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voie IV chez les patients de 75 ans ou plus
présentant une insuffisance cardiaque aigue

RESUME

Introduction : L'insuffisance cardiaque est une pathologie du sujet âgé : 75% des patients hospitalisés pour insuffisance cardiaque aigue ont plus de 75 ans. Le pronostic de cette pathologie est grave avec une moyenne de survie d'environ 4 ans. Les recommandations des sociétés savantes pour la prise en charge de l'insuffisance cardiaque sont robustes. Cependant, les preuves sont limitées pour guider la prescription des diurétiques.

L'objectif de cette étude était d'identifier les facteurs influençant les doses de diurétiques utilisées par voie intraveineuse chez les patients âgés présentant une insuffisance cardiaque aigue.

Méthodes : Il s'agit d'une étude observationnelle prospective bicentrique incluant les patients de 75 ans ou plus hospitalisés pour une insuffisance cardiaque aigue dans des services de médecine aigue gériatrique et de cardiologie. Les patients inclus ont été analysés en 2 groupes, l'un avec les patients ayant reçu de fortes doses de diurétiques IV par rapport à leur traitement habituel (HD) et l'autre avec ceux recevant de faibles doses de diurétiques IV par rapport à leur traitement habituel (LD).

Résultats : 110 patients ont été inclus. La moyenne d'âge était de 85 ans, avec une majorité de femmes (53,7%). 79% d'entre eux étaient fragiles selon les critères de Fried. L'indice de comorbidités moyen de Charlson était de 3,4. Les comorbidités et les paramètres de l'évaluation gériatrique étaient comparables entre les 2 groupes, sauf pour l'hospitalisation en gériatrie et les aides professionnelles à domicile, plus fréquent dans le groupe LD. Une étiologie infectieuse à la décompensation cardiaque, notamment urinaire ($p = 0,01$), était plus fréquemment retrouvée dans le groupe HD, avec un syndrome inflammatoire biologique plus marqué. A contrario, il y avait significativement plus de cas sans facteur déclenchant de décompensation dans le groupe LD ($p = 0,003$). Il n'y avait pas de différence significative entre les groupes pour la FEVG, les NT pro BNP, la troponinémie et la pathologie cardiaque sous-jacente. La dose habituelle de diurétique était plus élevée dans le groupe LD ($p = 0,0008$).

Conclusion : Cette étude ne retrouve finalement que peu de facteurs qui influencent la dose de diurétiques utilisées dans le traitement de l'insuffisance cardiaque aigue : cette dose dépend essentiellement de la dose habituelle de diurétiques du patient, et de la présence d'une infection sous-jacente, notamment urinaire. La fragilité du patient ne semble pas influencer les doses prescrites.

Factors influencing intravenous diuretic doses in
patients aged of 75 years or older with acute
decompensated heart failure

ABSTRACT

Introduction: Heart failure (HF) is a geriatric disease: 75% of hospitalized patients for acute heart failure have more than 75 years old. It has a poor prognosis with a mean survival at 4 years. Recommendations for heart failure are strong. Nevertheless, proofs about diuretic prescriptions are limited.

The purpose of this study was to identify factors influencing intravenous diuretic dose in patients aged of 75 years or older presenting an acute decompensated heart failure (ADHF).

Methods: This was a prospective, observational, descriptive and bicentric study. Enrollment was done for patient aged 75 and over hospitalized in geriatric and cardiologic department for ADHF. Included patients were analyzed in 2 groups. In one group, they received high intravenous diuretic dose compared to their daily diuretic dose (HD). In the other group, they received low intravenous diuretic dose compared to their daily diuretic dose (LD).

Results: 110 patients were involved. The mean age was 85 years old, there was a women majority (53.7%), 79% patients had 3 of the 5 components of the Fried phenotype patients. The mean Charlson Comorbidity Index was 3.4. Comorbidities and geriatric assessment were comparable in both groups except for hospitalization in geriatric department and assistance service, which were less frequent in HD group. An infectious etiology, notably urinary infection ($p = 0.001$) was more frequent in HD group with a higher biological inflammatory syndrome. However, there were more cases with unknown HF trigger in the LD group ($p=0.003$). There was no difference between groups for ejection fraction, NT pro BNP, troponin and cardiovascular disease. Daily diuretic dose was higher in LD group ($p = 0.0008$).

Conclusion: Finally, there were only few factors influencing intravenous diuretic dose in ADHF: dose depend essentially in the daily diuretic dose and a infection etiology, notably urinary etiology. Frailty doesn't seemed to influence diuretic dose.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Heart failure (HF) prevalence is estimated at 2.3% and >10% among persons aged 70 and over. About 70 000 deaths are linked to HF each year (1). According to the French National Hospitalization Database (PMSI), mean age of hospitalized patients for HF is 78 years old. Thus, we can see the geriatric implication. Moreover 21% of this patients were hospitalized at least twice for HF during that same year, and 7.8% died during hospitalization (2). More specifically, the poor prognostic of HF may be illustrate by this American national cohort of 170 239 patients aged of 67 years old and older, where one third died within the first year (3).

Euro Heart Failure Survey (EHFS) II confirms that the contemporary management of very elderly patients with HF remains suboptimal, even if comparatively at EHSF I, the situation is improving (4)(5).

The complexity of this heterogeneous population may explain this finding. More specifically, a part of this issue may be explained by frailty. Frailty is a geriatric syndrome which lead to vulnerability when patients are faced to stress. Vulnerability is made by cumulative declines across different physiological systems. Frailty phenotype defined by Fried criteria is independently predictive of incident falls, worsening mobility or ADL disability, hospitalization, and death (6). In HF, independently of age, co-morbidity and HF prognostic factors, frailty phenotype is associated with an increased risk of mortality and readmission during the first year. Moreover, its effect is “dose-dependent” when measured quantitatively (7). Finally, frailty is an important biological syndrome, which is not included in most HF prognostic models.

The mean age, the prognosis and the estimated hospitalization cost lead to one question: how can we improve management of HF?

Fortunately, with several therapeutic strategy (preventive and in the management of HF), a study with a cohort of 2.5 million patients suggest a slightly decrease of the incidence of HF in elderly persons since the 1990s. Incidence declined most noticeably among patient aged 80 to 84 years in this study (8). Nevertheless, even if it had improved little with time, hospital readmission rates and long-term all-cause mortality remain high in elderly persons (9). These findings suggest that recent innovations in heart failure management have not yet translated into better outcomes in this population (10). The need to identify optimal management strategies for these clinically complex patients is urgent.

There is a real therapeutic arsenal to treat, prevent and manage HF. Indeed, guidelines for management of HF are strong. However, the limited evidence to guide diuretic use in heart failure is

reflected in contemporary practice guidelines, which give diuretics a class I recommendation (expert consensus) but based on C evidence (low-level evidence) (11). In acute decompensated heart failure (ADHF), ESC guidelines suggest doses of IV diuretics, depending on the dose used before admission (11). Nevertheless, DOSE trial, which evaluate various strategy diuretic treatment in ADHF doesn't show significant difference in patients' global assessment of symptoms or in the change in renal function with a high dose diuretic therapy (2.5 times the previous oral dose) as compared with a low dose (equivalent to the patient's previous oral dose). Furthermore, the high-dose strategy was associated with greater diuresis and more favorable outcomes in some secondary measures but also with transient worsening renal function (12).

