Renal function is associated with one-month and one-year mortality in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage

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What does this article add?

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Introduction

Stroke is one of major causes of death and disability worldwide and it has become the fourth leading cause of death in the US.¹ The impacts of stroke on quality of life, productivity, and health care costs are tremendous. Because of the high social and financial burden, it is important to study the prognostic factors after stroke.

Renal dysfunction is one of the risk factors for the development of cardiovascular disease, including stroke, and death.²⁻⁵ On the other hand, renal function impairment is highly prevalent in patients with stroke. Up to 50 % of stroke patients have preexisting renal dysfunction.^{6,7}Previous studies have shown that the renal dysfunction predicts the risks of both mortality and new cardiovascular events in patient with stroke.⁷⁻⁹ There is a graded relationship between renal dysfunction and cardiovascular outcomes, including deaths in these patients. In our previous studies, we also found that the estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) is associated with risks of both 1-month and 1-year mortality and of recurrence in patients with acute ischemic stroke.^{10,11} Intracerebral hemorrhage is a more devastating stroke than ischemic stroke, carrying a higher risk of subsequent morbidity and mortality.^{12,13} Renal dysfunction has been found to be a poor prognostic factor in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage.¹⁴⁻¹⁸ However, other studies failed to show renal dysfunction as a significant predictor of mortality in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage.^{8,19} Because of previous inconsistent results, this study investigated whether the risks of 1-month and 1-year mortality are associated with eGFR levels in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage using the Taiwan Stroke Registry (TSR) database.

Methods

Data source

TSR, launched in 2006, is a multi-center stroke registry system with participation of 38 hospitals (16 medical centers, 20 regional hospitals, and 2 local hospitals) in Taiwan²⁰. Trained personals at participation hospitals were in charge of registry tasks and the follow-up data collection. The registration data contained demographic profiles, information on National Institute of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS), hospitalization records, and discharge information. Telephone contacts were performed at 1, 3, 6, and 12 months after stroke to collect follow-up information, including deaths. The informed consents were obtained from all patients before being included in the registry program. This study was performed in compliance with guidelines of the

Declaration of Helsinki and approved by the Institutional Review Board [CMUH102-REC1-086 (CR3)].

Study Population

Among a total of 105,994 stroke patients registered from 2006 to 2016 in the TSR, 15,031 were patients with intracerebral hemorrhage (Figure 1). Patients with intracerebral hemorrhage caused by trauma or brain tumors were not registered in this database. We excluded patients younger than 18 years old, and patients without information on dialysis status, body mass index (BMI), systolic blood pressure levels, hemoglobin (Hb) levels, serum cholesterol levels, or serum creatinine levels. Patients who died during hospitalization were not excluded. A total of 4,036 hemorrhagic stroke patients were included in this study and divided into five subgroups by the level of estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR): [?] 90 ml/min/1.73 m², 60-89 ml/min/1.73 m², 30-59 ml/min/1.73 m², 15-29 ml/min/1.73 m², and < 15 ml/min/1.73 m² or on dialysis. The eGFR was calculated by the Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration (CKD-EPI) equation for each non-dialysis patient²¹. The CKD-EPI equation, expressed as a single equation, is GFR = 141 × min (Scr/x, 1)^{α} × max (Scr/x, 1)^{-1.209} × 0.993^{Age} × 1.018 [if female] × 1.159 [if black], where Scr is serum creatinine, \varkappa is 0.7 for females and 0.9 for males, α is -0.329 for females and -0.411 for males, min indicates the minimum of Scr/ \varkappa or 1, and max indicates the maximum of Scr/ \varkappa or 1. The etiologies of intracerebral hemorrhage were classified into hypertension and non-hypertensive causes. One-month and one-year mortality rates after intracerebral hemorrhage were evaluated by the eGFR levels.

Statistical analysis

Distributions of baseline characteristics were compared among five eGFR groups, including sex, age, BMI, smoking, comorbidity, clinical characteristics, medication use prior to admission, and the 1-month, and 1-year mortality rates. Data of continuous variables were expressed as median and 25th percentile to 75th percentile and examined using the Kruskal-Wallis test for continuous variables that were not normally distributed. Categorical variables were expressed as frequencies and examined using the Chi-square test.

The cumulative incidence curves of mortality were computed for the 5 subgroups of eGFR levels by the Kaplan–Meier method and tested using the log-rank test. The 1-month and 1-year mortality rates (per 1000 person-days) after intracerebral hemorrhagic were calculated by the eGFR levels. We further used the Cox proportional hazards regression analysis to estimate the hazard ratio (HR) of mortality and 95% confidence interval (CI) associated with eGFR levels at admission for patients with intracerebral hemorrhage, using patients with eGFR [?] 90mL/min/1.73 m² as references. We also used the receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve to assess the predictive performance of eGFR levels with regard to one-month mortality and one-year mortality after intracerebral hemorrhage. All statistical analyses were performed using SAS statistical software, version 9.4 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC). Statistical significance was defined using two-tailed tests (P < 0.05).

