

Functional Approach to Treating Neurodegenerative Disorders

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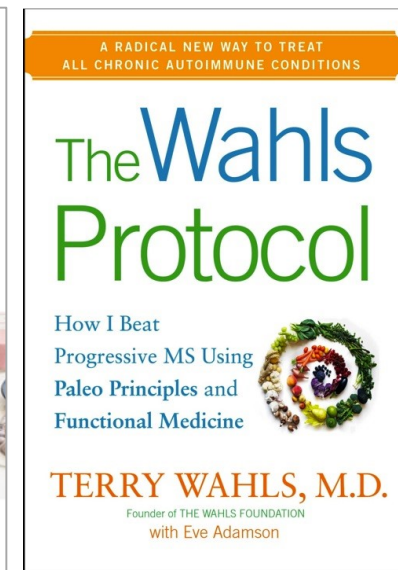
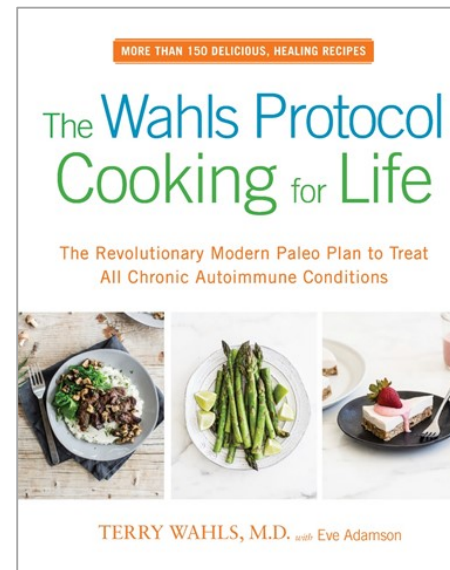
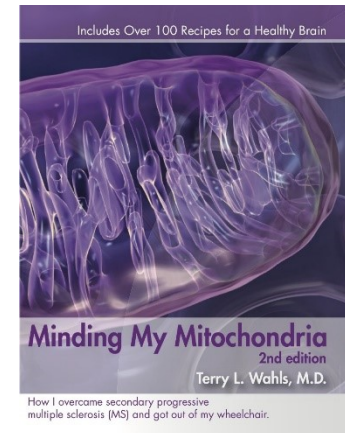
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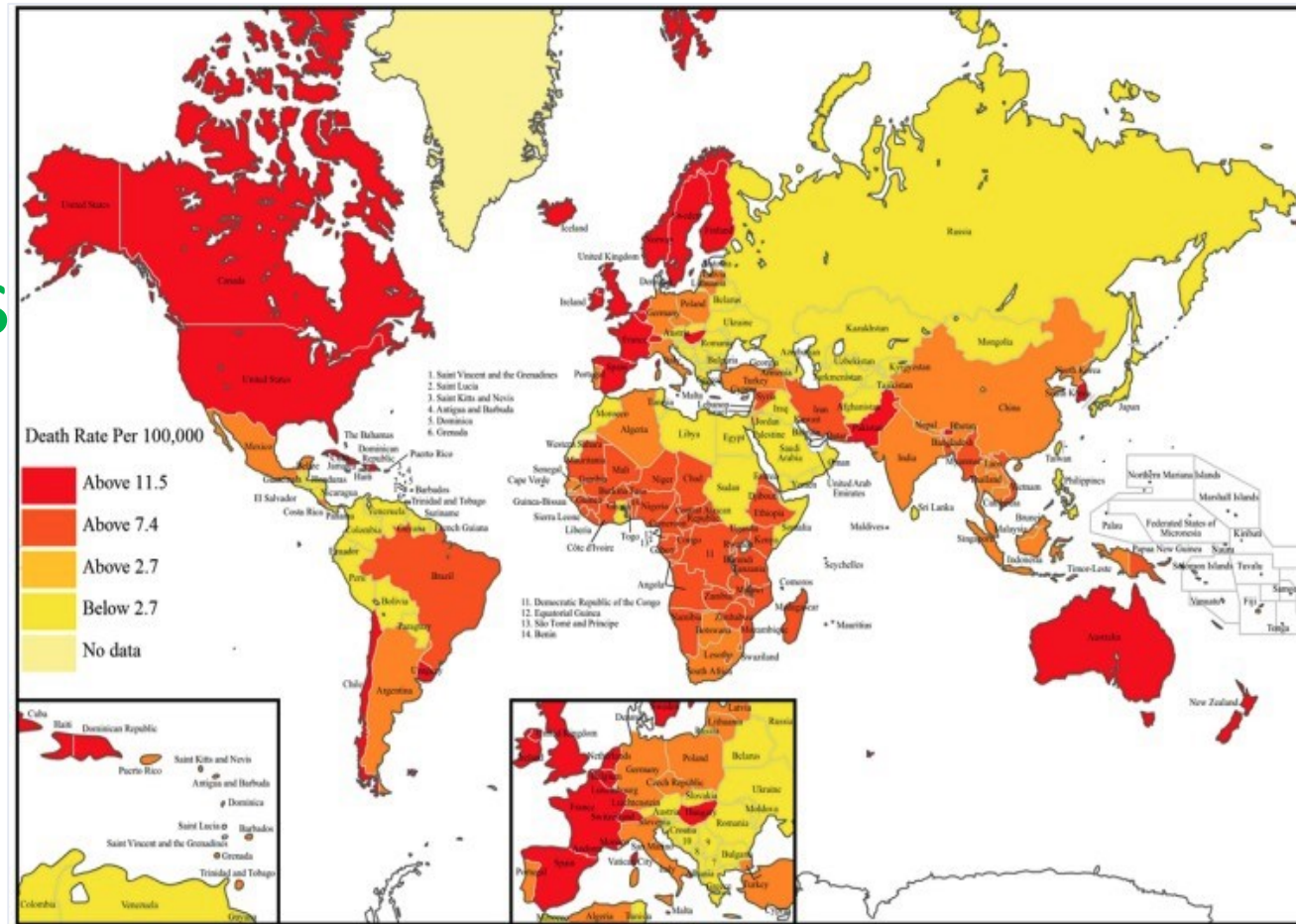
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Objectives

- Name one mechanisms by which dietary factors may contribute to neuroinflammation and neurodegenerative disease processes and potential worsening of symptoms.
- •Name at least at least three specific food groups that can help stabilize and or reverse neuroinflammation and neurodegenerative disease processes and related symptoms.
- Identify an effective and inexpensive test that clinicians and patient can use to monitor the microbiome.
- Name one mechanism by which a paleo diet may reduce symptoms in the setting of neuroinflammation and neurodegenerative disease processes



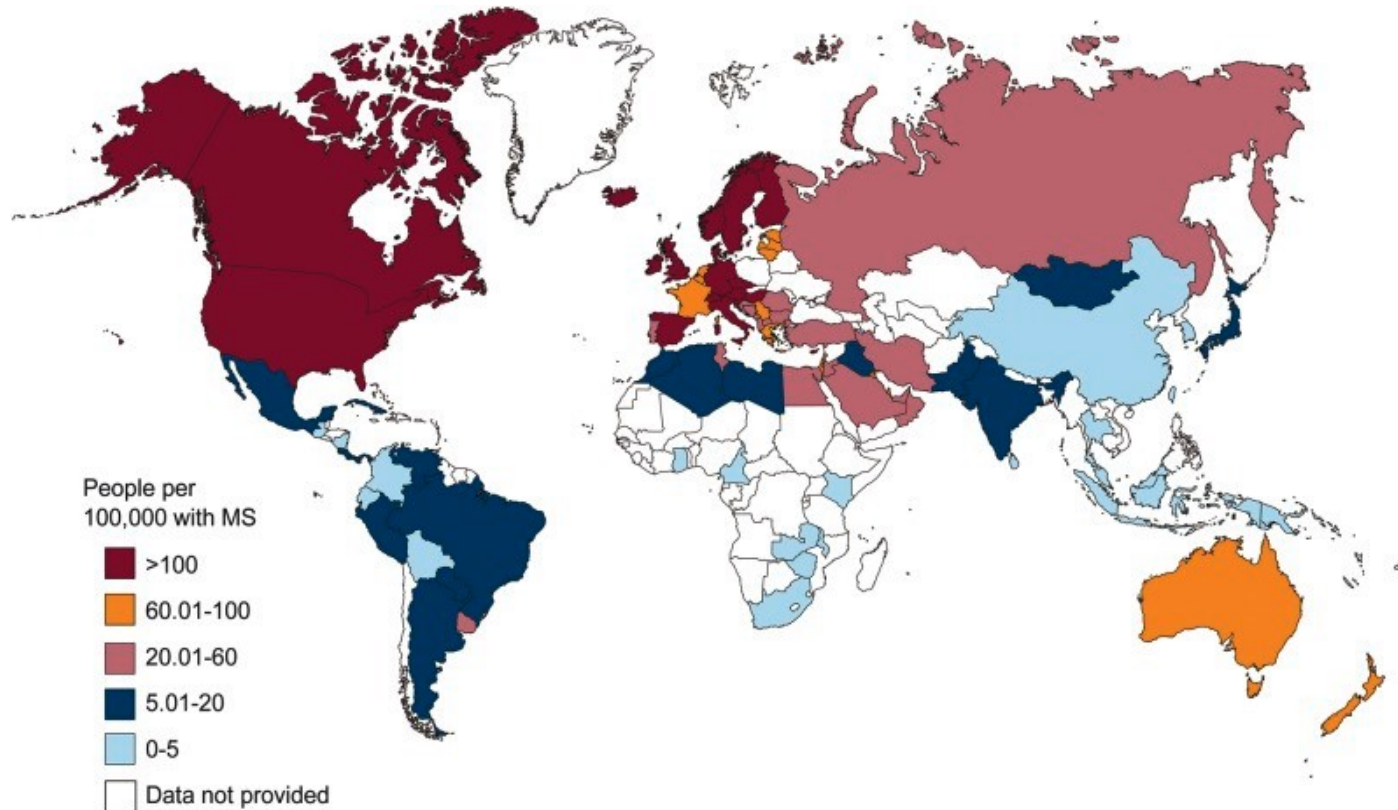
Global Alzheimer's Prevalence



World map illustrating the global distribution of deaths caused due to Alzheimer's Disease/ Dementia.
WHO 2011

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Global MS Prevalence



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TBI & AD, PD, ALS, MS

TBI increases the Odds Ratio (OR)

- **AD by 2.32** (moderate) 4.51 (severe TBI)
- **PD 11.0** (pooled moderate & severe)
- **ALS 3.1** (TBI within 10 years of onset)
- **MS 1.97** (TBI within 6 years of onset)

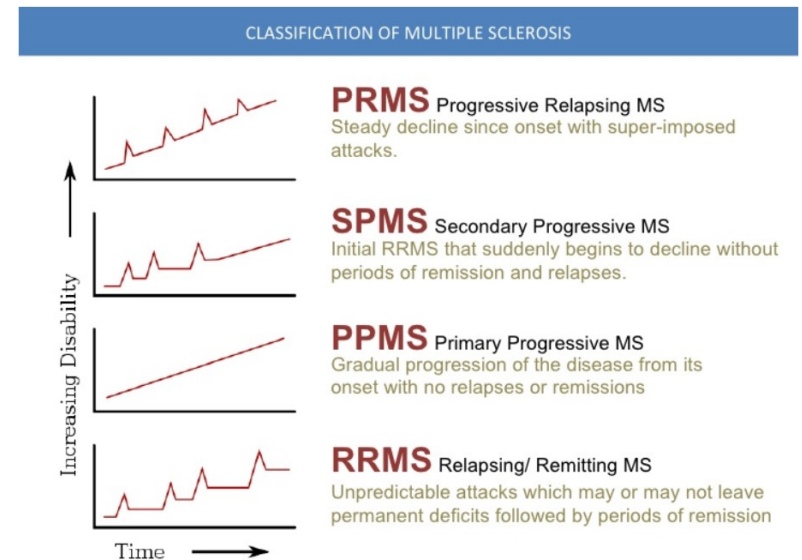
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In 2000 I Became A Patient

- Left leg weakness
- Prior history visual dimming
- Lesions in spinal chord
- Abnormal CSF
- **Diagnosis relapsing-remitting MS**

How MS Progresses

- Optic Neuritis / clinically isolated syndrome, BUT 50% progress to MS
 - 10% benign
 - 10% Primary Progressive MS (PPMS)
 - 80% diagnosed with Relapsing–Remitting MS (RRMS)



Progressive Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis | Health Life Media.
<http://healthlifemedia.com/healthy/progressive-relapsing-multiple-sclerosis/>. Accessed May 15, 2018.

Cost of MS to Society/Individual

- **RRMS Annual cost of disease-modifying drugs**
 - \$45,000 to \$72,000/ year
 - Mean cost (Poland \$41,400)
- **+ Annual MRI, labs, therapy, office visits**
- **Within 10 years of diagnosis**
 - 50% exit work force due to fatigue disability
 - 30% gait disability
 - Most convert to SPMS
 - **SPMS** – chemotherapy, progressive disability

Kolasa K. How much is the cost of multiple sclerosis--systematic literature review. *Przegl Epidemiol.* 2013;67(1):75-79, 157-160.

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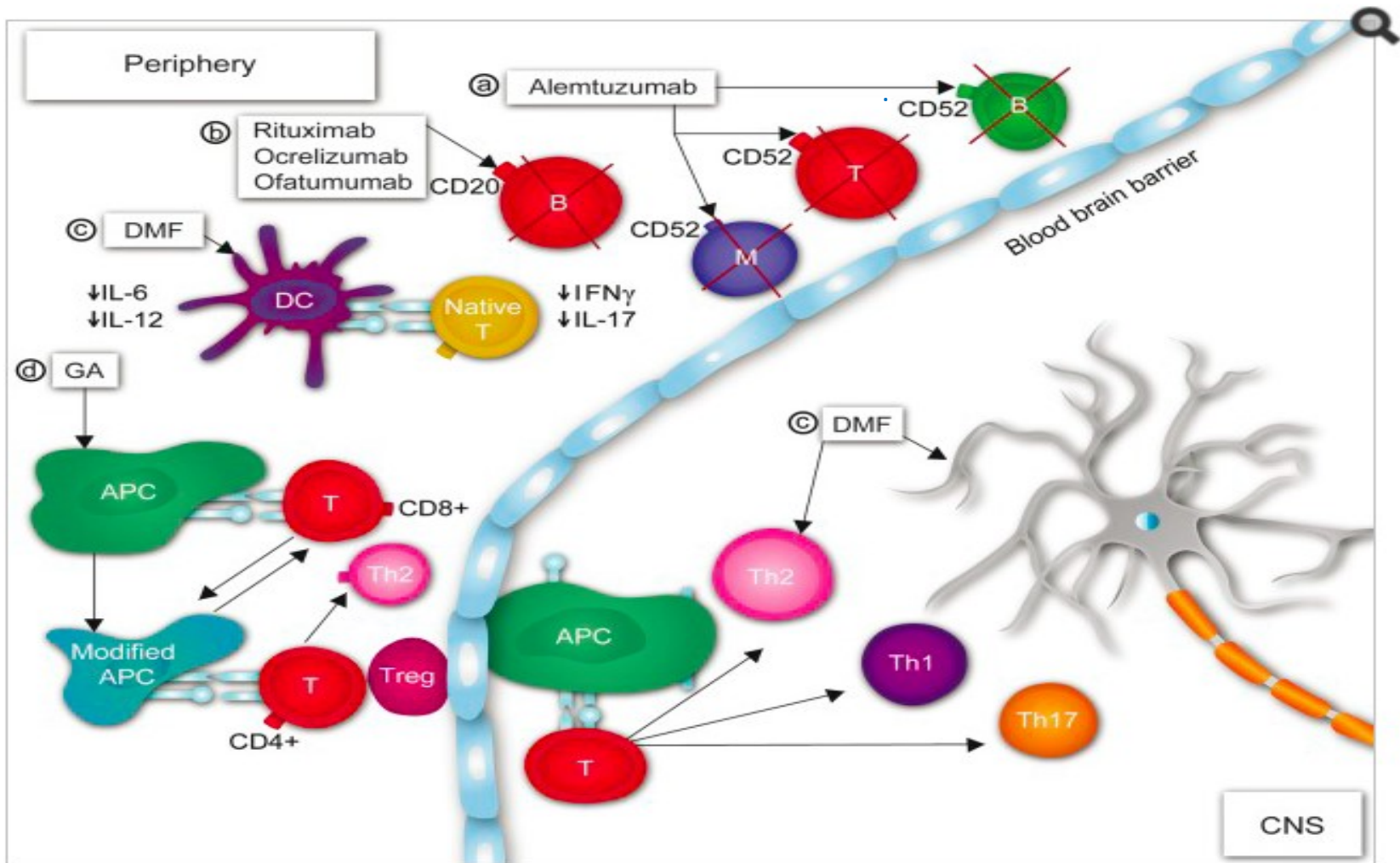
- **Lost of income** from person with MS
- Leading cause of **early disability**
- **Caregiving cost** from strangers
- Family **caregiver lost income**
- Early and lengthy **nursing home care**
- Leading diagnosis for those requesting **assisted suicide** from Dr. Kevorkian

The total lifetime cost per patient with MS is estimated to be \$4.1 million

(in 2010 dollars)²

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Proposed mechanisms of action of highlighted multiple sclerosis therapies

Multiple sclerosis: Five new things. [Neurol Clin Pract.](#) 2013 Oct;3(5):404-412.

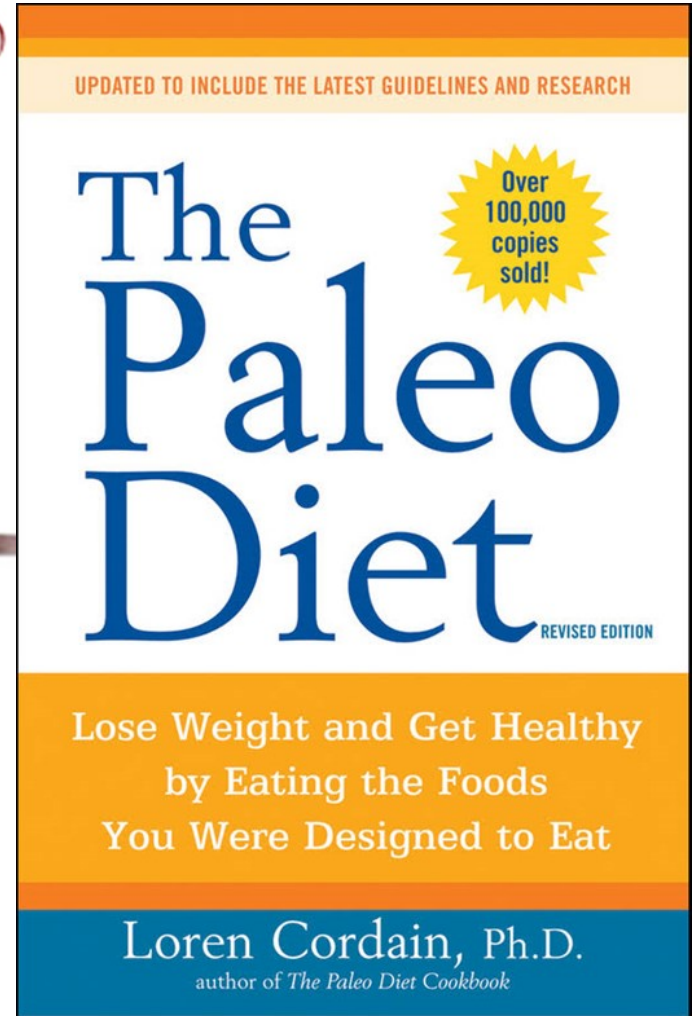
The Cleveland Clinic



Fish oil, creatine and co-enzyme Q 10



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7 Years of Decline NARCOMS QOL Survey

	11/23/05	6/2/06	11/28/06	5/5/07
MS Sx Overall	Worse	Worse	Worse	Worse
Fatigue	Mod	Severe	Total	Total

