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eMethods.

Type of contrast agents used

Type of non-ionic, isotonic contrast agent was used according to clinical practice of the participating hospitals and included pre-warmed iobitridol 300- or 350 mgI/ml (Xenetix; Guerbet, Aulnay-sous-Bois, France), iodixanol 270- or 320 mgI/ml (Visipaque; GE Healthcare, Chalfort St. Giles, United Kingdom), iohexol 300 mgI/ml (Omnipaque; GE Healthcare, Chalfont St. Giles, United Kingdom), or iopromide 370 mgI/ml (Ultravist; Bayer Healthcare, Berlin, Germany).

Economic evaluation

To explore whether omission of sodium bicarbonate prehydration results in healthcare savings, costs were estimated from a hospital perspective, with a two-month time horizon, and at the price level of 2019. Direct hydration costs for bicarbonate hydration were estimated to be €121, based on market price of infusion fluid, hourly wages for nursing and specialist care, and costs of one laboratory serum creatinine measurement. Costs for hospital (re)admissions (including duration of hospitalisation), specialists outpatient visits, telephone consultations and emergency department visits were estimated. Visits for study purposes only were excluded from analysis. Healthcare was valued according to standard prices described in the Dutch guidelines for health-economic evaluations.¹6 Cost-effectiveness acceptability curves were plotted to relate the difference in costs to the difference in PC-AKI incidence (according to intention-to-treat, with multiple imputation for missing values on the occurrence of PC-AKI and one-sided unequal-variance *t*-tests). Cost-effectiveness acceptability curves depict the probability that withholding prehydration is cost-effective compared to prehydration treatment, depending on the willingness to pay to prevent one case of PC-AKI.

eResults.

Mean relative change in eGFR

The mean relative change in eGFR 2-5 days after contrast administration as compared to baseline was -2.1% (SD 10.9%) in the no prehydration group as compared with -2.7% (SD 11.2%) in the prehydration group (mean difference 0.6%; 95% confidence interval [CI], -1.3 to +2.6%; P < 0.0001 for non-inferiority, using 10% as the equivalence margin).

The mean relative change in eGFR 7-14 days after contrast administration as compared to baseline was -1.9% (SD 14.9%) in the no prehydration group as compared with -1.9% (SD 15.0%) in the prehydration group (mean difference 0.1%; 95% confidence interval [CI], -2.5 to +2.7%; P<0.0001 for non-inferiority, using 10% as the equivalence margin).

Cost-effectiveness analysis

Protocol violations, n (%) ^a	No prehydration	Prehydration	Total	
	N = 262	N = 261	N = 523	
Ineligible for inclusion	1 (0.4)	1 (0.4)	2 (0.4)	
CT cancelled	4 (1.5)	3 (1.1)	7 (1.3)	
CT without contrast	7 (2.7)	3 (1.1)	10 (1.9)	
Wrong hydration protocol	2 (0.8)	2 (0.8)	4 (0.8)	
No baseline creatinine	10 (3.8)	6 (2.3)	16 (3.1)	
No creatinine 2 – 5 days	11 (4.2)	7 (2.7)	18 (3.4)	
Total	14 (5.3)	9 (3.4)	23 (4.4)	

eTable 1. Protocol violations

^aPatients could have more than 1 protocol violation

CT indicates computed tomography

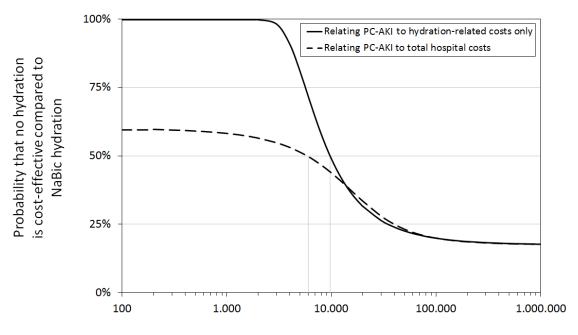
		No prehydration N = 262		Prehydration N = 261			
	Unit price ^b in €	Volume ^a	Costs ^b in €	Volume ^a	Costs ^b in €	Difference	P-value
Direct costs of hydration	121	0%	0	98%	119	119	0,000
Hospitalization due to hydration complications		0,00		0,00		0	n.a.
Other hospitalizations • Non-ICU • ICU • Day care	504 2133 292	1.55 0.06 0.19	779 122 55	1.52 0.04 0.21	768 90 62	-11 -32 7	0.961 0.778 0.626
Outpatient visits	274 85 42	0.13 2.65 0.69	35 224 29	0.11 2.55 0.74	29 216 31	-6 -8 -2	0.566 0.565 0.517
Total hospital costs			1243 1243		1196 1315	-47 72	0.869 0.801

eTable 2. Estimated hospital costs per patient between randomization and 2 months follow-up

ICU intensive care unit, n.a. not applicable, €euro

^a Volumes represent percentages of patients or mean number of procedures, hospital days or visits

^b Prices and costs are at price level 2019



Willingness-to-pay (in €) to avoid one case of PC-AKI

eFigure. Cost-acceptability curve

Whether a treatment is cost-effective, depends on how much one is willing to pay (WTP, in euro's) to avoid one case of contrast-induced nephropathy (PC-AKI). This figure shows the probability that no hydration is cost-effective compared with one-hour hydration with sodium bicarbonate (NaBic) prior to intravenous contrast administration. The analysis is in favour of no hydration if that probability is higher than 50%. The solid and dashed lines represent the narrow cost perspective (hydration-related costs only) and the wider cost perspective (total hospital costs), respectively. Both analyses are in favour of no hydration for WTP up to €6,000 and are in favour of NaBic hydration for WTP above €10,000 per prevented case of PC-AKI.

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