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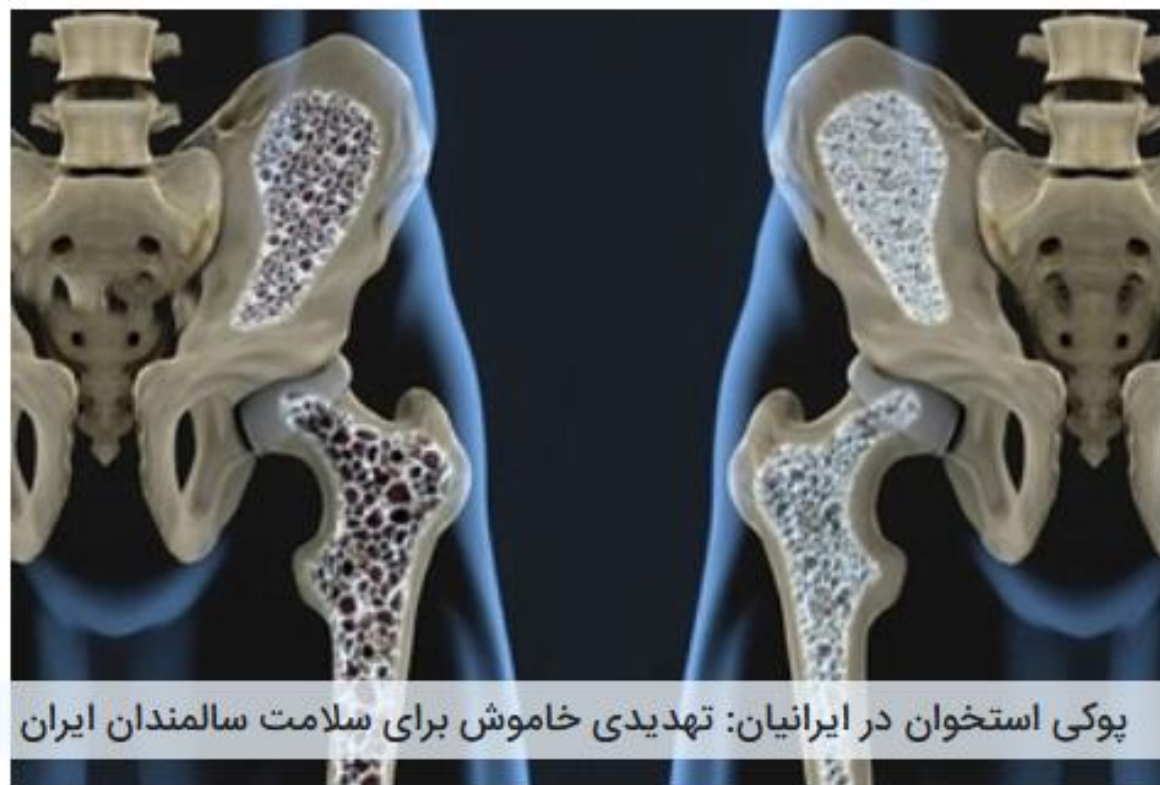
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پوکی استخوان در ایرانیان: تهدیدی خاموش برای سلامت سالمندان ایران



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نوتاه و کاربردی



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استخوان‌های ما، ستون‌های محکم بدنمان، در طول زمان به طور طبیعی ضعیف می‌شوند. اما این ضعف طبیعی می‌تواند به پوکی استخوان تبدیل شود، بیماری‌ای که استخوان‌ها را شکننده و مستعد شکستگی‌های دردناک و ناتوان‌کننده می‌کند.

مطالعه مرور نظام‌مند جدیدی که در مجله "دیابت و اختلالات متابولیک" منتشر شده، زنگ خطر را در مورد شیوع بالای پوکی استخوان در بین افراد مسن در ایران به صدا در آورده است. بر اساس این مطالعه، تقریباً از هر ۳ زن بالای ۵۰ سال در ایران و از هر ۴ مرد ۱ نفر به این بیماری مبتلا هستند (شیوع ۳۸ درصدی برای زنان و ۲۵ درصدی برای مردان بالای ۵۰ سال). شیوع بالای پوکی استخوان در جمعیت سالمندان نشان‌دهنده یک تهدید جدی برای سلامت عمومی به ویژه در میان افراد مسن است.

پوکی استخوان، که به عنوان "بیماری خاموش" نیز شناخته می‌شود، اغلب بدون علامت باقی می‌ماند تا زمانی که یک شکستگی ناگهانی رخ دهد. این شکستگی‌ها می‌توانند منجر به درد شدید، ناتوانی، از دست دادن استقلال و حتی مرگ شوند.



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Association between sarcopenia and osteoporosis: the cross-sectional study from NHANES 1999–2020 and a bi-directions Mendelian randomization study

- Our study identified that it is a **positive correlation** exists between OP and the prevalence of sarcopenia.
- **OP and SP may have a strong causal relationship.**
- OP is more prone to losing Appendicular Lean Mass, and **severe loss of ALM may lead to a decrease in LS BMD.**



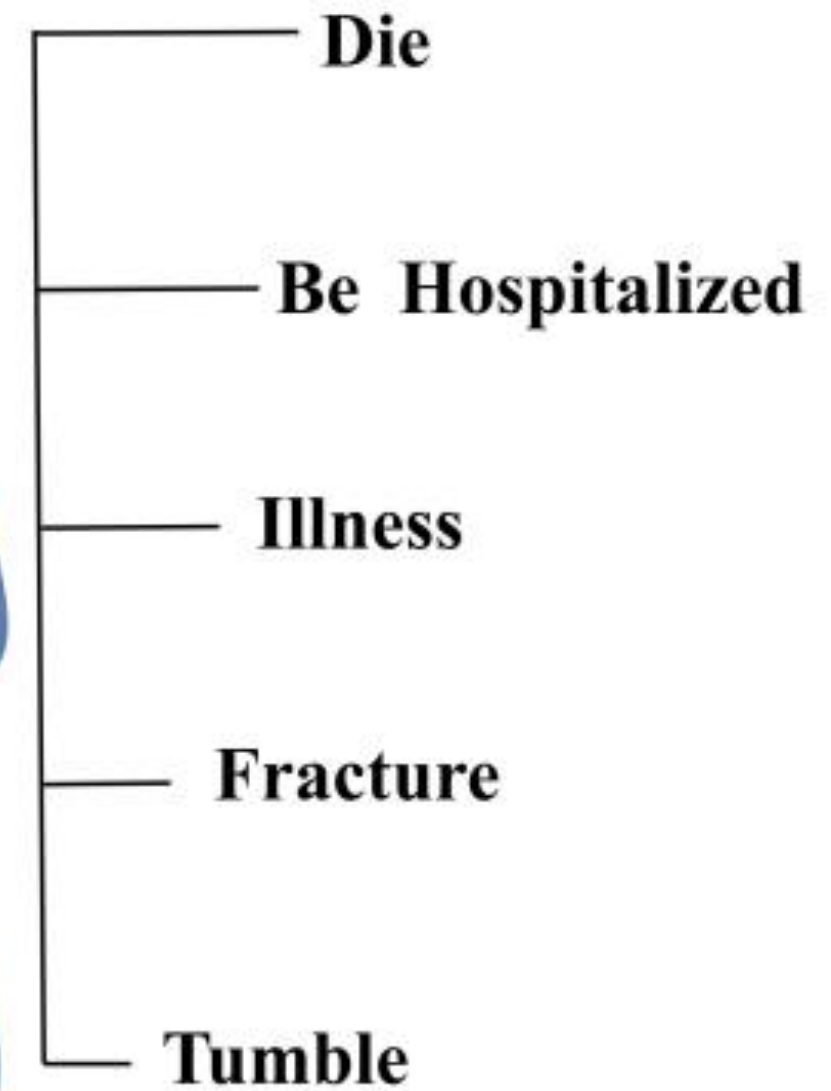
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Metabolic Block

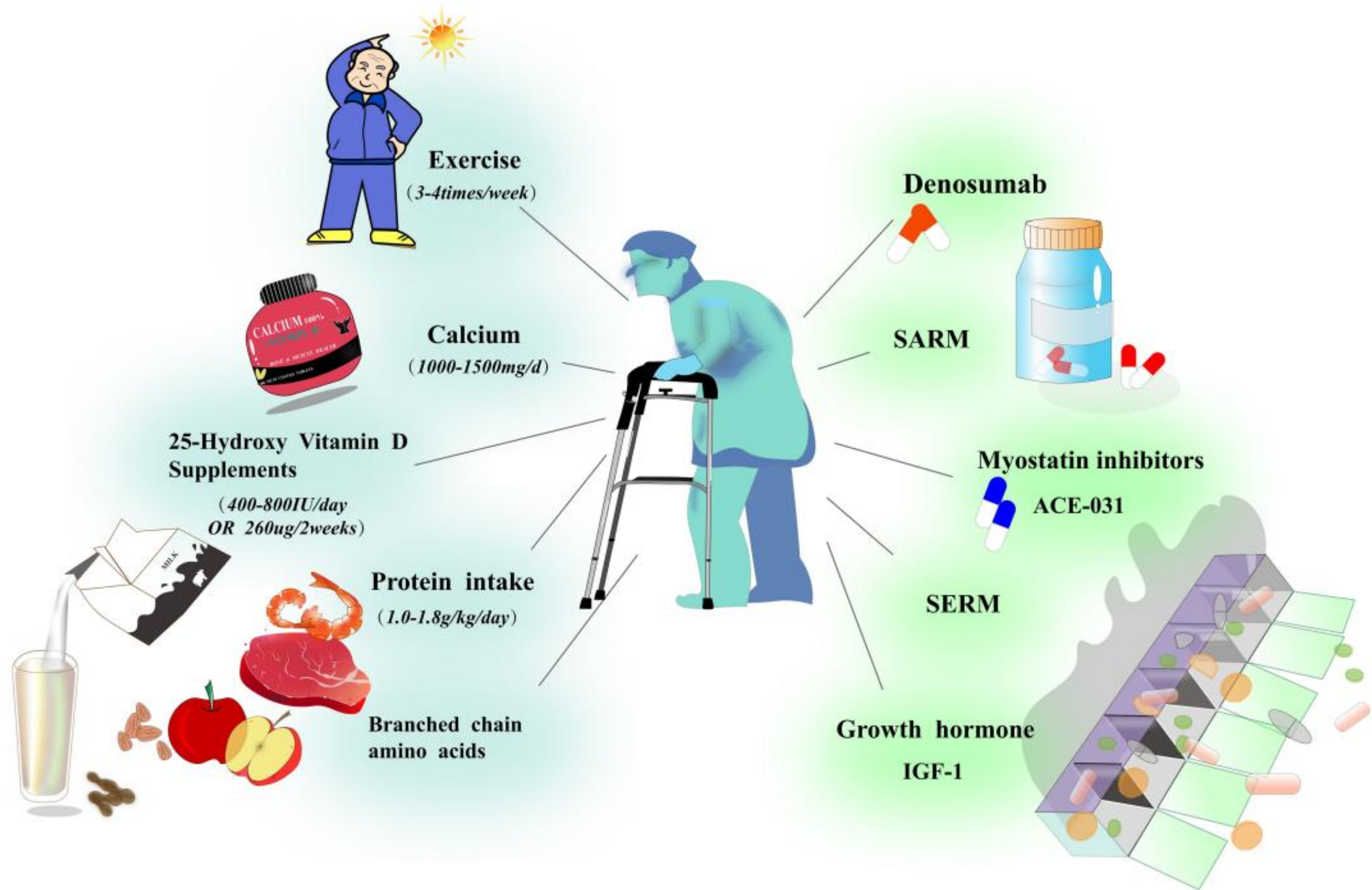


Frailty and Atrophic



Osteosarcopenia

Patients with chronic diseases



Mitigating disuse-induced skeletal muscle atrophy in ageing: Resistance exercise as a critical countermeasure

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Highlights

- **What is the topic of this review?**

Use of resistance exercise training to prevent or mitigate the disuse-induced muscle atrophy in an ageing population.

