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Accuracy and Precision of 3-dimensional Optical Imaging for Body Composition by Age, BMI, and Ethnicity



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ABSTRACT

Background: The obesity epidemic brought a need for accessible methods to monitor body composition, as excess adiposity has been associated with cardiovascular disease, metabolic disorders, and some cancers. Recent 3-dimensional optical (3DO) imaging advancements have provided opportunities for assessing body composition. However, the accuracy and precision of an overall 3DO body composition model in specific subgroups are unknown.

Objectives: This study aimed to evaluate 3DO's accuracy and precision by subgroups of age, body mass index, and ethnicity.

Methods: A cross-sectional analysis was performed using data from the Shape Up! Adults study. Each participant received duplicate 3DO and dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) scans. 3DO meshes were digitally registered and reposed using Meshcapade. Principal component analysis was performed on 3DO meshes. The resulting principal components estimated DXA whole-body and regional body composition using stepwise forward linear regression with 5-fold cross-validation. Duplicate 3DO and DXA scans were used for test–retest precision. Student's *t* tests were performed between 3DO and DXA by subgroup to determine significant differences.

Results: Six hundred thirty-four participants (females = 346) had completed the study at the time of the analysis. 3DO total fat mass in the entire sample achieved R^2 of 0.94 with root mean squared error (RMSE) of 2.91 kg compared to DXA in females and similarly in males. 3DO total fat mass achieved a % coefficient of variation (RMSE) of 1.76% (0.44 kg), whereas DXA was 0.98% (0.24 kg) in females and similarly in males. There were no mean differences for total fat, fat-free, percent fat, or visceral adipose tissue by age group ($P > 0.068$). However, there were mean differences for underweight, Asian, and Black females as well as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders ($P < 0.038$).

Conclusions: A single 3DO body composition model produced accurate and precise body composition estimates that can be used on diverse populations. However, adjustments to specific subgroups may be warranted to improve the accuracy in those that had significant differences.

This trial was registered at clinicaltrials.gov as NCT03637855 (Shape Up! Adults).

Keywords: body composition, three-dimensional optical, diversity, DXA, accuracy

Introduction

Obesity has been a growing epidemic for the past few generations and has led to the need for more accessible methods to monitor adiposity [1–3]. Excess adiposity is linked to the development of cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, and up to 20% of cancers [4–6]. BMI is generally used to classify obesity. However, BMI only uses

height and weight and does not account for muscle or FM, and therefore, it is a poor method for nutritional assessment on an individual level. Instead, body composition methods have been developed to quantify FM and FFM (lean soft tissue + bone masses) to characterize health status [7,8]. Furthermore, regional body composition such as visceral adipose tissue (VAT) has shown to be a better predictor than BMI for adverse outcomes such as type 2 diabetes (OR: 2.17 vs. 1.66)

Abbreviations: 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; LSC, least significant change; MD, mean difference; NHOPI, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; PBRC, Pennington Biomedical Research Center; PC, principal component; UCSF, University of California, San Francisco; UHCC, University of Hawaii Cancer Center; VAT, visceral adipose tissue.

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and hypertension (OR: 2.08 vs. 1.77) [9]. Studies have also shown ethnic differences when it comes to fat distribution such as higher levels of VAT in Japanese-Americans compared with their ethnic counterparts [10] as well as age-related differences [11].

Imaging methods such as MRI and CT are among criterion methods for regional body composition [12,13]. However, these methods are expensive; require trained/certified technicians; use ionizing radiation (CT), limiting frequent use; and have limited access outside clinical settings. DXA, air displacement plethysmography (ADP), and BIA are among the more accessible modalities developed for body composition, but they also have limitations including requiring trained technicians (DXA and ADP), ionizing radiation (DXA), physiological calibration assumptions (BIA), and lack of regional/compartamental compositions (ADP) [14–16]. The ideal method would include total and regional composition to be accurate in subgroups by sex, BMI, age, and ethnicity; free of ionizing radiation; self-operating; and low cost to operate.

In the last 2 decades, body shape defined in detail using 3-dimensional optical (3DO) imaging has been intensely explored as a health descriptor [17]. 3DO scanners generally output a detailed 3D mesh with over 100,000 sample points that represents the person's body shape and automated anthropometric estimates (ie, circumferences, lengths, surface areas, and volumes) [18–20]. From the early days until now, researchers validated the accuracy and precision of the automated anthropometry to criterion methods (eg, tape measurements to circumferences/lengths, underwater weighing or ADP to total volume) [20–22]. Researchers also showed that these automated anthropometric estimates, some of which would be difficult and tedious to obtain manually, were predictive of DXA FM and FFM [23–26].

Since 3DO anthropometry was as good if not better than manual measurements, as health descriptors, researchers attempted to create more advanced shape descriptors using the 3DO mesh to utilize the entire body. Since then, the methodology to obtain these body shape descriptors have improved by incorporating automated processing methods, pose-independent body composition models, a 2D image to 3D mesh pipeline, and agnostic body composition models across multiple 3DO scanners so that the models were no longer device specific [27–30].

Although much has been accomplished in this field in a short amount of time, body composition models created for 3DO scanners have not been interrogated for accuracy as a function of age, BMI, and ethnicity. Our hypothesis was that body shape is deterministically defined by the underlying distributions of fat and muscle, and when properly modeled, should accurately represent regional fat even when body shapes differ by sex, age, BMI, and ethnicity. The objective of this study was to evaluate the 3DO's total and regional body composition accuracy and precision in a diverse population stratified by sex, age, BMI, and ethnicity as compared to DXA.

Methods

Study design

Shape Up! Adults was a cross-sectional study of healthy adults (NIH R01 DK109008, clinicaltrials.gov NCT03637855). This study was designed to investigate the associations between body shape and composition with various health markers. Participants underwent a series of measures that included whole-body 3DO scans, DXA scans, blood serum tests, and functional strength tests.

Participants

Participants were recruited at Pennington Biomedical Research Center (PBRC), University of Hawaii Cancer Center (UHCC), and University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). All participants provided informed consent. The study protocol was approved by the Institutional Review Boards at PBRC (IRB study #2016-053), UCSF (IRB #15-18066), and the University of Hawaii Office of Research Compliance (CHS #2017-01018). Volunteers were prescreened over the phone and were deemed ineligible if they were pregnant, breast-feeding, had missing limbs, nonremovable metal, previous body-altering surgery (eg, breast augmentation, liposuction), hair that could not be contained in a swim cap, were unable to stand still for 1 min, or unable to lay still for 3 min.

Pretesting preparations included an 8-h fast (water and prescribed medications were allowed) and no strenuous exercise 24 h prior to the study visit. Participants were stratified by age (18–39, 40–59, ≥ 60 y), ethnicity (non-Hispanic White [White], non-Hispanic Black [Black], Hispanic, Asian, and Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander [NHOPI]), sex, and BMI (< 18.5 [underweight], 18.5–24.9 [normal weight], 25–29.9 [overweight], > 30 [obese] kg/m^2) according to the World Health Organization [31]. Participants self-reported their ethnicity from the 5 ethnic subgroups. Height and weight were measured on a SECA 274 Stadiometer.

DXA

Participants received duplicate whole-body DXA scans with a Hologic Discovery/A or Horizon system according to International Society for Clinical Densitometry guidelines with repositioning [32]. Participants were scanned once, asked to get off the table, and laid back on the table for the second scan. The Hologic Whole-Body Phantom was scanned 10 times at each site with UCSF considered the gold standard site. Ratios between the gold standard site and the other sites were calculated. An ANOVA with a Dunnett test was applied to determine mean difference (MDs) between the sites and the gold standard site. There were no differences between UCSF and PBRC. There was a correction factor of 1.05036 between UCSF and UHCC for %fat. The Hologic Block Phantom was scanned daily for quality control to ensure the system did not fall out of calibration. No other corrections were needed. All scans were analyzed at UHCC by a single certified technologist using Hologic Apex version 5.6 with the NHANES Body Composition Analysis calibration option disabled [33]. Outputs included whole-body and regional FM and FFM measures.

3DO surface scans

Participants changed into form-fitting tights, a swim cap, and a sports bra if female. Duplicate 3DO surface scans were taken on the Fit3D ProScanner version 4.x within 10 min of each other and with repositioning. Participants grasped telescoping handles on the scanner platform and stood upright with shoulders relaxed and arms positioned straight and abducted from their torso. The platform rotates once around and takes approximately 45 s for the completion of the scan. Final point clouds were converted to a mesh connected by triangles with approximately 300,000 vertices and 600,000 faces to represent the body shape. Previous validation studies showed good agreement and precision for Fit3D's automated anthropometry in comparison to manual circumference measurements [19,22,24].

