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## Loss of muscle mass, strength and function

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Original Study

### Age-Related Variations of Muscle Mass, Strength, and Physical Performance in Community-Dwellers: Results From the Milan EXPO Survey



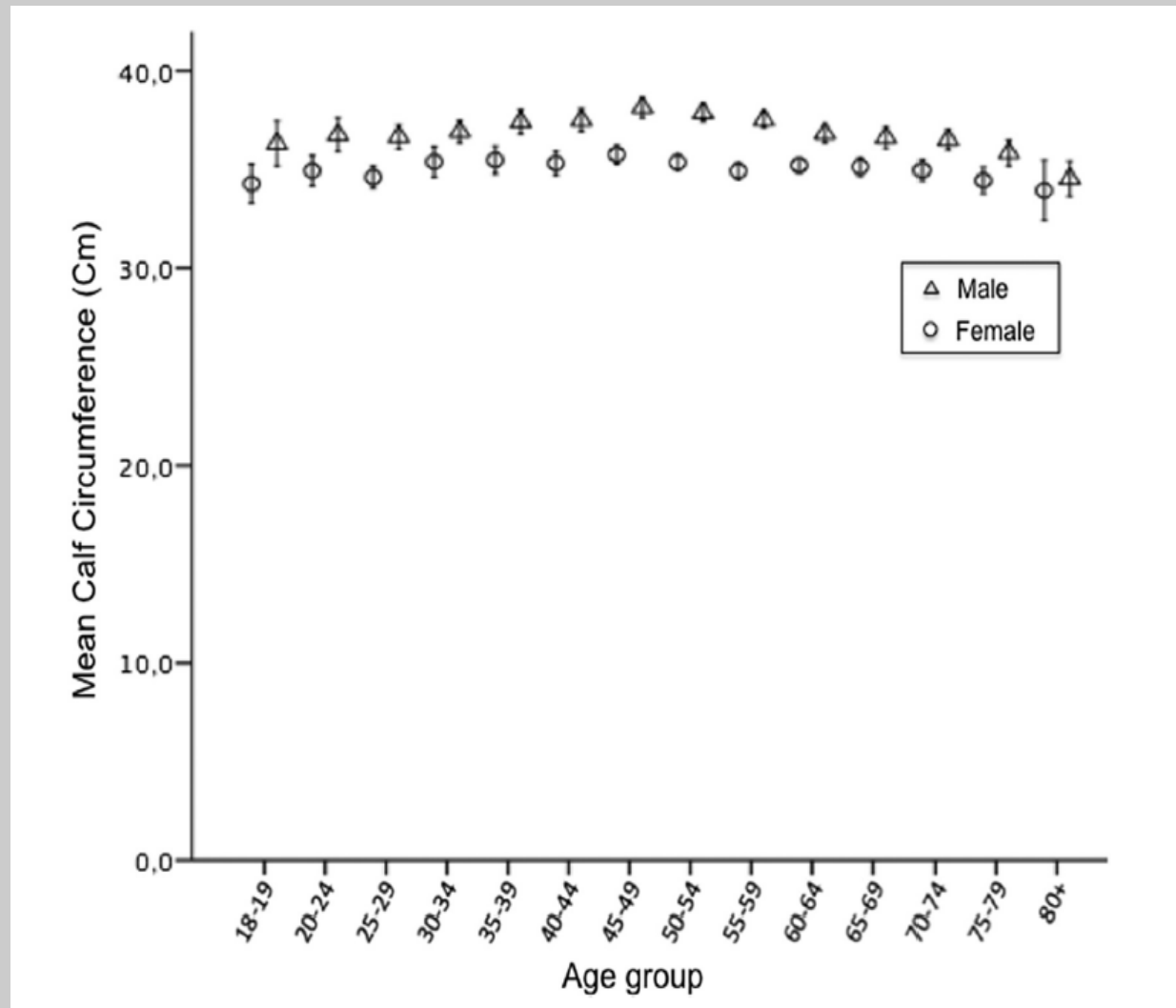
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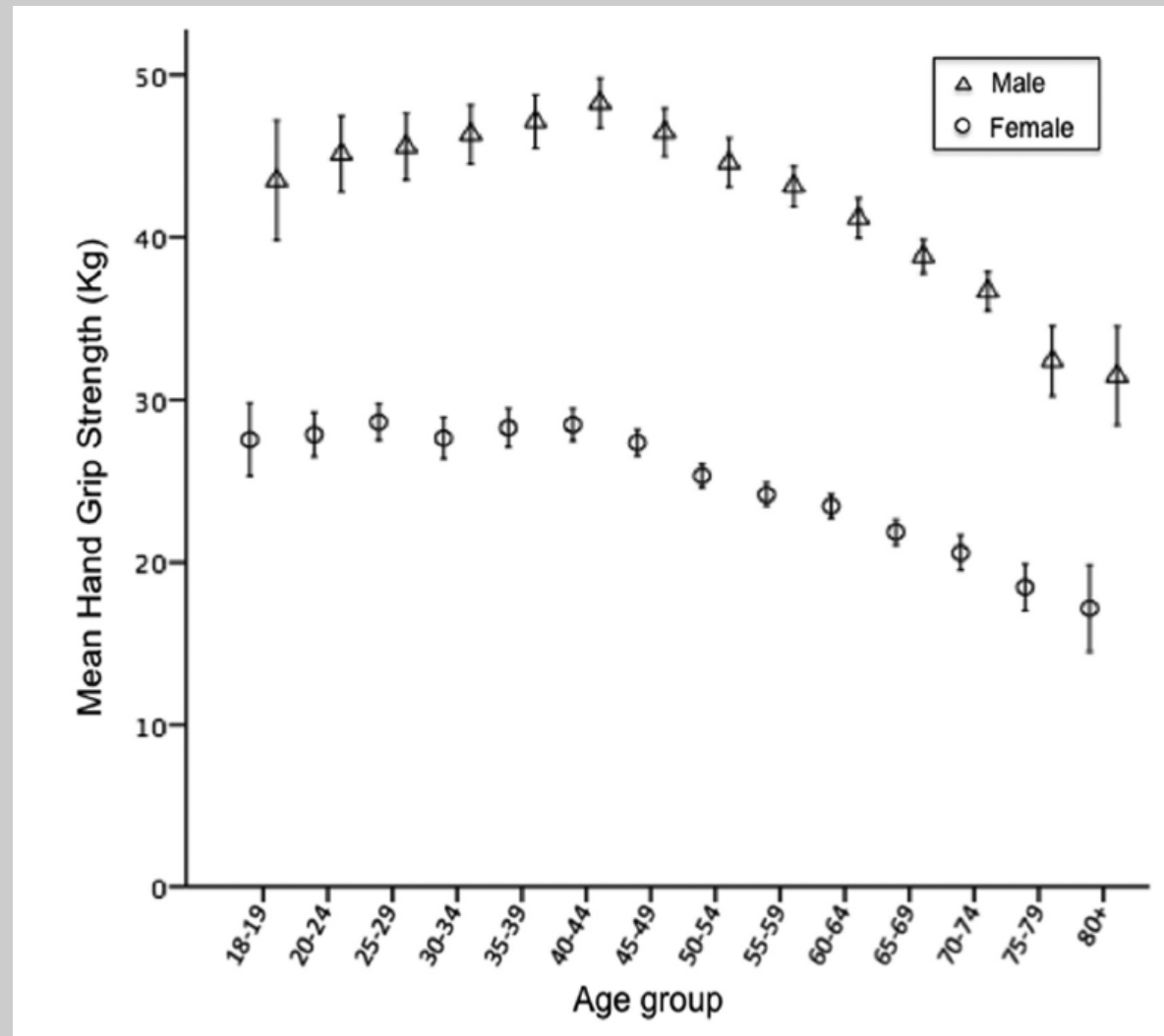
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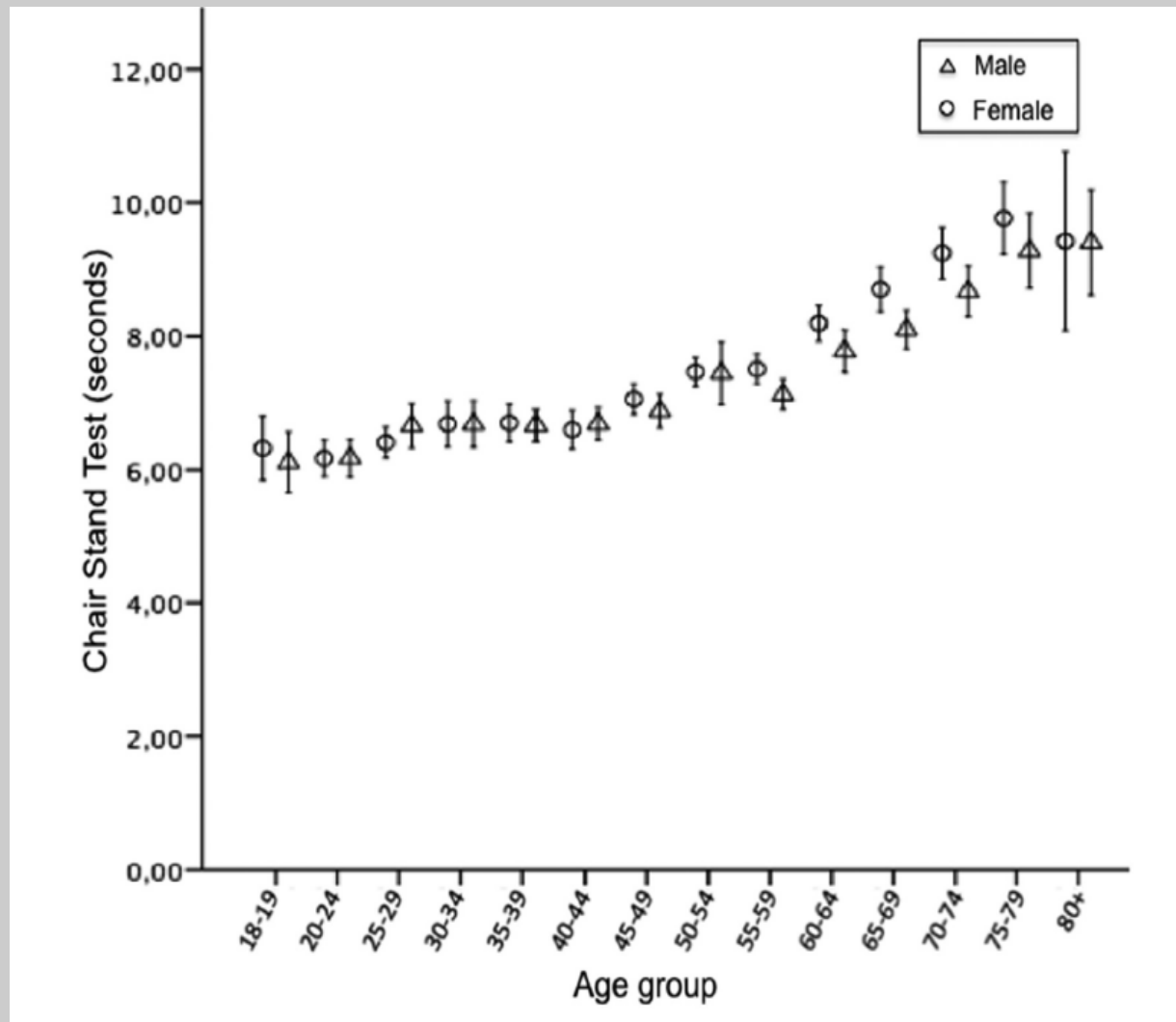
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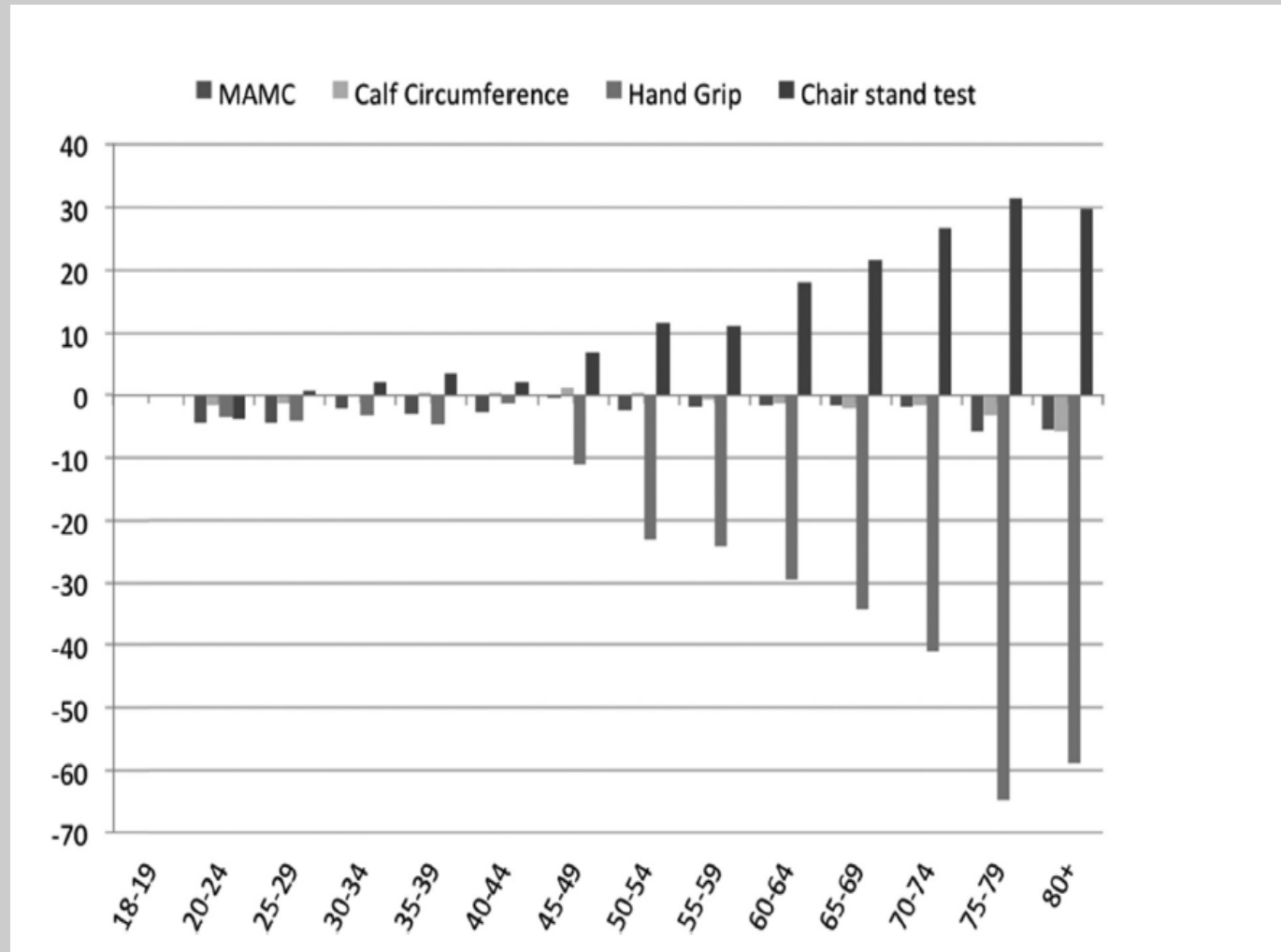
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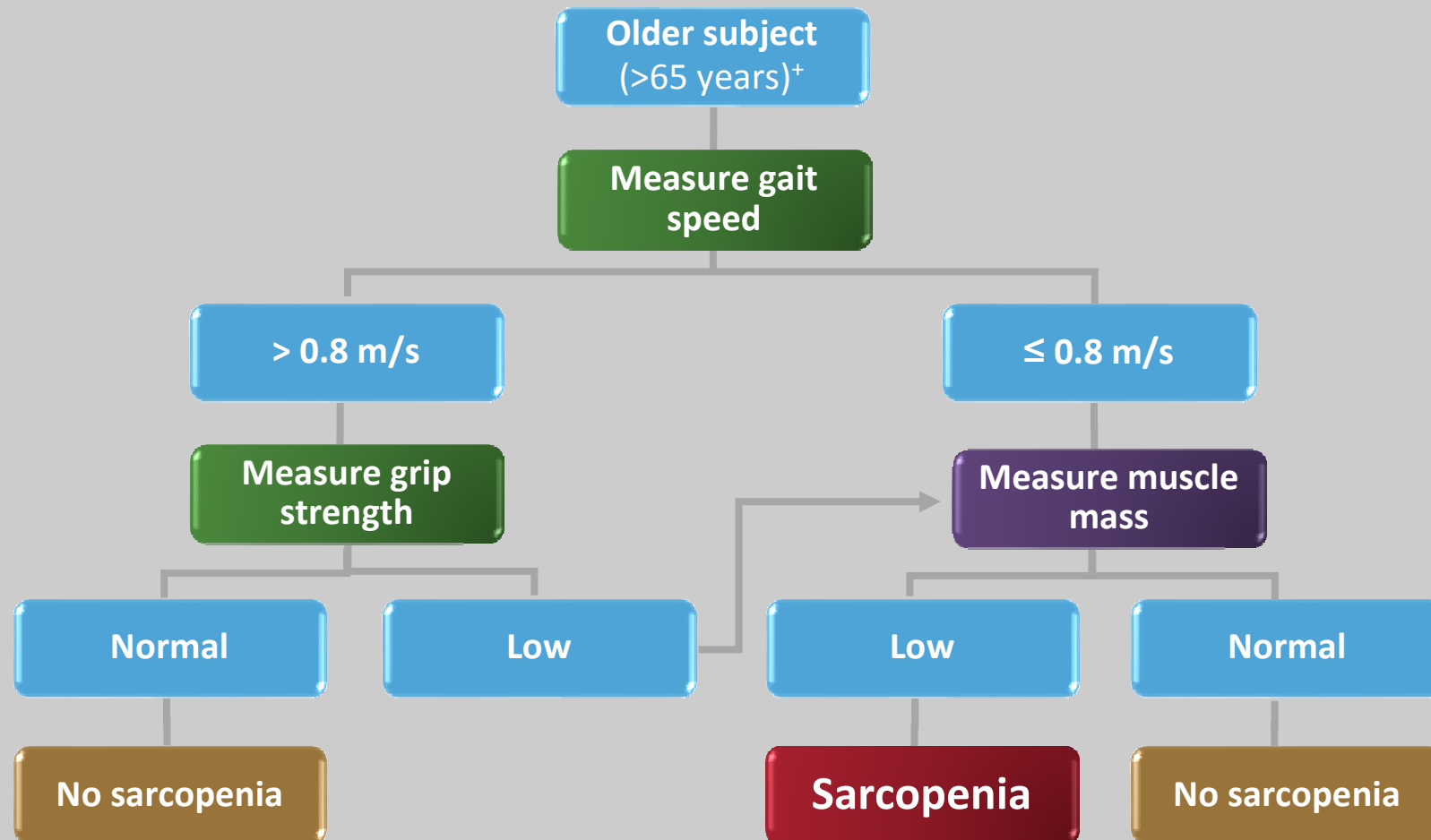


