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**Background** Little is known about the prognostic value of diuretics for AF in patients with chronic systolic heart failure (CSHF).

**Methods** 16681 patients, diagnosed with CSHF, from 12 hospitals were analysed. Patients were categorised into AF group and non-AF group, death group and survival group according to the results of patients' medical records and follow-up. Univariate and multivariate Cox proportional hazards analyses were performed to examine the prognostic value of diuretics in AF and all-cause mortality. The multivariate Cox regression analysis and receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves were performed to examine the sensitivity and specificity of diuretics in predicting AF.

**Results** Over 4.37±0.78 years follow-up, diuretics exposure (HR 1.549, 95% CI 1.246 to 1.854;  $p<0.001$ ) was an independent risk factor for AF. Hydrochlorothiazide >40 mg/day or furosemide ≥40 mg/day can be used as a marker of higher incidence of AF. Over 5.82±1.63 years follow-up, diuretics did not increase all-cause mortality. The ROC curve showed diuretics increase the specificity (83.9% vs 82.3%) in predicting AF, with AUC 63.2% (95% CI 62.1% to 64.3%) and 59.1% (95% CI 57.9% to 60.2%), respectively.

**Conclusions** Hydrochlorothiazide >40 mg/day or furosemide ≥40 mg/day is strongly and independently associated with AF in a large group of patients with CSHF. Diuretics can increase the specificity in predicting AF in patients with CSHF.

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**DIURETICS ADMINISTRATION CORRELATE  
WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN PATIENTS WITH  
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