

## On Muscle CCO Intermittent Hypoxic Training

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**Abstract.** Intermittent hypoxic training is one of the more common studies simulated altitude training method, one can accept the hypoxic stimulus, on the other hand to avoid increasing the load on the plateau is not a problem. In this study, changes in 72 male SD rat skeletal muscle cytochrome oxidase in the intermittent hypoxia condition, to investigate the effect of intermittent hypoxic training on aerobic capacity of skeletal muscle in rats.

### 1. Introduction

Since the Mexico City Olympics, international sports scientific community set off a wave of altitude training in research, through decades of studies have found that high altitude training pros and cons. So the eyes of scholars turned to either exploit the plateau hypoxia, and also avoid simulated altitude training is difficult to increase the load on the plateau, the HiLo training combination of both to explore the potential of long-Jan altitude training, and also avoid difficult to increase the load on the plateau of the short training<sup>[1,2,3]</sup>. Such as high pressure and high oxygen houses, hypoxia warehouse (hypobaric chamber) and hypoxic tent system (hypoxic tent system) et al<sup>[4,5]</sup>. Numerous studies and proved that these three methods have their advantages and disadvantages, their common feature is persistent hypoxia. Russian and American scholars in the study of the process of gradually realize: Hypoxic Training To achieve the desired effect is not dependent on the persistence of hypoxia and hypoxia exposure duration, the key is repeated from low to high, shift from high to low, 1~2h of intermittent hypoxia stimulate more long-lasting than in the low-oxygen environment can be more effectively improve the ability of the body hypoxia<sup>[6]</sup>. Thus, intermittent hypoxic training as a fourth method came into being. intermittent hypoxic training (IHT) is the use of specialized equipment, by reducing the percentage of oxygen concentration in the air to form an artificial hypoxic environment, so that the subject of intermittent hypoxic gas inhalation, reaching similar purpose with altitude training.

### 2. Research content and methods

#### 2.1 Object of study

SD male rats were 72, 8 weeks old, according to the experimental animals fed standard score cages, habilitation one week after the experimental animals were randomly divided into four groups, formal training in three weeks, a total of four weeks.

#### 2.2 Empirical method

##### 2.2.1 Experimental groups

The rats of adaptation training after a week were randomly divided into 4 groups: normoxic control group (C), normoxic training group (S), intermittent hypoxia control group (I), intermittent hypoxic training group (IS), 18 rats in each group.

##### 2.2.2 Group training arrangement

**The normoxic control group (C):** normal eating, drinking freely without any training activities.

**Normally the exercise group (S):** the rats every day only aerobic endurance training.

**The intermittent hypoxia group and hypoxia group (I):** IHT in the hypoxic chamber, 3 times a week, 1 hours a day (a combination of 5 minutes, 5 minutes of intermittent hypoxia, a total of 6

combinations). The first week of oxygen concentration is 14%, after a week of decline, decline of 1% per week.

**The intermittent hypoxic training group (IS):** hypoxia group IHT in the hypoxic chamber, 3 times a week, 1 hours a day (a combination of 5 minutes, 5 minutes of intermittent hypoxia, a total of 6 combinations). The first week of oxygen concentration is 14%, after a week of decline, decline of 1% per day per week, immediately after hypoxia training of aerobic endurance training.

### 2.3 Sport mode:

The exercise group with domestic rodents electric treadmill training, to adapt to the peripheral speed of 15m/min, every 30min, so that the animal be familiar with treadmill exercise, starting 1 week after week incremental load, increase the speed of 5m/min per week, increase the time of 10min; the last week of the rate of 30m/min, the time of 60min.

### 2.4 Experimental materials

After the end of training program, with 0.4% sodium pentobarbital anesthetized rats 1ml/100g weight, quickly remove the gastrocnemius muscle and heart, the heart weighed in Libra, and then use the Department of Ophthalmology small shear separation of left and right ventricular, use vernier caliper to measure left ventricular wall thickness, the gastrocnemius muscle and myocardium in -70 deg.c for refrigerator.

### 2.5 Test index

Cytochrome oxidase (CCO): measured by spectrophotometer

### 2.6 Test index steps

Weigh accurately myocardial and right gastrocnemius muscle after each 200mg, 5ml respectively into the small beaker; pipettes take advance in the refrigerator (4 DEG C) pre cooling of 9% 1ml of physiological saline in a beaker, Department of Ophthalmology, small shear soon chopped tissue block (small beaker in ice water). The chopped tissue homogenate then pour into a glass tube, 0.8ml cold physio-logical saline residue in the beaker tissue fragments, together into homogenate tube were homogenized to enable the organization fully homogenized, made 10% homogenate. The preparation of homogenates prepared by freeze centrifuge 3000r/min centrifugal 10min, Torikami Kiyoo, according to the determination of cytochrome oxidase determination of conventional cytochrome oxidase method after centrifugation activity.

