

# What does science show on the link between beer consumption and type 2 diabetes?

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## Beer and Health

THE 8<sup>TH</sup> EUROPEAN  
BEER AND HEALTH SYMPOSIUM



# Agenda

- How frequent is prediabetes and type 2 diabetes?
- Does alcohol and beer influence the risk of diabetes?
- How does moderate beer intake influence weight?
- How does moderate beer intake affect blood glucose?
- How does beer and alcohol influence CHD in diabetes?



# Pre-diabetes = Metabolic Syndrome (MeS)

20 – 25 % of adults in Western countries have MeS

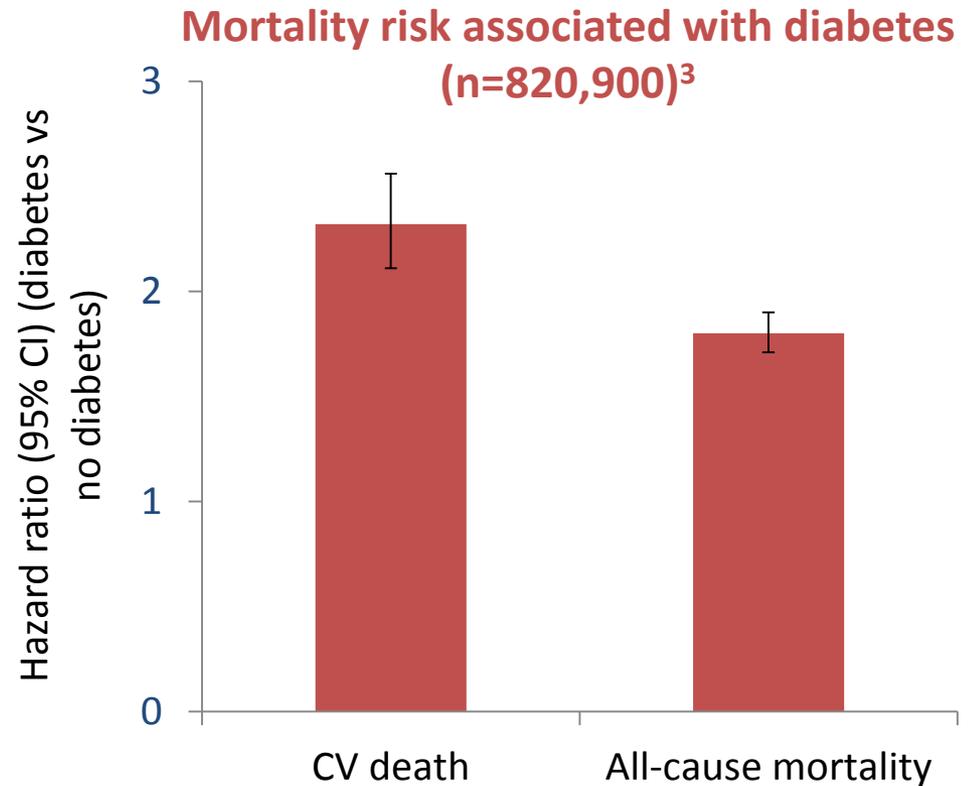
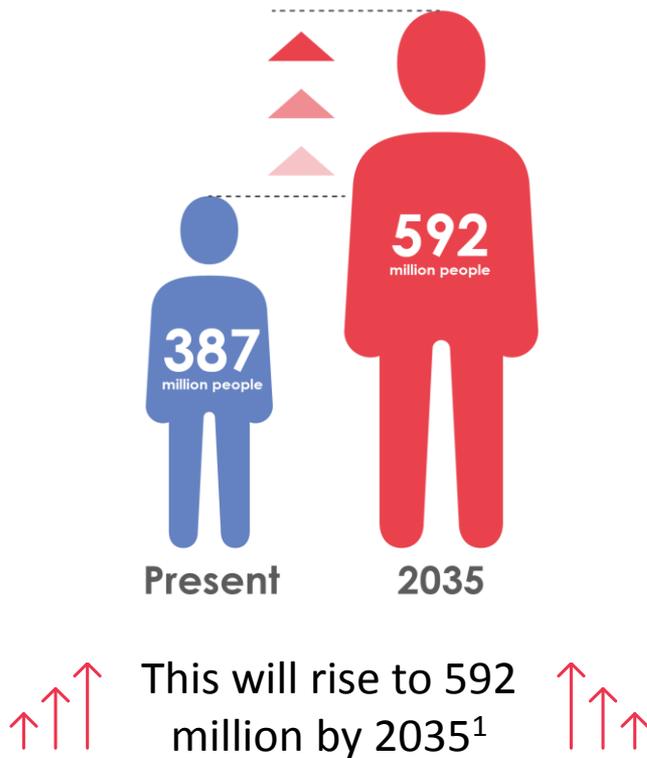
- Apple form (central obesity)
- + (two of the following 4 factors):
- Increased fasting Triglyceride
- Reduced HDL Cholesterol
- Increased blood pressure
- Increased fasting glucose