- **What advances does it highlight?**

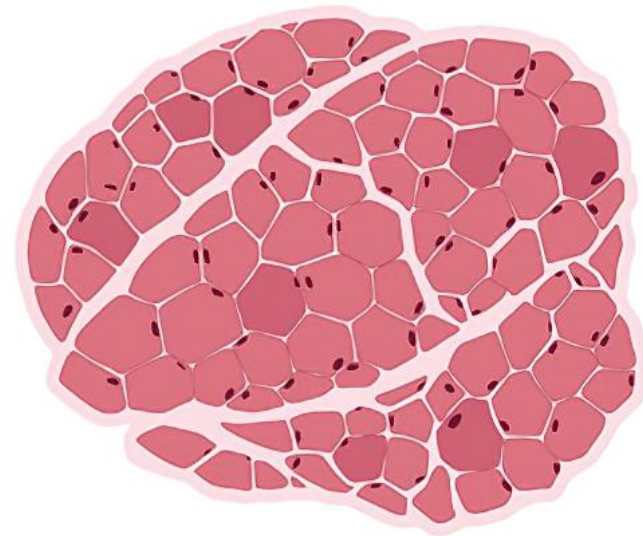
The review highlights several potential mechanisms of disuse-induced muscle atrophy and strategies before, during and following disuse to prevent, mitigate and recover lost muscle.

Skeletal Muscle Atrophy in Ageing and Disuse

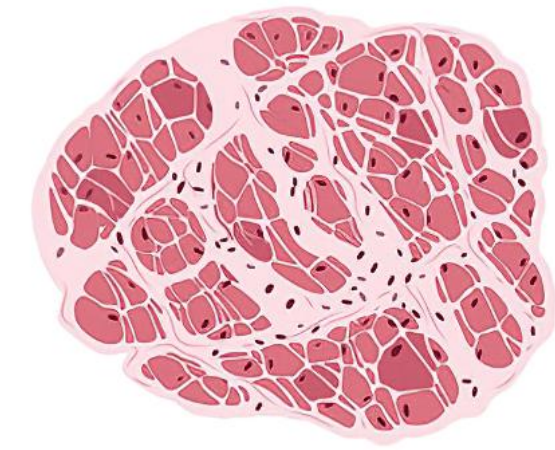
Underlying Causes

Disuse-related: Unloading, Immobilization, Denervation, Reduced Physical Activity.

Age-related: Ageing of Physiological Systems, Insufficient Nutrient Ingestion, Low Grade Inflammation, Reduced Physical Activity.



Eutrophic Adult Skeletal Muscle



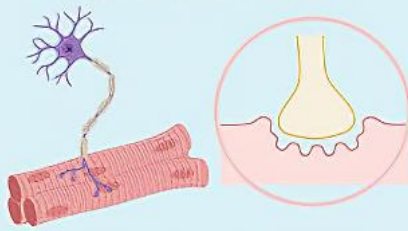
Skeletal Muscle Atrophy resulting from Ageing and Disuse

Consequences and Mechanisms

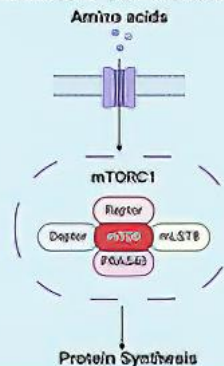
- Reduced Neuromuscular Activation
- Decreased Mechanostimulation
- Neuromuscular Junction Instability
- Modified Immune Cells Activation
- Signs of Inflammation and Fibrosis
- Anabolic Resistance
- Reduced Muscle Protein Synthesis
- Increased Muscle Protein Breakdown
- Altered Proteostasis (*Accumulation of Misfolded or Defective Proteins*)
- Dysregulated Autophagy
- Increased Oxidative and Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress
- Disturbed Mitochondrial Turnover and Function
- (*Accumulation of Defective and Malfunctional Mitochondria*)

Atrophy-Priming Mechanisms Incrementing the Effects of Disuse in the Ageing Muscle

Reduced Physical Activity and Mechanical Load



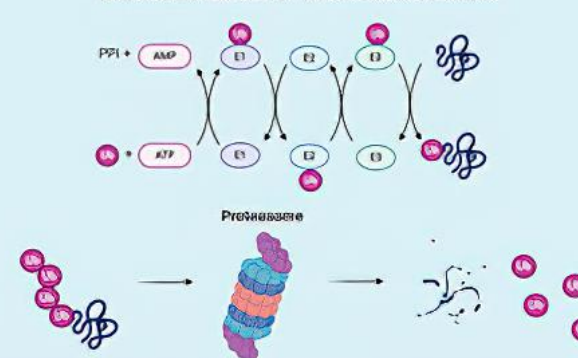
Anabolic Resistance



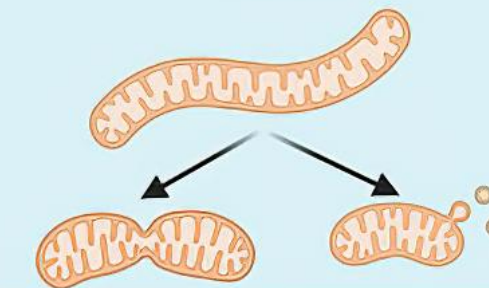
Muscle Pro-Inflammatory environment



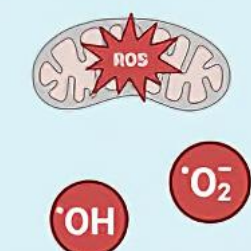
Disturbed Proteostasis

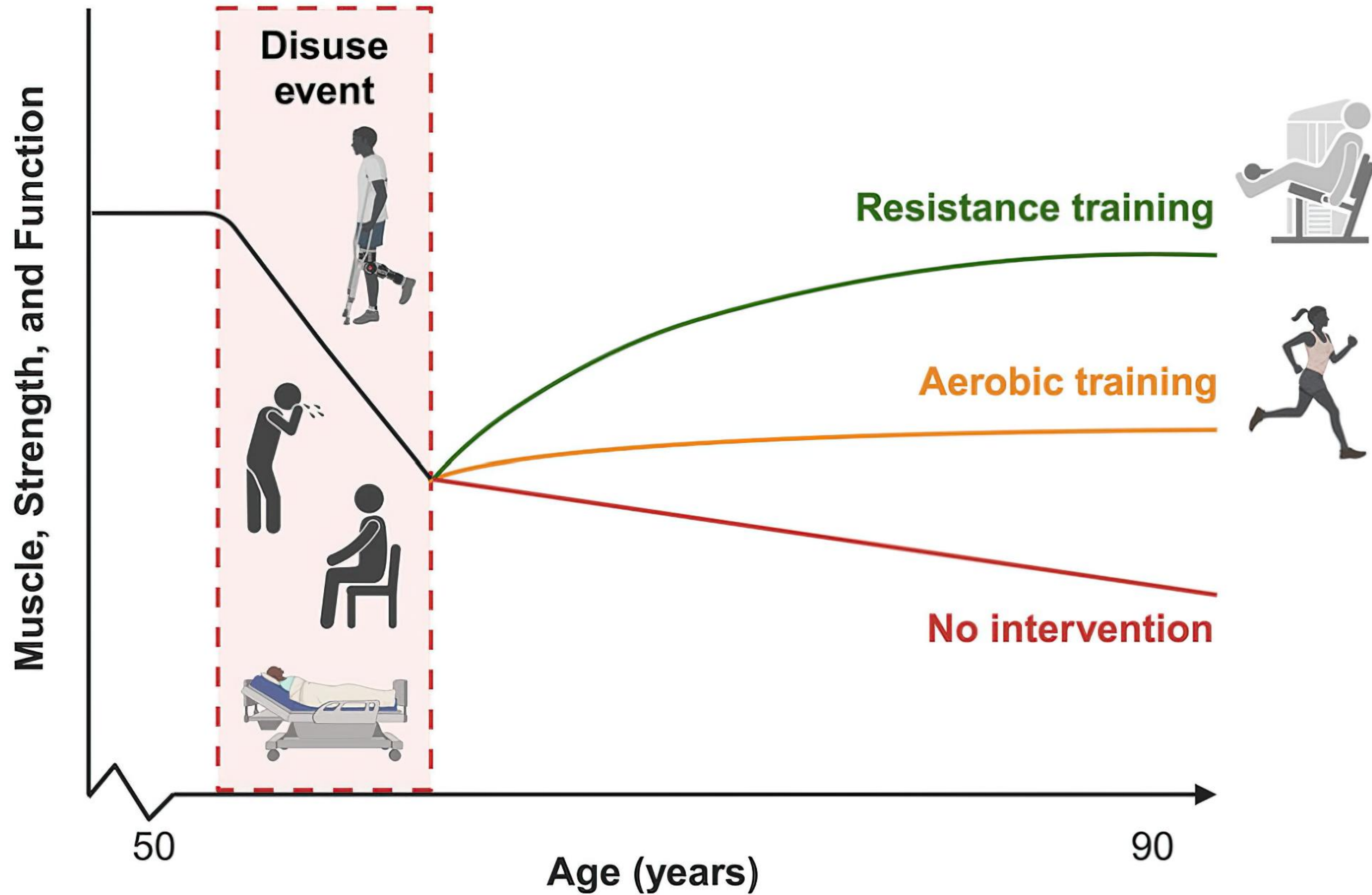


Disturbed Mitochondrial Turnover

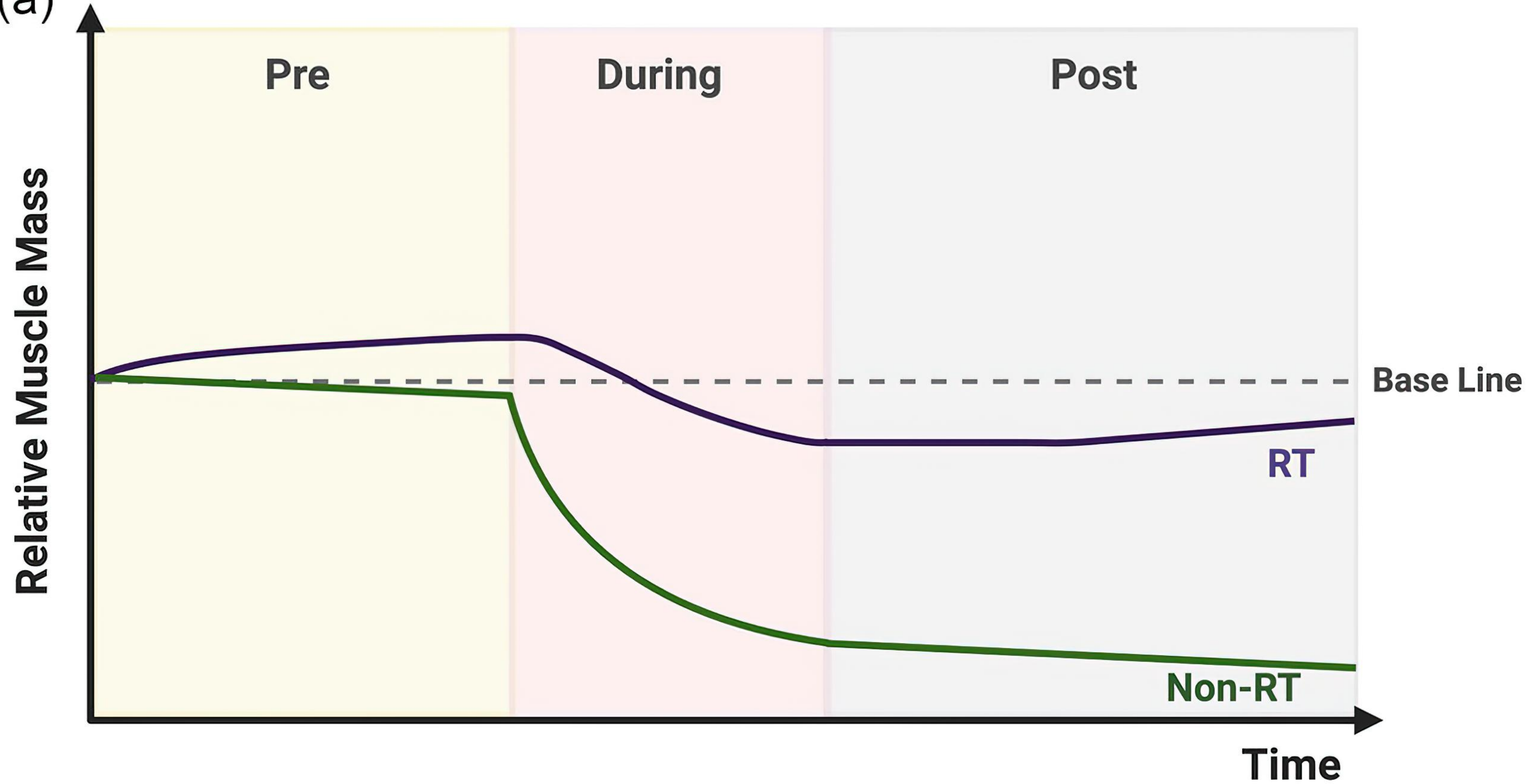


Mitochondrial Dysfunction





(a)



