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Potential Mechanisms Underlying the Association Between Obesity and Mental Disorders

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Past Attempts to Associate Somatic Phenotypes with Mental Features



Eysenck, H.J and Eysenck, M.W. Personality and Individual Difference Plenum Publishing, 1958.

Humorism: system of medicine detailing makeup and workings of the human body, adopted by the Indian Ayurveda system of medicine, Ancient Greek and Roman physicians and philosophers

An excess or deficiency of any of 4 distinct bodily fluids (humors/humours) directly influences temperament and health

Hippocratic medicine: black bile, yellow bile, phlegm, and blood; each corresponds to one of the traditional 4 temperaments

Wikipedia

Overview

- Obesity and energy balance
- Association of obesity and mental disorders
 - ADHD, suicide, depression
- Potential psychological and biological mechanisms
 - Psychological factors including stress
 - Common genetic factors
 - Inflammation
 - Leptinergic system
- Nutrition, dietary patterns and mental disorders
- Conclusion

Weight Categories based on BMI (WHO, 1998)

Category	BMI (kg/m ²)
Underweight	< 18.5
Normalweight	18.5 – 24.9
Overweight	≥ 25
Pre-obesity	25 – 29.9
Obesity Grade I	30 - 34.9
Grade II	35 - 39.9
Grade III	≥ 40

BMI Centiles for Females Aged 0 to 18 Years



BMI centiles for German children

Kromeyer-Hauschild et al. (2001); Monatsschrift Kinderheilkunde 149: 807ff



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CDC 2000 growth curves

> the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (2000) http://www.cdc.gov/growth.charts

The Obesity Challenge for Europe



OECD Health Data 2012; Eurostat Statistics Database; WHO Global Infobase; Ng et al., Lancet 2014

The Mental Health Challenge for Europe



 Example: Major Depressive Disorder
 High impact in EU
 Frequent cause for sick leave and early retirement (ER)
 Increase in ER > 200%

during 1992 - 2012



Associations between obesity / eating behaviour and mental health

But: Causality/directionality unclear

Sources: DAK Health Report 2013; Stewart et al. 2003; Sobocki et al. 2006; Wittchen et al. 2011; Reynolds et al. 2012; Watanabe et al. 2007; Cheung et al. 2013; Gibertini et al. 2012; Vohringer and Ghaemi 2011; wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/c/c0/Vincent_van_Gogh____Old_Man_in_Sorrow_(On_the_Threshold_of_Eternity).jpg

Systematic Review of Prevalence of Anxiety and Major Depressive Disorders

- Bayesian meta-regression approach to estimate point prevalence for 1990, 2005, and 2010
- Point prevalence rates for anxiety disorders/MDD estimated at 3.8%/4.4% in 1990 and 4.0%/4.4% in 2010

crude number of cases increased by 36%

- explained by population growth and changing age structures
- 8/11 GHQ studies: significant increase in psychological distress over time
- Other potential factors: greater public awareness, and misuse of terms such as anxiety and depression

Physiology: Energy Balance



Ageing: Getting heavier during adulthood (US data)

- Dietary Guidelines for Americans (2010) Average daily energy intake (self-reported; national survey):
 - males aged \geq 19: 2,640 calories
 - I females aged ≥ 19: 1,785 calories
 - Actual energy intake much higher!
- Between ages 25 and 44, annual increase in weight:
 - 3.4 % in men and 5.2 % in women
- In men and women, BMI tends to increase until age 50 and 70
- Gain in fat mass up to age 55: 18.5 kg

Energy expenditure



http://www.teamvic.com/tv/wp-content/ uploads/2014/10/percent-of-daily.png

Fat Free Mass and Fat Mass: Energy Requirements Brain Accounts for 20-25% of Resting Energy Expenditure (REE)

Tissue	REE in kcal/kg/d	Weight
skeletal muscle	14.5	40->50% of TBW*
heart and kidneys	440	384 + 329 g
liver	200	1774 g
brain	240	1609 g
adipose tissue	4.5	25->50% of TBW

Adult brain, liver, heart, spleen, and kidneys: 60–70% of REE

- < 6% of TBW (all organs combined)</p>
- Skeletal muscle: 20–30% of REE
 - 40–50% of TBW
- Inter-individual variation of brain energy expenditure?

Javed et al., 2010; Am J Clin Nutr 91:907–12.

*TBW = Total Body Weight

Developmental Aspects: Glucose Resting Energy Expenditure% of the Brain and Body Weight Growth Rate during Childhood



Christopher W. Kuzawa et al. PNAS 2014;111:13010-13015

Key messages:

Brain energy requirement (approx. 65% of REE) maximal at age 4.2–4.4 y

Inverse relationship between body growth rate and brain energy requirement

At birth, ages 3 and 5 brain weight 25%, 75%, and 90% of adult weight



Short and Long Term Effects of Mental Disorders on Body Weight

Energy intake

Anorexia nervosa Major depression

ADHD

OCD

Schizophrenia

ASD

Energy expenditure

Anorexia (REE , Activity) Major depression ^ ADHD OCD Schizophrenia ASD



Long Lasting Effects of Anorexia Nervosa on Body Weight

	<u>Referral-</u>	BMI
	< 13 kg/m²	≥ 13 kg/m²
BMI at follow-up (mean: 9.5 years)	n = 100	n = 172
≤ 17.5 kg/m²*	35%	12.8%
 5th centile* 	44%	19.8%
< 10 th centile*	56%	29.0%
≥ 25 kg/m²	1%	3.4%
Deceased	11%	0.6%
*including deceased patients	Hebebrand et al, A	Am J Psychiatry 1997

Differences in Brain Energy Expenditure Adjusted for Fat and Fat Free Mass in Mental Disorders?

