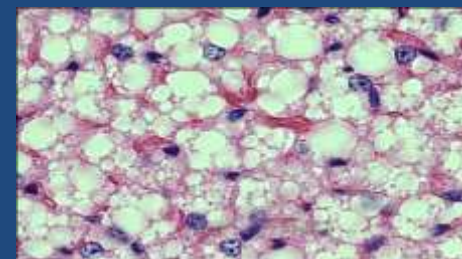


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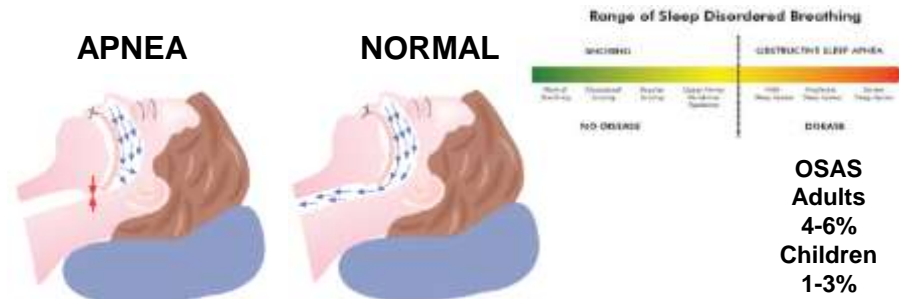
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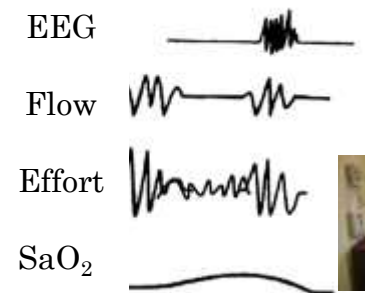
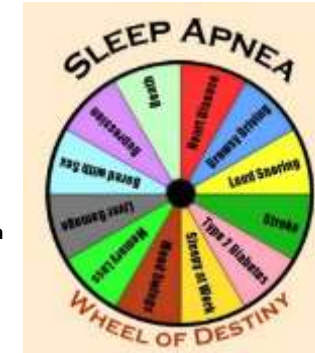


# OSA in a Nutshell



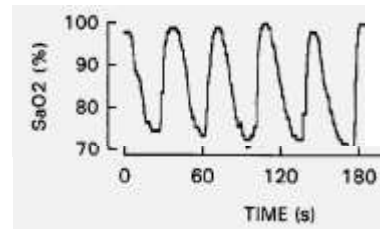
## Consequences

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Cardiovascular  
Stroke  
Metabolic  
Neurocognitive  
Depression  
MVA  
Erectile Dysfunction  
Cancer...

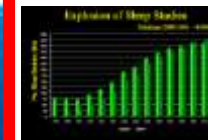


Arousals  
↑ Intrathoracic Pressures  
CO<sub>2</sub> ↑  
Hypoxemia

Autonomic activity  
Hemodynamic changes  
Hypercoagulability  
Inflammation  
Oxidative Stress

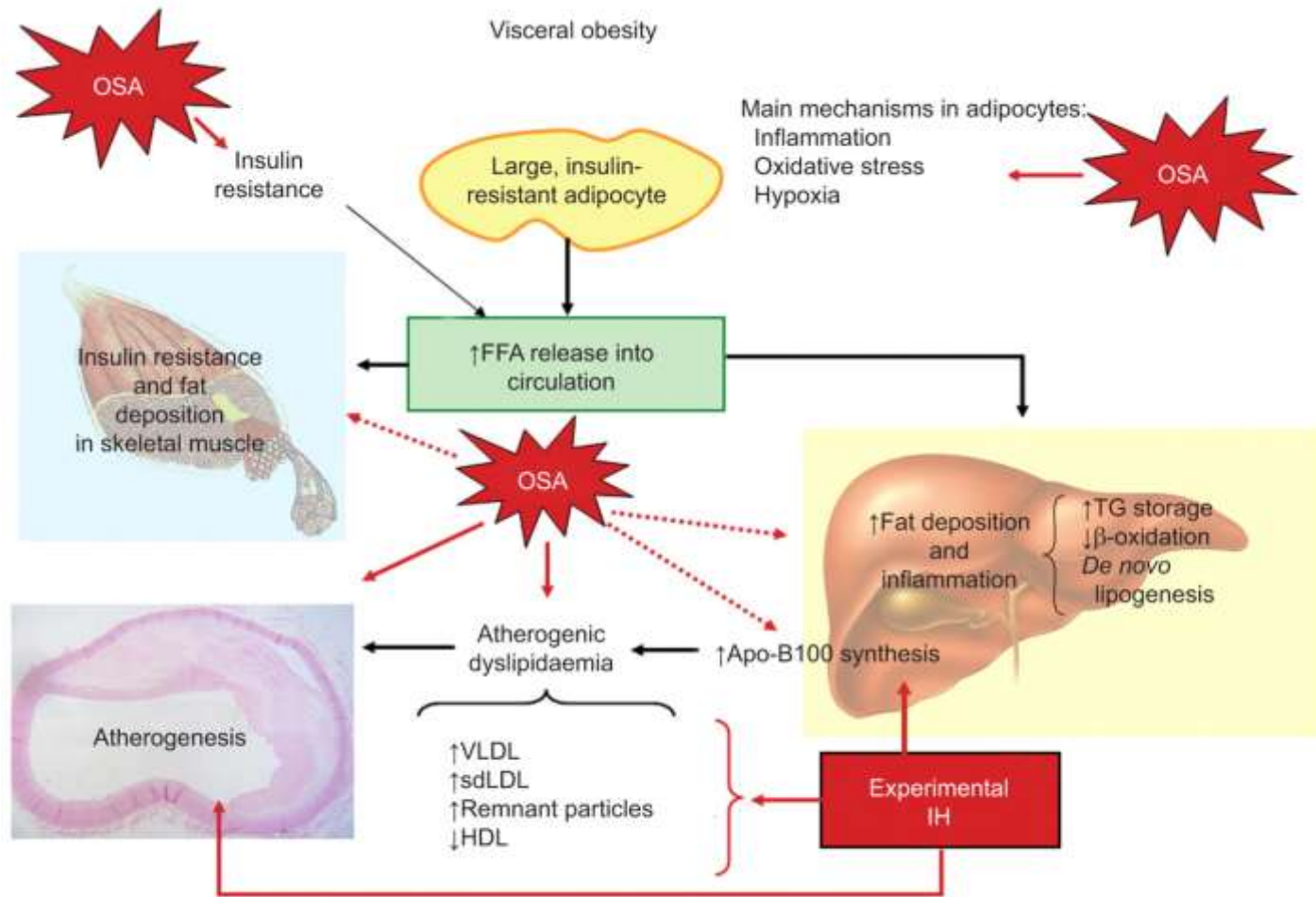


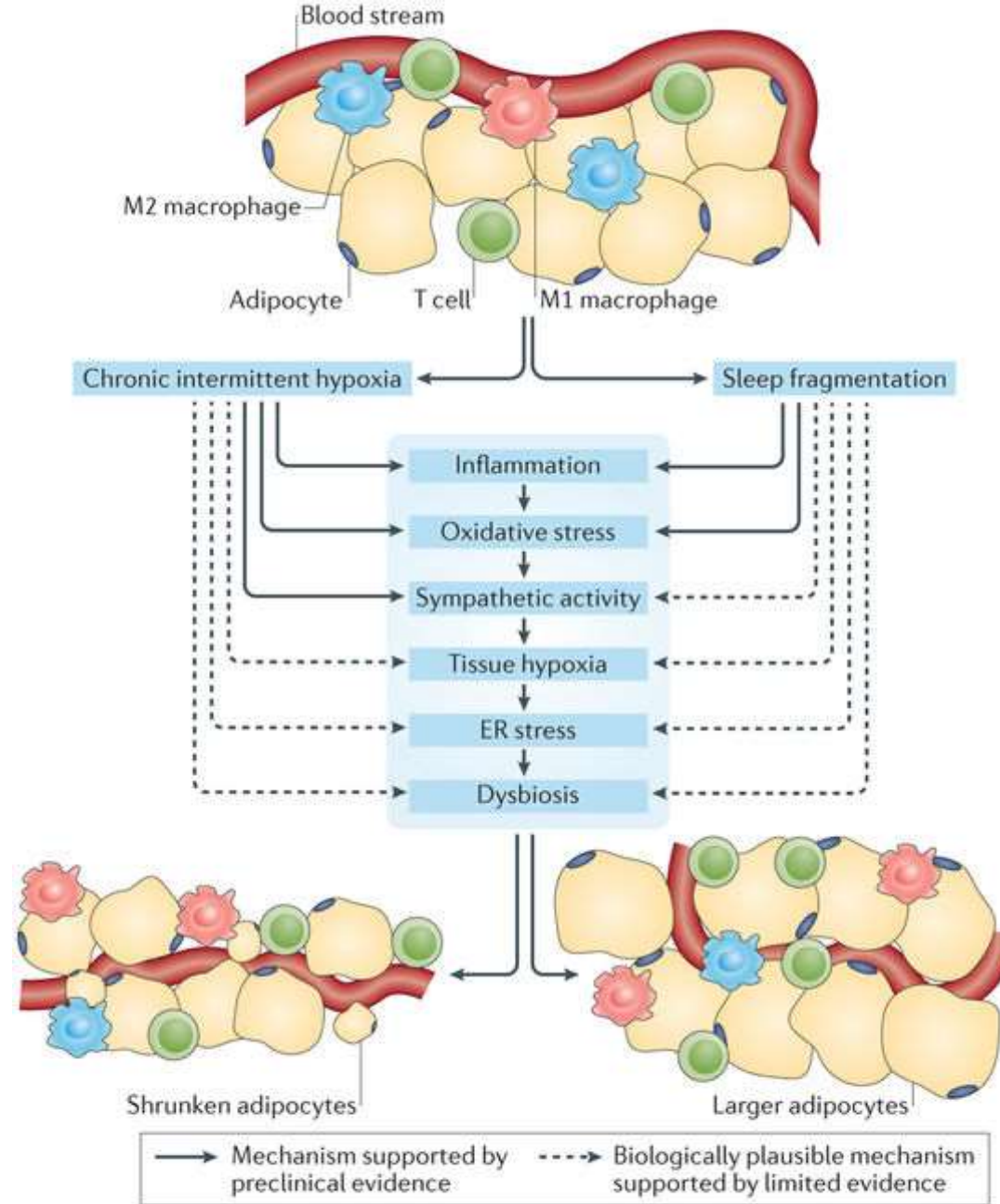
Treatment



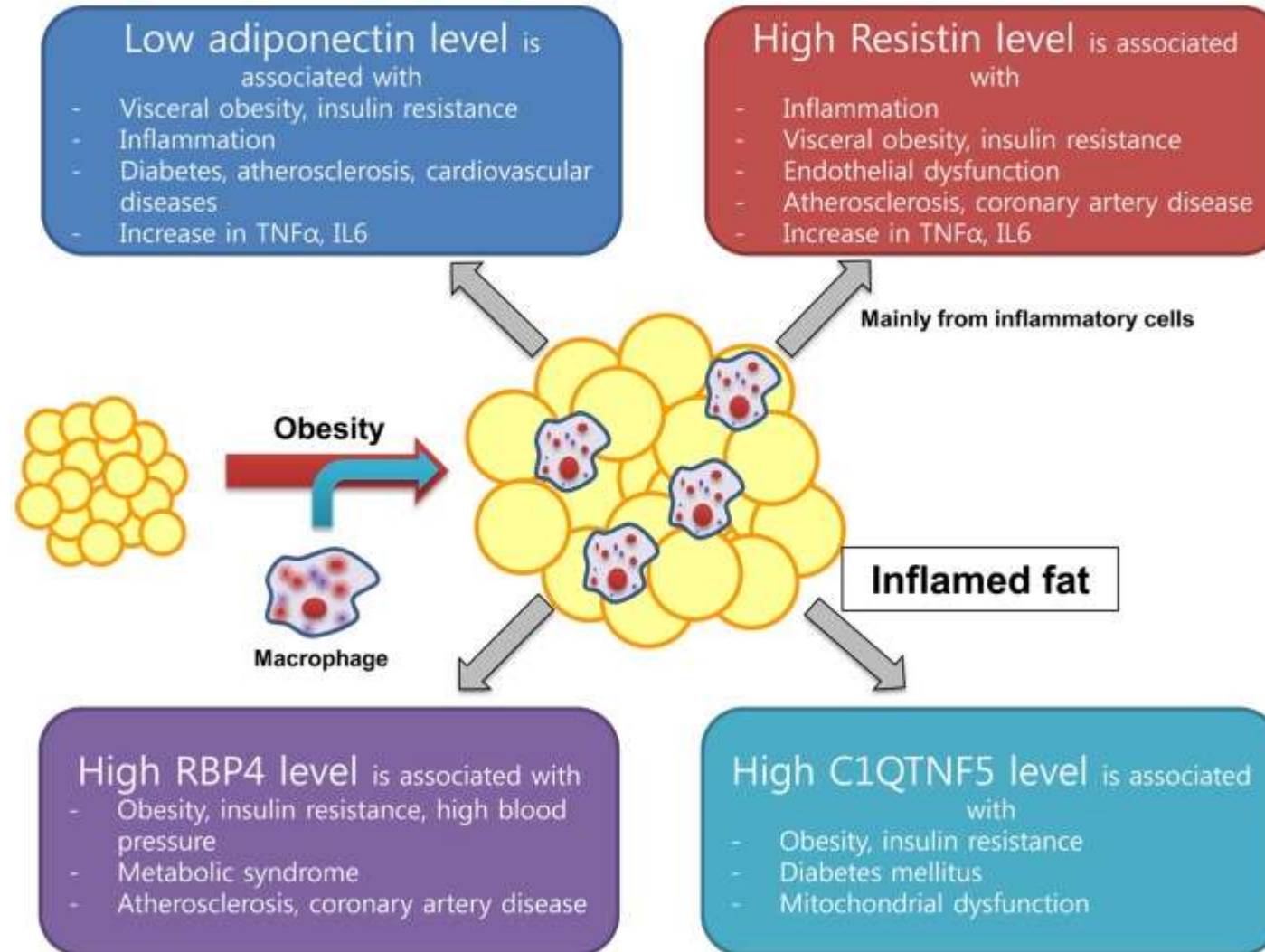
**AHI = Apnea-Hypopnea Index (<1, 1-5, >5)**

