

## Obesity and Fat Metabolism in HIV-Infected Individuals



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## MEASURING Endpoints and Outcomes

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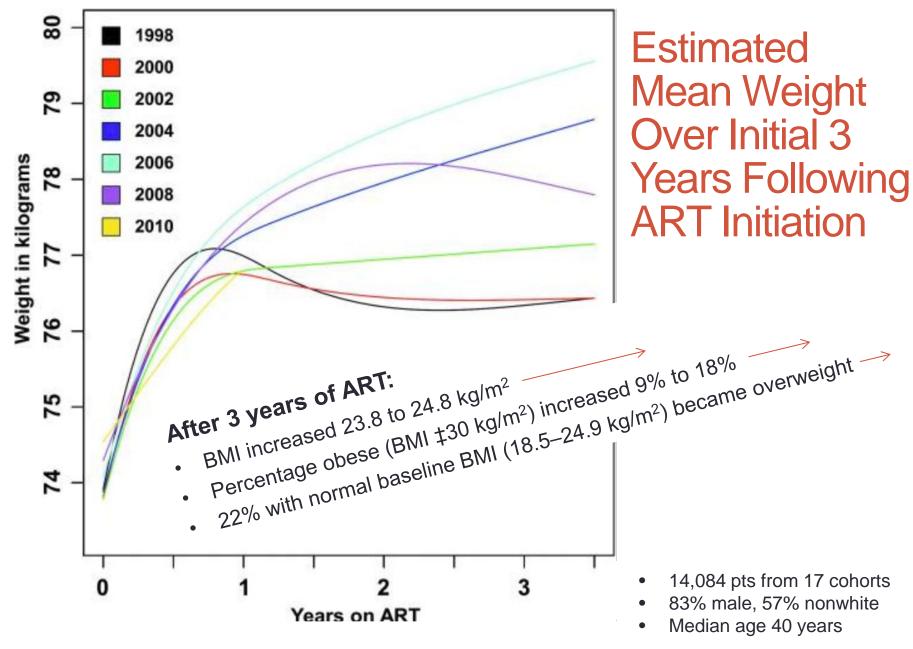


## Benefits and Drawbacks of cART

Combination antiretroviral therapy (cART)

- Increases survival in HIV infected (HIV+) people
- Increases prevalence of obesity, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes (T2D), and cardiovascular disease (CVD), particularly in women
- Adverse metabolic effects of obesity are especially pertinent in HIV, because HIV+ people already have a 2–4 fold increased risk of developing T2D and CVD than BMI-matched, HIV seronegative (HIV-) people
  - Although obesity increases the risk of T2D in people with HIV, increased BMI does not increase the risk of CVD events







Does HIV infection prevent the metabolic benefits of lifestyle change and/or moderate, dietinduced weight loss in men and women?

What evidence is there in the literature to date?
What outcomes were measured?

## Measures of Metabolic Risk

- Body Mass Index, WC and Body Composition (DEXA scan) visceral and subcutaneous compartments MRI
- NCEP ATP III criteria for Metabolic Syndrome: any three of the five criteria:
- WC > 40 (men) > 35 inches (women)
- Fasting glucose > 100 mg/dl
- TG > 150 mg/dl
- HDL cholesterol < 40 (men) < 50 mg/dl (women)</li>
- BP > 130 mmHg systolic or > 85 mmHg diastolic
- Insulin Sensitivity:
- HOMA-IR
- Oral Glucose Tolerance Test 75 gm
- FS IVGTT
- 2 stage hyperinsulinemic euglycemic clamp
- Inflammation: serum hs CRP, IL-6, TNF
- Inflammation: adipose tissue mRNA gene expression



Does HIV infection prevent the metabolic benefits of moderate, diet-induced weight loss in women?



