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# **COPD and obesity**

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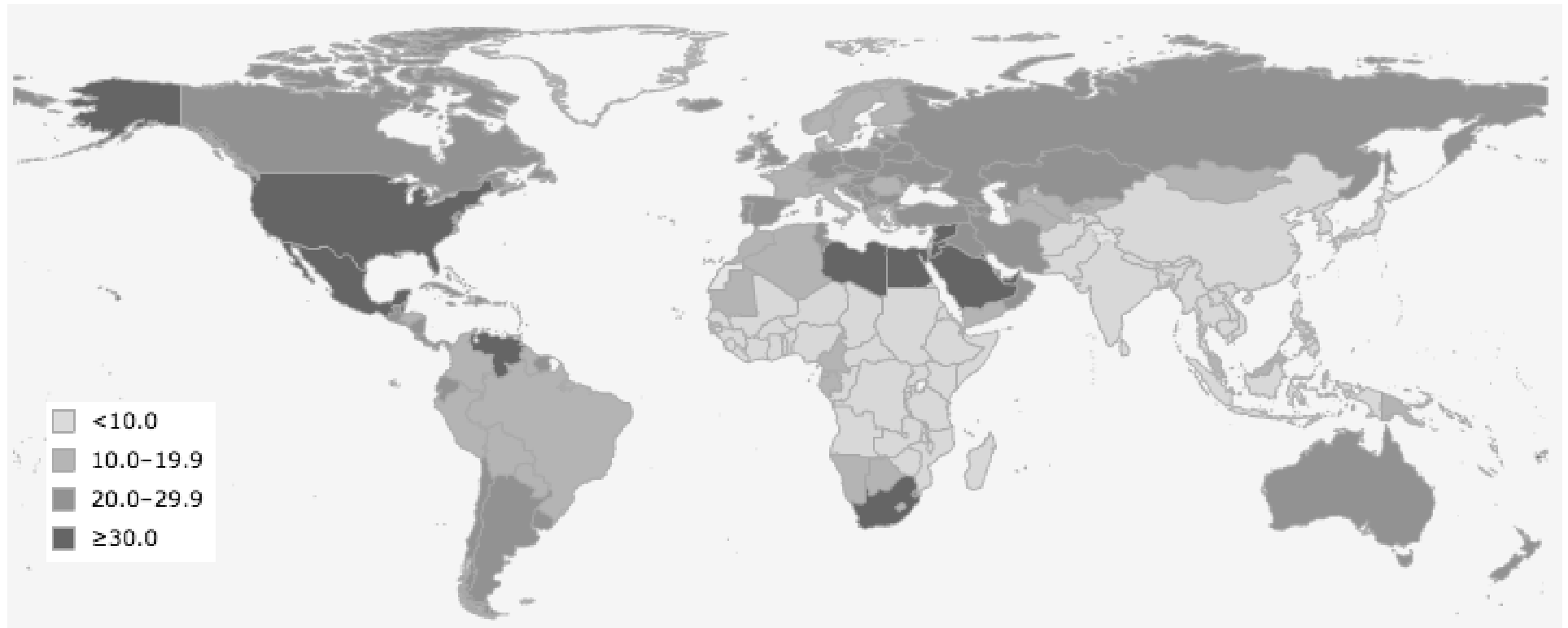


# **COPD and obesity: agenda**

- 1) Epidemiology
- 2) Impact of obesity on
  - \* Diagnosis and treatment
  - \* Symptoms
  - \* Lung function
  - \* Exercise capacity
  - \* Clinical phenotypes
  - \* Prognosis
- 3) How to manage the obese COPD patient
- 4) Summary and discussion

# ‘Globesity’

Obesity (BMI > 30 kg·m<sup>-2</sup>) is a complex multifactorial chronic condition that develops from an interaction of genotype and the environment

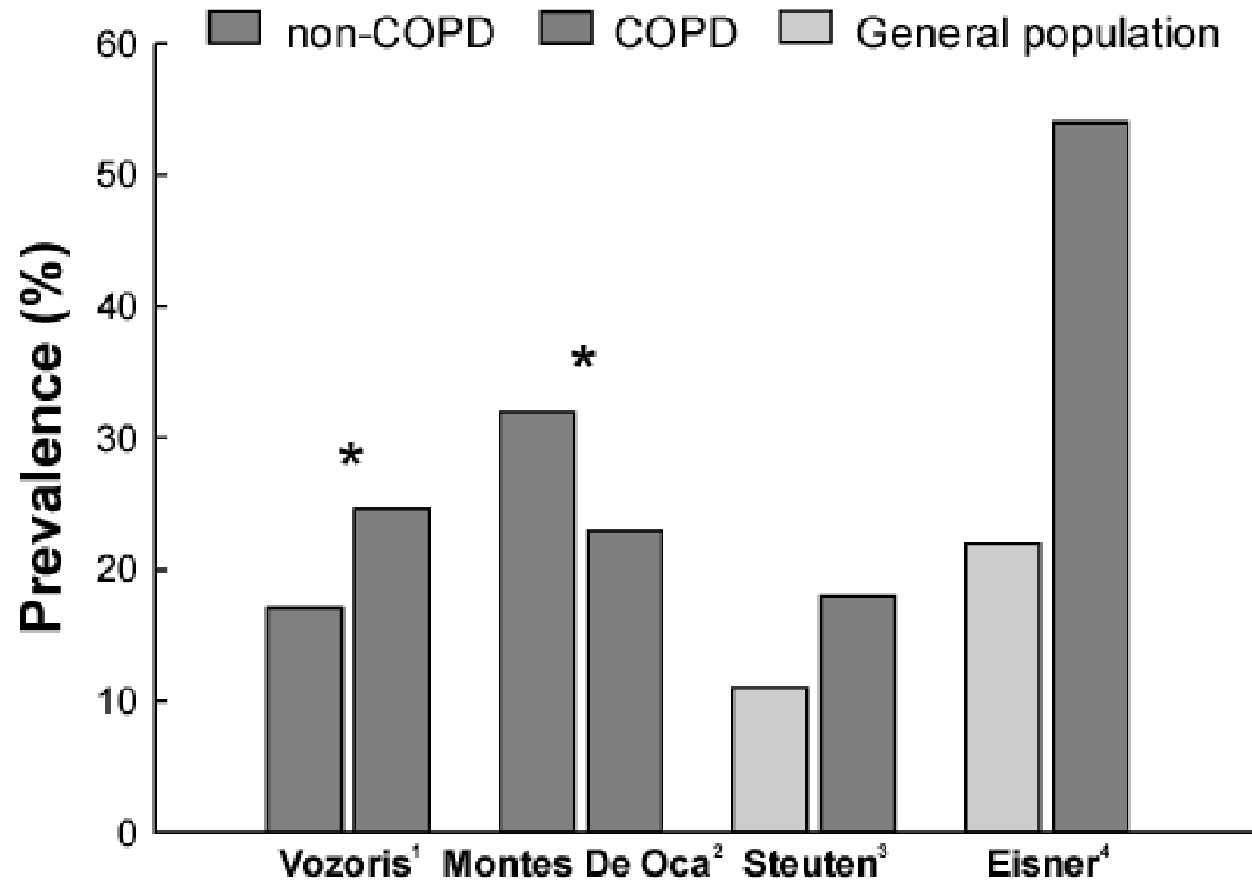
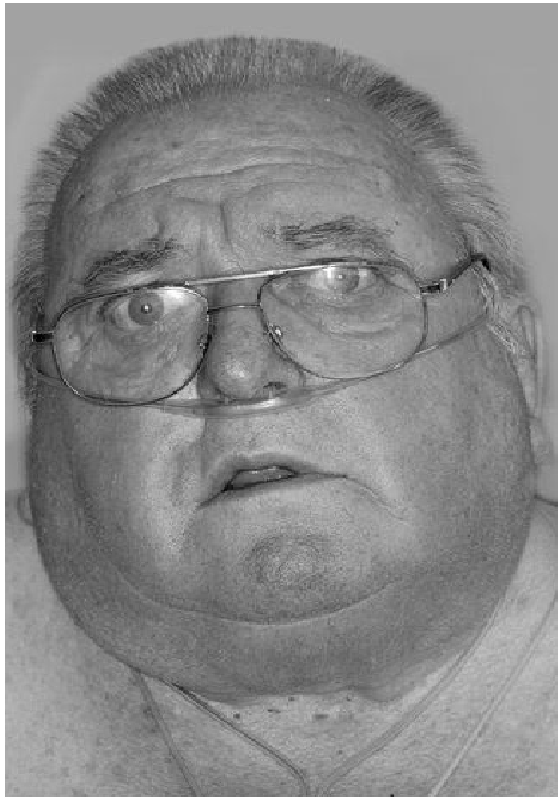


The worldwide prevalence of obesity has doubled since 1980, resulting in an estimated number of 500 million obese adults around the world in 2008

**Obesity is a major cause of worldwide morbidity and mortality**

*WHO, Global Database on BMI, 2014*

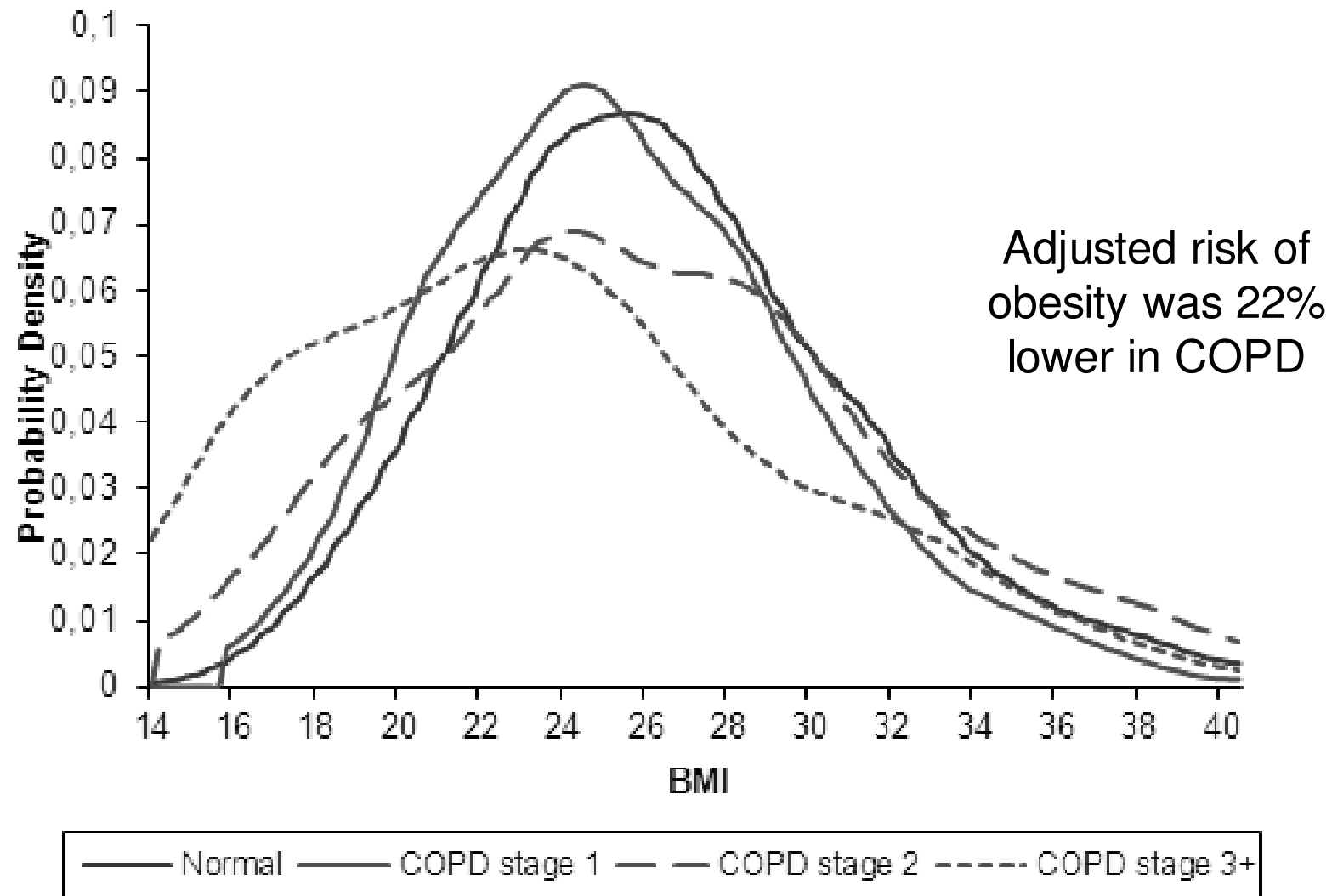
## Prevalence of obesity in COPD



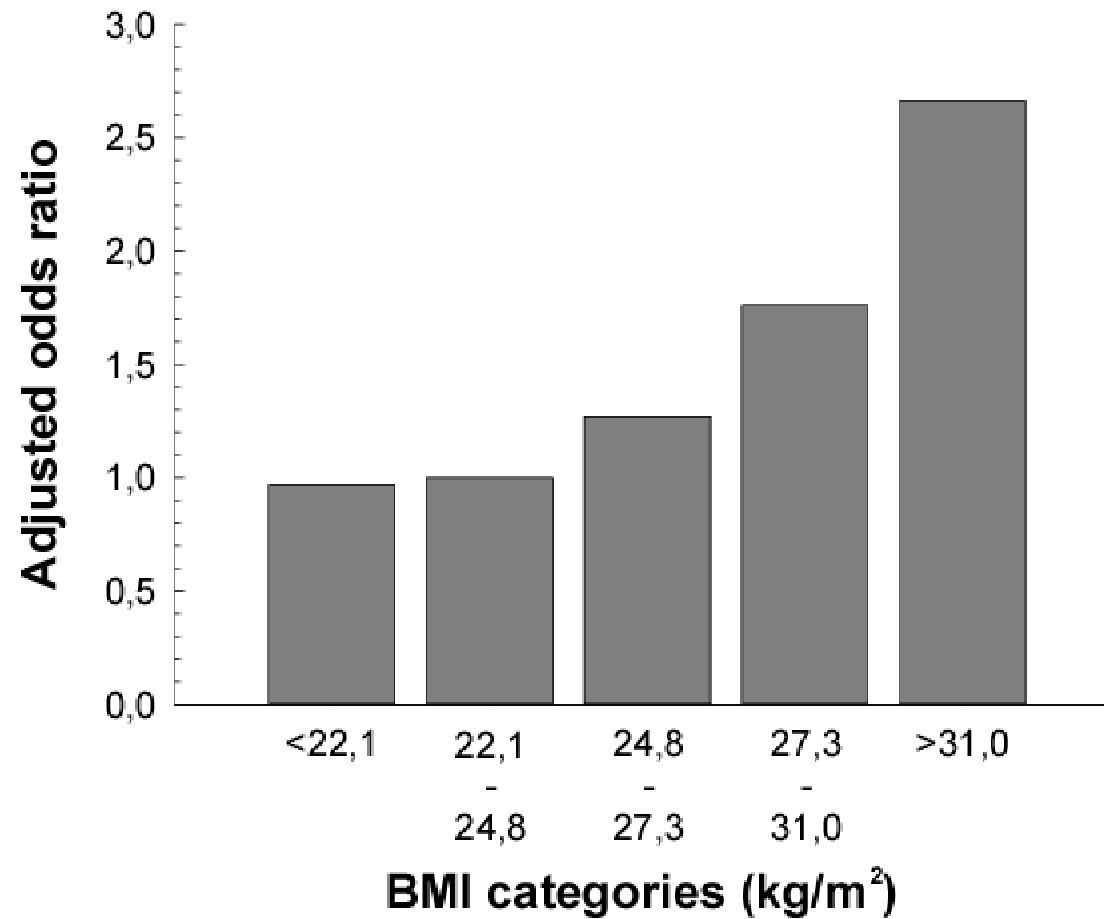
The prevalence of obesity in COPD varies across studies, probably as a result of differences in general and COPD specific risk factors for obesity