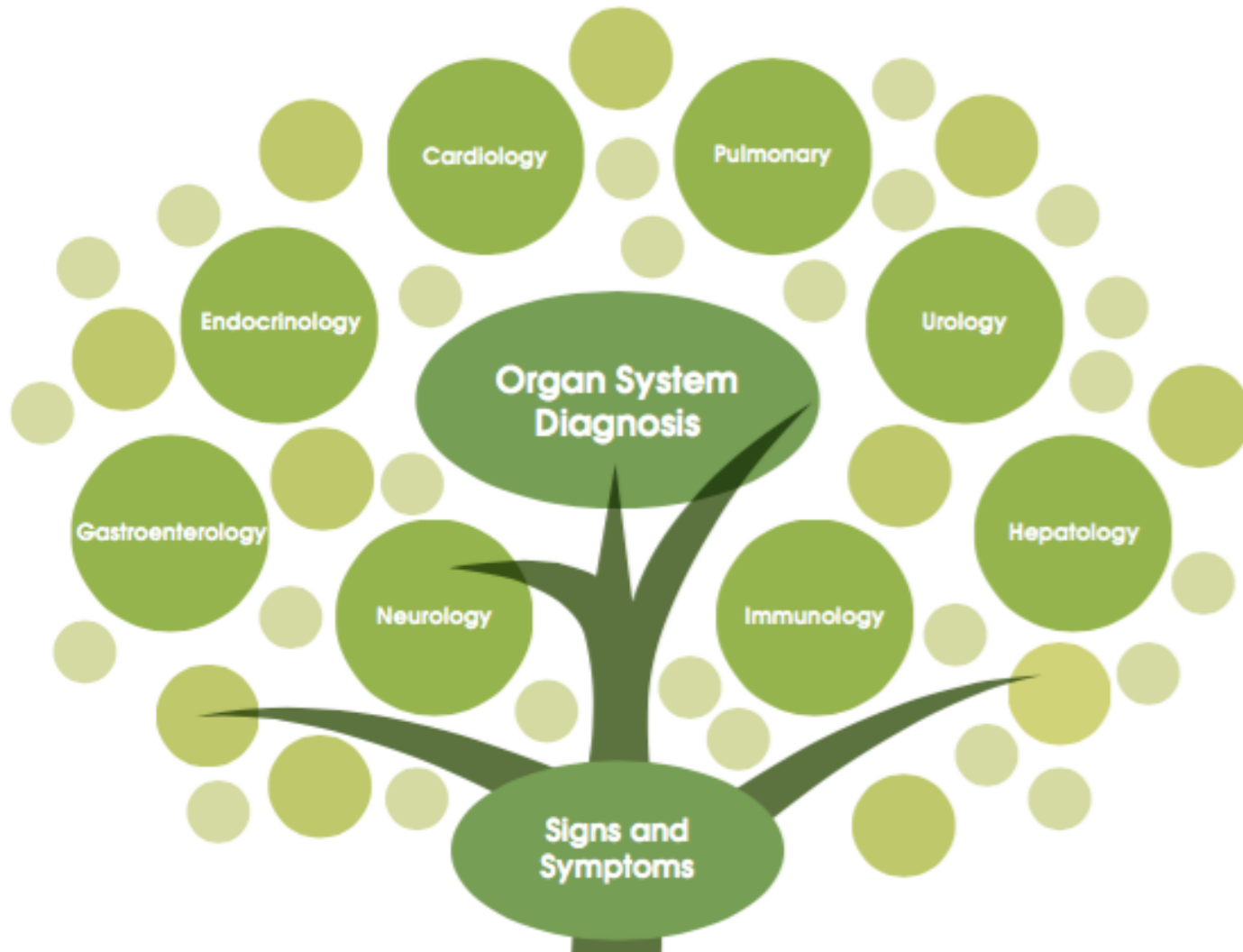
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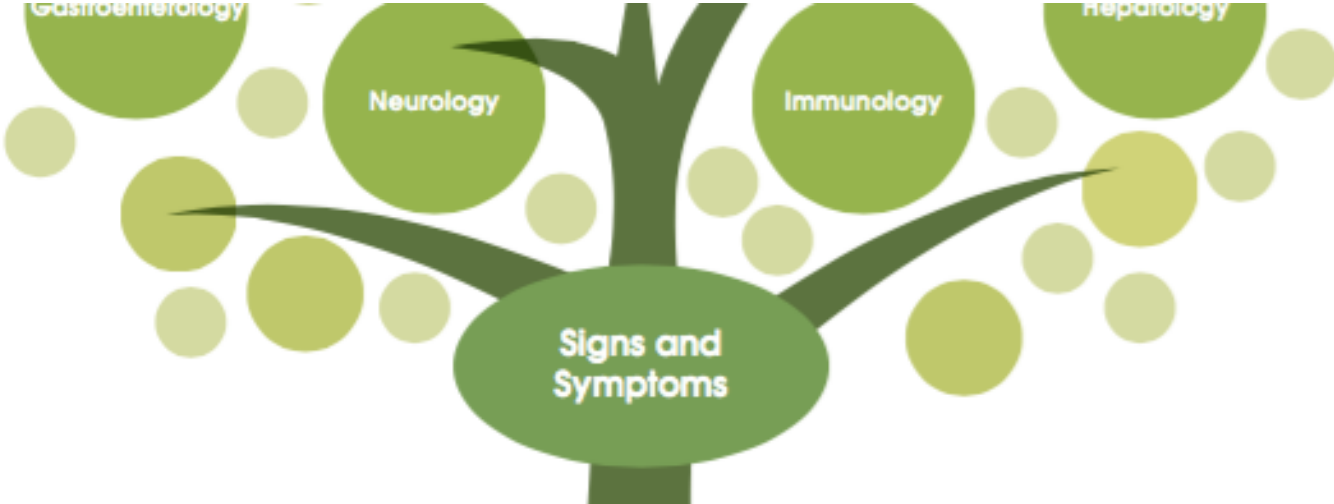


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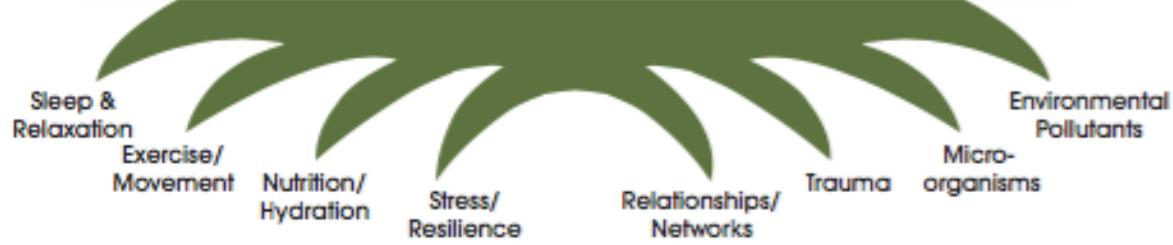


The Fundamental Organizing Systems and Core Clinical Imbalances

<p>Assimilation <i>Digestion, Absorption, Microbiota/GI, Respiration</i></p> <p>Defense and Repair <i>Immune system, Inflammatory processes, Infection and microbiota</i></p>	<p>Energy <i>Energy regulation, Mitochondrial function</i></p> <p>Biotransformation and Elimination <i>Toxicity, Detoxification</i></p> <p>Communication <i>Endocrine, Neurotransmitters, Immune messengers, Cognition</i></p>	<p>Transport <i>Cardiovascular, Lymphatic systems</i></p> <p>Structural Integrity <i>From the subcellular membranes to the musculoskeletal system</i></p>
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Antecedents, Triggers, and Mediators

Mental, Emotional, Spiritual Influences
▶ **Genetic Predisposition** ◀
Experiences, Attitudes, Beliefs



Personalizing Lifestyle and Environmental Factors

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Sleep &
Relaxation

Exercise/
Movement

Nutrition/
Hydration

Stress/
Resilience

Personalizing Lifestyle

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Case report

Neuromuscular electrical stimulation and dietary interventions to reduce oxidative stress in a secondary progressive multiple sclerosis patient leads to marked gains in function: a case report

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Sleep Disturbances & MS

N=100

Both **depression and fatigue** are associated with poorer sleep in MS patients.

Restless legs also more frequent.

Table 1 Relationships between ESS and SID results in patients with MS and gender, disease-related variables and coexisting conditions

	ESS			SID		
	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>	Mean	SD	<i>p</i>
Gender						
Men (<i>n</i> = 31)	5.58	3.74	0.23	6.62	4.4	0.15
Women (<i>n</i> = 69)	7.74	5.04		8.13	5.26	
MS course						
RR-MS (<i>n</i> = 79)	5.99	3.93	0.42	7.81	5.17	0.52
SP/PP-MS (<i>n</i> = 21)	7.33	5.31		8.67	5.26	
Immunomodulating treatment						
Yes (<i>n</i> = 34)	6.09	4.08		6.24	4.29	0.02
No (<i>n</i> = 66)	6.62	4.37		8.89	5.38	
Coexisting diseases						
Yes (<i>n</i> = 23)	6.13	4.96	0.58	8.74	6.06	0.67
No (<i>n</i> = 77)	6.31	4.07		7.77	4.09	
Depression						
Yes (<i>n</i> = 13)	3.92	3.62	0.01	10.69	7.12	0.11
No (<i>n</i> = 87)	6.62	4.26		7.59	4.74	
Fatigue						
Yes (FSS > 3.5) (<i>n</i> = 49)	6.35	3.93	0.56	6.06	3.92	0.0001
No (FSS ≤ 3.5) (<i>n</i> = 51)	6.18	4.67		10.0	5.58	

ESS Epworth Sleepiness Scale, FSS Fatigue Severity Scale, MS multiple sclerosis, PP-MS primary progressive multiple sclerosis, RR-MS relapsing–remitting multiple sclerosis, SD standard deviation, SID sleep disturbances (the questionnaire score), SP-MS secondary progressive multiple sclerosis

Statistically significant level of *p* < 0.05 was highlighted with bold

Stress

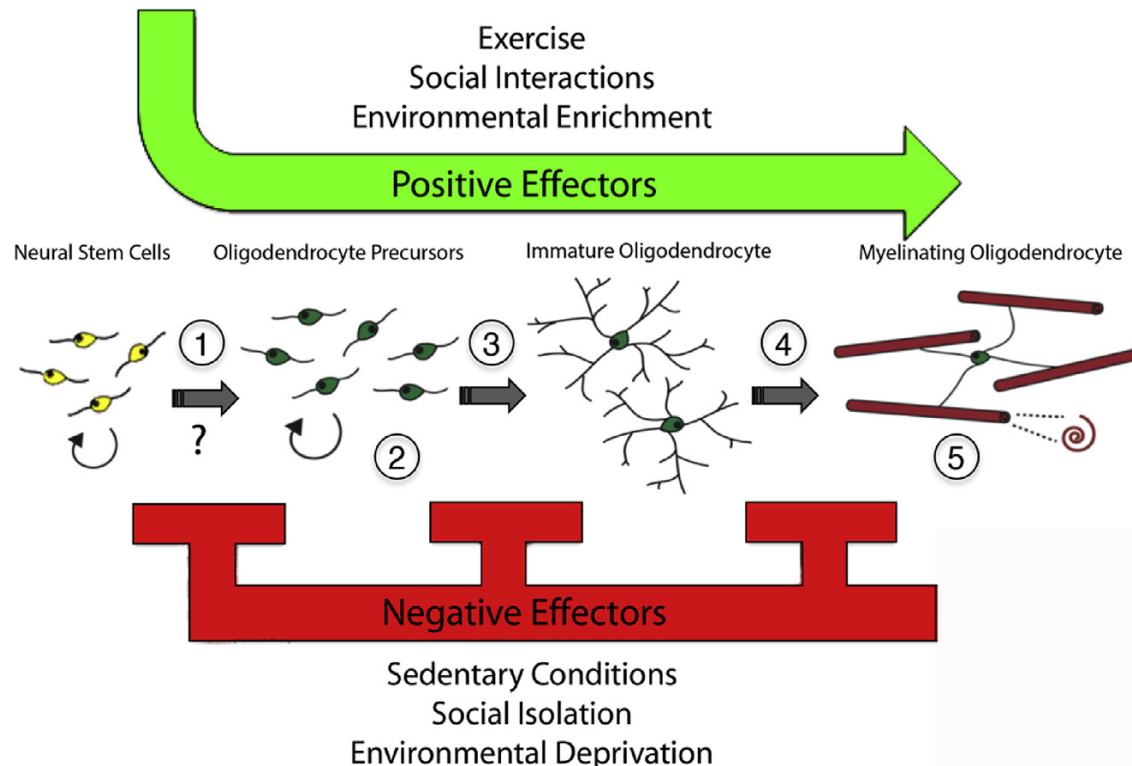


- ↑ Risk of Alzheimer's disease
- ↑ Risk of MS Relapse, relapse severity
- ↑ Freezing in Parkinson's and worsening PD gait
- ↑ Risk of CVD and Stroke
- **Tx:** Add stress reducing/relieving practices

Stress References

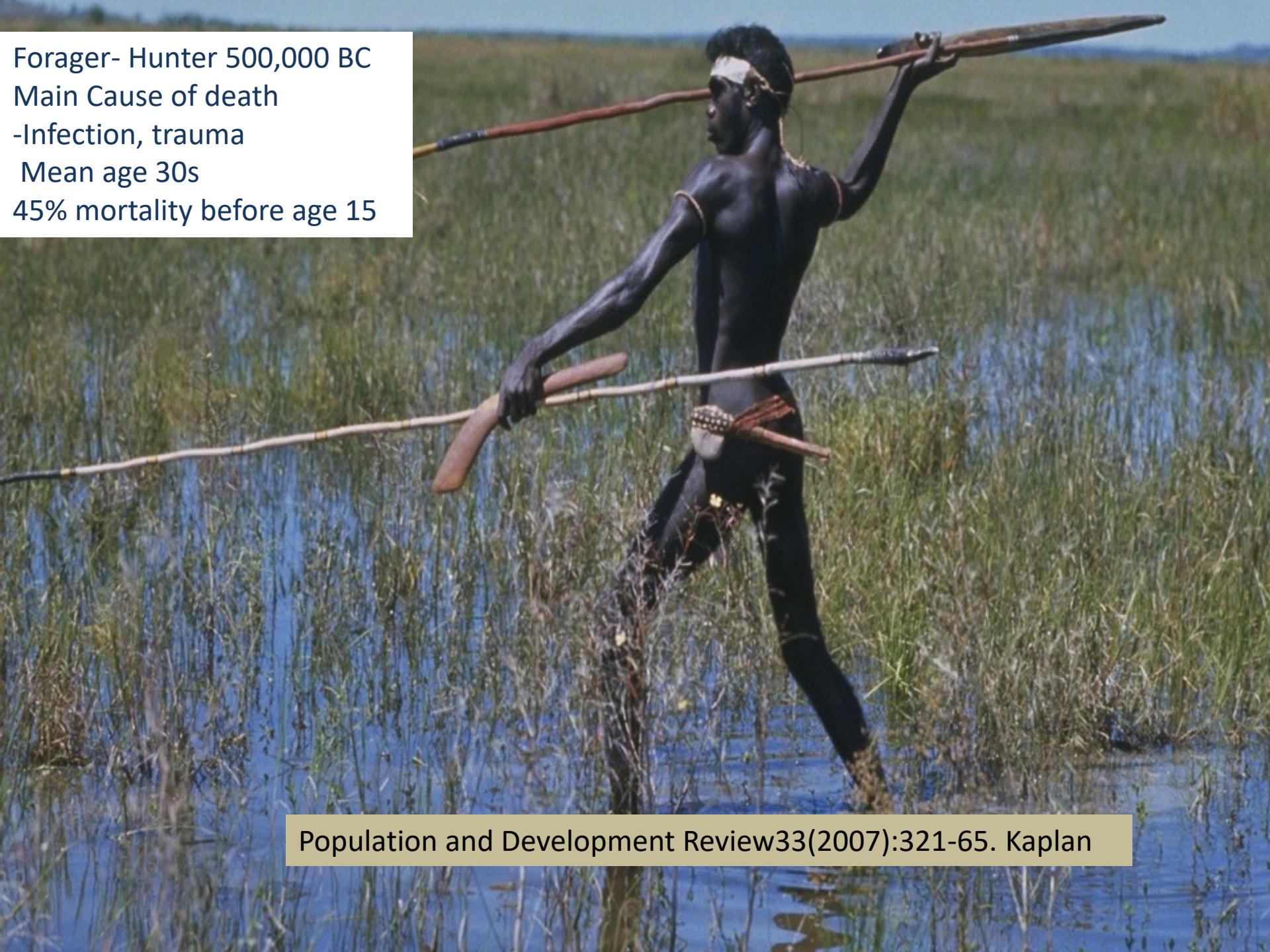
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Exercise Influences Oligodendrocyte Precursor Cell Production and Maturation



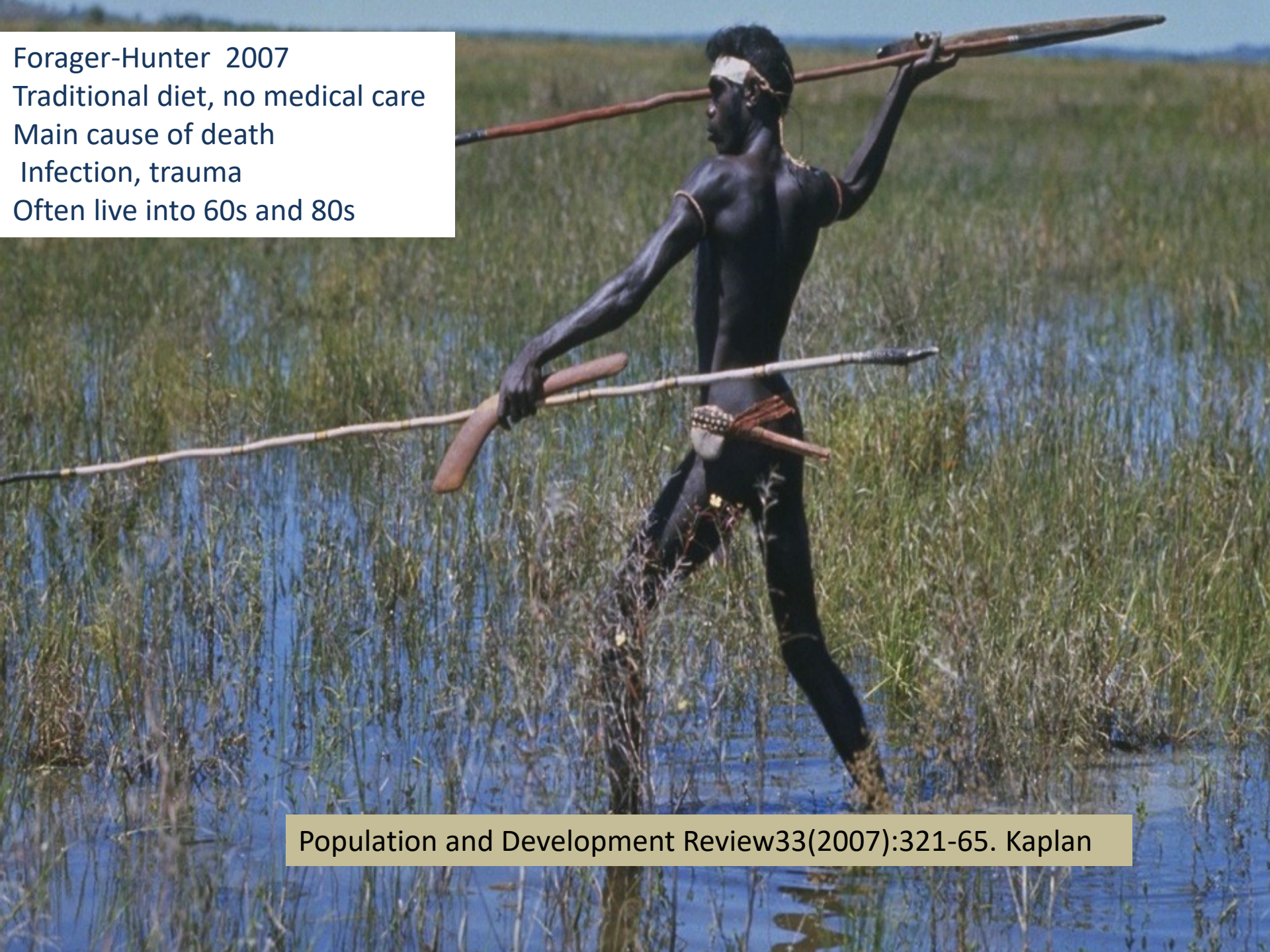
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Forager- Hunter 500,000 BC
Main Cause of death
-Infection, trauma
Mean age 30s
45% mortality before age 15



Population and Development Review 33(2007):321-65. Kaplan

Forager-Hunter 2007
Traditional diet, no medical care
Main cause of death
Infection, trauma
Often live into 60s and 80s



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Forager-Hunter to Farmer -10,000 BC

