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Significant association between TNF variant and cardio artery disease in a Hubei population

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The paper discusses about the association between SNP rs5063 in the TNF or OPG gene and encoding *osteoprotegerin* and cardio artery disease. CAD is caused by atherosclerosis in brain vessels. OPG SNP rs5063 showed significant association with cardio artery disease in a population with diabetes from Italy. Other researchers in our laboratory found that SNP rs5063 was significantly associated with cardio artery disease in the Hubie population. Specifically, SNP rs5063 showed a significant association with cardio artery disease in the Central Gene ID cohort (adjusted P_{adj} , OR) and in the Northern Gene ID independent cohort (P_{adj} , OR). The association became highly significant in the combined population (P_{adj} , OR). My role in the project was to perform quantitative real-time RT-PCR analysis to determine whether SNP5063 is associated with the OPG mRNA expression level. Interestingly, minor allele C of rs5063 was significantly associated with an increased mRNA expression level of OPG. Together, these data suggest that SNP rs5063 is a functional genetic variant associated with the expression level of OPG and risk of *Cardio Artery Disease*.

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