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Conclusions: This meant that the higher expression of genotype F at VDR Fok1 locus could induce the myofiber proliferation in skeletal muscle. It was indicated that VDR Fok1 locus polymorphism is a major factor for meat tenderness.

Key words: VDR, Fok1, locus polymorphism, myofiber proliferation, meat shear force, pigs

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RELATIONSHIP OF PPAR γ 2 BSR1 LOCUS POLYMORPHISM AND LIPIDS METABOLISM IN LONGISSIMUS DORSI

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Background and objectives: The expression and polymorphism of PPAR γ 2 gene and its Bsr1 locus, located in the coding region of the first promoter, was studied the relationship of lipids metabolism in pig's Longissimus dorsi (LD).

Methods: 101 LDs as muscle samples were to analyze its intramuscular fat (IMF) and prepared cDNA to test PPAR γ 2 expression in LD, Bsr1 locus polymorphism and sequences.

Results: The expression of PPAR γ 2 gene in pig's LD was between 0.35±0.07- 0.58±0.07 in 12 breeds (p<0.05 or p<0.01, YIMF=4.04X+0.68, R=0.22). Bsr1 locus had three genotypes such as b (wide), bB (heterozygote) or B (mutant) in pig's skeletal muscle (LD). The average frequency of three genotypes was 15.49% b, 23.95% Bb and 60.56% B respectively. When the base G on Bsr1 locus (CCAGT) was replaced by A as CCAAT, wide genotype b was mutated to genotype B. Bsr1 locus genotypes in LD of China dark pig as Shanzhu contained all of three (b, bB and B), in which type b was expressing up to 50.00%. In contrast, Bsr1 locus in Landrace and Yorkshire LD was lack of type b. If China pigs were hybridized with Landrace, type bB would express highly in these breeds. So a mathematical model (GLM, $Y = \mu + G + X + S + e$, Y as apparent characters; μ as means of apparent characters; G as genotype; X as breeds; S as sex; e as residuals) was built a relationship of Bsr1 locus genotypes and lipids metabolism. It was found that the higher type b, the more content IMF, significantly (P<0.05). There were b > Bb > B, respectively.

Conclusions: This suggested that the high expression of type b contributed to adipose differentiation, deposition and appropriate meat tenderness. It also means PPAR γ 2 gene can be the meat target gene.

Key words: PPAR γ 2; Bsr1 locus polymorphism; lipids metabolism; intramuscular fat; pigs

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QR-CODES IN FOOD LABELING: OUTLOOK FOR FOOD SCIENCE AND NUTRITION

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Background and objectives: Although the use of QR-codes (Quick Response codes) has not been broadly adopted in the domain of food science/nutrition, it is possible to find it increasingly as a complement for labelling. The aim is to explore and show proposals for using QR-codes in the domain. The final goal is to describe how the applications of QR-codes can largely benefit the food science/nutrition.

Methods: From the evaluation of QR-codes use cases in the context of the industry, it is possible to derive new applications to the nutrition domain. The goal is to design Web-based systems to enable the provision of advanced services that already are supported in the present in many contexts of the daily-life but with better performance.

Results: Some proposals about the use of QR-codes:

- Basic research:
 - Advanced tagging of laboratory samples.
- Food security:
 - Comprehensive information about nutritional composition.
 - Advanced features to avoid falsifications and food fraud.
 - Control of technological processes and determination of the HACCPs (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points).
 - Application to food traceability.
- Community nutrition:
 - Use for patient education.
 - Reduced time and costs in investigating food poisoning.
- Clinical nutrition:
 - Based on the patient profile, reporting food suitability in certain metabolic diseases.
 - Providing information on food-drug interactions.