

Microarrays, antiobesity and the liver

Fernando Castro-Chávez¹

Abstract

In this review, the microarray technology and especially oligonucleotide arrays are exemplified with a practical example taken from the *perilipin*^{-/-} mice and using the *dChip* software, available for non-lucrative purposes. It was found that the liver of *perilipin*^{-/-} mice was healthy and normal, even under high-fat diet when compared with the results published for the *scd1*^{-/-} mice, which under high-fat diets had a darker liver, suggestive of hepatic steatosis. *Scd1* is required for the biosynthesis of monounsaturated fatty acids and plays a key role in the hepatic synthesis of triglycerides and of very-low-density lipoproteins. Both models of obesity resistance share many similar phenotypic antiobesity features, however, the *perilipin*^{-/-} mice had a significant downregulation of stearoyl CoA desaturases *scd1* and *scd2* in its white adipose tissue, but a normal level of both genes inside the liver, even under high-fat diet. Here, different microarray methodologies are discussed, and also some of the most recent discoveries and perspectives regarding the use of microarrays, with an emphasis on obesity gene expression, and a personal remark on my findings of increased expression for hemoglobin transcripts and other hemo related genes (*hemo-like*), and for leukocyte like (*leuko-like*) genes inside the white adipose tissue of the *perilipin*^{-/-} mice. In conclusion, microarrays have much to offer in comparative studies such as those in antiobesity, and also they are methodologies adequate for new astounding molecular discoveries [free full text of this article [Online](#)].

Key words: Perilipin, stearoyl CoA desaturase 1, hemoglobin, diabetes mellitus, inflammation.

¹ Departamento de Biología Molecular en Medicina, Hospital Civil de Belén, Centro Universitario de Ciencias de la Salud, Universidad de Guadalajara, México.

Address for correspondence:

Fernando Castro-Chavez, PhD. Departamento de Biología Molecular en Medicina, Hospital Civil de Belén, Centro Universitario de Ciencias de la Salud, Universidad de Guadalajara, México.
E-mail: fdocc@yahoo.com

Abbreviations: Plin, perilipin; Scd, stearoyl CoA desaturase; Hb, hemoglobin; Srebp, sterol regulatory element-binding protein; VLDL, very low density lipoprotein; WAT, white adipose tissue.

Introduction

When evaluating molecular comparative technologies such as parallel approaches¹ versus serial approaches,² it will be seen that all of them have need of improvements;³ a practical example will be provided using oligonucleotide arrays.

Recent estimates indicate that there are some 30,000 human genes and that the human proteins can reach in the million,⁴ while their mRNAs can be more than 134,000.⁵ The mRNA abundance and its mechanisms of assembly are two complementary areas. Using *Intelligent Design* models, we can use the analogy of the nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) as being the *Software* for the building up of proteins, and the proteins as being the *Hardware*, with the special feature that here, the *Software* builds up the *Hardware* and the *Hardware* plays and modulates the *Software*. In the case of metabolic pathways, the proteins are sufficiently flexible to become part of the regulatory *Software*, in a stairway of self-contained types of *Hardware*: organelles, cells, tissues, organs, organisms, etc.

Biological studies using solid surfaces can be done using tissue fragments disposed in rows and columns to do parallel comparisons for *in situ* hybridizations.^{6,7} Fragments of proteins and epitopes can also be aligned in the same way to be identified by labeled antibodies.⁸⁻¹⁰ Even cells or organelles can be arrayed.

The most used array methodology at this point is the printing of nucleic acid fragments in solid surfaces. Molecules of RNA or DNA are printed in a glass surface called the slide to produce the microarray.¹¹ If multiple fragments of DNA are printed on nylon or on nitrocellulose, then it is called a macroarray.¹² The microarrays that are made using DNA have been used mainly for gene expression comparisons under different conditions and times, but DNA microarrays can be used also to identify genetic polymorphisms between individuals.¹³

The original idea of doing nucleic acid massive comparisons in parallel is not new, and there are several historical antecedents for these microarray technologies, *i.e.*, a dot-blot like procedure.^{1,14-17} Also, there are recent articles that describe methodological variations, like *ink jet* printing,¹⁸ as an alternative for the commonly used *pin* printing, or the use of newly developed dyes with a longer life span.¹⁹

Microarray methodologies

One of the earliest microarray methodologies is on public domain and was proposed by the *Stanford Univer-*

sity,²⁰⁻²² which uses fluorescent labeling (commonly Cy3 and Cy5 dyes) of the total RNA to be analyzed. In this methodology, many fragments of cDNA having different sizes are printed on the slide, being of 1,500 base pairs on average. Free libraries with clones for selected genes have been offered for research purposes by different sci-

entific organizations. The main disadvantage of this methodology can be explained simply because the different size of fragments provide a variable resulting fluorescence that can be underestimating or overestimating the real presence of specific mRNAs. Additionally, the visual/manual labeling of the printed genes is highly error

