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Intervention effect of traditional Chinese medicine Yi Tang Kang on metabolic syndrome of spleen deficiency

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ABSTRACT

Objective: To investigate effects of herbal compound Yi Tang Kang on the spleen deficiency metabolic syndrome. **Methods:** Forty male Wistar rats were randomly divided into two groups: the normal control group and the MS spleen deficiency syndrome group. The control group rats were fed with standard diet and water, while MS spleen deficiency syndrome group with high fat diet and low dose intraperitoneal injection of streptozocin, which swam to the endurance limit. After 12 weeks, the MS spleen deficiency syndrome group was randomly divided into two groups, with 13 rats in each group. Rats in model group were fed with high fat diet and continuously administered with daily saline, and rats in intervention group with high fat diet were treated with traditional Chinese medicines Yi Tang Kang by gavage, 2 ml/200 g at the same time every day. 10 weeks later, the expression of serum proteomics was investigated through abdominal aortic puncture and separation of serum, using isotope labeling technique, high performance liquid chromatography and four bar-Orbitrap mass spectrometer. **Results:** After treatment with traditional Chinese medicine yitangkang, in the model group, important carboxylesterase and retinal guanylate cyclase 2 precursor were upregulated. As for intervention group, these indexes were raised, but immunoglobulin IgG, carnitine acetyltransferase, tubulin beta -5, and Gan Lu sugar binding protein C were down-regulated. At the same time, some new biological active substances, such as protein tyrosine kinase, beta glucosidase were also found. **Conclusions:** Traditional Chinese medicines Yi Tang Kang could regulate glucose and lipid metabolism in rats with spleen deficiency syndrome.

1. Introduction

Metabolic syndrome (MS), due to obesity (especially abdominal type), damaged glucose regulation or type 2 diabetes, hypertension and dyslipidemia, insulin resistance, microalbuminuria, and high uric acid hematic disease, causes a variety of pathological and physiological change in material, sugar, fat and protein metabolism, promotes atherosclerosis, eventually leads to a variety of disease of heart head blood-vessel and development of clinical syndrome, also known as X syndrome or the insulin resistance syndrome. Due to the high incidence rate of MS

and its close correlation with cardiac-cerebral vascular disease, MS becomes the hot spot in the medical research^[1]. Herbal compound Yi Tang Kang could be effective for the treatment of spleen deficiency metabolic syndrome, but its mechanism still needs to be discussed.

This study investigated effect of Yi Tang Kang on the serum proteomics in rats with the metabolic syndrome of spleen deficiency.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Experimental animals

Forty male wistar rats with weight (220±20) g, at the clean level, were provided by Liaoning Immortality Biological Technology Co., LTD. Feed were purchased from the Qianmin

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Animal Feed Factory (China). Feed nutrition guarantee value (%) was shown in Table 1. High-fat feed ingredients included corn oil 8%, sugar 6%, egg yolk powder 5%, cholesterol 1.5%, pig bile salt 0.2%, sulfur methyl oxygen pyrimidine 20 g, sodium glutamate (principle) 1%, and 78.3% of basic feed.

Table 1

Basic feed ingredients.

Index	Growth and reproduction feed	Maintaining feed
Moisture	110.0	110
Crude protein	17.0	14.0
Crude fat	3.0	3.0
Crude fiber	10.0-15.0	10.0-15.0
Crude ash	9.0	9.0
Calcium %	1.0-1.5	1.0-1.5
P %	0.5-0.8	0.5-0.8

2.2. Experimental drug, reagents, instruments and equipment

The herbal compound Yi Tang Kang[®] included sugar, poria cocos, atractylodes, radix astragali, red ginseng and other drugs, purchased from Liaoning Chinese Traditional Medicine University Affiliated Hospital. After decoction, it was concentrated and kept at 4 °C.

Cholesterol, and pig bile salts were purchased from National Medicine Group Chemical Reagent Co., LTD. Citric acid and sodium citrate were purchased from the National Medicine Group Chemical Reagent Co., LTD.; Chain urea with cephalosporins (STZ) was purchased from Sigma.

0.1 mol/L sodium citrate buffer (pH 4.4) included citric acid 2.1 g and 2.94 g sodium citrate, respectively, with sodium chloride injection solution to 100 mL. Citric acid solution 28 mL, 22 mL sodium citrate solution were mixed thoroughly and set aside at 4 °C. Streptozocin (STZ solution) included 0.1 mol/L sodium citrate buffer solution.

