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Table 1. Age, anthropometric parameters, blood pressure and GOT, GPT levels in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

Drinking None		ne	Moderate			Heavy		
Smoking	None (n=33)	Heavy (n=11)	None (n=46)	Heavy (n=33)	None (n=14)	Heavy (n=15)		
Age	47.3 ± 1.93	45.1 ± 3.21	46.9 ± 1.55	43.7 ± 1.69	48.8 ± 2.07	44.7 ± 2.26		
Weight(kg)	70.2 ± 1.53	69.3 ± 2.72	67.4 ± 1.34	70.0 ± 1.76	70.1 ± 2.31	73.6 ± 3.43		
Height(cm)	172.2 ± 0.91	171.8 ± 1.74	169.9 ± 1.00	171.9 ± 1.02	170.2 ± 1.89	171.9 ± 1.33		
Body mass index(kg/m2)	23.7 ± 0.46	23.5 ± 1.06	23.4 ± 0.48	23.7 ± 0.53	24.2 ± 0.73	24.8 ± 0.95		
Waist hip ratio*	0.90 ± 0.01 ab	$0.92 \pm 0.01ab$	$0.89 \pm 0.01b$	0.90 ± 0.01 ab	$0.93 \pm 0.02a$	0.93 ± 0.01		
Systolic BP(mmHg)	118.2 ± 3.66	115.1 ± 5.19	122.1 ± 2.31	122.6 ± 3.46	132.1 ± 6.13	124.2 ± 5.88		
Diastolic BP(mmHg)	75.4 ± 2.04	74.6 ± 3.90	85.8 ± 2.89	80.7 ± 3.11	86.3 ± 5.14	81.9 ± 4.31		
GOT (U/L)	21.4 ± 1.15	19.0 ± 1.71	23.6 ± 1.35	24.1 ± 2.30	26.6 ± 3.51	25.4 ± 1.63		
GPT (U/L)	16.5 ± 1.09	13.2 ± 1.73	19.1 ± 2.00	19.2 ± 3.24	18.7 ± 4.52	19.9 ± 2.22		

Mean \pm S.E.

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Table 2. Calorie and macronutrient intakes, alcohol consumption and smoking in healthy males

Drinking	No	ne	Mod	lerate	Не	avy
Smoking	None (n=33)	Heavy (n=11)	None (n=46)	Heavy (n=33)	None (n=14)	Heavy (n=15)
Total calorie intake (Kcal/d)	2140 ± 49	2115 ± 92	2125 ± 35	2161 ± 45	2428 ± 103	2481 ± 95
TEE	2339 ± 52	2320 ± 70	2225 ± 33	2332 ± 51	2272 ± 45	2324 ± 78
TEE/TCI	$1.10 \pm 0.02a$	$1.12 \pm 0.06a$	$1.05 \pm 0.02a$	$1.09 \pm 0.02a$	0.95 ± 0.04	$0.95 \pm 0.14b$
Protein(g/d)	$98 \pm 6ab$	$92 \pm 6ab$	$89 \pm 3ab$	$84 \pm 3b$	107 ± 8a	$96 \pm 9ab$
Animal protein(g/d)	$40 \pm 5b$	$62 \pm 9a$	41 ± 4b	$38 \pm 3b$	$43 \pm 9b$	$37 \pm 5b$
Fat(g/d)	$46 \pm 3b$	69 ± 11a	$46 \pm 2b$	$43 \pm 2b$	$48 \pm 6b$	$39 \pm 4b$
Carbohydrate(g/d)	326 ± 12	27 ± 20	311 ± 10	325 ± 9	311 ± 18	327 ± 16
P/S intake	1.31 ± 0.36	1.19 ± 0.38	1.14 ± 0.29	1.28 ± 0.36	1.11 ± 0.30	1.42 ± 0.40
Alcohol(g/d)*	0	0	$16 \pm 3c$	$18 \pm 3c$	$36 \pm 8b$	53 ± 9a
Smoking(cigarette/d)	0	18 ± 1b	0	20 ± 1b	0	26 ± 2a

TEE: total energy expenditure TCI: total calorie intake P/S intake: polyunsaturated/saturated fatty acids intake ratio

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Fig. 1. Triglyceride level and plasma homocysteine level in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use Mean ± S.E.

