



CALERIE Research Network Workshop

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- Chhanda Dutta (NIA): funding opportunities



Background: Design and Results Overview

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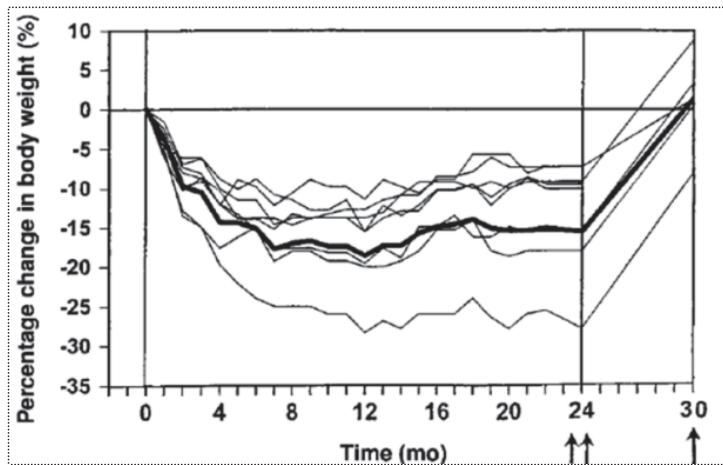
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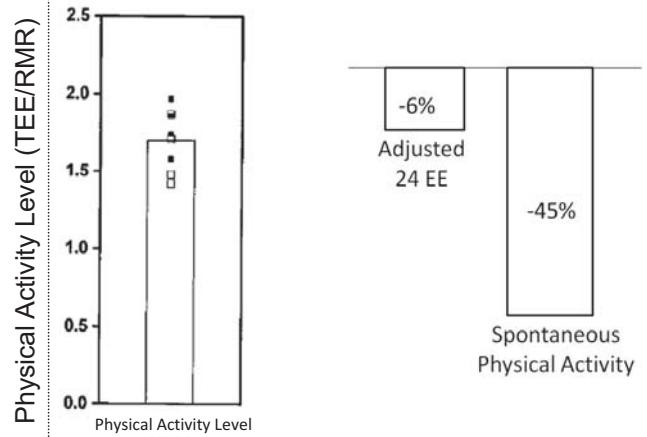
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Results from Biosphere 2

- The approximate 750 calorie per day deficit resulted in an average weight loss of 15%.



- The weight loss was associated with many beneficial physiological, hematological, biochemical and metabolic alterations consistent with CR in rodents and primates.



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Metabolic adaptation and oxidative stress

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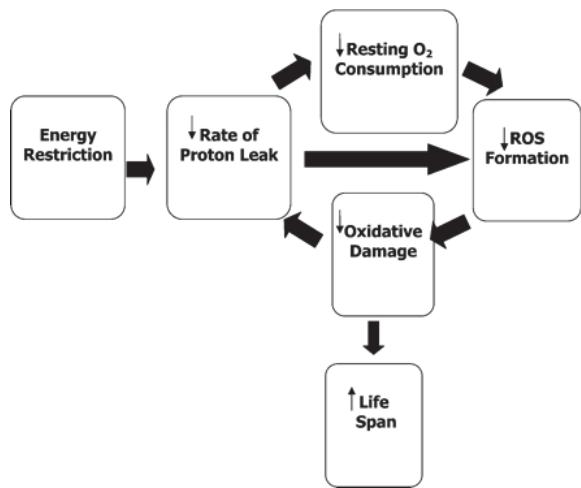
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Rate of Living and Oxidative Stress Theories of Aging

- Free radicals produced during aerobic respiration cause cumulative oxidative damage resulting in aging (Harmon, 1957)

– CR reduces ROS production



Potential Mechanism for anti-aging effects of CR

- CR induces a lowering of metabolic rate that is lower than expected for reduced body size and changed body composition
- CR reduces markers of oxidative stress (serum protein carbonyls, DNA damage, urinary isoprostanes)

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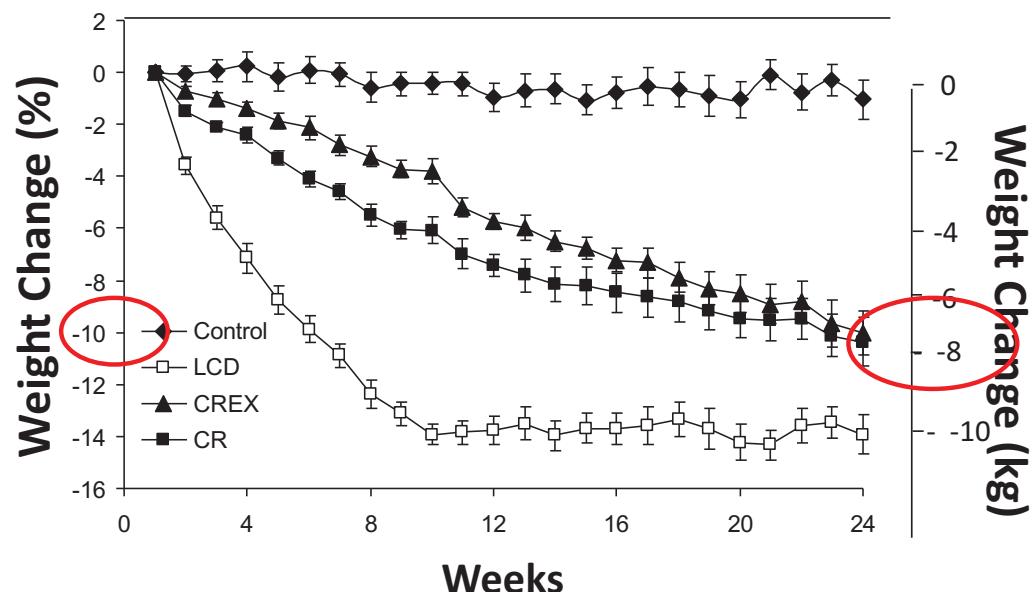
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Effect of 6-Month Calorie Restriction on Biomarkers of Longevity, Metabolic Adaptation, and Oxidative Stress in Overweight Individuals

A Randomized Controlled Trial

JAMA, April 5, 2006—Vol 295, No. 13



Evidence of metabolic adaptation

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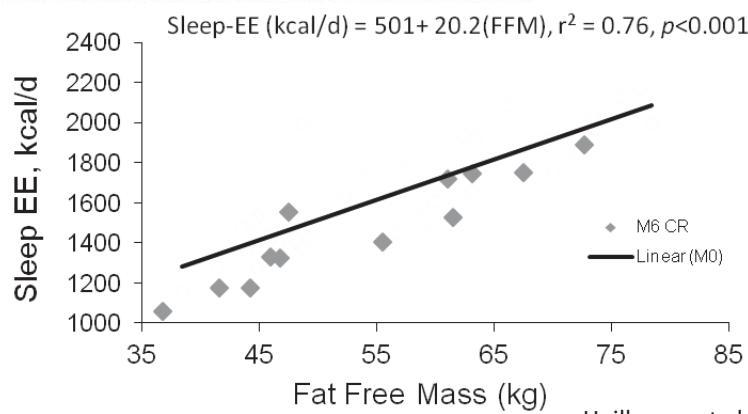
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Table 2. Absolute Energy Expenditures (24-Hour Sedentary and Sleeping) Measured in a Metabolic Chamber At Baseline, Month 3, and Month 6*

Month	Mean (SEM), kcal		P Value	Mean (SEM), kcal		P Value
	Actual 24-Hour Energy Expenditure	Predicted Energy Expenditure		Sleep Energy Expenditure	Predicted Sleep Energy Expenditure	
Control						
Baseline	2129 (102)	2110 (80)		1654 (69)	1642 (60)	
Month 3	2119 (109)	2118 (84)	.89	1642 (92)	1698 (63)	.86
Month 6	2092 (97)	2110 (84)	.38	1513 (37)	1642 (63)	.26
Calorie restriction						
Baseline	2079 (102)	2100 (95)		1600 (88)	1635 (72)	
Month 3	1900 (101)	2048 (91)	.00	1472 (75)	1595 (69)	<.001
Month 6	1899 (101)	2034 (88)	.000	1473 (77)	1585 (66)	.001
Calorie restriction with exercise						
Baseline	2106 (102)	2085 (93)		1615 (78)	1623 (70)	
Month 3	1972 (101)	2057 (89)	.04	1524 (76)	1602 (67)	.02
Month 6	1917 (91)	2034 (86)	.008	1511 (62)	1585 (65)	.03
Very low-calorie diet						
Baseline	2085 (90)	2055 (92)		1658 (78)	1600 (69)	
Month 3	1842 (60)	1965 (82)	.007	1489 (54)	1533 (62)	.13
Month 6	1852 (71)	1977 (87)	.006	1479 (73)	1542 (66)	.19

*P values indicate differences between actual vs predicted values. Predicted energy expenditures were calculated as follows: 24-hour energy expenditure = 596 + 26.8 × fat-free mass ($r^2 = 0.86$, $P < .001$); sleep energy expenditure = 501 + 20.2 × fat-free mass ($r^2 = 0.76$, $P < .001$). The measured – predicted values for 24-hour energy expenditure and sleep energy expenditure are calculated as the difference between the measured and the predicted values.