We therefore wondered what were the IV diuretic doses used in elderly patients, and if frailty, comorbidities, type of heart failure, etiology influenced these doses.

The main objective of our study was to evaluate the factors influencing IV diuretic dose in elderly patient (≥ 75 ans) presenting an ADHF. The second objective was to study the compliance of the doses used with the existing protocol (13).

II. PATIENTS AND METHODS

A) STUDY DESIGN

This was a prospective, observational, descriptive and bicentric study. We recruited in Cardiology (cardiac care units and intensive care units) and Geriatric department of two large hospitals centers of France (University Hospital of Tours and Regional Hospital of Orléans). Patients were enrolled between September 2021 and July 2022. The patients and/or their relatives were orally informed of the study. The French Data Protection Agency (n° F20211202103902) and ethics committee in human research approved the study protocol.

B) INCLUSION CRITERIA

Patient over age 75 were screened if they met diagnostic criteria:

- Presence of symptoms (dyspnea, orthopnea, major asthenia, paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea) or signs (lung congestion, bilateral infiltrates in chest Xray, peripheral oedema, ascites, jugular turgidity) (13).
- NT pro BNP and BNP greater than or equal >350 and >100 pg/mL respectively (14,15).
- ≥ 1 intravenous diuretic injection.

C) EXCLUSION CRITERIA

Patients were excluded if they not talked French to prevent miss standardized geriatric assessment.

D) CLINICAL AND PARACLINICAL ASSESSMENT

Baseline data were collected by a physician. Demographic data (gender, age, walking difficulties, dwelling, and admission department) and comorbidities (HTA, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, neurologic disease, oncology history...) were collected at admission. Their vaccination status was reported by themselves if possible or their family, likewise for medical history (number of falls, number of hospitalization...).

Biological values were recorded at the admission. If it was not available at the first test results, the first analysis during hospitalization was considered. According to the FAIR HF study, we transcript ferritin when it was collected (16). Liver function test was also recorded to evaluate occurrence of ischemic hepatitis (shock liver) in elderly patient (17), as well as troponin, an independent risk factor for in-hospital mortality (18).

All patients underwent a standardized geriatric assessment, after clinical stabilization and during hospitalization (Annex 2 – 3 – 4 – 5 - 6) (19–24). Frailty was defined using Fried criteria (6) studied in HF

(11). Frailty characterized by 3 or more of 5 components: 1) physical exhaustion, 2) slowness, 3) low physical activity, 4) unintentional weight loss and 5) weak grip strength.

The following data were also collected: HF characteristics prior to the admission (HF etiology and echocardiographic parameters), concomitant acute diseases, delirium, prior treatment, date of admission and date of discharge.

E) EXPOSURE

The exposure of interest was dose of diuretics. Intravenous diuretic prescription was made by physicians working in the two departments. The intravenous dose delivered in emergency department prior the hospitalization was identified and count if applicable. According to the DOSE-trial, two groups were created: high dose and low dose. High dose was defined by intravenous dose per day >2.5 times previous oral dose, or more than 80mg IV per day if previous oral dose was <60 mg per day. Low dose was defined by intravenous dose per day <2.5 times previous oral dose or less than 80 mg IV per day if previous dose was < 60 mg per day.

Cumulative dose of IV diuretic during hospitalization was collected, as well as the highest dose per 24 hours. The association between cumulative dose of IV diuretic and data collected was investigated using a bivariate and multivariate analysis. Finally, diuretic doses were compared to the existing protocol.

F) STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

Statistical analysis were performed using R software version 3.1 (R: A language and environment for statistical computing; R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria). Data were described by groups using the appropriate statistical parameters (Chi square test for categorical variables, non-parametric method of Kruskal-Wallis for ordinal or continuous variables). The bivariate and multivariate analysis were performed using a linear regression model. Statistical significance was defined by an acceptable alpha-risk of 5%.

III. RESULTS

A) TWO GROUPS ANALYSIS

1) BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS

110 patients were included. Main demographic data on the two age groups are given in *table 1*. Mean age was 84.8 ± 5.9 years old with no difference between HD and LD groups ($p=0.11$). 54.8% and 50% of these patients were males in respectively HD and LD group ($p=0.61$). LD group patients were less commonly referred to a cardiology department than HD group patient (75% in LD VS 91.9% in HD, $p=0.01$). There was no substantial difference about comorbidities (cardiovascular disease (coronary heart disease, hypertension), diabetes, oncology history and confirmed severe cognitive impairment in particular). There was no difference between groups for vaccination status. The median Charlson Comorbidity Index was 3 in both cases (3 (2-5) in HD vs. 3 (2-4) in LD, $p=0.65$).

The clinical picture (dyspnea, orthopnea, major asthenia, paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea, lung congestion, edema of the lower limbs, ascites, jugular turgidity) wasn't significantly different between the HD group and the LD group. Bilateral infiltrates in chest Xray was less common in the HD group than in the LD group (48.3 vs. 72.9% respectively, $p=0.009$).

Concerning life style, almost all patients lived in home (91.8%) (Table 2). There was no significant difference for Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) in two groups (respectively 6 (5.5-6) and 7 (4.25-8) in HD group; and 5.75 (4-6) and 7 (2.25-8) in LD group, $p=0.11$ and $p=0.95$). 54.8% had walking disorders in the HD group and 58.3% in the LD group with no significant difference.

