the severity of the coronary lesions was assessed by Gensini scoring system, a method that assigns a different severity score depending on the degree of luminal narrowing and the geographical importance of their locations. 25 patients scored $\leq 40$, 26 patients scored 41–80, 23 cases scored 81–120, and 11 cases scored greater than 120.3. The results of the retinal vascular measurement and calculation: The mean retinal arteriole diameter (upper temporal branch and inferior temporal branch) in CAD group was significantly smaller than that in control group (p<0.05). The mean retinal venule diameter (upper temporal branch and inferior temporal branch) in CAD group was significantly greater than that in control group (p<0.05). The mean retinal AVR (both in upper temporal branch and inferior temporal branch) in CAD group was much smaller than that in control group (p<0.05). 4. The correlation analysis between retinal vascular diameter, AVR and the severity of coronary atherosclerosis: the numerical values of retinal artery diameter and AVR in patients with Gensini score group 81–120 and >120 were significantly smaller than that with Gensini score $\leq 40$ (p<0.05), but the calibre of retinal venule in patients with Gensini score group 81–120 and >120 was significantly greater than that with Gensini score $\leq 40$ (p<0.05), there were no significant differences between the other groups. With Pearson correlation analysis to analyse the correlation of retinal AVR to Gensini score, the result showed that in CAD patients, the retinal AVR was negatively correlated to the Gensini score (p<0.01). With partial correlation analysis and controlling of other influencing factors, such as hypertension and diabetes, the negative correlation didn’t change. Conclusion In our study, the retinal vascular diameter and AVR are well correlated to the severity of coronary artery disease. In CAD patients, the retinal arteriole calibre and AVR are significantly negatively correlated to Gensini score, and the retinal venule diameter is strongly positively correlated to Gensini score.

**e0394** THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA AND ENDOTHELIN-1 PLASMA LEVELS IN PATIENTS WITH CORONARY HEART DISEASE

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**Objective** Obstructive sleep apnea (OSA) is an independent risk factor for cardiovascular morbidity and mortality. The mechanism is unknown, but recent studies provide evidence that endothelial dysfunction might contribute. So we investigate the relationship between obstructive sleep apnea and endothelin-1 (ET-1) plasma levels in patients with coronary heart disease.

**Methods** 287 patients with coronary heart disease were enrolled and an overnight polysomnography was performed to all of them. According to the apnea-hypopnea index, the patients were divided into four groups: no OSA group (AHI<5, n=82), mild OSA group (5≤AHI<15, n=70), moderate OSA group (15≤AHI<30, n=70), severe OSA group (AHI≥30, n=77). Plasma levels of endothelin-1 were detected to all the patients.

**Results** Compared with no and mild OSA group, endothelin-1 plasma levels in severe OSA group elevated significantly (p=0.009), even after analysis in a general linear model with correction for confounders. Plasma ET-1 levels showed an increasing trend within no OSA, mild OSA and moderate OSA group, however no statistically significant was observed between no OSA group and patients with mild or moderate OSA, respectively (p=0.421, p=0.226).

**Conclusion** Among patients with coronary heart disease, plasma ET-1 levels elevated significantly in severe OSA group. This might support that severe OSA has more effects on endothelium function for coronary heart disease than mild and moderate OSA.

**e0395** CORRELATION BETWEEN SERUM LEVELS OF CATHEPSIN S AND SEVERITY OF ATHEROSCLEROTIC LESIONS OF CORONARY ARTERIES IN CHINESE

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**Objective** Previous studies have showed that cathepsin S(CatS) is upregulated in atherosclerosis lesions in humans. We try to deplore the association between serum levels of CatS and its inhibitor cystatin C(CysC) and the severity of atherosclerotic lesions of coronary arteries in Chinese.

**Methods** and **results** 107 coronary atherosclerotic diseases (CAD) and 48 controls were recruited and all subjects consisting were verified by selective angiography, the the severity of lesions of

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**SIGNIFICANCE OF OXIDISED LOW-DENSITY LIPOPROTEIN CORONARY ATHEROSCLEROTIC HEART DISEASE**

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**Objective** In this study, control group are people with normal coronary arteries. This study is to discuss the relationship between LDL, OX-LDL and control group, SAP group, UAP group, AMI group and contaction of LDL and OX-LDL.

**Methods** Experimental group are 300 CHD patients without taking lipid-lowering drugs in one month who admits in the department of cardiology from August 2008 to August 2009. They are divided into SAP group (100 cases), UAP group (100 cases), AMI (100 cases). The control group are 100 cases of patients who are randomly selected and confirmed without CHD by coronary angiography in the same period in our department. Information includes gender, age, smoking, drinking, hypertension, diabetes, levels of LDL and OX-LDL. We analysis patients’ basic information, the level and correlation of LDL and OX-LDL in control group, SAP group, UAP group and AMI group.

**Results** 1. There are no significant differences between control group and CHD groups in basic information (p>0.05). 2. Concentration of LDL in CHD group is significant difference compared with control group (p<0.01). Concentration of LDL in SAP group is no significant difference compared with SAP group (p>0.05). Concentration of LDL in AMI group is significant difference compared with SAP group (p<0.01). Concentration of LDL in UAP group is no significant difference compared with SAP group (p>0.05). 3. Concentration of OX-LDL in CHD group is significant difference compared with control group (p<0.01). Concentration of OX-LDL in UAP group is more meaningful in the treatment and prevention of CHD.

**Conclusions** 1. We confirm that LDL and OX-LDL are risk factors for CHD. There is no significant differences about the concentration of LDL in CHD groups, however, there is significant differences about the concentration of OX-LDL in CHD groups. The level of OX-LDL is in escalating trend. 2. There is no correlation between concentration of LDL and OX-LDL in all groups (p>0.05) and OX-LDL play a more important role in the process of CHD. Compared with LDL, mensurating OX-LDL is more meaningful in the treatment and prevention of CHD.