### Aging and Life-prolonging interventions Lecture 4

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### Aging and Caloric restriction

- Reduction in Caloric Intake without malnutrition
- Characteristics
  - Increases mean and maximum life span
  - Sixty years ago scientist at Cornell University made the extraordinary discovery -McCay
  - Reduces tumors, renal disease, cardiomyopathy











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### Caloric Restriction Increases Both Average and Maximal Life Span In Experimental Animals

White Rat

- On a normal diet, average life span is 23 months with a max of 33 months
- When intake is restricted (by about 1/3), average life span is 33 months and maximal life span is 47 months





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- Relationship has also been demonstrated with: spiders, insects, fish, and even protozoa.
- Monkey Studies are ongoing

(from Weindruch, R. Scientific American, Jan. 1996



### Summary 1 Caloric Restriction (CR) and Aging

CR (30 - 50%↓ caloric intake w/o malnutrition) is the only intervention shown in mammals to extend maximum lifespan and retard the development of a broad spectrum of age-associated pathophysiological changes. Three topics are being actively studied:

Mechanisms by which CR retards aging in rodents Effects of CR on aging and diseases in primates Development of CR mimetics (e.g., nutraceuticals)

### Summary Continue

Animals = Caloric Restriction increases <u>maximum</u> life span, it is thought to slow the aging process <u>itself</u>

Monkeys = effects on "health" parameters, but we may predict that it will not effect longevity per se (MLSP), but only MLP.

Humans = Unclear if it would work. Specifically in this "lazyconvenient" and "toxic-food" western society we live in.

#### And/or

Simply due to stringent-complex evolutionary genetic programs ingrained for millions of years, which make it impossible to alter maximum life-span. In other words, any alteration made to a human cell will likely have an negative impact on MLSP.

### Restriction of one Macronutrient

- Restriction of one macronutrient (fat, carbohydrate or protein) without a reduction in caloric intake does *not* increase maximal life span. Calorie intake is the key.
- Total calories same in Ad lib vs. ONE nutrient restricted. Studies showed no difference in MLSP
- Still more studies are needed to come to firmer conclusions

# Degree of adiposity does not seem to be important

When the bodyweight of genetically obese mice is kept normal by <u>caloric restriction, maximal life</u> span increases by 50%.

- They live longer than genetically <u>normal control mice</u> despite the fact their body fat level is over twice as high (48% vs. 22%).
- They live about as long as calorie restricted normal mice (who have only 13% body fat). From Harrison et al. 1984
- In other words, when comparing mice with 48% body fat (after CR) there was no difference in maximum live span as compared to mice with 22% and 13% fat.

### Caloric restriction, not bodyweight reduction, is the key to improved longevity

- Rats that had only a mildly restricted intake (92% of controls) but that were kept lean with exercise (weighing 40% less than controls) had an increase in average life span but not maximal life span (Holloszy 1997) compared to sedentary.
  - 8% CR (-40% BW mostly fat) had similar MLSP as control rats.

### General confounding factor with CR

- Animals may become more active when caloric restricted.
  - This has been observed in caloric restricted animals, they may be "searching for food".
    More active during the feeding process
- You may be comparing obese mice with
  - healthy lean mice?
    Maybe not too big of an issue, since fat % per se does not seem to effect <u>MLSP</u> in some of the previously discussed studies

What are some of the basic functional beneficial changes following CR?

# Is brain function improved with CR?

#### Improved responses to enclosed alleys

Ingram, D. K., Weindruch, R., Spangler, E. L., Freeman, J. R., and Walford, R. L. (1987) Dietary restriction <u>benefits learning</u> and <u>motor performance</u> of aged mice. J Gerontol 42, 78-81.

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### Clinical Health Parameters and CR on Monkey's

### Primate Data,

A few studies with rhesus monkeys are in progress, but longevity data will not be available for many years

#### Blood insulin and glucose levels drop

- Body temperature decreases in CR monkeys just as is observed in rodents.
- Both observed in humans during temporary caloric restriction (Biosphere)
- However, these are normal adaptations to food deprivation -- tells us nothing of mechanism
  - Think of set-point!!

#### NORMAL DIET

- Food intake: 688 calories per day
   Body weight: 31 pounds
- Percent of weight from fat: 25 MEASURES OF HEALTH

#### Blood pressure: 129/60 (systole/diastole)

- (systole/diastole) Glucose level: 71 (milligrams per deciliter of blood)
- a Insulin level: 93 (microunits per milliliter of blood)
- M Triglycerides: 169 (milligrams per deciliter of blood)



#### REDUCED DIET

- Food intake: 477 calories per day
- Body weight: 21 pounds
- Percent of weight from fat: 10 MEASURES OF HEALTH

#### Blood pressure: 121/51 (systole/diastole)

- Glucose level: 56 (milligrams per deciliter of blood)
- Insulin level: 29 (microunits per milliliter of blood)
- Triglycerides: 67 (milligrams per deciliter of blood)



