

Nutrition & Cancer

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1981

75-80% of
US cancers
are
avoidable

Doll R, et al. JNCI. 1981;66:1191-308.

2013

5-10% are
inherited

ACS Website. Accessed July 23rd, 2013

Causes of Cancer (1981)

Factor	Percent of all cancer deaths	
	Best estimate	Range of acceptable estimates
Tobacco		
Diet		
Alcohol		
Infection		
Reproductive Factors		
Pollution, Additives, Medicines/imaging, Occupation, Geophysical factors		

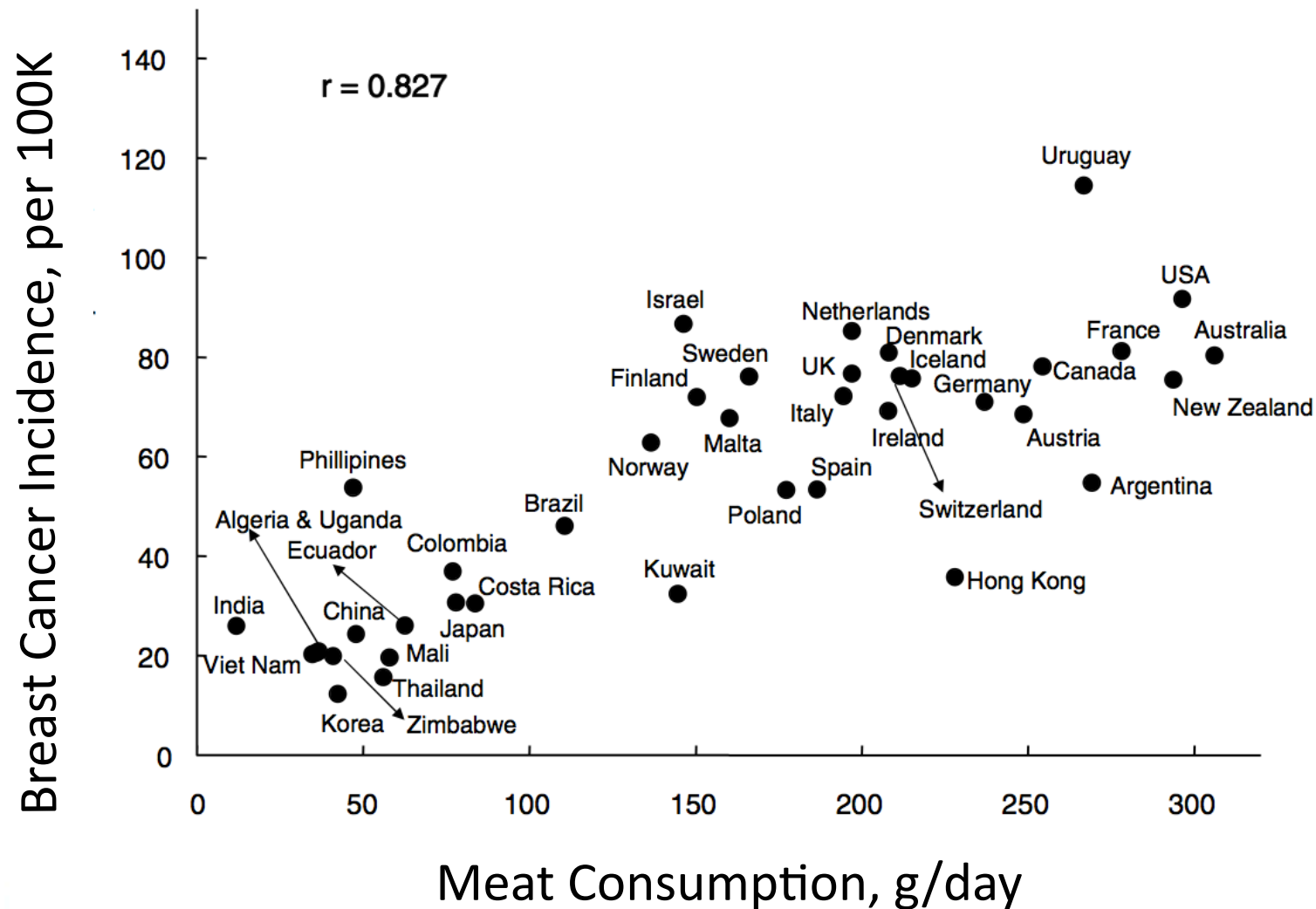
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Background and Justification

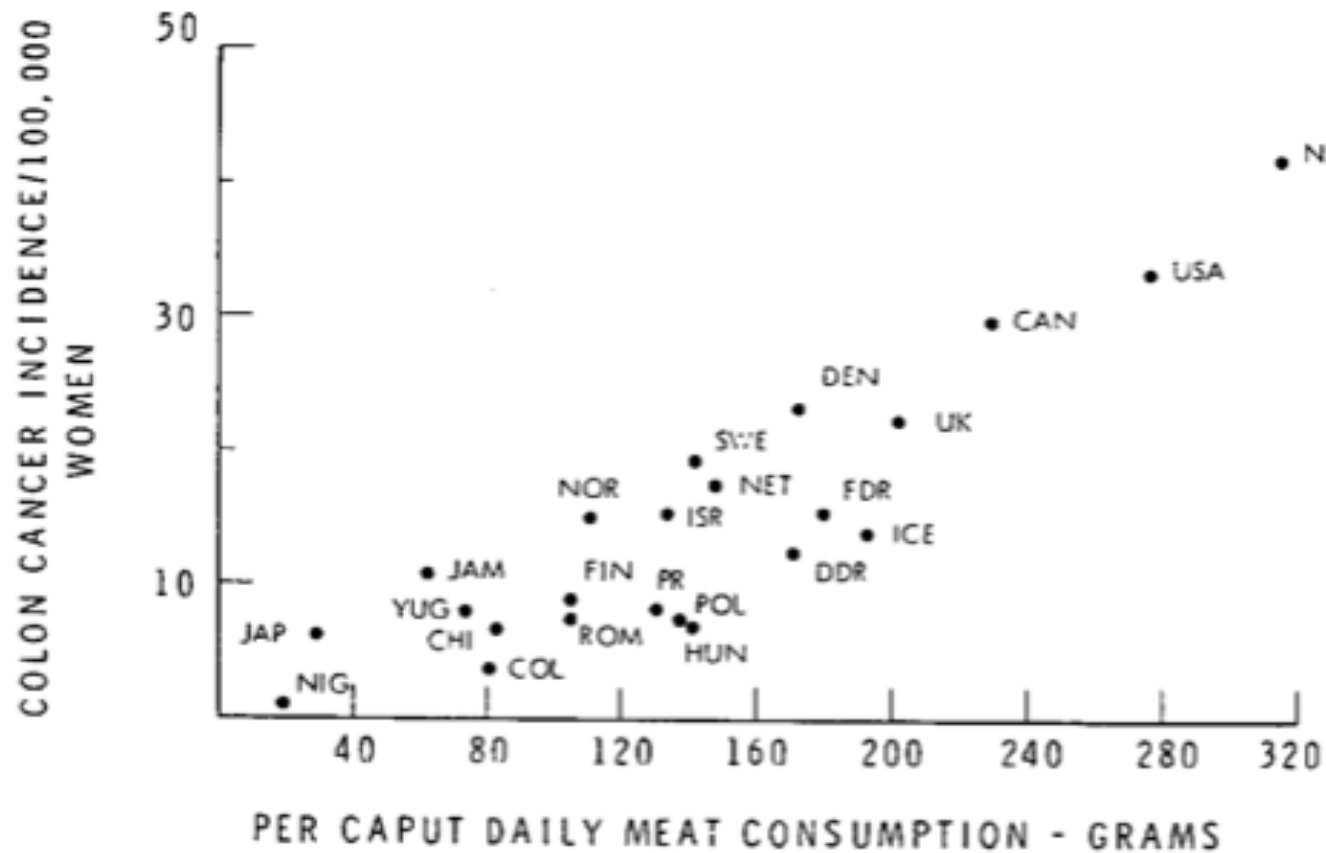
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- Mechanistic Research
- Intervention Research

Breast Cancer (1993-1997) and Meat Intake (1961-97)



Colon Cancer (1964-5) and Meat Intake (1963-65)

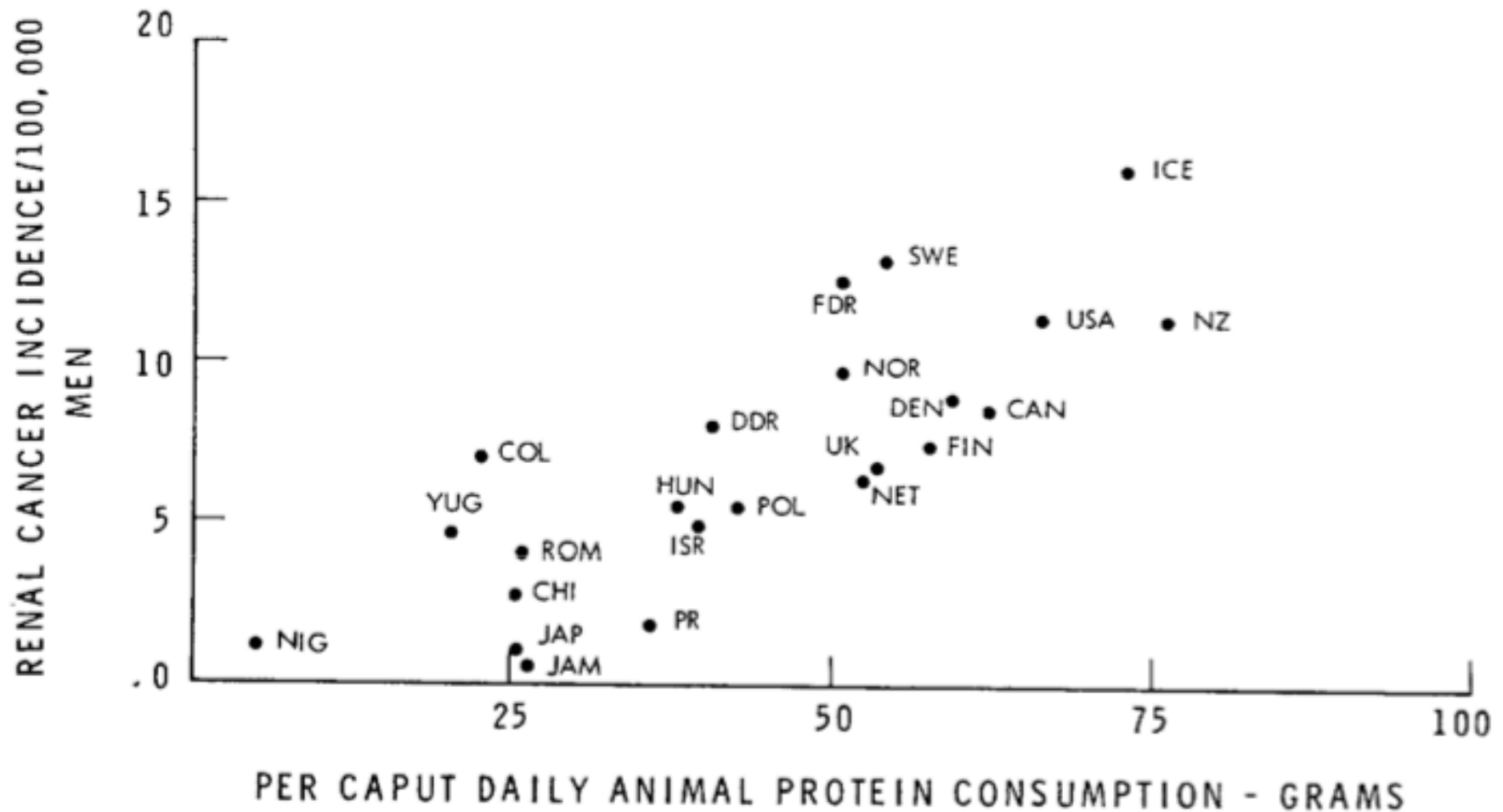
35-64 year old women, age-standardized



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Kidney Cancer (1964-5) and Animal Protein Intake (1963-65)

