



Correlation between Patient's Age and Advanced Response Time with Outcome of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation in Cardiac Arrest Patient

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: This study is conducted to determine the correlation between patient's age and advanced response time with the outcome of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation in cardiac arrest patients.

Methods: This was an analytic observational cross-sectional study, evaluating correlation between patient's age and advanced response time with the outcome of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation in cardiac arrest patients. This study used the primary data from Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation sheets from February to August 2018 at Dr. Soetomo General Hospital, Surabaya. The data were analysed with Chi Square and Contingency Coefficient using SPSS version 22.0.

Results: The results showed that 84.6% cardiac arrest patients who experience ROSC are over 40 years old, and 92.3% cardiac arrest patients who experience ROSC have advanced response time ≤ 5 minutes. After being tested using Chi Square, patient's age was not statistically influencing the outcome in cardiac arrest patients ($p = 0.507$), but advanced response time was statistically influencing the outcome in cardiac arrest patients ($p = 0.001$).

Conclusion: There was no statistically influence of patient's age towards the outcome in cardiac arrest patients, but there was a significant influence of advance response time towards the outcome in cardiac arrest patients.

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Introduction

Cardiac Arrest is a sudden loss of heart function that causes the disruption of blood circulation to the brain, lungs and other organs. The timing of cardiac arrest is unpredictable. It can happen to anyone, anywhere, and anytime. Therefore, proper treatment is needed to improve the Return of Spontaneous Circulation (ROSC) outcome and survival rates in cardiac arrest patients. One of the appropriate treatments for cardiac arrest patient is Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). The good quality of CPR must be done, in order to provide good outcome for the patients. Despite of the good quality of CPR, there are many other factors that might influence the outcome in cardiac arrest patients. These factors include the patient's gender, age, advanced response time by Code Blue team, duration of CPR, and also the patient's base disease, but these factors have not been studied certainly.¹

The incidence of cardiac arrest that occurs in hospitals in Indonesia is 10 cases out of 100,000 people aged less than 35 years and annually reaching 300,000–350,000 cardiac arrest events.² According to a study by Madl and Holzer (2010), only 17-49% of cardiac arrest patients will experience ROSC after being helped by CPR.^{3,4}

According to the American Heart Association (2015), CPR is the main guideline on treating patients with cardiac arrest, but the percentage of ROSC outcome in cardiac arrest patients after being helped by CPR is still quite low at less than 50%.⁵ The low percentage of ROSC outcome can be influenced by many other factors, but the influence of these factors has not been studied certainly.⁶

The incidence of cardiac arrest is very high, but the ROSC outcome in cardiac arrest patients who are helped by CPR is still not really good, even though CPR is the main guideline on treating cardiac arrest patients. This fact leads the researchers to find out whether some factors like patient's age and advanced response time by Code Blue team can influence the outcomes in cardiac arrest patients. These factors were chosen by the researchers because it is seldom to find out about the correlation in other researches.⁷

It is expected that after the factors influencing outcome in cardiac arrest patients are known, the treatment of cardiac arrest patients will be more optimal, and it can improve the ROSC outcome or survival rate in cardiac arrest patients.

Methods

This was an analytic observational study using cross-sectional design. This study was conducted at the Department of Anaesthesiology and Reanimation, Dr. Soetomo General Hospital, from February to August, 2018. The population of this study was all the cardiac arrest patients at Dr. Soetomo General Hospital. This study used total sampling technique. The inclusion criteria of the samples were patients who had completed CPR Sheet. The exclusion criteria of the samples were patients who had not completed CPR Sheet. This study used

primary data from CPR Sheet from cardiac arrest patients. The total samples of this study from 8 months are 76 patients.

Data were analysed with descriptive statistics and presented in frequency distribution tables. Data were also analysed with Chi Square and Contingency Coefficient using SPSS version 22.0. It was analysed with Chi Square to determine whether the factors influence the outcome in cardiac arrest patients or not. It was analysed with Contingency Coefficient to determine the value of the influence between the factors and the outcome.

Results

The total number of samples in this study was 76 cardiac arrest patients who met the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The number of patients who experienced ROSC was 13 patients, which is 17.1% of the total samples, and the other 63 patients did not experience ROSC, which is 82.9% of the total samples.

Table 1. General characteristics of the patients.

Characteristics	ROSC	Non ROSC
Age (years)		
≤ 40 years old	15(23.8%)	15(23.8%)
> 40 years old	2(15.4%)	48(76.2%)
Advanced Response Time		
≤ 5 minutes	11(84.6%)	26(41.3%)
> 5 minutes	12(92.3%)	37(58.7%)

Patients who experienced cardiac arrest were mostly over 40 years old. The patients over 40 years old were about 3.5 times more than patients who are less than or equal to 40 years old. It is also known that 50% of the cardiac arrest patients were helped by code blue team with advance response time less than or equal to 5 minutes, and the other 50% were helped by code blue team with advance response time more than 5 minutes.

