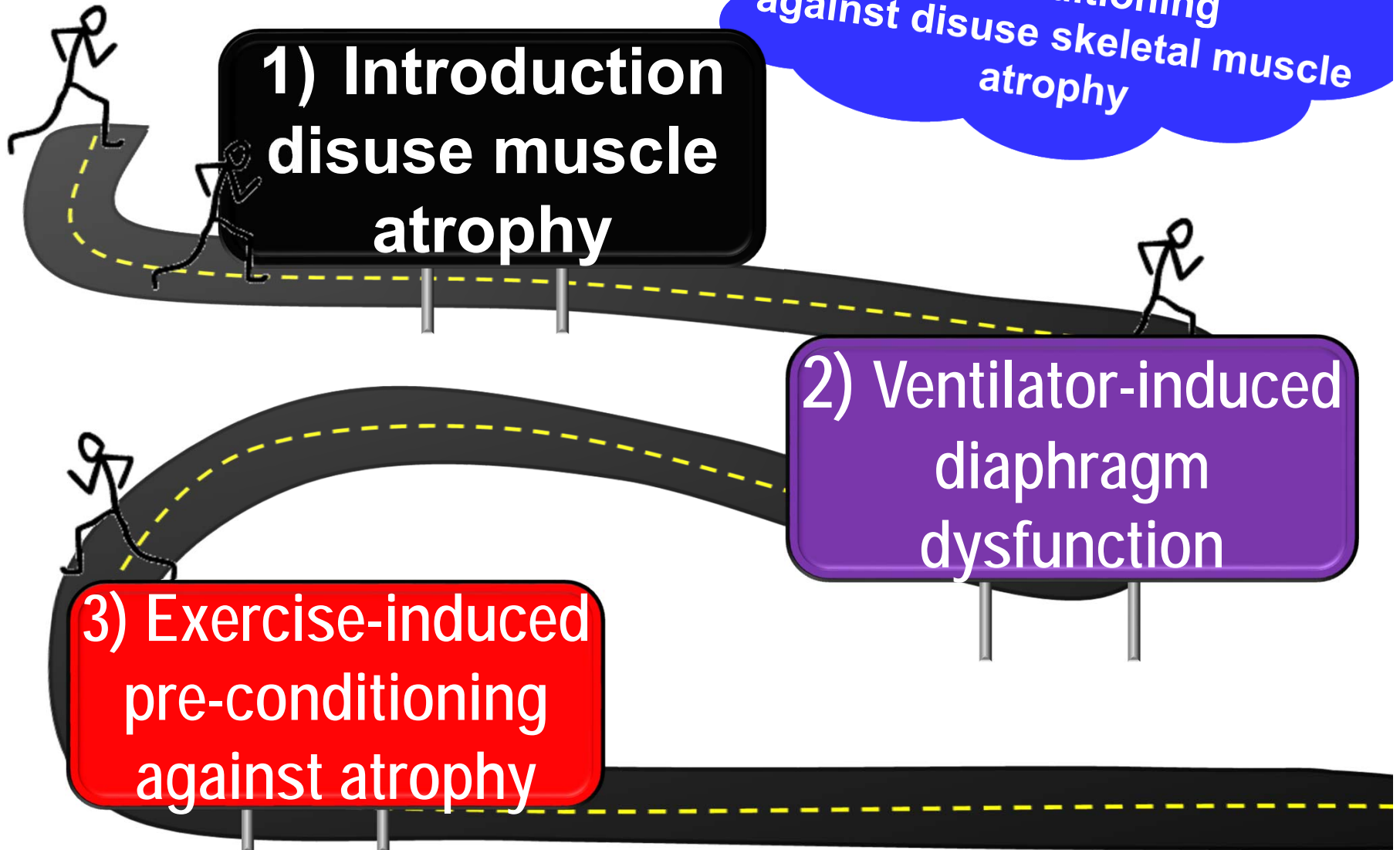


# **Exercise-induced preconditioning in skeletal muscles**

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# ROAD TRIP



**Human Condition**  
**Resulting in Disuse**  
**Muscle Atrophy**

**Mechanical Ventilation  
(Diaphragm inactivity)**

**Limb Immobilization**

**Space Flight**

**Spinal Cord Injury**

**Bed Rest**

**Animal model**

**Mechanical Ventilation**

**Limb Immobilization**

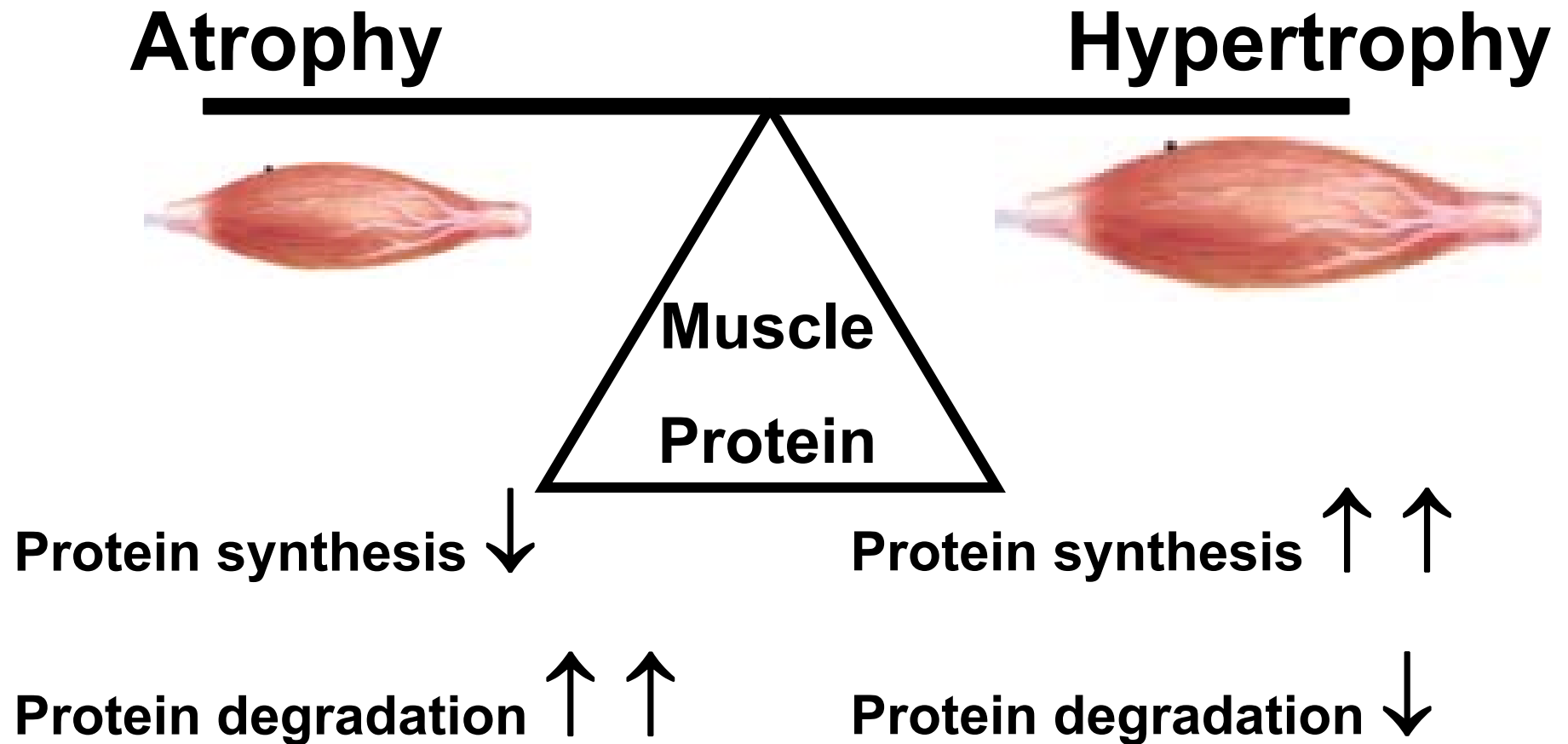
**Hind-limb Suspension**

**Denervation/Spinal Cord  
Isolation**

**Hind-limb Suspension**



# Skeletal muscle protein balance and muscle size



# **Importance of maintaining healthy skeletal muscle mass**

- **Healthy muscles are essential for breathing and locomotion**
- **Muscle is an endocrine organ and myokines are potential regulators of other organs**
- **Mortality rate of many diseases are associated with functional status and mass of skeletal muscles**

