The enteroinsular axis in the pathogenesis of prediabetes and diabetes in humans

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The enteroinsular axis



W. Creutzfeldt: Diabetologia 16:75-85, 1979

Abnormal enteroinsular axis



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Abnormal enteroinsular axis in type 2 diabetes Common belief: fact or myth?

	Secretion	Insulinotropic effect
GLP-1	Decreased	Normal
GIP	Increased or normal	Markedly decreased

Cross sectional study

TABLE 1. Summary of the characteristics of the T2DM, NGT, and IGT groups reported as the mean ± SD (rows 1-6) and SEM (rows 7-13)

	T2DM	NGT	IGT	T2DM vs. NGT	ANOVA	ANOVA correcting for covariates
No. (M/F)	54 (44/10)	33 (27/6)	15 (12/3)			
Age (yr)	55.9 ± 8.0	56.2 ± 9.1	55.3 ± 6.8	NS	NS	
BMI (kg/m ²)	30.2 ± 5.3	29.6 ± 6.2	35.0 ± 5.3	NS	0.007^{a}	
Treatment (D/SU/B/SU + B)	19/16/12/7					
HbA_{1c} (%)	8.4 ± 1.7	5.9 ± 0.4	6.1 ± 0.6	< 0.001	$< 0.001^{b}$	$< 0.000^{b}$
Fasting PG (mmol/liter)	11.7 ± 4.0	5.9 ± 0.6	6.2 ± 0.6	< 0.001	$< 0.001^{b}$	$< 0.000^{sex, b}$
Fasting plasma insulin (pmol/liter)	48 ± 5.0	40 ± 4.0	78 ± 15.0	NS	0.014^{a}	NS^{BMI}
Fasting plasma C peptide (pmol/liter)	778 ± 48	667 ± 42	999 ± 134	NS	0.025^{c}	NS^{BMI}
Fasting plasma glucagon (pmol/liter)	13.0 ± 0.8	8.4 ± 0.9	11.2 ± 1.6	< 0.001	${<}0.001^d$	${<}0.001^{b,\ BMI,\ sex}$
Fasting plasma PP (pmol/liter)	33 ± 3.9	26 ± 2.9	24 ± 4.0	NS	NS	NS ^{sex, age}
Fasting NEFA (mmol/liter)	0.78 ± 0.04	0.78 ± 0.04	0.85 ± 0.07	NS	NS	NS
Fasting plasma GIP (pmol/liter)	12.7 ± 1.5	8.6 ± 0.7	9.8 ± 1.2	0.13	NS	NS
Fasting plasma GLP-1 (pmol/liter)	6.6 ± 0.5	4.9 ± 0.4	4.9 ± 0.4	0.037	NS	NS

The significances of differences between the age-, gender-, and BMI-matched T2DM and NGT groups were evaluated by means of Mann-Whitney tests, whereas comparisons involving also the unmatched IGT group were carried out by means of ANOVA (significant or near-significant covariates shown as superscripts).

^{*a*} P < 0.05, IGT *vs.* T2DM and NGT. ^{*b*} P < 0.05, T2DM *vs.* NGT and IGT.

 $^{\circ}P < 0.05$, NGT vs. IGT.

 $^{d}P < 0.05$, T2DM vs. NGT.

 $^{e}P < 0.05$, NGT vs. T2DM and IGT.

GLP-1 secretin is reduced in patients with T2DM



FIG. 3. Plasma GLP-1 concentrations in T2DM patients (\bullet), NGT subjects (\bigcirc), and IGT subjects (\square) during a 240-min meal test. The meal was started at time zero and finished in the 10- to 15-min period. *, P < 0.05 between the T2DM and NGT group.

