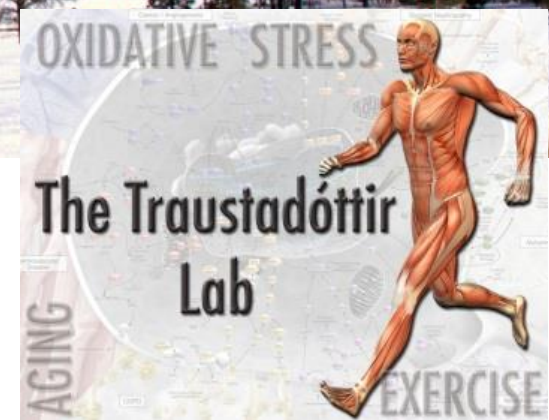


# Fighting the “Rust” of Aging: Can Exercise Restore the Redox Balance?

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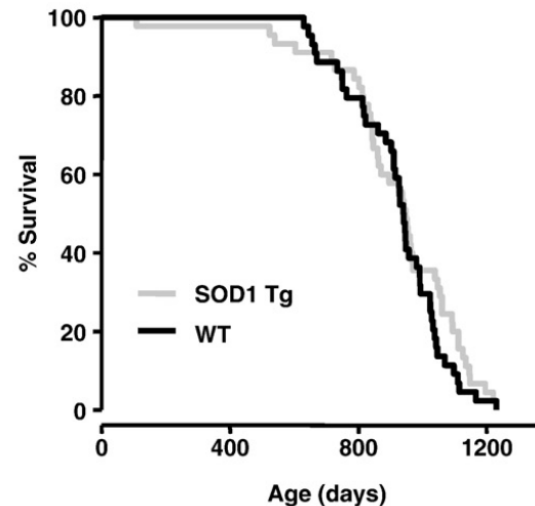
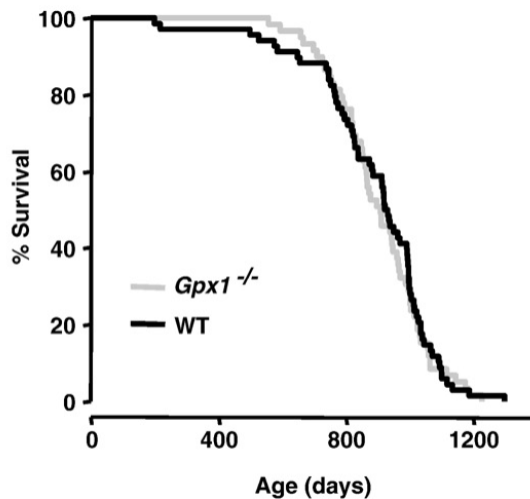


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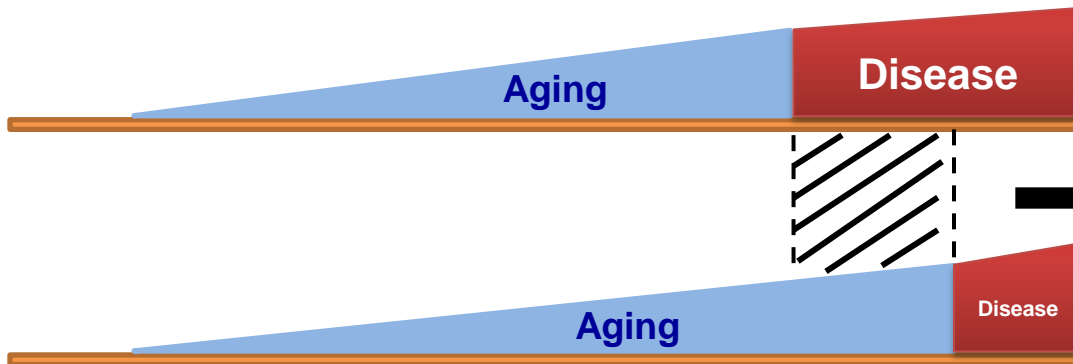
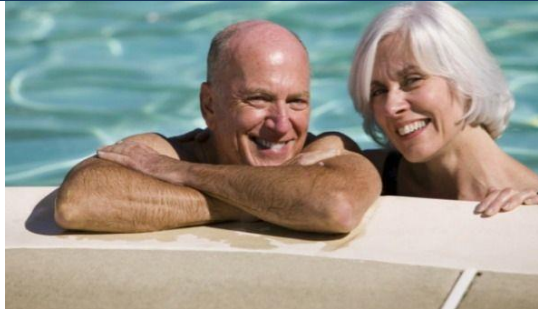
Is the oxidative stress theory of aging dead?

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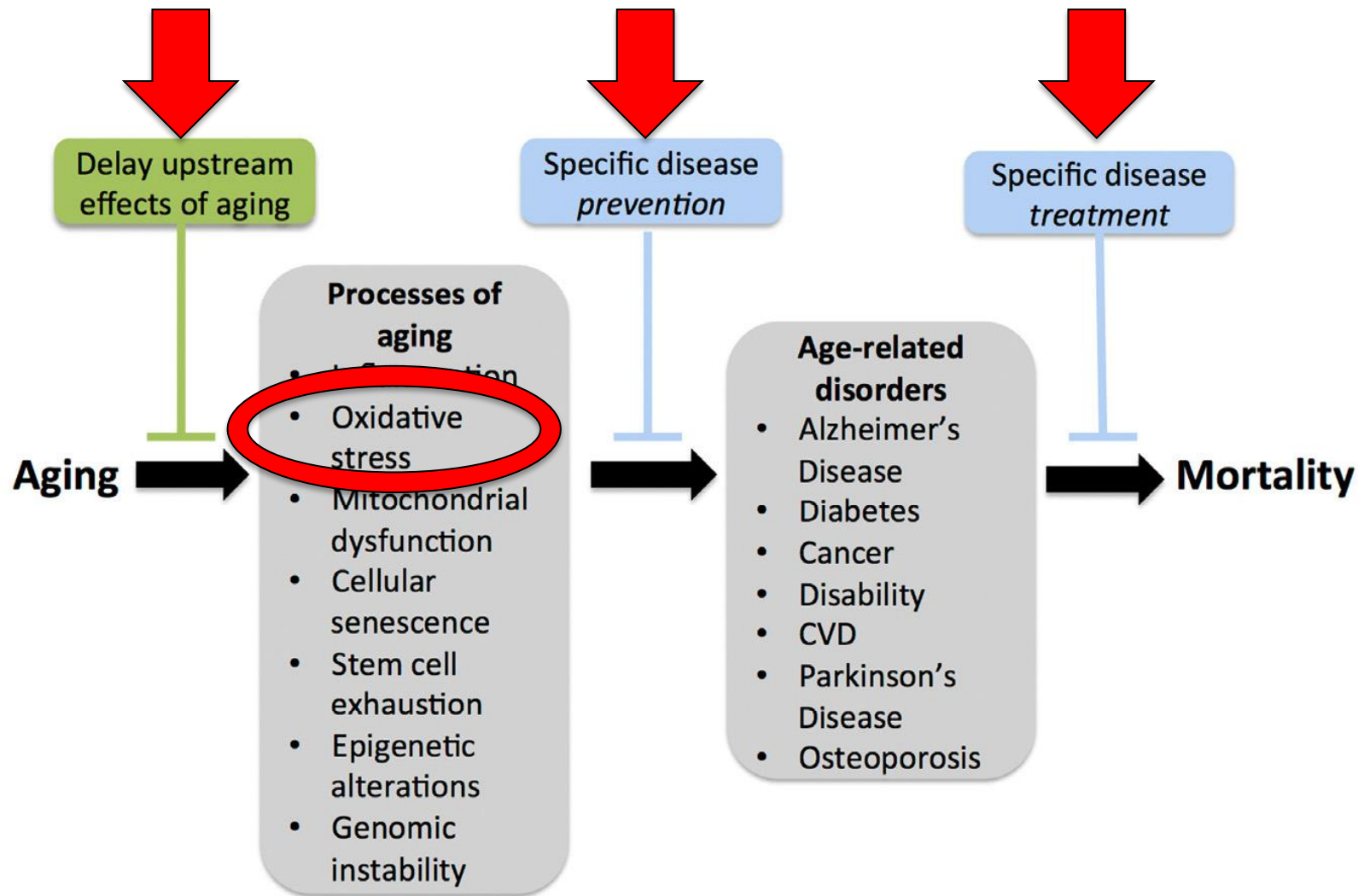


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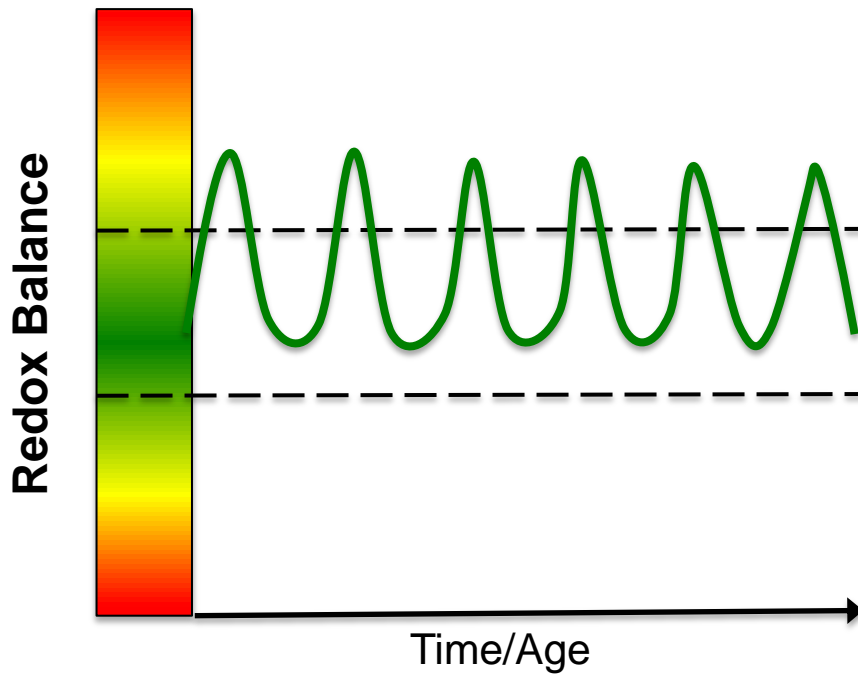


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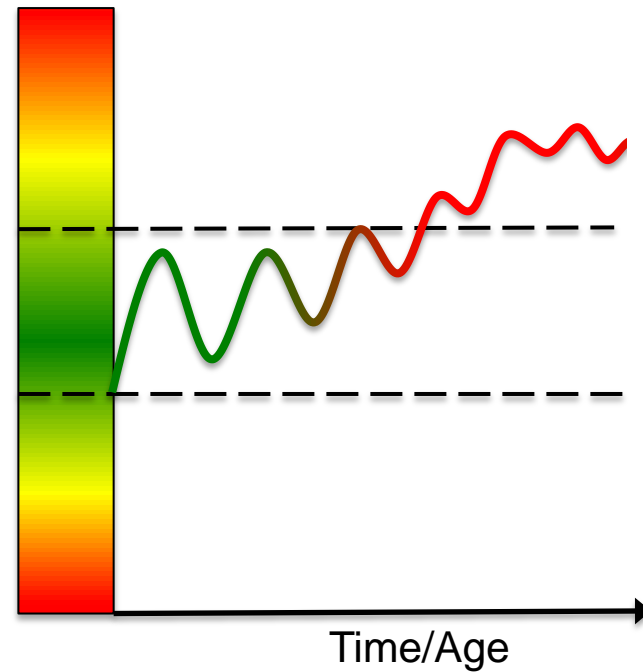