Table 1 - Baseline characteristics by dose group

	Total (n=110)	HD group (n=62)	LD group (n=48)	P-value
<i>Age (years) ^a</i>	85 (80-89)	85 (80-87)	87 (80-90)	0.11
<i>Male Gender ^b</i>	52.7% (58/110)	54.8% (34/62)	50 (24/48)	0.61
<i>Body mass index (kg/m²)^a</i>	26.4 (23.6-29.6)	26.6 (23.5-29.4)	26.2 (24.0 – 30.2)	0.52
<i>Enrolment</i>				
<i>Cardiology departement ^b</i>	84. 5% (93/110)	91.9% (57/62)	75% (36/48)	0.01
<i>Geriatric departement ^b</i>	15.5% (17/110)	8.1% (5/62)	25% (12/48)	0.01
<i>Symptoms</i>				
<i>Dyspnea ^b</i>	97.2% (107/110)	98.4% (61/62)	95.8% (46/48)	0.22
<i>Orthopnea ^b</i>	17.2% (19/110)	12.9% (8/62)	22.9% (11/48)	0.41
<i>Major asthenia ^b</i>	24.5% (27/110)	27.4% (17/62)	20.8% (10/48)	0.17
<i>Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea ^b</i>	11.8% (13/110)	16.1% (10/62)	6.3% (3/48)	0.19
<i>Signs</i>				
<i>Lung congestion ^b</i>	93.6% (103/110)	93.6% (58/62)	93.8% (45/48)	0.76
<i>Bilateral infiltrates in chest Xray ^b</i>	59.3% (65/110)	48.4% (30/62)	72.9% (35/48)	<0.01
<i>Peripheral oedema ^b</i>	56.3% (62/110)	53.2% (33/62)	60.4% (29/48)	0.45
<i>Jugular turgidity ^b</i>	8.1% (9/110)	11.3% (7/62)	4.2% (2/48)	0.17
<i>Cardiovascular disease</i>				
<i>Coronary heart disease ^b</i>	23.6% (26/110)	24.2% (15/62)	18.7% (9/48)	0.49
<i>Atrial fibrillation ^b</i>	54.5% (60/110)	50% (31/62)	60.4% (29/48)	0.68
<i>History of HTA ^b</i>	73.6% (81/110)	77.4% (48/62)	68.9% (33/48)	0.31
<i>Comorbidities</i>				
<i>Charlson ^a</i>	3 (2-5)	3 (2-5)	3 (2-4)	0.65
<i>Diabetes ^b</i>	35.5% (39/110)	40.3%(25/62)	12.9% (14/48)	0.23
<i>Peripheral arterial disease ^b</i>	20% (22/110)	22.5% (14/62)	16.6% (8/48)	0.42
<i>Oncology history ^b</i>	18.2% (20/110)	21% (13/62)	14.6% (7/48)	0.39
<i>Confirmed severe cognitive impairment ^b</i>	4.4% (5/110)	4.8% (3/62)	4.1% (2/48)	0.87
<i>Vaccination</i>				
<i>Covid vaccine ^b</i>	88.2% (97/110)	85.5% (53/62)	91.7% (44/48)	0.67
<i>Influenza vaccine ^b</i>	67.3% (74/110)	64.5% (46/62)	70.8% (34/48)	0.71
<i>Pneumococcal vaccine ^b</i>	7.2% (8/110)	6.5% (4/62)	8.3% (4/48)	0.53

^a Median and quartiles, Wilcoxon test.

^b Chi 2 test.

Table 2 - Baseline lifestyle measures by dose group

	Total (n=110)	HD group (n=62)	LD group (n=48)	p-value
<i>Living in own home</i> ^b	91.8% (101/110)	91.9% (57/62)	91.7% (44/48)	0.98
<i>Living alone</i> ^b	46.4% (51/110)	45.1% (28/62)	47.9% (23/48)	0.77
<i>Living with spouse or equal</i> ^b	44.5% (49/110)	48.4% (30/62)	39.6% (19/48)	0.70
<i>Assistance service</i> ^b	50% (55/110)	41.6% (26/62)	60.42% (29/48)	0.05
<i>ADL (selfs care problems)</i> ^a	6 (5-6)	6 (5.5-6)	5.75 (4-6)	0.11
<i>IADL (difficulties to perform usual activities)</i> ^a	7 (3-8)	7 (4.25-8)	7 (2.25-8)	0.95
<i>Quality of life</i>				
<i>Walking disorders</i> ^b	56.4%(62/110)	54.8% (34/62)	58.3% (28/48)	0.71

^a Median and quartiles, Wilcoxon test.^b Chi 2 test.**2) GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT****Table 3 - Geriatric assessment by group**

	Total (n=110)	HD group (n=62)	LD group (n=48)	p-value
<i>Fried frailty criteria (/5)</i> ^a	4 (3-4)	4 (3-4)	4 (3-4)	0.57
<i>Gait speed</i> ^b	81.8% (90/110)	77.4% (48/62)	87.5% (42/48)	0.14
<i>Handgrip strength</i> ^b	81.8% (90/110)	85.5% (53/62)	77.1% (37/48)	0.36
<i>≥ 1 hospitalisation past year</i> ^b	54.5% (60/110)	56.5% (35/62)	52.1% (25/48)	0.41
<i>≥ 1 fall past year</i> ^b	39.1% (43/110)	35.5% (22/62)	43.8% (21/48)	0.59
<i>PHQ2</i> ^{ca}	(0-5)	1.5 (0-5)	1 (0-5)	0.99
<i>SPMSQ</i> ^{da}	(0-3)	2 (1-3.3)	1(0-2)	0.06
<i>Minicog</i> ^b	56.3% (62/110)	59.7% (37/62)	52.1% (25/48)	0.43
<i>MNA SF</i> ^{ea}	10 (7-11)	9.5 (7-11)	10 (8-11)	0.67
<i>MNA</i> ^{fa}	22 (20-25)	22 (19.5-22.3)	22.5 (20-24.5)	0.95
<i>Polymedication (≥ 10 drugs)</i> ^b	26.4% (29/110)	30.6% (19/62)	20.8% (10/48)	0.22

^a Median and quartiles, Wilcoxon test.^b Chi 2 test.

^c Patient Health Questionnaire-2 (19,20) ^d The Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire (SPMSQ) (21,22) ^e Mini Nutritional Assessment Short Form (23) ^f Mini Nutritional Assessment (24)

79% of patients were frail according to Fried criteria and there was no significant difference between groups for the Fried frailty criteria (4 vs. 4 p=0.57). Even with detailed Fried frailty criteria, there was no significant difference for gait speed and handgrip strength (table 3). ≥1 fall happened last year in 35.5% and 43.8% in the HD and LD group respectively with no substantial difference (p=0.59). Likewise, 56.5%

HD group's patients were hospitalized ≥ 1 times last year against 52.1% for LD group ($p=0.41$). In both cases, median's Mini Nutritional Assessment Short Form® (MNA SF) is range in "risk of malnutrition" (9.5 vs. 10 $p=0.67$) as in the MNA® (22 vs. 22.5 $p=0.95$). There was a lot of patients presenting polymedication (≥ 10 drugs) with no significant difference between groups (30.6% in HD vs. 20.8% in LD, $p=0.22$). There was a statistical trend concerning the Short Portable Mental Status Questionnaire (2 in HD vs. 1 in LD, $p=0.06$) with reduce errors in the LD group.

3) BASELINE TREATMENT

Number of patients with furosemide prescription or equivalent before inclusion was higher in the LD group (68.8 in LD vs 43.5% in HD, $p=0.008$) and daily diuretic dose was higher in the LD group (median 0 in HD vs. 40mg in LD, mean 30 mg in HD vs 111 mg in LD $p<0.001$). There was no difference concerning heart failure medication between the two groups (hydrochlorothiazide, Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACE-I), angiotensin receptor blocker (ARB) and beta-blocker). Equally, prescriptions of calcic inhibitor, amiodarone and anticoagulation therapy were similar in both groups (table 4).

