

RISK, PREDICTORS, AND OUTCOMES OF ACUTE KIDNEY INJURY IN PATIENTS ADMITTED TO INTENSIVE CARE UNITS IN EGYPT

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Table S1: Baseline characteristics of AKI patients at ICU admission

| Baseline characteristics | No AKI at ICU admission | AKI at ICU admission | P value |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|
| Number of patients | 321 (60.3) | 211 (39.7) | |
| Age (years) | 40 (28-75) | 53 (32-67) | <0.001 |
| Male (%) | 134 (41.7) | 88 (41.7) | 0.99 |
| Ex-smokers (%) | 36 (11.2) | 28 (13.3) | 0.48 |
| Current smokers (%) | 39 (12.1) | 22 (10.4) | 0.54 |
| Marital status | | | |
| Single (%) | 54 (16.8) | 17 (8.1) | |
| Married (%) | 256 (79.8) | 180 (85.3) | 0.10 |
| Divorced (%) | 4 (1.2) | 0 | 0.10 |
| Widowed (%) | 7 (1.2) | 14 (6.6) | 0.01 |
| Education | | | |
| Received some forms of education | 232 (72.3) | 118 (55.9) | <0.001 |
| Residence | | | |
| Urban | 163 (50.8) | 110 (52.1) | 0.95 |
| Rural | 158 (49.2) | 101 (47.9) | |
| Type of ICU unit | | | |
| Surgical | 217 (67.6) | 93 (44.1) | <0.001 |
| Medical | 104 (32.4) | 118 (55.9) | |
| Co-morbidities | | | |
| Diabetics | 58 (18.1) | 65 (30.8) | <0.001 |
| Cancer | 48 (15) | 17 (8.1) | 0.02 |
| Liver disease | 24 (7.5) | 30 (14.2) | 0.01 |
| CVD | 116 (36.1) | 119 (56.4) | <0.001 |
| Pre-existing CKD | 0 | 60 (28.4) | <0.001 |
| COPD | 19 (3) | 7 (3) | 0.17 |
| History of sepsis at hospital admission | | | |
| Severity of sepsis | | | |
| Severe sepsis | 29 (65.9) | 31 (43.1) | |
| Septic shock | 9 (20.5) | 35 (48.6) | |
| Reason for ICU admission | | | |
| Pulmonary | 32 (10) | 43 (20.4) | 0.001 |
| GIT | 36 (11.2) | 24 (11.2) | 0.96 |
| CVD | 24 (7.5) | 31 (14.7) | 0.009 |
| Malignancies | 49 (15.3) | 5 (2.4) | <0.001 |
| Infection | 4 (1.2) | 20 (9.5) | <0.001 |
| Neurologic | 50 (15.6) | 26 (12.3) | 0.29 |
| Trauma | 57 (17.8) | 18 (8.5) | 0.003 |
| Obstetric/gynecological disorders | 36 (11.2) | 28 (13.3) | 0.50 |
| Others | 33 (10.3) | 16 (7.6) | 0.29 |
| Previous use of vasopressors | 40 (12.5) | 71 (33.6) | <0.001 |
| Previous use of diuretics | 27 (8.4) | 47 (22.3) | <0.001 |

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| Previous use of Ca channel blockers | 14 (4.4) | 22 (10.4) | 0.008 |
| Previous use of ACEI | 38 (11.4) | 30 (14.8) | 0.42 |
| Previous use of ARB | 5 (1.6) | 10 (4.7) | 0.03 |
| Previous use of NSAIDs | 97 (30.2) | 51 (24.2) | 0.13 |
| BMI (Kg/m²) | 28.42±11.16 | 29.33±9.90 | 0.88 |
| Length of ICU stay in days | 7 (3-12) | 6 (3-11) | 0.51 |

AKI: Acute kidney injury, CVD: Cardiovascular diseases, CKD: Chronic kidney disease, COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, GIT; Gastrointestinal tract, ACEI: Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ARB: Angiotensin receptor blockade, NSAIDs: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, BMI: Body mass index, ICU: Intensive care units

