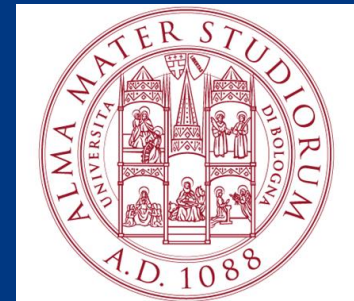


# Psychobiology of Physical Activity Behaviour: Theory and Innovative Strategies to Increase Exercise Adherence

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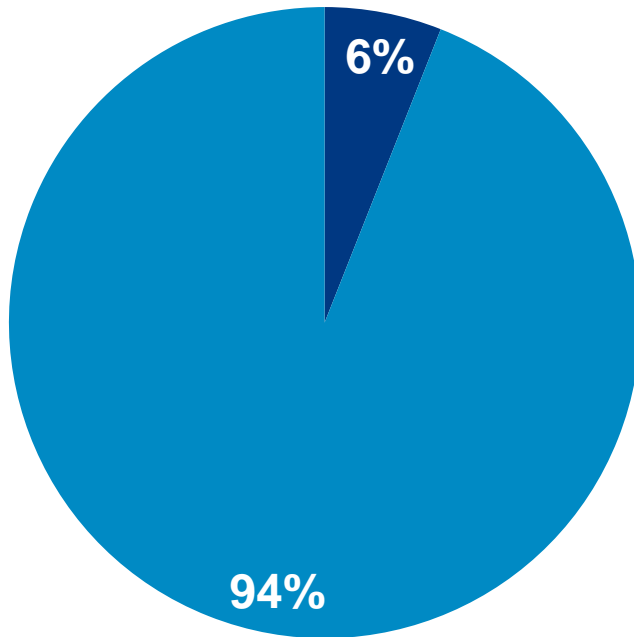
# The Problem

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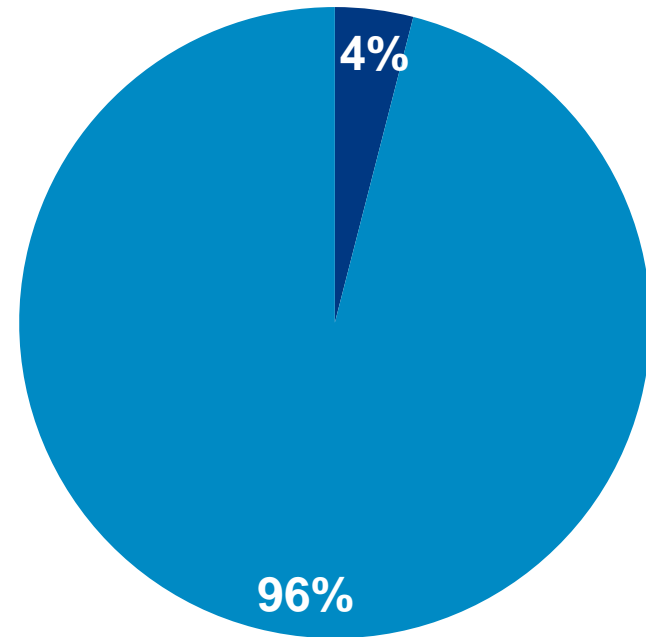
# Adults performing $\geq 150$ min/week of moderate intensity aerobic activity

Men



■ Active ■ Inactive

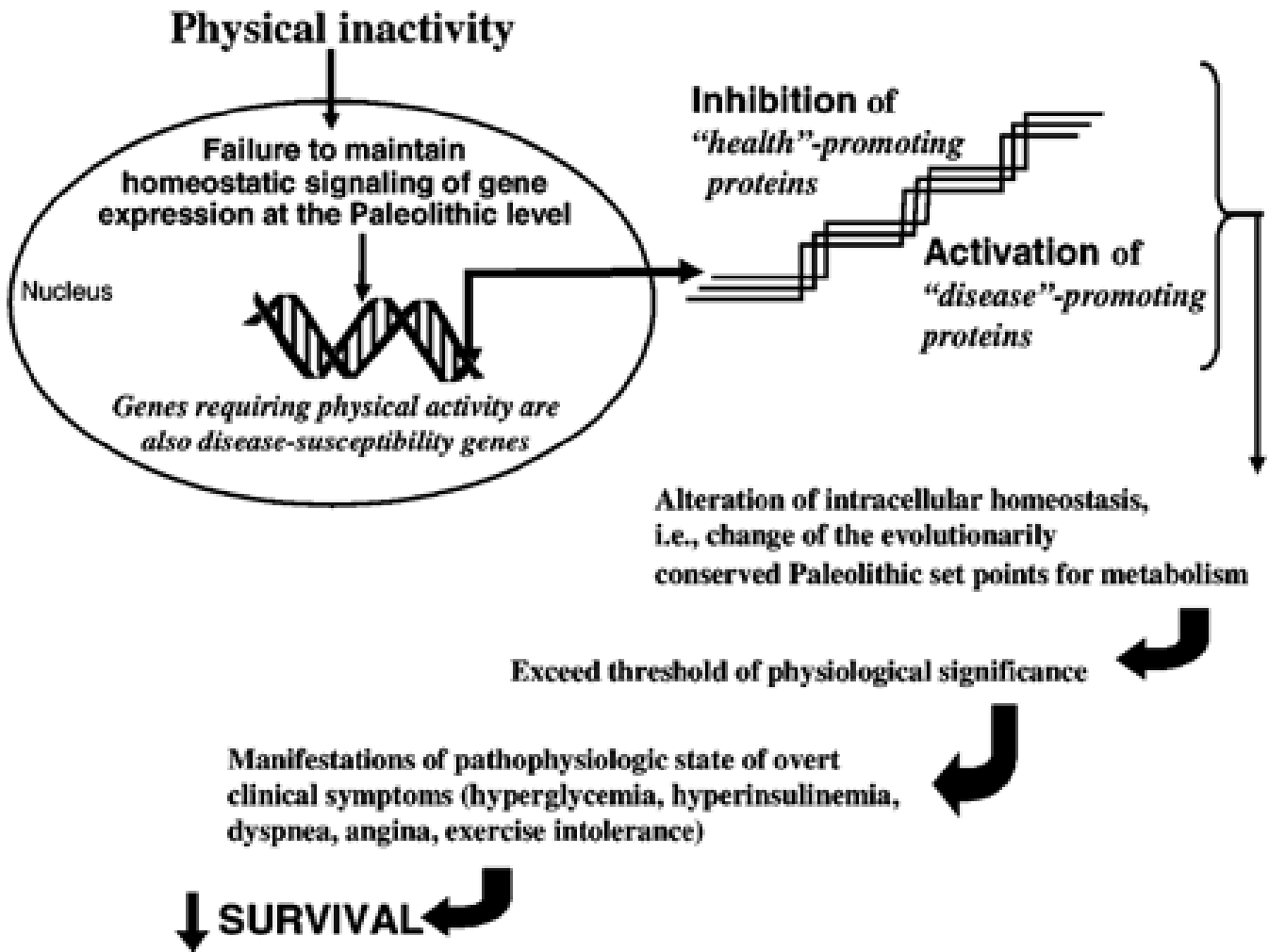
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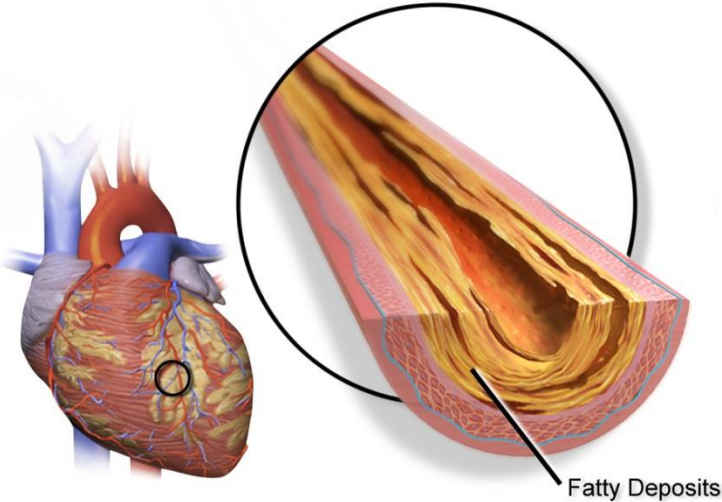
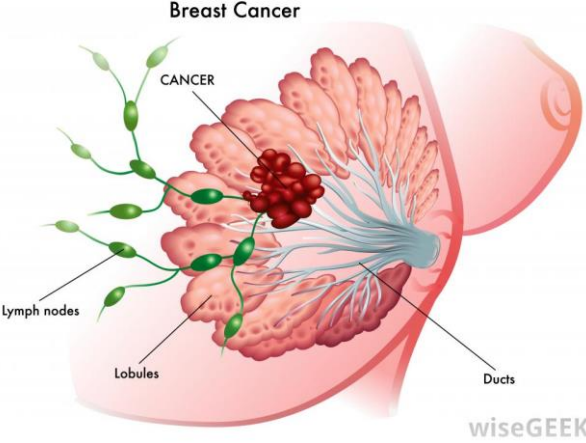
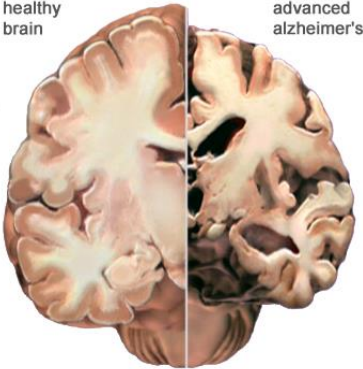
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# Exercise and gene expression: physiological regulation of the human genome through physical activity

Frank W. Booth \*, Manu V. Chakravarthy † and Espen E. Spangenburg *Journal of Physiology* (2002), 543.2, pp. 399–411



# Health Consequences of Physical Inactivity





# Correlates of physical activity: why are some people physically active and others not?

Lancet 2012; 380: 258-71

Adrian E Bauman, Rodrigo S Reis, James F Sallis, Jonathan C Wells, Ruth J F Loos, Brian W Martin, for the Lancet Physical Activity Series Working Group\*

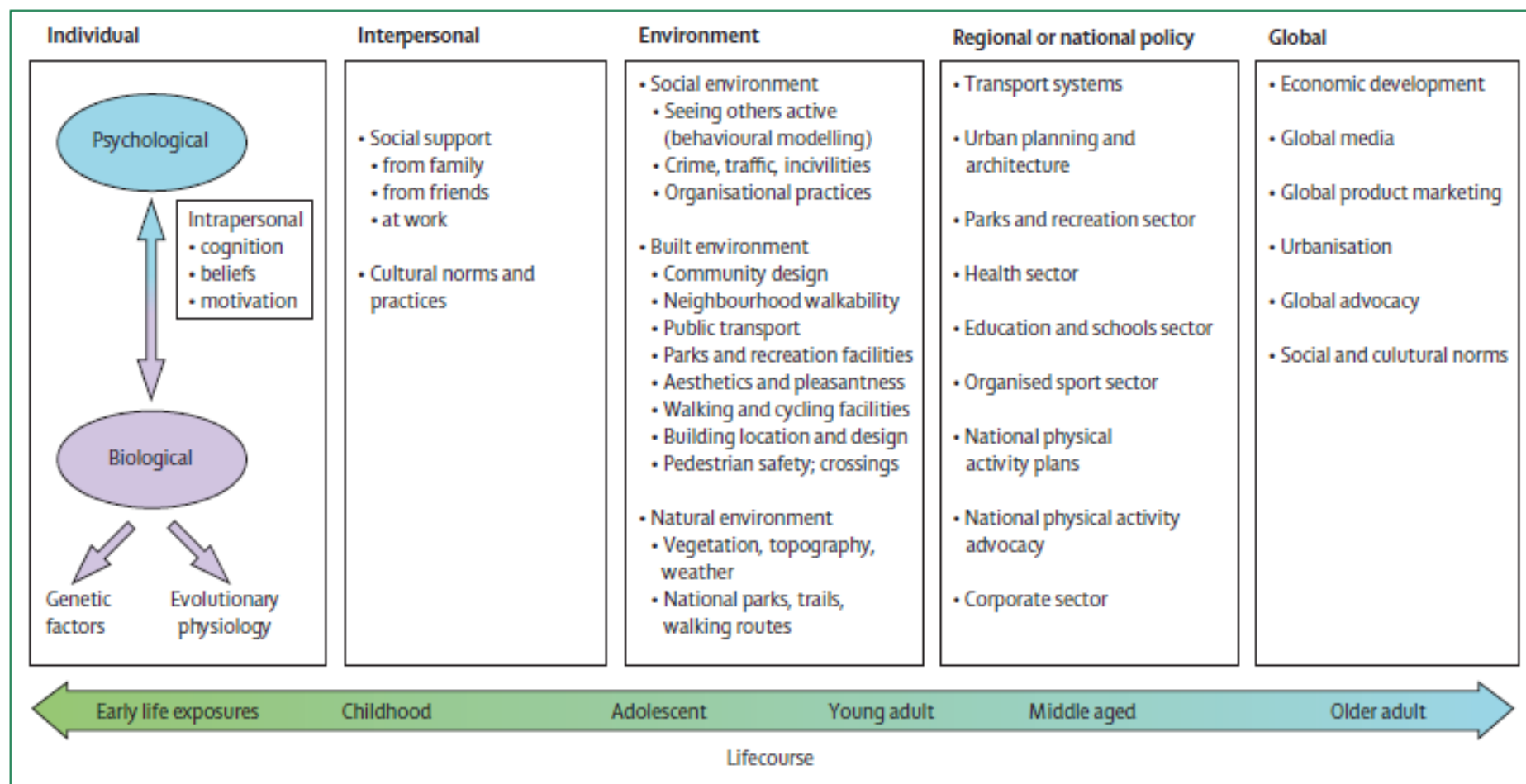


Figure 1: Adapted ecological model of the determinants of physical activity

# Evolutionary Theory and the Ultimate–Proximate Distinction in the Human Behavioral Sciences

Perspectives on Psychological Science  
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“To properly understand behaviour, we must obtain both ultimate and proximate explanations. Put briefly, **ultimate explanations** are concerned with why a behaviour exists, and **proximate explanations** are concerned with how it works.”



**Ultimate Explanations:**

**Why are humans lazy?**

**Because it is good to be fat**





**Body Fat = 3.6%**



**Bonobo Female**

**(Gallagher et al., 2000; Zihlman and Bolter, 2015)**

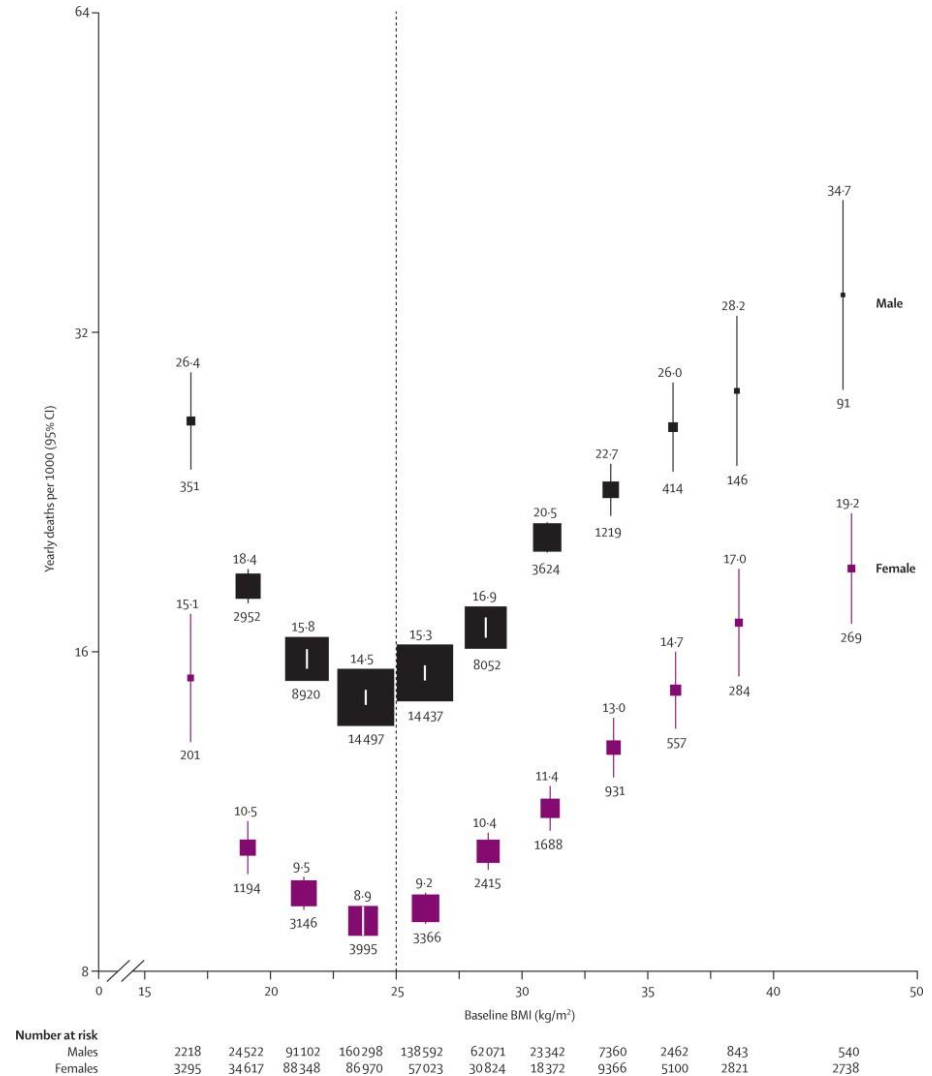
**Body Fat = 22.0%**



**Fit Human Female**

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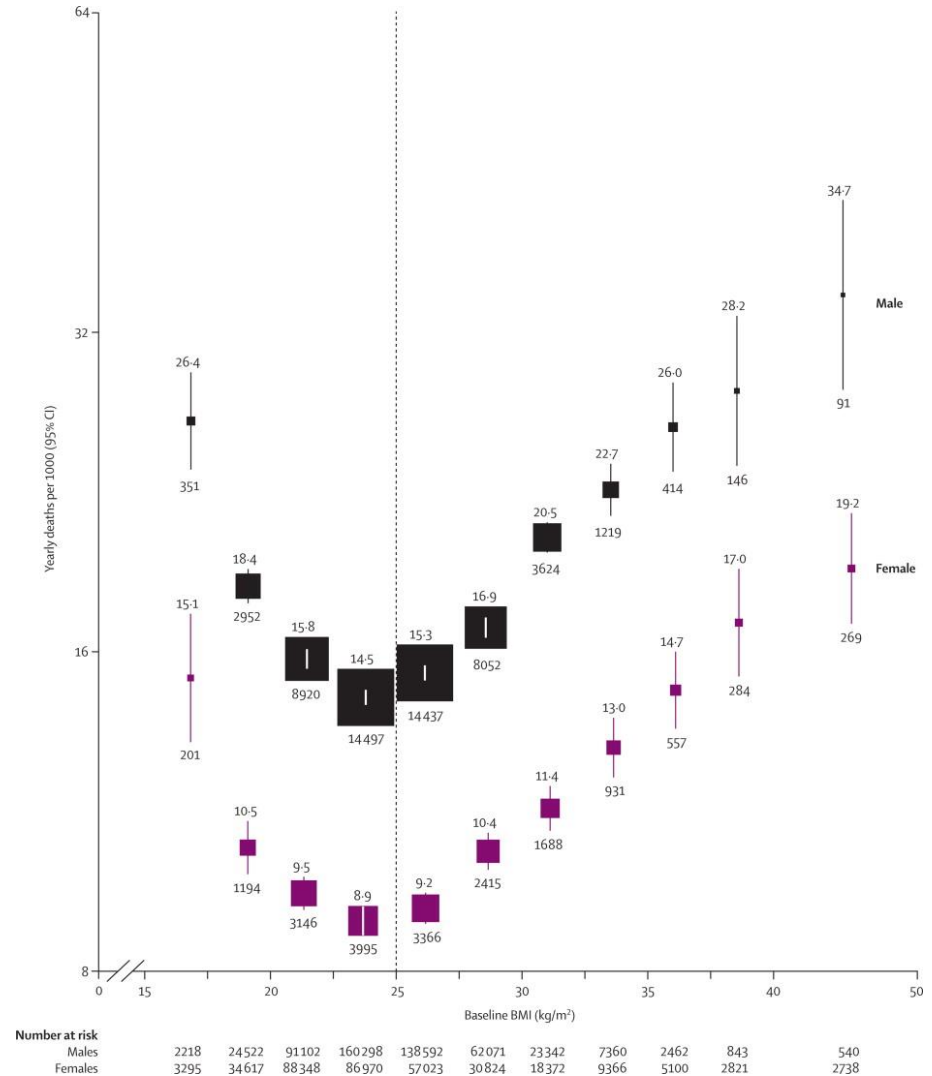
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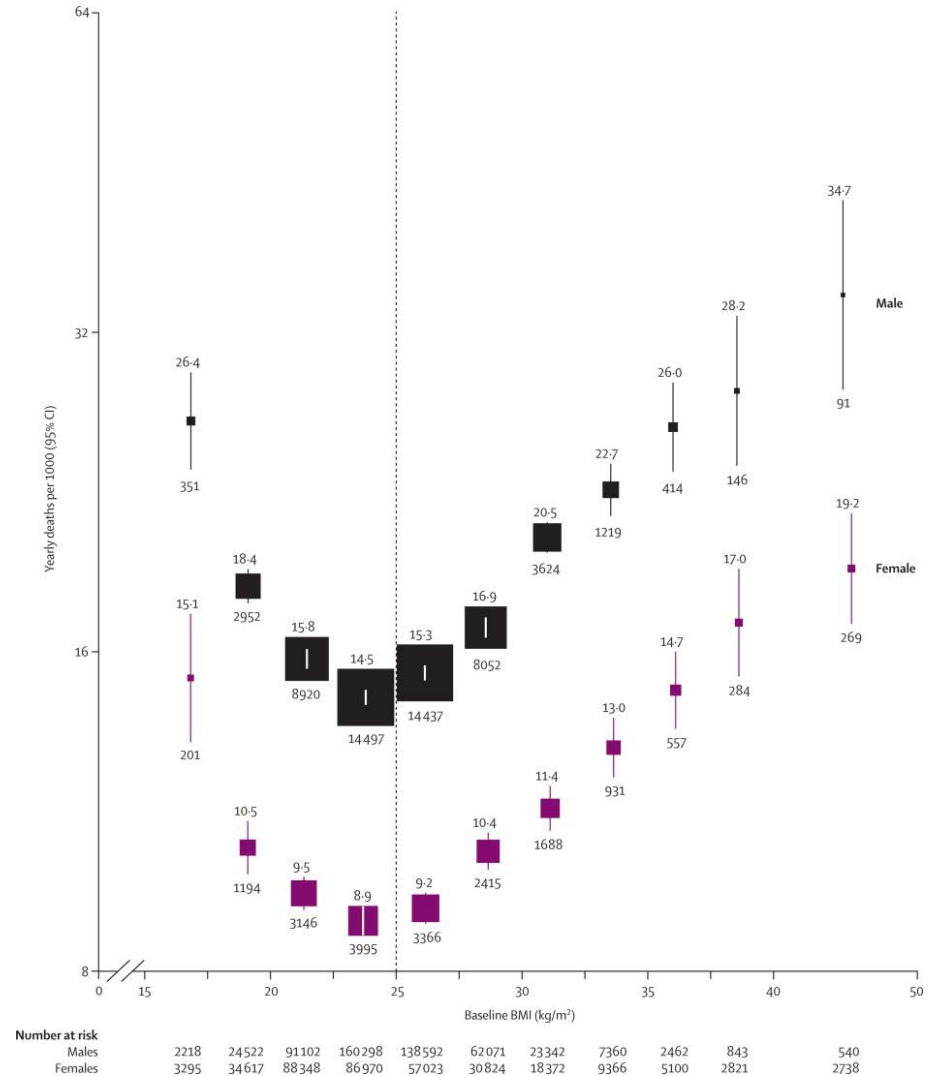
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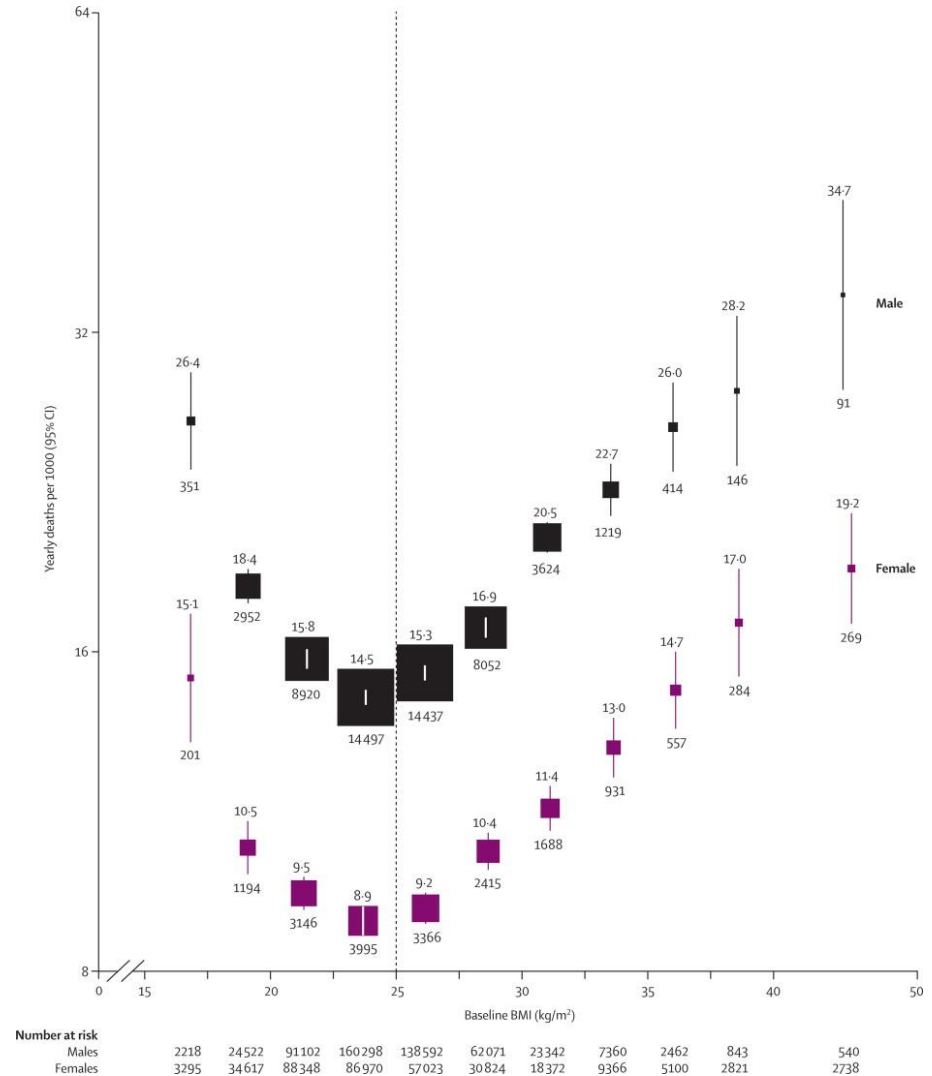