# Redox Balance and Signaling

Young



Aging

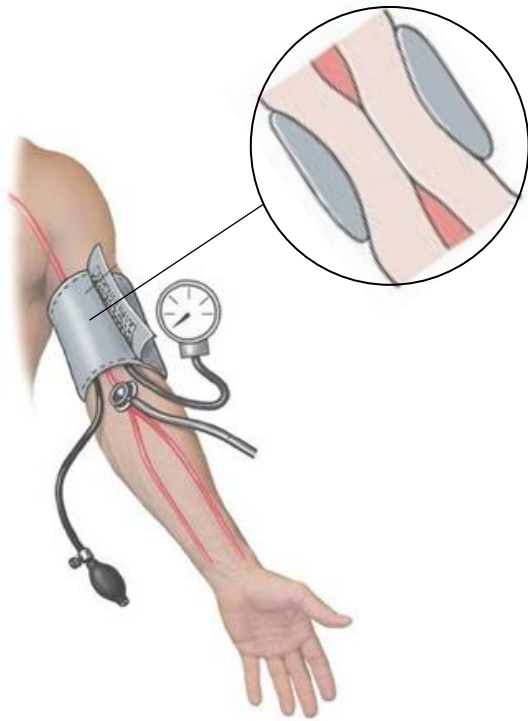
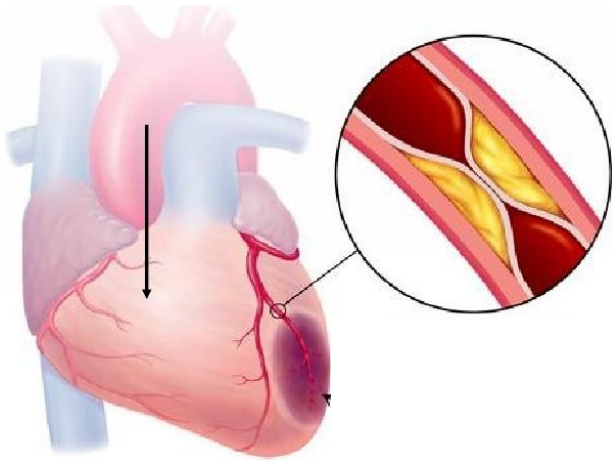




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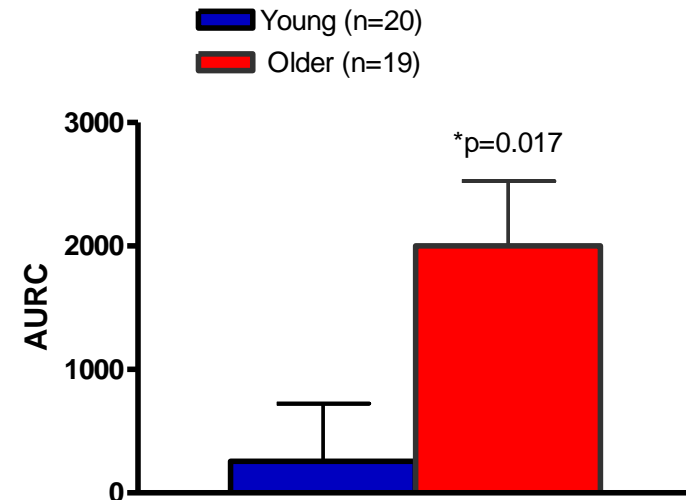
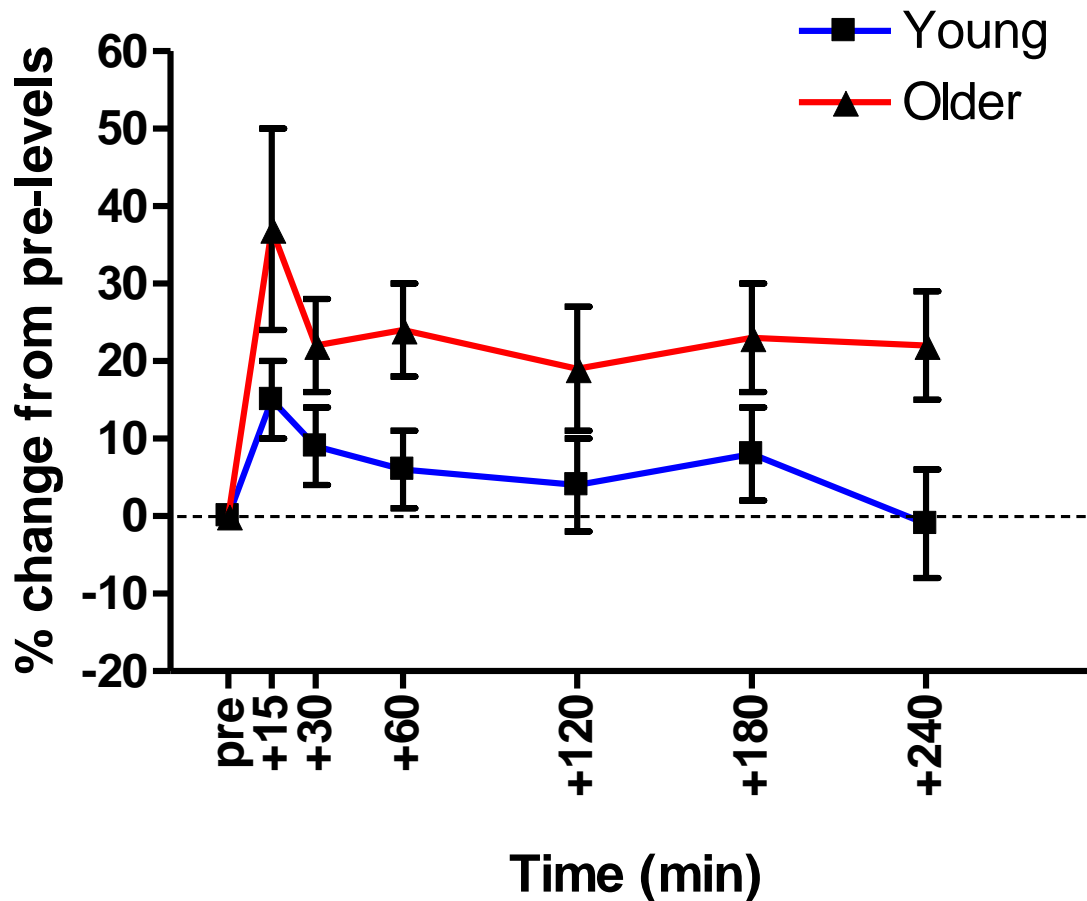


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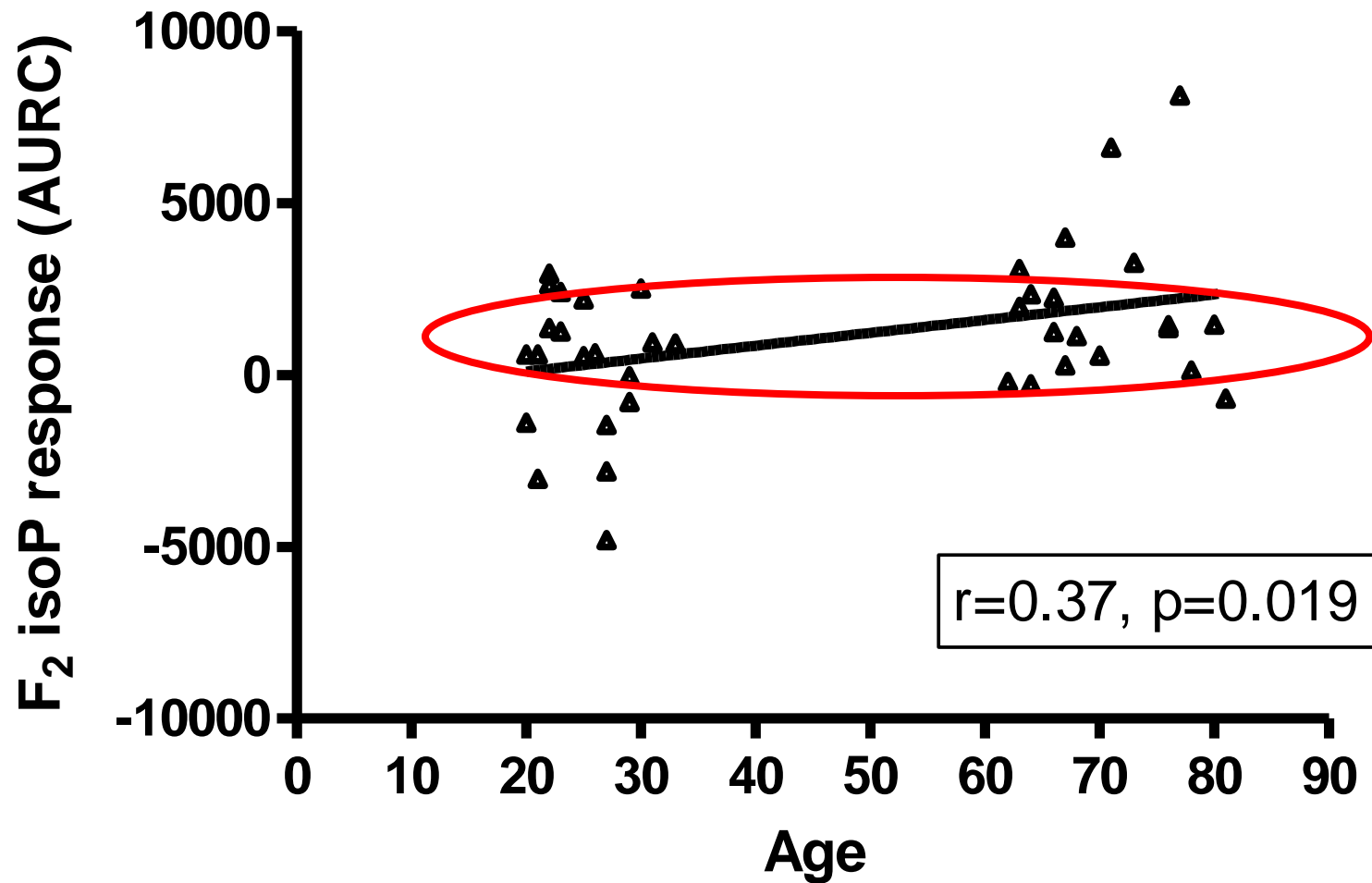
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# The capacity to resist oxidative stress is diminished with aging

