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RESUMO

Introdução: O aumento da prática de exercícios físicos tem impulsionado o consumo de suplementos esportivos, especialmente em ambientes de academia, estimulando o crescimento da indústria e a diversificação dos produtos disponíveis. A ingestão simultânea de múltiplos suplementos levanta preocupações quanto à segurança metabólica, com possíveis impactos em biomarcadores hepáticos, renais e de genotoxicidade e estresse oxidativo. **Objetivo geral:** Investigar a relação entre o consumo de suplementos alimentares e biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia, por meio de análises correlacionais e comparativas. **Manuscrito 1:** Foram avaliados 355 indivíduos praticantes de atividades físicas em 14 academias, dos quais 59,4% relataram o uso de suplementos nutricionais. O consumo concomitante de dois suplementos esportivos foi a prática mais frequente entre os usuários (26,5%). A análise estatística revelou correlações significativas, embora de baixa magnitude, entre o número de suplementos utilizados e os níveis séricos de creatinina (Spearman $r=0,198$; $p<0,001$), ureia (Spearman $r=0,107$; $p=0,047$), ALT (Spearman $r=0,193$; $p<0,001$) e ALP (Spearman $r=0,123$; $p=0,023$). No entanto, após ajuste para potenciais variáveis de confusão, apenas a associação entre o número de suplementos e os níveis de ALT permaneceu estatisticamente significativa ($r=0,148$; $p=0,006$), indicando uma possível influência hepática relacionada à prática de multi-suplementação. Além disso, não foram observadas diferenças significativas ($p>0,05$) entre os grupos quanto aos marcadores de genotoxicidade (índice e frequência de danos no DNA, micronúcleos e brotos nucleares) ou aos biomarcadores de estresse oxidativo (TBARS e TEAC), sugerindo que, nas condições avaliadas, o uso de suplementos não promoveu alterações detectáveis nesses parâmetros. **Manuscrito 2:** Neste estudo, praticantes de atividades físicas em academias foram classificados em três grupos conforme o padrão de consumo de suplementos nutricionais: não uso ($n=160$), uso isolado ($n=84$) e uso de multi-suplementos ($n=111$). A análise comparativa entre os grupos revelou diferenças estatisticamente significativas nos biomarcadores renais e hepáticos, com níveis mais elevados de creatinina, ALT e ALP observados entre os participantes que faziam uso concomitante de múltiplos suplementos (Kruskal-Wallis: creatinina, $p=0,001$ e ALT, $p=0,002$). Contudo, após o ajuste para variáveis de confusão, como idade, sexo, índice de massa corporal e nível de atividade física, essas associações perderam significância estatística ($p>0,05$), indicando que os efeitos inicialmente observados podem estar relacionados a outros fatores, principalmente relacionados ao sexo e idade. Além disso, não foram detectadas diferenças significativas ($p>0,05$) entre os grupos em relação aos marcadores de genotoxicidade (frequência de danos no DNA, micronúcleos e brotos nucleares) e aos biomarcadores de estresse oxidativo (TBARS e TEAC), sugerindo que, nas condições avaliadas, o padrão de suplementação não promoveu alterações mensuráveis nesses parâmetros. **Considerações finais:** Os resultados evidenciam que o uso de múltiplos suplementos podem levar a alterações discretas em biomarcadores renais e hepáticos, mas essas mudanças são moduladas principalmente por fatores individuais como idade e sexo. Além disso, não foram observados impactos significativos em marcadores de genotoxicidade ou estresse oxidativo, indicando segurança do consumo concomitante em indivíduos saudáveis. Esses achados reforçam a importância do acompanhamento profissional e da avaliação individualizada na prescrição de suplementos, contribuindo para práticas de suplementação mais seguras e baseadas em evidências.

Palavras chaves: Praticantes de academia; Suplementos esportivos; Biomarcadores renais e hepáticos; Genotoxicidade; Estresse oxidativo

ABSTRACT

Introduction: The increase in physical exercise practice has driven the consumption of sports supplements, especially in gym environments, stimulating the growth of the industry and the diversification of available products. The simultaneous intake of multiple supplements raises concerns regarding metabolic safety, with possible impacts on hepatic, renal, genotoxicity, and oxidative stress biomarkers. **General objective:** To investigate the relationship between dietary supplement consumption and renal, hepatic, genotoxicity, and oxidative stress biomarkers in gym-goers through correlational and comparative analyses.

Manuscript 1: A total of 355 individuals engaged in physical activities at gyms were evaluated, of whom 59.4% reported the use of nutritional supplements. The concurrent consumption of two products was the most frequent practice among users (26.5%). Statistical analysis revealed significant, although low-magnitude, correlations between the number of supplements used and serum levels of creatinine (Spearman $r = 0.198$; $p < 0.001$), urea (Spearman $r = 0.107$; $p = 0.047$), ALT (Spearman $r = 0.193$; $p < 0.001$), and ALP (Spearman $r = 0.123$; $p = 0.023$). However, after adjustment for potential confounding variables, only the association between the number of supplements and ALT levels remained statistically significant ($r = 0.148$; $p = 0.006$), indicating a possible hepatic influence related to multi-supplementation practices. Furthermore, no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) were observed between groups regarding genotoxicity markers (Visual score and frequency, micronuclei, and nuclear buds) or oxidative stress bio

Manuscript 2: In this study, gym-goers were classified into three groups according to their pattern of dietary supplement consumption: non-use ($n = 160$), single-supplement use ($n = 84$), and multi-supplement use ($n = 111$). Comparative analysis between the groups revealed statistically significant differences in renal and hepatic biomarkers, with higher levels of creatinine, ALT, and ALP observed among participants who concomitantly used multiple supplements (Kruskal-Wallis: creatinine, $p = 0.001$; ALT, $p = 0.002$). However, after adjusting for confounding variables such as age, sex, body mass index, and physical activity level, these associations lost statistical significance ($p > 0.05$), indicating that the initially observed effects may be related to other factors, mainly sex and age. Moreover, no significant differences ($p > 0.05$) were detected between groups regarding genotoxicity markers (frequency of DNA damage, micronuclei, and nuclear buds) or oxidative stress biomarkers (TBARS and TEAC), suggesting that. **Final considerations:** The results demonstrate that the use of multiple supplements may lead to subtle alterations in renal and hepatic biomarkers, but these changes are mainly modulated by individual factors such as age and sex. Additionally, no significant effects were observed on genotoxicity or oxidative stress markers, indicating the safety of concurrent supplement consumption in healthy individuals. These findings reinforce the importance of professional monitoring and individualized assessment in supplement prescription, contributing to safer and evidence-based supplementation practices.