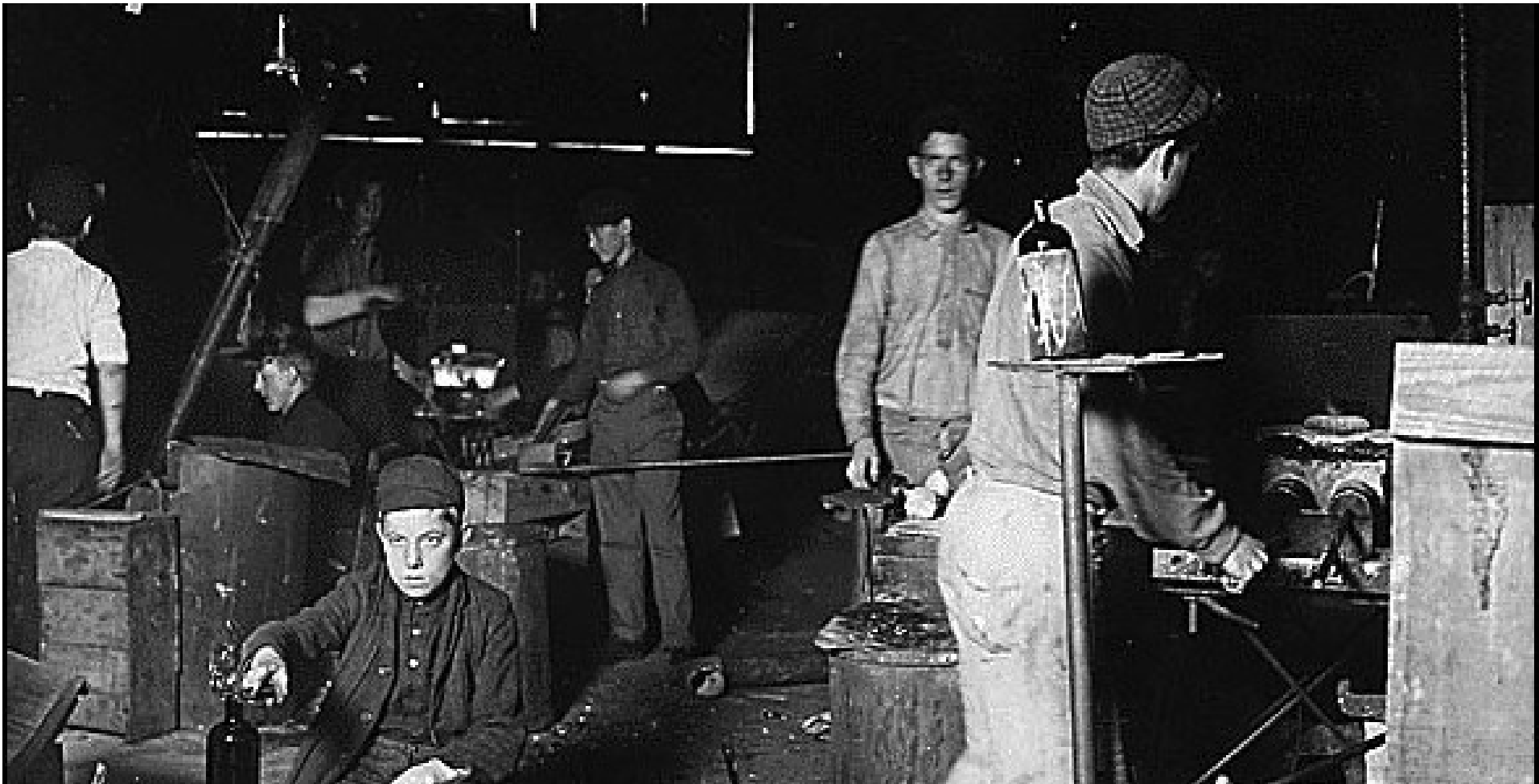
↑ fertility, infection; ↓ height



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Industrial Revolution 1800s

↑ sugar, white flour; ↓ breast feeding ↑ obesity, CVD, DM

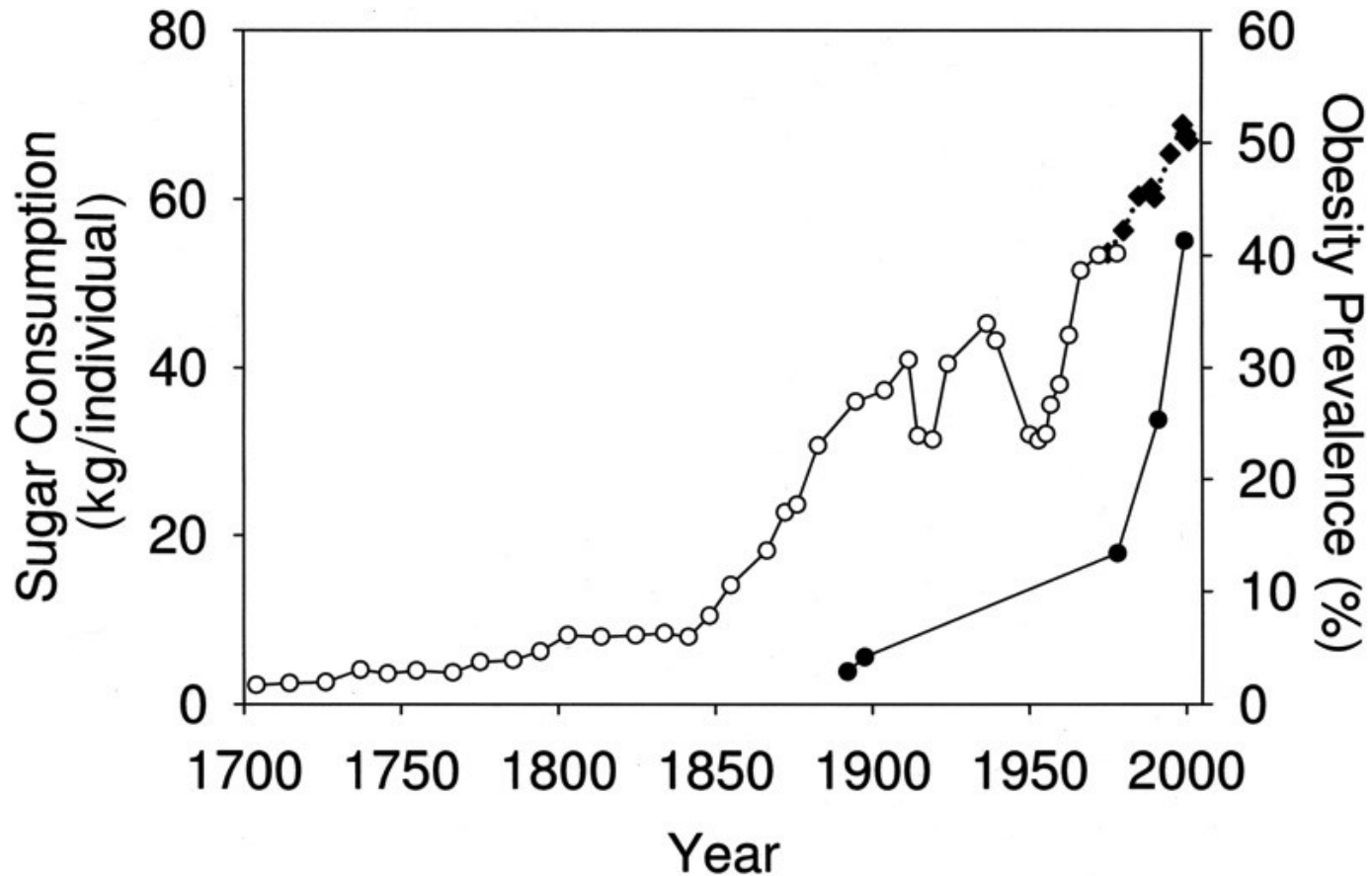


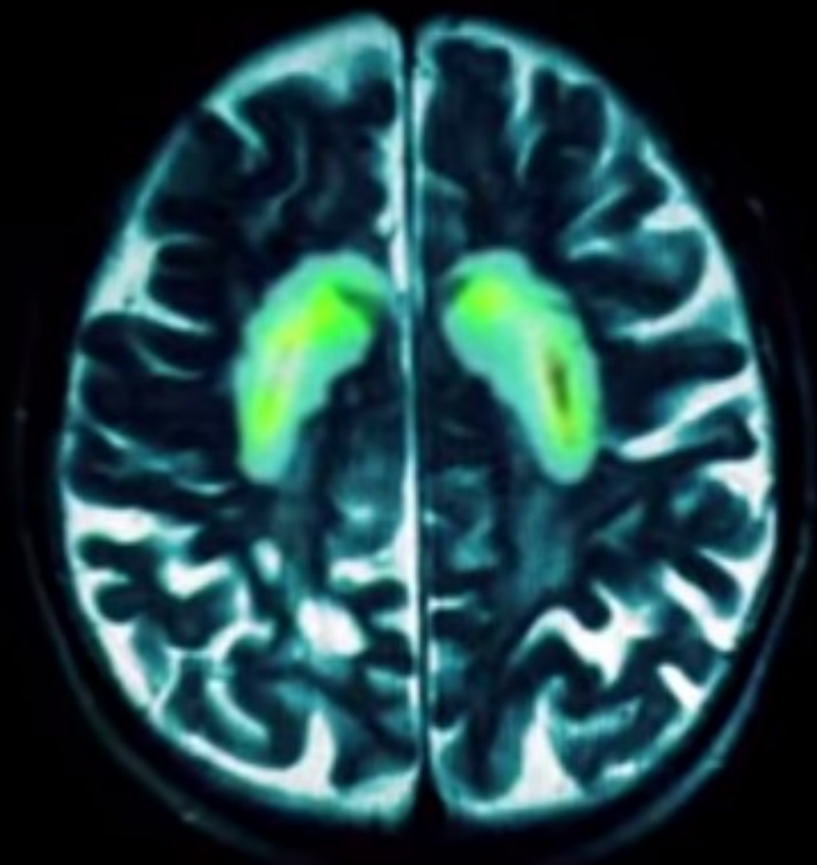
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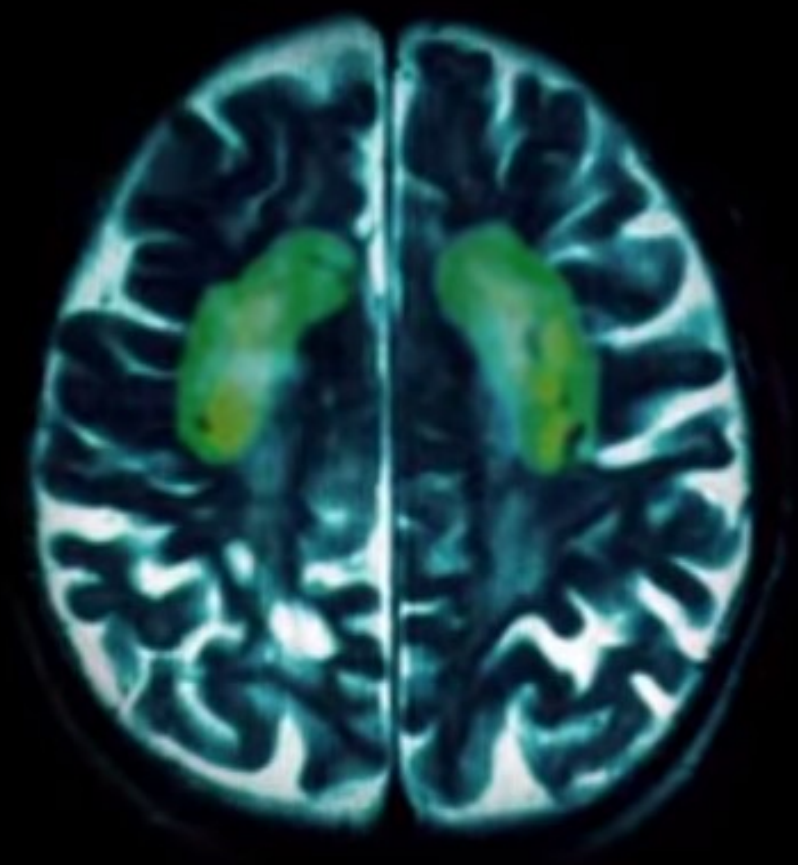
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Sugar intake per capita in the United Kingdom from 1700 to 1978 (30, 31; ○) and in the United States from 1975 to 2000 (32; ◆) is compared with obesity rates in the United States in non-Hispanic white men aged 60–69 y (17; ●).





SUGAR



COCAINE

Diet Papers

Autoimmune

- 1999 – 36
- 2002 -57
- 2008 – 78
- 2013 – 125
- 2016 – 150

Multiple Sclerosis

- 1999 – 9 papers (supplement)
- 2002 – 2 papers (supplement)
- 2008 – 26 papers
- 2013 - 48 papers
- 2016 -54 papers

| Dietary factors associated with autoimmunity

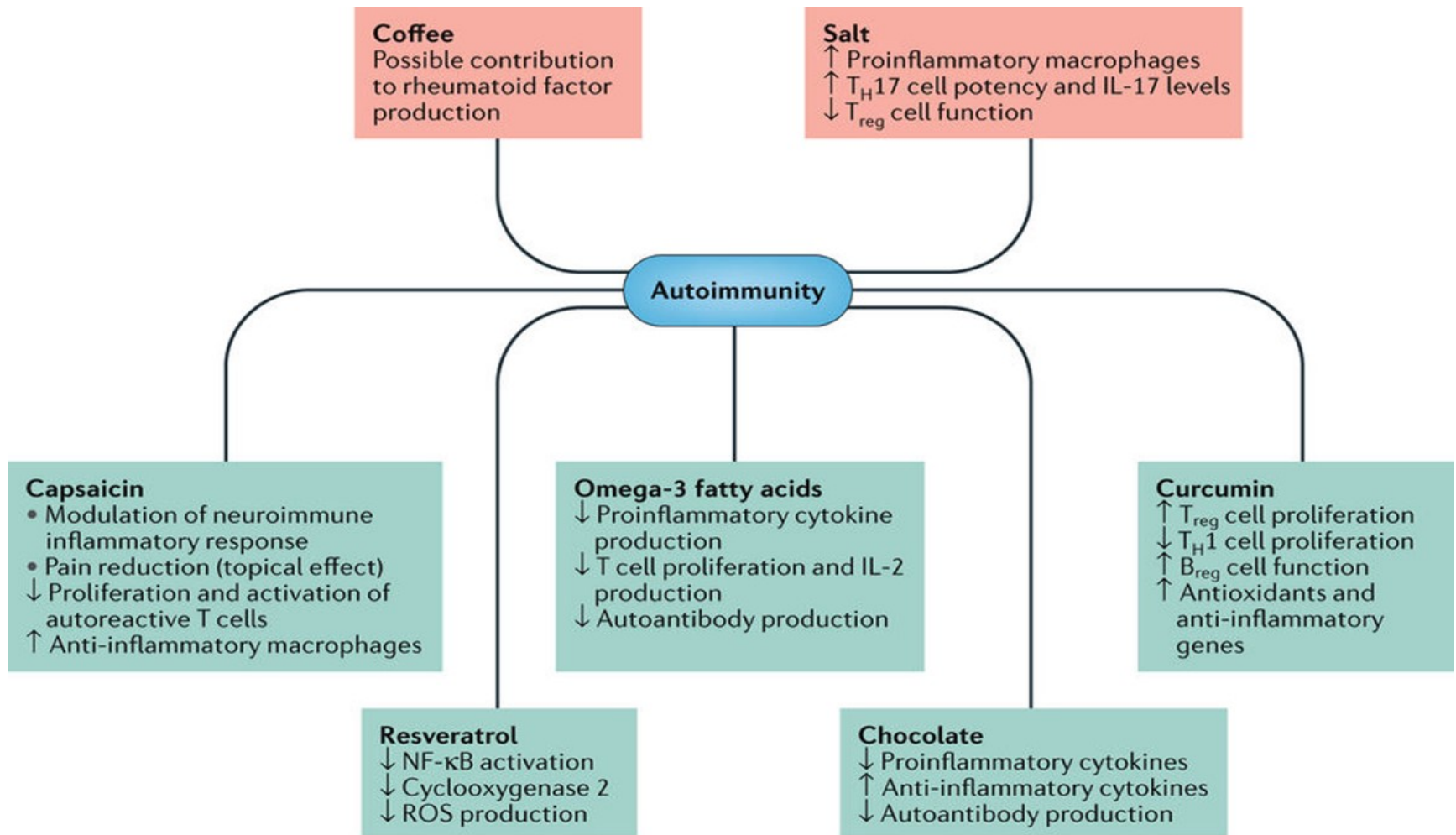
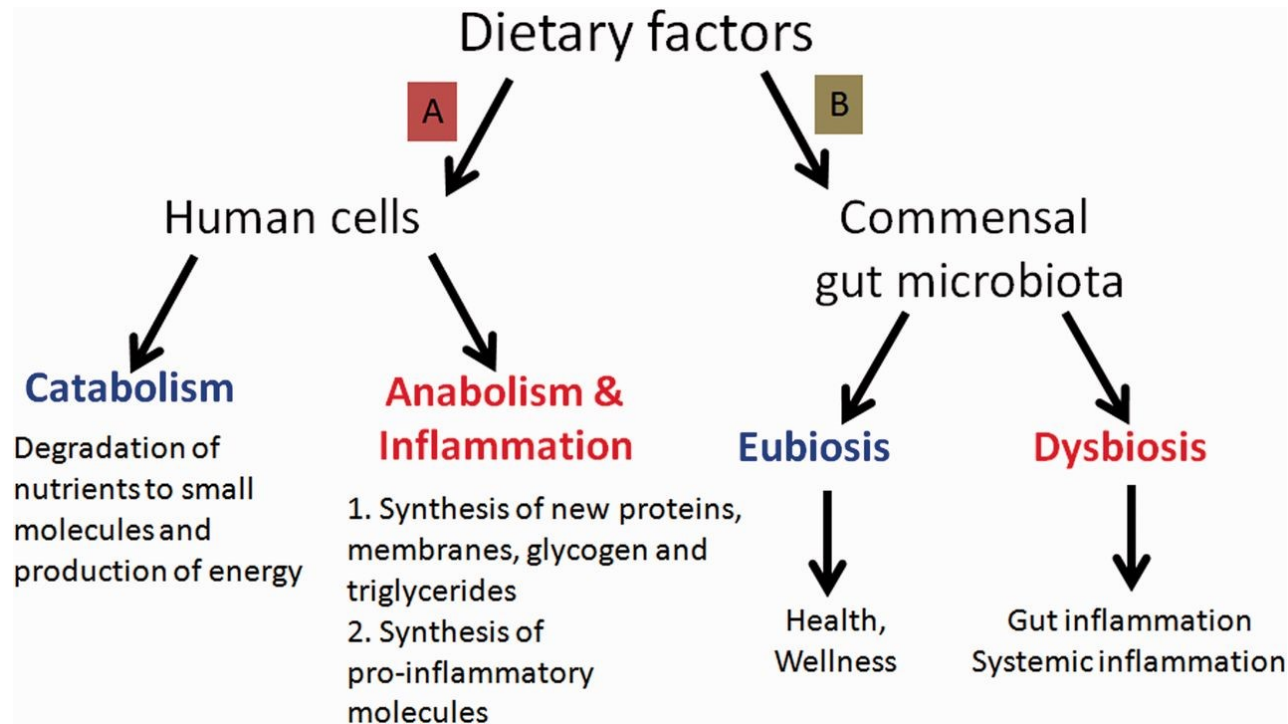


Figure 1. The two routes by which diet can influence our health: (A) the metabolism of our cells and (B) the population of our gut microbiota.

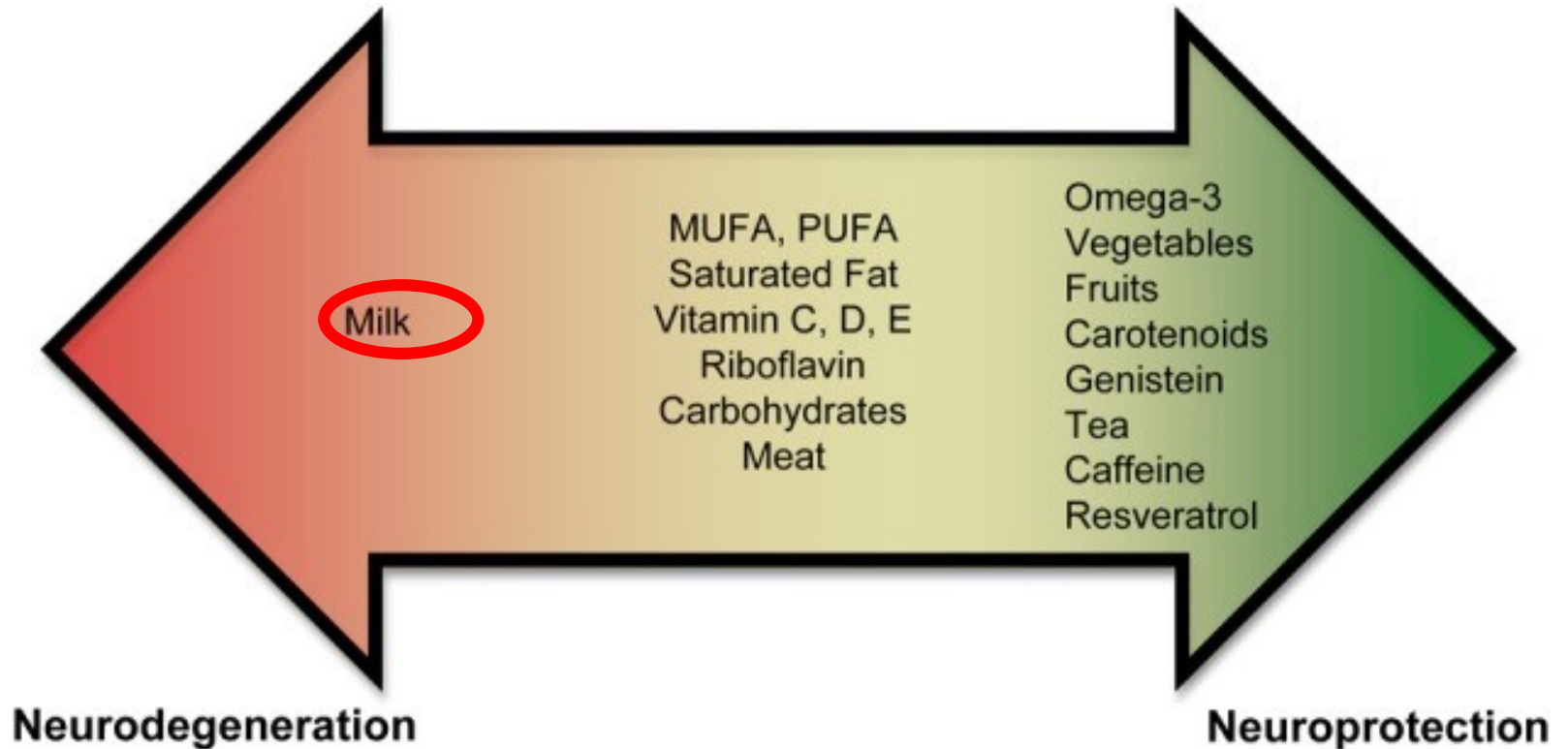


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Nutrition in Parkinson's Disease



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Gluten sensitivity: from gut to brain

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Gluten sensitivity is a systemic autoimmune disease with diverse manifestations. This disorder is characterized by an abnormal immunological responsiveness to ingested gluten in genetically susceptible individuals. Coeliac disease, a gluten-sensitive enteropathy, is only one aspect of a range of possible manifestations of gluten sensitivity. Neurological manifestations in patients with established coeliac disease have been reported since 1966, until 30 years later that, in some individuals, gluten sensitivity was shown to manifest solely with neurological dysfunction. Furthermore, the concept of extraintestinal presentations without enteropathy has only recently been accepted. In this Personal View, we review the range of neurological manifestations of gluten sensitivity and recent advances in the diagnosis and understanding of the pathophysiological mechanisms underlying neurological dysfunction related to gluten sensitivity.