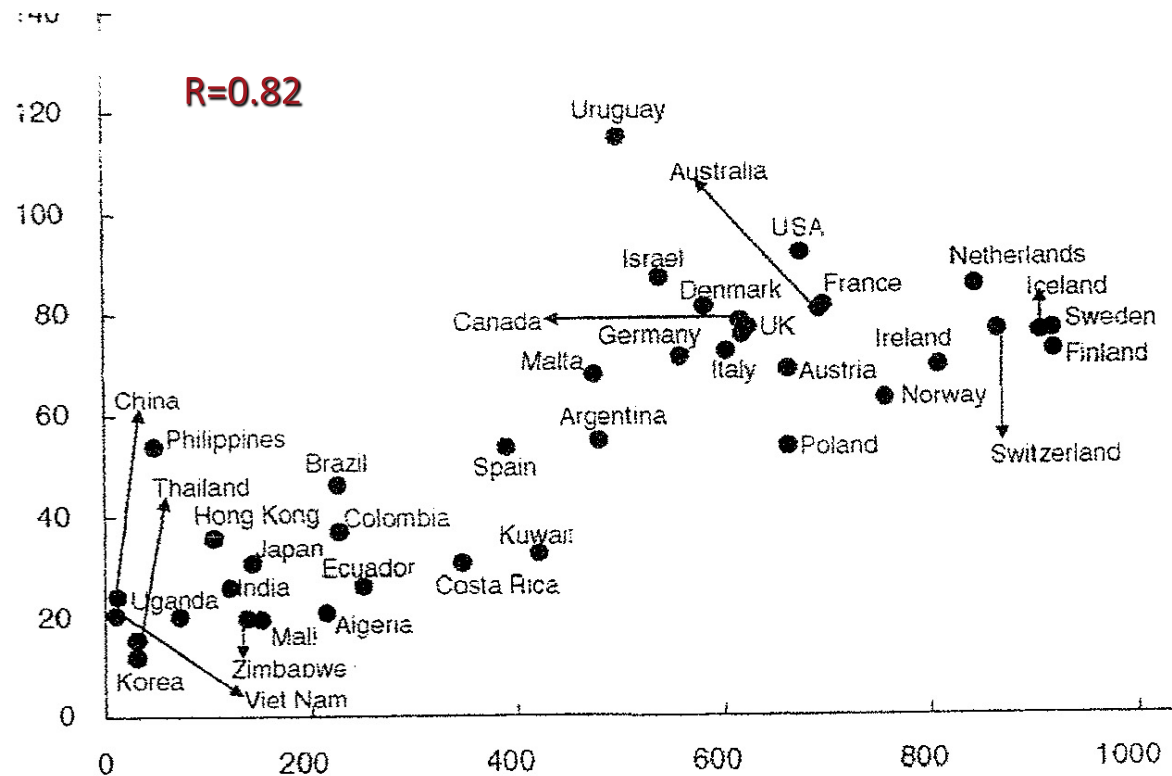
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Breast Cancer (1993-1997) and Milk Intake (1961-97)

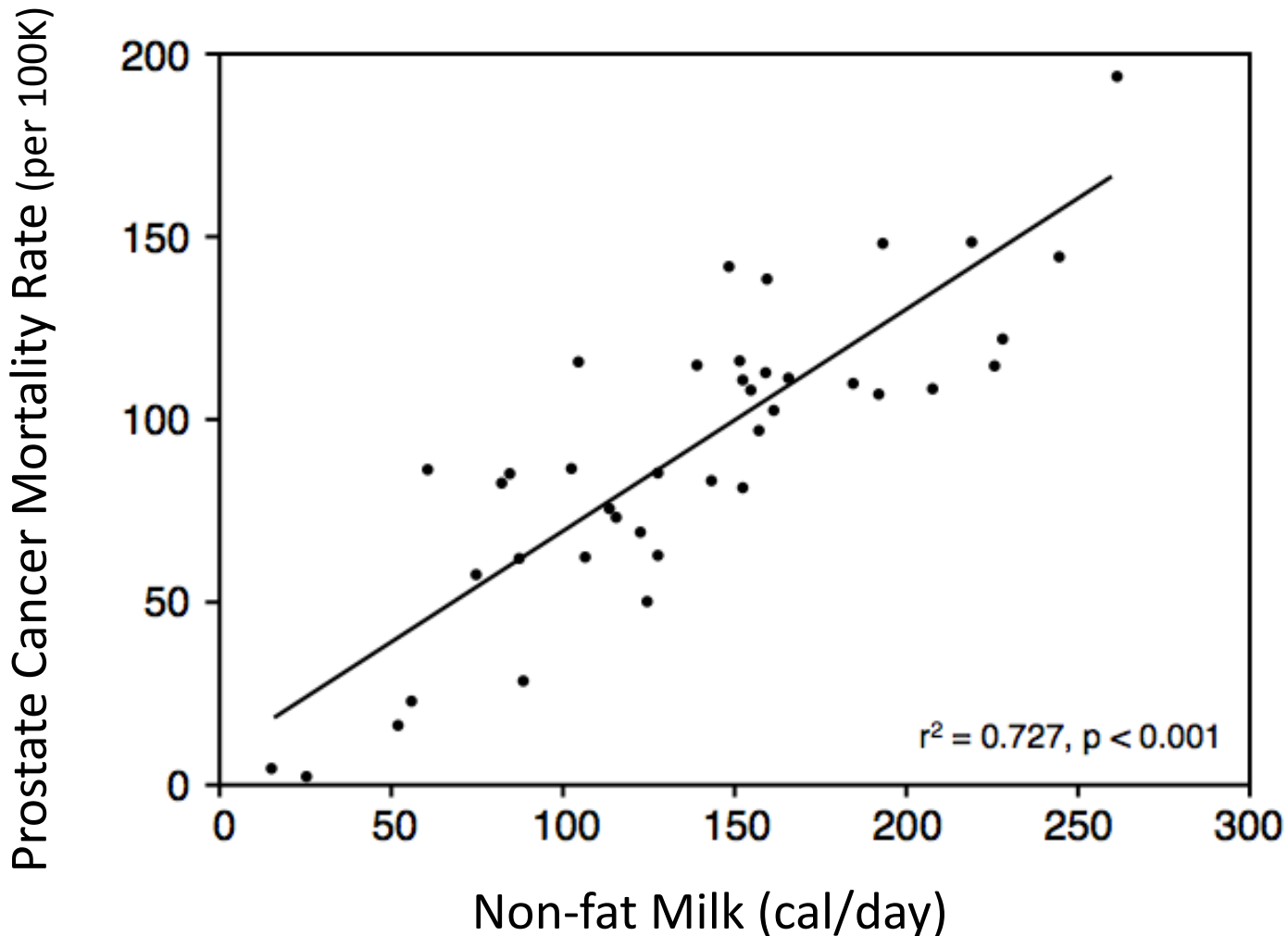
Breast Cancer Incidence, per 100K



Milk Consumption, g/day

Skim Milk and Prostate Cancer in 41 countries

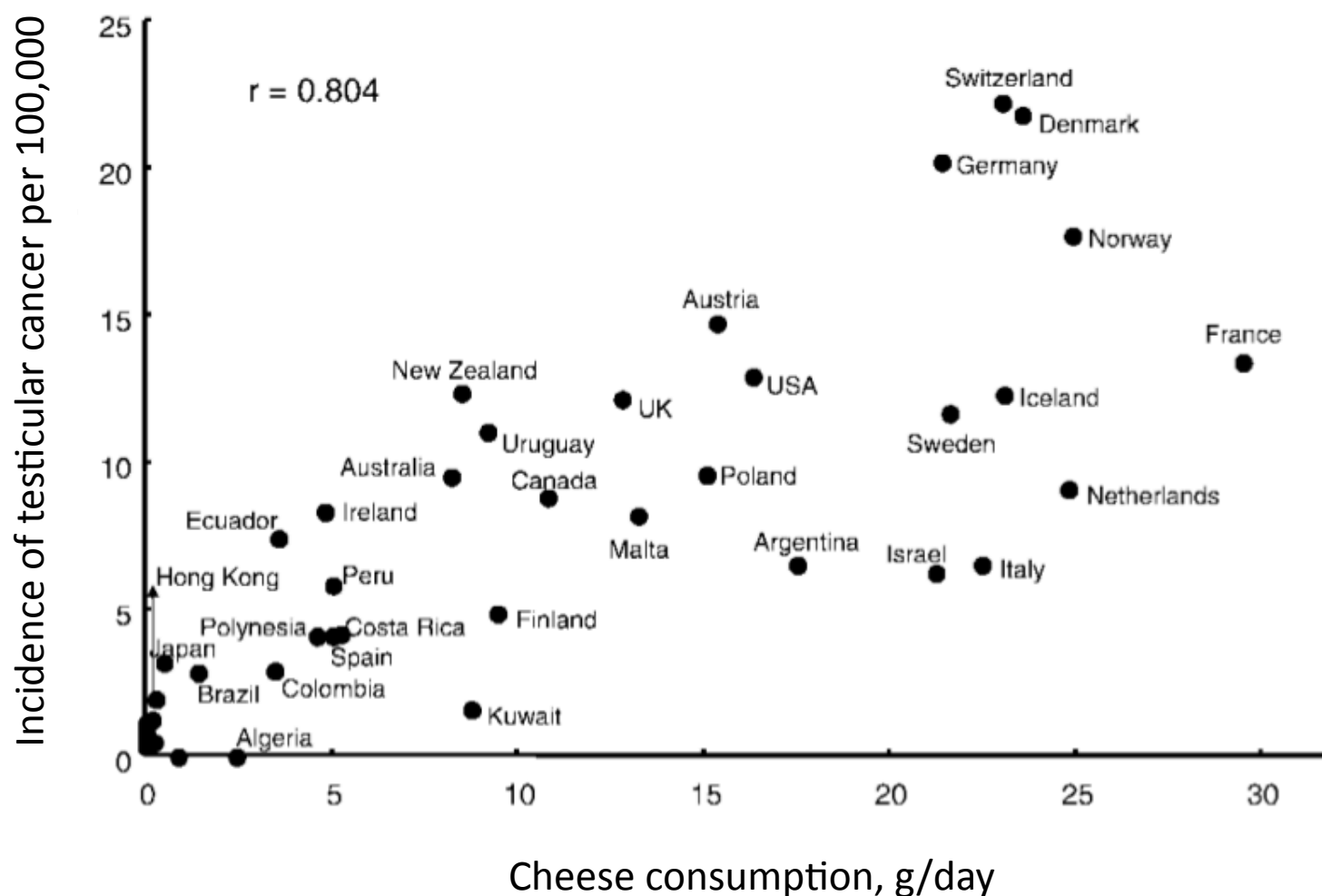
(Mortality and Diet from Mid-1980s)