Keywords: Gym-goers; Sports supplements; Renal and hepatic biomarkers; Genotoxicity; Oxidative stress.

LISTA DE ABREVIATURAS E SIGLAS

ALT - Alanina aminotransferase

AST - Aspartato aminotransferase

ALP - Fosfatase alcalina

BMCyt - Ensaio micronúcleo bucal

DNA - Ácido Desoxirribonucleico

DTAC - Capacidade antioxidante total da dieta

LAPES - Laboratório de Pesquisa em Saúde (LAPES)

PPGPS - Programa de Pós-Graduação em Promoção da Saúde – Mestrado e Doutorado

TEAC - Capacidade antioxidante plasmática

TBARS - Substâncias reativas ao ácido tiobarbitúrico

TCLE - Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido

UFCSPA - Universidade Federal de Ciências da Saúde de Porto Alegre

UNISC - Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul

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APRESENTAÇÃO

A presente dissertação, apresentada ao Programa de Pós-Graduação em Promoção da Saúde da Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul (UNISC) e vinculada à linha de pesquisa “Biodinâmica Humana”, tem como objetivo investigar a relação entre o consumo de suplementos alimentares e biomarcadores de função renal e hepática, genotoxicidade e estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia. O estudo foi conduzido por meio de análises correlacionais e comparativas, buscando responder às seguintes questões: (1) o número de suplementos esportivos consumidos está correlacionado com biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia?; e (2) qual(ais) é(são) o(s) impacto(s) dos diferentes padrões de consumo de suplementos esportivos (não uso, uso isolado e uso de multi-suplementação) sobre os biomarcadores renais e hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia?

O tema justifica-se pela crescente adesão ao uso de suplementos nutricionais entre praticantes de exercícios físicos, frequentemente sem acompanhamento profissional, o que pode gerar potenciais riscos à saúde. Nesse contexto, este estudo visa contribuir com evidências científicas que subsidiem estratégias nutricionais mais eficazes, baseadas em recomendações seguras e individualizadas.

Apresentação da autora

Sou Eduarda Limberger, nutricionista formada pela Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul (UNISC). Durante a graduação, atuei como bolsista de iniciação científica, oportunidade que me permitiu aprofundar os conhecimentos sobre o perfil e os hábitos alimentares de praticantes de academia — área pela qual desenvolvi grande interesse e dedicação.

Minha trajetória acadêmica e profissional é marcada pelo compromisso com a promoção de uma alimentação consciente e equilibrada, pautada em evidências científicas e no respeito às individualidades. Busco compreender os potenciais efeitos do uso de suplementos esportivos sobre a saúde, especialmente quanto aos aspectos renais, hepáticos e genotóxicos, contribuindo para a construção de práticas mais seguras e efetivas na nutrição esportiva.

Articulação da dissertação com o PPGPS

A proposta desta pesquisa está alinhada à perspectiva interdisciplinar do Programa de Pós-Graduação em Promoção da Saúde (PPGPS), que busca integrar diferentes áreas do conhecimento para a compreensão dos determinantes biológicos, comportamentais e sociais da saúde.

A linha de pesquisa Biodinâmica Humana favorece a investigação de aspectos fisiológicos e

metabólicos relacionados à prática de atividade física e à alimentação, aproximando a Nutrição de outras áreas da saúde. Sob essa ótica, esta dissertação contribui para o fortalecimento das ações de promoção da saúde, ao propor reflexões sobre o uso racional de suplementos e suas repercussões no organismo humano, com base em uma abordagem científica e multiprofissional.

Produtos da dissertação

Os produtos gerados a partir desta dissertação consistem em dois manuscritos científicos:

- Manuscrito 1: *“Association between the number of supplements used and renal/hepatic, genotoxicity, and oxidative stress biomarkers in gym-goers”*, elaborado conforme as diretrizes da European Journal of Nutrition (Qualis Interdisciplinar A1; fator de impacto 4.3) e em fase de submissão.
- Manuscrito 2: *“Impact of sport supplement usage patterns and renal/hepatic, genotoxicity, and oxidative stress biomarkers in gym-goers”*, elaborado conforme as diretrizes da Sports Medicine (Qualis Interdisciplinar A2; fator de impacto 5.9) e em fase de submissão.

Estrutura da dissertação

A presente dissertação está organizada por tópicos, iniciando-se com esta Apresentação, que contempla a identificação da autora, a linha de pesquisa à qual o trabalho está vinculado, sua articulação com o Programa de Pós-Graduação em Promoção da Saúde (PPGPS), a descrição dos produtos gerados e a estrutura geral do documento.

Em seguida, apresenta-se a Introdução Geral, o Marco Teórico e os Objetivos (geral e específicos). Na sequência, constam os dois manuscritos científicos, seguidos pelas Conclusões Gerais e Considerações Finais, que sintetizam os principais achados e reflexões decorrentes da pesquisa.

Por fim, a dissertação inclui as Perspectivas Futuras, a Nota à Imprensa, o Relatório de Campo, as Referências e os Anexos, os quais complementam e documentam o percurso metodológico e os resultados do estudo.

1 INTRODUÇÃO

O uso de suplementos esportivos entre praticantes de exercícios físicos tem se tornado cada vez mais frequente nas últimas décadas, motivado por objetivos que vão desde a melhora do desempenho esportivo e composição corporal até a promoção da saúde e bem-estar geral (Borges; Sousa; da Costa, 2022; Moradi *et al.*, 2024; de Oliveira *et al.*, 2024). Um padrão preocupante dentro desse contexto é o consumo concomitante de dois ou mais suplementos, prática que pode aumentar significativamente o risco de interações e sobrecarga metabólica.

No Brasil, Oliveira *et al.* (2024) identificaram prevalência de 90,5% no uso de suplementos entre triatletas recreacionais, destacando a associação simultânea de diferentes produtos, como whey protein, isotônicos, creatina e cafeína. De forma semelhante, Moradi *et al.* (2024) observaram que 57,9% dos atletas de academias no Irã faziam uso combinado de suplementos, especialmente vitaminas, ômega-3 e compostos ergogênicos, com foco em desempenho e estética. Complementarmente, Borges, Sousa e da Costa (2022) relataram que 68% dos adultos fisicamente inativos em Brasília utilizavam suplementos, principalmente multivitamínicos e proteínas, indicando que o consumo extrapola o contexto esportivo. Em conjunto, esses achados revelam um padrão crescente de uso múltiplo de suplementos, com prevalências entre 57% e 90%, e reforçam a importância do acompanhamento nutricional qualificado para evitar riscos associados ao uso indiscriminado.

