

# Assessing the role of vitamin D in cardiometabolic health: A longitudinal analysis of inflammatory markers in a children cohort

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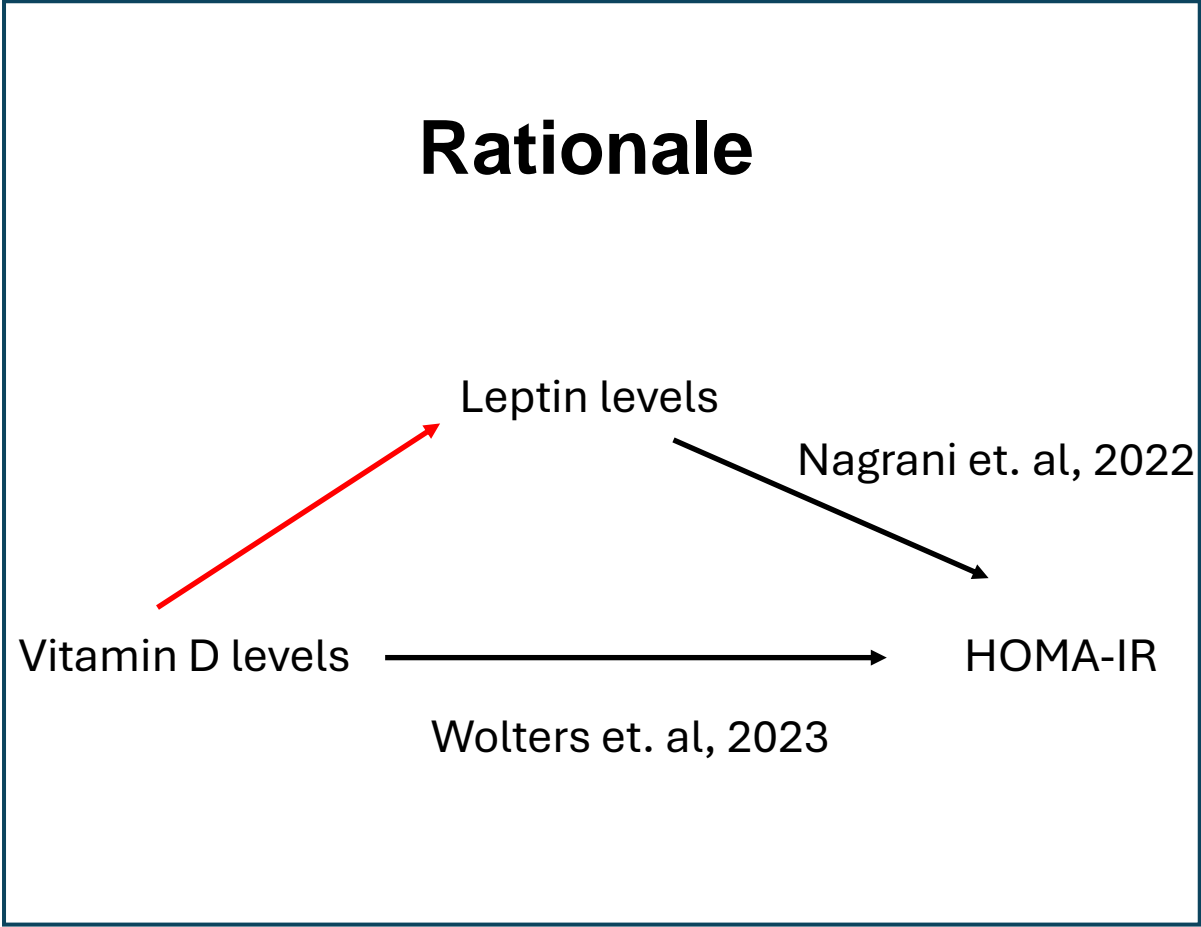
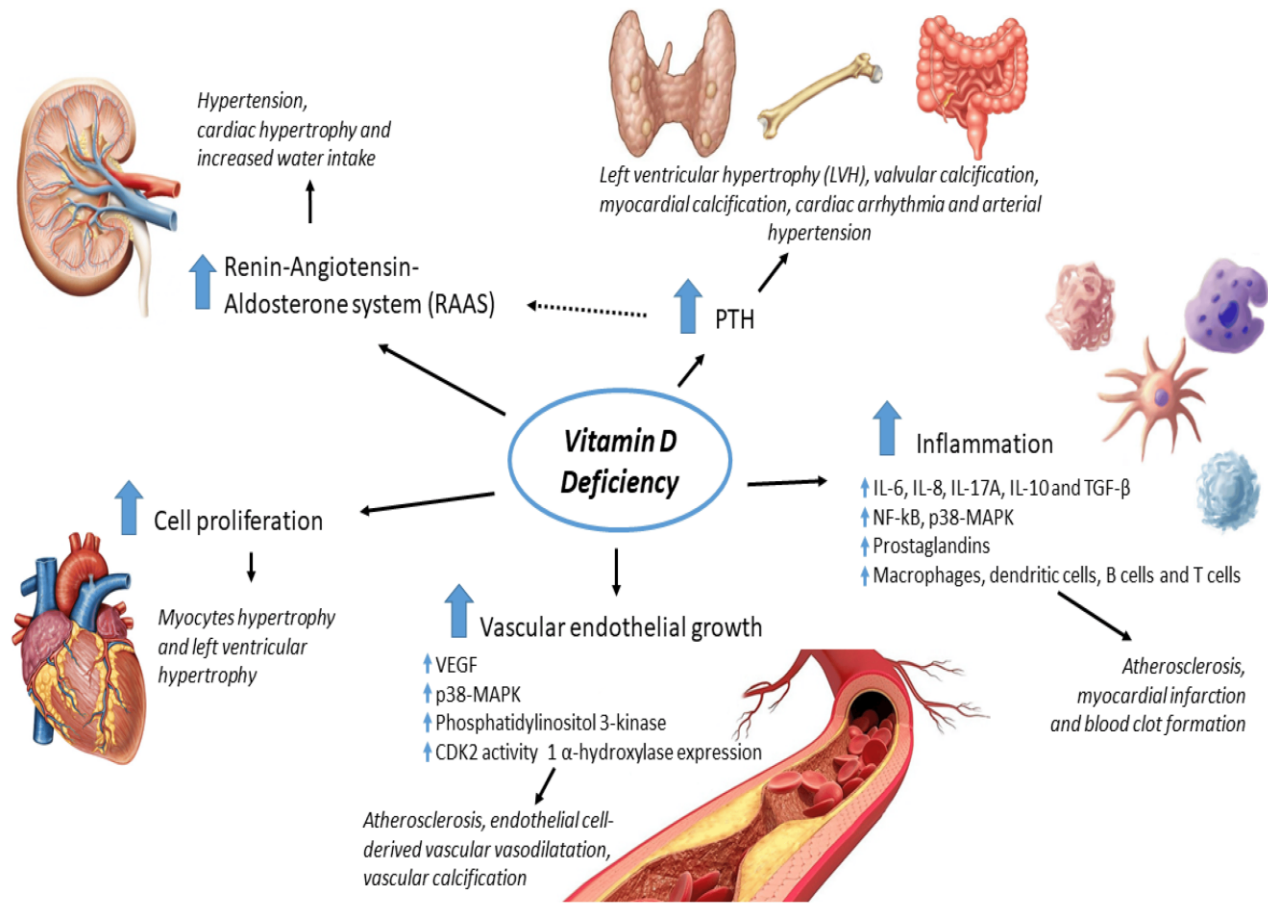
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# Background

