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In the past 20 years, dozens of phase II and III clinical trials for moderate and severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) have failed.

Taken together they are the first to show a substantial benefit for TBI in human patients, making PROG among the most promising of the candidates that have been proposed.



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A Sexy New Treatment for Traumatic Brain Injury?

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Substantial relief of myopathic disability by progesterone therapy

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Progesterone and neurology.

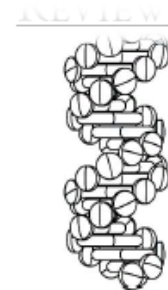
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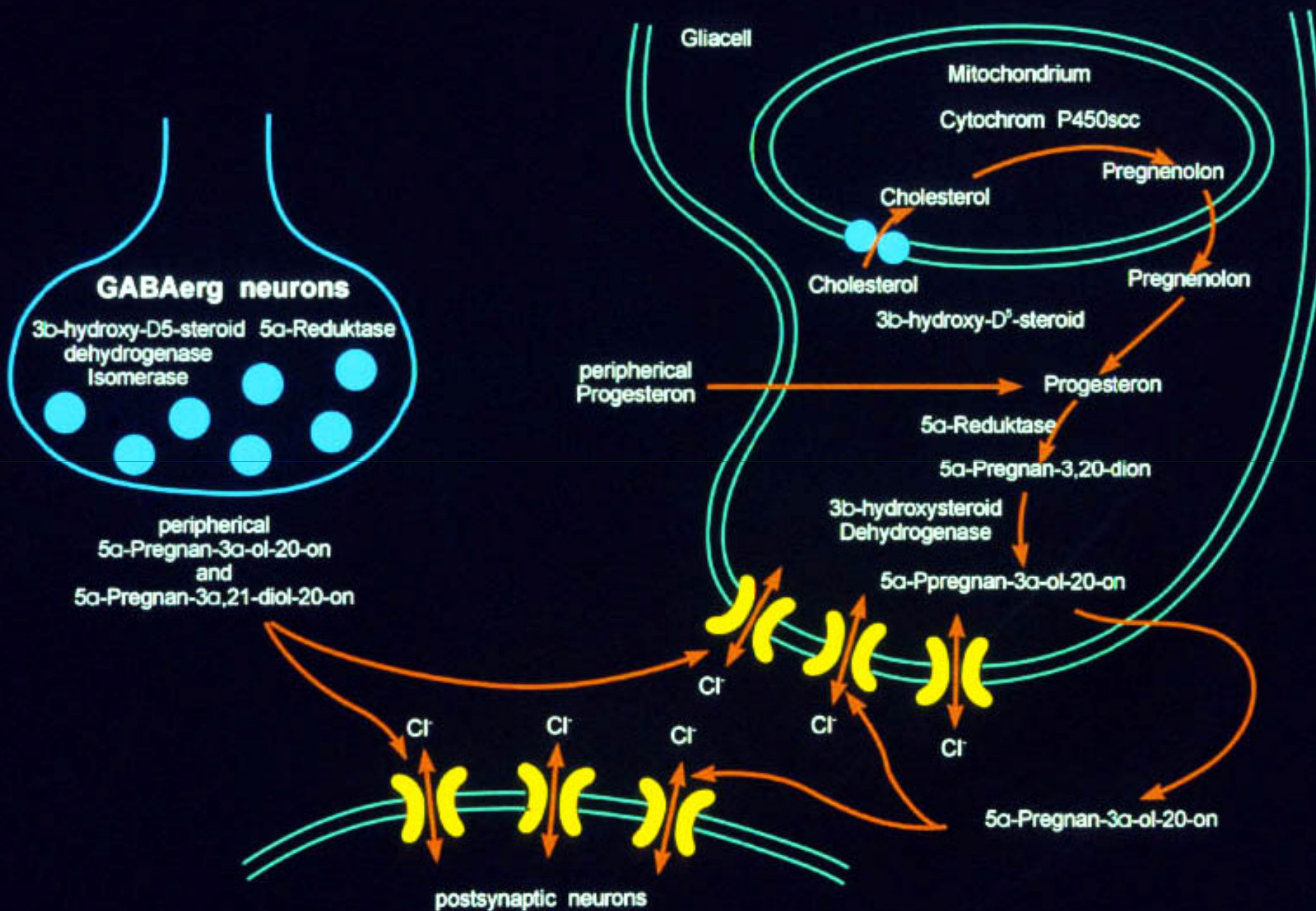
Applications of polymorphisms and pharmacogenomics in obstetrics and gynecology

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The number of reports investigating disease susceptibility based on the carriage of low-penetrance, high-frequency polymorphisms has steadily increased over the last years. Evidence based on meta-analyses of individual case-control studies is accumulating, defining specific individual variations in disease susceptibility. Genetic variations of the







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Differential effects of progestins on the brain

Christian J. Gruber*, Johannes C. Huber

Geringeres Hirnödem bei Frauen in Lutealphase



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What can sex hormones do for the damaged brain?

For over a decade, neurobiologist Donald Stein (Emory University, Departments of Psychology, Emergency Medicine and Neurology, Atlanta, GA, USA) has championed progesterone's prowess as a neuro-protective steroid. Today, his efforts are paying off and the hormone is being investigated as an agent for treating head trauma. With a team in Atlanta he is about to embark on a pilot clinical study on the use of progesterone to halt the cascade of cell death that follows traumatic injury.

"I'd heard a lot of clinical data that females recovered [from head injuries] better than men and I wanted to test that out in the lab", Stein explains. Stein set up animal models of frontal cortex injuries and found that female rats made speedier

are currently 5.3 million Americans living with neurological disabilities—ranging from subtle cognitive deficits to persistent vegetative state—that result from brain injury.

Progesterone could make a difference to patients recovering from trau-



Hormones for head injury?

matic brain injury if it could reduce

NY, USA). Numerous animal studies support the notion that oestrogen protects against ischaemic injury. Currently, investigators at Barnes-Jewish Hospital at Washington University Medical Centre in St Louis are engaged in a prospective, placebo-controlled study that hopes to find out whether oestrogen can reduce neurological complications in women undergoing cardiac surgery—a group known to be at increased risk of ischaemic events.

"Since the majority of these women are post-menopausal, this raises the possibility that low circulating oestrogens could play a role in these events," says Victor G Dávila-Roman, who with Charles Hogue is leading these studies. In Alzheimer's disease, oestrogen has a striking pro-

Improved outcomes from the administration of progesterone for patients with acute severe traumatic brain injury: a randomized controlled trial

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Patients for the treatment group were given progesterone at 1.0 mg/kg via intramuscular injection and then once per 12 hours for 5 consecutive days.

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ProTECT: A Randomized Clinical Trial of Progesterone for Acute Traumatic Brain Injury

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Randomised Double Blind Placebo Controlled
Brain Injury Score 6-12

N = 100

ProTECT Study

Progesteron i.v.

3 Tage

6-8 Stunden after Injury

**Tag 30: 50 % Mortalitätsreduktion
gegenüber Plazebo**

Brain, Heal Thyself

Daniel H. Lowenstein and Jack M. Parent

In 1913, the great Spanish neuroscientist Santiago Ramón y Cajal concluded a treatise entitled *Degeneration and Regeneration of the Nervous System* by declaring, "In adult centres the nerve paths are something fixed, ended, immutable. Ev-

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erything may die, nothing may be regenerated" (1). This assertion, based on Cajal's meticulous

study of changes in brain anatomy after injury, has been the prevailing dogma for nearly a century. We are still taught that the fully mature brain lacks the intrinsic mechanisms needed to replenish neurons and

reestablish neuronal networks after acute injury or in response to the insidious loss of neurons seen in neurodegenerative diseases.

