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Geen disclosures

# Vraag: wat is de rol van de MDL arts tav metabole aspekten lever?

- geen rol
- rol in diagnostiek en behandeling
- Alleen rol bij gecompliceerd leverlijden
- Centrale rol in lever gerelateerde metabole aandoeningen

# Statement

Lever gerelateerde metabole aandoeningen zijn domein MDLever arts

Functie in:

Diagnostiek en behandeling

Coördineert interdisciplinaire samenwerking

1e lijn huisarts en huisarts ondersteuning

endocrinologie

vasculair geneeskundige

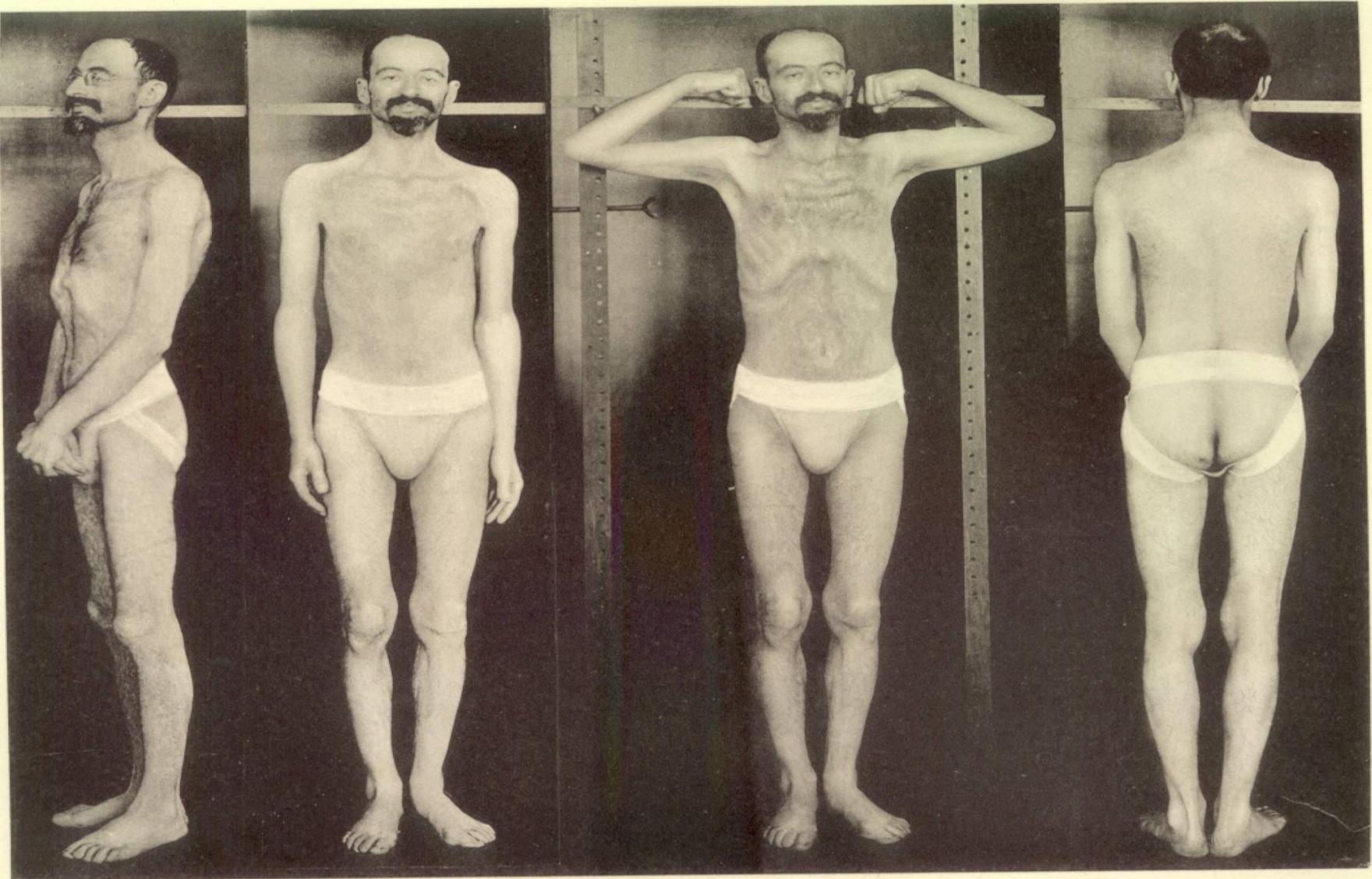
# N=1 studie 1912 Heer Levanzin



Views of subject Levanzin on first day of Thirty-one day Fast.

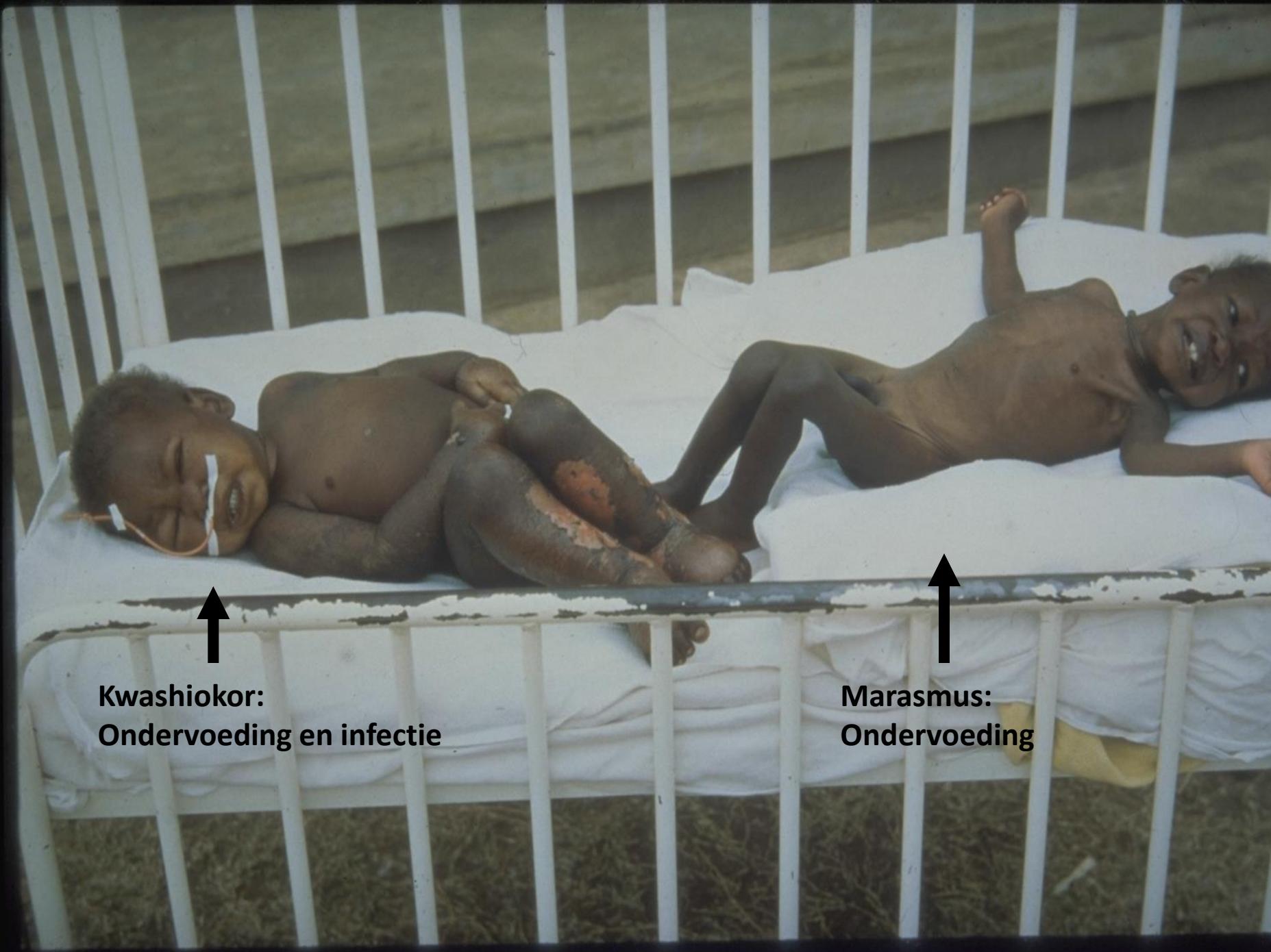
FASTING

PLATE 4



Views of subject Levanzin on last day of Thirty-one day Fast.





**Kwashiokor:**  
**Ondervoeding en infectie**

**Marasmus:**  
**Ondervoeding**

—Nitrogen excreted in urine, per day and per kilogram of body-weight,  
in experiment with L.

Date.	Day of fast.	Nitrogen excreted.		Date.	Day of fast.	Nitrogen excreted.	
		Per day.	Per kilogram of body-weight per day.			Per day.	Per kilogram of body-weight per day.
1912.		gm.	gm.	1912.		gm.	gm.
Apr. 11-12..		15.92	0.264	Apr. 30-May 1..	17th...	8.81	0.169
12-13..		14.48	.238	May 1-2....	18th...	8.27	.160
13-14..		11.54	.190	2-3.....	19th...	8.37	.163
14-15..	1st....	7.10	.118	3-4.....	20th...	7.69	.151
15-16..	2d....	8.40	.142	4-5.....	21st ...	7.93	.156
16-17..	3d....	11.34	.195	5-6.....	22d....	7.75	.154
17-18..	4th....	11.87	.207	6-7.....	23d....	7.31	.146
18-19..	5th....	10.41	.184	7-8.....	24th...	8.15	.164
19-20..	6th....	10.18	.181	8-9.....	25th...	7.81	.158
20-21..	7th....	9.79	.176	9-10.....	26th...	7.88	.160
21-22..	8th....	10.27	.186	10-11.....	27th...	8.07	.165
22-23..	9th....	10.74	.196	11-12.....	28th...	7.62	.157
23-24..	10th....	10.05	.185	12-13.....	29th...	7.54	.156
24-25..	11th....	10.25	.190	13-14.....	30th...	7.83	.163
25-26..	12th....	10.13	.189	14-15.....	31st...	6.94	.146
26-27..	13th....	10.35	.193	15-16.....		4.83	.102
27-28..	14th....	10.43	.196	16-17.....		3.81	.081
28-29..	15th....	8.46	.160	17-18.....		12.75	<sup>1</sup> 0.058
29-30..	16th....	9.58	.182				

<sup>1</sup>Determined in urine for about 22 hours.

