HIV-Infection Attenuates the Age Associated Decline in Resting Metabolic Rate

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Rate-of-Living Theory:
(Max Rubner, 1908)

- Slower rate of metabolism associated with greater longevity
- Smaller animals have greater rate of metabolism per body mass & have shorter life span

(Harris & Benedict, 1938)
Higher Energy Expenditure in Humans Predicts Natural Mortality

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Design: Nondiabetic healthy Pima Indian volunteers (n = 652) were admitted to an inpatient unit for approximately 7 d as part of a longitudinal study of obesity and diabetes risk factors. Vital status of study participants was determined through December 31, 2006. Twenty-four-hour energy expenditure (24EE) was measured in 508 individuals, resting metabolic rate (RMR) was measured in 384 individuals, and 240 underwent both measurements on separate days. Data for 24EE were collected in a respiratory chamber between 1985 and 2006 with a mean (sd) follow-up time of 11.1 (6.5) yr and for RMR using an open-circuit respiratory hood system between 1982 and 2006 with a mean follow-up time of 15.4 (6.3) yr. Cox regression models were used to test the effect of EE on natural mortality, controlled for age, sex, and body weight.

Results: In both groups, 27 natural deaths occurred during the study period. For each 100-kcal/24 h increase in EE, the risk of natural mortality increased by 1.29 (95% confidence interval = 1.00–1.66; \( P < 0.05 \)) in the 24EE group and by 1.25 (95% confidence interval = 1.01–1.55; \( P < 0.05 \)) in the RMR group, after adjustment for age, sex, and body weight in proportional hazard analyses.

Conclusions: Higher metabolic rates as reflected by 24EE or RMR predict early natural mortality, indicating that higher energy turnover may accelerate aging in humans. (J Clin Endocrinol Metab 96: E972–E976, 2011)
“IDEAL” Aging Is Associated with Lower Resting Metabolic Rate: The Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging

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110 kcal/day
## Resting Metabolic Rate in the Baltimore/Washington MACS

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<td>Age (years)</td>
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<td>Race (% black)</td>
<td>57.5%</td>
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<td>EGFR (ml/min/1.73m²)</td>
<td>79.7</td>
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<td>RMR (kcal)</td>
<td>1748</td>
<td>1668</td>
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<td>Nadir CD4 (cells/ul)</td>
<td>308.2</td>
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<td>Peak viral load (copies/ml)</td>
<td>159,829</td>
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<td>(93% suppressed)</td>
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Unadjusted Resting Metabolic Rate (kcals/day) in MACS Participants by HIV-Serostatus
Combined Regression Model of the Association between HIV and RMR

**Dependent variable:** Resting Metabolic Rate (kcal/day)

N = 75 (40 HIV+, 35 HIV-)

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Stratified Regression Model of the Association between HIV and RMR

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Difference in RMR driven by metabolic complications?

HIV+
- 60 y.o. man
- 60 kg lean mass
- 30 kg fat mass (33%)
- Diabetic
- EGFR = 90 ml/min/1.73m²
- RMR = 2114 kcal/day

HIV-
- 60 y.o. man
- 60 kg lean mass
- 30 kg fat mass (33%)
- Diabetic
- EGFR = 90 ml/min/1.73m²
- RMR = 1530 kcal/day

Difference = 584 kcal/day
Difference in RMR driven by metabolic complications?

HIV+

• 60 y.o. man
• 60 kg lean mass
• 30 kg fat mass (33%)
• Non-Diabetic
• EGFR = 90 ml/min/1.73m²
• RMR = 1889 kcal/day

HIV-

• 60 y.o. man
• 60 kg lean mass
• 30 kg fat mass (33%)
• Non-Diabetic
• EGFR = 90 ml/min/1.73m²
• RMR = 1702 kcal/day

Difference = 187 kcal/day
Residuals Analysis (measured vs. predicted)

• Possible link to viral control?
• Non-suppressed were on average 76 kcals/day higher than suppressed
• Among HIV+, those with higher than expected RMR:
  – Tended to have lower nadir CD4 (253 cells/ul vs. 344 cells/ul, p = 0.24)
  – No effect of viral load, either concurrent or cumulative
Conclusions

• HIV appears to attenuate the age-related decline in resting metabolic rate
• Metabolic comorbidities exacerbate this effect (diabetes, kidney function)
• Potential for a link with viral control
• Greater sample size is needed for more in-depth analyses
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Evidence of Accelerated Decline

Usual Gait Speed and Age by HIV-Status

Schrack et al, JAIDS, 2015

57% greater risk of slowed gait (< 1.0 m/s)

Grip Strength & Age by HIV-Serostatus

Schrack et al, AIDS, 2016

70% greater risk of clinical weakness (< 26 kg)
Energy Metabolism and the Burden of Multimorbidity in Older Adults: Results From the Baltimore Longitudinal Study of Aging

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Figure 1. Three-wave bivariate autoregressive cross-legged model testing the longitudinal association between resting metabolic rate (RMR; kcal/d) and number of diseases. The model includes three time points: baseline visit (N = 695), 2-year follow-up visit (N = 248), and 4-year follow-up visit (N = 109). At each time point, the cross-lagged associations between RMR and number of diseases were simultaneously tested, adjusting for the autoregressive ones and baseline correlation. Baseline age, sex, and baseline dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry–measured total body fat mass and lean mass were also included in the model as covariates (not shown in the figure). Significant associations (p < .05) are represented using solid arrows, whereas not significant ones are represented using dashed arrows.
Aging Phenotypes and the Genesis of Geriatric Syndromes

Aging Phenotypes
- Changes in Body Composition
- Energy Imbalance Production/Utilization
- Homeostatic Dysregulation
- Neurodegeneration

Disease Susceptibility
- Reduced Functional Reserve
- Reduced Healing Capacity and Stress Resistance
- Unstable Health
- Failure to Thrive

Physical and Cognitive Frailty

Geriatric Syndromes
- Gait Disorders
- Falls
- Disability
- Comorbidity
- Urinary Incontinence
- Sleep Disorders
- Delirium
- Cognitive Impairment
- Decubitus Ulcers