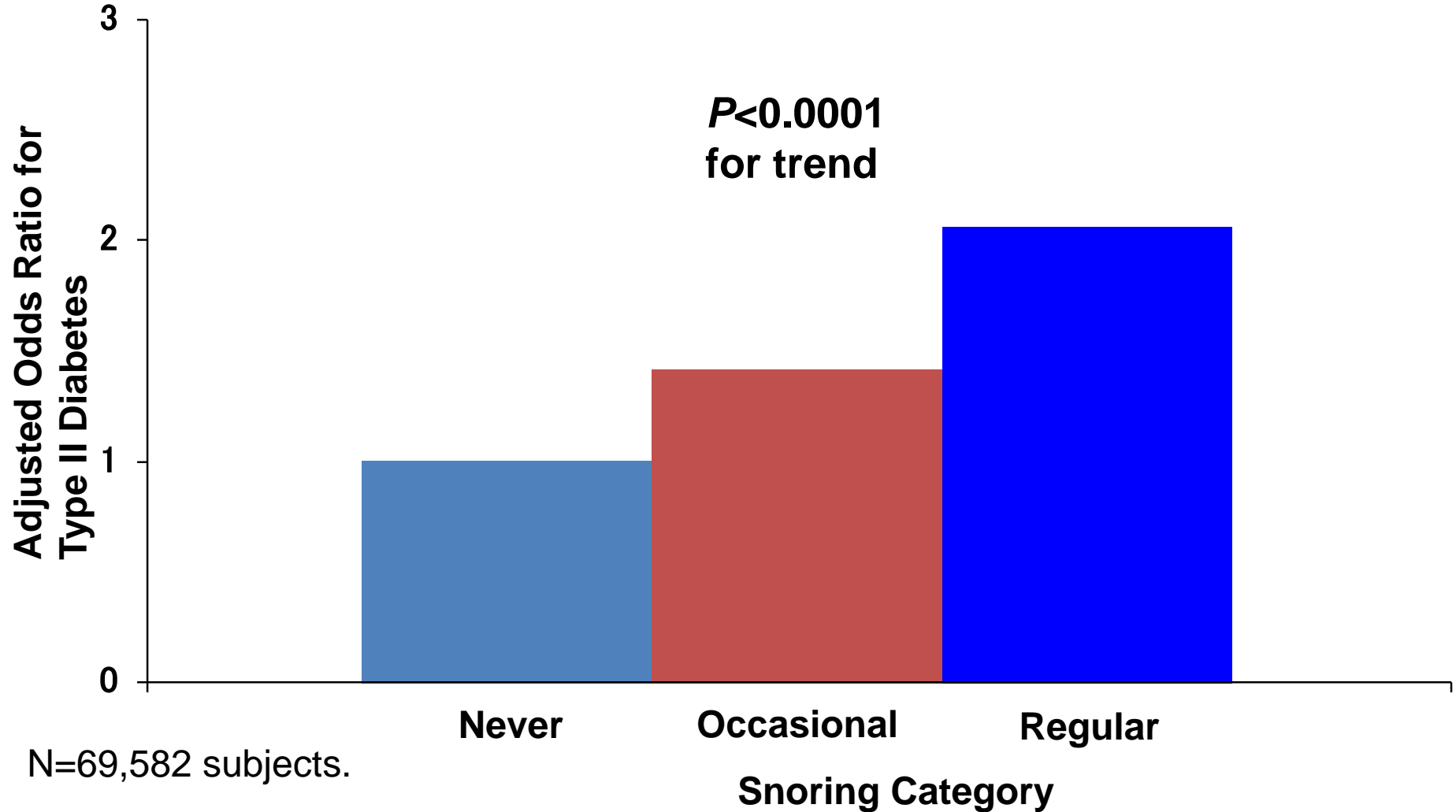


N=73,231 subjects.

Hu et al. *Am J Epidemiol.* 1999;150:806.

# Nurses Health Study: Snoring Increases Risk of Type II Diabetes

Multivariate-Adjusted Odds Ratio for Type II Diabetes by Snoring Category



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# 2013 AHA/ACC/TOS Obesity Guideline

## EXERCISE

**Increased physical activity:** Comprehensive lifestyle intervention programs typically prescribe increased aerobic physical activity (such as brisk walking) for  $\geq 150$  minutes/week (equal to  $\geq 30$  minutes/day, most days of the week). Higher levels of physical activity, approximately 200 to 300 minutes/week, are recommended to maintain lost weight or minimize weight regain long-term ( $>1$  year).