3DO meshes were registered and digitally reposed by Meshcapade. Their algorithm registers each mesh to a 110,000-vertex template with full anatomical correspondence. This means each vertex corresponds to a specific anatomical location across all registered meshes. Without the registration, the number of vertices and their locations would be random. Thus, the variance would not be comparable for analysis. Meshcapade’s methods can be read in detail in Loper et al. [34]. All meshes were digitally reposed to a T-pose, where the person was standing straight, arms were brought horizontal and in plane with the body, and arms and legs were straightened. Previous work showed that reposing the mesh to a standardized position and pose reduced the precision error by approximately 50% [29].

Statistical shape modeling

Since vertices in the 3D meshes are highly correlated with neighboring vertices, principal component analysis was performed on the registered meshes to orthogonalize and reduce the dimensionality of the data so that fewer variables were needed to describe the data’s variance while creating sex-specific statistical shape models [35]. The resulting outputs were principal components (PCs) that could be used for analysis.

Manifold regression images stratified by ethnicity and sex (Figures 1 and 2) were created by adjusting the PCs with the mean FM, FFM, and age, shown in Table 1 [3]. The adjusted PCs were then averaged and inverted back into coordinate space (x, y, and z) to obtain the image. The manifold images were a demonstration on how average body shape may differ by ethnicity when FM, FFM, and age are the same. With this visual example, regional MDs were added to show how different ethnic groups may hold FM and FFM from other ethnic counterparts. P values for the regional differences were also displayed on the images.

Mean images (Figures 3 and 4) stratified by sex, BMI, and ethnicity were created by averaging the PCs of the specific strata and inverting back into coordinate space to show a generalized average shape of that group. Groups with <1 participant did not have a mean image.

Statistical analysis

Stepwise forward linear regression with 5-fold cross-validation was used to predict DXA body composition with the PCs. The reported results were the average result of the 5 folds. The independent variables were the PCs and demographics (ie, age and BMI) (PC+DEMO model), whereas the dependent variables were DXA whole-body and

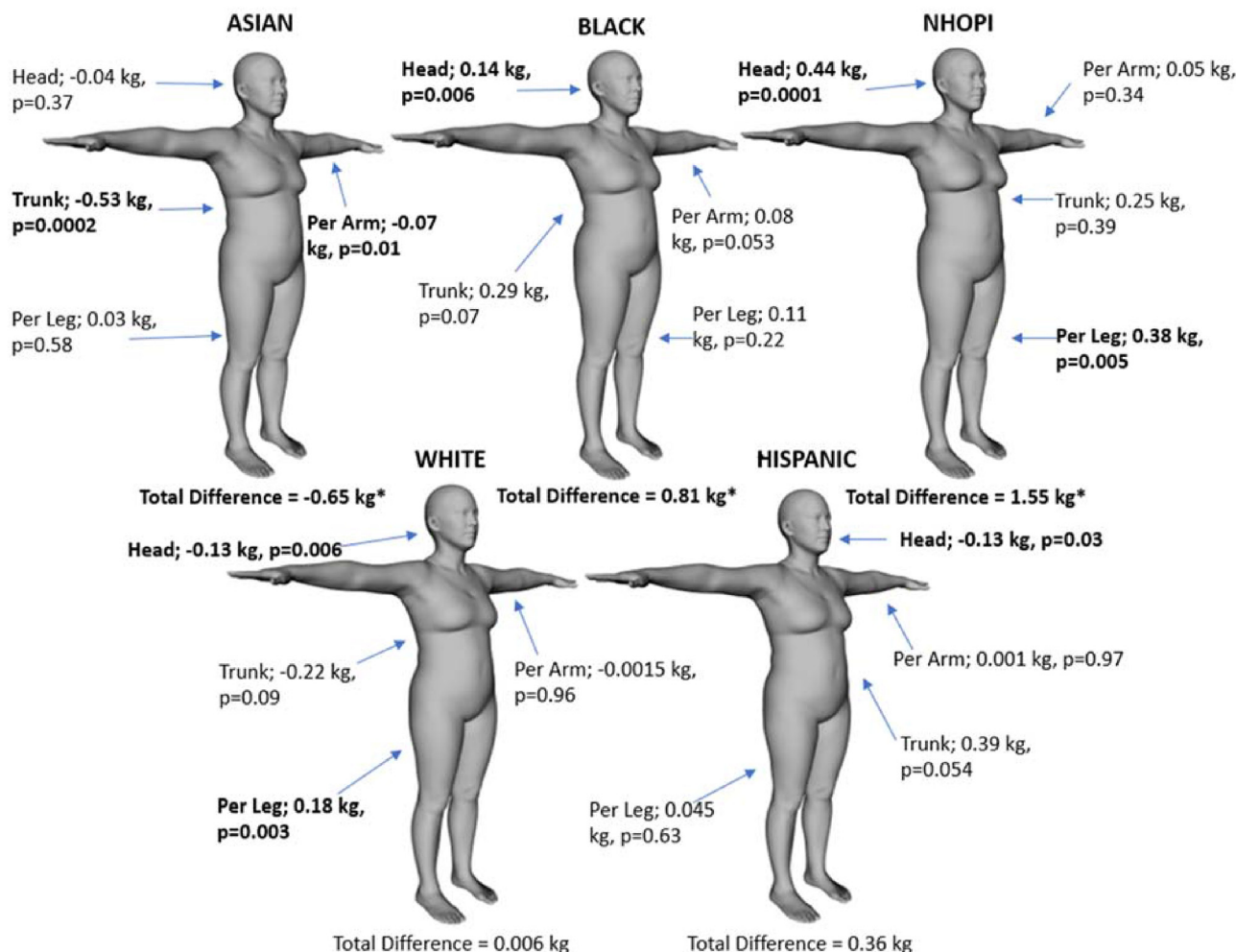


FIGURE 1. Female manifold regression images of different ethnic groups that were adjusted with the overall sample mean age and DXA total fat mass and fat-free mass (ie, 46.6 y, 25.4 kg, and 46.1 kg, respectively). This means each mesh, in theory, has the same age, fat, and fat-free masses. Regional differences (DXA – 3DO) are displayed to examine how different ethnic groups differ in body shape and composition even though they have the same total fat and fat-free masses. Bold print indicates a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) in total and regional fat masses between DXA and 3DO by Student’s *t* test. 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry.

regional body composition measures. PC-only models were created first and then adjusted with age and BMI as potential covariates for the PC + DEMO models. Only variables with a significance of $P < 0.5$ remained in each model. Results were reported with R^2 and RMSE. This model used the entire Shape Up! Adults cohort and was similar to previous models presented with an incomplete sample [28,29,35].

Test–retest precision, also known as short-term precision, was performed on the duplicate DXA and 3DO meshes. The %CV and RMSE were used to quantify the test–retest precision defined by Glüer et al. [36]. Subgroup precision was calculated using standard deviation between test–retest scans and averaged by group because RMSE between 2 scans could not be solved. Differences between subgroups were compared within the strata of age, BMI, and ethnicity with a 1-factor ANOVA. A P value < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

The accuracy of 3DO total FM, FFM, and %fat was evaluated at the subgroup level with the stratifications mentioned previously. MDs were calculated between 3DO estimates from the PC + DEMO model and DXA (3DO – DXA). Paired Student’s t test determined if the differences were statistically significant ($P < 0.05$). If significant, the %MD

would be calculated $[(DXA - 3DO) / DXA \times 100]$. Percent MDs under 2% were considered small, 2% to 5% moderate, and $>5\%$ large. All analyses were performed in R version 4.2.1 (R Core Teams).

Results

At the time of this analysis, 883 participants were available. Two hundred forty-nine participants were excluded for different study protocol ($n = 181$), dropouts ($n = 7$), missing or unusable 3DO scan ($n = 48$), or invalid DXA scan ($n = 13$) (Supplemental Figure 1). After exclusions, 634 participants remained in the analysis (Table 1). In total, 225, 302, and 108 participants were recruited from UCSF, PBRC, and UHCC, respectively. The female and male ethnic distributions were similar to NHANES for White and Black participants. However, the Shape Up! Adults recruitment had about 10% more Asian and 10% less Hispanic participants compared with NHANES [37].

