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**OBESITA'.....**

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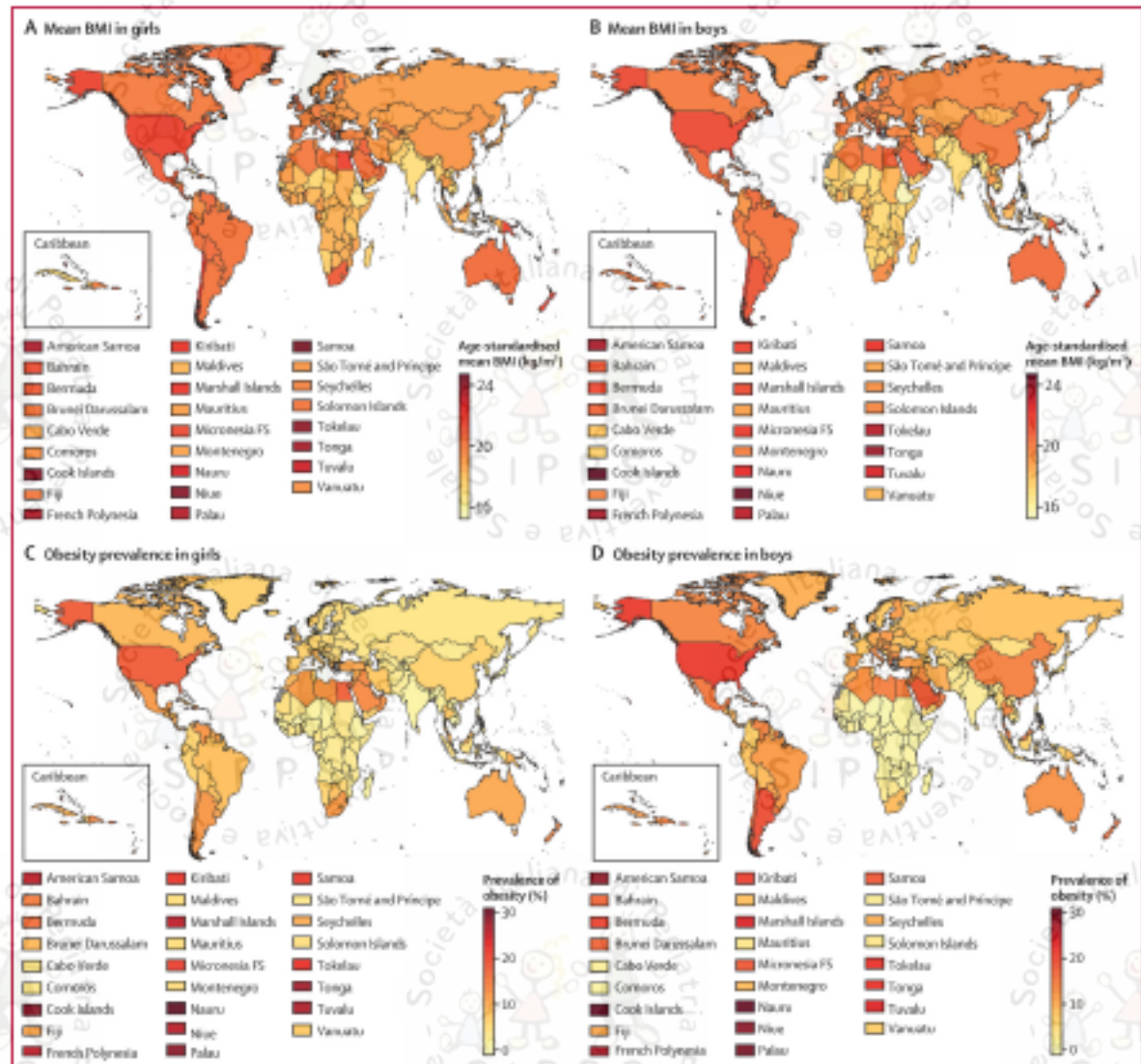
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**DI GENERE**

# Worldwide trends in body-mass index, underweight, overweight, and obesity from 1975 to 2016: a pooled analysis of 2416 population-based measurement studies in 128.9 million children, adolescents, and adults

NCD Risk Factor Collaboration (NCD-RisC)<sup>1</sup>



# Trends in Obesity Prevalence Among Children and Adolescents in the United States, 1988-1994 Through 2013-2014

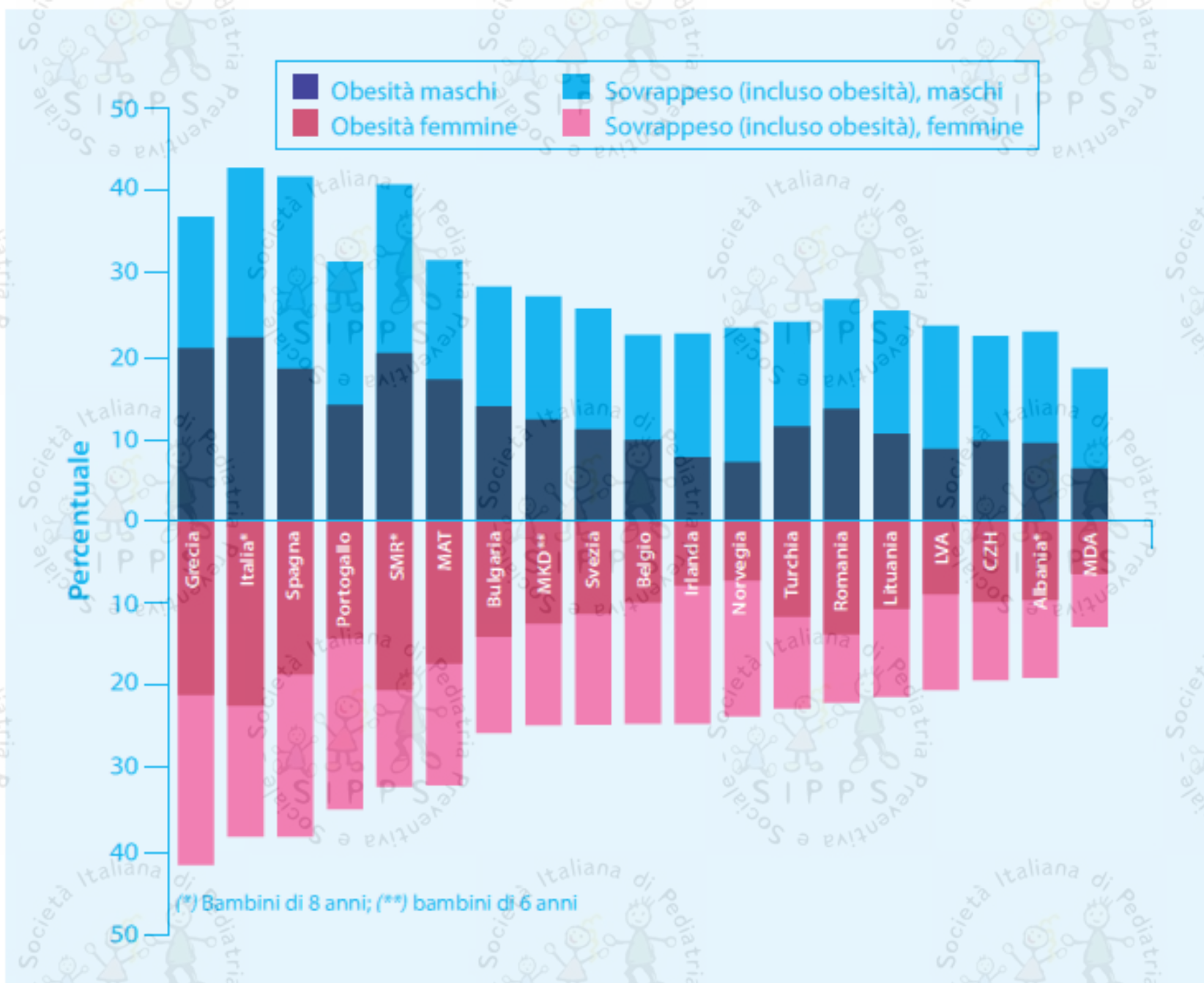
Weighted Prevalence of Obesity and Extreme Obesity in US Children and Adolescents Aged 2 to 19 Years by Sex, Age NHANES 2011–2014

	Weighted Prevalence by Age Group, % (95% CI)			
	2–19 y	2–5 y	6–11 y	12–19y
<b>Obesity (BMI at or above the sex-specific 95th percentile on the CDC BMI-for-age growth charts)</b>				
All race/Hispanic origin groups <sup>a</sup>				
Both sexes	17.0 (15.5–18.6)	8.9 (7.1–11.0)	17.5 (15.2–20.1)	20.5 (17.8–23.5)
Males	16.9 (15.1–19.0)	9.2 (6.5–12.4)	17.6 (14.6–20.9)	20.1 (16.8–23.6)
Females	17.1 (15.1–19.3)	8.6 (6.2–11.6)	17.5 (14.9–20.3)	21.0 (17.3–25.2)

*JAMA*. 2016 June 07; 315(21)

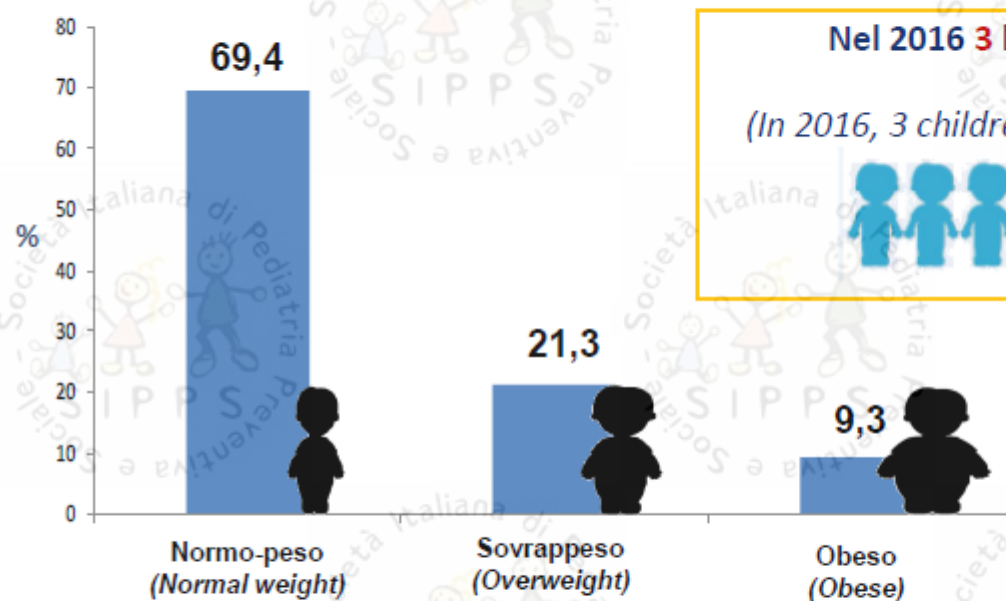
# Sex differences in obesity incidence: 20-year prospective cohort in South Africa

