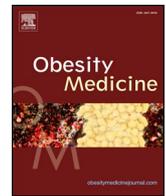




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Associations of polymorphisms of the FTO, ADRB3, LEPR genes with obesity and the impact on Them of a complex of recreational activities among residents of the North Caucasus

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ANNOTATION

Objective: To study the effect of a comprehensive health program on the effectiveness of reducing overweight depending on the carriage of allelic variants and FTO (rs9939609), ADRB3 (rs4994) and LepR (rs1137101) genotypes among residents of the North Caucasus.

Materials and methods: Gene polymorphisms were analyzed by the SNP-method with allele-specific primers on the test systems of 'Litex' Research and Production Company (RPC). The frequencies rs9939609, rs4994 and rs1137101 were studied in individuals with overweight, I-III degrees of obesity (n = 120) compared with the control group (n = 42). Experimental data were processed in the program SPSS Statistics 22.0. A comprehensive wellness program (CWP), along with health improving measures, limits caloric intake to 800–1200 kcal per day and excludes animal fats and proteins. The body mass index (BMI) of the examined individuals was calculated by the Kettle method as the ratio of body weight (kg) to height (m²). In accordance with WHO criteria (1997), the severity of overweight varies in the ranges of values: normal weight – 18–24.9 kg/m²; overweight – 25–29.9 kg/m²; I degree obesity – 30–34.9 kg/m²; II degree obesity – 35–39.9 kg/m²; III degree obesity – 40 and more kg/m².

Results: A significant increase in rs9939609 (p = 0.003), rs4994 (p = 0.0001) was found in the group of patients when compared with the control. The 64Arg allele (p = 5.0E-6) and the Arg64Arg genotype (p = 0.0001) of the ADRB3 gene have the greatest prognostic significance for the diagnosis of obesity, increasing the risk by 10 and 17 times, respectively. Significant differences in the distribution of FTO gene polymorphism were established to a lesser extent and only by the T23525T genotype ($\chi^2 = 7.20$; p = 0.03). However, the correlation analysis revealed a number of strong positive connections for the T23525T FTO genotype between the ratio of visceral fat (r = +0.541; p = 0.01), fat (r = +0.548; p = 0.01) and muscle mass (r = +0.587; p = 0.01). It should be noted that with SNP-typing of three polymorphic variants of the FTO, ADRB3 and LepR genes, the transversion phenomenon was established by rs9939609 in 26 out of 120 participants (21.6%).

Conclusion: According to the obtained data, we confirmed the promising use of rs9939609, rs4994 as genetic markers of obesity. The discovered phenomenon of transversion of polymorphisms in the FTO gene under the influence of the complex health program does not exclude a multi-level regulation of reparation processes and epigenetic activation of genes, which requires further study.

1. Introduction

Obesity is one of the global problems of the 21st century that threatens modern society. According to the final report of 2016 of the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 1.9 billion adults (over

18) and 41 million children under the age of 5 years were overweight and obese in 2015. In total, from 1980 to 2015, this figure more than doubled worldwide (World health organization, 2013). From the point of view of clinical diagnosis, obesity is considered as lipid metabolism disorder, due to the energy imbalance of the amount of the consumed

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food and energy (World health organization, 2013; Hindorff et al., 2009).

According to the WHO, overweight is one of the main risk factors for the development of type 2 diabetes, endocrine disorders, cardiovascular, oncological and other noncommunicable diseases, the annual loss of which is about 36 million people (63% of cases). More than 14 million people die prematurely (before the age of 50); and, while maintaining the current trends by 2030, these problems, taking on the character of pandemics, can kill 52 million people each year according to forecasts of WHO experts (World health organization, 2013). According to S.I. Kuzin, M.V. Karmanov (2016), about 40% of the working-age population in Russia are overweight and have obesity of varying degrees (Hindorff et al., 2009; Kuzin and Karmanov, 2016).

Taking into account the achievements of modern molecular biology, identification of causal relationships in the development of obesity and socially significant diseases will contribute to the promotion of health and the prevention of noncommunicable diseases; prevent depopulation processes in the whole world including Russia. However, the concept of the development of obesity under the influence of risk factors, established by WHO, does not provide exhaustive ideas about the trigger mechanisms for the occurrence of pathologies and the role of heredity.

According to the "HuGE Literature Finder" and the "National Center for Biotechnology Information" polymorphisms of the genes, involved into the pathogenesis of obesity "Fat mass and obesity-associated protein" (FTO), adrenoreceptor 3-type β (ADRB3) and leptin receptor (LEPR) regulating lipid balance and energy processes, have a significant impact on the proteome (HuGE Literature Finder, 2019; The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019).

A large number of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP – single nucleotide polymorphism) with different prognostic significance (The Allele Frequency Database, 2019; Puzyrev et al., 2007) was revealed during gene sequencing. However, according to the international project "1000 GenomesProject", the variation in the frequency of polymorphisms indicates the unequal degree of their association with obesity for different ethnic groups. Therefore, conducting regional studies to analyze the distribution and association of SNP with the risk of developing metabolic syndrome is necessary. Despite the identified positive correlation of gene polymorphisms with overweight and other functional parameters, the combined effect of mutations, associated with obesity and modeling of eating behavior and exercise on body weight correction, has not been studied.