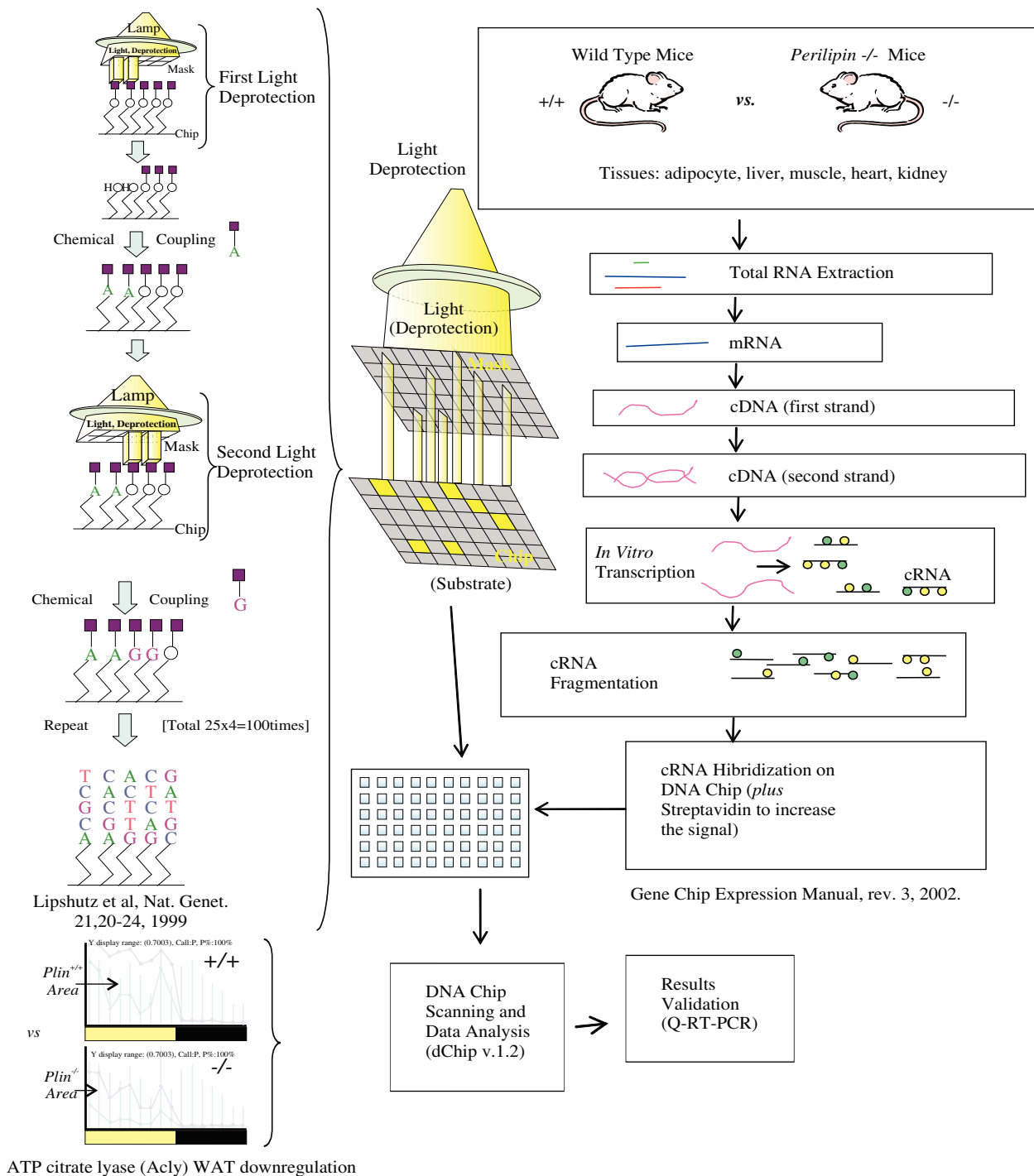


Figure 1. Methodology used in the microarray fabrication and application in a practical experimental design.

prone. Another disadvantage of this technology is that the fluorescent Cy3 and Cy5 dyes have a short life span, and the scanning must be done immediately after the hybridization to retrieve the best possible signal, which loses its intensity through time. Also, many of the printed fragments can correspond to the antisense mRNA strand, and the antisense probe *vs* antisense targets do not hybridize. Finally, the constant update of public database annotations such as gene name, gene function, protein domain, locus, etc., require time consuming uses of internet programs like *BLAST*,^{23,24} or specialized software to verify the annotations for significant genes. Other issues involved in such cDNA microarray data analysis are given as references.²⁵⁻²⁸ Because of the reasons afore mentioned and more, after a year of unsuccessful use of this methodology, a successful switch to the technology described next was done.

The most successful and commonly used microarray methodology is offered by the private company *Affymetrix*²⁹⁻³⁴ in which the fragments (oligonucleotide arrays) are synthesized on the *DNA Chip*, the slide. Here, DNA fragments are made by a synthesis *in vitro* based in *Genbank* sequences and using light, of which its photons are used as activators for the synthesis over specific spots uncovered by a series of masks with holes to attach one nu-

cleotide each time. The final length of all the fragments is 25 base pairs. Each gene is represented by fragments with a *perfect match* (*PM*, commonly from 16 to 20 overlapped fragments per gene), and a replica of the same number of fragments with a *mismatch* (*MM*) at the center (the 13th nucleotide). All these fragments are printed evenly and distributed on the slide (*Figure 1*), then the proper software assembles them together again side by side (*Figure 2*). The advantage of this methodology is the uniformity of the fragments. However, if we want most accuracy, it is extremely necessary to validate the true identity of the target sequences and its probes.

If those probes include a high percent of intronic bases, then will provide a wrong estimate. One example in the mice *GeneChip* (*MG-U74Av2*) used is that there are two different *Genbank* IDs for the hormone sensitive lipase (*hsl*): U69543 and AV315398. 16 probes represent the first *hsl* sequence, however its last three probes are intronic (non-coding). The second *hsl* sequence is represented by 13 probes, with none of them being exonic (coding); therefore, the same gene name can provide two different results: a non-significant expression in the first case, or no expression at all in the second. Here it is also necessary to verify and update the names for all significant genes as both the commercial oligoarrays and the

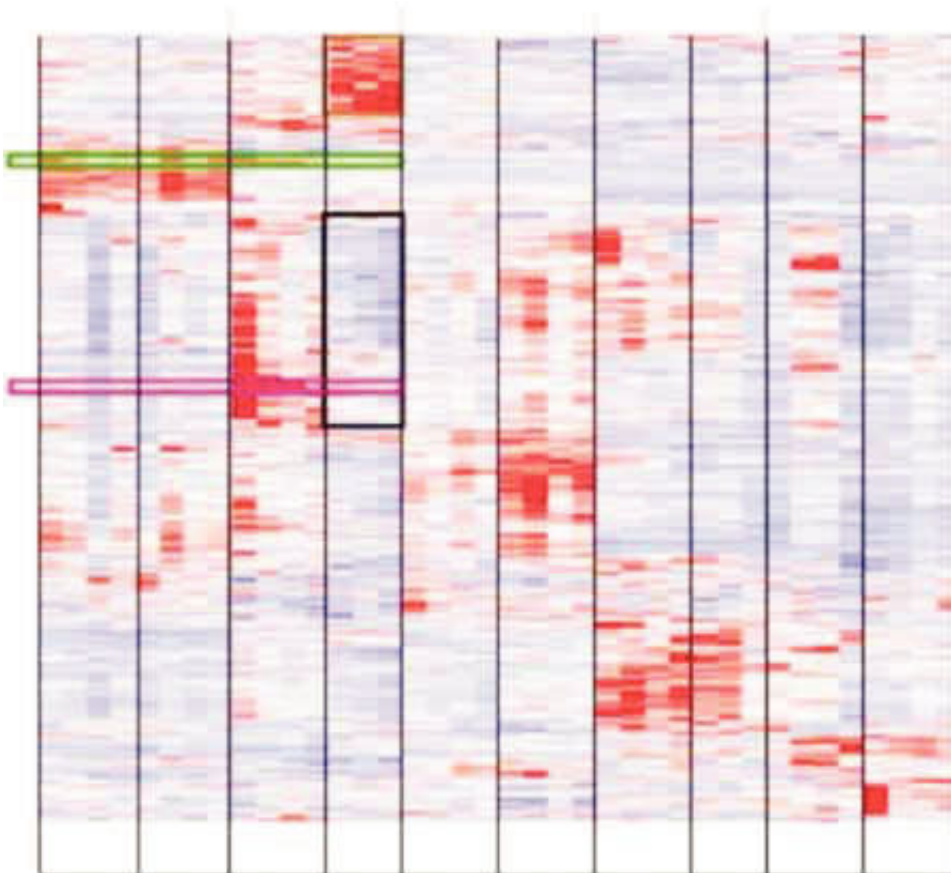


Figure 2. Hierarchical clustering of the gene expression changes between tissues of *plin*^{-/-} (*ko*) vs. wild-type (*wt*) mice. Metabolic genes are upregulated in *plin*^{-/-} WAT, brown rectangle. Transcription related genes are downregulated in *plin*^{-/-} WAT, black rectangle, translation related genes appear below, after a short gap (not highlighted). Location of *scd1*, green rectangle and *scd2*, purple rectangle. The columns represent the organism and its tissues as labeled, and the rows represent the individual genes. A red color inside a cell in this figure represents upregulation, whereas a blue color in a cell represents downregulation. The clusters are grouped according to the intensity of expression for each particular transcript (*dChip V 1.2*).⁸⁵ **Symbols:** *wt*, wild type (replicas); *ko*, knock out (replicas); **WAT**, white adipose tissue.

public methodology (previously described) have a high percent of sequences called ESTs (Expressed Sequence Tags), which are mRNAs for possible unknown proteins. Finally, success was attained in using this commercial oligoarray methodology and the results were published.³⁵

A third methodology is the printing of nucleic acids on selected spots using a change in electricity from negative to positive in order to attach the DNA fragments on a solid surface.³⁶⁻³⁹ Here, the nucleic acids have a negative charge and the controlled change of polarity from negative to positive attracts them to restricted spots on the slide.