- 18 HIV-infected women with BMI
   30 kg/m² completed a 12-week weight loss program
- Low-calorie diet in combination with a supervised exercise program

#### RESULTS at follow-up

- 7% weight loss and fat mass loss (DEXA)
- Improvements in strength, fitness, and QOL
- No improvement in fasting glucose, insulin, or insulin sensitivity by fsIVGTT
- No change in fasting lipids, tissue plasminogen activator (PAI), or PAI-1
- No significant change in CD4 count or HIV viral load



Does HIV infection prevent the metabolic benefits of moderate supervised exercise in men and women

## Yes

Supervised 4 day per week exercise program in 92 men/women for 3 months with no control group:

- Lifestyle therapy (exercise alone) in patients with HIV infection resulted in a decrease in waist circumference without a change in body weight
- Increase in muscle strength and decrease in diastolic blood pressure
- Failed to show any other beneficial metabolic benefits – no change in lipids, hs CRP, systolic BP



Does HIV infection prevent the metabolic benefits of moderate. diet-induced weight loss men/women DPP style lifestyle program versus control arm for 6 months in 34 subjects with HIV and metabolic syndrome:

- Lifestyle therapy in patients with HIV infection resulted in a decrease in waist circumference without a change in body weight
- Systolic blood pressure and HbA1c decreased; no change in HOMA
- Lipid levels DID NOT improve, however

## Yes



## Does HIV infection prevent the metabolic benefits of moderate. diet-induced weight loss in women?

## No

- 20 women who were obese and HIV+ (age 37±2 yrs, BMI 43.8±2.9 kg/m² 17 AA, 3 Caucasian)
- 8 women who were obese and HIV-40±1 yrs, BMI 39±2 kg/m², 6 AA, 2 Caucasian)
- 1000 kcal/day deficit and dietary counseling
- 2 stage hyperinsulinemic euglycemic clamp with tracer glucose and palmitate infusions
- Adipose tissue biopsies

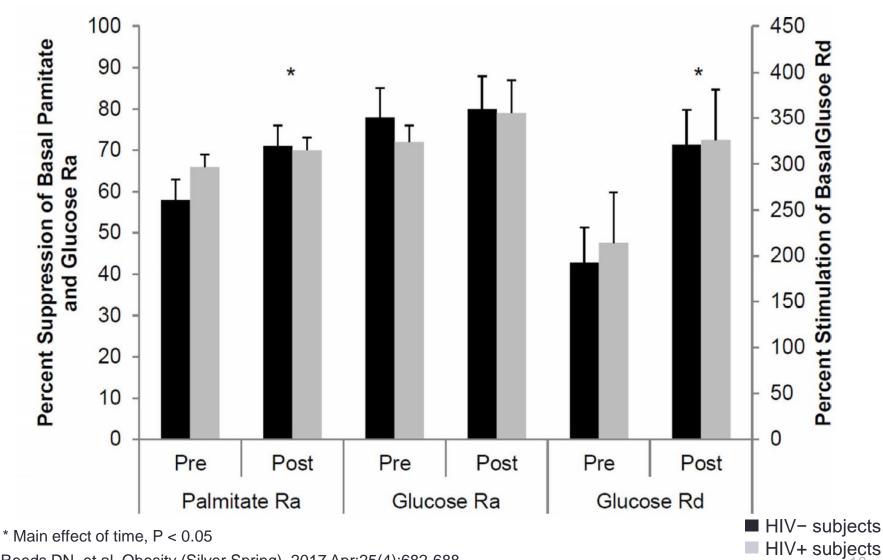
#### RESULTS at follow-up

- ~7.5% weight loss in both groups
- Decrease in fat-free-mass >in HIV+ than HIVsubjects (-4.4±0.7 % vs -1.7±1.0%, P < 0.05)</li>
- Improved insulin-sensitivity in adipose-tissue (suppression of palmitate rate of appearance [Ra]), liver (suppression of glucose Ra) and muscle (glucose disposal) similar in both groups
- Weight-loss did not affect adipose-tissue expression of markers of inflammation or ER stress in either group

