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**EXERCÍCIO FÍSICO E MELATONINA PROMOVEM
CONJUNTAMENTE REDUÇÃO DA ADIPOSIDADE EM RATOS,
EMBORA ESTES SE TORNEM HIPOGONÁDICOS**

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RESUMO

Proença ARG. Exercício físico e melatonina promovem conjuntamente redução da adiposidade em ratos, embora estes se tornem hipogonádicos. [tese (Doutorado em Fisiologia Humana)]. São Paulo: Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas, Universidade de São Paulo; 2013.

Na última década, vários estudos observaram que a melatonina, além de alterar o peso corporal de animais, também reduz adiposidade e melhora a sensibilidade à insulina no tecido adiposo. Entretanto, alguns trabalhos apontam um possível efeito antigonadotrófico da melatonina. Em relação ao exercício físico, suas contribuições no controle do peso corporal assim como da adiposidade já foram evidenciadas por diversos estudos. Dessa forma, o objetivo deste trabalho foi o de averiguar se o exercício físico somado a suplementação com melatonina em animais pós-púberes, modifica a adiposidade e a regulação da atividade lipolítica, nos tecidos adiposos localizados nas regiões subcutânea inguinal (SUB) e retroperitoneal (RP), além de verificar possíveis efeitos antigonadotróficos decorrentes do tratamento com melatonina. A concomitância do treinamento físico (50-60% da capacidade máxima) e da suplementação com melatonina (0,2 mg/Kg/dia) durante 8 semanas em ratos *Wistar* de 11 semanas de idade foi mais eficiente em promover reduções no diâmetro dos adipócitos e, consequentemente, na adiposidade do que o uso isolado do treinamento físico ou da suplementação com melatonina. Entretanto, não foram observadas alterações na atividade lipolítica, e nem na lipogênese, medidas em adipócitos isolados das regiões estudadas. Foi demonstrado também que, mesmo em doses reduzidas, a suplementação promoveu hipogonadismo com consequente redução da testosteronemia, além de uma redução da massa do músculo EDL (de contração rápida), evidenciando assim a necessidade de se aprofundar os estudos sobre os impactos do uso de melatonina sobre o eixo hipófise-hipotálamo-gônadas.

Palavras-chave: Treinamento físico. Melatonina. Adiposidade. Lipólise. Hipogonadismo.

ABSTRACT

Proença ARG. Exercise and melatonin acting together promote in rats adiposity reduction, although they become hypogonadic. [Ph. D. thesis (Human Phisiology)]. São Paulo: Instituto de Ciências Biomédicas, Universidade de São Paulo; 2013.

In the last decade, several studies showed that melatonin, besides changing body weight of animal also reduces adiposity and improves insulin sensitivity in adipose tissue. However, some of them pointed to a possible melatonin's antigonadotropic action. In relation to exercise, its contributions to the control of body weight, as well as adiposity, have been highlighted by several studies. Hence, the purpose of this study was to investigate whether the physical exercise plus supplementation with melatonin in postpubertal animals modify adiposity and regulation of lipolysis in the inguinal subcutaneous (SUB) and retroperitoneal (RP) adipose tissues, away from assessing the possible antigonadotropic effects resulting from melatonin treatment. The concomitance of physical training (50-60% maximum) and melatonin supplementation (0.2 mg / kg / day) for 8 weeks to 11 weeks old rats were more efficient in promoting reductions in adipocyte size and hence in adiposity than physical training or melatonin supplementation alone. However, no changes were observed in lipolysis or in lipogenesis, measured in isolated adipocytes from investigated the fat depots. We also showed that, even at this low dose, melatonin promoted hypogonadism with consequent reduction of the testosteronemia and a reduction in EDL (*extensor digitorum longus*) muscle mass (fast twitch), thus evidencing that further studies on the impacts of the use of melatonin the hypothalamic-pituitary-gonadal axis are actually needed.

Keywords: Physical training. Melatonin. Adiposity. Lipolisys. Hypogonadism.