Heilbronn et al, JAMA, April 2006

~6%

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Primary Aim

25% CR results in sustained metabolic adaptation, i.e., a reduction in core body temperature and reduced RMR adjusted for changes in body composition

Secondary Aims

- 25% CR reduces serum triiodothyronine (T³) – mediators of metabolic adaptation and reduces plasma TNF- α concentration.
- Investigate the safety implications of sustained CR in humans

Exploratory Aims

- Body composition
- Serum hormones and inflammatory cytokines
- Plasma growth factor concentrations
- Risk factors for atherosclerosis and Type 2 diabetes
- Measures of oxidative stress
- Immune function measures
- Psychological, QoL and cognitive functioning
- VO₂max, muscular strength and endurance
- Cardiometabolic Risk Factors

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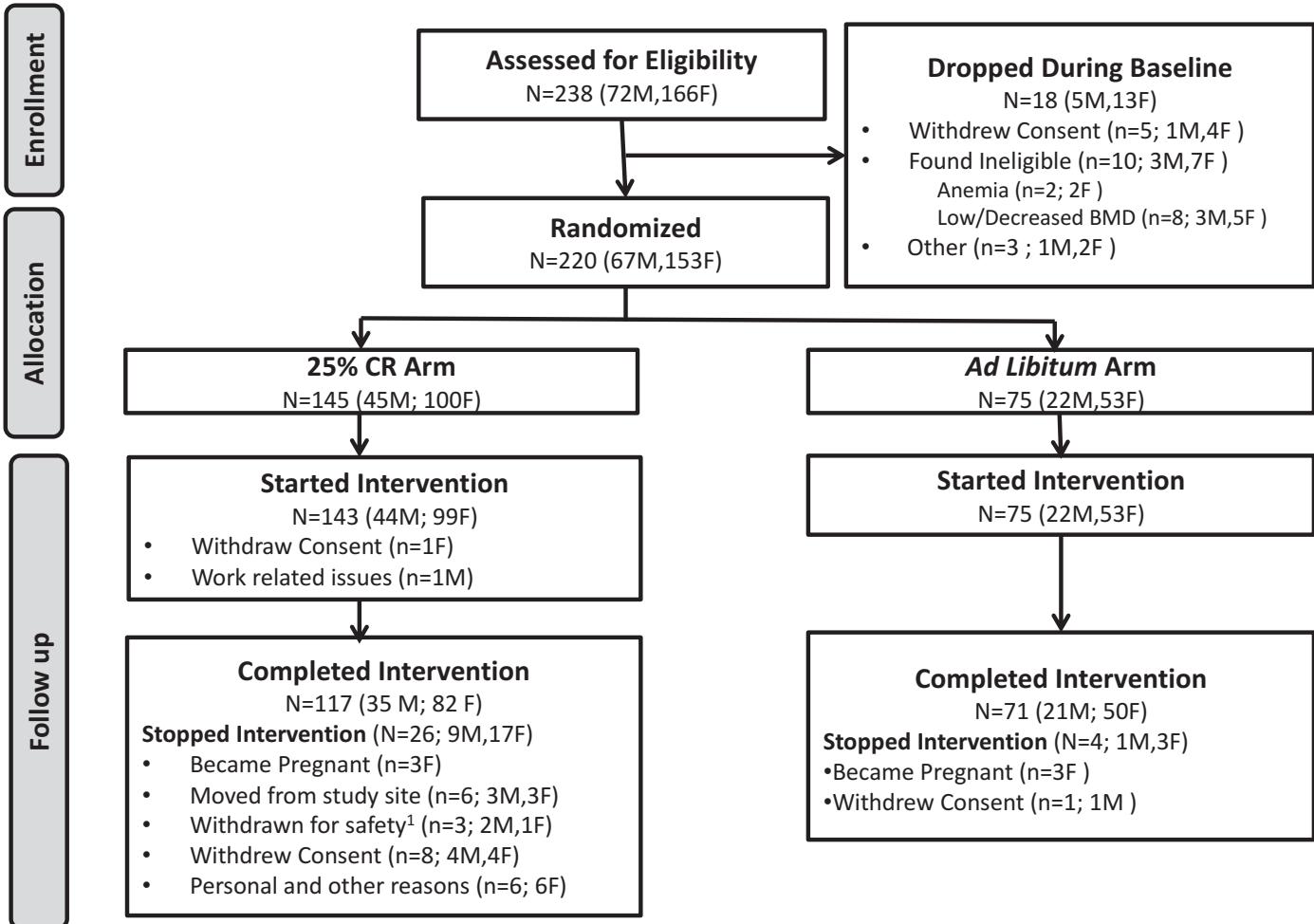
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- Multi-center, parallel-group, RCT
- Participants assigned at random to 25% CR or *ab libitum* control.
 BMI: $22.0 \leq \text{BMI} < 28 \text{ kg/m}^2$
 Age: 21-50y for Men | 21-47y for women



- $N = 218$ participants started the intervention (188 completers)



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1069 Screened



238 Eligible



220 Randomized



218 Enrolled



188 Completed (13.8% dropout)

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	Calorie Restriction (n=143)	Ad Libitum (n=75)	
Race			
White	111 (77.6%)		57 (76%)
African American	15 (10.5%)		11 (14.7%)
Other	17 (11.9%)		7 (9.3%)
Sex (F/M)	99	44	53
Age, y	36.8 (7.2)	40.5 (7.2)	37.9 (6.9)
Weight, kg	67.7 (6.3)	81.6 (8.3)	68.0 (6.9)
BMI, kg/m²	24.8 (1.7)	26.0 (1.6)	24.9 (1.6)
% Fat	36.0 (4.3)	26.1 (3.1)	36.8 (4.2)
FFM, kg	43.2 (4.1)	60.3 (6.0)	42.8 (3.6)
FM, kg	24.4 (4.3)	21.3 (3.7)	25.2 (4.8)
Blood pressure			
SBP, mmHg	110.3 (10.1)	116.2 (8.2)	108.4 (9.4)
DBP, mmHg	71.4 (7.5)	73.6 (7.5)	70.4 (6.8)
Laboratory Values			
Glucose, mg/dL	80.5 (5.5)	85.2 (5.1)	82.4 (5.7)
Insulin, uU/mL	5.2 (2.4)	5.7 (2.4)	5.9 (2.4)
HDL-C, mg/dL	53.7 (13.0)	38.8 (6.8)	51.9 (11.4)
LDL-C, mg/dL	92.6 (25.2)	110.1 (25.5)	100.7 (25.3)
TG, mg/dL	92 (48)	129 (48)	90 (34)
			117.4 (32.7)
			147 (84)

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- Clinical Endpoints (metabolic & behavioral outcomes)
 - CR: M6, M12, M18, M24
 - AL: M12, M24

Testing Schema

Outpatient		Inpatient		
Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
DLW	QOL		24h Core temp	24h urine
VO ₂ max	PAR	6pm Admit	RMR DXA OGTT Questionnaires	Muscle bx Fat bx
Strength	Food record			12pm Discharge

Experimental Design



Healthy individuals

Men: 21-50 years

Women: 21-47 years

BMI: 22 - 28 kg/m²

**2-YR, 25% CALORIE
RESTRICTION**

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**Site (3 sites Tufts U, Pennington,
Wash U)
Sex (M, F)
BMI (NW, OW)**

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2-YR, AD LIBITUM

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%CR and Weight Change

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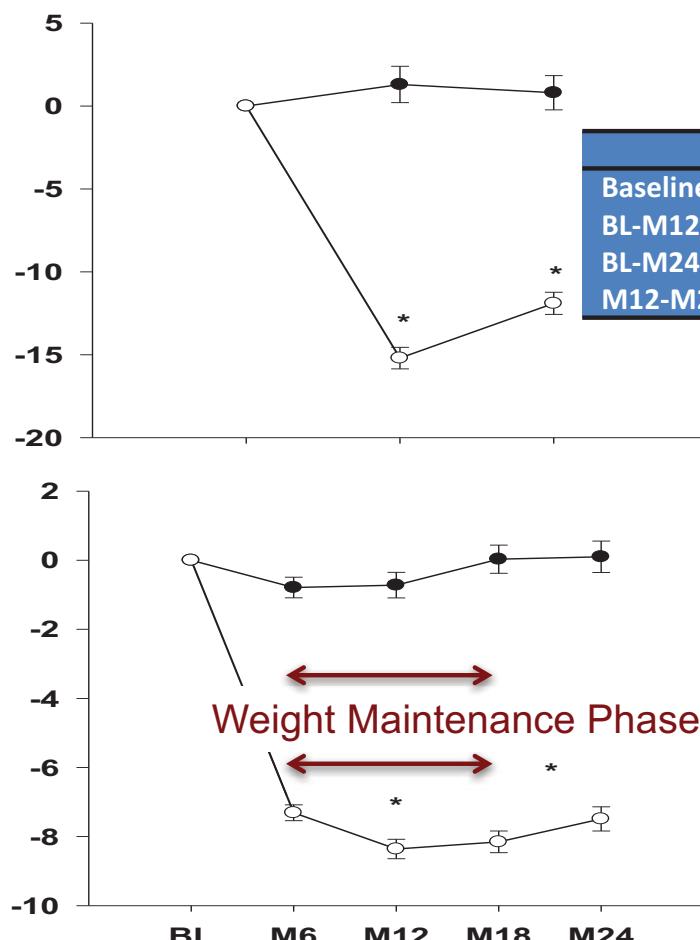
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Energy Intake (kcal/d)