Other methodologies that have been used to compare differential gene expression are: the quantitative real time RT-PCR,⁴⁰⁻⁴³ subtractive hybridization,⁴⁴⁻⁴⁷ differential display,⁴⁸⁻⁵⁰ serial analysis of gene expression,^{2,5,51,52} massive parallel signature sequencing methodology,³ etc. The validation of the oligoarray results was done using two commercially available quantitative real time RT-PCR methodologies (cross-validating them).³⁵

In brief, microarrays are a useful tool to fingerprint different tissues by their specific gene expression under health and disease, and can also give us a better estimate of the ever-present genes in an organism.⁵³⁻⁵⁵

Microarrays, obesity resistance and hepatology

Examples of current discoveries with DNA microarray methodologies applied to obesity and antiobesity, with a special emphasis on the liver, will be given next. From a total of >12,400 transcripts present in mice oligoarrays, in a typical experiment, 4,867 of them are expressed by the liver.⁵⁶

One of the most important discoveries done by the use of microarrays is finding that the mRNA for *scd1* (stearoyl coenzyme A desaturase 1) is upregulated in the liver of obese mice, and that reaches normality after the addition of leptin, becoming a possible target against obesity.⁵⁷ Surprisingly enough (as we also will see later in *perilipin*^{-/-} mice microarrays), this same *scd1* gene seems to be downregulated in white adipose tissue (WAT) of the *ob/ob* mice (Nadler *et al*, 2000, supplementary material),⁵⁸ and its protein is absent in the naturally mutated *ase-bia* mice.⁵⁷

As it is known, *scd1* is an iron-containing enzyme that catalyzes a rate-limiting step in the synthesis of unsaturated fatty acids. The principal product of *scd1* is oleic acid, which is formed by desaturation of stearic acid. When *scd1* is downregulated, the presence of monosaturated fatty acyl-CoA, triacylglycerols, cholesterol esters and very low-density lipoprotein also goes down. Then, the fatty acids are oxidized.^{59,60}

Another member of the same *scd* family, *scd2* was detected with an increased expression in both the liver of the obese mice,⁶¹ and its white adipose tissue.⁶² The difference between obese mice microarrays and *perilipin*^{-/-} mice microarrays was that in the last ones *scd2* in the liv-

er was normal, together with *scd1*, but in their white adipose tissue was downregulated, together with *scd1*.

Other tissues that had these enzymes significantly downregulated were the muscle (*scd1*), and the kidney (*scd2*).³⁵

Human *Scd1*, also called Delta-9-Desaturase (ID: R00707) was found upregulated more than 2.5 fold during adipogenesis, together with *PEPCK1*, *CD36*, *FABP2*, Glutathione S-Transferase and Long Chain Fatty Acyl-CoA Ligase.⁶³

Unexpectedly, with the use of oligoarrays a paradoxical finding was made: that all important genes for the fatty acid synthesis were downregulated in white adipose tissue of the obese mice, yet the plasminogen activator inhibitor 1 (*pai1*) was upregulated both in obese and in diabetic animals.⁵⁸

Long chain fatty acyl elongase (*lce*), component of the elusive mammalian elongation system that converts palmitic acid into stearic acid, has been discovered in liver and adipose tissue by the use of oligoarrays in *sreb* transgenic mice,⁶⁴ similarly the cytosolic acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase,⁶⁵ and others.⁶⁶

When exploring other diseases, another exciting discovery was found: In the atherosclerotic ruptured plaque, one of the most highly expressed genes was Perilipin, the same building block for the container that surrounds the big lipid droplet present inside the adipocytes.⁶⁷

Mice with perilipin eliminated were able to eat fatty foods and still keep a lean body mass, but they needed to continue eating constantly in order to maintain their inner thermal and energetic balance under a mild temperature environment. If the environment is cold and *perilipin*^{-/-} mice lack the proper nourishment, *perilipin*^{-/-} mice will die.⁶⁸

A protein found upregulated in macrophages is *adipophilin* (*adrp*), the functional precursor of perilipin in the developing adipocyte.⁶⁹ Recently, the conversion of preadipocytes into macrophages has been demonstrated.⁷⁰ The expression of *leuko-like* genes inside adipocytes of obese animals has also been reported,^{35,62,71-73} and also in obese humans.^{74,75} This phenomenon has been interpreted as "macrophage infiltration",⁷⁶⁻⁷⁸ but it is pending to discard the strong possibility of those preadipocytes being transformed into macrophages.^{70,79} As stated in a previous article, these findings are "pointing to the expression of common genes and regulatory pathways in these different cell types".³⁵

In the liver of mice fed with long chain polyunsaturated fatty acids (fish oil rich in eicosapentaenoic acid and docosahexaenoic acid, plus fungal oil rich in arachidonic acid), the groups of expressed genes were linked to the transcription factors PPAR α , HNF α , and SREBP-1, all of them known to control lipid metabolism. The pattern of differentially regulated genes, supported with quantitative lipid profiling, suggested that experimental diets increased the hepatic β oxidation and gluconeogenesis

while decreasing fatty acid synthesis.⁸⁰ Disrupted growth hormone/insulin-like growth factor-1 signaling, which brings a phenotype of dwarfism plus caloric restriction, both extending the life-span and delaying the onset of age-related diseases in rodents, produced changes in gene expression consistent with increased insulin, glucagon and catecholamine sensitivity, gluconeogenesis, protein turnover, lipid β oxidation, apoptosis, and xenobiotic and oxidant metabolism; and on the other side, a decreased lipid and cholesterol synthesis, cell proliferation, and chaperone expression.⁸¹

In muscle and liver, adiponectin activated AMP kinase and the PPAR α pathways also increased the β oxidation of lipids, leading to decreased triglyceride content, which ameliorated insulin resistance under high-fat diet.⁸² The enhanced lipid β oxidation and the reduced lipid and cholesterol biosynthesis are similar features in many antiobesity mice models, like the *perilipin*^{-/-} mice³⁵ and the *scd1*^{-/-} mice.⁸³ A recent antiobesity mice model presenting similar characteristics is the mice lacking the orphan nuclear receptor estrogen-related receptor alpha.⁸⁴ This finding is significant as at least 179 downregulated genes in the white adipose tissue of the *perilipin*^{-/-} mice are functionally related to transcription/translation processes, representing the 33% of all the downregulated transcripts in that tissue.³⁵ The deletion of many of those transcription/translation genes may also lead to similar antiobesity phenotypes.