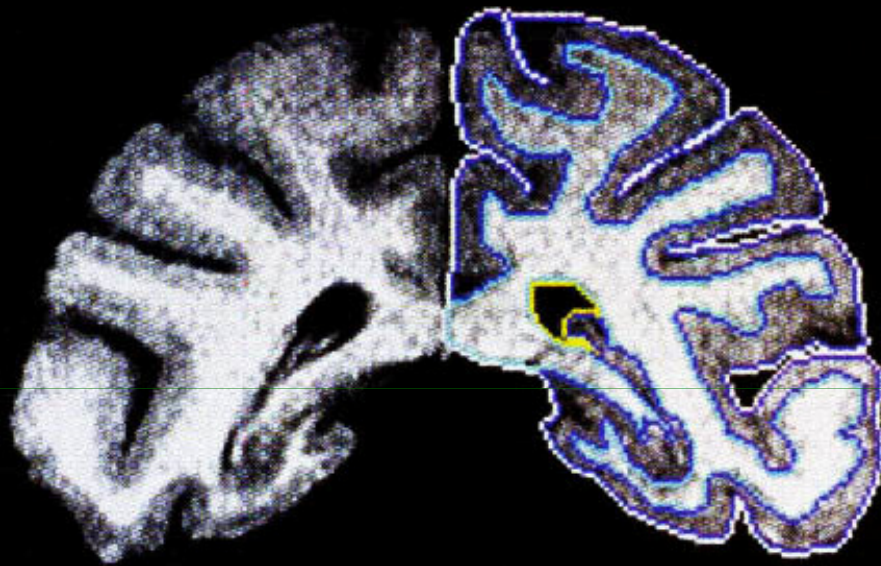
It is time to lay to rest the dogmatic assumption that the central nervous system (CNS) of adult mammals cannot repair itself. Obviously, CNS injuries such as stroke, trauma, or neurodegenerative processes do not fully reverse themselves spontaneously. Recent work suggests, however, that the mammalian CNS has a much greater potential for producing new neurons and repairing damaged regions than previously thought.

First and foremost, the mature CNS is not as hostile an environment for the re-

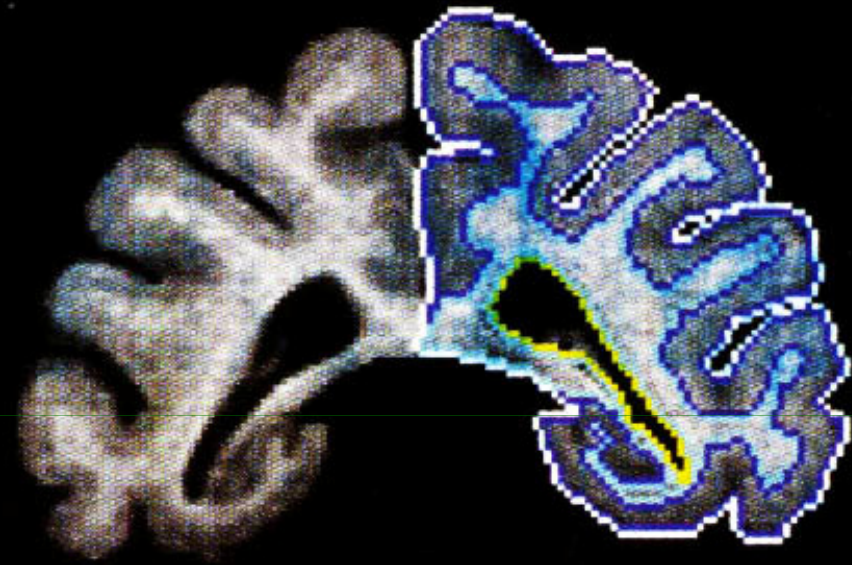
Progesterone Synthesis and Myelin Formation by Schwann Cells

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Young Adult



Aged Adult

No shades of gray. These MRI images show loss of white, but not gray, matter in the brain of a 32-year-old rhesus monkey (*right*). The young adult is 5 years old.

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**Brain Regions Activated during an Auditory Discrimination Task
in Insomniac Postmenopausal Patients
before and after Hormone Replacement Therapy:
Low-Resolution Brain Electromagnetic Tomography Applied
to Event-Related Potentials**

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ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

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Identifying target regions for vigilance improvement under hormone replacement therapy in postmenopausal syndrome patients by means of electroencephalographic tomography (LORETA)

LIF receptor signaling limits immune-mediated demyelination by enhancing oligodendrocyte survival

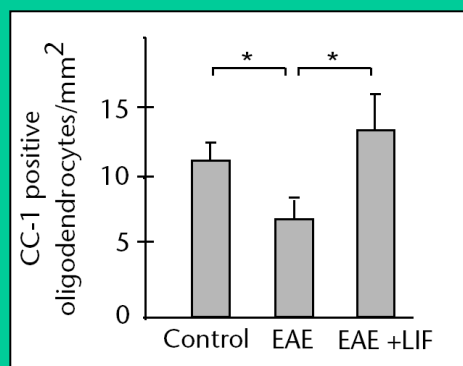
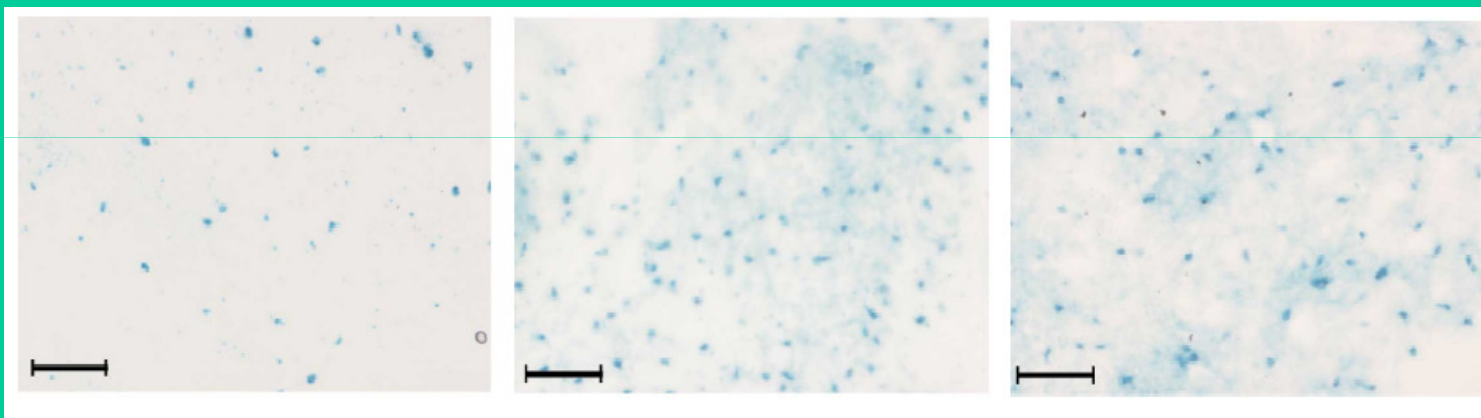
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Review

Combination treatment with progesterone and vitamin D hormone may be more effective than monotherapy for nervous system injury and disease

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Progesteron 0,4 g
Colecalciferol 2000 I.E.
PEG 400 1,6 g
PEG 6000 1,05 g