Results

Of the 4,036 patients with intracerebral hemorrhage, 2887 (71.5%) had eGFR < 90 mL/min/1.73 m² (Figure 1). 169 (4.2%) patients were in the group with eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m² or on dialysis.

Table 1 shows that more than two third (n=2677) of the patients with intracerebral hemorrhage were men. With a median age of 61.4 years, the age of study population increased as the eGFR level decreased. In general, prevalence rates of comorbidities, scores of NIHSS, systolic blood pressure and medication use prior to admission tended to be higher in groups with lower eGFR, whereas Hb levels were lower in groups with lower eGFR. Of the baseline comorbidities in all study patients, hypertension was the most prevalent comorbidity (86.6%), followed by diabetes mellitus, previous stroke, ischemic heart disease, atrial fibrillation, and congestive heart failure (1.21%).

The cumulative incidence rates of overall mortality in one year in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage increased as the eGFR level declined (P < 0.001). The proportional mortality rate was 38% greater in those with an eGFR of < 15 ml/min/1.73 m² than in those with eGFR levels [?] 90 mL/min/1.73m² (Figure 2).

Both one-month mortality (N = 258) and one-year mortality (N=394) rates of patients with intracerebral hemorrhage were negatively associated with their eGFR levels at admission (Table 2 and 3). The one-month mortality rate increased as the eGFR levels decreased, from 1.5 per 1000 person-days in patients with eGFR levels [?] 90 to 8.31 per 1000 person-days in patients with eGFR levels < 15 ml/min/1.73 m². The adjusted HR was 4.59 (95% CI = 2.71, 7.78) for patients with eGFR levels < 15 ml/min/1.73 m² compared to those with eGFR levels [?] 90 mL/min/1.73m². The corresponding adjusted HR of one-year mortality increased to 4.54 (95% CI = 2.59, 6.98) for those with eGFR levels < 15 ml/min/1.73 m². Other risk factors associated with one-year mortality after intracerebral hemorrhage included female, age, non-hypertensive cause, atrial fibrillation, systolic blood pressure, NIHSS score at admission, warfarin use prior to admission (Table S1).

The area under the ROC curves for the eGFR level in predicting one-month mortality, and one-year mortality were 0.64 (Figure 3A), and 0.66 (Figure 3B) in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage, respectively.

Discussion

Our study found that there was an independent graded association between eGFR levels and risks of both 1-month and 1-year mortalities in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage after adjusting age, stroke severity and comorbidities. The risk of mortality increased as the eGFR declined.

Renal dysfunction is a known independent risk factor for mortality after stroke. A Scotland study followed 2042 stroke patients for 7-year and found that reduced creatinine clearance (<51.27 ml/min) and raised serum creatinine ([?]1.35 mg/dL) could predict deaths in patients with acute stroke⁸. But, the study failed to show renal function as a significant predictor of mortality in hemorrhagic stroke because of small size of fatal events.⁸ A recent study from Taiwan found renal function could play a highly significant role in predicting mortality among ischemic stroke patients.¹¹ An Israel study assessed risk factors associated with deaths for patients with acute stroke during one-year follow-up.⁷ Results demonstrated that eGFR was a strong predictor of mortality and poor functional outcomes, such as nursing home dwelling and Barthel index [?]75. Hao et al. reported that an eGFR of $< 60 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$ was a strong predictor of mortality and disability for hemorrhagic stroke but not for ischemic stroke.¹⁸ Molshatzki revealed that presence of moderate to severe reduction of eGFR ($< 45 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$) was associated larger, lobar hematomas and hence higher one-year mortality in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage.¹⁶ Data from the GET WITH The Guidelines-Stroke (GWTG-Stroke) program showed that, after intracerebral hemorrhage, patients had an increasing risk of in-hospital mortality with declining eGFR.¹⁷ On the contrary, a study analyzing China National Stroke Registry found that low eGFR ($< 45 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$) was independently associated with an increased risk of mortality in diabetic patients with ischemic events, but not in those with hemorrhagic stroke¹⁹. Our study focused on patients with intracerebral hemorrhage and found that eGFR levels could predict the risk of mortality in a graded relationship. This finding both confirms the results of previous studies and provides new information on the mortality prediction for intracerebral hemorrhage.