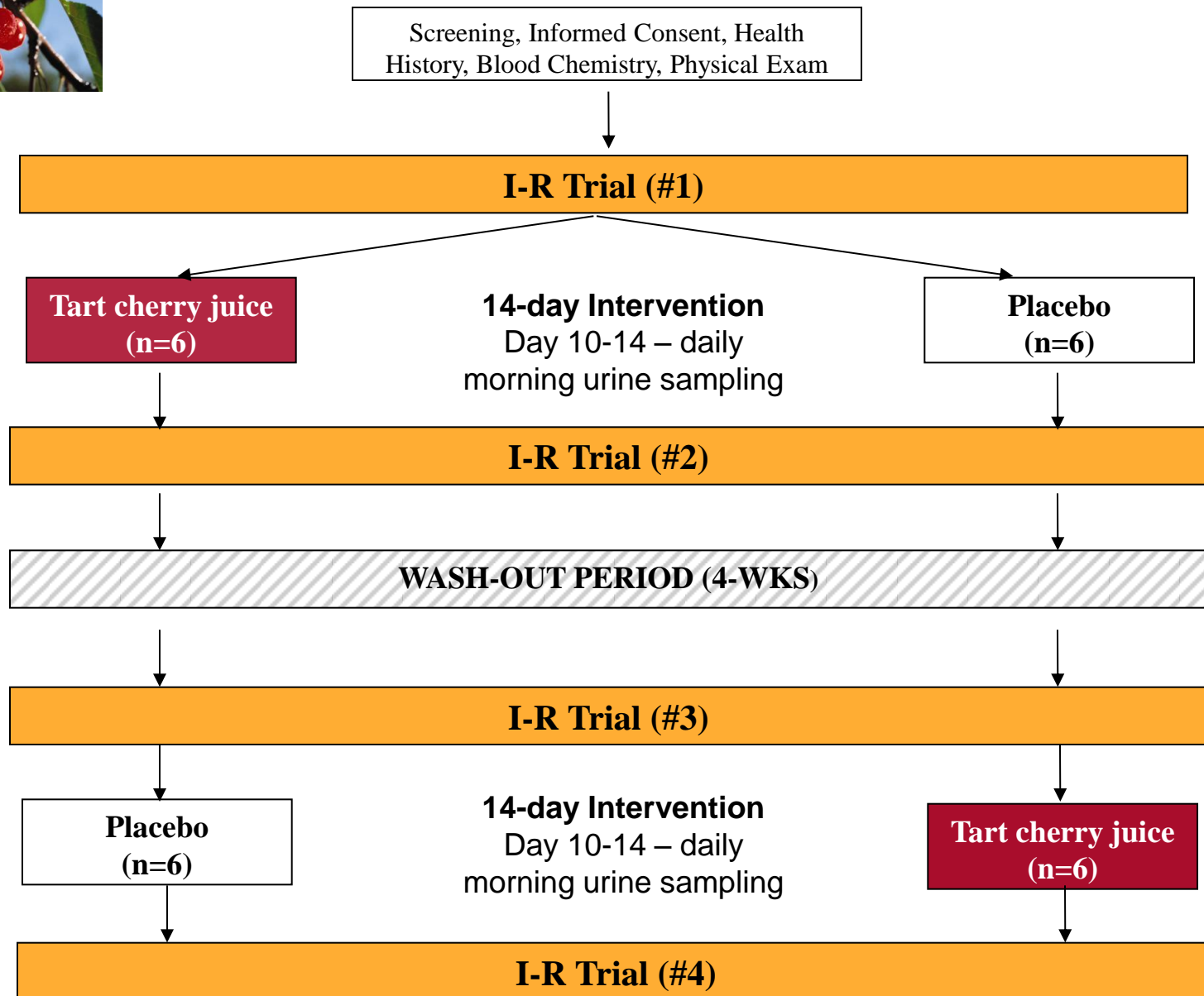




# I/R Trial - Individual Responses by Age

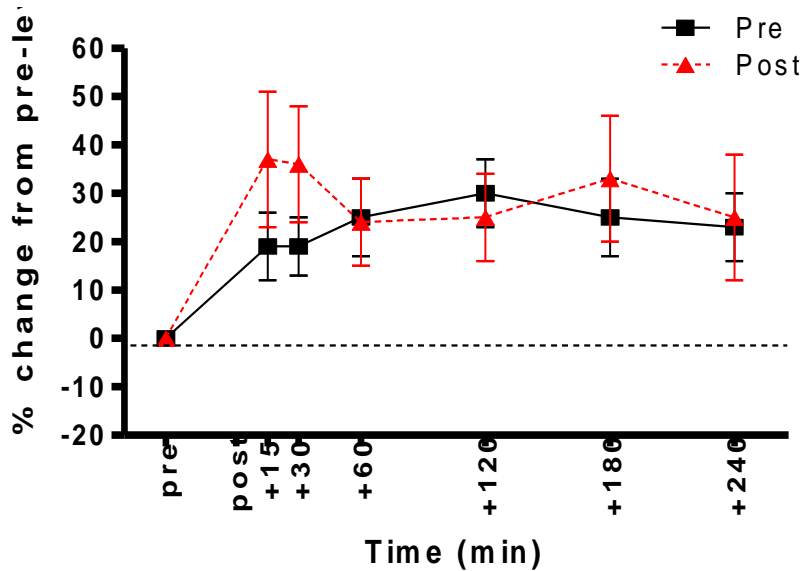


**Is resistance to oxidative stress  
modifiable in older adults?**

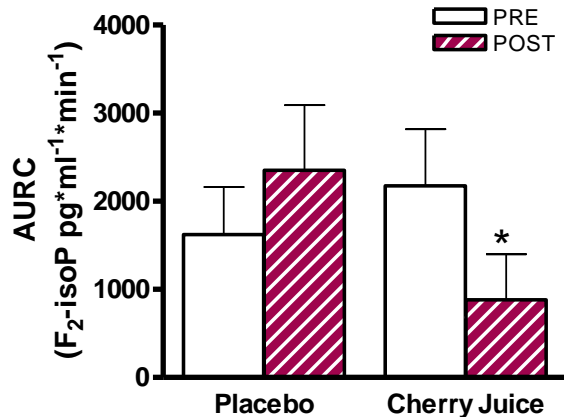
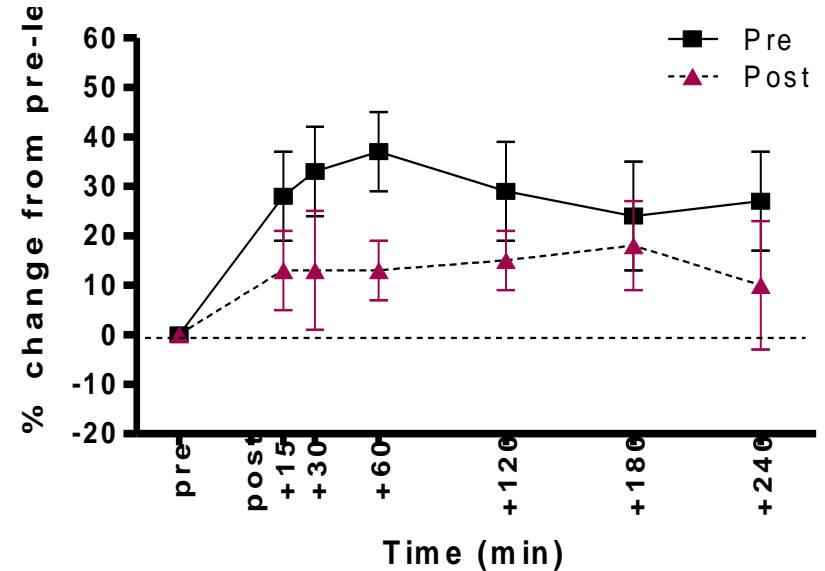


# Tart cherry juice increases resistance to oxidative stress

## PLACEBO



## TART CHERRY JUICE



Treatment-by-Trial: p=0.024



# Urinary markers of nucleic acid oxidative damage

## 8-hydroxy-2'-deoxyguanosine



## 8-hydroxyguanosine



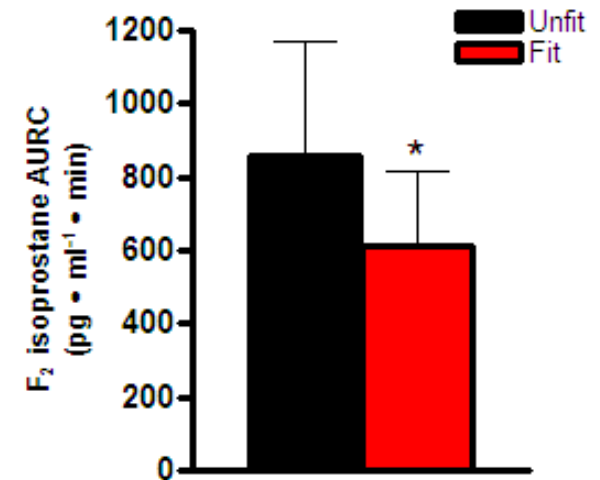
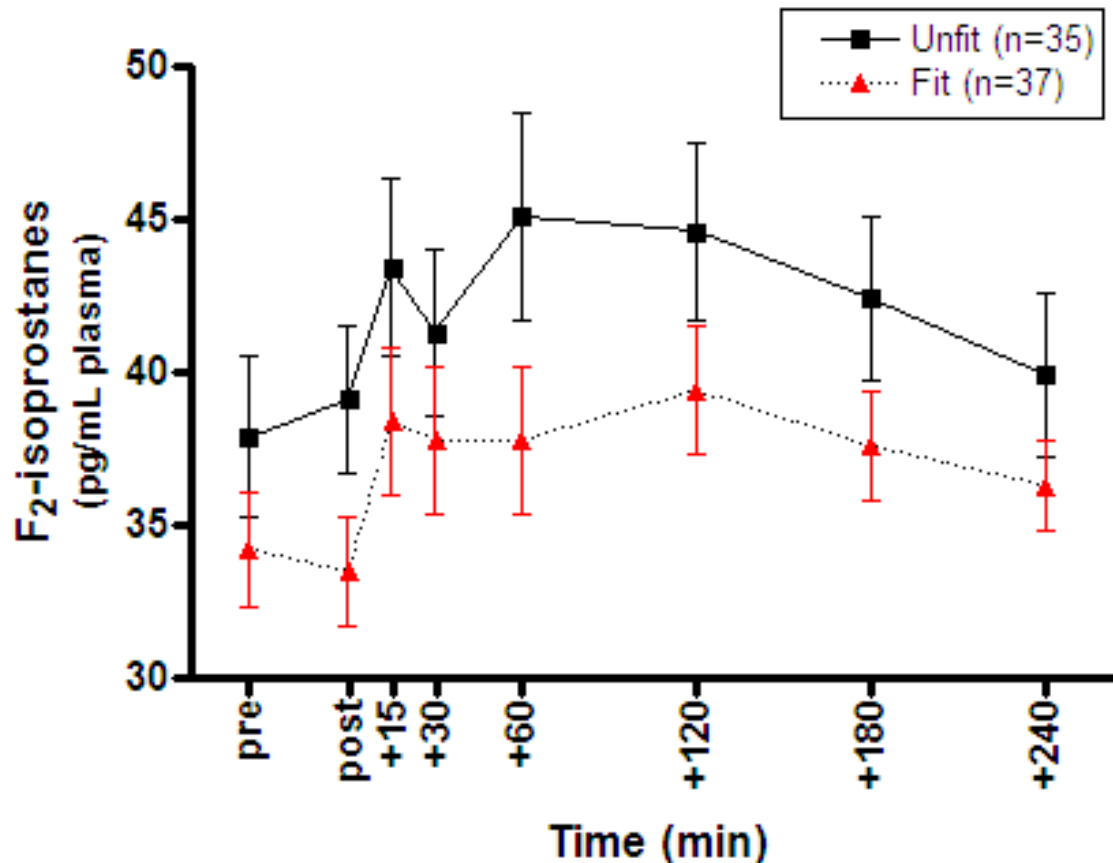
**Does regular exercise prevent the lowering of resistance to oxidative stress with aging?**

# ***Stress Resilience Study: Fit vs. Unfit***

## **SUBJECT CHARACTERISTICS**

	<b>UNFIT (n=35)</b>	<b>FIT (n=37)</b>
Age (yrs)	68 ± 4	65 ± 5*
Height (cm)	168 ± 11	170 ± 10
Weight (kg)	78.2 ± 17.1	71.6 ± 14.4
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	27.3 ± 3.7	24.5 ± 3.0**
Waist circ. (cm)	94 ± 11	85 ± 12**
SBP (mm Hg)	124 ± 13	120 ± 11
DBP (mm Hg)	78 ± 7	75 ± 8
VO <sub>2 max</sub> (ml/kg/min)	18.6 ± 3.1	30.0 ± 6.7 <sup>†</sup>
Leg power (w/kg)	11.9 ± 2.7	16.8 ± 4.5 <sup>†</sup>
HPLA score (0-4)	2.3 ± 1.0	3.4 ± 0.5 <sup>†</sup>

# Capacity to resist oxidative stress is higher in fit individuals



The fit group had significantly lower F<sub>2</sub>-isoP responses to the I/R trial compared to the unfit ( $P < 0.05$ ) after adjusting for covariates



# Exercise Hormesis Model



→ **Δ in Redox Balance**



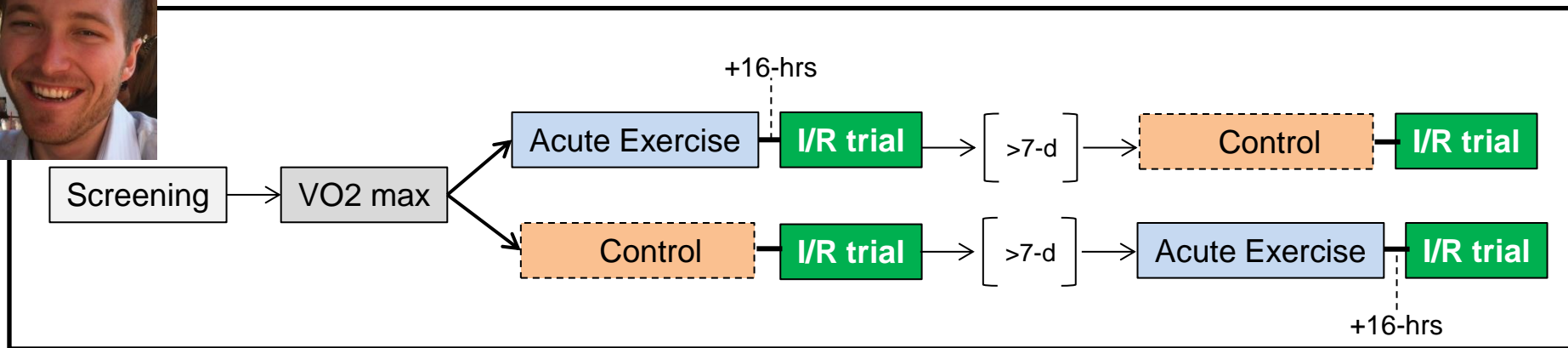
**(+) Signal Transduction Pathways**

**↑ Endogenous Antioxidant Systems**

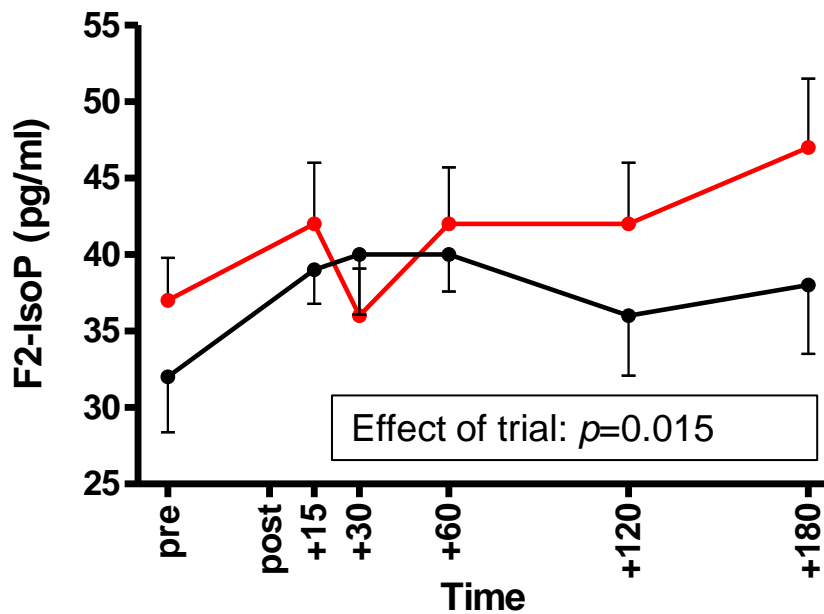
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**↑ protection against subsequent non-exercise oxidative challenge (forearm ischemia/reperfusion)**

