

Assessment of the Clinical and Procedural Predictive Factors of No-Reflow Phenomenon Following Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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Abstract

Background: Angiographic no-reflow phenomenon, a reduced coronary antegrade flow (TIMI flow grade <-2) without mechanical obstruction after recanalization, predicts poor LV functional recovery and survival in the early phase of STEMI. Although the predisposing factors of the no-reflow phenomenon were investigated, there is little data about clinical and procedural predictors of this phenomenon.

Aim of Study: The aim of this study was to evaluate the clinical and procedural predictive factors of no-reflow phenomenon following primary PCI.

Patients and Methods: The present study was conducted on 145 patients admitted with STEMI and treated with 1ry PCI at Cardiovascular Medicine Department, Tanta University Hospitals within 6 months from June 2016 to December 2016. Patients were divided into 2 groups according to no-reflow phenomenon. Group I: 29 patients with no reflow phenomenon. Group II: 116 patients without no reflow phenomenon. All patients were subjected to an informed consent, history taking including personal history, risk factors including Hypertension (HTN), Diabetes Mellitus (DM), smoking, renal impairment, family history of premature coronary artery disease, past medical history of prior Myocardial Infarction (MI), Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) or Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG), medications history, clinical examination including vital signs, Body Mass Index (BMI), signs of heart failure/hemodynamic instability according to Killip classification, signs of co-morbidities including renal/hepatic insufficiency, diabetes. Local cardiac examination, twelve leads surface ECG, echocardiography, blood sampling including serum cardiac biomarkers, complete blood count, lipid profile (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides), random blood sugar on admission, serum urea & creatinine on admission. Patients were subjected to diagnostic coronary angiography and primary PCI.

Results: The study demonstrated that there was a significant association between angiographic no-reflow and old

age, female gender, history of DM, prior MI, increased time to reperfusion, higher Killip class, decreased LV ejection fraction, increased blood CKMB, increased blood glucose, increased blood creatinine, the use of inotropes, initial TIMI flow grade 0, high thrombus burden and stenting with balloon predilatation.

Conclusion: The occurrence of no-reflow phenomenon after primary PCI can be predicted using simple clinical, laboratory, angiographic and procedural features which include old age, female gender, history of DM, prior MI, increased time to reperfusion, higher Killip class, decreased LV ejection fraction, increased blood CKMB, increased blood glucose, increased blood creatinine, the use of inotropes, initial TIMI flow grade 0, high thrombus burden and stenting with balloon predilatation.

Key Words: No-reflow phenomenon – Acute myocardial infarction – Percutaneous coronary intervention.

Introduction

CORONARY Artery Diseases (CAD) are the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in the developed countries. However the prognosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction (AMI) improved in the last decades due to the introduction of new pharmacological and mechanical reperfusion treatments allowing recanalization of the Infarct related artery (IRA) [1,2].

Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) is the gold standard of treatment of ST segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) [3]. The no-reflow phenomenon is defined as a profound reduction in antegrade coronary blood flow (TIMI flow grade <_2) despite vessel patency and the absence of dissection, spasm, or distal macroembolus [4-6]. It is presumed to reflect microvascular dysfunction [7,8]. Early detection, preventive measures and treatment of no reflow may alter the final outcome of PCI [9].

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Inclusion criteria were patients presenting with STEMI within 24 hours of symptoms and treated with primary PCI.

STEMI was defined as ST-segment elevation above 1mm in at least two contiguous leads or new onset "or presumed new onset" LBBB combined with typical ischemic chest pain and/or elevated cardiac enzymes according to European Society of Cardiology (ESC) guidelines [10].

Exclusion criteria were patients presenting after 24 hours of symptoms and patients who received thrombolytic therapy.

All patients were subjected to history taking including personal history: Age, sex, risk factors including Hypertension (HTN), Diabetes Mellitus (DM), smoking, renal impairment, family history of premature coronary artery disease (men under 55 years and women under 65 years), past medical history of prior MI, PCI or Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (CABG) and medications history.

