Title: BIOMARKERS FOR STATIN-INDUCED MYOPATHY OR RHABDOMYOLYSIS

Abstract: The invention provides genes as predictive biomarkers of statin-induced muscle toxicity. Following statin administration, three types of skeletal muscle (soleus, gastrocnemius and extensor digitorum lateralis) (EDL), including fast-twitching and slow-twitching, were profiled and analyzed. Remarkably, for samples exhibiting myopathy, the three muscle types showed highly similar gene expression profiles. Genes involved in oxidation, apoptosis, and ubiquitin-dependent protein catabolism and proteolysis were significantly changed, suggesting extensive protein degradation. In addition, significant induction of genes involved in the regulation of glycolysis and fatty acid oxidation, such as PDK4, 6-phosphofructo-2-kinase, and acetyl-Coenzyme A carboxylase beta, were also observed. PDK4 phosphorylates and inactivates the pyruvate dehydrogenase complex, and is the key inducer of the metabolic switch from glycolysis to fatty acid oxidation.
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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1. claims: 1-9,15

   Use of statin in the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a cardiovascular disorder in a selected patient population, wherein the patient population is selected on the basis of the gene expression of biomarkers of statin-induced muscle toxicity by the patients following administration of statin to the patients

2. claims: 10-14

   A method for diagnosing a propensity for muscle toxicity in a subject, comprising the steps of:
   (a) administering a statin to the subject;
   (b) determining the gene expression pattern of the subject; and
   (c) determining whether the gene expression of biomarkers of statin-induced muscle toxicity by the subject indicates a propensity for muscle toxicity.