Table 4 - Usual Cardiovascular medication by dose group

	Total (n=110)	HD group (n=62)	LD group (n=48)	P-value
<i>Diuretics : furosemide or equivalent^b</i>	54.5% (60/110)	43.5% (27/62)	68.8% (33/48)	0.008
<i>Dose of oral furosemide or equivalent^a</i>	0 (0-0)	0 (0-40)	40 (0-120)	<0.001
<i>Hydrochlorothiazide^b</i>	11.8% (13/110)	14.5% (9/62)	12.5% (4/48)	0.79
<i>ACE-I^{cb}</i>	25.4% (28/110)	22.6% (14/62)	25.2% (14/48)	0.43
<i>ARB^{db}</i>	24.5% (27/110)	25.8% (16/62)	22.9% (11/48)	0.72
<i>Beta-blockers^b</i>	53.6% (59/110)	56.5% (35/62)	50.0% (24/48)	0.50
<i>Anticoagulation therapy^b</i>	49.1% (54/110)	46.8% (29/62)	52.1% (25/48)	0.58
<i>Amiodarone^b</i>	11.8% (13/110)	14.5% (9/62)	8.3% (4/48)	0.31
<i>Calcic inhibitor^b</i>	32.7% (36/110)	33.9% (21/62)	31.2% (15/48)	0.38

^a Median and quartiles, Wilcoxon test.

^b Chi 2 test.

^c ACE-I Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors ^d ARB Angiotensin receptor blocker

4) INVESTIGATIONS: BIOLOGICAL FINDINGS AND CARDIAC INVESTIGATIONS

Table 5 - Biological findings and cardiac investigations by dose group

	Total (n=110)	HD group (n=62)	LD group (n=48)	P-value
<i>Laboratory parameters</i>				
Hemoglobin (g/l) ^a	115 (102.5-131.75)	117 (106-132.3)	112.5 (99.8 -131.3)	0.23
Creatinine (μmol/L) ^a	107 (82-154)	115 (82.3-154)	100 (81.8-141.3)	0.55
GFR (mL/min) ^{ac}	47.5 (31-67.25)	48 (31.5-71.8)	46.5 (30.75-65.6)	0.89
Natremia (mmol/L) ^a	138 (135-141)	137 (135-141)	139 (137-140.3)	0.34
Troponin (ng/L) ^a	60 (26-132)	61 (24.5-396.8)	56.4 (28.5-115.7)	0.42
BNP (pg/mL) ^{ad}	879 (635.3-1918.3)	926 (644-2278)	807 (635.25-1459)	0.31
NT pro BNP (pg/mL) ^{ae}	6496 (3358-15114)	5896 (329.5-12605)	8538 (3807.5-16570.5)	0.60
C-reactive protein (mg/L) ^a	15.1 (6.9-46.5)	19.1 (6.6-50.8)	12.3 (7.2-35.2)	0.40
Leucocytes (G/L) ^a	8.54 (6.7-11.3)	9.5 (7.6-12.7)	7.6 (6.2-9.1)	<0.01
Neutrophils (G/L) ^a	6.24 (4.8-8.9)	7.8 (5.16-10.2)	5.5 (4.3-7.2)	<0.01
<i>12-lead electrocardiogram</i>				
Heart frequency (bpm) ^a	83 (71-100)	82 (71-103)	85 (67-97)	0.63
Sinus rhythm ^b	51.8% (57/110)	53.2% (33/62)	50.0% (24/48)	0.73
Atrial fibrillation/SVT ^{bf}	47.3% (52/110)	45.2% (28/62)	50.0% (24/48)	0.61
Narrow QRS ^b	56.4% (62/110)	62.9% (39/62)	47.9% (23/48)	0.29
<i>Echocardiography</i>				
Echocardiography done ^b	88.2% (97/110)	95% (59/62)	79% (38/48)	0.01
Ejection Fraction (%) ^a	45% (30-60)	40% (30-60)	52% (31-60)	0.30
Left ventricular hypertrophy (LVH) ^b	30% (33/110)	29.0% (18/62)	31.2% (15/48)	0.48
Elevated LVEDP ^{bg}	44.5% (49/110)	48.4% (30/62)	39.6% (19/48)	0.35
Left atrial enlargement ^b	54.5 (60/110)	54.8% (34/62)	54.2% (26/48)	0.23
Moderate/severe aortic valve stenosis ^b	24.5% (27/110)	21.0% (13/62)	29.2% (14/48)	0.08
Mitral regurgitation ^b	48.2% (53/110)	54.8% (34/62)	39.5% (19/48)	0.34
Aortic regurgitation ^b	20.9% (23/110)	22.6% (14/62)	18.8% (9/48)	0.92
Tricuspid regurgitation ^b	22.7% (25/110)	22.6% (14/62)	22.9% (11/48)	0.45
Systolic pulmonary pressure (mmHg) ^a	50 (45-56.5)	50.5 (44.3-58)	50 (45-52.8)	0.86
Altered right ventricular (RV) function ^b	27.3% (30/110)	24.2% (15/62)	31.2% (15/48)	0.21

^a Median and quartiles, Wilcoxon test.

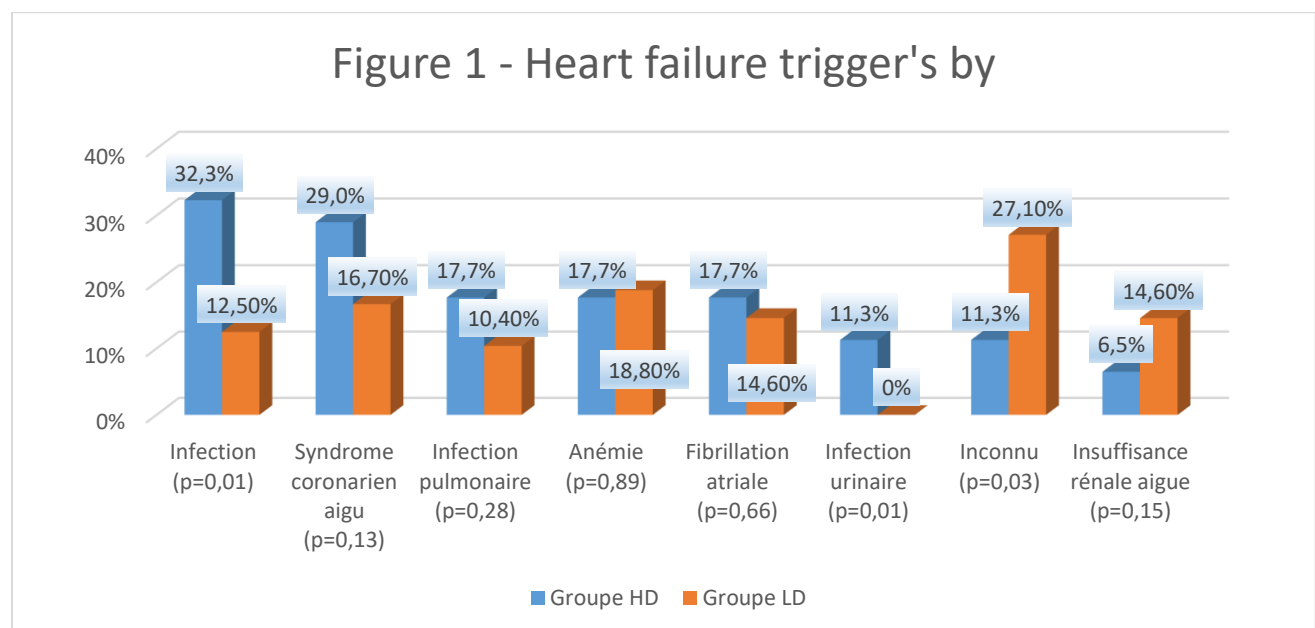
^b Chi 2 test.

