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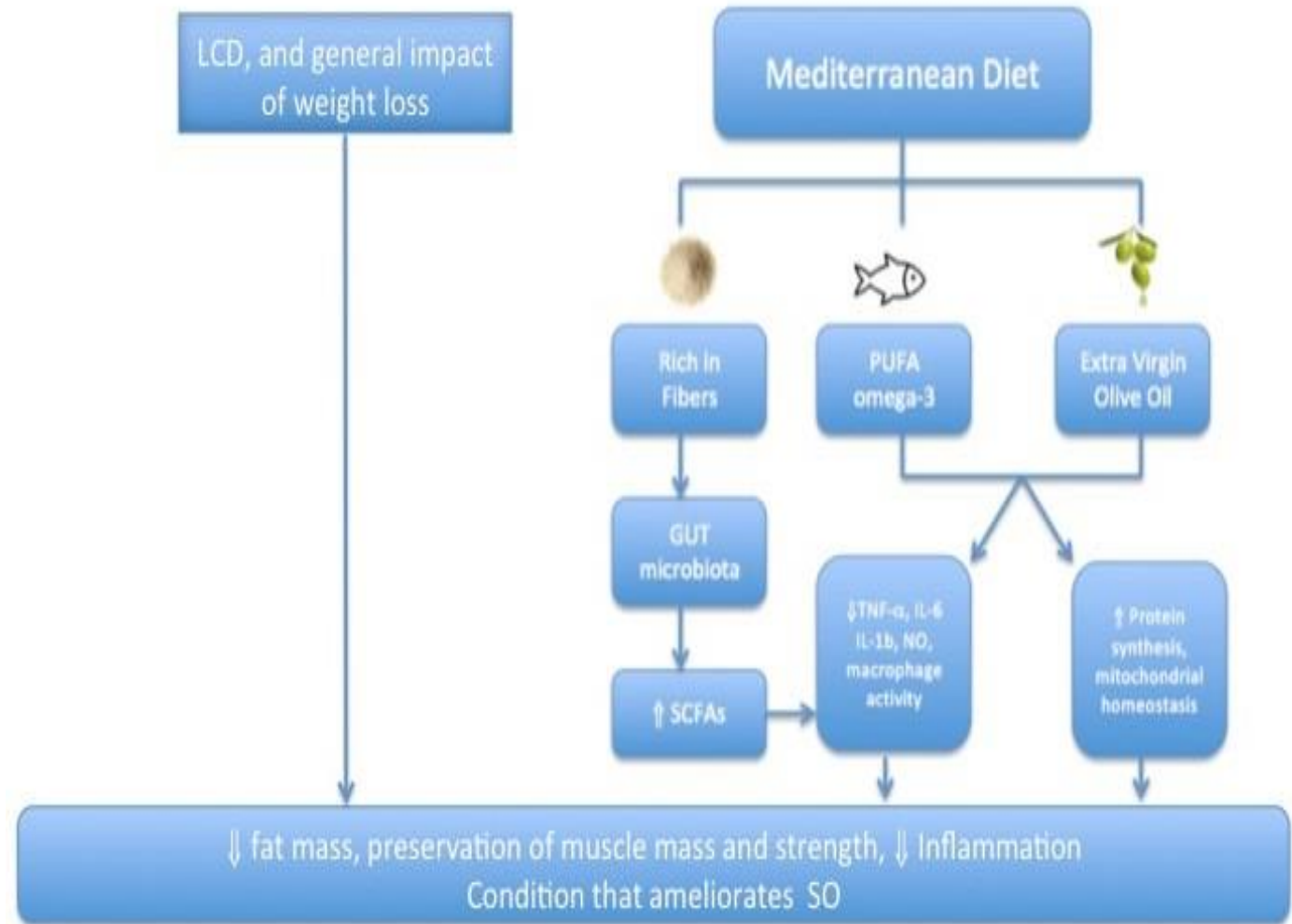
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Supplementazione e sarcopenia

- **Vitamina D**
- **Aminoacidi essenziali**
- **Whey protein**



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Vitamina D



- It has been reported that Vitamin D deficiency potentially linked to SO

(Di Filippo et al. Nutrients 2022)
- A recent RCT assessed the effects of a 6-month vitamin D supplementation (10,000 IU three times a week) on SO indices and reported a major improvement in the appendicular lean mass vs. the placebo group

(El Hajj et al. Arch. Osteoporos. 2018)
- However, some studies were not able to confirm the beneficial impact of vitamin D supplementation on SO

(Jabbour et al. Endocrine 2022)



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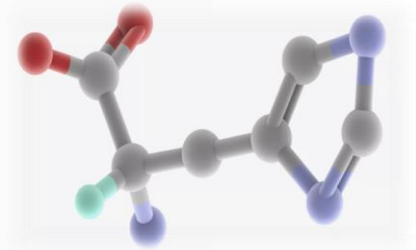
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Aminoacidi essenziali



