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COMBINATION OF ANKLE-BRACHIAL INDEX AND CORONARY ARTERY CALCIUM SCORE AS A PREDICTOR FOR 3-VESSEL CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE IN OLDER PATIENTS

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Objective To get the sensitivity, specificity and accuracy of ankle-brachial index (ABI) and coronary artery calcium score (CACS) to judge the 3-vessel coronary artery lesions. Furthermore, to investigate whether the value of judge the 3-vessel coronary artery lesions can be improved when combining both of the two methods. All those is to find a non-invasive and inexpensive method with good sensitivity and specificity.

Methods According to the results of CAG, 96 older patients who had underwent ABI and CACS measurement were divided into two groups: group of 3-vessel artery lesions and the control group. The baseline information were compared to investgate whether there were differences in the two groups. The best cut-points of ABI and CACS were analysis by ROC, and the parallel test were analysed to investgate whether combining the two can improve their diagnosis value.

Results The baseline information between the two groups is no significant difference. As compared, ABI<0.9 and CACS>400 were the best cut-point value with maxinm youdens index which was determined by ROC. ABI<0.9 and CACS>400 were independence predictors of the 3-vessel lesions. The sensitivity and specificity of ABI<0.9 to predict 3-vessel lesions were 58% and 87%, the sensitivity and specificity of CACS>400 of that were 64% and 86%, and that of parallel test were 85% and 83%. Whose sensitivity significantly increased (p<0.05) and specificity has dropped, but the difference was not statistically significant.

Conclusions ABI<0.9 and CACS>400 were the best cut-point value and independence predictors for the 3-vessel lesions. The cut-off point of ABI<0.9 and CACS>400 for the determination of 3-vessel coronary lesions had high respectivity but relatively low sensitivity. The parallel test of combine ABI<0.9 and CACS>400 greatly increased the sensitivity and specificity was not significantly decreased. Combining use is more practical value.