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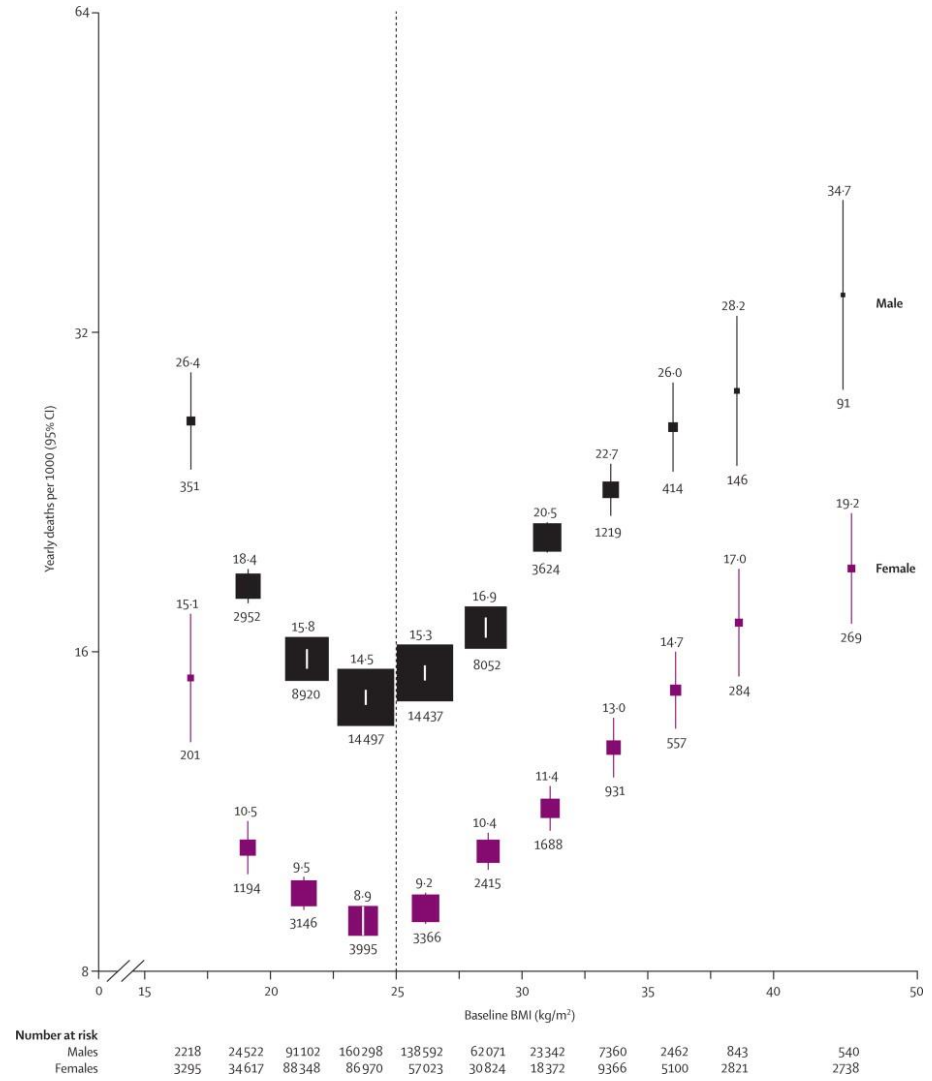
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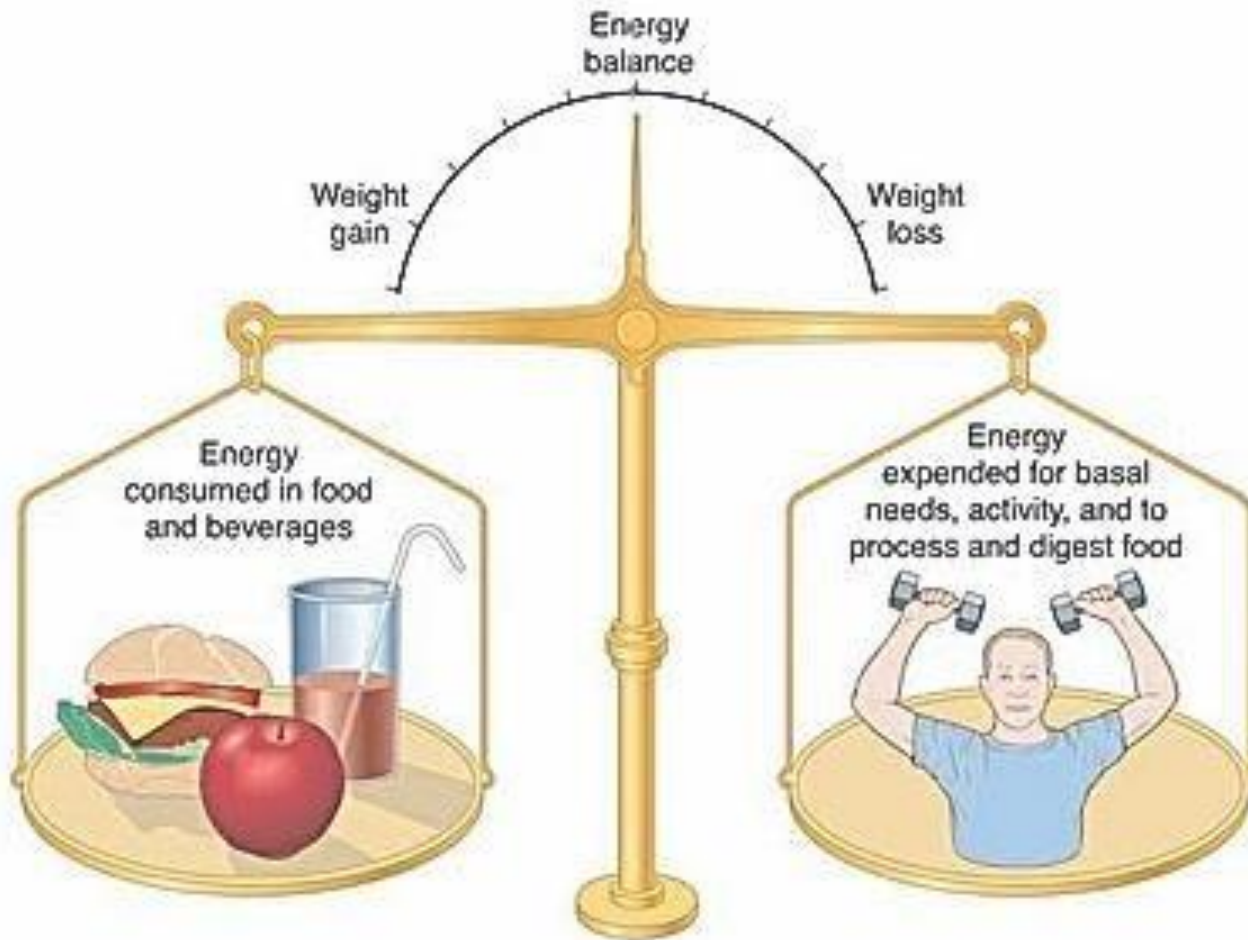
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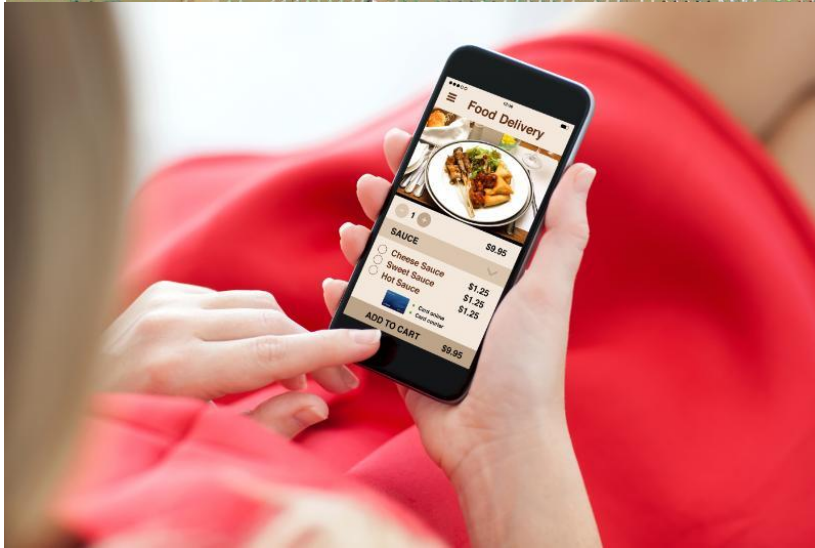


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# Energy Balance



# Food Landscape Now





# Food Landscape Then

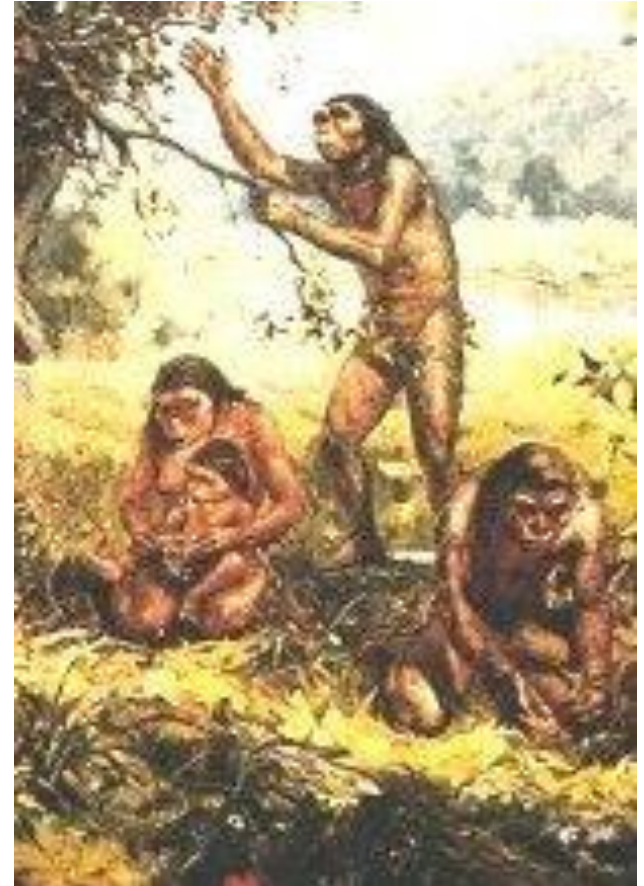




# Hunting



# Gathering



**Physical activity was essential for food intake but requires energy,** e.g. males would spend 1798 kcal in a persistence hunt at optimal running speed (Steudel-Numbers and Wall-Scheffler, 2009)

# Physical Labour + Little Food



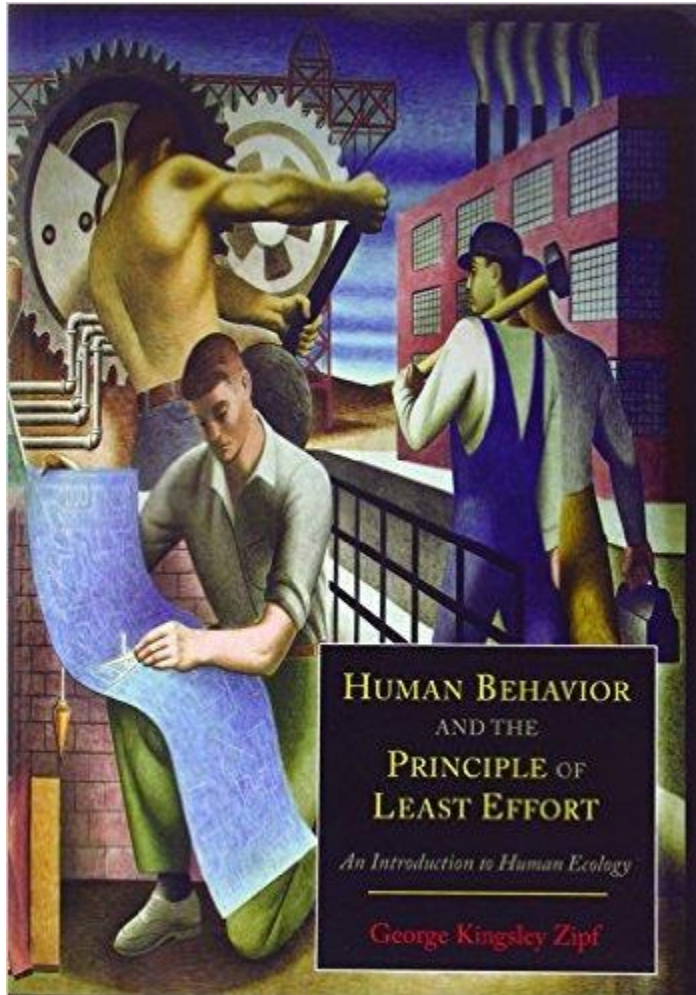
Five starving men in German concentration camp at time of liberation by U.S. Army



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# Principle of Least Effort



People minimize the amount of effort they exert in order to obtain desirable outcomes (Ferrero, 1894; Hull, 1943; Zipf, 1949).

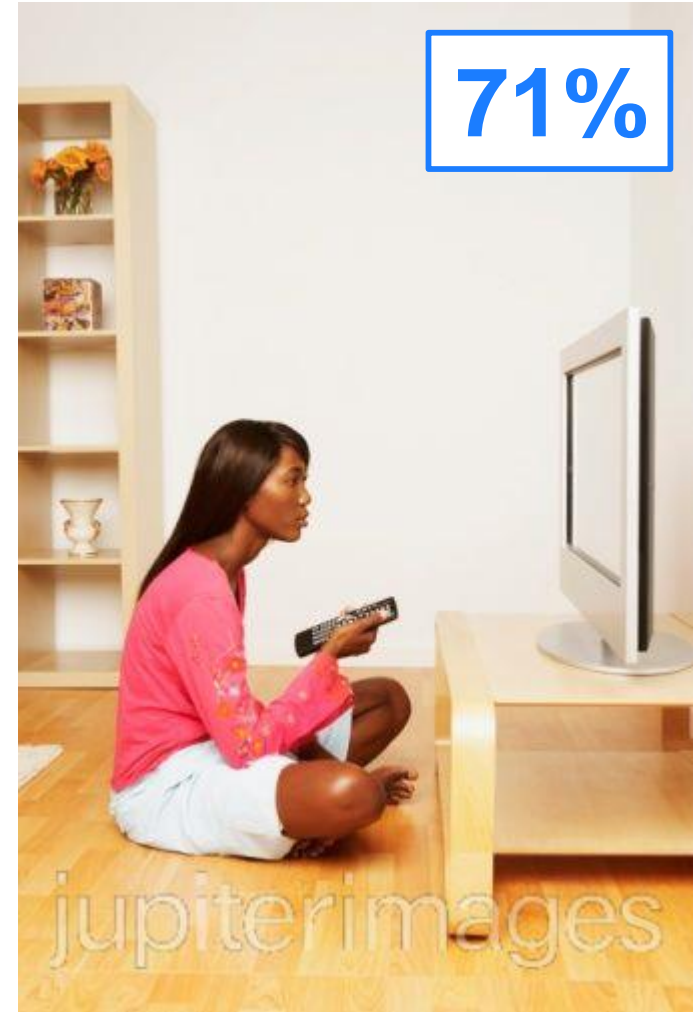
In the economy of action, effort is a cost. Laziness is built deep into our nature (Kaheneman, 1973).



# Principle of Least Effort



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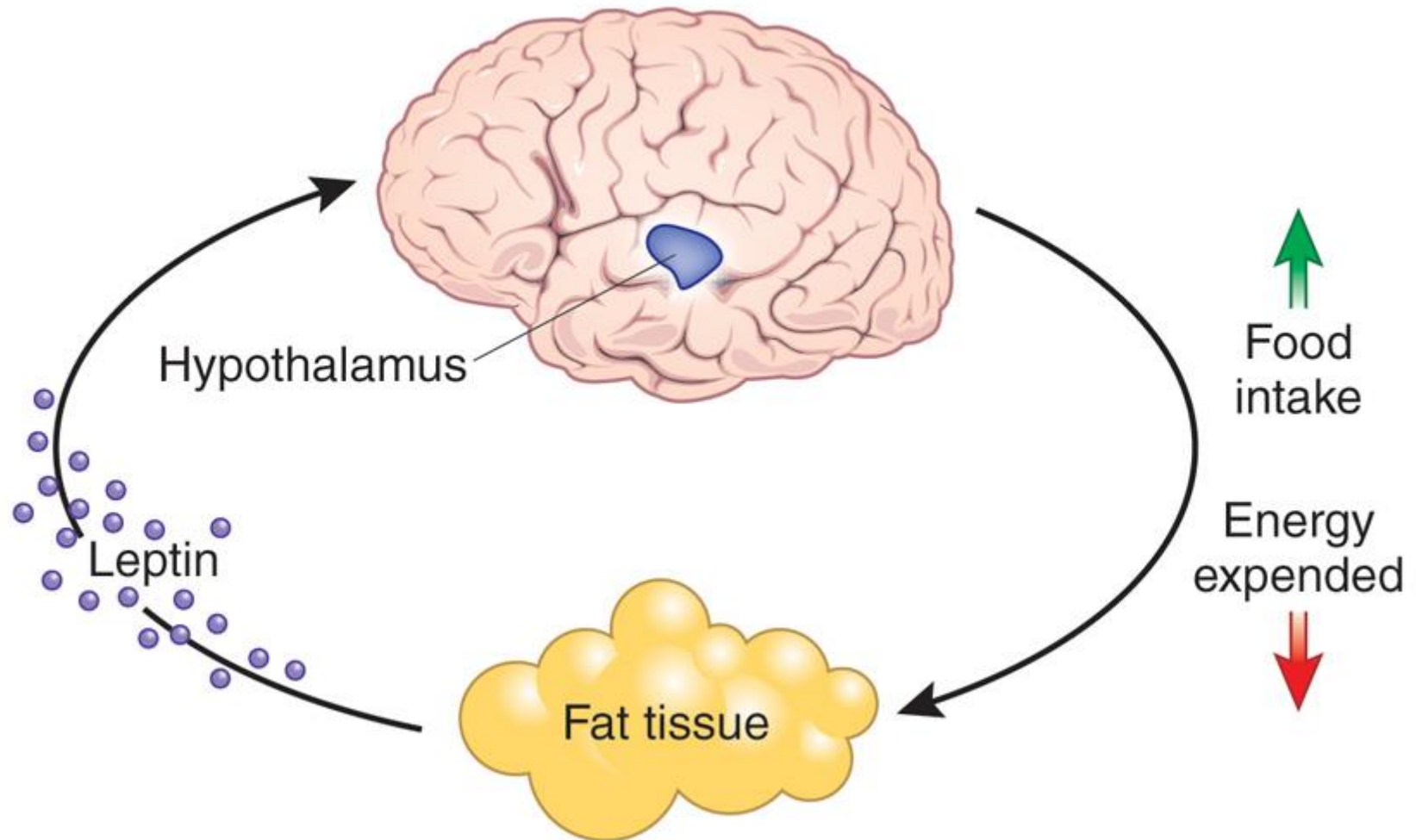


Self-reported % of normal-weight women meeting CDC guidelines for moderate intensity LTPA  
(Ariazza-Jones et al., 1998)

# Proximate Explanations



# Brain Regulation of Body Fat

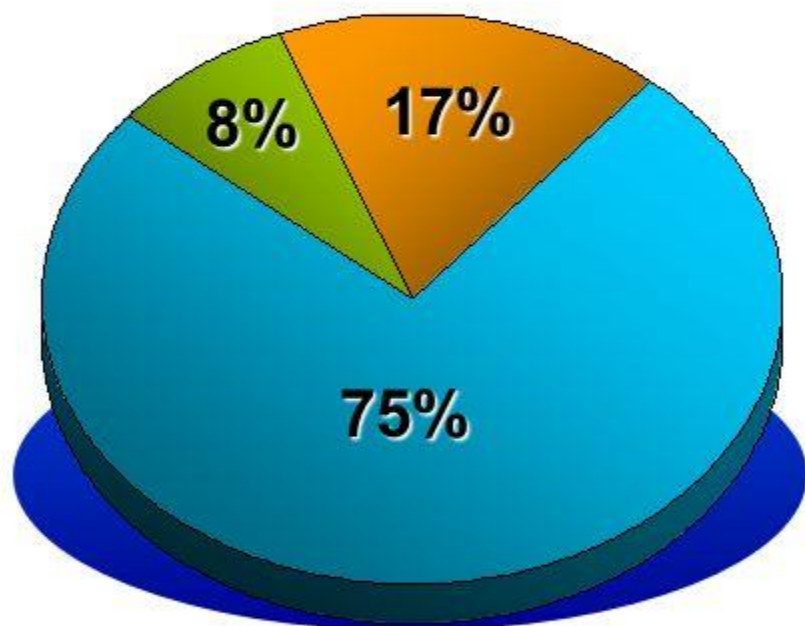


## Components of Daily Energy Expenditure

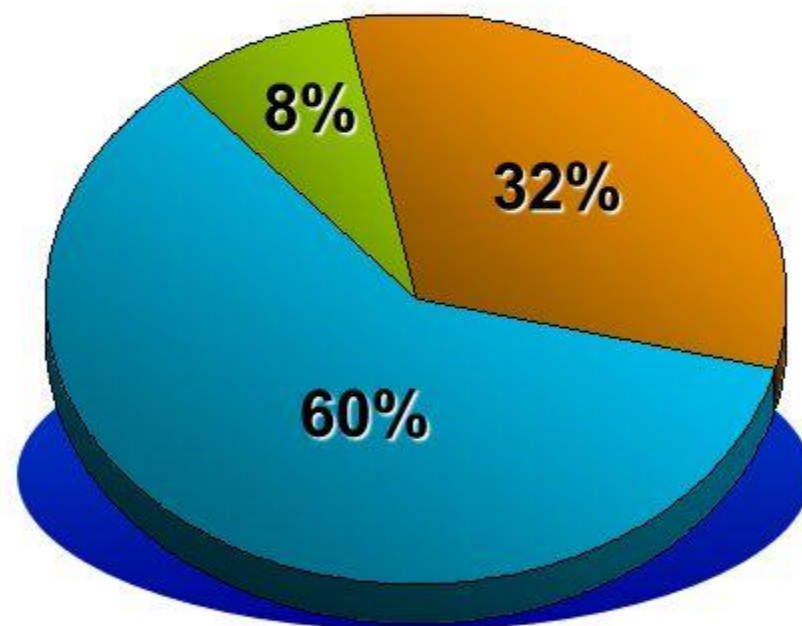
■ Thermic effect of feeding

■ Energy expenditure of physical activity

■ Resting energy expenditure



Sedentary Person  
(1800 kcal/d)



Physically Active Person  
(2200 kcal/d)



# Brain regulation of PA behaviour in humans



# PHYSICAL ACTIVITY BEHAVIOUR

## **PSYCHOLOGICAL LEVEL OF EXPLANATION**

Psychological Constructs and Theories

## **BIOLOGICAL LEVEL OF EXPLANATION**

Neural Correlates, Neurobiology, Genetics

# Psychological Level

# Perception of Effort

- It is a **conscious sensation of strain and labour, a feeling that intensifies the harder a person tries.**
- Unlike the strain felt from some external force (like having one's arm pulled), **effort feels mustered from within.**
- Feelings of effort are experienced during:
  - **Physical exertion** (e.g., lifting weights);
  - **Mental concentration** (e.g., studying statistics);
  - **Self-restraint** (e.g., dieting).
- From **Preston and Wagner (2009).**

# Rating of Perceived Exertion (Borg, 1965)

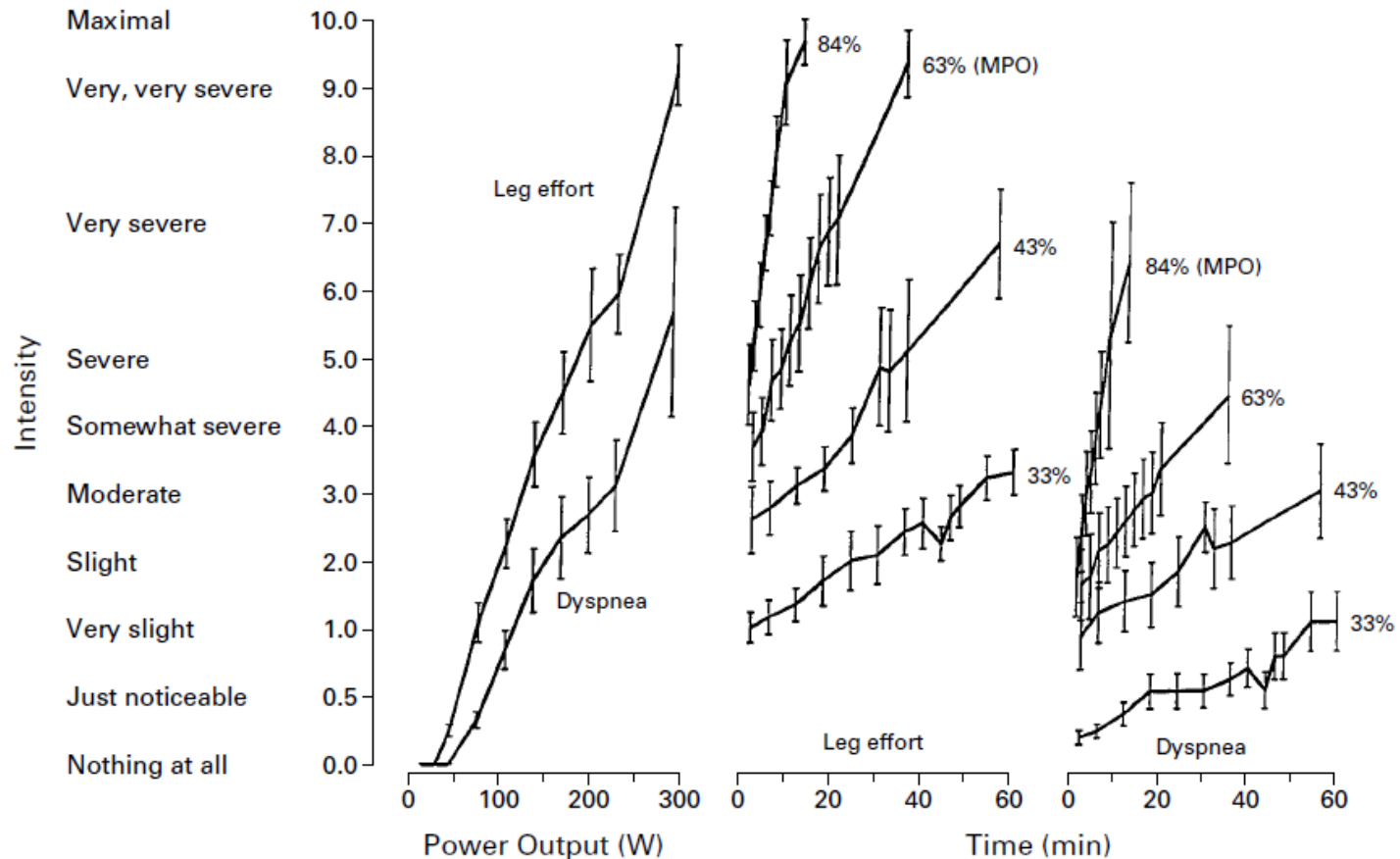
Physical Stimulus



Perceptual Response

6	
7	Very, very light
8	
9	Very light
10	
11	Fairly light
12	
13	Somewhat hard
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15	Hard
16	
17	Very hard
18	
19	Very, very hard
20	

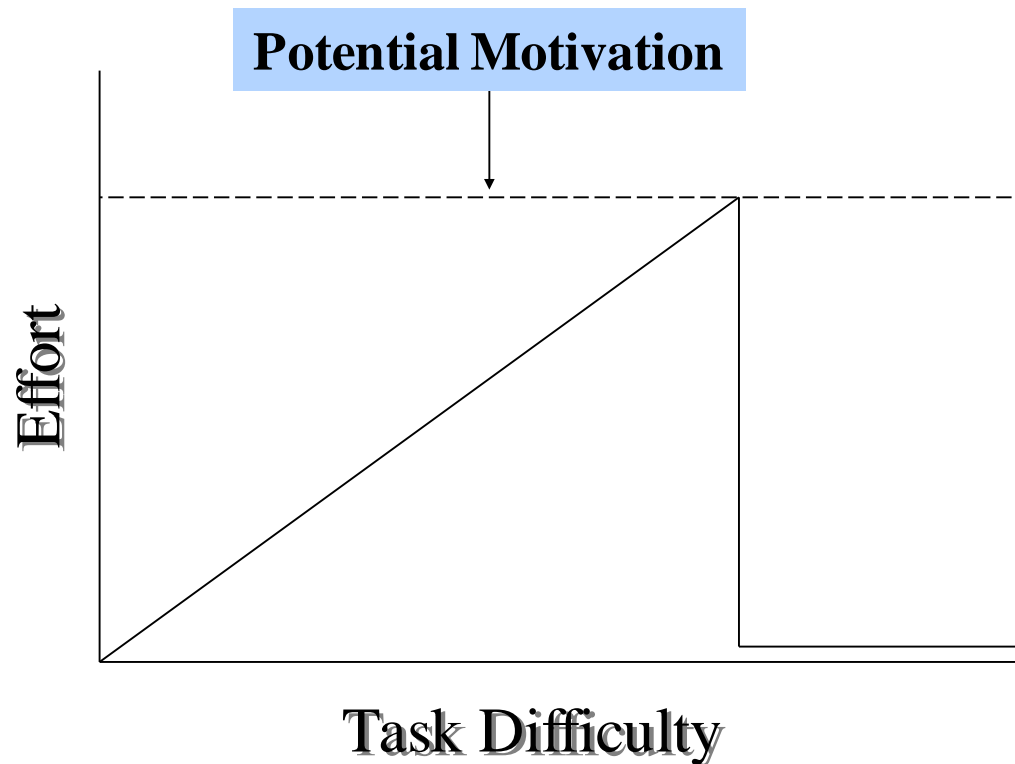
# Leg Effort and Respiratory Effort



**Figure 3.** Intensity of Leg-Muscle Effort and Dyspnea Measured by the Borg Scale during Cycle-Ergometer Exercise in Fit Young Men. The left-hand panel shows leg effort and the degree of dyspnea during incremental exercise; the middle and right-hand panels show leg effort and the degree of dyspnea, respectively, during constant exercise at several levels, expressed as percentages of peak oxygen consumption ( $\dot{V}_{O_{2,max}}$ ). MPO denotes maximal power output. Adapted from Kearon et al.,<sup>8</sup> with the permission of the publisher.