- **Sarcopenic obesity is considered to be a combination of sarcopenia (decreased muscle mass and function) and obesity (excess body fat mass).**

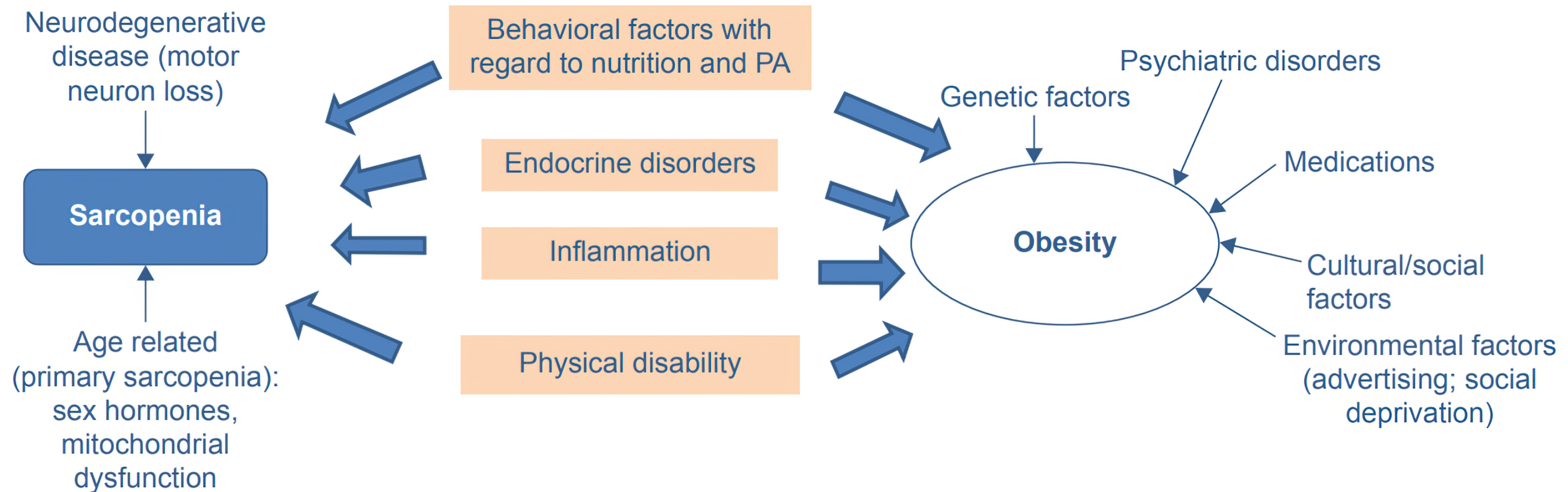
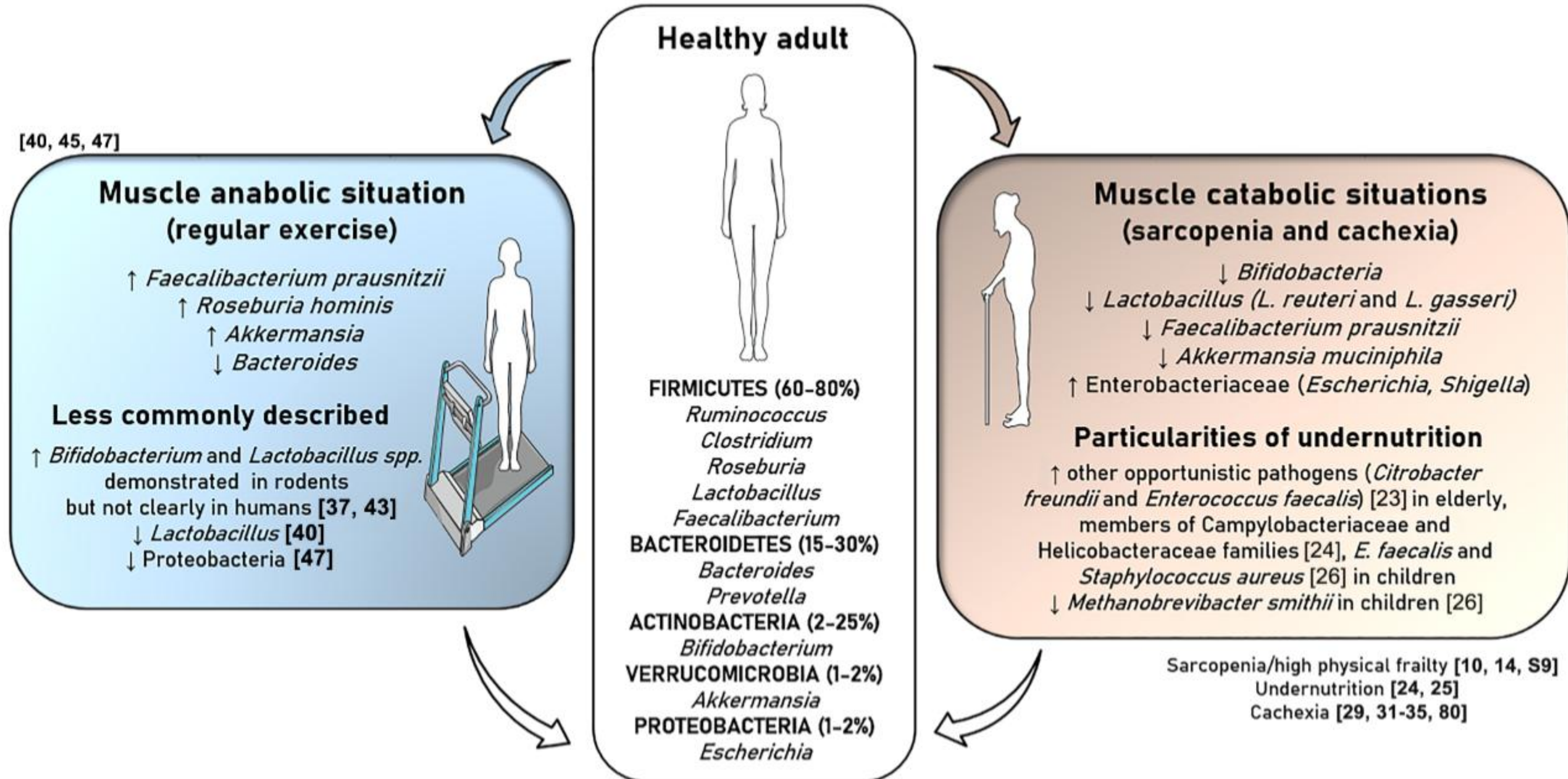


Figure 1 Contributing factors for sarcopenia and obesity.
Abbreviation: PA, physical activity.

microbiota–gut–muscle axis



Protective effects of exercise and nutrition interventions in sarcopenia

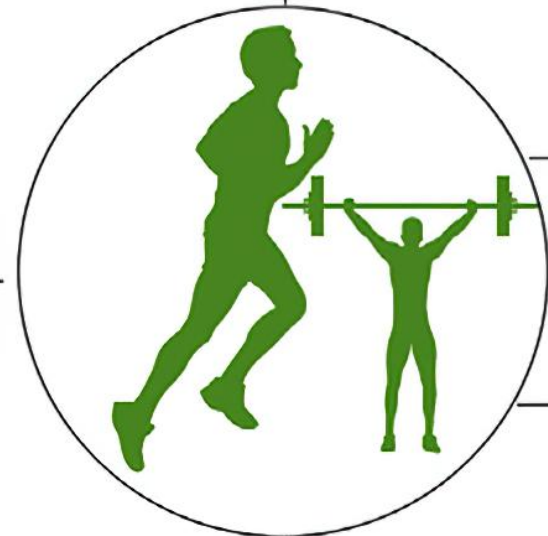
Exercise Intervention

- Resistance Exercise
- Aerobic Exercise
- High Intensity Interval Training
- Whole Body Vibration
- Electromyostimulation

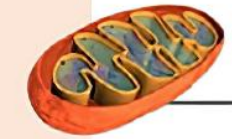


Nutrition Intervention

- Macronutrients
- Micronutrients



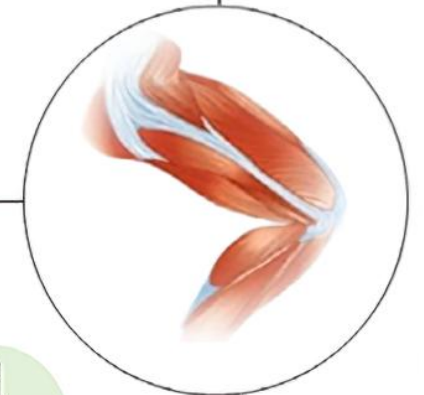
- **Alleviated oxidative stress:** AMPK/PGC-1 α and Akt/mTOR \uparrow mitochondrial function \uparrow ROS \downarrow CAT, GSH-Px and SOD \uparrow
- **Ameliorated inflammation:** AMPK/PGC-1 α and VEGF \uparrow anti-inflammatory capacity \uparrow pro-inflammatory factors \downarrow
- **Reduced cells apoptosis:** AMPK/PGC-1 α and PI3K/Akt \uparrow oxidative stress and inflammation \downarrow anti-apoptosis proteins \uparrow cells apoptosis \downarrow



- **Increased muscular perfusion:** VEGF and NO \uparrow angiogenesis and endothelial function \uparrow blood circulation \uparrow muscular perfusion \uparrow

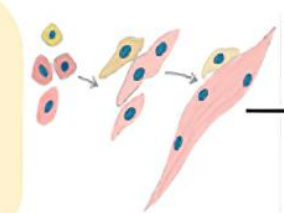


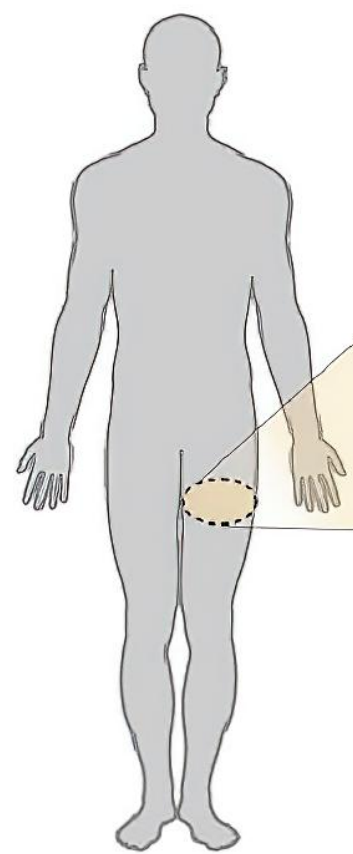
- **Maintained balance of protein synthesis and degradation:** protein synthesis \uparrow PGC-1 α and mTORC1 pathways \uparrow UPS and downstream \downarrow protein degradation \downarrow



- **Cytokines protective effects:** IGF-1 \uparrow PGC-1 α and Irisin \uparrow angiogenesis and mitochondrial function \uparrow anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory capacities \uparrow cells apoptosis \downarrow . GDF15 and TNF- α \downarrow oxidative stress and inflammation \downarrow muscle fibers injury \downarrow

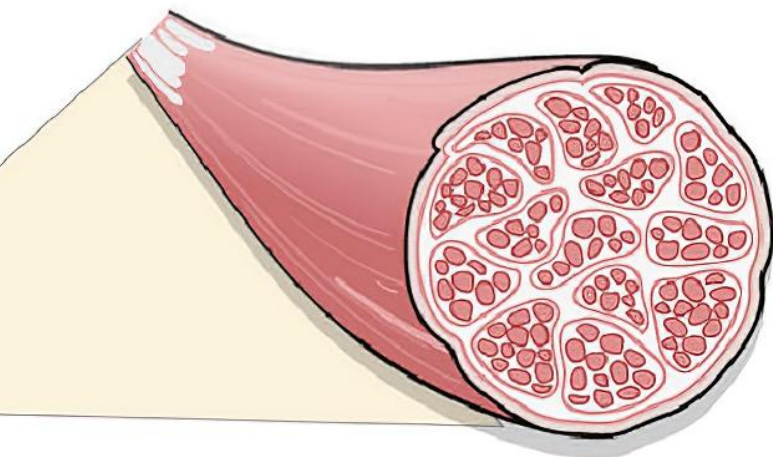
- **Activate satellite cells:** Wnt/ β -catenin and PI3K/Akt \uparrow Pax7 \uparrow Myf5 and MyoD \uparrow satellite cells proliferation and differentiation \uparrow excessive activation of PI3K/Akt/mTOR \downarrow SCs excessive activation and injury \downarrow cells regenerative potentials \uparrow