	AL (n=75)	CR (n=143)	p
Baseline	2422 (50)	2409 (38)	.88
BL-M12	-22 (25)	-341 (19)	<.0001
BL-M24	-14 (23)	-258 (18)	<.0001
M12-M24	-8 (11)	-83 (18)	<.0001

■ Ad Lib
□ CR

% Weight Loss: BL-M24

	AL	CR
$\geq 5\%$	18	91
$\geq 10\%$	3	56
$\geq 15\%$	-	14

Weight Maintenance Phase



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Change in body composition

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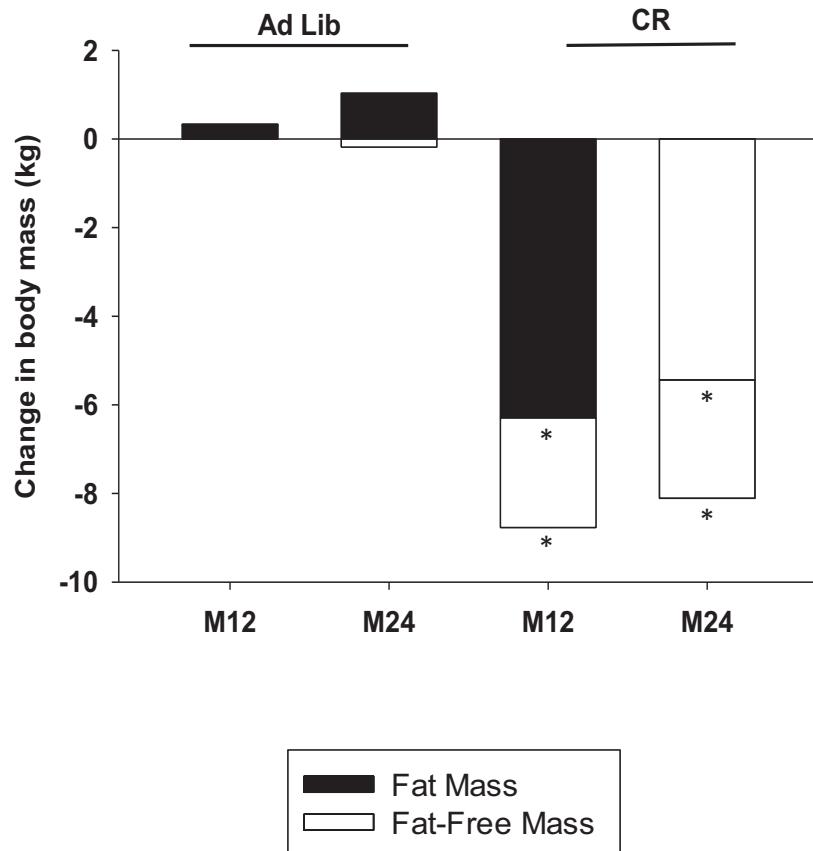
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Change in Core Temperature

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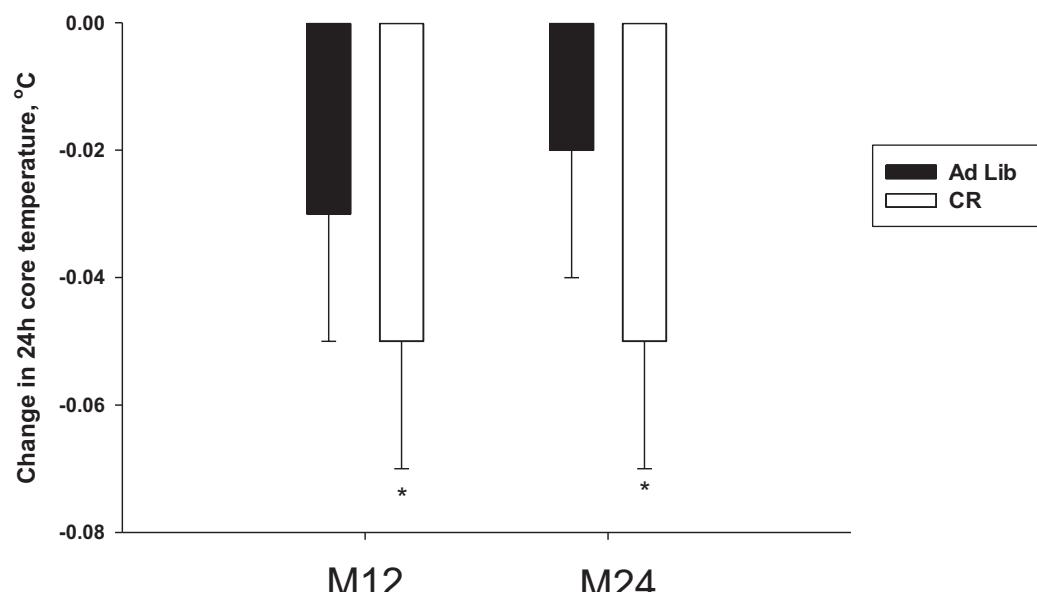
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M12: AL v CR, $p=0.35$

M24: AL v CR, $p=0.42$

RESULTS – Change in Bone Density

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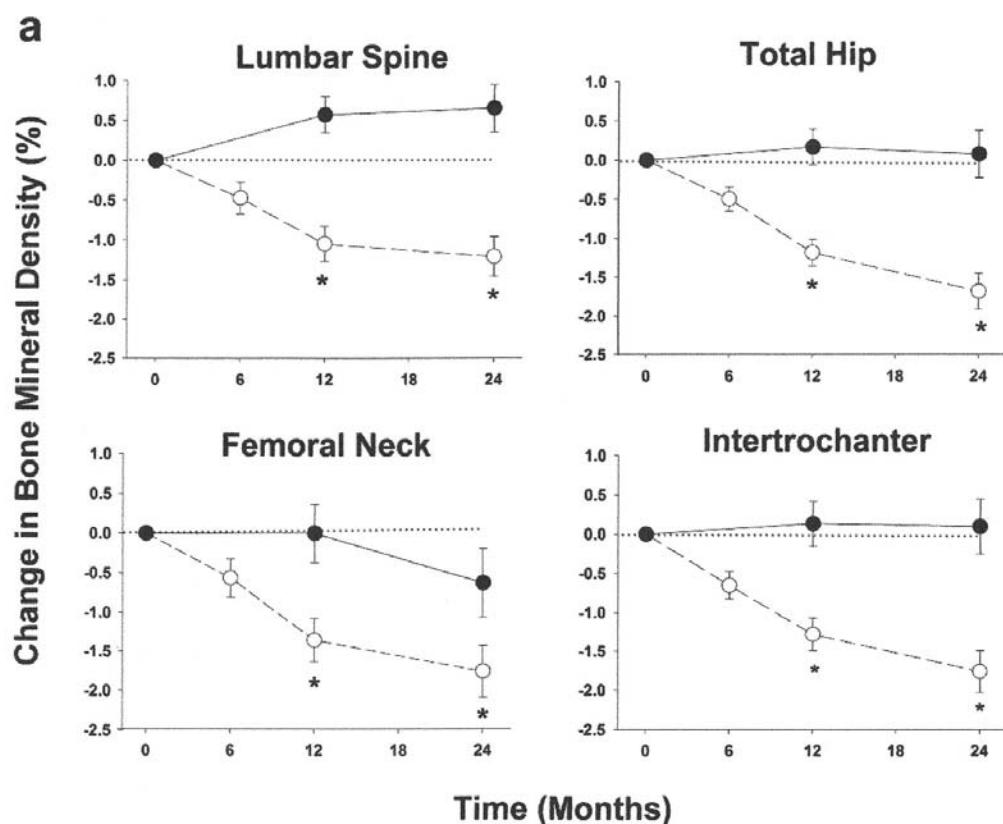
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Villareal, J Bone Mineral Res, 2015