# ROAD TRIP

1) Introduction to  
disuse muscle  
atrophy

Exercise-induced  
preconditioning  
against disuse  
muscle

2) Ventilator-induced  
diaphragm  
dysfunction

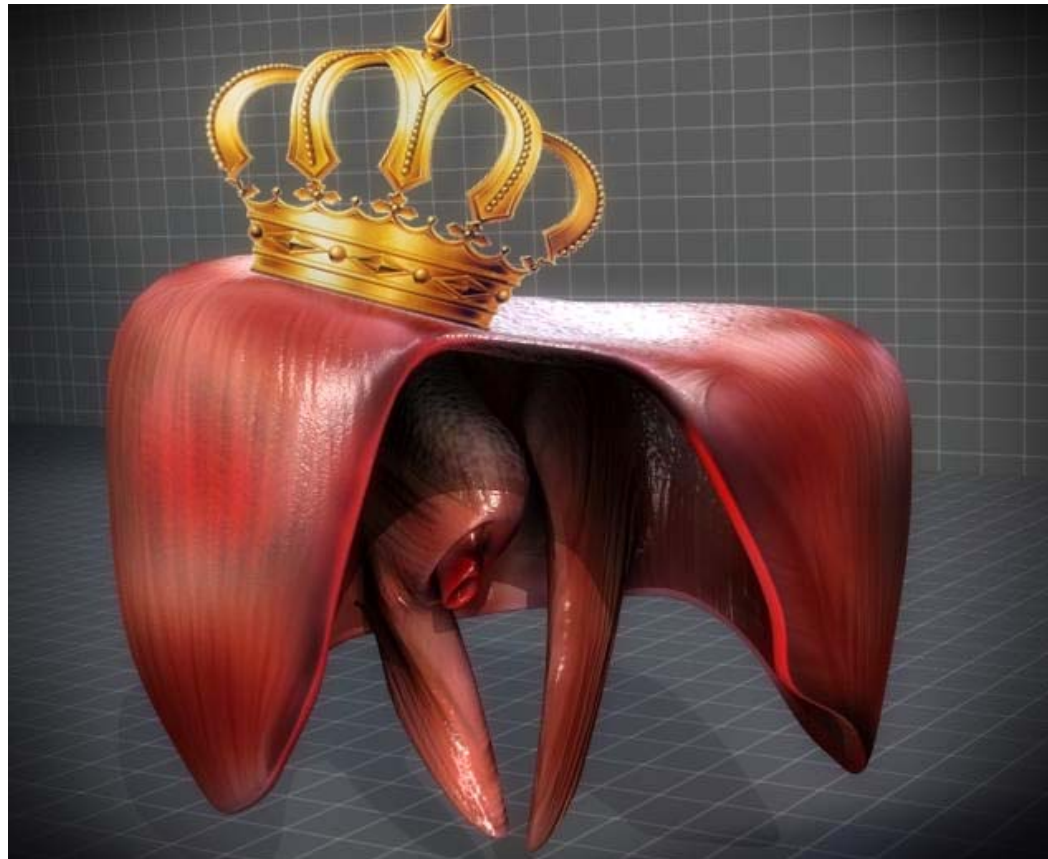
3) Exercise-induced  
pre-conditioning  
against atrophy

# Mechanical Ventilation (MV)

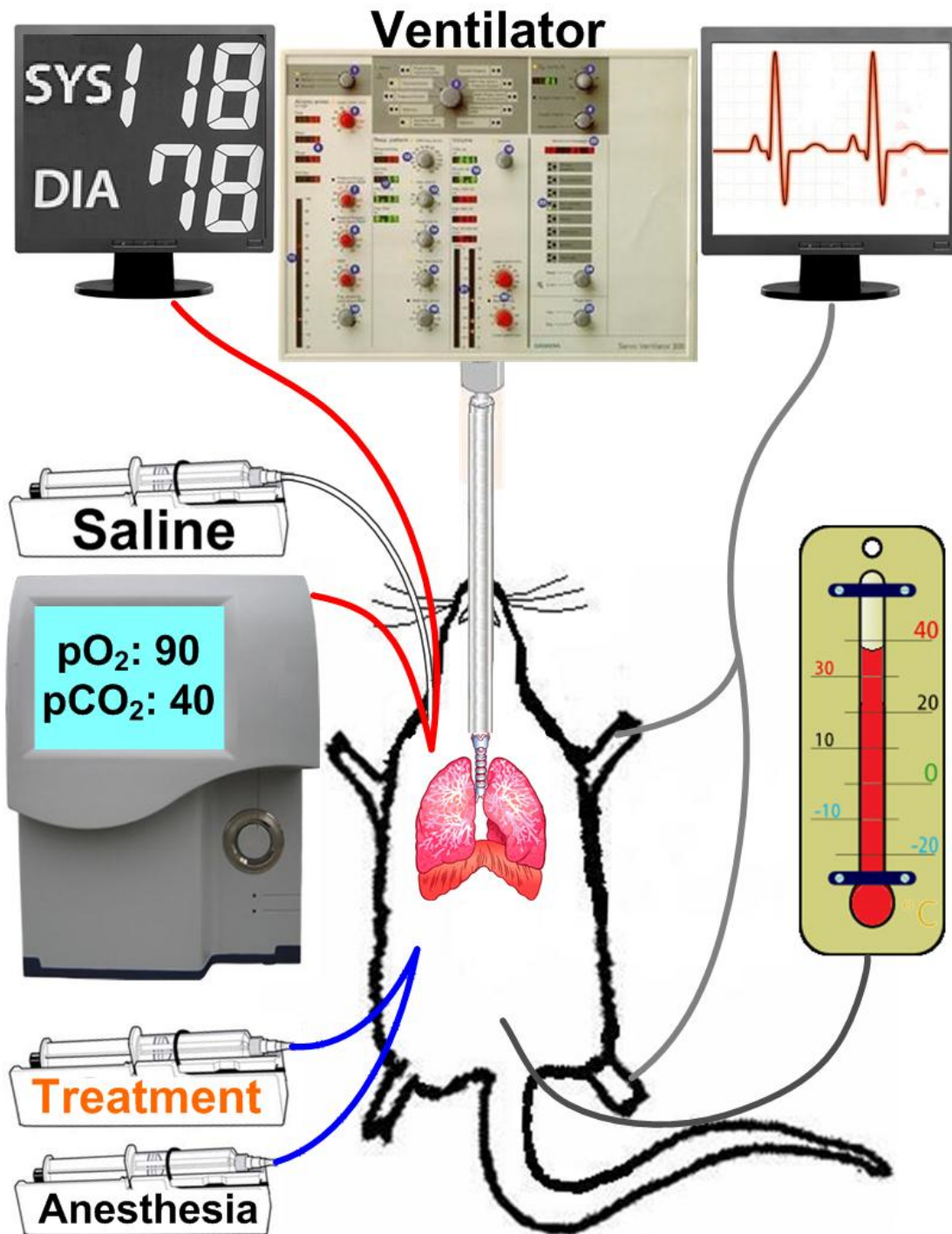
- ❖ MV is used clinically to maintain adequate pulmonary gas exchange in patients who are incapable of maintaining sufficient alveolar ventilation
- ❖ Common indications: Respiratory failure, heart failure, neuromuscular diseases, drug overdoses, spinal cord injury, and surgery/post-surgical recovery
- ❖ Prolonged MV results in inspiratory muscle weakness



