Effect of hyperdynamic LVEF on ICU outcomes

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Abstract

Objective To study the effect of hyperdynamic left ventricular function on ICU outcomes.

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1. Background

In a recent meta-analysis review by Huang et al. (2013) [**?**] the authors attemped to answer the question whether ventricular depression or dilation is associated with lower mortality rates. A total of 62 studies were reviewed and 14 included in the analysis. The meta-analysis failed to find any evidence to support the view that the survivors from severe sepsis or septic shock had lower ejection fractions. This study aims to further explore this research question using the MIMIC-II clinical database from the Beth Israel Deaconness Medical Center in Boston, MA [**?**].

2. Methods

We conducted a retrospective cohort study using the Multiparameter Intelligent Monitoring in Intensive Care II (MIMIC II) database. MIMIC II is a large open-access database, which includes data from electronic medical records of patients admitted to the ICUs at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center since 2001. The creation and use of the MIMIC database was approved by the institutional review boards of both Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (IRB protocol 2001-P-001699/3).

All adult patient records who underwent an echocardiograph in the database were screened for purposes of inclusion. Patients were excluded if their left-ventricular function was suppresed The cohort characteristics used in this study is shown in Figure 2. The study outcome was 28-day mortality among the entire patient cohort.

All statistical analysis was performed using R. Baseline comparisons were performed using Fisher tests for categorical variables with results reported as numbers and percentages. Continuously normally distributed variables were compared using t-tests and reported as median, while non-normally distributed

data were compared using Mann-Whitney tests and reported as medians and interquartile range (IQR).

3. Results

Table **??** highlights the results of the univariate analysis for all patients with hyperdynamic EF. Table **??** highlights the results of the univariate analysis for all patients with acute hyperdynamic EF. Significant values ($P < 0.05$) are shown in bold. Hyperdynamic patients are more likely to be female, be admitted to MICU, SICU and ventilated. Hyperdynamic patients also have higher risk of mortality, SOFA and SAPSI scores and stay longer in ICU. Table **??** looks at potential confounders for the cohort: hyperdynamic patients are more liekly to have congestive heart failure, hypertension and cancer.

Table **??** highlights the results of the univariate analysis for all septic patients. Significant values ($P < 0.05$) are shown in bold. Hyperdynamic septic patients have a higher 28-day and ICU/hospital mortality are more likely to be administered more fluids. The confounder analysis in Table **??** is inconclusive.

