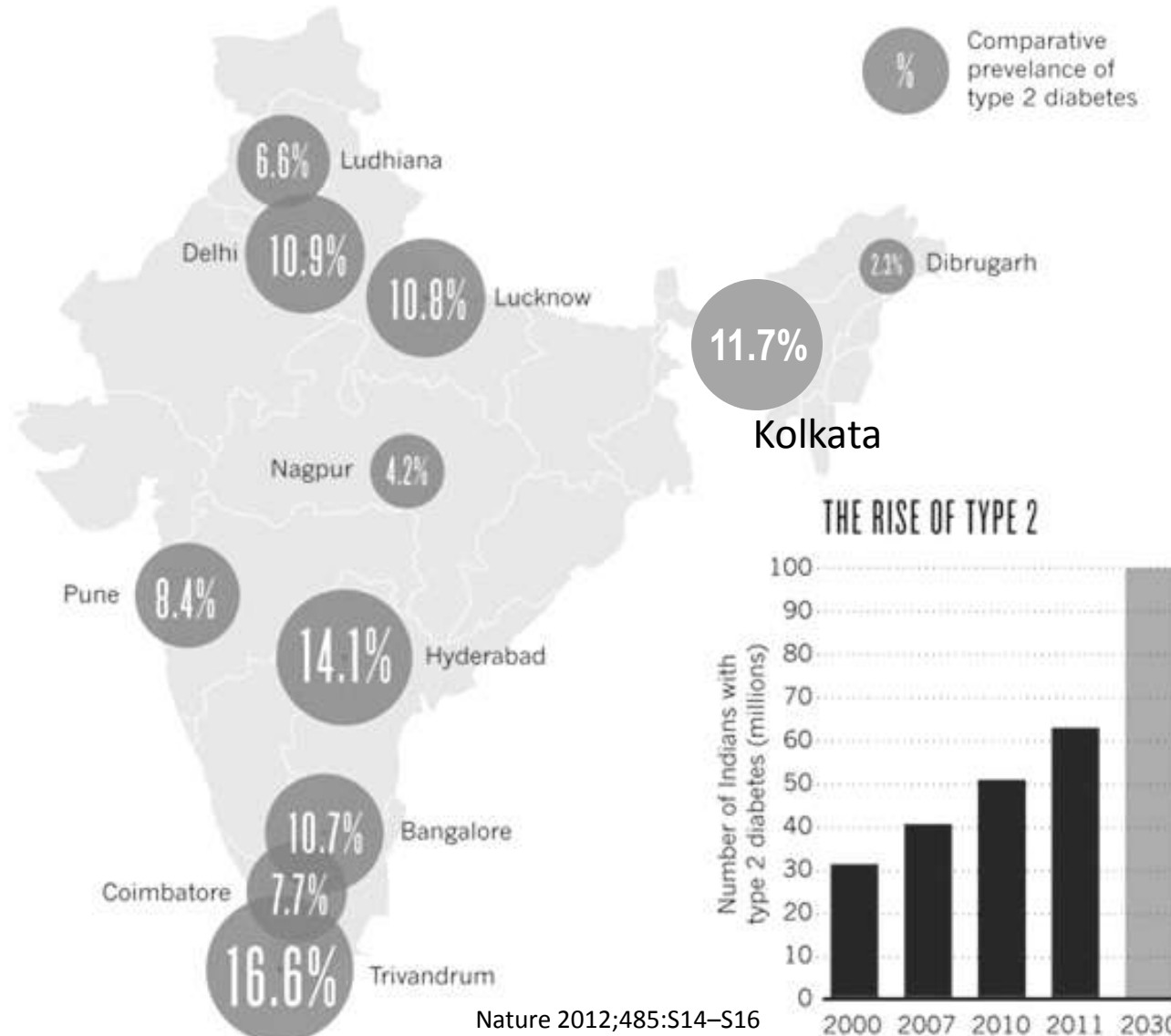


**India is the “diabetes capital
of the world”**

India's Diabetes Boom



Nature 2012;485:S14-S16

IDF DIABETES ATLAS, 4TH ED. INTERNATIONAL DIABETES FEDERATION (2009). REDDY, K. S. BULL WORLD HEALTH ORGAN. 84, 461-469 (2006)

Diabetic retinopathy (DR)



Diabetic retinopathy occurs in 87.5% of all persons having diabetes for >15 years

The severity of DR proportionately increased with longer duration of diabetes

Diabetic retinopathy

Inside picture....



Retinal vascular microaneurysms, blot hemorrhages, cotton-wool spots, loss of retinal pericytes, increased vascular retinal permeability, alterations in regional blood flow, and abnormal retinal microvasculature, retinal hemorrhage



Vision loss

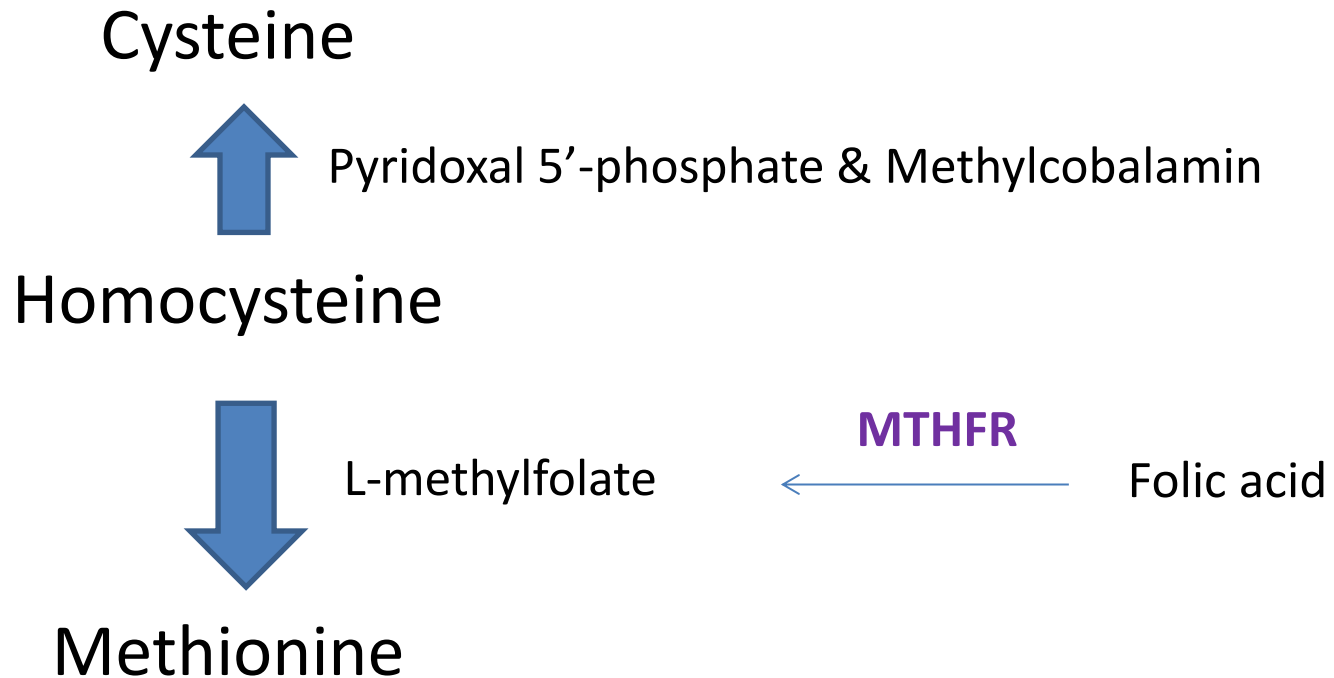
AIIMS New Delhi Report

84% Indian population suffering
from hyperhomocysteinemia

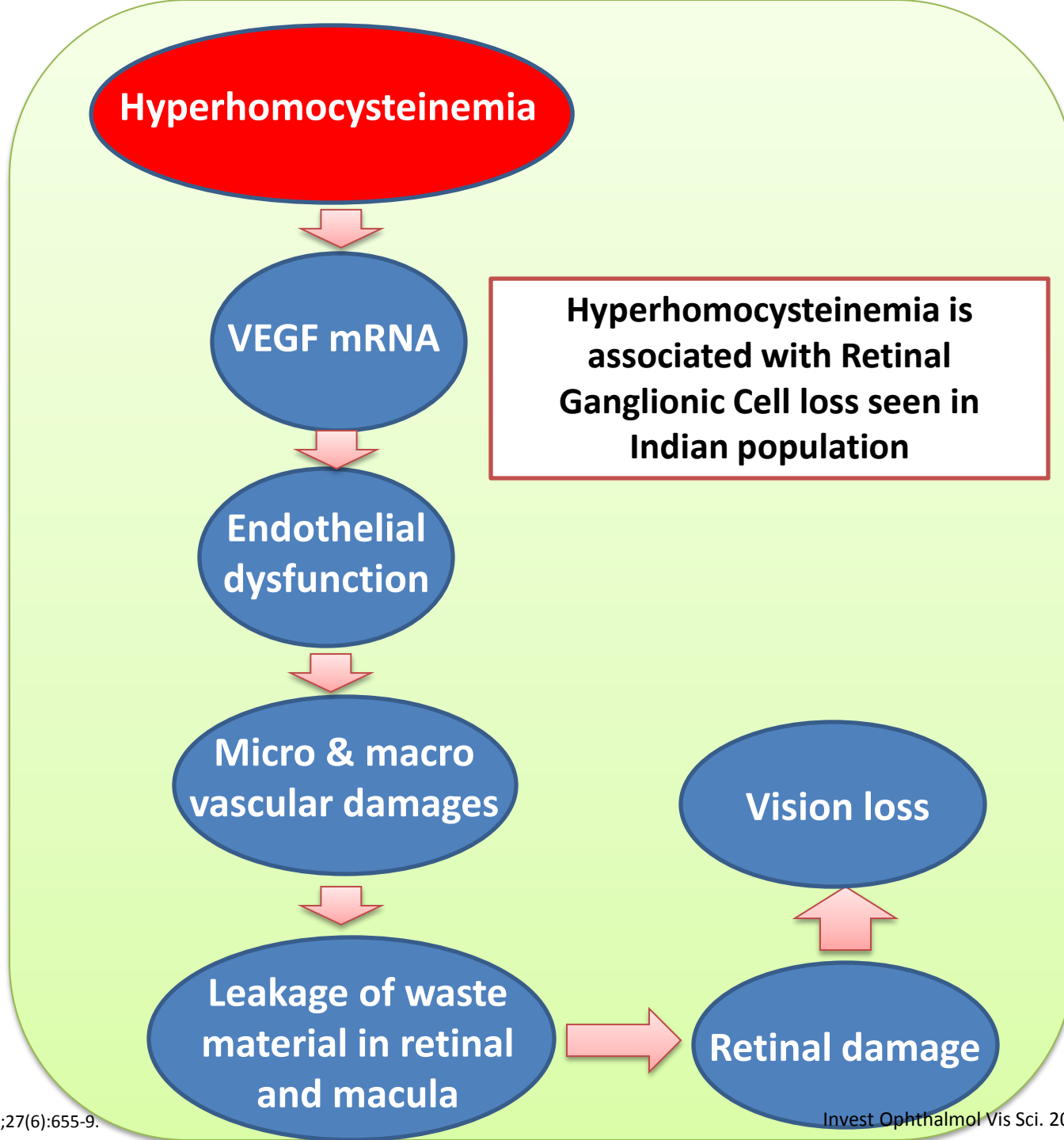
**Hyperhomocysteinemia is an
Independent risk factor in
Diabetic retinopathy**

