

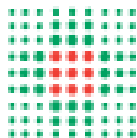


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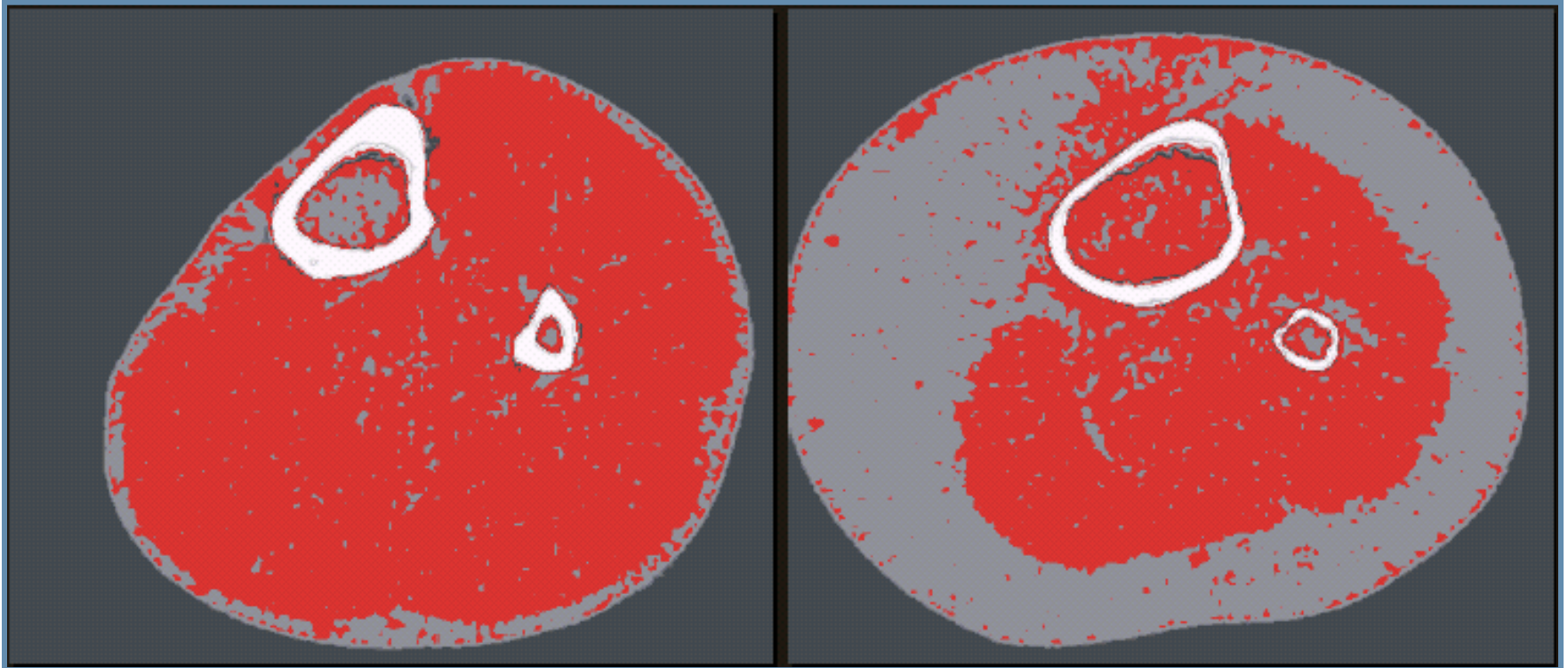
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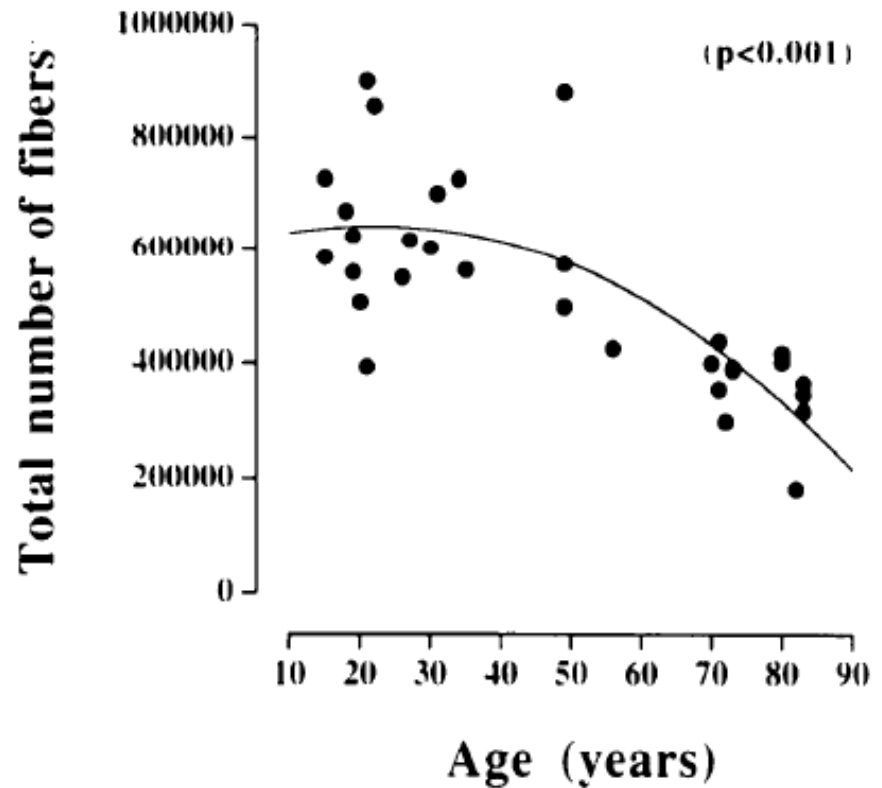
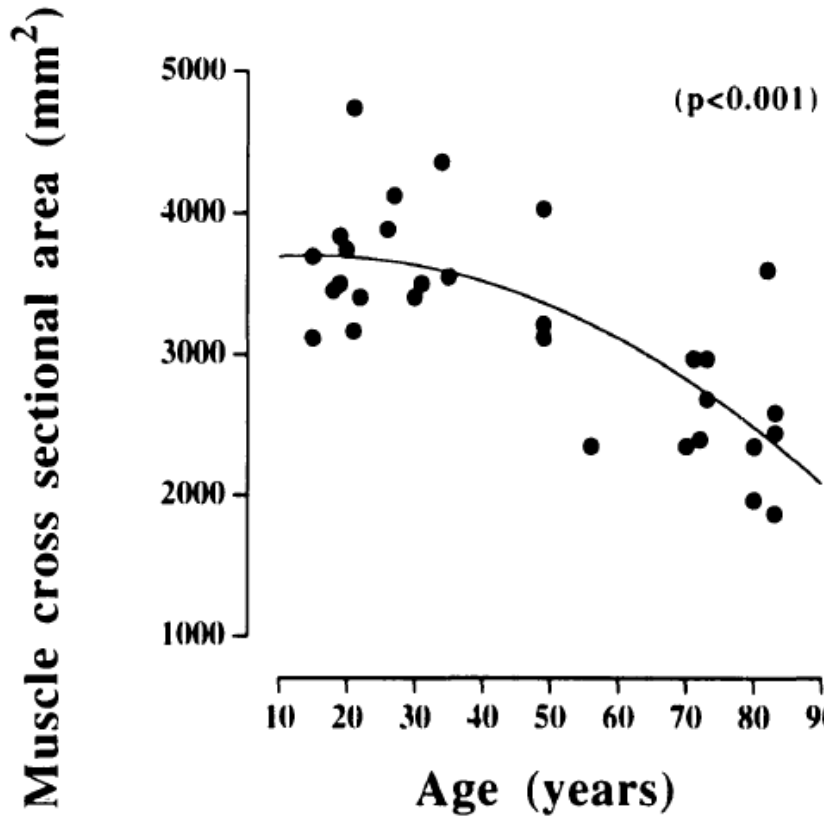
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Sarcopenia (*sarx penia*)

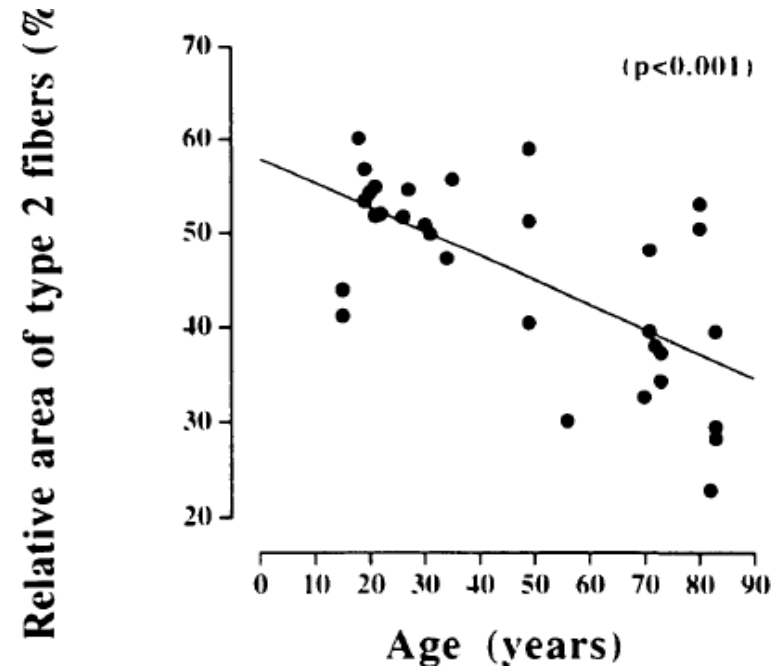
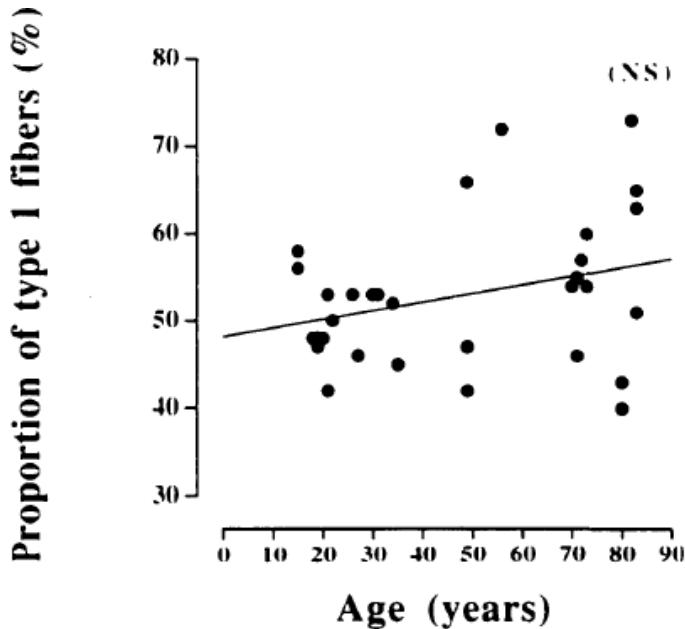
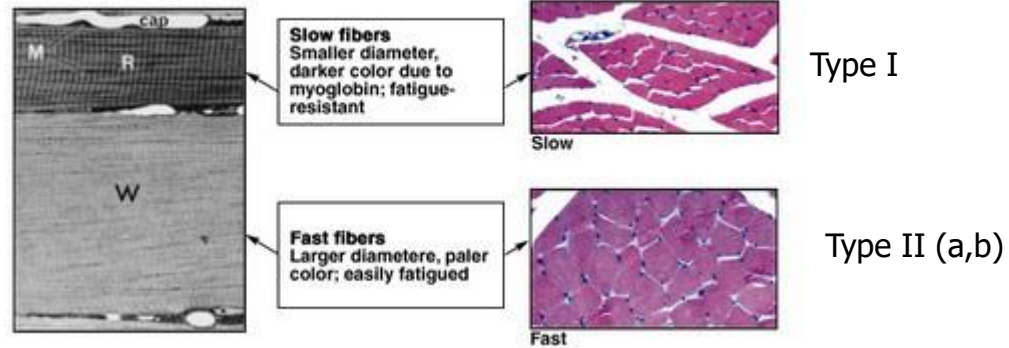
Age related decline in skeletal muscle mass



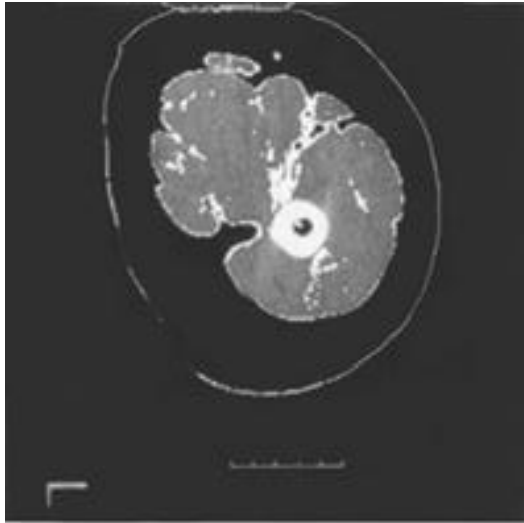
Relationship between age, muscle cross-sectional area, and total numbers of fibers



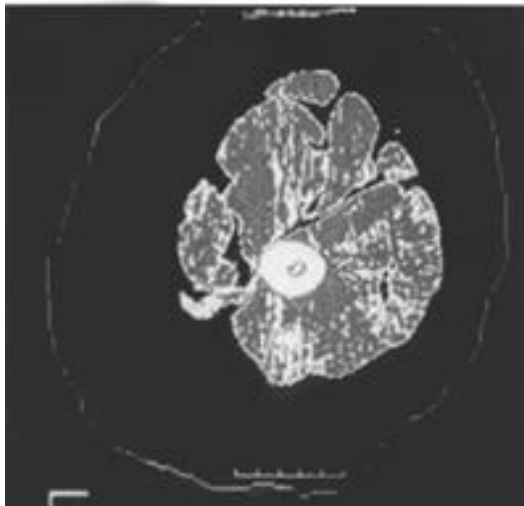
Relationship between age proportion of type 1 fibers and and relative area of type 2 fibers