ITRAQ kit (ABI); The pancreatic enzyme (Trypsin) was purchased from Promega Company; Protein concentration detection kit (Bradford); Tris (BBI); NaF (Fluka); Organization cracking liquid used benjia amidine (Benzamidine) and 4-(2-aminoethyl) benzene sulfonyl fluoride hydrochloride (AEBSF) were purchased from Sigma; Bright enzyme inhibitory peptide (leupeptin) and aprotinin were purchased from Shanghai Biological Engineering Co., LTD. Strong cation exchange column for Polysulfoethylcolumn (size 5 μm, aperture 20 nm, 10 cm in length, diameter 2.1 mm, The Nest Group Inc. products); C18 (30 nm size 5 μm, aperture, length of 15 mm, inner diameter of 0.1 mm, Agilent products was used for reversed phase column of the ZORBAX sb-300. Electronic balance (Dalian Xinghai Electronic Weighing Apparatus Co., LTD MODELDS-671); Automatic biochemical

analyzer (Japan's Hitachi 7600); Centrifuge table high speed (Xiang Instrument Centrifuge Instrument Co., LTD TG16-WS); Automatic glucose meter (J&J Steady Hao times optimal type); Digital thermometer (omron MC-612); Speed centrifuge at low temperature: Beckman Company; High performance liquid chromatograph: RIGOL model RIGOL 3220 Beijing Science And Technology Co., LTD; Level 4-electrostatic field orbit trap mass spectrometer: model Q-Exactive's Fly The World's Science And Technology Co., LTD; Mass spectrometry data analysis using ProteinPilot software 3.0: ABI.

2.3. Establishment of MS rats model with spleen deficiency

All the rats were caged, 3-4 rats in a cage, and were randomly divided into the normal group of 10 rats and the MS spleen deficiency group of 30 rats. Normal control group was fed with standard rat feed and water, while rats in MS spleen deficiency group swam (swim every day 5 minutes) to the endurance limit and were given with high-fat diet. Four weeks after fasting for 12 hours, intraperitoneal injection of STZ was applied. Lower dose injection was performed for many times, with the first dose as 30 mg/kg, and reduction of 10 mg/kg each time (injection once a week for 6 weeks). They were fed every two weeks during a blood glucose measurement, and blood lipid [triglyceride (TG), high density lipoprotein (HDL-C)] were measured once every four weeks, for 12 weeks. At the same time independent t test was used in statistical analysis, and when blood sugar, blood lipid, and body weight showed statistically significant difference, serum insulin, insulin sensitive index (ISI), insulin resistance (IR), and Homa α -cell function index (HBCI) were measured.

Metabolic comprehensive evaluation criteria of syndrome included weight gain; increased fasting plasma glucose (8-16.7 tendency/L); dyslipidemia: higher level of TG and (or) HDL-C in fasting blood; insulin resistance [decreased insulin sensitivity index (ISI), reduced homa beta cell function index (HBCI), insulin resistance (IS)]. Occurrence of three or all of the above symptoms could be diagnosed with MS.

2.4. Drug intervention

MS model had been established successfully, and the blood glucose and blood lipid of all rats were measured before treatment. Then diabetic rats were randomly divided into control group and intervention group. According to the weight, rats in model group and intervention group had

gavage administration at 2 mL/200 g at a time; while rats in control group were administrated with the same amount of 0.9% sodium chloride injection 2 mL/200 g a day for 10 weeks.

2.5. Determination of serum proteomics

2.5.1. iTRAQ labeling

High abundance protein of serum samples were removed, and were freeze-dried. Those protein samples were added with 40 μ L cracking fluid and 2 μ L denaturant, the oscillation suspension was dissolved and sedimentation was centrifuged. It was quantitatively analyzed by the Bradford method, according to the solution of the protein concentration.

It was reduced and closed according to kit. 1 μ g pancreatic enzyme was added in each group at 37 °C for 16 h for enzymatic hydrolysis. Two marked reagents were diluted by 50 μ L propofol, and mixed respectively with corresponding sample, and then marked, model group samples with 114 mark, and intervention group with 113 mark. They were placed at room temperature for 1 h, added with 100 μ L deionized water for inactivation. Samples were mixed and freeze-dried.

