Nutrients, control of gene expression and metabolic homeostasis





Lipid metabolic enzymes: emerging drug targets for the treatment of obesity



• Obesity

- Type 2 diabetes
- Insulin resistance
- Dyslipidaemia
- Hypertension
- Coronary heart disease
- Stroke
- Gallbladder disease
- Sleep apnoea
- Osteoarthritis
- Hyperuricaemia
- Cancer

Metabolic control of gene expression. The beginning



Genetic regulatory mechanisms in the synthesis of proteins. F. Jacob, J. Monod. J. Mol. Biol., 3 (1961), pp. 318–356

PPAR-mediated fatty acid control of mitochondrial fatty acid metabolism



Mascaró C et al. J. Biol. Chem. 1998;273:8560-8563 ©1998 by American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

FGF21 expression is regulated by diet and its effects are widely distributed.



Pérez-Martí A et al. Horm Mol Biol Clin Invest 2016

FGF21: A missing link in the biology of fasting

Fibroblast growth factor (FGF) 21 is a member of the FGF family, predominantly produced by the liver in response to the PPARa transcription factor, inducing adipose tissue lipolysis, liver ketogenesis, and metabolic adaptation to the fasting state.



FGF21 expression is induced by the 26S proteasome inhibitor MG132



Amino acid starvation (HisOH) induces FGF21 transcription



FGF21 is an ATF4 target gene



4		AARE1	AARE1		
human	-639	5'-TCTGGTGAAAGAAACACCAGGATTGCATCAG	-609		
mice	-1049	5'-TCTGGTGAAAGAAGCACTAGGATTGCATCAG	-1019		
rat	-1480	5'-TCTGGTGAAAGAAGCAATAGGATTGCATCAG	-1450		
dog	-683	5'-TCTGGTGAAAGAAACACCAGGATTGCATCAG	-653		
horse	-1015	5'-TCTGGTGAAAGAAACACCAGGATTGCATCAG	-985		
rhesus	-808	5'-TCTGGTGAAAGAAACACCAGGATTGCATCAG	-778		

Consensus		XTTXCATCA			

AARE2

Human	-163	5'-CAG	GTTACATCA	TCCATT	-146
Mouse	-143	5'-CCC	ATTGCATCA	TCCGTC	-126
Rat	-320	5'-CCC	ATTGCATCA	TTCGTC	-303
Dog	-324	5'-CTG	ATTGCATCA	TCCACT	-307
Horse	-323	5'-CTG	ATTGCATCA	TCCGTT	-306
Rhesus	-325	5'-CAG	GTTACATCA	TCCATT	-308
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ATF4 binds to the FGF21 gene (ChIP analysis)







FGF21, the mising link between amino acid deprivation and lipid metabolism



FGF21 induces:

- gluconeogenesis
- fatty acid oxidation
- ketogenesis
- brown fat activation
- reduction in adipose tissue and body weight

FGF21: ADAPTATIVE STARVATION RESPONSE



Could be FGF21 the link between aminoacid deprivation and lipid metabolism response observed in liver, WAT, and BAT?

Leucine deprivation in FGF21 knockout mice



FGF21 is differently regulated by leucine deprivation in liver and adipose tissues



FGF21 is required for (–)leu diet effects on body weight without affecting food consumption.



Leucine deprivation effects on white adipocytes size are FGF21 dependent



Leucine deprivation effects on lipid metabolism in WAT are FGF21 dependent







FGF21-KO liver has impaired lipid accumulation in response to leucine deprivation



FGF21 is required for inducing **BAT** activation during amino acid deprivation



Working model of the FGF21 regulatory pathway under leucine deprivation



Generation and characterization of the Fgf21 liver-specific knockout mice



Experimental design



FGF21 is induced by a LPD in liver but not in BAT or WAT, and this induction correlates positively with plasma concentration



LPD increases ATF4 protein levels in liver



Fgf21 deficiency significantly attenuates weight loss under a LPD



Hepatic FGF21 is required for inducing thermogenic gene expression in scWAT under a LPD.





A low-protein diet induces body weight loss and browning of subcutaneous white adipose tissue through enhanced expression of hepatic FGF21



Insulin Resistance is Attenuated by Sofrito Supplemented-Diet in OZR



FGF21 Serum Levels are not Influenced by Sofrito



FGF21 Signaling is Improved in vWAT of OZR Fed with a Sofrito-Supplemented Diet



Sofrito Induces UCP1 Expression in the vWAT of OZR



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