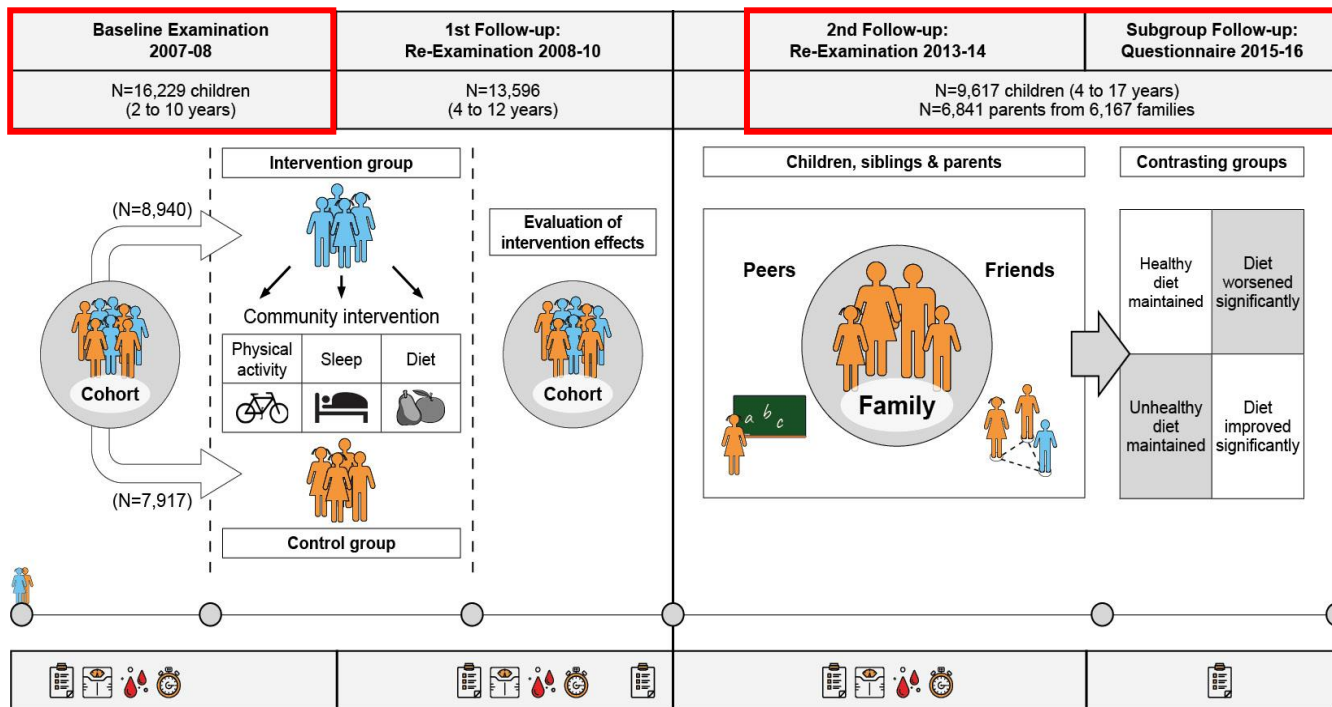


## Impact of vitamin D levels on cardiometabolic health

# Study population

## Longitudinal study

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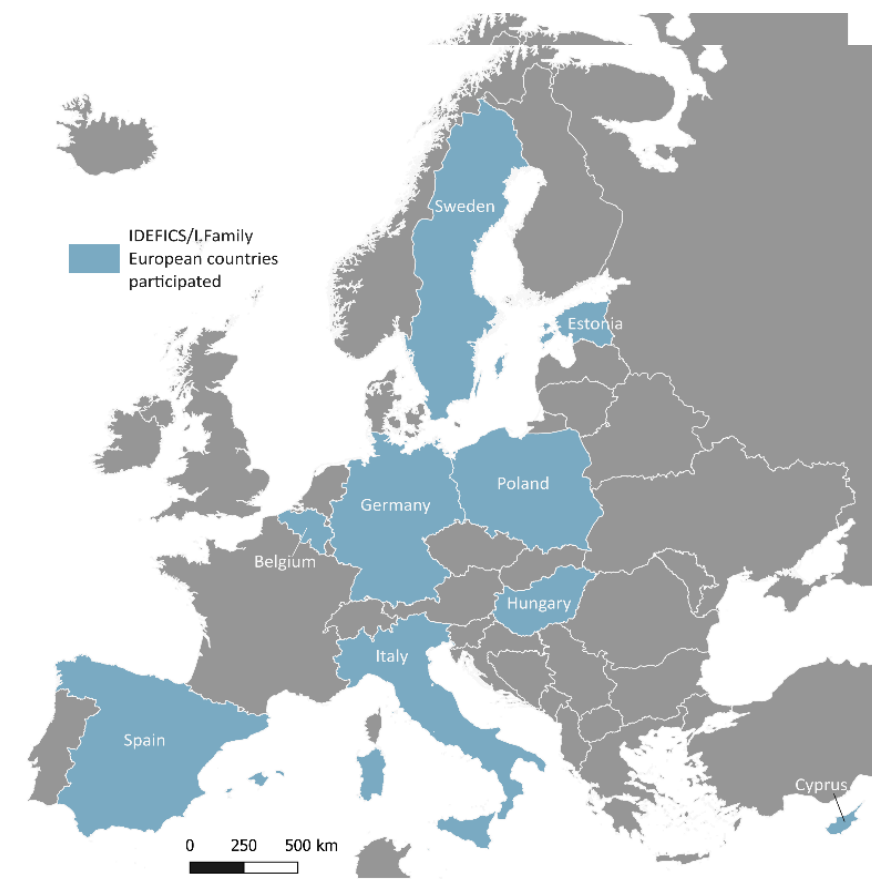


Behaviours (diet incl. FFQ and 24h-dietary recall, physical activity, media use, sleep), social and environmental factors incl. family life, psychosocial health, medical history

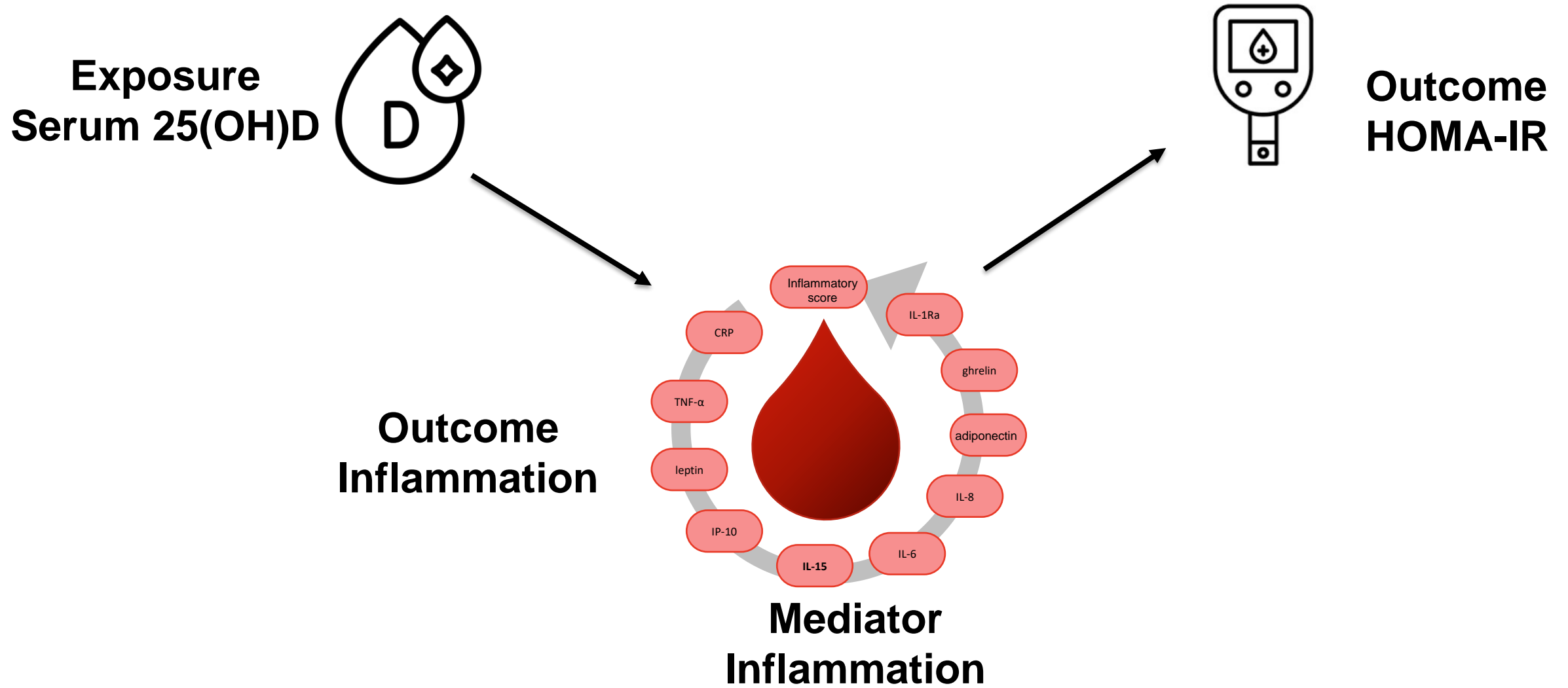
Body height and weight, body composition (BIA), blood pressure, bone stiffness, handgrip strength

