

# GLUCOSIS vs. KETOSIS

A Path to Metabolic and Mental Health





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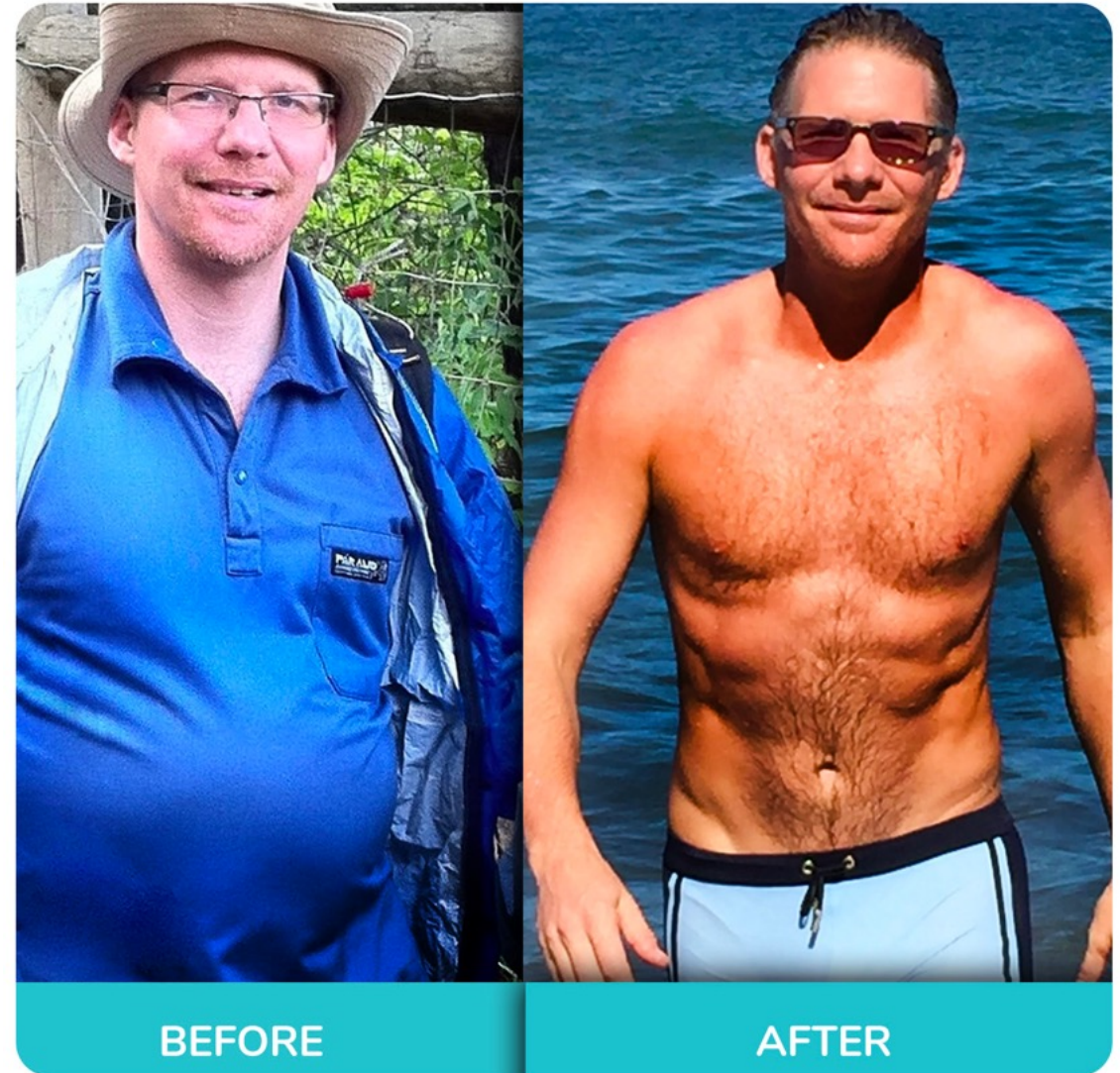
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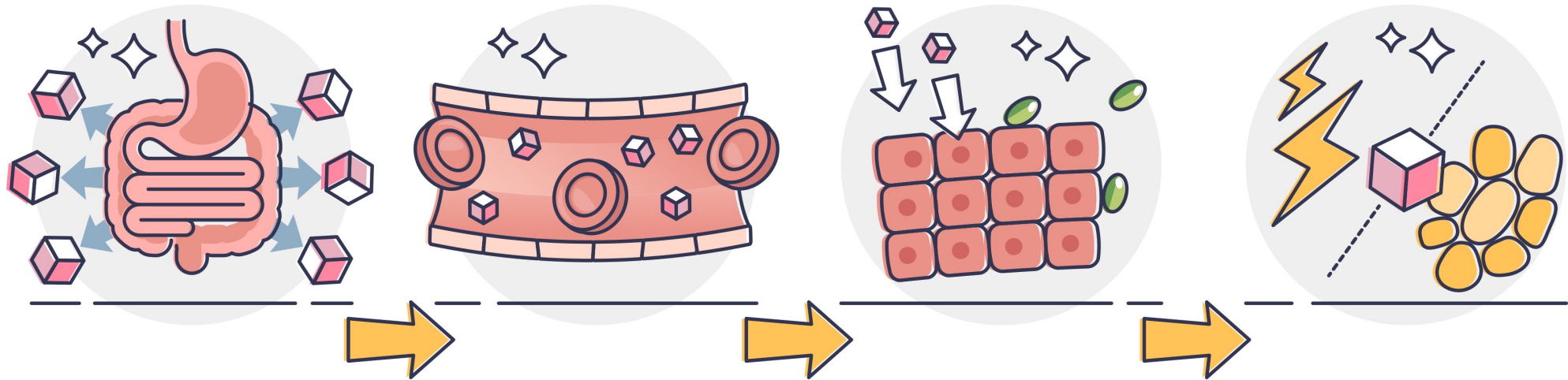
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During digestion, carbs break down into simple sugars.

They are absorbed into the bloodstream as glucose.

Glucose is sent to the body's cells by the hormone **insulin**.

Cells use glucose as fuel. Unused glucose is stored as fat.

