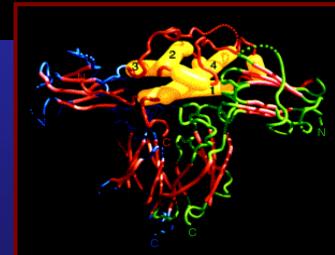


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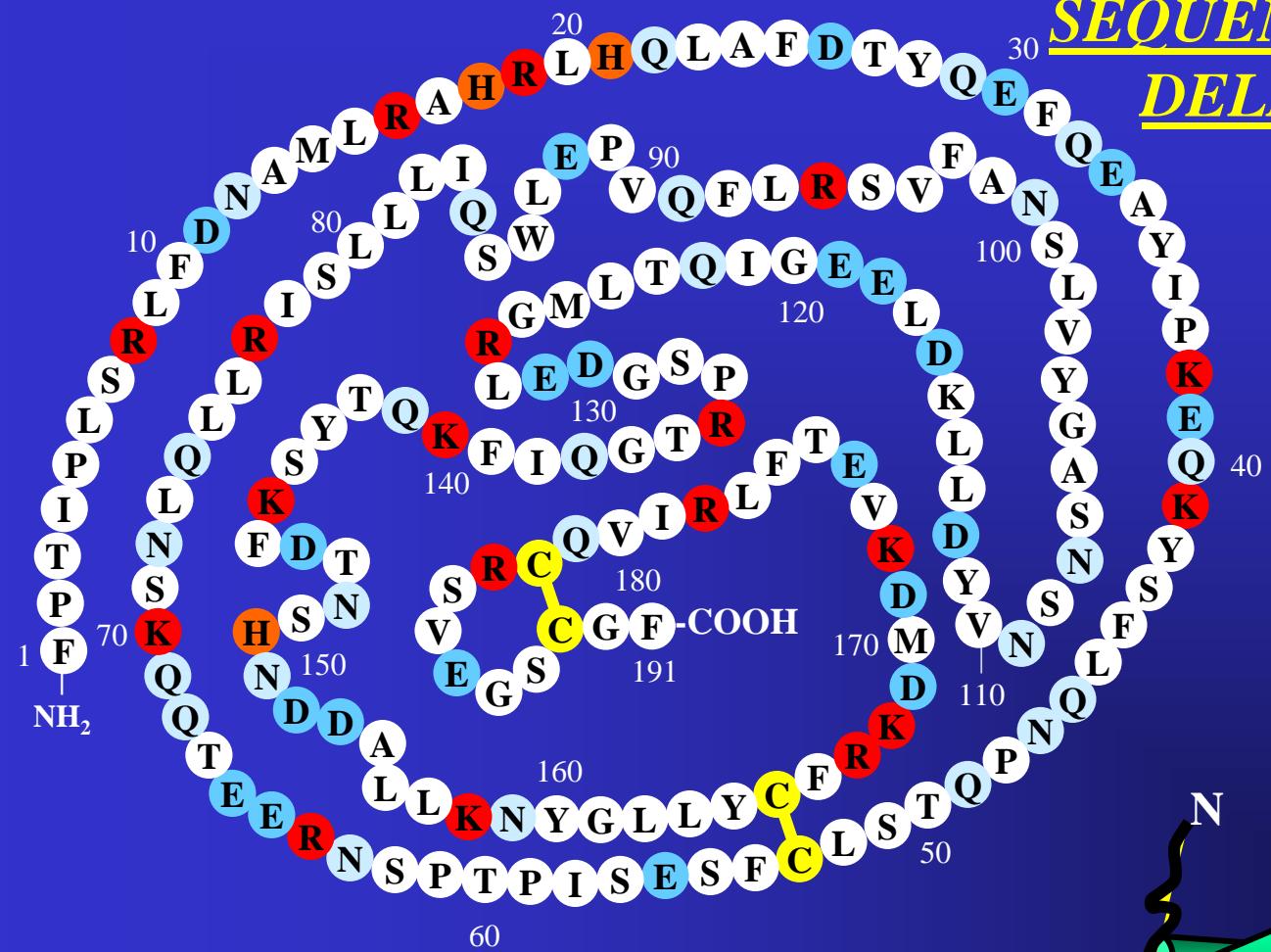


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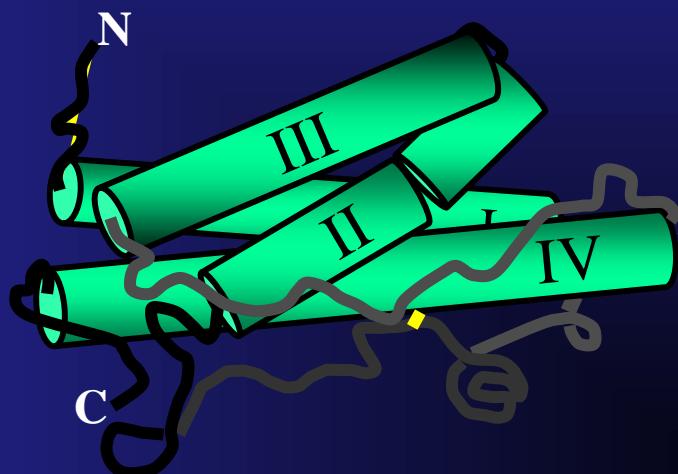
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# SEQUENZA E STRUTTURA DELL'ORMONE DELLA CRESCITA

