



DIVA
EXPERTISE

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 Potier
- **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)

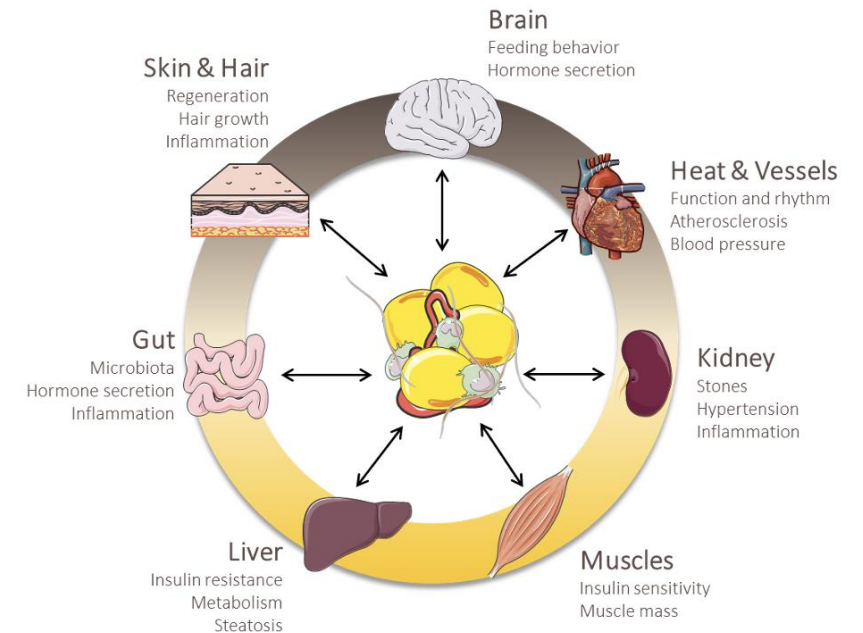
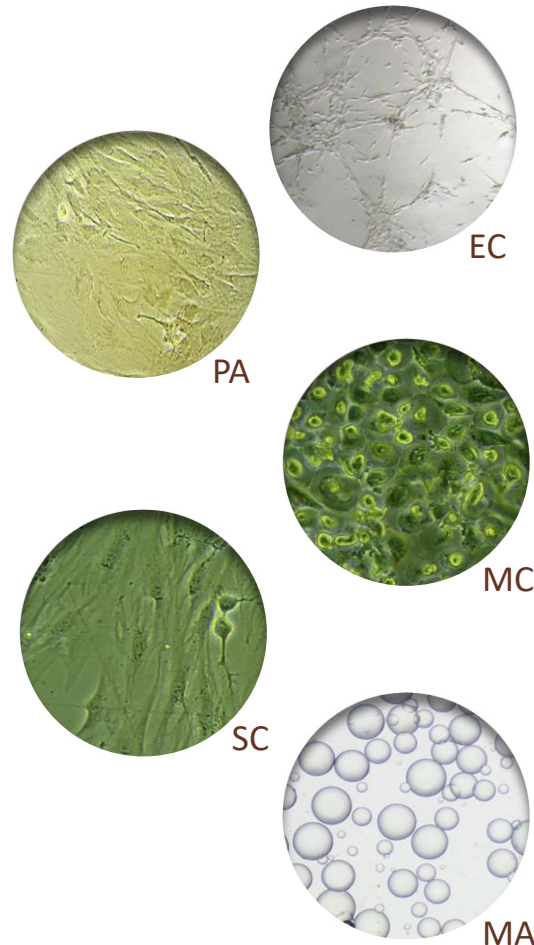
- A multi-functional organ :