Apesar da popularidade desses produtos, os impactos do uso de suplementos sobre biomarcadores clínicos ainda são pouco compreendidos, especialmente em usuários de academia. A creatina, por exemplo, pode elevar a creatinina sérica sem indicar comprometimento real da função renal, o que levanta questionamentos sobre a interpretação isolada de biomarcadores tradicionais (Bender *et al.*, 2021; Rauch; Latz, 2023). Além disso, estudos sugerem que o consumo excessivo de suplementos pode desencadear processos inflamatórios, estresse oxidativo e até mesmo genotoxicidade, efeitos que podem ser monitorados por meio de biomarcadores específicos e testes laboratoriais (Martínez-Sanz *et al.*, 2021).

Diante dessa realidade, torna-se fundamental aprofundar a compreensão sobre a relação entre o número, bem como, o padrão de suplementos utilizados e possíveis alterações fisiológicas mensuráveis. Nesse sentido, a identificação de possíveis riscos associados ao padrão de consumo de suplementos esportivos poderá contribuir para o desenvolvimento de estratégias de educação nutricional e de regulação mais eficazes, promovendo o uso seguro e consciente desses produtos. Assim, o presente estudo define como problema: como o consumo de suplementos esportivos, considerando o número de suplementos utilizados e os diferentes padrões de uso, se relaciona com biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia?

2 RELAÇÃO ENTRE O CONSUMO DE SUPLEMENTOS ESPORTIVOS E BIOMARCADORES RENAI, HEPÁTICOS, DE GENOTOXICIDADE E DE ESTRESSE OXIDATIVO EM PRATICANTES DE ACADEMIA

O consumo de suplementos esportivos tornou-se uma prática amplamente difundida entre praticantes de exercícios físicos, especialmente em ambientes como academias, onde há um incentivo constante à melhora estética, ao desempenho atlético e ao aumento da massa muscular (Borges; Sousa, da Costa, 2022; Moradi *et al.*, 2024; de Oliveira *et al.*, 2024). Apesar da ampla comercialização e da percepção popular de segurança, o uso indiscriminado ou em combinações múltiplas desses produtos, frequentemente sem acompanhamento profissional, pode representar riscos significativos à saúde, particularmente no que diz respeito à integridade das funções hepática e renal, bem como à indução de danos celulares (Kreider *et al.*, 2017; Oliveira *et al.*, 2021).

Evidências crescentes sugerem que a exposição prolongada a determinadas substâncias presentes nos suplementos pode desencadear alterações bioquímicas e moleculares mensuráveis por biomarcadores laboratoriais, indicando potenciais efeitos adversos, como estresse oxidativo, genotoxicidade e sobrecarga metabólica (Linares *et al.*, 2021; Mello *et al.*, 2016). A avaliação desses biomarcadores torna-se essencial para compreender as consequências do consumo abusivo ou não supervisionado, especialmente em indivíduos fisicamente ativos, cujas demandas fisiológicas já se encontram elevadas. No entanto, as evidências que relacionam diretamente o número de suplementos ingeridos com alterações específicas em biomarcadores de toxicidade ainda são escassas, indicando a necessidade de mais estudos com abordagem multidimensional e metodologias robustas (Friedrich *et al.*, 2020; Domingues *et al.*, 2020).

2.1 Uso de suplementos esportivos por praticantes de exercícios físicos

O uso de suplementos esportivos por praticantes de exercícios físicos tem se tornado cada vez mais comum nas últimas décadas, impulsionado por motivações relacionadas ao desempenho esportivo, ao ganho de massa muscular e à estética corporal. Estudos recentes destacam que fatores sociodemográficos, como idade, sexo, escolaridade e classe socioeconômica, influenciam significativamente o padrão de consumo desses produtos (Fonseca *et al.*, 2023; Peralta *et al.*, 2021). Por exemplo, adultos jovens, homens, com maior escolaridade e poder aquisitivo tendem a utilizar suplementos com mais frequência, especialmente os classificados como proteínas, termogênicos e pré-treinos (Silva *et al.*, 2024).

A prática regular de exercícios físicos em academia é um dos impulsionadores do uso de suplementos esportivos. Além disso, a exposição à cultura *fitness* em redes sociais também está entre os principais motivadores do uso de suplementos, que muitas vezes, é realizada sem

orientação de profissionais da saúde (Machado *et al.*, 2022). A influência de treinadores, amigos e influenciadores digitais também tem sido apontada como relevante na decisão de iniciar ou manter a suplementação, substituindo, em muitos casos, o aconselhamento técnico de nutricionistas (Pereira *et al.*, 2021; Friedrich *et al.*, 2020). Todos esses fatores podem levar ao uso abusivo ou desnecessário de suplementos, inclusive com combinações de múltiplos produtos que aumentam os riscos à saúde quando não há acompanhamento profissional adequado.

Ainda que alguns suplementos possam ser benéficos em situações específicas, o uso indiscriminado levanta preocupações quanto à segurança metabólica e à dependência comportamental. Portanto, compreender os fatores que influenciam esse consumo é fundamental para o desenvolvimento de estratégias de educação em saúde, políticas públicas de regulação e incentivo à orientação nutricional individualizada (Loureiro *et al.*, 2022; Linares *et al.*, 2021).

2.2 Uso concomitante de múltiplos suplementos: riscos e motivações

O uso concomitante de múltiplos suplementos tem se tornado uma prática comum entre praticantes de atividade física, especialmente aqueles que buscam maximizar resultados como ganho de massa muscular, aumento de desempenho e redução de gordura corporal (Galman *et al.*, 2024). Estudos indicam que uma parcela significativa dos usuários consome dois ou mais suplementos simultaneamente, o que pode estar relacionado a motivações como a crença em efeitos sinérgicos, influência das redes sociais e publicidade agressiva, além da busca por resultados rápidos (Pereira *et al.*, 2021; Machado *et al.*, 2022). Essas práticas, entretanto, frequentemente ocorrem sem orientação profissional adequada, elevando os riscos à saúde.

