

## THE EFFECT OF PLATELET REACTIVITY ON INFARCT RELATED ARTERY PATENCY IN PATIENTS WITH ST-ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

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**Background:** Both an occluded infarct related artery (IRA) on initial angiography and heightened platelet reactivity at the time of primary PCI are associated with a worsened clinical outcome in patients with ST-elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI). However, the relationship between platelet reactivity and IRA patency has not yet been established. The present study sought to explore this relationship.

**Methods:** One hundred consecutive STEMI-patients were enrolled. Patients who had thrombolysis in myocardial infarction (TIMI) 0 or 1 flow on initial angiography constituted the occluded IRA group and patients having TIMI 2 or 3 flow constituted the IRA patent group. Platelet function measurements were performed with the PFA-100 COL/ADP cartridge and "classical" light transmittance aggregometry, after stimulation with 5 and 20  $\mu$ M ADP.

**Results:** Half of the patients presented with a patent IRA. Mean time from symptoms onset until arrival at the catheterization laboratory was relatively short and a non-significant trend was shown towards shorter arrival times in patients with an open IRA;  $156.66 \pm 107.3$  minutes vs  $126.32 \pm 67.4$  minutes, with  $p=0.11$ . In univariate analysis it was shown that patients with an occluded IRA had higher leukocytes counts ( $12.34 \pm 3.61$  vs.  $10.11 \pm 3.3$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and exhibited a higher magnitude of platelet reactivity (represented by shorter COL/ADP closure times ( $98.07 \pm 53.6$  sec vs  $118.21 \pm 52.4$ sec,  $p < 0.01$ ) and higher adenosine diphosphate (ADP)-induced platelet aggregation ( $68.24 \pm 11.67$  vs  $62.05 \pm 16.26$ ,  $p=0.03$ ). Multivariate analysis identified the following independent factors that were associated with an occluded IRA; leukocytes count (Odds Ratio (OR), 1.211; 95% CI, 1.052-1.394;  $p = 0.008$ ), short COL/ADP closure time (OR), 0.60; 95% CI, 0.39-.93;  $p=0.02$ ) and the high ADP-induced (20 $\mu$ M) LTA (OR, 1.77; 95% CI, 1.15-2.73;  $p=0.01$ ).

**Conclusions:** Elevated leukocytes counts and heightened platelet reactivity (represented by short COL/ADP closure time and high ADP-induced aggregation) are associated with an occluded IRA upon presentation in STEMI-patients.