Energy storage

Mechanical protection

Endocrine function

Thermogenesis

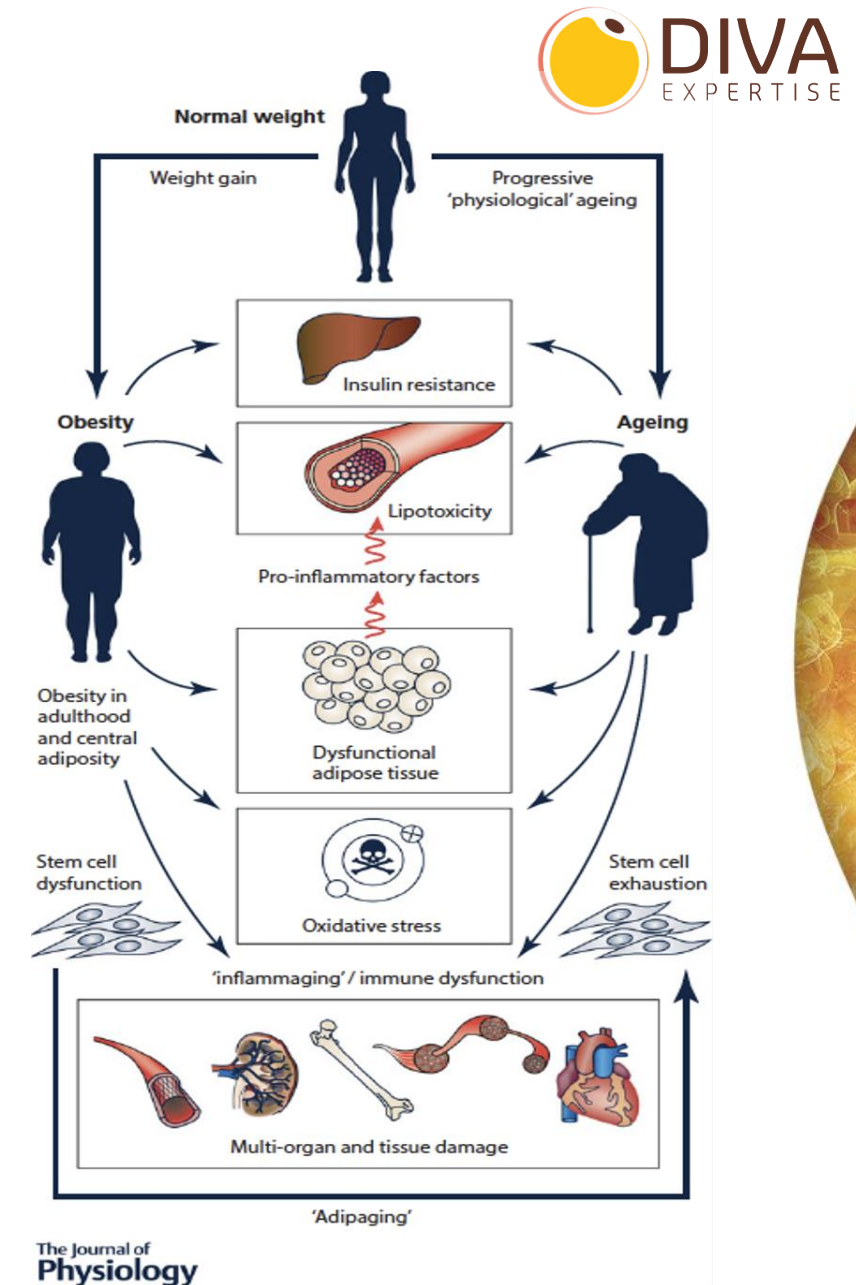


Adipose tissue, target of obesity and ageing

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)