**MeS increases the risk of CVD X 2  
and T2D X 5**



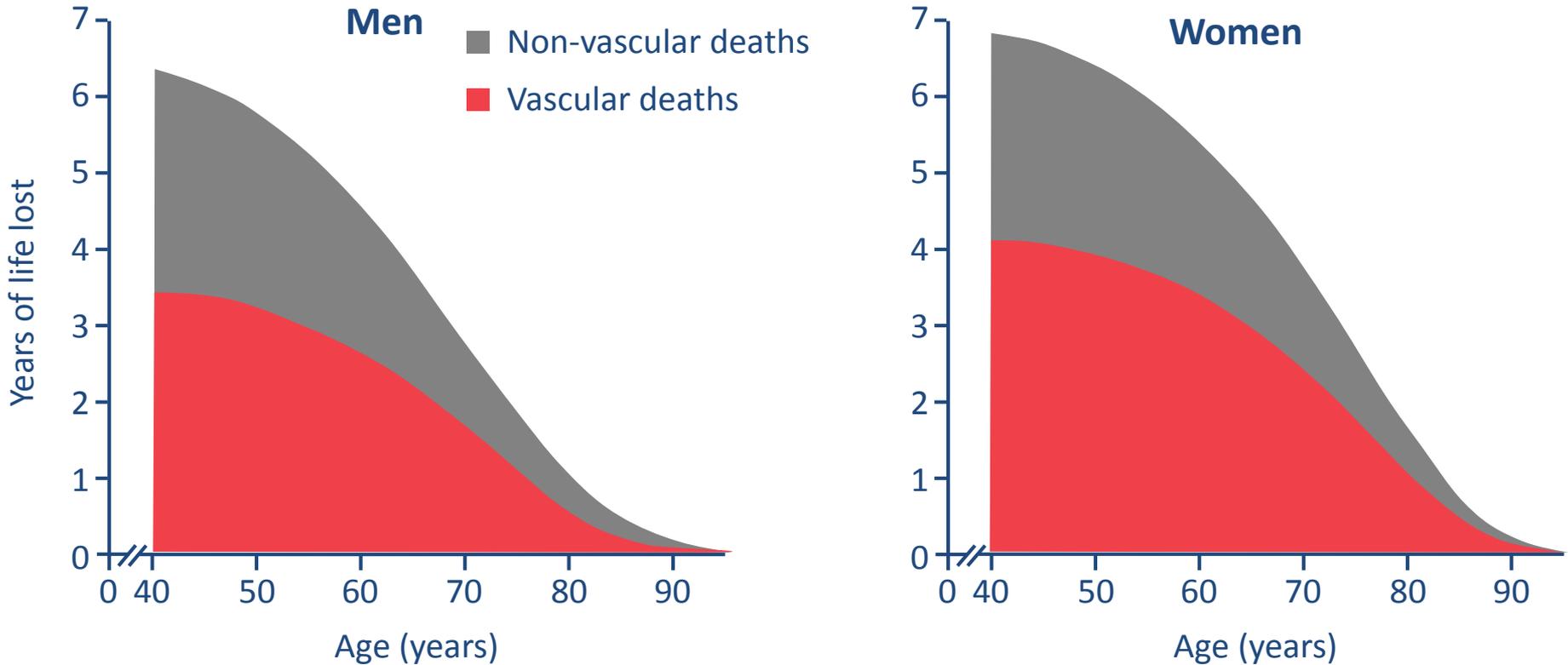
# Type 2 diabetes is increasingly prevalent

- Globally, 387 million people are living with diabetes<sup>1</sup>
- At least 68% of people >65 years with diabetes die of heart disease<sup>2</sup>



1. IDF Diabetes Atlas 6th Edition 2014 <http://www.idf.org/diabetesatlas>; 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2011; 3. Seshasai et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364:829-41

# Diabetes is associated with significant loss of life years



On average, a 50-year-old individual with diabetes and no history of vascular disease will die 6 years earlier compared to someone without diabetes

Seshasai et al. N Engl J Med 2011;364:829-41



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# Light alcohol consumption and risk of diabetes

## Association between alcohol consumption and the risk of incident type 2 diabetes: a systematic review and dose-response meta-analysis<sup>1</sup>

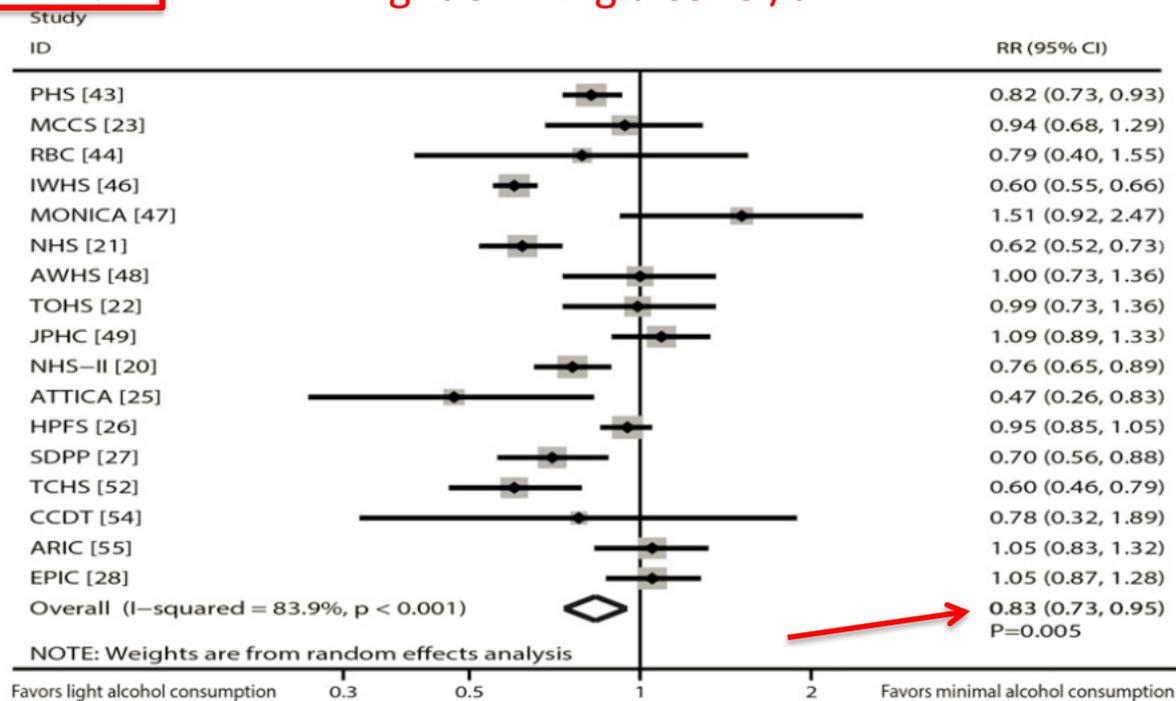
Xiao-Hua Li,<sup>2,5</sup> Fei-fei Yu,<sup>4,5</sup> Yu-Hao Zhou,<sup>3\*</sup> and Jia He<sup>4\*</sup>

*Am J Clin Nutr* 2016;103:818–29.