2.5.2. Peptides separation

The chromatographic column: C18 reverse phase column (Agela, C18 chromatographic column, 250 mm \times 4.6 mm I.D., filler particle diameter, including 5 μ m).

Mobile phase: A: 2% ACN–98% H₂O (ammonia adjusted pH 10.0); ACN mobile phase B: 98%–2% H₂O (ammonia adjusted pH 10.0);

Solvent gradient: 5%–8% B, 1 min; 8%–32% B, 24 min; B, 32% 2 min; 95%, 4 min. 95%–5% B, 1 min; Column temperature, 45 °C; Flow rate: 0.7 mL/min; detection wavelength 214 nm.

With a tube per minute, from 8% to 32% effective gradient, a total of 24 components were obtained by high performance liquid chromatograph RPRP separation, fractions were collected, divided into 24 distillates, then were vacuum dried.

2.5.3. Mass spectrometry analysis

Twenty-four fractions were combined into eight samples, using A fluid on LC/mass spectrometer (Q-Exactive). Dry samples were dissolved in A liquid (1.9% ACN/1.9% H₂O/1.9% FA), centrifugated at 12 000 rpm for 3 min on the EASY-nLC-1000 liquid with ThermoFisher Q Exactive mass spectrometer.

The chromatographic conditions were as follows:

Liquid phase: EASY-nLC-1000; Enrichment column: homemade C18, 5 μ m, ID100 μ m, 20 mm Length; Separation column: homemade C18, 3 μ m, ID75 μ m, 120 mm in length; Mobile phase: A, H₂O+98% FA+98%–1.9% ACN; B, 98%–1.9% ACN + H₂O + 98% FA; Flow rate: 450 nL/min. Elution conditions were time 0, 3% B; time 24, 16% B; time 30, 30% B; time 31, 90% B; time 38, 90% B.

Mass spectrometry conditions were as follows: data collection time was 38 min, spray voltage was 2.0 KV; Capillary temperature was 320 °C. Collision energy was 30; Acquisition quality range was 300–1 400 da.

2.5.4. Library search and analysis

Proteome Discoverer (version: 1.2) was used to search library, search engine for the built-in mascot, database for Rattus library. Error level was 15 ppm, secondary error was 20 mmu. All components were merged to search library. Grade appraisal of protein was performed according to the software. Reporting threshold was 1.5, the corresponding protein of false positive rate was 5%. Software on the basis of isotopic reports quantified the relative content of protein, m/z 117 for reference, the result of the significant difference was chosen ($P < 0.05$). Cluster 3.0 software was used for hierarchical clustering analysis of protein expression patterns. Protein annotation and classification were performed by using DAVID functional annotation. Cell components and functional annotation of protein molecules was classified, KEGG pathways database was used to classify protein pathways involved.

2.6. Statistics analysis

IBM SPSS Statistics 18.0 package was used for statistical analysis. Groups of experimental data were applied with mean \pm standard deviation. The differences between each group were analyzed by using single factor analysis of variance. $P < 0.05$ was considered as significant difference.

3. Results

3.1. Basic situation of experimental animals

No rat died in the process of the whole experiment. During feeding process, rats from MS spleen deficiency group drank significantly more water than that of rats from the normal group, and also had more urine. Two weeks after feeding, glucose and lipid level of rats of model group and

Table 2

Changes of fasting plasma glucose (mmol/L).

Group	Indexes	0 week	2 weeks	4 weeks	8 weeks	12 weeks
Control group	Glucose	5.9±1.5	6.2±1.3	6.2±2.5	6.3±2.1	6.3±2.9
	Weight	220.8±20.2	225.3±15.3	233.8±23.4	249.3±18.4	294.6±24.6
Model group	Glucose	5.8±1.9	6.4±1.2	8.9±2.2*	9.1±2.3*	12.9±2.4*
	Weight	221.5±16.7	226.2±10.8	256.3±17.2*	291.4±24.6*	345.9±40.3*

*notes: $P<0.05$.

intervention group were higher than those of control group, and the increase was more significant with increasing feeding tim. After treatment with Yi Tang Kang, no obvious abnormality was found. According to the model assessment standard, a total of 26 models of rats had been established successfully, and the success rate was 86.7%.

3.2. Blood glucose, lipid and weight change before treatment

There was no significant differences in blood glucose, blood lipid, and weight between control group ($n=10$) and model group ($n=30$) before treatment ($P>0.05$).