^c GFR : glomerular filtration rate ; ^d BNP : B-type natriuretic peptide NT; ^e pro BNP : n-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide type B ; ^f SVT : supraventricular tachycardia ; ^g Elevated Left Ventricular End Diastolic Pressure LVEDP

Leukocytes and neutrophils was significantly higher in the HD group (respectively 9.5 G/L (7.6-12.7) in HD vs 7.6 G/L (6.2-9.1) in LD $p=0.001$ and 7.8G/L (5.16-10.2) in HD vs 5.5 G/L (4.3-7,2) in LD $p=0.002$). No difference was observed among groups concerning hemoglobin, natremia, renal function, hepatic function as well as troponin , ferritin, B-type natriuretic peptid (BNP and NT-pro-BNP) (table 5).

95% and 79% underwent a echocardiography in the HD and LD group respectively ($p=0.01$). 42% of all patients had heart failure with reduced ejection fraction. There was not significantly different between groups for systolic function (40% (30-60) vs. 52% (31-60) $p=0.31$) as well as diastolic function parameters like left atrial enrollment, LVEDP, left ventricular hypertrophy and systolic pulmonary pressure. Altered right ventricular function was higher in the LD group but remains comparable ($p=0.21$). Valvular disease was represented in both groups with no significant difference. There was a statistical trend between low dose group and aortic valve stenosis (29.2% (14/48) in LD vs 21.0% (13/62) in HD $p=0.08$).

5) HF ETIOLOGY



The infection rate was higher in the HD group than in the LD group (32.3% vs. 12.5% respectively $p=0.01$), Figure 1. It was the same for urinary infection in particular (11.3% in HD vs. 0% in LD $p=0.01$). On the other hand, it was more frequent not to find etiology in the LD group (27.1% in LD vs. 11.3% in HD $p=0.03$). There was no significant difference between groups for acute coronary syndrome, acute renal failure, anemia, atrial fibrillation/supra ventricular tachycardia and pulmonary infection in particular (Figure 1)

6) ADHF TREATMENT

Table 6 - Heart failure treatment

	Total (n=110)	HD group (n=62)	LD group (n=48)	p-value
<i>Cumulative intravenous doses (mg)^a</i>	285 (125-560)	420 (280-847.5)	142.5 (80-257.5)	<0.01
<i>Length of intravenous diuretic treatment (days)^a</i>	3 (2-5)	4 (3-5)	2 (1-4)	<0.01
<i>Maximum dose (mg/24h)^a</i>	120 (80-240)	160 (120-240)	80 (55-120)	<0.01
<i>Risordan (ISOSORBIDE)^b</i>	8.2% (9/110)	11.3% (7/62)	4.2% (2/48)	0.17
<i>Hydrochlorthiazide^b</i>	2.7% (3/110)	3.2% (2/62)	2.1% (1/48)	
<i>Inotrope^b</i>	3.6% (4/110)	6.5% (4/62)	0% (0/48)	0.07
<i>Oxygenotherapy^b</i>	77.3% (85/110)	82.3% (51/62)	70.8% (34/48)	0.16
<i>Non invasive ventilation^b</i>	13.6% (15/110)	19.4% (12/62)	6.3% (3/48)	0.05
<i>Length of stay (days)^a</i>	10 (7-14)	10 (7.3-14)	10 (7-14)	0.23
<i>Dose at discharge (mg/24h)^a</i>	40 (40-120)	40 (40-80)	50 (40-125)	0.38

^a Median and quartiles, Wilcoxon test.

^b Chi 2 test.

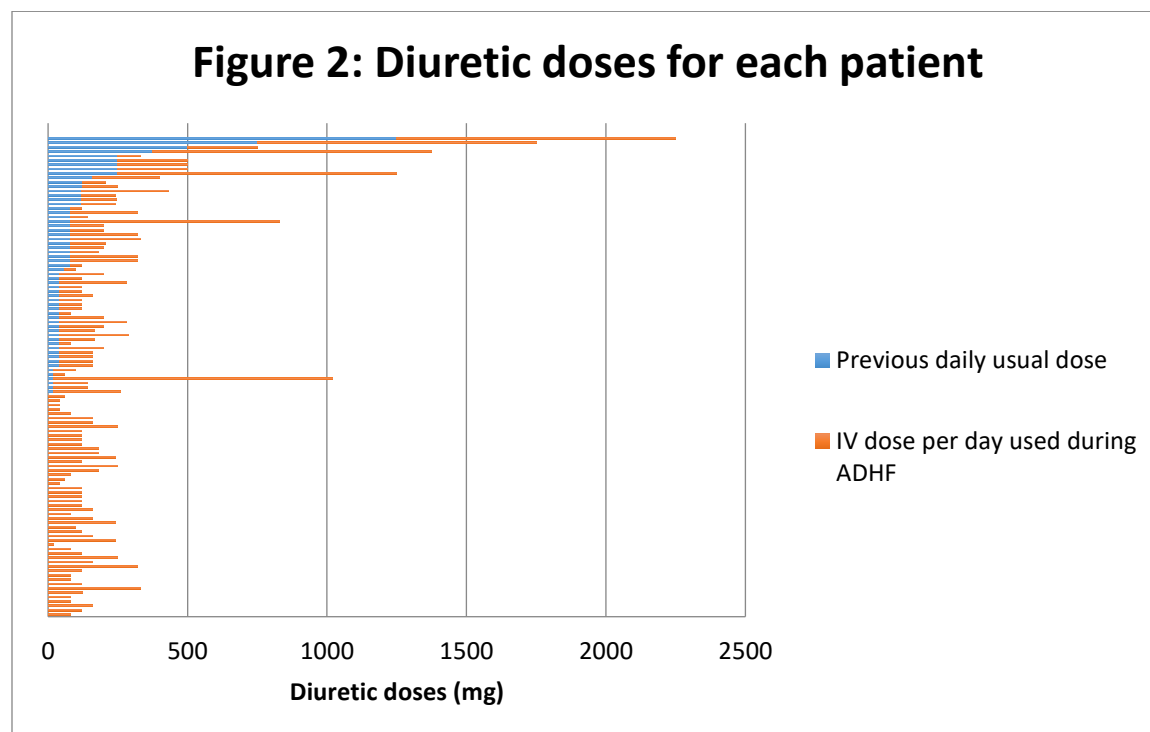
As expected, cumulative intravenous diuretic dose was higher in the HD group (420mg vs. 142.5mg in LD, $p<0.001$). Equally, the maximal intravenous dose per day was higher in the HD group (160mg vs. 80mg in LD $p<0.001$). The length of intravenous treatment was higher in the HD group (4days vs. 2 days in LD $p<0.001$). There was no significant difference for using ISOSORBIDE and HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE. Using conventional oxygen therapy in the HD group was higher but remains similar to the LD group (82.3% in HD vs. 70.8% in LD, $p=0.157$). Noninvasive ventilation utilization was higher in the HD group than in the LD group (19.4% vs. 6.3% respectively, $p=0.047$). There was no difference for length of stay and diuretic dose at discharge in the two groups.