The first 3 PC modes captured 95% of the shape variance in each of the female and male shape models. 3DO PC-only equations were highly correlated to DXA body composition values (Table 2). 3DO total FM and FFM in females achieved R^2 s of 0.94 and 0.92 with

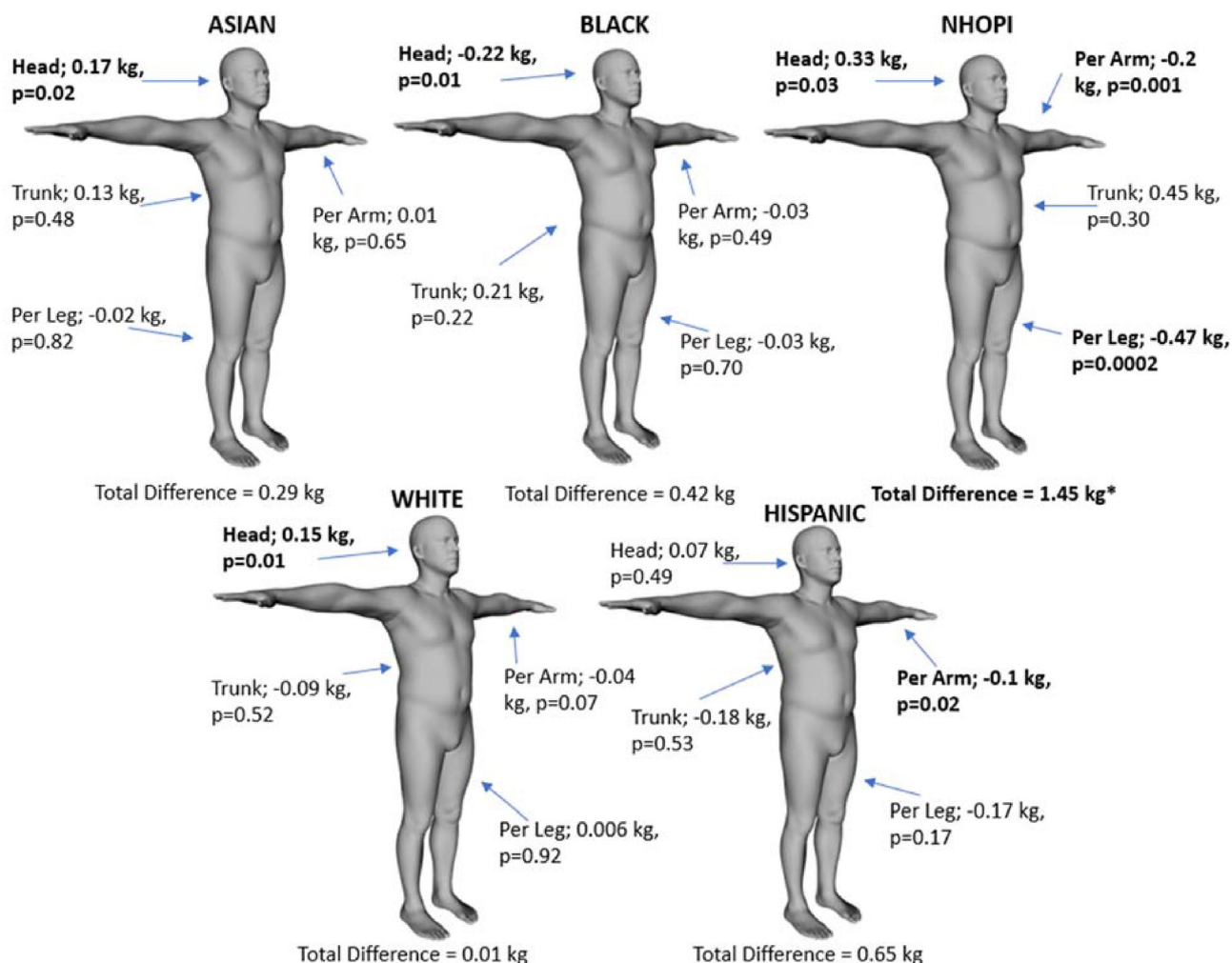


FIGURE 2. Male manifold regression images of different ethnic groups that were adjusted with the overall sample mean age and DXA total fat mass and fat-free mass (ie, 43.5 y, 20.9 kg, and 66.6 kg, respectively). This means each mesh, in theory, has the same age, fat, and fat-free masses. Regional differences (DXA – 3DO) are displayed to examine how different ethnic groups differ in body shape and composition even though they have the same total fat and fat-free masses. Bold print indicates a significant difference ($P < 0.05$) in total and regional fat masses between DXA and 3DO by Student’s t test. 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry.

