



EVALUATION OF CHANGES IN HEART RATE IN INFERIOR AND ANTERIOR WALL ST ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION.

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ABSTRACT

INTRODUCTION: By the right coronary artery, when the inferior myocardial tissue is supplied, or RCA is injured due to that vessel thrombosis, an inferior wall myocardial infarction (IWMI), inferior ST segment elevation MI, inferior MI, or inferior STEMI, develops. **OBJECTIVES:** The study's main goal is to examine heart rate alterations in patients with anterior and inferior wall ST elevation myocardial infarction. **METHODOLOGY:** From January to August 2021, a descriptive study was done at CM Clarkana. The information was gathered from 100 patients of both sexes. Only patients with anterior and inferior wall ST elevation myocardial infarction who received thrombolytic treatment and were between the ages of 30 and 60 were included in the study.

RESULTS: The information was gathered from 100 male and female patients. NSTEMI patients were older than STEMI patients and had a higher rate of hypertension, prior MI and coronary revascularization treatments, and clinical symptoms of metabolic syndrome. On initial admission to the coronary care unit, patients with NSTEMI had a higher number of significant coronary stenoses, revascularization was more commonly inadequate, and they came with symptoms of heart failure. There is no change in heart rate variability indices between different types of MI, age groups, or genders, according to the findings. **CONCLUSION:** The findings of this study demonstrate two significant findings: first, SA can detect variations in cardiac autonomic modulation following primary PCI.

KEY WORDS: Heart Rate, Inferior and Anterior Wall ST Elevation, Myocardial Infarction

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INTRODUCTION

By the right coronary artery, when the inferior myocardial tissue is supplied, or RCA is injured due to that vessel thrombosis, an inferior wall myocardial infarction (IWMI), inferior ST segment elevation MI, inferior MI, or inferior STEMI, develops. An associated posterior wall MI may arise when an inferior MI extends to posterior regions as well. HRV is a quantifiable characteristic of cardiac autonomic function that has been recognised for a long time. The cardiac autonomic innervation is diverse, resulting in a variety of autonomic modulation patterns. In the case of myocardial infarction, the typical pattern of autonomic modulation is disrupted; however, the pattern is not uniform and varies depending on the infarcted wall or r

egion of the heart. Within a few hours of the acute incident, the altered autonomic regulation begins¹.

In the early hours following an ST segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), cardiac autonomic regulation is characterised by engaged sympathetic and retracted parasympathetic activity.

It's worth noting that autonomic modulation varies depending on the location of the infarction, with inferior/posterior/right ventricular infarctions displaying a stronger vagal/vasodepressive response and anterior infarctions showing a stronger sympathetic response². However, the effect of acute MI treatment, whether by fibrinolysis or primary percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), on the recovery of the normal pattern of autonomic card

iac regulation has not been well investigated³.

The impact of autonomic regulation on reperfusion injury and arrhythmias such non sustained ventricular tachycardia⁴ underscores the importance of this topic. The culprit lesion is frequently more proximal in the LAD or even in the left main coronary artery when an AAMI extends to the septal and lateral regions as well. An extensive anterior myocardial infarction is a significant anterior myocardial infarction⁵. A coronary artery obstruction causes a decrease in perfusion to the inferior wall of the heart, resulting in a myocardial infarction⁶. The study's main goal is to examine heart rate alterations in patients with anterior and inferior wall ST elevation myocardial infarction.

METHODOLOGY

From January to August 2021, a descriptive study was done at Chandka Medical College Hospital, Larkana.

The information was gathered from 100 patients of both sexes. Only patients with anterior and inferior wall ST elevation myocardial infarction who received thrombolytic treatment and were between the ages of 30 and 60 were included in the study. Patients with autonomic neuropathy, hypothyroidism, diabetes

mellitus, renal failure, previous history of Myocardial Infarction, late presentation (after 24 hours), cardiogenic shock, or defined cause of valvular heart disease, atrial fibrillation or ventricular arrhythmia, second or third degree AV nodal block, frequent PVCs (10/min), trigeminy or bigeminy and cerebrovascular accident were all excluded. Those who needed cardiopulmonary resuscitation during Holter monitoring or had computer processing issues (difficult analysis due to signal artefact, 15% sinus beat, and recording).

Statistical analysis

SPSS version 22.0 was used to analyze the data. The mean and standard deviation were used to express all of the data.

RESULTS

The data was gathered from 100 male and female patients. NSTEMI patients were older than STEMI patients and had a higher rate of hypertension, prior MI and coronary revascularization treatments, and clinical symptoms of metabolic syndrome. On initial admission to the coronary care unit, patients with NSTEMI had a higher number of significant coronary stenoses, revascularization was more commonly inadequate, and they came with symptoms of heart failure.