**Diaphragm is the principal muscle of inspiration in all mammals**







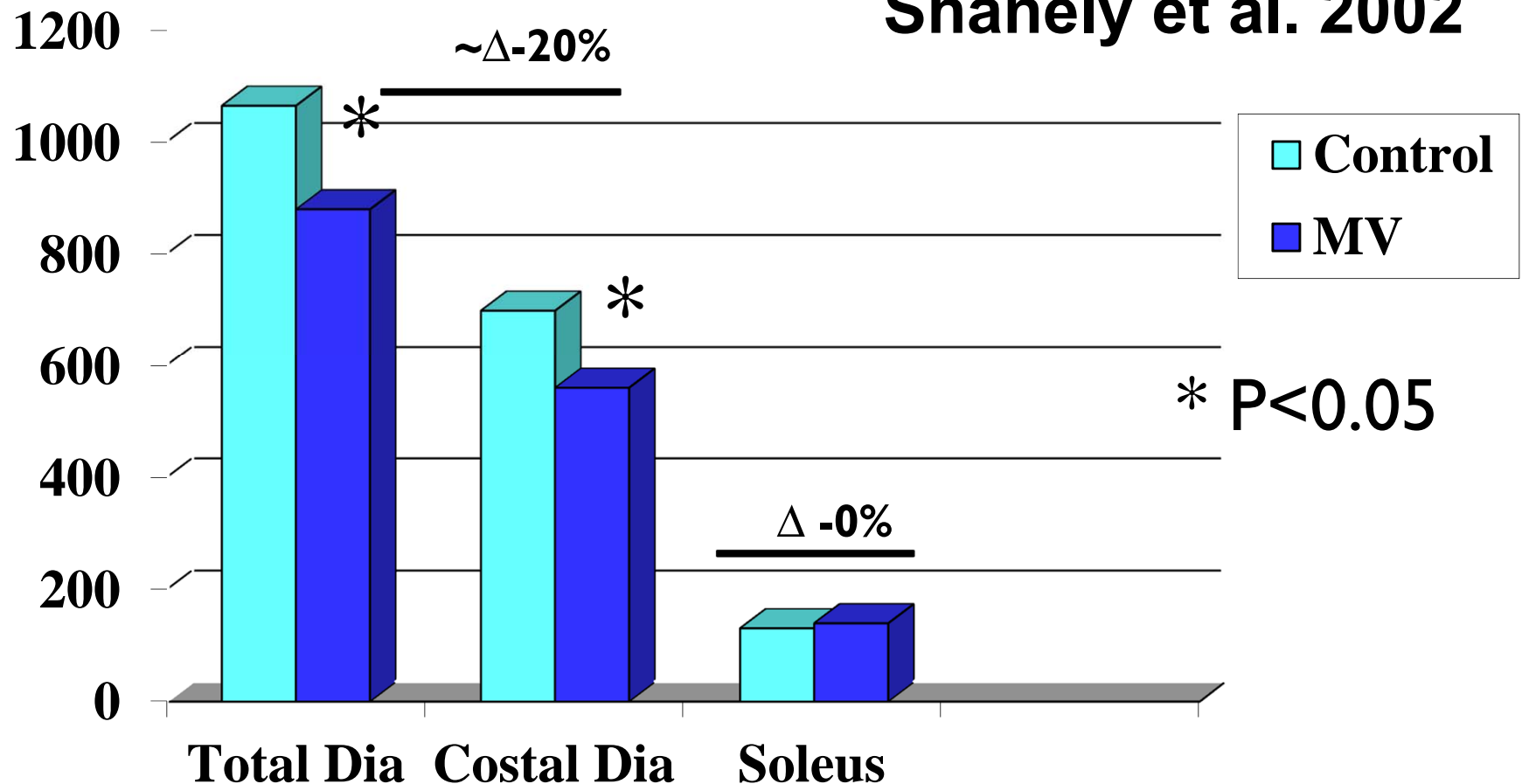
# Rat model of mechanical ventilation



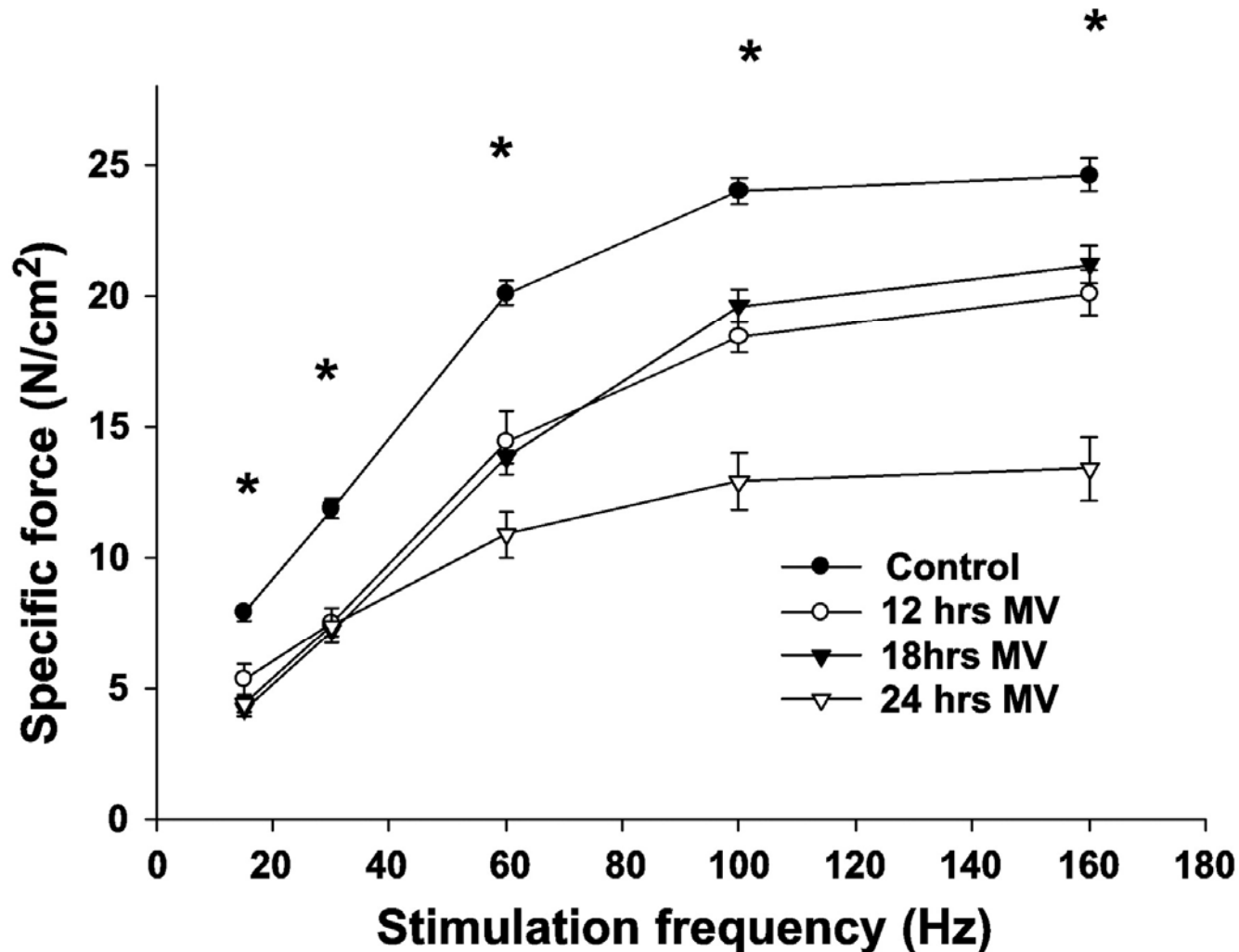
# MV-induced diaphragmatic atrophy (18 hours)

Mass (mg)