A. light alcohol consumption

Light 0 – 12 g alcohol/d

706,716 subjects  
39% men and  
61% women  
31,621 T2D cases



RR 17% ↓

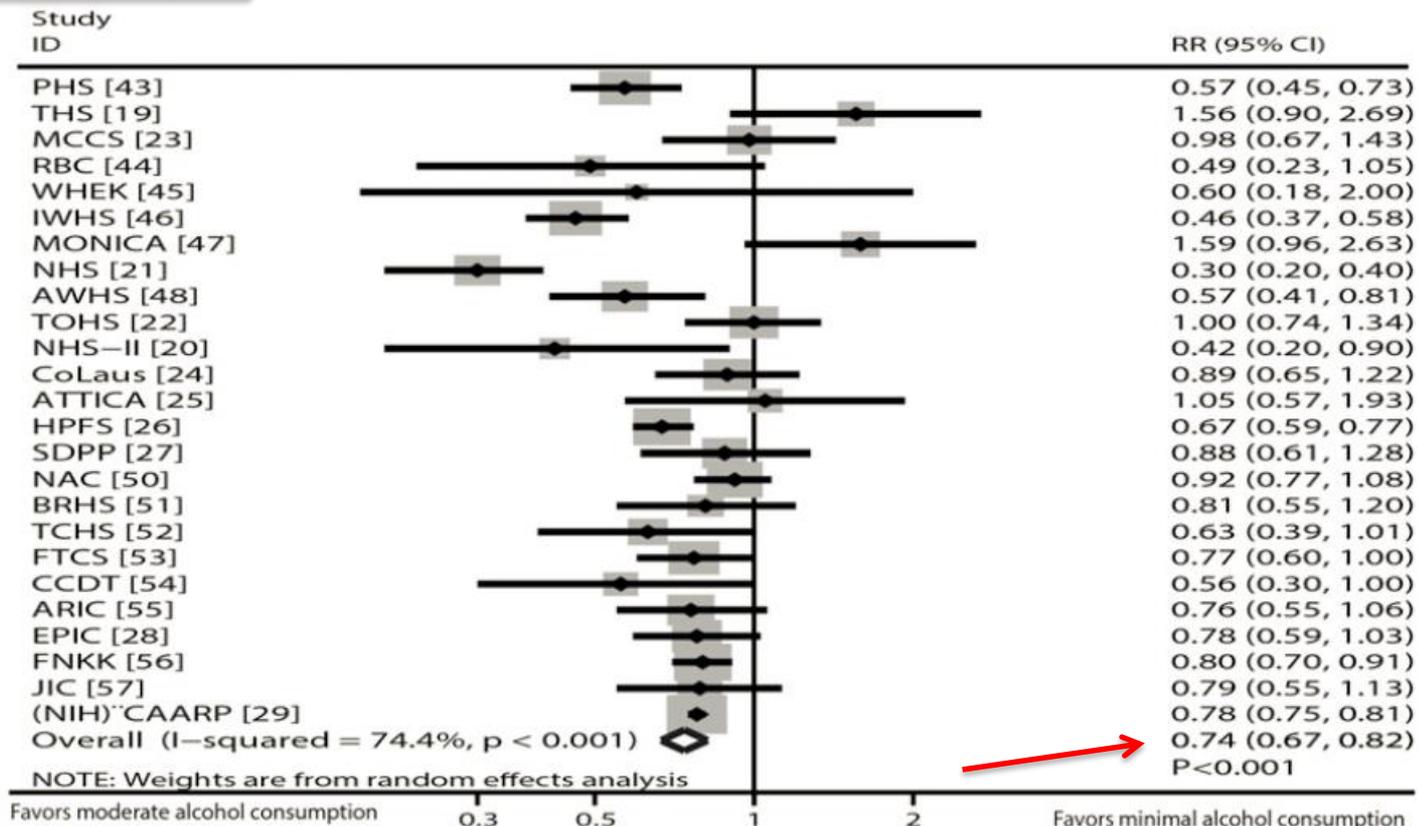
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# Moderate alcohol consumption and risk of diabetes

B. moderate alcohol consumption

Moderate >12 - 24 g alcohol/d



RR 26% ↓

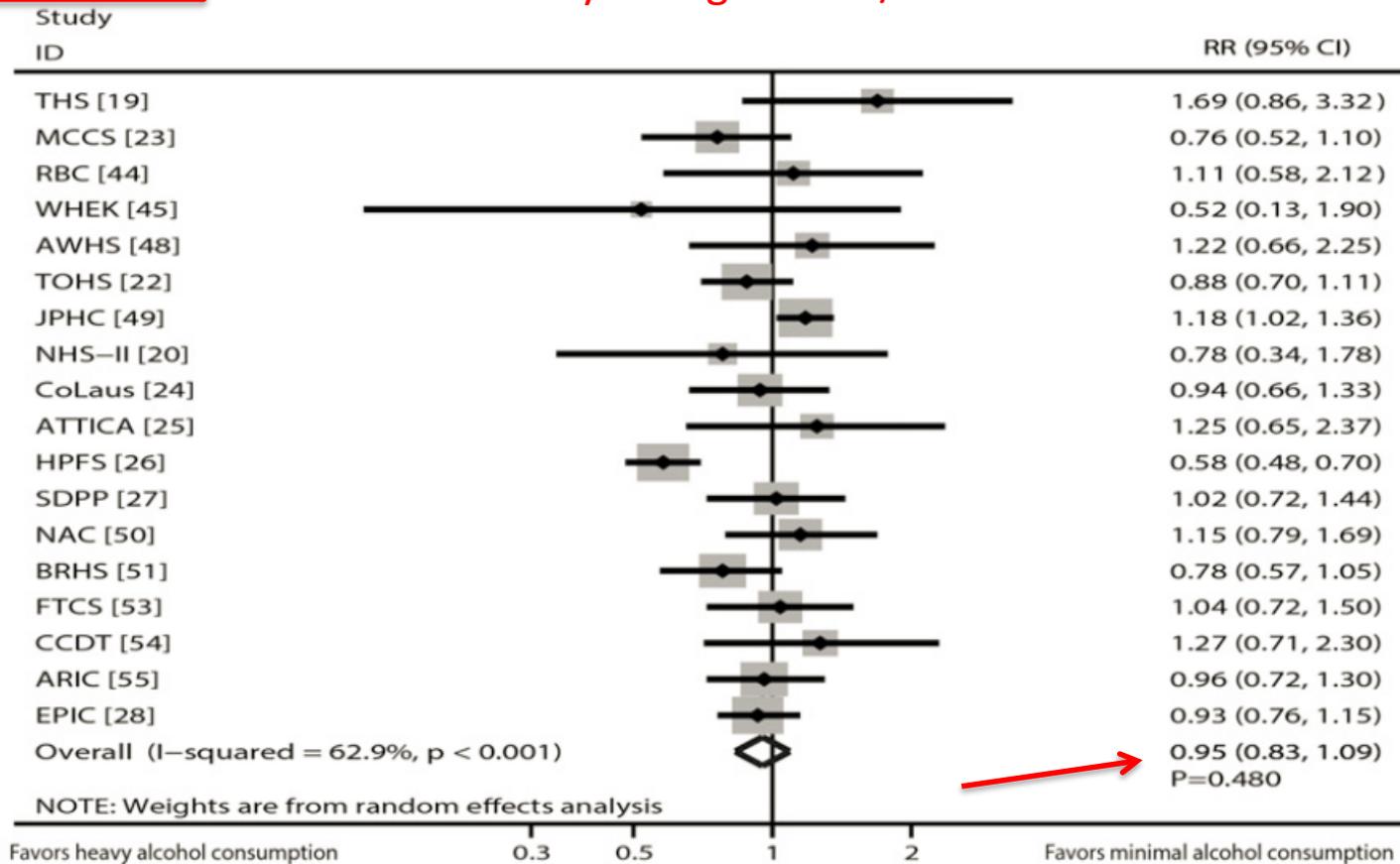
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# Heavy alcohol consumption and risk of diabetes