Intellectual disability: elevated obesity risk

Down Syndrome: REE reduced in childhood

Scant systematic investigations in mental disorders

- ADHD: REE increased (12 cases, 12 controls; Müller et al. 2010; Eat Weight Disord 15:e144-51)
- Negative search in PubMed for REE and
 - OCD
 - Anxiety disorders
 - Major depression

Resting Energy Expenditure (kJoule/d), BMI-SDS, Body Fat, Age and Gender in 215 Inpatients in Relationship to Depression Score

	Depression			T-Test ¹ , Sig (2-Tailed)	
	Score ≥ 18 (n=142)	Score <18 (n=71)	Mean difference		
	M (SD)	M (SD)	95% CI	Pearson χ ²	-
REE	6565.7	7216.8	651.1		8
kJoule/d	(1412.1)	(1891.0)	[123.0, 1157.4] t(110.2)=	t(110.2)=2.566, p=0.012	1
BMI SDS	0 21 (1 14)	0.28 (1.03)	0.064	t(211)-0 39 n-0 693	
	0.21 (1.14)	0.20 (1.05)	[28, .37]	t(211)=0.35, p=0.055	Rod Pod
Body Fat	27 E (11 E)	24.0 (11.2)	-3.56		air displacement
%	27.5 (11.5)		[-7.01,25]	[-7.01,25]	plethysmography
Age			-0.15		plotifyeinegraphy
years	16.1 (1.1)	15.9 (1.2)	[53, .19]	t(211)=-0.88, p=0.380	/ S
Female	70 7	38 /		$y^{2}(81) = 24.0 \text{ p} < 0.001$	
%	12.1	50.4		χ (01)=24.0, β<0.001	
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¹ T-Test BCa Bootstrap 95% CI (1000 samples)

calorimetry

Partial correlation between depression score and REE adjusted for gender, age, fat mass, and fat free mass: r=-0.023 [-.16, .12] p=0.744

Föcker, Albayrak, Peters et al, in preparation

EU-NeuroFAST

Association of Obesity and Mental Disorders

- Evidence for positive association with
 - Anxiety disorders
 - Attention deficit-/hyperactivity disorder
 - Binge eating disorder
 - Major depressive disorder
 - Negative association with
 - Conscientiousness
 - Suicide



www.drsharma.ca/wp-content/uploads/sharma-obesity-depression.jpg

Halfon et al. 2013 ; Gariepy et al.2010; Luppino et al. 2010; Pott et al. 2010; Pauli-Pott et al. 2010; Cortese 2012; Klinitzke 2013; Jokela et al. 2013;

Association of ADHD and Obesity

Reference	Study group (n)	Age	Association
Spencer et al. (1996)	124 boys, clinical 109 controls	6-17	+
Holtkamp et al. (2004)	97 boys, clinical	Ø 10	+
Faraone et al. (2005)	568 clinical	6-12	+
Hubel et al. (2006)	39 boys, clinical 30 controls	8-14	+
Spencer et al. (2006)	178 clinical	6-13	+
Swanson et al. (2006)	140 clinical	3-5.5	+
Ptacek et al. (2009)	46 boys, clinical	Ø 11.03	+
Anderson et al. (2006)	655 general population	< 16.6	+
Lam et al. (2007)	1429 general population	13-17	+
Pagoto et al. (2009)	6735 general population	18-44	+
Erhart et al. (2011)	2863 general population	11-17	Upco + reviev
Biederman et al. (2003)	140 girls, clinical 122 controls	6-17	_ meta- analy
Curtin et al. (2005)	98 clinical	13.8	_ see C _ et al
Adapted from Cortese and	Vincenzi Curr Top Behav Neurosc	i 2012;9:199-218	BMJ (4:e00

National Survey of Children's Health N=46,707 10-17 y olds

Prevalence of obesity (≥ 95th centile) adusted for sociodemographic factors and SES: 14.8% (95% CI: 14.7-15.0)

	Physical conditions	% obese (adj.)	% total
	Asthma (ever)	19.7	14.9
	Severe headache/migraine (past 12 mths)	17.6	8.4
	Ear vision problems (ever)	18.4	3.2
	Multiple ear infections (past 12 mths)	27.1	2.6
	Diabetes (ever)	26.4	0.5
e,	Developmental and behavioral/emotional		
	Learning disability (ever)	19.3	13.0
	Develop. delay/physical impairment (ever)	22.4	3.5
	Speech problems (past 12 mths)	17.7	2.1
	Autism (ever)	22.4	0.5
	ADHD (ever)	18.9	10.2

Chen et al., 2009; Obesity 18: 210-213

Mothers of ADHD Children: Odds Ratios for Selected Disorders

1869 ADHD children and 5538 non-ADHD children integrated health care delivery system (Kaiser Permanente)

•	ADHD	3.23
•	Depression	1.88
•	Obesity	1.70
•	Anxiety neuroses	1.64
•	Contusion/abrasions	1.59
•	Musculoskeletal symptoms	1.51
•	Acute lower respiratory infection	1.47
•	Lower back pain	1.45
•	Asthma	1.45
•	Female genital symptoms	1.43
•	Acute sprains	1.41
•	Abdominal pain	1.41
•	Acne	1.41

The Protective Role of Obesity for Suicide

Swedish cohort study (males)

- 1.299.177 male conscripts born 1950-1981
 - Followed-up in 1968-1999
 - At baseline: anthropometry, self-reported psychiatric disorders

Inverse association between obesity and suicide:

- Suicide risk decreases by 15% for every increment of 5 kg/m²
- Results similar upon exclusion of psychiatrically ill males at baseline
- Association similar for different lengths of follow-up

The Protective Role of Obesity for Suicide

American cohort study (males and females)

- Data sets:
 - National Health Interview Surveys: 1986 1994
 - Multiple Cause of Death Data: 1986 2002 (National Death Index)

Survival analyses:

For every BMI increment of 5 kg/m² suicide risk decreases by 18% and 24% for males and females

