

Stimuler appétit

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La cachexie du cancer est une maladie multi-systémique

1. Increased glucose, lipid, and protein needs;
2. Inadequate food intake due to anorexia, nausea, and vomiting;
3. Stimulation of gluconeogenesis, glycogenolysis and ketogenesis from amino acids and fatty acids as sources of metabolic fuel with consequent depletion of protein and lipid stores and subsequent weight loss;
4. Peripheral resistance to insulin with impaired use of glucose;
5. Oxidative damage induced by ROS on DNA, membrane lipoproteins, and enzymes and co-enzymes that play a major role in the regulation of the main cell catabolic pathways.

- 1) Les corticoïdes, l'acétate de mégestrol et l'acétate de médroxyprogestérone sont des médicaments orexigènes
- 2) Ils peuvent être proposés, tout en tenant compte des effets indésirables potentiels, pour atténuer l'anorexie et la perte de poids des patients atteints de cancer, essentiellement en situation palliative
- 3) Leurs modalités optimales d'utilisation ne sont pas connues et doivent faire l'objet d'évaluation dans le cadre d'essais thérapeutiques
- 4) En l'absence de données objectives, la cyproheptadine*, le métoclopramide, la nandrolone et la pentoxifylline ne doivent pas être utilisés en dehors d'essais thérapeutiques prospectifs
- 5) Le sulfate d'hydrazine ne doit pas être utilisé.

* Sauf peut-être carcinoïdes (Behl D et al 2007)

Règles utilisation

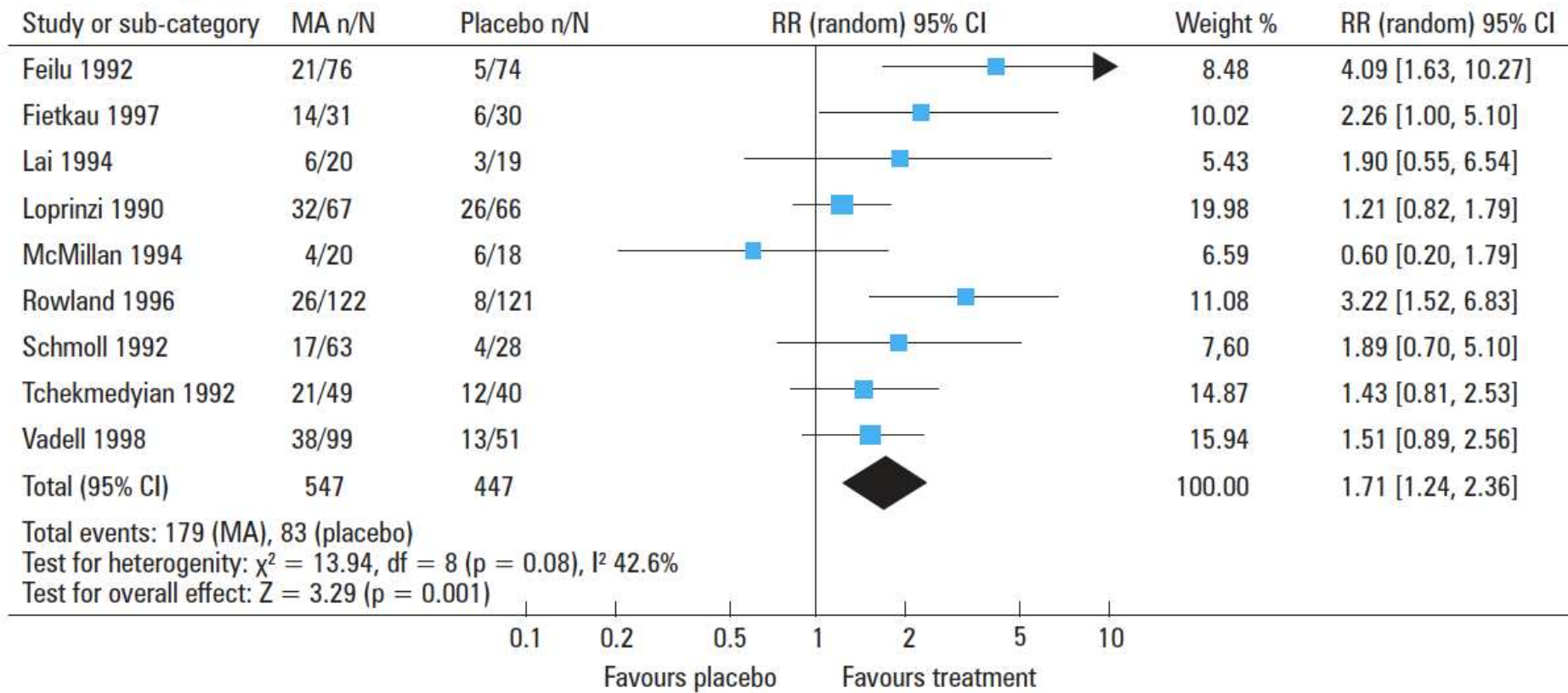
- Le meilleur stimulant de l'appétit est le traitement de la tumeur
- Traiter d'abord les autres causes de perte d'appétit
 - Mycoses buccales
 - Obstructions
 - Nausées
 - Douleur
 - Dépression
- Ce sont des palliatifs avec des effets secondaires