- SO was found to be associated with lower serum levels of branched-chain amino acids with respect Non SO (only with obesity)
(Le Couteur et al. J. Gerontol. A Biol. Sci. Med. Sci. 2021)
- Recently, a study investigated the effect of EAA supplementation while treating SO in male adults with obesity
 - An oral EAA mixture taken twice a day with a total of 10 g/day (leucine 1.7 g; lysine 1.3 g; isoleucine 1.3 g; valine 1.4 g; threonine 1.0 g; phenylalanine 2.0 g; methionine 1.0 g and tryptophan 0.3 g) for a period of 28 weeks
 - The improvement in SO indices were noticed only after 28 weeks (not before)

(Zhou et al. Obes. Facts 2018)



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Table 1. Biological value of protein from different sources relative to egg white protein. The biological value of egg white protein is set at 100%.

Protein source	Biological value
Whey	104
Egg white	100
Whole milk	91
Casein	87
Beef	80
Soy	74
Wheat	54
Beans	49



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Whey protein



- Whey protein supplementation, regardless physical exercise, seems to have beneficial effects in the SO mice model (Lim et al. Nutrients 2022)
- An RCT, investigated the effects of whey protein supplementation (vs. placebo) on body composition, muscle strength and functional capacity in females with SO
- The protocol was 35 g of hydrolysed whey protein 3 times/week for 12 weeks, reported major improvement in the SO indices versus placebo group, in particular an increase in the ALM and a decrease in the total and trunk fat mass (Nabuco et al. Clin. Nutr. ESPEN 2019)
- **Adding Branched-Chain Amino Acids and Vitamin D to Whey Protein Is More Effective than Protein Alone in Preserving Fat Free Mass and Muscle Strength in the First Month after Sleeve Gastrectomy (I.Schiavo,F.Rahimi et al.Nutrients Aprile 2024)**



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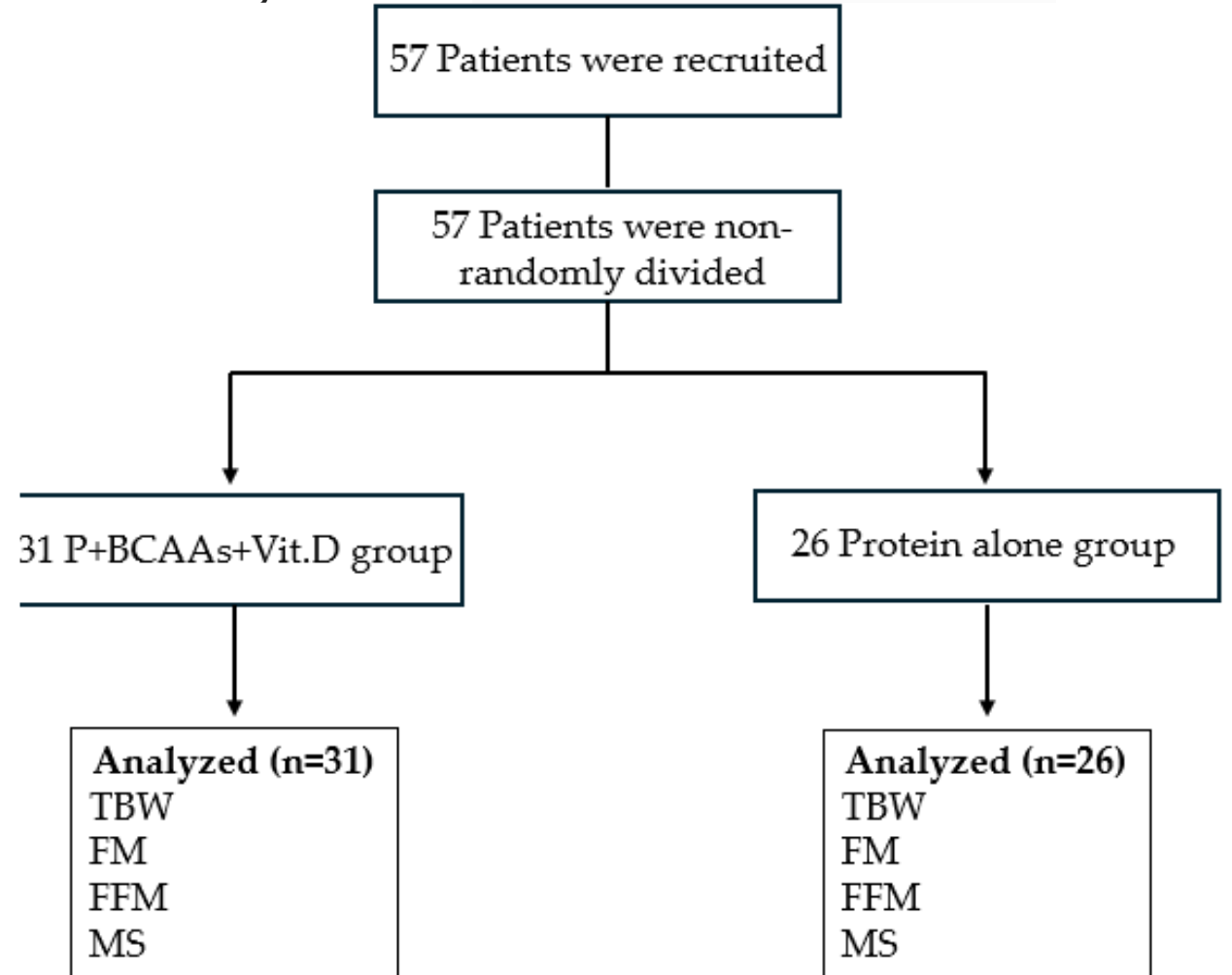
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- Adding Branched-Chain Amino Acids and Vitamin D to Whey Protein Is More Effective than Protein