Blood, urine, stool, saliva

activity, sedentary behaviour

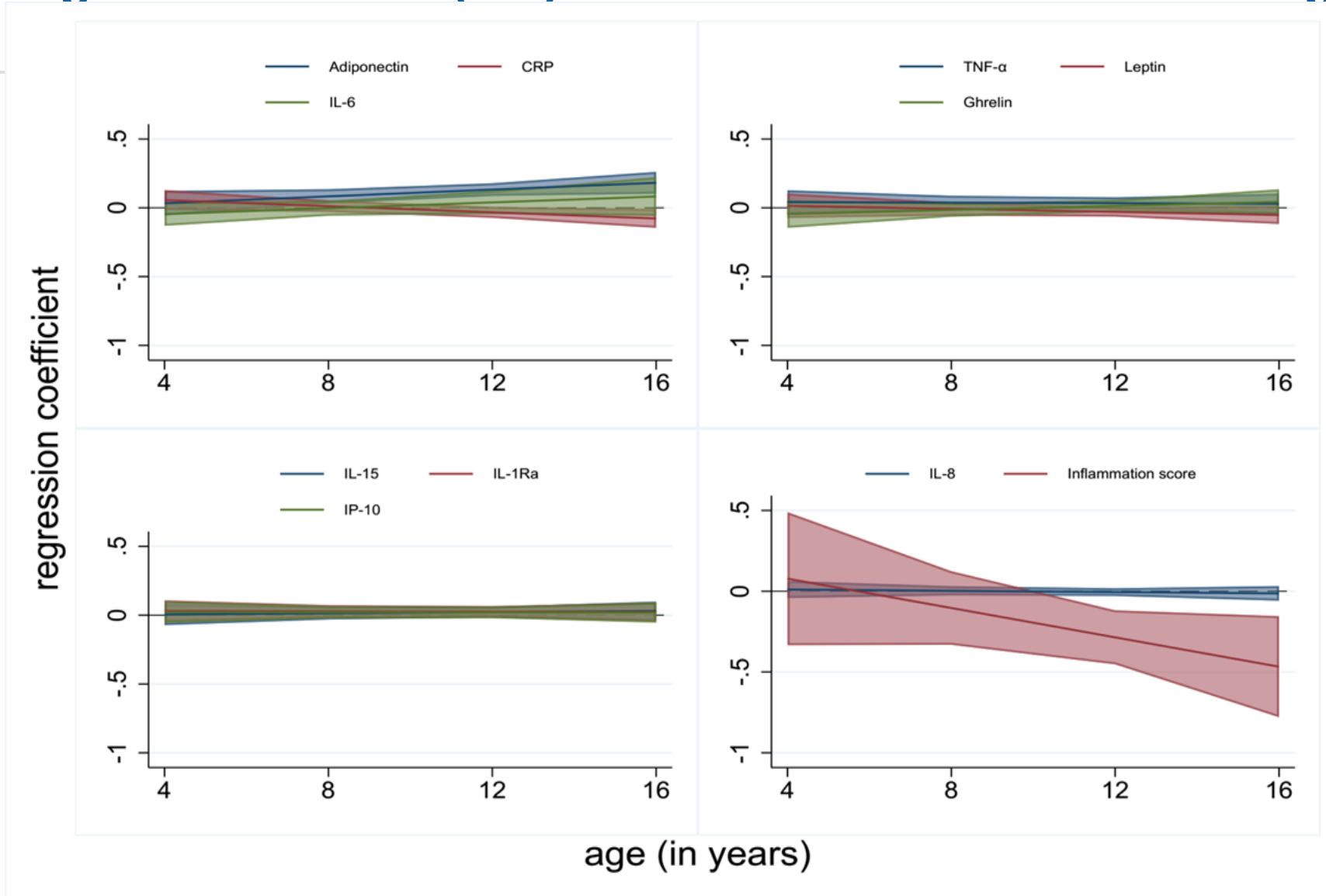


# Exposure, Mediator & Outcome assesment