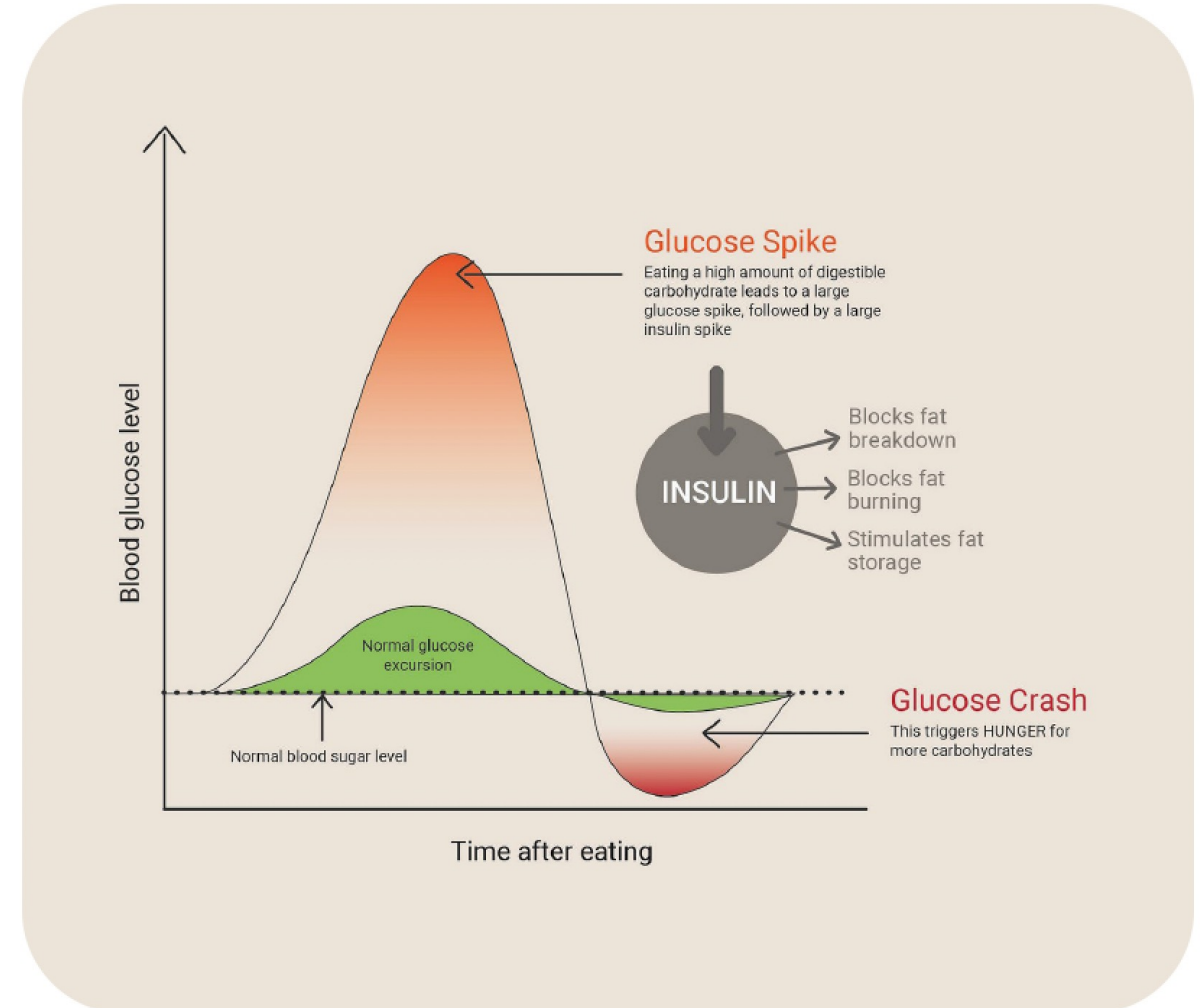


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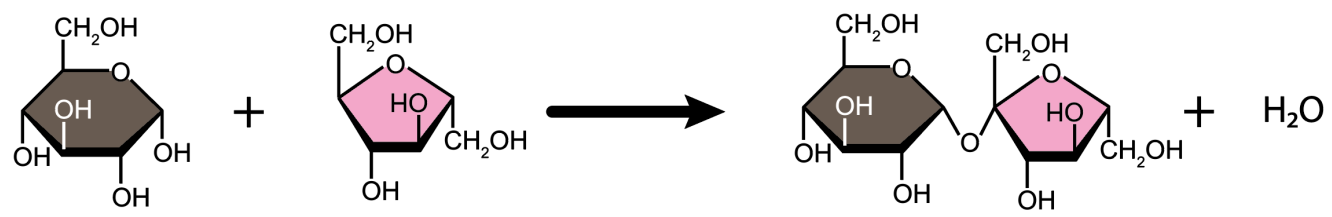
In this state, Insulin levels are high

- ✗ Access to stored fat is inhibited
- ✗ No ketones produced
- ✗ The brain depends on glucose for energy





# Sugar = Glucose + Fructose

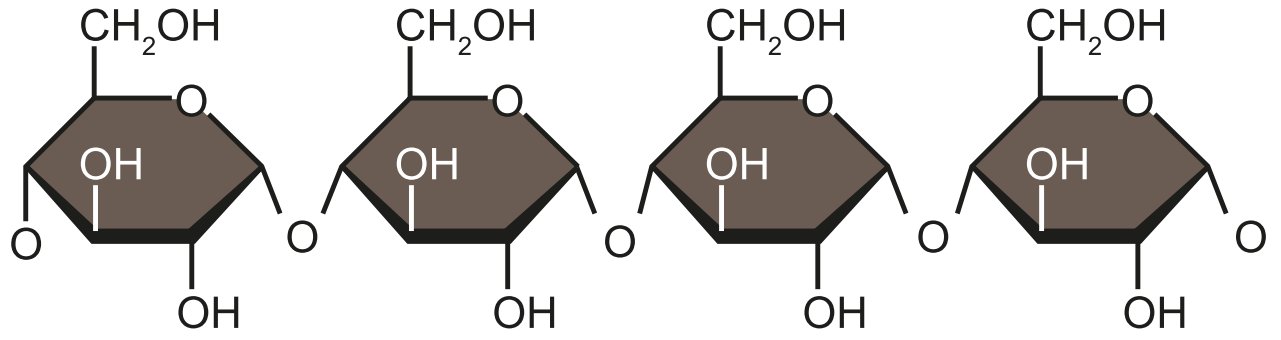




# Starch = Long Chains of Glucose

Complex carbohydrates are simply glucose holding hands.

High speed train or slow freight train either way it will still hit you!



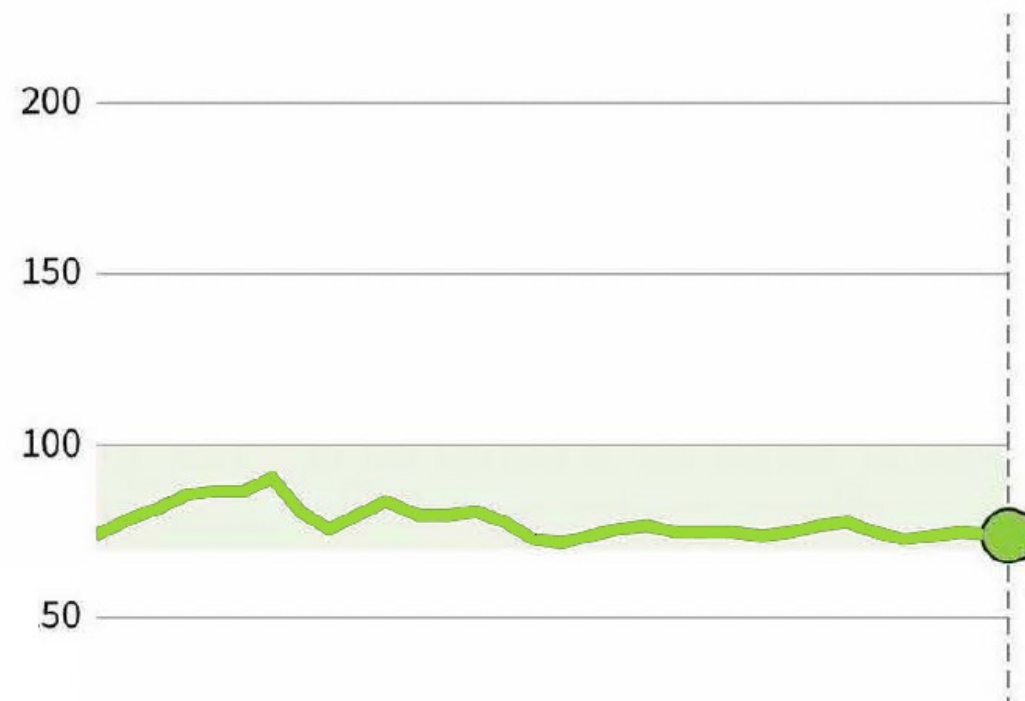


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## KETO DIET

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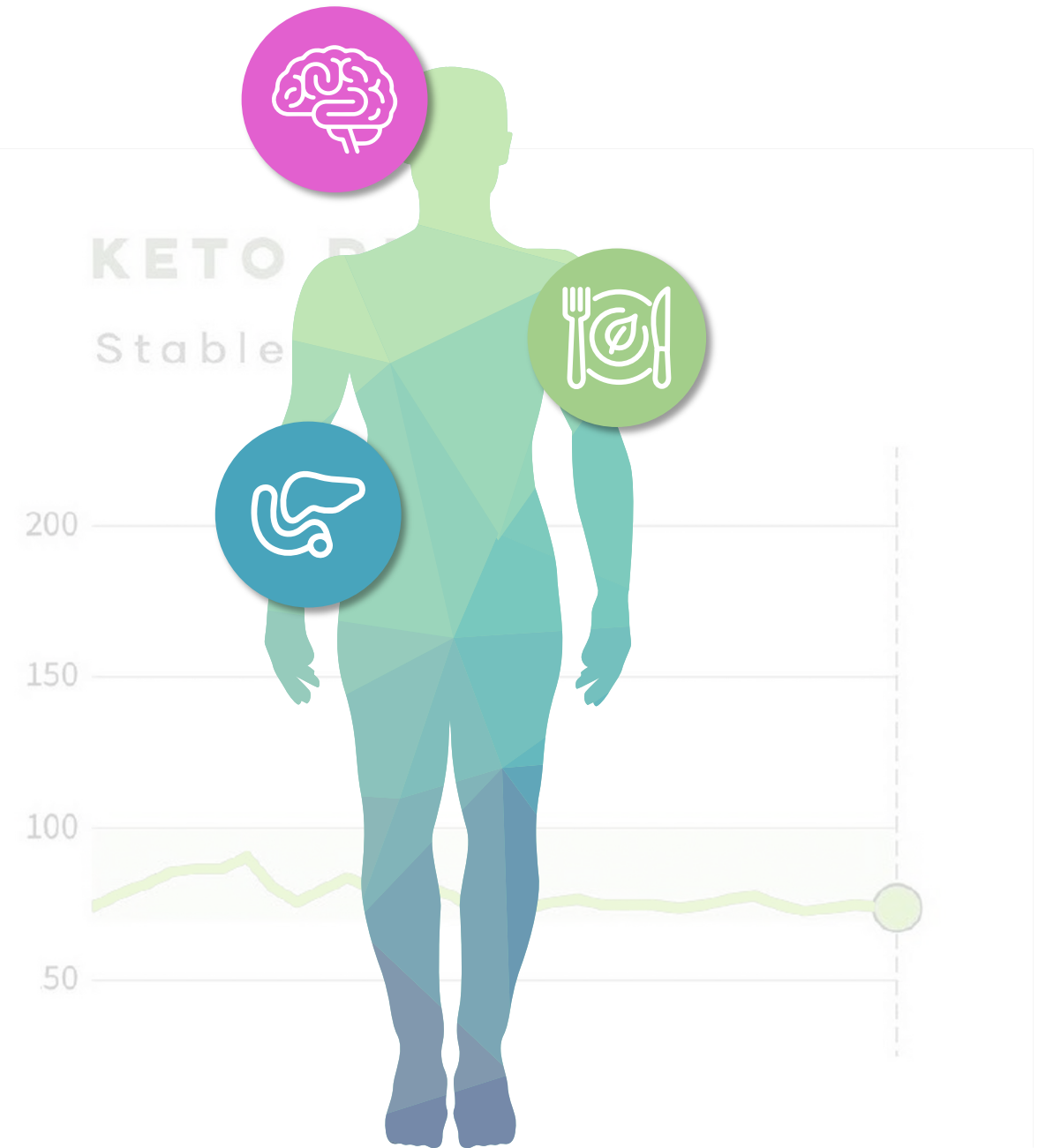


