



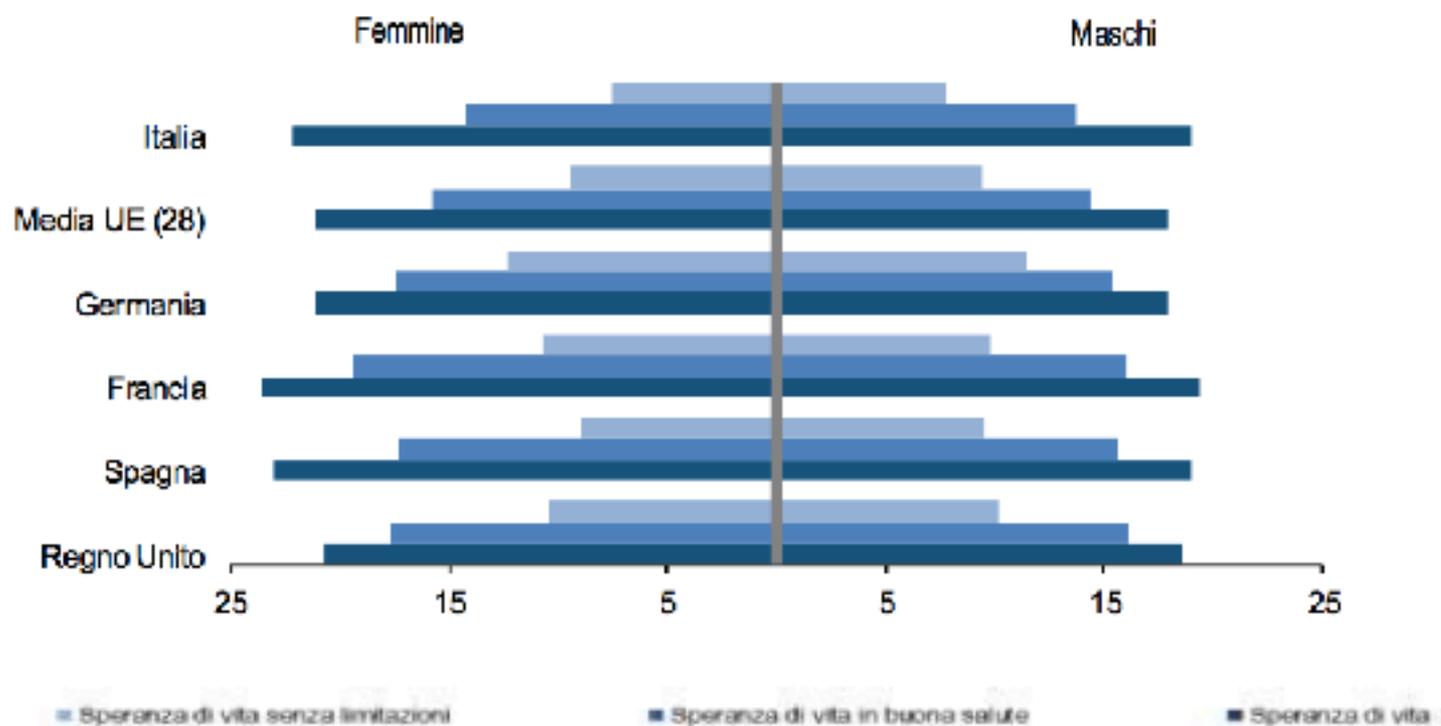
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WELL AGING: ruolo della geriatria

Lina Falanga

FIGURA 1. SPERANZA DI VITA, SPERANZA DI VITA IN BUONA SALUTE, SPERANZA DI VITA SENZA LIMITAZIONI A 65 ANNI IN ALCUNI PAESI UE PER SESSO. Anno 2015, anni di vita media



Fonte: Eurostat, <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/tgm/table.do?tab=table&init=1&language=en&pcode=tsdph100&plugin=1>

Principali biomarker dell'aging

Misurabili senza arrecare danno alla persona

Indicatori età correlati sia nell'invecchiamento fisiologico che patologico

Consentono di individuare i diversi **fenotipi dell'invecchiamento**

Testati e validati negli animali di laboratorio e poi nell'uomo

Johnson, 2006; Butler et al., 2004; Federazione Americana per la Ricerca sull'Età (AFAR)

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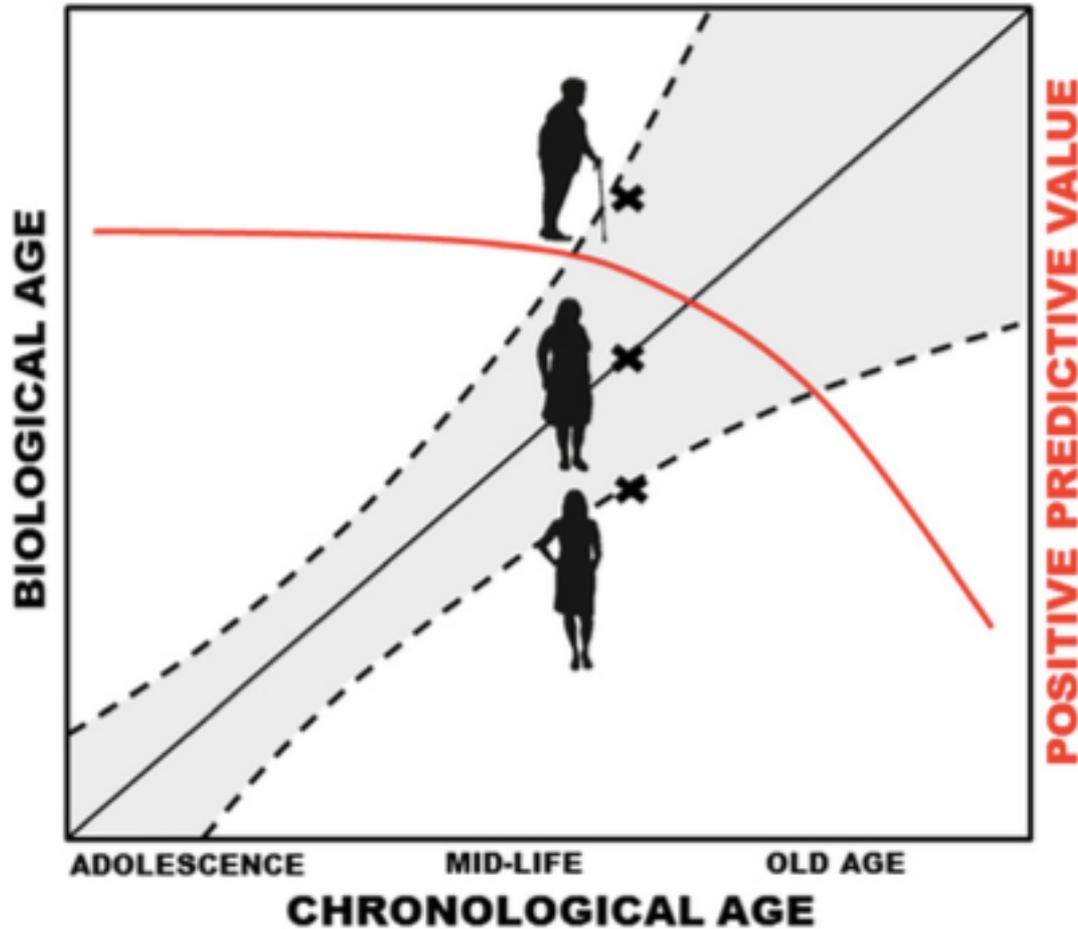
Biological Age Predictors

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Biological Age Predictors



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Principali biomarker dell'aging

Fenotipici:

misure standard di fragilità, insulinemia, adiponectina, IGF-1, lipidogramma, massa magra e massa grassa, indici infiammatori, cognitività, pressione arteriosa, FC max a riposo, fx diastolica, spessore intima-media della carotide, n°linfociti, CI renale

Molecolari: DNA

Aging Cell (2015) Valter D.Longo, Adam Antebi, Andrzej Bartke, Nir Barzilai et al.

Principali biomarker dell'aging

Inflamming

Glicazione

Metilazione

Stress ossidativo

INFLAMMATION



The Secret KILLER

▶ The surprising link between **INFLAMMATION** and **HEART ATTACKS, CANCER, ALZHEIMER'S** and other diseases