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BIOBANKING



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COORDINATION



RESEARCH



ACADEMIC



PRECLINICAL



CLINICAL



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

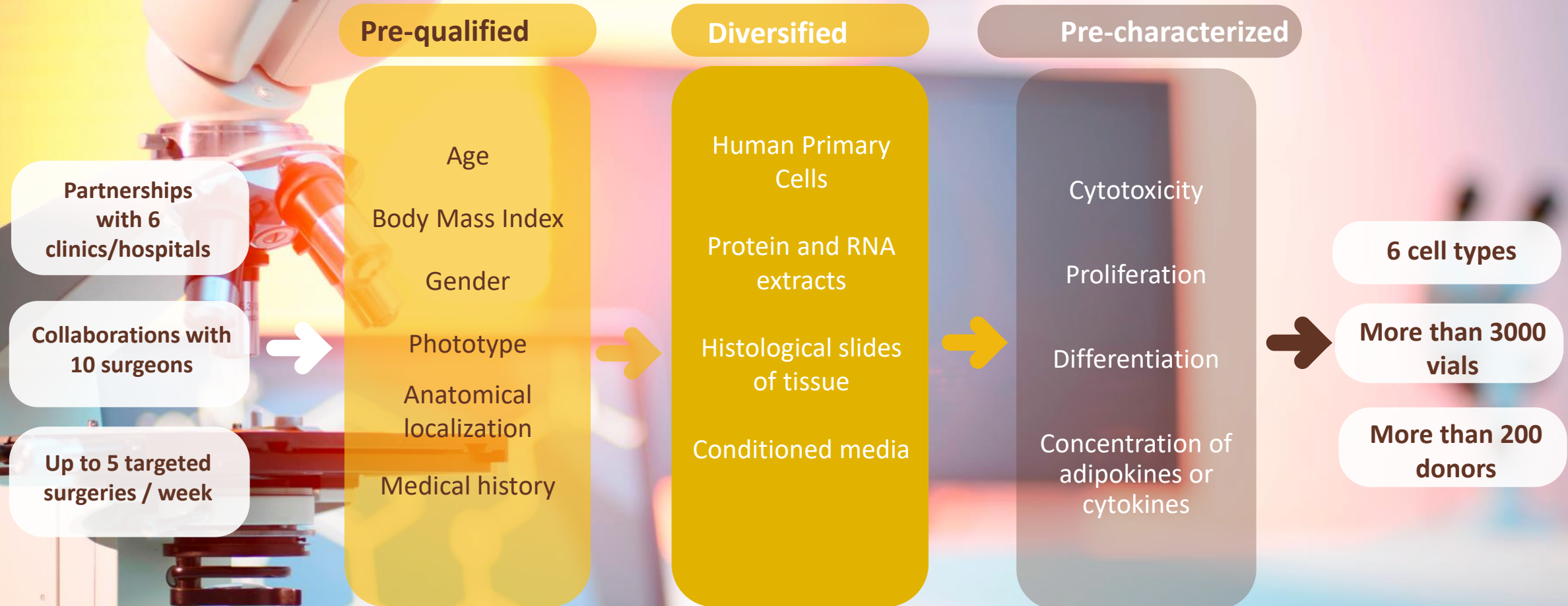
Characterization of adipose tissue samples collected from *in vivo* studies



CONSULTANCY

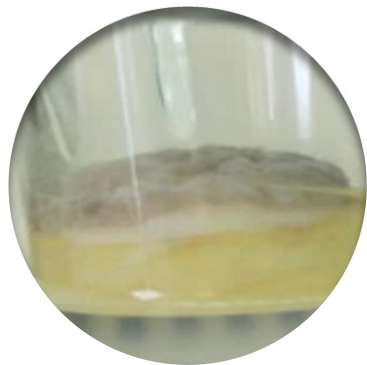
Coordination from preclinical to clinical studies

Scientific valorization



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



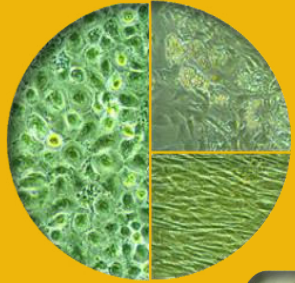
Complete biological characterization

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CHARACTERIZATION

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

DIVA Models



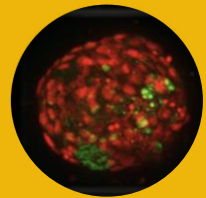
2D Cell cultures

- 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

- Exadex-WAT™ : 30-day explant of adipose tissue*
- DIVA Skin™ : 3-layer explant of skin
- DIVA Gut : biphasic culture of intestinal and adipose cells