	1–2 years <sup>†††</sup>	4–8 years	11–12 years	13–15 years	16–18 years
<b>BMI<sup>†§</sup></b>					
Boys	16.9 (16.7, 17.0)	15.8 (15.6, 15.9)	17.8 (17.5, 18.0)	19.2 (18.9, 19.5)	20.3 (20.0, 20.6)
Girls	16.7 (16.5, 16.8)	15.7 (15.6, 15.8)	18.8 (18.5, 19.2)	21.3 (21.0, 21.7)	22.8 (22.5, 23.2)
<b>BMIZ<sup>†§</sup></b>					
Boys	0.3 (0.2, 0.4)	0.2 (0.1, 0.2)	-0.2 (-0.3, -0.1)	-0.4 (-0.5, -0.3)	-0.6 (-0.7, -0.5)
Girls	0.4 (0.3, 0.5)	0.1 (0.0, 0.2)	-0.03 (-0.1, 0.1)	0.2 (0.1, 0.3)	0.3 (0.2, 0.4)
<b>Obesity<sup>†</sup></b>					
<b>WHO definition<sup>**</sup></b>					
Boys	8.8 (6.5, 11.2)	3.0 (1.6, 4.4)	6.0 (4.0, 8.0)	4.4 (2.7, 6.1)	2.5 (1.2, 3.8)
Girls	8.1 (5.9, 10.3)	3.1 (1.7, 4.5)	6.4 (4.5, 8.4)	7.3 (5.2, 9.3)	7.9 (5.8, 10.1)



**Figura 1** - Prevalenze di sovrappeso e obesità in bambini di 7 anni (utilizzando valori soglia dell'OMS) in alcuni Paesi europei. Fonte: OMS/Regione Europea - Childhood Obesity Surveillance Initiative (COSI), 2012-13

## Prevalenze di sovrappeso e obesità tra i bambini di 8-9 anni\* (Overweight and obesity prevalence values among children aged 8-9 years) OKkio alla SALUTE 2016



Nel 2016 **3** bambini su **10** hanno problemi di sovrappeso/obesità  
(In 2016, 3 children out of 10 were overweight or obese)



Le femmine sono meno obese dei maschi  
(Girls are less obese than boys)



8,8%



9,7%

\*Prevalenze calcolate utilizzando i cut-off IOTF - Prevalence values based on IOTF cut-offs

# Factors associated with abdominal obesity in children

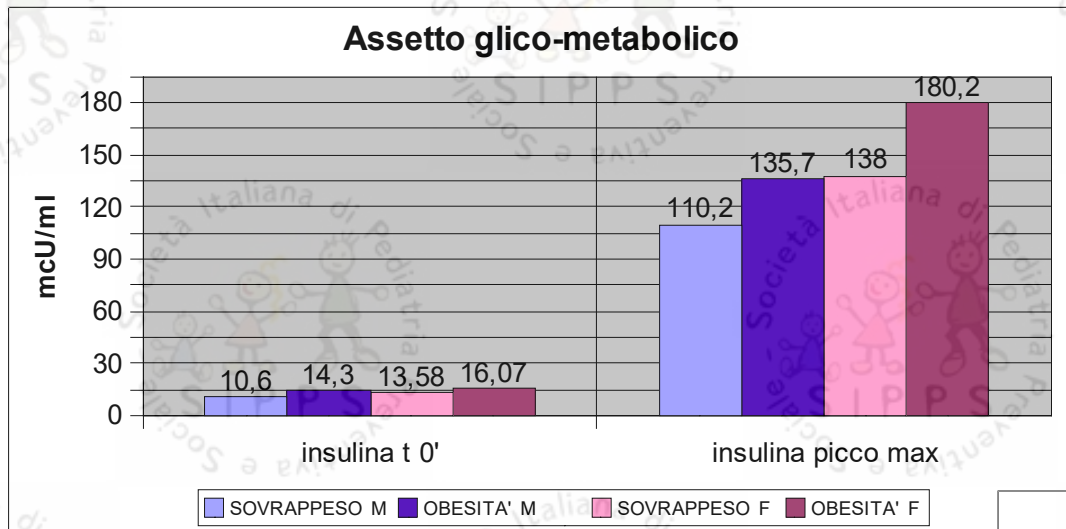
Rev Paul Pediatr. 2015;33(4):437-444

	Adjusted OR	95%CI	p-value
<i>Excess weight according to the child's BMI/age</i>			
Yes	93.7	39.3-223.3	<0.001
No	1.0	-	
<i>Child's gender</i>			
Male	1.0	-	0.012
Female	4.1	1.8-9.3	
<i>Maternal abdominal obesity</i>			
Yes	2.7	1.2-6.0	0.01
No	1.0	-	
<i>Socioeconomic level according to ABEP</i>			
High	1.0	-	0.08
Low	0.5	0.2-1.0	

**Table 4** Multiple logistic regression model with the children's abdominal obesity as the dependent variable. Santos, 2012 (n=356).

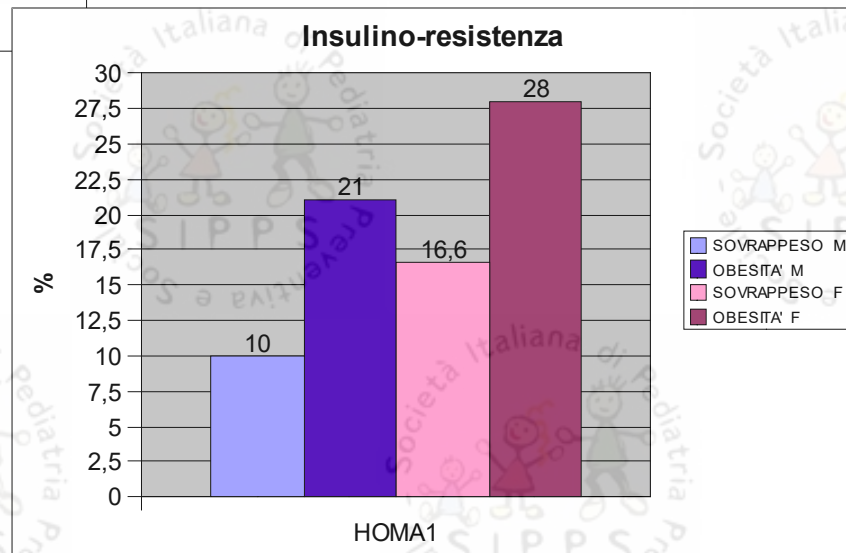
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## ASSETTO GLICO-METABOLICO



