

Discovery by Diabetes Center Researchers Helps to Explain How T2D Develops in People with Obesity

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Finding sheds new light on how to prevent T2D and other metabolic diseases linked to excess dietary fat

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SAN FRANCISCO (March 10, 2016) ? A research team led by the Diabetes Center?s Suneil Koliwad, MD, PhD, the Gerold Grodsky, PhD/JAB Chair in Diabetes Research, has discovered a pathway through which unhealthy saturated fats can ?short-circuit? immune cells, triggering an inappropriate inflammatory response. Published today in the influential journal *Cell Reports* [1], the finding has important implications for the development of potential therapies to reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes.

Read more about the Koliwad team?s research [here](#) [2].

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