



# **Physical Activity and Health Promotion**

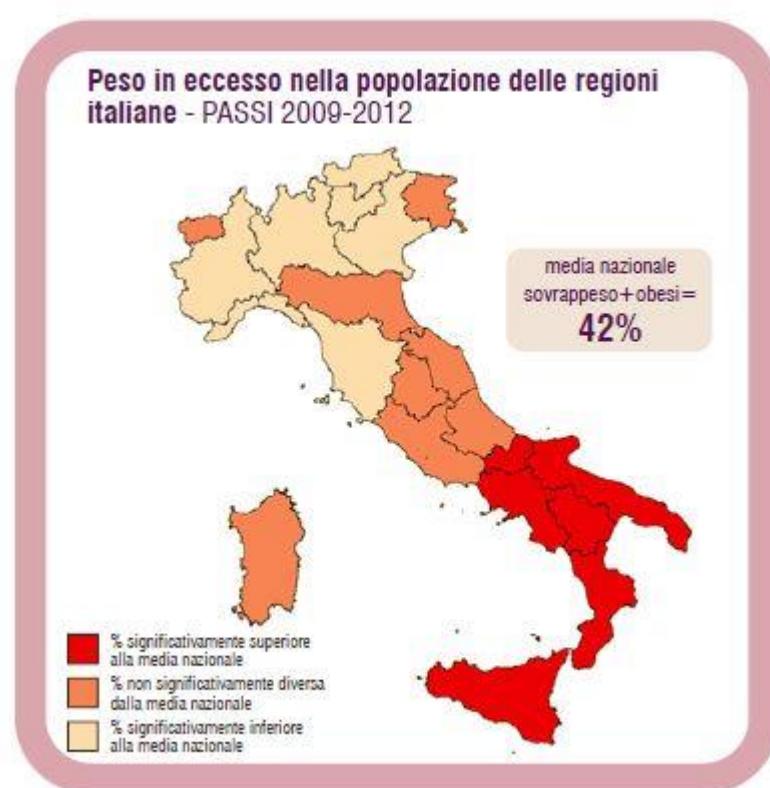
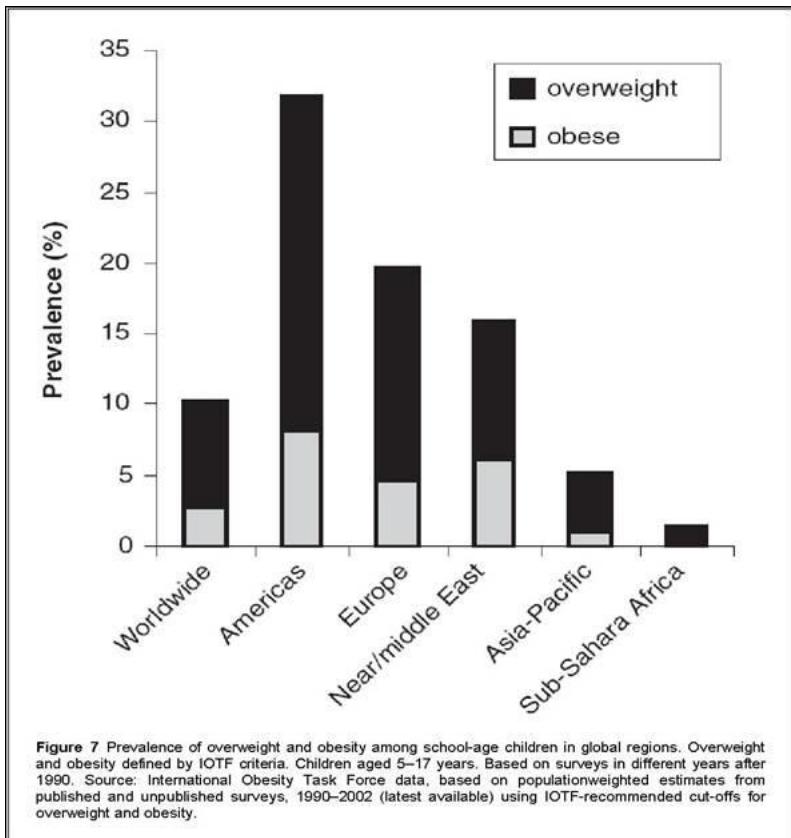
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# **Lesson 7**

## **Physical activity as prevention of endocrine disorders**

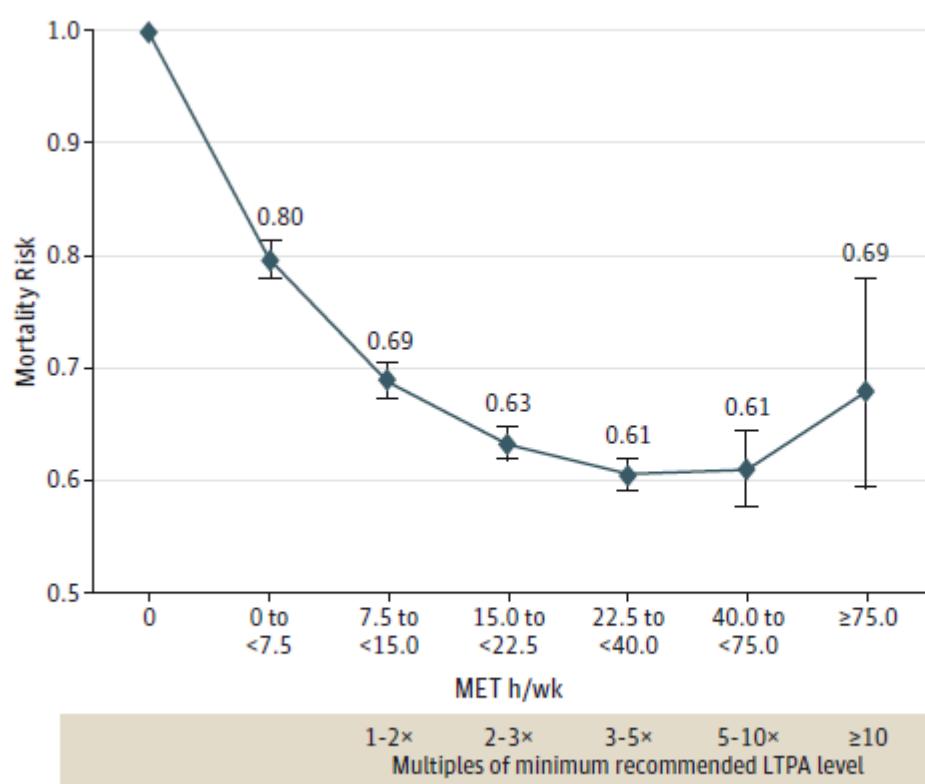
# EVIDENCE of INCREASED BMI

Prevalence in adolescents– obesity BMI >30 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>



# Relationship between moderate and intense physical activity and longevity

20% REDUCTION IN THE RISK OF ALL CAUSES OF MORTALITY FOR LEISURE TIME MODERATE- TO VIGOROUS-INTENSITY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND MORTALITY



PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AS AN EXCELLENT THERAPY FOR  
Obesity  
Cardiovascular diseases  
Type2 Diabetes  
Dementia  
Osteoporosis  
Depression



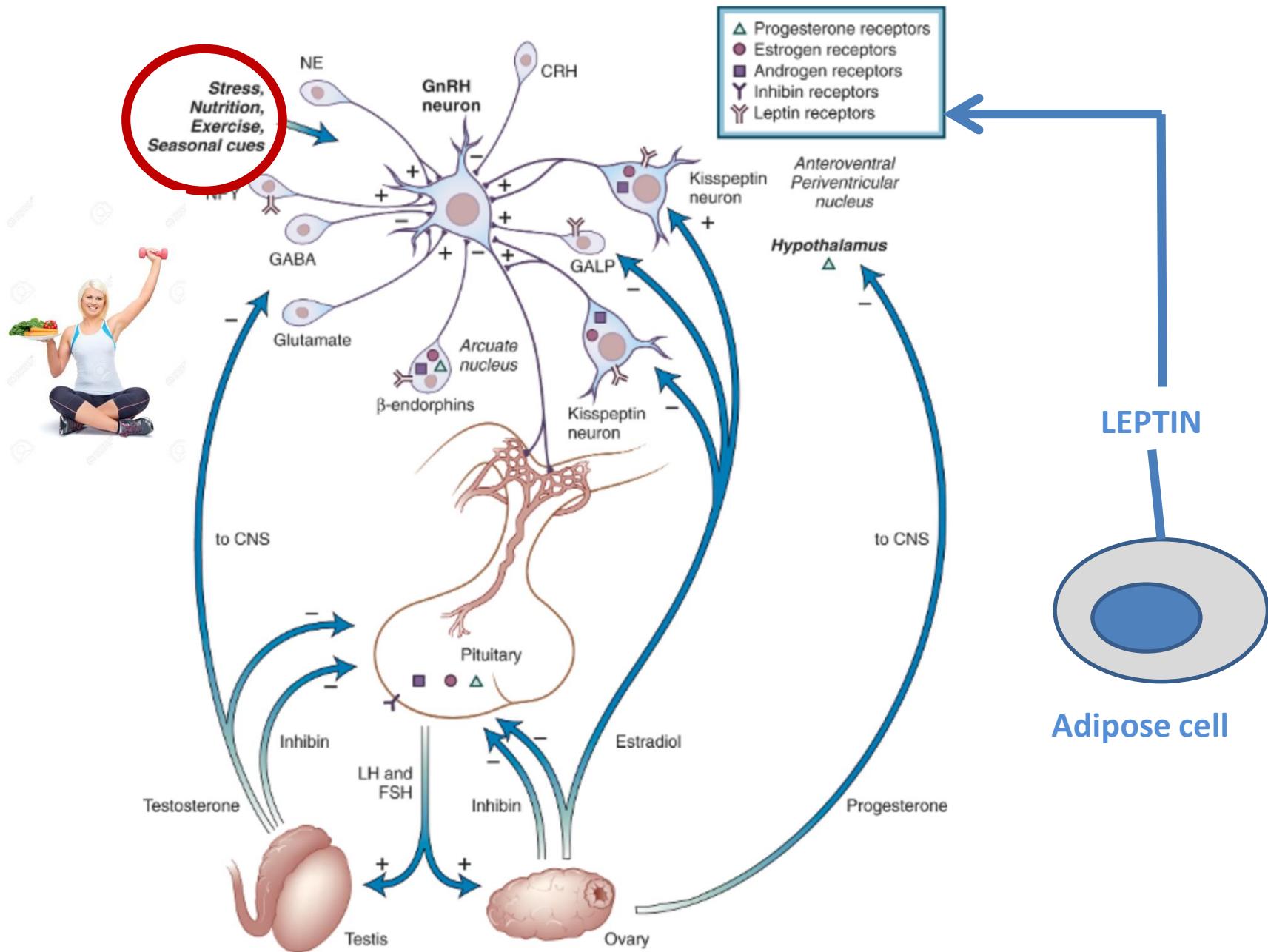
# Physical activity and energy balance



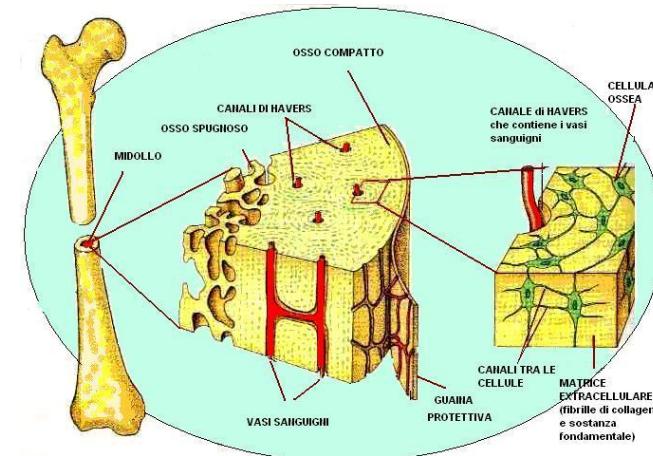
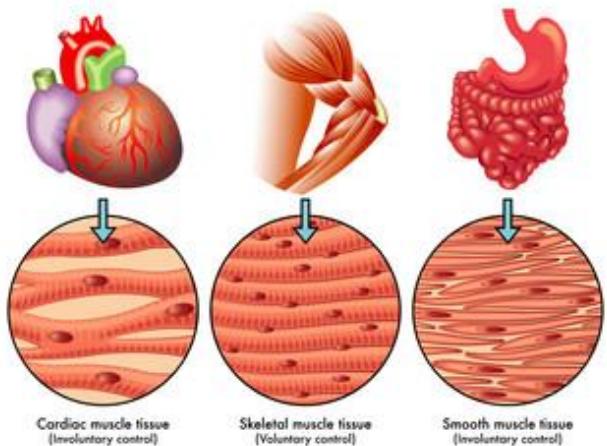
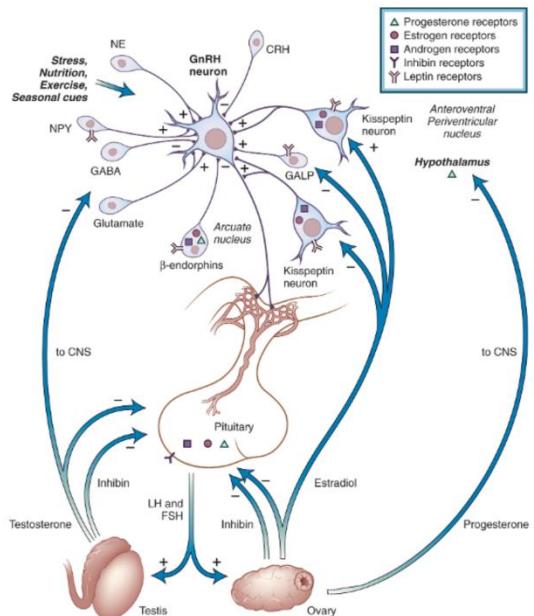
Hunger/satiety balance  
Food availability  
Caloric density  
Macronutrients