RESULTS – Change in Bone Markers

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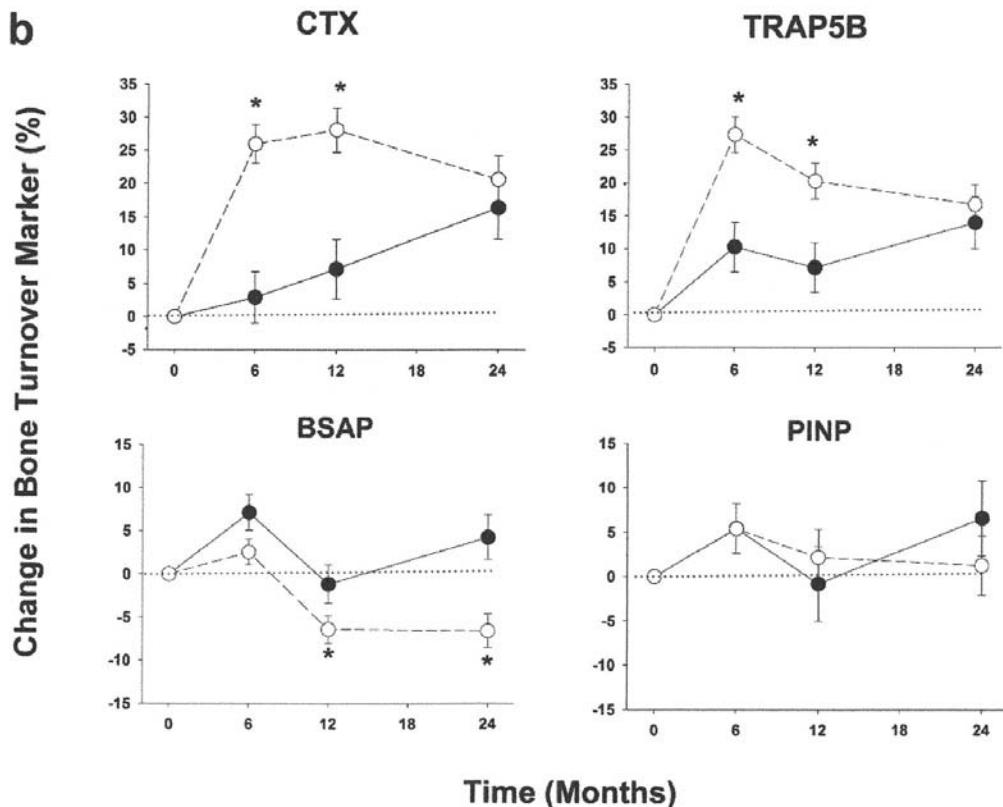
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RESULTS - RMR

Metabolic adaptation at 12 months

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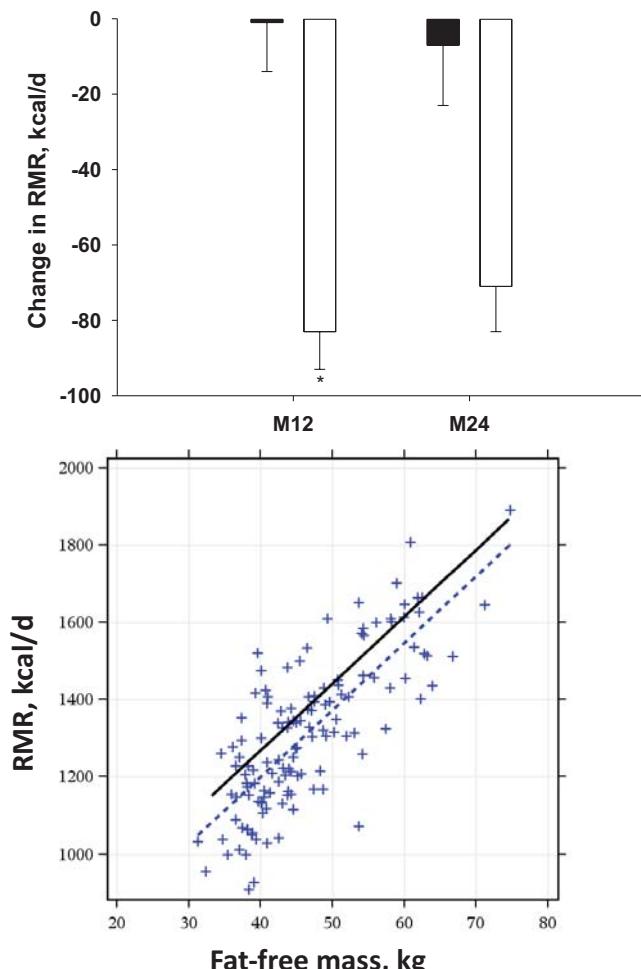
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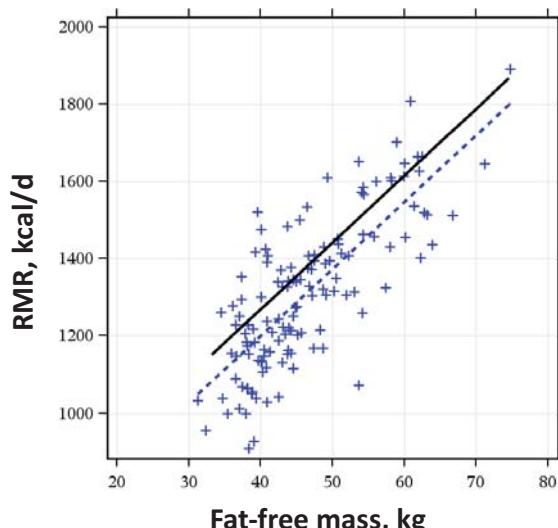
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M12: AL v CR, $p < .0001$



RMR Residual

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Ab Lib: -14 ± 12 kcal/d

25% CR: -48 ± 9 kcal/d*

AL vs CR, p=0.06

RESULTS - RMR

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Metabolic adaptation at 24 months

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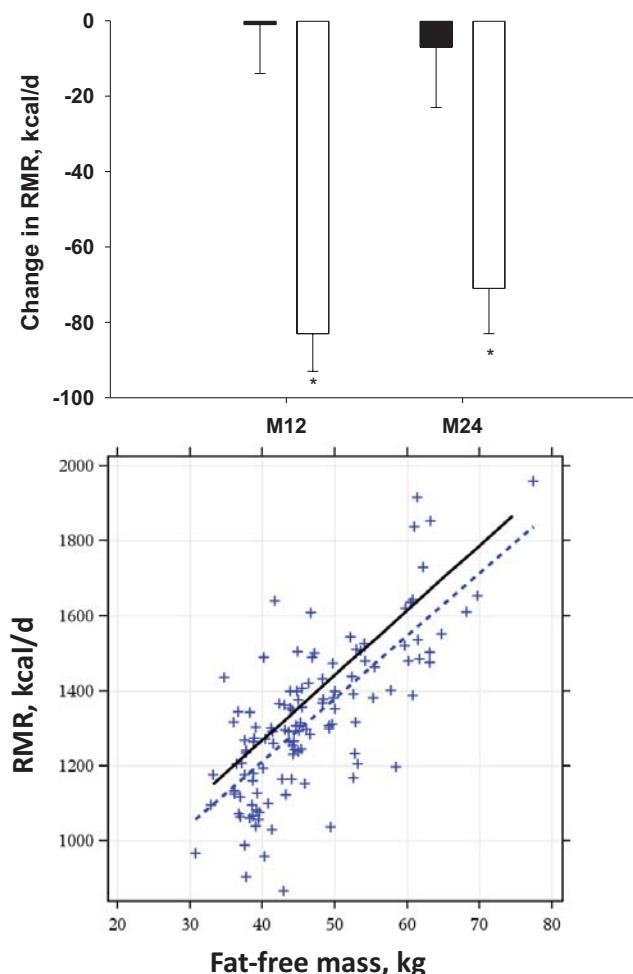
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■ Ad Lib
□ CR

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M12: AL v CR, $p < .0001$

M24: AL v CR, $p = 0.0012$

RMR Residual

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Ad Lib -23 ± 15 kcal/d

25% CR -38 ± 11 kcal/d

AL vs CR, NS

RESULTS – Activity Energy Expenditure



12 months

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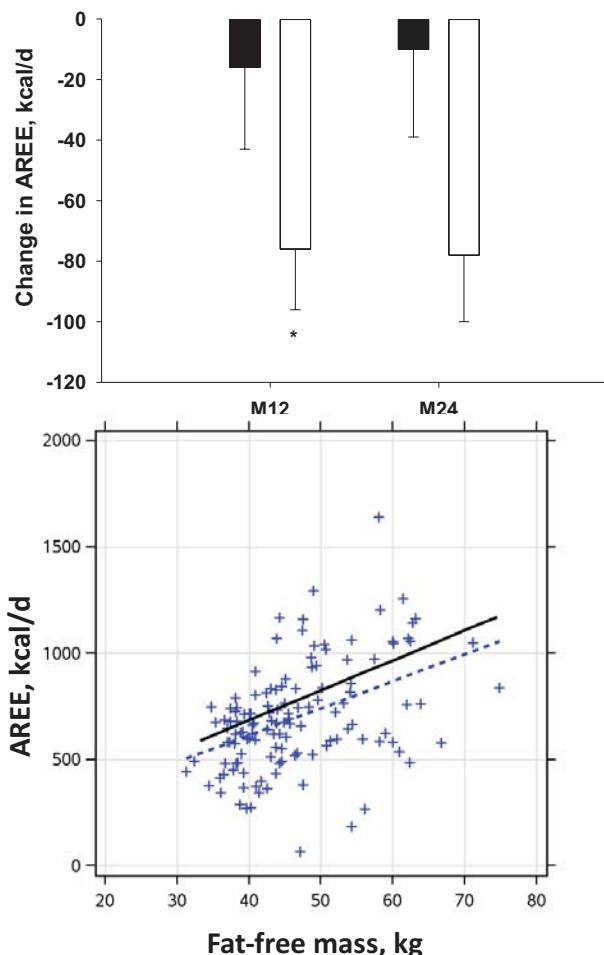
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M12: AL v CR, $p=0.07$

AREE Residual

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Ad Lib -40 ± 26 kcal/d
25% CR -118 ± 19 kcal/d*