Decline in renal function is associated with anemia, increased oxidative stress, abnormal apolipoprotein levels, inflammation, calcium-phosphate derangement, elevated uremic toxins, hypercoagulability, and impaired immunity.^{4,22-24} All these factors may contribute to the increased risks of adverse outcomes such as cardiovascular events, infection episodes, and deaths. These mechanisms may explain the graded association between impaired renal function and the risk of death in patients with hemorrhagic stroke. Our data also showed that most of the baseline comorbidities were reversely associated with eGFR levels, indicating that patients with low eGFR levels were more critically ill. In addition, patients with a lower eGFR also had a higher NIHSS score, indicating that impaired renal function could be associated with stroke severity.

The strength of this study is using a large sample size from stroke registry data with a representative group of stroke patients in Taiwan. Thus, we could estimate the real world prognosis of patients with intracerebral hemorrhage in Taiwan. In addition, we used the CKD-EPI equation to estimate the eGFR as it is better than the MDRD equation for Asian people.²⁵ However, there are several limitations in this study. First, there is no data regarding to the quantity of proteinuria in the TSR database. We were unable to evaluate eGFR and proteinuria simultaneously. Proteinuria is an important and independent risk factor for cardiovascular

disease.^{5,26} Second, serum creatinine was measured and recorded once at the time of admission and it was confounded by acute illness. Therefore, it is difficult to determine the chronicity of renal dysfunction. Furthermore, some patients were excluded from analysis because of missing information. The precision of measurement might be affected. However, the demographic characteristics, the prevalence of comorbidities, the values of laboratory data, and the percentage of people using medication prior to admission were similar between the selected and excluded patients (Table S2). Moreover, although data on hematoma volume, location, and the type of intracerebral hemorrhage were unavailable in this database, the NIHSS score as stroke severity was adjusted in the multivariate analysis. In addition, the use of direct oral anticoagulant was not recorded in this database. This is a limitation for external validity.

Conclusion

There is an independent graded negative association between levels of eGFR levels at admission and mortality in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage. Patients with intracerebral hemorrhage and eGFR levels $<15 \text{ ml/min}/1.73 \text{ m}^2$ have a near 4-fold increased hazard of deaths compared to those with intracerebral hemorrhage and eGFR levels [?] 90 mL/min/1.73m². The eGFR level could be used as an early biomarker to identify high mortality risks for patients with intracerebral hemorrhage. Patients with intracerebral hemorrhage and a low eGFR deserve more clinical attention and closer follow-up monitoring.

Disclosures

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Legends

Figure 1. Flow chart for identifying patients with intracerebral hemorrhage by eGFR levels at admission

Figure 2. The cumulative incidence of mortalities after intracerebral hemorrhagic by eGFR levels at admission

Figure 3. The area under the receiver operating characteristic curves for eGFR levels at admission in predicting one-month mortality (A) and one-year mortality (B) in patients with intracerebral hemorrhage.

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of patients with intracerebral hemorrhage at admission by eGFR levels at admission

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g/di NIHSS 8.00 score at ad- mis- sion, me- dian (Q1, Q3) Medicine use prior to ad- mis- sion, N (%)		8.00	(3.00,1 (3))0,1 (3.0)) (5.48) (5.48) 162	8.00		9.00		12.0
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Warfar Bi Lipid 204 low- er- ing drug	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	11 42	(0.96) (0.96) 31 (3.66) (3.66) 78	31 78	$\begin{array}{c} (1.78) & (1.78) & 27 \\ (4.47) & (4.47) & 52 \end{array}$	27 52	$\begin{array}{c} (3.23) & (3.23) & 9 \\ (6.21) & (6.21) & 18 \end{array}$	9 18

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Incidence and	Incidence and	Incidence and	Incidence and	Incidence and	Incidence and
hazard ratios	hazard ratios	hazard ratios	hazard ratios	hazard ratios	hazard ratios
of mortality at	of mortality at	of mortality at	of mortality at	of mortality at	of mortality at
one-month	one-month	one-month	one-month	one-month	one-month
after	after	after	after	after	after
intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral
hemorrhage by	hemorrhage by	hemorrhage by	hemorrhage by	hemorrhage by	hemorrhage by
eGFR levels at	eGFR levels at	eGFR levels at	eGFR levels at	eGFR levels at	eGFR levels at
admission	admission	admission	admission	admission	admission
	Mortality $N=258$	Person-days	$Rate^{++}$	Crude HR (95%)	Adjusted HR
				CI)	$(95\% \text{ CI})^{\mathrm{a}}$
eGFR	n				
$mL/min/1.73 m^2$					
[?] 90	43	28667	1.50	1.00	1.00
60-89	93	43836	2.12	1.42(0.89, 2.04)	$1.54(1.05, 2.27)^*$
30-59	74	20265	3.65	2.42(1.66,	2.24(1.48,
				$(3.53)^{**}$	$(3.38)^{***}$
15-29	16	3332	4.80	3.22(1.81,	$2.22(1.20, 4.12)^*$
				5.71)**	
< 15 or dialysis	32	3849	8.31	5.40(3.42,	4.59(2.71,
				$(8.54)^{**}$	$(7.78)^{***}$
P for trend			< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001