## C. heavy alcohol consumption

Heavy  $\geq 24$  g alcohol/d



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# Specific types of alcoholic beverage consumption and risk of type 2 diabetes: A systematic review and meta-analysis

Jin Huang<sup>1</sup>, Xiuling Wang<sup>2</sup>, Yadong Zhang<sup>1\*</sup>

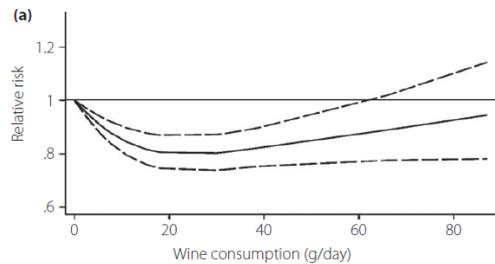
**Results:** A total of 13 prospective studies were included in this meta-analysis, with 397,296 study participants and 20,641 cases of type 2 diabetes.

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J Diabetes Investig. 2017 Jan;8(1):56-68

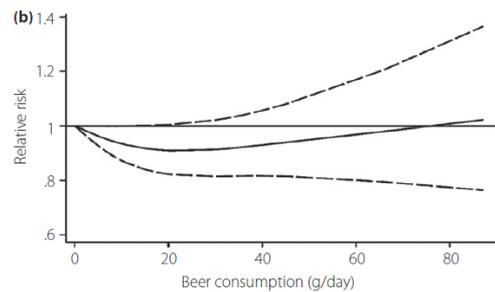


# Types of alcoholic beverages and risk of type 2 diabetes



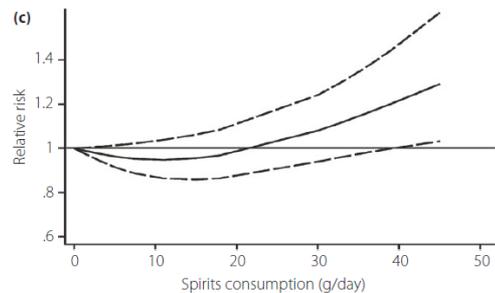
Wine

For wine, the lowest risk of type 2 diabetes was present between the 20–30 g alcohol/day with an average decrease of 15%.



Beer

For beer, the lowest risk of type 2 diabetes was present between the 20–30 g alcohol/day level, with a decrease of 9%. Pooled data led to an average 4% reduction in type 2 diabetes.



Spirits

No significant risk reduction with spirits

**Figure 6** | Dose–response analysis of the association between specific types of alcoholic beverages and type 2 diabetes. (a) The dose–response relationship between wine and type 2 diabetes. (b) The dose–response relationship between beer and type 2 diabetes. (c) The dose–response relationship between spirits and type 2 diabetes.

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# Types of alcoholic beverages and risk of type 2 diabetes

Conclusion

RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Relationships between Diet, Alcohol Preference, and Heart Disease and Type 2 Diabetes among Americans

Michael K. Adjemian<sup>1\*</sup>, Richard J. Volpe<sup>2</sup>, Jennifer Adjemian<sup>3,4</sup>

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High Cholesterol	36.1	37.6***	34.3*	36.6*	35.6
High Blood Pressure	33.4	33.8	31.1***	34.8	34
Heart Disease <sup>b</sup>	9.8	9.8*	9.1***	9.9	10.4
Type 2 Diabetes	10.8	9.7***	10.1***	10.4***	13
Smoker	25	21	33***	31***	20



# Conclusion

- Light and moderate alcohol consumption was associated with a lower risk of type 2 diabetes, whereas heavy alcohol consumption was not related to such a risk.  
Li X-H et al Am J Clin Nutr 2016;103:818-29
- For beer, the lowest risk of type 2 diabetes was present between the 20–30 g/day level, with a decrease in type 2 diabetes of about 9%.  
Huang J et al J Diabetes Investig. 2017 Jan;8(1):56-68
- Many types of alcohol-related purchases were associated with a lower prevalence of type 2 diabetes. Those who purchased the greatest volume of beer were 40% less likely to being diagnosed with type 2 diabetes than non-drinkers.  
Adjemian MK et al PLoS One. 2015 May 11;10(5):e0124351





Three things to fear  
in type 2 diabetes:  
**weight gain** and...



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- How does moderate beer intake influence body weight?

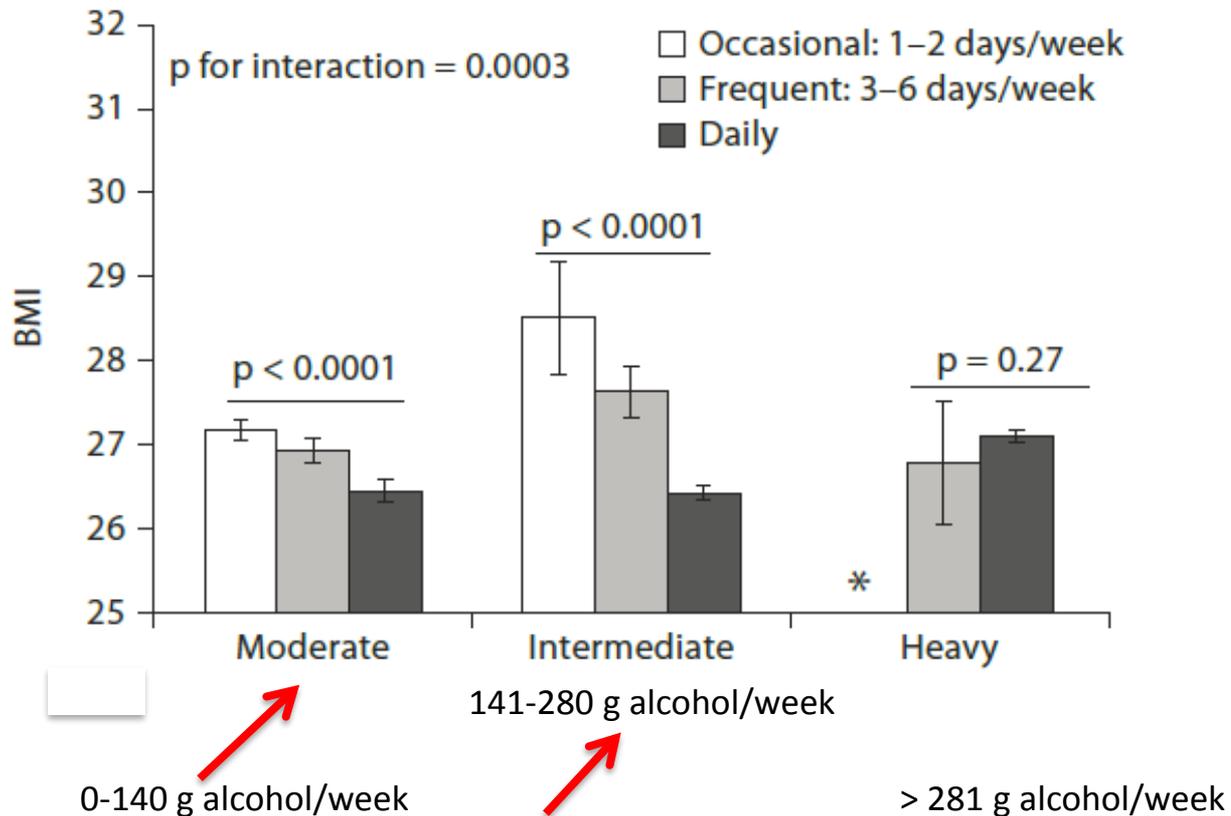
Weight gain a feared complication in type 2 diabetic subjects



