Ventricular haemodynamic parameters were also measured, include HR, LVSF. Left ventricular myocardial was separated and cut to five slice. After experiment, the myocardial was used for myocardial infarction size evaluated with TTC stained. Immunohistochemical staining for Phosphorylation Akt and GSK-3β expression.

**Results** Ischemic postconditioning reduced LDH, CK and improved the haemodynamic parameters, and reduced myocardial infarction size (29.5% vs 47.5%). Phospho-Akt and phospho-GSK-3β expression increased markedly in IPost group. Wortmannin may reduced Phospho-Akt expression, and phospho-GSK-3β expression increased in I/R+SB group.

**Conclusion** Ischemic postconditioning may synergically protect myocardium in isolated rat heart. Wortmannin, an inhibitor of Akt, may weaken the cardioprotection effect of postconditioning. SB216763, as a inhibitor of GSK-3β, can simulate cardioprotection effect of postconditioning. Akt and GSK-3β play important role in the mechanism of signal pathway in ischaemia postconditioning.

**Objective** To elucidate the effects of postconditioning on ischaemia/reperfusion cardiac and the role of reperfusion injury salvage kinase pathway in type 2 diabetic rats.

**Methods** The type 2 diabetic rats were induced by the intravenous injection of streptozotocin and high caloric diet. 60 Wistar rats were divided into three groups randomly. Ischaemia-reperfusion in normal people (N, n=8), MI/R post-intervention group (T, n=8), Disease group (D, n=8). With ligation-release SD rats left posterior descending branch of coronary artery the ischaemia reperfusion heart model was established. 27 SD rats were randomly divided into four groups: Normal group (N, n=5); Disease group (D, n=6), Beginning of reperfusion after 30 min of MI; MI/R post-intervention group (T, n=8), Intraperitonal injection of CT-1 C-terminal peptide (100 μg/kg) at same time of beginning of reperfusion after 30 min of MI; MI/R pre-intervention group (O, n=8), MI/R experiments was performed after intraperitonal injection of CT-1C-terminal peptide (100 μg/kg) for 7 days. In accordance with the ECG monitoring results ended the experiment in animals dying, left the serum for examination of concentrations of CK and MDA and cut the ischaemic heart tissue and surrounding areas fixed in neutral solution of formaldehyde, paraffin-embedded and sliced. Using end-labelling TUNEL assay apoptosis of myocardial cells and calculate the cardiac myocyte apoptotic index (AI).

**Results** After MI/R, the average survival time of the disease group of MI rats was 95.17±24.7 min, that of MI/R pre-intervention group was 87.85±18.3 min. The average survival time of MI/R post-intervention group was 155.5±50.15 min, significantly longer than that of the disease and MI/R pre-(chronic) intervention group (p<0.01). The serum CK activity and MDA content and the myocardial apoptotic index (AI) around infract area were increased significantly in disease group (N vs D, p<0.01), and which has been reduced significantly in the post-intervention group (T vs D, p<0.01). But still higher than that of normal group (q values were 5.197, 5.782, 7.391, respectively, p<0.01); The serum CK activity and MDA content and the myocardial apoptotic index (AI) around infract area were increased significantly in disease group (N vs D, p<0.01), and which has been reduced significantly in the post-intervention group (T vs D, p<0.01). But still higher than that of normal group (q values were 5.197, 5.782, 7.391, respectively, p<0.01).
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**Conclusion** Short-term use of CT-IC-terminal peptide early in reperfusion can reduce myocardial tissue injury and oxidative damage, as well as the extent of cardiomyocyte apoptosis, so that the extension of animal survival time; but the intraperitoneal injection of CT-IC-terminal peptide after a longer period of time reduced the tolerance of SD rats on ischaemia reperfusion injury, the tissue injury and the extent of oxidative damage increased significantly, and cardiac myocyte apoptosis have occurred in the surrounding area of infarction, and the animals have a shorter survival time.

**THE EFFECT OF DIABETES ON PROTECTION OF ISCHAEMIC POSTCONDITIONING IN MYOCARDIAL ISCHAEMIA-REPERFUSION INJURY**

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**Objective** Study on the effect of diabetes on protection of ischaemia postconditioning in myocardial ischaemia-reperfusion injury in isolated rat hearts.

**Methods** The type 2 diabetic rats were induced by the intravenous injection of streptozotocin (STZ) and high caloric diet. 60 Wister rats were divided into three groups randomly. Ischaemia-reperfusion in normal rats (A group), ischaemia postconditioning in normal rats (B group), ischaemia postconditioning in diabetic rats (C group). Rats were used for Langendorff isolated heart perfusion with 30 min of globe ischaemia and 60 min of reperfusion, then the models of ischaemia-reperfusion (A) were made. But to B and C, rat hearts were subjected to six cycles of 10 s of globe ischaemia and 10 s of reperfusion as ischaemia postconditioning during the early minutes of reperfusion. The levels of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) in the coronary effluent and infarction size was determined by TTC staining. Phosphorylation of akt and gsk-3β were analysed by western blotting and immunohistochemical staining.