⁺⁺ per 1000	⁺⁺ per 1000	$^{++}$ per 1000	⁺⁺ per 1000	⁺⁺ per 1000	$^{++}$ per 1000
person-days	person-days	person-days	person-days	person-days	person-days
^a Adjusted for					
age, gender,					
body mass					
index,	index.	index.	index.	index.	index,
smoking,	smoking,	smoking,	smoking,	smoking,	smoking,
etiology of					
intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral
hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,
hypertension.	hypertension.	hypertension.	hypertension.	hypertension.	hypertension.
atrial	atrial	atrial	atrial	atrial	atrial
fibrillation.	fibrillation.	fibrillation.	fibrillation.	fibrillation.	fibrillation.
previous	previous	previous	previous	previous	previous
stroke history					
ischemic heart					
disease	disease	disease	disease	disease	disease
congestive	congestive	congestive	congestive	congestive	congestive
heart failure					
diabetes	diabetes	diabetes	diabetes	diabetes	diabetes
mollitus	mollitus	mollitus	mollitus	mollitus	mollitus
systelic blood	svetolic blood				
proseuro	brossuro	prossure	prossure	prossure	prossure
homoglobin	homoglobin	homoglobin	homoglobin	homoglobin	homoglobin
abalastaral	abalasteral	abalastaral	abalastaral	abalastaral	abolostorol
NIUSS seene	NIUSS george	MILES george	NILLES george	NILLES george	NILLES george
NIESS score	NINSS score	NIN55 score	NIESS score	ninos score	NINSS score
at admission	at admission	at aumission	at admission	at admission	at admission
use prior to					
admission [*] p	admission "p	admission "p	admission "p	admission *p	admission "p
< 0.01, **p	< 0.01, **p	< 0.01, ***p	< 0.01, **p	< 0.01, **p	< 0.01, **p
<0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Table 3.					
Incidence and					
hazard ratios					
of mortality at					
one year after					
intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral
hemorrhage by					
eGFR level at					
admission	admission	admission	admission	admission	admission
	Mortality N=394	Person-days	$Rate^{++}$	Crude HR (95%)	Adjusted HR
				CI)	$(95\% \text{ CI})^{a}$
eGFR					
mL/min/1.73					
m^2					
[?] 90	59	187392	0.31	1.00	1.00
60-89	139	299308	0.46	$1.52(1.12, 2.06)^*$	$1.49(1.08, 2.04)^*$
30-59	112	134013	0.84	2.66(1.94,	2.06(1.47,
				$(3.65)^{**}$	2.89)***

15-29	34	19728	1.72	$5.12(3.36, 7.81)^{**}$	$3.02(1.91, 4.77)^{***}$
$<\!15$ or dialysis	50	21375	2.34	$6.48(4.44, 9.44)^{**}$	$4.54(2.95, 6.98)^{***}$
P for trend			< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
⁺⁺ per 1000	$^{++}$ per 1000				
person-days	person-days	person-days	person-days	person-days	person-days
^a Adjusted for					
age, gender,					
body mass					
index,	index,	index,	index,	index,	index,
smoking,	smoking,	smoking,	smoking,	smoking,	smoking,
etiology of					
intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral	intracerebral
hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,	hemorrhage,
hypertension,	hypertension,	hypertension,	hypertension,	hypertension,	hypertension,
atrial	atrial	atrial	atrial	atrial	atrial
fibrillation,	fibrillation,	fibrillation,	fibrillation,	fibrillation,	fibrillation,
previous	previous	previous	previous	previous	previous
stroke history,					
ischemic heart					
disease,	disease,	disease,	disease,	disease,	disease,
congestive	congestive	congestive	congestive	congestive	congestive
heart failure,					
diabetes	diabetes	diabetes	diabetes	diabetes	diabetes
mellitus,	mellitus,	mellitus,	mellitus,	mellitus,	mellitus,
systolic blood					
pressure,	pressure,	pressure,	pressure,	pressure,	pressure,
hemoglobin,	hemoglobin,	hemoglobin,	hemoglobin,	hemoglobin,	hemoglobin,
cholesterol,	cholesterol,	cholesterol,	cholesterol,	cholesterol,	cholesterol,
NIHSS score					
at admission					
and medicine					
use $*p < 0.01$,					
**p <0.001					

	Taiwan stroke regi 2006-2016 Stroke cases N = 105,994	istry			
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eGFR ≥ 90 mL/min/1.73 m ² N = 1,149	eGFR 60-89 mL/min/1.73 m ² N = 1,746	eGFR mL/min/ N =	30-59 /1.73 m ² 837	eGFR 15-29 mL/min/1.73 m ² N = 135	eGFR <15 mL/min/1.73 m ² or dialysis N = 169