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Fig. 2. Serum protein level in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

Mean $\pm S.E$.

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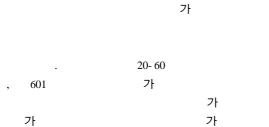
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Fig. 3. Areas of subcutaneous fat at L1 and L4 level in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

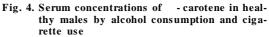
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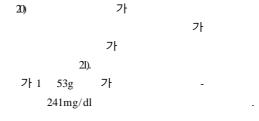


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Table 3. Serum lipid, protein and plasma homocysteine levels in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

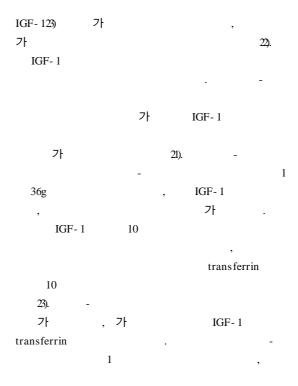
Drinking	None		Mod	erate	Heavy		
Smoking	None (n=33)	Heavy (n=11)	None (n=46)	Heavy (n=33)	None (n=14)	Heavy (n=15)	
Total cholesterol(mg/dl)	197.3 ± 7.79	201.7 ± 8.57	192.6 ± 5.54	200.7 ± 7.39	198.3 ± 13.3	204.3 ± 11.6	
HDL cholesterol(mg/dl)*	47.5 ± 1.79b	47.2 ± 3.20b	$51.5 \pm 1.88ab$	47.2 ± 1.58b	$53.1 \pm 2.41ab$	$55.8 \pm 4.42a$	
LDL cholesterol(mg/dl)	123.4 ± 5.89	131.7 ± 9.20	115.5 ± 4.50	120.0 ± 7.19	112.8 ± 11.5	108.8 ± 9.85	
Total/HDL cholesterol	4.33 ± 0.16	4.60 ± 0.35	3.87 ± 0.13	4.47 ± 0.23	3.86 ± 0.32	3.89 ± 0.29	
Total protein(g/dl)	7.31 ± 0.14	7.30 ± 0.11	7.44 ± 0.08	7.38 ± 0.11	7.18 ± 0.18	7.32 ± 0.21	
Albumin(g/dl)	4.58 ± 0.09	4.63 ± 0.09	4.62 ± 0.06	4.73 ± 0.07	4.53 ± 0.11	4.61 ± 0.11	

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 $\begin{array}{c} Fig. \ 5. \ Serum \ concentrations \ of \ carotenoids \ in \ healthy \quad males \ by \ alcohol \ consumption \ and \ cigarette \ use \end{array}$

Mean \pm S.E.

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Table 4. Serum sex hormone levels and antioxidant enzyme activities in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

Drinking	No	None		Moderate		Heavy	
Smoking	None (n=33)	Heavy (n=11)	None (n=46)	Heavy (n=33)	None (n=14)	Heavy (n=15)	
Testosterone(ng/ml)	5.28 ± 0.33	5.24 ± 0.44	5.76 ± 0.24	5.90 ± 0.34	5.36 ± 0.43	5.19 ± 0.39	
Sex hormone binding globulin(nmol/L)	48.0 ± 3.74	49.9 ± 4.16	51.8 ± 2.73	53.0 ± 3.19	54.2 ± 5.00	45.0 ± 4.88	
Free androgen index	45.0 ± 4.74	37.6 ± 3.02	41.4 ± 2.18	42.6 ± 3.22	35.0 ± 2.19	47.8 ± 5.71	
Glutathione peroxidase (nmol of NADPH/min/mg albumin)	39.2 ± 1.80	39.3 ± 2.23	40.9 ± 1.51	36.3 ± 1.78	37.8 ± 3.18	41.2 ± 3.81	
RBC total SOD(U/mg albumin)	22.5 ± 2.52	20.3 ± 4.32	16.1 ± 1.82	20.6 ± 2.08	17.3 ± 5.48	22.5 ± 5.62	
Serum total SOD(U/mg albumin)	5.47 ± 0.61	6.68 ± 0.99	5.36 ± 0.43	5.02 ± 0.46	5.07 ± 0.56	6.62 ± 0.76	
Malondialdehyde(nmol/ml)	3.99 ± 0.30	3.73 ± 0.46	4.14 ± 0.25	4.30 ± 0.21	3.78 ± 0.31	3.96 ± 0.38	

Mean \pm S.E.