Em termos de riscos, o consumo simultâneo de múltiplos suplementos pode levar à sobrecarga metabólica, interação entre compostos ativos e elevar biomarcadores renais e hepáticos (Silva *et al.*, 2024; Wei *et al.*, 2021). A combinação indiscriminada aumenta a possibilidade de efeitos adversos, que podem passar despercebidos por serem subclínicos, mas que, com o tempo, podem comprometer a saúde do usuário (Fonseca *et al.*, 2023). Além disso, o uso concomitante pode dificultar a identificação da causa de possíveis efeitos colaterais, uma vez que múltiplos ingredientes e dosagens diferentes são envolvidos. A literatura reforça a importância do acompanhamento profissional para garantir a segurança e a eficácia do uso de suplementos, minimizando riscos por meio de avaliações individualizadas e monitoramento contínuo (Machado *et al.*, 2022; Galman *et al.*, 2024).

2.3 Biomarcadores renais e hepáticos: interpretação e implicações clínicas

A avaliação de biomarcadores renais e hepáticos é essencial para monitorar a saúde de

indivíduos, especialmente aqueles expostos a fatores de risco como o uso de suplementos esportivos. Enzimas hepáticas como alanina aminotransferase (ALT) e fosfatase alcalina (ALP) são amplamente utilizadas para detectar lesões ou disfunções no fígado, uma vez que alterações nesses marcadores podem indicar processos inflamatórios ou toxicológicos hepáticos (Schlickmann *et al.*, 2021). Já a creatinina sérica é o principal marcador utilizado para avaliação da função renal, refletindo a taxa de filtração glomerular e possíveis sobrecargas renais, especialmente em contextos de suplementação proteica ou ergogênica (Vilar Neto *et al.*, 2020; Longobardi *et al.*, 2023).

Estudos recentes evidenciam que o uso combinado e não supervisionado de suplementos esportivos pode estar associado a alterações modestas, porém clinicamente relevantes, nos níveis desses biomarcadores, sugerindo um impacto potencial sobre o metabolismo hepático e renal (Wei *et al.*, 2021; Souza *et al.*, 2013). Por outro lado, pesquisas em populações saudáveis apontam que suplementações controladas, como a creatina, são seguras e não resultam em danos renais significativos, apesar de elevarem a creatinina sérica como um efeito benigno (De Oliveira Vilar Neto *et al.*, 2020). Essas evidências ressaltam a importância da interpretação criteriosa dos biomarcadores em conjunto com o histórico clínico e o acompanhamento profissional, para evitar diagnósticos precipitados e garantir a segurança dos praticantes de atividade física.

2.4 Potencial geração de genotoxicidade e estresse oxidativo associados ao uso de suplementos esportivos

O uso de suplementos esportivos tem crescido expressivamente entre praticantes de atividade física, mas a preocupação com seus efeitos genotóxicos potenciais vem ganhando destaque na literatura científica. A genotoxicidade refere-se à capacidade de substâncias causarem danos ao material genético, podendo levar a mutações, instabilidade cromossômica e, em longo prazo, aumento do risco de doenças crônicas, incluindo câncer (Santos *et al.*, 2023). Embora muitos suplementos esportivos sejam considerados seguros, evidências recentes indicam que alguns componentes podem induzir danos ao DNA e estresse oxidativo, especialmente quando usados em combinações múltiplas ou em doses elevadas (Molz *et al.*, 2023; Kerksick *et al.*, 2021).

Estudos que avaliaram marcadores de genotoxicidade, como o ensaio cometa e a frequência de micronúcleos, em praticantes de academia que consumiam suplementos mostraram resultados variados. Enquanto alguns apontaram para a ausência de efeitos genotóxicos significativos (Longobardi *et al.*, 2023), outros detectaram aumento discreto na frequência de danos ao DNA associado ao uso de suplementos (Molz *et al.*, 2023). A presença de compostos antioxidantes em certas formulações pode atenuar esses efeitos, mas a falta de padronização e o uso indiscriminado sem supervisão profissional representam um risco

potencial à estabilidade genômica dos usuários (Velasco *et al.*, 2022; Kerksick *et al.*, 2021). Portanto, a avaliação rigorosa dos riscos genotóxicos deve integrar o monitoramento dos praticantes, visando minimizar danos celulares e promover o uso seguro e responsável desses produtos.

2.5 Importância do acompanhamento profissional no uso de suplementos esportivos para a promoção da saúde de praticantes de academia

O uso crescente de suplementos esportivos entre praticantes de atividade física evidencia a necessidade de orientação e acompanhamento profissional para garantir a segurança e a eficácia dessas práticas. A supervisão por nutricionistas, médicos ou outros profissionais qualificados é fundamental para individualizar a suplementação, considerando fatores como necessidades nutricionais, condições de saúde, objetivos específicos e possíveis interações medicamentosas (Galman *et al.*, 2024; Moghaddam *et al.*, 2022). Sem essa orientação, o consumo indiscriminado pode levar à ingestão excessiva de nutrientes, riscos de toxicidade, efeitos adversos sobre órgãos como fígado e rins, e potencial exacerbação do estresse oxidativo e danos celulares (Molz *et al.*, 2023; Kerksick *et al.*, 2021).

Além disso, o acompanhamento profissional possibilita o monitoramento contínuo por meio de exames laboratoriais e biomarcadores, permitindo a detecção precoce de alterações hepáticas, renais e genotóxicas, e ajustes na prescrição dos suplementos quando necessário (Galman *et al.*, 2024). Esse cuidado integrado promove o uso racional dos suplementos, reduz os riscos associados à automedicação e potencializa os benefícios, especialmente em populações que fazem uso concomitante de múltiplos produtos. Dessa forma, o suporte técnico especializado se configura como uma estratégia essencial para a promoção da saúde e o desempenho esportivo sustentável (Velasco *et al.*, 2022; Moghaddam *et al.*, 2022).

2.6 A importância da interdisciplinaridade na relação entre o uso de suplementos esportivos e marcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia

A abordagem interdisciplinar no acompanhamento de praticantes de atividade física que fazem uso de suplementos esportivos tem se mostrado essencial para propiciar segurança, eficácia e saúde integral do indivíduo. Profissionais de diversas áreas, como nutricionistas, médicos, educadores físicos e psicólogos, devem atuar de forma integrada para avaliar aspectos nutricionais, funcionais, comportamentais e psicológicos relacionados à suplementação, prevenindo riscos como a sobrecarga metabólica, efeitos adversos hepáticos e renais, e o uso inadequado ou excessivo desses produtos (Galman *et al.*, 2024; Molz *et al.*, 2023). Essa sinergia

permite não apenas a personalização do plano alimentar e suplementar, mas também o suporte emocional e educacional, promovendo adesão consciente e mudanças de hábitos sustentáveis (Kerksick *et al.*, 2021).