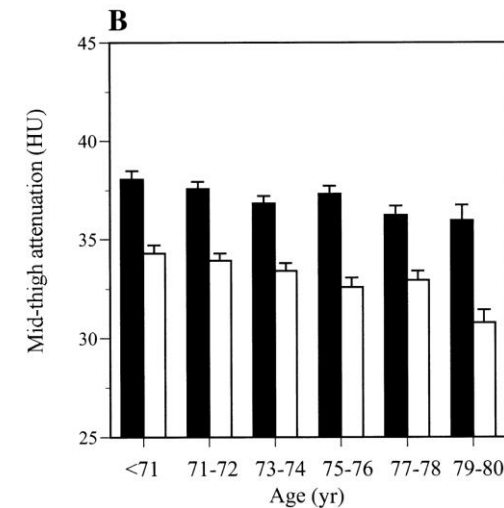
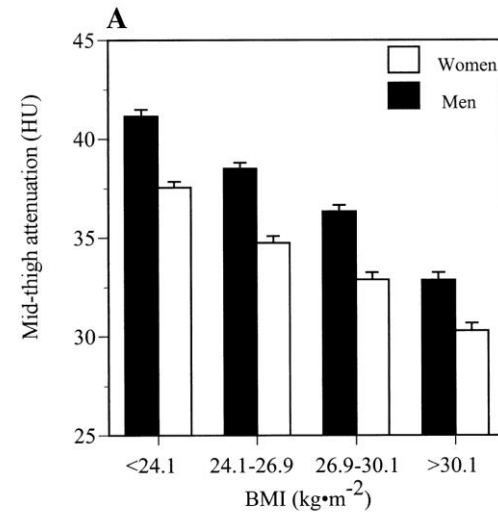
Association between age, BMI and skeletal muscle adipose tissue infiltration



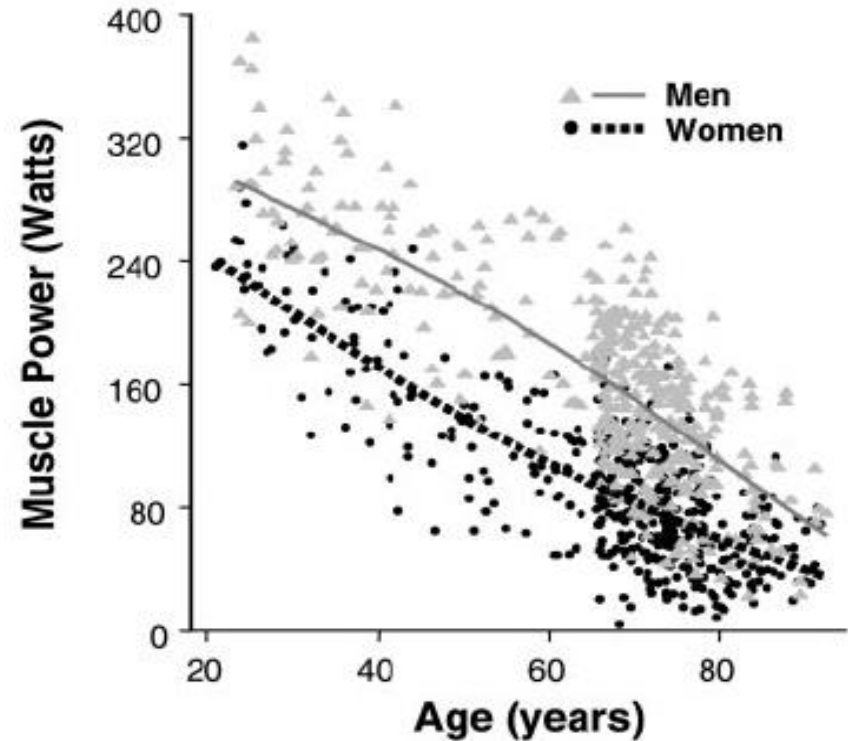
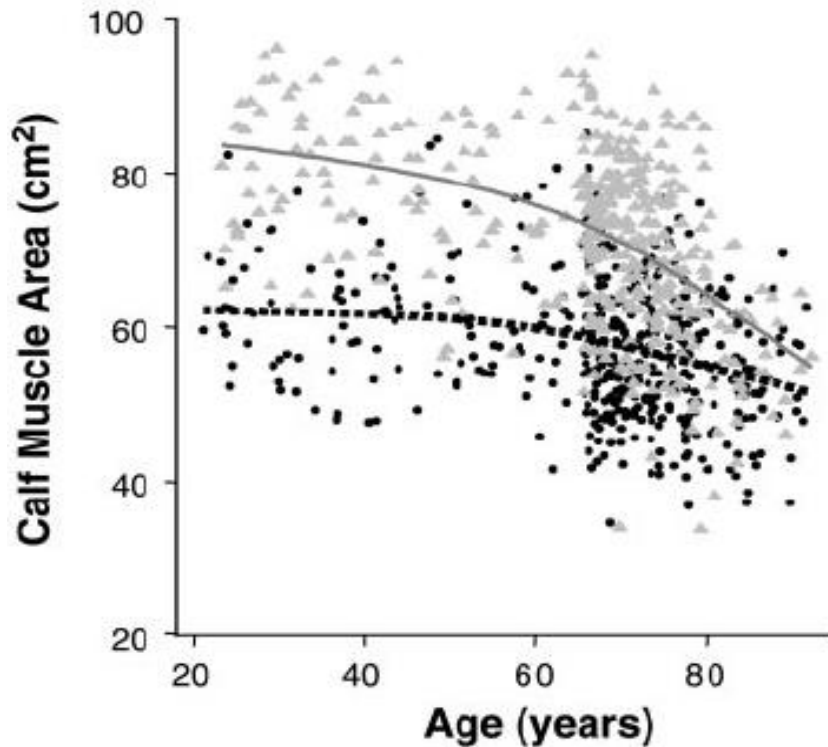
Lean
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Obese
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Relationship of age, muscle area and muscle power (InCHIANTI)



Sarcopenia: consensus definitions


- ▶ 2010 – **Special Interest Group**
...condition characterized by loss of muscle mass and muscle strength...
- ▶ 2010 – **European Working Group on Sarcopenia in Older People**
...syndrome characterized by progressive and generalized loss of skeletal muscle mass and strength with a risk of adverse outcomes such as physical disability, poor quality of life and death...
- ▶ 2011 – **International Working Group on Sarcopenia** ...Sarcopenia is the age-associated loss of skeletal muscle mass and function. Sarcopenia is a complex syndrome that is associated with muscle mass loss alone or in conjunction with increased fat mass....
- ▶ 2014 – **FNIH Sarcopenia Project**: ...functional limitation in the presence of weakness as a consequence of reduced skeletal muscle mass...

SIG. 2010: Clinical Nutrition 2010;29:154-159.

EWGSOP : Age Ageing 2010;39:412-23.

IWGS: JAMDA 2011;12:249-256

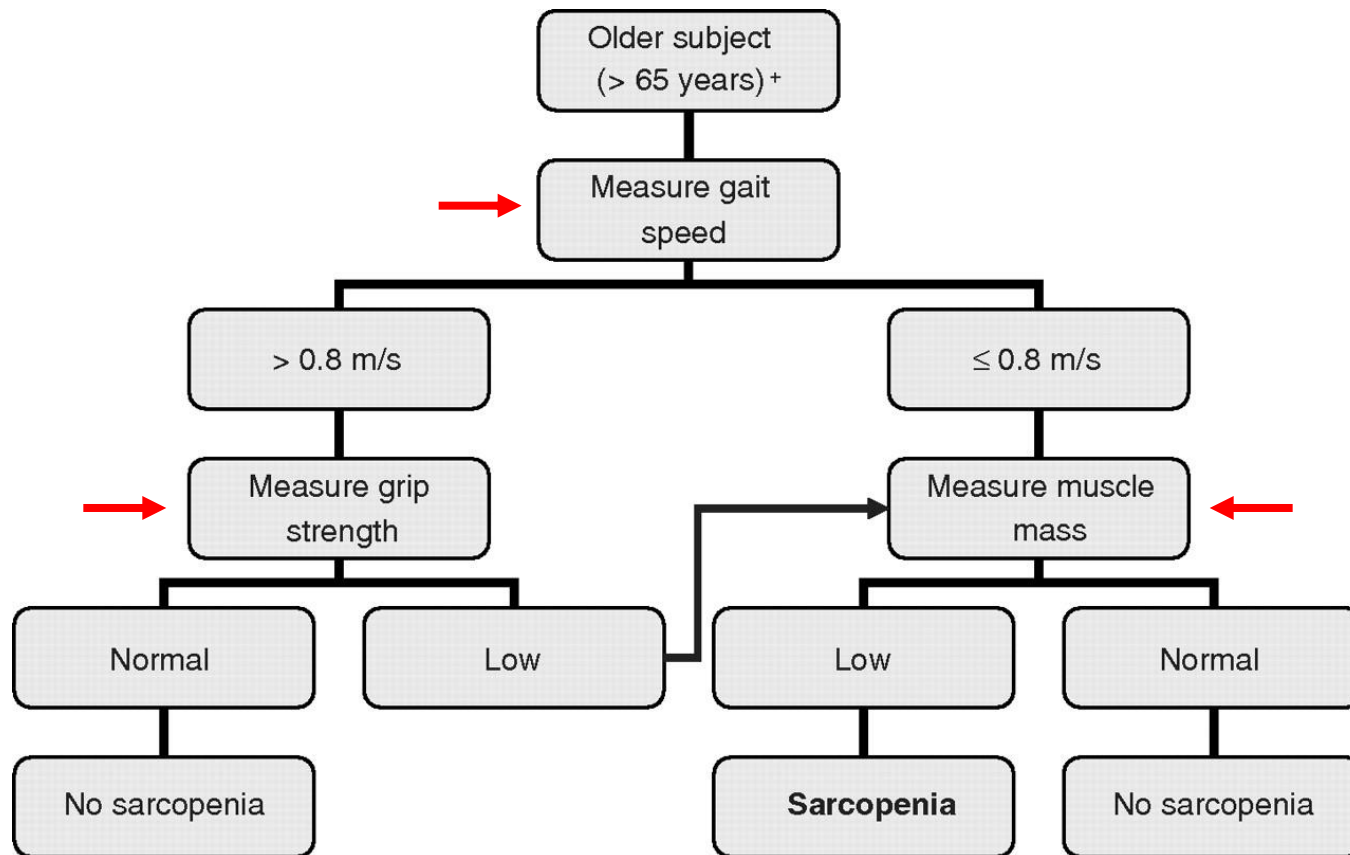
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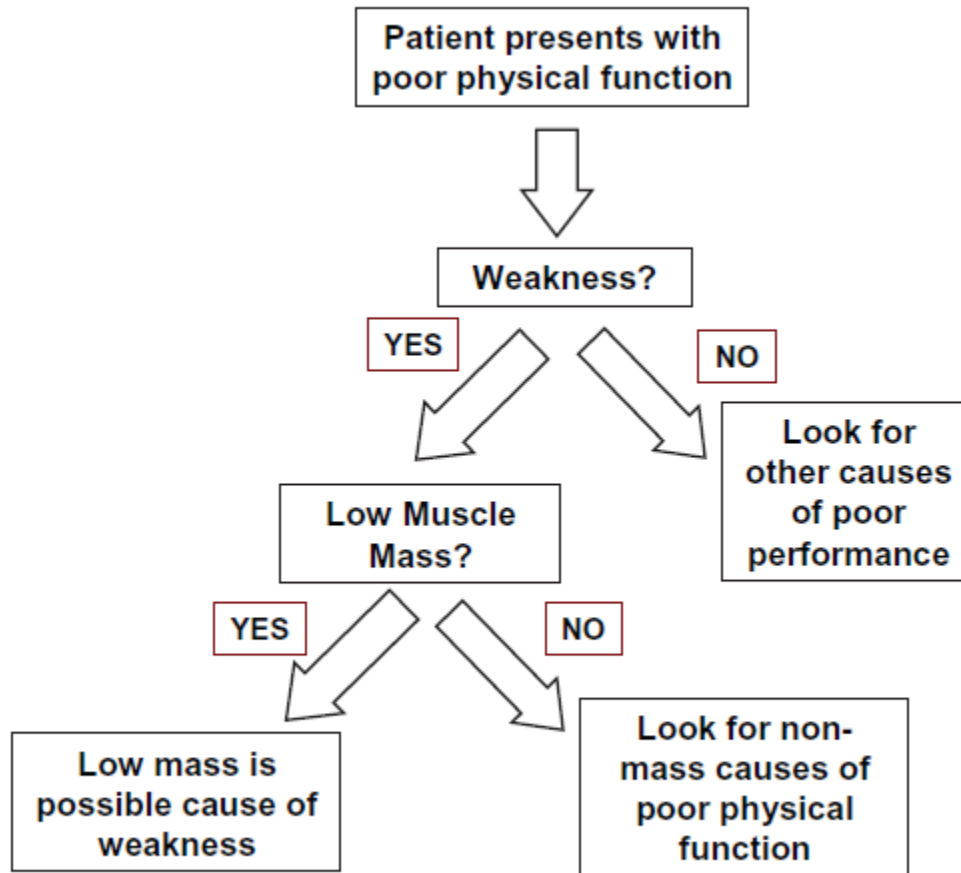
Operational definitions

Consensus	Definition	Method	Criteria
SIG (2010)	Muscle Mass	Not defined	≥ 2 SD below mean according to gender and race
	Physical function	Walking speed	< 0.8 m/s
EWGSOP (2010)	Muscle Mass	DXA; BIA Anthropometry	According to methods and gender
	Strength	Grip strength	According to gender and BMI
	Physical function	Walking speed	≤ 0.8 m/s
IWGS (2011)	Muscle mass aLM/h ²	DXA	$W \leq 5.67 \text{ kg/m}^2$ $M \leq 7.25 \text{ kg/m}^2$
	Physical function	Walking speed	≤ 1.0 m/s
FNIH (2014)	Physical function	Walking speed	≤ 0.8 m/s
	Strength	Grip strength	$M < 26 \text{ kg}$; $W < 16 \text{ g}$
	Muscle Mass ALM; ALM _{BMI}	DXA	$M < 0.789$ $W < 0.512$

