#### Imaging & Physiology Summit FFR Workshop

# **HYPEREMIA**

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## Is Hyperemia Essential ??

#### **Correct Classification of Ischemic Stenosis**



## Is Hyperemia Essential ??

## Yes, it is !!

Session tomorrow morning 10 AM

# **MAXIMUM VASODILATORY STIMULI**

**!! Maximum hyperemia is paramount !!** 

 PAPAVERINE i.c. • ADENOSINE i.c. ADENOSINE i.v. infusion • ATP i.c • ATP i.v. REGADENOSON i.v. bolus

# **Intracoronary Papaverine**

- cheap, globally available
- peak hyperemia sets-on after 30-45 sec and lasts for 30 seconds – 1 min
- always T-wave abnormalities, seldom TDP, VT
- dosage : 12 mg in RCA 20 mg LCA

• PULL-BACK CURVE generally possible

#### **Intracoronary Bolus of Papaverine 20 mg**



# **Intracoronary Adenosine**

•frequently used by starting centers, very safe and cheap

•But.... Also most tricky

•Very short hyperemia → often overestimation of FFR

 Dosage often too low: use at least - 60 μg in LCA - 40 μg in RCA
*(Catharina Hosp: "double untill no add effect")*

•No PULL-BACK CURVE

#### **Reproducibility of Coronary Pressure**



# **Intravenous Adenosine**

- 140 ug /kg/min preferably infusion by femoral or other central vein
- Extremely accurate; steady state within 1 2 min maximum hyperemia in 99 % of all patients
- Burning, angina-like chest pain or feeling of dyspnoea. *HARMLESS* !!!
- Decrease of blood pressure and increase of heart rate by 10-15%
- Avoid Valsalva manoeuvres (fluctuations)



## Venous sheath into femoral vein



# Adenosine for i.v. infusion

#### (standard bag 200 mg = 100 ml)



Infusion rate simply adjusted according to body weight (....kg → .....ml/min)



- no preparation in the lab
- no difficult calculations
- no risk of dosage error
- no loss of time
- very cheap (can be made in the hospital pharmacy in many countries)



*advance pressure wire* through stenosis and *induce hyperemia* → FFR



FFR LAD (i.v. adenosine) = 0.66 ----- need for stent



Make pullback recording for optimal information



**Pull-back recording** for detailed spatial information about distribution of lesions along the complete artery



#### Stent has been placed: LAD after stenting



measurement of *FFR after stenting* to assess result FFR = 0.94



At the end, when sensor is back at tip of guiding catheter, verify *absence of drift* 

# Single bolus i.v. regadenoson

- newer and reliable stimulus
- single bolus 400 microgram, either in central or peripheral vein (equally effective)
- hyperemia identical to central venous adenosine infusion
- no side effects, except the "well-known" innocent chest pain
- hyperemic plateau very variable : 20 sec 10 min
- price: ~ 70 Euro/pat



central venous adenosine Infusion 140 µg/kg/min

Single bolus Peripheral Injection of 400 µg of regadenoson



peripheral single bolus injection of 400 µg of regadenoson

## Regadenoson vs Adenosine (N=100)



#### Mean Difference 0.00 ± 0.01

More about Regadenoson: tomorrow morning at 09.40 a.m.

# Importance of Maximum Hyperemia (3):

## If in doubt:

- higher dosage of stimulus (i.c. adenosine up to 80  $\mu$ g RCA;  $\geq$  120  $\mu$ g LCA)
- other route (i.v. adenosine instead of i.c.)
- other drug (papaverine 12 mg RCA; 20 mg LCA
- regadenoson 400 microgr as i.v. bolus\*)
- i.c. adenosine on top of i.v. adenosine

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#### <u>Hybrid Approach ??</u>

- If Pd/Pa at rest (or comparable indices, like iFR) is ≤ 0.80, as a matter of fact FFR will also be ≤ 0.80 and hyperemia in itself is not strictly mandatory to decide upon inducible ischemia
- but without hyperemia, you cannot make a meaningful *pull-back recording* and you are loosing a lot of valuable information
- and without hyperemia and FFR, you cannot judge how much a patient improved by stenting: you don't know where you came from ("did FFR go from 0.78 to 0.91 or from 0.65 to 0.91 ?")

You lose a lot of valuable information in a lot of patients

→ further discussed tomorrow 10 AM

#### <u>HYPEREMIC STIMULI: SUMMARY:</u>

- number of reliable and safe hyperemic stimuli
- <u>adenosine</u>: 1- or 2-vessel focal disease without diffuse disease (*i.c. bolus*)
- <u>regadenoson</u>: 1- or 2-vessel disease with diffuse disease, (*i.v. bolus*) tandem lesions, straightforward bifurcations <u>papaverine</u> with necessity of 1 or 2 pullback recordings; (*i.c. bolus*) "ad hoc" FFR during radial procedure
- <u>central i.v. adenosine</u>: more complex disease with multiple lesions, diffuse disease, necessity of repeated pullback recordings
  - ATP ~ adenosine



#### Why to go for less than 95 % certainty ? Just to avoid adenosine ? Is it so cumbersome to create maximum hyperemia ?

## **Central & Peripheral Regadenoson**



Mean Difference 0.00 ± 0.01

Mean Difference 0.00 ± 0.02

Presentation of this study: tomorrow morning at 09.40 a.m.

## **Reproducibility of Regadenoson**



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#### Adenosine (central venous infusion) vs Regadenoson for maximum hyperemia (100 patients)

