

# HMB- (& -hydroxy & -methyl butyrate)

 $H_3C-CH_2-CH_2-C-O-CH_3$ OH Ca<sup>+</sup>



### Theory: # Cholesterol synthesis may limit cell growth/repair at certain times



# Human Studies w/ HMB

# Adjunct for muscle building (Comparisons)
# Safety
# Combinations
# Other effects

### **HMB and Resistance training**



### Safety: 3-12 weeks

Physical	No Adverse effects *Decreased BP
Blood chemistry	No adverse changes *Lower cholesterol
Blood hematology	No adverse changes
Emotional	No adverse changes *Less negative mood

### **Meta-Analysis:**

**#** Body composition # Minimum 3-weeks # Minimum trained 2x per week # Placebo controlled **#** Statistical information for ES # Protein-(placebo issues)

### Meta-analysis: 250+ included

	Qualified studies	Quality score	
Creatine	15	37	
HMB	9	35	
Chromium	12	33	
Androstenedione	3	32	
DHEA	2	24	
Protein	4	27	

### Lean Tissue Gain



### **Meta-Analysis**



### Lean Tissue Gain

Strength Gain

### **HMB and Creatine**

影響を読	HMB	Creatine
Lean gain (weight training)	+++	++++
Fat loss (weight training)	++	
Health	++++	
benefits	(BP and cholesterol lowered)	
Runner		++-
benefit	(protect muscle)	(risk of muscle damage)

### **Minimizing Muscle damage**



### **HMB effects on Damage**

- # CPK is 30-80% lower
- # Less muscle breakdown
  - Lower 3methylhistidine
  - Lower proteases
- **#** Less soreness



### **Other observations**

# Less Protein turnover (muscle)
# Young and old: Men and women
# Effect proportional to intensity
# Immune function improved

### Non exercising

# Sedentary young people HMB: No demonstrable effect Creatine: No demonstrable effect

### **#**Wasting?



### **Age-related muscle mass**



### **Disease-related wasting**

# Most AIDS patients waste
# Nearly all stage 2-4 lung, pancreas, colon and upper GI cancers
# >10% muscle loss=risk

# Question: Can targeted nutrition reverse wasting?

# **Targeted Nutritional Strategy**



# **Elderly protocol**

- # Age ~78 years
- **#** Two replicate experiments
- # Mostly women
- # 12 week study
- # Endpoints: lean tissue/mobility
- # Assisted living
- # 2 g HMB/5 g Arg/ 1.5 g Lysine
- # Once per day

### **Body Composition changes**

#### **# Body lean: +1 kg**



# Function (Get-Up & Go)



Get-Up & Go time (sec)

### **AIDS/Cancer Protocols**

**# AIDS** Lost >5% BW 36 subjects/8 wks **#** Cancer Lost 10% BW 40 subjects/8+wks **# Mixture** 3 g HMB 15 g Arginine 15 g Glutamine

### **AIDS/Cancer comparison**



### HMB + amino acid

Targeted nutritional strategy valid
Very slight wasting can be reversed
Very sever wasting can be reversed
Multi-center studies underway

### **Muscle-Immune connection** Viral titers in AIDS subjects treated for wasting



### Summary

# 250+ nutrition supplements marketed: Only creatine and HMB meet scientific threshold for resistance exercise #~Double effect **#** Short-term safety **#** New applications: Rational Combinations Targeted