

Kefir intake as adjuvant onto glycemic control in diabetic rats

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Diabetes Mellitus

Complications of Diabetes

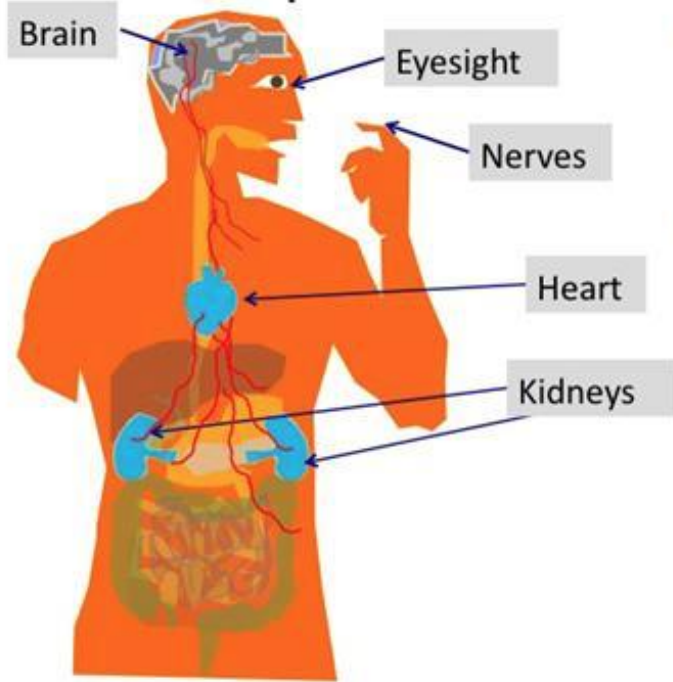
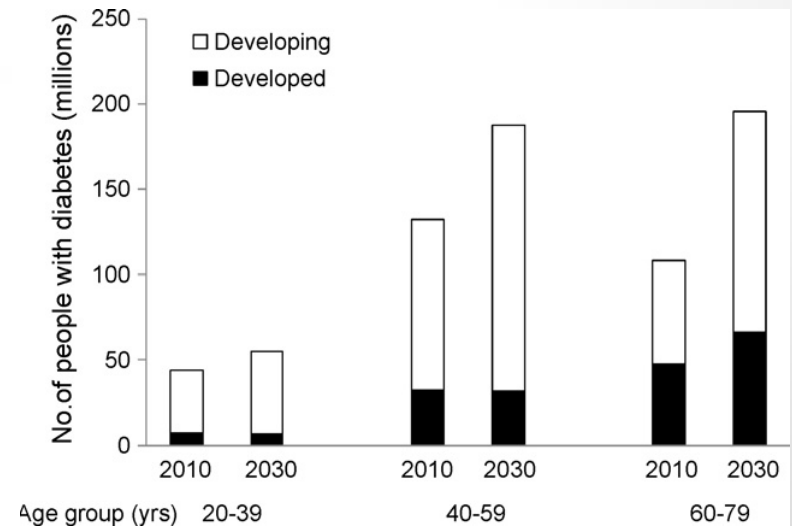
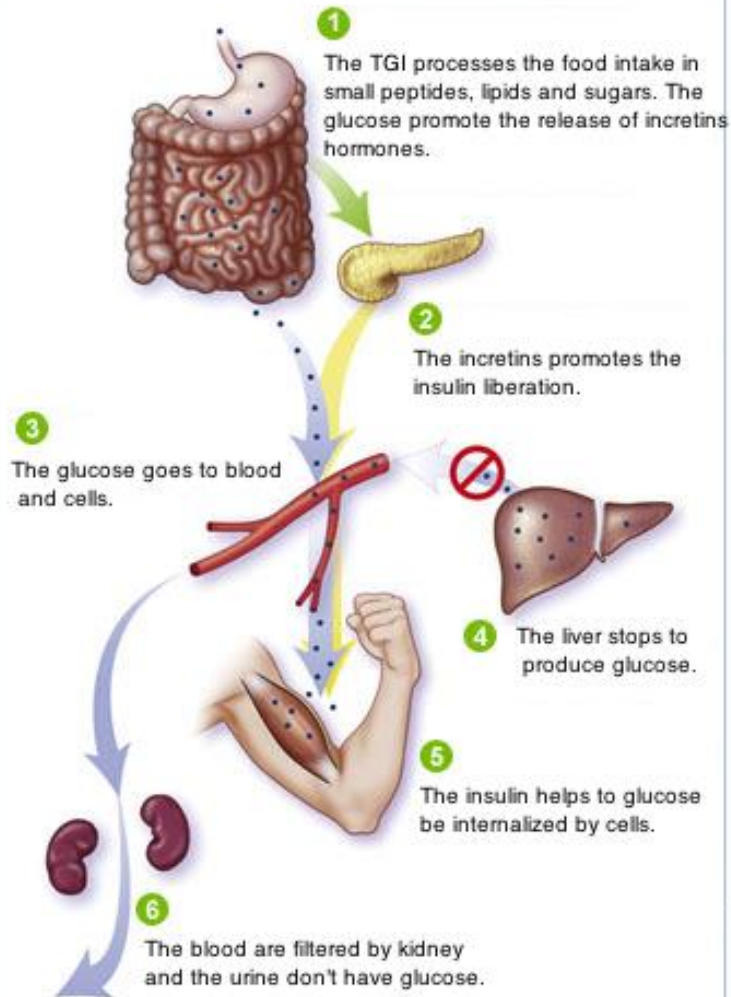


Image: R. Kousar & M. Mayhew; Australian Community Centre for Diabetes, 2011

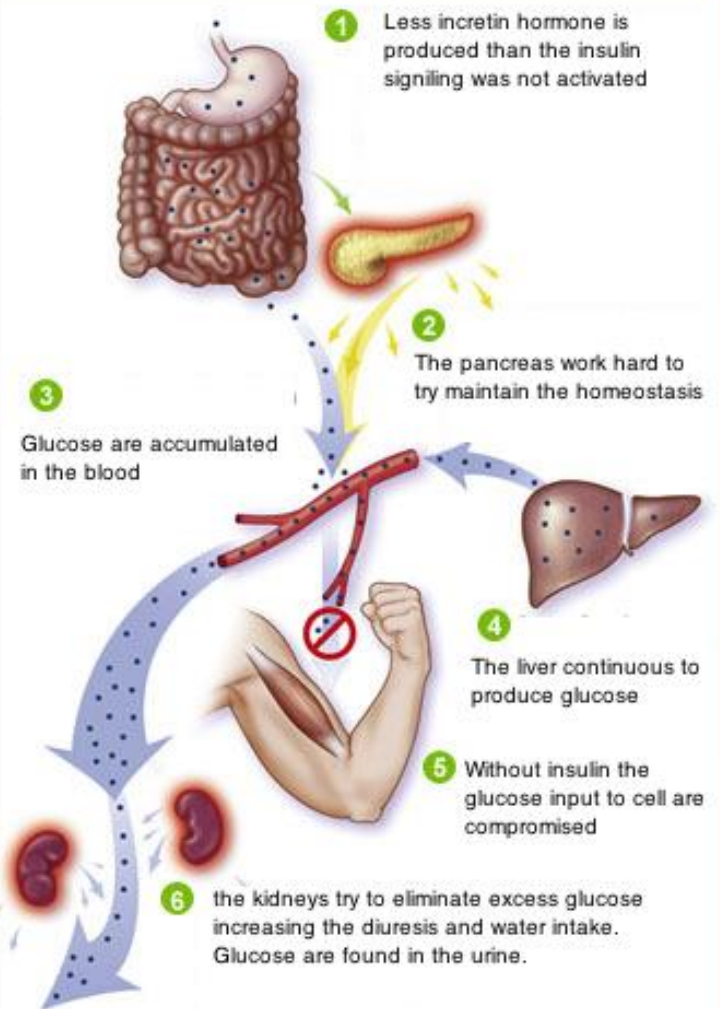
- Complications develop mainly because of high blood sugar levels over the years
- Diabetes increases the risk of getting:
 - heart problems
 - stroke
 - eye sight problems
 - kidney problems
 - foot problems
 - skin problems