*Previous use refers to the use at the time of ICU admission

Table S2: Clinical characteristics of AKI at ICU admission (study entry; N=211)

| Clinical characteristics | Frequencies |
|--|------------------|
| AKI stages | |
| Stage 1 | 47 (22.2) |
| Stage 2 | 105 (49.8) |
| Stage 3 | 59 (28) |
| Mechanical ventilation | 119 (56.4%) |
| FiO₂ (%) | 40 (21-60) |
| PaO₂ | 80 (67-98) |
| Vasoactive therapy | 71 (33.6) |
| Glasgow coma score | 12 (8-15) |
| APACHE II | 20.67±8.46 |
| Platelets (x10³/µl) | 188 (130-257) |
| Urine output(ml/kg/hr) | 0.49 (0.28-1.05) |
| ALT (U/L) | 29 (19-84) |
| AST (U/L) | 40 (23-84) |
| Serum creatinine at ICU admission (mg/dl) | 1.84 (1.25-3.80) |
| Serum creatinine at ICU discharge (mg/dl) | 0.82 (0.65-1.20) |
| Na(mmol/l) | 137±7.72 |
| K(mmol/l) | 4.1±0.85 |
| Blood urea (mmol/l) | 4.34 (2.67-7.18) |

AKI: Acute kidney injury, ALT: Alanine aminotransferase, AST: Aspartate aminotransferase, APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

*Use of mechanical ventilation during the whole ICU stay

Table S3: Baseline characteristics for AKI after ICU admission

| Baseline characteristics | AKI free | AKI after ICU admission | P value |
|--|------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Number of patients | 201 (62.6) | 120 (37.4) | |
| Age (years) | 38 (27-54) | 46 (34-62) | 0.01 |
| Male (%) | 74 (36.8) | 60 (50) | 0.02 |
| Ex-smokers (%) | 14 (7) | 22 (18.3) | 0.002 |
| Current smokers (%) | 27 (13.4) | 12 (10.1) | 0.36 |
| Marital status | | | |
| Single (%) | 36 (17.8) | 18 (15.1) | |
| Married (%) | 159 (79.1) | 97 (80.8) | 0.71 |
| Divorced (%) | 2 (1) | 2 (1.7) | 0.60 |
| Widowed (%) | 4 (2) | 3 (2.5) | 0.76 |
| Education | | | |
| Received some forms of education | 147 (73.1) | 85 (70.6) | 0.66 |
| Residence | | | |
| Urban | 97 (48.3) | 66 (55) | 0.24 |
| Rural | 104 (51.7) | 54 (45) | |
| Type of ICU unit | | | |
| Surgical | 146 (72.6) | 71 (59.2) | 0.01 |
| Medical | 55 (27.4) | 50 (40.8) | |
| Co-morbidities | | | |
| Diabetics | 32 (15.9) | 26 (21.7) | 0.20 |
| Cancer | 31 (15.4) | 17 (14.2) | 0.76 |
| Liver disease | 11 (5.5) | 13 (10.8) | 0.08 |
| CVD | 63 (31.3) | 53 (44.2) | 0.02 |
| COPD | 10 (5) | 9 (8) | 0.35 |
| History of sepsis at hospital admission | | | |
| Severe sepsis | 16 (69.6) | 13 (61.9) | |
| Septic shock | 3 (13) | 6 (28.6) | |
| Reason for ICU admission | | | |
| Pulmonary | 17 (8.5) | 15 (12.5) | 0.24 |
| GIT | 24 (11.9) | 12 (10.0) | 0.59 |
| CVD | 11 (5.5) | 13 (10.8) | 0.08 |
| Malignancies | 31 (15.4) | 18 (15.0) | 0.92 |
| Infection | 2 (1) | 2 (1.7) | 0.60 |
| Neurologic | 29 (14.4) | 21 (17.5) | 0.46 |
| Trauma | 38 (18.9) | 19 (15.8) | 0.49 |
| Obstetric/ gynecological disorders | 28 (13.9) | 8 (6.7) | 0.04 |
| Others | 21 (10.4) | 12 (10.1) | 0.90 |
| Previous use of vasopressors | 18 (9) | 22 (18.3) | 0.01 |
| Previous use of diuretics | 11 (5.5) | 16 (13.3) | 0.01 |
| Previous use of Ca channel | 6 (3) | 8 (6.7) | 0.12 |