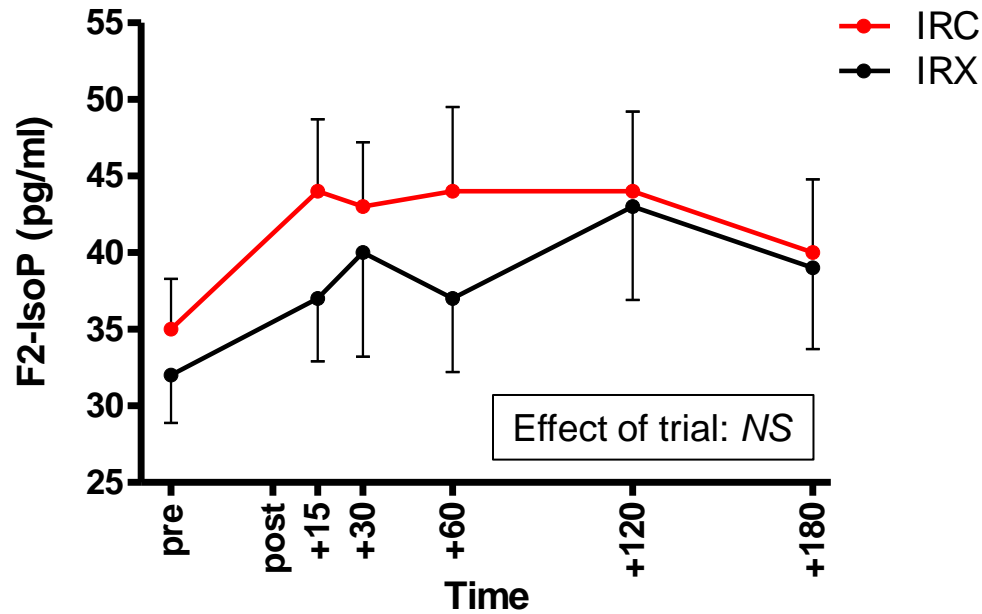




Young (n=8)



Older (n=9)



# Exercise Hormesis Model



→ **Δ in Redox Balance**

**(+) Signal transduction pathways**

**↑ Endogenous Antioxidant Systems**

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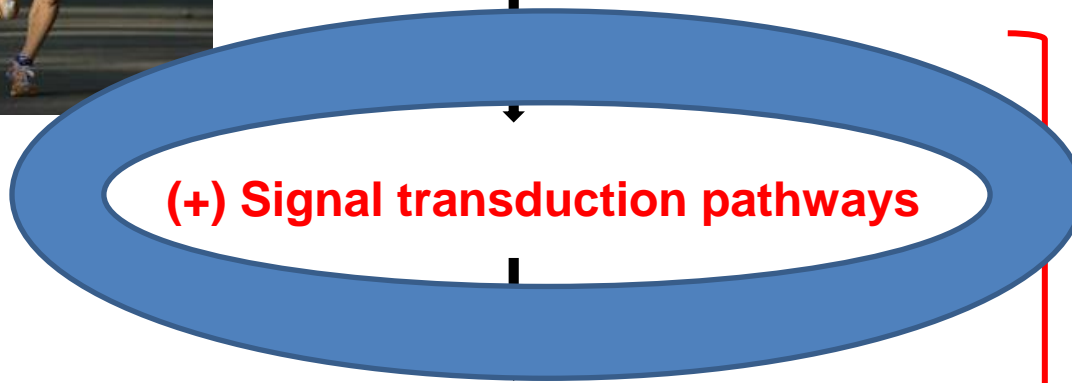


↓ **Aging**

# Exercise Hormesis Model



→  $\Delta$  in Redox Balance



↓ Aging

↑ Endogenous Antioxidant Systems

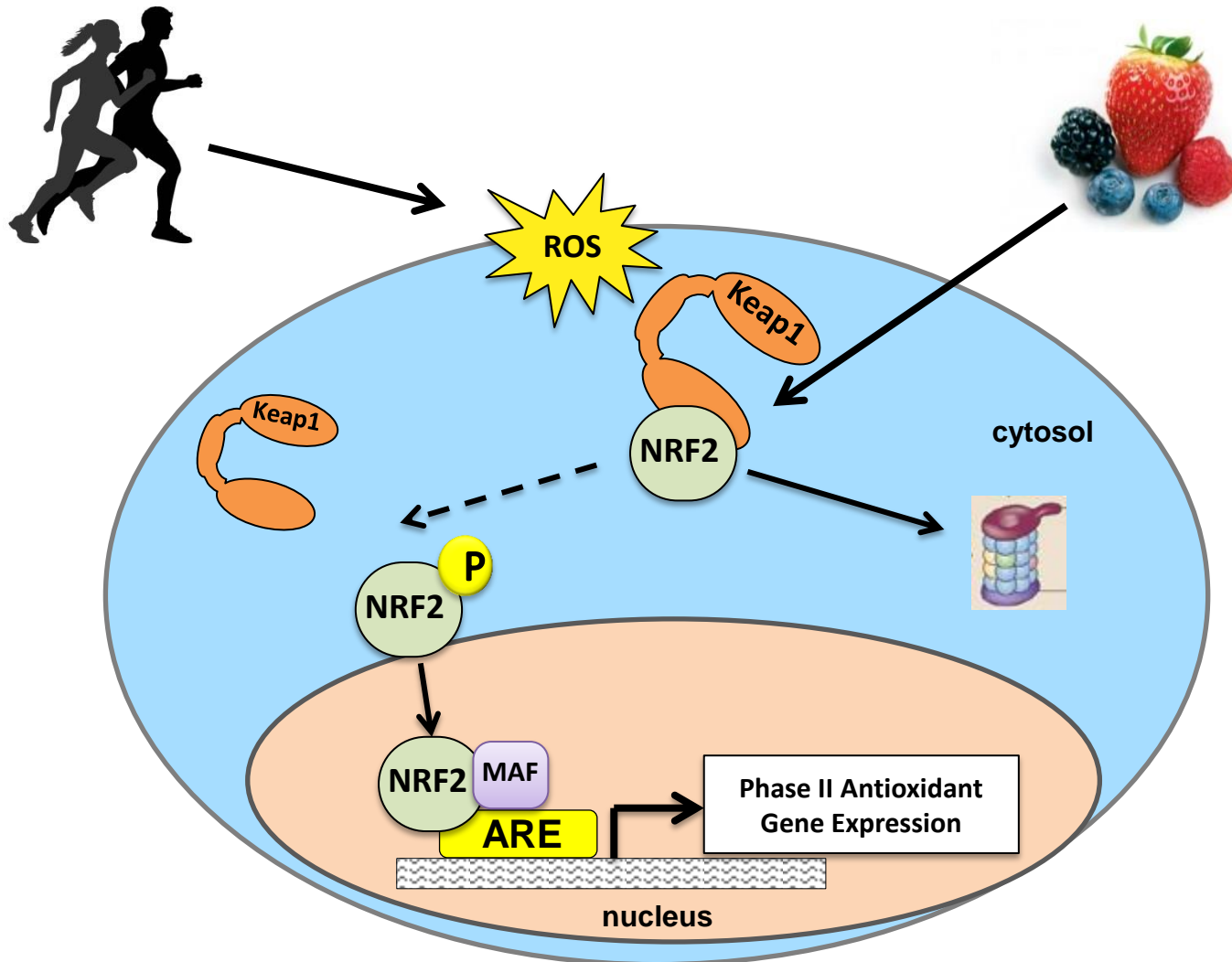
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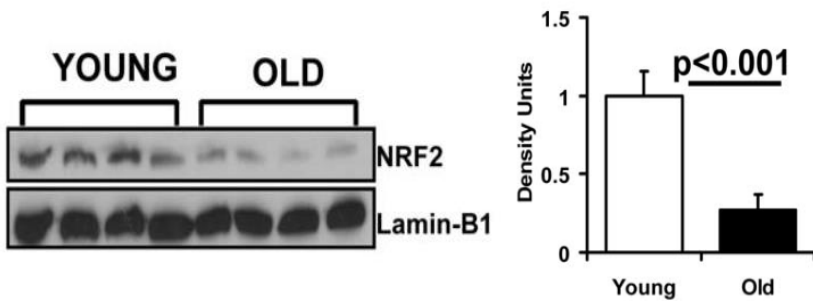
# Nrf2 (Nuclear factor, erythroid-2-related factor 2)

*“The master regulator of antioxidant defense”*

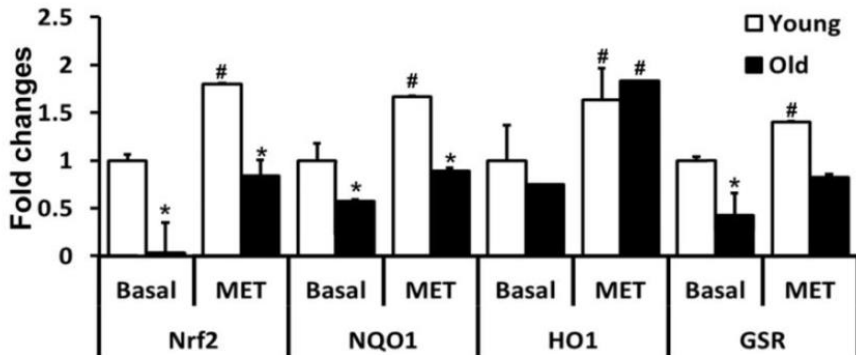
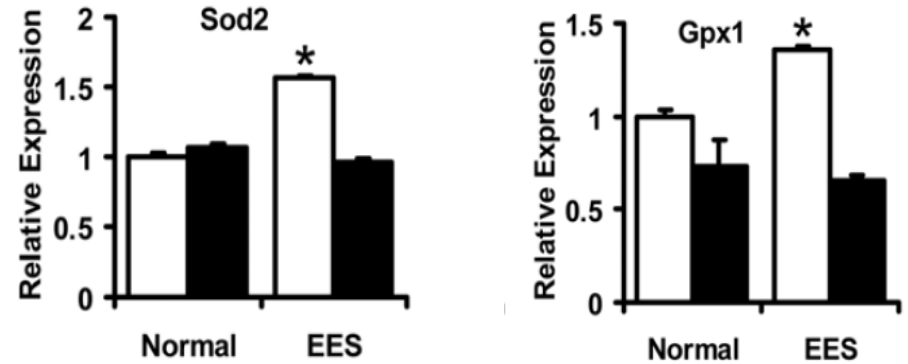


**Is there evidence for changes in Nrf2 and related signaling with age?**

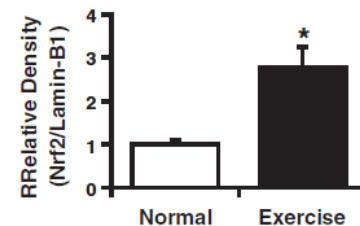
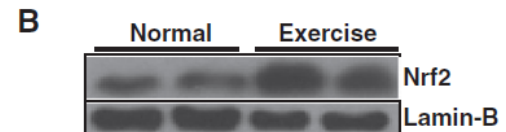
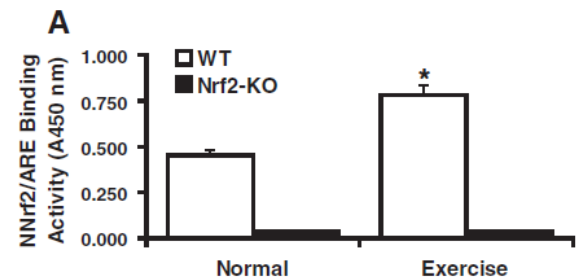
# Nrf2 signaling, aging, and exercise; Existing Literature...