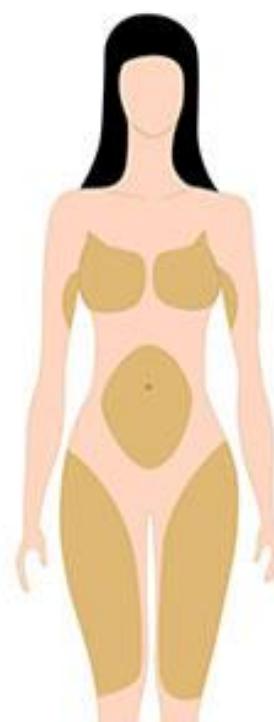
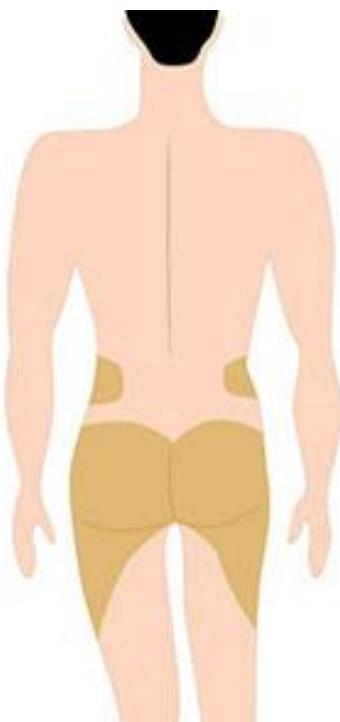
*Resting Energy Expenditure (REE)*  
Wish to perform physical activity  
Food energetic capacity  
Termogenesis



# MUSCLE, BONE and ADIPOSE TISSUE AS IMPORTANT ENDOCRINE ORGANS



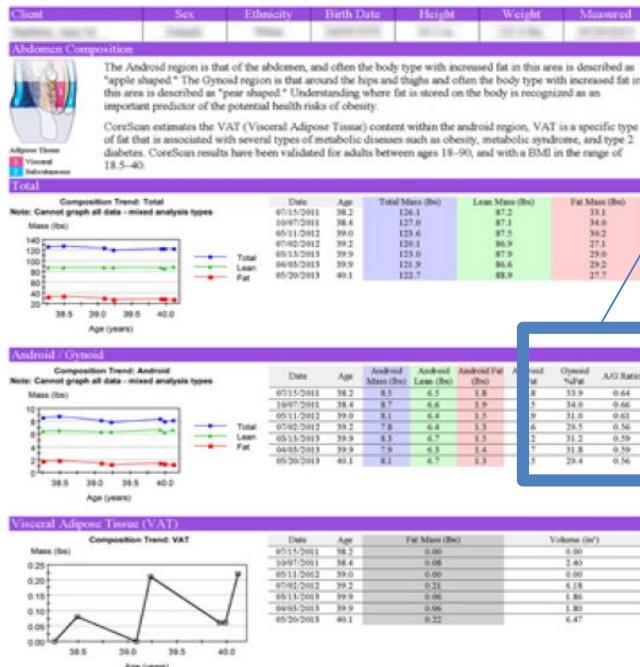
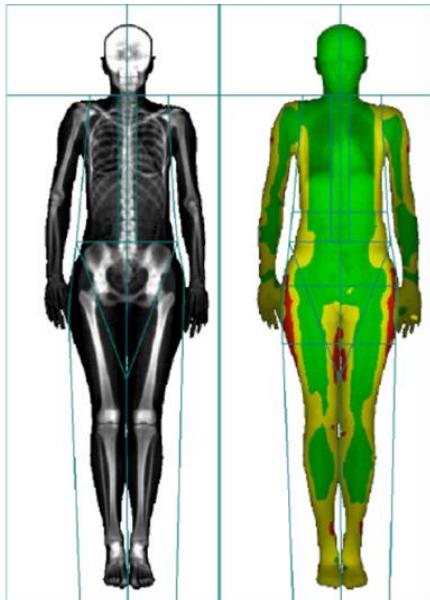
# Adipose tissue



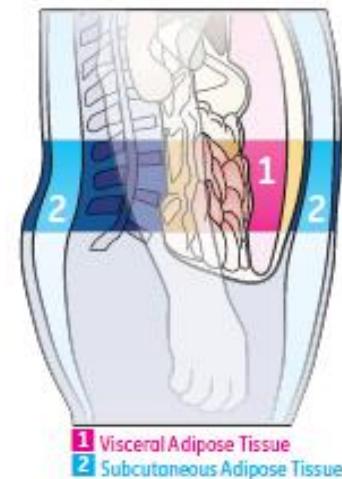
# Evaluation of visceral fat

Volume  $250.3 \pm 194.5 \text{ cm}^3$   
 Mass  $235.9 \pm 183.1 \text{ gr}$   
*Cutoff* visceral fat mass  
 350 gr

*Endocrine 2014 (47)*



A/G Fat



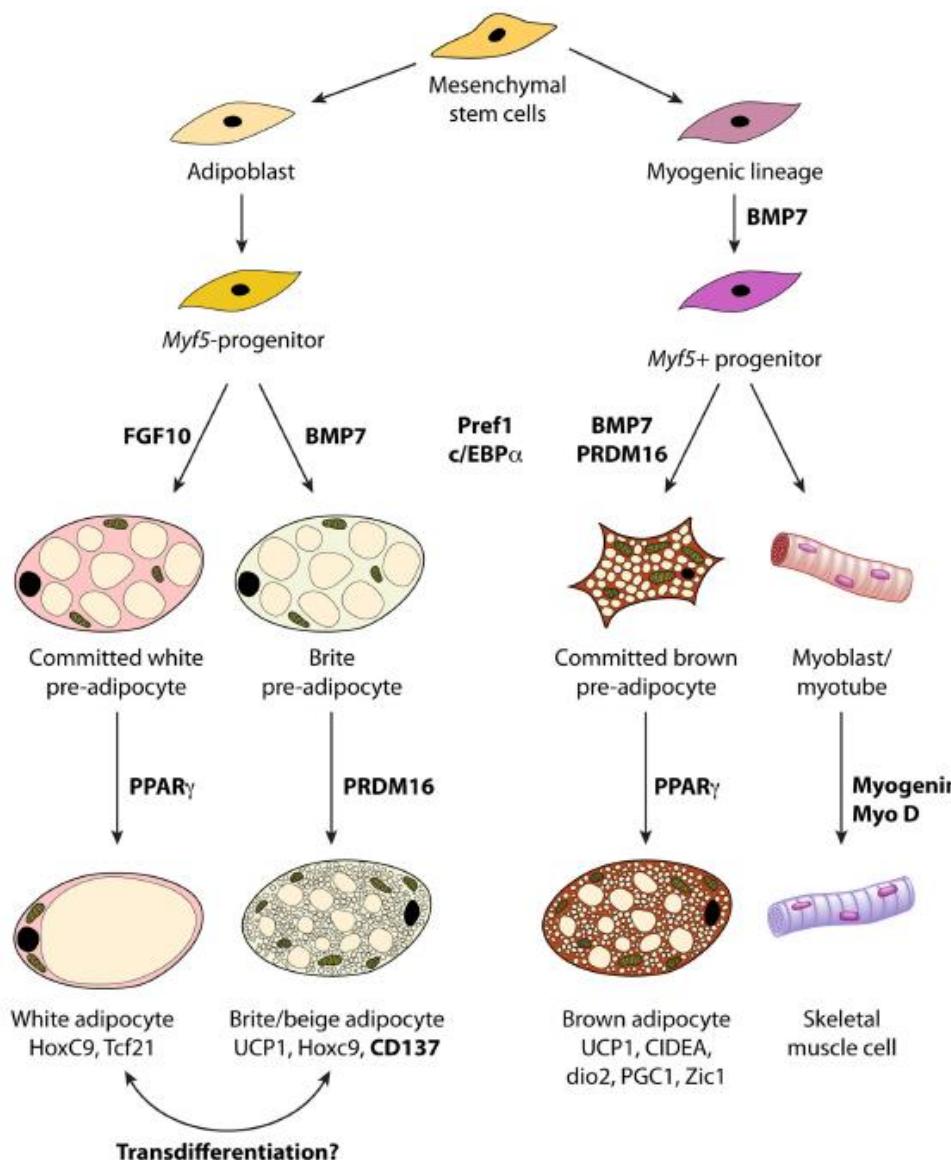
1 Visceral Adipose Tissue

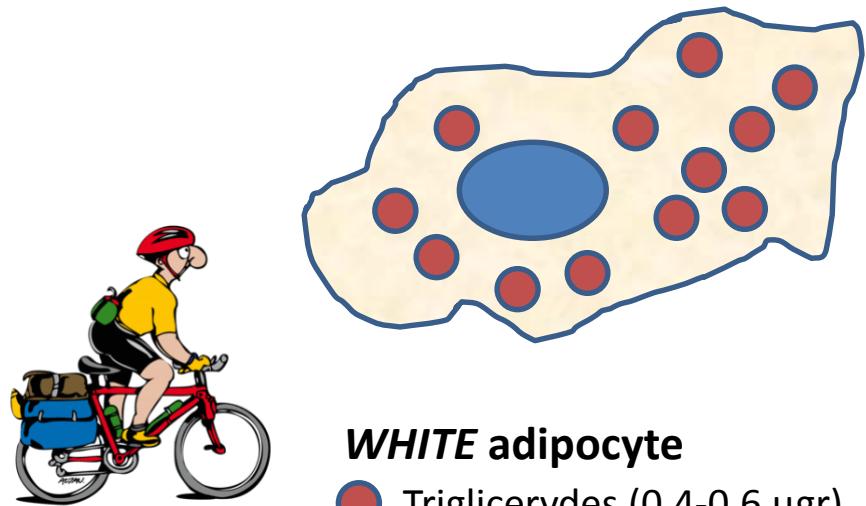
2 Subcutaneous Adipose Tissue

# ADIPOKINES

Category	Proteins
<b>Hormones</b>	Leptin, resistin, angiotensinogen, adiponectin, estrogens, visfatin, angiopoietin4
<b>Citokines</b>	Interleukin 1,6,8,10 Interferon $\gamma$ , TNF $\alpha$
<b>Extracellular matrix factors</b>	Collagen- $\alpha$ 1, Metalloproteinases, fibronectin, osteonectin, laminin, entactin, trombospondin 1 and 2
<b>Complement's factors</b>	Adipsin, C3, Factor B
<b>Enzymes</b>	Transfer protein for cholesterol esters, lipoprotein lipase
<b>Acute response proteins</b>	Acid glicoprotein A-1, Aptoglobin
<b>Others</b>	NEFA, plasminogen activator inhibitory factor, prostacyclina

# WHITE, BROWN and «BRITE/BEIGE ADIPOCYTES



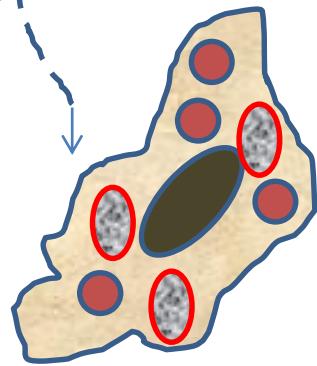


**WHITE** adipocyte

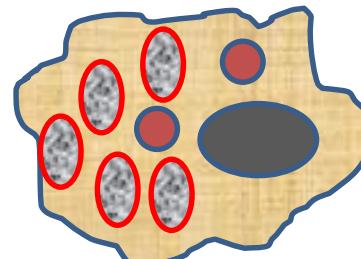
● Triglycerides (0.4-0.6 µgr)



