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3. Inflammation and aging
4. Estrogen’s role decreasing the inflammatory effects of aging and diet induced obesity.
5. Interaction of aging, sex differences, obesity and inflammation.
6. Environmental factors leading to obesity, such as consumption of high-fat and calorically dense food
7. Regulation of food intake and body weight
8. Sex hormones influencing the efficacy of adiposity hormones as they interact with food intake control systems in the brain
9. Metabolic syndrome, symptoms of which include increased visceral adipose tissue, insulin resistance and increased visceral obesity animal models of these processes
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