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The Association of Short and Long Sleep Durations with Insulin Sensitivity In Adolescents

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Abstract

Objective—To characterize the relationship between insulin sensitivity, assessed by the homeostasis model of insulin (HOMA), and objective measurements of sleep duration in adolescents.

Study design—Cross-sectional analysis from two examinations conducted in the Cleveland Children's Sleep and Health Cohort (n=387; 43% minorities). Biochemical and anthropometry measurements made in a Clinical Research Unit. Sleep duration measured by actigraphy.

Results—Decreased sleep duration was associated with increased adiposity and minority race. Sleep duration had a quadratic “u-shape” association with HOMA. When adjusted for age, sex, race, preterm status and activity, adolescents who slept 7.75 hours had the lowest predicted HOMA (1.96 [95% CI: 1.82, 2.10]), and adolescents who slept 5.0 hours or 10.5 hours had HOMA indices that were about 20% higher (2.36 [95% CI: 1.94, 2.86] and 2.41 [95% CI: 1.93, 3.01], respectively). After adjusting for adiposity, the association between shorter sleep and HOMA was appreciably attenuated, but the association with longer sleep persisted.

Conclusions—Shorter and longer sleep durations are associated with decreased insulin sensitivity in adolescents. Whereas the association between shorter sleep duration with insulin sensitivity is likely explained by the association between short sleep and obesity, association between longer sleep and insulin sensitivity is independent of obesity.

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The incidence of type 2 diabetes (DM-2) has increased significantly over the last few decades.¹⁻³ DM-2 is occurring at an earlier age in adults and has begun to affect adolescents and even children world-wide.^{1, 4-7} Among US adolescents, the increased incidence of DM-2 has paralleled the rise in adolescent obesity, with such trends particularly evident in minority groups.^{7, 8} There are likely multiple reasons for these trends. Concurrent with an increase in obesity and DM-2, has been a rising prevalence of insufficient sleep.⁹ There is strong evidence to support an association between childhood obesity and sleep duration in diverse pediatric populations¹⁰⁻¹². Evidence from studies of adult samples also indicates that insufficient sleep is a contributing factor for obesity as well as for altered glucose metabolism and DM-2.^{13-24, 26} Conversely, prolonged sleep duration, postulated to be a marker of underlying co-morbidity, also has been identified to be a risk factor for a number of adverse health outcomes, including impaired glucose tolerance in adults.¹⁴ Two of the largest studies in adults to reveal the aforementioned findings, the Sleep Heart Health Study and NHANES I, use questionnaires to obtain sleep duration. They reveal that less than 5–6 hours and greater than 9 hours of sleep are associated with diabetes mellitus in adults, independently of sleep apnea.^{11,29} Thus, there appears to be a “u-shaped” relationship between sleep duration and impaired glucose homeostasis, the basis of which is unclear.

A few studies have examined the relationship between sleep and insulin resistance in pediatric populations, though these studies have generally targeted subject with sleep disordered breathing^{25,26}. In this report, we examine the relation between insulin sensitivity, as measured by the homeostasis model assessment (HOMA), and objective measures of sleep duration in a community-based cohort of adolescents. We hypothesize that adolescents with shorter and longer sleep duration will have higher HOMA levels compared with adolescents with average sleep duration. By studying a generally healthy, young sample, we posit that inferences on potential causal pathways will be less influenced by unmeasured confounders compared to investigations of older populations with greater co-morbidities.

Methods

This sample was comprised of adolescents participating in the Cleveland Children’s Sleep and Health Study (CCSHS), an ongoing longitudinal cohort study designed to evaluate sleep measures and their health outcomes. As previously described,²⁷⁻²⁹ the cohort was originally assembled by stratified sampling of full-term and preterm (<37 weeks gestational age) children born between 1988–1993, and was designed to over-represent African-American and preterm children. The first CCSHS examination included 907 children aged 8 to 11 years of age. The second examination (2002–2006; TeenZzz) targeted the subsample of participants, then ages 13 to 16 years, with habitual snoring or sleep apnea, as well as a stratified (race, sex, term status) random sample of the remaining cohort. All 907 subjects that participated in the first CCSHS examination were eligible to participate in the third examination (TREC-Cleveland Cohort) that targeted children ages 16 to 19 years. Recruitment for this last examination is ongoing, and at the time of this report, 404 adolescents had participated. Analyses are based on data from both the early adolescent (TeenZzz) and late adolescent (TREC-cohort) examinations, including data from 168 adolescents who participated in both exams, 149 in the TeenZzz exam only, and 154 in the TREC-cohort exam.