An increase in the expression of the transcripts for uncoupling proteins-2 and -3 also accompanies this increase in fatty acid oxidation in the *perilipin*^{-/-} adult mice, which also showed increased β -oxidation in muscle, liver and adipose tissue. Recently has been proven that the *perilipin*^{-/-} adult mice has normal plasma glucose, but a reduced basal hepatic glucose production (46% that of *plin*^{+/+}).¹⁰⁶

Stearoyl-CoA desaturase transcripts in the liver of *perilipin*^{-/-} mice are normal

A variety of complementary software packages have been uploaded to the Internet for non-profit research purposes to study and interpret the massive results obtained from microarrays. The most successful and useful program freely available is called *dChip*,⁸⁵ which provided significant results from *perilipin*^{-/-} mice (*plin*^{-/-}) microarray data mining.

Figure 2 shows that there were no significant changes in the liver between the *plin*^{-/-} and the wild-type mice; however, when compared to the white adipose tissue (WAT), the differences were astronomical. The physical evidence showing a healthy liver inside the *plin*^{-/-} mice⁶⁸ also depicted only particular genes changed. These genes consisted, *i.e.*, of the significantly downregulated steroid 21-hydroxylase and steroid sulfatase, both involved in the conversion of sulfated steroid precursors, and lysosomal

acid lipase 1 and cytochrome P450 2b10,⁸⁶ whereas two different transcripts for cytochrome b-245 α polypeptide were significantly upregulated inside the liver of the *plin*^{-/-} mice. In total, 72 genes were downregulated and 137 genes were upregulated in the *plin*^{-/-} mice liver, 30 of those upregulated genes were involved in signaling processes.³⁵

Hierarchical clustering of five different tissues (WAT, liver, heart, muscle and kidney), when put together side by side (Figure 2), from both *plin*^{-/-} and wild-type mice, revealed the following genes as coordinately regulated: long-chain fatty acyl elongase and *Scd2*, whereas pyruvate dehydrogenase kinase 1, aldehyde dehydrogenase 1A4 and eukaryotic translation initiation factor 1A clustered together to *Scd1*.³⁵

In contrast to the normal appearance and behavior of the *plin*^{-/-} mice liver under high fat diets, the liver of the *scd1*^{-/-} mice on a high-fat diet had a darker color, suggesting hepatic steatosis, while its wild-type control, under the same diet, had liver with a lighter color.⁸³ Other phenotypical characteristics for obesity resistance between these antiobesity mice models are highly similar.³⁵

In human nonalcoholic steatohepatitis, significantly downregulated were genes important for maintaining mitochondrial function, like copper/zinc superoxide dismutase, aldehyde oxidase, catalase, glucose 6-phosphatase, alcohol dehydrogenase, elongation factor-TU, methylglutaryl CoA, acyl CoA synthetase, and oxoacyl CoA thiolase, whereas genes overexpressed included complement component C3 and hepatocyte-derived fibrinogen-related protein, potentially contributing to an impaired insulin sensitivity.⁸⁷ A two-hit model has been proposed in the pathogenesis of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis: First, hepatic steatosis, where a hypercaloric diet with high levels of carbohydrates and of saturated fatty acids results in elevated plasma free fatty acids and expands the adipose tissue, developing insulin resistance and augmenting even more the steatosis, plus oxidation of free fatty acids yielding toxic free radicals with the resulting lipid peroxidation; Second, increased oxidative stress on hepatocytes, and induction of pro-inflammatory cytokines. When the antioxidant capacities of the liver are insufficient, appears mitochondrial dysfunction, and TNF α cause inflammation, fibrosis and cirrhosis.⁸⁸⁻⁹⁰

As we have seen before, fatty acid oxidation is enhanced in the absence of *scd1*, required for the biosynthesis of monounsaturated fatty acids and which plays a key role in the hepatic synthesis of triglycerides and very-low-density lipoproteins.⁵⁹ Triglyceride synthesis was dramatically reduced in the liver of *scd1*^{-/-} mouse fed a lipogenic diet when compared to the normal mouse, but the level of cholesteryl esters of saturated fatty acids was increased.⁶⁰ In an impaired triglyceride synthesis, oleate induces lipotoxicity but in the opposite side, unsaturated fatty acids serve a protective role against lipotoxicity,

promoting triglyceride accumulation and preventing the palmitate-induced apoptosis.⁹¹

The previously mentioned enzyme AMP-activated protein kinase, the metabolic sensor that regulates lipid metabolism during increased energy expenditure, is 40% upregulated in liver of *scd1*^{-/-}, concomitant with decreased intracellular levels of malonyl-CoA, which lead to a 60% increase in the activities of the enzymes *cpt1* and *cpt2*, thereby stimulating the oxidation of the mitochondrial palmitoyl-CoA.⁹² Recently, also a plasminogen-like protein has been found that degrades *scd1* in liver.⁹³

Perspectives and conclusion

With microarrays also was found that the gene *spot14* was downregulated -4.6 fold in obese mice.⁵⁸ *Spot14* pertains to a cluster downregulated by leptin through *srebp*, both in liver and in white adipose tissue,^{57,62} *spot14* was also the gene most upregulated (8.8 Fold) by thyroid hormone in liver,⁹⁴ and was increased, together with ATP citrate-lyase and fatty acid synthase in the *insulin receptor substrate-2*^{-/-} mice liver.⁹⁵ The significance of these differences may be understood in the future for genes with defined patterns of expression such as *spot14*.

New pathways can be discovered with the use of microarrays, and new functions found for known proteins. For example, hemoglobin was found to be upregulated in three different organs under three different conditions: 1-) in spleen cells of non insulin-dependent mice NOD-like, *hba1* was upregulated with other 34 erythrocyte-specific transcripts;⁹⁶ 2-) in liver of the transgenic Scavenger Receptor-1 mice, beta globin was upregulated 1.7 fold and alpha globin 1.8 fold, the authors think that it is was due to a capture of erythrocytes mediated by an unknown liver receptor;⁹⁷ 3-) in the white adipose tissue of the *perilipin*^{-/-} mice *hbb-b1* was significantly increased (1.74 fold),^{35,73} and in diabetic and obese mice, *hba1* was increased 4 and 5 fold, respectively (supplementary material, Nadler *et al*, 2000).⁵⁸

Northern Blots were performed of *hba1* transcript expression, finding it highly expressed in white adipose tissue, heart and kidney. *Hba1* was also expressed in liver and in muscle of normal mice.⁷³

In Gabrielsson *et al* (2000)⁵⁵, two of his 136 most abundant mRNAs expressed in white adipose tissue of healthy humans, analyzed through DNA arrays, were hemoglobin beta and hemoglobin beta H. Planat-Benard *et al* (2004)⁹⁸ confirmed that adipose tissue contains progenitor cells with angiogenic potential, as dedifferentiated mature human adipocytes had the potential to rapidly acquire the endothelial phenotype *in vitro* and to promote neovascularization in ischemic tissue with vessel-like structure formations. Those dedifferentiated adipocytes spontaneously expressed the endothelial cell markers *cd31* and von Willebrand factor when cultured in a semi-solid medium. Recently Kolonin *et al* (2004)^{99,100} reported

a possible antiobesity treatment based on the induction of apoptosis in the vascular system of white adipose tissue through its resident peptide CKGGRAKDC, a peptide associated to prohibitin, which is a mitochondrial membrane multifunctional protein (Ikonen *et al*, 1995).¹⁰¹ Targeting the proapoptotic peptide to prohibitin in the adipose vasculature caused ablation of white fat without any detectable adverse effects in mice.