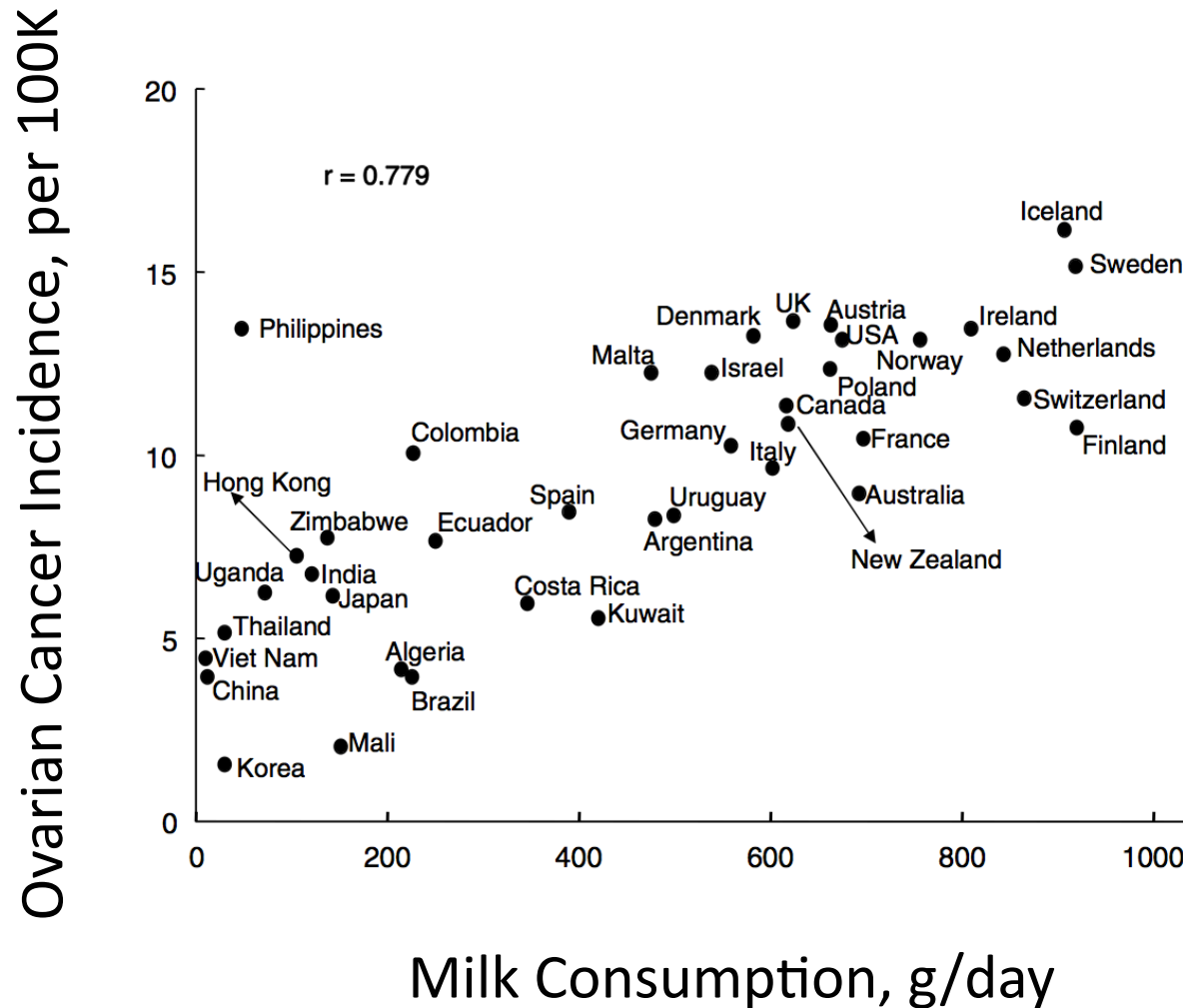
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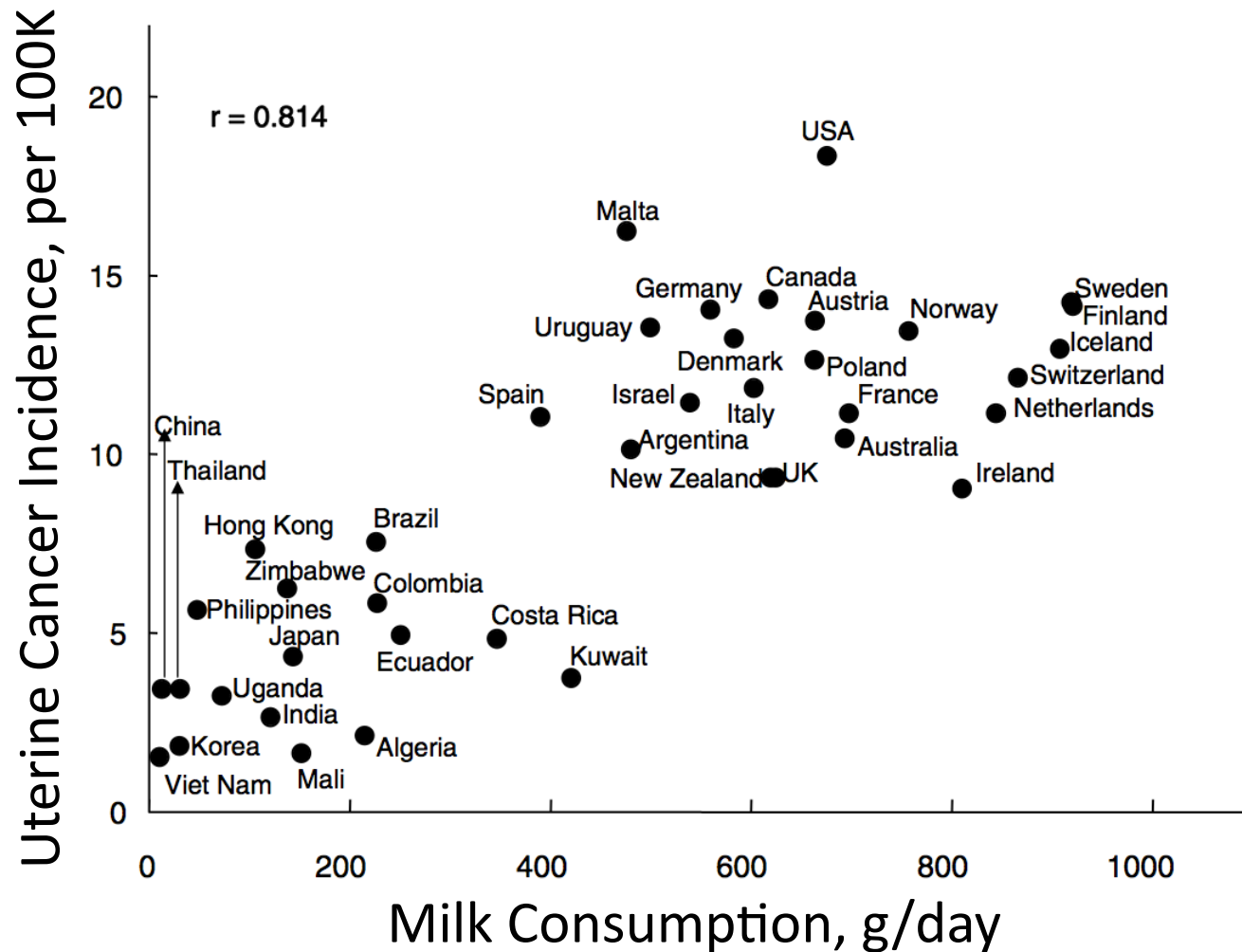
Testicular Cancer (Men Aged 20-39) and Cheese Consumption (1961-1965)



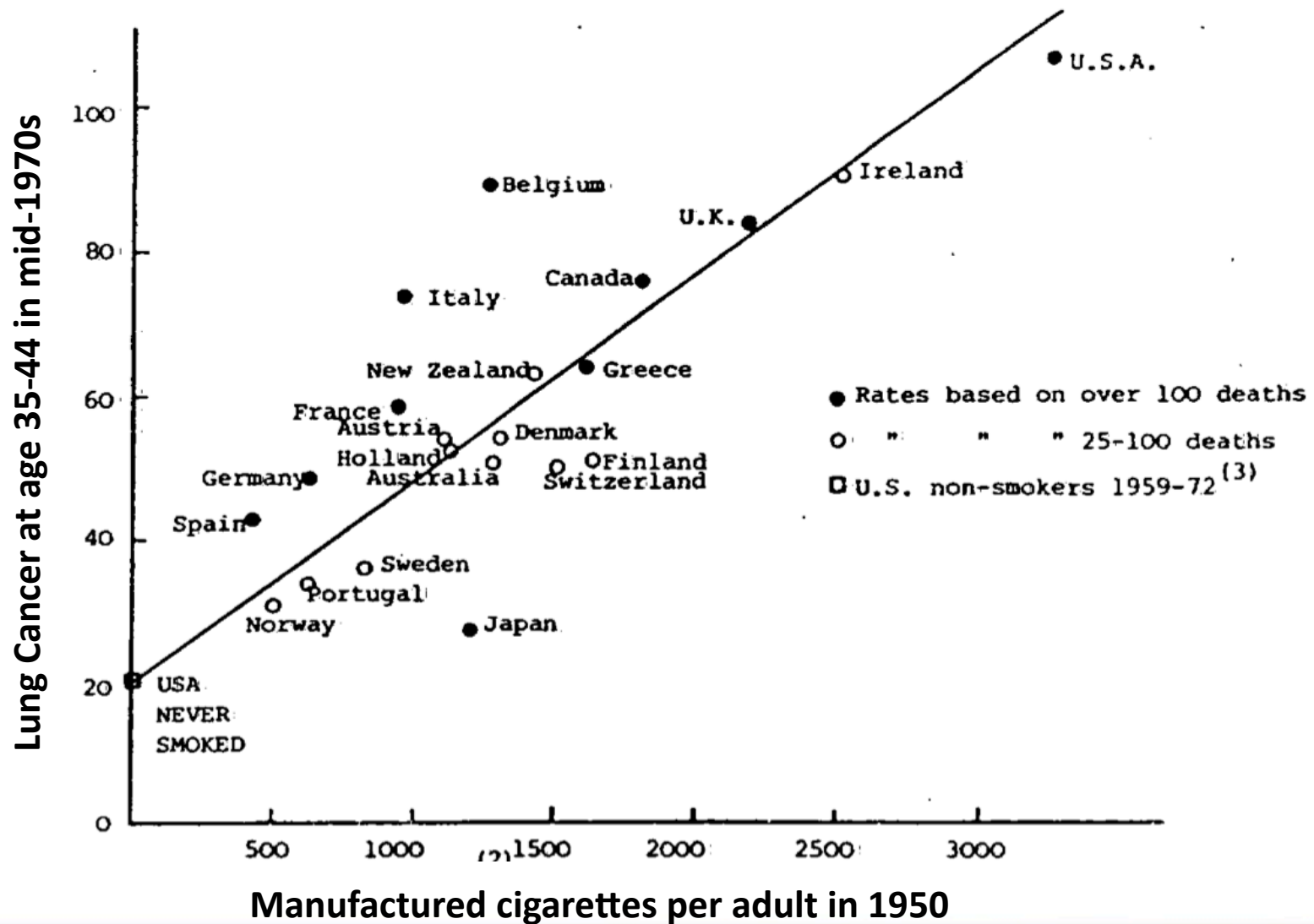
Ovarian Cancer (1993-1997) and Milk Intake (1961-97)



Uterine Cancer (1993-1997) and Milk Intake (1961-97)

