CVH trajectory from middle age to older age and subsequent HF risk.

**Methods** In 1998–2000, 20 years after the initial screening of 7735 men aged 40–59 years (The British Regional Heart Study), 4252 men were re-examined when aged 60–79 years, with collection of all LS7 components and follow-up for a median period of 15.8 years. Men with previous history of cardiovascular disease were excluded leaving 3698 men. The composite LS7 score ranges from 0–14 and men were classified as having poor (1–4), intermediate (5–10) and ideal (11–14 CVH score. Four CVH trajectory groups were created based on transition between low and high CVH score from middle to older age: (1) Low-Low, (2) Low-High, (3), High-Low, and (4) High-High. Cox models were used to estimate the risk of HF adjusted for age, alcohol consumption, socioeconomic class and incident myocardial infarction.

**Results** Of the 3698 men 14% (n=522) had ideal CVH score. Ideal CVH was associated with a significant decrease in risk of HF compared to those with a poor CVH score (HR 0.52, 95% CI 0.31 to 0.88, p=0.016); intermediate CVH was associated with reduced but non-significant HF risk (HR 0.79, 95% CI 0.51 to 1.24, p=0.310). Compared to the Low-Low CVH trajectory group, those who maintained a healthy CVH score (High-High) showed the lowest risk of HF (HR 0.67, 95% CI 0.51 to 0.87, p=0.003); those who moved from high to low showed lower but non-significant risk (HR 0.78 95% CI 0.55 to 1.11, p=0.17); those who moved from low to high showed no benefit (HR 1.01 95% CI 0.76 to 1.33).

**Discussion** Our findings suggest that having ideal CVH reduces the risk of developing HF in older age. LS7 is a simple way to identify high risk individuals however the prevalence of older men with ideal CVH is low. Adopting and maintaining healthy cardiovascular health from middle age to older age confers the most benefit in preventing HF in later life.

### OP08 SOCIOECONOMIC POSITION AND SEX-SPECIFIC TRAJECTORIES OF METABOLITES FROM CHILDHOOD TO EARLY ADULTHOOD: A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

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**Background** Socioeconomic inequalities in cardiovascular disease are stronger and more consistent in females compared with males. However, mechanisms underlying these inequalities and whether they emerge in early life are unclear.

**Methods** Trajectories of 148 metabolic trait concentrations from age 7y to 25y in a contemporary English birth cohort, The Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC), were analysed. Outcomes included concentrations of metabolic traits quantified using nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy measured at 7y, 15y, 18y and 25y. Maternal education was used as an indicator of socioeconomic position (SEP), reported by mothers at 32-weeks gestation. Using linear spline multilevel models, sex-specific associations of SEP and trajectories of each metabolic trait concentration were examined. Sex-specific associations were converted to standard deviation (SD) units by dividing the predicted total absolute difference from 7y to 25y by SEP in original units by the sex-specific SD of the trait in the reference SEP category (degree level maternal education).

**Results** Total participants included ranged from 5,980–6,212 with 10,023–11,945 repeated measures. SEP was associated with numerous metabolic traits trajectories in females, some which developed or strengthened by age 25y with evidence of an emerging SEP gradient. Associations were strongest for large HDL and VLDL cholesterol, apolipoprotein B/A-1 and glycoprotein acetyls. For instance, by age 25y less than O-level education was associated with 0.37 SD (95% CI: 0.21, 0.53), O-level with 0.28 SD (95% CI: 0.14, 0.42) and A-level with 0.08 SD (95% CI: -0.6, 0.22) higher concentrations of glycoprotein acetyls compared to degree level education. In males, associations between SEP and metabolic traits were weaker and less consistent with little evidence of an SEP gradient.

**Conclusion** Sex differences in socioeconomic inequalities in cardiometabolic risk appear to develop early in the life course and are evident by early adulthood with more adverse effects of SEP in females.