

Résumé

Thème : 02-Insuffisance Cardiaque et Cardiomyopathies

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OMAGA: the 2009-2010 French Registry on Myocarditis

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Background: Acute myocarditis (AM) is a rare and potentially lethal condition for which diagnosis and treatment remain challenging. The recent H1N1 flu pandemic was an opportunity to improve our knowledge about this pathology.

Methods: Since October 2009, we have prospectively enrolled patients diagnosed with AM from intensive care units and cardiology departments in France using the following criteria : anatomic-pathological proof of AM OR presence of infectious context and >1 cardiac symptom and abnormal troponin level and abnormal ECG, echo or cardiac MRI and absence of significant coronary artery disease.

Results: 71 patients (59 male, mean age 39±20) have been enrolled. Presenting symptoms were chest pain (77,5%), dyspnea (33,8%), cardiogenic shock (11,3%) and conduction disorder or significant arrhythmia (8,4%). ST segment or T wave changes were present in 88,7%. Mean troponin and CRP levels were 9,1±9,8µg/l and 56±59 mg/l, respectively. Echocardiography showed a mean ejection fraction of 51±15%, wall motion abnormalities in 39%, and pericardial effusion in 18%. In 62% of cases, cardiac MRI was performed showing oedema (43%) and late enhancement (68%). Only 3 patients underwent a biopsy. Complications were congestive heart failure (22,5%) and ventricular arrhythmia (7%). Two patients died before hospital discharge. Viral origin of the AM was proven or presumed in 83% of patients, including 4 diagnosed with H1N1 flu. Treatment generally included beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors and aspirin.

Conclusion: AM affects mainly young patients whose prognosis may be compromised by severe complications. Follow-up of this registry will provide insight into the prognosis and the long-term impact of medical therapy.