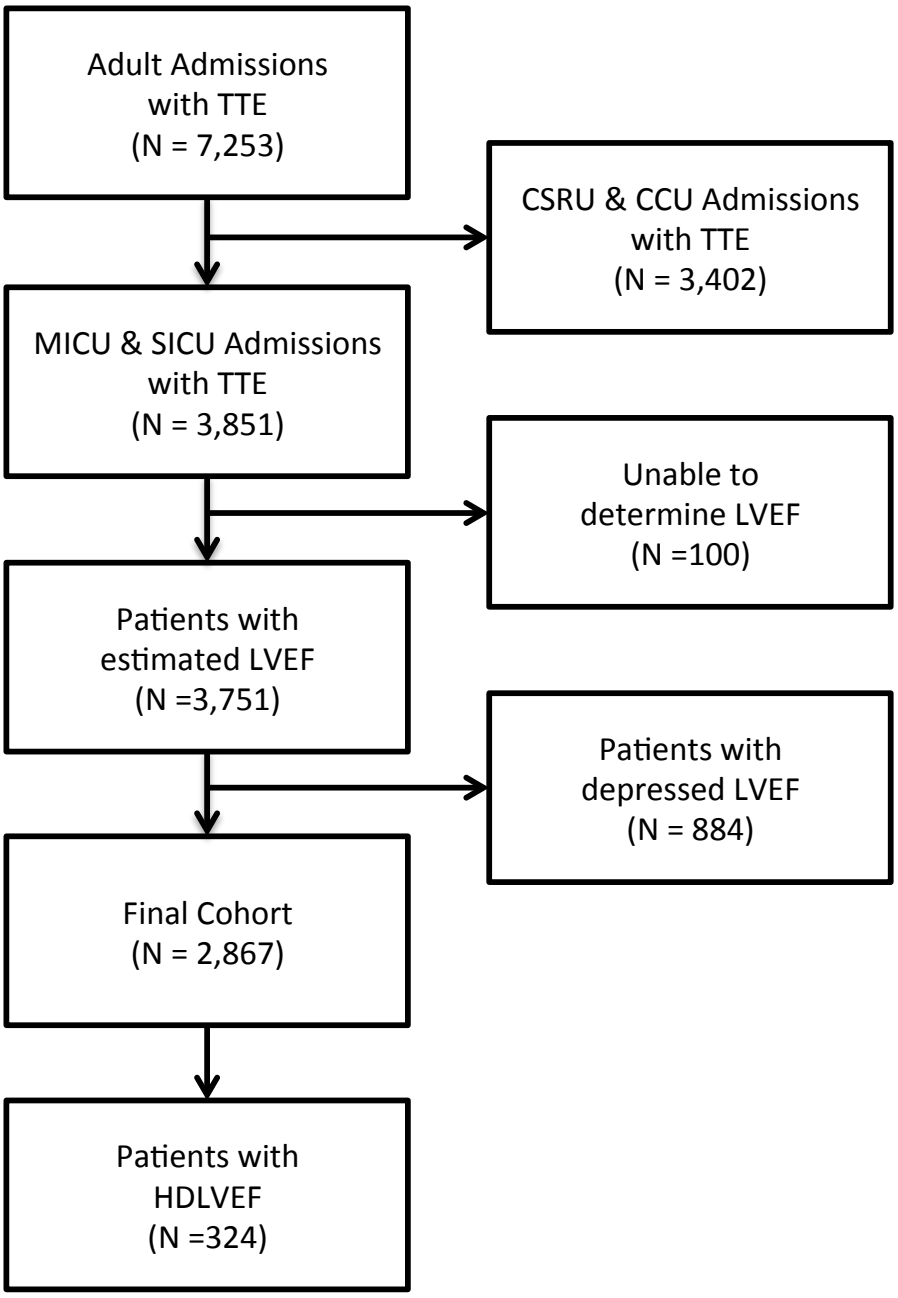

Figure 1: Patient record selection. Using the MIMIC II database we identified 2,481 patients that had a echo report.

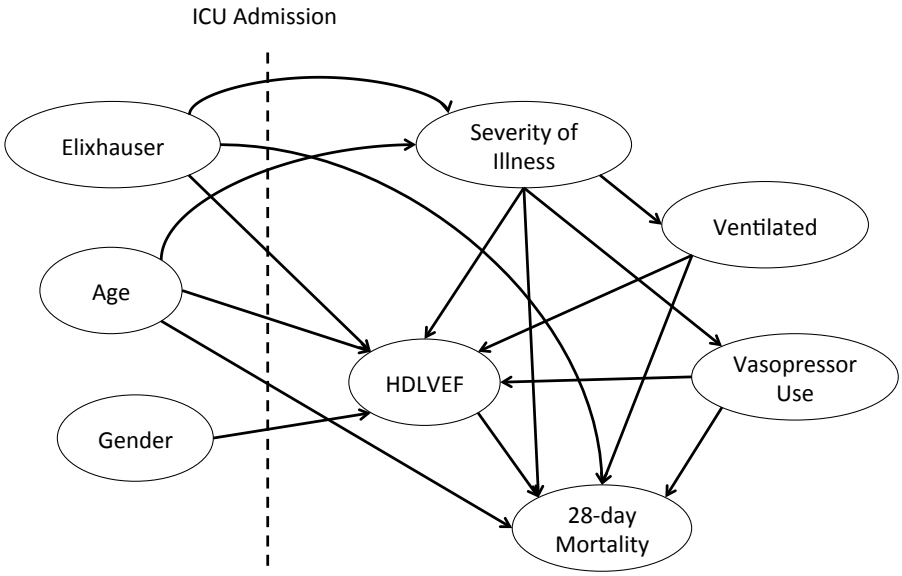

Figure 2: Direct Acylic Graph showing confounding factors.