<sup>1</sup>Vozoris et al., *Can Respir J* 2012; <sup>2</sup>Montes De Oca et al., *Respir Med* 2008;  
<sup>3</sup>Steuten et al., *Prim Care Respir J* 2006; <sup>4</sup>Eisner et al., *Respir Res* 2007

## Prevalence of obesity in the Burden of Obstructive Lung Disease (BOLD) initiative (n=18.606)



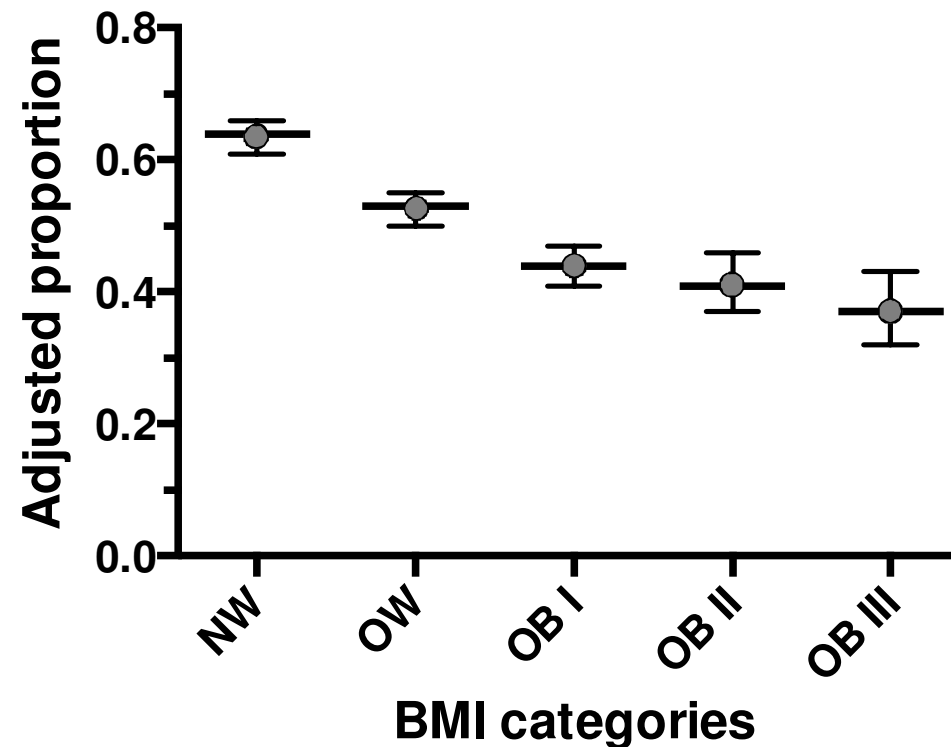
## Obesity is a risk factor for dyspnea



*Sin et al., NHANES III, Arch Intern Med 2002*

# Obesity is a risk factor for misdiagnosis of COPD

52% of patients (n=5.493) with a clinical COPD diagnosis had chronic airflow limitation

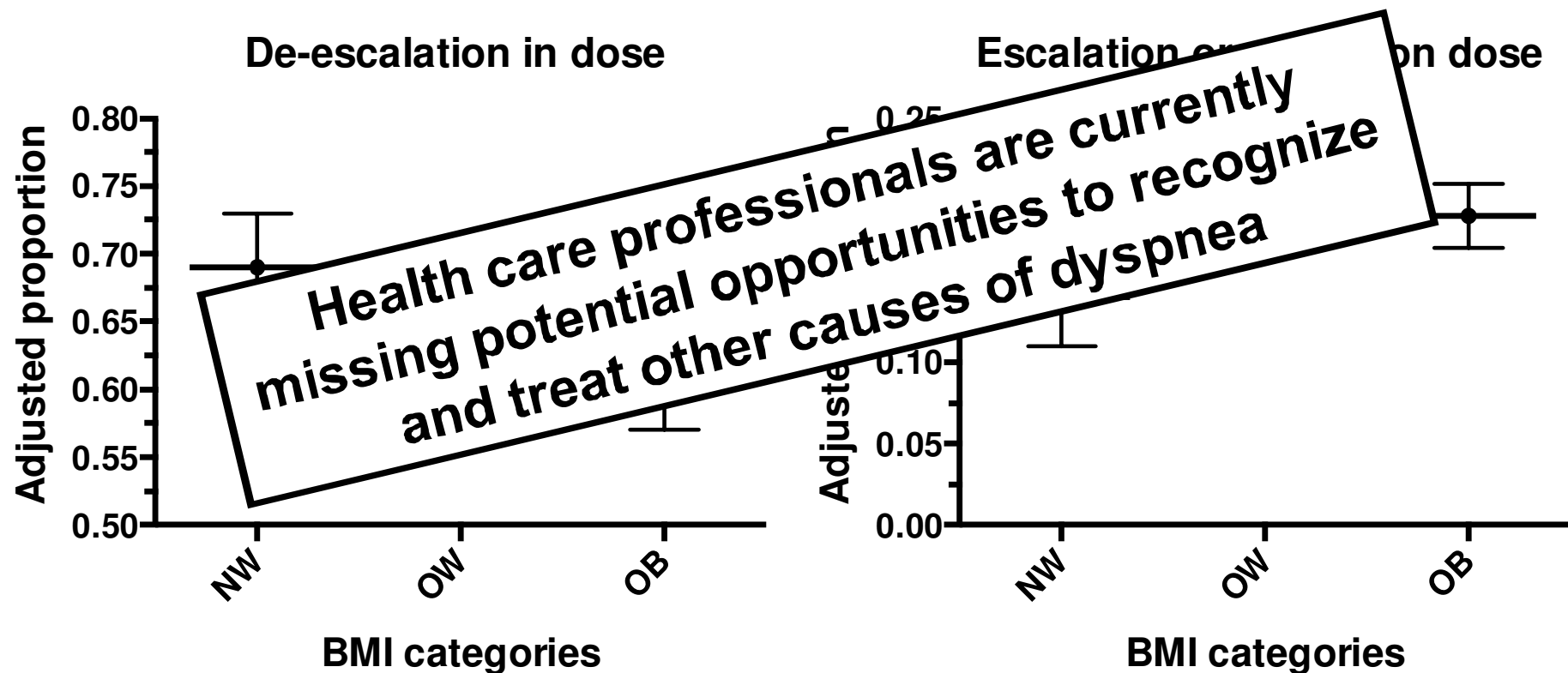


The proportion of patients with chronic airflow limitation decreased as BMI increased



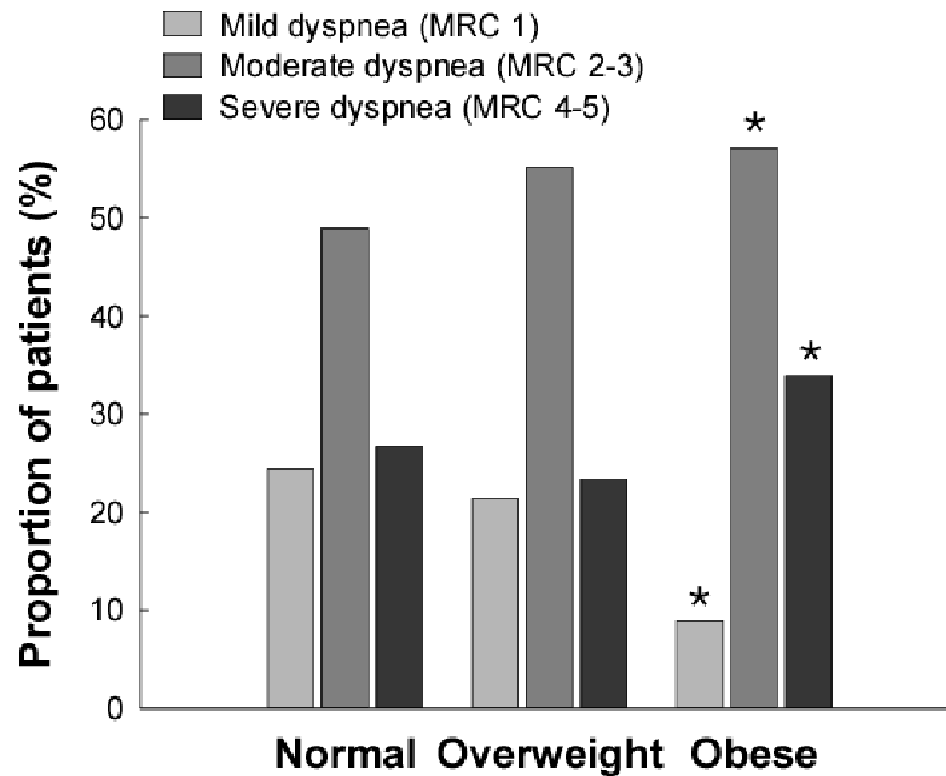
# Obesity is a risk factor for overtreatment of COPD

Among subjects without chronic airflow limitation, overweight and obese subjects were less likely to have therapy de-escalated or remain off therapy

