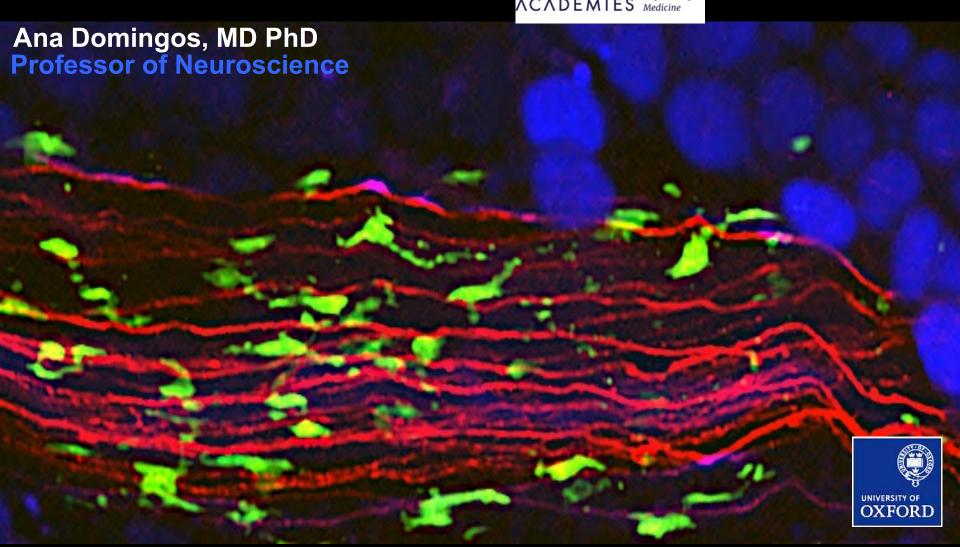
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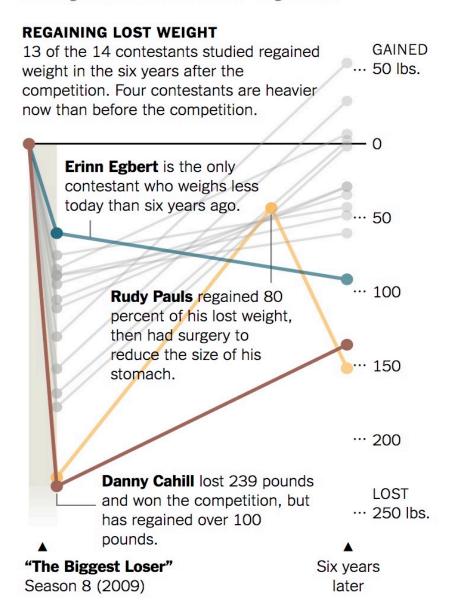






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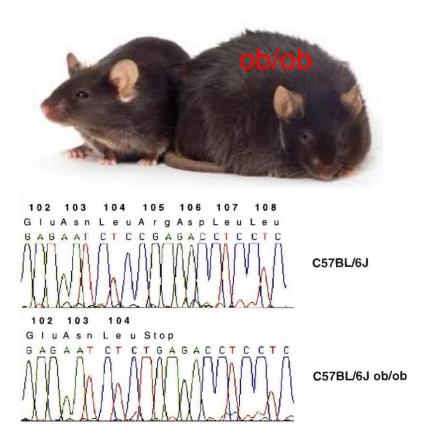