Obesity and Suicide - Synopsis

Independent confirmations of the association of obesity with reduced suicide rates (data stronger for males than females)

- single studies: J-shaped relationship
- single non-confirmatory studies

Several potential mediating or correlative factors:

- impulsivity
- case-fatality in relation to the chosen method of suicide
- serum levels of cholesterol and its relation to central serotonin
- leptin and leptin resistance
- insulin resistance
- dietary factors such as essential fatty acid intake
- `jolly fat' hypothesis

Cross-Sectional Association of Obesity and Depression: Meta-Analysis; 17 studies; N=204,507

Significant association of depression and obesity; OR: 1.2

- post hoc: significant association in females, non-significant association in males
- no clear-cut effect of age, continent of residence, year of publication and measurement methods



Reciprocal Prediction of Obesity and Depression in Longitudinal Studies: Meta-Analysis; 15 studies; N=58,745

- Pre-obesity predicted depression at follow-up; OR: 1.27 (95% CI 1.1-1.5)
 - significant among adults, but not among subjects <20 y</p>
- Obesity increased risk of onset of depression at follow-up;
 OR: 1.55 (95% CI 1.2-2.0)

- Depression (symptoms and disorder) not predictive of preobesity; OR: 1.2 (95% CI 0.9-1.7)
- Depression predictive of obesity; OR: 1.58 (95% CI 1.3-1.9)
 - Most pronounced
 - subjects < 20 y; OR: 1.8 + females > males; OR 2.0 vs.1.4
 - Subgroup analyses: no specific moderators detected

Luppino et al. 2010; Arch Gen Psych 67: 220-9

Depression Predicts Overweight and Obesity: One Year Follow-up of Adolescents

- National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health:
 - 9374 adolescents (grades 7-12)
 - Assessment at baseline (1995) and 1 year later
 - Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale
 - BMI (kg/m²): self-reported height and weight
 - Obesity: BMI ≥ 95th percentile; overweight: BMI ≥ 85th and <95th percentile; normal weight: BMI <85th percentile</p>
- Baseline obesity not predictive of depression
- Depressed mood at baseline predictive of obesity at follow-up; OR: 2.1 (95% CI: 1.2-3.6)
 - Persistence after controlling for BMI z score at baseline, age, race, gender, parental obesity, number of parents in home, SES, adolescents' report of smoking, self-esteem, delinquent behavior (conduct disorder), and physical activity

Bidirectionality: Obesity <> Depression? Search strategy of our systematic review

- Search criteria (Aug. 27, 2014)
 - 1. (mood OR depress* OR affective disord*) AND obesity AND (child* OR adolesc* OR youth*) AND (longitudinal OR prospective)
 - 2. (mood OR depress* OR affective disord*) AND obesity AND (child* OR adolesc* OR youth*) AND (epidemiol* OR population)
- Inclusion criteria
 - Population based (no clinical samples)
 - Cases: N ≥ 1000
 - Age <18 years at study start</p>
 - Measured weight/height
 - Validated psychometric instruments



From: Moher D, Liberati A, Tetzlaff J, Altman DG, The PRISMA Group (2009). Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses: The PRISMA Statement. PLoS Med 6(6): e1000097. doi:10.1371/journal.pmed1000097

*only additional studies not reported in search No. 1

Longitudinal Studies (search Aug. 27, 2014)

- 4 studies: bidirectional influence of weight status and depression
 - Geoffroy et al., 2014; Marmorstein et al., 2014; Roberts et al., 2013; Frisco et al., 2013
- 4 studies: unidirectional influence of weight status on depression
 - Al Mamun et al., 2007; Clark et al., 2006; Sweeting et al., 2005; Swallen et al., 2005
- 5 studies: unidirectional influence of depression on weight status
 - Larsen et al., 2014; Kubzansky et al., 2012; Bjornelv et al., 2011; Gaysina et al., 2011; Viner et al., 2006

- 3/8 studies: obesity predicts depression
- 3/9 studies: depression predicts obesity

Potential Mechanisms Underlying Associations

- Obesity to depression: e.g. weight stigma, body dissatisfaction, body weight concerns, weight related anxiety, failure to lose weight, low self esteem, peer isolation & bullying, functional impairment (reduced mobility)
- Depression to obesity: e.g. increased appetite, poor sleep, lethargy, medication side effects, high caloric `comfort´ foods
- Common physiological factors in regulation of mood and weight
 Common environmental factors
 - e.g. poverty entails hopelessness and reduced access to healthy food and safe recreational activities

Marmorstein et al., 2014; Int J Obesity 38: 906-11; Yagnik et al., 2014; Int Arch Integrated Med 1: 23-33 Potential mechanisms underlying the associating between obesity and mental disorders

Obesity <> Stress/HPA-Axis <> Depression



- Overlapping mechanisms for stressand weight-regulation
- Stress hormone regulation is impaired in depression
 - e.g. insensitive glucocorticoid receptor



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Do genetic risk factors for obesity and mental disorders overlap?

- Complex phenotypes with many genes involved (polygenic)
- Central pathways for the regulation of body weight, mood, and cognition overlap
- Candidate gene studies: unequivocal results are lacking
- Genome wide association studies (GWAS): circumstantial evidence for overlapping SNPs

Potential mechanisms underlying the associating between obesity and mental disorders

Heritability Estimates

Twin, family, and adoption: substantial heritability

- BMI: 0.5-0.8
- Mental disorders: 0.3-0.9





'Identical Twins Reared Apart', Susan L. Farber

Bienvenu et al. Psychiatric 'diseases' versus behavioral disorders and degree of genetic influence. Psychological Medicine 2011;41;33–40.