TABLE 1
Sample characteristics by age group and BMI category

	Female															
	Ages 18–39 y				Ages 40–59 y				Ages ≥60 y				Overall			
	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese
	(N = 9)	(N = 44)	(N = 38)	(N = 38)	(N = 10)	(N = 43)	(N = 33)	(N = 36)	(N = 6)	(N = 39)	(N = 26)	(N = 24)	(N = 25)	(N = 126)	(N = 97)	(N = 98)
Age (y)																
Mean (SD)	24.3 (5.98)	28.0 (5.93)	29.3 (5.75)	31.1 (5.77)	52.5 (4.55)	49.6 (5.57)	52.1 (5.81)	48.3 (5.61)	66.3 (2.73)	66.4 (5.33)	66.4 (3.79)	64.6 (3.34)	45.7 (17.8)	47.2 (16.7)	47.0 (16.2)	45.6 (14.2)
[Min, Max]	[18.0, 35.0]	[18.0, 39.0]	[19.0, 39.0]	[18.0, 39.0]	[42.0, 56.0]	[41.0, 59.0]	[40.0, 59.0]	[40.0, 59.0]	[62.0, 70.0]	[60.0, 89.0]	[60.0, 75.0]	[60.0, 71.0]	[18.0, 70.0]	[18.0, 89.0]	[19.0, 75.0]	[18.0, 71.0]
Ethnicity																
Asian	3 (33.3%)	8 (18.2%)	10 (26.3%)	6 (15.8%)	5 (50.0%)	14 (32.6%)	6 (18.2%)	7 (19.4%)	1 (16.7%)	14 (35.9%)	6 (23.1%)	2 (8.3%)	9 (36.0%)	36 (28.6%)	22 (22.7%)	15 (15.3%)
Black	0 (0%)	9 (20.5%)	6 (15.8%)	11 (28.9%)	1 (10.0%)	7 (16.3%)	9 (27.3%)	6 (16.7%)	1 (16.7%)	7 (17.9%)	6 (23.1%)	9 (37.5%)	2 (8.0%)	23 (18.3%)	21 (21.6%)	26 (26.5%)
Hispanic	1 (11.1%)	12 (27.3%)	4 (10.5%)	6 (15.8%)	0 (0%)	7 (16.3%)	6 (18.2%)	5 (13.9%)	0 (0%)	3 (7.7%)	2 (7.7%)	2 (8.3%)	1 (4.0%)	22 (17.5%)	12 (12.4%)	13 (13.3%)
NHOPI	0 (0%)	3 (6.8%)	6 (15.8%)	7 (18.4%)	0 (0%)	4 (9.3%)	3 (9.1%)	4 (11.1%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.6%)	0 (0%)	1 (4.2%)	0 (0%)	8 (6.3%)	9 (9.3%)	12 (12.2%)
White	5 (55.6%)	12 (27.3%)	12 (31.6%)	8 (21.1%)	4 (40.0%)	11 (25.6%)	9 (27.3%)	14 (38.9%)	4 (66.7%)	14 (35.9%)	12 (46.2%)	10 (41.7%)	13 (52.0%)	37 (29.4%)	33 (34.0%)	32 (32.7%)
Height (cm)																
Mean (SD)	163 (7.98)	164 (6.29)	163 (7.98)	162 (6.76)	163 (7.09)	164 (6.86)	163 (5.14)	163 (6.21)	164 (5.13)	160 (7.45)	160 (8.29)	161 (5.57)	163 (6.76)	163 (7.05)	162 (7.32)	162 (6.27)
[Min, Max]	[151, 176]	[151, 180]	[149, 181]	[146, 174]	[155, 177]	[150, 181]	[154, 171]	[147, 176]	[157, 173]	[144, 178]	[149, 190]	[151, 171]	[151, 177]	[144, 181]	[149, 190]	[146, 176]
Weight (kg)																
Mean (SD)	45.3 (5.94)	58.3 (5.93)	72.5 (7.31)	98.4 (20.3)	45.6 (4.95)	59.2 (7.71)	73.2 (5.91)	98.1 (19.6)	47.3 (4.20)	54.8 (5.81)	70.2 (9.02)	87.2 (7.91)	45.9 (5.03)	57.5 (6.76)	72.1 (7.41)	95.5 (18.3)
[Min, Max]	[38.6, 55.4]	[44.5, 72.5]	[60.9, 88.8]	[70.5, 153]	[35.4, 53.0]	[44.2, 75.2]	[61.0, 85.0]	[66.3, 146]	[42.2, 52.3]	[41.7, 67.6]	[60.0, 103]	[73.6, 102]	[35.4, 55.4]	[41.7, 75.2]	[60.0, 103]	[66.3, 153]
BMI (kg/m²)																
Mean (SD)	17.0 (1.11)	21.7 (1.81)	27.1 (1.18)	37.5 (6.73)	17.1 (1.26)	21.9 (1.88)	27.5 (1.22)	36.8 (6.51)	17.6 (0.905)	21.4 (1.92)	27.4 (1.33)	33.6 (3.11)	17.2 (1.11)	21.7 (1.86)	27.3 (1.24)	36.3 (6.11)
[Min, Max]	[14.8, 18.4]	[18.6, 24.8]	[25.1, 29.6]	[30.0, 51.9]	[14.2, 18.4]	[19.31, 24.9]	[25.2, 29.9]	[30.1, 53.1]	[16.0, 18.4]	[18.6, 24.4]	[25.1, 29.6]	[30.0, 40.9]	[14.2, 18.4]	[18.6, 24.9]	[25.1, 29.9]	[30.0, 53.1]
Total FM (kg)																
Mean (SD)	10.7 (2.81)	16.4 (3.93)	24.3 (4.12)	39.7 (13.1)	9.49 (2.08)	17.5 (4.21)	27.5 (3.64)	40.3 (9.91)	10.9 (1.74)	17.0 (3.89)	26.6 (4.16)	36.7 (6.64)	10.3 (2.31)	17.0 (4.01)	26.0 (4.18)	39.2 (10.6)
[Min, Max]	[7.20, 14.6]	[8.31, 27.4]	[11.9, 32.7]	[13.1, 72.7]	[6.30, 12.2]	[9.31, 27.2]	[18.6, 35.0]	[27.9, 67.8]	[9.08, 13.1]	[10.4, 25.5]	[16.4, 34.7]	[22.4, 48.9]	[6.30, 14.6]	[8.31, 27.4]	[11.9, 35.0]	[22.4, 72.7]
Total FFM (kg)																
Mean (SD)	34.4 (3.64)	42.0 (4.55)	47.9 (5.37)	58.6 (9.14)	36.1 (4.71)	41.6 (5.45)	45.7 (4.32)	56.6 (9.88)	36.1 (3.42)	37.9 (4.51)	43.2 (8.26)	50.4 (4.00)	35.5 (3.98)	40.6 (5.17)	45.9 (6.15)	55.9 (9.02)
[Min, Max]	[30.0, 41.6]	[28.9, 52.5]	[39.8, 61.3]	[42.1, 80.4]	[28.6, 43.6]	[30.9, 53.8]	[37.1, 53.2]	[37.1, 77.5]	[32.2, 40.9]	[29.0, 47.5]	[33.7, 75.6]	[42.4, 58.0]	[28.6, 43.6]	[28.9, 53.8]	[33.7, 75.6]	[37.1, 80.4]
Percent body fat (%)																
Mean (SD)	23.5 (3.91)	27.9 (5.19)	33.6 (4.43)	39.6 (5.89)	20.9 (4.23)	29.5 (5.03)	37.5 (3.66)	41.4 (3.37)	23.3 (2.93)	30.9 (5.61)	38.3 (5.48)	41.9 (4.76)	22.4 (3.90)	29.4 (5.36)	36.2 (4.90)	40.8 (4.88)
[Min, Max]	[18.8, 29.6]	[15.2, 37.6]	[17.2, 39.2]	[28.7, 53.3]	[12.6, 27.1]	[18.7, 39.3]	[30.3, 45.2]	[34.9, 48.3]	[18.2, 26.6]	[20.4, 44.8]	[26.6, 45.6]	[30.5, 48.6]	[12.6, 29.6]	[15.2, 44.8]	[17.2, 45.6]	[28.7, 53.3]
VAT (kg)																
Mean (SD)	0.11 (0.03)	0.17 (0.07)	0.30 (0.10)	0.57 (0.31)	0.11 (0.03)	0.29 (0.14)	0.56 (0.20)	0.82 (0.28)	0.13 (0.07)	0.36 (0.18)	0.65 (0.19)	0.80 (0.23)	0.11 (0.04)	0.27 (0.16)	0.48 (0.22)	0.72 (0.30)
[Min, Max]	[0.05, 0.15]	[0.07, 0.34]	[0.11, 0.51]	[0.09, 1.37]	[0.06, 0.17]	[0.08, 0.61]	[0.24, 1.14]	[0.31, 1.32]	[0.07, 0.23]	[0.08, 0.90]	[0.30, 1.14]	[0.49, 1.22]	[0.05, 0.23]	[0.07, 0.90]	[0.11, 1.14]	[0.09, 1.37]
	Males															
	(N = 2)	(N = 37)	(N = 59)	(N = 34)	(N = 1)	(N = 82)	(N = 32)	(N = 38)	(N = 1)	(N = 22)	(N = 22)	(N = 17)	(N = 4)	(N = 82)	(N = 113)	(N = 89)
Age (y)																
Mean (SD)	29.0 (5.66)	26.6 (5.47)	29.6 (6.11)	30.4 (5.84)	48.0 (NA)	43.8 (18.1)	48.9 (5.78)	49.6 (6.20)	67.0 (NA)	67.6 (5.71)	65.9 (4.78)	63.6 (3.20)	43.3 (18.5)	43.8 (18.1)	42.1 (15.5)	45.0 (13.7)
[Min, Max]	29.0 [25.0, 33.0]	25.0 [18.0, 37.0]	30.0 [19.0, 39.0]	32.0 [18.0, 39.0]	48.0 [48.0, 48.0]	42.0 [18.0, 79.0]	48.5 [40.0, 59.0]	50.0 [40.0, 59.0]	67.0 [67.0, 67.0]	66.0 [60.0, 79.0]	64.5 [60.0, 77.0]	62.0 [60.0, 71.0]	40.5 [25.0, 67.0]	42.0 [18.0, 79.0]	38.0 [19.0, 77.0]	44.0 [18.0, 71.0]
Ethnicity																
Asian	2 (100%)	9 (24.3%)	18 (30.5%)	7 (20.6%)	0 (0%)		9 (28.1%)	8 (21.1%)	0 (0%)	7 (31.8%)	5 (22.7%)	2 (11.8%)	2 (50.0%)		32 (28.3%)	

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TABLE 1 (continued)