EWGSOP: diagnostic algorithm



The FNIH sarcopenia project: clinical algorithm

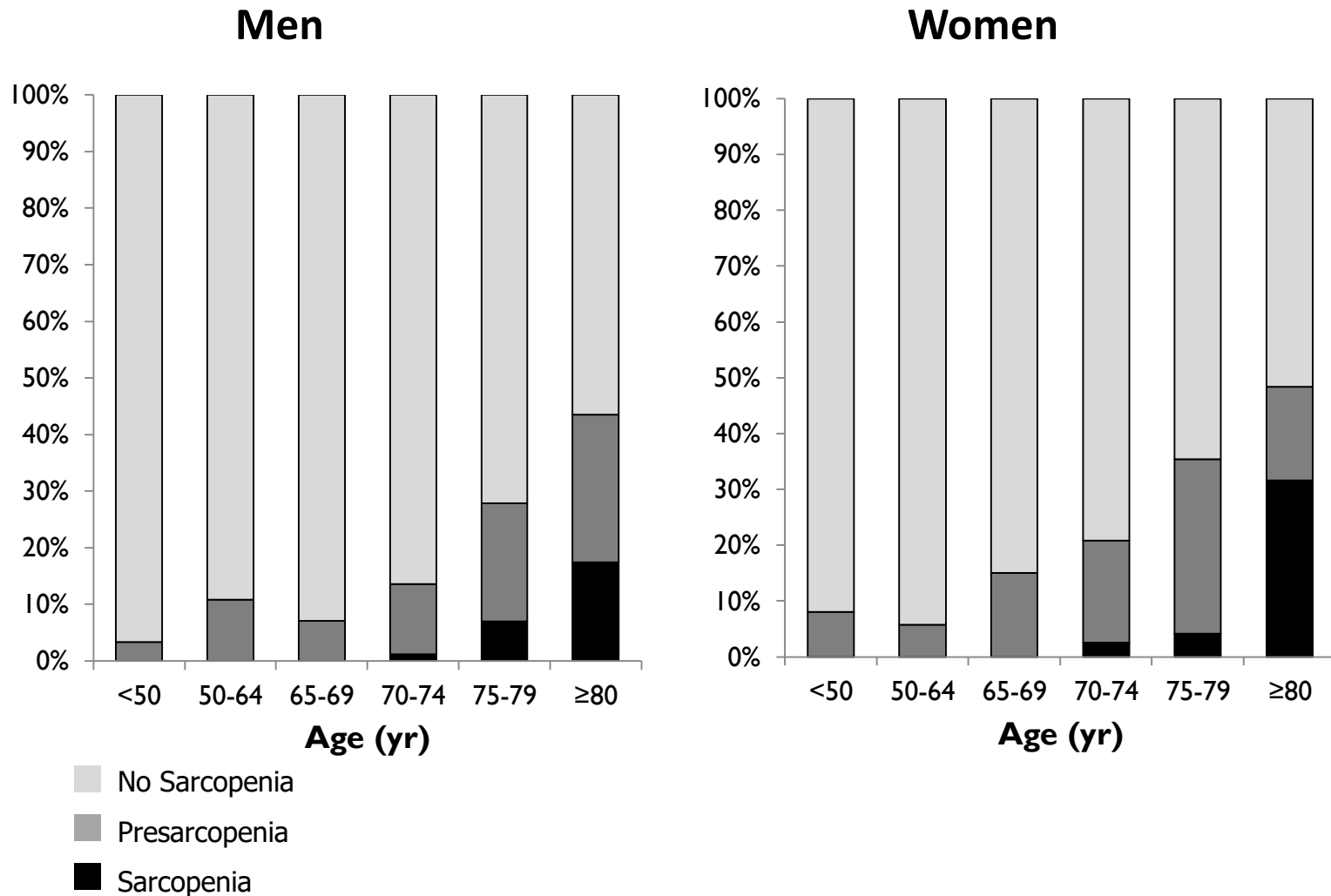


Prevalence of sarcopenia in older adults: Report of the International Sarcopenia Initiative

Criteria	Operational Definition			Prevalence (%)	
	Physical Performance	Muscle Strength	ALM	Men (n = 7,113)	Women (n = 2,950)
Foundation of NIH Sarcopenia Project					
Weakness and low lean mass	—	Grip strength Men: <26 kg Women: <16 kg	ALM _{BMI} Men: <0.789 Women: <0.512	1.3	2.3
Slowness with weakness and low lean mass	Gait speed: ≤0.8 m/s	Grip strength Men: <26 kg Women: <16 kg	ALM _{BMI} Men: <0.789 Women: <0.512	0.5	1.8
International Working Group	Gait speed: <1.0 m/s	—	ALM/ht ² Men: ≤7.23 kg/m ² Women: ≤5.67 kg/m ²	5.1	11.8
European Working Group on Sarcopenia Older Persons					
Sarcopenia	Gait speed: <0.8 m/s or Grip strength Men: <30 kg Women: <20 kg		ALM/ht ² Men: ≤7.23 kg/m ² Women: ≤5.67 kg/m ²	5.3	13.3
Severe sarcopenia	Gait speed: <0.8 m/s	Grip strength Men: <30 kg Women: <20 kg	ALM/ht ² Men: ≤7.23 kg/m ² Women: ≤5.67 kg/m ²	0.7	2.9

Note: ALM_{BMI} = ratio of appendicular lean mass over body mass index; ALM/ht² = ratio of appendicular lean mass over height squared.

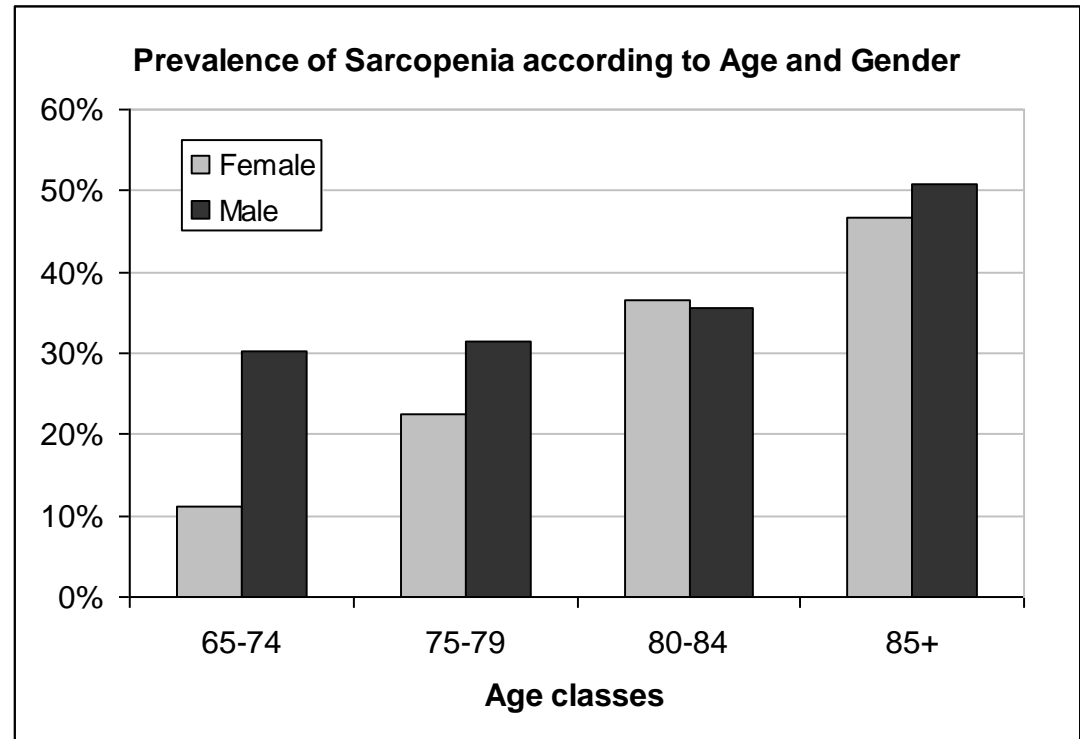
Prevalence of Sarcopenia and pre-sarcopenia: EWGSOP definition, InCHIANTI Study



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EWGSOP definition



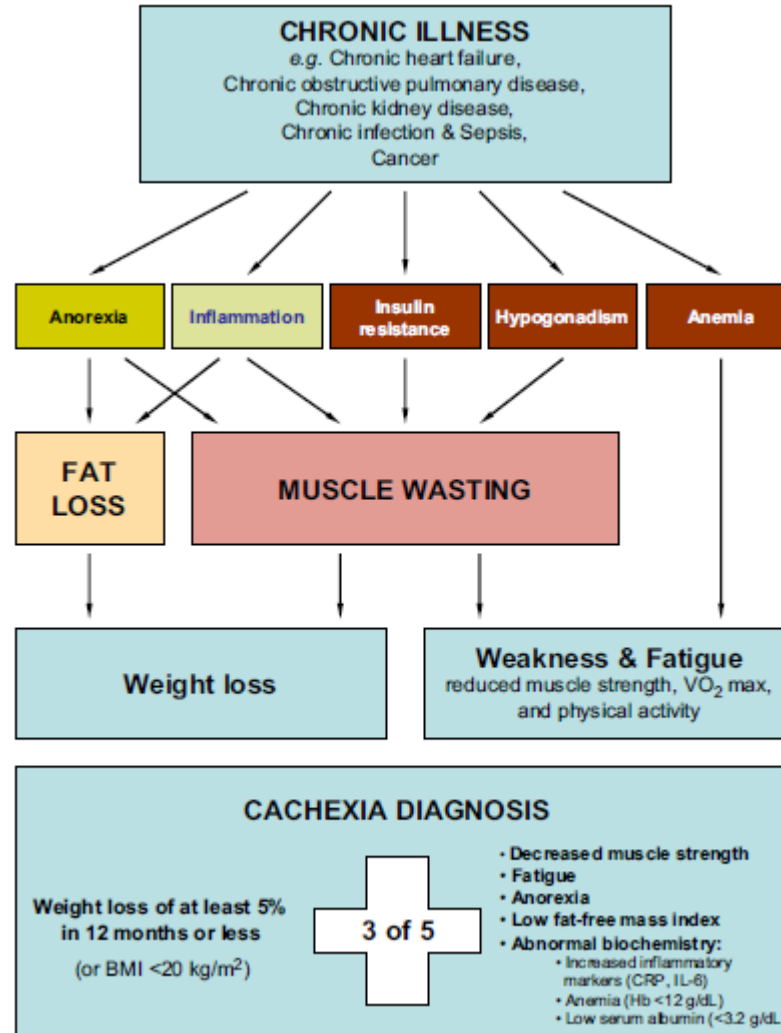
Diagnostic criteria for Cachexia in adults

1. Weight loss $\leq 5\%$ in 12 months in the presence of underlying illness (or BMI < 20)

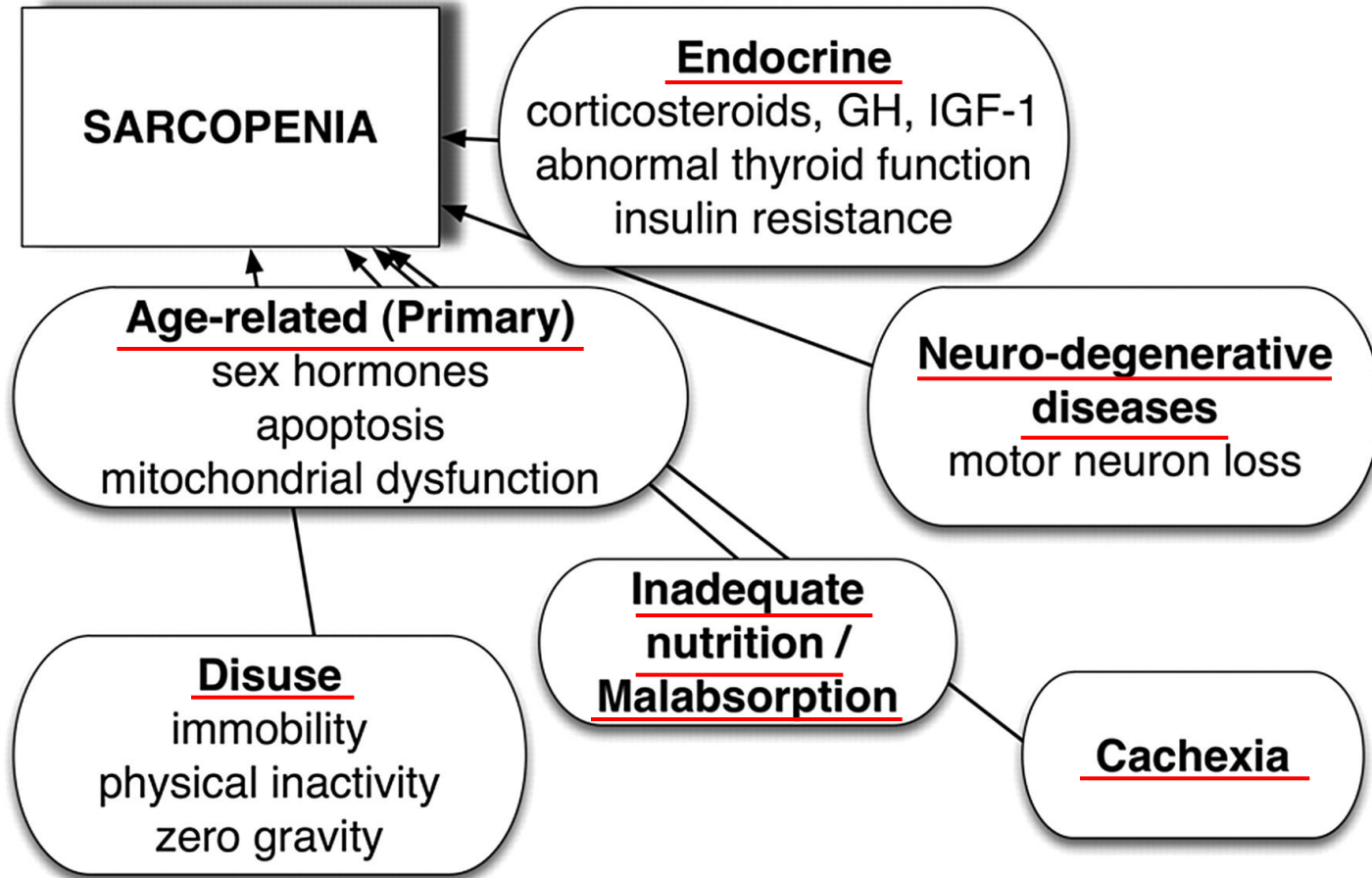
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- a) Decrease muscle strength
 - b) Fatigue
 - c) Anorexia
 - d) Low fat-free mass index
 - e) Abnormal biochemistry
 - ▶ Increased inflammatory markers (PCR $> 5\text{mg/l}$)
 - ▶ Anemia
 - ▶ Low albumin ($< 3.2\text{ g/dl}$)