## The identity of the signal encoded by the *ob* gene: LEPTIN, conserved in mice and humans



Jeffrey M.Friedman

- -Lasker Award 2014
- -Breakthrough Award 2020



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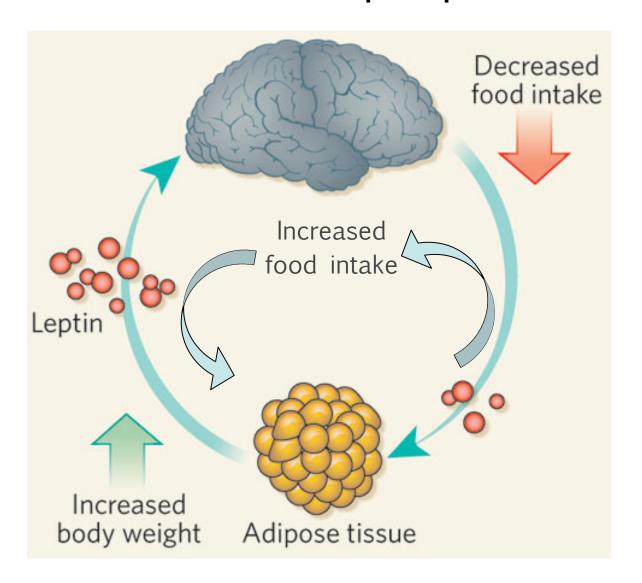
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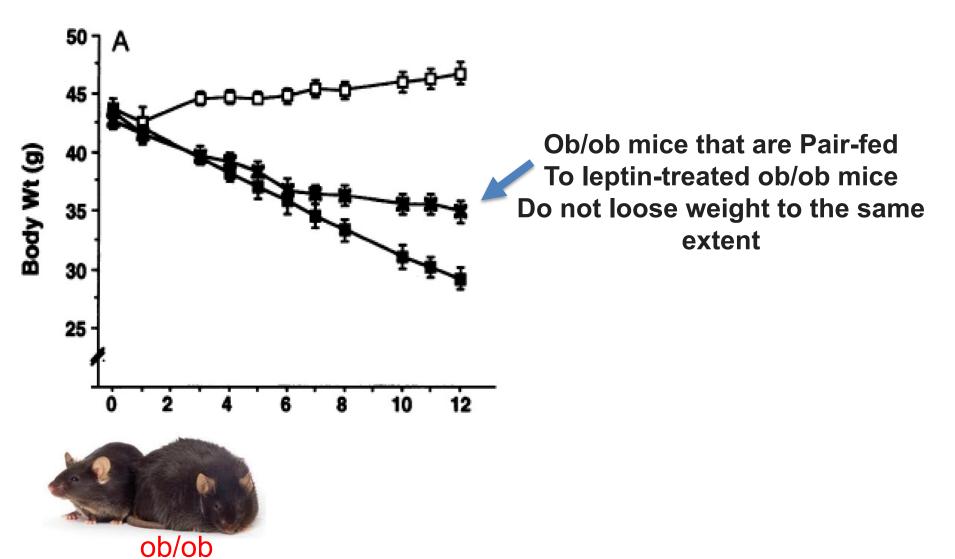


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## Body weight homeostasis The neuroendocrine loop of leptin action



## The weight loss effect of leptin action is not solely mediated by suppression of food intake



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# Science

Bundles of nerves (red) that surround some fat cells (green) are key to fat breakdown—and weight loss.

Ana Domingos, Instituto Gulbenkian de Ciência

Cell

A closer look at the nerves that slim down your fat cells

Sympathetic
Neuron-Adipose
Connections
Mediate
Leptin-Driven
Lipolysis

Zeng, et al, Domingos *Cell, 2015* 



#### A Sympathetic View on Fat by Leptin

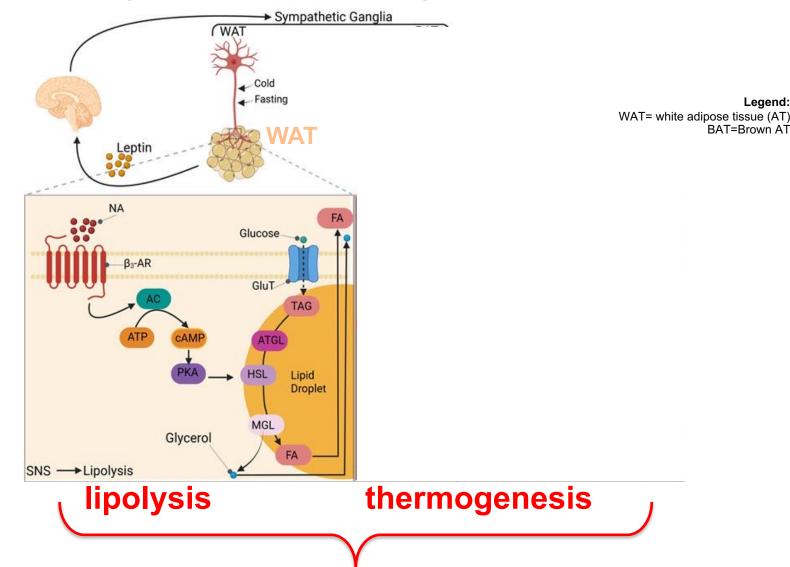
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Zapping fat in WAT

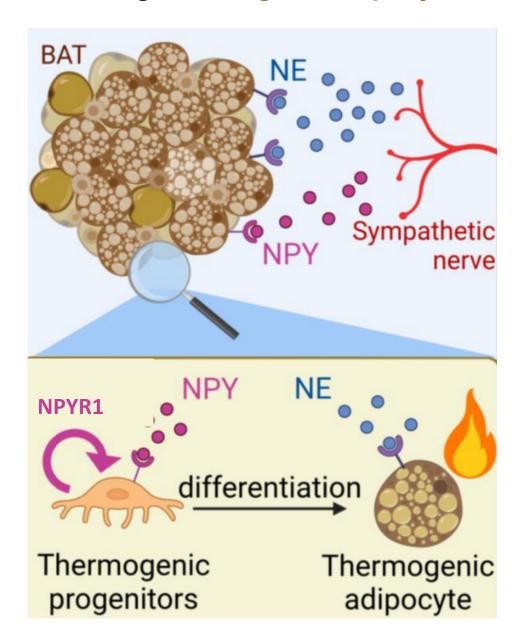
#### The Neuroendocrine Loop of Leptin action **Beyond appetite regulation**



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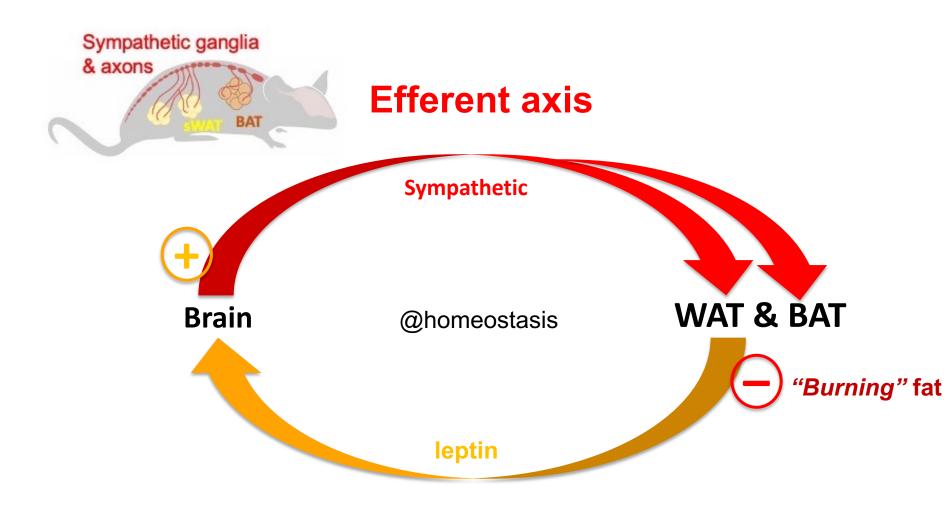
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## Sympathetic Neuropeptide Y protects from obesity by sustaining thermogenic adipocytes.



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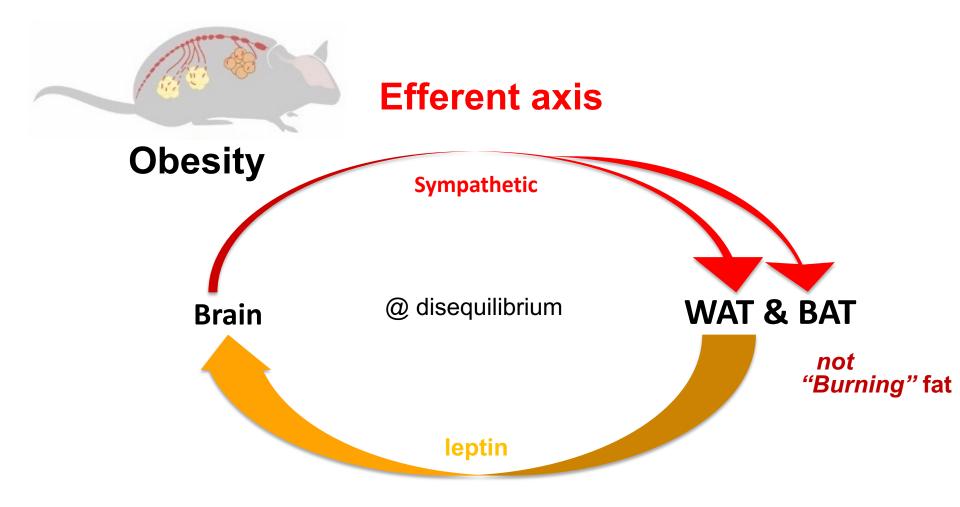
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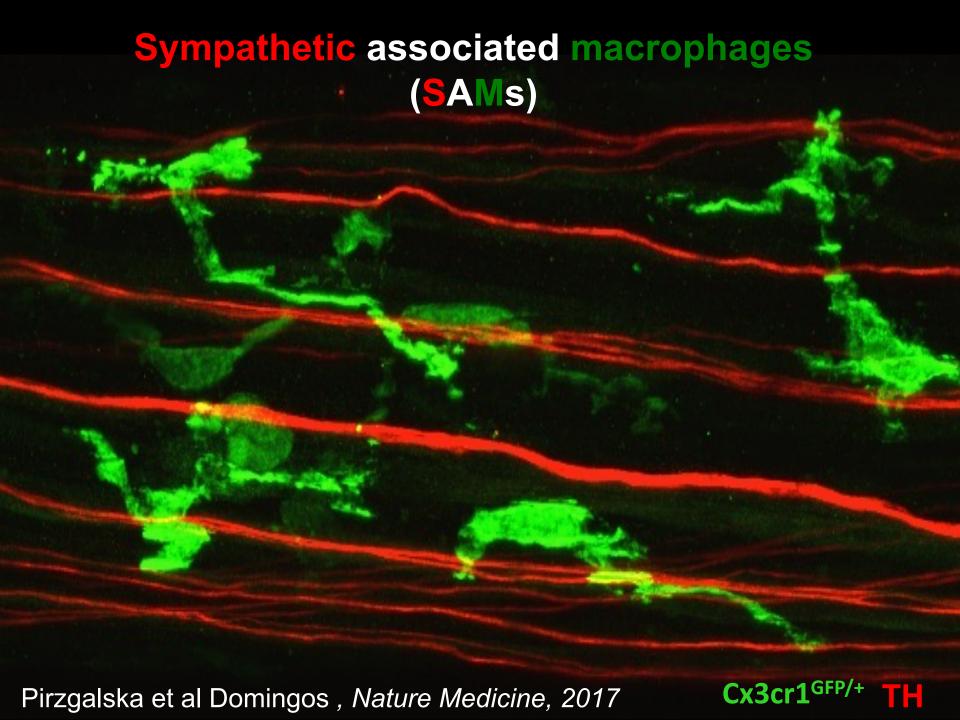
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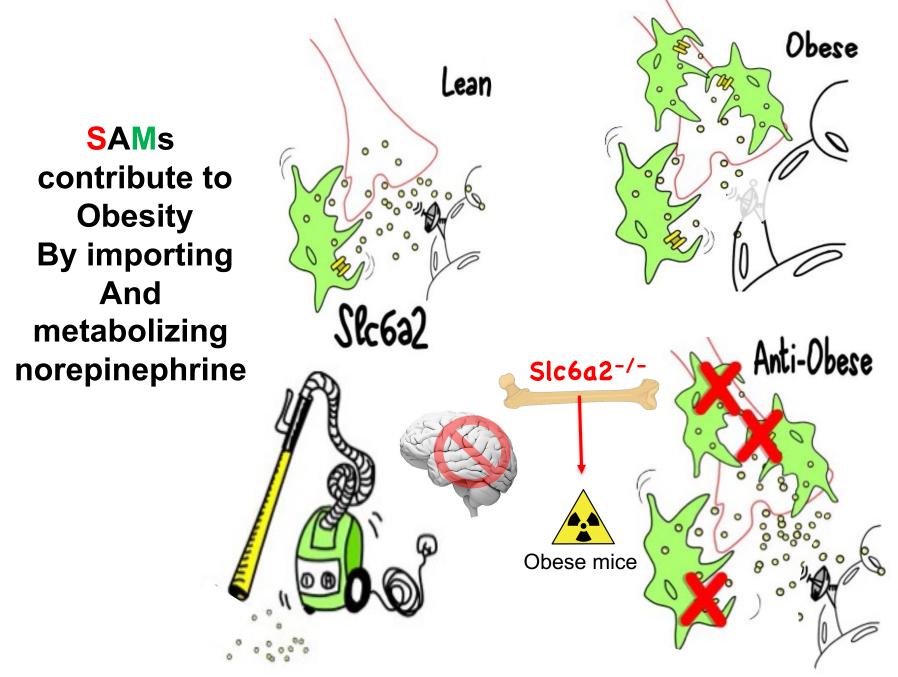
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**Afferent axis** 





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If SAMs
Mop up
Norepinephrine
On top of
the neurons

Does norepinephrine Influence the neurons?

Then...

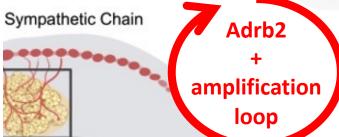




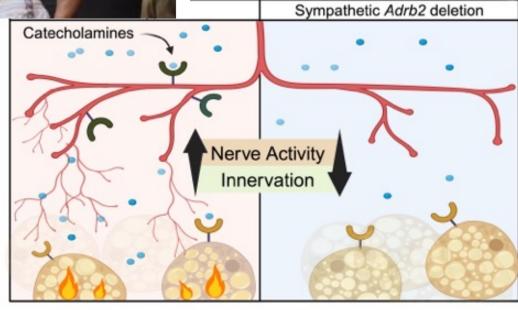
#### Adrb2 agonists burn fat via

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CLENBUTEROL 0,02 mg

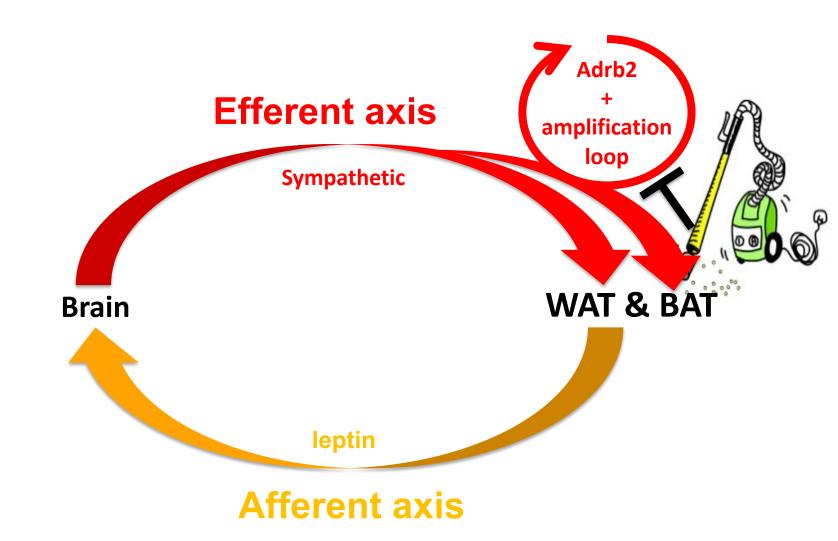