Transdifferentiation  
(Browning)

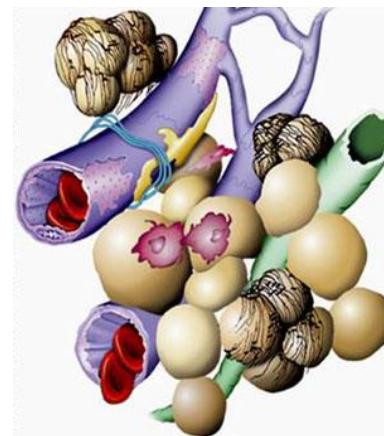


**BRITE** adipocyte

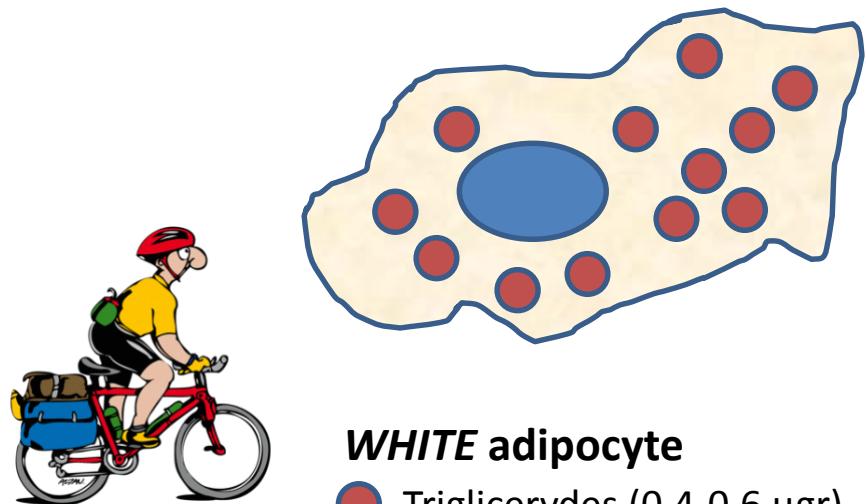


**BROWN** adipocyte

● Mitocondri



VEGF

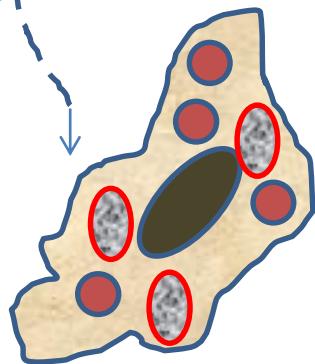


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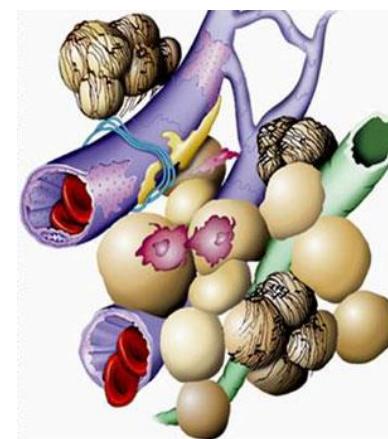
● Triglycerides (0.4-0.6 µgr)

ABILITY OF STORING  
ENERGY IN THE FORM  
OF TRIACYLGLYCEROL  
AND RELEASING  
ENERGY IN THE FORM  
OF FREE FATTY ACIDS

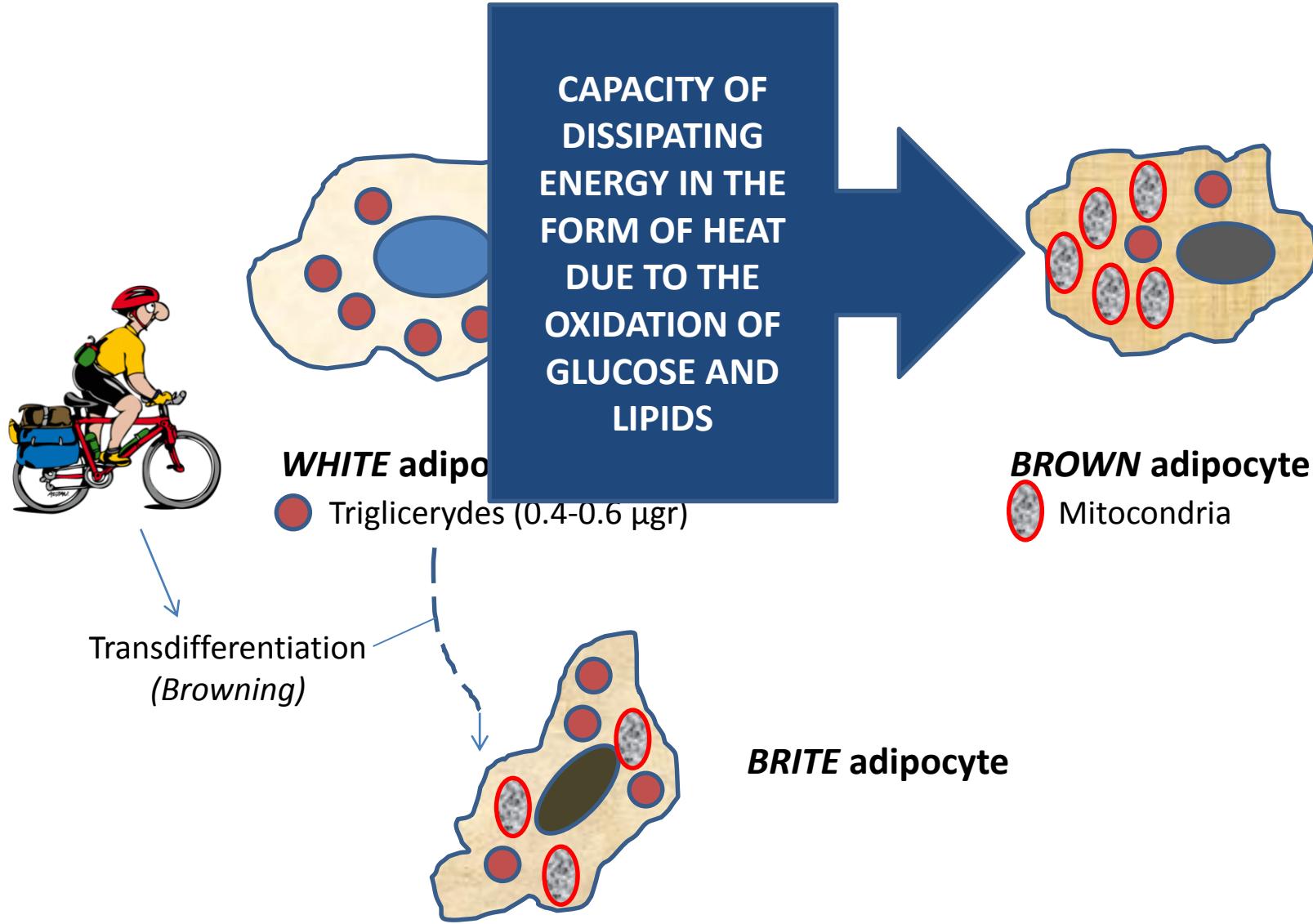
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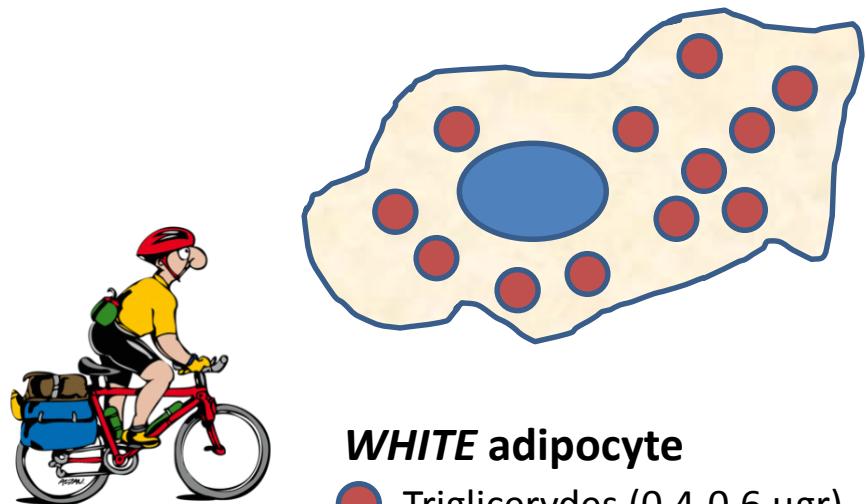


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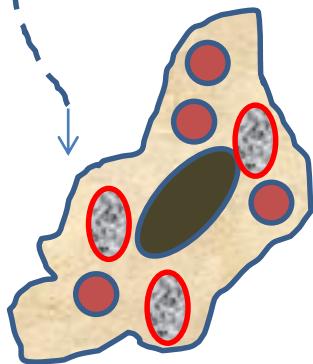


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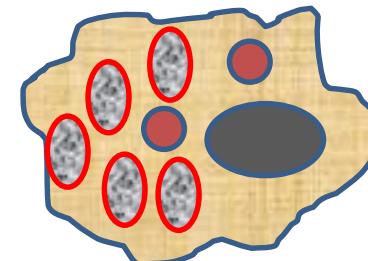
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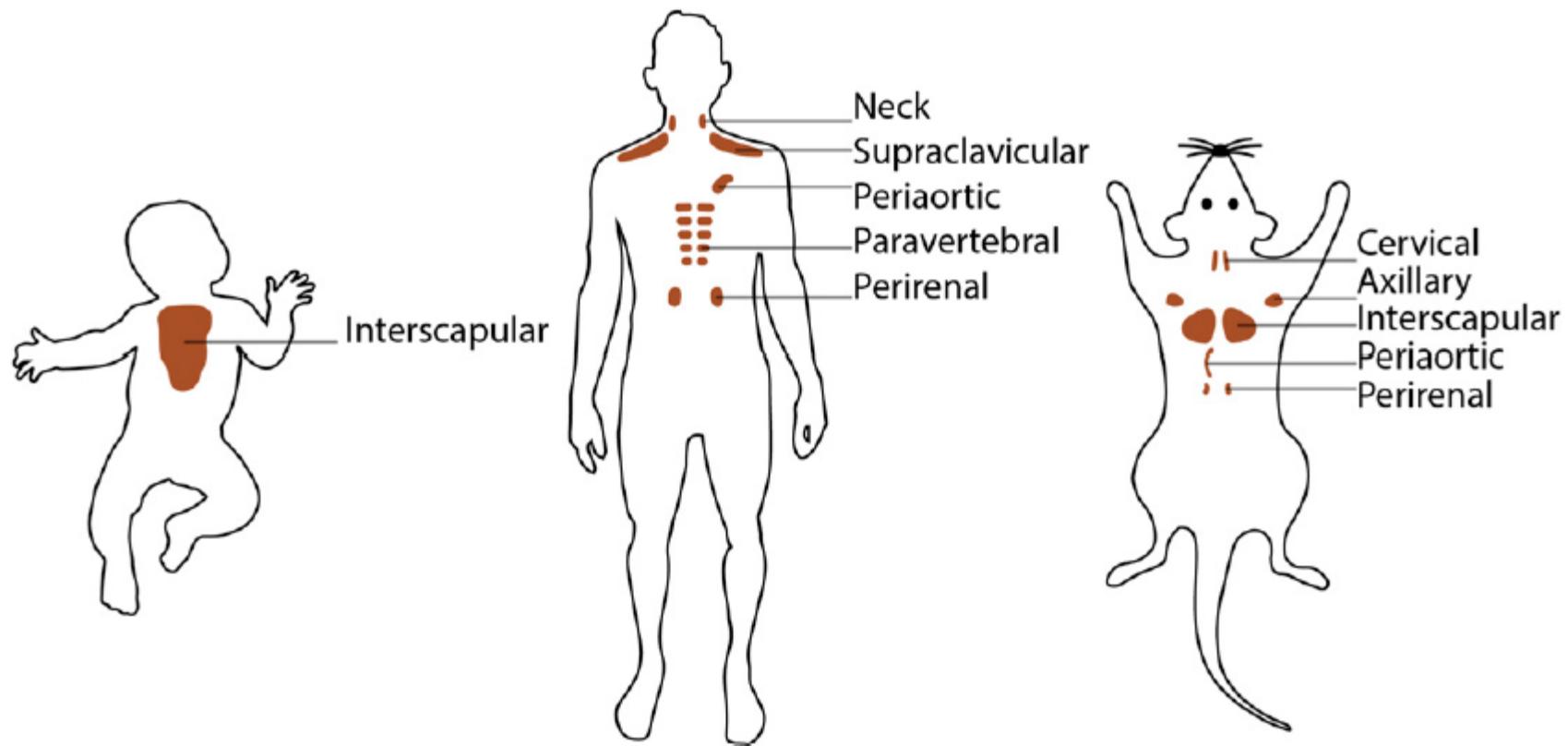


