



Effect of Percutaneous Coronary Intervention on Blood Pressure in Patients with Hypertension and Coronary Heart Disease in Zagazig University Hospitals

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ABSTRACT

Background: Coronary artery disease (CAD) is a major cause of morbidity and mortality over the world. The atherosclerosis can developed through many years and symptoms occur, generally in middle age. The risk of developing CAD increases with age including age >45 years in men and >55 years in women. **Objectives:** The presented study was aimed to evaluate the dynamic changes of systolic and diastolic blood pressure in hypertensive patients with ischemic heart disease pre and post percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), and to determine the effects of PCI on the elevated blood pressure on the CAD patients. **Methods:** Our study had been carried out in cardiology department, Zagazig University from October 2017 to September 2018. This study included 100 patients with hypertension and coronary artery disease. The patients were subjected for complete history taking, clinical examination, elective PCI and ambulatory blood pressure monitoring before and one month after PCI. **Results:** Results showed a highly significant difference between the ambulatory blood pressure pre and after coronary intervention, a significant decrease in the mean values of SBP and DBP (140/84 mm Hg) and the percentage of changes in BP after PCI revealed more decrease at night in the mean values of SBP and DBP compared with percentage at day. **Conclusions:** PCI is efficiently control and improve the blood pressure among hypertensive patients with CAD.

Keywords: Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, Blood Pressure, Coronary Heart Disease

INTRODUCTION

Hypertension is a cardiovascular disease characterized by increases of arterial blood pressure levels [1], it is an important risk factor for cardiovascular disease [2].

Controlling the blood pressure is very important for prevention of heart disease. Practically, the control of blood pressure will be

easier after revascularization for patients of hypertension and coronary artery disease.

Many factors can affect blood pressure, including peripheral vascular resistance, blood volume, cardiac output, and the functional status of the target organ and the autonomic function [3]. [4]

In this study, we explore the effects of percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) on the ambulatory blood pressure (ABP) of patients with hypertension and coronary artery disease by observing the dynamic characteristics and change trends of ABP before and after PCI.

The heart can be controlled by parasympathetic and sympathetic nerves which maintain the stability and the balance of cardiac activities. The vagus nerve maintains a certain tension and predominates the sympathetic nerve [5].

In coronary heart disease, myocardial ischemia and hypoxia due to coronary artery obstruction stimulate the mechanoreceptor and chemoreceptor on the ventricular wall, increase sympathetic nerve activity and decrease parasympathetic activity. These effects regulate the function of the autonomic nerve and decrease HRV. The relation between coronary revascularization and HRV has been studied with the relation between arterial blood pressure and HRV [6-8].

Coronary intervention is a nonsurgical procedure used for treating stenosis of the coronary arteries of the heart found in coronary artery disease patients, the procedure uses coronary catheterization to visualize the blood vessels on X-ray imaging. After accessing the blood stream through the femoral or radial artery, then the interventional cardiologist can perform a coronary angioplasty, by a deflated balloon into the obstructed artery and inflated to relieve the narrowing; some devices as stents to keep the blood vessel open. The appropriate use of PCI depends on many factors, PCI may be adequate for patients with stable coronary artery disease with certain criteria, such as coronary stenosis greater than 70% therapy. Although PCI may not prevent death or myocardial infarction over medication for those patients, but it provides better relief of angina [9-10].

In patients with severe coronary artery disease, as ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI); PCI can decrease deaths, myocardial infarctions and angina in

comparing two medication [11]. Treatment by medication and/or PCI for patients with non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI) or unstable angina depends on a patient's risk assessment [12].

METHODS

This follow-up study included one hundred patients with hypertension and coronary heart disease who were admitted to cath lab for elective PCI at Cardiology Department, Faculty of Medicine, Zagazig University during the period from October 2017 to September 2018. Patients were subjected to full history taking, clinical examination, ECG, laboratory work-up, echocardiography and coronary angiography. All patients diagnosed clearly with Coronary Artery Disease (CAD) according to ACC/AHA guidelines. The patients with CAD were divided according to their sex into males (n=62) and females (n=38). The patients were subdivided according to the risk factors including diabetes mellitus, and smoking. Moreover, all the studied selected patients have hypertension.