Conceptual representation of the chachexia definition

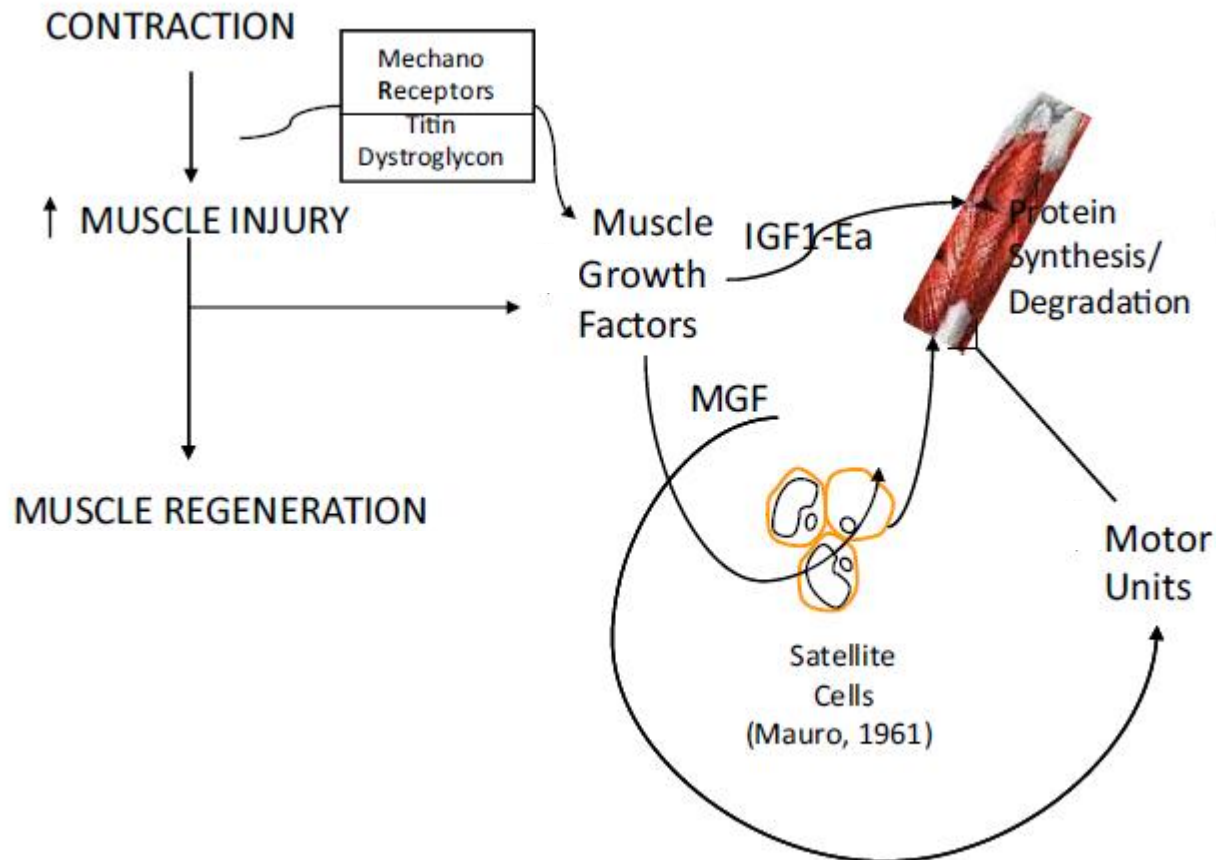


Mechanisms of sarcopenia



The Pathophysiology of Sarcopenia

Age-related increased muscle injury with a decrease in muscle regeneration and function



Current and future options for the prevention and treatment of sarcopenia

Modality	Effect	Side effects
Resistance exercise	Increase muscle mass, strength, and power	Potential for falls; muscle injuries
Protein (essential amino acids)	Increase muscle mass; synergy with exercise to increase muscle strength and power	Minimal increased creatinine levels

Resistance and aerobic exercise

- ▶ Resistance exercise improved strength and decreased frailty in very old persons. Fiatarone et al, N Engl J Med 1994; Fiatarone et al, JAMA 1990; Marini et al, Ital J Anat Embryol 2008; Morganti et al, 1995; Stasser B et al, Wien Klin Wochenschr 2009.
 - ▶ These effects can be maintained for at least 1 year. Capodaglio et al, Age Ageing 2005; Capodaglio et al, Eur J Appl Physiol 2007.
 - ▶ Strength training improved distance walked in 6 minutes and gait speed. Morley, JAMDA 2010.
 - ▶ Resistance exercise increases type II muscle fiber size and improves satellite muscle recruitment in older persons. Harber et al, Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol 2009; Snijders et al, Ageing Res Rev 2009.
- ▶ Aerobic exercise remodels myofibers and increases muscle strength. van Swearingen et al, J Gerontol A Biol Sci Med Sci 2009.
 - ▶ In older persons, aerobic exercise improves gait speed, quality of life years (QALY), and is cost effective. Bulthuis et al, Arthritis Rheum 2008; Baker et al, Age Ageing 2007; Mian et al, Eur J Appl Physiol 2007.

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Short Physical Performance Battery

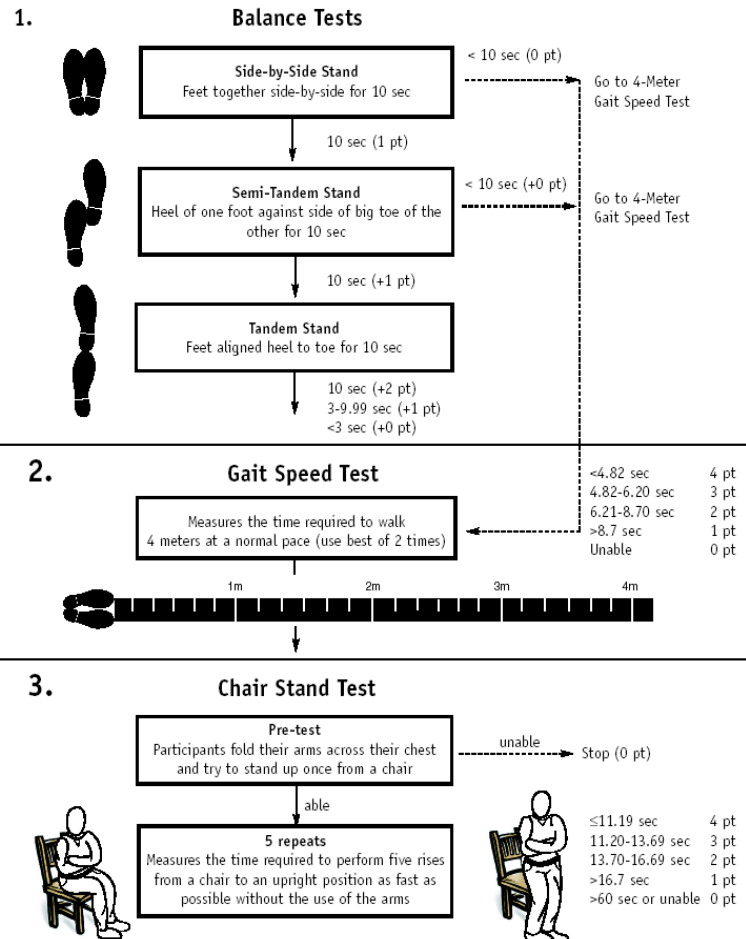


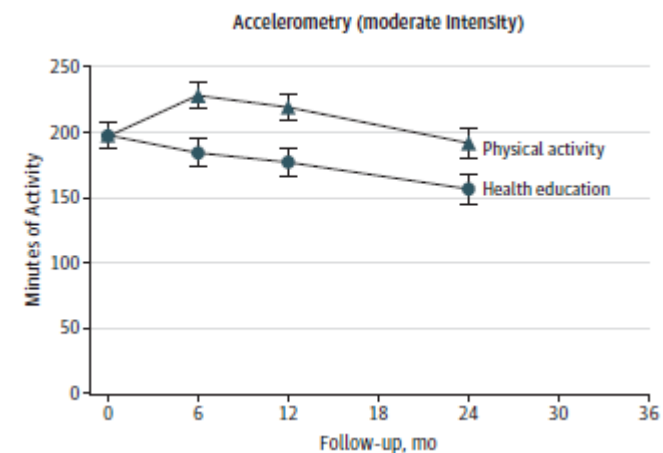
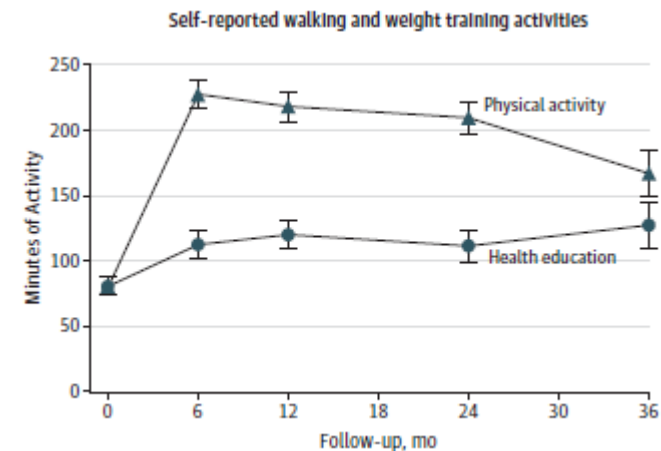
Table 1. Baseline Characteristics of the Participants

Characteristic	No. (%) ^a	
	Physical Activity (n = 818)	Health Education (n = 817)
Age, mean (SD), y	78.7 (5.2)	79.1 (5.2)
Women	547 (66.9)	551 (67.4)
Ethnicity/race		
Hispanic	31 (3.8)	30 (3.7)
White	604 (73.8)	635 (77.7)
African American	163 (19.9)	125 (15.3)
SPPB score		
Mean (SD)	7.4 (1.6)	7.3 (1.6)
< 8	353 (43.3)	378 (46.2)
400-m walking speed, mean (SD), m/s	0.83 (0.17)	0.82 (0.17)
BMI, mean (SD)	30.1 (5.7)	30.3 (6.2)
Walking/weight training activities, mean (SD), min/wk ^b	75.1 (125.6)	86.7 (134.5)
Median (IQR)	0 (0-105)	30 (0-105)
Accelerometry of moderate physical activity, mean (SD), min/wk ^c	193.7 (155.3)	202.1 (186.5)
Median (IQR)	161 (80-257) (n = 590)	153 (85-266) (n = 581)
3MSE score, 0-100 scale, mean (SD)	91.5 (5.5)	91.6 (5.3)
Conditions, No./total (%)		
Hypertension ^b	573/813 (70.5)	578/808 (71.5)
Diabetes ^b	199/815 (24.4)	216/813 (26.6)
Myocardial infarction ^b	60/815 (7.4)	69/812 (8.5)
Stroke ^b	57/814 (7.0)	52/814 (6.4)
Cancer ^b	178/814 (21.9)	192/815 (23.6)
Chronic pulmonary disease ^b	130/815 (16.0)	123/812 (15.2)

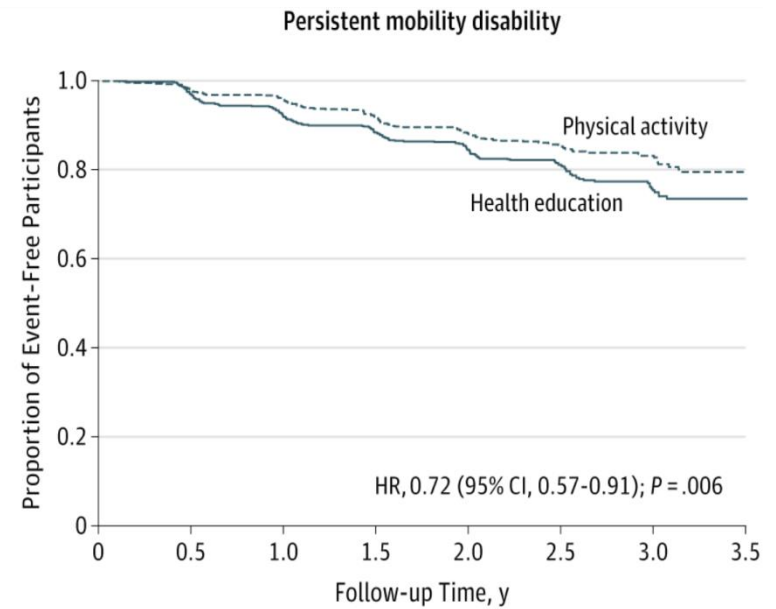
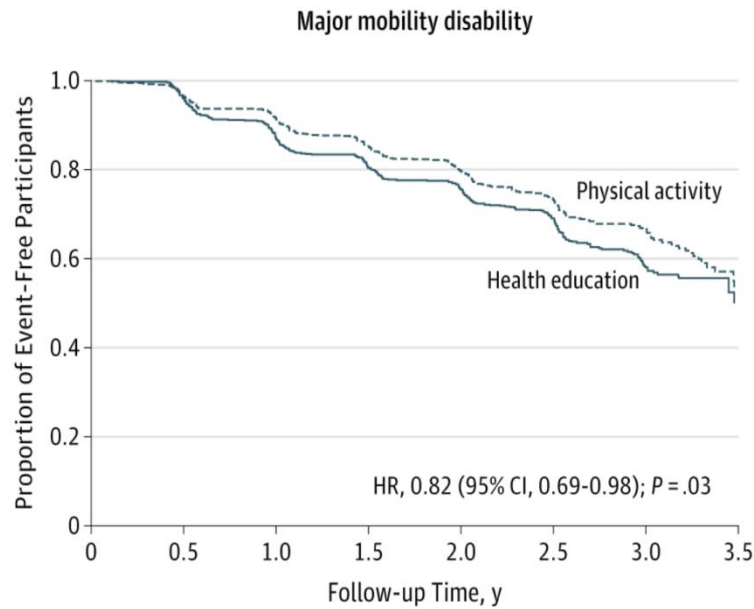
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Table 3. Physical Activity Intervention Schedule

Phase	Center-Based Physical Activity
Adoption: Weeks 1–52	Two times each week; progressing to 40 min walking, 10 min strength training, 10 min balance
Maintenance: Weeks 53 to end	Two times each week; progressing to 40 min walking, 10 min strength training, 10 min balance
Phase	Home-Based Physical Activity
Adoption: Weeks 1–52	One time per week (weeks 1–4); two times per week (weeks 4–8); up to three to four times per week (weeks 8–52)
Maintenance: Weeks 53 to end	Up to three to four times per week