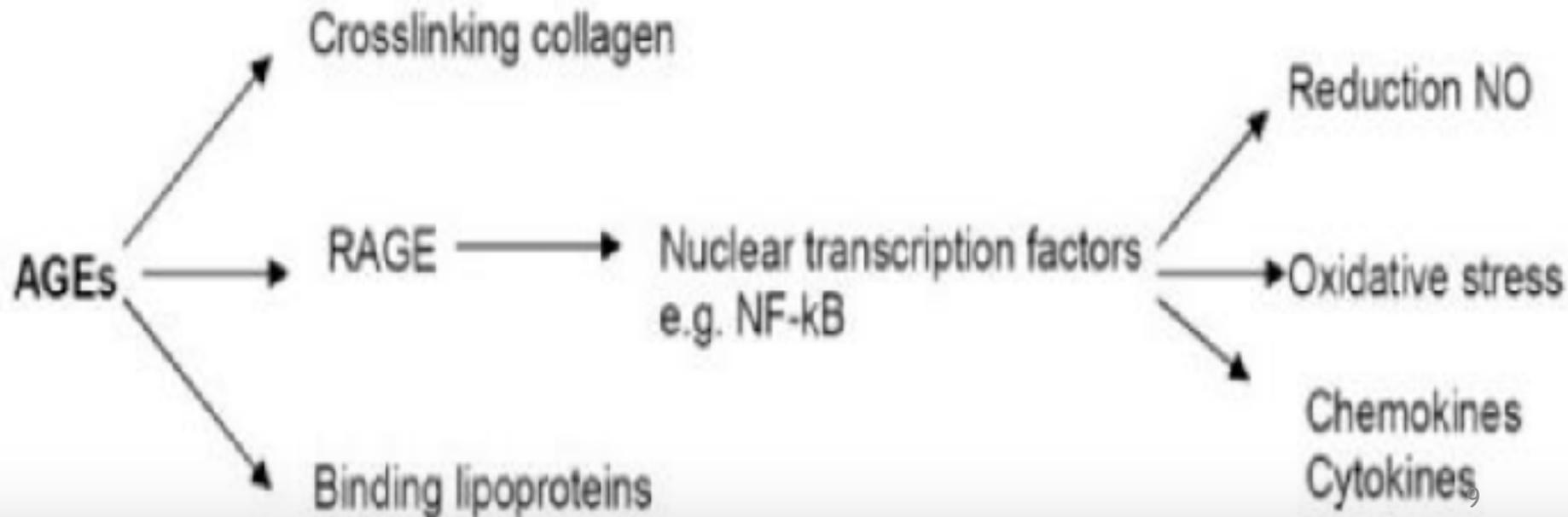
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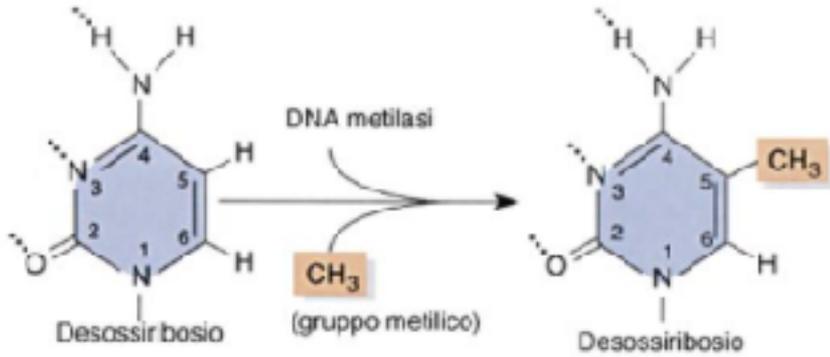
Glicazione: AGE (Advanced Glycation End products)

Sono riconosciuti da alcuni recettori espressi dalla componente mesenchimale e macrofagica dei tessuti

Il legame AGE-rAGE provoca un'attivazione cellulare che comporta la sintesi di citochine proinfiammatorie e fattori di crescita

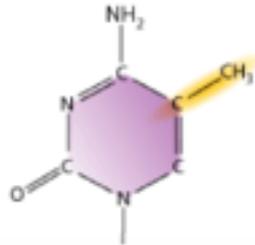
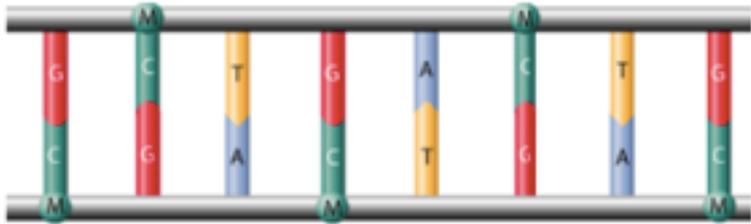


Metilazione del DNA



Citosina (nel DNA)

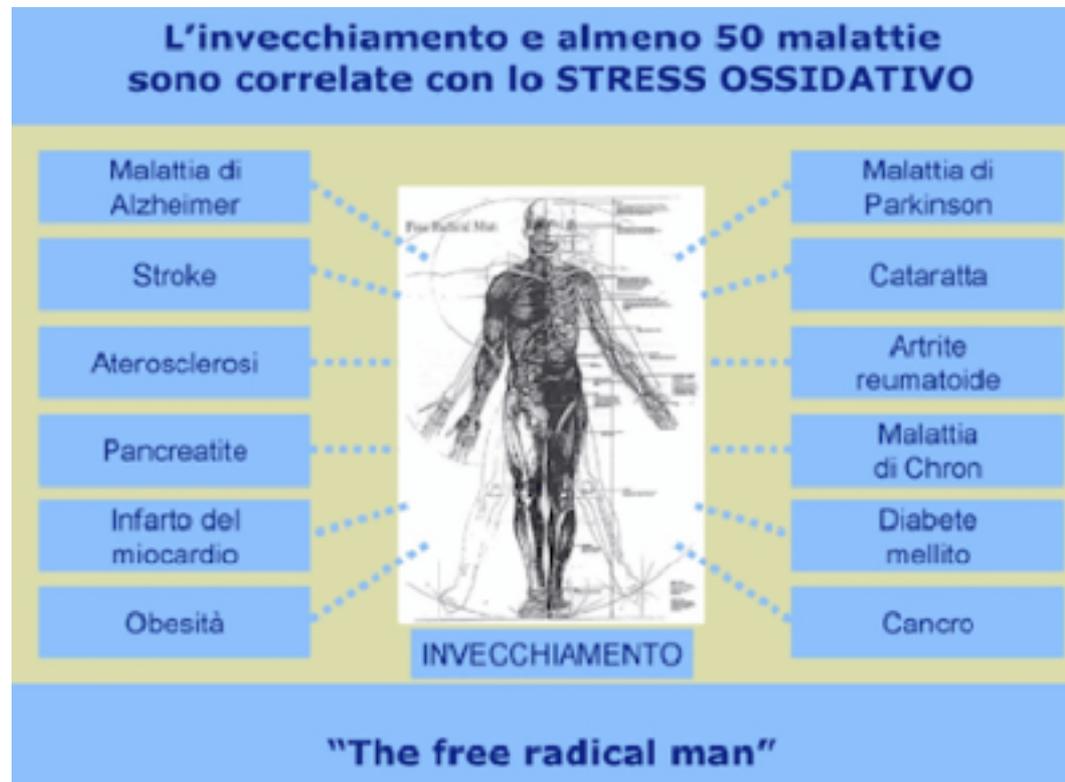
5-metilcitosina (5mC)



DNA methylation is the addition of a methyl group (M) to the DNA base cytosine (C).

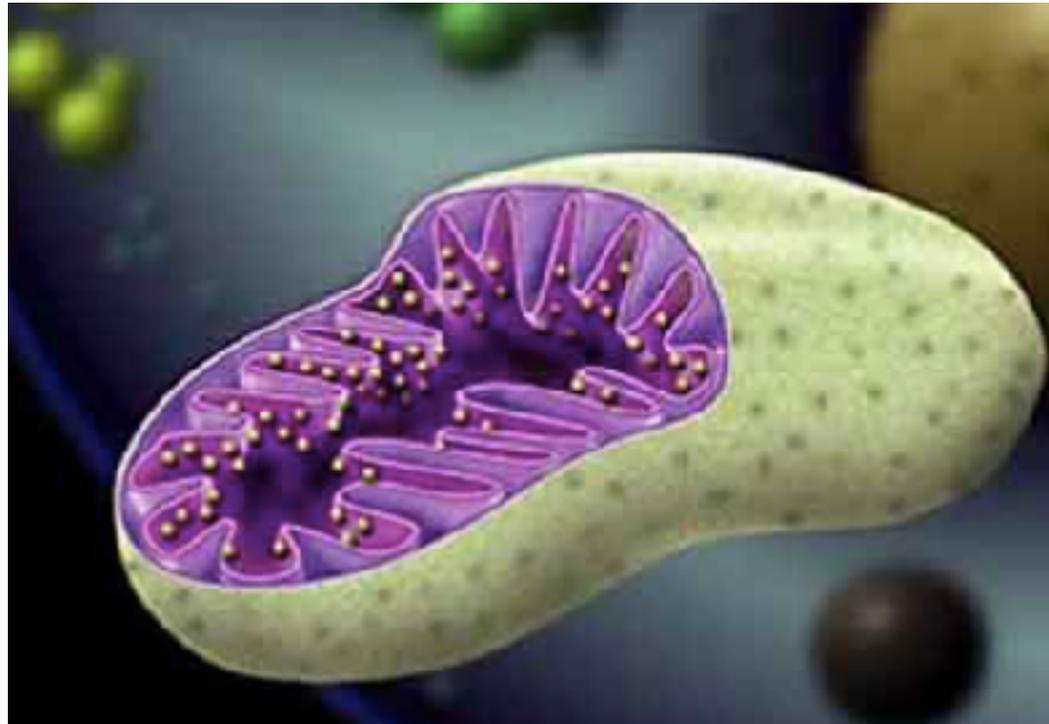
Stress ossidativo

Eccesso di specie chimiche generalmente centrate sull'ossigeno (Reactive Oxygen Species, ROS) secondario ad un'aumentata produzione delle stesse e/ o ad una ridotta efficienza dei sistemi fisiologici antiossidanti (Sies, 1991)



Stress ossidativo

I mitocondri sono la fonte principale di ROS cellulari perché i radicali superossido sono generati costantemente durante la fosforilazione ossidativa e possono essere convertiti in H₂O₂ e altre specie reattive dell'ossigeno



Microbiota

INTESTINO E MICROBIOMA

The gastrointestinal
TRACT SURFACE
is as big as
2 TENNIS COURTS
400m²



The composition of
GUT MICROBIOTA
IS UNIQUE
to each individual,
just like our
FINGERPRINTS¹



