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Obiettivi Formativi

- Le basi Biologiche dell'invecchiamento
- **Come si manifesta clinicamente l'invecchiamento**
- **Sarcopenia e Fragilità**

Tabella 2 – Classificazione eziopatogenetica della sarcopenia

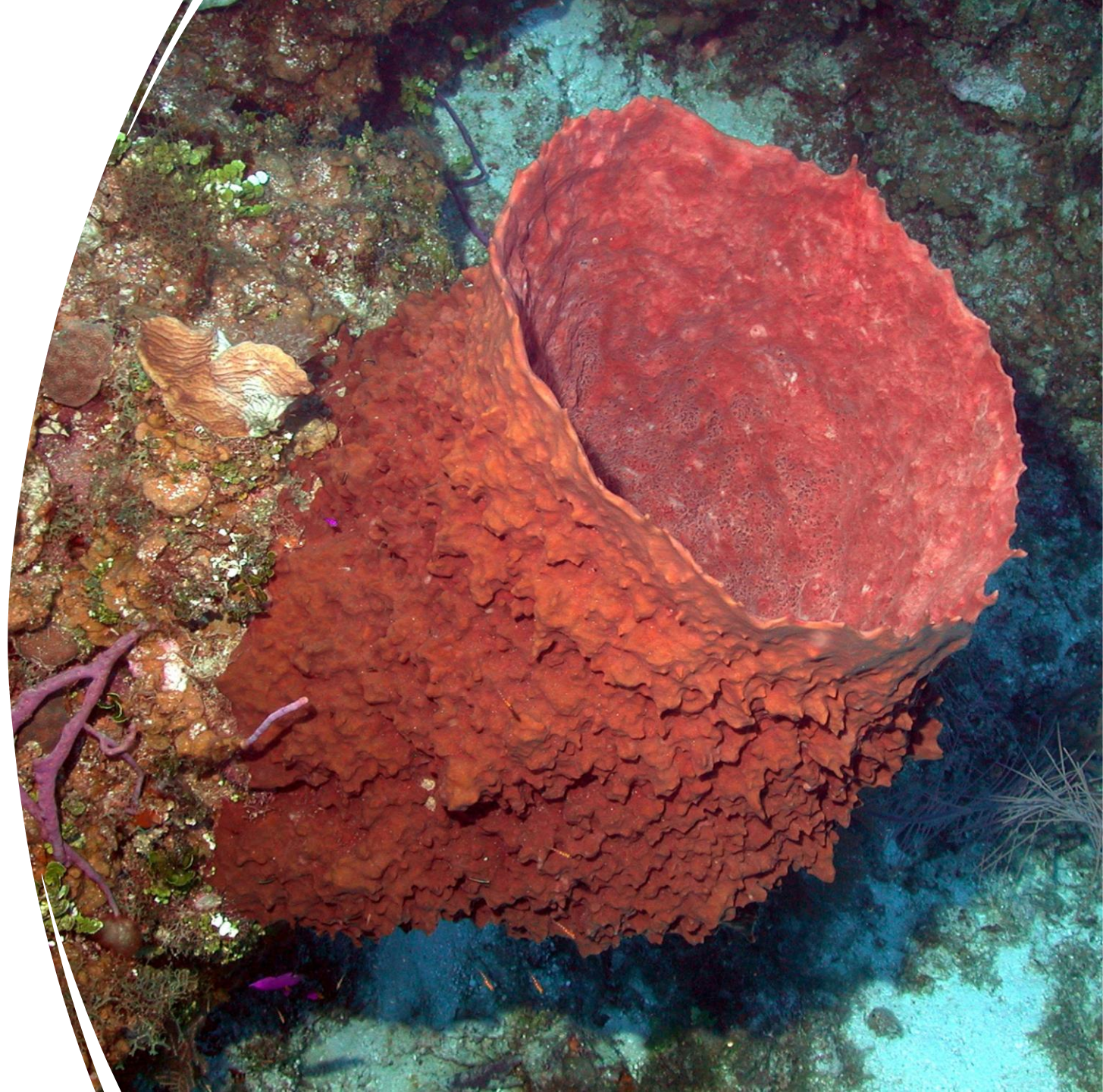
Sarcopenia primaria	
Età correlata	Assenza di altre cause eccetto l'invecchiamento
Sarcopenia secondaria	
Attività fisica correlata	Sedentarietà, allettamento, decondizionamento, assenza di gravità
Malattia-correlata	Scopenso d'organo (cuore, polmoni, reni, fegato, cervello), malattie infiammatorie, endocrine, neoplasie
Nutrizione-correlata	Inadeguato introito calorico/proteico, malassorbimento, farmaci anoressizzanti

Fonte: Volpato S., Bianchi L. (2016), Sarcopenia, in Zuliani G., Volpato S., a cura di, Lezioni di Geriatria e Gerontologia, Universitas Studiorum

Il muscolo, dal punto di vista
evolutivo, porta una certa
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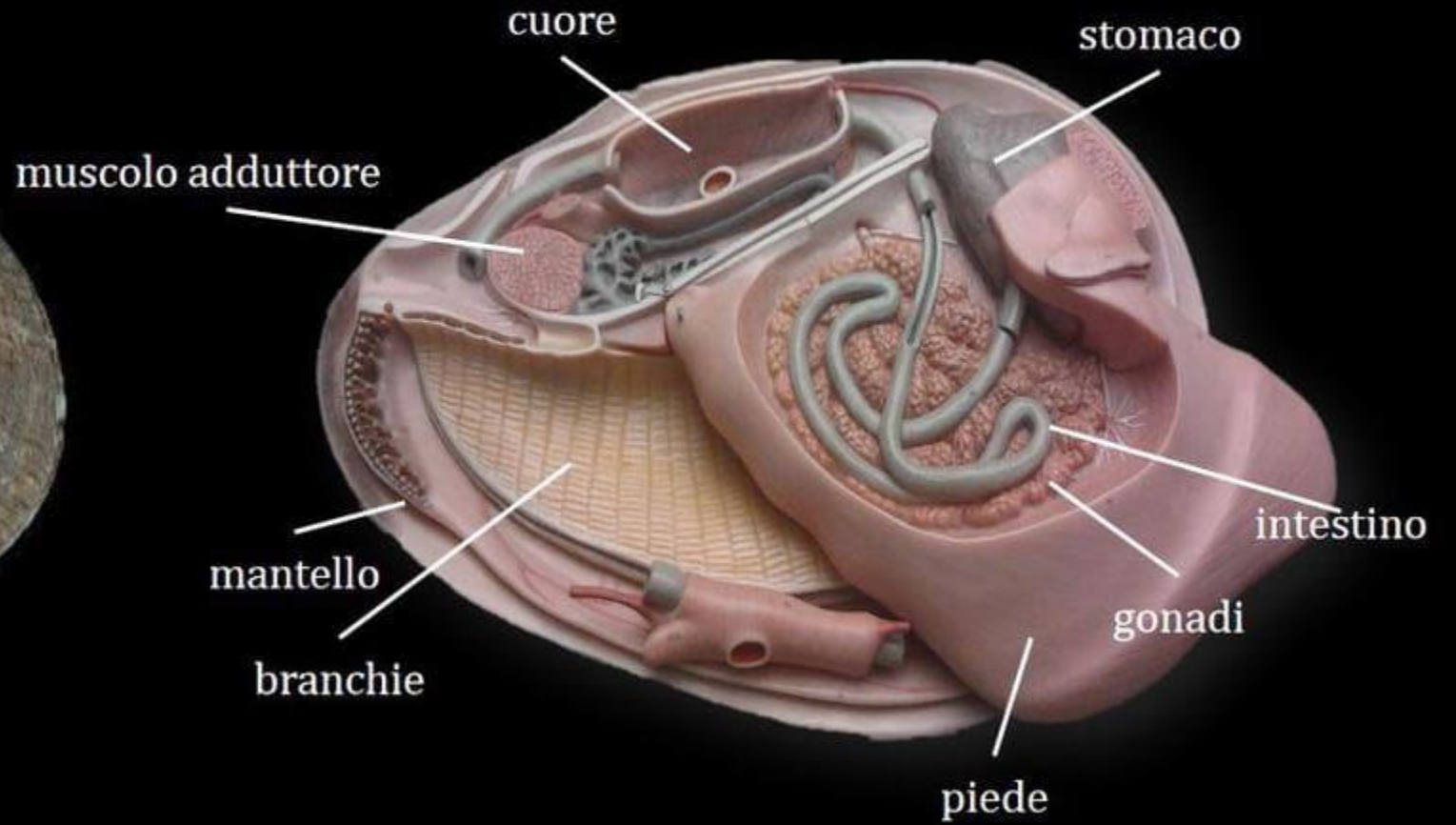
xestospongia muta

- Spugna gigante arriva a vivere 2200 anni

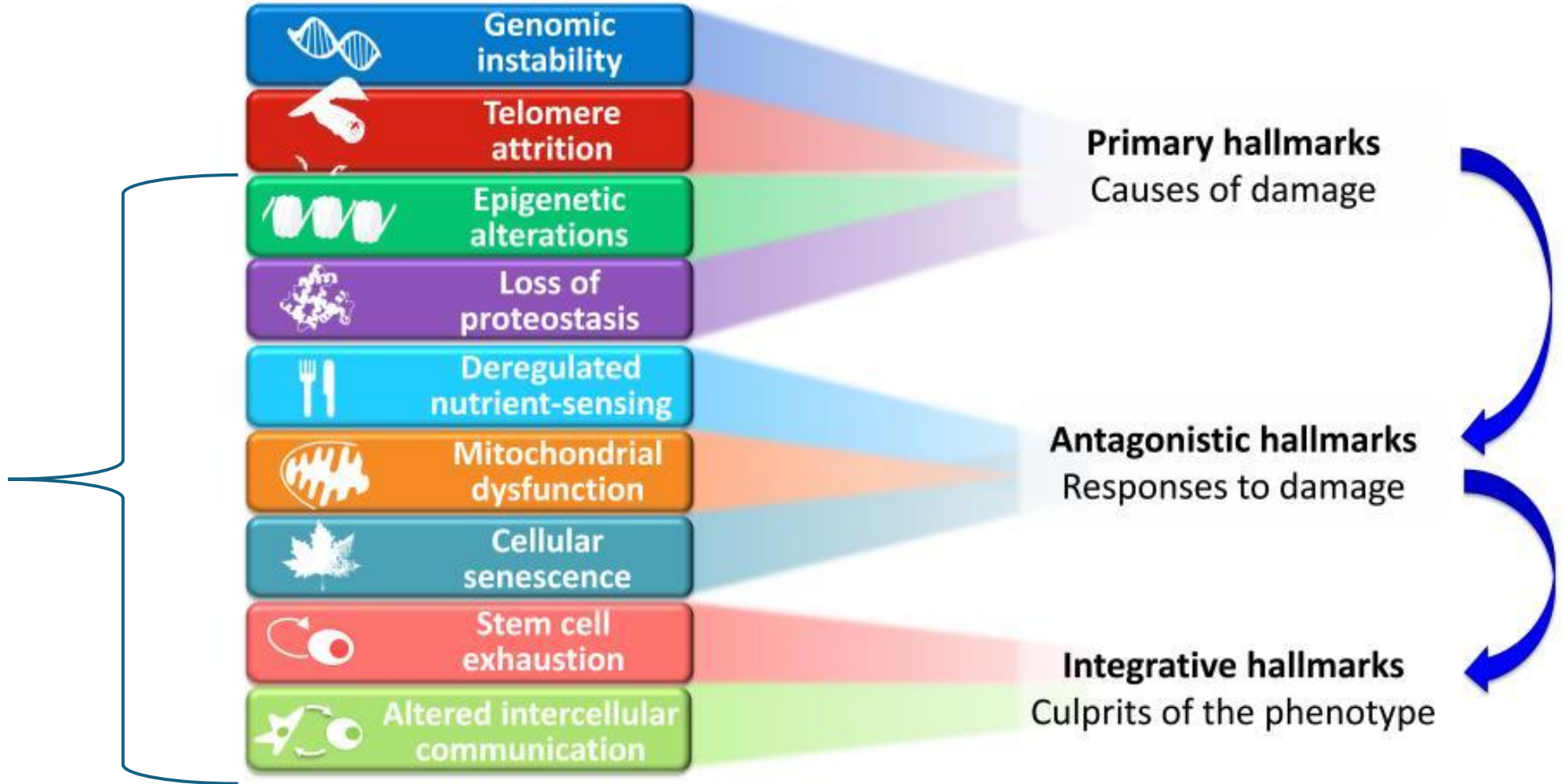


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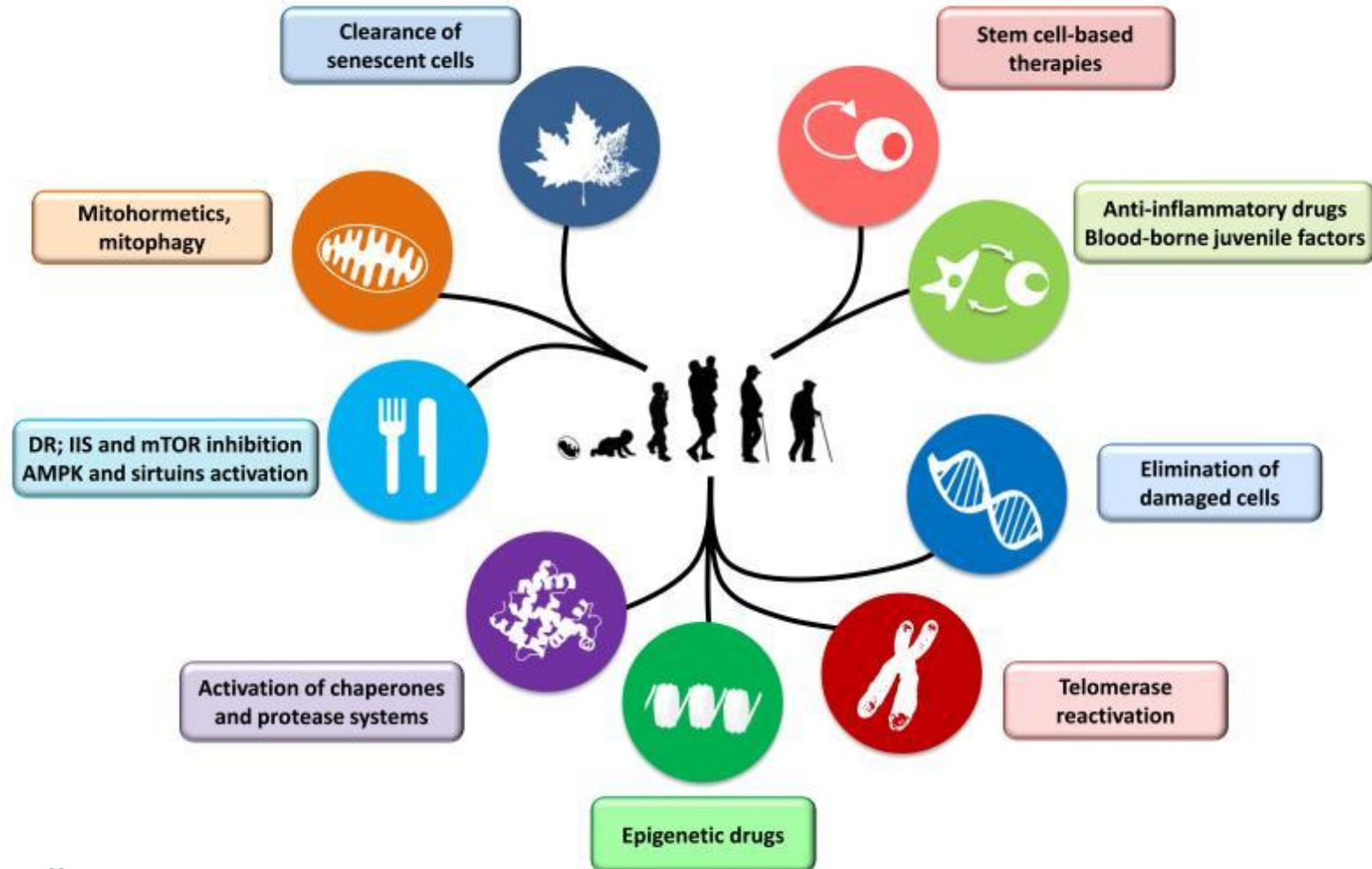


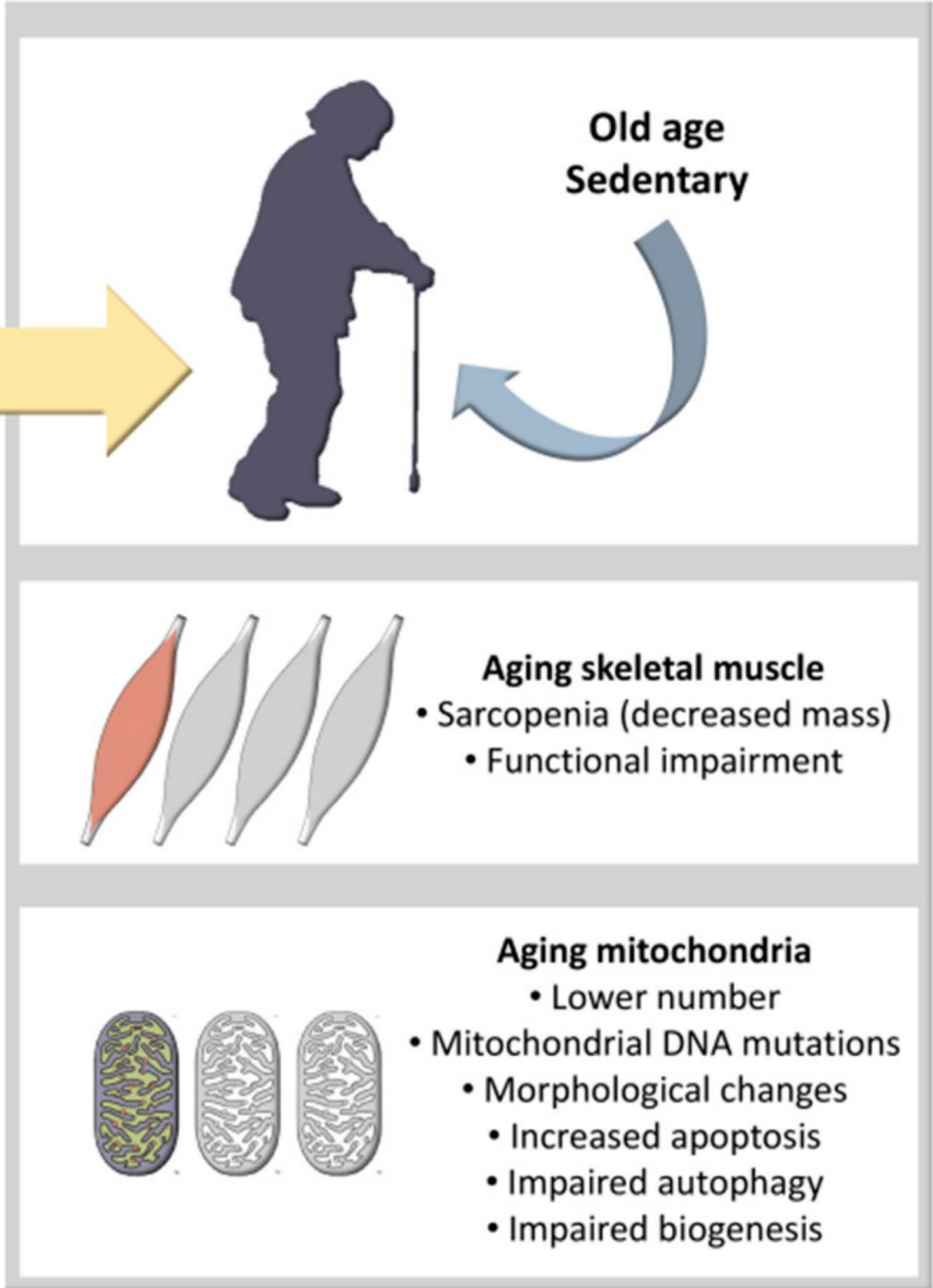
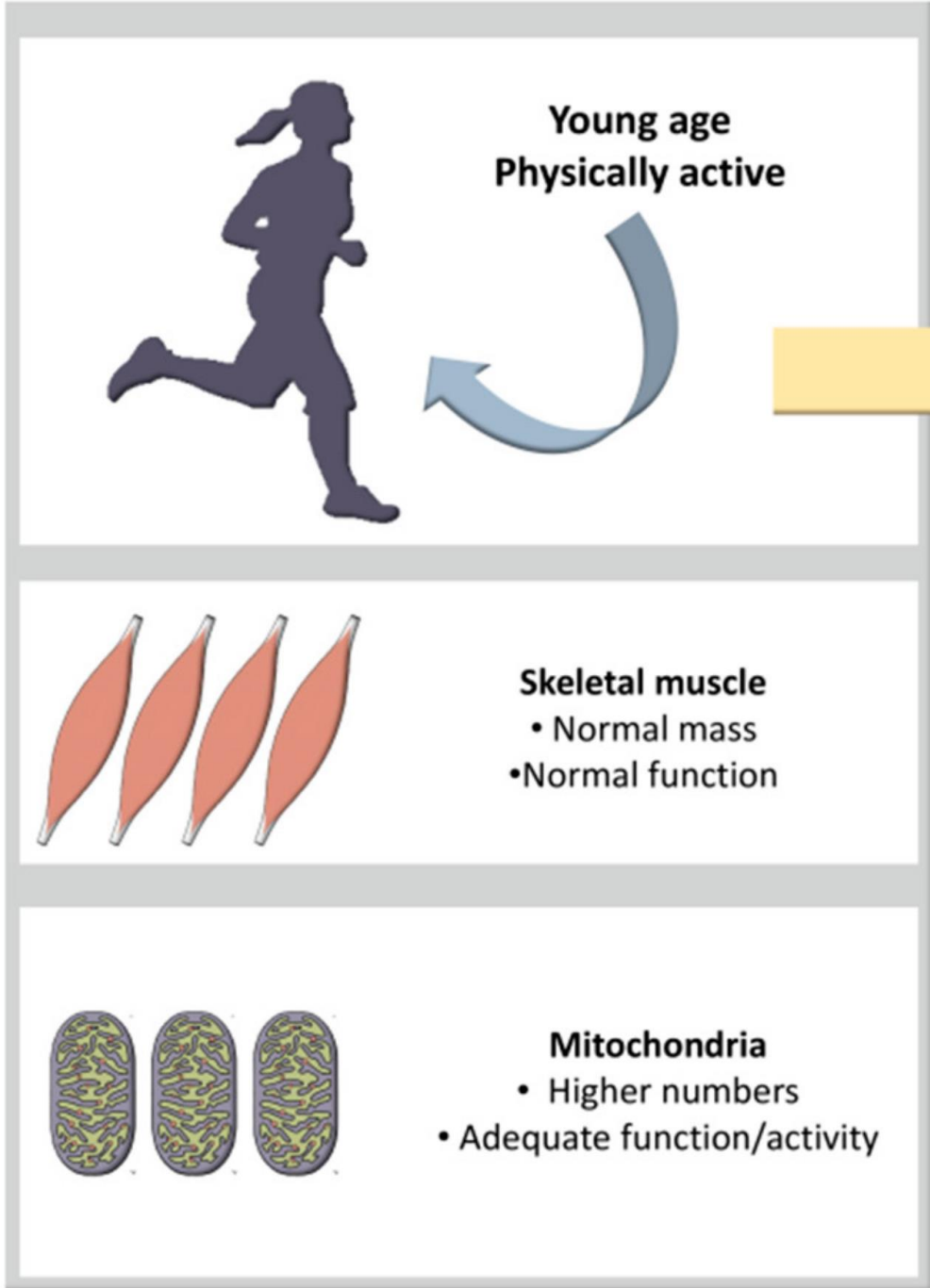


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Future of Anti-aging Medicine





Epigenetic processes

DNA methylation

Histone acetylation

Methylation

Demethylation

Acetylation

Deacetylation

Enzymes

DNMT1
DNMT3A
DNMT3B

TET1-3
AID/APOBEC
BER enzymes

GNAT (GCN5, PCAF)
MYST (Tip60, MOZ, MORF, HB01)
P300/CBP (p300/PCAF)
Other (TFIIC, CLOCK)

Class I HDACs (1,2,3, 8)
Class IIa HDACs (4, 5, 7, 9)
Class IIb HDACs (6, 10)
Class III HDACs (Sirtuin 1-7)

Expression
in skeletal
muscles

DNMT1
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DNMT3B

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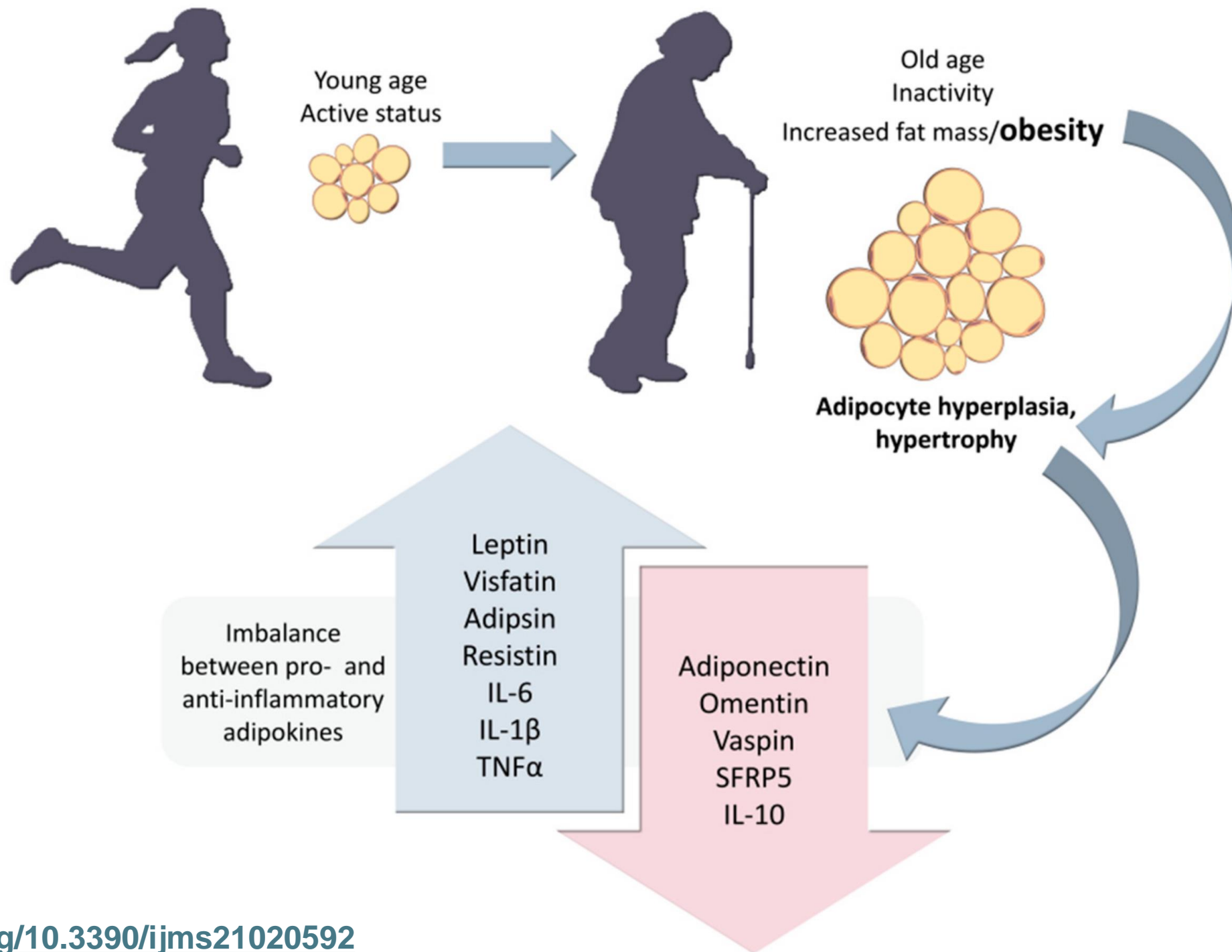
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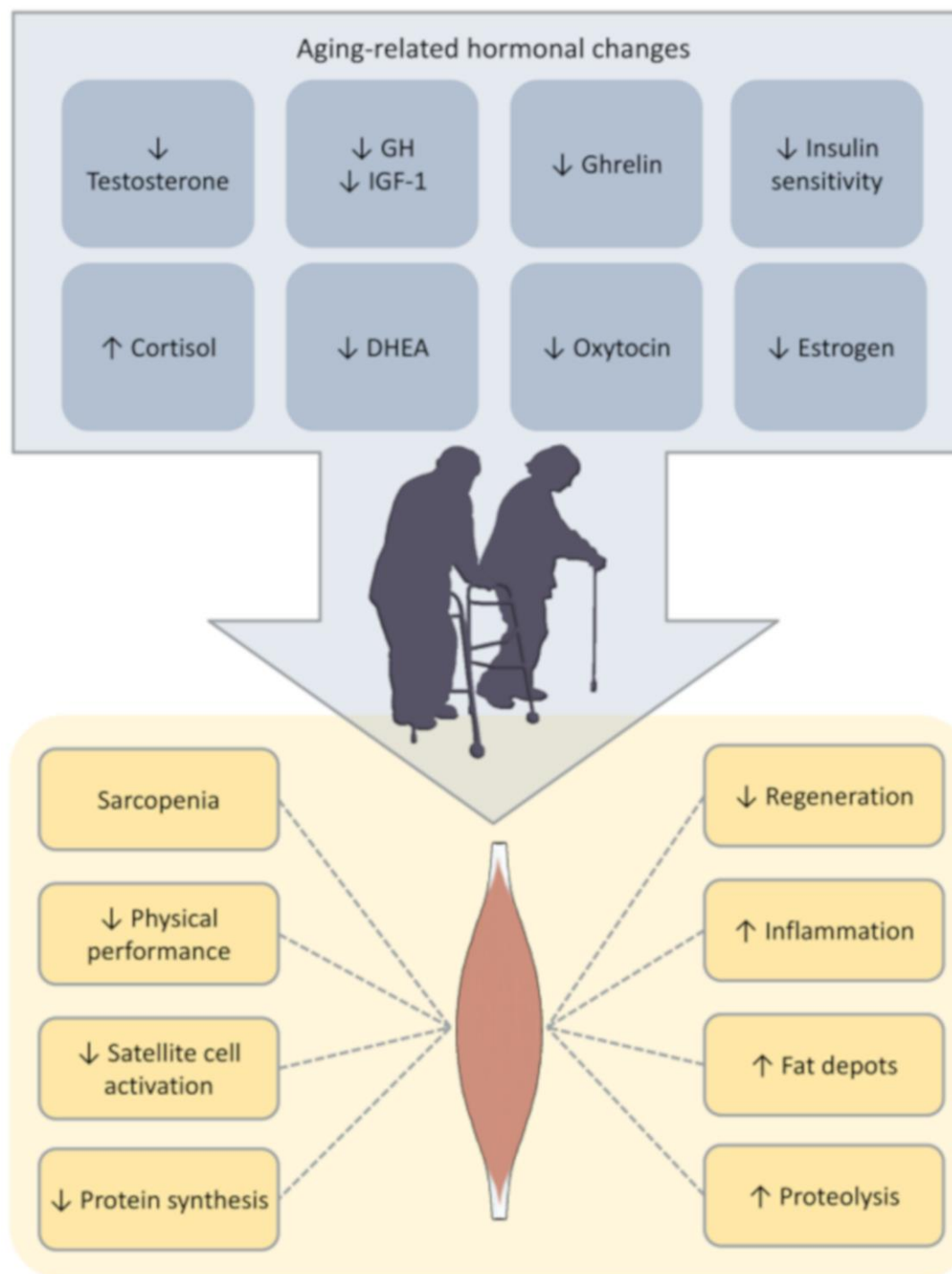
Cytosine methylation

Hydroxylation of methyl-cytosine (TET1-3)
Hydroxymethyl-cytosine deamination to uracil (AID/APOBEC)
Base excision repair of uracil to cytosine (BER enzymes)

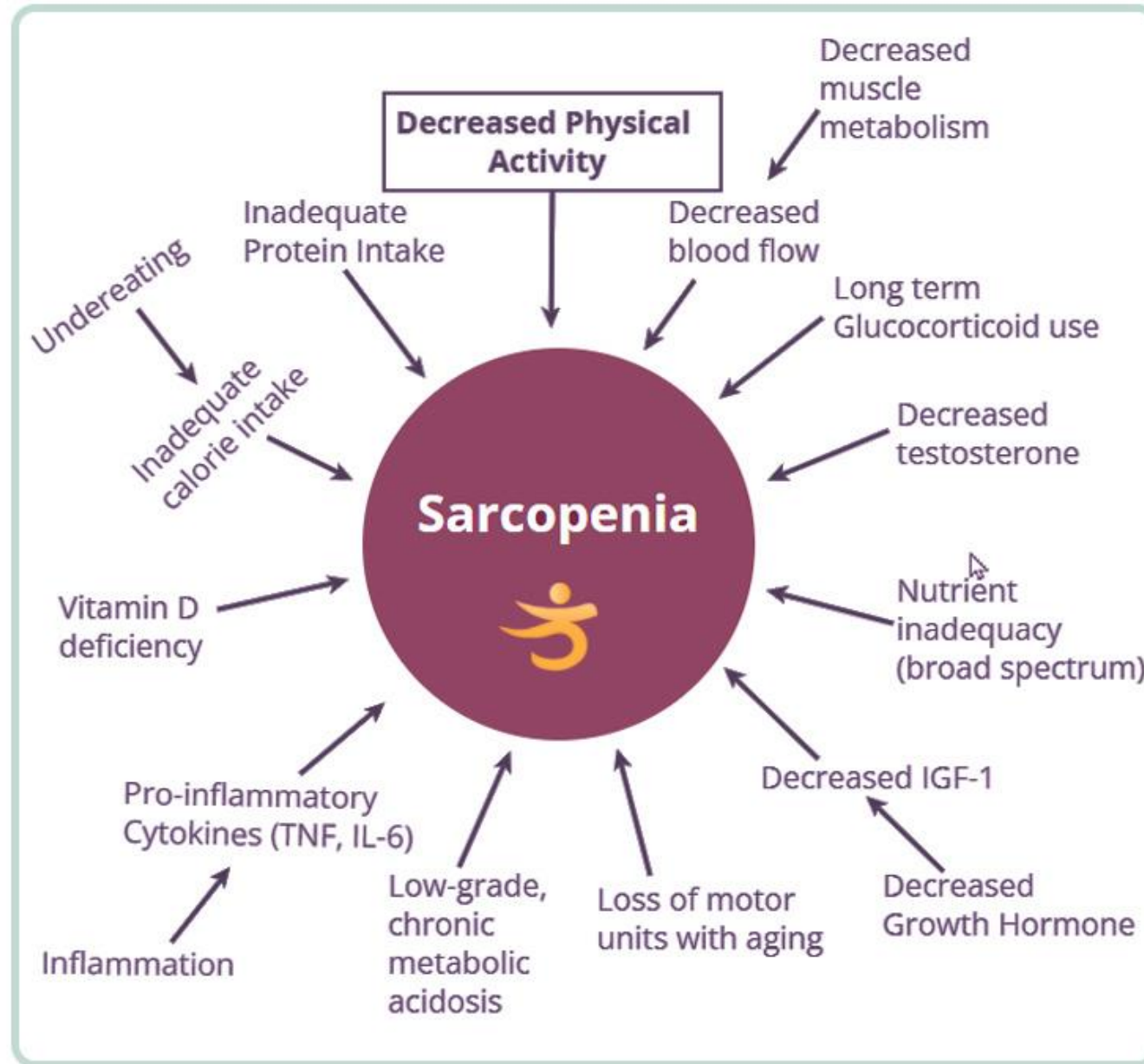
Histone/non-histone acetylation of lysine