# THE INTENSITY OF MOTIVATION

*Jack W. Brehm and Elizabeth A. Self Ann. Rev. Psychol. 1989. 40:109-31*

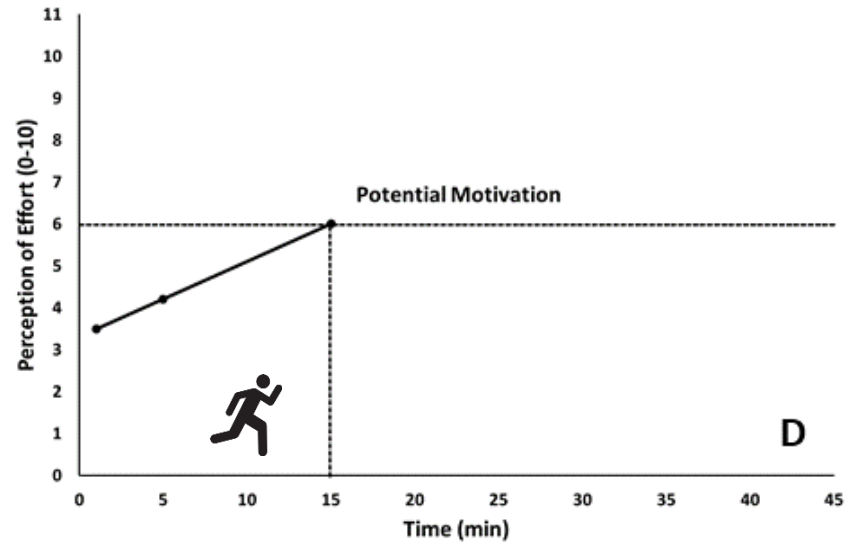
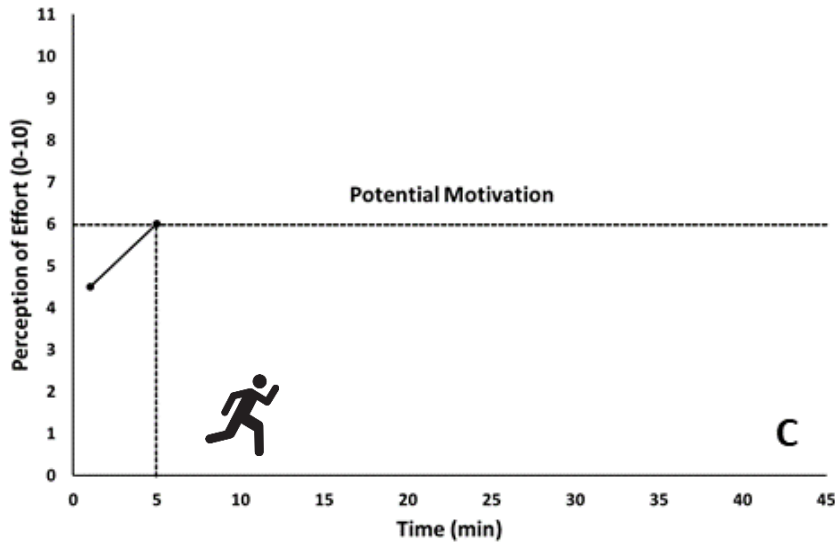
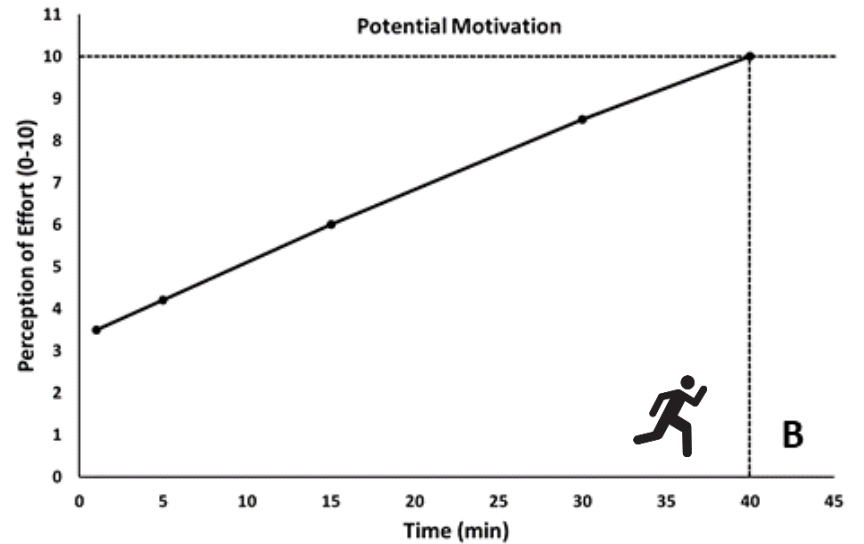
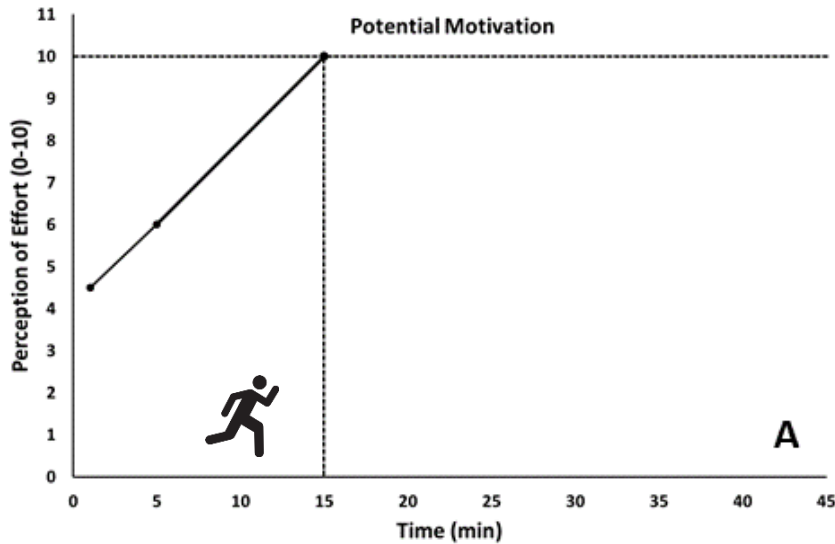


**Potential motivation is the maximum effort an individual would be willing to exert to satisfy a motive**



# Unfit/Fatigued/Placebo

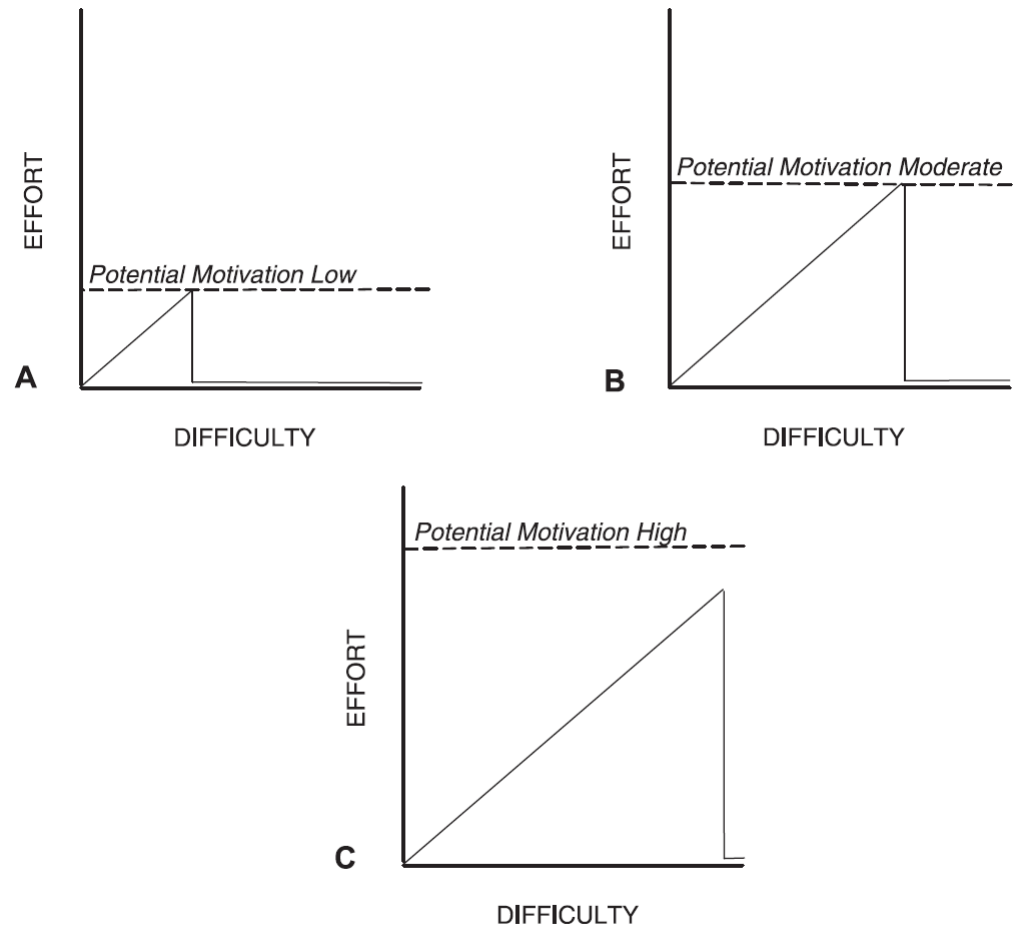
# Fit/Non Fatigued/Caffeine



Running at 12 km/h

# Determinants of Potential Motivation

- **Reward** value
- **Need** for the reward
- **Contingency** of the reward upon completion of the task (instrumental behaviour)

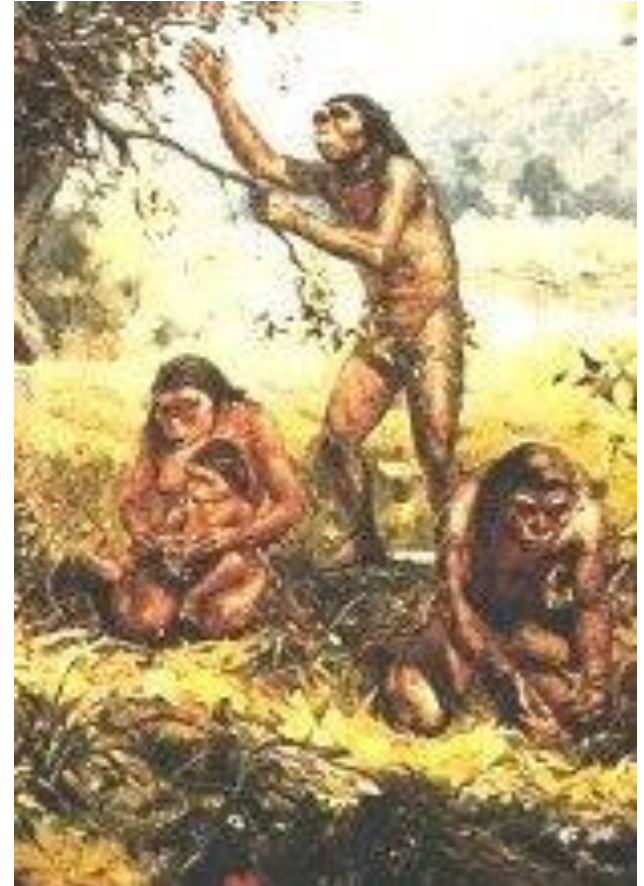


**Figure 1** Effort as a function of challenge difficulty at low, moderate, and high levels of potential motivation.

# Hunting



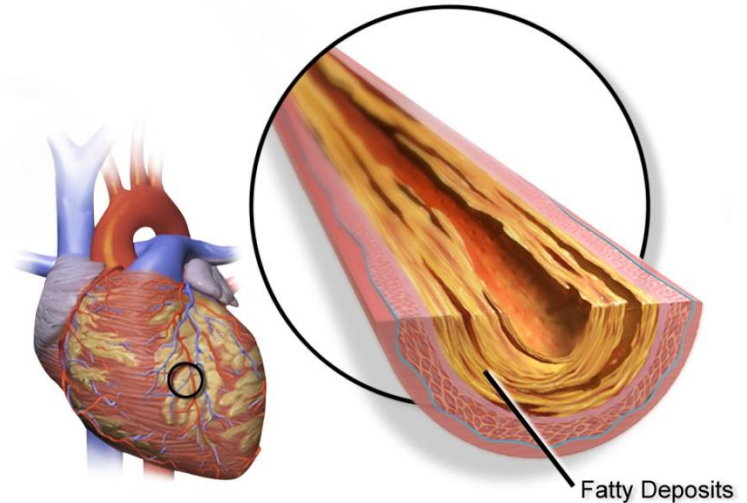
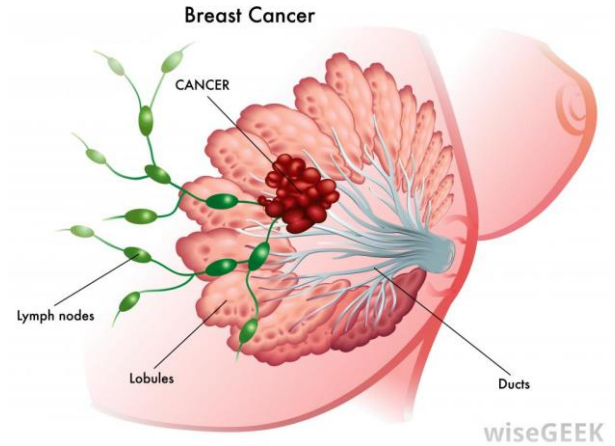
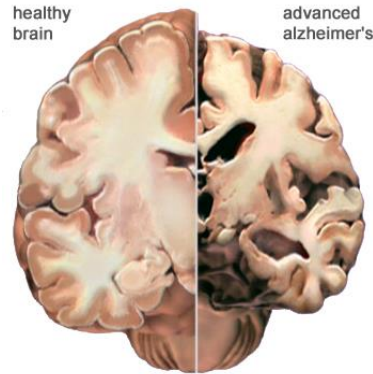
# Gathering



**In the past, food was main reward of PA**



# Now main reward of PA for health is to avoid



# Public Health Campaigns

## Physical activity benefits for adults and older adults

- + BENEFITS HEALTH
- z<sub>2</sub> IMPROVES SLEEP
- MAINTAINS HEALTHY WEIGHT
- MANAGES STRESS
- IMPROVES QUALITY OF LIFE

REDUCES YOUR CHANCE OF

Type II Diabetes	-40%
Cardiovascular Disease	-35%
Falls, Depression and Dementia	-30%
Joint and Back Pain	-25%
Cancers (Colon and Breast)	-20%

### What should you do?

For a healthy heart and mind      To keep your muscles, bones and joints strong      To reduce your chance of falls

Be Active

Sit Less

Build Strength

Improve Balance

VIGOROUS		MODERATE		SITTING		STRENGTH		BALANCE	
RUN	WALK	TV	GYM	DANCE	SOFA	YOGA	TAI CHI	COMPUTER	BOWLS
SPORT	CYCLE	SOFA	YOGA	TAI CHI	COMPUTER	CARRY BAGS	BOWLS	COMPUTER	BOWLS
STAIRS	SWIM	COMPUTER	CARRY BAGS	BOWLS	COMPUTER	CARRY BAGS	BOWLS	COMPUTER	BOWLS

MINUTES PER WEEK

**75 OR 150**

VIGOROUS INTENSITY (BREATHING HARD, SWEATY, UNABLE TO TALK)

OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH

BREAK UP SITTING TIME

**2** DAYS PER WEEK

Something is better than nothing.  
 Start small and build up gradually; just 10 minutes at a time provides benefit.  
**MAKE A START TODAY: It's never too late!**

UK Chief Medical Officers' Guidelines 2011 **Start Active, Stay Active:** <http://bit.ly/startactive>

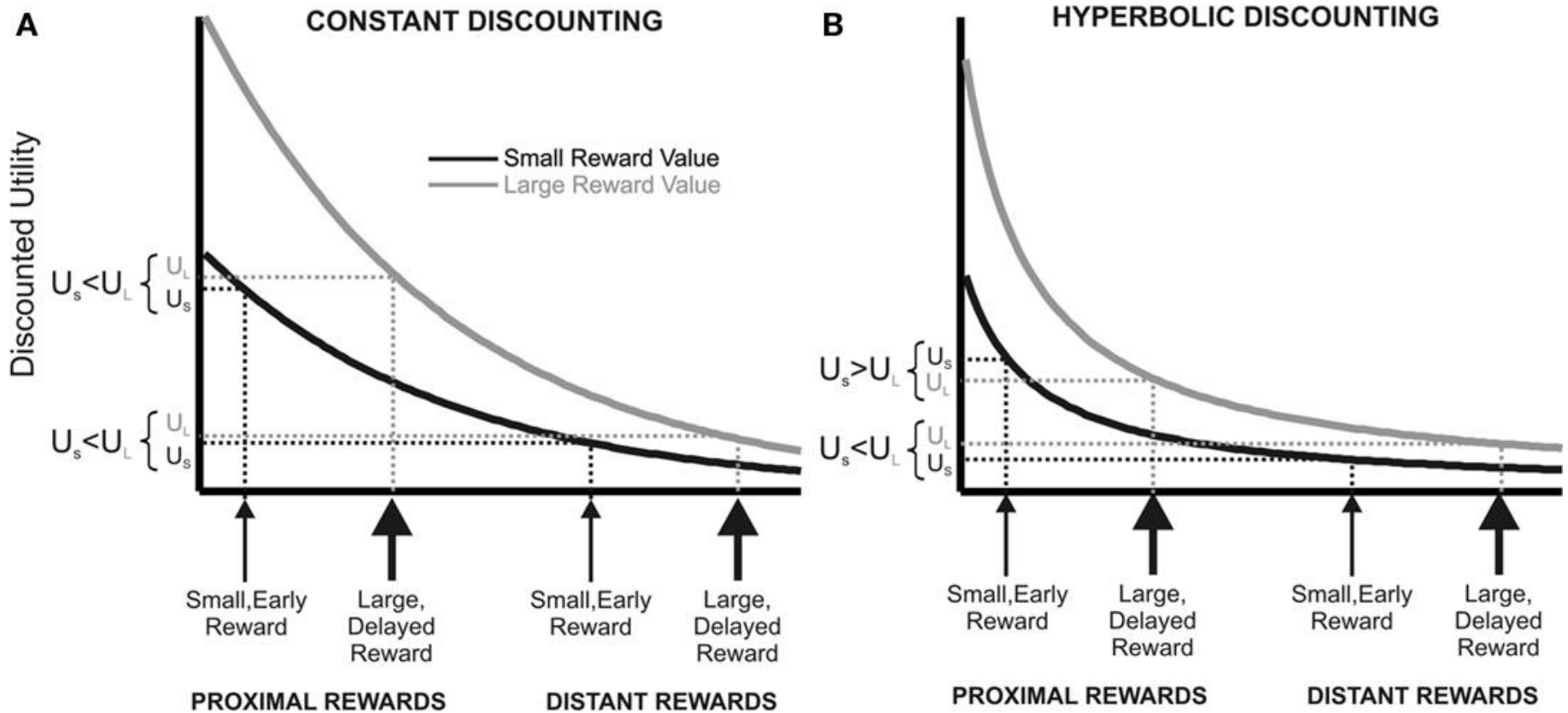
## TOO BUSY TO EXERCISE?

YOU DON'T SKIP TYING YOUR SHOES BECAUSE YOU ARE TOO BUSY.

parc.ophea.net

**DON'T SKIP OUT ON YOUR HEALTH!**

# Discounting of Future Events



(Kalenscher and Winderger, 2011)



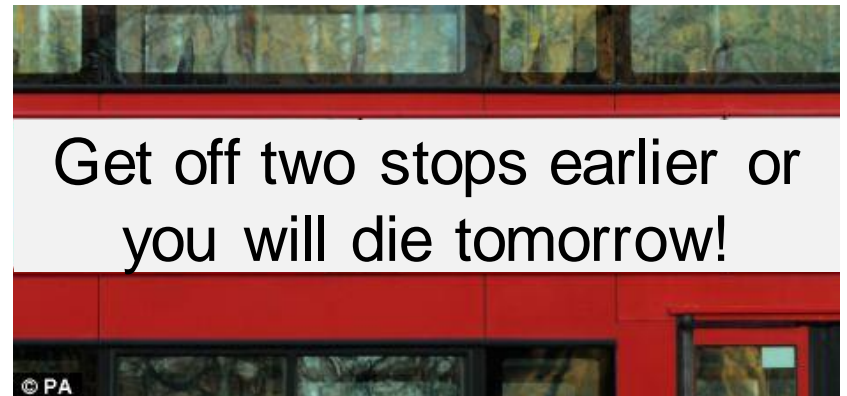
# Most Effective Public Health Campaign Ever



Take the stairs every day



or you will get cancer



# Financial Incentives for Exercise Adherence in Adults

## Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

Mitchell et al / Am J Prev Med 2013;45(5):658–667

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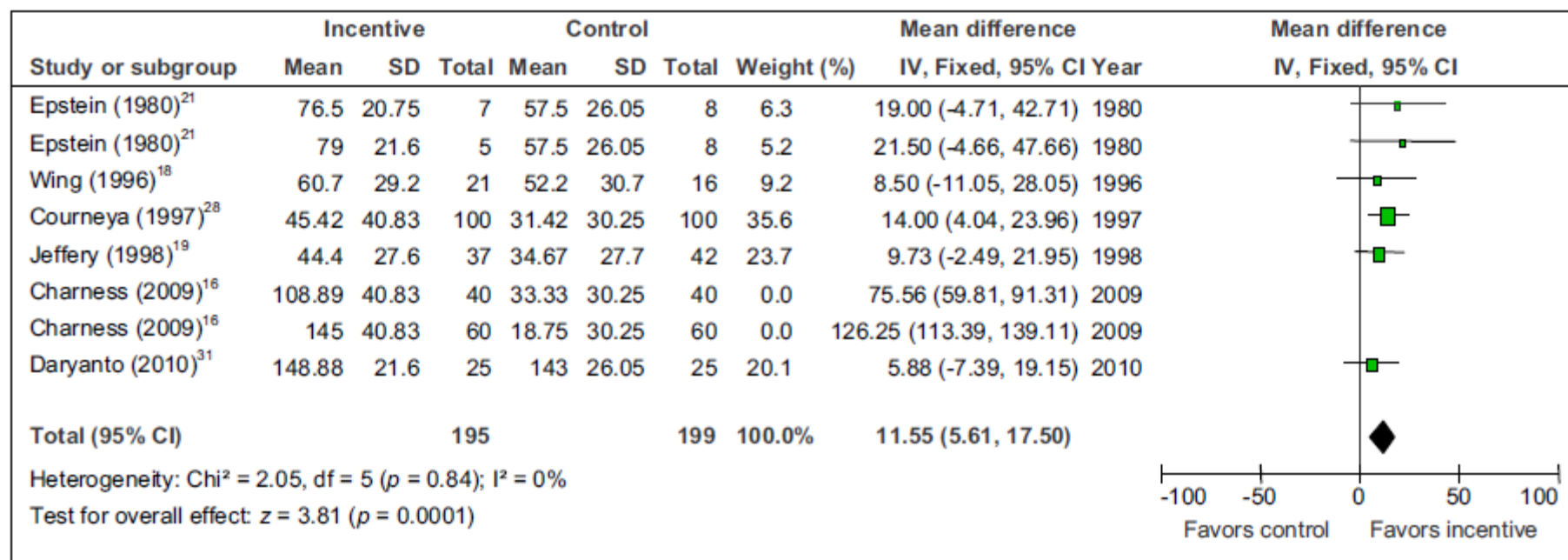
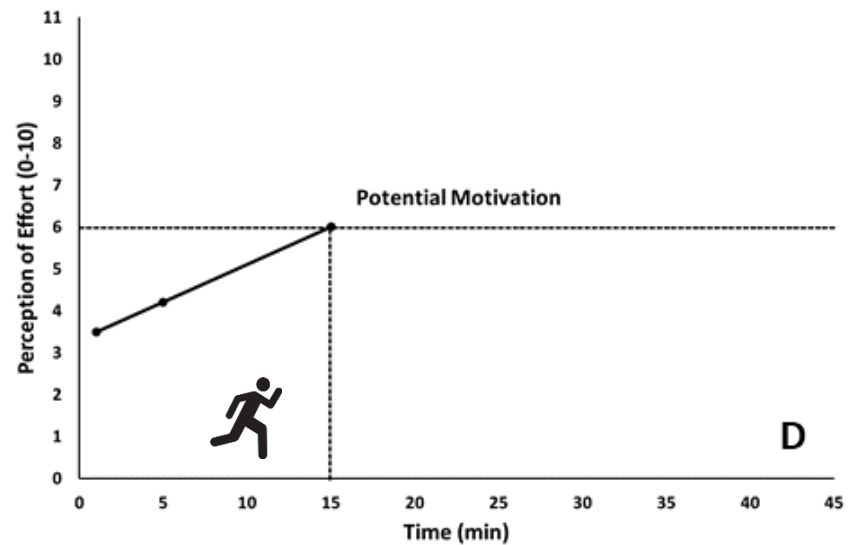
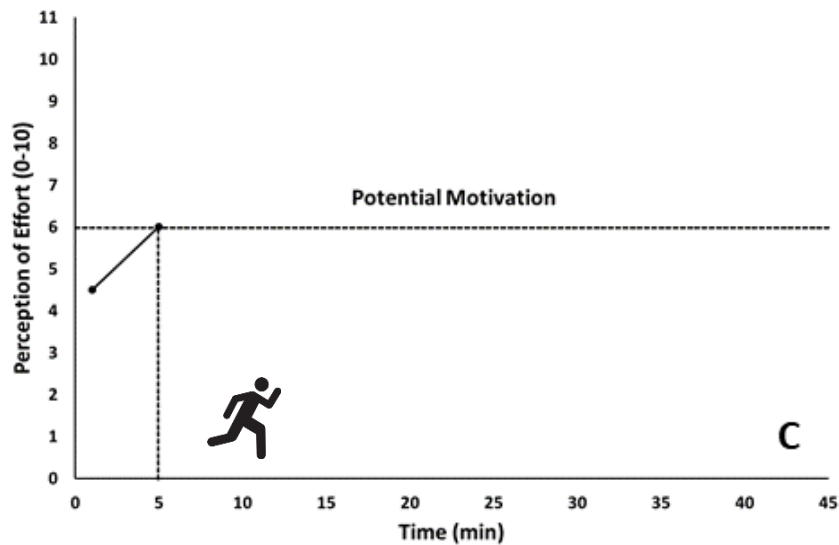
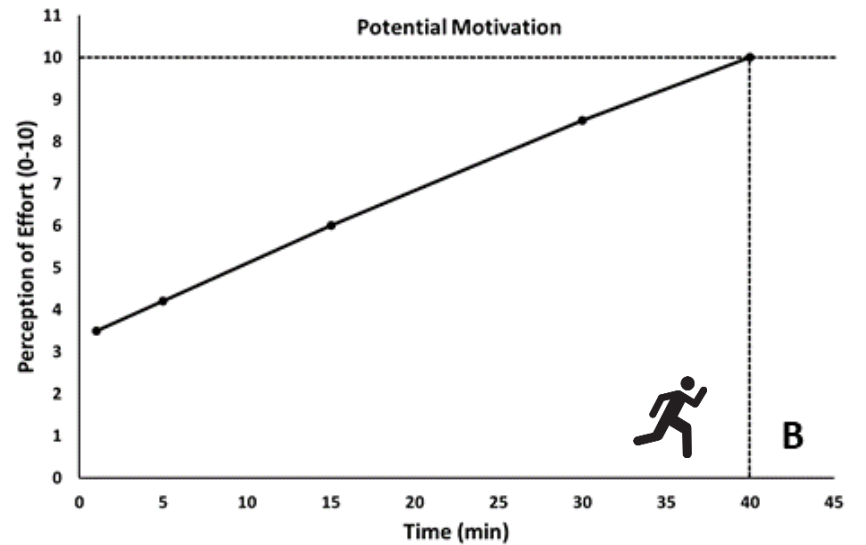
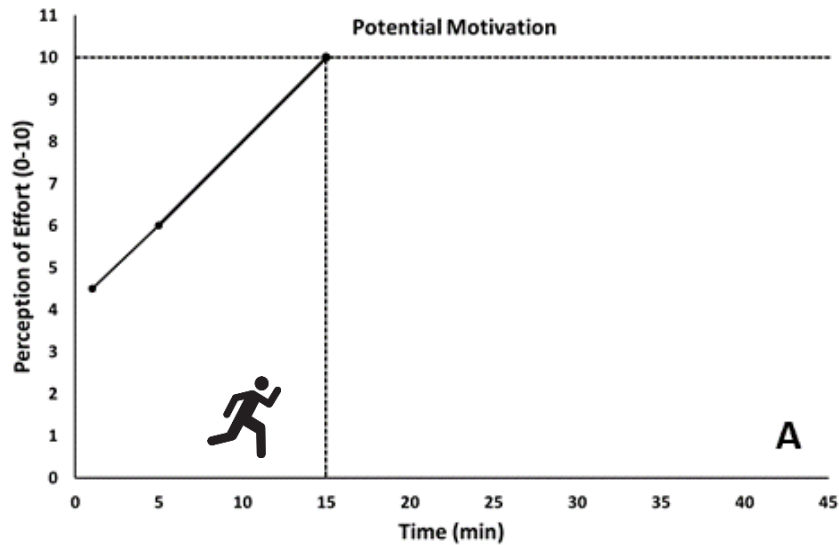


Figure 2. Exercise session attendance (%; 4–26 weeks) comparing use of incentives versus no incentives

Note: The Charness 2009 paper reported on two studies, so results are given for each.



# Barriers to Exercise

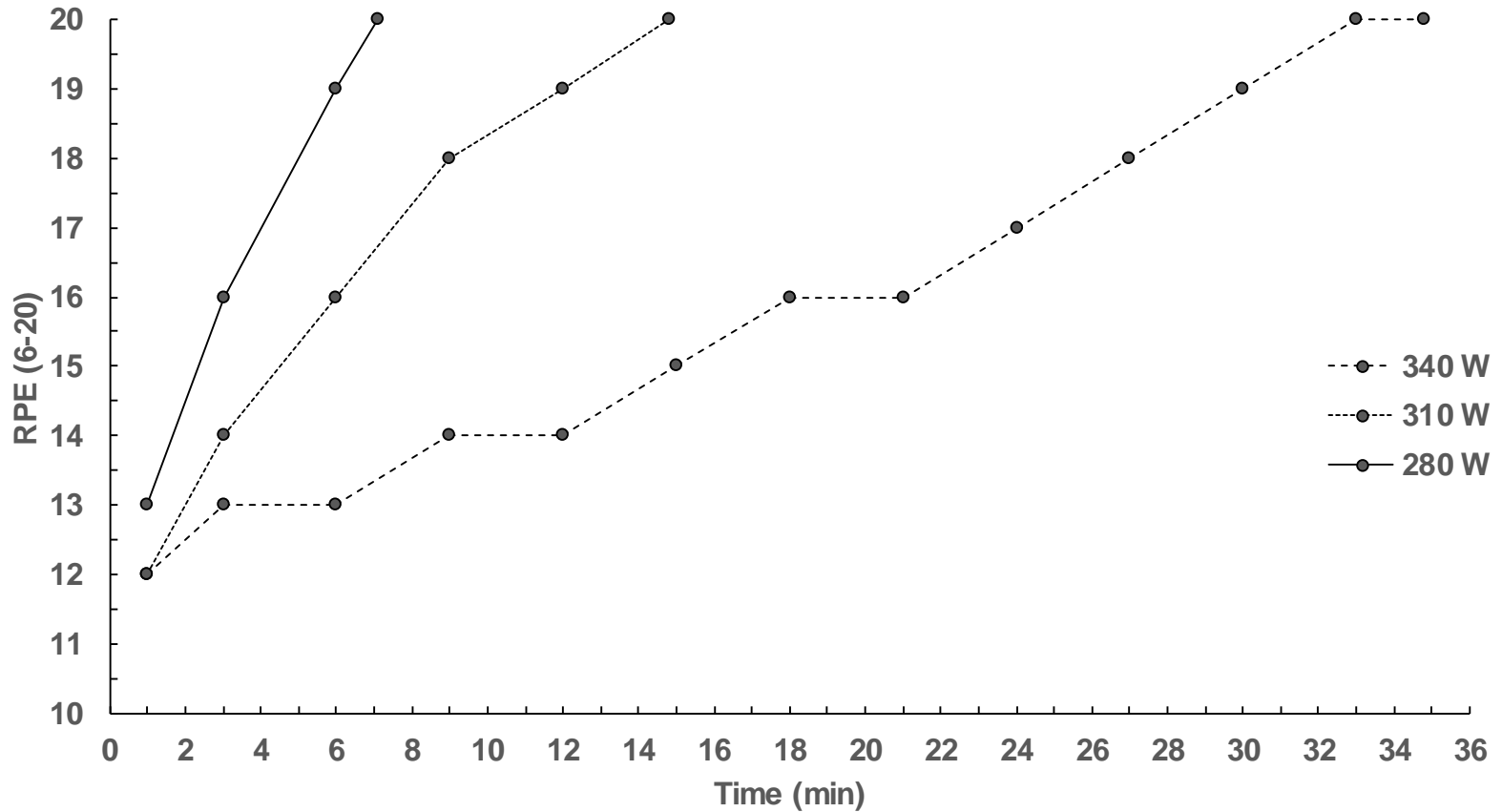
- Factor analysis of responses from 650 adults gave four main barriers:
- **Physical Exertion** (e.g., exercise is hard work for me)
- **Exercise Milieu** (e.g., places for me to exercise are too far away)
- **Time Expenditure** (e.g., exercise takes too much of my time)
- **Family Discouragement** (e.g., my spouse does not encourage exercising)