Clinical examination including vital signs: e.g.: Heart rate, blood pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), signs of heart failure, hemodynamic instability according to Killip classification, signs of comorbidities: Renal or hepatic insufficiency, diabetes, local cardiac examination, twelve leads surface Electrocardiogram (ECG), echocardiography including measurements, including ejection fraction, dimensions and segmental wall motion abnormalities. Blood sampling including serum cardiac biomarkers, complete blood count (Hemoglobin, hematocrite (Hct), total WBCs, neutrophils, lymphocytes, eosinophiles, basophiles, monocytes and platelets), lipid profile (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides), random blood sugar on admission, serum urea & creatinine on admission.

Patients were subjected to diagnostic coronary angiography and primary PCI with door to balloon time less than 90 minutes.

Thrombus aspiration, balloon pre-dilatation and post-dilatation were performed when indicated. The choice of stents (bare-metal stent or drug-eluting stent) was left to the operator's discretion.

Reperfusion success is measured by TIMI blood flow grade: Reperfusion was considered successful (TIMI 3) or abnormal (TIMI 0-1-2) according to the TIMI blood flow grade [11].

Statistical presentation and analysis of the present study was conducted, using the mean, standard deviation and chi-square test by SPSS V.20. Numerical data was presented as mean and Standard Deviation (SD) and categorical data was presented as number and percentage. Chi-squared test was used for statistical analysis. When the chi-squared test was not appropriate, the likelihood ratio test was applied. The level of significance was adopted at $p < 0.05$.

Subjects were informed about the purpose and procedure of the study and benefits of sharing in it. Ethical considerations of the study were carried out according to that of Declaration of Helsinki.

Results

Patients were divided into two groups, according to no-reflow phenomenon: Group (I): Patients with no reflow phenomenon (n=29). Group (II): Patients without no reflow phenomenon (n=116).

Demographic data:

Regarding the gender, Group I included 17 males (58.6%) and 12 females (41.4%), Group II included 90 males (77.6%) and 26 females (22.4%). There was statistically significant difference between the two groups as regarding the gender (p -value=0.038) (Table 1).

In group I, the age of the patients ranged from 49 to 75 years with a mean age of 60.21 ± 6.74 years. In group II the age ranged from 30 to 75 years with a mean age of 55.73 ± 10.08 years. There was statistically significant difference between the two groups as regarding the age (p -value 0.006) (Table 1).

Risk factors:

Risk factors of the study sample are shown in (Table 2). There was a statistically significant

difference between the two studied groups as regard the prevalence of diabetes mellitus. However, there was no statistically significant difference regarding HTN, smoking and family history of CAD.

Past history:

Past history of the study sample are shown in (Table 3). There was no statistically significant difference regarding prior CABG, PCI, MI, chronic aspirin, ADP receptor antagonist and statin therapy.

Clinical characteristics:

Clinical characteristics of the study sample are shown in (Table 4). There was a statistically significant difference between the two studied groups as regard time to reperfusion, Killip class and Ejection Fraction. However, there was no statistically significant difference regarding systolic BP, diastolic BP, heart rate, body mass index, infarction location, maximum ST elevation and number of Q waves.

Laboratory parameters on admission:

Laboratory parameters of the study sample are shown in (Table 5). There was a statistically significant difference between the two studied groups as regard CKMB, blood sugar at admission and creatinine. However, there was no statistically significant difference regarding total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides, hemoglobin, Hct, total WBCs, neutrophils, lymphocytes, eosinophils, basophils, monocytes and platelets.

Angiographic characteristics:

Angiographic characteristics of the study sample are shown in (Table 6). There was a statistically significant difference between the two studied groups as regard initial TIMI flow and thrombus burden. However, there was no statistically significant difference regarding infarction related artery, number of diseased vessels and target lesion location.

Treatment options:

Treatment options of the study sample are shown in (Table 7). There was a statistically significant difference between the two studied groups as regard the use of inotropes and type of intervention. However, there was no statistically significant difference regarding the type of ADP receptor antagonist, anticoagulation, systemic glycoprotein IIb IIIa inhibitors, post stent dilatation, number of stents, type of stents and thrombus aspiration.

Table (1): Demographic data among the studied groups.