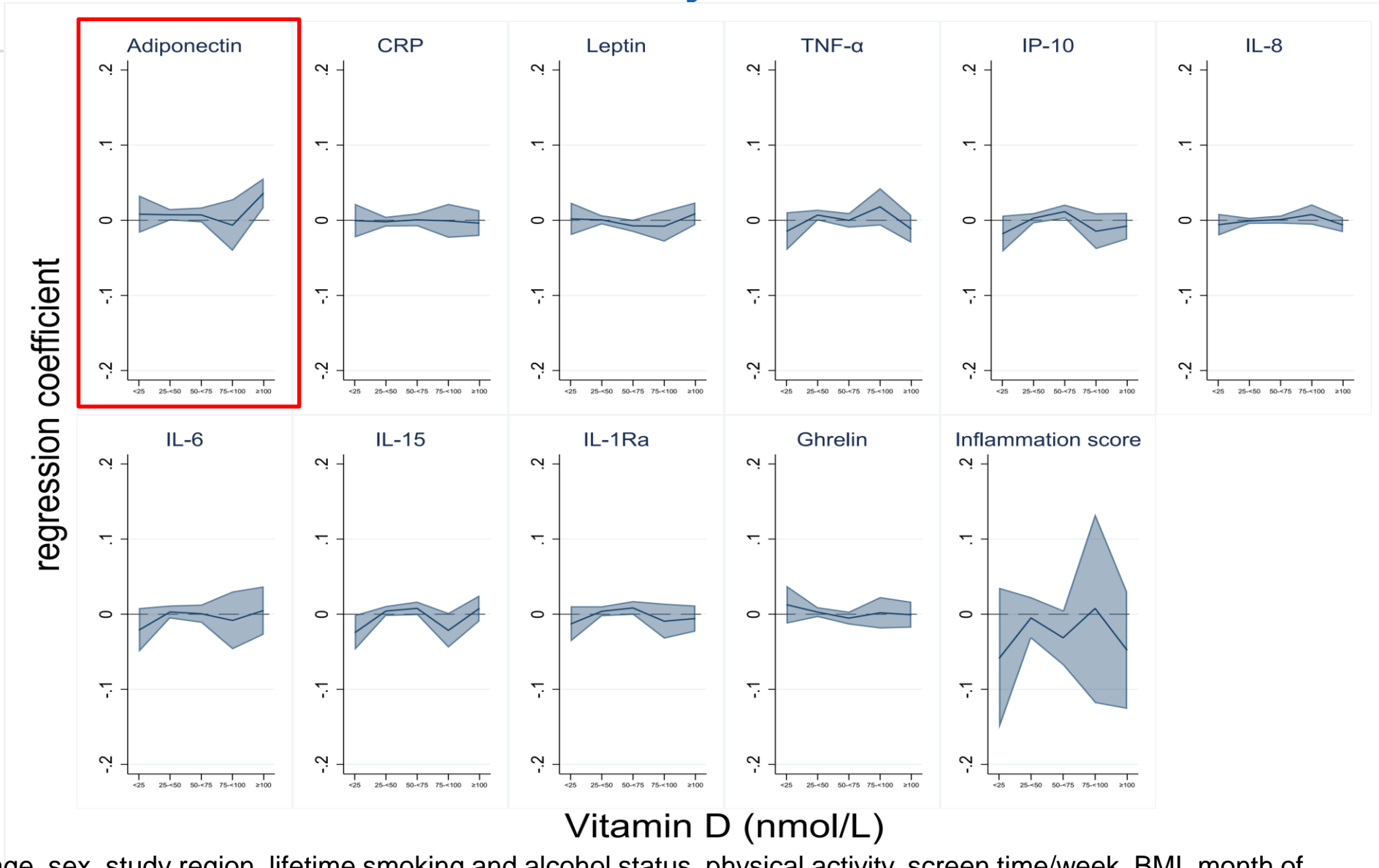
# Results

# Marginal effect of 25(OH)D on inflammation at different ages



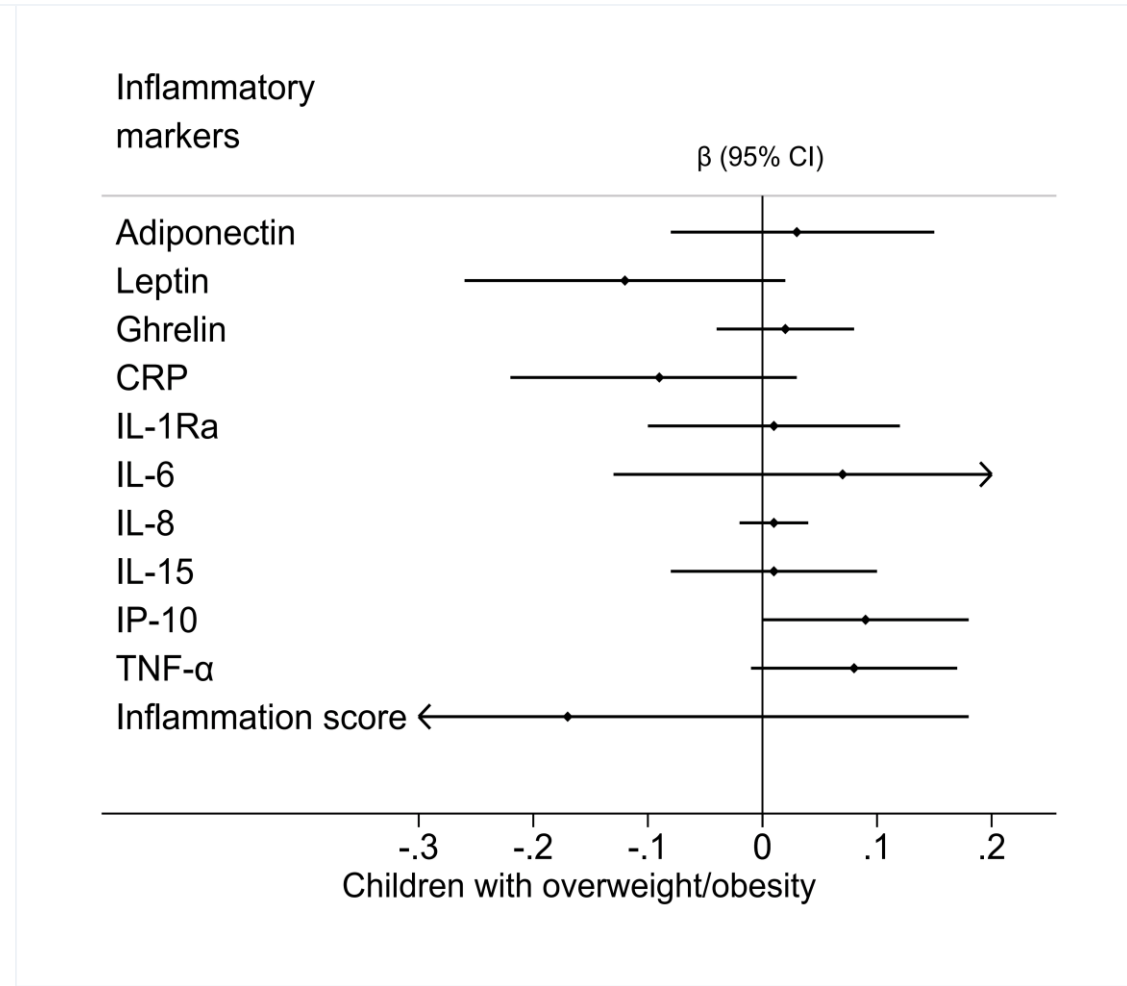