# OSA is a Metabolic Disease

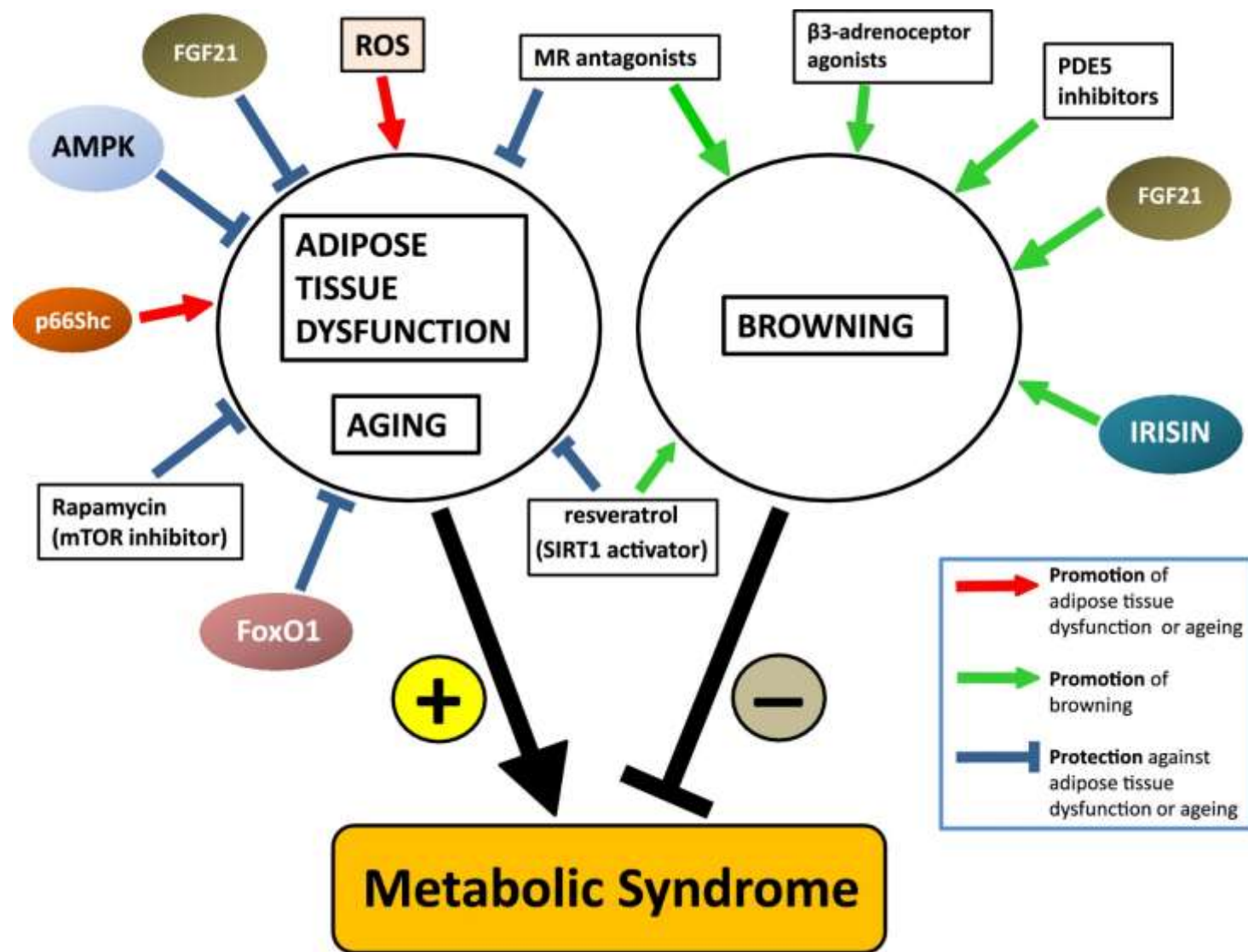




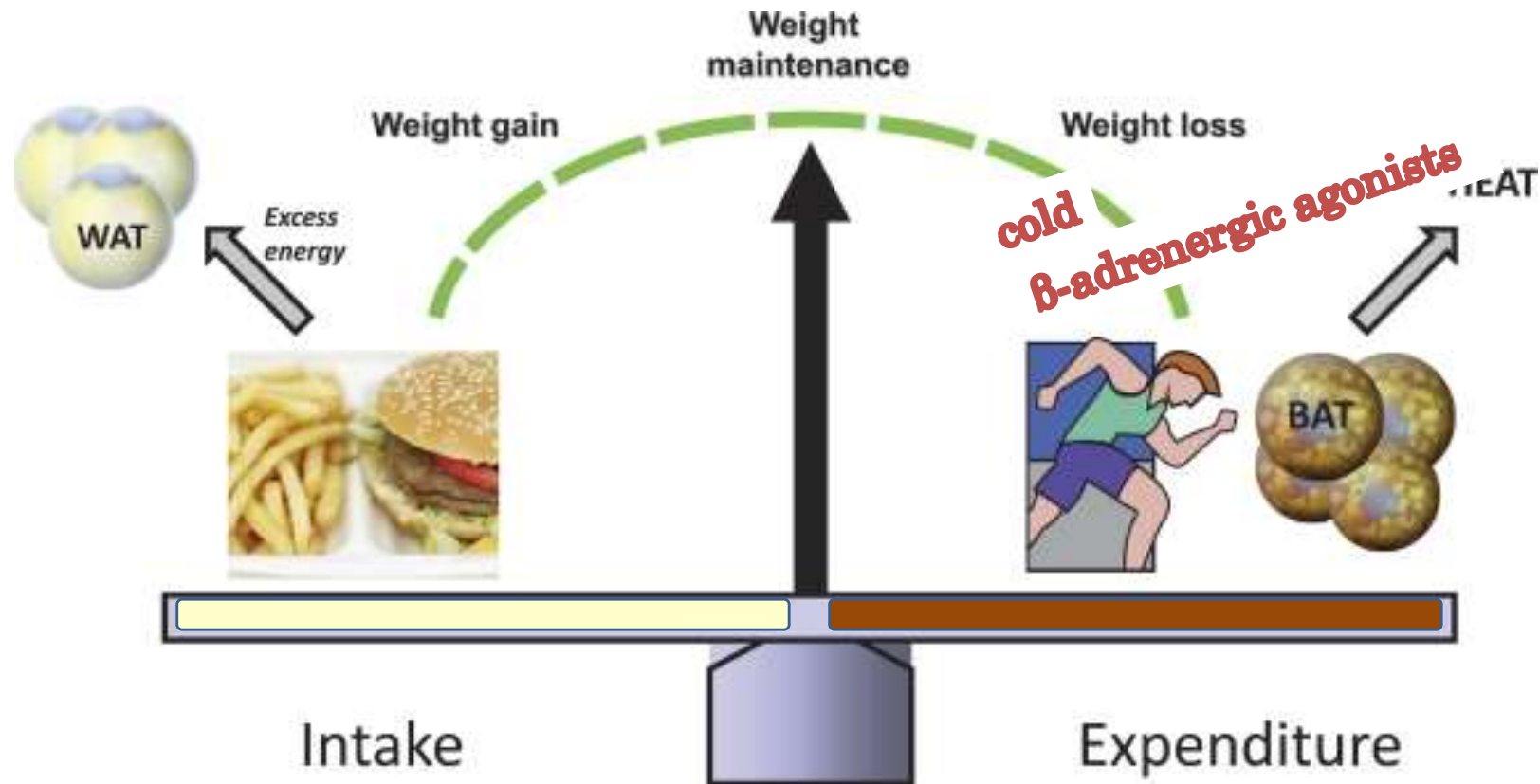
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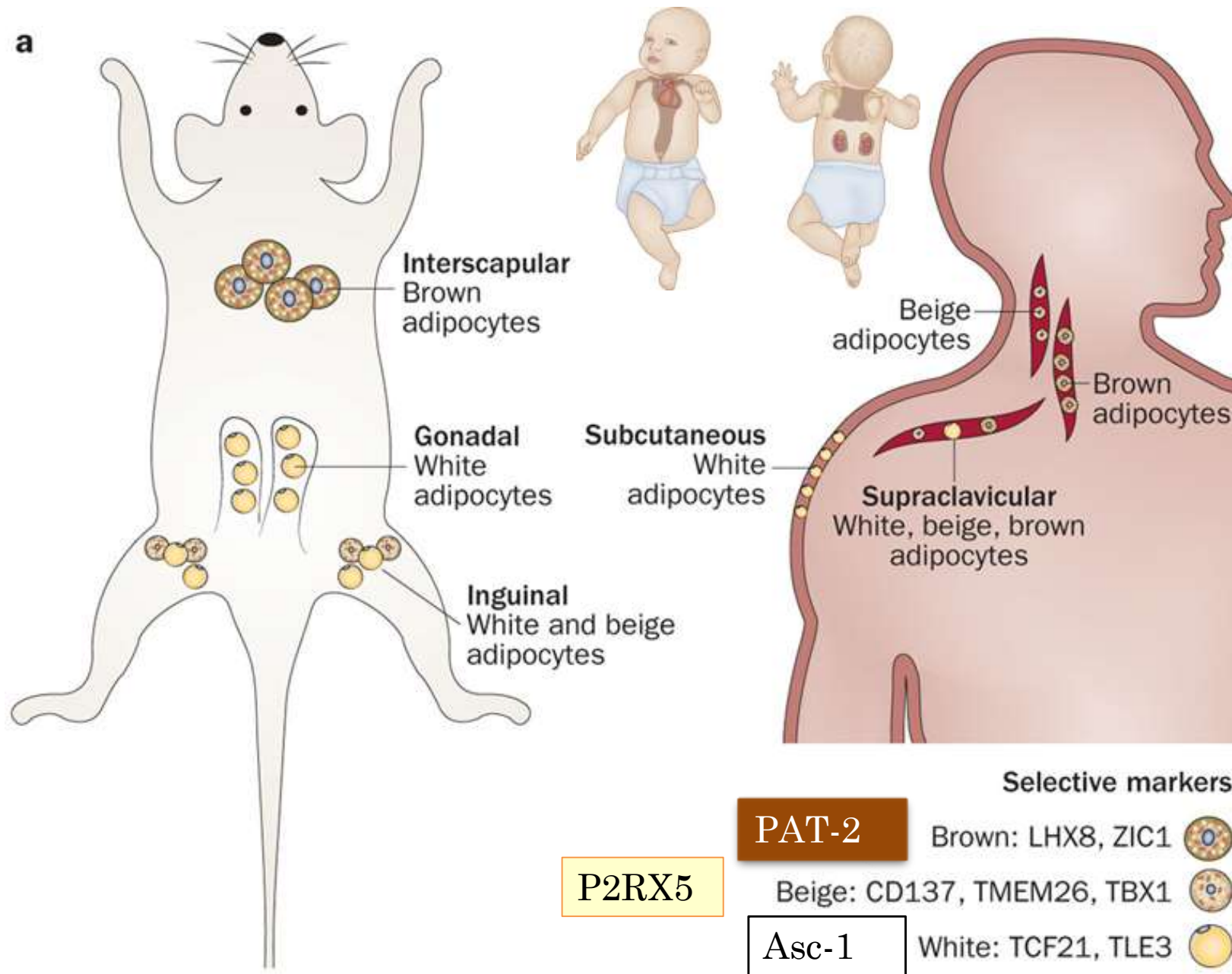