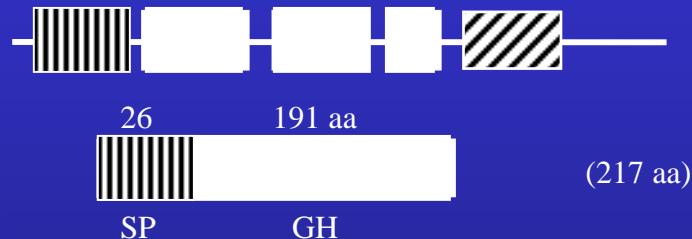


**Sequenza primaria  
dell'ormone della  
crescita umano**

**Struttura cristallina  
del GH suino**

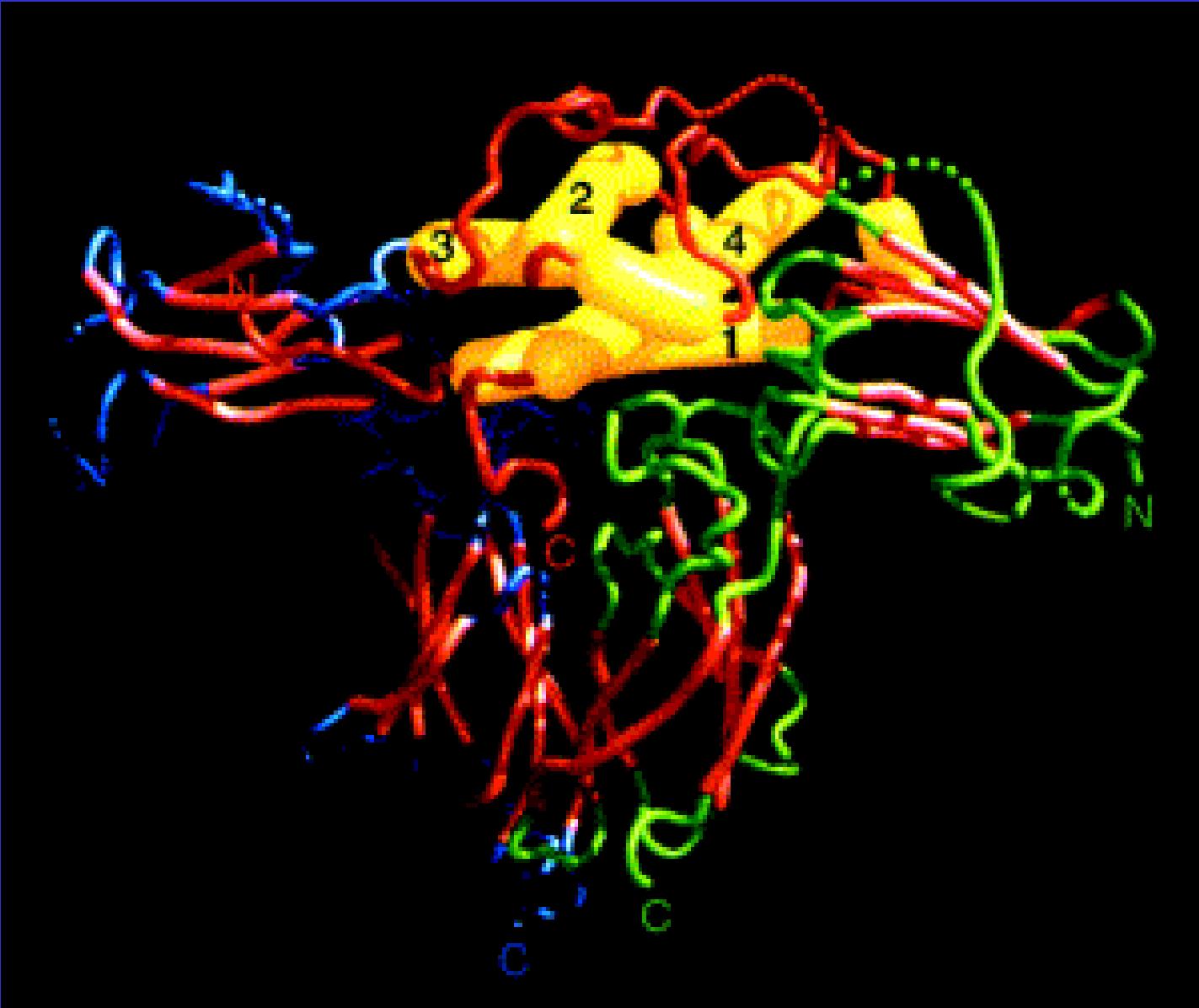


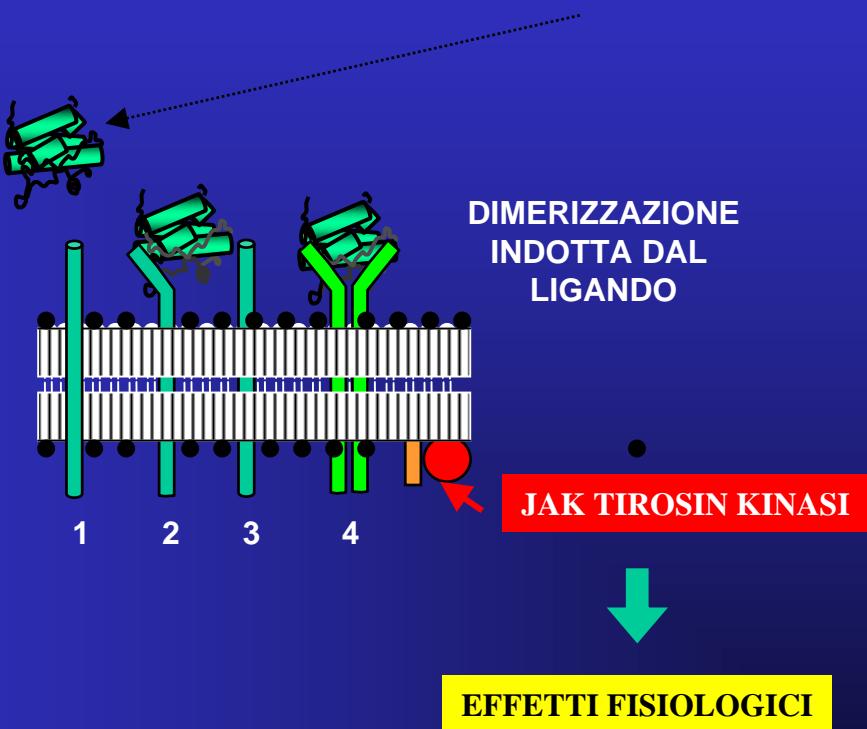
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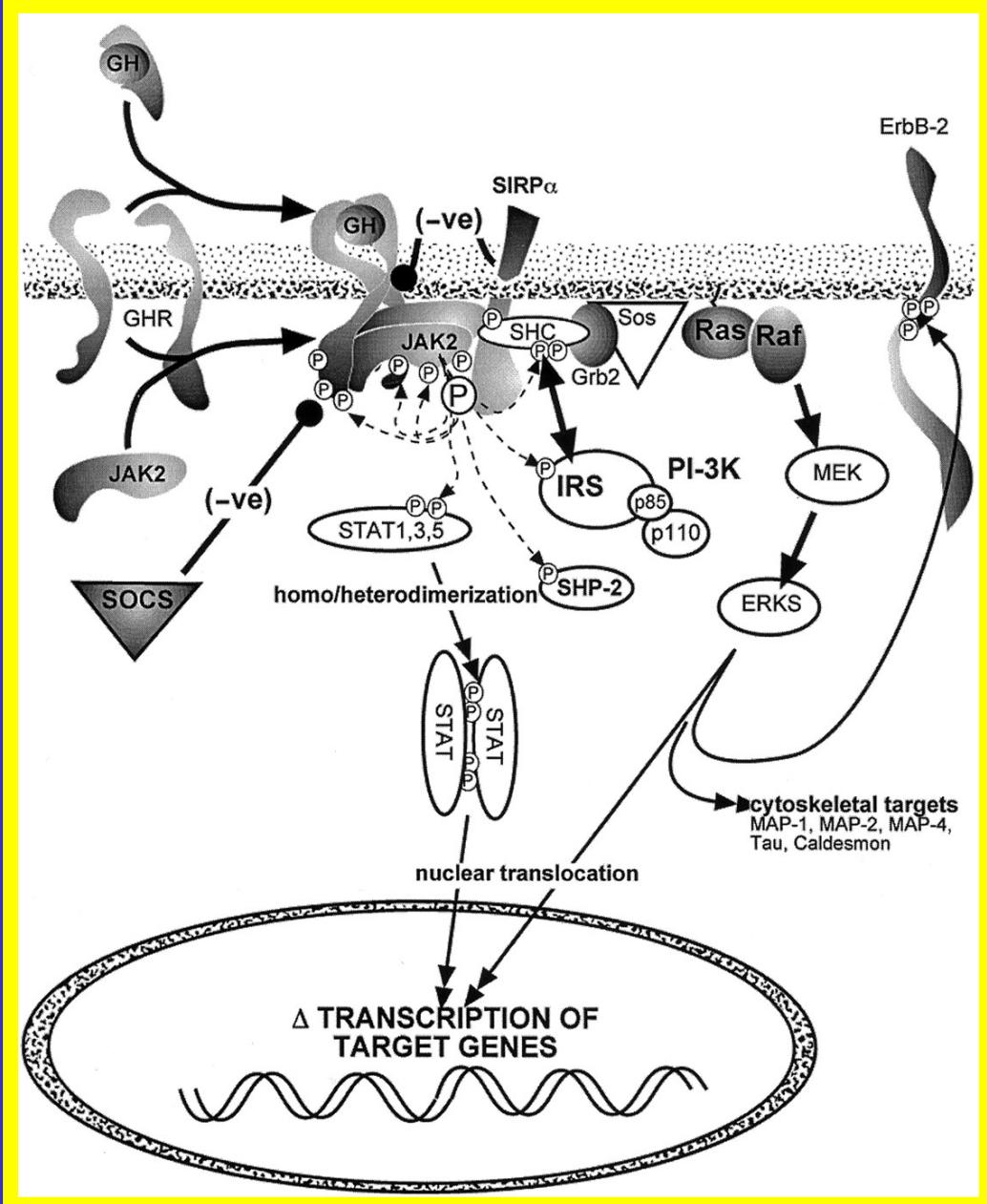


## FORME VARIANTI DELL'ORMONE SOMATOTROPO

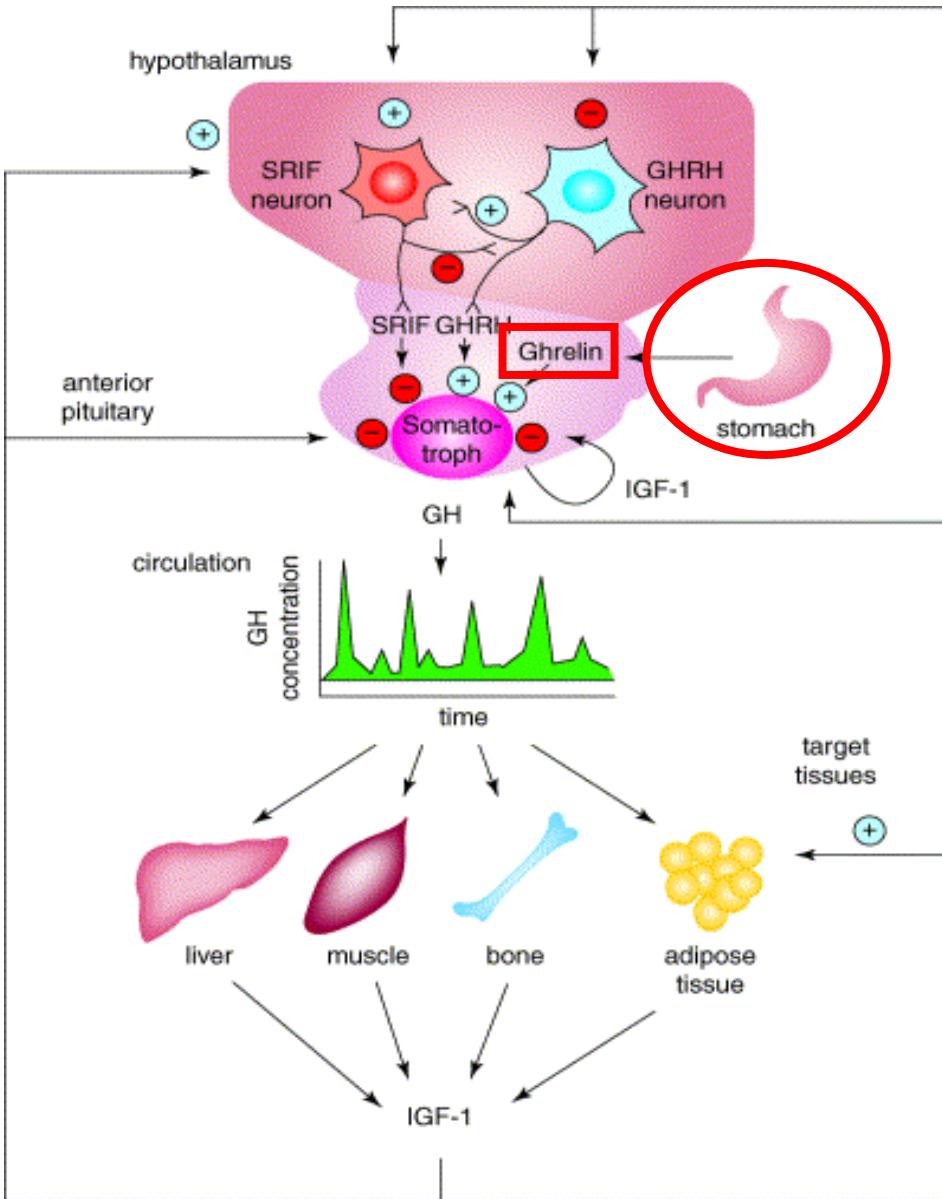
VARIANTI	PERCENTUALI
22 KD	76%
20 KD	16%
GH acidico	8%
GH monomerico	55%
GH dimerico	27%
GH oligomerico	18%
GH 22 KD complessato	45%
GH 20 KD complessato	25%