Hyperhomocysteinemia

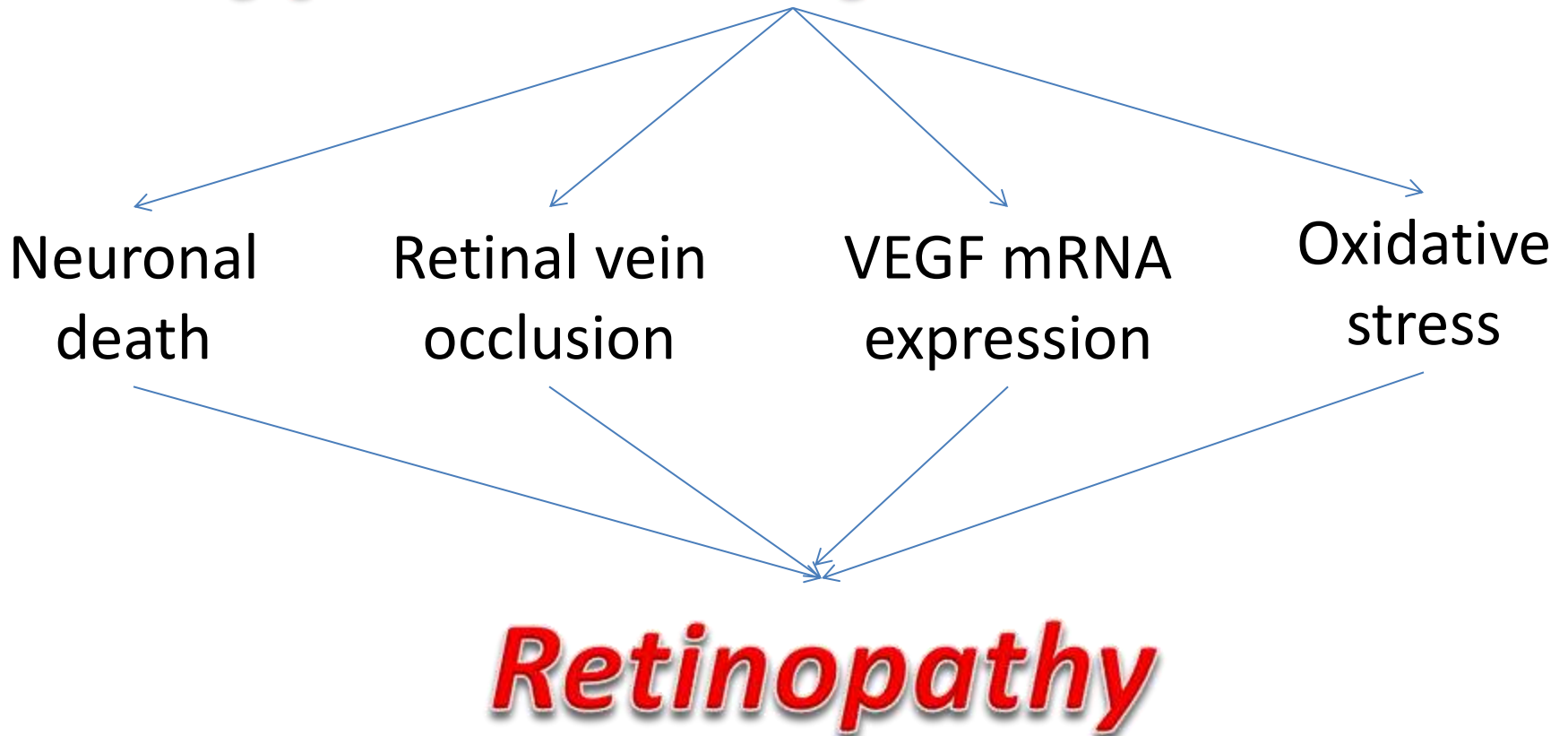
Elevated levels of Homocysteine concentration in blood is known as Hyperhomocysteinemia



Deficiency of L-methylfolate, Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate is the predominant cause of hyperhomocysteinemia



Hyperhomocysteinemia



**Elevated homocysteine increased
steady state VEGF mRNA levels 4.4-fold**

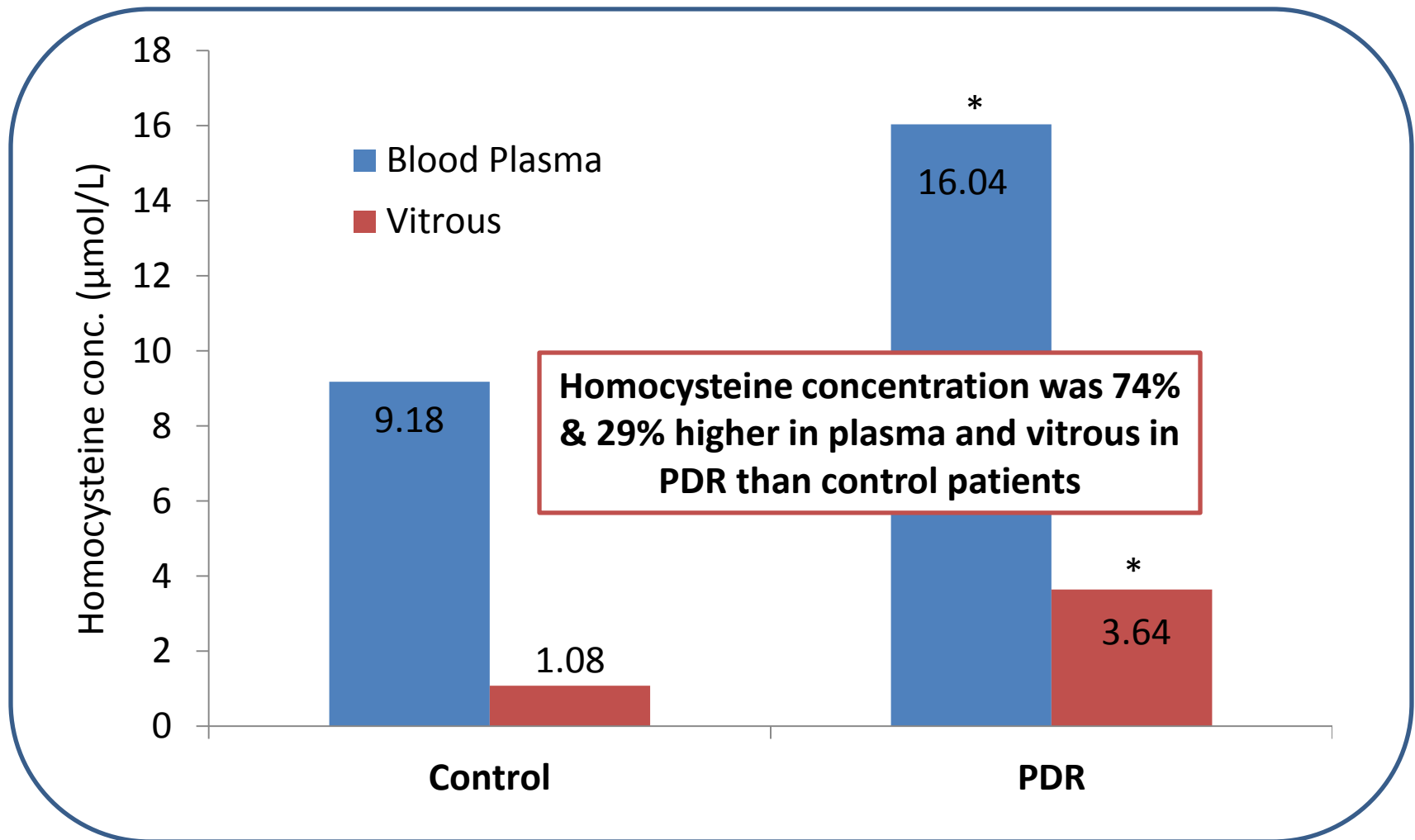


Diabetic retinopathy

Plasma and vitreous homocysteine concentrations in patients with proliferative diabetic retinopathy

- 20 patients with PDR and 12 nondiabetic patients with nonproliferative ocular diseases
- Plasma and vitreous samples were obtained to measure

Vitreous Hcy concentrations were elevated in patients with PDR probably due to breakdown of the blood-retina barrier