These perspectives show that, on using microarrays, new genes (*i.e.*, *spot 14*) can be found, but also well known genes being expressed in unexpected tissues or cells; *i.e.*, my findings of *hbb-b1* and *hba1* expressed inside white adipose tissue, and the heart,⁷³ fulfilling their own and particular function inside a specific environment; *i.e.*, inside a cellular organelle. *Species-specific genes* can also be found (*i.e.* mouse AA185432, unpublished results).

Because of the additional post-transcriptional editing and regulation, we can conclude that the data that we are obtaining with microarrays of nucleic acids (DNA and RNA), as a map, can explain only one important aspect of molecular biology, and should complement other methodologies able to characterize its resulting proteins, like kinetics and its maturation quality control.¹⁰²⁻¹⁰⁴ Stringent quality control needs to be enforced also in *Genbank* sequences, to be more confident of the results offered by microarray technologies, *i.e.*, as oligoarrays (*Affymetrix*) base their targets on them. I found with microarrays an artificial phenomenon of heterotranscription contaminating thousands of sequences in the *Genbank* nucleic acids database through the sequence CTCGTGCCGAATTCCGCACGAG or its derivatives.¹⁰⁵

The results of performing a careful microarray analysis of the genetic program of organisms have been helpful, thus far, in setting an integrated foundation for nutrigenomics (effects of nutrients on the genome and on the regulation of gene expression),¹⁰⁷ and nutrigenetics (effect of genetic variation on the interaction between diet and disease and on the healthy response to nutrients)¹⁰⁸ in developing stringent cross-validation systems (*i.e.*, through the combined use of microarrays, and of Q-RT-PCRs,¹⁰⁹) and to better describe the identity and function of genes¹¹⁰ and genomes,¹¹¹⁻¹¹³ composers of a natural, complex, and precise *biological software* that as a genetic program, contributes to the healthy programming¹¹⁴ and the pathological reprogramming of life.¹¹⁵

Fernando Castro-Chavez received a grant (72570) from Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACyT), México. Tracy Lynn Duncan helped in preparing the manuscript and Vijay K. Yechoor suggested the elaboration of the figures that were originally presented in a poster for an Internal Department of Medicine's Research Symposium on Apr. 3, 2003 at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas.