# Stress en Katabolie

- 10 – 14 g N (stikstof) /dag
- $10 - 14 \times 6.25 = 62 - 87$  g eiwit /dag
- $62 - 87 \times 4 = 250 - 350$  g nat spiergewicht (grotendeels spier, ook huid, bot)

# Hoe zit het met voedingstatus van deze obese patient?

Abdominale operatie

Platzbauch

maagretentie

ARDS

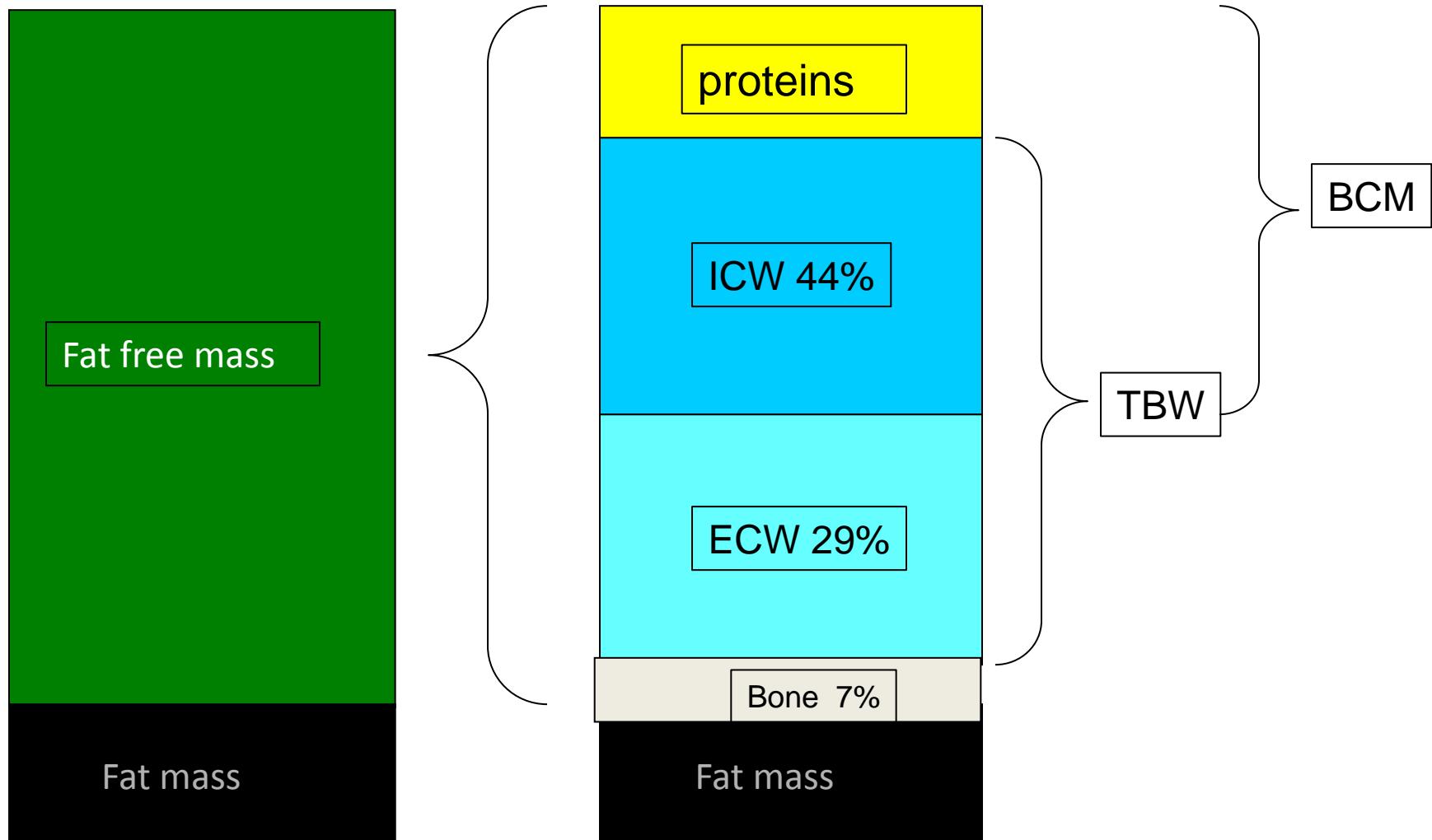


Vetmassa en  
overvulling kunnen  
verlies van vettvrije  
massa (body cell  
mass) maskeren



# Body composition

2 compartment model



# Body composition

The normal ranges for muscle mass:

Age	Women	Men
20-39	63% - 75.5%	75% - 89%
40-59	62% - 73.5%	73% - 86%
60-79	60% - 72.5%	70% - 84%

The normal ranges for bone mass

Women	Men
2.5% - 4%	3% - 5%

The normal ranges for fat mass

Age	Women	Men
20-39	22% - 33%	8% - 20%
40-59	24% - 34%	11% - 22%
60-79	25% - 36%	13% - 25%

The normal ranges for water mass

Women	Men
45% - 60%	50% - 65%

Fat mass + Bone mass + Muscle mass = 100% of the body composition

# Body changes in progressive chronic liver disease



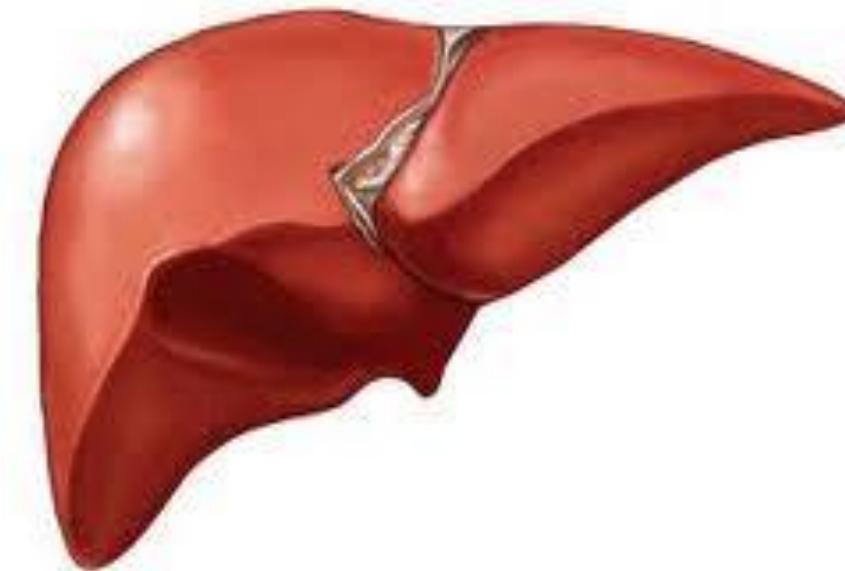
Tense ascites  
hernia umbilicalis

atrophic muscle  
skin

haematomas

diminished subcutaneous fat  
mass

# Disturbed liver metabolic function



## Disturbed nutritional balance

# Metabolism

## fueling and building blocks

### carbohydrates

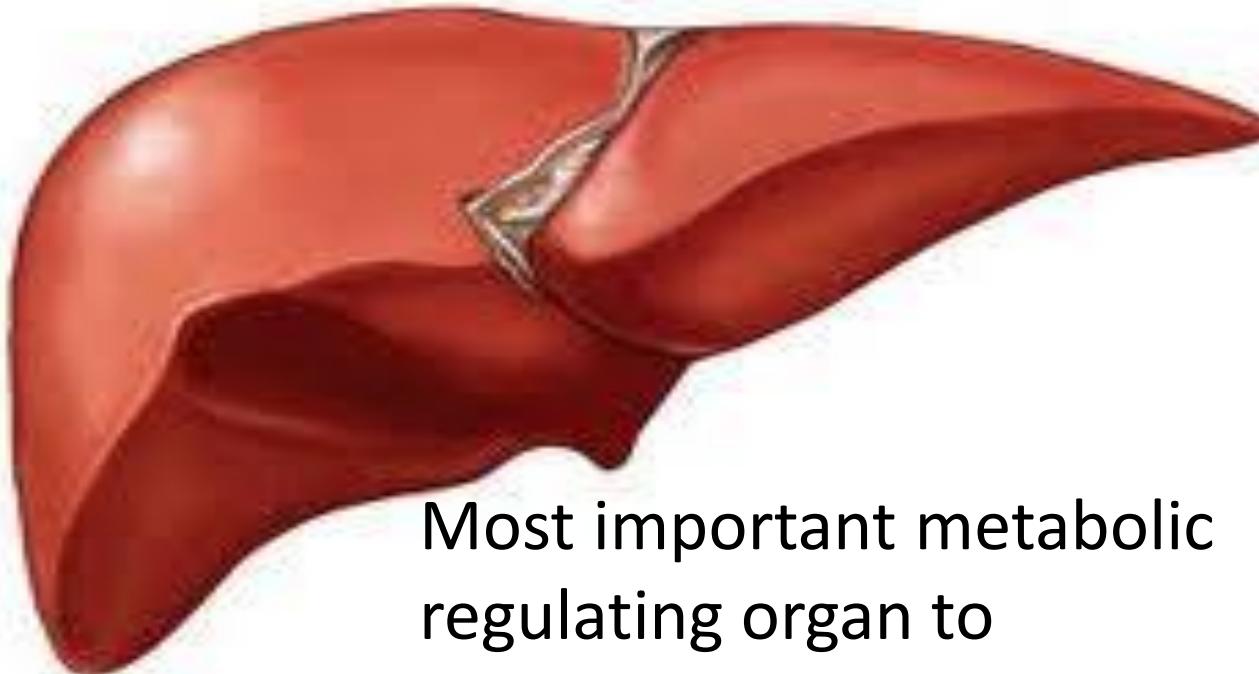
proteins



lipids



protein



Most important metabolic  
regulating organ to  
preserve body homeostasis



# Energy

- Sources: carbohydrates, lipids and proteins
- Triacylglycerols more efficient energy storage compared to glycogen
- ATP yield Triacylglycerols: glycogen = 2.5:1
- Triacylglycerols stored without water
- Glycogen binds twice its weight of water

# Hoeveel energie in glycogeen opgeslagen bij persoon van 70 kg?

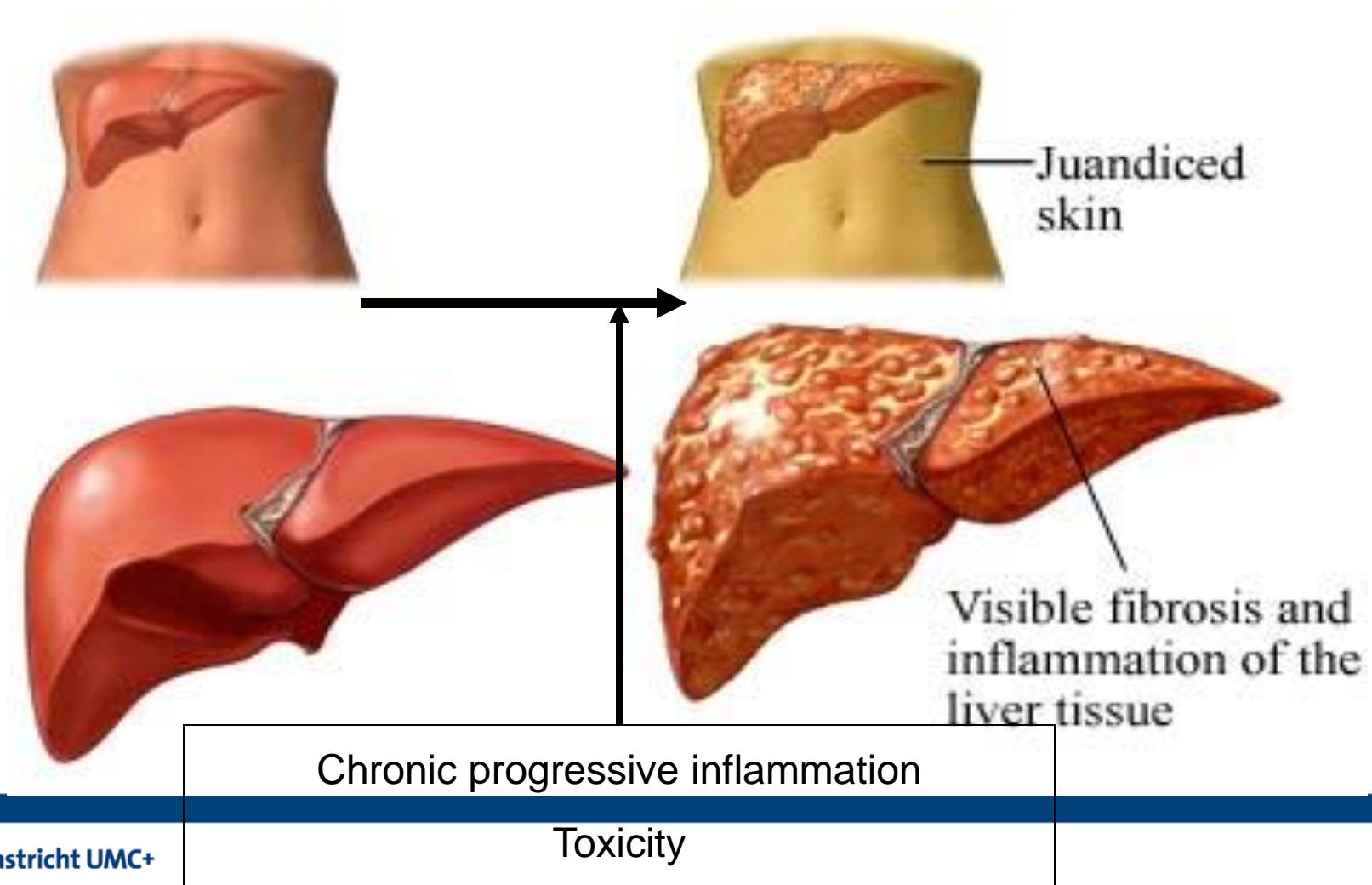
- a. 125g 500 kcal
- b. 250g 1000 kcal
- c. 375g 1500 kcal
- d. 500g 2000 kcal