Gluten sensitivity is an abnormal immune response to gluten in genetically susceptible individuals and may manifest solely with neurological dysfunction. 90% of gluten sensitive individuals have no GI symptoms.

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was transcribed to coeliac. The study of coeliac disease was renewed by Gee² in 1888. His lecture on the coeliac affection described the disease according to his observations while treating children with the disease. Although clinicians began to recognise and diagnose coeliac disease, its aetiology remained obscure until 1953 when Dicke and colleagues³ reported “the presence in wheat, of a factor having a deleterious effect in cases of celiac disease”. Because gastrointestinal symptoms were dominant in patients with coeliac disease, and enteropathy was seen after enteroscopy and small bowel

neurological dysfunction continued to be pursued. The key findings from these reports were (with and without myoclonus) and neuropathic manifestations; most common neurological manifestations; neurological manifestations were usually reported in the context of coeliac disease and were almost always associated with malabsorption of vitamins; and the effects of gluten restriction were inconsistent. A gluten-free diet always alleviate neurological dysfunction, and assessment of the effect of the gluten-free diet was the main aim of these reports. None of

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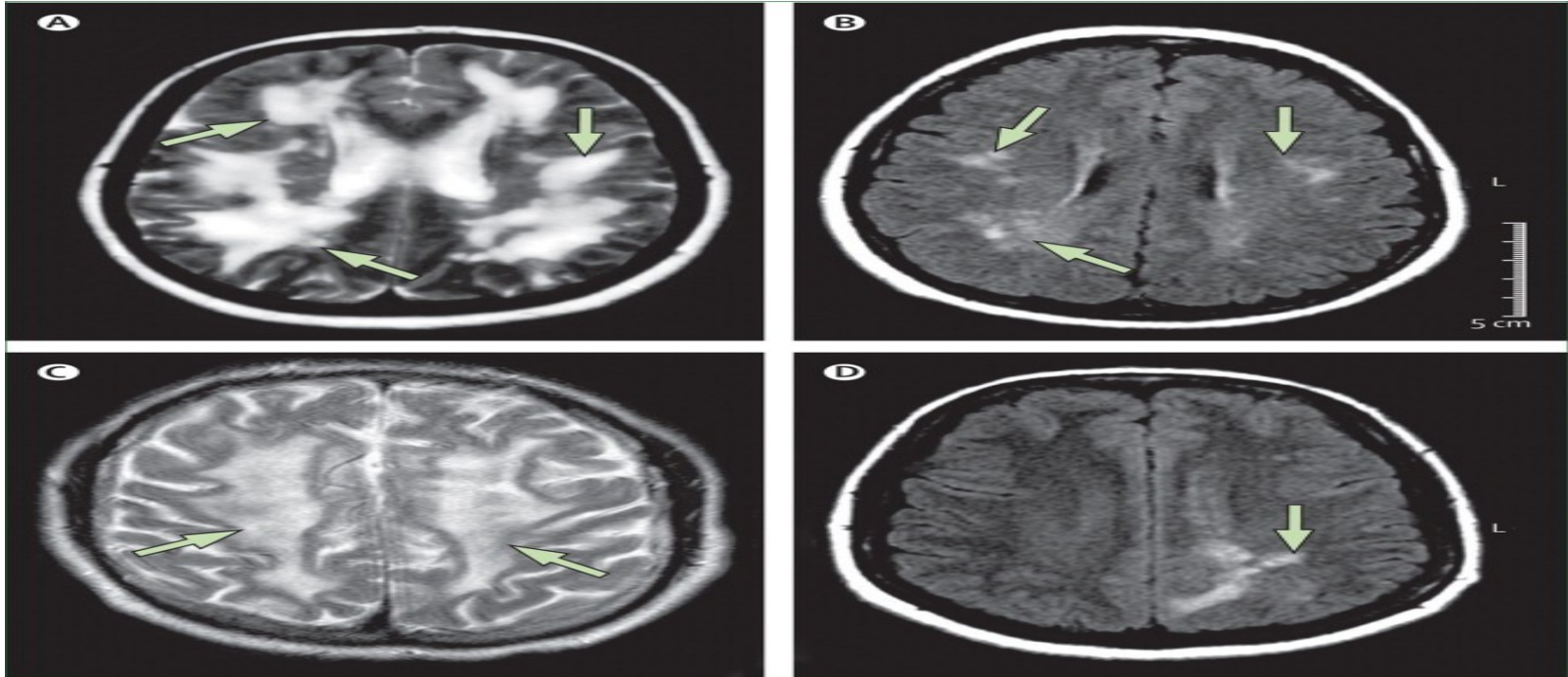


Figure 2 MRI in four patients with gluten encephalopathy. The extent and variability of white matter abnormalities caused by gluten sensitivity can be seen in these four patients (A–D). A and C show diffuse white matter changes, whereas B and D show more f...

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Dairy & MS

Casein, Gluten & Schizophrenia

- Liquid cow milk (not cheese) and MS prevalence was highly correlated ($\rho = 0.836$) across 27 countries and 29 populations.
- IgG to Casein and gluten were significantly \uparrow in recent onset and non-recent onset schizophrenia compared to controls ($p \leq 0.00001-0.004$).

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Gluten and Casein and Opioids

- Gluten can be degraded into several morphine-like substances, named gluten exorphins.
- Milk proteins are particularly strong allergens and are additional source of bioactive peptides including β -casomorphin-7 and exerts its influence on nervous, digestive, and immune functions via the opioid receptor

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Risks of Eggs

- **Pros**

- Grass fed - DHA, choline, biotin, lutein, Vitamins A, D, K2, and B3, B6, B9, B12

- **Cons**

- Eggs are most common food allergen in IBD >70%
- 60% allergy patients have IgG Ab to eggs
- 13% seasonal allergies have IgG Ab to eggs
- Wheat, milk, eggs are common food triggers to Eosinophilic Esophagitis

Risks of Eggs

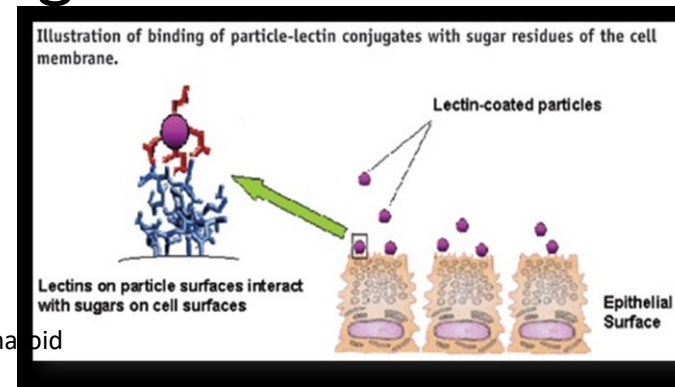
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Lectins

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- Lectins are **proteins found in plants and animals that bind sugars** (hemagglutinins)
- They can bind the glycoproteins on the intestinal lining leading to **barrier damage**
- Lectins are found in most foods but are especially high in grains (esp wheat), dairy, legumes, and nightshade vegetables
- Most traditional methods cooking these foods such as soaking, fermenting & cooking will decrease the lectin content.



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Paleo Diet Benefits

- Reduced BP, BMI, central obesity
- Improved insulin sensitivity, HgbA1c
- Improved HDL Cholesterol, Triglycerides
- Improved endothelial function

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Nutrient Triage

- Low micronutrient intake may accelerate the degenerative diseases of aging through allocation of scarce micronutrients by triage.
 - Zn, Mg, biotin, Vitamin K, D, A
 - Lipoic Acid, Acetyl carnitine

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What to Eat?

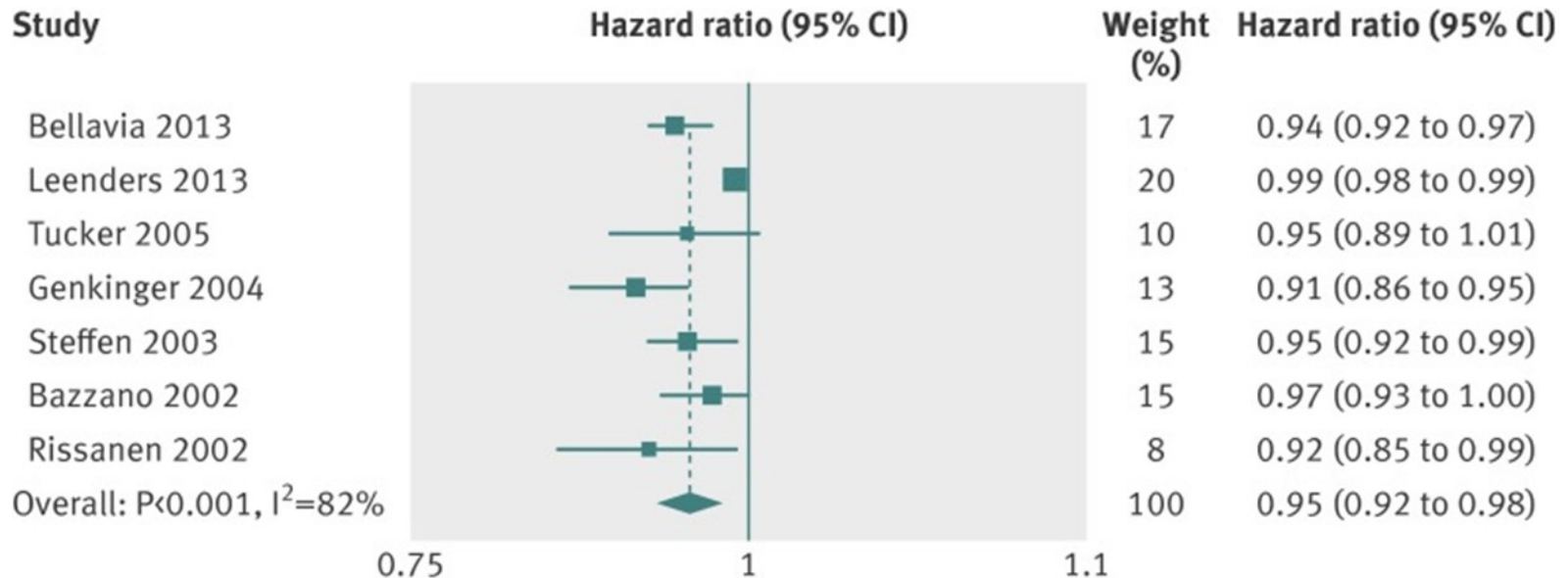
Fruit and vegetable consumption and mortality from all causes, cardiovascular disease, and cancer: systematic review and dose-response meta-analysis of prospective cohort studies.

16 studies - 833,234 participants

[BMJ. 2014; 349: g4490](#)

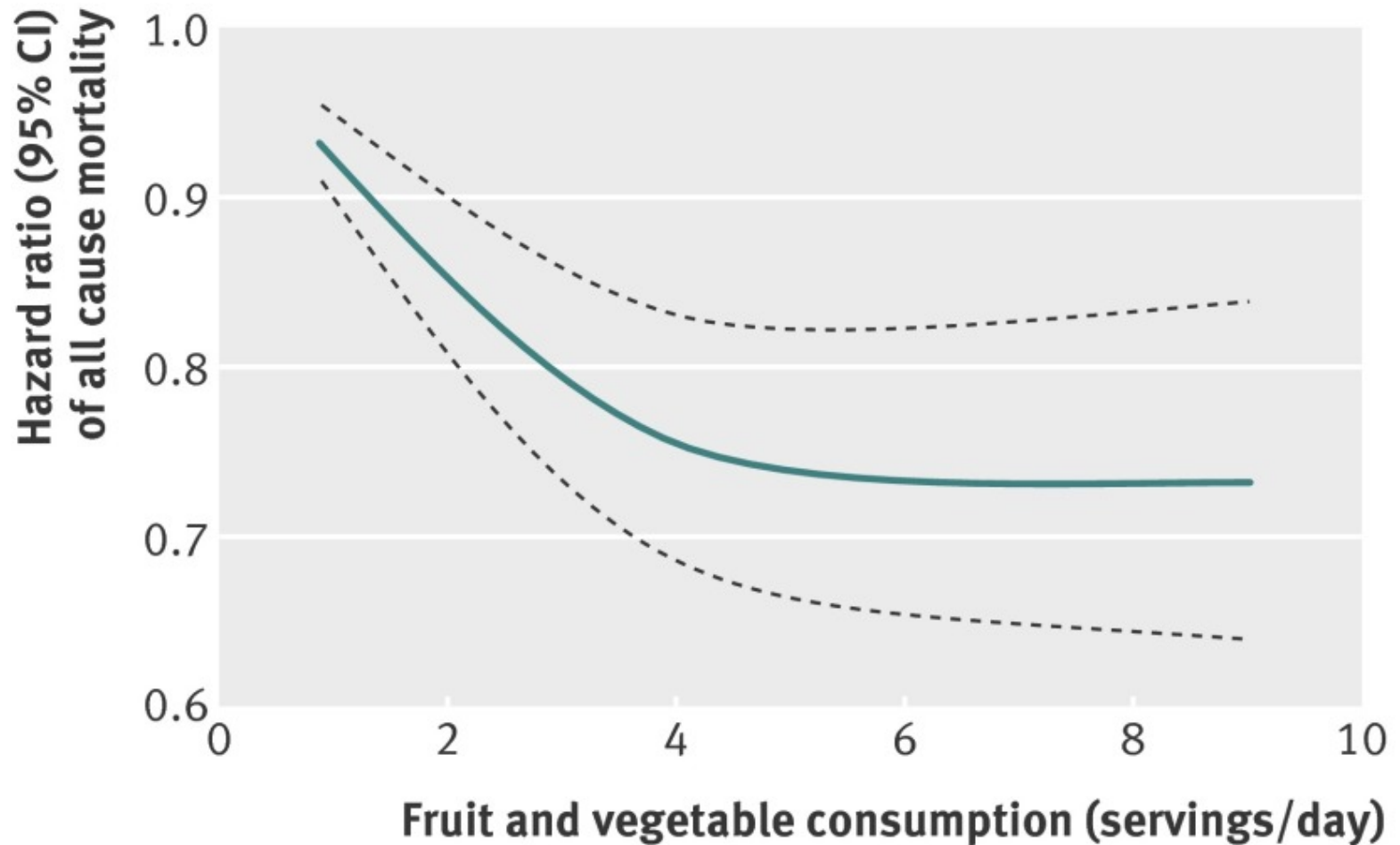
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Risk of all cause mortality associated with servings/day of fruit and vegetables.



[BMJ. 2014; 349: g4490](#)

Dose-response relation between fruit and vegetable consumption and risk of all cause mortality



Mediterranean diet adherence and risk of multiple sclerosis – Case control study

- N=70 RRMS 140 controls Interviews re diet
- Reduced risk of MS
 - Fruits (OR=0.28, 95% CI: 0.12-0.63, p-value: 0.002)
 - Vegetables (OR=0.23, 95% CI: 0.10-0.53, p-value: 0.001)

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Mediterranean Diet

- High olive oil
- High vegetable/ polyphenol
- Whole grains
- Low red meat

Potential for diet to prevent and remediate cognitive deficits in neurological disorders.

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Nutrients

Vitamin A, retinol	Alpha carotene	Carnitine
Vitamin B ₁ (thiamine)	Beta carotene	Lipoic acid
Vitamin B ₂ (riboflavin)	Beta cryptoxanthin	Creatine
Vitamin B ₃ (niacin)	Lutein	Cholesterol
Vitamin B ₅ (Pantothenic acid)	Lycopene	Alpha-linolenic fatty acid (ALA)
Vitamin B ₆ (pyridoxine)	Zeaxanthin	Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA)
Vitamin B ₉ (folic acid)	Iron	Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)
Vitamin B ₁₂ (cobalamin)	Copper	Arachidonic acid (AA)
Vitamin C	Zinc	Gamma-linolenic faty acid (GLA)
Vitamin D	Iodine	Linoleic acid (LA)
Vitamin E	Magnesium	N Acetyl cysteine
Vitamin K	Selenium	Taurine

Sulfur Rich Foods



Cabbage



Onion



Mushroom

Why Brassica and Allium?

- Improve detoxification
- Increase glutathione production
- Increase GABA production
- Enhance Neuroprotection
- Improve endothelial function

Brassica and Allium References

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Why Emphasize Mushrooms?

- Increase nerve growth factors (NGF)
- *Hericium erinaceus* (Yamabushitake or **Lion's Mane**) stimulate the production of NGF (in vitro)
- Activate natural killer cells
- Prime innate and adaptive immunity

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Leafy Greens



Why Greens?

- Vitamin K1 metabolized to K2-mk7 in gut
- K2 important in
 - Myelin production
 - Calcium influx into bones and teeth
- Carotenoids, magnesium

Greens References

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Colored Foods



Why deeply pigmented?

- Pigments (**especially blue/purple/black**) are associated with improved cognitive performance and neuroprotection

Blueberries and Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)

- N = 47 with MCI, 68 y/o +, Blueberry powder vs. placebo, 16 weeks, equivalent of 1 cup berries
- "There was improvement in cognitive performance and brain function compared with placebo"
- N=94 62 to 80 y/o with memory complaints
- Fish oil + blueberries vs. fish oil + placebo, 24 weeks
- The blueberry-supplemented participants had a better sense of well-being, fewer memory mistakes and were less inefficient.

Pigment & Blueberry References

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Greens



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Sulfur



Why Organ Meat

- Pre-industrial - 30% of all meat consumed was organ meat
- Excellent source of ubiquinone, minerals, essential fatty acids, fat and water soluble vitamins, especially
 - Vitamin K2-mk4
 - Retinol, Vitamin A

β-carotene Is Not Retinol (Vitamin A)

- β-Carotene is converted to vitamin A in the intestine by the enzyme β-carotene-15,15'-monooxygenase (BCMO1) to support vision, reproduction, immune function, and cell differentiation.
- Considerable variability in BCMO1 exists and can effect individual vitamin A status

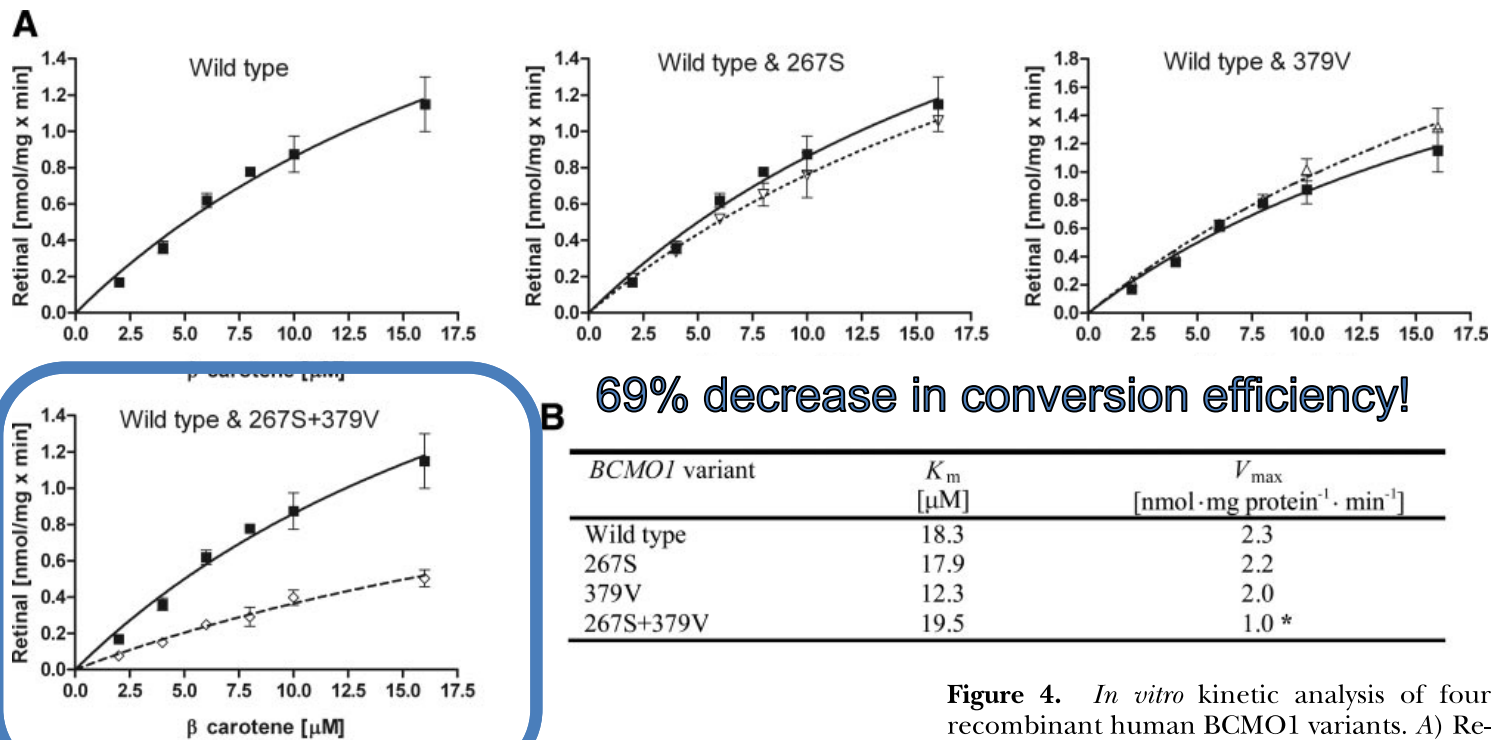


Figure 4. *In vitro* kinetic analysis of four recombinant human BCMO1 variants. *A*) Reaction velocity (nmol product formed/mg protein \times min) as a function of substrate concentration (μM) is plotted for a 15 min reaction with 10.4 μg of recombinant BCMO1 and 2.5–16 μM β -carotene as substrate. Four BCMO1 variants are wild-type (■; R267/A379) and 3 mutants: 267S (∇), 379V (Δ), and 267S + 379V (\diamond). *B*) K_m and V_{max} values are averages of 6 independent experiments performed in triplicate, calculated based on the average substrate curve for each protein. *C*) Detection of BCMO1 variants by quantitative immunoblot analysis. Supernatant fluid from the cell lysate (used for enzymatic activity tests) was subjected to SDS-PAGE, and proteins were electrotransferred to membranes. BCMO1 variants were then detected by anti-His antibodies and ECL system, and were quantified using affinity purified wild-type BCMO1 protein. * $P < 0.001$ vs. wild type; independent sample *t* test.

