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THE PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF LEFT ATRIAL PEAK RESERVOIR STRAIN IN ACUTE MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION IS DEPENDENT ON LEFT VENTRICULAR LONGITUDINAL FUNCTION AND LEFT ATRIAL SIZE

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Background: Peak atrial longitudinal strain (PALS) during the reservoir phase has been proposed as a measure of LA function. However, no studies have assessed the interrelation of PALS and LV longitudinal strain (GLS) in large scale populations in regard to prognosis.

Methods: We prospectively included 843 patients (mean age 62.1± 11.8, 74% male) with acute myocardial infarction and measured GLS, LA volumes and PALS within 48 hours of admission. PALS was related to a composite outcome of death and heart failure hospitalization.

Results: Reduced PALS was associated with hypertension, diabetes and Killip class>1 (All p-values<0.05). All measures of LV systolic and diastolic function progressively worsened with reduced PALS and the correlation between GLS and PALS was highly significant (p<0.001, r=-0.71). During follow-up (median 23.0 months IQR, 16.8-26.0) a total of 76 patients (9.0%) reached the composite endpoint. PALS was significantly associated with outcome (HR, 0.88; 95%Cl 0.85-0.90, p<0.001), however no independent effect of PALS (1.00; 95%Cl 0.99-1.01, p=0.46) was found when adjusting for GLS (HR, 1.20; 95%Cl 1.09-1.33, p<0.001), LAmax (HR, 1.02; 95%Cl 1.01-1.04, p=0.006) and age (HR, 1.06; 95%Cl 1.03-1.08, p<0.001).

Conclusion: PALS provides a composite measure of LV longitudinal systolic function and LAmax and contains no added information when these measures are known.

