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Minimizing Radiographic Contrast Administration During Coronary Angiography Using a Novel Contrast Reduction System: A Multi-Center Observational Study of the DyeVertTM Plus Contrast Reduction System

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Objective: To evaluate contrast media (CM) volume (CMV) saved using the DyeVert[™] Plus Contrast Reduction System (DyeVert Plus System, Osprey Medical) in patients undergoing diagnostic coronary angiogram (CAG) and/or percutaneous coronary interventional (PCI) procedures performed with manual injections.

Background: Current guidelines advocate for monitoring and minimization of the total volume of CM in chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients undergoing invasive cardiac procedures. The DyeVert Plus System is an FDA cleared device designed to reduce CMV delivered during angiography and permit real-time CMV monitoring.

Methods: We performed a multi-center, single-arm, observational study. Eligible subjects were \geq 18 years old with baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) 20 - 60 mL/min/1.73m². The primary endpoint was % CMV saved over the total procedure. A secondary objective was to evaluate adverse events (AEs) related to DyeVert Plus System or to CM use.

Results: A total of 114 subjects were enrolled at 8 centers. Mean age was 72 ± 9 years, 72% were male, and mean body mass index (BMI) was 29 ± 5 . Baseline eGFR was 43 ± 11 mL/min/1.73m². CAG-only was performed in 65% of cases. 105 subjects were evaluable for the primary endpoint. Mean CMV attempted was 112 ± 85 mL (range 22 - 681) and mean CMV

delivered was 67 ± 51 mL (range 12 - 403), resulting in an overall CMV savings of $40.1 \pm 8.8\%$ (95% CI 38.4, 41.8; P<.0001) per procedure. Image quality was maintained in all but 1 case where the system was turned off for one injection. No DyeVert Plus System-related AEs were reported. Acute kidney injury (AKI; defined as serum creatinine rise of >0.3 mg/dL from baseline) was reported in 11 cases with 7 occurring in subjects with baseline eGFR <30 and 3 AKI events were attributed to CM. AKI rates increased as CMV/eGFR ratios increased.

Conclusions: These data suggest DyeVert Plus System use in CKD patients undergoing CAG and/or PCI results in clinically meaningful CMV savings while maintaining image quality.

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Contrast-induced acute kidney injury (CI-AKI) is a common complication observed in patients undergoing invasive cardiac procedures and is associated with increased morbidity, mortality, and health care costs¹⁻⁵. Current professional society recommendations support identification of at risk patients, appropriate peri-procedural hydration, and minimization of contrast volume in atrisk patients as strategies to prevent CI-AKI⁶⁻⁷.

There appears to be a non-linear increase in risk of AKI with increasing doses of contrast media (CM) volume (CMV), and both *in-vivo* data and clinical studies have demonstrated an association between high contrast volume and the risk of AKI^{8,9}. While different authors have evaluated several contrast thresholds to guide safe contrast dosing, collaborative efforts to reduce the proportion of patients exceeding threshold targets have been associated with a reduction in the incidence of AKI¹⁰⁻¹⁵.

The DyeVert[™] Contrast Reduction System (DyeVert System, Osprey Medical) was cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the purpose of reducing CMV delivered to patients during angiography procedures. Early experience with this device from European centers has demonstrated clinically and statistically meaningful reductions in CM delivered to the patient¹⁶⁻ ¹⁸. We report the results of a single-arm, observational study evaluating the safety and efficacy of the latest version of the product, DyeVert Plus System, which includes continuous CM threshold monitoring, across multiple participating sites.

Methods

Study Design and Population

This was a prospective, multi-center, single-arm, observational study designed to evaluate CMV saved using the DyeVert Plus System in a cohort of subjects undergoing diagnostic coronary angiography (CAG) and/or percutaneous coronary interventional (PCI) procedures performed with manual injections. The study was performed at 8 centers by 17 interventional cardiologists.

Local institutional review boards approved this study and all subjects provided written informed consent. Eligible subjects were \geq 18 years old, scheduled to undergo CAG and/or PCI, and had a baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) of \geq 20 and \leq 60 mL/min/1.73m². Subjects were excluded from participation if they: had acute ST-elevation myocardial infarction or known coronary artery fistulas, had a body mass index (BMI) >40, were currently pregnant, were undergoing a chronic total occlusion procedure or optical coherence tomography analysis, were planning to undergo transcatheter aortic valve replacement within 72 hours of the index procedure, or had a condition known to require large volumes of contrast (>10 mLs) for each injection.