Além disso, o trabalho interdisciplinar facilita o monitoramento contínuo por meio de exames laboratoriais, avaliação de biomarcadores e acompanhamento clínico, proporcionando um cuidado mais completo e preventivo, sobretudo em contextos onde há o consumo concomitante de múltiplos suplementos (Velasco *et al.*, 2022; Moghaddam *et al.*, 2022). Ao integrar conhecimentos e práticas de diferentes áreas da saúde e do esporte, a interdisciplinaridade contribui para a otimização do desempenho físico, redução dos riscos à saúde e a promoção do bem-estar geral do praticante, configurando-se como uma estratégia indispensável frente à complexidade do consumo suplementar no meio esportivo contemporâneo.

3 OBJETIVOS

3.1 Objetivo geral

Investigar a relação entre o consumo de suplementos esportivos e biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia, por meio de análises correlacionais e comparativas.

3.2 Objetivos específicos

Artigo 1:

- Avaliar do número de suplementos utilizados por praticantes de academia;
- Avaliar biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia;
- Investigar a influência do número de suplementos utilizados nos biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia.

Artigo 2:

- Determinar padrões de consumo de suplementos esportivos em praticantes de academia;
- Avaliar biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia;
- Avaliar o impacto de diferentes padrões de consumo de suplementos esportivos (não uso, uso isolado e multisuplementação) sobre biomarcadores renais, hepáticos, de genotoxicidade e de estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia.

4 PRODUTOS BIBLIOGRÁFICOS DA DISSERTAÇÃO

Nesta sessão, são apresentados os produtos bibliográficos resultantes desta dissertação, compostos por dois manuscritos elaborados a partir dos resultados obtidos

Manuscrito 1, intitulado “*Association between the number of supplements used and renal/hepatic, genotoxicity, and oxidative stress biomarkers in gym-goers*”, foi desenvolvido conforme as diretrizes da European Journal of Nutrition (Qualis Interdisciplinar A1; fator de impacto 4.3) e está em fase de submissão. Este artigo configura-se como um *Original Article* e aborda a associação entre o número de suplementos utilizados e marcadores de função renal e hepática, genotoxicidade e estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia.

O Manuscrito 2, intitulado “*Impact of sport supplement usage patterns and renal/hepatic, genotoxicity, and oxidative stress biomarkers in gym-goers*”, foi elaborado conforme as diretrizes da revista Sports Medicine (Qualis Interdisciplinar A2; fator de impacto 5.9) e encontra-se em fase de submissão. Este estudo visa avaliar o impacto dos padrões de uso de suplementos esportivos sobre biomarcadores de função renal e hepática, genotoxicidade e estresse oxidativo em praticantes de academia.

ANEXOS

ANEXO A - AUTORIZAÇÃO PARA USO DE DADOS**UNIVERSIDADE DE SANTA CRUZ DO SUL
PROGRAMA DE PÓS-GRADUAÇÃO EM PROMOÇÃO DA SAÚDE
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ÁREA DE CONCENTRAÇÃO EM PROMOÇÃO DA SAÚDE****CARTA DE AUTORIZAÇÃO**

Eu, Silvia Isabel Rech Franke, Docente do Departamento de Ciências da Saúde da Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul – UNISC, coordenadora da Pesquisa intitulada “USO DE SUPLEMENTOS ALIMENTARES POR ADULTOS E IDOSOS USUÁRIOS DE ACADEMIAS: hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos e a relação com a composição nutricional, composição corporal, marcadores hepáticos e renais e instabilidade genômica”, aprovada pelo Comitê de Ética em Pesquisa do Seres Humanos da UNISC, sob parecer número 5.121.729 e CAAE 53004021.9.0000.5343, autorizo a mestranda Eduarda da Silva Limberger Castilhos, do Programa de Pós Graduação em Promoção da Saúde, a utilizar os dados referentes ao objeto do estudo da dissertação, intitulada “RELAÇÃO ENTRE O CONSUMO DE SUPLEMENTOS ESPORTIVOS E BIOMARCADORES RENAI, HEPÁTICOS, DE GENOTOXICIDADE E DE ESTRESSE OXIDATIVO EM PRATICANTES DE ACADEMIA: uma análise correlacional e comparativa”.

Santa Cruz do Sul, 25 de janeiro de 2025.



Prof. Dra. Silvia Isabel Rech Franke
Coordenadora do projeto

ANEXO B - APROVAÇÃO DO COMITÊ DE ÉTICA EM PESQUISA - UNISC



PARECER CONSUBSTANCIADO DO CEP

DADOS DO PROJETO DE PESQUISA

Título da Pesquisa: USO DE SUPLEMENTOS ALIMENTARES POR ADULTOS E IDOSOS USUÁRIOS DE ACADEMIAS: hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos e a relação com a composição nutricional, composição corporal, marcadores hepáticos e renais e instabilidade genômica

Pesquisador: Sílvia Isabel Rech Franke

Área Temática:

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Instituição Proponente: Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul - UNISC

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Apresentação do Projeto:

Trata-se da apresentação do projeto de pesquisa intitulado "USO DE SUPLEMENTOS ALIMENTARES POR ADULTOS E IDOSOS USUÁRIOS DE ACADEMIAS: hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos e a relação com a composição nutricional, composição corporal, marcadores hepáticos e renais e instabilidade genômica", cuja pesquisadora responsável é a Profª Drª Sílvia Isabel Rech Franke.

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Objetivo da Pesquisa:

Objetivo Primário:

Avaliar e comparar o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares por adultos e idosos usuários de academias, avaliando hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos e a relação com composição nutricional, composição corporal, da função renal e hepática e instabilidade genômica.

