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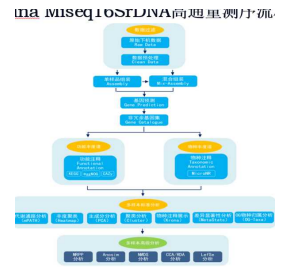
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Abstract

Introduction Few reports have described changes in other functions of the intestinal mucosal barrier in obese patients worldwide. **Objectives** To observe the changes in intestinal mucosal barrier function in obese mice.

Methods Fifty healthy male C57BL/6J mice were randomly divided into a high-fat diet (HFD)-induced obese group and a control group (CON), with 25 mice in each group. Plasma diamine oxidase (DAO), D-lactate and endotoxin levels were detected via the enzyme-labelled colorimetric method. Characteristics of intestinal flora in faeces were detected via Illumina HiSeq 16S rDNA high-throughput sequencing technology. The morphological characteristics of the ileal mucosa were observed via optical microscopy. The data were analysed via bioinformatics and statistics. **Results** The plasma levels of DAO, D-lactate, and

endotoxin levels in the HFD group were significantly higher than those in the CON group at week 10 ($P < 0.05$). The plasma DAO, D-lactate, and endotoxin levels in the HFD group were significantly greater than in the CON group ($P < 0.05$). The CON group contained more intestinal microbiota phyla and genera than the HFD group; the differences between the two groups were significant ($FDR \leq 0.05$, $P \leq 0.05$). The ileal mucosa of the HFD group exhibited more epithelial shedding at the intestinal villus tip, and the intestinal glands were more abundant.

Conclusion This study is expected to provide a basic experimental reference for further research on the mechanism, prevention, and treatment of obesity.

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1 OTU Venn Figure

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2 Box-plot of α diversity of the obesity group and the control group

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3 PCoA analysis of the obesity group and the control group based on OTU abundance

Figure

4 Histogram of the abundance distribution of phylum and genus of intestinal microbiota (Top15)

Figure

5 Results of HE staining of mouse ileal mucosal sections (Under an optical microscope, 40Times)

Guidelines

To ensure the accuracy of the results, precise declutter can be performed to remove sequences containing ambiguous bases, single-base high-repeating regions, and excessively short sequences. The parameters for precise decontamination are: the sequence containing N bases is removed, and the sequence with a base mass fraction Q20 of at least 75% is retained. At the same time, the chimeric sequences were detected and removed by UCHIME.

After the sequencing data were preprocessed to generate high-quality sequences, Vsearch[5] software was used to classify sequences into multiple OTUs according to their similarity. The argument that sequence similarity is greater than or equal to 97% is classified as an OTU cell.

The QIIME [6] package was used to pick out the representative sequences of each OTU and annotate all the representative sequences against the database. Silva (version138) database was used for comparison, and the RDP classifier [7] software was used for species comparison annotations, and the annotation results with confidence intervals greater than 0.7 were retained.

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Materials

Animals

Healthy C57BL/6J SPF-grade mice (male; 6 weeks old; body weight, 23–28g) with the diet purchased from Chengdu Quan Xi Biotechnology Co., Ltd. The mice were adaptively fed for 1 week before the experiment. Humidity was controlled within 50% to 70%, and the temperature was maintained between 20 to 24 °C, with a 12-hour light/dark cycle. The animals had free access to food and water.

The mice were randomly divided into 2 groups using the computer method, namely, the HFD group and the control group, with 25 mice in each group. The living environments of the two groups were identical, and the experimental observation period was 10 weeks. The HFD group was fed a high-fat diet (fat 60.0%, protein 19.4%, carbohydrate 20.6%; calories 5.0 kcal/g), and the CON group was fed a normal diet (fat 10.0%, protein 19.0%, carbohydrate 71.0%; calories 3.6 kcal/g). Two grams of fresh feces were collected at fixed time points in week 1 and week 10 respectively and stored in the -80 °C refrigerator. All the mice were euthanized by pentobarbital at week 10. Abdominal white adipose and ileum tissues were collected for examination. Blood samples were collected, centrifuged, and stored in a -20 °C freezer until analysis.

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Ethics statement

This study was approved by the Ethical Committee on Animal Experimentation of the Ethics Committee of West China Second Hospital, Sichuan University (NO.2020008). All methods were carried out in accordance with relevant guidelines and regulations.



16S rRNA amplicon sequencing

1 16S rRNA amplicon sequencing analysis process

1.1 DNA extraction and amplification

1.2 Library construction and sequencing

2 Bioinformatic analysis

3 16S rRNA amplicon sequencing analysis process

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