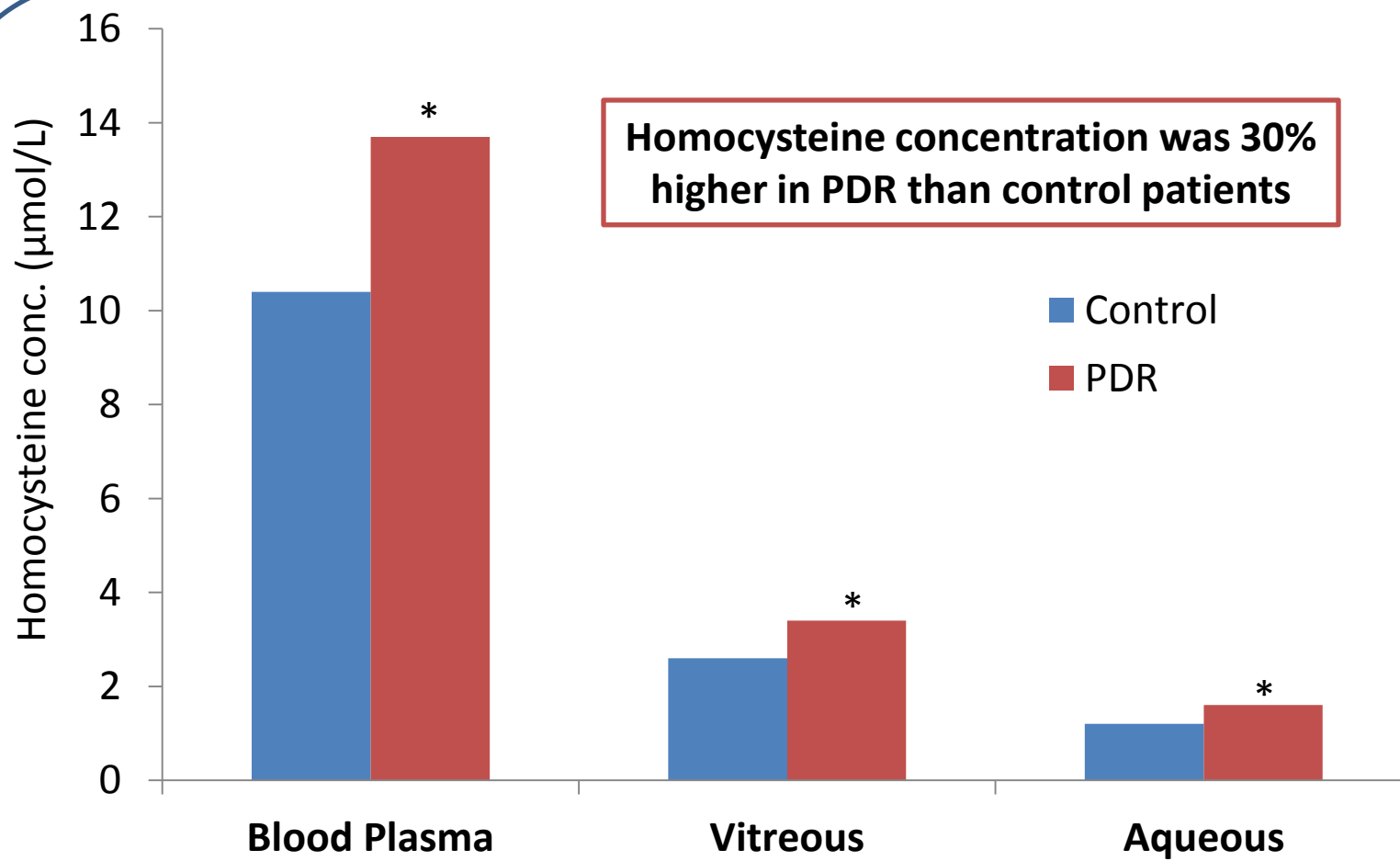


*P<0.001

Retina. 2008 May;28(5):741-3.

Plasma, aqueous and vitreous homocysteine levels in proliferative diabetic retinopathy (PDR)

- 20 eyes with PDR and 21 eyes of patients without diabetes mellitus were examined
- Blood plasma, aqueous and vitreous samples were collected during combined cataract and pars plana vitrectomy for homocysteine measurement



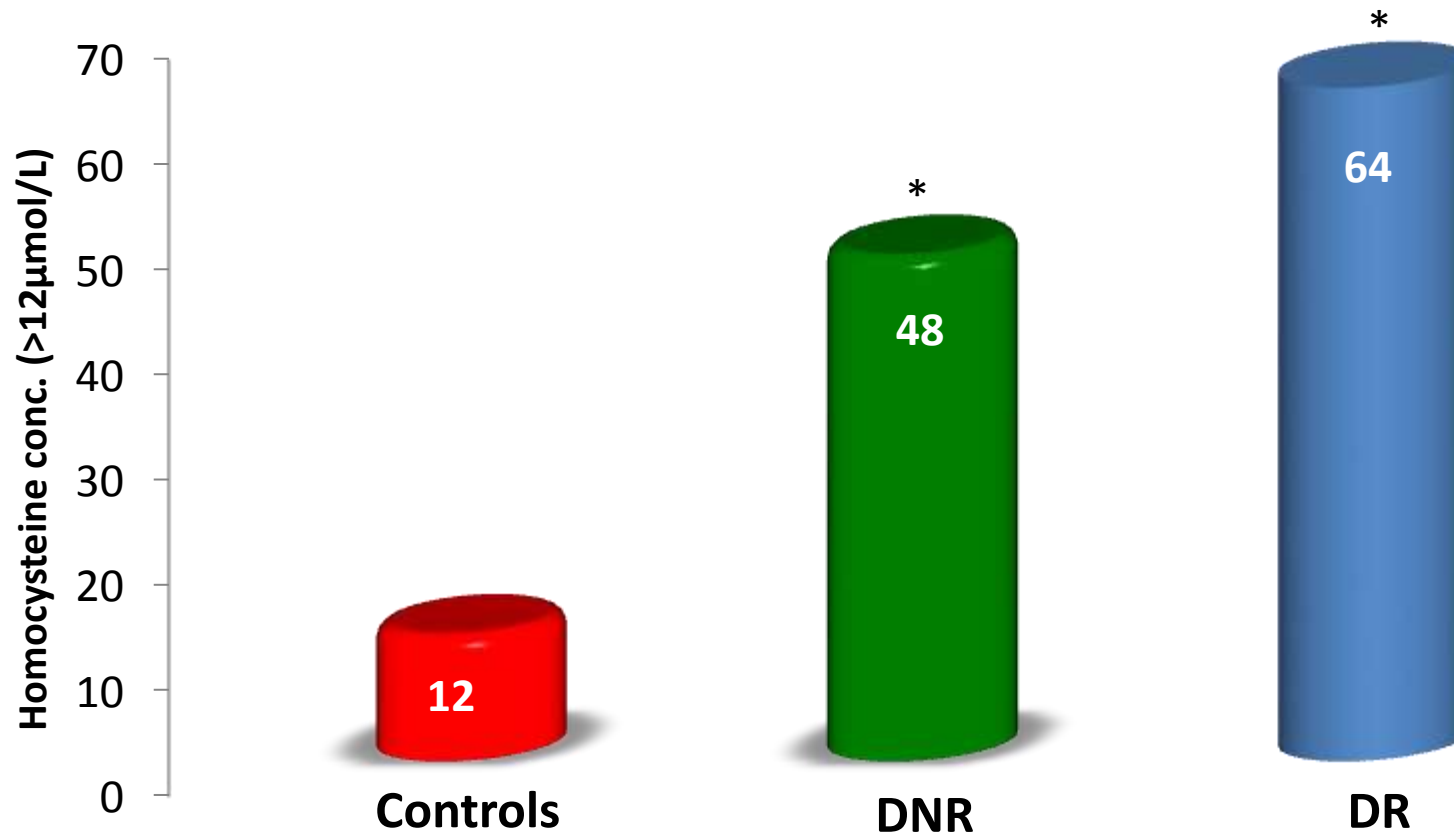
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Status of B-vitamins and homocysteine in diabetic retinopathy: association with B-vitamin deficiency and hyperhomocysteinemia

- A cross-sectional case-control study
- 100 normal control subjects and 300 subjects with type-2 diabetes (T2D).
- Of the 300 subjects with T2DM, 200 had diabetic retinopathy (DR) and 100 did not (DNR).

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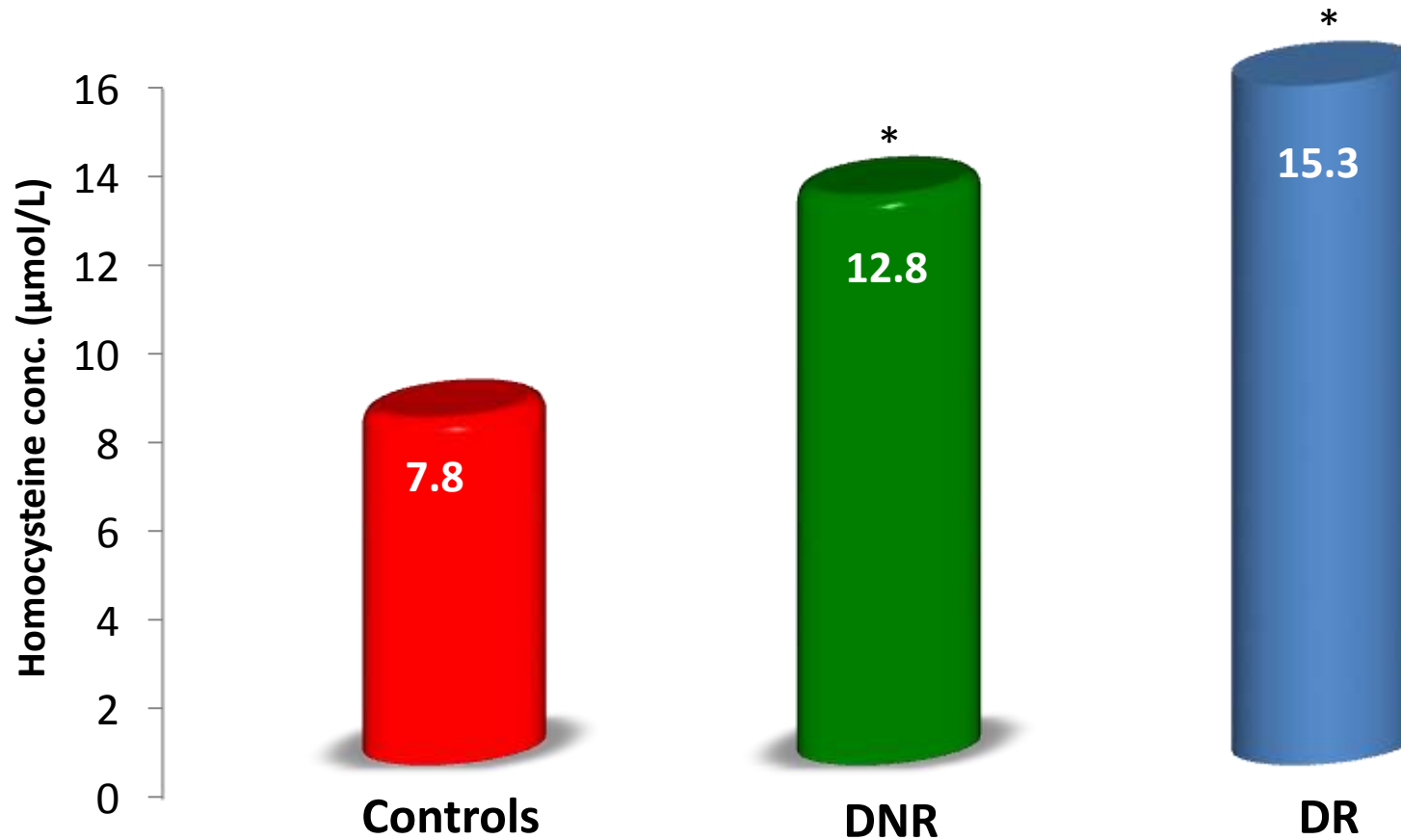
% Prevalence of hyperhomocysteinemia with $>12\mu\text{mol/L}$



