

# Metabolic syndrome common in young women with lupus

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(HealthDay)—Metabolic syndrome is common in young, premenopausal women with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), and chloroquine appears to protect against metabolic syndrome in these women, according to a study published online Aug. 26 in *Arthritis Care & Research*.

Luciana F. Muniz, M.D., from Faculdade de Medicina da Universidade de Sao Paulo in Brazil, and colleagues evaluated the frequency of [metabolic syndrome](#) and disease- or therapy-related factors in 103 premenopausal SLE patients (

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