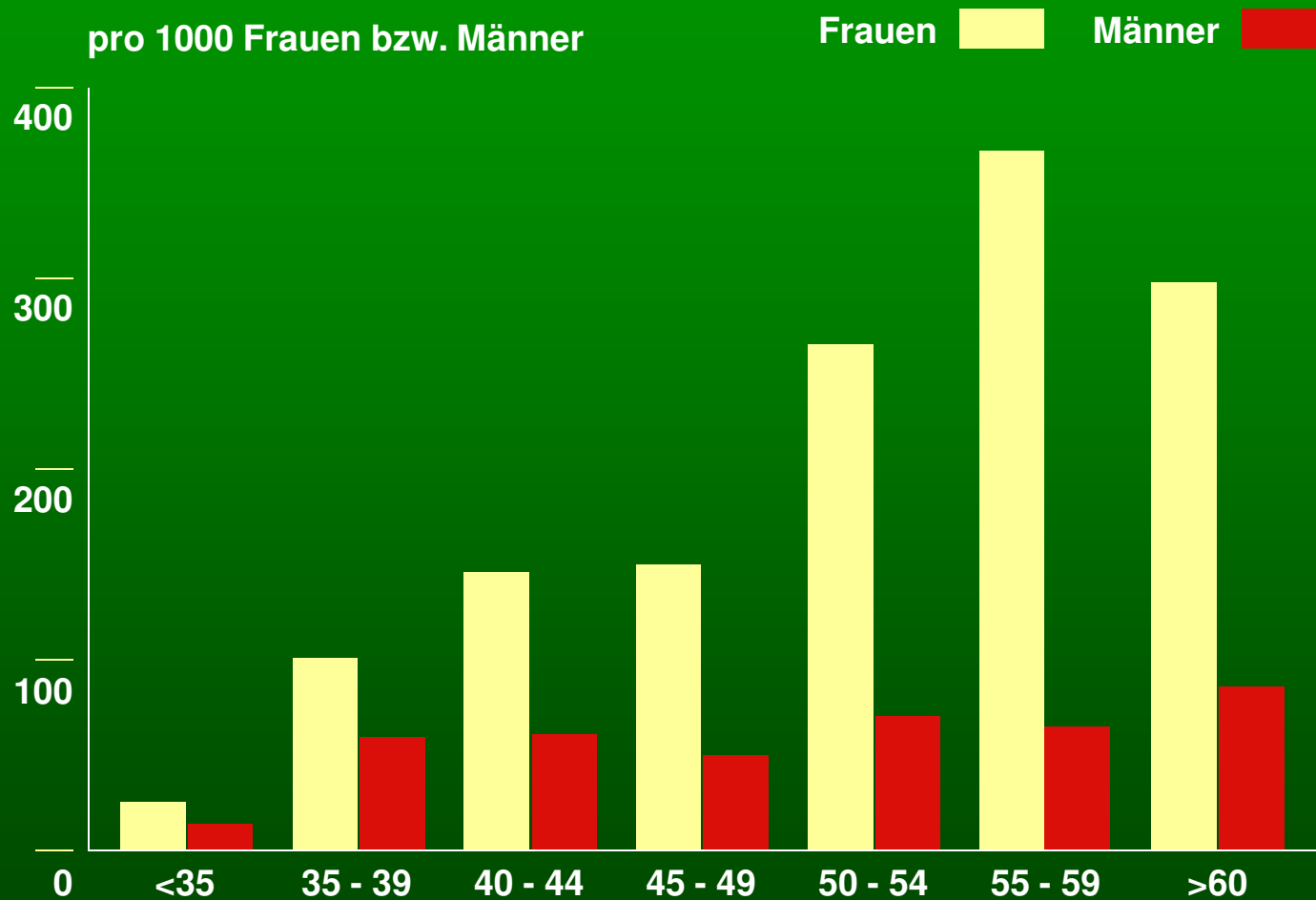
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Trends in the prescription of psychotropic drugs and hormone substitutes in Austria

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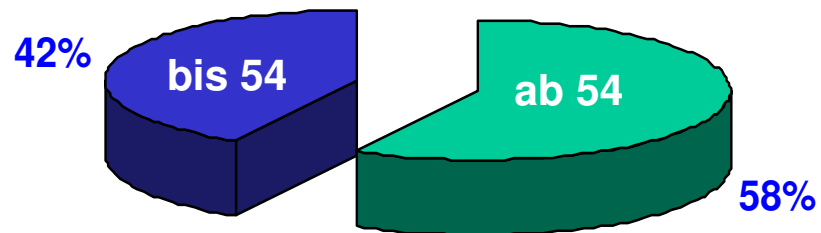
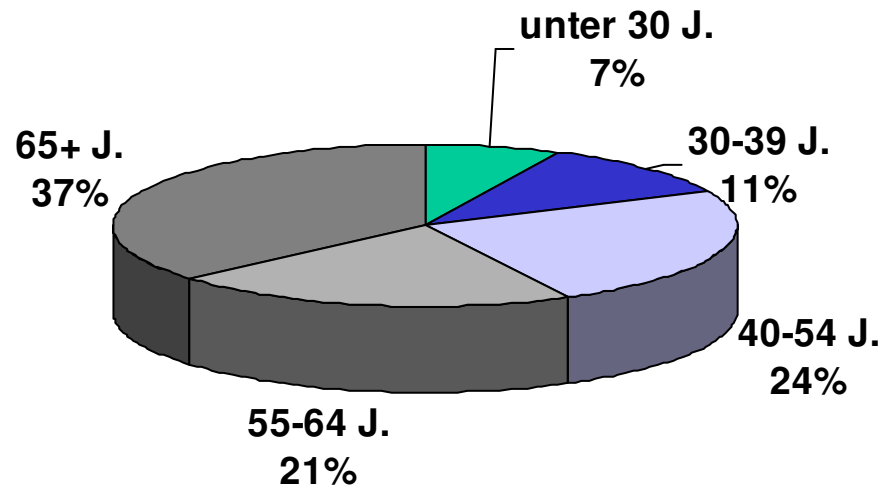
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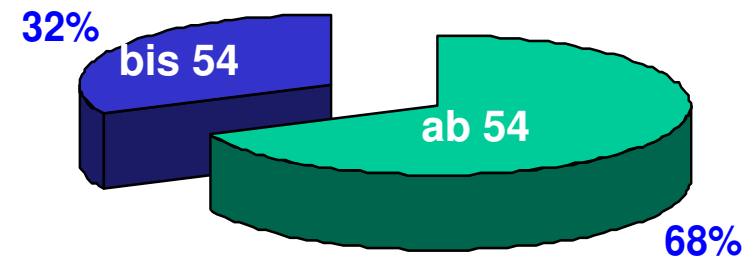
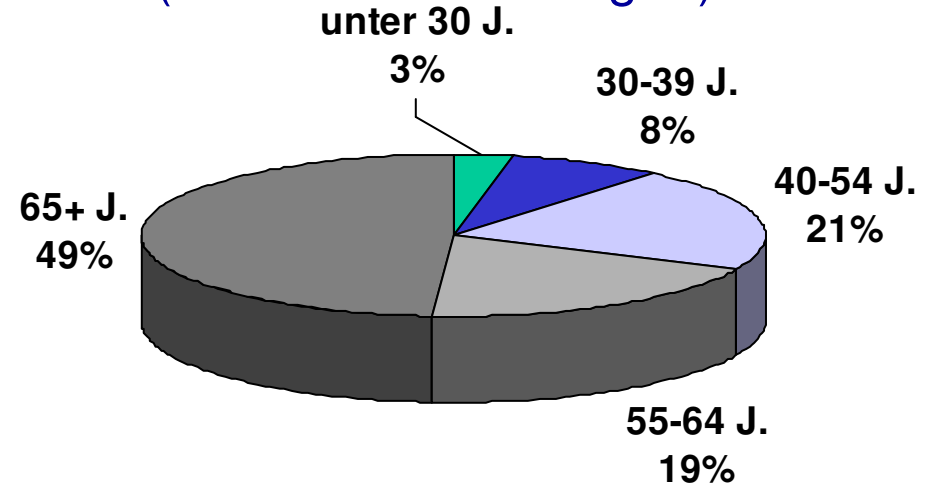


Psychopharmaka

Alterstruktur Männer
(11 Mio. Verordnungen)



Alterstruktur Frauen
(24 Mio. Verordnungen)