Hinney et al. Eur Child Adolesc Psychiatry. 2010;19:297-310 Hinney et al. Prog Mol Biol Transl Sci. 2010;94:241-70

GIANT: BMI



Genetic Investigation of **AN**thropometric **T**raits

- Meta-analysis for BMI
- ≤ 339,224 individuals
- 97 BMI loci (56 novel)
- 2.7% of BMI variance explained
 - Frequent alleles explain ≤ 20% of variance
- Role of CNS



Relevant pathways: e.g. synaptic function, glutamate signaling, insulin secretion/action, energy metabolism, lipid biology
GIANT: BMI



Genetic Investigation of ANthropometric Traits

Genes with potential relevance for neuropsychiatric disorders:

- BDNF (ADHD?, MDD?)
 GPRC5B (Alzheimer, ADHD?)
- **APOE** (Alzheimer) • GRP PARK2 (Parkinson, ADHD?) 50 AGBL4 HIP1 40 - ELAVL4 DTX2P1-UPK3BP1-PMS2P11 NAV1 GRID1 log₁₀(p – value) TDRG1 RABEP1 HIF1AN FOXO3 NT5C2 KCNK3 NLRC3 PARK2 30 TCF7L2 EHBP1 SBK1 UBE2E3 HSD17B12 KAT8 ERBB4 CADM1 SCARB2 c9orf93 EPB41L4B HHIP DMXL2 FHIT 20 TLR4 PGPEP1 GBE1 STXBP6 LMX1B RASA2 PRKD1 CLIP RALYL * 10 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 Chromosome

Locke et al. 2015, Nature. 2015 Feb 12;518:197-206

GIANT: BMI



Genetic Investigation of ANthropometric Traits

35/97 SNPs (binomial P = 0.0019) in high LD ($r^2 > 0.7$) with ≥ 1 GWAS SNPs of the *National Human Genome Research Institute* (NHGRI) GWAS catalogue (P < 5x10⁻⁰⁸)

SNPs associated with cardio-metabolic phenotypes and:

- Alzheimer's disease
- Schizophrenia
- Nicotine dependence

ADHD – Obesity – GWAS Look-up

RAPID PUBLICATION

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF medical genetics Neuropsychiatric Genetics

Genome-Wide Association Study in German Patients With Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

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Look-up of 32 obesity polygenes in ADHD GWAS data sets: German GWAS: 495 ADHD cases (6-18 years, Ø age 11 ± 2.7) vs. 1300 controls rs206936 in *NUDT3* associated with ADHD risk (OR: 1.39; p_{corr} = 0.01) Meta-analysis (Psychiatric GWAS Consortium, ADHD subgroup): rs6497416 in *GPRC5B* (p_{corr} = 0.02) as a risk allele for ADHD more directionally consistent effects than expected by chance

GPRC5B: Member of metabotropic glutamate receptor family

Hinney et al., 2011, Am J Med Genet Part B ; Albayrak et al., 2013 Am J Med Genet Part B

Food Intake: Impact on Cognition & Emotion



Food intake:

- Vagal stimulation of various brain areas
- Release of hormones and neurotransmitters (gut-brain-axis; adipose tissue)
- Increase of synaptic and cortical plasticity
- Impact on cognition and mood
- Impact on reward system

Gómez-Pinilla F., Nat Rev Neurosci. 2008

Overlapping Mechanism: Inflammation



Other potential contributors: Smoking, sleep quantity and quality, Vitamin D deficiency

Berk et al. BMC Medicine 2013, Haroon et al., Neuropsychopharmacology 2012

Important "Player": Leptin Eating habits, insulin-glucose-axis, cognition, depression



- A balanced leptin level is key
- Increased risk for depression for:
 - Leptin deficiency (Anorexia Nervosa)
 - Leptin resistance (Obesity)
- Leptin-levels show impact on mood irrespective of body-weight



Amitami et al. 2013; Lawson et al. 2012

Single Nutrient & Depression ?



- Large differences in prevalence of major depression per country
- Prevalence of depression parallels prevalence of cardiovascular mortality
- Correlation with fish consumption detected
- Hypothesis: Malnutrition with essential fatty acids
 e.g. docosahexaenacid

- Important for nerve membranes
- Not synthesized by the body

Sources: Gómez-Pinilla F., Nat Rev Neurosci. 2008; Hibbeln JR The Lancet 1998; Weissman MM et al. JAMA 1996

Vitamin D Deficiency & Depression





- Single prospective cohort study (ALSPAC)
- N= 2759; Age: 9.8 -13.8 years
- Association of low 25(OH)D-levels and subsequent depressive symptoms
- Adjusted for: Gender, age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, BMI, UVB-exposure



Lower 25(OH)D-levels are associated with a higher risk to develop depressive symptoms

Tolppanen et al, J Child Psychol Psychiatry 2012

Vitamin D: KIGGS Fully adjusted model: Boys

SDQ	VitD+age+SES+migration status+ BMI child +Tanner								
	n	Beta	Sig.	95%Cl lower	95%Cl upper				
Emotional problems	4494	-0,089	0,001	-0,141	-0,037				
behavioral problem	4496	-0,005	0,827	-0,052	0,041				
hyperactivity	4497	-0,029	0,401	-0,096	0,038				
Peer Problems	4496	-0,124	0,000	-0,172	-0,075				
Prosocial behavior	4502	0,003	0,905	-0,049	0,055				
Total difficulties score	4492	-0,243	0,002	-0,396	-0,091				

Nutrition, Eating Patterns and Mental Disorders

Associations between dietary patterns and mental health

Jacka et al. 2011a, Jacka et al. 2011b, Quirk et al. 2013, Sanchez-Villegas & Martinez-Gonzalez 2013, Sanchez-Villega et al. 2013, Psaltopoulou et al. 2013b

