加齢により減弱したインスリン作用を改善する 運動トレーニング効果に関する研究

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Effects of Aging and Exercise Training on Insulin Signaling Molecules in Rat Skeletal Muscle

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ABSTRACT

It is well established that peripheral insulin resistance is exacerbated by aging and sedentarism. On the other hand, long-term exercise training prevents the aging-induced decrease in insulin sensitivity. The training effects represented by improved insulin action in vivo are attributed largely to changes in muscular factors such as increased muscle volume, increased rate of blood flow in the exercising muscle, and changes in the post-insulin receptor mechanisms. However, little is known about the responses to short-term exercise

training of muscular insulin signaling molecules such as insulin receptor, insulin receptor substrate-1 (IRS-1), phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI 3-kinase), 3-phosphoinositidedependent protein kinase 1 (PDK-1), and Cbl. In the present study, we examined the effects of aging and short-term exercise training on the protein contents of insulin signaling molecules in rat skeletal muscle. Female Sprague-Dawley rats (7 and 27 wk old) were divided into 2 groups. One half of the rats in each group was kept sedentary (SED) and another half was trained (TR) by swimming exercise. Rats in the training group were swim-trained for 5 days. Dissection procedures to obtain gastrocnemius muscle were carried out approximately 16 h after the last bout of exercise. The contents of the gastrocnemius insulin signaling molecules were determined by Western blotting. Aging and exercise training did not affect the content of insulin receptor, PI 3-kinase, PDK-1, and Cbl, proteins in rat skeletal muscle. On the other hand, while the IRS-1 protein in sedentary rats was significantly decreased with aging (53 % at 27 wk of age relative to the abundance at 7 wk of age), it was not affected by aging in trained animals (TR-7wk: 92%, TR-27wk: 68%). These results suggest that the improvement in insulin sensitivity by training may be due, at least in part, to regulation on the IRS-1 protein content in skeletal muscle.

要旨

【目的】運動トレーニングが加齢に伴うインス リン感受性の低下を防止することは周知の事実で あるが、その機序については不明な点が多い.本 研究では, インスリン情報伝達に関与するタンパ ク量に対する加齢と運動トレーニングの影響につ いて検討した.【方法】7および27週齢のSD系雌 性ラットをそれぞれ安静(S)群と運動トレーニ ング (T) 群に分け、T群には水泳運動を5日間 行わせた. 最終の運動終了後16時間で腓腹筋を 摘出し、インスリン受容体、IRS-1、PI 3-kinase、 PDK-1 および Cbl のタンパク量を Western blotting 法により測定した.【結果】IRS-1のタンパク量は, S群では加齢に伴い有意に低下したが (p < 0.05), T群では有意な加齢の影響を受けなかった. すな わち、S群の7週齢(100%)に比してS群の27週 齢では53%であり、T群の27週齢では68%であ った. 一方, インスリン受容体, PI 3-kinase, PDK-1 および Cbl のタンパク量は、加齢および運動トレーニングの影響を受けなかった. 【まとめ】以上の成績より、加齢によるインスリン感受性低下に対する運動トレーニングの改善効果には、骨格筋における IRS-1 タンパク量の調節が関与している可能性が示唆された.