How to Make Optimal Resting and Hyperemic Status for Coronary Physiologic Assessment?

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Coronary Circulatory Response to Epicardial Stenosis



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*MV, microvascular; PG, pressure gradient

As stenosis severity (epicardial resistance) increases

- Minimal and stable MV resistance .
- Hyperemic flow **V**
- Hyperemic pressure gradient •

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Experimental Basis of Determining Maximum Coronary, Myocardial, and Collateral Blood Flow by Pressure Measurements for Assessing Functional Stenosis Severity Before and After Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty

Nico H.J. Pijls, MD; Jacques A.M. van Son, MD; Richard L. Kirkeeide, PhD; Bernard De Bruyne, MD; and K. Lance Gould, MD

Coronary Flow Reserve Calculated From Pressure Measurements in Humans

Validation With Positron Emission Tomography

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FFR and Hyperemia

FFR =
$$\frac{Q_{max}^{S}}{Q_{max}^{N}} = \frac{(Pd-Pv)/R}{(Pa-Pv)/R} = \frac{P_{d}}{P_{a}}$$

At constant Pa, determinants of Pd

- Epicardial stenosis
- Myocardial resistance



FFR-guided PCI: Gold standard approach for CAD



- Pressure ratio under hyperemia = Degree of flow reduction
- Degree of flow reduction = Presence (degree) of ischemia
- Relieving certain level of pressure gradient = Better clinical outcomes

FFR- ISCHEMIA - REVASCULARIZATION - OUTCOMES

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Influence of inadequate hyperemia



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Resting Index vs. Hyperemic Index

(from 3V-FFR FRIENDS study)



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Hemodynamic changes with adenosine

	Femoral vein	Forearm vein	P value
Δ Blood pressure	-9.8±8.0 %	-9.6±6.3 %	0.86
Δ Heart rate	5.5±6.7 %	7.0±7.2 %	0.07
AV block	1 (1.6 %)	1 (1.6 %)	<0.0001

Seo MK, Koo BK, et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2012



Patterns of pressure changes and Concept of "smart minimum"



"Smart minimum" FFR

- The lowest average of 5 consecutive cardiac cycles of sufficient quality within a run of 9 consecutive quality beats.
- Excellent repeatability: bias 0.001, SD 0.018

Johnson N, et al. JACC intervention 2015



FFR with 2 different hyperemic methods



Lim WH, Koo BK, et al. Cath Cardiov Interv 2014

Jang HJ, Koo BK, et al. Eur Heart J 2013

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Coronary Circulatory Responses to Epicardial Stenosis



As stenosis severity (epicardial resistance) increases

- No change in resting flow
- MV resistance
- Resting pressure gradient **▲**

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Resting Pressure Indexes: Resting Pd/Pa, iFR, DPR, RFR.....



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van't Veer, M. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2017

iFR doesn't need hyperemia and measurement is instantaneous.

iFR, How easy?



20 sec with adenosine, chest discomfort.....







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Reproducibility of resting index



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2min later

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M/78 Atypical discomfort, Dyspnea s/p Lung cancer surgery, COPD s/p Stomach cancer surgery







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- In general, optimal hyperemia or resting status is easily and reliably achievable.
- In case of doubt....
 - When you are using resting index,
 - Just wait for 1-2 min and repeat the measurement
 - Use hyperemic index
 - When you are using hyperemic index,
 - Refer to the value of resting index
 - Increase the dosage or use different agent/route