



Les nouveaux marqueurs cardiaques



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Introduction

Cardiac disease is a global killer Addressing the challenge together





Introduction





Biomarkers

- "Significant impact in early detection of sub-clinical disease
- " Diagnostic of acute or chronic syndromes
- " Risk stratification
- " Monitoring of disease or therapy



Cardiac troponin I and T B-type natriuretic peptides (BNP and NT-proBNP) C-reactive protein(CRP)









Source: Lab Med @ 2006 American Society for Clinical Pathology



Clinical Chemistry



l	nflammation		Neurohormones
	CRP		Norepinephrine
	TNF-a		Renin
	TWEAK (TNF-like v	weak inducer of apoptosis)	Angiotensin II
_	IL-1, -6, -10, an	d -18	Aldosterone
	LP-PLA2 (lipoprote	in-associated phospholipase A2)	Arginine vasopressin, copeptin
	Soluble TNF recept	tors 1 and 2	Endothelin-1
-	YKL-40		Urocortin
	IL-1 receptor antag	gonist	Chromogranin A and B
	Midkine		MR-proADM
	Leucine-rich 2-glyc	oprotein	Myocyte injury and apoptosis
	PTX3		Troponins I and T
	CA-125		Myosin light-chain kinase I
	S100A8/A9 comple	2X	Heart-type fatty-acid-binding protein
	Osteoprotegerin		Creatine kinase MB fraction
	Serine protease PR	3	sFAS (soluble apoptosis-stimulating fragment)
	Soluble endoglin		Heat shock protein 60
	Adiponectin		sTRAIL (soluble TNF-related apoptosis-inducing ligand)
	didative stress		Myocyte stress
	Oxidized LDLs		BNP, NT-proBNP, MR-proANP
	MPO		sST2
	Urinary biopyrrins		GDF-15
	Urinary and plasm	a isoprostanes	Extracardiac involvement
	Urinary 8-hydroxy-	2'-deoxyguanosine	RDW
-	Plasma malondiald	lehyde	Cystatin-C, β-trace protein
E	xtracellular-matrix	c remodeling	NGAL, NAG [N-acetyl-β-(D)-glucosaminidase], KIM-1 (kidney injury molecule-1)
	MMPs (MMP2, MM	MP3, MMP9)	β2-microglobulin
	TIMP1		Urinary albumin-to-creatinine ratio
	IL-6		Triiodothyronine
	Collagen propeptio	les	
	N-terminal collage	n type III peptide	
	Myostatin		
	Syndecan-4		
	Galectin-3		



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Emerging Biomarkers in Heart Failure

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Novel markers should:

- Be easy to measure and interpret
- Primarily reflect important processes involved in HF presence and progression
- Be independent of and additive to other biomarkers
- Add information about diagnosis or prognosis beyond that which is already known
- Should be useful for monitoring and treating



- 1. These new biomarkers can be useful for clinicians?
- 2. Can the clinicians easily measure the biomarker?
- 3. Does the biomarker add new information?
- 4. Will help the clinician manage patients?







Galectin-3 is a betagalactoside-binding lectin that appears to be a mediator of cardiac fibrosis in a number of recent experimental studies.







- " After HF diagnosis
 - 60% men and 45% women die within 5y. (Ho JE et al, J Am Coll Cardiol 2012)
- % Strategies to target patients with cardiac remodeling earlier
- " Cardiac imaging is not recommended





Clinical studies on the prognostic role

Study	Population	Outcome
HF-ACTION	CHF	Increased risk for all-cause and CV mortality and all-cause and HF-related hospitalization
COACH	CHF	Prognostic utility, stronger for HFpEF patients
DEAL-HF	CHF	Predictor of all-cause mortality, independent of natriuretic peptides
PRIDE	ADHF	Prognostic utility for 60 day mortality and death/recurrent HF
PROVE-IT TIMI 22	ACS	ACS patients with elevated Gal-3 were at higher risk for developing HF
PREVEND	Healthy	Elevated Gal-3 levels were associated with increased risk of long-term mortality
Framingham Offspring	Healthy	Elevated Gal-3 levels were associated with development of HF and long term mortality
CORONA	CHF	Predictive of long-term outcomes. Patients with low Gal-3 benefited more from statin therapy
CARE-HF	CHF	Elevated Gal-3 associated with death of HF hospitalization