Objetivo Secundário:

- identificar o tipo, a quantidade e o tempo do uso de suplementos alimentares entre adultos e

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idosos usuários de academias;

- avaliar e comparar os hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos, entre adultos e idosos usuários de academias, bem como relacionar com o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares;
- analisar e comparar a composição alimentar, levando em consideração o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares, entre adultos e idosos usuários de academias;
- avaliar e comparar a composição corporal entre adultos e idosos usuários de academias, bem como relacionar com o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares;
- verificar e comparar possíveis alterações nos marcadores bioquímicos da função renal e hepática entre adultos e idosos usuários de academias, bem como relacionar com o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares;
- associar e comparar a composição nutricional, levando em consideração o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares, de adultos e idosos usuários de academias, com possíveis alterações na função renal e hepática;
- avaliar e comparar a instabilidade genômica entre adultos e idosos usuários de academias, em como relacionar com o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares;
- associar e comparar possíveis alterações da função renal e hepática, bem como a instabilidade genômica entre adultos e idosos usuários de academias com o tipo, a quantidade e o tempo do uso de suplementos alimentares, hábitos de vida, de saúde, e da prática de exercícios físicos.
- Utilizar os dados coletados para a realização de trabalhos de conclusão de curso sob orientação da proponente da pesquisa.

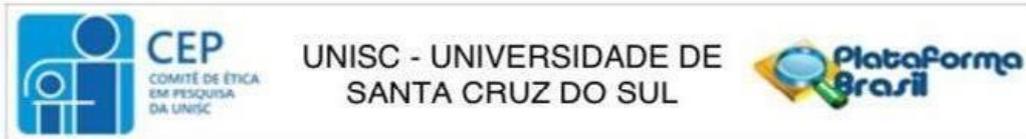
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Avaliação dos Riscos e Benefícios:

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Benefícios:

Orientar aos participantes, após a entrevista, a importância do uso de suplementos alimentares de forma adequada e alertar os possíveis riscos adversos à saúde. Além, disso será disponibilizado aos participantes laudos referentes à adequação do consumo alimentar, composição corporal e dos exames bioquímicos, bem como será planejado ações e estratégias para orientações que visam melhorar o entendimento do impacto da suplementação alimentar sobre a composição nutricional e corporal, as possíveis alterações sobre os marcadores renal e hepático, bem como com marcadores de instabilidade genômica, minimizando o impacto negativo sobre a saúde.

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Comentários e Considerações sobre a Pesquisa:

A presente pesquisa trata-se de um estudo transversal, quantitativo, de delineamento descritivo observacional comparativo, através de pesquisa com usuários de academias, adultos e idosos, de Santa Cruz do Sul, Brasil. Contando com Tamanho da Amostral de 463 participantes.

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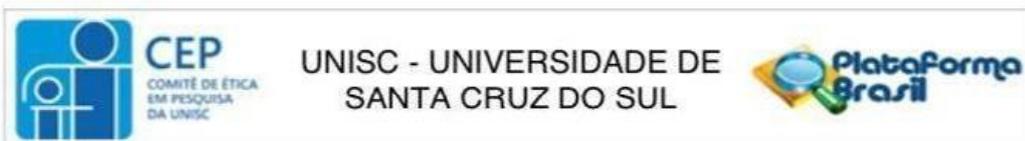
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ANEXO C- QUESTIONÁRIO ON-LINE

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Prezado(a) senhor(a),

Você está sendo convidado/a para participar como voluntário do projeto de pesquisa intitulado "USO DE SUPLEMENTOS ALIMENTARES POR ADULTOS E IDOSOS USUÁRIOS DE ACADEMIAS: hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos e a relação com a composição nutricional, composição corporal, marcadores hepáticos e renais e instabilidade genômica, que pretende avaliar e comparar o uso ou não de suplementos alimentares por usuários de academias brasileiros, na fase adulta e idosa, avaliando hábitos de vida, de saúde e da prática de exercícios físicos e a relação com composição nutricional, composição corporal, alterações da função renal e hepática e instabilidade genômica", vinculado ao Programa de Pós Graduação em Promoção da Saúde e ao Departamento de Ciências da Saúde da Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul - UNISC. O pesquisador responsável por este Projeto de Pesquisa é Profa. Dra. Silvia Isabel Rech Franke, que poderá ser contatado a qualquer tempo através do número (51)99994-7595 e do e-mail silviafr@unisc.br.

Sua participação é possível, pois você atende aos critérios de inclusão previstos na pesquisa, os quais são usuários de academias de ambos os sexos, adultos e idosos, com idade mínima de 20 anos e que forem membros de uma academia com profissional técnico cadastrado no CREF2/RS. Sua participação consiste em fornecer as seguintes informações: dados demográficos, hábitos de vida e de saúde, saúde mental, atividade física, prática de exercícios físicos em academia, dieta, ritmo intestinal e de suplementação alimentar que será realizado de forma on-line e levará cerca de 10 minutos. Também será aplicado, de forma presencial, um questionário sobre o consumo alimentar e de líquidos. A composição corporal será avaliada por meio da balança de bioimpedância Omron®. Primeiramente, a estatura será avaliada com um estadiômetro compacto, estando os indivíduos descalços, com os pés unidos e em posição ereta. Depois, com roupas leves, serão avaliados o peso, índice de massa corporal (IMC), massa muscular, gordura corpórea e gordura visceral. Para avaliar os marcadores bioquímicos da função renal e hepática e instabilidade genômica, será realizada uma coleta sanguínea (4 mL) e coleta de células da mucosa oral recolhidas na região interna da bochecha, utilizando uma escova de modelo cytobrush. O consumo alimentar, a composição corporal e a coleta sanguínea,

bem como das células da mucosa oral serão realizados no mesmo dia, em horário pré-agendado, necessitando estar em jejum (pelo menos 4 horas) e com restrição de atividade física (pelo menos 12 horas). Essas coletas levarão cerca de 20 minutos, e para isso, a coleta do material será totalmente descartável e estéril, e será realizado por pessoas devidamente capacitadas nas academias e posterior análise que será realizada no Laboratório de Nutrição Experimental e no Laboratório de Bioquímica do Exercício da Universidade de Santa Cruz do Sul/RS.