Zn²⁺ dependent deacetylation (Class I and IIb)
Corepressor recruitment (Class IIa)
NAD⁺ dependent deacetylation (Class III)





The muscle loss cascade of sarcopenia



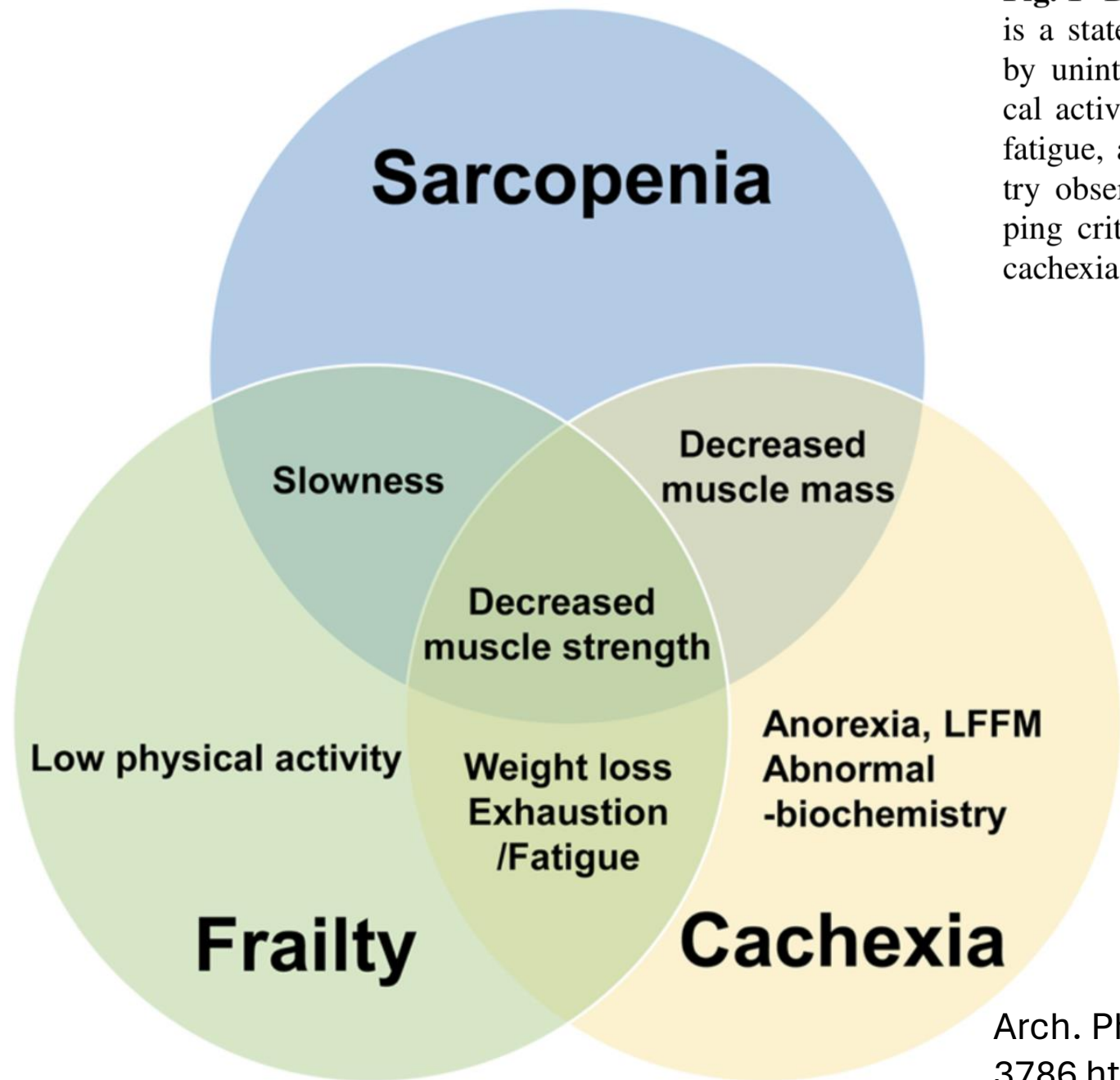


Fig. 1 Diagram of defining sarcopenia, frailty and cachexia. Frailty is a state of declined functions of multiple organ systems followed by unintentional weight loss, exhaustion, slowness and low physical activity. Cachexia is associated with decreased muscle strength, fatigue, anorexia, low fat-free mass index and abnormal biochemistry observed in cancer, AIDS, or end-stage organ failure. Overlapping criteria have been noticed for defining sarcopenia, frailty and cachexia

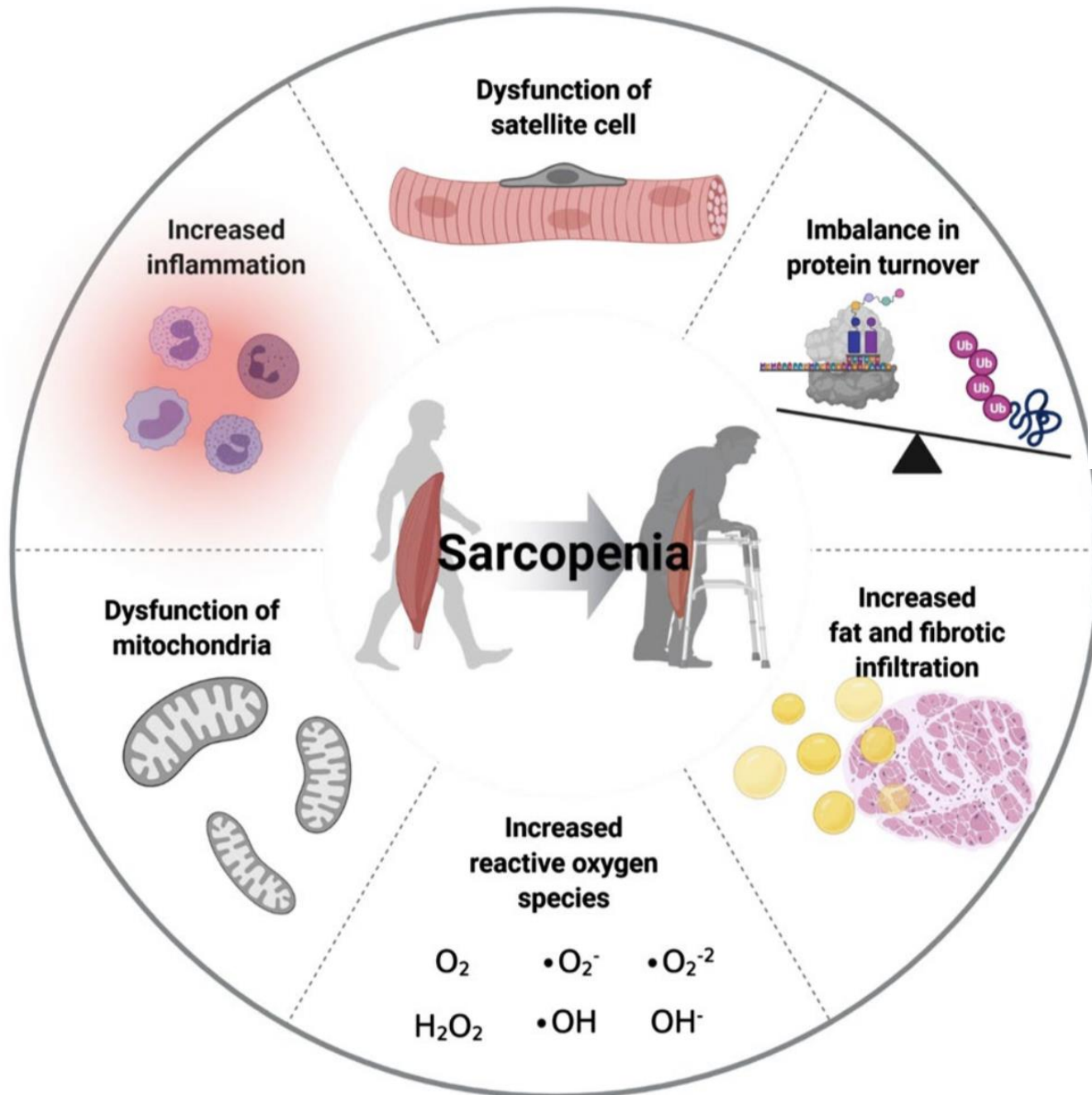


Fig. 2 Age-related factors causing sarcopenia. Decreased self-renewal and differentiating capacity of satellite cells cause impaired muscle regeneration. Increased protein degradation and decreased protein synthesis lead reduced muscle mass. Fatty and fibrotic accumulation cause poor muscle quality. Increased ROS induces oxidative stress leading muscle loss and strength. Associated with excessive ROS, dysfunction of mitochondria causes reduced ATP production. Lastly, elevated inflammation also induces oxidative stress and anabolic resistance leading loss of muscle. Created with BioRender.com

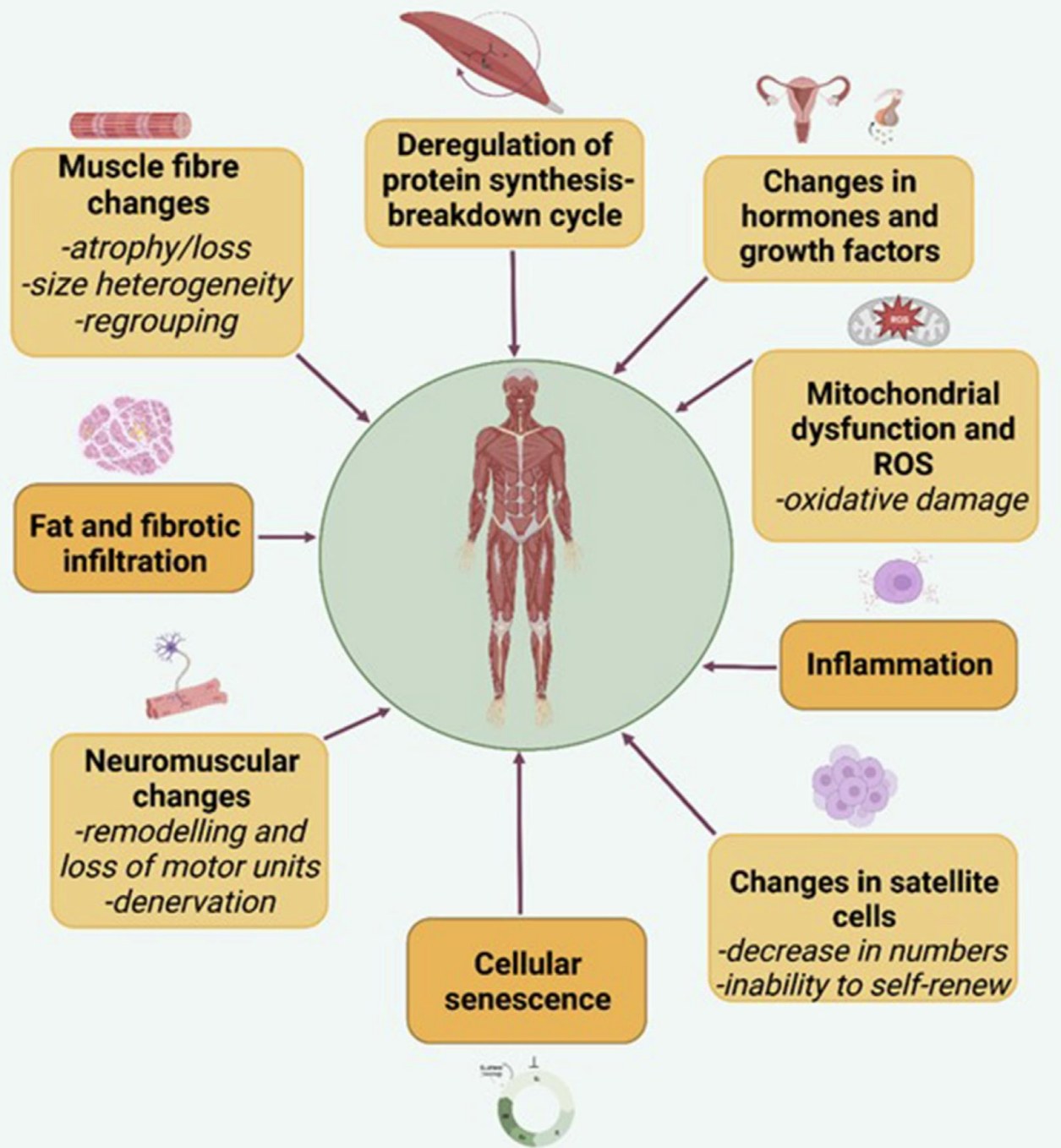


FIGURE 1. Mechanisms implicated in the pathogenesis of sarcopenia. Mechanisms of sarcopenia are complex and include skeletal muscle fiber atrophy, imbalance of muscle protein synthesis and breakdown, mitochondrial dysfunction and accumulation of ROS, and neuromuscular changes. (Created with BioRender.com). ROS, reactive oxygen species.

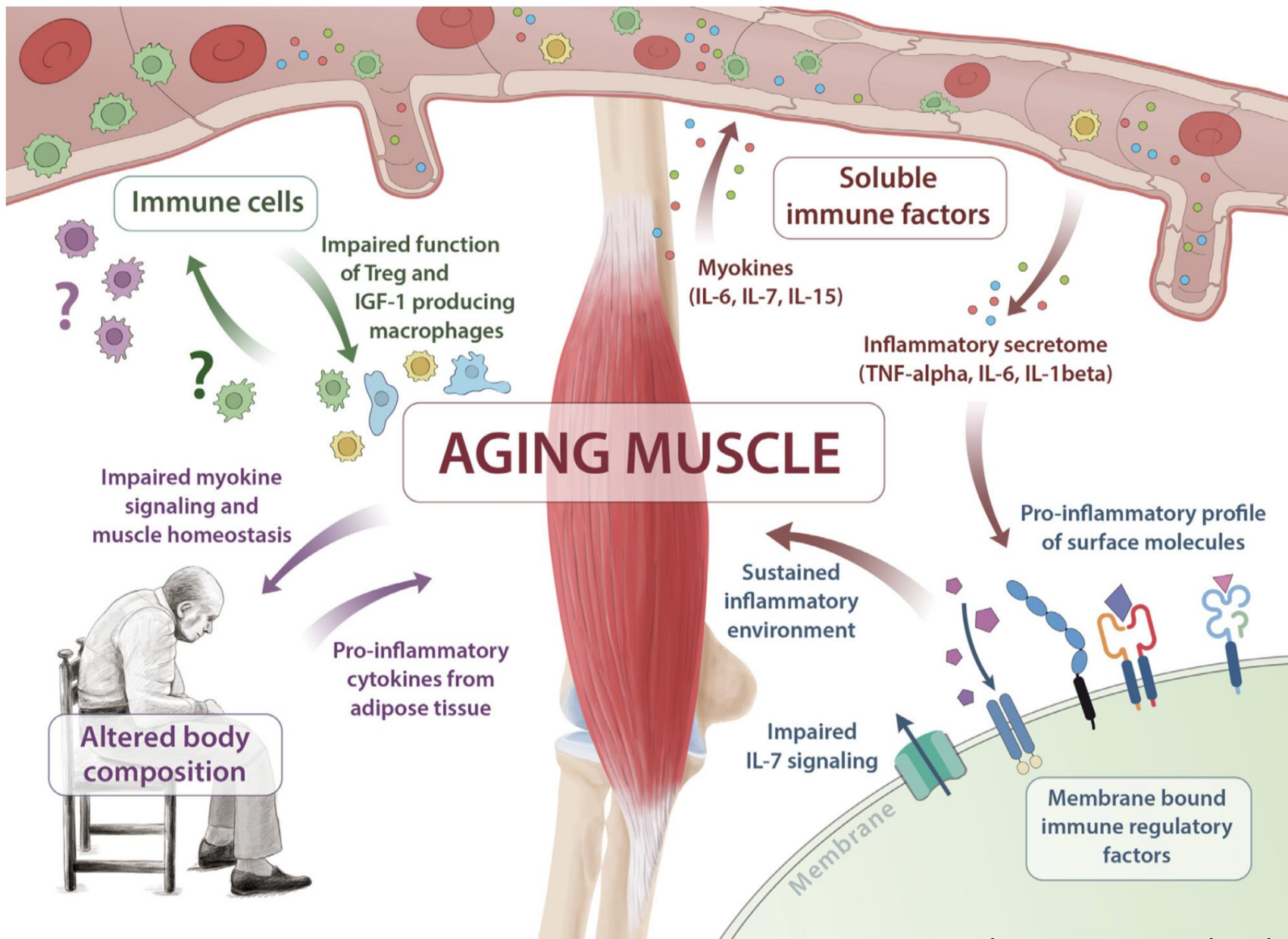


Fig. 1. Aging of skeletal muscle is central in the pathogenesis of immune senescence and sarcopenia. Multiple pathways are affected, including insufficient myokine signalling (IL-6, IL-7, IL-15), shifting of membrane bound immune regulatory factors towards a pro-inflammatory profile, impaired immune cell function and altered body composition.

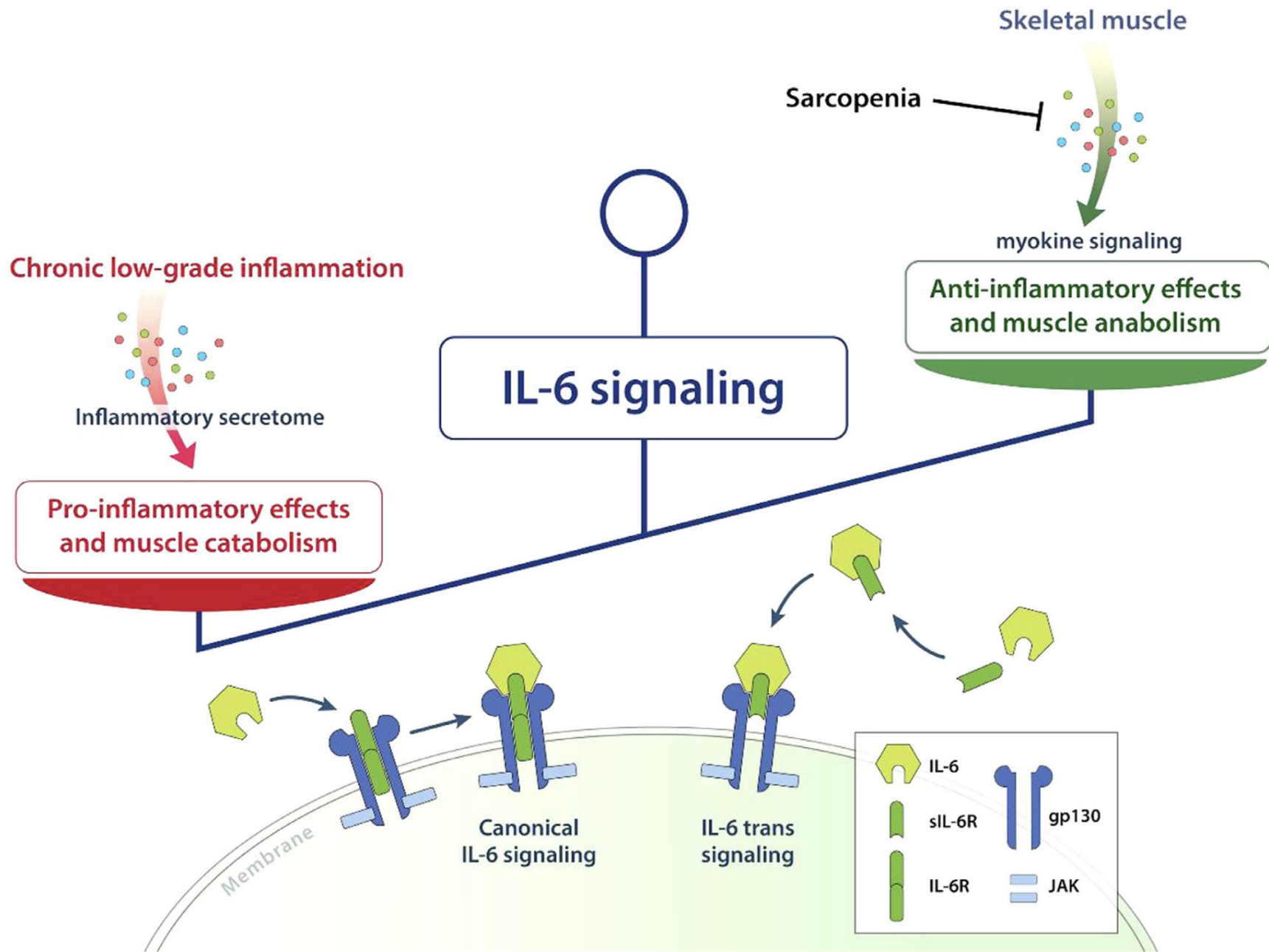
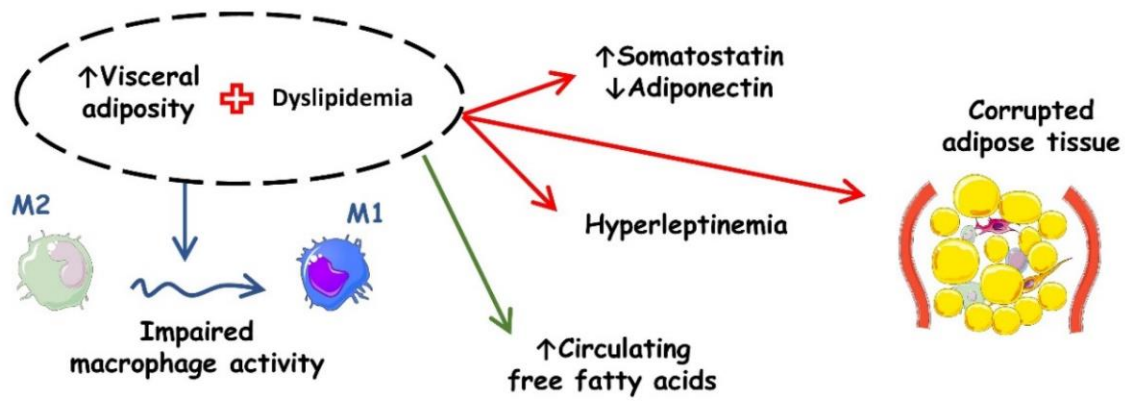
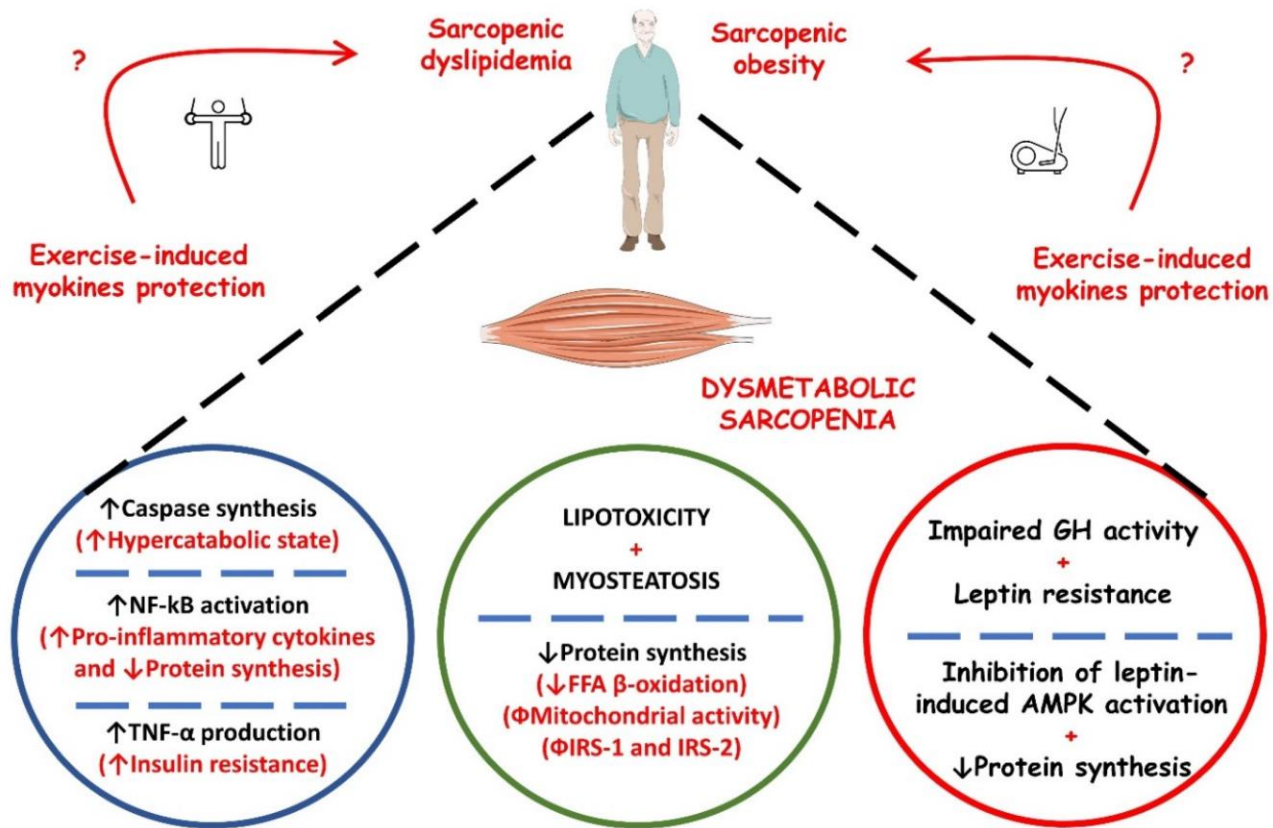
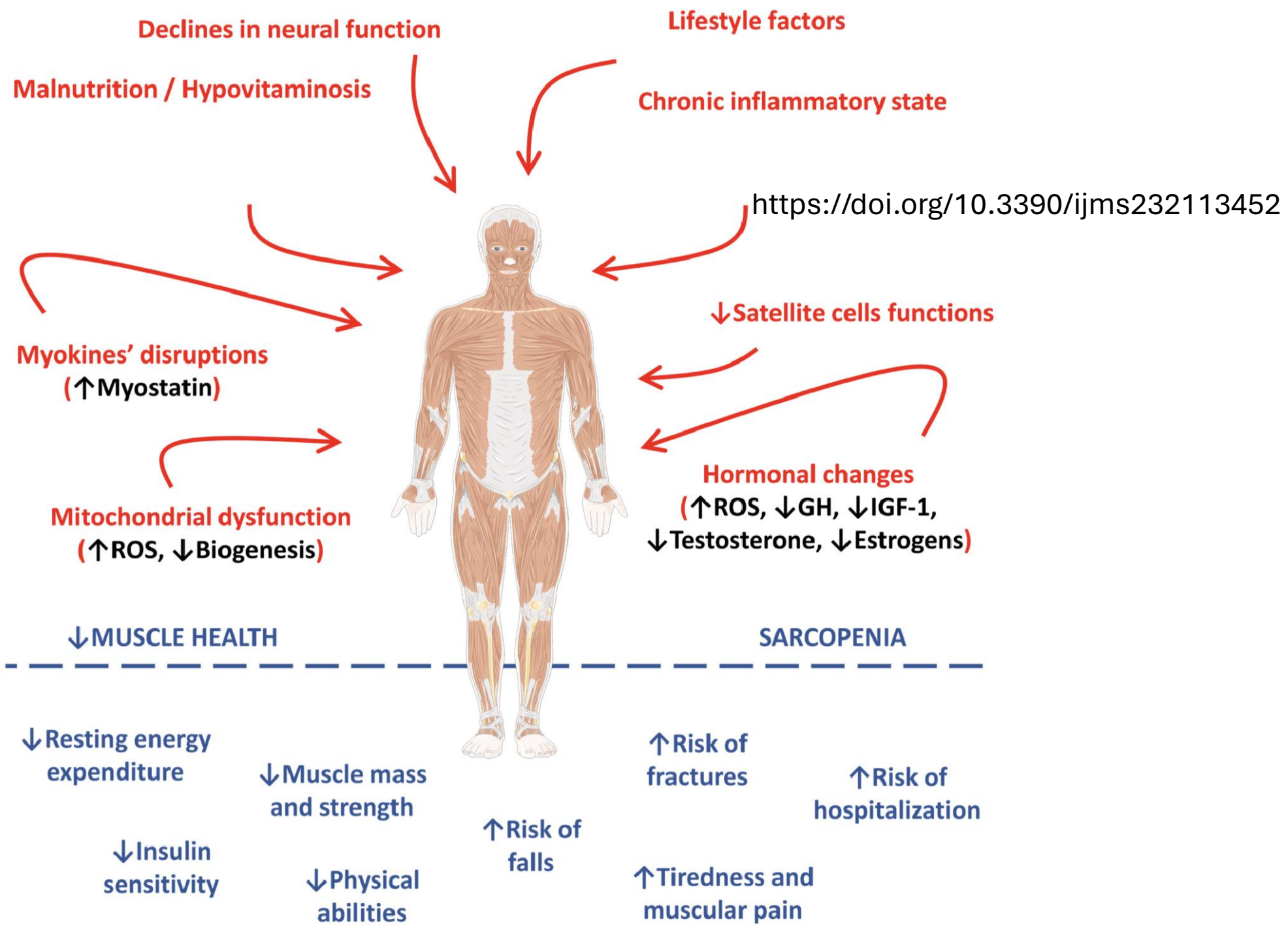


Fig. 2. Aging tips the scales of IL-6 signalling. Chronic exposure to IL-6 and the concomitant release of pro-inflammatory cytokines promote pro-inflammatory effects and muscle catabolism due to IL-6 signalling. The pulsatile release of IL-6 in response to exercise is impaired in sarcopenia resulting in reduced anti-inflammatory effects and impaired muscle anabolism mediated by IL-6. The biological effect of IL-6 is mediated both by canonical and by trans-signalling.