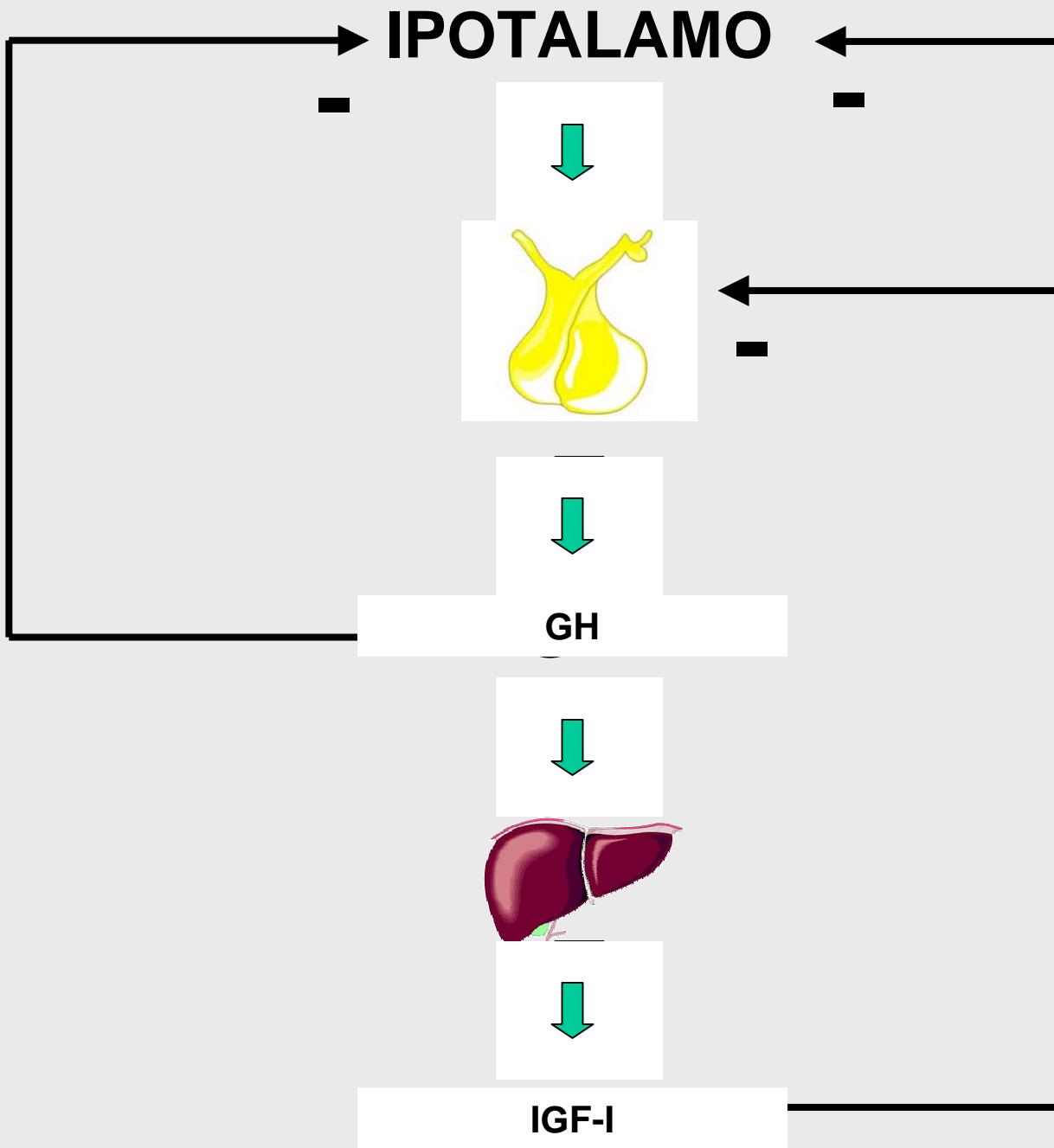


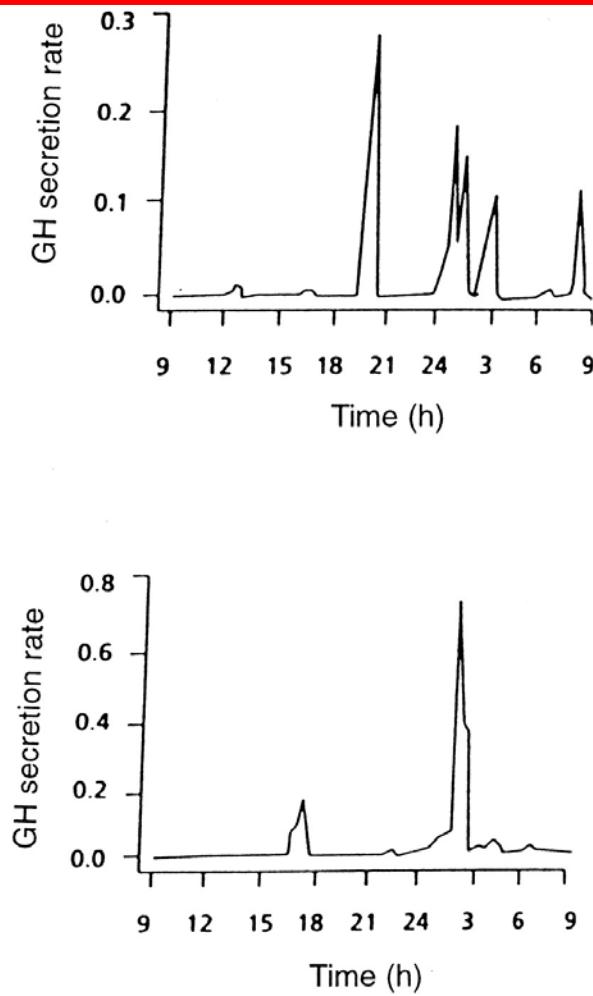
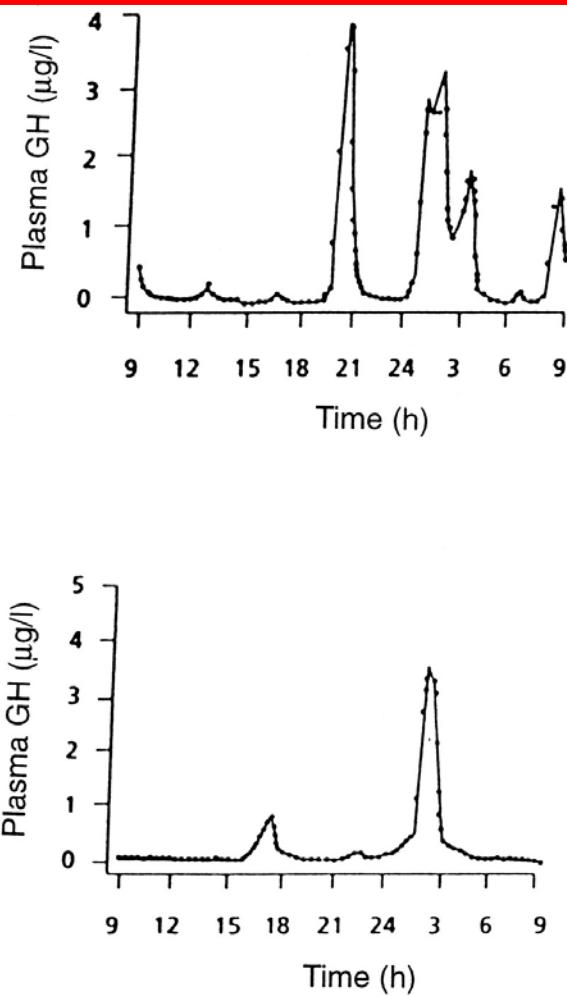




Signaling pathways used by GH. JAK, Janus kinase; STAT, signal transducers and activators of transcription; SOCS, suppressors of cytokine signaling; SHP2, protein tyrosine phosphatase.







Profili della secrezione dell'ormone della crescita (GH) nelle 24-h in donne (riquadri in alto) e uomini (riquadri in basso). I riquadri a sinistra riportano le concentrazioni sieriche di GH nel tempo e la curva ottenuta con l'analisi di deconvoluzione. I riquadri a destra mostrano l'entità di secrezione calcolata con questa analisi [Da van den Bergh *et al.*].

## **GHS milestones**

**1977 synthesis of peptidyl GHS**

**1995 synthesis of non peptidyl GHS**

**1996 GHS-R cloning**

**1999 ghrelin, a natural GHS-R ligand**

# Synthetic GH Secretagogues

## \* Peptidyl GHS (GHRPs)

- (D-Trp2)-metENK-H	1977
- <u>GHRP-6</u>	1984
- GHRP-1	1991
- <u>hexarelin</u>	1992
- <u>GHRP-2</u>	1993
	1994
	1995
- EP-51389	1996
- ipamorelin	1998
	1999
	2000
	2001
	2002

## \* Non-Peptidyl GHS

- L-629,429
- L-692,885
- <u>MK-0677</u>
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- CP-424,391
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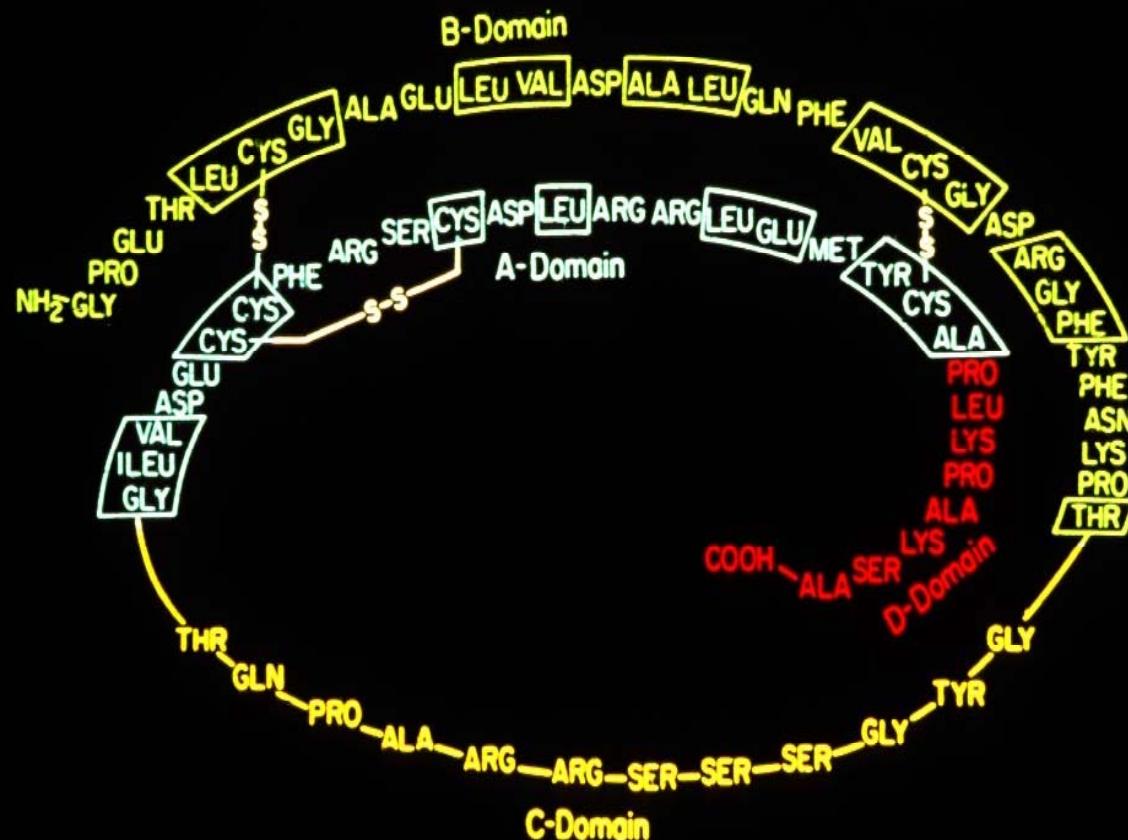
Ghrelin is a growth-hormone-releasing acylated peptide from stomach.

Kojima M, Hosoda H, Date Y, Nakazato M, Matsuo H, Kangawa K.



# Somatomedin-C / Insulin-like Growth Factor-I

■ Residues identical with human proinsulin



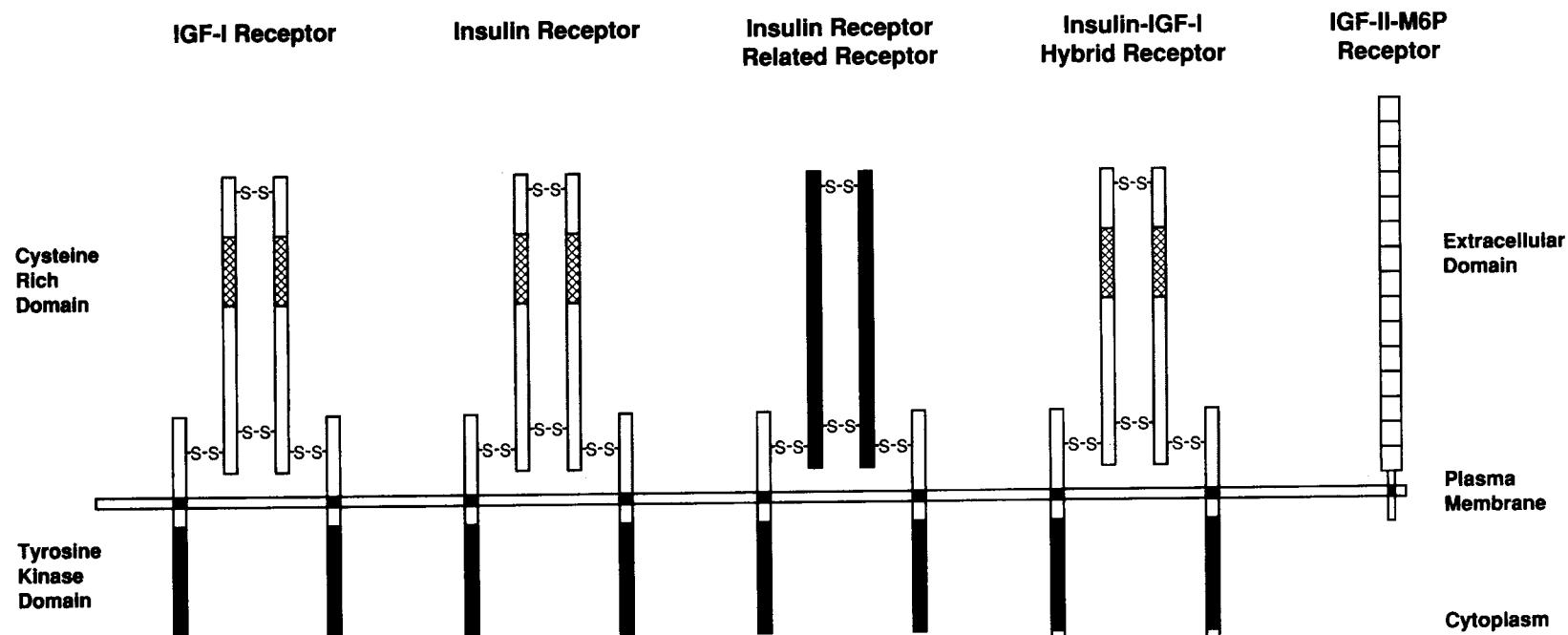
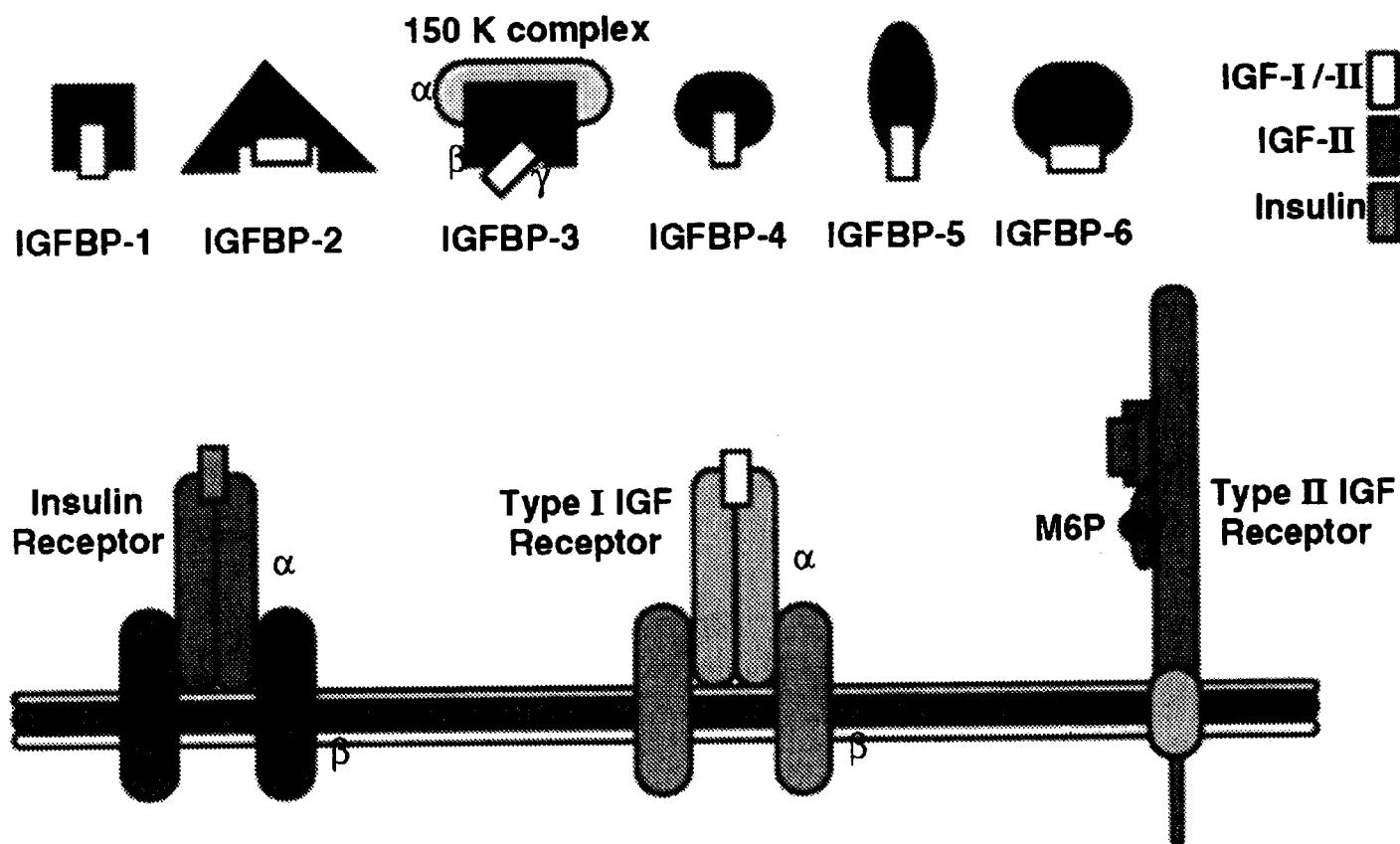