# Energy stores in healthy condition

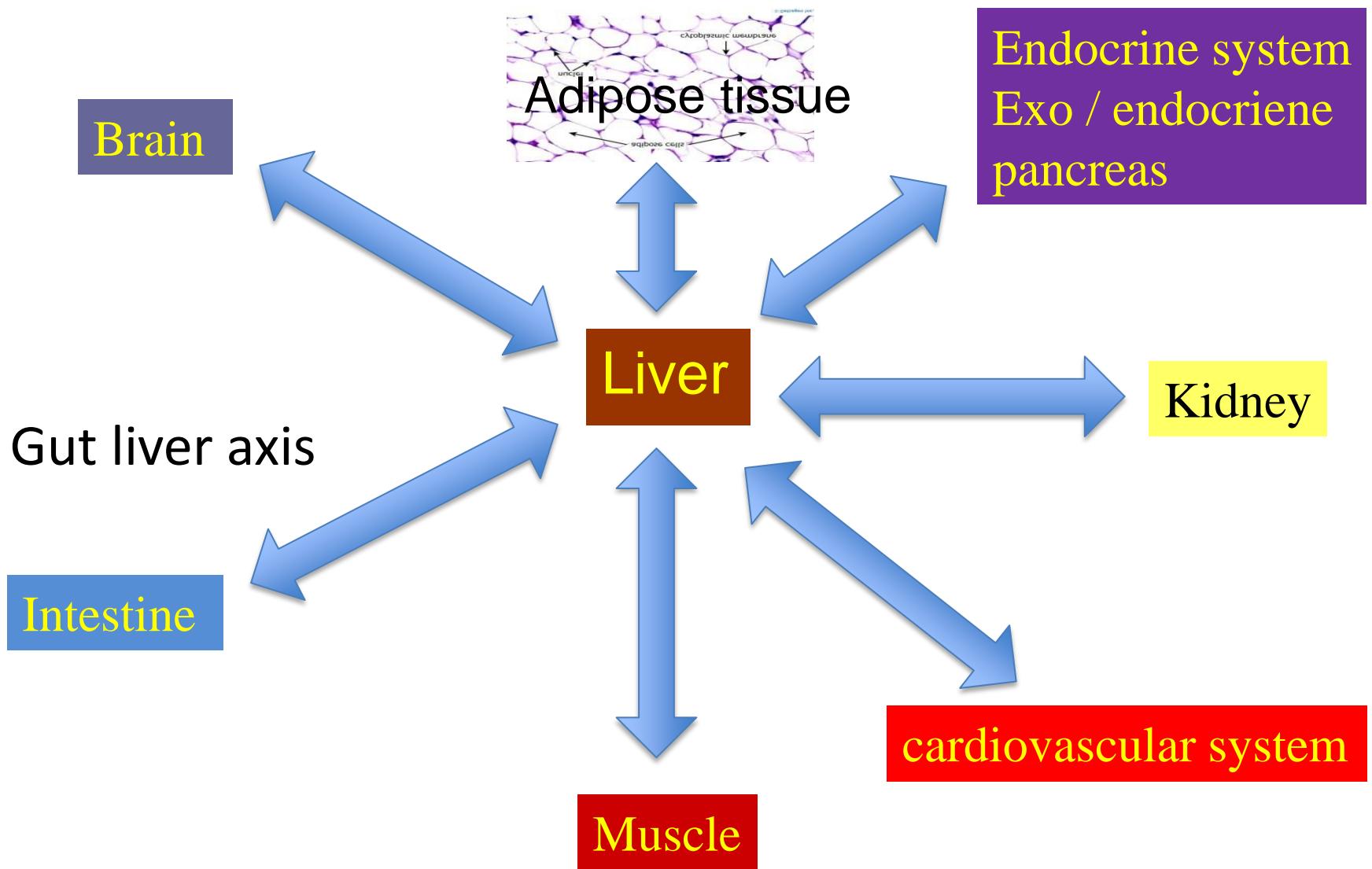
70 Kg human

- 250g glycogen in liver and muscle
- Represents 1000 kcal energy
- 16 kg Triacylglycerol energy sufficient to survive several weeks of starvation
- Triacylglycerol pool easy to expand
  - Adipose tissue
- Protein pool

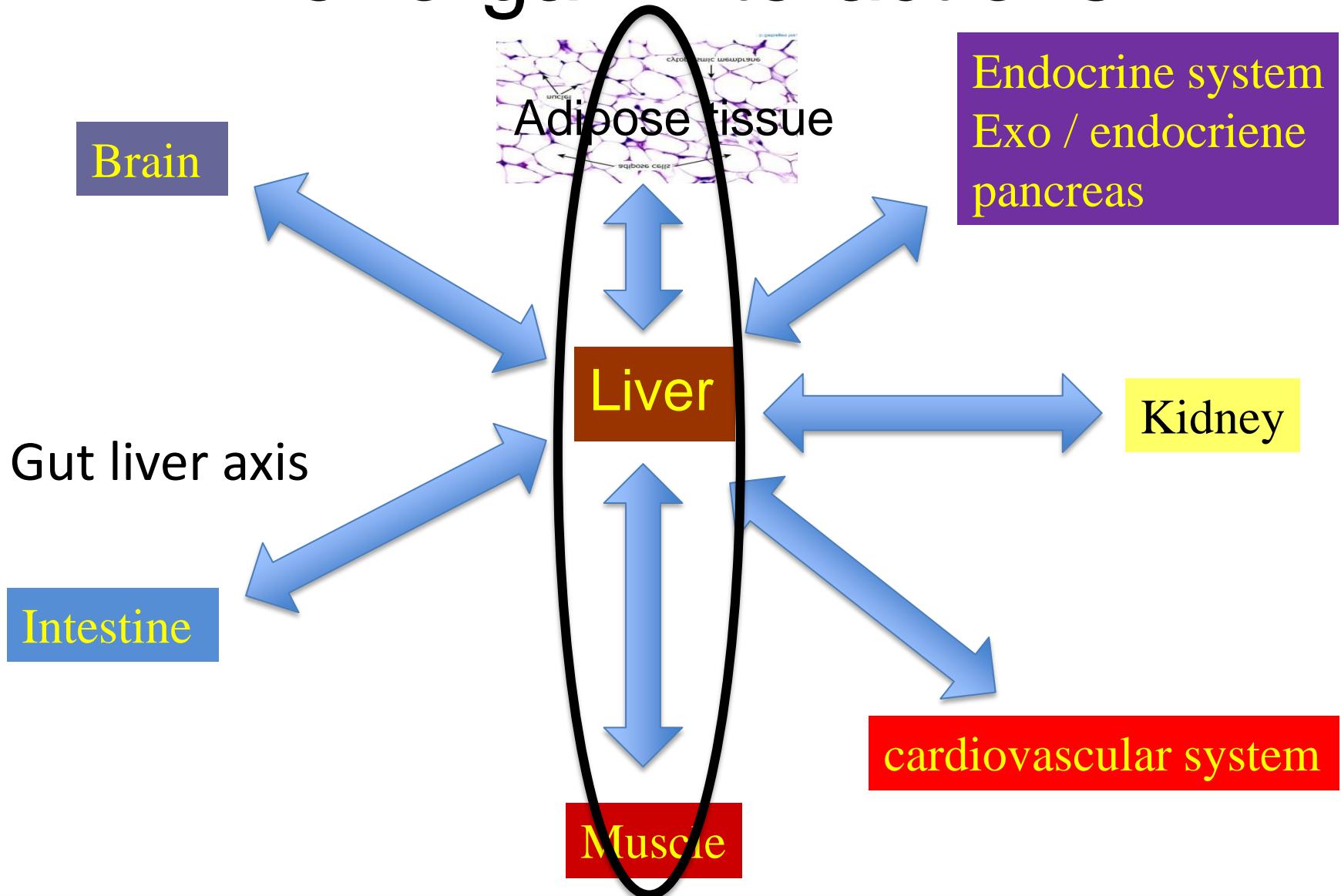
# Disturbed nutritional balance in progressive liver disease



# Liver organ interactions



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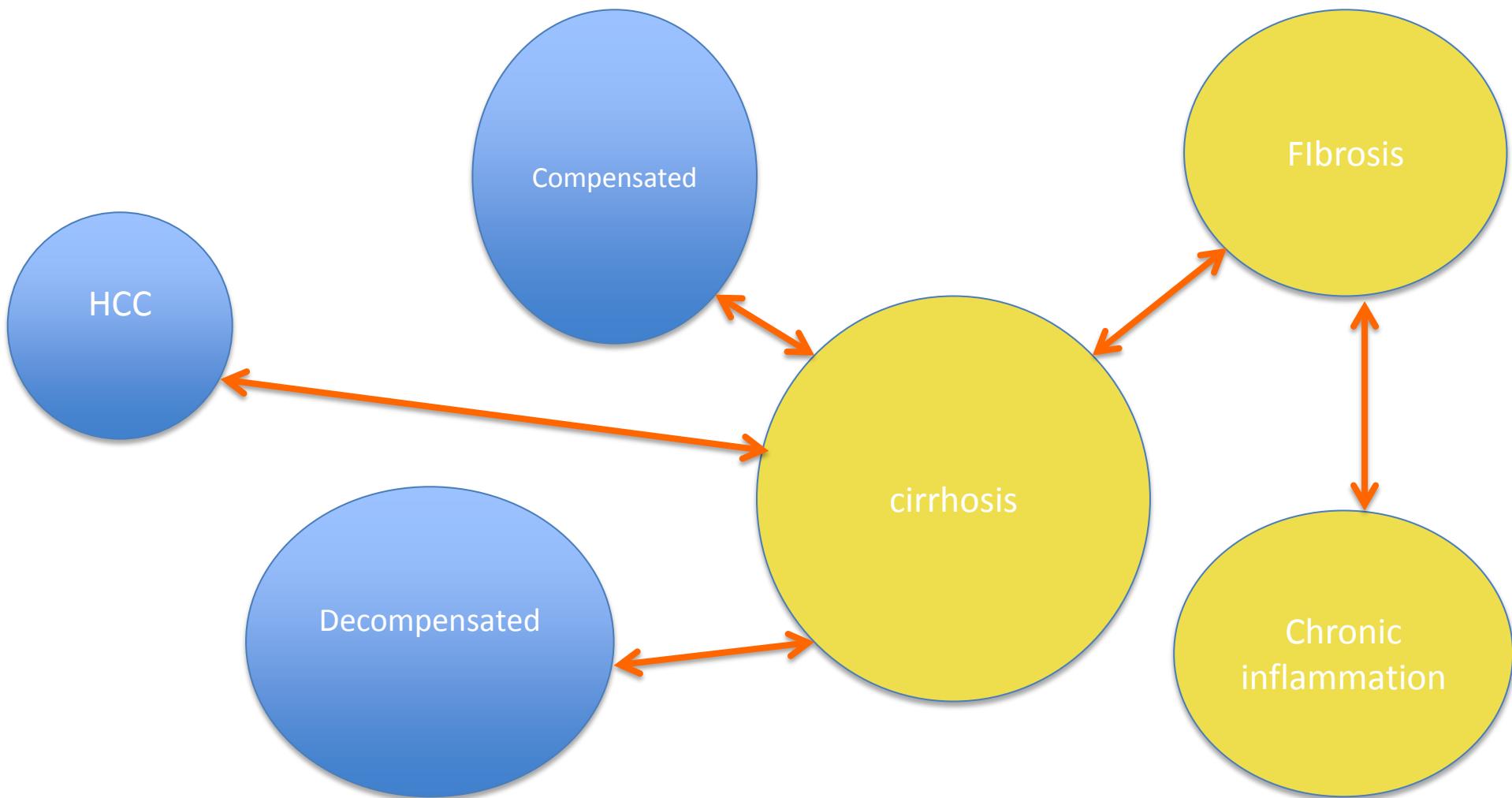