Non Diabetic people

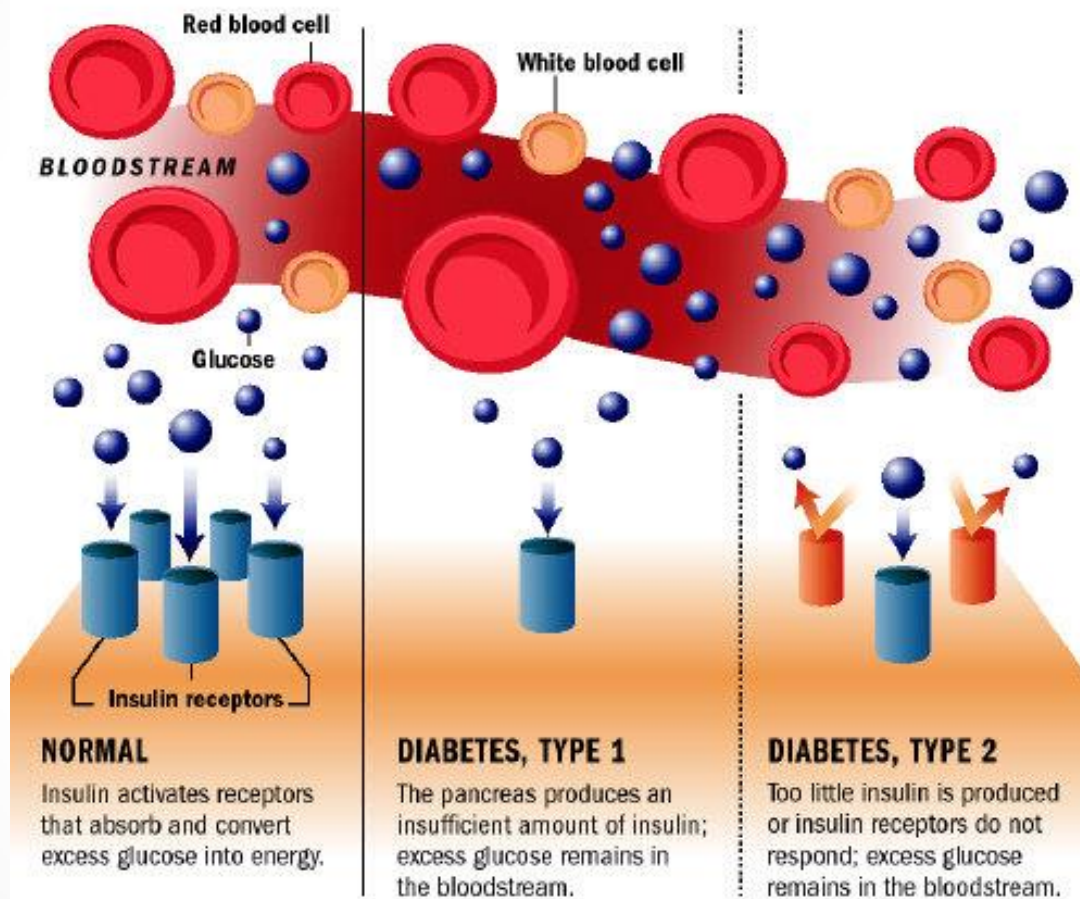


Diabetic people



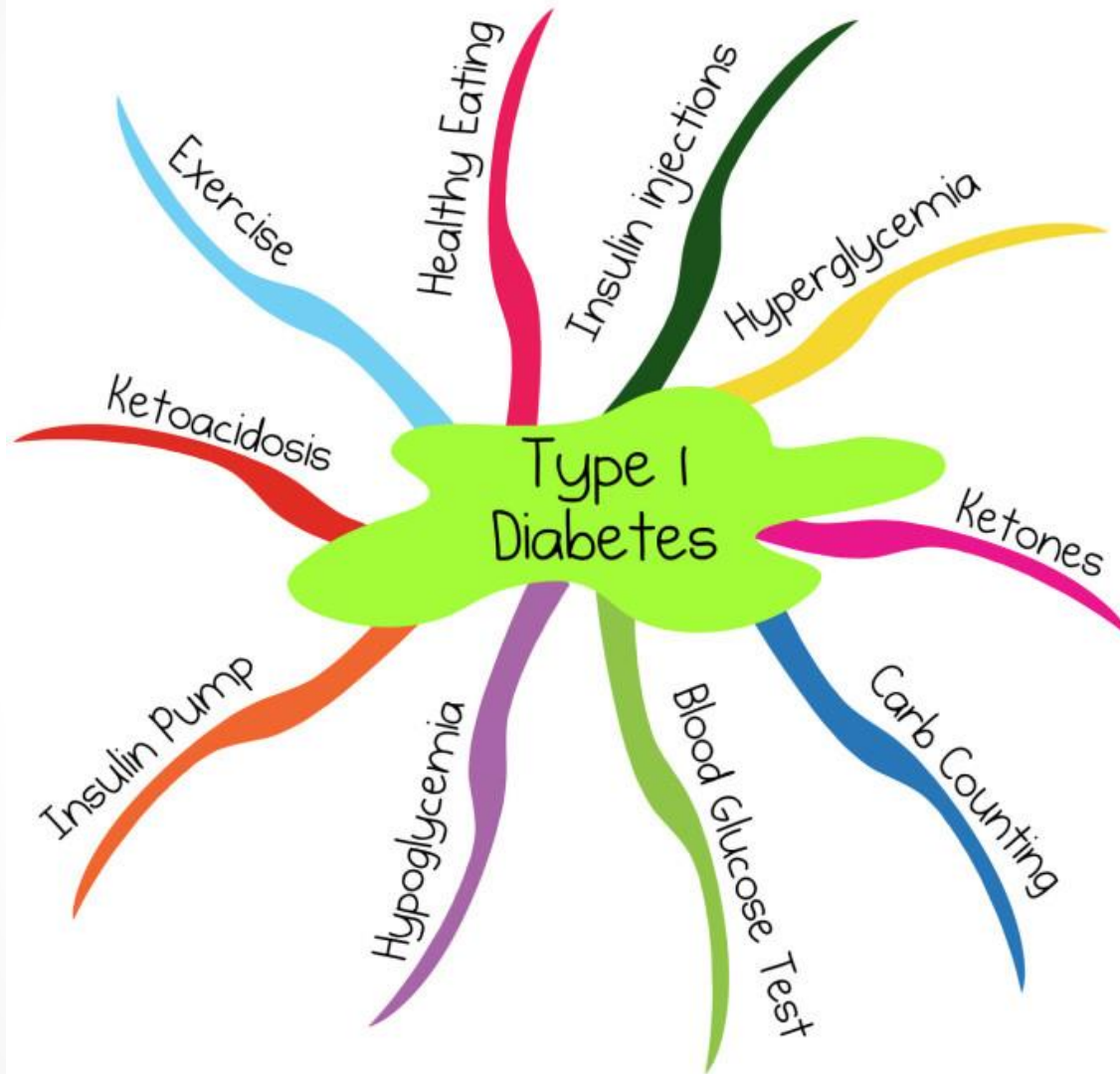
The role of insulin in the body

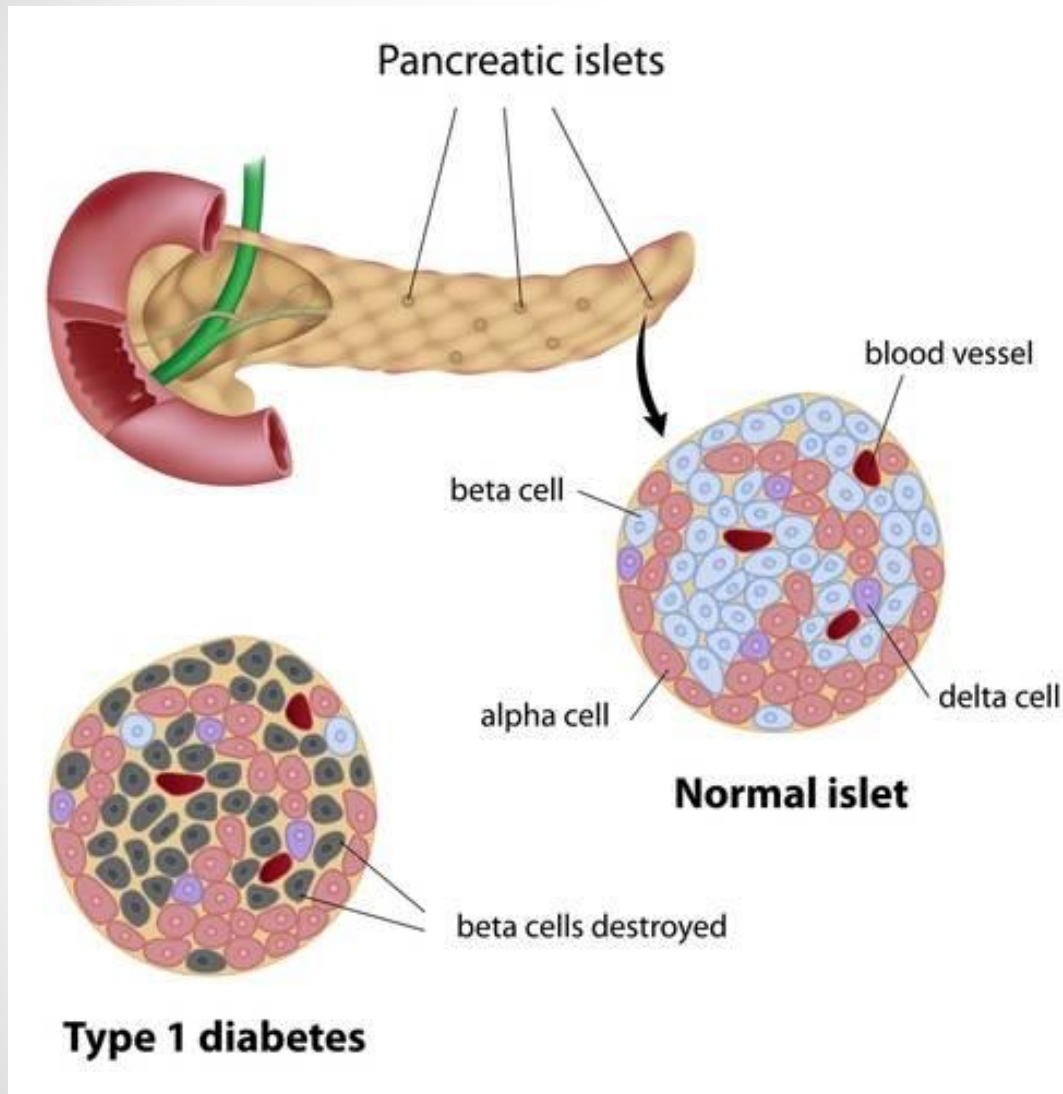
The pancreas regulates the amount of glucose stored in the liver and distributed to the body. When glucose levels go up, the pancreas releases insulin.



Sources: *Anatomica*; American Diabetes Association; WebMD.com

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SYMPTOMS

Symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes

Frequent urination



Feeling drowsy or sleepy



Weight loss



Vision changes
(things look blurry)