AL vs CR, $p=0.014$

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Change in Physical Activity

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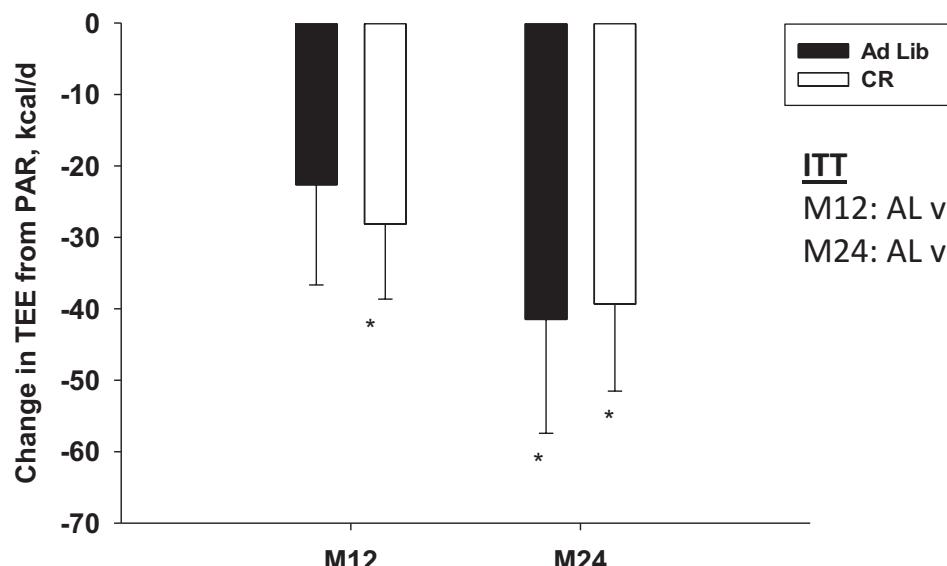
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M12: AL v CR, $p=0.75$

M24: AL v CR, $p=0.91$

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Change in Systolic Blood Pressure

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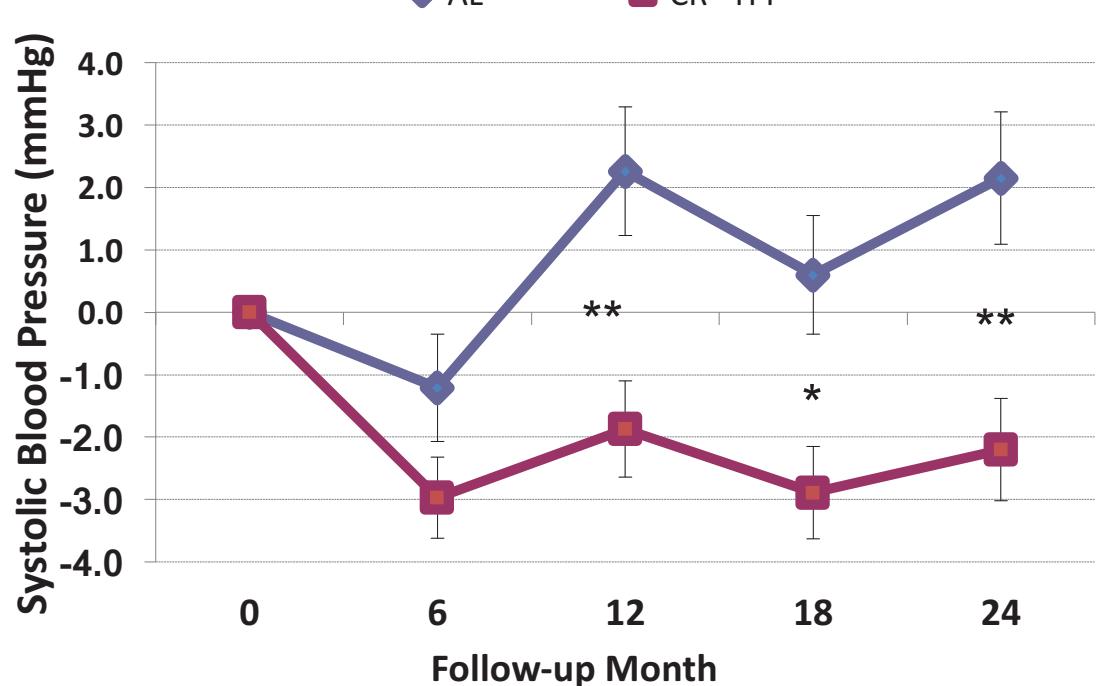
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Change in LDL Cholesterol

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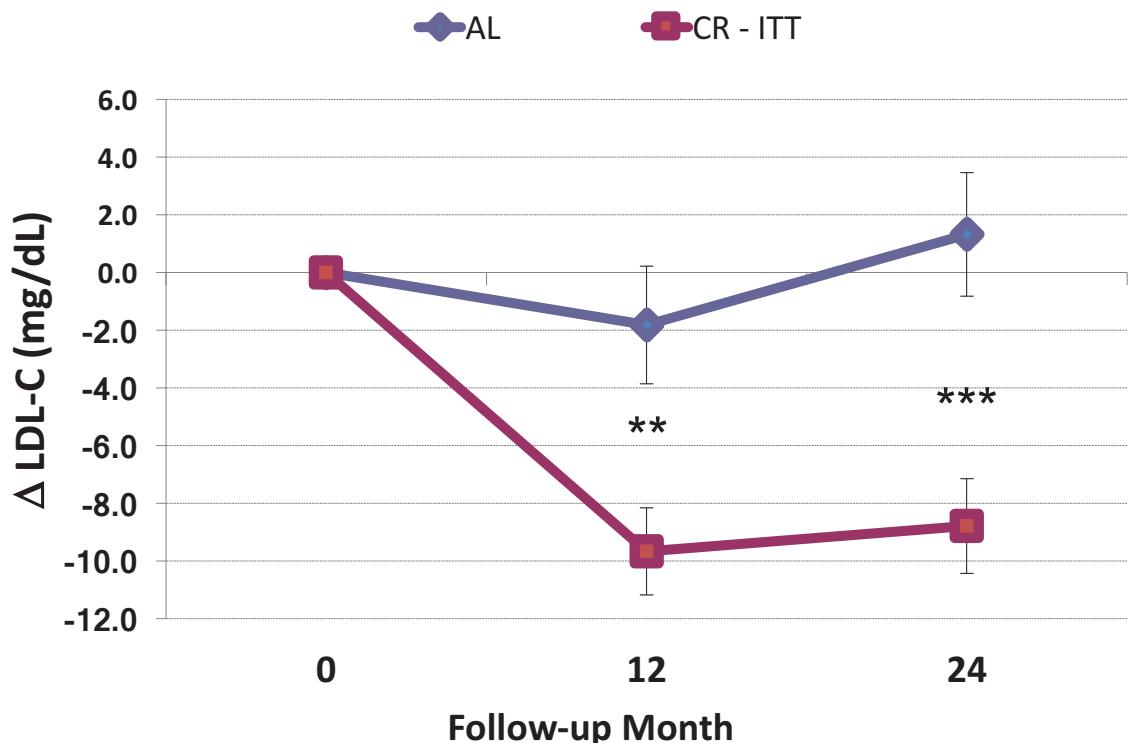
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Change in AUC Insulin (OGTT)

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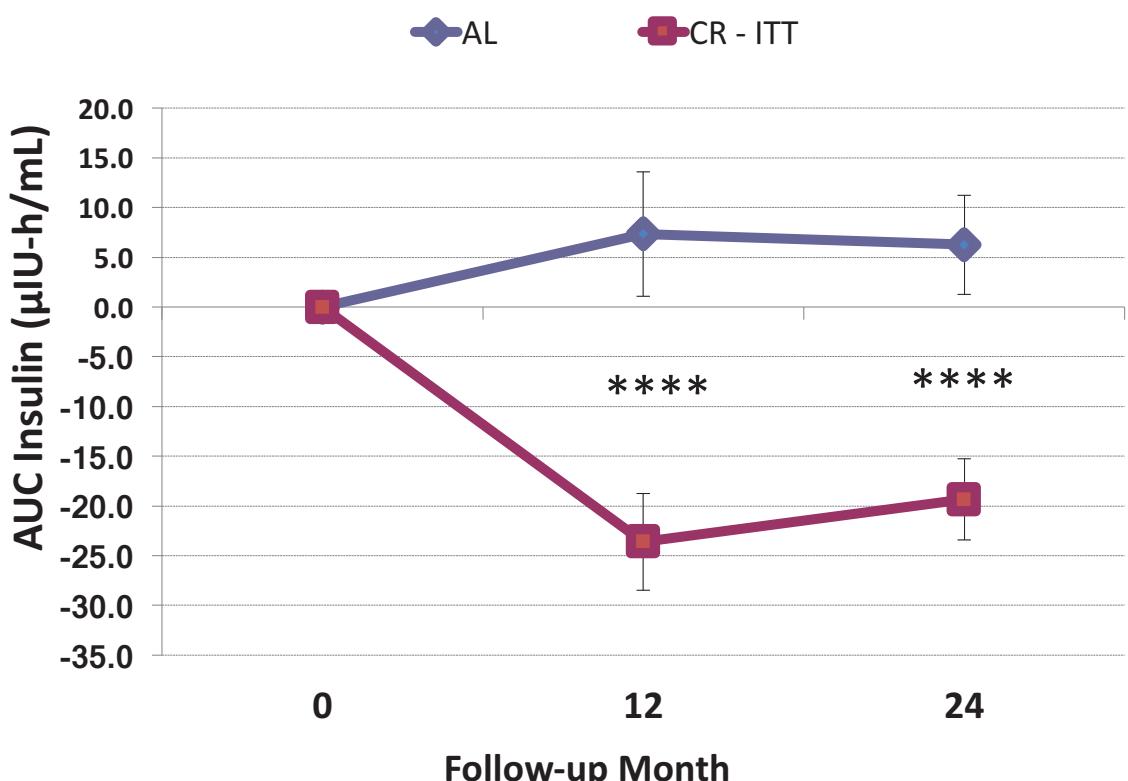
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Change in Metabolic Syndrome Score