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Effect of acute hyperglycemia



Vollmer K et al. J Clin Endocrinol Metab 94: 1379–1385, 2009

Impaired Incretin Response After a Mixed Meal Is Associated With Insulin Resistance in Nondiabetic Men



	Lowest tertile	Medium tertile	Highest tertile	F probability
n	11	11	11	
Age (years)	53.1 ± 11.1	49.1 ± 9.6	47.6 ± 8.6	0.37
BMI (kg/m ²)	30.4 (27.3-32.7)	26.4 (26.3-28.6)	23.9 (22.6-25.6)	< 0.001
Fat mass (kg)	28.9 (25.1-45.5)	23.6 (19.1-25.9)	17.1 (13.2-18.7)	< 0.001
Waist circumference (cm)	108.0 (103.0-117.4)	98.0 (95.0-103.0)	90.0 (81.0-93.0)	< 0.001
Fasting glucose (mmol/l)	4.8 ± 0.4	4.6 ± 0.5	4.7 ± 0.2	0.52
Fasting insulin (pmol/l)	97.0 (66-116)	72.5 (50.5–76.5)	44.0 (40.5-52.5)	< 0.01
Insulin sensitivity§	3.1 (2.1–3.2)	7.2 (5.1–7.8)	10.1 (9.4–13.8)	< 0.001

(Insulin sensitivity was measured by a hyperinsulinemic euglycemic clamp)

Diabetes Care 24:1640–1645, 2001

GIP and GLP-1 responses in NGT, IGT, and T2D



Statistics were carried out using repeated-measures ANOVA and denote differences between the experiments (A), differences over time (B), and differences due to the interaction of experiment and time (AB).

Vollmer K et al., *Diabetes 57:678–687, 2008*

Plasma glucose and insulin levels



Integrated responses of 'total' GLP-1 to oral glucose or mixed meals based on individual studies



Nauck MA et al. Diabetologia (2011) 54:10–18

The insulinotropic action of GLP-1 is also decreased by ~29% compared with normal subjects.



Mean ± SE; N=18.

Nauck MA, et al. J Clin Invest. 1993;91:301-307. Reprinted with permission from The American Society for Clinical Investigation.

Decreased insulinotropic action of GLP-1 in type 2 diabetes



Figure 1—Pharmacological, but not physiological, levels of GLP-1 enhance insulin secretion in patients with type 2 diabetes. Reproduced with permission from Springer, from Højberg et al. (16) (A), and Vilsbøll et al. (17) (B).

Abnormal enteroinsular axis in type 2 diabetes



*, in some subjects with marked insulin resistance or severe hyperglycemia

**, correlated with decreased beta-cell functional capacity or mass; decreased response to physiological level of GLP-1

GIP secretion during 4-h mixed meal tests



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Virtually absent insulinotropic effect of GIP in T2D



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GIP Does Not Potentiate the Antidiabetic Effects of GLP-1 in Hyperglycemic Patients With Type 2 Diabetes



GLP-1 (1.2 pmol \cdot kg(-1) \cdot min(-1) GIP (4 pmol \cdot kg(-1) \cdot min(-1))

Mentis N et al. Diabetes 60:1270–1276, 2011

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- Cohort study (longitudinal)
- Genetic association
- Abnormalities in high risk groups
 - IGT
 - 1st degree relatives
 - Previous GDM
- Abnormalities in other types of diabetes

Genetic variation in GIPR influences the glucose and insulin responses to an oral glucose challenge