The specific type of contrast media, and the use of other renal protection strategies such as hydration, pre and post procedural laboratory studies, and continuation or discontinuation of specific medications was at the discretion of the study investigator and per local institutional policies. Similarly, the use of other contrast minimization techniques such as biplane angiography and use of adjunct imaging such as IVUS was per operator discretion and was not specified by the study protocol.

Study Device

The DyeVert Plus System interfaces with standard manifold systems to provide real-time contrast monitoring and reduce the amount of contrast used in catheterization procedures while maintaining fluoroscopic image quality. System components include a disposable, single-use, sterile DyeVert Plus Disposable Kit that contains a Smart Syringe and DyeVert Plus Module, which is connected to a standard manifold (Figure 1) and provides fluid pathway resistance modulation via a dedicated diversion valve. The diversion valve self-adjusts to the manual injection pressure to divert some of the CM into the reservoir chamber within the module. This diverted volume of CM does not enter the patient.

The second component of the system is a Contrast Monitoring wireless (CMW) display, which communicates with the DyeVert Plus disposable component to allow real-time monitoring and display of CMVs manually injected. The treating physician specified a maximum contrast dose

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threshold at their discretion prior to the procedure. This allowed determination of the percent of the predefined maximum CMV delivered to the patient. CM monitoring and volume accounting is completed via translation of Hall Effect sensors and pressure transducer voltage readings to volume readings in milliliters and accounting for whether contrast accounting for each injection was performed with the contrast accounting system on or off. At the end of the procedure, the CMW displays total procedure contrast volume used (mL, actual CMV delivered to the patient), % of physician-specified threshold, total procedure contrast volume saved (mL), and % contrast saved. The amount of CMV attempted to be delivered to the patient is the sum of the total procedure contrast volume used (mL) and total procedure contrast volume saved (mL).

Image quality was monitored by each operator during the procedure per standard practices. Any injection in which the DyeVert Plus System was turned off for the purpose of improving image quality was recorded.

Endpoints

The primary endpoint of the study was the percentage of CMV saved over the total procedure as reported on the DyeVert Plus display at the end of each case.

Secondary endpoints were the evaluation of DyeVert Plus System-related adverse events (AEs) and CM-related adverse events of anaphylaxis and AKI through discharge. Acute kidney injury

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events were defined as a >0.3 mg/dL increase in serum creatinine post-procedure through discharge compared to the baseline value or through the date of a secondary procedure for staged procedures. Investigators defined the etiology of each AKI event.

Statistical Analysis

All statistical analyses were performed using SAS software, version 9.4 (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, USA). The primary endpoint analysis was based on the population of evaluable subjects and used a one sample t-test against a fixed null hypothesis. Successful rejection of the null hypothesis will demonstrate that the percentage of CMV saved is statistically greater than 30%. The expected percentage of CMV saved was estimated to be at least $35\% \pm 16\%$; therefore, a sample size of 100 evaluable subjects was estimated to be required (80% power, one-sided 0.025 alpha). To account for attrition, 114 subjects were enrolled.

Subjects were deemed unevaluable for primary endpoint analysis if any of the following criteria were met; the DyeVert Reservoir was inadvertently turned off due to user error for >1 injection, the DyeVert Reservoir was turned off for >1 injection due to an AE not related to the device, the display did not provide contrast accounting details at the end of a case due to device deficiency, a contrast accounting error due to user error occurs for >1 injection as defined in the procedure case report form, or the treating physician determines that a Bluetooth disconnection occurred resulting in inaccurate contrast accounting.

All available data was used for the secondary endpoints.

Results

A total of 114 subjects were enrolled between July through December 2018. Patient and procedure characteristics are listed in Table 1. Baseline eGFR was $43 \pm 11 \text{ mL/min/1.73m}^2$ with 18 (16%) subjects having a baseline eGFR of 20-30 mL/min/1.73m². Baseline serum creatinine was $1.6 \pm 0.5 \text{ mg/dL}$. Nearly all subjects had history of hypertension (96%) and 100 (88%) subjects had 3 or more comorbidities in addition to chronic kidney disease. Twenty-five (22%) subjects had New York Heart Association functional classification of heart failure Stage III (moderate) or IV (severe). Subjects were, on average, at a moderate risk for AKI according to the Mehran risk score.