There are more than
3 MILLION
MICROBIAL GENES
in our gut microbiota

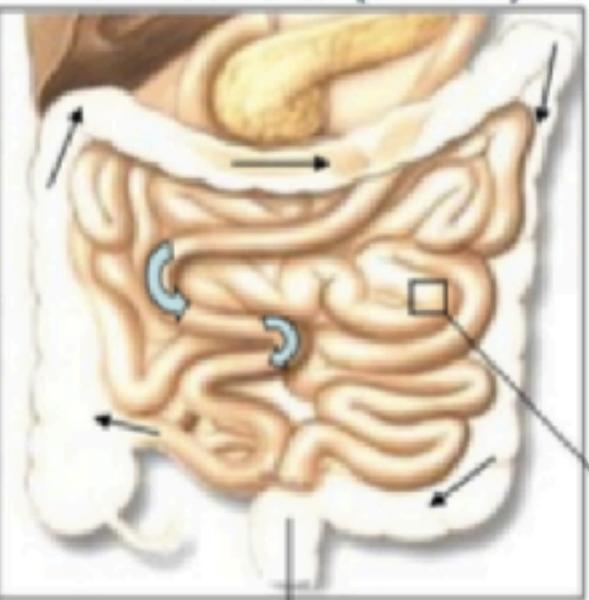
150 TIMES
more genes than in the
HUMAN GENOME¹



Gut microbiota's
WEIGHT
can reach up to
1 to 2 Kg



1- La motricità (transito)



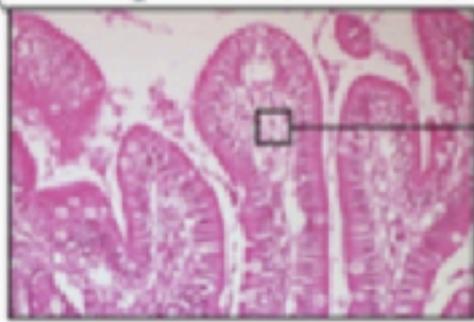
Evita l'adesione di batteri patogeni alle cellule epiteliali

2- La flora intestinale



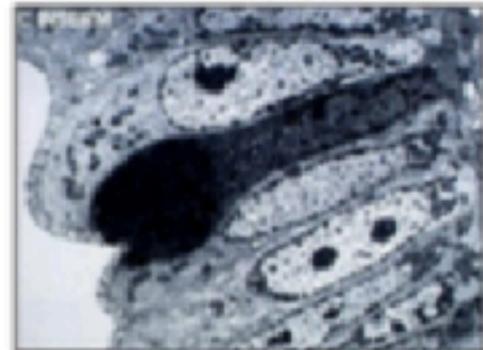
Si oppone alla colonizzazione da parte di batteri estranei

4- L'epitelio (enterociti)



Transporto selettivo trans- e paracellulare

3- Il muco (cellule caliciformi)



Protezione dell'epitelio

5- Le cellule immunitarie



macrophages, lymphocytes

Difesa rapida, aspecifica

Microbiota and neurodegenerative diseases

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Purpose of review

Despite the extensive research carried out in the past decades, the current pathophysiological notions of neurodegenerative disease as well as effective treatments to reduce their progression are largely unknown. Alterations of the human microbiota, the plethora of different microscopic organisms that our body hosts, have been linked to neurodegenerative disease risk, onset and progression. This review summarizes the current knowledge on the possible role of microbiota in neurodegenerative disorders and briefly discusses strategies to restore microbiota homeostasis.

Recent findings

Preclinical evidences and human cross-sectional studies posit the gut microbiota as a key actor in the Parkinson's disease onset and progression, reporting the presence of a specific gut microbiota profile in association with the modulation of disease and symptoms. Gut microbiota alterations have been correlated with brain disease and peripheral inflammation also in Alzheimer's patients.

Summary

The interaction between the microbiota and the host is promising to answer clinical questions that have so far escaped clarification with the current pathophysiological notions of health and disease. However, human longitudinal studies starting in the earlier disease phases are needed to understand the causative relation between microbiota and the hallmarks of these neurodegenerative disorders and to develop innovative treatments aimed at preventing or slowing brain damages.

Keywords

Alzheimer's disease, gut microbiota, oral microbiota, Parkinson's disease

Feature Article

Lifespan and Healthspan: Past, Present, and Promise

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TOPICAL REVIEW

Physiological geroscience: targeting function to increase healthspan and achieve optimal longevity

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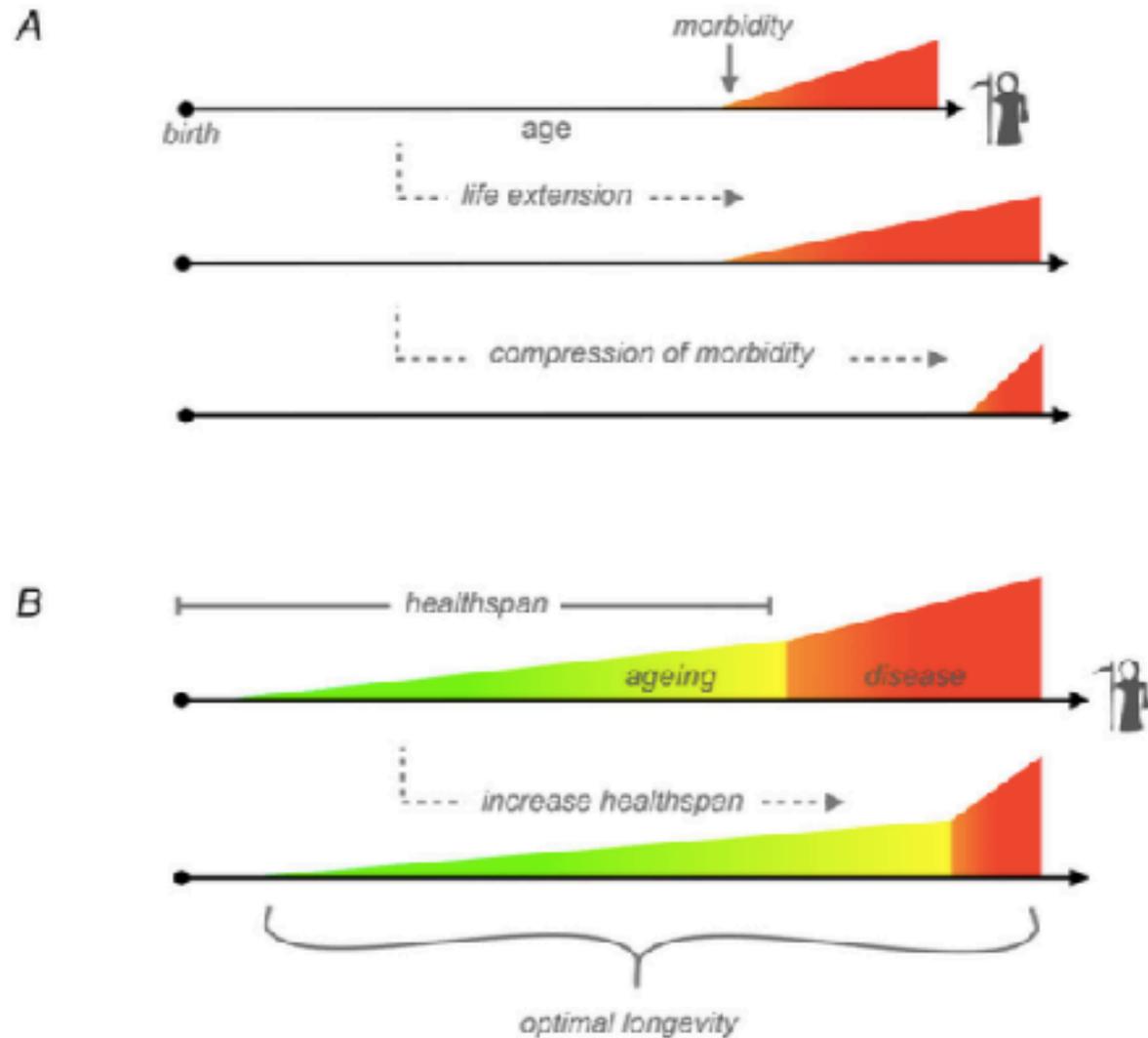


Figure 1. Compression of morbidity, healthspan and optimal longevity
A, delaying the age of onset of chronic diseases and disability (morbidity) longer than any associated increase in lifespan results in 'compression' of the overall morbidity incurred in a lifetime. *B*, healthspan is a period of healthy ageing with a modestly increasing ('subclinical') chronic disease burden, followed by a period of age-related clinical disease. To achieve optimal longevity (living long, but primarily in wellness) in the future, healthspan must be significantly extended. Modified from Blagosklonny (2012).