References

1. Southern EM, Maskos U, Elder JK. Analyzing and comparing nucleic acid sequences by hybridization to arrays of oligonucleotides: evaluation using experimental models. *Genomics* 1992; 13: 1008-17.
2. Velculescu VE, Zhang L, Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW. Serial analysis of gene expression. *Science* 1995; 270: 484-7.
3. Brenner S, Johnson M, Bridgman J, Golda G, Lloyd DH, Johnson D, Luo S, et al. Gene expression analysis by massively parallel signature sequencing (MPSS) on microbead arrays. *Nat Biotechnol* 2000; 18: 630-4.
4. DeFrancesco L. Probing Protein Interactions. *The Scientist* 2002; 16: 28.
5. Velculescu VE, Madden SL, Zhang L, Lash AE, Yu J, Rago C, Lal A, et al. Analysis of human transcriptomes. *Nat Genet* 1999; 23: 387-8.
6. Bubendorf L, Nocito A, Moch H, Sauter G. Tissue microarray (TMA) technology: miniaturized pathology archives for high-throughput *in situ* studies. *J Pathol* 2001; 195: 72-9.
7. Rimm DL, Camp RL, Charette LA, Costa J, Olsen DA, Reiss M. Tissue microarray: a new technology for amplification of tissue resources. *Cancer J* 2001; 7: 24-31.
8. Templin MF, Stoll D, Schrenk M, Traub PC, Vohringer CF, Joos TO. Protein microarray technology. *Trends Biotechnol* 2002; 20: 160-6.
9. Albala JS. Array-based proteomics: the latest chip challenge. *Expert Rev Mol Diagn* 2001; 1: 145-52.
10. Tannapfel A, Anhalt K, Hausermann P, Sommerer F, Benicke M, Uhlmann D, Witzigmann H, et al. Identification of novel proteins associated with hepatocellular carcinomas using protein microarrays. *J Pathol* 2003; 201: 238-49.
11. Schena M, Shalon D, Davis RW, Brown PO. Quantitative monitoring of gene expression patterns with a complementary DNA microarray. *Science* 1995; 270: 467-70.
12. Delpuech O, Trabut JB, Carnot F, Feuillard J, Brechot C, Kremsdorf D. Identification, using cDNA macroarray analysis, of distinct gene expression profiles associated with pathological and virological features of hepatocellular carcinoma. *Oncogene* 2002; 21: 2926-37.
13. Straub TM, Daly DS, Wunshel S, Rochelle PA, DeLeon R, Chandler DP. Genotyping *Cryptosporidium parvum* with an hsp70 Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism Microarray. *Appl Environ Microbiol* 2002; 68: 1817-26.
14. Grunstein M, Hogness DS. Colony hybridization: a method for the isolation of cloned DNAs that contain a specific gene. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 1975; 72: 3961-5.
15. Kafatos FC, Jones CW, Efstratiadis A. Determination of nucleic acid sequence homologies and relative concentrations by a dot hybridization procedure. *Nucleic Acids Res* 1979; 7: 1541-52.
16. Syvanen AC, Aalto-Setälä K, Harju L, Kontula K, Soderlund H. A primer-guided nucleotide incorporation assay in the genotyping of apolipoprotein E. *Genomics* 1990; 8: 684-92.
17. Strezoska, Z. Paunesku, T. Radosavljevic, D. Labat, I. Drmanac, R. Crkvenjakov, R. DNA sequencing by hybridization: 100 bases read by a non-gel-based method *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 1991; 88: 10089-93.
18. Okamoto T, Suzuki T, Yamamoto N. Microarray fabrication with covalent attachment of DNA using bubble jet technology. *Nat Biotechnol* 2000; 18: 438-41.
19. Wildsmith SE, Archer GE, Winkley AJ, Lane PW, Bugelski PJ. Maximization of Signal Derived from cDNA Microarrays. *BioTechniques* 2001; 30: 202-208.
20. Shalon D, Smith SJ, Brown PO. A DNA microarray system for analyzing complex DNA samples using two-color fluorescent probe hybridization. *Genome Res* 1996; 6: 639-45.
21. Pollack JR, Brown PO, Botstein D, van de Rijn M. Molecular characterization of soft tissue tumors: a gene expression study. *Lancet* 2002; 359: 1301-7.
22. DeRisi J, van den Hazel B, Marc P, Balzi E, Brown P, Jacq C, Goffeau A. Genome microarray analysis of transcriptional activation in multidrug resistance yeast mutants. *FEBS Lett* 2000; 470: 156-60.
23. Altschul SF, Gish W, Miller W, Myers EW, Lipman DJ. Basic local alignment search tool. *J Mol Biol* 1990; 215: 403-10.
24. Muller A, MacCallum RM, Sternberg MJ. Benchmarking PSI-BLAST in genome annotation. *J Mol Biol* 1999; 293: 1257-71. URL: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/blast>
25. Quackenbush J. Computational analysis of microarray data. *Nat Rev Genet* 2001; 2: 418-27.
26. Tseng GC, Oh MK, Rohlin L, Liao JC, Wong WH. Issues in cDNA microarray analysis: quality filtering, channel normalization, models of variations and assessment of gene effects. *Nucleic Acids Res* 2001; 29: 2549-57.
27. Hess KR, Zhang W, Baggerly KA, Stivers DN, Coombes KR, Zhang W. Microarrays: handling the deluge of data and extracting reliable information. *Trends Biotechnol* 2001; 19: 463-8.
28. King HC, Sinha AA. Gene expression profile analysis by DNA microarrays: promise and pitfalls. *JAMA* 2001; 286: 2280-8.
29. Fodor SP, Read JL, Pirrung MC, Stryer L, Lu AT, Solas D. Light-directed, spatially addressable parallel chemical synthesis. *Science* 1991; 251: 767-73.
30. Wodicka L, Dong H, Mittmann M, Ho MH, Lockhart DJ. Genome-wide expression monitoring in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. *Nat Biotechnol* 1997; 15: 1359-67.
31. Gunderson KL, Huang XC, Morris MS, Lipshutz RJ, Lockhart DJ, Chee MS. Mutation detection by ligation to complete n-mer DNA arrays. *Genome Res* 1998; 8: 1142-53.
32. Mei R, Galipeau PC, Prass C, Berno A, Ghandour G, Patil N, Wolff RK, et al. Genome-wide detection of allelic imbalance using human SNPs and high-density DNA arrays. *Genome Res* 2000; 10: 1126-37.
33. Kapranov P, Cawley SE, Drenkow J, Bekiranov S, Strausberg RL, Fodor SP, Gingeras TR. Large-scale transcriptional activity in chromosomes 21 and 22. *Science* 2002; 296: 916-9.
34. Lu SC, Alvarez L, Huang ZZ, Chen L, An W, Corrales FJ, Avila MA, Kanel G, Mato JM. Methionine adenosyltransferase 1A knockout mice are predisposed to liver injury and exhibit increased expression of genes involved in proliferation. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2001; 98: 5560-5.
35. Castro-Chavez F, Yechoor VK, Saha P, Martinez-Botas J, Wooten E, Sharma S, O'Connell P, et al. Coordinated upregulation of oxidative pathways and downregulation of lipid biosynthesis underlie obesity resistance in Perilipin knockout mice. A microarray gene expression profile. *Diabetes* 2003; 52: 2666-2674. <http://diabetes.diabetesjournals.org/cgi/content/full/52/11/2666>
36. Edman CF, Raymond DE, Wu DJ, Tu E, Sosnowski RG, Butler WF, Nerenberg M, et al. Electric field directed nucleic acid hybridization on microchips. *Nucleic Acids Res* 1997; 25: 4907-14.
37. Gilles PN, Wu DJ, Foster CB, Dillon PJ, Chanock SJ. Single nucleotide polymorphic discrimination by an electronic dot blot assay on semiconductor microchips. *Nat Biotechnol* 1999; 17: 365-70.
38. Westin L, Xu X, Miller C, Wang L, Edman CF, Nerenberg M. Anchored multiplex amplification on a microelectronic chip array. *Nat Biotechnol* 2000; 18: 199-204.
39. Westin L, Miller C, Vollmer D, Canter D, Radtkey R, Nerenberg M, O'Connell JP. Antimicrobial resistance and bacterial identification utilizing a microelectronic chip array. *J Clin Microbiol* 2001; 39: 1097-104.
40. Higuchi R, Fockler C, Dollinger G, Watson R. Kinetic PCR analysis: real-time monitoring of DNA amplification reactions. *Biotechnology* 1993; 11: 1026-30.
41. Gibson UE, Heid CA, Williams PM. A novel method for real time quantitative RT-PCR. *Genome Res* 1996; 6: 995-1001.
42. Heid CA, Stevens J, Livak KJ, Williams PM. Real time quantitative PCR. *Genome Res* 1996; 6: 986-94.
43. Van Der Velden VH, Willemse MJ, Van Der Schoot CE, Hahlen K, Van Wering ER, Van Dongen JJ. Immunoglobulin kappa deleting element rearrangements in precursor-B acute lymphoblastic leukemia are stable targets for detection of minimal residual disease by real-time quantitative PCR. *Leukemia* 2002; 16: 928-36.
44. Sive HL, St John T. A simple subtractive hybridization technique employing photoactivatable biotin and phenol extraction. *Nucleic Acids Res* 1988; 16: 10937.
45. Duguid JR, Rohwer RG, Seed B. Isolation of cDNAs of scrapie-modulated RNAs by subtractive hybridization of a cDNA library. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 1988; 85: 5738-42.