Berenstein EG, Ortiz Z. Megestrol acetate for the treatment of anorexia–cachexia syndrome. Cochrane Database Syst Rev 2005(2):CD004310

- 30 études, 4123 patients
- Doses 480-800 mg, plateau à 800 mg
- Efficacité à partir de 160 mg/j (1cp)
- Prise de masse grasse et d'eau, pas de masse maigre
- QOL

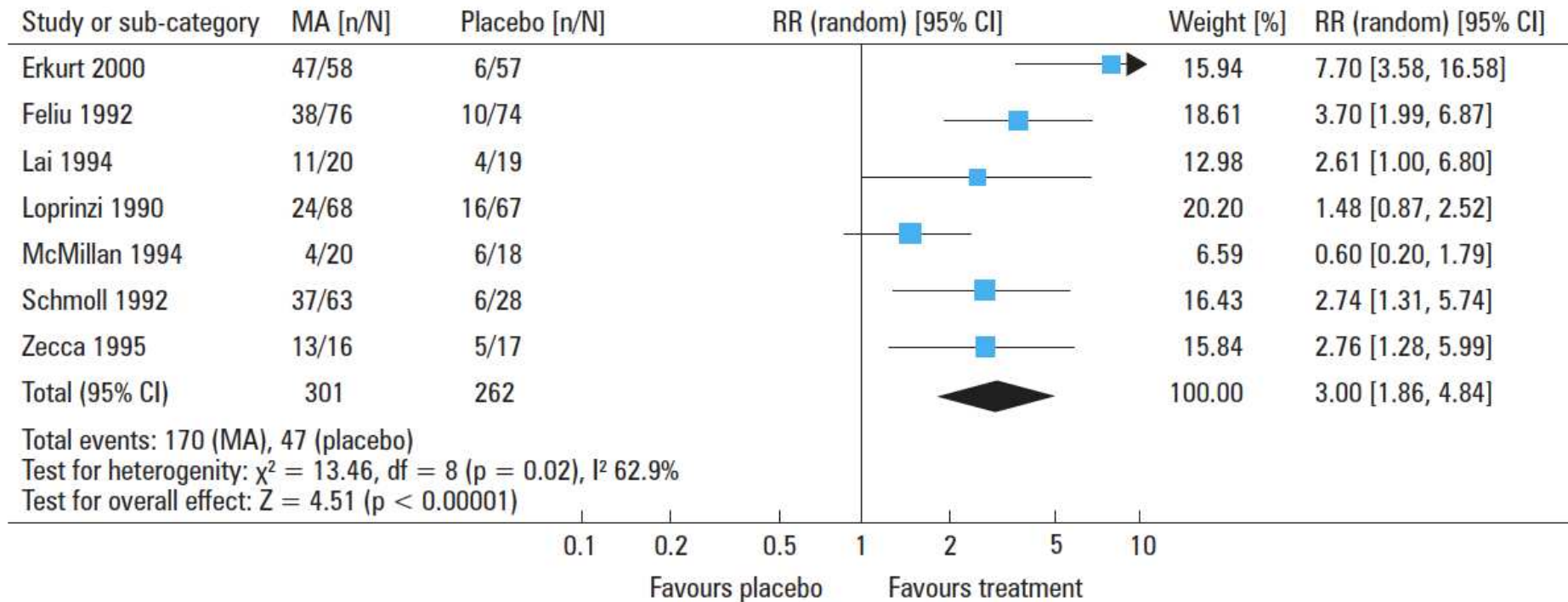
Behl D et al Expert Opin Pharmacother, 2007;8:1085-10