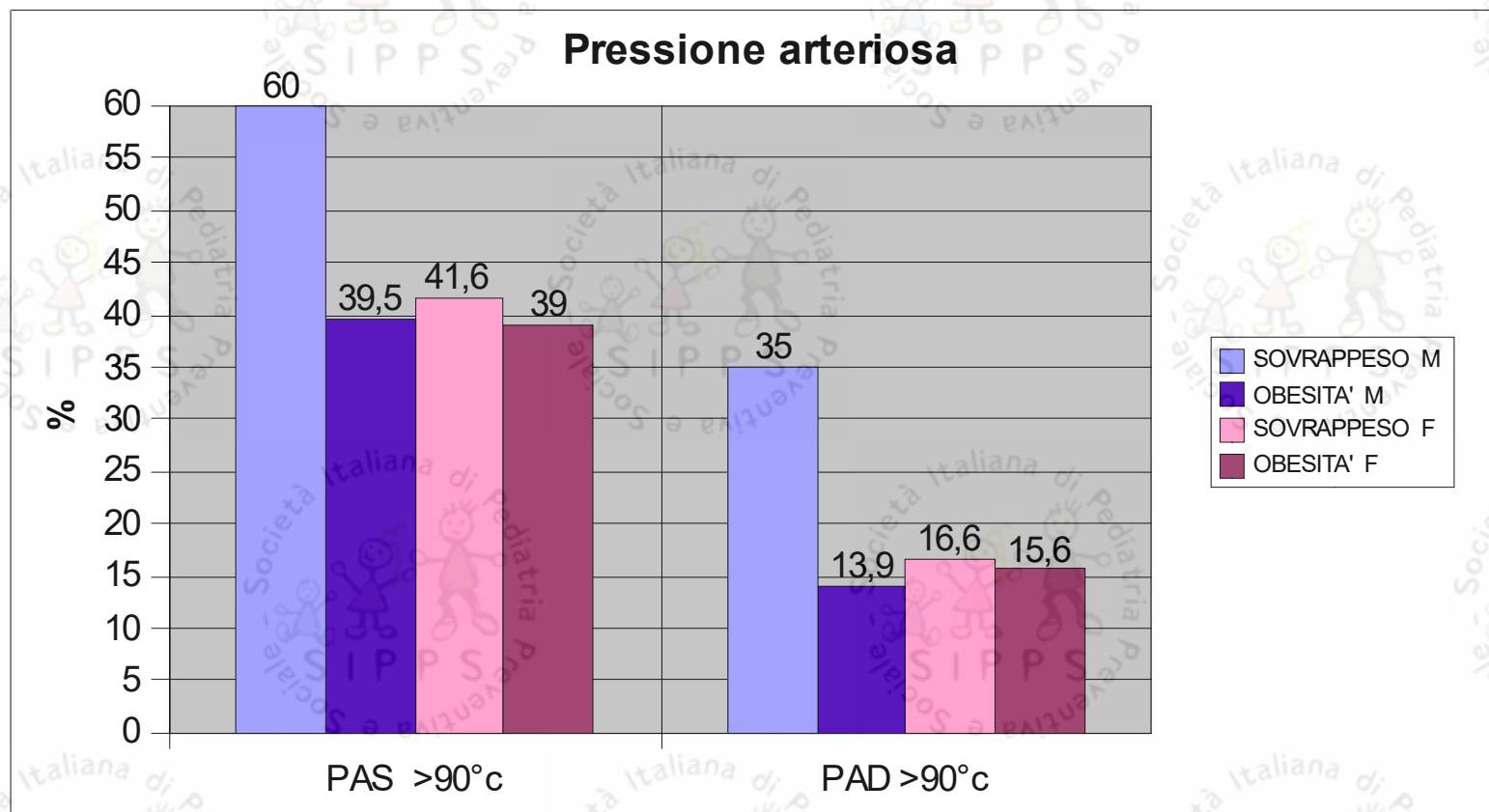
**IPERINSULINEMIA**

**INSULINO-RESISTENZA**



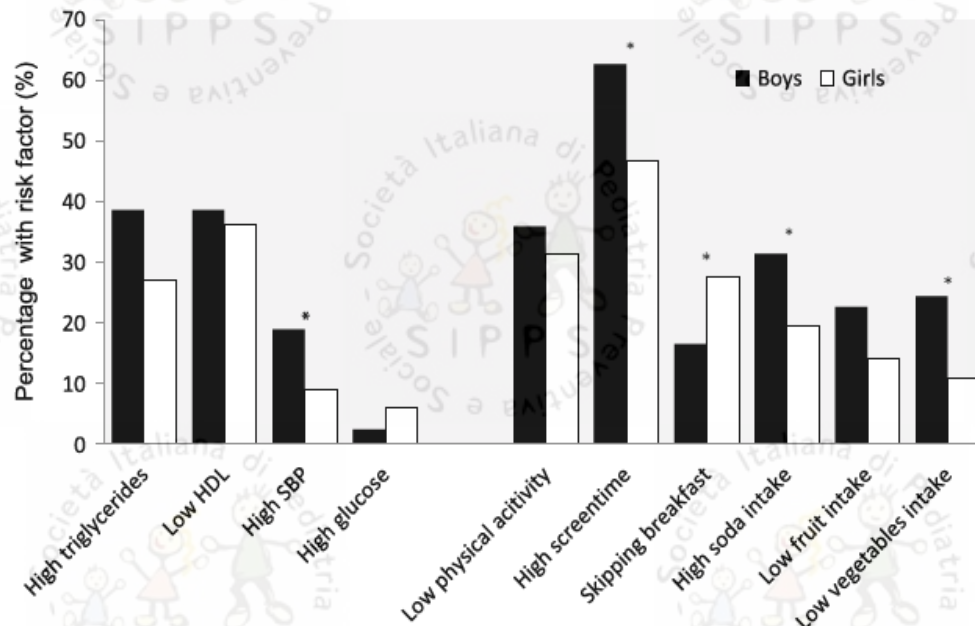


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# Gender-related differences in cardiometabolic risk factors and lifestyle behaviors in treatment-seeking adolescents with severe obesity

Barstad et al. *BMC Pediatrics* (2018) 18:61



**Fig. 1** Prevalence of CVD risk factors (cardiometabolic and behavioral) according to gender. \* $P < 0.05$

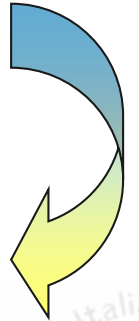
**Conclusions:** Male treatment-seeking adolescents with severe obesity had a more unfavorable set of metabolic and behavioral risk factors for cardiovascular disease than girls. Our results indicate that lifestyle behavioral markers should be thoroughly assessed in both genders, and possible gender-related differences in risk profile should be taken into account in future treatment programs.