The prospect of studying the effect of diet and exercise on the effectiveness of reducing body mass index, depending on the carriage of allelic variants and genotypes, will allow to identify molecular-genetic mechanisms affecting susceptibility to obesity, as well as to identify possible ways of correcting point mutations of the genes responsible for developing obesity.

2. Purpose of the work

A study of the effect of a comprehensive health program on the effectiveness of the reduction of body mass index depending on the carrier of allelic variants and FTO (rs9939609), ADRB3 (rs4994) and LepR (rs1137101) genotypes among residents of the North Caucasus.

2.1. The contingent of surveyed individuals

The control group is represented by unrelated donors (n = 42) aged 20–60 years, without the hereditary burden and clinical manifestations of chronic diseases, which is confirmed by the database of the Adygei Republican Blood Transfusion Station. The second group consisted of (n = 120) patients of the clinic of the Health Center, LLC (Maykop, Republic of Adygeya, Russia) aged 21–63 years with overweight, I-III degrees of obesity and with concomitant diseases (type 2 diabetes, arterial hypertension, chronic pancreatitis, etc.). Both surveyed groups

Table 1

The list of concomitant diseases in the study group (n = 120 persons).

№	Concomitant diseases	%
1	Hypertension	40,8
2	Coronary heart disease	2,5
3	Atherosclerosis	2,5
4	Type diabetes mellitus	15,8
5	Chronic bronchitis	4,2
6	Bronchial asthma	1,7
7	Thyroid diseases (goiter, hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism, autoimmune thyroiditis)	14,2
8	Chronic pancreatitis	13,3
9	Chronic gastritis	3,3
10	Gallstone disease	10
11	Urolithiasis	20
12	Arthritis. Arthrosis	29,2
13	Osteochondrosis	44,6

were represented by residents of the North Caucasus region.

The body mass index (BMI) of the examined individuals was calculated by the Kettle method as the ratio of body weight (kg) to height (m^2). In accordance with WHO criteria (1997), the severity of overweight varies in the ranges of values: normal weight – 18–24.9 kg/ m^2 ; overweight – 25–29.9 kg/ m^2 ; I degree obesity – 30–34.9 kg/ m^2 ; II degree obesity – 35–39.9 kg/ m^2 ; III degree obesity – 40 and more kg/ m^2 . Concomitant diseases are presented in Table 1.

2.2. Research methods

A comprehensive survey included: measurement of anthropometric data and standard biochemical blood parameters (total cholesterol, high/low lipoproteins, triglycerides). The body mass index (BMI) was calculated using the Quetelet method ($IR = \text{mass to body height (kg)/height ratio (m}^2\text{)}$). A quantitative assessment of muscle and fat body mass was performed using the devices "Tanita" (Japan) and DDFAO (France; CE certificate 0459, which allows use as medical equipment in European countries). The device meets the class of medical equipment type BF in accordance with IEC6011/EN60601-1. The principle of operation of the device is based on impedancemetry. By means of six electrodes, placed on the soles of the feet, hands and head, the electrical conductivity of the tissues is measured at various frequencies, specified by the device. Before and after the CWP course, the following was studied: total fat mass (kg), visceral fat (kg), muscle mass (kg), lean mass (kg), total fluid (kg), intracellular water (kg), extracellular water (kg).

As a result of the comprehensive wellness program, the adjustment of the body mass index had been carrying out for 19–21 days. The complex of health procedures included: low-calorie meals (800–1200 kcal/day) excluding animal proteins and fats from the diet of animals, cleansing enemas or colon hydrotherapy (2–3 times a week); laser and bio-resonance therapy, massage, warm shower (2–3 times a day), use of the infrared sauna (1 time per week). Contact laser therapy with a projection on the region of the spleen was carried out 2–3 times a week by an infrared laser with a wavelength of 0.85–0.89 μm using the "Milta" apparatus (ZAO "NPO Cosmic Instrument Making"). The courses of bio-resonance therapy (6–8) were carried out in the mode, specified with an interstitial scanner EIS CE 0535 (ESTECK System Complex, USA).

The genomic DNA of the examined individuals was isolated from whole blood leukocytes using DNA express-blood reagent (NPF "Litekh" (Russia)). The purity of the DNA samples was tested on a NanoDrop 2000c spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific, USA). Polymorphisms of the FTO genes (A23525T, rs9939609), ADRB3 (Trp64Arg, rs4994) and LepR (Gln223Arg, rs1137101) were studied in DNA samples of donors and patients, which were typed using commercial test-systems of NPF "Litekh" (Russia) with electrophoretas. on the basis of the

"Immunogenetic Laboratory" of the Research Institute of Complex Problems of the Adyge State University (Maykop, Russia). In order to verify the obtained data, DNA samples were SNP-typed in the independent laboratory "Development Biology and Genome Organizations" (Rostov-on-Don, Russia) with the obligatory condition of observing identical experimental conditions.

Genotype distributions corresponded to expected values at Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium and compared frequencies of allelic variants/genotypes using χ^2 (chi-square) for contingency tables 2x2 corrected by Yates for continuity and calculating the odds ratio (odds-ratio or OR), 95% confidence interval (95% CI). The non-parametric Spearman method in the SPSS Statistics 22.0 program was used to calculate correlations.

The study was conducted in accordance with the principles of the Helsinki Declaration with the written informed consent of all participants in the experiment.

