

Interindividual variation in cardiorespiratory fitness: A candidate gene study in Han Chinese people

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Cardiorespiratory fitness, as assessed through peak oxygen uptake (VO_{2peak}), is a powerful health indicator. We aimed to evaluate the influence of several candidate causal genetic variants on VO_{2peak} level in untrained Han Chinese people. A total of 1009 participants (566 women; age [mean \pm SD] 40 ± 14 years, VO_{2peak} 29.9 ± 7.1 mL/kg/min) performed a maximal incremental cycling test for VO_{2peak} determination. Genomic DNA was extracted from peripheral whole blood, and genotyping analysis was performed on 125 gene variants. Using age, sex, and body mass as covariates, and setting a stringent threshold p-value of 0.0004, only one single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP), located in the gene encoding angiotensin-converting enzyme (rs4295), was associated with VO_{2peak} ($\beta = 0.87$; $p < 2.9 \times 10^{-4}$). Stepwise multiple regression analysis identified a panel of three SNPs (rs4295 = 1.1%, angiotensin II receptor type 1 rs275652 = 0.6%, and myostatin rs7570532 = 0.5%) that together accounted for 2.2% ($p = 0.0007$) of the interindividual variance in VO_{2peak} . Participants carrying six "favorable" alleles had a higher VO_{2peak} (32.3 ± 8.1 mL/kg/min) than those carrying only one favorable allele (24.6 ± 5.2 mL/kg/min, $p < 0.0001$). In summary, VO_{2peak} at the pre-trained state is partly influenced by several polymorphic variations in candidate genes, but they represent a minor portion of the

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Endurance performance

Genomics

Maximal oxygen uptake

Single nucleotide polymorphism

VO₂max

alpha actinin 3

alpha ketoglutarate dependent dioxygenase FTO

angiotensin 2 receptor

angiotensin converting enzyme 2

angiotensin receptor

angiotensinogen

bradykinin B2 receptor

dipeptidyl carboxypeptidase

fibroblast growth factor 21

fibroblast growth factor receptor 2

follistatin

genomic DNA

interleukin 15

interleukin 6

long chain fatty acid coenzyme A ligase

myostatin

peptide YY

peroxisome proliferator activated receptor gamma coactivator 1alpha

renin

resistin

adult

age

aged

allele

Article

body mass

cardiorespiratory fitness

cross-sectional study

cycling

DNA extraction

female

genetic variation

genotype

Han Chinese

human

human experiment

male

normal human

observational study

oxygen consumption

sex difference

single nucleotide polymorphism

young adult