Table 1	Genome-wide significant loci for	2-h 8	glucose during an	OGTT from	26 studies	in nondiabetic individuals
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						Disco	very	Replication		Discovery and replication		Discovery and replication (FG adj)			
SNP	Chr	Position (bp)	Nearest gene	Alleles (+/-)	Freq (+) ¹	Effect (s.e.m.) mmol/l	P value	Effect (s.e.m.) mmol/l	P value	Effect (s.e.m.) mmol/l	P value	P value (no BMI)	Effect (s.e.m.) mmol/l	P value	P value (no BMI)
rs1260326	2	27584444	GCKR	T/C	0.40	0.09 (0.02)	1.53×10^{-6}	0.06 (0.01)	5.33×10^{-6}	0.07 (0.01)	7.05×10^{-11}	3.00×10^{-10}	0.10 (0.01)	9.23×10^{-21}	2.26×10^{-21}
rs2877716	3	124577141	ADCY5	C/T	0.77	0.10 (0.02)	6.26×10^{-6}	0.09 (0.01)	1.21×10^{-11}	0.09 (0.01)	4.19×10^{-16}	7.41×10^{-16}	0.07 (0.01)	1.68×10^{-11}	7.98×10^{-12}
rs12243326	5 10	114778805	TCF7L2	C/T	0.21	0.13 (0.02)	1.20×10^{-9}	0.05 (0.02)	1.27×10^{-3}	0.08 (0.01)	4.23×10^{-10}	1.12×10^{-7}	0.07 (0.01)	9.99×10^{-9}	1.17×10^{-10}
rs17271305	5 15	60120272	VPS13C	G/A	0.42	0.09 (0.02)	1.04×10^{-6}	0.05 (0.02)	1.58×10^{-3}	0.06 (0.01)	4.11 × 10-8	1.30×10^{-7}	0.07 (0.01)	4.33×10^{-11}	8.41×10^{-11}
rs10423928	3 19	50874144	GIPR	A/T	0.18	0.15 (0.03)	3.33 × 10 ⁻⁶	0.09 (0.01)	2.30 × 10 ⁻¹¹	0.09 (0.01)	1.98×10^{-15}	3.20×10^{-12}	0.11 (0.01)	2.56 × 10 ⁻²⁰	5.94 × 10 ⁻¹⁸

n11,268-15,234 15,103-30,121 30,337-43,104 30,114-42,354 Results from fixed effects, inverse variance meta-analysis of 9 GWA (ARIC, BLSA, CHSstage1&2, CoLaus, DGI, Fenland, FHS, FUSION, Sorbs) and 17 follow-up studies (Arnish, BotniaPPP, CHSstage3, DIAGEN, ELY, FrenchFamilyMembers, FrenchHaguenau, FrenchObeseAdults, FUSIONstage2, Hertfordshire, Inter99, METSIM, NHANES, RISC, Roche, ULSAM, Whitehall II) with adjustment for age, sex and BMI. Position based on hg18, NCBI build36. Combined discovery and replication P values for 2-h glucose adjusted for age and sex (no BMI), and further adjusted for fasting glucose are also presented. Replication meta-analysis results and joint discovery and replication

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meta-analysis results include proxy SNPs with $r^2 > 0.8$ in HapMap CEU.

¹Allele frequencies based on HapMap phase II CEU sample. FG adi, adjusted for fasting glucose in addition to age, sex, BMI and study-specific covariates (center).



1st degree relative study

Subject characteristics of first-degree relatives of patients with type 2 diabetes and healthy control subjects participating in oral glucose, "isoglycaemic" intravenous glucose and hyperglycaemic clamp tests with exogenous GIP

Parameter	First-degree relatives	Healthy control	p Value
[unit]	of type 2-diabetic patients	subjects	(ANOVA/ χ^2 test)
Gender (m/f)	4/12	6/4	0.11
Age [years]	50 ± 12	45 ± 13	0.30
BMI [kg/m ²]	26.1 ± 3.8	26.1 ± 4.2	0.98
WHR [1]	0.83 ± 0.09	0.88 ± 0.09	0.19
RR systolic [mm Hg]	130 ± 17	124 ± 10	0.34
RR diastolic [mm Hg]	80 ± 8	82 ± 6	0.47
HbA _{1c} [%]	5.1 ± 0.3	5.4 ± 0.6	0.08
Glucose			
Fasting [mg/dl]	95 ± 2	99 ± 3	0.33
120 min [mg/dl]	122 ± 7	104 ± 7	0.09
Fasting insulin [mU/l]	6.1 ± 0.8	7.2 ± 1.4	0.48
Fasting C-peptide [nmol/l]	0.48 ± 0.06	0.50 ± 0.06	0.84
HOMA B-cell function [%] ^a	69 ± 8	69 ± 11	0.99
HOMA insulin resistance [fold normal] ^a	1.47 ± 0.23	1.82 ± 0.40	0.42

Mean ± S.D.

^a Calculated according to Ref. [45].