B) BIVARIATE AND MULTIVARIATE ANALYSIS

In bivariate analysis, higher cumulative IV diuretic dose during hospitalization was significantly associated with using a walker. About comorbidities, there was a significant association between higher cumulative IV diuretic dose and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease history, renal failure stage 5 (including high usual creatinine values), hospitalization past year. It was the same for high diuretic dose at baseline and anticoagulation therapy by FLUINDIONE. Regarding ADHF, it was a significant association between higher cumulative IV diuretic dose and a renal or an infection trigger, a high creatinine and urea rate during ADHF, a non-sinus rhythm or a left bundle branch block at the admission electrocardiogram, ISOSORBIDE and

HYDROCHLORTHIAZIDE utilization in ADHF treatment. At last, higher diuretic dose was significantly associated with high diuretic dose at discharge.

In multivariate analysis, higher cumulative IV diuretic dose was significantly associated with usual diuretic doses ($p=0.001$) (figure 2) and isosorbide ($p=0.04$) or hydrochlorothiazide prescription ($p<0.001$) during acute cardiac failure. There was a statistical trend with a renal failure trigger ($p=0.007$).



C) COMPARISON WITH THE EXISTING PROTOCOL

84 prescriptions (76.4%) were conformed to the protocol. In the other prescriptions, diuretic doses were lower than the protocol. IV diuretics doses were lower than the usual oral dose for 7 patients.

IV. DISCUSSION

First of all, we choose to analyze data in two groups (LD and HD) because it was one of the only diuretic dose definition in our initial literature review. Nevertheless, there wasn't geriatric data. In fact, in DOSE-Trial study (12), the mean age was 66 years old. Moreover, the purpose of this study was the diuretic effectiveness while our study was based in the available baseline characteristic for the physician to pilot initial management. However, using this diuretic definition with two groups (HD and LD group) seemed to be useful because it integrated usual daily diuretic dose. It was one of the only values which influenced intra venous diuretic dose in the multivariate analysis.

The aim of this study was to identify features associated with diuretic doses used during ADHF. Finally, there were only few factors influencing this intravenous diuretic: the daily diuretic dose and an infection etiology. Frailty doesn't seem to influence diuretic dose. There was a link between renal function and IV diuretic dose in bivariate analysis, but not in multivariate analysis, probably because of confounding factors.

In overall population, mean age was 84.7 years old; the median Charlson Comorbidity was 3, 79% patients of the overall study had frail. These results are comparable to the other studies including elderly patients with heart failure: mean age 74.9 to 85 years old, Charlson between 3 and 4 and frailty in 57.5% to 76% of patients (25). EHFS I and II had a comparable mean age too with respectively 85.3 and 83.7 years old in geriatric groups (4-5). Thus, our population seemed to be representative but there are only few studies in this field. However, there is no study to our knowledge that included geriatric population and studied diuretic doses.

Association between cardiologic department and high dose group can be explain by several points. In the cardiologic department, patient was enrolled in intensive unit and classic hospitalization unit. Thus, we may imagine that patients in intensive unit needed higher dose because of the severity of the ADHF. However, baseline clinical outcomes and investigations outcomes (biological findings and cardiac investigations) are similar in both groups. Limitation was that only 15.5% from overall population was enrolled from a geriatric department. The reason was the limited time for physician-investigator in geriatric department comparatively to the cardiologic department. Exploration in geriatric department had to be continued.

We can't establish difference between groups for clinical profile. Two reasons can explain our fail: one, because there really no difference between population receiving high diuretic dose than low dose; second, because of the lack of power to find this statistical association. Our hypothesis is that clinical HF signs and symptoms are not sufficient to show HF severity and lead HF management. Typically, in this JAMA study, signs of congestion (rales, edema, and elevated mean jugular venous pressure) were absent in 18 of 43 patients (42%) with pulmonary capillary wedge pressures greater than or equal to 22 mm Hg (26).

On the other hand, we find a significant association between bilateral infiltrates in chest X ray and the LD group. In this 85 376 patients cohort study, approximately 1 of every 5 patients admitted from the emergency department (ED) with ADHF had no signs of congestion on chest radiography (27). One hypothesis may be that chest X ray in HD group was done after a clinical stabilization because of the ADHF severity and it could had a better diuretic effectiveness in patients with an acute pulmonary oedema picture. We didn't find paper to answer this question.

There wasn't a lot of pulmonary infection (14% in the overall population). However, only 67% received an influenza vaccine and 7% a Pneumococcal vaccine. The French Health Authority recommend a target of at least 75% vaccination coverage for all groups for which vaccination is recommended (28). Ideally, all patients of this study should receive influenza and Pneumococcal vaccine (29). Maybe, the vaccination coverage was better in our study. In fact, to obtain the vaccination status, we consult the medical files and we ask to the patient if possible or his family.

Only infection (in particular urinary infection) was statistically associated with high diuretic dose. This relation wasn't describe to our knowledge. Nevertheless, treatment and physiopathology of ADHF and sepsis are opposing. In fact, International Guidelines for Management of Sepsis and Septic Shock suggest fluid therapies (like crystalloids or saline fluid) for sepsis treatment(30). It may appear antithetical to conventional HF management that promotes preload and afterload reduction (31). Overlap exists between the hemodynamic effects of sepsis and HF, but whether this necessitates treatment variation remains unknown.

23% had acute coronary syndrome, 16% had tachyarrhythmia, and 18% anemia. Myocardial revascularization, rhythm control and blood therapy transfusion are treatment which can are quickly

delivered (almost in the emergency department or soon after). It could explain why we didn't find substantial difference between dose groups.

Time to reduce drugs and to discharge is unclear. For example, in the DOSE AHF trial, after decongestive therapy during 3 days, only 15% of patients were assessed to be euvolaemic by their treating physician (13). Moreover, in a ESC study, absent or minimal signs and symptoms of congestion did not portend a good post-discharge prognosis, raising the hypothesis that clinical 'decongestion' may be insufficient(32). Consequently, it can explain why we didn't find statistical association between intravenous diuretic dose, length of stay and diuretic dose at discharge.