# Alcohol Consumption Patterns and Body Weight

Dumesnil C et al. Ann Nutr Metab 2013;62:91-97

N = 7,855 men  
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France



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Cross-sectional study in 7,855 men (50 – 59 yrs). 75 % were daily consumers.

**Table 3.** Mean adjusted BMI and waist circumference by beverage intake and frequency of consumption

		Frequency of alcohol consumption			p interaction	p for frequency
		occasional 1–2 days/week	frequent 3–6 days/week	daily 7 days/week		
<b>BMI</b>						
Wine, g/week	<30	27.5 ± 0.3	27.0 ± 1.2	26.3 ± 2.5	0.0465	0.3256
	30–100	27.7 ± 0.3	27.0 ± 0.3	26.7 ± 0.3		<0.0001
	>100	28.7 ± 1.1	27.7 ± 0.5	27.2 ± 0.2		<0.0001
Beer, g/week	<30	27.1 ± 0.2	27.2 ± 0.5	26.1 ± 2.0	0.0183	0.5675
	30–100	27.6 ± 0.4	27.4 ± 0.3	26.9 ± 0.4		0.0105
	>100	29.0 ± 1.6	27.7 ± 0.6	27.1 ± 0.2		0.0006
<b>Waist circumference</b>						
Wine, g/week	<30	98.3 ± 0.8	98.4 ± 3.3	95.9 ± 7.0	0.0052	0.714
	30–100	99.5 ± 0.9	97.3 ± 1.0	96.0 ± 0.9		<0.0001
	>100	101.2 ± 3.1	99.5 ± 1.3	98.0 ± 0.5		<0.0001
Beer, g/week	<30	97.5 ± 0.7	98.1 ± 1.5	97.5 ± 5.6	0.1066	0.0589
	30–100	98.8 ± 1.2	98 ± 0.8	97.4 ± 1		
	>100	103.6 ± 4.6	99.2 ± 1.7	98.2 ± 0.7		

Conclusion: For a given alcohol intake, the frequency of beer drinking was inversely related to BMI and waist circumference.

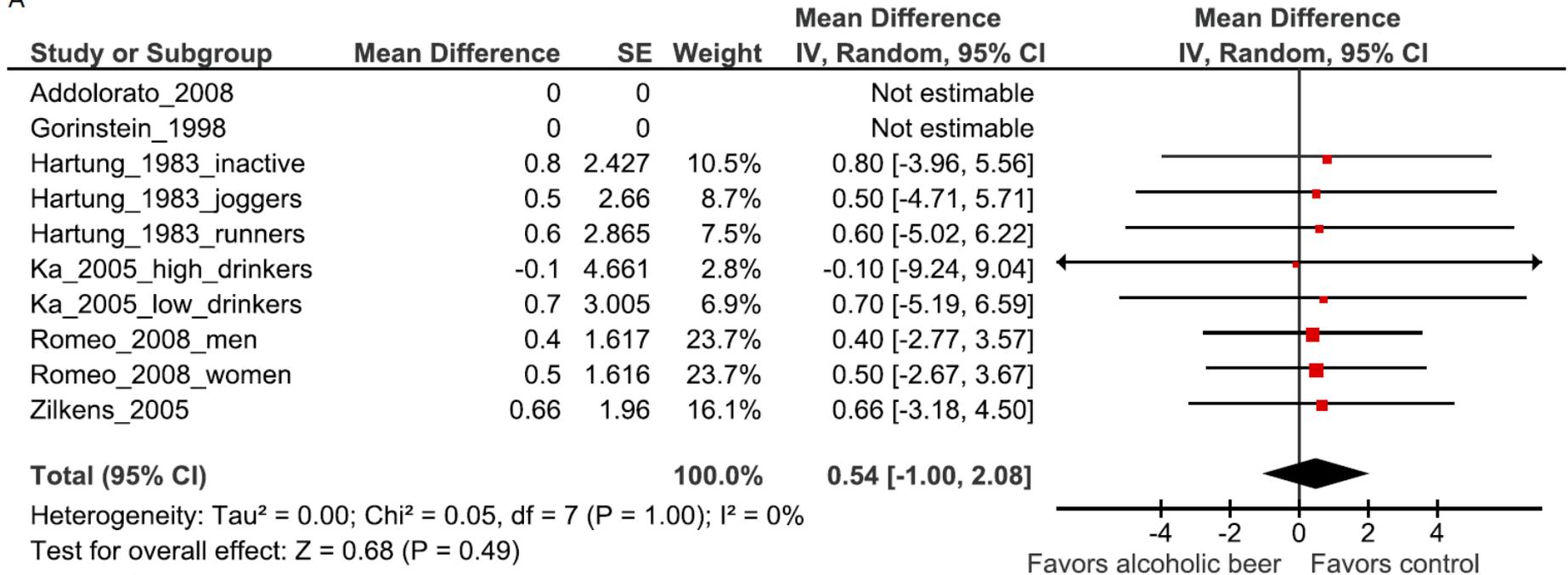


## Is beer consumption related to measures of abdominal and general obesity? A systematic review and meta-analysis

Nathalie T Bendsen, Robin Christensen, Else M Bartels, Frans J Kok, Aafje Sierksma, Anne Raben, and Arne Astrup

Nutrition Reviews 2013;71:67-87

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**Effects of beer consumption versus no alcohol intake on body weight in experimental studies.** Each square represents the individual study's mean difference, with the 95% confidence interval (95% CI) indicated by horizontal lines; square sizes are directly proportional to the precision of the estimate. "Favors control" refers to a lower body weight after no alcohol intake compared with intake of alcoholic beer.