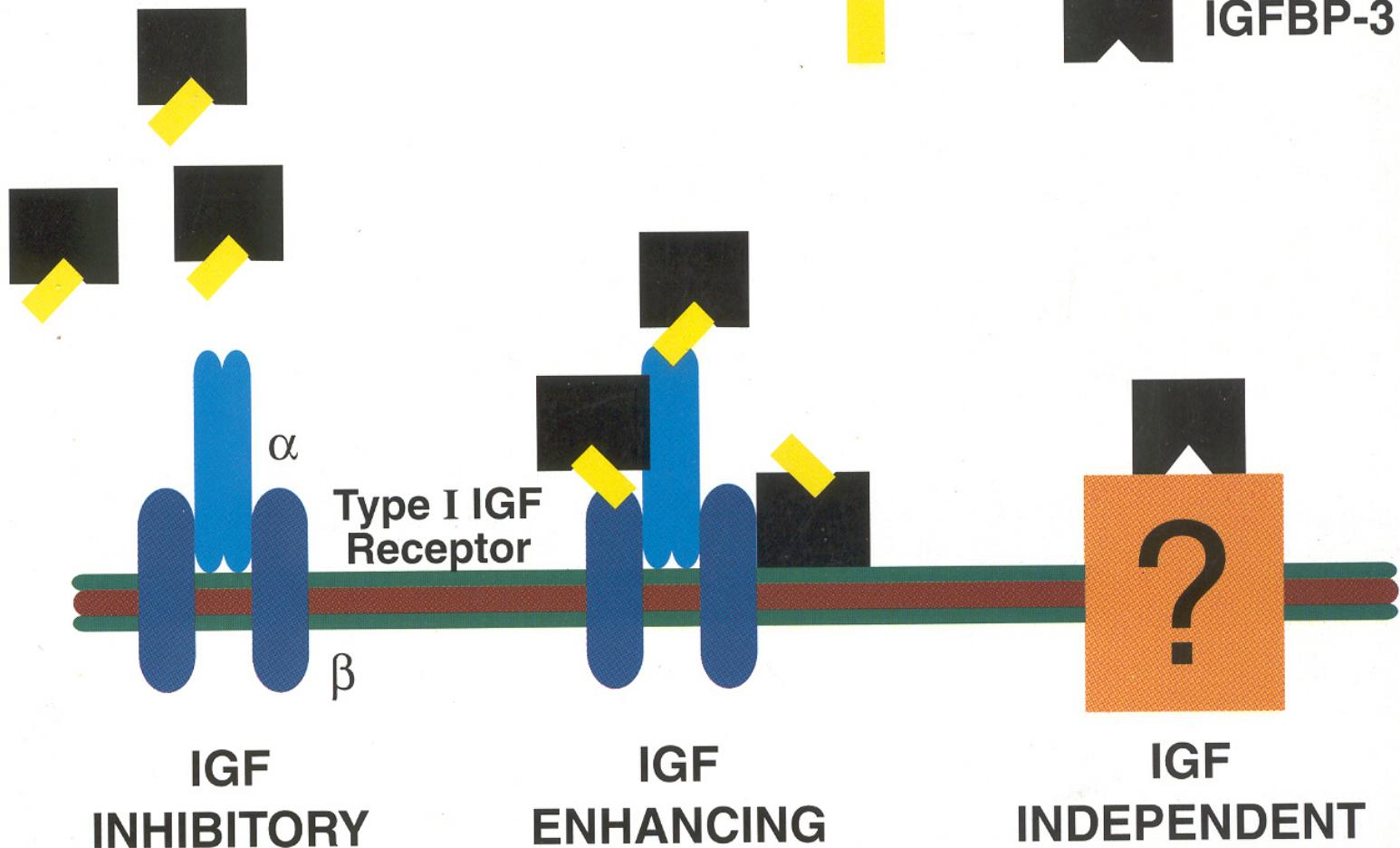
Figure 1. Structure of the insulin and IGF-I receptor superfamily. The receptors are composed of extracellular  $\alpha$  subunits that bind ligands and transmembrane  $\beta$  subunits that contain the kinase domain.



IGF-I/-II



IGFBP-3



# THE VARIOUS FACTORS AFFECTING THE GH SECRETION

<u>Factors</u>	<u>Causes of increased GH</u>	<u>Causes of decreased GH</u>
Physiological	Exercise Stress Sleep Hypo-glycemia Amino acid intake	Hyperglycemia (post-prandial) Free fatty acid increment
Pathological	Acromegaly GHRH ectopic production GH ectopic production Anorexia nervosa Protein and amino acid depletion	Somatostatin ectopic production Obesity Hypothyroidism Hyperthyroidism
Pharmacological	GHRH Dopaminergic, $\alpha$ -adrenergic and serotonergic agents Other hormone effects (ACTH, estrogens, etc.) Serotonin precursors Hypo-glycemia (post-insulin)	Somatostatin effects Other hormone effects $\beta$ -Adrenergic agonists Neurotransmitters effects Serotonin and dopamine effects

## CODICE ANTIDOPING

### Appendice A - Lista delle classi di sostanze vietate e dei metodi proibiti

#### CLASSI DI SOSTANZE VIETATE

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##### E. Ormoni peptidici, sostanze ad azione mimetica e analoghi

Le sostanze vietate della classe (E) includono gli esempi seguenti ed i relativi analoghi, nonché le sostanze ad azione mimetica:

1. Gonadotropina corionica (hCG ) esclusivamente per gli uomini;
2. Gonadotropine ipofisarie e di sintesi esclusivamente per gli uomini;
3. Corticotropine (ACTH, tetracosactide)
4. **Ormone della crescita (hGH)**
5. Fattore di crescita insulino-simile (IGF-1) e tutti i rispettivi "fattori di rilascio" e loro analoghi
6. Eritropoietina (EPO)
7. Insulina:

La presenza di una concentrazione anomala di ormone endogeno appartenente alla classe (E) o dei suoi marcatori diagnostici nelle urine di un atleta costituisce un'infrazione, a meno che non sia stato comprovato in via definitiva che il fenomeno è dovuto esclusivamente ad una condizione fisiologica o patologica.

Indagati Rosolino, Bellutti, Idem, Abbagnale e Trillini

## Ormone GH: valori fuori norma

Le notizie diffuse da due quotidiani nazionali infangano gli ori olimpici azzurri



E' il caso del giorno: Corriere della Sera e Manifesto hanno oggi pubblicato un elenco di atleti (Rosolino, Bellutti, Idem, Trillini e Abbagnale), tutte medaglie d'oro a Sydney, ai quali nel corso di vari esami eseguiti prima delle Olimpiadi sono stati riscontrati valori anomali del famoso e famigerato e temutissimo **ormone della crescita...**

"E' solo una strumentalizzazione per un problema che non esiste", ecco la risposta di Antonella Bellutti, "sono dati che non hanno alcuna valenza, finalizzati solo a rovinare l'immagine degli atleti, che ormai è rovinata. Sono senza parole, è da una vita che faccio la lotta al doping"...



## Potenziali discipline sportive che usano h-GH

Azione	Sport
Promozione della crescita lineare	Sport altezza-specifici (pallacanestro, pallavolo, nuoto di fondo)
Anabolica	Sport di potenza (sollevamento peso, lotta, velocità su pista, lancio del peso, nuoto di velocità)
Lipolitica	Sport sensibili al peso (sollevamento peso, lotta, pugilato)
Cardiotonica	Sport di resistenza (fondo su pista, nuoto di resistenza)
Deposizione di collagene	Cicatrizzazione delle ferite in ogni sport

# Modalità di esaltazione dell'azione del GH

- somministrazione esogena di GH

- di origine estrattiva
- di origine biosintetica

- somministrazione di sostanze capaci di aumentare la secrezione di GH endogeno

- GHRH
- GHRP/GHS
- vasopressina
- clonidina
- propranololo
- aminoacidi (arginina, lisina, ornitina)
- GHB