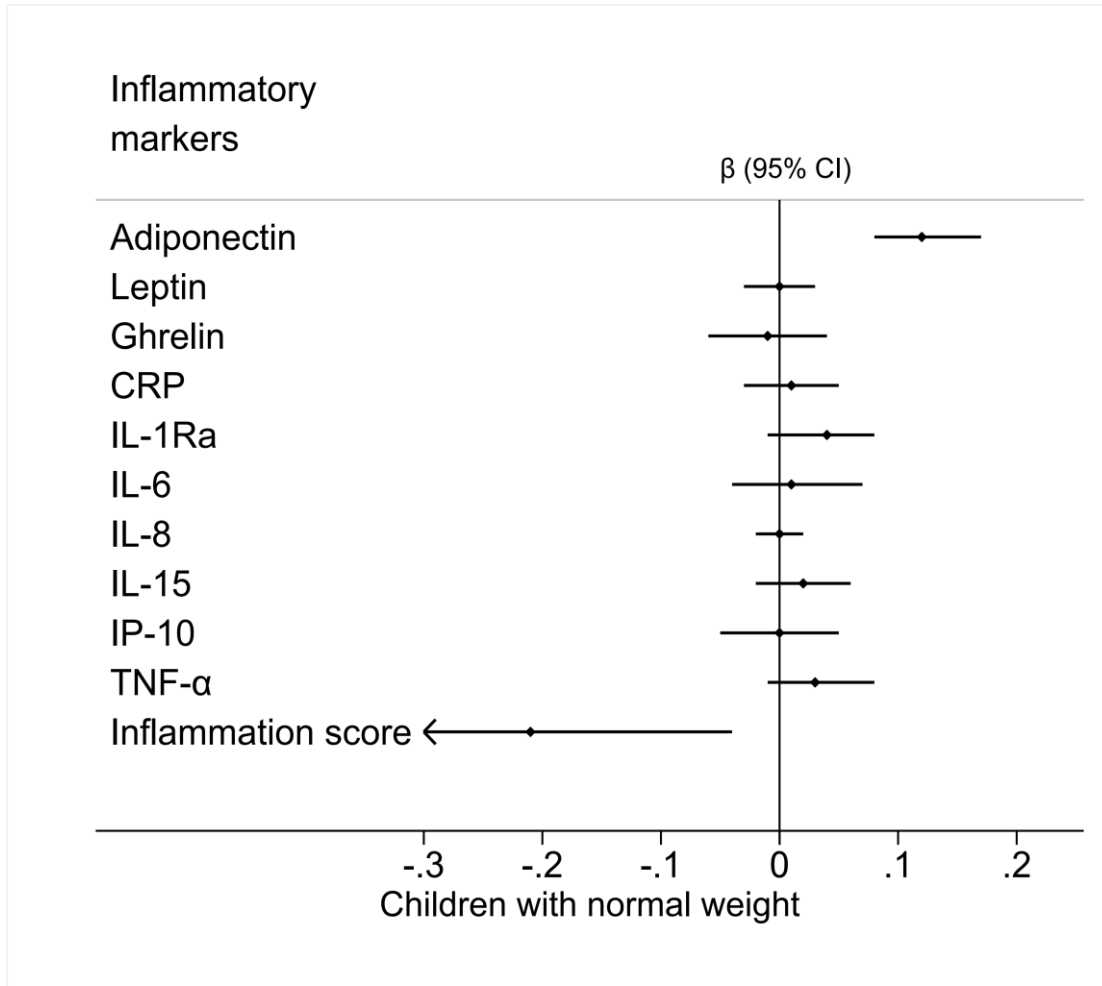
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# Assessing non-linear association between 25(OH)D levels and inflammatory markers