Quelle: IMS Health, VIP

11% bis zum
40. Lebensjahr

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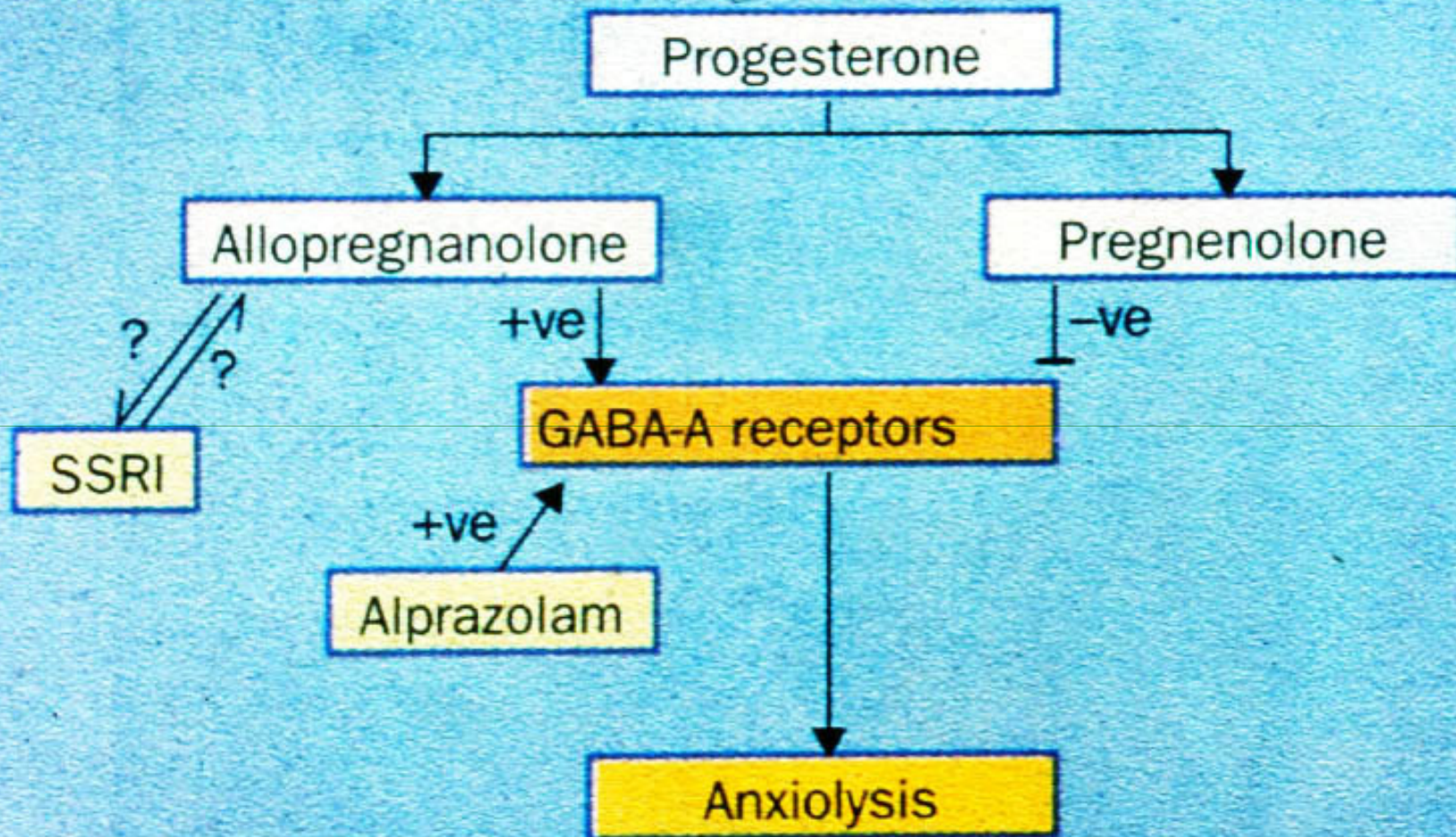
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Progesterone Metabolite Allopregnanolone in
Women With Premenstrual Syndrome

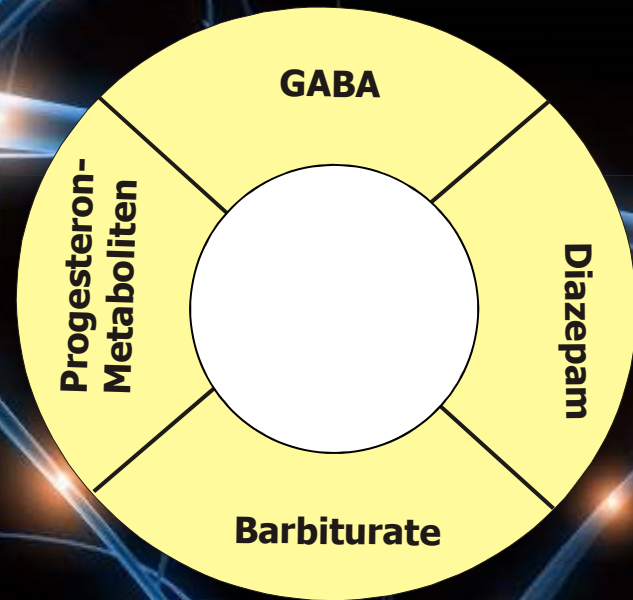
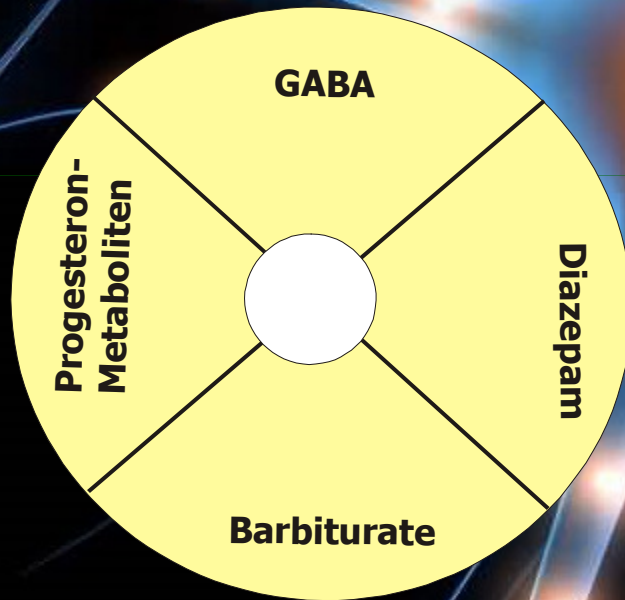
Pathways underlying premenstrual syndrome?



SSRI = selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitors

GABA - Rezeptor

Progesteron





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Effects of hormone replacement therapy on perceptual and cognitive event-related potentials in menopausal insomnia

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Age-related cognitive decline in the menopause: effects of hormone replacement therapy on cognitive event-related potentials