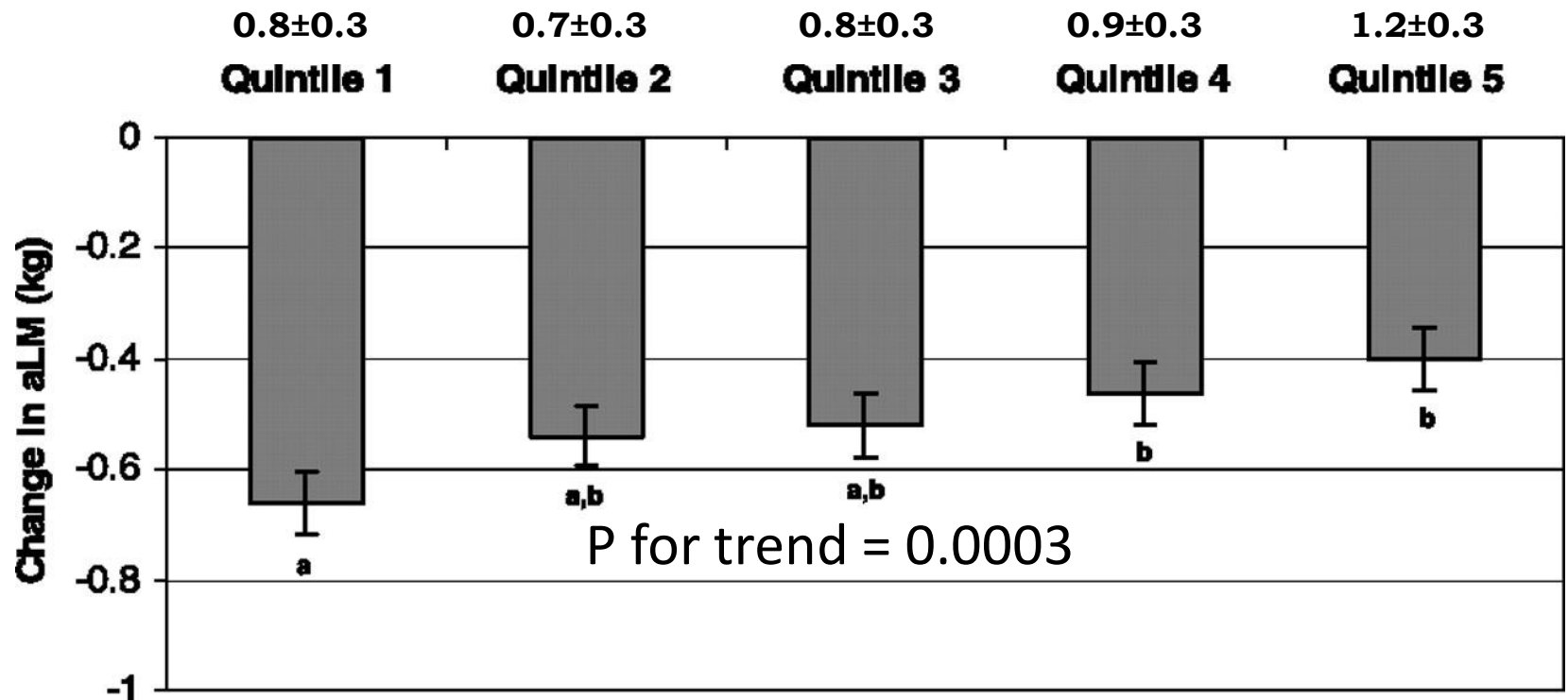
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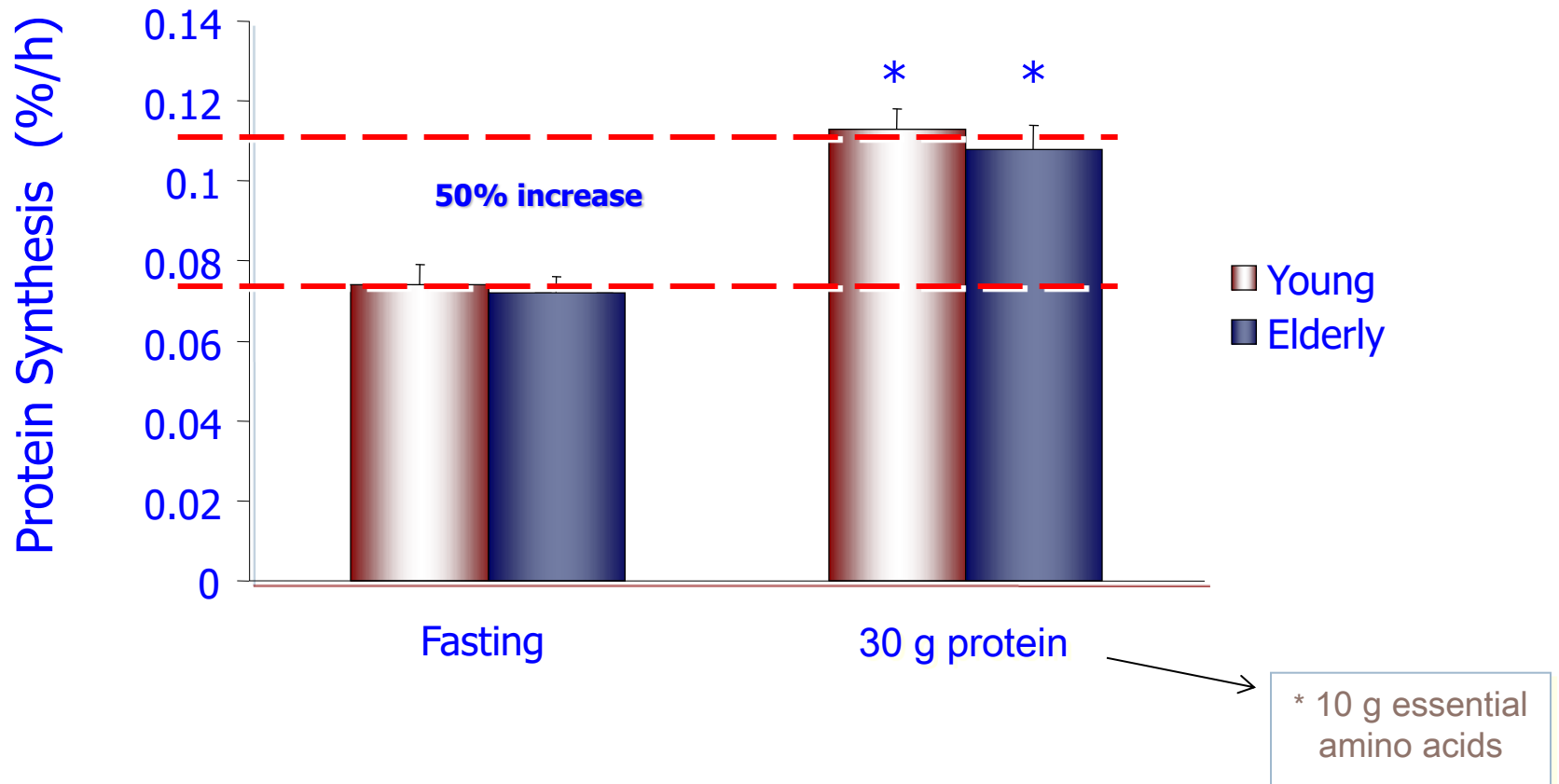
No. at risk																	
Physical activity	818	758	706	646	559	378	182	11	818	761	726	673	579	393	188	12	
Health education	817	765	680	617	540	358	162	13	817	762	707	655	567	371	178	10	
Events																	
Physical activity	0	29	67	115	155	197	224	246	0	18	32	64	88	104	113	120	
Health education	0	33	105	155	190	232	277	286	0	25	64	91	118	138	158	162	

Dietary protein intake is associated with lean mass change in older adults (HABC Study)

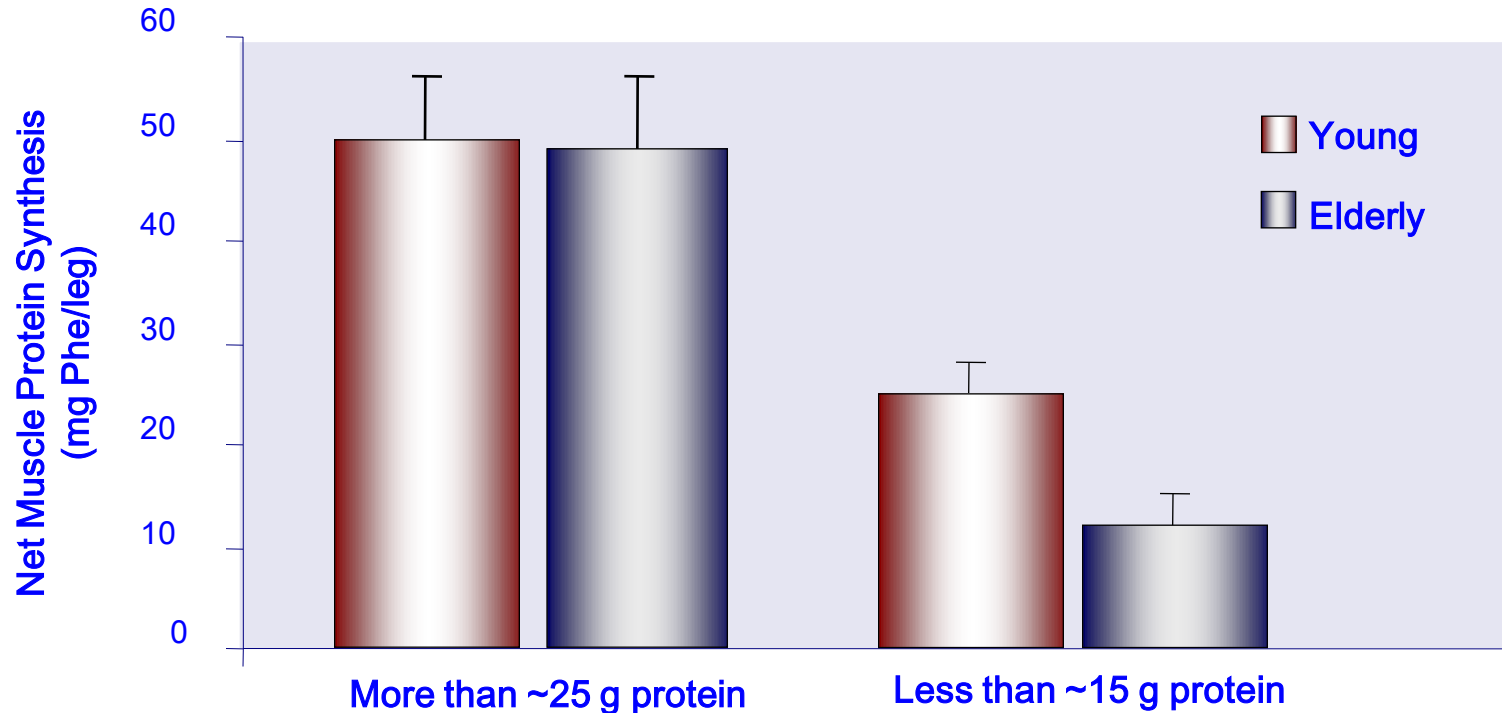
Energy-adjusted total protein intake



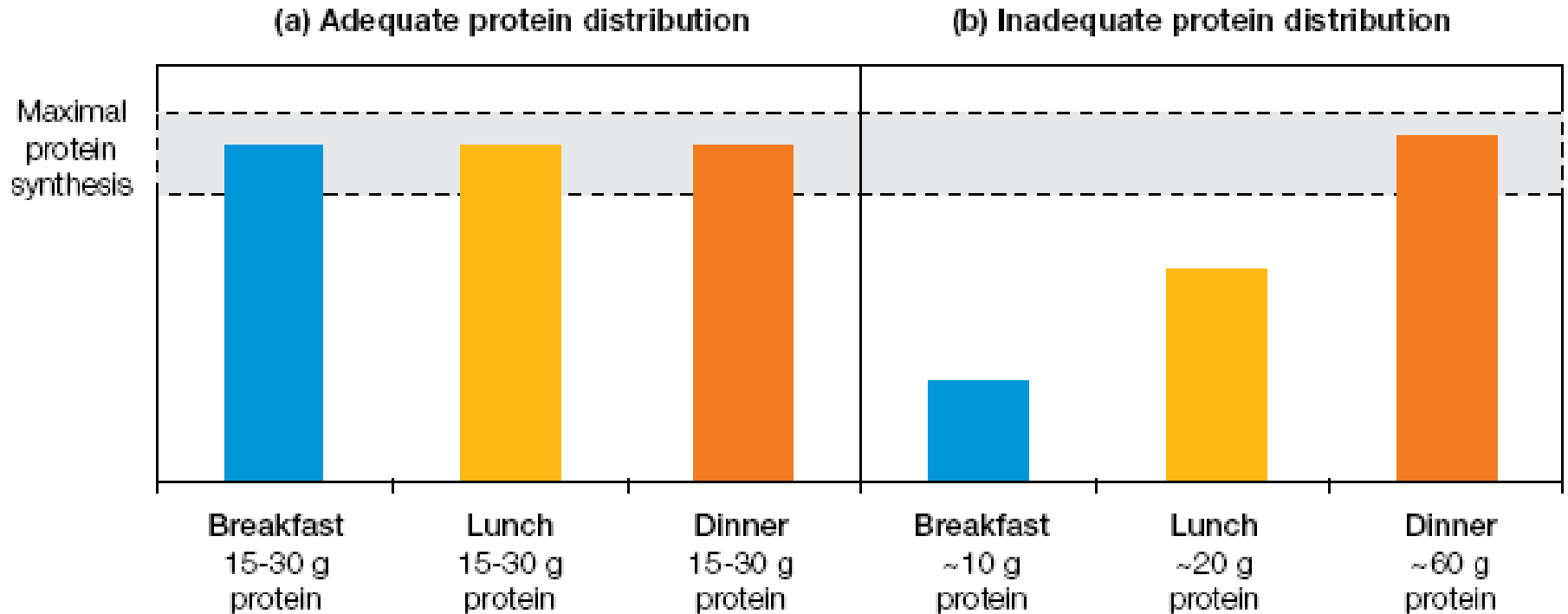
Ageing and muscle protein synthesis in response to protein intake