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# EWGSOP suggested algorithm for sarcopenia case finding in older individuals





# Under-nutrition, Sarcopenia and Frailty

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Research paper

## Sarcopenia and frailty: From theoretical approach into clinical practice

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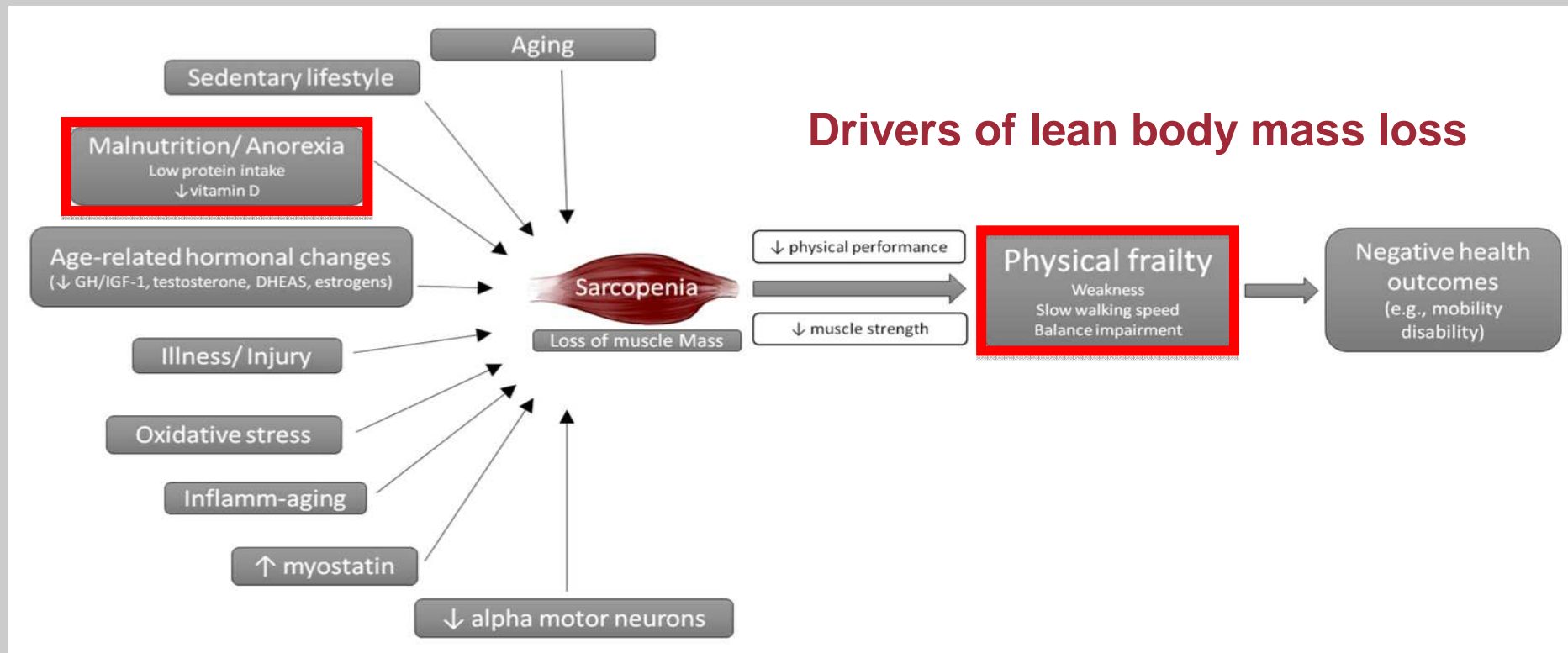
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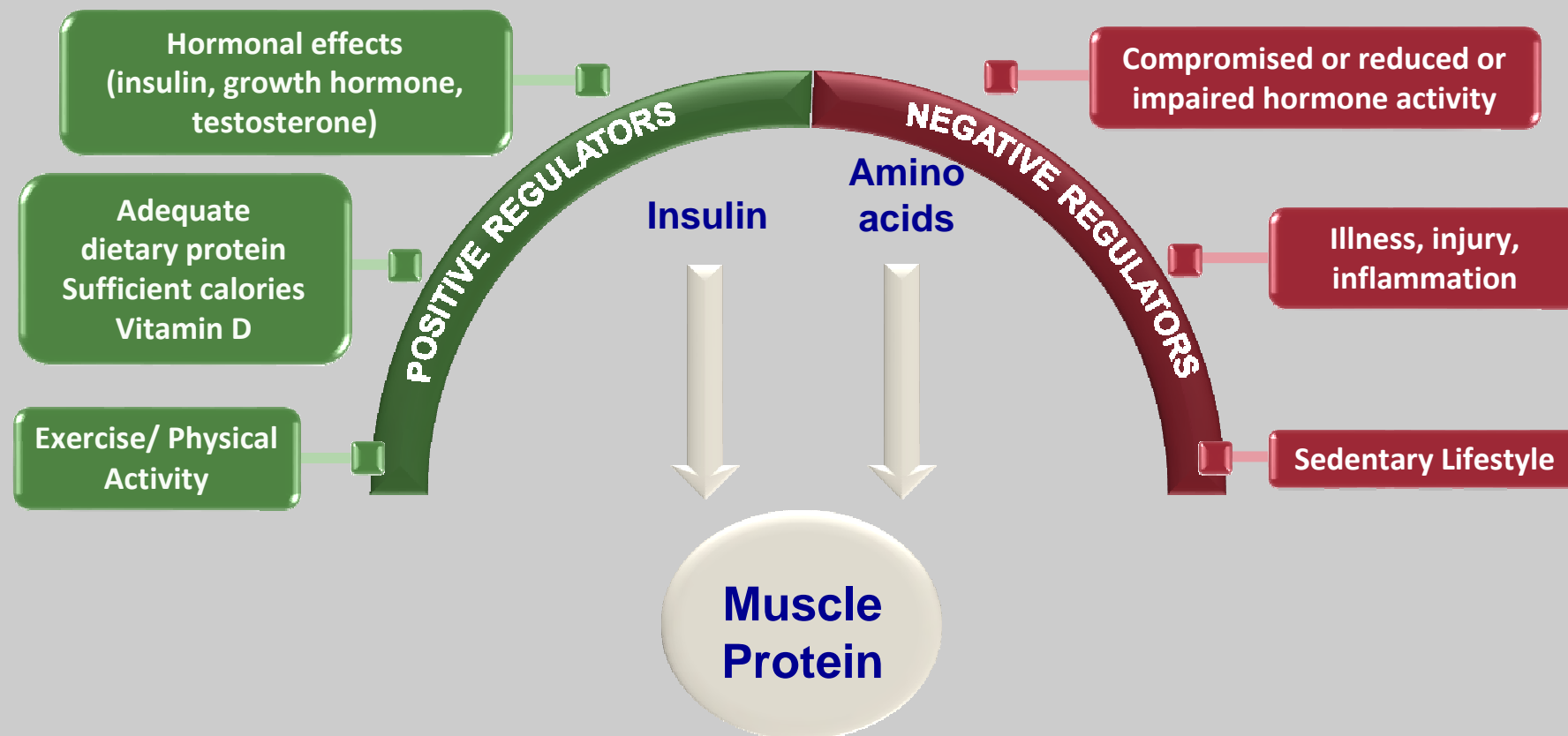
# Under-nutrition, Sarcopenia and Frailty

- Physical inactivity and decreased dietary intake
- Decreased protein synthesis and increased protein breakdown
- Infiltration of fat into muscle



# Aging and muscle

## Factors that affect muscle mass



Robinson S, et al. *J Aging Res.* 2012; 2012: 510801.