Jennifer E. Ho, Galectin-3, a Marker of Cardiac Fibrosis, Predicts Incident Heart Failure in the Community, *Am Coll Cardiol*. October 02, 2012,60(14):1249-1256



Framigham Study en 1941, prospective n=3353



Ho JE et al, J Am Coll Cardiol 2012



- Higher circulating Gal-3 concentrations are associated with increased risk for new-onset HF and all-cause mortality in the community.
- Future potential clinical uses of Gal-3 measurement might include the identification of asymptomatic subjects with early evidence of cardiac fibrosis, in whom targeted therapies may be useful to delay the onset of HF.
- Animal data suggest that Gal-3 is a mediator of fibrosis, and directly targeting the Gal-3 pathway may represent a future preventive treatment strategy.





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- " Short halftime in vivo.
- The major advantage of copeptin compared to vasopressin is its longer half life in the circulation that makes it easier to measure.
- Combination of copeptin with troponin significantly improved the AMI diagnostic performance (ROC= 0.97).

Hochhlozer and al.American Heart Journal, 2010 Neuhold S et al. JACC2008;52:266







N=786 (NYHA) Neuhold S et al. JACC2008;52:266



GDF15





- A distinct up-regulation has been found in a wide range of cancers and in many tissues following injury, ischemia, and other forms of stress.
- Cardiomyocytes express and secrete GDF-15 in the setting of ischemia and reperfusion, suggesting that it might be a protective factor.



Growth differentiation factor 15 (GDF-15) is one of the more than 40 members of the transforming growth factor-superfamily







Higher GDF-15 levels

- "Higher age
- " Current smoking
- " Physical activity
- ["] Diabetes
- Acute or chronic inflammation
- Genetic factors
- " Renal dysfunction
- Anemia and bleeding
- " Vascular disease
- " Heart failure
- Atrial fibrillation
- " Cancer



Disease/population/follow-up period	Sample size	Major findings
Acute myocardial infarction [AMI]	1142	GDF-15 is a prognostic marker of death and HF in patients with AMI Multimarker approach with GDF-15 and NT-pro-BNP is more informative than either marker alone and may be useful for risk stratification in AMI patients
Acute coronary syndrome [ACS] (PROVE IT-TIMI 22)	3501	GDF-15 is altered with recurrent events after ACS. GDF-15 may be used as a prognostic marker in ACS
Human model of acute muscle wasting following cardiac surgery	42	GDF-15 is a potential novel factor associated with muscle atrophy, which may become a therapeutic target in patients with ICU acquired paresis and other forms of acute muscle wasting
Non–ST-elevation ACS (FRISC- II) trial (2 years)	2079	GDF-15 is a potential tool for risk stratification and therapeutic decision making in patients with non-ST-elevation acute coronary syndrome
General adult population (Dallas Heart Study) (7.3 years follow up period)	3219	GDF-15 is independently marker for subclinical coronary atherosclerosis and mortality
Framingham Offspring cohort participants (9.5 years follow up period)	2614	Higher circulating GDF-15 was observed with incident renal outcomes and improves risk prediction of incident chronic kidney diseases (CKD)
Hypertensive left ventricular hypertrophy (H-LVH), hypertensive cardiomyopathy (HCM)	149	GDF-15 might be a useful biomarker for discriminating HCM from H-LVH
Ramu A.et al. Journal of Diabetes Re	esearch(2015)	



