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Pedro Eurico Lisboa SPD/Lilly Prize 2018: Abstracts of the Awarded Works

> 1º PRÉMIO

Referência

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Abstract

Aims/Hypothesis: We recently described that carotid body (CB) over-activation is involved in the aetiology of insulin resistance and arterial hypertension in animal models of the metabolic syndrome. Additionally, we have demonstrated that CB activity is increased in animal models of insulin resistance, and that carotid sinus nerve (CSN) resection prevents the development of insulin resistance and arterial hypertension induced by high-energy diets. Here, we tested whether the functional abolition of CB by CSN transection would reverse pre-established insulin resistance, dyslipidaemia, obesity, autonomic dysfunction and hypertension in animal models of the metabolic syndrome. The effect of CSN resection on insulin signalling pathways and tissue-specific glucose uptake was evaluated in skeletal muscle, adipose tissue and liver.

Methods: Experiments were performed in male Wistar rats submitted to two high-energy diets: a high-fat diet, representing a model of insulin resistance, hypertension and obesity, and a high-sucrose diet, representing a lean model of insulin resistance and hypertension. Half of each group was submitted to chronic bilateral resection of the CSN. Age-matched control rats were also used.

Results: CSN resection normalised systemic sympathetic nervous system activity and reversed weight gain induced by high-energy diets. It also normalised plasma glucose and insulin levels, insulin sensitivity lipid profile, arterial pressure and endothelial function by improving glucose uptake by the liver and perienteric adipose tissue.

Conclusions/Interpretation: We concluded that functional abolition of CB activity restores insulin sensitivity and glucose homeostasis by positively affecting insulin signalling pathways in visceral adipose tissue and liver.

> MENÇÕES HONROSAS

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Abstract

Microvascular dysfunction has been suggested to trigger adipose tissue dysfunction in obesity. This study investigates the hypothesis that glycation impairs microvascular architecture and expandability with an impact on insulin signalling. Animal models supplemented with methylglyoxal (MG), maintained with a high-fat diet (HFD) or both (HFDMG) were studied for periepididymal adipose (pEAT) tissue hypoxia and local and systemic insulin resistance. Dynamic contrast-enhanced magnetic resonance imaging (DCE-MRI) was used to quantify blood flow in vivo, showing MG-induced reduction of pEAT blood flow. Increased adipocyte size and leptin secretion were observed only in rats feeding the high-fat diet, without the development of hypoxia. In turn, hypoxia was only observed when MG was combined (HFDMG group), being associated with impaired activation of the insulin receptor (Tyr1163), glucose intolerance and systemic and muscle insulin resistance. Accordingly, the adipose tissue angiogenic assay has shown decreased capillarization after dose-dependent MG exposure and glyoxalase-1 inhibition. Thus, glycation impairs adipose tissue capillarization and blood flow, hampering its expandability during a high-fat diet challenge and leading to hypoxia and insulin resistance. Such events have systemic repercussions in glucose metabolism and may lead to the onset of unhealthy obesity and progression to type 2 diabetes.

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Abstract

Aims: To prospectively validate the existing classifications to stratify subjects with diabetes mellitus (DM) by their risk of diabetic foot ulcer (DFU), in high and low risk settings.

Methods: A prospective multicentre cohort study was conducted, including 446 subjects with DM without active DFU followed in the hospital or primary care setting. Demographic, clinical characterization variables, and those included in the classifications were collected at baseline. Subjects were followed for 1 year, until DFU or death.

Results: In our sample, with a mean age of 65 years, 52% were male; 32 developed a DFU, 7 required an amputation and 18 died. Differences were found between participants' characteristics and classifications' accuracy according to the setting. The great majority of the variables were associated with higher DFU risk. Globally, classifications were highly and equally valid, positive predictive values (PV) were inferior to 40%, negative PV superior to 90% and area under the receiver operating characteristic curve superior to 0.75.

Discussion: All the existing classifications are valid to be applied in high risk clinical context and have a very high capacity to categorize as low risk those subjects that will not develop a DFU. Further research is needed in the primary care setting.

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Moura J, Rodrigues J, Gonçalves M, Amaral C, Lima M, Carvalho E. Impaired T-cell differentiation in diabetic foot ulceration. *Cell Mol Immunol.* 2017 Sep; 14(9): 758-769.

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Abstract

Foot ulceration is one of the most debilitating complications associated with diabetes, but its cause remains poorly understood. Several studies have been undertaken to understand healing kinetics or find possible therapies to enhance healing. However, few studies have been directed at understanding the immunological alterations that could influence wound healing in diabetes. In this study, we analysed the T-cell receptor (TCR) repertoire diversity in TCR- $\alpha\beta^+$ T cells. We also analysed the distribution and phenotype of T cells obtained from the peripheral blood of healthy controls and diabetic individuals with or without foot ulcers. Our results showed that diabetic individuals, especially those with foot ulcers, have a significantly lower naive T-cell number and a poorer TCR-V β repertoire diversity. We also showed that the reduced TCR-V β repertoire diversity in diabetic individuals was mainly owing to the accumulation of effector T cells, the major source of tumour necrosis factor- α production, which was even more pronounced in patients with acute foot ulceration. Moreover, the expression of several inflammatory chemokine receptors was significantly reduced in diabetic patients. In conclusion, effector T-cell accumulation and TCR repertoire diversity reduction appear to precede the development of foot ulcers. This finding may open new immunological therapeutic possibilities and provide a new prognostic tool in diabetic wound care.