### 2.7 Data processing

All the data are based on mean and standard deviation ( $\bar{X} \pm SD$ ) to represent the variance for single factor statistical process analysis method, all data in the computer using the statistical software SPSS which is computed, significant difference is  $p < 0.05$ .

## 3. The results of Experiment

From table 1 we can see that the changes of cytochrome oxidase in skeletal muscle tissue: Intermittent hypoxia model: intermittent hypoxia control group and normal group there was a significant difference ( $p < 0.01$ ), intermittent hypoxic training group and the normal group, normoxic training group, there was very significant difference ( $p < 0.01$ ), intermittent hypoxic training group and intermittent hypoxia control group with significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ ), immediately after the exercise of state and three hours after exercise conditions showed no significant difference.

Table 1: the effect of two kinds of models of hypoxia on cytochrome oxidase of rat skeletal muscle cells (Company: Kmin-1/mg)

grouping;	rest state	IMPEX	Three hours after exercise
C group	4.35+0.49	5.08+1.22	5.56+0.85
S group	5.06+0.28##	5.45+0.72	5.27+0.59
I group	5.32+0.52##	5.42+1.75	5.50+1.52
IS group	5.92+0.59###@	5.53+0.53	5.88+0.81

Note:

- (1) compared to the control group  $p < 0.05$  and # showed normal oxygen, ## showed  $p < 0.01$ ;
- (2) and exercise group comparison @ showed  $p < 0.05$ , P < 0.01 @ @ show;
- (3) compared to the control group  $p < 0.05$  delta shown with intermittent hypoxia, delta shows  $p < 0.01$ ;
- (4) and intermittent hypoxia training group showed relatively\* \* \*  $p < 0.05$ ,  $p < 0.01$  shows;

#### 4. Analysis

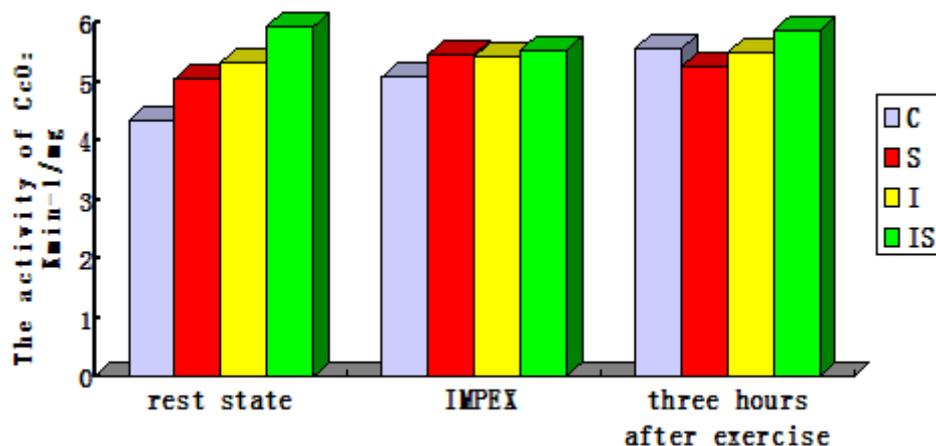


Figure 1: the effect of intermittent hypoxic training on skeletal muscle of rat cytochrome oxidase activity

Mitochondria are cellular respiration and parts produced ATP enzymes, all mitochondrial respiratory chain and oxidative phosphorylation endomembrane containing system, including a variety of enzyme NADH dehydrogenase, CCO, electronic through the respiratory chain of these enzymes, and ultimately by the CCO transfer to molecular oxygen (components of the electron transport chain through the redox reaction will provide electronic NADH are passed down, the final electron by oxygen molecules to accept, to restore the water, releasing energy for the body's needs). In these enzymes, cytochrome oxidase (CCO) is a sign of its enzyme. What level of CCO activity and content of it directly affects the efficiency of the respiratory chain electron transfer, determines how much the body to produce energy site capacity, maximum working strength will determine the body movement can be reached and longest duration, it directly determines the endurance exercise performance level, which is the most important in the in the movement, the pursue is the entire training target.

Skeletal muscle system function ability and metabolism ability height, directly affect the level of the ability of athletes. Traditional altitude training can have beneficial effects on the metabolic changes to improve skeletal muscle, such as myoglobin concentration, mitochondrial density increased metabolic enzyme activity in muscle was improved in [7, 8], intermittent hypoxic training for athletes, can produce similar changes in the same. M. Vogt [9] was intermittent hypoxia experiments on 30 subjects, subject training every day for 30 minutes, train 5 times a week, a total of 6 weeks. He will be 30 subjects into 4 groups: 2 groups of oxygen partial pressure is 89 Torr (1 Torr is equivalent to 1 mmHg) air, simulate the hypoxic environment at an elevation of 3800m, one group with high intensity training (training when the lactate concentration is 4~6 mmol PL), high intensity in hypoxia group; another group with low intensity training (training of blood lactic acid concentration is 2~3 mmol PL), low intensity in hypoxia group; in the other 2 groups under normoxia training environment, a group with low intensity training, low intensity normoxic group, another group with high intensity training, high intensity normoxic group. The results show: after intermittent hypoxic training, skeletal muscle mitochondria significantly increased overall density with high strength in hypoxia group, mitochondrial density increased most, 55%; low intensity in hypoxia group whole mitochondrial density has increased, only 24.1%; and training under normoxia environment, it has no obvious change. High intensity in hypoxia group, high intensity normoxic group and hypoxic

group of low intensity intermittent hypoxic training, muscle fiber in mitochondrial density also increased significantly, respectively 39.3%, 2.6%, 11.8%, and no obvious change of low intensity normoxic group. The length and density of capillaries in skeletal muscle only increased significantly in high intensity in hypoxia group, an increase of 18.7%. High strength training in hypoxia group in the intermittent hypoxia training, cytochrome oxidase 1 (COX-1) and cytochrome oxidase 4 (COX-4) mRNA concentration significantly increased, an increase of 42.3% and 45.4% respectively, NADH dehydrogenase (SDH) mRNA concentrations also increased significantly, increased to 36.7% and 46.9% respectively.

The experimental results indicated that under the quiet state, normoxic control group and exercise group and intermittent hypoxia control group and intermittent hypoxia exercise group, exercise group and intermittent hypoxia training group with a very significant difference ( $p < 0.01$ ); intermittent hypoxia control group and intermittent hypoxic exercise group were significantly different ( $p < 0.05$ ), intermittent hypoxia control group increased 22%, intermittent hypoxic training group increased 36%; immediately after exercise and three hours after exercise condition, there were no significant differences between the. Description of skeletal muscle cells CCO in quiet condition is quite obvious, but there were no significant changes in the condition of stress, may need a longer recovery period can have significant differences, due to the limitation of experimental conditions, the experiment failed to explore more deeply.

Findings of this study, skeletal muscle tissue, normoxic control group in a quiet state and the other 5 groups have significant differences in CCO activity, exercise group and intermittent hypoxia training group also has significant differences. However, intermittent hypoxia control group and intermittent hypoxia training group compared with no significant difference, indicates that the effect of hypoxia in this experiment only applied to hypoxia failed to body reaching movements, failed to stimulate skeletal muscle tissue in the CCO to increase its activity, the experiment results show that, for many IHT in skeletal muscle CCO activity or content has great influence, and the influence is positive; but three hours immediately after exercise and after exercise status were not significant difference. In Mankovskaya 32 Wistar rats as the experimental object, to IHT, the equivalent of 8000 m altitude oxygen partial pressure, train 4 times a day, each time 30 min hypoxia, 15-20 min interval, a total of 14 days. Experimental study found that, in IHT group than those in normoxic control group CCO in cardiac, liver, brain activity were increased by 40.5%, 41.7% and 20.2%, proved that intermittent hypoxia training enhances the tissue CCO activity, thus stimulating the respiratory chain oxidation pathway, the body's aerobic metabolism ability strengthened, the experimental results and the experimental results are similar, on the other hand also support the results of this experiment.

## 5. Conclusion

In this experiment, in a quiet state, normoxic training group and intermittent hypoxia control group and intermittent hypoxia training group compared to constant activity was oxygen control of CCO in skeletal muscle of rats was significantly increased, and immediately after exercise and three hours after exercise showed no significant changes. Instructions in a quiet state is CCO in rat skeletal muscle active state, so the more obvious changes, including changes in intermittent hypoxic training group was the most obviously.

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