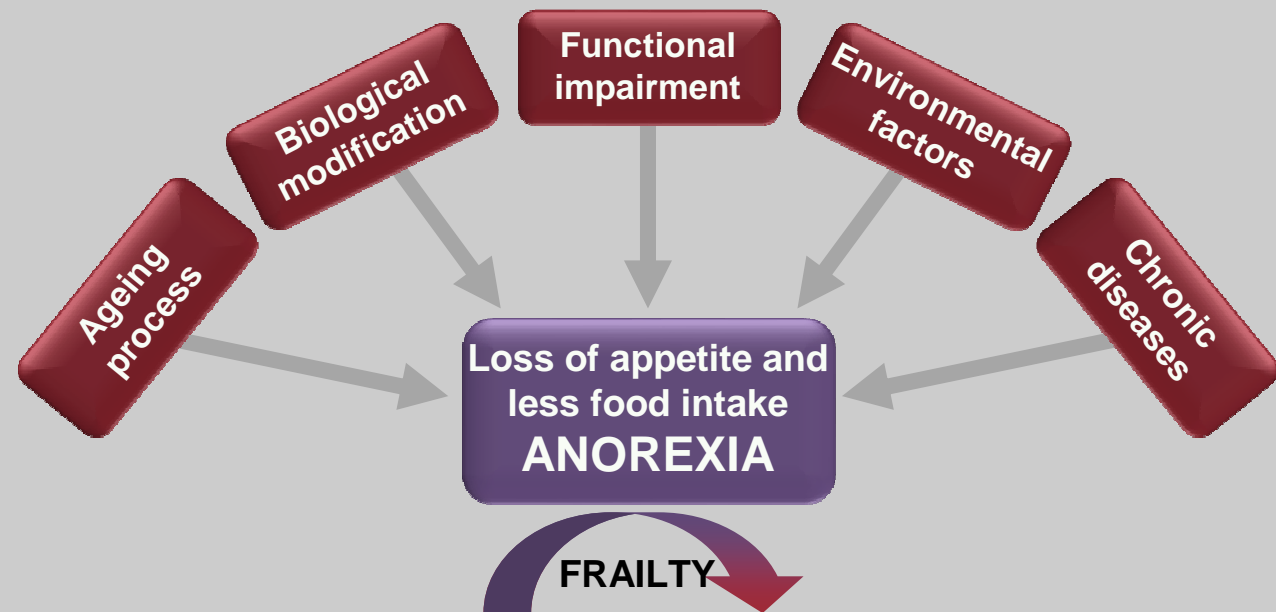
# Anorexia of aging → Sarcopenia

## The Anorexia of Aging: Is It a Geriatric Syndrome?

Francesco Landi, MD, PhD, Alessandro Laviano, MD, and Alfonso J. Cruz-Jentoft, MD



J Am Med Dir Assoc 2010, Editorial comment



- Cachexia / sarcopenia
- Reduced physical performance
- Decreased mobility / incident disability
- Poor quality of life
- All-cause mortality

Poor outcomes

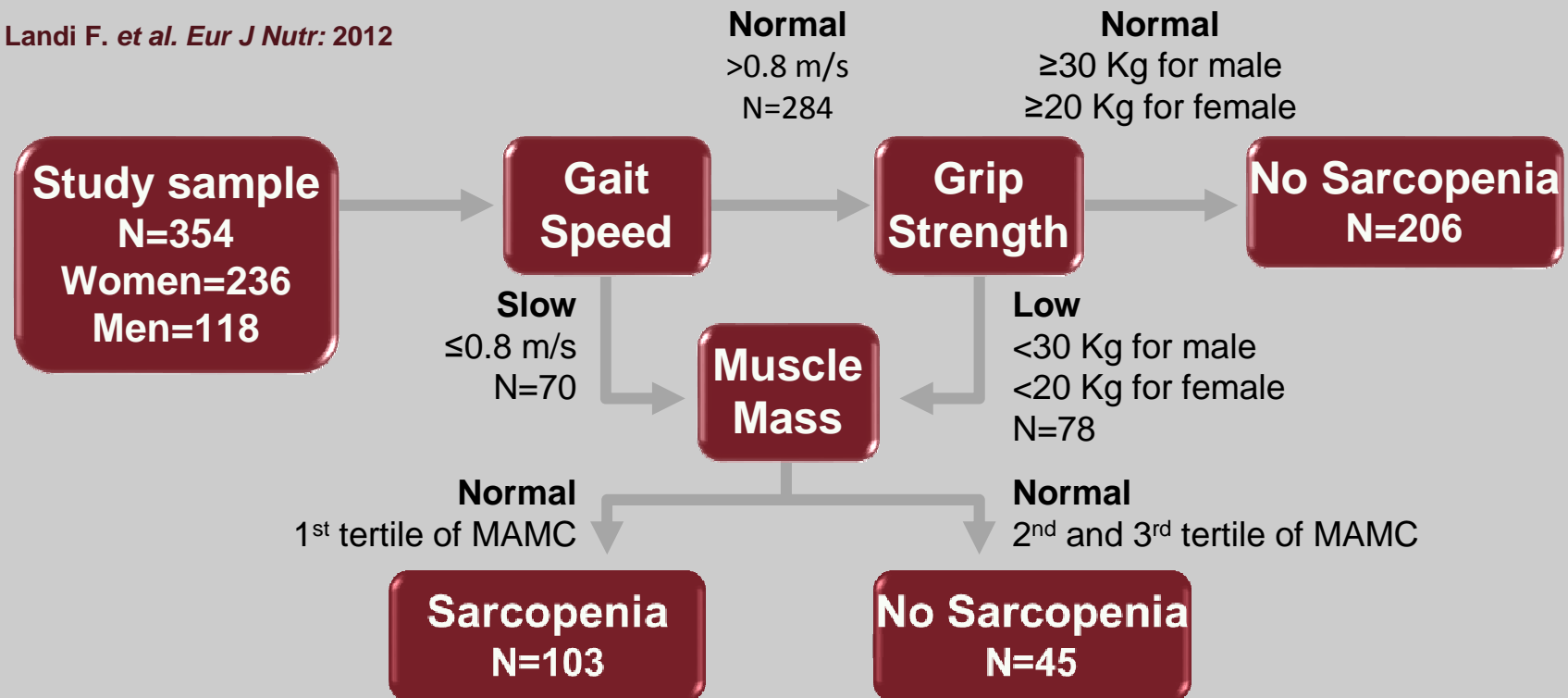
# Risk factors for sarcopenia

## Association of anorexia with sarcopenia in a community-dwelling elderly population: results from the *i/SIRENTE* study

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Ettore Capoluongo · Roberto Bernabei · Graziano Onder

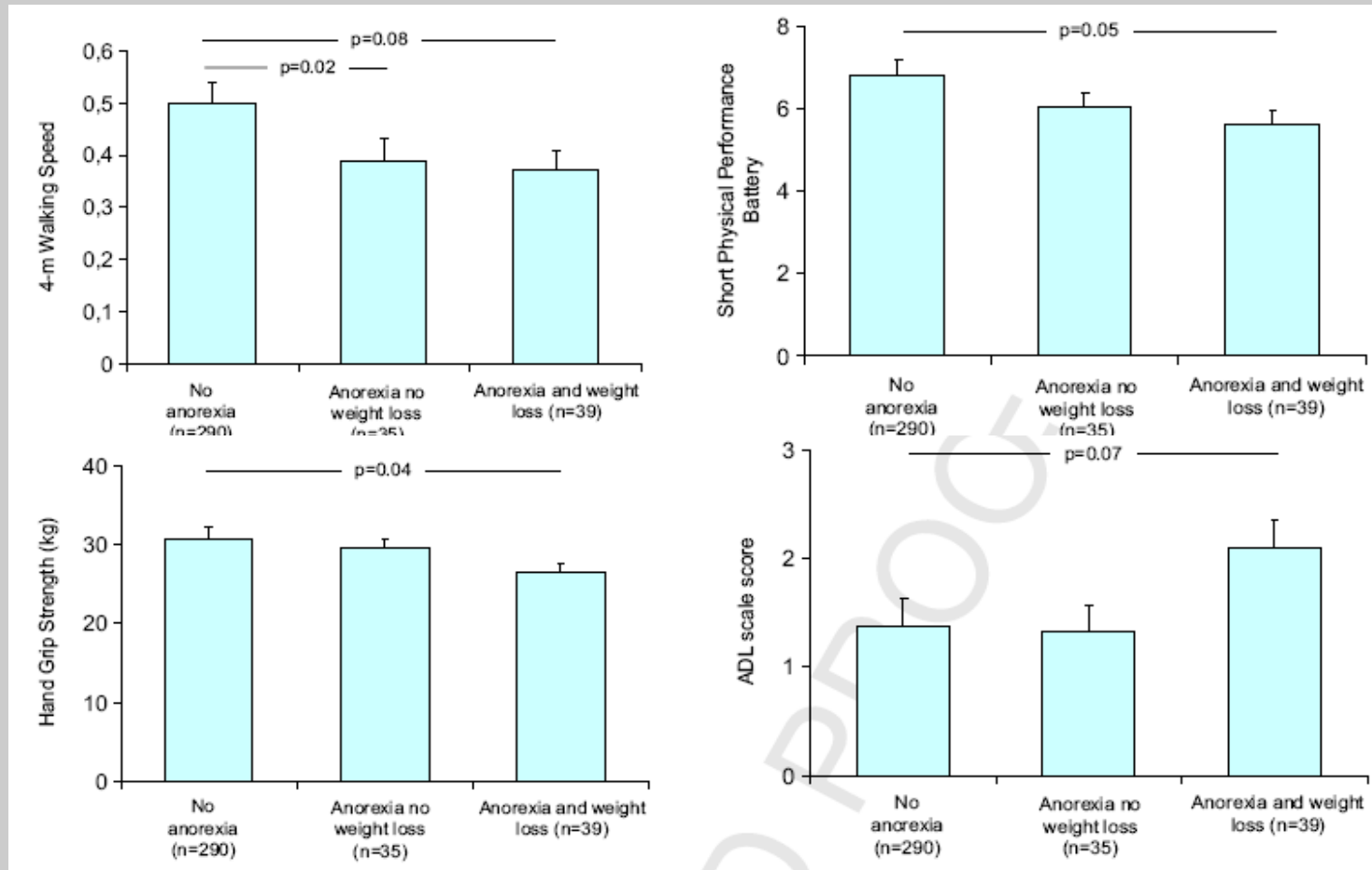


Landi F. et al. *Eur J Nutr*: 2012



# Anorexia of aging → Sarcopenia

## Anorexia, physical function, and incident disability among the frail elderly population: Results from the iSIRENTE Study



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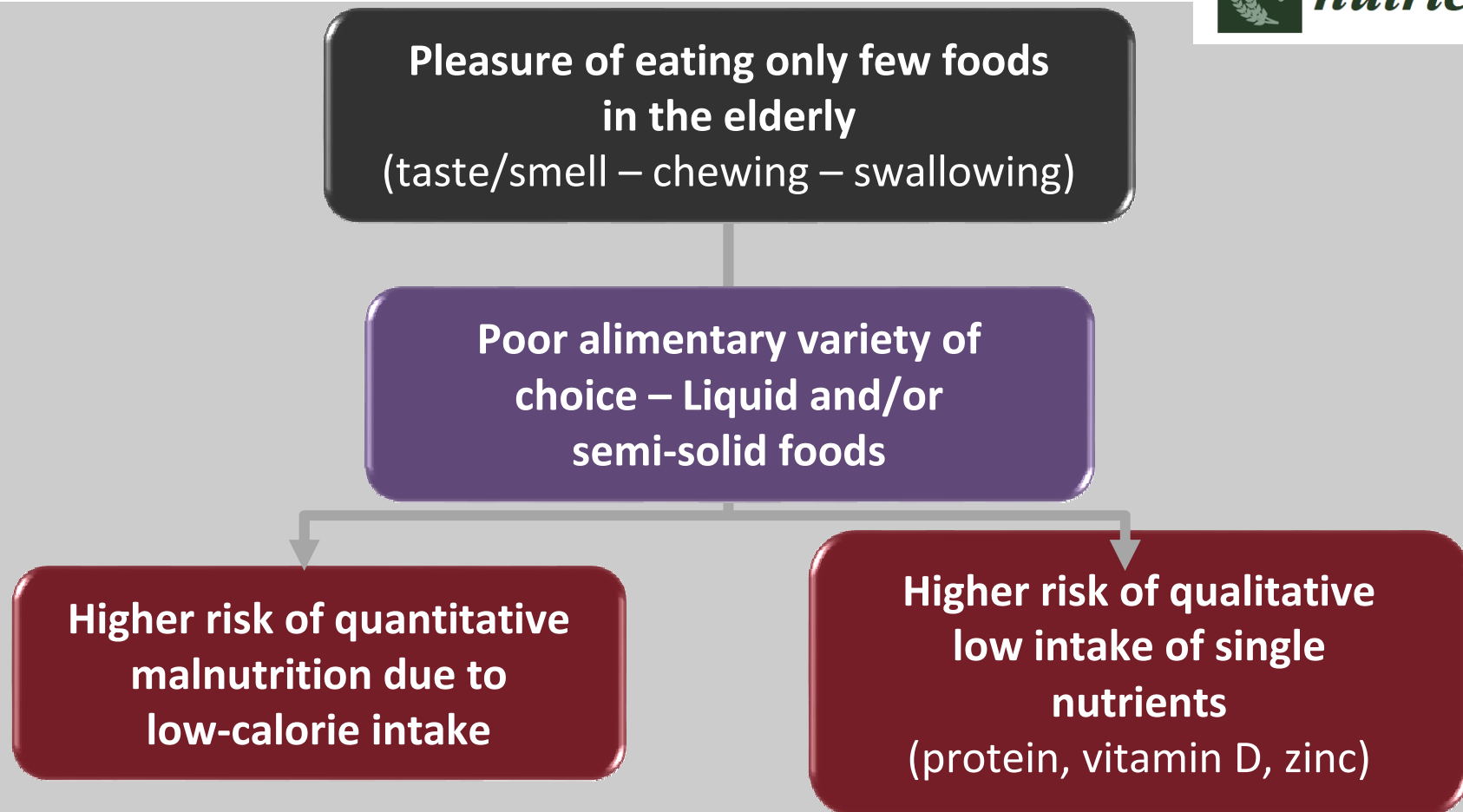
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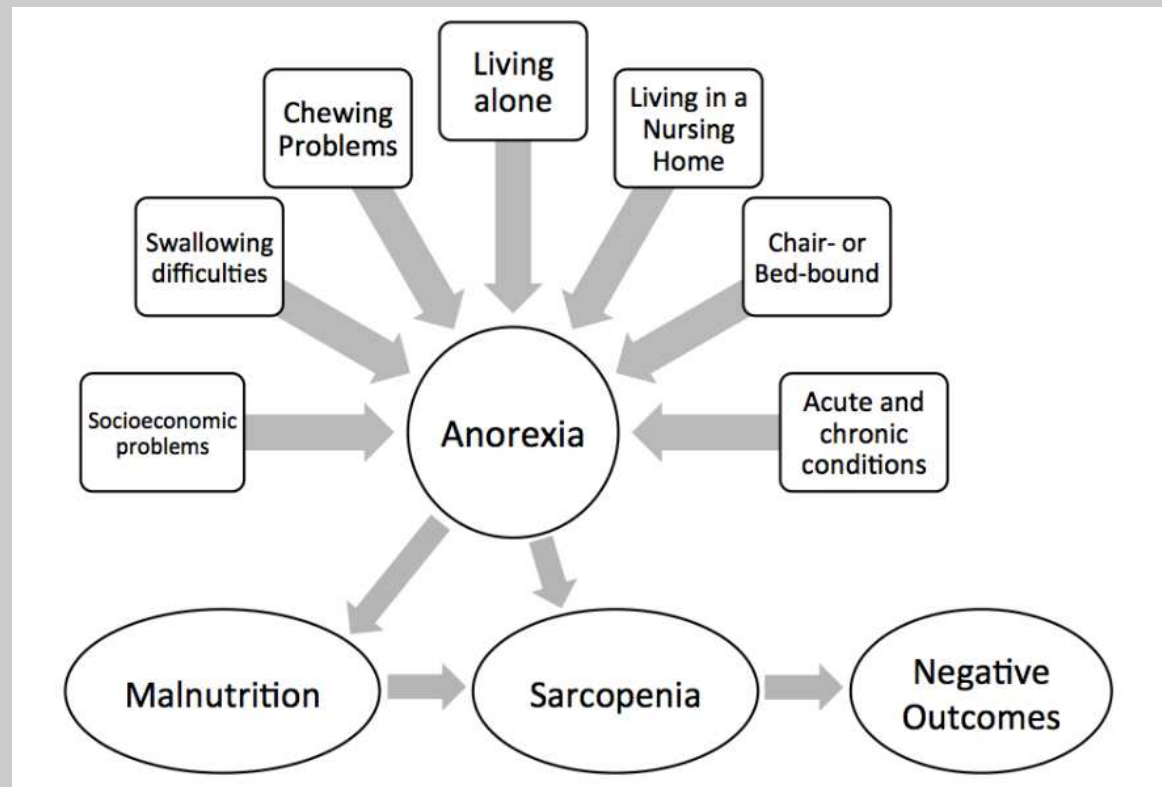
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# Can sarcopenia be prevented / treated?