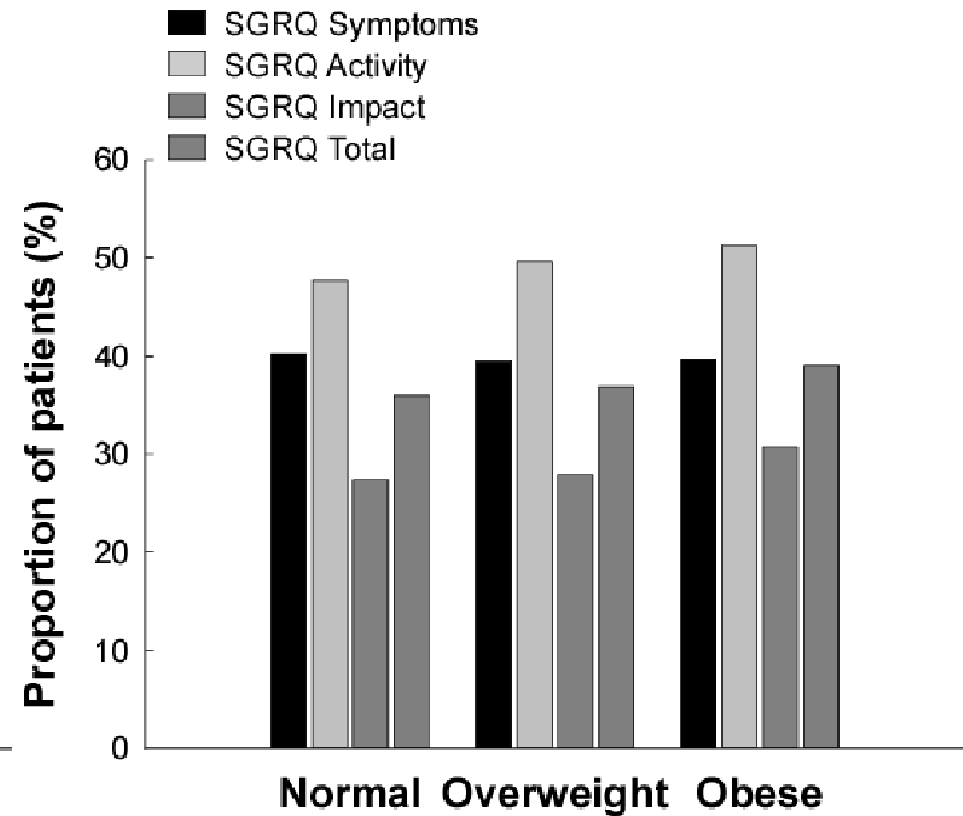


# COPD and obesity: symptoms and health status

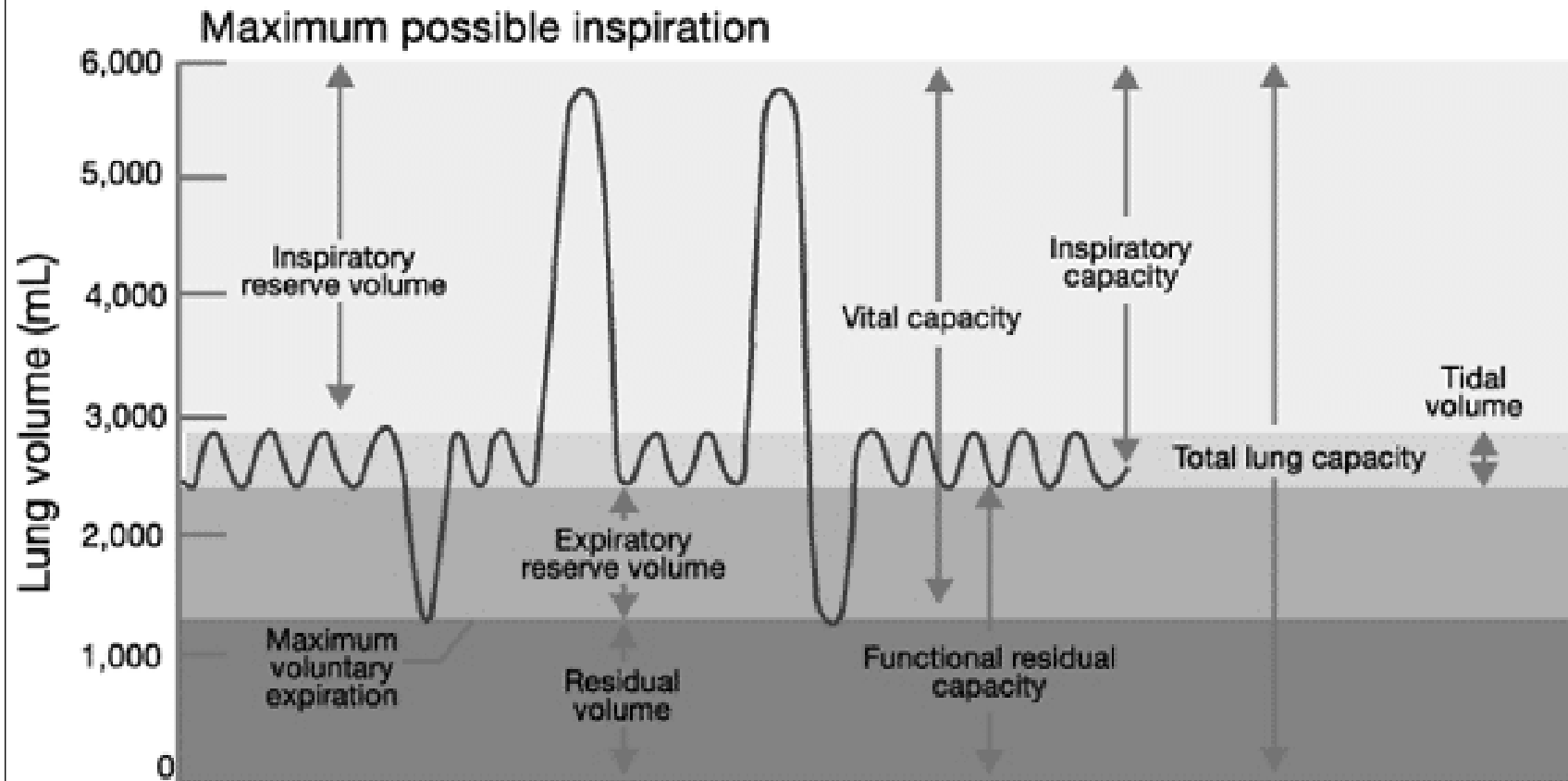
## Dyspnea



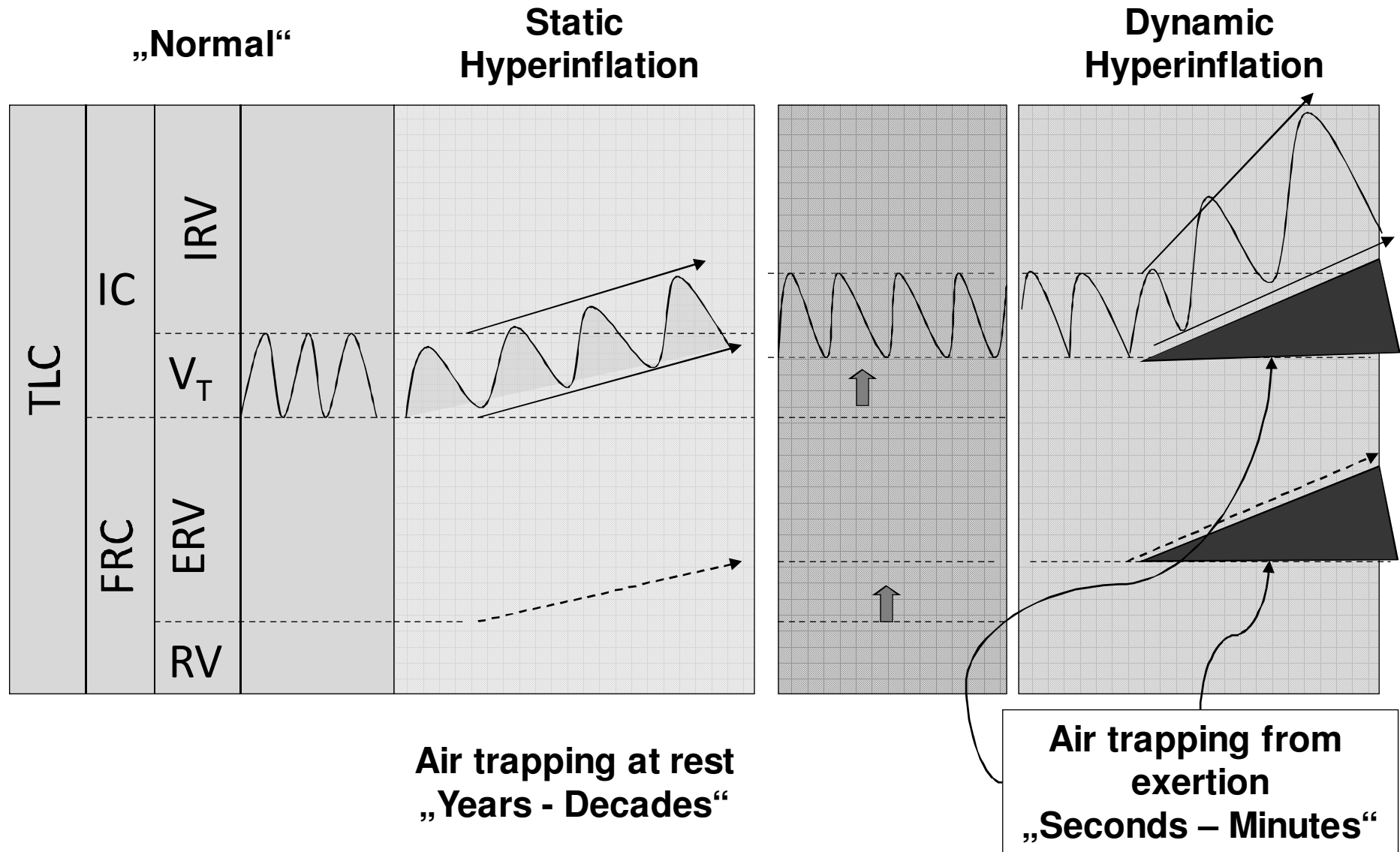
## Health status



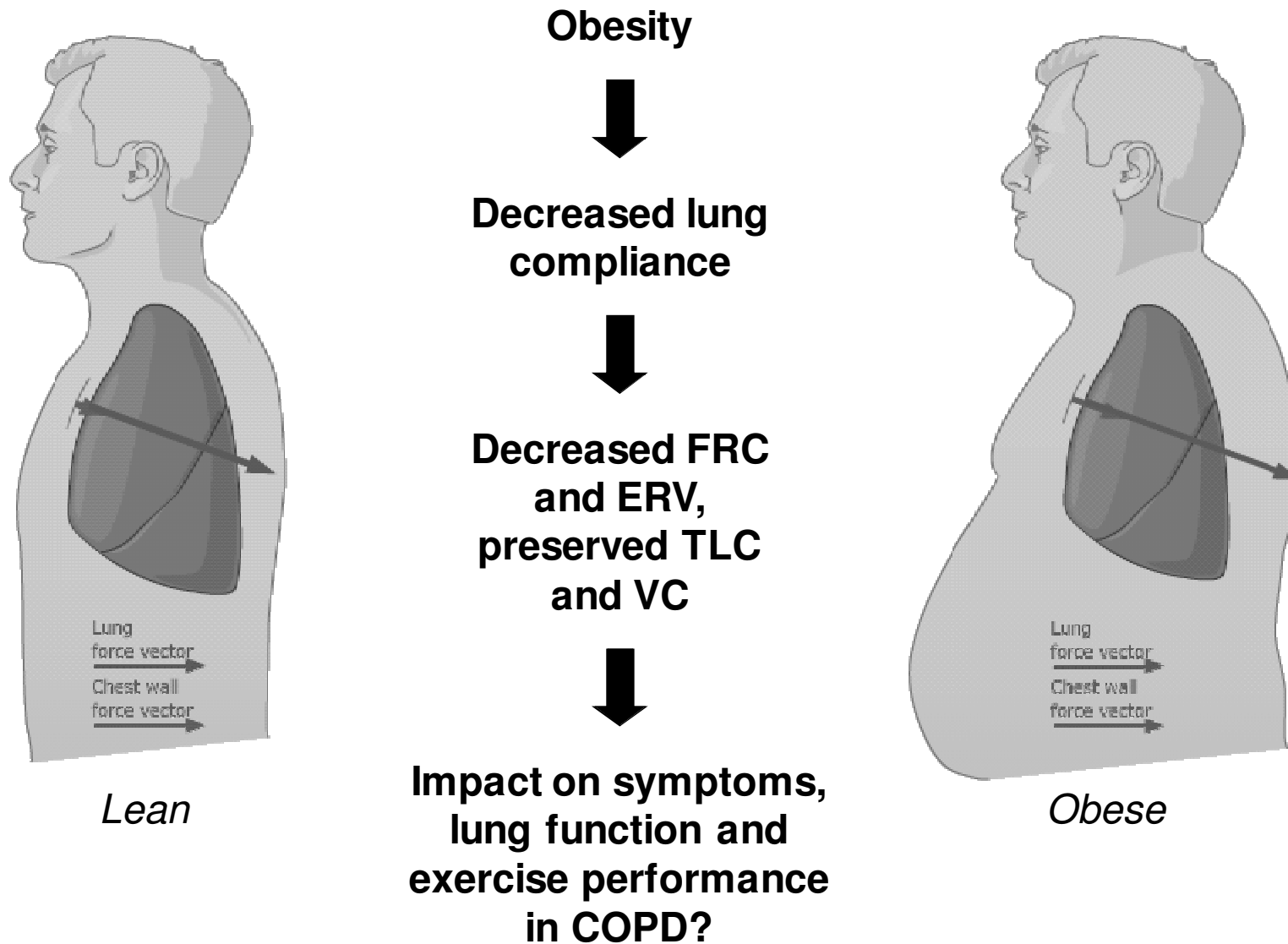
# Normal lung volumes



# Static and dynamic hyperinflation in COPD

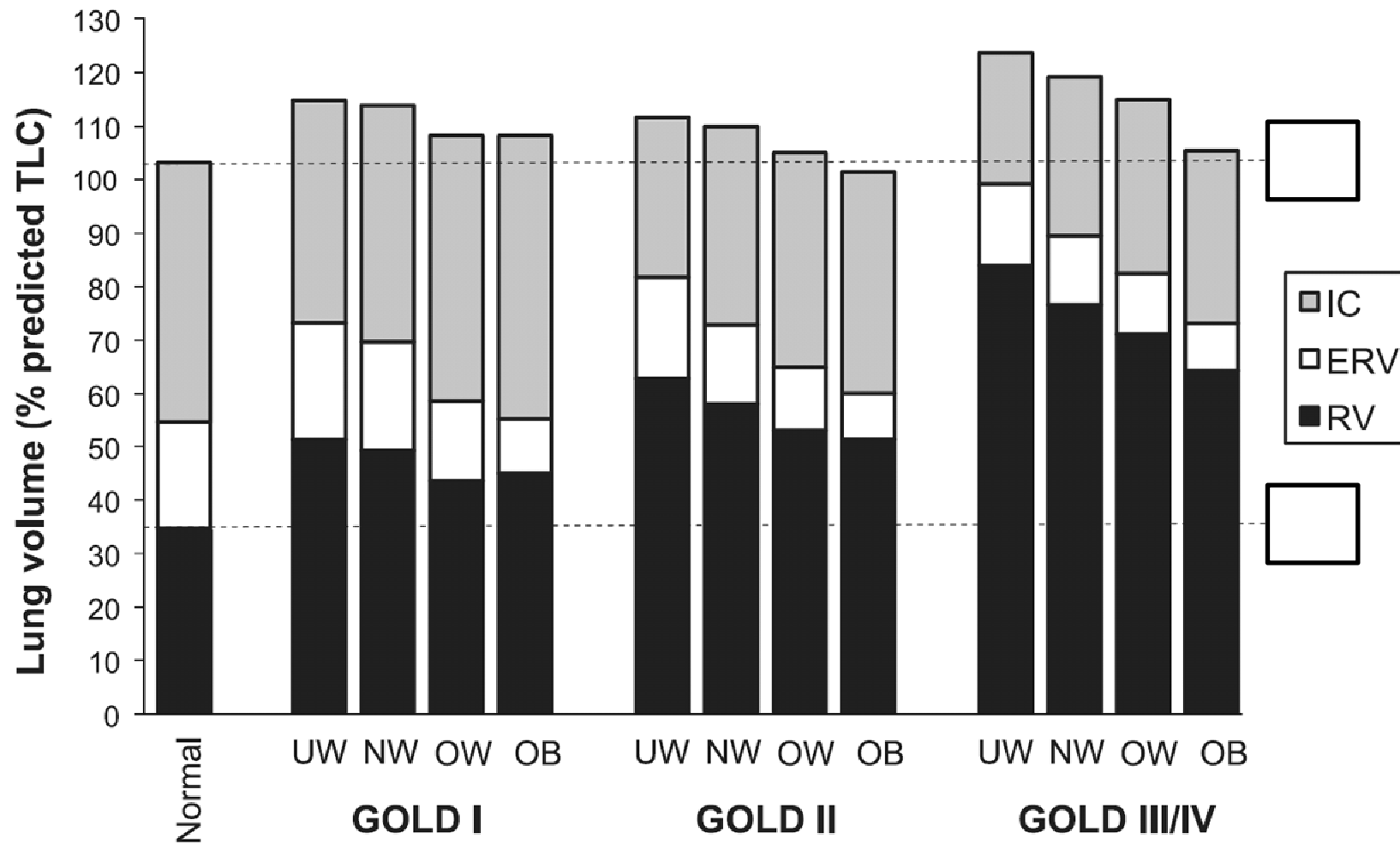


# Lung function in obesity

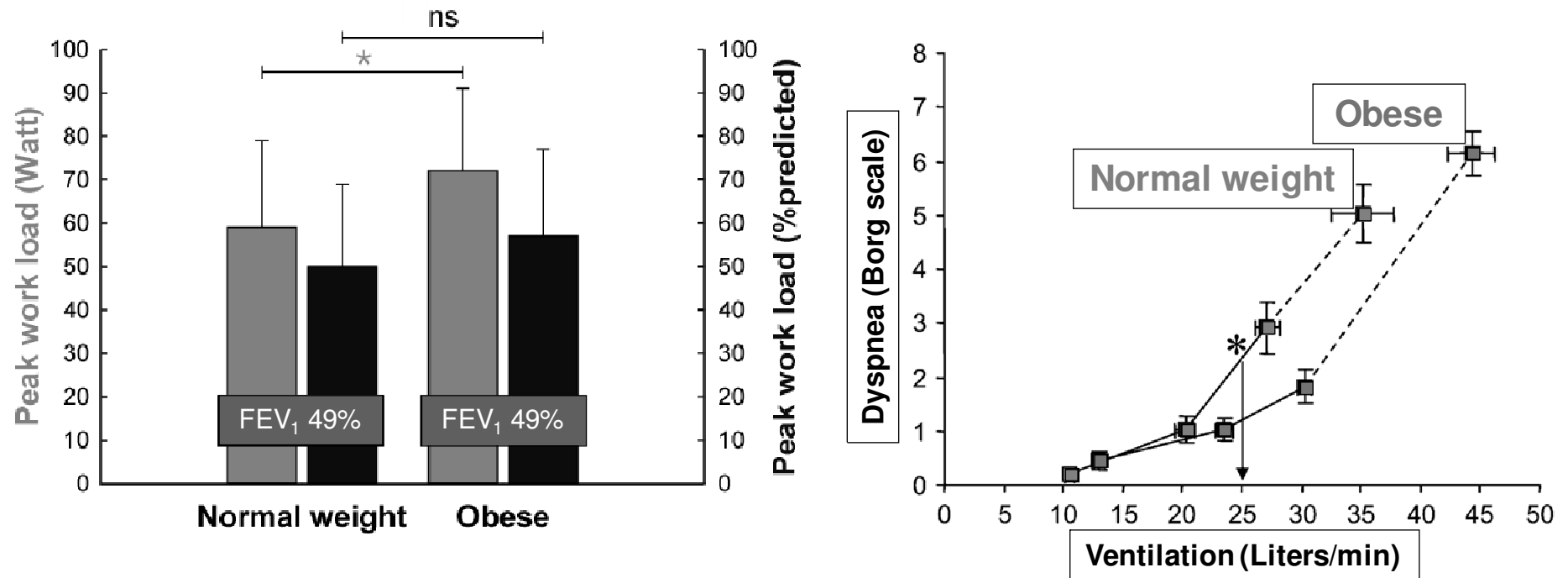


*Franssen et al., Thorax 2008*  
*Gifford et al., Chest 2010*

## Combined effects of obesity and COPD: lung function at rest

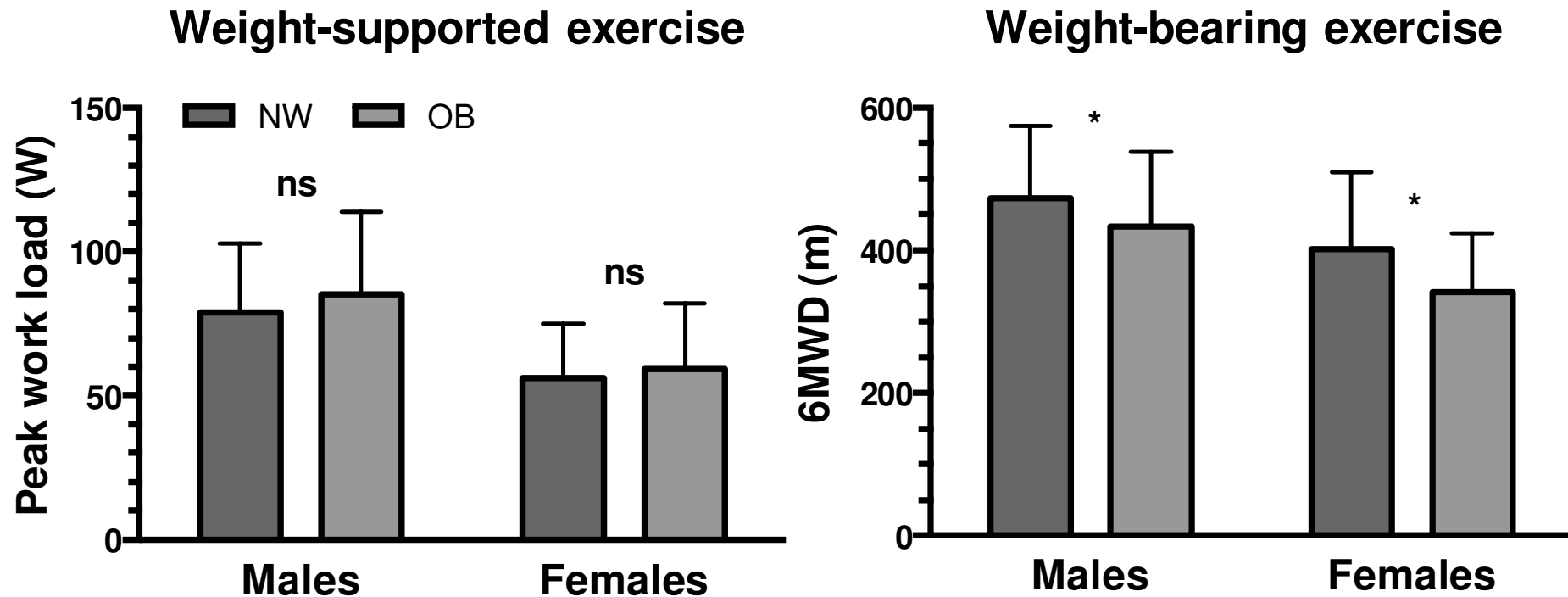


# Exercise capacity in normal weight and obese COPD patients



Obese COPD patients do not experience greater exercise limitation and dyspnea than normal weight patients during peak cycle ergometry.

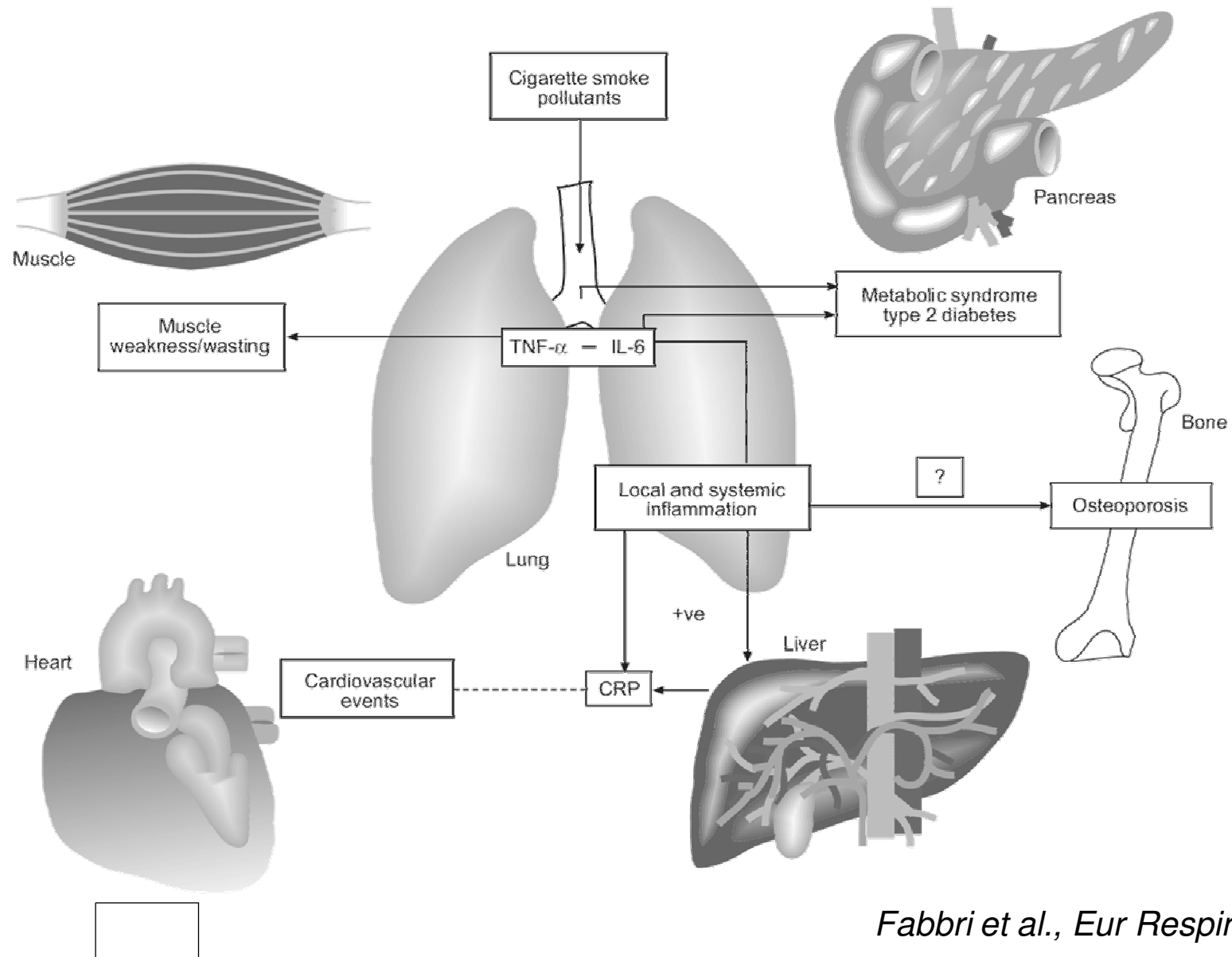
# Effects of obesity on weight-bearing vs. weight-supported exercise testing in COPD



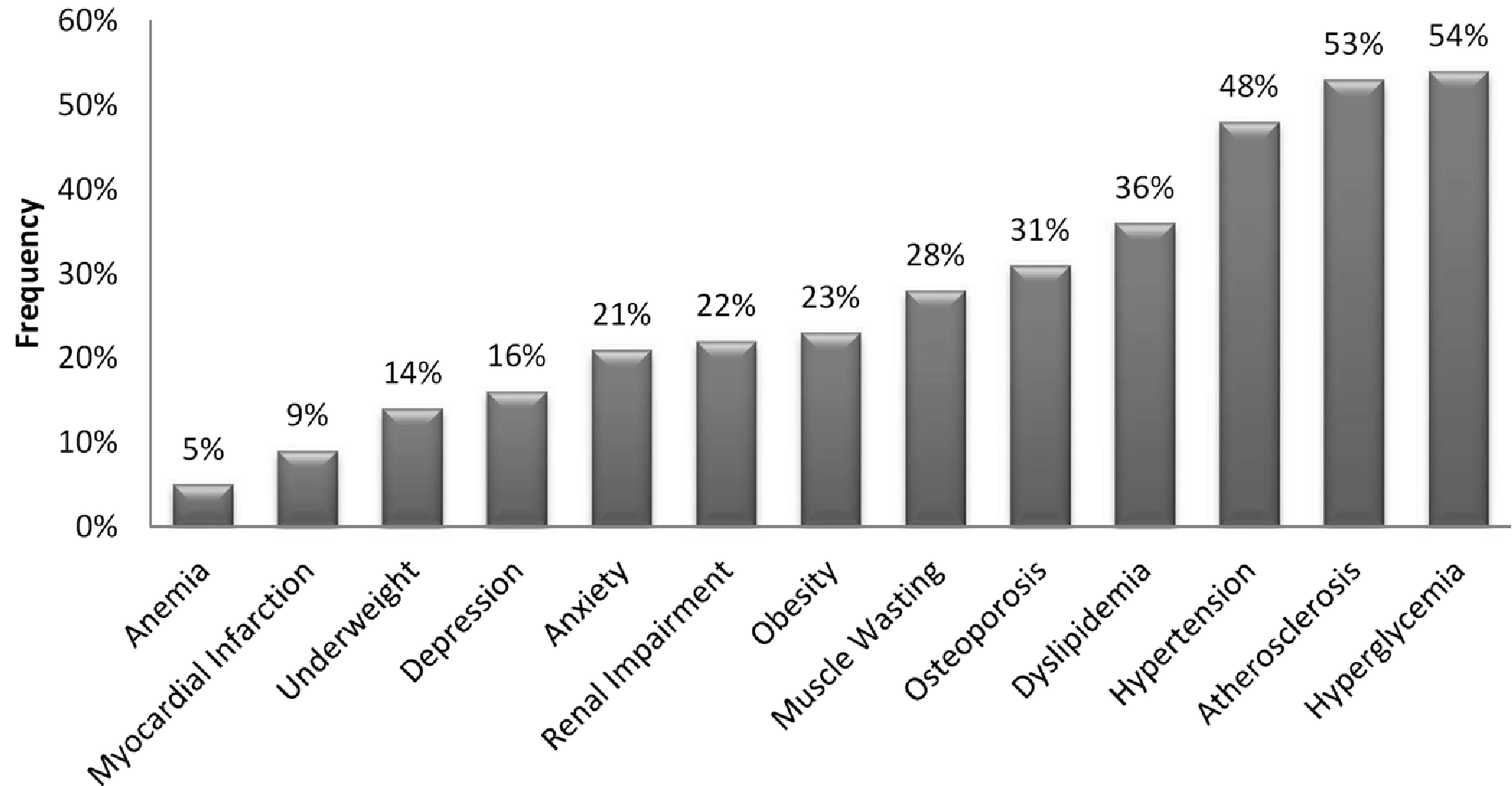
In contrast to cycle ergometry, six minute walking distance is shorter in obese COPD patients compared with non-obese patients, **matched for gender, age and FEV<sub>1</sub>**



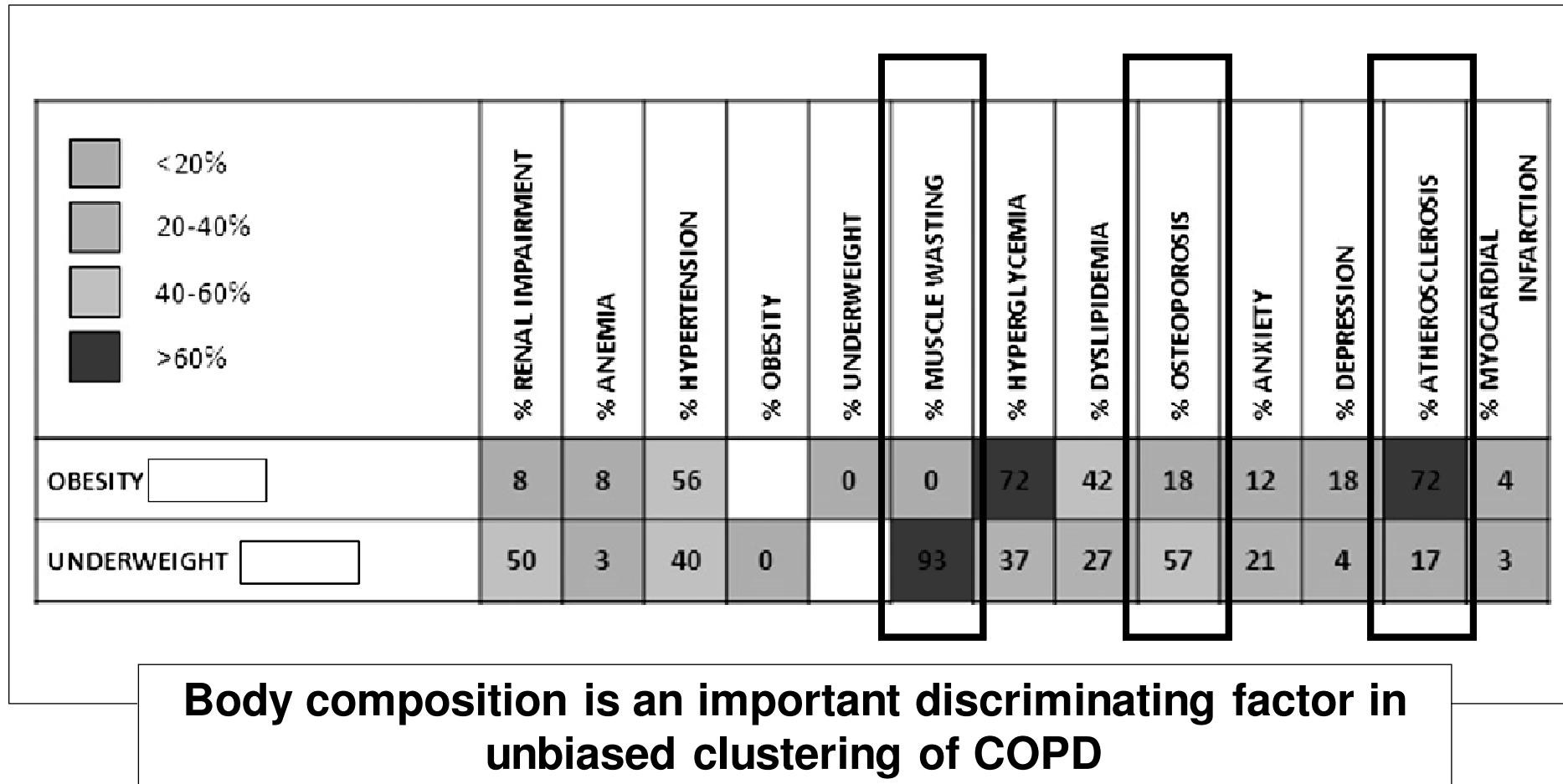
# Combined effects of obesity and COPD: systemic consequences



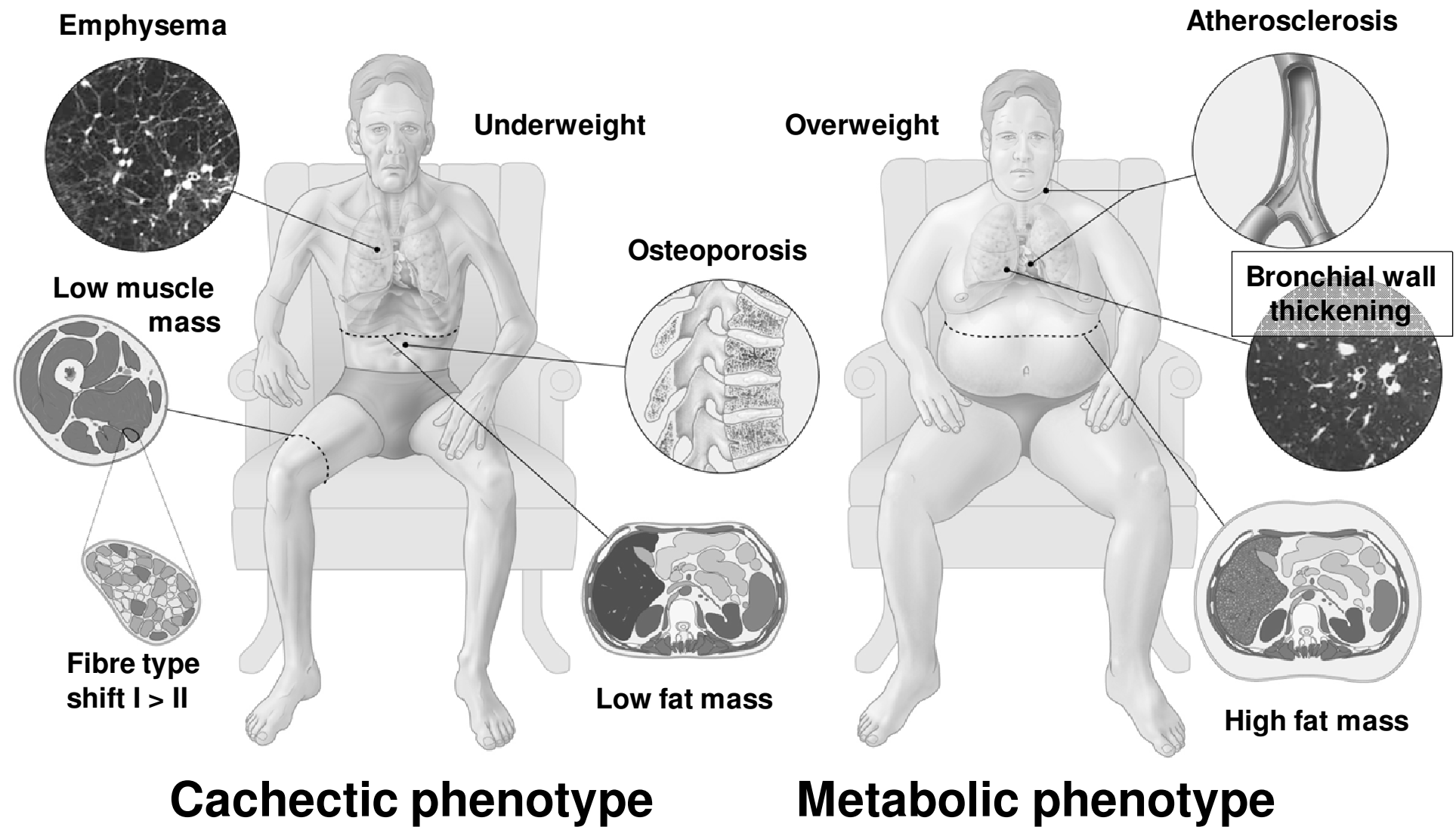
## Frequencies of objectively identified comorbidities