As shown in Table 2, compared with control group, weight and fasting glucose of model group was increased more significantly, and from the beginning of the 4th week, the difference was significant between the two groups ($P<0.05$).

As shown in Table 3, compared with control group, TG and HDL-C level of model group was increased more significantly, and from the beginning of the 8th week, difference was significant between the two groups ($P<0.05$).

Table 3

Changes of TG (mmol/L).

Group	Indexes	0 week	4 weeks	8 weeks	12 weeks
Control group	TG	0.47±0.14	0.91±0.41	0.84±0.17	0.82±0.41
	HDL-C	1.18±0.19	1.18±0.73	1.16±0.24	1.15±0.72
Model group	TG	0.48±0.25	0.89±0.25	1.75±0.67*	1.97±0.43*
	HDL-C	1.17±0.24	1.17±0.41	0.76±0.31*	0.61±0.27*

*notes: $P<0.05$.

3.3. Insulin level, IR, ISI, and HBCI changes before treatment

As shown in Table 4, serum insulin level and IR of model group were significantly higher compared with control group ($P<0.05$). ISI and HBCI were significantly lower in model group ($P<0.05$).

Table 4

Changes of Serum INS and ISI, IR, HBCI rats.

Group	INS (mu/L)	ISI	IR	HBCI
Control group	11.34±0.82	-3.27±0.35	3.18±0.91	80.71±19.2
Model group	19.90±5.47*	-5.55±0.81*	11.4±2.53*	42.56±11.2*

*notes: $P<0.05$.

3.4. Changes in glucose and lipid

Compared with that of model group, fasting glucose and TG were significantly lower in intervention group from the beginning of 6th week, while HDL-C level was significantly higher ($P<0.05$) (Table 5).

Table 5

Changes of fasting plasma glucose, TG and HDL-C (mmol/L).

Group	Indexes	2 weeks	6 weeks	10 weeks
Model group	Glucose	12.50±1.50	12.90±2.30	12.70±3.50
	TG	1.91±0.22	1.85±0.67	1.97±0.48
	HDL-C	0.64±0.21	0.65±0.24	0.62±0.18
Intervention group	Glucose	12.10±1.30	9.10±2.20*	8.30±2.90*
	TG	1.88±0.25	1.23±0.37*	1.18±0.41*
	HDL-C	0.62±0.13	0.96±0.20*	1.19±0.28*

*notes: $P<0.05$.

3.5. Insulin and ISI, and HBCI changes

As shown in Table 6, serum insulin in rats of intervention group was decreased significantly, compared with model group. ISI and HBCI were increased significantly, while IRS was decreased significantly ($P<0.05$).

Table 6

Changes of serum insulin, ISI, IR and HBCI.

Group	INS (mu/L)	ISI	IR	HBCI
Model group	19.90±6.86	-5.20±0.84	11.23±2.50	43.26±8.40
Intervention group	13.21±0.75*	-4.60±0.37*	4.86±1.20*	55.04±6.70*

*notes: $P<0.05$.

3.6. Serum proteomics changes after the intervention

A total of 44 different proteins were selected, including 21 proteins, which were up-regulated more than 1.5 times, and 23 proteins, which decreased more than 0.75 times. Carboxylesterase, tyrosine protein kinase, retina guanylate cyclase acid precursors 2, immunoglobulin IgG, carnitine acetyltransferase and tubulin beta 5, mannose binding protein C, beta-glycosidase enzymes. carboxylesterase, tyrosine protein kinase, retinal guanylate cyclase acid 2 precursor were up-regulated, and immunoglobulin IgG, carnitine acetyltransferase

and tubulin beta 5, mannose binding protein C, beta-glycosidase enzymes were down-regulated. (Table 7&8).

4. Discussion

MS is a kind of syndrome represented with high blood pressure, glucose and lipid metabolism abnormality, higher low density lipoprotein and lower HDL cholesterol. It is a complex metabolic disorder syndrome. It is a risk factor for diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease, and its cluster occurrence may be associated with IRF[3]. Its pathogenesis is very complex, and may be associated with interaction between genetic factors and environmental factors. It has been confirmed that its core base for the disease was insulin resistance[4-6]. According to traditional Chinese medicine theory, the spleen deficient is the key pathogenesis of MS, therefore, in the treatment of MS, sufficient attention must be paid to the application of the spleen and replenishing method. It has been demonstrated that traditional Chinese medicine compound Yi Tang Kang, could improve the high insulin hematic disease, and play the roles in lowering blood sugar and adjusting blood fat.