# Obesità

*thrifty genotype*

*Obsogenic  
environment*

*Sistema di regolazione del bilancio  
energetico e dell'appetito*



**XX**

**XY**

**GENES**

**Hypothalamic  
Circuits**

**Adipose  
Tissue**

**WEIGHT GAIN**

**SEX STEROIDS**

**XX**

**XY**

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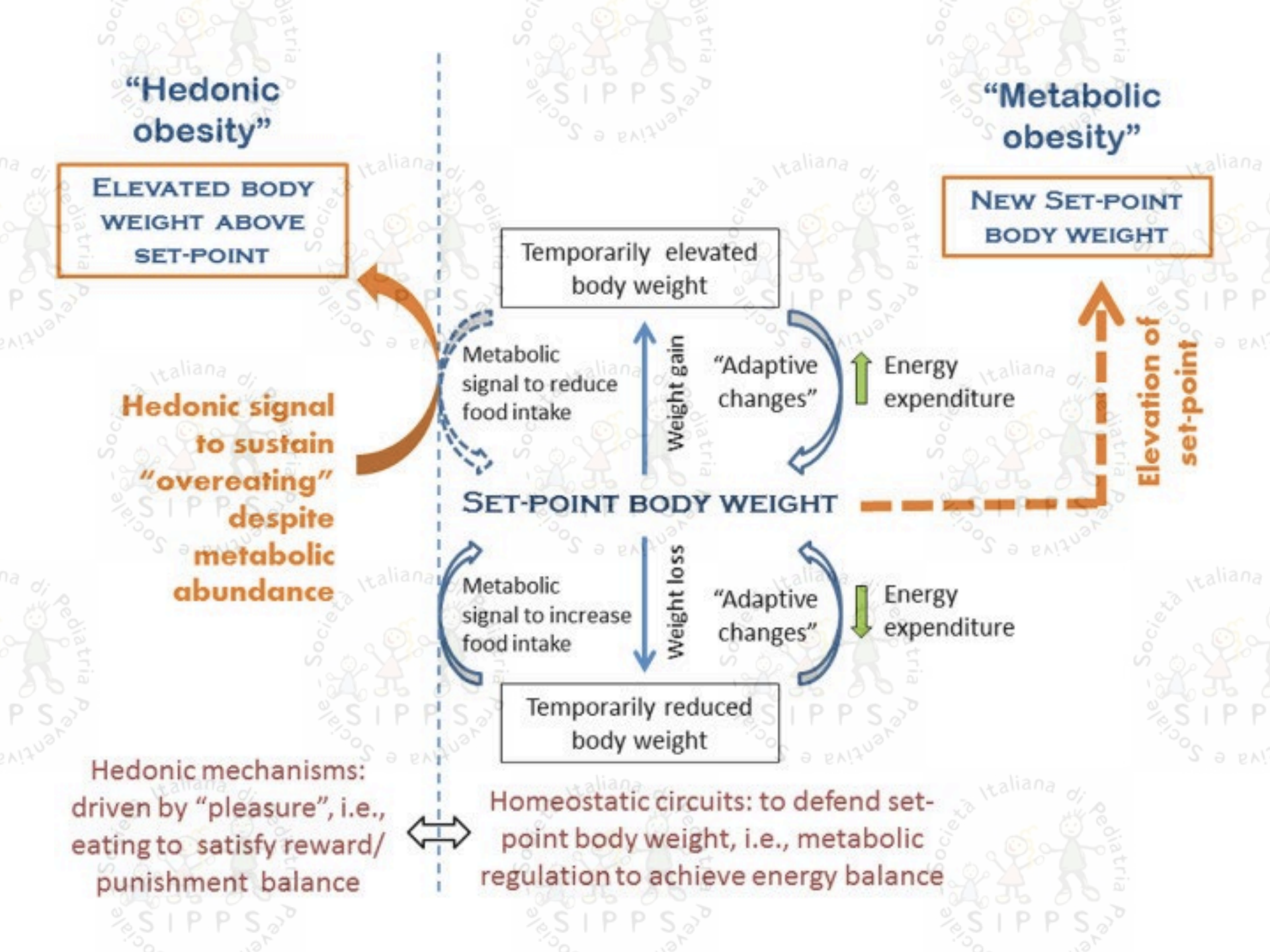
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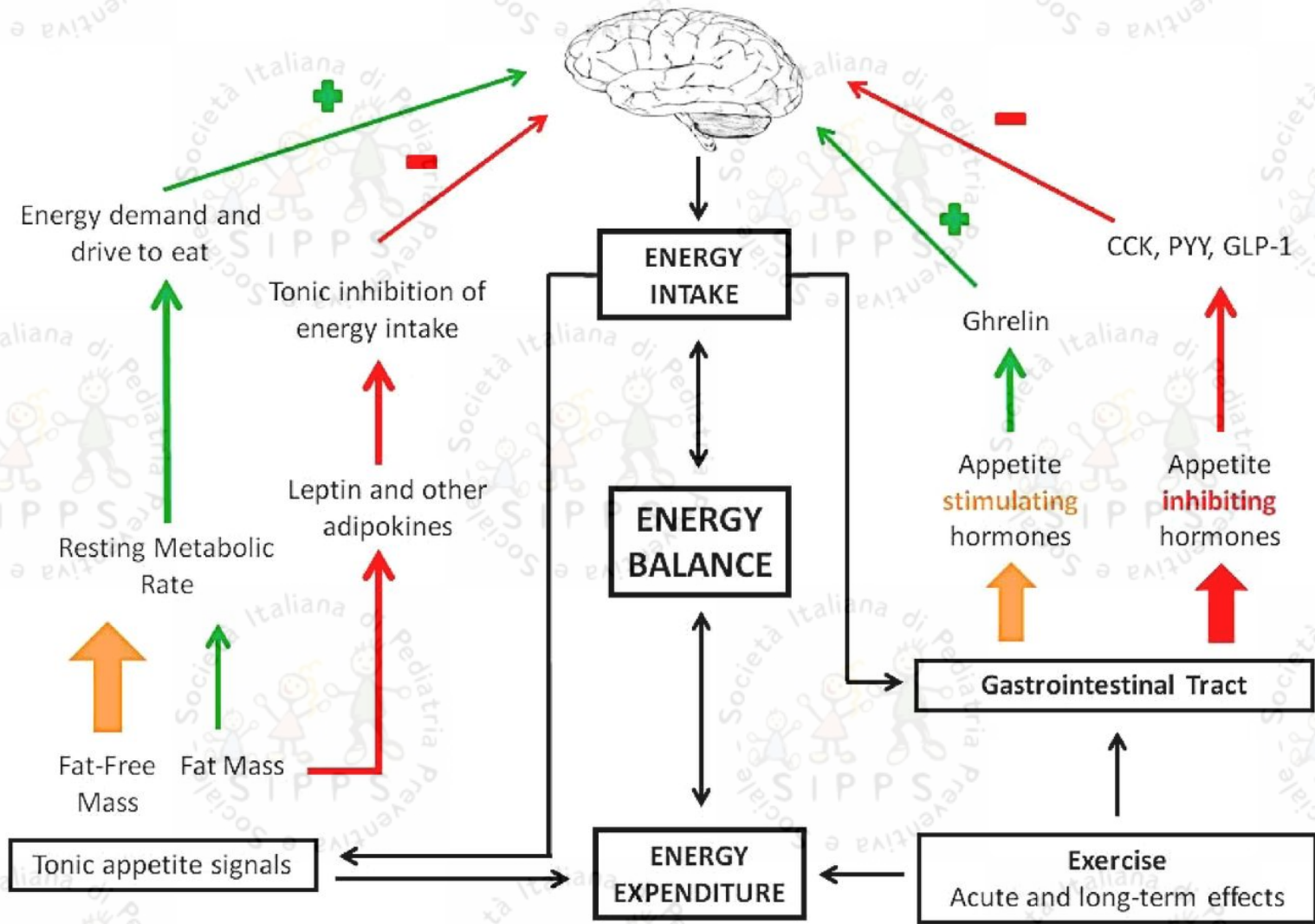
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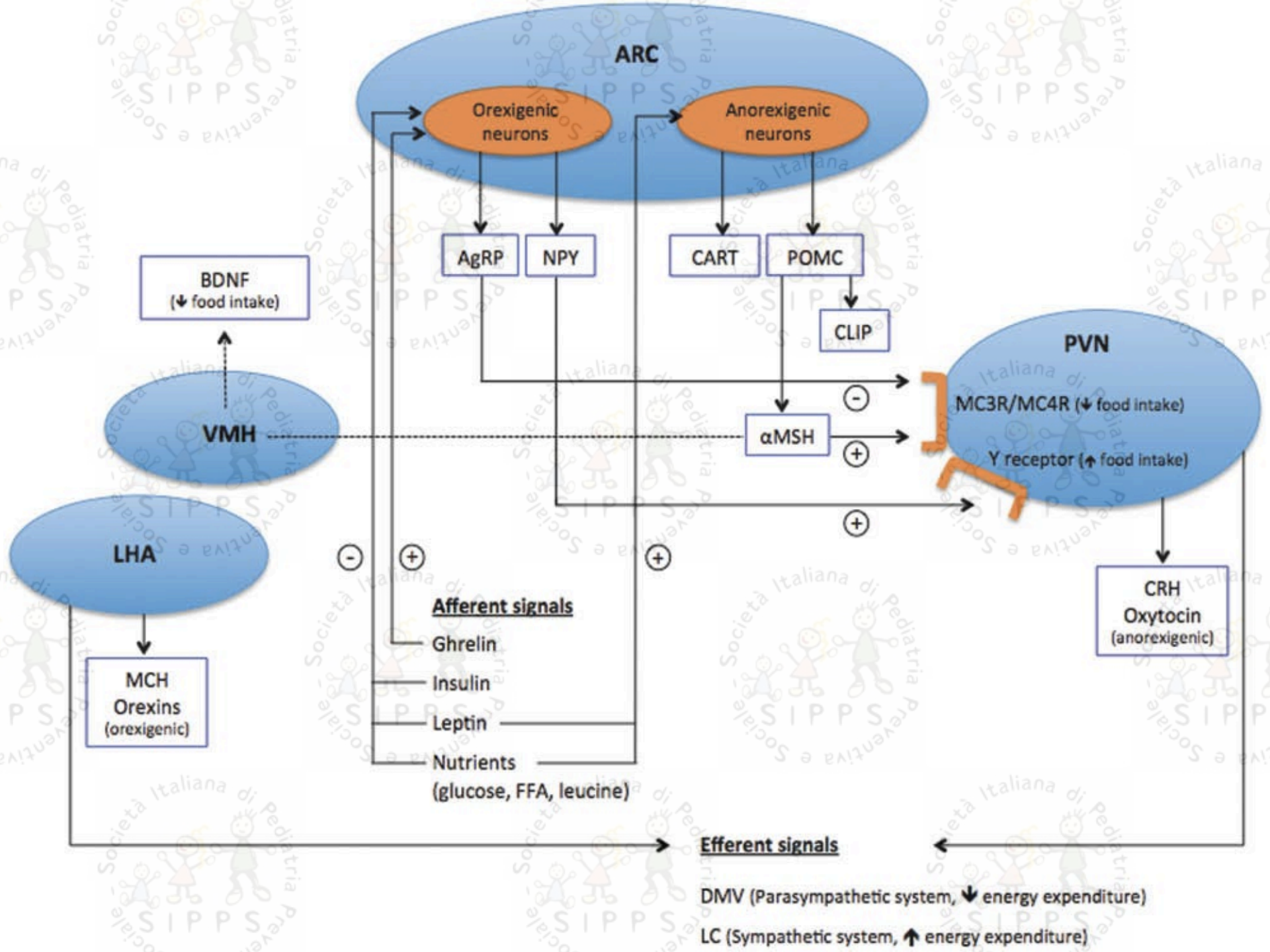
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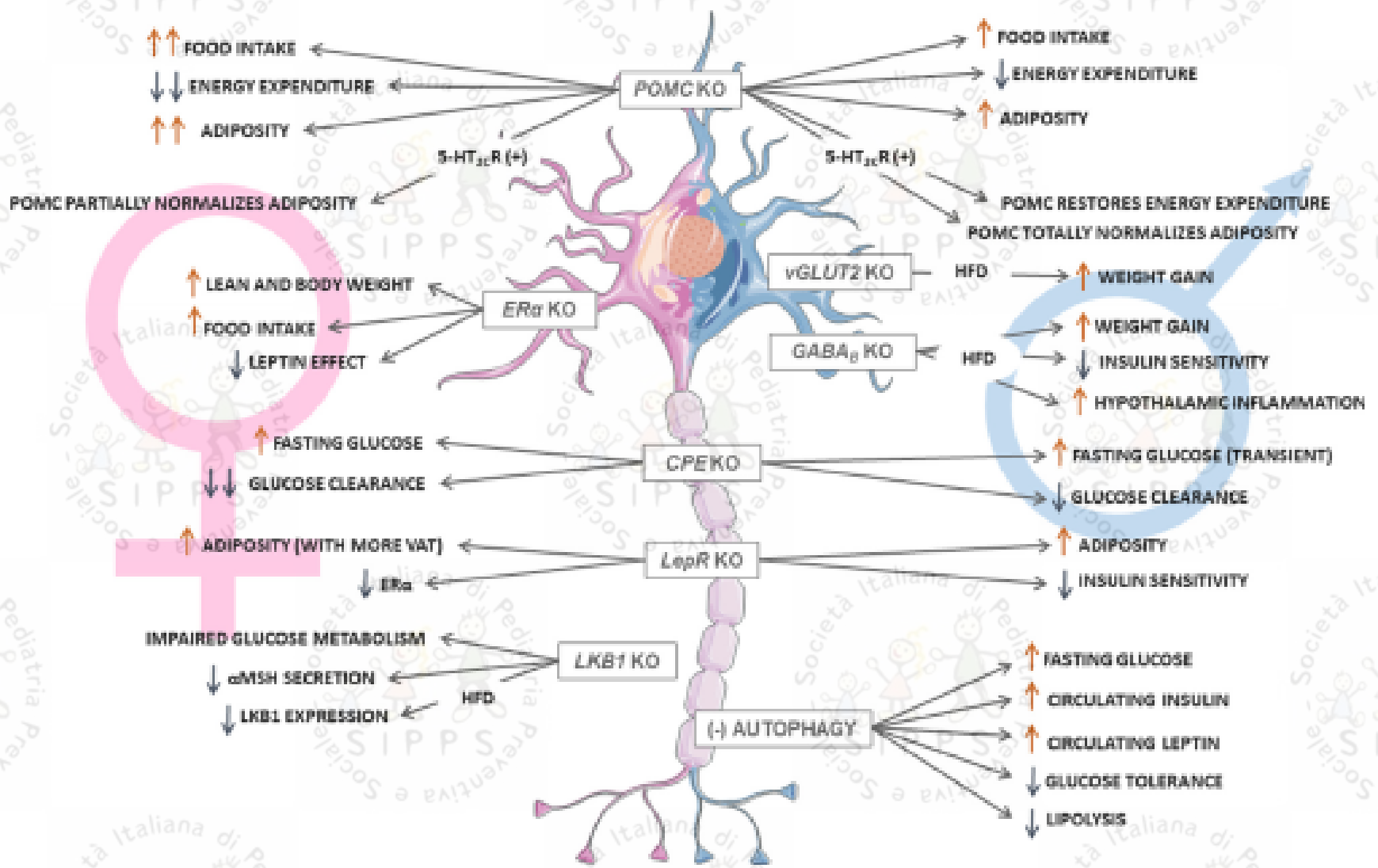
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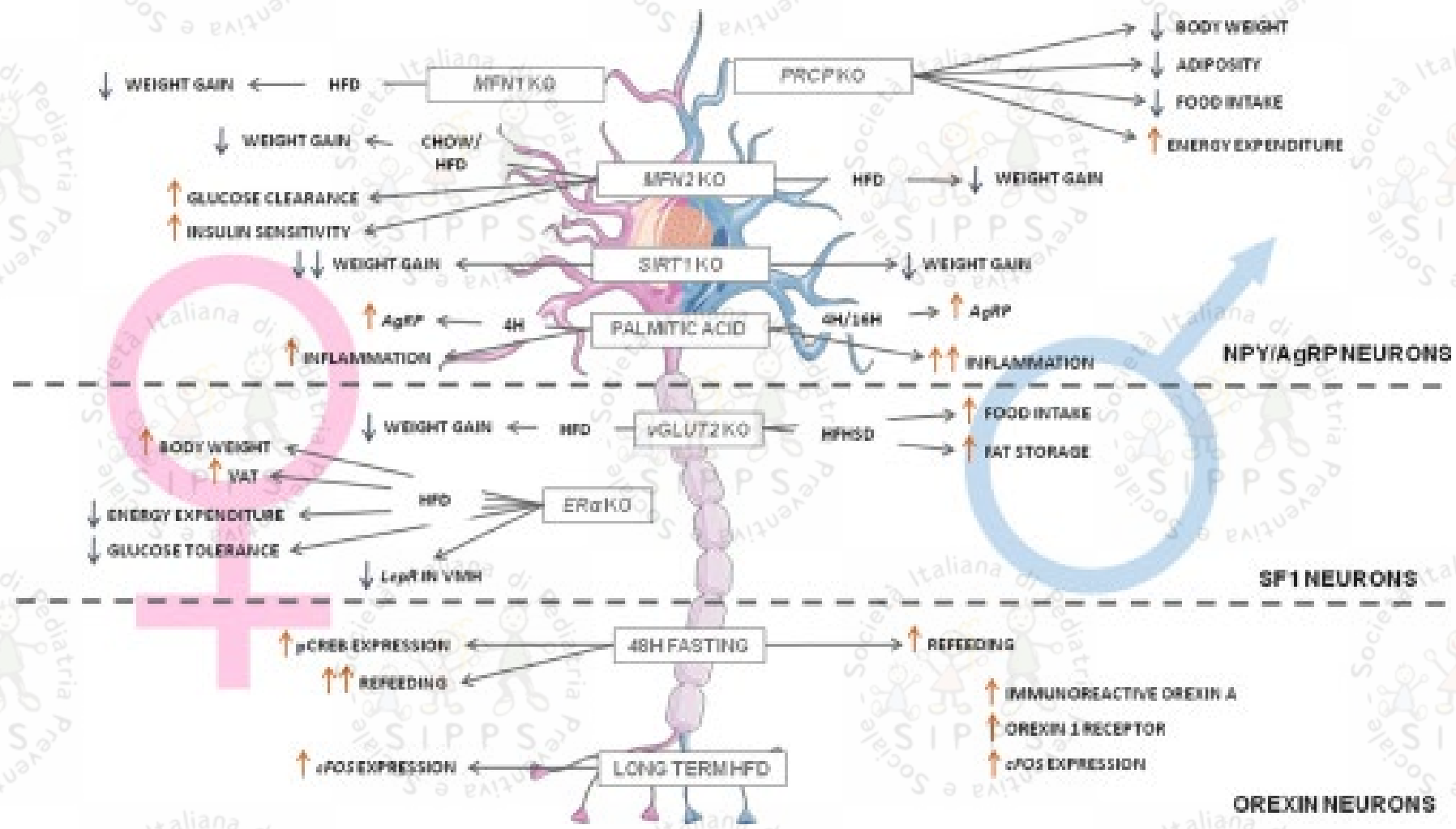