* $P < 0.05$

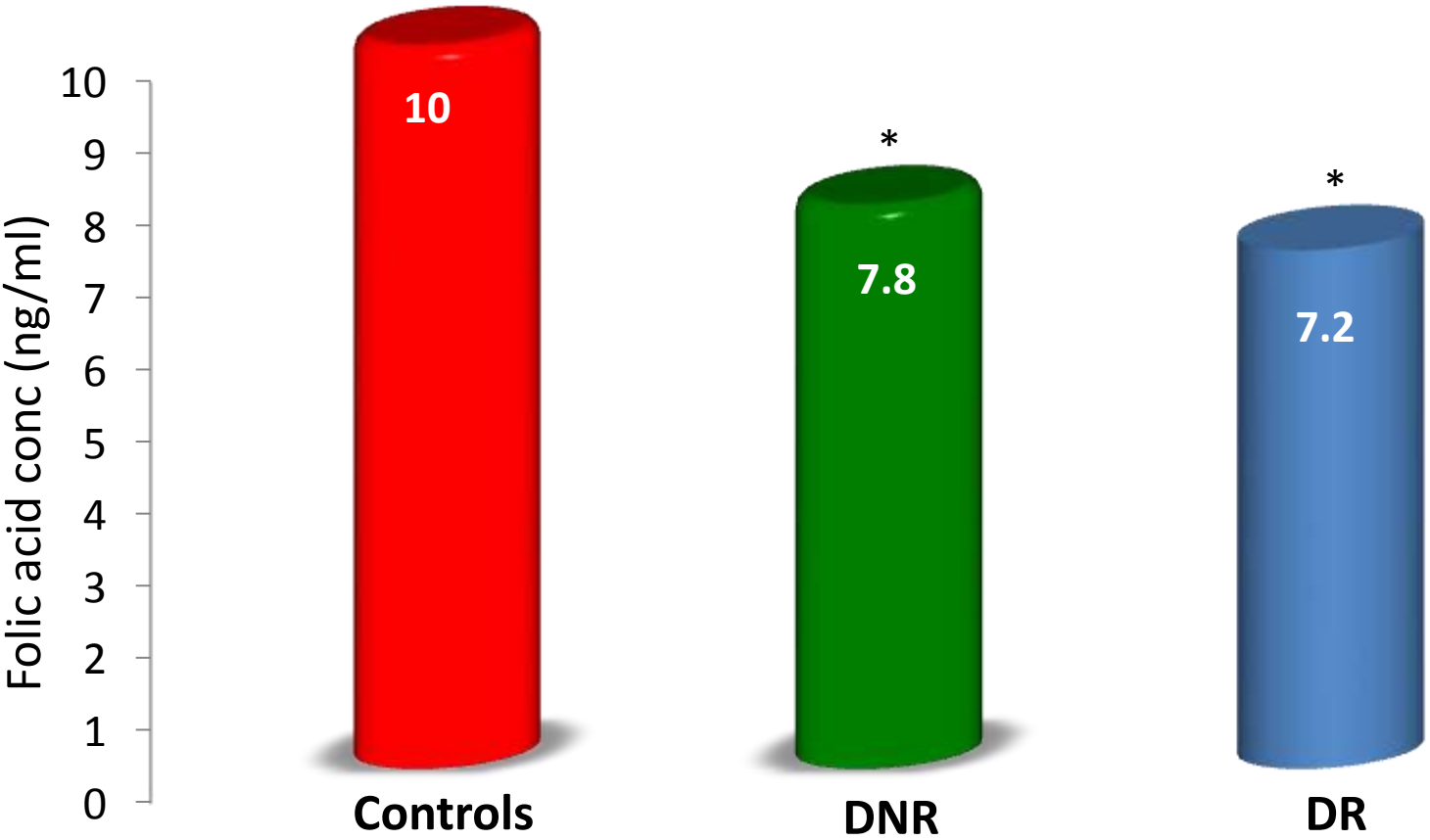
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Homocysteine concentration



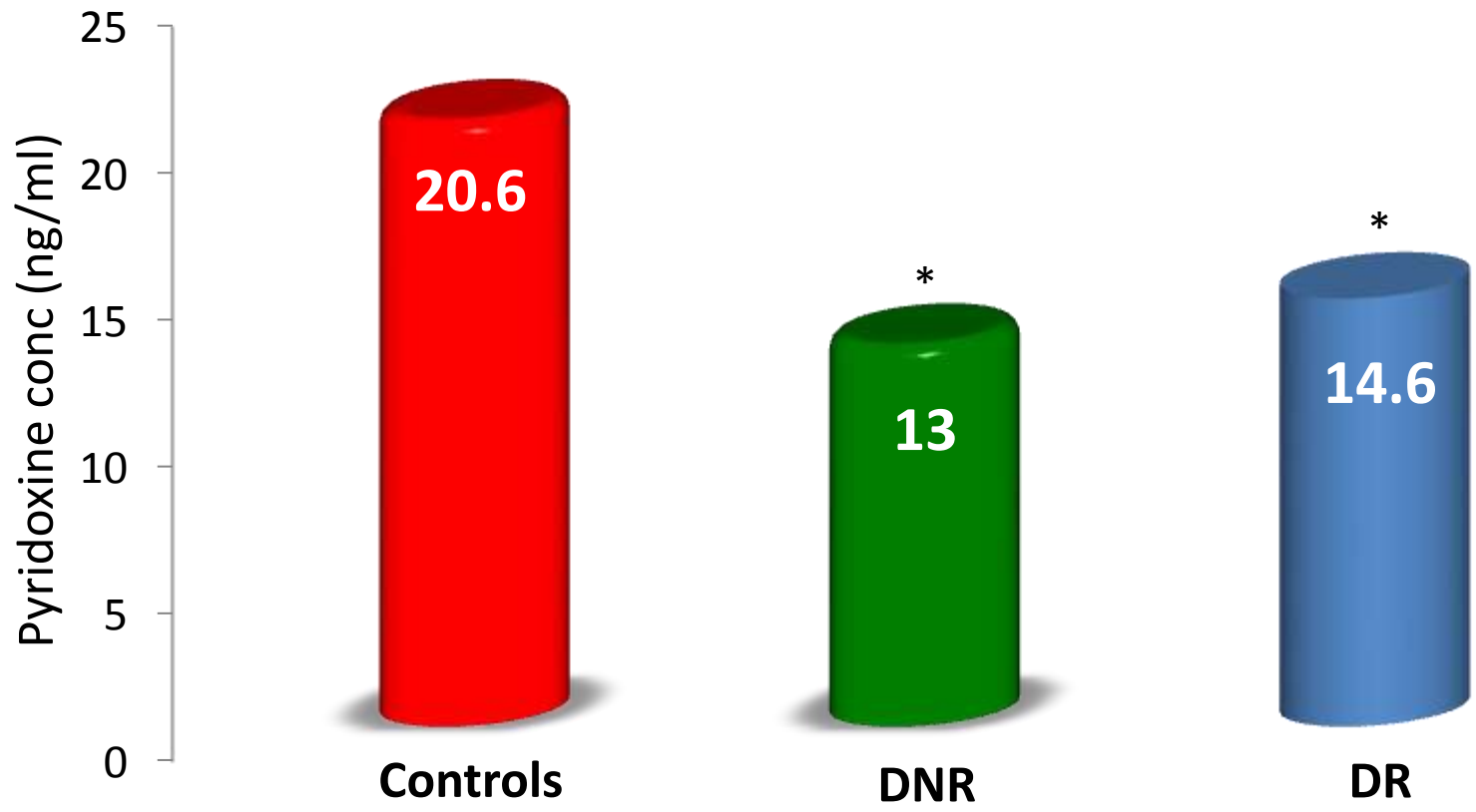
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Folic acid deficiency



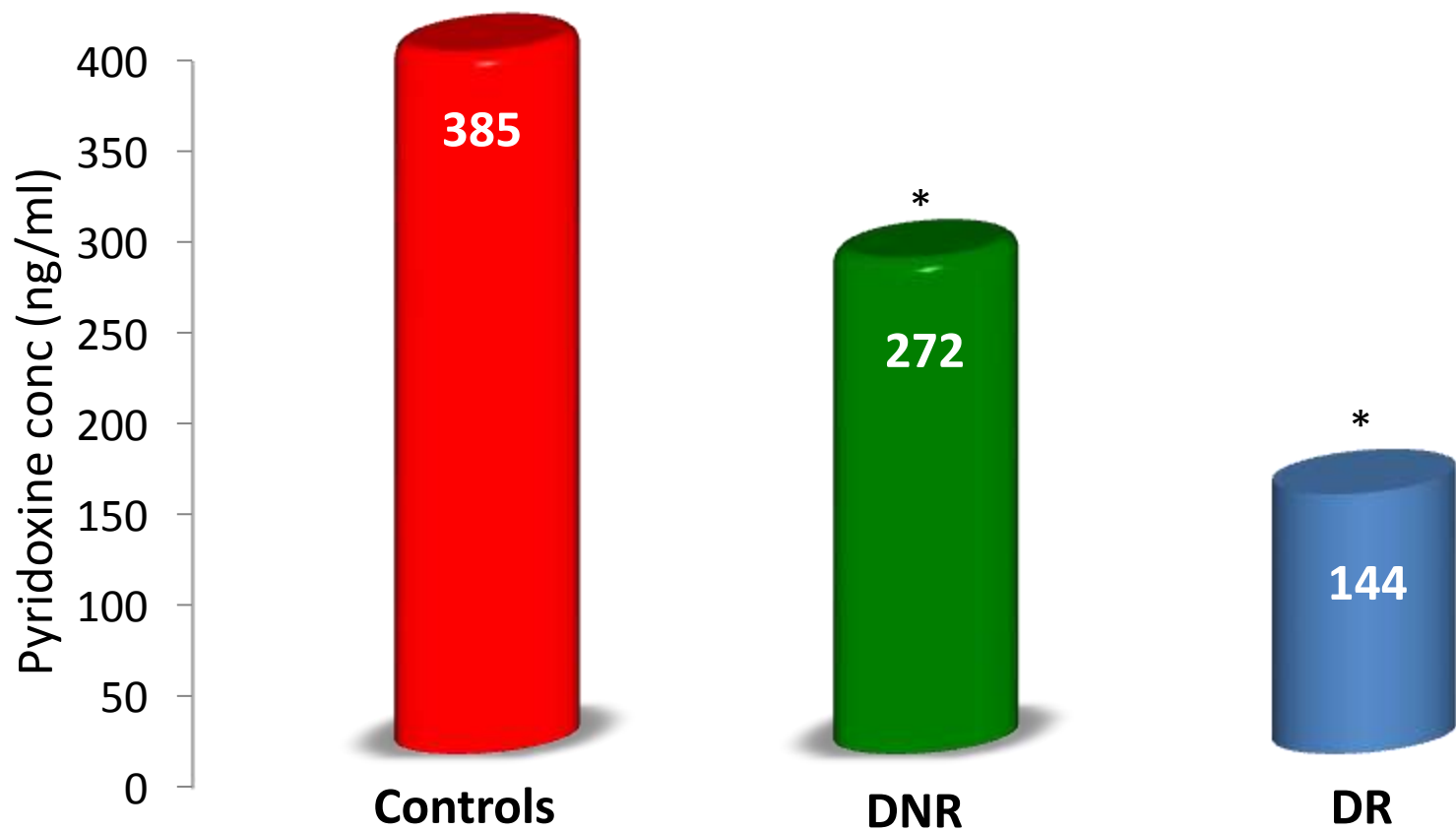
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Pyridoxine deficiency