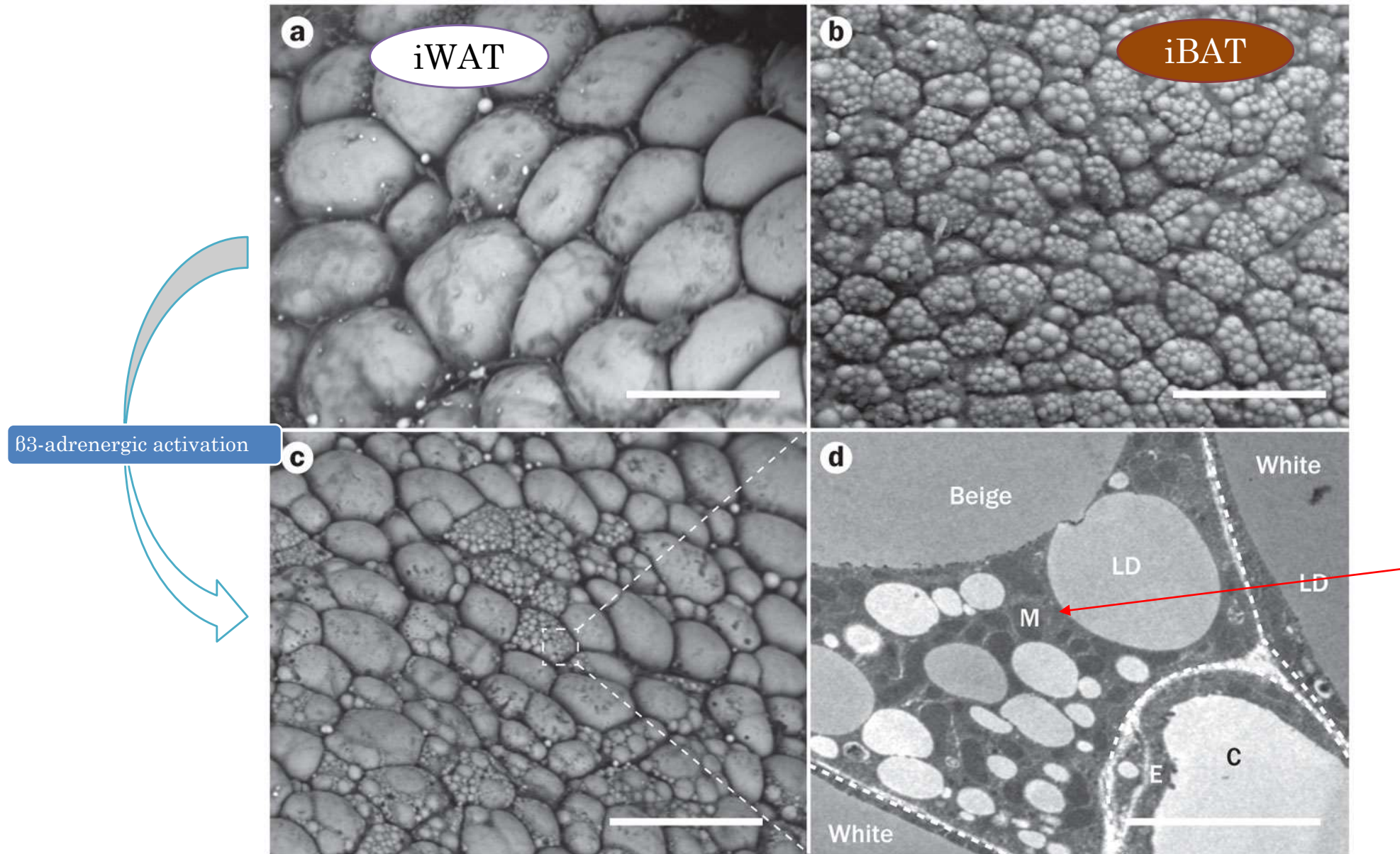
# Let talk about Fat





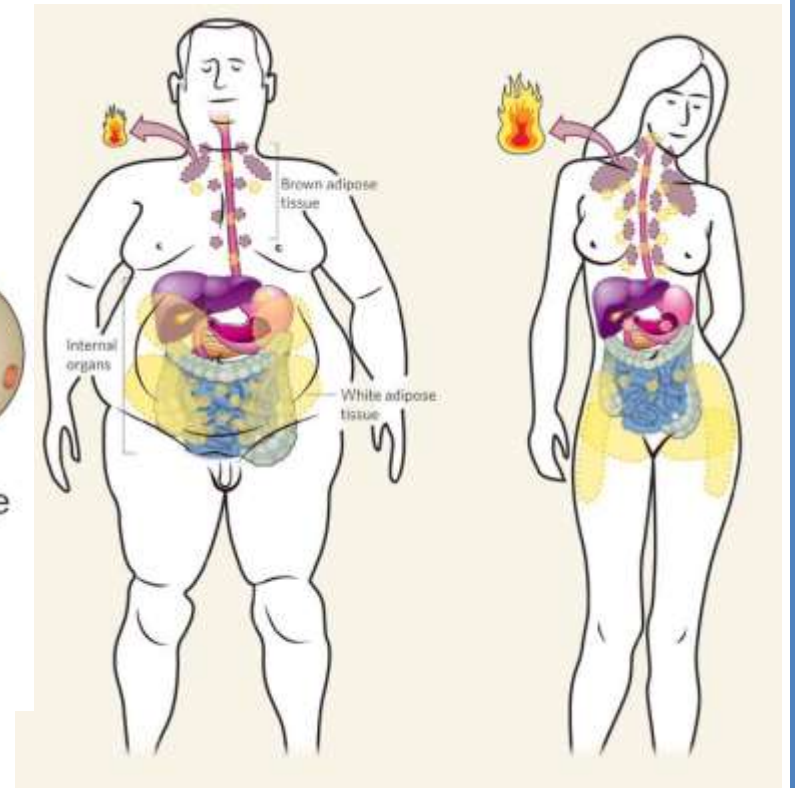
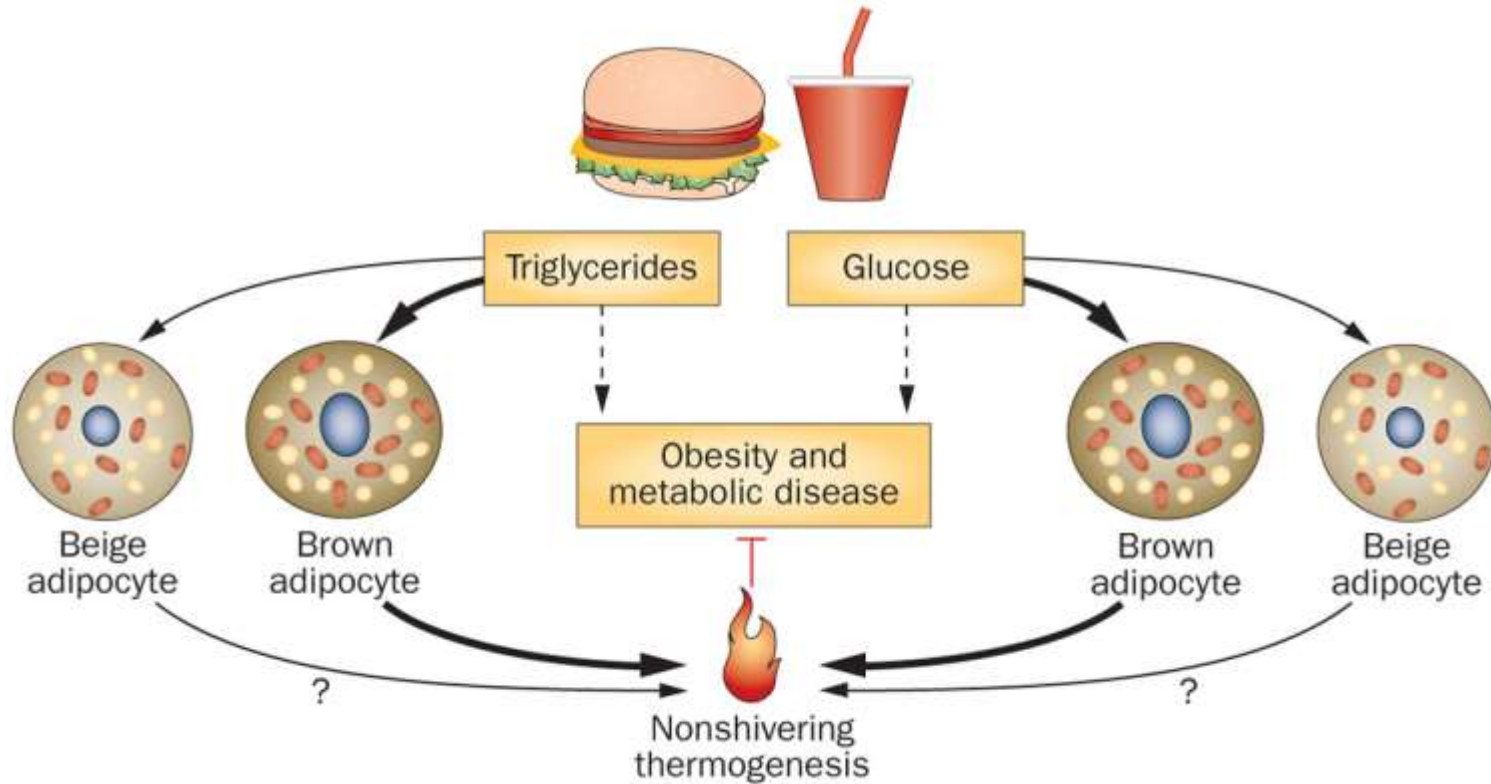
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# Contributions of browning to systemic nutrient handling



# Is Hypoxia to Blame for Bad Fat?

*Physiol Rev.* 2013 Jan;93(1):1-21. doi: 10.1152/physrev.00017.2012.

## Hypoxia and adipose tissue function and dysfunction in obesity.

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#### Abstract

The rise in the incidence of obesity has led to a major interest in the biology of white adipose tissue. The tissue is a major endocrine and signaling organ, with adipocytes, the characteristic cell type, secreting a multiplicity of protein factors, the adipokines. Increases in the secretion of a number of adipokines occur in obesity, underpinning inflammation in white adipose tissue and the development of obesity-associated diseases. There is substantial evidence, particularly from animal studies, that hypoxia develops in adipose tissue as the tissue mass expands, and the reduction in  $Po(2)$  is considered to underlie the inflammatory response. Exposure of white adipocytes to hypoxic conditions in culture induces changes in the expression of >1,000 genes. The secretion of a number of inflammation-related adipokines is upregulated by hypoxia, and there is a switch from oxidative metabolism to anaerobic glycolysis. Glucose utilization is increased in hypoxic adipocytes with corresponding increases in lactate production. Importantly, hypoxia induces insulin resistance in fat cells and leads to the development of adipose tissue fibrosis. Many of the responses of adipocytes to hypoxia are initiated at  $Po(2)$  levels above the normal physiological range for adipose tissue. The other cell types within the tissue also respond to hypoxia, with the differentiation of preadipocytes to adipocytes being inhibited and preadipocytes being transformed into leptin-secreting cells. Overall, hypoxia has pervasive effects on the function of adipocytes and appears to be a key factor in adipose tissue dysfunction in obesity.

Contributes to immune cell immigration and activation which further aggravates adipose tissue fibrosis. Fibrosis is initiated in response to adipocyte hypertrophy in obesity.

**KEYWORDS:** Adipocyte differentiation; Adipose tissue blood flow; Angiogenesis; CAAT/enhancer binding protein (C/EBP); CAAT/enhancer binding protein (C/EBP)-homologous protein (CHOP); Hypoxia-inducible transcription factor-1 (HIF-1) alpha; Inducible nitric oxide synthase (iNOS); Mitochondrial ROS (mtROS); Obesity; Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K); Reactive oxygen species (ROS); Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF)

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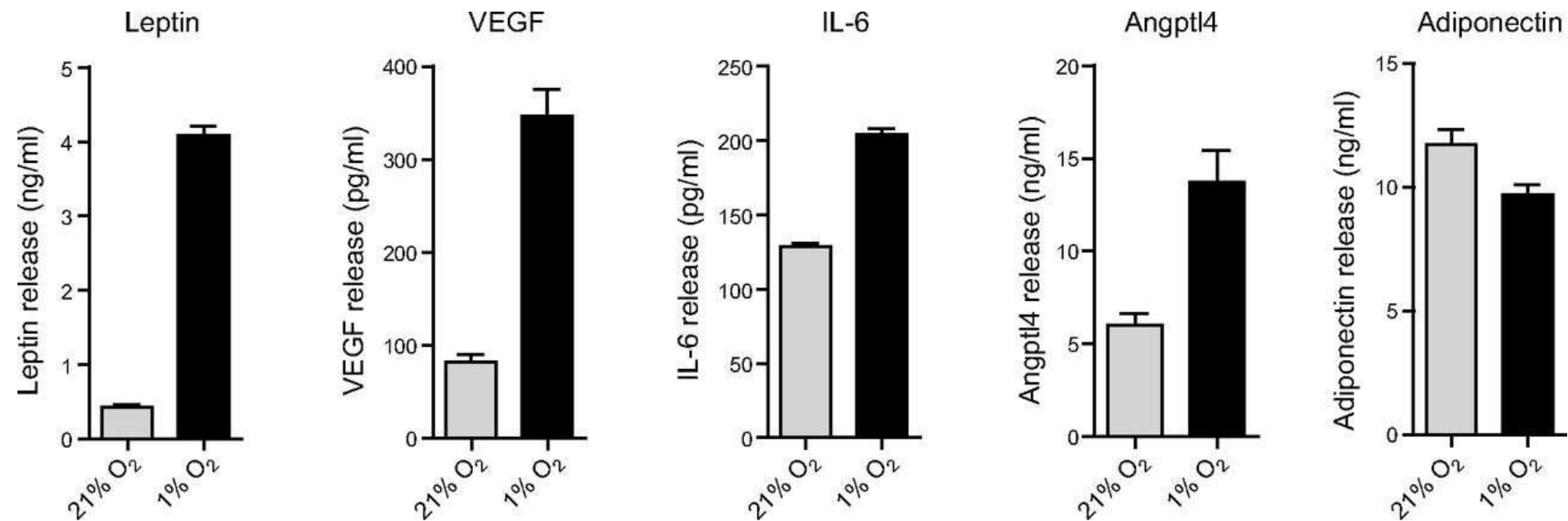
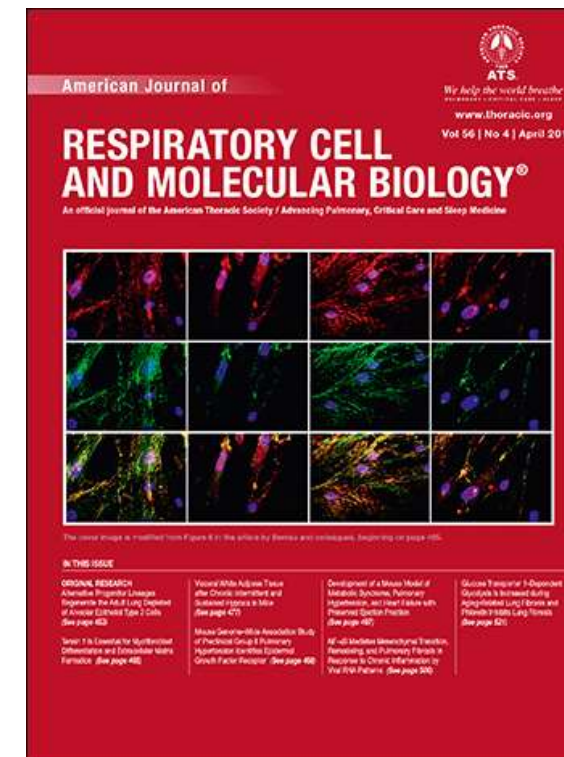
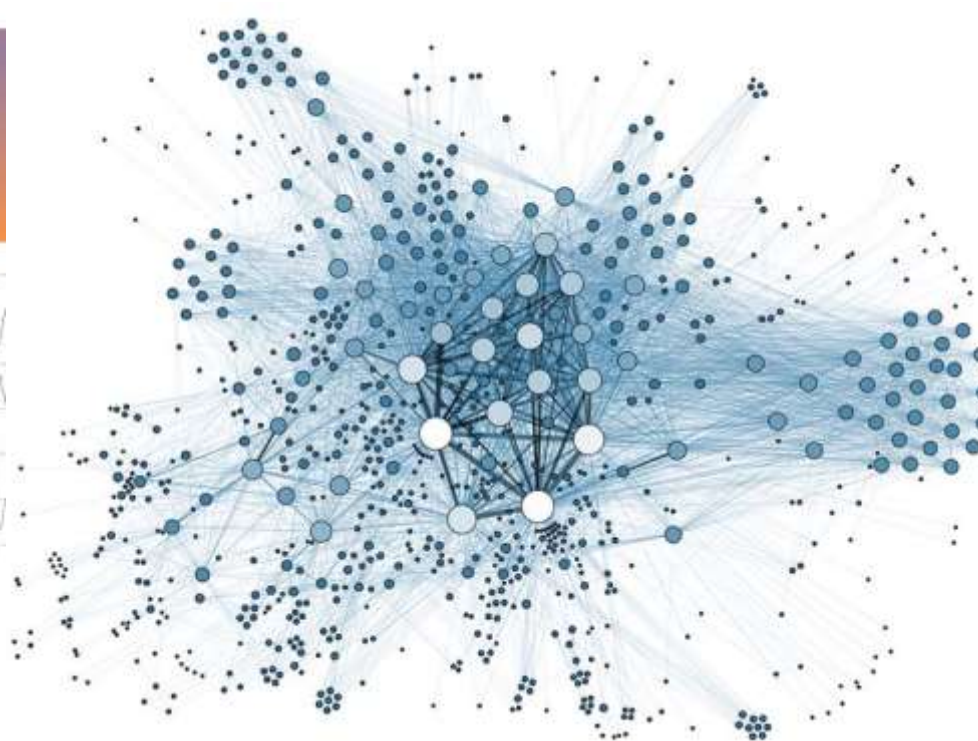
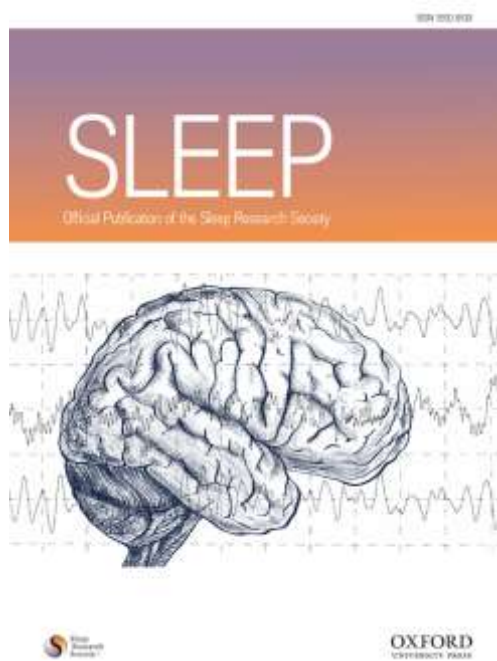