Nessa condição, é possível que alguns desconfortos aconteçam, como: problemas com a conexão de internet no momento do preenchimento do questionário on-line ou desconforto para fornecer alguns dos dados, além de cansaço ou aborrecimento por causa do tempo tomado para o preenchimento do questionário e receio pela possível quebra de sigilo. Também poderá acontecer certo constrangimento para realização da avaliação da composição corporal e do recordatório alimentar ou um pequeno arroxeadado na região da punção, eventualmente, devido à coleta sanguínea que desaparece em poucos dias. Os riscos/desconfortos, se ocorrerem, serão minimizados da seguinte forma: caso ocorram problemas de conexão com a internet, os participantes poderão responder ao questionário em outro momento, sem prejuízo aos participantes ou a pesquisa; para garantir a confidencialidade dos dados coletados, estes serão armazenados nos dispositivos do pesquisador responsável, sendo apagados todos os registros das plataformas virtuais, ambiente compartilhado ou “nuvem”; os participantes podem desistir de participar da pesquisa caso se sentirem desconfortáveis com alguma questão. Também para minimizar o constrangimento referente à composição corporal e dos recordatórios alimentares, as avaliações serão realizadas em salas separadas e por avaliadores do mesmo sexo e para evitar riscos durante a coleta sanguínea, o mesmo será realizado por um profissional devidamente capacitado, utilizando material totalmente descartável e respeitando as normas de biossegurança. Sua resposta a todas as perguntas é de extrema importância para a pesquisa, mas você não é obrigado a responder aquilo que não se sentir confortável e o único dado de identificação pessoal a ser coletado é o e-mail do participante, para que este receba uma cópia do presente Termo de Consentimento e as respostas informadas no questionário. Por outro lado, a sua participação trará benefícios, como de orientar aos participantes, após a entrevista, a importância do uso de suplementos alimentares de forma adequada e alertar os possíveis riscos adversos à saúde. Além, disso será disponibilizado aos participantes laudos referentes à adequação do consumo alimentar, composição corporal e dos exames bioquímicos, bem como será planejado ações e estratégias para orientações que visam melhorar o entendimento do impacto da suplementação alimentar sobre a composição nutricional e corporal, as possíveis alterações sobre os marcadores renal e hepático, bem como com marcadores de instabilidade genômica, minimizando o impacto negativo sobre a saúde. Para sua participação nessa pesquisa você não terá nenhuma despesa com transporte, alimentação, exames, materiais a serem utilizados ou despesas de qualquer natureza. Ao final da pesquisa você terá acesso aos resultados através de e-mail.

Pelo presente Termo de Consentimento Livre e Esclarecido eu,

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autorizo a minha participação neste projeto de pesquisa, pois fui informado/a, de forma clara e detalhada, livre de qualquer forma de constrangimento e coerção, dos objetivos, da justificativa e dos procedimentos que serei submetido, dos riscos, desconfortos e benefícios, assim como das alternativas às quais poderia ser submetido, todos acima listados. Ademais, declaro que, quando for o caso, autorizo a utilização de minha imagem e voz de forma gratuita pelo pesquisador, em quaisquer meios de comunicação, para fins de publicação e divulgação da pesquisa, desde que eu não possa ser identificado através desses instrumentos (imagem e voz).

Fui, igualmente, informado/a:

- a) da garantia de receber resposta a qualquer pergunta ou esclarecimento a qualquer dúvida acerca dos procedimentos, riscos, benefícios e outros assuntos relacionados com a pesquisa;
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- c) da garantia de que não serei identificado quando da divulgação dos resultados e que as informações obtidas serão utilizadas apenas para fins científicos vinculados ao presente projeto de pesquisa;
- d) do compromisso de proporcionar informação atualizada obtida durante o estudo; ainda que esta possa afetar a minha vontade em continuar participando;
- e) da disponibilidade de tratamento médico e indenização, conforme estabelece a legislação, caso existam danos a minha saúde, diretamente causados por esta pesquisa; e,
- f) de que se existirem gastos para minha participação nessa pesquisa, esses serão absorvidos pelo orçamento da pesquisa.

O presente documento foi assinado em duas vias de igual teor, ficando uma com o voluntário da pesquisa ou seu representante legal e outra com o pesquisador responsável.

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Fuma atualmente (Sim / Não)

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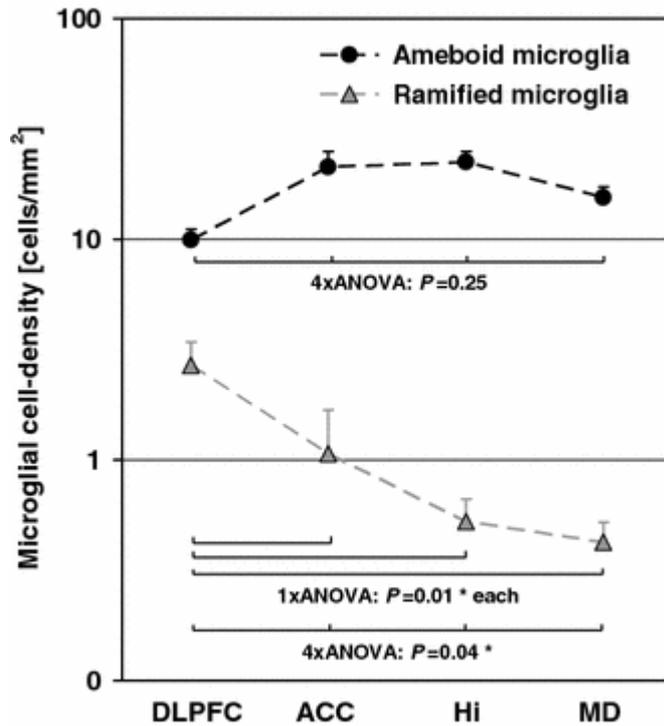
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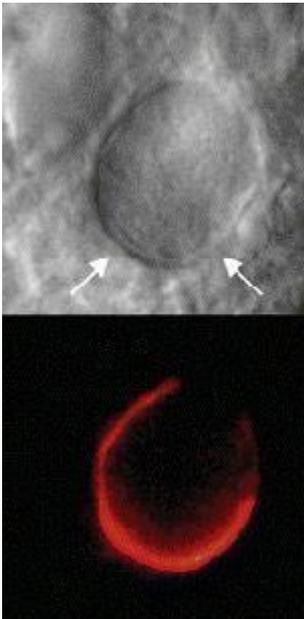
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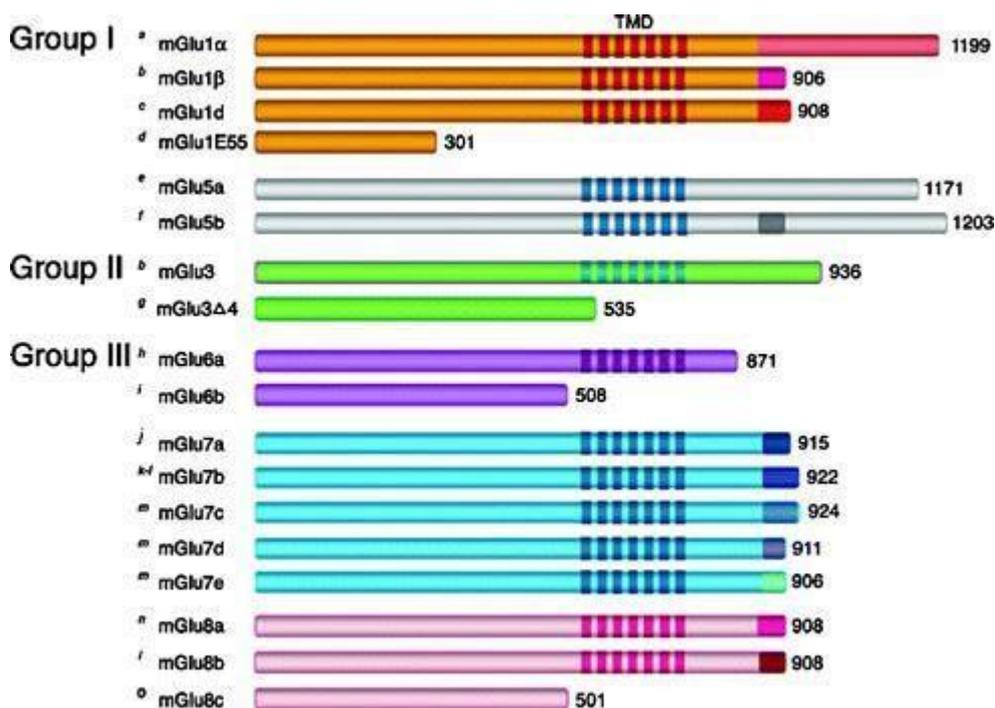