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- ✓ Access to stored fat
- ✓ Liver produces a fuel mix of glucose and ketones
- ✓ Optimal energy supply for the brain

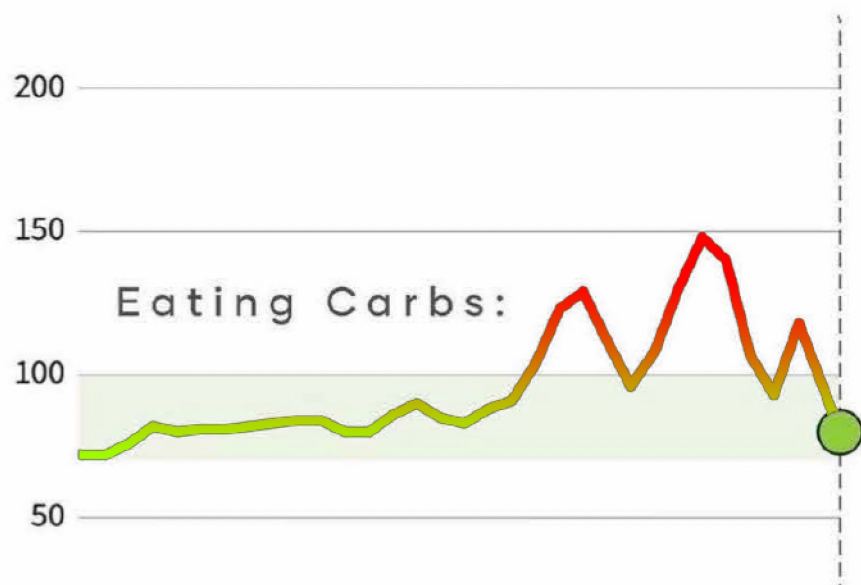




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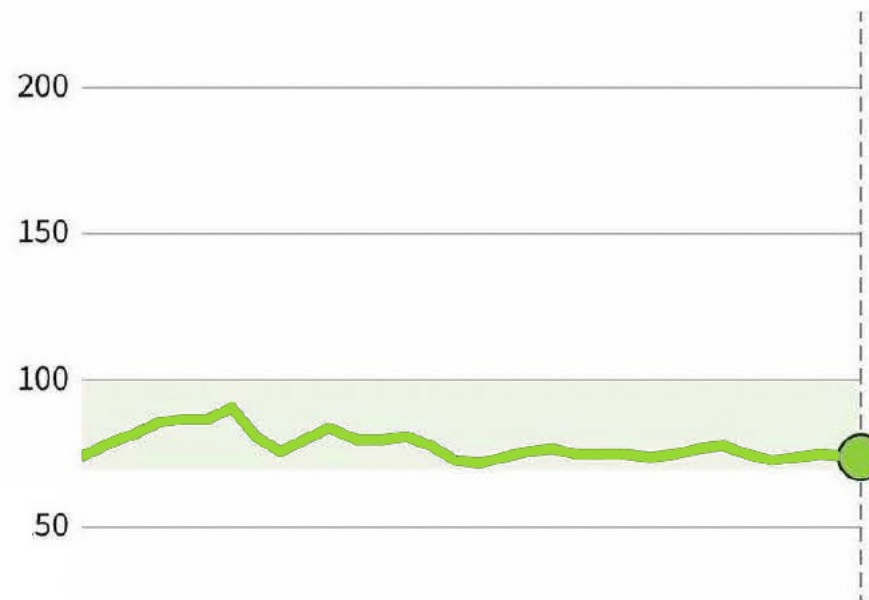
## STANDARD DIET

Erratic Blood Sugar



## KETO DIET

Stable Blood Sugar



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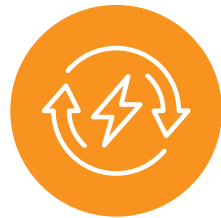
## Signaling Molecules

Acting similarly to hormones in signaling and influencing cellular processes, including gene expression, inflammation, and metabolism.



## Transport and Systemic Effects

Like hormones, ketones are transported via the bloodstream and affect different organs such as the brain, muscles, and heart.



## Regulatory Effects on Metabolism

Playing a regulatory role in the metabolic state, particularly signaling the shift to use fat as a primary energy source.



## Influence Various Physiological Functions

Impact extends to physiological aspects such as neurological health, inflammation, oxidative stress, and potentially lifespan



# Ketones are more than fuel!

And are starting to gain recognition as Novel Hormones

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## Hepatokines, bile acids and ketone bodies are novel Hormones regulating energy homeostasis

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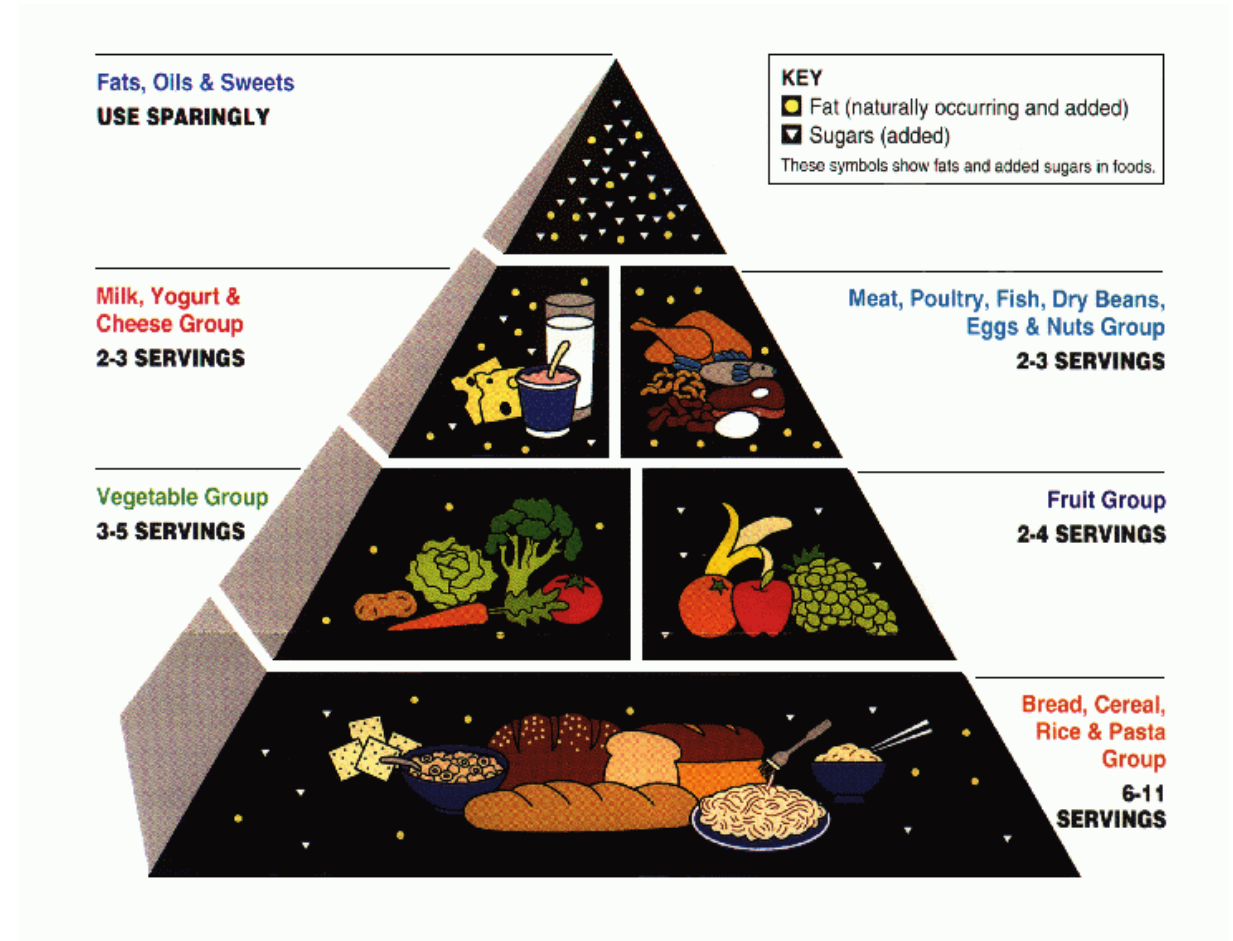