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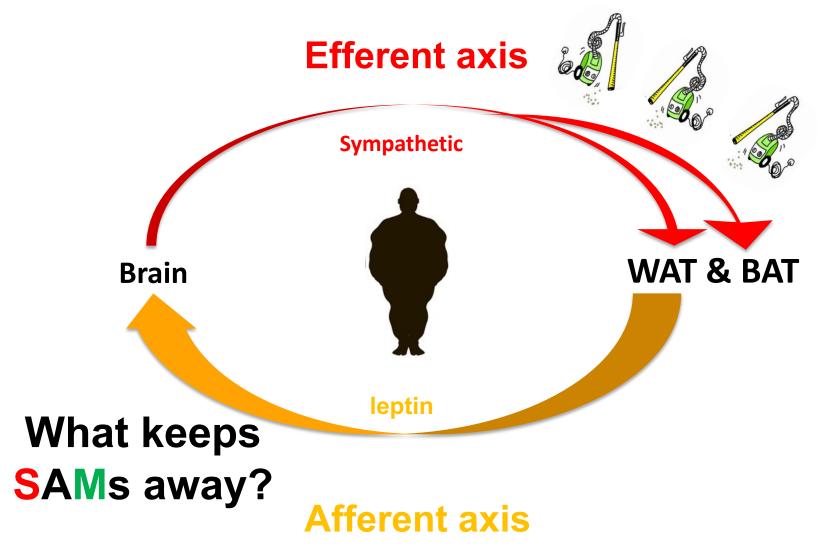
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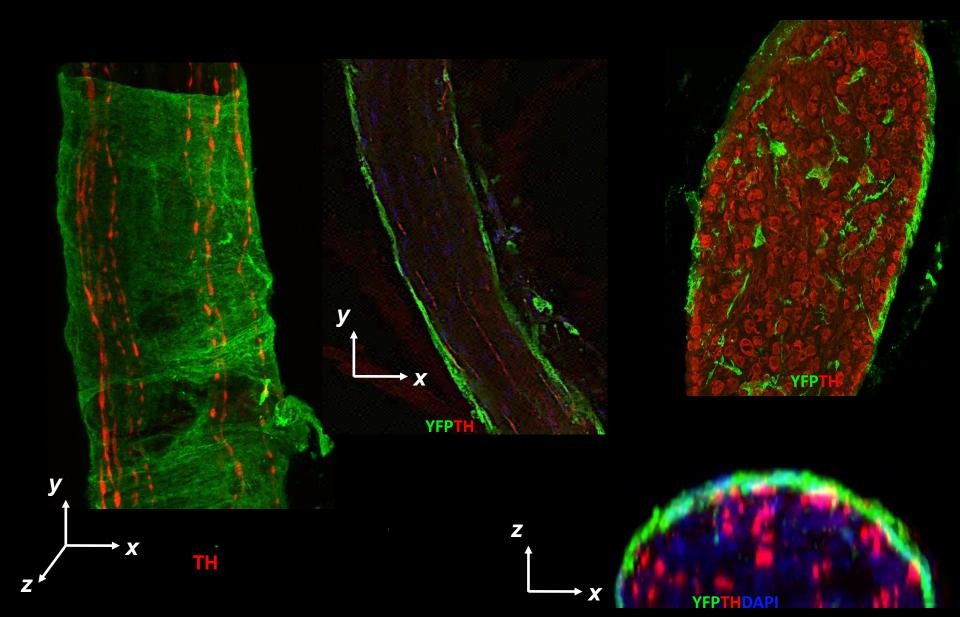


# Macrophages dispose of norepinephrine, weakening the efferent arm in the neuroendocrine loop of leptin

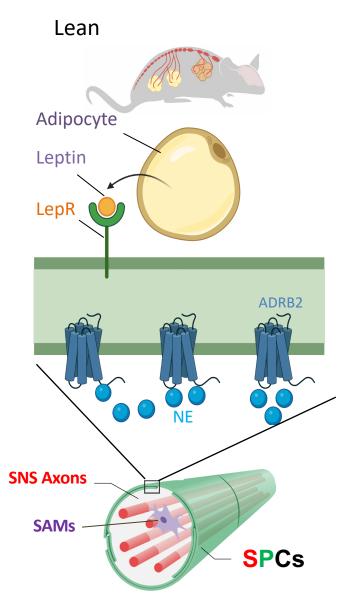


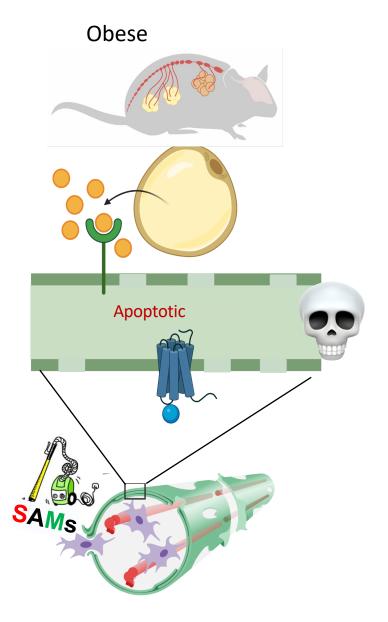
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#### **Sympathetic perineurial barrier cells (SPCs)**

