remaining 58, 31 showed edema and LGE typical of AM and 9 had non-ischemic LGE suggesting possible myocarditis. 9 patients had acute infarcts and 9 were normal. Seven of the normal patients had troponin I rise of <2 μg/L.

Conclusion Suspected acute myocarditis is a common indication for CMR. None of our cohort had a positive CMR for AM if troponin I was < 0.5μg/L. The demographics of positive cases mirrors previous series in terms of age and gender. Interestingly, the majority of positive AM cases had normal biventricular function (26/40 or 65%). Longterm outcome of these patients has yet to be established and routine follow-up CMR may not be needed.

14 CALCIUM SCORES IN SYMPTOMATIC PATIENTS UNDERGOING CT CORONARY ANGIOGRAMS: IS THERE ANY VALUE?

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Introduction NICE guideline 'chest pain of recent onset: assessment and diagnosis' (CG95) recommends CT Coronary Angiography (CTCA) as the first line investigation for stable chest pain if clinically indicated. The aim is to investigate the need for a coronary artery calcium (CAC) score before CTCA.

Methods Retrospective data was collected on patients who underwent both CAC and CTCA from 2016 to 2018. Patients were excluded if they had any previous intervention. Population characteristics and outcomes by year were analysed with Chi-Squared test. Clinically relevant findings were defined as >50% coronary artery stenosis or malignant aberrant courses. Relationship between age and calcium score was analysed with Spearma's Rank, regression analysis and receiver operating characteristics (ROC).

Results 1665 patients were identified and 164 were excluded, leaving 1501 patients (F=735, M=766; Range=17-94; Median=58). The proportion of clinically relevant findings were not significantly changed over the period of study ($p>0.2$). The proportion of normal scans has decreased from 61% in 2016 to 46% in 2018, with a corresponding increase in mild artery stenosis ($p<0.0001$). There is positive correlation with calcium score and age ($r=0.33$, $p<0.0001$). Regression analysis of calcium scores shows linear regression with age ($R^2=0.09$); the cohort under 42 years had negligible calcium scores. ROC analysis shows age is predictive of calcium scores >800 ($AUC_{age:male}=0.79$; $AUC_{age:female}=0.88$)

Conclusion There was an increase in proportion of patients with mild disease but no significant change in those with clinically relevant findings. Performing a CAC prior to CTCA for patients under 42 years old provides poor value.

15 DIAGNOSTIC UTILITY AND SAFETY OF CORONARY CT ANGIOGRAPHY IN PRE-RENAL TRANSPLANT PATIENTS

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Background Emerging evidence suggests a potential role of coronary computed tomography angiography (CCTA) for coronary assessment pre-renal transplantation. Therefore, we aimed to evaluate the diagnostic utility and safety of CCTA in such patients.

Methods We retrospectively evaluated data from 58 consecutive patients who had pre-renal transplant CCTA between 2010-2018. The diagnostic value of non-obstructive (<70% stenosis) and obstructive (≥70% stenosis) coronary artery disease by CCTA in predicting subsequent myocardial infarction (MI) and/or percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) was assessed. Results were expressed as mean±SD.

Results Mean age of patient cohort was 50±11 years old with a follow-up duration of 46±20 months from CCTA. Baseline demographics include male (58%), hypertension (65%), diabetes (42%), hemodialysis (70%), peritoneal dialysis (18%), not on dialysis (12%). Among those not on dialysis, no patients experienced contrast-induced nephropathy post-CCTA. All patients subsequently underwent renal transplant. CCTA demonstrated mean DLP 503±535 $mGym^2$ and calcium score 167 ±309. Number of patients with obstructive coronary disease: 1-vessel (n=5), 2-vessels (n=6), 3-vessels (n=1). Independent of symptoms, CCTA demonstrated a positive predictive value 41%, negative predictive value 100%, sensitivity 100%, and specificity 86%, in predicting subsequent MI/PCI over the follow-up period.

Conclusion In this cohort of pre-renal transplant patients, CCTA is safe, and has a high sensitivity and negative predictive value in ruling out obstructive coronary disease and subsequent MI/PCI over a 4-year follow-up period. CCTA also acts as a valuable diagnostic gatekeeper prior to subsequent functional and/or invasive testing.