# Beer, alcohol and weight

## Intake pattern of beer and alcohol and weight

For a given total alcohol intake the number of beer drinking episodes was inversely correlated with body mass index ( $p < 0.0001$ ) and waist circumference ( $p < 0.0001$ ). The more frequent drinking the less weight gain and the lower waist circumference. Drinking pattern is a risk indicator for obesity and should be taken into account in obesity prevention.

Dumesnil C et al. Alcohol consumption patterns and body weight  
Ann Nutr Metab. 2013;62(2):91-7

## Alcohol, beer and weight

The overall results do not conclusively confirm a positive association between alcohol consumption and weight gain. In general, most recent prospective studies show that light-to-moderate alcohol intake is not associated with weight gain while heavy drinking is more consistently related to weight gain. There is inadequate evidence to assess whether moderate beer intake ( $> 500$  ml/d) is associated with general or abdominal obesity. The precise effect of beer and alcohol on body weight remains to be determined.

Sayon-Orea C et al. Alcohol consumption and body weight: a systematic review. Nutr Rev. 2011 Aug;69(8):419-31.

Bendsen NT et al Is beer consumption related to Abdominal and general obesity? A systematic review and meta-analysis. Nutr Rev 2013;71:67-87

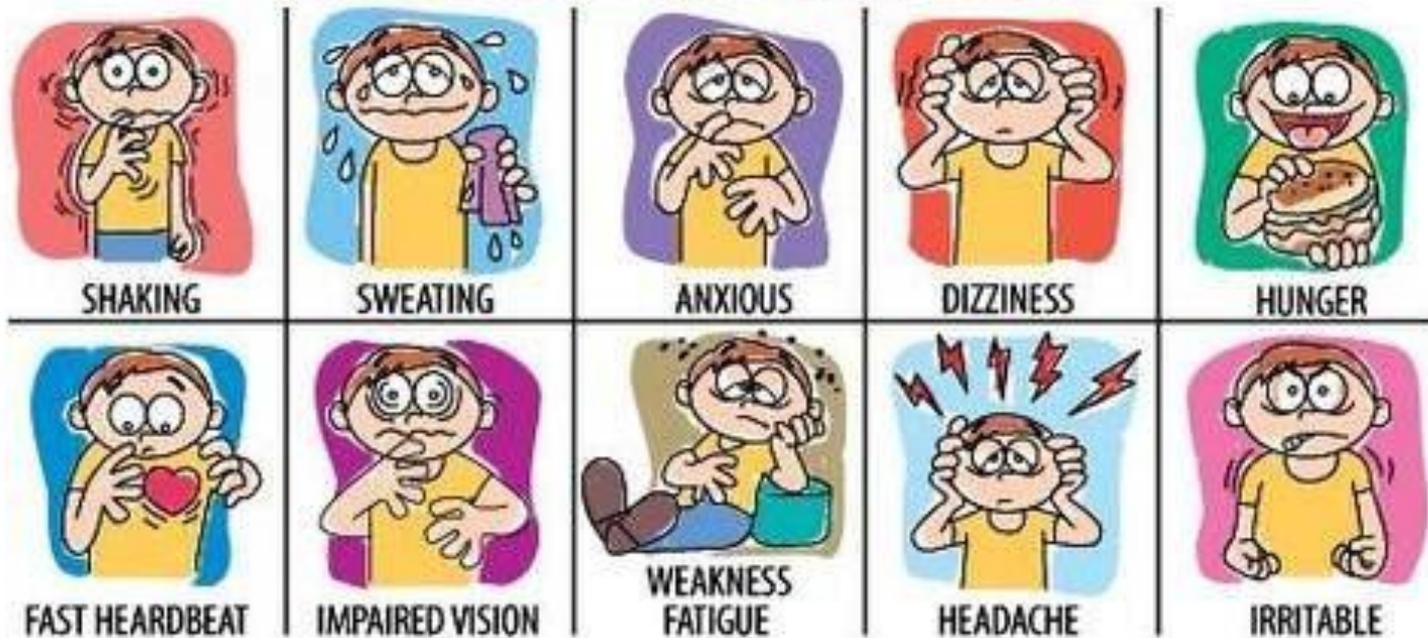
Traversy G. Alcohol Consumption and Obesity: An Update. Curr Obes Rep. 2015 Mar;4(1):122-30.



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Weight gain and **low blood sugar** and...

## Low Blood Sugar Symptoms



N = 10 subjects with type 2 diabetes (2 diet, 5 SU, 2 Met, 1 SU+Met)



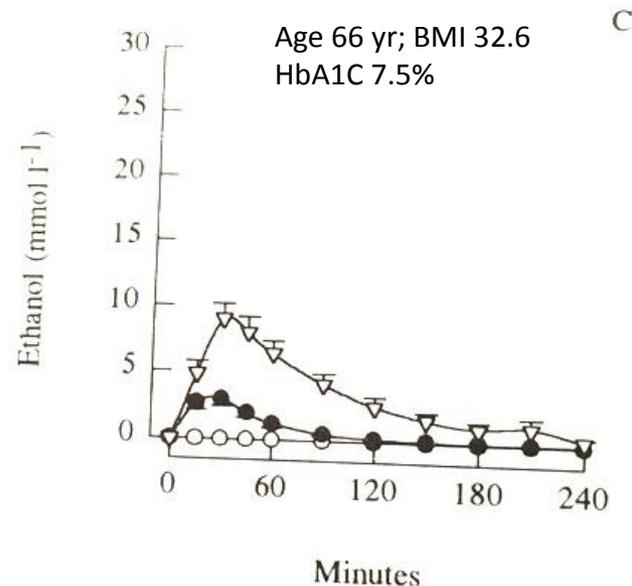
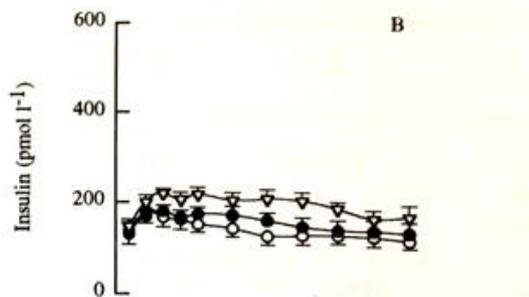
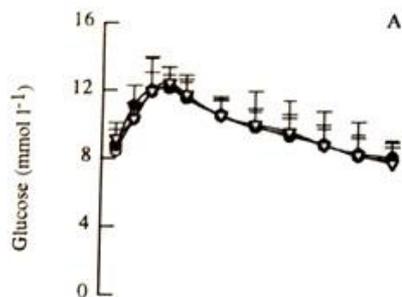
500 ml beer with 5.4% alcohol