The study protocols and data collection methods were similar for the second and third examinations. Overnight polysomnography (PSG) and physiological and anthropometric assessments were performed using a standardized protocol in a dedicated clinical research unit (CRU) when the adolescent was free from acute illness.^{28, 30} Within one week of their examination at the CRU, participants were asked to wear a wrist actigraph and complete a daily sleep log for 5–7 consecutive 24-hour periods. Questionnaires were used to obtain demographic and medical information from both adolescents and their parents. The protocol was approved by the University Hospitals of Cleveland Institutional Review Board. Written assent and/or consent was obtained from the study participants and their primary caregivers.

Questionnaires were used to collect demographic data. For analytic purposes, race/ethnicity was based on self- (or parent-) report and coded as Caucasian or Minority. Adolescents were asked to estimate the average amount of time over the past year spent each week on various activities such as walking, running, swimming, and weight training using standardized questionnaires. Activities requiring at least 3 metabolic equivalent task units (METs) were considered to be moderate-vigorous activities. Given the CDC's recommendation that children engage in physical activity for ≥ 60 minutes daily and most of that activity should be aerobic (<http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/children.html>), we categorized average daily amount of moderate-vigorous activity as < 30 minutes, 31–59 minutes, or ≥ 60 minutes. A digital scale (Health-o-meter, Shelton, CT) and a rigid stadiometer (Holtain Ltd, Pembrokeshire, UK) were used to measure weight and height respectively. BMI was calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared and was then converted into sex- and age-adjusted percentiles (<http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts/>). Obesity was defined as a BMI ≥ 30 or BMI $\geq 95^{\text{th}}$ percentile for age and sex. Waist circumference was collected by using inelastic tape to measure the smallest horizontal circumference between the ribs and iliac crest at the end of a normal expiration.

Sleep-wake estimation was completed with wrist actigraphy (Octagonal Sleep Watch 2.01, Ambulatory Monitoring Inc, Ardsley, NY) and analyzed with the Action-W software and the time-above-threshold algorithm.²⁸ Mean weekday sleep duration was calculated for participants with at least 3 weekdays of actigraphy data to enhance the reliability of this measure. Mean weekend sleep duration was summarized for participants with 1 or 2 weekend nights of actigraphy data. We also calculated the difference between weekend and weekday sleep duration as this is considered to be a marker of insufficient sleep. Participants who slept at least 2 hours longer on weekends than weekdays were categorized as having extended weekend sleep duration. Adolescents who had weekday but not weekend actigraphy data (about 12% of the sample) were coded as unknown extended weekend sleep duration. To identify sleep apnea, polysomnography was performed.³¹

After an overnight fast and a PSG study conducted at the CRU, fasting insulin and glucose levels were collected at 8 AM and measured at a central laboratory. Glucose was measured using a colorimetric reflectance spectrophotometric method (Vitros 950IRC). Fasting insulin was measured using the ALPCO Human Insulin ELISA (range: 0.15 – 20 $\mu\text{IU/mL}$; inter-assay coefficient of variation ranged from 3.9 to 9.5%). The HOMA index, a reliable measure of insulin sensitivity in adults as well as in children,³² was calculated by taking the product of fasting glucose (mg/dL) and fasting insulin ($\mu\text{IU/mL}$) divided by 405. The HOMA index, which increases with insulin resistance, is a highly specific and sensitive method of estimating basal insulin resistance in epidemiologic studies^{32–34}. The fasting glucose to fasting insulin ratio (G:I ratio), an alternative measure of insulin resistance, with lower numbers indicative of greater insulin resistance, was calculated by dividing fasting glucose by fasting insulin. A G:I ratio of < 7 was selected as a measure of insulin resistance³².

At the time of this report, 259 and 289 adolescents from the early and late adolescent exams, respectively, had both actigraphy and HOMA data available. After excluding participants with <3 weekdays of actigraphy data (n=37), sleep apnea; (apnea hypopnea index ≥ 5 , n=33), diabetes treated with medications (n=5) and serious health conditions (n=1 narcolepsy, n=1 with chronic oral corticosteroid use), the final analytic sample was comprised of 149 participants from the early adolescent examination, 154 participants from the late adolescent exam, and 168 adolescents who participated in both exams, yielding 471 records on 387 individuals.