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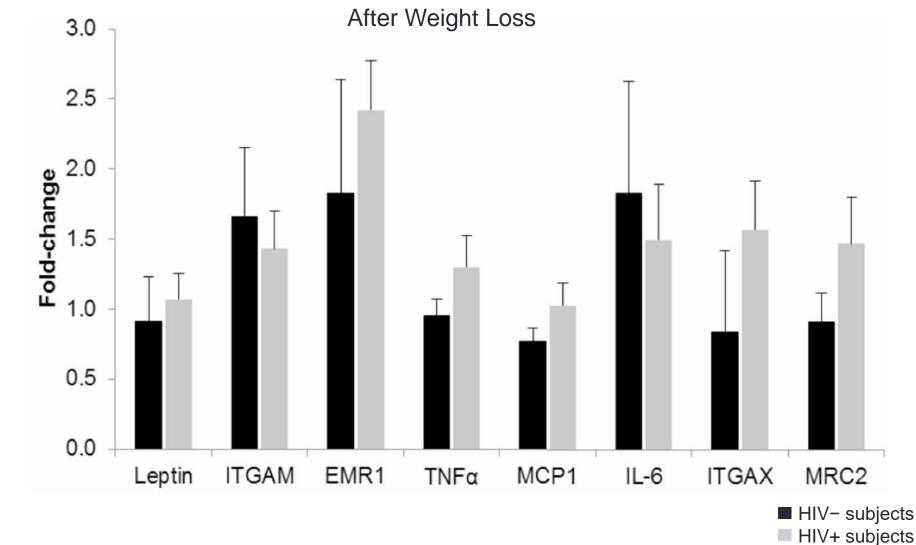
## Percent Suppression of Palmitate and Glucose Ra and Stimulation of Glu Rd



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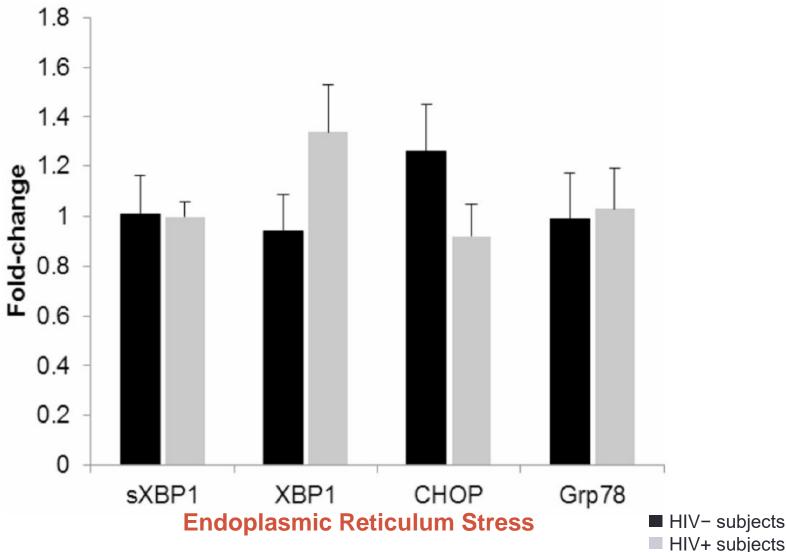


# Fold-changes in Adipose Tissue Gene Expression of Markers of Inflammation



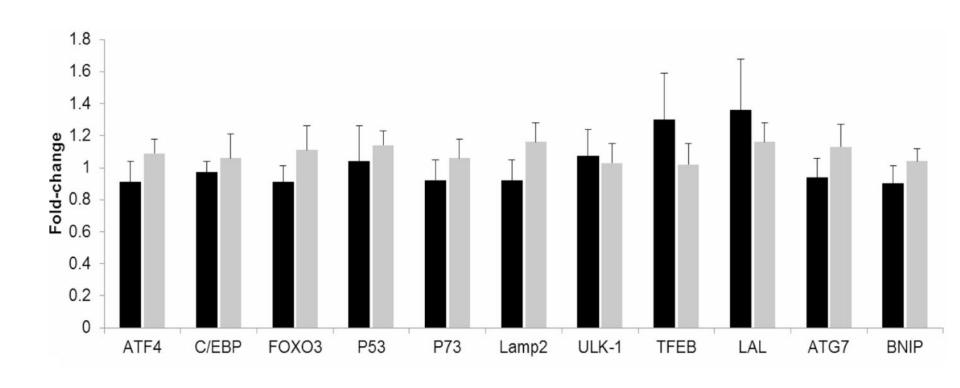


# Fold-changes in Adipose Tissue Gene Expression of Markers of ER Stress





# Fold-changes in Adipose Tissue Gene Expression of Markers of Autophagy



**After Weight Loss** 

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HIV- subjectsHIV+ subjects



# Body Composition and Cardiometabolic Variables Before and After Weight Loss

		HIV-			HIV+		
	<b>Before</b>	After	% Difference	<b>Before</b>	After	% Differe	nce
Body weight (kg)	113	105	<b>−7.3</b> *	108	100	-7.7*	
BMI (kg/m2)	39.9	36.9	<b>−7.1</b> *	39.1	36.3	-7.2*	
Fat-free mass (kg)	55.7	54.8	-1.7	51.1	48.9	-4.4	
Appendicular FFM (kg)	25.5	25.4*	-0.6	25.2	23.7*,	-5.8	
Fat mass (% body wgt)	45.9	44.0	-4.4*	49.7	48.0	-3.2*	
Total abdominal AT (cm3)	5052	4815	-6.4*	5227	4757*	-7.4*	
Visceral AT (cm3)	1139	1034	<b>-12*</b>	1164	997*	-14*	
VAT:TAT ratio	0.22	0.22	-5.1*	0.24	0.22*	<b>−7.1</b> *	
IHTG content (%)	7.5	5.4	-16.8*	4.6	2.2*	-26.3*	
Systolic BP (mmHg)	126	117	<b>-7</b> *	122	118	-4*	
Diastolic BP (mmHg)	76	69	-9*	72	69	-4*	
Glucose (mg/dl)	91.5	87.6	-4.0	94.1	91.7	-2.2	
Insulin (µU/L)	18.3	8.8	-54.0	16.6	14.2	-11.1	
C-peptide (ng/ml)	3.2	2.2	-28.2	2.8	2.7	-3.9	
Leptin (µg/L)	39.0	36.2	-8.6*	53.1	39.8	-20.4*	
Hemoglobin A1C (%)	5.8	5.3	-7.9	5.7	5.6	-3.2	
FFA (µmol/ml)	550	527	-3.1	661q	662	-1.1	
LDL-C (mg/dl)	111	100	-9	103	101	-1	
HDL-C (mg/dl)	43	39	-9*	42	39	<b>-7</b> *	
Triglyceride (mg/dl)	128	92	-17	112	119	12	

## **Body Composition Assessments**

- Body fat and fat-free mass (FFM) were determined by using dual-energy-X-ray absorptiometry
- Visceral and abdominal subcutaneous adipose tissue volumes were quantified by using magnetic resonance imaging
- Intrahepatic triglyceride content was measured by using magnetic resonance spectroscopy

MRI was not able to be performed in 4 HIV+ subjects and 2 HIV- subjects





## Reasons for different findings among similiar studies: studies were really not similar

## Differences in Treatments (Diet and Exercise)

#### Differences in cART Regimens

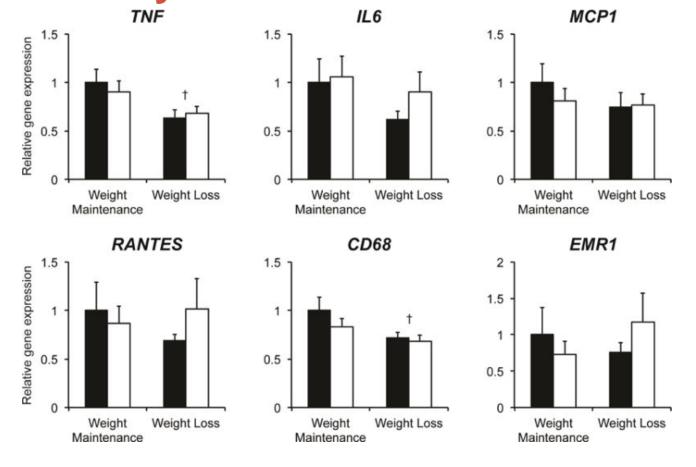
 Ritonavir boosted darunavir or atazanavir and emtricitabine with tenofovir, could have less adverse metabolic effects than older (unspecified) Pls

#### **Differences in Testing for Insulin Sensitivity**

 Two-stage hyperinsulinemic-euglycemic clamp procedure in conjunction with a stable isotopically labeled glucose tracer infusion is a more sensitive measure of insulin action than frequently-sampled intravenous glucose tolerance tests; also measured adipose tissue insulin sensitivity with labelled palmitate



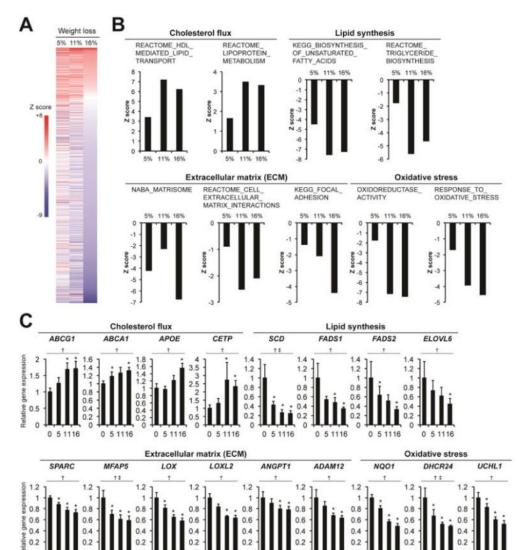
# Effect of 5% weight loss on subcutaneous adipose tissue gene expression of inflammatory markers



Magkos F, Klein S. Cell Metab 2016; 23:591-601.



## Effect of progressive weight loss on subcutaneous adipose tissue gene expression profile



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Effects of moderate and subsequent progressive weight loss on metabolic function and adipose tissue biology in humans with

obesity intrahepatic liver insulin sensitivity triglyceride content **B**-cell function intra-abdominal Magkos adipose tissue **PROGRESSIVE** F, Klein volume WEIGHT LOSS S. Cell Metab 2016; skeletal muscle 23:591insulin sensitivity 601. adipose tissue adipose tissue

insulin sensitivity

cellular biology

## Conclusions – Endpoints and Outcomes

- It is important to add body composition outcomes to markers of improvement in HIV positive patients after weight loss
  - Such as body composition by DEXA
- Also measures of inflammation such as hs CRP and IL 6 in the blood
- Testing for glycemic parameters:Bergman minimal model fsIVGTT if you cannot perform clamps
- For research purposes to test benefits of various weight loss strategies – adipose tissue biopsies to look at histology and gene expression
- This would assist in assessing the benefits of weight loss in combination with androgens such as testosterone for FFM, resistance exercise training and leptin treatment

# Weight Loss in HIV: Outcomes to consider based on literature

- FFM loss larger in HIV positive persons insulin resistant protein metabolism?
- Consider measures of body composition and muscle strength and function
- Drop in insulin levels much less pronounced in HIV + and there is a persistent basal hyperinsulinemia
- Consider gold standard 2 stage hyperinsulinemic euglycemic clamp
- Outcomes and endpoint measures differ based on amount of weight loss achieved: 5-10% versus 11-16% weight loss
- Consider adipose tissue analysis for greater weight losses