500 ml beer with 2.7% alcohol



500 ml beer with 0% alcohol

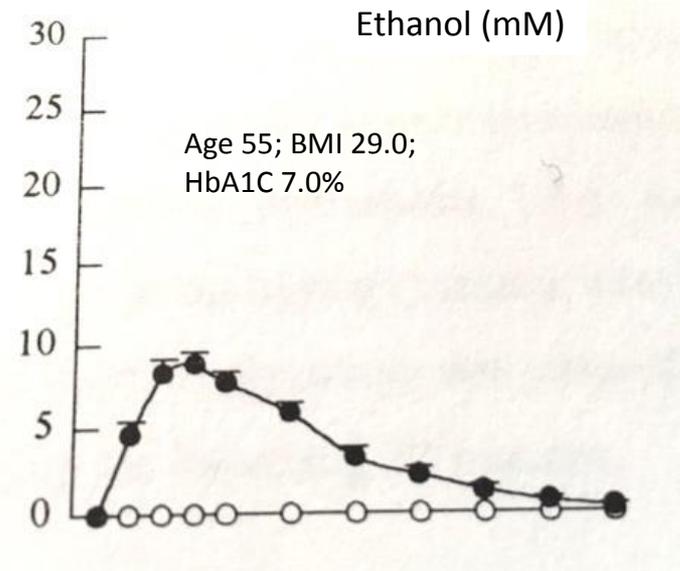
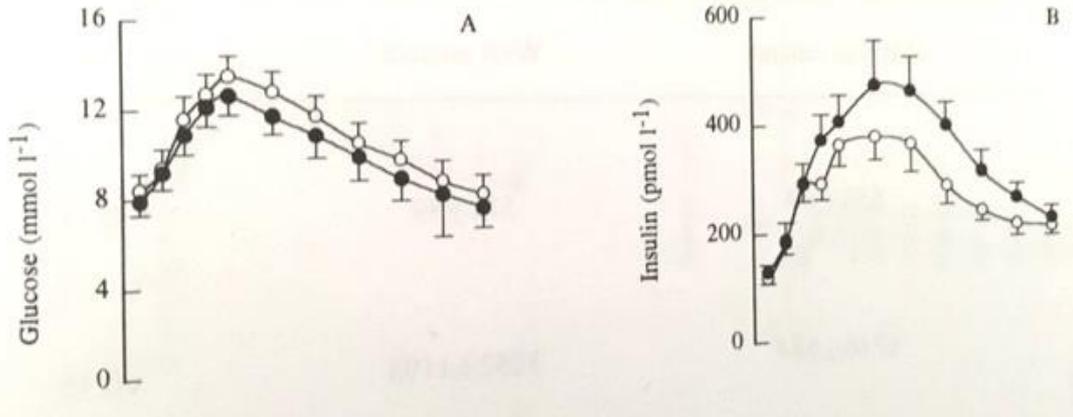


Intake of small amounts of beer with alcohol does not acutely deteriorate the glycaemic control in type 2 diabetes.

Beer with alcohol results in a dose-related elevation in insulin levels with unaltered blood glucose

N = 10 subjects with type 2 diabetes (3 diet; 3 SU; 1 Met; 3 SU+Met)

- 500 ml beer with 5.4% alcohol taken with a light meal (1900 KJ)
- 500 ml beer with 0 % alcohol taken with a light meal (1900 KJ)



A moderate amount of beer with alcohol can be taken with a meal without eliciting hypoglycaemia in type 2 diabetic subjects.

# Alcohol intake and blood glucose in diabetes

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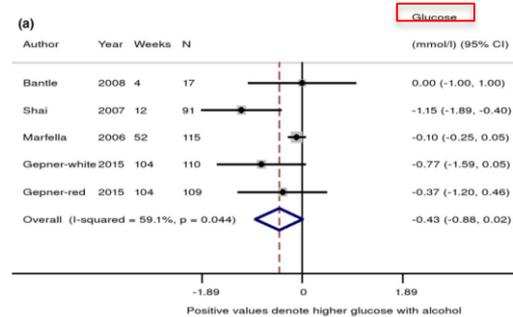
## Systematic Review or Meta-analysis

### Short- and medium-term effects of light to moderate alcohol intake on glycaemic control in diabetes mellitus: a systematic review and meta-analysis of randomized trials

J. A. Hirst<sup>1</sup>, J. K. Aronson<sup>1</sup>, B. G. Feakins<sup>1,2</sup>, C. Ma<sup>3</sup>, A. J. Farmer<sup>1</sup> and R. J. Stevens<sup>1</sup>

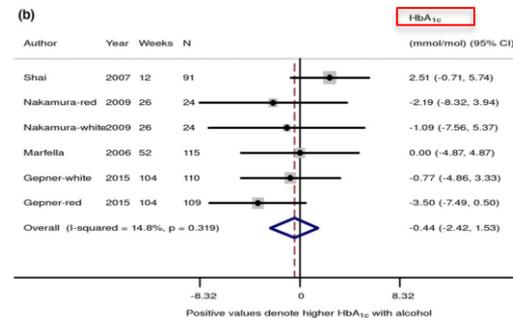
<sup>1</sup>Nuffield Department of Primary Care Health Sciences, <sup>2</sup>National Institute for Health Research, School for Primary Care Research, and <sup>3</sup>Department of Biomedical Sciences, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK

Pooled data showed no difference in blood glucose or HbA1c at the end of the study between those who drank 11-18 g alcohol/day (median 13 g/day) for 4-104 weeks and those who did not.



B-glucose

Positive values denotes higher glucose with alcohol



HbA1C



## Conclusions

- Studies to date have not provided evidence that drinking light to moderate amounts of alcohol, with or without a meal, affects any measure of glycaemic control in people with Type 2 diabetes.

Christiansen C et al Eur J Clin Nutr. 1993 Sep;47(9):648-52.

Christiansen C et al Br J Nutr. 1994 Mar;71(3):449-54

Hirst JA et al Diabet Med. 2016 Sep 2. doi: 10.1111/dme.13259.

- These results suggest that current advice – “that people with diabetes do not need to refrain from drinking moderate quantities of alcohol/wine/beer” - does not need to be changed; risks to those with type 1 diabetes remain uncertain.

*Alcohol recommendations:* Moderate use of alcohol (up to 10 g/day for women and 20 g/day for men) is acceptable for those with diabetes who choose to drink alcohol.

Mann JJ, De Leeuw I, Hermansen K et al Nutr Metab Cardiovasc Dis. 2004 Dec;14(6):373-94.