	Female															
	Ages 18–39 y				Ages 40–59 y				Ages ≥60 y				Overall			
	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese
	(N = 9)	(N = 44)	(N = 38)	(N = 38)	(N = 10)	(N = 43)	(N = 33)	(N = 36)	(N = 6)	(N = 39)	(N = 26)	(N = 24)	(N = 25)	(N = 126)	(N = 97)	(N = 98)
Black	0 (0%)	8 (21.6%)	8 (13.6%)	9 (26.5%)	1 (100%)	22 (26.8%)	7 (21.9%)	8 (21.1%)	1 (100%)	3 (13.6%)	8 (36.4%)	6 (35.3%)	2 (50.0%)	22 (26.8%)	23 (20.4%)	17 (19.1%)
Hispanic	0 (0%)	8 (21.6%)	9 (15.3%)	5 (14.7%)	0 (0%)	16 (19.5%)	2 (6.3%)	3 (7.9%)	0 (0%)	1 (4.5%)	1 (4.5%)	1 (5.9%)	0 (0%)	16 (19.5%)	12 (10.6%)	23 (25.8%)
NHOPI	0 (0%)	2 (5.4%)	6 (10.2%)	4 (11.8%)	0 (0%)	2 (2.4%)	1 (3.1%)	4 (10.5%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (2.4%)	7 (6.2%)	8 (9.0%)
White	0 (0%)	10 (27.0%)	18 (30.5%)	9 (26.5%)	0 (0%)	30 (36.6%)	13 (40.6%)	15 (39.5%)	0 (0%)	11 (50.0%)	8 (36.4%)	8 (47.1%)	0 (0%)	30 (36.6%)	39 (34.5%)	32 (36.0%)
Height (cm)																
Mean	164 (12.7)	176 (7.61)	176 (7.02)	176 (9.37)	175 (NA)	176 (7.45)	174 (6.07)	177 (7.18)	151 (NA)	175 (7.21)	175 (7.35)	176 (7.66)	163 (12.1)	176 (7.45)	175 (6.79)	177 (8.10)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[155, 173]	[162, 190]	[159, 192]	[147, 202]	[175, 175]	[159, 192]	[163, 188]	[161, 190]	[151, 151]	[159, 188]	[155, 188]	[158, 187]	[151, 175]	[159, 192]	[155, 192]	[147, 202]
Weight (kg)																
Mean	47.1 (9.23)	67.9 (8.28)	85.1 (8.95)	110 (17.2)	56.1 (NA)	69.2 (8.22)	82.5 (7.21)	110 (17.4)	41.5 (NA)	68.0 (7.57)	83.2 (8.46)	113 (15.4)	48.0 (8.04)	69.2 (8.22)	84.0 (8.41)	110 (16.8)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[40.6, 53.7]	[51.4, 81.2]	[63.9, 104]	[70.6, 149]	[56.1, 56.1]	[51.4, 90.2]	[69.1, 97.6]	[88.4, 174]	[41.5, 41.5]	[54.1, 82.4]	[62.1, 100]	[79.4, 149]	[40.6, 56.1]	[51.4, 90.2]	[62.1, 104]	[70.6, 174]
Weight (kg/m²)																
Mean	17.5 (0.735)	21.9 (1.79)	27.5 (1.50)	35.4 (4.76)	18.4 (NA)	22.3 (1.78)	27.1 (1.43)	34.8 (4.38)	18.2 (NA)	22.2 (1.82)	27.2 (1.30)	36.3 (4.37)	17.9 (0.627)	22.3 (1.78)	27.3 (1.44)	35.3 (4.51)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[17.0, 18.0]	[18.7, 25.0]	[25.0, 30.0]	[30.1, 49.2]	[18.4, 18.4]	[18.6, 25.0]	[25.0, 29.5]	[30.1, 52.6]	[18.2, 18.2]	[18.6, 24.6]	[25.0, 29.9]	[30.3, 47.3]	[17.0, 18.4]	[18.6, 25.0]	[25.0, 30.0]	[30.1, 52.6]
Total FM (kg)																
Mean	8.93 (2.98)	11.0 (3.39)	18.7 (5.50)	29.9 (10.6)	8.30 (NA)	12.6 (4.21)	19.1 (4.04)	31.7 (9.03)	5.01 (NA)	14.4 (4.16)	20.1 (3.56)	34.3 (8.70)	7.79 (2.55)	12.6 (4.21)	19.1 (4.78)	31.6 (9.58)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[6.82, 11.0]	[5.13, 20.0]	[9.05, 29.4]	[11.9, 45.9]	[8.30, 8.30]	[5.13, 26.5]	[7.44, 27.3]	[20.5, 66.5]	[5.01, 5.01]	[7.33, 21.5]	[14.3, 26.7]	[20.5, 48.9]	[5.01, 11.0]	[5.13, 26.5]	[7.44, 29.4]	[11.9, 66.5]
Total FFM (kg)																
Mean	38.4 (6.28)	57.2 (7.35)	66.7 (7.76)	81.0 (9.72)	48.0 (NA)	56.9 (7.17)	63.5 (6.59)	77.9 (10.9)	35.7 (NA)	54.3 (6.11)	62.9 (7.15)	78.4 (9.41)	40.1 (6.51)	56.9 (7.17)	65.1 (7.46)	79.1 (10.2)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[33.9, 42.8]	[43.7, 73.0]	[47.2, 86.0]	[65.1, 108]	[48.0, 48.0]	[40.6, 73.0]	[50.4, 78.2]	[62.6, 106]	[35.7, 35.7]	[40.6, 67.8]	[46.4, 74.2]	[58.6, 99.4]	[33.9, 48.0]	[40.6, 73.0]	[46.4, 86.0]	[58.6, 108]
Percent body fat (%)																
Mean	18.6 (2.65)	16.0 (4.26)	21.8 (5.57)	26.4 (7.16)	14.7 (NA)	18.0 (5.08)	23.1 (4.53)	28.7 (4.63)	12.3 (NA)	20.7 (4.58)	24.3 (3.57)	30.1 (4.97)	16.1 (3.47)	18.0 (5.08)	22.6 (5.02)	28.2 (5.84)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[16.7, 20.5]	[9.91, 25.1]	[10.6, 32.8]	[13.6, 38.6]	[14.7, 14.7]	[9.03, 32.6]	[10.2, 31.5]	[20.3, 38.6]	[12.3, 12.3]	[11.5, 31.6]	[16.6, 31.6]	[20.7, 38.4]	[12.3, 20.5]	[9.03, 32.6]	[10.2, 32.8]	[13.6, 38.6]
VAT (kg)																
Mean	0.20 (0.01)	0.23 (0.047)	0.33 (0.09)	0.52 (0.22)	0.22 (NA)	0.32 (0.16)	0.49 (0.16)	0.79 (0.32)	0.16 (NA)	0.46 (0.18)	0.69 (0.24)	0.91 (0.29)	0.20 (0.03)	0.32 (0.16)	0.45 (0.20)	0.72 (0.32)
(SD)																
[Min, Max]	[0.20, 0.21]	[0.16, 0.33]	[0.18, 0.63]	[0.22, 1.04]	[0.22, 0.22]	[0.16, 0.91]	[0.17, 0.73]	[0.29, 1.64]	[0.16, 0.16]	[0.20, 0.91]	[0.29, 1.22]	[0.35, 1.31]	[0.16, 0.22]	[0.16, 0.91]	[0.17, 1.22]	[0.22, 1.64]

Abbreviations: NA, not applicable; NHOPI, Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islanders; SD, standard deviation; VAT, visceral adipose tissue.

Body composition values measured from dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry.

RMSEs of 2.91 kg and 2.76 kg, whereas males achieved R^2 s of 0.94 and 0.94 with RMSEs of 3.04 kg and 2.97 kg, respectively. Female and male 3DO %fat had moderate correlations with DXA (R^2 : 0.75 and 0.73; RMSE: 3.82% and 3.31%, respectively). Regional 3DO FM and FFM estimates (ie, arms, legs, and trunk) had moderate to strong correlations with DXA (R^2 range: 0.79–0.95, RMSE range: 0.27–1.86 kg) for females and males. After possible adjustments for age and BMI as covariates (PC + DEMO), there were marginal improvements to the R^2 s and RMSEs.

3DO test–retest precision was comparable to DXA (Table 3). 3DO total FM and FFM achieved a %CV (RMSE) of 1.76% (0.44 kg) and 0.96% (0.44 kg) in females, whereas DXA had a %CV (RMSE) of 0.98% (0.24 kg) and 0.59% (0.27 kg), respectively. In females, 3DO VAT, arm FM, and trunk FM (%CV: 4.4%, 2.72%, and 1.55%; RMSE: 0.02 kg, 0.04 kg, and 0.18 kg, respectively) achieved better test–retest precision than DXA (%CV: 8.08%, 3.16%, and 2.04%; RMSE: 0.03 kg, 0.05 kg, and 0.23 kg, respectively). Test–retest precision in males showed similar results. However, only 3DO VAT had better test–retest

	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese
Asian				
Black				
Hispanic	NA			
NHOPI	NA			
White				

FIGURE 3. Female mean body shape images stratified by BMI and ethnicity. NA indicates that there was ≤ 1 participant, so a mean image could not be derived. BMI, body mass index.

precision than DXA in males. When comparing the precision across subgroups of age, BMI, and ethnicity with 1-factor ANOVA, there were no significant differences for all 3DO whole-body and regional body composition outputs (data not shown, $P > 0.06$).

When comparing 3DO total FM, FFM, %fat, and VAT to DXA by age subgroups (Table 4), there were no MDs in either females or males ($P > 0.068$). For the BMI subgroups (Table 5), females with underweight had significant differences for total FM, FFM, and %fat (MDs: 1.23 kg, -1.23 kg, and 3.12%, respectively, $P < 0.014$) as well as %fat for the females with obesity (MD = -0.79%, $P = 0.023$). There were no MDs across the male BMI subgroups ($P > 0.314$). In the ethnicity subgroups (Table 6), female Asian, Black, and NHOPI subgroups had MDs in total FM (MDs: 0.64 kg, -0.81 kg, -1.55 kg%, respectively),

FFM (MDs: -1.6 kg, 1.7 kg, and 3 kg%, respectively), and %fat (MDs: 1.38%, -1.11%, and -2.24%, respectively) ($P < 0.017$). Additionally, the male NHOPI subgroup had MDs for total FM, FFM, and %fat (MDs: -1.45 kg, 1.45 kg, and -1.88%, respectively; $P < 0.038$). If ethnicity was added to the model (data not shown), differences in ethnicity subgroups were no longer significant ($P > 0.99$). However, underweight females still had a MD ($P = 0.029$).

Average shape images were created for both males and females by ethnic group (Figures 1 and 2) to show MDs by region. Asians had significant differences in the trunk and arm measures, Blacks had differences in the head measures, and NHOPIs had differences in the head and leg measures. Although difficult to see in the figures, Black females on average had longer legs and shorter torsos, whereas NHOPI

	Underweight	Normal	Overweight	Obese
Asian				
Black				
Hispanic	NA			
NHOPI	NA			
White	NA			

FIGURE 4. Male mean body shape images stratified by BMI and ethnicity. NA indicates that there was ≤ 1 participant, so a mean image could not be derived. BMI, body mass index.

