

## **Kidney Injury After Intravenous or Intracoronary Contrast Agents for Noninvasive or Invasive Coronary Angiography: An Industry-Independent, Phase 3, Randomized Controlled Trial**

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### **Background**

X-ray contrast agents can have nephrotoxic effects, while it is unknown whether acute kidney injury is more likely after intracoronary or intravenous administration of these agents and whether contrast-induced acute kidney injury is associated with impaired chronic kidney function.

### **Methods**

In this randomized controlled trial, patients with suspected coronary artery disease were recruited. Patients without known coronary artery disease and a clinical indication for invasive coronary angiography (ICA) based on atypical chest pain were eligible. Patients were randomly assigned (1:1) to ICA with intracoronary contrast or coronary computed tomography

angiography (CTA) with intravenous contrast. The same low-osmolar non-ionic contrast agent was used for ICA and CTA. The primary outcome of this analysis was contrast-induced acute kidney injury within 3 days following contrast agent administration defined as an increase in serum creatinine of  $\geq 0.5$  mg/dL or 25% after 18-24 hours or 46-50 hours. Laboratory investigators were masked to randomization group.

## Results

Between February 18, 2009, and August 2, 2015, 162 and 165 patients were randomly assigned and underwent ICA and CTA. Follow-up creatinine after 18-24 hours or 46-50 hours was available for 159 patients (98%) in the ICA group and 161 (98%) in the CTA group. Baseline estimated glomerular filtration rates were not significantly different between patients in the CTA ( $84.3 \pm 17.2$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>) and the ICA group ( $87.1 \pm 16.7$  mL/min/1.73 m<sup>2</sup>;  $p=0.14$ ). There were 30 cases of contrast-induced acute kidney injury overall: 9 in the CTA group (6%, 95% CI 3-10%) and 21 in the ICA group (13%, 95% CI 8-19%,  $p=0.023$ ; OR 2.57, 95% CI 1.14-5.80). Long-term serum creatinine follow-up was available in 97% of patients (311 of 320) after a median duration of 1.9 years, and a greater proportion of patients with acute kidney injury still had increased creatinine (38%) compared with those without acute kidney injury (6%;  $p<0.001$ ).

## Conclusion

In patients with suspected coronary artery disease, acute kidney injury seems to be less likely after intravenous than after intracoronary contrast agent administration and contrast-induced acute kidney injury was associated with impaired chronic kidney function.

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