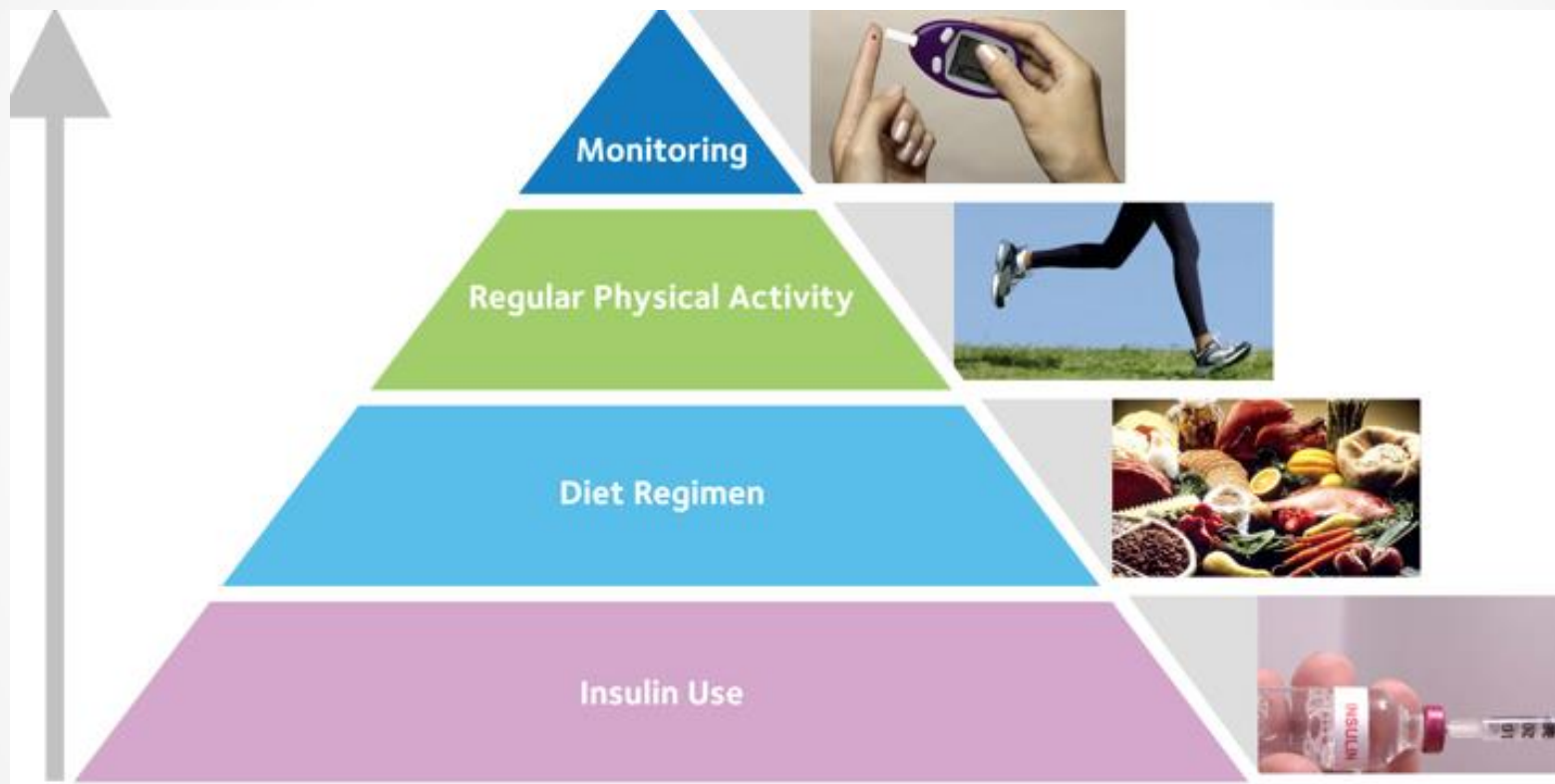


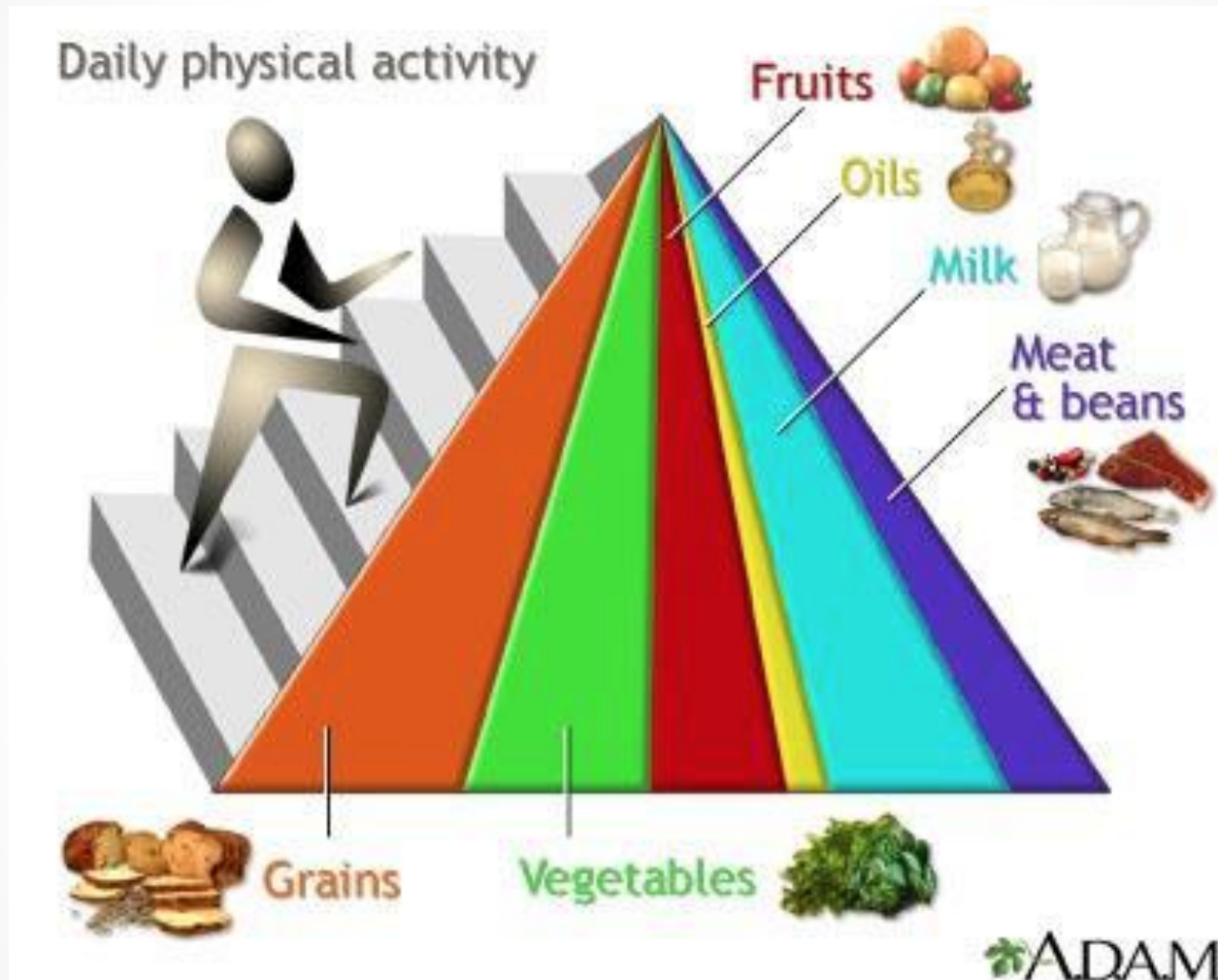
Increased thirst



Increased hunger

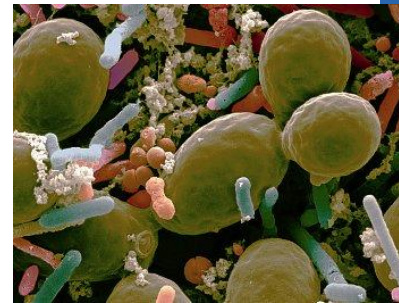






Kefir

- Kefir is a fermented milk that contains a complex symbiotic mixture of Lactic Acid Bacteria (LAB) and Molds.
- The main microorganisms are:
 - *Lactobacillus*,
 - *Lactococcus*,
 - *Leuconostoc*,
 - *Streptococcus*,
 - *Kluyveromyces*,
 - *Saccharomyces*,
 - *Torula*.