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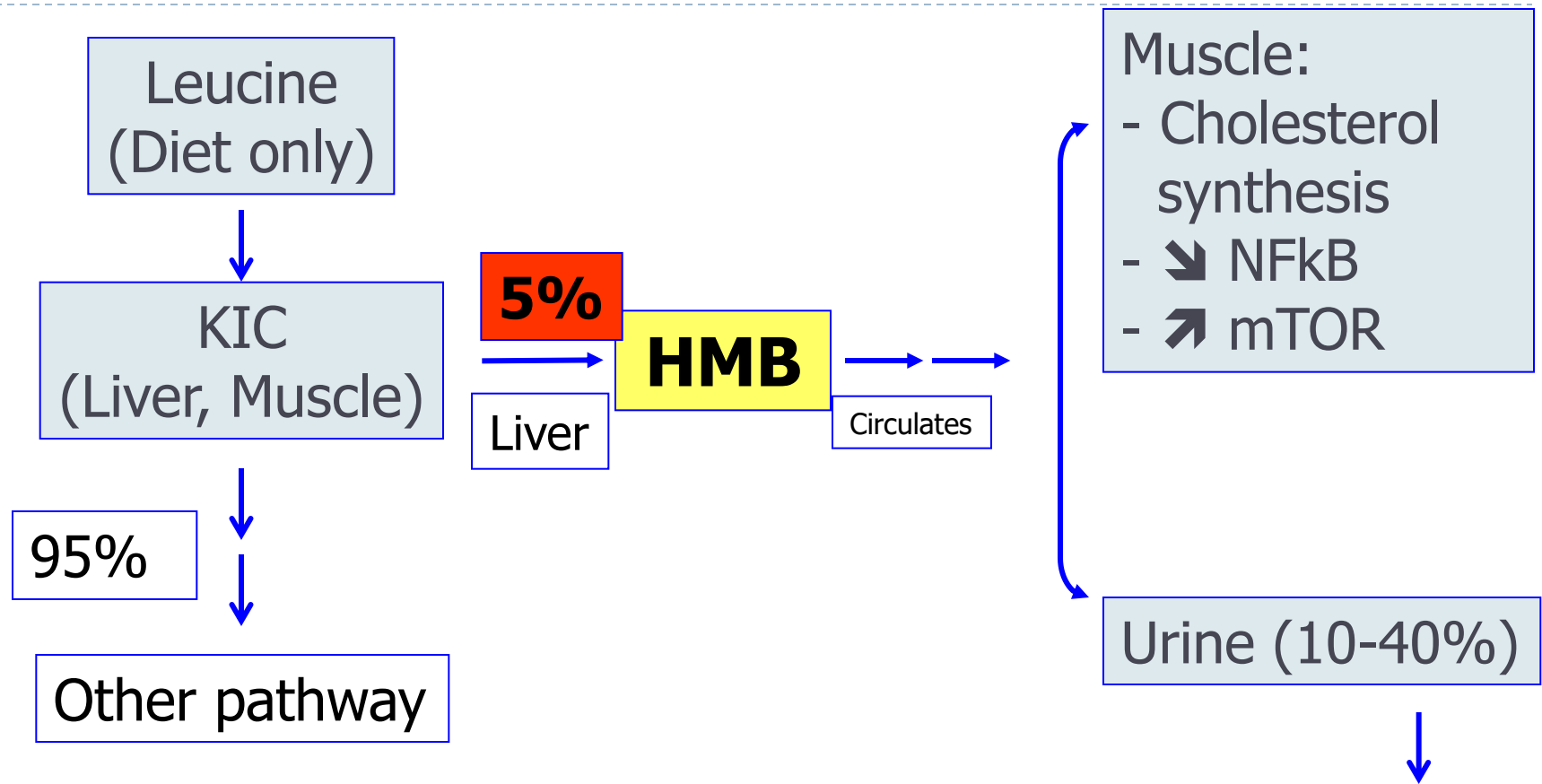
Protein intake distribution and protein synthesis



Options to optimize post-prandial anabolic action of dietary proteins

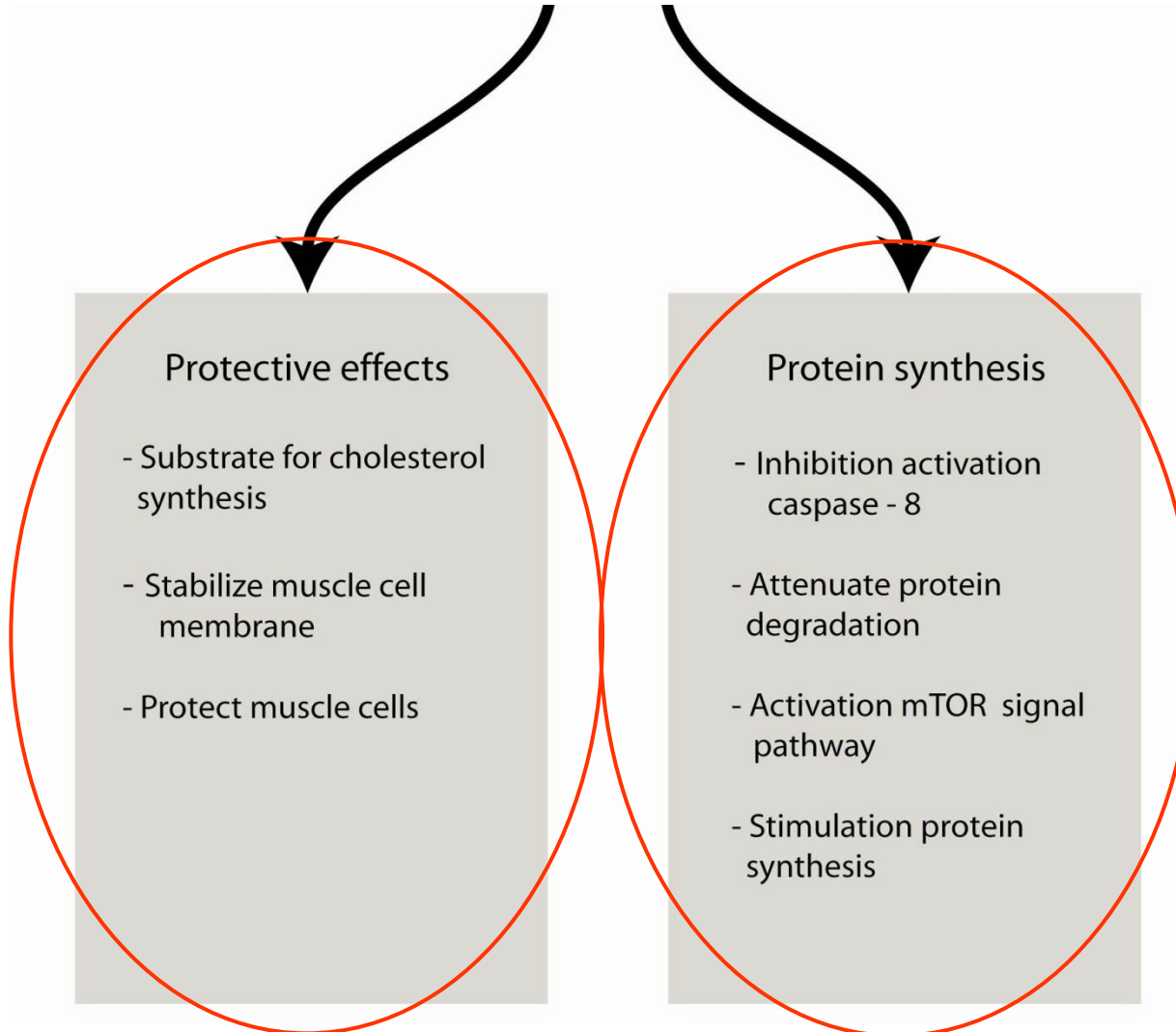
- ▶ Increase protein intake
 - ▶ Age-specific RDAs
- ▶ Increase amino acid bioavailability
 - ▶ Distribution of protein intake
 - ▶ Digestion rate
- ▶ Use specific substrates
 - ▶ Leucine
 - ▶ **β -hydroxy- β -methylbutyrate (HMB)**

Leucine- β -hydroxy- β -methylbutyrate Metabolic Pathway



This is an amino acid metabolite that occurs naturally in human muscle cells. Traditionally, HMB has been used by athletes to enhance performance and build muscle mass. Recent studies have focused on the use of HMB to preserve or rebuild muscle mass.

Role of HMB on muscle function





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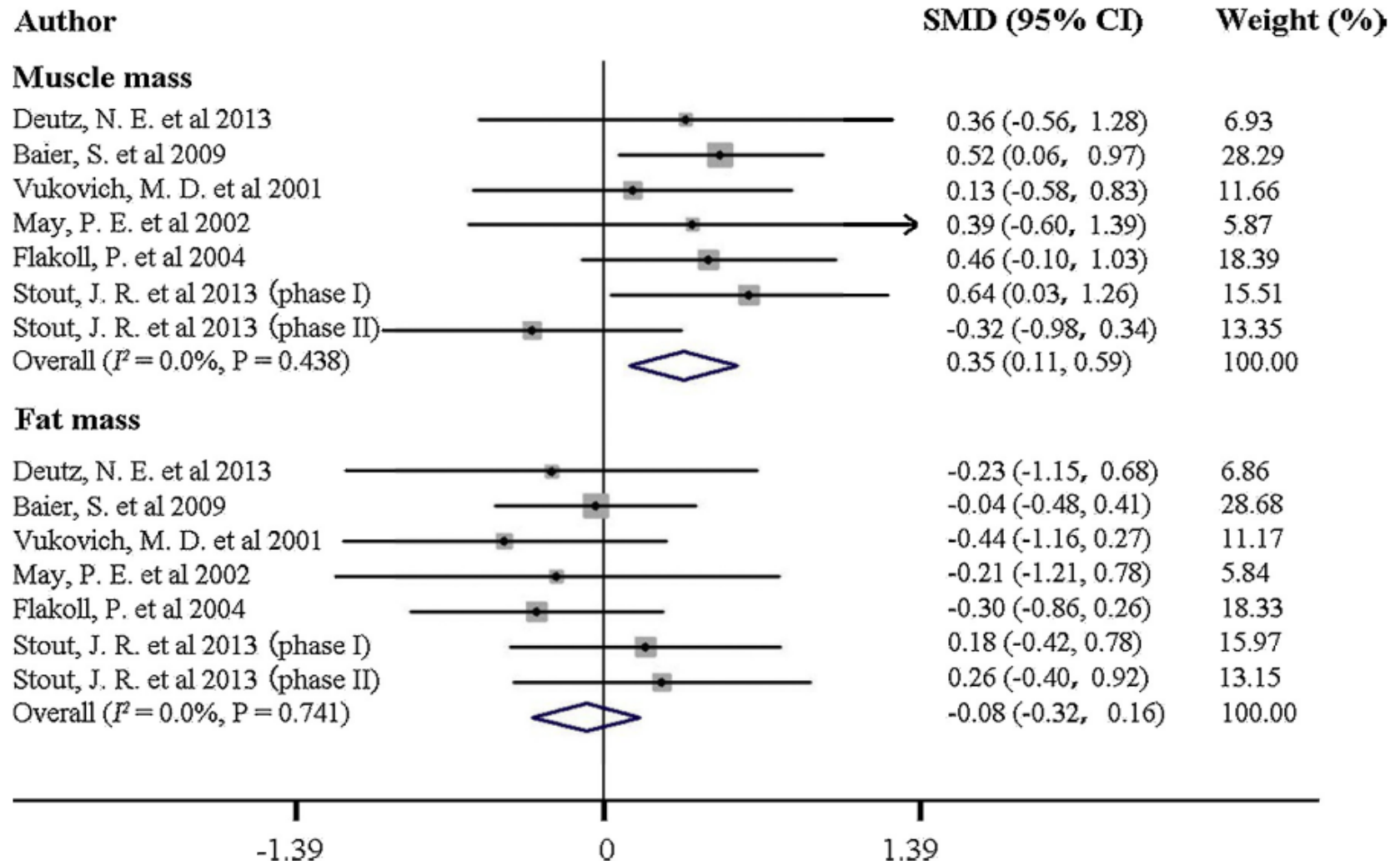
Effect of beta-hydroxy-beta-methylbutyrate supplementation on muscle loss in older adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis



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Randomized control trials

Readmission and mortality in malnourished, older, hospitalized adults treated with a specialized oral nutritional supplement: A randomized clinical trial



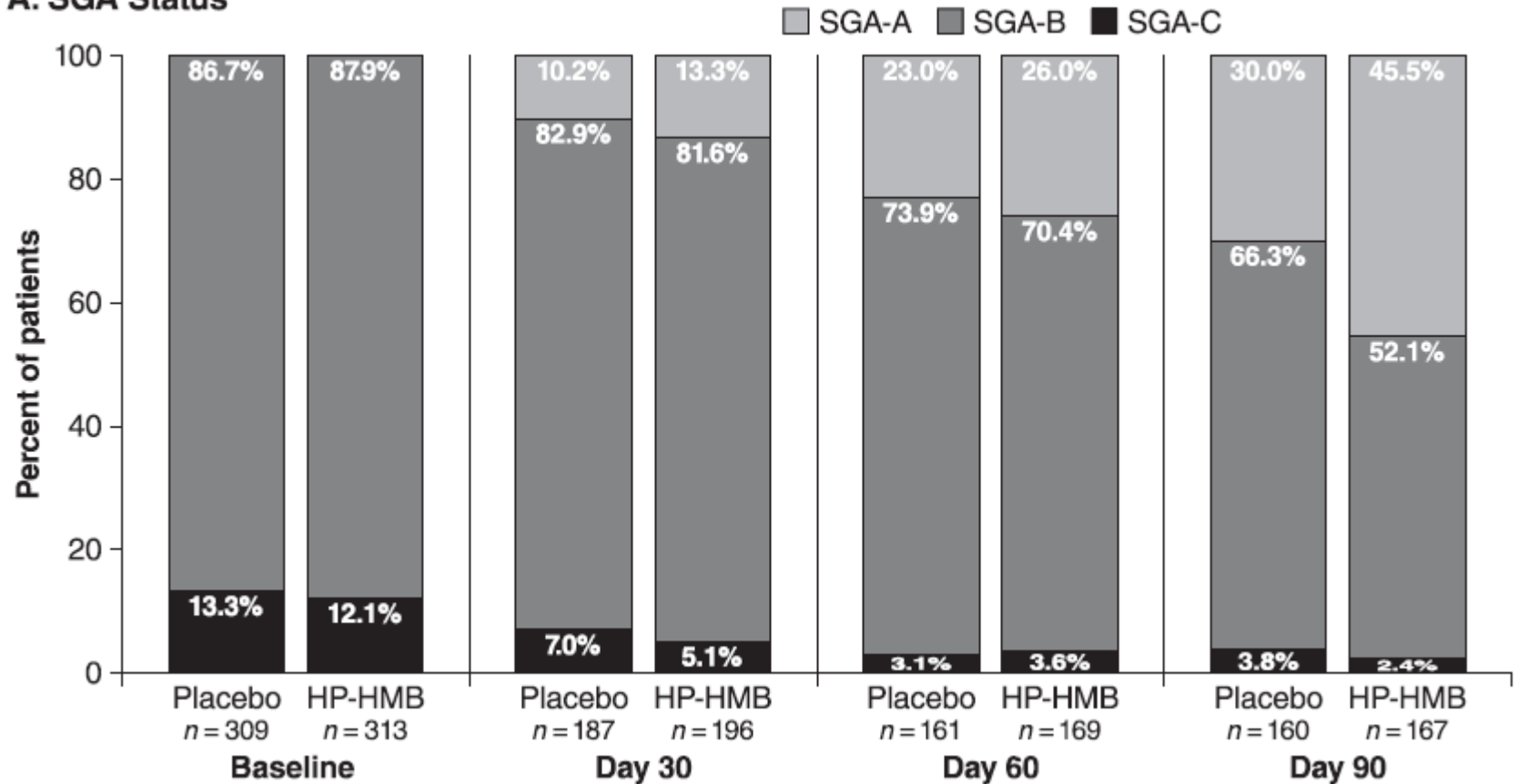
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HP-HMB was a specialized, nutrient-dense ready-to-drink liquid with 350 kcal plus:

- ✓ 20 g protein,
- ✓ 11 g fat,
- ✓ 44 g carbohydrate,
- ✓ 1.5 g calcium-HMB,
- ✓ 160 IU vitamin D and other essential micronutrients

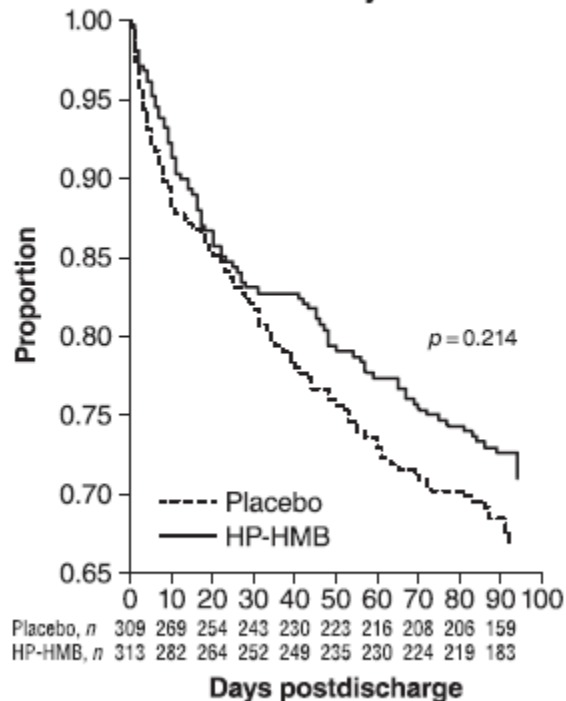
HP-HMB and Nutritional (SGA) status

A. SGA Status

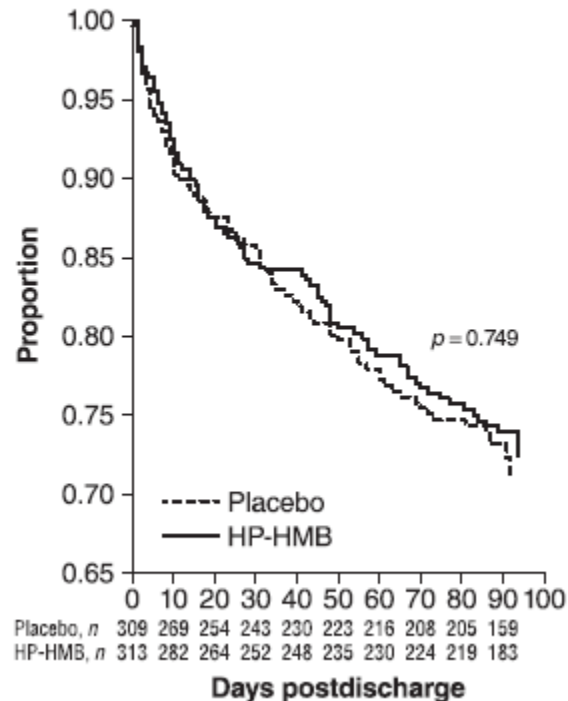


Effect on hospital readmission and mortality

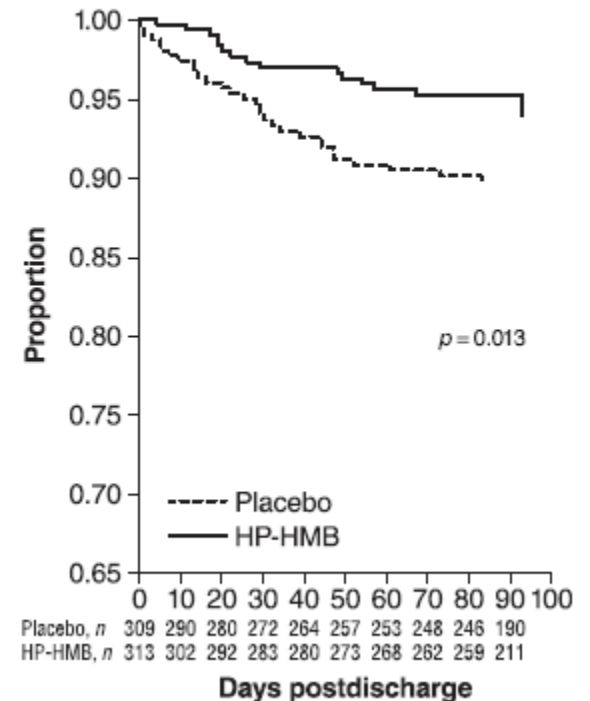
B. Kaplan-Meier Survival Curve: Composite Endpoint of 90-Day Readmission and Mortality



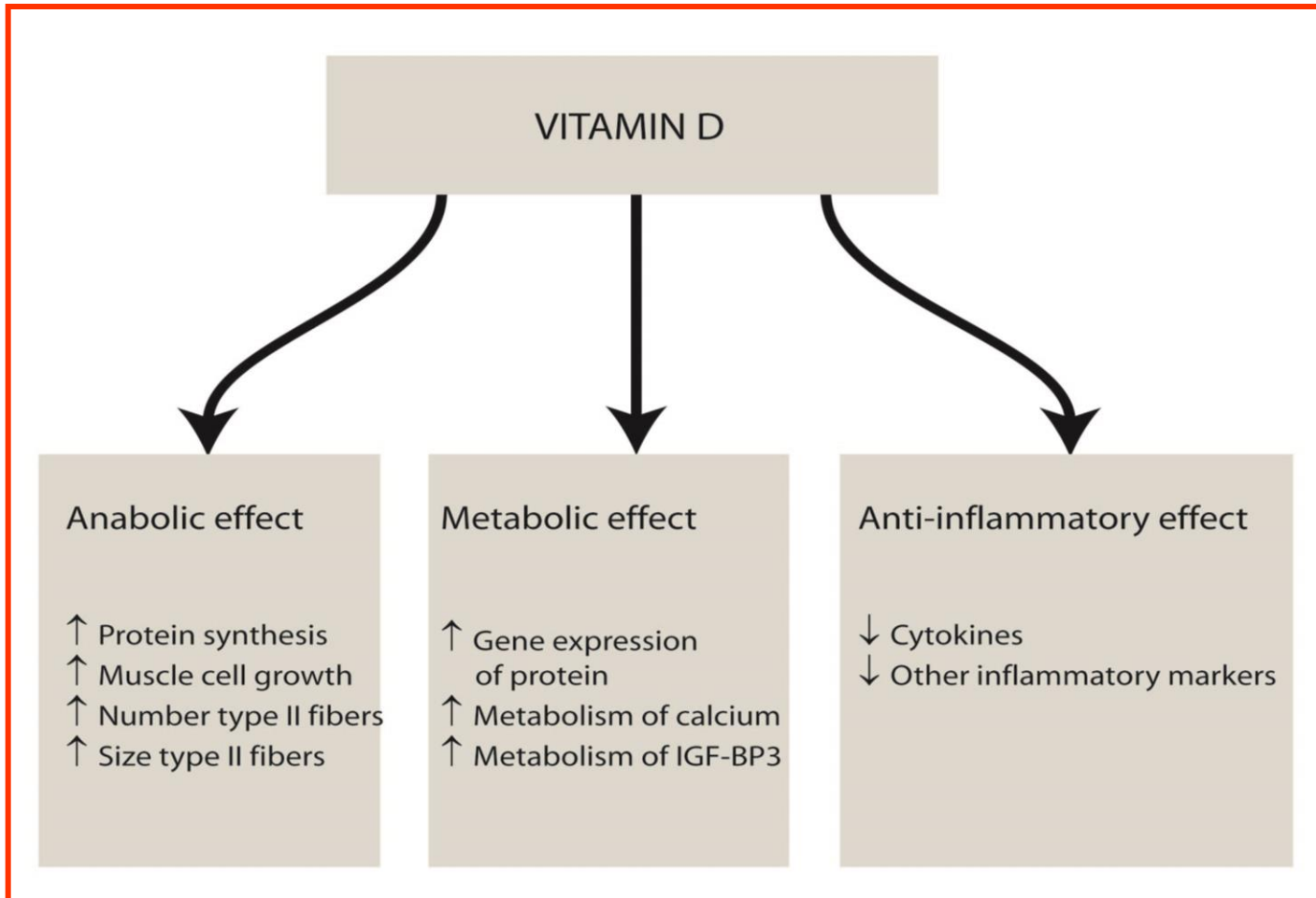
C. Kaplan-Meier Survival Curve: Readmission



D. Kaplan-Meier Survival Curve: Mortality

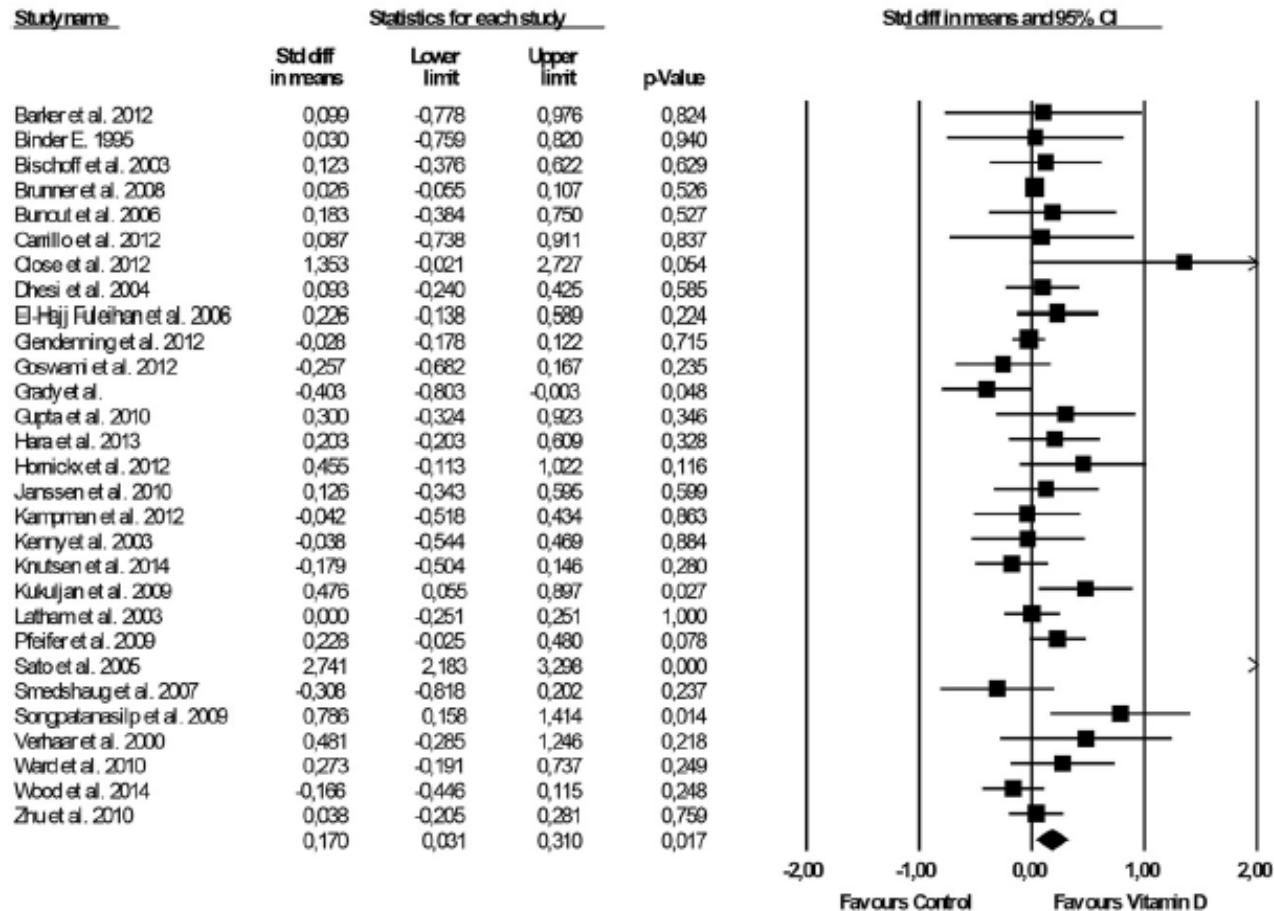


Role of Vitamin D on muscle function



The Effects of Vitamin D on Skeletal Muscle Strength, Muscle Mass, and Muscle Power: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Randomized Controlled Trials

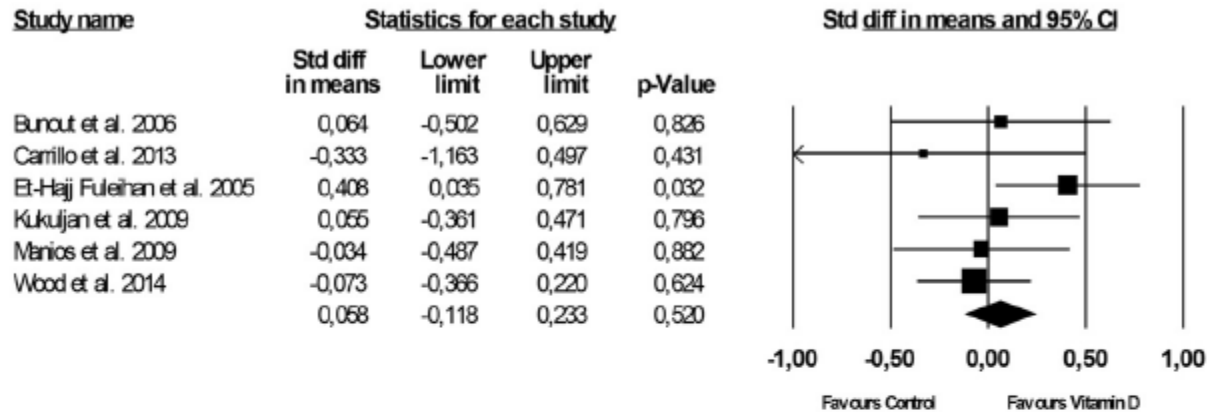
Effect of vitamin D supplementation on global muscle strength