Cross-sectional studies: association between dietary

pattern / quality indices and depressive symptoms

- Jacka et al. 2010, Kuczmarski et al. 2010, Nanri et al. 2010, Jacka et al. 2011b
- e.g.: Association between "Western Diet" und reduced scores for "General Health Questionaire" (GHQ-12)
 - Adjusted for age and SES (Jacka et al. 2010)
- e.g.: "Whole food" dietary pattern decreases, "processed food" dietary pattern increases risk for depressive disorders after 5 years (Akbarly et al. 2009)





Recent Reviews: Dietary Patterns and Depression

- Dietary patterns potentially impact development of depressive symptoms (Rahe et al. 2014)
 - Systematic review of observational studies (n=16)
 - "Healthy" probands, different dietary patterns, different depression-scales
 - No meta-analysis possible due to heterogeneity (study designs, instruments, etc.)
- Higher adherence to Mediterranean Diet reduces the risk to develop a depressive disorder [RR = 0.68, 95% CI = 0.54-0.86] (Psaltopoulou et al 2013)
 - Systematic review und meta-analysis (n=22)
 - Included studies on adherence to MD in stroke, Parkinsons disease, cognition, and depression

8/17 RCTs with significant effect on depression (Opie et al 2014)

- Systematic review: 17 RCTs
- Effective interventions: single delivery mode, included dietitian, recommendation to reduce red meat intake less likely, selection of leaner meat products, low-cholesterol diet
- Only 1 RCT recruited patients with MDD:
 - 4 hygienic-dietary recommendations improved depression after 6 months (Garcia-Toro M. et al. 2012): MD, exercise, sleeping habits, sunlight-exposure

The Mediterranean Dietary Pattern Reduces Mortality





FIGURE 1. Forest plot of the association between a 2-point increase of adherence score to the Mediterranean diet and the risk of all-cause mortality. The center of each square indicates the relative risk of the study, and the horizontal lines indicate 95% CIs. The area of the square is proportional to the amount of information from the study. Diamonds indicate pooled estimates.

http://www.ways2weightloss.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/10/ mediterranean-diet-food-wine-pyramid.gif

Simple Advice: Large Effect





- > RCT for primary prevention in cardiovascular (CV) risk patients
- 7447 participants (55-80 years, 57% female)
- Followed-up for 4.8 years
- Risk for CV events significantly decreased:
 - Adj. HR 0.70 ([CI]_{95%}, 0.54-0.92) in "extra-olive-oil" arm
 - Adj. HR 0.72 ([CI]_{95%}, 0.54-0.96) in "extra-nuts" arm
- Overlapping mechanismen for development of "metabolic syndrome" and depressive disorder

Mediterranean-Diet Groups and the Control-Diet Group.					
Food	Goal				
Mediterranean diet					
Recommended					
Olive oil*	≥4 tbsp/day				
Tree nuts and peanuts†	≥3 servings/wk				
Fresh fruits	≥3 servings/day				
Vegetables	≥2 servings/day				
Fish (especially fatty fish), seafood	≥3 servings/wk				
Legumes	≥3 servings/wk				
Sofrito‡	≥2 servings/wk				
White meat	Instead of red meat				
Wine with meals (optionally, only for habitual drinkers)	≥7 glasses/wk				
Discouraged					
Soda drinks	<1 drink/day				
Commercial bakery goods, sweets, and pastries§	<3 servings/wk				
Spread fats	<1 serving/day				
Red and processed meats	<1 serving/day				
Low-fat diet (control)					
Recommended					
Low-fat dairy products	≥3 servings/day				
Bread, potatoes, pasta, rice	≥3 servings/day				
Fresh fruits	≥3 servings/day				
Vegetables	≥2 servings/day				
Lean fish and seafood	≥3 servings/wk				
Discouraged					
Vegetable oils (including olive oil)	≤2 tbsp/day				
Commercial bakery goods, sweets, and pastries§	≤1 serving/wk				
Nuts and fried snacks	≤1 serving /wk				
Red and processed fatty meats	≤1 serving/wk				
Visible fat in meats and soups¶	Always remove				
Fatty fish, seafood canned in oil	≤1 serving/wk				
Spread fats	≤1 serving/wk				
Sofritot	≤2 servings/wk				

Table 1. Summary of Dietary Recommendations to Participants in the

Dietary patterns & Depression

Example: Protective Effect of the "Mediterranean Diet"

- **SUN (Seguimiento Universidad de Navarra) study:**
 - Prospective cohort (10,094 healthy probands)
 - Validated 136-item FFQ
 - Psychiatric assessments at baseline and follow-up
- Results after 4.4 years (median follow-up)
 - 480 new cases of depression



- Multiple adjusted hazard ratios for an increasing adherence to MD:
 - 0.74 (0.57-0.98); 0.66 (0.50-0.86); 0.49 (0.36-0.67) und 0.58 (0.44-0,77) (p for trend = 0.001)
- Inverse dose-effect for fruits, nuts, pulses and the ratio of monounsaturated to saturated fatty acids

Simple Advice: Effects in Patients at Risk Focus: Type 2 Diabetes (T2DM) & Depression

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RESEARCH ARTICLE



Mediterranean dietary pattern and depression: the PREDIMED randomized trial

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Addition of nuts (30g/d) to a Mediterranean-Diet decreased the risk to develop a depressive disorder in T2DM patients significantly

- N = 3923 participants; age (55-80 years) no acute cardiovascular disorder, but high risk population at enrollment (T2DM, smoking, high cholesterol).
- Adj. HR = 0.59; 95% CI 0.36 to 0.98; median follow-up 3 years
 - Trend, but not significant for the whole study group (adj. HR = 0.78; 95% CI 0.55 to 1.10)

Concepts to be pursued



Mid-term: Vitamin D



Long-term: Mediterranean Diet



http://www.fasten-auf-hiddensee.de/b_fasten/2012-fasten-nach-buchinger.jpg

http://individual-med-publishing.de/infothek-gesundheit.html

Summary

- Clinical and epidemiological associations between obesity and mental disorders and suicide
- Data not unequivocal
- Specificity of these associations?
- Psychological and biological mechanisms
- Evidence for influence of the diet
 - Single nutrients
 - Dietary patterns
 - Adjunctive treatment

Mediterranean Diet, as a "treatment" option?



