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## A Comparative Study of the Hemodynamic Hypotheses for the Generation of Atherosclerosis

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## **Abstract**

Atherosclerosis, which is a degenerate disease, is believed to occur in the vascular system due to deposition of cholesterol and low density lipoprotein(LDL) or thrombosis on the blood vessel. Atherosclerosis narrows arterial lumen, which is known as stenosis phenomenon of blood vessel. Pathogenesis of atherosclerosis is thought to occur mainly by aging. Restenosis phenomenon is observed in the same site of insertion of a stent and balloon angioplasty after treatment of interventional theraphy. Several hypothetical theories related to the generation of atherosclerosis have been reported: high shear stress theory, low shear stress theory, high shear stress gradient theory, flow separation and turbulence theory and high pressure theory. However, no one theory clearly explains the causes of atherosclerosis. In the present study the generation of atherosclerosis in the left coronary artery is investigated. The hypotheses are verified by using the computer simulation.

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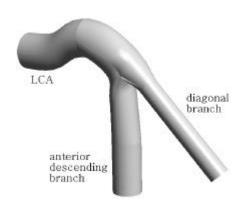


Fig. 1 Three dimensional left coronary artery bifurcation model

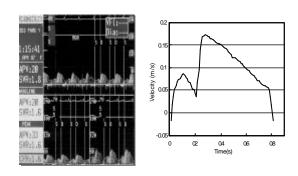


Fig. 2 Physiological waveform of pulsatile coronary blood flow

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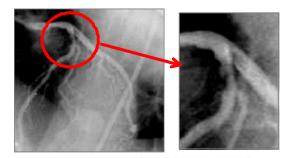


Fig. 3 Left coronary angiography

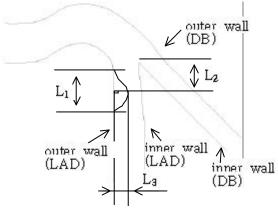


Fig. 4 Schematic diagram of the stenotic site  $\gamma$ 

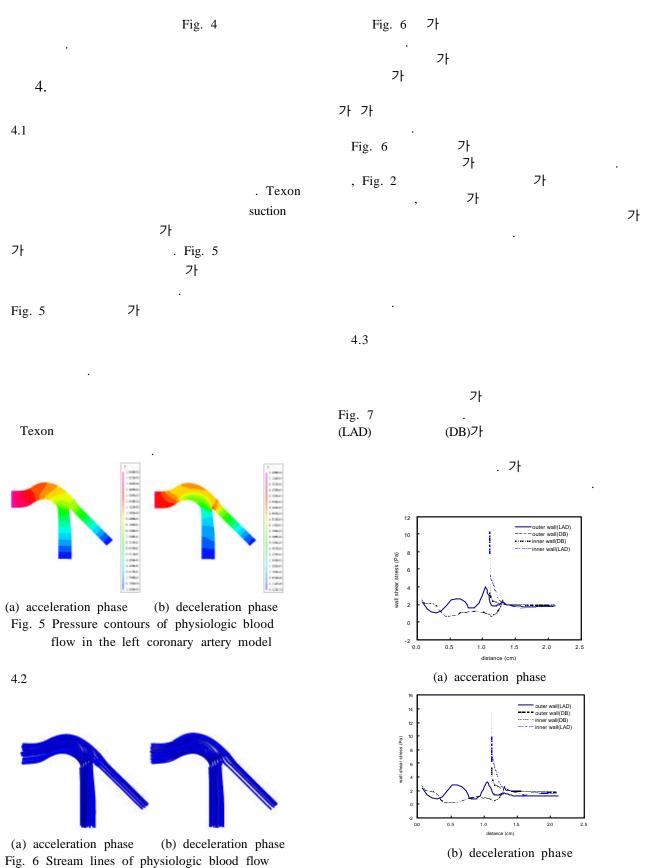
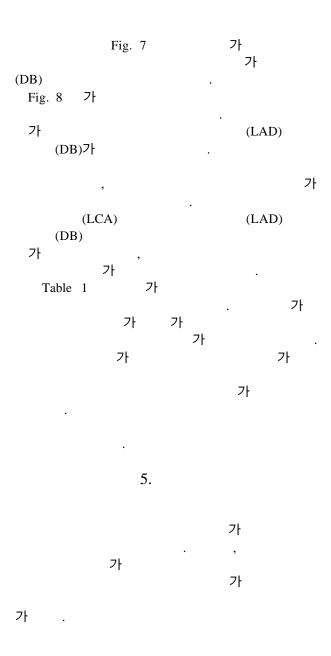


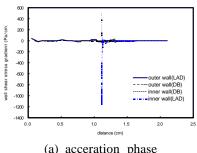
Fig. 7 Distributions of the wall shear stresses on the inner and outer walls

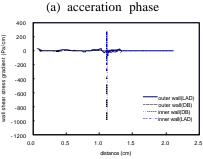
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(b) deceleration phase
Fig. 8 Distributions of the wall shear stress
gradients on the inner and outer walls

Table 3 Comparison of the predicted sites of atherosclerotic plaques (unit : mm)

Site	$L_1$	L <sub>2</sub>	L₃
Pressure-related	-	-	-
Flow separation	-	-	-
High wall shear stress	7.0	3.5	-
Low wall shear stress	6.4	4.7	-
Shear stress gradient	2.0	1.0	-

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