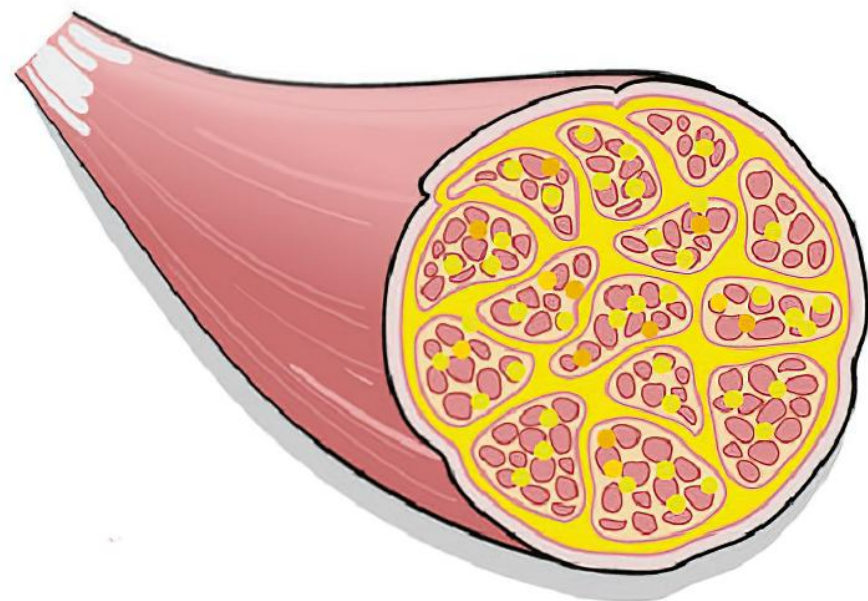


Asian Ethnicity

Skeletal Muscle



Myosteatosis



Skeletal Insulin Resistance ↑

- Muscle Glucose Uptake ↓
- Glycogen Synthesis ↓

Systemic Insulin Resistance ↑

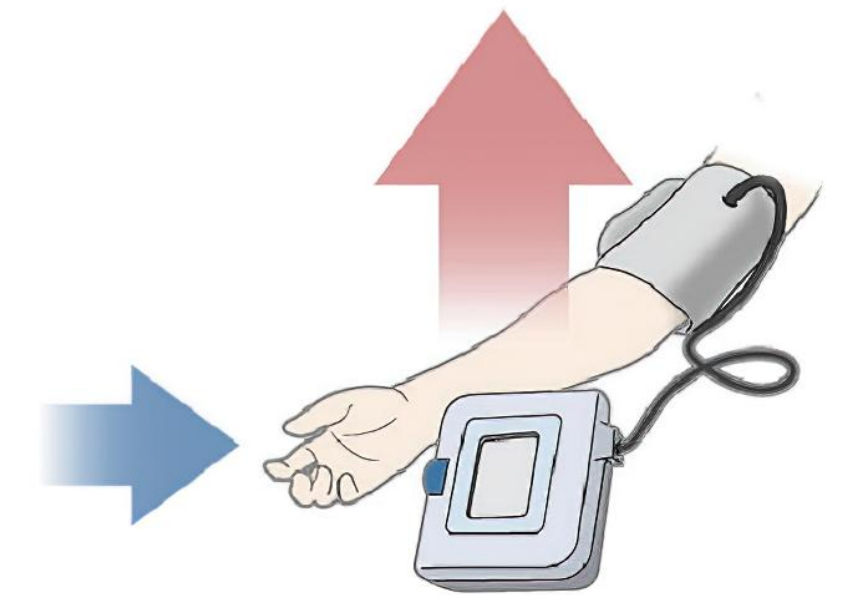
Carbohydrate away from skeletal muscle storage

Hepatic de novo lipogenesis ↑

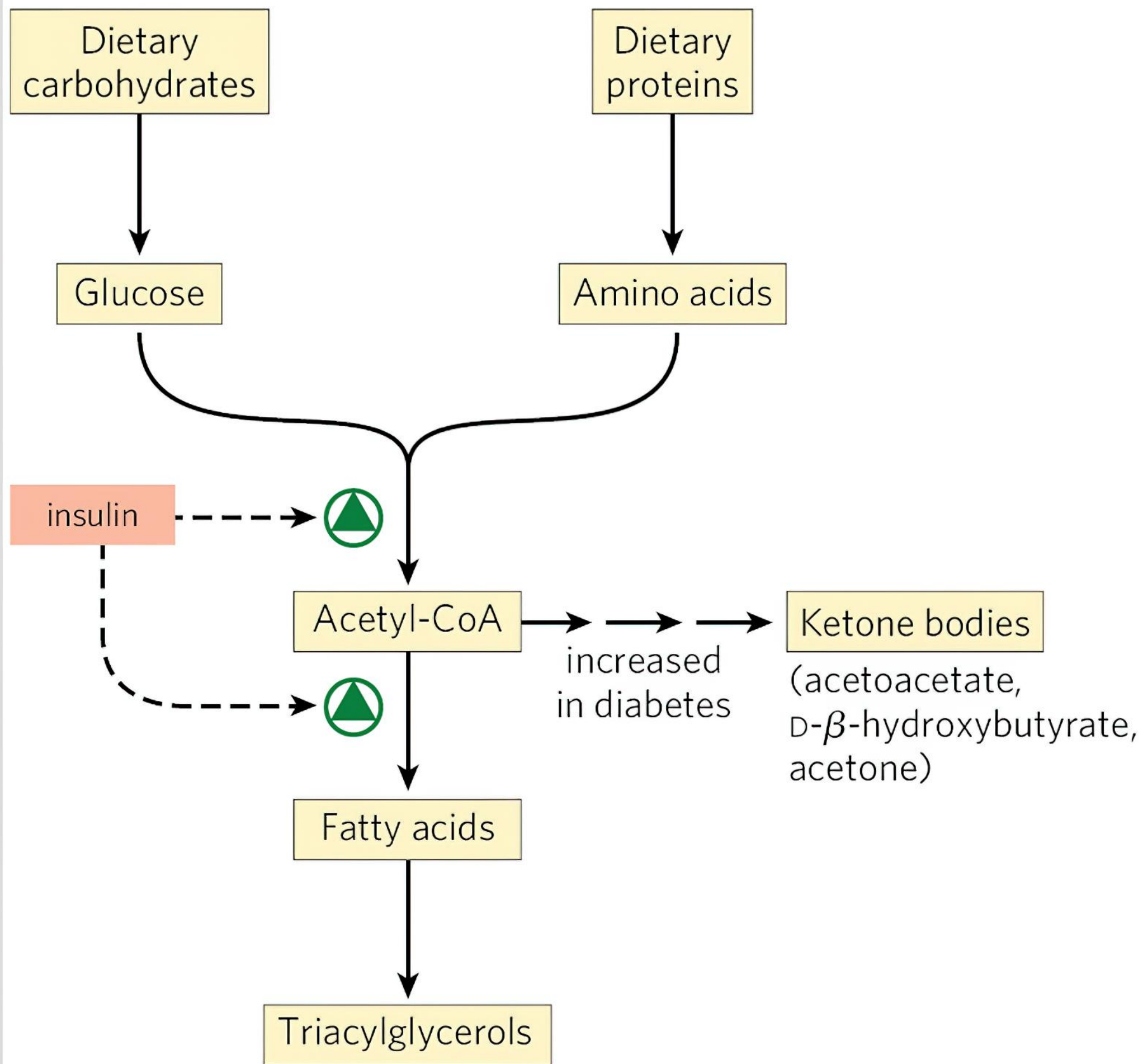
Blood triglyceride ↑ & HDL-C ↓

Atherogenic lipid abnormalities

Endothelial dysfunction with impaired vasodilation



Hypertension



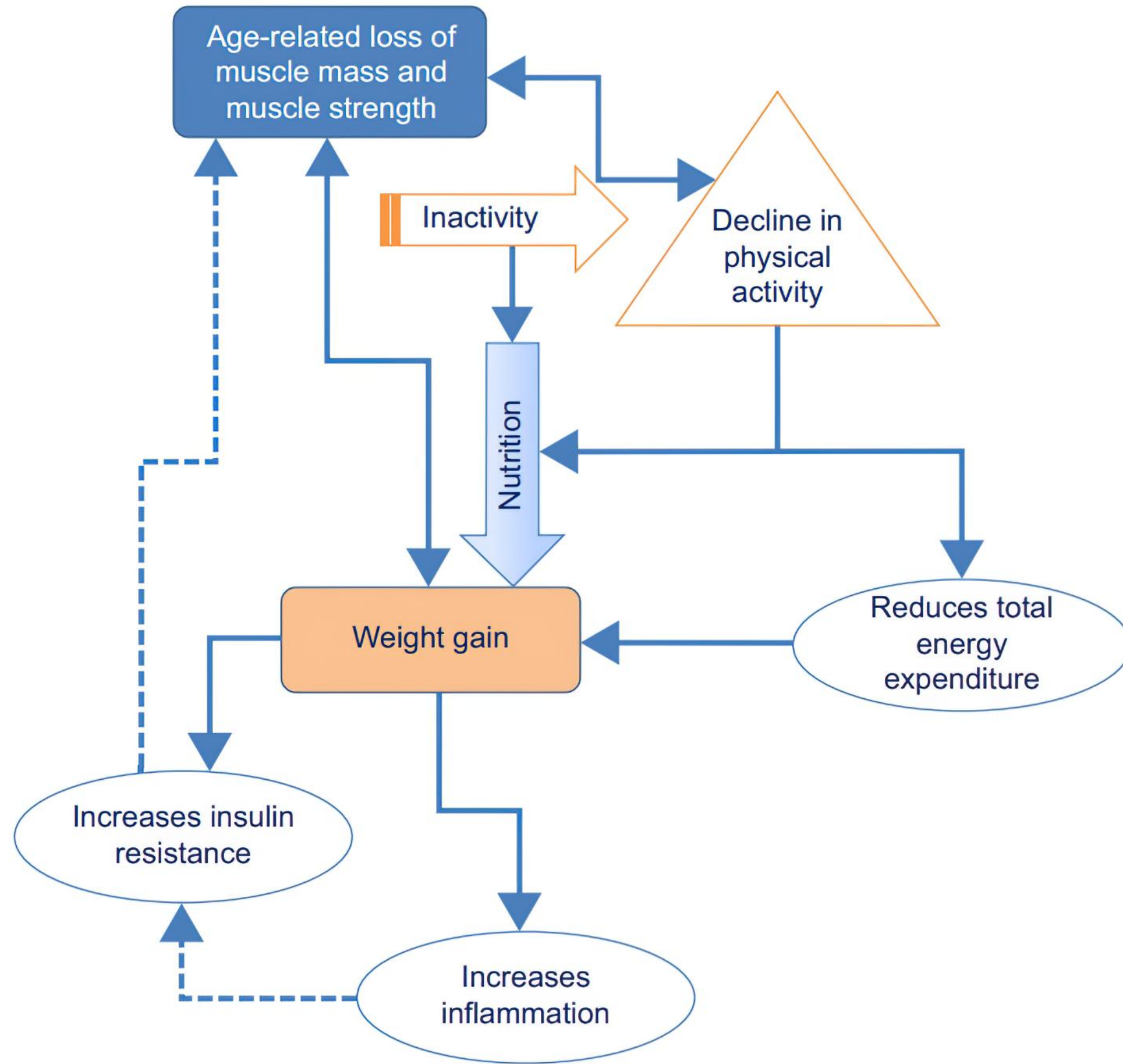
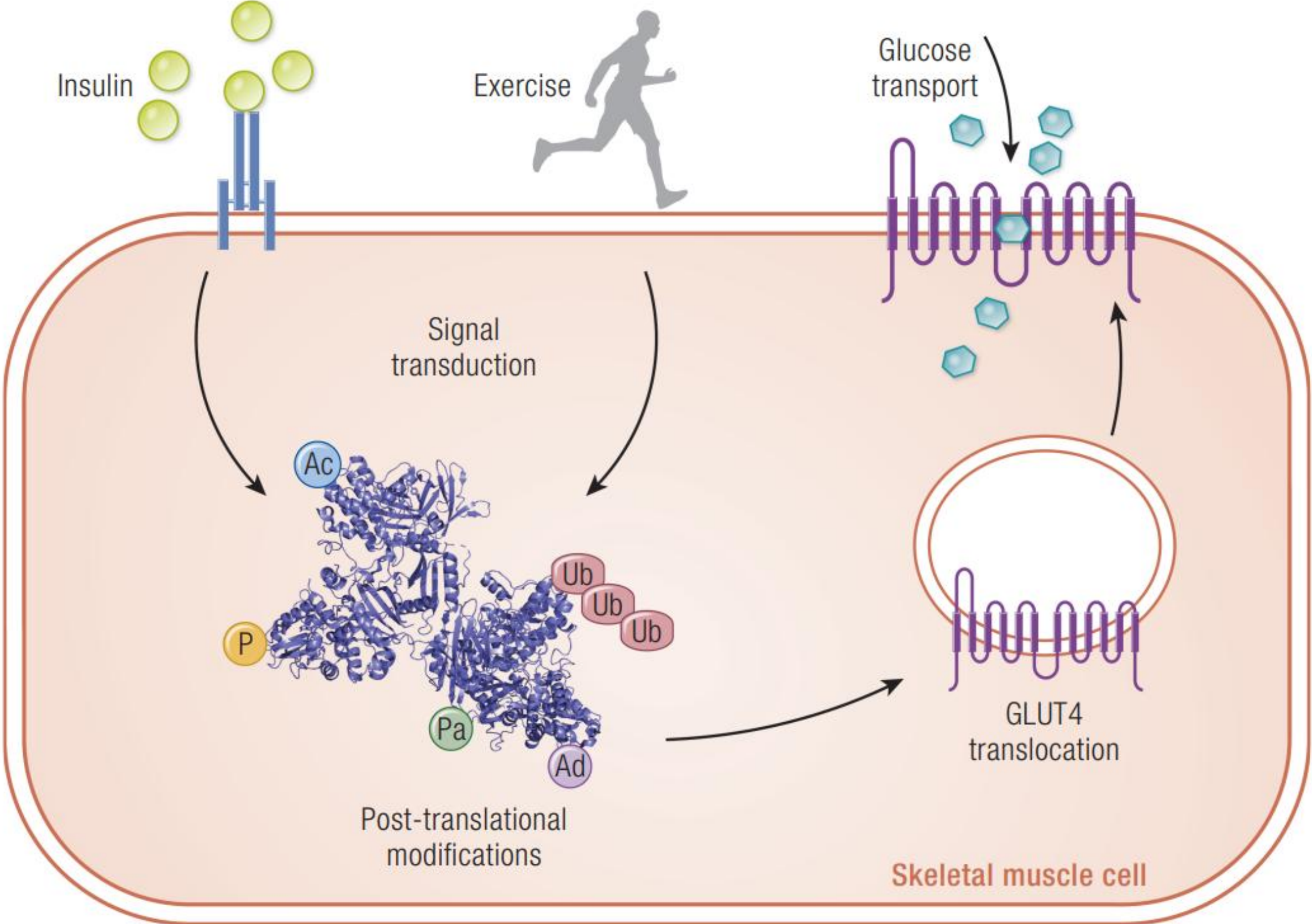