Most procedures were CAG only (65%) and were performed using femoral access (63%) and 6 Fr (73%) catheters. Mean pre-defined physician CM threshold per procedure was 122 ± 50 mL and were set using criteria of eGFR x <2 not to exceed 3¹⁴ in 66% of procedures, eGFR x <3.7¹⁹ in 24% of procedures, and other methods in 11% (ePRISM or physician discretion). Cath lab staff reported the DyeVert Plus System setup and priming added 3.3 ± 2.9 minutes to procedure preparation. Staged PCI was performed in 11 subjects. Post-procedure serum creatinine measurement was obtained in 54 (47%) subjects as part of routine clinical care. Same-day discharge occurred in 63 (55%) subjects, 27 (24%) subjects were discharged the day after the procedure, 5 (4%) subjects were discharged 2 days after the procedure and 19 (17%) subjects were discharged 3 or more days after the procedure.

Primary Endpoint

Nine subjects were excluded from the primary endpoint analysis per the protocol. In 8 cases, the DyeVert Plus System was not used for more than 1 injection during the case due to user or technical error. In 1 case, the subject met study exclusion criteria for BMI but was inadvertently enrolled in the study. Therefore, 105 subjects were evaluable for the primary endpoint.

The mean predetermined CMV threshold in the primary endpoint cohort was 119 ± 48 mL (range 40 - 236 mL). The mean CMV attempted was 112 ± 85 mL (range 22 - 681 mL) and mean CMV delivered was 67 ± 51 mL (range 12 - 403 mL) resulting in an overall CMV savings of $40.1 \pm 8.8\%$ (95% CI 38.4, 41.8; P<0.0001) per procedure (Figure 2). In 91 (87%) cases, the CMV delivered was less than the predefined CM threshold.

When the primary analysis was additionally performed using all cases (inclusive of the excluded cases), the overall CMV savings was $39.4 \pm 9.1\%$ (95% CI 37.7, 41.1; P<0.0001) per procedure.

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Image quality was maintained in all but one CAG + PCI case, in which the physician turned off the DyeVert Plus System for one injection for the purpose of obtaining a better image, and then resumed using the DyeVert Plus System for the remainder of the case.

Pre-specified subgroup analyses were performed to assess if contrast savings varied within access approach (radial vs femoral), BMI ($<30 \text{ kg/m}^2 \text{ vs} \ge 30 \text{ kg/m}^2$), physician user, and procedure type (Table 2). While a large average contrast savings was observed in all subgroups, there were significant differences in contrast savings (P<0.05) for subgroups defined by BMI and procedure type, with more savings observed for those with a lower BMI and for diagnostic procedures. Contrast savings also varied significantly between physician users (P=0.0029).

Secondary Endpoints

All enrolled subjects contributed to the secondary endpoint analysis. No DyeVert Plus Systemrelated AEs or cases of contrast-related anaphylaxis were reported. Acute kidney injury (>0.3 mg/dL increase in serum creatinine post-procedure through discharge) was reported in 11 subjects for an observed AKI rate of 9.6% (11/114). The adjusted AKI rate, including only those subjects with a post-procedure serum creatinine value, was 20.4% (11/54). 7 AKI events occurred in subjects with baseline eGFR <30. Investigators attributed the AKI events to the following causes: 5 (4.4%) were fluid management related (over- or under-diuresis, diuretic

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use/congestive heart failure), 3 (2.6%) were contrast-related, 1 was related to a diabetic complication, 1 was due to a recent prior surgery, and in 1 case, the cause was unknown.

Using an AKI definition of ≥ 0.5 mg/dL increase in serum creatinine post-procedure through discharge, 6 AKI events were reported for an observed AKI rate of 5.3% (6/114) and an adjusted rate of 11.1% (6/54). Based on an imputed Mehran risk score²⁰ (hypotension and use of IABP were assumed to be 0 for all subjects since these variables were not prospectively collected) calculated for this cohort, the predicted risk of AKI (defined as an elevation in serum creatinine of > 0.5 mg/dL) for the overall cohort and the patients with follow up serum creatinine data was 14%.

Use of the DyeVert Plus System was associated with a lower observed CMV/eGFR ratios for the study cohort compared to the attempted CMV/eGFR ratios (reflective of the amount of contrast the subject would have been given without the use of DyeVert Plus); therefore, a substantial proportion of subjects moved into lower CMV/eGFR deciles (Figure 3). At lower CMV/eGFR ratios, the use of DyeVert Plus increased the percentage of subjects with ratios ≤ 1 from 7% (attempted) to 33% (actual) and with ratios ≤ 2 from 42% (attempted) to 75% (actual). Conversely, at higher CMV/eGFR ratios, the use of DyeVert Plus reduced the percentage of subjects with ratios ≥ 2 from 58% (attempted) to 25% (actual).

An increase in observed AKI rates was observed as CMV/eGFR ratios increased (Figure 4), with an AKI rate of 0% for subjects with a CMV/eGFR of \leq 1 and 22.2% for subjects with a CMV/eGFR >3 although the number of AKI events and number of subjects with a high CMV/eGFR was limited.