# Disturbed nutritional status in progressive chronic liver disease (CLD)



- **Malnutrition**
  - 2 or > characteristics
    - Insufficient energy intake
    - Weight loss
    - Loss of muscle mass
    - Loss of subcutaneous fat
    - Localized or generalized fluid accumulation that may sometimes mask weight loss
    - Diminished functional status as measured by handgrip strength
- **Sarcopenia**
  - Condition characterized by loss of muscle mass and strength
- **Cachexia**
  - Multifactorial syndrome characterized by increased protein catabolism due to underlying disease

# Differentiating CLD



# Questions

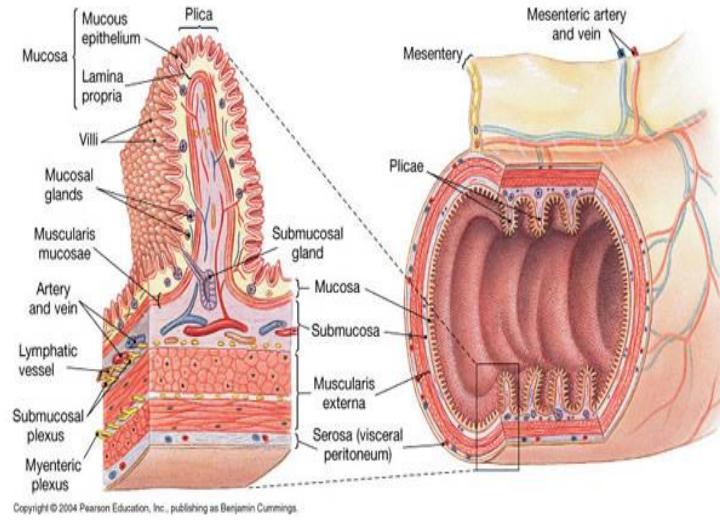
- Nutritional status chronic liver disease (CLD) patients
  - Malnutrition
  - Sarcopenia
  - Cachexia
- etiology
- How to diagnose
- How to treat

# Pathophysiological aspects in metabolic status of CLD

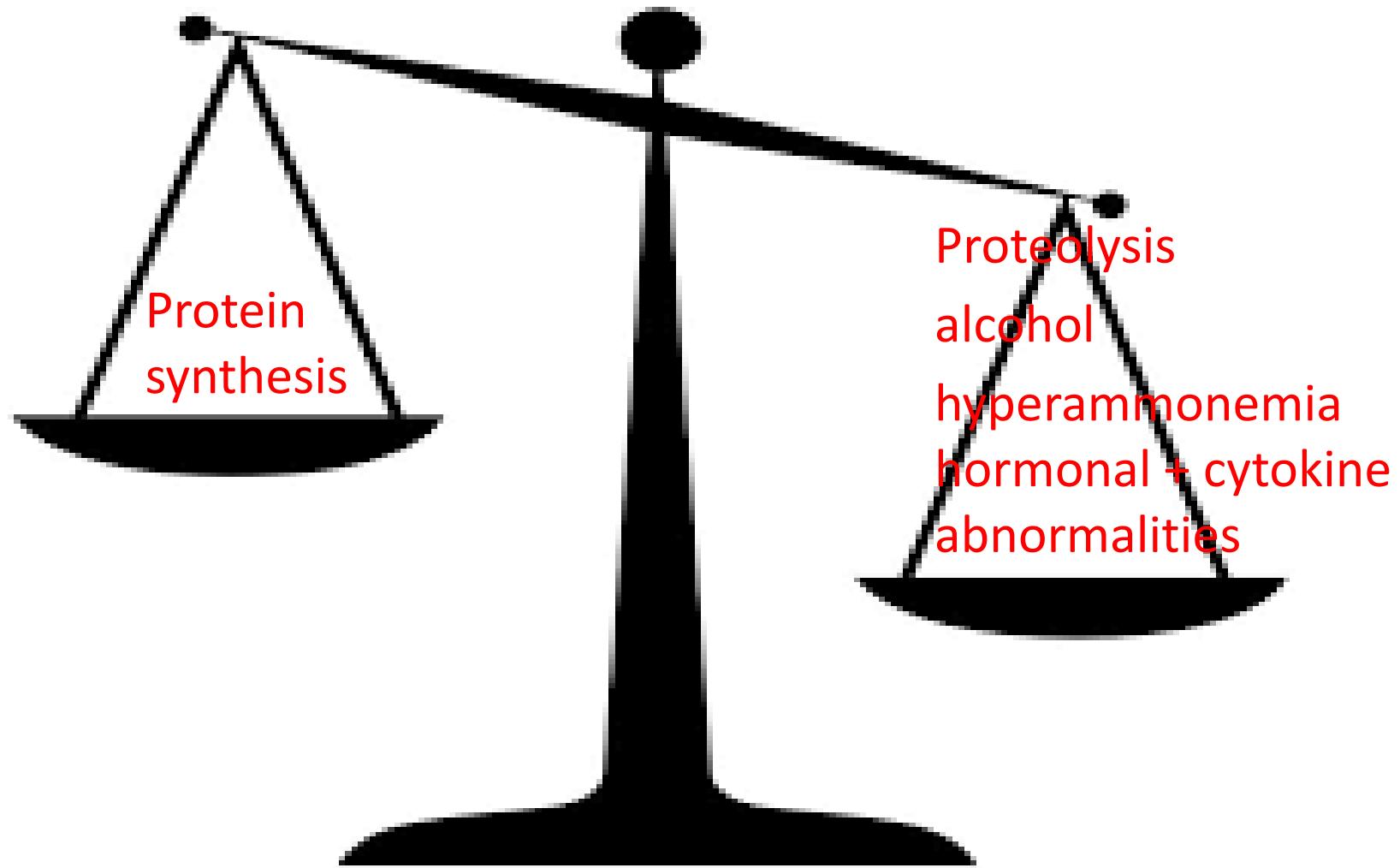
- Liver related
- Portosystemic shunting
- Inflammatory status
- Muscle wasting

# Portal hypertension

- Portal hypertension and portosystemic shunting
- Congestion GI tract
  - Diminished absorption
  - Diminished lymph transport
  - Diminished first pass effect
- Compromising metabolism; malabsorption
- Bacterial overgrowth small intestine
- Change in bacterial population colon



# Muscle mass

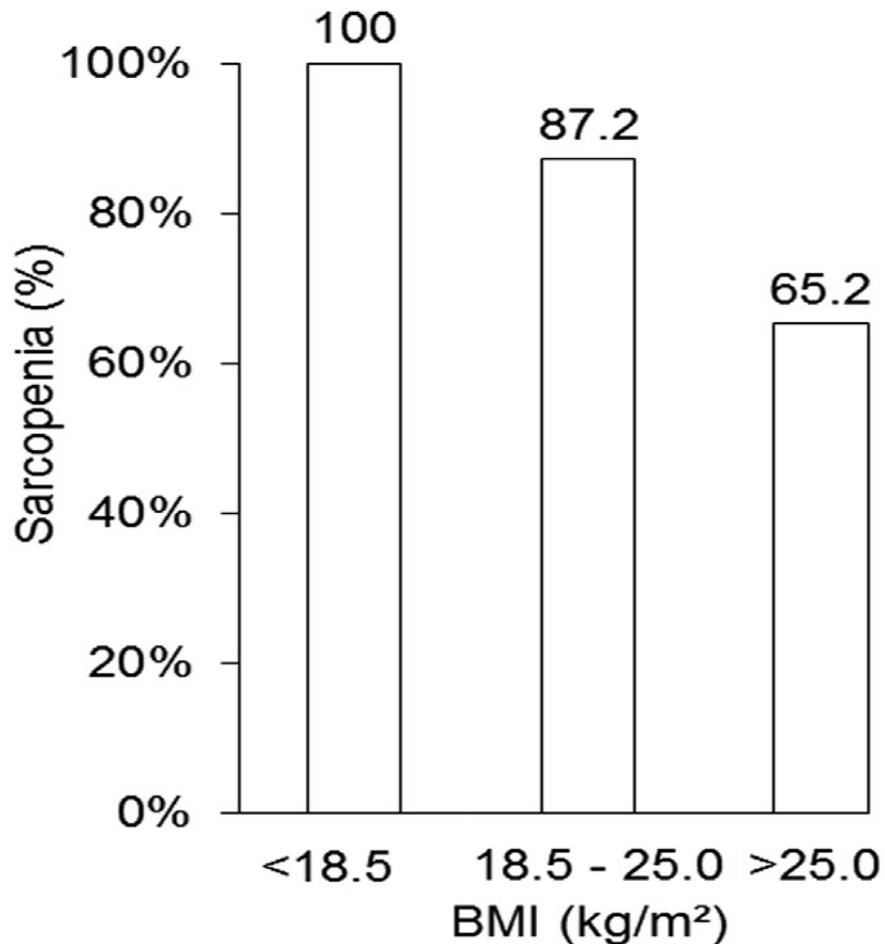


# How often?

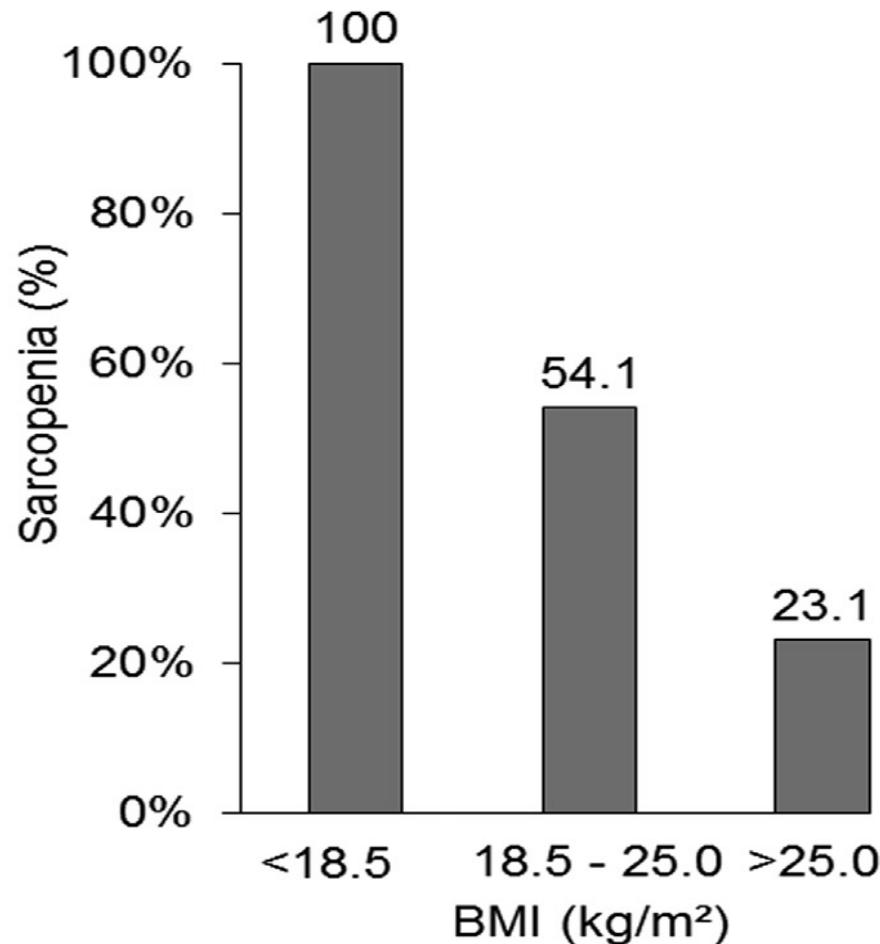
- prevalence of malnutrition in advanced cirrhosis 65–90 % (Merli et al. 2010).
- CT N3 Study in 338 patients before OLT showed cachexie in 68% (Di Martini 2013).
- Low protein intake (<1g/kg/d) cause decline in muscle and fat tissue responsible for higher mortality after OLT (Ney 2015).