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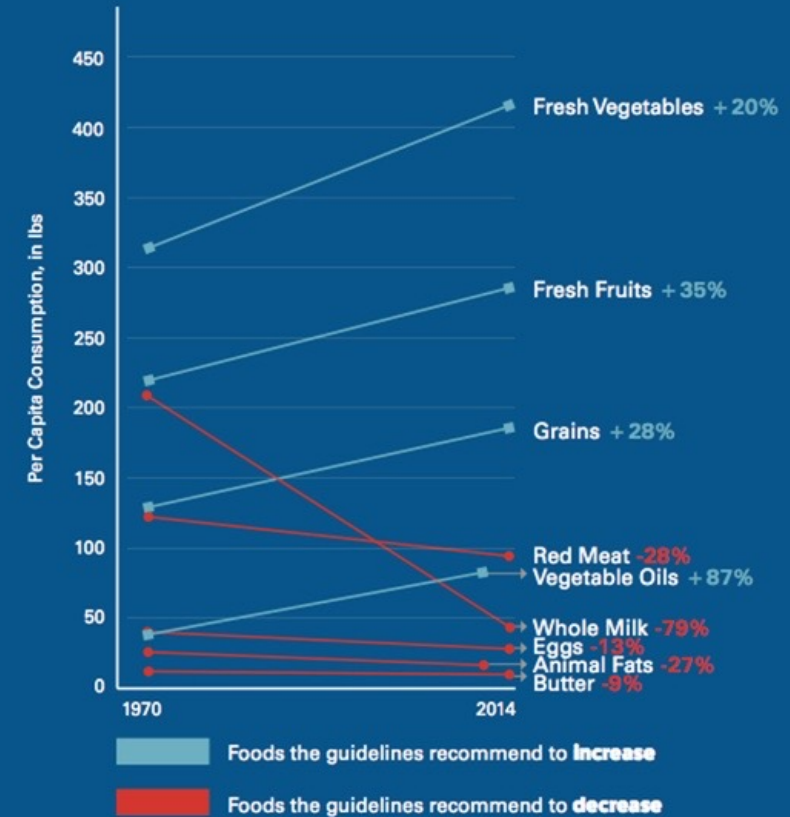
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## AMERICANS HAVE FOLLOWED THE US DIETARY GUIDELINES

Food Availability

1970 - 2014



NOTES: The latest data on animal fats and vegetable oils are reported from 2010, not 2014; Food consumption (food availability minus loss) is also calculated in this report, and the trends track closely with those of food availability. This chart has been constructed with availability data because the units of measurement are consistent across food categories, whereas they differ.

SOURCE: Jeanine Bentley, U.S. Trends in Food Availability and a Dietary Assessment of Loss-Adjusted Food Availability, 1970-2014, EIB-166, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, January 2017; chart by Nina Teicholz.



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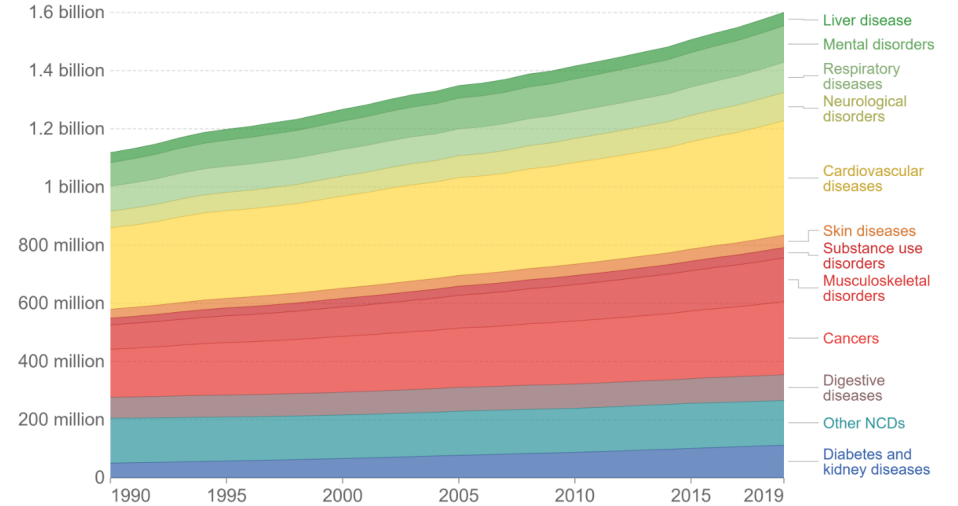
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NCD are overburdening healthcare systems.

## Disease burden from non-communicable diseases, World, 1990 to 2019

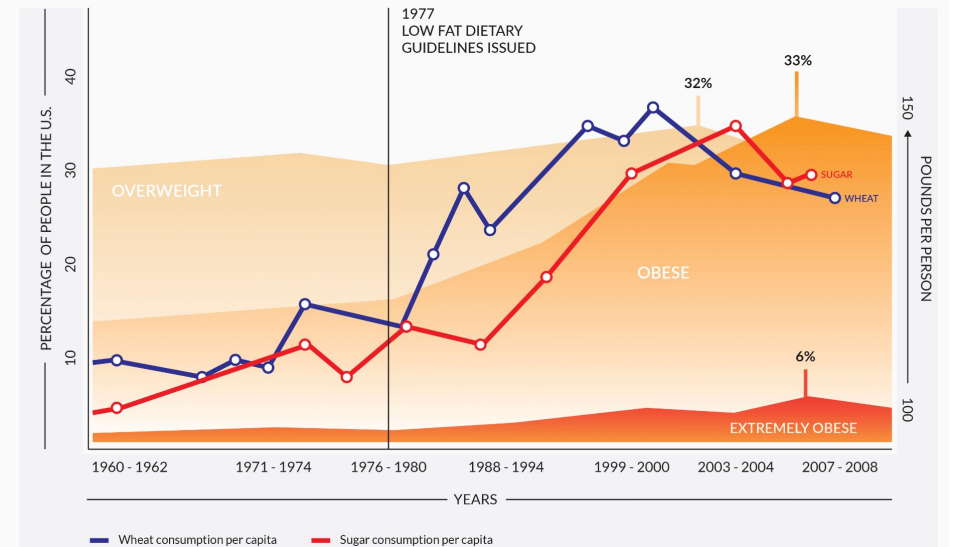
Total disease burden from non-communicable diseases (NCDs), measured in DALYs (Disability-Adjusted Life Years) per year. DALYs are used to measure total burden of disease - both from years of life lost and years lived with a disability. One DALY equals one lost year of healthy life.



Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease (2019)

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## Dietary changes and trends in overweight, obesity, and extreme obesity among adults aged 20-74 years: United States, 1960-2008