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Table 5. Fat and muscle areas at different levels of body in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

Drinking	None		Moderate	Не	Heavy		
Smoking	None (n=33)	Heavy (n=11)	None Heavy (n=46) (n=33)		Heavy (n=15)		
1st lumbar(L1) vertebra							
Total fat(cm2)	189.8 ± 16.6	176.1 ± 26.8	173.1 ± 11.2 171.2 ± 1	4.9 235.7 ± 22.5	217.9 ± 24.9		
Visceral fat(cm2)	122.8 ± 11.5	105.5 ± 14.7	110.2 ± 8.11 111.2 ± 1	0.9 154.1 ± 15.6	135.2 ± 17.3		
Visceral/subcutaneous fat	1.98 ± 0.18	1.61 ± 0.15	$1.73 \pm 0.09 1.90 \pm 0$.12 2.02 ± 0.18	1.70 ± 0.19		
4th lumbar(L4) vertebra							
Total fat(cm2)	223.5 ± 15.9	209.5 ± 20.6	217.5 ± 11.1 209.3 ± 1	$5.0 262.1 \pm 19.7$	259.6 ± 23.7		
Visceral fat(cm2)	102.9 ± 8.67	96.8 ± 15.0	$103.3 \pm 7.10 96.7 \pm 7$.92 121.6 ± 9.36	111.7 ± 14.1		
Visceral/subcutaneous fat	0.85 ± 0.05	0.87 ± 0.14	$0.90 \pm 0.05 0.87 \pm 0$	$0.05 0.98 \pm 0.11$	0.80 ± 0.10		
Mid thigh							
Fat(cm2)	40.5 ± 2.45	42.0 ± 3.77	$37.7 \pm 1.79 36.3 \pm 2$.31 39.2 ± 2.92	41.1 ± 3.06		
Muscle(cm2)	145.3 ± 3.16	144.0 ± 5.34	$140.3 \pm 2.47 \ 148.9 \pm 3$.48 150.3 ± 4.22	145.4 ± 5.86		
Calf							
Fat(cm2)	17.9 ± 4.41	14.8 ± 1.38	$13.0 \pm 0.62 12.9 \pm 0$.74 13.5 ± 0.74	14.4 ± 0.77		
Muscle(cm2)	77.1 ± 1.68	72.1 ± 3.40	77.7 ± 1.67 78.3 ± 1	.98 76.2 ± 3.46	80.6 ± 4.39		

Mean \pm S.E.

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Table 6. Serum concentrations of carotenoids and tocopherols in healthy males by alcohol consumption and cigarette use

Drinking	None		Mod	erate	Heavy		
Smoking	None (n=33)	Heavy (n=11)	None (n=46)	Heavy (n=33)	None (n=14)	Heavy (n=15)	
Uncorrected levels							
- carotene(µg/dl)	3.46 ± 0.50	2.21 ± 0.45	2.89 ± 0.37	2.84 ± 0.46	2.63 ± 0.80	1.54 ± 0.34	
Retinol(µg/dl)	119.3 ± 14.5	95.9 ± 11.8	122.3 ± 13.9	97.6 ± 10.9	118.1 ± 26.6	124.0 ± 27.3	
- tocopherol(μ g/ml)	10.7 ± 1.24	7.54 ± 1.18	9.20 ± 0.99	8.24 ± 0.80	10.1 ± 2.20	11.1 ± 3.09	
- tocopherol(μ g/ml)	1.07 ± 0.17	1.15 ± 0.25	1.08 ± 0.15	1.13 ± 0.18	1.35 ± 0.39	1.61 ± 0.85	
Lipid- corrected levels							
- carotene(µg/mmol)	5.68 ± 0.90	3.50 ± 0.79	4.78 ± 0.58	3.94 ± 0.62	4.73 ± 1.86	2.08 ± 0.42	
- carotene(µg/mmol)*	103.3 ± 10.5	a 57.4 ± 12.5bc	$86.0 \pm 11.7ab$	52.5 ± 9.40 bc	57.1 ± 10.1bc	22.4 ± 4.18c	
Retinol(µg/mmol)	194.2 ± 24.0	153.7 ± 23.4	207.7 ± 29.6	139.9 ± 17.8	188.5 ± 48.4	167.9 ± 32.4	
- tocopherol(μ g/mmol)	1.81 ± 0.25	1.19 ± 0.20	1.48 ± 0.16	1.17 ± 0.12	1.48 ± 0.32	1.42 ± 0.30	
- tocopherol(μ g/mmol)	0.18 ± 0.03	0.18 ± 0.04	0.18 ± 0.03	0.16 ± 0.03	0.22 ± 0.07	0.20 ± 0.08	
Cryptoxanthin(µg/mmol)*	134.9 ± 21.2	a 85.2 ± 18.0ab	127.8 ± 16.2a	81.5 ± 14.8ab	101.8 ± 30.9ab	43.9 ± 8.68b	
Lycopene(µg/mmol)*	64.3 ± 8.23	a 43.7 ± 8.91ab	65.2 ± 8.55a	37.4 ± 6.62ab	39.1 ± 8.07ab	23.2 ± 5.84b	