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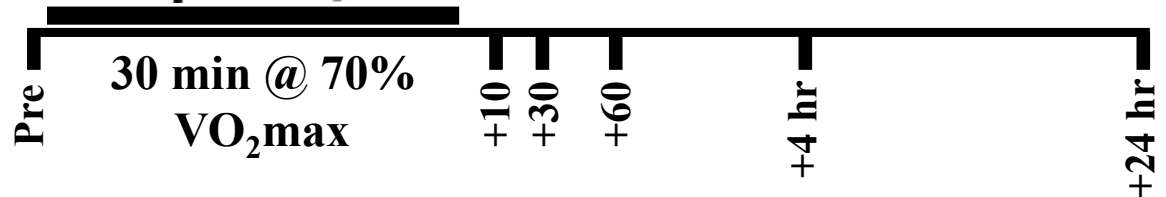
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# Nrf2 signaling: Effects of age

□ 10 young (18-30y) and 10 older ( $\geq 55y$ ) men

□ Response to acute cycling exercise:



□ Measures in *isolated PBMCs*:

□ Gene expression (qPCR): **SOD1, NQO1, HMOX**

□ Protein content (Western blot): **NRF2, SOD1, HMOX**

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REVIEW ARTICLE

## Blood reflects tissue oxidative stress: a systematic review

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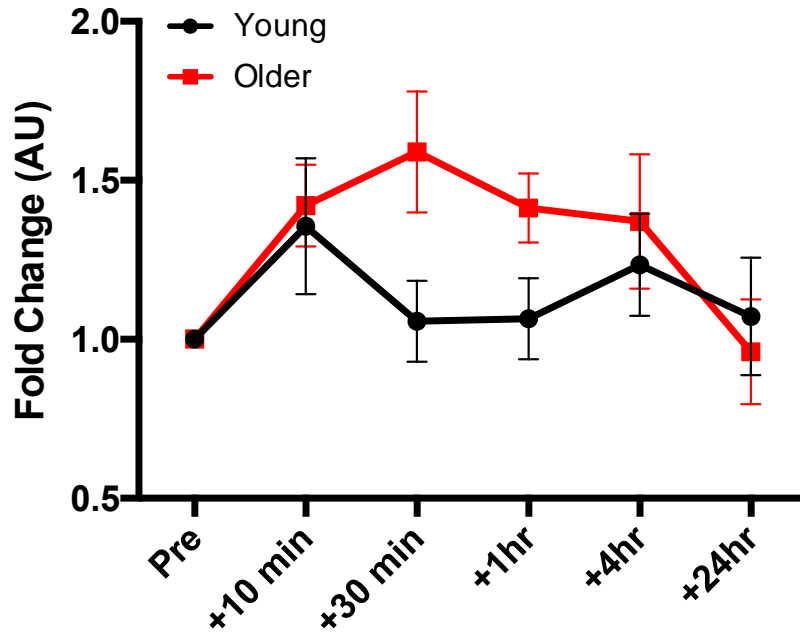
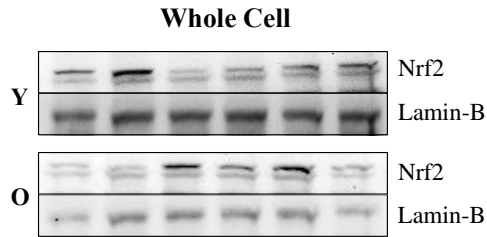
# Subject Demographics

	Young (n=10)	Older (n=10)	<i>P</i>
Age (yrs)	23 ± 2	63 ± 4	<.001
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.3 ± 3.9	26.6 ± 3.0	NS
Waist circ. (cm)	79 ± 30	100 ± 12	NS
SBP (mm Hg)	125 ± 8	123 ± 14	NS
DBP (mm Hg)	78 ± 8	83 ± 10	NS
VO <sub>2</sub> max (mL/kg/min)	45.6 ± 5.0	30.7 ± 5.3	<.001
% VO <sub>2</sub> max – acute EX	68 ± 4	69 ± 6	NS ←
% HR max – acute EX	81 ± 6	76 ± 11	NS ←

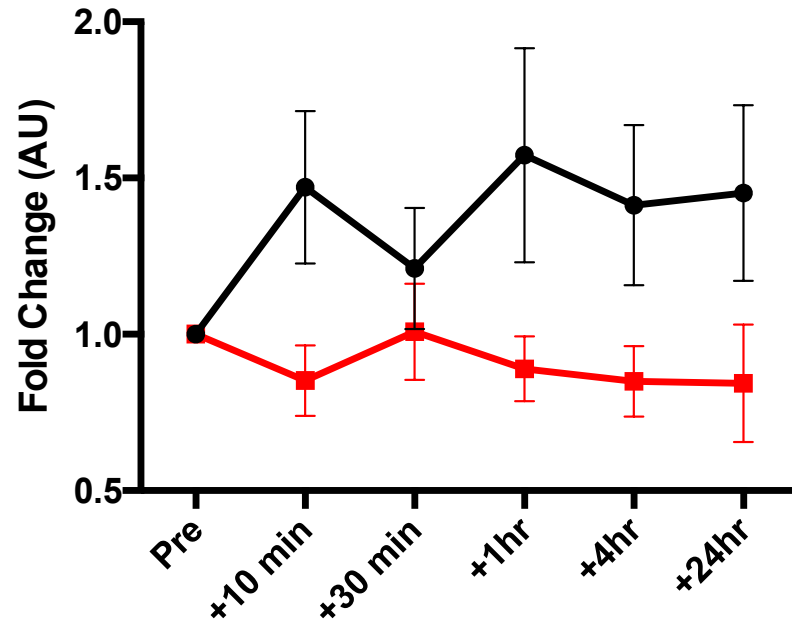
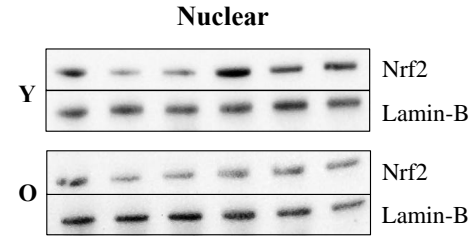
Data are presented as mean ± SD



# Nrf2 Response to Exercise



Age:  $p=0.313$   
 Time:  $p=0.003^{**}$

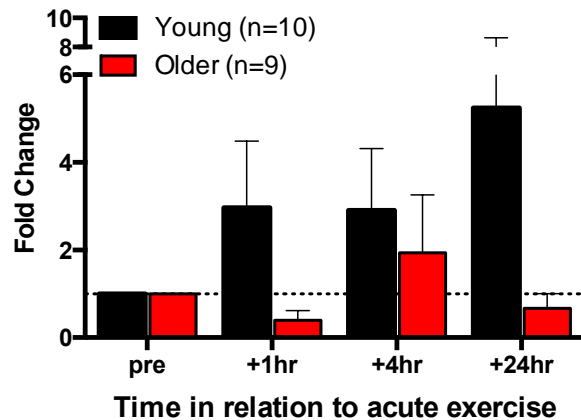


Age:  $p=0.031^{*}$   
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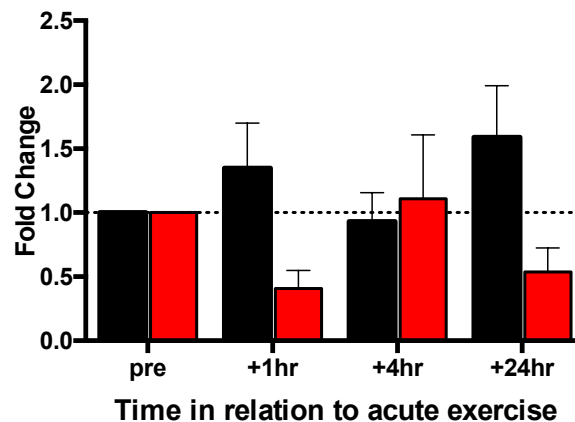
# Target Gene Response to Exercise

### NQO1 Gene Expression



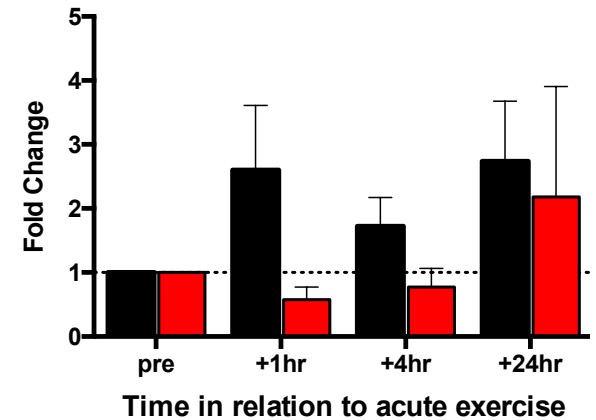
Age:  $p=0.05^{\dagger}$   
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Interaction: NS

### SOD1 Gene Expression



Age:  $p=0.131$   
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Interaction: NS

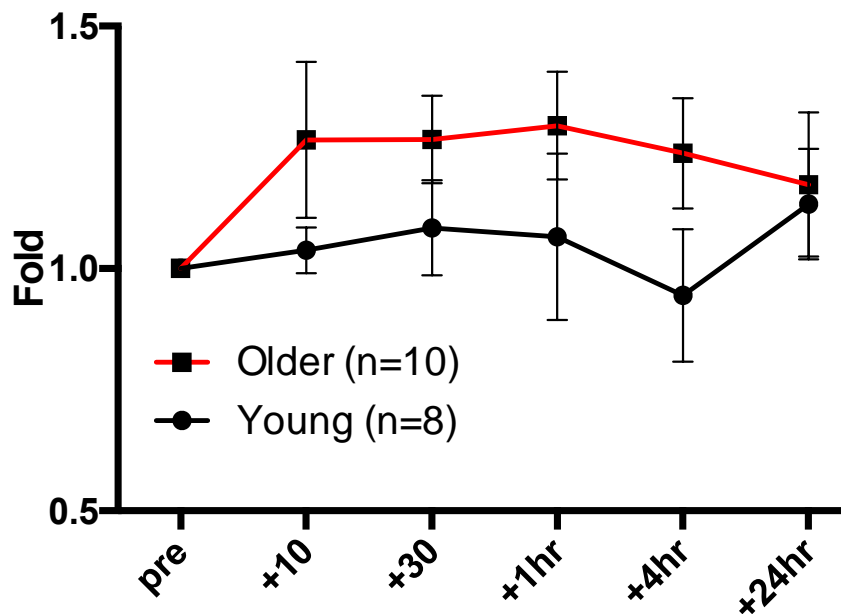
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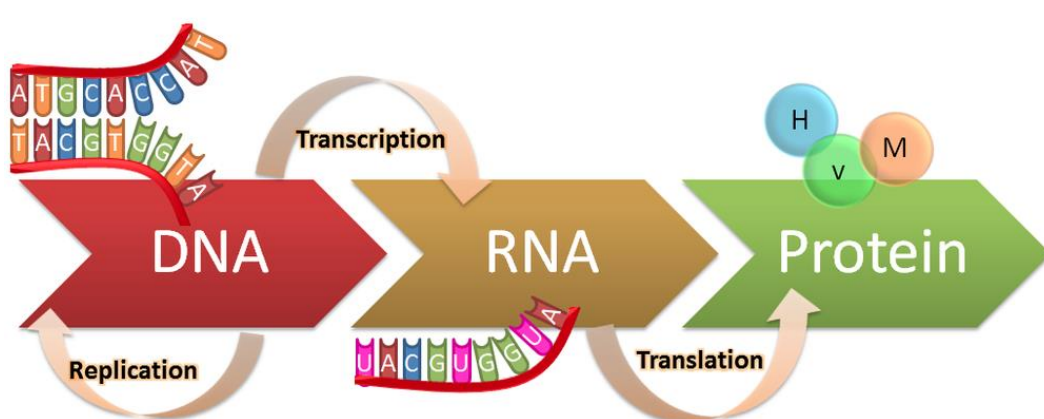
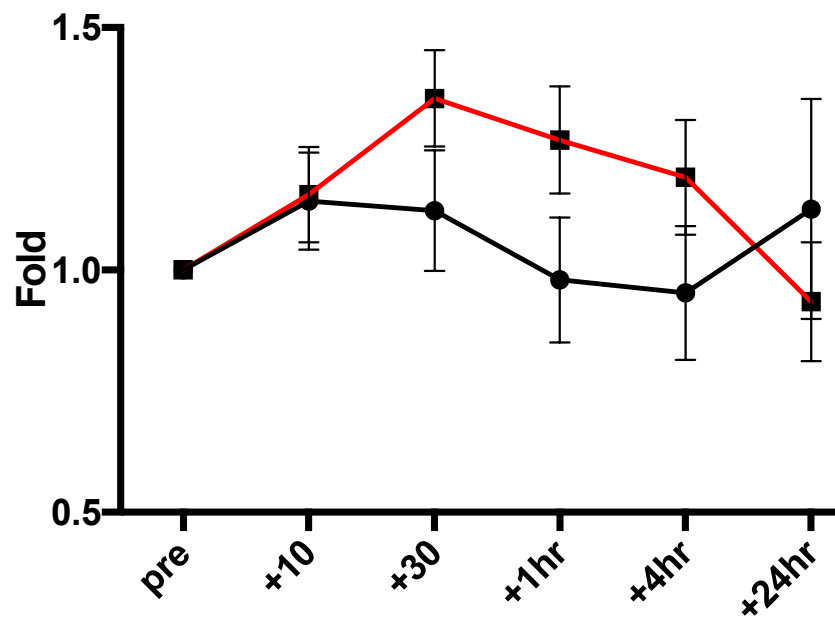
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# Antioxidase Protein Response to Exercise