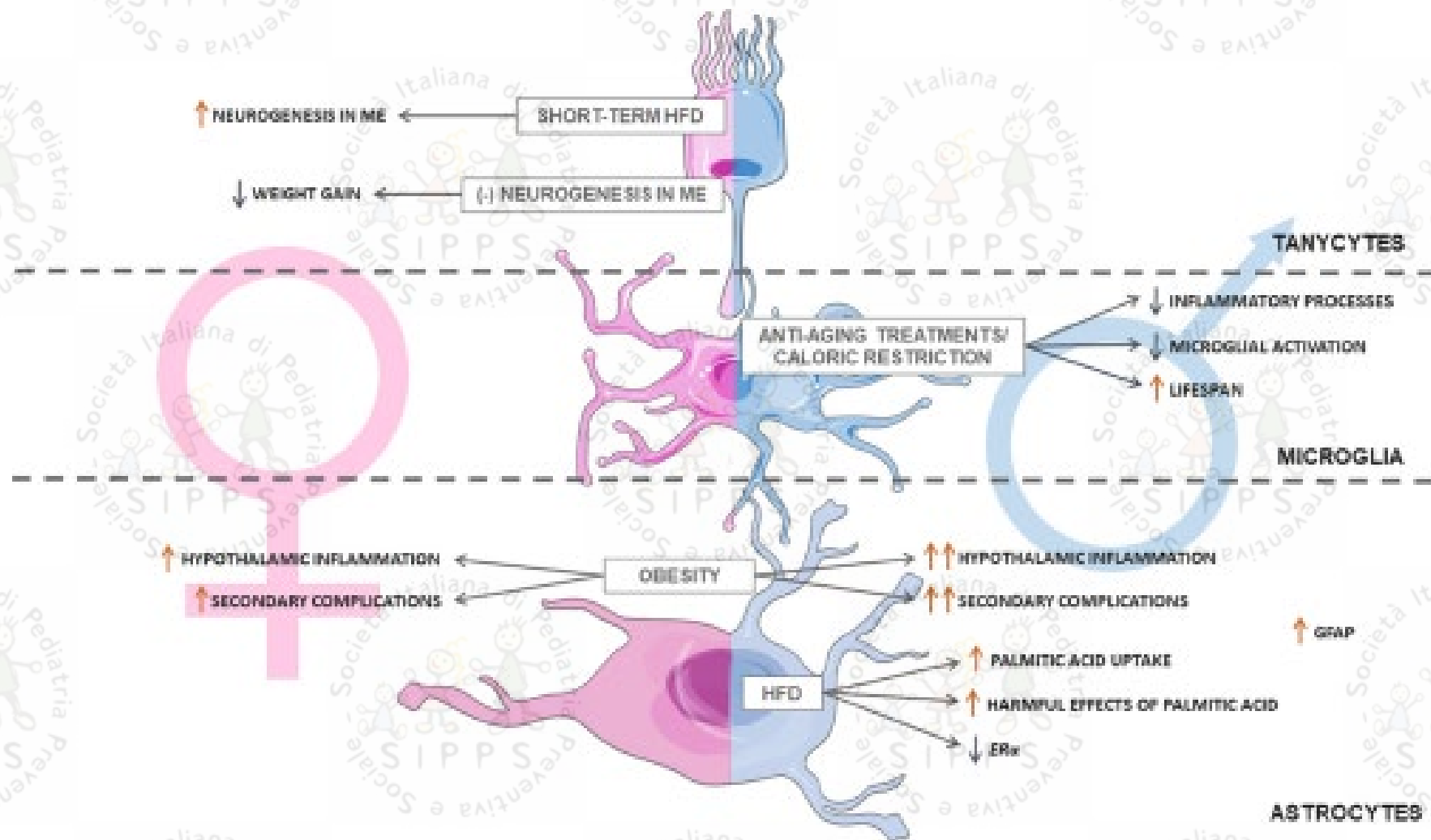








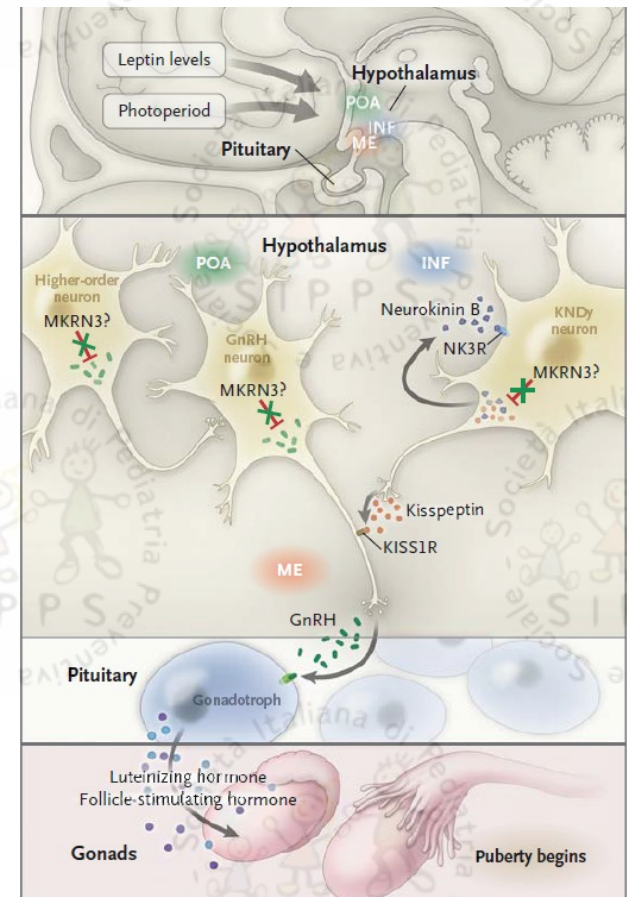






# OBESITA' E SVILUPPO PUBERALE

- Fattori genetici (familiari, etnici, di genere) 70-80%
- Condizioni intrauterine
- **Fattori ambientali**  
(clima, ciclo luce/buio, fattori inquinanti)
- **Stato Nutrizionale (peso, BMI)**
- Condizioni di salute
- Stress





## IPOTESI SUI MOTIVI DELL'ANTICIPO PUBERALE

- Aumento della prevalenza di obesità nella popolazione infantile

*Kaplowitz PB, Pediatrics 2008*

*Midyett LK et al, Pediatrics 2003*

*Chumlea WC et al, Pediatrics 2003*

- Inquinanti ambientali → Endocrine disruptors

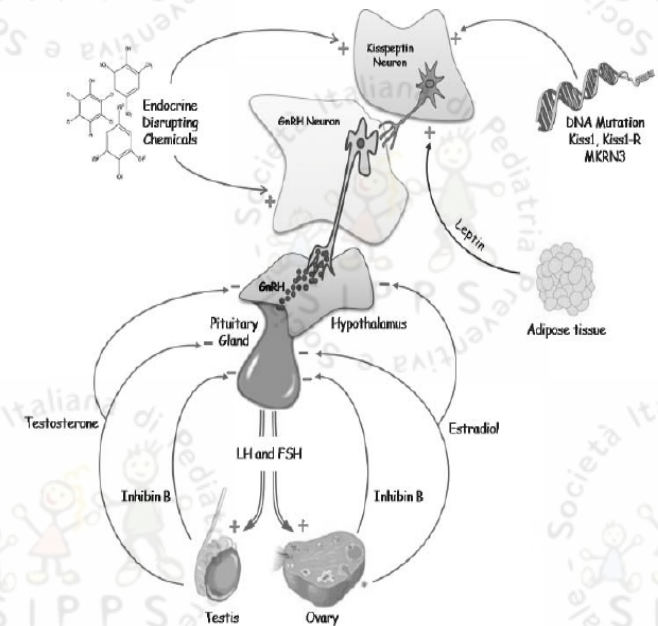
*Vasiliu O et al, Hum Reprod 2004*

*Blanck HM et al, Epidemiology 2004*

*Chou YY et al, J Pediatr Endocrinol Metab 2009*

- Fattori psicosociali stressanti

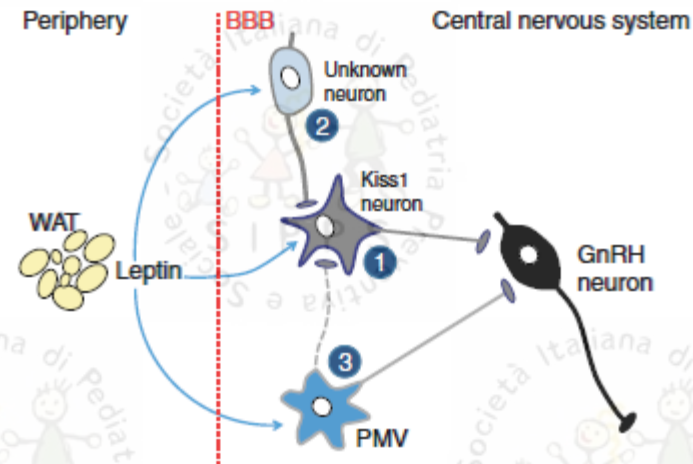
- Inquinanti psichici : eccesso di stimoli sessuali dall'ambiente (televisione, etc..)