# Clustering of objectively identified comorbidities in COPD



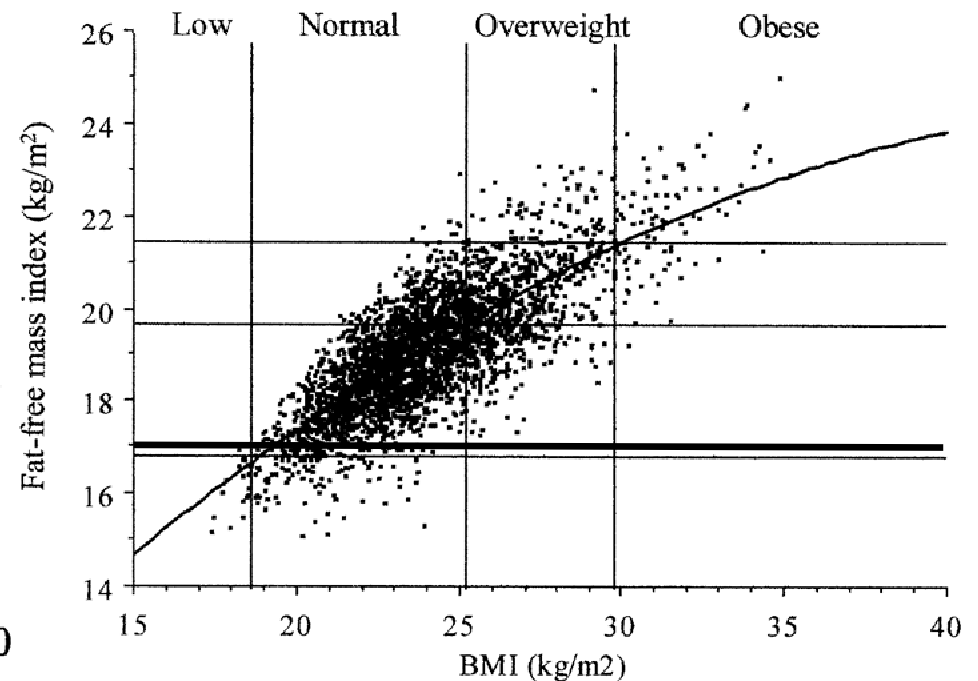
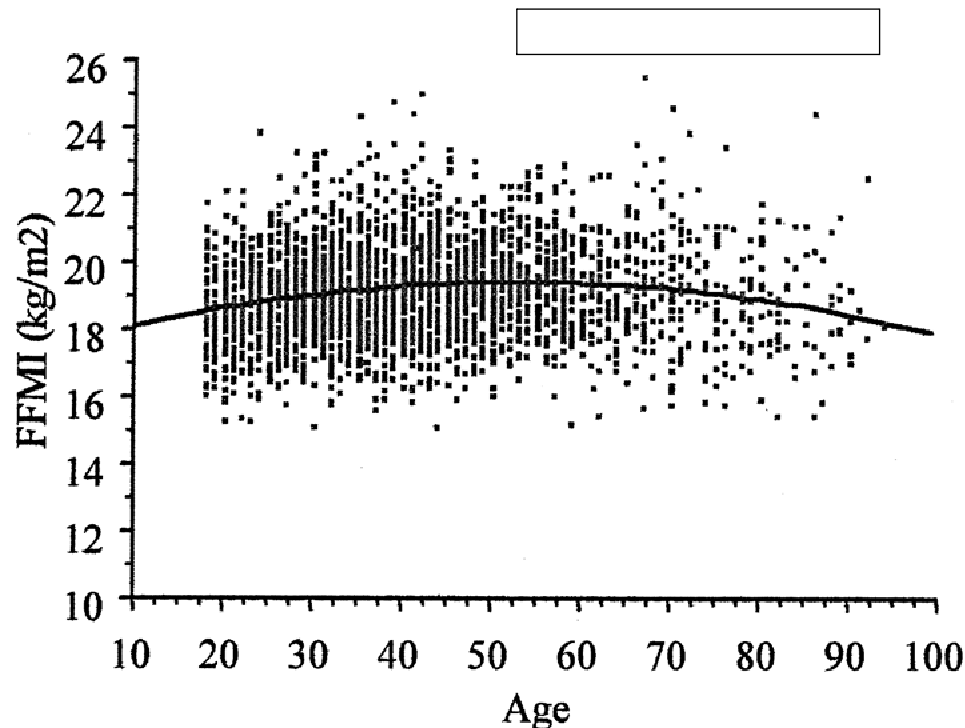
# Classical COPD phenotypes revisited



# Assessing low fat-free mass: the impact of aging and BMI

Above the age of 60, fat-free mass index declines

Fat-free mass index is positively correlated with BMI



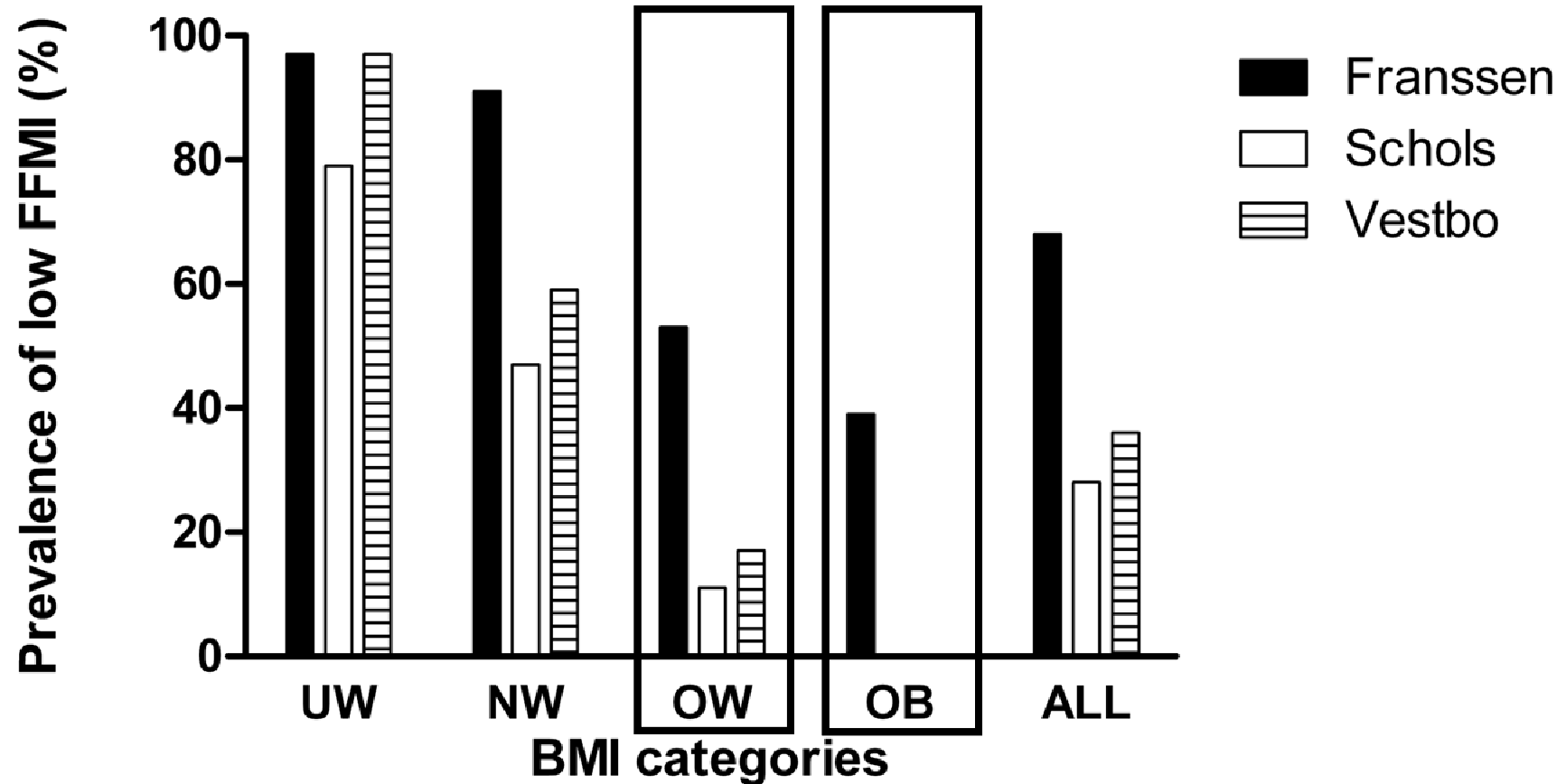
There is a rationale for gender-, age- and BMI specific cut-offs

## New reference values for fat-free mass index: results from the UK Biobank (n = 186,975)

		Men				Women			
Age, y	BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	P5	P10	P25	P50	P5	P10	P25	P50
45–59	<18.50	14.0	14.9	15.3	15.7	12.9	13.3	13.7	14.1
	18.50–24.99	17.0	17.5	18.1	18.9	14.3	14.6	15.1	15.7
	25.00–29.99	19.0	19.3	19.9	20.6	15.5	15.8	16.3	16.9
	≥30.00	20.9	21.3	21.8	22.6	16.9	17.2	17.7	18.3
60–69	<18.50	14.5	14.9	15.2	15.8	12.7	13.0	13.6	14.2
	18.50–24.99	16.8	17.2	17.9	18.6	14.2	14.5	15.0	15.5
	25.00–29.99	18.6	18.9	19.5	20.2	15.4	15.7	16.1	16.7
	≥30.00	20.4	20.7	21.3	22.1	16.7	17.0	17.5	18.1

Body composition data from the general population indicate that in  
overweight and obese populations higher cut-off values for low fat-free mass  
should be applied

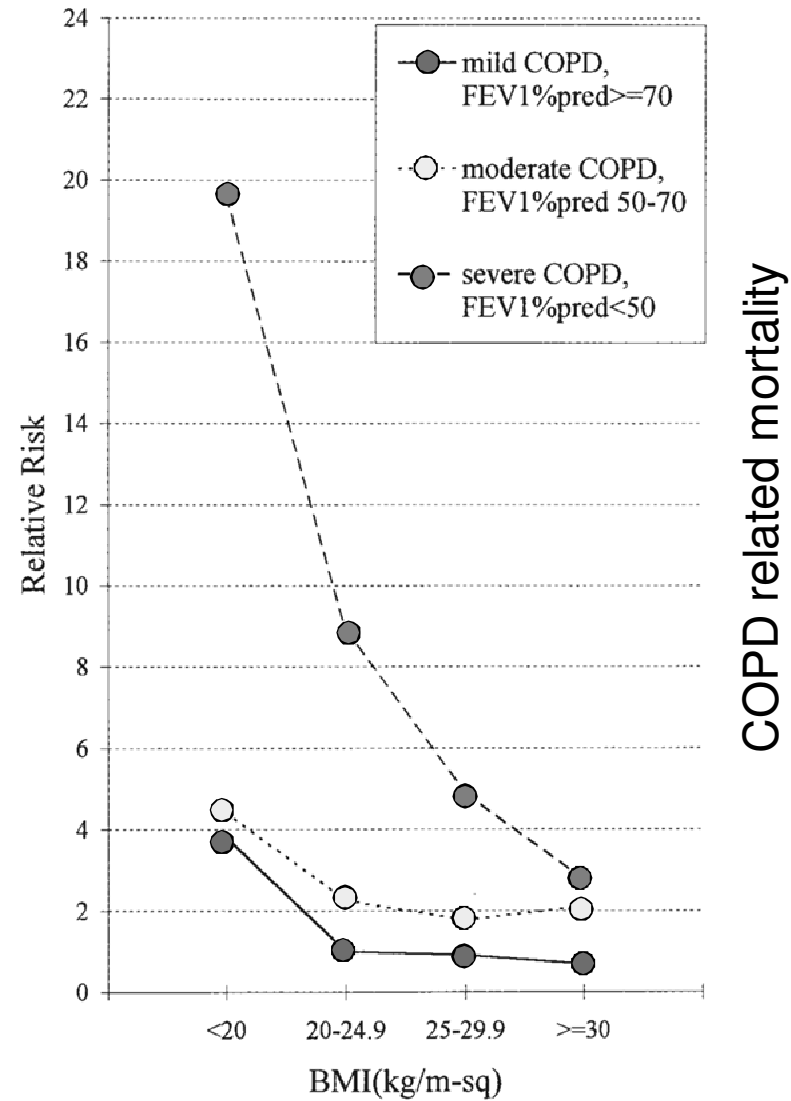
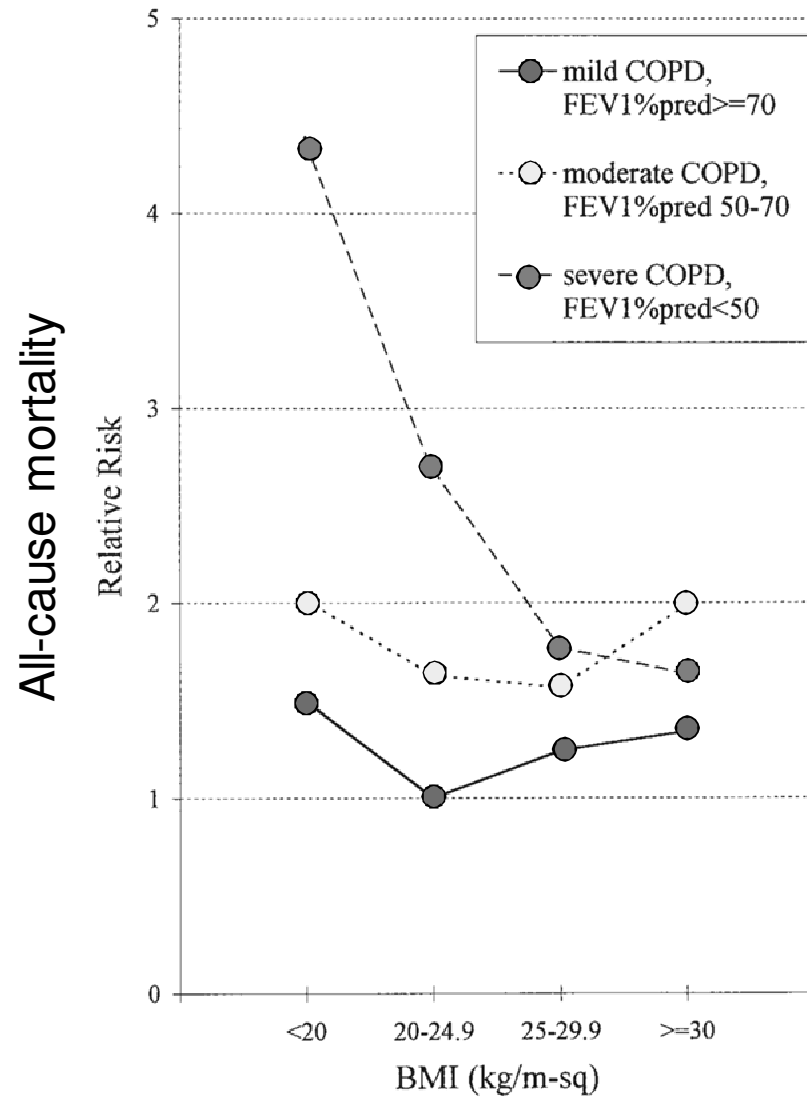
## The prevalence of low muscle mass in overweight and obese COPD patients



A large proportion of overweight and obese patients with COPD fulfill the new criteria for low fat-free mass

*Franssen et al., in preparation*

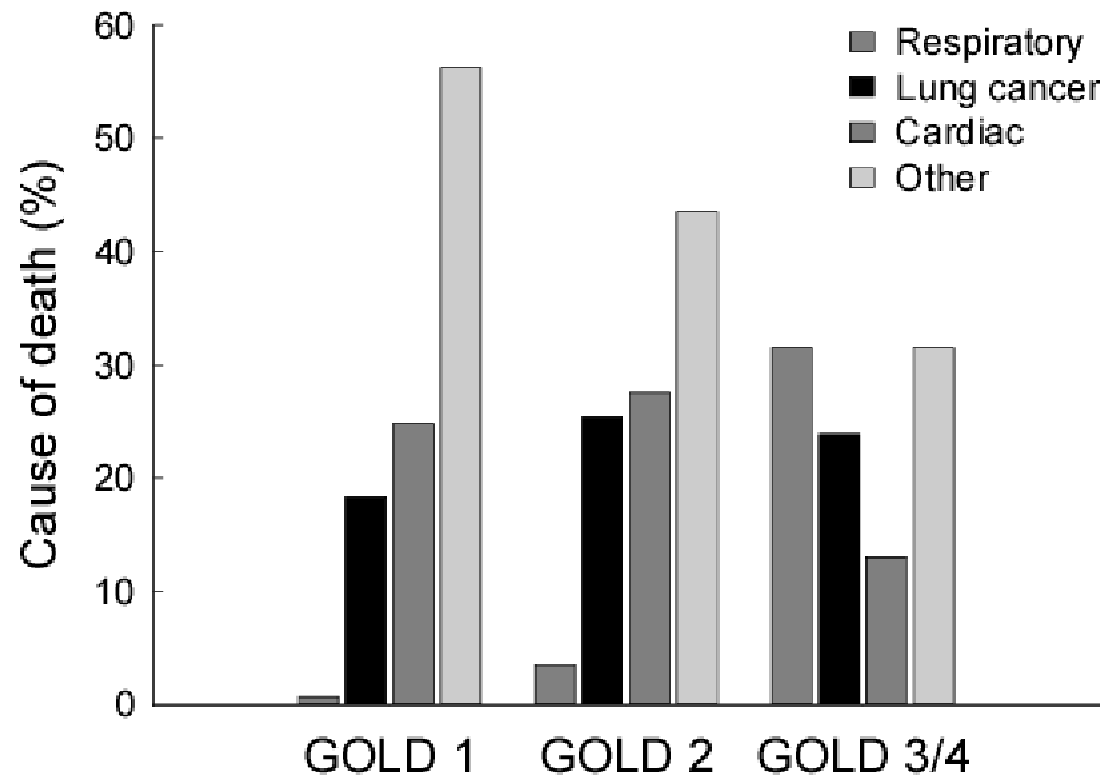
# Combined effects of obesity and COPD: obesity paradox



Landbo et al., Am J Respir Crit Care Med 1999

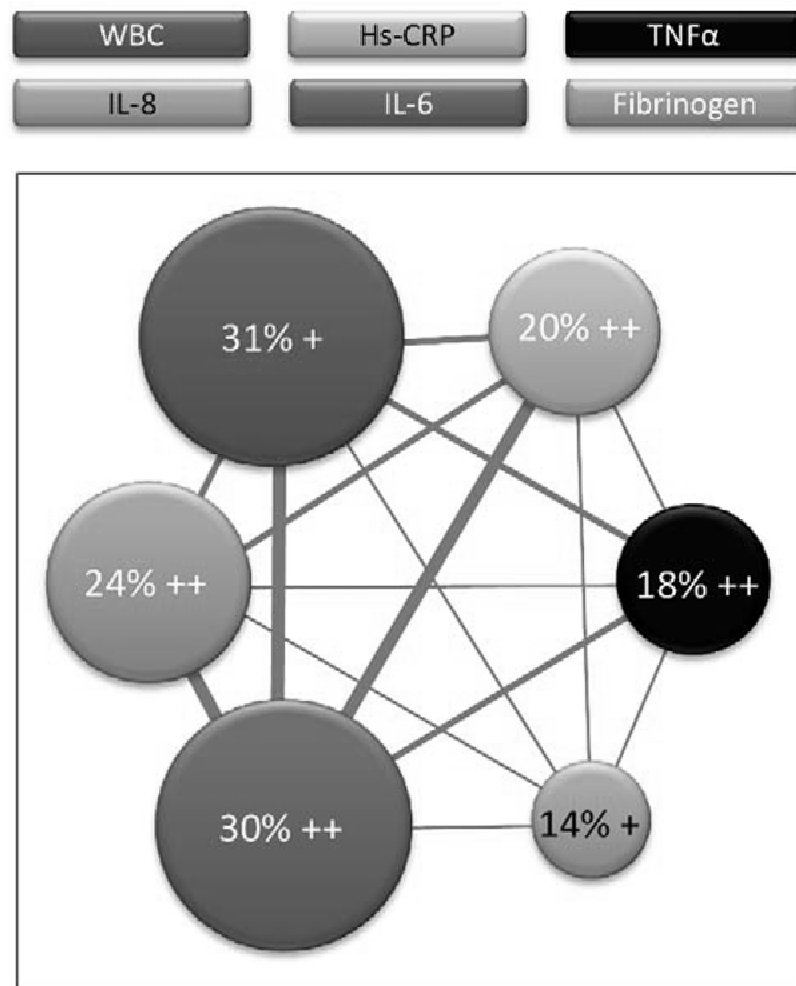


## Causes of death in COPD



Only a minority of COPD patients die from this disease

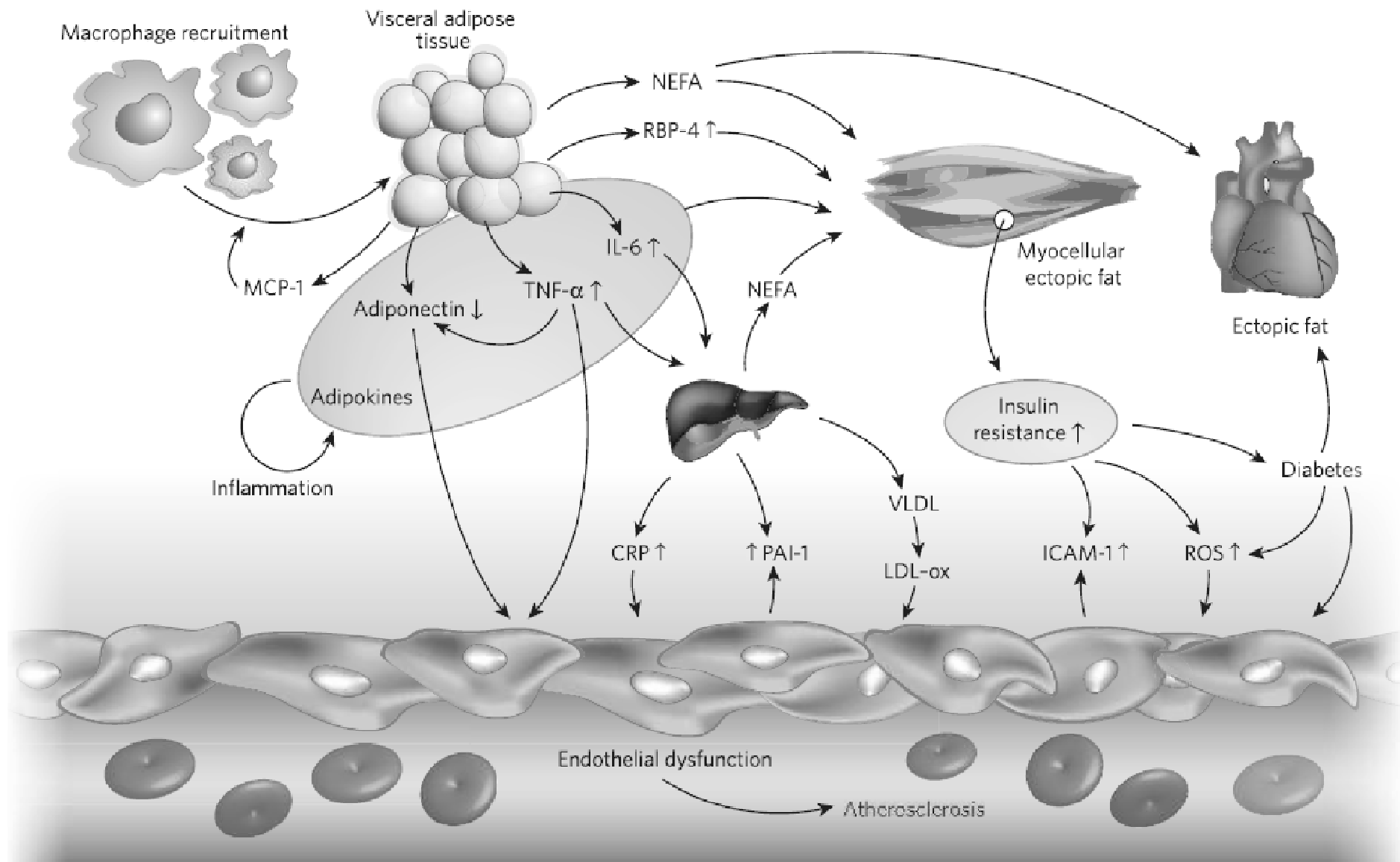
## Persistent systemic inflammation in COPD



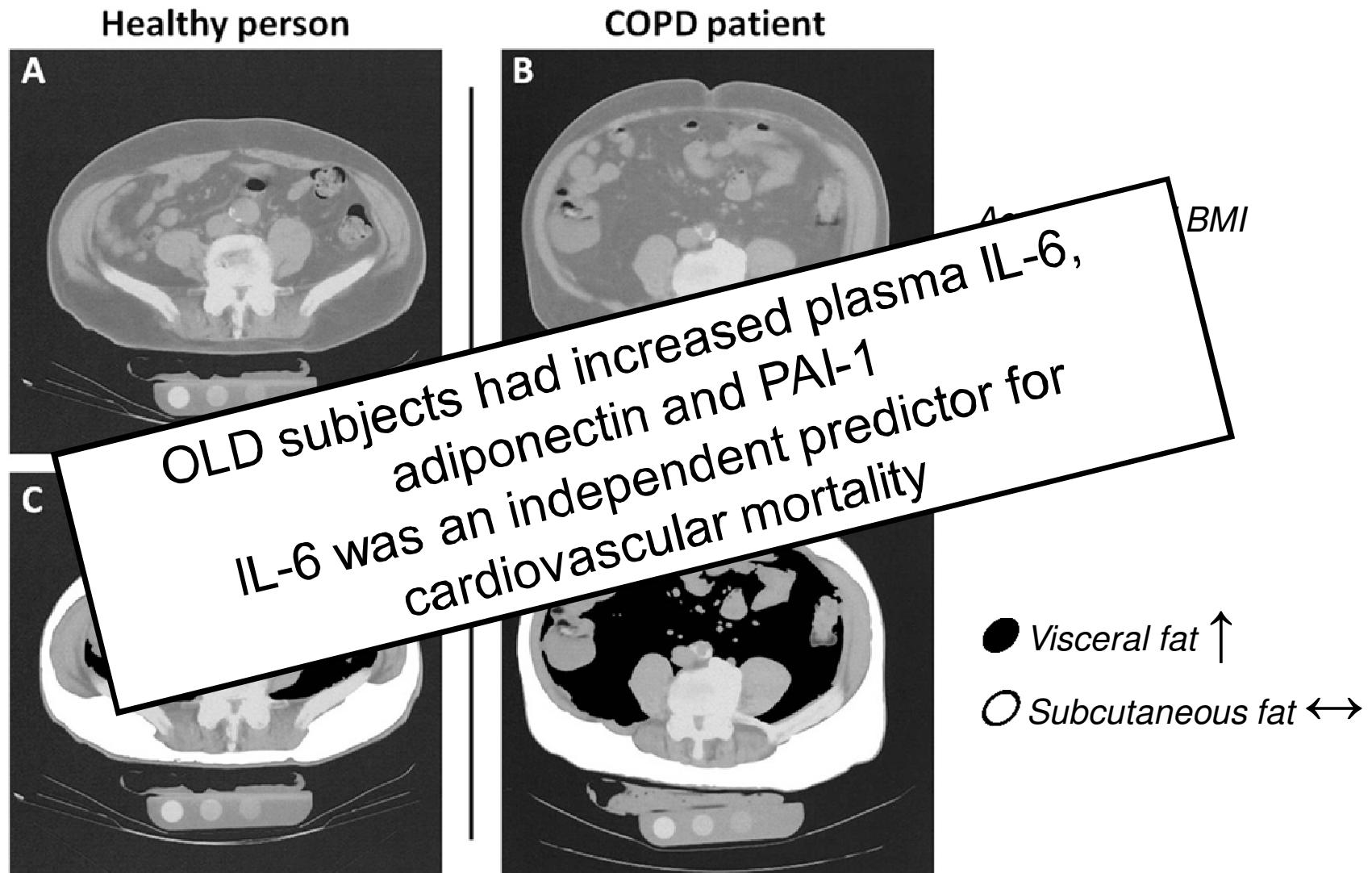
30% of patients do not have systemic inflammation, whereas only 16% have persistent systemic inflammation

Age, **high BMI**, current smoking, poor health status and airflow limitation were independent risk factors for persistent systemic inflammation

# Adipocyte dysfunction, systemic inflammation and cardiovascular risk



# Excessive visceral fat accumulation in COPD





## Considerations for treatment of obesity in COPD

### **PRO:**

- Increased dyspnea at rest
- Reduce cardiovascular risk
- Improve physical functioning
- Reduce mortality in non-severe COPD
- Improve glucocorticosteroid responsiveness

### **CON:**

- Reduced static lung volumes
- Preserved non-weight bearing exercise tolerance
- Comparable exercise-related symptoms
- Lower prevalence of muscle wasting
- Lower prevalence of reduced bone mineral density
- Better prognosis in severe COPD

# Management of obesity in COPD

## WHY?

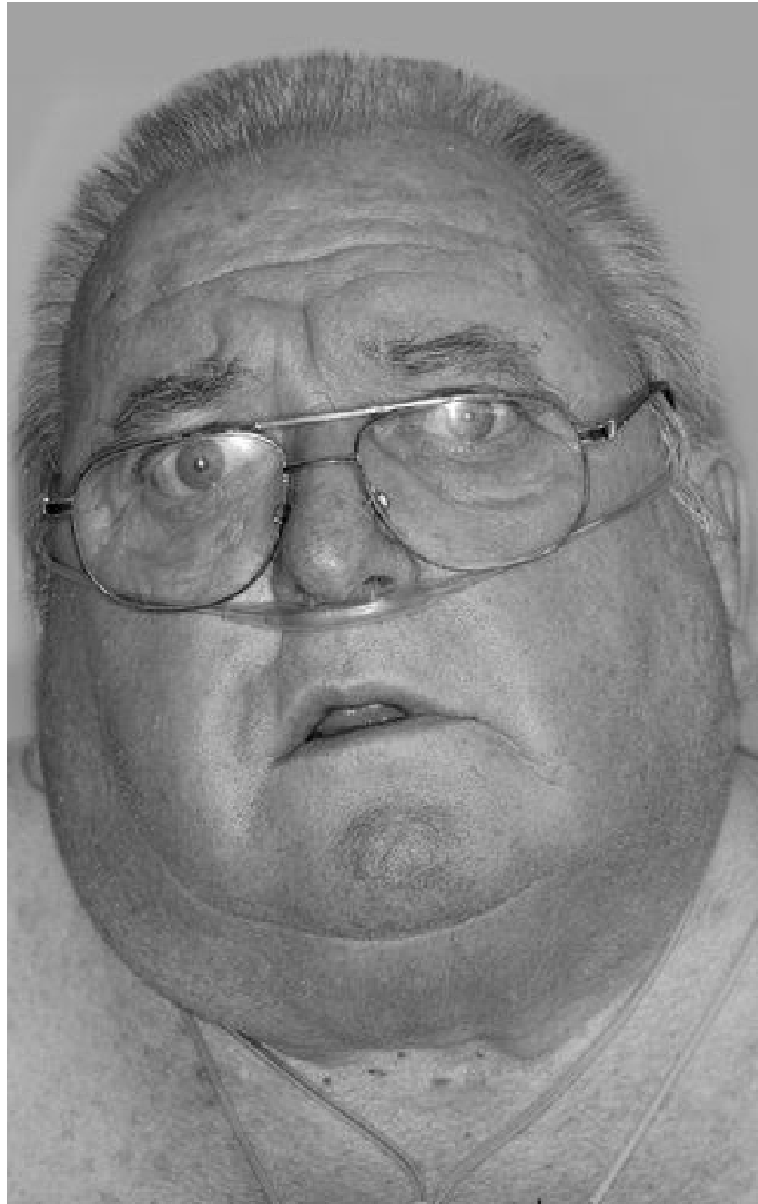
CV risk factors?