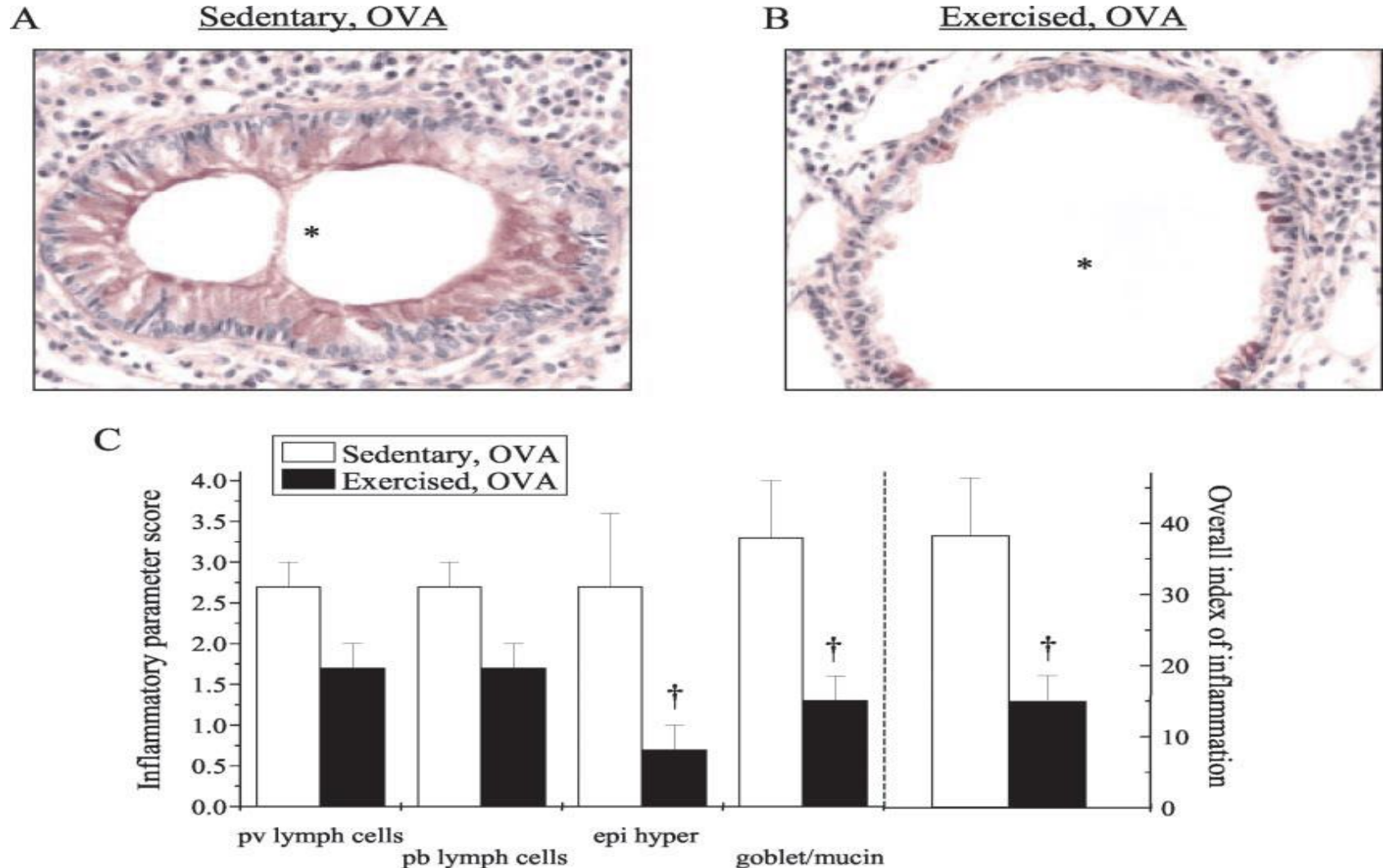
30 minutes for healthy people  
and 60 minutes for weight loss  
and to maintain weight loss