# Increased resistance to stress response

Treatment	No. Rats Observed	No. Kats with Tumo	r %
Control	89	43	48
Restriction	77	ò	č
Control/radiation	102	91	89
Restriction/radiation	128	29	23
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There is a <u>chronic exposure to oxidants</u> during a life-span and <u>life-long caloric restriction</u> reduces <u>oxidant production</u> and <u>oxidative stress</u>



Drew, B., Phaneuf, S., Dirks, A., Selman, C., Gredilla, R., Lezza, A., Barja, G., and Leeuwenburgh, C. (2003 Effects of aging and caloric restriction on mitochondrial energy production in gastrocnemius muscle and heart. *Am J Physiol Regul Integr Comp Physiol* 284, R474-R480





Leeuwenburgh, C. et al. Caloric restriction attenuates dityrosine cross-linking of cardiac and skeletal muscle proteins in aging mice. *Arch Biochem Biophys.* 346:74-80. 1997.



Caloric Restriction decreases the concentrations of the products of oxidative damage to DNA, proteins and lipids in brain, heart, and skeletal muscle

Calorie restriction decreases the inflammatory response



-55 genes decreased expression with age
-13% were involved with energy metabolism
-58 genes increased expression with age
-16% were mediators of the stress response

-lower expression of metabolic and biosynthetic genes

-a marked stress response

Lee et al., Gene Expression Profile of Aging and its Retardation by Caloric Restriction. Science, 285, 1390-3, 1999.



### Gene Expression Profile of Skeletal Muscle from Old Mice

- Heat shock response genes, DNA damage response genes, Oxidative stress Inducible genes
- Energy Metabolism
   Reduced glycolysis, mitochondrial dysfunction
- Reinnervation induced genes, muscle injury induced genes, neurite extension And sprouting

Most alterations (~80%) were completely or partially Prevented by caloric restriction.

### Caloric Restriction and the Aging Heart

CR reduces the incidence of spontaneous <u>cardiomyopathy</u> in Sprague-Dawley rats

CR prevents age-associated alterations in late diastolic function in B6D2F1 mice

CR reduces the concentration of <u>8-hydroxyguanine</u> in DNA and dityrosine cross-linking of proteins in heart of aged mice

Prevents somatic <u>mitochondrial DNA rearrangements</u> associated with aging

Experimental design for heart study:

- ♦ Mouse B6C3F<sub>1</sub> male (5 month and 30 month)
- Dietary manipulation started at 14 months of age
- CR group: 58 kcal/week (41% reduction from the control group)
- LA group: supplementation of α-lipoic acid (600 mg/kg) to control diet
- CQ group: supplementation of coenzyme Q10 (100 mg/kg) to control diet
- ◆ Sample size: n = 5 per group
- ♦ Array: U74A 9,977 genes





#### Overview of Aging and CR Induced Gene Expression

9,977 genes studied

5701 genes expressed in the heart

996 (10%) of transcripts changed in expression with aging

2,075 (21%) of transcripts changed in expression with CR

Conclusion: CR induces a marked transcriptional Reprogramming in the heart.

## The aging heart is associated with alterations in carbohydrate metabolism

Gene	FC	CR effect(%)	
Pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase	-8.5	139	
Ucp 3	-2.6	146	
Phosphofructokinase	1.5	105	
Enolase	1.1	NC	
Phosphoglycerate kinase	1.1	NC	
Glut 4	1.4	NC	

## The aging heart is associated with alterations in fatty acid metabolism

Gene	FC	CR effect(%)
Acyl-CoA thioesterase 1	-5.1	71
Lipase, hormone sensitive	-4.6	89
Acyl-Coenzyme A oxidase	-1.8	38
Carboxylesterase 3	-1.6	46
Peroxisomal delta3,	-1.6	182
delta2-enoyl-coenzyme A isomerase	-1.5	174
Enoyl coenzyme A hydratase 1	-1.5	13
Dodecenoyl-coenzyme A delta	-1.5	26
Alhpa-methylacyl-CoA racemase	4.5	32

## The aging heart is associated with alterations in fatty acid metabolism

Gene	FC	CR effect(%)
Solute carrier family member 27	-2.0	25
CD36	-1.8	-14
Carnitine O-palmitoyl transferase	-3.3	46
Carnitine acetyltransferase	-1.6	-15
Mitochondrial carnititine translocase,	-1.5	73



### Best Explanations... That are Maybe TRUE

- It has been well established that caloric restriction slows down metabolic rate.
  - Maybe TRUE (depends on study you read)
  - In our groups there is no reduction in metabolism
  - There may be variations in tissues (lean body mass and fat mass may show differences).
- Perhaps lower oxygen consumption leads to less oxygen radical production

not always a direct relationship)

### More importantly...

- Perhaps that due to long-term caloric restriction, mitochondria use <u>oxygen</u> <u>more efficiently</u> such that less superoxide anion is produced per liter of oxygen consumed
- Adaptations to phosholipids (cardiolipin) and a reduction in "proton leak"



### Most Important

- Genes more "youthful" (Science 1999)
- Reduction in oxidant production and oxidative stress. Over time less oxidative damage to different complexes, therefore less of a "electron leak" less damage to DNA, lipids, proteins.