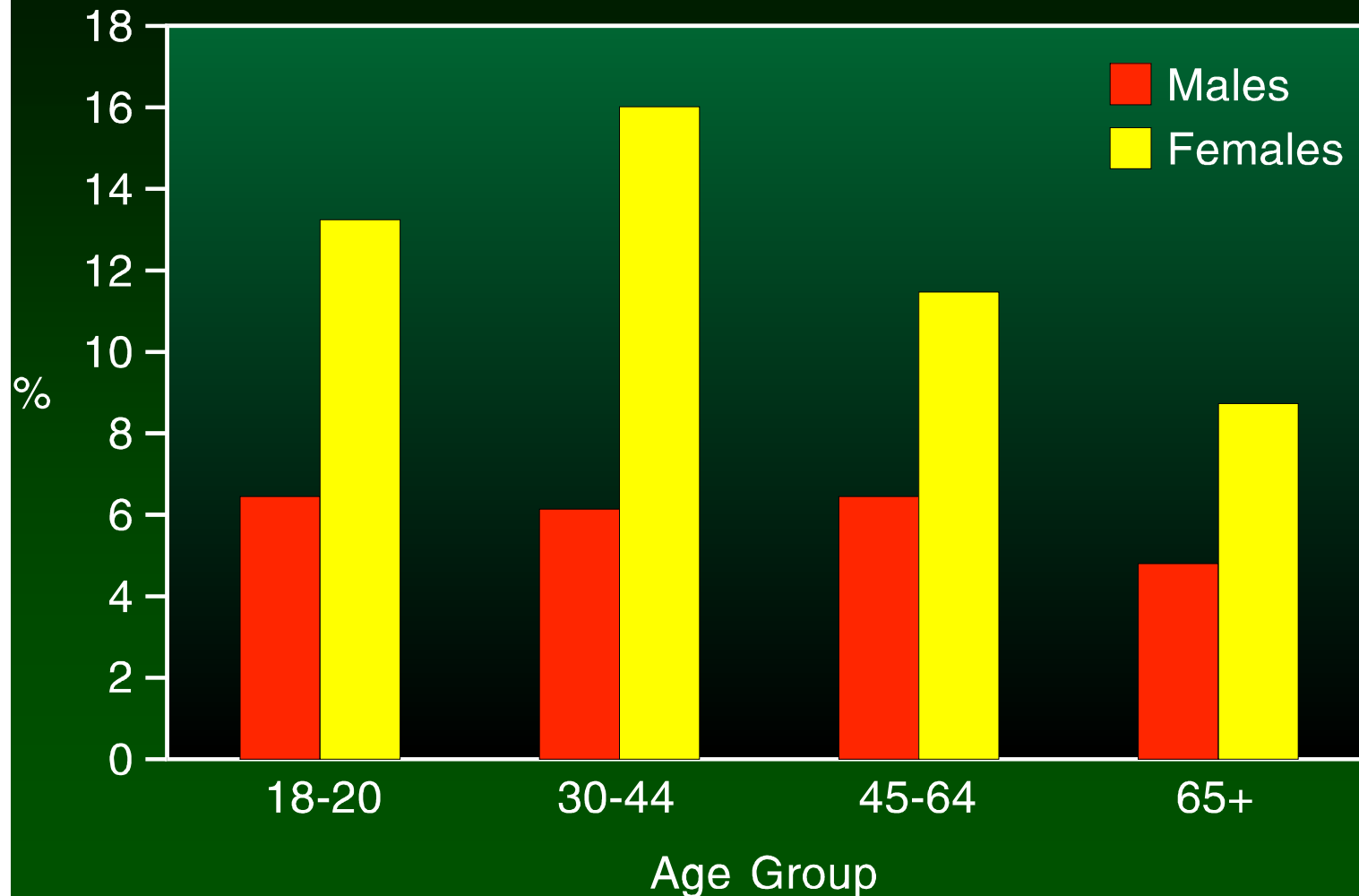
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Effect of an Oral Contraceptive with Chlormadinone Acetate on Depressive Mood

Analysis of Data from Four Observational Studies

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One-year prevalence of phobia by age and gender (ECA)

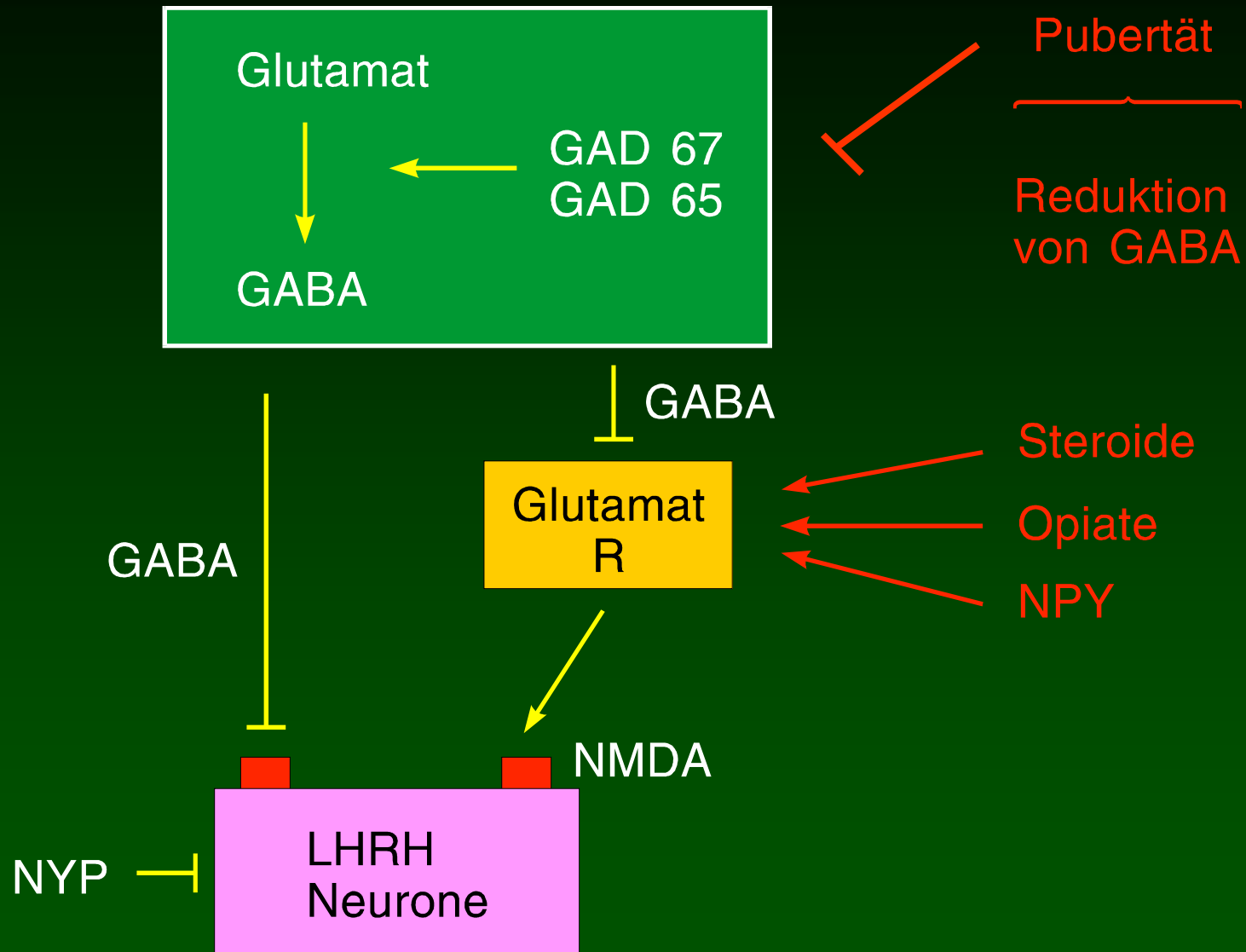


This slide shows the one year prevalence of phobia by age and gender and the data show impressively the difference between males and females in this mood disease

One-year prevalence of panic by age and gender (ECA)



There is also a significant difference in panic attacks between males and females and the gender specific difference can be observed already in early adolescence and during the transition from puberty to menopause





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Reprint of
Classification and pharmacology of progestins

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The dialectic role of progesterone