3. The results of the study

According to "HuGE Literature Finder" and "National Center for Biotechnology Information" (HuGE Literature Finder, 2019; The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019), allelic variants and FTO genotypes (A23525T, rs9939609), ADRB3 (Trp64Arg, rs4994) and LepR (Gln223Arg, rs1137101) in donor groups (control) and the examined patients (Tables 2 and 3) were typed at the first stage to compare the prognostic significance of the polymorphisms of three genes with impaired metabolic processes and obesity.

According to the obtained results (Table 2), the frequencies rs4994 (ADRB3), rs9939609 (FTO) were statistically significantly ($p < 0.05$) increased in the patient group compared to the control, but the polymorphism of the ADRB3 gene with a high degree of reliability is most significant, as in the homozygous Arg/Arg genotype ($\chi^2 = 18.31$; $p = 0.0001$) and the 64Arg allele ($\chi^2 = 20.74$; $p = 5.0E^{-6}$). Heterozygous Trp/Arg genotype ADRB3 was not detected in patients, which significantly increases the significance of the obtained results.

Table 2
The frequency of SNP genes in the control group and the group of patients.

Gene	Genotypes/Alleles	Genotype/Alleles Frequencies in Groups		χ^2	P	OR*	
		Patients (all) (n = 120)	Control (n = 42)			value	95% CI
FTO (rs9939609)	A/A	0.350	0.286	7.20	0.03	1.35	0.62–2.90
	A/T	0.400	0.619			0.41	0.20–0.84
	T/T	0.250	0.095			3.17	1.04–9.61
	Alleles						
	A	0.550	0.595	0.52	0.47	0.83	0.50–1.38
	T	0.450	0.405			1.20	0.73–1.99
	Genotypes	Patients (all) (n = 40)	Control (n = 32)				
ADRB3 (rs4994)	Trp/Trp	0.050	0.219	18.13	0.0001	0.19	0.04–0.98
	Trp/Arg	0.000	0.250			0.04	0.00–0.64
	Arg/Arg	0.950	0.531			16.76	3.44–81.59
	Alleles						
	Trp	0.050	0.344	20.74	5.0E ⁻⁶	0.10	0.03–0.31
	Arg	0.950	0.656			9.95	3.21–30.81
	Genotype	Patients (all) (n = 40)	Control (n = 32)				
LepR (rs1137101)	Gln/Gln	0.325	0.156	3.02	0.22	2.60	0.81–8.30
	Gln/Arg	0.450	0.500			0.82	0.32–2.08
	Arg/Arg	0.225	0.344			0.55	0.20–1.57
	Alleles						
	Gln	0.550	0.406	2.94	0.09	1.79	0.92–3.48
	Arg	0.450	0.594			0.56	0.29–1.09

Notes: OR – odds ratio; p – the significance of differences for control and patients.

Carrying the mutant Arg allele and the homozygous genotype of the ADRB3 gene increases the risk of developing the disease 9.95/16.76 times, respectively (Table 2). Significant differences in the frequency distribution of polymorphism of the FTO gene (rs9939609), which sick and donors have, were identified to a lesser extent and only by the T23525T genotype. Gender differences in the distribution and association of allelic FTO variants (A23525T, rs9939609), ADRB3 (Trp64Arg, rs4994) and LepR (Gln223Arg, rs1137101) with the risk of obesity are presented in Tables 3 and 4.

Association with overweight and obesity in men, as opposed to women, was installed only on rs4994 gene ADRB3. At the same time, the carriage of the 64Arg allele increases the risk of developing pathology by more than 28 times, and the homozygous Arg64Arg genotype increases by 20 compared to donors and twice as compared with women (Tables 3 and 4).

An important aspect of the experimental study is to identify the links of the physiological signs of the examined patients with certain genotypes, as well as a correlation analysis in order to identify prognostic unfavorable genetic variants as targets for subsequent therapy (Table 5).

A number of reliable ($p < 0.05$) links (Table 5) were identified in a comparative analysis of the dependence of anthropometric indicators on the rs1137101 and rs9939609 genotypes. Patients with heterozygous Gln/Arg LepR genotypes were distinguished by lower weight, BMI, visceral fat content, waist circumference, which is a more favorable prognostic factor (Table 5). The ratios of anthropometric indices for LepR homozygotes Gln/Gln and Arg/Arg practically did not differ; however, individuals with a mutant homozygous genotype had higher studied parameters.

The most significant deviations from normal donor scores and the effects of the complex health program were noted by the T23525T polymorphism (rs9939609) of the FTO gene. The carriage of the homozygous T23525T variant, compared with other genotypes, reveals itself not only with a significant increase in all prognostically unfavorable anthropometric indicators (Table 5) but also with a smaller

Table 3
SNP frequency of FTO, ADRB3, LepR genes in **women (F)**.