46. Kuze K, Shimizu A, Honjo T. A new vector and RNase H method for the subtractive hybridization. *Nucleic Acids Res* 1989; 17: 807.
47. Smoot LM, Franke DD, McGillivray G, Actis LA. Genomic analysis of the F3031 Brazilian purpuric fever clone of *Haemophilus influenzae* biogroup aegyptius by PCR-based subtractive hybridization. *Infect Immun* 2002; 70: 2694-9.
48. Liang P, Pardee AB. Differential display of eukaryotic messenger RNA by means of the polymerase chain reaction. *Science* 1992; 257: 967-71.
49. Plisov SY, Ivanov SV, Yoshino K, Dove LF, Plisova TM, Higinbotham KG, Karavanova I, et al. Mesenchymal-epithelial transition in the developing metanephric kidney: gene expression study by differential display. *Genesis* 2000; 27: 22-31.
50. Edamatsu H, Kaziro Y, Itoh H. Differential display of mRNAs regulated by G-protein signaling. *Methods Enzymol* 2002; 345: 521-9.
51. Velculescu VE, Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW. Analysing uncharted transcriptomes with SAGE. *Trends Genet* 2000; 16: 423-5.
52. Saha S, Sparks AB, Rago C, Akmaev V, Wang CJ, Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, et al. Using the transcriptome to annotate the genome. *Nat Biotechnol* 2002; 20: 508-12.
53. Hsiao LL, Dangond F, Yoshida T, Hong R, Jensen RV, Misra J, Dillon W, et al. A compendium of gene expression in normal human tissues. *Physiol Genomics* 2001; 7: 97-104.
54. Butte AJ, Dzau VJ, Glueck SB. Further defining housekeeping, or "maintenance," genes Focus on "A compendium of gene expression in normal human tissues". *Physiol Genomics* 2001; 7: 95-6.
55. Gabrielsson BL, Carlsson B, Carlsson LM. Partial genome scale analysis of gene expression in human adipose tissue using DNA array. *Obes Res* 2000; 8: 374-84.
56. Deaciuc IV, Doherty DE, Burikhanov R, Lee EY, Stromberg AJ, Peng X, de Villiers WJ. Large-scale gene profiling of the liver in a mouse model of chronic, intragastric ethanol infusion. *J Hepatol* 2004; 40: 219-27.
57. Cohen P, Miyazaki M, Socci ND, Hagge-Greenberg A, Liedtke W, Soukas AA, Sharma R, et al. Role for stearoyl-CoA desaturase-1 in leptin mediated weight loss. *Science* 2002; 297: 240-243.
58. Nadler ST, Stoehr JP, Schueler KL, Tanimoto G, Yandell BS, Attie AD. The expression of adipogenic genes is decreased in obesity and diabetes mellitus. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2000; 97: 11371-6.
59. Heinemann FS, Ozols J. Stearoyl-CoA desaturase, a short-lived protein of endoplasmic reticulum with multiple control mechanisms. *Prostaglandins Leukot Essent Fatty Acids* 2003; 68: 123-133.
60. Miyazaki M, Kim Y-C, Ntambi JM. A lipogenic diet in mice with a disruption of the stearoyl-CoA desaturase 1 gene reveals a stringent requirement of endogenous monounsaturated fatty acids for triglyceride synthesis. *J Lipid Res* 2001; 42: 1018-1024.
61. Liang CP, Tall AR. Transcriptional profiling reveals global defects in energy metabolism, lipoprotein, and bile acid synthesis and transport with reversal by leptin treatment in ob/ob mouse liver. *J Biol Chem* 2001; 276: 49066-76.
62. Soukas A, Cohen P, Socci ND, Friedman JM. Leptin-specific patterns of gene expression in white adipose tissue. *Genes Dev* 2000; 14: 963-80.
63. Zhou L, Halvorsen Y-D, Cryan EV, Pelton PD, Burris TP, Demarest KT. Analysis of the pattern of gene expression during human adipogenesis by DNA microarray. *Biotechnology Techniques* 1999; 13: 513-517.
64. Moon YA, Shah NA, Mohapatra S, Warrington JA, Horton JD. Identification of a mammalian long chain fatty acyl elongase regulated by sterol regulatory element-binding proteins. *J Biol Chem* 2001; 276: 45358-66.
65. Sone H, Shimano H, Sakakura Y, Inoue N, Amemiya-Kudo M, Yahagi N, Osawa M, et al. Acetyl-coenzyme A synthetase is a lipogenic enzyme controlled by SREBP-1 and energy status. *Am J Physiol Endocrinol Metab* 2002; 282: E222-30.
66. Horton JD, Shah NA, Warrington JA, Anderson NN, Park SW, Brown MS, Goldstein JL. Combined analysis of oligonucleotide microarray data from transgenic and knockout mice identifies direct SREBP target genes. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2003; 100: 12027-32.
67. Faber BC, Cleutjens KB, Niessen RL, Aarts PL, Boon W, Greenberg AS, Kitslaar PJ, et al. Identification of genes potentially involved in rupture of human atherosclerotic plaques. *Circ Res* 2001; 89: 547-54.
68. Martinez-Botas J, Anderson JB, Tessier D, Lapillonne A, Chang BH, Quast MJ, Gorenstein D, et al. Absence of perilipin results in leanness and reverses obesity in *Lepr^{db/db}* mice. *Nat Genet* 2000; 26: 474-9.
69. Chen JS, Greenberg AS, Tseng YZ, Wang SM. Possible involvement of protein kinase C in the induction of adipose differentiation-related protein by Sterol ester in RAW 264.7 macrophages. *J Cell Biochem* 2001; 83: 187-99.
70. Charriere G, Cousin B, Arnaud E, Andre M, Bacou F, Penicaud L, Casteilla L. Preadipocyte conversion to macrophages: Evidence of plasticity. *J Biol Chem* 2003; 278: 9850-5.
71. Takahashi K, Mizuarai S, Araki H, Mashiko S, Ishihara A, Kanatani A, Itadani H, et al. Adiposity elevates plasma MCP-1 levels leading to the increased CD11b-positive monocytes in mice. *J Biol Chem* 2003; 278: 46654-60.
72. Moraes RC, Blondet A, Birkenkamp-Demtroeder K, Tirard J, Orntoft TF, Gertler A, Durand P, et al. Study of the alteration of gene expression in adipose tissue of diet-induced obese mice by microarray and reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction analyses. *Endocrinology* 2003; 144: 4773-82.
73. Castro-Chavez, F. El Incremento Coordinado de las Rutas Metabólicas Oxidativas y la Disminución en la Biosíntesis de Lípidos Caracterizan la Resistencia a la Obesidad en el Ratón Artificialmente Carente de Perilipina. PhD Tesis. Universidad de Guadalajara, 2004:42-48. URL: <http://www.geocities.com/plin9k/tesis-fdocc.zip> (zipped, compressed Word document)
74. Mazurek T, Zhang L, Zalewski A, Mannion JD, Diehl JT, Arafat H, Sarov-Blat L, et al. Human epicardial adipose tissue is a source of inflammatory mediators. *Circulation* 2003; 108: 2460-6.
75. Gomez-Ambrosi J, Catalan V, Diez-Caballero A, Martinez-Cruz LA, Gil MJ, Garcia-Foncillas J, Cienfuegos JA, et al. Gene expression profile of omental adipose tissue in human obesity. *FASEB J* 2004; 18: 215-7.
76. Weisberg SP, McCann D, Desai M, Rosenbaum M, Leibel RL, Ferrante, Jr. AW. Obesity is associated with macrophage accumulation in adipose tissue. *J Clin Invest* 2003; 112: 1785-1788.
77. Xu H, Barnes GT, Yang Q, Tan G, Yang D, Chou CJ, Sole J, et al. Chronic inflammation in fat plays a crucial role in the development of obesity-related insulin resistance. *J Clin Invest* 2003; 112: 1821-1830.
78. Curat CA, Miranville A, Sengenès C, Diehl M, Tonus C, Busse R, Bouloumié A. From blood monocytes to adipose tissue-resident macrophages: induction of diapedesis by human mature adipocytes. *Diabetes* 2004; 53: 1285-1292.
79. Rajala MW, Scherer PE. The Adipocyte—At the Crossroads of Energy Homeostasis, Inflammation, and Atherosclerosis. *Endocrinology* 2003; 144: 3765-3773.
80. Berger A, Mutch DM, Bruce German J, Roberts MA. Dietary effects of arachidonate-rich fungal oil and fish oil on murine hepatic and hippocampal gene expression. *Lipids Health Dis* 2002; 1: 2.
81. Tsuchiya T, Dhahbi JM, Cui X, Mote PL, Bartke A, Spindler SR. Additive regulation of hepatic gene expression by dwarfism and caloric restriction. *Physiol Genomics* 2004; 17(3): 307-15.
82. Yamauchi T, Hara K, Kubota N, Terauchi Y, Tobe K, Froguel P, Nagai R, et al. Dual roles of adiponectin/Acrp30 *in vivo* as an anti-diabetic and anti-atherogenic adipokine. *Curr Drug Targets Immune Endocr Metabol Disord* 2003; 3: 243-54.
83. Ntambi JM, Miyazaki M, Stoehr JP, Lan H, Kendzierski CM, Yandell BS, Song Y, et al. Loss of stearoyl-CoA desaturase-1 function protects mice against adiposity. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2002; 99: 11482-11486.
84. Luo J, Sladek R, Carrier J, Bader JA, Richard D, Giguere V. Reduced fat mass in mice lacking orphan nuclear receptor estrogen-related receptor alpha. *Mol Cell Biol* 2003; 23: 7947-56.
85. Li C, Wong WH. Model-based analysis of oligonucleotide arrays: Expression index computation and outlier detection. *Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A* 2001; 98: 31-36. URL: <http://www.dchip.org>
86. Kiyosawa N, Tanaka K, Hirao J, Ito K, Niino N, Sakuma K, Kanbori M, et al. Molecular mechanism investigation of phenobarbital-induced serum cholesterol elevation in rat livers by microarray analysis. *Arch Toxicol* 2004 Apr 24 [Epub ahead of print]
87. Sreekumar R, Rosado B, Rasmussen D, Charlton M. Hepatic gene expression in histologically progressive nonalcoholic steatohepatitis. *Hepatology* 2003; 38: 244-51.

