ARIC Manuscript Proposal #2185

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1a. Full Title:

Lipoprotein lipase variant interacts with polyunsaturated fatty acids to modulate obesity traits

b. Abbreviated Title:

$LPL$ interacts with PUFA for obesity

2. Writing Group:

Yiyi Ma, the first author, confirms that all the coauthors have given their approval for this manuscript proposal.

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3. Timeline:

   Individual cohort statistical analyses: ASAP
   Manuscript preparation: ASAP
   Manuscript submission: Fall 2013

4. Rationale:

This is a replication study request. Could you please make suggestions of possible ARIC Investigators that would be interested in participating in this paper as an Author?
Lipoprotein lipase (LPL) has been evaluated as a candidate gene for obesity based on its functions in several relevant tissues including adipose, skeletal muscle, and the central nervous system. As the rate limiting enzyme in triglyceride hydrolysis, LPL regulates fatty acid uptake and storage in adipocytes [1], and also the uptake of fatty acids for oxidation as an energy source in skeletal muscle [2]. Recently, LPL was also shown to regulate body weight and energy balance through central nervous system mechanisms [3].

In spite of the potential relevance of LPL to energy balance and adiposity, research exploring the role of LPL variants in obesity-related traits is limited. Three candidate gene studies reported that LPL rs320 was associated with obesity, especially in women [4-6]. This association may be related to the in vitro finding that the rs320 variant affects gene expression by altering transcription factor binding [7]. In addition, although LPL plays an important role in the disposal of dietary fatty acids [8], whether dietary fat modulates associations between LPL rs320 and obesity-related traits is unexplored.

Based on these gaps in knowledge, we conducted a gene-diet interaction study in the Boston Puerto Rican Health Study (n=1171, 70% women, aged 45-75 y), a US Hispanic population with high prevalence of obesity and diabetes [9]. We observed that LPL rs320, common name HindIII, interacted with dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFA) for body mass index (BMI) and waist circumference (WC) in both categorical (P=0.01 and 0.02) and continuous analyses (P=0.009 and 0.004). Higher intake of PUFA was associated with lower BMI and WC in homozygotes of the major allele (TT) according to both categorical (P=0.03 and 0.01) and continuous analysis (P=0.01 and 0.004) but not in carriers of the minor allele (TG+GG).

In addition, we found one SNP in high LD (R^2=1) with rs320 in Hapmap CEU population has significant interaction with dietary PUFA intake in the women (P for interaction = 0.03) of Genetics of Lipid Lowering Drugs and Diet Network (GOLDN) Study (n=1076, 52% women, aged 18-87 y). However this interaction attenuates in the men.

We propose to evaluate replication of these significant interactions with rs320 in ARIC.

5. Main Hypotheses/Study Questions:

To replicate the significant interaction for dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids with LPL rs320 modulating obesity traits found in Boston Puerto Rican Health Study (BPRHS).

6. Design and Analysis:

**Phenotypic variables:** BMI and waist circumference.

**Statistical Analyses-**

Linear regression model with interaction term between dietary polyunsaturated fatty acids and genotype of LPL rs320 will be applied.

**Exclusions:**
Exclude those with implausible total energy intake, according to cohort-specific definitions.

**Ethnicity and gender based analyses:**
Analyses are requested in Whites and African Americans separately, both in the entire population and also stratified by gender.

**Genetic model:**
Dominant model for SNP rs320, in which homozygote of major allele (TT) are compared to carriers of minor allele (TG/GG). Due to the fact that BPRHS used dominant model, so we would ideally like to see a similar model tested in a replication population.

**Dietary exposures:**
Polyunsaturated fatty acid intake (% of total energy), modeled as a categorical (dichotomized into high and low based on population median intake) and also as a continuous variable

**Covariates:**
Study center (categorical, if applicable), gender (categorical, men or women, do not adjust for this for the stratified analysis for each gender), total fat intake (continuous, % total energy), age (continuous, y), physical activity(if applicable), population sub-structure (if applicable), current smoking (binary, yes or no), current drinking (binary, yes or no), total energy intake (continuous, kcal), diabetes status (binary, yes or no), antilipemic medication (binary, yes or no), antidepressants (binary, yes or no), hormone replacement therapy in women (binary, yes or no), and education level (if applicable).

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9. The lead author of this manuscript proposal has reviewed the list of existing ARIC Study manuscript proposals and has found no overlap between this proposal and previously approved manuscript proposals either published or still in active status. ARIC Investigators have access to the publications lists under the Study Members Area of the web site at: http://www.cscce.unc.edu/ARIC/search.php

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10. What are the most related manuscript proposals in ARIC (authors are encouraged to contact lead authors of these proposals for comments on the new proposal or collaboration)?

This manuscript does not overlap any proposals.

11. a. Is this manuscript proposal associated with any ARIC ancillary studies or use any ancillary study data?

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11.b. If yes, is the proposal

_ A. primarily the result of an ancillary study (AS #2006.03 & 2007.02)
B. primarily based on ARIC data with ancillary data playing a minor role (usually control variables; list number(s)* __________ __________)

12. Manuscript preparation is expected to be completed in one to three years. If a manuscript is not submitted for ARIC review at the end of the 3-years from the date of the approval, the manuscript proposal will expire.

References: