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**Your Research Partner
on Human Adipose Tissue**



DIVA Expertise

First in human adipose tissue modelization

- **Leader in applied research on human adipose tissue**
More than 15 year-knowledge of physiology and physiopathology
- **High-biotech platform**
Specialized in biological modelization and characterization of human adipose tissue

An unique and personalized support of the research, from the Cell to Humans

- **Innovative french biotech**
Based in Toulouse, in the Biotechnologies Center of Pierre Potter
- **Network of multidisciplinary partners**
Medical, academic, preclinical and clinical partners



Human adipose tissue

The most represented tissue in human body with different localizations : visceral, sub-cutaneous

- A high cellular heterogeneity :

Mature adipocytes (MA)

Preadipocytes (PA)

Endothelial cells (EC)

Immune cells like macrophages (MC)

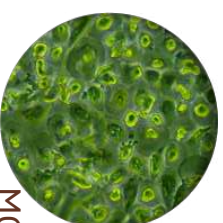
Stem cells (SC)



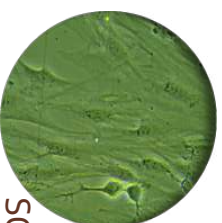
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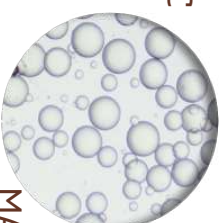
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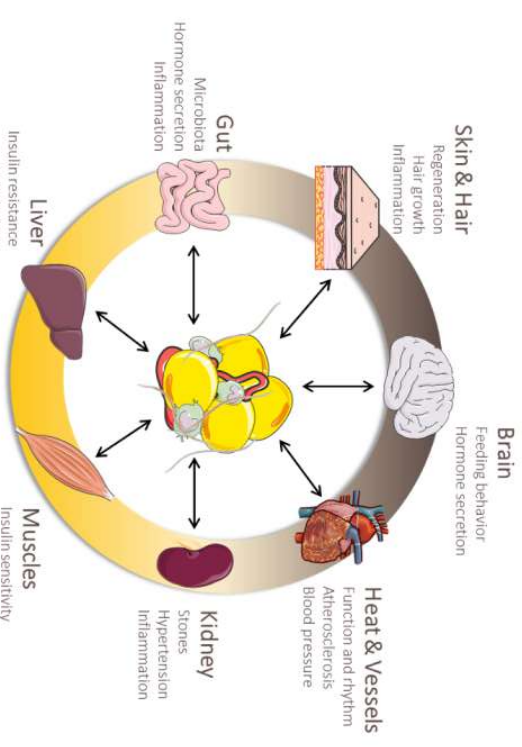
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MA



- A multi-functional organ :

Energy storage

Mechanical protection

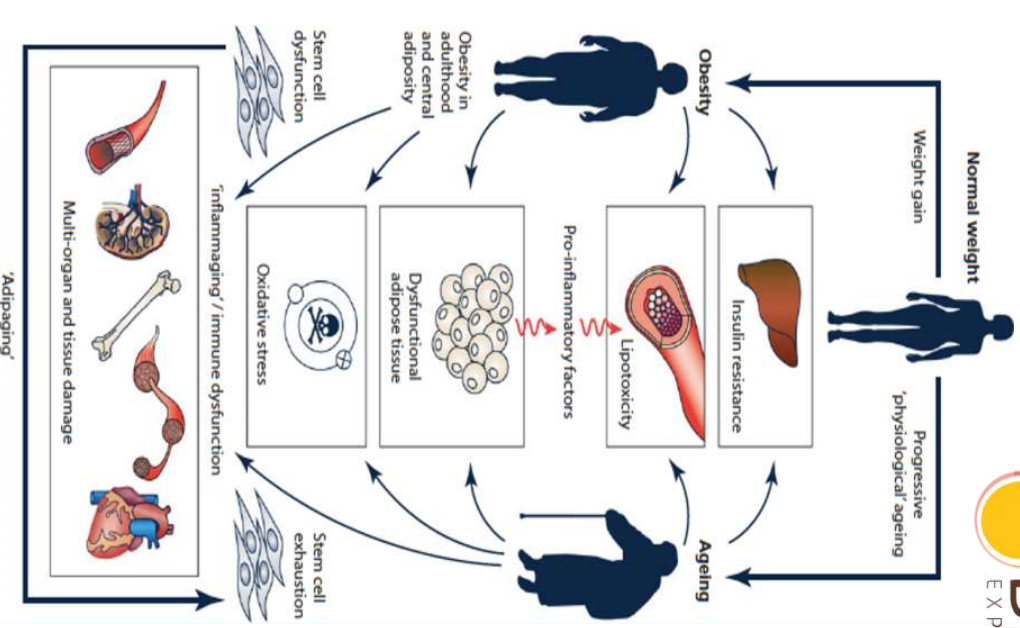
Endocrine function

Thermogenesis

Adipose tissue, target of obesity and ageing

Aging and Obesity share several common causative mechanisms related to a dysfunctional adipose tissue/adipaging :

- Metabolic disorders,
- Multi-organ and tissue damage,
- Oxidative stress,
- Immune dysfunction and
- Systemic and low-grade chronic inflammation/inflammaging.



