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Pharmacologic stress test: still an important prognostic factor? a follow-up study

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Introduction: Dobutamine stress echocardiography (DSE) is an established exam for evaluation of extent and severity of coronary artery disease.

Purpose: To analyse the results and complications of DSE and identify prognostic predictors in patients (P) who underwent DSE for myocardial ischemia detection.

Methods: 220P who underwent consecutive DSE from 2013 to 2017. P with significant valvular disease were excluded. Clinical data, echocardiographic parameters and data from follow up (FU) regarding all-cause mortality and MACEs were analysed. Mean age 64.8 ± 12.0 vears(Y), 143 men (65%),

Results: 88P (40%) had positive, 102 had negative and 30 had inconclusive DSE; complications rate of 15%. Prevalence of hypertension, diabetes mellitus (DM), dyslipidemia, prior MI, percutaneous coronary interventionc (PCI), coronary arterial bypass graft (CABG) and HF was 82.7%, 42.3%, 67.7%, 35.9%, 31.8%, 10.9% and 9.5%, respectively. Mean left ventricular endsystolic (LVSD) and enddiastolic dimensions were 33.7 ± 8.9 and 52.8 ± 7.1 mm. Mean resting wall motion score index (rWMSI) and peak (pWMSI) were 1.16 ± 0.28 and 1.24 ± 0.34. Mean resting GLS (rGLS) and peak GLS (pGLS) were -16.3 ± 4.3 and -16.6 ± 4.3. Mean no. of ischemic segments was 1.7 ± 2.4 and 16.8% had ischemia >3 segments. There was ischemia in left anterior descending (LAD) coronary in 53P and in circumflex and right coronary territories in 18 and 68P. 22.6% had more than one ischemic territory. 43P (49.4%) underwent intervention, 38 with PCI and 5 with CABG. During a mean FU of 38.8 ± 16.8 months. 47 MACEs were observed, including 32 deaths (14.5%). Positive DSE (p = 0.012), no. of ischemic seqments (p = 0.019), ischemia in the LAD (p = 0.003), rGLS (p = 0.038) and pGLS (p = 0.038) were related to the occurrence of MACEs. In Cox regression analysis, age (p = 0.005), DM (p = 0.005), HF (p = 0.006), prior CABG (p = 0.015), LVSD (p = 0.026), rWMSI (p = 0.029), pWMSI (p = 0.013) and pGLS (p = 0.038) were associated with increased all-cause mortality. Kaplan-Meier survival analysis showed that survival was significantly worse for ischemia > 3 segments (log rank 0.005), ischemia of more than one territory (log rank 0.025) and pWMSI >1.5 (log rank < 0.0005). With multivariate Cox regression analysis, age >65Y (HR 4.22, p = 0.004), DM (HR 2.49, p = 0.038) and pWMSI > 1.5 (HR 9.73,p = 0.007) were independently associated with all-cause mortality.

Conclusion: In patients who underwent DSE there were some baseline and DSE-related independent predictors of long-term prognosis: age. DM and peak WMSI.

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Fig. 1 - Kaplan-Meier curves for long term survival in patients stratified according the no. of ischemic segments, no. of ischemic territories and peak WMSI >1.5.

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