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Abstract

Background: The treatment of ischemic heart disease has advanced substantially in the past half-century. However, despite these achievements, the survival rates in high-income countries such as Sweden have reached a plateau in the last decade. Strategies to further reduce mortality are needed.

Aims: To evaluate the impact of chronic total occlusions, the choice of arterial access site, and pretreatment with P2Y$_{12}$ inhibitors on mortality in patients with coronary artery disease.

Methods: This thesis is based on observational studies. We used data from the Swedish Web-system for Enhancement and Development of Evidence-Based Care in Heart Disease Evaluated According to Recommended Therapies (SWEDEHEART) registry and the Swedish National Cause of Death Register. All coronary procedures, angiographies and percutaneous coronary interventions (PCIs) performed in Sweden are registered in the SWEDEHEART registry. We used multiple imputation to impute missing data (Papers I–IV), propensity score (PS) matching to adjust for known confounders (Papers II, IV), multilevel models to account for a hierarchical database (Paper II, III, IV), and instrumental variable analysis to adjust for known and unknown confounders (Paper III).

Results: In Paper I, we found an adjusted hazard ratio (HR) of 1.29 for death in patients with a chronic total occlusion (CTO), as compared to patients with coronary artery disease without a CTO. In Paper 2, pretreatment was not associated with better 30-day survival or differences in bleeding in STEMI patients. In Paper 3, pretreatment in NSTE-ACS patients was not associated with better 30-day survival but with a higher risk of in-hospital bleeding. In Paper IV, we could show that radial access (RA) in patients undergoing primary PCI for STEMI was associated with a lower risk of death (adjusted odds ratio (OR) 0.70) within 30 days, as compared to femoral access (FA).

Conclusion: The CTOs of coronary arteries are associated with increased mortality. Pretreatment with P2Y$_{12}$ receptor antagonists is not associated with reduced mortality in patients with acute coronary syndrome, but is associated with increased in-hospital bleeding in NSTE-ACS patients. Our findings in Paper II and III add external validity to the findings of randomized trials on the lack of benefits and potential harms of pretreatment. The use of radial artery access for primary PCI in STEMI is associated with reduced mortality in comparison to using FA. The findings in Paper IV support the ESC guideline recommendation for the use of RA in STEMI.

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