From LM Perez *et al*, the journal of Physiology (2016)

DIVA Services



DIVA PLATFORM



BIOBANK

Preparation and supply of biological materials derived from human adipose and skin tissues



TESTING & STUDIES

Evaluation of product efficacy on adipose and skin models



R&D

Customized R&D for co-development of new models or new tests



ANALYSES

Characterization of adipose tissue samples collected from *in vivo* studies



CONSULTANCY

Coordination from preclinical to clinical studies
Scientific valorization



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DIVA BIOBANK

A BIO-BANK OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS
DERIVED FROM ADIPOSE AND SKIN TISSUES



A LARGE AND PRE-QUALIFIED BIO-BANK OF BIOLOGICAL
RESOURCES

A PRE-CHARACTERIZED BIO-BANK OF HUMAN SKIN CELLS
Viability and cytotoxicity of dermal fibroblasts

Cell Vials

- Preadipocytes
- Dermal fibroblasts
- Keratinocytes
- Endothelial Cells
- Stem cells

Tissues

- Fixed adipose and skin tissues
- Frozen adipose tissues

DONOR CHARACTERISTICS

- Gender
- Age
- Body Mass Index : lean, overweight, obese
- Body Localization : Abdomen, Arm Face, Thigh
- Phototype : I, II, III, IV
- ☑ Human biobank from more than 200 different donors

Ready-to-test models

- 96-well preadipocytes (non-differentiated, differentiated in classical or pro-inflammatory environments,...)
- 96-well dermal fibroblasts
- 6-well DIVA Skin (3-layer human skin)

Protein extracts

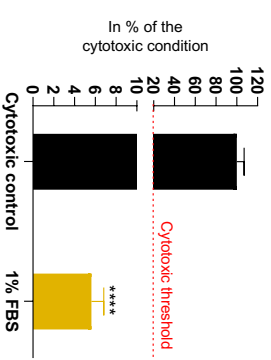
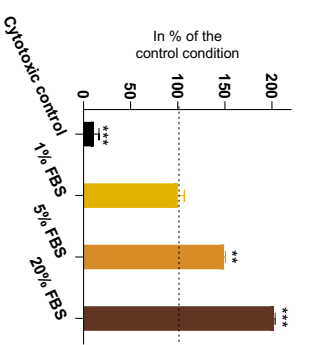
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- Preadipocytes
- Mature adipocytes

Conditioned Media

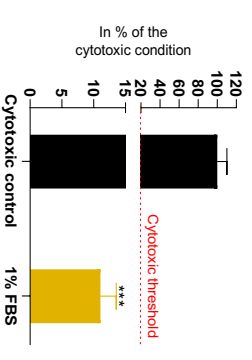
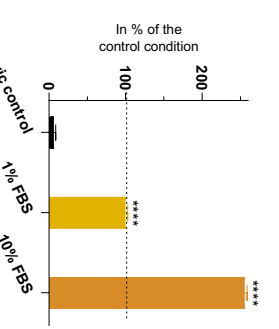
- Conditioned adipose tissue media
- Conditioned macrophage media

RNA

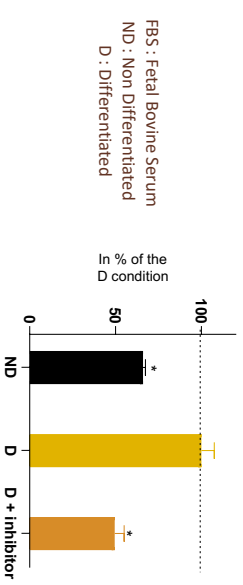
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Viability and cytotoxicity of Preadipocytes



Differentiation of Preadipocytes



Unpaired t-test compared to the respective control condition : * p < 0.05 / ** p < 0.01 / *** p < 0.005 / **** p < 0.0001



DIVA Platform



Selection of donor criteria

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SELECTION

- Man / woman
- Young / Aged
- Lean / Obese
- Abdomen, face, thigh
- Phototype I, II, III, IV



Screening or mechanistic studies

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MODELIZATION

- 2D/3D-cultures of human cells
- Co-culture of different cell types
- Culture of human skin/adipose explant
- Reproduction of microenvironment/stress



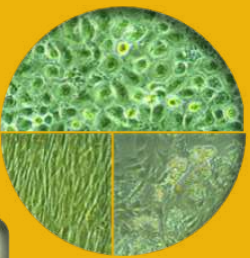
Complete biological characterization

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CHARACTERIZATION

- Biochemical analyses
- Western Blot
- Real Time PCR
- Immunofluorescent/bright field microscopy (immuno)histochemistry
- Oxygen consumption

DIVA Models

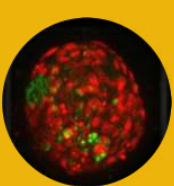


- ### 2D Cell cultures
- Preadipocytes
 - Macrophages
 - Fibroblasts



3D Cell cultures/Co-cultures

- DIVA Spheres™: Preadipocyte spheroids
- DIVA Caps™: Mature adipocyte capsules
- DIVA Skin Caps : co-culture of adipocytes and fibroblasts



Tissue cultures

- Complete explant of adipose tissue
- DIVA Skin™ : 3-layer explant of skin
- DIVA Gut : biphasic culture of intestinal and adipose cells



DIVA Tests



Adipocyte development

- Proliferation
- Differentiation
- Beigeing
- Vasacularization

Adipocyte metabolism

- Lipogenesis
- Lipolysis
- Bioenergetics
- Secretome

Adipocyte alterations

- Inflammation
- Fibrosis/Matrical remodeling
- Oxidative stress
- Senescence

Adipocyte interactions

- Fibroblasts
- Endothelial cells
- Muscle cells
- Intestinal cells

DIVA Benefits



ETHICAL AND BIOMIMETIC SCIENCE

- Human models as alternative to animal experimentation
- High biological relevance

OPTIMIZED AND RELIABLE STUDIES

- Miniaturization in 96-well format
- Multiparametric approach
- Positive & negative controls
- Conditions in triplicates

PERSONALIZED AND COMPLETE

R&D SUPPORT

- From biobanking to testing
- From pre-validated models to customized models
- From cell studies to clinical trials

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