# BMI and sarcopenia

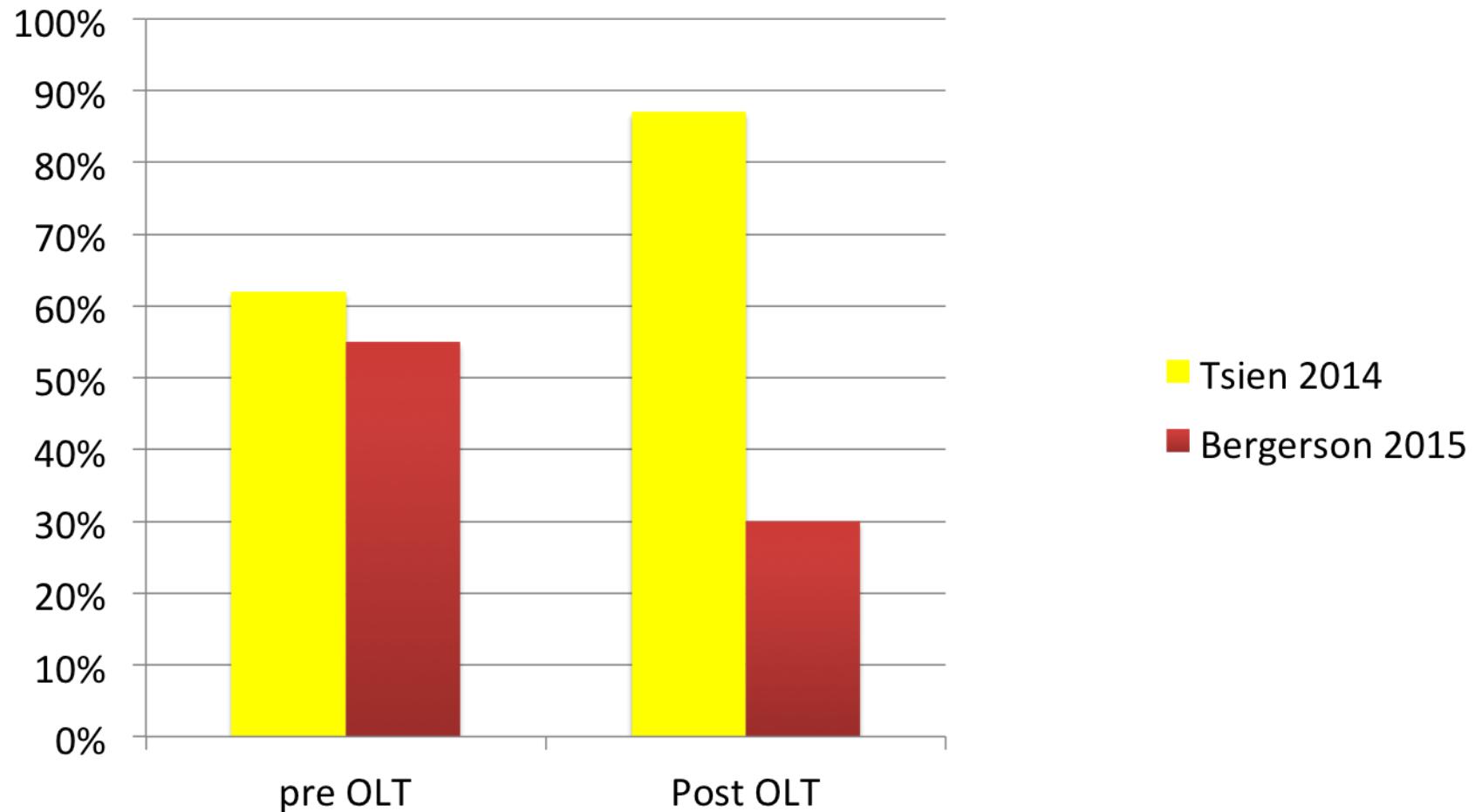
Males ( $P<0.05$ )



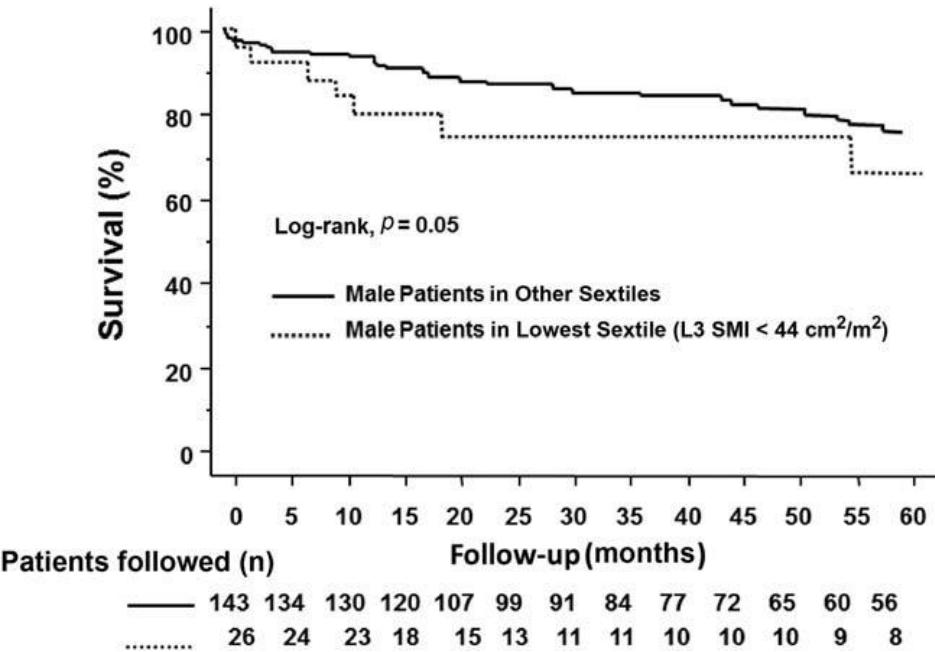
Females ( $P<0.05$ )



# Sarcopenia and OLT



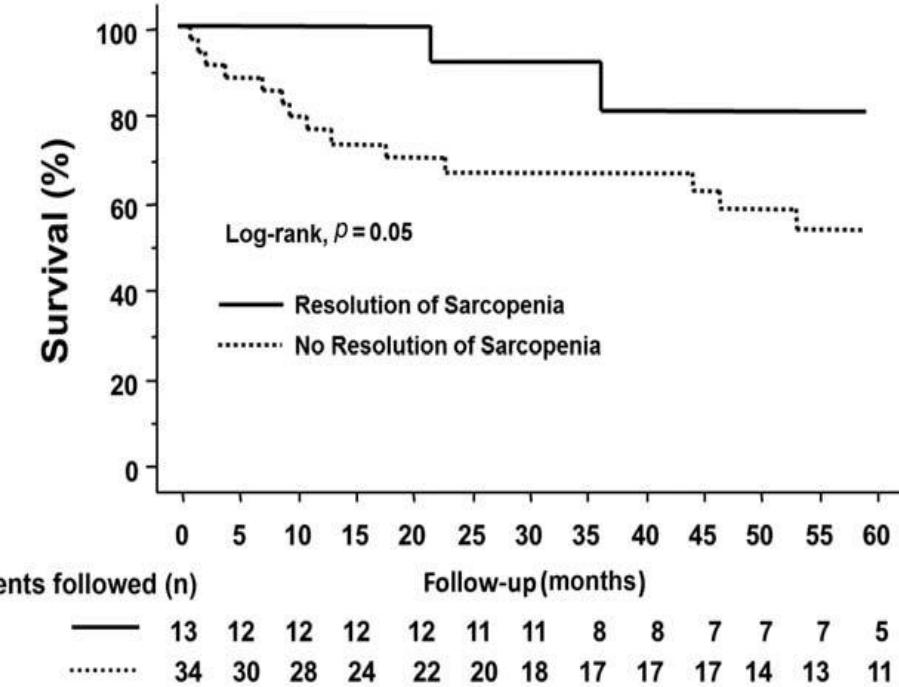
# Survival post OLT



45% sarcopenia male patients  
(N=112)  
Survival after OLT  
1yr 81% vs 93%  
5yr 67% vs 76%

Low BMI associated with mortality  
post OLT  
Impaired immunity

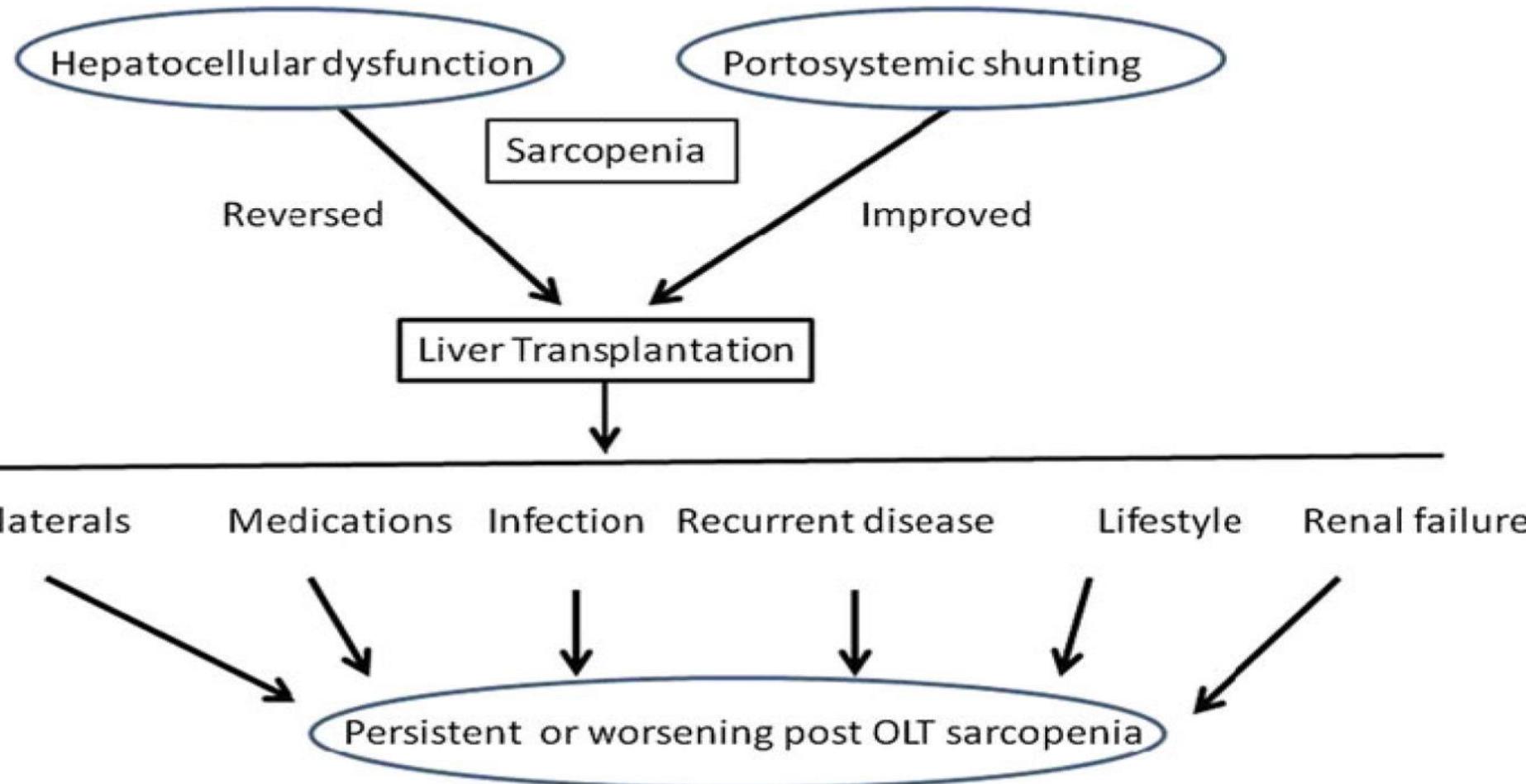
# Survival post OLT



45% sarcopenia (112)  
No resolution of sarcopenia  
1yr 77% vs 92%  
5yr 54% vs 82%