**Results** Ischemic postconditioning reduced LDH, CK and improved the haemodynamic parameters and reduced myocardial infarction size (29.50±3.4% vs 45.65±4.8%), phospho-Akt and phospho-GSK-3β expression increased markedly in B group. But compared A group there were no parently difference in C group. The level of LDH, CK didn’t decline and the myocardial infarction size were not reduced. phospho-Akt and phospho-GSK-3β expression in C group is more less than in B group.

**Conclusion** Ischemic postconditioning may significantly protect myocardium from reperfusion injury in isolated normal rat hearts. But in diabetic rats, the protection of Ischaemic postconditioning has no effect, the mechanism of this phenomenon maybe connected with lower expression of Phosphorylation of Akt and GSK-3β in the condition of diabetic and impaired Reperfusion Injury Salvage Kinase (RISK) signalling pathway (RISK pathway).

**EFFECTS OF OXIDATIVE STRESS AND GENDER DIFFERENCES IN SD RATS WITH HIGH-SALT HYPERTENSION VIA ACUTE SHORT-TERM COLD EXPOSURE**

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**Objective** To perform high-salt hypertension model in SD rats and observe effects and oxidative stress and gender differences in SD rats, and then evaluate mechanism that blood pressure is affected by oxidative stress induced by cold environment.

**Methods** The male and female SD rats were randomly divided into four groups (n=8): male control group (MC), female control group (FC), male high-salt group (MS), female high-salt group (FS), MC and FC were fed regularly, MS and FS were fed with diet composed of 8% salt. Feeding period was 8 weeks. Four groups were fed regularly in ninth week; in the first 10 weeks, four groups were put into a 4°C artificial climate box in tenth, 1 h per day. Systolic blood pressure (SBP) in SD rats was measured every other day from 1st week to in first 4 days 9th week with tail cuff. Systolic blood pressure in SD rats was measured daily with tail cuff in late 3 days of 9th week and 10th weeks. 24-h urine in each group was collected by biological metabolism, calculated accurately.

**Results** 1. High-salt diet for 8 weeks, MS group and FS group blood pressure was significantly higher than the control group the same sex (p<0.05). In 10th weekend four sets of blood pressure after cold exposure (BP) were higher, MS group and the FS group blood pressure ∆BP (BP=before exposure BP-after exposure BP) significantly higher than the control group the same sex (p<0.01). 2. 5 week FS and MS 24 h urine volume, urinary mALB, urinary RBP, urinary sodium, urinary potassium excretion higher than that of the same sex control group (p<0.01); MS and FS groups showed no change in exposure;3. After cold exposure high salt group 24 h urinary 8-iso-PGF2α excretion compared with before the cold exposure was significantly higher (p<0.01), serum Ang II levels than before the cold increased and serum NO concentration decreased (p<0.05), while no change in the control group. Before and after cold exposure the MS and FS, MC compared with FC no gender differences emerged. 4. After cold exposure NADPH oxidase activity and SOD activity, MS compared with FS, MC compared with FC does not appear gender differences, but the gender of the high salt group was significantly higher (p<0.05).

**Conclusion** 1. High-salt diet increased blood pressure, and high-salt diet on blood pressure after high salt gender differences emerged;2. resume normal diet of high salt hypertensive rats have a certain recovery of renal function, blood pressure, but high salt blood pressure, gender differences still exist in blood pressure. Control group with the same sex, short-term acute cold exposure for high-salt hypertensive rats blood pressure increased significantly;2. Cold high-salt hypertensive rats after exposure, oxidative stress increased; but male and female rats after exposure to cold and oxidative stress between the gender differences are not shown.

**MMP-9 GENE POLYMORPHISMS CONTRIBUTE TO CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE RISK IN THE UIGHUR POPULATION OF CHINA**

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**Background** Matrix metalloproteinase-9 (MMP-9) plays a pivotal role in early atherosclerosis, vascular remodelling and development of atherosclerotic lesion. The potentially functional MMP-9 polymorphisms may contribute to the susceptibility of coronary artery disease (CAD). We aimed to investigate the association between three SNPs (−1562C>T, R279Q, R668Q) of the MMP-9 gene with CAD in the Uighur population of China.

**Materials and methods** 375 angiographic ally proven patients with coronary artery disease and 417 sex-matched and ethnically matched controls were genotyped for MMP-9 polymorphisms by the PCR-restriction fragment length polymorphism (PCR-RFLP) technique. Genotype/allele frequencies were compared in patients and controls using the χ² test. The relationship between the polymorphism of the MMP-9 gene and the severity of coronary arterial stenosis was analysed also.

**Results** At MMP-9 -1562 locus, there were significant differences between patients and controls (p<0.05), leading to significant OR for TT genotype (OR=2.93, CI 1.03 to 8.72) and R allele (OR=1.85,