	Group I (n=29)		Group II (n=116)		Test of sig.	p
	No.	%	No.	%		
<i>Gender:</i>						
Male	17	58.6	90	77.6	$\chi^2=$	0.038*
Female	12	41.4	26	22.4	4.315*	
<i>Age (years):</i>						
Min.-Max.	49.0-75.0		30.0-75.0		t=	0.006*
Mean \pm SD.	61.21 \pm 6.74		55.73 \pm 10.08		2.863*	
Median	60.0		56.0			

χ^2, p : χ^2 and p -values for Chi square test for comparing between the two groups.

t, p : t and p -values for student t-test for comparing between the two groups.

* : Statistically significant at $p \leq 0.05$.

Table (2): Comparison between the studied groups as regard to risk factors.

	Group I (n=29)		Group II (n=116)		Test of sig.	p
	No.	%	No.	%		
• DM	14	48.3	31	26.7	$\chi^2=5.035^*$	0.025*
• Hypertension	10	34.5	37	31.9	$\chi^2=0.071$	0.790
<i>Smoking:</i>						
Non smoker	15	51.7	36	31.0	$\chi^2=4.844$	0.089
Current	13	44.8	68	58.6		
Ex-Smoker	1	3.4	12	10.3		
• Family history of coronary artery disease	5	17.2	12	10.3	$\chi^2=1.066$	FE _p =0.335

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Table (3): Comparison between the studied groups as regard to past history.

	Group I (n=29)		Group II (n=116)		Test of sig.	p
	No.	%	No.	%		
• Prior CABG	0	0.0	1	0.9	$\chi^2=0.252$	FE _p =1.000
• Prior PCI	2	6.9	1	0.9	$\chi^2=4.170$	FE _p =0.102
• Prior MI	5	17.2	5	4.3	$\chi^2=6.024^*$	FE _p =0.028*
• Chronic Aspirin therapy	4	13.8	12	10.3	$\chi^2=0.281$	FE _p =0.527
• Chronic ADP receptor antagonist therapy	3	10.3	2	1.7	$\chi^2=5.179$	FE _p =0.055
• Chronic statin therapy	2	6.9	1	0.9	$\chi^2=4.170$	FE _p =0.102

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Table (4): Comparison between the studied groups as regard to clinical characteristics.

	Group I (n=29)		Group II (n=116)		Test of sig.	<i>p</i>
<i>Time to reperfusion (hours):</i>						
Min.-max.	2.0-22.0		1.0-25.0		U=825.500*	<0.001*
Mean ± SD	12.28±4.77		8.29±4.74			
Median	12.0		7.50			
<i>Systolic BP (mmHg):</i>						
Min.-max.	80.0-180.0		60.0-210.0		<i>t</i> =1.098	0.274
Mean ± SD	123.79±24.23		129.96±27.67			
Median	120.0		130.0			
<i>Diastolic BP (mmHg):</i>						
Min.-max.	50.0-120.0		40.0-130.0		<i>t</i> =0.558	0.578
Mean ± SD	77.59±17.25		79.31±14.26			
Median	80.0		80.0			
<i>Heart rate (b/m):</i>						
Min.-max.	49.0-130.0		30.0-130.0		<i>t</i> =0.107	0.915
Mean ± SD	87.90±22.44		88.37±21.0			
Median	90.0		90.0			
<i>Body mass index (kg/m²):</i>						
Min.-max.	21.0-31.0		20.0-33.0		<i>t</i> =0.217	0.829
Mean ± SD	25.41±2.78		25.53±2.18			
Median	25.0		25.0			
<i>Killip class:</i>						
	No.	%	No.	%	$\chi^2=5.025^*$	FE _p =0.037*
1	21	72.4	103	88.8		
2-4	8	27.6	13	11.2		
<i>Infarction location:</i>						
	No.	%	No.	%	$\chi^2=2.416$	0.274
Anterior	15	51.7	75	64.7		
Inferior	14	48.3	38	32.8		
Lateral	0	0.0	3	2.6		
<i>Maximum ST elevation (mm):</i>						
Min.-max.	3.0-10.0		1.0-12.0		U=1503.0	0.368
Mean ± SD	5.59±2.23		4.88±2.02			
Median	5.0		5.0			
<i>Number of Q waves (n):</i>						
Min.-max.	2.0-6.0		0.0-7.0		U=1560.500	0.535
Mean ± SD	3.90±1.26		3.62±1.40			
Median	3.0		4.0			
<i>Ejection fraction (%):</i>						
Min.-max.	31.0-60.0		30.0-70.0		<i>t</i> =2.336*	0.025*
Mean ± SD	45.45±9.26		49.80±7.76			
Median	45.0		50.0			

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U, *P* : U and *p*-values for Mann Whitney test for comparing between the two groups. : Statistically significant at *p*≤0.05.