Discussion

Our study demonstrates the feasibility of using the DyeVert Plus System to achieve a meaningful reduction in contrast volume delivered to patients undergoing coronary angiography and/or PCI. This was accomplished by a lowering of the CMV-to-eGFR ratio; and thus, a left-ward shift of the renal function-based contrast dose curve. The overall magnitude of the contrast media volume saved was both clinically meaningful and statistically significant. The device was easy to set up and use and no device related complications were observed. In the majority of cases, the CMV delivered was less than the predefined CMV threshold. The observed AKI rate in this study was significantly lower than predicted and adds to the large body of data suggesting that strategies to reduce CMV can result in improves patient outcomes.

Diagnostic coronary angiography and percutaneous coronary interventions are among the most common procedures using intra-arterial contrast media and AKI remains one of the most common and expensive complications in this population. There is a large body of data suggesting that higher renal function-adjusted CM dose is associated with a higher risk of AKI^{19-} ²⁸. While the exact threshold for defining renal safety remains debatable, it is clear that patients who receive higher CM doses are at greater risk of AKI, compared with those who receive lower doses. Furthermore, recent data suggests that collaborative efforts to reduce CMV have been associated with a reduction in the incidence of AKI^{13-15} .

Current PCI performance standards support careful ascertainment of CMV in patients undergoing PCI although this practice remains far from universal. A recent landmark study of over 1.3 million PCIs by Amin et al demonstrated inconsistent and significant variation in contrast use among physicians and minimal reduction in CMV for patients at higher risk for AKI²⁹. In a recent physician survey carried out by SCAI, 40% of respondents reported estimating CMV without using a measurement technique and 40% of respondents reported not using CMV threshold limits for patients at risk of AKI³⁰.

The average volume of contrast media administered to the patients in this study (67 mL) compares favorably with the volume administered in recent randomized controlled trials (median of 85 mL reported in the PRESERVE trial³¹) or in routine clinical practice (mean of 198 mL reported by Amine et al²⁹ and 168 mL reported by Gurm et al³²). Concurrent with the reduction in CMV, the use of DyeVert Plus resulted in a shift in the actual versus attempted CMV/ eGFR ratio. Since the association between AKI and CMV/eGFR is non-linear, a left-ward shift would

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be expected to significantly reduce the incidence of AKI. Indeed, none of the patients in whom the CMV/eGFR ratio was less than 1, developed AKI. Further studies to explore the utility of this threshold in high risk patients are warranted.

The DyeVert Plus System probably impacts contrast dose via two related yet equally important mechanisms. Firstly, by minimizing wasted reflux into the aortic root, the system directly reduces the CMV administered to the patient. Secondly, by providing direct monitoring of the total CMV delivered to the patient, the system provides direct feedback to the operator and permits modifying the procedure to ensure that the predetermined CM threshold is not exceeded. Finally, the DyeVert Plus System attunes the entire catheterization laboratory to the importance of CM thresholds and CMV minimization and potentially helps drive renal safety in the catheterization laboratory.

Study Limitations: We used an objective performance criteria based on published literature instead of a concurrent control group. Additionally, data on CI-AKI should be construed as hypothesis-generating as post-procedure laboratory data was not available on all patients and CI-AKI was based only on clinically-available subject data. AKI events were not available beyond discharge and were not centrally adjudicated. However, the system did significantly reduce administered CM dose, which has been to directly correlate with CI-AKI in prior studies.

Conclusion

These data suggest DyeVert Plus System use in CKD subjects undergoing CAG and/or PCI procedures results in statistically significant and clinically meaningful CMV savings while maintaining image quality. CMV savings resulted in a meaningful proportion of subjects moving to lower contrast volume-to-eGFR ratios and exploratory analyses showed that CI-AKI event rates were significantly lower in subjects with lower contrast volume-to-eGFR ratios.

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Figure Legends

Figure 1. The DyeVert[™] Plus System

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Figure 2. Mean contrast media volume attempted (total procedure contrast volume delivered + total procedure contrast volume saved) versus delivered to the patient

Figure 3. Contrast media volume/baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate ratio attempted (total procedure contrast volume delivered + total procedure contrast volume saved) versus delivered to the patient (actual) using DyeVert Plus

Figure 4. Acute kidney injury rates by contrast media volume to baseline estimated glomerular filtration rate ratio.

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 Table 1. Patient and Procedural Characteristics

Table 2. Contrast Volume Savings Subgroup Analyses