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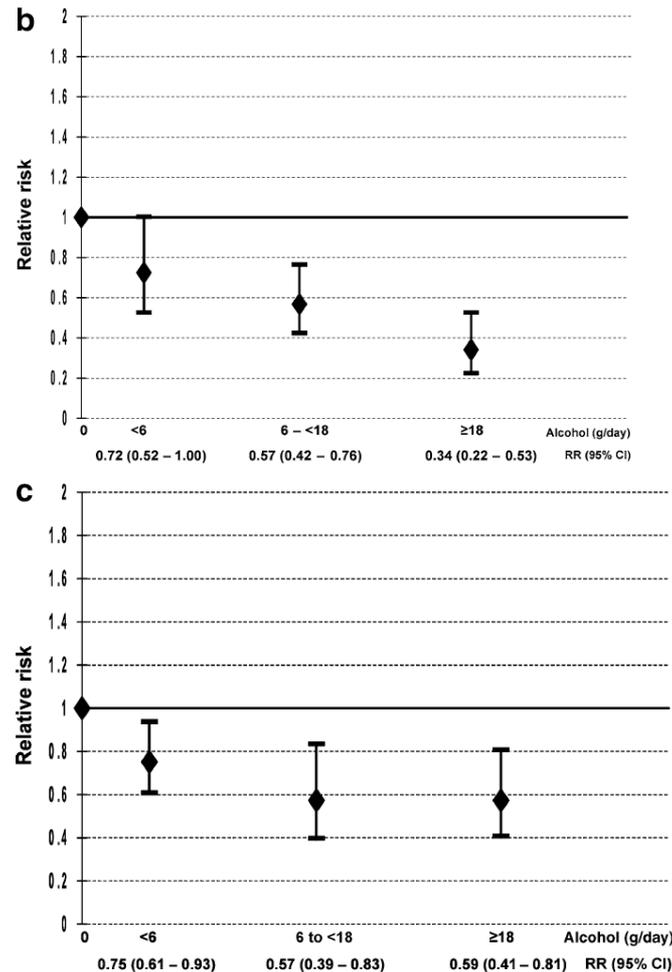
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# Meta-analysis of the relationship between alcohol consumption and coronary heart disease and mortality in type 2 diabetic patients

Koppes LLJ et al Diabetologia 2006;49:648-652



Coronary Heart Disease Mortality

Incident Coronary Heart Disease

**Fig. 1** Pooled relative risk estimates with corresponding 95% CIs of total mortality (a), CHD mortality (b) and incident CHD (c) for the three alcohol consumption categories with non-consumers as the reference category

# How does alcoholic beverages influence on CHD in diabetes?

L. L. J. Koppes · J. M. Dekker · H. F. J. Hendriks ·  
L. M. Bouter · R. J. Heine

## **Meta-analysis of the relationship between alcohol consumption and coronary heart disease and mortality in type 2 diabetic patients** *Diabetologia* (2006) 49: 648–652

- In type 2 diabetic patients moderate consumption of alcohol is associated with a lower risk of incident CHD
- In type 2 diabetic patients moderate consumption of alcohol is associated with a lower risk of CHD mortality





## Conclusions:

REVIEW

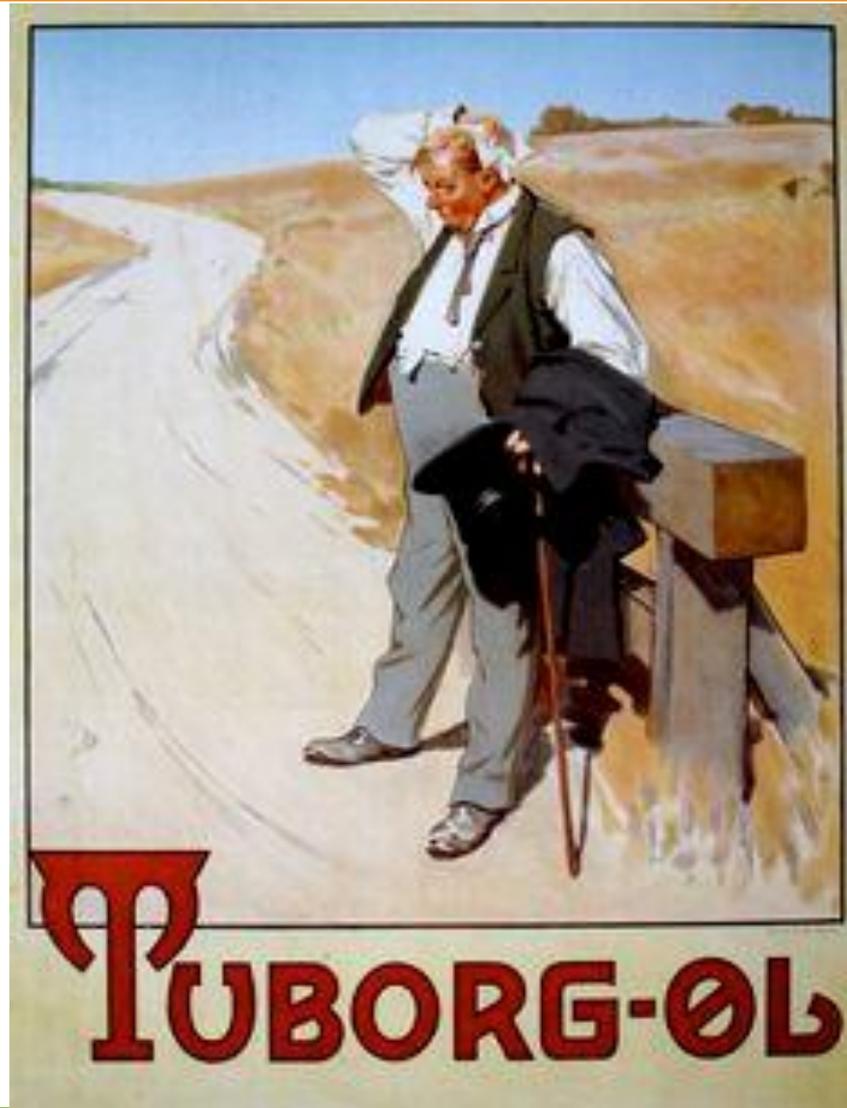
### Alcohol and type 2 diabetes. A review

A. Pietraszek\*, S. Gregersen, K. Hermansen

- Light and moderate alcohol and beer consumption reduce the incidence of type 2 diabetes.
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- Long-term moderate alcohol use is associated with increased adiponectin levels, increased insulin sensitivity, reduced fasting insulin plus anti-inflammatory effects and reduced risk of heart diseases.
- Moderate use of alcohol and beer is acceptable for those with diabetes.
- There is a need for more investigations e.g. on metabolic effects of beer as part of the diet in healthy and type 2 diabetic subjects on the newer antidiabetic agents (DPP-4 i, GLP-1RA, SGLT-2i).



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