TABLE 2
3D optical body composition models from stepwise forward linear regression to estimate to DXA body composition (mean results from 5-fold cross-validation)

Sex	Outcome	PC-only				PC + Demographics							
		Variable	Coefficient	R ²	RMSE	Variable	Coefficient	R ²	RMSE				
Females	Total FM	Intercept	26.5689	0.94	2.91	Intercept	16.4494	0.94	2.88				
		PC1	0.1282			PC1	0.1108						
		PC2	2.0930			PC2	1.5903						
		PC3	-1.0575			PC3	-0.7970						
		PC4	0.7487			PC4	0.5483						
		PC5	0.5329			PC5	0.4035						
		PC6	-0.4188			PC6	-0.2978						
		PC7	-1.3200			PC7	-0.9192						
		PC9	-0.4824			PC9	-0.7256						
		PC10	1.6580			PC10	1.1085						
		PC11	1.8068			PC11	1.4661						
		PC13	-2.7090			PC13	-2.3351						
						BMI	0.3597						
						Total Mass - Total Fat Mass				0.92	2.63		
			Total Fat Mass / Total Mass		0.75	3.76							
		Total FFM	Intercept	0.4516	0.72	0.15	Intercept	0.3334	0.78	0.14			
		Percent Fat	PC2	0.0408			PC2	0.0431					
		VAT	PC3	-0.0226			PC3	-0.0254					
			PC4	0.0151			PC4	0.0142					
			PC5	-0.0332			PC5	-0.0252					
			PC6	0.0554			PC6	0.0417					
			PC7	0.0349			PC7	0.0382					
			PC8	-0.0680			PC8	-0.0931					
			PC12	-0.0809			PC12	-0.0301					
			PC13	-0.0348			PC13	-0.0569					
			PC14	-0.0489			PC14	-0.0555					
			PC15	-0.0570			PC15	-0.0490					
							Age	0.0028					
		Arm FM	Intercept	1.6889			0.86	0.34			Intercept	0.6964	0.87
			PC1	0.0073	PC1	0.0058							
			PC2	0.1508	PC2	0.1023							
			PC3	-0.0723	PC3	-0.0508							
			PC4	0.0354	PC4	0.0242							
		PC7	-0.0391	PC7	-0.0176								
		PC8	-0.0928	PC8	-0.0755								
		PC10	0.0857	PC10	0.0553								
		PC11	0.1248	PC11	0.0901								
		PC13	-0.0635	PC13	-0.0259								
		PC14	0.1282	PC14	0.0937								
				BMI	0.0356								
	Arm FFM	Intercept	2.4555	0.81	0.27	Intercept			1.7392	0.81	0.27		
		PC1	0.0159			PC1			0.0141				
		PC2	0.0791			PC2	0.0423						
		PC4	-0.0283			PC4	-0.0308						
		PC5	0.0653			PC5	0.0427						
		PC6	-0.0587			PC6	-0.0469						
		PC7	0.0945			PC7	0.0748						
		PC8	-0.0871			PC8	-0.0601						
		PC9	0.0919			PC9	0.0999						
		PC11	-0.0678			PC11	-0.0745						
		PC12	0.1752			PC12	0.1223						
		PC13	0.1557			PC13	0.1900						
		PC14	0.1555			PC14	0.1657						
						BMI	0.0253						
	Leg FM	Intercept	4.9806	0.89	0.77	Intercept	-0.7249	0.9	0.7				
		PC1	0.0301			PC1	0.0225						
		PC2	0.3257			PC2	0.0640						
		PC3	-0.1496			PC3	-0.0395						
		PC4	0.1742			PC4	0.0844						
		PC5	0.2336			PC5	0.1576						
		PC6	-0.3811			PC6	-0.3458						
		PC7	-0.6359			PC7	-0.5000						
		PC8	0.2286			PC8	0.3740						
		PC9	-0.1582			PC9	-0.1925						
		PC10	0.6106			PC10	0.3756						
		PC11	0.4500			PC11	0.2694						
		PC13	-0.6444			PC13	-0.4967						
						Age	0.0090						
				BMI	0.1886								
	Leg FFM	Intercept	7.6220	0.86	0.69	Intercept	2.1961	0.88	0.61				
		PC1	0.0535			PC1	0.0432						
		PC2	0.2321			PC2	-0.0418						
		PC3	-0.0540			PC3	0.0506						
		PC4	-0.0477			PC4	-0.0836						
		PC5	0.2668			PC5	0.1021						
		PC6	-0.2926			PC6	-0.1679						
		PC12	0.5220			PC12	0.2473						
		PC13	0.2352			PC13	0.3576						
		PC14	0.4598			PC14	0.3194						
						Age	-0.0064						
						BMI	0.2051						
	Trunk FM	Intercept	12.2398			0.95	1.45			Intercept	12.2398	0.95	1.45
		PC1	0.0523							PC1	0.0523		

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Sex	Outcome	PC-only				PC + Demographics				
		Variable	Coefficient	R ²	RMSE	Variable	Coefficient	R ²	RMSE	
	Trunk FFM	PC2	1.1211	0.9	1.55	PC2	1.1211	0.9	1.56	
		PC3	-0.6125			PC3	-0.6125			
		PC4	0.3434			PC4	0.3434			
		PC6	0.3615			PC6	0.3615			
		PC8	-0.7211			PC8	-0.7211			
		PC10	0.3308			PC10	0.3308			
		PC11	0.6288			PC11	0.6288			
		PC13	-1.3325			PC13	-1.3325			
		PC15	-0.5152			PC15	-0.5152			
		Intercept	23.3186			Intercept	15.7269			
		PC1	0.1303			PC1	0.1205			
		PC2	0.7044			PC2	0.3419			
		PC3	-0.3264			PC3	-0.1800			
		PC4	-0.2970			PC4	-0.3386			
		PC5	0.3798			PC5	0.2091			
	PC6	0.1300	PC6	0.2489						
	PC7	0.6023	PC7	0.6429						
	PC8	-0.5750	PC8	-0.3958						
	PC11	0.4349	PC11	0.1498						
	PC12	0.7638	PC12	0.5748						
	PC13	0.2979	PC13	0.4630						
	PC14	0.7890	PC14	0.6475						
	PC15	0.5148	PC15	0.4326						
	Males	Total FM	BMI	0.2745	0.94	3.04	Intercept	24.2945	0.94	2.85
			PC1	-0.1924			PC1	-0.1883		
			PC2	2.0747			PC2	1.9407		
			PC3	-1.4689			PC3	-1.3345		
			PC4	-1.2207			PC4	-1.2314		
			PC5	0.9020			PC5	0.9058		
			PC6	0.6394			PC6	0.5996		
			PC7	-2.3710			PC7	-1.8262		
			PC8	0.9488			PC8	0.8188		
			PC9	-1.5091			PC9	-1.6708		
PC10			-1.4176	PC10			-0.6422			
PC11			2.8085	PC11			2.6083			
PC12			2.0674	PC12			1.5622			
PC14			1.1338	PC14			1.1794			
PC15			-1.2783	PC15			-1.1086			
Total FFM		Total Mass - Total Fat Mass	0.94	2.97	Total Mass - Total Fat Mass	0.95	2.63			
Percent Fat		Total Fat Mass / Total Mass	0.73	3.31	Total Fat Mass / Total Mass	0.77	3.17			
VAT		Intercept	0.5050	0.73	0.14	Intercept	0.3881	0.75	0.14	
Arm FM		Arm FFM	PC1	-0.0025	0.86	0.3	PC1	-0.0024	0.86	0.3
			PC2	0.0360			PC2	0.0382		
			PC3	-0.0256			PC3	-0.0280		
	PC4		-0.0489	PC4			-0.0390			
	PC5		0.0712	PC5			0.0616			
	PC6		0.0489	PC6			0.0401			
	PC7		0.0919	PC7			0.0633			
	PC9		-0.0505	PC9			-0.0340			
	PC10		0.0453	PC10			0.0206			
	PC11		0.0859	PC11			0.0641			
	PC13		-0.0786	PC13			-0.0813			
	PC14		0.0598	PC14			0.0437			
	PC15		0.0984	PC15			0.0930			
	Intercept		1.4169	Intercept			1.4169			
	PC1		-0.0109	PC1			-0.0109			
PC2	0.1403	PC2	0.1403							
PC3	-0.0888	PC3	-0.0888							
PC4	-0.0633	PC4	-0.0633							
PC5	0.0538	PC5	0.0538							
PC7	-0.1132	PC7	-0.1132							
PC8	0.0640	PC8	0.0640							
PC11	0.1479	PC11	0.1478							
PC12	0.1454	PC12	0.1454							
PC15	-0.0818	PC15	-0.0818							
Intercept	4.3909	Intercept	-2.2843	0.88	0.36					
PC1	-0.0246	PC1	-0.0089							
PC2	0.1095	PC2	-0.1596							
PC3	0.0468	PC3	0.1405							
PC4	0.0861	PC4	0.2015							
PC5	-0.2594	PC5	-0.1733							
PC6	-0.1831	PC6	-0.1072							
PC7	0.2161	PC7	0.1650							
PC8	-0.1722	PC8	-0.2115							
PC9	0.2050	PC9	0.3574							
PC11	-0.3739	PC11	-0.4795							
PC12	0.1182	PC12	-0.0916							
PC14	-0.2356	PC14	-0.1463							
PC15	0.1522	PC15	0.1853							
						Age	0.0070			
				BMI	0.2198					