*P<0.05

Plasma vitamin B12 deficiency

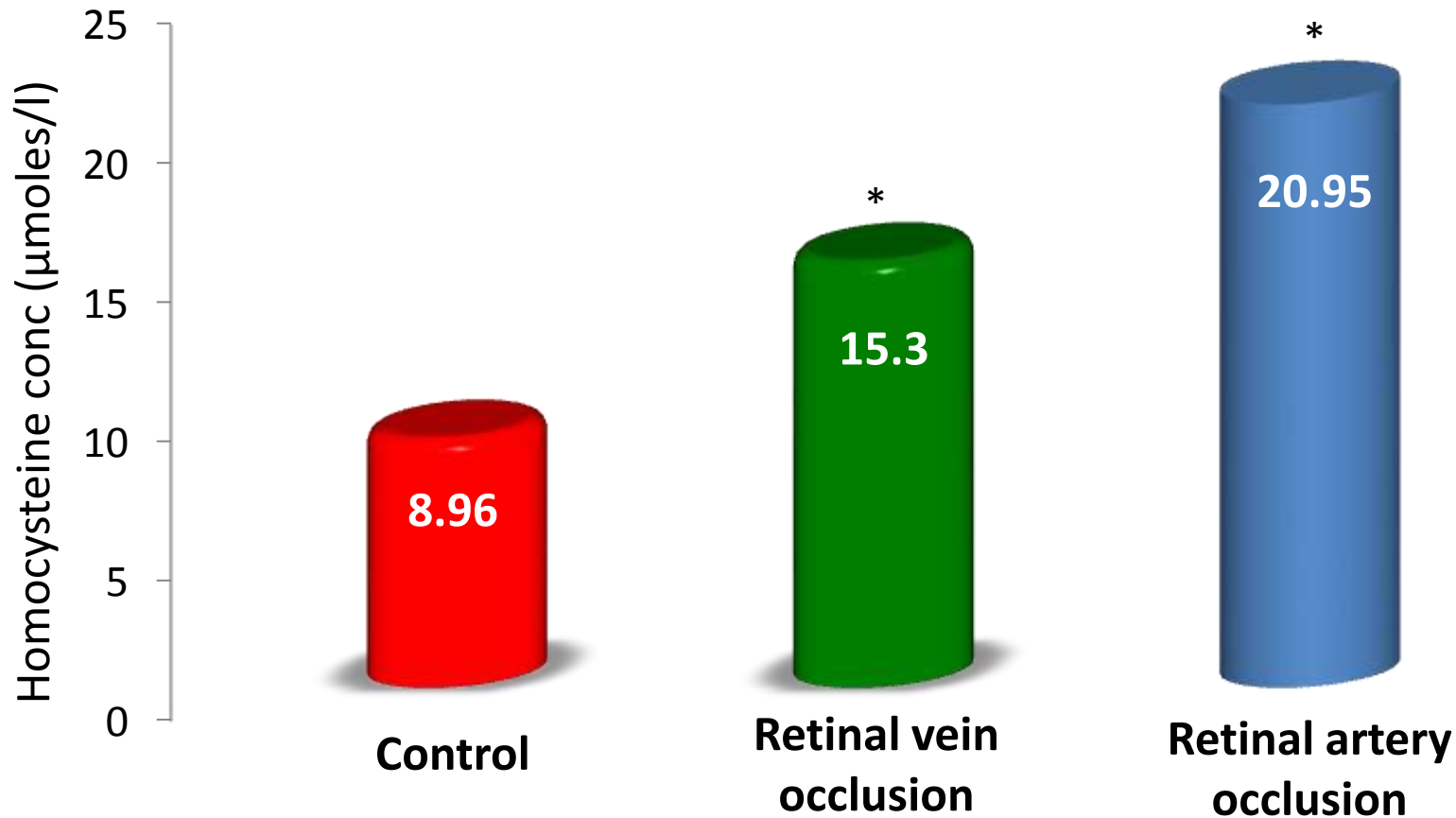


P<0.05

Hyperhomocysteinemia and retinal vascular occlusive disease

- Plasma total homocysteine was measured in 56 consecutive patients with recently diagnosed retinal vascular occlusive disease:
- 36 had central retinal vein occlusion, 12 branch retinal vein occlusion, and 8 retinal artery occlusion, and compared them with 59 age- and sex-matched healthy controls.

Homocysteine concentration



***P<0.001**

Each 1 $\mu\text{mol/l}$ increase in homocysteine was associated with a 7% increased odds of RVO

Conclusion

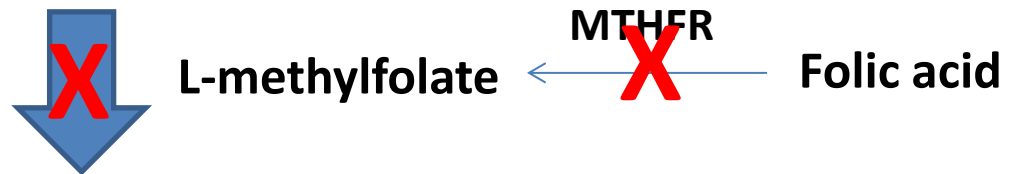
The data indicate that hyperhomocysteinemia & deficiency of B-vitamin could be an independent risk factor for DR.

Regardless of dietary intake of B-vitamins,

MTHFR Polymorphism is a risk factor for
Diabetic Retinopathy

MTHFR polymorphism

Homocysteine



Methionine

MTHFR Polymorphism leads to deficiency of active L-methylfolate concentration....causing Hyperhomocysteinemia

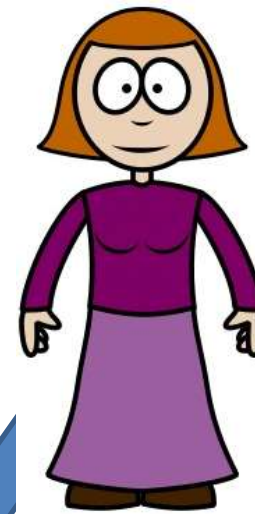
Prevalence of MTHFR Polymorphism

60%

Of the total population are having
MTHFR genetic polymorphism

There are two types of MTHFR genotypes, TT & CC

MTHFR **C** allele is physiologically protective and **T** allele is responsible for increased metabolic risk in Indian population



Mother

TT

CC

Father

TT

CC



TT



CT



CT



CC

MTHFR enzyme activity is reduced by 35% among the 677CT carriers and by 50% to 70% among 677TT carriers



BHU, Varanasi,
March 2012 Report

MTHFR Polymorphism in Uttar Pradesh

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**MTHFR Polymorphism is predominant
in Uttar Pradesh**



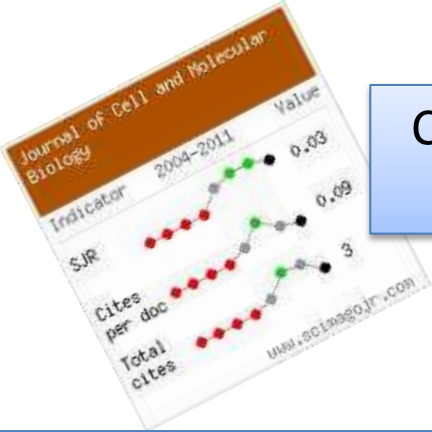
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**Homozygosity (TT) and heterozygosity (CT) for
the MTHFR polymorphism**

South Indian
Study 2004

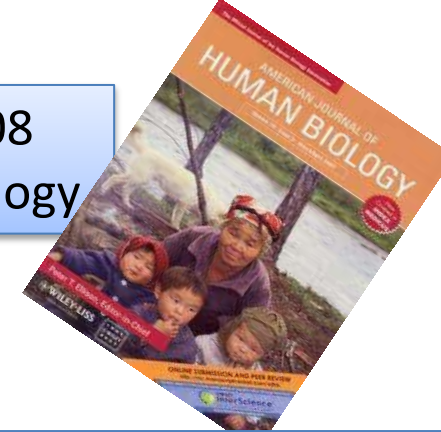


**MTHFR polymorphisms was found to be
predominant among Tamilians**



Caste study from Hum Mol
Gen Lab Jun 2012

Delhi Study 2008
Dept of Anthropology



**MTHFR polymorphisms was prevalent among
Bramhin & Rajputs of Uttar Pradesh**

**MTHFR polymorphisms was prevalent
among Ahirs & Jats of Haryana**

Eastern Uttar Pradesh
Report 2010



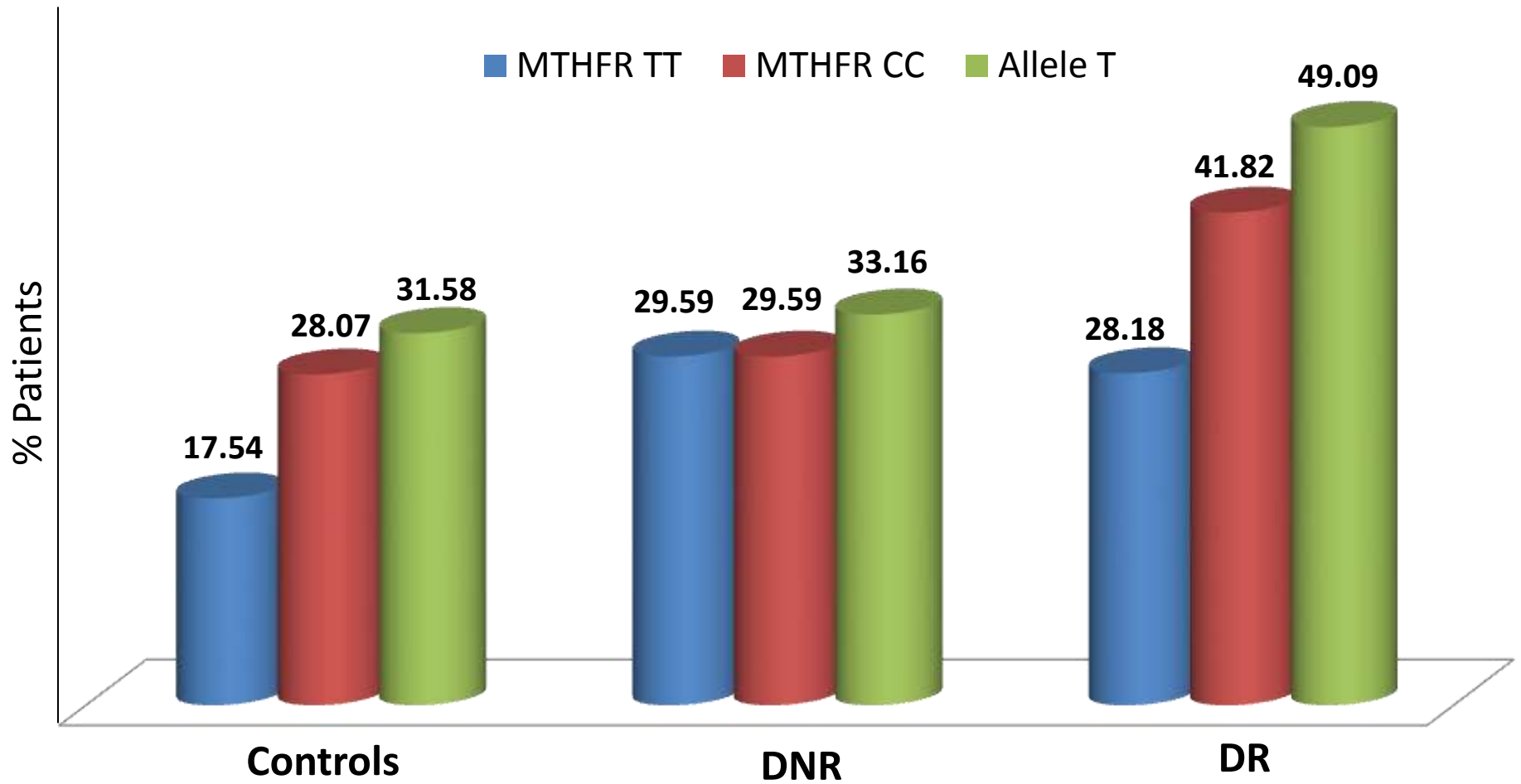
**High MTHFR Polymorphism in Muslim
population**

