

In-hospital prognosis in patients with myocardial infarction and atrial fibrillation

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Introduction: The number of patients with myocardial infarction (MI) and atrial fibrillation (AF) is increasing every year.

Purpose: to assess the incidence of AF among the patients with MI, the features of the in-hospital prognosis among the patients with MI and AF compared with MI without AF.

Methods: The patients with type 1 MI and preexisting AF have been selected from all MI patients MI admitted in 2013-18. They have formed the main group (100 patients). The control group (200 patients with type 1 MI without AF), has been created by "pair selection" method. Patients in the groups did not differ in gender, age, MI date and had not severe comorbidities.

Results: 1660 patients with MI were analyzed. AF occurred in 309 patients (18.6% of patients with MI). Preexisting AF was in 59.2%. Patients with MI and AF were older than MI without AF (mean age 75.2 ± 10.1 versus 64.6 ± 12.8 , $p < 0.0001$) with women's prevalence (52.4% versus 35.5%, $p < 0.0001$). Type 1 MI predominates among all patients. Type 2 MI occurred 5 times more often among main group ($p < 0.0001$). 2 groups were adjusted for sex (58% of women in both groups), age (mean age $75.5 \pm 8, 7$ in the main versus 75.2 ± 8.5 in the control group, $p = 0.775$). Diabetes (45% versus 31.5%, $p = 0.030$), previous MI (40% versus 25.5%, $p = 0.012$) and stroke (21% versus 11.5%, $p = 0.037$) were more common in the main than in the control. Patients with MI and AF had lower GFR (56.8 ± 19.4 versus 61.7 ± 17.9 ml/min/1.73 m², $p = 0.031$), LDL (2.8 ± 0.9 versus 3.3 ± 1.0 mmol/L, $p = 0.0002$). Patients with AF had a lower left ventricular ejection fraction (55.2 ± 10.5 versus 59.8 ± 10.0 %, $p = 0.0005$). Significant mitral regurgitation was more common in the main group (53.9% versus 30.3% in the control group, $p = 0.0002$). There were no differences in the incidence of acute heart failure (HF) Killip's 3-4 (20% versus 13%, $p = 0.127$). Patients did not differ in the number of affected coronary artery ($p = 0.7327$), the level of stenosis ($p = 0.1956$), in the frequency of revascularization ($p = 0.0686$). Patients with MI and AF had worse in-hospital prognosis. Pulmonary embolism (PE) (9% in main versus 1% in control group, $p = 0.0011$), minor bleeding (21% versus 9.5%, $p = 0.0057$), combined endpoint (stroke + PE + mortality) (19% versus 10.5%, $p = 0.0415$) were more common in the main group. At discharge, patients with AF had HF III NYHA in 21.8% cases versus 5.5% in patients without AF, $p = 0.0001$. There were no significant differences in other in-hospital endpoints (recurrent myocardial infarction, stroke, major bleeding, and mortality) between the groups. In-hospital mortality was 13% in the main versus 9.5% in the control group ($p = 0.4276$).

Conclusion: AF occurs in 18.6% of patients with MI. Patients with AF and MI are older with female prevalence. Type 1 MI predominates. Patients with type 1 MI and pre-existing AF is a group of high risk because of more severe HF, PE, minor bleeding and combined endpoint (stroke + PE + mortality)