**BROWN** adipocyte

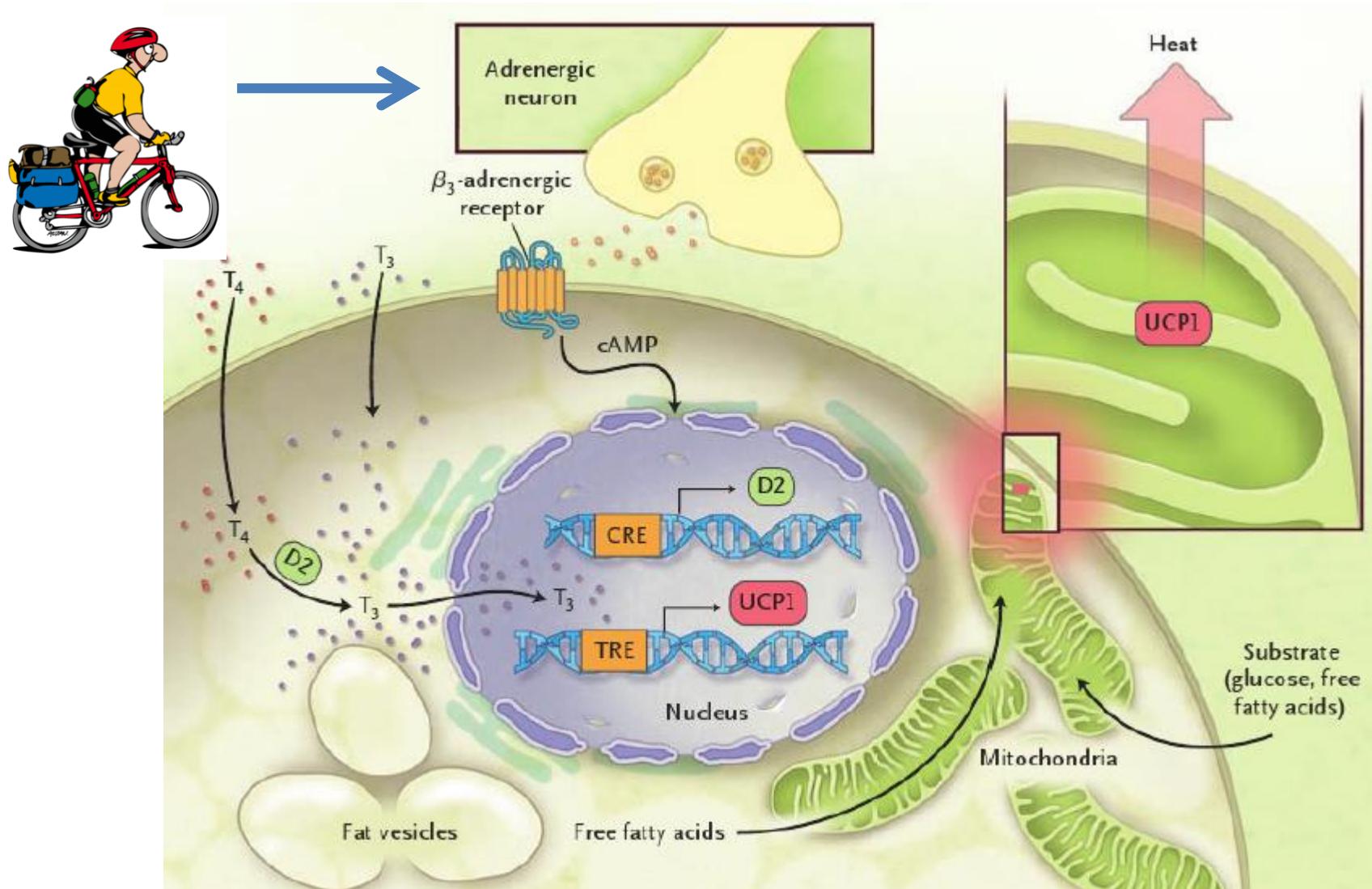
● Mitochondria

Multilocular morphology  
rich in  
mitochondria  
UCP-1  
expression

# SITE OF BROWN ADIPOSE TISSUE IN HUMAN AND MICE

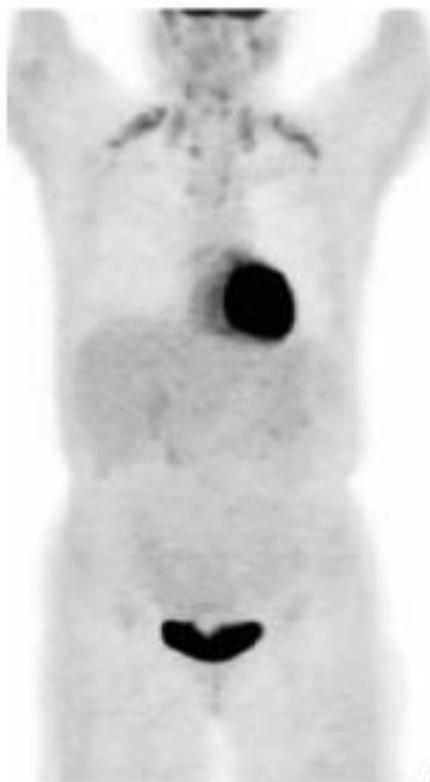


# ACTIVATION OF BROWN FAT (UCP1)



# THYROID HORMONES AND BAT

A



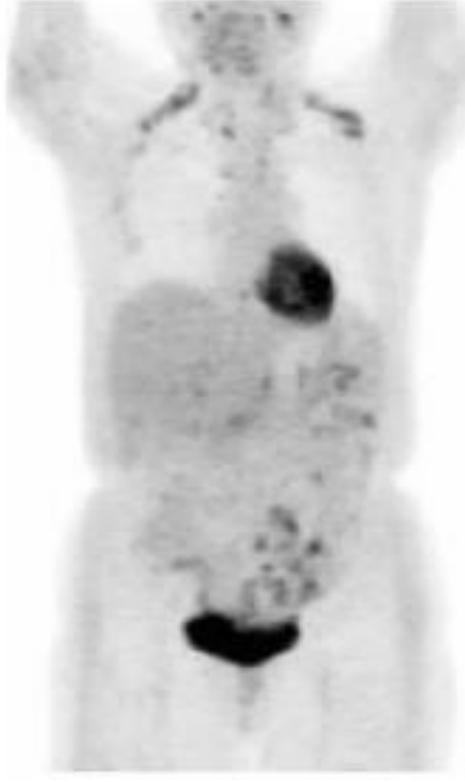
fT4+

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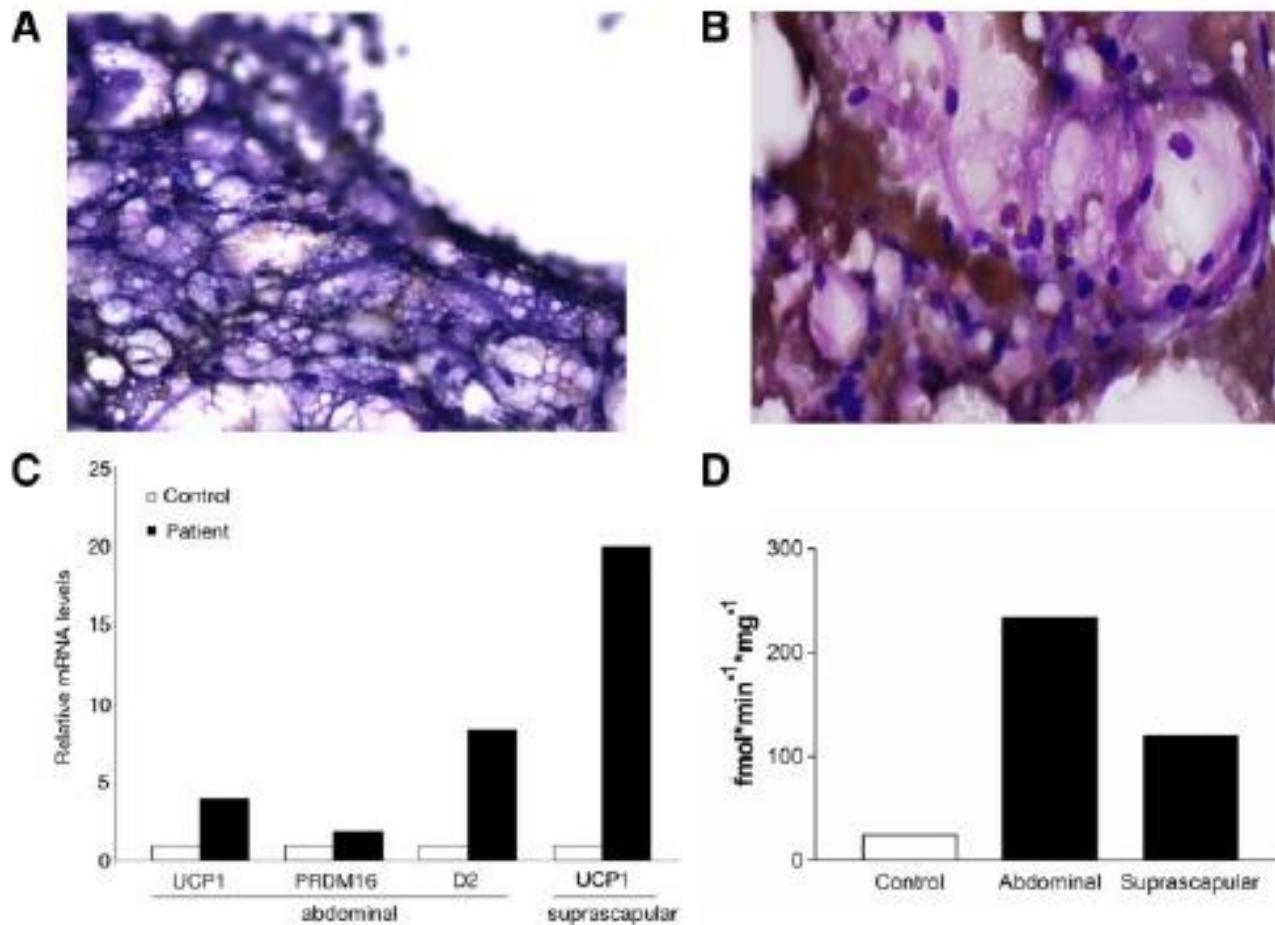
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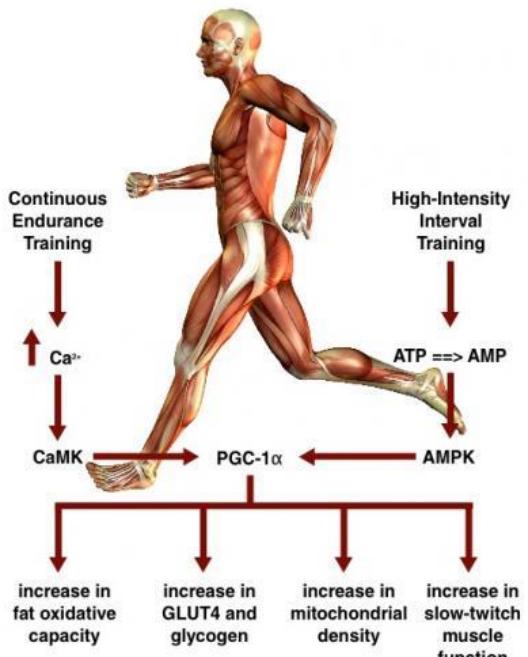
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LT4+