Longer recovery after OLT  
Higher rates of bac infections  
Impaired immunity

# Persistent post OLT sarcopenia complicating factors



# Diagnostic approach

1. Liver related
  - Liver disease: MELD, CP
2. nutritional assessment
3. body composition measurements

# Orientation

- One question
- One test

# Orientation

- One question: how much weight did You lost in the last 6 month?
- One test: give me a hand as firm as possible

# Diagnostic nutritional status

[http://www.nutritionalassessment.azm.nl/algoritme+na/  
onderzoek/energiegebruik/berekenen.htm](http://www.nutritionalassessment.azm.nl/algoritme+na/onderzoek/energiegebruik/berekenen.htm)

Weight loss could be either >10% of habitual weight  
indefinite of time, or >5% over 3 months

# Nutritional Assessment

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# Risk Assessment

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# individualizing therapy

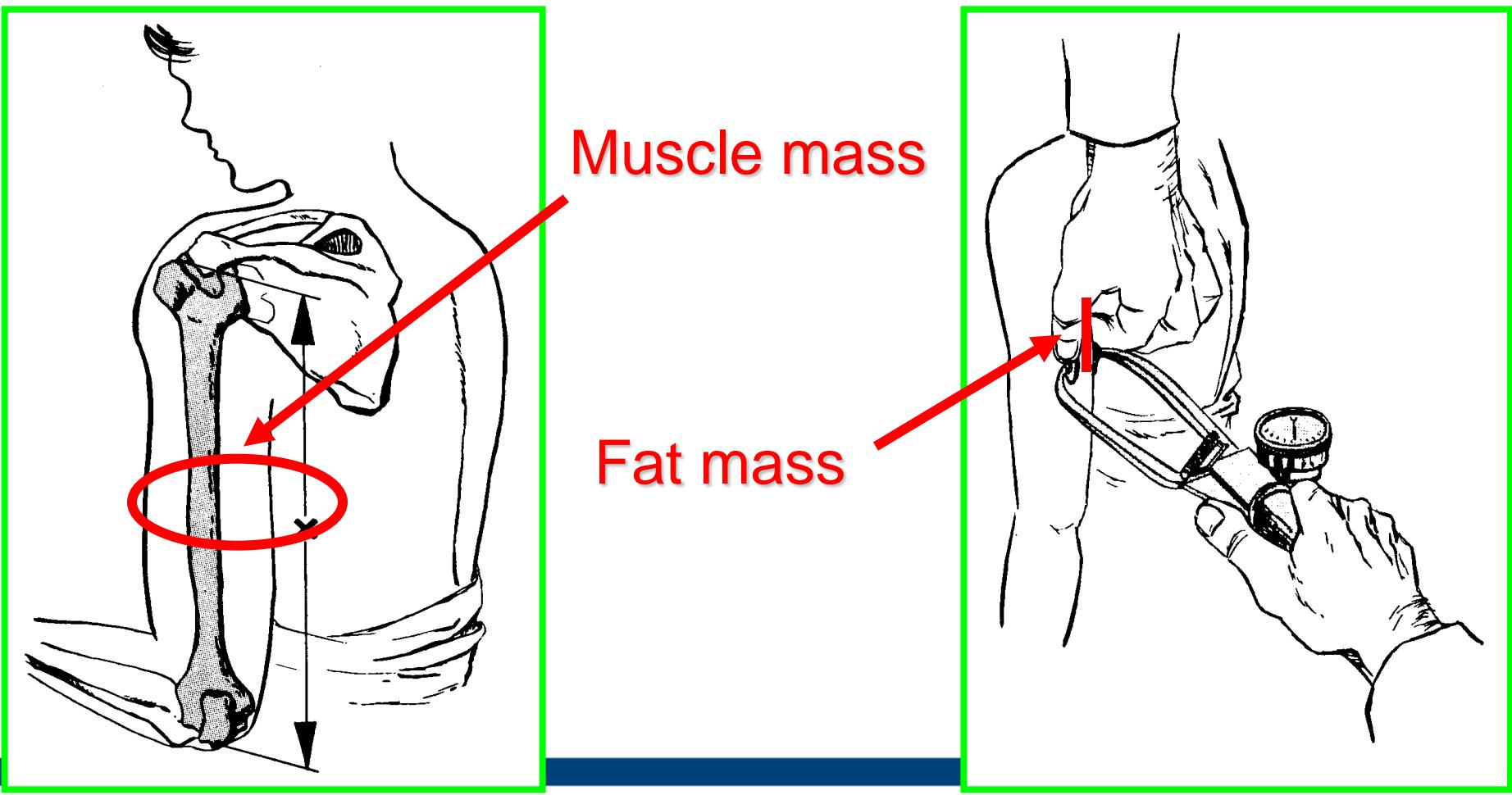


# Nutritional Assessment

Steps to be taken:

- Analyze previous dietary intake
- Measure body composition
- Measure/evaluate inflammatory activity/disease activity
- Measure function:
  - Muscle strength
  - Cognitive function (mood, concentration, memory etc)
  - Immune function

# Anthropometry



# Muscle strength

## Handgrip strength

- peak expiratory flow rate
  - Squeeze three times
  - Highest value is used
  - Dominant hand
- diagnosis of decreased muscle strength
- HGS <5th percentile according to standard values for the general population matched for age and sex

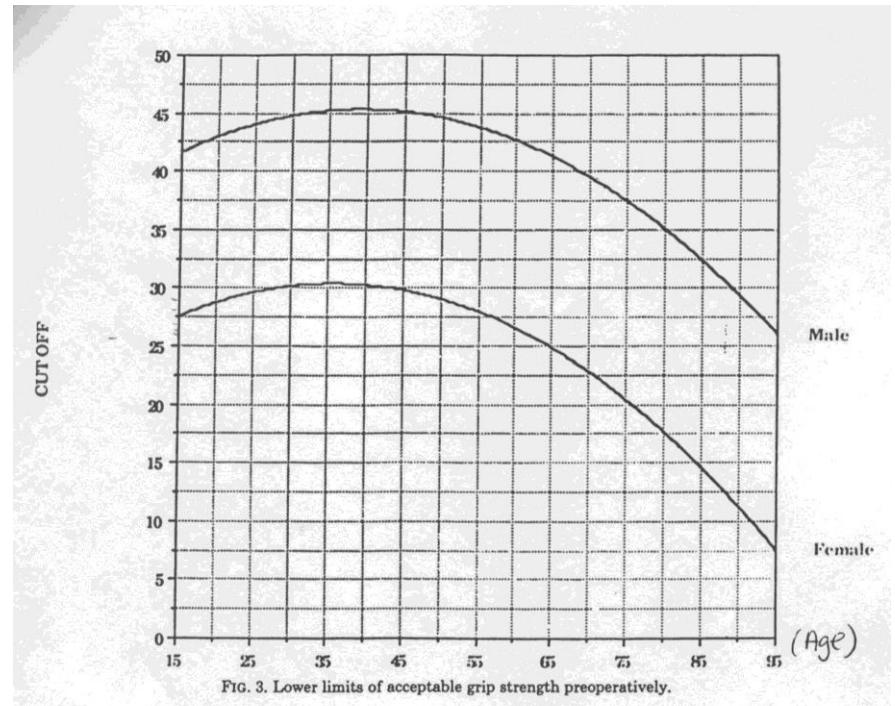


# Nutritional assessment

## Evaluate grip strength

- predictor of complications
- relation with arm muscle area
- function changes before mass
- decreases with age
- Not to use during:
  - sedation
  - coma patients
  - muscular or neurological disease

Compare measured value with age and gender specific reference values.



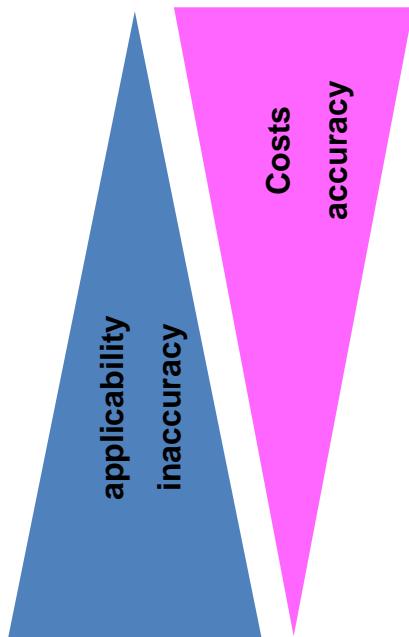
Recente referentiewaarden Spaanse populatie.  
Luna Heredez E et al. Clin Nutr 2005; 24:250-259

# Bioelectrical impedance analysis (BIA)

- Longitudinal follow-up of body composition by BIA is possible between BMI of 16-34 kg/m<sup>2</sup> without abnormal hydration
- Cheap and easy to perform
- Reproducible
- Not suitable in decompensated cirrhotic patients



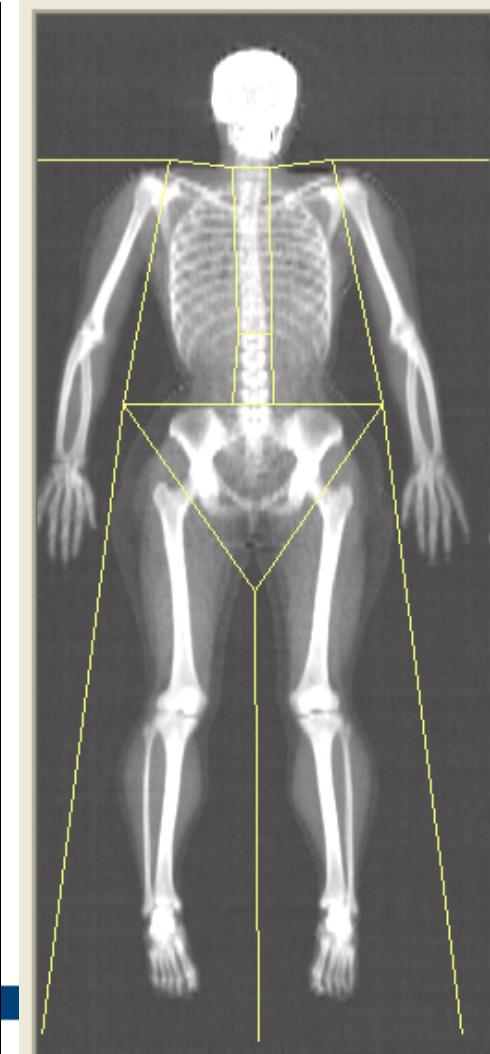
# Techniques for measuring body composition



- CT scan, MRI, Total N, total K.
- Volume measurements (under water weighing, in air (BodPod))
- DEXA scan (VVM, VM, Bone density)
- Indicator dilution methods (TBW, ECW)
- bio-electrical impedance analysis
- Skin fold thickness (VM, VVM)