Table (5): Comparison between the studied groups as regard to laboratory parameters on admission.

Laboratory parameters		Group I (n=29)	Group II (n=116)	Test of sig.	<i>p</i>
<i>CK MB (U/L):</i>	Min.-max.	73.0-250.0	20.0-270.0	U=977.500*	<0.001 *
	Mean ± SD.	14.66±37.93	113.14±57.60		
	Median	140.0	100.0		
<i>Blood sugar at admission (mg/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	100.0-400.0	80.0-600.0	U=1121.500*	0.006*
	Mean ± SD.	225.31±79.48	185.95±73.54		
	Median	240.0	170.0		
<i>Creatinine (mg/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	0.40-1.80	0.60-2.30	<i>t</i> =2.855*	0.005*
	Mean ± SD.	1.25±0.30	1.09±0.26		
	Median	1.20	1.0		
<i>Total cholesterol (mg/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	180.0-260.0	143.0-320.0	<i>t</i> =1.573	0.118
	Mean ± SD.	218.79±22.69	209.0±30.74		
	Median	220.0	210.0		
<i>HDL (mg/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	33.0-45.0	30.0-62.0	<i>t</i> =0.203	0.840
	Mean ± SD.	41.0±3.55	41.18±6.49		
	Median	41.0	40.0		
<i>LDL (mg/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	130.0-200.0	82.0-250.0	<i>t</i> =1.663	0.100
	Mean ± SD.	163.10±20.36	154.45±38.52		
	Median	169.0	148.0		
<i>Triglycerides (mg/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	85.0-210.0	53.0-300.0	U=1540.500	0.484
	Mean ± SD.	151.38±28.92	153.16±58.28		
	Median	155.0	140.0		
<i>Hemoglobin (g/dl):</i>	Min.-max.	10.0-16.0	9.90-15.60	<i>t</i> =0.940	0.354
	Mean ± SD.	13.77±1.79	13.44±1.05		
	Median	14.0	13.50		
<i>Hct (%)</i> :	Min.-max.	35.0-48.0	40.0-49.0	U=1580.500	0.614
	Mean ± SD.	40.38±3.13	40.26±4.57		
	Median	40.0	40.50		
<i>Total WBCs (X 10³/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	7.30-19.0	5.50-33.0	U=1561.000	0.550
	Mean ± SD.	13.30±4.23	12.57±3.91		
	Median	14.0	11.50		
<i>Neutrophils (X 10³/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	5.80-16.0	3.60-27.0	U=1523.000	0.432
	Mean ± SD.	10.01±3.23	9.40±3.36		
	Median	10.60	9.05		
<i>Lymphocytes (X 10³/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	0.90-5.30	0.40-5.0	U=1614.0	0.737
	Mean ± SD.	2.55±1.40	2.41±0.89		
	Median	1.90	2.33		
<i>Eosinophils (/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	0.0-567.0	0.0-1120.0	U=1645.500	0.851
	Mean ± SD.	165.21±171.69	218.52±290.03		
	Median	140.0	100.50		
<i>Basophils (/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	0.0-0.0	0.0-200.0	U=1638.500	0.383
	Mean ± SD.	0.0±0.0	3.19±21.61		
	Median	0.0	0.0		
<i>Monocytes (/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	290.0-1600.0	0.0-1870.0	U=1603.000	0.696
	Mean ± SD.	680.34±391.80	684.44±373.35		
	Median	600.0	670.0		
<i>Platelets (X 10³/mm³):</i>	Min.-max.	122.0-310.0	108.0-410.0	<i>t</i> =1.940	0.054
	Mean ± SD.	225.13±42.47	246.98±56.73		
	Median	220.0	240.0		

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Table (6): Comparison between the studied groups as regard to angiographic characteristics.