Statistical Analysis

Subject characteristics, sleep duration and measures of insulin resistance were summarized using means and standard deviations for normally distributed measures, medians and the inter-quartile range for non-normally distributed variables, and frequencies and proportions for categorical variables. Weekday sleep duration, the primary exposure, was categorized for descriptive purposes and modeled as a continuous variable in regression analyses. Because there is no consensus on sleep duration thresholds that define long and short sleep in adolescents, for descriptive analyses, the ~15th and ~85th percentiles of the sample distribution of mean weekday sleep duration were used to define shorter (≥ 6.50 hrs), intermediate (6.51 – 8.74 hrs) and longer (≥ 8.75 hours) sleep duration. HOMA was right-skewed and therefore was transformed using the natural logarithm to achieve approximate normality. To examine bivariate associations and test for linear (e.g., age) or quadratic (e.g., mean weekday sleep duration) trends while accounting for the correlations among the 168 adolescents who participated in both exams, repeated measures models with a compound symmetric covariance structure and robust variance estimate, and generalized estimating equations with an exchangeable correlation structure and robust variance estimate were fitted. Omnibus p-values of any group difference are reported for categorical variables with more than 2 levels. To further assess the relationship between mean sleep duration and HOMA, three sets of repeated measures models were examined. The initial model was adjusted for age only (Model 1), and subsequent models were adjusted for subject characteristics: age, sex, race, average daily amount of moderate/vigorous activity and preterm history [Model 2]). Model 3 was then additionally adjusted for waist circumference (which, of all the adiposity measures, was most strongly associated with HOMA levels) to examine the marginal effect of obesity. Squared terms were centered to the sample mean to reduce co-linearity. In secondary analyses, the regression models were refitted with extended weekday sleep duration as an additional covariate to examine whether extended weekend sleep duration was associated with HOMA levels or confounded the association between weekday sleep duration and HOMA levels. The results of the repeated measures models are summarized via regression coefficients (betas) and 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) on the ln-scale in the tables, and back-transformed adjusted predicted geometric means are provided in the Figure. SAS version 9.2 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC) was used to analyze the data.

Results

Sample characteristics for the analytic sample and stratified by mean sleep duration category are shown in Table I. Consistent with the sampling strategy, approximately one half of the sample was male and had been preterm, and 42.7% were racial minority race (predominantly African-American). Nearly 20% of the sample was obese and approximately 26% had a G:I ratio of < 7. Mean weekday sleep duration was 7.63 ± 1.08 hours, and was similar for participants in the early adolescent exam (7.70 ± 1.03 hours) and the late adolescent exam (7.56 ± 1.13 hours) (results not shown).

Examination of subject characteristics by sleep duration category showed that the proportion of minority and obese adolescents was highest among shorter sleepers and lowest among longer sleepers (Table I). Similarly, BMI percentile and waist circumference were highest among shorter sleepers and lowest among longer sleepers. As expected, the proportion of adolescents with extended weekend sleep duration was highest among those who slept 6.5 hours or less on weekdays. The proportion of males was lowest among adolescents with longer sleep duration. HOMA, insulin and glucose levels were similar for the 3 sleep duration groups. The proportion of participants with a G:I ratio < 7 was lowest among the intermediate sleep group.

Bivariate associations between subject characteristics and HOMA quartiles are shown in Table II. Although minority race was positively associated with HOMA quartiles, age and average daily amount of moderate-vigorous exercise were negatively associated with HOMA quartiles. Waist circumference, BMI percentile and the prevalence of obesity increased in a quadratic fashion with HOMA quartiles. In these unadjusted analyses, mean weekday sleep duration was similar across HOMA quartiles.

