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Task Description:	<p>NOTE: Continuation of "Defining the Relation Between Biomarkers of Oxidative and Inflammatory Stress and Atherosclerosis Risk in Astronauts During and After Long-Duration Spaceflight" ; previous Principal Investigator was Dr. Steven Platts until March 2016.</p> <p>Atherosclerosis is the major contributor to cardiovascular disease-related morbidity and mortality. Research indicates that many of the risk factors commonly associated with atherosclerosis contribute to endothelial dysfunction, a process which presents early in life before angiographic evidence of disease and precedes the clinical manifestation of many cardiovascular disease-related disorders. In an effort to compensate for the initial risk factor-related disruptions to homeostasis, there is a compensatory upregulation of atheroprotective mechanisms. However, in the absence of appropriate risk factor management, these defense mechanisms may become overwhelmed and less able to reestablish normal function. Key systems that help maintain vascular homeostasis and are susceptible to differential deleterious alterations include those that help balance levels of oxidative and inflammatory stress. New evidence suggests that long-duration spaceflight may promote oxidative and inflammatory stress through mechanisms such as radiation exposure, diet, physical inactivity, and psychological stress. However, there are no data supporting a causal link between biomarkers of oxidative and inflammatory stress and indices of vascular endothelial dysfunction in spaceflight. As such, we propose to examine the relation between biomarkers of oxidative and inflammatory stress and well-established measures of vascular endothelial dysfunction (flow mediated dilation (FMD)) and carotid intima-media thickness (cIMT) in astronauts before, during, and after long duration spaceflight.</p>
Rationale for HRP Directed Research:	
Research Impact/Earth Benefits:	<p>It is well known that inflammation is a key contributor to the development of atherosclerosis. There is also emerging work showing the link with oxidative damage. This work may contribute to general clinical science by showing the interactions of multiple stressors in a unique environment (spaceflight).</p>
Task Progress:	<p>New project for FY2016.</p> <p>Continuation of "Defining the Relation Between Biomarkers of Oxidative and Inflammatory Stress and Atherosclerosis Risk in Astronauts During and After Long-Duration Spaceflight" ; previous Principal Investigator was Dr. Steven Platts until March 2016. See that project for previous reporting.</p>
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