The relationship between MTHFR gene polymorphisms, plasma homocysteine levels and diabetic retinopathy in type 2 diabetes mellitus

Total of 208 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus and 57 controls were recruited into the study.

MTHFR polymorphism is strongly associated with hyperhomocysteinemia and diabetic retinopathy

MTHFR polymorphism & DR





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An updated meta-analysis of methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase gene 677C/T polymorphism with diabetic nephropathy and diabetic retinopathy

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A B S T R A C T

Studies investigating the association of methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase (MTHFR) gene 677C/T polymorphism with diabetic nephropathy and diabetic retinopathy have so far reported inconclusive results. We therefore aim to address this inconclusiveness by conducting a meta-analysis. Random-effects model was applied irrespective of between-study heterogeneity. Data and study quality were assessed in duplicate. A total of 7807 and 1599 subjects from 21 and 8 studies were analyzed for diabetic nephropathy and diabetic retinopathy, respectively. Carriers of 677TT genotype were 1.71 (95% confidence interval [95% CI]: 1.02–2.88; $P = 0.042$) and 2.89 (95% CI: 1.51–5.53; $P = 0.001$) times more likely to develop diabetic nephropathy separately relative to diabetic patients without nephropathy and nondiabetic controls. Likewise, this association was preserved for diabetic patients with retinopathy referring to those without (odds ratio [OR] = 1.86; 95% CI: 1.21–2.86; $P = 0.004$). Subgroup analyses showed that ethnicity was a possible confounder, especially in West Asians and Africans, and so were gender and duration of diabetes mellitus in diabetic nephropathy studies. Probability of publication bias was low across all comparisons as reflected by the funnel plot and corresponding test. Taken together, our results demonstrate that MTHFR gene 677TT genotype might confer a moderately augmented risk for diabetic nephropathy and diabetic retinopathy.

Diabetes Res Clin Pract. 2012 Jan;95(1):110-8.

...hence this arises the need of

**Active supplementations of conventionally
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Introducing

*Foliact-N*TM

L-methylfolate 1mg + Methylcobalamin 1500mcg +
Pyridoxal 5-phosphate 10mg

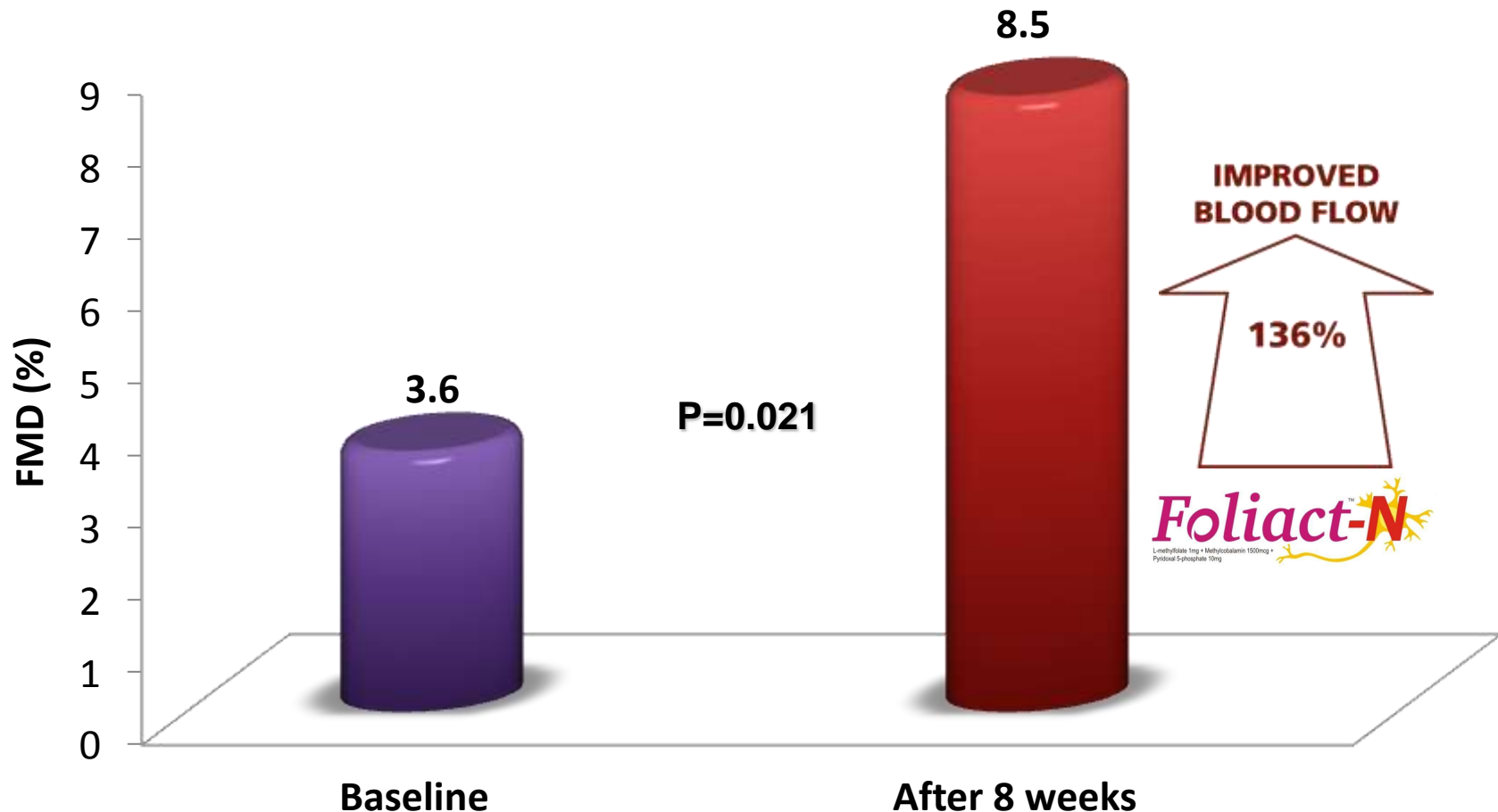


Triple combination of LMF + P5P + Methylcobalamin Improves Endothelial Function...

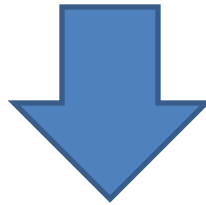
In a randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind trial,

35 patients with endothelial dysfunction were
randomized to Combination of LMF + P5P +
Methylcobalamin or placebo for 8 weeks

Triple combination significantly improved endothelial function by 136% at 8 weeks



