Results Rapamycin made the expression and activation of KLF2 strongly reduce by 75.6% and 78.2% so as to induce long-term coronary endothelial dysfunction. In HUVECs, rapamycin made basal eNOS and t-PA decrease by 80% and 87.8%, while making basal PAI-1 and TF increase by 2.5 and 1.5-fold. After treatment by statins (especially lovastatin), the expression of KLF2 was increased by 3.8-fold nearly reversing to normal state.

Conclusions Taken together, these observations indicate that statin-dependent induction of KLF2 provides a new treatment for stent thrombosis induced by rapamycin releasing from drug-eluting stents.

DUAL ANTIPATELET PLUS TIROFIBAN THERAPY HAVE A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME IN DIABETIC PATIENTS UNDERGOING PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION

Objective The long-term effect of statin therapy in diabetic patients after percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) is not well established. Accordingly, we sought to determine whether statin therapy initiated at the time of percutaneous coronary intervention reduces total and cardiac mortality among diabetic patients.

Methods We collected data from 569 consecutive patients who underwent PCI. We then compared all-cause and cardiac mortality rates in 249 patients with diabetes mellitus of whom 74 (29.7%) were treated with statin at the time of PCI. To adjust the variables that would have been related to the decision regarding statin administration, multivariate Cox regression was carried out.

Results During follow-up (4.4±1.3 years), 23 patients died (including 12 who died of cardiac causes). The Multivariate analysis showed statin therapy to be significantly associated with reduced cardiac mortality (HR 0.39, 0.16–0.95, p=0.039), but not with all-cause mortality.

Conclusion Statin therapy was associated with a significantly reduced risk of cardiac mortality in patients with diabetes mellitus and coronary artery disease after PCI.

RISK FACTORS OF ACUTE RADIAL ARTERY OCCLUSION FOLLOWING TRANSRADIAL PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION IN SENILE PATIENTS

Background Compare with transfemoral percutaneous coronary intervention, the access site complication is less with transradial percutaneous coronary intervention (TRI). The acute radial artery occlusion (Acute RAO) is the most common complication following TRI. Although the incidence of acute RAO is less (0~10%) and acute RAO couldn’t induce upper-extremity ischaemia with positive Allen test patients, it makes re-TRI procedures impossible. To elucidate the risk factors of acute RAO is the best way to prevent it occurring.

Methods A total of 1256 positive Allen test patients (≥60 years old) who underwent TRI (during May, 2004 to May, 2009) were divided into two groups: normal group and RAO group, according to whether the patient without or with acute RAO. Risk factors of acute RAO were analysed by logistic regression model.

Results Acute RAO occurred in 28 patients (2.2%). Univariate analysis showed, the smaller size of sheath used, the higher incidence of acute RAO occurred. As compared to the patients in normal group, there are more female and diabetes mellitus patients in RAO group. The dose of heparin used in the operational procedure in RAO group were significantly less than normal group (5826±523 IU vs 7425±980 IU, p<0.01). The post-procedure duration of high-pressure compression haemostasis were longer in RAO group than normal group (372.9±55.4 min vs 264.7±43.2 min, p=0.05). Logistic regression analyses showed that the dosage of heparin used in the procedure (RR: 2.812, 95% CI 1.116 to 6.732, p=0.016), the size of sheath (risk ratio: 4.978, 95% CI 3.211 to 10.675, p=0.001) and the post-procedure compression time (RR: 2.431, 95% CI 1.589 to 3.710, p=0.004) were independent risk factors for acute RAO.

Conclusion The incidence of acute RAO can be minimised by proper sheath selection, appropriate anticoagulation used during operational procedure, and avoiding prolonged duration of high-pressure compression haemostasis following the procedure.

INTENSIVE CHOLESTEROL LOWERING WITH SIMVASTATIN IMPROVES THE OUTCOMES OF PERCUTANEOUS CORONARY INTERVENTION IN PATIENTS WITH ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME

Objective To evaluate the immediate protective effects of intensive statin pretreatment on myocardial perfusion and myocardial ischaemic injury during PCI.