## Outcomes- Muscle Mass and Function

#### **Primary**

Change in whole body lean mass, measured by DXA

#### Secondary

- Appendicular and trunk lean and fat mass
- Tests of Muscle Performance
  - Maximal voluntary strength in leg press and chest press exercise
  - Leg power
- Tests of Physical Function and Task-Specific Performance
  - 6-minute walking distance and speed
  - Stair-climbing power and speed unloaded and loaded
  - 50-meter timed walk with 20% load carry
- Physical function domain of the MOS SF-36
- Wellbeing measures:
  - Psychological Well Being Index
  - Derogatis Affective Balance Scale (DABS)
- Fatigue by FACIT-1 Fatigue scale
- Hormone Levels

Bhasin S, Apovian CM, Travison TG, et al. JAMA Intern Med. 2018 Mar 12. [Epub ahead of print].

## Beyond the Body Mass Index (BMI)

- Worked well during the 1990s the earlier days of bariatric surgery when predominantly BMIs over 50 underwent the procedures
- Critical tool for population studies
- In clinical setting fails to reflect body composition
- Unigender value however at BMI of 35, % fat in females is 46% compared to 35% in males
- Discriminates by fitness
- Discriminates by age
- Discriminates by race similar distributions of glucose and lipid factors at lower BMI values in South Asians Chinese and Aboriginal people compared to Europeans

Pories WJ, Obesity 2010;18:865-871

# The Future: 3-dimensional Body Composition Analysis



#### Scan Report

Basic Info

DIANA THOMAS

Profile					
Your profile information					
Full Name	Diana Thomas				
Age	47				
Gender	Female				
Height & Weight	5 ft 4 in & 122 lbs				
Email	diana.thomas@usma.edu				
Scan Date	6/2/2017 3:12:13 AM				
Location	Usma				

Fitness & Health Metrics					
Wellness Information					
Body Fat %	24.1% (Average)				
ВМІ	20.9				
Body Volume	3163 in²				
Waist-to-Hip Ratio	0.754 (low risk)				
Health Risks					
BMR	1259 Calories/day				
Percentile	70% for your gender and age				





# Better Predictor of Risk Due to Adiposity than BMI – the BAI

Body Adiposity Index (BAI) is defined as:

$$BAI = \frac{Hip}{Height} - 18$$
Height  $\sqrt{Height}$ 

BAI was found to be strong predictor of % body fat validated against DEXA in Mexican Americans and confirmed in African Americans

In contrast to the BAI, the relationships between %fat and the BMI itself for males and females lie on very different linear representations, as has been reported previously.

For example, the BMI value defined for obesity, BMI in the range between 27 and 28 kg/m<sup>2</sup> in this population, corresponds to a %adiposity of 23.6  $\pm$  3.7 for men, vs. 34.3  $\pm$  2.9 for women.

# Outcomes to assess metabolic and ectopic fat after weight loss in HIV

 Baseline and post intervention assessment included fasting blood sampling for lipids, IGF-1, CBC, T-cell subsets, HIV viral load, hemoglobin A1c (HbA1c), creactive protein (CRP), adiponectin, AST, and alanine aminotransferase (ALT); 75g oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT); waist and hip circumferences; dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry (DXA, Hologic, Discovery A) for total body and regional fat mass; singleslice computed tomography (CT) at L4 for assessment of visceral and subcutaneous àdipose tissue (SAT) area12,13; 1H magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) for hepatocellular lipidto-water percent (HCL/W%) and intramyocellular lipid (IMCL) of the tibialis anterior and soleus muscles

Stanley T, Grinspoon S. JAMA. 2014 July 23; 312(4): 380–389. doi:10.1001/jama.2014.8334.