16 EFFECT OF A CALCIUM DEBLOOMING ALGORITHM ON THE ACCURACY OF CORONARY COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY ANGIOGRAPHY

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Introduction Coronary artery calcification is a significant contributor to reduced accuracy of coronary computed tomographic angiography (CTA) in the assessment of coronary artery disease severity. The aim of the current study is to assess the impact of a prototype calcium deblooming algorithm on the diagnostic accuracy of CTA.

Methods 40 patients referred for invasive catheter angiography underwent CTA and invasive catheter angiography. CTA studies were read with and without the deblooming algorithm blinded to the invasive coronary angiogram findings. Sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, positive predictive value and negative predictive value for the detection of stenosis ≥50% were evaluated using quantitative coronary angiography as the reference standard.

Results All studies were diagnostic with 581 segments available for evaluation. Image score was 3.64±0.72 with $CTA_{DE-BLOOM}$, versus 3.56±0.72 with CTASTAND (p=0.38). CTA-DEBLOOM had significantly less calcium blooming artifact than CTASTAND (12.5% vs. 47.5%, p=0.001). The

Sensitivity/Specificity/PPV/NPV/Accuracy were 64.4/85.2/27.6/96.5/83.5 for $CTA_{DEBLOOM}$ and 75.0/81.6/25.8/97.5/81.1 for CTASTAND. $CTA_{DEBLOOM}$ specificity was significantly higher than CTASTAND (85.2% vs. 81.6%, p=0.017), with no difference between the algorithms in sensitivity (p=0.22), or accuracy (p= 0.09). Interobserver agreement was fair with both techniques ($CTA_{DEBLOOM}$k= 0.38, CTASTAND k= 0.37).

Conclusion Coronary calcification deblooming using a prototype post-processing algorithm is feasible and significantly reduces calcium blooming with an improvement of the specificity of the CTA exam.

17 COMPARISON OF NICE CLINICAL GUIDELINES 95 2010 AND 2016: A SINGLE CENTRE EXPERIENCE

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Introduction This study was aimed at assessing the effectiveness of updated NICE clinical guidelines 95 2016 (CG95 2016) in comparison to NICE CG95 2010.

Methods This study was carried out at the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust by analysing retrospective data collected from the hospital electronic database. Statistical significance of the differences of mean number of investigations, investigation cost, functional studies and radiation exposure between the 2010 and 2016 groups were assessed.

Results There were 487 and 557 patients in the 2010 and 2016 groups respectively. While there were statistically significant (p<0.001) increases in the mean investigations and the mean radiation exposure in CG95 2016 group, the mean cost of investigations (p<0.001) and the mean number of functional studies (p=0.030) were less in CG95 2016 group. 565 patients had a zero calcium score and only three (0.5%) were positive for ischaemia on subsequent functional imaging. In the CG95 2010 group, 341(70.0%) had a risk score of < 30%. Of the 231 (67.7%) who had a zero calcium score, only two (0.7%) were positive for ischaemia on subsequent imaging.

Conclusion The increase in the number of CT coronary angiograms (CTCA) performed in CG95 2016 group is likely leading to increase in mean radiation dose and mean investigations per patient. We propose that if the risk score is <30%, calcium score should be performed as the first line investigation. If calcium score is zero, further investigation with CTCA is not recommended unless there remains clinical concern for coronary artery disease.

18 BSCI/BSCCT RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE SURVEY OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY AND CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING RESEARCH PRIORITIES

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Aim The BSCI/BSCCT research sub-committee survey aims to assess research activity and barriers to research amongst the society members. In addition, a modified Delphi approach will be used to develop consensus opinion for prioritising research questions in cardiovascular imaging amongst BSCI/BSCCT members.

Methods All members of the BSCI/BSCCT have been invited to participate in the online survey. The survey covers whether people are currently involved in research or would like to be involved in research or audit, what are the perceived barriers to involvement in research, and the ways that the BSCI/BSCCT may be able to support the research community. A modified Delphi approach with three rounds of surveys will be conducted to establish research priorities in cardiovascular imaging amongst BSCI/BSCCT members. Research questions will be collected during the first survey, followed by two rounds of prioritisation. A steering group will analyse results of each round and identify questions ranked as being the highest priority for each subsequent round of the Delphi process.

Results We will present the initial results of this survey including current research activity, barriers to research and initial research question suggestions.

Conclusion It is anticipated that this modified Delphi process will establish research priorities in cardiovascular imaging which will be used to plan other BSCI/BSCCT activities.