# Potential therapeutic strategies

CHAPTER 20

## The Future of Drug Treatments

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Testosterone

Ace-inhibitors

Statin

Growth Hormone

Estrogen

DHEA

*Essential fatty acids ( $\Omega$ -3)*

Creatine

Cytokines inhibitors  
Myostatin inhibitors

Leptin

*Anti oxidants (Zn, Se)*

Physical exercise

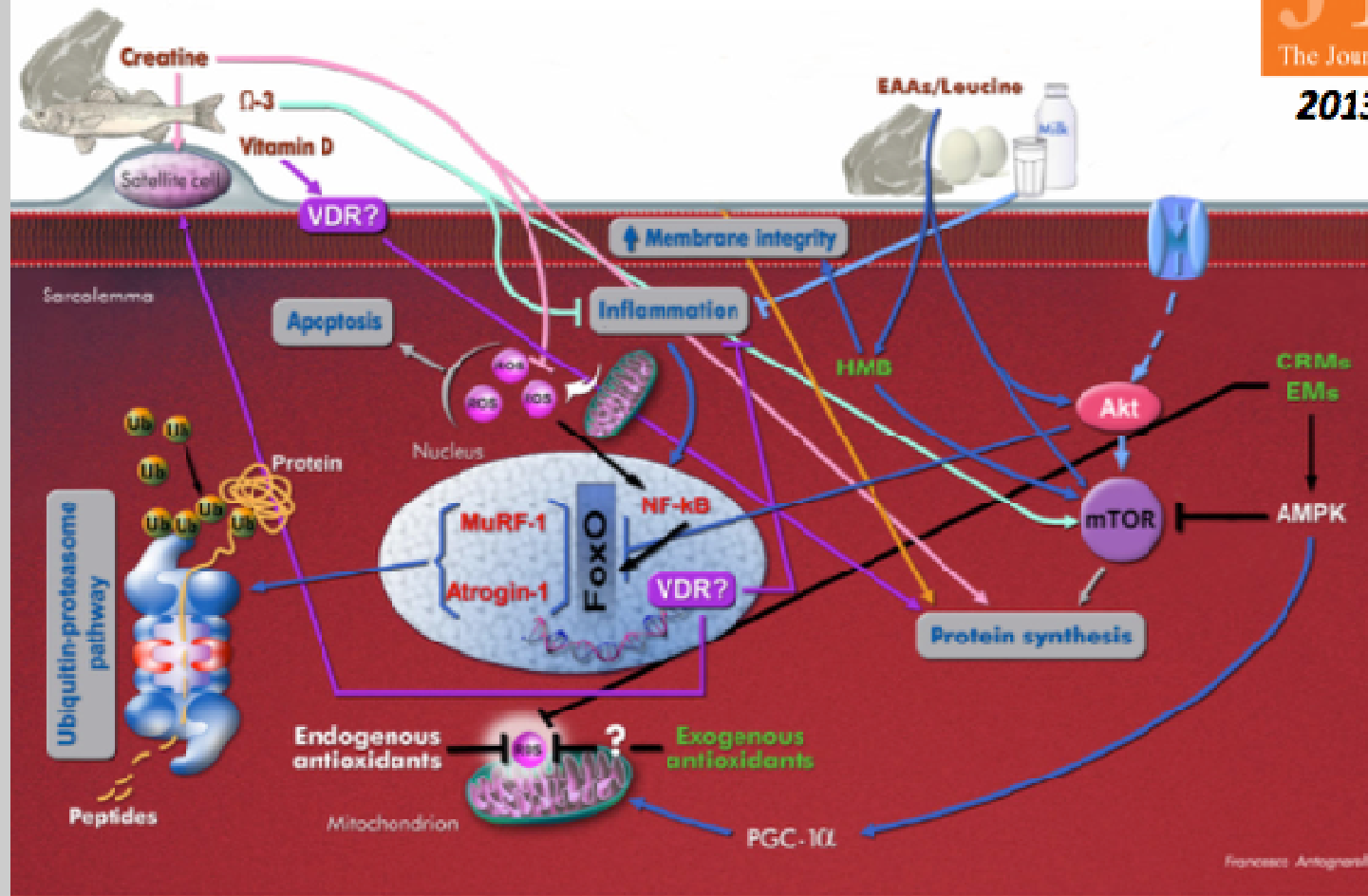
Nutritional supplements

**Protein - Vitamin D**

# Nutrition-muscle connection

## CURRENT NUTRITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND NOVEL DIETARY STRATEGIES TO MANAGE SARCOPENIA

**JFA**  
The Journal of Frailty & Aging  
**2013;2(1):38-53**



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*Review*

## Protein Intake and Muscle Health in Old Age: From Biological Plausibility to Clinical Evidence

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*Nutrients 2016 May 14;8(5).*

- Protein: The principal component of all muscles
- Dietary intake required for muscle maintenance
- High quality protein to help support adults' protein needs; most aging adults do not consume enough protein<sup>4</sup>
- Inadequate levels reduce muscle reserves and immune function; increase skin fragility

# The importance of protein

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Perspective: Protein: What Kind, How Much, When?

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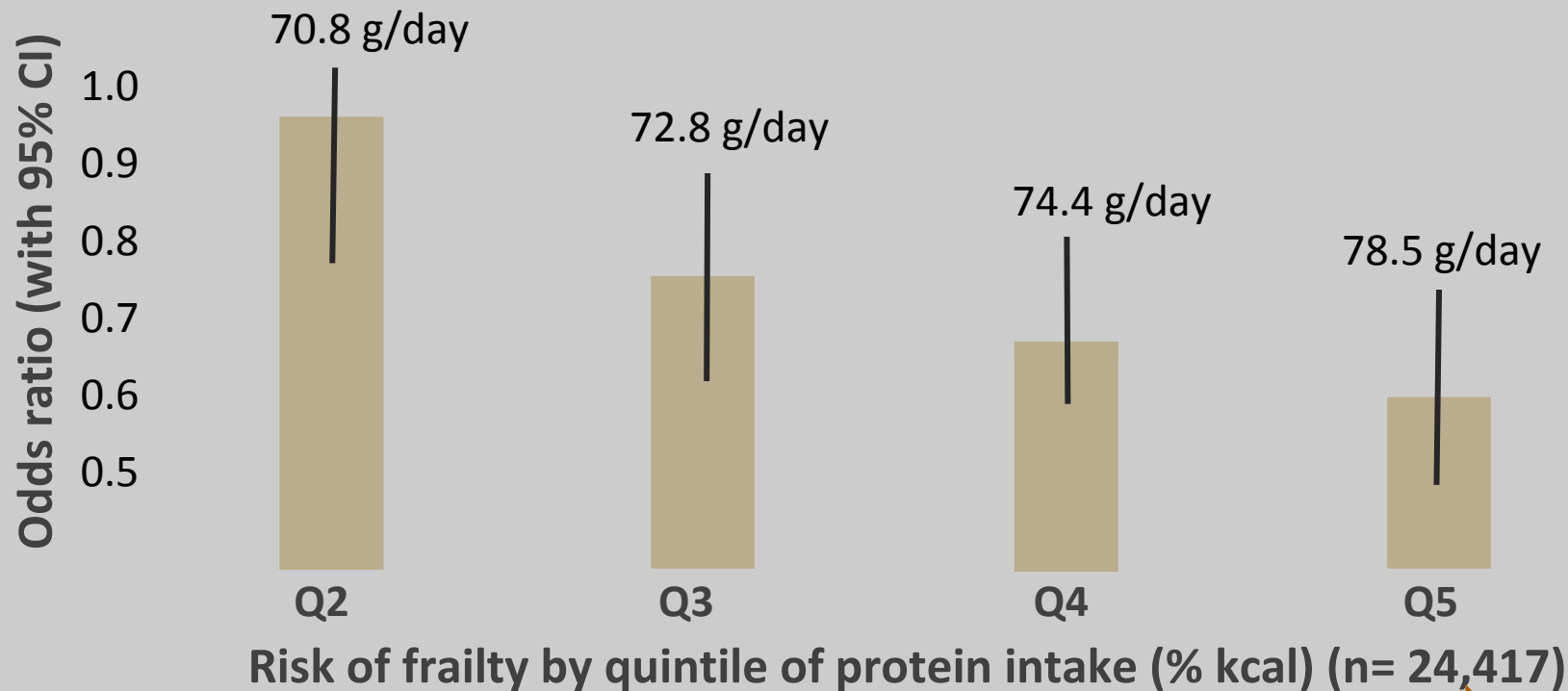


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# DIETARY PROTEIN REQUIREMENTS:

HOW MUCH PROTEIN IS ENOUGH FOR OLDER ADULTS?

