oversee current clinic activities allowing cardiologists more time for a holistic approach (3) adapting virtual clinics for regular follow-ups.

Conflict of Interest None

APPLICABILITY OF USE OF SODIUM-GLUCOSE CO-TRANSPORTER-2 INHIBITORS (SGLT2I) IN PATIENTS WITH HEART FAILURE WITH REDUCED EJECTION FRACTION (HFrEF) AT LONDON NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST


Background Heart failure (HF) on maximal therapy has a high morbidity and mortality associated with it. An estimated 26 million individuals are affected by HF worldwide resulting in a high cost expenditure. SGLT2i have prognostic benefit in patients with HFrEF on top of conventional therapies, irrespective of glycaemic status. Recently the NICE guidelines have recommended Dapagliflozin (SGLT2i) as an option for treating patients with symptomatic HFREF as an add-on to optimised standard care. We aimed to estimate the proportion of patients, presenting with HF, that would be eligible for SGLT2i within our busy district general hospital and moreover to create and disseminate local guidelines for initiating SGLT2i treatment.

Methods We conducted a retrospective review of patients presenting at our hospital with HF between April - August 2020 (n=251). Patients over 18, with or without type 2 diabetes (T2D), EF≤40% and eGFR≥30 were included as eligible for SGLT2i. Patients with type 1 diabetes (T1D) and death during admission were excluded. 101/251 (40%) individuals had HFrEF. Parameters evaluated were demographics, eGFR, HbA1c, NT-ProBNP alongside regular medications.

Results 89% (n=90/101) met the inclusion criteria (68 (67%) male, mean (± SD) age 71.3 (±13.4), 11 (10%) had eGFR <30 and 1 (1%) had T1D, hence were excluded. 36 (37%) had T2D. The median (IQR) HbA1c was 52 (40-56) mmol/mol, mean (± SD) eGFR 51 (±20) mL/min/1.73m2 and median (IQR) NT-ProBNP 7482 (3117.5–18512.8) pg/mL. Median (IQR) length of hospitalization was 6 (3.5 - 11) days, Mortality was 10.9% (n=11/101) at 3-months. On discharge, HF therapy included Angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor/ Angiotensin receptor blocker/Angiotensin receptor-neprilysin inhibitor (78%), Beta-blocker (89%), Mineralocorticoid-receptor antagonist (40%) and diuretic (91%). Based on previous studies, SGLT2i would reduce mortality by 2.3% (n=2 patients in this cohort).

Conclusion Our study reveals that up to 9 in 10 individuals with HFrEF are suitable for SGLT2i. Poor renal function is a limiting factor. To achieve optimal success, intensive education for patients and multi-disciplinary team on benefits and possible complications with a designed pathway is essential.

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WHAT HAPPENS TO PATIENTS CODED HEART FAILURE AND DISCHARGED FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

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Heart failure is a common presentation to the emergency department, accounting for 5% of all medical admissions. Evidence from the national audit data base and our own local data confirms reduced mortality with specialist heart failure management. In our institution we recognized a group of patients that were seen in the emergency department and discharge without an admission and given a diagnosis of heart failure, these patients were not identified to our heart failure service. It is unclear if these patients have a formal diagnosis and what follow up is given. It is proposed that patients attending the emergency department and are considered fit for immediate discharge have sub optimal care. This study aims to evaluate the quality of care given to patients discharged from the emergency department where the primary diagnosis is heart failure by assessing three key performance indicators, NTproBNP, echocardiogram and follow up care.

Methods Attendances at the emergency department that were coded as having heart failure as a primary diagnosis during a six month period (01.10.18 - 31.03.19) were reviewed. The coded diagnosis included heart failure, left ventricular failure, acute pulmonary oedema or cardiomyopathy. This