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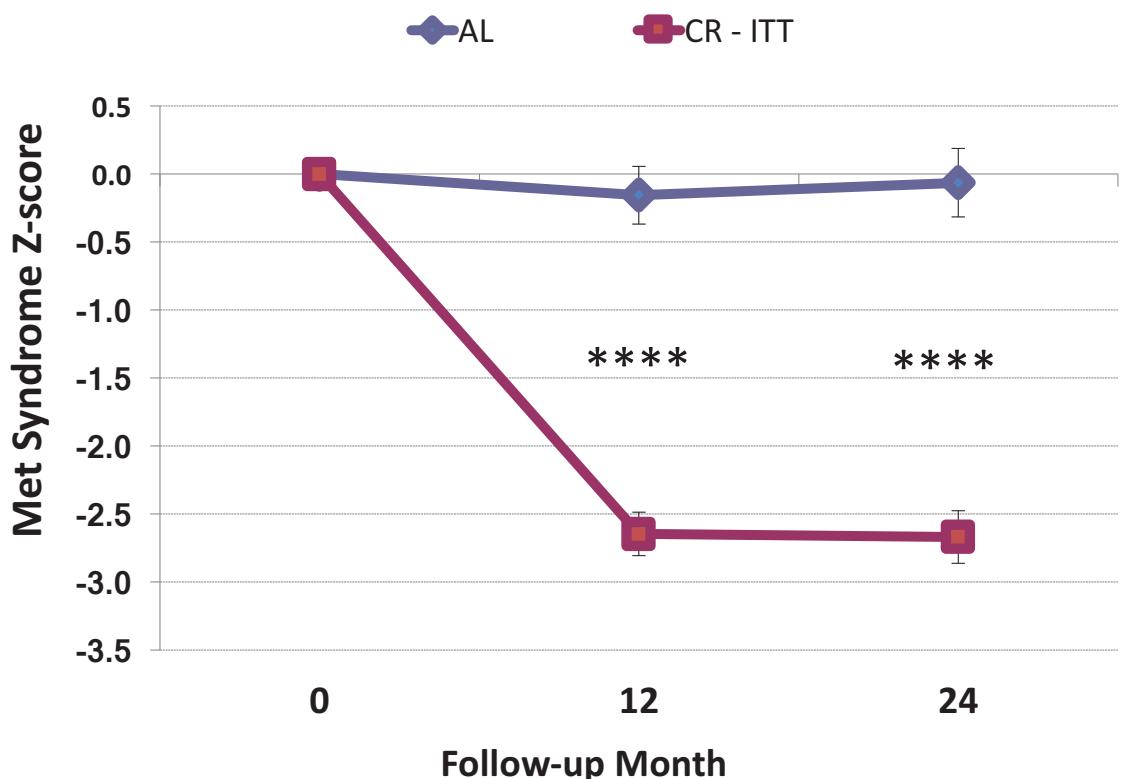
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Secondary Metabolic outcomes and changes in exploratory physiologic markers and disease risk factors

% Change from Baseline in CR Group		
	M12	M24
+T3		<0.001
TSH	<0.05	
+Tumor Necrosis Factor-alpha		
C-Reactive Protein, Leptin		
Interleukin-6		
Insulin Resistance (homeostatic model assessment, HOMA-IR), BP, TG, TChol		
Fasting Glucose & AUC; Norepinephrine		
LDL cholesterol		
HDL cholesterol		

Ravussin E et al. 2015 J Gerontol Biol Sci Med

Behavioral Variables

- No eating disorders, depression or other psychological or psychiatric disorders were observed
- CR had no negative effect on quality of life (QOL) and cognitive function
- CR favorably affected some psychologic and QOL outcomes *with significant (Martin C et al. JAMA Internal Med 2016)*
 - Improvements in general health
 - Improvements in mood
 - Reduced tension
 - Improved sleep duration
 - Improved sexual drive and relationship

Cognition, Mood and QOL

From Martin CK et al.
2016 JAMA IM

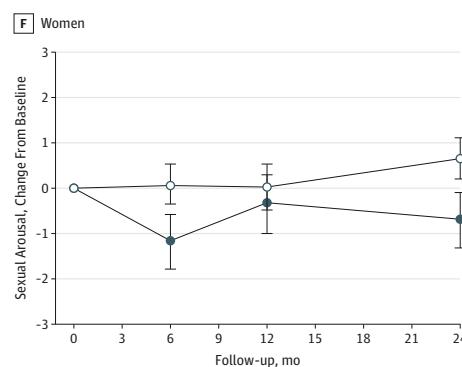
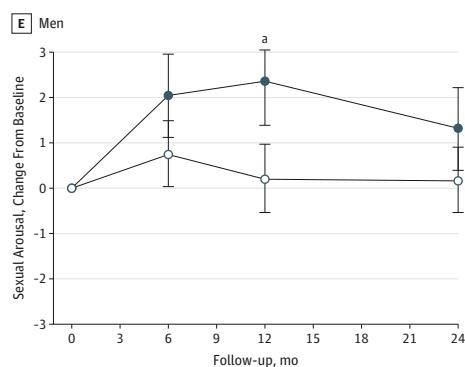
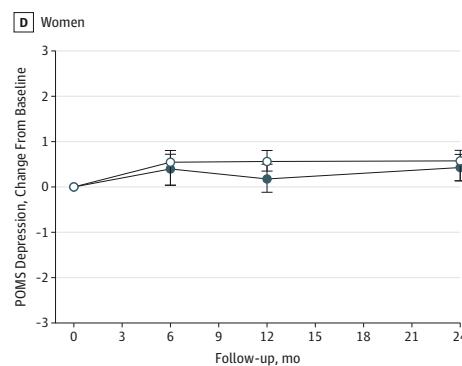
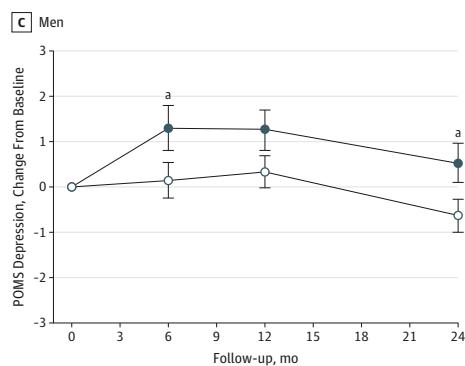
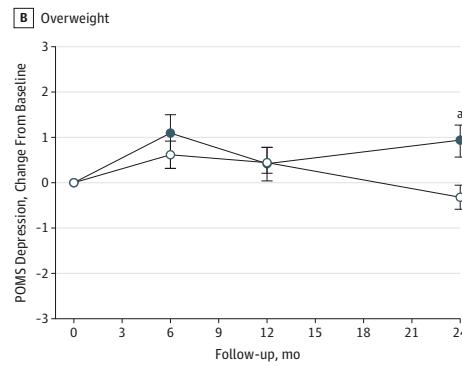
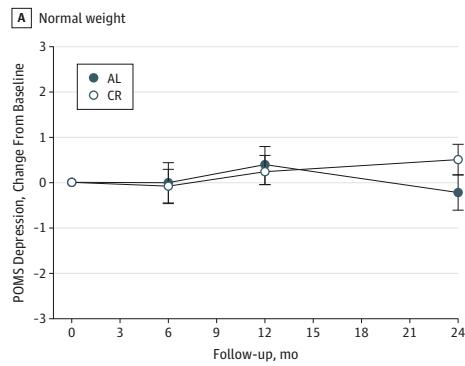


Table 4 Change from baseline in plasma concentrations of growth factors and cortisol at 12 and 24 months in AL and calorie restriction (CR) groups

