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Supplemental Table 1. The fractional synthesis rate of albumin in males and females and younger and older adults in the postabsorptive and postprandial states with 125, 94, and 63 % of the RDA for dietary protein.¹

		FSR of Albumin by Protein Trial ^{2,3}		
Group	State ⁴	P125	P94	P63
			%/d	
Males ⁵ (<i>n</i> =19)	PA	12.3 ± 3.5	13.0 ± 4.0	13.5 ± 3.7
	PP	17.6 ± 6.2	16.0 ± 4.7	16.4 ± 5.2
Females (<i>n</i> =17)	PA	11.0 ± 6.2	9.8 ± 2.4	10.7 ± 4.0
	PP	13.6 ± 5.8	12.1 ± 3.6	12.0 ± 5.7
Younger (<i>n</i> =18)	PA	12.3 ± 6.3	11.3 ±3.4	12.1 ± 4.4
	PP	16.5 ± 7.6	14.3 ± 4.8	14.9 ± 6.5
Older (<i>n</i> =18)	PA	11.1 ± 3.1	11.7 ± 4.0	12.3 ± 3.8
	PP	16.5 ± 7.6	14.0 ± 4.5	13.7 ± 5.1

¹Values are mean \pm SD. .

²FSR is the fractional synthesis rate in %/day

³Protein trial: P125 = 125%; P94 = 94%; and P63 = 63% of the RDA for dietary protein.

⁴State: PA = postabsorptive and PP = postprandial

⁵Different from females, P<0.05

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Supplemental Figure 1. Protocol for $[1^{-13}C]$ leucine infusion used to measure albumin FSR. **X**, indicates the time that a beverage was provided, a resting metabolic rate (RMR) measurement completed, or blood draw and breath samples were collected. +, Time point used to measure ^{13}C -leucine in albumin. \downarrow , indicates the administration of the priming doses of NaH¹³CO₃ and $[^{13}C]$ leucine. *Beverages contain one-twelfth of each subject's estimated daily energy and dietary protein needs.



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Supplemental Figure 2. Plasma ¹³C-KIC enrichment in atom percent excess (APE, %) during the postabsorptive (PA) and postprandial (PP) states for all groups (YM, younger males; OM, older males; YF, younger females; and OF, older females) during trials (A) P125 = 125% of the RDA for dietary protein (B) P94 = 94% of the RDA for dietary protein and (C) P63 = 63% of the RDA for dietary protein. Steady-state plasma ¹³C-KIC enrichment was assessed as the period during the PA and PP states when the slope was not different from zero (P<0.05). The only slopes that were significantly different from zero were for ^ayounger men during PA at P125, and ^byounger and older females during PP at P125. Values are means \pm SEM.