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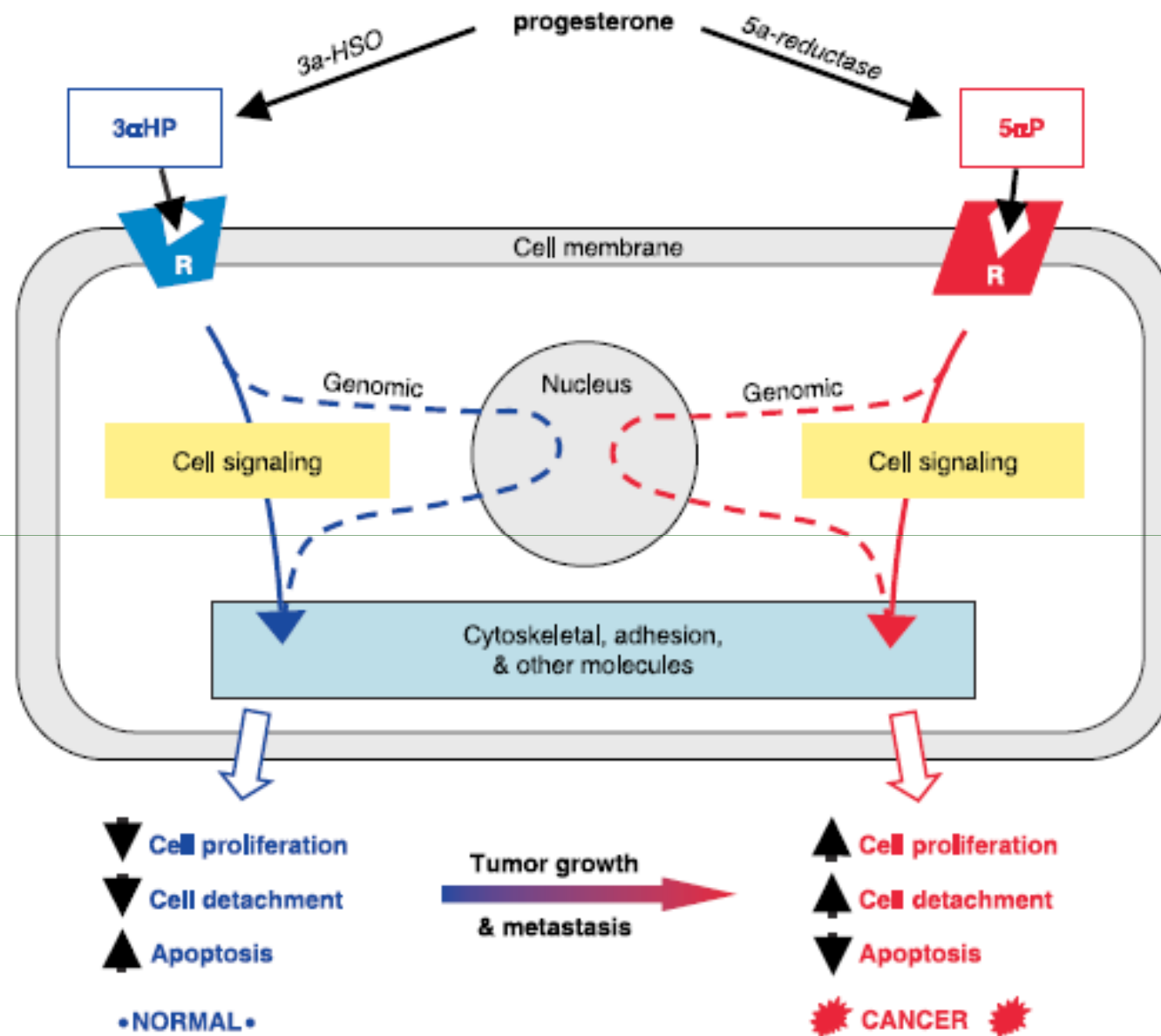
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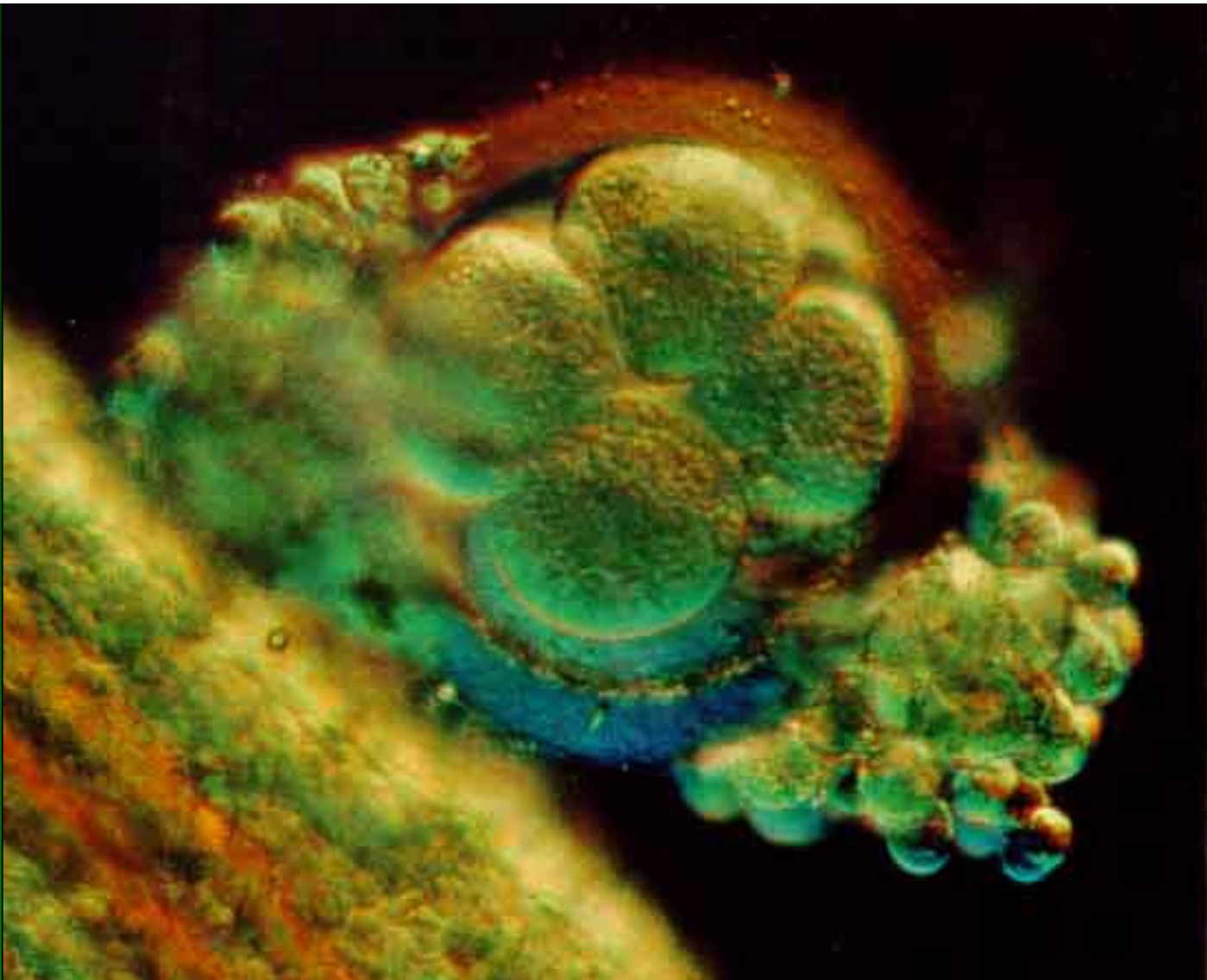
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Abstract

In the 70 years since progesterone (P) was identified in corpus luteum extracts, its metabolism has been examined extensively in many tissues and cell lines from numerous species. In addition to the reproductive tissues and adrenals, every other tissue that has been investigated appears to have one or more P-metabolizing enzyme, each of which is specific for a particular site on the P molecule. In the past, the actions of the P metabolizing enzymes generally have been equated to a means of reducing the P concentration in the tissue microenvironment, and the products have been dismissed