Gene	Genotypes/alleles	Genotype/Alleles Frequencies in Groups		χ^2	P	OR*	
		Patients (F) (n = 79)	Control (F) (n = 24)			value	95% CI
FTO (rs9939609)	Genotypes						
	A/A	0.380	0.375	5.54	0.05	1.02	0.40–2.62
	A/T	0.380	0.583			0.44	0.17–1.11
	T/T	0.241	0.042			7.28	1.05–57.58
	Alleles						
	A	0.570	0.667	1.44	0.23	0.66	0.34–1.30
T	0.430	0.333	1.51			0.77–2.98	
ADRB3 (rs4994)	Genotypes	Patients (n = 28) F	Control (n = 14) F				
	Trp/Trp	0.071	0.143	12.68	0.002	0.46	0.06–3.68
	Trp/Arg	0.000	0.357			0.03	0.00–0.60
	Arg/Arg	0.929	0.500			13.00	2.19–77.04
	Alleles						
	Trp	0.071	0.321	8.92	0.003	0.16	0.04–0.59
Arg	0.929	0.679	6.16			1.70–22.36	
LepR (rs1137101)	Genotype	Patients (n = 28) F	Control (n = 14) F				
	Gln/Gln	0.357	0.214	3.09	0.21	2.04	0.46–9.06
	Gln/Arg	0.464	0.357			1.56	0.42–5.85
	Arg/Arg	0.179	0.429			0.29	0.07–1.22
	Alleles						
	Gln	0.589	0.393	2.89	0.09	2.22	0.88–5.60
Arg	0.411	0.607	0.45			0.18–1.14	

Notes: OR – odds ratio; p – significance of differences for control and patients.

For those women who are at risk of developing obesity, the Trp/Arg and A2352T polymorphisms of the FTO and ADRB3 genes (Table 3) are associated. The homozygous TT genotype FTO ($\chi^2 = 5.54$; $p = 0.05$) increases the risk of obesity by 7.28 times, the minor 64Arg allele of the ADRB3 gene increases 6.16 times ($\chi^2 = 8.92$; $p = 0.003$), and Arg64Arg genotype increases by 13.0 times ($\chi^2 = 12.68$; $p = 0.002$).

Significant differences between patients and controls were not found (Table 4) for rs1137101 of the LepR gene.

Table 4
SNP frequency of FTO, ADRB3, LepR genes in **men (M)**.

Gene	Genotypes/alleles	Genotype/Alleles Frequencies in Groups		χ^2	P	OR*	
		Patients (M) (n = 41)	Control (M) (n = 18)			value	95% CI
FTO (rs9939609)	Genotypes						
	A/A	0.293	0.167	2.60	0.27	2.07	0.50–8.48
	A/T	0.439	0.667			0.39	0.12–1.25
	T/T	0.268	0.167			1.83	0.44–7.58
	Alleles						
	A	0.512	0.500	0.01	0.9	1.05	0.48–2.30
T	0.488	0.500	0.95			0.43–2.09	
ADRB3 (rs4994)	Genotypes	Patients (n = 12) M	Control (n = 18) M				
	Trp/Trp	0.000	0.278	7.27	0.003	0.10	0.00–1.96
	Trp/Arg	0.000	0.167			0.18	0.01–3.76
	Arg/Arg	1.000	0.556			20.24	1.04–93.65
	Alleles						
	Trp	0.000	0.361	11.06	0.0009	0.04	0.00–0.63
Arg	1.000	0.639	28.15			1.58–97.35	
LepR (rs1137101)	Genotype	Patients (n = 12) M	Control (n = 18) M				
	Gln/Gln	0.250	0.111	1.42	0.49	2.67	0.37–9.06
	Gln/Arg	0.417	0.611			0.45	0.10–2.01
	Arg/Arg	0.333	0.278			1.30	0.27–6.33
	Alleles						
	Gln	0.458	0.417	0.10	0.75	1.18	0.42–3.36
Arg	0.542	0.583	0.84			0.30–2.39	

Notes: OR – odds ratio; p – the significance of differences for control and patients.

loss of visceral fat after the course of the unloading and diet therapy. The analyzed parameters of T2352T homozygotes (Table 5) slightly differ from the reference values (Table 5). For rs4994 ADRB3 gene, similar comparisons were not analyzed, since only two carriers with a

normal Trp/Trp genotype and 95% of those surveyed with the Arg/Arg variant were found in the group of people with overweight and obesity.

A correlation analysis between anthropometric features and the genotypes of the studied SNPs had revealed ten significant links only for

Table 5
Analysis of the correlation between the rs1137101 and rs9939609 genotypes and morphophysiological parameters of the examined patients.

