

## **Telmisartan exerts local anti-inflammatory and anti-arteriosclerotic effects**

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- Telmisartan has unique pleiotropic effects in addition to renin-angiotensin system (RAS)-inhibition effects.
- A 6 month study evaluated the effects of telmisartan on the coronary plaque component and local inflammatory cytokines in 50 hypertensive patients.
- Tissue characteristics of coronary plaque were analyzed using intravascular ultrasound. Plasma levels of inflammatory cytokines were measured.

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