Comparison: MA vs. placebo
Outcome: weight gain



Lesniak et al Pol Arch Med Wewn 2008; 118:636-44

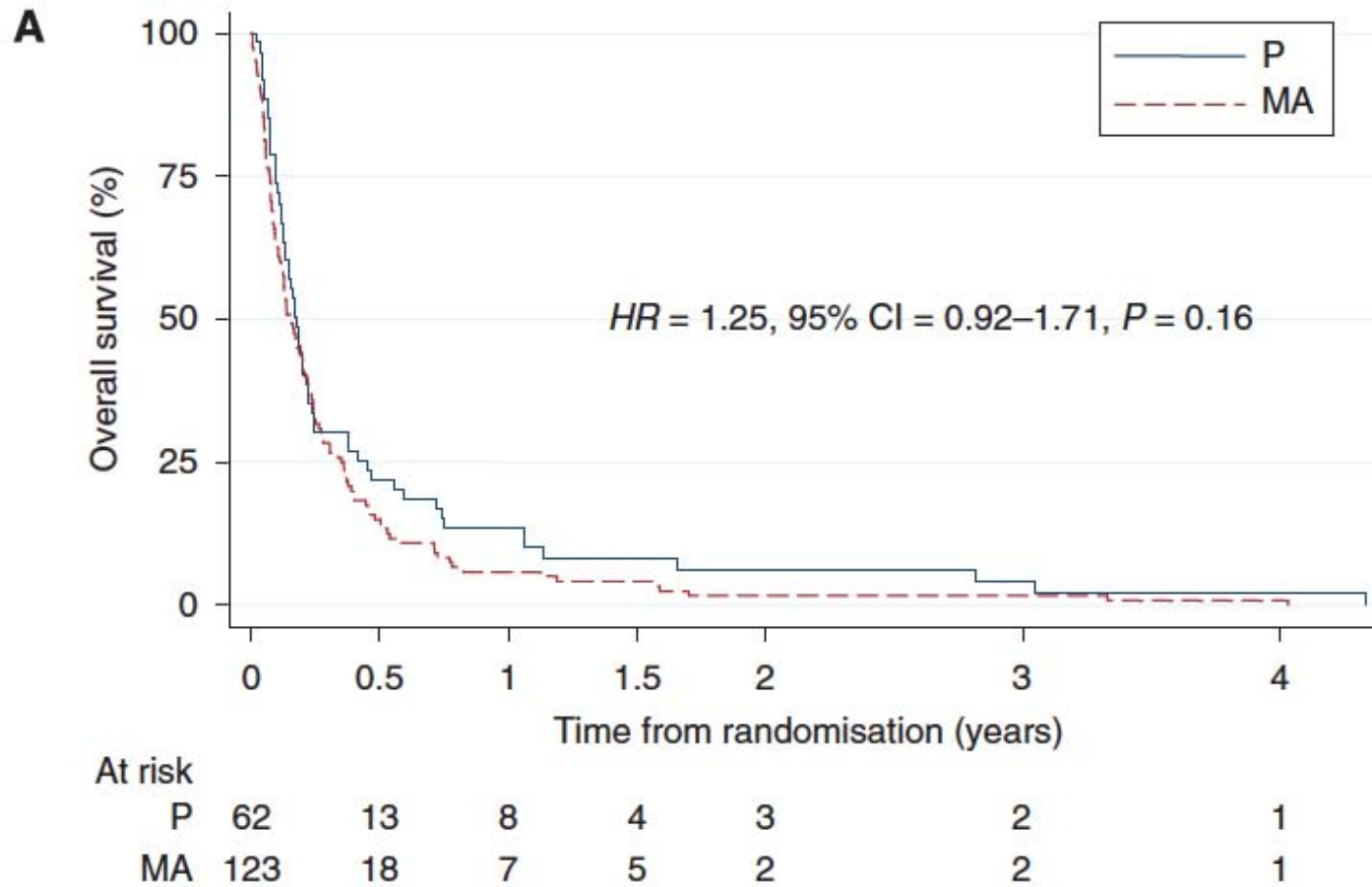
Comparison: MA vs. placebo
 Outcome: Appetite improvement