Comorbidities?

Symptoms?

Performance?

Mortality?



## HOW?

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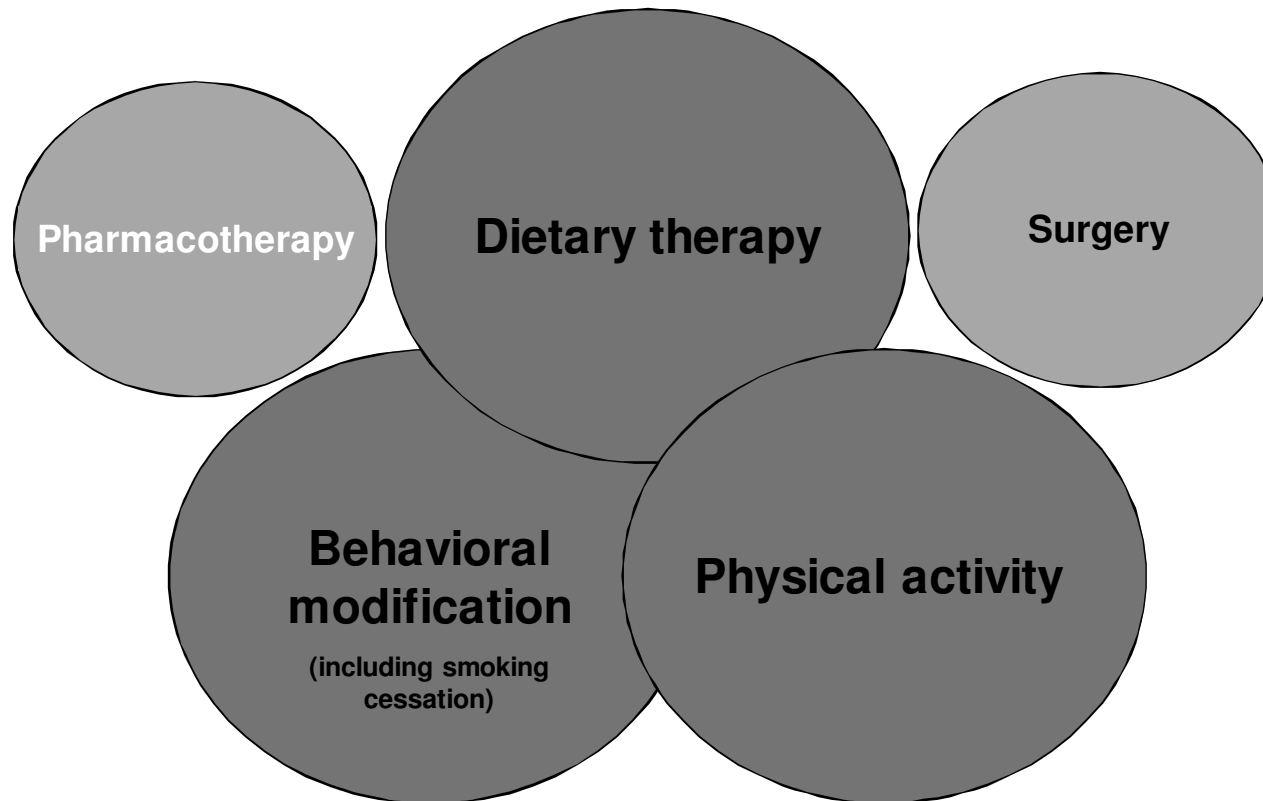
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**NO STUDIES IN COPD**

# Multidimensional treatment of adult obesity

Initial goal: loss of 10% of baseline weight after six months at a rate of 0.5 - 1.0 kg per week



*Expert Panel on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults, National Institute of Health, 1998*

# Treating obesity in COPD

Inclusion: COPD, BMI > 30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, FEV<sub>1</sub> < 80%, clinically stable

Exclusion: Current smoking, cardiac disease, insulin users, significant orthopaedic problems

Program:

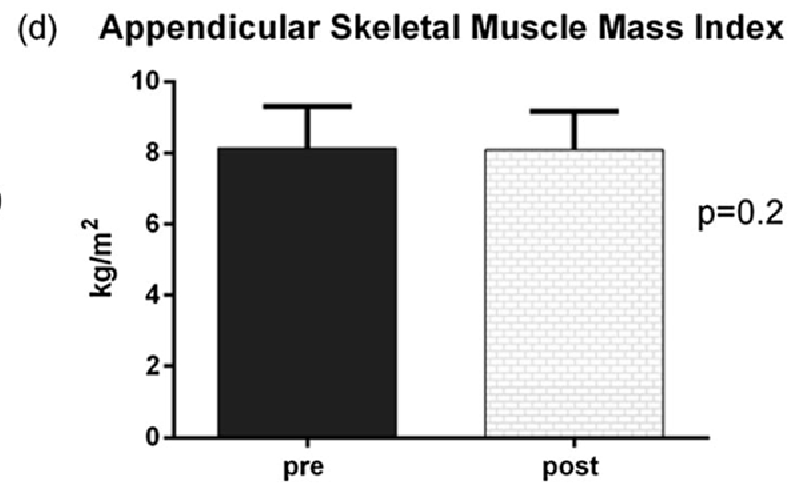
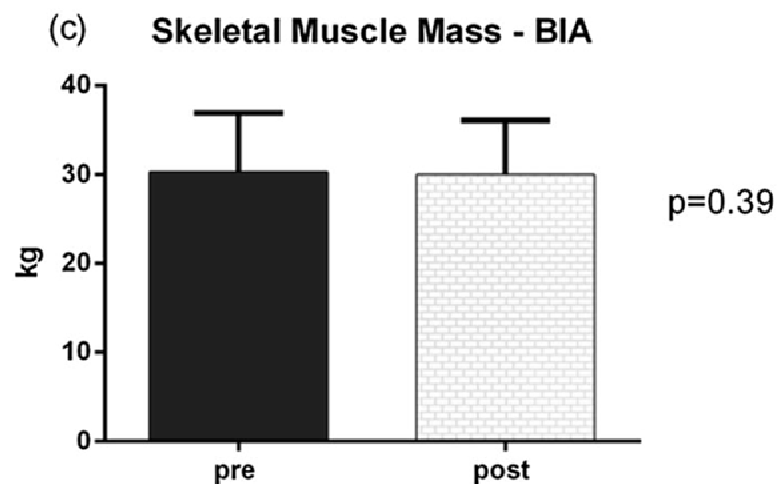
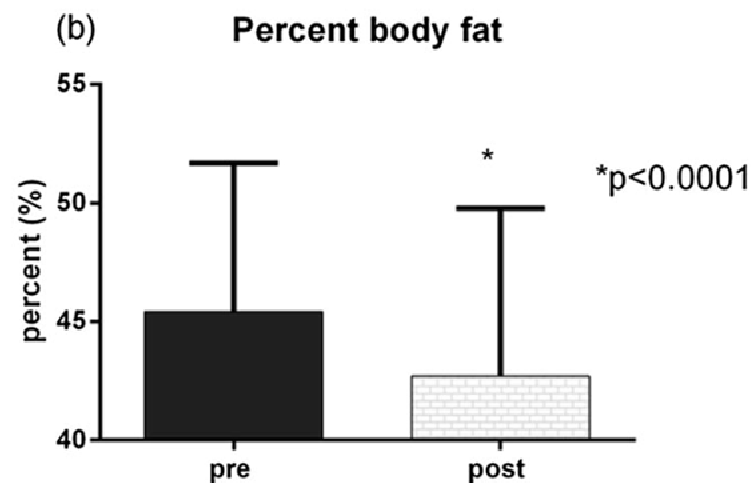
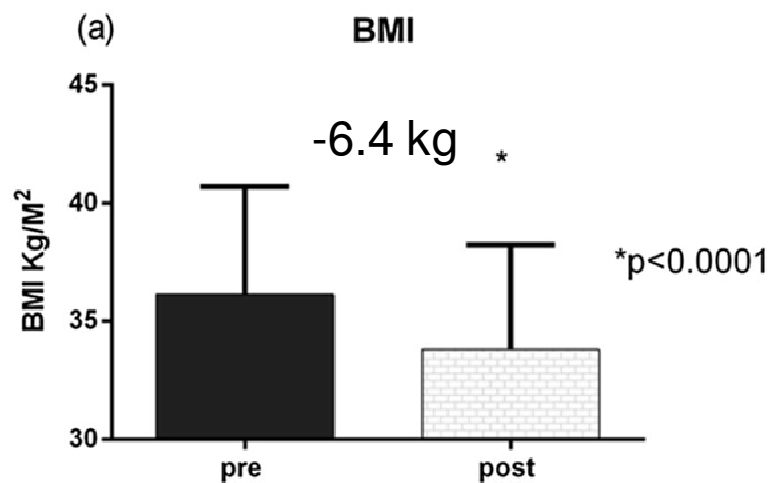
- Low-energy diet, 2 meal replacements, high-protein intake
- Home-based strength training 3 days/week
- Two weekly treatment visit, two weekly phone call
- 12 weeks



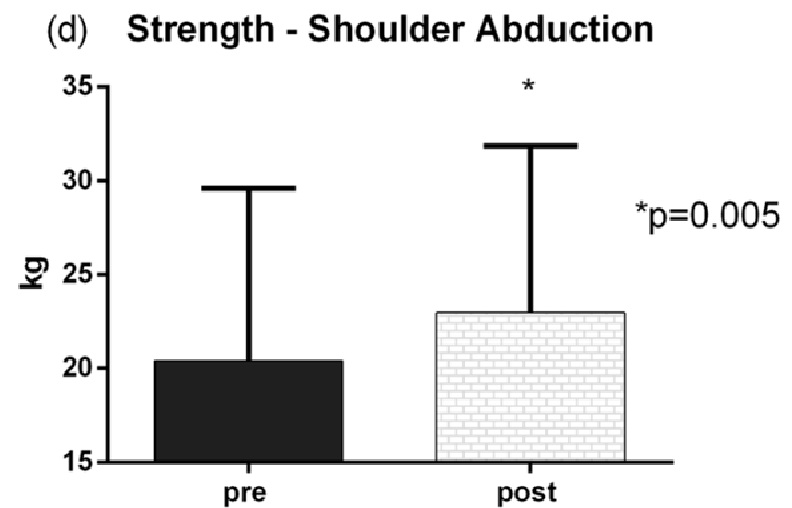
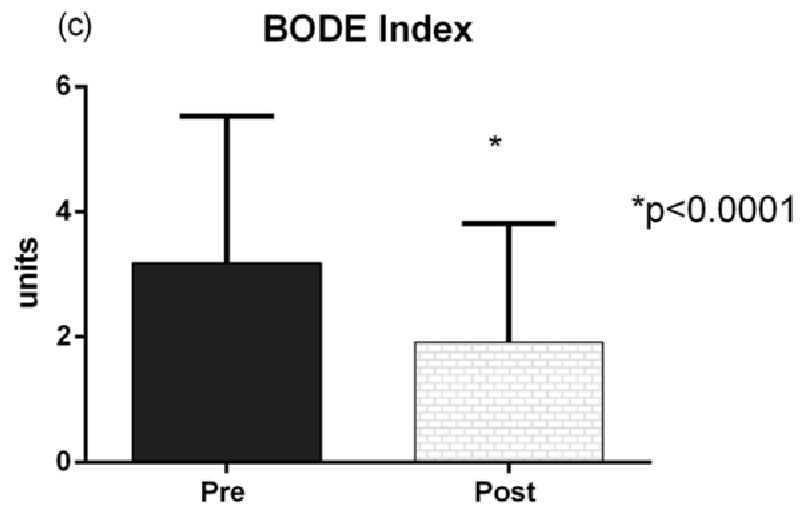
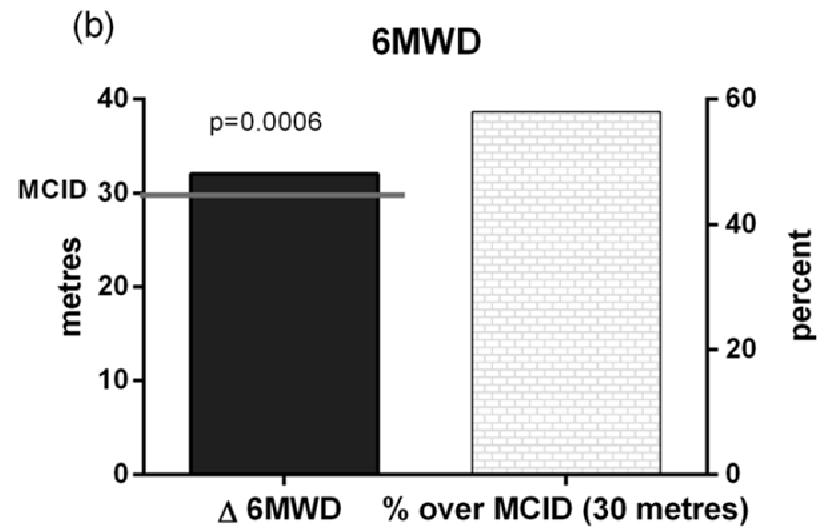
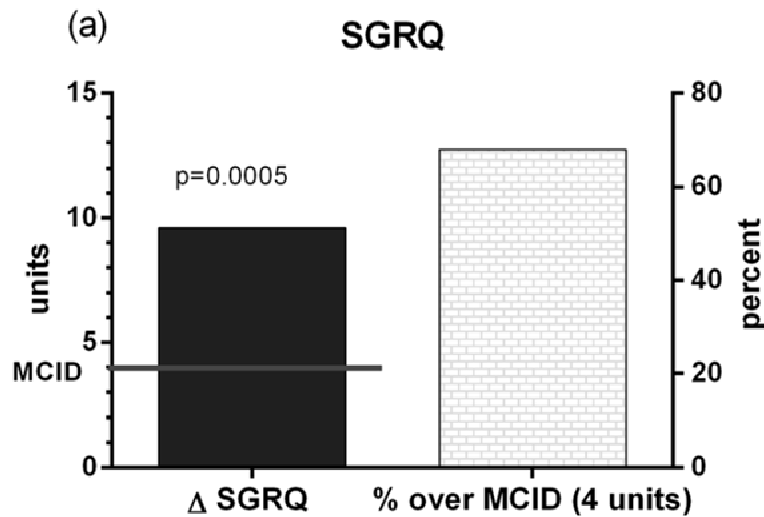
*et al., Respirology 2016*