Lower quintiles of protein intake are associated with higher risk of frailty



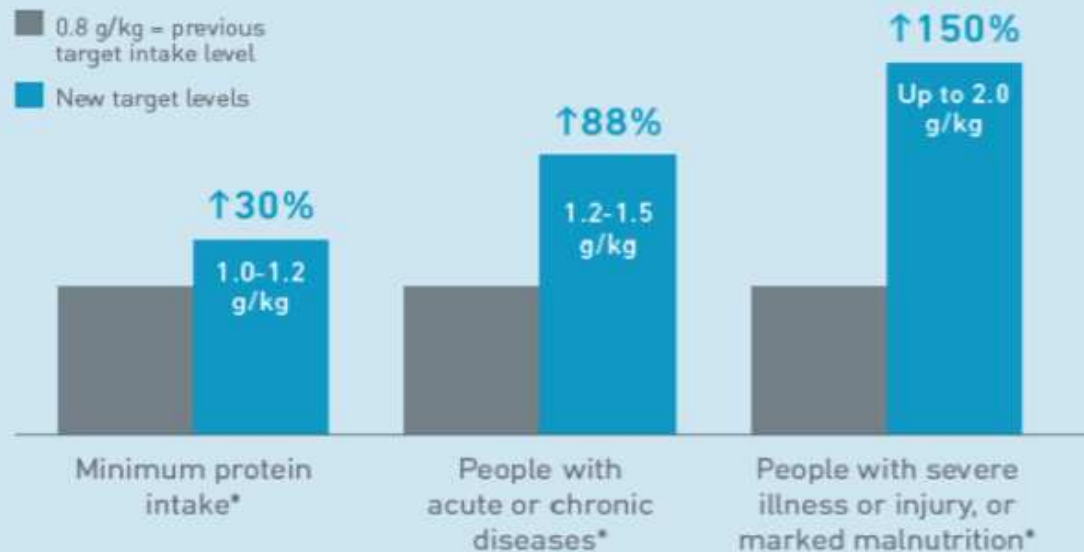
Increasing dietary protein intake, % of kcal

# DIETARY PROTEIN REQUIREMENTS:

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### PROT-AGE summary

New recommendations call for higher protein intake (g per kg of bodyweight) in those aged >65 years<sup>1</sup>

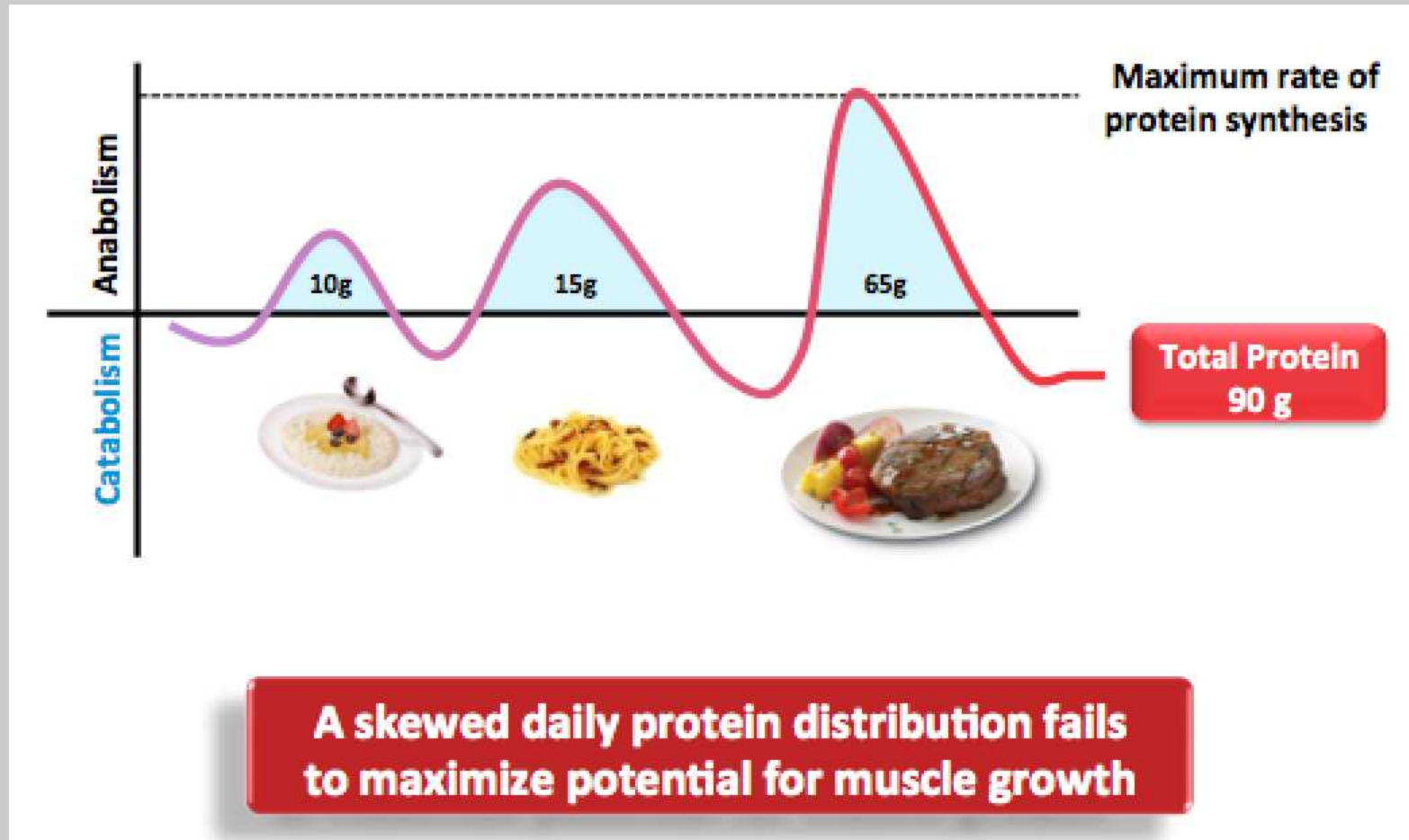


\*Caution needed among those with severe kidney disease [i.e. estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate <30mL/min/1.73m<sup>2</sup>], calculating their needs differently.

# PROTEIN DISTRIBUTION

WHEN IS IT BETTER TO CONSUME PROTEIN?

## Daily protein distribution – typical?

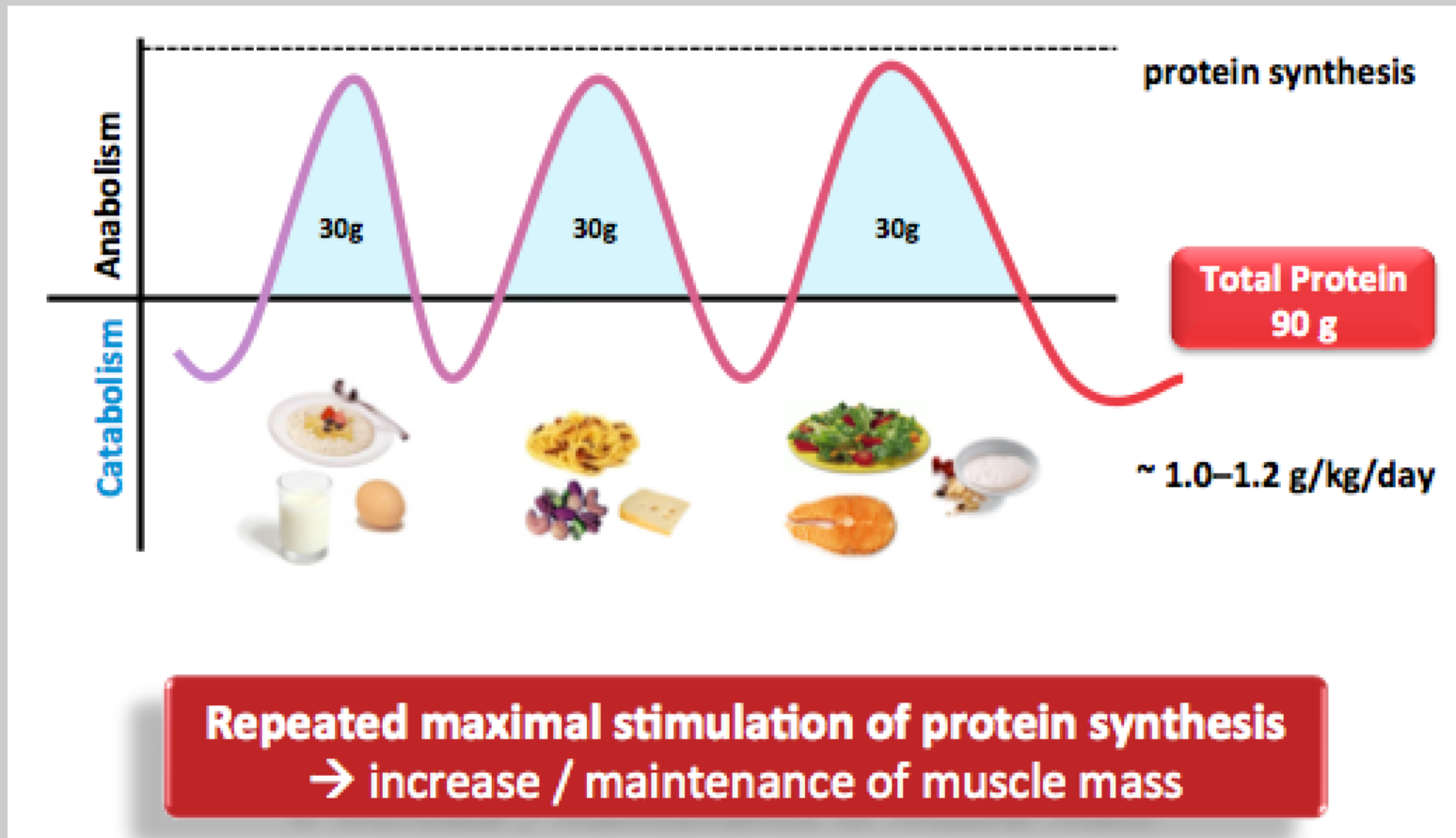




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## Daily protein distribution – optimal



# PROTEIN INTAKE AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE



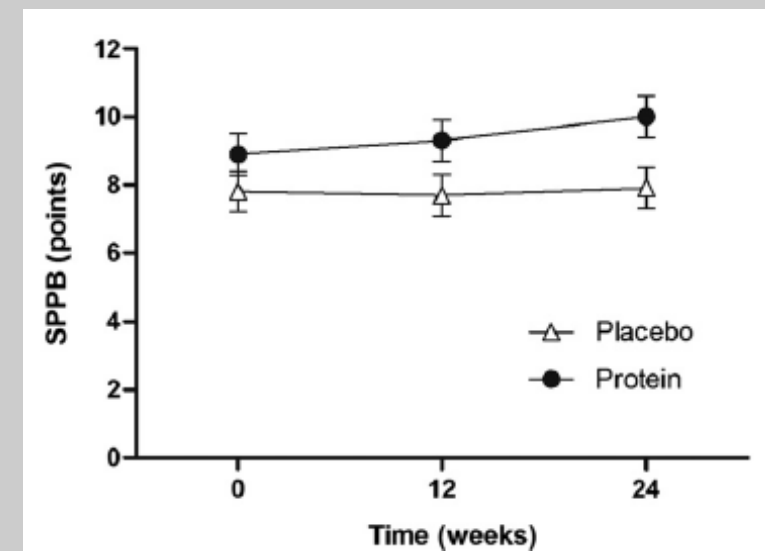
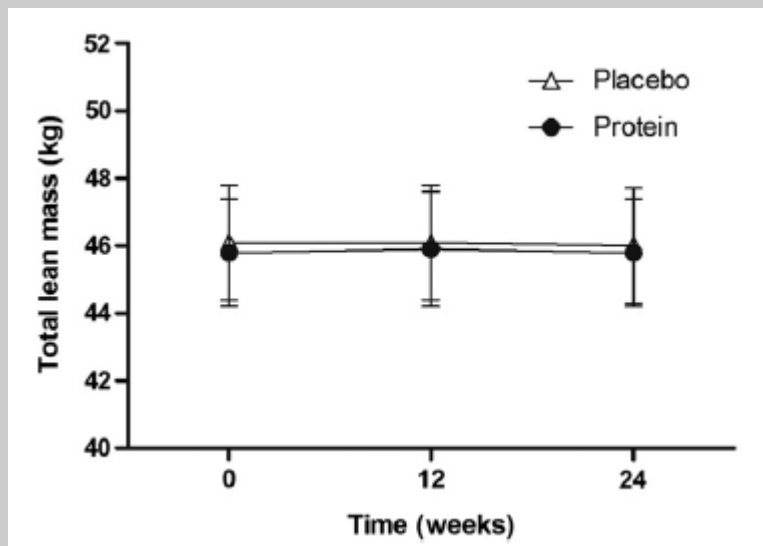
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Original Study

Protein Supplementation Improves Physical Performance in Frail Elderly People:  
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Tieland et al. JAMDA 2012, 13(8):720-726

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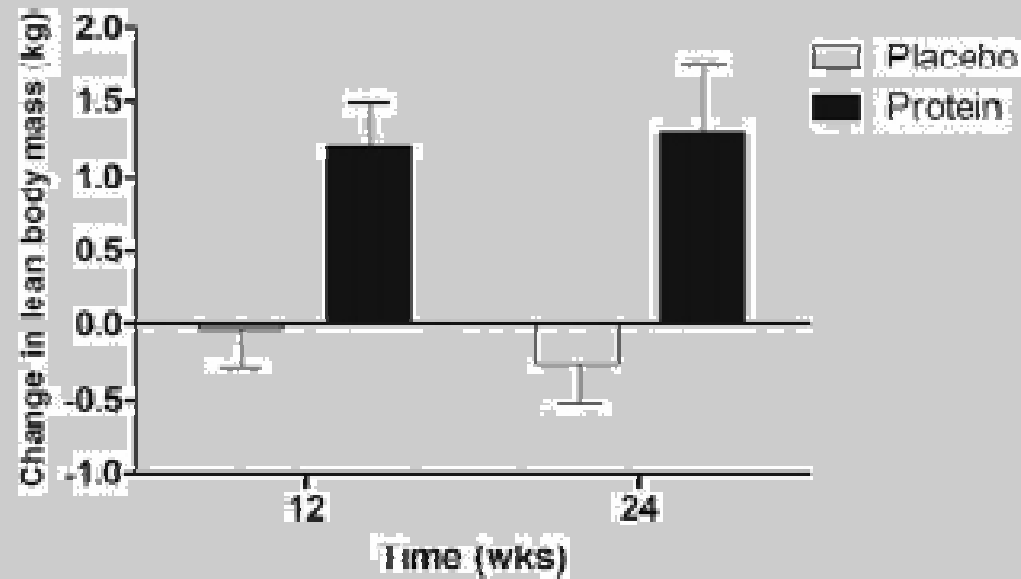
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Protein Supplementation Increases Muscle Mass Gain During Prolonged Resistance-Type Exercise Training in Frail Elderly People: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial

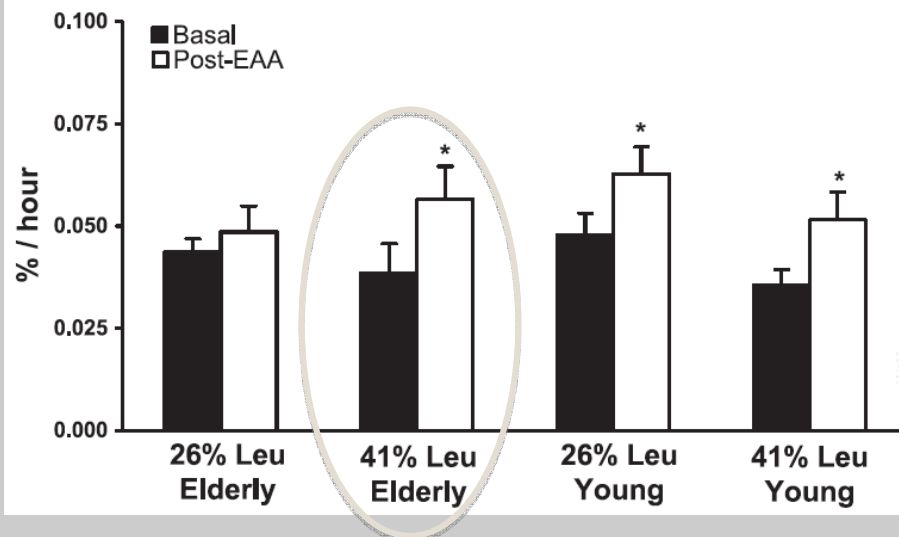
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## Elderly muscle are less responsive to anabolic effect of EAA/Leucine

A high proportion of leucine is required for optimal stimulation of the rate of muscle protein synthesis by essential amino acids in the elderly

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*Am J Physiol Endocrinol Metab* 291: E381–E387, 2006.  
First published February 28, 2006; doi:10.1152/ajpendo.00488.2005.

