


Effect of venoactive compounds in post-thrombotic syndrome

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Post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS)

Concomitant and Risk Factors

Predictors of Post-Thrombotic Ulcer after Acute DVT: The RIETE Registry

RIETE registry

- 33,897 patients with acute DVTs
- 3 years follow-up
- PTS prevalence:
 - 48% after infrapopliteal DVT
 - 60% after iliofemoral or popliteal DVT
- Venous ulcers: 2.7% at 1 year, 7.1% at 3 years

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Clinical Presentation and Short- and Long-term Outcomes in Patients With Isolated Distal Deep Vein Thrombosis vs Proximal Deep Vein Thrombosis in the RIETE Registry

Post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS)

Abstract

Risk of developing post thrombotic syndrome after deep vein thrombosis with different anticoagulant regimens: A systematic review and pooled analysis

Background: Post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS) is common in patients with deep vein thrombosis (DVT). It is unclear if different types of anticoagulant therapies (eg, vitamin K antagonists [VKAs], direct oral anticoagulants [DOACs], or low-molecular-weight heparins [LMWHs]) are associated with different rates of PTS. We sought to assess the incidence rates of PTS development among patients with DVT of the lower extremities managed with different types of anticoagulation.

Methods: A systematic search of MEDLINE, EMBASE and PubMed, from inception to 2023, was performed. The primary outcome was development of PTS. The secondary outcomes were PTS, venous ulcers, and major bleeding. Incidence rates were pooled using the random-effects model and expressed as event per 100 patient-years with its associated 95% confidence interval (CI) using R software.

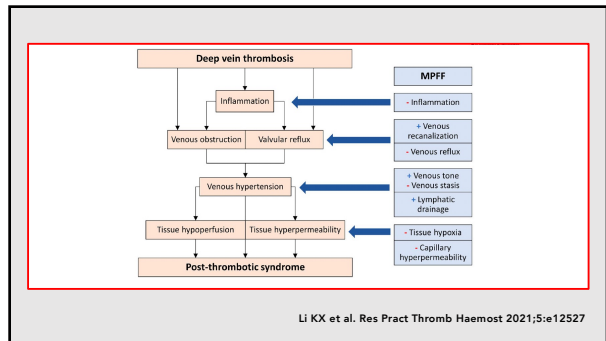
Results: A total of 21 14312 patients articles were included in the analysis. The adjusted incidence of PTS was 16.3 (95% CI: 13.7 to 20.1), 16.2 (95% CI: 14.4 to 20.0) and 16.6 (95% CI: 13.2 to 19.5) per 100 patient-years patients managed with VKA, DOAC and LMWH, respectively. The adjusted pooled incidence of severe PTS was 1.1 (95% CI: 0.8 to 1.6) and 0.9 (95% CI: 0.6 to 1.2) per 100 patient-years for VKA and DOACs, respectively.

Conclusions: The development of PTS is common in patients with proximal lower extremity DVT. The incidence rates of PTS seem to be similar across the different anticoagulant regimens, but severe PTS may be lower among patients receiving a DOAC.

- 21 articles/4342 patients
- Incidence of PTS:
 - 15.1% with VKA
 - 18.2% with DOACs
 - 24.6% with LMWH
- PTS may be lower among patients receiving a DOAC

Treatment of Post-Thrombotic Syndrome

- Venous interventions for superficial veins incompetence and deep veins occlusion
- Compression therapy
- **Venoactive compounds (VAC)**



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MUFFIN-PTS trial, Micronized Purified Flavonoid Fraction for the Treatment of Post-Thrombotic Syndrome: protocol of a randomised controlled trial

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Abstract

Introduction: After deep vein thrombosis, up to 50% of patients develop post-thrombotic syndrome (PTS). PTS is a chronic condition that reduces quality of life (QoL). Concomitance of PTS treatment include the use of elastic compression stockings but this treatment is usually incompletely effective and is burdensome. Venoactive drugs have been reported to be effective to treat chronic venous insufficiency (CVI); however, the level of evidence supporting their use in CVI in general and in PTS in particular is low.

Methods and analysis: The MUFFIN-PTS trial is an academic, publicly funded, multicentre randomised placebo-controlled trial assessing the efficacy of micronized purified flavonoid fraction (MPFF, Venoruton), a venoactive drug, to treat PTS. Eighty-six patients with PTS (Wilks score VES VES and experiencing at least two of the following PTS manifestations among daily leg heaviness, cramps, pain or oedema) will be randomised to receive 1000 mg of oral MPFF or a similar appearing placebo for 6 months, in addition to their usual PTS treatment. Subsequent follow-up will be 9 months, with visits at inclusion/baseline, 3, 6 and 9 months. Primary outcome is the proportion of patients with improvement in VES in each group, where improvement is defined as a decrease of at least 30% in VES or a VES VES in the PTS-affected leg. Main secondary outcomes include QoL and patient satisfaction.