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Embryo Implantation Requires Estrogen-Directed Uterine
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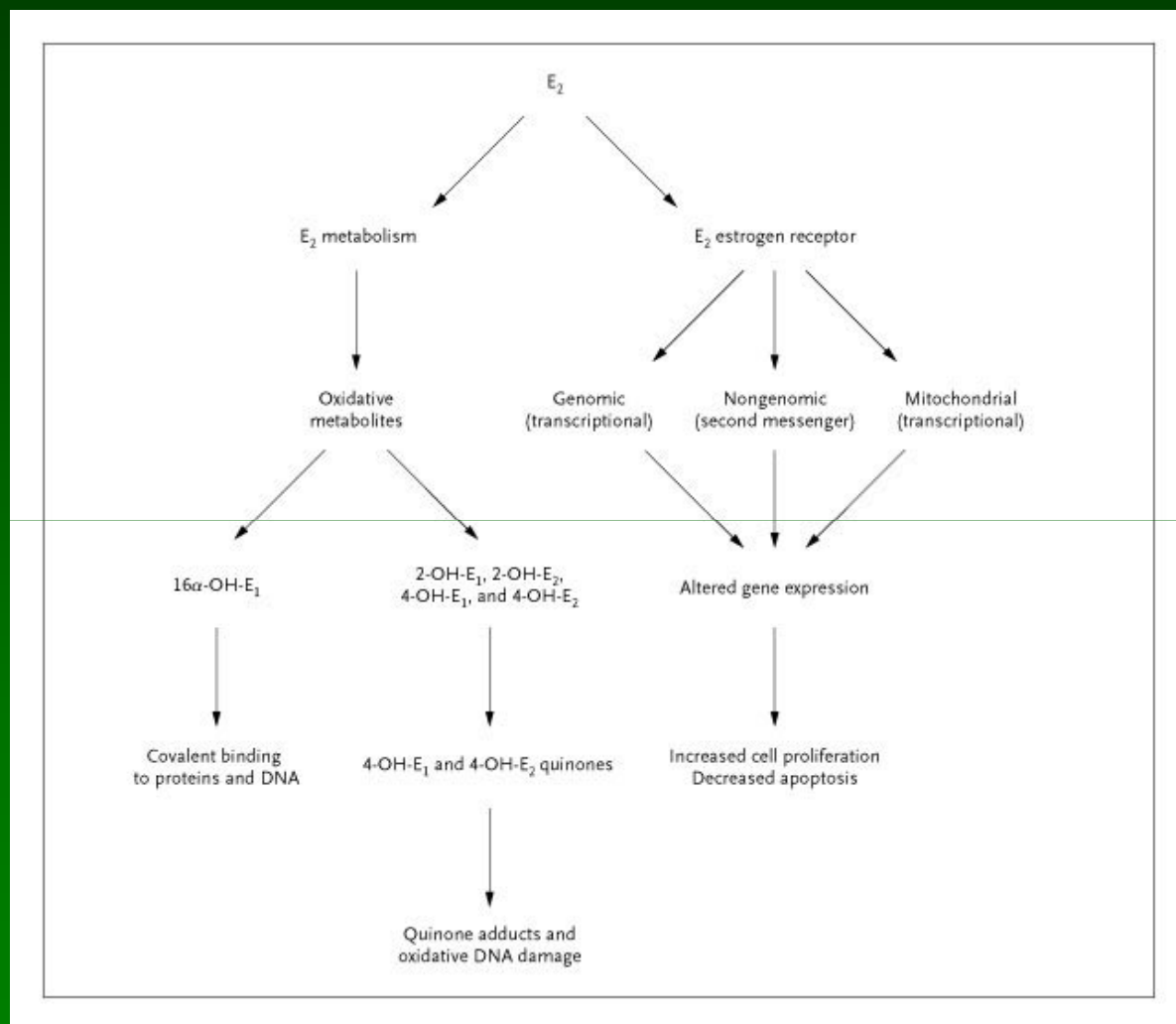
**PRODUCTION AND ACTIONS
OF ESTROGENS**

CHRISTIAN J. GRUBER, M.D., WALTER TSCHUGGUEL, M.D.,
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tase monooxygenase enzyme complex that is present in the smooth endoplasmic reticulum and functions as a demethylase. In three consecutive hydroxylating reactions, estrone and estradiol are formed from their obligatory precursors androstenedione and testosterone, respectively (Fig. 1). The final hydroxylating step in aromatization does not require enzymatic action and is not product sensitive.

Several plant compounds have structural and functional similarities to estrogens and are therefore referred to as phytoestrogens (Fig. 1). Genistein and daidzein are isoflavonoids found in soybeans and clo-

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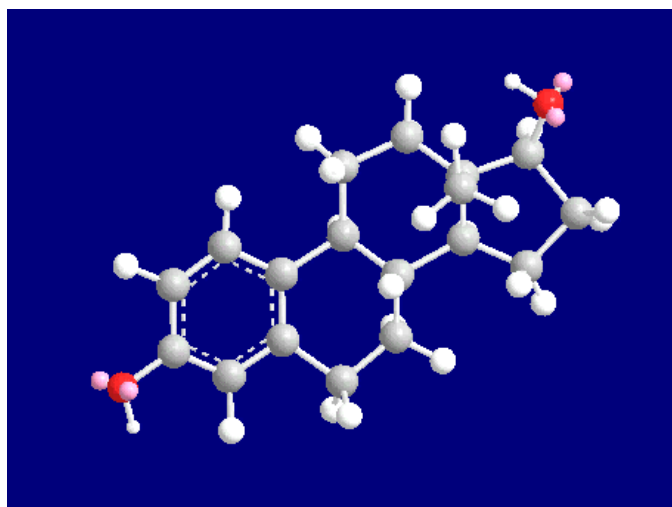
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Photo-induced electron emission from 17 β -estradiol and progesterone and possible biological consequences

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**Metabolite formation of 17alpha-hydroxyprogesterone
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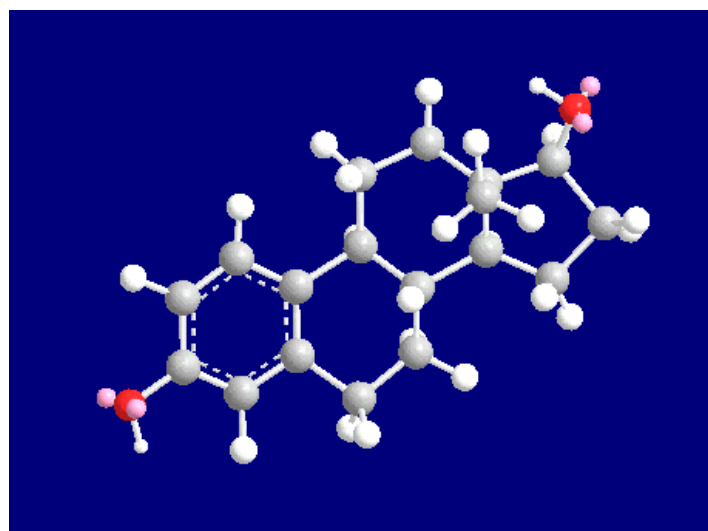
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electron emission. Free radical effect studied
by experiments in vitro.**

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Electron emission and product analysis of estrone: progesterone interactions studied by experiments *in vitro*

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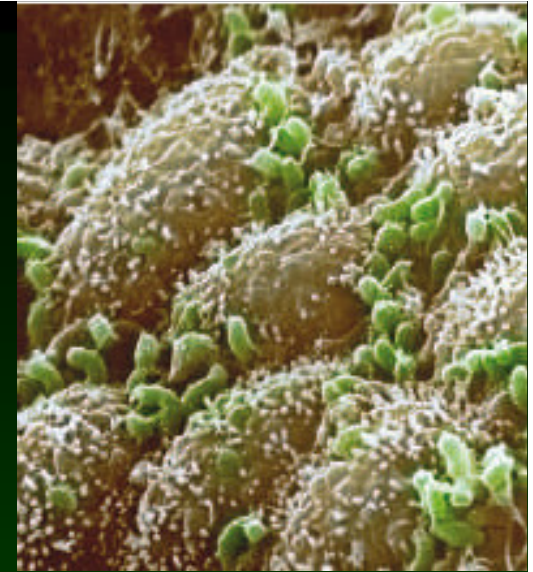
Osteoclast differentiation factor RANKL controls development of progestin-driven mammary cancer

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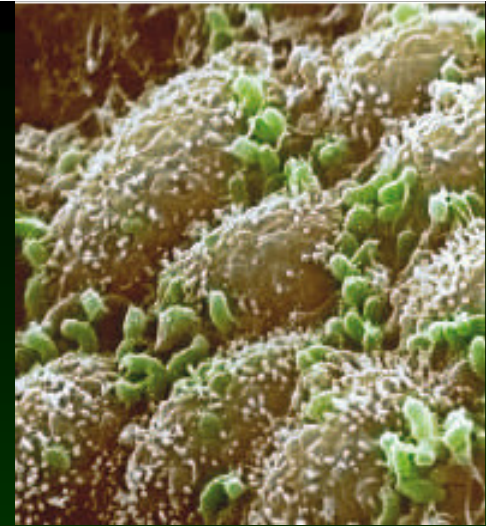
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**Studies on the role of intestinal bacteria in
metabolism of synthetic and natural steroid
hormones.**

Adlercreutz H, Pulkkinen MO, Hämäläinen EK,
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**Influence of an estrone-desulfating intestinal flora
on the enterohepatic circulation of estrone-
sulfate in rats.**