In conclusion, this study demonstrates for the first time in elderly humans that attenuated response of muscle protein can be reversed by ingestion of extra leucine.

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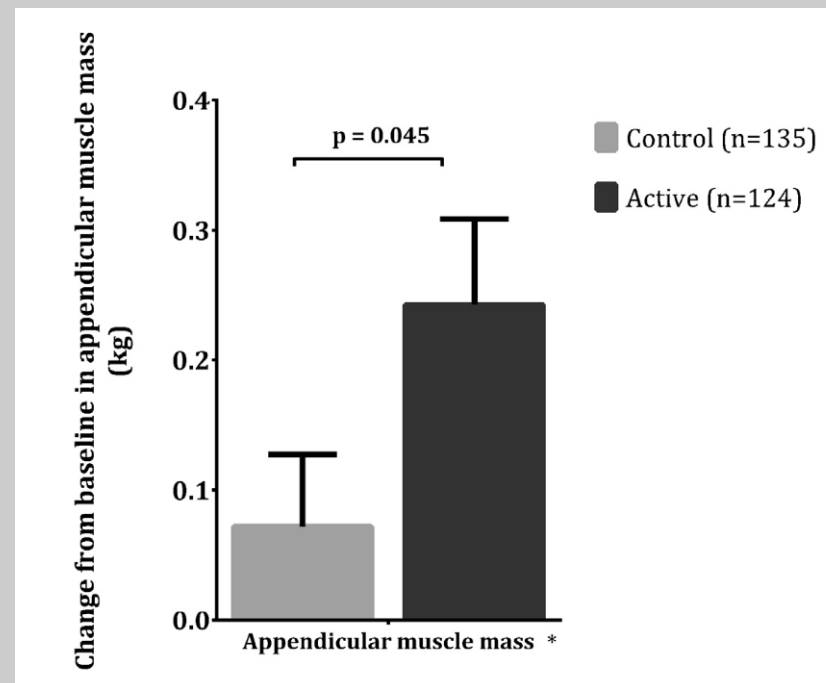
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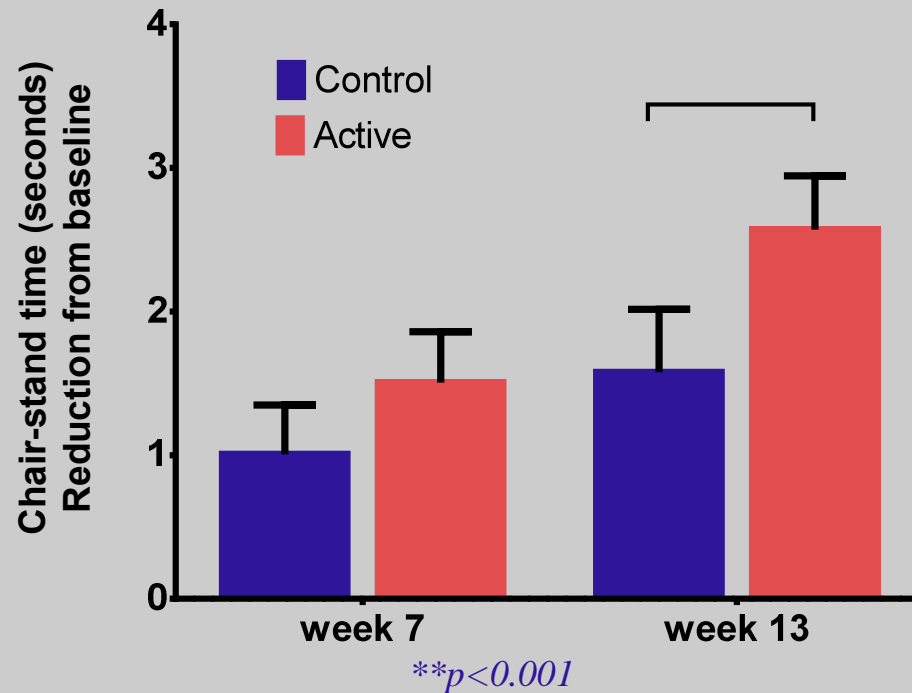
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HMB is an active metabolite of the amino acid leucine

- Calcium beta-hydroxy beta-methylbutyrate (CaHMB) is a source of HMB
- HMB regulates protein in muscle cells
  - Supports muscle protein synthesis and slows down muscle protein breakdown
  - Helps rebuild muscle mass lost naturally over time
  - Helps rebuild LBM to support muscle strength and functionality



## Effects of HMB in non-exercising older adults

### ■ Objective:

Evaluate the effect of HMB on LBM and strength in older adults (with and without resistance training (RT) exercise)

### ■ Study Design:

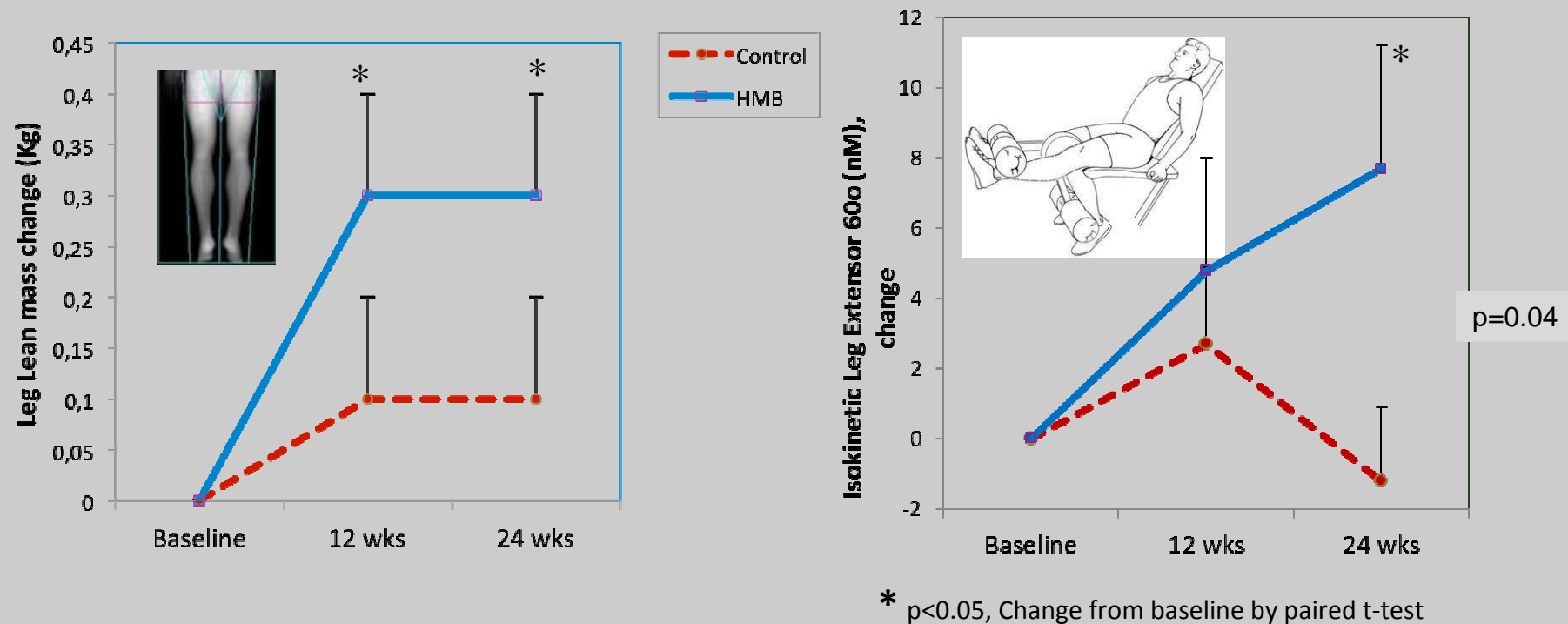
- Prospective, randomized, placebo-controlled trial
- Older adults (age  $\geq 65$  y), n=27/group- 4 groups
- HMB at 3g/day** vs. placebo (with or without progressive RT)
- 24-wks supplementation; Outcomes: lean mass and leg strength



Stout J et al (2013) *Exp. Gerontol.* 48; 1303-1310

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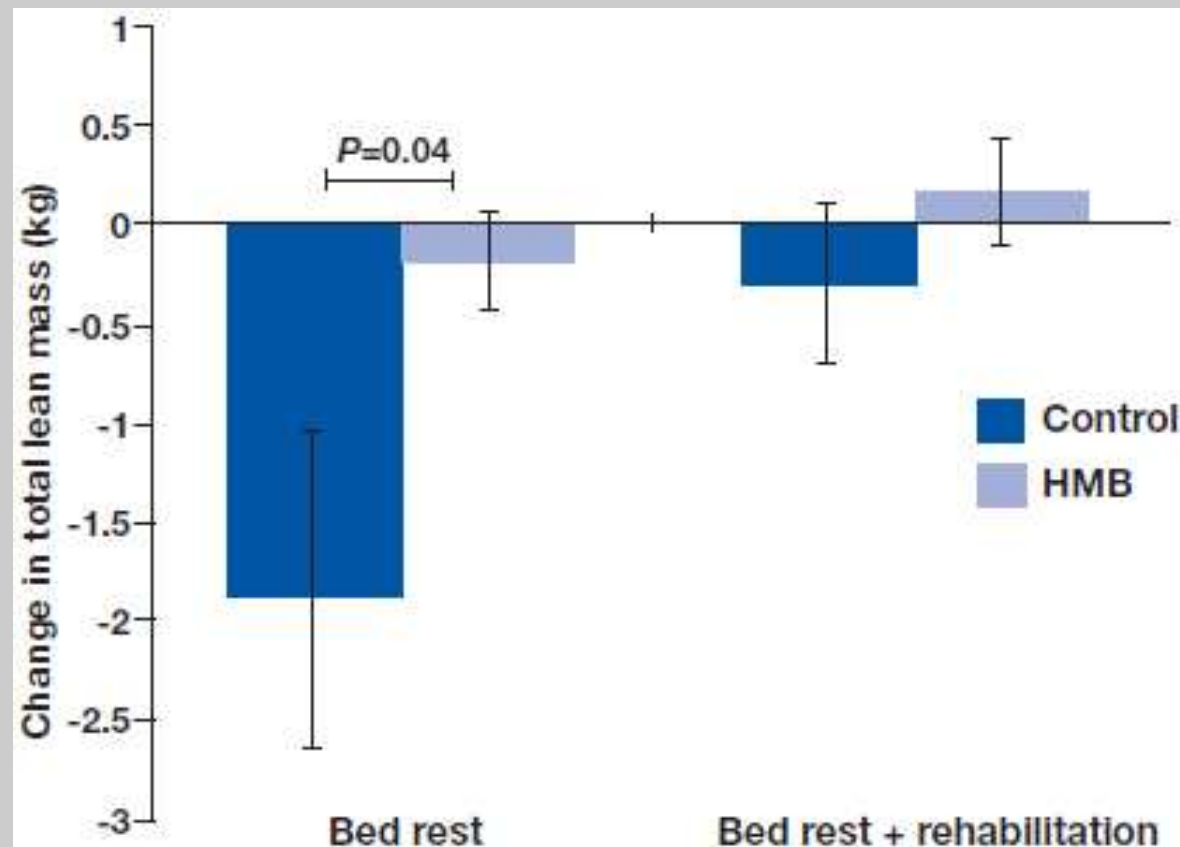
## Results: HMB increased lean mass and strength in non-exercising older adults



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Lean body mass is maintained by  $\beta$ -hydroxy- $\beta$ -methylbutyrate (HMB) during 10 days of bed rest in elderly women



J. Nutrition 2012

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Original Study

## Impacts of High-Protein Oral Nutritional Supplements Among Malnourished Men and Women with Sarcopenia: A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blinded, Controlled Trial