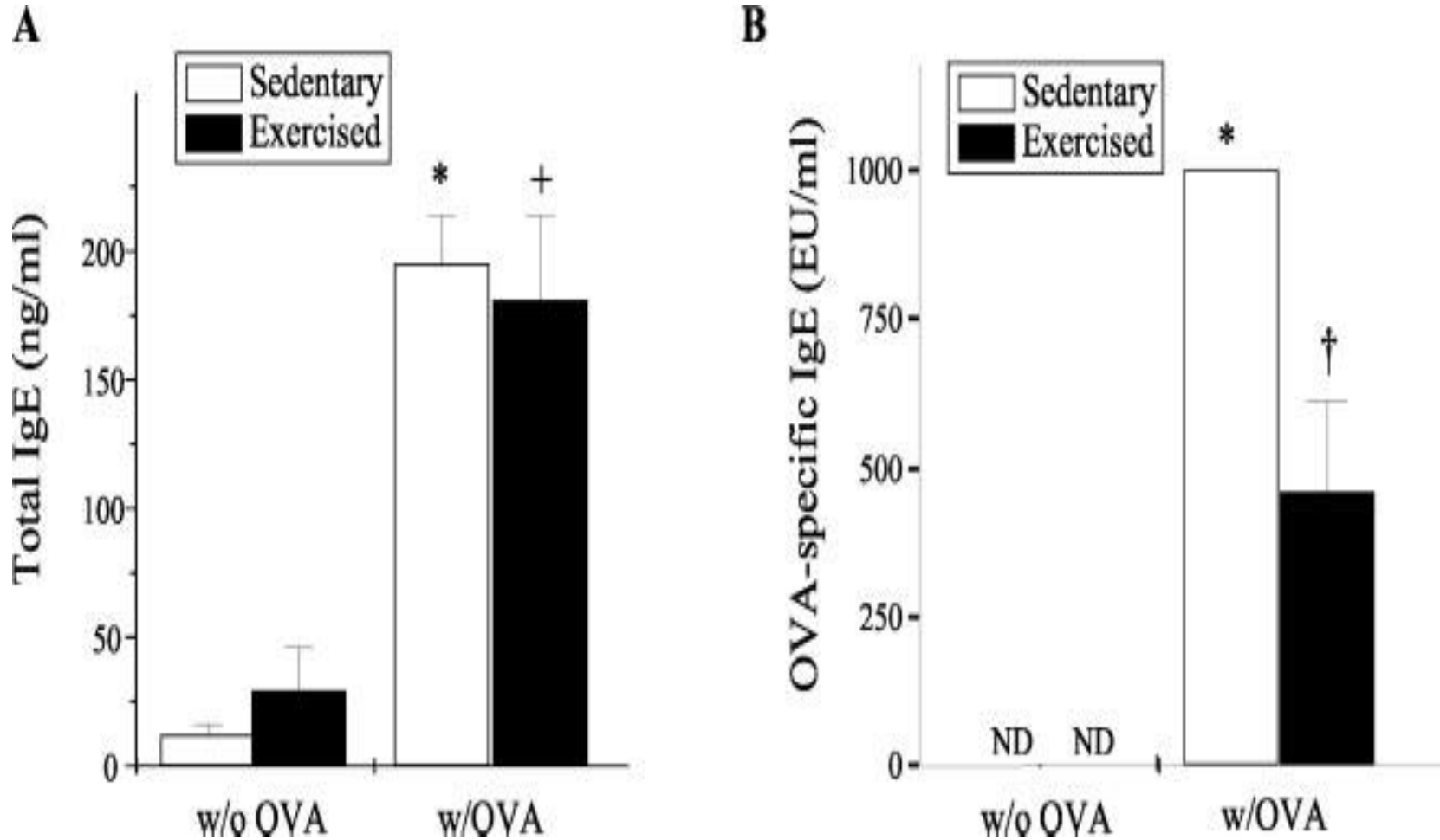
What is the importance of exercise in the mouse model with asthma