Increasing retinal blood flow



Improving retinal function

*How **Foliact-N** is different than conventional formulations ?*

Conventional formulations



Inactive

Folic acid
Vitamin B6
Vitamin B12

L-methylfolate
Pyridoxal 5'-Phosphate
Methylcobalamin

Active

Bypasses MTHFR polymorphism

Homocysteine



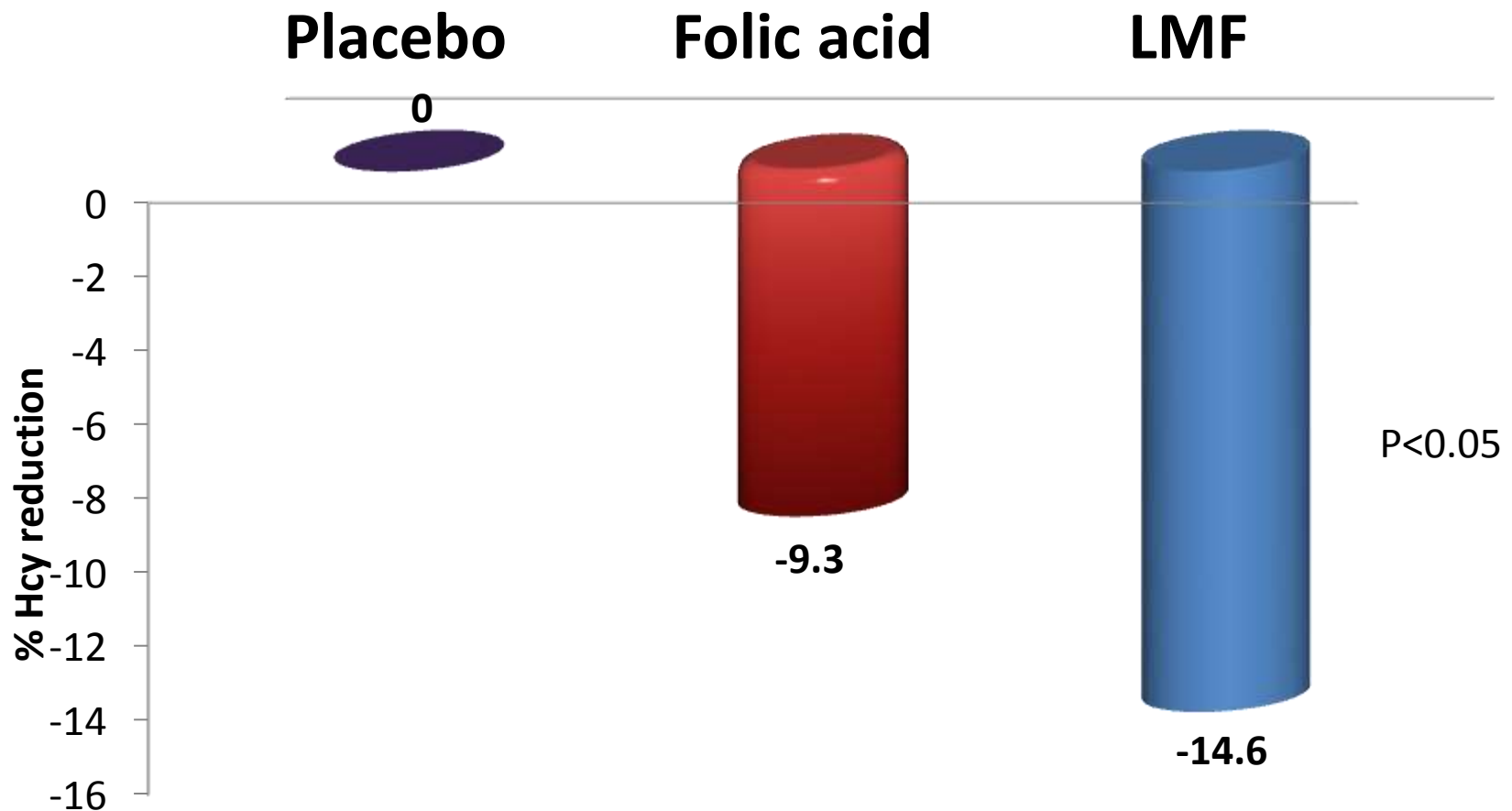
L-methylfolate

Methionine

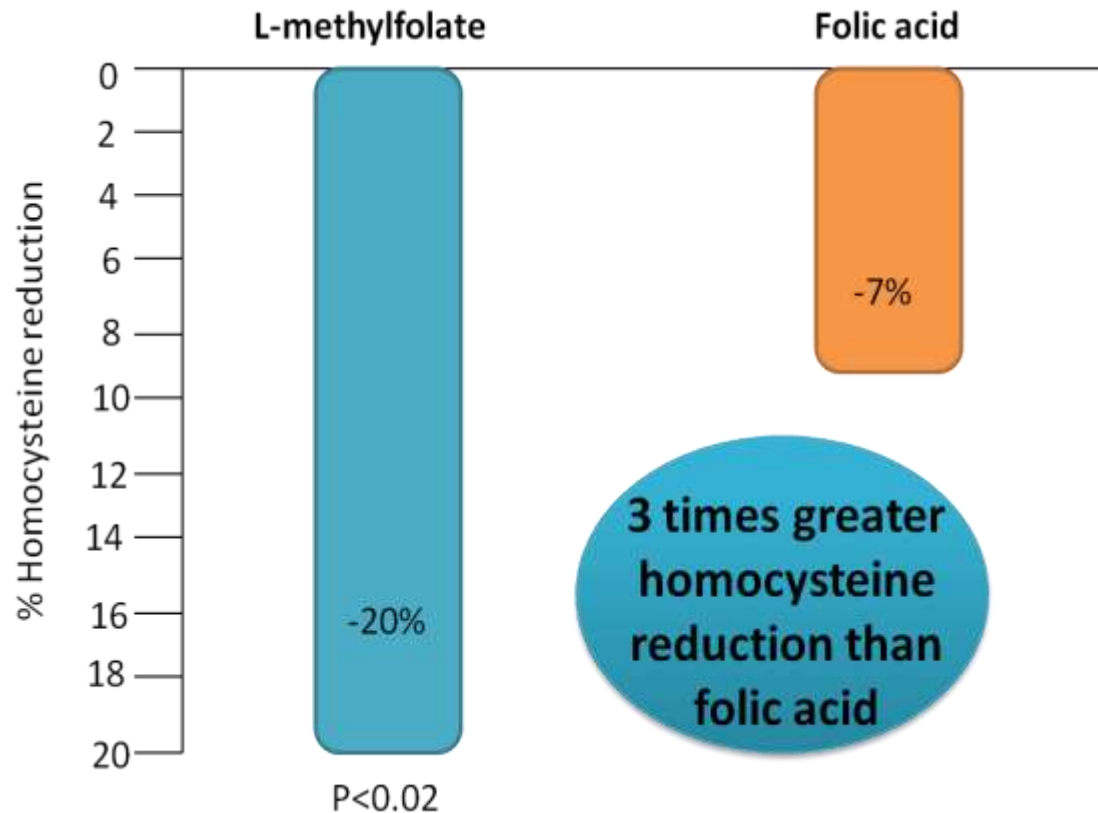
Active L-methylfolate.....decreases homocysteine levels