In this study, by using the proteomics method, it shows that after treatment with Yi Tang Kang in rats of MS with

spleen deficient, a total of 44 differently expressed proteins were found, including 21 proteins upregulated more than 1.5 times, and 23 proteins downregulated more than 0.75 times. More importantly, the carboxylesterase and retina guanylate cyclase acid 2 precursor were up-regulated, and immunoglobulin IgG, carnitine acetyltransferase, tubulin beta 5, and mannose binding protein C levels were down-regulated, and there were new bioactive substances, such as protein tyrosine kinase, and beta glycosidase enzymes.

Tyrosine protein kinases are a set of catalytic tyrosine residues phosphorylation enzymes, which can launch multiple downstream signaling pathways, such as the Ras/Raf/MAPK pathway and JAK-STAT[7,8]. Src tyrosine protein kinase is a proto-oncogene tyrosine kinase, and is a member of the family of Src kinase[9], which is involved in antigen antibody, cytokine and integrin receptor mediated transmembrane signal transduction, and plays an important role in cell differentiation, proliferation and transformation of regulation[10-12]. Recent studies suggest that the Src tyrosine protein kinase plays a significant role in the process of the occurrence of hypertension, and its mechanism includes REDOX, coupling factor 6, slow excitation signal peptide, vascular endothelial growth factor and transforming growth factor beta 1, etc., which make the structure and function of the angiogenesis changes, and play an important

Table 7

Up-regulated proteins at more than 1.5 times.

Accession	Description	113/114	MW (kDa)	calc.	pI	Name of the protein
293340944	PREDICTED: rCG36607-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.501	12.8	4.61		
293342076	PREDICTED: betaine--homocysteine S-methyltransferase 1-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.523	21.5	8.97		
293346079	PREDICTED: titin (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.554	3 702.7	6.44		
293348358	PREDICTED: mCG1041419-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.608	14.8	6.27		
56090568	F-box only protein 30 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.667	82.0	5.20		
293340938	PREDICTED: similar to productively rearranged V-lambda-2 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.668	15.4	4.89		
209863130	semaphorin-3F (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.670	88.4	8.19		
109494473	PREDICTED: poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase family, member 14-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.679	199.4	6.89		
189027113	coiled-coil domain containing 123 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.749	72.8	8.63		Coiled coil domain 123
157822203	arrestin domain-containing protein 2 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1.848	20.7	10.36		Inhibition of protein domain protein 2
47059179	heat shock 70kD protein 1B (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.040	70.1	5.82		Heat shock protein 1 b
293358839	PREDICTED: leiomodoin 3 (fet al) (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.077	57.9	5.14		
281427207	carboxylesterase 5 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.255	62.4	5.94		Carboxylesterase 5
157818025	trafficking protein particle complex 8 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.402	160.2	6.92		Transporters composite particles 8
13591979	leukemia inhibitory factor receptor precursor (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.588	122.3	5.81		Leukemia inhibitory factor receptor precursor
293345928	PREDICTED: rCG64263-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.641	12.9	5.91		
51491819	tyrosine-protein kinase Yes (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2.861	54.2	8.02		Protein tyrosine kinases
281371333	hypothetical protein LOC289334 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	3.186	71.2	9.60		
109482302	PREDICTED: similar to alpha 1B-glycoprotein (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	3.825	52.8	5.05		
16758684	retinal guanylyl cyclase 2 precursor (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	3.987	124.3	7.15		Retinal guanosine monophosphate cyclase 2 precursor
25453392	alpha-1B-glycoprotein precursor (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	4.443	56.4	7.11		

Table 8

Down-regulated proteins at more than 0.75 times.

