# **Our Clinical Research**

# Background:

- Up to 70% of women with PCOS have hyperinsulinemia, but only 30% have impaired glucose tolerance.
- Lifestyle changes that lower insulin levels should be encouraged.



 Some foods elicit a larger insulin spike than other foods, independent of carb content. of women with PCOS are hyperinsulinemic

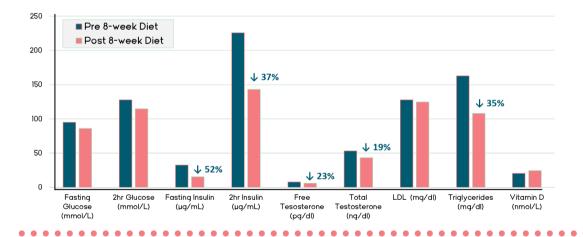
# <u>Methods</u>

- Females with PCOS were instructed to avoid foods that elicit an excessive insulin spike, such as starches, dairy products, and added sugar.
- Participants were instructed to eat all they wanted of lean proteins, non-starchy vegetables, fruit, nuts and seeds, and healthy oils.
- Participants with T2D were excluded, as were patients using insulin sensitizing medications, spironolactone, or hormonal birth control.

#### <u>Results:</u>

	Pre 8-Week Diet	Post 8-Week Diet	Change
Weight (lbs)	232.4	214.5	-19.1
BMI (kg/m²)	38.5	35.5	-3.0
Waist Circumference (in)	44.6	41.5	-3.0
Body Fat (%)	49.3	47.0	-2.3





### **Conclusions:**

- Females with PCOS should be investigated for hyperinsulinemia.
- The Ovara Nutrition Plan can be helpful in lowering insulin levels and facilitating weight loss in women with PCOS.



PCOS, polycystic ovary syndrome; T2D, type 2 diabetes



# A Nutrition Education and Wellness App for Women with PCOS