Shanely et al. 2002

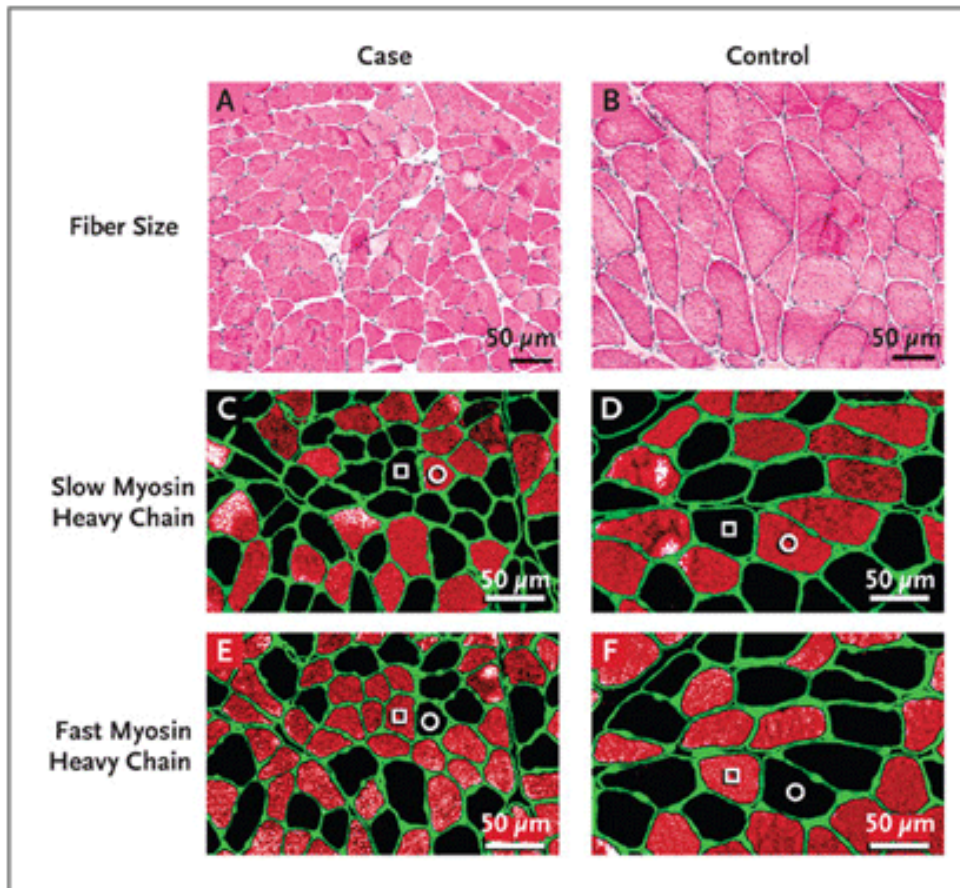


# Prolonged MV promotes time-dependent decrease in diaphragmatic specific force

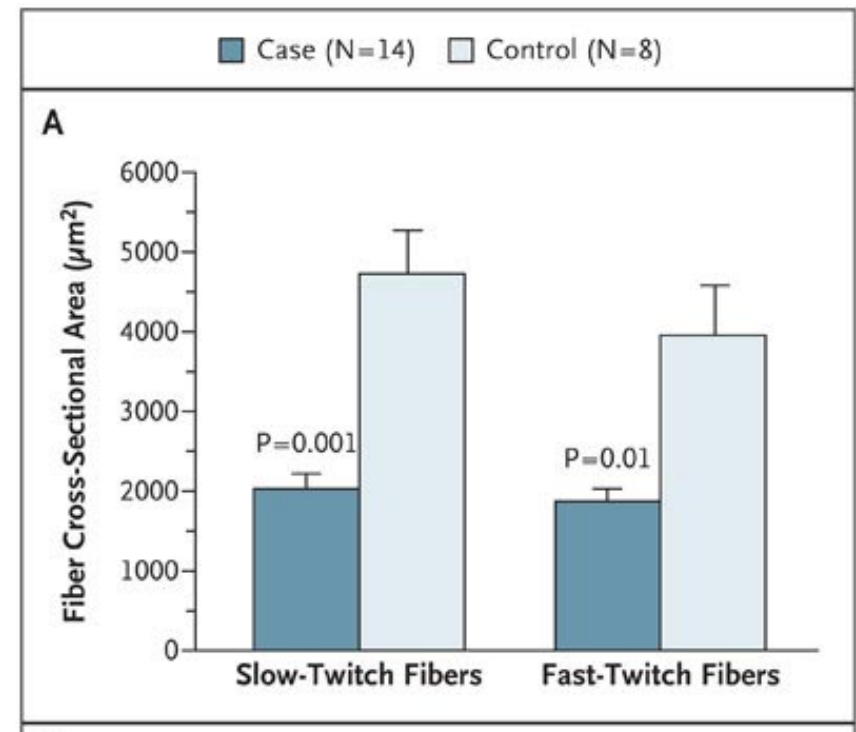


**Powers et al.  
2002**

# Prolonged MV results in rapid diaphragmatic atrophy in humans



Levine et al.  
NEJM (2008)

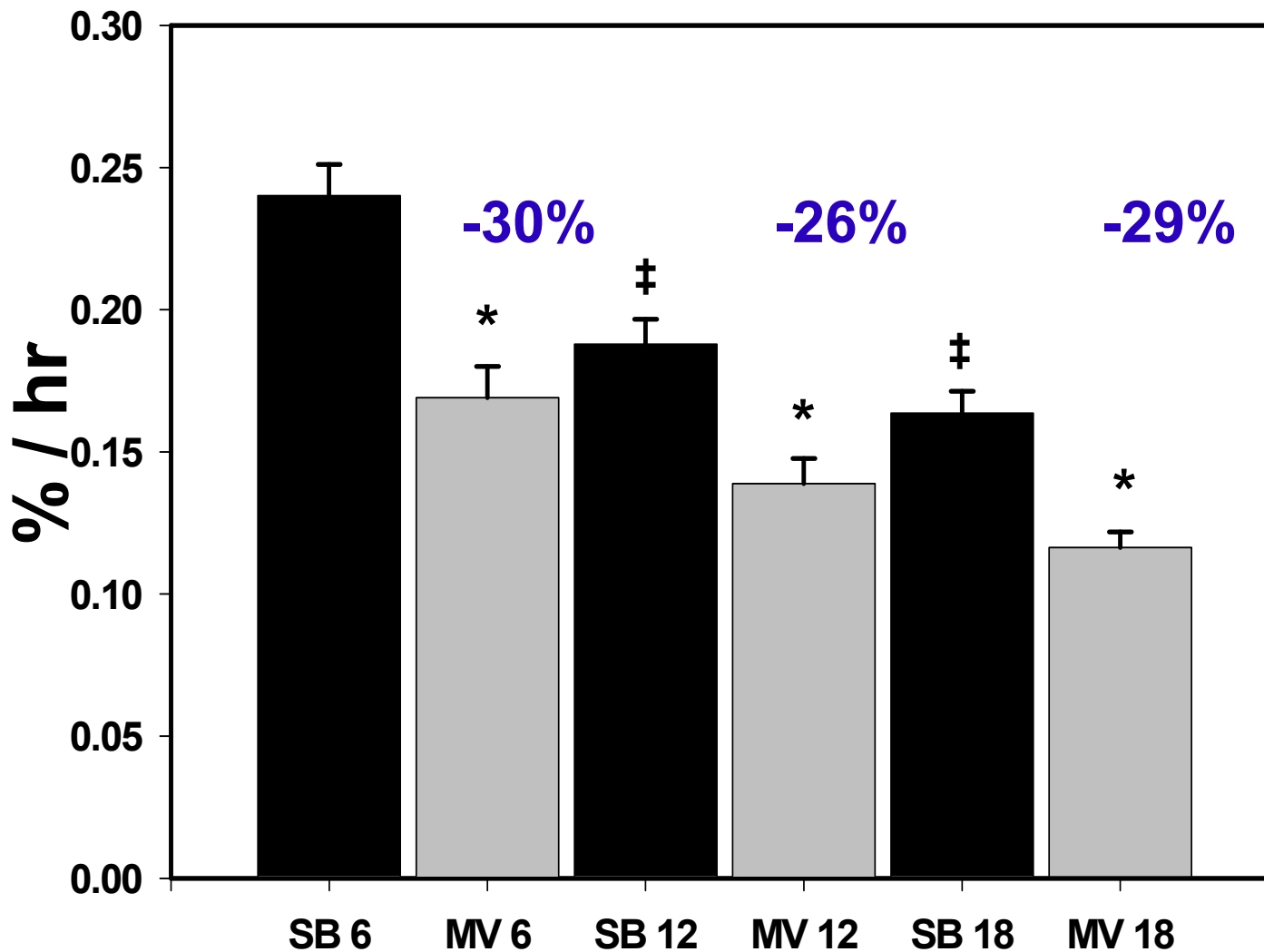


# **Why study VIDD?**

- **~30% patients exposed to prolonged MV experience difficult weaning**
- **Failure to wean results in extended stays in ICU**
- **Diaphragmatic weakness predicted to be major risk factor for difficult weaning**

**Mechanisms responsible  
for the rapid  
development of  
ventilator-induced  
diaphragm atrophy?**

# Fractional Rate of Mixed Muscle Protein Synthesis-diaphragm



Shanely et al. 2004

- **All major proteolytic systems are activated in diaphragm during prolonged MV**
- **Proteolysis plays a dominant role in the development of VIDDD during the first several days of MV**



# Oxidative stress is required for mechanical ventilation-induced protease activation in the diaphragm

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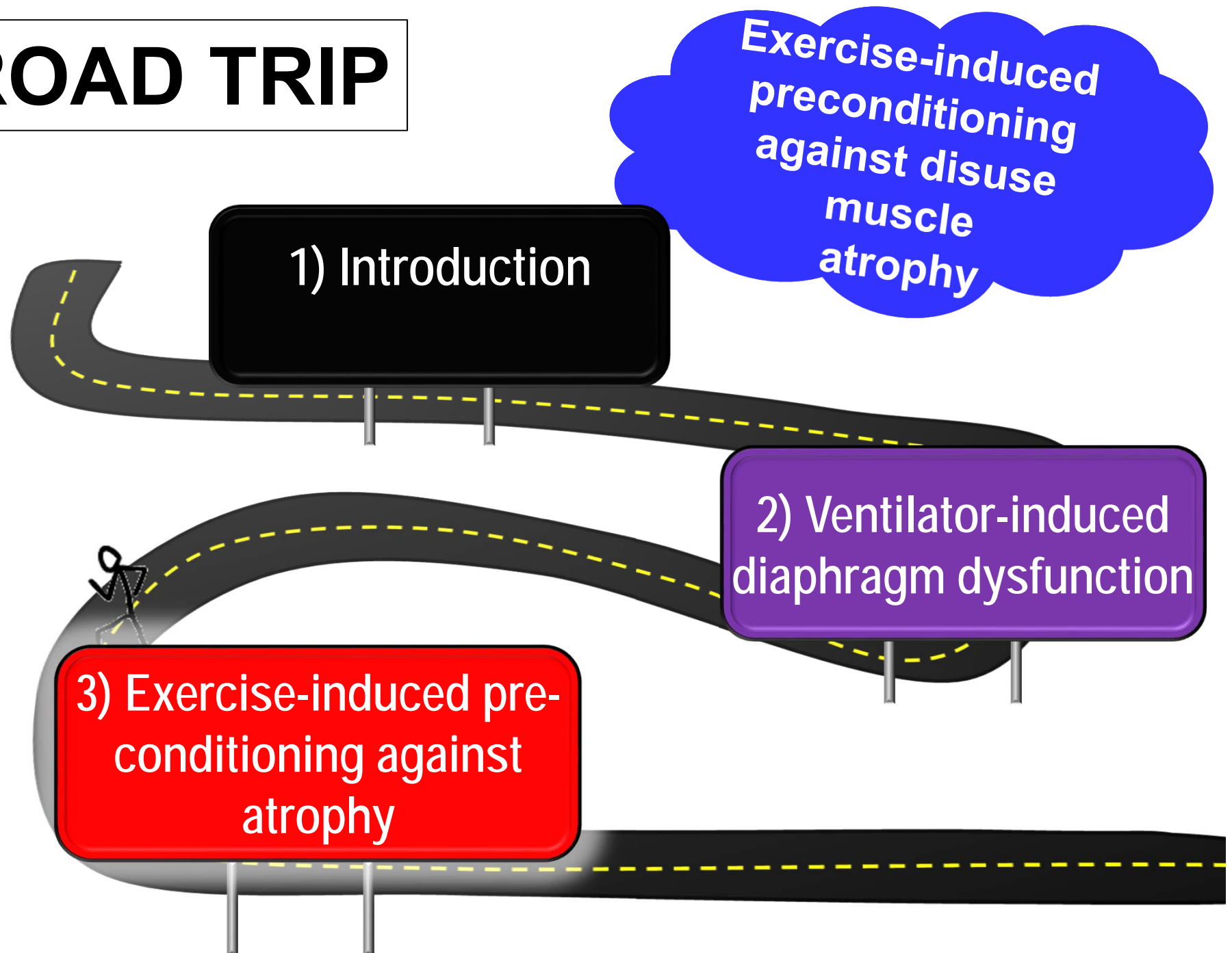
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## Mitochondria-targeted antioxidants protect against mechanical ventilation-induced diaphragm weakness\*