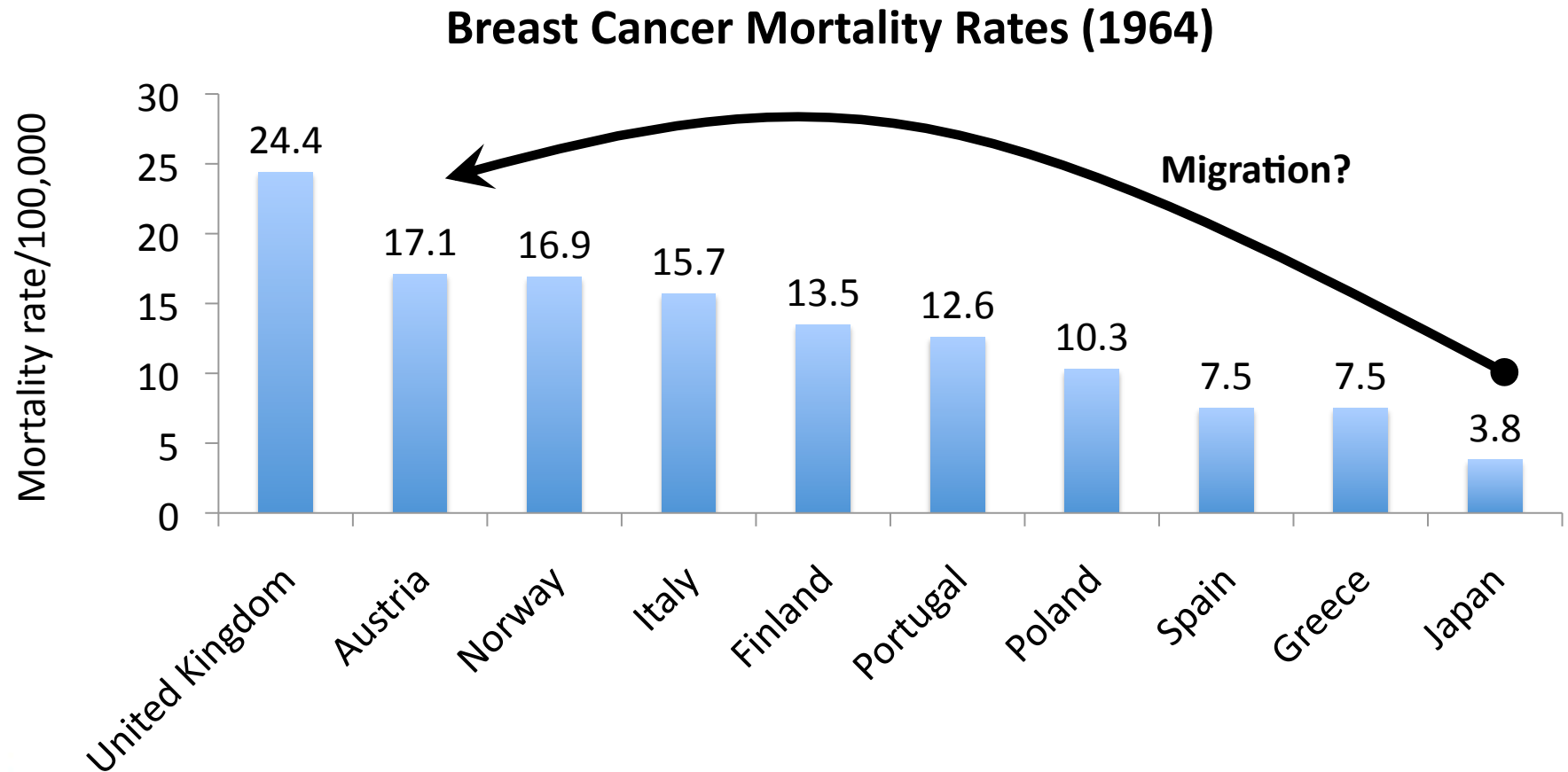


Lung Cancer and Tobacco Consumption



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Cancer Is Localized



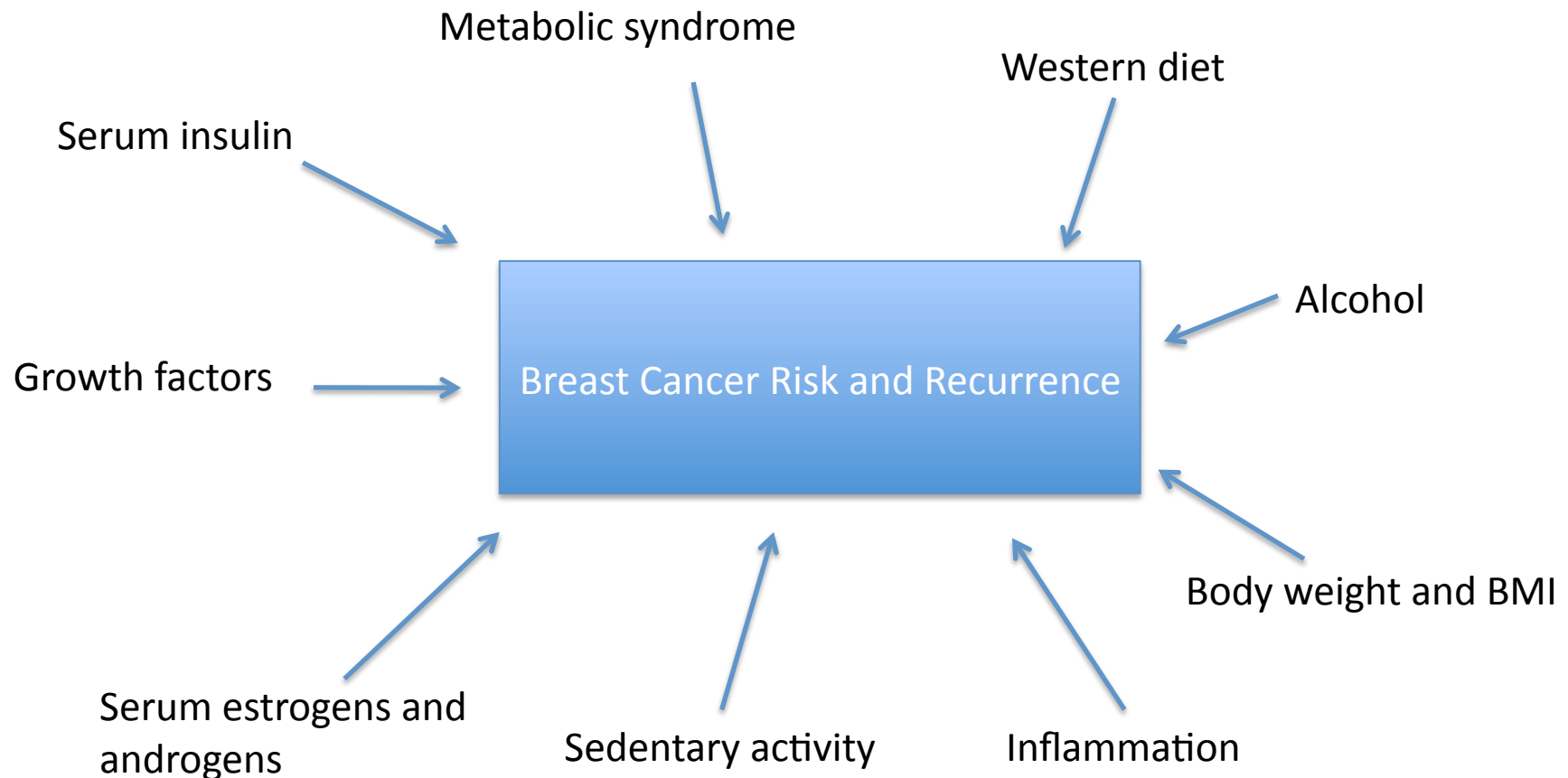
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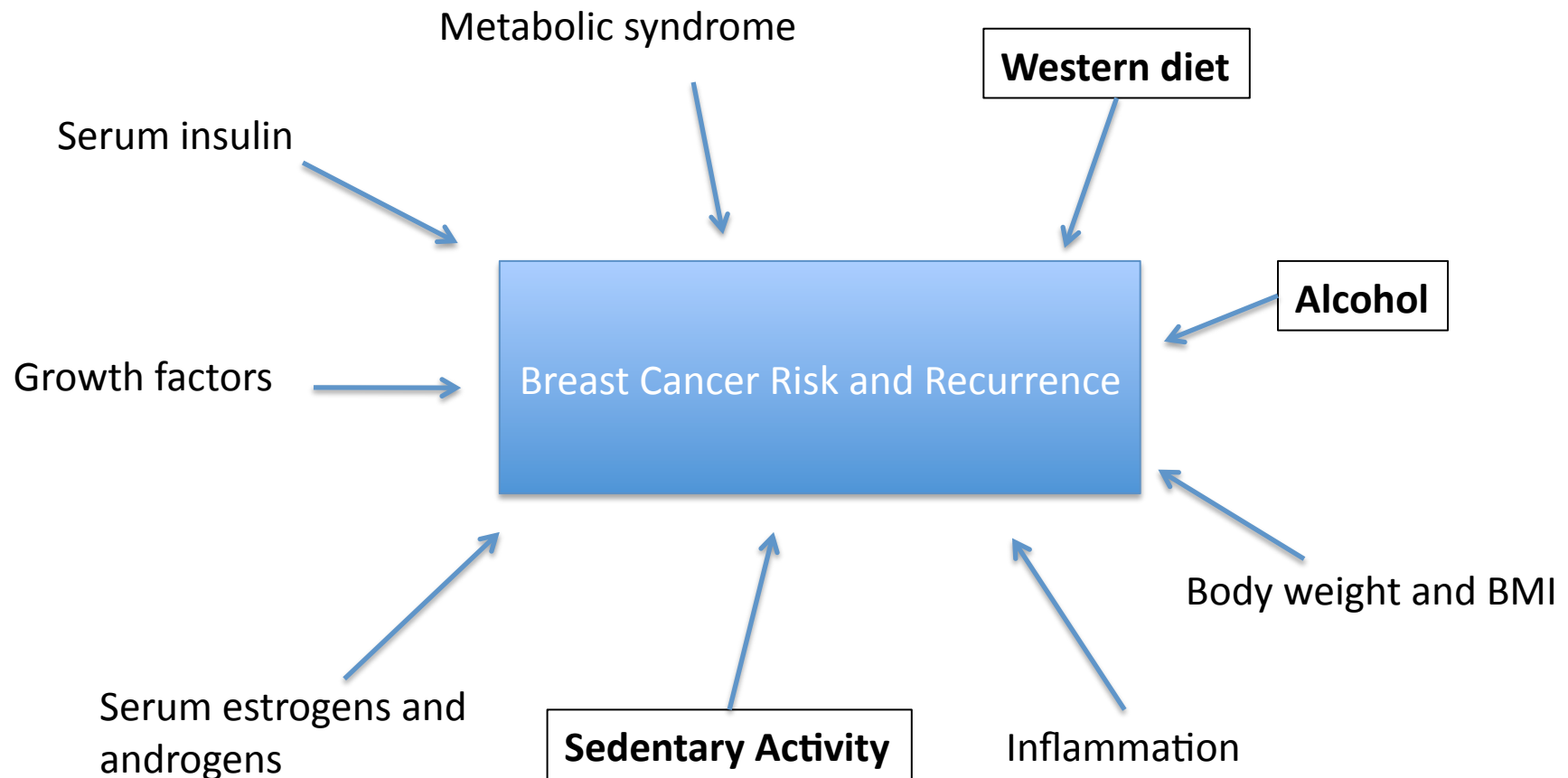