The results of the repeated measures analyses, modeling sleep duration as a continuous measure, show that weekday sleep duration has a quadratic “u-shape” association with HOMA (Table III and Figure). In age-adjusted analyses, the statistical model estimated that adolescents who slept approximately 7.75 hours to have the lowest predicted HOMA levels (1.90 [95% CI: 1.77, 2.03]). Adolescents at the tails of the distribution, with short sleep duration (5.0 hours) or long sleep duration (10.5 hours) had HOMA levels that were about 25% higher (Model 1: 2.43 [95% CI: 1.97, 3.00] and 2.37 [95% CI: 1.91, 2.95], respectively). Similar results were observed after additionally adjusting for sex, race, preterm status and daily moderate-vigorous activity (Model 2), indicating that the association between sleep duration and HOMA is not appreciably confounded by these subject characteristics; the lowest predicted HOMA levels (1.96 [95% CI: 1.82, 2.10]) were among adolescents who slept approximately 7.75 hours, and HOMA levels were about 20% higher among those who slept 5.0 hours (2.36 [95% CI: 1.94, 2.86]) or 10.5 hours (2.41 [95% CI: 1.93, 3.01]). However, additional adjustment for waist circumference (Model 3) attenuated the association between HOMA level and sleep duration at shorter and intermediate sleep durations, but not at longer sleep durations. For example, compared with adolescents who slept 7.75 hours, those who slept 5.0 hrs had adjusted HOMA levels that were estimated to be only 8% higher, and those who slept 10.5 hrs had adjusted HOMA levels that were 30% higher (1.78 [95% CI: 1.67, 1.91], 1.93 [95% CI: 1.62, 2.30] and 2.33 [95% CI: 1.97, 2.76], for adolescents who slept 7.75, 5.0 and 10.5 hours, respectively).

To examine whether extended weekend sleep duration was associated with HOMA levels or if it confounded the association between weekday sleep duration and HOMA levels, secondary analyses included extended weekend sleep duration as an additional covariate in the regression models. Extended weekend sleep duration was not significantly associated with HOMA levels in unadjusted or adjusted regression analyses. Moreover, adjusting for extended weekend sleep duration did not appreciably change the point estimates or standard errors for weekday sleep duration, indicating that it did not confound the association between weekday sleep duration and HOMA levels (results not shown).

Discussion

This study evaluated the relationship between an objective measure of habitual sleep duration (using actigraphy) and an index of insulin sensitivity in an adolescent population. In this sample, a birth cohort from an urban Mid-Western area assembled to over-represent minorities and preterm children, we observed shorter sleep duration to be associated with

minority race and indices of adiposity. As expected, increased HOMA levels were associated with adiposity, decreased physical activity and minority race, as well as with younger age. A quadratic association between sleep duration and HOMA levels was observed, with adolescents with shorter and longer sleep having HOMA levels that were on average 20% higher than levels in adolescents with intermediate sleep durations in models adjusted for age, sex, race, preterm status and daily moderate/vigorous activity. After additionally adjusting for waist circumference, the relationship with shorter sleep was appreciably attenuated, and the association with longer sleep was essentially unchanged. These analyses are consistent with the following: 1) shorter sleep and longer sleep are both associated with elevations in HOMA levels in generally healthy adolescents; 2) the association between shorter sleep duration with HOMA levels is to a large extent mediated through the association between short sleep and central obesity (i.e., as measured by waist circumference); and 3) the association between longer sleep and HOMA levels appears to be through pathways largely independent of obesity.

One prior study of 40 obese children, the majority of who also had sleep apnea, reported that children with shorter sleep duration as measured on a single overnight sleep study had evidence of insulin resistance.³⁵ However, this study examined neither habitual sleep as measured in the child's usual environment, children across a range of BMI, nor the impact of longer sleep on insulin levels.