		Group I (n=29)		Group II (n=116)		χ^2	<i>p</i>
		No.	%	No.	%		
<i>Infarction related artery:</i>	LAD	15	51.7	78	67.2	2.750	MC <i>p</i> =0.223
	RCA	13	44.8	34	29.3		
	LCX	1	3.4	4	3.4		
<i>Initial TIMI flow:</i>	0	29	100.0	86	74.1	9.457*	0.002*
	1-3	0	0.0	30	25.9		
<i>Number of diseased vessels:</i>	Single vessel	12	41.4	60	51.7	0.993	0.319
	Multivessel	17	58.6	56	48.3		
<i>Thrombus burden:</i>	Low	4	13.8	77	66.4	26.020*	<0.001*
	High	25	86.2	39	33.6		
<i>Target lesion location:</i>	Osteal	9	31.0	18	15.5	3.907	0.142
	Proximal	15	51.7	68	58.6		
	Midsegment	5	17.52	30	25.9		
	Distal	0	0.0	0	0.0		

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Table (7): Comparison between the studied groups as regard to treatment options.

		Group I (n=29)		Group II (n=116)		χ^2	<i>p</i>
		No.	%	No.	%		
<i>ADP receptor antagonist:</i>	Clopidogrel	19	65.5	95	81.9	3.703	0.054
	Ticagrelor	10	34.5	21	18.1		
<i>Anticoagulation:</i>	UFH	24	82.8	106	91.4	1.859	FE <i>p</i> =0.182
	LMWH	5	17.2	10	8.6		
<i>Inotropes:</i>	No	22	75.9	106	91.4	5.398*	FE <i>p</i> =0.046*
	Yes	7	24.1	10	8.6		
<i>Systemic glycoprotein IIb IIIa inhibitors:</i>	No	0	0.0	2	1.7	5.777	MC <i>p</i> =0.057
	Eptifibatide	20	69.0	100	86.2		
	Tirofiban	9	31.0	14	12.1		
<i>Type of intervention:</i>	Ballon angioplasty	3	10.3	22	19.0	8.556*	0.014*
	Ballon + stenting	22	75.9	53	45.7		
	Direct stenting	4	13.8	41	35.3		
<i>Post stent dilatation:</i>	No	20	69.0	98	84.5	3.686	0.055
	Yes	9	31.0	18	15.5		
<i>Number of stents:</i>	0	3	10.3	22	19.0	5.134	0.077
	1	16	55.2	75	64.7		
	2	10	34.5	16	16.4		
<i>Type of stents:</i>	No stent	3	10.3	22	19.0	1.511	0.470
	BMS	18	62.1	70	60.3		
	DES	8	27.6	24	20.7		
<i>Thrombus aspiration:</i>	No	23	79.3	107	92.2	4.183	FE <i>p</i> =0.080
	Yes	6	20.7	9	7.8		

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p^F : *p*-value for Monte Carlo for Chi square test for comparing between the two groups. : *p*-value for Fisher Exact for Chi square test for comparing between the two groups.

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Discussion

The rate of no-reflow phenomenon after primary PCI in the present study (20%) was similar to that (12%-25%) reported previously in Piana et al. [12] and Morishima et al. [13].

In the current study, the predictors of angiographic no-reflow were old age, female gender, history of DM, prior MI, increased time to reperfusion, Killip class 2-4, decreased left ventricular (LV) ejection fraction, increased blood CKMB, increased blood glucose, increased blood creatinine, the use of inotropes, initial TIMI flow grade 0, high thrombus burden and stenting with balloon predilatation.

Sabin et al. [14] in their study which was conducted on 181 patients with STEMI who underwent primary PCI from August 2014 to February 2015, found that predictors of no reflow were age >60 years, reperfusion time >6h, low initial TIMI flow (1), a high thrombus burden, a long target lesion, Killip Class III/IV and overlap stenting.

Abdi et al. [15] in their study which was conducted on 438 patients with STEMI who underwent primary PCI during an 18-month period, from 2013 to 2014 found that the predictive factors of the no-reflow phenomenon in AMI patients undergoing primary PCI are: WBC count, thrombus grade, pain duration, maximal ST-changes, LV function, hs-CRP, bifurcation, eccentricity and coronary anatomy.

Celik et al. [16] demonstrated that female gender, pain to balloon time, high TIMI thrombus grade, tirofiban, mean platelet volume, and platelet lymphocyte ratio were independent predictors of no reflow after pPCI in young patients.

