

PROGNOSTIC BIOMARKERS IN SEVERE COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA

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Background: Measurement of prohormones representing different pathophysiological pathways could enhance risk stratification in severe community acquired pneumonia (SCAP) patients. **Aim:** To investigate procalcitonin (PCT), adrenomedullin(AMD), copeptin (CP), B-type *natriuretic peptide* (BNP-32) levels in intensive care unit (ICU) SCAP patients and their relationship with in-hospital outcomes (in-hospital mortality (IHM), length of in-hospital stay(LOS), duration of ICU stay), disease specific complications, need for invasive mechanical ventilation (IMV) and vasopressor support (VS). **Methods:** 20 ICU patients with proven SCAP CURB-65 class 3, 4 were enrolled to the study. Serum PCT, AMD, CP and BNP-32 values were measured within the first 24 hours after admission. **Results:** Increasing CAP severity was associated with increased PCT values($r=0,74;p=0,05$). PCT in CURB-65 3 and 4 class patients was 0,73 [0,56;5,8] vs 5,94 [4,6; 37,1]ng/ml, respectively ($p=0,03$). CP levels on admission appeared to be higher in CURB-65 4th class patients vs the 3rd class patients - 74,8 [55,06; 90] vs 47,6 [24,5;59,8] pg/ml, respectively ($p=0,03$). PCT values demonstrated statistically significant correlation with IHM ($r=0,74;p=0,005$) and were higher in non-survivors than those in survivors [median] [5,94 vs 0,73 ng/ml, $p=0,01$, respectively]. PCT and CP values on admission correlated with need for VS ($r=0,74;p=0,0005$ and $r=0,54; p=0,02$, respectively) and showed higher concentrations in patients requiring VS compared with those with stable haemodynamics [102 vs 0,73 ng/ml, $p=0,01$] and [74,8 vs 47,6 pg/ml, $p=0,03$] respectively. AMD levels on ICU admission were associated with need for IMV ($r=0,47; p=0,04$). BNP-32 values correlated with LOS ($r=0,56; p=0,02$), PCT - with duration of ICU stay ($r=0,81; p=0,001$). **Conclusions:** PCT and CP showed the best performance as the prognostic biomarkers in SCAP pts.