Figure 2. Example of the effects of hypoxia on the secretion of key adipokines by human adipocytes in cell culture. The data are derived from studies in which adipocytes were incubated in either 21% or 1% O<sub>2</sub> for 24 h (54, 188). The results are means  $\pm$  SE (bars; 6 observations per group), and for each adipokine, the difference between the hypoxic and control cells is statistically significant ( $P < 0.01$  or better).

# Is Hypoxia to Blame for Bad Fat?

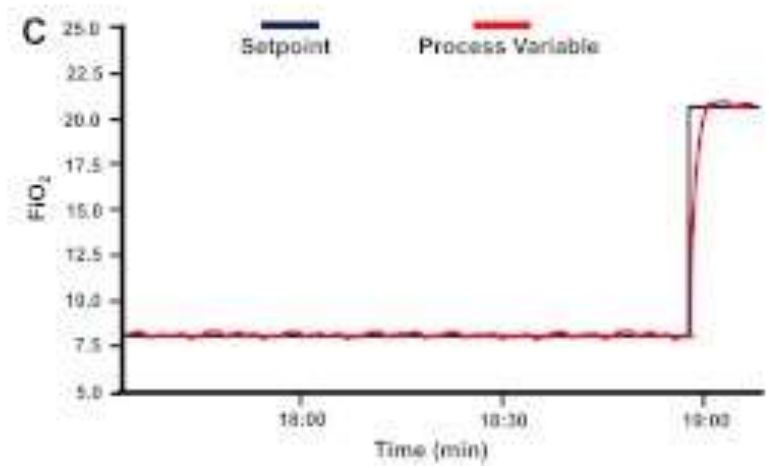
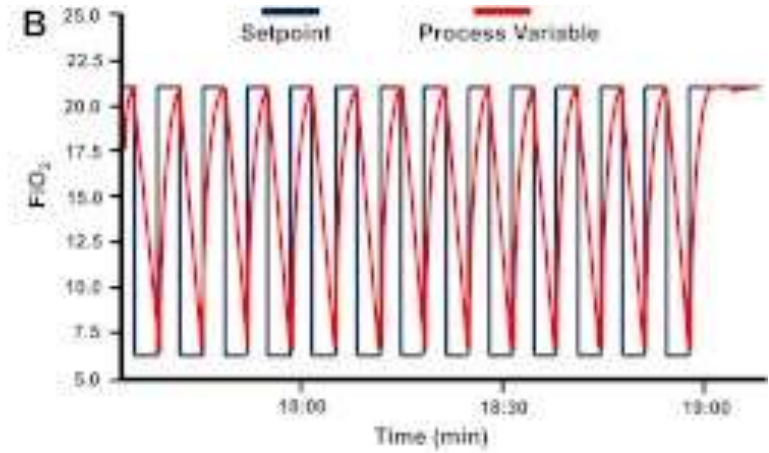
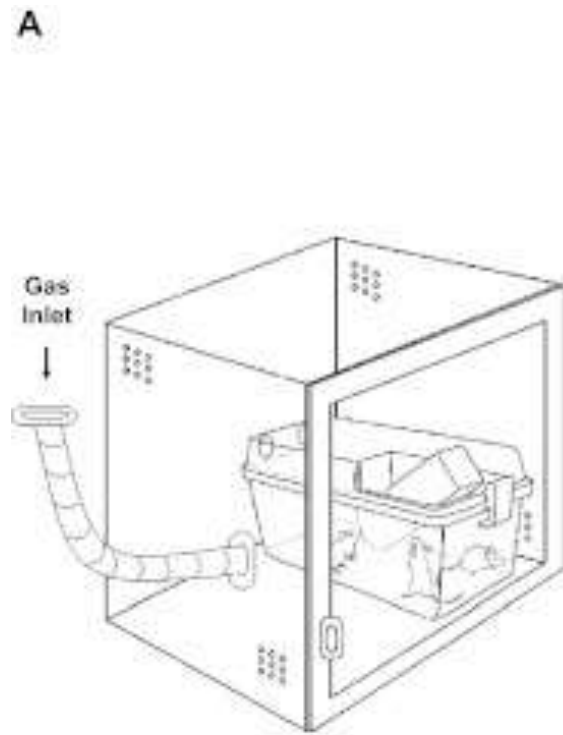
**Yes and No**





# Let's take a look at the data

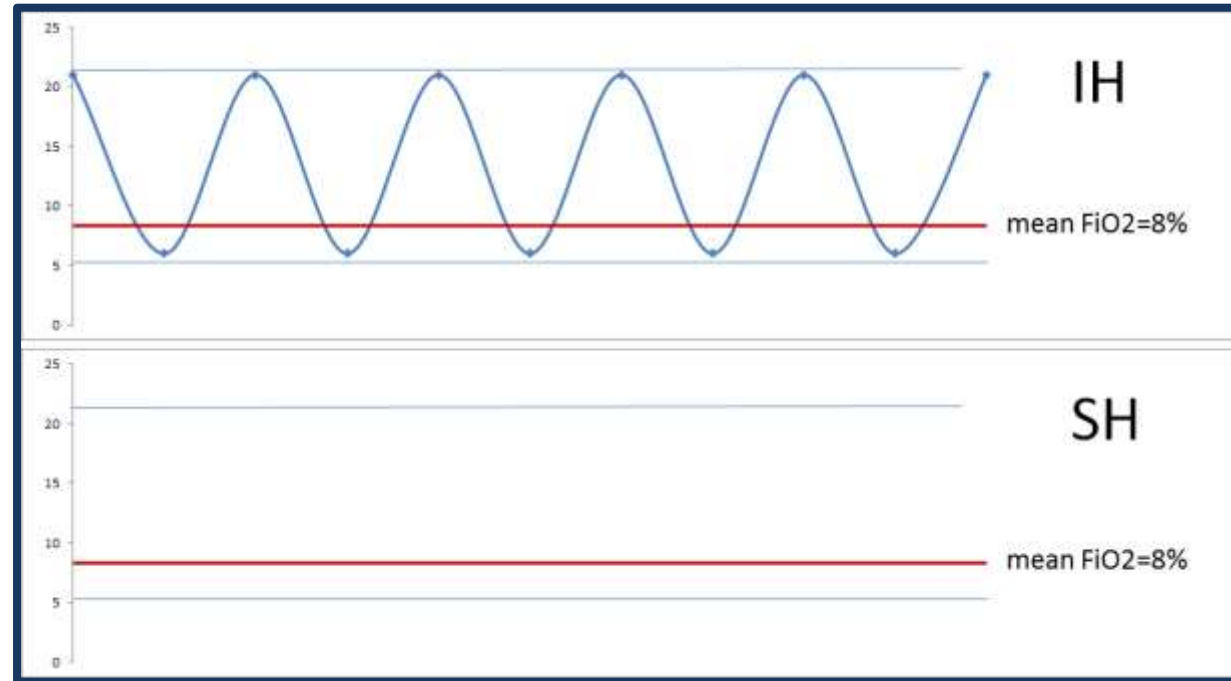
- \* Gileles-Hillel. et al. Prolonged Exposures to Intermittent Hypoxia Promote vWAT Inflammation, Sleep 2017
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Sustained Hypoxia

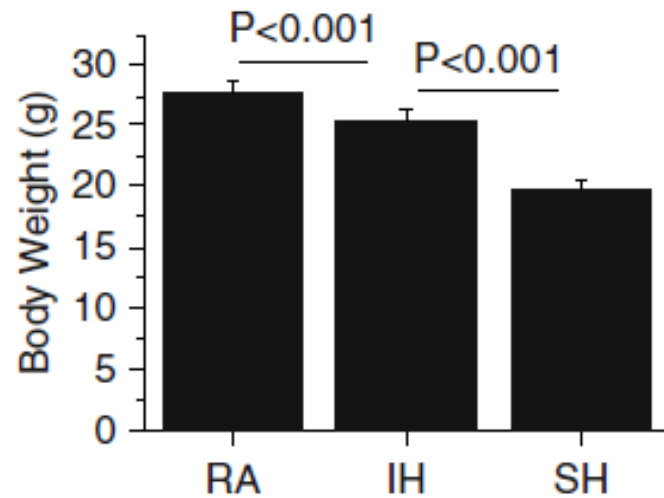
Room Air

Intermittent Hypoxia

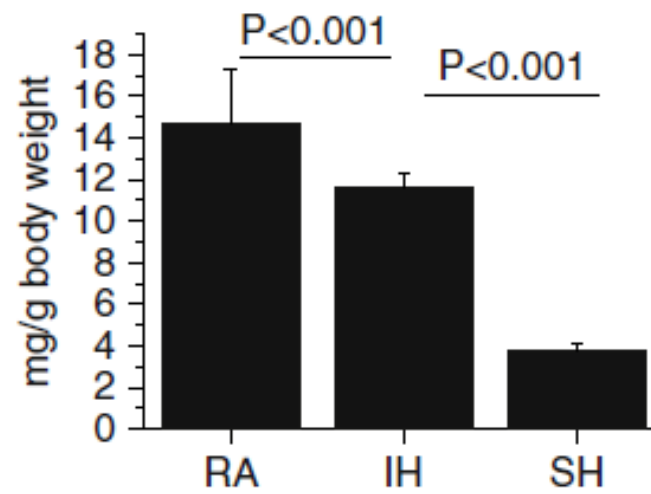


- 8-week old male C57BL/6J mice were exposed to IH ( $F_iO_2$  6.1% alternating 21% every 90s, mean  $F_iO_2$  ~8% for 12-hr/day during the light period), to SH ( $F_iO_2$  8%) or to room air (RA) for 20 weeks.