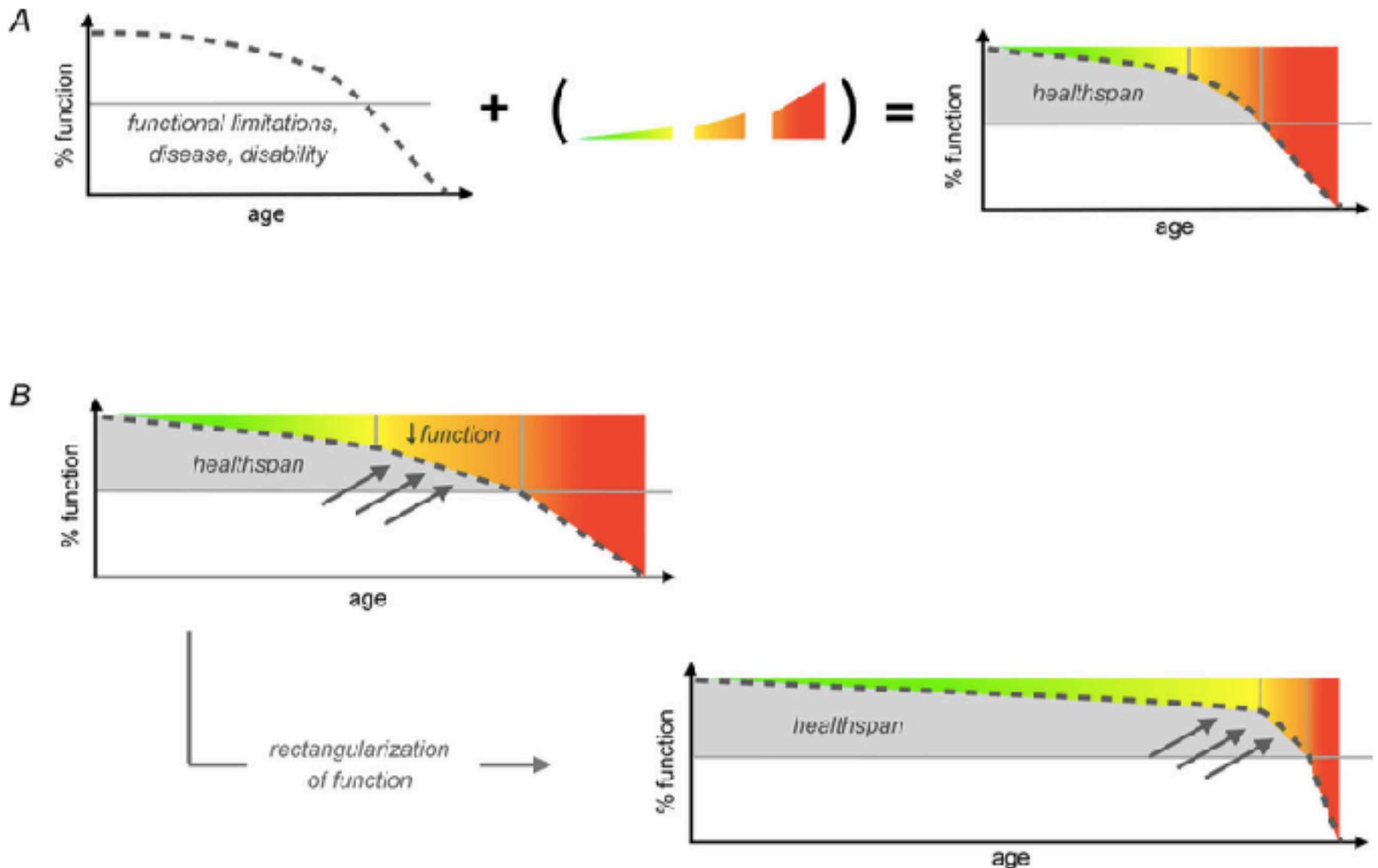


Figure 4. Optimization of function with ageing is required for increased healthspan

A, physiological function declines with ageing, and the portion of life during which function remains above the disease/morbidity threshold represents healthspan. *D*, to increase healthspan, it is necessary to compress severe dysfunction to a period later in life, effectively 'rectangularizing' function as much as possible throughout the lifespan.

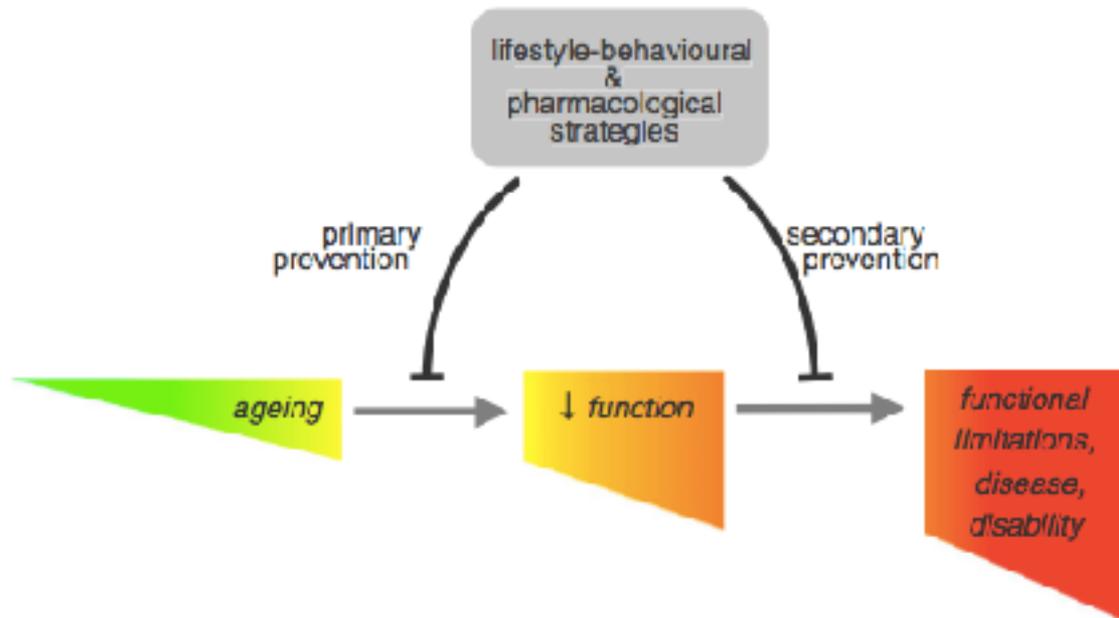
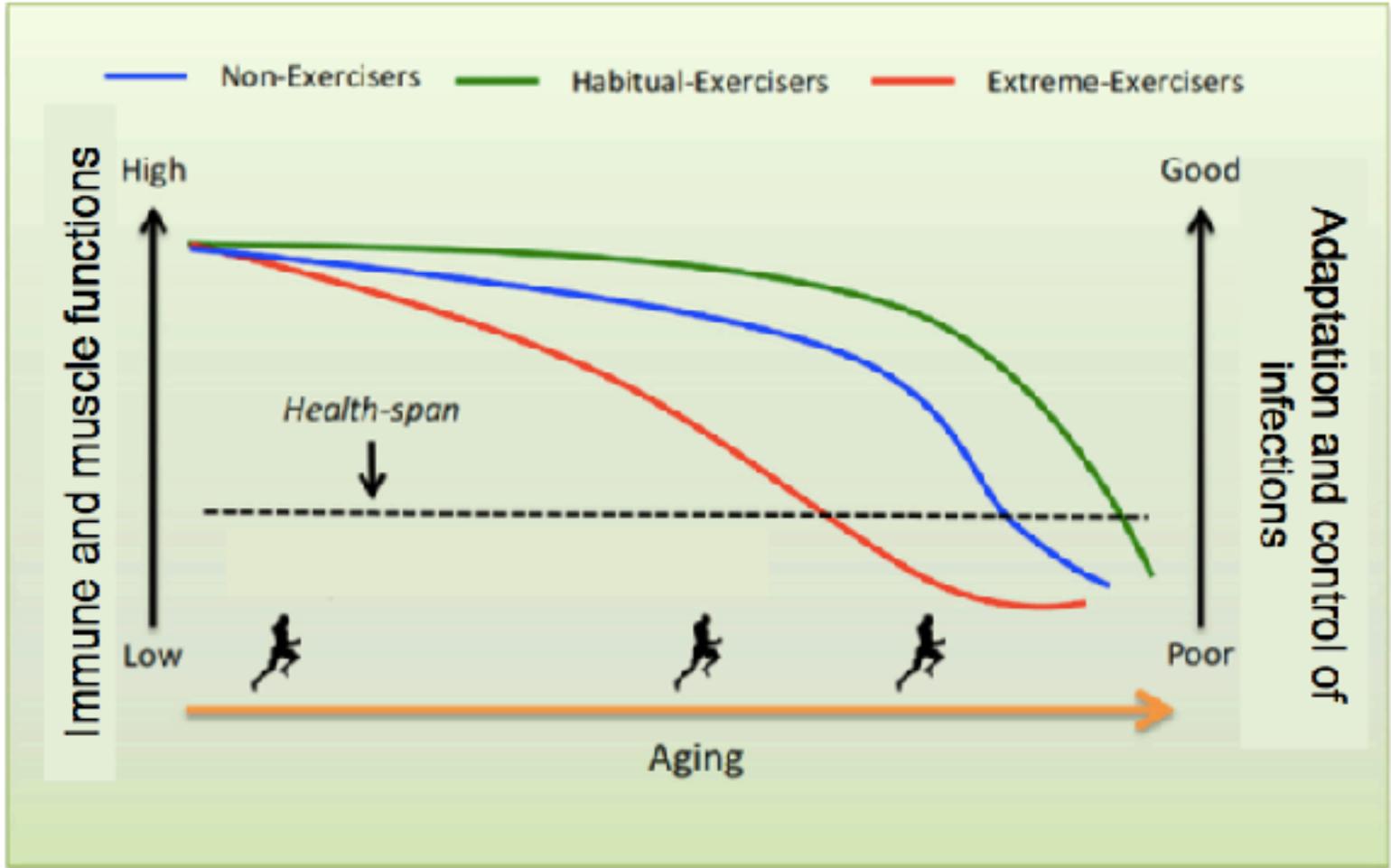


Figure 5. Strategies for preserving physiological function with ageing: primary and secondary prevention
Lifestyle-behavioural and pharmacological strategies have the potential to delay, reduce or prevent age-related dysfunction (primary prevention) and/or to improve function in older adults with existing dysfunction to prevent disease and disability (secondary prevention).