More than three-quarters of the overall population had intravenous diuretics dose which are conformed to the existing protocol (annex 1). About a quarter had lower intravenous dose than the existing protocol. A more detailed geriatric assessment of this quarter could be studied.

The strength of this study was the prospective design which permit to carry out the geriatric assessment (not always done in cardiology department) and had a well descriptions of the sample. On the other hand, by the observational nature of this study, we can't assure the complete management of the hospitalization until discharge. For example, some patients even in cardiologic department didn't have echocardiography. This study didn't enroll enough patients and lake of power for many results.

V. CONCLUSION

This study highlights the association between intravenous diuretic doses during ADHF and baseline daily diuretic dose. In geriatric population, intravenous diuretic dose is sometime lower than the existing protocol that calls for caution in this population. Other studies are needed to specify diuretic utilization in cardio geriatric management.

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PATIENT GERIATRIQUE EN DECOMPENSATION D'INSUFFISANCE CARDIAQUE

GESTION DES DIURETIQUES

Traitement décongestionnant : Dès la première heure d'admission : Furosémide IV

- Si naïf de diurétique antérieur : 0.5mg/kg de furosémide IV (bolus)
- Si diurétiques de l'anse antérieur :

Management des diurétiques chez les patients déjà sous diurétiques de l'anse				
PALIER	Furosémide en place	Furosémide à prescrire IV et PSE	SI PSE impossible: bolus	[HCZ] à prescrire
A	< 80 mg	40 mg IV bolus ET 5 mg/h	40 mg / 8h	0
B	81 – 160 mg	80 mg IV bolus ET 10 mg/h	80 mg / 8h	0
C	161 – 240 mg	80 mg IV bolus ET 20 mg/h	120 mg / 8h	12,5 mg
D	> 240mg	80 mg IV bolus ET 30 mg/h	160 mg / 6 à 8h	25 mg

Evaluation précoce du traitement, si possible à H6 :
Diurèse < 100ml/H ET Natriurèse sur échantillon < 50 meq/L
=> Augmenter au palier supérieur

Puis évaluation de la dose de diurétiques toutes les 24h

	24 heures	48 heures	72 heures	96 heures
Diurèse < 2 L OU Natriurèse sur échantillon < 70 meq/L	Palier supérieur	Palier supérieur	Palier supérieur	Palier supérieur
Diurèse 2 - 4 L	Maintien de la prescription	Maintien de la prescription	Maintien de la prescription	Maintien de la prescription
Diurèse > 4 L	Diminution des doses	Diminution des doses	Diminution des doses	Diminution des doses

- En cas de résistance au diurétique et en l'absence d'hyperkaliémie, considérer l'ajout de Soludactone IV 100 à 200 mg/jour.
- Surveillance rapprochée clinique et biologique (Ionogramme et fonction rénale)
- Relais PO après la phase de congestion : aux doses antérieures si facteur déclenchant identifié et corrigé, envisager une dose supérieure au long cours dans le cas inverse.

TABLE 2

PHQ-2 Screening Instrument for Depression

Over the past two weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3

Scoring: A score of 3 or more is considered a positive result. The PHQ-9 (Table 3) or a clinical interview should be completed for patients who screen positive.

PHQ = Patient Health Questionnaire.

Adapted from Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ) screeners. <http://www.phqscreeners.com>. Accessed February 8, 2018.

Annex 3

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Instructions: Ask questions 1-10 in this list and record all answers. Ask question 4A only if patient does not have a telephone. Record total number of errors based on ten questions.

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1. What is the date today? _____

Month
Day
Year
2. What day of the week is it? _____
3. What is the name of this place? _____
4. What is your telephone number? _____
- 4A. What is your street address? _____
 (Ask only if patient does not have a telephone)
5. How old are you? _____
6. When were you born? _____
7. Who is the President of the U.S. now? _____
8. What was President just before him? _____
9. What was your mother's maiden name? _____
10. Subtract 3 from 20 and keep subtracting 3 from each new number, all the way down.

Total Number of Errors

To Be Completed by Interviewer	
Patient's Name: _____	Date _____
Sex: 1. Male 2. Female	Race: 1. White 2. Black 3. Other
Years of Education: _____	1. Grade School 2. High School 3. Beyond High School
Interviewer's Name: _____	

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Annex 4

Mini-Cog®

Instructions for Administration & Scoring

ID: _____ Date: _____

Clock Drawing

ID: _____ Date: _____

Step 1: Three Word Registration

Look directly at person and say, "Please listen carefully. I am going to say three words that I want you to repeat back to me now and try to remember. The words are [select a list of words from the versions below]. Please say them for me now." If the person is unable to repeat the words after three attempts, move on to Step 2 (clock drawing).

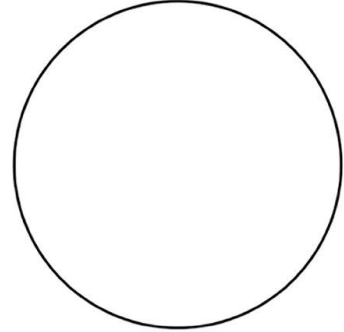
The following and other word lists have been used in one or more clinical studies.^{1,3} For repeated administrations, use of an alternative word list is recommended.

Version 1	Version 2	Version 3	Version 4	Version 5	Version 6
Banana	Leader	Village	River	Captain	Daughter
Sunrise	Season	Kitchen	Nation	Garden	Heaven
Chair	Table	Baby	Finger	Picture	Mountain

Step 2: Clock Drawing

Say, "Next, I want you to draw a clock for me. First, put in all of the numbers where they go." When that is completed, say, "Now, set the hands to 10 past 11."

Use preprinted circle (see next page) for this exercise. Repeat instructions as needed as this is not a memory test. Move to Step 3 if the clock is not complete within three minutes.



Step 3: Three Word Recall

Ask the person to recall the three words you stated in Step 1. Say, "What were the three words I asked you to remember?" Record the word list version number and the person's answers below.

Mini-Cog Test	Possible Points	Scoring	Interpretation
Normal Clock Drawing	2	0-2	Higher likelihood of dementia
Word Recall	1 for each word	3-5	Lower likelihood of dementia

Annex 5

Mini Nutritional Assessment

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Last name:					First name:				
Sex:		Age:		Weight, kg:		Height, cm:		Date:	

Complete the screen by filling in the boxes with the appropriate numbers. Total the numbers for the final screening score.

Screening

A Has food intake declined over the past 3 months due to loss of appetite, digestive problems, chewing or swallowing difficulties?

- 0 = severe decrease in food intake
1 = moderate decrease in food intake
2 = no decrease in food intake

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B Weight loss during the last 3 months

- 0 = weight loss greater than 3 kg (6.6 lbs)
1 = does not know
2 = weight loss between 1 and 3 kg (2.2 and 6.6 lbs)
3 = no weight loss

☐

C Mobility

- 0 = bed or chair bound
1 = able to get out of bed / chair but does not go out
2 = goes out

☐

D Has suffered psychological stress or acute disease in the past 3 months?