## TESSUTO ADIPOSO E PUBERTA' PRECOCE

- Aumentata conversione di androgeni in estrogeni
- Insulino resistenza e aumentata biodisponibilità di steroidi sessuali
- Aumentata produzione di adipokine : **leptina**





## Dati auxologici in pazienti con sospetta pubertà precoce

GRUPPI	N°	E.C. (m±DS)	Δ E.O. (m±DS)	ALTEZZA SDS (m±DS)	BMI SDS (m±DS)	TARGET SDS(m±DS)
TPI < 2.5 aa	22	1.5 ± 1.2		0.0 ± 0.8	-0.4 ± 1	-1.1 ± 1.8
TPI	26	7.1 ± 1.2	0.6 ± 0.9	0.6 ± 1.0	0.9 ± 1.3	-0.7 ± 0.8
PPI	43	7.1 ± 0.9	0.9 ± 1	0.9 ± 1.0	2.9 ± 2.3	-0.5 ± 0.9
PA	17	8.3 ± 1.2	1.2 ± 0.8	1.2 ± 1.0	2.2 ± 2.4	-0.8 ± 0.7
PP	35	7.7 ± 0.7	2.2 ± 1	1.4 ± 1.0	2.2 ± 1.6	-0.7 ± 0.8

# PAZIENTI CON COMPARSA ANTICIPATA DEI CARATTERI SESSUALI

## DIAGNOSI NELLE FEMMINE

- N° 10 Pubarca prematuro isolato
- N° 15 Telarca prematuro isolato
- N° 10 Pubertà precoce gonadotropino-dipendente  
(9 idiopatiche, 1 displasia setto-ottica)

## DIAGNOSI NEI MASCHI

- N° 1 Pubarca prematuro isolato
- N° 2 Pubertà anticipata
- N° 1 Pubertà precoce gonadotropino-indipendente da SAG
- N° 4 Pubertà precoce gonadotropino-dipendente  
(2 idiopatiche, 1 amartoma ipotalamico, 1 associata a S. di Williams)



## ENDOCRINE DISRUPTORS E PUBERTA' PRECOCE

- ED naturali: fitoestrogeni
- ED chimici: BPBs; PCBs; DDT; DDE; PCB; Diossina; Ftalati

Possono agire: legandosi ai recettori degli ormoni, interferendo con la sintesi degli steroidi, direttamente sul SNC

Influenzano negativamente lo sviluppo e/o il funzionamento del sistema endocrino

- ✓ Azione **estrogenica** o antiestrogenica
- ✓ Azione **androgenica** o antiandrogenica
- ✓ Interferenza con il GnRH





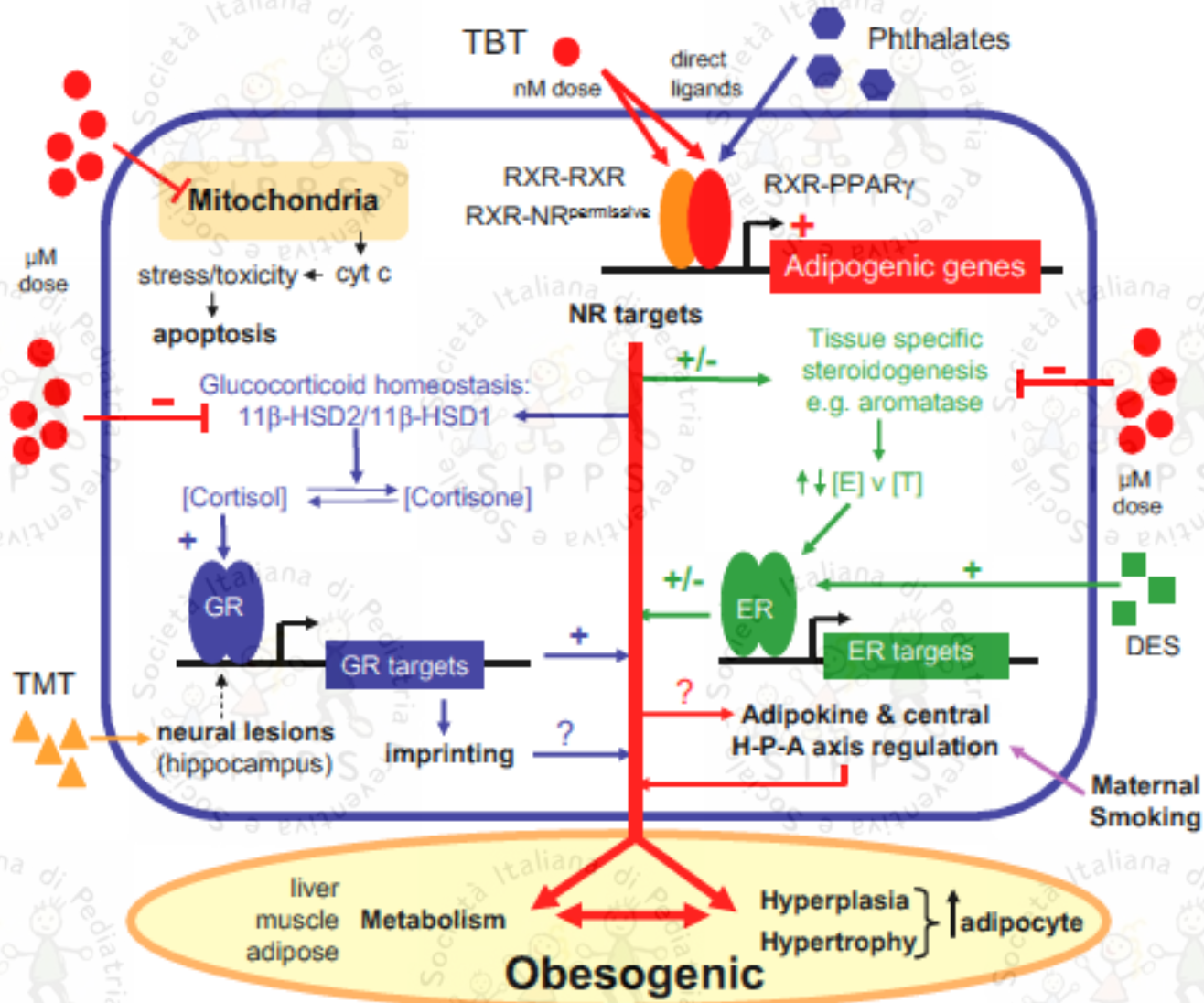
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- ✓ Reclutamento e differenziazione degli adipociti
- ✓ Accumulo di trigliceridi negli adipociti /dimensione degli adipociti
- ✓ Alterazione rapporto prolif./distruzione adipociti
- ✓ Influenzano MR ed equilibrio energetico

# Perturbed nuclear receptor signaling by environmental obesogens as emerging factors in the obesity crisis





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Original Article

## Gender differences in the associations between urinary bisphenol A and body composition among American children: The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2003–2006

Ji Li <sup>a</sup>, Hong Lai <sup>b</sup>, Shaoguang Chen <sup>a</sup>, Hong Zhu <sup>a,c</sup>, Shenghan Lai <sup>a,b,d,\*</sup>

**Background:** As an endocrine disruptor, bisphenol A (BPA) exposure has been implicated as a potential risk factor in childhood obesity, which is defined using percentiles of body mass index for age. We aimed to examine the associations between BPA exposure, reflected by urinary BPA concentration, and body composition in American children.

**Methods:** Data of 1860 children aged 8–19 years who participated in the 2003–2006 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) were analyzed in this study. Urinary BPA concentration (ng/mL) was used to indicate BPA status in the body. Body composition was measured by dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA). Multivariate linear regression models were fitted using survey procedures to investigate the associations between urinary BPA level and body composition separately for boys and girls.

**Conclusions:** Higher BPA levels may be associated with elevated LBM in boys, but not in girls, while higher BPA levels may be associated with elevated FM in girls, but not in boys.