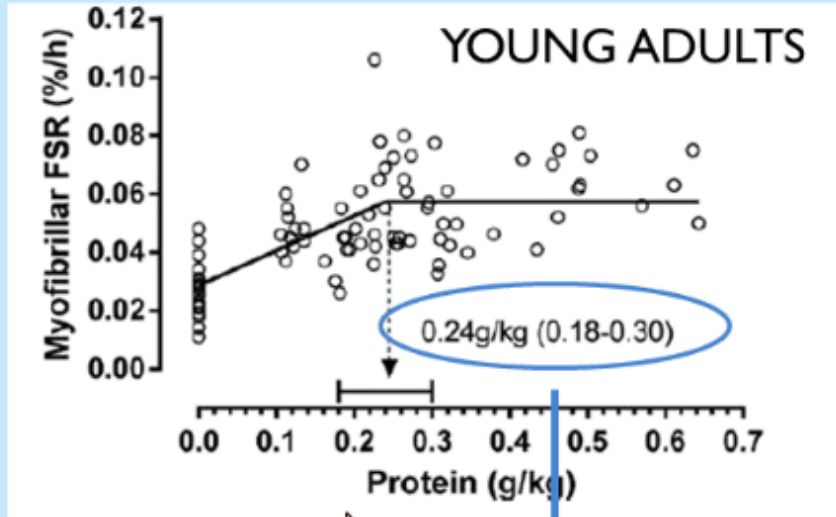


Dysmetabolic sarcopenia state, in which organokines play crucial roles

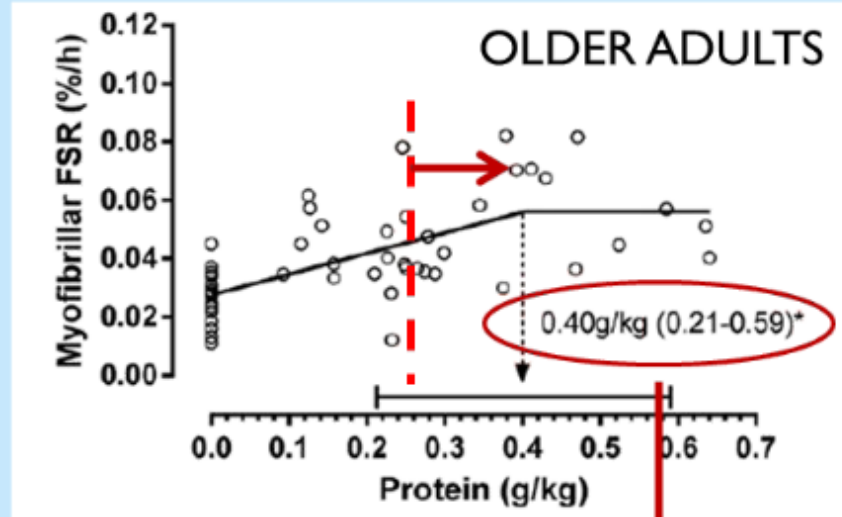




ANABOLIC RESISTANCE WITH AGING



~0.7 g/kg



~1.2 g/kg

Resistenza anaerobica

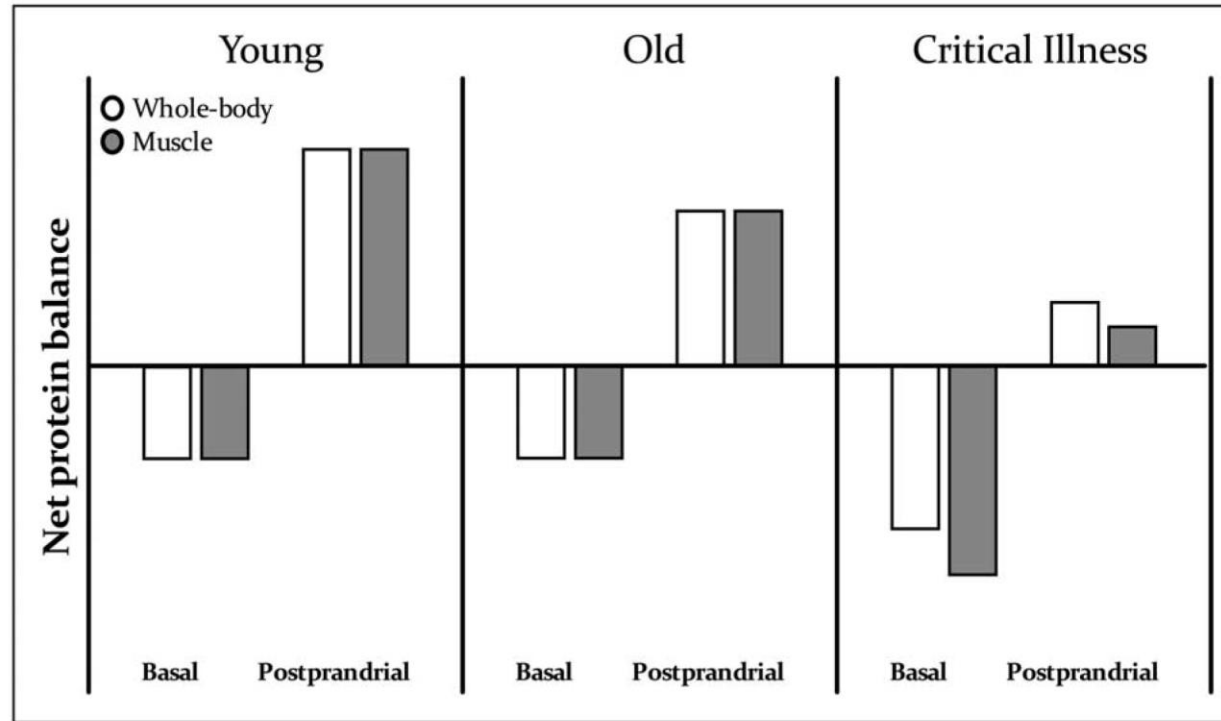
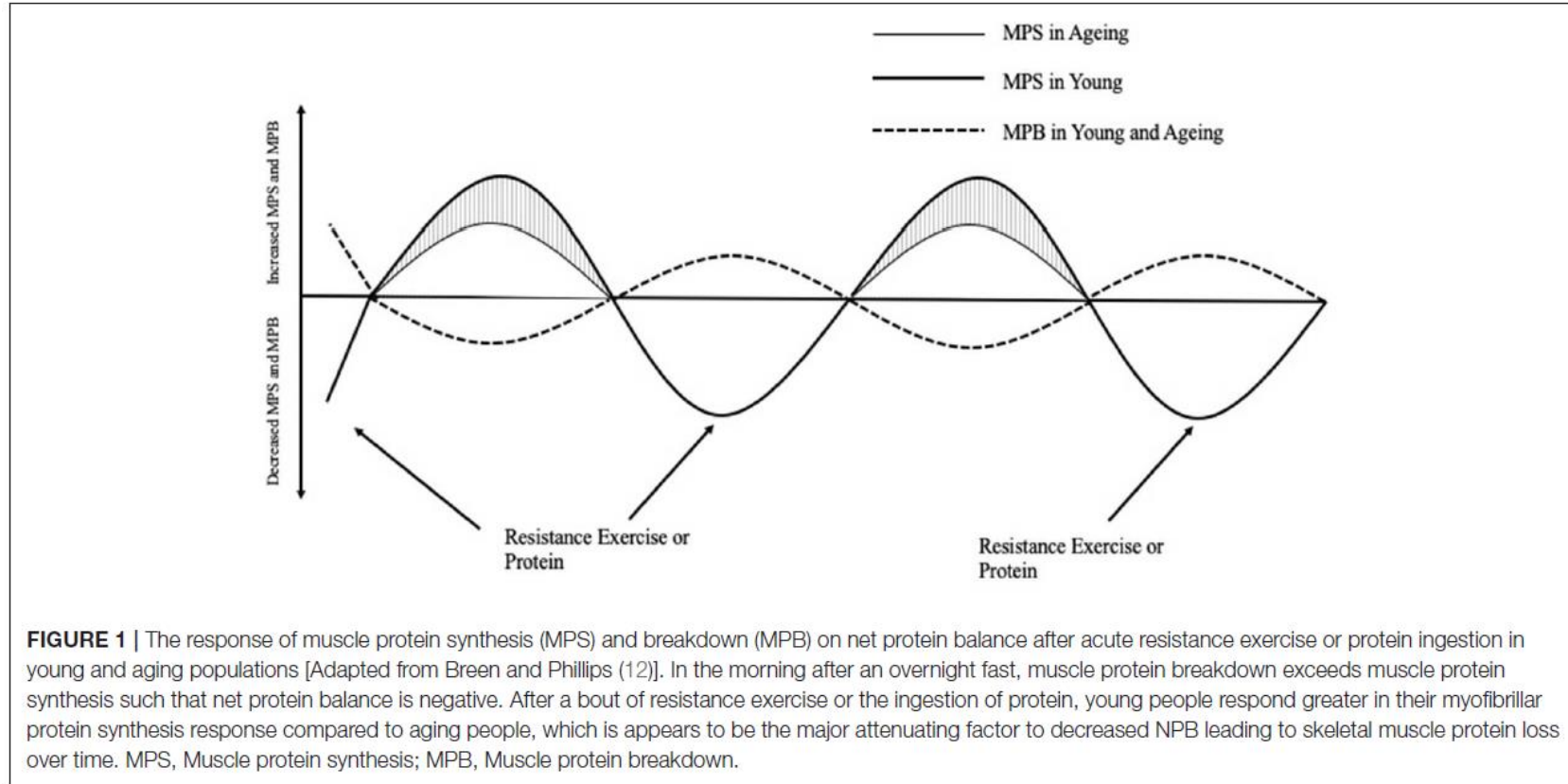


FIGURE 1. Net whole-body and muscle protein balance in young, old, and critically ill persons. There is no change in basal protein turnover between young and older individuals but there is a dramatic reduction in net whole-body protein balance with critical illness, primarily driven by skeletal muscle. Older individuals are anabolically resistant to hyperaminoacidemia, which is exaggerated during critical illness because of substantial disuse.

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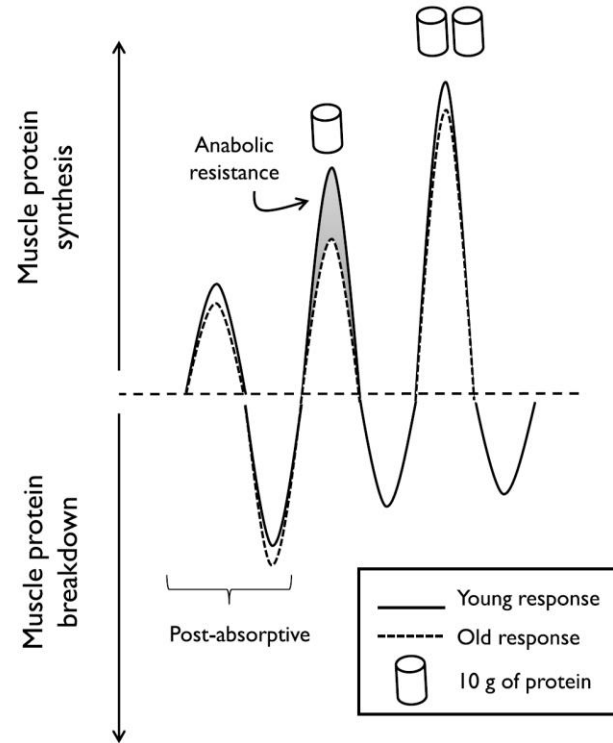
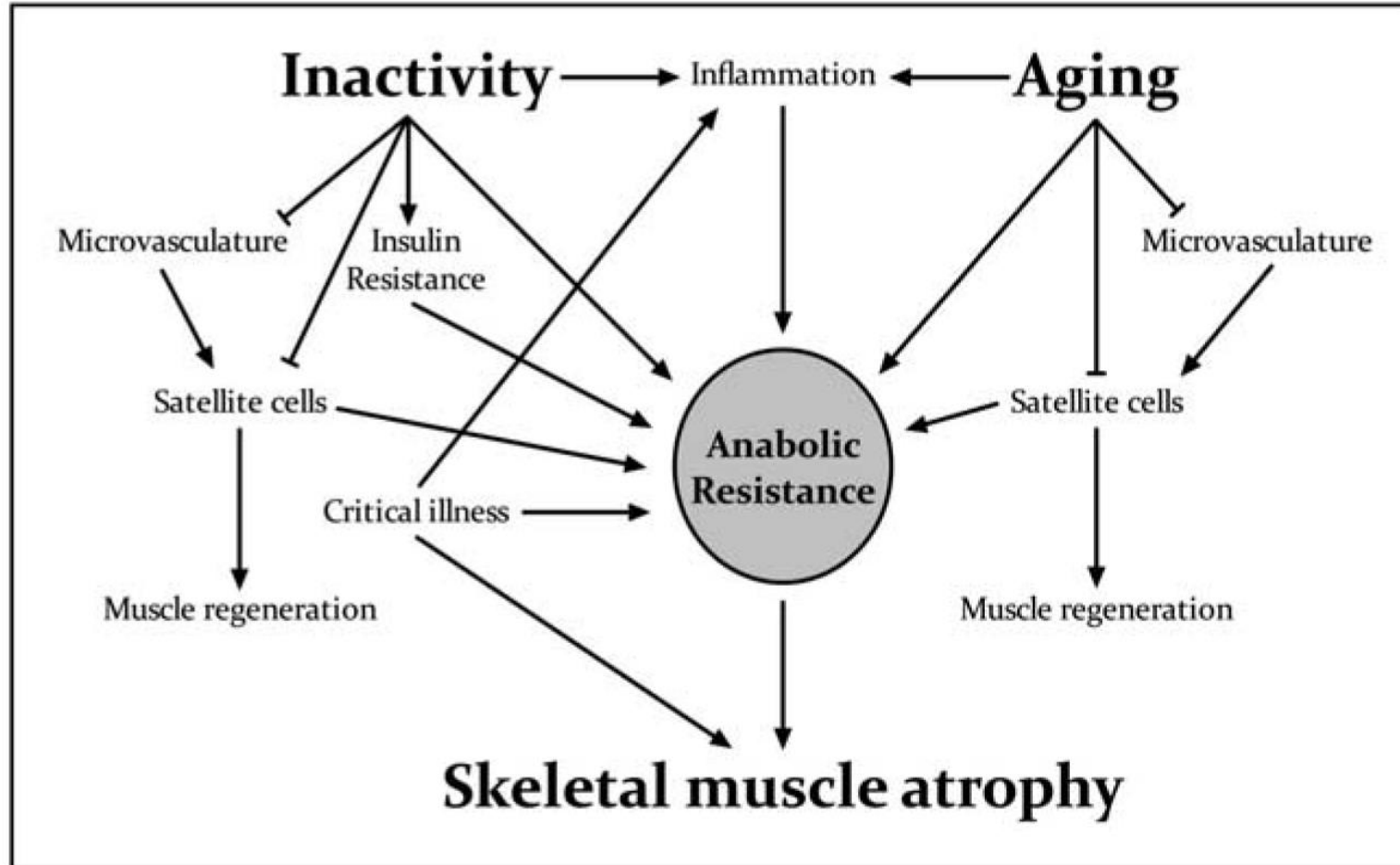


Figure 3. Post-absorptive muscle protein synthesis and muscle protein breakdown rates do not differ between the healthy young and old. Anabolic resistance of muscle protein synthesis rates may arise after consumption of smaller amounts of dietary protein. These postprandial differences between the young and old are no longer evident after consumption of ample amounts of dietary protein. Note that protein synthesis and breakdown simultaneously occur in a physiological system.

Resistenza anaerobica: meccanismi



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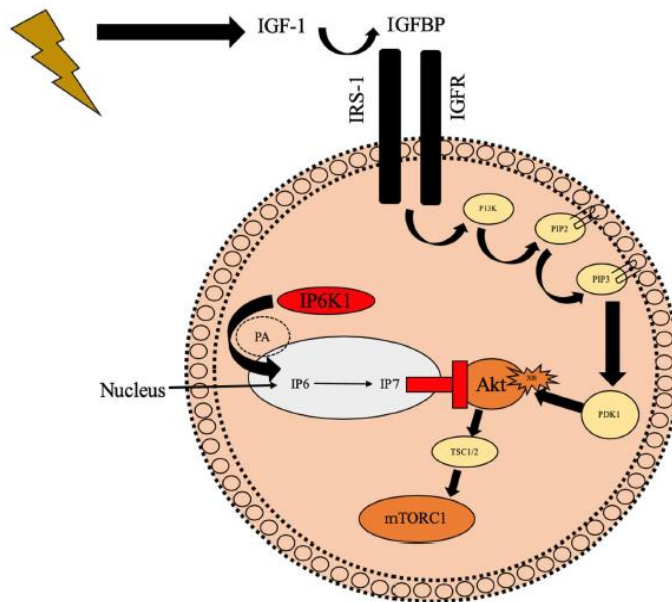


FIGURE 3 | Schematic diagram illustrating the potential negative role of IP6K1 on Akt translocation to the cell membrane preventing phosphorylation of Akt³⁰⁸ which may reduce mTORC1. IP6K1 enters the nucleus via PA and it then synthesizes IP7 from IP6 which prevents Akt from translocating to the cell membrane and ultimately preventing Akt³⁰⁸ phosphorylation. IGFBP, Insulin like growth factor binding proteins; IGF-1, Insulin like growth factor-1; IP6K1, inositol hexakisphosphate kinase 1; IGF1R, Insulin like growth factor receptor; IRS-1, Insulin receptor substrate 1; P13K, phosphoinositide 3-kinase; PIP2, hosphatidylinositol (4, 5)-bisphosphate; PIP3, hosphatidylinositol 3,4,5-trisphosphate; PDK1, phosphoinositide-dependent kinase-1; Akt, Protein kinase B; mTORC2, Mechanistic target of rapamycin; PA, Phosphotadic acid; IP6, inositol hexaphosphate; IP7, Inositol pyrophosphate;

⚡ Illustrates contraction of skeletal muscle; U Illustrates binding/translocation to the cell membrane; → Illustrates activation; ⚡ Illustrates phosphorylation; —| Illustrates binding to PH domain and downregulating Akt; ✖ Illustrates preventing translocation to cell membrane.

Resistenza anaerobica: possibili interventi

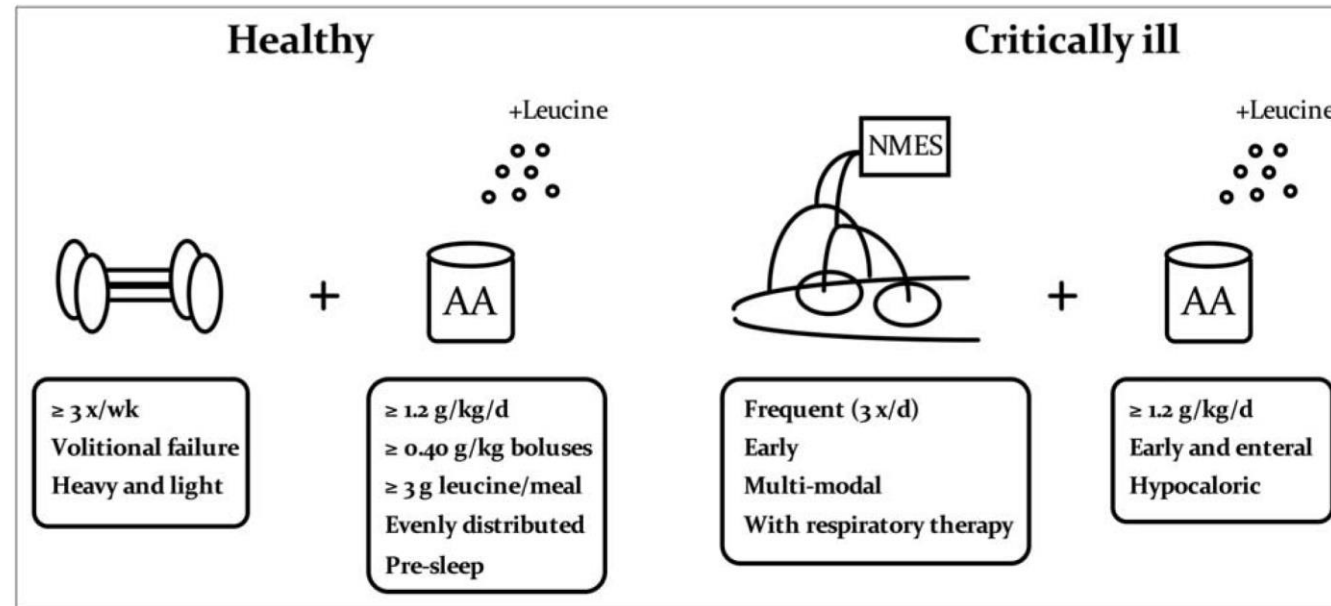


FIGURE 3. Recommendations for maintaining skeletal muscle mass in healthy and critically ill patients. AA, amino acids and NMES, neuromuscular electrical stimulation (as an example of a physical therapy to be combined with conventional therapies).

Resistenza anabolica: le cause

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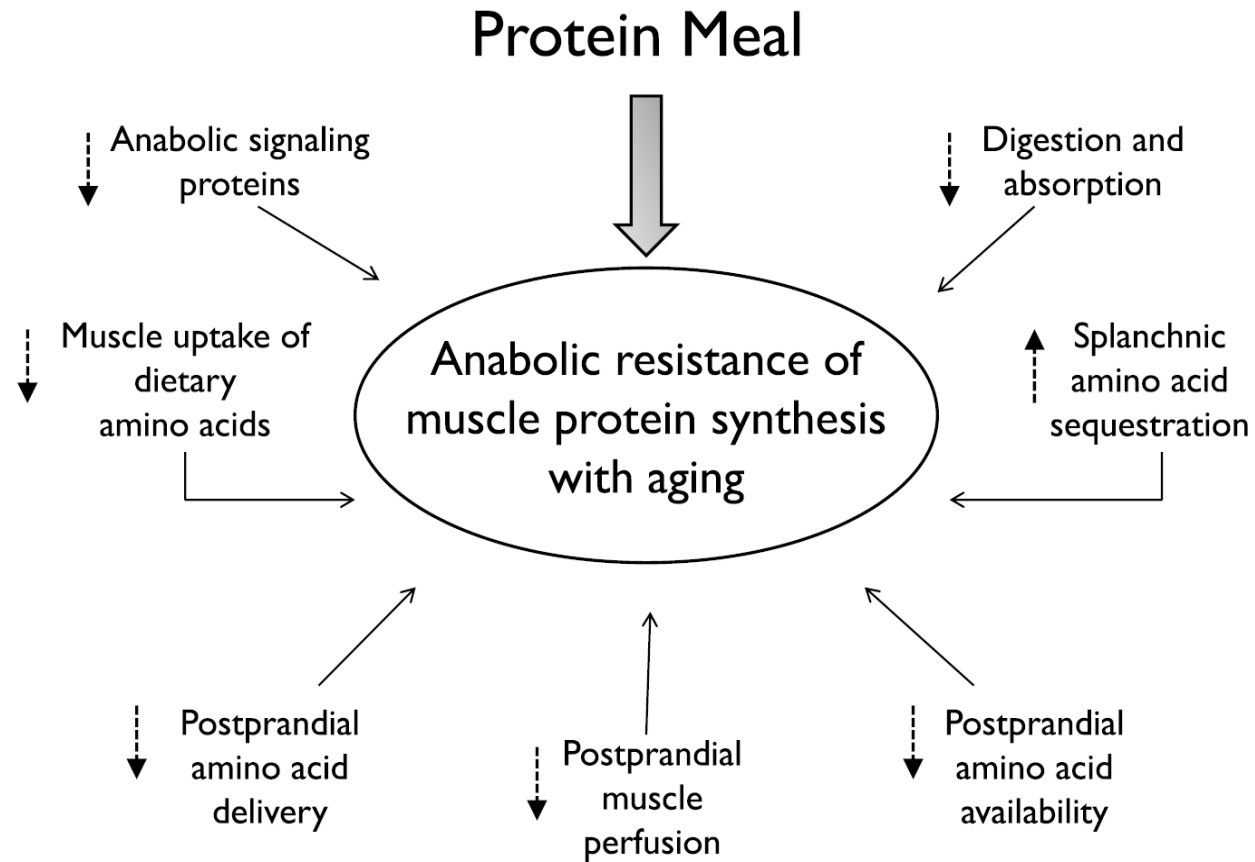


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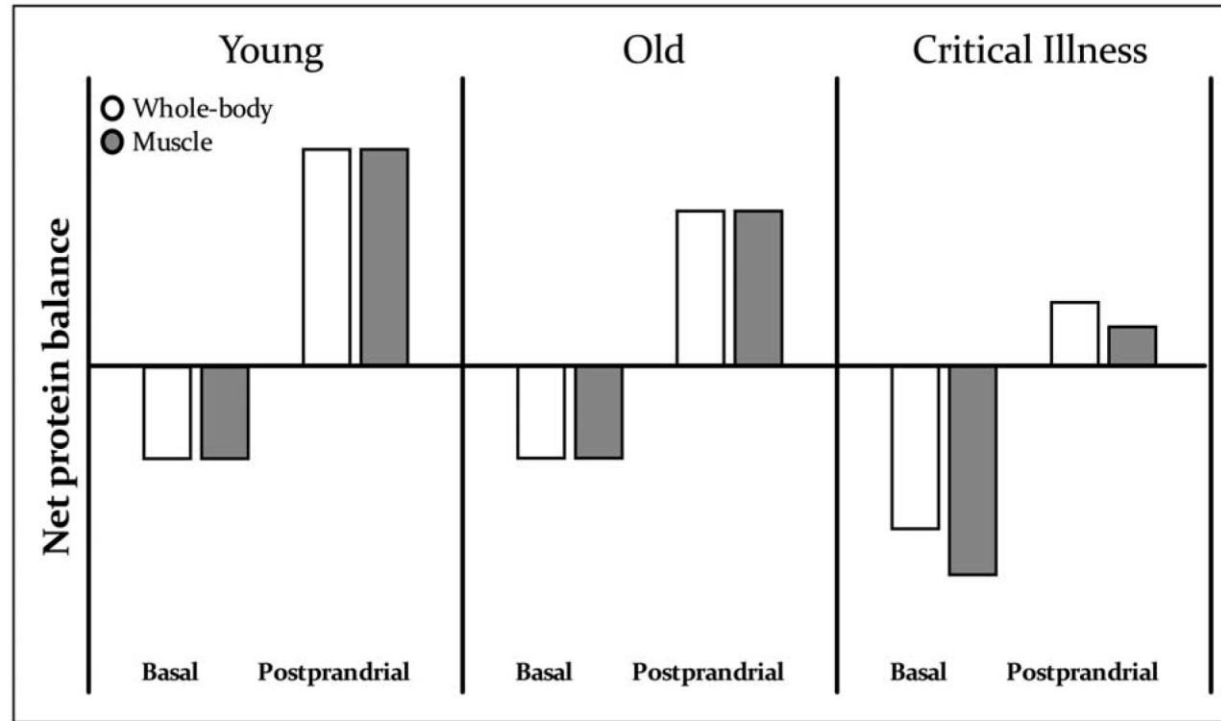


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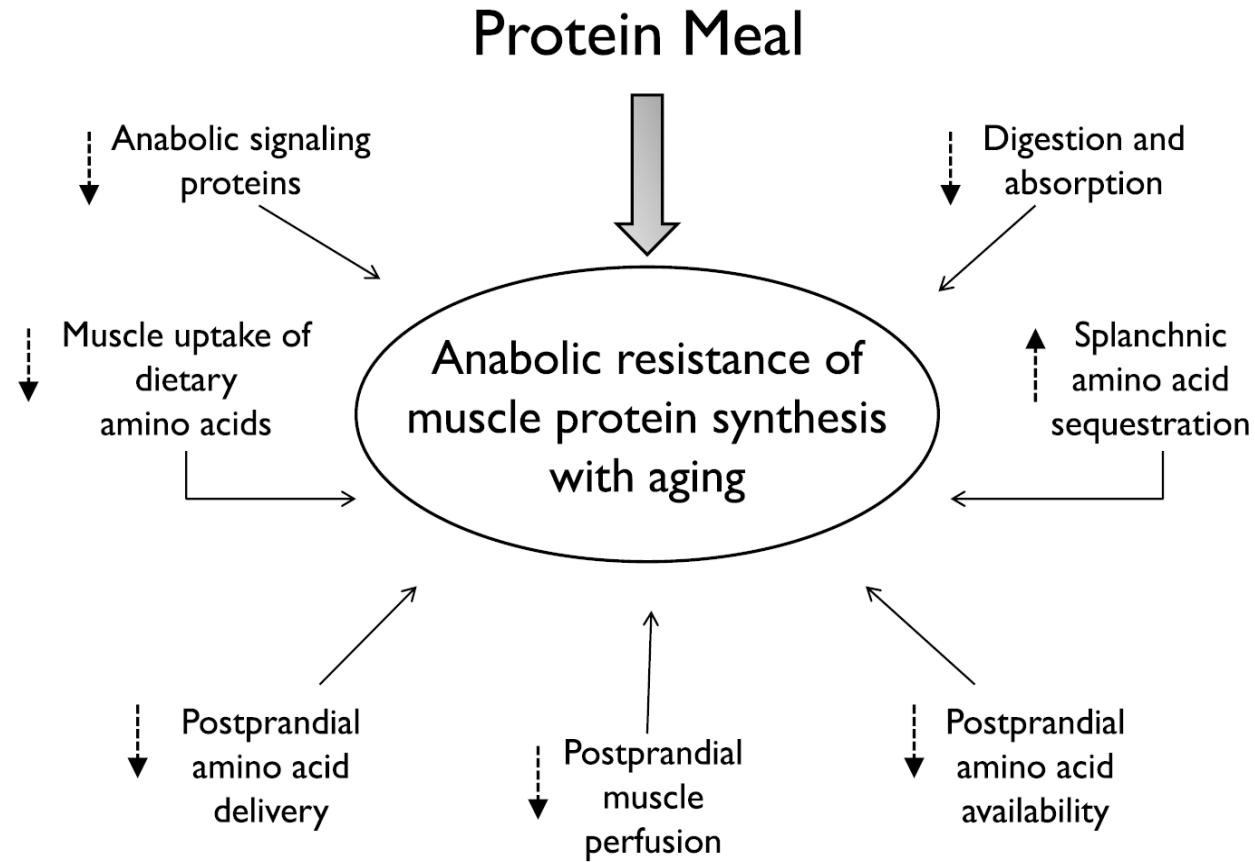
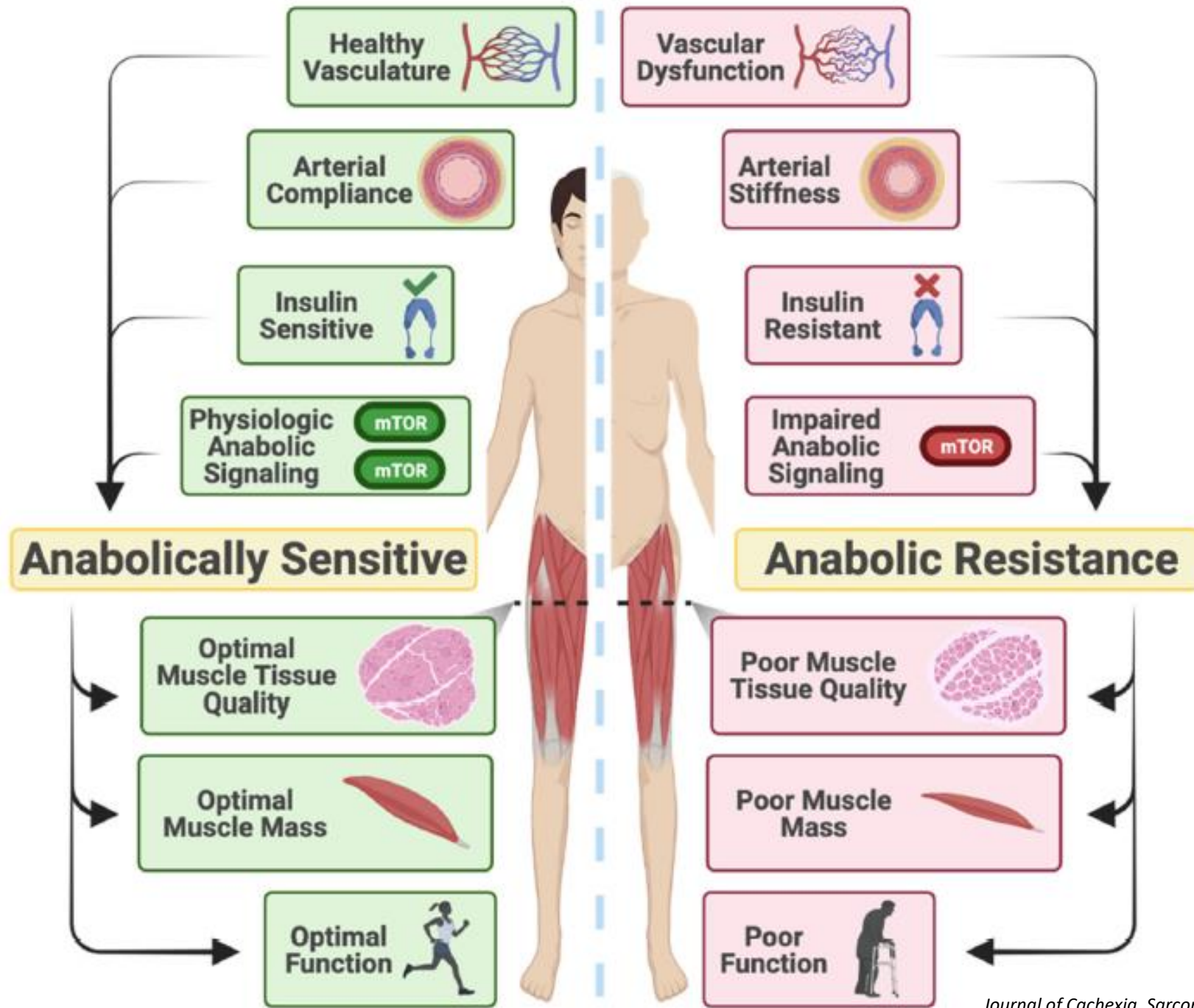