# Perceived Exercise Benefits and Barriers of Non-Exercising Female University Students in the United Kingdom

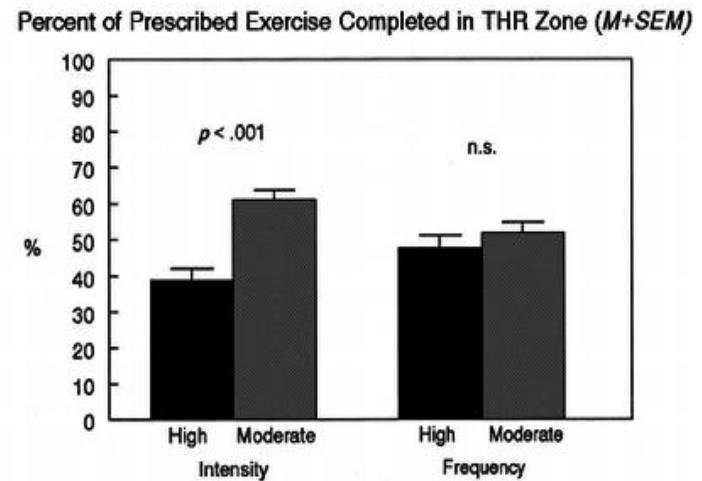
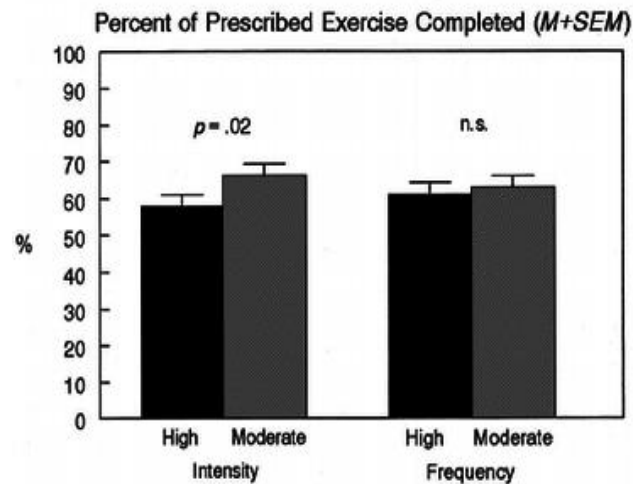
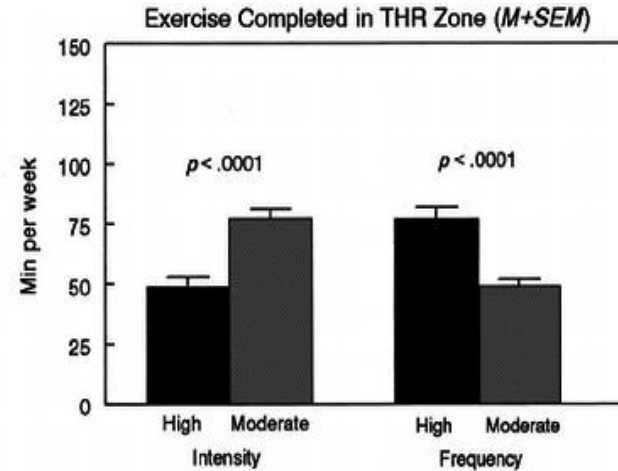
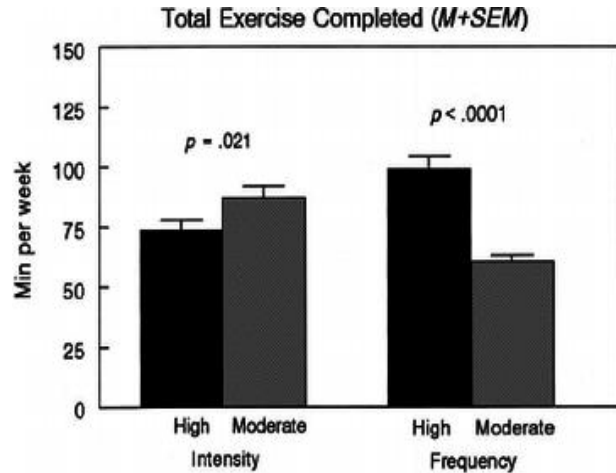
Perceived Barriers Items	M (SD)
<b>Exercise Milieu Sub-scale</b>	
9: Places for me to exercise are too far away	2.69 (0.70)
12: I am too embarrassed to exercise	1.85 (0.83)
14: It costs too much money to exercise	2.26 (0.86)
16: Exercise facilities do not have convenient schedules for me	2.09 (0.74)
28: I think people in exercise clothes look funny	2.04 (0.88)
42: There are too few places for me to exercise	2.10 (0.77)
<b>Time Expenditure Sub-scale</b>	
4: Exercising takes too much of my time	2.31 (0.81)
24: Exercise takes too much time from family relationships	1.95 (0.67)
37: Exercise takes too much time from my family responsibilities	2.04 (0.71)
<b>Physical Exertion Sub-scale</b>	
6: Exercise tires me	2.69 (0.70)
19: I am fatigued by exercise	2.57 (0.75)
40: Exercise is hard work for me	2.63 (0.70)
<b>Family Discouragement Sub-scale</b>	
21: My spouse (or significant other) does not encourage exercising	2.15 (0.87)
33: My family members do not encourage me to exercise	1.96 (0.65)
<b>All Barriers items of all subscales</b>	<b>2.22 (0.46)</b>



# Exercise Intensity and Duration

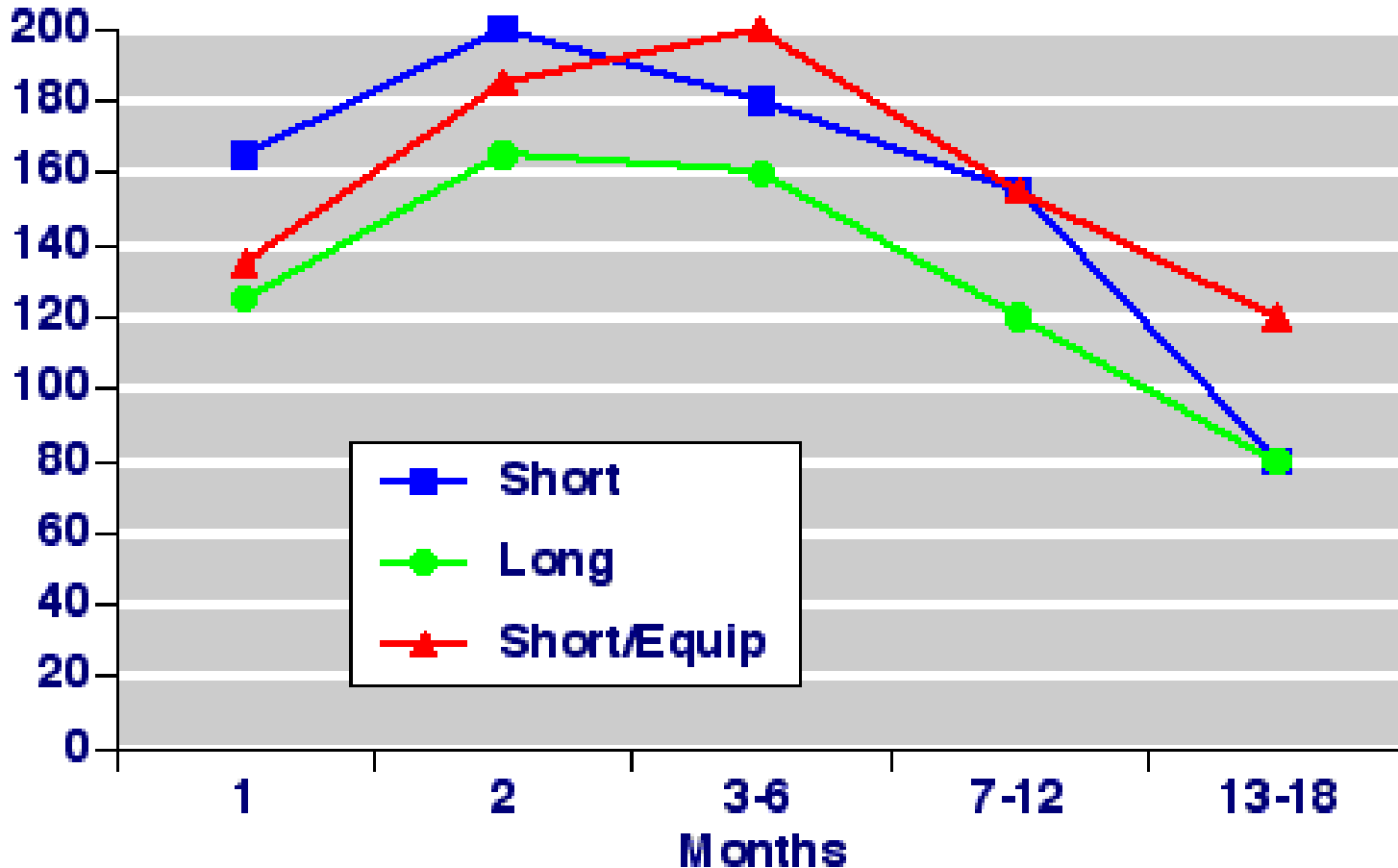


# Exercise Intensity and Adherence



# Exercise Duration and Adherence

Exercise, mins/week



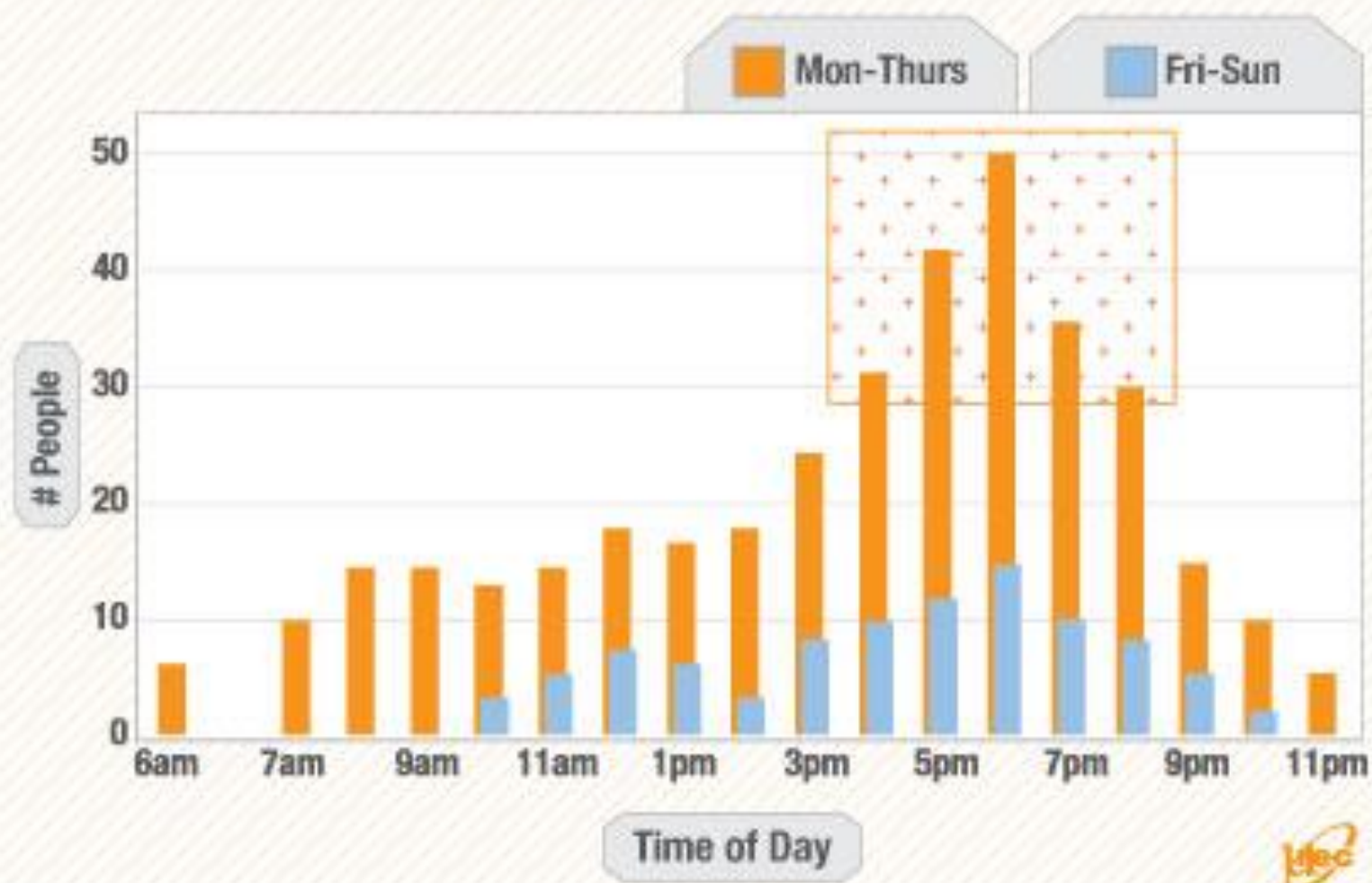
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# Mental Fatigue



## Health & Fitness Center

# Peak Hours





# Personal and Environmental Factors Associated With Physical Inactivity Among Different Racial–Ethnic Groups of U.S. Middle-Aged and Older-Aged Women

Table 3

*Most Frequently Reported Perceived Barriers, Along With Relative Rankings, for the Sample as a Whole (N = 2,912) and for Each Racial–Ethnic Subgroup*

Perceived barrier	% total sample	Overall rank	% White (rank)	% Black (rank)	% American Indian–Alaskan Native (rank)	% Hispanic (rank)
Lack of time	22.3	1 (tie)	24.6 (1)	17.0 (5)	24.8 (2)	22.5 (3)
Caregiving duties	22.3	1 (tie)	20.7 (2)	20.2 (3)	23.6 (4)	25.6 (1)
<b>Lack energy</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>3</b>	19.9 (4)	21.1 (2)	25.1 (1)	20.3 (4)
<b>Too tired</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>4</b>	20.4 (3)	19.0 (4)	24.5 (3)	18.9 (5)
Lack safe place to exercise	20.1	5	16.5 (6)	22.9 (1)	23.0 (5)	17.6 (6)
Self-conscious about physical appearance	19.6	6	18.9 (5)	15.1 (7)	20.6 (6)	23.8 (2)
Not in good health	16.2	7	13.6 (7)	16.8 (6)	19.2 (8)	15.2 (8)
Afraid of injury	15.3	8	11.0 (9)	14.9 (8)	19.4 (7)	16.3 (7)
Bad weather	10.4	9	12.4 (8)	8.8 (9)	11.2 (9)	8.8 (9)
Others discourage me	5.6	10	3.4 (10)	6.2 (10)	7.1 (10)	5.3 (10)

# Personal and Environmental Factors Associated With Physical Inactivity Among Different Racial–Ethnic Groups of U.S. Middle-Aged and Older-Aged Women

Table 5

*Simultaneous Logistic Regression: Correlates of Being Sedentary Versus Underactive–Active (n = 2,633)*

Correlate	Odds ratio	95% CI
<b>Personal barriers</b>		
Others discourage me from exercising	1.07	0.98–1.17
Self-conscious about physical appearance	1.08*	1.01–1.14
Afraid of injury	1.05	0.98–1.13
Lack of time	0.95	0.89–1.02
<b>Too tired</b>	<b>0.92*</b>	0.85–0.99
Lack safe place to exercise	0.98	0.93–1.05
Caregiving duties	0.95	0.90–1.01
Bad weather	1.00	0.93–1.08
Not in good health	0.93*	0.86–0.99
<b>Lack energy</b>	<b>0.90**</b>	0.84–0.97

Note. CI = confidence interval.

\*  $p < .05$ . \*\*  $p < .01$ . \*\*\*  $p < .001$ .

# Mental Fatigue and Perception of Effort

## Mentally Fatiguing Task



AX-Continuous Performance Task (AX-CPT) for 90 min

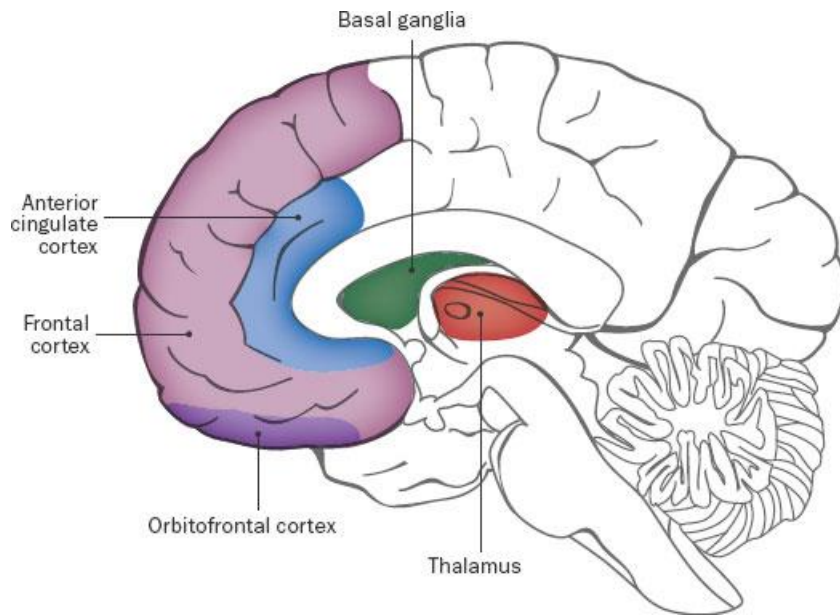
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(Marcora et al., JAP 2009)

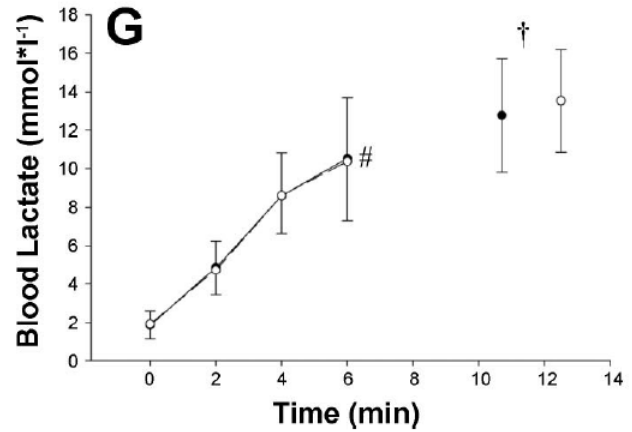
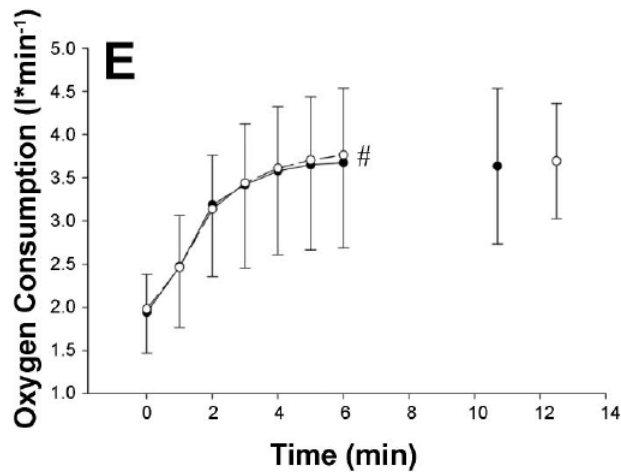
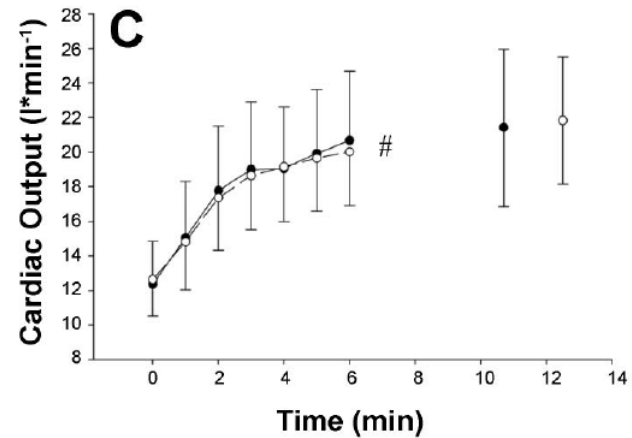
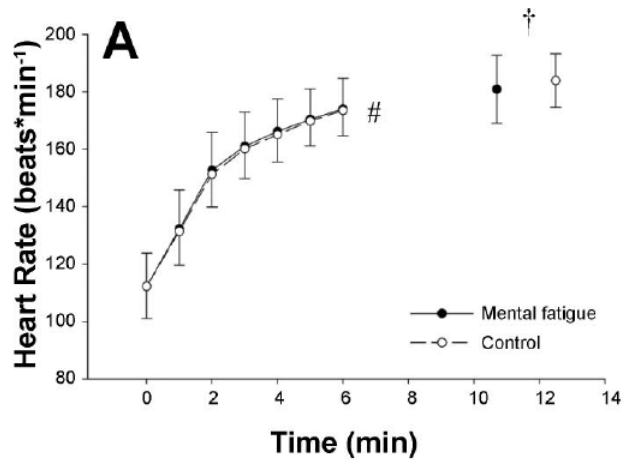
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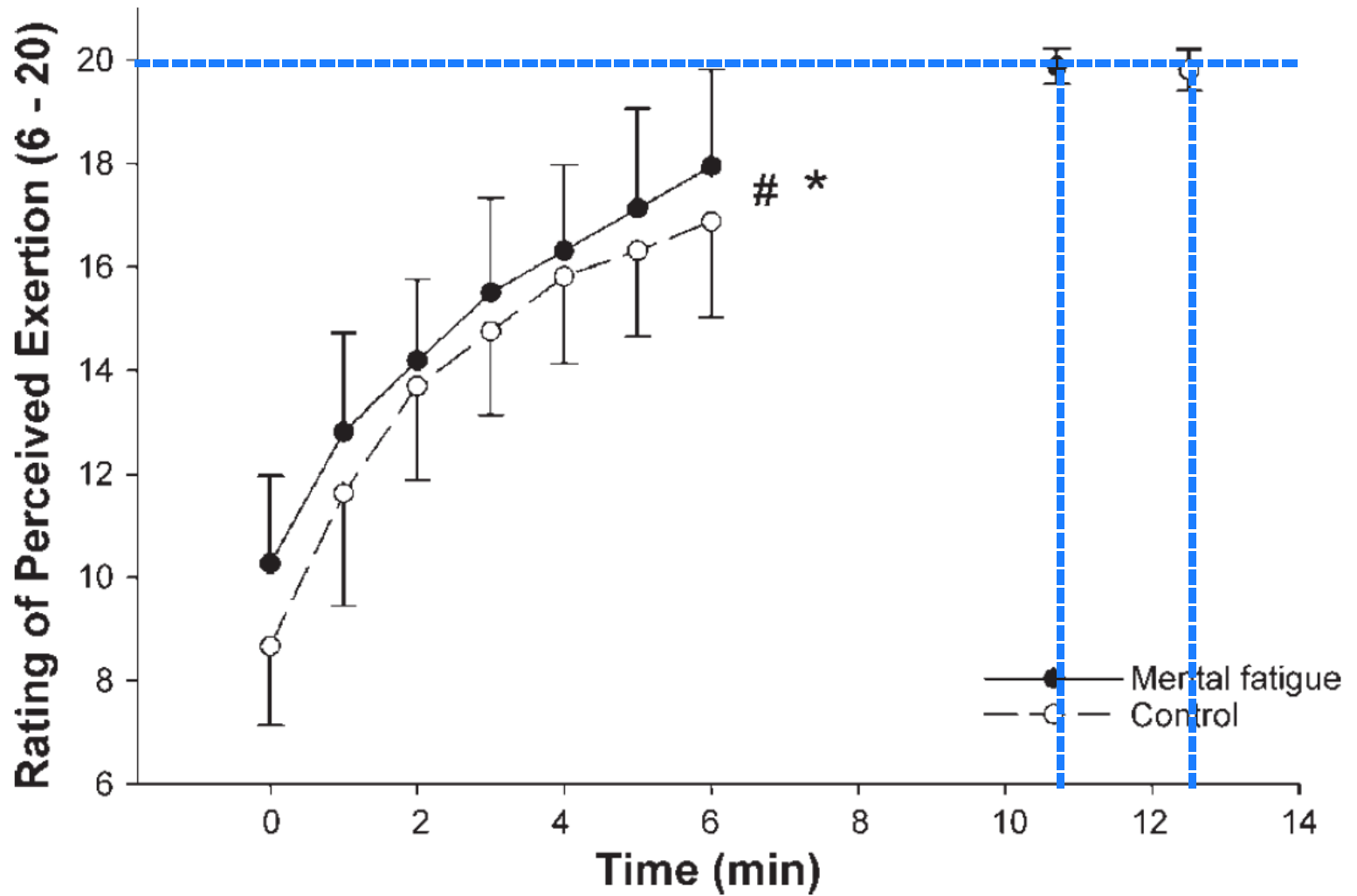
# Mental Fatigue and Perception of Effort



# significant difference at exhaustion; † significant main effect of treatment at isotime



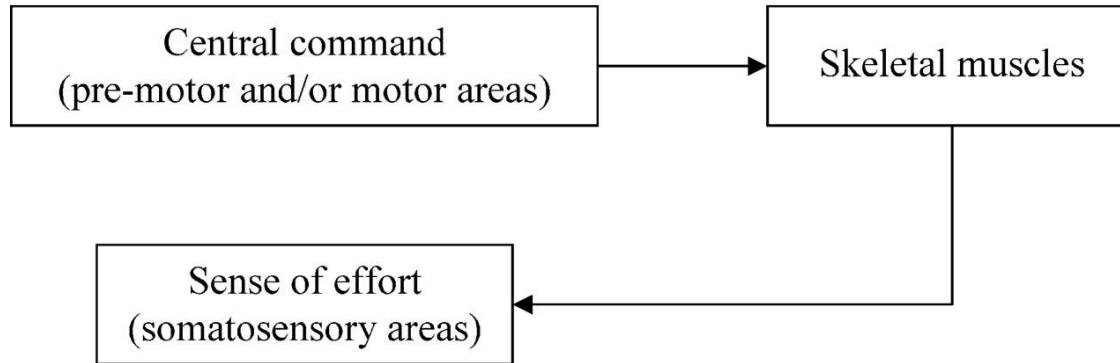
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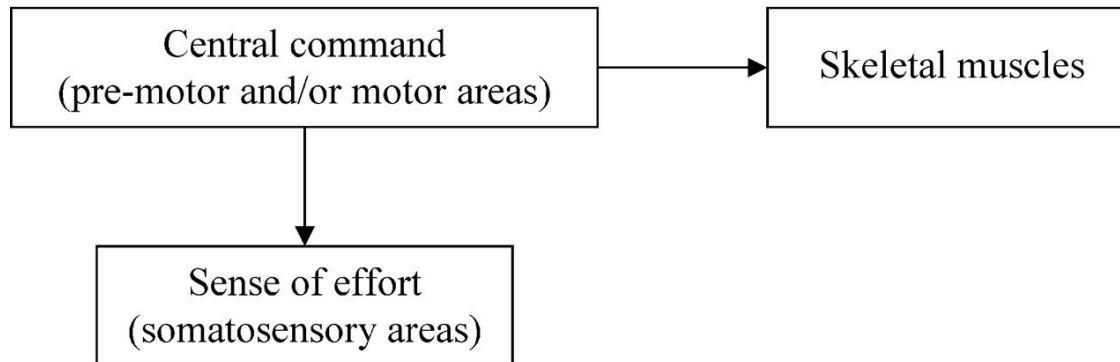
# Biological Level

# Neurophysiology of Perception of Effort

## A Afferent feedback model of perceived exertion



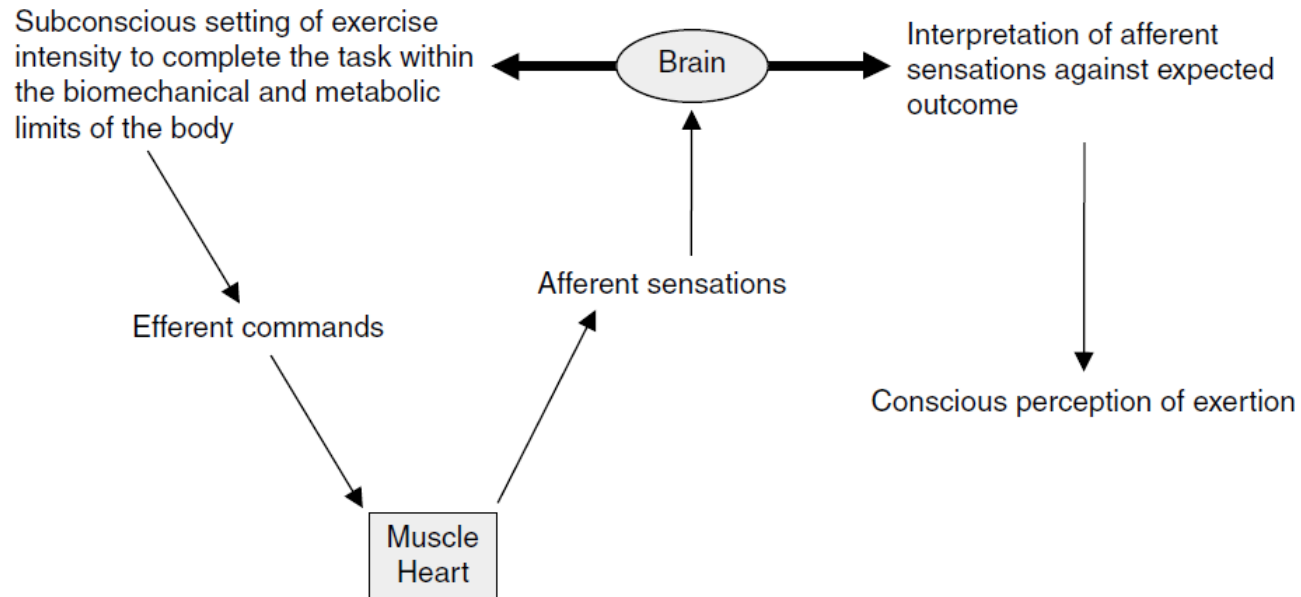
## B Corollary discharge model of perceived exertion



# Afferent Feedback Model of Perceived Effort

**Table I.** Sources of afferent information that may alter ratings of perceived exertion

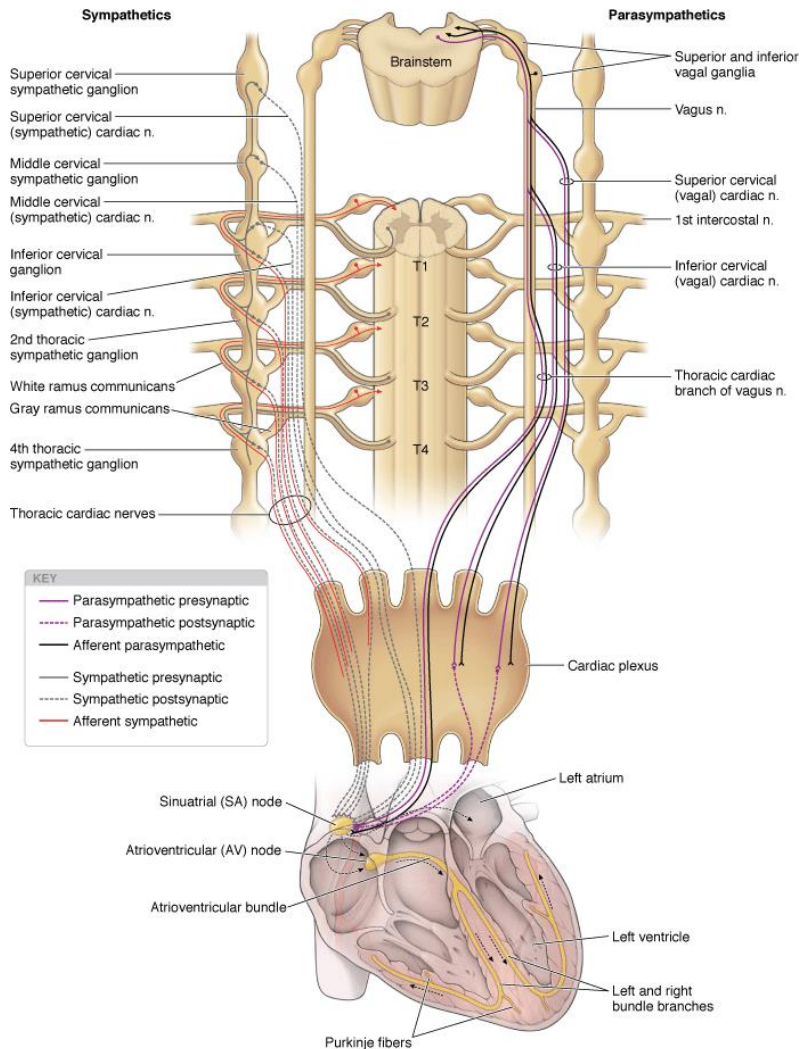
Cardiopulmonary	Peripheral/metabolic
Heart rate	Blood lactate level
Oxygen uptake	Blood and/or muscle pH
Respiratory rate	Mechanical strain
Ventilatory rate	Muscle damage
	Core temperature
	Carbohydrate availability
	Skin temperature



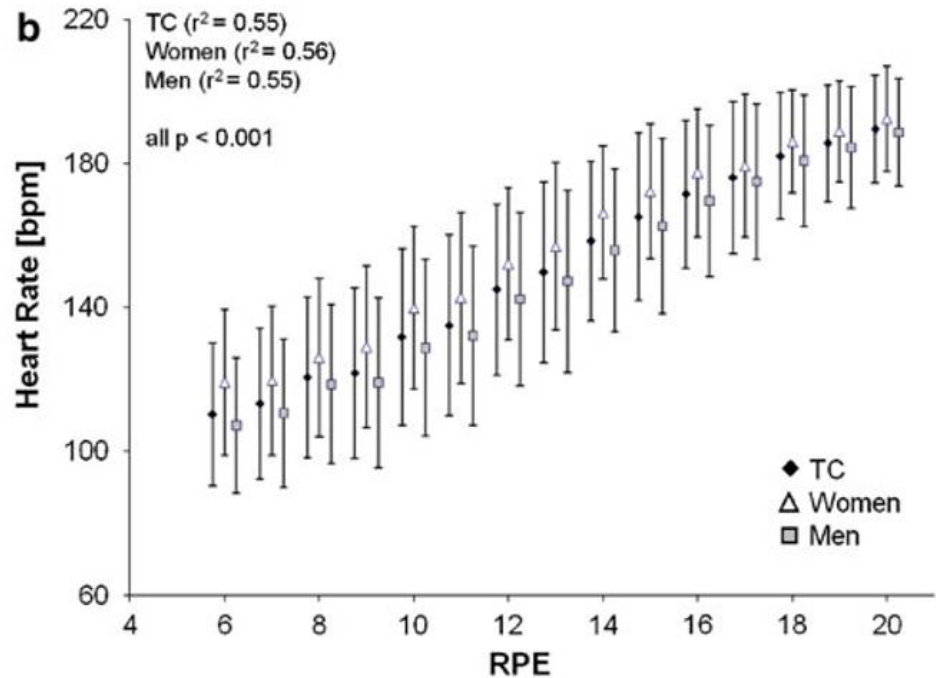
**Fig. 1.** Teleoanticipation and perceived exertion. A precise regulation of exercise performance may be achieved through a process of teleoanticipation. The perception of exertion results from the interpretation of afferent sensations against an expected outcome.