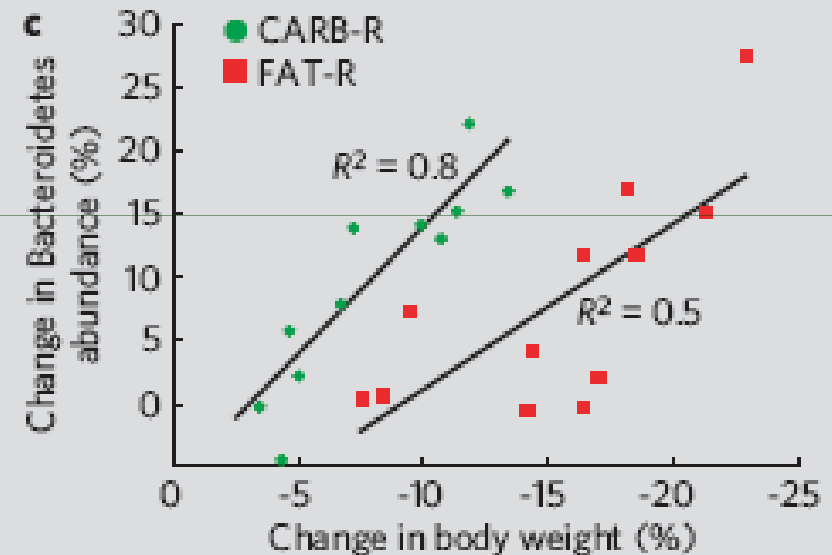
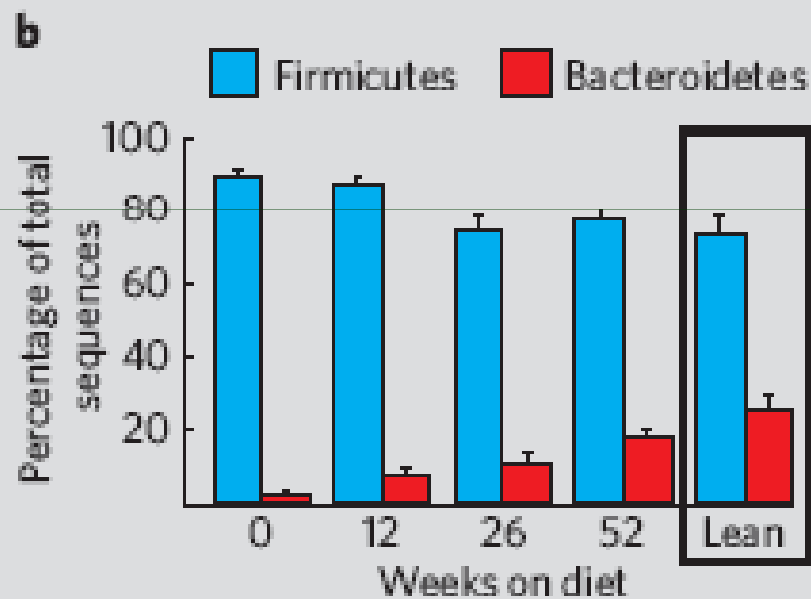
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Obesity and gut flora

Matej Bajzer and Randy J. Seeley



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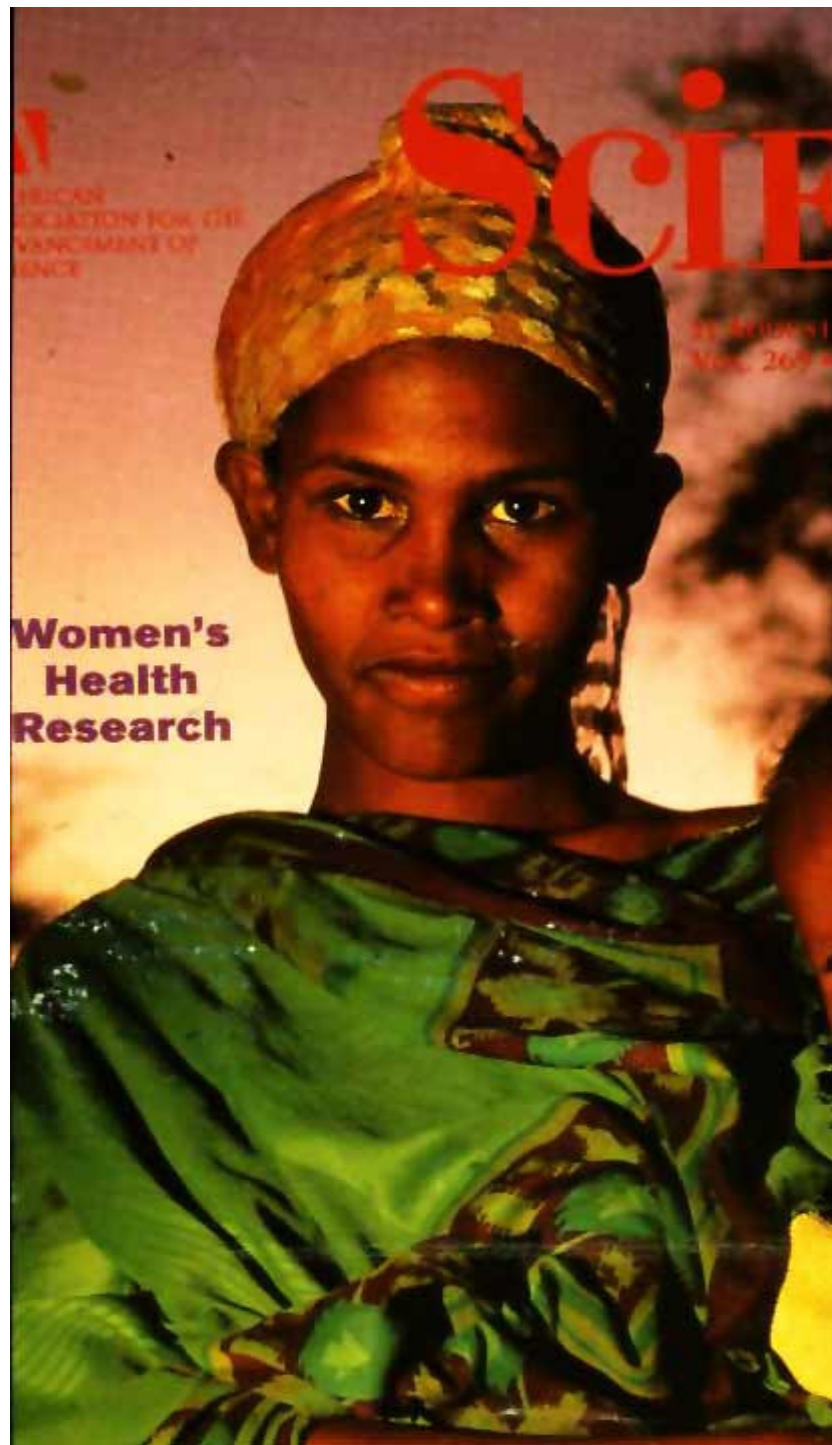
Human gut microbes associated with obesity

ARTICLES

An obesity-associated gut microbiome with increased capacity for energy harvest

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The worldwide obesity epidemic is stimulating efforts to identify host and environmental factors that affect energy balance. Comparisons of the distal gut microbiota of genetically obese mice and their lean littermates, as well as those of obese and lean human volunteers have revealed that obesity is associated with changes in the relative abundance of the two dominant bacterial divisions, the Bacteroidetes and the Firmicutes. Here we demonstrate through metagenomic and biochemical analyses that these changes affect the metabolic potential of the mouse gut microbiota. Our results indicate that the obese microbiome has an increased capacity to harvest energy from the diet. Furthermore, this trait is transmissible: colonization of germ-free mice with an 'obese microbiota' results in a significantly greater increase in total body fat than colonization with a 'lean microbiota'. These results identify the gut microbiota as an additional contributing factor to the pathophysiology of obesity.



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Gender-specific medicine. The new profile of gynecology

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ABSTRACT

The science of gynecology is undergoing a change and is promoted the vaginal radical hysterectomy. Two