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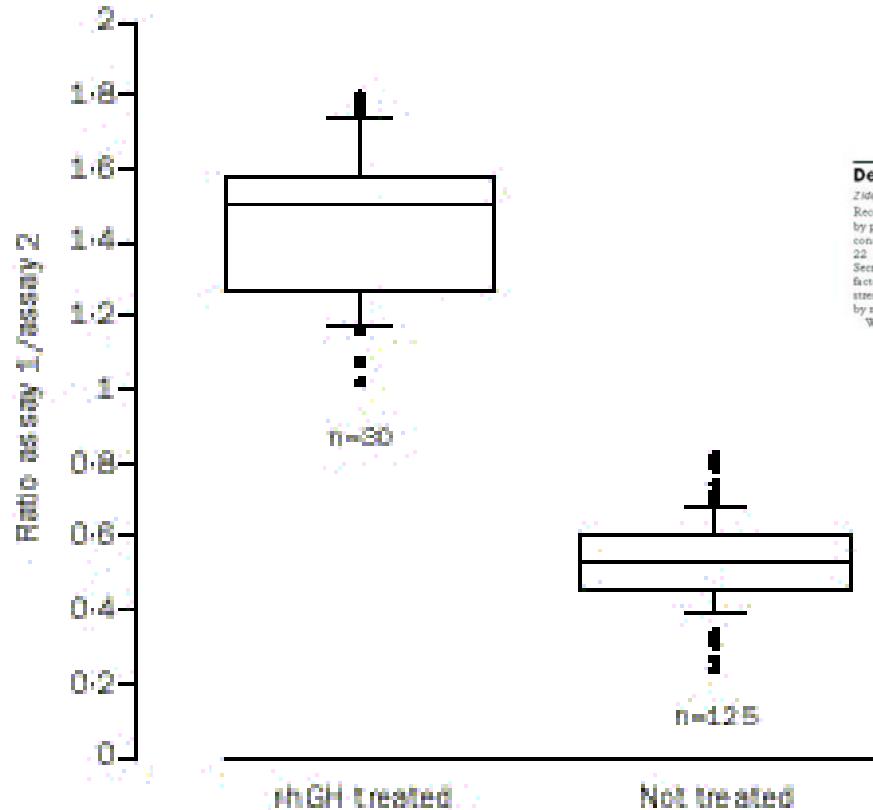
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## **Self-administration of cadaveric growth hormone in power athletes.**

[Letters to the Editor]

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#### Detection of doping with human growth hormone

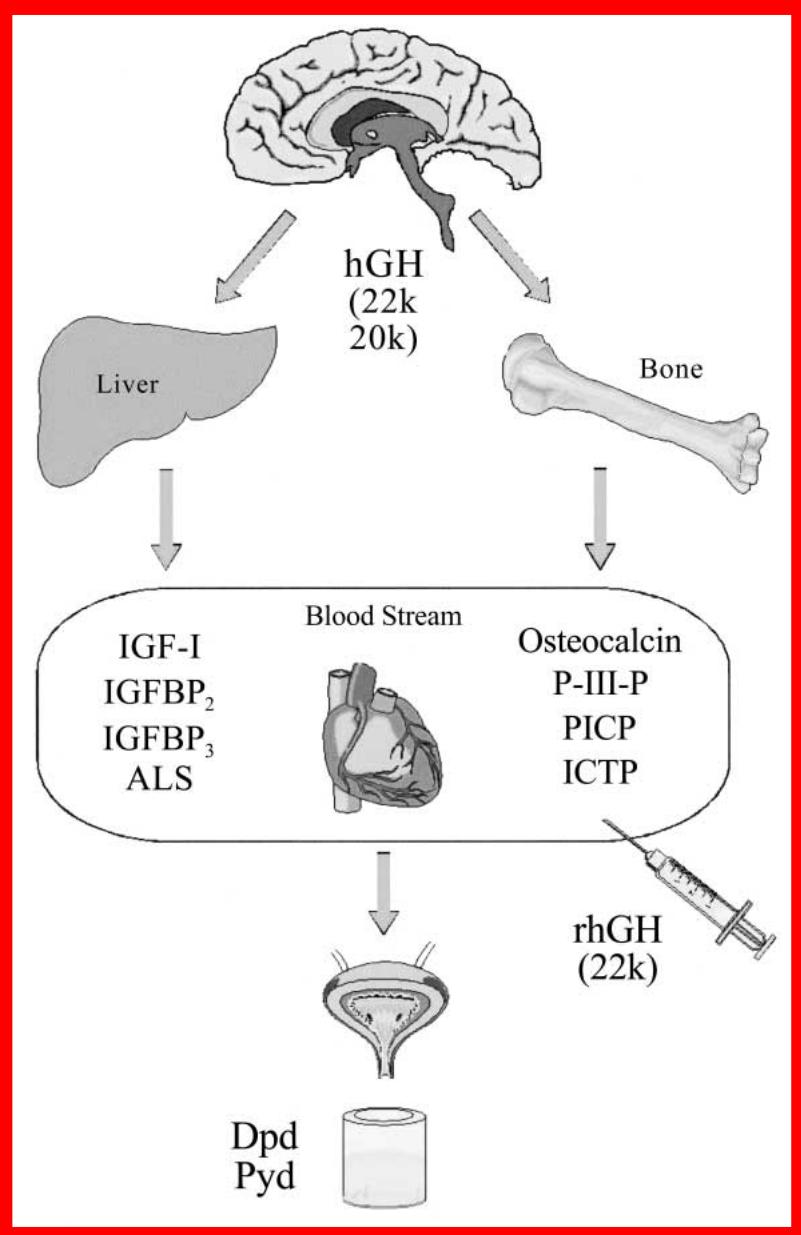
Zida Wu, Martin Bildlingmaier, Rolf Dall, Christian J Strasburger

Recombinant human growth hormone (r-hGH) is misused by people involved in sport.<sup>1</sup> Once injected, r-hGH has been considered to be undetectable because it is identical to the 22 kD fraction of pituitary-derived hGH (pit-hGH). Secretion of pit-hGH fluctuates and is regulated by many factors such as sleep, nutrition, exercise, and emotional stress, so prohibiting the detection of r-hGH administration by measuring the hGH concentration.<sup>2</sup>

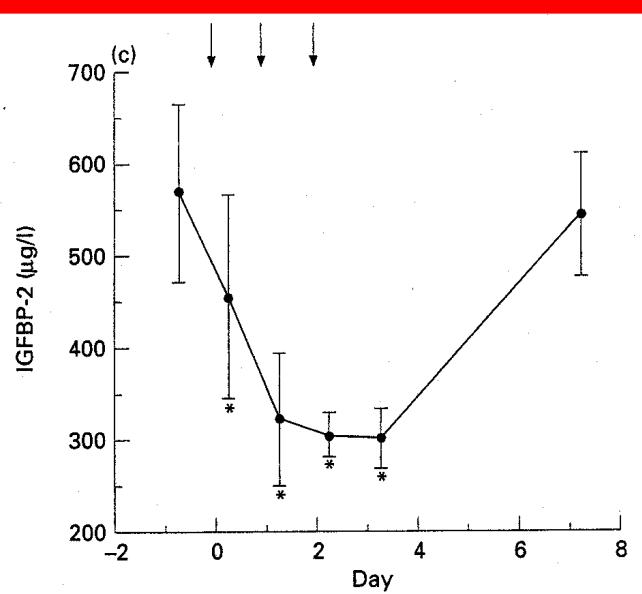
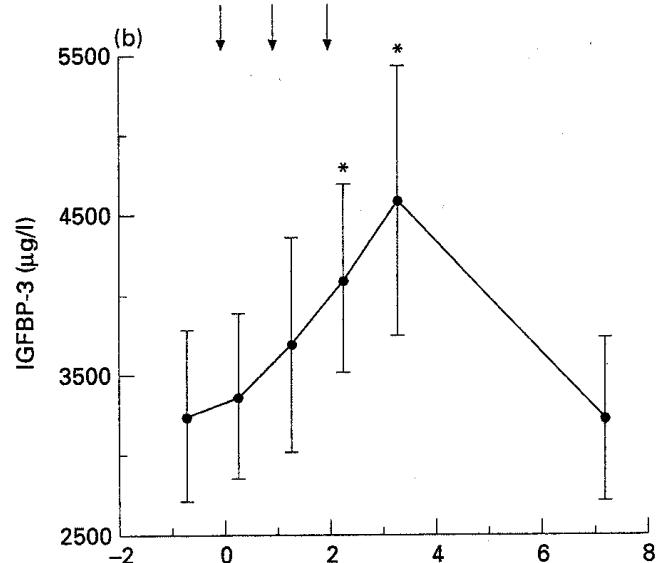
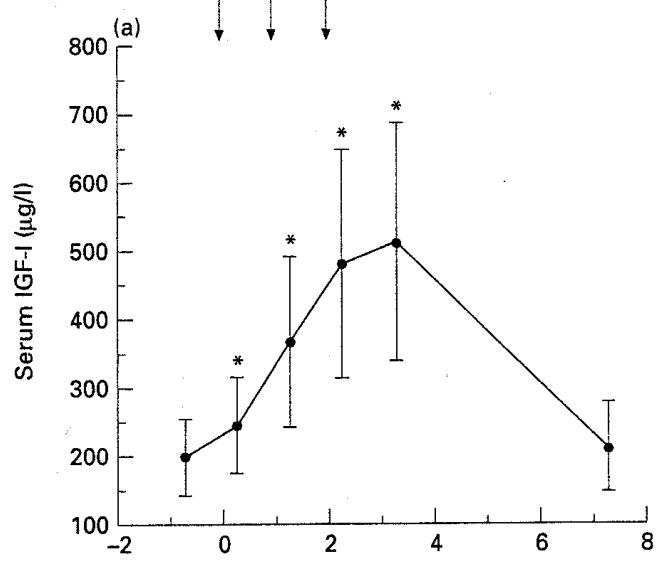
We developed a method based upon the fact that

To test the method in a blinded manner, 40 serum samples were obtained from either pharmacodynamic profiles after r-hGH injection or from growth-hormone releasing hormone (GHRH) stimulation tests. The samples were matched for absolute hGH concentrations in Aarhus and sent to the Munich laboratory in random order, number-coded. All 20 samples taken after administration of r-hGH were correctly identified with assay 2 ratios between 1.188 and 1.780, while those 20 sera taken after GHRH

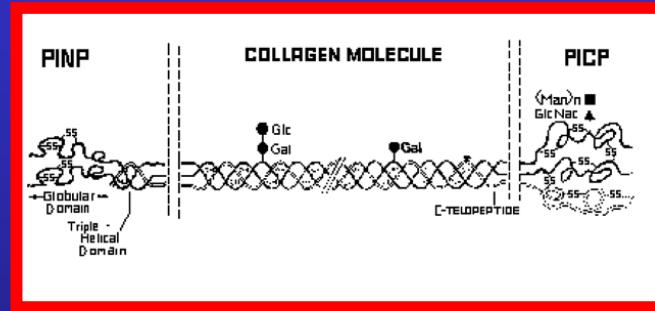
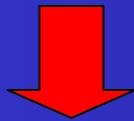
**Ratio between assay 1 (22 kD-hGH) and assay 2 (total hGH) in serum samples** No overlap was observed between the groups (mean [SD] r-hGH treatment 1·434 [0·212], controls 0·5 [0·115]; Mann-Whitney *U*: *p*<0·0001). The 90th, 75th, 50th, 25th, and 10th percentile and individual outliers are shown.



A summary of the potential markers thought to be most useful in developing a test of GH abuse. Pyridinoline (Pyd) and deoxypyridinoline (Dpd) are urinary metabolites of collagen markers.