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– A Systematic Review

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Methods

- A systematic review
- Literature search for VACs, DVT and PTS
- Only 12 RCTs of 94 papers on VACs included

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PTS treatment

- Nine RCTs included 398 (36.5%) PTS patients/1091 patients with chronic venous disease treated with diosmin, hidrosmin/rutosides, MPFF, or sulodexide
- Six of those RCTs included venous ulcers patients



PTS treatment with VACs (diosmin, MPFF, sulodexide)

| 1 st author/Year | Random sequence generation (selection bias) | Allocation concealment (selection bias) | Blinding of participants and personnel (performance bias) | Blinding of outcome assessment (detection bias) | Incomplete outcome data (attrition bias) | Selective reporting (reporting bias) | Other bias | % of patients with PTS | Total number of patients |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monreal 1994 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Green | Yellow | Yellow | 100% | 29 |
| Cospite 1989 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Green | Yellow | Yellow | 23.3% | 88 |
| Gilly 1994 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Green | Yellow | Yellow | 15% | 160 |
| Gilinski 1999 | Green | Yellow | Red | Red | Yellow | Green | Yellow | 8.6% | 140 |
| Guilhou 1997 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Green | Yellow | Yellow | 60% | 105 |
| Roztocil 2003 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Yellow | Green | Yellow | 52% | 150 |
| Tsouderos 1989 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Red | Red | Red | ? | ? |
| Cochieri 2002 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Yellow | Green | Yellow | ? | 235 |
| Scandotto 1999 | Yellow | Yellow | Red | Red | Green | Yellow | Yellow | 46.8% | 94 |

Legend: Green = Low risk of bias, Yellow = Unclear risk of bias, Red = High risk of bias

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- Nine RCTs (1091 patients, 36.5% with PTS) found that Venoactive Compounds (VACs) significantly improved venous symptoms, edema and venous ulcers healing.
- Most studies on VACs for the treatment of PTS, however, are outdated and lack precision.

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Validity of International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification codes for estimating the prevalence of venous ulcer

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Post-thrombotic syndrome in 36.6%

A Meta-analysis of Adjunctive Therapy with Micronized Purified Flavonoid Fraction (MPFF) in Venous Ulcers

- 41% of PTS patients
- Healing rates at 6 months: 61.3% in the MPFF group versus 47.7% in the control group.
- Reduced the median time to healing (16.1 weeks for MPFF vs 21.3 weeks)
- The relative hazard of healing for MPFF group 38% (CI, 11-70) better than control

Coleridge-Smith P et al. Venous leg ulcer: a meta-analysis of adjunctive therapy with micronized purified flavonoid fraction. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2005;30:198-208

Guidelines in Venous Ulcers

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CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE DOCUMENT

European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) 2022 Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management of Chronic Venous Disease of the Lower Limbs

Recommendation 82

For patients with active venous leg ulceration, micronised purified flavonoid fraction, hydroxyethylrutosides, pentoxifylline or sulodexide should be considered, as an adjunct to compression and local wound care to improve ulcer healing.

| Class | Level | References | TOE |
|-------|-------|---|-----------|
| IIIa | A | Coleridge-Smith et al. (2005), ¹⁰¹ Jull et al. (2012), ^{101a} Scallan et al. (2013), ¹⁰² Wu et al. (2016) ¹⁰³ | Unchanged |

Venoactive compounds in Venous Ulcers

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| 34.7 | We recommend in venous leg ulcers either micronized purified flavonoid fraction, or pentoxifylline, as adjunctive treatment with compression, early intervention and wound local care. | I (strong) | A (high) |
| 34.8 | We recommend sulodexide as adjunctive treatment with compression, early intervention and wound local care. | I (strong) | B (moderate) |
| 34.9 | We suggest in venous leg ulcers hydroxyethylrutosides as adjunctive treatment with compression, early intervention and wound local care. | 2 (weak) | C (low to very low) |

Gloviczki ML and Raffetto JD. Drug treatment for chronic venous disease. Handbook of Venous and Lymphatic Disorders, 5th Ed.

Conclusions

- Venoactive Compounds (VACs) significantly improved venous symptoms, edema and venous ulcers healing in cohorts of patients including PTS.
- More rigorous and larger RCTs are needed to confirm these effects