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Bidirectionality: Obesity and Depression Systematic Review of Longitudinal Studies

- **Geoffroy et al. 2014** (n= 18,558; 0-50 years)
 - Obesity predicted depression: OR 1.3 (95% CI: 1.1-1.6)
 - Depression not predictive of obesity
- Frisco et al. 2014 (n=5243; 13-18 years, 19-25 at follow-up)
 - Obesity predicted depressive symptoms: OR 1.3 (95% CI: 1.1-1.6)
 - Depression not predictive of obesity
- Marmorstein et al. 2014 (n=1512; 11-24 years; twin study)
 - Obesity that developed during late adolescence predicted onset of depression (OR=5.9, confidence interval=2.3-15.0) during early adulthood among females
 - Major Depression by early adolescence predicted onset of obesity;
 OR=3.8 (95%CI: 1.3-10.6) during late adolescence among females

Roberts et al. 2013 (n=4175; 11-17 years, one year follow-up)

- Obesity did not predict depression
- Depression predicted obesity: OR 2.9; effect based on males only

From: Association of the Mediterranean Dietary Pattern With the Incidence of Depression: The Seguimiento Universidad de Navarra/University of Navarra Follow-up (SUN) Cohort

Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2009;66(10):1090-1098. doi:10.1001/archgenpsychiatry.2009.129

Table 2. Association Between Adherence to the Mediterranean Dietary Pattern and Risk of Depression

	Adherence to the Mediterranean Dietary Pattern Score (Median Score)					
Variable	0-2 (2)	3 (3)	4 (4)	5 (5)	6-9 (6)	Trend
No. of cases per person-years	126/8866	91/8253	97/9240	67/8131	99/9715	
Crude rates per 10 ³ (95% CI) ^a	14.2 (11.8-16.9)	11.0 (8.9-13.5)	10.5 (8.5-12.8)	8.2 (6.4-10.5)	10.2 (8.3-12.4)	
Model 1			· · · ·	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	· · · ·	
HR (95% CI) ^b	1 [Reference]	0.74 (0.57-0.98)	0.66 (0.50-0.86)	0.49 (0.36-0.67)	0.58 (0.44-0.77)	<.001
Model 2	. ,		· · · · ·	· · · · ·	· · · · ·	
No. of cases per person-years	67/8748	48/8167	46/9138	32/8061	44/9605	<.001
HR (95% CI) ^b	1 [Reference]	0.73 (0.50-1.06)	0.56 (0.38-0.83)	0.42 (0.27-0.66)	0.50 (0.33-0.74)	
Model 3	. ,	· · · · · ·		· · · · ·	· · · · ·	
No. of cases per person-years	86/8726	65/8155	61/9116	50/8075	75/9631	.007
HR (95% CI) ^b	1 [Reference]	0.79 (0.57-1.09)	0.67 (0.48-0.93)	0.56 (0.39-0.80)	0.69 (0.50-0.96)	

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; HR, hazard ratio.

^a The CIs for rates were calculated with Stata by means of an exact method.

^b By definition, if the 95% CI of the HR does not include the unity (HR=1.00), the results are statistically significant (2-tailed P<.05). For model 1, the HRs were estimated with Cox regression and adjusted for sex, age (years), smoking status (never, current, past smoker), body mass index (calculated as weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared) and its quadratic term, physical activity during leisure time (metabolic equivalent hours per week), energy intake (kilocalories per day), and employment status (no or yes). Model 2 was the same as model 1 but excludes participants with early depression (those observed only during the first 2 years of follow-up; n=243). Model 3 was the same as model 1 but excludes participants who reported the use of antidepressant medication during follow-up but not a physician-made diagnosis of depression (n=143).

Figure Legend:

Association Between Adherence to the Mediterranean Dietary Pattern and Risk of Depression

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Just starting "down-under"

O'Neil et al. BMC Psychiatry 2013, **13**:114 http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-244X/13/114



STUDY PROTOCOL

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A randomised, controlled trial of a dietary intervention for adults with major depression (the "SMILES" trial): study protocol

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The challenges

Overlapping genetic factors

- Nutrition, eating patterns and mental disorders
- Overlapping mechanisms, common denominators?
- Drawing consequences
- Conclusion and outlook

Inflammation in Depression: is Adiposity a Cause?



Shelton & Miller ; Dialogues Clin Neurosci. 2011; 13(1): 41–53

In Planung/Ausführung in Australien: RCT zur diätetische Intervention bei Depression



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Inflammasomes cascade in brain, consequences for mental health



Singhal et al., Frontiers in Neuroscience 2014

Potential mechanisms underlying the associating between obesity and mental disorders Infections, inflammation, stress & depression



- Infections, tissue damage, and chemokines from hypertrophe adipocytens may lead to macrophage accumulation:
 - Initiation of proinflammatory processes
 - Downstream effects on neurobiological pathways and neurotransmitters involved in mental health (e.g. BDNF, serotonin etc.)

