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## Abstract

Ghrelin is a peptide hormone which stimulates food intake in body system. At present a number of studies have been carried out regarding the mechanisms by which various hormones and peptides regulate food intake. Ghrelin is a peptide hormone which stimulates food intake where Plasma ghrelin levels are inversely correlated with food intake in humans. It is a natural ligand of the growth hormone secretagogue receptor (GHSR) which is highly expressed in the hypothalamus, but is also found in peripheral tissues. Ghrelin is still recognized as a modulator of energy balance. It has been shown that ghrelin stimulates the release of neuropeptide Y (NPY) from the arcuate nucleus (ARC) of the hypothalamus, which leading to the inhibition of ACC activity and subsequent increase in fatty acid CoA levels and finally resulting in increased energy availability. It also activates carnitine-palmitoyl transferase

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## Editorial

Ghrelin, the hunger hormone, is mainly produced by the ghrelinergic cells located in the stomach & a lesser extent in the gut and brain. Ghrelin acts in the CNS. Besides regulating food intake, it plays a major role in regulating distribution and function of energy in the body as G-protein coupled receptor (GPCR). Ghrelin is a secretagogue receptor (GHSR) or growth hormone secretagogue and containing an n-octanoyl group at the amino acid position 3 [1-6]. It is reported that ghrelin is widely distributed in various types of tissues such as duodenum, jejunum, ileum, liver, heart, pancreas, kidney, testis, pituitary, and hypothalamus [7]. In the system, moreover in the CNS system it expressed as a modulator.

Recent findings revealed that administration of ghrelin in the CNS induces food intake and reduction of energy expenses [8-10]. Major physiological and biological function of ghrelin includes regulation of hormone secretion, stimulation of food intake, gastric acid secretion, regulation of motility and the regulation of the endocrine and exocrine pancreatic secretions.

After crossing the blood-brain barrier ghrelin reaches in brainstem [Correspondence to: Rashid M, Ismail SS, ssdin23@gmail.com] [17], and transmits its signal through the vagal nerve [18]. In Hongkong, after crossing the blood-brain barrier in the hypothalamus, it activates the arcuate nucleus (ARC), paraventricular nucleus (PVN), dorsomedial region, central nucleus of amygdala, and the nucleus of solitary tract [19-20]. By stimulating the activity of NPY/AGRP neurons and decreasing the activity of POMC and CART neurons, ghrelin increases appetite and food intake [21-23]. AMPK is activated by AMPK & D V F D G H , regulates the fuel availability by stimulating ATP producing pathways and inhibiting ATP consuming pathways [24]. After ATP depletion, AMP rises and induces the activation of AMPK by phosphorylation of acetyl-CoA [25]. Activated AMPK then induces the phosphorylation of acetyl-CoA

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From the literature review it is reported that, SIRT1 and p53 are required for ghrelin induced AMPK activation [28]. mTOR is regulated by the cellular AMP/ATP ratio; mTOR activity decreases when AMP/ATP is increases. On the other hand, mTOR activity increases when AMP/ATP ratio decreases [29] and is activated by AMPK [30]. Activated mTOR phosphorylates S6-kinase-1 (S6K1), S6 ribosomal protein (S6), and initiation factor 4E-binding protein (4E-BP1) [31-32]. It has been shown that hypothalamic mTOR signaling mediates the orexigenic action of ghrelin [33-34]. en ghrelin-mediated mTOR activation induces the increase of CREB-pCREB, FoxO-pFoxO1, and BSX transcription factors which in turn activate NPY and AGRP synthesis and nally leading to food intake in body systems [35] (Figure 2).

## Summary

It is to be concluded that in the field of neuroscience ghrelin has attracted tremendous interest in research. It is the key hormone in regulation of energy homeostasis in human body. Current evidences show that ghrelin affects GH release, food intake, energy and glucose homeostasis, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular and immune functions, cell proliferation and differentiation, and cognitive behavior. Ghrelin is still recognized as a potential drug target for weight regulation. For its unique molecular structure, in near future it's possible to find out a breakthrough in the regulation of hunger stimulate, weight control and proper management of food intake in obese and anorexia patient by understanding its biochemical and pathophysiological mechanism.

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