# HISTOLOGICAL AND MOLECULAR EVIDENCE OF THE EFFECT OF THYROID HORMONES ON BAT



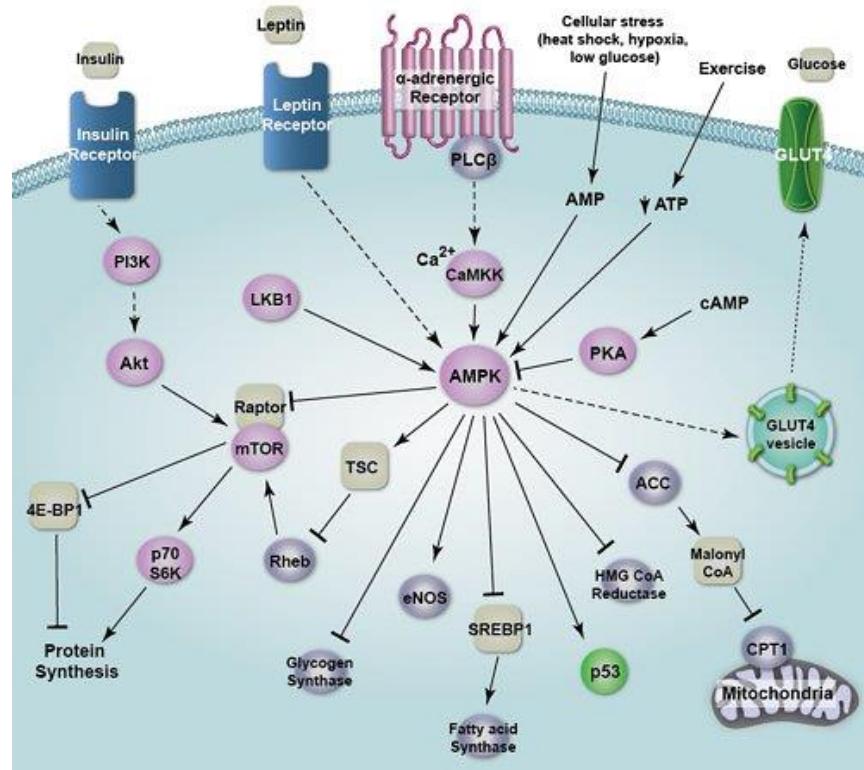


ATP consuption      ATP production



# ENERGY EXPENSE

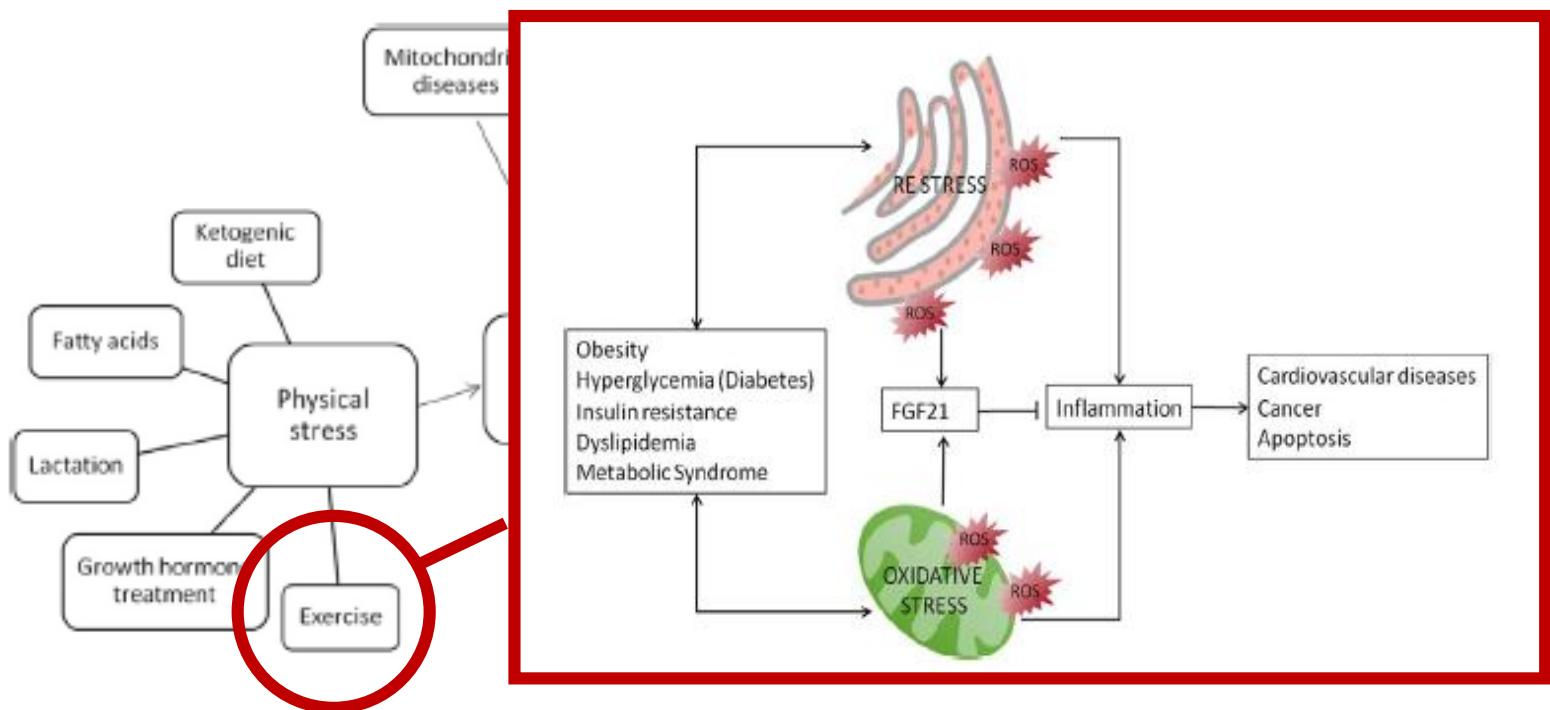
## AMPK Signalling



*Fibroblast Growth Factor 21 is a 209 amino acid endocrine member of the FGF family synthesized in the liver and expressed in adipose tissue, muscle tissue and various other organs. FGF-21 is an important regulatory molecule of the homeostatic energy balance necessary to mediate the beneficial metabolic effects of physical exercise. It is expressed in WAT, BAT, pancreas, muscle tissue, cardiac endothelial cells and hypothalamus*

# CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INCREASED EXPRESSION OF FGF21

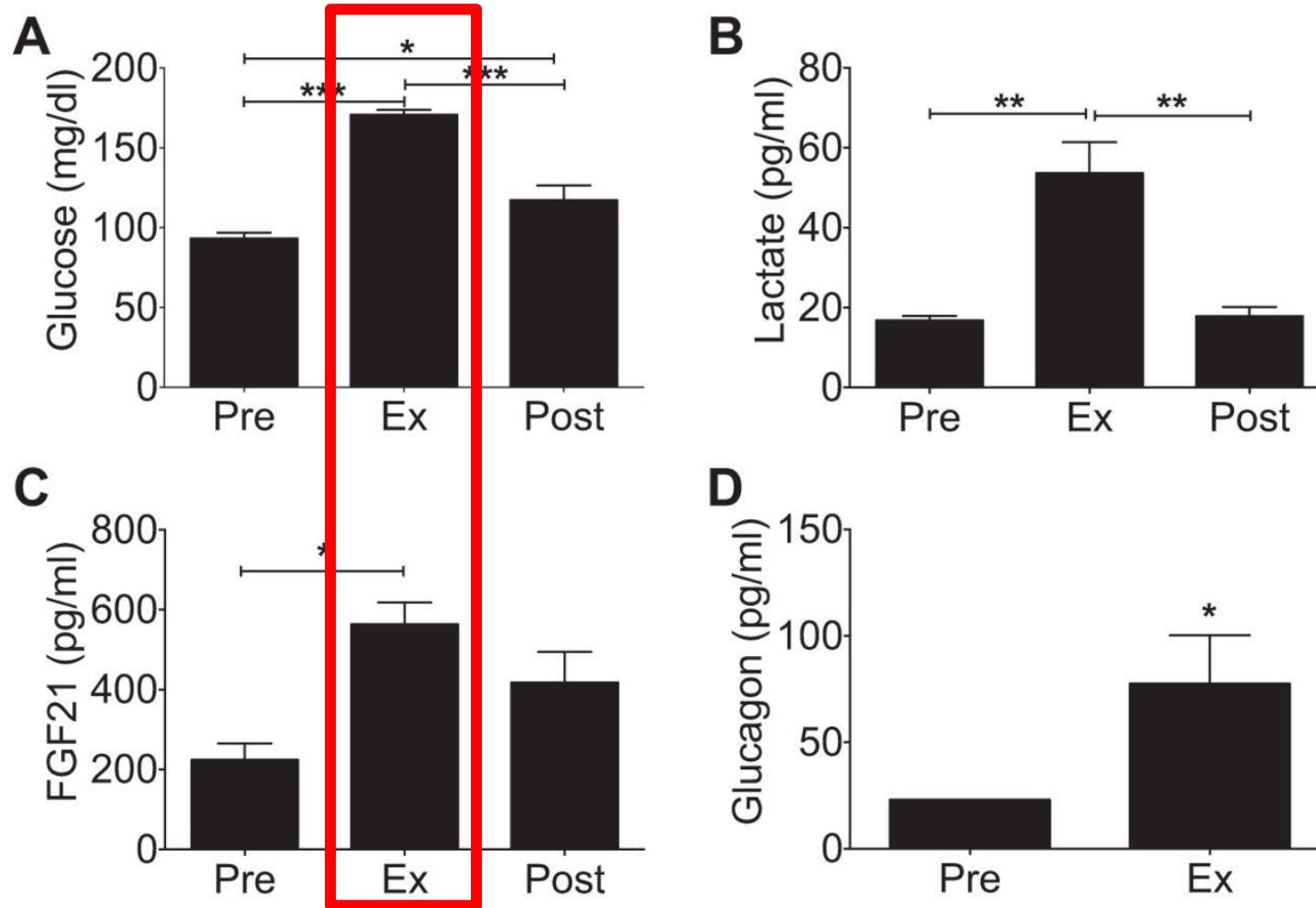
FGF21 inhibits inflammation in response to oxidative stress



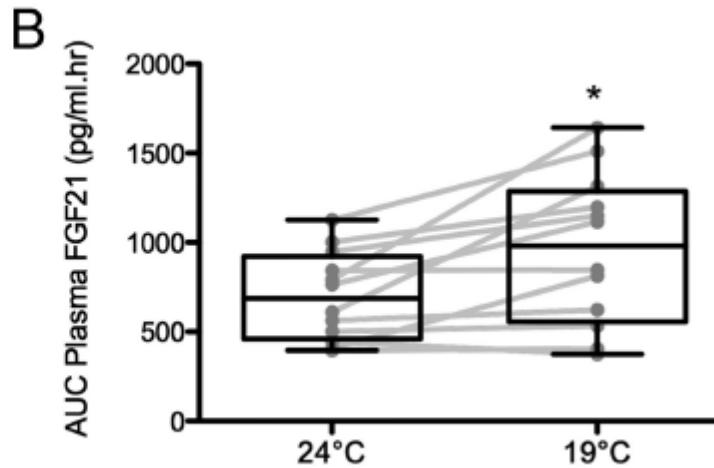
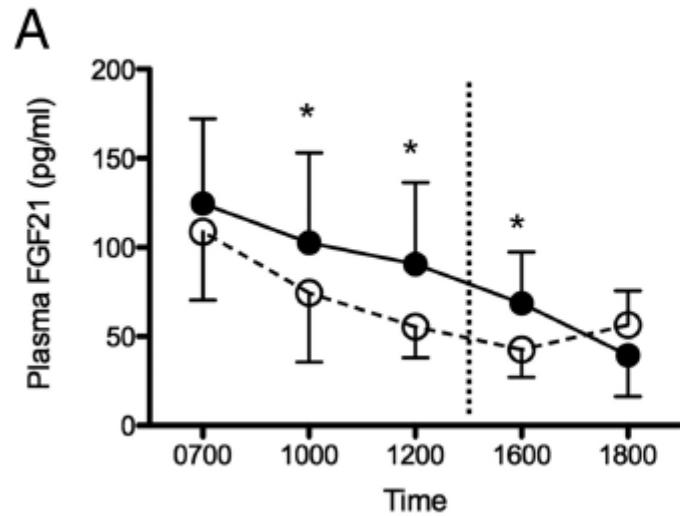
# Fibroblast growth factor-21 is required for beneficial effects of exercise during chronic high-fat feeding in Wistar rats

Christine Loyd, I. Jack Magrisso, Michael Haas, Sowmya Balusu, Radha Krishna, Nobuyuki Itoh, Darleen A. Sandoval, Diego Perez-Tilve, Silvana Obici, Kirk M. Habegger