Figure 2 Influences of physical activity and nutrition on sarcopenic obesity.

insulin-independent glucose uptake





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**Safety, Adherence and Attractiveness of Whole-Body
Electromyostimulation in Non-Athletic Cohorts.
A Systematic Review**

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Side effects of and contraindications for whole-body electro-myostimulation

- Muscular damage by WB-EMS
- WB-EMS in patients with heart failure
- WB-EMS in elderly patients with sarcopenic obesity
- Rhabdomyolysis after WB-EMS
- **WB- EMS is contraindicated in patients with implanted electronic devices such as:**
pacemakers, implanted defibrillators, neuro- stimulators or pain pumps because of potential electrical interference

[(Very) high Creatin kinase concentration after exertional whole-body electromyostimulation application: health risks and longitudinal adaptations]

[Article in German]

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- Initial high intense WB-EMS application (bipolar, 85 Hz; 350 ms; intermittent, 20 min) led to an increase of the CK-level by the 117fold (28.545 ± 33.611 IU/l) of baseline.
- After 10 weeks of WB-EMS (1 session/week) CK-reaction to intensive WB-EMS-Application was significantly blunted (906 ± 500 IE/l) and averaged in the area of conventional resistance exercise.
- intensity of WB-EMS should be carefully increased during the initial sessions.

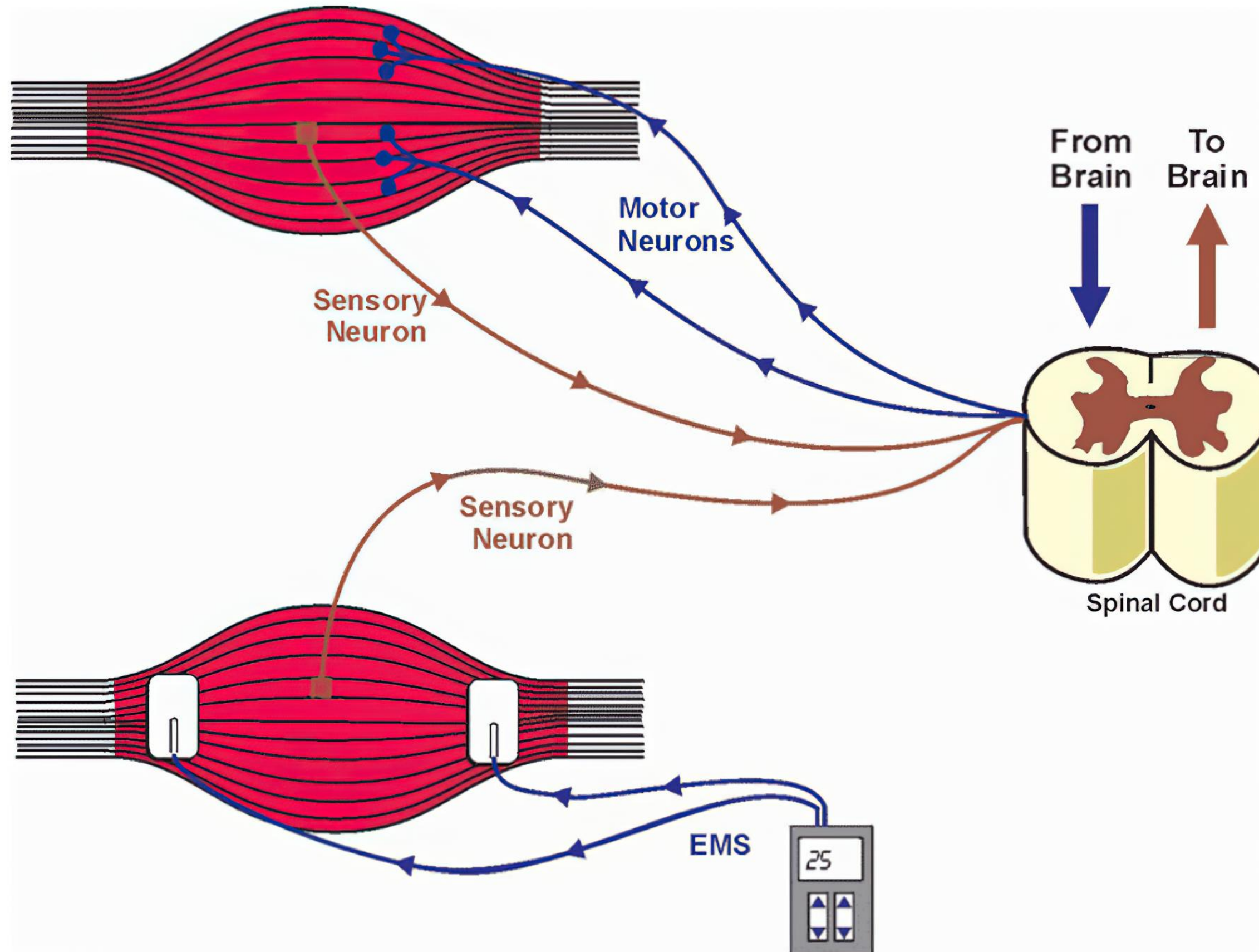


Image 1: Electrical Muscle Stimulation (EMS) contracts muscles forcefully using electrical impulses, in much the same way that our brains do. When used correctly, EMS has the capability to improve our health and well-being.

From a mechanistic perspective

EMS is the same as neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES), but in the rehabilitation literature the term NMES is more often used for local devices, whereas in fitness and whole-body suits the terms EMS/WB-EMS are commonly used

EMS Compared with Traditional Resistance Training

- Higher training effect in **less time** (e.g., ~20-minute sessions with high internal load)
- Preferential **recruitment of fast-twitch and deep muscle fibers**, even in deconditioned individuals
- **Lower joint stress** for a given muscle load (useful with pain, obesity, or post-rehab)
- Simultaneous **activation of many large muscle groups**, increasing energy expenditure per minute
- Usable as a partial **alternative to exercise for people with limited mobility**



Comparing the effects of 25-minute electrical muscle stimulation vs. 90-minute full-body resistance training on body composition and strength: A 20-week intervention

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۱. هر دو گروه (فول بادی EMS و تمرین مقاومتی سنتی) در ۲۰ هفته از نظر ترکیب بدن و حداکثر قدرت عضلانی بهبود معنی دار داشتند

۲. گروه تمرین مقاومتی سنتی کاهش بیشتر درصد چربی بدن و افزایش بیشتر قدرت حداکثر در bench press، leg press، shoulder press، triceps pushdown و عضلات شکم نشان داد

۳. گروه EMS کاهش بیشتر وزن بدن و BMI را تجربه کرد

novel technology is an **effective and safe** method to prevent cardiometabolic risk factors and diseases in older women unable or unwilling to exercise conventionally.



Figure 2 WB-EMS application with slight movements in a supine sitting/lying position.
Abbreviation: WB-EMS, whole-body electromyostimulation.



- frail individuals indicated high training satisfaction with WB-EMS
- safe in respect to the risk of rhabdomyolysis
- We observed CK elevations below the a priori defined threshold of $\geq 5,000$ U/l
- no typical clinical signs of exertional rhabdomyolysis (severe muscle pain and weakness, myoglobinuria) were observed

FIGURE 1 | Illustration of WB-EMS.

Whole Body-Electric Muscle Stimulation (WB-EMS)

- EMS known to improve the

balance of muscles and blood flow

strengthen the heart

relieve pain

increase muscle activity

power

exercise performance

body composition

- WB-EMS can be considered as a **feasible** and **time-efficient** exercise option



Efficacy of Whole-Body Electromyostimulation (WB-EMS) on Body Composition and Muscle Strength in Non-athletic Adults. A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

- **16 studies with 19 individual WB-EMS groups representing 897 participants were included**
- **old to older untrained or at least non-athletic cohorts**
- **moderate to high impulse intensity and low to negligible voluntary workload**

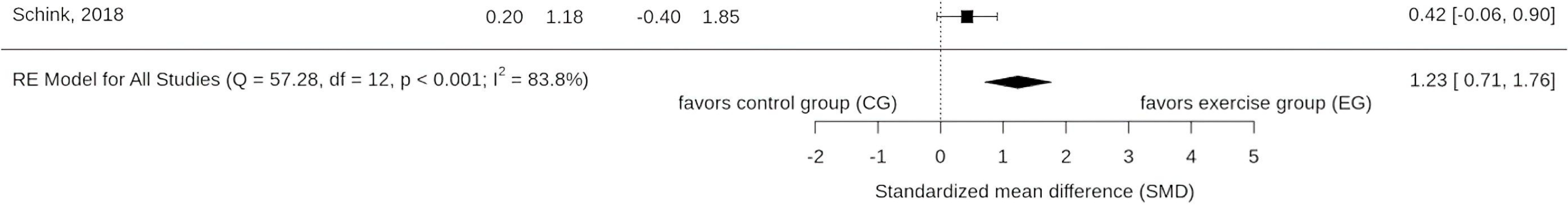


FIGURE 2 | Forest plot of meta-analysis results on muscle mass. The data are shown as pooled standard mean differences (SMD) with 95% CI for changes in WB-EMS and control groups.