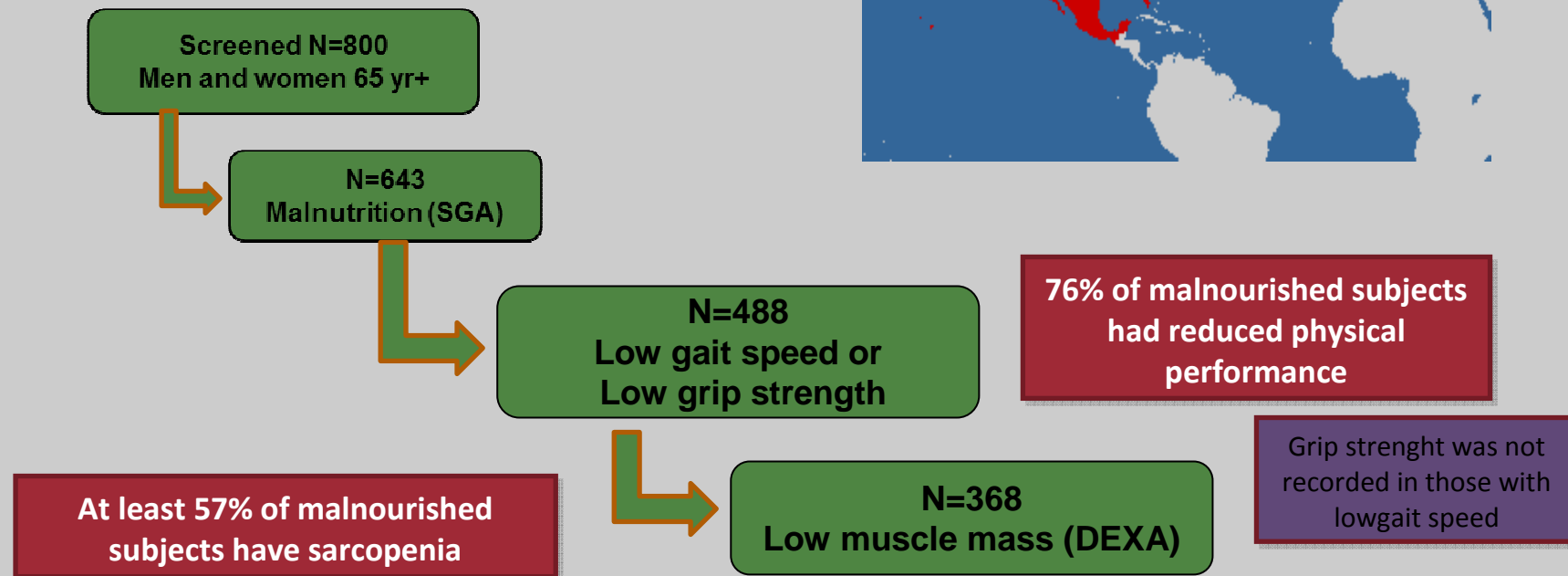


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## Screening and recruitment



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## Baseline Characteristics of Study Subjects

	CONS Group n = 165	EONS Group n = 165
Age, y	77 (71, 81)	77 (71, 81)
Gender, % women	62%	62%
Weight, kg	70 (60, 78)	68 (58, 78)
BMI, kg·m <sup>-2</sup>	26 (24, 29)	25 (23, 29)
Leg strength, Nm	57 (37, 77)	56 (37, 73)
Grip strength, kg	19 (15, 26)	19 (15, 27)
Gait speed, m·s <sup>-1</sup>	0.8 (0.7, 0.9)	0.7 (0.6, 0.9)
FM, kg	25 (20, 30)	25 (18, 30)
LMM, kg*	12 (10, 15)	12 (10, 14)
RSMI, %	25 (23, 31)	26 (23, 30)
MQ, Nm·kg <sup>-1</sup>	9.1 (7.0, 12.1)	9.2 (6.7, 12.4)
Daily energy intake, kcal·d <sup>-1</sup>	1620 (1257, 2012)	1627 (1253, 1971)
Daily protein intake, g·kg <sup>-1</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup>	0.97 (0.73, 1.30)	0.94 (0.70, 1.20)
Serum vitamin D, nmol·L <sup>-1</sup>	60 (40, 78)	65 (45, 85)

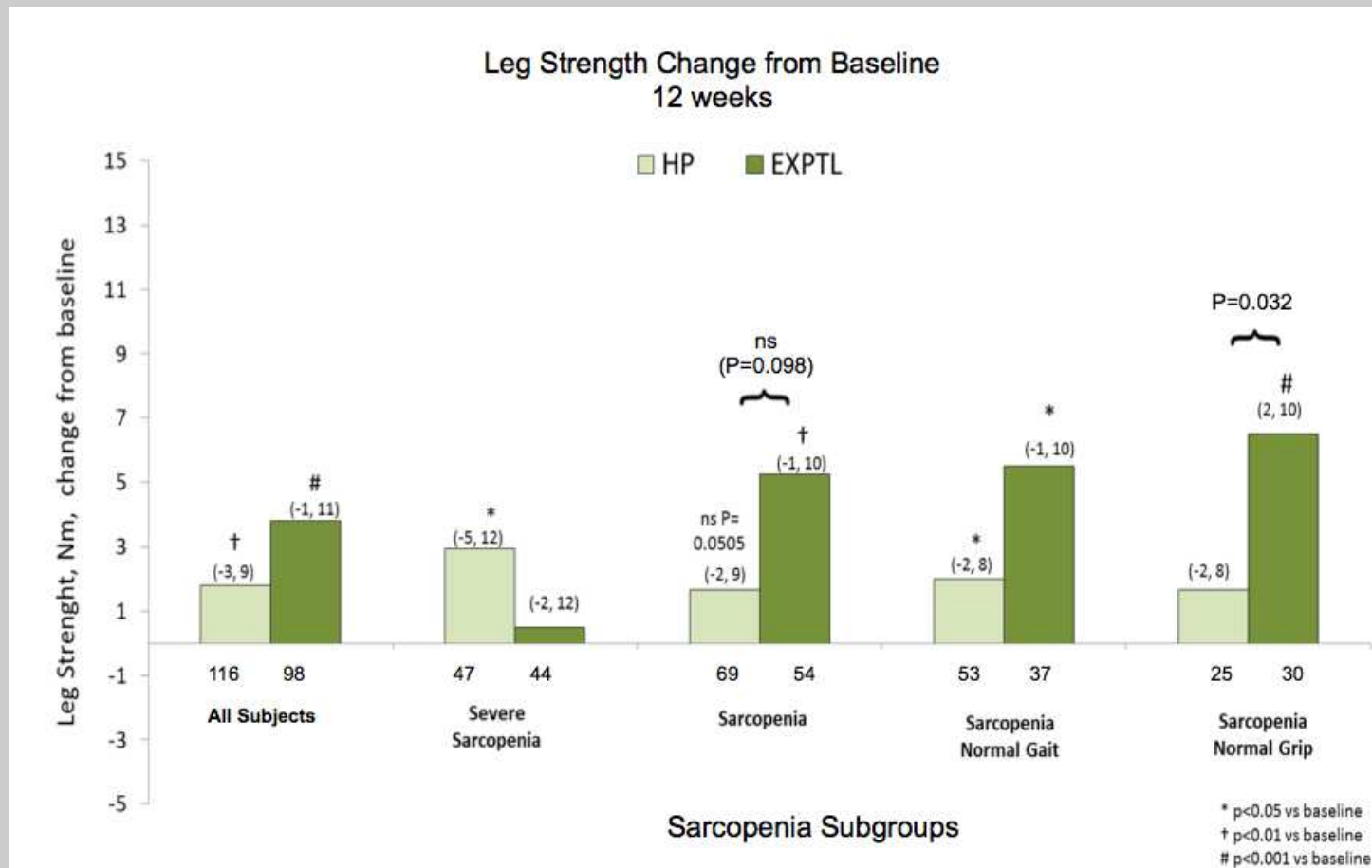
Values are percentages or median (25th, 75th IQR). There were no significant differences ( $P > .05$ ) between groups at baseline.

\*LMM data represent the sum of left and right LMMs acquired from the DXA.

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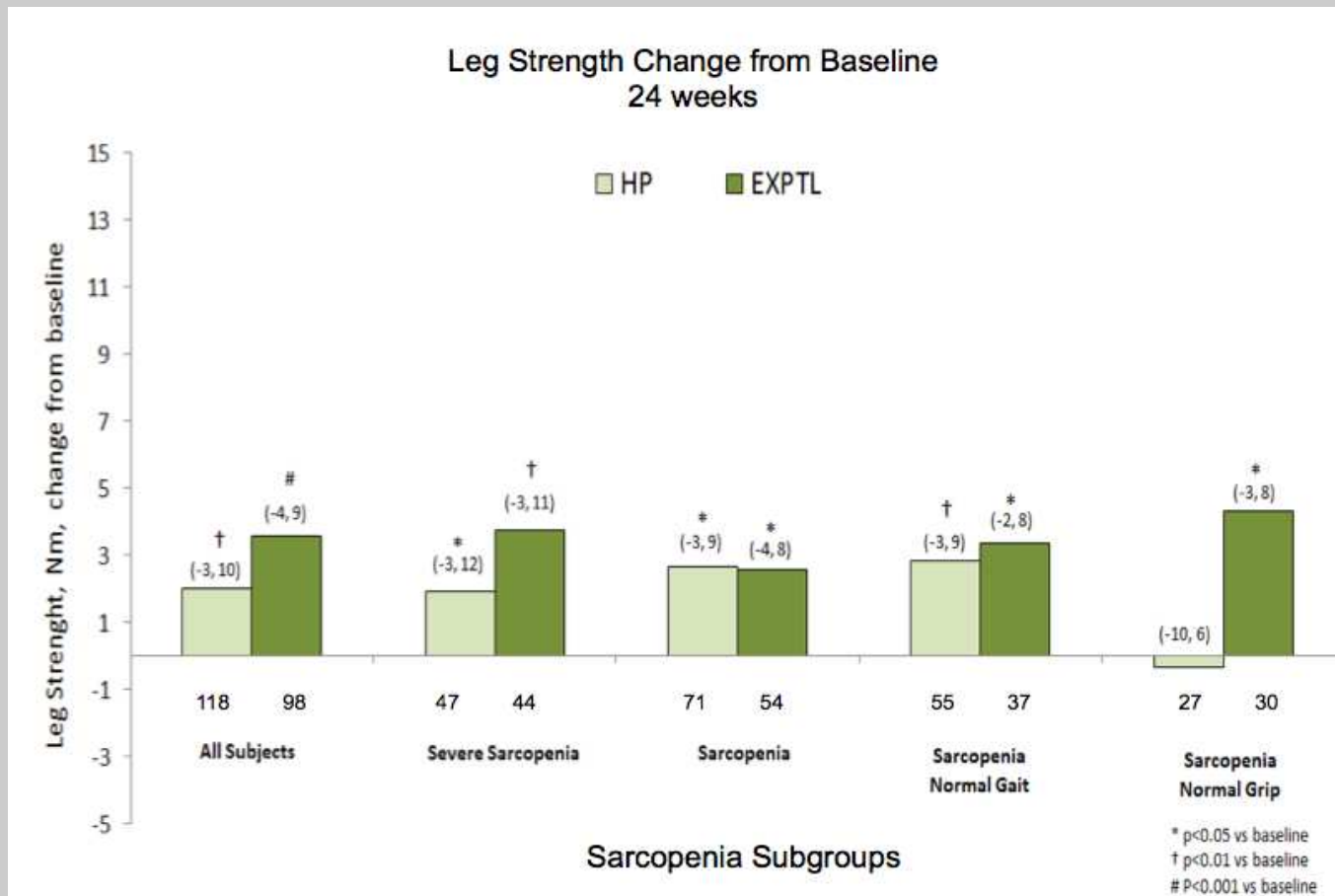
## Results - Leg Strength (Nm), Change from Baseline at 12 weeks



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## Results - Leg Strength (Nm), Change from Baseline at 24 weeks