75g OGTT and IIGI



Nauck MA et al. Regulatory Peptides 122 (2004) 209-217

No differences in GIP & GLP-1 secretion between 1st degree relatives of T2DM patients and matched healthy controls



Nauck MA et al. Regulatory Peptides 122 (2004) 209-217

Reduced insulinotropic effect of GIP in first degree relatives of patients with T2DM



Meier JJ et al. Diabetes 50:2497–2504, 2001



Meier and Nauck: Current Diabetes Reports 2006;6:194-201

A GDM study

Parameter	Women with pGDM	Control women	p value (ANOVA)
Age (years)	36.2±5.1	37.5±7.9	0.57
Weight (kg)	71.8±13.7	63.1±9.7	0.03
Height (cm)	167±6	169±4	0.25
BMI (kg/m ²)	25.9±5.1	22.2±3.2	0.01
WHR	0.82 ± 0.08	0.78 ± 0.07	0.081
Birthweight of infants (g)	3,615±661	$3,165\pm289$	0.046
Systolic BP (mmHg)	114±15	$110{\pm}10$	0.40
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	72±12	71±11	0.68
Total cholesterol (mmol/l)	5.02 ± 0.68	5.05 ± 0.80	0.92
HDL-cholesterol (mmol/l)	1.21±0.49	1.53 ± 0.43	0.041
LDL-cholesterol (mmol/l)	3.28±0.97	3.16 ± 0.82	0.69
Triglycerides (mmol/l)	1.29±0.56	0.95 ± 0.57	0.07
HbA ₁ c (%)	5.5±0.4	5.6 ± 0.6	0.71

pGDM, previous gestational diabetes mellitus



Closed circles, pGDM; open circles, controls

Meier J.J. et al. Diabetologia (2005) 48: 1872–1881

No difference in insulinotropic effect of GIP in subjects with previous GDM



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Abnormal enteroinsular axis in subjects with high risk of T2DM

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GIP	Normal or decreased*	Decreased in some cases**

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Cause or result of type 2 diabetes?

- Cohort study (longitudinal)
 - not available
- Genetic association with GIPR
 - postprandial glucose levels and incretin effects
- Abnormalities in high risk groups
 - No remarkable differences
- Abnormalities in other types of diabetes
 - Decreased incretin effects in patients with chronic pancreatitis and MODY3

β -cell function and incretin effect



FIG. 2. Hypothetical impact of a general impairment in β -cell function on the incretin effect: In individuals with a normal insulin secretory capacity, an oral glucose load elicits a much greater insulin secretory response than an intravenous (i.v.) glucose load. With a decreasing β -cell secretory capacity, the insulin response to the oral glucose load is relatively more diminished than the insulin response to intravenous glucose infusion. By these means, the incretin effect, i.e., the difference in the insulin responses to oral and intravenous glucose, diminishes with declining β -cell function. For details, see text.

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In Koreans?



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Reduced GLP-1 secretion in the late postprandial period



No difference in AUCs P for AUC total = 0.2, P for AUC active = 0.07

Plasma glucose levels



FIG. 1. Plasma glucose concentrations during the 180-min period after meal ingestion for type 2 diabetic patients (\bigcirc) and healthy subjects (\bigcirc). Data are means \pm SE.

GIP levels and K-cells in type 2 diabetes and obesity

- Elevated or normal or decreased
- [↑] K-cell density in ob/ob mice vs. lean controls.
- Chronic high fat diet increases the density of K-cells in the upper jejunum.



Progressive deterioration of glucose metabolism in GIPR^{dn} transgenic pigs



Diabetes. 2010 May;59(5):1228-38.

GIPR polymorphism and obesity



GIP/GIPR: the ultimate thrifty gene!