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# Association between serum 25(OH)D and markers of inflammation



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# Association between vitamin D and HOMA-IR to examine the role of inflammation

Mediator		$\beta$ (95% CI)	p-value
Adiponectin	Total effect	<b>0.12 (0.002; 0.23)</b>	0.046
	Direct effect	0.10 (-0.01; 0.22)	0.068
	Indirect effect	0.01 (-0.01; 0.04)	0.345
Leptin	Total effect	0.08 (-0.02; 0.18)	0.127
	Direct effect	0.05 (-0.04; 0.14)	0.294
	Indirect effect	<b>0.03 (0.001; 0.05)</b>	0.039
Interleukin 8	Total effect	0.08 (-0.02; 0.19)	0.137
	Direct effect	0.08 (-0.02; 0.19)	0.106
	Indirect effect	<b>-0.01 (-0.01; -0.002)</b>	0.009
Interleukin 15	Total effect	0.10 (0.00; 0.20)	0.051
	Direct effect	0.10 (0.00; 0.20)	0.054
	Indirect effect	0.00 (-0.01; 0.01)	0.787
Inflammation Score	Total effect	<b>0.16 (0.03; 0.28)</b>	0.017
	Direct effect	<b>0.13 (0.01; 0.26)</b>	0.037
	Indirect effect	<b>0.02 (0.00; 0.05)</b>	0.053

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## Take home message

- Vitamin D levels may regulate inflammation in children
- Anti-inflammatory effects of vitamin D apparent in normal weight children
- Mediation via inflammation may only be small

## Future research considerations

- Mendelian randomization
- Assess the influence of gut microbiota
- Assess inflammation as mediation factor for other external determinants of health

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# Poster Session

**Friday, 27 September 2024 (Time: 15:15hrs)**

**Immunization and the risk of childhood cancer**

**Poster Number: P3-D2**

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