Online Resource 1:

Data Adjustments, Sample Characteristics, Distributional Properties of the Data, and Reliability of the measured phenotypes

The following are provided in this appendix:

- *(A) Data adjustments*
- *(B) Sample characteristics*
- *(C) Distributional Properties of the Data*
- *(D) Reliability of submaximal fitness traits in HERITAGE*

(A) Data Adjustments

Below is the method used for the covariate adjustments, followed by the table of results for the target (ΔVO₂60) and the correlated traits (ΔWORK60, ΔQ60)

Responses were computed as the differences in post-training vs baseline (pre-training) values, and then adjusted (in both mean and variance) for the effects of several covariates using a stepwise multiple regression procedure (stepwise forward with backward elimination). In summary, a response was regressed on the respective baseline value, the baseline weight and a cubic polynomial in age (age, age² and age³), separately in four sex-by-generation groups (fathers, mothers, sons and daughters). Only significant terms (5%) were retained. The resulting squared residual from this mean regression was similarly adjusted for the same covariates (i.e. heteroskedasticity or variance regression step). The covariate-adjusted variable was the residual from the mean regression, divided by the square root of the predicted score from the second regression. A final standardization step ensured zero mean and unit variance. Values that were + 4 standard deviations from the mean (on the raw scale) were temporarily set aside during model development. However, these outlying values were added back to the dataset and scores were computed for them in the final steps. Consequently, raw outlying values did not contribute to model development but were assigned scores in the end based on the models developed using the non-outlying data.

The computer program SAS was used to produce the covariate adjustments, the sample statistics and the frequency distributions.

Table of Covariate Adjustments for Responses to Exercise Training: Significant Terms and % Variance Accounted For

(B) Sample Characteristics Statistics for Raw (Unadjusted) Data and Family Structures*

*Family structures: There are 475 individuals within 99 nuclear families (parents and offspring) having both marker data and Δ VO₂60 (response) phenotype data. There is an average of 4.8 members per family (on average 2 parents and 3 offspring). The number of offspring within families ranges from 1-5, for a total of 317 sibling pairs, 545 parent-offspring pairs, and 83 spouse pairs.

†Group Differences: Based on a comparison of raw means using the respective standard errors, there are group differences between fathers and mothers (label A), sons and daughters (label B), fathers and sons (label C), and mothers and daughters (label D).

‡Means and standard deviations are for the raw (unadjusted) data, and skewness and kurtosis is reported for the analysis variable (i.e. covariate-adjusted and standardized residuals) across the entire sample.

(C) Distributional Properties for the Raw (Top Row) and Covariate Adjusted (Bottom Row) Response Phenotypes

(D) Reliability of submaximal fitness traits in HERITAGE

For reliability, coefficients of variation (CV) and intraclass correlation coefficients (ICC) were calculated using (i) 390 HERITAGE subjects to assess day-to-day variation across 2 days (reproducibility) and (ii) 55 subjects who were not enrolled in HERITAGE (but otherwise qualified) to assess intra-center quality control (ICQC) by testing each individual at each of the 5 clinical centers (Wilmore et al., 1998). For ΔVO_260 , the CVs and ICCs were 3.6% and 0.99 for reliability and for ICQC were 3.5% and 0.98. Similarly, for ΔQ60 the CVs and ICCs for reliability were 5.9% and 0.93 and for ICQC were 4.5% and 0.95. Thus, both within subject variation and measurement unreliabilities for day-to-day and across-center are generally small, particularly as compared with the between-subject variance in the responses to the submaximal exercise.

Online Resource 2:

Hardy Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE) and Minor Allele Frequency (MAF) Plots

The following are provided in this appendix:

- *(A) Scatter Plot of Association –log(p) by HWE –log(p)*
- *(B) Scatter Plot of Association –log(p) by MAF*

FIGURE CAPTION:

The top panel is a scatter plot of $-Log(P)$ for Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium (HWE) test on X-axis and – Log(P) for association (QTDT) test of ΔVO_2 60. The minimum HWE P-value is 0.002. Note that HWE is not violated for any of the genetic associations that tested significant.