Research	Genotype					
	LepR			FTO		
	Gln/Gln M ± δ	Gln/Arg M ± δ	Arg/Arg M ± δ	A/A M ± δ	A/T M ± δ	T/T M ± δ
Weight (kg) to	98.17 ± 5.18	93.01 ± 7.76	102.40 ± 13.04	93.50 ± 3.27	97.89 ± 4.26	113.54 ± 6.56*
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
Weight (kg) after	89.14 ± 4.79	84.53 ± 6.98	92.95 ± 12.61	84.93 ± 3.03	89.384 ± 3.96	103.51 ± 6.66**
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
BMI (U) to	34.87 ± 2.04	33.44 ± 2.15	36.04 ± 3.95	32.92 ± 1.09	34.90 ± 1.40	37.85 ± 1.82 ^a
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
BMI (unit) after	31.73 ± 1.95	30.42 ± 1.95	32.76 ± 3.85	29.92 ± 1.02	33.95 ± 1.32	35.42 ± 1.72 ^b
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
Waist circumference (cm) to	107.69 ± 3.50	103.18 ± 6.25	109.88 ± 9.09	100.83 ± 2.19	105.83 ± 2.92	114.23 ± 4.18 ^c
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
Waist circumference (cm) after	99.15 ± 3.52	94.75 ± 5.99	101.88 ± 9.27	93.29 ± 2.06	97.00 ± 3.05	106.11 ± 5.22 ^d
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
Hip circumference (cm) to	117.23 ± 3.94	113.82 ± 4.51	116.25 ± 7.23	113.36 ± 2.83	113.26 ± 2.37	116.81 ± 3.01
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
Thigh circumference (cm) after	111.54 ± 3.95	108.06 ± 3.86	111.38 ± 7.03	108.61 ± 2.15	108.66 ± 2.36	114.42 ± 3.37
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,005
Visceral fat (kg) to	11.75 ± 1.79	9.25 ± 1.97	15.00 ± 3.21	7.00 ± 2.09	12.40 ± 2.15	13.80 ± 2.03 ^e
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,0001	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,0001
Visceral fat (kg) after	10.00 ± 1.70	7.14 ± 1.71	11.60 ± 2.25	6.00 ± 1.84	9.00 ± 1.51	13.00 ± 1.67 ^f
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,5	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,0001	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,0001
Fat mass (kg) to	41.11 ± 5.74	39.50 ± 5.97	47.62 ± 4.26	39.14 ± 4.15	41.72 ± 3.85	46.91 ± 3.04 ^g
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,05	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,0001	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,0001
Fat mass (kg) after	37.62 ± 7.52	35.45 ± 7.27	41.52 ± 12.53	34.38 ± 4.37	36.14 ± 4.45	38.27 ± 5.97
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 2-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 1-3 > 0,05	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,0001	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,06	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,05
Muscle mass (kg) to	52.12 ± 5.79	46.42 ± 3.27	57.73 ± 4.81	42.06 ± 2.24	53.76 ± 3.56	54.80 ± 3.079 ^h
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 1-3 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,005	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,0001	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,0001
Muscle mass (kg) after	46.64 ± 0.84	42.94 ± 2.76	53.82 ± 4.24	40.86 ± 2.06	49.70 ± 3.16	50.14 ± 3.53 ⁱ
P (95%)	<i>p</i> 1-2 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 2-3 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 1-3 < 0,001	<i>p</i> 4-5 < 0,0001	<i>p</i> 5-6 < 0,5	<i>p</i> 4-6 < 0,05

Notes: P – significance of differences; 1 - Gln/Gln; 2 - Gln/Arg; 3 - Arg/Arg; 4 – A/A; 5 – A/T; 6 - T/T; *r = +0.410 (p = 0.02); **r = + 0.325 (p = 0.01).

- ^a r = +0.222 (p = 0.01).
- ^b r = +0.205 (p = 0.007).
- ^c r = + 0.426 (p = 0.01).
- ^d r = + 0.358 (p = 0.03).
- ^e r = +0.541 (p = 0.01).
- ^f r = +0.663 (p = 0.002).
- ^g r = +0.548 (p = 0.01).
- ^h r = +0.587 (p = 0.01).
- ⁱ r = +0.517 (p = 0.01).

the FTO gene, of which six corresponds to weak interconnections (r < 0.5; p ≤ 0.05). The highest correlation coefficient in the group of patients was established between T23525T genotype and indicators of visceral fat, fat and muscle mass before and after the course of unloading and diet therapy (Table 5). As a result, it can be assumed that the mutant homozygous variant rs9939609 is not only associated with an increased risk of obesity but also is a prognostically unfavorable factor for obtaining the final effect from measures aimed for weight correction.

To confirm the hypothesis about the effect of diet and lifestyle on the structure of genes, SNP genes studied before and after the complex health program was typed in patients with obesity. Of the three allelic variants of the genes studied (FTO, ADRB3, LepR), 26 out of 120 (21.6%) patients had changes in the rs9939609 FTO gene (Table 6) after undergoing a course of a low-calorie diet.

It should be noted that processes, associated with the transition of A23525T and T23525T genotypes to the homozygous A23525A variant (Table 6), dominated in 34.6% of cases (from all transitions), where the replacement (transversion) of the purine base T (associated with obesity) to pyrimidine – A (normal or wild allele) occurs.

Gender analysis showed that it was 80% transcription of the pyrimidine and purine bases (A↔T). The phenomenon of transversion to DNA identified in an experimental study indicates the effect of unloading and diet therapy on the replacement of nucleotides in the

Table 6
Comparison of genotype frequencies before and after unloading and diet therapy.

Genotype	Before unloading and diet therapy (n)	After unloading and diet therapy (n)		
		A23525A	A23525T	T23525T
Male (n = 41)	A23525A	12	–	1
	A23525T	18	3	–
	T23525T	11	–	1
Female (N = 79)	A23525A	30	–	2
	A23525T	30	4	–
Total sample (n = 120)	T23525T	19	2	7
	A23525A	42	–	3
	A23525T	48	7	–
	T23525T	30	2	8

structure of genes, in particular, the rs9939609 of the FTO gene. For a more detailed analysis, all transversions were grouped by us into groups based on the general characteristics of the changes presented in Table 7.

The number of transitions in the group with prognostically favorable genotypes is 65.38% of the total number of cases. We analyzed the degree of conjugation of polymorphisms and various anthropometric indicators using the statistical methods Phi and Cramer's V to identify

Table 7
Transverse grouping by the common transition.

Transversion Option	Number of associations
Gt→N; P → N; P→Gt	17
N→ P; N→Gt; Gt → P	9

Notes: N – a normal genotype; Gt – a heterozygote; P – pathological genotype.

possible factors affecting the transversion process. It was found that the presence or absence of obesity (0.755 at $p = 0.005$) (Table 8) affects the direction of transversion.