(A) Heterogeneity : Q-value 125.37 ; Df(Q) 28 ; p-value 0.001; I² : 77.67

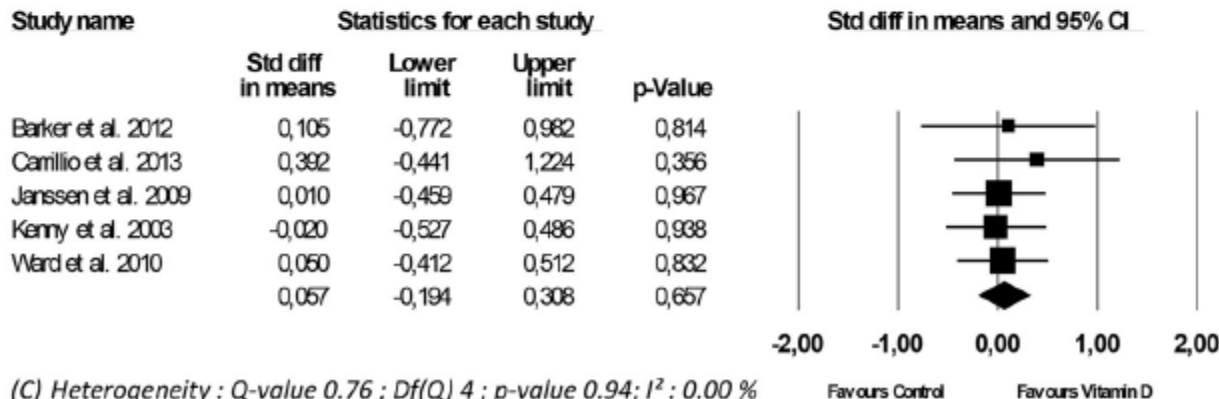
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Effect of vitamin D supplementation on muscle mass



(B) Heterogeneity : Q -value 5.17 ; $Df(Q)$ 5 ; p -value 0.39; I^2 : 3.34

Effect of Vitamin D supplementation on muscle power



(C) Heterogeneity : Q -value 0.76 ; $Df(Q)$ 4 ; p -value 0.94; I^2 : 0.00 %

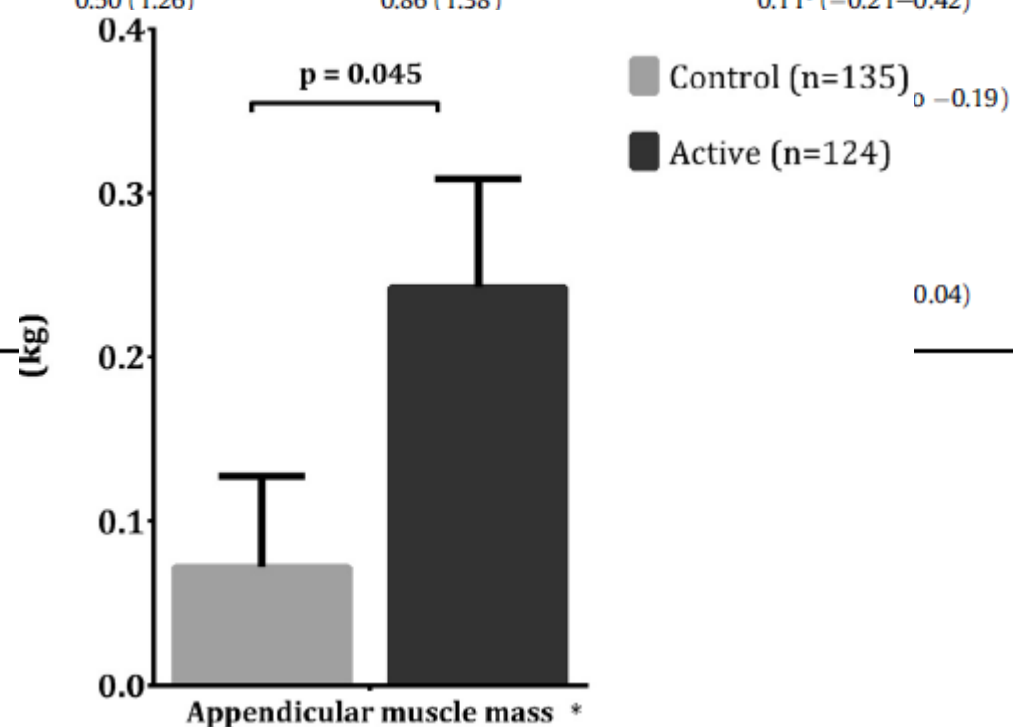
Effects of a Vitamin D and Leucine-Enriched Whey Protein Nutritional Supplement on Measures of Sarcopenia in Older Adults, the PROVIDE Study: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial

Design: A multicenter, randomized, controlled, double-blind, 2 parallel-group trial among 380 sarcopenic primarily independent-living older adults with Short Physical Performance Battery (SPPB; 0–12) scores between 4 and 9, and a low skeletal muscle mass index. The active group (n = 184) received a vitamin D and leucine-enriched whey protein nutritional supplement to consume twice daily for 13 weeks. The control group (n = 196) received an iso-caloric control product to consume twice daily for 13 weeks.

Primary outcomes of handgrip strength and SPPB score, and secondary outcomes of chair-stand test, gait speed, balance score, and appendicular muscle mass (by DXA) were measured at baseline, week 7, and week 13 of the intervention.

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	Mean (SD)	Change From Baseline, Mean (SD)		Estimated Between-Group Difference Mean (95% CI) Active – Control	P*
	Baseline	Week 7	Week 13		
Handgrip strength, kg					
Active†	20.9 (7.9)	0.20 (3.2)	0.79 (3.6)‡	0.30 [§] (-0.46–1.05)	.44
Control	20.6 (7.5)	0.34 (2.8)	0.54 (3.2)		
SPPB					
Active¶	7.5 (1.9)	0.50 (1.26)	0.86 (1.38)**	0.11 [§] (-0.21–0.42)	.51
Control††	7.5 (2.0)				
Chair-stand time, s††					
Active ^{§§}	17.1 (15.2, 21.2)			-0.19	.018
Control	17.6 (14.6, 20.6)				
Balance test ^{¶¶}					
Active¶	3.0 (2.0, 4.0)			0.04	.89
Control††	3.0 (2.0, 4.0)				
Gait speed, m/s					
Active¶	0.8 (0.2)			0.04	.46
Control***	0.8 (0.2)				



Current and future options for the prevention and treatment of sarcopenia

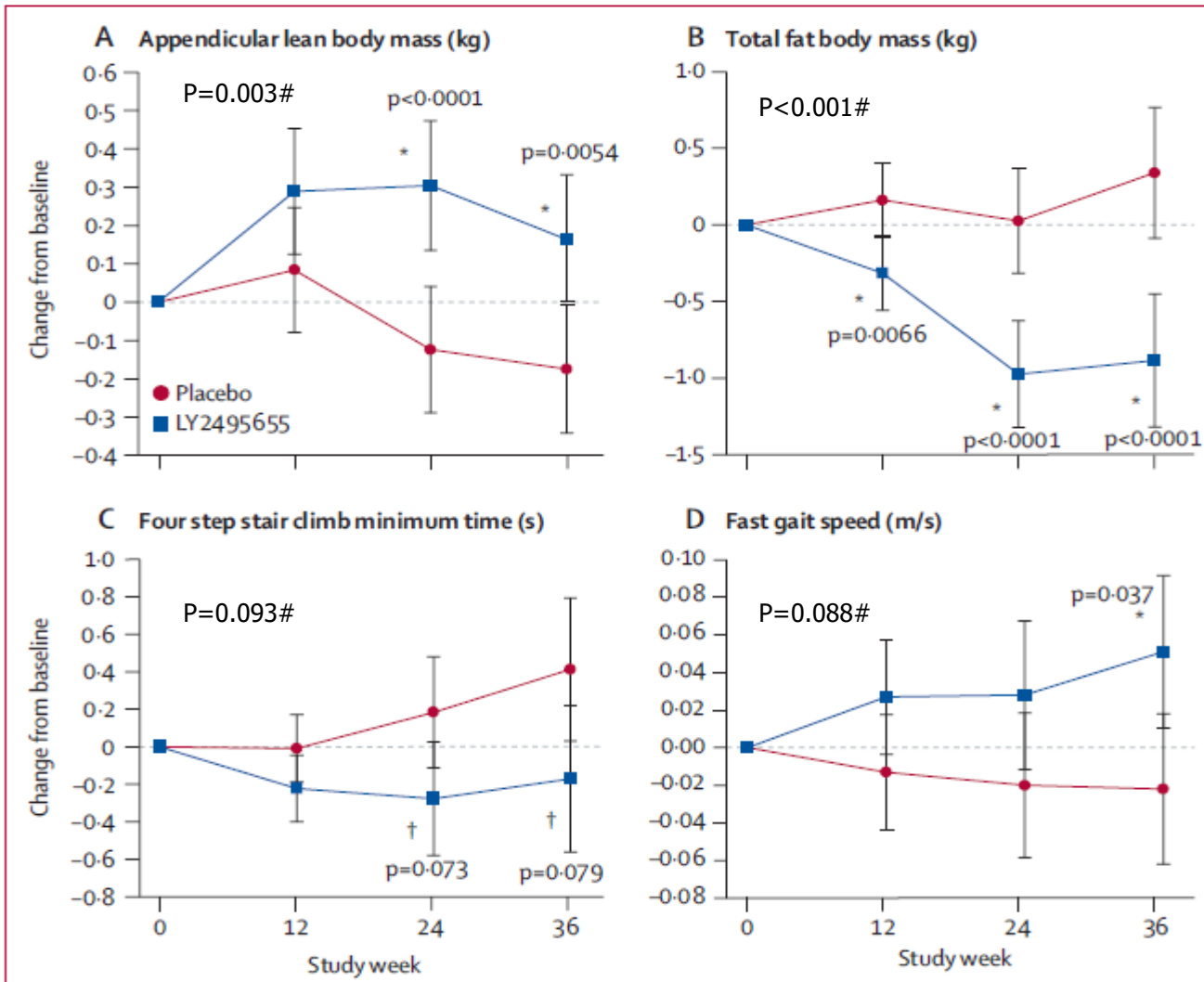
Modality	Effect	Side effects
Resistance exercise	Increase muscle mass, strength, and power	Potential for falls; muscle injuries
Protein (essential amino acids)	Increase muscle mass; synergy with exercise to increase muscle strength and power	Minimal increased creatinine levels
Testosterone	Increase muscle mass, strength, power, and function	Fluid retention; increased hematocrit; short term worsening of sleep apnea; effects on prostate cancer; possible increase in cardiovascular events
Selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMS)	Increase muscle mass; small increase in power	Increased cardiac failure
Growth hormone	Increase nitrogen retention; increase muscle mass	Arthralgia; muscle pain; edema; carpal tunnel syndrome; hyperglycemia
Ghrelin agonists	Increased muscle mass and appetite	Fatigue; atrial fibrillation; dyspnea
Myostatin antibodies	Increased lean body mass and handgrip	Urticaria; aseptic meningitis; diarrhea; confusion; fatigue
Activin 11R antagonists	Increase thigh muscle volume, muscle mass, and 6-min walk distance	Acne; involuntary muscle contractions
Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor (perindopril)	Increased distance walked; decreased hip fracture	Hypotension; hyperkalemia; muscle cramps; numbness
Espindolol (B ₁ /B ₂ adrenergic receptor antagonist)	Maintains muscle mass; increased hand grip strength	?
Fast skeletal muscle troponin activators (Tirasemtiv)	Improves muscle function	?

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	Placebo group (n=99)	LY2495655 group (n=102)
Age (years)	83 (75-99)	82 (75-96)
Women	65 (66%)	75 (74%)
White	98 (99%)	101 (99%)
Weight (kg)	69.3 (13.7)	69.1 (13.4)
Height (cm)	161.4 (10.2)	161.3 (10.6)
Appendicular lean body mass/height ²	6.02 (0.8)	6.1 (0.8)
Sarcopenia*	29 (31%)	25 (26%)
BMI (kg/m ²)	26.5 (4.0)	26.4 (3.8)
Number of pre-existing conditions	8.8 (6.9)	11.5 (8.1)
Number of concomitant drugs (mean per patient)	8.6 (4.9)	9.3 (5.1)
Number of falls between visit one (screening) and visit two (randomisation; mean per patient)	0.15	0.23
Previous fractures (total number per group)	61	105
Number of patients with previous fractures (%)	32 (33%)	41 (40%)
Pre-existing osteoporosis† (%)	33 (33%)	48 (47%)
Patients with 25-hydroxyvitamin D <20 ng/mL before the first dose (%)	20 (20%)	28 (28%)
Chair rise test without arms (s)	16.4 (4.9)	16.8 (5.8)
Patients performing chair rise test without arms (%)	78 (79%)	76 (75%)
Hand grip strength (kg)	19.9 (7.7)	20.0 (7.2)

Change from baseline in body composition and performance-based measures



#: p value for overall treatment effect

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	Placebo (N=99)	315 mg LY (N=102)	p-value
Deaths	0	1 (1%)	1.000
Serious adverse events	18 (18%)	26 (26%)	0.235
Early treatment discontinuation	14 (14%)	20 (20%)	0.351
Adverse events leading to treatment discontinuation	6 (6%)	10 (10%)	0.436
Injection site reactions			
Mild	8 (8%)	22 (22%)	<0.001*
Moderate	1 (1%)	8 (8%)	
Severe	0	1 (1%)	
Patients with ≥1 fracture	6 (6%)	10 (10%)	0.403
Patients with ≥1 TEAE considered by investigators as possibly related to study drug	23 (23%)	42 (41%)	0.007
All TEAEs considered by investigators as possibly related to study drug (by frequency and alphabetic order):			
Injection site pain	5 (5%)	20 (20%)	0.002
Blood creatine phosphokinase increased	0	5 (5%)	0.060
Fatigue	1 (1%)	3 (3%)	0.621
Injection site bruising	0	4 (4%)	0.121
Injection site erythema	1 (1%)	3 (3%)	0.621
Rash	0	4 (4%)	0.121
Diarrhoea	1 (1%)	2 (2%)	1.000
Injection site rash	0	3 (3%)	0.246
Anaemia	2 (2%)	0	0.241
Constipation	0	2 (2%)	0.498
Dysgeusia	2 (2%)	0	0.241