Written informed consent was obtained from all patients and the study was approved by the research ethical committee of Faculty of Medicine, Zagazig University. The work has been carried out in accordance with The Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association (Declaration of Helsinki) for studies involving human

The blood pressure was monitored for whole day, every thirty minutes at the day and every 60 minutes at the night. PCI was performed according to the PCI guidelines. The observed parameters for ABPM included measurement of 24 hour mean Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP), 24 hour mean Diastolic Blood Pressure (DBP), and mean day Systolic Blood Pressure (dSBP), mean day Diastolic Blood Pressure (dDBP), mean night Systolic Blood Pressure (nSBP), mean night Diastolic Blood Pressure (nDBP), ABP Variability (BPV) and blood pressure circadian rhythm.

Statistical Analysis

Data were collected, tabulated and analyzed by SPSS 20, software for Windows. The significance level was set at $P < 0.05$.

RESULTS

Table (1) showed that the studied group has a mean age of 57.32 ± 7.45 years old, with a range from 38 to 71 years old. About 2/3 of the studied group are male (62.0%), and 38.0 % are female., Table (2) showed that the mean age of the studied male patients is 56.81 ± 8.36 years old, with a range from 38 to 71 years old and mean age of the studied female patients is 58.16 ± 5.59 years old, with a range from 49 to 71 years old, with no statistically significant difference. Table (3) showed that about half of the studied hypertensive patients are diabetics (43%), and 52 % of them are smokers. Table (4) showed that 69% of patients have one vessel disease, 31% have two vessel disease and 4% have three vessel diseases. Also showed that 62% of the studied patients have LAD and 38% have LCX, RCA is found in 24% and only 7% of them have OM. Table (5) showed that the mean of 24 h SBP among the studied patients before Percutaneous coronary intervention decreased from (155.81 ± 17.9 mmHg) at the first assessment to (143.08 ± 18.86 mmHg) at

second assessment after Percutaneous coronary intervention with high statistically significant difference. Also there is high significant decrease in 24 h DBP, mean day SBP and DBP, mean night SBP and DBP. Table (6) showed that mean Percentage of decrease in day SBP among the studied group is -8.27 ± 5.47 with a range from (-21.3-3.45) and mean Percentage of decrease Mean day DBP is -6.27 ± 5.94 with a range from (-22.22-3.33), mean Percentage of decrease in night SBP among the studied group is -8.19 ± 5.8 with a range from (-20.39-0.57). The mean Percent of decrease in 24 h SBP among the studied group was 8.19 ± 5.14 , with a range from (-20-1.13). The mean Percent of decrease in 24 h DBP was 7.86 ± 4.79 , with a range from (-20-5). Figure (1) showed that the mean Percent of decrease in 24 h SBP among the studied group is 8.19 ± 5.14 , with a range from ((-20-1.13). A mean Percent of decrease in 24 h DBP was 7.86 ± 4.79 , with a range from (-20-5). Figure (2) showed the dipping of blood pressure after Percutaneous coronary intervention in relation to number of affected blood vessels among the studied patients (N=100).

Table 1. Demographic data of the studied patients:

Demographic data	Studied patients (N=100)	
	No.	%
Age (years)		
Mean \pm SD	57.32 \pm 7.45	
Median (Range)	55(38-71)	
Sex		
Male	62	62.0
Female	38	38.0

Table 2. age of the studied patients according to sex distribution

Age (years)	sex of the studied group (N=100)		Test	P-value
	Male (N=62)	Female (N=38)		
Mean \pm SD	56.81 \pm 8.36	58.16 \pm 5.59	1020.00	0.257 (NS)
Median (Range)	55(38-71)	59(49-71)		

Mann-Whitney U $P < 0.05$ is significant.

Table 3. Risk factors among the studied patients (N=100).