Regulatory Peptides 2009;155:121

A Korean pGDM study

Table 1. Characteristics of the women with previous gesta-tional diabetes mellitus (pGDM) and of control subjects

Parameter	pGDM	Control	P value
No.	34	11	
Age, yr	34.2 ± 3.3	25.7 ± 2.1	0.068
Weight, kg	55.2 ± 6.5	55.8 ± 4.6	0.180
Height, cm	157.3 ± 5.2	159.2 ± 4.9	0.625
BMI, kg/m ²	22.5 ± 2.6	22.0 ± 0.9	0.461
SBP, mm Hg	110.6±11.9	107.7 ± 13.5	0.467
DBP, mm Hg	71.4 ± 7.6	67.3±7.5	0.952
HbA1c, %	5.3 ± 0.2	5.0 ± 0.3	0.020
Total cholesterol, mg/dL	171.5 ± 27.2	186.9 ± 24.4	0.490
Triglyceride, mg/dL	113.3 ± 74.1	75.2 ± 35.4	0.289
HDL-C, mg/dL	46.8 ± 8.9	72.4 ± 10.4	0.289
LDL-C, mg/dL	102.0 ± 26.6	99.5 ± 18.4	0.330
No. of pregnancies	0.47 ± 0.66	0	< 0.001

BMI, body mass index; SBP, systolic blood pressure; DBP, diastolic blood pressure; HDL-C, high density lipoprotein cholesterol; LDL-C, low density lipoprotein cholesterol.

A Korean pGDM study

GLP-1 secretion does not differ between pGDM patients and normal women. GIP was elevated, but that does not seem to induce in increase in insulin secretion.



Fig. 1. Plasma concentrations of glucose (A), insulin (B), glucagon like pepide1 (GLP-1) (C), glucose-dependent insulinotropic polypeptide (GIP) (D), and glucagon (E) after the ingestion of 75-g oral glucose in 34 women with a history of previous gestational diabetes mellitus (pGDM) (*square symbols*) and 11 control women (*round symbols*). Data are presented as means \pm standard deviation; *P* values were calculated using repeated measures ANOVA. ^aSignificant differences at individual time points (*P*<0.05 by one-way ANOVA).

Yu SH et al. Diabetes Metab J 2011;35:58-64



FIG. 3. Relationship between the relative percentage contribution of the incretin effect on the overall insulin responses after oral glucose ingestion and to the respective fasting glucose concentrations in 48 individuals with and without diabetes. Individual data were taken from refs. 35 and 7. The solid line denotes the regression line calculated by regression analyses in relation to the upper and lower 95% CIs.

Four weeks of near-normalization of blood glucose improves the insulin response to GLP-1 and GIP in patients with type 2 diabetes

Fig. 1 Mean blood glucose before (white circles) and during (black circles) 4 weeks of insulin treatment. The patients measured blood glucose seven times per day three times per week. Data are mean \pm SEM

Diabetologia (2009) 52:199-207

Effects on glucagon and NEFA

Mentis N et al. Diabetes 60:1270–1276, 2011

Determinants of incretin sensitivity

Factors	Effects on receptor expression in β-cells	Mechanism	
TCF7L2 variant*	\downarrow GIPR, \downarrow GLP-1R		
WFS1 variant**	↓GLP-1R		
KCNQ1	\downarrow Insulin secretion, \uparrow GIP and GLP-1 secretion		
Hyperglycemia	\downarrow GIPR, \downarrow GLP-1R	ΡΚCα	
Metformin	↑GLP-1R	PPARα	
Fatty acids ⁺	↑GIPR	PPARα	

*, rs7903146; **, rs10010131; +, under euglycemic conditions

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Meier J.J. et al. Diabetologia (2005) 48: 1872–1881

Insulin sensitivity and beta-cell function

Index	Women with pGDM	Control women	p value (ANOVA)	Reference
Insulin sensitivity/resistance				
HOMA	2.47±0.29	1.67 ± 0.18	0.029	[19]
Matsuda index	3.64±0.29	5.62 ± 0.61	0.0070	[20]
Insulin secretion				
HOMA beta cell function	92.1±12.6	66.1±7.3	0.09	[19]
Insulinogenic index _{OGTT (30')}	60.1±6.7	65.6 ± 7.5	0.64	[22]
Insulinogenic index _{clamp (15')}	23.3±4.5	17.6 ± 4.5	0.40	-

GLP-1 secretion and blood glucose

FIG. 1. Relationship between the glucose concentrations at fasting (A) and 120 min after the ingestion of 75 g oral glucose (B) and the respective integrated GLP-1 levels measured over 240 min after oral glucose ingestion in 14 nondiabetic individuals (blue), 17 people with impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glucose (green), and 17 patients with type 2 diabetes (red). Individual data were taken from ref. 11. r^2 and P values were calculated by linear regression analyses. NGT, normal glucose tolerance; OGTT, oral glucose tolerance test.