Our Vision: An adequate balance is possible



Summary and Conclusion

- "Bad eating habits" may precipitate psychiatric disorders
- Certain food components can contribute
- Most important: Eating pattern / whole life style
- Mediators: Genetic predisposition
- Potential mechanisms
 - Subchronic inflammation
 - Interaction with:
 - Leptin-elatonergic system
 - > HPA-axis
 - Serotonergic-Dopaminergic system

Complex interaction s with potential for

innovative therapies and preventive measures









Back-ups ... werden bei Bedarf übersetzt 😊

Innate immune system, inflammasome & health



Choi AJS et al. Mol. Cells 2014

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Three Loci Potentially Involved in both Anorexia Nervosa and Obesity

- Look-up of the 1000 SNPs with lowest p-values of a GWAS for AN (Boraska et al, 2014) in GWAS meta-analysis for BMI variation (Locke et al, 2015)
- Significant association (p-values < 5x10⁻⁰⁵, Bonferroni corrected p < 0.05) for 9 SNPs at 3 independent loci (chr. 2, 10 and 19)
- All risk alleles were directionally consistent for AN and obesity

Results: U-shaped

In longitudinal analyses

- Underweight predicted subsequent depression in both sexes [odds ratio (OR) 1.25, 95% confidence interval (CI) 1.11–1.40]
- Depression predicted subsequent underweight in males only (OR 1.84, 95% CI 1.52–2.23).
- Obesity predicted subsequent depressive symptoms in females only (OR 1.34, 95% CI 1.14–1.56)
- But depression did not predict obesity.
 Ealie ausgeblendet

Geoffroy 2014

Innate immune defense & serotonin metabolism



Shelton RC, Miller AH. 2010, Prog Neurobiol.,91(4):275-99.

Neu: Direkte Evidenzen aus großen Studien

- Ca. 35% Risiko-Reduktion für kardiovaskuläre Erkrankungen bei den "stärksten Nutzern" von nativem Olivenöl
- Ca. 37% Reduktion der Sterblichkeitrate beim Vergleich höchstes zu niedrigstes Quintile bzgl. Aufnahme von "Polyphenolen"

Beispiel: EPIC -Greece

- (Trichopoulou A et al. Adherence to the Mediterranean diet and survival in a Greek population. NEJM 2003)
- Relative Beiträge
 - Wein (moderat!) 23,5%
 - Wenig "rotes" Fleisch 16,6%
 - Hoher Gemüse-Anteil 16,2%
 - Früchte&Nüsse 11,2%
 - Hülsenfrüchte 9,7%
 - Hohes MUFA/SFA Verhältnis 10,6%



Kontroverse: Olivenöl oder MUFA; Bedeutung der Polyphenole
In Planung: Pilotstudie zum "Heilfasten" bei Depression



- Prospektive, einarmige, interventionelleBeobachtungsstudie
- 14-tägiges modifiziertes Heilfaster (nach Buchinger)



6 Erwachsene und 6 männliche Jugendliche mit mittelschwerer,

depressiver Symptomatik (BDI-II Score

> 19)





Hypothesen (Ausschnitt!)

- Die Kernsymptomatik schwächt sich im Verlauf der kurzen Intervention merklich ab
 - Stimmungsverbesserung (gemessen durch Clinical Depression Scales [CDS-R], Beck Depression Inventory II [BDI-II] und zusätzlich Expertenrating mit Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression [HRS-D]
- Intensive Betreuung = große Adhärenz?
- Nach 2-4 Tagen wird kein Hungergefühl?
- Effekt noch nach 8 Wochen beobachtbar?
- Akzeptanz, Adhärenz?



In Planung: Pilotstudie zur Vitamin D Substitution



Konsekutive teil-/stationäre Aufnahmen vom 01.11.2015 bis zum 30.04.2017

- Untersuchungsgruppe:
 - Alter: 11-18,9 Jahre
 - BDI-II Score > 13
 - 25(OH)D-Spiegel \leq 30nmol/L
- Design/Zeit/Dosis
 - RCT, doppleblind, 2 Arme
 - Vitamin D 880I.E.*und Placebo*
 - Studie nicht AMG pflichtig
 - Supplementation über 28 Tage
 - Entspricht mittlerer stationärer Aufenthaltsdauer

- Annahme
 - Der 25(OH)D-Spiegel wird innerhalb von 4
 Wochen auf das Zielniveau angehoben.
- Endpunkte
 - Primär: BDI-II Score
 - Sekundär: 25(OH)D-Spiegel
 - Safety: Routinelabor
- Offene Forschungsfrage:
 - Reicht der Zeitraum eines erhöhten
 Spiegels für positive Effekte auf den BDI-II

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In Planung: Beobachtungsstudie "adaptierte Mediterrane Diät"

Einführung eines adaptierten, mediterranen Menus als ein Auswahlmenu im Speiseplan einer LVR Klinik für eine Testzeitraum (1/2 Jahr).

Wissenschaftlich: Begleitung und Auswertung

- Adhärenz, Effektschätzung in Abhängigkeit vom Störungsbild, etc.
- Wirtschaftlichkeit: Evaluation, Kosten-Nutzen-Analyse
 - Mehr-Kosten der Diät, Aufenthaltstage, etc.
 - Patienten & Pflegepersonal: Befragung zur

Zufriedenheit









Yamada-Goto N, 2013



Yamada-Goto N, 2013



Mattson MP 2002

Back-ups ... Anorexia Nervosa

Subchronic inflammation & Anorexia Nervosa?

- Although inflammation is increasingly implicated in psychiatric disorders, less is known about its role in anorexia nervosa (AN), an illness with low body mass index (BMI).
- Despite abnormally low BMI, AN seems to be associated with increased inflammatory cytokines. Whether specific elevated cytokines represent trait or state markers of AN, and whether they could be treatment targets requires further study.

Dysfunctional reward system common grounds for obesity and anorexia nervosa?



Figure 1. Postulated shared mechanisms related to reward circuits of anorexia nervosa and obesity. The sense of hunger regulated by reward circuits might be the key component of obesity and anorexia nervosa.

Yamada-Goto N, 2013

Figure 4 Insulin, leptin, reward and obesity



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Lustig RH (2006) Childhood obesity: behavioral aberration or biochemical drive? reinterpreting the first law of thermodynamics *Nat Clin Pract Endocrino Metabol* **2:** 447–458 doi:10.1038/ncpendmet0220

nature CLINICAL PRACTICE **ENDOCRINOLOGY METABOLISM**

Modified dopaminergic reward system in anorexia nervosa?



