

| | Study 1 (NCT01692860) | Study 2 (NCT01396915) | Study 3 (NCT02187965) |
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| Study objective | To assess the effect of milk protein concentrate on blood pressure, inflammation, muscle composition, and metabolic health during weight loss in overweight/obese adults | To assess the effect of egg-based higher protein diet on muscle composition (muscle fat infiltration) and size, indices of metabolic health and markers of systemic inflammation | To assess the within day reproducibility of MRI scans for intermuscular adipose tissue quantification in older men and women |
| Geographic area | Gre | ater West Lafayette, IN, USA | |
| Gender | | Males and females | |
| Age range, yr | 35–65 | 35–80 | 60–80 |
| BMI range, kg/m ² | 25–38 | 35–38 | 19-24 and 30-35 |
| Weight status | Weight stable ($\pm 3 \text{ kg}$) during last 3 months | Not following a weight loss or other special/non-balanced diet in the past 6 months | NA |
| Exercise participation | Not following an exercise program during last 3 months | Not following an exercise program during past 6 months | NA |
| Cardiometabolic profiles | Fasting glucose <110 mg/dL Total cholesterol <260 mg/dL LDL-C <160 mg/dL Triacylglycerol <400 mg/dL Blood pressure <140/90 mm Hg Normal albumin and pre-albumin levels | Fasting glucose <110 mg/dL Total cholesterol <260 mg/dL LDL-C <160 mg/dL Triacylglycerol <400 mg/dL Blood pressure <160/100 mm Hg | NA |
| Disease/health status | No acute illness Not diabetic Not pregnant or lactating Non-smoking Not lactose intolerant | Not clinically diagnosed as diabetic Markers kidney, liver, and heart functions within 10% of clinical normalcy | Generally healthy |
| Usual diet | Baseline protein intake is >0.6 or <1.6 g/kg/day, based on 3-day food record | NA | NA |