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| blockers | | | |
| Previous use of ACEI | 21 (10.4) | 17 (14.2) | 0.32 |
| Previous use of ARB | 5 (2.5) | 0 (0) | 0.08 |
| Previous use of NSAIDs | 55 (27.4) | 42 (35) | 0.15 |
| BMI (Kg/m²) | 28.29±12.70 | 28.66±7.21 | 0.78 |
| APACHE II | 12.23±5.66 | 15.46±5.54 | <0.001 |
| Length of ICU stay in days | 5 (2-10) | 9 (5-15) | <0.001 |

CVD: Cardiovascular diseases, CKD: Chronic kidney disease, COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, ACEI: Angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors, ARB: Angiotensin receptor blockade, NSAIDs: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, BMI: Body mass index, APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

*Previous use refers to the use at the time of ICU admission

Table S4: Clinical characteristics of AKI after ICU admission (N=120)

| Clinical characteristics | Frequencies |
|--|------------------|
| AKI stages | |
| Stage 1 | 89 (74.2) |
| Stage 2 | 19 (15.8) |
| Stage 3 | 12 (10) |
| Mechanical ventilation | 78 (65.5) |
| FiO₂ (%) | 40 (38-53) |
| PaO₂ | 93 (82-93) |
| Vasoactive therapy | 44 (30.6) |
| Glasgow coma score | 11 (9-15) |
| APACHE II | 15.39±5.21 |
| Platelets (x10³/µl) | 208 (148-287) |
| Urine output (ml/kg/hr) | 0.49 (0.68-1.33) |
| ALT (U/L) | 32 (21-60) |
| AST (U/L) | 41 (33-60) |
| Serum creatinine at ICU admission (mg/dl) | 0.80 (0.65-1.00) |
| Serum creatinine at ICU discharge (mg/dl) | 0.82 (0.65-1.20) |
| Na (mmol/l) | 137±7.72 |
| K (mmol/l) | 4.1±0.85 |
| Blood urea (mmol/l) | 4.34 (2.67-7.18) |

ALT: Alanine aminotransferase, AST: Aspartate aminotransferase, APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

*Use of mechanical ventilation during the whole ICU stay

Table S5: Predictors of mortality in sensitivity analysis

| Variables | Hazard ratio | 95% confidence interval |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| AKI at ICU admission | 2.29 | (1.09-4.82) |
| AKI after ICU admission | 2.89 | (1.53-5.48) |
| Age (years) | 1.00 | (0.98-1.01) |
| Sex | 0.91 | (0.62-1.33) |
| History of CKD | 1.20 | (0.71-2.004) |
| History of diabetes mellitus | 1.45 | (0.96-2.19) |
| History of cardiovascular disease | 1.22 | (0.81-1.86) |
| AKI stage 2 ^{\$} | 0.87 | (0.49-1.56) |
| AKI stage 3 ^{\$} | 0.99 | (0.80-1.21) |
| APACHE II | 1.04 | (1.01-1.07) |

AKI: Acute kidney injury, ICU: Intensive care unit, CKD: Chronic kidney disease, APACHE II: Acute Physiology and Chronic Health Evaluation

^{\$} AKI stage 1 is the reference group

*In the model of mortality, both AKI and APACHE II maintained similar association with the outcome

Table S6: KDIGO definition and staging of AKI

| AKI is diagnosed in the presence of: | | |
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| Stage | Serum creatinine | Urine output |
| 1 | 1.5–1.9 times baseline, or ≥ 0.3 mg/dl increase | < 0.5 ml/kg/h for 6–12 hours |
| 2 | 2.0–2.9 times baseline | < 0.5 ml/kg/h for ≥ 12 hours |
| 3 | 3.0 times baseline, or increase in creatinine to ≥ 4.0 mg/dl, or initiation of renal replacement therapy | < 0.3 ml/kg/h for ≥ 24 hours OR anuria for ≥ 12 hours |

KDIGO: Kidney Disease Improving Global Outcome⁴³