Outcome	AL		CR		
	Mean (SE)†	Within-group P-value‡	Mean (SE)†	Within-group P-value‡	Between-group P-value‡
IGF-1 (ng mL⁻¹)					
Baseline	183.1 (5.7)		175.5 (3.6)		0.589
Δ Month 12	-19.6 (4.9)	< 0.001	-7.1 (3.7)	0.108	0.072
Δ Month 24	-18.7 (4.1)	< 0.001	-15.1 (3.2)	< 0.001	0.919
IGFBP-1 (pg mL⁻¹)					
Baseline	4477 (585)		5459 (523)		0.088
Δ Month 12	409 (636)	1.0	1839 (474)	< 0.001	0.065
Δ Month 24	-616 (573)	0.568	1391 (443)	0.004	0.005
IGFBP-3 (ng mL⁻¹)					
Baseline	2528 (58.4)		2459 (33)		0.338
Δ Month 12	1 (43)	1.0	124 (32)	< 0.001	0.018
Δ Month 24	56 (49)	0.510	123 (38)	0.003	0.273
IGF-1/IGFBP-3 ratio					
Baseline	0.10 (0.00)		0.10 (0.00)		0.942
Δ Month 12	-0.008 (0.002)	< 0.001	-0.006 (0.002)	0.001	0.880
Δ Month 24	-0.008 (0.002)	< 0.001	-0.009 (0.002)	< 0.001	1.0
IGF-1/IGFBP-1 ratio					
Baseline	0.102 (0.012)		0.078 (0.008)		0.064
Δ Month 12	-0.007 (0.018)	1.0	-0.046 (0.014)	0.002	0.088
Δ Month 24	-0.020 (0.008)	0.018	-0.045 (0.006)	< 0.001	0.008
Cortisol (μg dL⁻¹)					
Baseline	11.3 (0.69)		11.2 (0.41)		0.667
Δ Month 12	-0.91 (0.46)	0.102	0.78 (0.35)	0.055	0.003
Δ Month 24	-1.78 (0.51)	0.001	-0.44 (0.39)	0.530	0.312
PDGF-AB (pg mL⁻¹)					
Baseline	20 000 (699)		18 131 (583)		0.018
Month 12	-398 (628)	1.0	-26 (469)	1.0	1.0
Month 24	-681 (515)	0.375	-1465 (398)	< 0.001	0.426
TGF-β1 (pg mL⁻¹)					
Baseline	30 604 (932)		28 871 (813)		0.065
Δ Month 12	-3169 (932)	0.002	-3521 (697)	< 0.001	1.0
Δ Month 24	-5455 (707)	< 0.001	-6616 (549)	< 0.001	0.356

Growth Hormones and Cytokines

From Fontana L et al. 2016 Aging Cell

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Change in Inflammatory Cells

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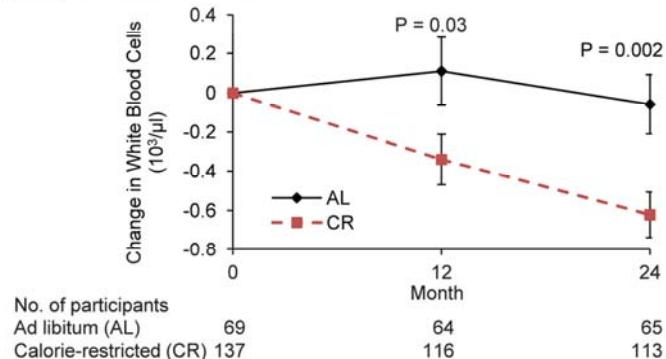
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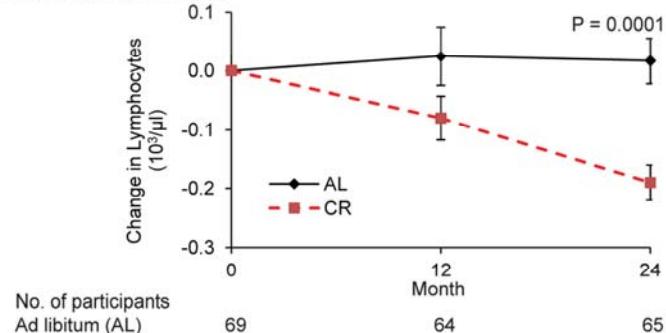
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A Changes in White Blood Cells



B Changes in Lymphocytes



Meydani et al. 2016 Aging

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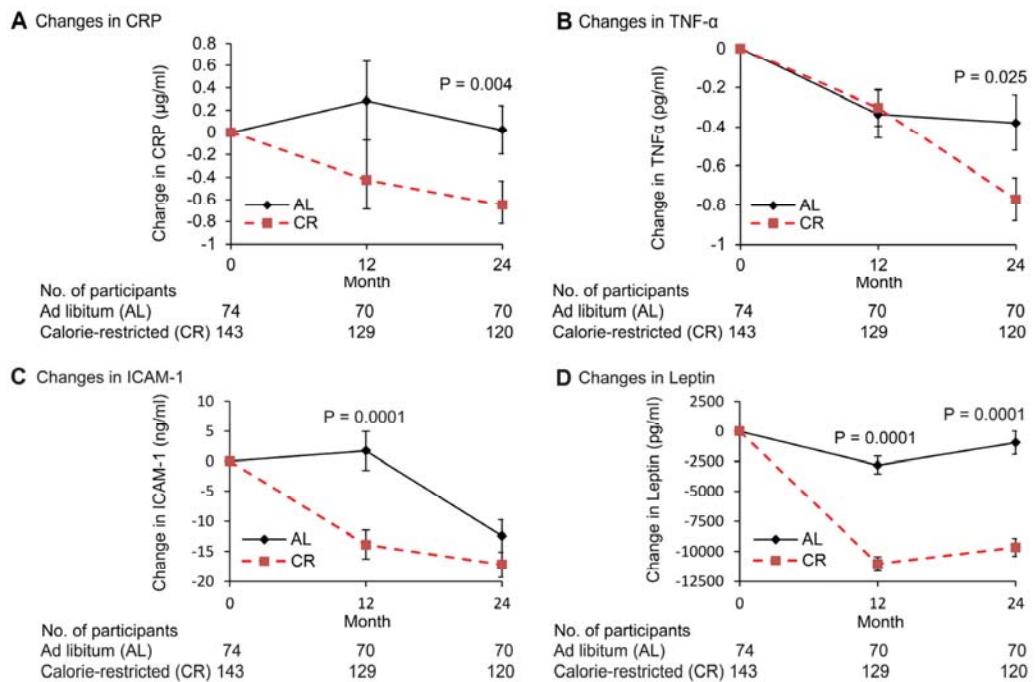
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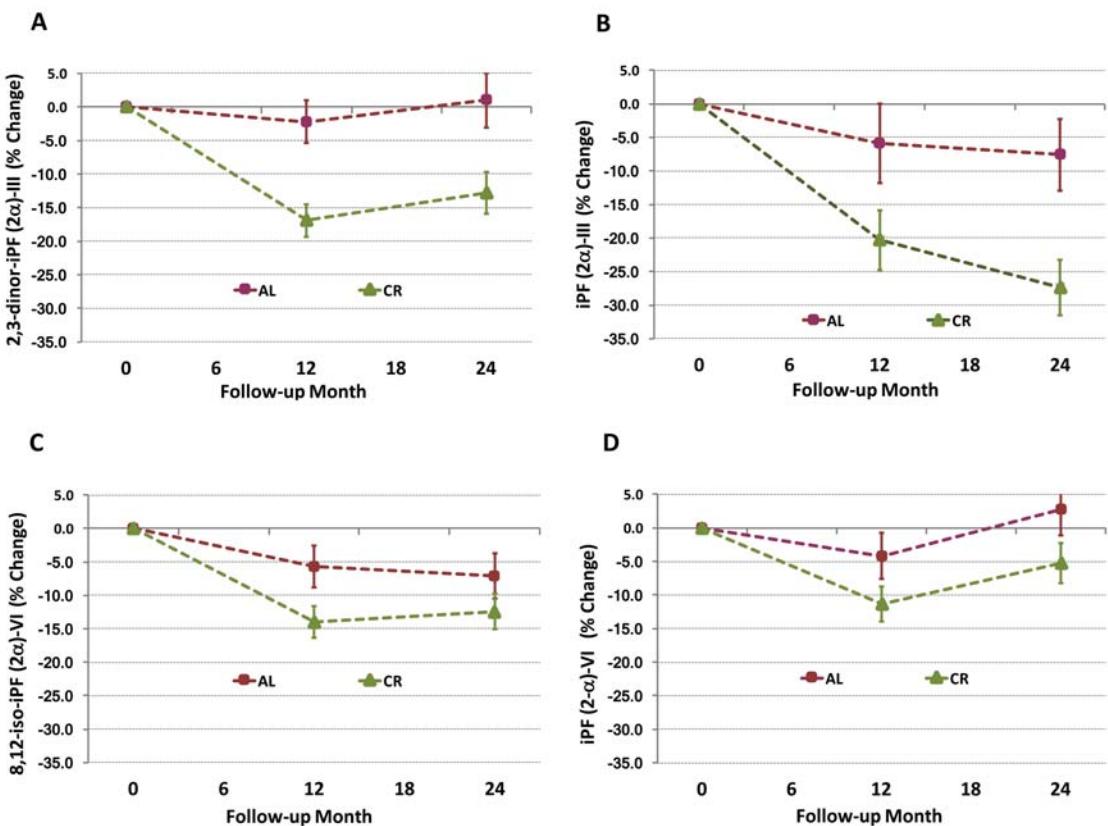
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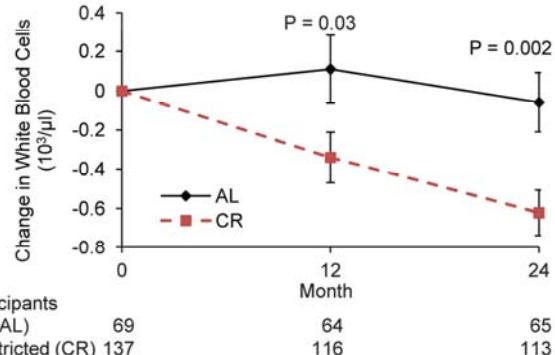
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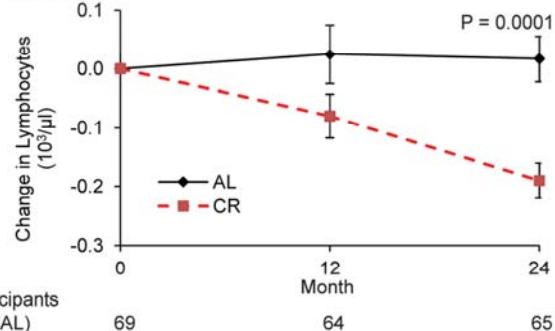
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- Is 25% CR for 2 years feasible in humans?
Maybe but only ~15% or 400 kcal/d despite a lot of professional supervision
- Evidence for CR to induce a metabolic adaptation (change in metabolic rate larger than expected on the basis of weight loss) – BUT not significant from Ad Lib (controls) at 24 months
- Potential mechanisms – thyroid function, independent of SNS activity. Leptin????
- Evidence for a behavioral adaptation – not supported by self-reported physical activity