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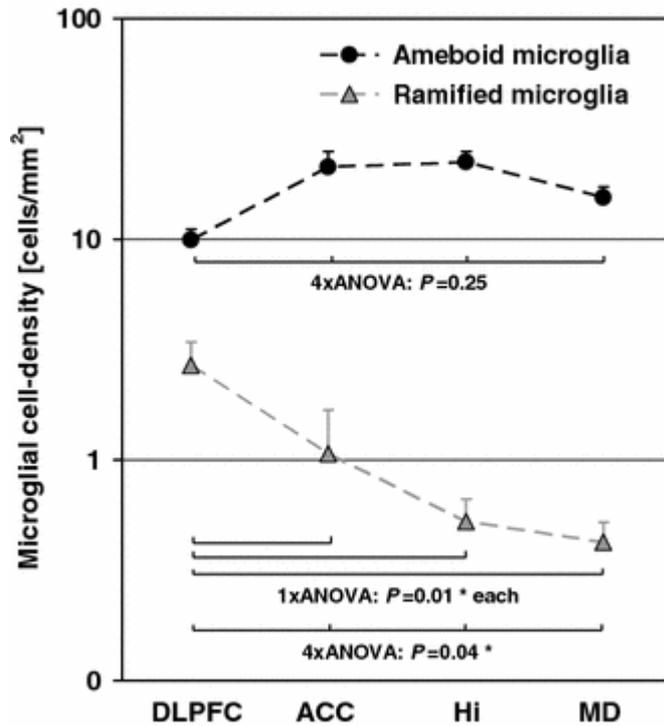
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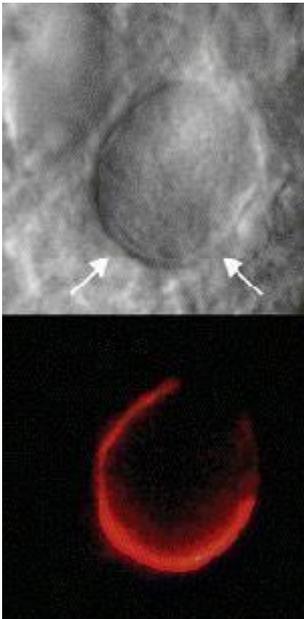
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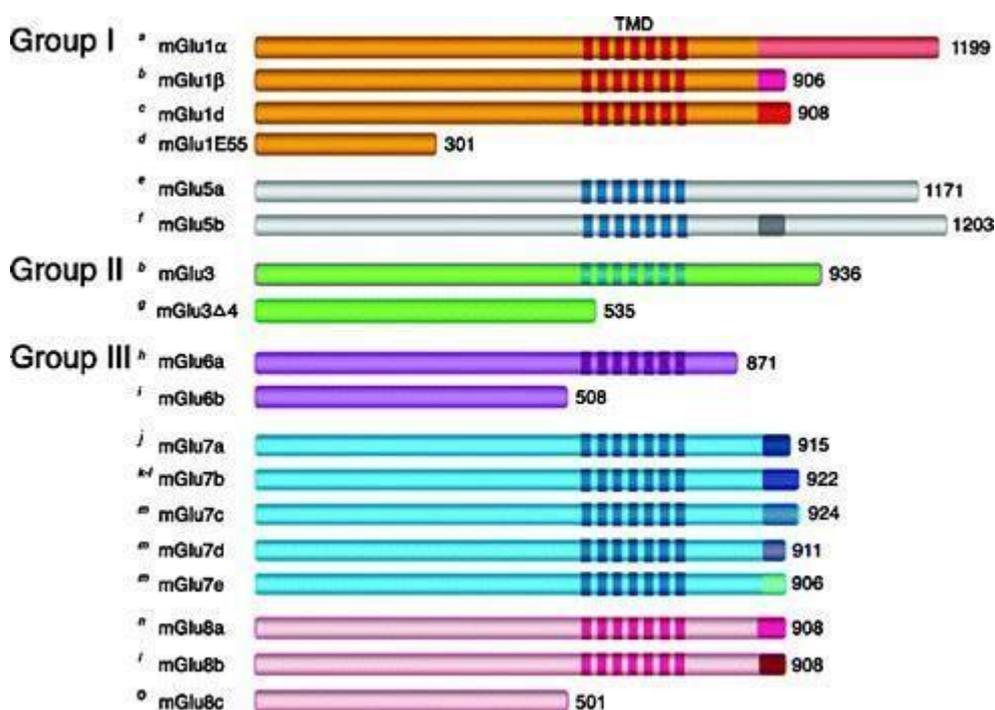


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