**GH**



- MARCATORI DI FORMAZIONE
- MARCATORI DI RIASSORBIMENTO

## MARCATORI DI FORMAZIONE

- Fosfatasi alcalina ossea
- Osteocalcina
- Propeptide C-terminale del procollagene (PICP)
- Propeptide N-terminale del procollagene di tipo III (*soft tissue marker*, PIIIP)

## MARCATORI DI RIASSORBIMENTO

- Telopeptide C-term. del collagene I (ICTP)
- Fosfatasi acida tartrato-resistente
- Galattosilidrossilisina
- Telopeptide N-term. del collagene I (NTx)
- Telopeptide C-term. del collagene I (CTx)
- Desossipiridinolina libera
- Piridinoline libere

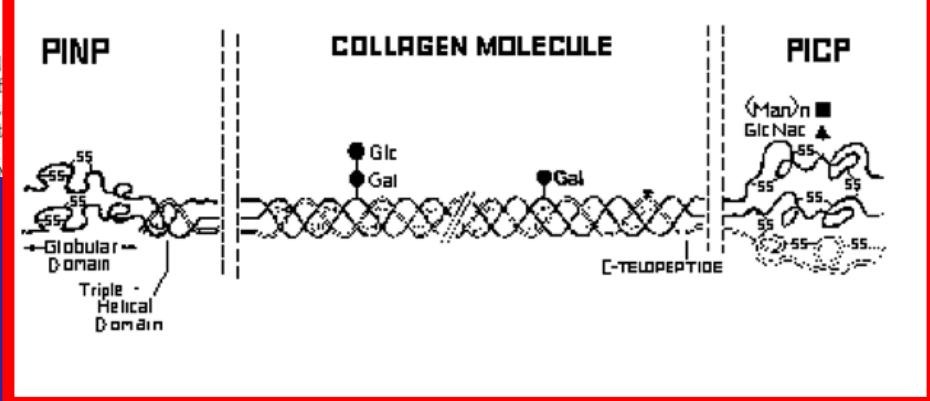
## Growth Hormone (GH) Effects on Bone and Collagen Turnover in Healthy Adults and Its Potential as a Marker of GH Abuse in Sports: A Double Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study\*

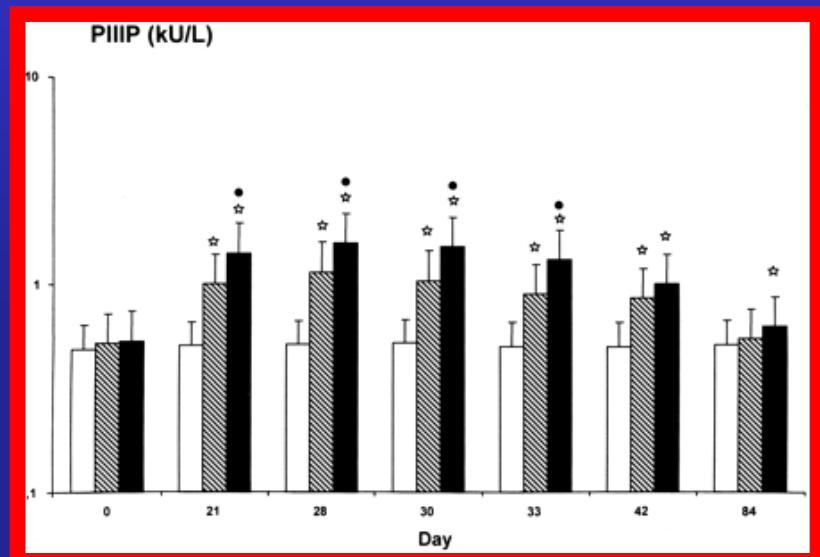
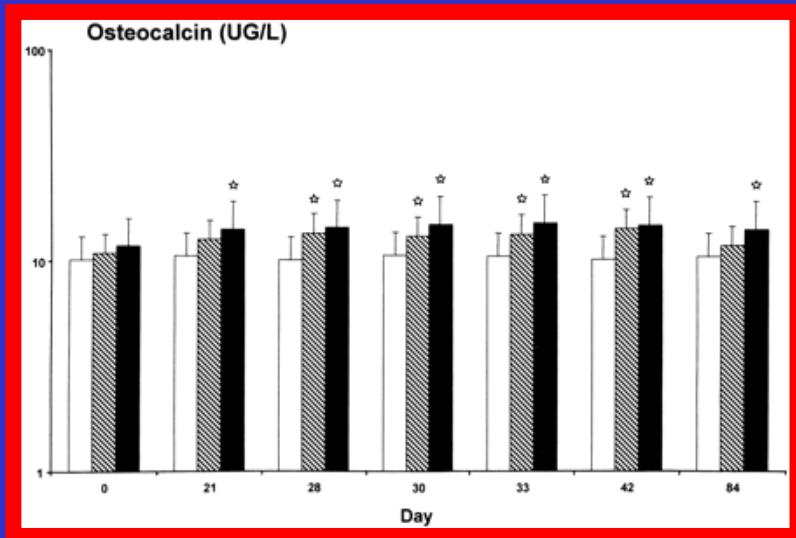
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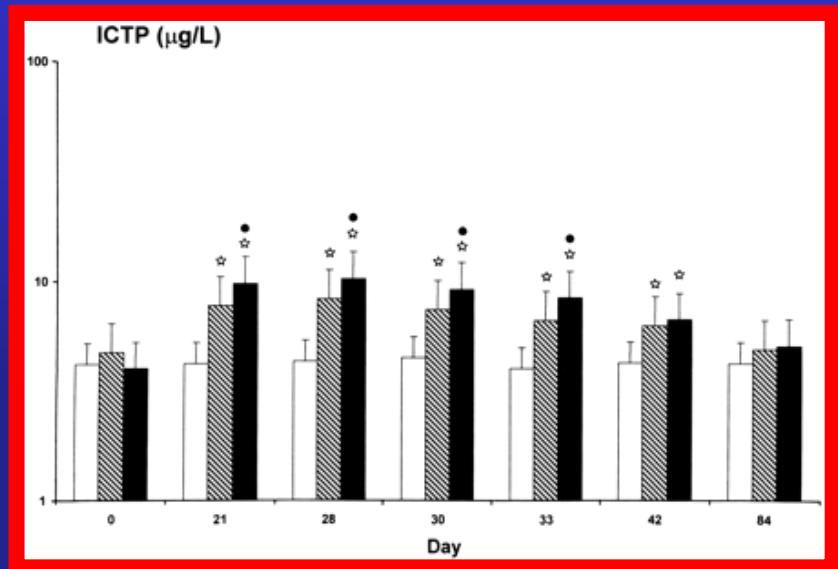
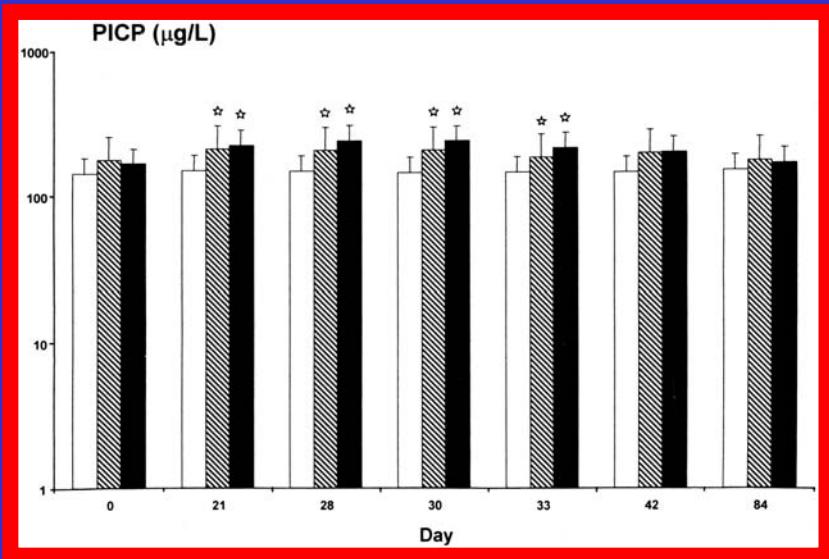
### ABSTRACT

The effects of GH on bone remodeling in healthy adults have been systematically investigated. An analysis of these effects may provide insights into GH physiology and might yield data for the detection of GH doping in sports. The aim of this study was to evaluate the effects of GH administration on biochemical markers of bone and collagen turnover in healthy volunteers.