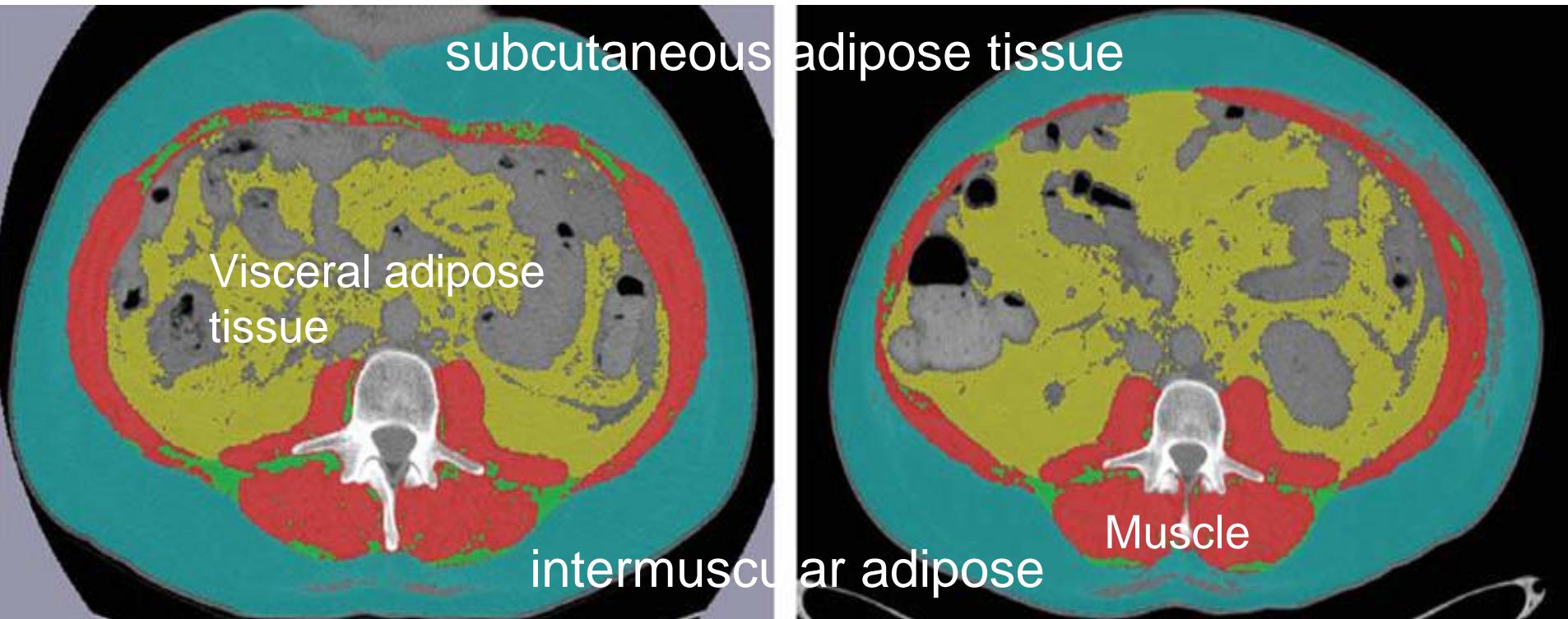
# Total body dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) scan

- Skeletal muscle mass (Fat-free mass)
  - Fat-free mass index ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$ ) (FFMI)
- Fat mass
  - Fat mass index ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$ ) (FMI)
- Fat distribution
  - Visceral fat in  $\text{cm}^2$



# CT Lumbar 3

## psoas muscle thickness



# Skeletal muscle index (SMI) sectional CT L3

- Measurement single abdominal image of the third lumbar vertebra (L3).
- normalize muscle area to patient height ( $\text{cm}^2/\text{m}^2$ )
- Sarcopenie definition in ESLD awaiting LT
  - Men SMI < 50  $\text{cm}^2/\text{m}^2$
  - Women < 39  $\text{cm}^2/\text{m}^2$

# Liver Kurort



# Aim nutritional physical management

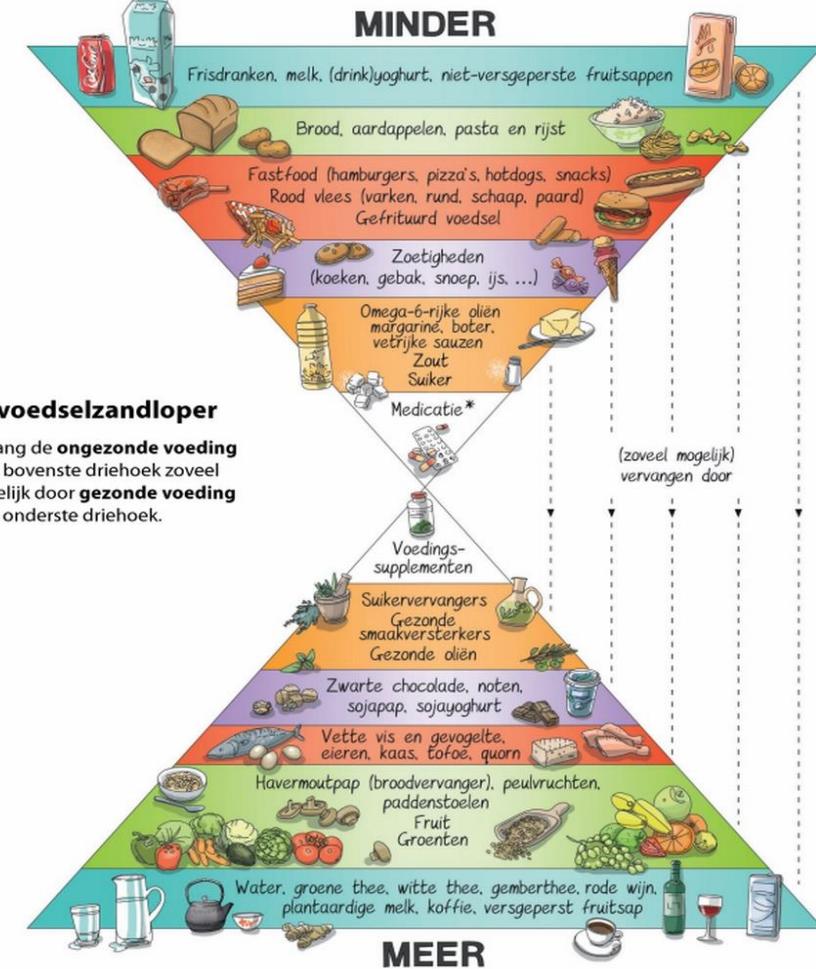
- Preservation of skeletal muscle mass and function
- Improve (mal)nutrition/cachexia status (Fueling)
- Improve general health and functioning

# Therapeutic interventions

- Treat liver disease
- Treat systemic inflammation
- Adequate balanced nutrition
- Improve muscle function



# Recommendations 2016



# dietary advise consensus ESPEN

- Energy intake 30-35 Kcal/KgBw/d
- Protein 1.2-1.5 g/KgBw/d
- BCAA if GE bleeding and HE grad III/IV
- Fat as source of energy ratio n6:n3 = 2:1
- Enteral duodenal
- Parenteral feeding if no enteral is possible
- Supplements micronutriënten:  
vitamine A, D, E, K, B12, B1 and C, calcium, magnesium, zink, folic acid, selenium, natrium, fibers.



# What is the goal?



# How to treat?

- Branched chain Amino acids
- 20 g before sleep
- Bad taste



# Testosteron measurement

- Who does this?

# Treatment with androgen

- Treatment with Testim gel?
- Control testosterone

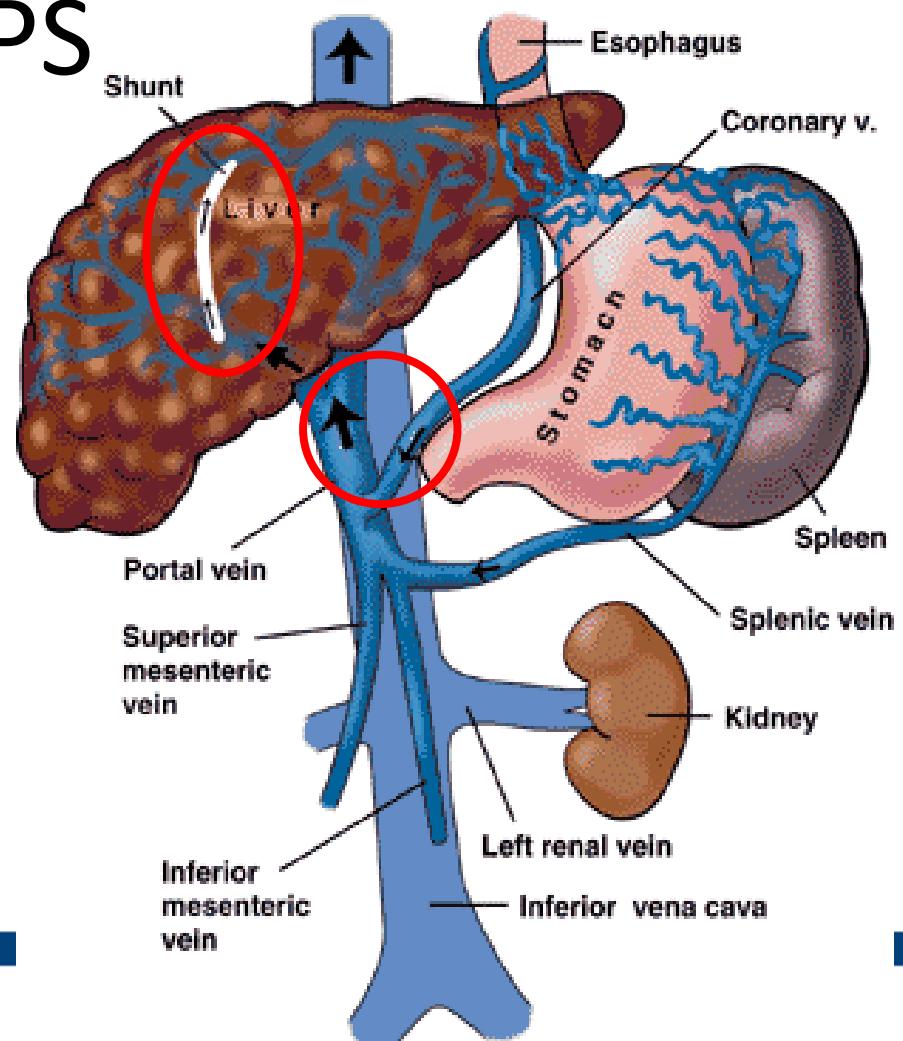
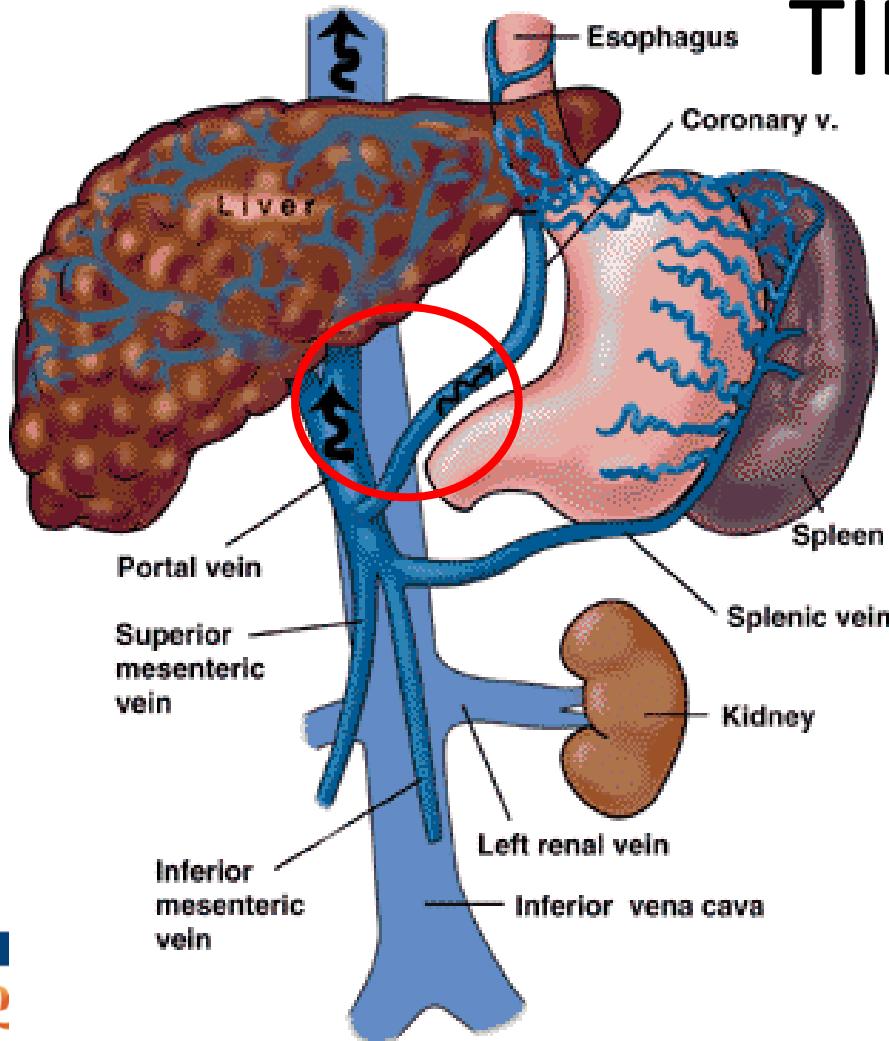