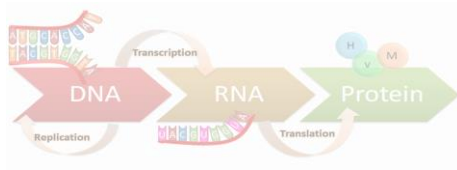
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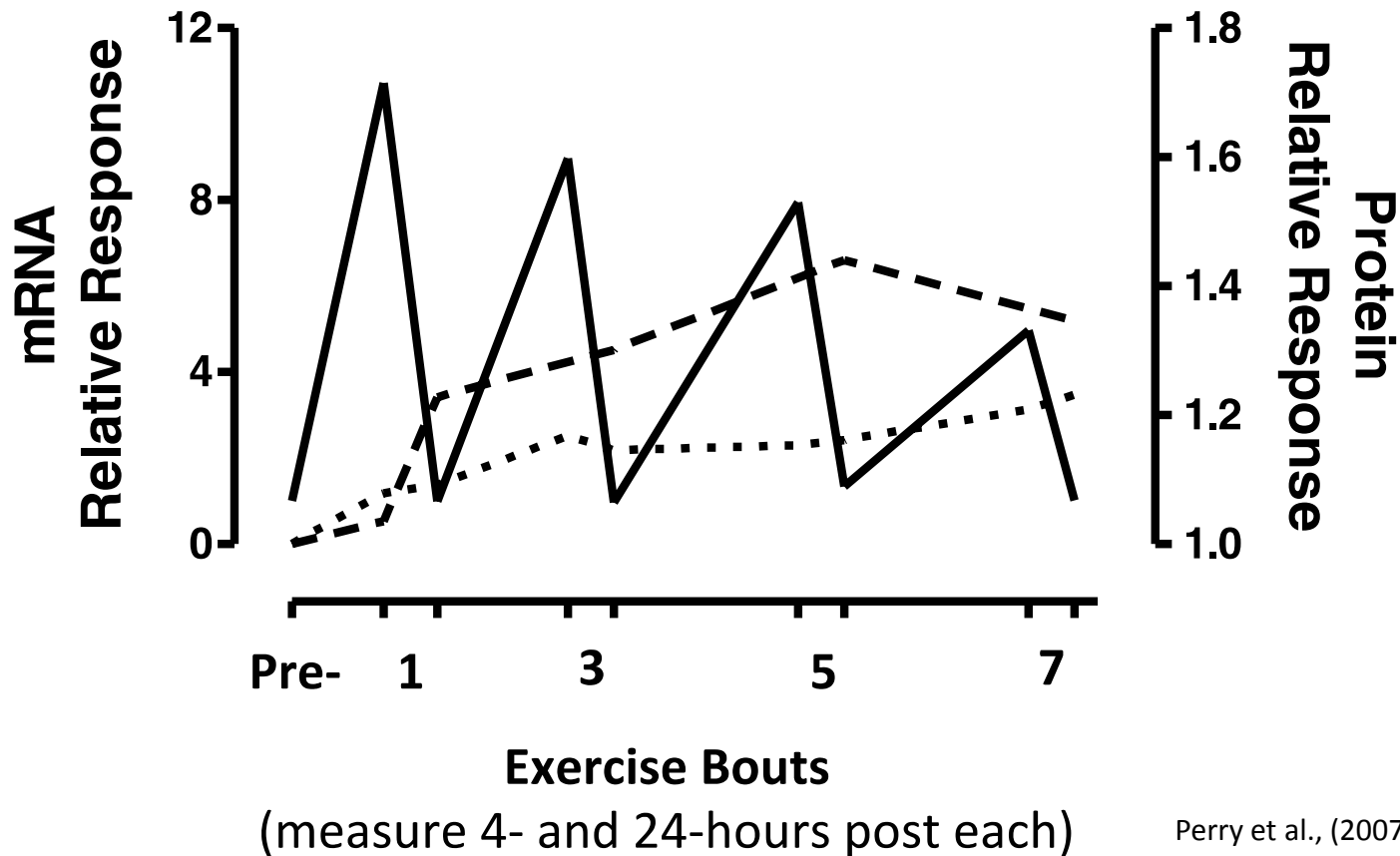
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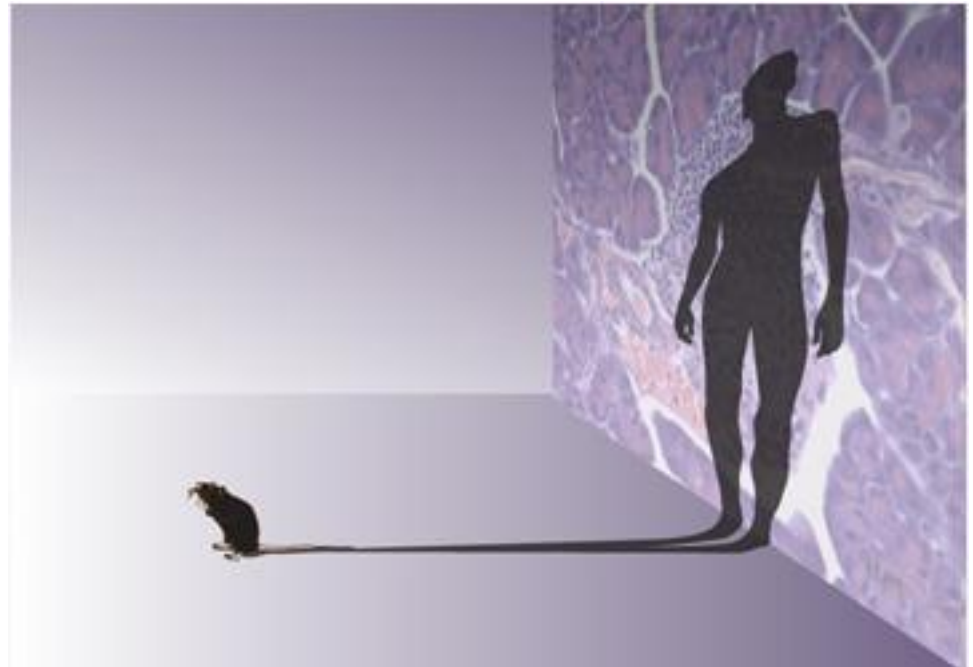
# Protein Response to Exercise



- mRNA
- - Protein
- ... Enzyme Activity



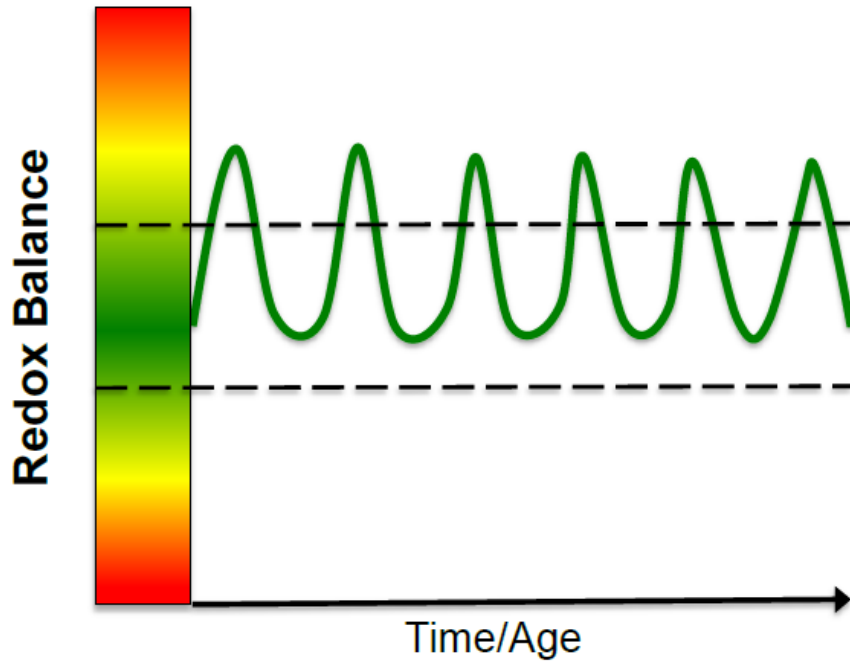
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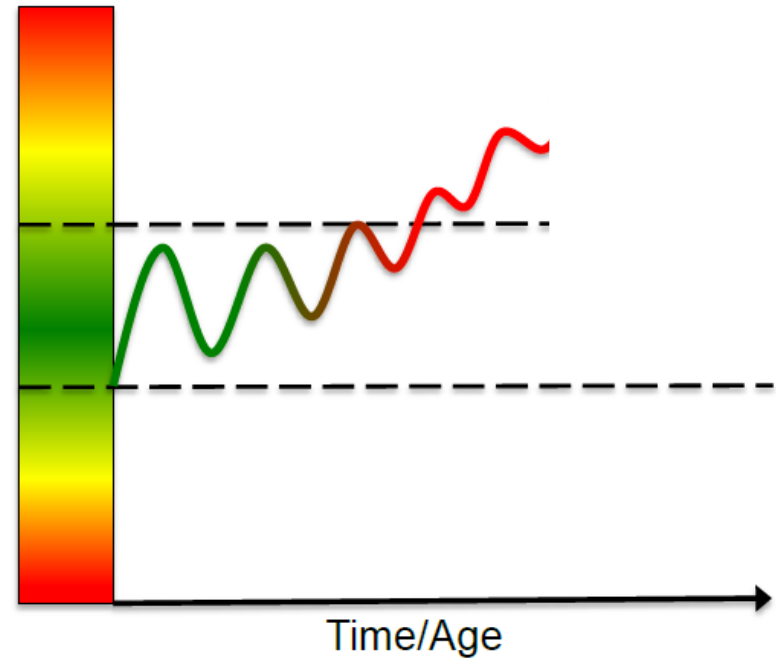
# Can regular exercise overcome the age-related impairment In Nrf2 signaling?