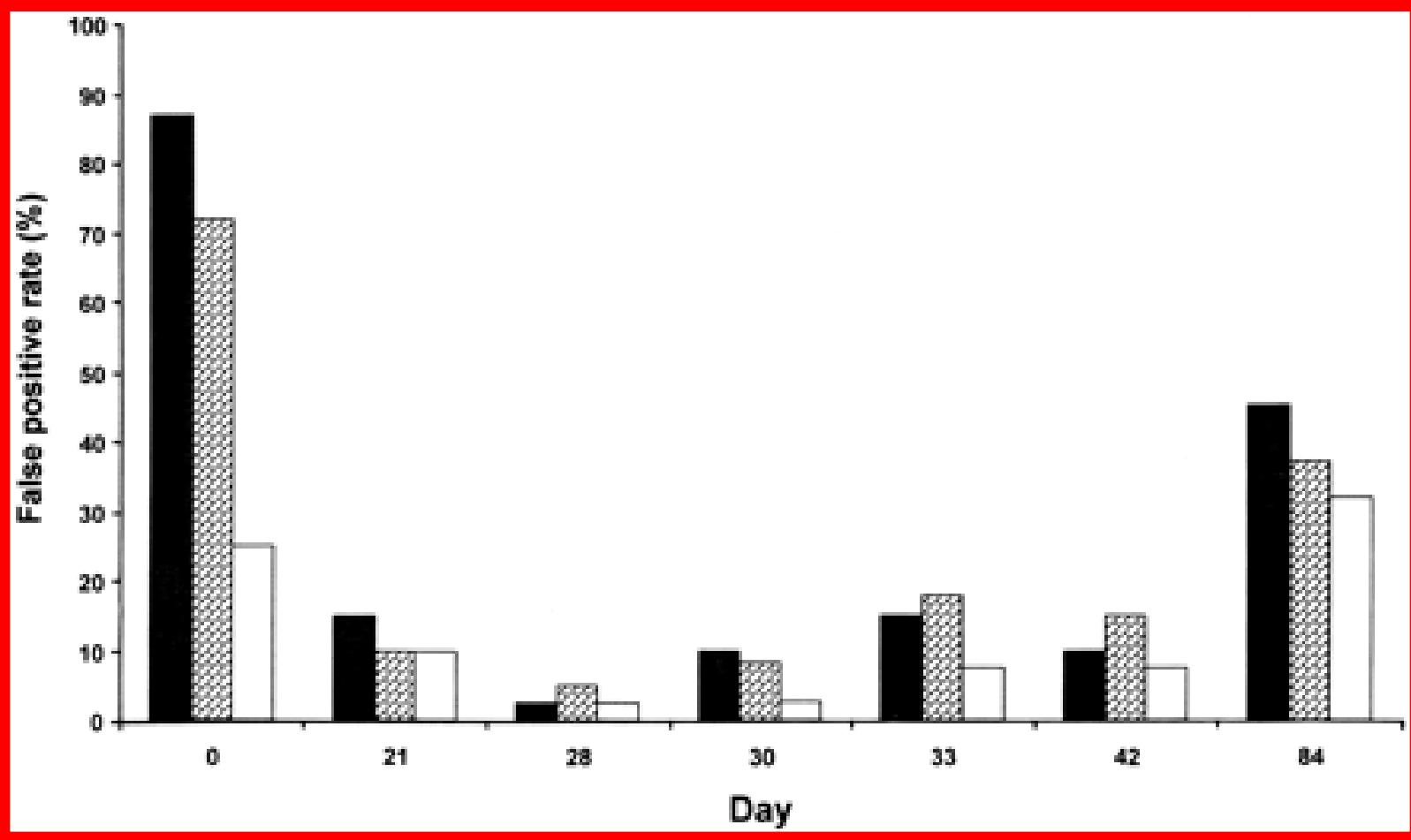




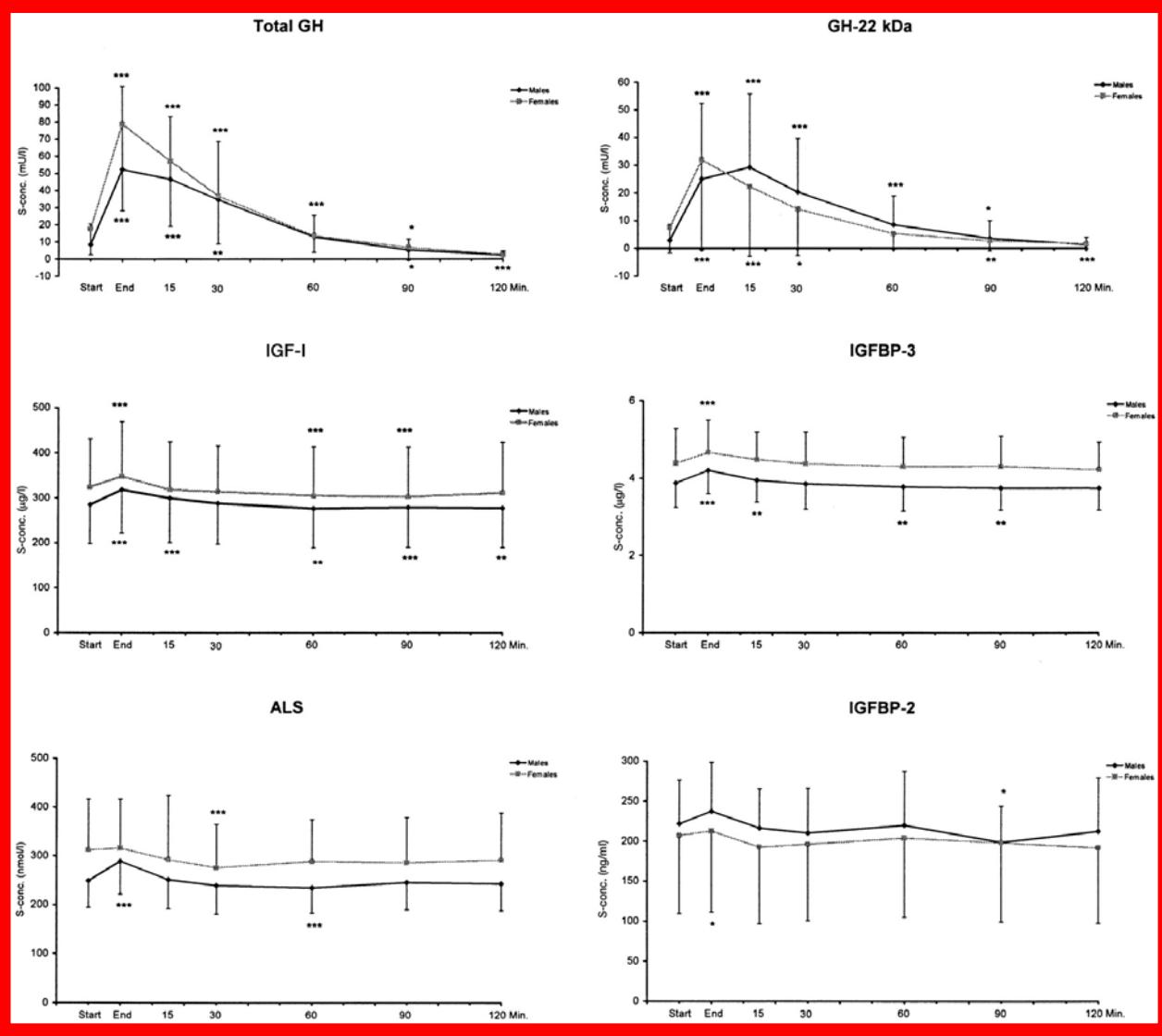
Effect of GH administration (up to day 28) and withdrawal on serum osteocalcin and PIIIP (*procollagene di tipo III*) concentrations in normal subjects. Asterisks indicate significant differences vs. placebo. White, Placebo; gray, low dose group; black, high dose group.



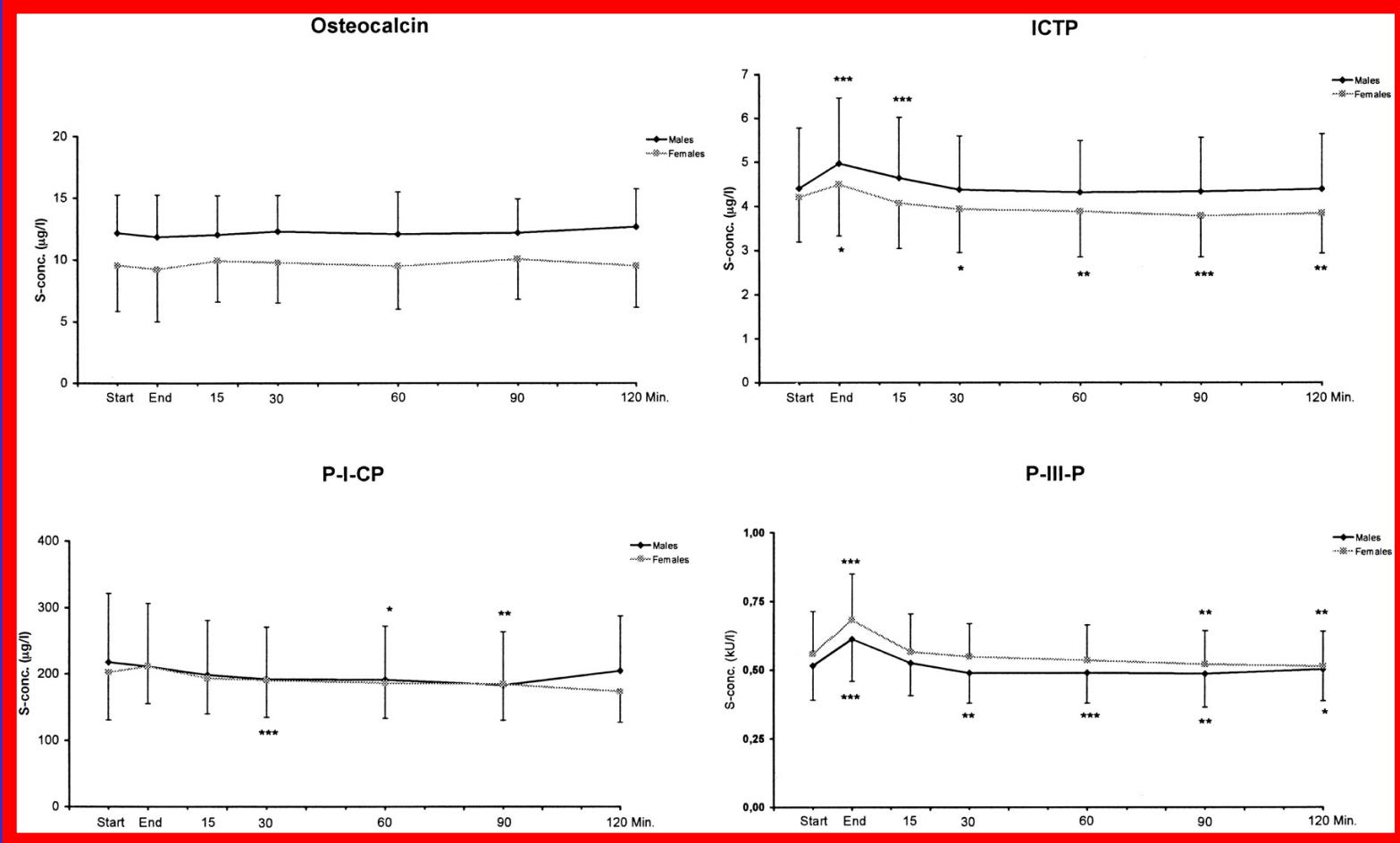
Effect of GH administration (up to day 28) and withdrawal on serum PICP (*propeptide C-terminale del procollagene*) and ICTP (*telopeptide C-term. del collagene I*) concentrations in normal subjects. Asterisks indicate significant differences vs. placebo. White, Placebo; gray, low dose group; black, high dose group.



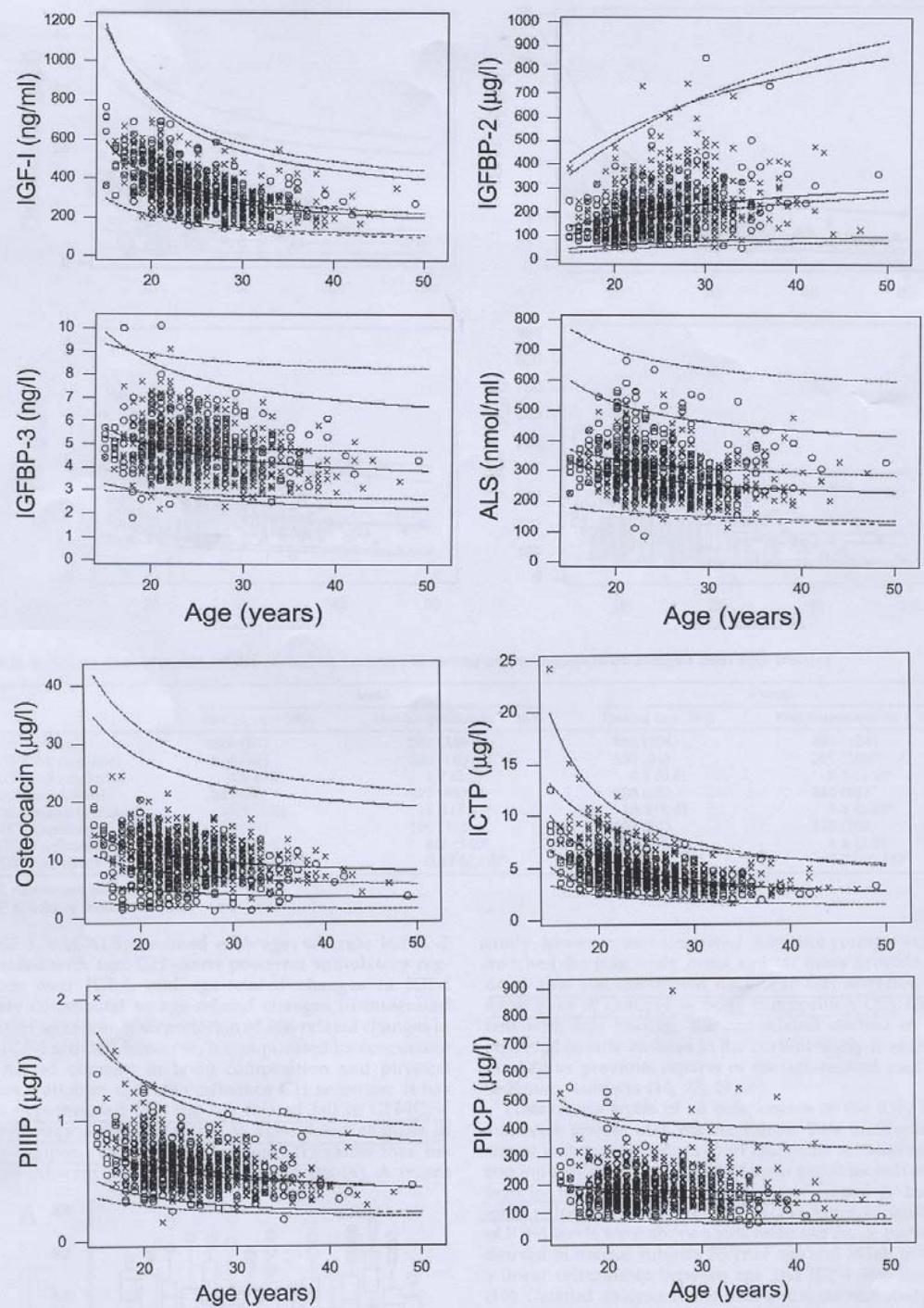
Percentage of subjects erroneously diagnosed as having taken GH by discriminant analysis based on a single marker (PIIIP; black), two markers (ICTP and PIIIP; gray), and four markers (white).



Serum-concentrations (mean  $\pm$  SD) of components in the GH/IGF-I axis in 84 male and 33 female elite athletes in connection with a maximum exercise test. \*, P < 0.05; \*\*, P < 0.01; and \*\*\*, P < 0.001, indicate changes compared with baseline.



Serum-concentrations (mean  $\pm$  SD) of components in the bone markers in 84 male and 33 female elite athletes in connection with a maximum exercise test. \*,  $P < 0.05$ ; \*\*,  $P < 0.01$ ; and \*\*\*,  $P < 0.001$ , indicate changes compared with baseline.