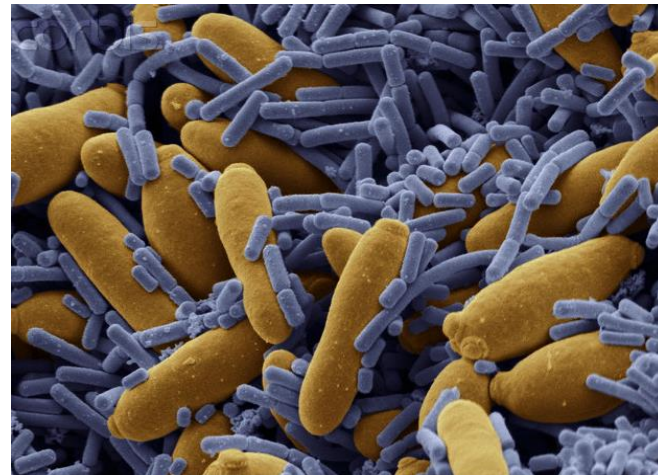


Kefir properties

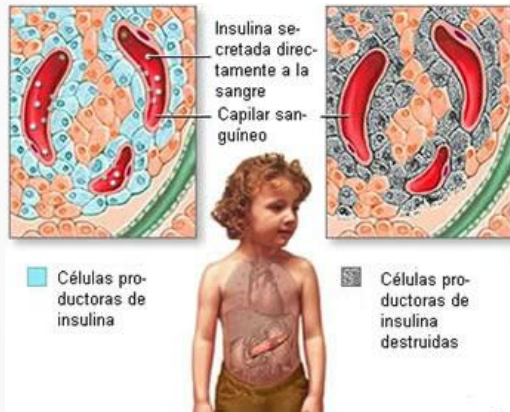
Kefir is known for **providing benefits** to human health through its **anti-inflammatory, immune-stimulatory and antioxidant properties.**

AIM

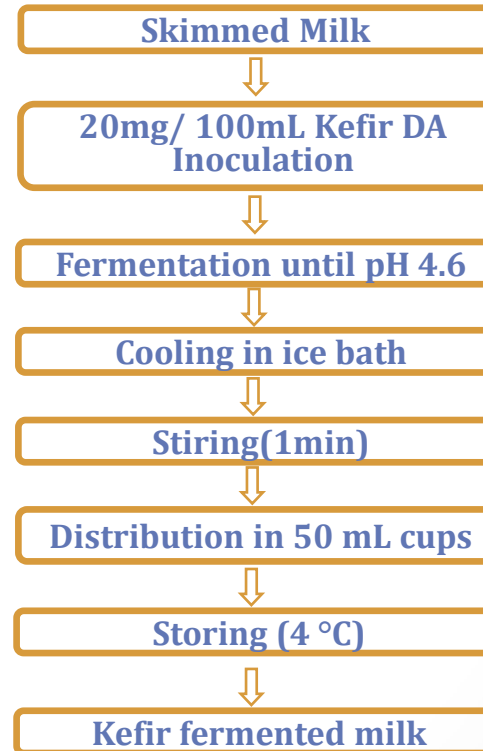
This study aimed at assessing the effects of **Kefir** on **oxidative stress and restoration of NO and in immunomodulation** in diabetic animals.