	NLVEF (N=2543)	**HDLVEF** (N=324)	*P*-value
	N (%) or median [IQR]		
Age	65 [51 - 78]	69 [56 - 78]	0.03
Gender (Male)	1246 (49 %)	134 (41 %)	< **0.01**
Care Unit			0.9
MICU	1720 (68 %)	221 (68 %)	
SICU	823 (32 %)	103 (32 %)	
Time to echo (days)	1.1 [0.1 - 3.3]	0.9 [0.0 - 4.2]	0.4
Time to vasopressors (days)	0.1 [0.0 - 0.5]	0.1 [0.0 - 0.7]	1.0
Co-morbidities by ICD9 & DRG Codes			
Diabetes	590 (23 %)	89 (27 %)	0.1
Alcohol abuse	153 (6 %)	19 (6 %)	1.0
Arrhythmias	700 (28 %)	82 (25 %)	0.4
Valvular disease	255 (10 %)	38 (12 %)	0.3
Hypertension	852 (34 %)	134 (41 %)	< **0.01**
Renal failure	213 (8 %)	29 (9 %)	0.7
Chronic pulmonary	536 (21 %)	68 (21 %)	1.0
Liver disease	199 (8 %)	32 (10 %)	0.2
Cancer	120 (5 %)	28 (9 %)	< **0.01**
Psychosis	117 (5 %)	15 (5 %)	1.0
Depression	148 (6 %)	12 (4 %)	0.1
CHF	841 (33 %)	127 (39 %)	0.03
Illness			
SOFA	6 [3 - 9]	7 [4 - 10]	< **0.01**
Septic	1025 (40 %)	150 (46 %)	0.04
Vital Signs			
Max HR (bpm)	113 [98 - 130]	120 [103 - 139]	< **0.01**
Min MAP	56 [48 - 64]	52 [43 - 62]	< **0.01**
Max Temperature (C)	37.8 [37.3 - 38.5]	37.9 [37.4 - 38.5]	0.6
Lab Results			
Max WBC	13.3 [9.4 - 18.3]	14.6 [10.2 - 20.5]	< **0.01**
Max lactate	2.1 [1.4 - 3.7]	2.6 [1.6 - 4.8]	< **0.01**
Max creatinine	1.1 [0.8 - 1.8]	1.2 [0.8 - 2.0]	0.04
Treatments			
Vasopressor	741 (29 %)	125 (39 %)	< **0.01**
RRT	288 (11 %)	50 (15 %)	0.04
Ventilated	1298 (51 %)	198 (61 %)	< **0.01**
IVF first 24hr (ml)	2214 [674 - 5248]	2500 [771 - 5702]	0.2
IVF first 72hr (ml)	7393 [3683 - 12799]	8949 [5108 - 14585]	< **0.01**

Table 1: Characteristics of normal versus all HDLVEF patients

	Odds-ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	P-value
Age	1.011 (1.007,1.016)	<**0.001**
Gender (Male)	0.997 (0.811,1.226)	1.0
Elixhauser Score	1.054 (1.037,1.072)	<**0.001**
SOFA	1.101 (1.066,1.137)	<**0.001**
Ventilated	1.232 (0.946,1.605)	0.1
Max Vasopressor Dose	1.676 (1.363,2.067)	<**0.001**
HDLVEF	1.371 (1.023,1.823)	**0.03**

Table 2: Multivariate logistic regression model predicting 28-day mortality for all patients with max vasopressor dose

	Odds-ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	P-value
Age	1.011 (1.007,1.016)	<**0.001**
Gender (Male)	0.972 (0.792,1.192)	0.8
Elixhauser Score	1.054 (1.037,1.071)	<**0.001**
SOFA	1.128 (1.091,1.166)	<**0.001**
Ventilated	1.177 (0.906,1.530)	0.2
Vasopressor Use	1.210 (0.943,1.549)	0.1
HDLVEF	1.389 (1.039,1.842)	**0.02**

Table 3: Multivariate logistic regression model predicting 28-day mortality for all patients with vasopressor use

	Odds-ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	P-value
Age	1.011 (1.006,1.016)	<**0.001**
Gender (Male)	0.977 (0.796,1.200)	0.8
Elixhauser Score	1.054 (1.038,1.072)	<**0.001**
SOFA	1.103 (1.067,1.141)	<**0.001**
Ventilated	1.217 (0.936,1.584)	0.1
Vasopressors No.	1.323 (1.149,1.522)	<**0.001**
HDLVEF	1.379 (1.031,1.832)	**0.03**

Table 4: Multivariate logistic regression model predicting 28-day mortality for all patients with number of vasopessors

	Odds-ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	P-value
Age	1.011 (1.007,1.016)	<**0.001**
Gender (Male)	0.973 (0.793,1.195)	0.8
Elixhauser Score	1.054 (1.037,1.071)	<**0.001**
SOFA	1.113 (1.076,1.151)	<**0.001**
Ventilated	1.218 (0.935,1.586)	0.1
Vasopressor Duration	1.006 (1.002,1.010)	**0.003**
HDLVEF	1.393 (1.042,1.848)	**0.02**

Table 5: Multivariate logistic regression model predicting 28-day mortality for all patients with vasopressor duration

	Hazard ratio (95% Confidence Interval)	**P-value**
Age	1.0068 (1.0044,1.0091)	**<0.001**
Gender (Male)	1.0396 (0.9558,1.1307)	0.4
Elixhauser Score	1.0347 (1.0260,1.0434)	**<0.001**
SOFA	1.0209 (1.0059,1.0361)	**0.006**
Ventilated	0.9457 (0.8502,1.0520)	0.3
Max Adjusted Vasopressor Dose	1.0029 (0.8813,1.1412)	1.0
HDLVEF	1.0939 (0.9525,1.2563)	0.2

Table 6: Multivariate Cox Hazard model predicting one-year mortality for all 28-day survivors