- 0 = yes 2 = no

☐

E Neuropsychological problems

- 0 = severe dementia or depression
1 = mild dementia
2 = no psychological problems

☐

F1 Body Mass Index (BMI) (weight in kg) / (height in m²) ☐

- 0 = BMI less than 19
1 = BMI 19 to less than 21
2 = BMI 21 to less than 23
3 = BMI 23 or greater

☐

IF BMI IS NOT AVAILABLE, REPLACE QUESTION F1 WITH QUESTION F2.
DO NOT ANSWER QUESTION F2 IF QUESTION F1 IS ALREADY COMPLETED.

F2 Calf circumference (CC) in cm

- 0 = CC less than 31
3 = CC 31 or greater

☐

Screening score

(max. 14 points)

☐ ☐

12-14 points:

☐

Normal nutritional status

8-11 points:

☐

At risk of malnutrition

0-7 points:

☐

Malnourished

Save

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Annex 6

Mini Nutritional Assessment MNA®

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Last name:	B.	First name:	A.
Sex:	M	Age:	68
Weight, kg:	60kgs	Height, cm:	1.60m
Date:	July 19, 2021		

Complete the screen by filling in the boxes with the appropriate numbers.
Add the numbers for the screen. If score is 11 or less, continue with the assessment to gain a Malnutrition Indicator Score.

Screening	
A Has food intake declined over the past 3 months due to loss of appetite, digestive problems, chewing or swallowing difficulties? 0 = severe decrease in food intake 1 = moderate decrease in food intake 2 = no decrease in food intake	1
B Weight loss during the last 3 months 0 = weight loss greater than 3kg (6.6lbs) 1 = does not know 2 = weight loss between 1 and 3kg (2.2 and 6.6 lbs) 3 = no weight loss	0
C Mobility 0 = bed or chair bound 1 = able to get out of bed / chair but does not go out 2 = goes out	1
D Has suffered psychological stress or acute disease in the past 3 months? 0 = yes 2 = no	0
E Neuropsychological problems 0 = severe dementia or depression 1 = mild dementia 2 = no psychological problems	2
F Body Mass Index (BMI) (weight in kg) / (height in m ²) 0 = BMI less than 19 1 = BMI 19 to less than 21 2 = BMI 21 to less than 23 3 = BMI 23 or greater	2
Screening score (subtotal max. 14 points) 12-14 points: Normal nutritional status 8-11 points: At risk of malnutrition 0-7 points: Malnourished For a more in-depth assessment, continue with questions G-R	6
Assessment	
G Lives independently (not in nursing home or hospital) 1 = yes 0 = no	1
H Takes more than 3 prescription drugs per day 0 = yes 1 = no	0
I Pressure sores or skin ulcers 0 = yes 1 = no	1
J How many full meals does the patient eat daily? 0 = 1 meal 1 = 2 meals 2 = 3 meals	2
K Selected consumption markers for protein intake • At least one serving of dairy products (milk, cheese, yoghurt) per day • Two or more servings of legumes or eggs per week • Meat, fish or poultry every day 0.0 = if 0 or 1 yes 0.5 = if 2 yes 1.0 = if 3 yes	0.0
L Consumes two or more servings of fruit or vegetables per day? 0 = no 1 = yes	0
M How much fluid (water, juice, coffee, tea, milk...) is consumed per day? 0.0 = less than 3 cups 0.5 = 3 to 5 cups 1.0 = more than 5 cups	0.0
N Mode of feeding 0 = unable to eat without assistance 1 = self-fed with some difficulty 2 = self-fed without any problem	1
O Self view of nutritional status 0 = views self as being malnourished 1 = is uncertain of nutritional state 2 = views self as having no nutritional problem	0
P In comparison with other people of the same age, how does the patient consider his / her health status? 0.0 = not as good 0.5 = does not know 1.0 = as good 2.0 = better	0.5
Q Mid-arm circumference (MAC) in cm 0.0 = MAC less than 21 0.5 = MAC 21 to 22 1.0 = MAC 22 or greater	0.5
R Calf circumference (CC) in cm 0 = CC less than 31 1 = CC 31 or greater	1
Assessment (max. 16 points)	7
Screening score	6
Total Assessment (max. 30 points)	13
Malnutrition Indicator Score 24 to 30 points ☐ Normal nutritional status 17 to 23.5 points ☐ At risk of malnutrition Less than 17 points ☒ Malnourished	

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Résumé : *Introduction :* L'insuffisance cardiaque est une pathologie du sujet âgé : 75% des patients hospitalisés pour insuffisance cardiaque aigue ont plus de 75 ans. Le pronostic de cette pathologie est grave avec une moyenne de survie d'environ 4 ans. Les recommandations des sociétés savantes pour la prise en charge de l'insuffisance cardiaque sont robustes. Cependant, les preuves sont limitées pour guider la prescription des diurétiques. L'objectif de cette étude était d'identifier les facteurs influençant les doses de diurétiques utilisées par voie intraveineuse chez les patients âgés présentant une insuffisance cardiaque aigue.

Méthodes : Il s'agit d'une étude observationnelle prospective bicentrique incluant les patients de 75 ans ou plus hospitalisés pour une insuffisance cardiaque aigue dans des services de médecine aigue gériatrique et de cardiologie. Les patients inclus ont été analysés en 2 groupes, l'un avec les patients ayant reçu de fortes doses de diurétiques IV par rapport à leur traitement habituel (HD) et l'autre avec ceux recevant de faibles doses de diurétiques IV par rapport à leur traitement habituel (LD).

Résultats : 110 patients ont été inclus. La moyenne d'âge était de 85 ans, avec une majorité de femmes (53,7%). 79% d'entre eux étaient fragiles selon les critères de Fried. L'indice de comorbidités moyen de Charlson était de 3,4. Les comorbidités et les paramètres de l'évaluation gériatrique étaient comparables entre les 2 groupes, sauf pour l'hospitalisation en gériatrie et les aides professionnelles à domicile, plus fréquent dans le groupe LD. Une étiologie infectieuse à la décompensation cardiaque, notamment urinaire ($p = 0,01$), était plus fréquemment retrouvée dans le groupe HD, avec un syndrome inflammatoire biologique plus marqué. A contrario, il y avait significativement plus de cas sans facteur déclenchant de décompensation dans le groupe LD ($p = 0,003$). Il n'y avait pas de différence significative entre les groupes pour la FEVG, les NT pro BNP, la troponinémie et la pathologie cardiaque sous-jacente. La dose habituelle de diurétique était plus élevée dans le groupe LD ($p = 0,0008$).

Conclusion : Cette étude ne retrouve finalement que peu de facteurs qui influencent la dose de diurétiques utilisées dans le traitement de l'insuffisance cardiaque aigue : cette dose dépend essentiellement de la dose habituelle de diurétiques du patient, et de la présence d'une infection sous-jacente, notamment urinaire. La fragilité du patient ne semble pas influencer les doses prescrites.

Mots clés : insuffisance cardiaque, diurétique, personne âgée

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