(Hampson et al., 2001)

# Cardiopulmonary Sources of Afferent Feedback



## RPE and heart rate during incremental exercise tests in 2,560 Men and Women

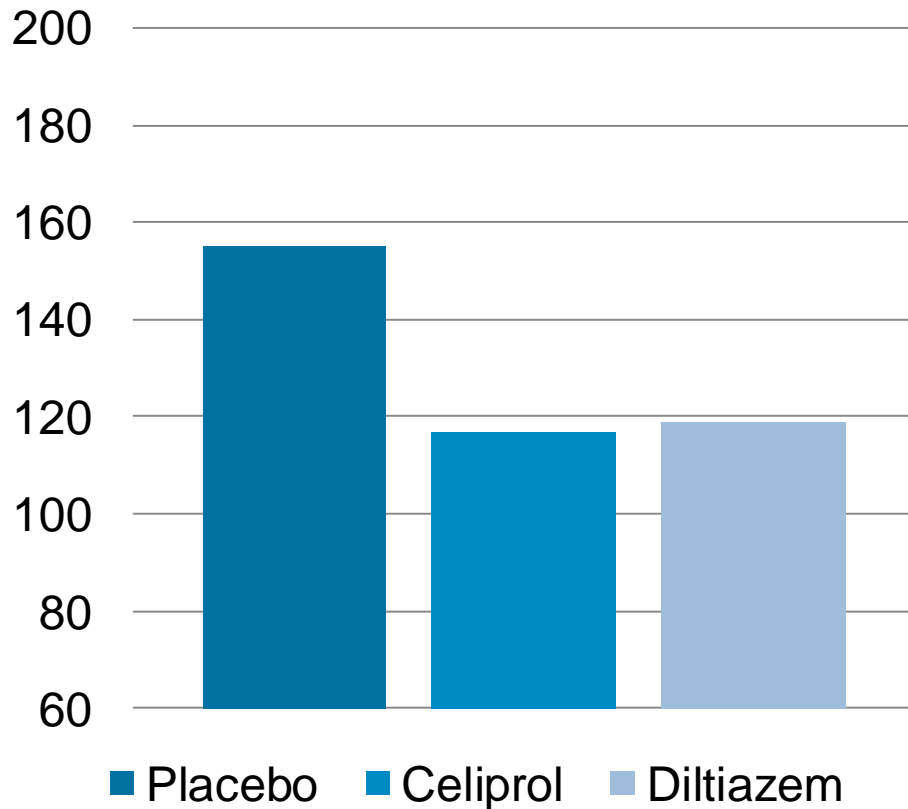


(Scherr et al., 2013)

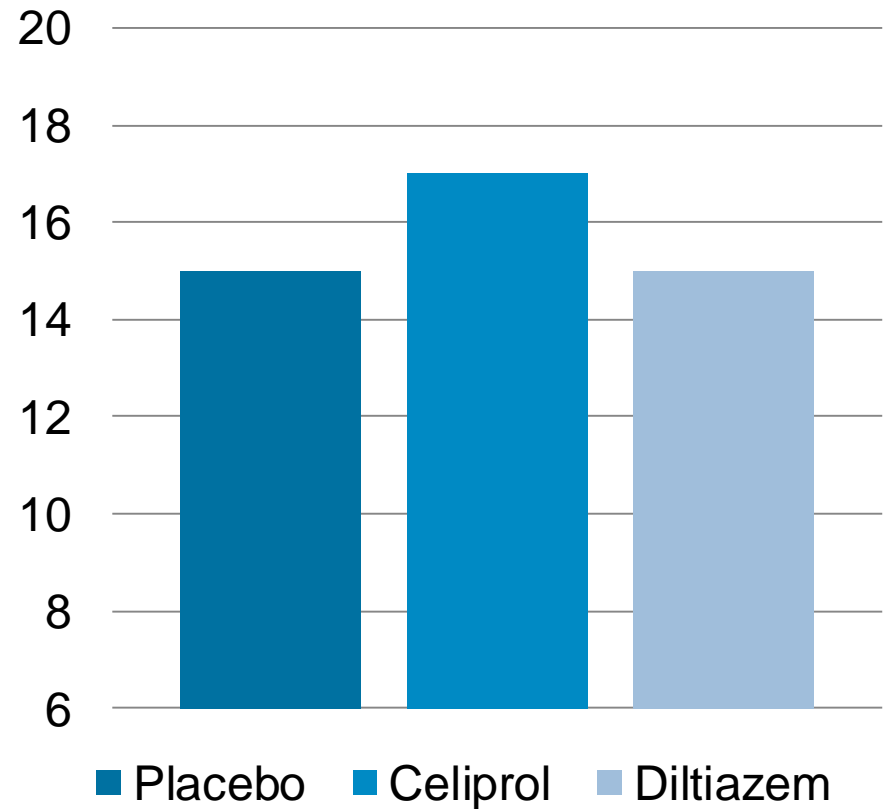


# Cardiopulmonary Sources of Afferent Feedback

## Heart Rate (beats/min)



## Perceived Exertion (RPE)



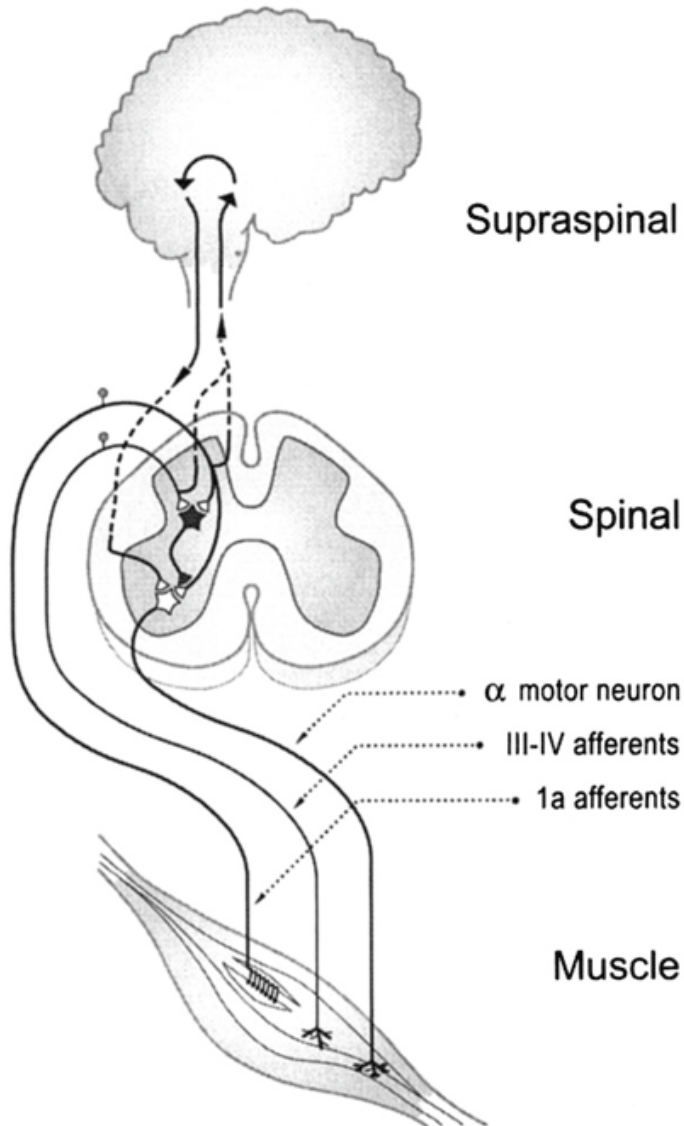
Nine men with chronic atrial fibrillation during treadmill exercise testing

(Myers et al., 1987)

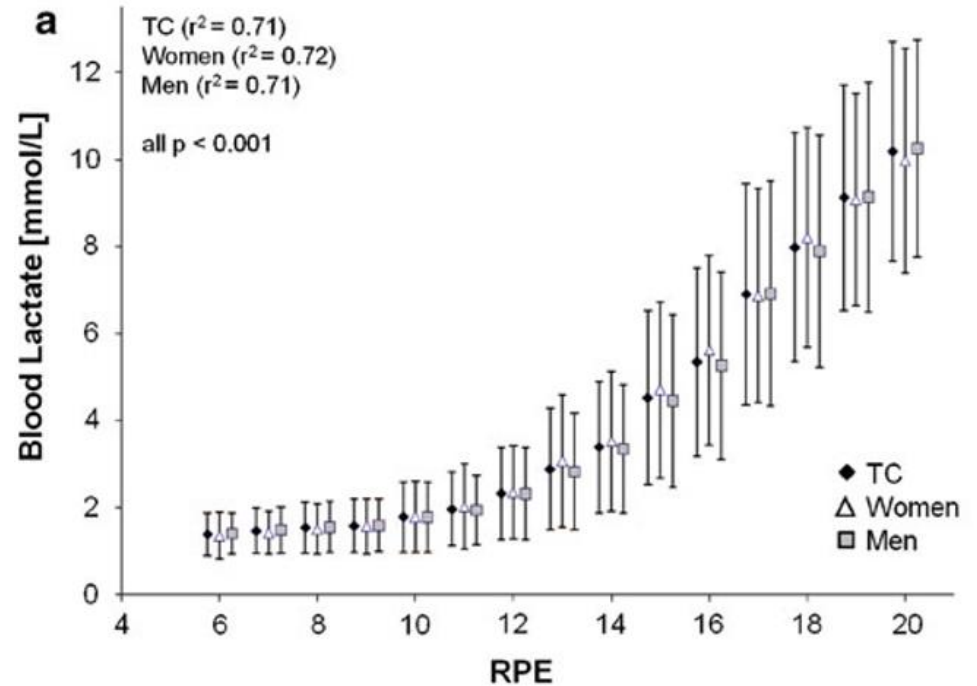
# Peripheral/Metabolic Sources of Afferent Feedback

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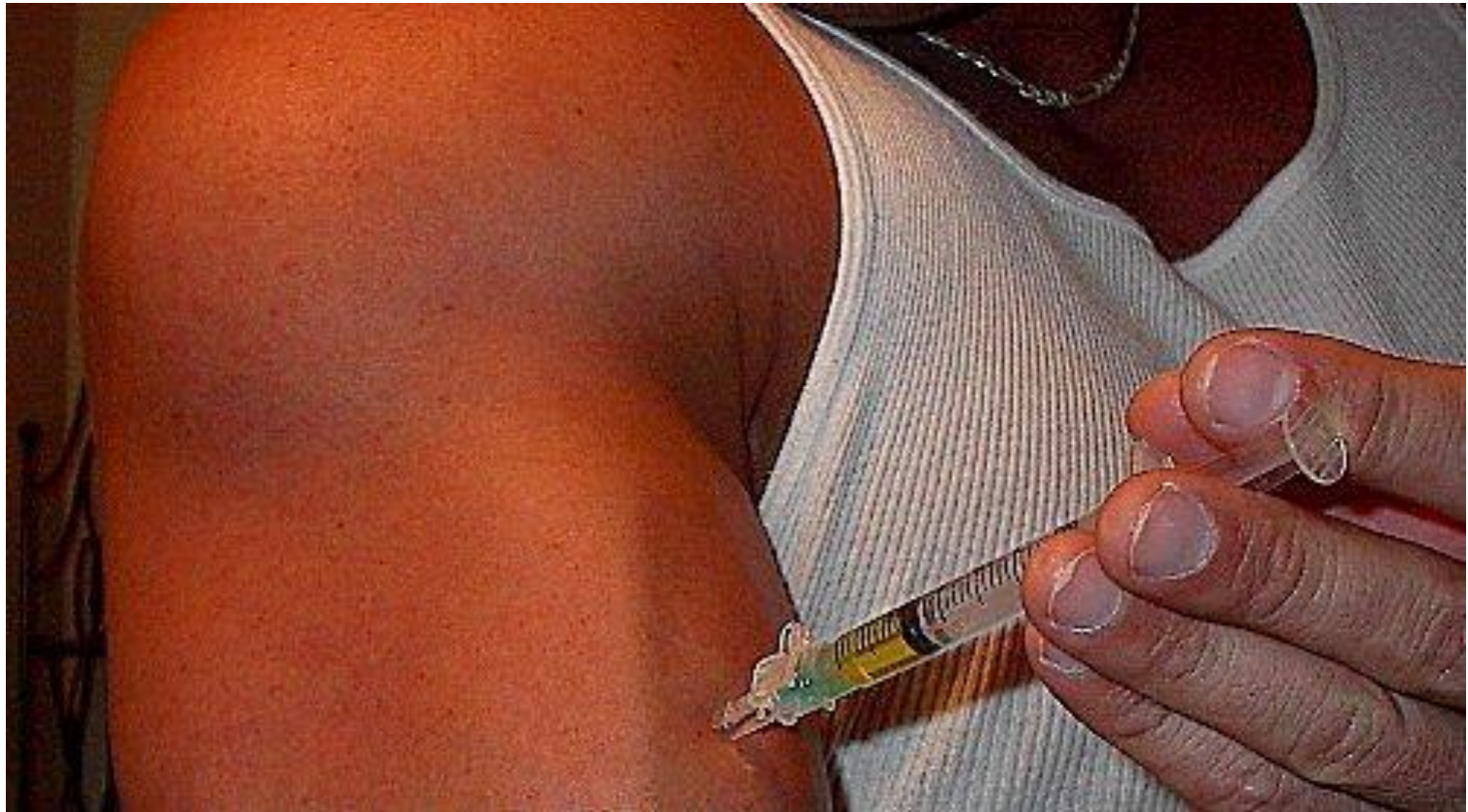
## RPE and blood lactate during incremental exercise tests in 2,560 Men and Women



(Scherr et al., 2013)

# Peripheral/Metabolic Sources of Afferent Feedback

## Experimental Muscle Pain



(Khan et al., 2011)

# Peripheral/Metabolic Sources of Afferent Feedback

## Isometric Contractions of Elbow Flexors

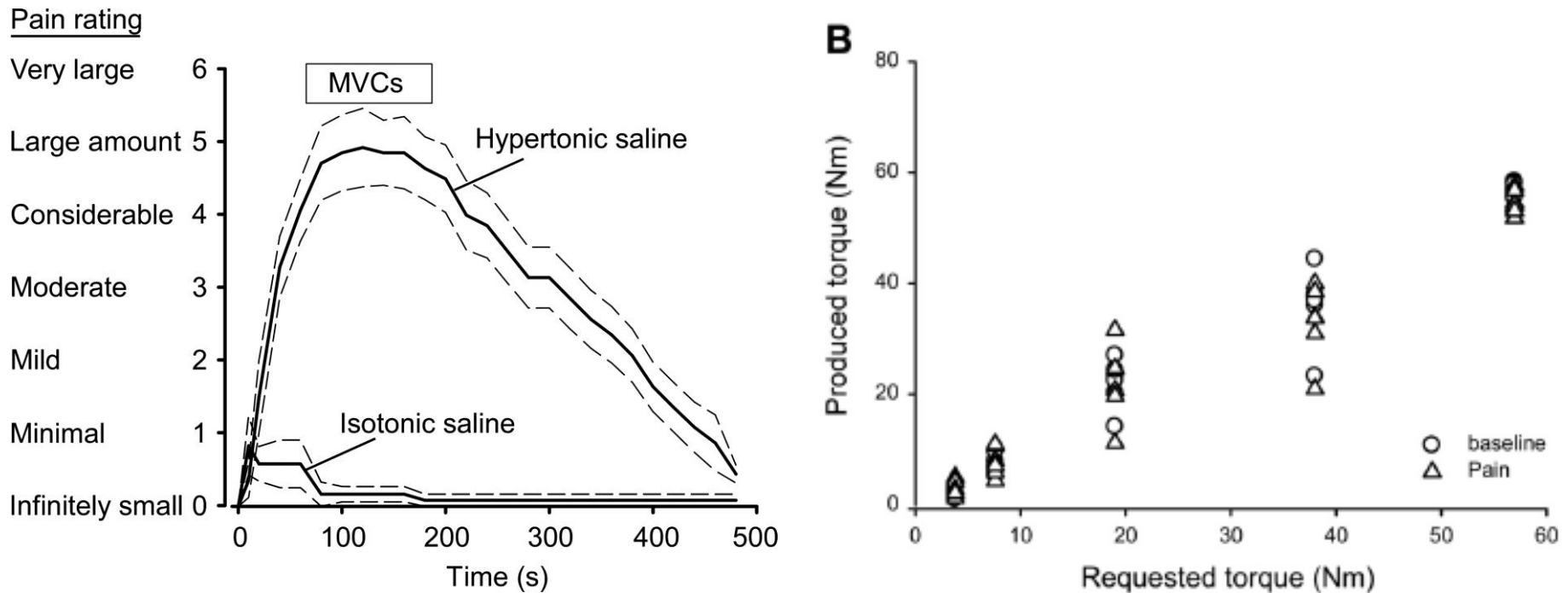
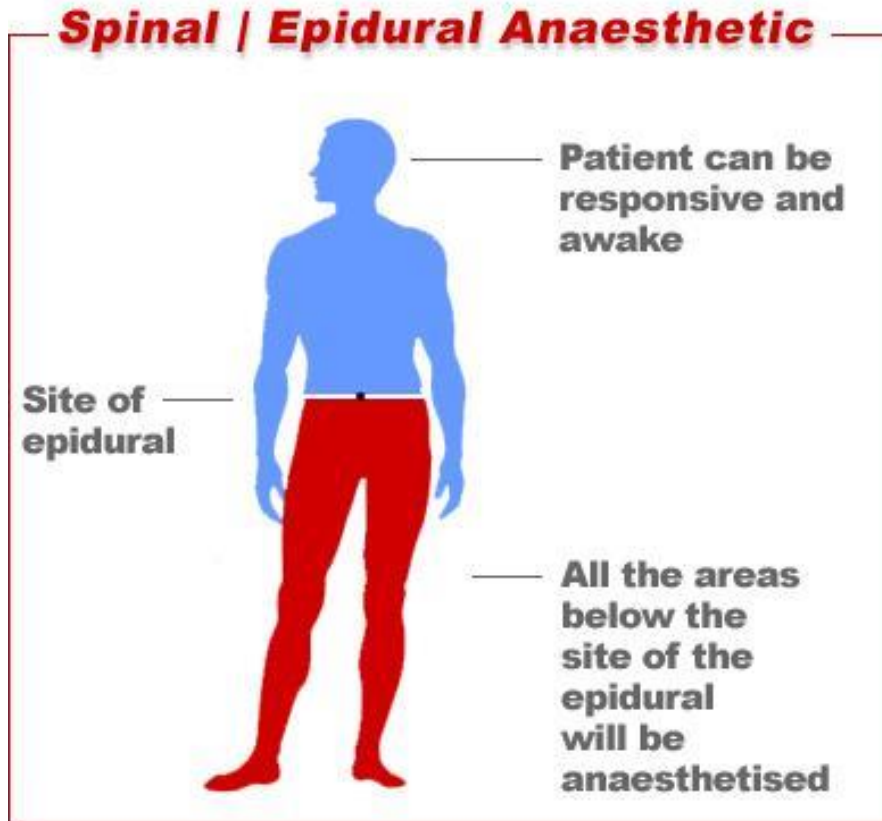


Figure B. Subjects instructed to “pull up with 5%, 10%, 25%, 50%, or 75% of your maximal effort” (RPE Production Method)

# Afferent Feedback and Perception of Effort

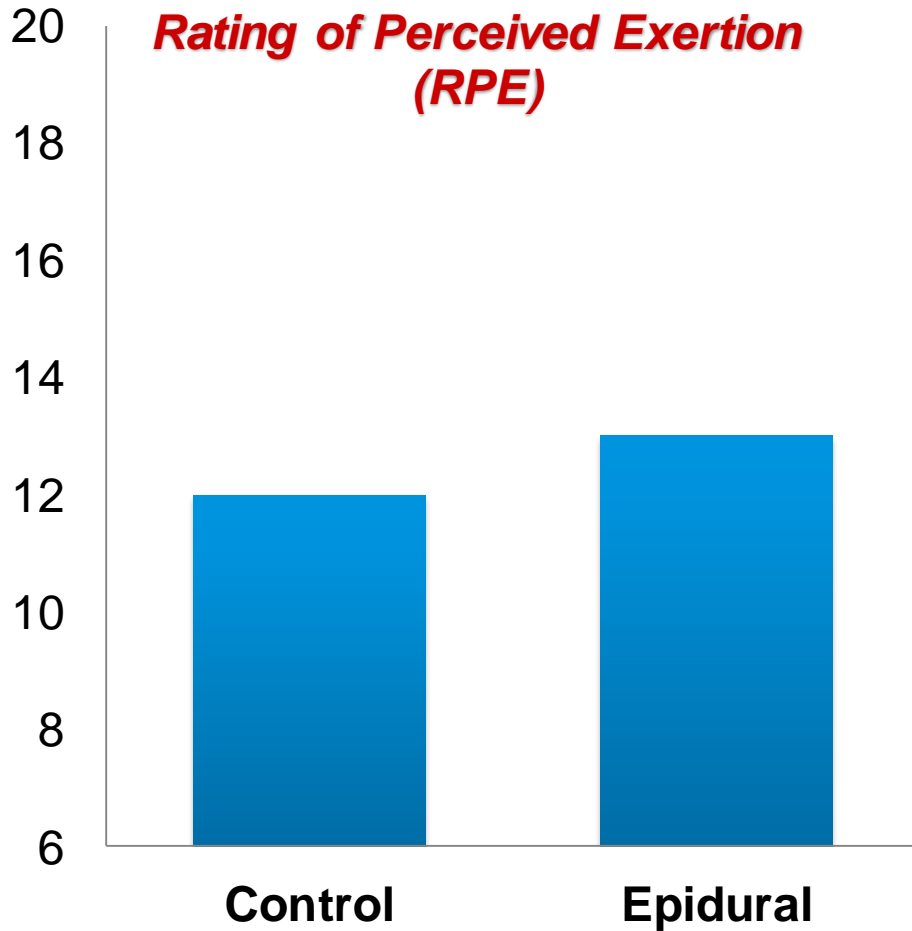


**Epidural anaesthesia at lumbar level**

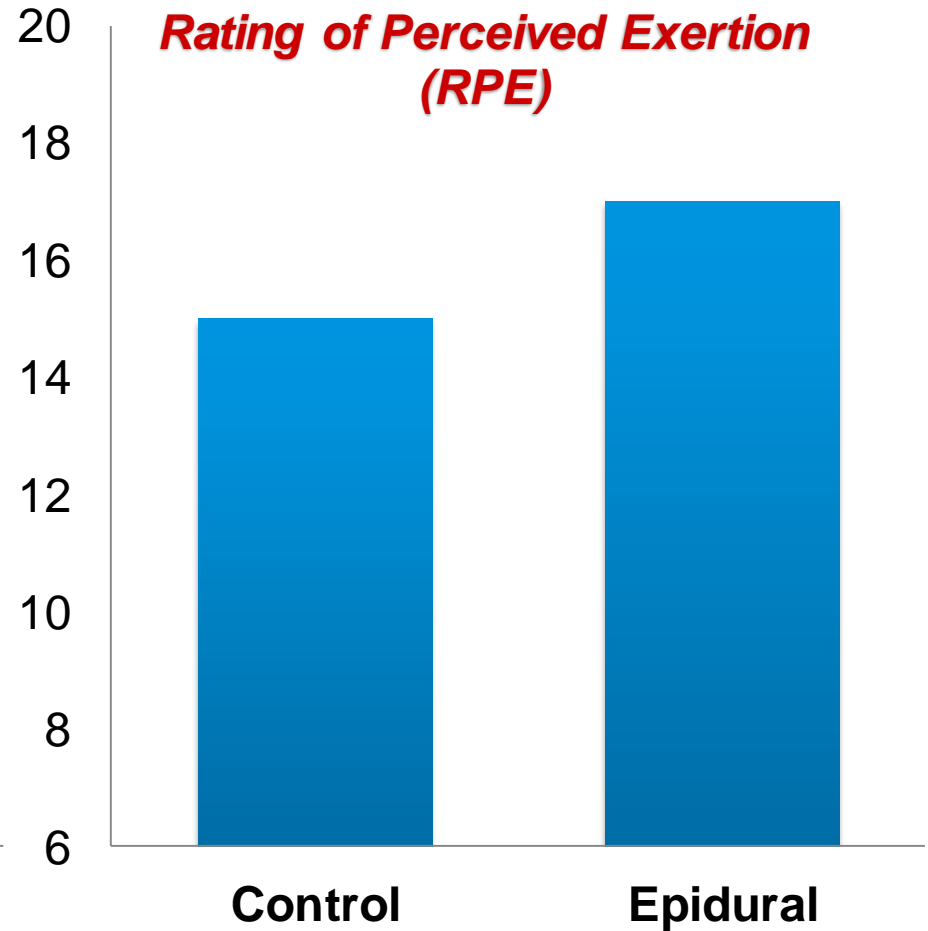
**Cycling exercise for 20 min at 46%  $\text{VO}_2\text{max}$**



