

Coronary Disease in Japan

We appreciate the editorial comment of Drs. Henry Blackburn and David R. Jacobs, Jr. An inverse relation between total serum cholesterol and cerebral hemorrhage was first reported by Komachi et al in 1972. Since then, other reports indicating this association appeared from prospective studies in Japanese, and, recently, US men screened for the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial. Our recent report presented 20-year observations of trends in cardiovascular diseases and their risk factors in rural Japan. The rise in population serum cholesterol level was associated with a decline in the incidence of cerebral hemorrhage. However, a causal relation between serum cholesterol and cerebral hemorrhage remains to be further investigated. Hopefully, our work will stimulate epidemiologic and experimental studies on the etiology of hemorrhagic stroke in different cultures.

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