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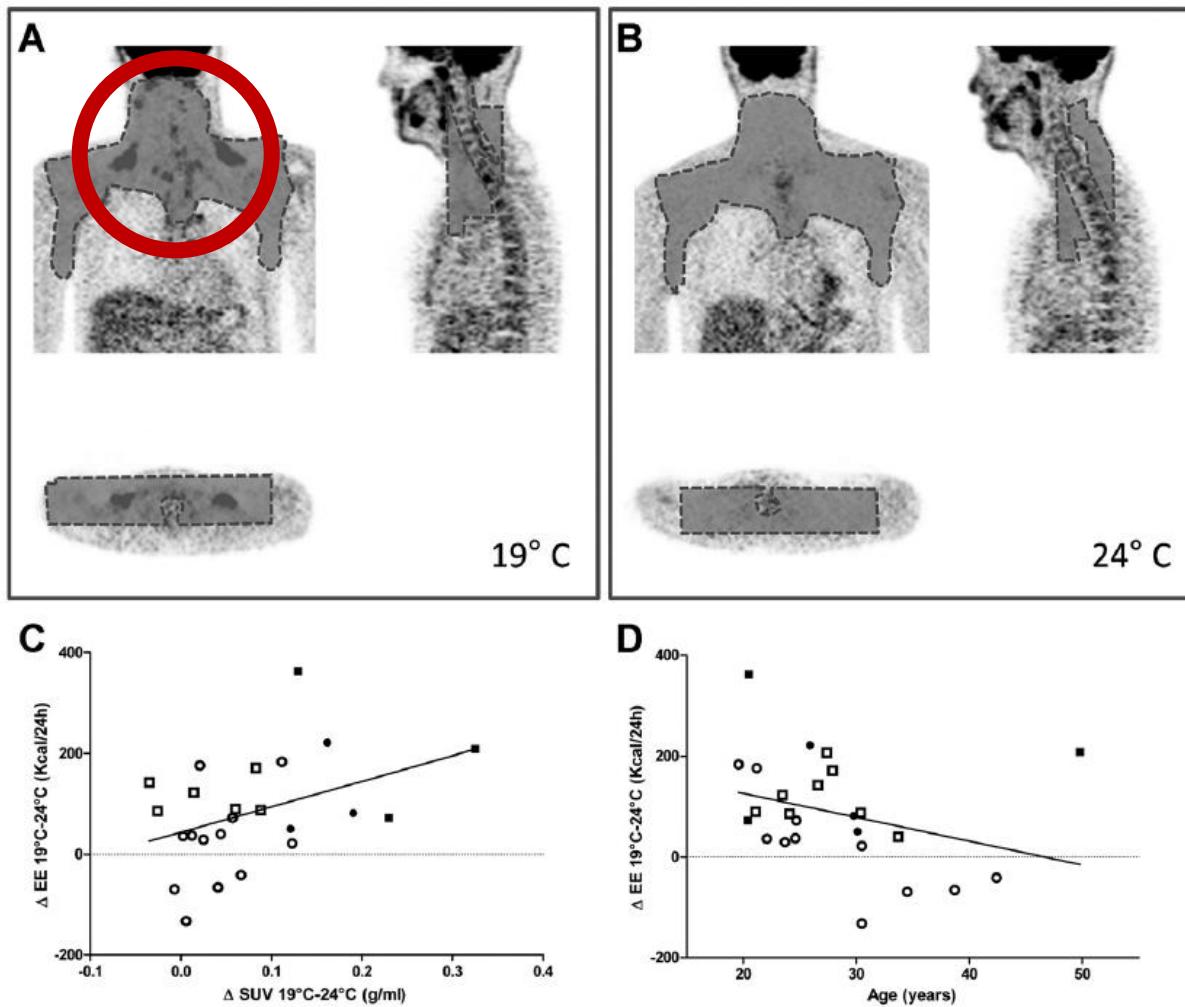