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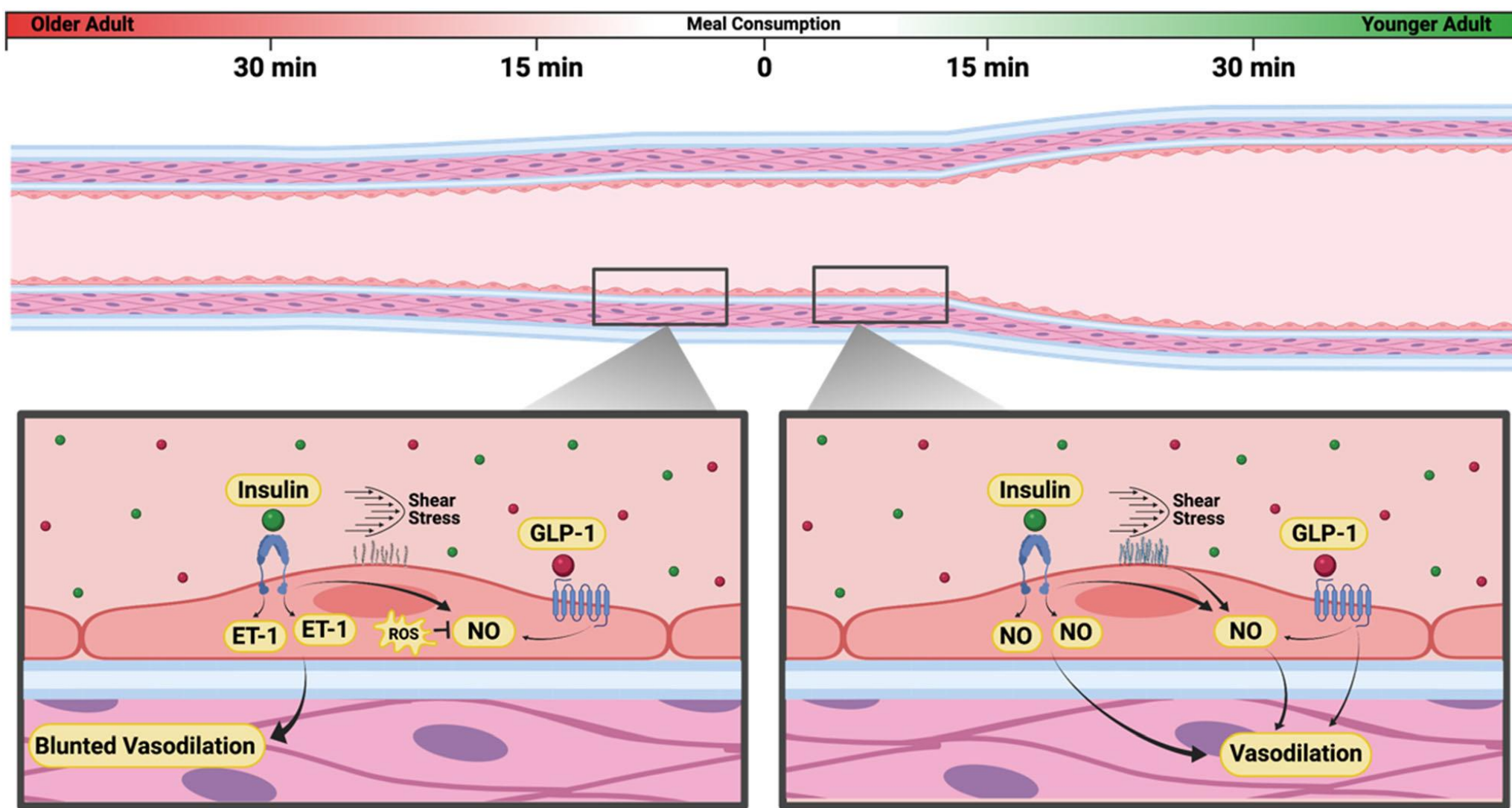
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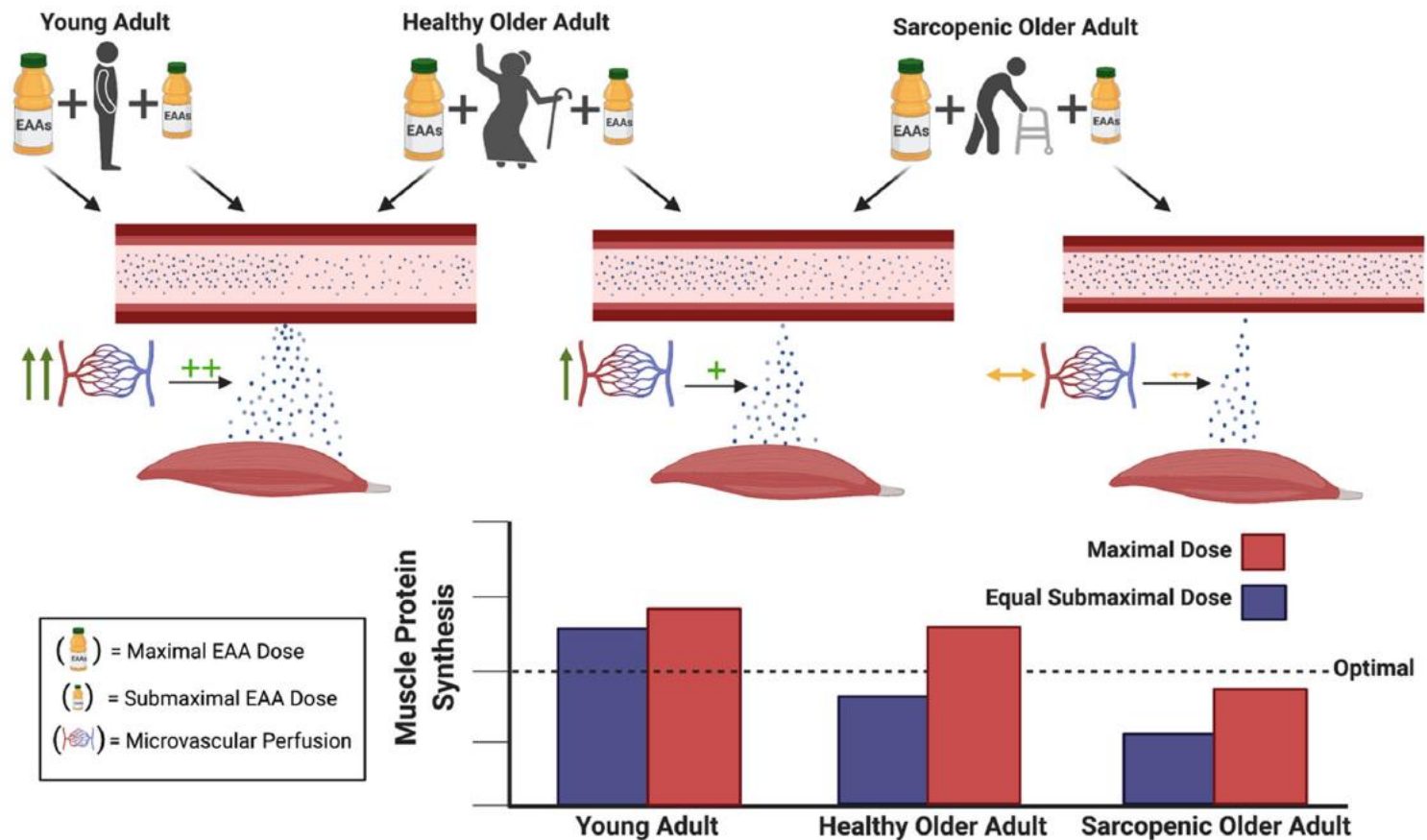
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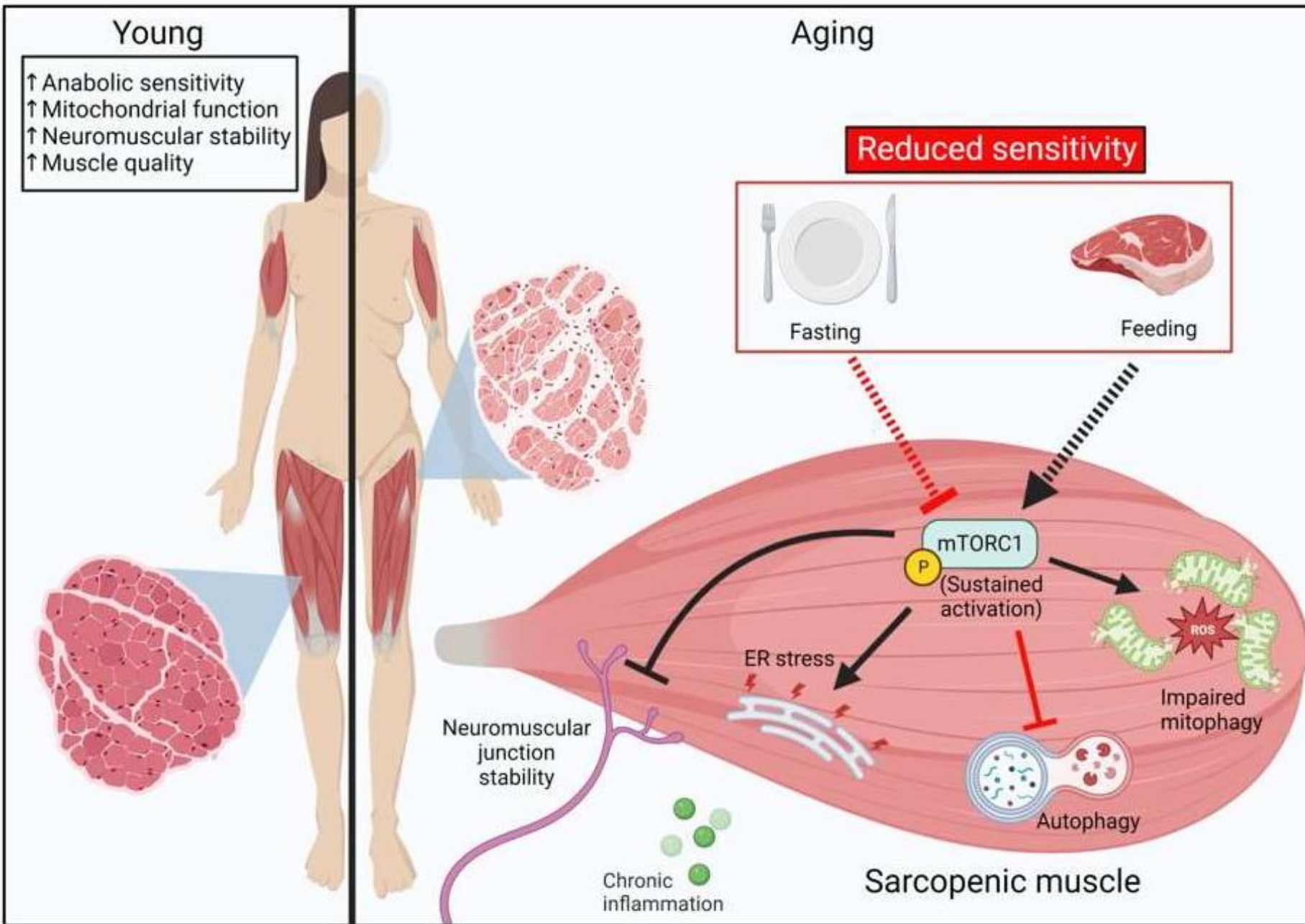
During the ageing process, there are gradual impairments in vascular function, anabolic signalling, arterial compliance, and insulin sensitivity. These impairments may ultimately lead and/or contribute to anabolic resistance, or a reduced ability to mount a muscle protein synthetic response to anabolic stimuli. Over time, anabolic resistance promotes sarcopenia, or the age-related loss in muscle mass and function, resulting in a loss of functional ability and independence in older adults



The impact of meal consumption in an older (left) and younger adult (right). In the older adult, there is an increased tendency for insulin to stimulate endothelin-1 (ET-1) release from the vascular endothelium, rather than nitric oxide (NO) as typically observed in healthy younger adults. Additionally, shear stress subsequent to an increase in blood flow stimulates the glycocalyx to release NO from the vascular endothelium in younger adults, whereas this effect is significantly reduced with ageing. Glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) also stimulates vasodilation through NO-dependent and NO-independent mechanisms in a postprandial state. Finally, the NO that is produced in older adults is more likely to be scavenged by overproduced and/or unregulated reactive oxygen species (ROS) (i.e. oxidative stress). Consequently, meal consumption in younger adults is ultimately more likely to cause a robust vasodilatory response, thus enhancing the anabolic potential of meal consumption via greater nutrient delivery to skeletal muscle, when compared with older adults.



The postprandial skeletal muscle protein synthetic (MPS) response is dependent on amino acid delivery, which is the product of amino acid availability (e.g. concentrations) and blood flow (e.g. perfusion). In healthy younger adults, submaximal doses of essential amino acids (EAAs) are able to optimally stimulate MPS, whereby increasing to a maximal dose of EAAs does not result in further increases in MPS. In older healthy adults, submaximal doses of EAAs are often not able to optimally stimulate MPS, but when maximal doses are given, these individuals are often able to saturate the MPS response. In older sarcopenic adults, neither submaximal nor maximal doses of EAAs are able to optimally stimulate MPS. We propose that a rate-limiting factor for older adults consuming submaximal and older sarcopenic adults consuming maximal EAA doses to be an inability of the meal consumption to promote adequate skeletal muscle perfusion, resulting in high circulating amino acid concentrations in these populations, but poor delivery and consequently impaired increases in MPS.



Proposed model of mTORC1-mediated muscle atrophy in sarcopenia. Aged skeletal muscle exhibits anabolic resistance to hyper-aminoacidemia characterized by an impaired protein synthetic response. Basal mTORC1 exhibits sustained activation in aged skeletal muscle, that can contribute to neuromuscular junction instability, endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress, and impaired mitophagy. Poor cellular quality control mechanisms result in a compromised mitochondrial pool, leading to impaired bioenergetics and enhanced reactive oxygen species production.

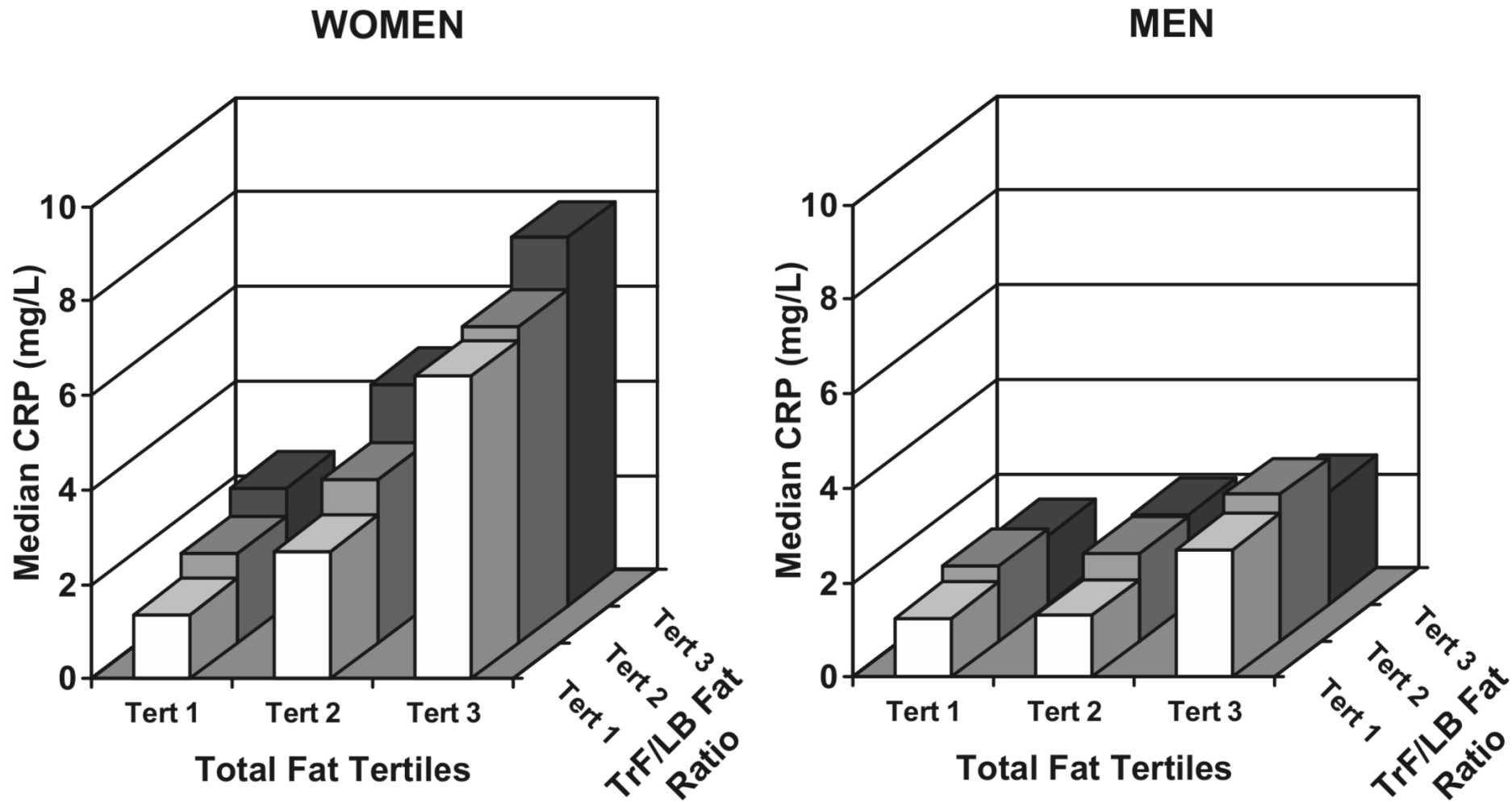
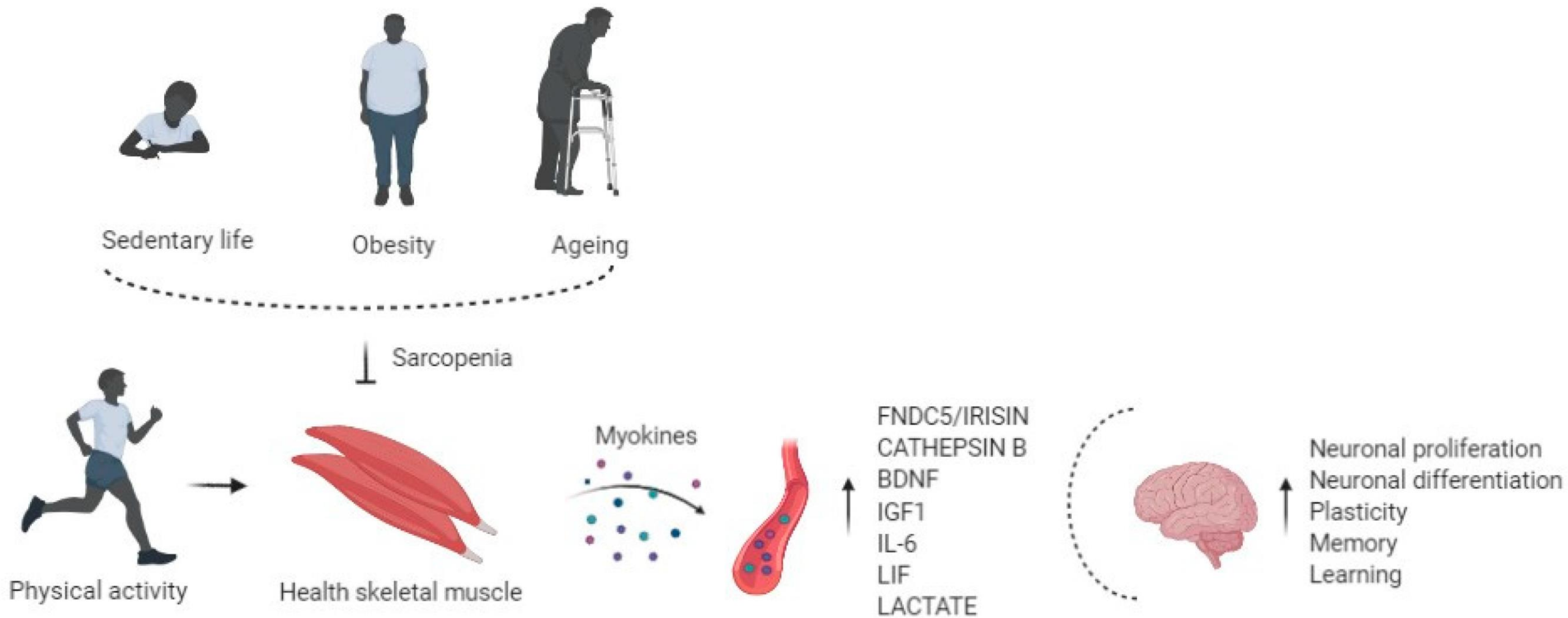


FIG. 2. Impact of TrF/LBF ratio on CRP levels. Median CRP levels by truncal to lower body fat ratio, stratified by gender-specific total fat values. Tert, Tertile.



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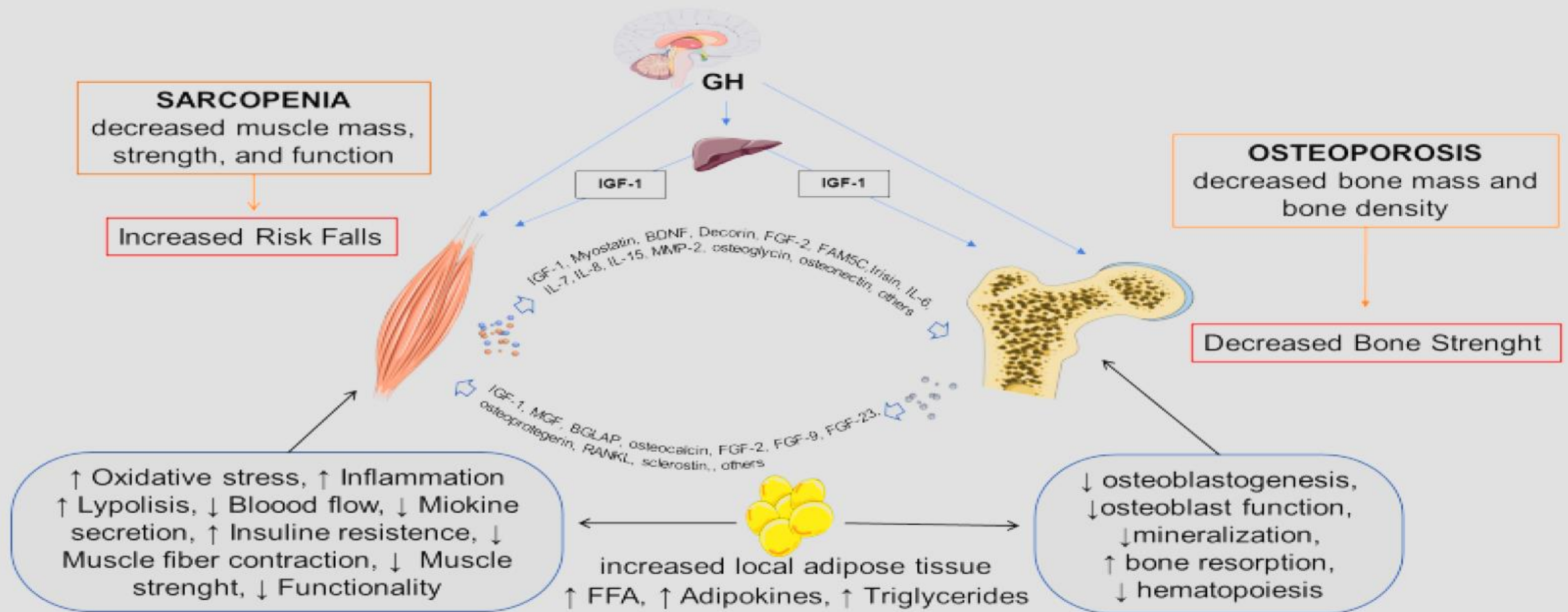
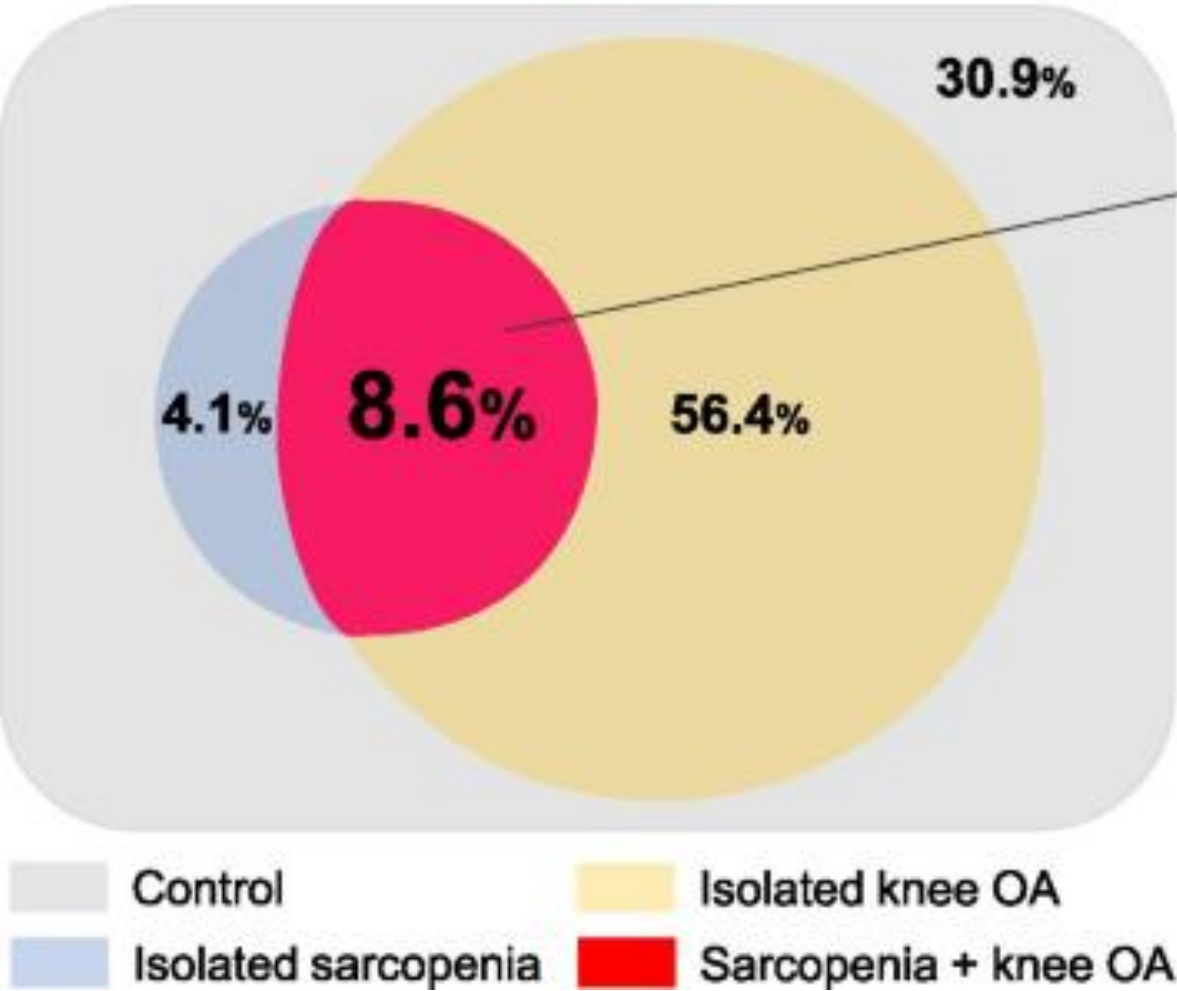
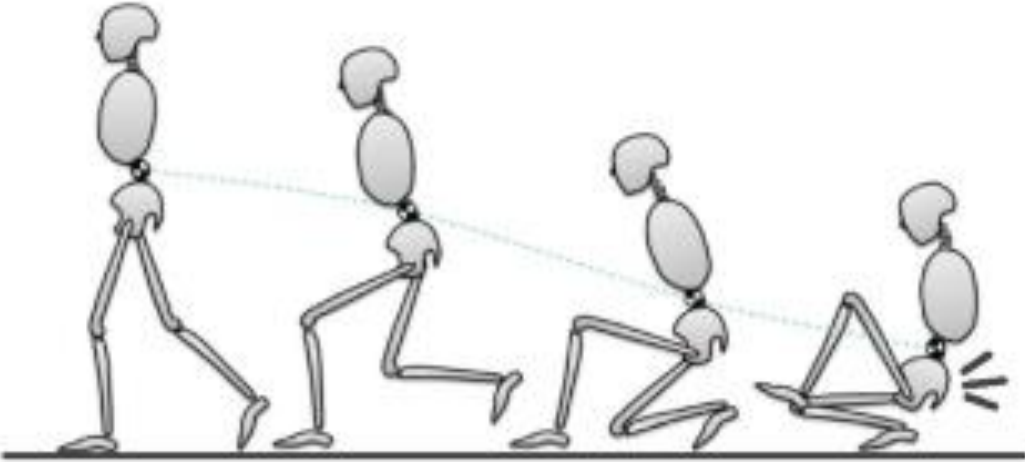


Figure 1. Pathogenesis and etiology of osteosarcopenia.

**Recurrent falls prior 12 months
in people with sarcopenia + knee OA**



OR (95% CI) for recurrent falls	
Sarcopenia	
+ knee OA	4.17 (0.84, 20.6)



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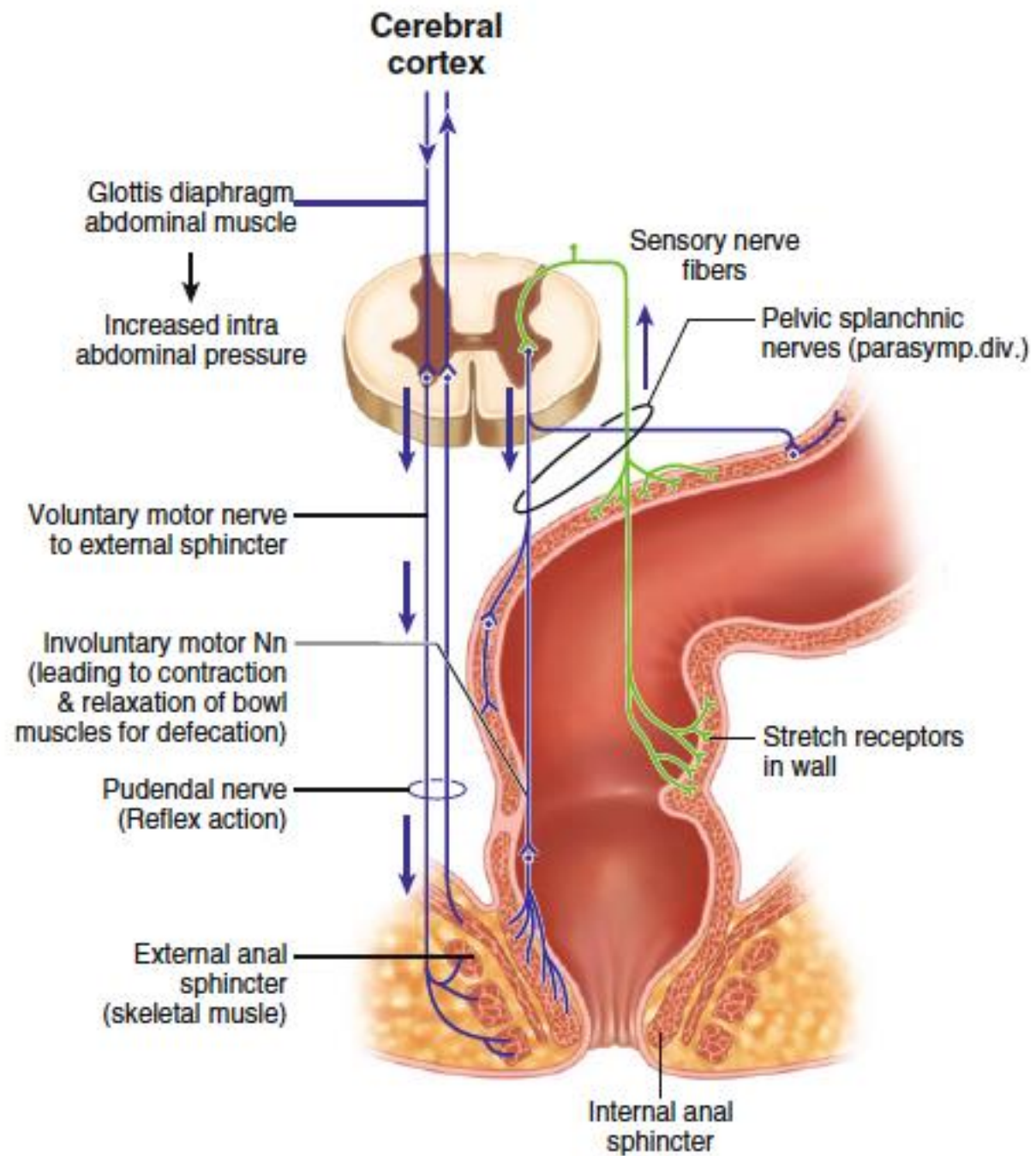
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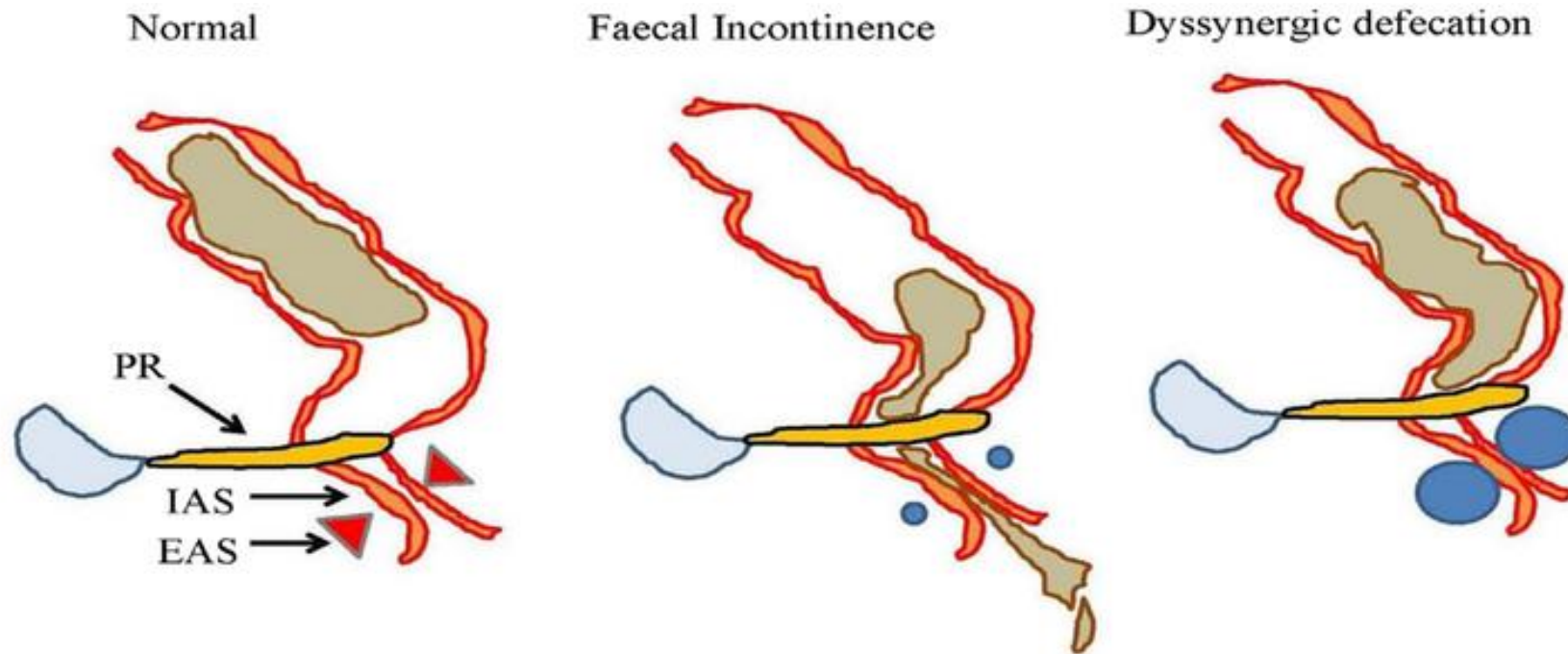


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Normal defecation	Faecal incontinence	Dyssynergic defecation
<p>Normal stool perception Normal rectal compliance Relaxation of EAS and PR</p>	<p>Altered stool perception Reduced rectal compliance Low EAS and IAS pressure Weak PR Neuropathy</p>	<p>Rectal hyposensitivity Abnormal rectal compliance Paradoxical anal sphincter contraction Poor abdominal-rectal propulsive force</p>

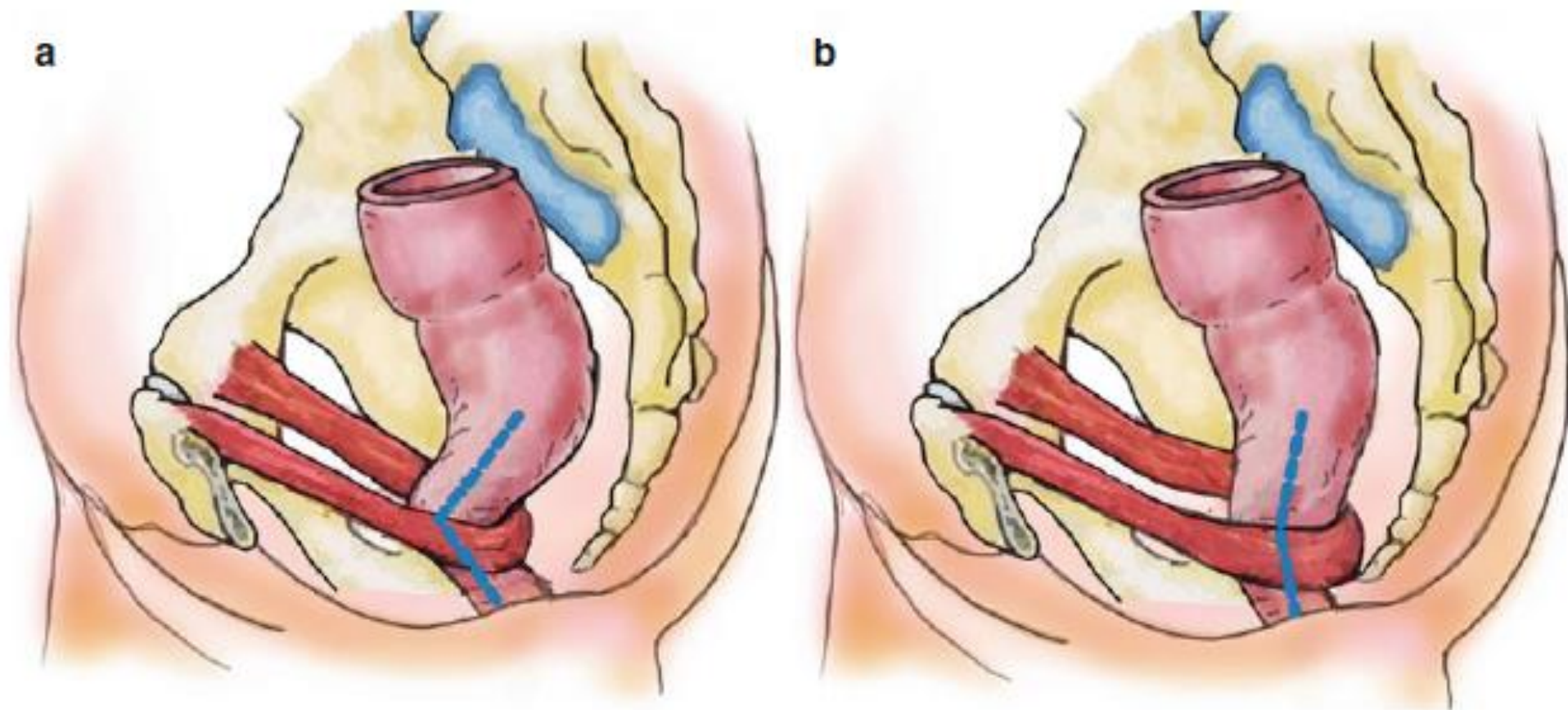


Fig. 2.2 Puborectalis action and anorectal angle. (a) Puborectalis sling forming an angle. (b) Puborectalis relaxed for defecation

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Sarcopenia and dysphagia: Position paper by four professional organizations

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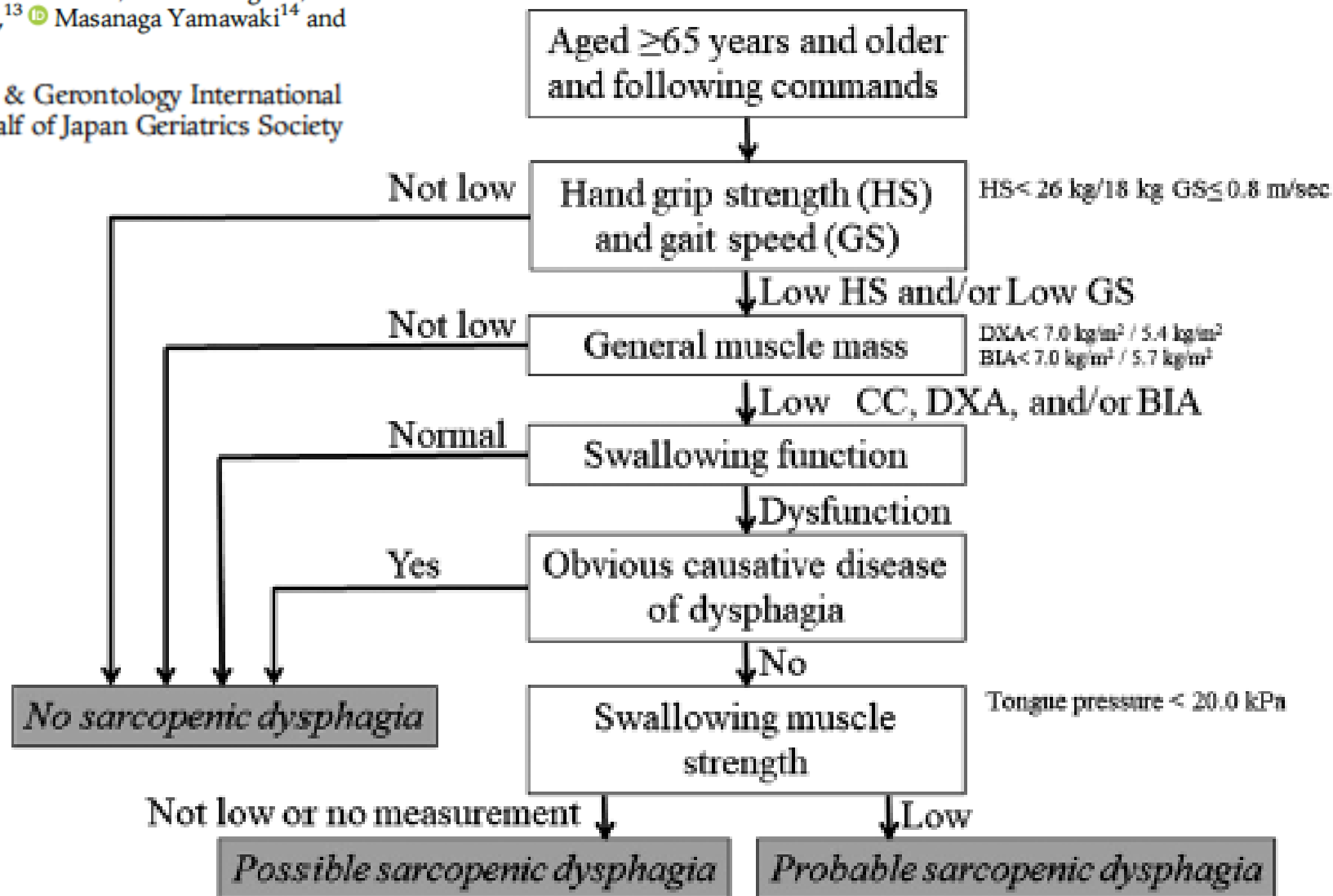
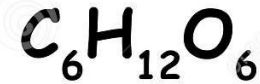


Figure 1 Diagnostic algorithm for sarcopenic dysphagia. CC, calf circumference; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; BIA, bioimpedance analysis.

