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1.

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2. 研究業績要旨(1,000字以内)

本候補者は、健康寿命の延伸に寄与する食品成分の新たな機能性について解析を行い、次に示す成果をあげた。

1)ビタミン K は血液凝固因子や骨タンパク質の活性化において必須の因子である。この作用以外のビタミン K の機能について検索を行い、細胞内シグナル分子を修飾(転写因子 NF- κ B の活性化抑制、アデニル酸シクラーゼの活性化、核内受容体 PXR の活性化)することによる、抗炎症、テストステロン産生増強、インスリン分泌増強、PXR を介した胆汁酸合成遺伝子の発現調節といった新たな作用を有することを明らかにした。(報文リスト 1,4,5,8)

2)ビオチンは4種のカルボキシラーゼの補酵素として働き、糖、アミノ酸、脂肪酸代謝に関わっているが、新たなビオチンの作用として、グアニル酸シクラーゼの活性化を介した高血圧症改善作用、核内受容体 HNF4 α の発現制御による糖新生律速酵素の発現調節(抗糖尿病作用)、アデニル酸シクラーゼの活性化によるテストステロン産生増強作用を明らかにした。(報文リスト 2, 9)

3)余剰の米糠、特に脱脂米糠の再資源化と高度利用を目的に、糖質分解酵素による処理、または麹菌と乳酸菌による多段階発酵によって加工した脱脂米糠を開発して、これらによる血圧低下、インスリン抵抗性改善、潰瘍性大腸炎の発症抑制、抗コモーティブシンドローム効果を疾病モデル動物で明らかにして、脱脂米糠の利用拡大に繋がる成果を示した。さらに、それらに含まれる活性成分の分離・同定を行い、アデノシン、トリプトファンやその代謝物の健康機能性を明らかにした。特に、トリプトファンの微生物代謝物であるトリプタミンが転写因子 AHR を活性化して抗炎症作用を示すことを、*Ahr* 欠損マウスを用いて明確にした。(報文リスト 3,6,7,10)

4)ビタミン K2 の側鎖類縁体であり、アナト一色素や米糠油に含まれるゲラニルゲラニオール (GGOH) が抗炎症作用を持つこと、さらにこの作用が NF- κ B 活性化経路上流の TRAF6、IRAK1 のタンパク質発現の抑制によることを明らかにした。また、GGOH、黒ウコン抽出物中のポリメトキシフラボノイド、ネギ属野菜に含まれる含硫化合物によるテストステロン産生増強作用を解析し、これらの食品成分による男性更年期障害の予防・改善効果の作用点を明確にした。

以上の成果は、栄養素や食品成分が生活習慣病の予防と改善を通じて、健康寿命の延伸に貢献する可能性を示すものであり、栄養学・食品科学の領域に重要な知見をもたらした。

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