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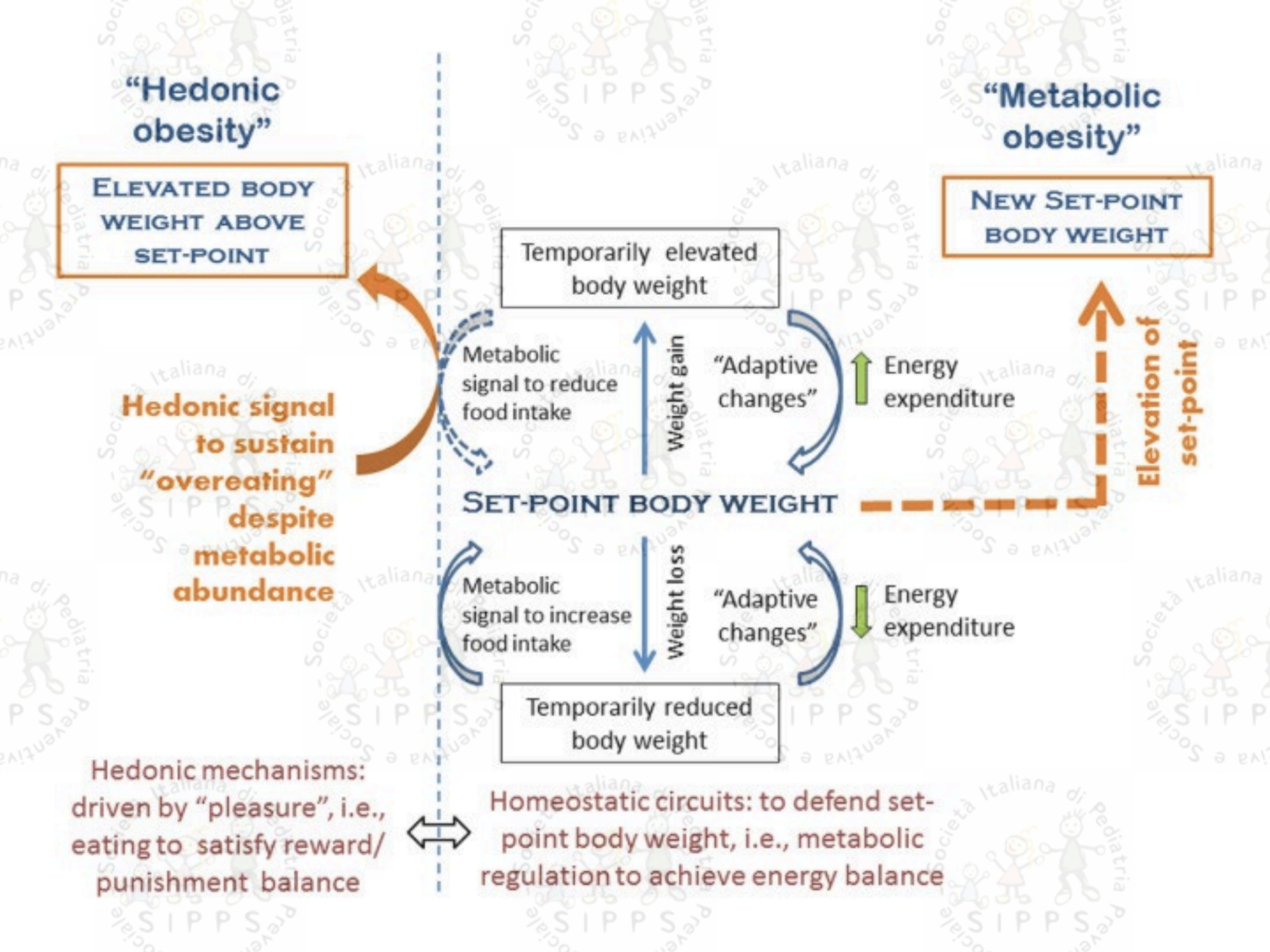
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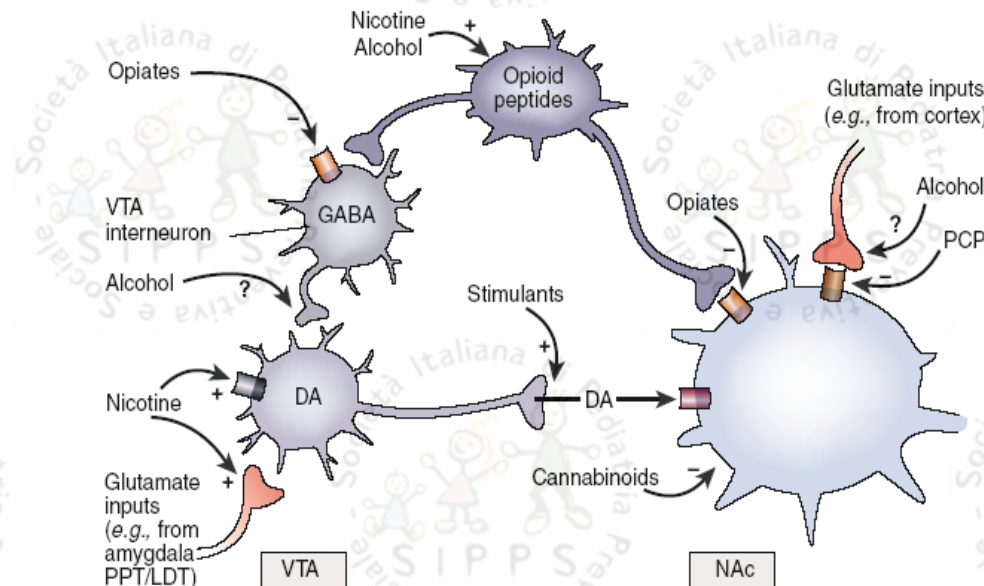
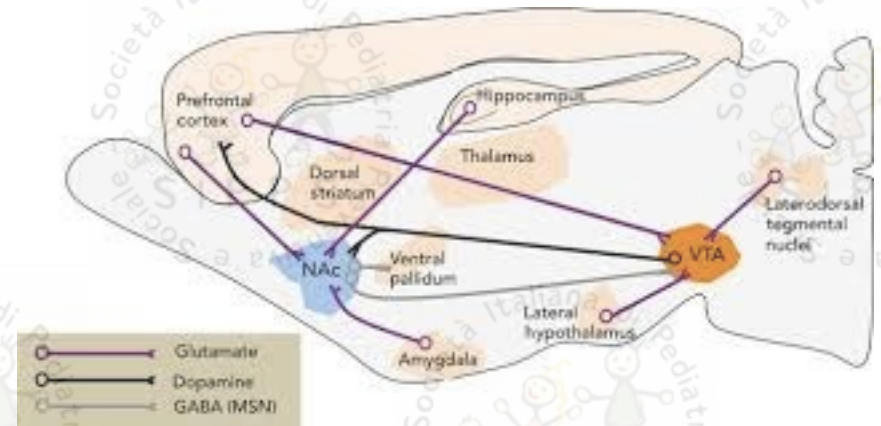
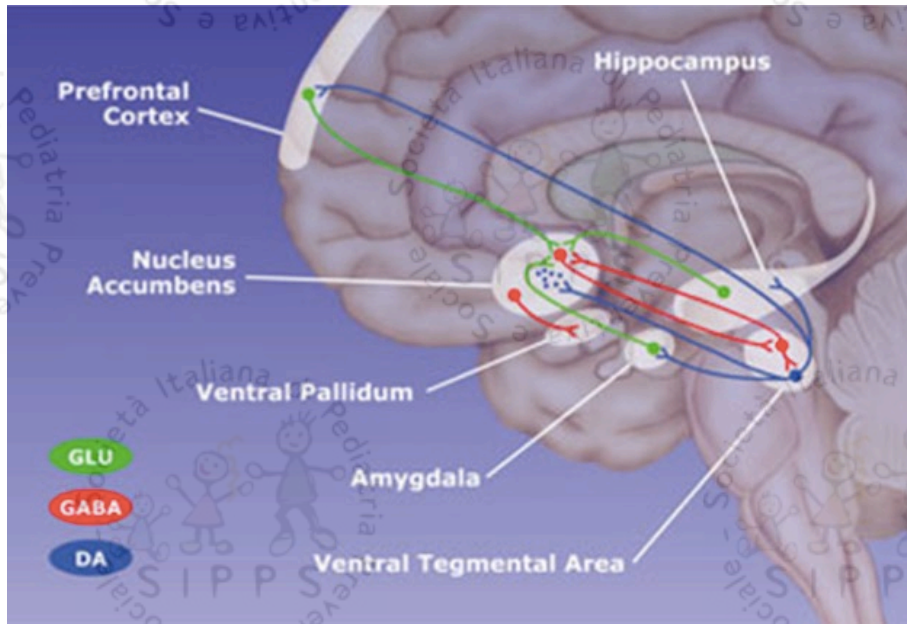
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# Il "palatable food" attiva il sistema dopaminergico mesolimbico (dall'area ventrale del tegmento al nucleo accumbens)



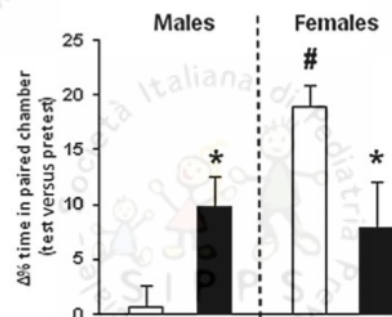
# Hedonic sensitivity to natural rewards is affected by prenatal stress in a sex-dependent manner

Marie-Line Reynaert<sup>1,2</sup>, Jordan Marrocco<sup>3</sup>, Jérôme Mairesse<sup>1,2</sup>, Luana Lionetto<sup>4</sup>, Maurizio Simmaco<sup>4</sup>, Lucie Deruyter<sup>1,2</sup>, Delphine Allorge<sup>5</sup>, Anna Moles<sup>6,7</sup>, Anna Pittaluga<sup>8</sup>, Stefania Maccari<sup>1,2</sup>, Sara Morley-Fletcher<sup>1,2</sup>, Gilles Van Camp<sup>1,2\*</sup> & Ferdinando Nicoletti<sup>1,2\*</sup>

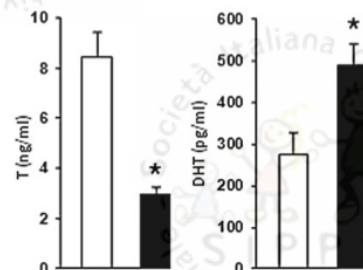
*Le femmine hanno una maggiore sensibilità edonica nei confronti del « palatable food » rispetto ai maschi. Le differenze sono annullate dallo stress perinatale che aumenta il DHT nei maschi e riduce l'E2 nelle femmine*