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Hepatocellular carcinoma: megestrol acetate vs placebo

PKH Chow et al



Chow PKH et al, British Journal of Cancer (2011) 105, 945 – 952

MA: effets secondaires

- Ceux des progestatifs
- Impuissance
- Ménorragies
- Complications thromboemboliques
- Insuffisance surrénale

Glucocorticoïdes

- Dexaméthasone : 2-4 mg
- Methyl-prednisolone : 32 mg
- Efficacité à court terme
- Effets secondaires: estomac, os, muscle, insuffisance surrénalienne

Autres traitements: mythes

- THC
 - Peu d'effet vs. placebo
 - Effet très inférieur au MA
- Acides gras oméga 3
 - 4 études de phase 3, plus de 1000 patients, aucun effet

- La combinaison de MA avec dronabinol ou oméga-3 ne fait pas mieux en terme de prise alimentaire ou de prise de poids que le MA seul
- essai de phase 3 avec d'autres combinaison, active sur appétit, métabolisme, inflammation



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A randomized phase III clinical trial of a combined treatment for cachexia in patients with gynecological cancers: Evaluating the impact on metabolic and inflammatory profiles and quality of life

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Bras 1 : MA plus L-carnitine, celecoxib, and antioxidants (ac lipoique et carbocystéine)

Bras 2 : MA seul (320 mg/j)

| | Arm 1 No. (%) | Arm 2 No. (%) | p ^a |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Patients enrolled | 72 | 72 | |
| Patients evaluable | 61 | 63 | |
| Age (years) | 62.6 ± 12.3 | 58.44 ± 13.3 | n.s. |
| Weight (kg) | 52.0 ± 9.4 | 50.7 ± 8.2 | n.s. |
| Height (cm) | 154.8 ± 9.1 | 156 ± 5.9 | n.s. |
| BMI | | | |
| <18.5 | 12 | 14 | n.s. |
| 18.5–25 | 48 | 48 | |
| >25 | 1 | 1 | |
| Weight loss | | | |
| <5 | 1 | 1 | n.s. |
| 5–10% | 35 | 34 | |
| >10% | 25 | 28 | |
| Tumor site | | | |
| Ovary | 24 | 26 | n.s. |
| Endometrium | 25 | 24 | |
| Cervix | 12 | 13 | |
| Stage of disease | | | |
| IIIc (ovary) | 2 | 3 | n.s. |
| IV | 59 | 60 | |

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|----|------|
| ECOG PS | | | |
| 0 | 2 | 3 | n.s. |
| 1 | 17 | 16 | |
| 2 | 32 | 33 | |
| 3 | 10 | 11 | |
| Glasgow Prognostic Score | | | |
| 0 | 8 | 6 | n.s. |
| 1: albumin < 32 g/l | 6 | 8 | |
| 1: CRP > 10 mg/l | 25 | 26 | |
| 2 | 22 | 23 | |
| Concomitant palliative chemotherapy | | | |
| Yes | 43 | 47 | n.s. |
| No | 18 | 16 | |

| Parameter | Arm 1 | | | Arm 2 | | | Comparison |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Baseline | After treatment | p ^a | Baseline | After treatment | p ^a | p ^b |
| <i>Primary endpoints</i> | | | | | | | |
| LBM (kg) DEXA | 43 ± 10.9 | 45.4 ± 10.2 | 0.002 | 44.4 ± 7.6 | 45.7 ± 8.2 | 0.584 | 0.032 |
| REE (kcal/day) | 1166 ± 440 | 1042 ± 303 | 0.037 | 1156.6 ± 279 | 1312 ± 198 | 0.355 | 0.046 |
| Fatigue (MFSI-SF score) | 26.3 ± 17.1 | 19.9 ± 20.5 | 0.045 | 22.6 ± 15.9 | 23.5 ± 18.2 | 0.483 | 0.049 |
| EORTC-QLQ C30 | 53.8 ± 17.4 | 61.3 ± 20.9 | 0.029 | 57 ± 12.8 | 61.1 ± 15.5 | 0.266 | 0.042 |