According to the presented data and in accordance with the results of the research, obesity in patients is a prognostic unfavorable factor that facilitates the transition to allelic variants associated with the development of pathology (Table 8). The FTO is the normal number of cases or normal BMI. Thus, on the basis of anthropometric patient data, it is possible to predict the probability of the transition of the rs9939609 genotype after a course of a low-calorie diet.

4. Discussion

The search and improvement of the methodological base for the early diagnosis and treatment of obesity is one of the urgent tasks of modern clinical medicine. Therefore, research, related to the study of molecular genetic mechanisms of regulation of energy processes in the body and the identification of informative markers, can significantly improve this process.

One of the promising directions in the typing of genes, involved in metabolic processes, is the adrenoreceptor – $\beta 3$ from the family of receptors, associated with G-proteins, and expressed in adipose tissue, smooth muscle of blood vessels, gastrointestinal tract and gall bladder (Anthony et al., 1998; Shihara et al., 1999). The main physiological effect is due to the participation in the control of lipolysis and thermogenesis. Activation of the ADRB3 receptors through Gs proteins triggers adenylate cyclase and formation of secondary messenger cAMP, which stimulates lipolysis in white adipose tissue and heat production in brown adipose tissue (Bachman et al., 2002). To determine the role of ADRB3 in the regulation of lipolysis, in response to a change in diet (Bachman and others 2002), a line of mice with the knockout gene ADRB3 (Walston et al., 1995) was developed, in which, unlike the wild type, obesity develops in response to the hypercaloric diet with high content of lipids. These studies confirm the key role of ADRB3 in maintaining energy balance by changing the intensity of heat transfer from the body and protecting against dyslipidemia.

When sequencing the ADRB3 gene, a single missense mutation with the replacement of tryptophan (Trp) to arginine (Arg) in position 64 (rs4994) of the first coding exon was detected at the junction of the

transmembrane domain and the intracellular loop of the receptor (Candelore et al., 2007; Piétri-Rouxel et al., 1997; Kurokawa et al., 2008). Fifty-eight papers, related to obesity, were submitted in the network "HuGE Literature Finder" on rs4994 SNP. Four large meta-analyses (The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019) did not confirm the association of rs4994 with the risk of obesity; however, a significant relationship was established between 64Arg and metabolic disturbances, mainly in Asian populations of China, Japan, and Korea (Kurokawa et al., 2008; Oizumi et al., 2001; Mo et al., 2007; Yamakita et al., 2010; Zhu et al., 2010; Yoshihara et al., 2014; Liu et al., 2015).

In contrast to the cited works, the association of the Tpr64Arg gene polymorphism with obesity, both for the homozygous mutant Arg/Arg genotype ($p = 0.0001$) and the 64Arg allele ($p < 0.0001$), was established with a high degree of confidence ($p \ll 0.001$) in our study. The frequency of 64Arg alleles in the group of patients is 95%; it significantly differs (from 2% to 23%) from the results of other studies (The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019). The presence of mutant allele increases the risk of obesity by six times, and homozygous Arg64Arg increases by 13 times. The dependence of the main anthropometric parameters on the identified genotypes was not analyzed due to the apparent dominance of the mutant Arg64Arg of the homozygous variant of 95.0%. The frequency of the Arg64Arg genotype in the control group (53.1%) of the inhabitants of the North Caucasus differs from the average statistical data in the world according to the results of the "1000 Genomes Project" (4.7%–21.6%) (Krief et al., 1993). The high frequencies of 64Arg alleles and Arg64Arg of the ADRB3 genotype, obtained in our study, may be due to the specifics of the sample of subjects or the ethnogenetic characteristics of the population living in the region.

The reliable association of the 64Arg allele of ADRB3 with an increased risk of developing hyperglycemia to a greater extent than with obesity (Shcherbakova et al., 2010; Kochetova et al., 2015, 2017; Baturin et al., 2012a, 2014, 2016a; Borodin and Gapparova, 2016) was confirmed by studies in Russia. The frequency of 64Arg polymorphism in some regions varies in a narrow range of values of 9.6%–22.2% and is comparable with foreign data. However, it should be noted that in 2012, A.K. Baturin, A.V. Pogozheva, E.I. Sorokina, and others did not reveal statistically significant differences between control and patients; and 64Arg association with obesity was confirmed by the same authors in 2016 (A.K. Baturin, A.V. Pogozheva, E.I. Sorokina, et al. 2016). This fact may be due to both the number of participants in the experiment and the ethnogenetic features of the persons examined. According to S.V. Borodin et al. (2016), rs4994 of the ADRB3 gene is not involved in the pathological process. In the work of T.V. Kochetova, and others (2015), on the contrary, a relationship of the prognostically unfavorable 64Arg ADRB3 polymorphism in women of the Tatar population (Kochetova et al., 2015) was shown. However, we found that rs4994 has a more significant prognostic significance for men: the carriage of

Table 8
Conjugation analysis between FTO genotypes and obesity.