# Effect of exercise on inflammatory mediators of asthma



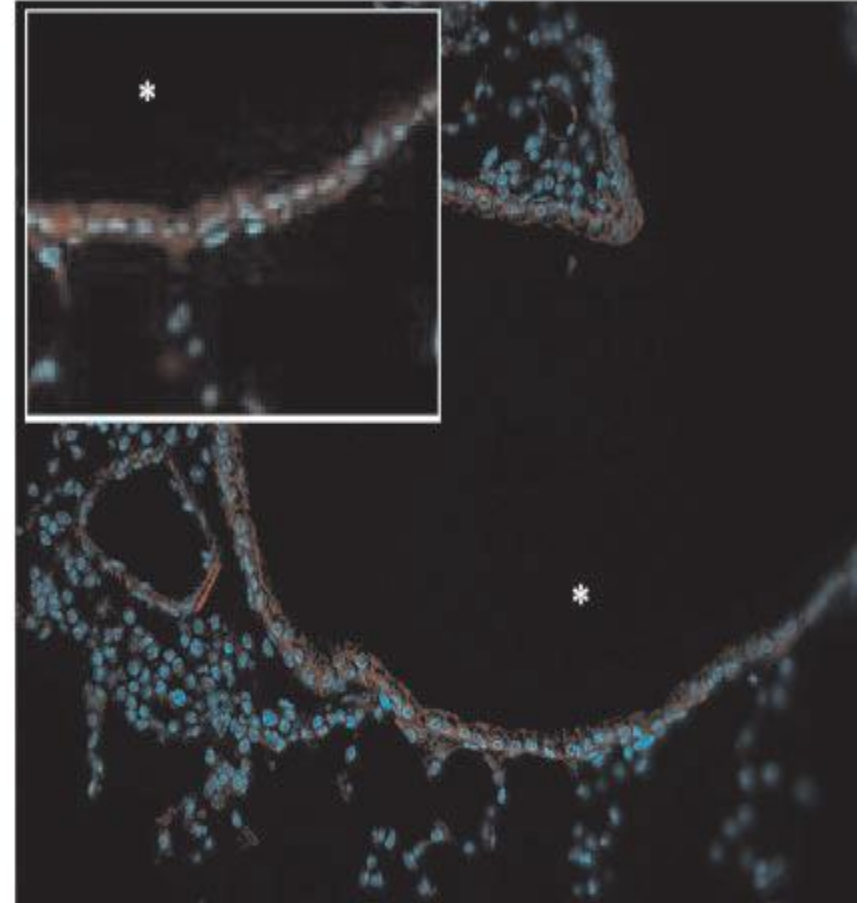
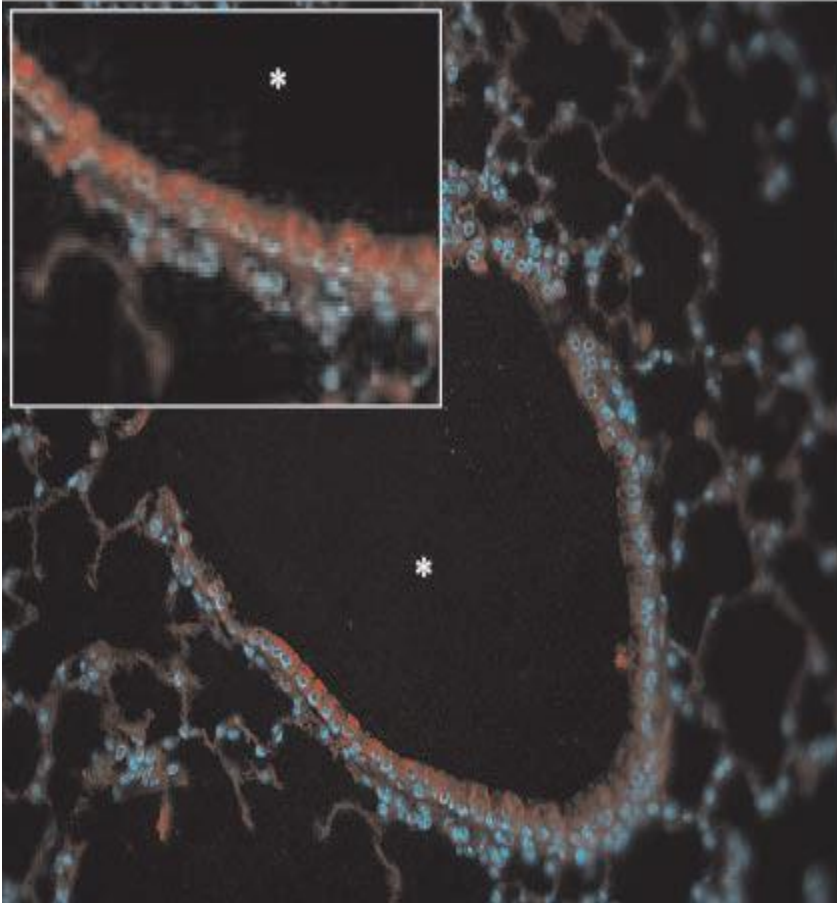
# IgE production in sedentary and exercising mice