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| <i>Secondary endpoints</i> | | | | | | | |
| Grip strength (kg) | 24.2 ± 7.2 | 27.2 ± 13.9 | 0.399 | 25.4 ± 8.1 | 24.3 ± 8.9 | 0.140 | 0.302 |
| Appetite | 4.5 ± 2.1 | 6 ± 1 | 0.019 | 5.1 ± 1.6 | 6.3 ± 1.5 | 0.040 | 0.774 |
| ECOG PS | 1.75 ± 0.5 | 1.12 ± 0.8 | 0.001 | 1.6 ± 1 | 1.1 ± 1.16 | 0.035 | 0.231 |
| GPS | 1.3 ± 0.77 | 0.9 ± 0.8 | 0.003 | 1.3 ± 0.8 | 1.2 ± 0.8 | 0.056 | 0.241 |
| IL-6 (pg/ml) | 22.3 ± 11.3 | 12.9 ± 10.5 | 0.05 | 27.2 ± 20 | 28.2 ± 23.8 | 0.622 | 0.003 |
| TNF α (pg/ml) | 43.4 ± 20.6 | 21.4 ± 22.6 | 0.036 | 41 ± 23.3 | 54 ± 25.3 | 0.829 | 0.04 |
| CRP (mg/l) | 24.5 ± 7.6 | 15.3 ± 6.7 | 0.038 | 28.6 ± 15.2 | 21.2 ± 19.7 | 0.292 | 0.056 |
| Leptin (ng/ml) | 7.9 ± 6.2 | 18 ± 10.8 | 0.034 | 6.5 ± 4.6 | 12 ± 10.7 | 0.369 | 0.048 |
| ROS (FORT U) | 528 ± 103 | 444 ± 71.9 | 0.006 | 460 ± 132 | 427 ± 102 | 0.092 | 0.037 |
| GPx (U/l) | 6007 ± 1859 | 7458 ± 3554 | 0.233 | 6621 ± 3417 | 7304 ± 5521 | 0.320 | 0.185 |
| SOD | 85 ± 14 | 96 ± 12 | 0.185 | 91 ± 17 | 94 ± 15 | 0.231 | 0.345 |

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- RCT n=332
 - MA (320 mg) ou medroxyprogestérone (500 mg)
 - EPA
 - L-carnitine (4g)
 - Thalidomide (200 mg/j)
 - La combinaison des 4
- La combinaison améliore de façon significative la masse maigre, la dépense musculaire et la fatigue

- RCT n=31 par groupe
 - Celecoxib (inh cox2) et L-carnitine (4g)
 - Celecoxib (inh cox2) et L-carnitine (4g) plus MA (320 mg)
- Alimentation apportant polyphenols, ac lipoique, carbocystéine, vit A, E, C dans les deux bras
- Critère pal de jugement: masse maigre et activité physique

Primary and secondary endpoints before and after treatment.

| Parameter | Arm 1 | | | Arm 2 | | | Comparison between arms p^b |
|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| | Baseline | After treatment | p^a | Baseline | After treatment | p^a | |
| <i>Primary endpoints</i> | | | | | | | |
| LBM (kg) | | | | | | | |
| BIA | 39.8 ± 8.3 | 40.9 ± 8.7 | 0.316 | 41.0 ± 57.5 | 44.6 ± 5.9 | 0.676 | 0.407 |
| DEXA | 38.6 ± 9.5 | 41.0 ± 9.2 | 0.026 | 41.3 ± 7.5 | 43.8 ± 6.4 | 0.036 | 0.333 |
| L3-TC | 31.9 ± 12.6 | 32.4 ± 10.9 | 0.048 | 40.5 ± 6 | 41.8 ± 8.5 | 0.041 | 0.656 |
| Physical activity | | | | | | | |
| Steps (count) | 2739 ± 2595 | 3129 ± 2256 | 0.677 | 1803 ± 1209 | 3131 ± 2958 | 0.061 | 0.086 |