The finding of a u-shaped relation between sleep duration and HOMA levels in our adolescent sample is consistent with a number of adult studies. A cross-sectional analysis from the Sleep Heart Health Study found that sleep duration less than 6 or more than 9 hours was associated with diabetes and impaired glucose tolerance independently of sleep apnea and body habitus.¹⁴ In the Nurses' Health Study, adult women sleeping less than five or more than 9 hours per night were reported to be at increased risk of physician-diagnosed diabetes.¹³ Analysis of the longitudinal National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES I) also found that subjects sleeping less than 5 or more than 9 hours were significantly more likely to develop incident diabetes, a temporal relation that was attenuated after considering obesity and hypertension.³⁶ The FIN-D2D cross-sectional study also identified a u-shaped curve between sleep duration and type 2 diabetes in middle aged women,³⁷ and the Massachusetts Male Aging Study found that short sleep duration (≤ 5 or 6 hours) doubled the odds and long sleep (≥ 8 hours) tripled the risk of developing diabetes in men free of diabetes at baseline.³⁸ Finally, Nakajima et al. found a u-shaped relation between HbA1c and sleep duration in a rural Japanese community.³⁹ However, in most of the studies of adult populations, concerns have been raised regarding the influences of residual confounding, particularly regarding the influence of mood disorders, sleep apnea, and other chronic illnesses as contributing factors to associations with longer sleep. Although it is also possible that residual confounding may have influenced our findings, the low prevalence of significant health and psychiatric conditions in a community sample of adolescents, our ability to exclude individuals with sleep apnea through direct measurements, and adjustment for physical activity, make it less likely that residual confounding was the explanation for our findings. Thus, these results, underscore the importance of considering variations in sleep duration at both extremes in influencing insulin sensitivity, and demonstrate associations even in a young, relatively healthy population. They also highlight the need for research to better define levels of "optimal" sleep duration, which varies across the age-developmental period, and also may vary within individuals of any given age.

Shorter sleep has been associated with altered secretion of appetite-regulating hormones and appetitive behaviors, potentially leading to increased adiposity and secondary insulin resistance.²⁴ Sleep deprivation also causes an increase in counter-regulatory hormones such

as cortisol, as well as an increase in sympathetic nervous system activity, both of which can contribute to insulin resistance.^{15, 21, 23, 40} In our study, short sleep was strongly associated with indices of adiposity, and after adjusting for waist circumference, the association between shorter sleep and HOMA was attenuated. This suggests that in our healthy adolescent sample, reduced sleep most likely influenced HOMA levels predominantly through effects on weight. Increased adiposity may increase insulin resistance through augmented release of tumor necrosis factor- α , interleukin-6,^{41–43} or free fatty acids,⁴⁴ or through decreased release of adiponectin, an insulin sensitizing agent.⁴⁵

It has been postulated that longer sleep time may be an early symptom or reflection of poorer physical health due to a chronic health condition or lack of exercise. In our study, although self-reported average daily amount of moderate-vigorous activity was negatively associated with HOMA levels, including activity levels in statistical models did not alter the findings. Nonetheless, self-reported levels likely overestimate activity. Further research into a potential reciprocal association between sleep duration and activity, and the joint effects of both exposures on endocrine function are needed. Others have speculated that longer sleep may be a surrogate for a variety of unmeasured health and psychiatric problems.⁴⁶ Although we cannot exclude this as an explanation for our findings, our sample was young, recruited from a community rather than a clinic, and we took care to exclude children with known serious health problems from this analysis. Other potential mechanisms explaining the association with longer sleep may relate to the influences of sleep on cerebral and systemic glucose utilization⁴⁷ or to the effects of counter-regulatory hormones released during sleep.⁴⁸

Our primary outcome in this study was based on HOMA levels, which were reported to be a reliable measure of insulin resistance in children and adolescence³². Similar results were obtained using fasting insulin, which also has been used as a marker for insulin resistance in children with sleep disorders.⁴⁹ Another index, the G:I ratio, was highly correlated with HOMA (Spearman correlations $r=-0.94$).

Limitations to this study include that it is cross-sectional analysis and therefore neither cause and effect nor temporal relations can be ascertained. Detailed metabolic data were not available to assess the potential contributions of hepatic and peripheral glucose homeostasis. To increase statistical power, data from two examinations were used and analyzed with appropriate statistical models for correlated measurements. Additionally, comparisons of those included and excluded (116 observations on 114 subjects excluded due to missing exposure or outcome data) from the analyses showed that the latter were on average 1.3 years older (17.0 ± 1.8 vs. 15.7 ± 2.1 years) and 1.6 kg/m^2 heavier (BMI 25.2 ± 6.5 vs 23.6 ± 5.4), but the groups were similar in terms of sex and race. Adjusted analyses were based on modeling sleep duration as a continuous measurement and definitions of “shorter” and “longer” sleep were not intended to identify strict thresholds associated with health or disease. Study strengths include evaluation of a racially diverse, community-based sample of adolescents in their natural environments, use of objective measurements of habitual sleep duration, standardized collection of outcomes, and consideration of several potential confounders, including physical activity. Additionally, subjects did not have sleep apnea and other co-morbidities such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease which could have confounded the associations.