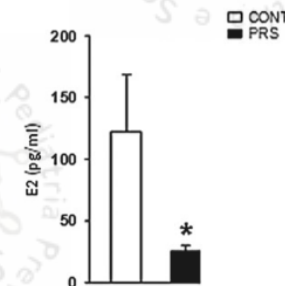
(a) Behavior in males and females



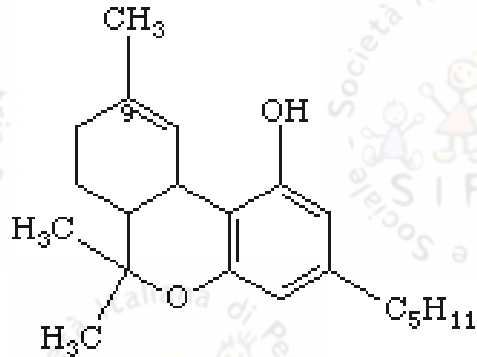
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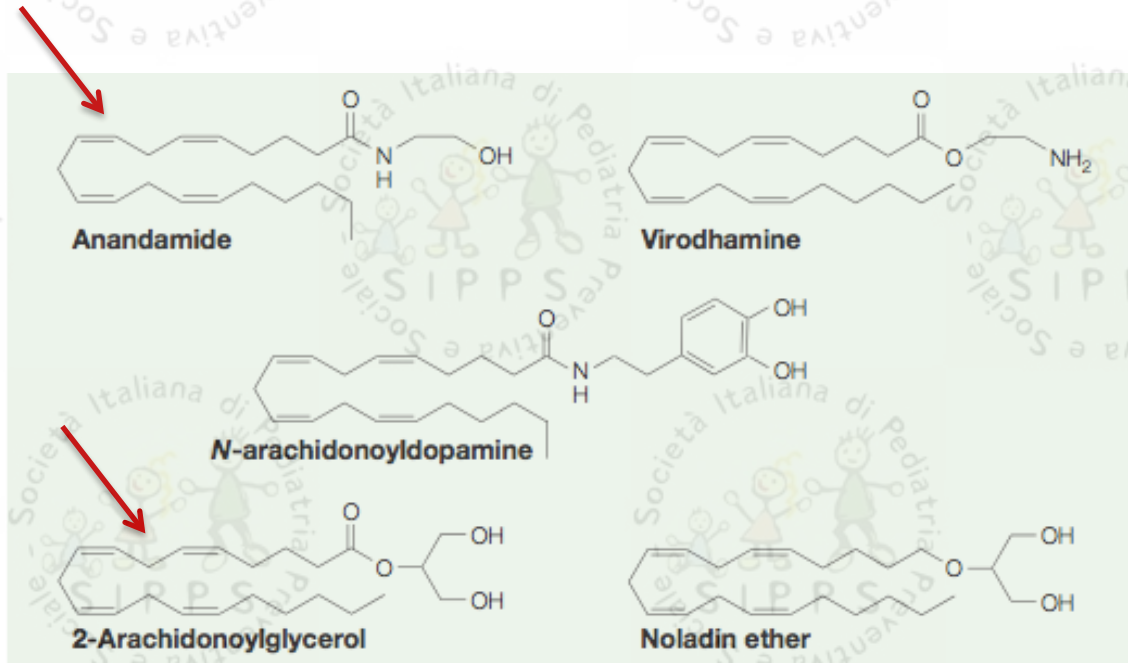
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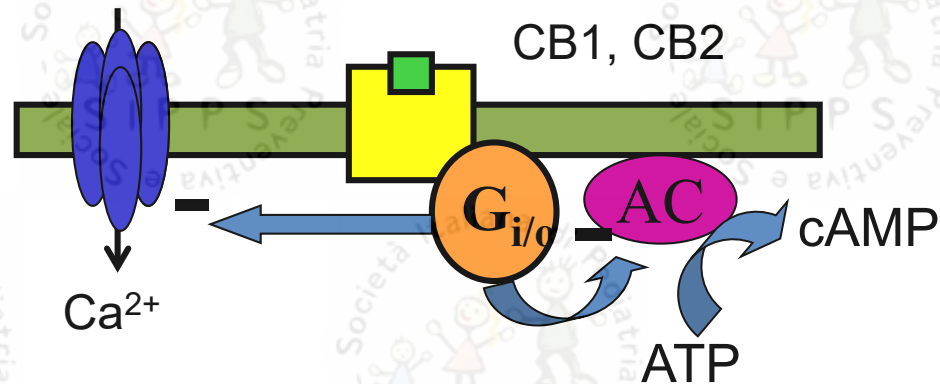
# I recettori CB1 sono attivati dagli endocannabinoidi



$\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinolo (THC)

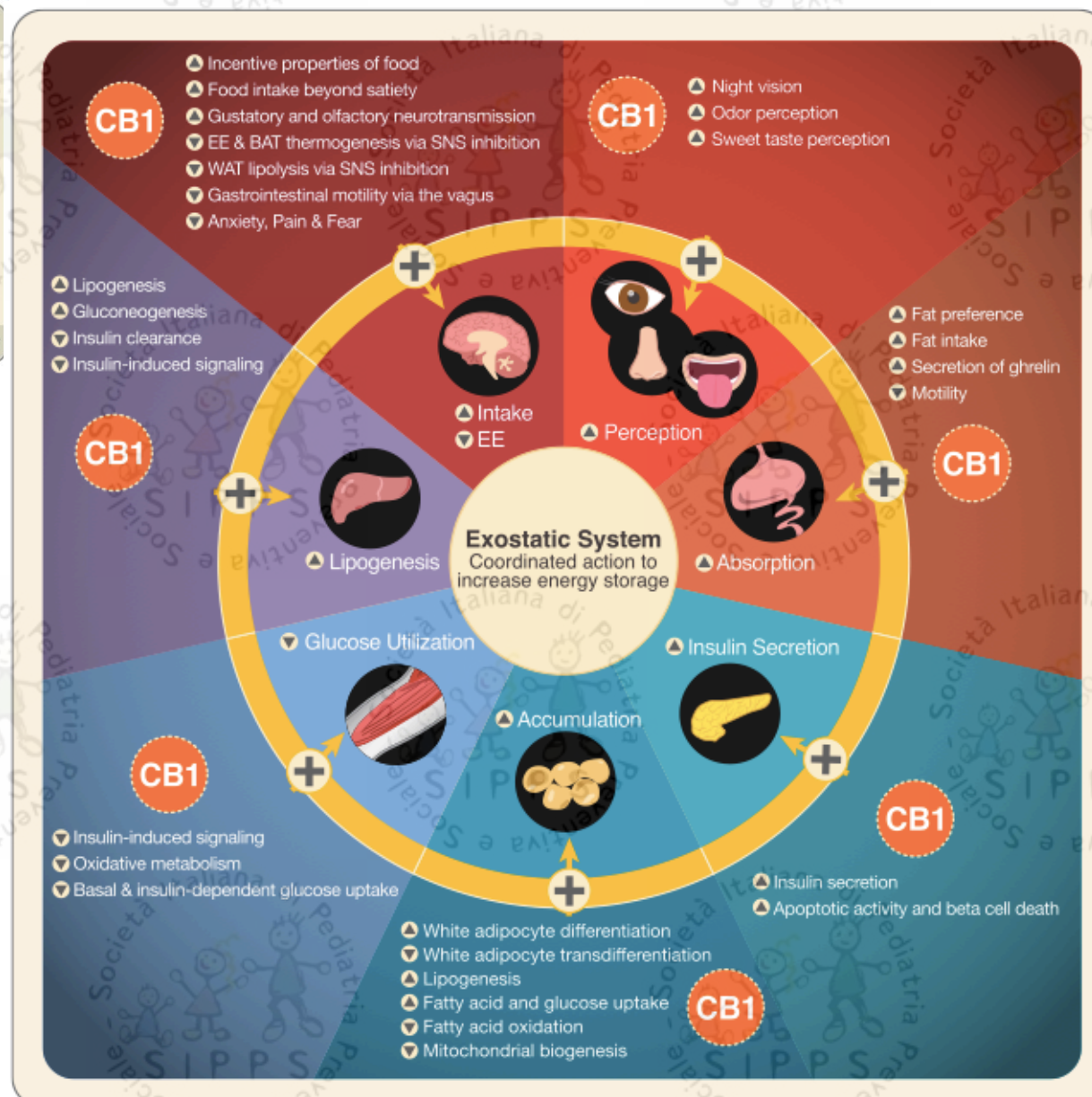


N,P/Q VSCC



# The CB1 receptor as the cornerstone of exostasis

(Piazza, Cota, and Marsicano, Neuron, 2017)







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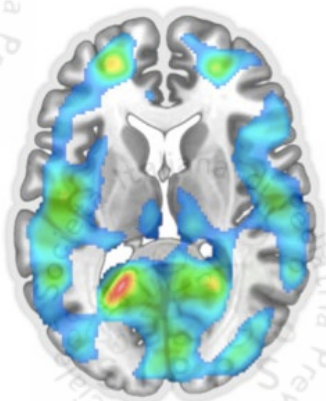
## Sex difference in brain CB1 receptor availability in man

Heikki Laurikainen<sup>a,b</sup>, Lauri Tuominen<sup>a,b,e</sup>, Maria Tikka<sup>b</sup>, Harri Merisaari<sup>a</sup>,  
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 Merja Haaparanta-Solin<sup>a</sup>, Olof Solin<sup>a</sup>, Jarmo Hietala<sup>a,b,\*</sup>, METSY group

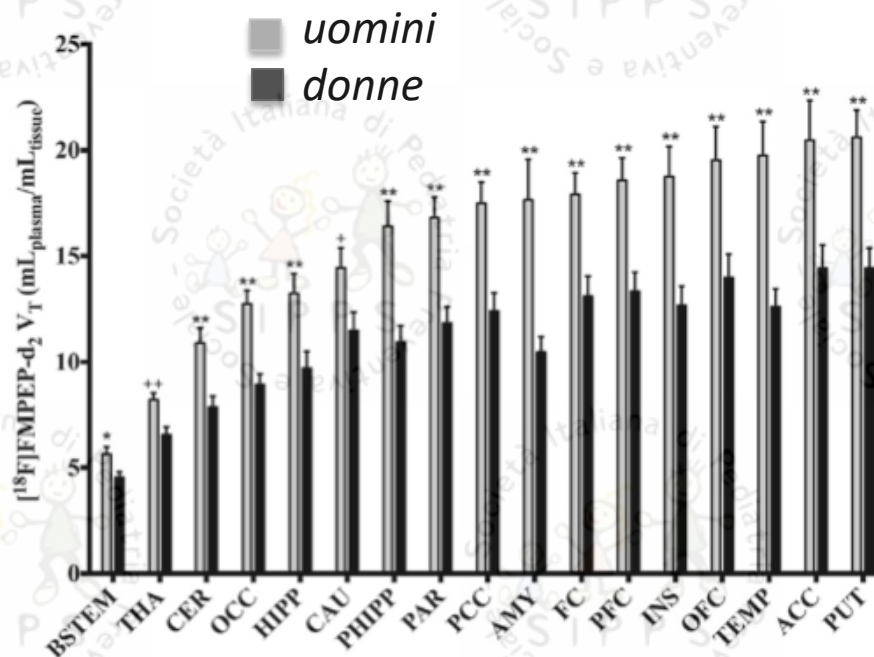
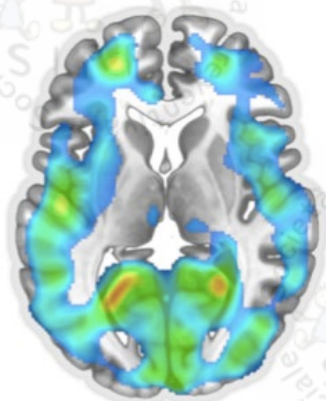


*Maggiore densità dei recettori  
 CB1 nel SNC dell'uomo rispetto  
 alla donna*

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Hormonal Milieu/ Nutrition / Enviroment (EDC obesogeni)



Developmental Critical Periods  
(Gestation, Neonatal, etc...)



Hypothalamic Circuits



Homeostatic Control of Metabolism



**Obesity**