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|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | Baseline | After treatment | <i>p</i> ^a | Baseline | After treatment | <i>p</i> ^a | <i>p</i> ^b |
| <i>Secondary endpoints</i> | | | | | | | |
| Grip Strength (Kg) | 26.1 ± 8.9 | 29.9 ± 7.8 | 0.140 | 27.5 ± 8.2 | 29.2 ± 9.1 | 0.380 | 0.338 |
| 6MW (meters) | 429 ± 55.8 | 474 ± 78.5 | 0.015 | 411 ± 86.6 | 464 ± 96.5 | 0.038 | 0.626 |
| REE (Kcal/day) | 1334.6 ± 279.9 | 1245 ± 429 | 0.041 | 1440.6 ± 139.8 | 1321 ± 213 | 0.048 | 0.448 |
| Fatigue (MFSI-SF score) | 27.3 ± 19.1 | 19.9 ± 16.6 | 0.036 | 22.3 ± 21.8 | 13.5 ± 11.8 | 0.025 | 0.981 |
| Body weight (kg) | 54.6 ± 12.6 | 55.4 ± 11.8 | 0.455 | 54.7 ± 10.8 | 57.2 ± 11.8 | 0.053 | 0.342 |
| Appetite (score) | 6.2 ± 2.3 | 7.6 ± 2.8 | 0.046 | 5.9 ± 1.8 | 7.3 ± 2.3 | 0.016 | 0.250 |
| IL-6 (pg/ml) | 24.7 ± 28.2 | 20.6 ± 17.8 | 0.543 | 22.4 ± 26.8 | 19.4 ± 29.2 | 0.781 | 0.877 |
| TNF alpha (pg/ml) | 27 ± 4.96 | 26.4 ± 5.2 | 0.829 | 27.6 ± 9.4 | 26.5 ± 6.7 | 0.475 | 0.548 |
| CRP (mg/l) | 29 ± 37.3 | 21.2 ± 19.7 | 0.291 | 21.8 ± 28.1 | 10.3 ± 11.6 | 0.239 | 0.840 |
| ECOG PS | 1.8 ± 0.5 | 1.4 ± 0.7 | 0.009 | 1.7 ± 0.6 | 1.4 ± 0.8 | 0.030 | 0.796 |
| GPS Score | 1.2 ± 0.7 | 0.8 ± 0.6 | 0.003 | 1.1 ± 0.7 | 0.6 ± 0.6 | 0.015 | 0.698 |
| EORTC-QLQ-C30 | 60.6 ± 16.3 | 61.9 ± 16.6 | 0.333 | 63.9 ± 16.2 | 70.5 ± 16.2 | 0.258 | 0.514 |

| STUDY | DESIGN | RESULTS |
|----------------------|---|---|
| <i>CANCER</i> | | |
| Loprinzi 1990 (142) | RBPPS, megestrol dose 800 mg/d, 133 patients, various advanced cancers, therapy duration 4 months. | Improved appetite, intake, weight. Less nausea & emesis compared with placebo. Improved quality of life. Side Effects: edema (more with megestrol than with placebo). |
| Tchekmedyan 92 (143) | RBPPS, megestrol dose 1600 mg/d, various advanced cancers, 89 patients, therapy duration 6 weeks to 6 months. | Increased appetite, food intake, greater change in prealbumin. No change in anthropometrics – except weight. No differences in quality of life. Positive response with crossover design. Side Effects: edema. |
| Feliu 92 (144) | RBPPS, megestrol dose 240 mg/d, various advanced cancers, 150 patients, therapy duration 2 months. | Weight gain, increased appetite score, fewer patients with decreased performance status compared with placebo. Side Effects: Edema (no different than placebo). Improved quality of life. |
| Fietkau 97 (145) | RBPPS, megestrol dose 160 mg/d, head/neck cancers on radio-therapy, 61 patients. | Maintained weight and nutritional parameters during chemo-/radio-therapy in megestrol group, compared with parameter deterioration in placebo; improved quality of life with megestrol. Side Effects: none. |
| <i>AIDS</i> | | |
| von Roenn 94 (146) | RBPPS, therapy duration 3 months, 270 patients, megestrol dose 100/400/800 mg/d. | Increased body weight and quality of life. |
| Oster 94 (147) | RBPPS, therapy duration 3 months, 100 patients, megestrol dose 800 mg/d. | Increased body weight and quality of life. |

Karcic E et al J Nutr Health Aging 2002; 6: 1-8

Table 1. Effective or promising agents.

