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**A NOVEL POLYMORPHISM OF THE CYP4F2 GENE IS ASSOCIATED WITH ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME**

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**Objectives** CYP4F2 is responsible for metabolising arachidonic acid to 20-hydroxyeicosatetraenoic acid (20-HETE), which plays a crucial role in the regulation of cardiovascular homeostasis. The present study aimed to evaluate whether or not the CYP4F2 gene polymorphism is involved in acute coronary syndrome (ACS).

**Methods** Four CYP4F2 SNPs were genotyped (rs1558139, rs3093166, rs3093194, rs2108622) using the Real-Time PCR System. We examined the role of these SNPs for ACS using two independent case-control studies: one was in the Han population (326 ACS patients and 338 control subjects) and the other was in the Uyghur population (265 ACS patients and 276 control subjects).

**Results** CC+CT carriers of SNP4 (rs2108622) genotype were more frequent among ACS patients than among controls not only in the Han population of men (97% vs 91%) but also in the Uyghur population of men (95% vs 88%). After adjustment of confounding factors such as smoking, alcohol consumption, hypertension, diabetes, body mass index, the OR for carriers of the rs2108622 genotype for ACS was 4.180 (95% CI 1.304 to 13.400) in the Han population of men and 2.878 (95% CI 1.059 to 7.825) in the Uyghur population of men.

**Conclusions** The rs2108622 genotype of CYP4F2 may be a genetic maker of ACS in the Han and Uyghur population of men in western China.