# **MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS**

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#### ATHEROSCLEROSIS – ATHEROTHROMBOSIS – CLINICAL EVENTS



#### **CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE - ATHEROTHROMBOSIS**

# atherosclerosis





# Acute Ischemic Syndromes

Contenders: > Platelets > White cells & RBCs > EPCs > Inflammation > Microparticles

## **Risk Factors for Plaque Progression and Clinical Complication**





### Figure 2. Event Rates for Lesions That Were and Those That Were Not Thin-Cap Fibroatheromas, at a Median Follow-up of 3.4 Years.

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Event rates associated with 595 nonculprit lesions that were characterized as thin-cap fibroatheromas (TCFA) and 2114 that were not by means of radiofrequency intravascular ultrasonographic imaging are shown according to minimal luminal area (MLA) and plaque burden (PB) as detected on gray-scale intravascular ultrasonography. The inset shows an example of a thin-cap fibroatheroma imaged by radiofrequency ultrasonography. Data on prevalence are for one or more such lesions per patient. Lesions in patients with indeterminate events were excluded. (For additional details, see Table 6 in the Supplementary Appendix.) CI denotes confidence interval.







Badimon L et al 2008



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#### Badimon L et al 2008

#### HIGH RISK PLAQUES AND STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES





Badimon L, Juan O.

Falk E et al

- Unstable plaque
  - Low in collagen
  - Necrotic Core (rich in lipids, inflammatory cells,linfocytes, microcalcifications)
  - Thin fibrous cap (<65um)





Glagov S, N Engl J Med 1987 May 28, 316(22)1371-5

# **HIGH RISK PLAQUES**



lipid core
smooth muscle cells
collagen fibers
inflammatory cells
necrotic core/thin fibrous plaque

#### structural failure



Badimon L 2011

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plaque EROSION / DISRUPTION

# Infiltrated lipids impair human coronary VSMC repair mechanisms



Padro et al. Cardiovasc Res 2007





Della P

Padró T, Lugano R, García-Arguinzonis M, Badimon L.PLoS One. 2012

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García-Arguinzonis M, Llorente-Cortes V, Badimon L. 2008 Padró T, Peña E, Cardiovasc Res.

### **Proteome of human coronary SMC**



#### Total spots $880 \pm 176$



Fraccion Tris (16%)
 Fracción Urea-Chaps (48%)
 Both Fractions (36%)

# agLDL induce changes in the proteomic profile of myosin regulatory light-chain (MRLC) in SMC



Padró et al. Cardiovasc Res 2008; Padro et al JTH 2010; Lugano et al CVR 2013

### Localization of MRLC in VSMC at the migrating front



control







F-Actin (red): Allexa -594 Phalloidin MRLC ; P-MRLC (green): FITC



Padro et al, Cardiovasc Res, 2008

#### **TRANSCRIPTOMICS – HUMAN CORONARY ARTERIES**

# Severe Plaque

# Plaque-IT





#### **PO functions**











Angiogenesis in Human Coronary Atherosclerotic Plaques Juan O. & Badimon L. ICCC Database.

#### THE VASCULAR WALL AND THE ENDOTHELIUM

Lumen

**Basal membrane** 

IEL



Lumen

media

#### adventitia

Endothelium (vWF)
VSMCs (alfa actin)





FLOW

Faloidin

Modified from Badimon L, 2005





#### **<u>2D- gel electroforesis</u>**





# PROTEOMICS



#### INDUCED ENDOTHELIAL CELL CYTOSOLIC PROTEOME



RED, upregulated proteins; GREEN, dowregulated proteins; WHITE, IPA-generated protein SANTA CREU I Color intensity, level of regulation BADIMON L, ALARCON JL, CARDUS A, PADRO T. UNPUBLISHED OBSER

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#### INDUCED ENDOTHELIAL CELL CYTOSOLIC PROTEOME





Badimon L, Alarcon JL, Cardus A, Padro T. Unpublished observations

## **TOP 16 PROTEINS: IPA-GRAPH-CONNECTIVITY**

Symbol	Protein name		
YWHAE	14-3-3 protein epsilon		
EEF1A1	Elongation factor 1-alpha 1		
ACTB	Actin, cytoplasmic 1		
TP53	Cellular tumor antigen p53		
GRB2	Growth factor receptor-bound protein 2		
HDAC1	Histone deacetylase 1		
MTA1	Metastasis-associated protein MTA1		
ACTA1	Actin, alpha skeletal muscle		
HSPD1	60 kDa heat shock protein, mitochondrial		
CAV1	Caveolin-1		
ANXA2	Annexin A2		
APP	Amyloid beta A4 protein		
AR	Androgen receptor		
CDKN2A	Cyclin-dependent kinase inhibitor 2A, isoforms 1/2/3		
SHC1	SHC-transforming protein 1		
EIF2AK2	Interferon-induced, double-stranded RNA-activated protein kinase		
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#### Mean Values in 2D

		Ratio +LDL/ctrl
1	gamma	2,94
2	epsilon	4,30
3	tsheta	0,83
4	teta/ delta	0,93









14-3-3y Proteins



# ATHEROSCLEROSIS

- VESSEL REMODELING
- NEOVESSEL FORMATION
- INFLAMMATION
- REGULATORY EFFECTS
   ENDOTHELIAL CELLS









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