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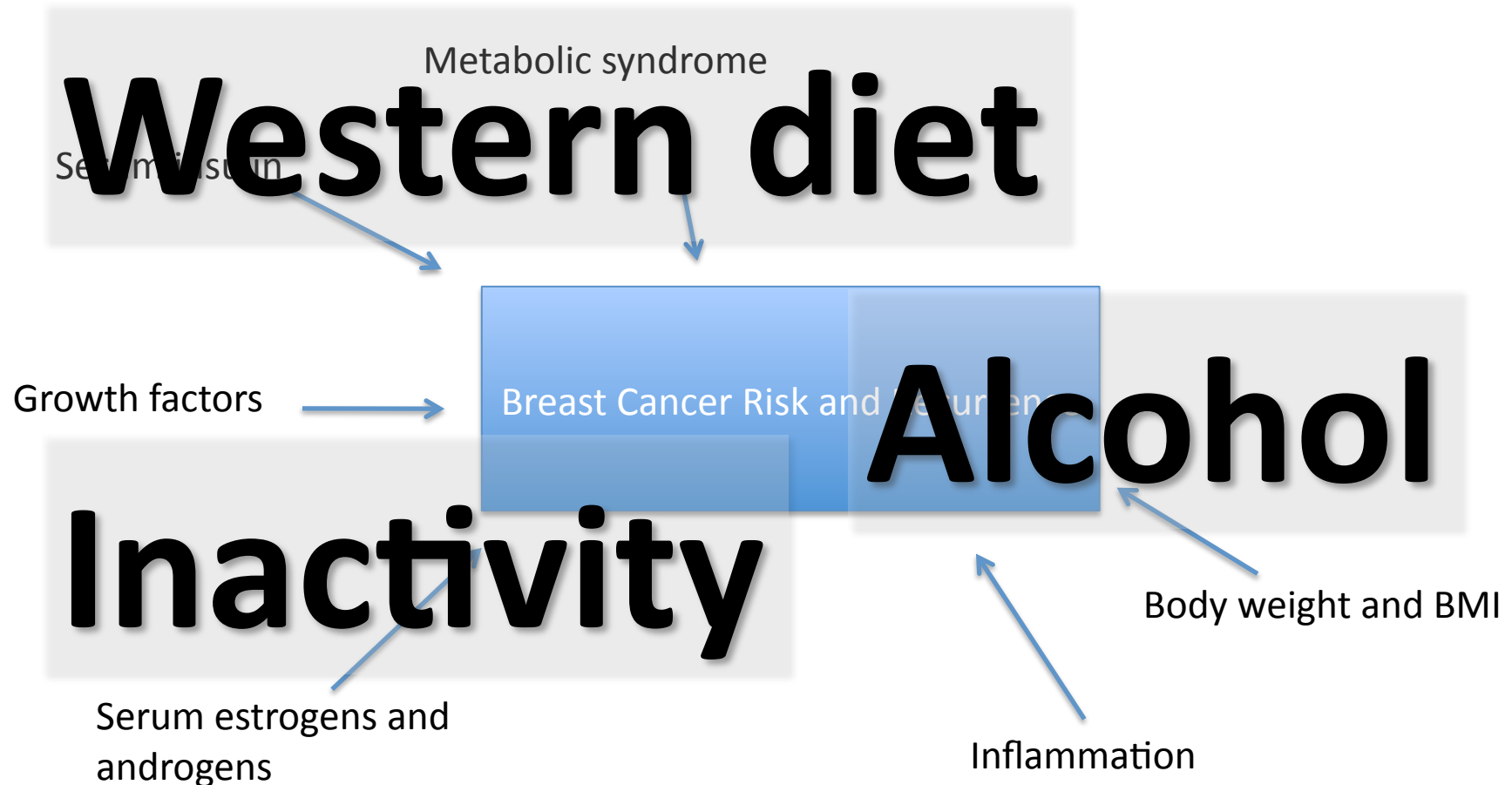


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Dietary Protein and AFB₁ Induced Liver Cancer (Rats)

Dietary Protein, %	Animals with tumors and hyperplastic nodules
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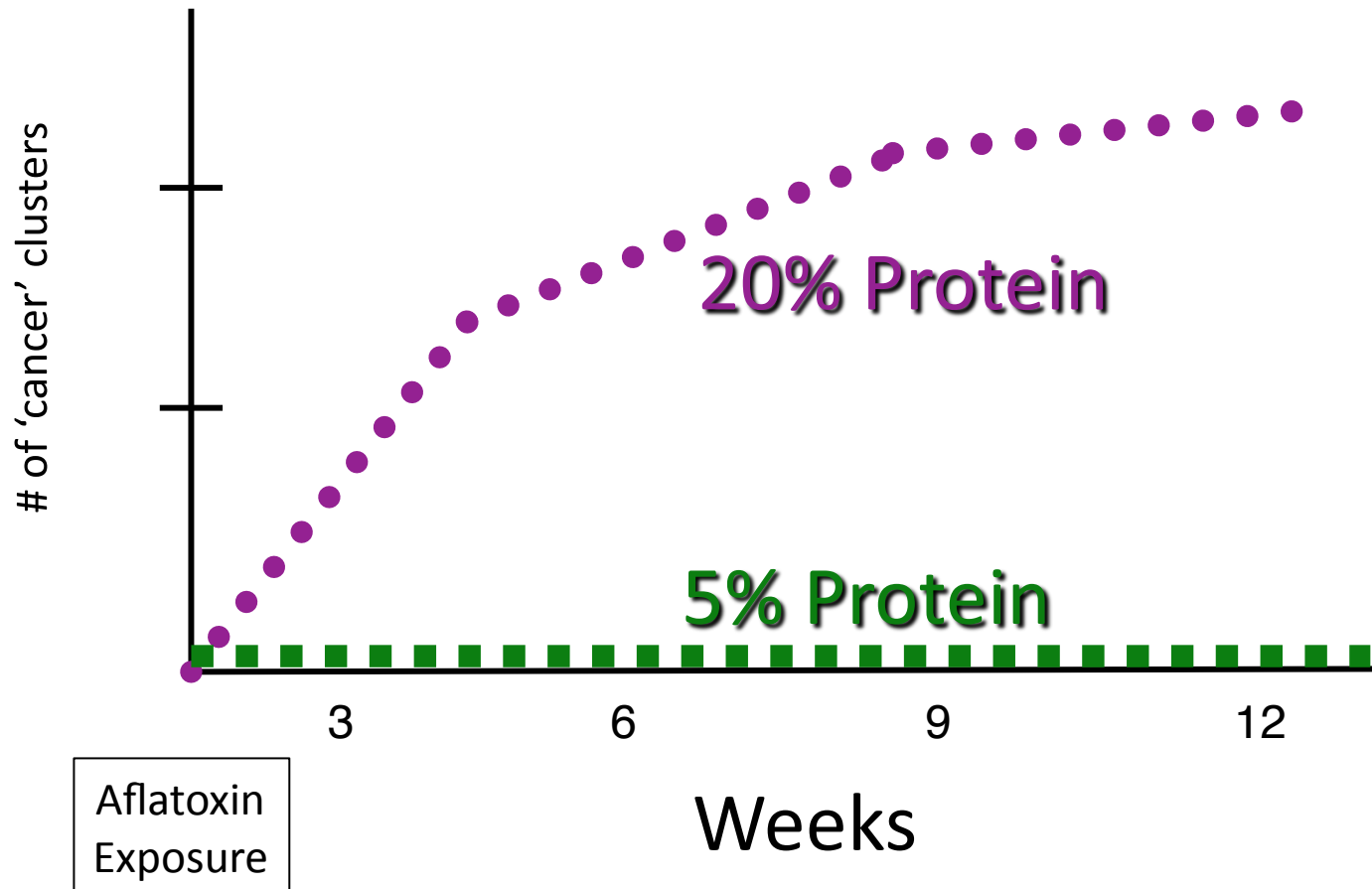


Madhavan and Gopalan, 1968.

Confirmed by Wells et al, 1974.