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# ROAD TRIP



# Strategies to protect against VIDD?

**Regular bouts of endurance exercise has been shown to achieve all of these goals in trained skeletal muscle**

# Does exercise training result in diaphragmatic adaptations that protect against VIDD?

## Two exercise experiments

- 1) Continuous aerobic exercise (Endurance exercise)  
10 days of exercise training (60 min/day, ~70%  $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$ )
- 2) High intensity interval training (HIIT)  
10 days of HIIT training (60s x 5 intervals, ~100%  $\text{VO}_{2\text{max}}$ )

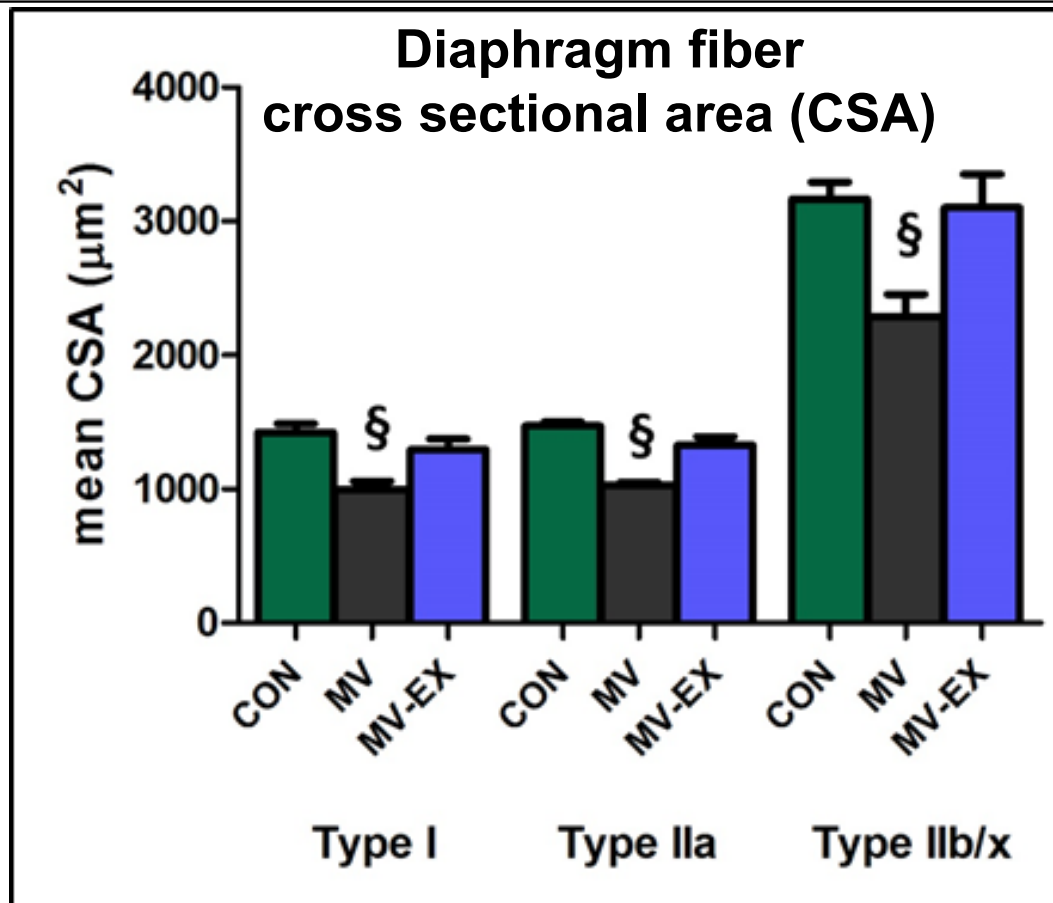
➤ **MV initiated 24 hours after last exercise bout**