Accession	Description	113/114	MW (kDa)	calc. pI	Name of the protein
257467629	Fc fragment of IgG binding protein (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.18	274.88	5.08	Immunoglobulin IgG Fc binding protein
51591903	keratin, type I cytoskeleton 15 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.19	48.84	4.86	Keratin, type I cytoskeleton 15
145046240	ranBP-type and C3HC4-type zinc finger-containing protein 1 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.23	57.65	6.19	Ranbp type and C3HC4 type zinc finger protein
120474989	keratin, type II cytoskeleton 1 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.25	64.72	7.93	Keratin 1, type II cytoskeleton
293345909	PREDICTED: hypothetical protein (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.36	13.29	4.65	
57012436	keratin, type I cytoskeleton 10 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.37	56.47	5.15	Keratin, type I cytoskeleton 10
13929168	protocadherin Fat 1 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.37	505.68	5.01	original fat 1
51854229	carnitine O-acetyltransferase (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.39	70.76	8.54	Carnitine acetyltransferase
57114290	keratin, type II cytoskeleton 2 epidermal (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.46	69.09	7.69	keratin 2, and type II epidermis cells
41529837	junction plakoglobin (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.46	81.75	6.14	
293348969	PREDICTED: keratin 6A-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.50	59.39	8.22	
62078513	carboxylesterase-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.52	62.11	6.30	carboxylesterase
109491625	PREDICTED: transcription elongation factor B (S III), polypeptide 2-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.59	12.64	5.30	
50233797	keratin, type II cytoskeleton 5 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.56	61.89	7.33	Keratin 5, type II skeleton cells
77627994	microfibril-associated glycoprotein 4 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.63	29.03	5.44	Microfibril associated glycoprotein 4
293350193	PREDICTED: hypothetical protein (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.63	15.31	7.99	
9506507	coronin-1B (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.70	53.81	5.97	
27465535	tubulin beta-5 chain (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.72	49.64	4.89	Tubulin beta 5
293356712	PREDICTED: BTB (POZ) domain containing 9 (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.73	48.01	8.31	
293348340	PREDICTED: Igh protein-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.73	14.02	8.43	
148747321	mannose-binding protein C precursor (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.74	26.00	5.33	mannose binding protein C precursor
157818781	glucosidase 2 subunit beta (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.74	59.18	4.48	Beta - glycosidase enzymes were 2 beta
293345873	PREDICTED: rCG64257-like (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	0.74	18.79	6.51	

role in cardiovascular diseases, especially hypertension and stroke^[13,14]. Vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) is a kind of endothelial cell specific mitogen^[15]. VEGF can promote angiogenesis and increase vascular permeability and diastolic blood vessels, which suggests that VEGF can reduce vascular tension and blood pressure in the process of high blood pressure^[16]. Clinical trials have proved that VEGF signaling pathway inhibitors can lead to high blood pressure^[17,18]. The present study suggests VEGF induced NO and PGI-2, VEGF can increase the synthesis of NO more than 50 times, improve PGI-2 the synthesis by 3- 4 times, the synergy of NO and PGI-2 mediated the VEGF on vascular endothelial function. And in this process, the activation of Src tyrosine protein kinase is required. These studies suggest that the Src tyrosine protein kinase is involved in the NO and PGI-2 generation induced by VEGF, and also suggest that the Src tyrosine protein kinase is involved in vascular endothelial vascular tension, the process of diastolic blood vessels and blood pressure^[19,20].

Beta-glycosidase enzymes (beta glucosidase, EC3.2.1.21),

also known as beta-D-glycosidase glucose hydrolytic enzymes, can hydrolysis beta-D-glucoside keys, and can release beta-D-glucose and corresponding ligands at the same time. In 1837, Liebig and Wohler found beta glycosidase enzymes in bitter almond for the first time^[21,22]. It is involved in the glucose metabolism of the organism, and plays an important role for organisms in maintaining normal physiological function. It was found that the beta glycosidase enzymes were involved in EMP glycolytic pathway, and it is one of enzymes related to the sugar metabolism in bifidobacterium^[23]. In mammals and human body, lactase/root skin glycosides (LPH) hydrolytic enzymes contain aryl beta glycosidase enzymes, and LPH involved in the lactase deficiency disease—a common human genetic disorder, which has been widely studied. It is closely related with many diseases caused by metabolic disorders, such as diabetes, cancer and virus infection.

In conclusion, this study proved that Yi Tang Kang can improve IR, lipid and glucose metabolism. By methods of proteomics protein changes are found after drug

intervention, which suggested that tyrosine protein kinase, beta-glycosidase enzyme proteins could be therapeutic targets, and it provided new treatment of MS with spleen deficiency.

Conflict of interests

We declare that we have no conflict of interest.

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