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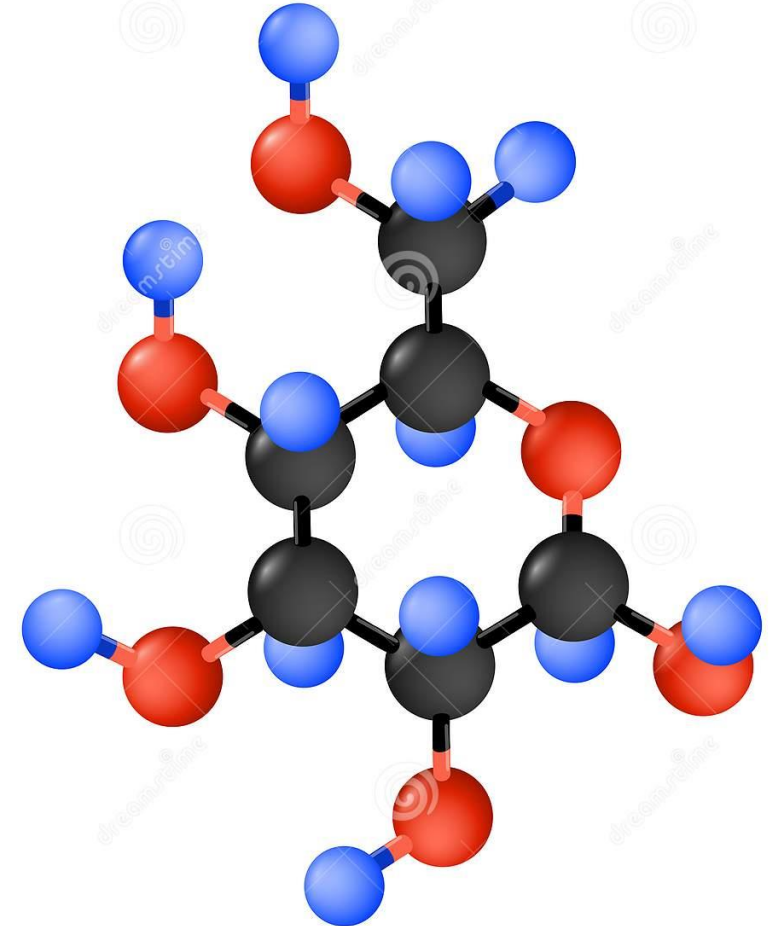
Glucose



Hydrogen **H**

Oxygen **O**

Carbon **C**



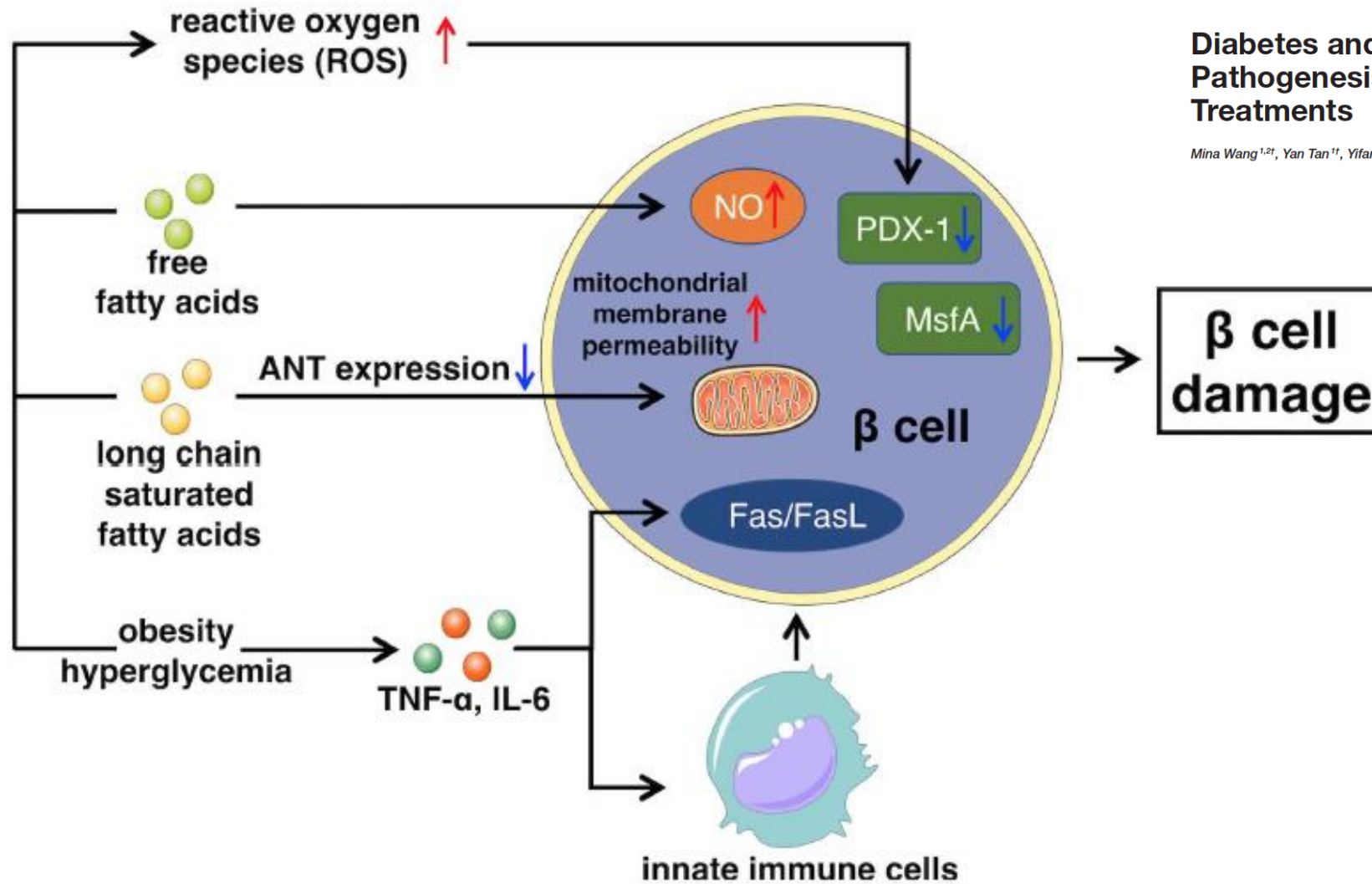


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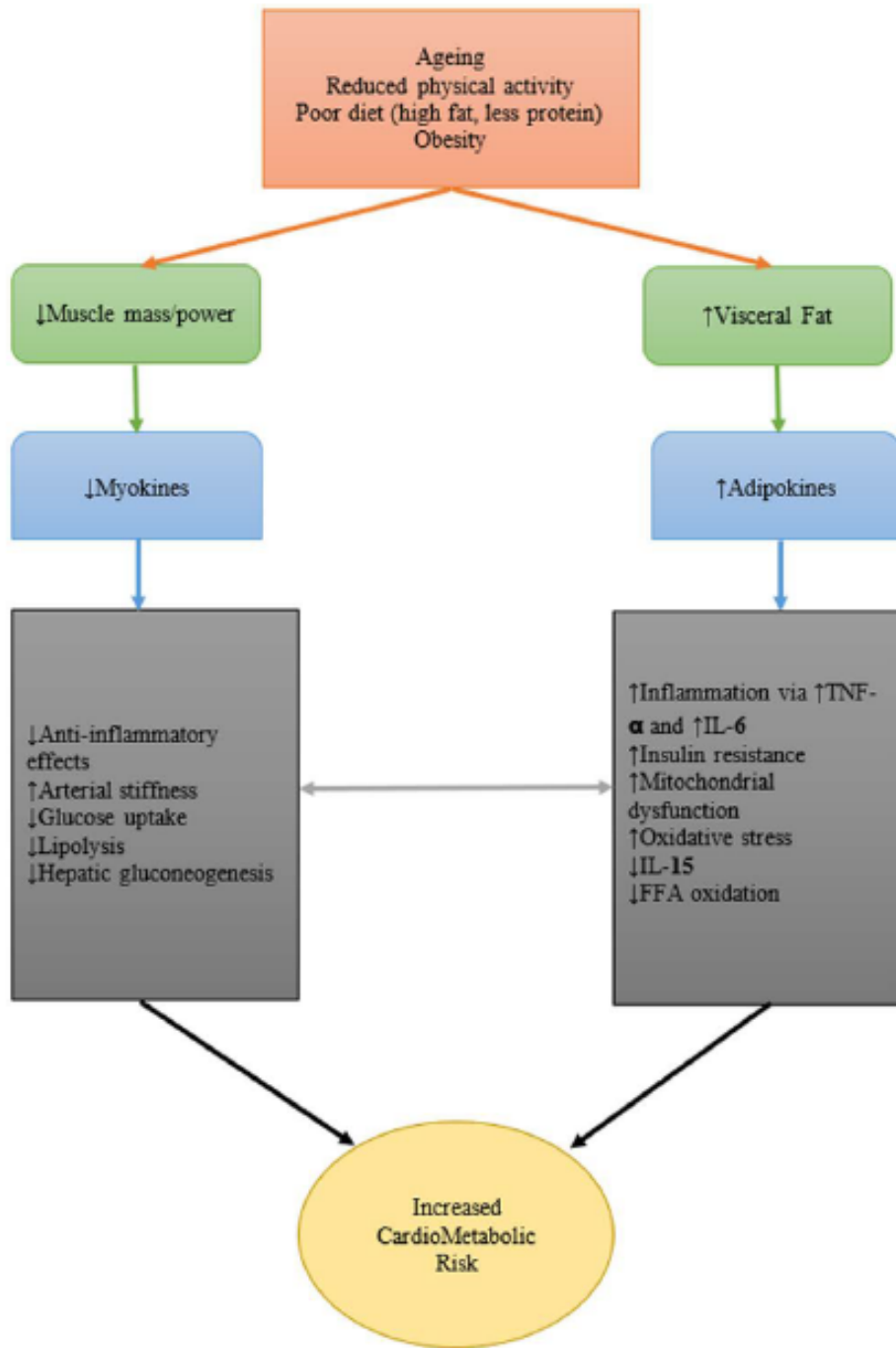
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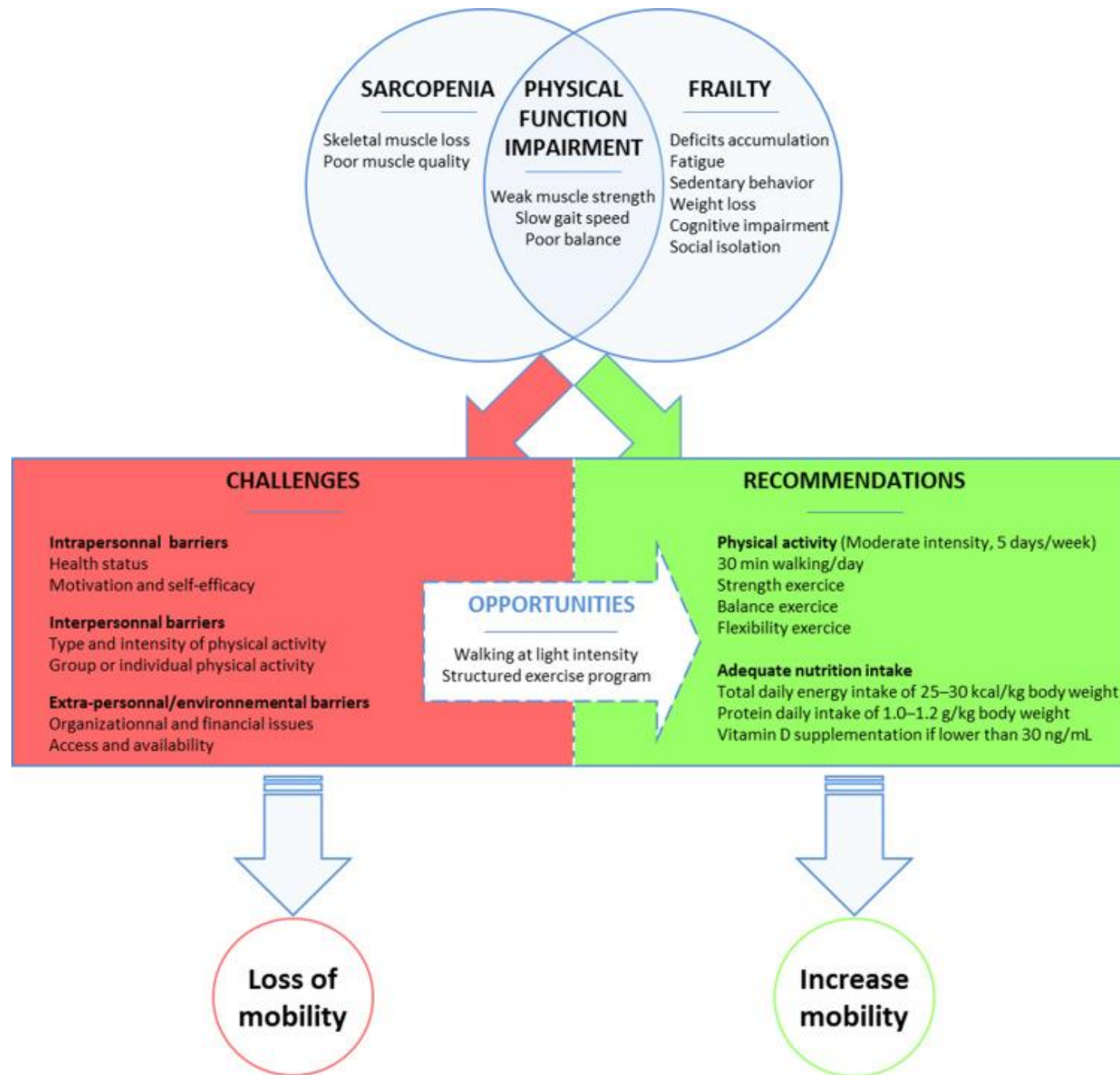


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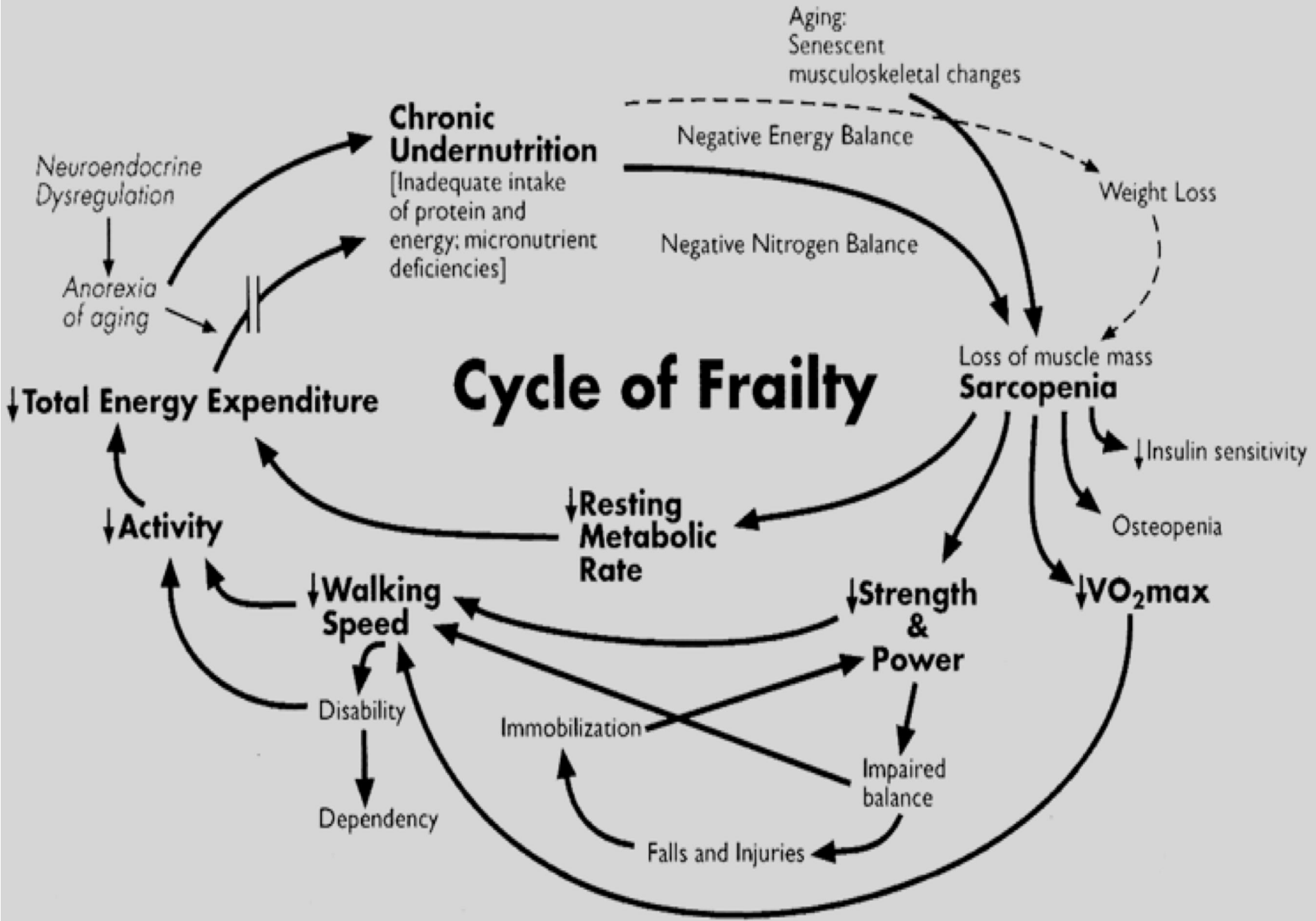
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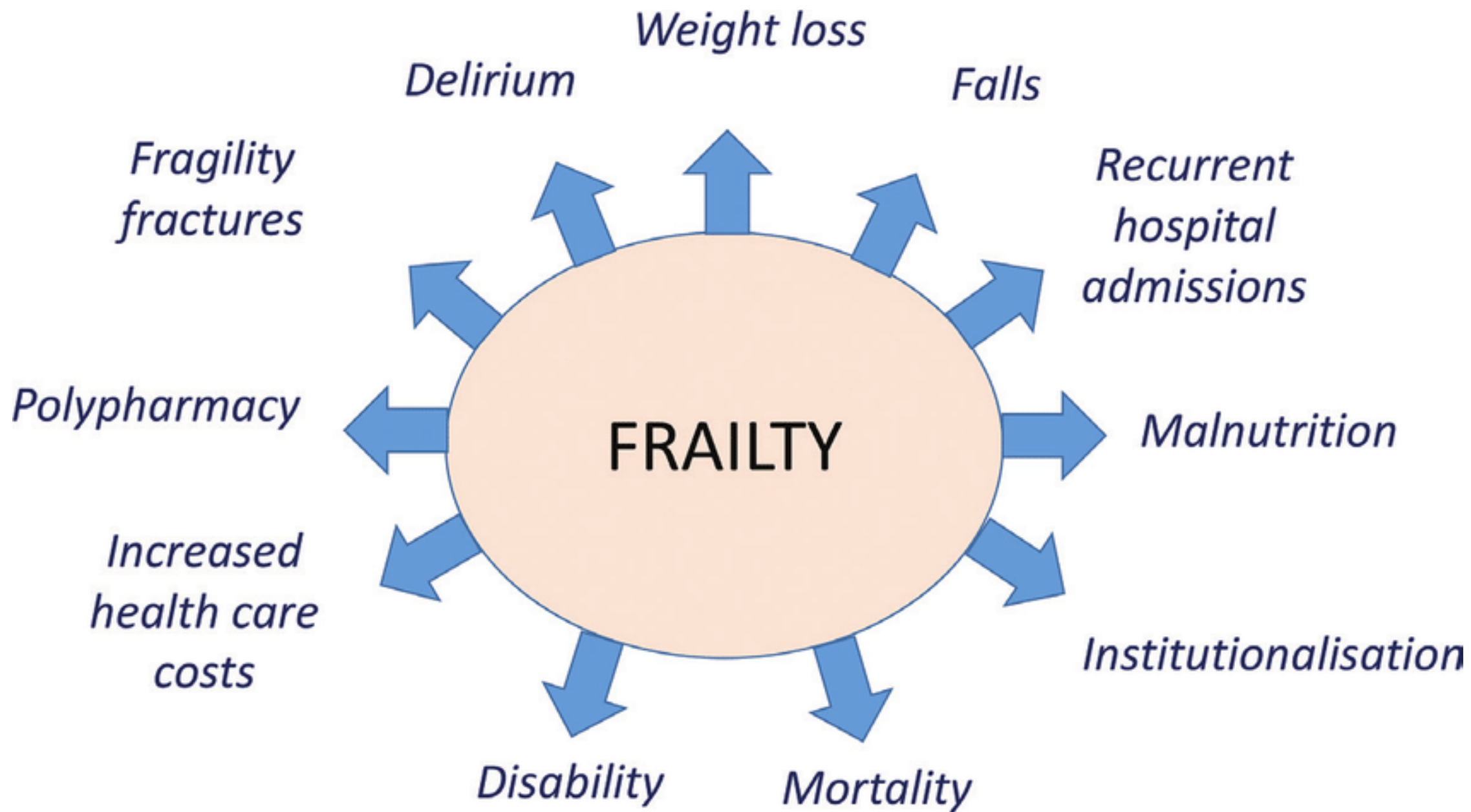


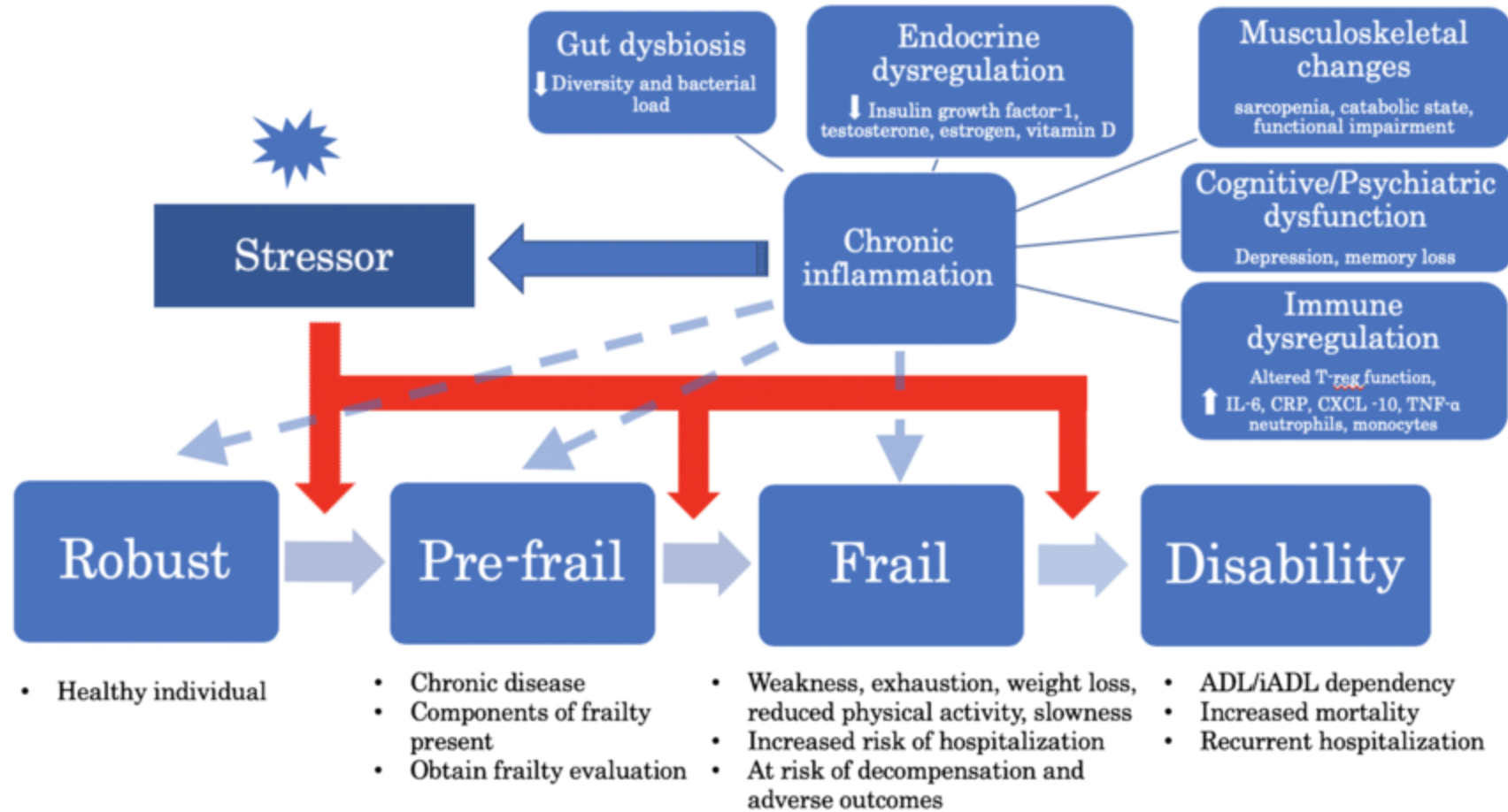


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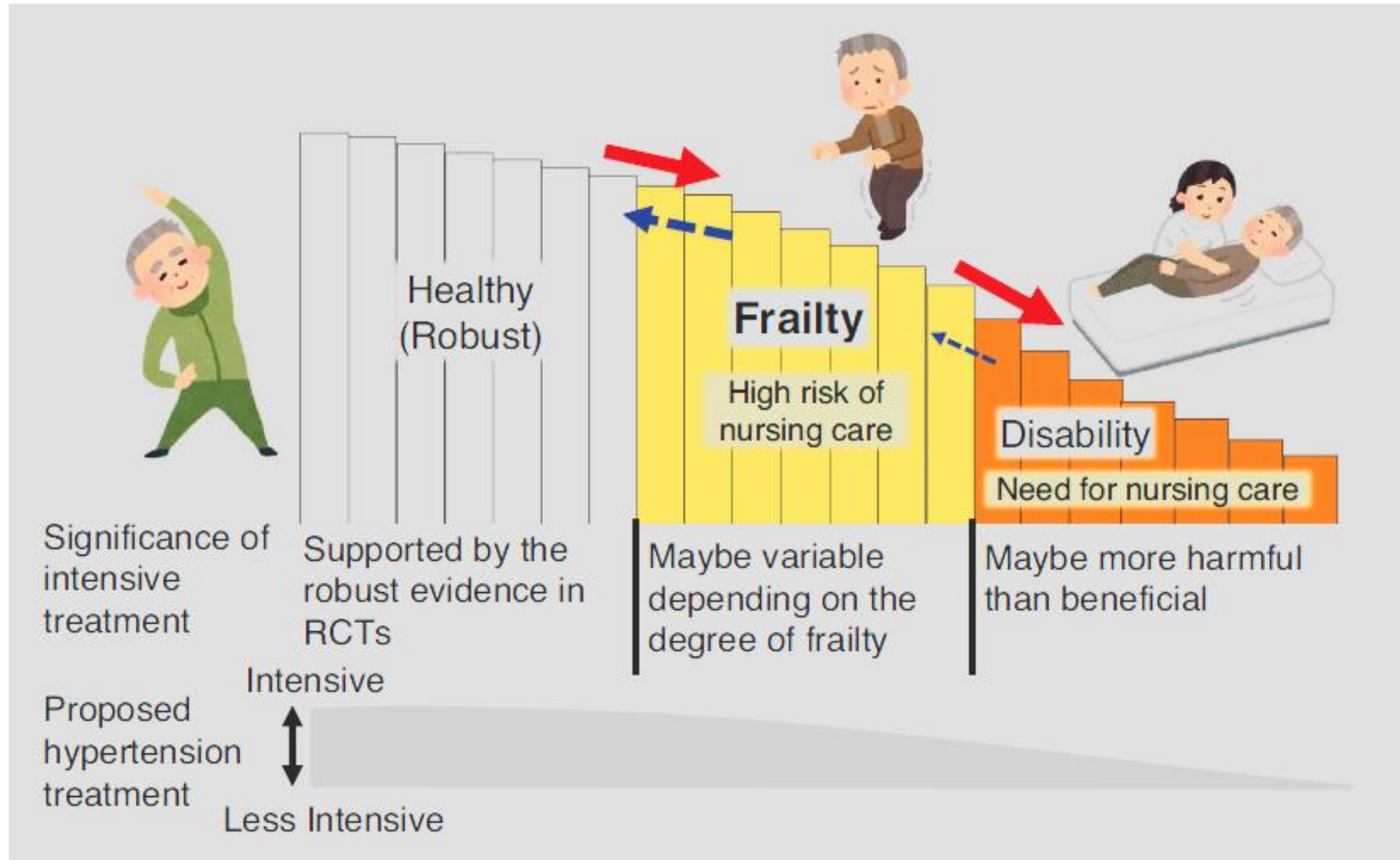