## Endurance exercise attenuates ventilator-induced diaphragm dysfunction

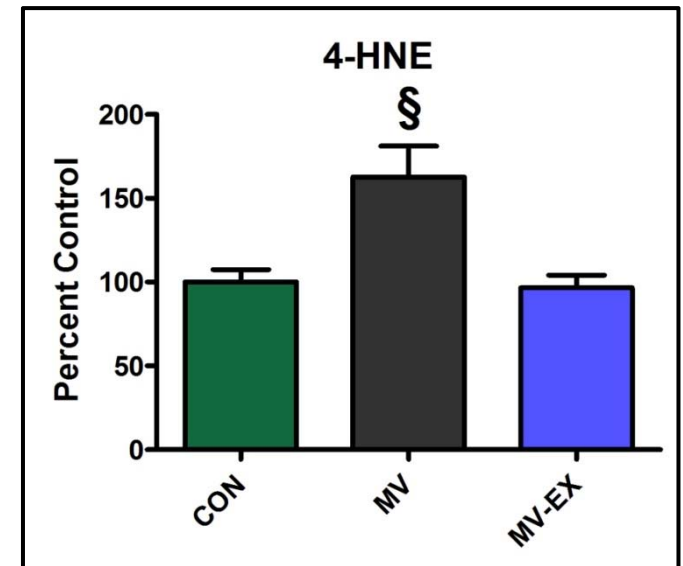
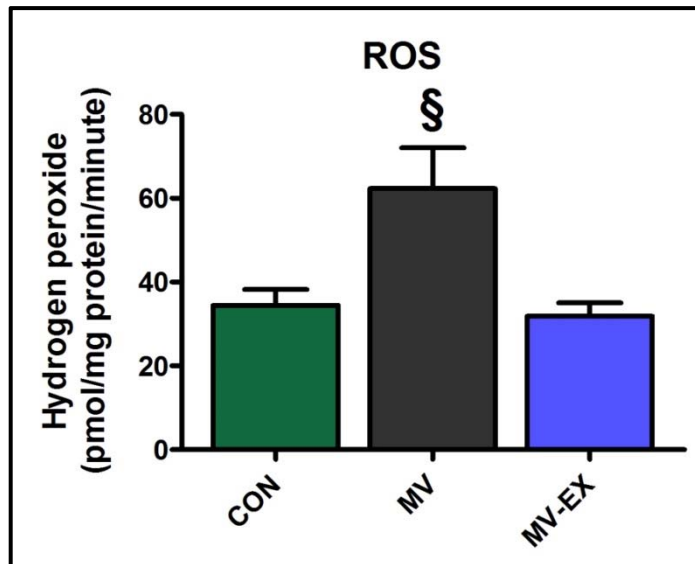
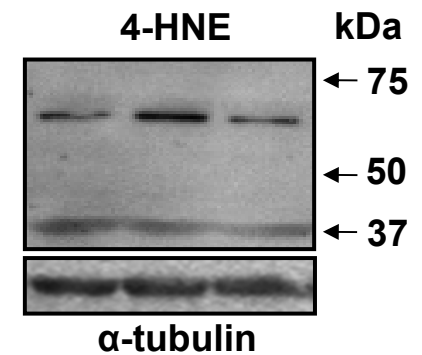
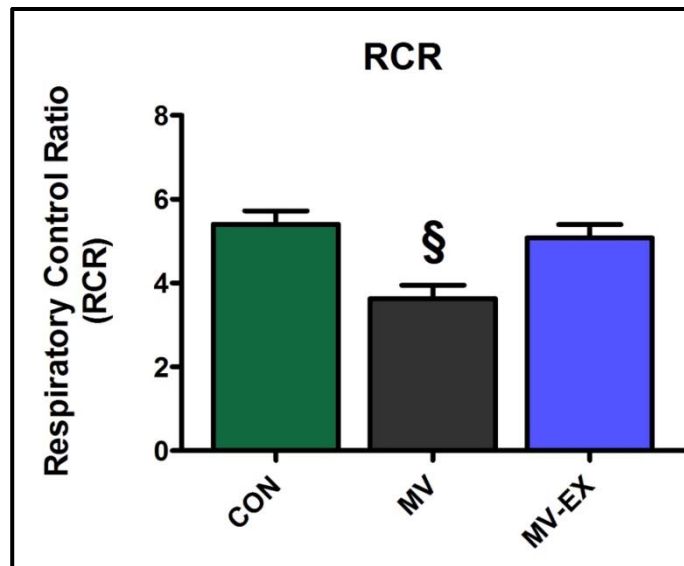
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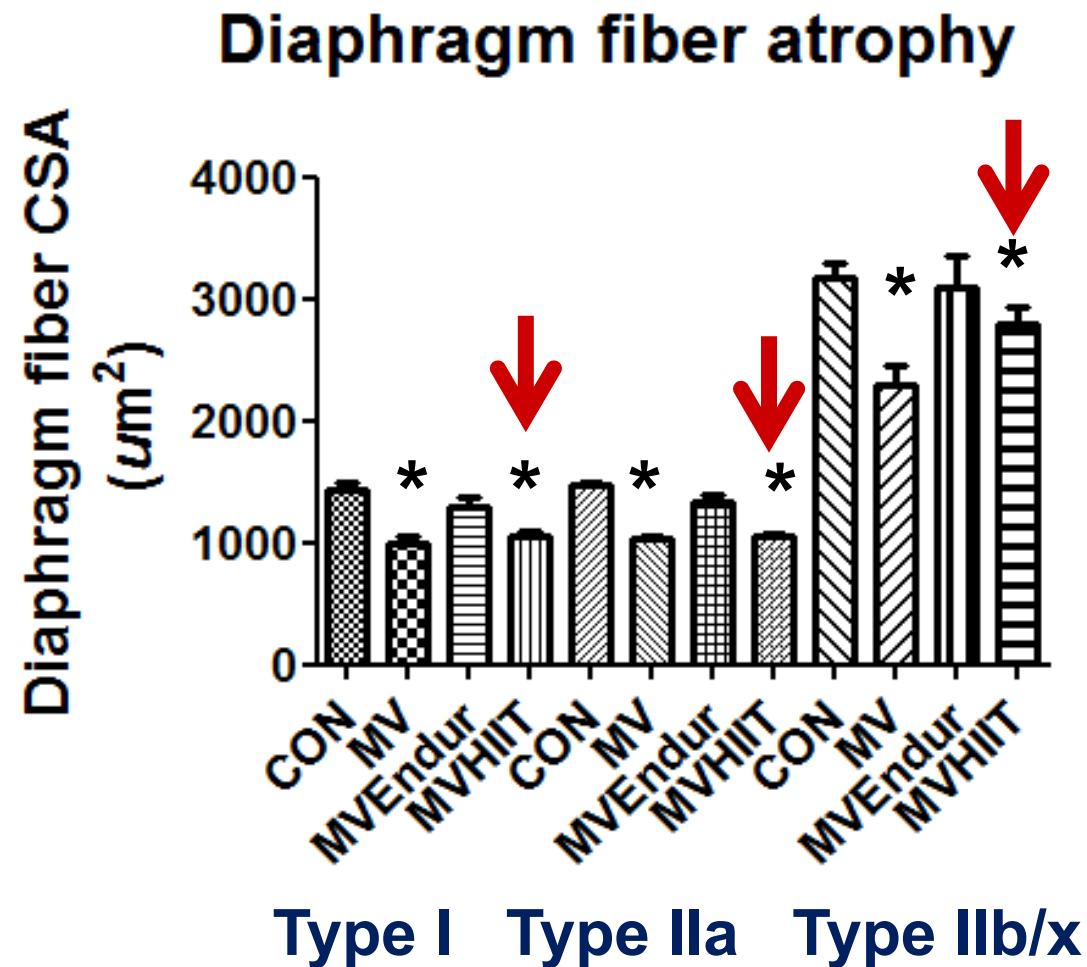
Submitted 31 August 2011; accepted in final form 6 November 2011



# Exercise training maintains mitochondrial function and decreases ROS production during MV



# High intensity interval training does not prevent mechanical ventilation-induced diaphragmatic atrophy





# Are animals with a high intrinsic aerobic capacity protected against VIDD?

*Physiol Genomics*  
5: 45–52, 2001.

## Artificial selection for intrinsic aerobic endurance running capacity in rats

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Low capacity runners

LCRs



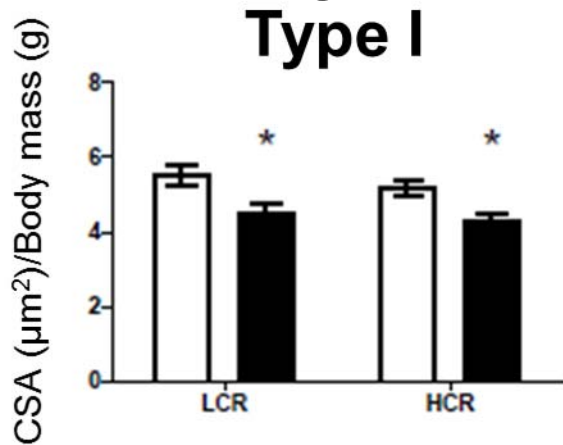
High capacity runners

HCRs

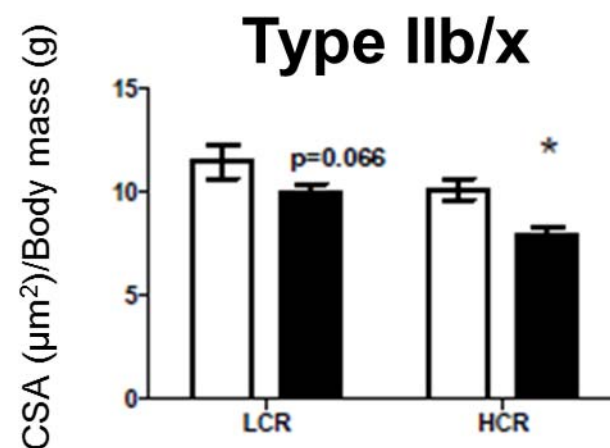
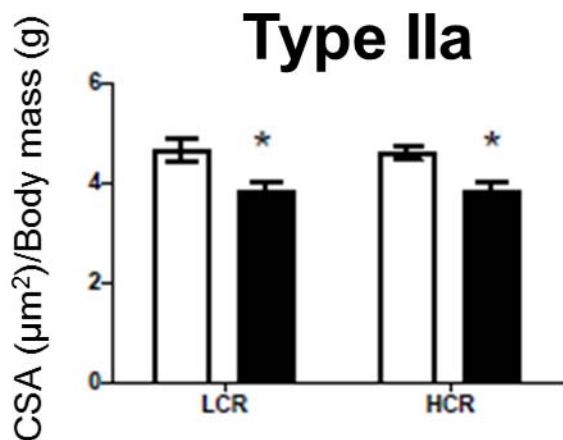