FIG. 3. Plasma insulin concentrations during the graded glucose infusion. From -30 min, saline (\blacktriangle) or intravenous GLP-1 (7-36 amide) at a dose of 0.5 (\bigcirc), 1.0 (O) or 2.0 (\bigtriangleup) pmol·kg⁻¹·min⁻¹ were infused. At t = 0 min, glucose was infused at a rate of 2 mg·kg⁻¹·min⁻¹, followed by 4, 6, 8, and 12 mg·kg⁻¹·min⁻¹. Each infusion rate was maintained for a period of 30 min. Samples were drawn 10, 20, and 30 min into a 30-min period for the measurement of plasma insulin. The type 2 diabetic subjects are depicted in *A*, and the control subjects are depicted in *B*. LL et al Diabetes 52:380–386, 2003

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Effect of chronic hyperglycemia

Proposed mechanisms of the diminished incretin effect in type 2 diabetes

Meier JJ and Nauck MA, Diabetes Care 2010; 59: 1117-1125

Reduced insulinotropic effect of GIP in first degree relatives of patients with T2DM

Characteristics of the participants in hyperglycemic clamp experiments with GIP infusion

Parameter	Healthy control subjects	First-degree relatives of type 2 diabetic patients	Type 2 diabetic patients	Significance (P value)*
Sex (female/male)	4/6	15/6	3/7	0.059
Age (years)	49 ± 17	49 ± 12	52 ± 9	0.83
BMI (kg/m^2)	25.7 ± 3.6	26.0 ± 4.2	28.6 ± 5.1	0.23
Waist-to-hip ratio (cm/cm)	0.89 ± 0.1	0.84 ± 0.1 §	0.93 ± 0.07	0.028
Participants with first-degree relatives (type 2 diabetes)	0/10§	21/21§	4/10‡	< 0.0001
Father	_	8	2	
Mother		15	2	
Siblings	_	3	3	
HbA_{1c} (%)†	5.0 ± 0.5 §	5.1 ± 0.3 §	$6.2 \pm 0.7 \ddagger$	< 0.0001
Oral glucose tolerance				
Fasting plasma glucose (mg/dl)	94 ± 7 §	88 ± 88	117 ± 15 ‡	< 0.0001
120-min plasma glucose (mg/dl)	101 ± 16	112 ± 15	NE	0.81
Blood pressure				
Systolic (mmHg)	128 ± 9	130 ± 18	131 ± 14	0.93
Diastolic (mmHg)	81 ± 4	80 ± 9	77 ± 5	0.36
Triglycerides (mg/dl)	113 ± 65	117 ± 75	189 ± 107	0.06
HDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	60 ± 26	71 ± 24 §	43 ± 19	0.013
LDL cholesterol (mg/dl)	140 ± 30	120 ± 35	146 ± 25	0.70
Creatinine (mg/dl)	1.1 ± 0.1 §	1.0 ± 0.1 §	$1.0 \pm 0.1 \ddagger$	0.017

Data are *n* and means \pm SE. NE, not examined. *ANOVA or χ^2 tests; †normal range, 4.0–6.2%; ‡significant difference (P < 0.05) versus healthy control subjects (Duncan's post hoc test); §significant difference (P < 0.05) versus patients with type 2 diabetes (Duncan's post hoc test).

Meier JJ et al. Diabetes 50:2497–2504, 2001

GLP-1 in identical twins discordant for T2DM

Eur J Endocrinol. 1996 Oct;135(4):425-32.