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ASSOCIATION OF CARDIOVASCULAR BIOMARKERS WITH MYOCARDIAL AND CORONARY IMAGING CHARACTERISTICS IN PATIENTS HAVING ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION AND TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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Aim	To assess the dynamic changes and clinical significance of biomarkers of inflammatory processes in patients with acute myocardial infarction (MI) with/ or without type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) and primary percutaneous coronary intervention (pPCI) at various stages of treatment.
Methods	96 patients with acute MI after pPCI were examined. The level of inflammation markers was measured 4 times: before pPCI (first day from admission to the hospital), on the third day, 7–10 days (before discharge from the hospital) and 40–45 days after pPCI.
Results	All groups of patients with MI showed an increase in the plasma activity of biomarkers of inflammatory processes. After pPCI for 40–45 days, there is a significant difference in the concentration of biomarkers, depending on the comorbid T2DM presence. Strong associations were found between cardiovascular biomarkers and post-MI cardiac remodeling and coronary atherosclerosis progression.
Conclusion	The assessment of the levels of biomarkers of inflammatory processes may have additional clinical value in estimating the course of MI, including patients with T2DM at the postinfarction stages.
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List of abbreviations

CCT	– coronary computer tomography	MI	– myocardial infarction
EF	– ejection fraction	MPO	– myeloperoxidase
hs-CRP	– high sensitive C-reactive protein	pPCI	– primary percutaneous coronary intervention
LV MCI	– left ventricular myocardial contractility index	T2DM	– type 2 diabetes mellitus

Background

The structural and functional rearrangement of the cardiovascular system during the development of myocardial infarction (MI) is based on disorders of systemic regulation of a number of pathophysiological processes, in particular, such as fibrosis, inflammation and coagulation [1, 2]. These processes have particular clinical severity when patients with MI have various comorbid disorders of carbohydrate metabolism. In particular, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is

now regarded as the equivalent of an atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. MI combined with T2DM has less favorable clinical course with the formation of early and late postinfarction myocardial remodeling and higher rates of major adverse clinical events [3]. Meanwhile, elevated levels of inflammatory biomarkers are associated with higher cardiovascular risk in post-infarction patients [4, 5].

The aim of the study was to investigate serum levels of inflammatory biomarkers and their association

with myocardial and coronary imaging characteristics in patients having ST-elevation acute MI with or without T2DM and undergoing primary percutaneous coronary intervention (pPCI).

Methods

96 patients with MI were enrolled in the prospective study (55.4±9.8 years old, 47 male: 49 female), 50 with T2DM (group 1): 46 without T2DM (group 2). Serum levels of high sensitive C - reactive protein (hs-CRP) and myeloperoxidase (MPO) were serially assessed by quantitative immunoassays in the emergency department before pPCI (stage I), 24 hours after pPCI (stage II), 7–10 days after pPCI at discharge (stage III) and 40–45 days after pPCI during ambulatory follow-up (stage IV). Echocardiography was performed on every stage (I–IV), Coronary Computer Tomography (CCT) – during one-year follow-up. Statistical analysis was performed in STATISTICA software 10.0. In a case of normal distribution, the mean and standard deviation were calculated; when comparing two normally distributed samples, Student's t-test was used. Association between the studied indicators was established by Spearman rank correlation test. The significance level for rejecting the null statistical hypothesis was taken at p values less than 0.05.

Results

In MI patients with T2DM median levels of hs-CRP (*table*) and MPO were significantly higher, than in MI patients without T2DM on stages I–IV ($p<0.01$). On stage IV in diabetic MI patients higher median values of left ventricular myocardial contractility index (LV MCI) (1.19 vs. 1.06, $p<0.05$), and lower median values of LV ejection fraction (EF) (43% vs. 54%, $p<0.05$) transmitral E/A (0.78 vs. 0.96, $p<0.05$) and tissue-doppler Em (5.8 vs. 7.2, $p<0.05$) were found. Also

on stage IV correlation of hs-CRP levels with LV EF ($r = -0.57$, $p<0.05$), LV MCI ($r = 0.53$, $p<0.05$) and transmitral E/A changes ($r = -0.31$, $p<0.05$) established. Using linear regression we found association of CCT-estimated new significant coronary stenoses ($\geq 70\%$) at one-year follow-up with stage I serum levels of MPO ($Y = 0.64$, $p<0.05$).

Discussion

The results of this clinical study support the hypothesis that patients with MI and T2DM have a higher activity of biomarkers of the systemic inflammatory response, than patients with MI without T2DM. In the group of patients with MI and T2DM, the majority of unfavorable cardiovascular complications in the early posthospital period were recorded according to the data of imaging of the myocardium and coronary arteries (Echocardiography and CCT). There are clinical studies on a separate investigation of hs-CRP or MPO in acute MI patients [4, 5], however, we showed the simultaneous serum activity of both biomarkers in patients with MI and comorbid T2DM in the first one-month four-stage dynamics.

Conclusions

Hs-CRP and MPO levels assessment in MI with T2DM patients may be useful for early detection of post-infarction LV remodeling and coronary atherosclerotic plaques progression.

Conflict of interest

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Dynamics of the serum levels of hs-CRP (M±SD, mg/L) in the patient groups with acute myocardial infarction

Stages	Group 1, n = 46 without T2DM	Group 2, n = 50 with T2DM	p
Before pPCI (1)	4.5±0.8	7.5±1.2	<0.05
3 days after pPCI (2)	28.1±1.9	49.3±5.9	<0.01
7–10 days after pPCI (3)	5.9±0.4	12.0±2.2	<0.05
40–45 days after PCI (4)	2.5±0.3	5.0±1.7	<0.05

Note: M – mean; pPCI – primary percutaneous coronary intervention; SD – standard deviation; T2DM – type 2 diabetes mellitus.

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