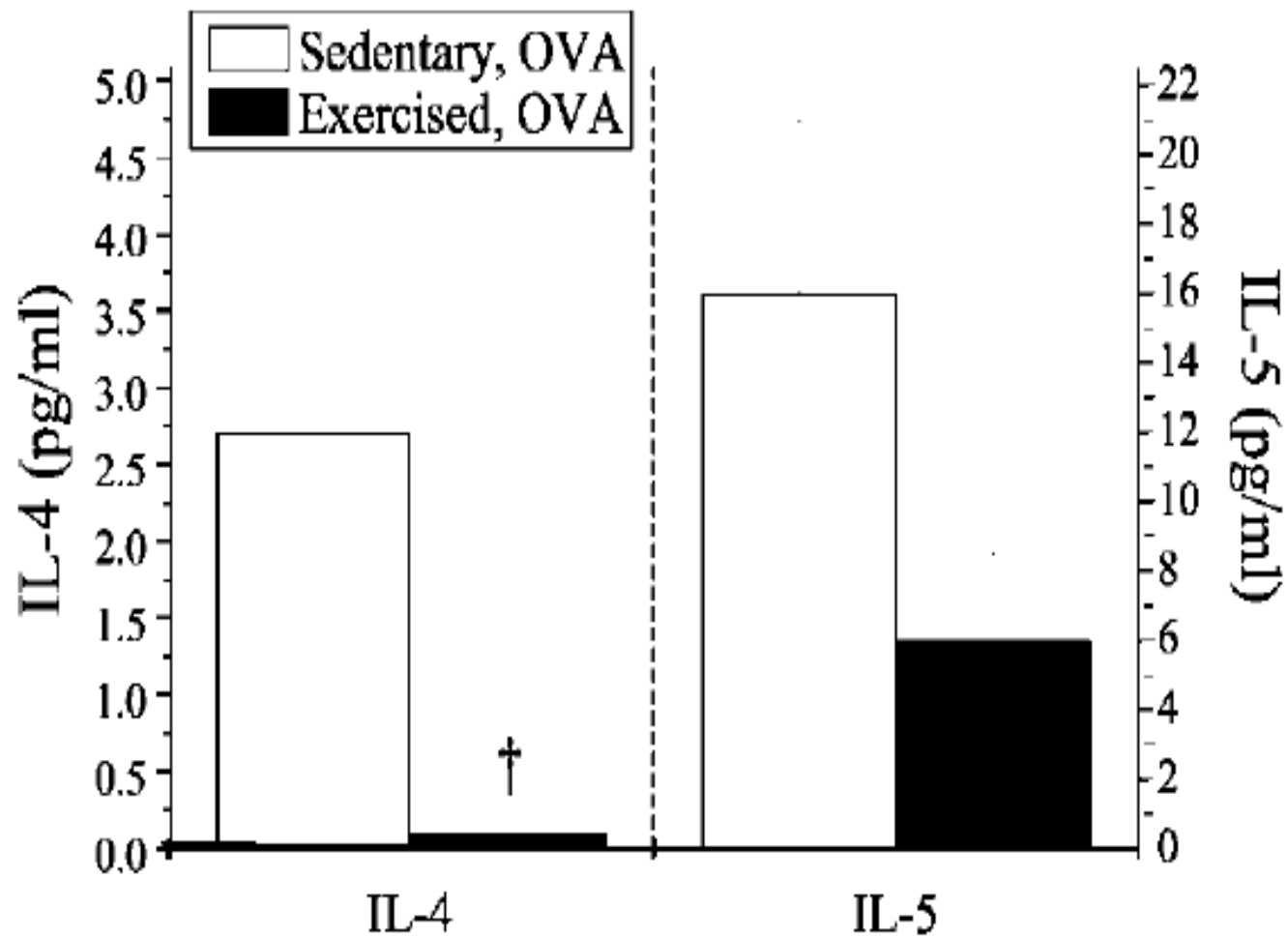


# Exercise decreased VCAM-1 surface expression in the lungs of OVA-sensitized mice

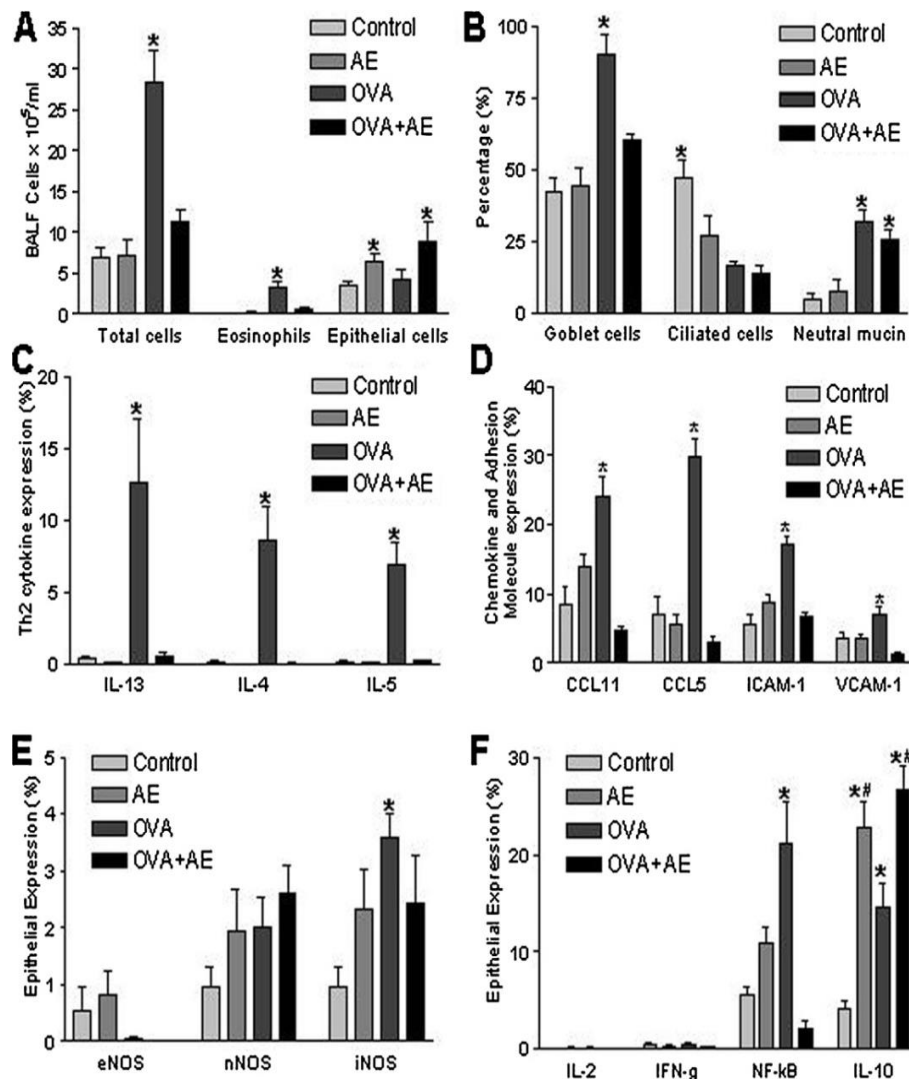
A Sedentary, OVA

B Exercised, OVA



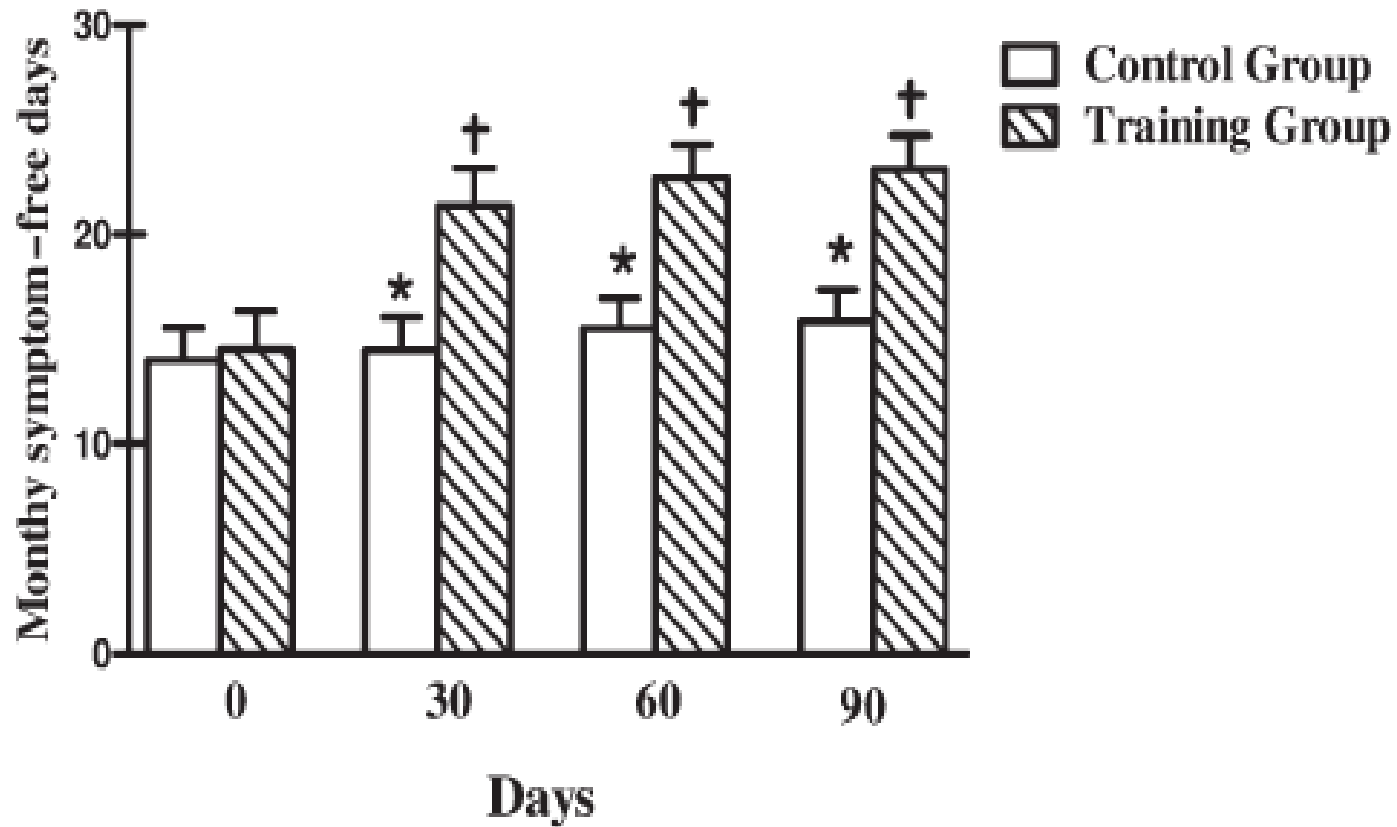


# The number of total cells, eosinophils and epithelial cells in the bronchoalveolar lavage



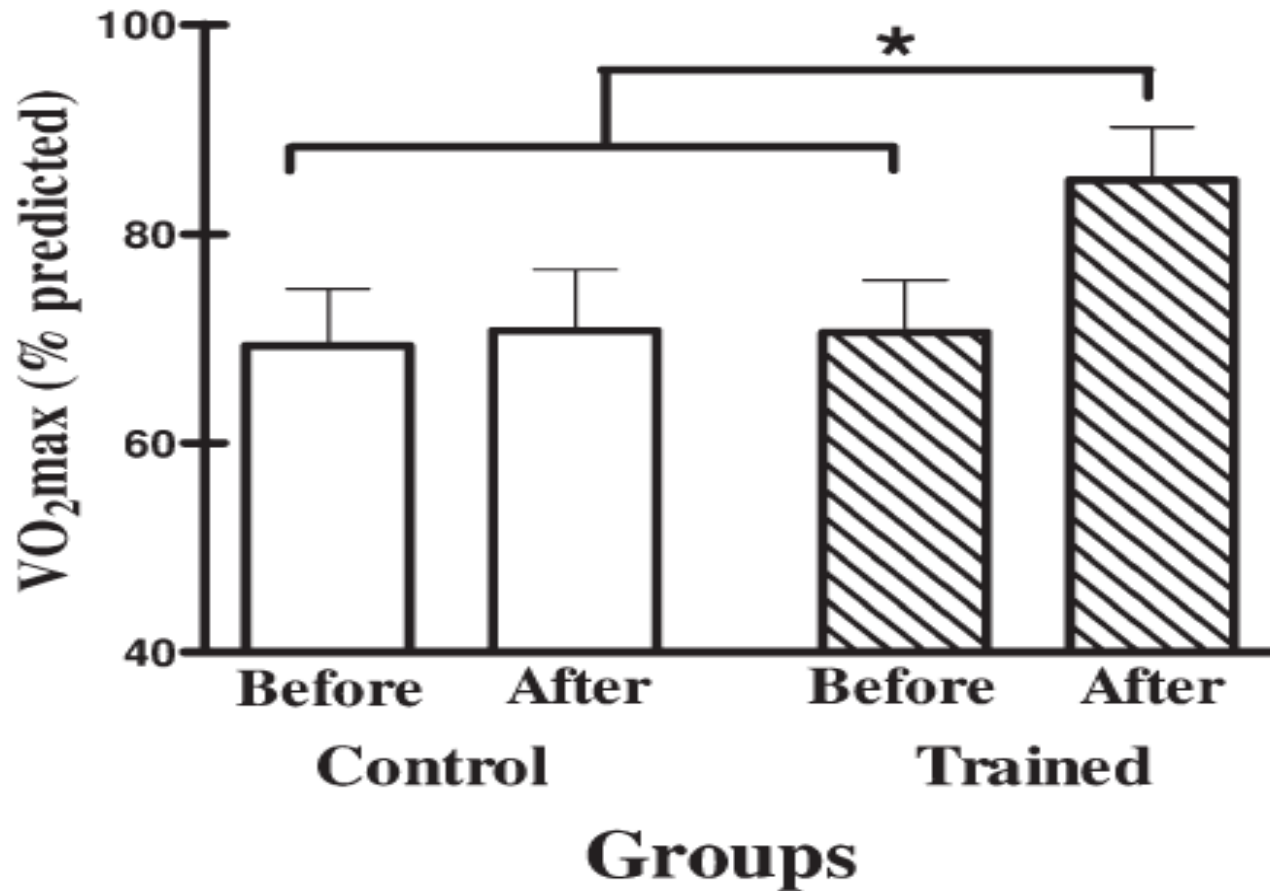
# Exercise Improves Asthma Outcomes

## “Symptom Free Days”



# Exercise Improves Asthma Outcomes

## “Oxygen consumption”





# Exercise Improves Asthma Outcomes

## “Quality of Life”

	Control Group		Exercise Group		
	Baseline (n=12)	Week 12 (n=11 <sup>†</sup> )	Baseline (n=18)	Week 12 (n=18)	Week 24 (n=15 <sup>‡</sup> )
<b>ACQ Questionnaire</b>	0.90±0.15	0.99±0.16 <sup>†</sup>	1.30±0.19	0.72±0.10 <sup>*</sup>	0.72±0.17 <sup>‡***</sup>
<b>ACQ with Spirometry</b>	1.06±0.10 <sup>#</sup>	0.80±0.14	1.37±0.21	0.95±0.11	1.02±0.18
<b>Perceived Asthma Control</b>	2.33±0.19	2.25±0.18 <sup>†</sup>	2.56±0.15	1.94±0.10 <sup>^</sup>	2.00±0.13 <sup>‡***</sup>