Table 1. Strategies for optimizing physiological function with ageing: outstanding issues

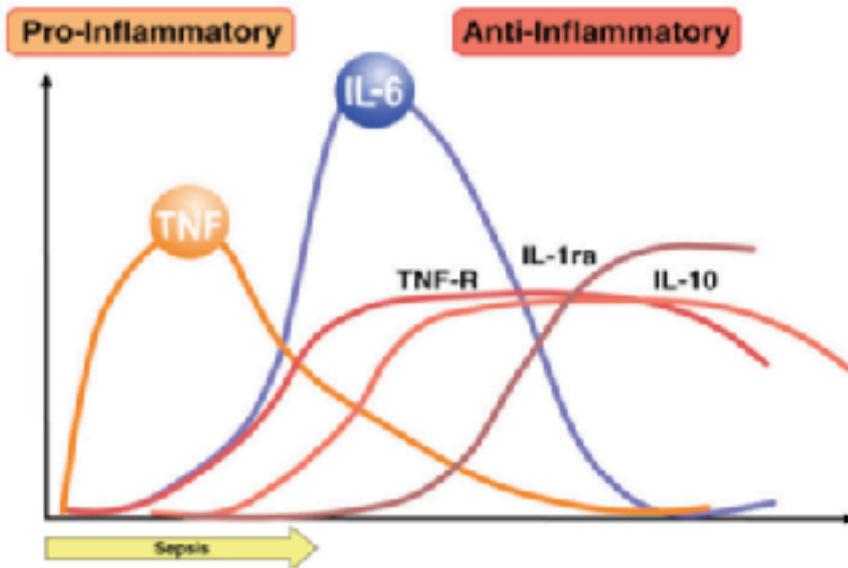
Strategy	Outstanding Issue
	<p>Exercise and Physical Activity</p> <p>most effective type, intensity, and volume for maintaining specific physiological functions (motor, cognitive, vascular, etc.)</p>
	<p>Energy Intake</p> <p>effective, safe and feasible approaches in middle-aged and older adults, including intermittent fasting paradigms</p>
	<p>Diet Composition</p> <p>effect of overall healthy “dietary patterns” (e.g. DASH, Mediterranean) vs. intake of specific diet components</p>
	<p>Repurposed Pharmaceuticals</p> <p>use of prescription agents currently approved for clinical disease to prevent or treat physiological dysfunction with aging</p>
	<p>New Pharmaceuticals and Nutraceuticals</p> <p>the role of other pharmacological agents, including nutraceuticals and new pharmaceutical drugs, as function-enhancing compounds with aging</p>
	<p>Psycho-Social-Emotional Influences</p> <p>understanding the modulatory influence of cognitive and social stimulation, psycho-emotional state, and socio-economic status and stress on multiple domains of function with aging</p>
	<p>Relative Efficacy</p> <p>determining the relative efficacy (comparative effectiveness studies), biological redundancy, and potential negative interactions among specific lifestyle and pharmacological strategies</p>
	<p>Sex, Race and Genetics</p> <p>influence of sex/sex hormone status, race/ethnicity and genomics on physiological declines with aging and responsiveness to interventions</p>

Aging modulates exercise-induced cytokines production and in general the efficacy of immune system.



Model of “low grade inflammation”:

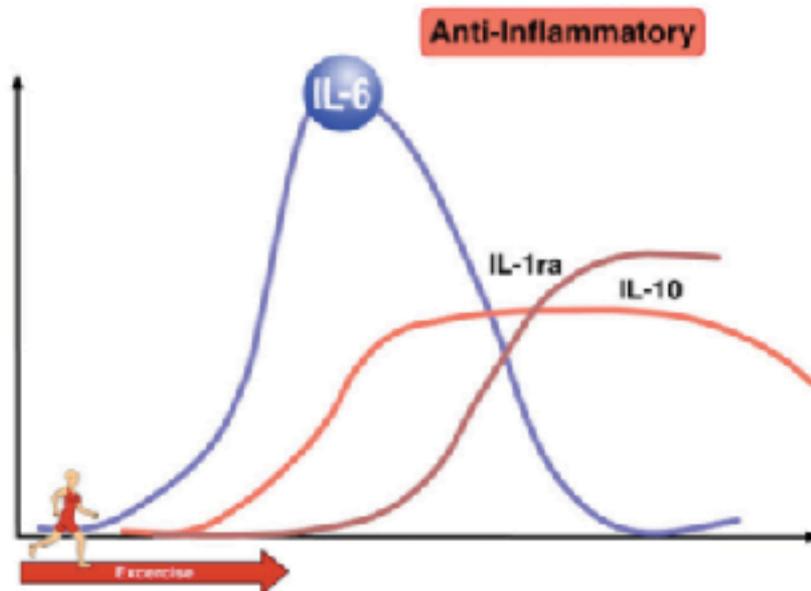
In resting subjects, low dose of *E. coli* endotoxin induced a 2 to 3 fold increase in circulating levels of TNF- α .



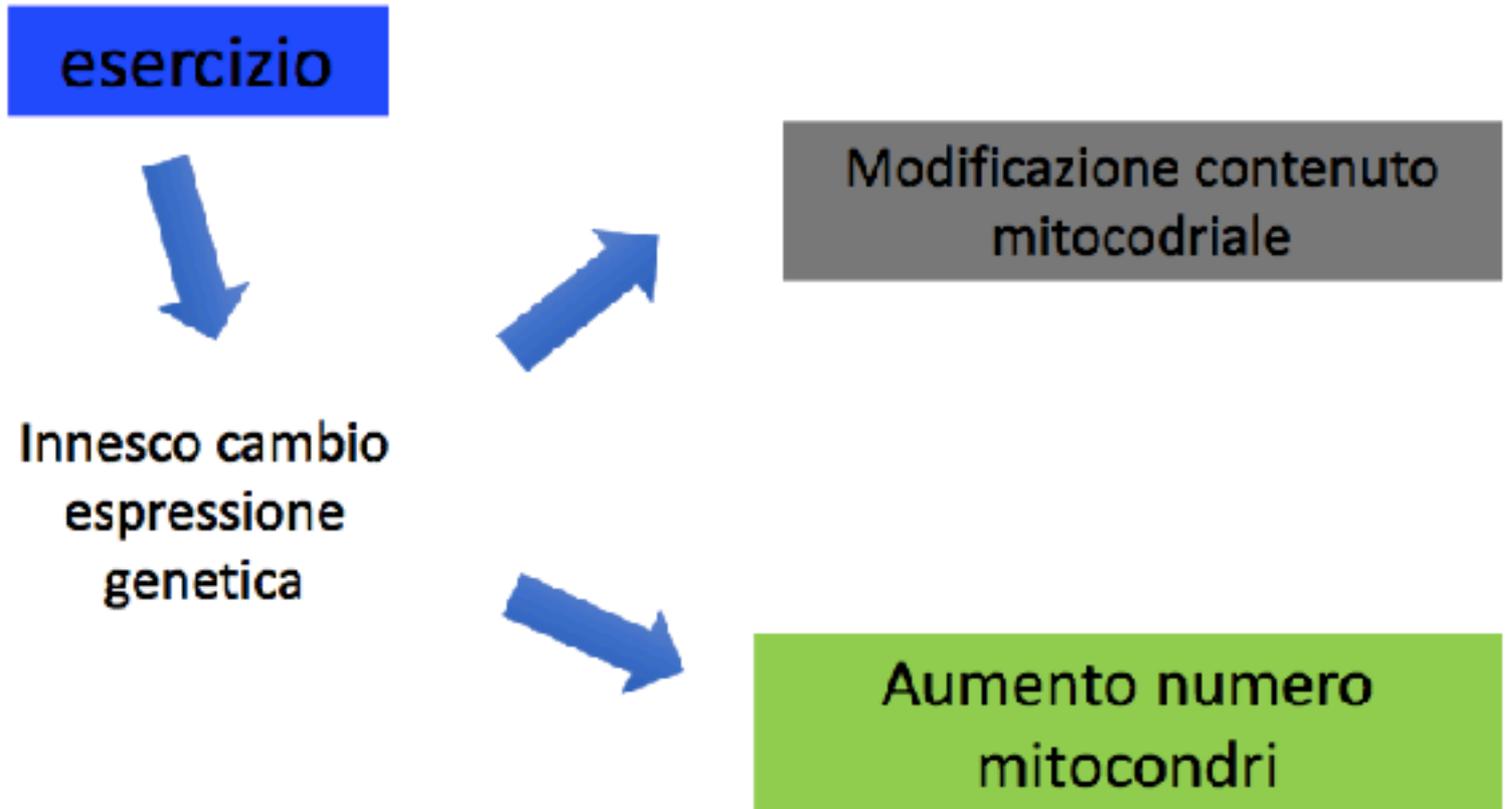
In contrast, when the subjects performed 3 h of ergometer cycling and received the endotoxin bolus at 2.5 h, the TNF- α response was totally blunted

This study provides some evidence that acute exercise may inhibit TNF- α production.

Starkie et al. FASEB J 17: 884-886, 2003.