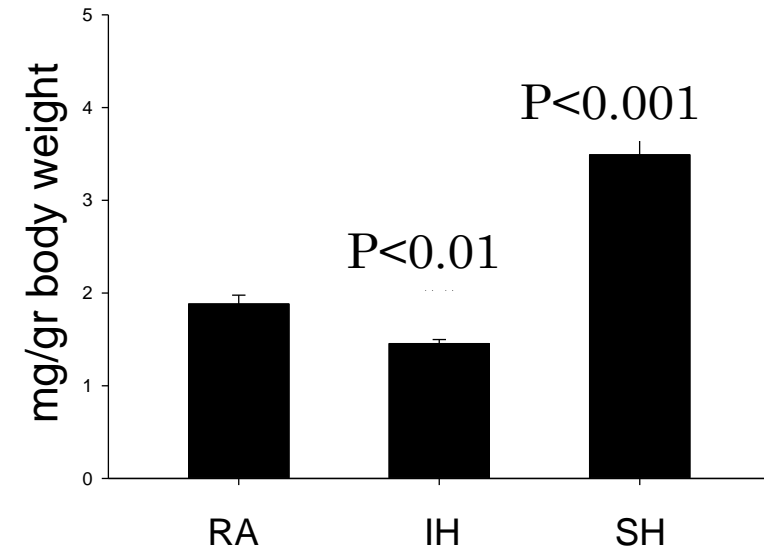
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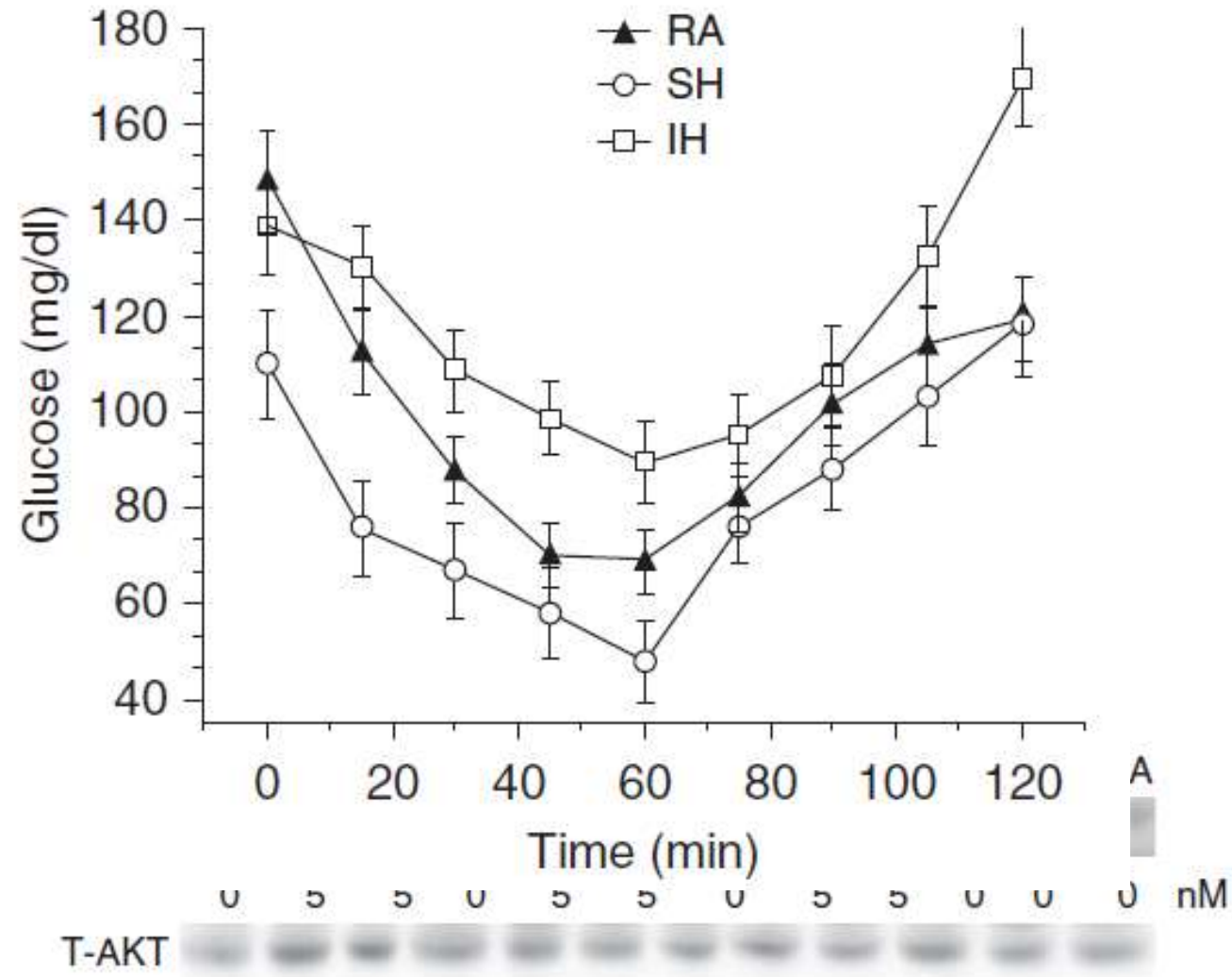


vWAT Amount



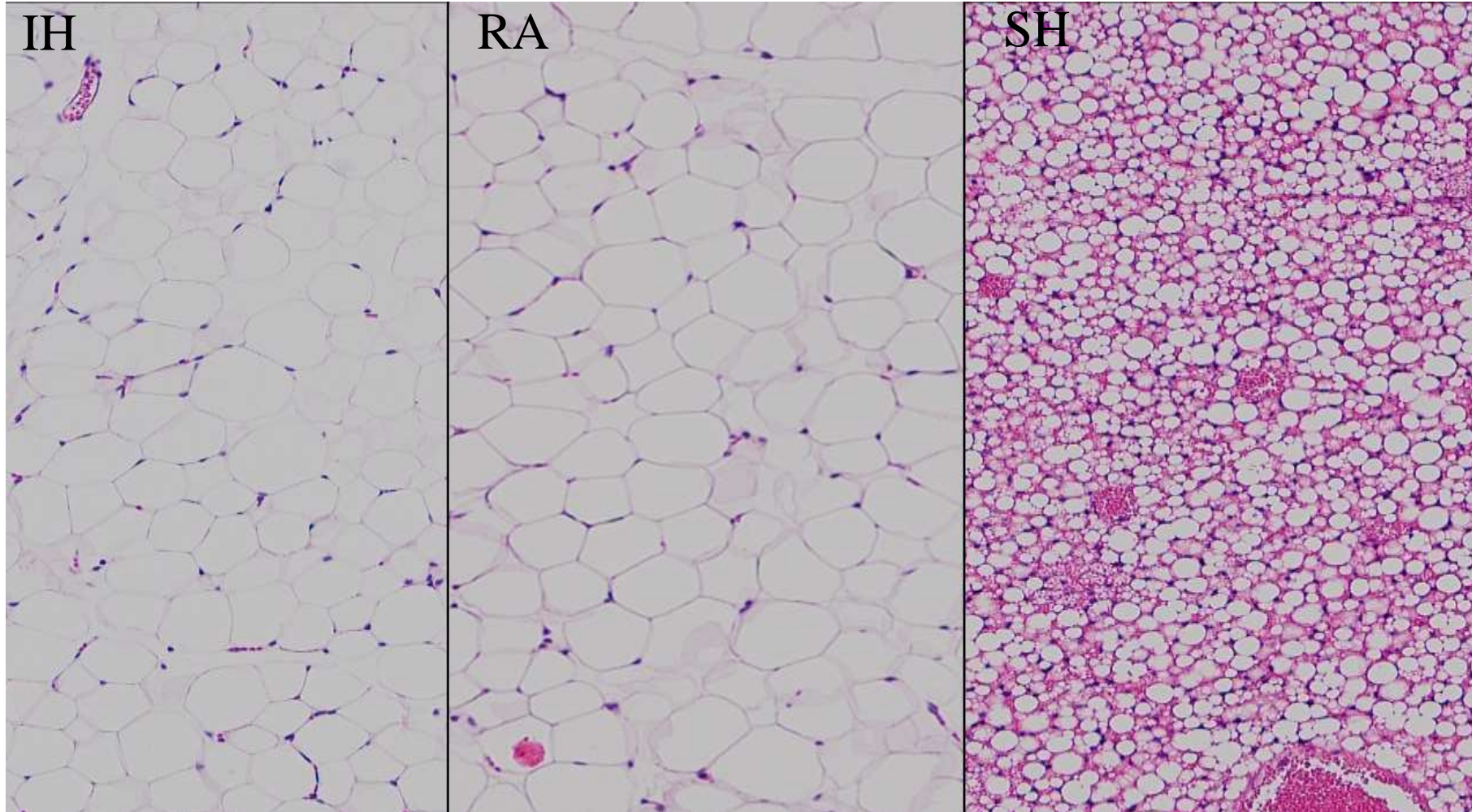
iBAT Amount

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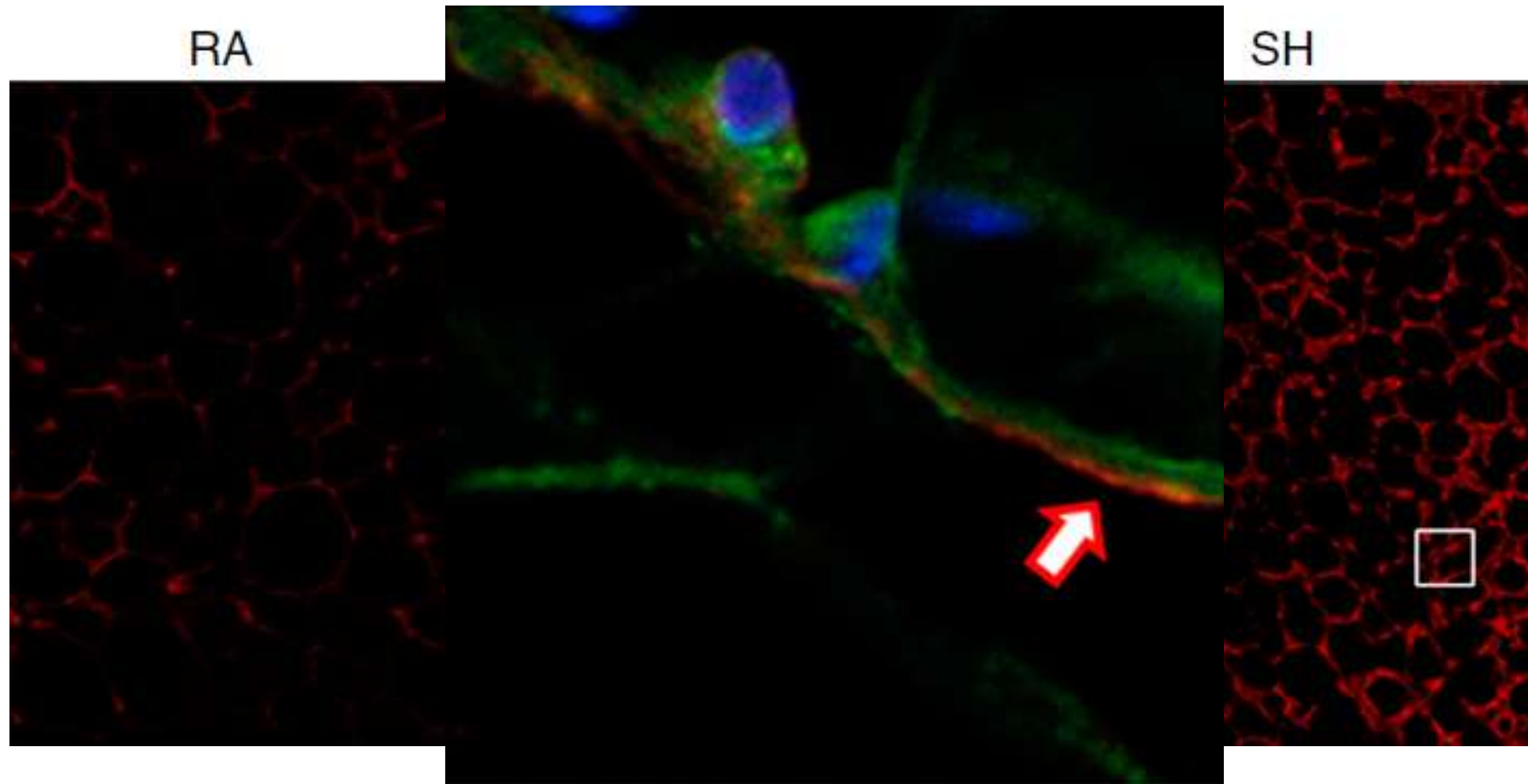




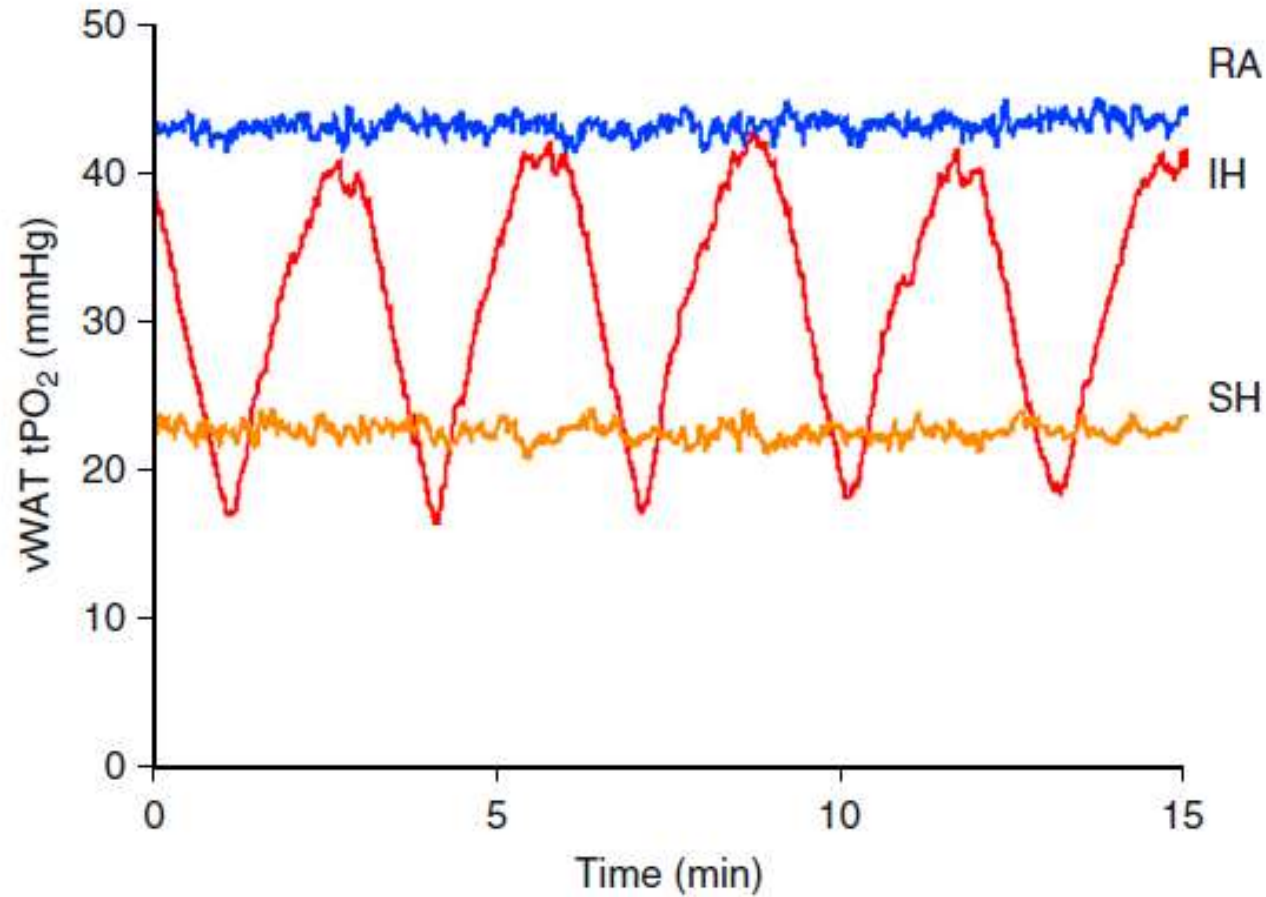
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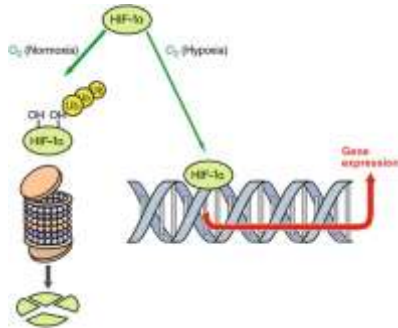
# Vascularity in vWAT



# What does actually happen in the fat?



# HIF1- $\alpha$



[Cell](#), 2014 Jun 5;157(6):1339-52. doi: 10.1016/j.cell.2014.05.012.