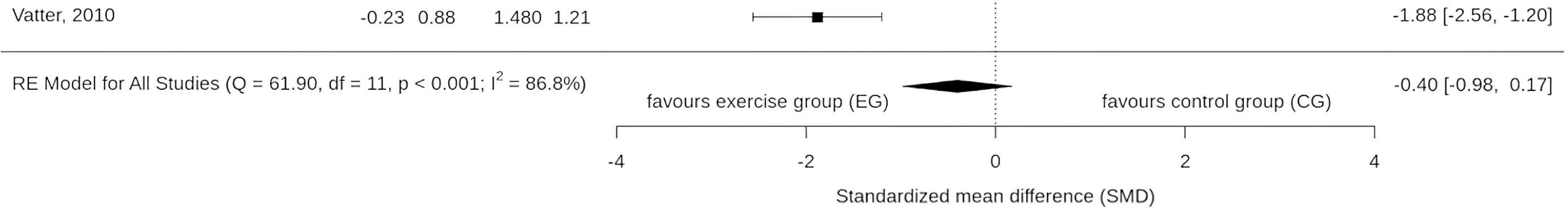


FIGURE 4 | Forest plot of meta-analysis results on total body fat. The data are shown as pooled standard mean differences (SMD) with 95% CI for changes in WB-EMS and control groups.

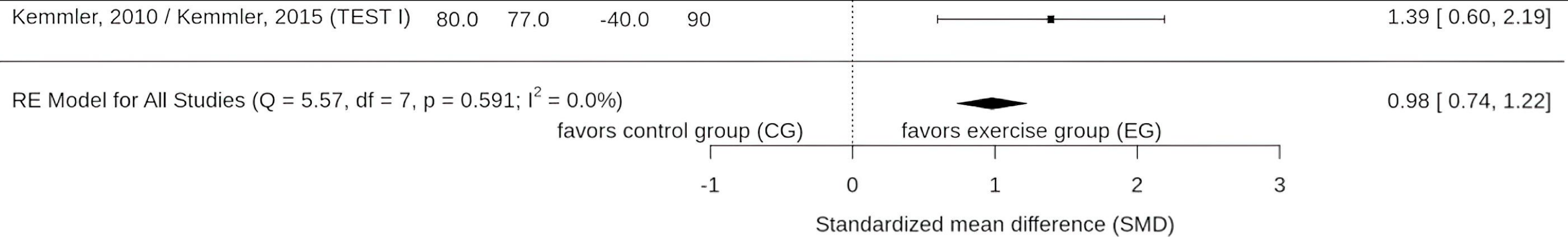


FIGURE 6 | Forest plot of meta-analysis results on maximum leg extension strength. The data are shown as pooled standard mean differences (SMD) with 95% CI for changes in WB-EMS and control groups.

The effects of whole-body muscle stimulation on body composition and strength parameters

A PRISMA systematic review and meta-analysis

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- In total, **26 studies representing 1183 participants** were included
- cohorts in terms of age **(middle age or older)** and level of physical activity **(untrained or less trained)**
- WB-EMS protocols that focus on **moderate to high impulse intensity and low to moderate voluntary workload** (functional bodyweight exercises)

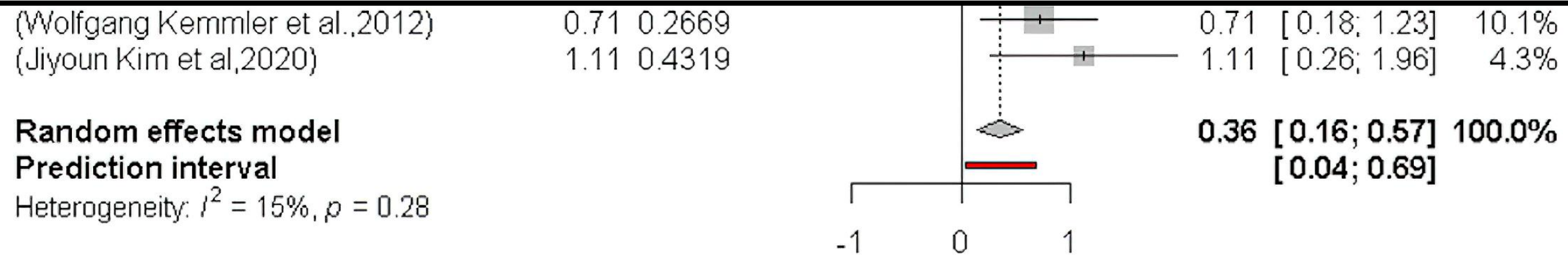


Figure 2. Forest plot of the results of the meta-analysis on muscle mass. Data are shown as pooled standardized mean differences (SMD) with 95% CI for changes in the WB-EMS and non-EMS training groups. CI = confidence interval, WB-EMS = whole-body electromyostimulation.

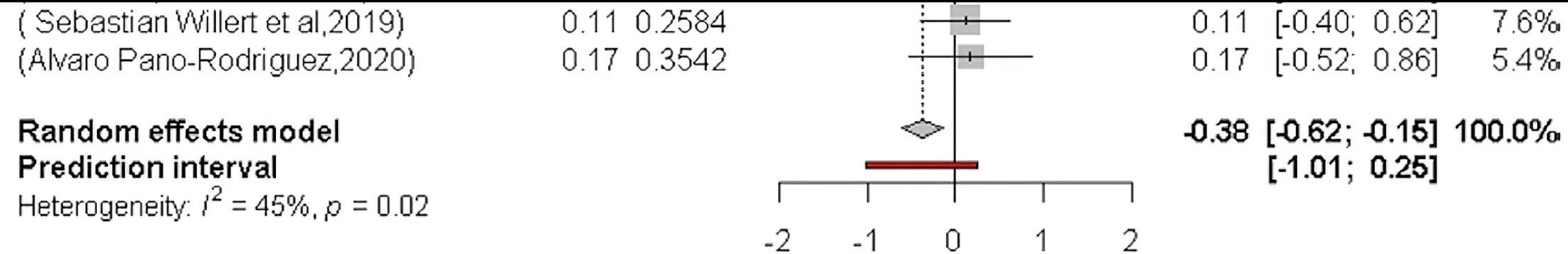


Figure 4. Forest plot of the results of the meta-analysis on body fat. Data are shown as pooled standardized mean differences (SMD) with 95% CI for changes in the WB-EMS and non-EMS training groups. CI = confidence interval, WB-EMS = whole-body electromyostimulation.

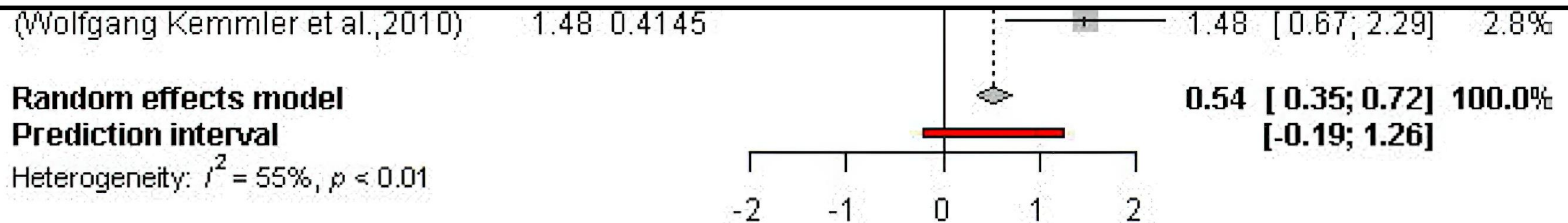


Figure 6. Forest plot of the results of the meta-analysis on strength. Data are shown as pooled standard mean differences (SMD) with 95% CI for changes in the WB-EMS and non-EMS training groups. CI = confidence interval, WB-EMS = whole-body electromyostimulation.

Effects of electromyostimulation on performance parameters in sportive and trained athletes: A systematic review and network meta-analysis

- Both local EMS and WB-EMS lead to

adaptations in strength

jumping

and sprinting

- Neither application appears to be superior

Systematic Review

Effects of Whole-Body Electromyostimulation on Metabolic Syndrome in Adults at Moderate-to-High Cardiometabolic Risk—A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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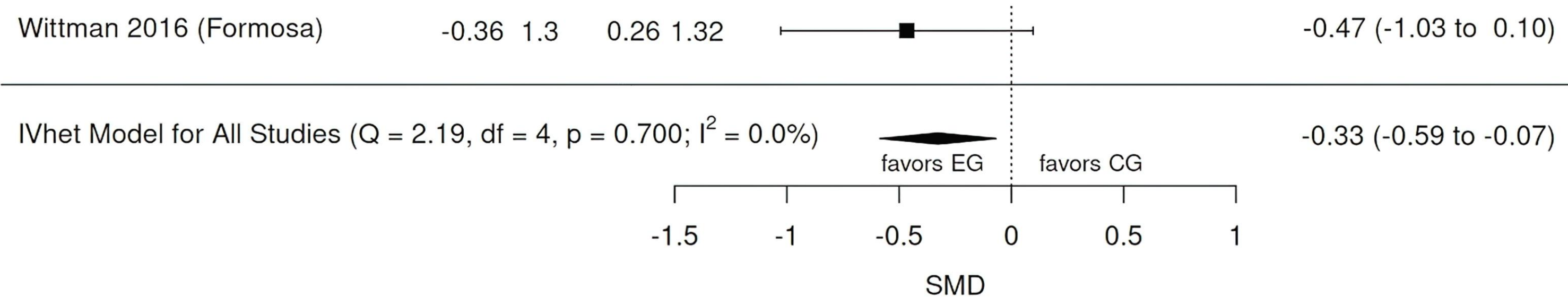


Figure 2. Forest plot showing the meta-analysis results of all the included trials [13,14,22–24] for WB-



- **WB-EMS and conventional back-strengthening protocol are comparably effective in reducing nonspecific chronic Low Back Pain (LBP)**

FIGURE 1: Alternative training technology whole-body electro-myostimulation (WB-EMS).



Fig. 1. WB-EMS training session (Written informed consent was obtained from the participants to publish this picture)

- WB-EMS was found to be effective in relieving knee pain symptoms and improving physical function in individuals with symptomatic knee OA compared to usual care treatment.
- WB-EMS could be used as an alternative therapy in the management of knee OA
- particularly for patients that cannot be motivated for conventional training

Neuromuscular exercise with neuromuscular electrical stimulation in knee osteoarthritis: A randomised controlled pilot trial

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در این مطالعه، بعد از ۶ هفته

۱. شدت درد زانو بر اساس Visual Analog Scale

۲. تمام زیرمقیاس‌های پرسشنامه Knee injury and Osteoarthritis Outcome Score (شامل درد، علائم، عملکرد در

فعالیت‌های روزمره، عملکرد در ورزش و فعالیت بدنی، و کیفیت زندگی مرتبط با زانو)

۳. زمان آزمون Timed Up and Go به‌عنوان شاخص تحرک عملکردی و ریسک سقوط



دامنه حرکتی مفصل زانوی راست بر اساس اندازه‌گیری با گونیامتر

۴. امتیاز Community Balance and Mobility Scale که تعادل و تحرک در فعالیت‌های جامعه‌محور را می‌سنجد

۵. امتیاز Dynamic Gait Index که کیفیت راه‌رفتن پویا و توانایی راه رفتن در شرایط چالشی را ارزیابی می‌کند



Effect of neuromuscular electrical stimulation in postoperative shoulder rehabilitation: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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Conclusions: NMES can be a valuable tool in **multimodal rehabilitation for postoperative shoulder surgery patients**, particularly for pain management. However, its implementation should be considered within the broader context of the patient's overall rehabilitation plan. **Further research is needed** to standardize NMES protocols and explore its effects on diverse postoperative outcomes.