Patients with stable ischemic heart disease (Heart and Soul study) (8.9 yrs follow-up period)	984	Higher GDF-15 level was observed with major cardiovascular (CV) events in patients with stable ischemic heart disease	
Untreated hypertensive patients	299	Plasma GDF-15 level was increased with LVH in hypertensive patients	
71-year-old men (ULSAM study)	940	In elderly men, GDF-15 improves progression of both cardiovascular, cancer mortality, and morbidity beyond established risk factors and biomarkers of cardiac, renal dysfunction, and inflammation	
Heart failure (Val-HeFT study)	1734	Providing independent prognostic information in heart failure	7
Coronary artery diseases (CAD)	CAD ($n =$ 348) and ($n =$ 205) controls	Significant differences of GDF-15, IMA, and PAPP-A in patients with CAD. GDF-15 might be associated with severity of CAD	
Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting with Cardiopulmonary Bypass	34 patients	GDF-15 levels were increased substantially and it is associated with the renal and cardiac biomarkers	
Patients on maintenance hemodialysis	Hemodialysis $(n = 87)$, and controls $(n = 45)$	Relation between GDF-15, mortality, and carotid artery thickening suggests that GDF-15 may be a novel marker of atherosclerosis, inflammation, and malnutrition in hemodialysis patients	
ST segment elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) (3 years)	Patients with STEMI (n = 216)	High GDF-15 level is a strong predictor of death and heart failure in patients with STEMI. Although patients with higher GDF-15 levels tend to have lower LV ejection fraction	
Acute chest pain (APACE study)	646	GDF-15 is a better predictor of mortality than of nonfatal CV events	_





Hochholzer WD et al, Am Heart J 2010;160:583-94





- GDF-15 could be a prognostic and diagnostic marker for the cardiovascular diseases.
- Proper reference ranges of GDF-15 need to be established to identify the disease severity and risk stratification of the diseases
- ⁷ Questions
 - (1) Whether GDF-15 measurement can support therapeutic management?
 - . (2) Can it be used for the routine clinical practice or clinical measurement?
 - (3) Whether GDF-15 level can give any diagnostic and prognostic information?
 - (4) Whether it can be used to take clinical decision for any particular diseases like B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) for the heart failure and troponin for the acute coronary syndrome (ACS).

(5) GDF-15 can be used as a single marker or multi marker approach along with other individual marker.







ST2

ST2 and IL-33: Cardioprotective

ST2: member of the Biomechanical strain Interleukin-1 receptor family IL-33 Exists in two main isoforms sST2 Cardiomyocyte Cardiac fibroblast ST2L Circulating sST2 Cardioprotection: Reduced fibrosis ** Cardioprotection ** IL-33 binding to ST2L Reduced hypertrophy Preserved ventricular triggers cardioprotective function effects. Improved survival

Kakkar et al. Nat Rev Drug Discov 2008



ST2 plays a role in reducing cardiomycyte hypertrophy and fibrosis sST2 knock out

Intact sST2







ST2

- Is NOT a stretch marker
- " Is NOT an inflammatory marker
- Is a marker of fibrosis and cardiac remodeling providing prognostic guidance
- "Clinical use is not effected by typical confounders such as obesity and renal impairment!!!



ST2



Results From the PRIDE (Pro-Brain Natriuretic Peptide Investigation of Dyspnea in the Emergency Department) Study - Januzzi J. et al, JACC 2007





Increased sST2 is an independent predictor of long-term all-cause mortality and provide complementary prognostic information to hs-cTnT and NT-proBNP



Dieplinger, Clin Chem 2013



- ✓ Stable protein located in the cytoplasm
- Abundant in the heart (muscle, brain)
- Early rise marker of AMI (30 min following the onset of an ischemic episode)
- Combination with Tn improve the diagnostic sensitivity for AMI

CHU *de Liège* H-FABP (heart-type fatty acid binding protein)







Entresto



Entresto





BNP???

- "Protease neprilysin is known to be responsible for the degradation of natriuretic peptides.
- Increase the circulating B-type natriuretic peptide (BNP) concentrations, making the results of BNP measurements diagnostically ambiguousõ ...