Contingency table		Obesity					Total
Combination of genotypes		No obesity	1° obesity	2° obesity	3° obesity	Extraweight	
		Gt→N; P → N; P→Gt (n = 17)	Frequency	10	2	2	
	Expected frequency	6.5	3.3	3.9	1.3	2.0	17.0
N→ P; N→Gt;	Frequency	0	3	4	2	0	9
Gt → P (n = 9)	Expected frequency	3.5	1.7	2.1	0.7	1.0	9.0
Total	Frequency	10	5	6	2	3	26
	Expected frequency	10.0	5.0	6.0	2.0	3.0	26.0
Rated at rated	Phi	0.755					
	$p = 0.005$						
	Cramer's V	0.755					
	$p = 0.005$						

the homozygous Arg64Arg genotype increases the risk of developing obesity by a factor of 20 times, whereas in women it increases only 13 times. Based on the presented materials, we can make a preliminary conclusion about the effectiveness of using this polymorphism as an early marker of metabolic disorders, especially for men of the south of Russia.

Another analyzed polymorphism, associated with an increased risk of obesity, is the missense mutation of the LEPR gene, due to a change in the adenine nucleotide to guanine at 668 position (rs1137101) in 4 exon, followed by the replacement of the glutamine amino acid with arginine at 223 positions (Gln223Arg/Q223R) of the protein product, which affects the increase in food intake and the development of obesity (The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019; The Allele Frequency Database, 2019; Zhang et al., 1994; Inui, 1999; Chung et al., 1997; Chagnon et al., 1999; Chagnon et al., 2000).

The results of 124 independent studies on the association of the L2R gene polymorphism with diseases, including 46 with the risk of developing obesity, were published in international information databases. However, most authors deny the association of rs1137101 with overweight (Paracchini et al., 2000; Gallicchio et al., 2009; Pyrzak et al., 2009; Constantin et al., 2010; Angel-Chávez et al., 2012; Dias et al., 2012; Rustemoglu et al., 2012; Görmüş et al., 2014; Al-Azzam et al., 2014; Ng et al., 2014; Gajewska et al., 2016; An et al., 2016), which is confirmed by the results of two large meta-analyses conducted in 2002 and 2011 involving 15,432 people (case/control) and did not reveal a significant relationship between Q223R SNP and metabolic disturbance (Heo et al., 2002; Bender et al., 2011). However, in separate studies, carried out in Turkey, Malaysia, Romania, Brazil, Tunisia, England and the Netherlands, it was shown that 223R polymorphism is associated with an increased risk of obesity, since the carriage of the minor allele correlates with elevated cholesterol, triglycerides and significantly reduces insulin sensitivity (Quinton et al., 2001; Duarte et al., 2007; van der Vleuten et al., 2006; Boumaiza et al., 2012; Becer et al., 2013; Kasim et al., 2016; Wauters et al., 2002; Sook-Ha and Yee-How, 2014; Hassan et al., 2017; Berezina et al., 2015; Nikolaev et al., 2014; Zybaltsev et al., 2016; Morozova et al., 2014).

The association of rs1137101 polymorphism with the risk of obesity in residents of southern Russia is also not confirmed in our studies, but in other domestic studies (Takahashi-Yasuno et al., 2003; Furusawa et al., 2010) a significant association of 223R with lipid metabolism, correlated with cholesterol, triglycerides, and other biochemical blood parameters were found. Therefore, we analyzed the relationship of genotypes with weight, BMI, waist circumference and other main anthropometric indicators. Carrying a homozygous mutant variant of the Arg/Arg variant, compared to the heterozygous Gln/Arg genotype, is associated with a statistically significant impairment of physiological parameters.

When analyzing the results of studies in comparison with the data of other authors (Paracchini et al., 2000; Gallicchio et al., 2009; Pyrzak et al., 2009; Constantin et al., 2010; Angel-Chávez et al., 2012; Dias et al., 2012; Rustemoglu et al., 2012; Görmüş et al., 2014; Al-Azzam et al., 2014; Ng et al., 2014; Gajewska et al., 2016; An et al., 2016), it should be noted that the carriers of Gln223Arg variant of the LEPR gene before and after RTT revealed the lowest anthropometric indicators, which determines the effectiveness of treatment. However, the significance of rs1137101, as a genetic marker in the diagnosis of obesity, remains open.

Search for markers associated with the development of metabolic processes in the body, started with the gene "Fat mass and obesity-associated protein" (FTO), which is expressed in almost all tissues of the body (brain, muscles, adipose tissue, adrenal glands, pancreas) and is one from promising objects in the study of the genetics of obesity (Scuteri et al., 2007b; Gulati et al., 2013; Wu et al., 2010; Hubacek et al., 2012; Liu et al., 2010).

According to "The Allele Frequency Database" (date of appeal 2019), 138 mutations were typed in the FTO gene, most of which have

no functional significance. In clinical medicine, rs9939609 polymorphism with nucleotide substitution (SNP) of adenine (A) for thymine (T) in position 23525 of the first intron is the most promising. The results of 438 scientific studies on the association of the A23525T polymorphism with various diseases, of which 234 are associated with obesity (Genome-wide association studies, 2019; The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019), were published in the database "HuGE Literature Finder" (2010–2019). Multicenter studies have confirmed the role of the homozygous AA genotype and the A allele of the FTO gene in the development of obesity regardless of the ethnicity of the individuals studied (Quan et al., 2015; Mačeková et al., 2015; Tanofsky-Kraff et al., 2009; Lingwei et al., 2016; Lurie et al., 2011a, 2011b; Deliard et al., 2013; Smemo et al., 2014; Stratigopoulos et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2014; Kilpeläinen et al., 2011; Livingstone et al., 2016; Korelskaya et al., 2014). The prognostically unfavorable allele is predominantly associated with central or abdominal obesity.