## Increased adipocyte O<sub>2</sub> consumption triggers HIF-1 $\alpha$ , causing inflammation and insulin resistance in obesity.

[Lee YS<sup>1</sup>](#), [Kim JW<sup>2</sup>](#), [Osborne O<sup>1</sup>](#), [Oh DY<sup>1</sup>](#), [Sasik R<sup>1</sup>](#), [Schenk S<sup>3</sup>](#), [Chen A<sup>1</sup>](#), [Chung H<sup>1</sup>](#), [Murphy A<sup>4</sup>](#), [Watkins SM<sup>5</sup>](#), [Quehenberger O<sup>1</sup>](#), [Johnson RS<sup>6</sup>](#), [Olefsky JA<sup>1</sup>](#)

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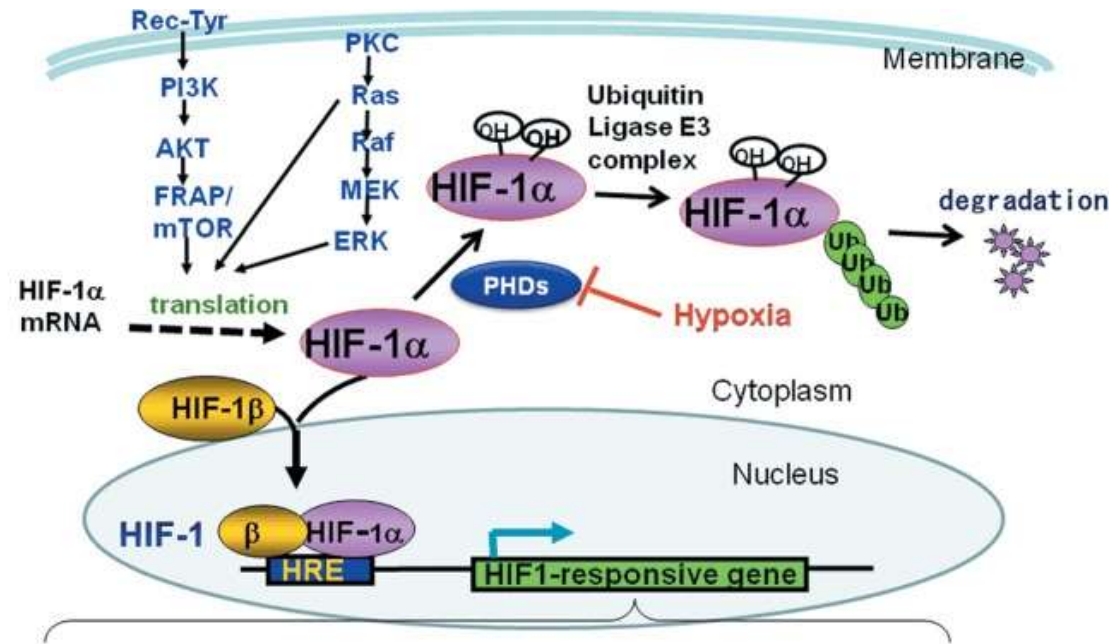
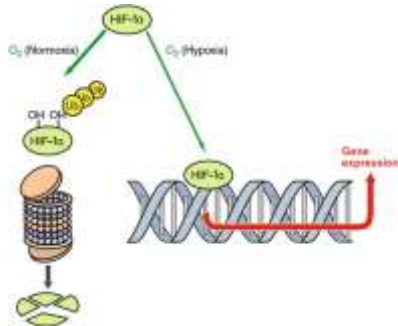
Adipose tissue hypoxia and inflammation have been causally implicated in obesity-induced insulin resistance. Here, we report that, early in the course of high-fat diet (HFD) feeding and obesity, adipocyte respiration becomes uncoupled, leading to increased oxygen consumption and a state of relative adipocyte hypoxia. These events are sufficient to trigger HIF-1 $\alpha$  induction, setting off the chronic adipose tissue inflammatory response characteristic of obesity. At the molecular level, these events involve saturated fatty acid stimulation of the adenine nucleotide translocase 2 (ANT2), an inner mitochondrial membrane protein, which leads to the uncoupled respiratory state. Genetic or pharmacologic inhibition of either ANT2 or HIF-1 $\alpha$  can prevent or reverse these pathophysiologic events, restoring a state of insulin sensitivity and glucose tolerance. These results reveal the sequential series of events in obesity-induced inflammation and insulin resistance.

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# HIF1- $\alpha$



**Metabolic adaptation**  
ALDA, ENO1, GAPDH,  
GLUT1, GLUT3, GPI,  
HK1, HK2, LDHA,  
PFKFB3, PFKL, PGK1,  
PGM, TP1

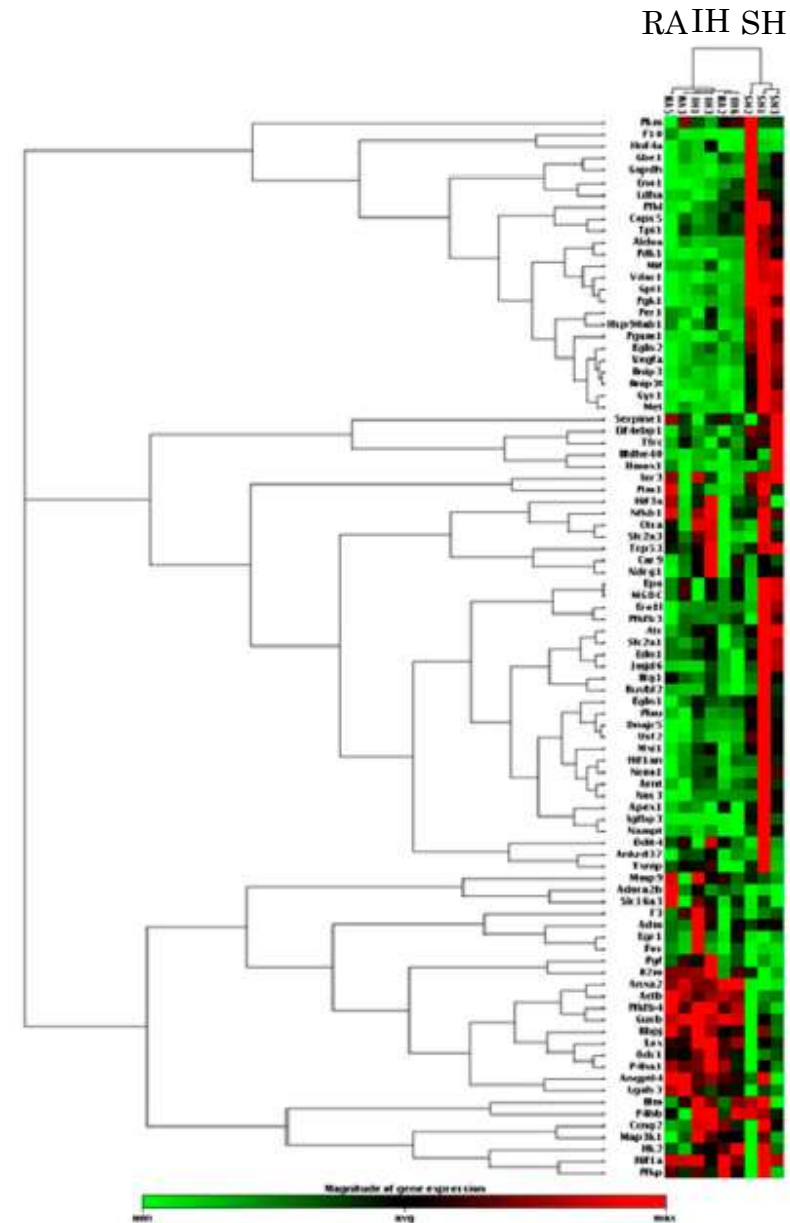
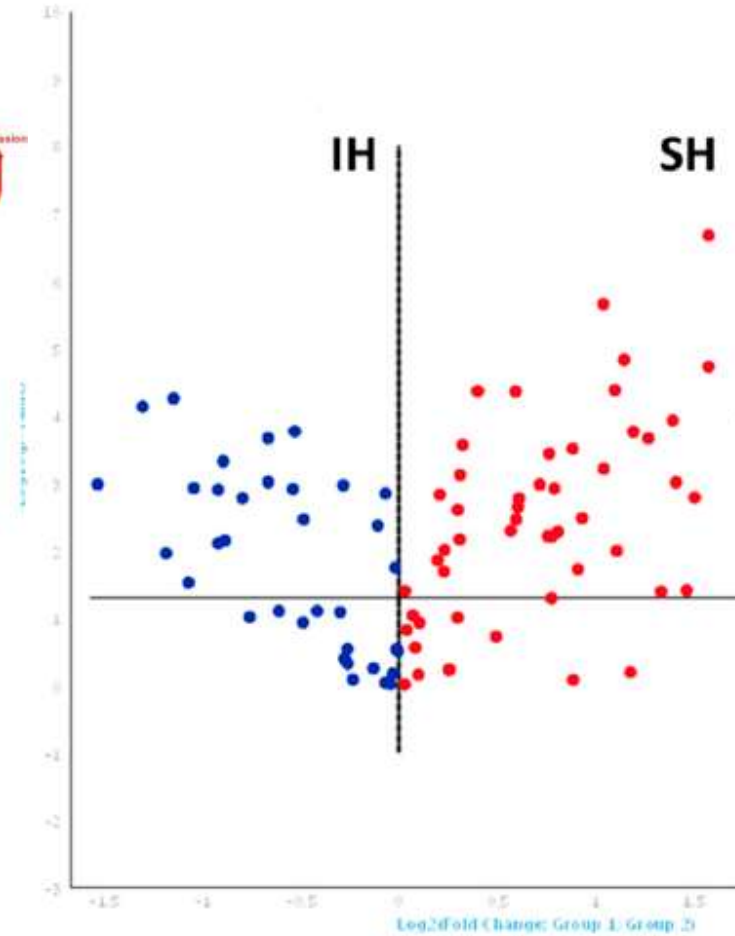
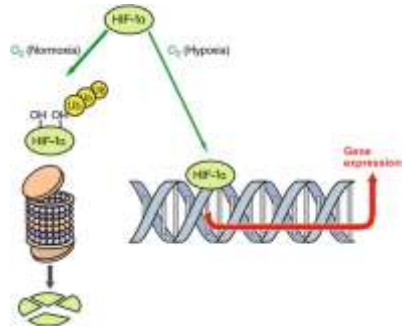
**Apoptosis  
Resistance**  
ADM, EPO,  
ET1, IGF2,  
NOS2, TGFA