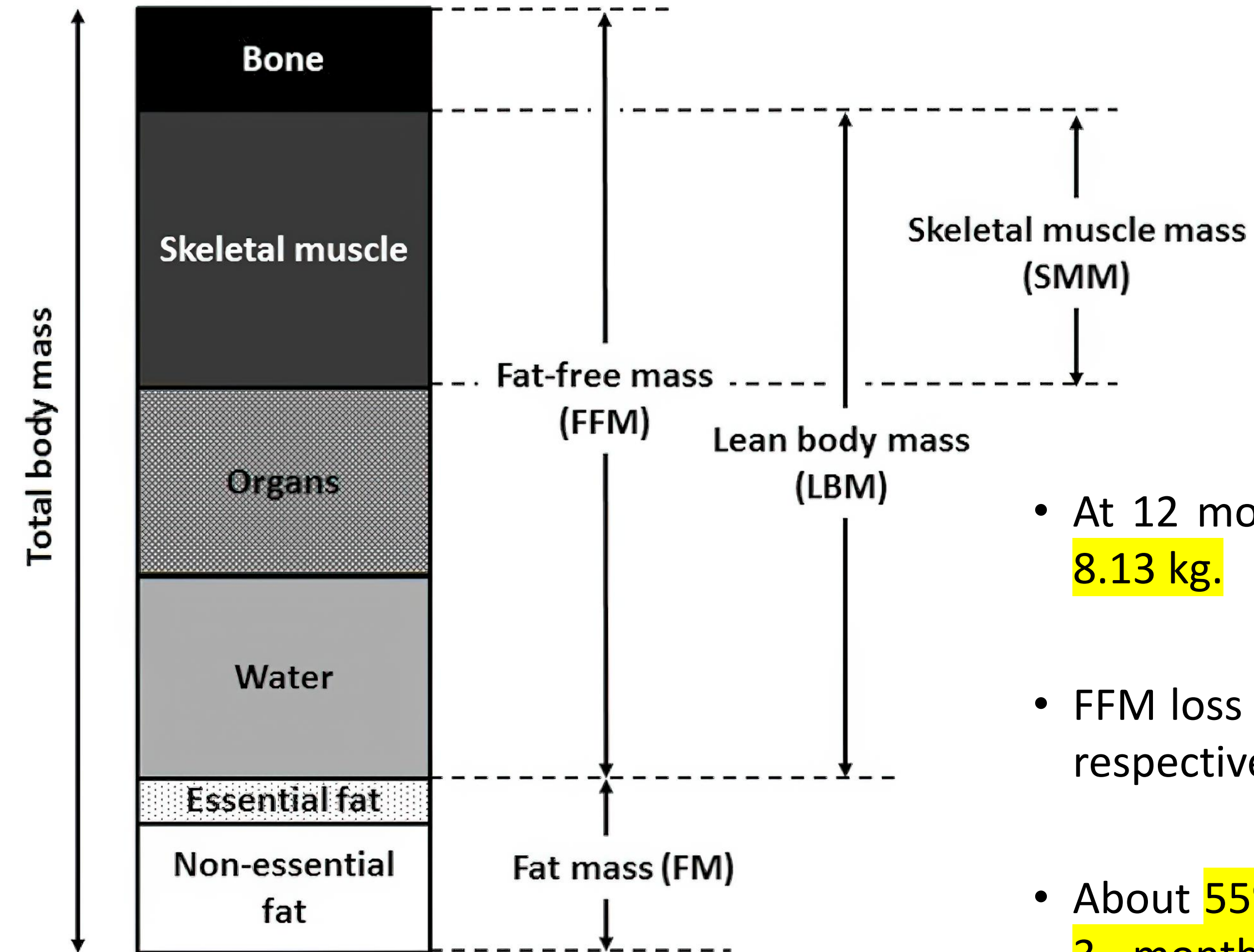
Effect of Electrical Muscle Stimulation Belt for Abdominal Muscles Activation

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Conclusions: The results suggest that EMS activates superficial abdominal muscles **rectus abdominis and external oblique.**



• The magnitude and progress of lean body mass, fat-free mass, and skeletal muscle mass loss following bariatric surgery: A systematic review and meta-analysis

- At 12 months post-surgery, pooled LBM loss was 8.13 kg.
- FFM loss and SMM loss were 8.23 kg and 3.18 kg, respectively.
- About 55% of 12-month LBM loss occurred within 3 months post-surgery, followed by a more gradual decrease up to 12 months.