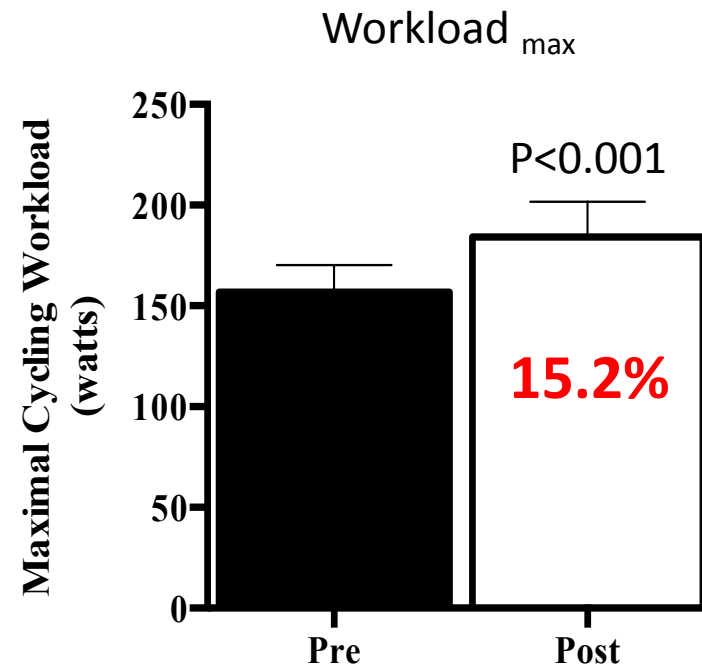
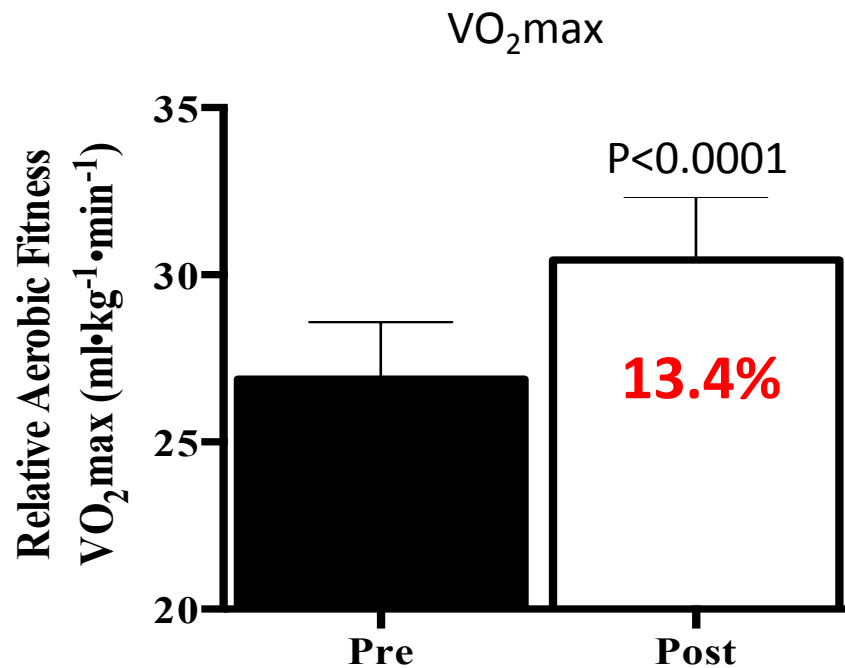


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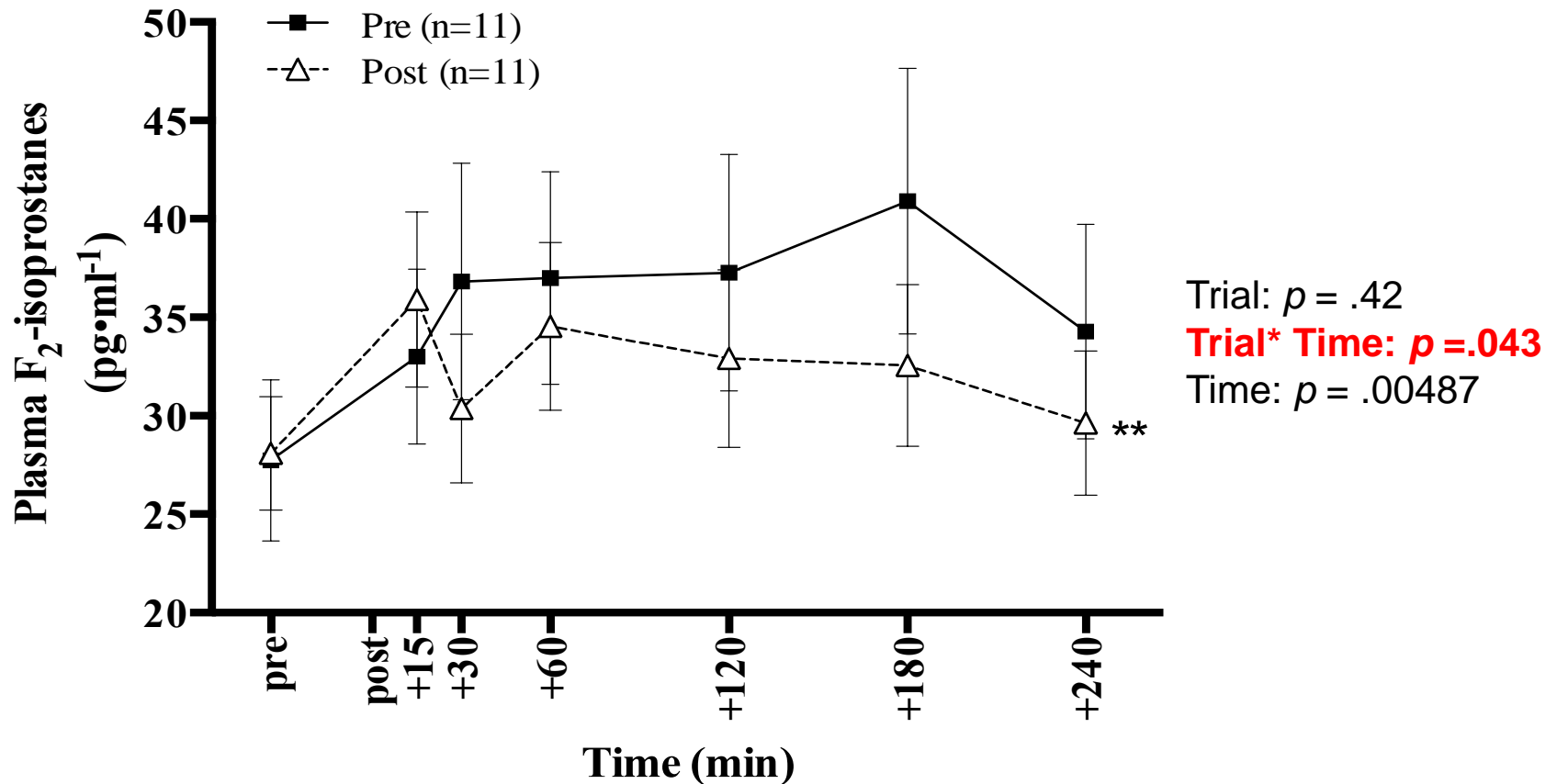
Sedentary Aging *with*  
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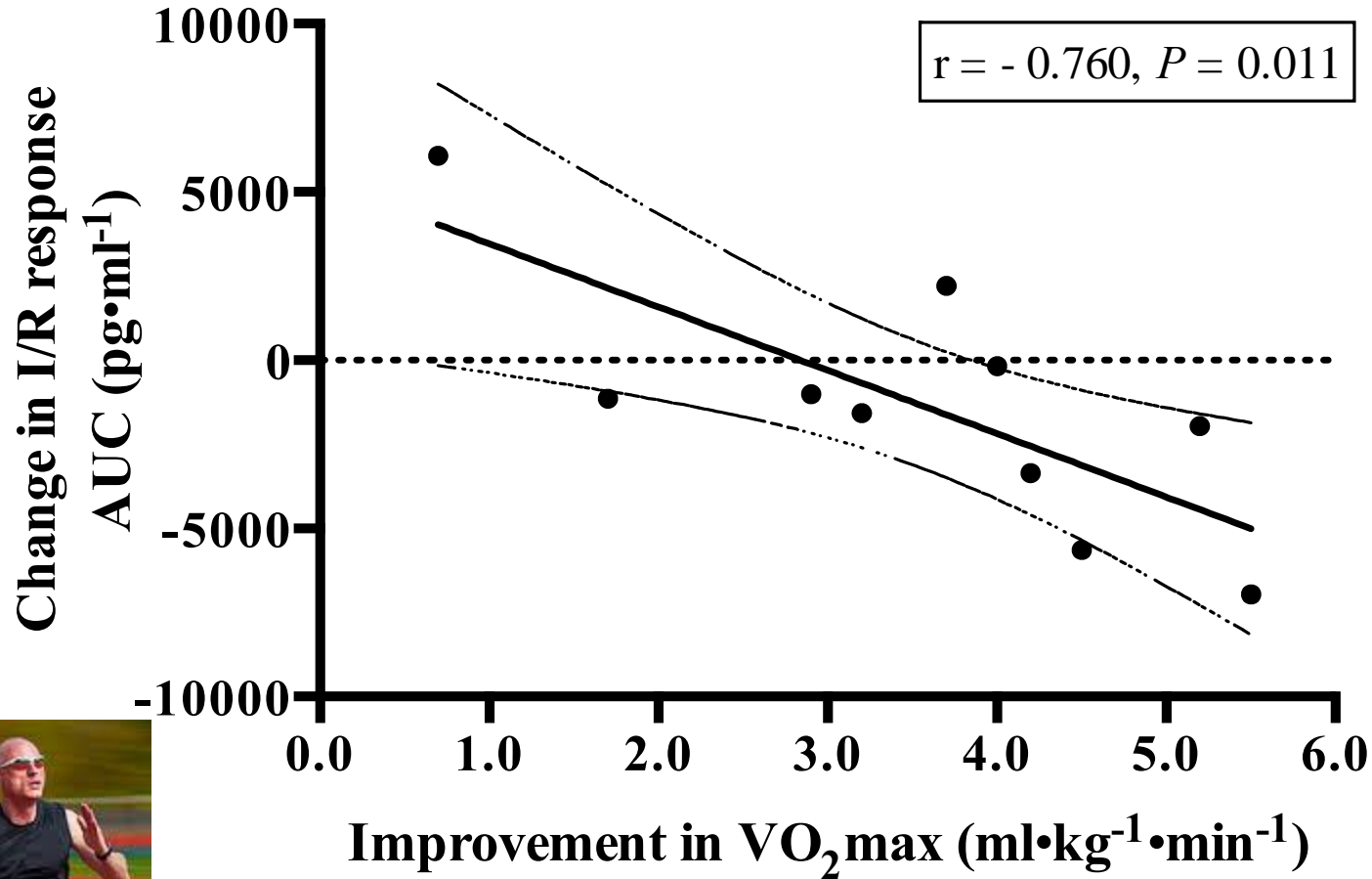




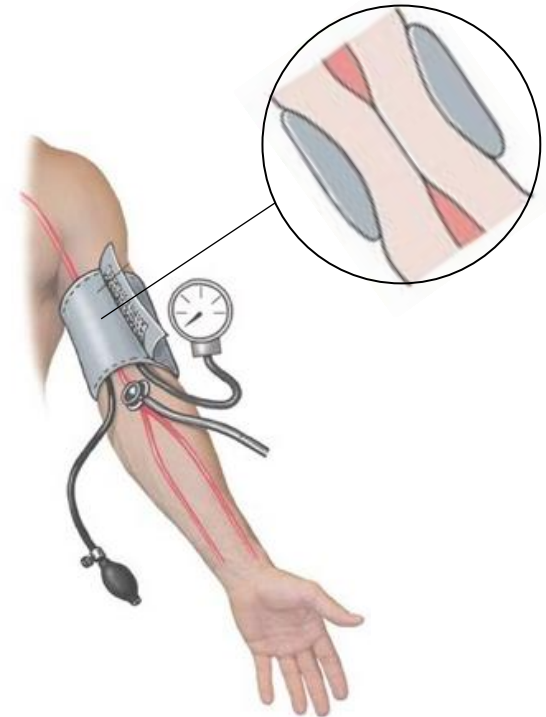
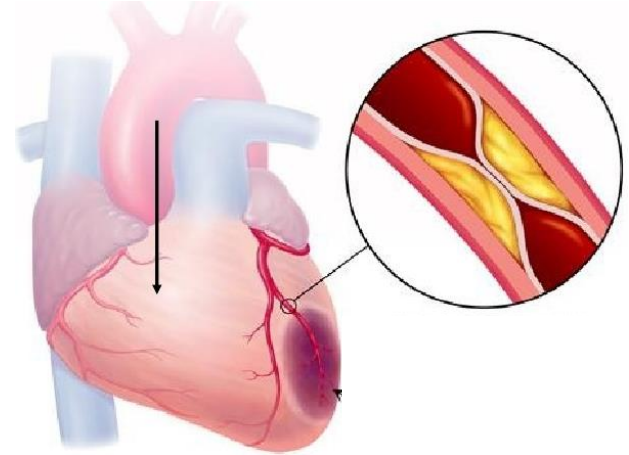
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# Fitness matters!