# **PROSPETTIVE FUTURE...**



# First level tests

Measurement of 4 parameters. To each first level parameter is assigned a score

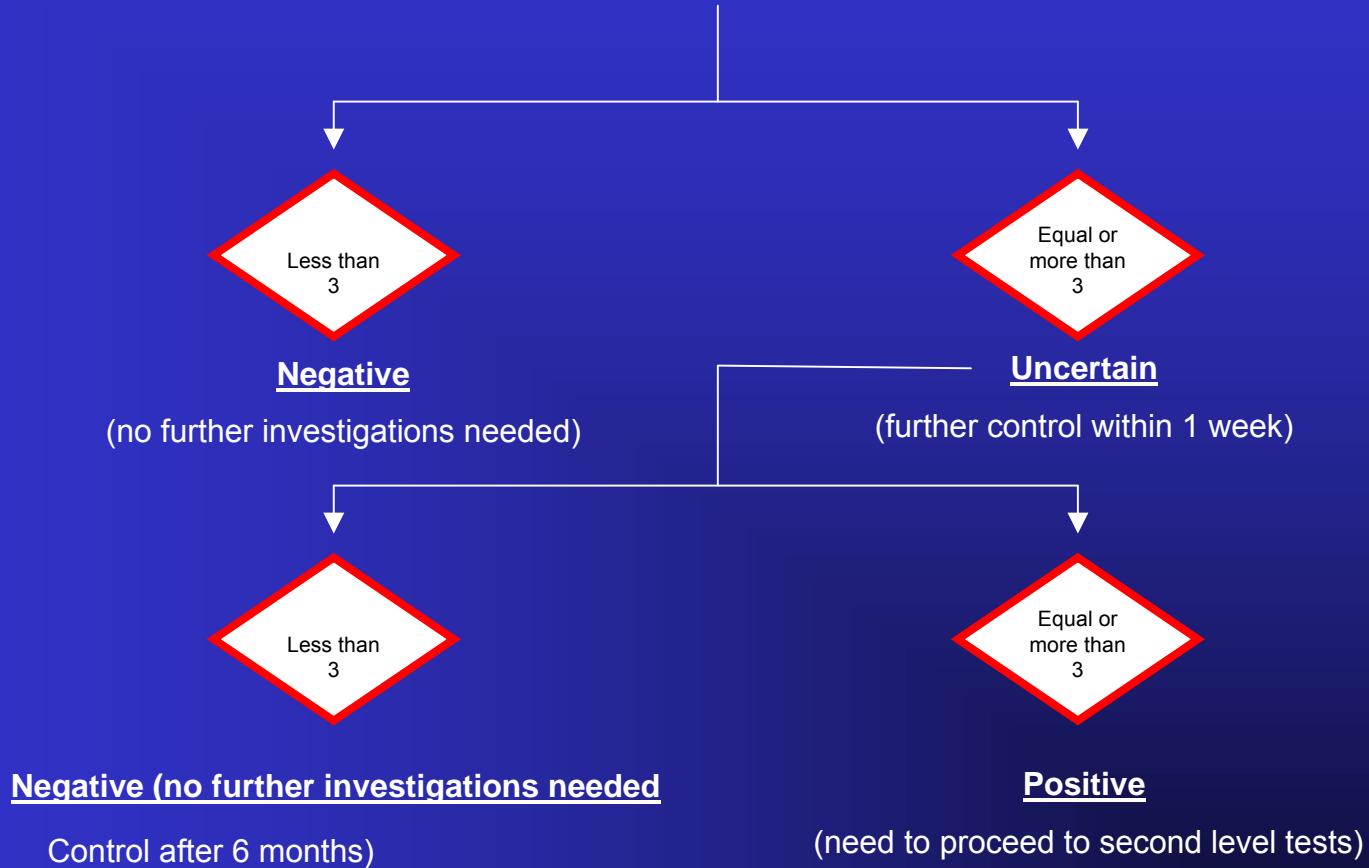
Parameter	Cut-off value*	Score
GH (ng/ml)	< 3.6 ng/ml (males)	0
	> 3.6 ng/ml (males)	1
	< 9.5 ng/ml (females)	0
	> 9.5 ng/ml (females)	1
IGF-1 (ng/ml)	< 450 ng/ml (age < 30 yr)	0
	> 450 ng/ml (age < 30 yr)	2
	< 300 ng/ml (age > 30 yr)	0
	> 300 ng/ml (age > 30 yr)	2
PIIINP (ng/ml)	< 7.1 ng/ml (age ≤ 20 yr)	0
	> 7.1 ng/ml (age ≤ 20 yr)	1.5
	< 6.2 ng/ml (age ≥ 20 yr)	0
	> 6.2 ng/ml (age ≥ 20 yr)	1.5
ICTP (ng/ml)	< 8.5 ng/ml (age ≤ 20 yr)	0
	> 8.5 ng/ml (age ≤ 20 yr)	1.5
	< 6.6 ng/ml (age ≥ 20 yr)	0
	> 6.6 ng/ml (age ≥ 20 yr)	1.5

\*The cut-off values were determined by adding 2 SD to the means obtained in a large number of athletes

# Second level tests

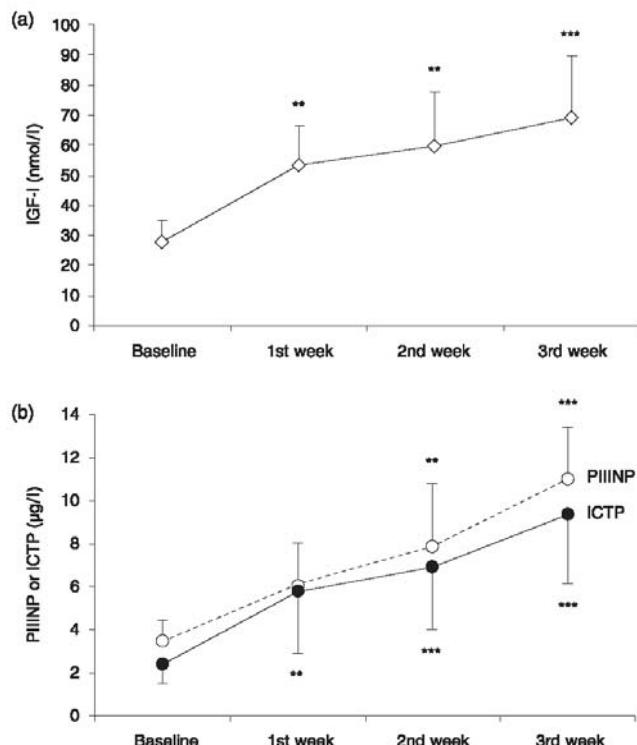
- Assessment of GH secretory profile under resting conditions (positive/negative)
- Stimulatory test with ghrelin (positive/negative)

# Sum of scores related to first level tests



Case	Time (weeks)	IGF-I (nmol/l)	PIIINP ( $\mu$ g/l)	ICTP ( $\mu$ g/l)	Total score
28	1st	41.3	5.4	6.7*	1.5
	2nd	38.6	6.0	9.1*	1.5
	3rd	47.6	10.1*	13.0*	3†
29	1st	40.2	3.7	3.3	0
	2nd	41.4	5.1	5.0	0
	3rd	55.7*	7.0*	6.7*	5†
35	1st	47.0	3.8	1.7	0
	2nd	57.9*	4.8	2.7	2
	3rd	59.9*	10.8*	4.7	3.5†
39	1st	55.5*	8.1*	8.6*	5†
	2nd	62.2*	10.7*	8.7*	5†
	3rd	82.5*	11.6*	9.8*	5†
40	1st	74.3*	7.2*	5.3	3.5†
	2nd	85.9*	8.8*	5.7	3.5†
	3rd	102.8*	12.4*	9.5*	5†
41	1st	61.0*	7.9*	9.0*	5†
	2nd	71.9*	11.6*	10.1*	5†
	3rd	66.9*	14.2*	12.4*	5†

\*Abnormal values, †positive values.



## Combined evaluation of resting IGF-I, N-terminal propeptide of type III procollagen (PIIINP) and C-terminal cross-linked telopeptide of type I collagen (ICTP) levels might be useful for detecting inappropriate GH administration in athletes: a preliminary report

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RESULTS Abnormal IGF-I, or PIIINP or ICTP levels were found, respectively, in one, two and four subjects (1.5–6.1%) of the control group (in the younger athletes); only one 19-year-old subject of this group obtained a positive score. Abnormal IGF-I, PIIINP and ICTP levels were found in 61.1–66.7% samples of the treated group. Positive cases were 3/6 at the 1st and 2nd week and 6/6 at the 3rd week. The sensitivity of the screening approach was 50–100% (at the 1st–2nd and 3rd week, respectively) and specificity was 98.5%.

CONCLUSION This 'first level' screening test is safe

IGF-I (a), PIIINP and ICTP (b) levels in the treated group (n = 6) at baseline and after 1, 2 and 3 weeks of rGH administration. All values are expressed as the mean ± SD. \*\*P < 0.01, \*\*\*P < 0.001, compared with baseline (repeated measures anova followed by Tukey posthoc). There were no significant changes in GH levels from the baseline values at any points.

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## **Abuse of Recombinant Human Growth Hormone: Studies in Two Different Dog Models**

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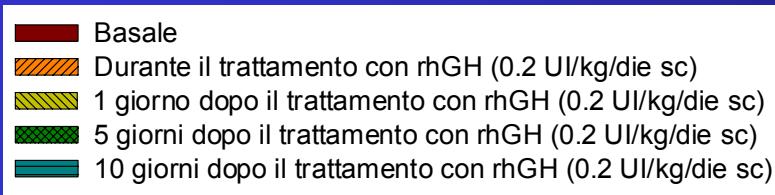
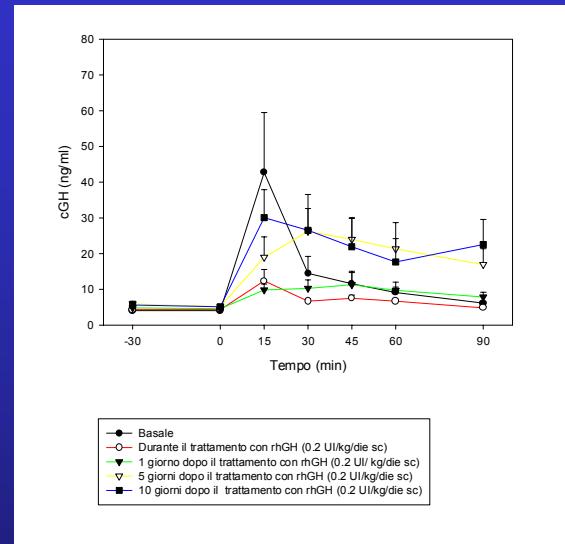
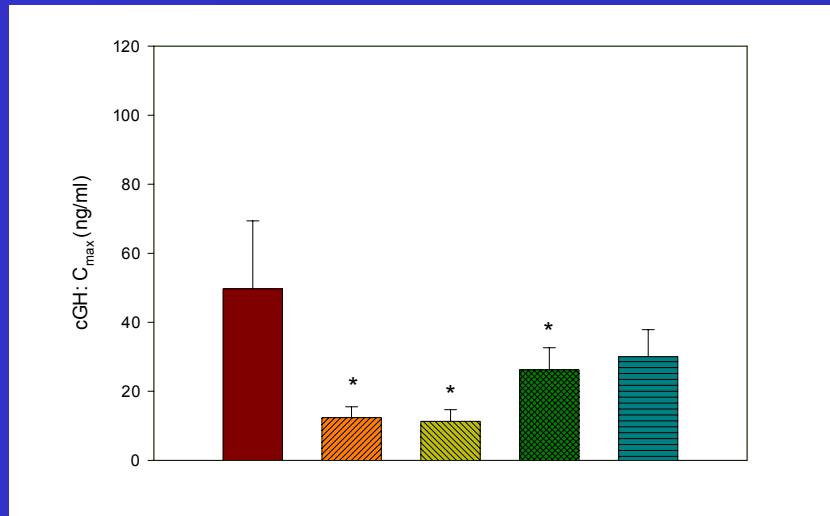
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rise elicited by SSIW was completely abrogated. In the set of experiments with a GHRP challenge, 13 dogs of either gender (2–12 years old) received the following

# rhGH (0.2 UI/kg sc) per 12 giorni



\*:  $P < 0.05$  vs. basale