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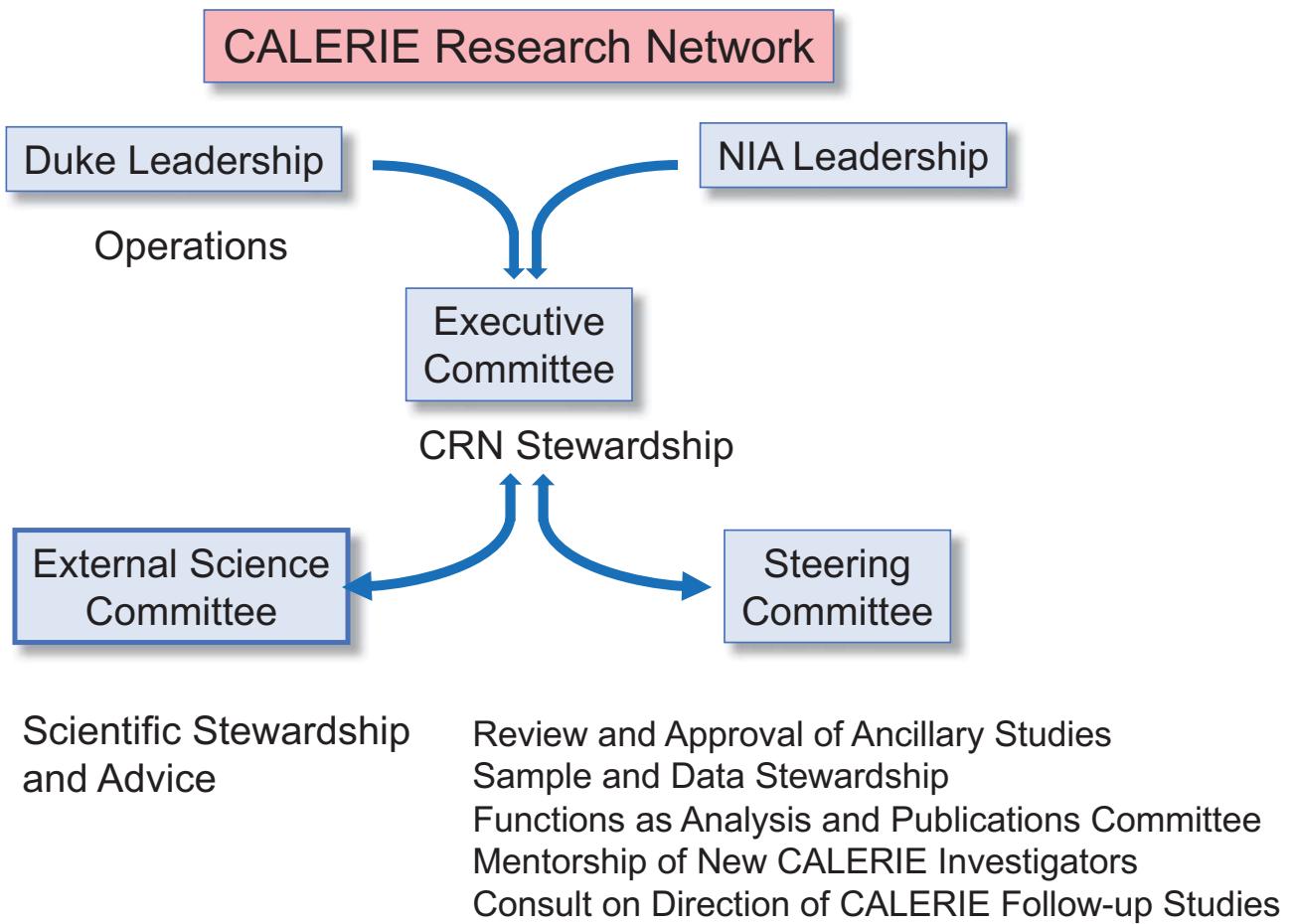
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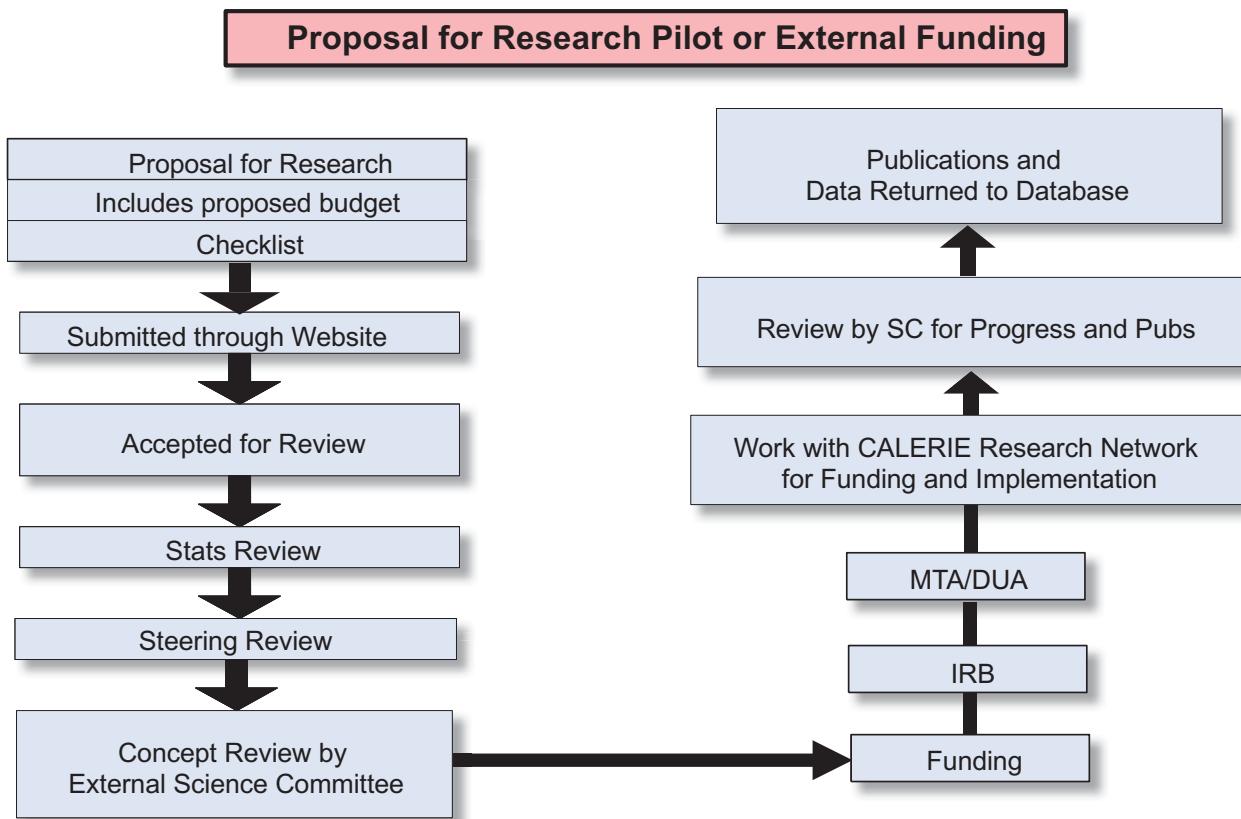


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 - Aging-related mechanistic factors in humans, e.g., progenitor cell populations in muscle and fat, cell senescence, telomere length, circulating factors, blood gene expression, DNA methylation.
 - Strategies to identify targets for new interventions influencing aging mechanisms.
 - Clarify mechanisms that mediate favorable effects in humans.

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Our Workhorse: The Website

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Effect of Two-Year Caloric Restriction on Bone Metabolism and Bone Mineral Density in Non-Obese Younger Adults: A Randomized Clinical Trial.

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