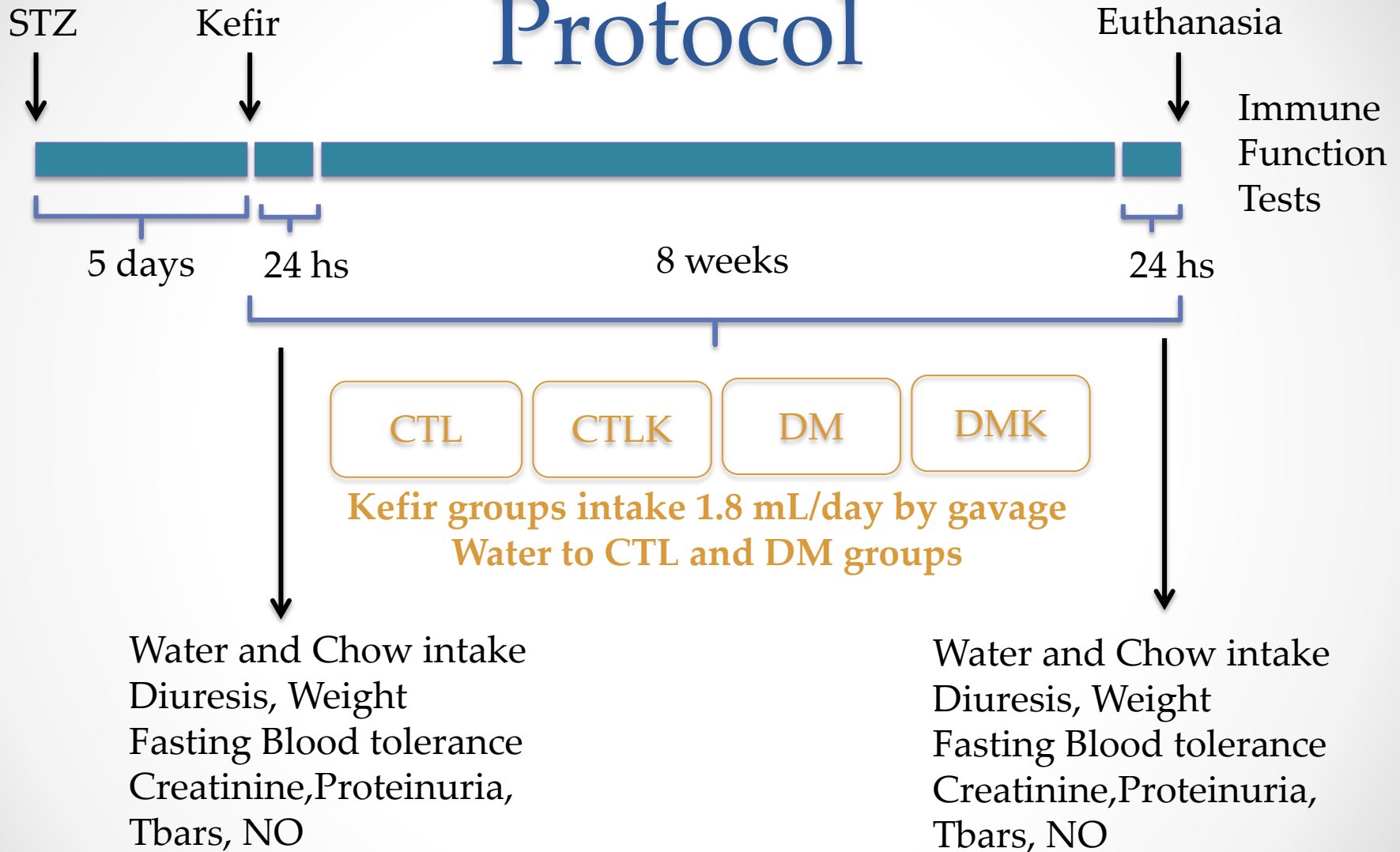
STZ - diabetic induction 45 mg/kg iv



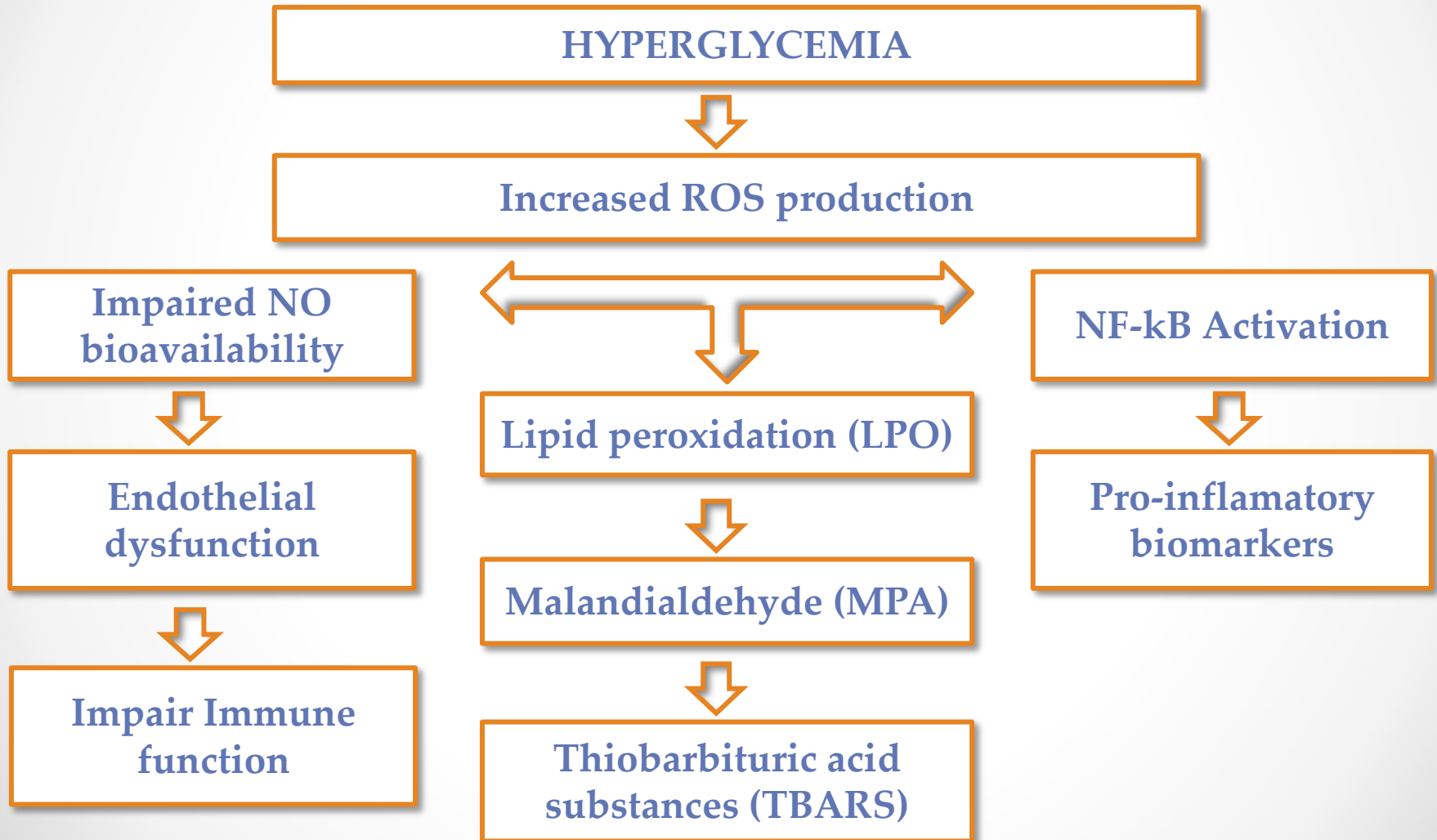
Kefir preparation



Protocol



Oxidative Stress in DM



Metabolic profile

Parameters in experimental animals before treatment with Kefir

Parameters	CTL n=18	DM n=24
Water intake (mL/24 h)	30.0 ±0.9	80.2 ±4.9 ^c
Chow intake (g/24 h)	19.1 ±0.4	23.9 ±0.9 ^c
Diuresis (mL/24 h)	13.0 ±0.7	61.1 ±4.6 ^c
Weight (g/24 h)	269.8 ±5.2	253.7 ±4.0 ^a
Fasting blood glucose (mg/dL)	91.8 ±3.5	293.5 ±12.3 ^c
NO plasmatic (μM)	89.7 ±12.2	58.9 ±9.0 ^a
Excretion NO (μmol/24 h)	15.9 ±2.7	1.4 ±0.2 ^c
TBARS plasmatic (nmol/mL)	3.03 ±0.06	3.17 ±0.06
Excretion TBARS (nmol/24 h)	86.9 ±5.3	192.4 ±10.4 ^c
Urea plasmatic (mg/dL)	29.2 ±1.9	55.6 ±4.6 ^c
Urea urinary (mg/dL)	7,556 ±444	2,403 ±129 ^c
Creatinine plasmatic ^y (mg/dL)	0.28 ±0.02	0.33 ±0.01
Creatinine urinary ^y (mg/dL)	138.8 ±20.9	54.0 ±9.9 ^b
Proteinuria (nmol/24 h)	11.2 ±0.6	21.4 ±1.0 ^c

Values are expressed as means ± SEM. Student's unpaired *t* test.

^yCorrected values per 100g weight; ^a*p*<0.05; ^b*p*<0.01; ^c*p*<0.001

Metabolic profile

Metabolic profile, renal function, and oxidative stress of the groups after Kefir treatment.