**Angiogenesis**  
EG-VEGF,  
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LEP, TGF-B3,  
VEGF, VEGFR2

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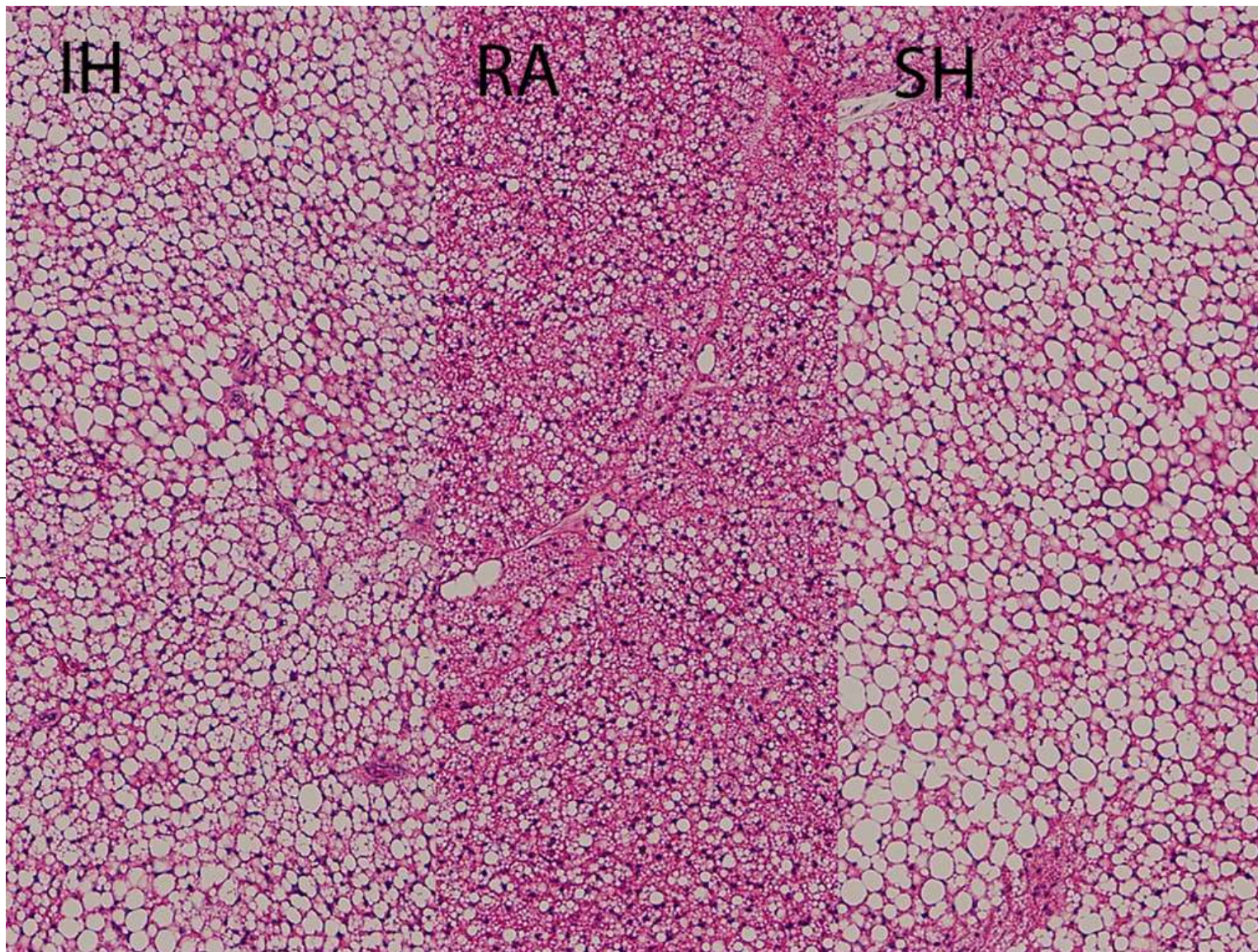
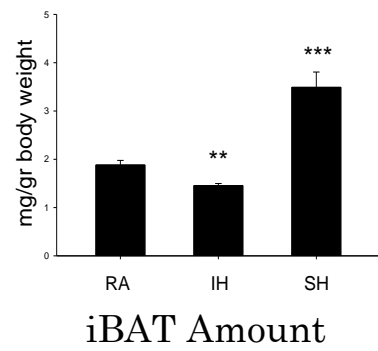


# HIF1- $\alpha$



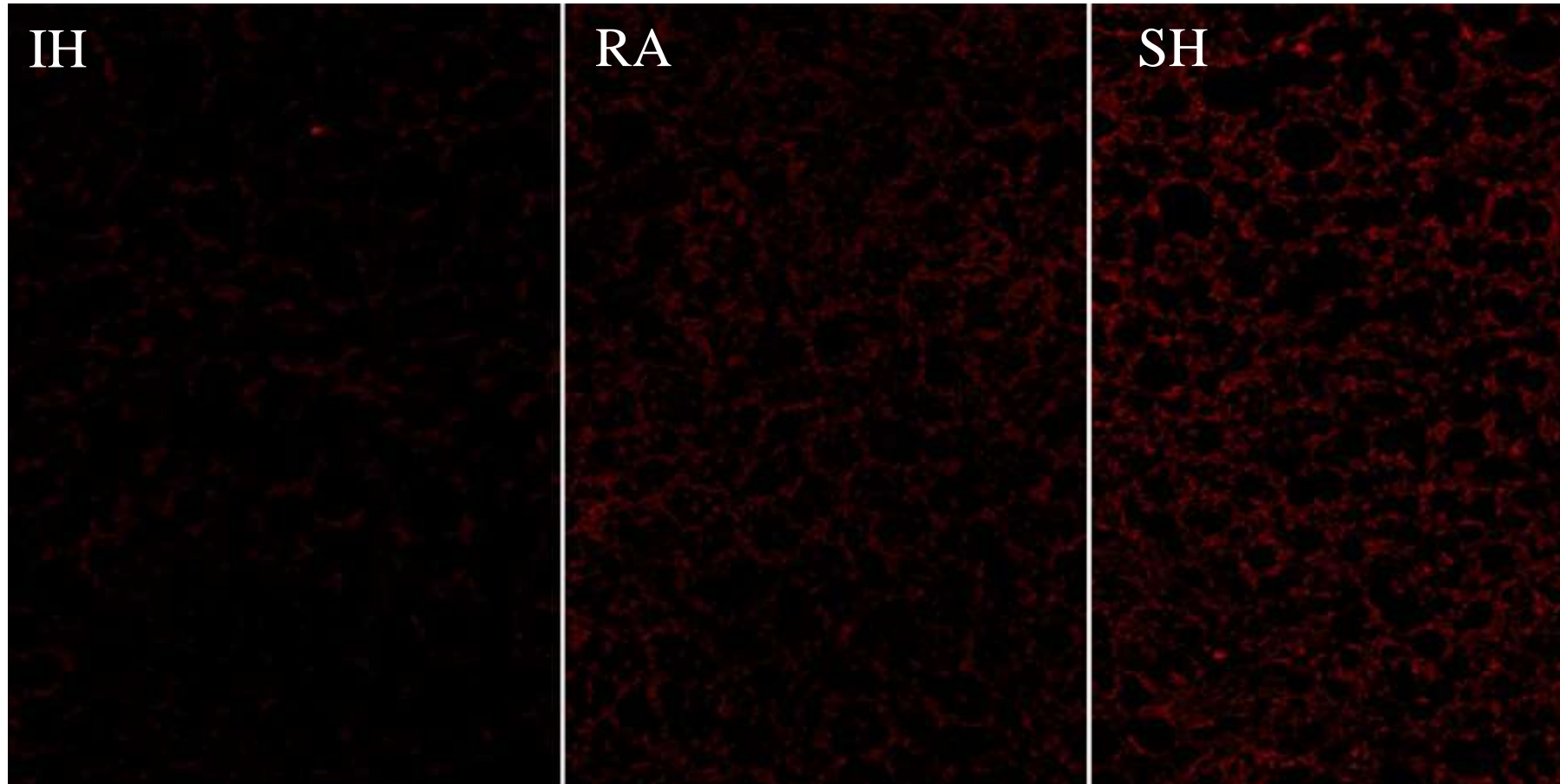
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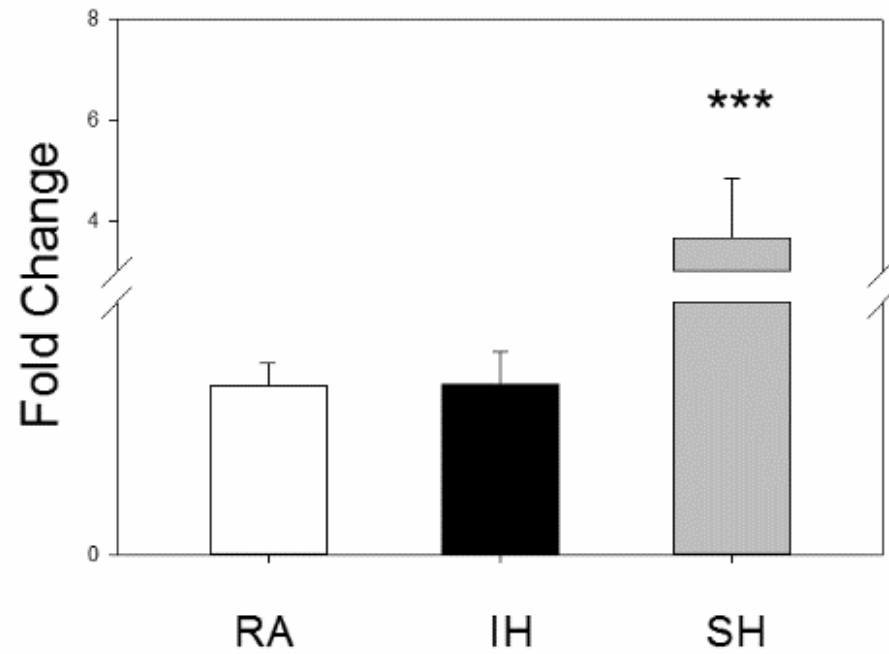


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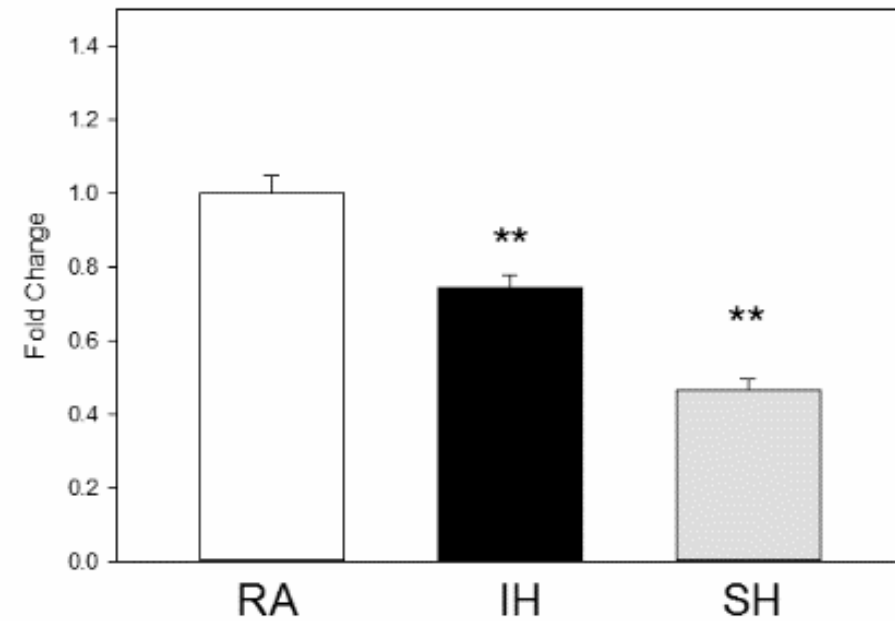


# White or Brown?

ASC-1 (white)

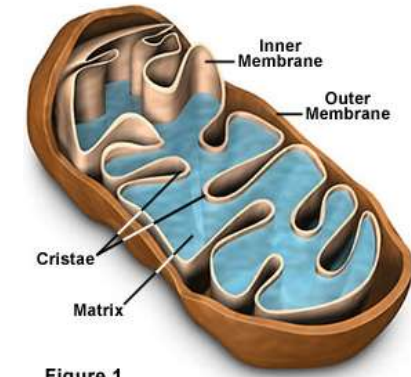


P2XR5 (Brown)

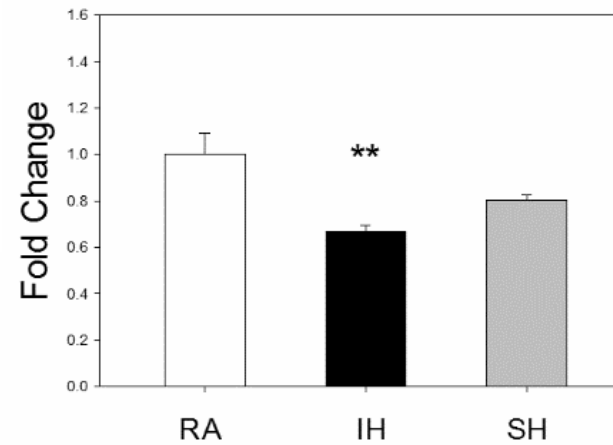




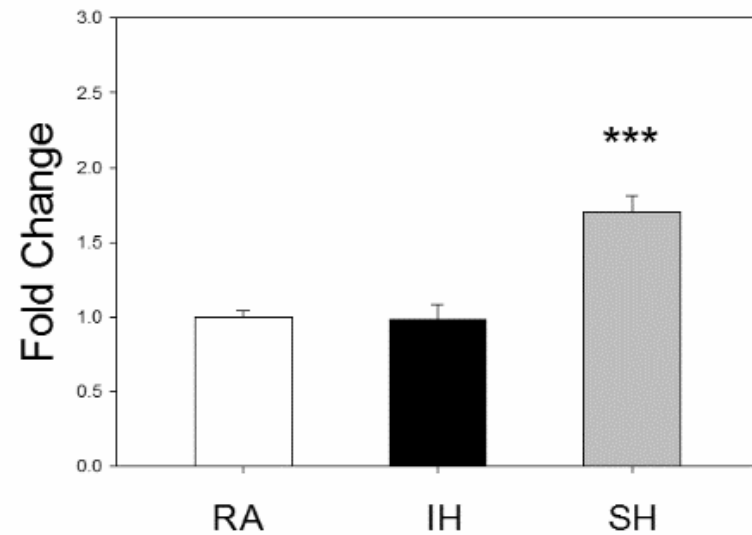
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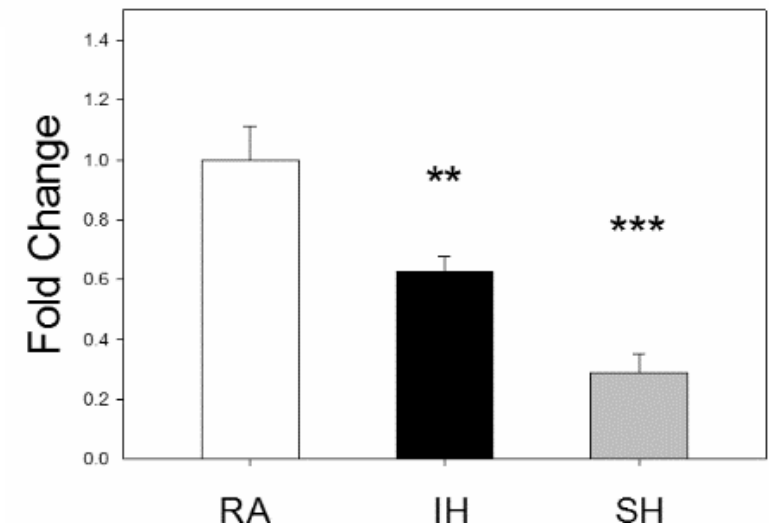
TFAM



