WEAKNESS, OBESITY, AND DISABILITY IN OLDER ADULTS: THE PREVENTABLE TRIAD

HARMONIZING, OPERATIONALIZING AND UNDERSTANDING DYNAPENIC OBESITY: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

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- Obesity
 - abnormal or excessive fat accumulation that may impair health
- Sarcopenia
 - Age-related loss in muscle mass (i.e. flesh)
- Dynapenia
 - Age-related loss in muscle strength/power (i.e. weakness)



Operational definition of dynapenic obesity



Sarcopenic obesity and functional health



Baumgartner 2000

Objectives

- To investigate differences in the association between obesity and muscle weakness according to new proposed criteria in a pooled sample of participants from four countries (US, Hong Kong, Australia and Sweden)
- To investigate the association between obesity with and without muscle weakness on health outcomes (mortality and falls) across a racially and regionally diverse sample of participants.

Muscle weakness definitions

Definition	EWGSOP	FNIH	NIA & FNIH sarcopenia project 2*
Low grip strength (weakness)	Male:	Male:	Male:
	< 30 kg	<1.0 kg/bmi (<26 kg)	<=1.05
	Female:	Female:	Female:
	< 20 kg	<0.56 kg/bmi (<16 kg)	<=0.79

*results presented in previous symposium: "THE NIA AND FNIH SARCOPENIA PROJECT 2: PROJECT UPDATES AND PRELIMINARY RESULTS"

Methods

- Obesity
 - BMI >=30 (men and women)
 - Body fatness (Gallagher et al. 2000)
 - Men: >=30%
 - Women: >=42%
- Dynapenia low grip strength according to the NIA & FNIH sarcopenia project 2
 - Men: <=1.05 kg/BMI
 - Women: <=0.79 kg/BMI</p>





Mr. OS Sweden (white men): 2876



Concord Health and Ageing in Men Project (CHAMP): N=1529 (White men)

Brief participant characteristics

Characteristic	Men	Women
N	14157	5723
Age, yrs, mean +/- SD	74.6 +/- 5.4	75.2 +/- 5.7
White race (USA, EU, AUS), n (%)	11197 (79.1)	2542 (44.4)
Black race (USA), n (%)	579 (4.1)	1176 (20.5)
Asian race (HK), n (%)	2000 (14.1)	2000 (34.9)
Obese (by BMI>=30), n (%)	2411 (17.0)	1152 (20.1)
Obese (by %Fat), n (%)**	3971 (28.0)	1555 (27.2)
Dynapenic*, n (%)	1301 (9.1)	2274 (39.7)

*Men: <=1.05 kg/BMI; Women: <=0.79 kg/BMI

**Percent fat thresholds: Men: >=30%; Women: >=42%

Obesity (by BMI) & weakness



Prevalence of dynapenic obesity (by BMI)



BMI>=30 considered obese in men and women

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Obesity (by %fat) & weakness



>=30% percent fat considered obese for men >=42% percent fat considered obese for women (Gallagher et al. 2000)

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Mortality and fall outcomes

- Most cohorts have regular with participants to assess mortality
 - Men Follow-up: 9.9 years
 - Women Follow-up: 10.7 years
 - HR, 95% CI: proportional hazards adjusted for age
- Self-report every 4 to 6 months, analyzed as 2+ falls (vs. none) in the year after sarcopenia assessment

– OR, 95% CI: logistic regression adjusted for age

Dynapenic obesity (by BMI) & mortality



Dynapenic obesity (by BMI) & falls



Dynapenic obesity (by %fat) & mortality



Dynapenic obesity (% fat) and falls



Overall conclusion

- The prevalence of dynapenic obesity:
 - Higher in women than men
 - Highest in Australian white males and US black females
 - Relatively similar trends between BMI and percent fat estimates of obesity



 Labeling individuals as dynapenic obese adds negligible information to predicting mortality and fall outcomes compared to dynapenia alone

Limitations

- Not all sarcopenia/dynapenia definitions evaluated
- Limited amount countries and races represented



- %Body Fat
- Sample sizes and gender distributions were different across countries

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Obesity, mortality and functional health



Metabolic imbalance