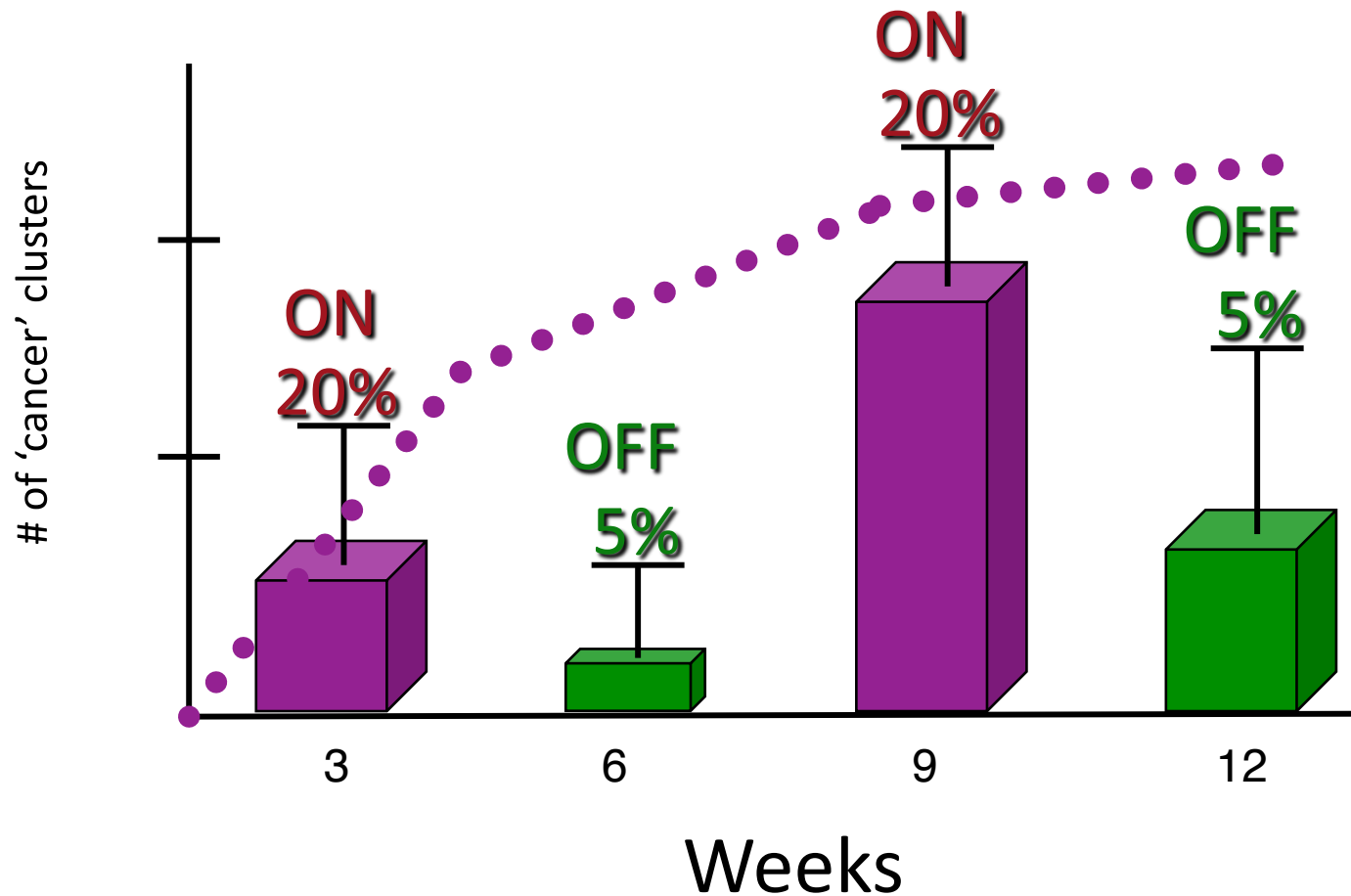
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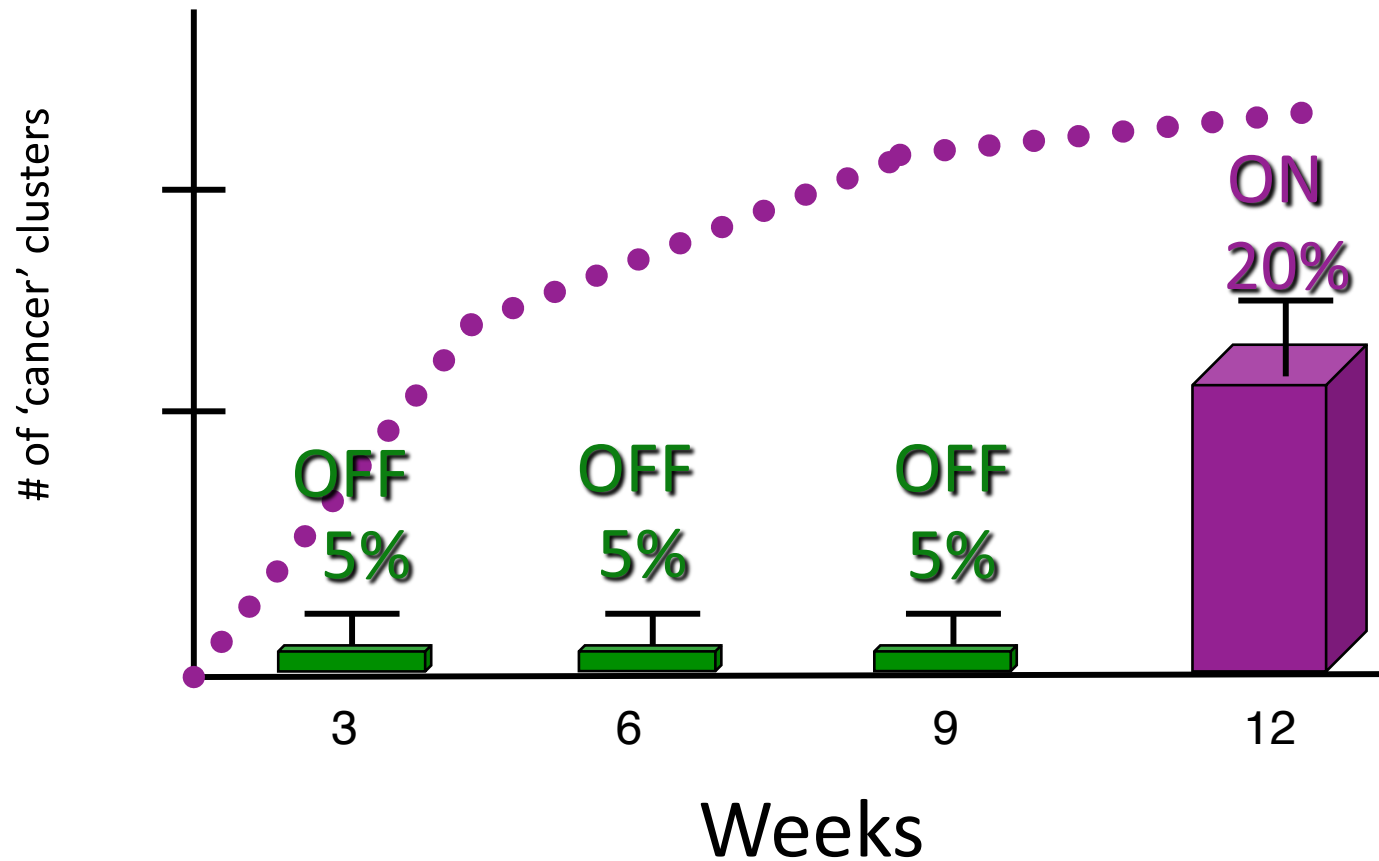
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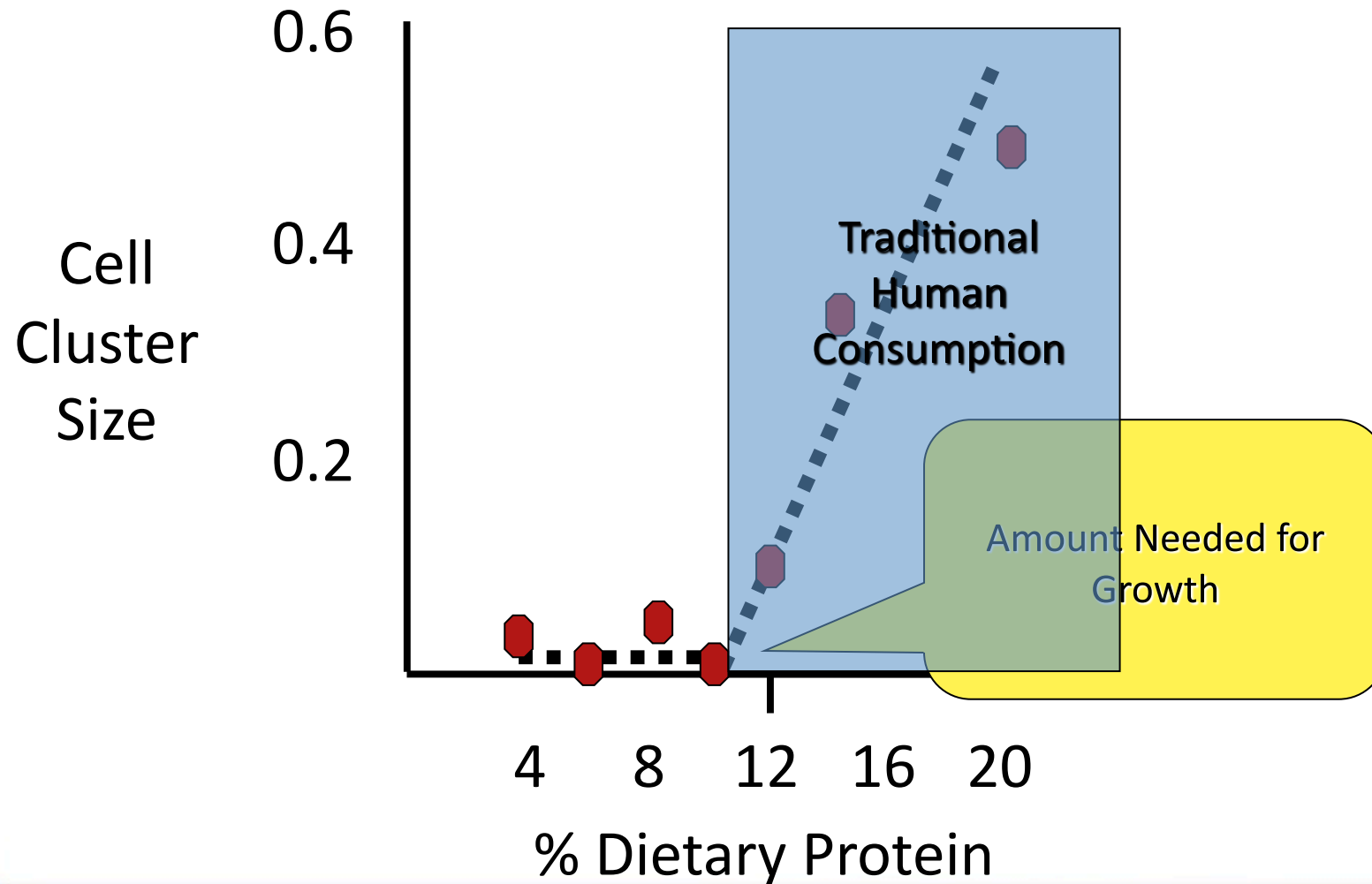
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Dietary Protein and **LATE** Cancer

(Youngman and Campbell, Carcinogenesis, 1992)

Chemical effect = cancer **INITIATION**

Protein effect = cancer **GROWTH**

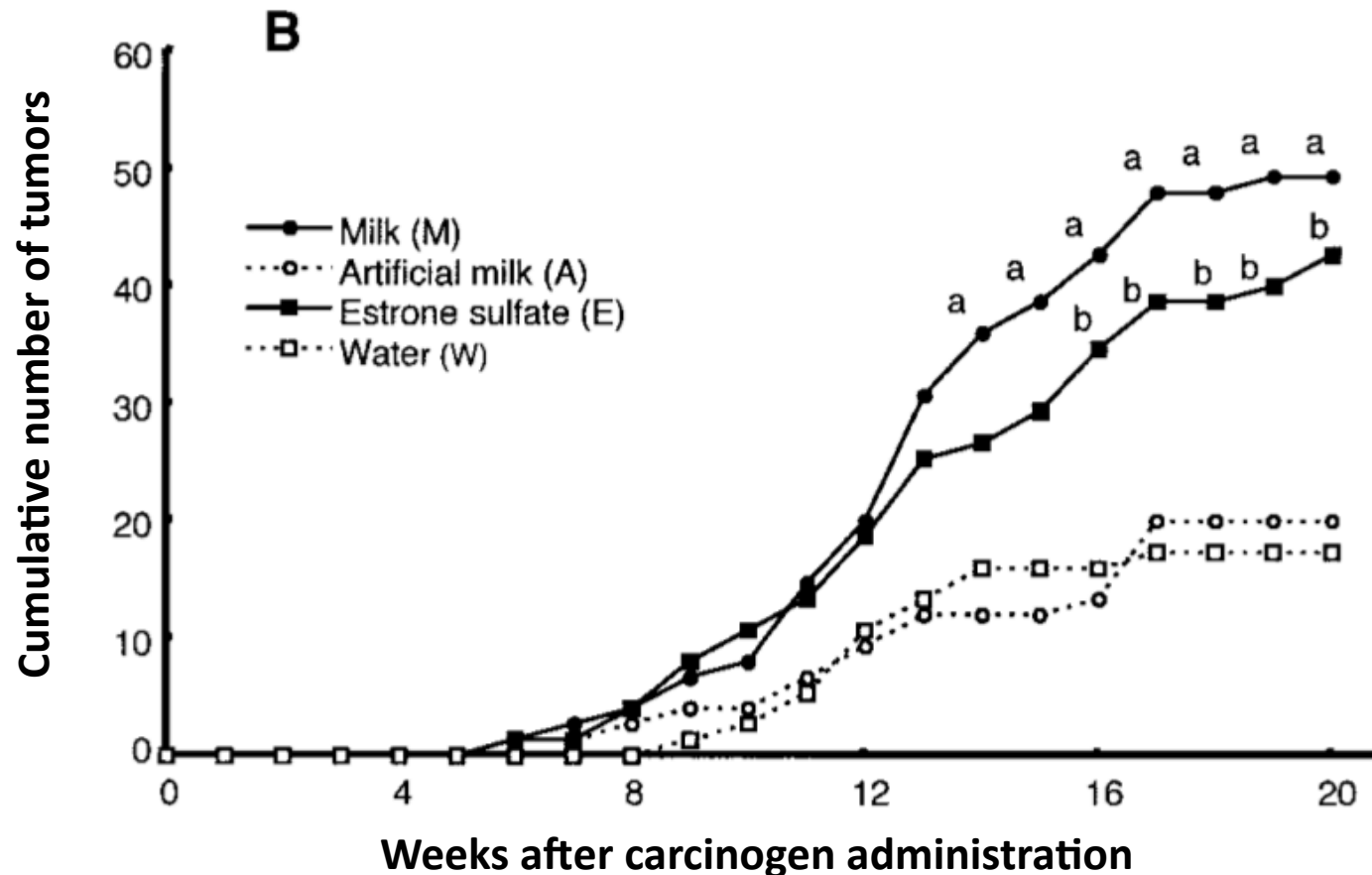
Protein, %		No. Animals	Tumor Severity*
5	all living at 100 wks.	60	248 ^a
20	all dead at 100 wks.	58	3321^c

* % incidence x tumor weight.

Protein was casein, cow's milk protein.

Plant-protein (soy and wheat) did not have the same effect even at higher levels of intake.