Variables	CTL	CTLK	DM	DMK
Water intake (mL/24 h)	24.8 ± 1.8	25.8 ± 3.7	124.4 ± 12.4 ^a	94.1 ± 14.4 ^{b,c}
Chow intake (g/24 h)	17.3 ± 0.6	19.1 ± 1.0	36.9 ± 2.0 ^a	30.6 ± 2.3 ^{b,c}
Diuresis (mL/24 h)	13.1 ± 1.0	13.7 ± 0.7	90.9 ± 9.0 ^a	70.9 ± 9.4 ^{b,c}
Weight (Δ)	67.5 ± 4.4	69.3 ± 1.6	25.3 ± 4.5 ^a	35.3 ± 5.9 ^b
Plasmatic urea (mg/dL)	31.9 ± 1.4	36.2 ± 2.5	58.5 ± 3.6 ^a	47.6 ± 2.4 ^{b,c}
Urinary urea (mg/dL)	8,691 ± 343	8,423 ± 229	2,006 ± 142 ^a	2,996 ± 322 ^{b,c}
Plasmatic creatinine (mg/dL)	0.71 ± 0.05	0.72 ± 0.04	0.75 ± 0.03	0.78 ± 0.05
Urinary creatinine (mg/dL)	131.7 ± 9.2	127.9 ± 4.5	33.2 ± 5.6 ^a	34.8 ± 7.8 ^b
Proteinuria (nmol/24 h)	10.4 ± 0.8	11.2 ± 0.7	25.5 ± 3.7 ^a	21.0 ± 2.8 ^b
Plasmatic NO (μM)	66.6 ± 4.3	77.8 ± 6.6	79.2 ± 5.0	76.5 ± 5.4
NO excretion (μmol/24 h)	14.9 ± 3.6	17.5 ± 3.8	2.1 ± 0.7 ^a	16.4 ± 4.9
Plasmatic TBARS (nmol/mL)	3.32 ± 0.06	3.16 ± 0.08	3.79 ± 0.10 ^a	3.58 ± 0.17
TBARS excretion (nmol/24 h)	81.6 ± 2.1	84.4 ± 4.3	300.4 ± 18.9 ^a	248.9 ± 19.2 ^{b,c}

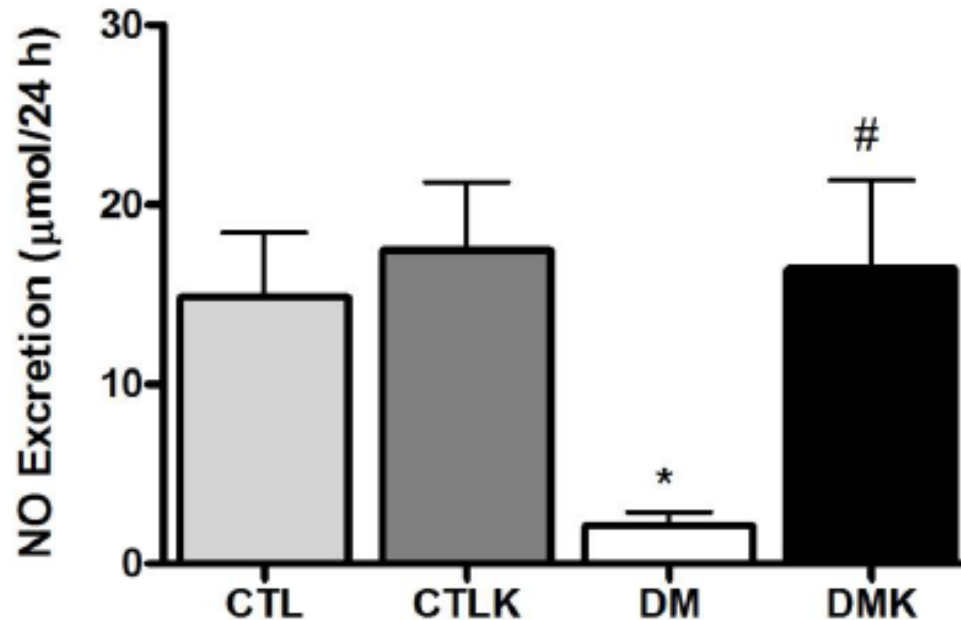
Values are expressed as mean ± SEM. One-way ANOVA followed by Newman-Keuls Multiple Comparison post test. Control (CTL); control Kefir (CTLK); diabetic (DM); diabetic Kefir (DMK); n = 9–12/group.