Frailty and Hypertension treatment



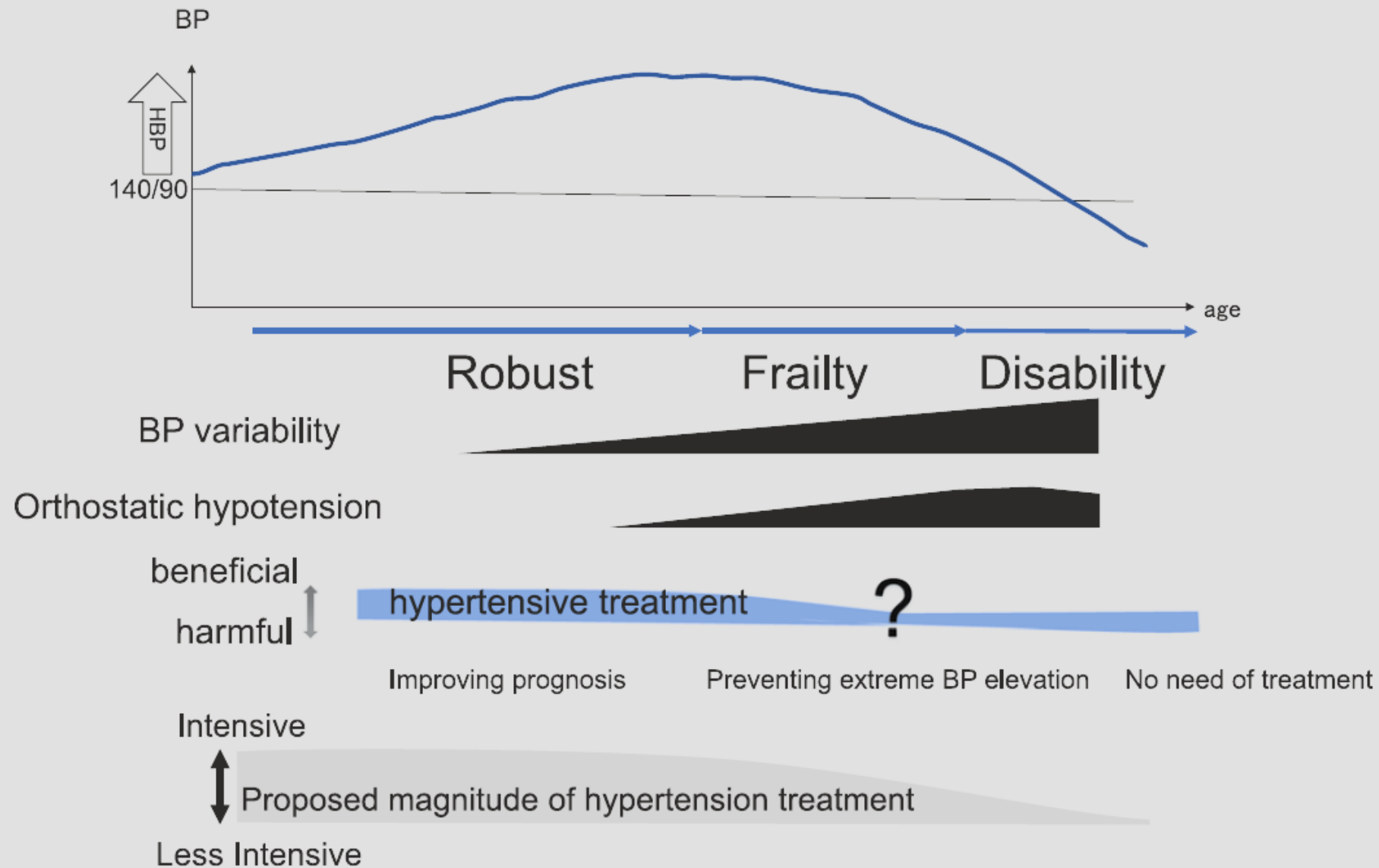


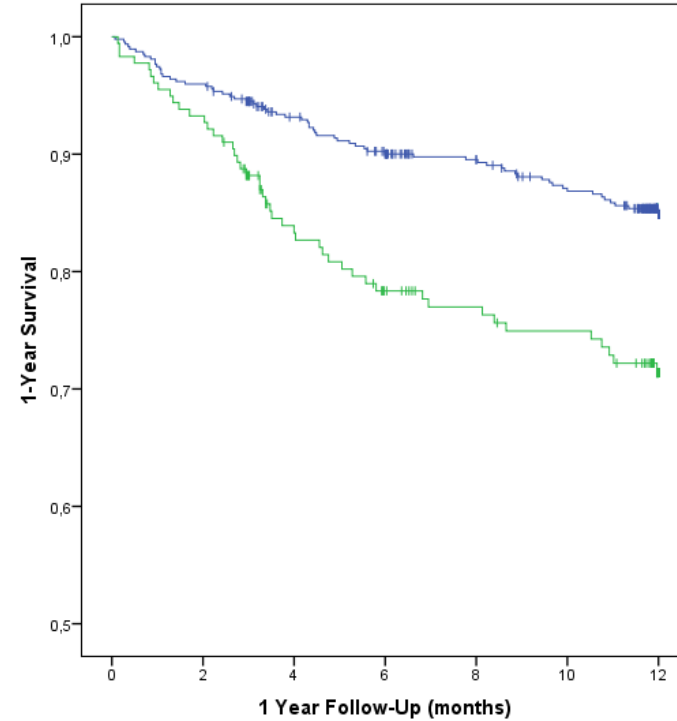
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IL MUSCOLO HA UN RUOLO FONDAMENTALE NELL'INVECCHIAMENTO



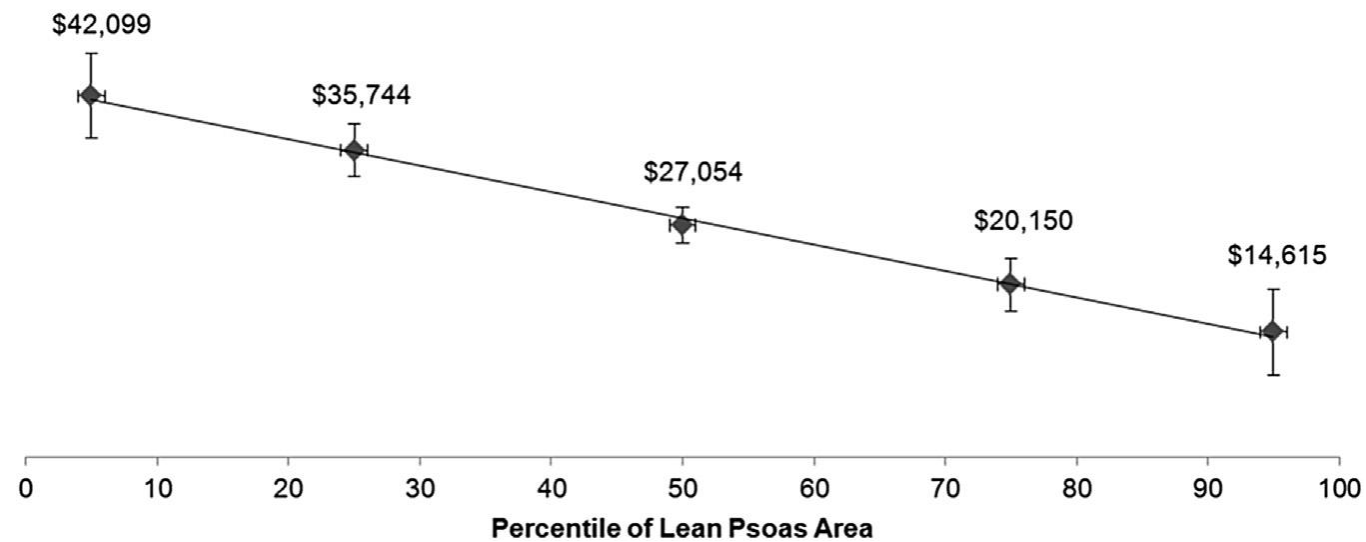
SOGGETTI SARCOGENICI PRESENTANO UNA RIDOTTA SOPRAVVIVENZA DOPO EVENTO ACUTO

Curve di sopravvivenza a un anno dopo ricovero ospedaliero in base alla presenza di sarcopenia (Studio CRIME)



LA SARCOPENIA AUMENTA I COSTI DELL'ASSISTENZA SANITARIA

I pazienti con sarcopenia severa quando operati generano costi che sono 3 volte superiori ai coetanei con massa muscolare superiore all'età



Acute Sarcopenia Secondary to Hospitalisation - An Emerging Condition Affecting Older Adults

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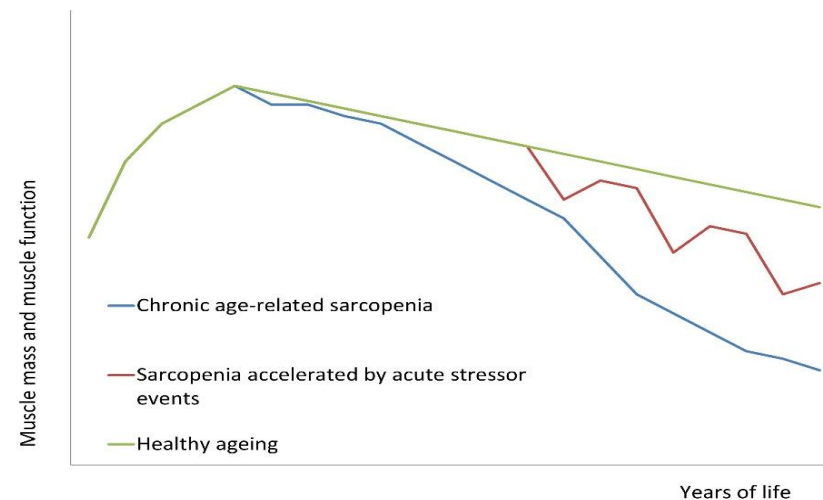
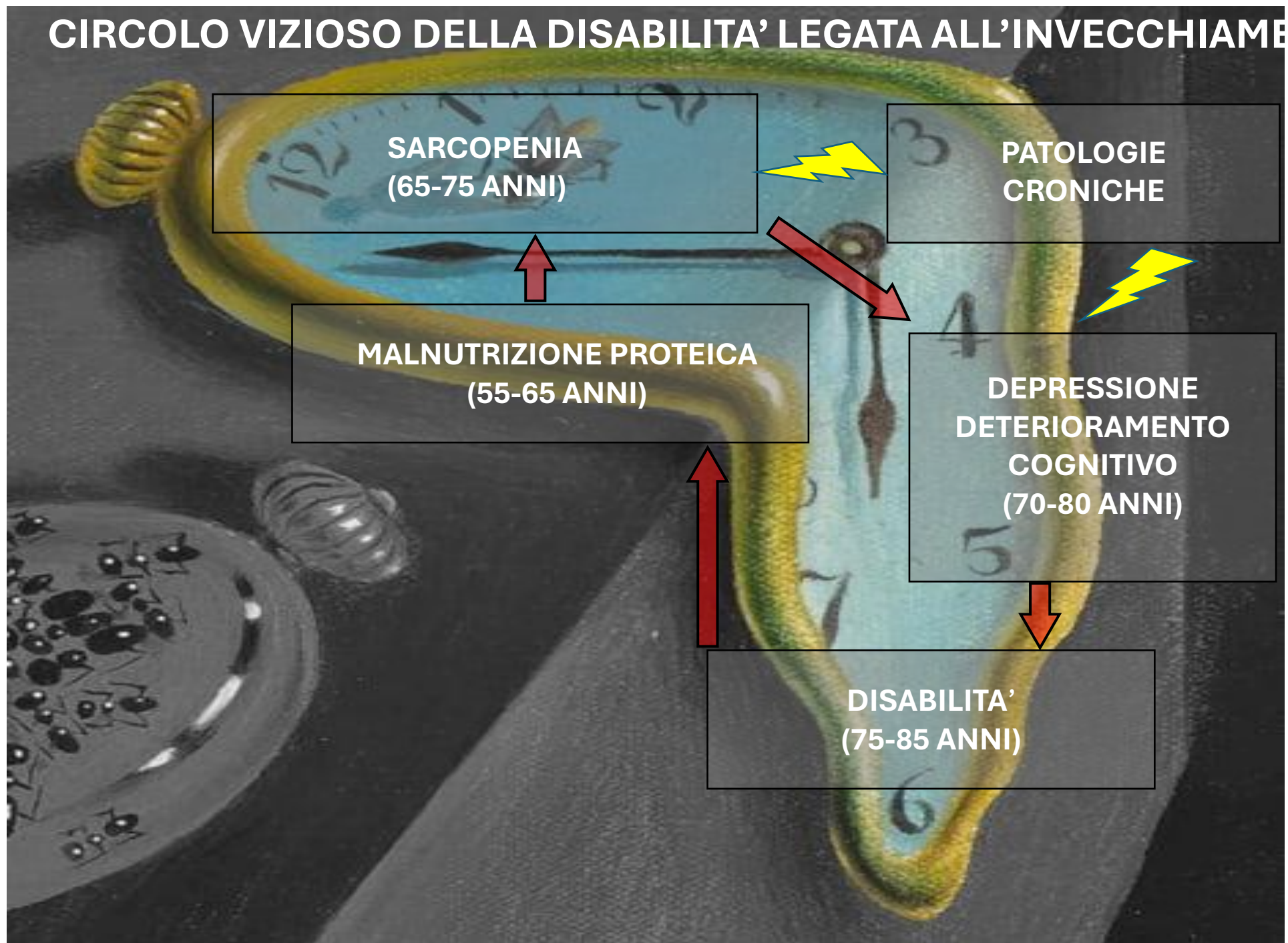


Figure 2. Proposed disease trajectories associated with sarcopenia. This diagram demonstrates proposed trajectories associated with the development of sarcopenia over time. The green line demonstrates expected changes of muscle mass and function associated with healthy ageing; there may be some inevitable loss of muscle mass and function but not to such an extent as to cause detriment. The blue line demonstrates the development of chronic sarcopenia over time. The red line demonstrates our proposed model of how episodes of acute sarcopenia can potentially lead to the development of chronic sarcopenia over time.

CIRCOLO VIZIOSO DELLA DISABILITA' LEGATA ALL'INVECCHIAMENTO



**COME
MISURIAMO
LA
SARCOPENIA**



SISTEMI USATI PER MISURARE LA MASSA MUSCOLARE

TAC (Tomografia assiale computerizzata)

Radiazioni Ionizzanti

Costi

Impossibile rivalutazione periodica



RMN (Risonanza Magnetica Nucleare)

Tempi lunghi di esecuzione

Costi

Impossibile rivalutazione periodica



DEXA (Densitometria ossea NON a ULTRASUONI)

Attrezzatura pesante ed ingombrante

Algoritmi proprietari

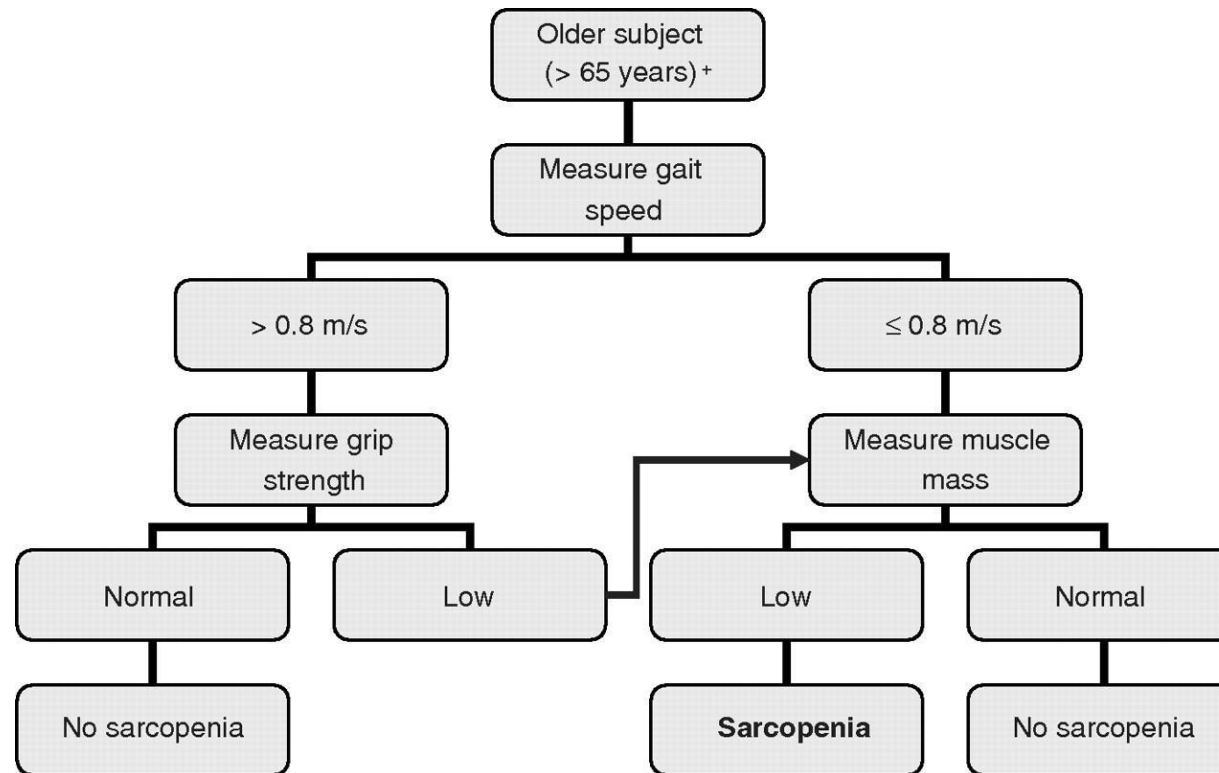
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**COME SEMPLIFICHIAMO
LA SITUAZIONE?**



COME MISURIAMO LA SARCOPENIA



Cruz-Jentoft *et al.* *Age Ageing* 2010

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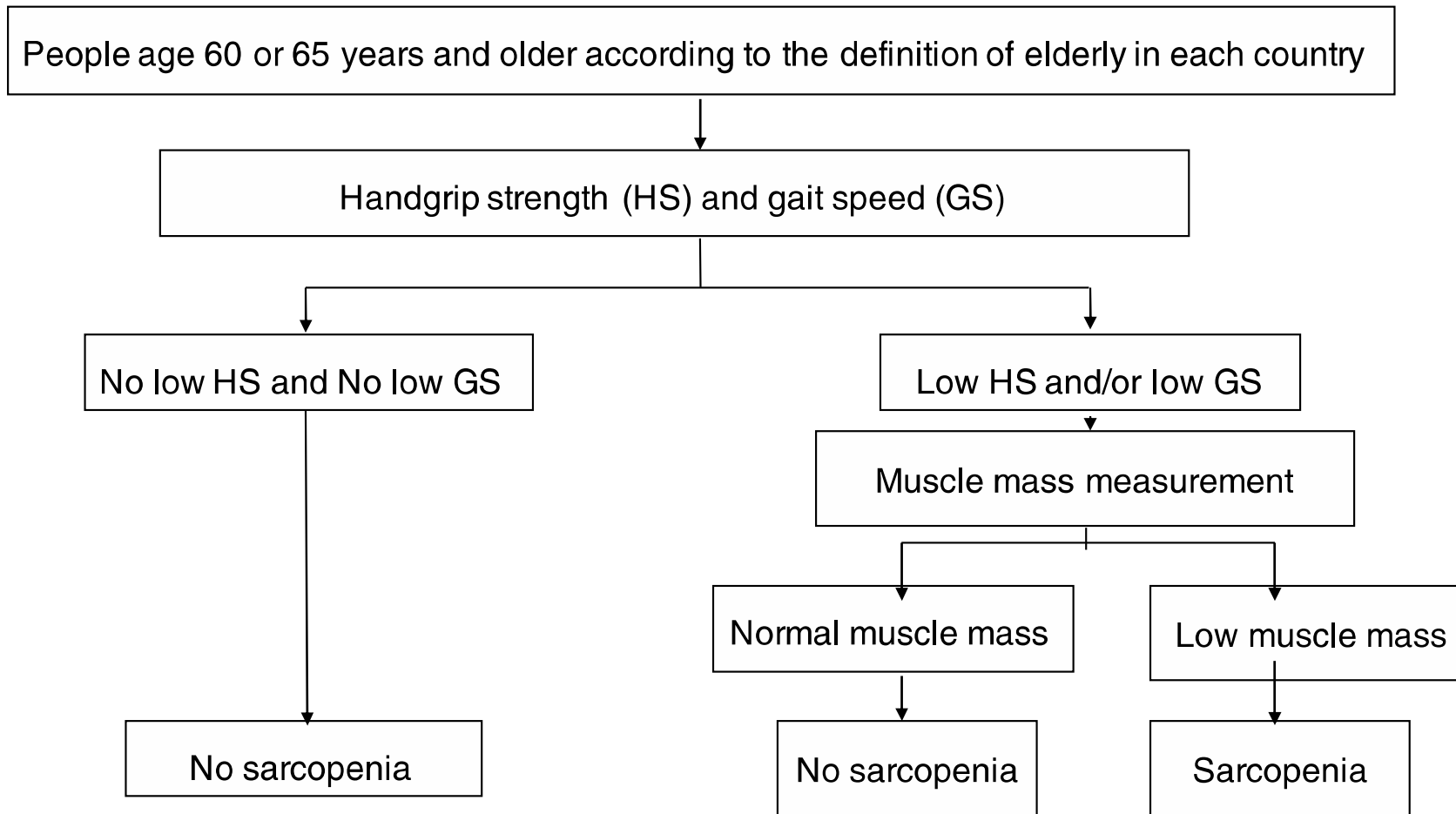


Figure 1 Diagnostic criteria by the Asian Working Group for Sarcopenia.¹

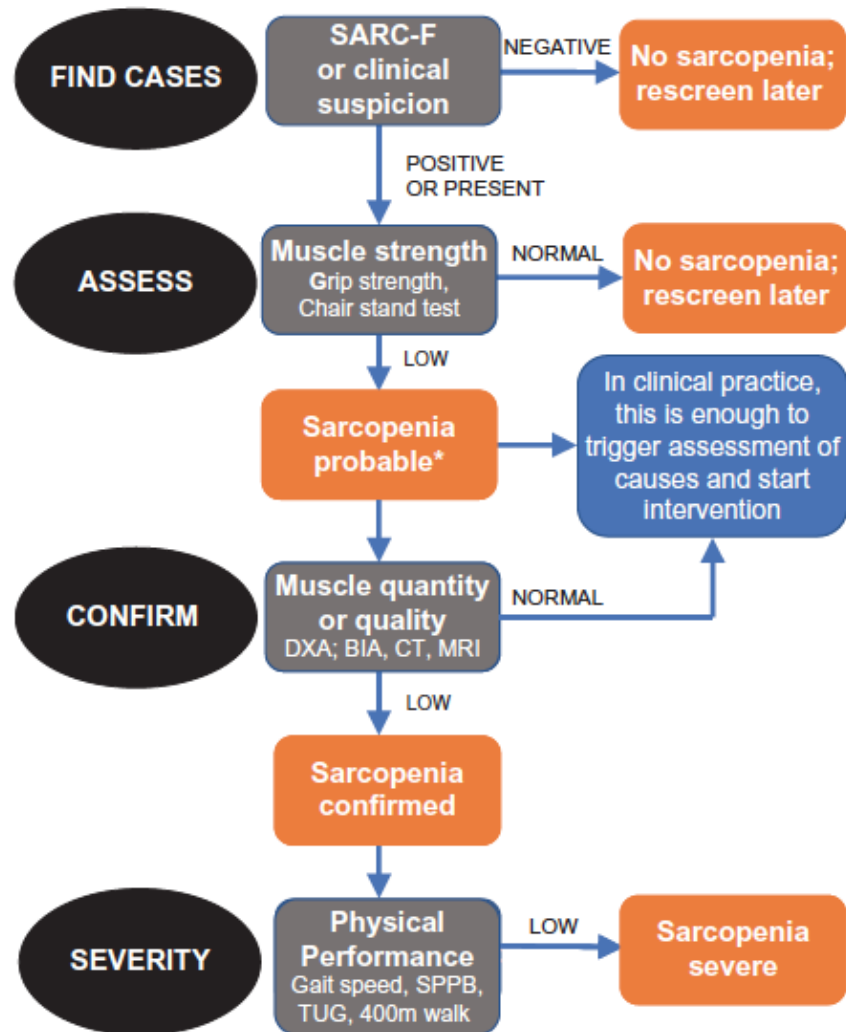


Figure 1. Sarcopenia: EWGSOP2 algorithm for case-finding, making a diagnosis and quantifying severity in practice. The steps of the pathway are represented as Find-Assess-Confirm-Severity or F-A-C-S. *Consider other reasons for low muscle strength (e.g. depression, stroke, balance disorders, peripheral vascular disorders).

GUIDELINES

Sarcopenia: revised European consensus on definition and diagnosis

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GLI STRUMENTI

Callosità della pianta dei piedi
e sudorazione alterano la
misurazione



GLI STRUMENTI

Misura solo massa muscolare
degli arti superiori



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Spessore della cute sul dorso delle mani e dei piedi più costante nel tempo e zone a sudorazione ridotta

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Table 2. Choosing tools for sarcopenia case finding and for measurement of muscle strength, muscle mass and physical performance in clinical practice and in research

Variable	Clinical practice	Research studies	Video for practical instruction, reference
Case finding	SARC-F questionnaire Ishii screening tool	SARC-F	Malmstrom <i>et al.</i> (2016) [12] Ishii <i>et al.</i> (2014) [40]
Skeletal muscle strength	Grip strength Chair stand test (chair rise test)	Grip strength Chair stand test (5-times sit-to-stand)	Roberts <i>et al.</i> (2011) [41] American Academy of Orthotists & Prosthetists https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_jPl-IuR]5A
Skeletal muscle mass or skeletal muscle quality	Appendicular skeletal muscle mass (ASMM) by Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA)	ASMM by DXA	Schweitzer (2015) [42] Mitsopoulos (1998) [43]
	Whole-body skeletal muscle mass (SMM) or ASMM predicted by Bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA)*	Whole-body SMM or ASMM by Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI, total body protocol)	Shen (2004) [44] Sergi (2017) [45] Maden-Wilkinson (2013) [46] Heysfield (1990) [47] Kim (2002) [48] Yamada (2017) [49] Lee (2004) [50]
Physical performance	Lumbar muscle cross-sectional area by CT or MRI	Mid-thigh muscle cross-sectional area by Computed Tomography (CT) or MRI Lumbar muscle cross-sectional area by CT or MRI	Van der Werf (2018) [51] Dersine (2018) [52] Goodpaster (2000) [53]
	Gait speed	Muscle quality by mid-thigh or total body muscle quality by muscle biopsy, CT, MRI or Magnetic resonance Spectroscopy (MRS) Gait speed	Reinders (2016) [54] Grimm (2018) [55] Distefano (2018) [56] Ruan (2007) [57] NIH Toolbox 4 Meter Walk Gait Speed Test https://www.nia.nih.gov/research/labs/laps/short-physical-performance-battery-sppb https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xI.ScK_NXUN0
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	Timed-up-and-go test (TUG) 400-meter walk or long-distance corridor walk (400-m walk)	TUG 400-m walk	Mathias (1986) [40] Newman (2006) [41]

*Sometimes divided by height² or BMI to adjust for body size.

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Table 1 SARC-F screen for sarcopenia

Component	Question	Scoring
Strength	How much difficulty do you have in lifting and carrying 10 pounds?	None = 0 Some = 1 A lot or unable = 2
Assistance in walking	How much difficulty do you have walking across a room?	None = 0 Some = 1 A lot, use aids, or unable = 2
Rise from a chair	How much difficulty do you have transferring from a chair or bed?	None = 0 Some = 1 A lot or unable without help = 2
Climb stairs	How much difficulty do you have climbing a flight of ten stairs?	None = 0 Some = 1 A lot or unable = 2
Falls	How many times have you fallen in the last year?	None = 0 1–3 falls = 1 4 or more falls = 2

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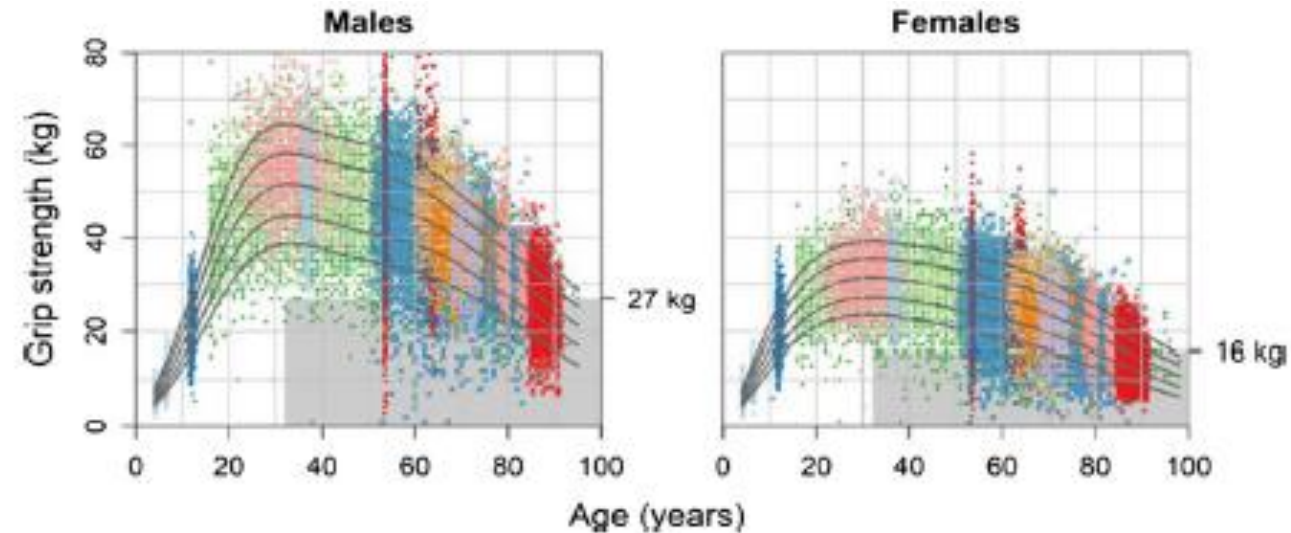
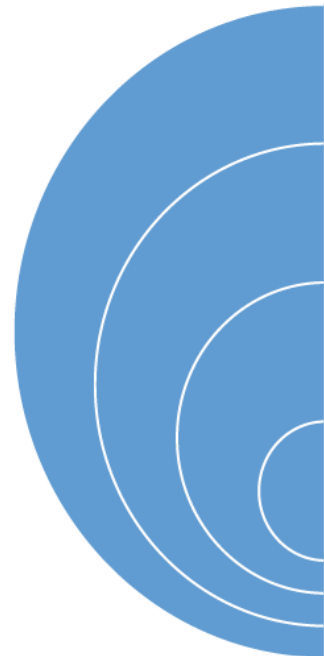


Figure 2. Normative data for grip strength across the life course in men and women in the UK (Dodds RM, *et al.* PLoS One. 2014;9:e113637). Centiles shown are 10th, 25th, 50th, 75th and 90th. Cut-off points based on *T*-score of ≤ -2.5 are shown for males and females (≤ 27 kg and 16 kg, respectively). Color-coding represents different birth cohorts used for the study (Figure adapted with permission from R Dodds and PLOS One).

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Aging	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Age-associated muscle loss
Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inflammatory conditions (e.g., organ failure, malignancy)• Osteoarthritis• Neurological disorders
Inactivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sedentary behavior (e.g., limited mobility or bedrest)• Physical inactivity
Malnutrition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Under-nutrition or malabsorption• Medication-related anorexia• Over-nutrition/obesity

Figure 4. Factors that cause and worsen muscle quantity and quality, sarcopenia, are categorised as primary (ageing) and secondary (disease, inactivity, and poor nutrition). Because a wide range of factors contribute to sarcopenia development, numerous muscle changes seem possible when these multiple factors interact.

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EDITORIAL



Rapid screening for sarcopenia

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Come si previene la sarcopenia

- **Prevenzione dieta ipoproteica frequente nell'anziano**
 - Cibi ricchi di carboidrati sono
 - Economici
 - Facili da cucinare
 - Facili da masticare
- **Prevenzione ipomobilità**
 - L'anziano si muove poco perchè
 - Dolore artrosico (attenzione alla cura del piede)
 - Non gestisce l'incontinenza
 - Ha paura di cadere

E il dolore?



Table 1. Demographics and basal clinical features of the participants

	Total (n = 210)	SARC-F \geq 4 (n = 126)	SARC-F < 4 (n = 84)	p-value
Age (y)	72.4 \pm 7.0	73.8 \pm 7.6	70.3 \pm 5.7	< 0.001*
BMI (kg/m ²)	28.7 \pm 6.1	29.7 \pm 6.9	27.0 \pm 3.9	0.001*
Sex, female	109 (51.9)	80 (63.5)	29 (34.5)	< 0.001*
Education (y)				
No	72 (34.2)	54 (42.9)	18 (21.4)	0.002*
0–5	107 (51)	59 (46.8)	48 (57.1)	
\geq 6	31 (14.8)	13 (10.3)	18 (21.5)	
Number of comorbidity	2 (0–6)	2 (0–6)	1 (0–4)	< 0.001*
Number of medications	2 (0–11)	2 (0–11)	1 (0–9)	< 0.001*
Falls	1 (0–2)	1 (0–2)	0 (0–2)	< 0.001*
Chronic pain, yes	195 (92.9)	125 (99.2)	70 (83.3)	< 0.001*
SARC-F (0–10)	4 (0–10)	6 (4–10)	2 (0–3)	< 0.001*
Geriatric pain measure	62 \pm 22.7	73.9 \pm 16.0	43.3 \pm 18.6	< 0.001*
Pain intensity today (0–10)	6 (0–10)	7 (0–10)	4 (0–10)	< 0.001*
Pain intensity last 7 days (0–10)	6 (0–10)	6 (2–10)	4 (0–10)	< 0.001*
Number of pain sites				< 0.001*
0	15 (7.1)	1 (0.8)	14 (16.7)	
1	46 (21.9)	16 (12.7)	30 (35.7)	
2	51 (24.3)	29 (23)	22 (26.2)	
3	35 (16.7)	25 (19.8)	10 (11.9)	
4 ⁺	63 (30)	55 (43.7)	8 (9.6)	

Values are presented as mean \pm standard deviation or number (%) or median (min–max).

SARC-F, strength, assistance with walking, rising from a chair, ascending stairs, and falls.

*p < 0.05.

Table 2. SARC-F: subgroup prevalence and item-response of indicators

SARC-F	Response (%)			p-value
	Mild pain (0–29)	Moderate pain (30–69)	Severe pain (70–100)	
Subgroup prevalence (%)	11.4	48.1	40.5	
Item-response				
Strength-difficulty lifting and carrying 10 lb				< 0.001*
0 (None)	58.3	35.6	9.4	
1 (Some)	41.7	51.5	40.0	
2 (A lot or unable)	0	12.9	50.6	
Climb stairs-difficulty climbing a flight of 10 stairs				< 0.001*
0 (None)	41.7	16.8	2.4	
1 (Some)	58.3	64.4	24.7	
2 (A lot or unable)	0	18.8	72.9	
Assistance in walking-difficulty walking across a room				< 0.001*
0 (None)	83.3	66.3	20.0	
1 (Some)	16.7	32.7	51.8	
2 (A lot, use aids, or unable)	0	1	28.2	
Rise from a chair-difficulty transferring from a chair or bed				< 0.001*
0 (None)	70.8	41.6	3.5	
1 (Some)	29.2	54.5	57.6	
2 (A lot or unable without help)	0	4	38.8	
Falls-times fallen in the past year				0.005*
0 (None)	70.8	52.5	35.3	
1 (1–3 falls)	20.8	36.6	38.8	
2 (≥ 4 falls)	8.3	10.9	25.9	
SARC-F (total) ≥ 4				< 0.001*
No	91.7	55.4	7.1	
Yes	8.3	44.6	92.9	

SARC-F, strength, assistance with walking, rising from a chair, ascending stairs, and falls.

*p<0.05.