<b>Mini-AQLQ</b>	5.79±0.15	5.90±0.17 <sup>†</sup>	5.01±0.21	5.84±0.17	6.11±0.21 <sup>‡***</sup>
<b>Maximal VO<sub>2</sub></b>	2.66±0.27	2.77±0.29	2.63±0.20	2.88±0.21	3.00±0.27 <sup>***</sup>
<b>Submaximal V<sub>E</sub>/VO<sub>2</sub></b>	23.21±0.73	23.64±0.80	24.89±1.08	23.78±0.74 <sup>^</sup>	24.35±0.90
<b>Maximal V<sub>E</sub>/VO<sub>2</sub></b>	28.46±0.88	28.65±1.39	28.84±1.02	27.44±0.78	28.48±1.17
<b>Submaximal DI</b>	0.42±0.03	0.42±0.02	0.45±0.02	0.48±0.03 <sup>^</sup>	0.54±0.03 <sup>***</sup>
<b>Maximal DI</b>	0.68±0.04	0.69±0.04	0.73±0.04	0.77±0.04	0.84±0.04

ACQ: Asthma Control Questionnaire; AQLQ: Asthma Quality of Life Questionnaire; VO<sub>2</sub>: Oxygen uptake; V<sub>E</sub>: Ventilation; DI: Dyspnea Index

<sup>†</sup>n=12 for paper measurements only; <sup>‡</sup>n=17 for paper measurements only; <sup>#</sup> significant differences at baseline between control and exercise group; \*p<0.05 between groups from T1 to T2; \*\* p< 0.05 within exercise group from T2 to T3; \*\*\*p<0.05 within exercise group from T1 to T3; ^ statistical trend from T1 to T2; p<0.10.