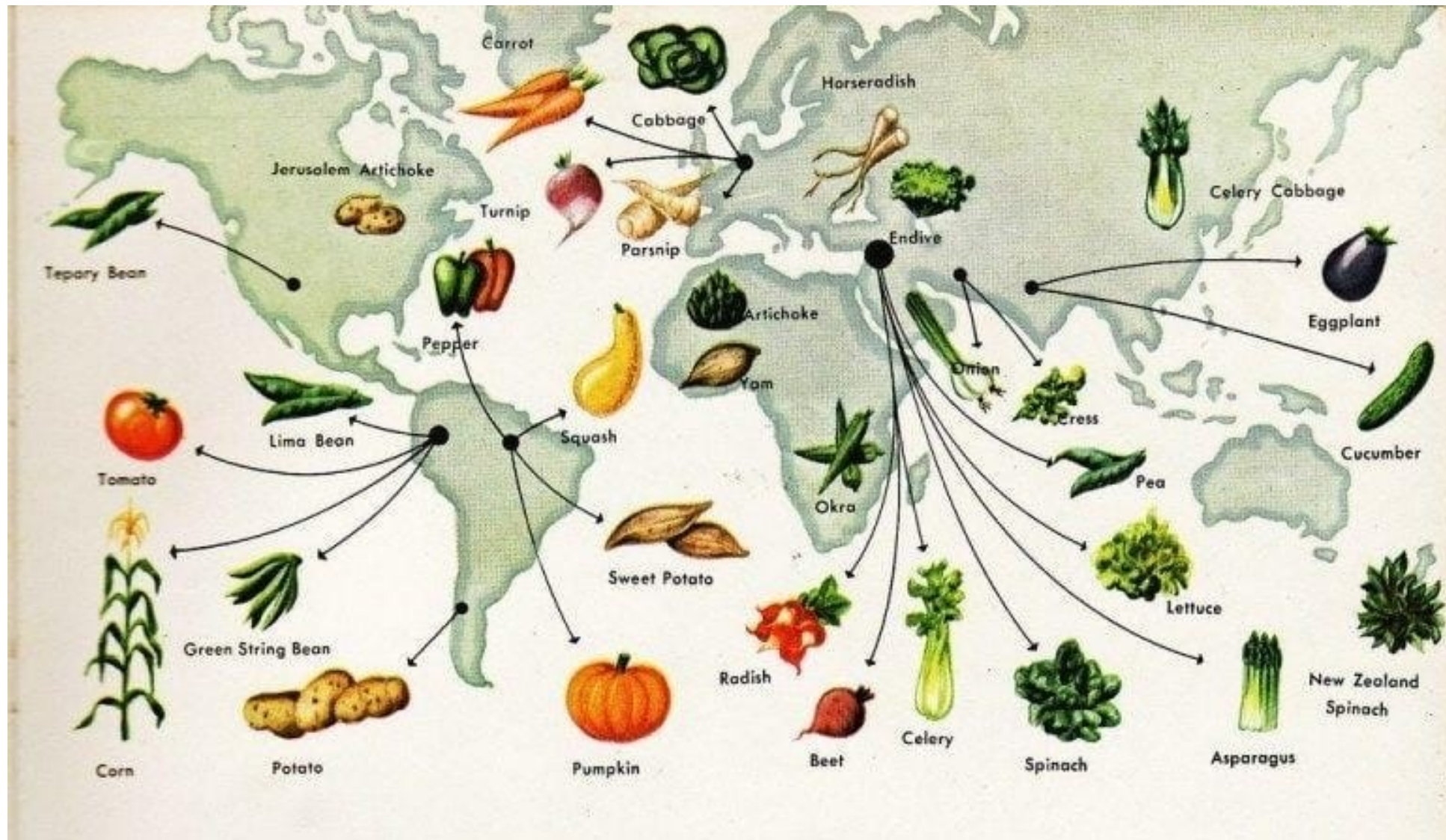






# How did we get here?

Globalization of carbohydrates/glucose over the last 450 years



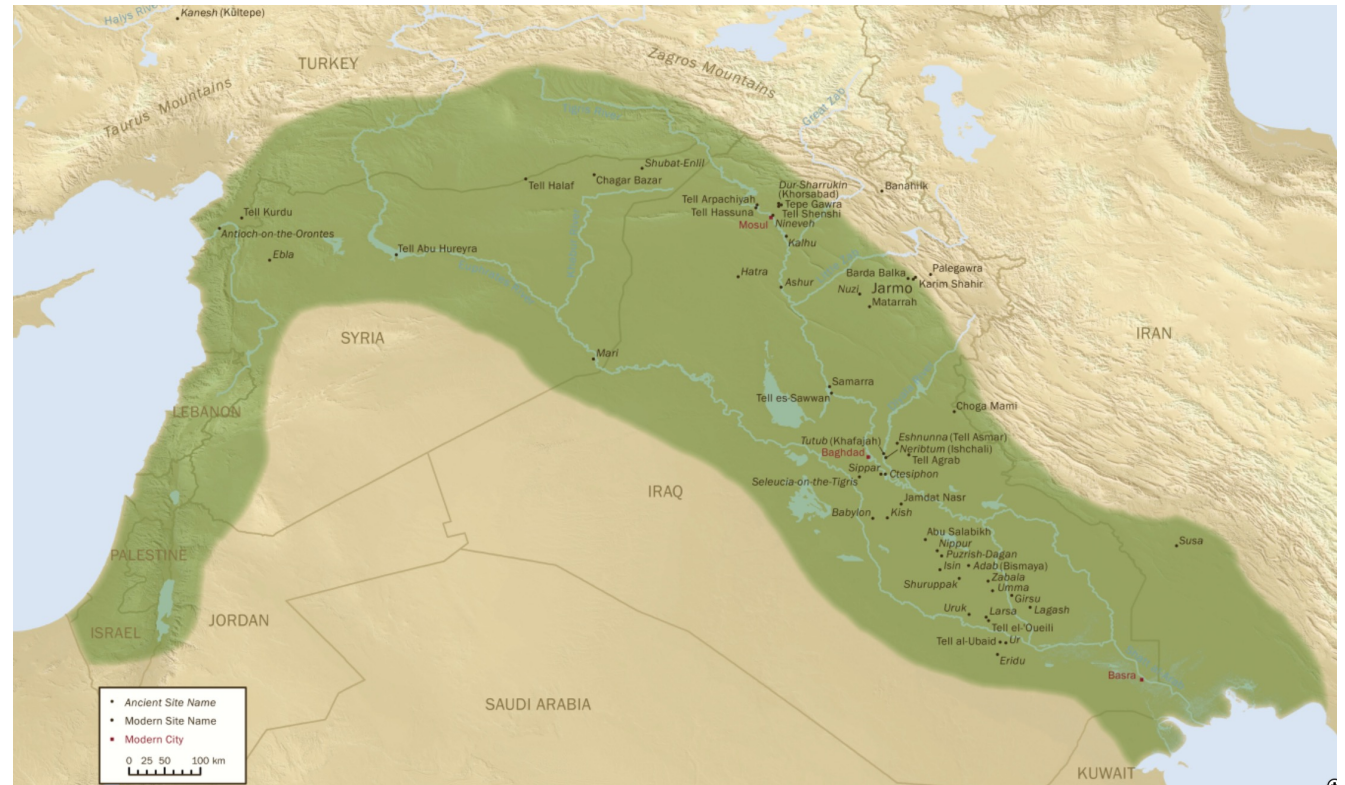


Few people know that pine and cedar forests once carpeted wide sections of the region, and that the area teemed with large wildlife. It is little known that in the Lebanese port city of Sidon, for example, hippos and lions once thrived in green areas

We ate the animals and cut down the trees creating the first ecological disaster

Cereal became subsistence farming,  
Cereals allowed armies to march and land to be conquered

But is it the optimal food substrate for us as humans?



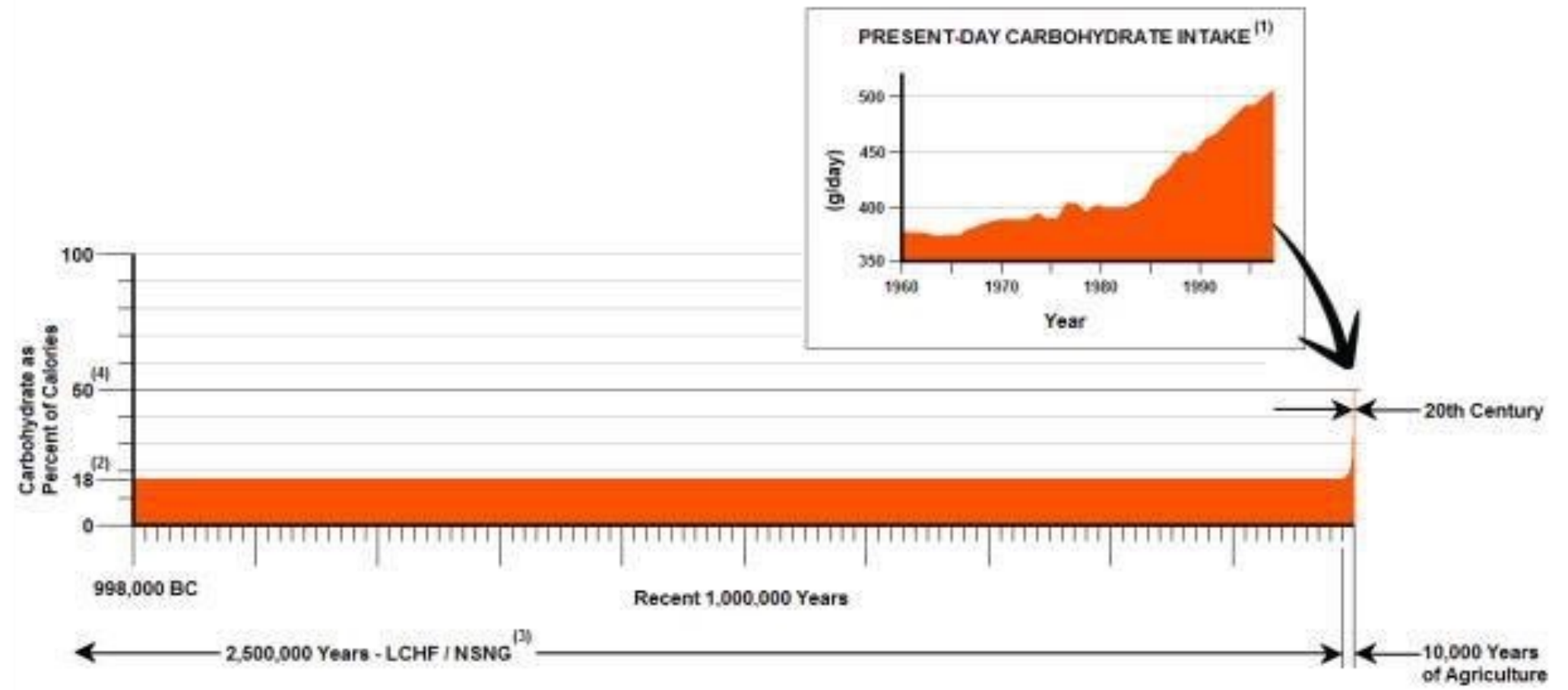
The first known mention of diabetes symptoms was 1552 B.C. by Egyptian physician Hesy-Ra



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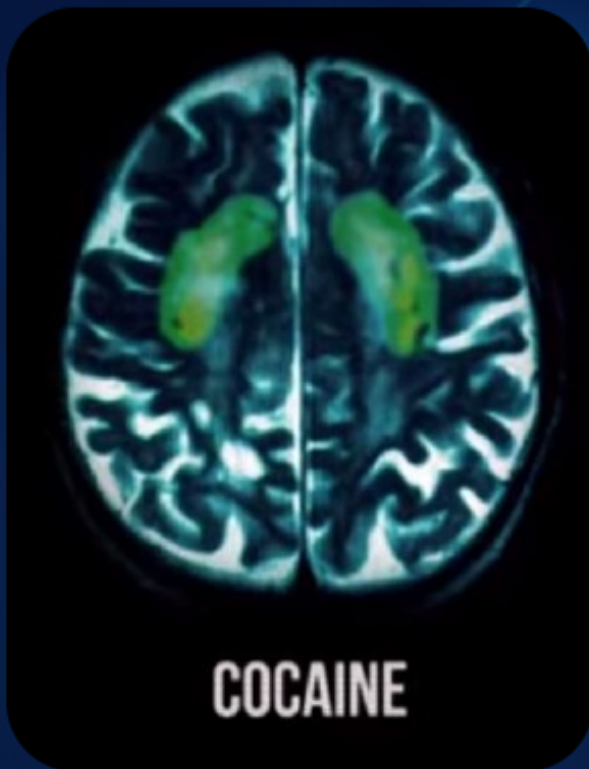
## Historical timeline from Ketosis to Glucosis