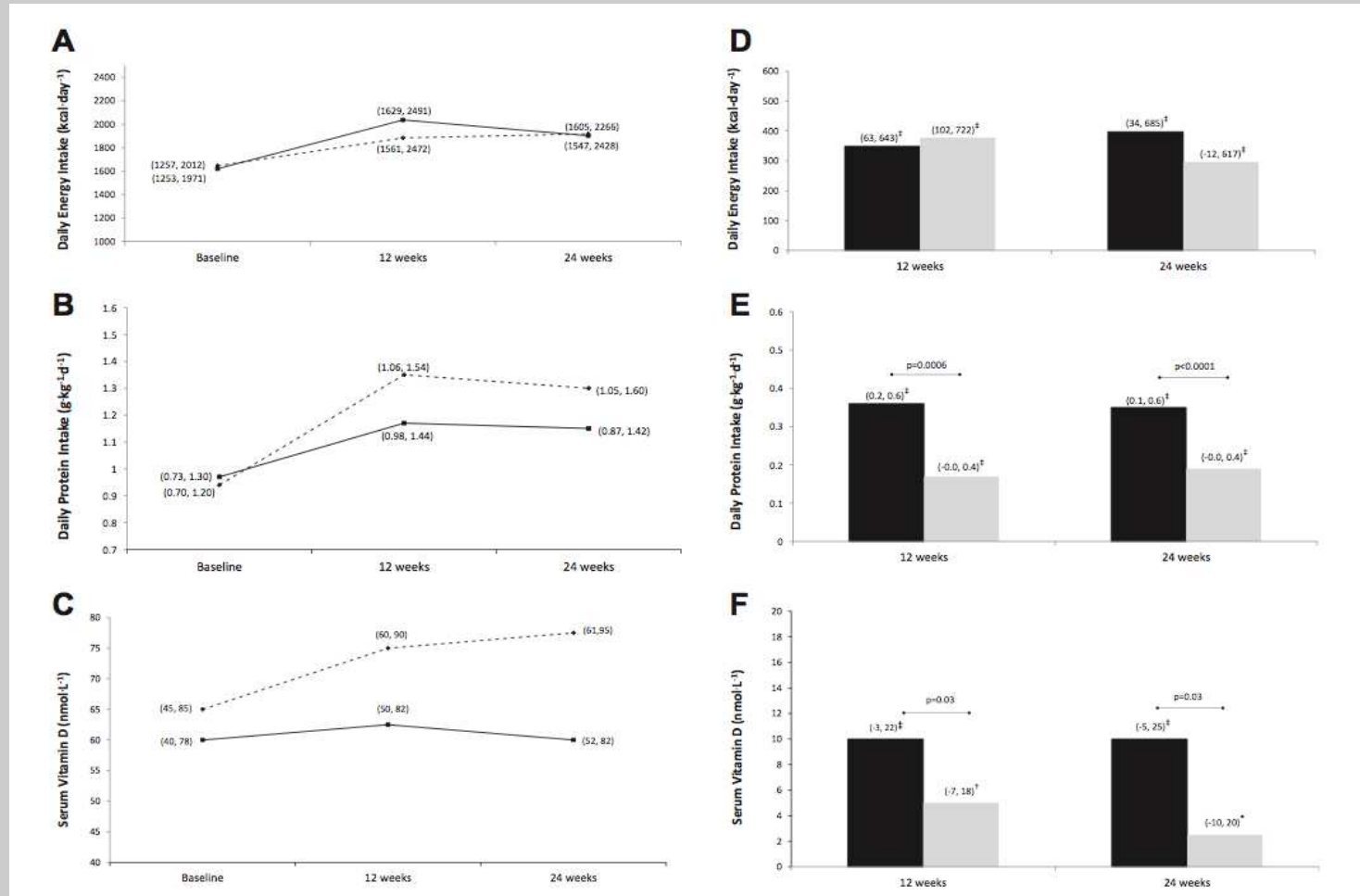


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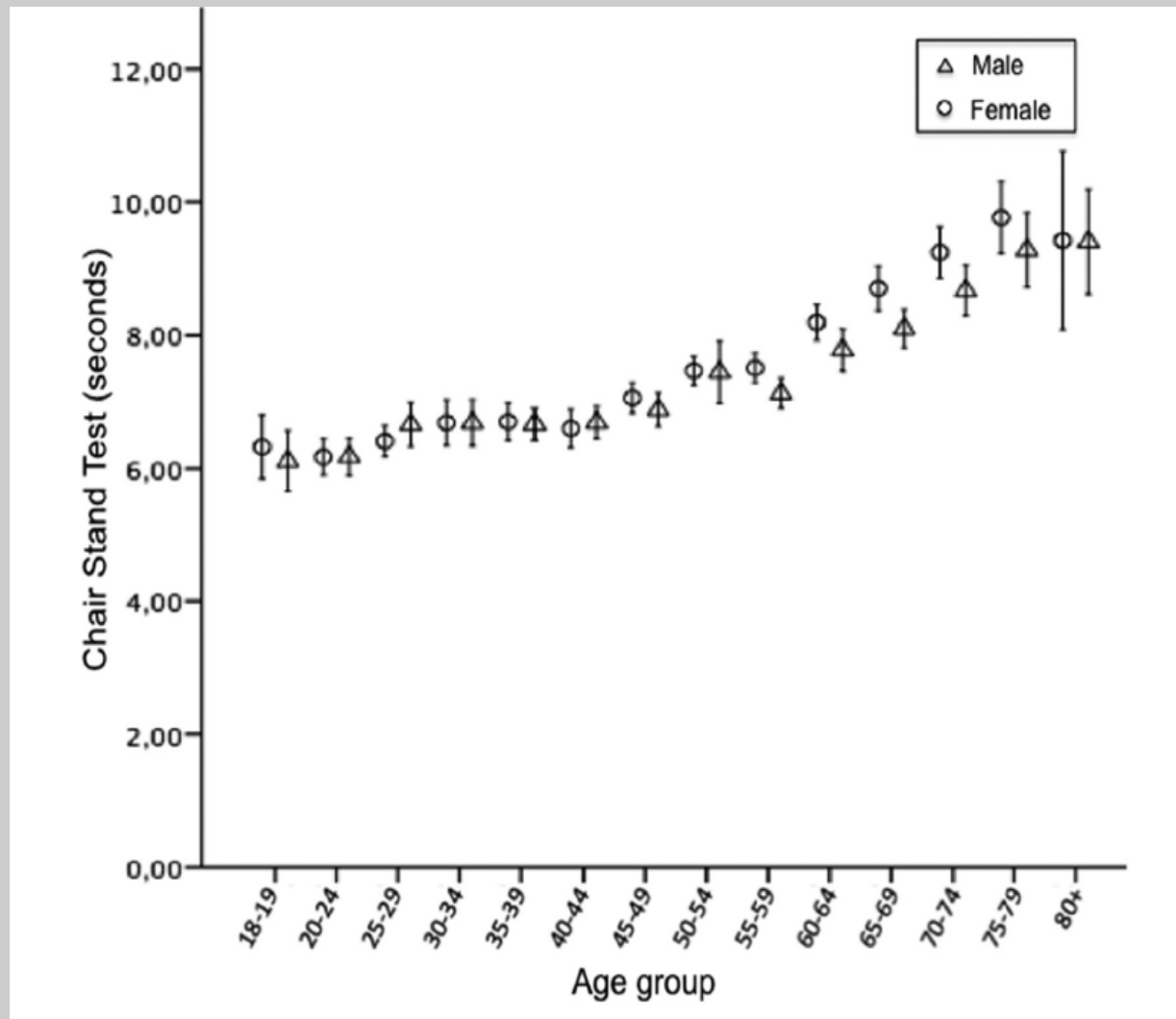
## Dietary intakes of energy, protein, and serum vitamin D at baseline and 12 and 24 weeks



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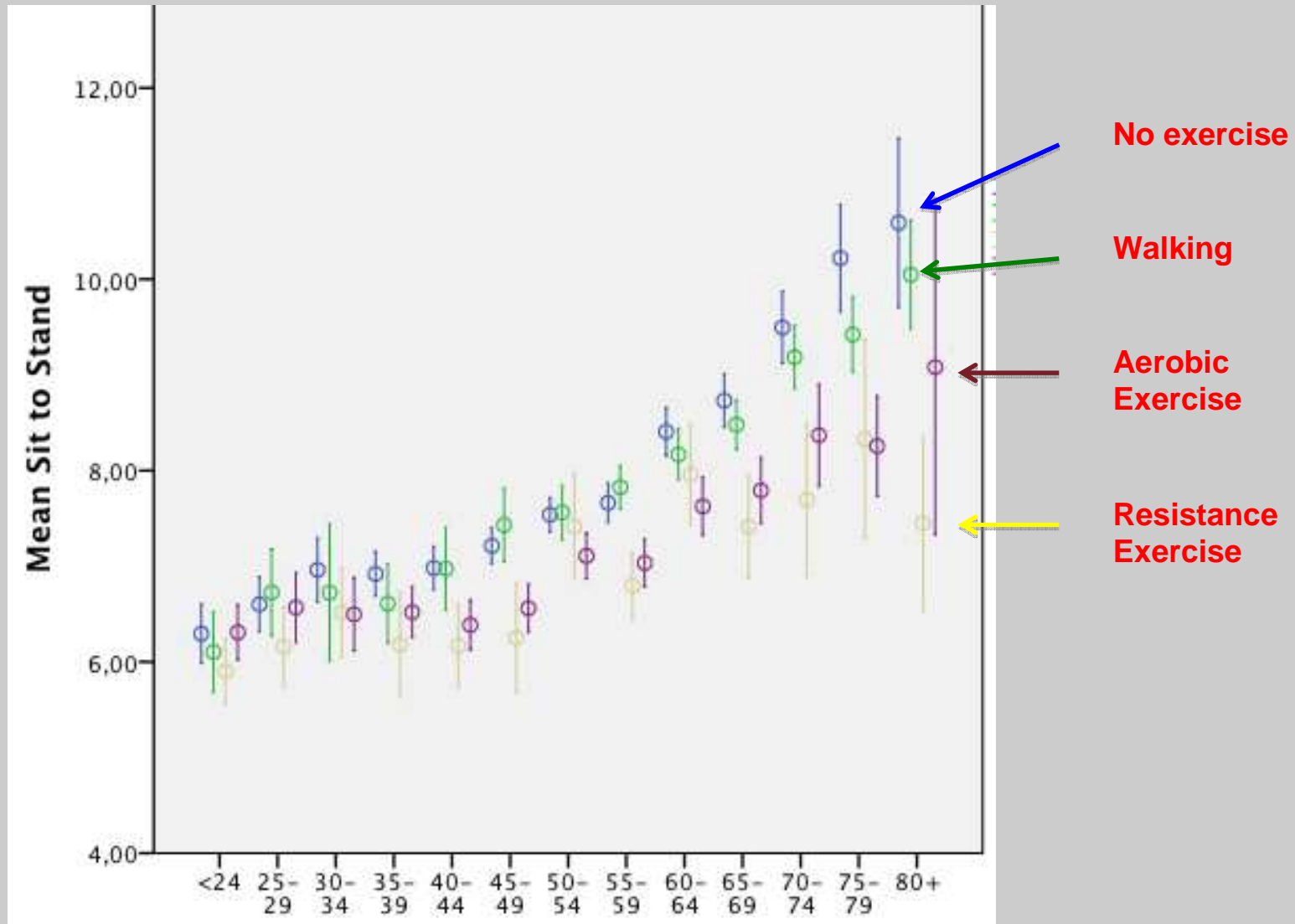
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## Loss of muscle mass, strength and function



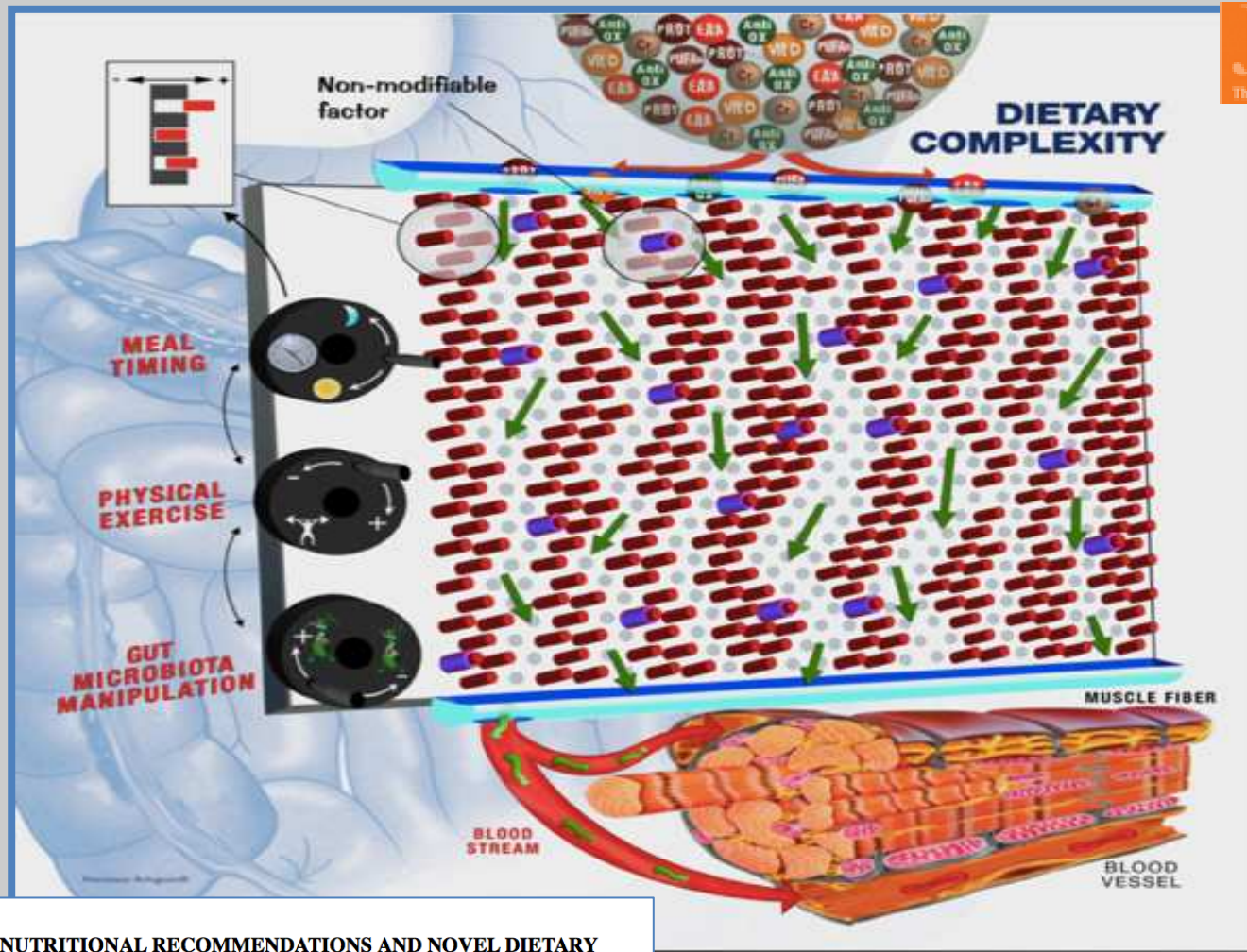
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# Nutrition-muscle connection

## The “Pachinko Model”



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# Take home messages

## Sarcopenia

- The consequences of sarcopenia (and generally loss of muscle mass) warrant screening and treatment

## Proteins and Vitamin D

- Adequate intake of proteins ( $\geq 1$  g/kg/d), energy and vitamin D along with adequate physical activities may help prevent sarcopenia

## Leucine/HMB + exercise

- Leucine/HMB and exercise should be considered as interventions in the management of sarcopenia

## Evidence Base Medicine

- Importance of continuity of nutritional care following discharge from hospital and during rehabilitation