Grass-fed Meats, Organ Meats, and Wild Fish



EFA's Mediate Cognitive Function and Brain Biochemistry

- Fatty acids exert a controlling function in the modulation of neuronal membrane fluidity.
- **The critical factor in FA action and efficacy is not absolute level but rather the ratio between various groups of FA.**
- Best ratio **4:1** (ω -6 to ω -3)

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Fatty Acids: Key Concepts

- Need **both** ω -6 and ω -3 fats
- Mediators in the brain
- Ratio more important than total amount
- Critical to visual and pre-frontal cortex
- Levels at birth predict behaviors and cognition at age 10



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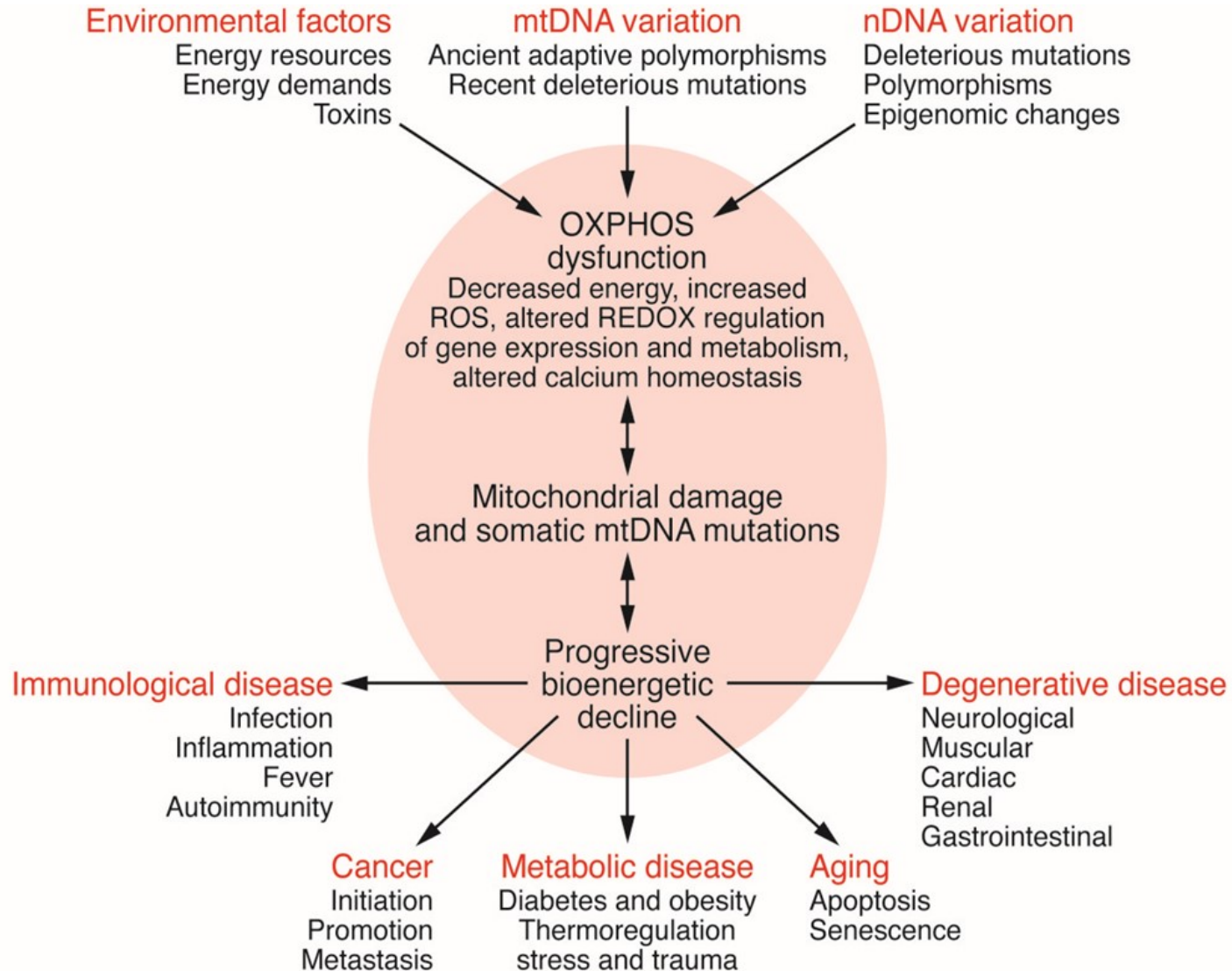


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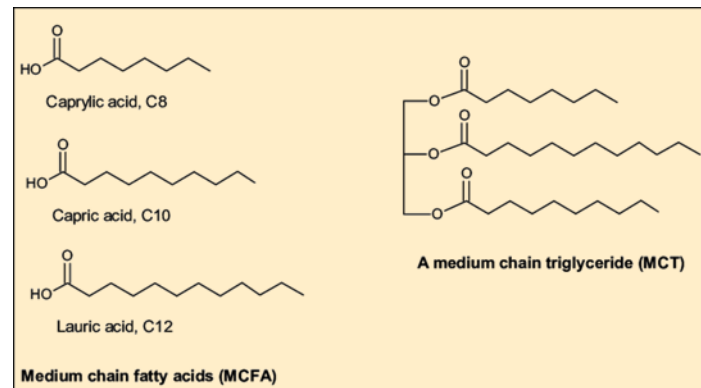
- Mitochondria - can utilize glucose, amino acids or ketone bodies (fat) to generate ATP
- Different from Ketoacidosis
- Utilize **ketone bodies → ATP**
- Fasts, winter, drought, famine, war

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- Increases # and efficiency of mitochondria
- Bypasses dysfunctional bioenergetics processes
- Increases nerve growth factors
- Sirt 1
- iNOS
- Many studies underway for neurological, psychiatric, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cancer.

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- **Dairy-based:** 90% fat, 25 grams CHO, Protein
 - Stresses dairy and eggs
- **MCT-based** **MCT = medium chain triglycerides:**
 - 60 to 70% fat, 50 to 80 grams CHO, Protein



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Risks of Ketogenic Diets

Pregnancy/ Hormones

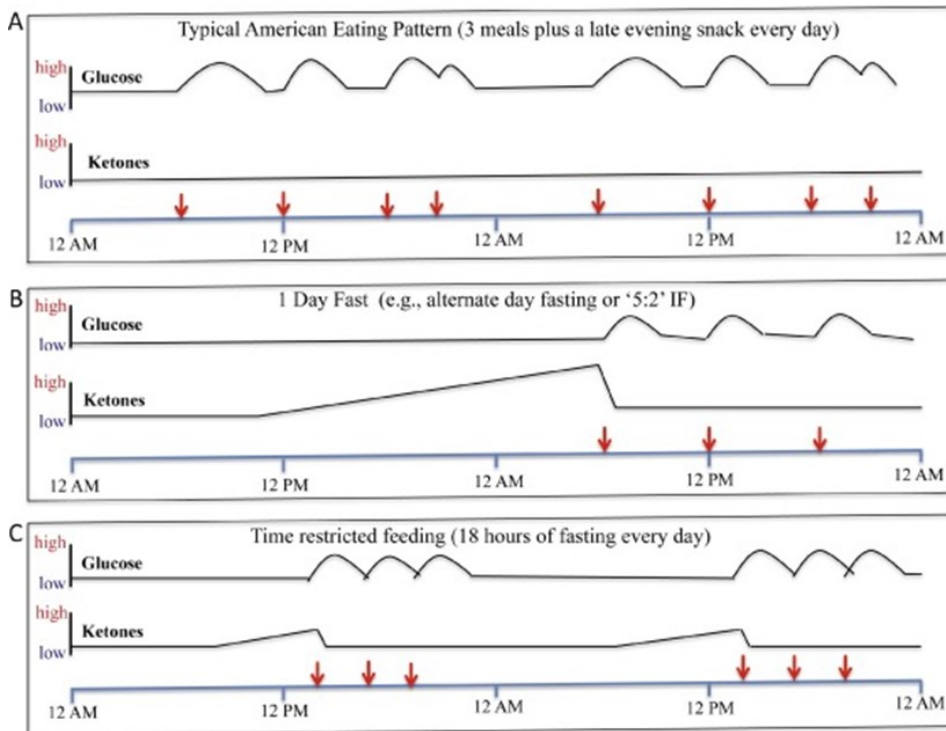
- Shifts in sex hormones - not a good time to reproduce
- A ketogenic diet during gestation results in alterations in embryonic organ growth. Such alterations may be associated with organ dysfunction and potentially behavioral changes in postnatal life.

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Other Options

- Calorie restriction (70% of required kcals)
- Restricted feeding (13 to 16 hr fast)
- Alternate day feeding (without increasing kcals on the days you eat)
- Periodic fasts (water only)
- Fasting Mimicking Diet

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- **IF** eg 60% energy restriction on 2 D/wk or QOD
- **PF** eg 5 -7 D at 250-1100 kcal
- **TRF** - limiting the daily period of food intake to 8h or less
- *IF=intermittent fast*
- *PF=periodic fast*
- *TFR=time restricted feeding*

Ketosis vs. Low Glycemic Index

- Arctic dwellers are NOT in ketosis and they still have a summer season
- Problems with long-term ketosis:
 - It is difficult to sustain
 - Increases risk for nutrient deficiencies, microbiome issues, hormone disruptions.
- Seasonal ketosis OR
- Low glycemic

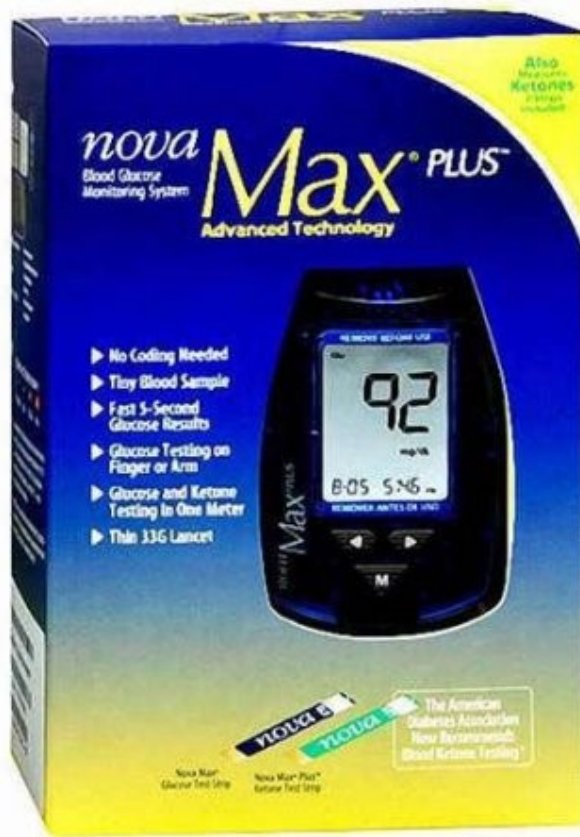
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Monitor Ketones



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Remyelination - Clemastine (Tavist) -

- First randomised controlled trial to document efficacy of a remyelinating drug for the treatment of chronic demyelinating injury in multiple sclerosis
- 5 mg bid 90 days
- But Tavist worsened fatigue severity
- Chronic use increases risk RLS, movement disorder

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Remyelination

- CDP-choline effectively enhanced myelin regeneration and reversed motor coordination deficits [**oligodendrocyte precursor cells**]
- Dose 500 mg to 1 gram bid
- Upstream approach—*Phosphatidylcholine (PC) 1-4 tbs / day blend with water to make liposomes*

Thymoquinone-Remyelination

- Black Cumin seed (**Thymoquinone**)
- 7.5 MG/KG Rat study
- Neuroprotective
- Remyelination
- 1 tsp black seed oil =48 mg thymoquinone

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Vitamin K2mk4 - remyelination

- Gas6 Promotes Oligodendrogenesis and Myelination in the Adult Central Nervous System and After Lysolecithin-Induced Demyelination. Mouse study
- Greens / liver / ghee
- Emu oil, vitamins K2mk4, K2mk7

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The Swank Diet

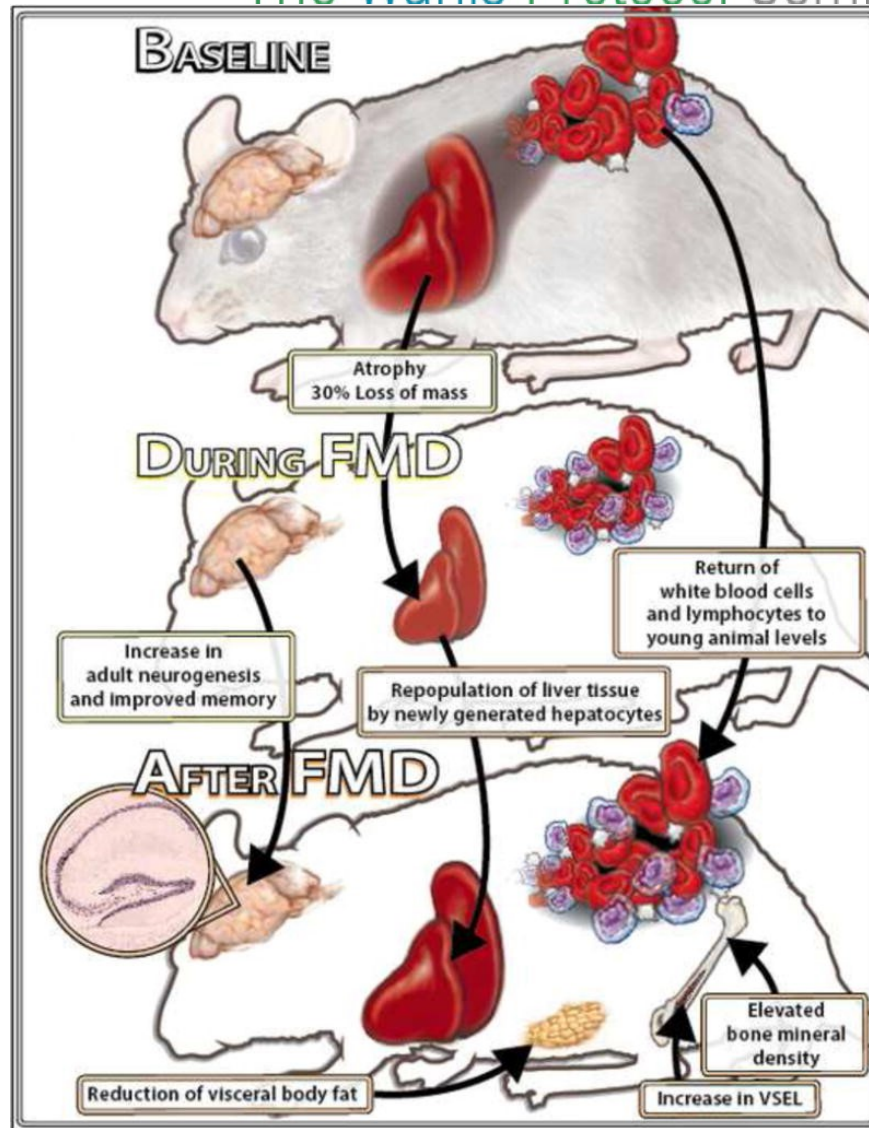
- N=144 followed 50 years
- < 15 grams saturated fat vs. > 20 grams
- Greatest benefit earlier in the disease course
- More likely to remain ambulatory

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Low-fat, plant-based diet in multiple sclerosis: A randomized controlled trial

- This was a randomized-controlled, assessor-blinded, one-year long study
- N=61
- No change in EDSS, MRI
- Trend towards reduced FSS (fatigue)

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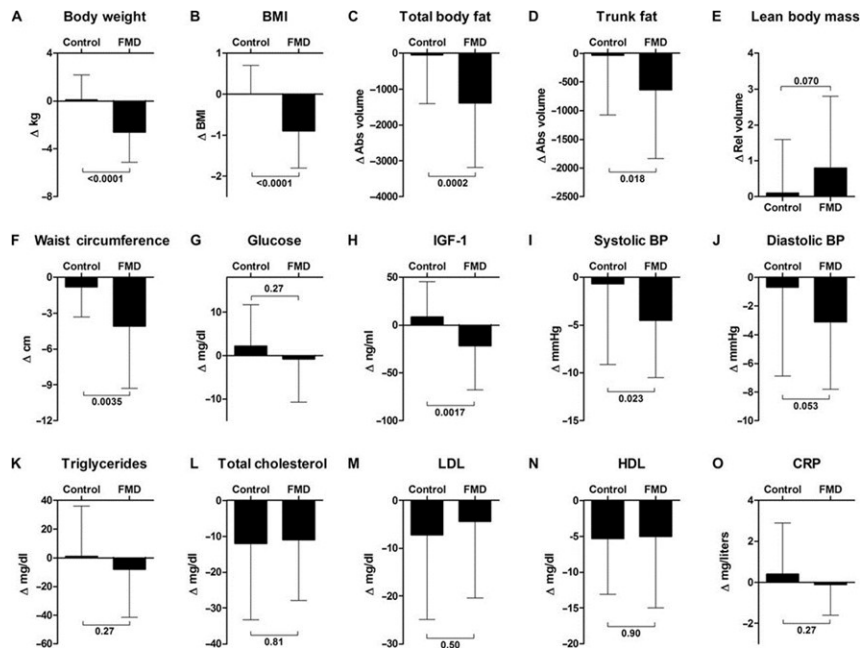
Fasting-mimicking diet and markers/risk factors for aging, diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease.