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Sex	Outcome	PC-only				PC + Demographics			
		Variable	Coefficient	R ²	RMSE	Variable	Coefficient	R ²	RMSE
	Leg FM	Intercept	3.8794	0.88	0.7	Intercept	3.8794	0.88	0.7
		PC1	-0.0329						
		PC2	0.3032						
		PC3	-0.2220						
		PC4	-0.1629						
		PC7	-0.8775						
		PC8	0.1725						
		PC9	-0.3007						
		PC10	-0.4316						
		PC11	0.4213						
		PC12	0.4360						
		PC15	-0.6294						
		Intercept	11.0904						
		PC1	-0.0678						
		PC2	0.2644						
	Leg FFM	Intercept	11.0904	0.84	0.84	Intercept	6.5031	0.85	0.81
		PC1	-0.0678						
		PC2	0.2644						
		PC4	0.0760						
		PC5	-0.4727						
		PC6	-0.4029						
		PC11	-0.2748						
		PC12	0.4749						
		PC14	-0.3186						
		Intercept	11.6548						
		PC1	-0.1024						
		PC2	1.1661						
		PC3	-0.8335						
		PC4	-0.7817						
		PC5	0.8185						
	Trunk FM	Intercept	11.6548	0.94	1.66	Intercept	12.2359	0.94	1.54
		PC1	-0.1024						
		PC2	1.1661						
		PC3	-0.8335						
		PC4	-0.7817						
		PC5	0.8185						
		PC6	0.5521						
		PC7	-0.3729						
		PC8	0.4690						
		PC9	-0.8747						
		PC10	-0.5862						
		PC11	1.6527						
		PC12	0.9004						
		PC14	0.8207						
		Intercept	32.6704						
	Trunk FFM	Intercept	32.6704	0.91	1.86	Intercept	18.9138	0.91	1.83
		PC1	-0.1891						
		PC2	0.9060						
		PC3	-0.2653						
		PC4	0.3630						
		PC5	-0.5713						
		PC6	-0.7049						
		PC7	1.2259						
		PC11	-0.6362						
		PC12	0.8325						
		PC14	-0.6104						
		Intercept	18.9138						
		PC1	-0.1519						
		PC2	0.3550						
		PC3	-0.0705						
PC4	0.5238								
PC5	-0.3227								
PC6	-0.4851								
PC7	1.1442								
PC11	-0.6084								
PC12	0.1553								
PC14	-0.4821								
BMI	0.4737								

Abbreviations: DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; PC, principal component; RMSE, root mean squared error; VAT, visceral adipose tissue. PC-only: stepwise forward linear regression with only PCs as possible predictors of DXA body composition outputs. PC+Demographics: stepwise forward linear regression with PCs, age, and BMI as possible predictors of DXA body composition outputs.

females held more mass in the torso, compared with their Asian counterparts. White males were taller on average, whereas NHOPIs held more mass in their abdomen on average, compared with other ethnicities.

Discussion

In this study, 3DO body composition accuracy and precision were evaluated at the subgroup level of age, BMI, and ethnicity. Accuracy of subgroups was compared to DXA, whereas precision was an intragroup comparison. The analysis showed MDs in accuracy among females with underweight, NHOPi females and males, and Asian and Black females, whereas all other groups showed no differences. We detected no significant differences in precision among the subgroups. Differences between 3DO and DXA body composition measures were not observed in 19 out of the 24 subgroups that were evaluated. However, it is worth noting that 3 of the 5 subgroups where differences were observed were among female ethnicity subgroups. However, it is important to keep in mind the differences with small to moderate %

MD. Specific equations may be needed for those groups with differences.

Overall, the accuracy and precision were similar to previous work done by our group on interim analysis of the cohort that used the Fit3D [29]. The previous publication reported total FM R²s of 0.90 and 0.95

TABLE 3 Test–retest precision of 3D optical and DXA in %CV (RMSE) (n = 639)

Variable	DXA Female	3DO Female	DXA Male	3DO Male
Total FM, kg	0.98 (0.24)	1.76 (0.44)	1.37 (0.28)	2.93 (0.60)
Total FFM, kg	0.59 (0.27)	0.96 (0.44)	0.55 (0.36)	0.91 (0.60)
Percent Fat, %	NA (0.33)	NA (0.66)	NA (0.31)	NA (0.74)
VAT, kg	8.08 (0.03)	4.40 (0.02)	6.88 (0.03)	4.78 (0.02)
Arm FM, kg	3.16 (0.05)	2.72 (0.04)	3.43 (0.04)	3.99 (0.05)
Arm FFM, kg	2.14 (0.05)	2.57 (0.06)	1.89 (0.08)	1.94 (0.08)
Leg FM, kg	1.47 (0.07)	2.90 (0.14)	2.34 (0.08)	4.29 (0.14)
Leg FFM, kg	1.13 (0.08)	1.95 (0.14)	1.18 (0.13)	1.22 (0.13)
Trunk FM, kg	2.04 (0.23)	1.55 (0.18)	2.42 (0.25)	3.03 (0.31)
Trunk FFM, kg	1.16 (0.26)	1.52 (0.34)	1.07 (0.34)	1.20 (0.38)

Abbreviations: 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; CV, coefficient of variation; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; RMSE, root mean squared error; VAT, visceral adipose tissue.

TABLE 4
3D optical vs. DXA body composition by age group

Sex	Groups	n	Variable	Mean Difference	% Mean Difference	P
Female	Young	126	Total FM	-0.28	N.S.	0.303
	Middle Aged	119	Total FM	0.05	N.S.	0.828
	Senior	89	Total FM	-0.03	N.S.	0.901
	Young	126	Total FFM	0.28	N.S.	0.303
	Middle Aged	119	Total FFM	-0.05	N.S.	0.828
	Senior	89	Total FFM	0.03	N.S.	0.901
	Young	126	%Fat	-0.23	N.S.	0.559
	Middle Aged	119	%Fat	0.19	N.S.	0.566
	Senior	89	%Fat	0.04	N.S.	0.932
	Young	126	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.204
	Middle Aged	119	VAT	0.02	N.S.	0.068
	Senior	89	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.438
Male	Young	127	Total FM	-0.01	N.S.	0.960
	Middle Aged	93	Total FM	0.25	N.S.	0.373
	Senior	61	Total FM	-0.36	N.S.	0.288
	Young	127	Total FFM	0.01	N.S.	0.960
	Middle Aged	93	Total FFM	-0.25	N.S.	0.373
	Senior	61	Total FFM	0.36	N.S.	0.288
	Young	127	%Fat	0.03	N.S.	0.923
	Middle Aged	93	%Fat	0.35	N.S.	0.261
	Senior	61	%Fat	-0.37	N.S.	0.384
	Young	127	VAT	-0.00	N.S.	0.893
	Middle Aged	93	VAT	0.01	N.S.	0.508
	Senior	61	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.589

Abbreviations: 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; %Fat, percent fat; N.S., not significant; VAT, visceral adipose tissue. Mean differences = 3DO – DXA; P value: Student’s t test between 3DO and DXA

PC+Demo model was used in this comparison. FM, FFM, and VAT are measured in kg.

Young (18–39 y old), middle aged (40–59 y old), senior (≥60 y old).

for males (n = 159) and females (n = 202), respectively, which was similar to the current analysis. The follow-up analysis used 3 different 3DO scanners to build an agnostic model and reported total FM R²s of 0.93 and 0.94 for males and females, respectively [28]. However, we had not previously presented subgroup analysis due to the limited statistical power.

In the female underweight group, there was a large difference between 3DO and DXA for total FM and a moderate difference for FFM (%MD = 12% and –3.4%, respectively). The %MD was proportionately higher despite a small difference due to the lower FM in the underweight group (approximately 10 kg). Another factor could be ethnicity because models were not initially adjusted for this. Female

TABLE 5
3D optical vs. DXA body composition by BMI

Sex	Groups	n	Variable	Mean Difference	%Mean Difference	P	
Female	Underweight	24	Total FM	1.23	12	0.014*	
	Normal	119	Total FM	-0.01	N.S.	0.958	
	Overweight	94	Total FM	-0.13	N.S.	0.610	
	Obese	96	Total FM	-0.54	N.S.	0.099	
	Underweight	24	Total FFM	-1.23	-3.4	0.014*	
	Normal	89	Total FFM	0.01	N.S.	0.958	
	Overweight	94	Total FFM	0.13	N.S.	0.610	
	Obese	96	Total FFM	0.54	N.S.	0.099	
	Underweight	24	%Fat	3.12	—	0.010*	
	Normal	119	%Fat	-0.10	N.S.	0.785	
	Overweight	94	%Fat	-0.18	N.S.	0.616	
	Obese	96	%Fat	-0.79	—	0.023*	
	Underweight	24	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.772	
	Normal	119	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.238	
	Overweight	94	VAT	0.01	N.S.	0.286	
	Obese	96	VAT	0.00	N.S.	0.988	
	Male	Underweight	3	Total FM	2.97	N.S.	0.155
		Normal	80	Total FM	0.11	N.S.	0.701
Overweight		112	Total FM	-0.06	N.S.	0.779	
Obese		85	Total FM	-0.16	N.S.	0.633	
Underweight		3	Total FFM	-2.97	N.S.	0.155	
Normal		80	Total FFM	-0.11	N.S.	0.701	
Overweight		112	Total FFM	0.06	N.S.	0.779	
Obese		85	Total FFM	0.16	N.S.	0.633	
Underweight		3	%Fat	7.12	N.S.	0.168	
Normal		80	%Fat	0.21	N.S.	0.601	
Overweight		112	%Fat	-0.06	N.S.	0.804	
Obese		85	%Fat	-0.29	N.S.	0.356	
Underweight		3	VAT	-0.04	N.S.	0.407	
Normal		80	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.347	
Overweight		112	VAT	0.01	N.S.	0.380	
Obese		85	VAT	0.00	N.S.	0.936	

Abbreviations: 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; BMI, body mass index; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; %Fat, percent fat; N.S., not significant; VAT, visceral adipose tissue.