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|---|-----------------------|
| Partially effective agents | Progestational agents |
| | Corticosteroids |
| Promising agents (that require further study) | Melatonin |
| | Thalidomide |
| | Oxandrolone |
| | Ghrelin |
| | Antimyostatin agents |

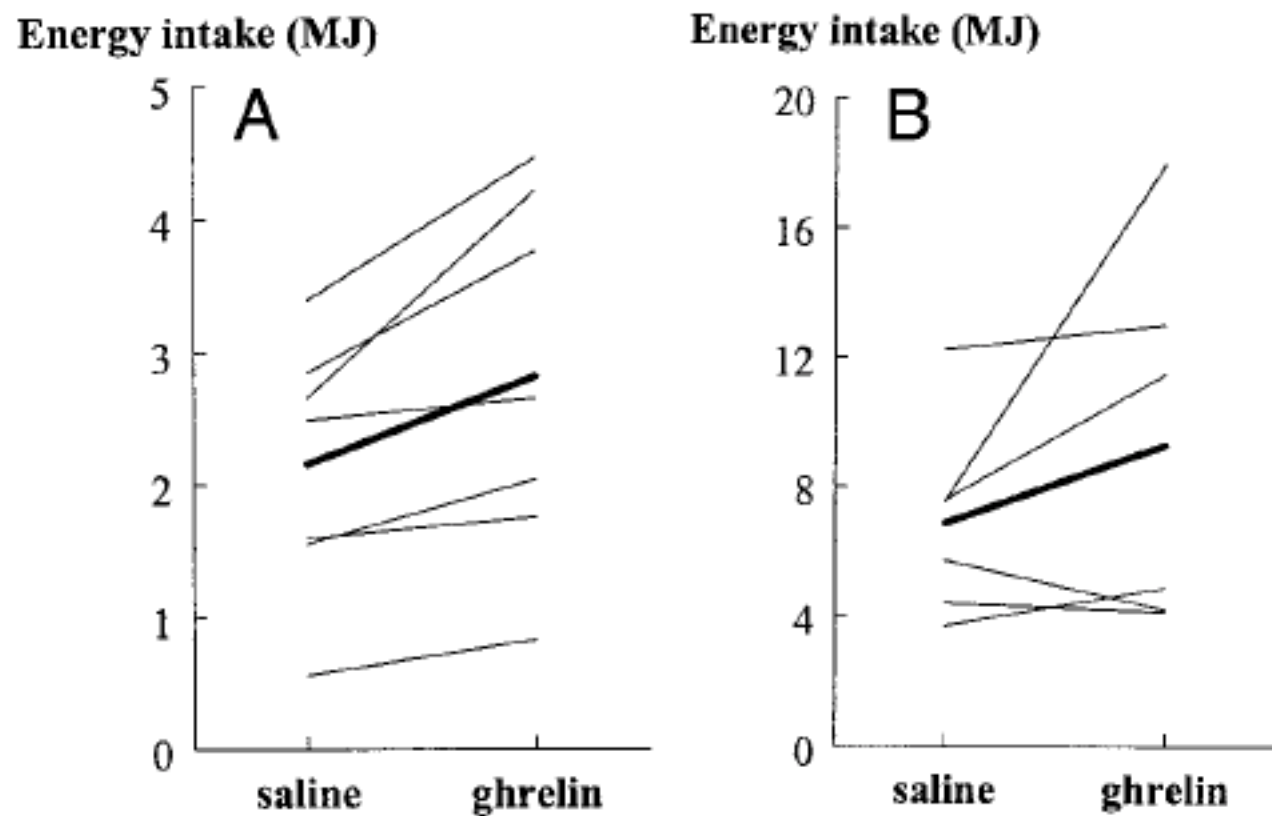


FIG. 2. Energy intakes (megajoules) in individual subjects receiving ghrelin compared with saline infusion. The *bold line* represents mean energy intakes. A, Energy intakes for the buffet meal (n = 7). B, Energy intakes for the 24 h after ghrelin or saline infusion (n = 6, as one patient failed to complete the diary).

%energy intake of saline day