It is known that 84.6% of cardiac arrest patients who experienced ROSC were over 40 years old. It is also known that 92.3% cardiac arrest patients who experienced ROSC have advanced response time less than or equal to 5 minutes. Otherwise, 58.7% cardiac arrest patients who experienced non ROSC have advanced response time more than 5 minutes. From these results, it is known that patients with ROSC outcomes tend to have short advanced response times (≤ 5 minutes), whereas patients with outcomes not ROSC tend to have longer advanced response time (> 5 minutes).

The Correlation between Factors and Outcome of Cardiac Arrest Patients

The factors such as patient's age and advanced response time by Code Blue team were analysed with Chi Square to determine whether the factors are influencing the outcomes or not.

Table 2. Correlation between Factors and Outcome of Cardiac Arrest Patients.

Factors	Sig (p)
Age	0.507
Advance Responces Time	0.001

From the results, it is known that patient's age is not influencing the outcome on cardiac arrest patients ($p \geq 0.05$). Otherwise, advanced response time is influencing the outcome on cardiac arrest patients ($p < 0.05$).

The Value of the Influence between Factors and Outcome of Cardiac Arrest Patients

The factor that is influencing the outcome on cardiac arrest patients ($p < 0,05$), such as advanced response time by Code Blue team was analysed with Contingency Coefficient to determine the value of the influence between that factor towards the outcome in cardiac arrest patients.

Table 3. The Value of the Influence between Factor and Outcome of Cardiac Arrest Patients.

Factors	Contingency Coefficient (C)
Advance Responces Time	0.359

From the results, it is known that the value of the influence between advanced response time towards the outcome in cardiac arrest patients is 0.359. It shows that the factor is significantly influencing the outcome in cardiac arrest patients. It is based on the classification made by Blaikie (2003).⁸

Discussion

This research was conducted to determine the factors influencing ROSC outcome after CPR in cardiac arrest patients. Some factors were analysed in this study such as patient's age and advanced response time by Code Blue team.

The results showed that cardiac arrest patients over 40 years old are 77,6%, which is 3.5 times more than the patients who are less than or equal to 40 years old (22,4%). It is similar with the study conducted in Brazil which showed that 70.5% of cardiac arrest patients are over 40 years old and 29,5% of cardiac arrest patients are less than or equal to 40 years old.^{9, 10} This can occur because by increasing the patient's age, the risk of experiencing comorbid diseases or terminal diseases is also getting bigger.^{1, 11}

Statistically, the patient's age did not show a significant difference towards outcome in cardiac arrest patients. This is in line with the previous studies which said that age is not one of the factors or variables which determine the outcomes in cardiac arrest patients.^{12, 13}

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tend to have longer advanced response time (> 5 minutes). It is similar with the previous study which said that 83.3% cardiac arrest patients who experienced ROSC had advanced response time < 4 minutes.^{11, 12}

Statistically, the advanced response time shows a significant difference towards outcome in cardiac arrest patients. This is in line with the previous study which said that patient who has advanced response time ≤ 5 minutes had an outcome 2.53 times better than patient who had advanced response time > 5 minutes.^{9, 14} In this study, the value of the difference statistically between response time towards the outcome in cardiac arrest patients is 35.9%, which means significantly difference according to Blaikie classification (2003).⁸

It means that the longer of the advanced response time in cardiac arrest patients, the outcome of non ROSC or death in patients will increase as well. The significant influence between advanced response time and the outcome of cardiac arrest patients can be caused by many things. One of them is because the oxygen that left in the lungs and blood only supplies the oxygen need of the body in about 5 minutes. If there is no supply of oxygen after 5 minutes, then the body's cells will slowly experience permanent death, especially the organs that need the most oxygen and easily experience ischemic injury, such as brain. Therefore, the golden time to start CPR in order to provide a good outcome in cardiac arrest patients is ≤ 5 minutes.^{13, 15}

The results showed that only 17.1% of cardiac arrest patients experienced ROSC after being helped by CPR. The other 82.9% of patients did not experience ROSC after being helped by CPR. It is similar with the previous study who said that only 23-25% of cardiac arrest patients experienced ROSC after being helped by CPR.^{1, 9}

Conclusion

ROSC outcome is still difficult to be reached in cardiac arrest patients. Therefore, this study was conducted to determine whether the patient's age and advanced response time by Code Blue team can influence the outcome in cardiac arrest patients. From the overall results of this study, it was found that the patient's age did not influence the outcomes in cardiac arrest patients. Otherwise the advanced response time by code blue team significantly influenced the outcomes in cardiac arrest patients. From these results, it can be said that the efforts to shorten the advanced response time are expected to improve ROSC outcomes in cardiac arrest patients. By knowing these factors, it is expected that the ROSC outcome in cardiac arrest patients can be further improved. Helper factors such as advanced response time can be optimized to improve ROSC outcomes in cardiac arrest patients.

Beside the factors that were analysed in this study, there were other factors that also predicted to influence the outcomes in cardiac arrest patients, so further study is needed to analyse the other factors that might influence the outcome in cardiac arrest patients.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The author stated there is no conflict of interest in this study.

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