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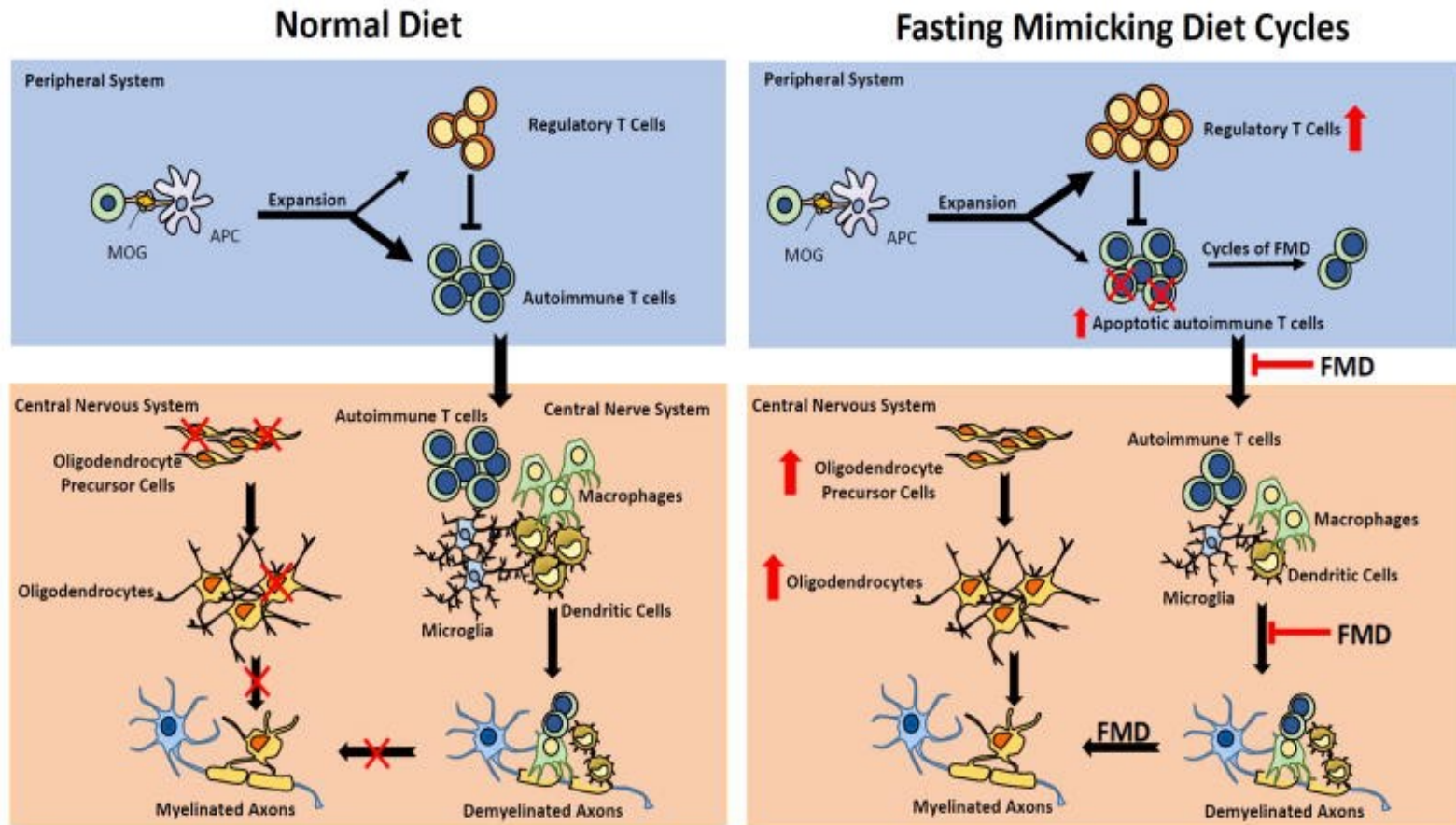


- Fasting-mimicking diet and aging, diabetes, cancer, and cardiovascular disease

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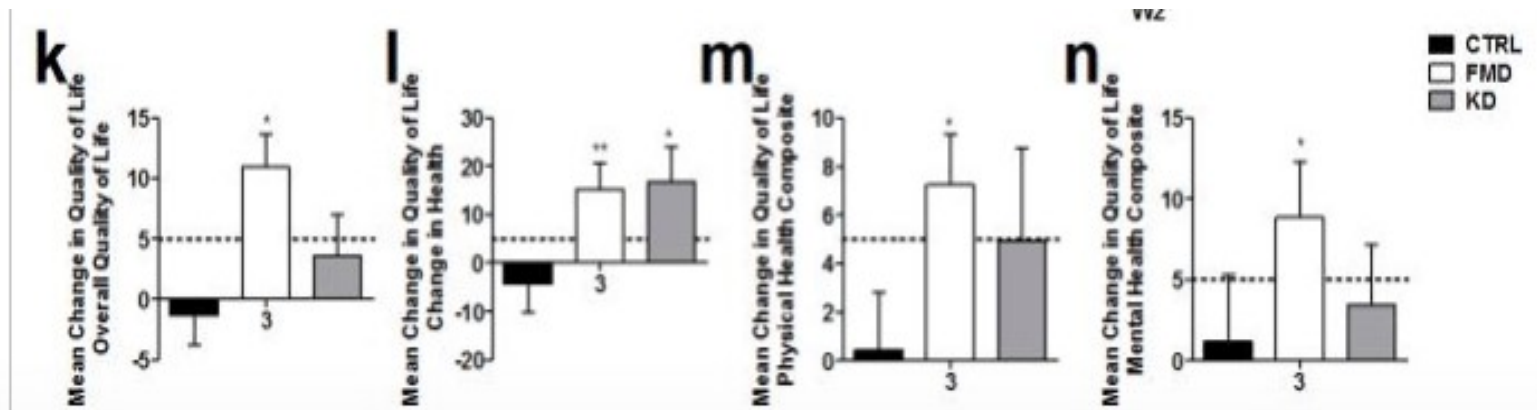
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N=60 6 month human clinical trial

- FMD 100 ml broth, 1 T flax oil tid, 200 – 350 Kcal, Plus enema as needed 7 days Mediterranean diet
- Ketogenic (KD) 160 gm fat m < 100 g Pro, < 50 g CHO
- Usual diet

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Change at 3 month of (**k**) overall quality of life, (**l**) change in health, (**m**) physical health composite, and (**n**) mental health composite. The dotted line represents a threshold that is thought to be clinically important



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Reversal of cognitive decline: A novel therapeutic program

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Reversal of early and moderate dementia using
functional medicine approach



Reversal of Cognitive Decline: 100 Patients

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Abstract

The first examples of reversal of cognitive decline in Alzheimer's disease and the pre-Alzheimer's disease conditions MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment) and SCI (Subjective Cognitive Impairment) have recently been published. These two publications described a total of 19 patients showing sustained subjective and objective improvement in cognition using a comprehensive, integrative medicine approach that involves determining the potential contributors

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Table 1. Therapeutic System 1.0

Goal	Approach	Rationale and References
Optimize diet: minimize simple CHO, minimize inflammation.	Patients given choice of several low glycemic, low inflammatory, low grain diets.	Minimize inflammation, minimize insulin resistance.
Enhance autophagy, ketogenesis	Fast 12 hr each night, including 3 hr prior to bedtime.	Reduce insulin levels, reduce A β .
Reduce stress	Personalized—yoga or meditation or music, etc.	Reduction of cortisol, CRF, stress axis.
Optimize sleep	8 hr sleep per night; melatonin 0.5mg po qhs; Trp 500mg po 3x/wk if awakening. Exclude sleep apnea.	[36]
Exercise	30-60' per day, 4-6 days/wk	[37, 38]
Brain stimulation	Posit or related	[39]
Homocysteine <7	Me-B12, MTHF, P5P; TMG if necessary	[40]
Serum B12 >500	Me-B12	[41]
CRP <1.0; A/G >1.5	Anti-inflammatory diet; curcumin; DHA/EPA; optimize hygiene	Critical role of inflammation in AD
Fasting insulin <7; HgbA1c <5.5	Diet as above	Type II diabetes-AD relationship
Hormone balance	Optimize fT3, fT4, E2, T, progesterone, pregnenolone, cortisol	[5, 42]
GI health	Repair if needed; prebiotics and probiotics	Avoid inflammation, autoimmunity
Reduction of A-beta	Curcumin, Ashwagandha	43-45
Cognitive enhancement	Bacopa monniera, MgT	[46, 47]
25OH-D3 = 50-100ng/ml	Vitamins D3, K2	[48]
Increase NGF	H. erinaceus or ALCAR	[49, 50]
Provide synaptic structural components	Citicoline, DHA	[51].
Optimize antioxidants	Mixed tocopherols and tocotrienols, Se, blueberries, NAC, ascorbate, α -lipoic acid	[52]
Optimize Zn:fCu ratio	Depends on values obtained	[53]
Ensure nocturnal oxygenation	Exclude or treat sleep apnea	[54]
Optimize mitochondrial function	CoQ or ubiquinol, α -lipoic acid, PQQ, NAC, ALCAR, Se, Zn, resveratrol, ascorbate, thiamine	[55]
Increase focus	Pantothenic acid	Acetylcholine synthesis requirement
Increase SirT1 function	Resveratrol	[32]
Exclude heavy metal toxicity	Evaluate Hg, Pb, Cd; chelate if indicated	CNS effects of heavy metals
MCT effects	Coconut oil or Axona	[56]

CHO, carbohydrates; Hg, mercury; Pb, lead; Cd, cadmium; MCT, medium chain triglycerides; PQQ, polyquinoline quinone; NAC, N-acetyl cysteine; CoQ, coenzyme Q; ALCAR, acetyl-L-carnitine; DHA, docosahexaenoic acid; MgT, magnesium threonate; fT3, free triiodothyronine; fT4, free thyroxine; E2, estradiol; T, testosterone; Me-B12, methylcobalamin; MTHF, methyltetrahydrofolate; P5P, pyridoxal-5-phosphate; TMG, trimethylglycine; Trp, tryptophan

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Window of opportunity for restoration

- Loss of trophic support – the brain downsizes
- Stops making new memories
- Subjective loss of mental clarity 10 years
- Mild cognitive impairment 2-3 years
- Early AD 1 year
- Late AD unlikely to recover

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Study Diet

Food	Instruction	Servings
Green leafy vegetables	Recommended*	3 cups cooked/6 cups raw=3srvg
Sulfur-rich vegetables	Recommended*	3 cups raw or cooked=3srvg
Intensely colored fruits or vegetables	Recommended*	3 cups raw or cooked =3srvg
Omega-3 oils	Encouraged	2 tablespoons
Animal protein	Encouraged	4 ounces or more
Gluten-containing grain	Excluded	
Dairy	Excluded	
Eggs	Excluded	

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Stop processed foods, gluten, dairy, eggs



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More Vegetables

3 
Greens



3 
Colored

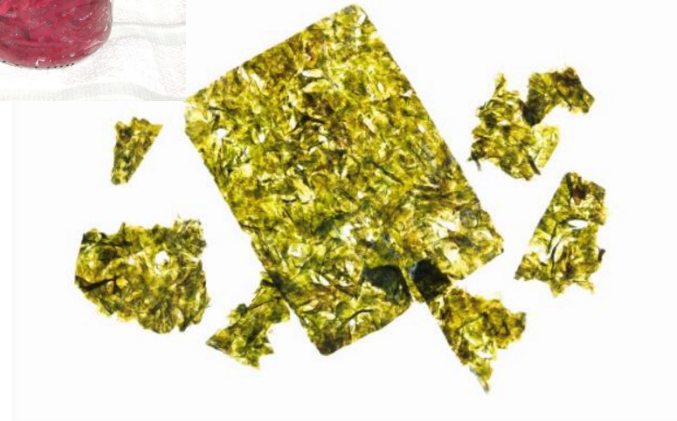


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Sulfur



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- Fermented food
- Seaweed
- Nutritional yeast
- Algae



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Almond
(*Prunus amygdalus*)



Ginseng
(*Angelica sinensis*)



Purple Angelica
(*Angelica gigas*)



Tarragon
(*Artemisia dracuncululus*)



Basil
(*Ocimum basilicum*)



Black Pepper
(*Piper nigrum*)



Celery Seed
(*Apium graveolens*)



Cinnamon
(*Cinnamomum verum*)



Clove
(*Syzygium aromaticum*)



Coriander
(*Coriandrum sativum*)



Gamboge
(*Garcinia gummi-gutta*)



Garlic
(*Allium sativum*)



Ginger
(*Zingiber officinale*)



Licorice
(*Glycyrrhiza glabra*)



Green pepper
(*Capsicum annuum*)



Horseradish
(*Armoracia rusticana*)



Kokum
(*Garcinia indica*)



Onion
(*Allium cepa*)



Red Chilli
(*Capsicum annuum*)



Sage
(*Salvia officinalis*)

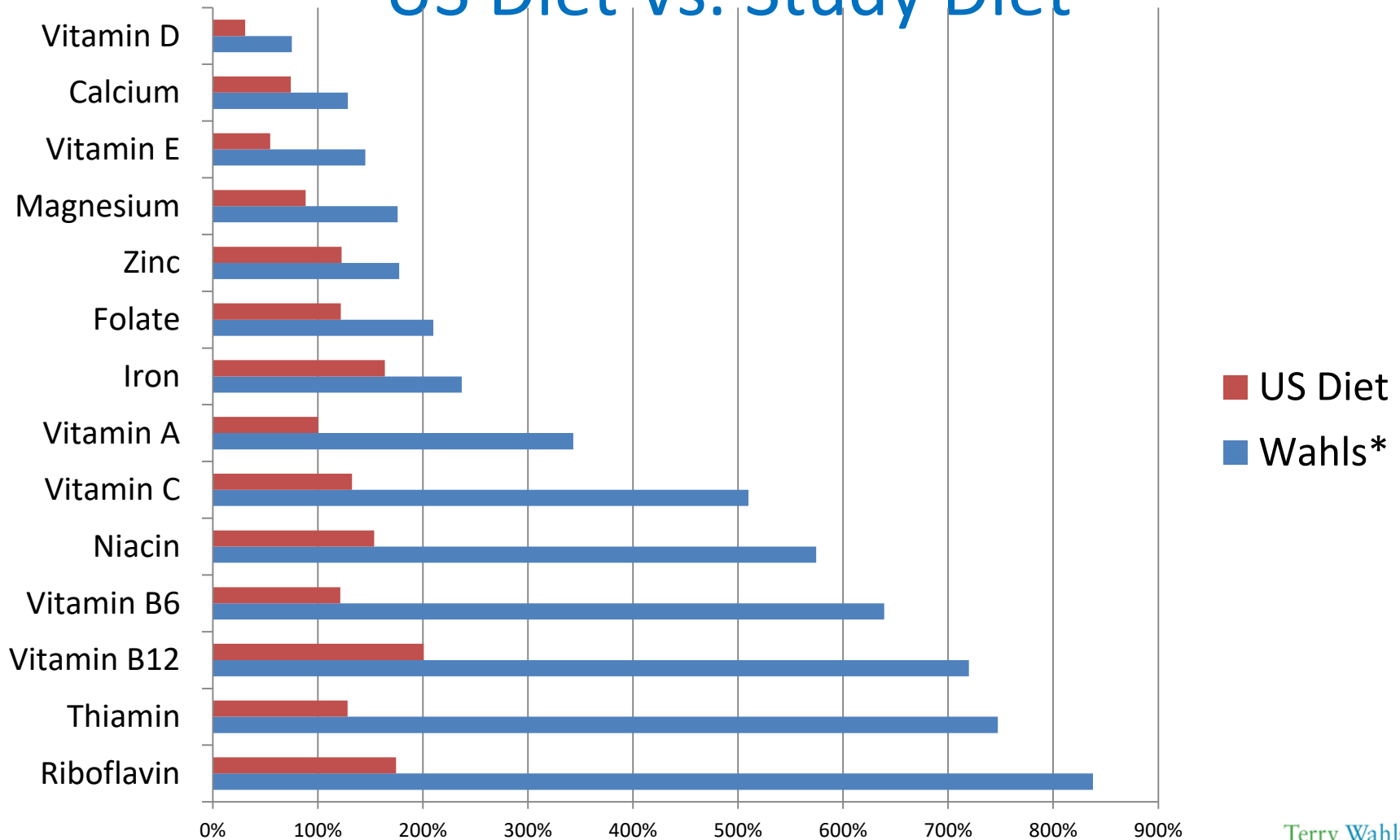


Turmeric
(*Curcuma longa*)

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Nutritional Adequacy (%RDA)

US Diet Vs. Study Diet



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Methyl B12, Methyl Folate, Vitamin D, Fish Oil



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Stretching Exercises

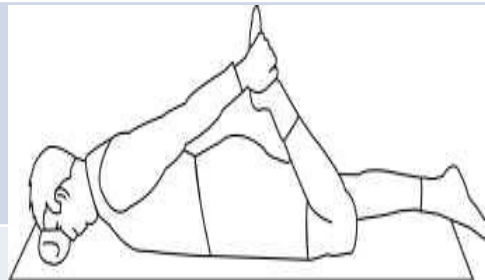
Gastro-soleus



Hamstring



Quadriceps



Erector spinae



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Results: Subjects showed good adherence (assessed from subjects' daily logs) with this intervention and did not report any serious side effects. Fatigue Severity Scale (FSS) and Performance Scales-fatigue subscale scores decreased in 12 months ($P<0.0005$). Average FSS scores of eleven subjects showed clinically significant reduction (more than two points, high response) at 3 months, and this improvement was sustained until 12 months. Remaining subjects ($n=9$, low responders) either showed inconsistent or less than one point decrease in average FSS scores in the 12 months. Energy and general health scores of RAND 36-item Health Survey (Short Form-36) increased during the study ($P<0.05$). Decrease in FSS scores during the 12 months was associated with shorter disease duration ($r=0.511$, $P=0.011$), and lower baseline Patient Determined Disease Steps score ($r_s=0.563$, $P=0.005$) and EDSS scores ($r_s=0.501$, $P=0.012$). Compared to low responders, high responders had lower level of physical disability ($P<0.05$) and lower intake of gluten, dairy products, and eggs ($P=0.036$) at baseline. High responders undertook longer duration of massage and stretches per muscle ($P<0.05$) in 12 months.

Conclusion: A multimodal intervention may reduce fatigue and improve quality of life of subjects with progressive MS. Larger randomized controlled trials with blinded raters are needed to prove efficacy of this intervention on MS-related fatigue.

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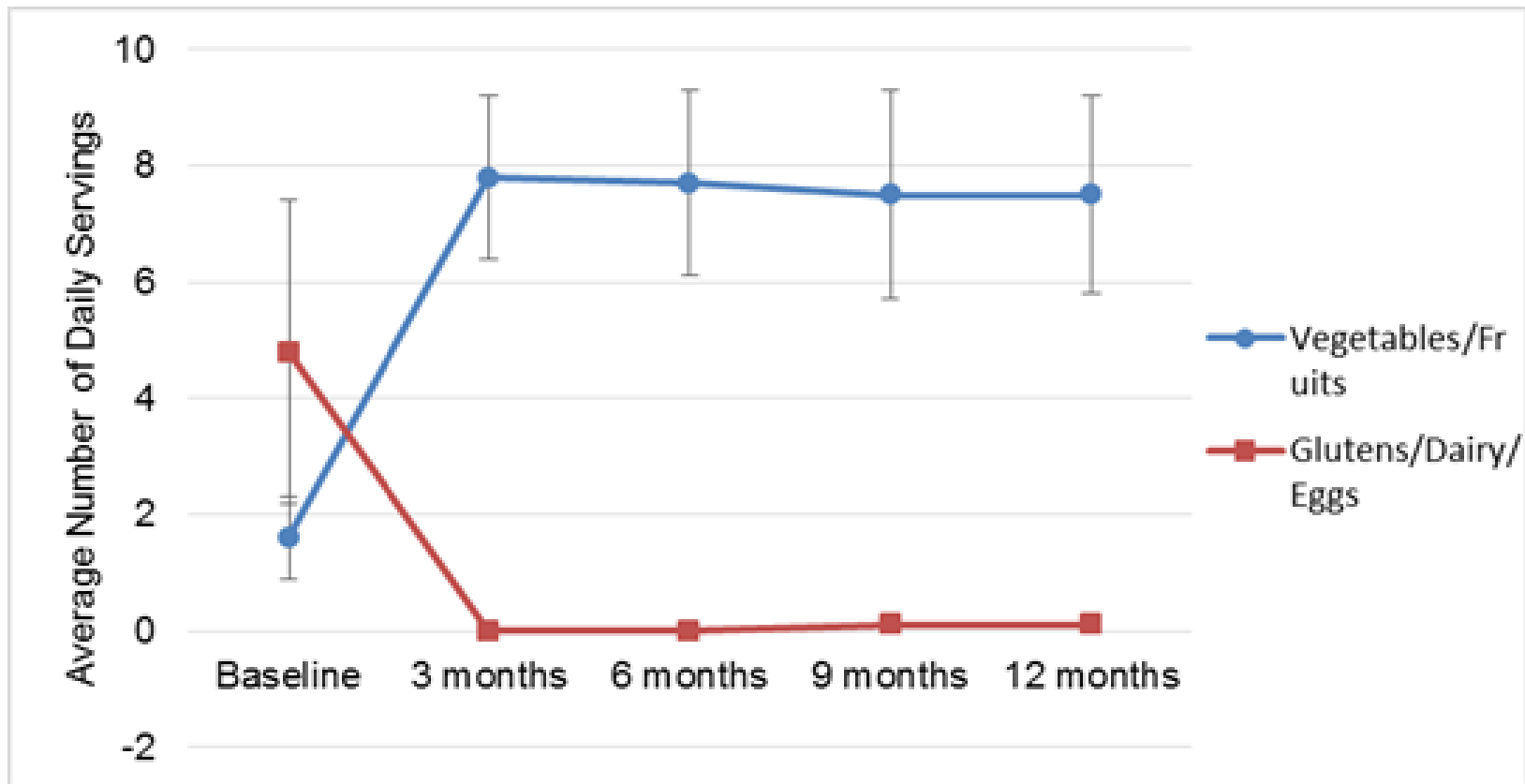
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Subject Demographics

- ❑ 20 individuals (18 SPMS, 2 PPMS)
- ❑ Age: 51.7 (\pm 6.4) years
- ❑ Baseline EDSS: 6.2 (\pm 1)
- ❑ Fatigue Severity Scale Score: 5.5 (\pm 1.2)

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Average daily servings of the study diet recommended (vegetables/fruits) and excluded (gluten/dairy/eggs) foods
 $p < 0.01$ difference from baseline to 12 months