Adattamento mitocondriale all'esercizio



Quantity and Quality of Exercise for Developing and Maintaining Cardiorespiratory, Musculoskeletal, and Neuromotor Fitness in Apparently Healthy Adults: Guidance for Prescribing Exercise

Garber et al. *Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise*: 2011; 43 (7): 1334-1359

Evidence-Based Recommendation

Cardiorespiratory ("aerobic") exercise

Frequency	≥ 5 d-wk ⁻¹ of moderate exercise, or ≥ 3 d-wk ⁻¹ of vigorous exercise, or a combination of moderate and vigorous exercise on ≥ 3 –5 d-wk ⁻¹ is recommended.
Intensity	Moderate and/or vigorous intensity is recommended for most adults. Light- to moderate-intensity exercise may be beneficial in deconditioned persons.
Time	30–60 min d ⁻¹ (150 min-wk ⁻¹) of purposeful moderate exercise, or 20–60 min d ⁻¹ (75 min-wk ⁻¹) of vigorous exercise, or a combination of moderate and vigorous exercise per day is recommended for most adults. <20 min d ⁻¹ (<150 min-wk ⁻¹) of exercise can be beneficial, especially in previously sedentary persons.
Type	Regular, purposeful exercise that involves major muscle groups and is continuous and rhythmic in nature is recommended.
Volume	A target of volume of 500-1000 Kcal/wk is recommended Increasing pedometer step counts by ≥ 2000 steps per day to reach a daily step count ≥ 7000 steps per day is beneficial. Exercising below these volumes may still be beneficial for persons unable or unwilling to reach this amount of exercise.
Pattern	Exercise may be performed in one (continuous) session per day or in multiple sessions of ≥ 10 min to accumulate the desired duration and volume of exercise per day. Exercise bouts of <10 min may yield favorable adaptations in very deconditioned individuals. Interval training can be effective in adults.
Progression	A gradual progression of exercise volume by adjusting exercise duration, frequency, and/or intensity is reasonable until the desired exercise goal (maintenance) is attained. This approach may enhance adherence and reduce risks of musculoskeletal injury and adverse CHD events.



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Resistance exercise

Frequency

Each major muscle group should be trained on 2–3 d-wk⁻¹.

Intensity

60%–70% of the 1RM (moderate to hard intensity) for novice to intermediate exercisers to improve strength.

≥80% of the 1RM (hard to very hard intensity) for experienced strength trainers to improve strength.

40%–50% of the 1RM (very light to light intensity) for older persons beginning exercise to improve strength.

40%–50% of the 1RM (very light to light intensity) may be beneficial for improving strength in sedentary persons beginning a resistance training program.

<50% of the 1RM (light to moderate intensity) to improve muscular endurance.

20%–50% of the 1RM in older adults to improve power.

Time

No specific duration of training has been identified for effectiveness.

Type

Resistance exercises involving each major muscle group are recommended.

A variety of exercise equipment and/or body weight can be used to perform these exercises.

Repetitions

8–12 repetitions is recommended to improve strength and power in most adults.

10–15 repetitions is effective in improving strength in middle aged and older persons starting exercise

15–20 repetitions are recommended to improve muscular endurance

Sets

Two to four sets are the recommended for most adults to improve strength and power.

A single set of resistance exercise can be effective especially among older and novice exercisers.

≤2 sets are effective in improving muscular endurance.

Pattern

Rest intervals of 2–3 min between each set of repetitions are effective.

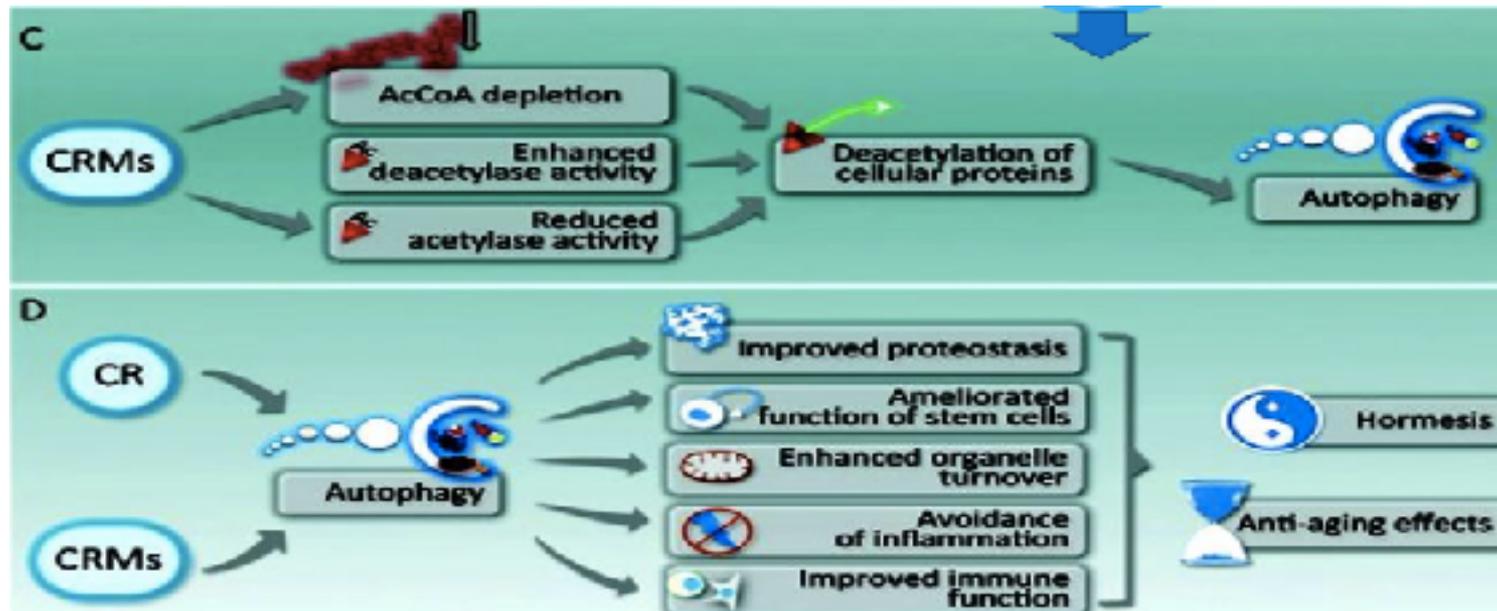
Progression

A rest of ≥48 h between sessions for any single muscle group is recommended.

A gradual progression of greater resistance, and/or more repetitions per set, and/or increasing frequency is recommended.

Alimentazione: Caloric Restriction Mimetic e longevità

...“given that long-term CR can create heavy challenges to compliance in human diets, the concept of a calorie restriction mimetic (CRMs) has emerged as an active research area within gerontology” ... *Ageing Resv. Rev.* 2015 Mar;20:46-62



Dieta mediterranea frugale: CRM

Diversi studi mostrano il potenziale anti-aging della dieta mediterranea..

Tognon G. Does the Mediterranean diet predict longevity in the elderly? A Swedish perspective. Age (Dordr). 2011 Sep;33(3):439-50

Trichopoulou A et al. Traditional Mediterranean diet and longevity in the elderly: a review. Public Health Nutr. 2004 Oct;7(7):943-7

ma..

i nostri centenari usufruivano del metodo MedDiet?

Le zone blu italiane (Cilento, Nicotera, Orzulei, Monti Sicani..)

Sono caratterizzate da un consumo specifico di diverse categorie alimentari e mostrano modesta aderenza al modello ideale

MedDiet:

alto intake di frutta, legumi, ortaggi

meno calorie rispetto ai LARN

prodotti e gastronomia locali

distribuzione circadiana dei pasti



Per essere longevi, occorre rispettare, negli anni, il nostro ritmo biologico

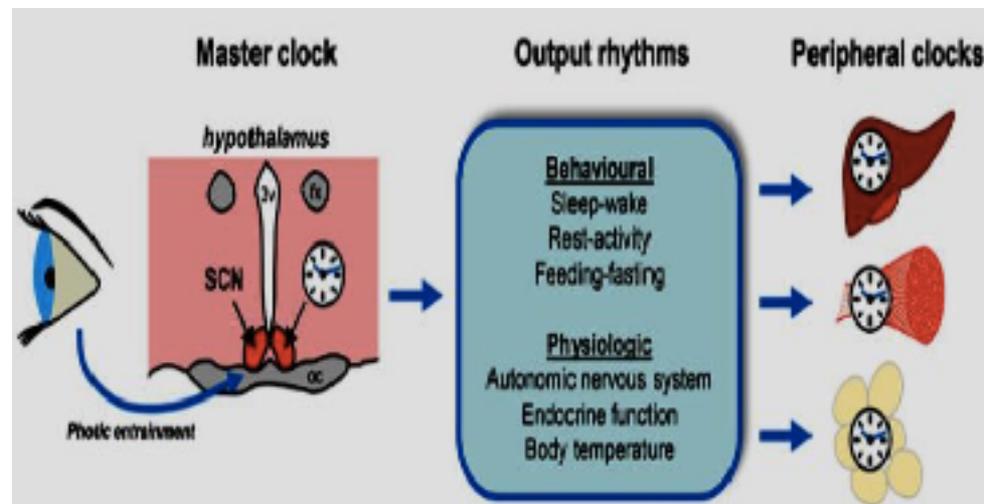
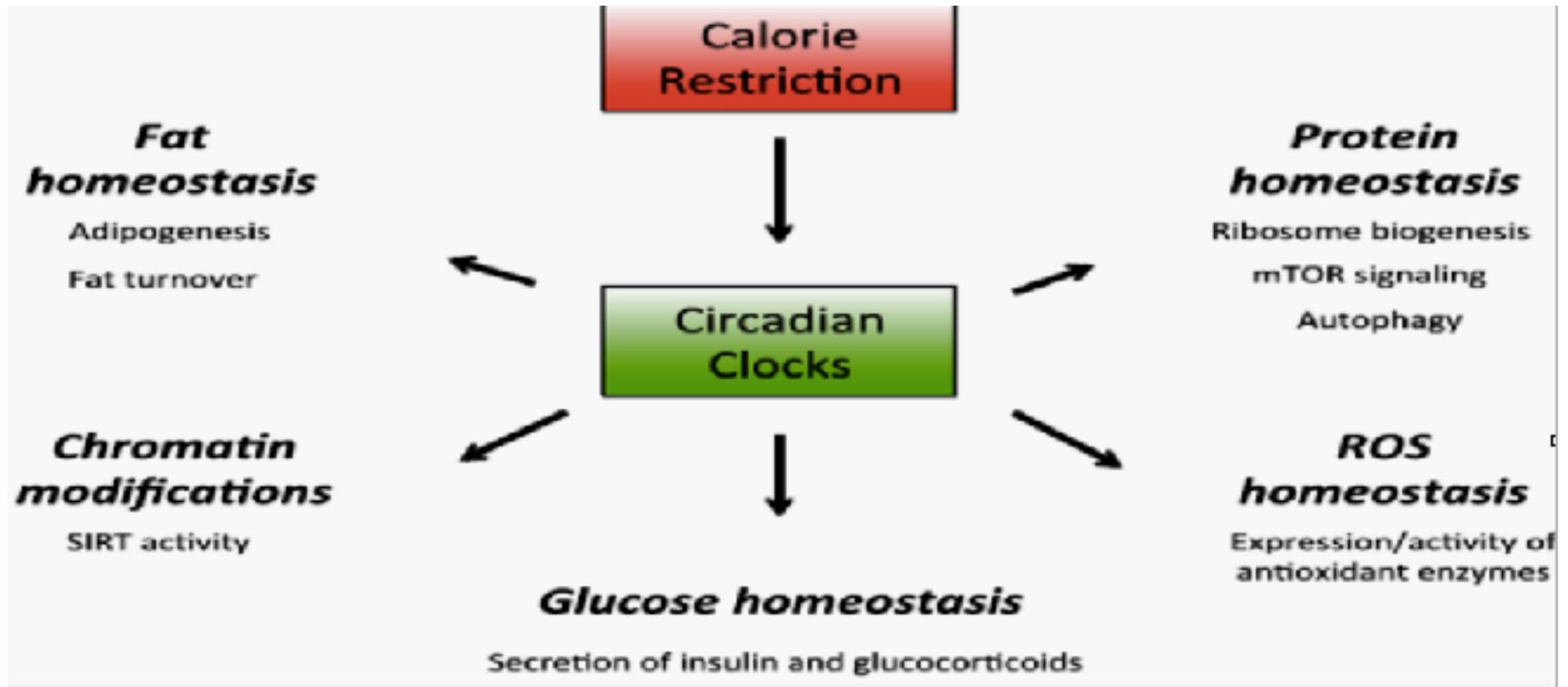


Fig. 2. Organisation of the circadian system. Exposure to the light-dark cycle synchronises the master circadian clock in the suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) in the hypothalamus. The SCN clock can synchronise peripheral clocks through its effects on behavioural rhythms (e.g. rest-activity and feeding-fasting cycles), as well as neural and endocrine pathways. 3v, third ventricle; fx, fornix; oc, optic chiasm.

Il ritmo biologico

Il SNC regola il ritmo biologico e costituisce un meccanismo molecolare autonomo



Amo Chaudari et al. Clocks, diets and aging nutrition and healthy aging 4, 2017, 101-112

Metformin as a Tool to Target Aging

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Aging has been **targeted** by **genetic** and **dietary** manipulation and by **drugs** in order to increase **lifespan** and **health span** in numerous models. **Metformin**, which has demonstrated **protective effects** against several **age-related diseases** in humans, will be **tested** in the **TAME (Targeting Aging with Metformin)** trial, as the **initial step** in the development of **increasingly effective next-generation drugs**.

Special Issue: Moving Geroscience Into Uncharted Waters: Perspective

Evaluating Health Span in Preclinical Models of Aging and Disease: Guidelines, Challenges, and Opportunities for Geroscience

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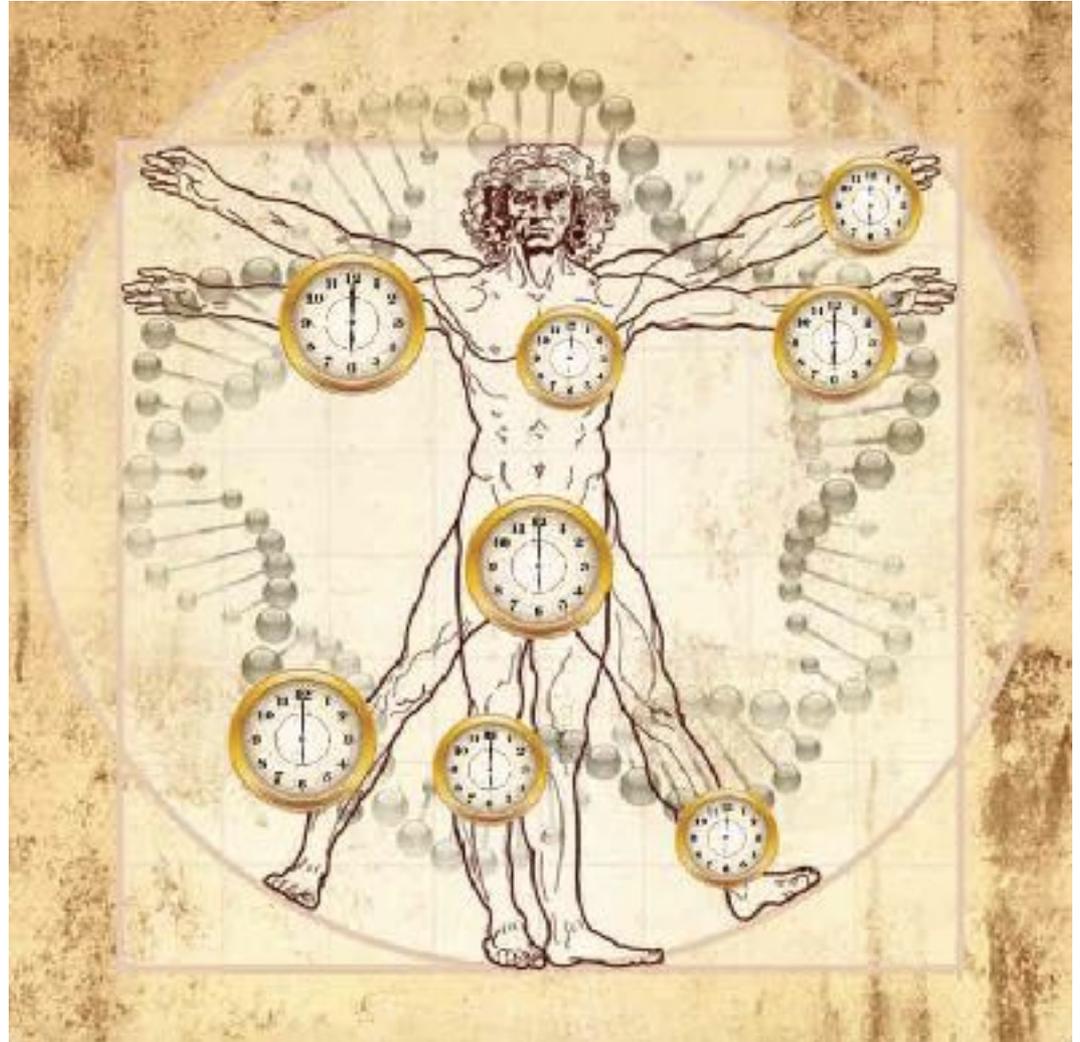
REVIEW

Interventions to Slow Aging in Humans: Are We Ready?

Valter D.Longo, Adam Antebi, Andrzej Bartke, Nir Barzilai et al.