UCP2



UCP1

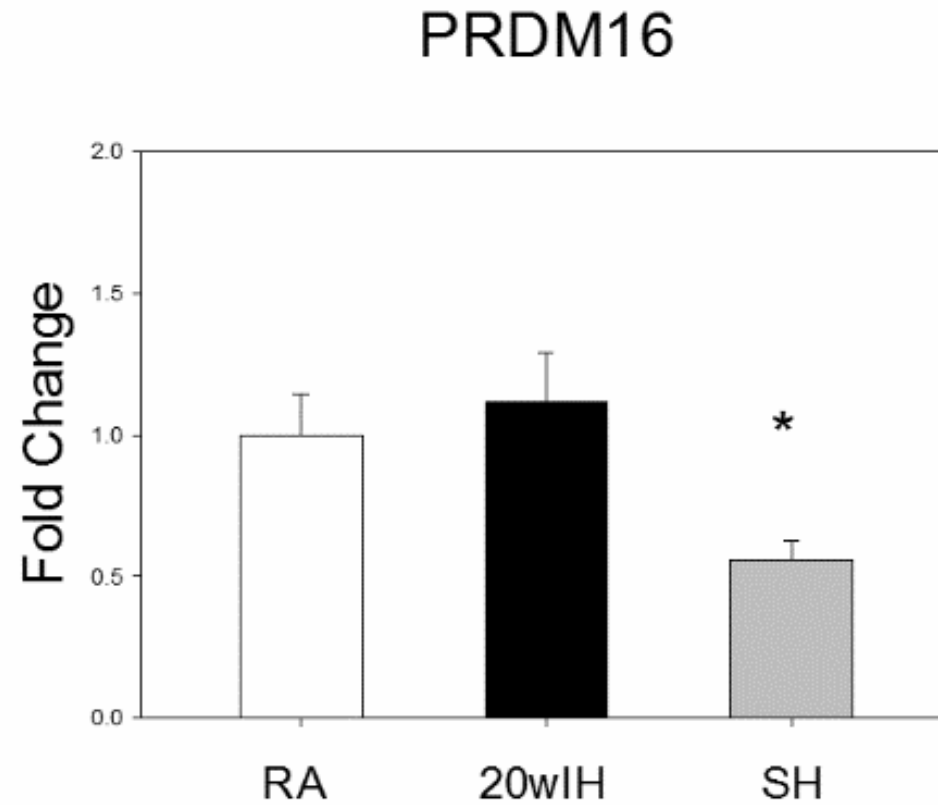


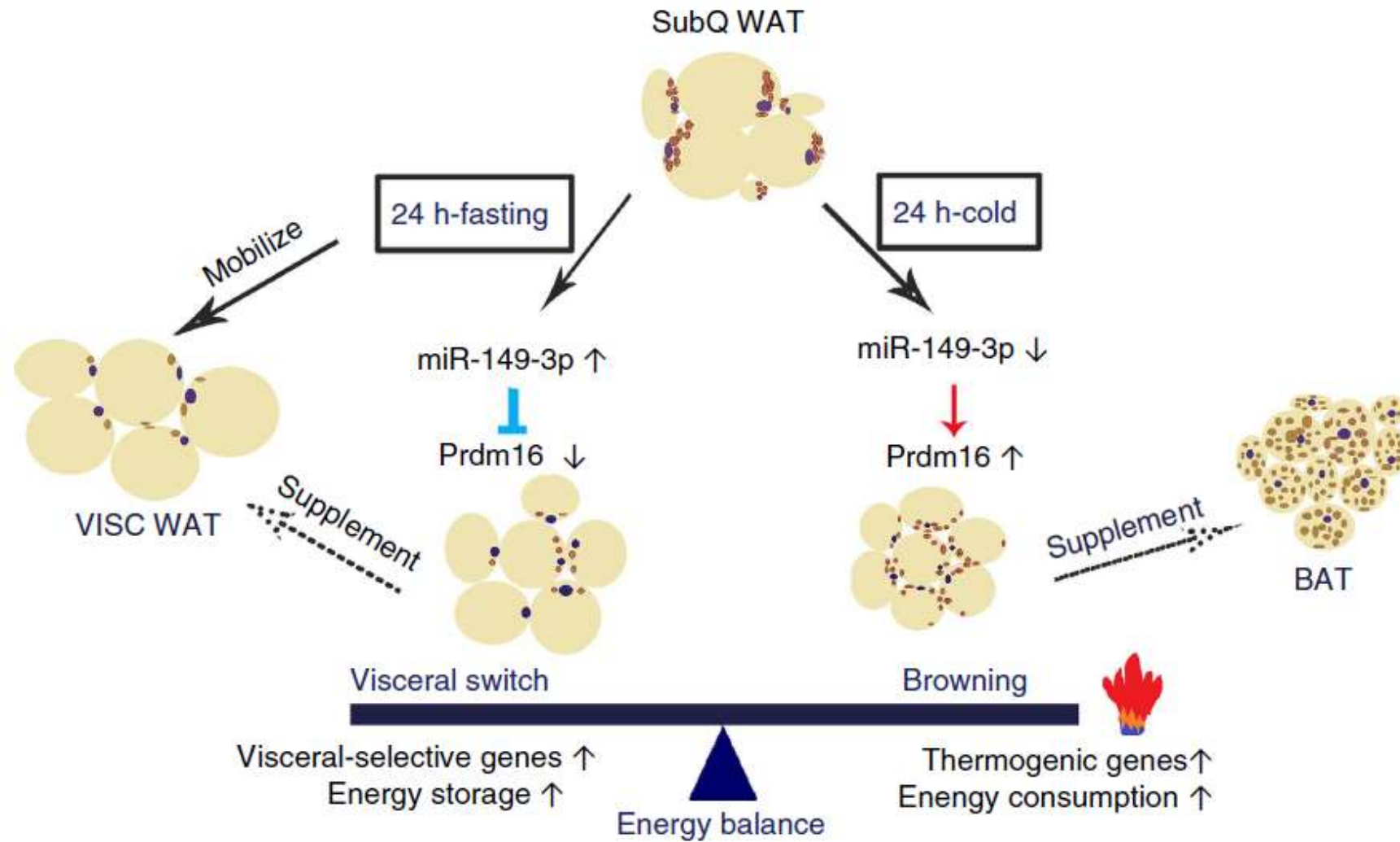
# Sustained? Intermittent?

## White? Brown?

		SH	IH
Body Weight		---	--
Insulin sensitivity		IS	IR
WAT	Amount	---	-
	White vs Brown	Br	W
	Vascularity	+++	--
BAT	Amount	+++	-
	White vs Brown	W	~
	Vascularity	+	--

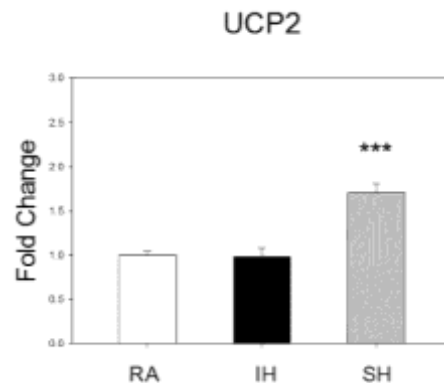
# What is happening here?






# What about the UCPs?


Decreased UCP2 expression has been associated with increased risk of obesity, decreased insulin level, and type 2 diabetes in humans



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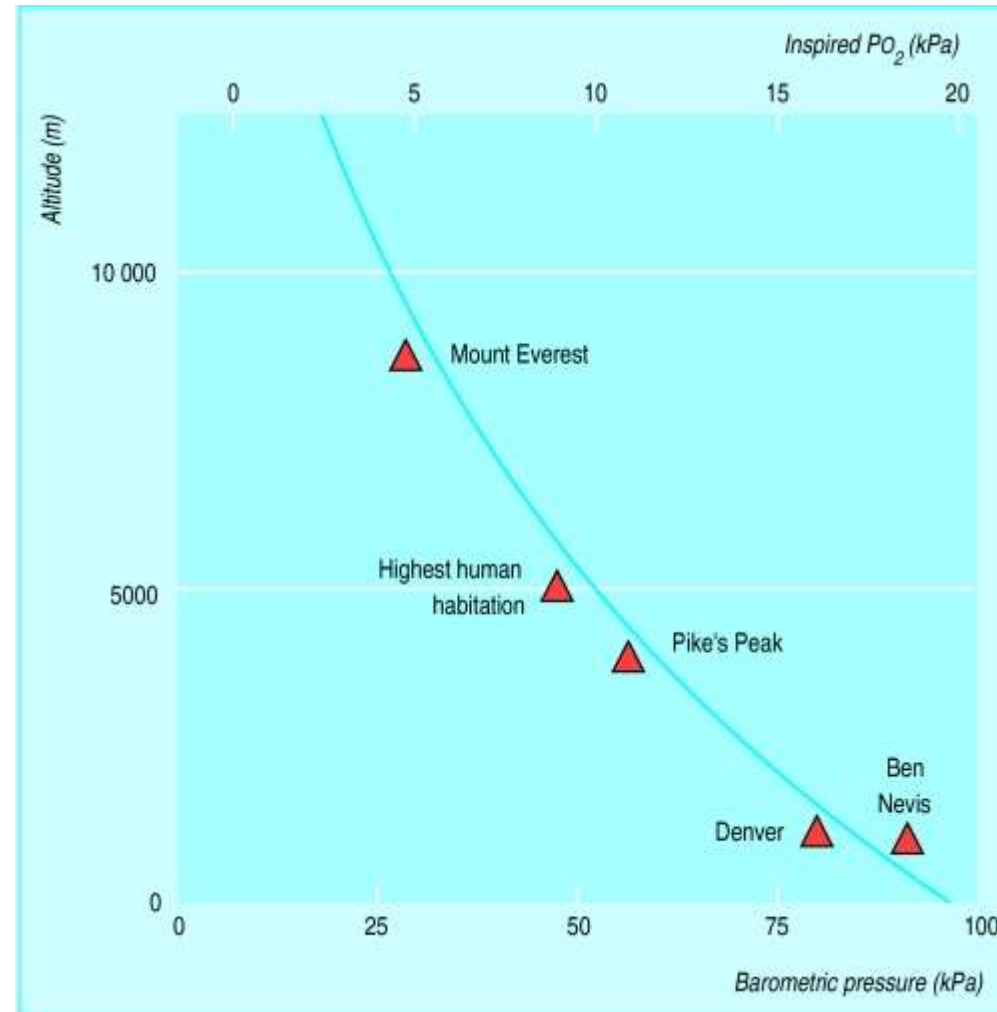
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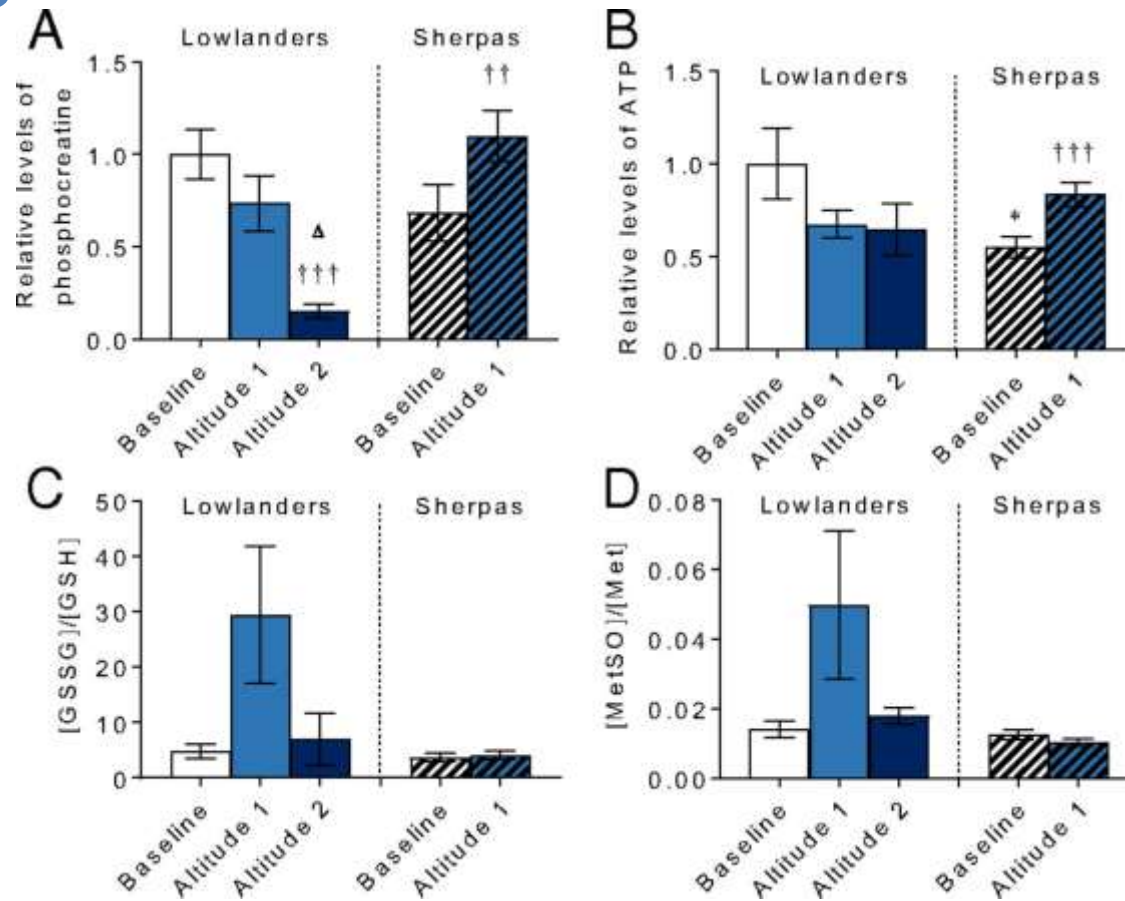
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# Back to Tibet



# Muscle energetics and oxidative stress in Highland Dwellers



lower fatty acid  $\beta$ -oxidation and improved mitochondrial coupling compared with Lowlanders, with a possible compensatory increase in fatty acid  $\omega$ -oxidation

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# Questions?



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