

**Objective** We aimed to analyze the clinical characteristics of patients presenting with clinical markers of spontaneous reperfusion (SR) during acute myocardial infarction, and to evaluate its effect on hospital prognosis.

**Methods** We retrospectively reviewed data for 1785 patients admitted for STEMI. The patients were divided into SR group (spontaneous relief of chest pain less than 5 on a scale from 0 to 10, and ST segment elevation resolution of more than 50% from baseline) and non-SR group (the remaining population). The clinical and prognostic features of the patients were analyzed.

**Results** The incidence of SR in our population was 10.4% of patients ( $N=187$ ). SR patients were younger (57.6 vs. 61.1 years;  $P=0.002$ ) and had a higher prevalence of current smoking (77.9% vs. 65.9%;  $P=0.003$ ) and less myocardial damage as indicated by lower peak creatine kinase (1158 vs. 2022 UI/l;  $P<0.001$ ).

In hospital mortality (3.2% vs. 10%;  $P=0.013$ ), heart failure (8.4% vs. 19.7%;  $P=0.001$ ), atrial fibrillation (0.6% vs. 7.3%;  $P=0.002$ ) and acute pericarditis (0% vs. 4%;  $P=0.011$ ) were significantly lower for SR patients.

Multivariate analysis found smoking as the only predictor factor of SR (OR = 1.82, 95% CI [1.2–2.7];  $P=0.003$ ).

**Conclusion** Our data shows that SR decreased infarction size, improved heart function and reduced mortality. The subgroup of STEMI with SR carries a more favorable prognosis.

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### In-hospital mortality from ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI): Evolution and predictors according to the MIRAMI registry



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**Background** STEMI is the leading cause of death in the world. Thanks to urgent reperfusion endeavours, a significant reduction in the in-hospital mortality has been reported worldwide.

**Purpose** To describe the evolution of the in-hospital mortality post STEMI between 1995 and 2015 and to identify the predictors of this mortality.

**Methods** This is a retrospective, mono-centric, descriptive and analytical study from the MIRAMI (Monastir Acute Myocardial Infarction) registry including 1686 patients admitted for STEMI in the cardiology department of the "Fattouma Bourguiba" University Hospital in Monastir-Tunisia between January 1995 and December 2015.

**Results** The mean age was  $60.48 \pm 12.64$  years; 80.8% were male. The main cardio-vascular risk factors were smoking (66.5%), diabetes (37.8%), and hypertension (31.3%). In-hospital mortality was 9.6% (162 patients), but statistically insignificant fluctuations over the years were reported ( $P=0.133$ ). The two leading causes of death were cardiogenic shock (43.20%) and ventricular arrhythmia (20.37%). A higher in-hospital mortality was associated with female ( $<0.001$ ), elderly patients ( $<0.001$ ), and first medical contact (FMC)  $>6$  h ( $P=0.002$ ). Urgent reperfusion was achieved in 58.7% of cases with a general trend towards primary angioplasty ( $P<0.001$ ). Nevertheless, it was associated

with higher mortality ( $P=0.005$ ). In univariate analysis, angioplasty with balloon and TIMI 0/1 flow post angioplasty were predictors of in-hospital mortality ( $P<0.001$ ). Four independent predictors of in-hospital mortality were reported: Mechanical ventilation (OR = 36.65, 95% CI = 17.28–77.75,  $P<0.001$ ), the use of inotropes/vasopressors (OR = 7.25, 95% CI = 3.75–14.01,  $P<0.001$ ), anaemia (Hb  $<12$  g/dl) (OR = 2.13; 95% CI = 1.13–4.02,  $P=0.02$ ) and FMC  $>3$  h (OR = 1.07, 95% CI = 1.02–1.13,  $P=0.002$ ).

**Conclusion** Despite improvement in the management of STEMI, in-hospital mortality has remained relatively stable. However, in the last years this mortality has experienced a significant decline.

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### Chronic total occlusion percutaneous coronary intervention: Short and medium term results



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**Introduction** Coronary chronic total occlusion (CTO) angioplasties are considered the most complex of angioplasties requiring experienced operators as well as many specific materials and techniques.

**Purpose** This study aims to identify the predictors of success or failure of CTO angioplasty and to evaluate the short- and medium-term results of this procedure.

**Material and methods** This study is a single-centric retrospective comparative study including patients who underwent CTO angioplasty in the cardiology "A" department at Fattouma-Bourguiba Hospital during the period between January and 2008 and December 2015.

**Results** Our study included 200 patients with attempt of CTO angioplasty. The mean age was  $63 \pm 8.63$  years and the mean number of cardio-vascular risk factors was 2.67. Acute coronary syndrome was the main indication (57.5%) for coronarography. A multi-truncal coronary status was reported in 53.5% of the cases. The mean J-CTO score was  $1.42 \pm 1.3$  and 44% of lesions were estimated difficult to very difficult. The anterograde approach has been the most used technique. The angiographic success of ATL has been reported in 106 patients (53%). DES were implanted in 69.9% of cases. The leading cause of angioplasty failure was the impossibility to cross the lesion by the wire. The procedural complications occurred in 11.5% of cases. The independent predictors of ATL failure were: dyslipidaemia, a bending  $>45$  degrees ( $P<0.001$ ), a diameter of the occluded vessel  $<3$  mm ( $P<0.001$ ) and JCTO score  $\geq 2$  ( $P<0.001$ ). Short- and medium-term clinical follow-up showed that the success of ATL, compared to failure, decreased significantly the rate of angina recurrence ( $P<0.001$ ), re-hospitalization ( $P=0.012$ ) and major adverse cardio-vascular events "MACE" ( $P=0.006$ ), but without significant impact on mortality.

**Conclusion** The results of our study showed a clinical benefit of CTO angioplasty in case of success and demonstrated once more many failure predicting angiographic factors.

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