*Dogra. ERJ June 7, 2010*

# Exercise in **children**: all compared to open label conventional treated group

author	duration	frequency	type	P value Subject #
Basaran 2006	2 months	1 hour, 3X a week	Aerobic, moderate	0.001 62
Fanelli 2007	4 months	1.5 hours, 2X a week	Aerobic to 70%	0.03 38
Flapper 2008	3 months	2.5 hours, 1 time a week	Aerobic	0.02 36
Moreira 2008	3 months	50 minutes, 2X weekly	Aerobic	0.004 34

# Exercise in **adults**: all compared to open label conventional treated group

author	duration	frequency	type	P value Subject #
Turner 2010	6 weeks	1.5 hour, 3X a week	Aerobic, moderate	0.04 34
Goncalves 2008	3 months	0.5 hours, 2X a week	Aerobic to 70%	0.001 20
Mendes 2010	3 months	0.5 hours, 2X a week	Aerobic to 70%	0.001 101

# Exercise in **Adults, non aerobic**: all compared to open label conventional treated group

author	duration	frequency	type	P value Subject #
Sabina 2005	1 month	1.5 hour, 2X a week	Yoga	NS 62
Thomas 2009	1 and 6 months	3 sessions	Breathing exercises	NS 183
Vempati 2009	2 months	1.5 hours, daily	Yoga	0.013 57

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# Adverse Impact of obesity on allergic diseases

- Obesity is associated with increase risk of asthma
- OSA and asthma overlap
- Obesity is associated with increased risk of rhinitis
- Rhinitis is associated with increase in OSA
- Impaired sleep causes an inflammatory state
- Sleep impairment in allergic diseases can be caused by
  - Inflammatory mediators
  - Symptoms, primarily ocular itch and rhinorrhea
  - Congestion
- Impaired sleep adversely affects performance, productivity and social functioning, and increases the risk of associated diseases and obesity
- Best treatment is weight loss and exercise



# Thank you for your participation

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Thank you

Have a great day.