# Circadian variations of FGF21 and its concentrations at different temperatures

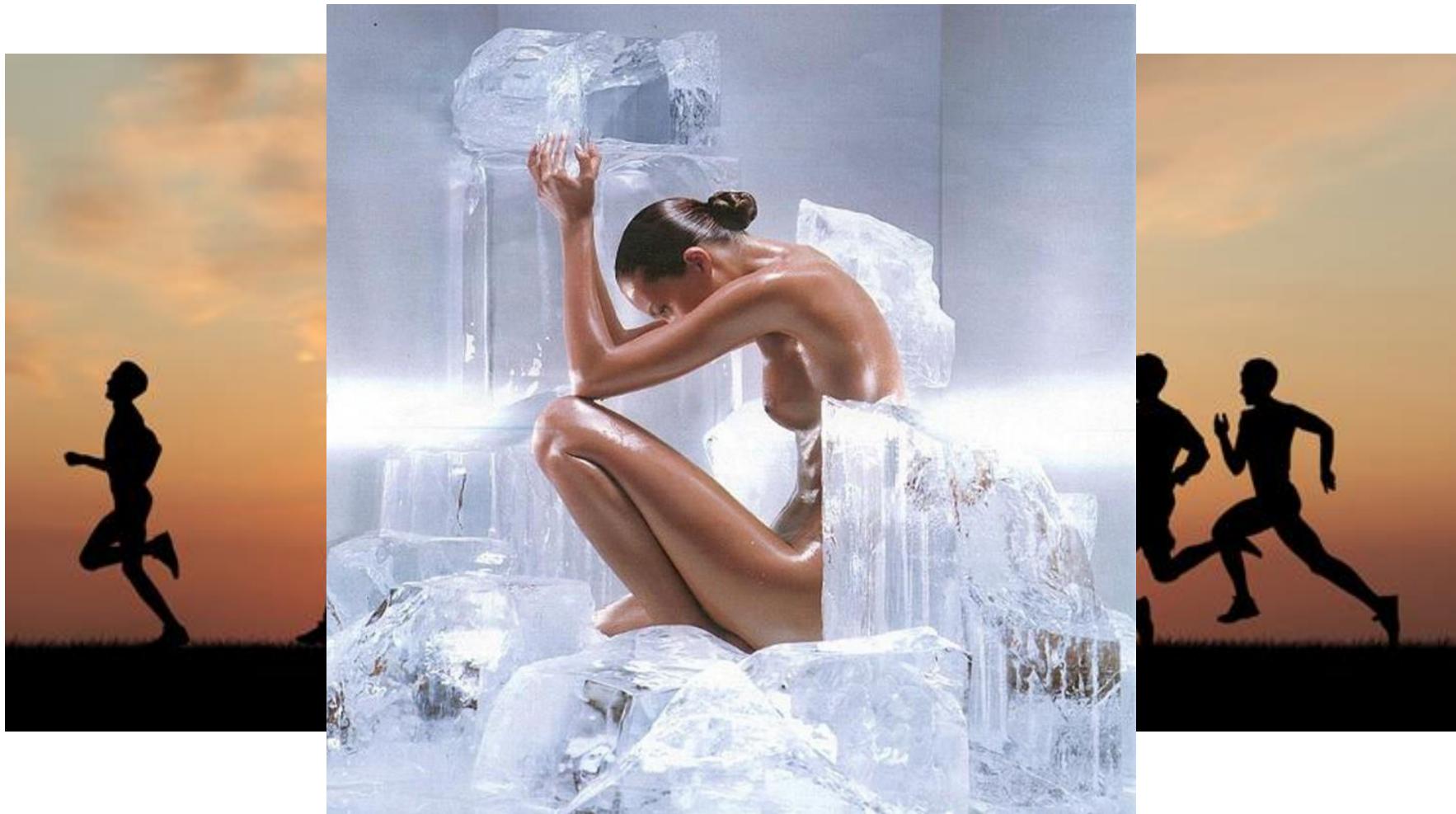


Chen et al. JCEM 2013

# PET IMAGES DEMONSTRATING $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake IN LOCALIZED BAT DEPOSITS



# FDF-21 a stress response hormone

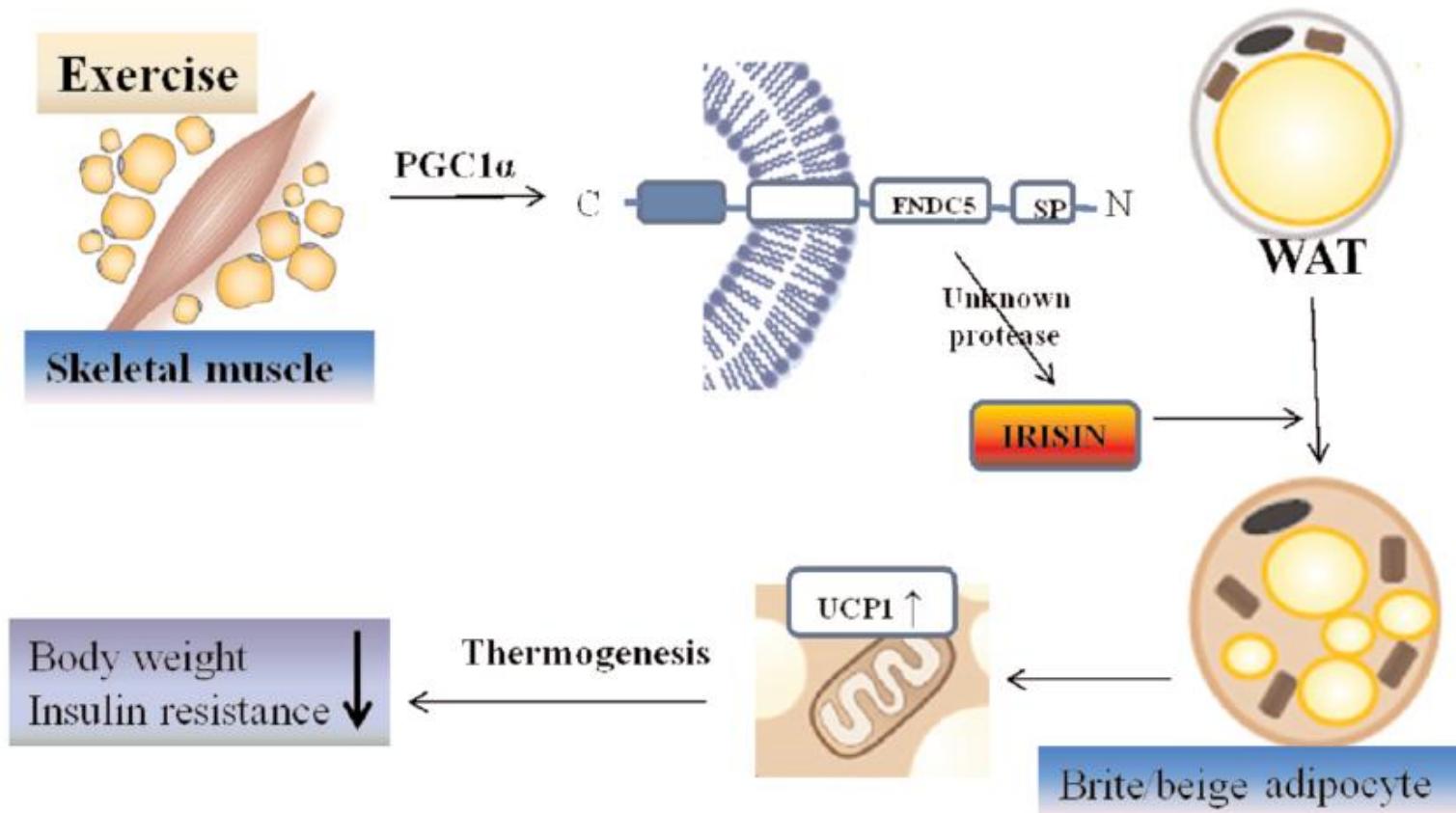




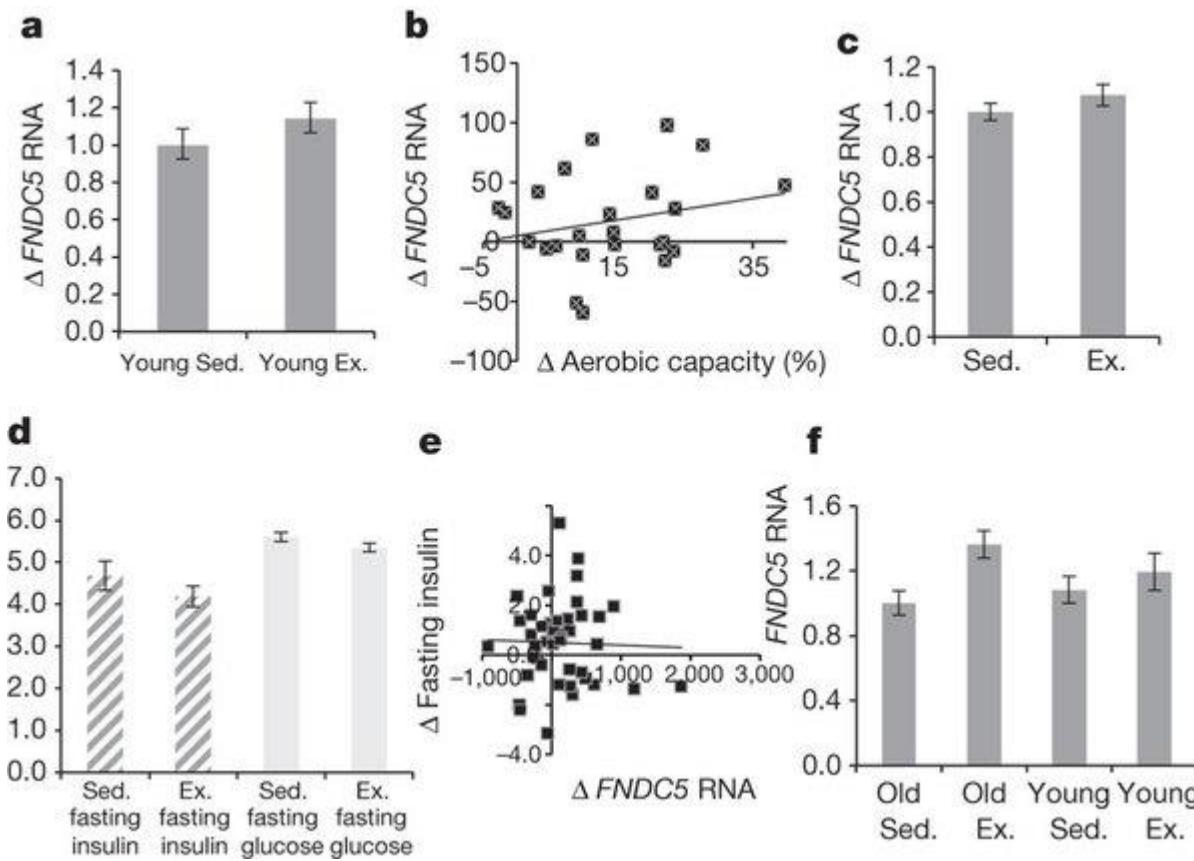
# IRISIN

## THE WELLNESS HORMONE

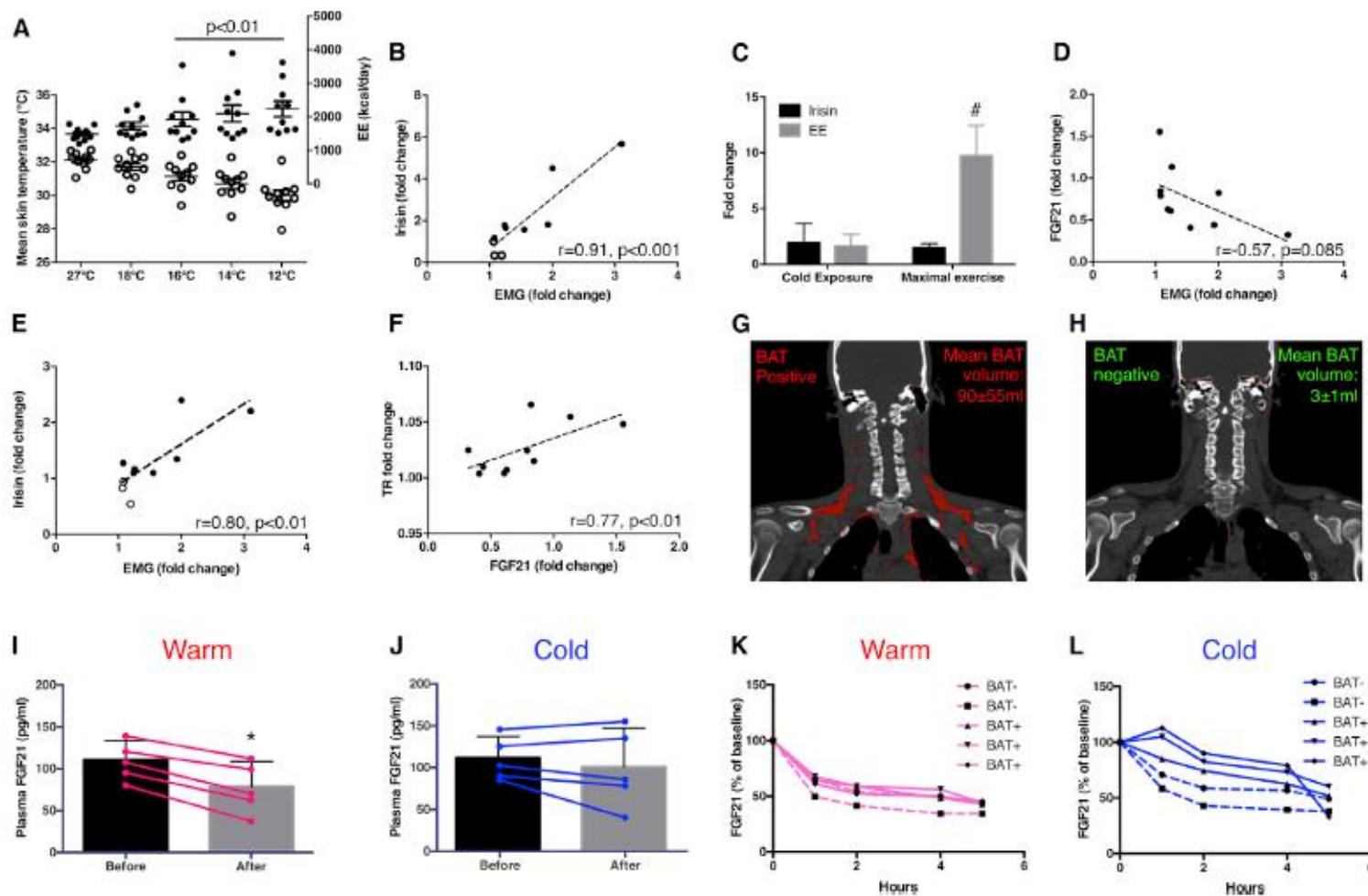
PHYSICAL EXERCISE INDUCES THE RELEASE OF PPAR $\gamma$  coactivator-1  $\pm$  (PGC1 $\hat{1}$   $\pm$ ) FROM THE SKELETAL MUSCLE WHICH INCREASES THE EXPRESSION OF FIBRONECTIN TYPE III DOMAIN 5 (FNDC5) WHICH IN TURNS THROUGH THE ACTION OF UNKNOWN PROTEASES INDUCES THE RELEASE OF IRISIN



**exercise training induces the expression of the *FNDC5* gene in human muscle, producing irisin, which can convert white fat into brown fat**



# THE REGULAR PHYSICAL EXERCISE AND THE COLD EXPOSURE ARE ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN EE, IN A POSITIVE CORRELATION WITH THE RELEASE OF IRISIN and FGF21.



# **IRISIN in PHYSIOPATHOLOGY**

## **Inflammation**

Marker of macrovascular pathology in Type 2 Diabetes

## **Cardiovascular pathologies in Type2 diabetes**

Correlation between circulating irisin and endothelial dysfunction. Low levels of circulating irisin can be used as markers to identify an early state of angiopathy (12 pg / ml vs 40 pg / ml)

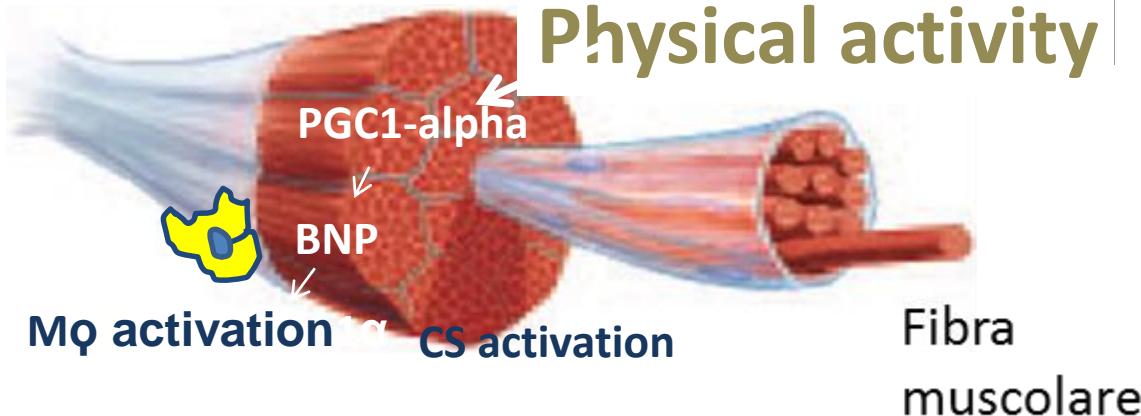
## **Kidney diseases**

Low levels of irisin in severe kidney insufficiency

## **Metabolism**

Biomarker for low or altered metabolic state in obese patients

# NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES

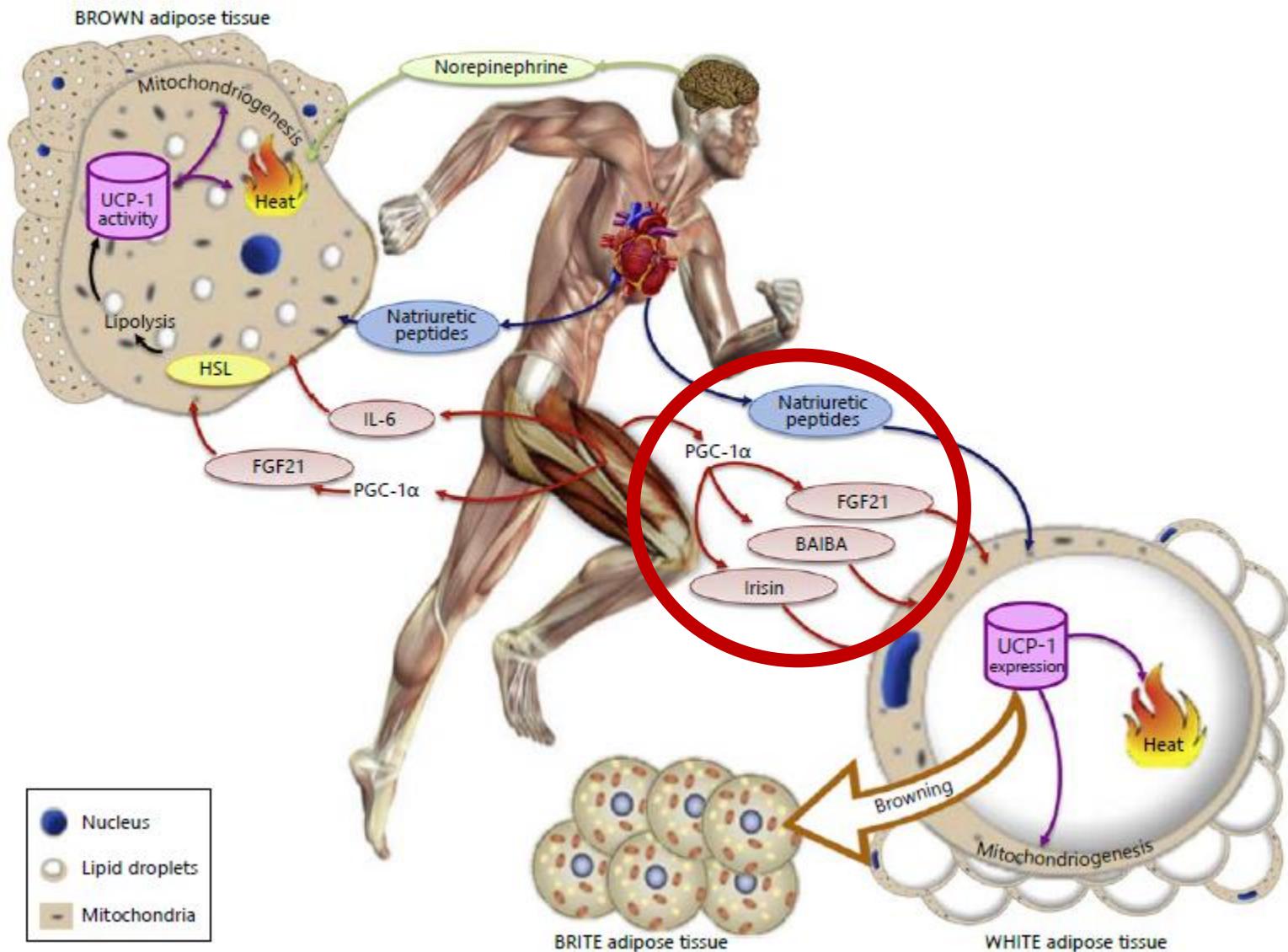


The levels of PGC-1 $\alpha$  in the muscle are regulated by muscle activity through all the major signaling pathways involved in the contraction of muscle fibers and in turn they promote a high-strength muscle phenotype