* Developed by our partner Exadex-Innov

DIVA Tests

Adipocyte development

- Proliferation
- Differentiation
- Beigeing
- Vascularization

Adipocyte alterations

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

Adipocyte metabolism

- Lipogenesis
- Lipolysis
- Bioenergetics
- Secretome

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

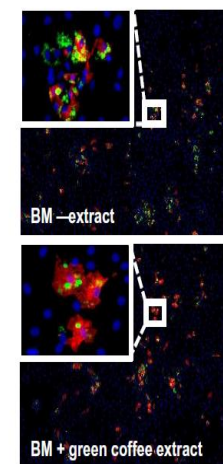
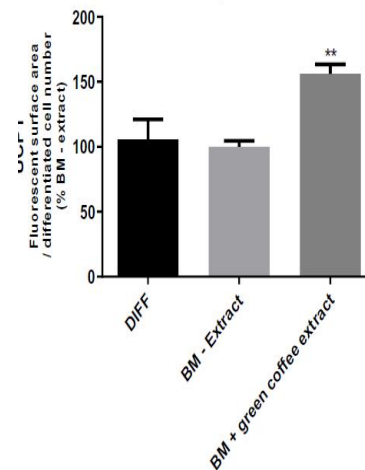
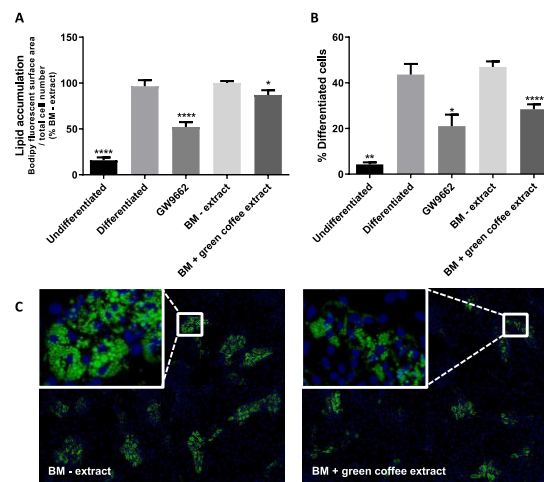
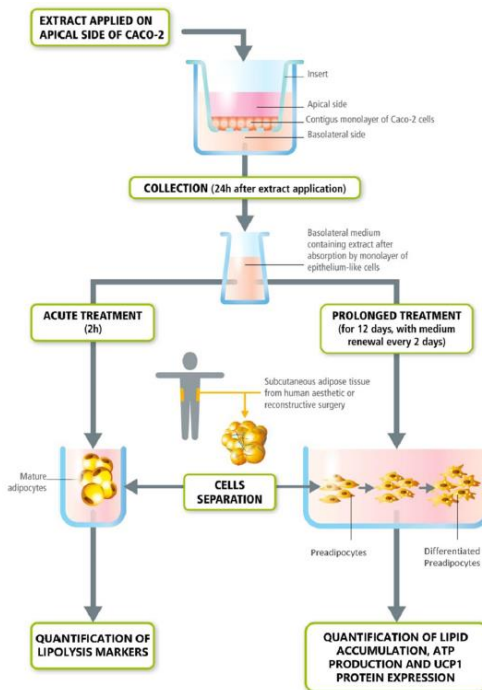
PERSONALIZED AND COMPLETE R&D SUPPORT

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

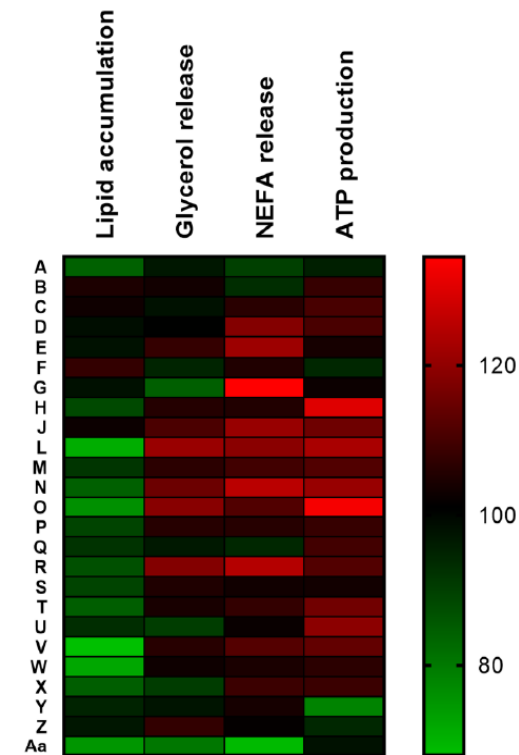


Screening for anti-adipogenic, pro-lipolytic and thermogenic plant extracts by models associating intestinal epithelial cells with human adipose cells

