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PROGNOSTIC VALUE OF PLATELET-FIBRIN CLOT STRENGTH ON OCCURRENCE OF CARDIOVASCULAR EVENTS AFTER NON-CARDIAC SURGERY

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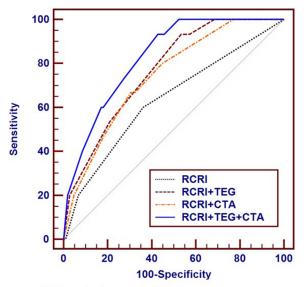
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Background: We evaluate the complementary prognostic value of "Platelet-Fibrin Clot Strength" on post-op CV events compared with anatomy of coronary artery and classic risks.

Methods: PANDA was the prospective study to evaluate prognostic accuracy of CT coronary angiography (CTA) after non-cardiac surgery. "Platelet-Fibrin Clot Strength" measured by thrombelastography (TEG®) was evaluated in 120 patients. The estimating postop risks were classified according to revised cardiac risk index (RCRI), number of significant stenosis (≥ 50% stenosis by CTA), and thrombin-induced maximal amplitude (MA_{thrombin} by TEG). Postop CV events were defined as CV death, MI, stroke and embolism.

Results: Fifteen patients (12.5%) suffered from postop CV events. By the ROC curve analysis, optimal cutoff of TEG®-MA $_{thrombin}$ was \geq 67 mm (AUC: 0.719; 95% CI: 0.606 to 0.832; p = 0.006). RCRI-adjusted regression analyses showed that "TEG®-MA $_{thrombin}$ \geq 67 mm" could predict significantly occurrence of CV events (HR: 12.78; 95% CI: 1.58 to 103.49; p = 0.017). When comparing ROC curves of combination models, TEG®-MA $_{thrombin}$ improved risk stratification than RCRI alone (C-statistic: 0.767 vs. 0.634; p = 0.017). Furthermore, combination of TEG®-MA $_{thrombin}$, CTA and RCRI together showed better discriminative power (C-statistic: 0.828).

Conclusions: Intrinsic hypercoagulability, as well as severity of coronary artery disease in addition to classic risks, increased predictive value on CV events after non-cardiac surgery.



RCRI: revised cardiac risk index CTA: maximal diameter stenosis on CTA

TEG: maximum amplitude ≥ 67 mm