Table 1: Patients' main characteristics, presented for the entire group as well as for patients with ST-elevation and non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction.

| | All patients | STEMI | NSTEMI | p1 | p2 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------|
| Age, yr | 61.6 ± 11.2 | 63.4 ± 11.6 | 65.6 ± 11.3 | <0.001 | |
| Previous AMI, n (%) | 61 (18) | 22 (11) | 38 (32) | | < 0.001 |
| Previous stroke, n (%) | 12 (4) | 3 (2) | 7 (6) | | 0.182 |
| Total cholesterol (under treatment), | 123.2 ± 27.5 | 122.6 ± 27.1 | 126.7 ± 26.8 | 0.302 | |
| Metabolic syndrome, n (%) | 211 (64) | 125 (62) | 81 (69) | | 0.012 |
| BMI | 25.3 ± 3.6 | 25.8 ± 3.8 | 28.3 ± 5.3 | 0.086 | |
| AMI characteristics | | | | | |
| Anterior, n (%) | 172 (54) | 139 (67) | 34 (29) | | < 0.002 |
| Inferior, n (%) | 88 (28) | 66 (34) | 22 (19) | | 0.003 |
| Other, n (%) | 68 (22) | 5 (3) | 64 (56) | | < 0.002 |
| Coronary vessels with critical lesions, | 2.06 ± 0.84 | 1.93 ± 0.83 | 2.24 ± 0.84 | 0.001 | |
| Incomplete revascularization, n | 153 (45) | 86 (42) | 63 (55) | | 0.029 |
| Left ventricle ejection fraction, % | 46.7 ± 11.5 | 48.9 ± 8.9 | 47.5 ± 13.2 | 0.221 | |

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|---|-------------|-------------|------------|-------|---------|
| Patients with LVEF < 40%, n (%) | 84 (24) | 42 (22) | 43 (34) | | 0.007 |
| Patient with heart failure at initial admission, | 33 (12) | 13 (8) | 23 (18) | | 0.001 |
| Time before Holter, d | 16.1 ± 9.7 | 15.4 ± 9.6 | 17.5 ± 9.7 | 0.116 | |
| Therapy at time of discharge from hospital (number of cases, %) | | | | | |
| Aspirin | 313 (97) | 201 (98) | 111 (94) | | 0.468 |
| Clopidogrel | 303 (94) | 193 (94) | 112 (91) | | 0.457 |
| Warfarin | 37 (13) | 23 (12) | 17 (13) | | 0.398 |
| β-blocker | 291 (88) | 187 (92) | 102 (86) | | 0.197 |
| Ca-antagonist | 37 (13) | 17 (8) | 21 (18) | | 0.024 |
| ACE-inhibitor | 266 (83) | 182 (88) | 83 (72) | | 0.002 |
| AT-II-antagonist | 44 (12) | 15 (9) | 26 (24) | | < 0.003 |
| Statin | 315 (97) | 202 (98) | 112 (95) | | 0.894 |
| Diuretic(s) | 142 (42) | 74 (37) | 64 (56) | | 0.003 |
| HRV parameters | | | | | |
| Mean heart rate, bpm | 64.2 ± 10.5 | 68.2 ± 10.4 | 67.4 ± 9.8 | 0.017 | |

DISCUSSION

HRV was accepted as a clinical test after 13 studies found it to be an independent and strong factor of risk for sudden death and cardiac arrhythmias, and particularly after an acuteMI⁷.

After 14 acute MI, a powerful predictor is sympathetic surge of abrupt mortality and malignant arrhythmias but parasympathetic activity is protective. Sympathetic over activity is indicated by low heart rate variability, which is an independent and strong factor of risk for abrupt death and malignant arrhythmias following a heart attack⁸.

Previous research has mentioned autonomic abnormalities in STEMI patients, but few have looked at the influence of revascularization on autonomic modulation patterns. Vagal over activity is more common in inferior STEMI than sympathetic over activity in anterior STEMI, which can be explained by vagal afferents preferred distribution to the left ventricle's inferior posterior wall. Thus, depending on the site of STEMI, the effect of revascularization, whether by primary PCI or fibrinolysis, is thought to be related with various cardiac autonomic patterns of recovery⁹.

Primary PCI is the gold standard therapy for STEMI, restoring flow in the IRA according to therapeutic recommendations, although its effect on restoring normal autonomic modulation pattern is unknown.

Using the time domain technique, Lotze et colleagues discovered that inferior STEMI patients treated with thrombolysis had an autonomic modulatory pattern defined by initial v

agal hyperactivity followed by sympathetic predominance within a few hours¹⁰.

CONCLUSION

There is no change in heart rate variability indices between different types of MI, age groups, or genders, according to the findings. The findings of this study show two major findings: first, that SA can detect differences in cardiac autonomic modulation after primary PCI as a simple and straightforward method, and second, that the pattern of autonomic modulation after primary PCI shows a predominant sympathetic activity in inferior STEMI versus a predominantly vagal modulation in anterior STEMI.

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