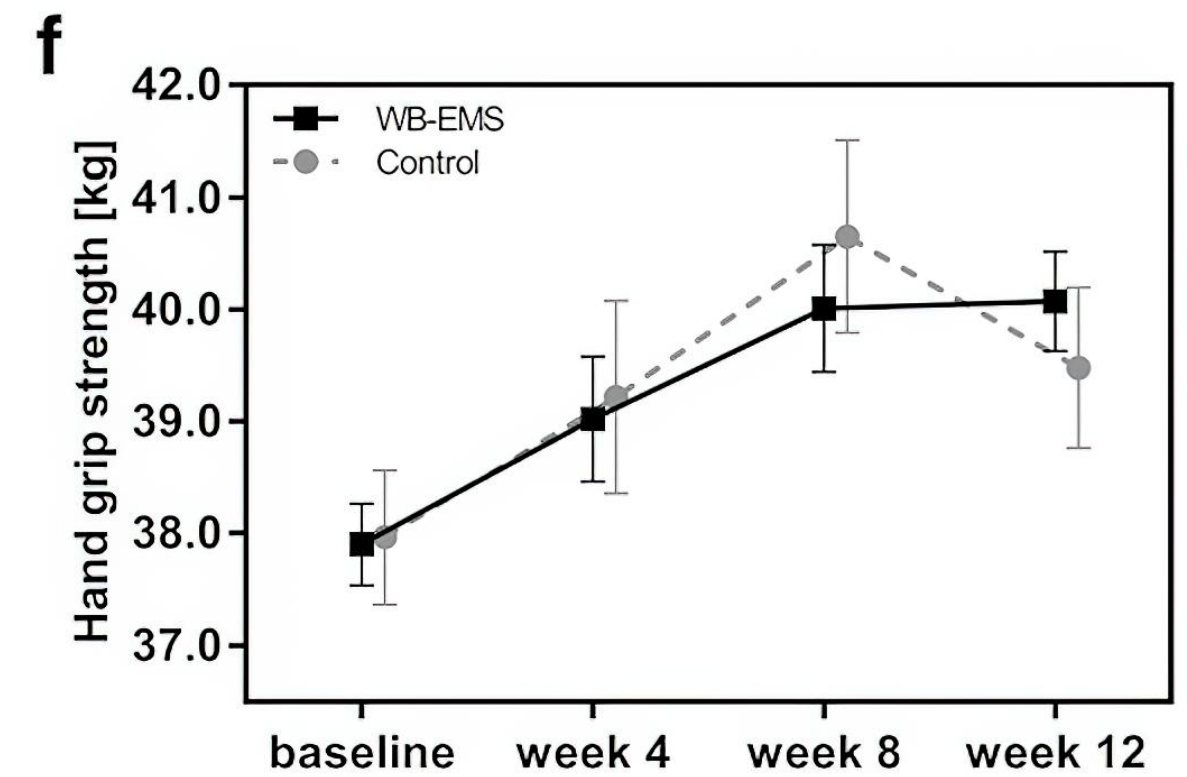
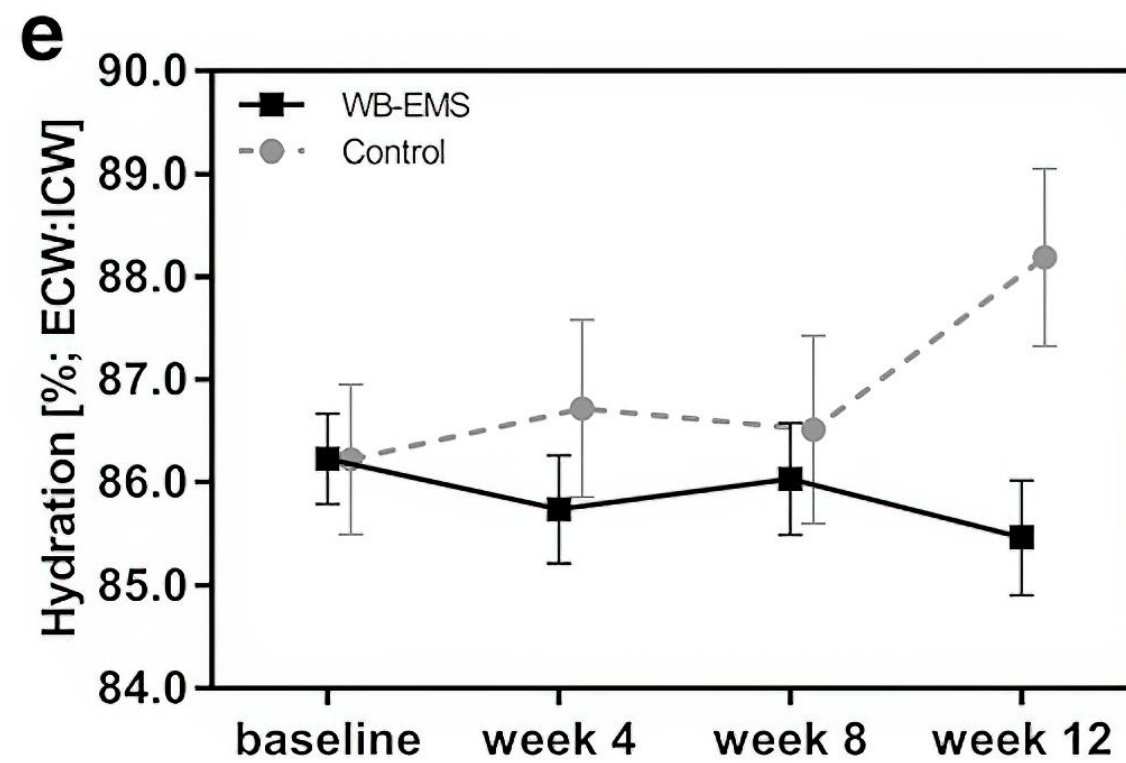
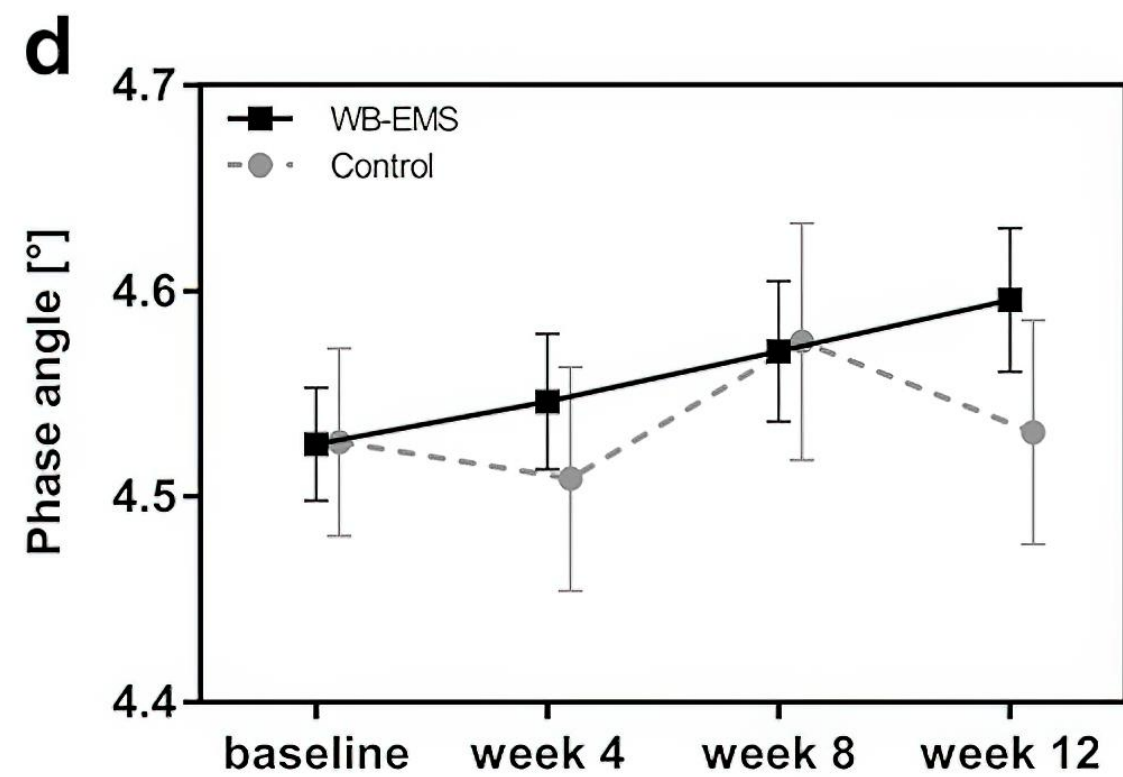
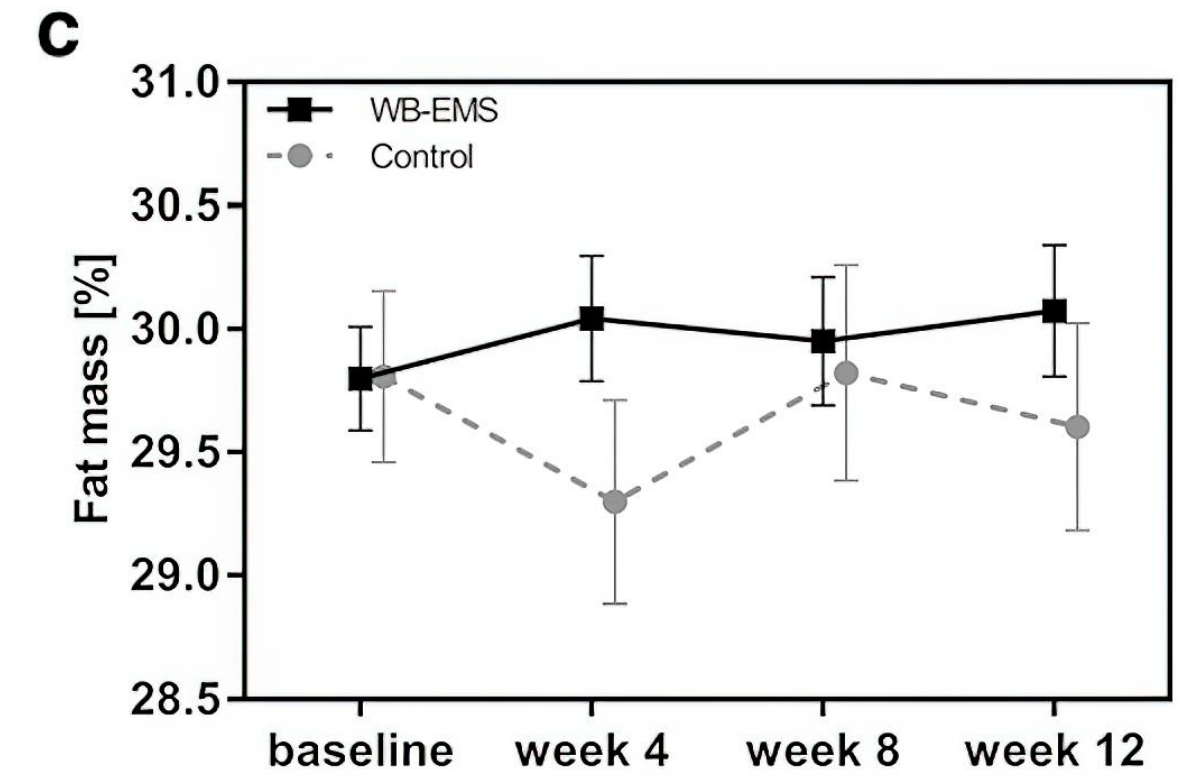
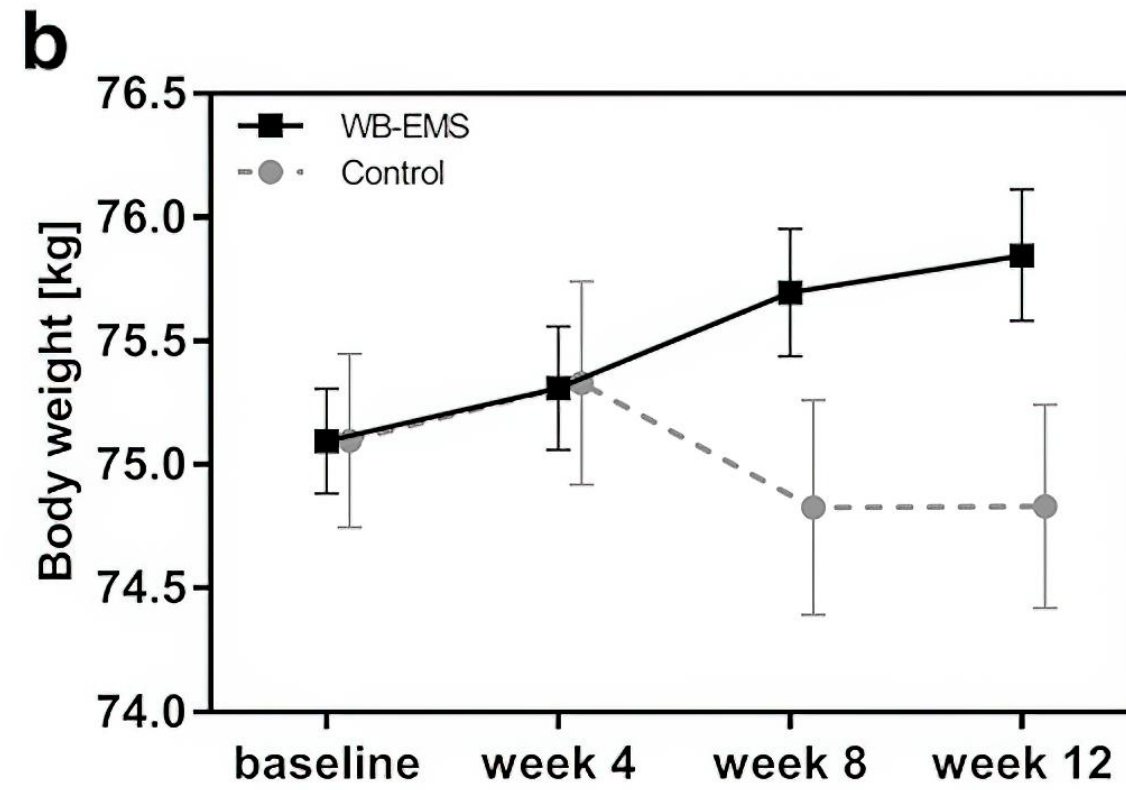
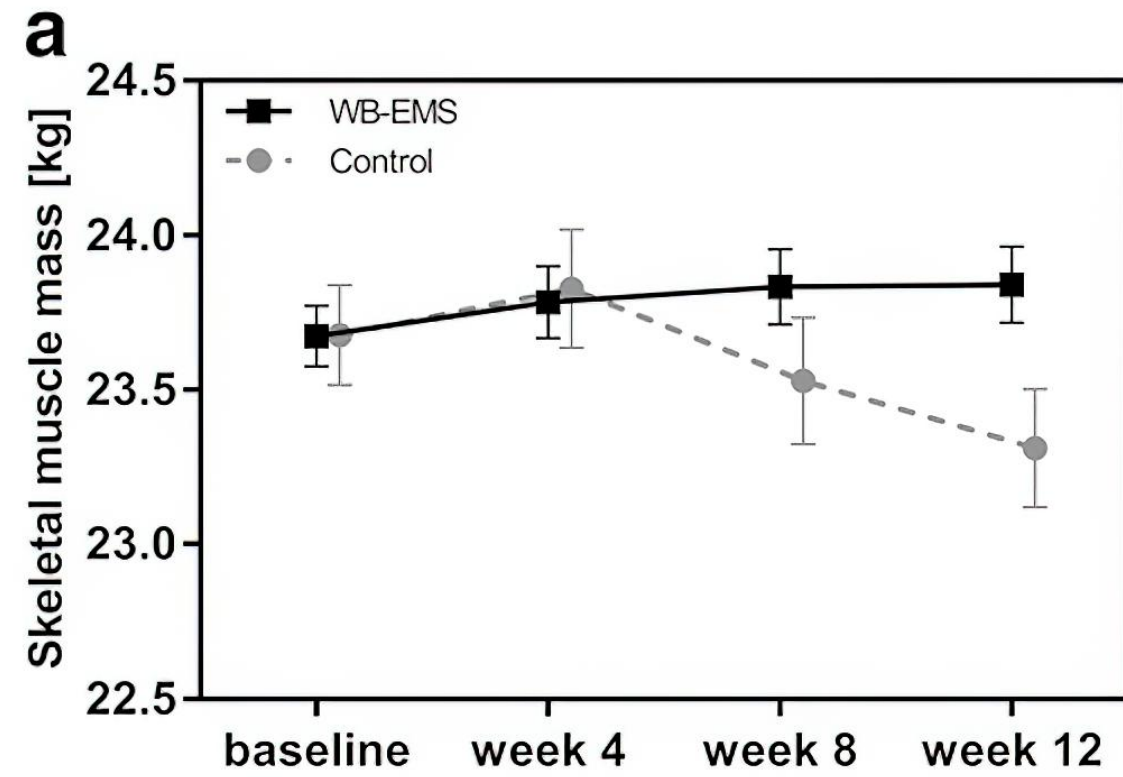
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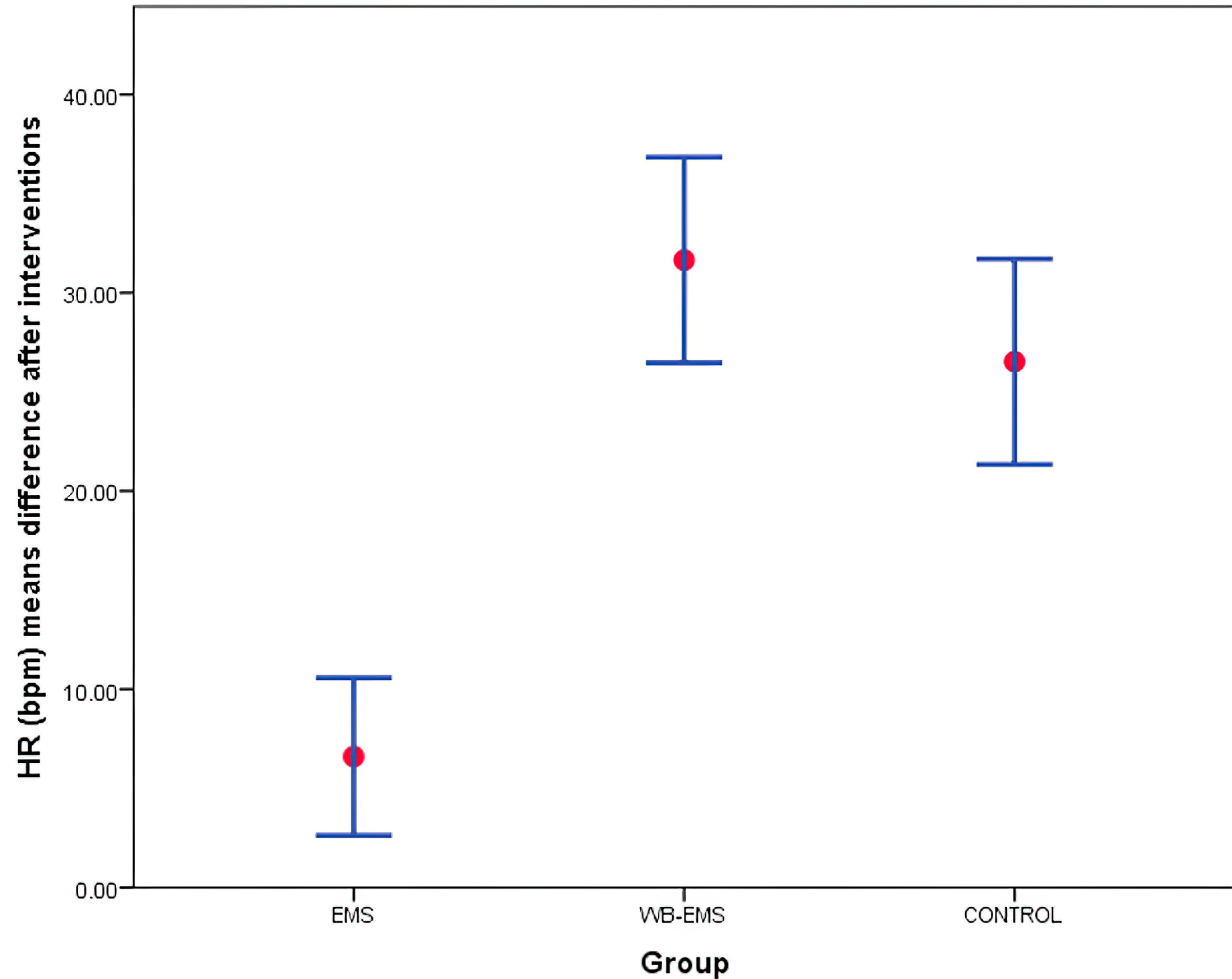
FIGURE 2
Belt electrode-skeletal muscle electrical stimulation. Position was head-up to 10°.

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- **we conclude that treated hypertension should not be considered as a definite barrier for WB-EMS application in moderately old to older cohorts in general.**

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