Kurtul et al. [17] investigated whether admission estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) values are associated with no-reflow phenomenon in patients with STEMI treated with primary PCI. They reported that eGFR, Killip2 class, LV ejection fraction, and early patency of infarct vessel were independent predictors of no-reflow phenomenon.

Wang et al. [18] developed a simple scoring system to predict the risk of NRF in patients undergoing primary PCI with STEMI. The final model included 7 significant variables, which were age, pain-to-PCI time, neutrophil count, admission plasma glucose level, pre-PCI thrombus score, collateral circulation, and Killip class.

Kirma et al. [19] found that the occurrence of no-reflow phenomenon after primary PCI can be predicted using simple clinical, angiographic and procedural features which include advanced age (>60 years), delayed reperfusion (>4h), low (<1) TIMI flow prior to PCI, cut-off type total occlusion, high thrombus burden on baseline angiography, long target lesion (>13.5mm) and large vessel diameter.

Ndrepepa et al. [20] reported that independent predictors of no reflow were residual flow in the infarct-related artery, initial perfusion defect, C-reactive protein, and previous MI.

Dong-bao et al. [21] demonstrated that delayed reperfusion, high thrombus burden on baseline angiography, and blood glucose level on admission can be used to stratify AMI patients into a lower or higher risk for angiographic slow/no-reflow during PCI.

Zhou et al. [22] identified that age >65, long time from onset to reperfusion >6 hours, low SBP on admission <100 mmHg, IABP use before PCI, low (1) TIMI flow grade before primary PCI, high thrombus burden, and long target lesion on angiography were independent predictors of no-reflow.

Conclusion:

The occurrence of no-reflow phenomenon after primary PCI can be predicted using simple clinical, laboratory, angiographic and procedural features which include old age, female gender, history of DM, prior MI, increased time to reperfusion, higher Killip class, decreased LV ejection fraction, increased blood CKMB, increased blood glucose, increased blood creatinine, the use of inotropes, initial TIMI flow grade 0, high thrombus burden and stenting with balloon predilatation.

Study limitations:

The study had some limitations: First, this is a single-center experience and represents a limited number of patients. Second, the evaluation of no-reflow was done by the TIMI flow grade only. As microvascular perfusion may also be reduced in patients with TIMI flow grade 3, it would be better to be assessed by other angiographic measures like the TIMI frame count and the TIMI myocardial perfusion (TMP) grade (or myocardial blush grade).

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تقييم العوامل الإكلينيكية والإجرائية التنبؤية لظاهرة عدم استعادة التدفق في الشرايين التاجية بعد القسطرة العلاجية الأولية

أجريت الدراسة على عدد مائة وخمسة وأربعين من المرضى الذين يعانون باحتشاء عضلة القلب خلال أربع وعشرين ساعة من بداية الأعراض والذين تمت معالجتهم عن طريق القسطرة العلاجية الأولية في مستشفى جامعة طنطا في الفترة من يونيو ٢٠١٦ حتى نهاية نوفمبر ٢٠١٦ وتم تقسيم المرضى إلى مجموعتين: المجموعة الأولى: تسعة وعشرون مريضاً عانوا من ظاهرة عدم استعادة التدفق. والمجموعة الثانية مائة وستة عشر مريضاً لم يعانون من ظاهرة عدم استعادة التدفق.

انتهت الدراسة إلى أنه يوجد ارتباط ذو دلالة إحصائية بين حدوث ظاهرة عدم استعادة التدفق وبين السن والإناث ومرض السكري وحدوث احتشاء سابق بعضلة القلب وزيادة الوقت لإعادة الارتواء وارتفاع تصنيف كليب وخلل الوظيفة الانقباضية للبطين الأيسر وزيادة نسبة الكرياتين كينيز الذى مصدره عضلة القلب وزيادة الجلوكوز وزيادة الكرياتينين فى الدم واستخدام الأدوية المؤثرة إيجابياً فى التقلص العضلى للقلب وعدم سريان الدم نهائياً بمؤشر تيمى قبل القسطرة وزيادة التخثر بالشريان وإجراء توسيع البالون مع وضع دعامة.