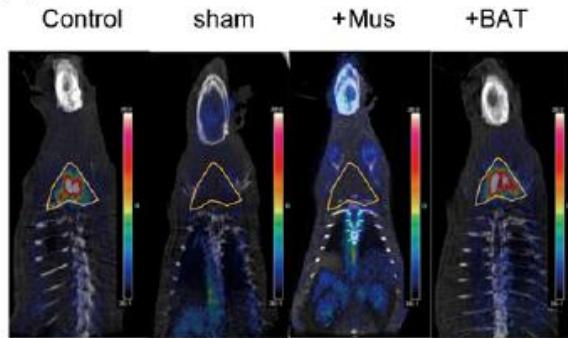
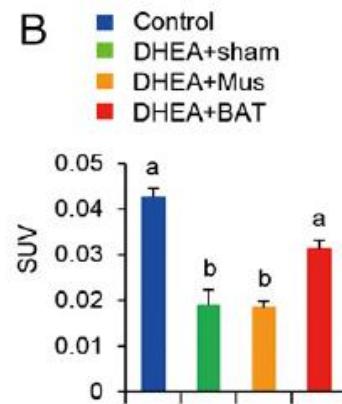
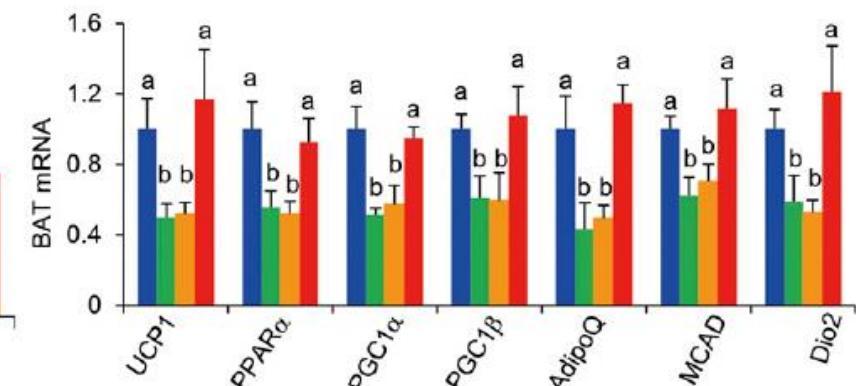
The over-expression of PGC-1 $\hat{\alpha}$  promotes satellite cell (CS) activation by inducing a remodeling of the stem cell niche by upregulation of fibronectin

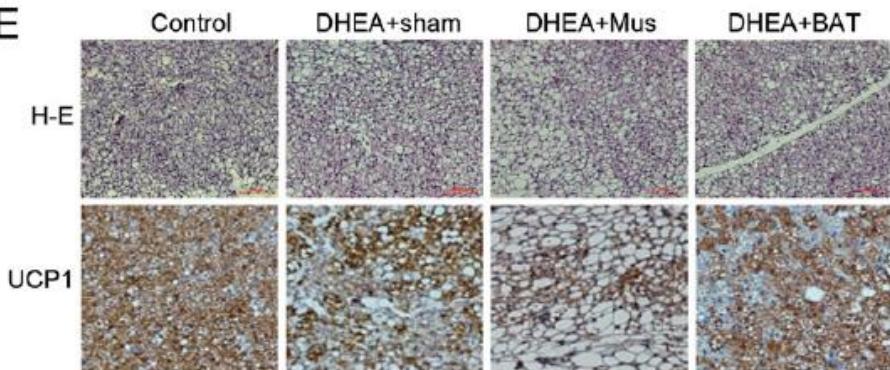
PGC-1 $\alpha$  reduces pro-inflammatory gene programs in muscle fibers and promotes an increase in tissue macrophages, Brain Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) is the myokine that regulates cross-talk between muscle fibers and macrophages during physical activity downstream of PGC -1 $\alpha$

# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACTIVATES BROWN FAT

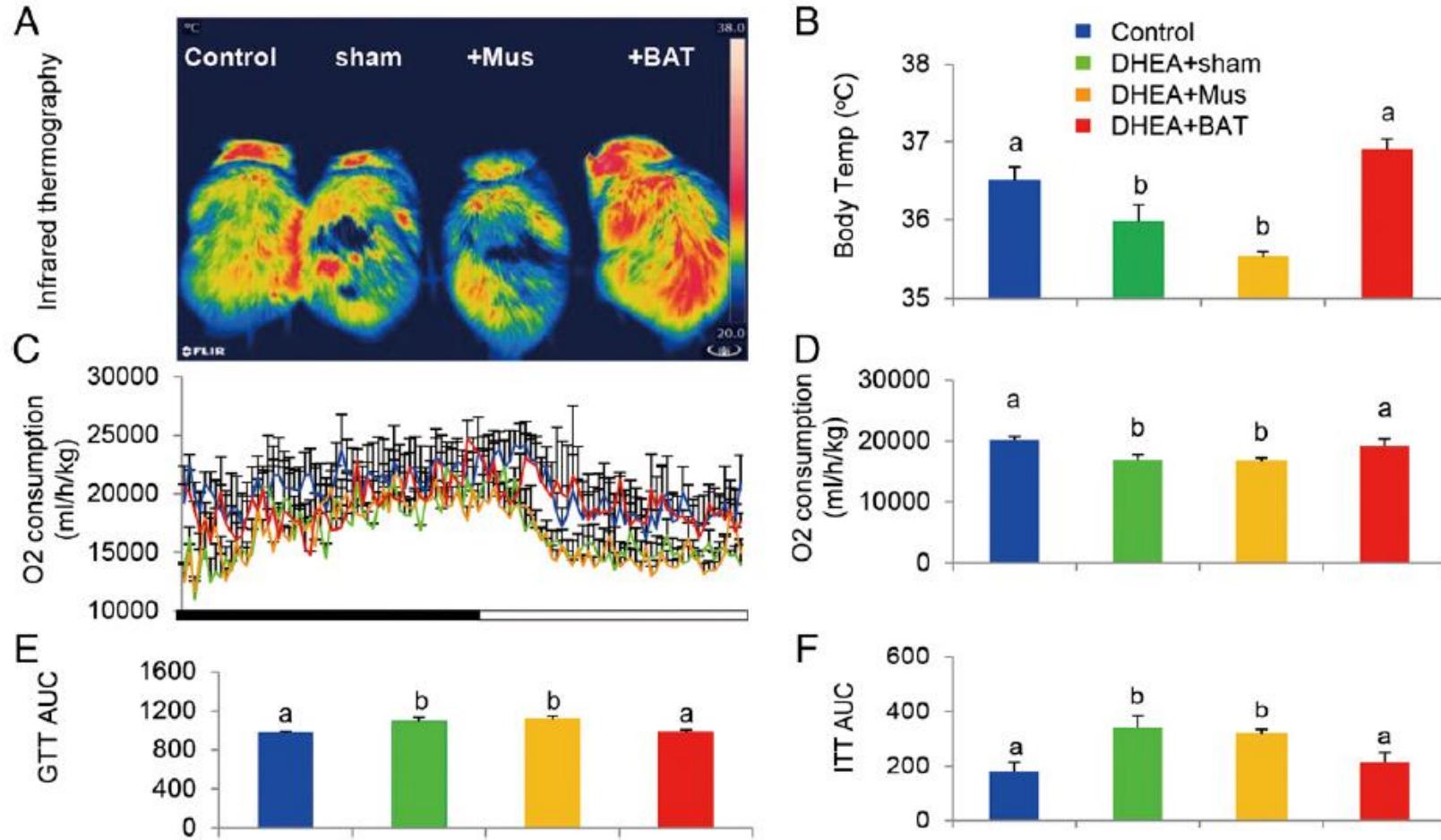


# Brown adipose tissue transplantation ameliorates polycystic ovary syndrome

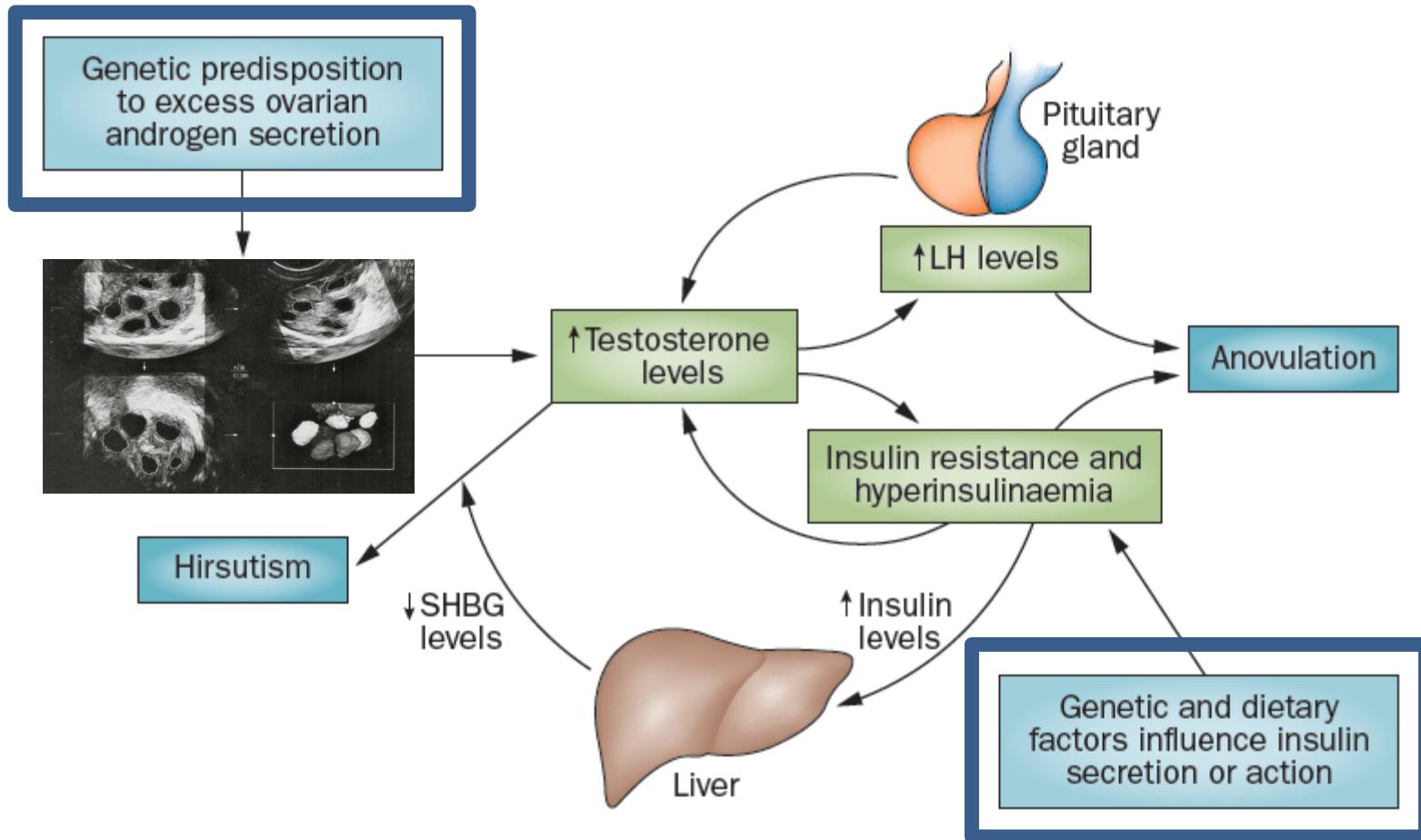
**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

**E**


# BAT TRANSPLANTATION REVERTS PCOS METABOLIC ABNORMALITIES



# Genetic predisposition to PCOS and hirsutism



# FOCAL POINTS

Brown adipose tissue (BAT) is present in the human adult, involved in energy metabolism, glycemic regulation and lipid balance

Exercise can play a key role in the metabolism of BAT, recruiting it and activating it through SNS (norepinephrine) and myokines

In the mouse model a wide variety of stimuli activate BAT and adipose cell transdifferentiation

The transformation of BAT into WAT occurs in humans in response to aging, energy imbalance and other factors

The increase in BAT activity improves metabolism and its decrease is associated with metabolic dysfunction and obesity in the mouse

The increase in volume of WAT is characterized by infiltration of immune cells that participate in the activation of a condition of chronic low-grade inflammation, even if the same immune system can play in response to the cold a positive role in development, function and activity of the BAT and in the process of "beiging" of WAT, with a prominent role of eosinophils and alternative activation of macrophages, therefore also ways of activation of the immune system can open to potential new therapeutic strategies