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INTRODUCTION

Delirium, an acute brain dysfunction, is seen in 20-70% of intensive care unit (ICU) patients and is associated with worse outcomes. While the Confusion Assessment Method-Intensive Care Unit (CAM-ICU) detects delirium at the bedside, there is no test to understand its trajectory. We aim to prospectively analyze their delirium disease trajectory and correlate it with time of day.

METHODS

In a prospective cohort of adult (≥50 years age) ICU patients, we analyzed Richmond Agitation and Sedation Scale (RASS) and CAM-ICU scores. We classified delirium as hypo, mixed and hyperactive delirium and followed their trajectory over 3 days. We identified the following trajectories of delirium: mild brief (MB), mild accelerating (MA), severe rapid recovers (SRR), severe slow recovers (SSR) and severe non recovers (SNR) based on their CAM-ICU trajectory going from initial reading of 3-5 to ≤2 in 12-24 hours, 3-5 to >3-5 in 24 hours, 6-7 to 0 in 0-60 hours, 6-7 to >0 in 0-60 hours and persisting as 6-7 persisting over 60 hours respectively. We also analyzed the behavior of CAM-ICU and RASS scores across time of day using ANOVA. We used Blue Sky (ver:7.40) for statistical analysis.

RESULTS

Ten participants with median age of 70 years (IQR 56-75), 34% female, 90% Caucasian, with a mean of 9 \pm 2.87 delirium assessments, had 80% hypoactive, 20% mixed, and no hyperactive delirium. Twenty percent of patients had MB, 40% MA, 10% SRR, 20% SSR and 10% SNR when reporting their delirium trajectories. The median times between changes in consecutive RASS and CAM-ICU scores were 6 hours (IQR 3.03 – 19.03) and 3.18 hours (IQR 2.30 – 16.06) respectively. Time of assessment was associated with both CAM-ICU (F=4.195, p=0.0012) and RASS values (F=3.393, p=0.0051).

CONCLUSIONS

Our study highlights the variability in delirium presentations and trajectories among ICU patients, emphasizing the need for tailored management approaches

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