# Afferent Feedback and Perception of Effort



**Normoxia (20.9% oxygen)**

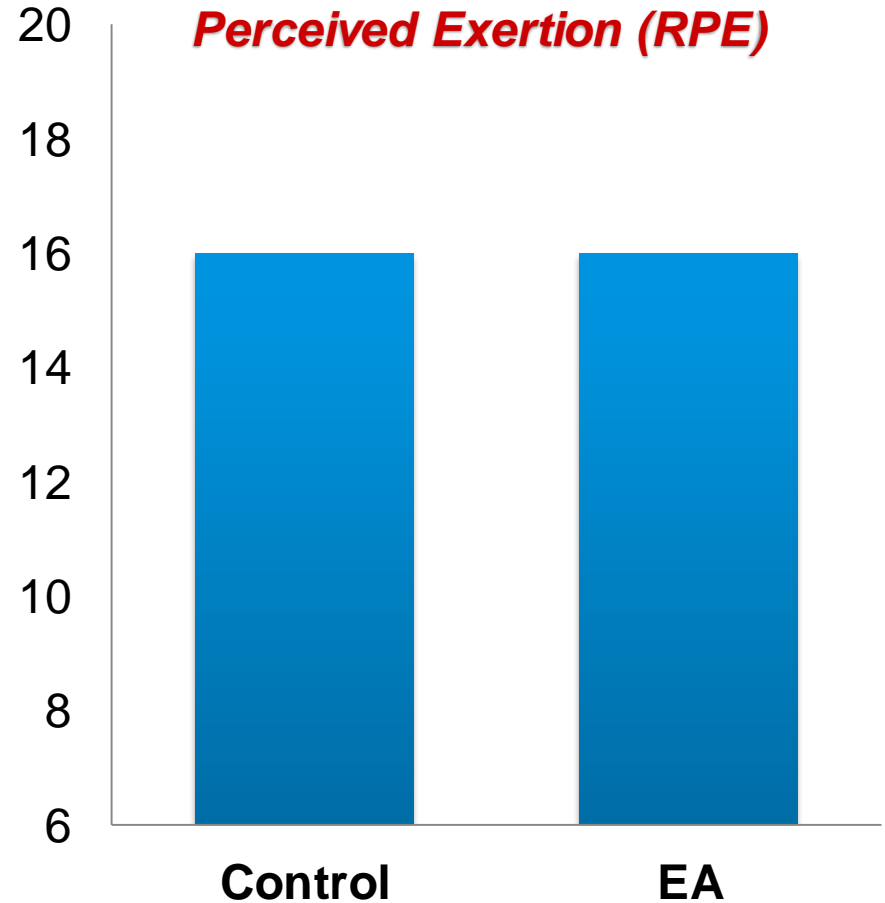
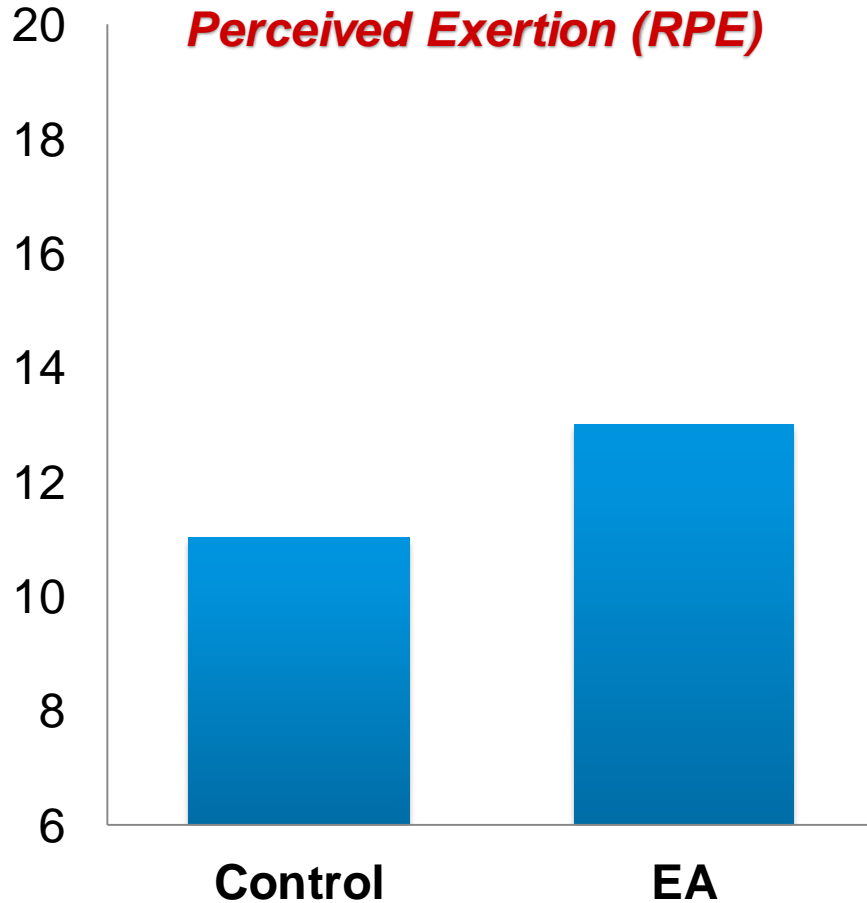


**Hypoxia (11.5% oxygen)**

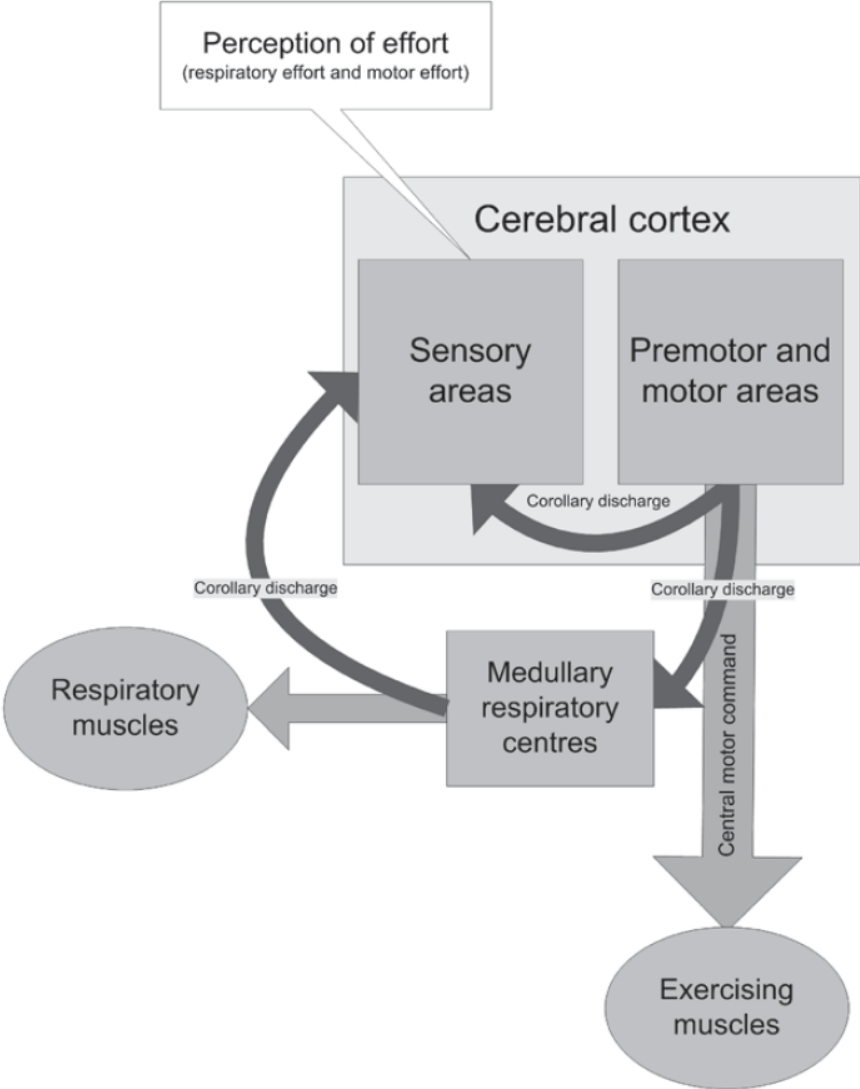
# Peripheral/Metabolic Sources of Afferent Feedback

5 min of isometric one leg extension at **same absolute force** (10% of initial MVC =  $21 \pm 2$  Nm)

2 min of isometric one leg extension at **same relative force** (30% of current MVC)

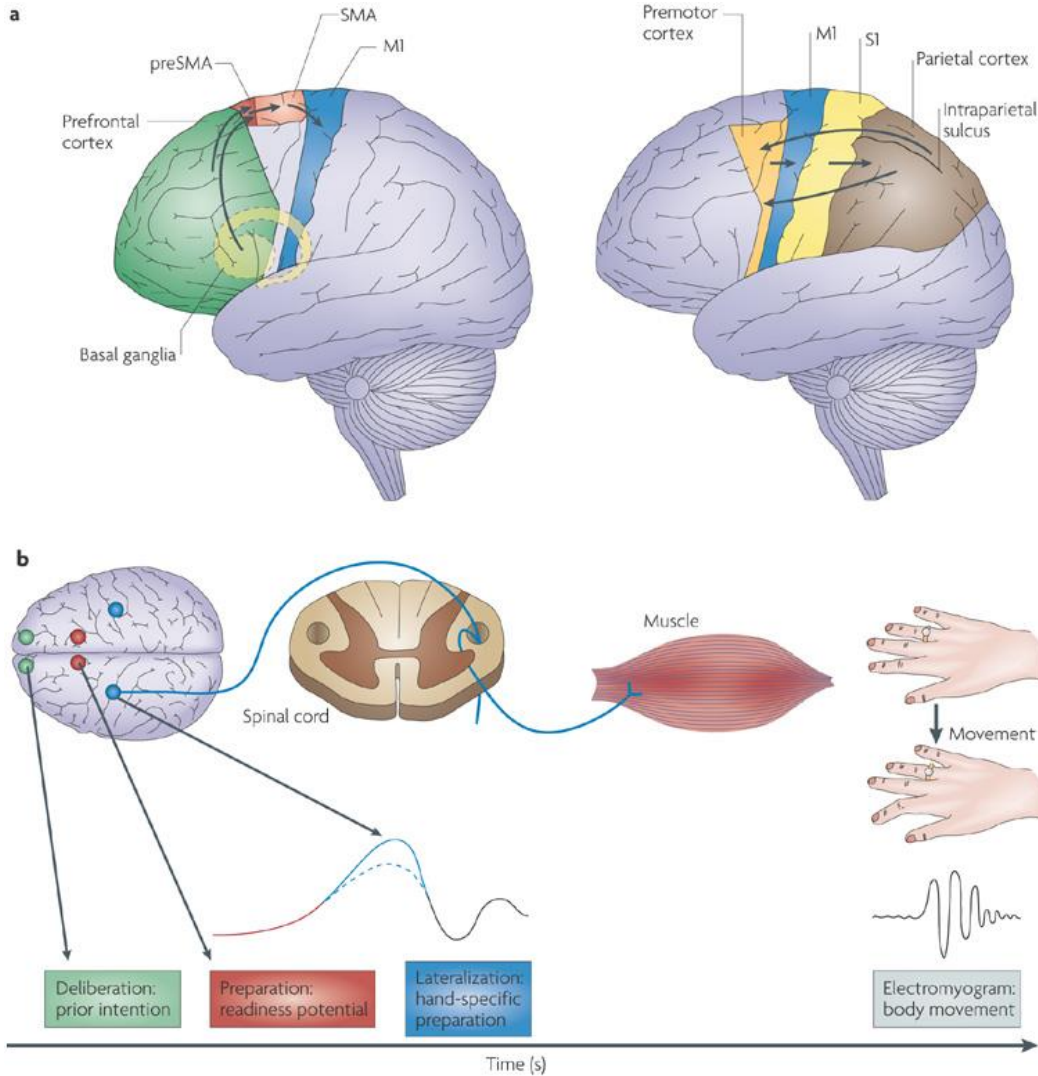


# Corollary Discharge Model of Perceived Effort



(de Morree and Marcora, 2015)

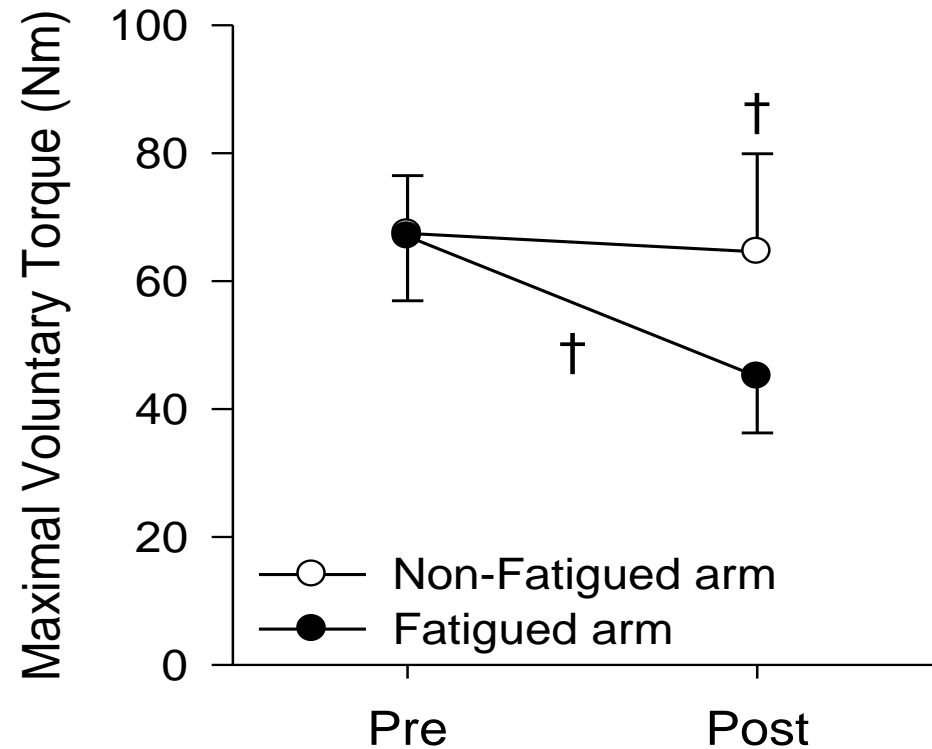
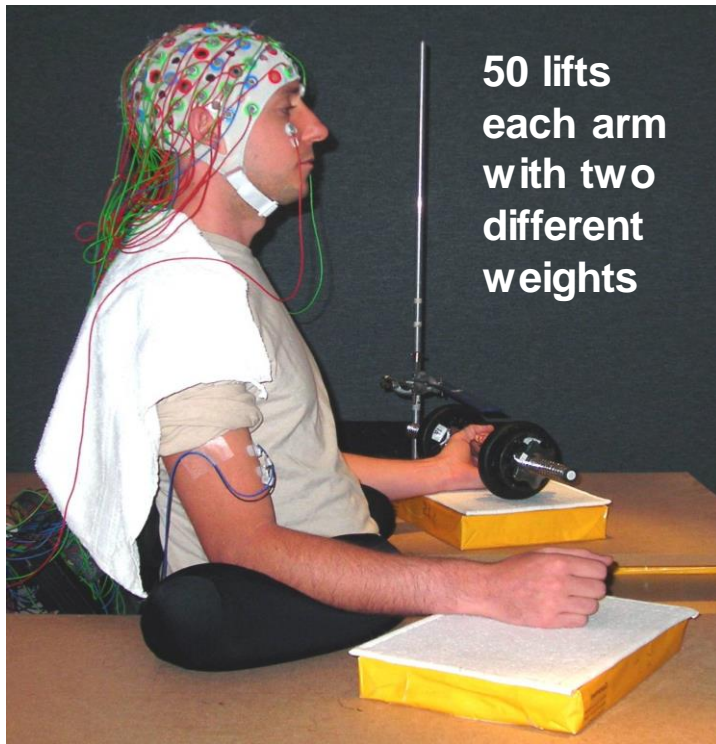
# Motor-Related Cortical Potentials



## Electroencephalography (EEG)



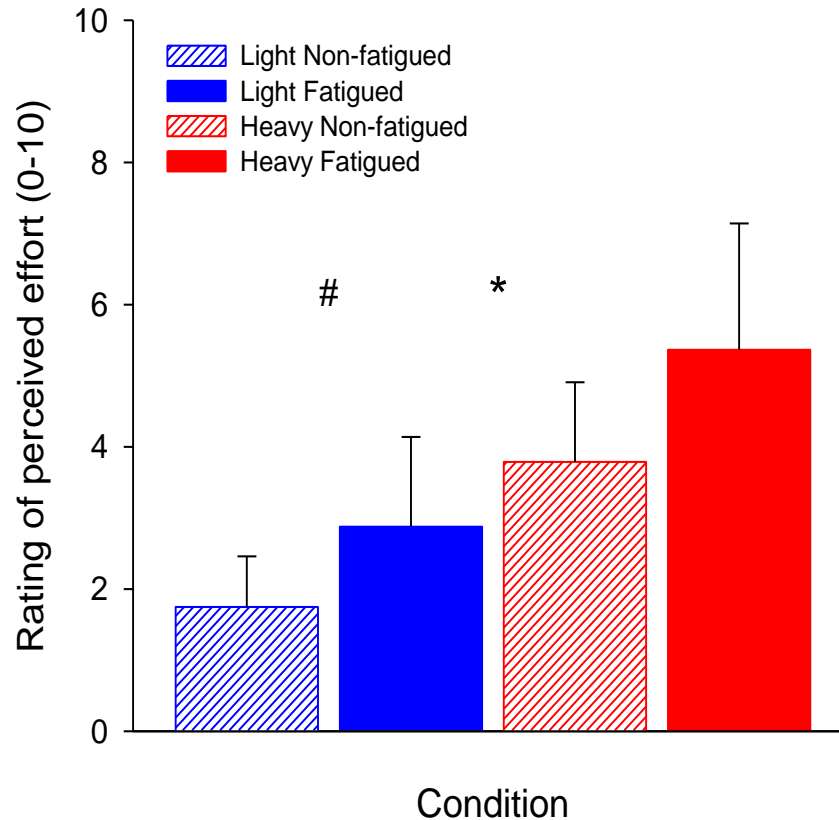
# Central Command and Perception of Effort



*Left.* Experimental set-up. *Right.* Strength loss after fatiguing protocol. † significant paired difference.

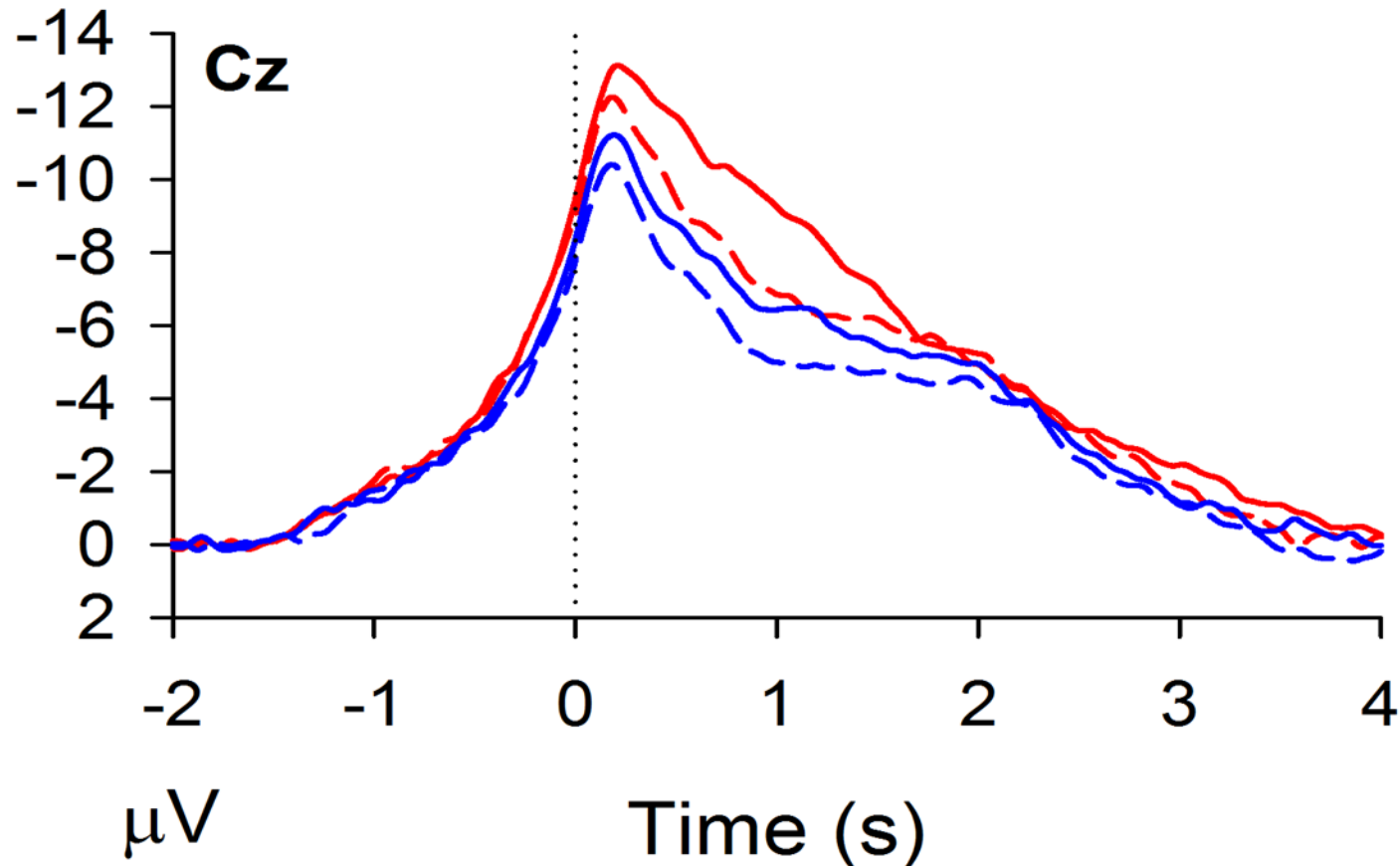


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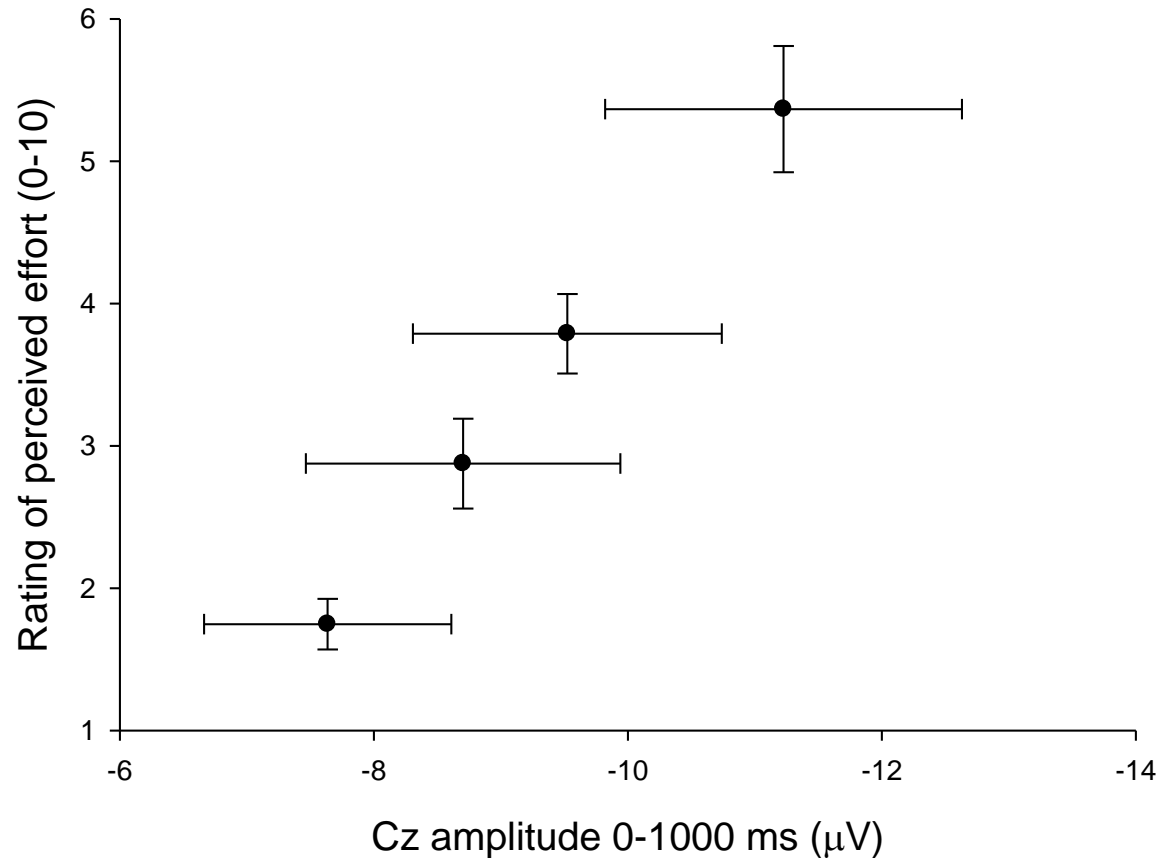
Rating of perceived effort for all four weightlifting conditions. Data are presented as means  $\pm$  standard deviations. # Significant main effect of fatigue ( $p < 0.001$ ), \* significant main effect of weight ( $p < 0.001$ ).

# Central Command and Perception of Effort



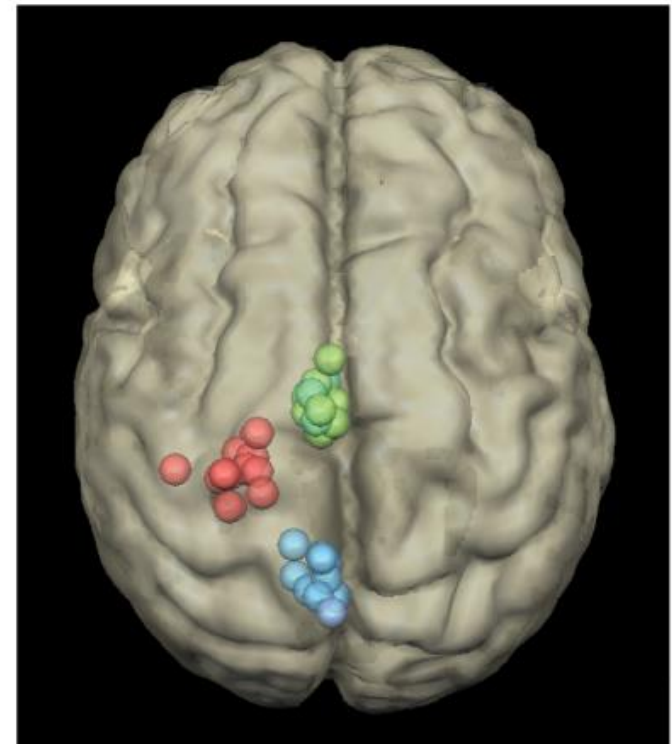
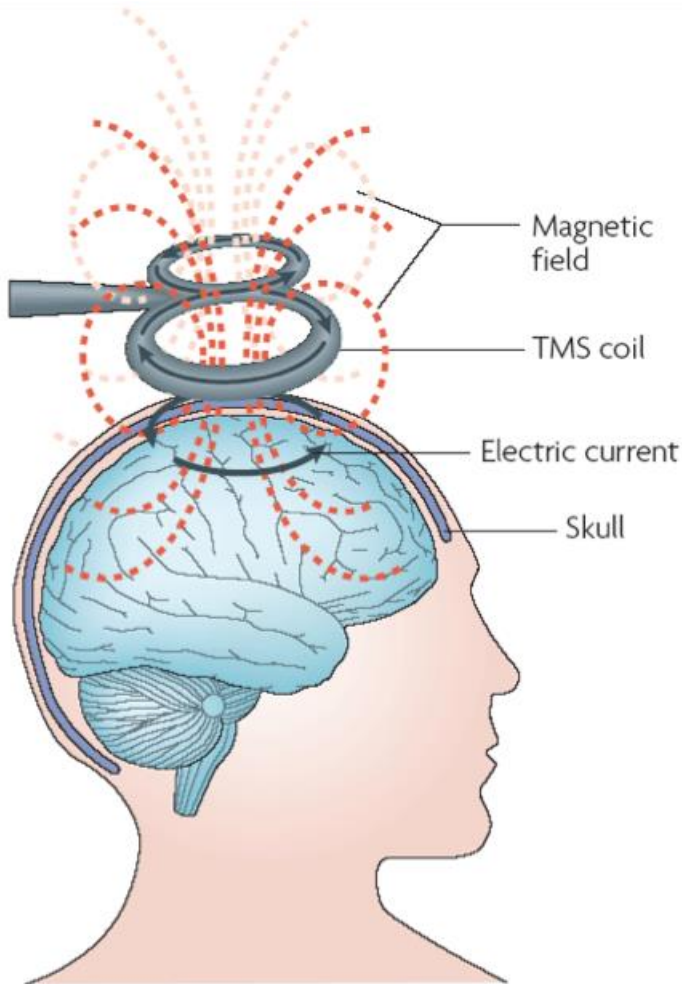
Movement-related cortical potentials at five electrodes for the four weightlifting conditions over time. <sub>contra</sub> is contralateral to the movement and <sub>ipsi</sub> is ipsilateral to the movement. Time 0 s is EMG onset.

# Central Command and Perception of Effort



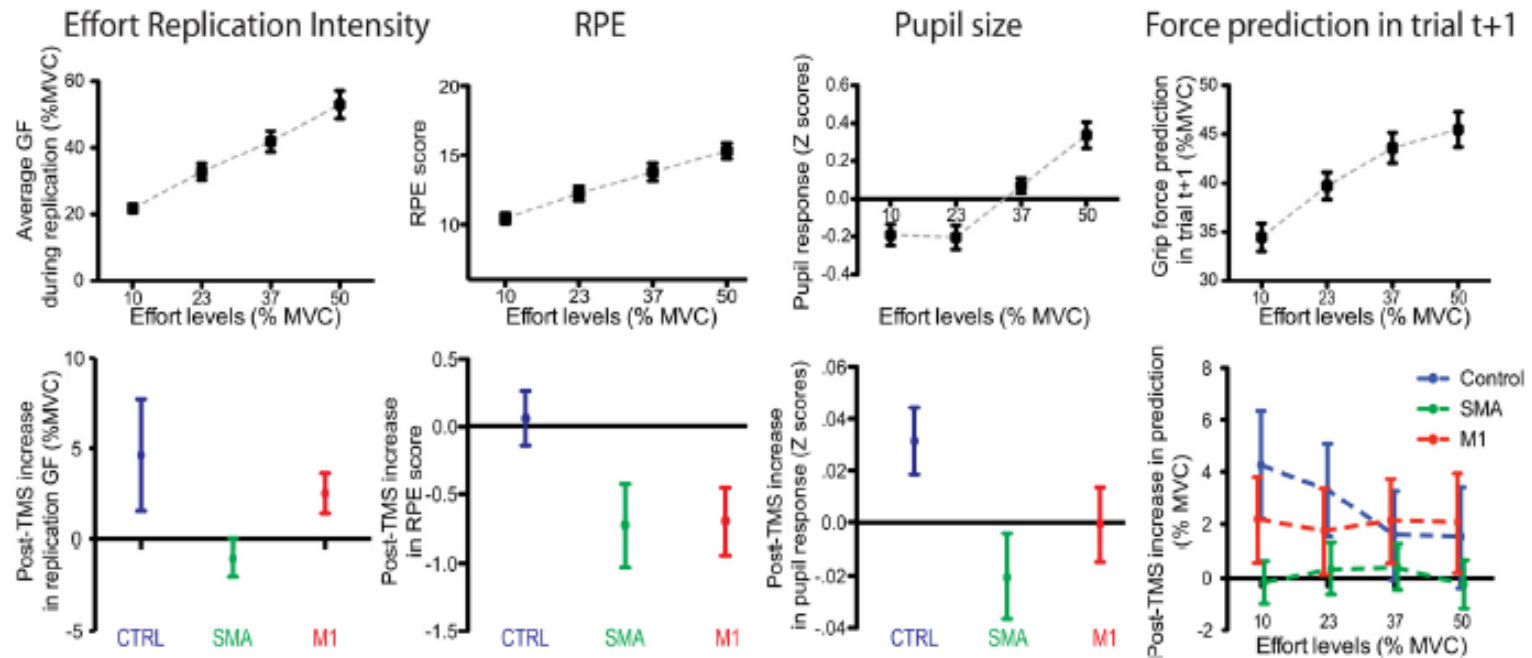
Within-subject correlation between rating of perceived effort and average Cz amplitude during the first 1000 ms of movement. Each data point represents the means  $\pm$  standard errors for one of the four conditions. The correlation coefficient was  $r_{(14)} = -0.64$  ( $p < 0.001$ ).