Given the high prevalence of insufficient sleep in adolescents, which is especially high in ethnic minorities at risk for diabetes and other health problems, the current findings provide further support for efforts to address sleep behaviors in adolescents as part of routine health care. Randomized controlled trials and experimental studies are needed to better understand

causal relations, as well as to identify what the “optimal” sleep patterns and durations are for individuals of given ages.

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Abbreviations

HOMA	Homeostasis model assessment
DM-2	Type 2 Diabetes mellitus
CCSHS	Children’s Sleep and Health Study
PSG	polysomnography
METS	metabolic equivalent task units

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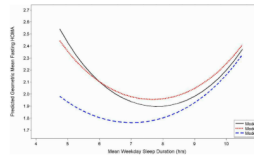


Figure 1.
Predicted Geometric Mean HOMA Levels As A Function of Mean Weekday Sleep Duration from Repeated Measures Analyses
Model 1. Adjusted for Age; Model 2: Adjusted for Subject Characteristics (Age, Sex, Race, Preterm Status, Moderate/Vigorous Daily Activity); Model 3. Adjusted for Subject Characteristics and Obesity (Waist Circumference)

Table 1

Sample Characteristics Overall and by Mean Sleep Duration Categories

Subject Characteristics	All Subjects (n=471)	Mean Sleep Duration Categories		
		Shorter ≤6.5 hrs (n=61)	Intermediate 6.6 – 8.74 hrs (n=338)	Longer ≥ 8.75 hrs (n=72)
Age	15.7 ± 2.1	16.1 ± 2.0	15.6 ± 2.1	15.8 ± 2.2
Male Sex	232 (49.3%)	32 (52.5%)	171 (50.6%)	29 (40.3%)
Minority race	201 (42.7%)	36 (59.0%)	137 (40.5%)	28 (38.9%)
Preterm	232 (49.3%)	30 (49.2%)	164 (48.5%)	38 (52.8%)
Moderate/ vigorous daily activity				
< 30 min	223 (47.3%)	30 (49.2%)	155 (45.9%)	38 (52.8%)
30 to 59 min	81 (17.2%)	9 (14.7%)	60 (17.7%)	12 (16.7%)
≥ 60 min	167 (35.5%)	22 (36.1%)	123 (36.4%)	22 (30.5%)
Extended weekend sleep duration				
No	347 (73.2%)	26 (42.6%)	252 (74.6%)	67 (93.1%)
Yes	70 (14.9%)	23 (37.7%)	47 (13.9%)	0 (0%)
Unknown	56 (11.9%)	12 (19.7%)	39 (11.5%)	5 (6.9%)
Adiposity				
Waist Circumference (cm)	74.8 ± 11.8	76.5 ± 12.9	74.7 ± 11.5	73.4 ± 12.0
Obesity (BMI ≥30 or BMI ≥ 95 th percentile)	88 (18.7%)	13 (21.3%)	64 (18.9%)	11 (15.3%)
BMI percentile	70.4 (45.7, 92.1)	74.4 (42.7, 89.8)	68.7 (46.4, 92.4)	66.9 (36.0, 90.5)
Insulin & Glucose				
HOMA	1.95 (1.37, 2.82)	1.96 (1.30, 3.29)	1.95 (1.37, 2.71)	1.99 (1.43, 2.89)
Fasting Insulin (uIU/mL)	8.9 (6.6, 12.7)	8.7 (6.3, 13.9)	8.9 (6.6, 12.3)	9.1 (6.8, 12.8)
Fasting Glucose (mg/dL)	88.0 ± 7.7	87.9 ± 7.1	88.1 ± 7.6	88.0 ± 8.7

Subject Characteristics	All Subjects (n=471)	Mean Sleep Duration Categories		
		Shorter ≤6.5 hrs (n=61)	Intermediate 6.6 – 8.74 hrs (n=338)	Longer ≥ 8.75 hrs (n=72)
G:I Ratio *	9.9 (6.9, 13.2)	9.6 (6.1, 13.4)	9.9 (7.0, 13.2)	9.9 (6.8, 13.0)
G:I Ratio < 7	122 (25.9%)	17 (27.9%)	84 (24.9%)	21 (29.2%)