# Treating obesity in COPD



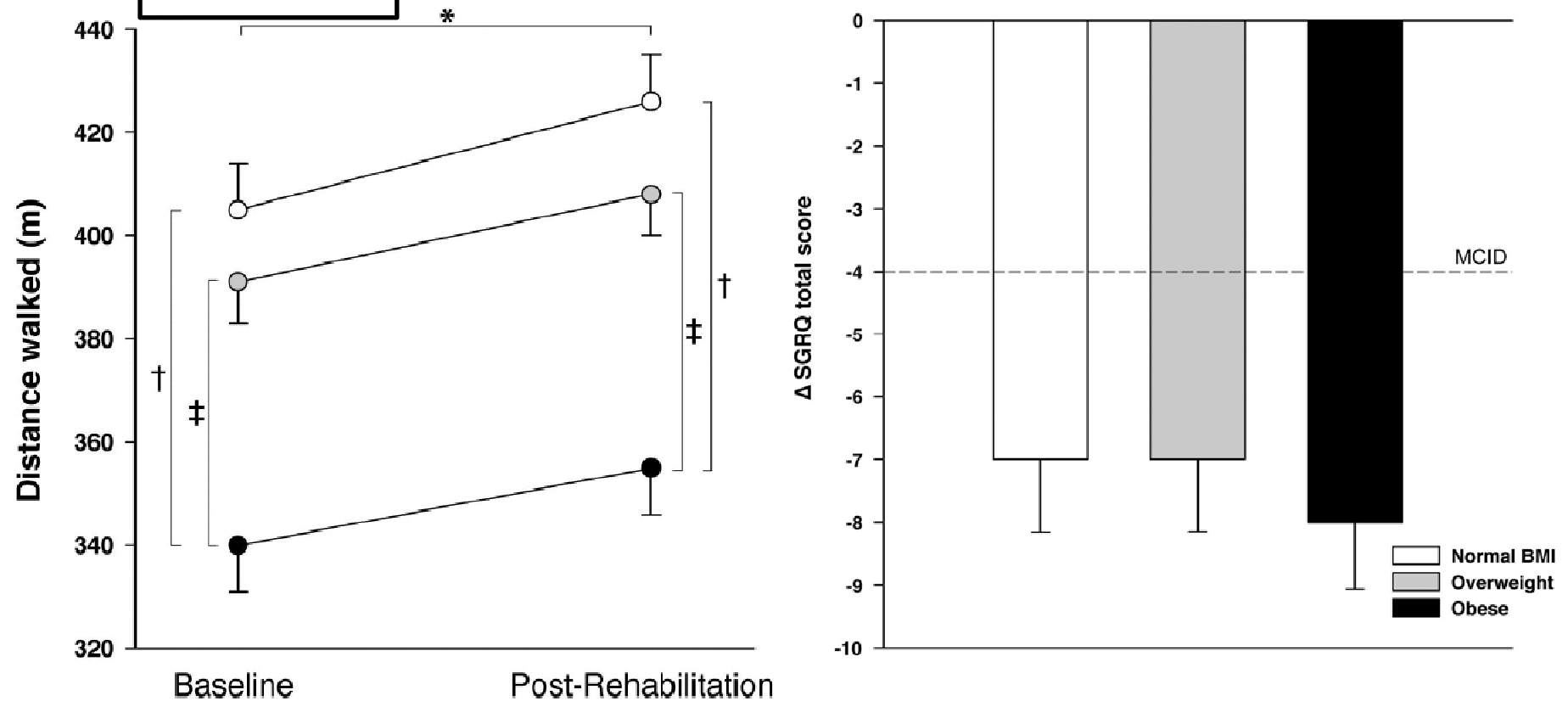
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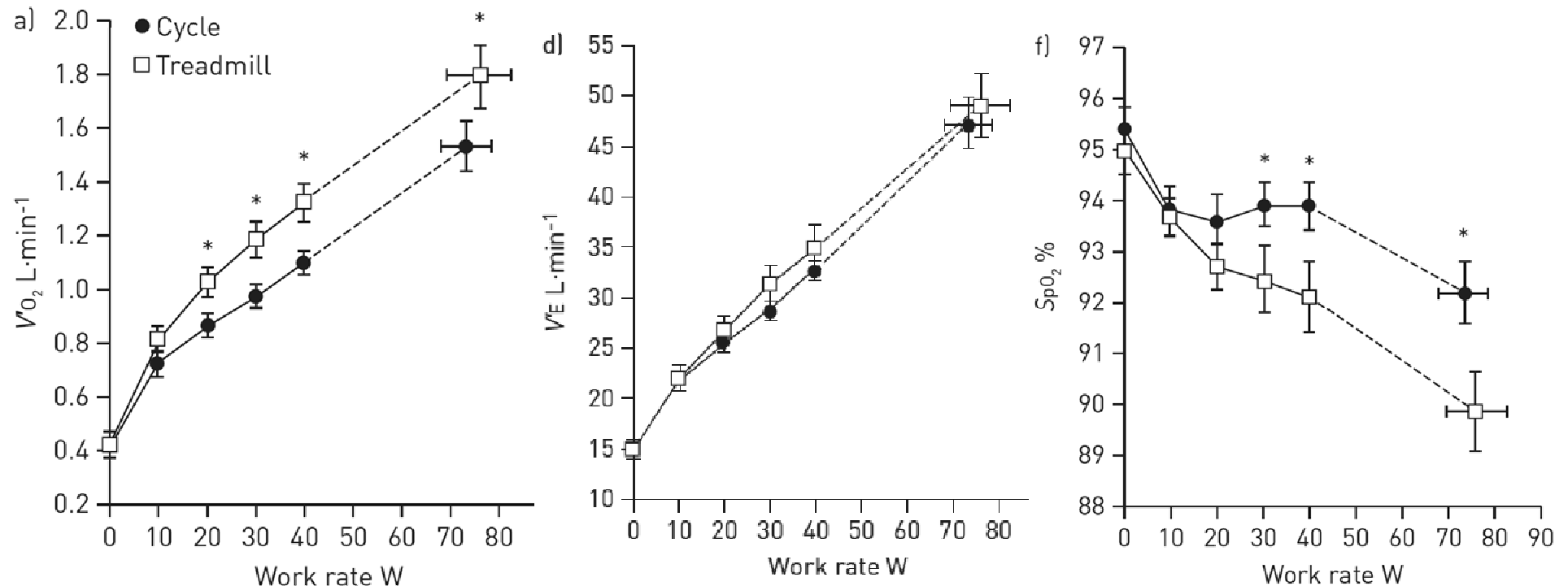
Pulmonary function	n	Pre	Post	p value
Post-bronchodilator FEV1 (L), mean (SD)	28	1.7 (0.5)	1.8 (0.5)	0.4112
<b>Post-bronchodilator FVC (L), mean (SD)</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2.8 (0.8)</b>	<b>3.0 (0.8)</b>	<b>0.0033</b>
FEV1/FVC ratio, mean (SD)	28	61.7 (12.6)	60.4 (13.2)	0.1886
Functional residual capacity (L), mean (SD)	14	3.4 (1.1)	3.5 (1.0)	0.19
Residual volume (L), mean (SD)	14	2.5 (0.9)	2.4 (0.8)	0.42
End residual volume (L), mean (SD)	14	0.95 (0.4)	1.1 (0.5)	0.15
Total lung capacity (L), mean (SD)	14	5.6 (1.3)	5.7 (1.4)	0.27

# The impact of obesity on response to pulmonary rehabilitation in COPD



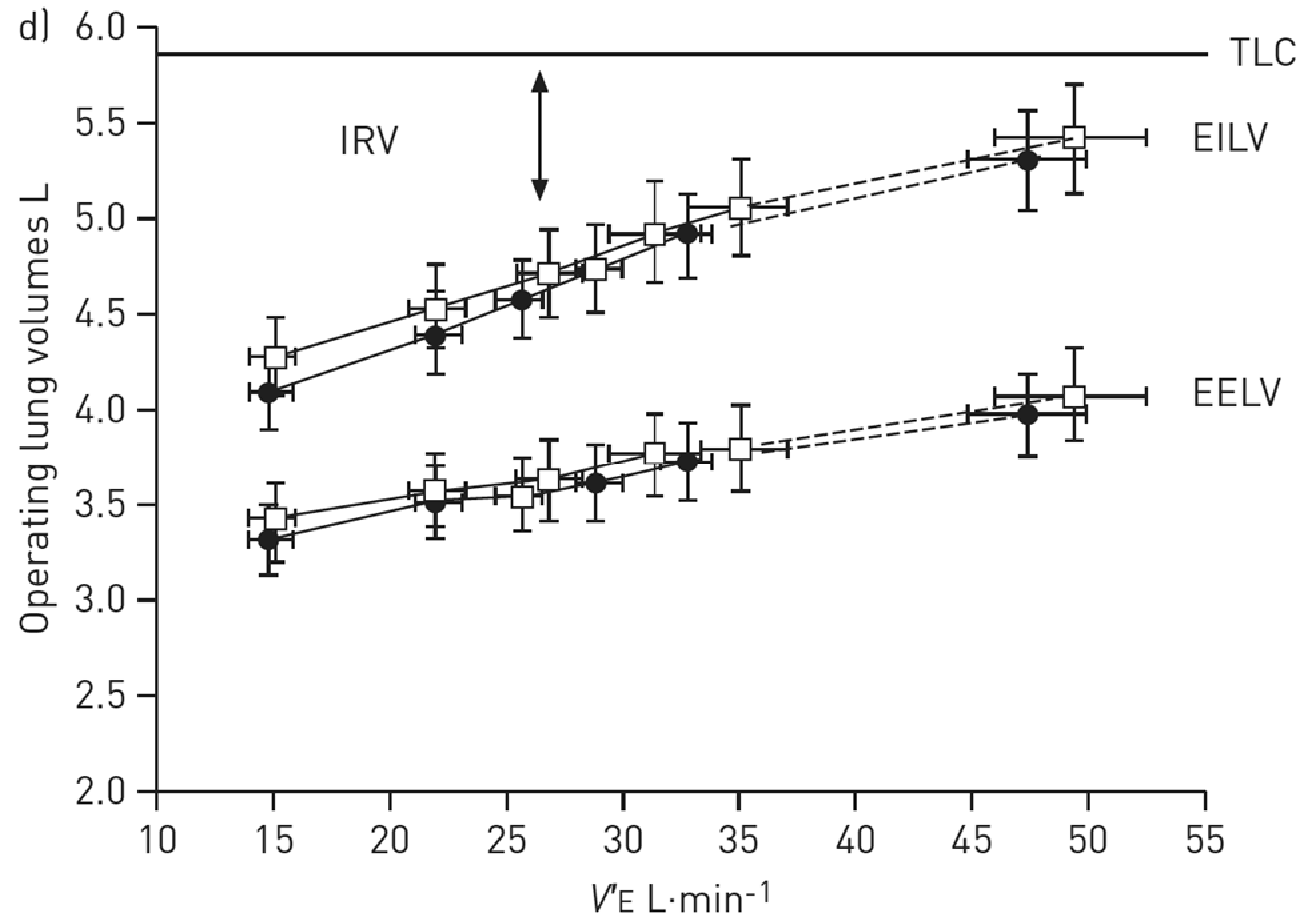
Obesity and overweight do not influence the magnitude of improvement after pulmonary rehabilitation

# The impact of exercise modality on physiological responses and dyspnea in obese COPD patients



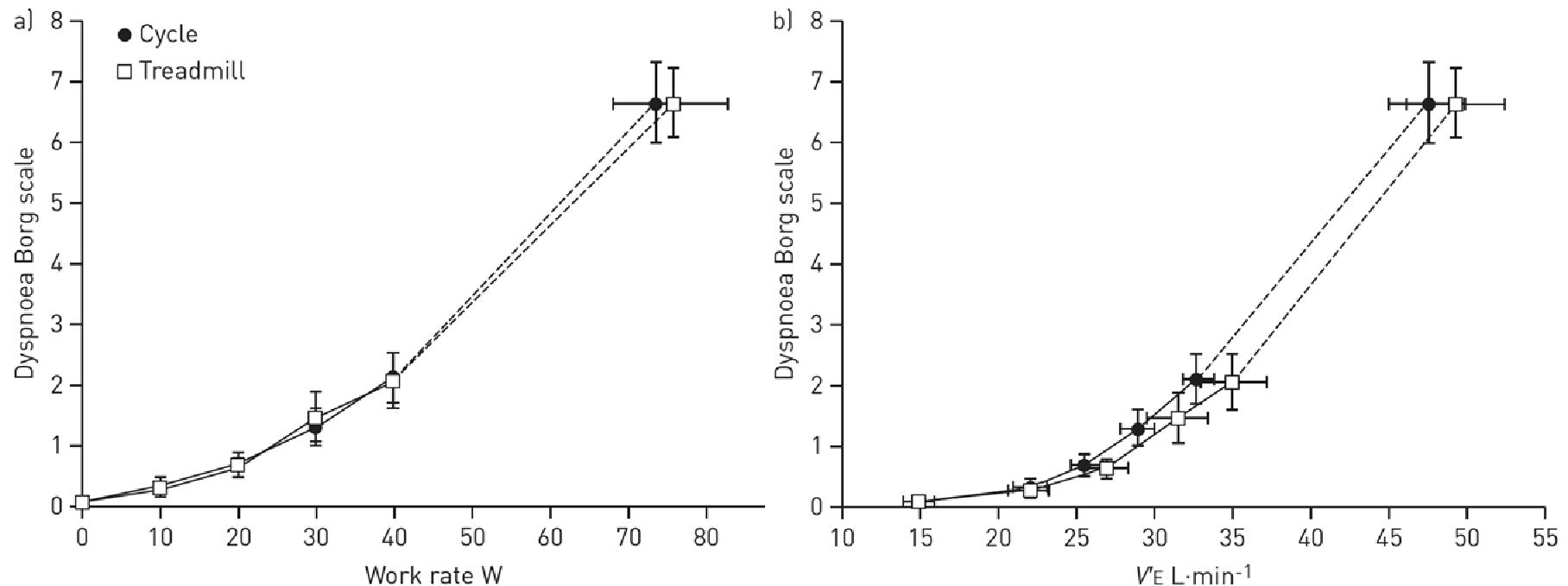
Compared with cycling, treadmill walking is associated with higher oxygen uptake and greater desaturation in obese COPD patients

# The impact of exercise modality on physiological responses and dyspnea in obese COPD patients



Operating lung volumes are similar cycling and treadmill walking in obese patients with COPD

# The impact of exercise modality on physiological responses and dyspnea in obese COPD patients



Exercise modality has no effect on dyspnea/work rate or dyspnea/ventilation relationships in obese patients with COPD

## **Special considerations for pulmonary rehabilitation in patients with COPD and obesity**



**Water-based exercise training was  
more effective than land-based  
exercise training in increasing  
exercise capacity and health status  
in COPD patients and co-morbidities  
(42% obesity)**



## COPD and obesity: summary

- 1) The number of COPD patients with obesity is expected to increase, in line with the obesity pandemic.
- 2) For accurate clinical assessment and disease management it is essential to understand the effects of excessive fat mass in patients in which COPD and obesity collide.
- 3) Contrary to expectations, obesity is not necessarily associated with worse patient-related outcomes in COPD.
- 4) The role of adipose tissue dysfunction in COPD pathophysiology and increased cardiovascular risk is a hot research topic.
- 5) The effects of weight loss and the optimal BMI for obese patients with COPD are currently unknown.
- 6) The presence of comorbid obesity in a patient with COPD may warrant specific programme adaptations during pulmonary rehabilitation



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