Tumor development in rats dosed with DMBA and fed different fluids

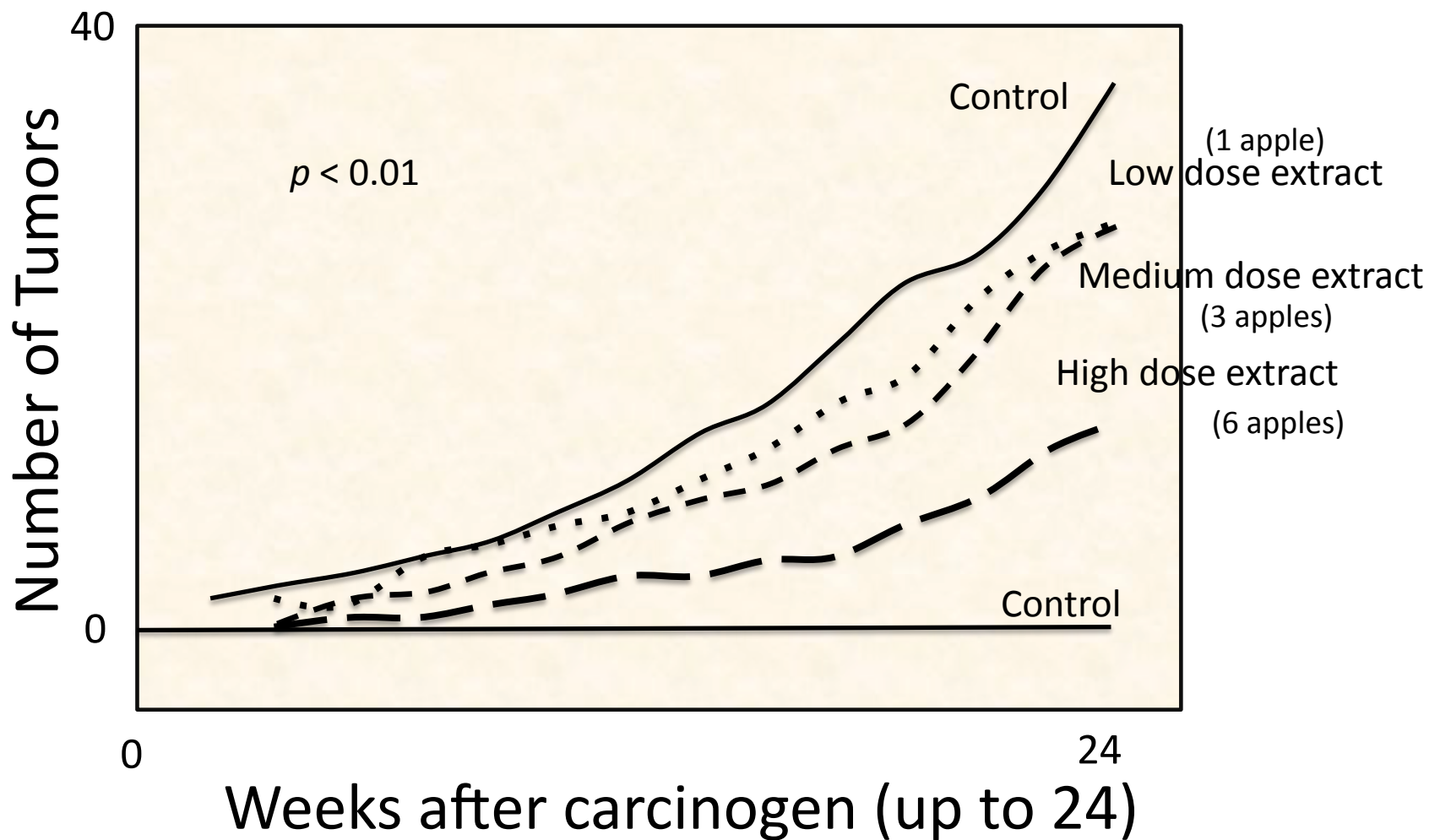


(Milk is 1% fat milk.

Artificial milk is gluten, amino acids, oil, sugar, minerals)

$p < 0.05$
Milk compared
to Art. Milk

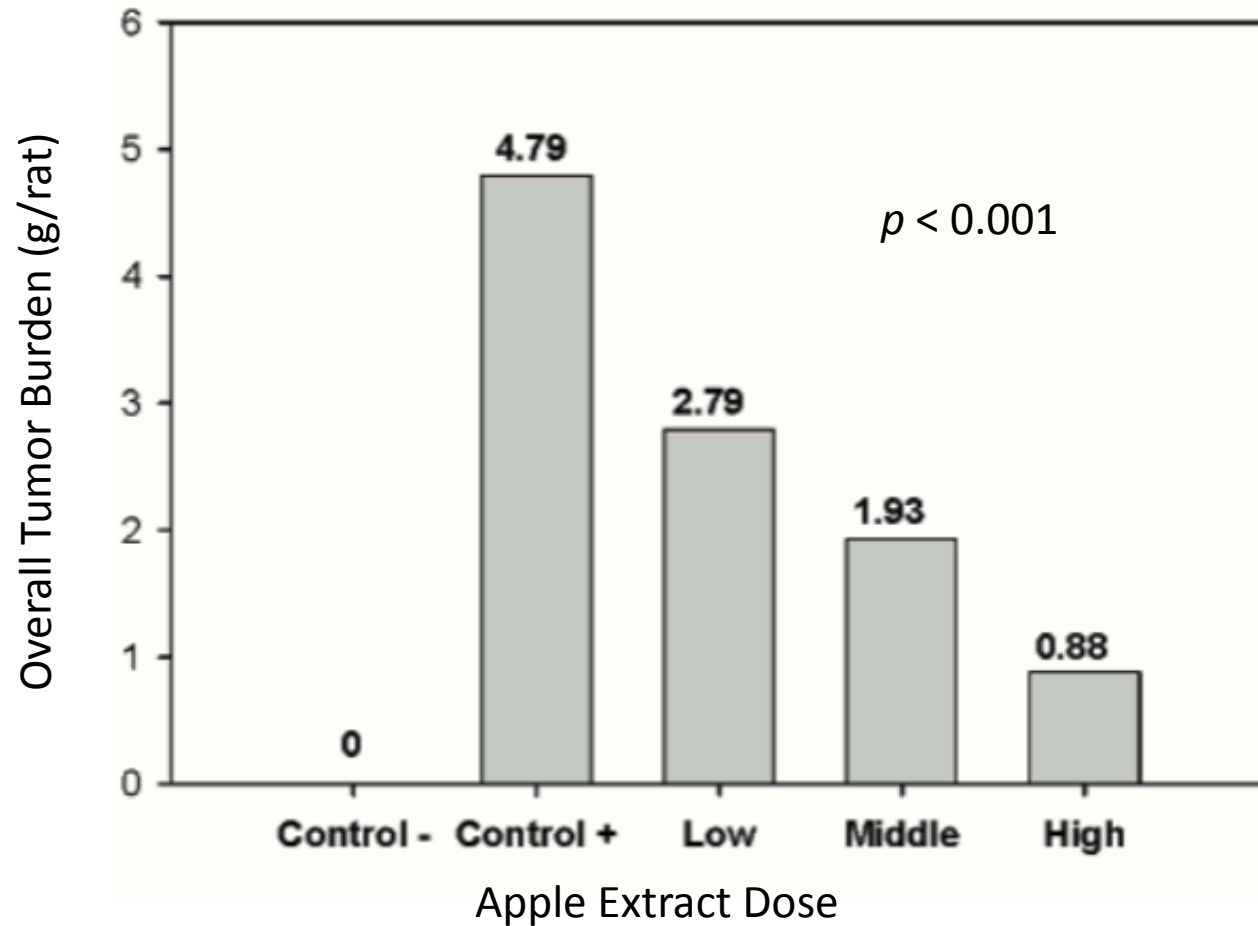
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2 Weeks to Breast Health?



38 Postmenopausal
overweight/obese
women



2 weeks

Plant-Based Diet

- 10-15% fat
- 15-20% protein (plant)
- 70-75% carbohydrate
- 30-40g fiber/1000cal/d
- Ad libitum

Exercise



Estradiol

- Decreased 35-40%

IGF-1

- Decreased 19%

IGFBP-1

- Increased 32%

Insulin

- Decreased 29%

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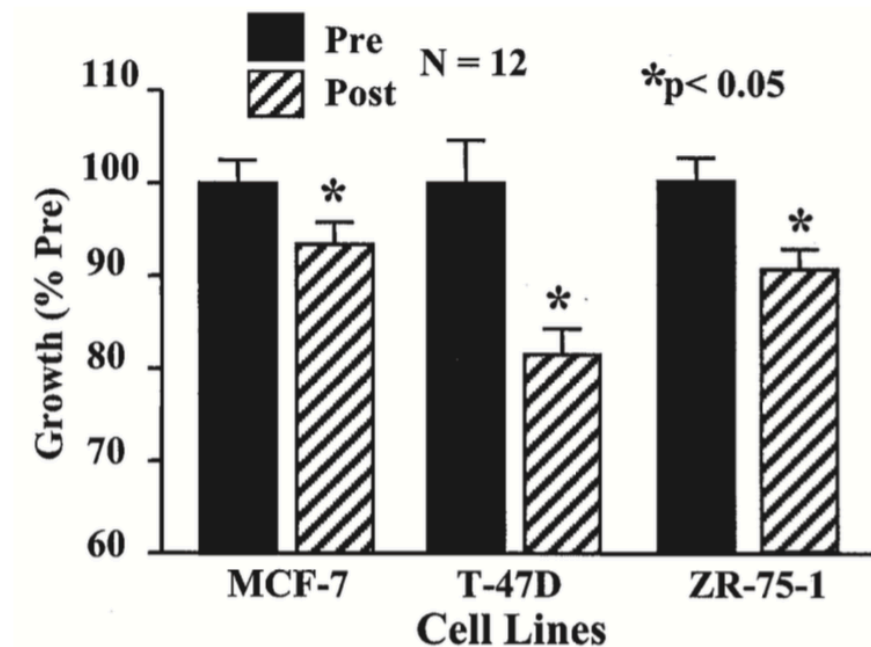


Figure 1. Effects of diet and exercise intervention on growth of breast cancer (BCa) cell lines. BCa cells were plated overnight in 10% fetal bovine serum, and the following day the media was removed and replaced with fresh media and 10% human serum pre- and postintervention. The cells were allowed to grow for 2 days, and growth was determined by the CellTiter Proliferation Assay (Promega, Madison, WI).