# Disrupting the Supplementary Motor Area Makes Physical Effort Appear Less Effortful



**Figure 2.** Localization of the cTBS sites in the 12 participants for the SMA (green), M1 (red), and control (blue) conditions. These coordinates were obtained by projecting the stimulation sites onto the individual brain MRI of each participant, which was then normalized into the Talairach space.

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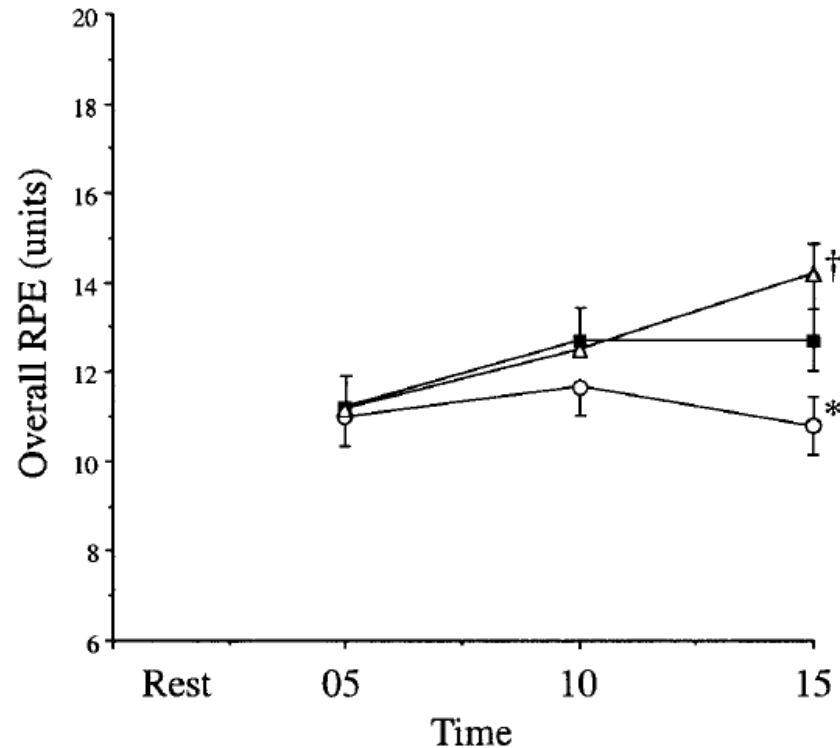


**Figure 3.** Continuous measurements of effort perception. Each column corresponds to a different effort perception variable. Error bars indicate the SEM. Top row, Relationship between each variable and the effort intensity condition. Bottom row, Changes observed in the four continuous variables after cTBS application to each of the three cTBS sites. Main effects of cTBS sites are illustrated for all variables except the force prediction in trial t + 1, in which the EFFORT INTENSITY × cTBS SITE interaction is shown instead, because this was the only significant result obtained from the statistical analysis.

## Handgrip Exercise

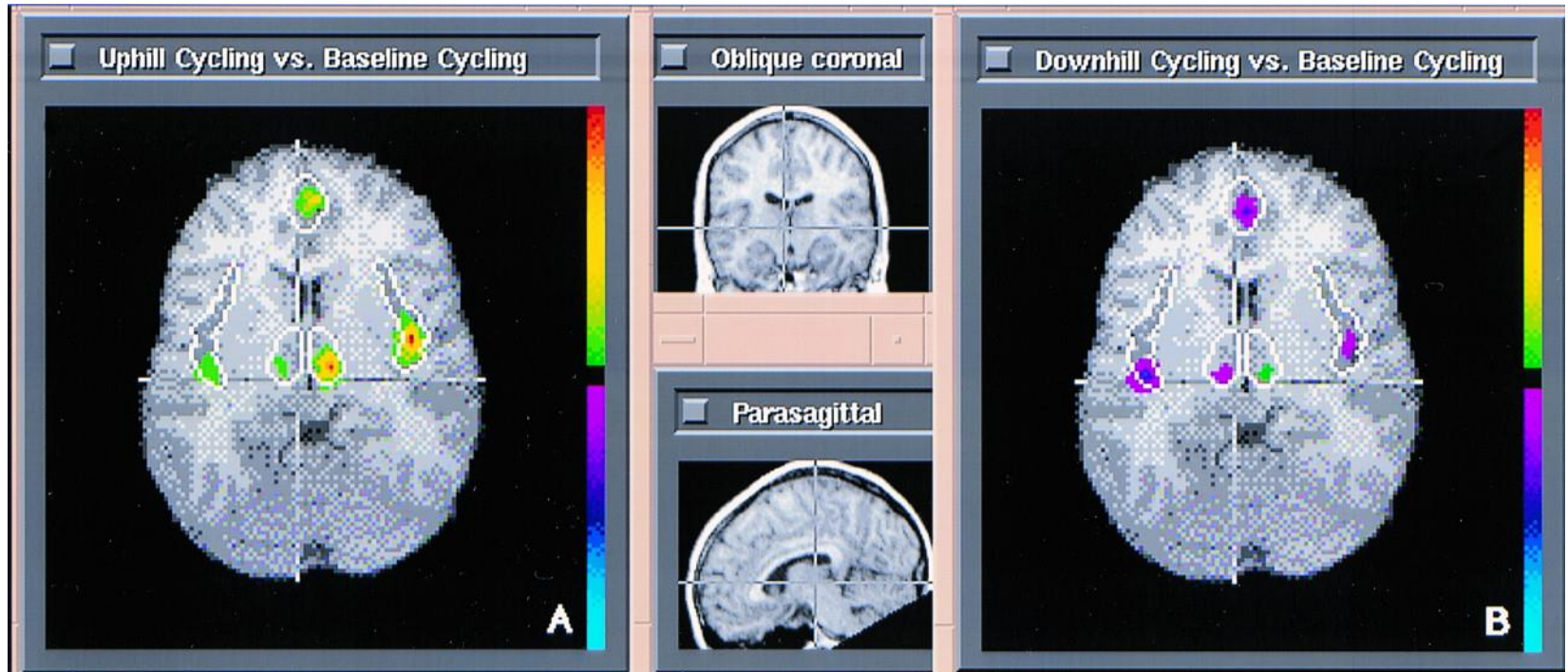


# Anterior Cingulate Cortex (ACC)



Rating of Perceived Exertion (RPE) during perceived uphill and downhill cycling at a constant workload

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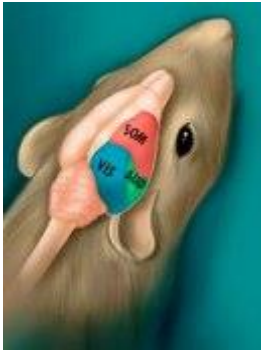
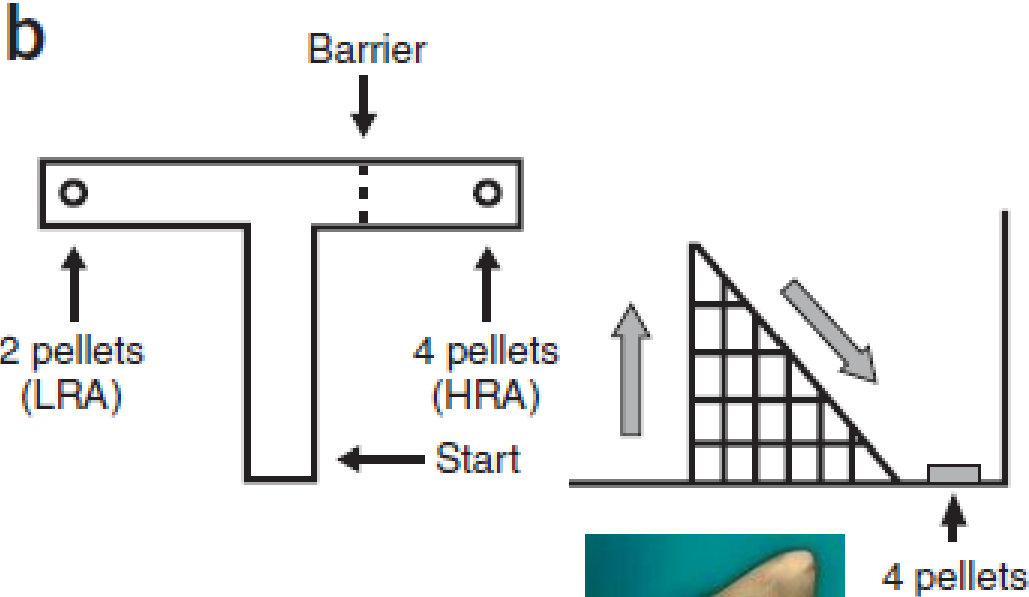


Coregistered single-positron-emission computed tomography and magnetic resonance imaging data during perceived uphill and downhill cycling at a constant workload

# Separate neural pathways process different decision costs

Peter H Rudebeck, Mark E Walton, Angharad N Smyth, David M Bannerman & Matthew F S Rushworth

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**Anterior cingulate cortex (ACC)** lesions affect how much effort rats decided to invest for rewards (“lazy rats”).

# **Novel Interventions to Facilitate Physical Activity Behaviour**

# Investments that Work for Physical Activity

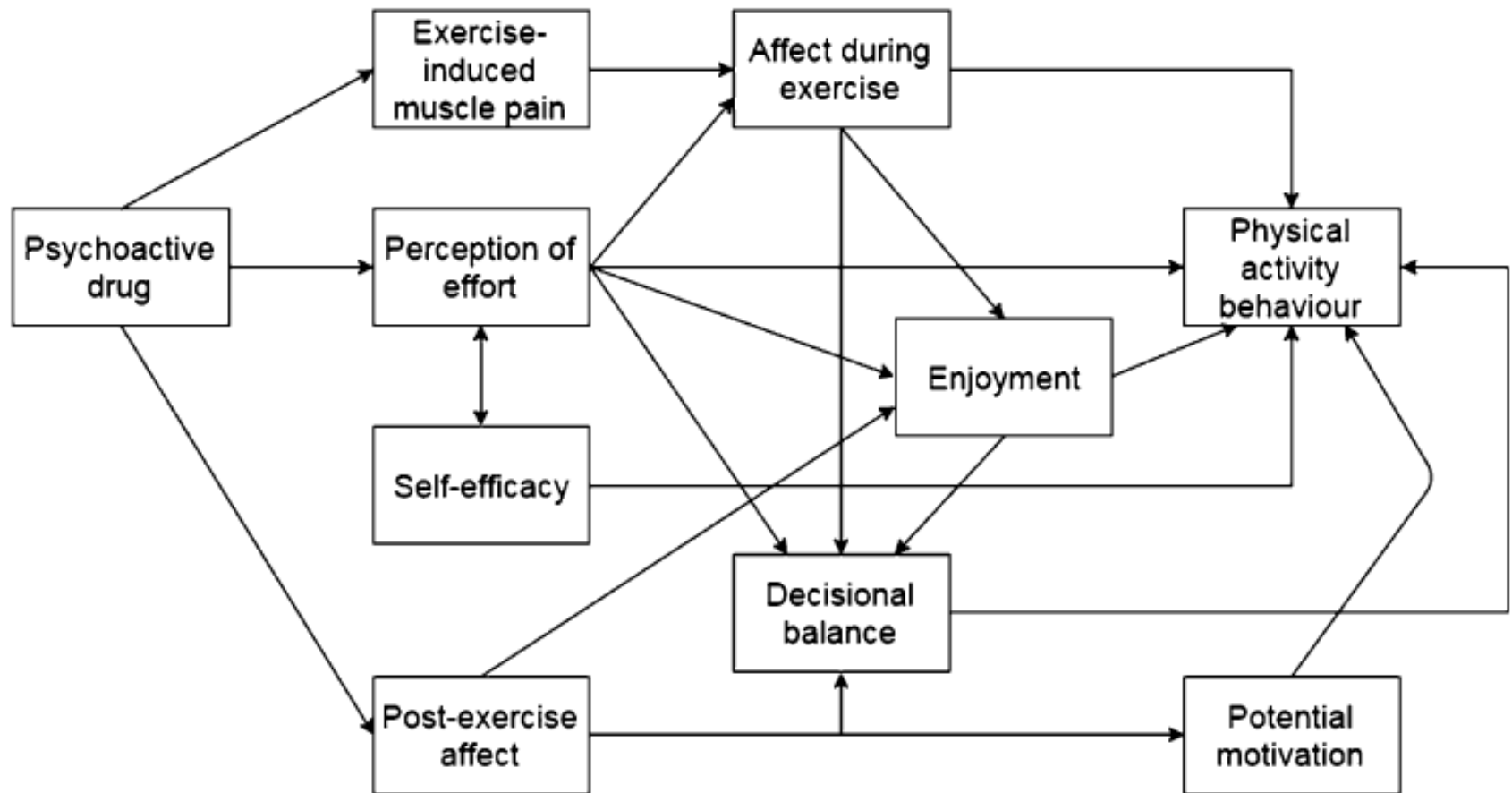
- ‘Whole-of-school’ programs
- **Transport policies and systems** that prioritise walking, cycling and public transport
- **Urban design regulations and infrastructure** that provides for equitable and safe access for recreational physical activity, and recreational and transport-related walking and cycling across the life course
- Physical activity and NCD prevention integrated into **primary health care systems**
- **Public education**, including mass media to raise awareness and change social norms on physical activity
- **Community-wide programs** involving multiple settings and sectors and that mobilize and integrate community engagement and resources
- **Sports systems and programs** that promote ‘sport for all’ and encourage participation across the life span



# BCTs in intervention studies to increase self-efficacy and PA in people with obesity

- **Goal setting (behaviour)**
- **Prompt self-monitoring of behaviour**
- **Prompt practice**
- Barrier Identification/Problem solving
- Relapse prevention/coping planning
- Provide instruction on how to perform the behaviour
- **Plan social support/social change**
- Provide information on consequences of behaviour in general
- Provide information on consequences of behaviour for the individual
- **Set graded tasks**
- **Prompt review of behavioural goals**
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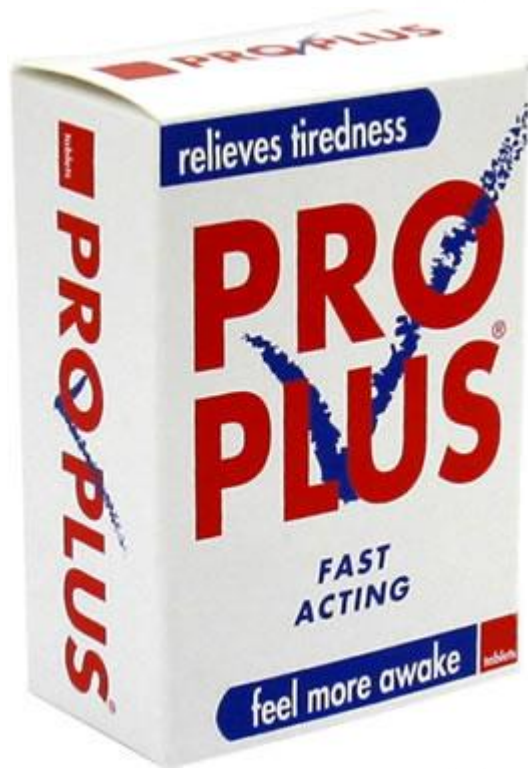
# Can Doping be a Good Thing? Using Psychoactive Drugs to Facilitate Physical Activity Behaviour



# Pharmacotherapy as a BCT for other health behaviours



# Cheap, widely available, safe and effective psychoactive drug

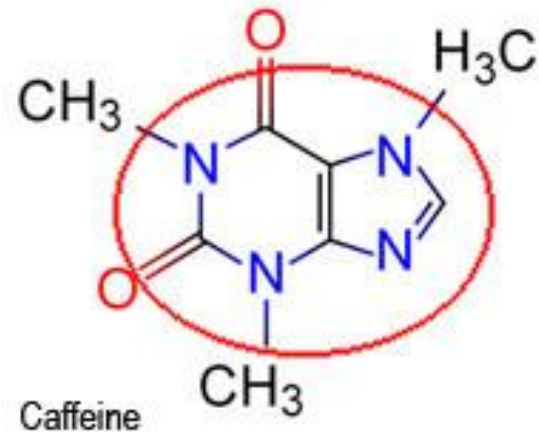
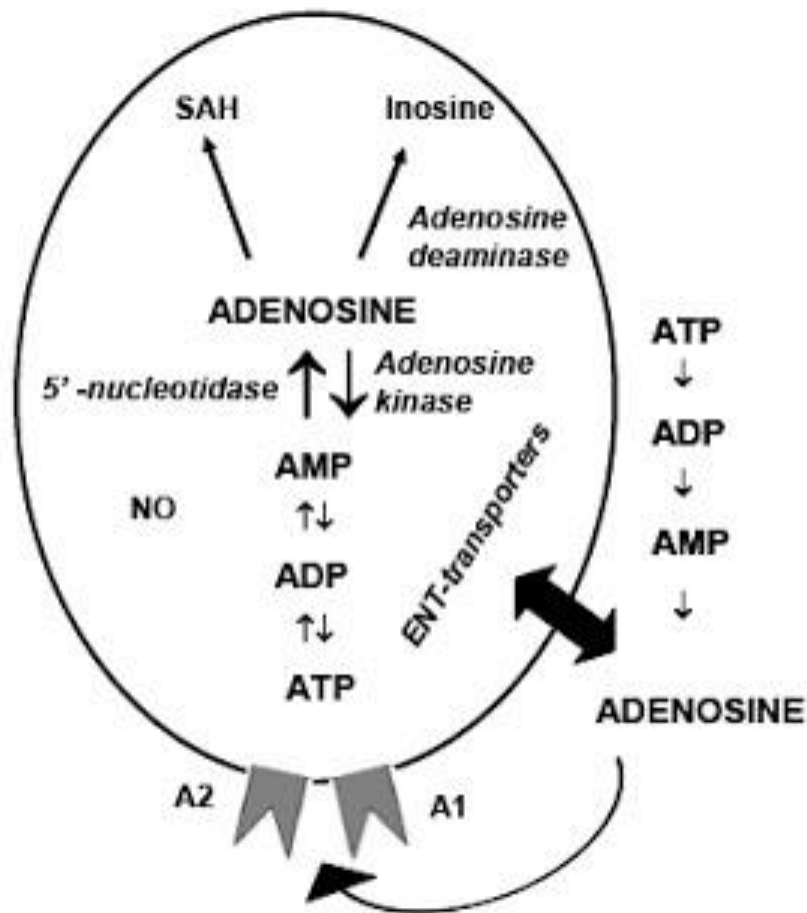




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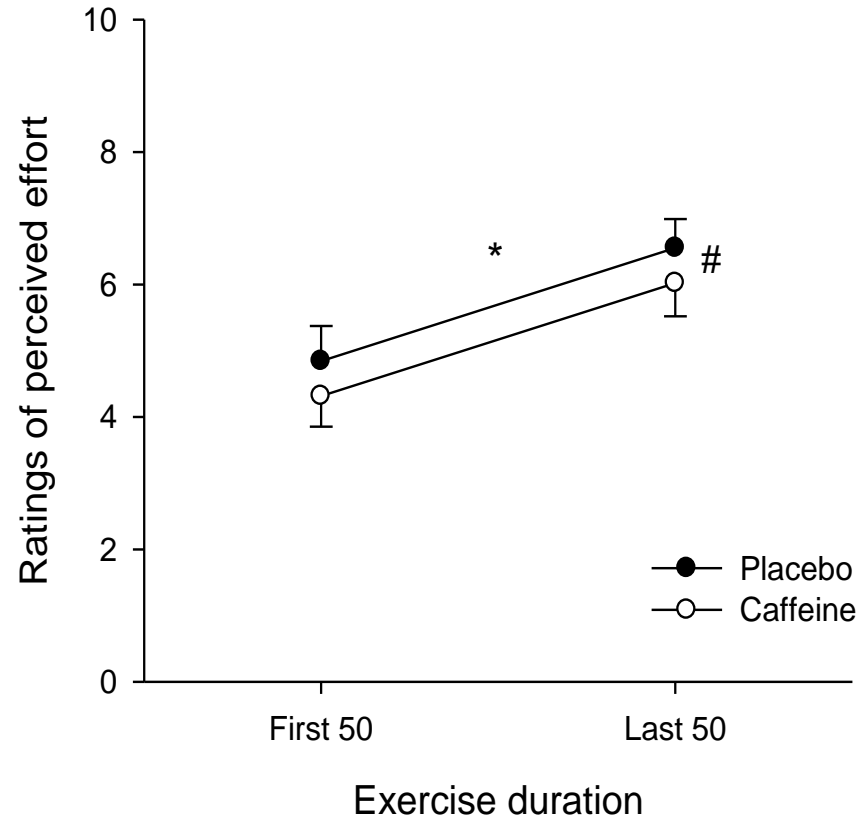
PNAS | April 17, 2012 | vol. 109 | no. 16 | 6265–6270

Ditte Lovatt<sup>a,1,2</sup>, Qiwu Xu<sup>a,1</sup>, Wei Liu<sup>a,3</sup>, Takahiro Takano<sup>a</sup>, Nathan A. Smith<sup>a</sup>, Jurgen Schnermann<sup>b</sup>, Kim Tieu<sup>a</sup>, and Maiken Nedergaard<sup>a,2</sup>



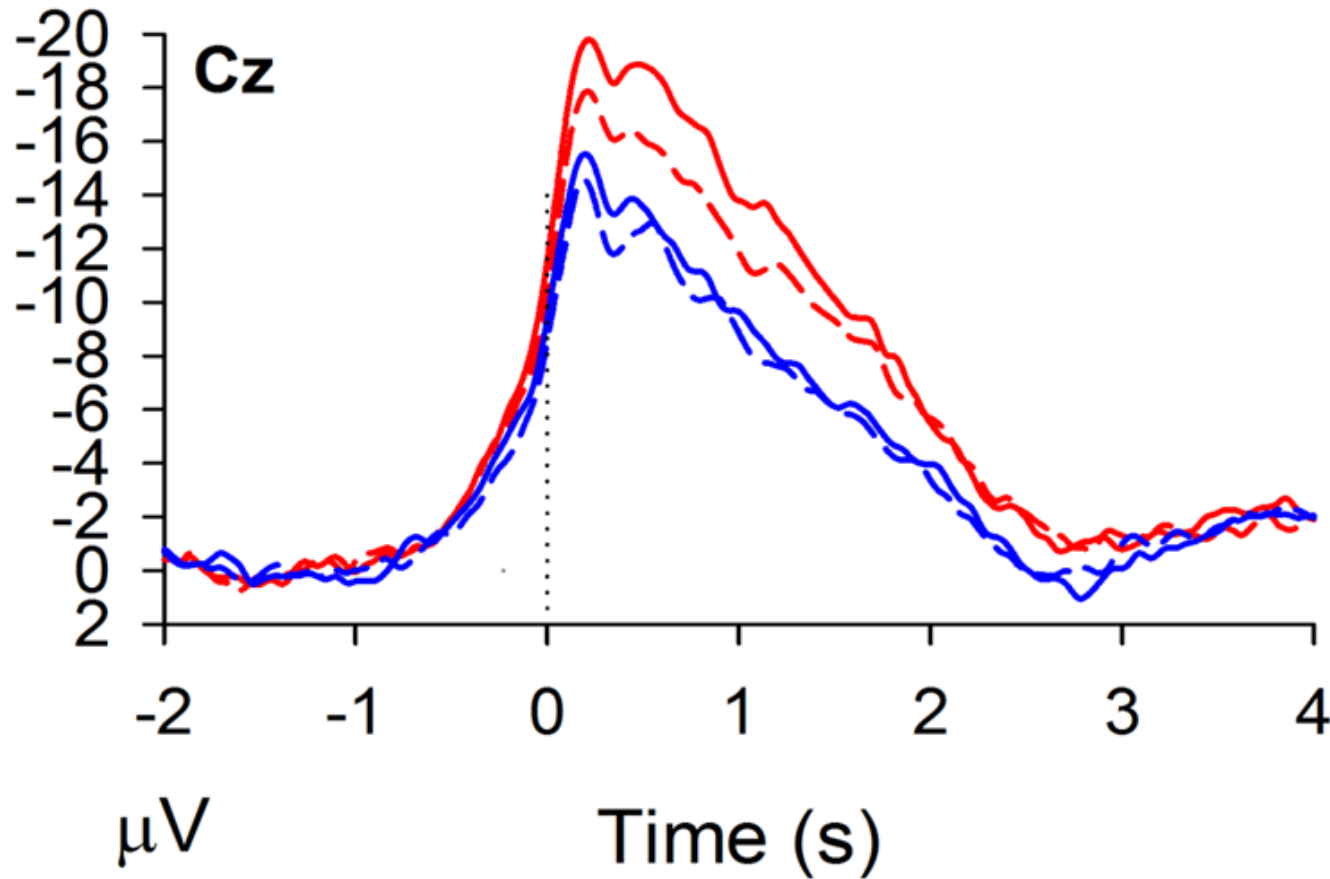


# Central Command and RPE



*Left.* Experimental set-up. *Right.* Effects of caffeine and exercise duration on perception of effort. \* Significant main effect of caffeine. # Significant main effect of exercise duration

# Central Command and RPE

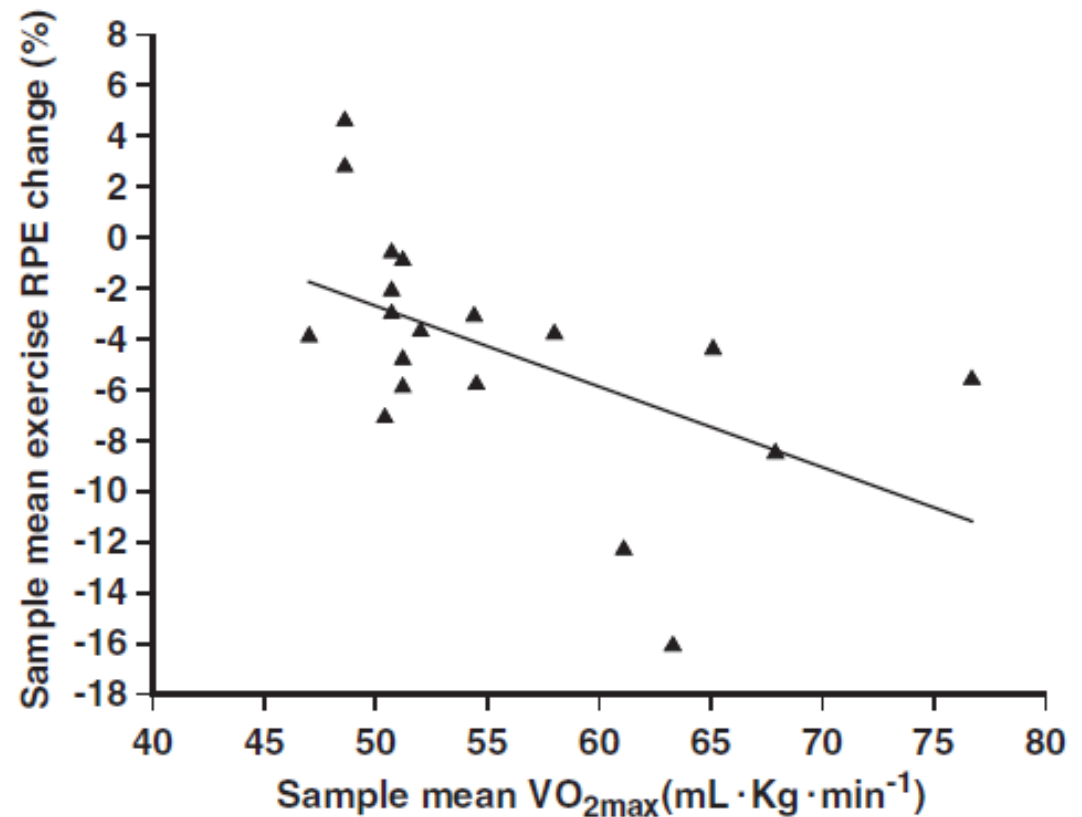


Movement-related cortical potentials at five electrodes for the first 50 and last 50 contractions in the caffeine and placebo conditions. Time 0 ms is EMG onset.

## Review

# Effects of caffeine ingestion on rating of perceived exertion during and after exercise: a meta-analysis

M. Doherty, P. M. Smith



# Effects of Caffeine in Inactive People

## Aims

Investigate whether the effect of caffeine ingestion on psychological responses to HIIT are associated with changes in exercise behaviour, as determined by choice.

## Study Design

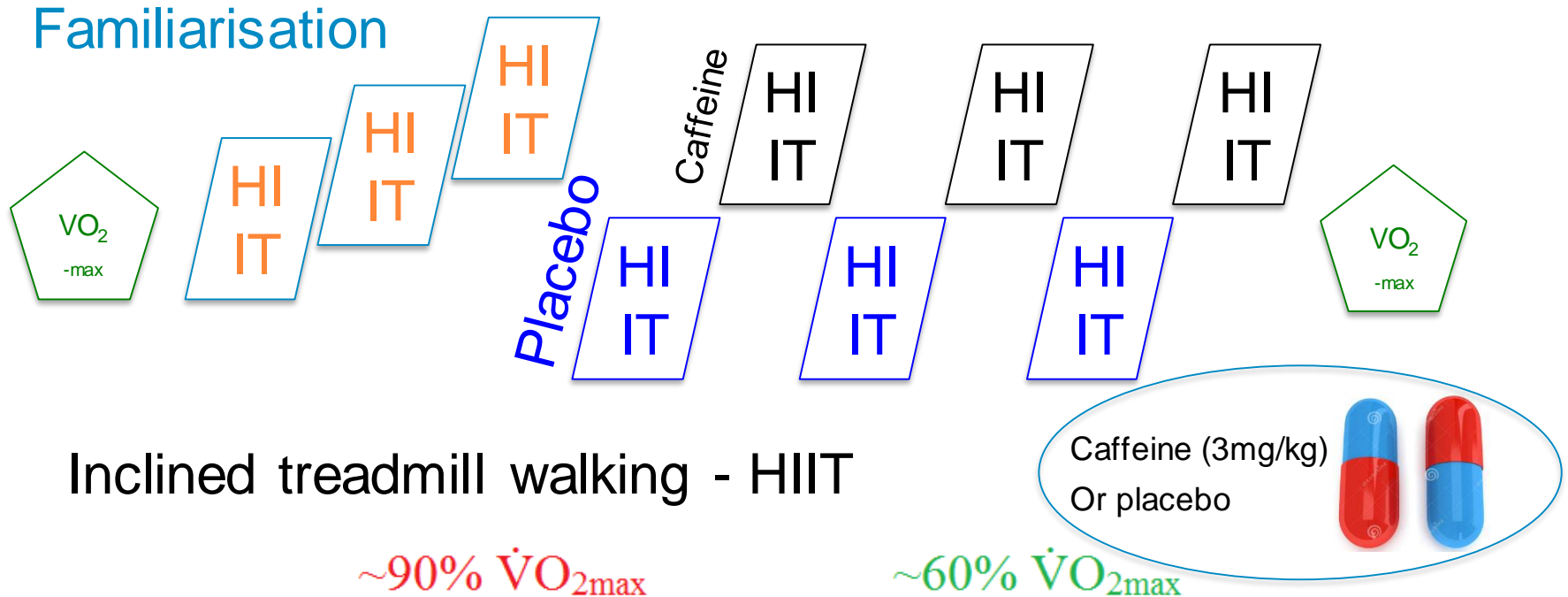
Double-blind, repeated measures crossover design

## Participants

Eight physically inactive adults ( $M \pm SD$ ) age,  $34 \pm 12$  years; height  $168 \pm 7$  cm; weight  $85 \pm 23$  kg; BMI  $31 \pm 7$ ; and  $VO_{2max}$   $32 \pm 6$ .