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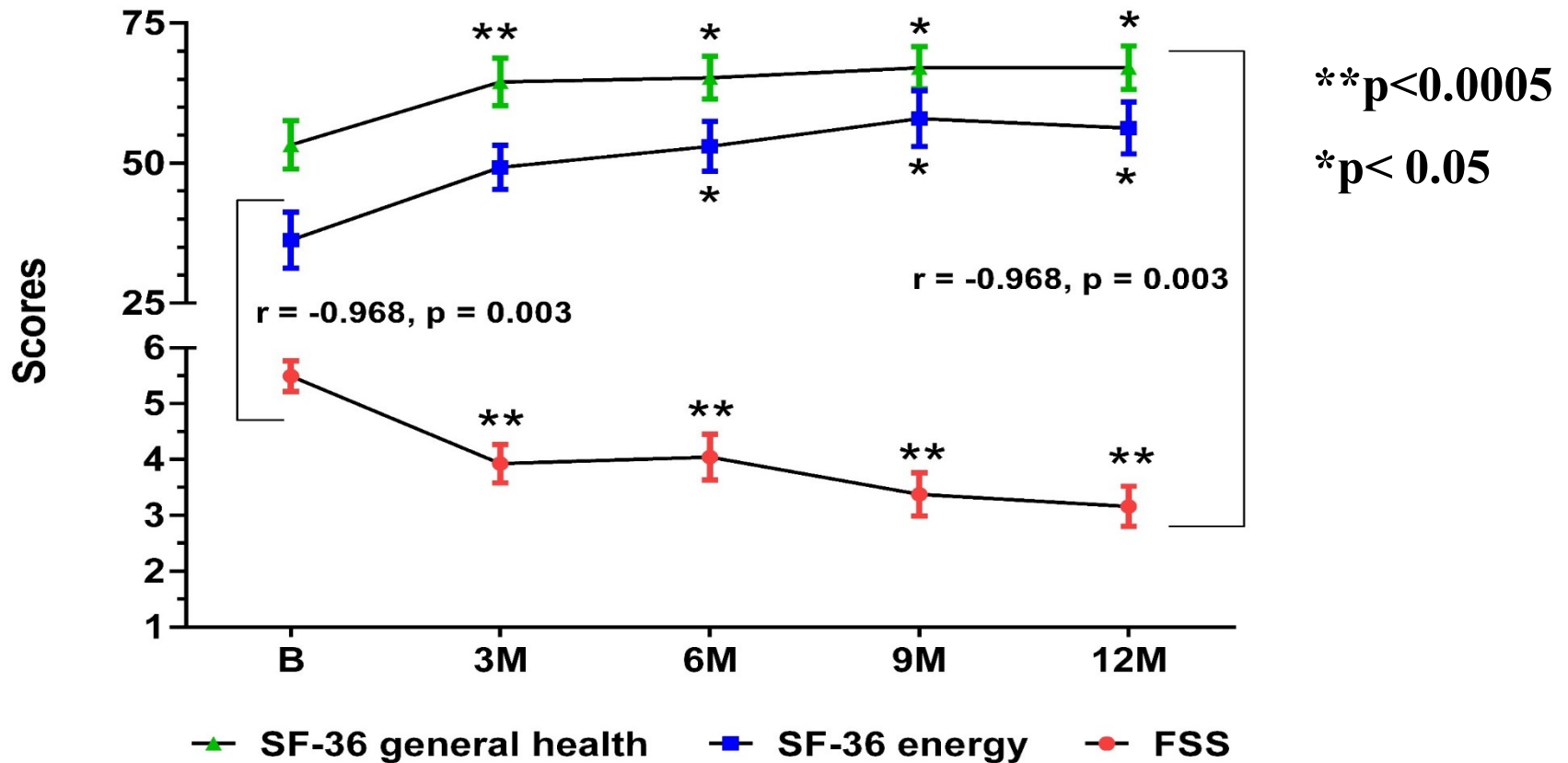
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Multimodal intervention improves quality of life



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A Multimodal, Nonpharmacologic Intervention Improves Mood and Cognitive Function in People with Multiple Sclerosis

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The objective of this study was to examine whether participation in a 12-month multimodal intervention would improve mood and cognitive function in adults with progressive multiple sclerosis (MS).

Methods: In this one-arm, open-label feasibility trial, participants were prescribed a home-based multimodal intervention, including (1) a modified Paleolithic diet; (2) an exercise program (stretching and strengthening of the trunk and lower limb muscles); (3) neuromuscular electrical stimulation (NMES) of

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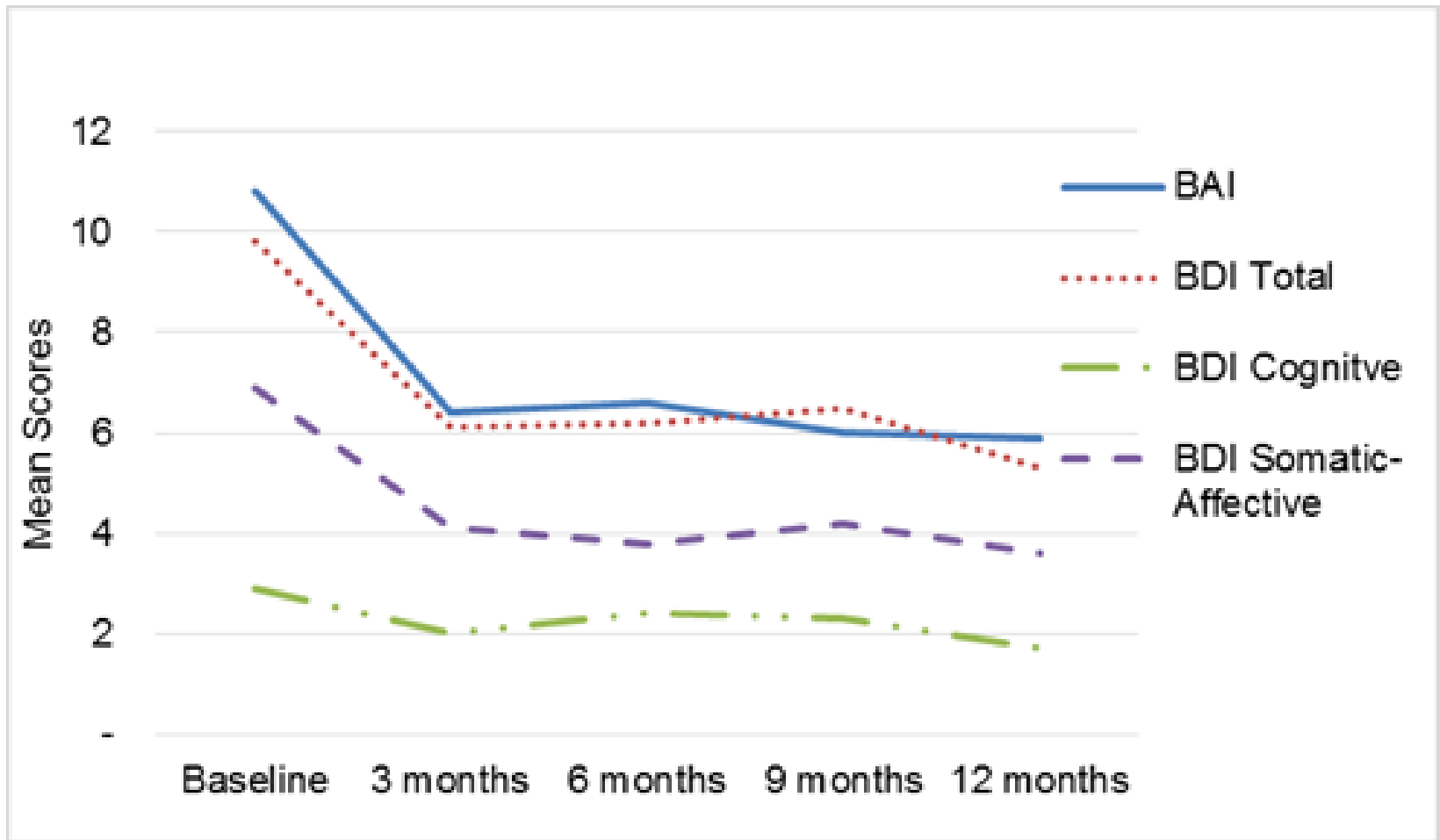
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(Cognitive Stability Index [CSI-1], Beis-Rapkin Executive Function System [BREFS], $p = 0.001$ to 0.005), and executive function (Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale [WAIS]; $p = <0.0001$ to 0.001). Mood and cognitive

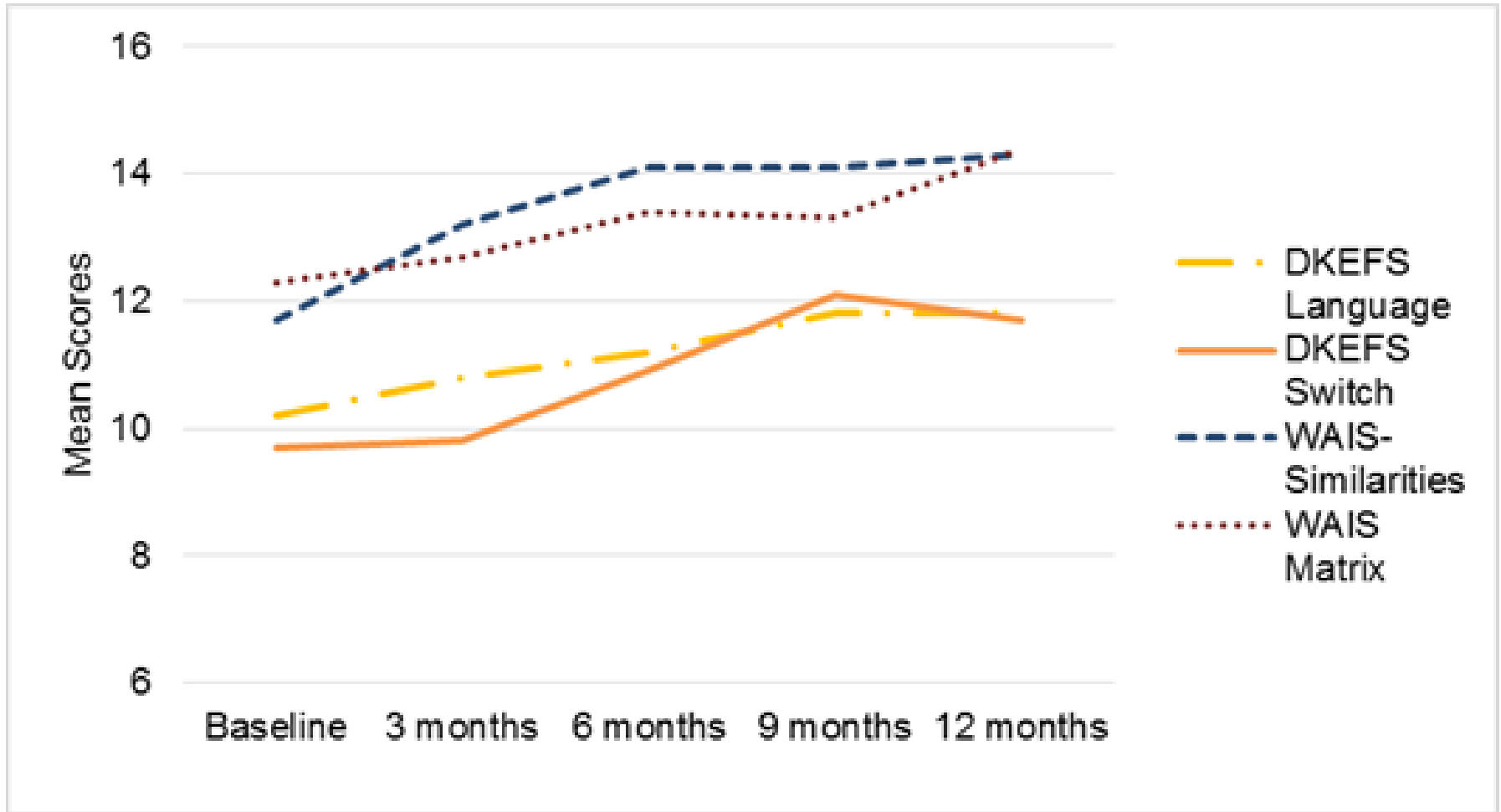
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Average scores on the mood measures at each study visit



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Average scores on the DKEFS and WAIS subscales at each study visit.



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Associations Between Adherence and Outcomes P values

Variables 0 to 12 months	Mood BDA/ BDI	Cognition Verbal reasoning	Fatigue
Vegetables/ fruits	0.0001	<0.0001	<0.0001
Gluten, dairy, egg free	0.001	0.005	<0.0001

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Background/objective: A Paleolithic diet may improve fatigue and quality of life in progressive multiple sclerosis (MS) patients, but past research has evaluated the effects of this dietary

In the setting of relapsing-remitting MS Reduction of fatigue and improved motor function

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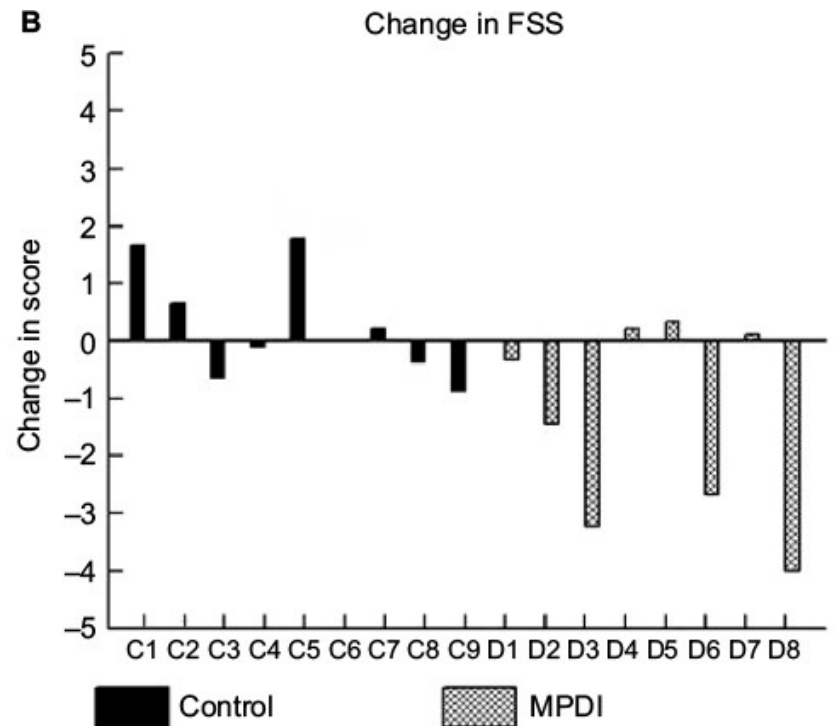
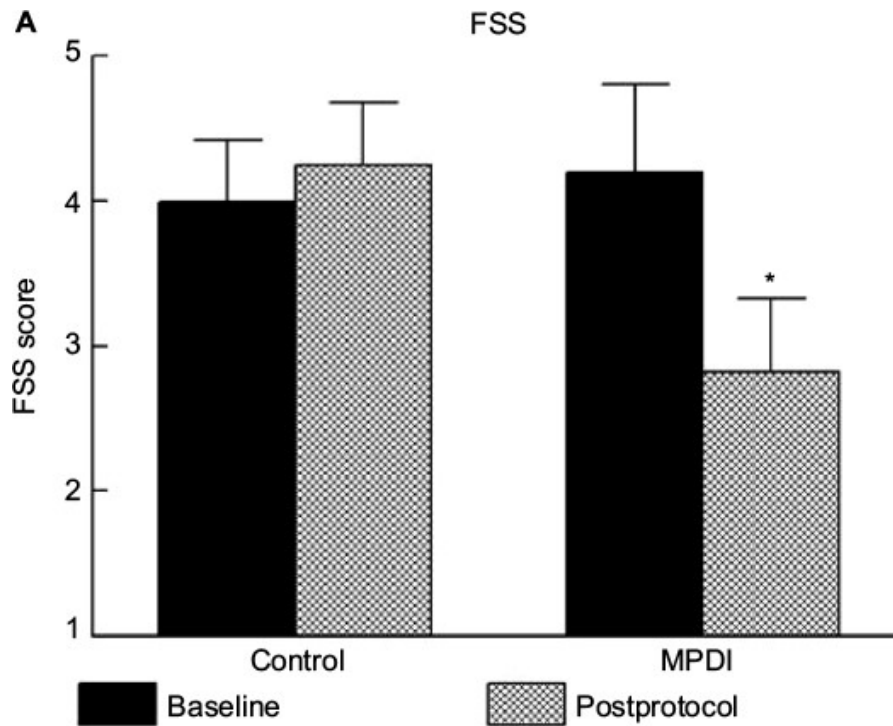
of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Ten subjects (one man) completed the control group and eight subjects (one man) completed the MPDI.

Results: Significant improvements were seen in Fatigue Severity Scale score and also in Mul-

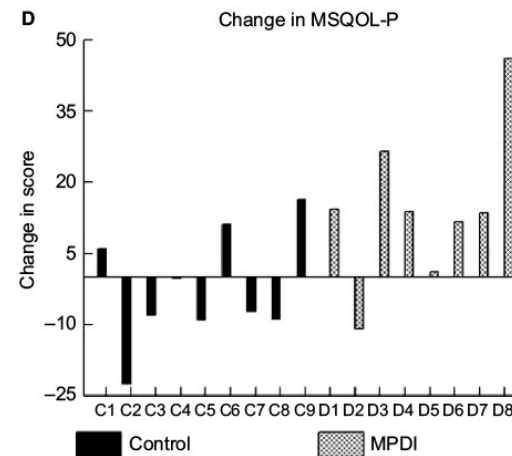
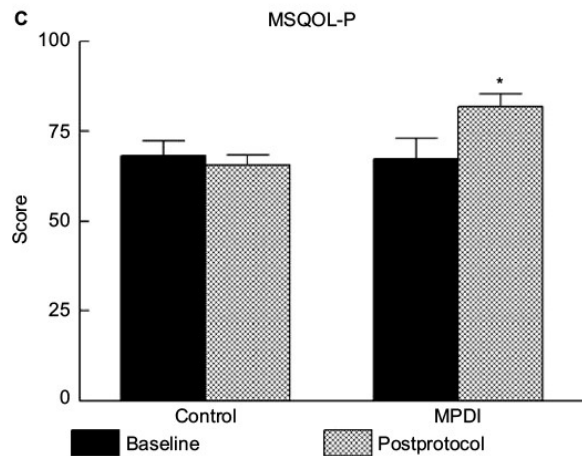
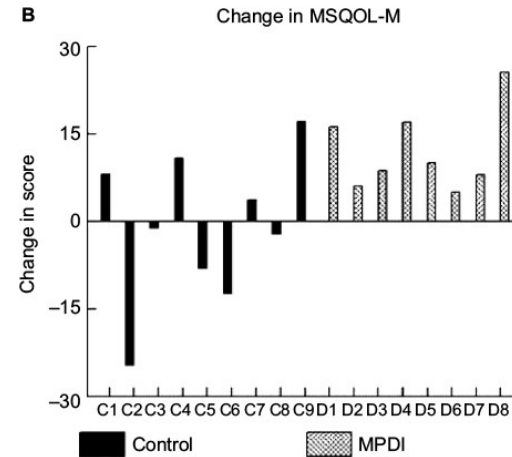
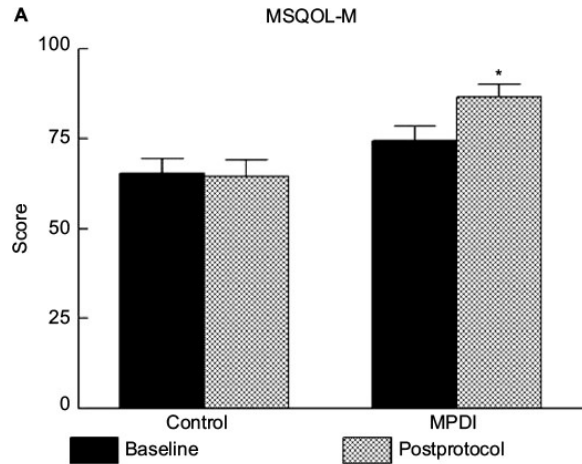
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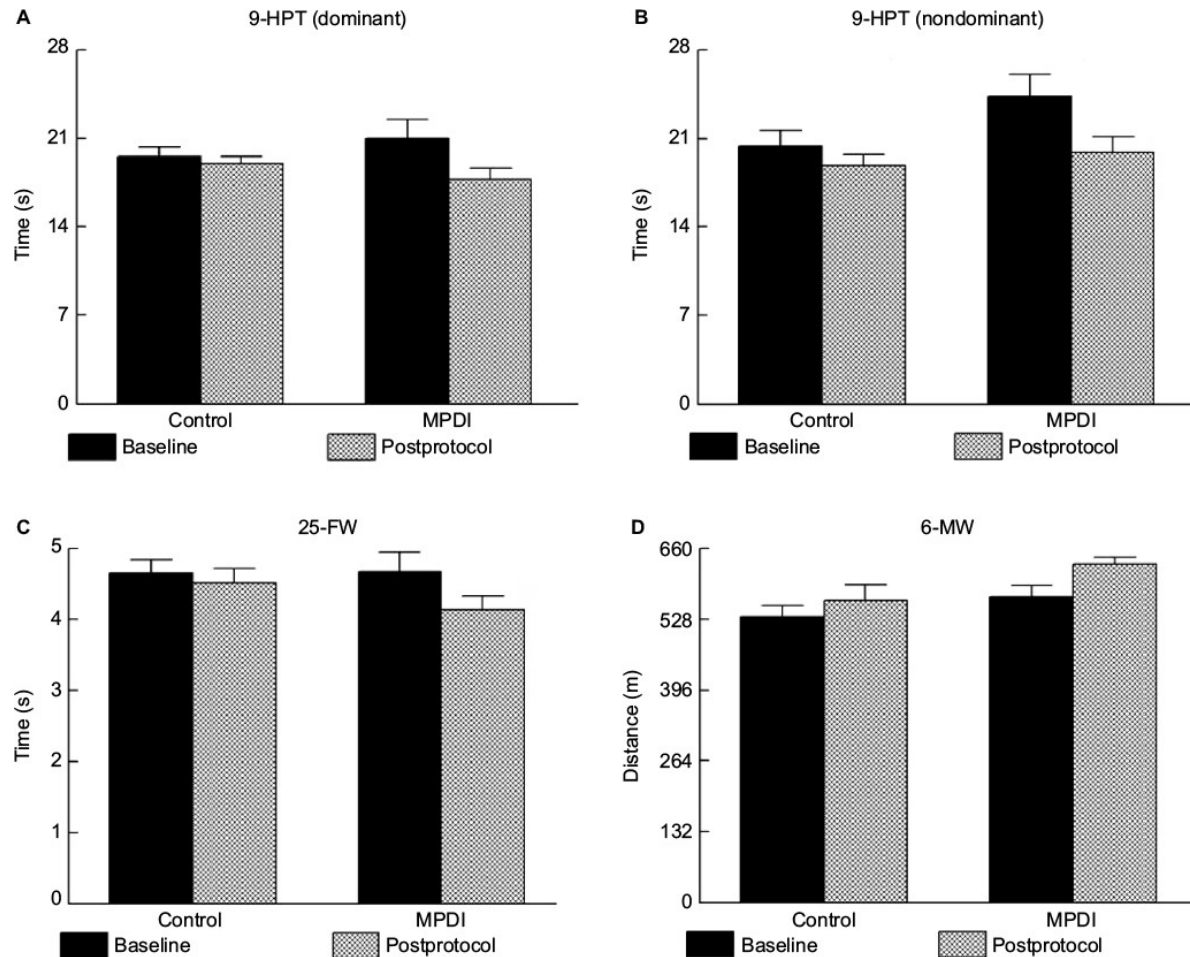


