Divergent selection on residual feed intake influences gene and protein expressions in pig muscle

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Context

- A need for feed efficient animals in the context of livestock production: it is essential to reduce feed cost and environmental impact
- Residual feed intake (RFI): a relevant criterion to measure feed efficiency
- Selection experiments have shown that reduced RFI is genetically correlated with higher carcass lean meat content (Gilbert et al., 2007)



Objectives

- To determine the influence of divergent RFI selection on the transcriptome and proteome of skeletal muscle of 115 kg pigs
- To differentiate variations due to genetic orientation from those related to spontaneous feed intake level



Experimental design

24 Large White females from 2 lines divergently selected for RFI during more than 7 generations; feeding with standard diets.







Methodology





Growth performances







Number of probes differentially (P < 0.01) expressed in pigs divergently selected for RFI having either free (RFI⁻, RFI⁺) or restricted (RFI^{+R}) access to feed



A focus on the investigation of RFI⁻ and RFI⁺ pigs



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Overrepresented GO terms of up-regulated genes in muscle of RFI⁻ pigs

Translation (36)

EIF6, RPL18, RPL14, RPLP0, RPLP1, FAU, RPL10, RPL12, RPL36AL, EIF2B5, LOC645139, RPS18, RPS19, RPS12, UBA52, RPS26, RPL7, RPL6, RPL8, RPS20, RPS23, RPSA, EEF1A1, PAIP1, RPL23A, DENR, RPS6, COPS5, LOC100049695, RPS19P3, RPS3, EEF1G, RPS15A, RPL29, RPL23, RPL21 Ribonucleoprotein complex biogenesis (12)

EIF6, GTPBP4, SNUPN, GNL3L LOC100049695, RPS6, SFRS5, RPS19, RPL7, RPLP0, POP4, TGS1

Muscle cell differentiation (9)

SYNE1, ACTA1, MAPK12, ERBB2, GLMN, SOX6, NEURL2, CAPN2, CACNA1S

Observed data consistent with ↑ protein synthesis in muscle of RFI⁻ pigs





Overrepresented GO terms of up-regulated genes in muscle of RFI⁺ pigs



ND1, SLC1A3, ND4, LOC396756, NDUFB9, ND2, CYCS, ETFB

Observed data consistent with ↑ oxidative metabolism in muscle of RFI⁺ pigs





19 protein spots differently expressed (P < 0.05) between RFI⁻ and RFI⁺





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In summary

	RFI ⁻	RFI ⁺
	♠ expression of genes linked to protein synthesis	♠ expression of genes linked to oxidative metabolism
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Other data	No changes in activities of enzymes involved in protein catabolism (Le Naou et al., 2012)	↑ activity of HAD (Le Naou et al., 2012; Faure et al., 2013)





Conclusions

- A specific impact of genetic selection on skeletal muscle features
- Compared with the less efficient pigs, the more efficient pigs exhibited:
 - ↑ lean mass
 - ↑ expression of genes associated with protein synthesis





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