Bioelectrical Impedance 法による高齢女性の筋肉量の評価

Assessment of Total and Segmental Skeletal Muscle Mass in Older Females by Bioelectrical Impedance Method

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Abstract

In the present study, we examined 1) the validity of bioelectrical impedance (BI) method for estimating body composition in the older females such as total fat mass (FM), total fatfree mass (FFM), and total or segmental skeletal muscle mass (SM) compared with dualenergy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA) measurement as a reference, and 2) the difference of SM between the subjects who were divided into five groups according to required care levels: independent, required support, required care 1, required care 2, and required care 3.

- 1) Significant (P < 0.05) relationships were observed between right (r = 0.919) or left (r = 0.865) leg' SM measured by BI method and DEXA. There was also a significant relationship between DEXA and right (r = 0.913), and left (r = 0.939) arm' SM measured by BI. Furthermore, total body fat percent measured by the two methods was significant as well (r = 0.936).
- 2) Total FM, FFM and SM tended to decrease gradually according to levels of required care. Especially, total FM and FFM in the required care 3 group were significantly lower compared with the independent group.
- 3) SM of the legs, arms and trunk also decreased according to the increasing levels of required care levels. These segmental SMs in the groups that required care were significantly lower compared with the independent group.

These results suggest that SM may decrease not only in the legs, but also in the arms and trunk with increasing levels of required care. Required care level 3 showed the greatest decrease in SM.

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