L-methylfolate vs folic acid

Homocysteine reduction after 24 weeks

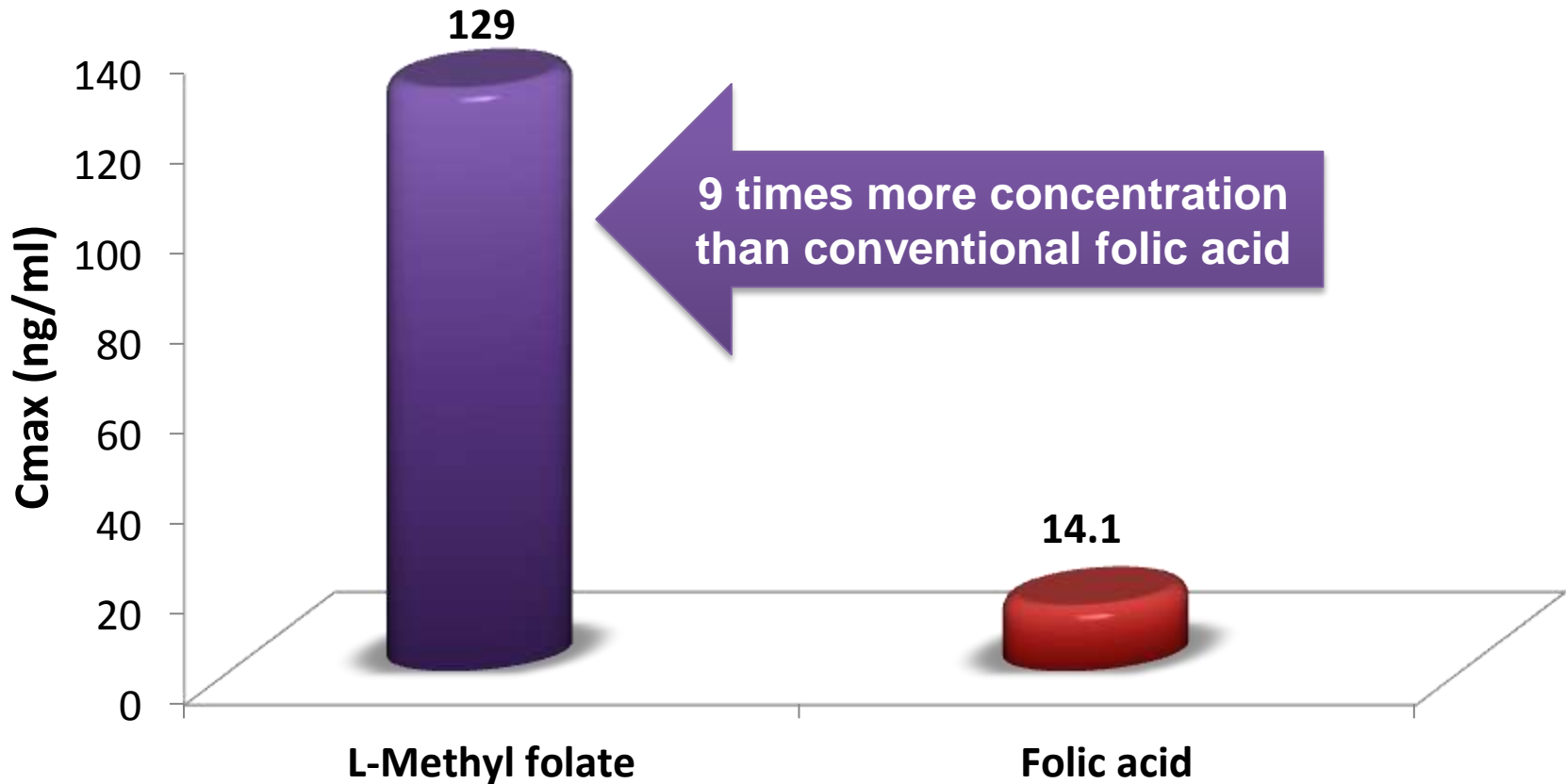


L-methylfolate vs folic acid

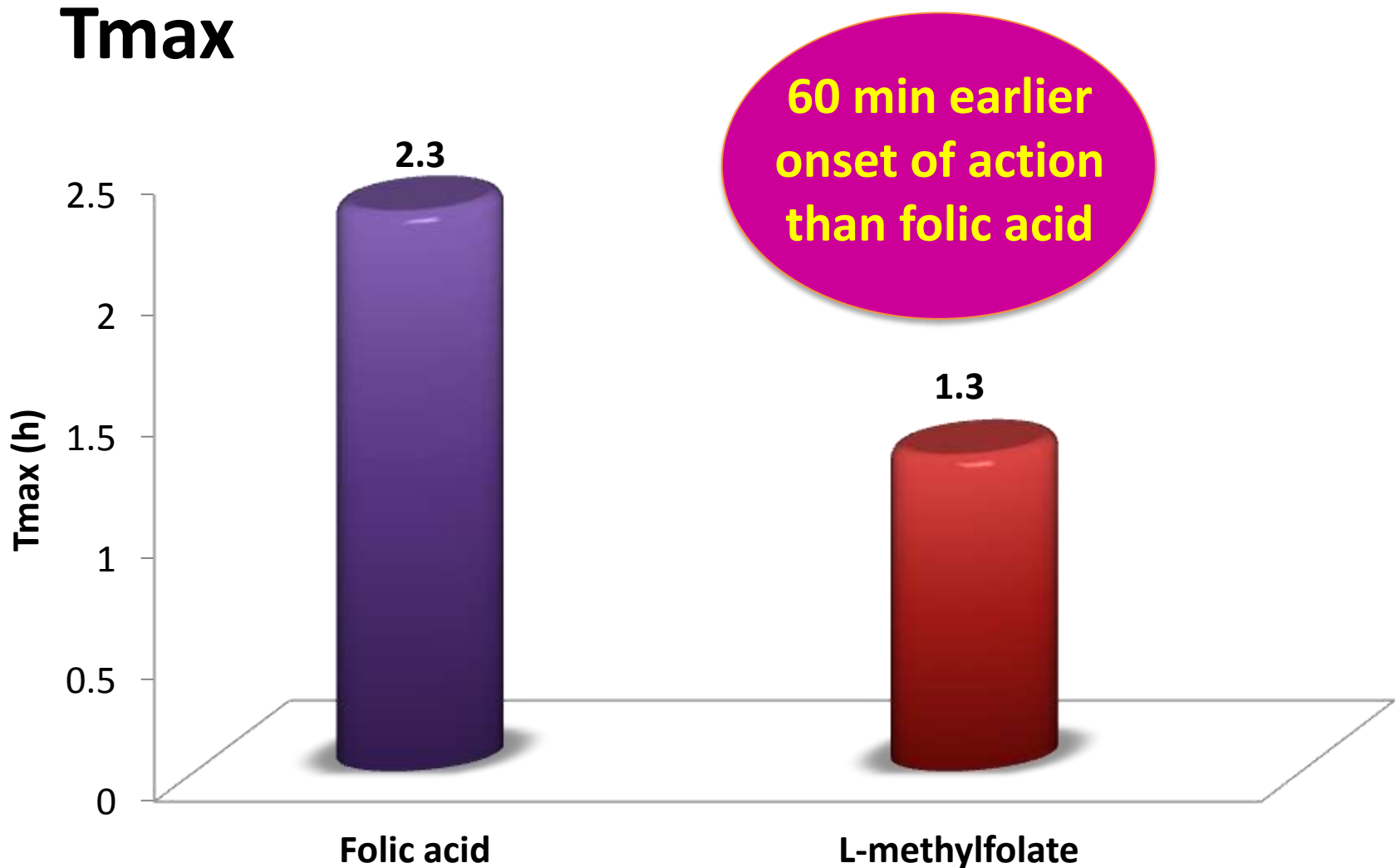


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Cmax

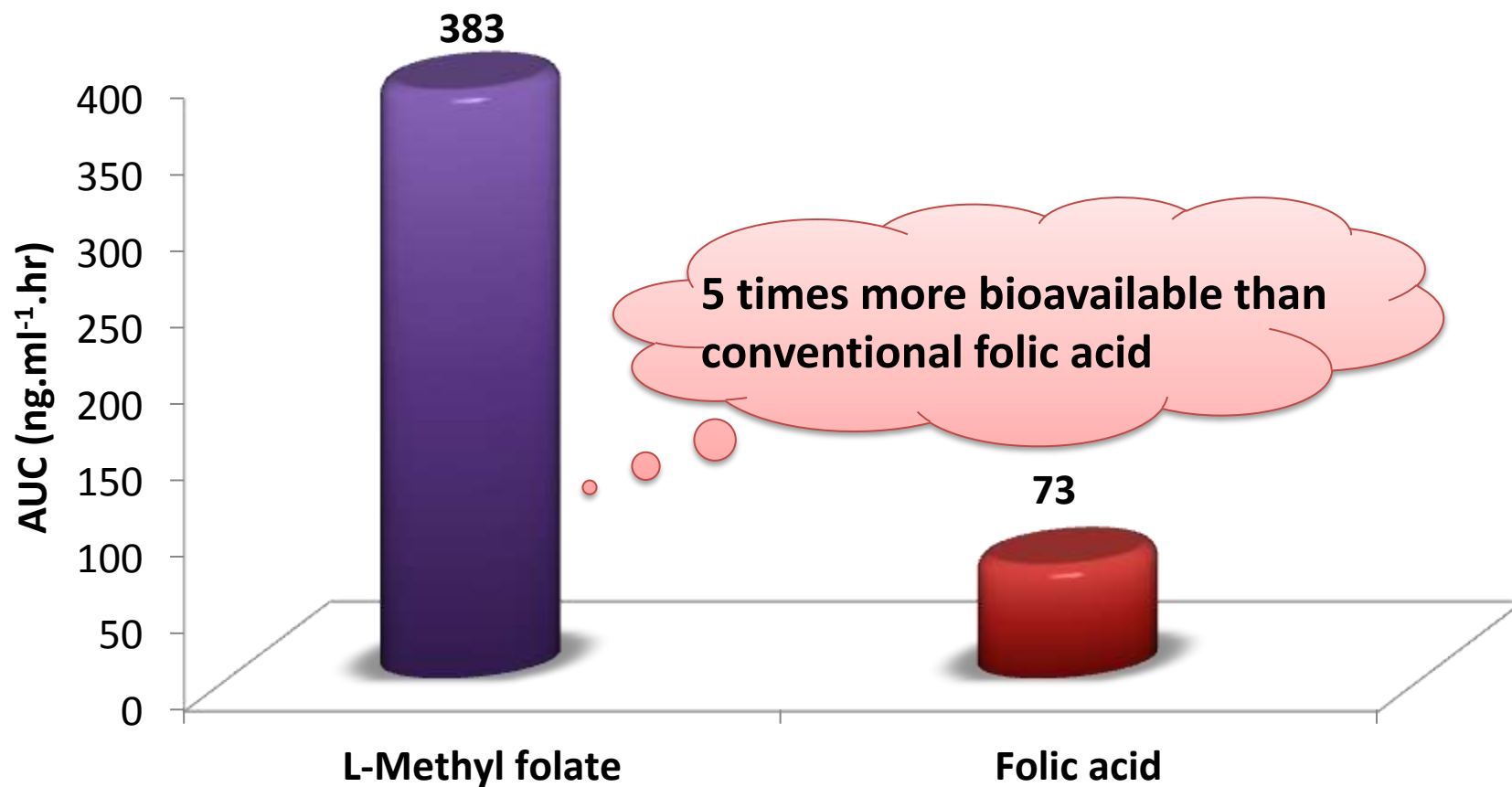


L-methylfolate vs folic acid



L-methylfolate vs folic acid

AUC



Vs Other formulations

Conventional
Preparation Folic
Acid Vitamin B-6

Activation Steps

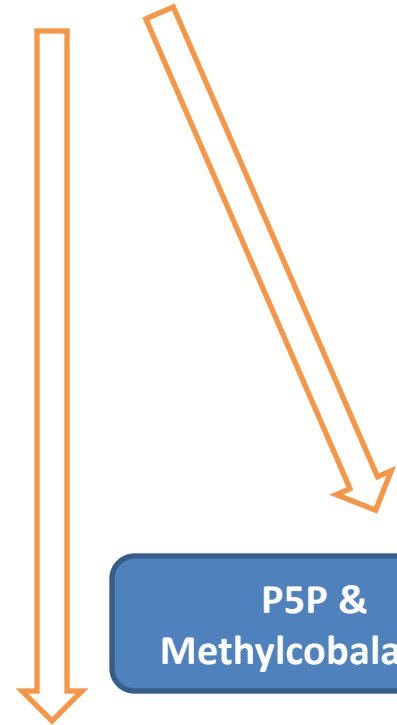


High T-max
Less Bioavailability
Less Cmax
Patients metabolism
disorder



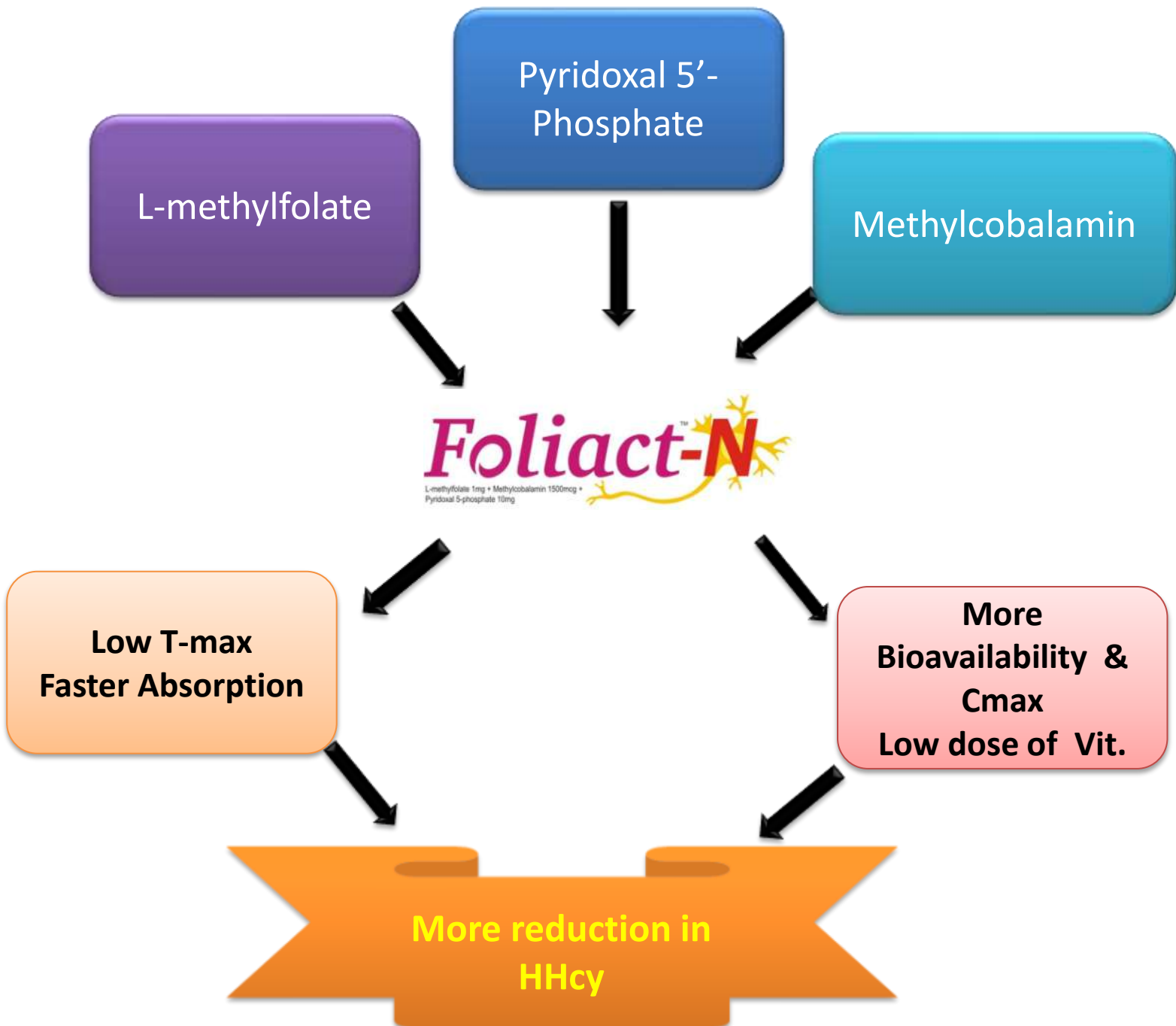
Results in less reduction in
Hyperhomocysteinemia

Active
metabolites for
Folic Acid ,
Vit-6, 12
Are Essential



P5P &
Methylcobalamin

L-methylfolate



Indication & dosage

- For the prevention of diabetic retinopathy, venous occlusion
- One tablet OD