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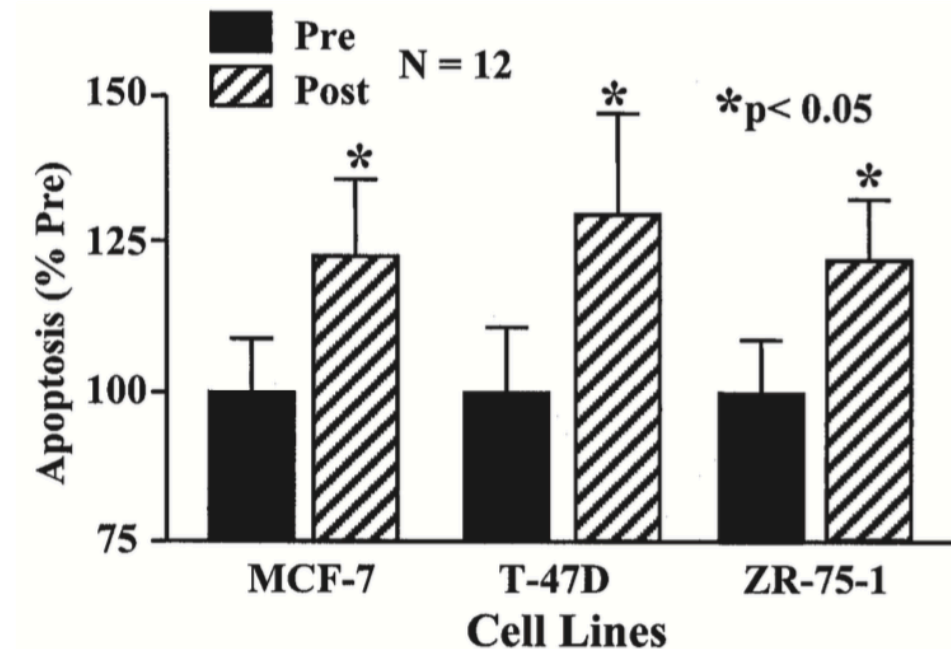
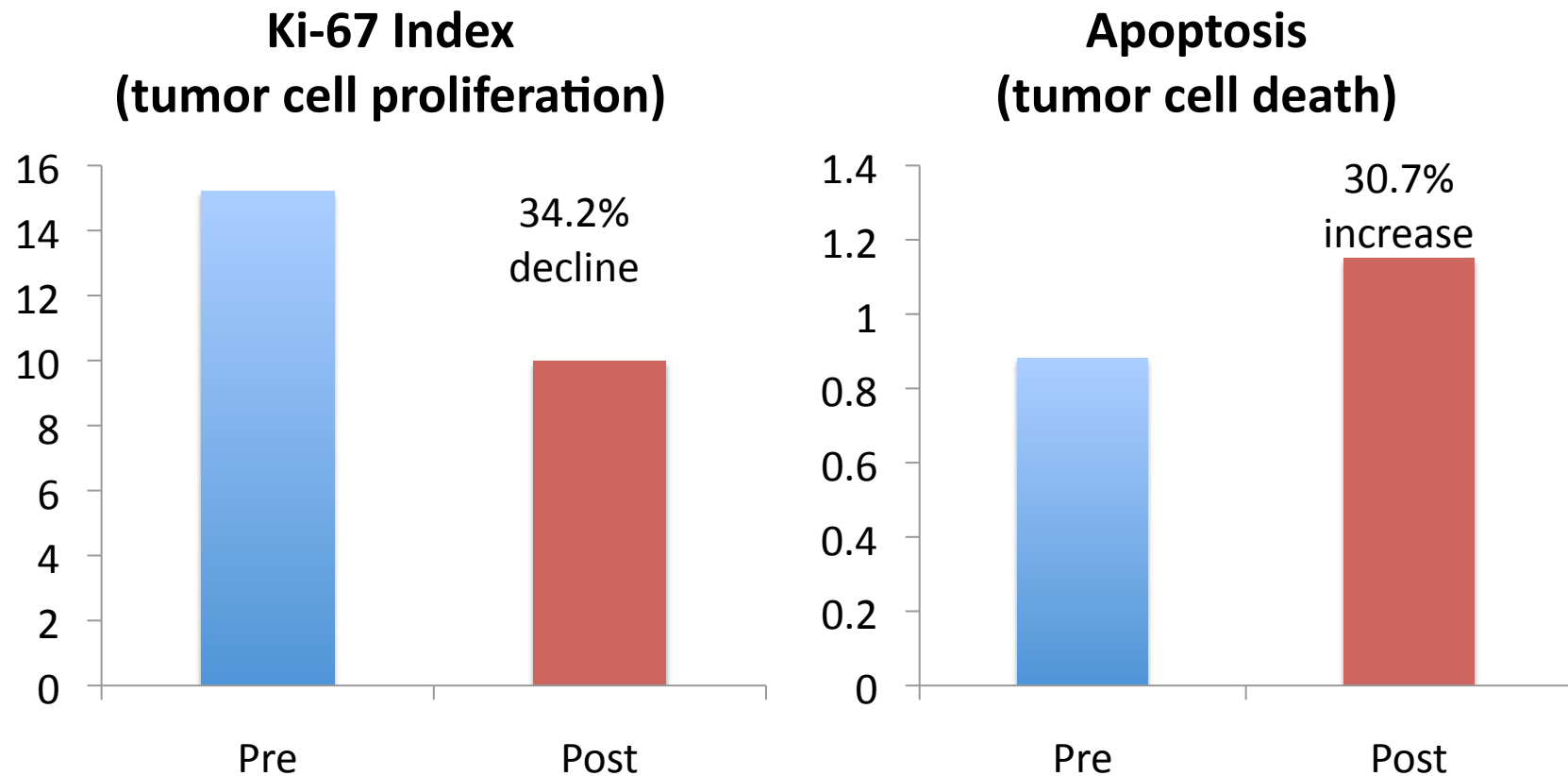


Figure 2. Effects of diet and exercise intervention on apoptosis in breast cancer (BCa) cell lines. BCa cells were plated overnight in 10% fetal bovine serum, and the following day the media was removed and replaced with fresh media and 10% human serum pre- and postintervention. The cells were allowed to grow for 2 days, and apoptosis was determined by the Cell Death Detection enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (Roche, Indianapolis, IN).

Flaxseed Muffins (25g muffin)

Postmenopausal women, between biopsy and surgery, 32 days



$P < 0.01$ for both

Thompson LU, Chen JM, Li T, Strasser-Weippl K, Goss PE. Dietary flaxseed alters tumor biological markers in postmenopausal breast cancer. Clin Cancer Res 2005;11:3828-35.



2 Weeks to Colon Health?

2 weeks



Results:

Rural Africans

High fiber (66g),
low-fat (16%)

High protein (27%),
high-fat (52% total cal),
low fiber

Increased cell proliferation
Increased inflammation
Butyrate decreased
Bile acid increased

African Americans

High Protein (15%),
high-fat (35%)

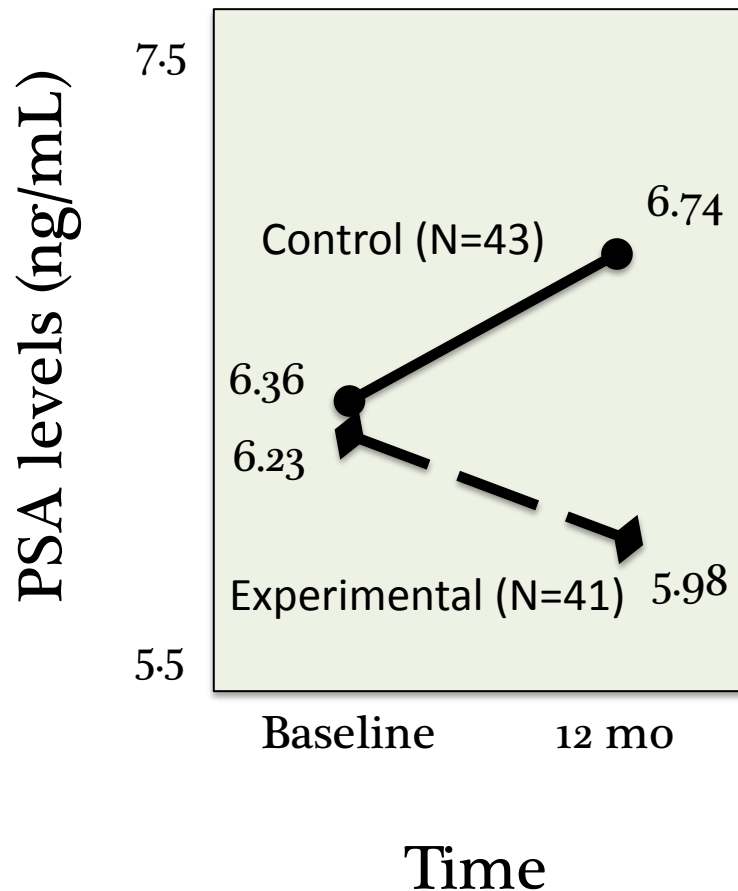
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Cancer: Changes in Serum PSA



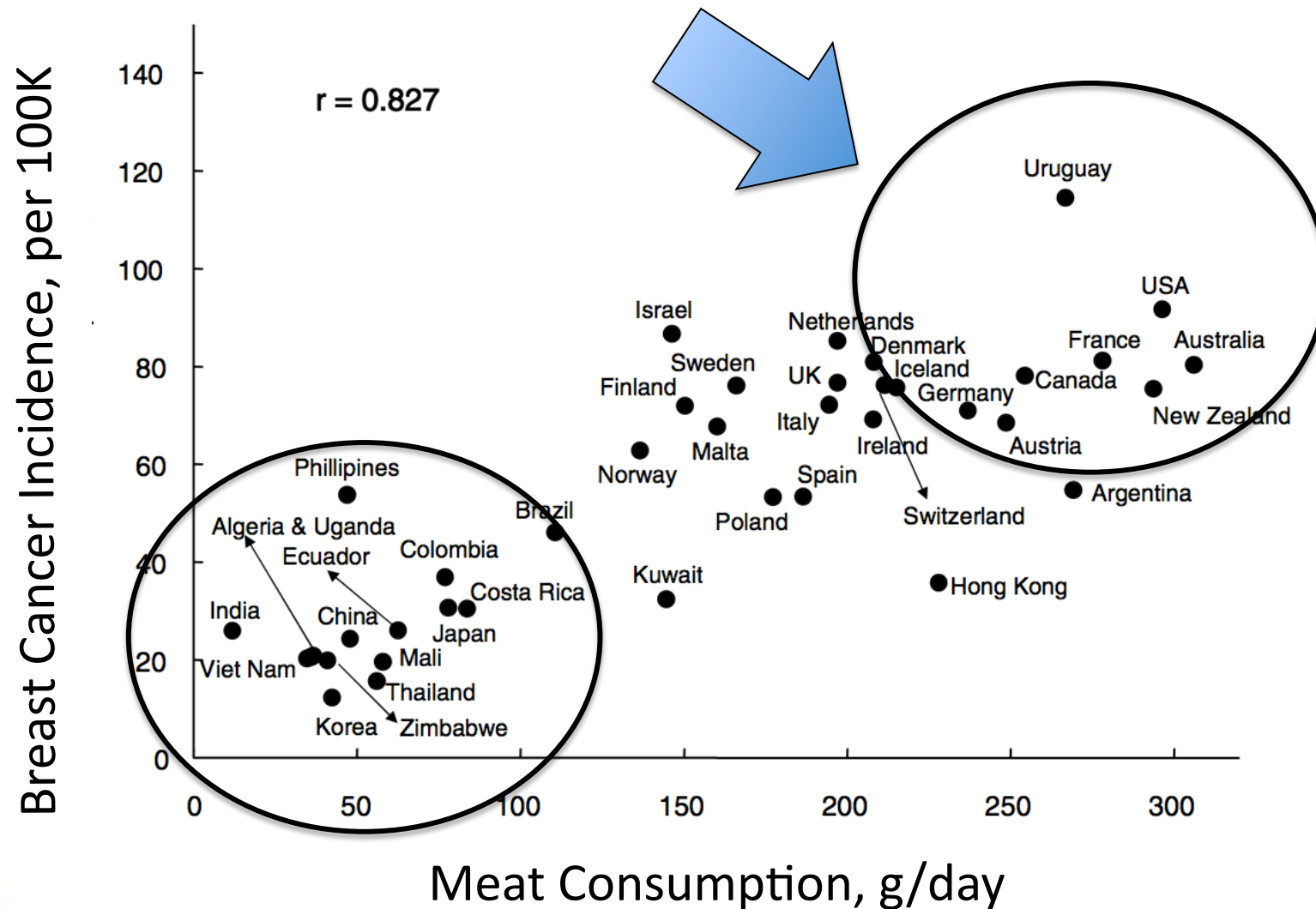
After 2 years, 27% of control patients required traditional treatment (surgery, radiation, drug therapy).

5% of the experimental patients required traditional treatment.

Multiple Mechanisms

- Lower Cholesterol
- Favorable hormonal changes
- Lower IGF-1
- Change in gut bacteria
- Lower inflammation in the gut (and elsewhere)
- Less uncontrolled angiogenesis
- Multiple antioxidant effects
- Change in genetic expression

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Summary Points

- Highly controlled animal experiments show that nutrition can decisively influence cancer initiation and promotion.
- In animal experiments dairy protein is strongly cancer promoting. Plant proteins do not promote cancer, or prevent cancer.
- Milk and meat and western diets have been strongly correlated to certain cancers, including reproductive cancers and colorectal cancers.
- Intervention studies are limited, but some small studies show improvements in cancer outcomes, even after diagnosis.
- Other large intervention studies show that small dietary changes, or short-term changes, in the context of a western diet and lifestyle do not impact cancer survival.