# High intrinsic aerobic capacity does not protect against VIDD

## Diaphragm muscle fibers cross sectional areas



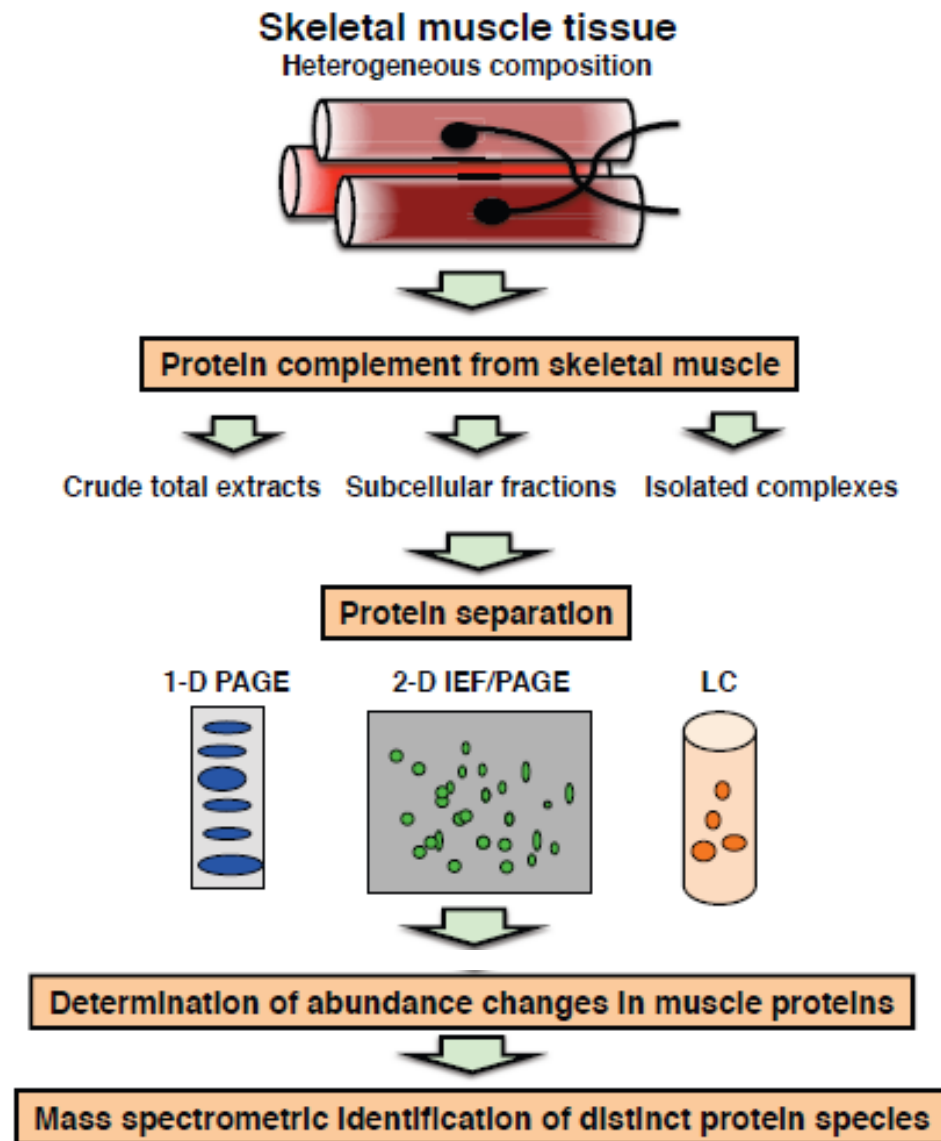
Sollanek et al. 2015



\* $P < 0.05$ , MV significantly different from control within strain

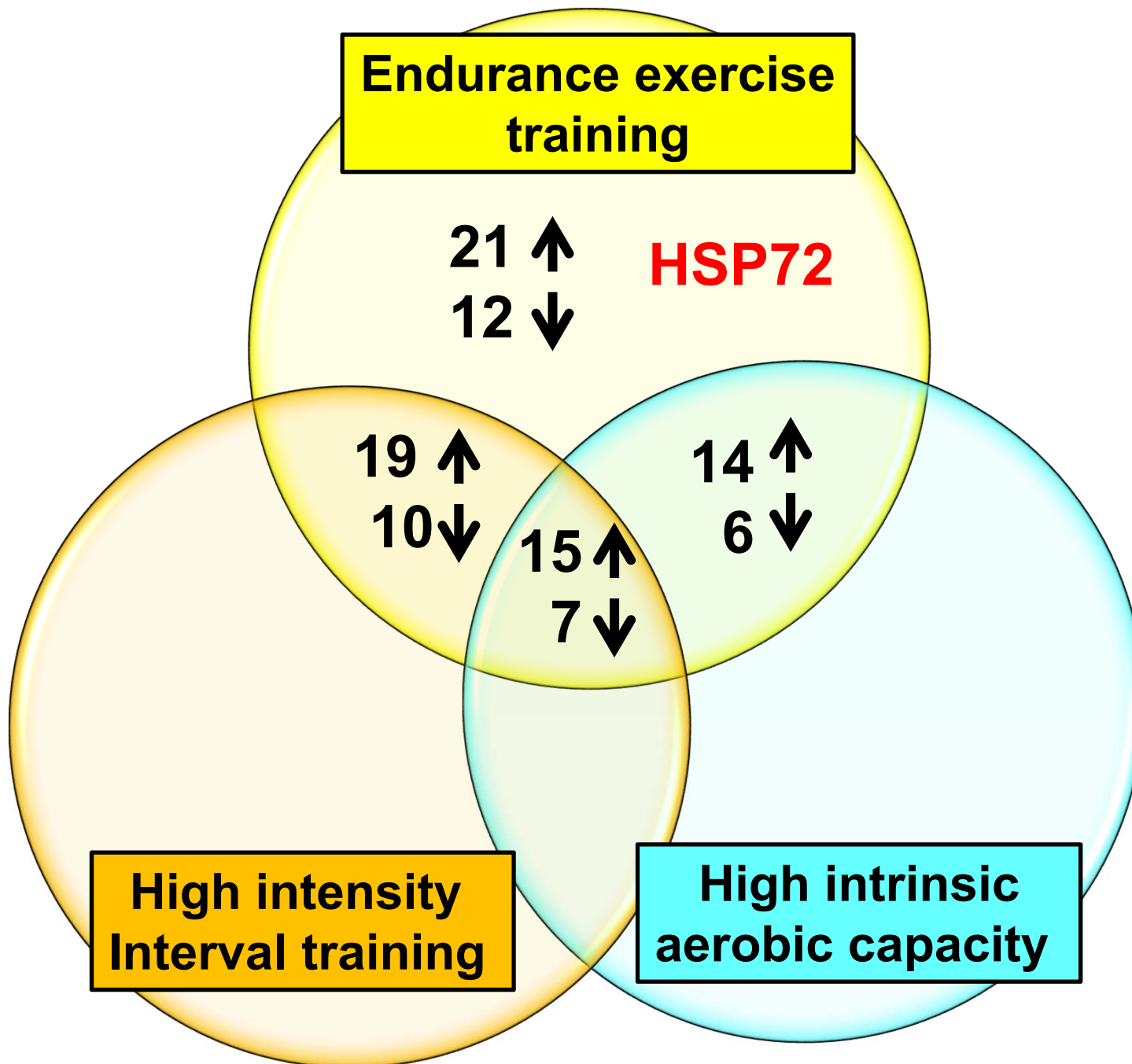
**The question now  
becomes.....**

**What are the exercise-  
induced changes in the  
diaphragm that contribute to  
pre-conditioning protection  
against disuse muscle  
atrophy**



## Proteomics approach

Ohlendieck 2011,  
*Skeletal muscle*

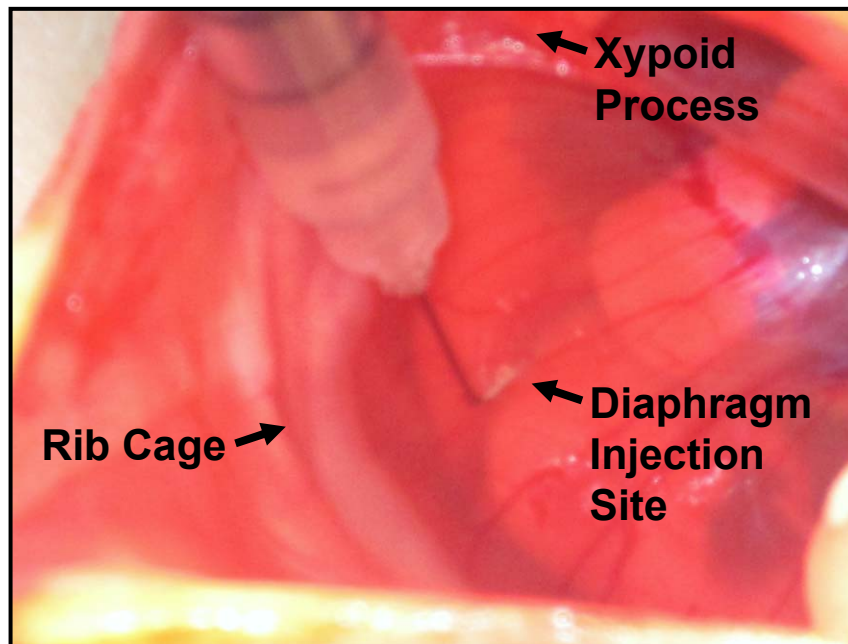


# **Experimental strategy**

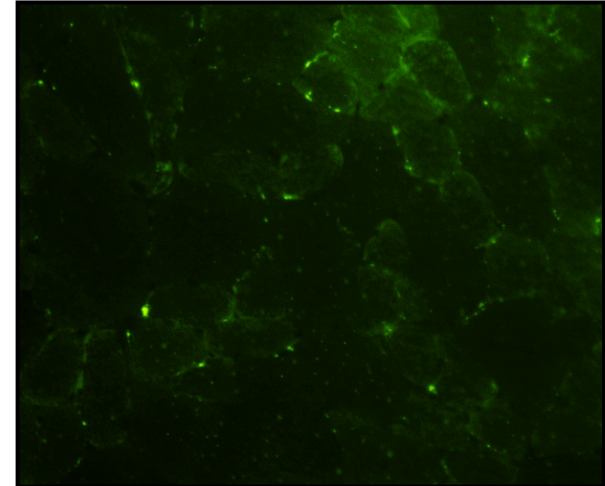
**Phase 1-** Transfect and overexpress single protein of interest in diaphragm; Determine if overexpression of single protein is sufficient to protect against VIDD