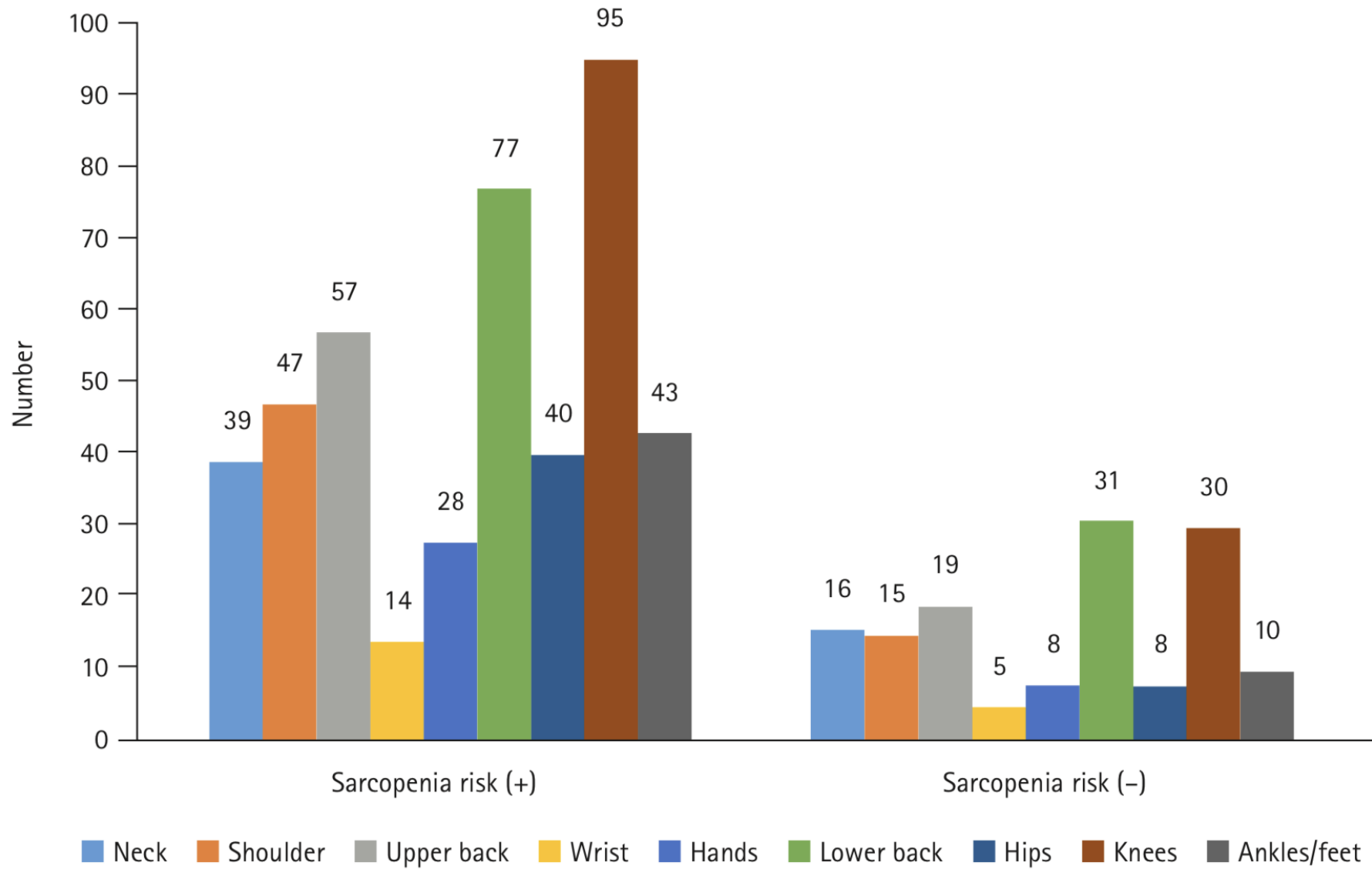


Fig. 2. Distributions of pain site in older adults with and without sarcopenia risk.

Table 3. Correlations among sarcopenia risk and chronic pain intensity, multisite pain, and total score of GPM

	Multisite pain	Pain intensity today	Pain intensity last 7 days	GPM	SARC-F
Multisite pain	-	0.436**	0.493**	0.547**	0.442**
Pain intensity today	0.436**	-	0.727**	0.847**	0.506**
Pain intensity last 7 days	0.493**	0.727**	-	0.833**	0.584**
GPM	0.547**	0.847**	0.833**	-	0.730**
SARC-F	0.442**	0.506**	0.584**	0.730**	-

GPM, Geriatric Pain Measure; SARC-F, strength, assistance with walking, rising from a chair, ascending stairs, and falls.

**p<0.001.

Table 4. Logistic regression analysis between multisite pain, GPM score, and sarcopenia risk status

	B	SE	Wald	df	Sig.	Exp(B)	
						OR	95% CI
Age	0.111	0.036	9.365	1	0.002*	1.117	1.041–1.199
BMI	0.118	0.046	6.526	1	0.011*	1.126	1.028–1.233
GPM	0.101	0.014	49.206	1	<0.001*	1.106	1.075–1.138
Constant	-16.732	3.428	23.817	1	<0.001	0.000	-

GPM, Geriatric Pain Measure; BMI, body mass index; SE, standard error; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval.

Omnibus test ($\chi^2=128.534$, $df=3$, $p<0.001$), Hosmer–Lemeshow test ($p>0.05$), Nagelkerke $R^2=0.621$.

*p<0.05.

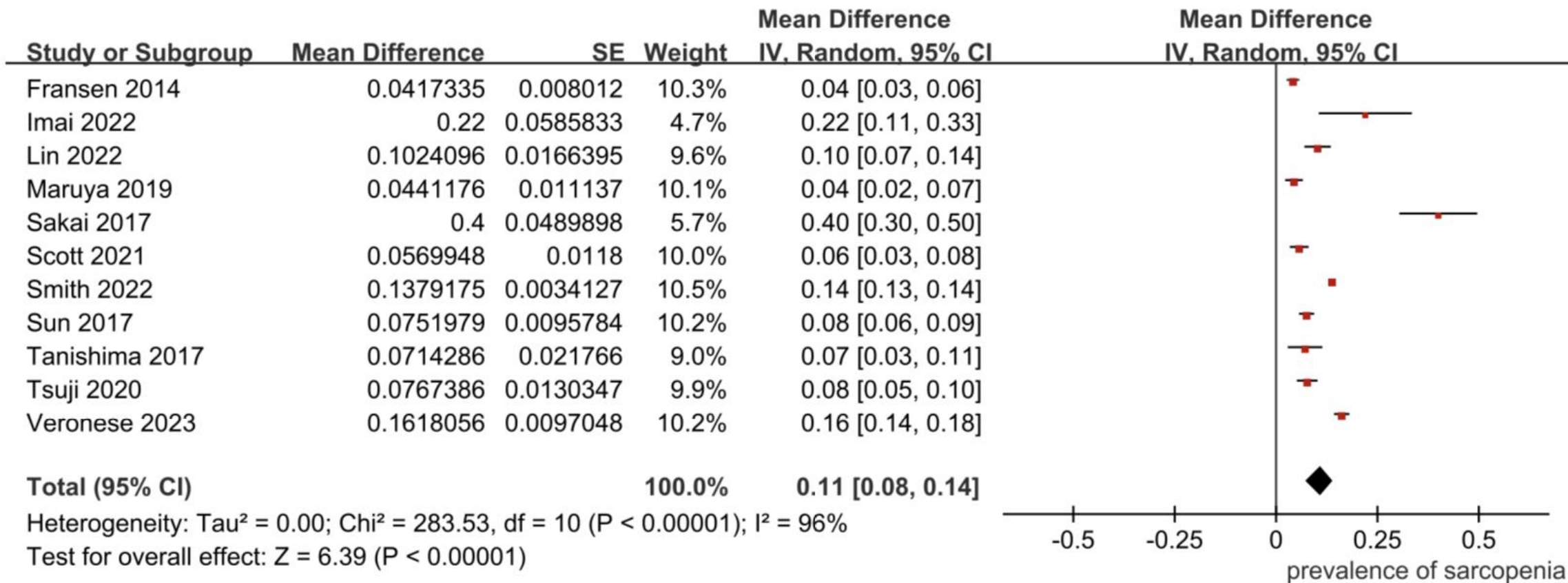


Figure 2 Forest plot of the prevalence of sarcopenia among older adults with chronic pain.

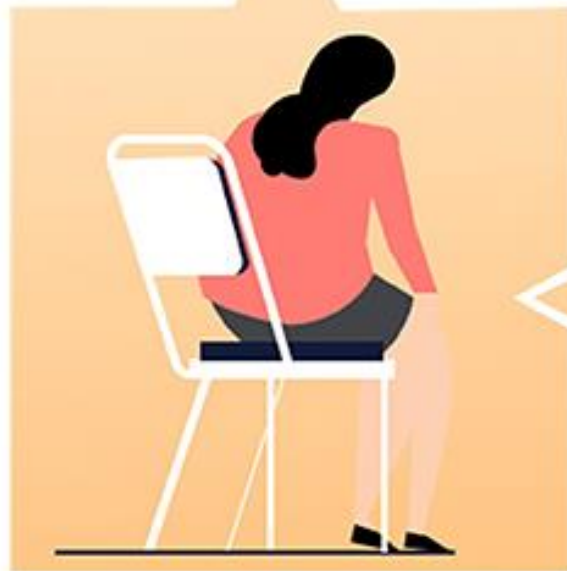
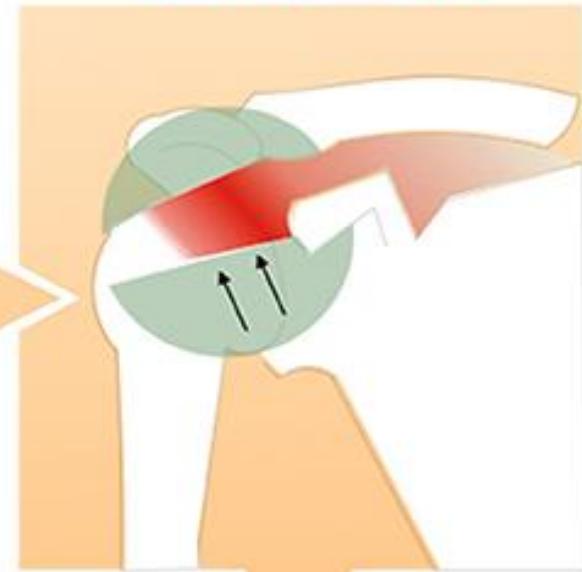
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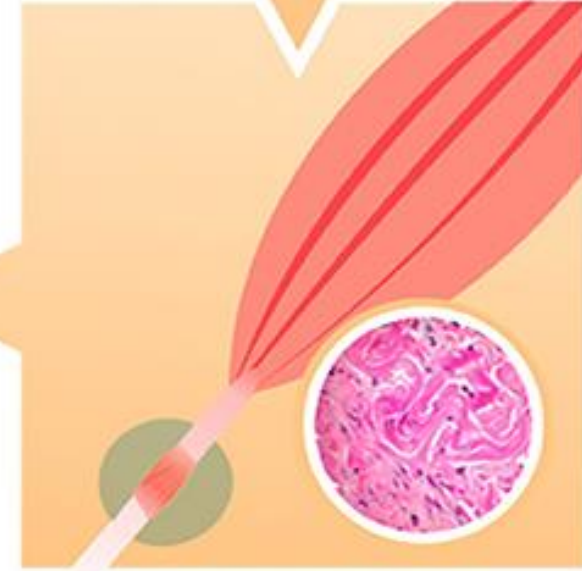
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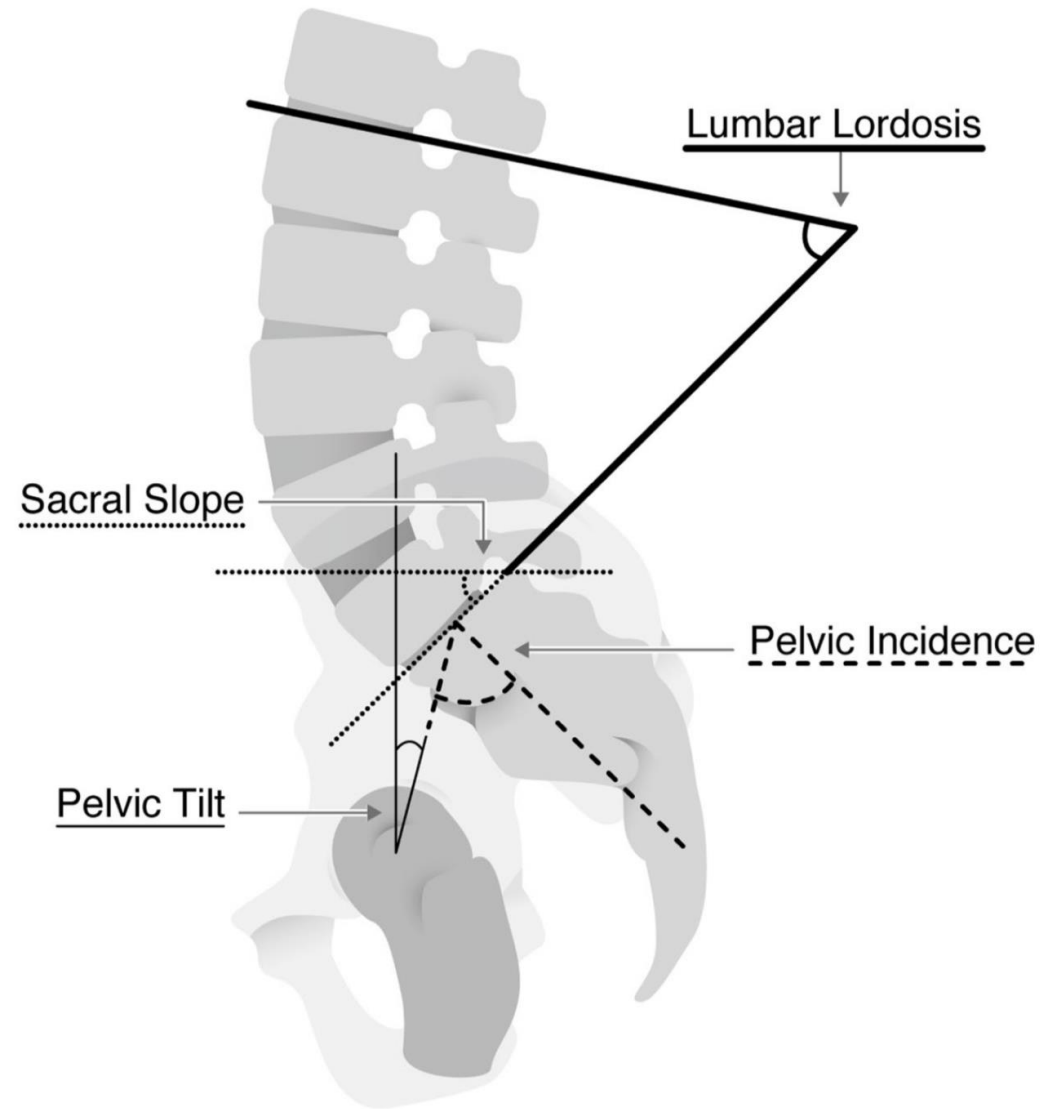


Fig. 1 Radiographic parameter of spinal alignment. LL is measured from the inferior endplate of T12 to the superior endplate of S1. SS is measured as the angle between the sacral plate and the horizontal line. PT is measured by the angle between the vertical and the line through the midpoint of the sacral plate to the femoral heads axis. PI is measured as the angle between the line perpendicular to the sacral plate at its midpoint and the line connecting this point to the femoral head's axis. "PI = PT - SS. Abbreviations: LL, lumbar lordosis; PI, pelvic incidence; SS, sacral slope; PT, pelvic tilt

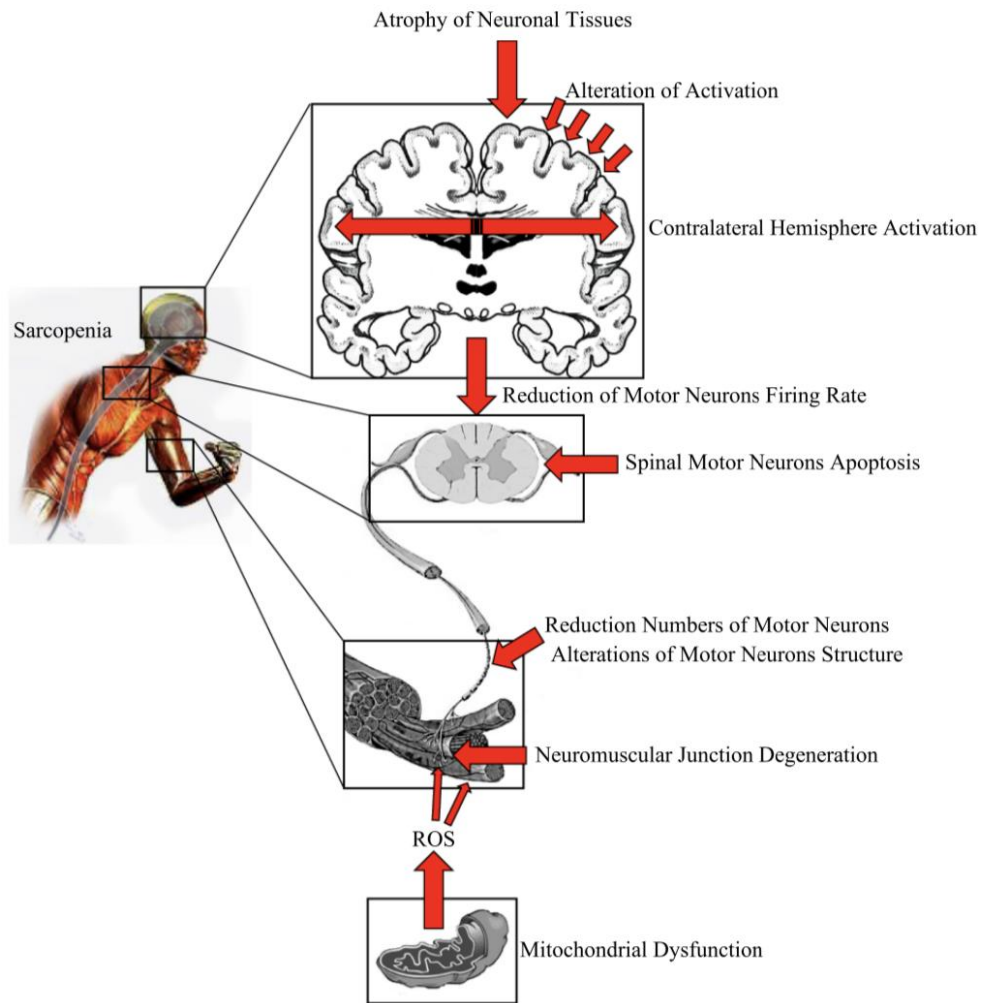
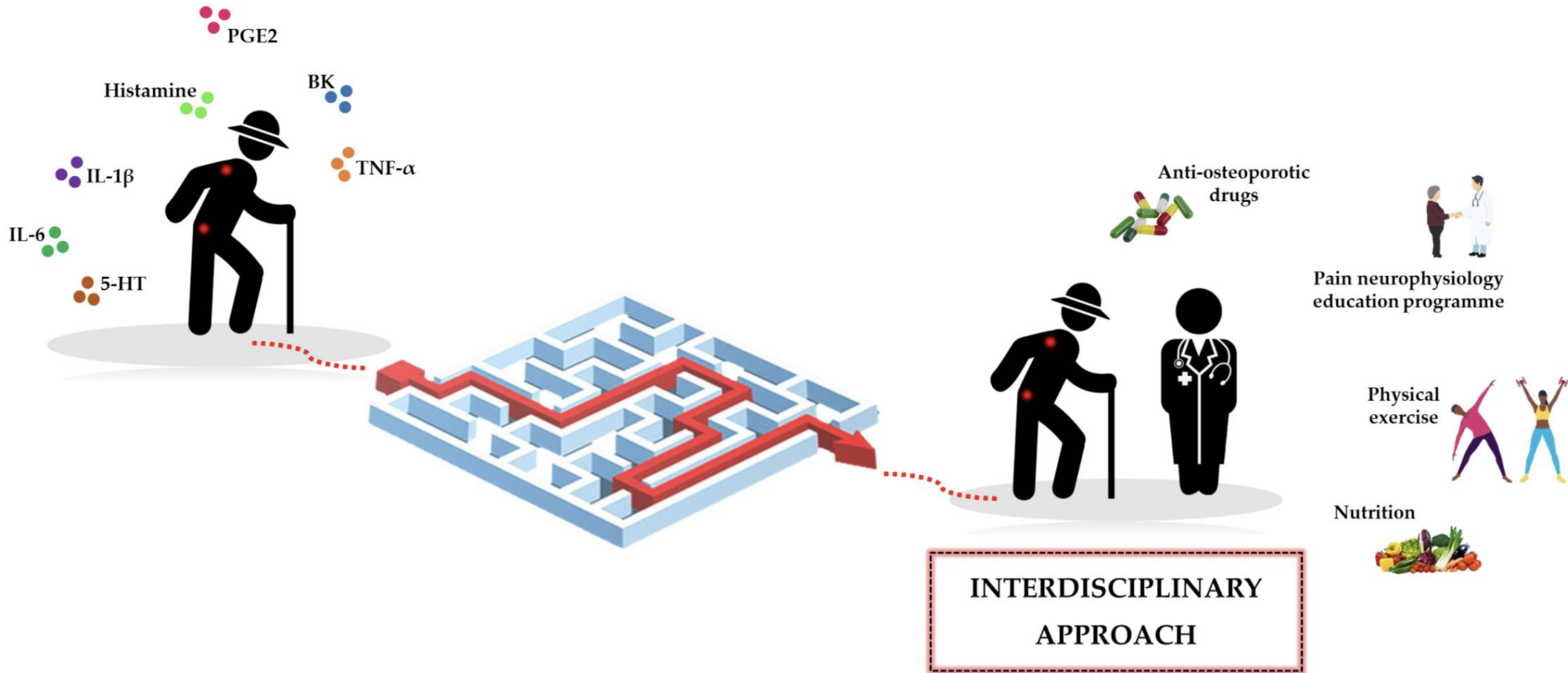


Fig. 1 Conceptual schematic of the neuromuscular factors responsible for age-related sarcopenia. The reduction in cortical inputs, increased cerebral cortex atrophy, increased motor-neurons apoptosis and neuromuscular junction impairment associated with increased levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS) derived from mitochondrial dysfunction are key factors underpinning the loss of skeletal muscle mass and function



A possible way out of the labyrinth of pain in osteosarcopenia. Pain is a condition found in many osteosarcopenic patients. Several molecular mediators and complex biological mechanisms are involved in the development and persistence of pain in this geriatric syndrome. An interdisciplinary approach should necessarily be taken to improve musculoskeletal health and reduce the algic condition. The combination of pharmacological and non-pharmacological strategies appears to be crucial to get out of the pain labyrinth.

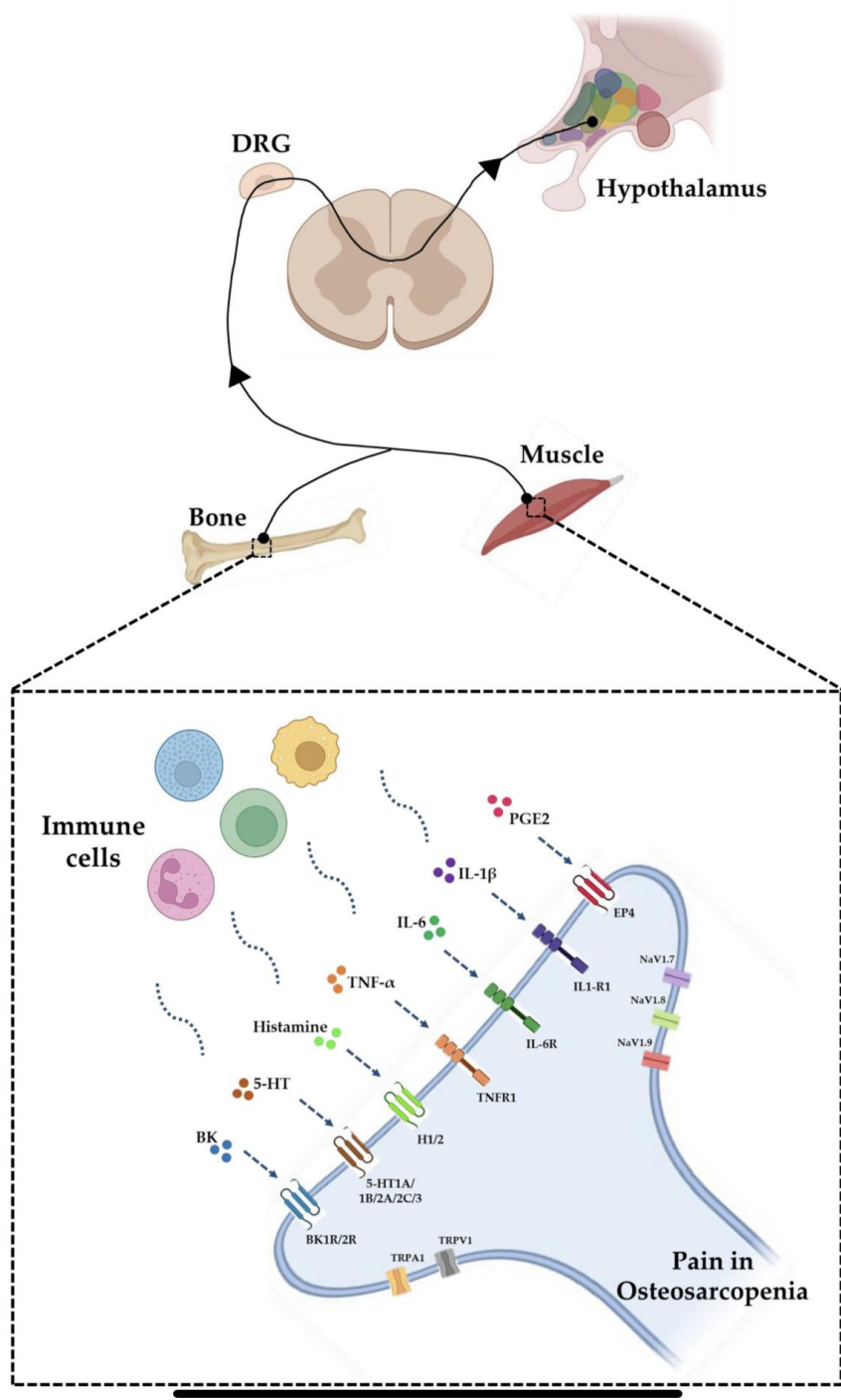


Figure 1. Development and transmission of the nociceptive signal in the presence of bone and/or muscle damage. The neurons responsible for encoding and transducing harmful musculoskeletal stimuli are in the dorsal root ganglia (DRG). In the presence of bone and/or muscle tissue damage, immune cells release numerous mediators, including lipid mediators such as prostaglandin E2 (PGE2), cytokines such as interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β), interleukin-6 (IL-6) and tumor necrosis factor α (TNF- α), as well as neurotransmitters such as histamine, serotonin (5-HT) and bradykinin (BK). All these binds to their receptors on the membrane of the nociceptive axon terminal, inducing the opening of ion channels, including transient receptor potential cation channel subfamily V member 1 (TRPV1), transient receptor ankyrin 1 (TRPA1) and voltage-dependent sodium channels (NaV1.7, NaV1.8 and NaV1.9). The resulting flux of ions promotes depolarization of the axon terminal of the nociceptive fibre, promoting the generation and transmission of the nociceptive signal.

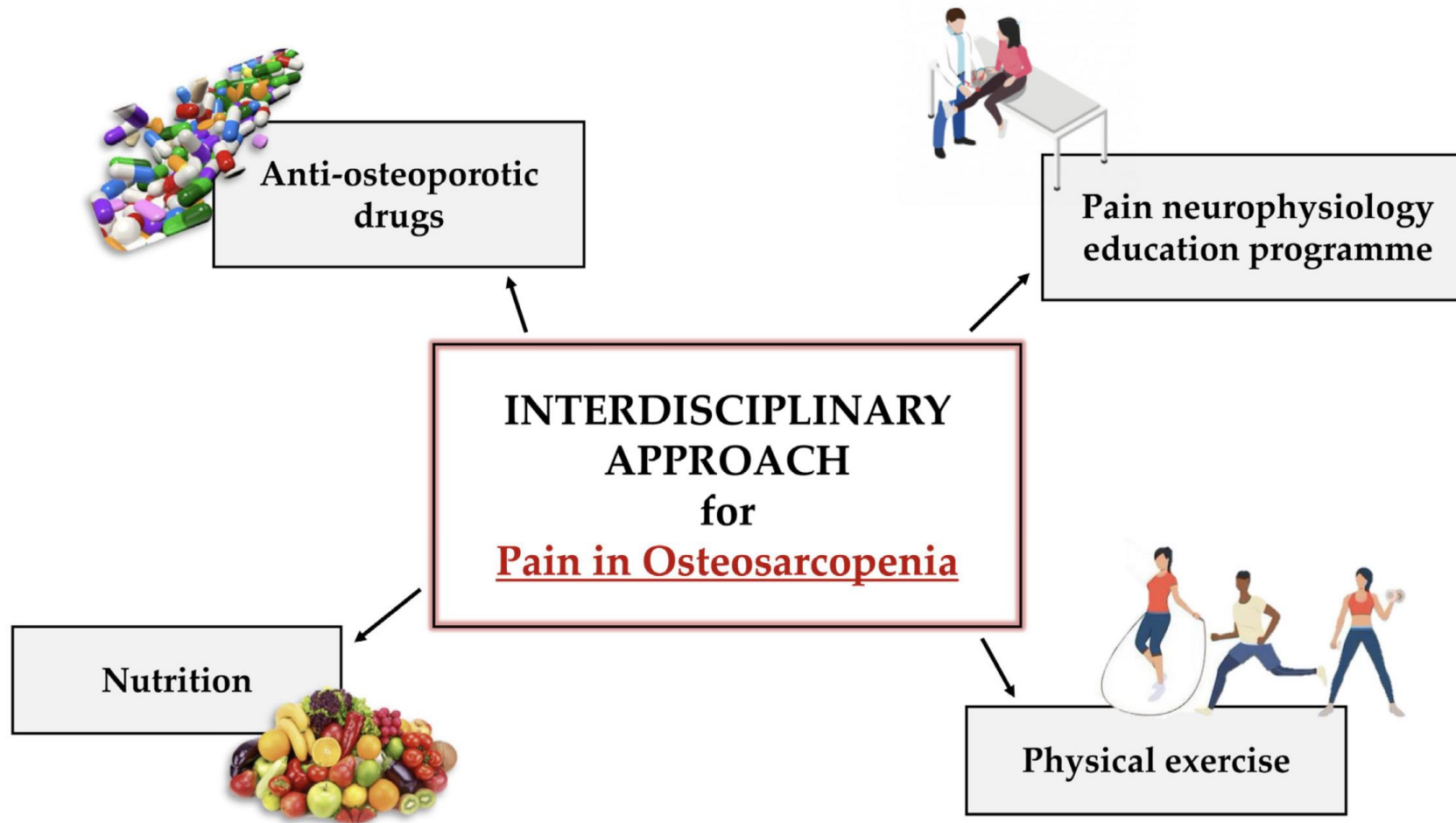


Figure 2. Interdisciplinary approach for the management of osteosarcopenic (OSP) patients. The pain management in OSP patients should involve an interdisciplinary approach, in which several professionals collaborate in the development of a therapy aimed at minimizing the pain perception. This strategy should include both multimodal pharmacological therapies, based on the use of anti-osteoporotic drugs, and non-pharmacological therapies including pain neurophysiology education programme (PNE), physical exercise and nutrition. Such an integrated approach will be essential to act simultaneously on the algic and musculoskeletal components.

Table 2 Patient characteristics at the time of visit

	Sarcopenia (N = 32)		Non-sarcopenia (N = 68)		p
	Median (IQR)	Range (min-max)	Median (IQR)	Range (min-max)	
Age	81.5 (74.5-87.8)	63-97	71.5 (68.3-80.0)	60-91	0.0001
Sex (female/male)	28/4		60/8		0.9159
BMI (kg/m ²)	20.7 (18.8-23.1)	14.3-26.3	22.5 (20.7-24.7)	17.5-32.2	0.0072
SMI (kg/m ²)	5.1 (4.7-5.5)	4.2-6.8	6.1 (5.7-6.7)	4.9-7.9	<.0001
BMD (femoral neck)	0.50 (0.42-0.56)	0.38-0.83	0.56 (0.50-0.64)	038-0.90	0.0079
Knee extension torque (kgf/kg)	11.7 (6.4-15.8)	3.4-20.3	17.1 (13.1-21.5)	3.9-46.3	<.0001
History of vertebral fracture (N)	19(55.88%)		14(20.89%)		0.0004
Adult spinal deformity (N)	14(43.75%)		12(17.91%)		0.0063
Pelvic Tilt (°)	29.0 (21.2-37.8)	8.7-57.0	22.0 (16.0-28.0)	4.0-39.7	0.005
Lumbar Lordosis (°)	36.0 (26.3-49.8)	12.0-68.0	43.0 (36.0-52.9)	3.0-79.0	0.0445
Pelvic Incidence (°)	54.0 (49.0-68.5)	38.0-91.0	55.0 (50.0-61.0)	34.0-85.0	0.6614
Sacral Slope (°)	28.0 (23.3-36.8)	13.0-56.2	33.2 (27.0-40.0)	2.0-54.0	0.0441

Abbreviations: BMI body mass index, *BMD* bone mineral density, *SMI* skeletal muscle mass, *VAS* Visual Analogue Scale



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Pain Neuroscience Education (PNE)

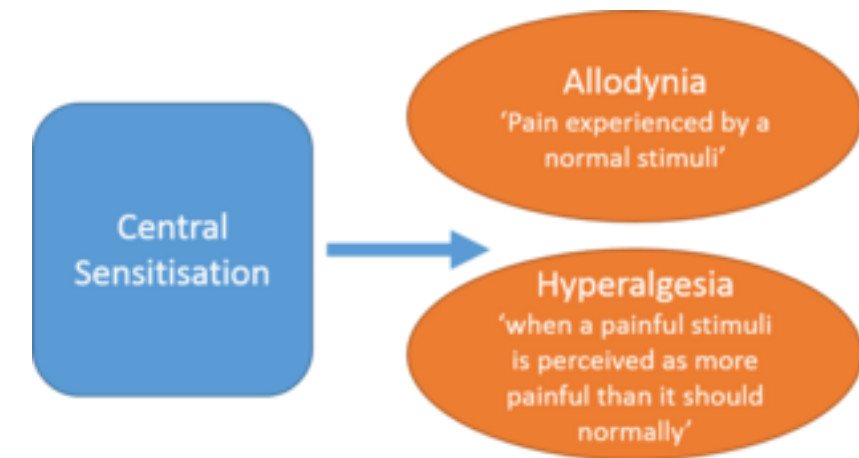
With respect to PNE, [chronic pain](#) is not viewed as a result of unhealthy or dysfunctional tissues. Rather, it is due to [brain plasticity](#) leading to hyper-excitability of the central nervous system, known as central sensitization.^[3] The ultimate goal for Pain Neuroscience Education (PNE) is to increase pain tolerance with movement (e.g., be able to perform exercise with mild discomfort), reduce any fear associated with movement, and reduce central nervous system hypersensitivity. In practice, this often includes the use of educational pain analogies, re-education of patient misconceptions regarding disease pathogenesis, and guidance about lifestyle and movements modifications that can be introduced.