N=471 observations on n=387 people; N (column %) shown for categorical variables; median (IQR) or mean ± SD presented for continuous variables

* G:I ratio = fasting glucose / fasting insulin

Table 2

Sample Characteristics by HOMA Quartiles

Subject Characteristics	HOMA Quartiles				p-value*
	Quartile 1 0.341 – 1.366 (n=118)	Quartile 2 1.367 – 1.949 (n=117)	Quartile 3 1.950 – 2.773 (n=118)	Quartile 4 2.817 – 20.677 (n=118)	
Weekday Sleep Duration	7.63 ± 1.02	7.64 ± 1.06	7.62 ± 1.00	7.63 ± 1.24	0.96
Age	16.4 ± 1.9	16.1 ± 2.1	15.2 ± 2.1	15.0 ± 2.0	<0.001
Male Sex	65 (55.1%)	49 (41.9%)	59 (50.0%)	59 (50.0%)	0.37
Minority Race	35 (29.7%)	41 (35.0%)	57 (48.3%)	68 (57.6%)	<0.001
Preterm Status	49 (41.5%)	58 (49.6%)	58 (49.2%)	67 (56.8%)	0.22
Moderate/vigorous daily activity					
< 30 min	40 (33.9%)	49 (41.9%)	57 (48.3%)	77 (65.2%)	
30–59 min	20 (16.9%)	22 (18.8%)	25 (21.2%)	14 (11.9%)	<0.001
60 min	58 (49.2%)	46 (39.3%)	36 (30.5%)	27 (22.9%)	
Extended weekend sleep duration	15 (12.7%)	20 (17.1%)	16 (13.6%)	19 (16.1%)	0.82
Adiposity					
Waist Circumference (cm)	70.0 ± 7.4	70.3 ± 7.5	74.6 ± 11.1	84.1 ± 13.7	<0.001
Obese (BMI ≥ 30 or BMI ≥ 95 th)	1 (0.9%)	6 (5.1%)	22 (18.6%)	59 (50.0%)	<0.001
BMI Percentile	51.6 (31.3, 68.7)	58.5 (39.8, 80.9)	71.3 (47.1, 90.9)	95.0 (85.3, 98.2)	<0.001

N=471 observations on n=387 people; N (column %) shown for categorical variables; median (IQR) or mean ± SD presented for continuous variables

* Quadratic trend test for mean weekday sleep duration, BMI percentile and waist circumference; linear trend test shown for age; omnibus test of any group difference shown for categorical variables.

Table 3

Association Between Mean Weekday Sleep Duration and Ln HOMA

	Model 1: Adjusted for Age			Model 2: Adjusted for Subject Characteristics			Model 3: Adjusted for Subject Characteristics+ Waist circumference		
	Beta	95% CI	p-value	Beta	95% CI	p-value	Beta	95% CI	p-value
Intercept	1.982	1.624, 2.339	<0.001	1.500	1.086, 1.913	<0.001	2.182	1.828, 2.536	<0.001
Sleep Duration	-0.012	-0.059, 0.035	0.62	-0.002	-0.049, 0.045	0.93	0.028	-0.011, 0.068	0.16
Sleep Duration 2	0.031	0.006, 0.057	0.02	0.026	0.002, 0.050	0.03	0.023	0.003, 0.043	0.03
Age (per 1 yr increase)	-0.084	-0.107, -0.062	<0.001	-0.067	-0.091, -0.044	<0.001	-0.100	-0.121, -0.080	<0.001
Male Sex				-0.001	-0.111, 0.111	0.99	-0.137	-0.230, -0.044	0.004
Minority race				0.126	0.004, 0.249	0.04	0.129	0.034, 0.224	0.008
Preterm				0.054	-0.055, 0.162	0.33	0.045	-0.045, 0.136	0.33
Activity †									
< 30 min				0.270	0.154, 0.386		0.192	0.098, 0.286	
30-59 min				0.109	-0.027, 0.244	<0.001	0.075	-0.038, 0.187	<0.001
≥ 60 min				-ref-	-ref-		--	--	
Waist (per 5 cm increase)							0.166	0.140, 0.192	<0.001
Waist 2							-0.009	-0.015, -0.002	0.007

* Sleep duration and waist circumference are centered to the sample mean (7.63 and 74.75, respectively).

† Activity = moderate/vigorous daily activity