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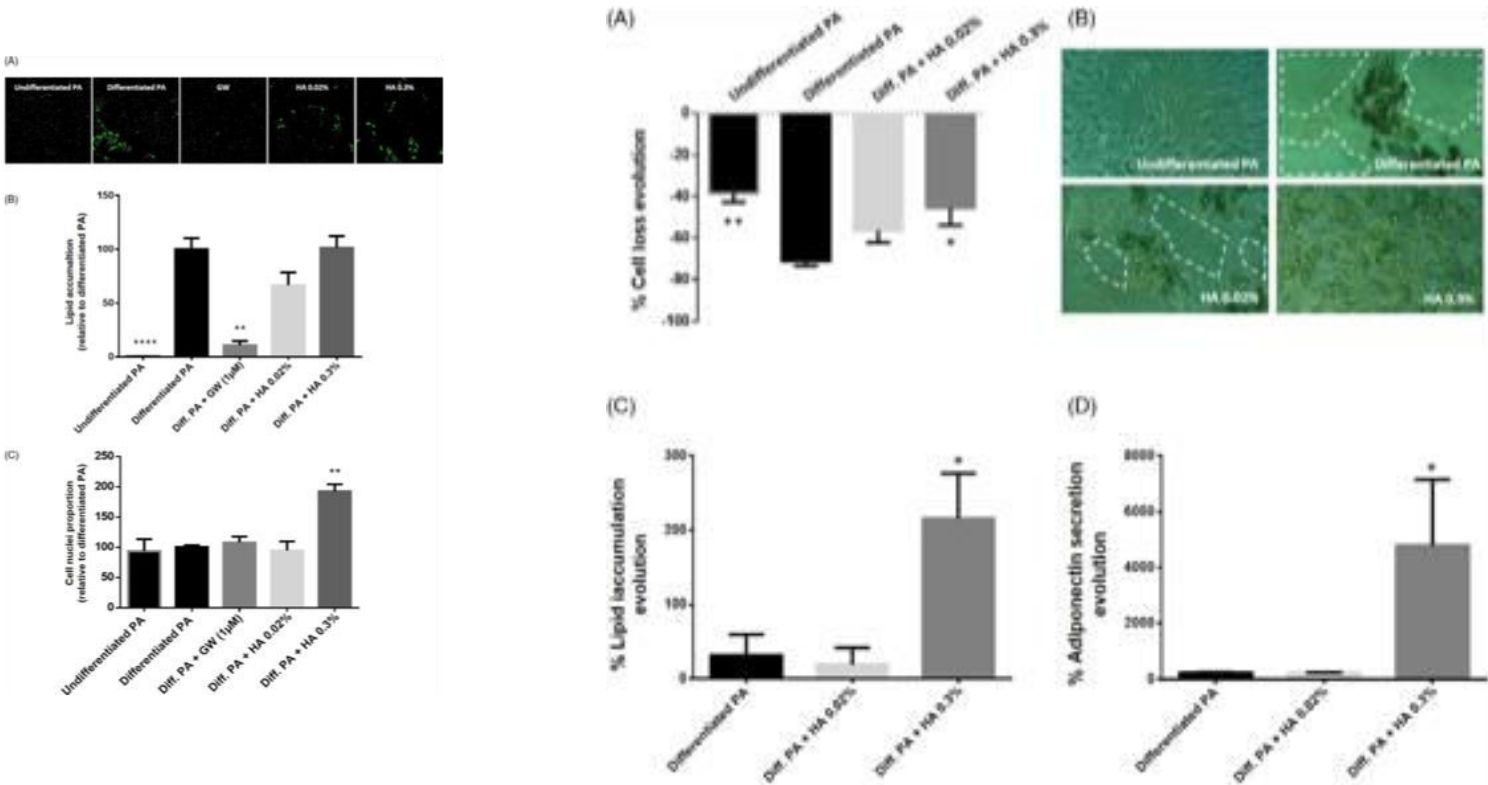
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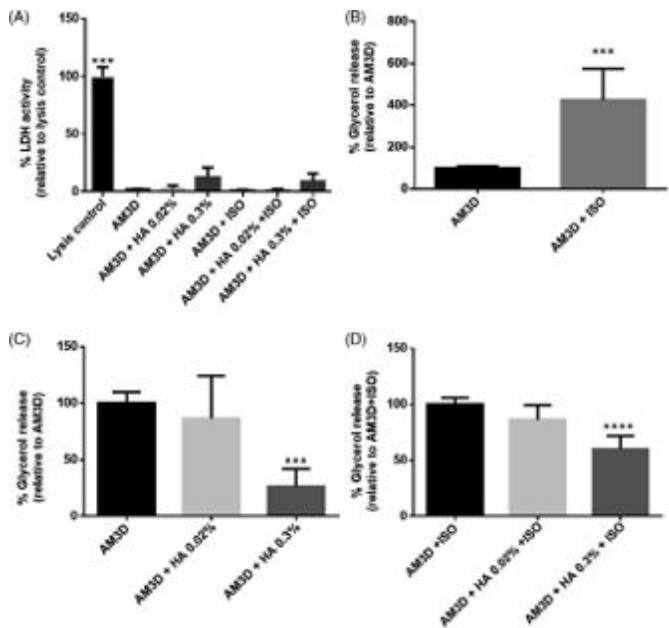
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A hyaluronic acid-based filler reduces lipolysis in human mature adipocytes and maintains adherence and lipid accumulation of long-term differentiated human preadipocytes

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