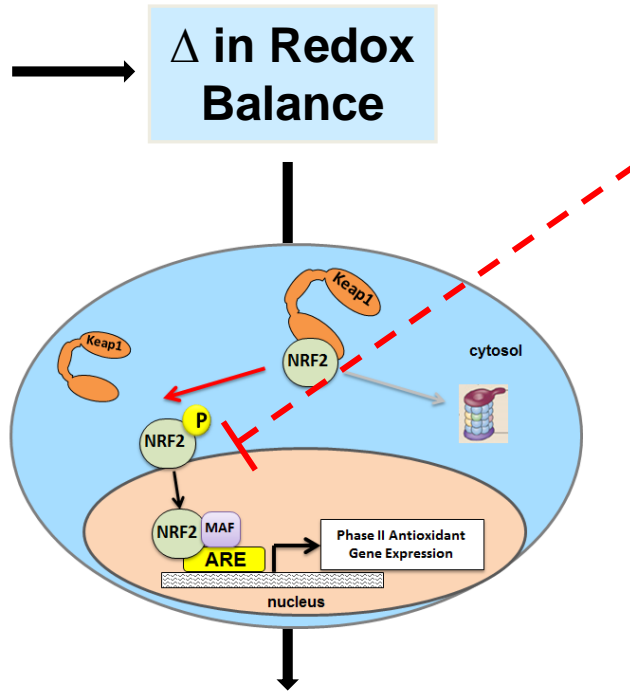


# *Clinical Implications*



**So what have we learned  
&  
what next??**

# Exercise Hormesis Model



**↑ Endogenous Antioxidant Systems**



**↑ protection against non-exercise oxidative challenge**



**↑ protection against diseases associated with oxidative stress**



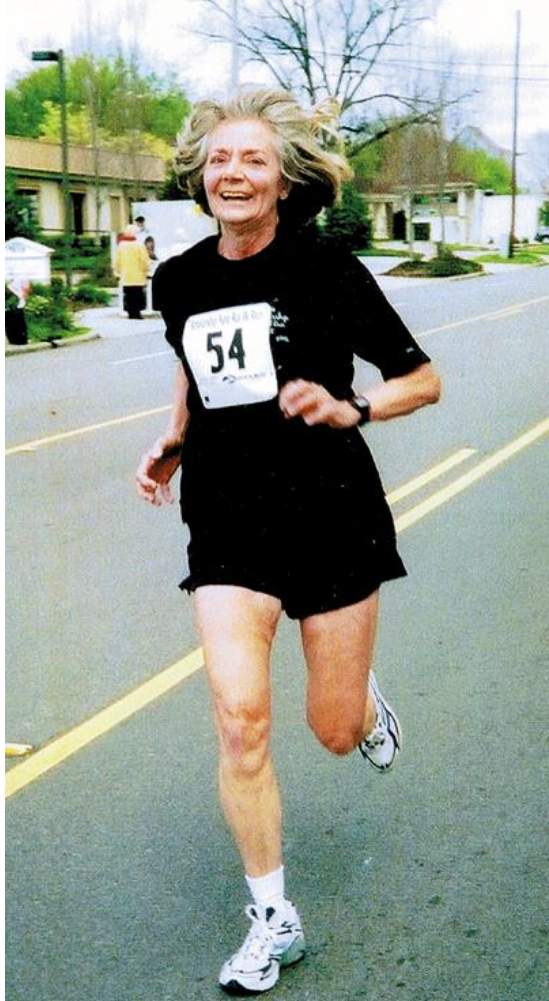
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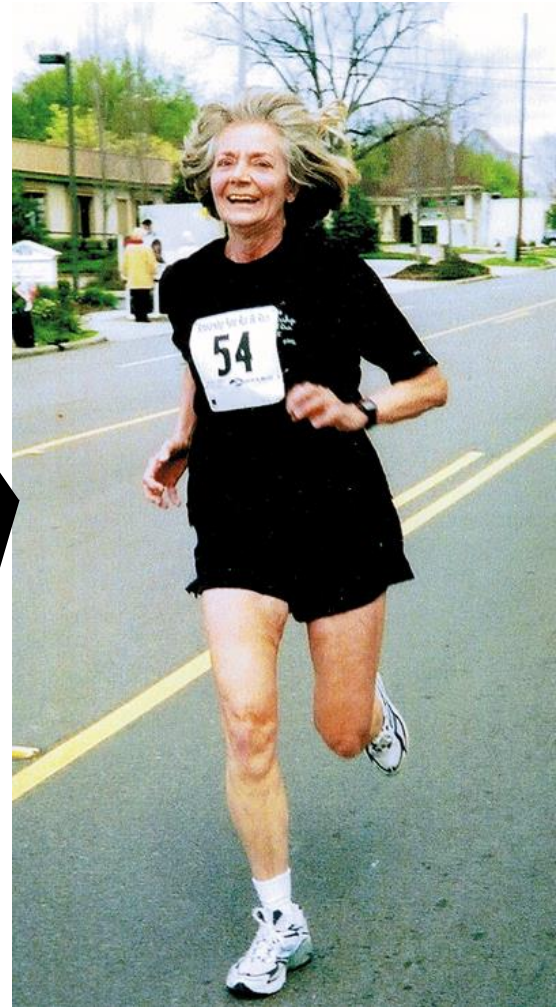
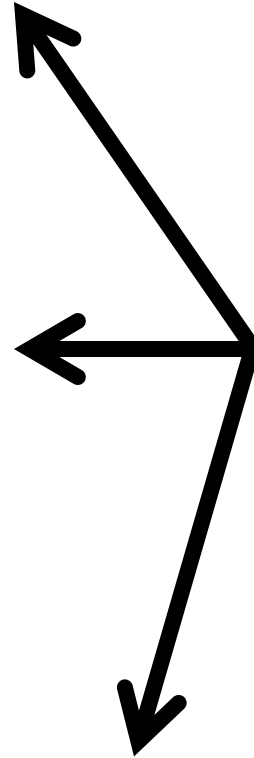
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**INTENSITY**

**DOSE RESPONSE**

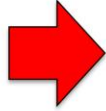
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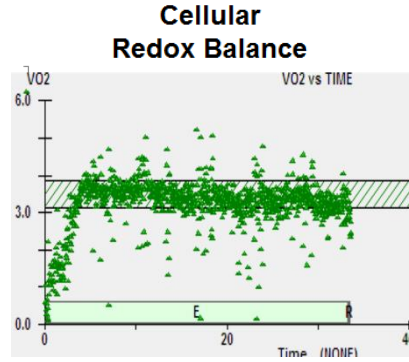




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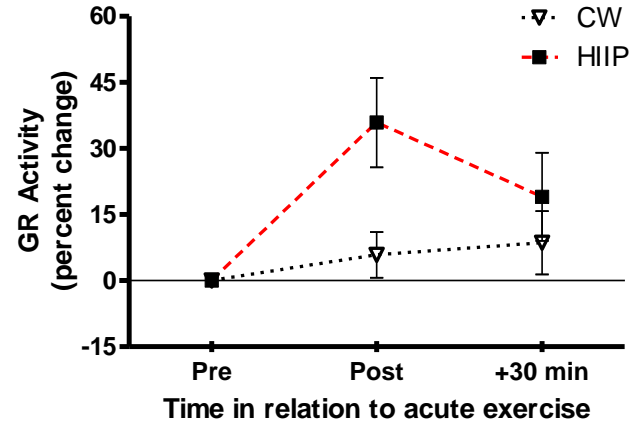
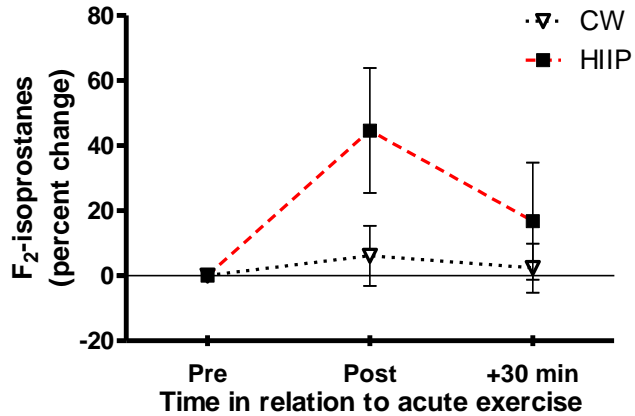
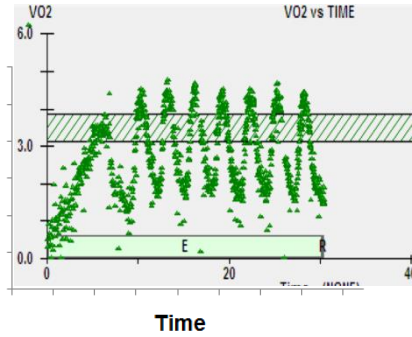


Difference in magnitude of redox response and cell signaling ??

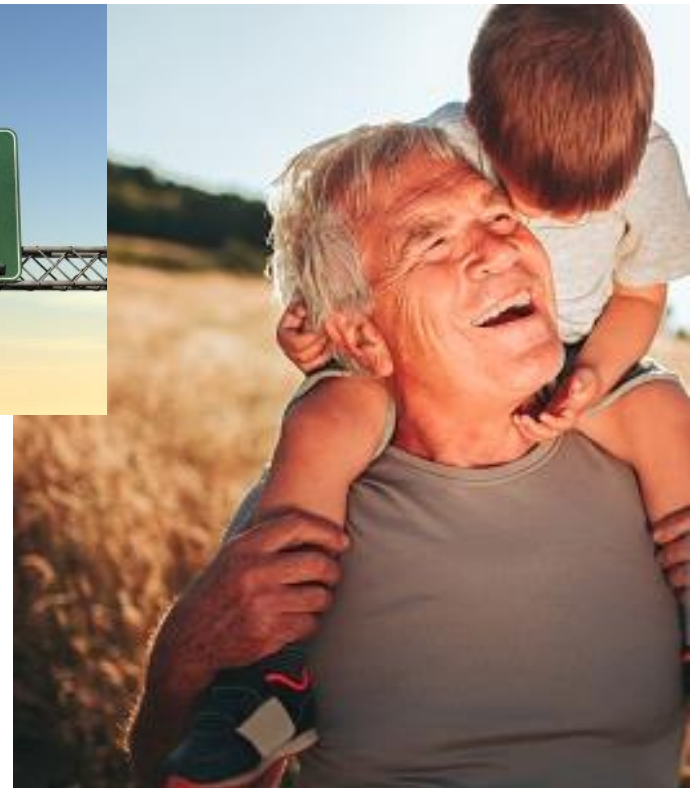
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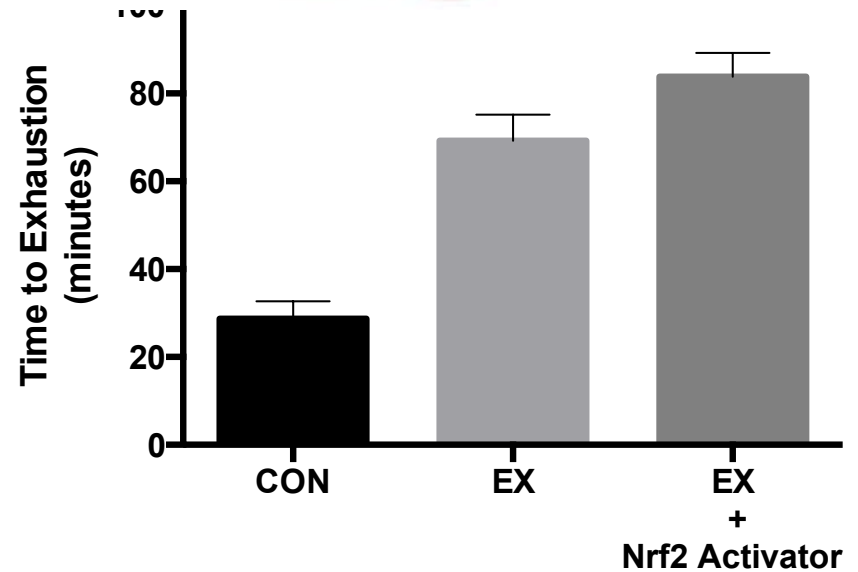
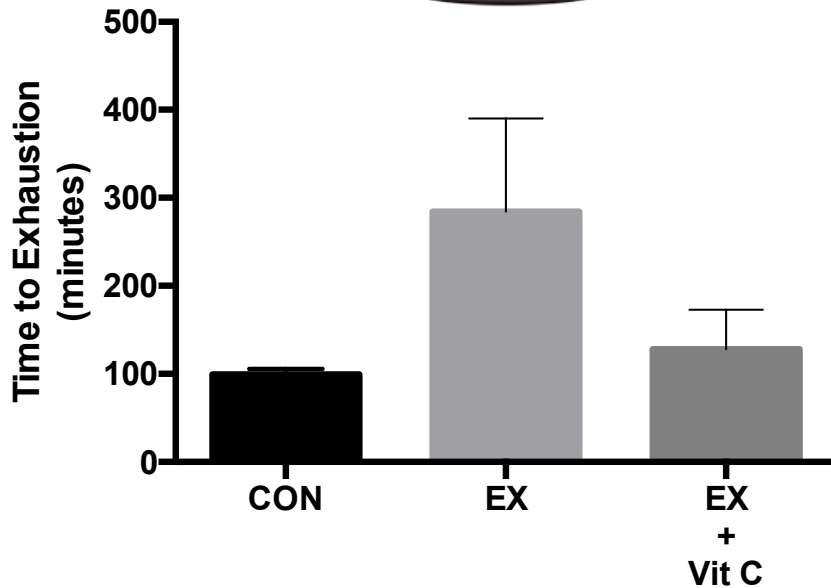


# Sex differences/Estrogen



**Translation to Function**

# Exercise and Phytonutrients = synergistic effect ??



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