There are two clinical indications for initiating Pain Neuroscience Education (PNE)^[4]:

- the clinical picture is dominated by central sensitization
- illness coping mechanisms or poor illness perception is present

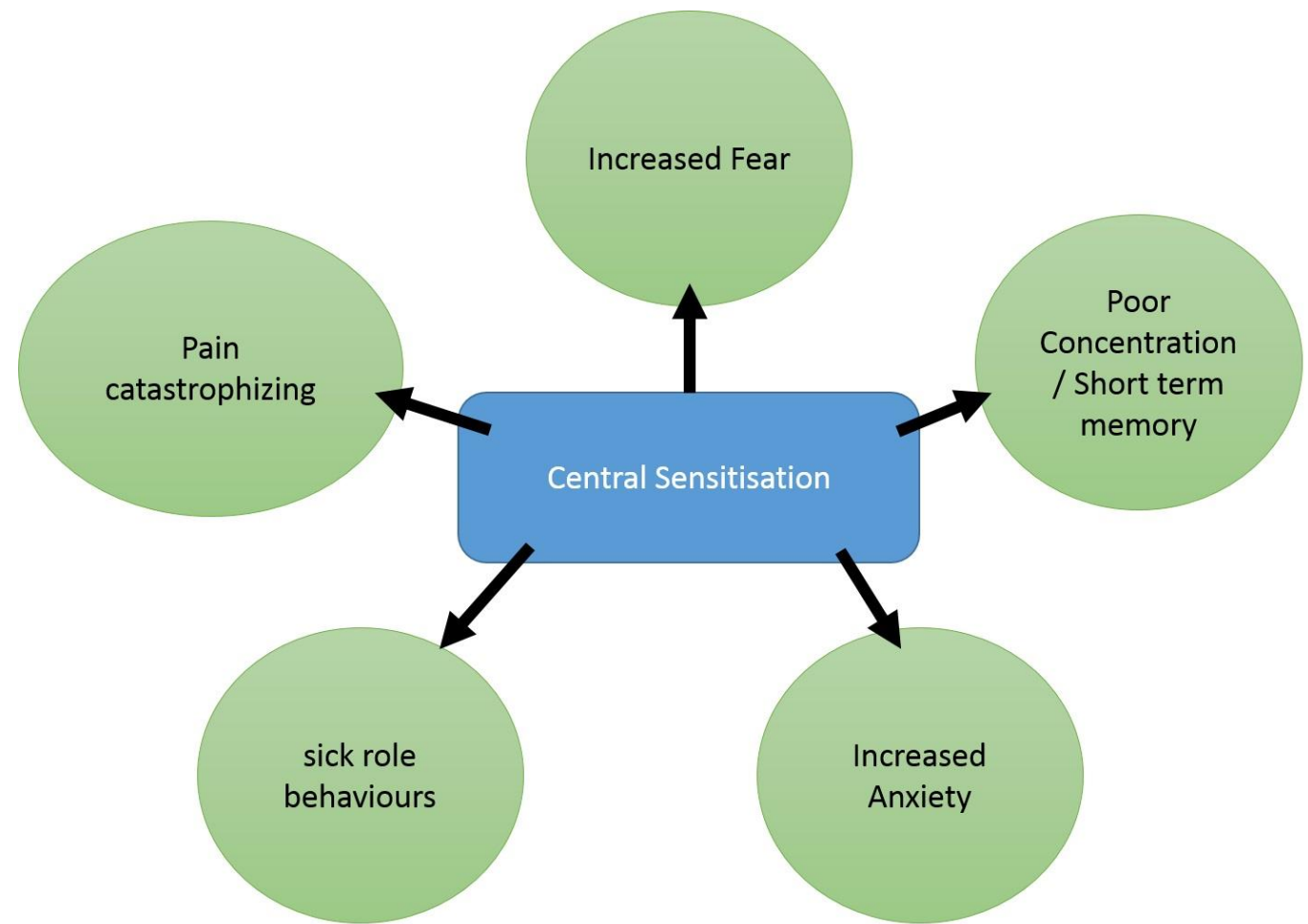
Effects of central sensitization

Central sensitization is when there is amplification of pain in the central nervous system. It can result in hypersensitivity to stimuli, responsiveness to non-noxious stimuli, and increased pain response evoked by stimuli outside the area of injury, an expanded receptive field. ^[5]This can be assessed during the subjective and objective portion of a patient's evaluation. A physical therapist can determine what a patient's perception of their own pain is and how they cope with their pain.



PNE aims to reconceptualize pain to patients with these four main points:

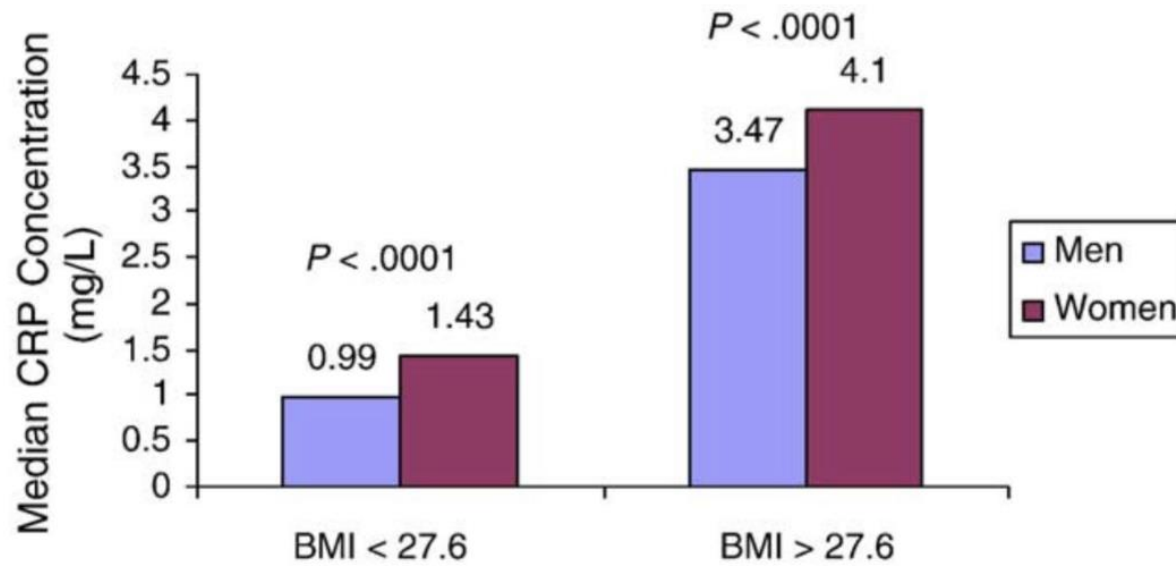
- Pain does not provide a measure of the state of the tissues
- Pain is modulated by many factors from somatic, psychological, and social domains
- The relationship between pain and the state of tissues becomes less predictable as pain persists
- Pain can be conceptualized as the conscious correlate of the implicit perception that tissue is in danger^[6]



Application of PNE

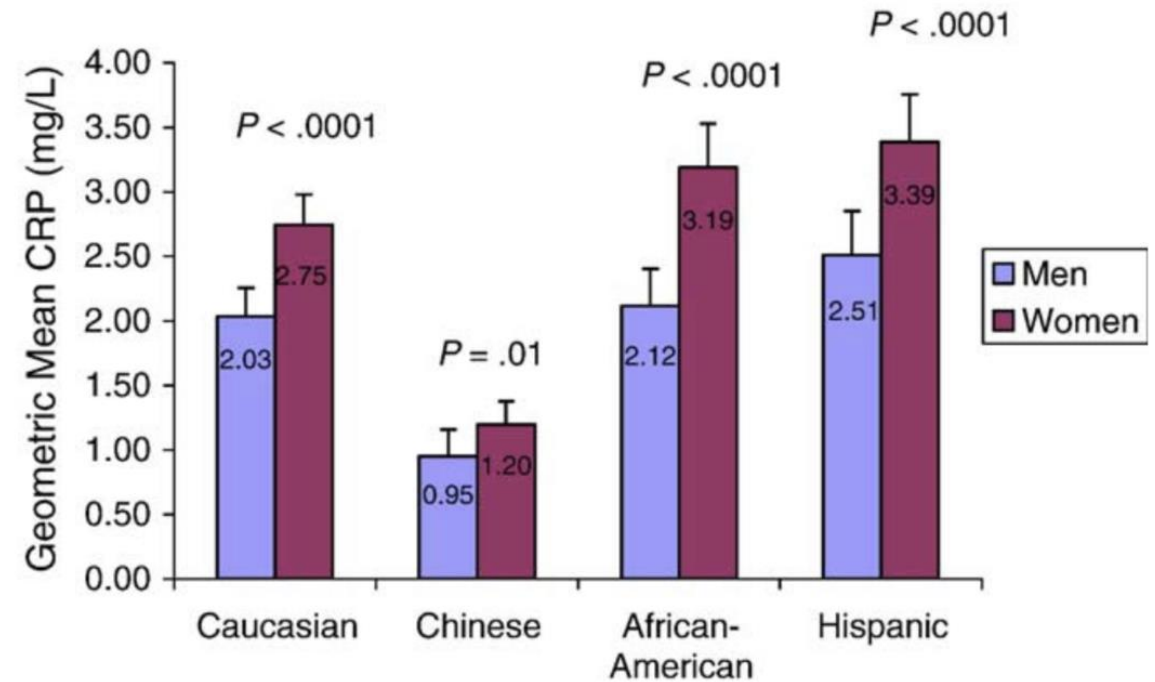
The application of PNE is most useful as part of a combination therapy for chronic pain that includes physiotherapy intervention (including [exercise therapy](#)) and may or may not include [pharmacological treatment](#). Its application is best applied by trained and skilled clinicians with experience in managing patients with chronic pain conditions. Overall, PNE serves as a method of reconceptualizing a patient's perception of their pain experience, providing an avenue for reducing pain, disability and improving [quality of life](#)^[6]. PNE puts the complex process of describing the nerves and brain into a format that is easy to understand for everyone regardless of age, educational level, or ethnic group.^[7]

Figure 3

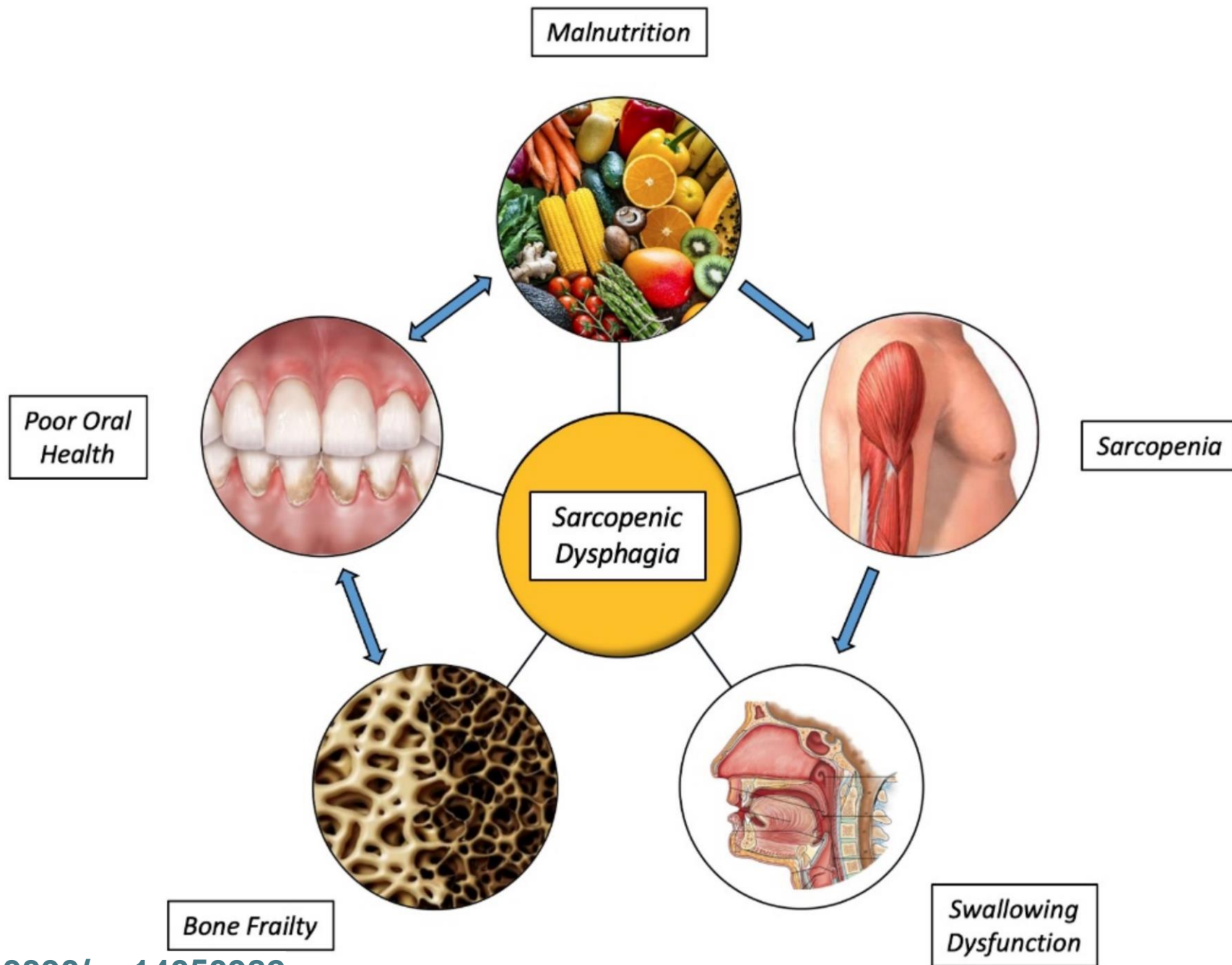


Median CRP concentration in men and women stratifying by BMI.

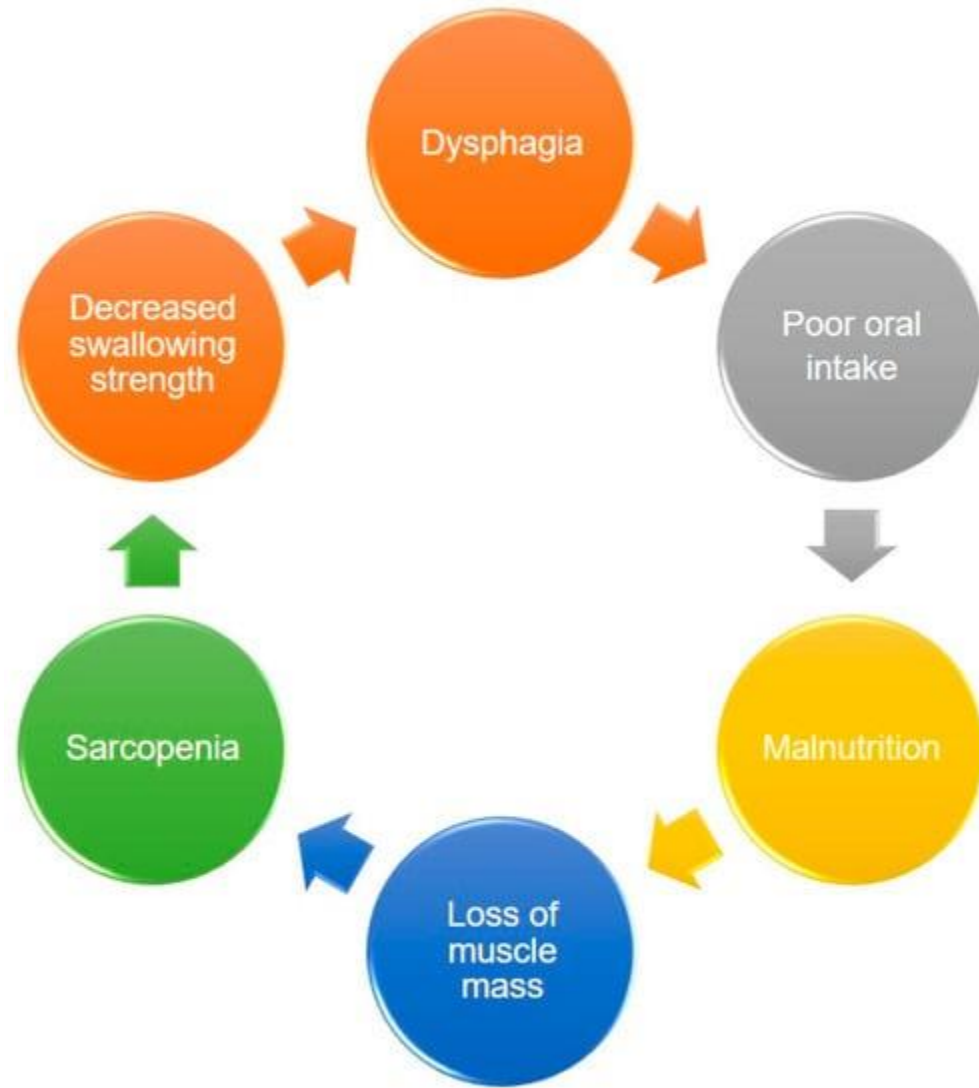
Figure 4



Adjusted geometric mean CRP concentration in men and women by ethnic group, adjusted for age, BMI, diabetes, hypertension, smoking, alcohol use, HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors, aspirin use, estrogen medications, physical activity, LDL, and HDL.







Hand grip strength and gait speed in aged ≥ 65 years old and following commands

Low

Normal

General muscle mass

Low

Normal

Swallowing function

Dysfunction

Normal

Obvious causative disease of dysphagia

No

Yes

Swallowing muscle strength

Normal

Low

Possible sarcopenic dysphagia

Probable sarcopenic dysphagia

No sarcopenic dysphagia

Table 2. The tools for assessing sarcopenic dysphagia.

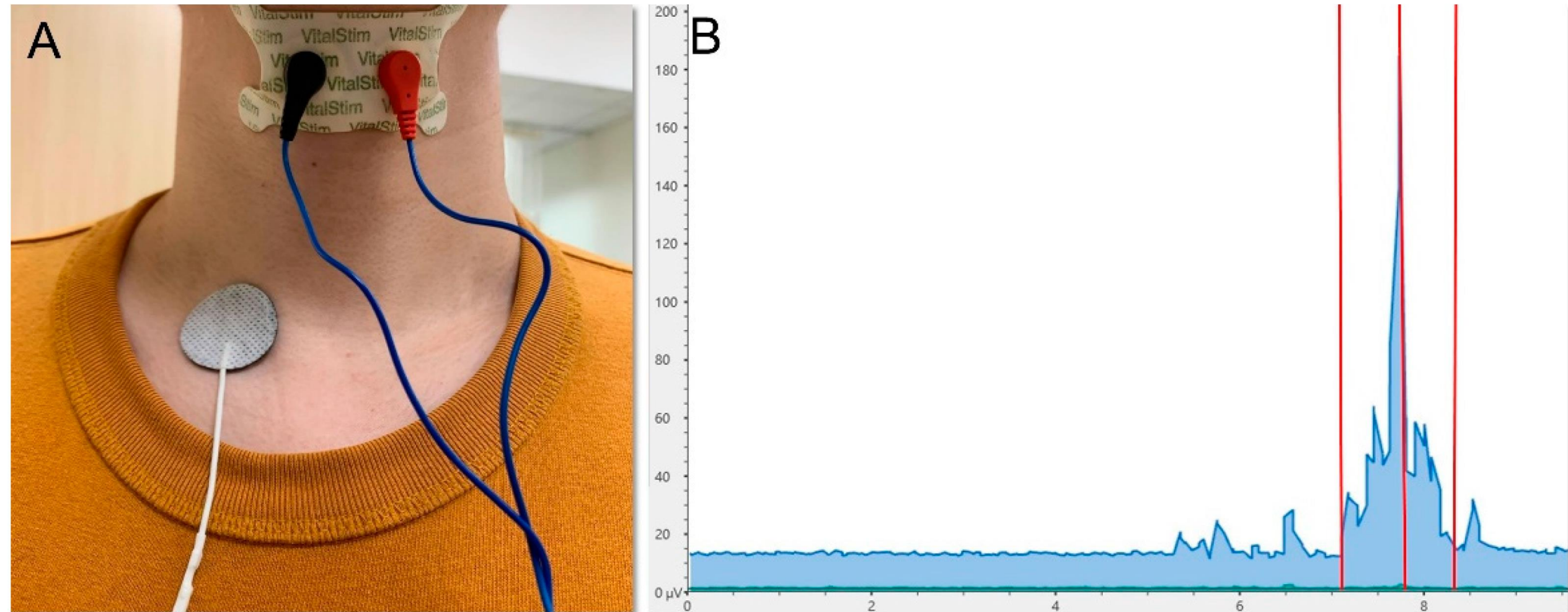
Evaluating Target	Tools
Muscle mass	Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA), bioimpedance analysis (BIA)
Muscle strength	Dynamometer
Physical performance	Six-minute walk test (6MWT), Short Physical Performance Battery score (SPPB), five-time chair stand test (5TSTS), timed up-and-go test (TUG), 400 m walk test (400MWT)
Swallowing function	Eating Assessment Tool (EAT-10), dysphagia severity scale (DSS), repetitive saliva swallowing Test (RSST), Functional Oral Intake Scale (FOIS), Food Intake Level Scale (FILS), modified water swallowing test (MWST), videofluoroscopy swallowing study (VFSS)
Swallowing muscle strength	JMS tongue pressure measuring instrument (JMS, Hiroshima, Japan), Iowa Oral Performance Instrument (IOPI), jaw-opening force trainer KT2016 (Livet Inc., Tokyo, Japan), Lip de Cum (Cosmo Instruments Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan), surface electromyography(sEMG), high-resolution manometry (HRM)
Swallowing muscle mass	Ultrasonography, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

Table 3. The cut-off point of the tools for the diagnosis of sarcopenic dysphagia from the available literature.

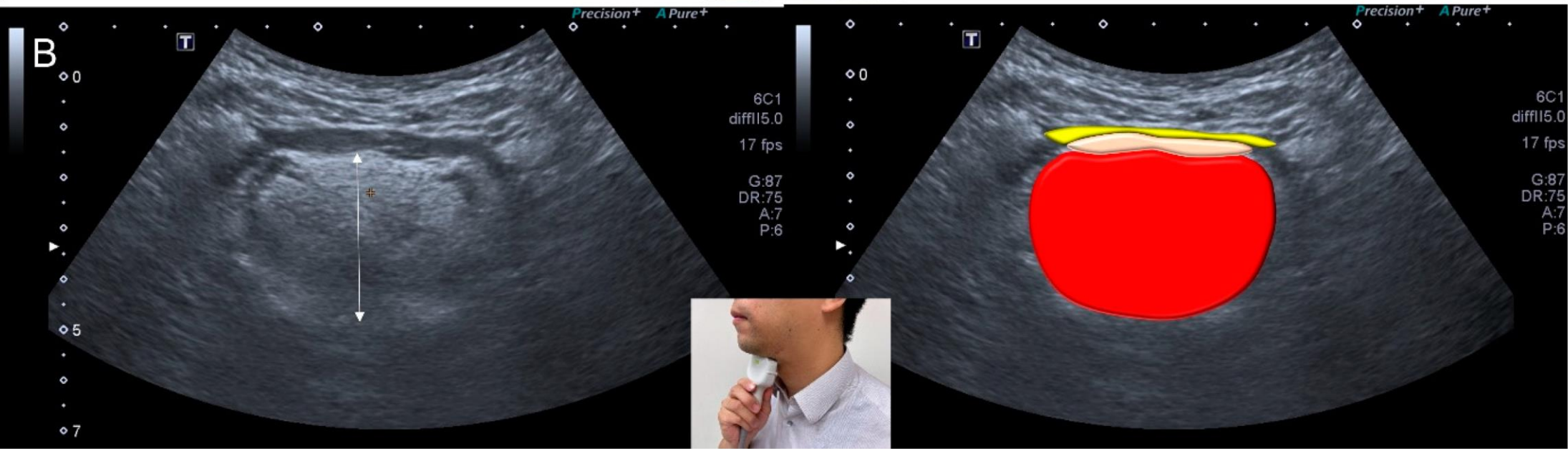
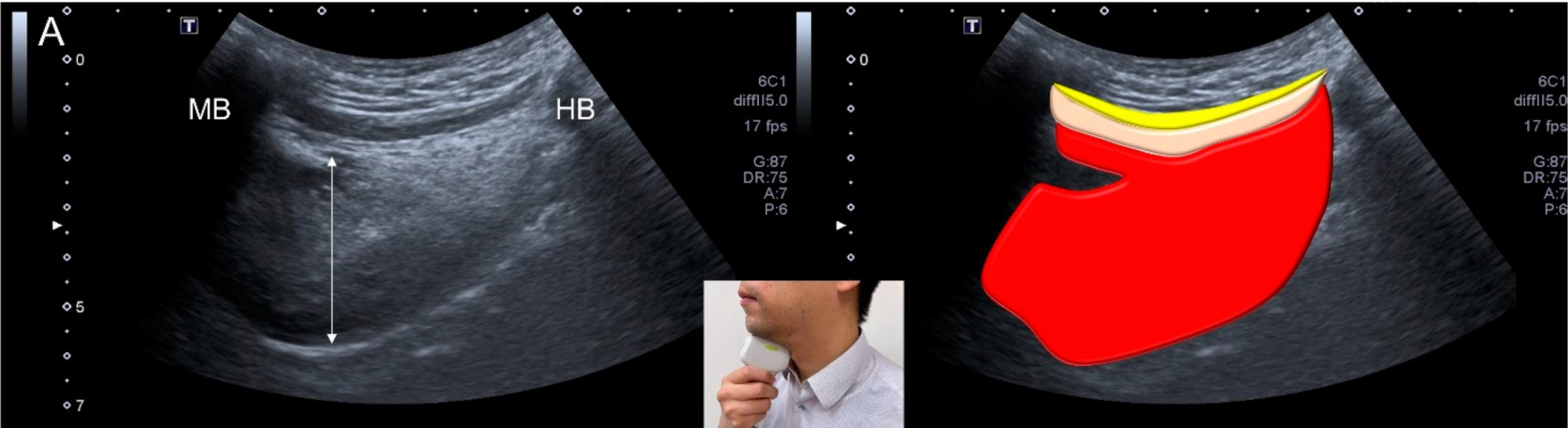
Evaluating Tool	Cut-Off Point
Muscle mass	
Dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry(DXA)	<7.0 kg/m ² in men and <5.5 kg/m ² in women ^a <7.0 kg/m ² in men and <5.4 kg/m ² in women ^b
Bioimpedance analysis (BIA)	<7.0 kg/m ² in men and <5.5 kg/m ² in women ^a <7.0 kg/m ² in men and <5.7 kg/m ² in women ^b
Muscle strength	
Dynamometer	<27 kg for men and <16 kg for women ^a <28 kg for men and <18 kg for women ^b
Physical Performance	
6 min walk	<0.8 m/s ^a <1.0 m/s ^b
Short Physical Performance Battery	≤8 ^a ≤9 ^b
5-time chair stand test	≥15 s ^a ≥12 s ^b
Timed up-and-go test	≥20 s ^a
400 m walk	≥6 min ^a
Swallowing function	
Eating Assessment Tool (EAT-10)	≥3
Dysphagia severity scale (DSS)	≤4
Repetitive saliva swallowing Test (RSST)	≤2
Functional Oral Intake Scale (FOIS)	≤5
Food Intake Level Scale (FILS)	Not available
Modified water swallowing test (MWST)	Not available
Videofluoroscopy swallowing study (VFSS)	Not available
Swallowing muscle strength	
Maximal isometric tongue pressure	<20 kPa
Jaw-opening force	Not available
Lip force	<10.4 Newton for men and <8.5 Newton for women
Surface electromyography (sEMG)	<387.09% of jaw open contraction for maximal amplitude <1.96 s for total duration
High-resolution manometry (HRM)	Not available
Swallowing muscle mass	
Ultrasonography	<1536 mm ² for the cross-sectional area of the tongue muscle <75.1 mm ² for the cross-sectional area of the digastric muscle
Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)	Not available



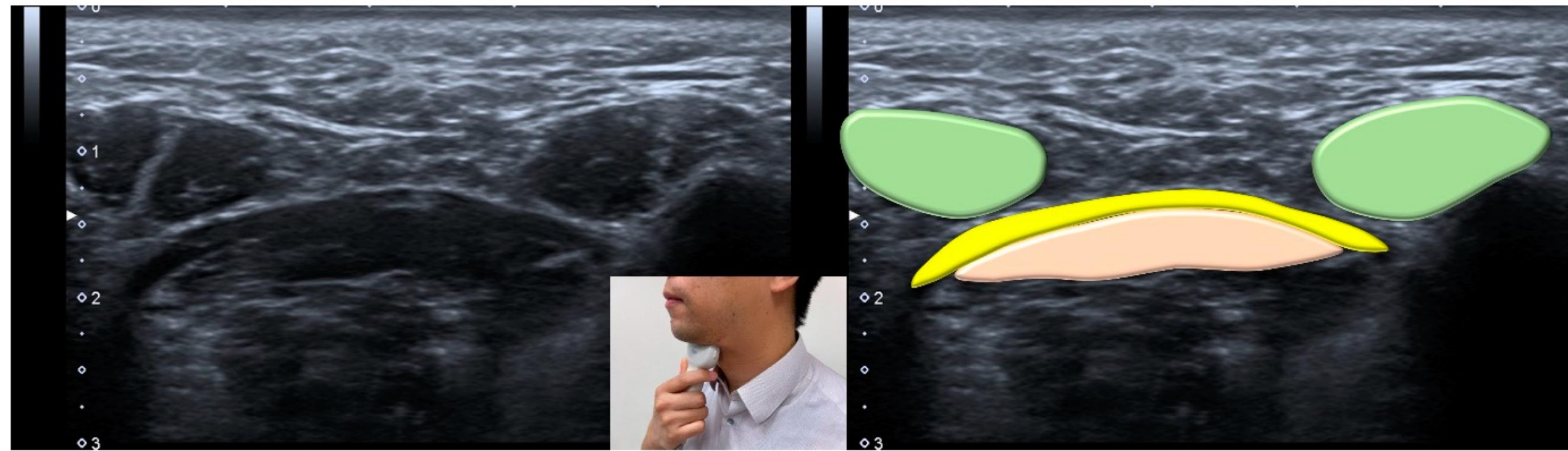
The Iowa oral performance instrument (**A**) and how it is used for obtaining maximal tongue pressure (**B**).



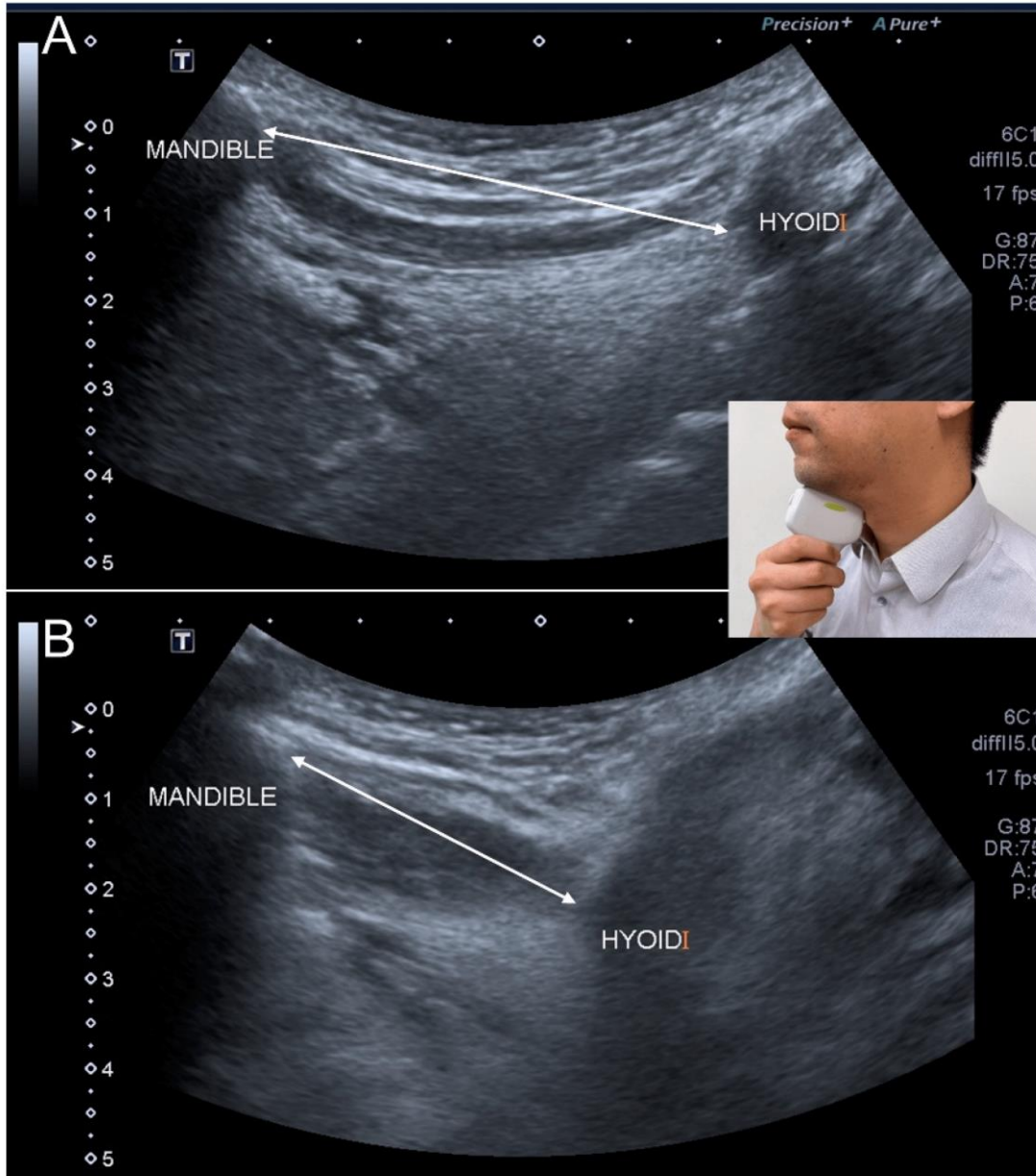
Electrode placement (**A**) and signal display (**B**) for the electromyographic assessment of swallowing muscle activity. Left red vertical line, onset of swallowing; middle red vertical line, peak amplitude; right red vertical line, end of swallowing.



Ultrasonographic images and schematic drawings of tongue and adjacent muscles in the sagittal (A) and coronal (B) planes. Tongue muscle: red color block; geniohyoid muscle, pink color block; mylohyoid muscle, yellow color block; MB: mandible; HB: hyoid bone; double arrowed line, thickness of the tongue muscle.



Ultrasonographic images and schematic drawing of the anterior belly of the digastric muscle in the coronal plane. Digastric muscle, green color block; mylohyoid muscle, yellow color block; geniohyoid muscle, pink color block



Ultrasonographic images show the hyoid movement at the onset of swallowing (A) and the moment of maximal displacement (B). Double-headed line, the distance between the mandible and hyoid bone.