Item	Studied patients (N=100)	
	No.	%
DM		
Negative	57	57.0
Positive	43	43.0
Smoking		
Negative	48	48.0
Positive	52	52.0

Table 4. Site of lesion among the studied patients (N=100).

Item	Studied patients (N=100)	
	No.	%
Single vessel disease	65	65.0
Two vessel disease	31	31.0
Three vessel disease	4	4.0
LAD	62	62.0
LCX	38	38.0
RCA	24	24.0
OM	7	7.0

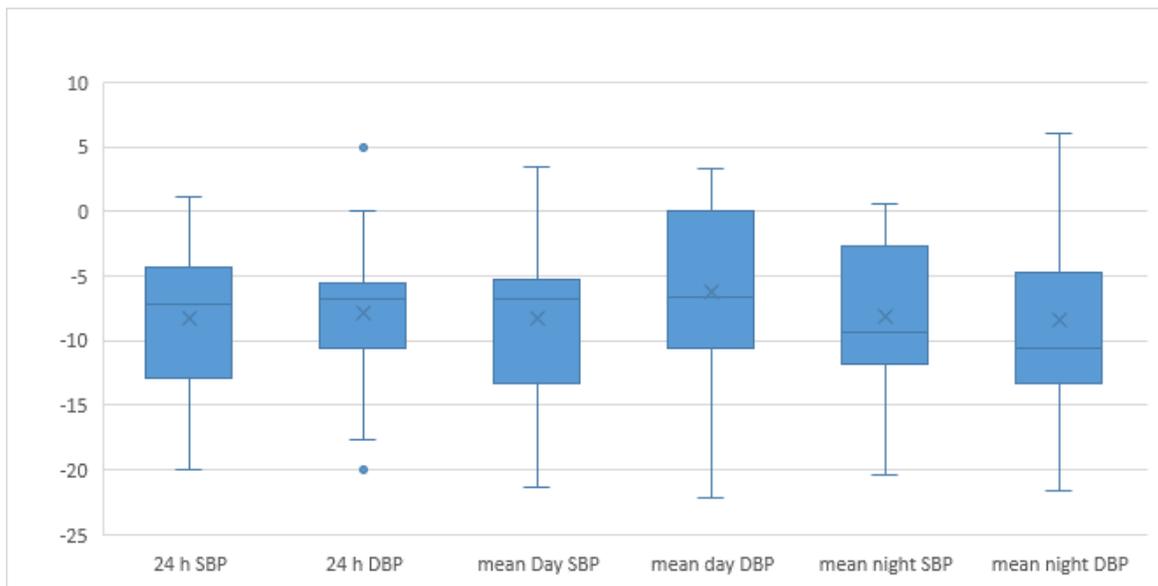


Figure 1. Box plot representing percentage of change in blood pressure before and after percutaneous coronary intervention among the studied patients:

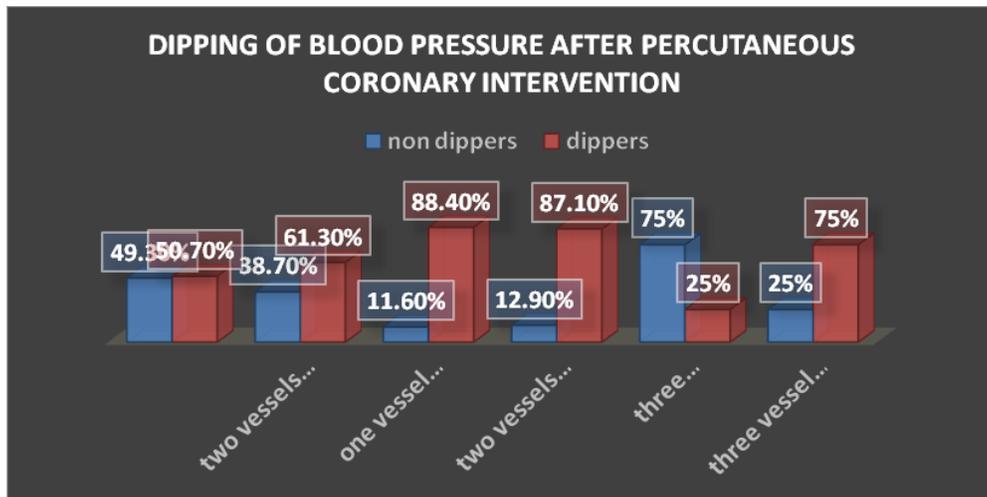


Figure 2. Dipping of blood pressure after Percutaneous coronary intervention in relation to number of affected blood vessels among the studied patients (N=100).

DISCUSSION

Hypertension is a cardiovascular disease characterized by increasing of arterial blood pressure which is considered a risk factor for cardiovascular disease [2, 13].

Excessive BP reductions have been advocated as a potential contributor for increasing the risk of coronary events in hypertensive patients under treatment, particularly in those with underlying coronary artery disease [14-15]. Thus, controlling the blood pressure is extremely important to prevent coronary heart disease. In clinical practice, revascularization for hypertension patients can easily control blood pressure [16].

Percutaneous coronary interventions (PCI) have been performed in patients with coronary heart disease and it is the standard optimal treatment for patients with myocardial infarction [17]. However, the impact of hypertensive patients on long-term outcomes of patients after receiving PCI has not yet been determined [18].

The prognostic role of BP on increased coronary risk, as well as the role of admission BP on the incidence in recurrent myocardial ischemia after myocardial infarction [19], the hypothesis that BP levels may interfere with the healing process after PCI appears reasonable [20]. The monitoring of ambulatory blood

pressure (ABPM) was done to monitor the blood pressure (BP) for detection of white coat hypertension or masked hypertension. BP Variability is associated with increased coronary artery diseases. It is important to recognize the applicability of ABPM in post-coronary intervention. Therefore, the aim of this study was to evaluate the dynamic changes of systolic and diastolic blood pressure in hypertensive patients with ischemic heart disease pre and post percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), and to determine the effects of PCI on the elevated blood pressure on the CAD patients

Regarding the demographic data of the studied groups, results showed that the mean age was 57.32 ± 7.45 years and about 2/3 of the studied group are males (62.0%), and 38.0 % are females. Similarly, **Vasan et al** [21] stated that, the hypertension prevalence is directly proportional to the age of the patients; half of Americans > 65 years of age having a hypertension. In a study of Framingham Heart, it was estimated that the remaining lifetime risk of hypertension at $\approx 90\%$ for men and women not yet hypertensive at middle age, where the change with age in the importance of SBP and DBP as risk factor. In addition, reported that, Mean age was 61.64 ± 8.50 years and (21%) of the study population were females which may not the accurate reflection of the incidence of

coronary artery disease (CAD) in women. This may be according to small number of females underwent PCI even now. This was in agreement with study of **Yang et al** [22] who studied the effect of PCI on ambulatory blood pressure. They reported that, Mean age was 61.18 ± 12.15 and most patients were men (76.19%). The risk factors among the studied patients with coronary artery diseases were smoking and diabetes mellitus in the percentage of 52% and 43%, respectively. This results was in agreement with study of **Lin et al** [18] who mentioned that hypertension, diabetes mellitus (DM), dyslipidemia and smoking considered risk factors can also affect CAD patients outcomes whom receiving PCI.

Our result was in disagreement with study of **Yang et al** [22] who found that, the percentage of DM was 16.67% and the percentage of smoking was 29.37%. The obtained results of affected coronary artery among the studied patients showed that, most of cases were detected as left anterior descending coronary artery (LAD) in percentage of 62%, left circumflex coronary artery (LCX) in percentage of 38% , right coronary artery (RCA) in percentage of 24% and obtuse marginal (OM) in percentage of 7% . Our result was in disagreement with **Cay** [23] who showed that, the most affected coronary artery was right coronary artery (RCA) in percentage 40%, left anterior descending coronary artery (LAD) in percentage of 10% and left circumflex coronary artery (LCX) in percentage of 8%.