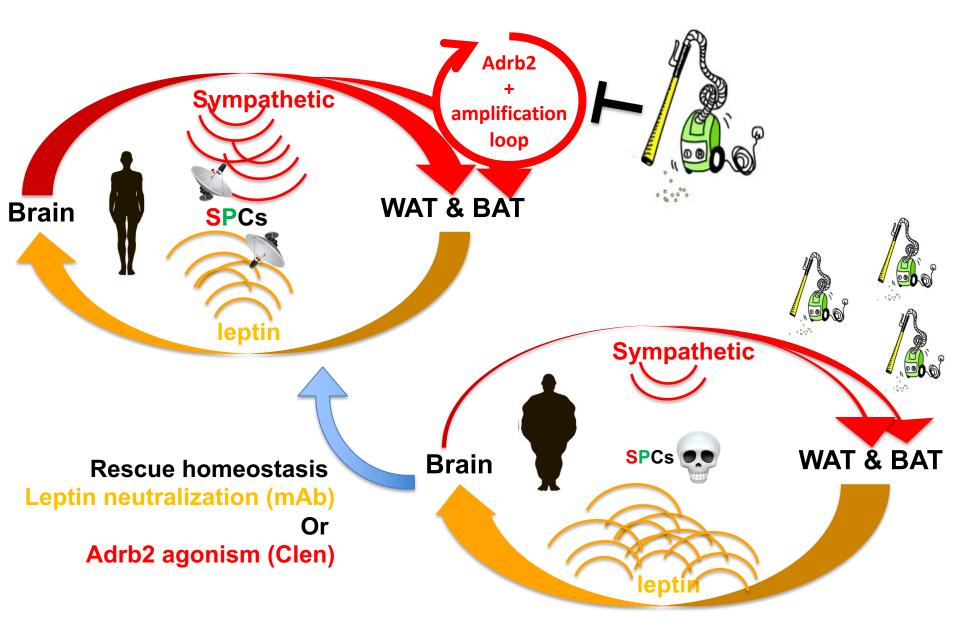


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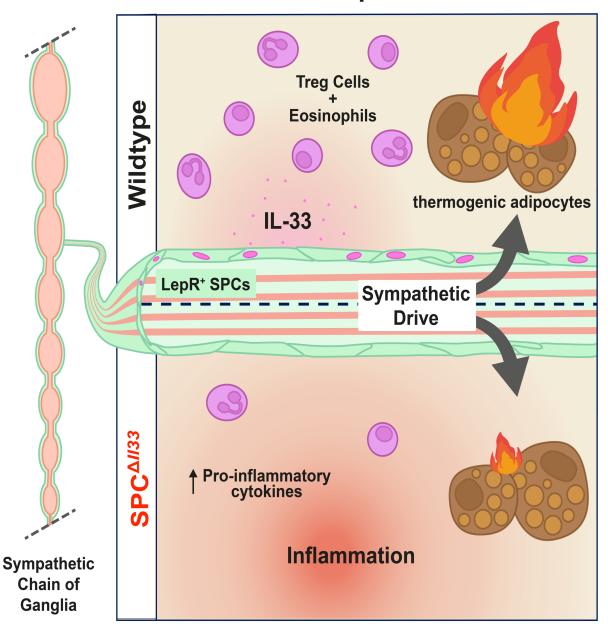
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#### **Brown Adipose Tissue**

Immunomodulatory
LepR+ perineurial cells
protect against obesity
by facilitating
Leptin-mediated
thermogenesis



## Decreasing human body temperature in the United States since the Industrial Revolution