^a p < 0.001 vs CTL.

^b p < 0.01 vs CTLK.

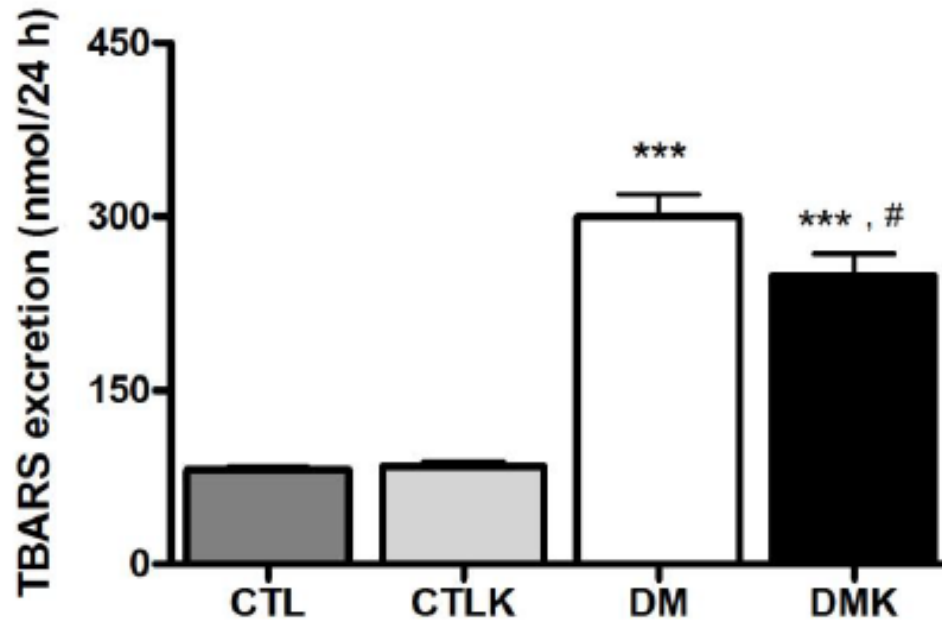
^c p < 0.05 vs DM.

Oxidative Stress



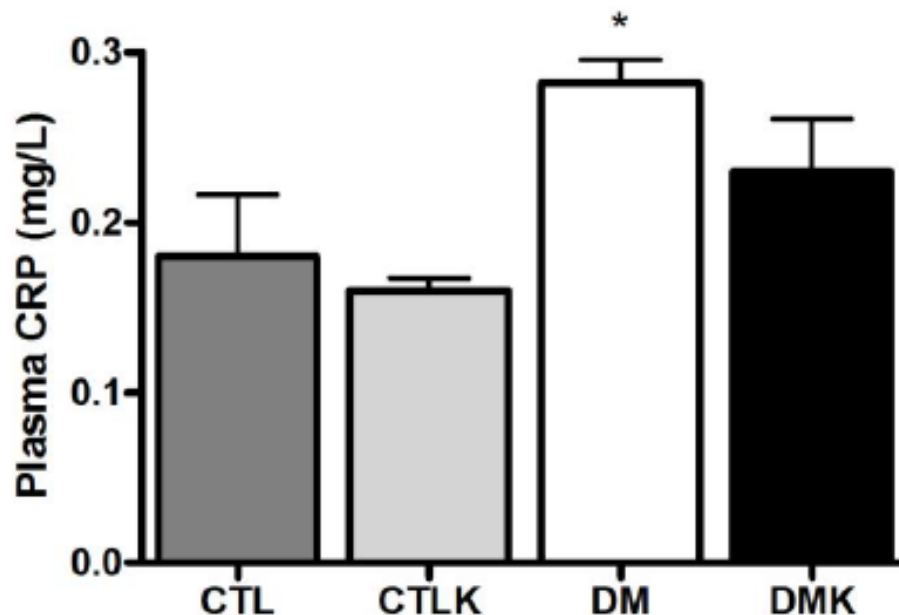
Excretion of nitric oxide (NO) in all groups after 8 weeks of Kefir treatment. Control (CTL) n=9; control Kefir (CTLK) n=9; diabetic (DM) n=11; diabetic Kefir (DMK) n=12. Values are expressed as means \pm SEM. One-way ANOVA followed by post test Student Newman Keuls. * p <0.05 vs CTL; # p <0.05 vs DM.

Oxidative Stress



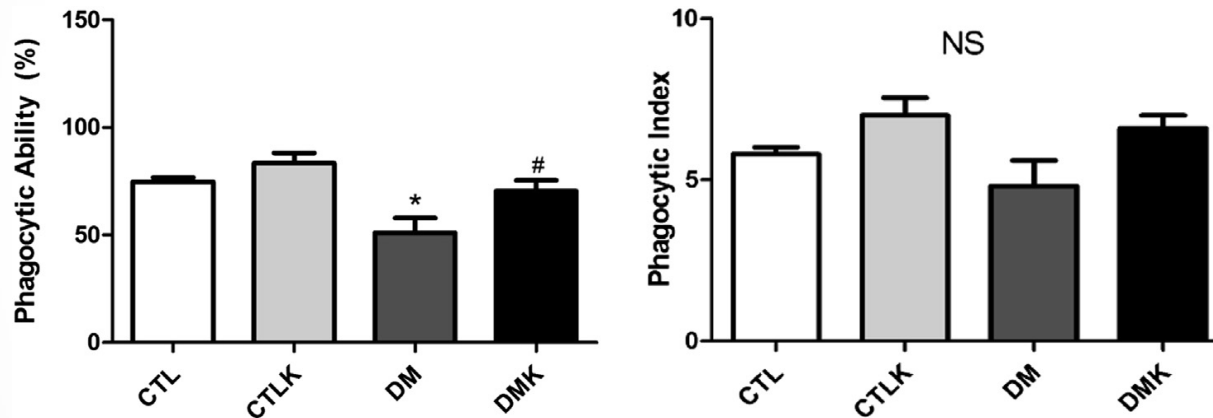
Excretion of thiobarbituric acid reactive substances (TBARS) after 8 weeks of Kefir treatment. Control (CTL) n=9; control Kefir (CTLK) n=9; diabetic (DM) n=10; diabetic Kefir (DMK) n=12. Values are expressed as means \pm SEM. One-way ANOVA followed by post test Student Newman Keuls. *** p <0.001 vs controls; # p <0.05 vs DM.