**Phase 2-** Gene silencing to prevent exercise-induced expression of protein; Determine if exercise-induced expression of protein is required to protect against VIDD

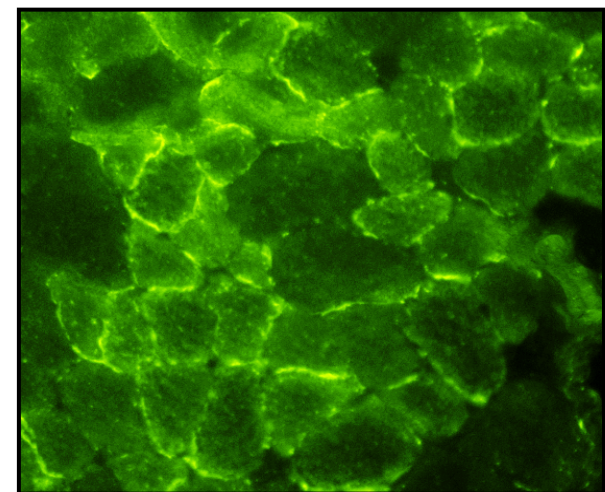
# Diaphragm AAV9 injections



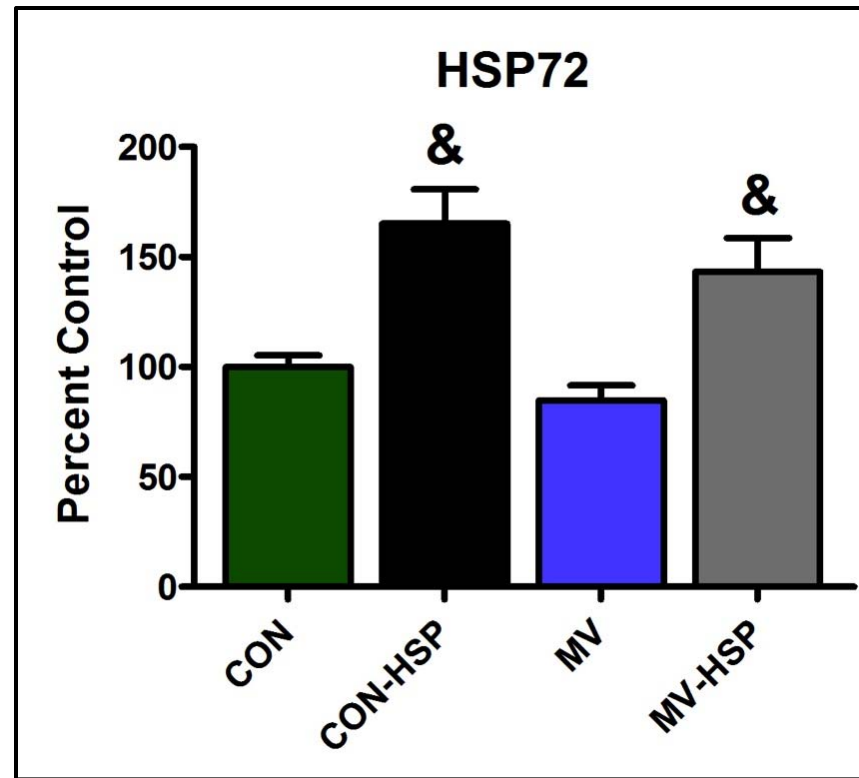
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GFP



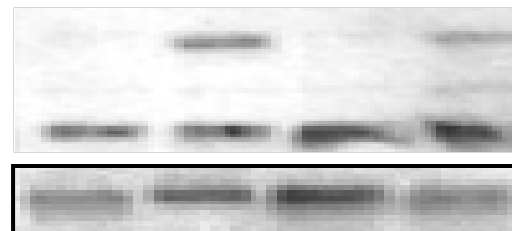
# HSP72 overexpression in the diaphragm



kDa

100 →

72 →



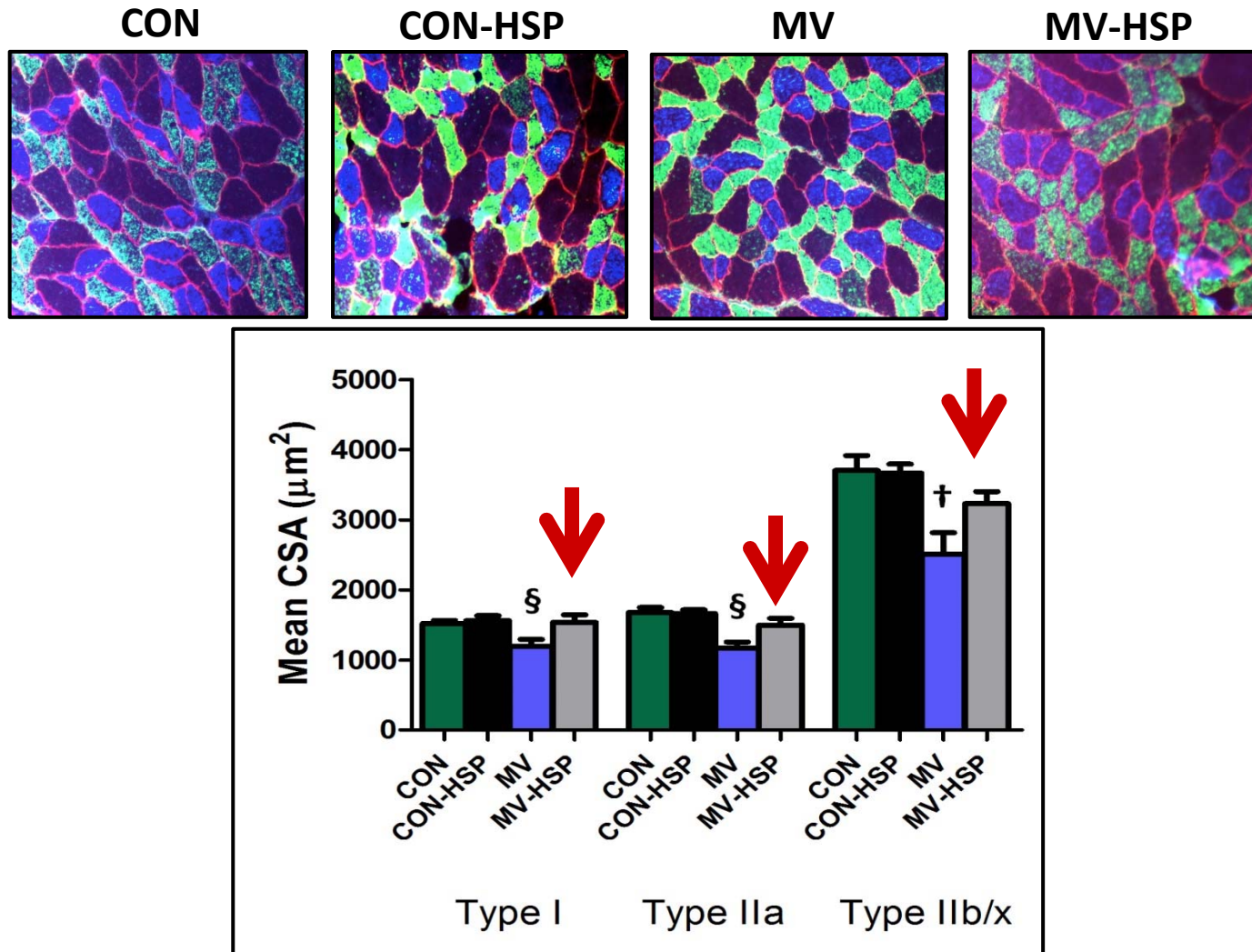
α-tubulin

Smuder et al. (unpublished)

& sig diff vs. CON and MV



# HSP72 overexpression protects against MV-induced diaphragm atrophy



Smuder et al. (unpublished)

† MV vs. CON and CON-HSP  
§ MV vs. CON, CON-HSP and MV-HSP



**What happens to exercise-induced protection against VIDD when exercise-mediated expression of HSP 72 is prevented?**

**Work in progress.....**

# Summary

- 1. MV-induced diaphragmatic atrophy occurs rapidly –major risk factor for difficult weaning**
- 2. Endurance exercise training protects against MV-induced diaphragmatic atrophy in rodents-exercise is an experimental tool for treatment discovery**
- 3. Exercise-induced increases in diaphragmatic HSP72 may play a key role in exercise-induced preconditioning of diaphragm**



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