

Otago Spotlight Series Cardiovascular Disease

Lipoproteins in Heart Disease

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LDL as a Risk Factor for Heart Disease



Many large clinical trials show elevated LDL-C to be an independent risk factor

Transgenic animal studies

Familial hypercholesterolaemia (FH) individuals develop premature heart disease

Intervention with statins drugs lower the risk



Lipoprotein Metabolism



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Adapted from Brewer (2004) N. Engl. J. Med. 350:1491-1494



How Heart Disease Develops



Lilly (2010) Pathophysiology of Heart Disease, 5th Ed



Cumulative LDL Exposure in FH

Cumulative exposure (cholesterol yrs) by age: FH vs. unaffected (healthy) individuals







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Familial hypercholesterolaemia: A model of care for Australasia

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Lipoprotein(a)





Lp(a) as a risk factor for heart disease

Large clinical studies and meta-analyses show elevated Lp(a) to be an important risk factor

Present in atherosclerotic tissue

Lp(a) transgenic animals develop atherosclerosis

But: Not routinely measured Not modified by statins or diet Intervention trials?





What receptor is responsible for Lp(a) uptake in liver cells?









Lp(a) colocalises with the PlgRKT receptor





Plg-RKT deficient cells show reduced Lp(a) uptake





HDL As A Risk Factor for Heart Disease Large clinical trials show low HDL-C to be an independent risk factor for CVD



Transgenic animals studies show HDL to be protective

HDL has anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory and antithrombogenic properties

Tangier disease individuals have virtually no HDL and develop premature heart disease

Intervention trials? otago.ac.nz/cvd



HDL Formation is Dependent on ABCA1





Local mutations in ABCA1





Rescue of ABCA1 Mutants with 4-Phenylbutyrate

Wildtype ABCA1



Y1767D

N1800H





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Red: Alexa594 WGA membrane stain, Green: ABCA1-GFP



Rescue of ABCA1 Mutant Function with 4-Phenylbutyrate





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