Regarding the blood pressure before and after PCI among the studied patients, our study showed a significant decrease in the mean values of blood pressure (BP) at day, night and whole 24 hr after PCI compared with blood pressure values before applied of PCI for the studied patients ($P=0.001$). This results were in agreement with **Yang et al** [16] showed that, one month after PCI, the ABP significantly improved ($P<0.01$).

Our result was in agreement with study of **Cay** [23] who showed that, the ambulatory BP values including systolic and diastolic 24h

average, day and night BP were significantly higher in restenosis group compared to no restenosis group.

The current results showed that, before PC intervention 24 h SBP ranged from 127-190mmHg and Mean 24h SBP was 155.81 ± 17.9 while after PC intervention 24 h SBP decreased and ranged from 120-180 mmHg, the mean SBP 143.08 ± 18.86 . Moreover, before PC intervention 24 h DBP ranged from 80-100mm Hg and mean 24h DBP was 90.98 ± 6.01 , while after PC intervention 24 h DBP decreased and ranged from 70-105 mm Hg.

These results were in agreement with study of **Denardo et al** [24] who confirmed that, revascularized patients had lower BP than non-revascularized patients (148.0/83.5 versus 151.9/88.5 mm Hg; for SBP and DBP. As for all of the hypertensive patients, the greatest decrease in BP was seen during the first 6 weeks of treatment, followed by additional decreases during the subsequent 5 months, which were maintained through 24 months.

These results are agreement with the study of **Yang et al** [16] who reported that, PCI can decrease myocardial ischemia and relieve angina symptoms and can restore the autonomic function by decreasing sympathetic excitability and increasing parasympathetic excitability. The restore of the blood pressure balance and improving the ambulatory blood pressure parameters, controlling the blood pressure can be more easy after PCI and the study of **Denardo et al** [24] who suggested that, the comparing of revascularized with nonrevascularized patients increased risk for adverse outcomes, and a higher rate of adverse outcomes despite adequate BP control. Implicating more severe vascular disease, their SBP (but not DBP) was somewhat more difficult to control. Our results represented the percentage of change in blood pressure after PCI in the studied hypertension and coronary heart disease patients which showed decreasing in the mean of SBP and DBP at 24 hr. were (-7.14 and -6.7), respectively. This outcomes are be dissimilar with the study of **Denardo et al**

[24] who showed that, the relationships between the incidence of primary outcome and mean follow-up SBP and DBP for the revascularized and non revascularized patients showed a lesser degree for SBP and a greater degree for DBP, pulse pressure decreased less for revascularized patients than for non-revascularized patients (adjusted for baseline BP: -6.5 versus -9.6 mm Hg; $P < 0.001$).

The treating of hypertensive patients with coronary diseases have benefits but the major impact on long-term morbidity and mortality depends on the effect of continued outpatient BP control after starting the effective therapy in hospital [25]. Our study showed that among cases with single affected blood vessel, 50.7% of the studied patients have nocturnal fall of diastolic pressure more than 10% (dippers) before Percutaneous coronary intervention, while after Percutaneous coronary intervention percentage of dippers increased to be 88.4% with high statistically significant difference.

There is high significant increase of dipping in patients with two blood vessels affected but there is no significant change of dipping among patients with three blood vessels affected. **Rechcin'ski et al** [26] conducted that, recurrent angina pectoris resulted from inability of fluctuations adjustment in blood pressure which leads to continuously nighttime blood pressure increase; so; the mean blood pressure and blood pressure variability increase, then the circadian rhythm decreases or disappears. This hypothesis was confirmed by study of **Yang et al** [16] who demonstrated that, the blood pressure balance was not restored at 3-6 days after PCI. However, 1 month after PCI, the reduced myocardial ischemia and the blood pressure balance was restored.

CONCLUSION

PCI is efficiently control and improve the blood pressure among hypertensive patients with CAD.

Declaration of interest

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