Parameter	Group	Baseline	4-Weeks Follow-Up	<i>p</i> Value *	<i>p</i> Value **
Total body weight (kg)	P+BCAA+Vit.D	116.1 ± 22.5	103.6 ± 20.6	0.026	0.994
	Protein alone	118.4 ± 22.7	105.9 ± 20.1	0.040	
BMI (kg/m ²)	P+BCAA+Vit.D	42.8 ± 5.98	38.3 ± 5.93	0.004	0.401
	Protein alone	43.3 ± 7.00	39.2 ± 5.82	0.027	
Fat Mass (kg)	P+BCAA+Vit.D	53.7 ± 11.1	43.8 ± 10.3	<0.001	0.023
	Protein alone	55.6 ± 12.4	48.2 ± 11.4	0.030	
Fat-Free Mass (kg)	P+BCAA+Vit.D	57.1 ± 13.6	54.7 ± 12.8	0.485	<0.001
	Protein alone	57.7 ± 12.2	51.1 ± 10.4	0.041	
Muscle Strenght (kg)	P+BCAA+Vit.D	39.1 ± 14.3	37.6 ± 13.4	0.675	<0.001
	Protein alone	38.6 ± 13.4	31.3 ± 12.4	0.047	

BMI = body mass index; The values are expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD); * = 4 weeks follow-up vs. baseline; ** = 4 weeks follow-up P+BCAAs+Vit.D vs. protein alone.



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Conclusions

Based on our findings, we are to support the hypothesis that P+BCAA+Vit.D supplementation is more effective than protein alone in determining FM loss and is associated with a lower decrease in FFM and MS, without interfering with clinical status in patients 1 month after SG. These results should be confirmed in a larger randomized trial with longer follow-up periods and larger sample size.



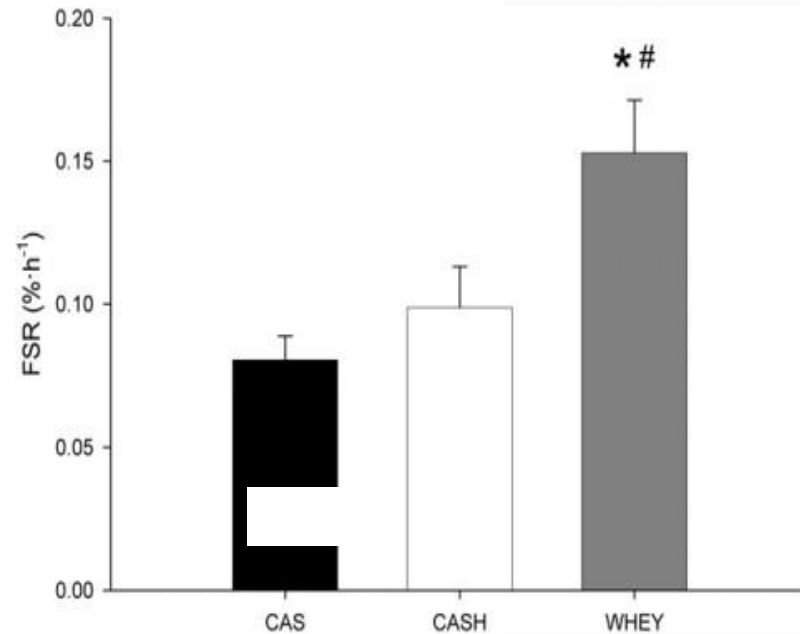
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Le proteine del siero di latte stimolano l'accrescimento delle proteine muscolari postprandiali in modo più efficace rispetto alla caseina e all'idrolizzato di caseina

Questo effetto è attribuito a una combinazione di una più rapida digestione e cinetica di assorbimento del siero di latte e di un più alto contenuto di leucina.



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