Zink CF, Weinberger DR; Cracking the moody brain: the rewards of self starvation. Nat Med. 2010 Dec;16(12): 1382-3.

Mediterranean Diet an option for eating disorders



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Adherence towards MD ameliorates binge eating

S. Bertoli et al. / Clinical Nutrition 34 (2015) 107-114

Table 2

Nutritional status, eating behaviour and depressive and anxiety status of the sample according to MED-score level.

Variable	Value	Total Mean (SD)	MED-score level					
			$\leq 5 (N = 410)$ Mean (SD)	6 (<i>N</i> = 330) Mean (SD)	7 (<i>N</i> = 328) Mean (SD)	8 (<i>N</i> = 225) Mean (SD)	$\geq 9 (N = 167)$ Mean (SD)	р
Nutritional status	BMI kg/m ² % Above cut-off of obesity Body fat mass%	29.7 (5.3) 39.9	29.4 (5.2) 42.1	28.8 (5.2) 35.8	29.4 (5.4) 40.6	29.7 (5.7) 42.9	29.1 (5.4) 37.5	0.387 0.342
	Female Male Waist circumference cm	39.1 (4.9) 32.3 (5.7)	38.2 (4.7) 32.1 (5.7)	38.6 (4.8) 31.7 (6.1)	39.2 (4.7) 32.6 (5.5)	40.4.9 (5.1) 33.6 (4.7)	40.4 (4.9) 31.8 (6.2)	0.011 0.333
	Female Male	91.6 (12.7) 106.5 (12.4)	90.8 (12.8) 106.6 (10.9)	89.8 (12.5) 105.4 (13.0)	91.9 (12.6) 108.8 (13.4)	93.7 (13.5) 108.5 (11.1)	93.5 (11.8) 103.3 (13.2)	0.015 0.136
Binge eating	BES score % Above cut-off	12.0 (7.5) 25.5	12.8 (7.2) 26.9	11.2 (7.4) 21.5	12.1 (7.6) 27.0	12.1 (8.0) 28.8	10.7 (7.5) 23.2	0.011 0.255
Depression Anxiety	QD percentiles % Above cut-off STAI X II percentiles % Above cut-off	47.6 (28.4) 3.2 46.0 (28.5) 3.8	49.6 (28.1) 2.2 45.8 (29.3) 4.4	46.7 (27.9) 2.7 44.6 (28.1) 3.6	48.4 (29.2) 4.5 44.3 (28.8) 3.0	47.5 (28.5) 4.0 49.5 (28.3) 4.4	43.1 (27.6) 3.0 47.6 (26.9) 3.6	0.153 0.395 0.216 0.879

All associations and means comparison were examined with $\chi 2$ analyses and *one-way ANOVA*, respectively.

p-Value is reported in italics. Significance (p<0.05) is reported in bold.

MED-Score: Validiertes 14-Item Instrument zur Messung der Adhärenz zur Mediterranen Diät (Martinez-Gonzalez MA, 2012)

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Adherence towards MD ameliorates binge eating



Multivariate OR (95%) für Binge Eating versus MED-Score Level als Maß für Adhärenz.

(adjustiert für Alter, Geschlecht, BMI, Rauchen, Ehestand, körperliche Aktivität)

MED-Score: Validiertes 14-Item Instrument zur Messung der Adhärenz zur Mediterranen Diät (Martinez-Gonzalez MA, 2012)



Multivariate OR (95%) für Binge Eating versus ausgewählte Bestandteile des MED-Score.

(adjustiert für Alter, Geschlecht, BMI, Rauchen, Ehestand, körperliche Aktivität)

Früchte, Gemüse, Hülsenfrüchte und Wein zeigten keine signifikante, unabhängige Assoziation.

RESULTS:

Greater numbers of stressors were associated with lower postmeal REE (p = .0 lower fat oxidation (p = .04), and higher insulin (p = .01), with nonsignificant effects for cortisol and glucose. Women with prior MDD had higher cortisol (p = .008) a higher fat oxidation (p = .004), without significant effects for REE, insulin, and glucose. Women with a depression history who also had more stressors had a higher peak triglyceride response than other participants (p = .01). The only difference between meals was higher postprandial glucose following sunflower compared with saturated fat (p = .03).

CONCLUSIONS:

The cumulative 6-hour difference between one prior day stressor and no stress translates into 435 kJ, a difference that could add almost 11 pounds per year. These findings illustrate how stress and depression alter metabolic responses high-fat meals in ways that promote obesity.

Weight alterations in mental disorders

Disorder	Body weight		Reference
	Prämorbid	Acute	
Bipolar Disorder			Bernstein et al. 2015
Depression (MDD) typical atypical			Byrne et al. 2015 Gold et al. 2002
ADHD		1	Albayrak et al. 2013
Schizophrenia		1	Theisen et al. 2001
Autism			Broder-Fingert et al. 2014
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Potential mechanisms underlying the associating between obesity and mental disorders

PGC: 'Cross-Disorder' Analysis Psychiatric Genomics Consortium

<u>Hypothesis:</u> specific gene variants predispose to 5 disorders: autism spectrum disorders, ADHD, bipolar disorder, MDD, and schizophrenia

33,332 cases (5 disorders) and 27,888 controls of European descent

SNPs at 4 loci genome-wide significant (p<5×10−8) in the primary analysis:

- 3p21
- 10q24
- 12p: CACNA1C
- 10p: CACNB2



Flgure 1: Manhattan plot of primary fixed-effects meta-analysis Horizontal line shows threshold for genome-wide significance (p<5×10⁻⁺).

CACNA1C and CACNB2: L-type voltagegated calcium channel subunits 1 and 2

Cross-Disorder Group of the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium The Lancet, 2013;381:1371-1379