88. Te-Sligte K, Bourass I, Sels JP, Driessen A, Stockbrugger RW, Koek GH. Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis: review of a growing medical problem. *Eur J Intern Med* 2004; 15: 10-21.
89. Grant LM, Lisker-Melman M. Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease. *Ann Hepatol* 2004; 3(3): 93-99. URL: <http://www.medigraphic.com/pdfs/hepato/ah-2004/ah043c.pdf>
90. den Boer M, Voshol PJ, Kuipers F, Havekes LM, Romijn JA. Hepatic steatosis: a mediator of the metabolic syndrome. Lessons from animal models. *Arterioscler Thromb Vasc Biol* 2004; 4: 644-9.
91. Listenberger LL, Han X, Lewis SE, Cases S, Farese Jr. RV, Ory DS, Schaffer JE. Triglyceride accumulation protects against fatty acid-induced lipotoxicity. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2003; 100: 3077-3082.
92. Dobrzyn P, Dobrzyn A, Miyazaki M, Cohen P, Asilmaz E, Hardie DG, Friedman JM, et al. Stearoyl-CoA desaturase 1 deficiency increases fatty acid oxidation by activating AMP-activated protein kinase in liver. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA* 2004; 101: 6409-6414.
93. Heinemann FS, Korza G, Ozols J. A Plasminogen-like protein selectively degrades stearoyl-coa desaturase in liver microsomes. *J Biol Chem* 2003; 278: 42966-42975.
94. Feng X, Jiang Y, Meltzer P, Yen PM. Thyroid hormone regulation of hepatic genes in vivo detected by complementary DNA microarray. *Mol Endocrinol* 2000; 14: 947-55.
95. Tobe K, Suzuki R, Aoyama M, Yamauchi T, Kamon J, Kubota N, Terauchi Y, et al. Increased expression of the sterol regulatory element-binding protein-1 gene in insulin receptor substrate-2^{-/-} mouse liver. *J Biol Chem* 2001; 276: 38337-40.
96. Eaves IA, Wicker LS, Ghandour G, Lyons PA, Peterson LB, Todd JA, Glynn RJ. Combining mouse congenic strains and microarray gene expression analyses to study a complex trait: the NOD model of type 1 diabetes. *Genome Res* 2002; 12: 232-43.
97. Callow MJ, Dudoit S, Gong EL, Speed TP, Rubin EM. Microarray expression profiling identifies genes with altered expression in HDL-deficient mice. *Genome Res* 2000; 10: 2022-9.
98. Planat-Benard V, Silvestre J-S, Cousin B, Andre M, Nibbelink N, Tamarat R, Clergue M, et al. Plasticity of Human Adipose Lineage Cells Toward Endothelial Cells: Physiological and Therapeutic Perspectives. *Circulation* 2004; 109: 656-663.
99. Kolonin MG, Saha PK, Chan L, Pasqualini R, Arap W. Reversal of obesity by targeted ablation of adipose tissue. *Nat Med* 2004; 10(6): 625-32.
100. Bjorheim, J. Peptid med effekt pa fedme. *Tidsskr Nor Lægeforen* (Norway) 2004; 124(15): 1908. URL: <http://www.tidsskriftet.no/lts-pdf/pdf2004/1908.pdf>
101. Ikonen E, Fiedler K, Parton RG, Simons K. Prohibitin, an antiproliferative protein, is localized to mitochondria. *FEBS Lett* 1995; 358(3): 273-7.
102. Chevet E, Cameron PH, Pelletier MF, Thomas DY, Bergeron JJ. The endoplasmic reticulum: integration of protein folding, quality control, signaling and degradation. *Curr Opin Struct Biol* 2001; 11: 120-4.
103. Wickner S, Maurizi MR, Gottesman S. Posttranslational quality control: folding, refolding, and degrading proteins. *Science* 1999; 286: 1888-93.
104. Coughlan CM, Walker JL, Cochran JC, Wittrup KD, Brodsky JL. Degradation of mutated bovine pancreatic trypsin inhibitor in the yeast vacuole suggests post-endoplasmic reticulum protein quality control. *J Biol Chem* 2004; 279: 15289-97.
105. Castro-Chavez F. A family of artificial heterotranscripts in *Genbank* and their *EcoRI* - related palindromic linkers (2004). URL: <http://www.geocities.com/fdocc3/ht.htm> [Abstract]
106. Saha PK, Kojima H, Martinez-Botas J, Sunehag AL, Chan L. Metabolic adaptations in the absence of perilipin: Increased beta-oxidation and decreased hepatic glucose production associated with peripheral insulin resistance but normal glucose tolerance in perilipin-null mice. *J Biol Chem* 2004 Jun 14 [Epub ahead of print]
107. Palou A, Bonet ML, Picó C, Rodríguez AM. Nutrigenómica y obesidad. *Rev Med Univ Navarra* 2004; 48(2): 36-48. URL: http://www.unav.es/revistamedicina/48_2
108. Junien C. Colon cancer and nutritional genetics: modifier genes. *Ann Med Interne* (Paris). 2001; 152(5): 337-51.
109. Paul A, Ko KWS, Li L, Yechoor V, McCrory MA, Szalai AJ, Chan L. C-Reactive Protein Accelerates the Progression of Atherosclerosis in Apolipoprotein E-Deficient Mice. *Circulation* 2004; 109(5): 647-655.
110. Perilipin (*M. musculus*). NCBI Entrez Gene. *Gene-expression profiling of perilipin^{-/-} mice*. URL: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=gene&cmd=Retrieve&dopt=Graphics&list_uids=103968
111. International Chimpanzee Chromosome 22 Consortium. DNA sequence and comparative analysis of chimpanzee chromosome 22. *Nature* 2004; 429: 382-388.
112. Qi L, Corella D, Sorli J, Portoles O, Shen H, Coltell O, Godoy D, et al. Genetic variation at the perilipin (PLIN) locus is associated with obesity-related phenotypes in White women. *Clin Genet* 2004; 66(4): 299-310.
113. Scott LK, Vachharajani V, Mynatt RL, Minagar A, Conrad SA. Brain RNA expression in obese vs lean mice after LPS-induced systemic inflammation. *Front Biosci* 2004; 9: 2686-96.
114. Meyer SC. The origin of biological information and the higher taxonomic categories. *Proc Biol Soc Washington*, 2004; 117(2): 213-239.
115. Castro-Chavez F. Applying Mendel's Laws to Generate Biodiversity. 8 Jun. 2004. URL: <http://www.geocities.com/plin9k>