CARBOHYDRATE CONSUMPTION TIMELINE

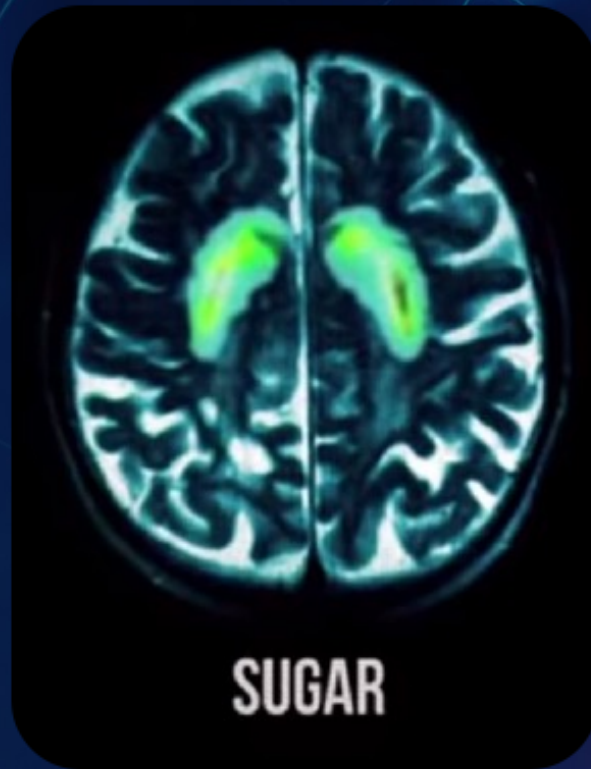




# And how does sugar affect the brain?



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SUGAR





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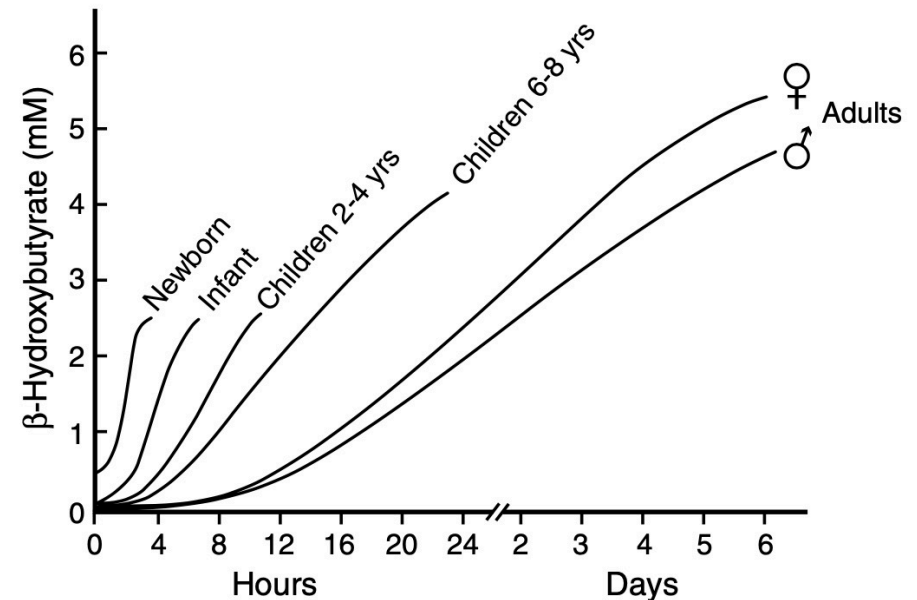
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**Figure 6** Levels of  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyrate in starving subjects of different ages (5, 13, 30, 54, 59, 66). Not shown is the accelerated ketosis in fasting pregnant or lactating women or in any subject with marked renal glucosuria requiring increased gluconeogenesis, e.g., when the renal threshold is surpassed, as in type 1 diabetes (40), or with genetic renal glucosuria or chemical inhibition of tubular reabsorption of glucose (phlorizin administration).



# What can Ketosis do for mental health?







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**28**  
inpatients



**Bipolar disorder**  
n=12



**Major depression**  
n=6



**Schizophrenia**  
n=10

### Ketogenic Diet



**75-80% fat**  
**15-20% protein**  
**5% carbohydrate**



**43%**  
achieved  
clinical  
remission



symptoms  
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**100%**  
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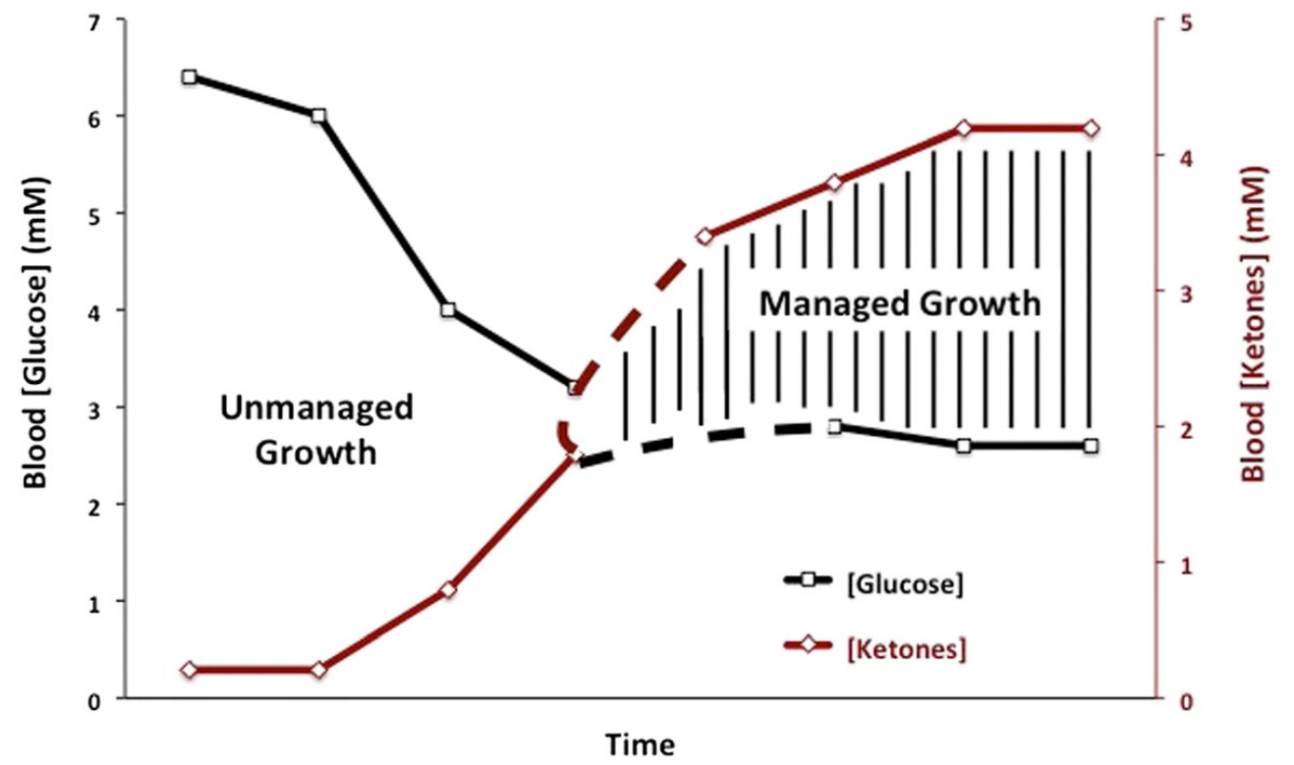
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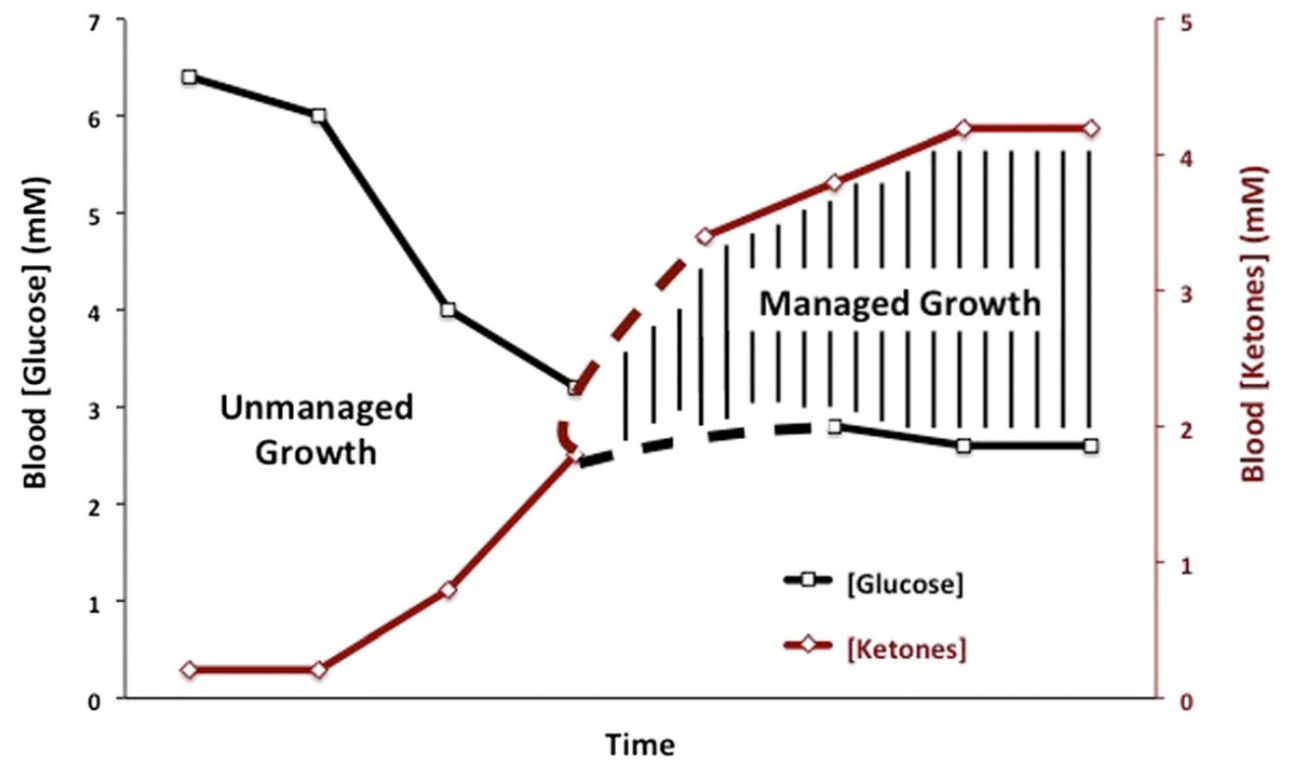
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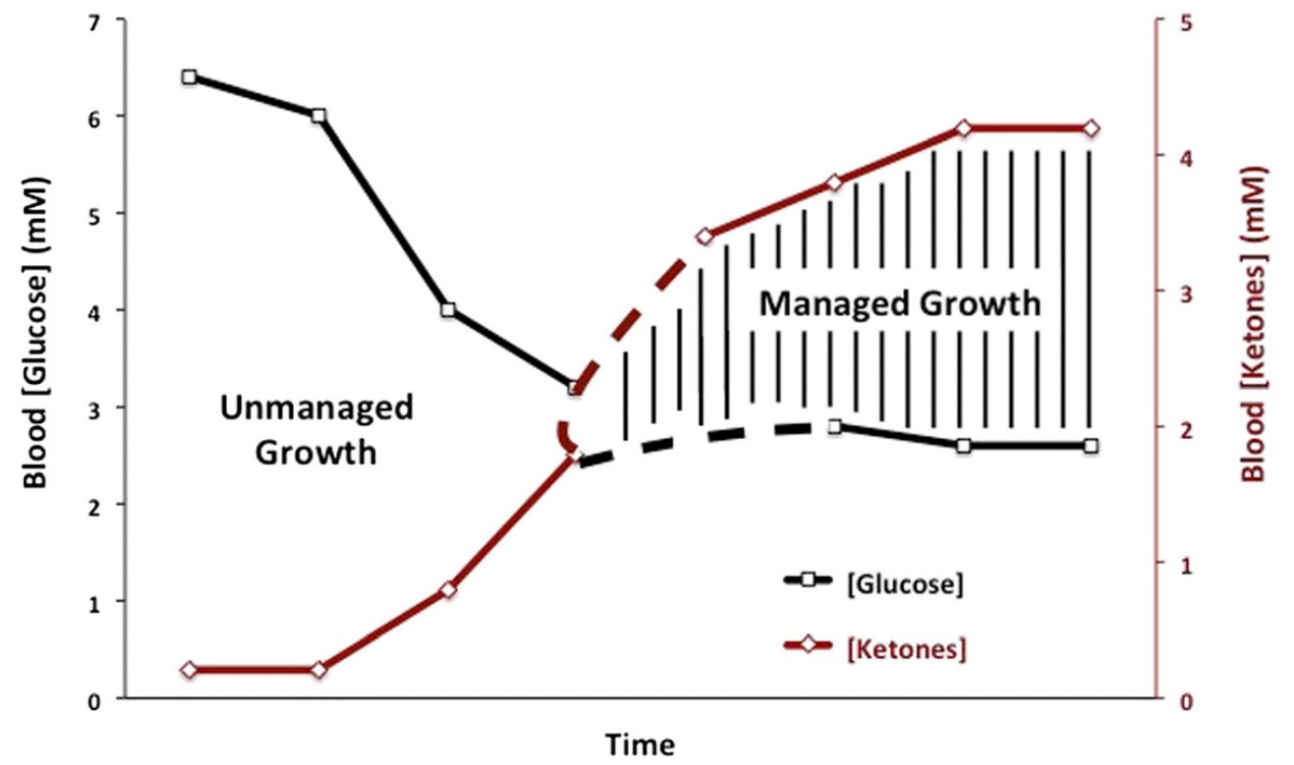
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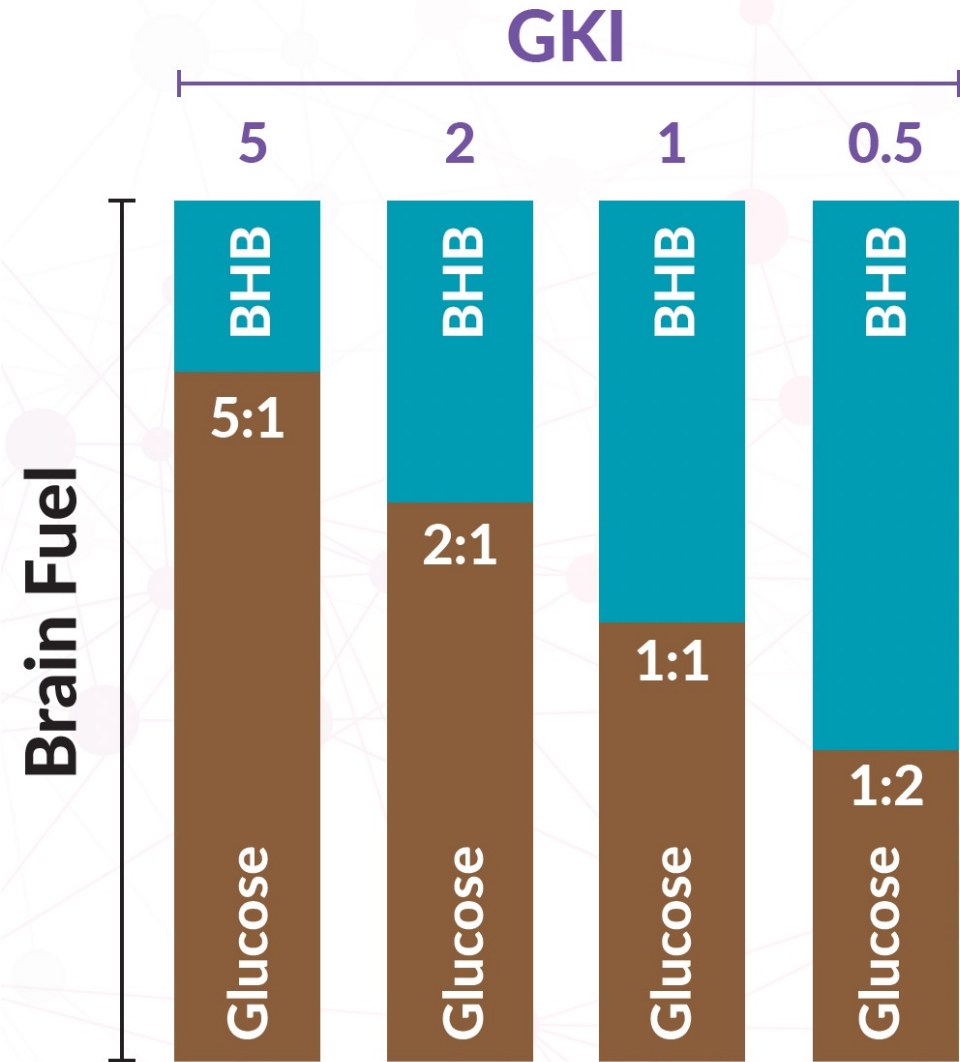
### The glucose ketone index calculator: a simple tool to monitor therapeutic efficacy for metabolic management of brain cancer

