Cardiovascular Consequences of Metabolic Disease



Inflammation/ Macrophage activation Endothelial cell dysfunction

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Current resources:

3 program grants:

- AMPK, Endothelial Cell Dysfunction, and the Metabolic Syndrome (PI Ruderman, Walsh, Cohen)
- Metabolic Control of Endothelial Cell Phenotype (PI Walsh, Vita, Cohen, Gokce, Loscalzo)
- Vascular Consequences of Insulin Resistance and Obesity (PI Vita, Gokce, Freedman, Hamilton)

Factors secreted from fat involved in crosstalk between adipocytes, macrophages and vascular cells



Tilg and Moschen, Nature Reviews Immunology 6, 772-783 (2006)

ARC Goals:

Foster cooperation between basic science and clinical labs investigating:

1) Fat as an endocrine organ

2) The vascular-protective effects of polyphenols (resveratrol); potential roles of Sirtuin-1, AMP kinase, and Adiponectin

3) The role of obesity-associated inflammation in microvascular dysfunction

Adipose tissue functions as an endocrine organ



Adiponectin shows protective actions on obesity-linked metabolic and cardiovascular disease



<u>Preliminary studies</u>: Effects of resveratrol in WT and APN-KO mice fed a high calorie diet.

Treatment: Resveratrol Mice: WT vs. APN-KO Diet: High fat / high sucrose

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- Metabolic measurements
- Liver
- Cardiac function
- Angiogenesis

Changes in APN levels after treatment with RSV



Effect of RSV on lipid accumulation in liver



Oil red O

RSV

Questions raised/potential new directions

- 1. Control of adiponectin release from fat (polyphenols, SIRT1, AMPK)
- 2. Adipokines: gene chip/proteomic analyses
- 3. Role of angiogenesis/hypoxia in fat on adiponectin release
- 4. Tissue effects of polyphenols (SIRT1, AMPK) Liver, Heart, Angiogenesis, ?, ?