Mean differences = 3DO - DXA; P value: Student’s t test between 3DO and DXA

PC+Demo model was used in this comparison. FM, FFM, and VAT are measured in kg.

BMI classifications: Underweight (BMI <18.5), Normal (18.5–24.9), Overweight (25–29.9), Obese (BMI ≥ 30)

* p-values less than 0.05.

TABLE 6
3D optical vs. DXA body composition by ethnic group

Sex	Groups	n	Variable	Mean Difference	%Mean Difference	P-Value
Female	Asian	80	Total FM	0.64	3.5	0.017*
	Black	70	Total FM	-0.81	-2.6	0.015*
	Hispanic	47	Total FM	0.36	N.S.	0.386
	NHOPI	28	Total FM	-1.55	-5.4	0.003*
	White	107	Total FM	0.01	N.S.	0.980
	Asian	80	Total FFM	-0.64	-1.6	0.017*
	Black	70	Total FFM	0.81	1.7	0.015*
	Hispanic	47	Total FFM	-0.36	N.S.	0.386
	NHOPI	28	Total FFM	1.55	3	0.003*
	White	107	Total FFM	-0.01	N.S.	0.980
	Asian	80	%Fat	1.38	—	0.006*
	Black	70	%Fat	-1.11	—	0.010*
	Hispanic	47	%Fat	0.63	N.S.	0.305
	NHOPI	28	%Fat	-2.24	—	0.002*
	White	107	%Fat	-0.01	N.S.	0.979
	Asian	80	VAT	-0.00	N.S.	0.908
	Black	70	VAT	-0.02	N.S.	0.189
	Hispanic	47	VAT	0.01	N.S.	0.627
	NHOPI	28	VAT	-0.00	N.S.	0.942
	Male	White	107	VAT	0.01	N.S.
Asian		71	Total FM	0.29	N.S.	0.360
Black		62	Total FM	0.42	N.S.	0.164
Hispanic		32	Total FM	-0.65	N.S.	0.226
NHOPI		16	Total FM	-1.45	-6.5	0.038*
White		98	Total FM	-0.01	N.S.	0.958
Asian		71	Total FFM	-0.29	N.S.	0.360
Black		62	Total FFM	-0.42	N.S.	0.164
Hispanic		32	Total FFM	0.65	N.S.	0.226
NHOPI		16	Total FFM	1.45	1.9	0.038*
White		98	Total FFM	0.01	N.S.	0.958
Asian		71	%Fat	0.50	N.S.	0.258
Black		62	%Fat	0.57	N.S.	0.093
Hispanic		32	%Fat	-0.57	N.S.	0.374
NHOPI		16	%Fat	-1.88	—	0.013*
White		98	%Fat	-0.08	N.S.	0.789
Asian		71	VAT	-0.01	N.S.	0.421
Black		62	VAT	-0.03	N.S.	0.105
Hispanic		32	VAT	0.02	N.S.	0.159
NHOPI		16	VAT	0.02	N.S.	0.669
White	98	VAT	0.02	N.S.	0.159	

Abbreviations: 3DO, 3-dimensional optical; DXA, dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry; %Fat, percent fat; NHOPI, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; N.S., not significant; VAT, visceral adipose tissue.

Mean differences = 3DO - DXA; P value: Student's *t* test between 3DO and DXA

PC+Demo model was used in this comparison. FM, FFM, and VAT are measured in kg.

* p-values less than 0.05.

Asians, Blacks, and NHOPIs had MDs, and 44% of the underweight group were either Asian or Black. However, after adjustment for ethnicity, 3DO still overestimated total FM in underweight females. Thus, our models may not have seen enough shape variance in the underweight sample (underrepresentation) or other unique shape features from this group. The female subgroup with obesity also had a MD in %fat (−0.79%). However, this MD was very small, especially in a group with the highest mean %fat (41%). Since the difference was small and the total FM and FFM were not significant, the %fat difference may have been due to chance. It is worth noting that females with obesity may exhibit greater shape variability due to differences in how fat is distributed throughout their bodies. Specifically, the location of fat deposition may vary among the abdomen, hips, or appendages [38]. The largest differences were seen in the NHOPI group for both males and females. The differences may be driven by the low representation in comparison to other ethnic groups. In addition, differences in shape can also be driving these differences. Certain shape characteristics in Asian, Black, and NHOPI participants could be different from the majority of the group, which led to under- or overestimations as shown in Figure 1.

Compared with other studies that reported the accuracy by subgroups, Graybeal et al. [39] examined the accuracy of 3DO body composition estimates derived from smartphone-based applications (apps) with respect to the 4C model. For the HALO app, the authors reported a MD for total FM in males (MD: 2.1 kg; $P < 0.001$) but not in

females (MD: 0.2 kg). In addition, they reported MDs for total FM in Whites and Blacks (MD: 0.9 kg and 1.0 kg, respectively; $P < 0.05$). In comparison to the current study, we did not observe MDs by sex or in the White ethnic group. However, we also reported MDs in the Black, female ethnic group. It is worth pointing out that our criterion was DXA, whereas Graybeal et al. used the 4C model.

Although not related to the Fit3D, other investigators have explored novel methods of using 2D imaging for body composition from accessible smartphone technology. The 2D methods generally capture an image(s) of a person and utilize machine learning methods to estimate body composition values to criterion methods such as DXA or the 4C model. Our previous study used 2D images taken from consumer-grade cameras and used the silhouettes to create a 3D mesh, which was used to estimate the body composition. We reported total FM R^2 s of 0.96 and 0.94 in male and female test sets, respectively [30]. Nana et al. [40] reported 3DO body composition accuracy by sex from another smartphone app, Body Composition Technologies, with respects to DXA. The authors reported a %fat MD of 0.1% and −0.1% for males and females, respectively, which was similar to our findings. Farina et al. [41] developed a method to estimate DXA body composition using demographics and lateral surface image occupancy. The authors achieved R^2 s of 0.97 and 0.95 for females and males, respectively, which was marginally better than ours. However, our sample size was about 5.4 times larger. Aside from traditional, commercial 3DO scanners, 2D methods showed promising results. Further investigation is

warranted to evaluate the 2D methods' ability to monitor changes and accuracy across different ethnic, age, and BMI subgroups.

Other groups have also examined the precision of 3DO devices. Tinsley et al. [42] evaluated the precision the Fit3D ProScanner, Styku S100, Naked, and Size Stream SS20. Although the precision reported was not broken into subgroups, the overall precision of the devices achieved a %CV that ranged from 2.5% to 4.3% for total FM and 0.7% to 1.4% for total FFM with the Fit3D ProScanner at the high end for FM and FFM. Compared to the results in Table 3, our modeling method achieved a lower %CV with a larger sample size. Additionally, we did not observe differences in precision by subgroups using our models. The precision of the device/model will determine the ability to monitor smaller changes [43]. Additional evaluation of subgroup precision is necessary to validate the monitoring of FM and FFM changes in specific subgroups using commercial body composition systems.

The strength of the study was the scrutiny at the subgroup level. Although other studies have looked at accuracy by sex, BMI, and ethnicity, the current analysis examined more strata. In addition, only a single equation was needed for the majority of the subgroups that were explored. A subgroup-specific equation may be needed for those with MDs. However, there were also limitations. Some subgroups were underrepresented (ie, NHOPI and underweight). As such, the outcomes and interpretations of these groups should be cautioned as they were not as powered. The current analysis was completed with a healthy sample, so the results may not be applicable to patients with body composition-altering diseases. Future work can focus on populations with diseases that need constant body composition monitoring (younger populations [birth to 17 y]), and more accessible 3DO methods such as apps from smartphones [44,45].

In conclusion, 3DO body composition has advanced greatly in accuracy and precision in recent years. This work provides further insight of 3DO's ability to estimate body composition. Although 19 of the 24 subgroups had MDs from DXA, the majority of the subgroups did not display MDs using a single 3DO body composition model. Specific equations for the 5 subgroups that had MDs may improve the agreement. Beyond clinical settings, the accessibility and safety of these devices are appealing for those that want to monitor body composition frequently.

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