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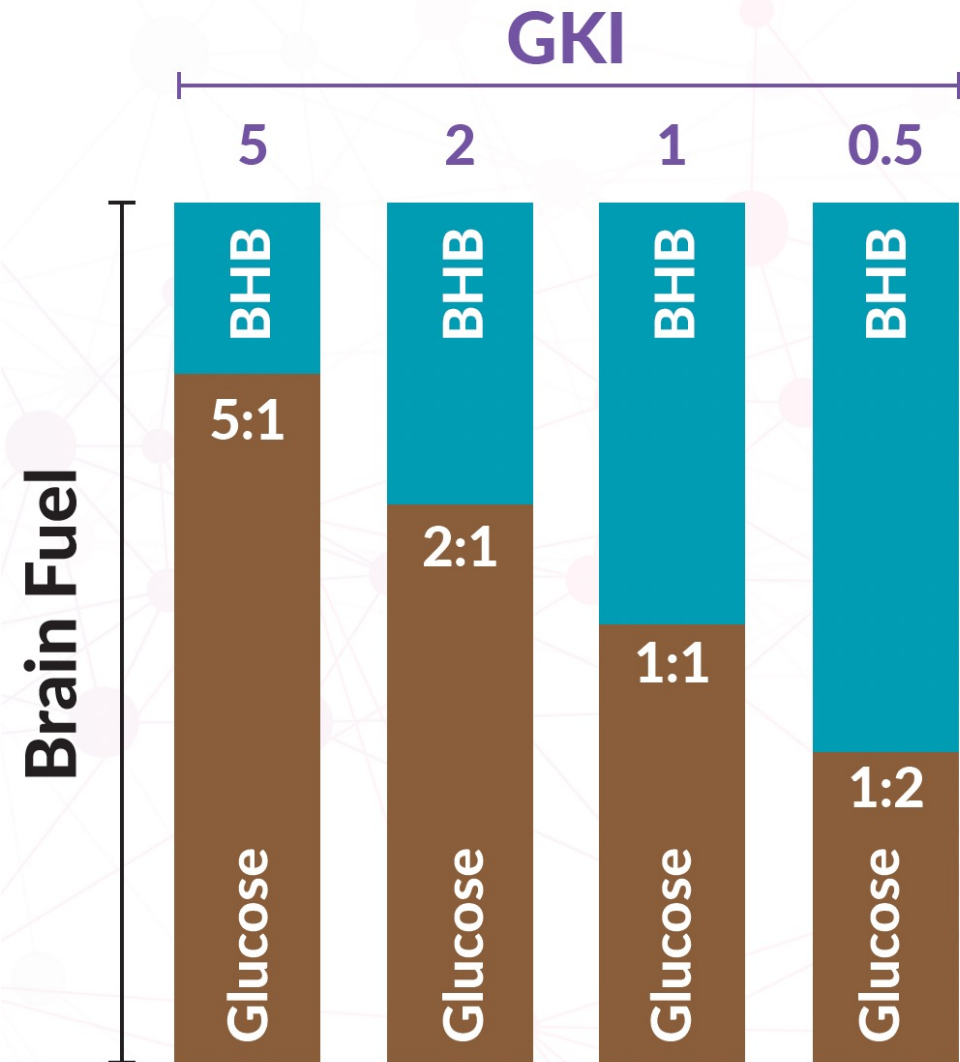




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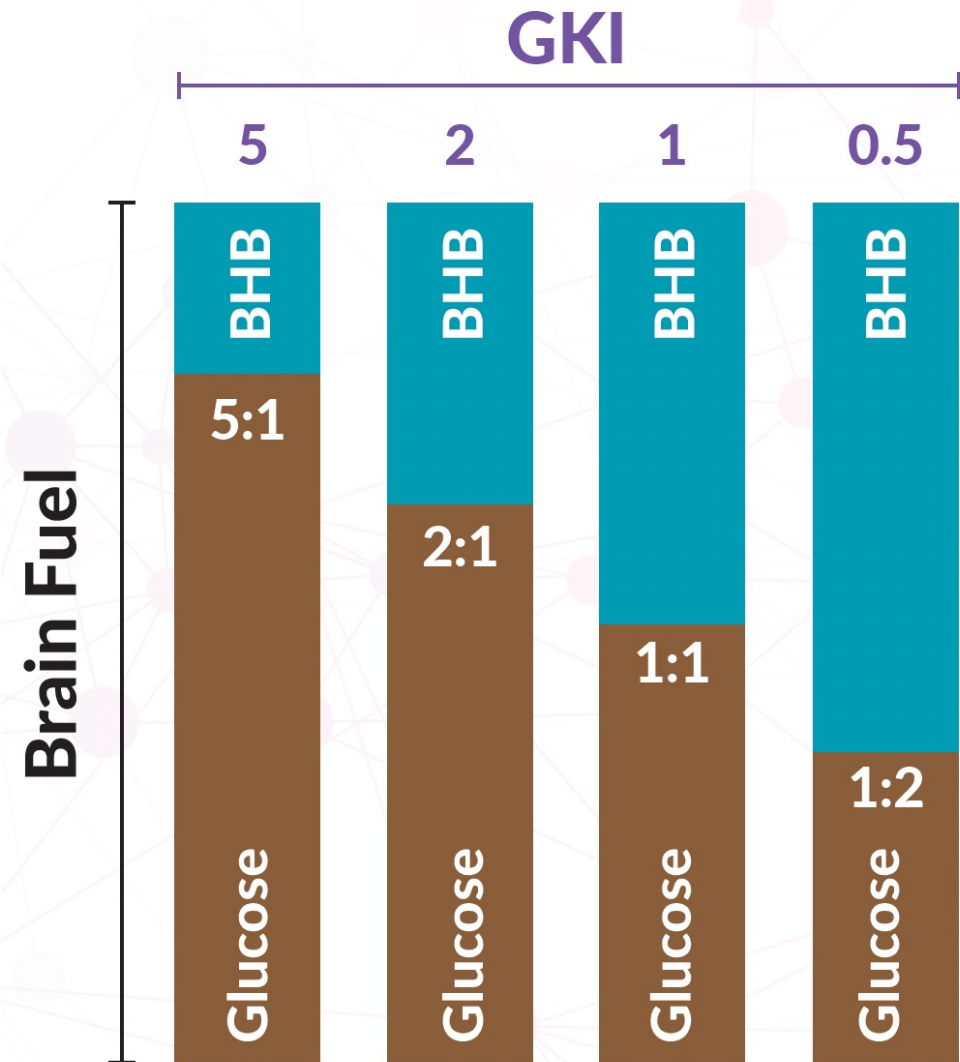


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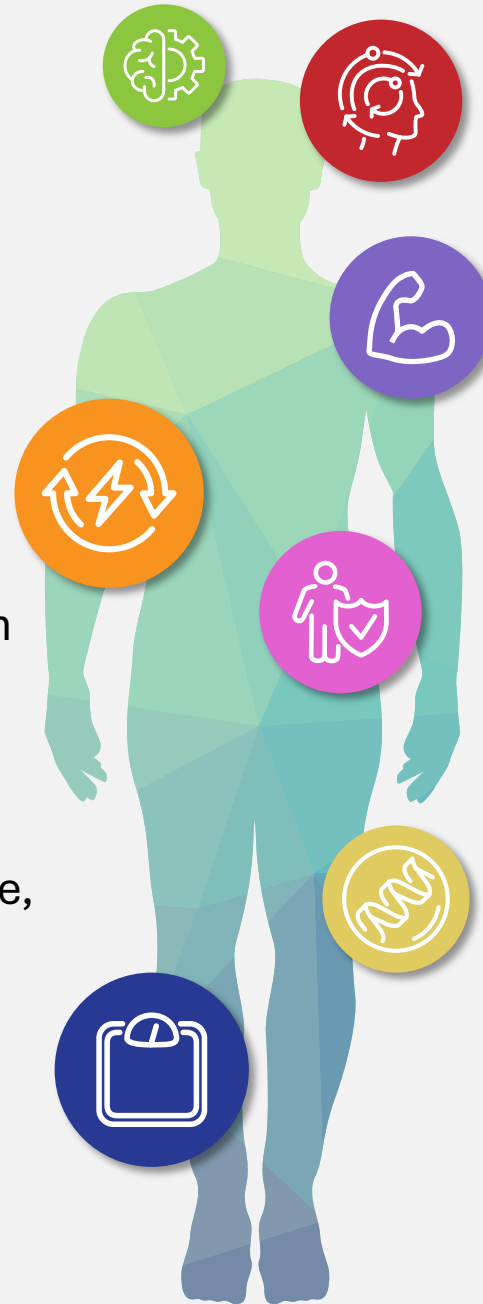
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Current clinical trials are further exploring the potential of ketogenic therapies across a spectrum of neurological disorders.



# Benefits of ketosis

- Fat Weight loss
- Brain (Heart) run at least 25% more efficiently on ketones
- Beneficial effects for cognitive function
- Improved endurance – stamina
- Reduced inflammation
- Decreased risk of cancer, heart disease, and other non communicable disease



- Protection of telomeres and potential reduction of DNA damage
- Decrease in oxidative stress
- Increase antioxidants and scavenge free radicals
- Ketones are powerful modulators of epigenetic gene expression
- Increased ATP functions
- Increased BDNF, brain-derived neurotrophic factor

## Strong evidence ketosis is beneficial for many NCD's

- Type 2 Diabetes
- Type 1 Diabetes
- Mental Health
- Metabolic Syndrome
- Cardiovascular risk
- Epilepsy
- Obesity
- Alzheimer's
- Parkinson's



- Multiple Sclerosis
- Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
- Adjuvant for Cancer
- Polycystic Kidney Disease
- NAFLD
- Autism
- Traumatic Brain Injury
- Migraine headaches



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# Glucosis vs Ketosis

- Ketosis is the evolutionary default nutritional status for humanity.
- Ketosis is the optimal biohack.
- Should you wait until you have a metabolic disease to try it?
- Optimization is better than cure.



## What's in your tank?



# Thank You

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