

Transesophageal Stress Echocardiography with Combination of Stress Agents in Diagnosis of Ischemic Heart Disease

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Abstract

The aim of the study was to evaluate diagnostic accuracy of transesophageal stress echocardiography (stress-TEE) with combination of high doze dipyridamole and dobutamine in diagnosis of ischemic heart disease in group of patients with poor trans thorax visualization.

46 men aged from 42 to 63 ($48,2 \pm 1,8$ years) undergone stress-TEE with combination of high doze dipyridamole and dobutamine, coronary angiography. Stress-TEE were proceeded up to diagnostic criteria in all cases, where coronary angiographies revealed no coronary lesions in 16 (34,8 %) patients, in 11 (23,9 %) patients single vessel coronary lesions, in 19 (41,3 %) – patients multivessel coronary lesions. Sensitivity and specificity of stress-TEE with combination of stress agents were significantly higher analog data of stress-TTE with the same agents. The peak test character of local contractility impairment during stress-TEE with combination of stress agents permit to localize coronary arteries atherosclerotic stenosis with sensitivity of 100 % and specificity of 87,5 %.

Key words: Transesophageal Stress Echocardiography, Coronary Artery Atherosclerosis, Dipyridamole, Dobutamine, Coronary Angiography.

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