Mean \pm S.E.

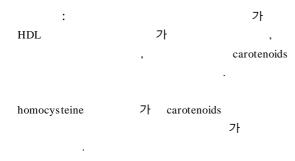
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=Abstract=

Influence of alcohol consumption and smoking habits on cardiovascular risk factors and antioxidant status in healthy men

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Objective: Upper-body fat distribution, hyperhomocysteinemia and a depletion in antioxidant status are considered risk factors for atherosclerosis and these factors are related to alcohol consumption and cigarette smoking. The purpose of this study was to determine the influence of alcohol consumption and smoking habits on cardiovascular risk factors in healthy men by using a cross-sectional design.

Methods: Smokers were defined as heavy smokers when they smoked more than 15 cigarettes per day. Group subdivision of drinkers were none, moderate (10-25g alcohol/d) and heavy(>25g alcohol/d) alcohol consumption. Subjects were divided into 6 groups: non-drinker-nonsmoker(n=33), nondrinker-heavy smoker (n=11), moderate drinker-nonsmoker (n=46), moderate drinker-heavy smoker(n=33), heavy drinker-nonsmoker (n=14) and heavy drinker-heavy smoker(n=15). Adipose tissue and muscle areas were calculated from computed tomography scans made at four body levels, first and forth lumbar vertebrae, mid portion of thigh and calf.

Fasting serum levels of lipids, proteins, hormones and antioxidants and plasma level of homocysteine were determined.

Results: Heavy drinker-heavy smokers showed similar intake of daily calorie and protein to other groups and 65% of them supplemented their diet with synthetic vitamin preparation. Heavy drinker-nonsmokers (36g/d) consumed nearly twice as much alcohol as moderate drinkers (16-18g/d) and heavy drinker-heavy smokers (53g/d) nearly three times as much. In comparison with non and moderate drinker-heavy smokers, heavy drinker-heavy smokers smoked more cigarettes(19 vs 26 cigarettes/d, p<0.05). Although there were no differences among 6 groups in means of age, body mass index, blood pressure and serum GOT and GPT levels, heavy drinkers showed the highest mean value of waist to hip ratio and subcutaneous fat area at first and forth lumbar vertebrae. Heavy drinker-heavy smokers showed higher serum levels of triglyceride and HDL-cholesterol but lower serum levels of transferrin and IGF-1, compared with nondrinkers. Plasma homocysteine level was higher in heavy drinker-heavy smokers than in nondrinkernonsmokers. Serum levels of -carotene, cryptoxanthin and lycopene in heavy smokers or heavy drinkers showed a decrease by about 50% of those in men who did not drink and smoke and these levels were the lowest in heavy drinker-heavy smokers among 6 groups.

Conclusion: Our results show that heavy alcohol consumption can result in abdominal obesity, hypertriglyceridemia and a decrease in serum carotenoid levels, even though it can cause an increase in HDL-cholesterol level. In addition, a further decrease in serum carotenoids and an increase in plasma homocysteine level in heavy drinker-heavy smokers indicate the increased risk for atherosclerosis in the simultaneous heavy consumption of alcohol and cigarette.

Key words : alcohol, smoking, abdominal obesity, carotenoids, homocysteine

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