DNA methylation age of human tissues and cell types

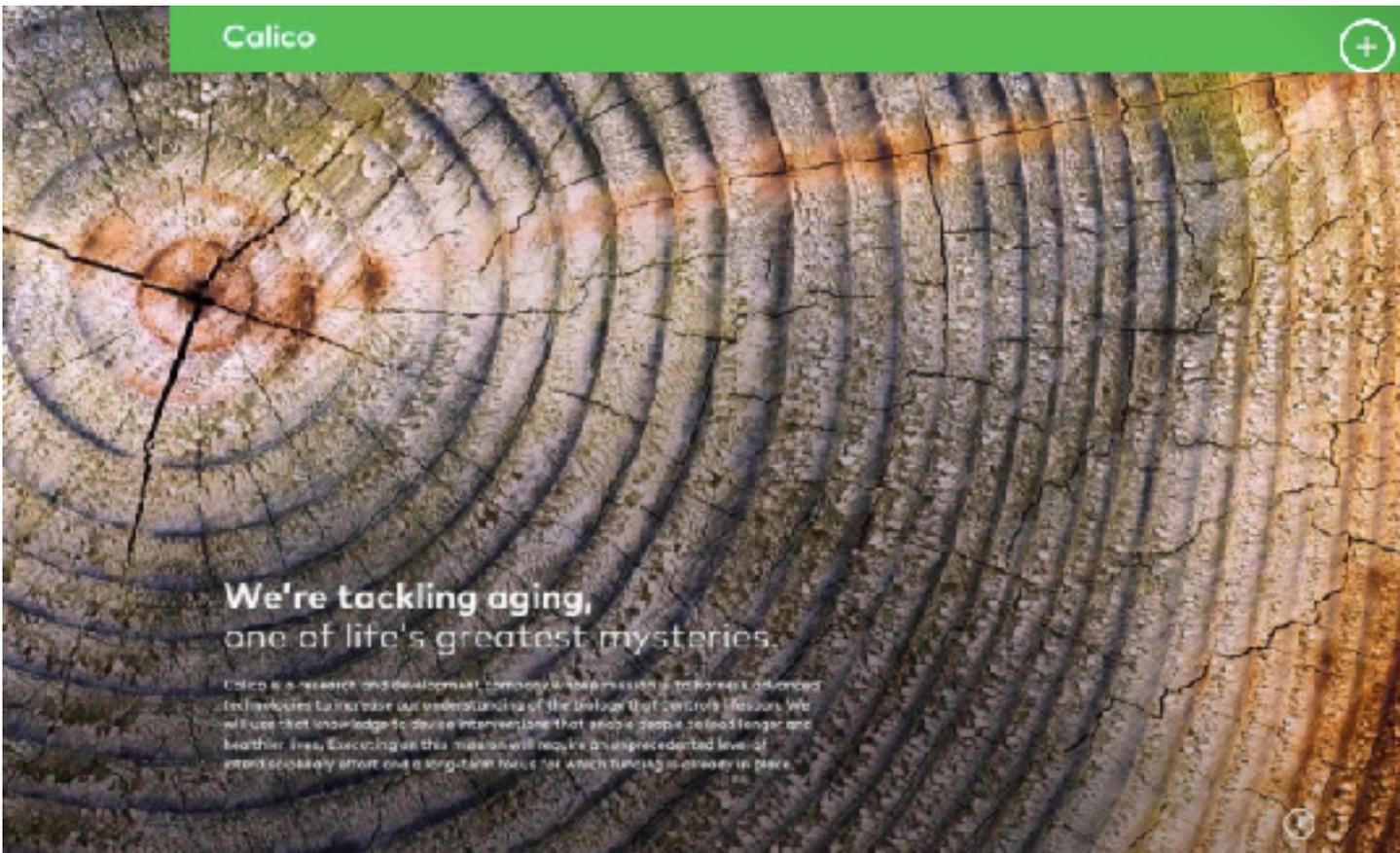
Steve Horvath^{1,2,3}



Investitors in Silicon Valley: Sergey Brin and Larry Page



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Google has launched Calico, a research and development company that studies aging. (GOOGLE)

Calico®

**We're here to help people
live healthier lives, longer.**

250 milioni di dollari

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (2014)

Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard (2015)

Buck Institute for Research on Aging (2015)

TIME

CAN
Google
SOLVE
DEATH?

The search giant is launching a venture
to extend the human life span.
That would be crazy—if it weren't Google
By Harry McQuaden and Lev Grossman

Investitors in Silicon Valley: David H. Murdock



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CAREFULLY CURATED ASSESSMENTS



WHOLE GENOME SEQUENCING

Our whole genome sequencing analyzes all of your DNA to provide you with insights into your genetic risks for clinical, health, personal and physical insights.



FULL BODY AND BRAIN MRI

Our advanced, high definition MRI scan can detect some cancers, lipid abnormalities, neurodegeneration, and neurovascular disease. Our methods do not use radiation nor contrast dyes.



MICROBIOME

Through Microbiome sequencing we give you an analysis of microorganisms that reside in your gastrointestinal tract and describe how they may impact your health.



OTHER TESTING

Depending on the Health Nucleus service you choose, you may have other health tests such as CT Scan, cardiac rhythm monitoring, 4D echocardiogram, metabolome, or lab analyses.

Investitors in Silicon Valley: Larry Ellison



The longevity genes project, Nir Barzilai



The impact of cellular aging (senescence) on age-related dysfunction and chronic diseases, James Kirkland





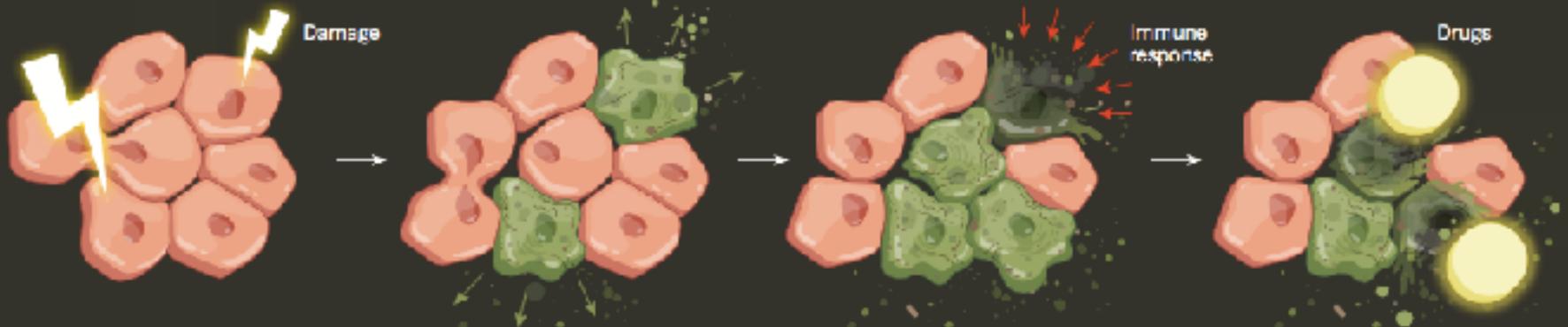
To stay young, kill zombies

Killing off cells that refuse to die on their own has proved a powerful anti-ageing strategy in mice. Now it's about to be tested in humans.

BY MEGAN SCUPELLARI

BECOMING UNDEAD

Damage or disease can lead a cell down the path to senescence. Scientists are still finding out how cells behave once they get there — and how to get rid of them.



THE TRIGGER

Damage or disease, along with signals from other cells during development, can induce senescence.

SPITTING OUT SIGNALS

Once senescent, cells stop dividing and belch out proteins such as cytokines, which attract immune molecules.

CLEAR OR CLOG

The immune system can kill senescent cells and allow tissue to regenerate. But in diseased or ageing tissue, senescent cells build up.

ZOMBIE KILLERS

Drugs in development turn off a cell's survival tricks to clear senescent cells from joints, blood vessels or the eye.

Il potenziale clinico dei farmaci senolitici

CLINICAL MANAGEMENT OF THE
OLDER ADULT

The Clinical Potential of Senolytic Drugs

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Il potenziale clinico dei farmaci senolitici

..i farmaci senolitici potrebbero trasformare la medicina geriatrica da una disciplina concentrata sulla prevenzione terziaria o quaternaria a una disciplina con importanti opzioni preventive primarie centrate su solide basi scientifiche..

..vi è una grave carenza di geriatri con sufficiente conoscenza della biologia di base e della scienza trascrizionale per condurre studi clinici precostituiti di prova di concetto per determinare se questi interventi emergenti avranno utilità clinica..

James L.Kirkland et all.

Il potenziale clinico dei farmaci senolitici

...a quasi sessant'anni dalla sua scoperta iniziale, oggi Hayflick è convinto che l'invecchiamento sia un processo biofisico inesorabile che non può essere alterato eliminando le cellule senescenti. **"I tentativi di interferire con il processo di invecchiamento sono in corso da quando esiste documentazione della storia umana"**, dice Hayflick. **"E non conosciamo nulla, proprio nulla, che abbia dimostrato di interferire con il processo di invecchiamento..."**



Prima e dopo il trattamento per l'eliminazione delle cellule senescenti. Le due microfotografie a destra mostrano il differente stato di uno stesso tessuto. (Corteesia Baker et al., 2016, "Nature".)

James L. Kirkland

Dal laboratorio alla clinica...

d-ROM test (<300 CARR U)

Test degli Omega 3 (1:4)

Test metagenomico (microbiota)

Così, poi, l'Aurora dai fiori d'oro rapì Iitone,
della vostra stirpe, simile agl'immortali;
e si avviò per chiedere a Zeus dalle nere nubi

Inno Omerico ad Afrodite, 218-245

ch'egli fosse immortale, e vivesse in eterno:

a lei Zeus assentì con un cenno, ed esaudì il suo desiderio

Stolta, e non pensò nella sua mente, l'Aurora veneranda,

a chiedere la giovinezza, e a tener lontana la vecchiaia rovinosa.

E in verità, fin quando egli era nella molto amabile giovinezza,

godendo l'amore dell'Aurora dai fiori d'oro, che sorge di buon mattino,

dimorava presso le correnti dell'Oceano, ai confini della terra:

ma quando le prime ciocche bianche scesero

giù dal bel capo e dal nobile mento, dal suo letto si astenne l'Aurora veneranda;

tuttavia, tenendolo nelle sue stanze, lo nutriva

di cibo terreno e di ambrosia, e gli donava belle vesti.

Ma quando con tutto il suo peso gravò su di lui l'odiosa vecchiaia

ed egli non riusciva più a muovere né a sollevare le membra,

questa nel suo animo le sembrò la decisione migliore: lo relegò nell'interno della casa, e serrò su di lui le porte risplendenti.

La sua voce mormora senza fine, ma il vigore

non è più quello che un tempo risiedeva nelle agili membra.

Io certo non vorrei che tu, in tale stato, fra gl'immortali

fossi immortale, e vivessi in eterno. **Certo se tu continuassi a vivere così come sei ora**

nella figura e nell'aspetto, e fossi chiamato mio sposo,

il dolore non avvolgerebbe, in seguito, il mio saldo animo.

Ora invece ti avvolgerà la vecchiaia crudele, inesorabile, che poi non lascia più gli uomini, devastatrice, estenuante, che gli stessi dei hanno in odio.



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