# Androgenen therapy in cirrhosis

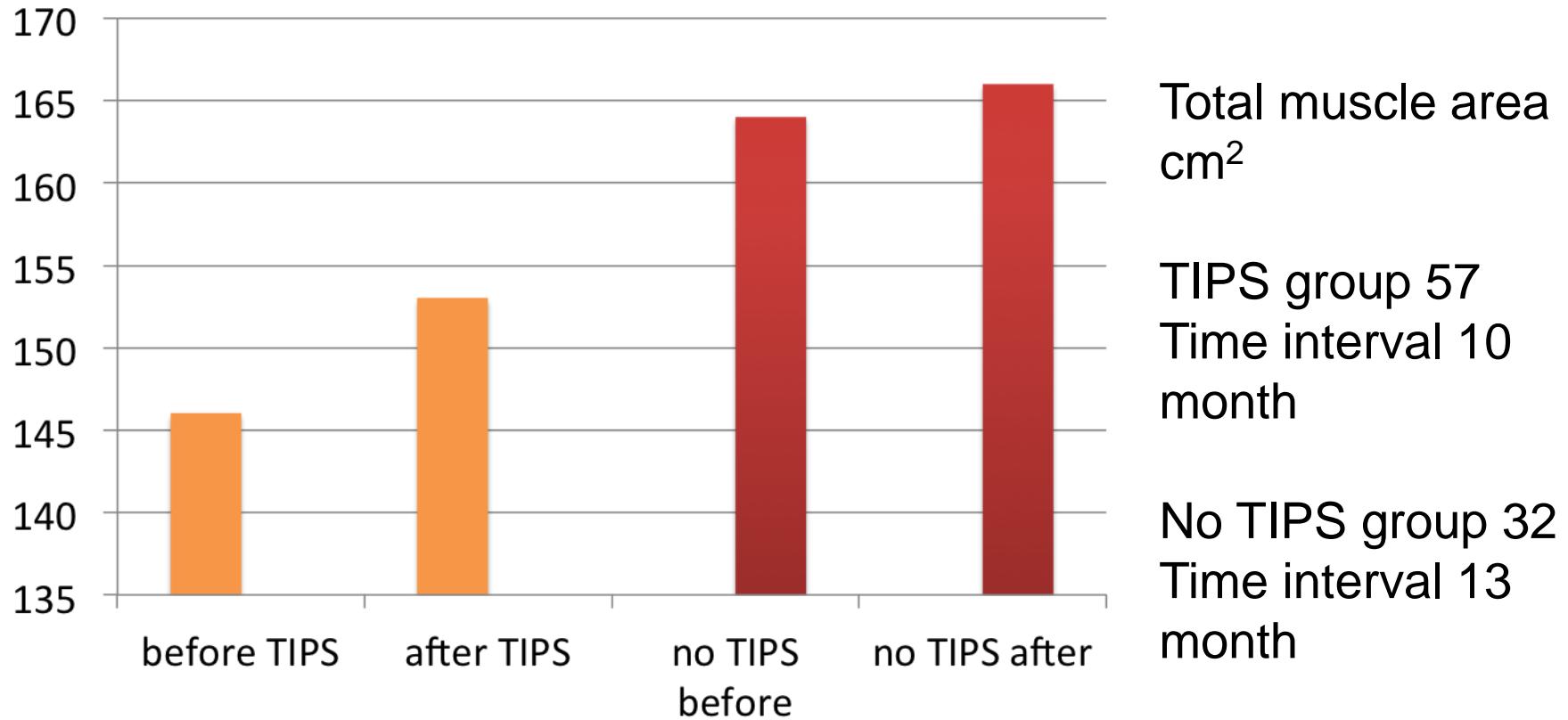
- 90% testosterone reduced
- Important anabolic hormone
- sarcopenia, osteoporosis, gynecomastia, low libido.
- Small studies
- Beneficial effect not clear yet
- Androgenen therapy debated side effects?
- Therapy for women?

# TIPS as metabolic therapy?

TIPS



# TIPS as treatment



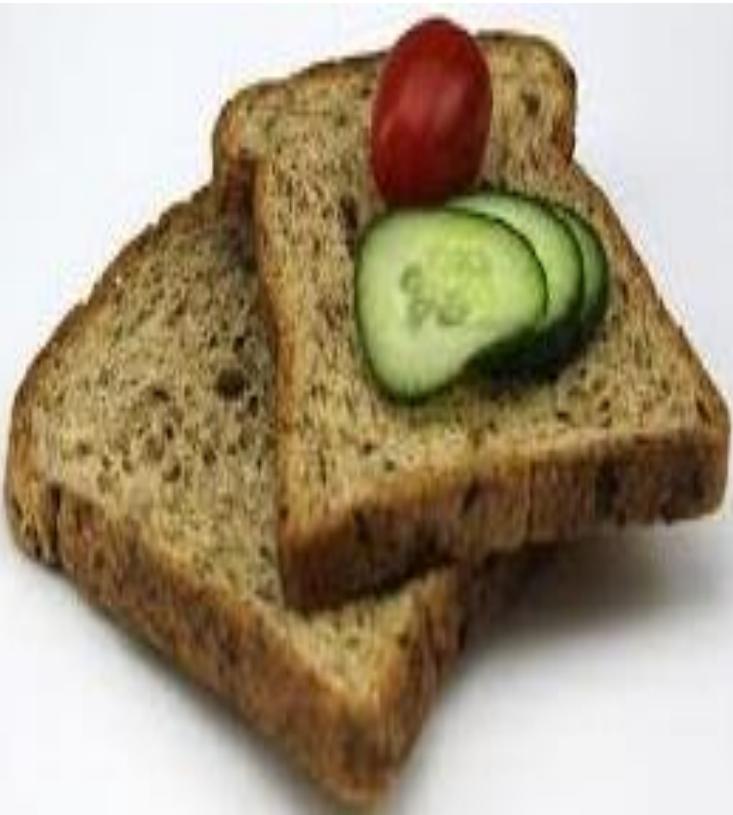
- TIPS reverses sarcopenia in cirrhotic patients

# Physio therapist individualized program

- Intake
- Advise
  - Resistance
  - aerobic
- Control
  - Check the results by reporting

# Physical activity compensated cirrhotic patients

- walking 5000 or more steps per day
- maintaining a total energy intake of 30 kcal/IBW



# Late evening snack

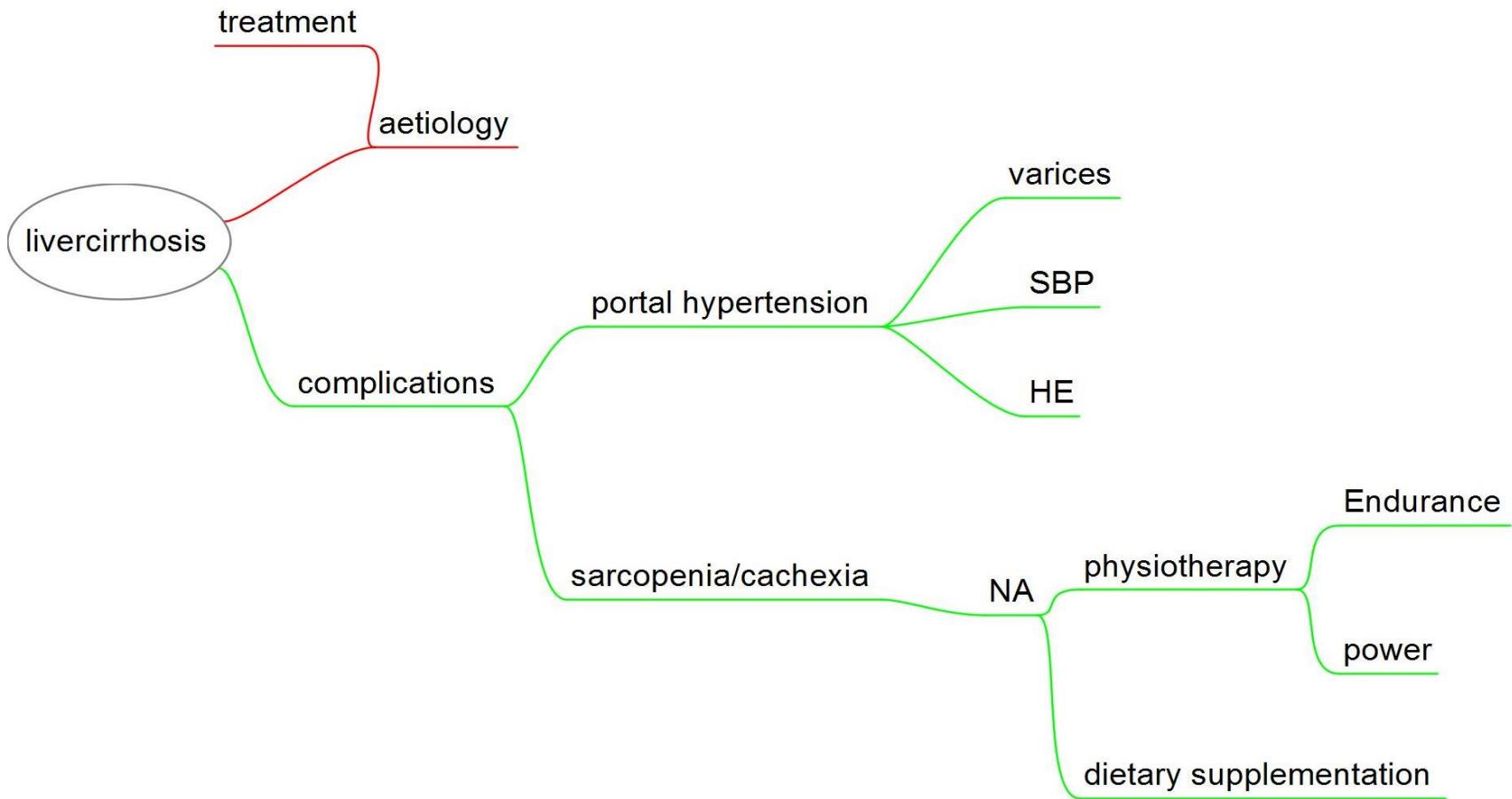
analysis of 107 published reports suggests that LES is a beneficial nutriceutical intervention in patients with cirrhosis, especially early in the course of the disease.

Rationale:

1. increase in skeletal muscle protein synthesis
2. reduction in proteolysis

A horizontal collage of five images showing different protein-rich food items. From left to right: a chocolate protein bar with nuts; two glasses of protein shakes or smoothies; a bowl of cereal or granola with milk; a glass of protein shake with ice and mint; and a tray of various protein bars and snacks. Below the collage, the text "PROTEïNEDIEET.NL" is written in a stylized, colorful font.

# Risk management summary



# Conclusions

- Sarcopenia, malnutrition and cachexia: serious complications in cirrhosis
- Negatively associated with survival and complication's
- Early detection is warranted
- Active muscle mass improvement or stabilization
- Improve dietary intake

Future....  
not today!

## Risk profile

- MELD score
- Nutritional
- Functional status (muscularity)

# Uitnodiging



**Save the date: February 28 - March 2, 2018**

## **Nonalcoholic steatohepatitis: Clinical problems, basic ideas, great solutions**

### **Scientific mission**

- \* Foster knowledge exchange between junior and senior scientists and clinicians working on NASH
- \* Create awareness of the opportunities and challenges in translational NASH research: from clinic to bench & back

### **Thematic highlights**

- \* From NAFLD to NASH: *clinical and fundamental* insights in disease progression and mechanism, diagnosis & treatment
- \* Systemic complications of NASH
- \* From a NASH patient's point of view



Vragen ?

Detail schilderij Hans Keuls