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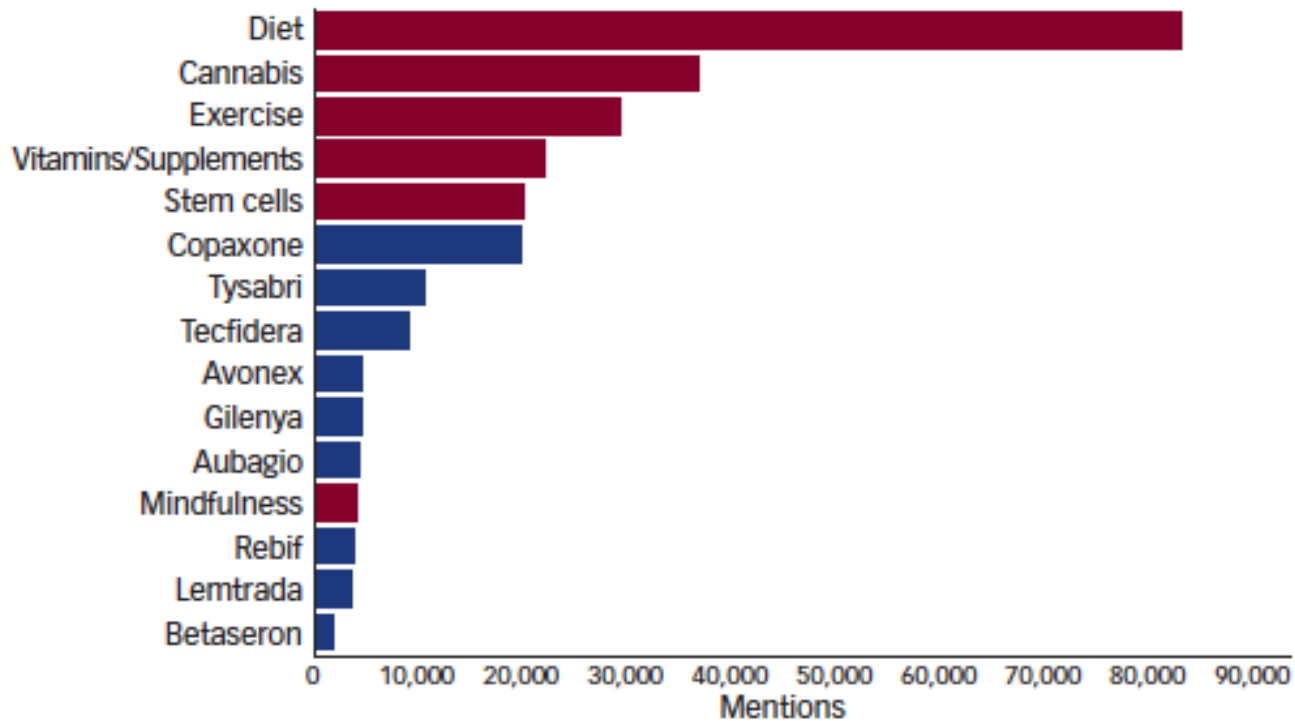
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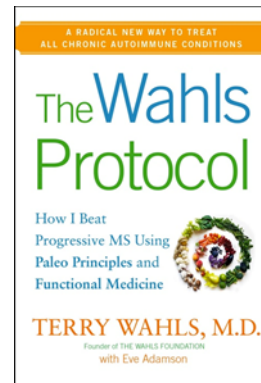
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National MS Society Responds to the Public

Figure 2: Alternative versus Traditional Treatment Topics Mentioned in Social Media (July 2014–June 2015)



Your Patients with Multiple Sclerosis have Set Wellness as a High Priority— And the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is Responding *US Neurology*, 2015;11(2):80–6



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Table 1: Diets for Multiple Sclerosis at a Glance

Diet	Basic Guidelines	Restrictions	Possible Deficiencies	Evidence for Benefit in Multiple Sclerosis	Evidence for Benefit in Other Diseases
Paleolithic diet ⁴⁴	Emphasizes consumption of game meats (30–35 % of daily caloric intake) and plant foods (besides cereals), multiple daily servings of green, and sulfur-rich and intensely colored vegetables and fruits, with a high intake of PUFAs to target a ratio of saturated to unsaturated fats of 1.4:2.1	Processed food, domesticated meats, dairy, eggs	Folic acid, thiamine, vitamin B6, calcium and vitamin D, insufficient caloric intake	Single-observation study demonstrating possible improvement in fatigue in progressive MS patients (however diet was bundled with other interventions and there was no comparison group) ⁴³	Single study showed improvement in cardiovascular risk factors ⁴⁵
Mediterranean diet ⁴⁶	High intake of whole grains, vegetables, fruits, legumes, olive oil, and fish; a low intake of saturated fats (butter and other animal fats), red meat, poultry, and dairy products; and a regular but moderate intake of ethanol (mainly red wine)	No specific exclusions	None expected	None	Extensive evidence for a benefit on cardiovascular health, diabetes, and possibly on cancer risk ^{46–49}
McDougall diet ⁵⁰	High-carbohydrate, low-fat, low-sodium vegan diet with cereals, potatoes, and legumes as staples. Fruits and vegetables are allowed in any amount. Low-sodium intake and small amounts of sugar are recommended	Dairy, eggs, meat, poultry, fish, and all oils	Iron, vitamin B12, vitamin D, calcium, and ω3-fatty acids	None	One study showed improvement in cardiovascular risk factors with 1 week of the diet (did not look at long-term effects) ⁵⁰
Gluten-free diet ⁵¹	Avoidance of all foods containing wheat, barley, and triticales or their derivatives	Foods containing wheat, barley, or triticales or their derivatives	None expected	None ^{52,53}	Treatment for celiac disease and non-celiac gluten sensitivity
Swank diet ⁵⁴	Low-fat diet that advocates reduction in the intake of saturated fats. Whole-grain cereals are recommended; daily intake	Processed food with saturated fats, high-fat dairy products, and red	None expected (possibly vitamin A, C, E, and folate)	Observational data from a single cohort of patients treated with this diet	None

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Risks

- Risk of death
- Risk of side effects
- Monitoring required
- Cost
- Time

Benefits

- Physiologic sense
- All cause mortality and morbidity
- Health
- QoL, function, pain
- Potential to reduce need for prescription medication

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- Higher quality diet (food), stress reduction, movement – are relatively safe with large favorable benefits for all cause mortality
- 3 month trial of a grain free, dairy free, sugar free vegetable rich (or gluten free vegetarian) diet is relatively safe with potential for many favorable benefits

Original Investigation

Rebound Syndrome in Patients With Multiple Sclerosis After Cessation of Fingolimod Treatment

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 Editorial

IMPORTANCE The appropriate sequencing of agents with strong immune system effects has become increasingly important. Transitions require careful balance between safety and protection against relapse. The cases presented herein highlight that rebound events after ceasing fingolimod treatment may happen even with short washout periods (4 weeks) and may perpetuate despite steroid treatment or the immediate use of fast-acting immune therapies, such as rituximab.

OBJECTIVE To describe rebound syndrome in patients with multiple sclerosis (MS) after cessation of fingolimod treatment.

DESIGN, SETTING, AND PARTICIPANTS Clinical and demographic data were extracted from electronic medical records from the University of California, San Francisco, Multiple Sclerosis Center from January 2014 to December 2015. Magnetic resonance images were reviewed by MS neurologists (J.S.G., E.W., B.N., and E.C.H.). Rebound syndrome was defined as new severe neurological symptoms after ceasing fingolimod treatment, with the development of

We conclude that discontinuation of fingolimod results in the return of disease activity, which then leads to severe exacerbations (i.e., rebounds) in a clinically significant proportion of patients.

Severe disease exacerbations in patients with multiple sclerosis after discontinuing fingolimod. [Neurol Neurochir Pol.](#) 2017 Mar - Apr;51(2):156-162.

Stopping DMTs

- N=721; 53% stop DMTs of which 57% resume
- N=70; middle age and clinically stable
- N=221; >45y/o, >4 years relapse, MRI stable
N=1339; after a long period clinically stable no greater risk of relapse but disability may progress sooner off DMTs

1. [Mult Scler Relat Disord.](#) 2017 Feb;12:82-87. Discontinuation of disease modifying treatments in middle aged multiple sclerosis patients. First line drugs vs natalizumab.
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Abrupt Stopping of DMT Leads to Disease Flare

- Research data
 - >44 years old
 - > 3- 4 years no relapses, progression
 - No enhancing MRI lesions
 - Similar risk for relapse as those who continue on Drug DMTs
 - Increased risk of disability progression
 - Need therapeutic diet/lifestyle

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- Stopping drug disease modifying therapy
 - Ongoing commitment to 100% compliance therapeutic diet/lifestyle forever
 - Mitochondrial support
 - Optimize vitamin D levels

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- Dietary Approaches
 - Modified Paleo
 - Ketogenic
 - Fasting Mimicking Diet
 - Swank
 - McDougal
 - ? Mediterranean
- Remyelination
 - Omega 6:3 in 4 to1 ratio
 - Phosphatidylcholine
 - Black Cumin Seed oil
 - Vitamin K2
 - Fasting Mimicking Diet
 - ? Clemastine (Tavist)

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Subject 3- Baseline and 12 Month Walk



SPMS TUG-127 sec.
FSS-5.6



SPMS TUG-41.8 sec.
FSS-4.4

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Subject 17- Baseline and 3 Month Walk



PPMS
TUG-21 sec.
FSS-6.7

PPMS
TUG- 15.3 sec. with one cane
17.6 sec. without cane
FSS-4.9

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Subject 11- Baseline and 3 Month Walk



SPMS TUG-14.9 sec.
FSS-5.3



SPMS TUG- 8.6 sec.
FSS-1.4

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Subject 11- 6 months





“Between stimulus and response, there is a space.
In that space lies our freedom and power to choose
our response. In our response lies our growth and
freedom.”

—Viktor Frankl



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- Martin Seligman
- Positive Psychology

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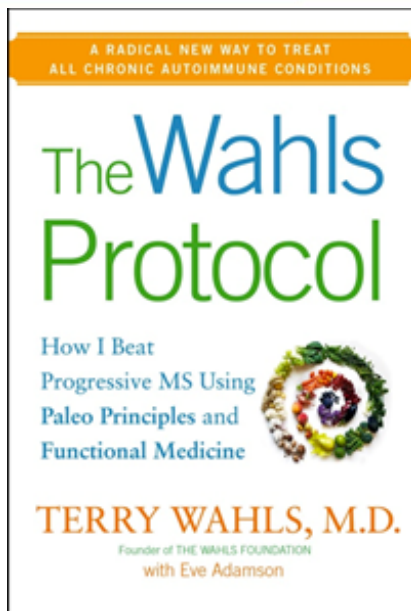
- Studied happiness using Confucius, Mencius and Aristotle with modern psychological theories.
- Seligman's conclusion is that happiness has three dimensions that can be **cultivated**.

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- 1. Pleasant life** - appreciate such basic pleasures as companionship, the natural environment and our bodily needs.
- 2. Good Life** - achieved through discovering our unique virtues and strengths, and employing them creatively to enhance our lives.
- 3. Meaningful Life** – achieved by employing our unique strengths for a purpose greater than ourselves.





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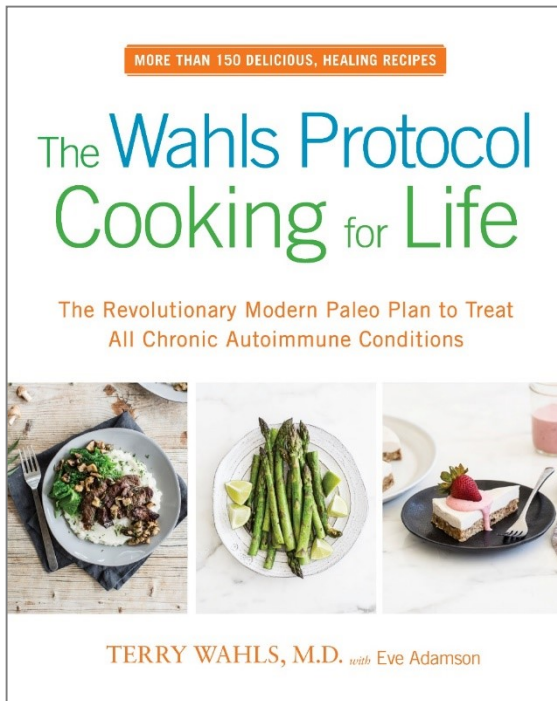
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Dietary Approaches to Treating MS Related Fatigue

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Appendix

Doses – Bredesen

- **Methylfolate/B12/ trimethyl glycine/ B complex**
 - Titrate to homocysteine < 7
- **Curcumin**
 - 500 mg to 2000 mg/ day with 4mg bioperine
- **Resveratrol**
 - 100 to 250 mg/ day
- **PQQ (polyquinoline quinone)**
 - 20 mg/ day

Doses – Bredesen

- **Balance Zn: Cu Ratio**
 - (20-50mg Zn + 6mg Cu or less)
- **DHA / cod liver oil**
 - 1 – 2 grams/ monitor EFA levels in cell membranes
 - (Consider GLA 300mg / 1-5 grams cod liver oil)
- **ALCAR, acetyl-L-carnitine**
 - 500 mg to 1000 mg (with Lipoic Acid 600 mg)
- **P5P, pyridoxal-5-phosphate (50 mg)**
 - Monitor levels

Doses – Bredesen

- **NAC, N-acetyl cysteine**
 - 500 mg to 2 grams/Day
- **Citicholine (CDP)**
 - 250 mg to 1000 mg BID
- **CoQ10**
 - 200 mg to 2400 mg/Day
- ***Bacopa Monnieri*** (brahmi, water hyssop)
 - 300 mg extract/Day
- **Lion's Mane** mushroom 1 tsp
- **Melatonin**
 - 0.5 mg to 5 mg
 - Full spectrum light morning
 - Evening amber light

Nutrition/ Assimilation /Structure

Goal	Approach
Optimize diet: minimize simple CHO, minimize inflammation. Fasting insulin <7; HgbA1c <5.5	Low glycemic, low inflammatory, gluten free; low grain TW – ketogenic, modified paleo, eat 6 to 9 cups vegetables/ day, push fiber to poop 2 snakes day
Provide synaptic structural components	CDP choline DHA TW Phosphatidylcholine, organ meats

Interventions- Exercise and Movement

Goal	Approach
Exercise	<p>30-60' per day, 4-6 days/wk</p> <p>TW – strength training, balance training, High intensity interval training, PT or OT referral, consider adding NMES=Electrical stimulation of muscles</p> <p>DO NOT over train</p>

Interventions- Sleep/ Stress/ Relationships

Goal	Approach
Support sleep	Melatonin 0.5 to 5 mg, full spectrum lighting
Ensure nocturnal oxygenation	Exclude or treat sleep apnea
Reduce stress	Personalized—yoga or meditation or music, etc. TW gardening, fishing, hunting, Epsom salts
Improve relationships	TW – create social connections

Mitochondria Energy

Goal	Approach
Enhance autophagy, ketogenesis	Fast 12 hr + each night, including 3 hr prior to bedtime, longer fasts
Optimize mitochondrial function	CoQ or ubiquinol, α -lipoic acid, PQQ, NAC, Acetyl carnitine, Se, Zn, resveratrol, ascorbate, thiamine TW – eat organ meats 2-3 X week
Optimize antioxidants	Mixed tocopherols and tocotrienols, Se, blueberries, NAC, ascorbate, α -lipoic acid TW 6 to 9 cups vegetables (Greens, sulfur, color)/D

Biotransformation - Detoxification

Goal	Approach
Optimize Zn: Cu ratio	Depends on values obtained
Exclude heavy metal toxicity	Evaluate Hg, Pb, Cd, Mn, As address if indicated
TW – ↑ bacterial biotransformation	TW – ↑ fiber to 2-3 soft BM day
TW correct nutrient mineral lacks	TW nutrient minerals, stomach acid, sea salt, Epsom salts, sea salt, Na bicarbonate soaks

Communication - Hormone

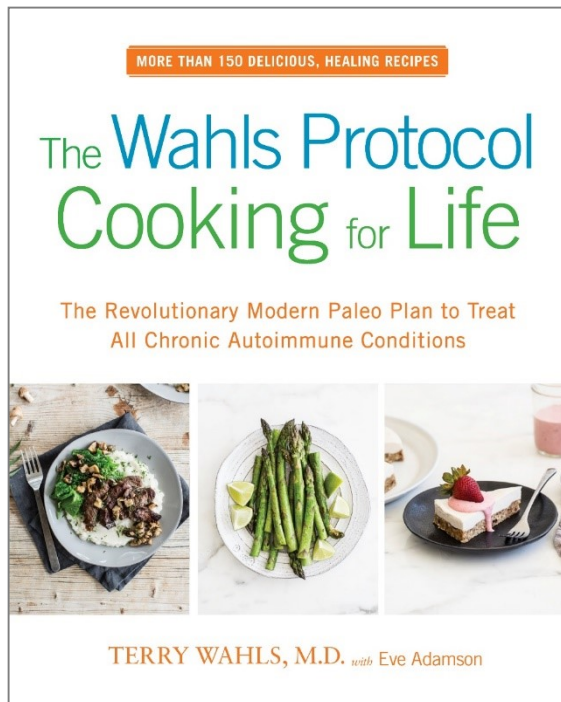
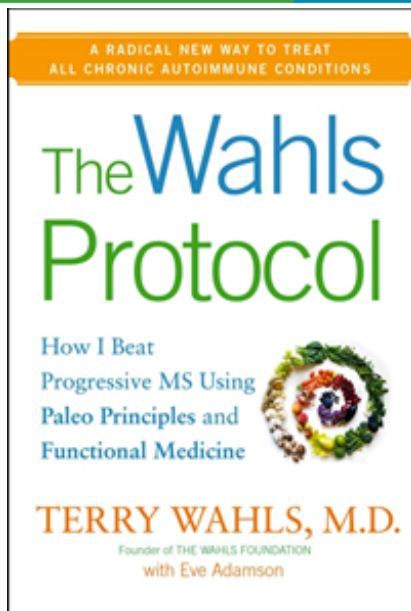
Goal	Approach
Optimize hormone balance	Optimize fT3, fT4, E2, T, progesterone, pregnenolone, cortisol.
TW optimize progenitor (stem cells)	TW – Diet, exercise, sleep, stress, social bonding, fasting, CDP choline, PC, DHA
Increase NGF	Lion's mane mushrooms Or ALCAR (acetyl-L-carnitine)
Brain stimulation	Posit or related TW – brain age, lumosity, juggling, do not over train

Immune - Defense and Repair

Goal	Approach
GI health	Repair if needed; prebiotics and probiotics; target 2-3 poop snakes per day TW – address food sensitivities
Infections, dysbiosis	TW – check for mold, water damaged buildings, infections, Lyme etc. Floss teeth, add mushrooms, vitamin D, K2mk7

Other Interventions

Goal	Approach
Serum B12 >500 TW – prefer top quartile of ref. range	Me-B12 TW organ meat 2 to 3 X week
h.s. CRP <1.0	Anti-inflammatory diet; curcumin; DHA/EPA; optimize hygiene (floss teeth, coconut oil + essential oils to brush teeth, oil pulling) TW – 6 to 9 cups vegetables / day
Homocysteine <7	Me-B12, MTHF, P5P; TMG if necessary
25OH-D3 = 50-100ng/ml	Vitamins D3, K2
Reduction of A-beta	Curcumin, Ashwagandha
Increase focus	Pantothenic acid
Cognitive enhancement	Bacopa monniera, Mg threonate



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