**Thanks to Joel Chidley and Dr Gurprit Lall**

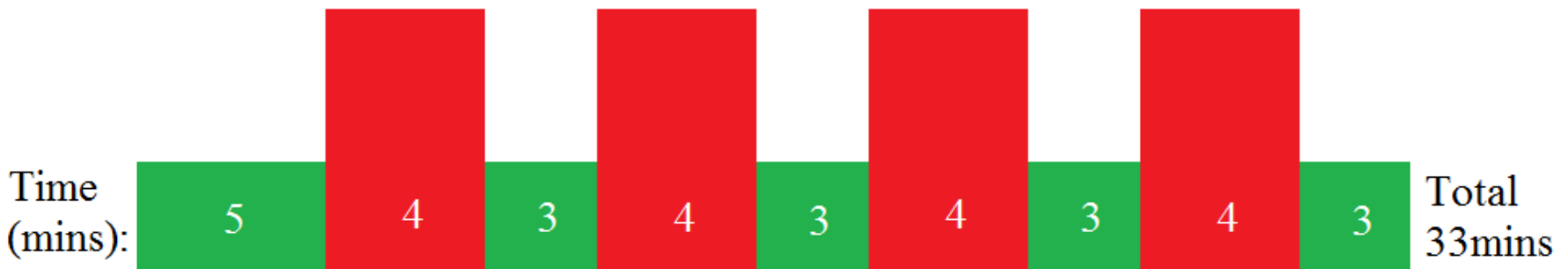
# Study Protocol and Treatment



Inclined treadmill walking - HIIT

~90%  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$

~60%  $\dot{V}O_{2max}$





# Outcome Measures

## Measurements during exercise:

Heart rate (HR)

Rating of perceived exertion (RPE, Borg 6-20)

Feeling Scale (FS)

Exercise-induced muscle pain (pain, Cook 0-10)

## Measurements pre and/or post exercise:

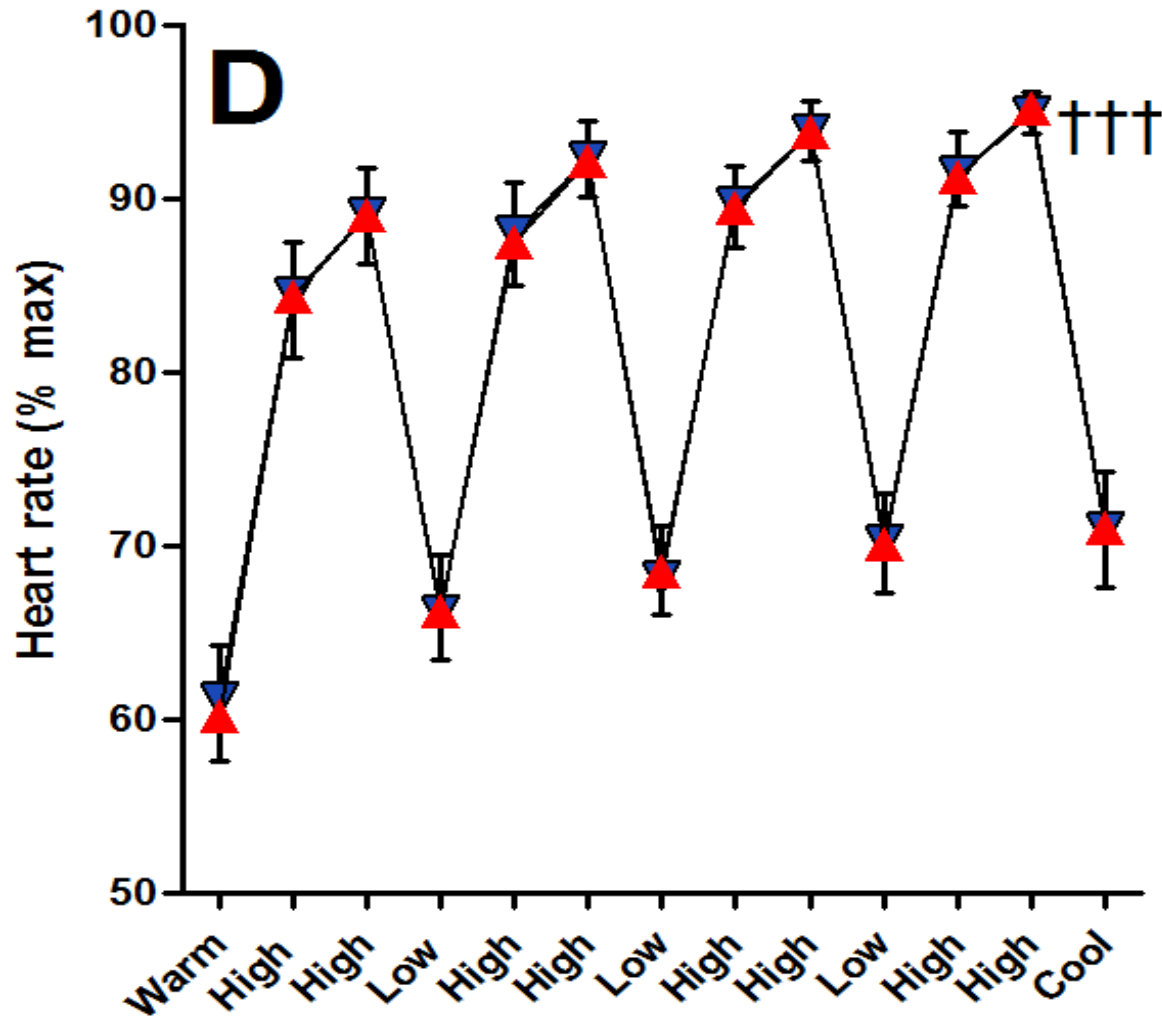
- Physical Activity Enjoyment Scale (PACES)
- Brunel Mood Scale (BRUMS)
- Exercise 'liking'
- 10-minutes post exercise, session RPE

## Choice measure:

On three occasions, subjects were asked to choose whether they preferred 'this' or the previous session – providing 3 opportunities to choose between treatment pairs.



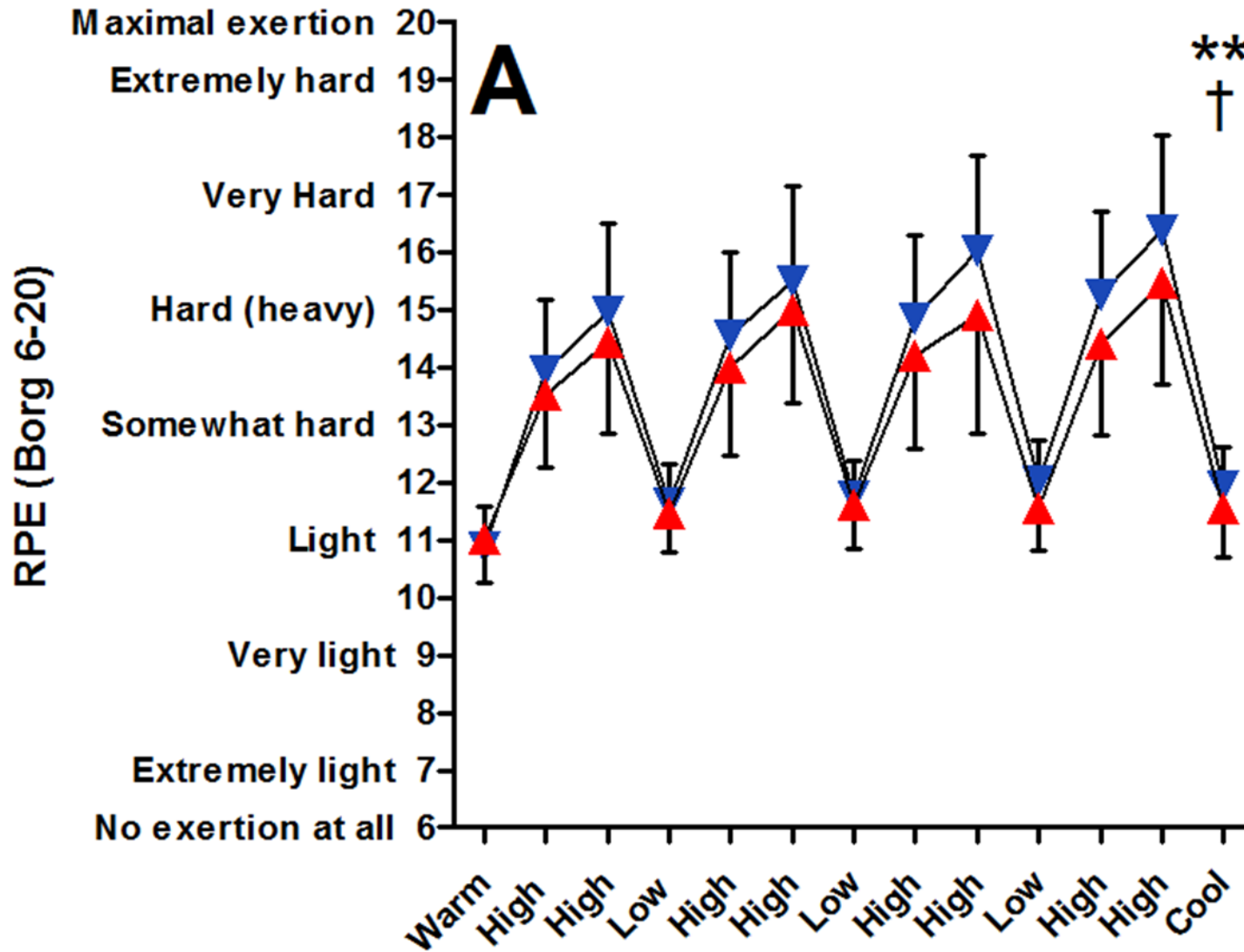
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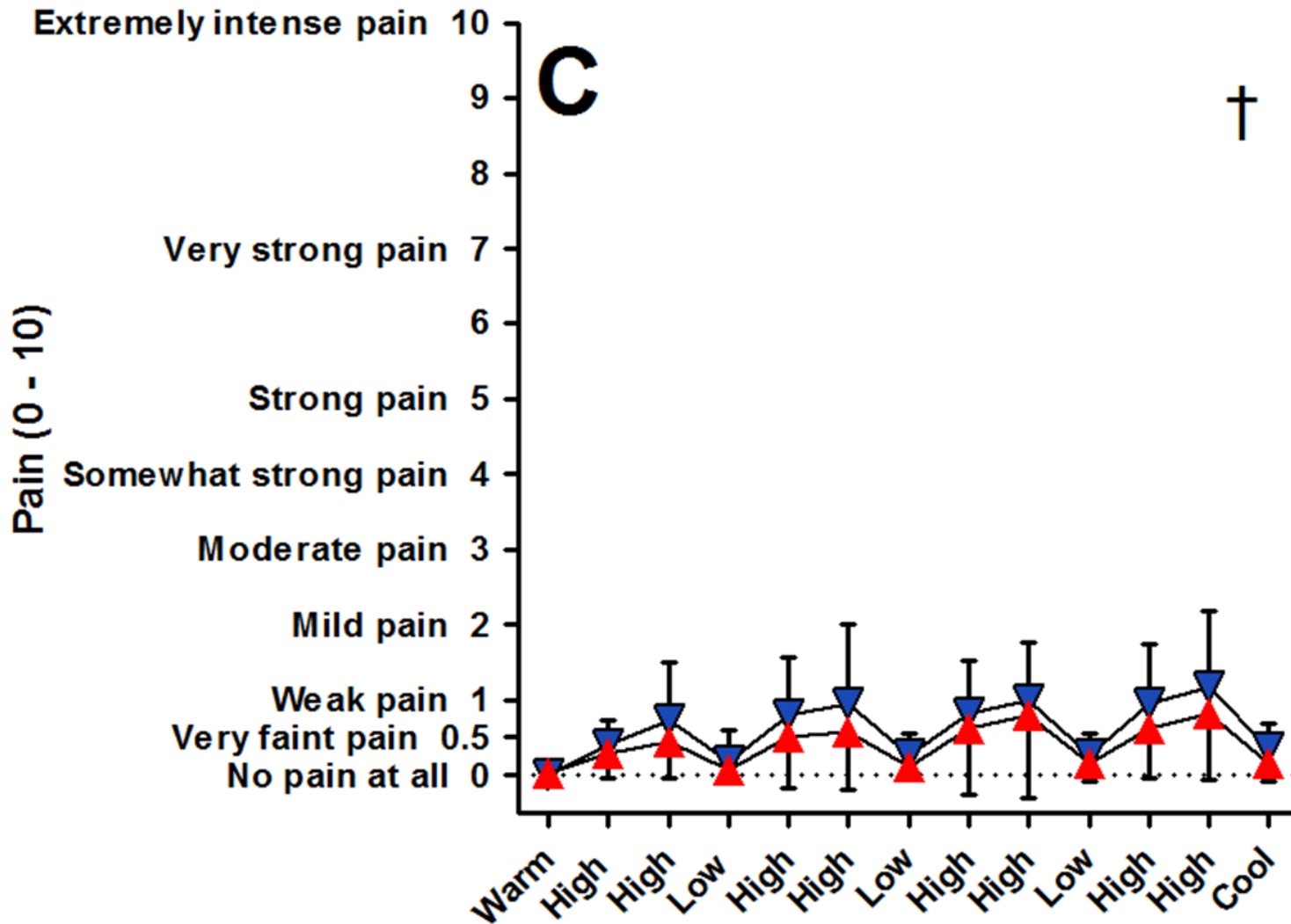
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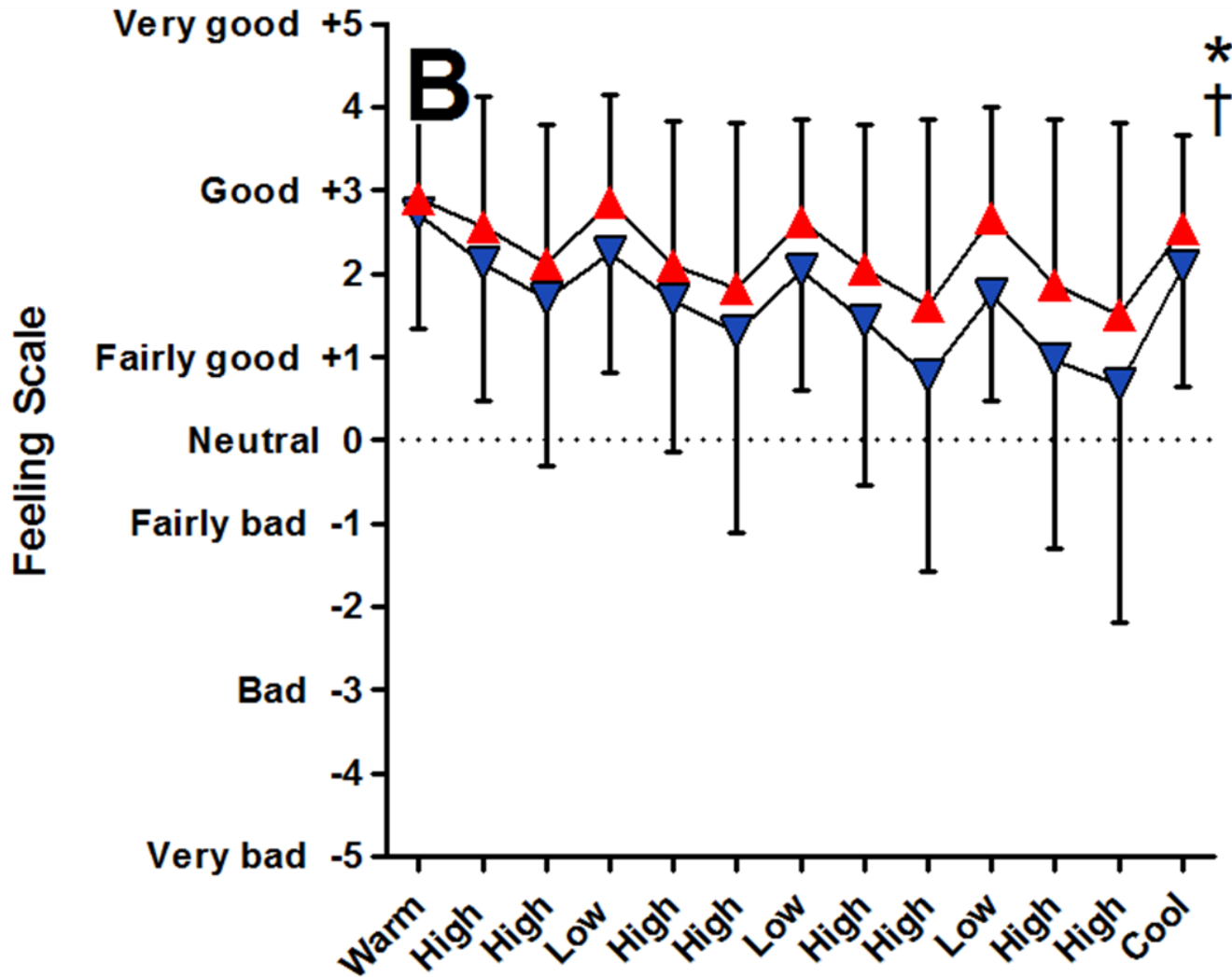
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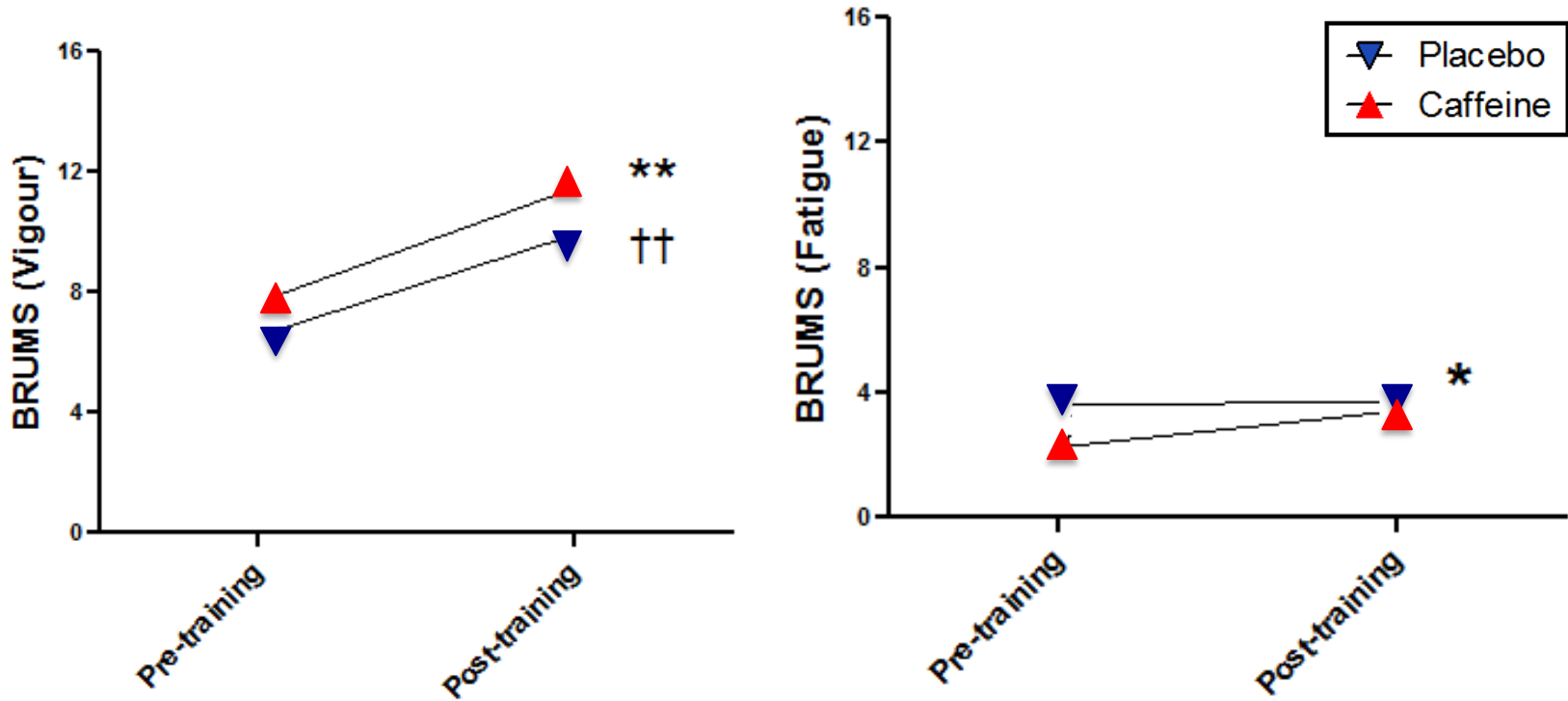


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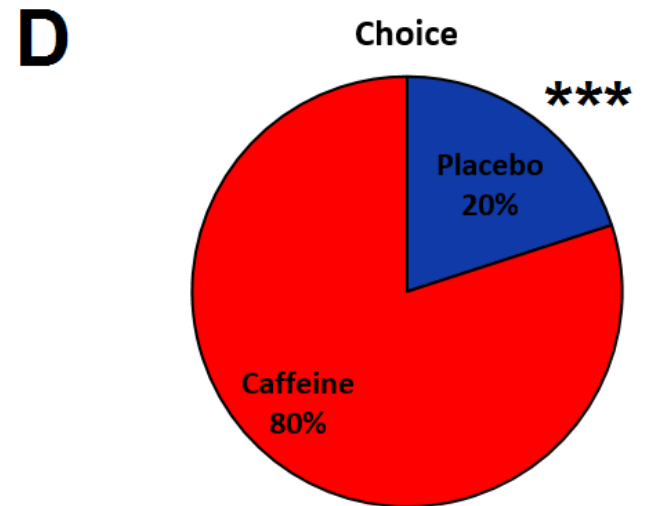
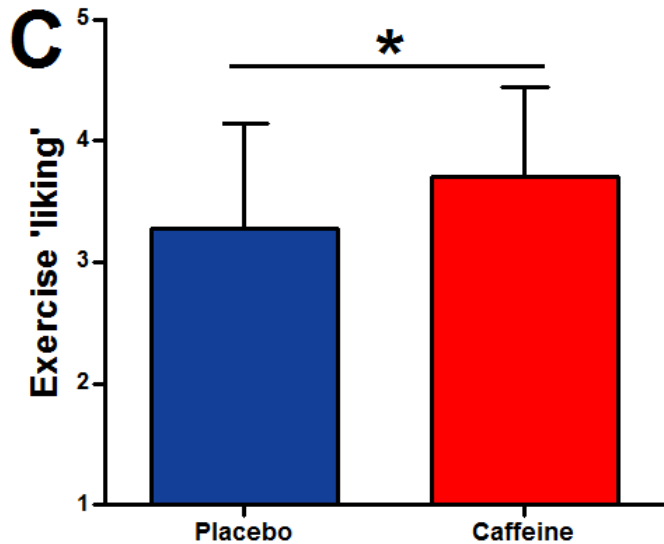
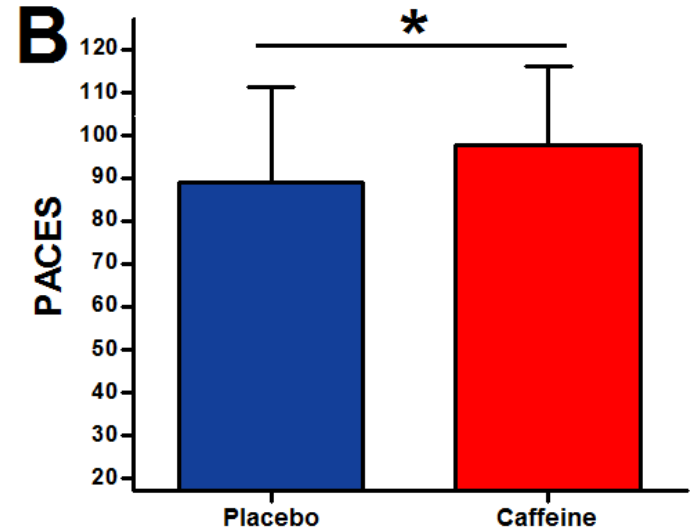
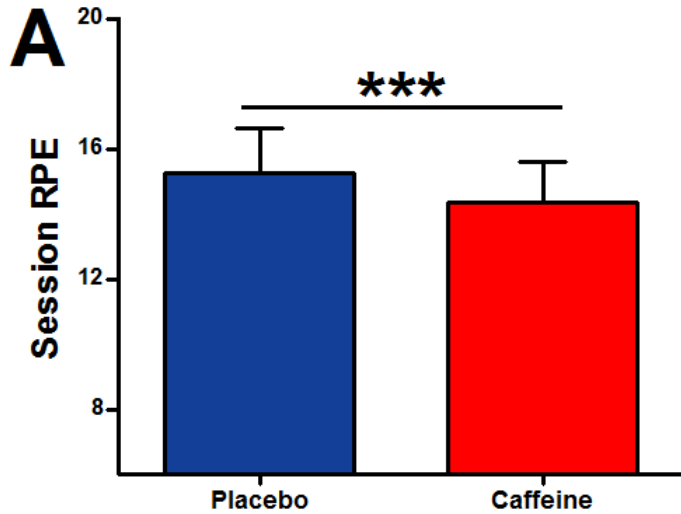
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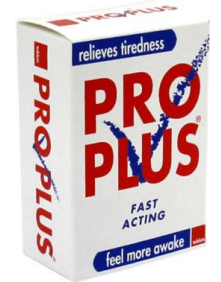
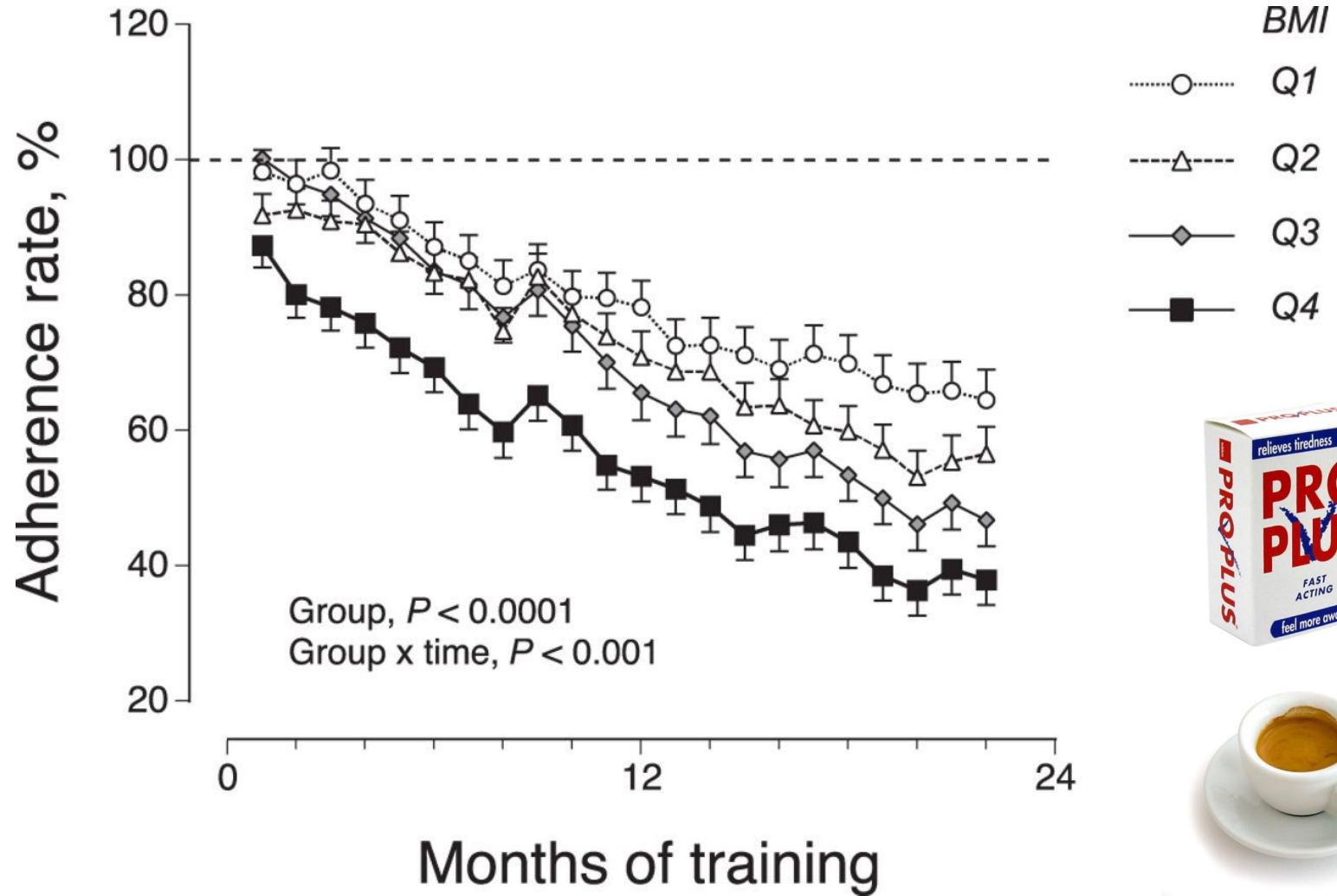
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# Future Research



**Questions?**