In domestic studies (Zavyalova et al., 2011; Nasibulina et al., 2012; Baturin et al., 2011, 2012b, 2016b, 2017), the association of the FTO gene with an increased body mass index was also noted, but in contrast to the cited works, the homozygous T23525T genotype is associated with obesity ($\chi^2 = 7.20$ $p = 0.03$) in the residents of the Republic of Adygeya, which increases the risk of obesity by 3 times, which is much higher than the average indicators (OR = 1.2–1.8) in the world and the Russian Federation (Mačeková et al., 2015; Tanofsky-Kraff et al., 2009; Lingwei et al., 2016; Lurie et al., 2011a, 2011b; Deliard et al., 2013; Smemo et al., 2014; Stratigopoulos et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2014; Kilpeläinen et al., 2011; Livingstone et al., 2016; Korelskaya et al., 2014; Zavyalova et al., 2011; Nasibulina et al., 2012; Baturin et al., 2011, 2012b, 2016b, 2017). It should be noted that the identified gender differences in the distribution of Rs9939609 and the connection with obesity mainly in women ($\chi^2 = 5.54$; $p = 0.05$) are not reflected in the analyzed works from the database "HuGE Literature Finder" (The National Center for Biotechnology Information, 2019).

An important aspect of experimental work is the establishment of a relationship between phenotypic traits and genotypes of the examined individuals (Arkadianos et al., 2007; Celis-Morales et al., 2016; Petkeviciene et al., 2016; Camp and Trujillo, 2014). Taking into account the genetic features in the present work, the correlation between the T23525T genotype and the indicators of visceral fat, fat and muscle mass of the body has been proved until and after the course of the complex health program. As a result, it can be assumed that the mutant homozygous variant rs9939609 is not only associated with an increased risk of obesity but also is a prognostically unfavorable factor for carrying out measures aimed for weight correction. However, based on literature data (Celis-Morales et al., 2016; Petkeviciene et al., 2016; Camp and Trujillo, 2014), as well as own results, it was found that the presence of mutation does not interfere with the process of normalizing the physiological parameters of the body as a result of therapeutic effects.

Many of the effects of the hypocaloric diet, according to some authors (Grayson et al., 2014; Toperoff et al., 2015; Pitman and Borgland, 2015), are carried out by epigenetic regulation of the expression of genes responsible for DNA repair. There is a study proving the effect of whole cow milk on the epigenetic processes in the FTO gene through exosomal miR-29 (Melnik, 2015).

Therefore, we have typed SNPs of the FTO, ADRB3, LepR genes in the genomic DNA of patients before and after the complex health program. Despite the fact that three genes were examined in the experiment, the transversion phenomenon was found only for rs9939609 FTO. The results confirmed by a blind method in an independent laboratory with the observance of similar conditions suggest that in the process of carrying out complex treatment in 26 (21.6%) of 120 examined patients there had been a change in the rs9939609 genotype. In 34.6% of all transversion cases, a reversal of mutations was observed, due to the T→A nucleotide substitution and the transfer of the A23525T, T23525T genotypes to the homozygous A23525A variant, i.e.

the return of the gene to its original state. We have also established a high degree of correlation between the rs9939609 polymorphisms and obesity, so we assume that the presence of pathology is a prognostically unfavorable factor determining the direction of transversion. It should be noted that patients with an unfavorable genotype transition, gained about 5.16 ± 1.8 kg after 6–18 months and patients with a favorable transverse version retained their weight (-0.3 ± 1.8 kg; $p < 0.05$) after the complex health program.

It was revealed that age might be another possible factor affecting the transversion process. Based on the obtained data, a tendency was revealed which is related to the fact that the direction of transfer was due to the transition to unfavorable genetic variants in all the examined persons at the age of (56.5 ± 1.7). Thus, perhaps, age is an additional factor that can affect this phenomenon under unloading and diet therapy.

One of the possible mechanisms of the established phenomenon is the fact that specific reactions contributing to the destabilization of the FTO gene, activation of the mechanisms promoting the transversion process, caused by changes in the functional activity of nuclear regulatory systems: NF- κ B and p53, develop in some patients against the background of the complex health program. Processes at the eustress level can enhance reparative mechanisms with the restoration of mutated genes. With distress, modifications of nucleotides are possible, i.e. mutation of individual DNA genes. Probably, this can explain the multi-directionality of the transversion of point mutations in the FTO gene under conditions of caloric restriction in our research. Thus, the results of our research and model experiments in vivo V.D. Longo and others (2010–2016) (Longo and Fontana, 2010; Longo et al., 2013, 2014, 2015) confirm the possible effect of a low-calorie diet, exercise, physiotherapy procedures on the structure of genes. However, further research is needed to clarify this mechanism.

5. Conclusion

The results of this study are not only theoretical but also of practical importance since they complement and expand the fundamental knowledge about the role of gene polymorphisms in the development of obesity, the effect of partial food deprivation and health measures on the nucleotide sequence of genes. However, data on transversion and theoretical assumptions, expressed in the paper on the effect of the complex health program on the rs9939609 FTO gene, do not exclude a multi-level regulation of the processes of reparation and epigenetic activation of genes. Therefore, population studies of the phenomenon of A23525T transversion of the polymorphism of the FTO gene can broaden the understanding of the molecular-genetic mechanisms for the development and correction of body weight in obesity.

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