Inflammatory biomarker



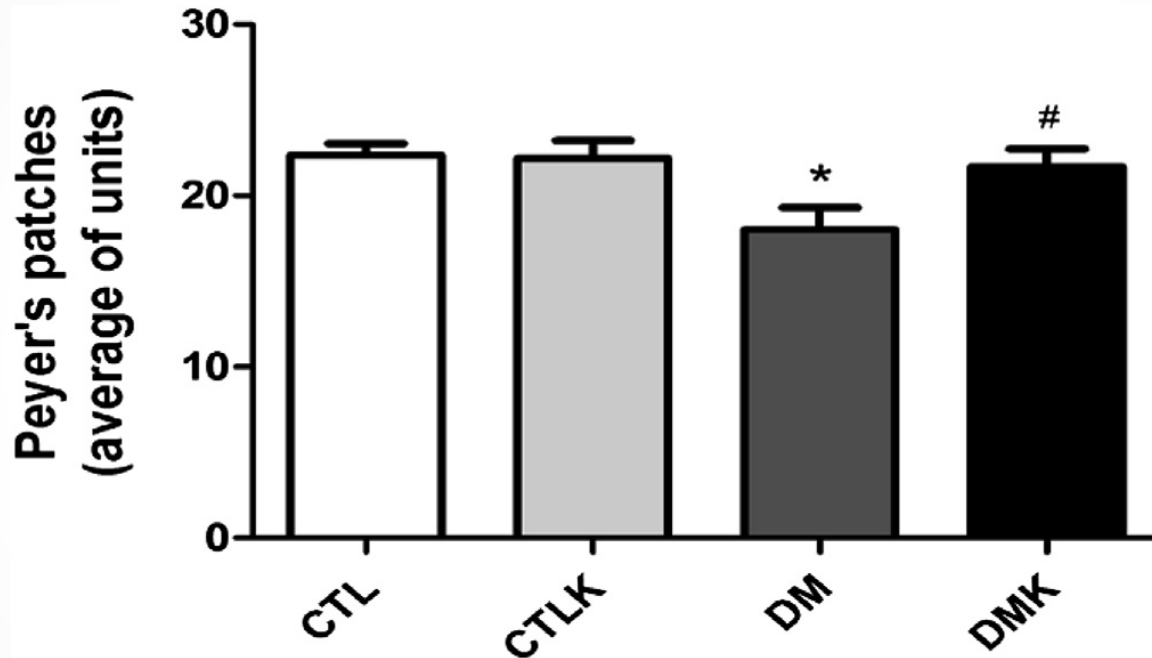
Plasma C-reactive protein (CRP) levels after 8 weeks of Kefir treatment. Control (CTL) $n=5$; control Kefir (CTLK) $n=5$; diabetic (DM) $n=6$; diabetic Kefir (DMK) $n=6$. Values are expressed as means \pm SEM. One-way ANOVA followed by post test Student Newman Keuls. * $p<0.05$ vs CTL.

Phagocytosis Activity



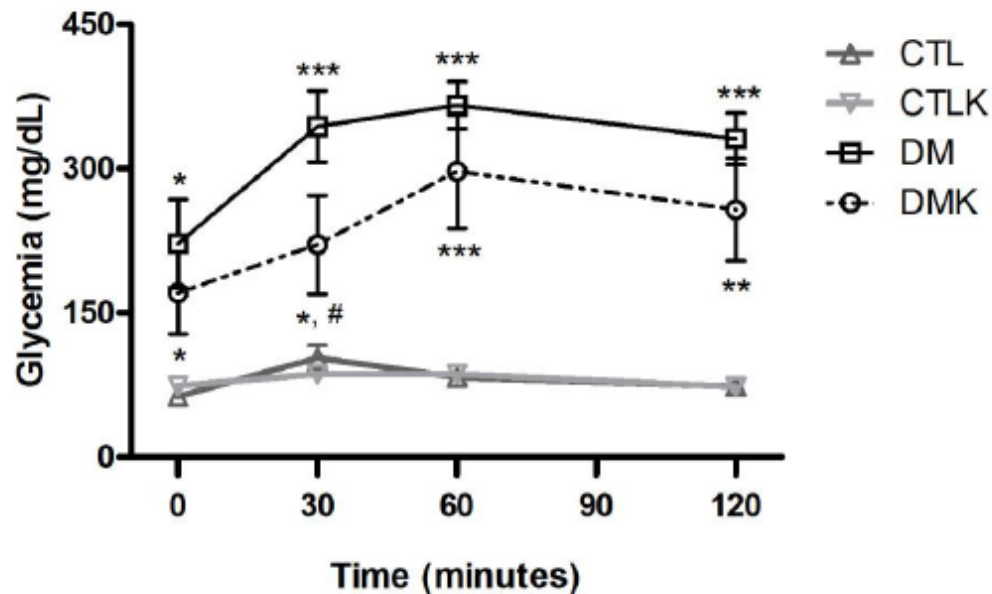
Phagocytic ability and index of macrophages. Control (CTL); control Kefir (CTLK); diabetic (DM); diabetic Kefir (DMK), $n = 5-8$. ANOVA with Newman-Keuls Multiple Comparison post test. $p < 0.05$: *vs CTL; #vs DM; NS: non significant.

Peyer's Patches



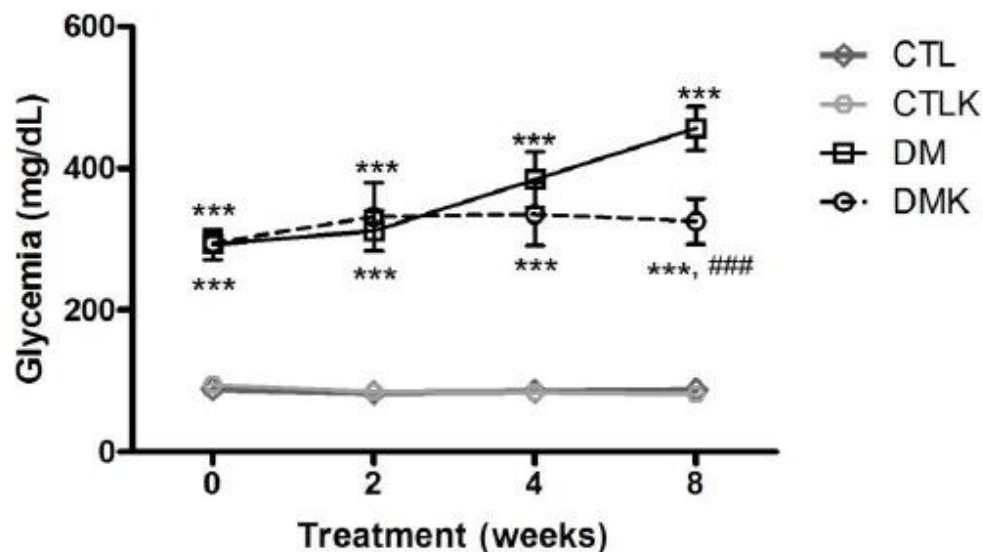
Peyer's patches (PP) in the small intestine. Control (CTL); control Kefir (CTLK); diabetic (DM); diabetic Kefir (DMK); $n = 5-8$. ANOVA with Newman-Keuls Multiple Comparison post test. $p < 0.05$: *vs CTL; #vs DM.

Oral Glucose Tolerance Test



Glycemia levels during oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT) after 8 weeks of Kefir treatment. Control (CTL) $n=4$; control Kefir (CTLK) $n=5$; diabetic (DM) $n=6$; diabetic Kefir (DMK) $n=4$. Values are expressed as means \pm SEM. One-way ANOVA followed by post test Student Newman Keuls. * $p<0.05$; ** $p<0.01$; *** $p<0.001$ vs controls; # $p<0.05$ vs DM.

Glycemia levels



Glycemia levels in the 5th day after diabetes induction (0) and 2-4-8 weeks after Kefir treatment. Control (CTL) n=9; control Kefir (CTLK) n=9; diabetic (DM) n=12; diabetic Kefir (DMK) n=12. Values are expressed as means \pm SEM. One-way ANOVA followed by post test Student Newman Keuls. *** $p < 0.001$ vs controls; ### $p < 0.001$ vs DM

Conclusion

The results obtained in this study show that **Kefir treatment significantly reduced** the progression of STZ-induced **hyperglycaemia, oxidative stress and** potentialize the **immune response modulation** in rats.

Kefir may play a role in **slowing the metabolic changes** that contribute to DM as a non-pharmacological adjuvant improving the immunocompetence **to better control of glycaemia**, reducing or delaying the onset of complications associated with this disease.

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