1 INTRODUÇÃO

O tecido adiposo (TA) é o maior reservatório de energia de que dispomos, sendo durante muito tempo considerado um tecido cuja finalidade era apenas esta. Na última década do século passado, descobriu-se que, além de ser abundante fonte de energia, o TA era também um importante produtor de substâncias biologicamente ativas, passando então a ser reconhecido como órgão endócrino, desempenhando um papel ativo na regulação do metabolismo energético^{1,2}.

O interesse por seu estudo mais aprofundado se deveu, em parte, ao aumento epidêmico da obesidade nas mais diversas sociedades contemporâneas. A combinação de hábitos alimentares constituídos por dietas ricas em gorduras e açucares e o sedentarismo é responsável pelo número crescente de pessoas com sobrepeso e obesidade, sendo hoje um dos maiores problemas de saúde no mundo ocidental, atingindo, em certos casos, um terço da população^{3,4,5,6}.

Este fato fez com que houvesse maior necessidade de pesquisas que possibilitassem melhor entendimento da funcionalidade do tecido adiposo. Estudos *in vivo* e *in vitro* realizados tanto em animais como em humanos, uso de técnicas como microdiálise, assim como avanços na área da biologia molecular culminaram em maior entendimento a respeito da fisiologia do tecido adiposo. Estes estudos, além de buscarem elucidar aspectos e fatores que interferem no controle metabólico como dieta, exercício, patologias, idade, fármacos, estresse, etc, procuram ainda entender o reflexo de um aumento ou de uma diminuição da adiposidade, localizada ou generalizada no organismo como um todo.

As duas principais ações metabólicas do tecido adiposo branco são a lipólise (mobilização ou hidrólise do triacilglicerol) e lipogênese (armazenamento ou síntese de ácidos graxos). A importância dessas ações conferiu ao tecido adiposo papel fundamental no controle metabólico⁷. Tanto a lipólise como a lipogênese são reguladas pela integração dos mecanismos endócrino e neural, que cooperam para manter a massa adiposa relativamente constante frente às condições habituais. Inúmeros trabalhos científicos já evidenciaram o reflexo do exercício físico no metabolismo energético, e principalmente sua contribuição na redução ou na contenção de um aumento da adiposidade.

Nas duas últimas décadas, pesquisadores passaram a demonstrar uma considerável participação na melatonina no metabolismo energético. Alguns

trabalhos evidenciaram sua influência na regulação da adiposidade. Entretanto, ainda há perguntas a serem respondidas sobre os impactos, positivos e negativos que seu uso, na reposição ou no tratamento, pode causar ao organismo. Devido ao fato de alguns estudos, citados posteriormente, demonstrarem um efeito central desse hormônio com repercussões gonádicas, adotamos o modelo animal de suplementação com melatonina, objetivando avaliar os efeitos no metabolismo do adipócito, assim como nas estruturas que compõem o sistema reprodutor.

8 CONCLUSÃO

Concluímos que, além das repercussões isoladas de cada intervenção, o uso concomitante do treinamento físico (50-60 % da capacidade máxima) e da suplementação com melatonina (0,2 mg/Kg/dia) durante 8 semanas em ratos *Wistar* de 11 semanas de idade, foi mais eficiente em promover reduções no diâmetro dos adipócitos e, consequentemente, na adiposidade do que o uso isolado do treinamento físico ou da suplementação com melatonina. Entretanto, não foram observadas alterações na atividade lipolítica, e nem na lipogênese, medidas em adipócitos isolados das regiões subcutânea inguinal e retroperitoneal.

Este trabalho reforça também que há uma necessidade em aprofundar os estudos sobre os impactos do uso de melatonina no eixo hipófise-hipotálamo-gônadas, uma vez que, mesmo em doses reduzidas, a suplementação promoveu hipogonadismo, com consequente redução da testosteronemia, além de uma redução da massa do músculo EDL.

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