The bottom panel is a similar plot showing the frequency distribution of the minor allele frequencies (MAF) on the X-axis and $-Log(P)$ for association (QTDT) test of ΔVO_260 on the Y-axis. Again, the MAF are typically in the middle ranges for the most significant genetic association tests.

Online Resource 3:

Genome-Wide Linkage Analysis for Response to Exercise Training in the HERITAGE Family Study for a Measure of Submaximal Exercise Capacity: Delta VO₂ at 60% of maximum (ΔVO2 60)

Genotypes: The genome-wide linkage panel included 674 markers covering 22 autosomes. See Chagnon et al. (2000) for PCR conditions and genotyping methods. DNA sequencers from LI-COR were used to detect PCR products and genotypes were scored semi-automatically using the SAGA software. Mendelian transmission was checked for each marker and incompatible markers were re-genotyped (10%). Microsatellite markers mainly were selected from the Marshfield panel version 8a. Some restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) were integrated, including candidate genes relevant for HERITAGE phenotypes. Map locations of the markers were taken from Build 35 of the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) physical map.

Figure 1 shows the marker distribution across chromosomes for number of markers per chromosome (top left), maximum length per chromosome (bottom left), and density (top right). There was a mean spacing of 4.2 Mb on the physical map.

Analyses were performed using the computer program Merlin (Abecasis et al., 2002) under the regression-based procedure for linkage analysis that uses trait-squared sums and differences to predict IBD sharing between relative pairs (Sham et al., 2002).

Figure 2 shows the linkage results for ΔVO₂60. The figure provides separate panels for each of the 22 autosomes (panels 1-22). Each panel depicts the marker locations along the X-axis and the LOD scores on the Y-axis.

As shown, the strongest linkage is seen on chromosome 13 (LOD score of 3.18, P-value $=$ 0.0000649 at D13S787). The next-best signals are on chromosomes 4 (LOD score of 1.553, P $= 0.0037$, D4S403) and 15 (LOD score of 1.582, P $= 0.0034$, D15S120). These latter two signals are not significant at the genome-wide level. Details on Chromosome 13 are in **Figure 3**.

Figure 3 is an enlarged version of the chromosome 13 LOD score plot. The vertical axis shows the marker location and the horizontal axis is the linkage LOD scores. The ideogram with banding patterns for chromosome 13 is shown on the far left, and the figure inset (bottom right) represents the magnified portion between ~20 and ~30 Mb. The vertical dashed lines on the inset figure (at 21.1 and 29.1 Mb) represent a 2-LOD drop interval.

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Online Resource 5: Summary of association results.

Abbreviations / Definitions: bp is base pair; N bp is number of base pairs, SNPs, Haplotypes or Genes; Density is average number of base pairs per typed SNP in the region; N and % are number and percent of typed SNPs that show significant (adjusted $P \le 0.05$) association with submaximal capacity traits (ΔVO₂60 or correlated traits ΔWORK60 and ΔQ60); Haplotype SNPs is number of SNPs contributing to any haplotype in the region; SNPs in Genes is number of significant (adjusted $P \le 0.05$) SNPs (single SNP or haplotype analysis) located within genes; and Genes w / > 1 SNP represents the number of genes that have at least 1 significant (adjusted P \leq 0.05) SNP. Regions 1 through 4 have a preponderance of single-SNP signals. However, regions 2 and 3 have the best density of genotyped SNPs, more haplotypes, and more known genes.

Online Resource 6. Results of stepwise regression analysis for predictors of ΔVO260 using the SNPs that were significant in single-SNP (N=16) and in haplotype analyses (N=27)

A. Stepwise regression model for predictors of Δ VO₂60

using significant SNPs from single SNP association analyses

B. Stepwise regression model for predictors of ΔVO₂60

using significant SNPs from haplotype association analyses

C. Stepwise regression model for predictors of Δ VO₂60

using significant SNPs from combined single SNP and haplotype analysis association analyses