Semenov et al., Different Susceptibility of B-Type Natriuretic Peptide (BNP) and BNP Precursor to Cleavage by Neprylisin, Clinical chemistry 2016, 62:4



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ST2

Paradigm: ST2 Geometric Mean Change at 4 weeks and 8 mo Post-randomization Compared to Pre-Run in Baseline



Journal of Cardiac Failure 2016 22, S29-S30DOI: (10.1016/j.cardfail.2016.06.094







Determination of 19 cardiac troponin I and T assay 99th percentile values from a common presumably healthy population. Apple FS, Ler R, Murakami MM. Clin Chem. 2012 Nov;58(11):1574-81



Classification of Troponin assays

The 2 criteria of Fred Apple's scorecard

Scorecard designations of c	Tn assays	Precision (Guideline
Acceptance designation	Total imprecision at the 99 th percentile, CV%	compliance
Guideline acceptable	≤10	criteria
Clinically usable	>10 to ≤20	
Not acceptable	>20	
Assay designation	Measurable normal values below the 99th percentile, %	High
Level 4 (third generation, hs)	≥95	Sensitivity
Level 3 (first generation, hs)	75 to <95	criteria
Level 2 (first generation, hs)	50 to <75	
Level 1 (contemporary)	<50	

High sensitive troponin I and T assays meet the follow 2 basic criteria:

- CV at the 99th percentile value should be ≤10%
- Concentrations below the 99th percentile should be detectable for at least 50%

(ideally $\geq\!\!95\%$) of healthy individuals

Apple, F.S. (2009). A new season for cardiac troponin assays: It time to keep a scorecard. Clin Chem, 55, 1303-6.



• AMI

Myocarditis

- Pulmonary embolism
- Acute heart failure
- ESRD
- AVNRT



cTnT 4th gen.



- AMI
- Myocarditis
- Pulmonary embolism
- Acute heart failure
- ESRD
- AVNRT
- Small NSTEMI or type II MI
- Myocardial injury
- Chemotoxic
- Hypertensive crisis
- Earlier stages of CKD
- Marathon run
- Chronic PAH
- Chronic heart failure
- Stable CAD
- Tachycardia
- Myocardial ischemia ?



cTnT 4th gen.

cTnT-hs





Is a safe AMI diagnosis possible in a shorter time?

- First studies demonstrate (2009-2010) that with cTnT-hs the time to diagnosis of NSTEMI was made <u>2h55 min</u> earlier with cTnT-hs than with cTnT Gen 4^{1,2}
- " A rapid rule-out protocol (0 and 3h) has been recommended in 2011 by the ESC task force when hs cTn tests are available ³



How to interpret the results? Delta change from serial testing is essential



1 Apple FS & Collinson PO for the IFCC Task Force on Clinical Applications of Cardiac Biomarkers. (2012) Clin Chem 58 (1):154. 61.



Í Optimal change value will need to be established for each hs-cTn Assayö





Is the safe diagnosis of AMI possible in a shorter time?

APACE trial¹ Advantageous Predictors of Acute <u>Coronary Syndrome Evaluation</u>

ORIGINAL INVESTIGATION

HEATTH CARE REFORM

One-Hour Rule-out and Rule-in of Acute Myocardial Infarction Using High-Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin T

Tolitas Reichlin, MD; Christian Schindler, PhD; Beairice Dreeder, MD; Raphael Twerenbold, MD; Miriam Reiter, MD; Christa Zellweger, MD; Berti Mochring, MD; Ronny Ziller, MD; Rebeca Hoeller, MD; Maria Rabini Gimenez, MD; Philip Haaf, MD; Mihael Potocki, MD; Karin Wildi, MD; Cathrin Bahnelli, MD; Michael Freese, RN; Claudia Stelzig, MSc; Heike Preidank, MD; Stefan Osswald, MD; Christian Maeller, MD, FESC pilot study (872 patients)

<12 h from chest pain onset¹



2. Hamm et al. (2011). Eur Heart J 32:2999. 3054.







Timing for measurements ?

1/ TAT At present, measurements of troponins play a key role in the diagnosis of myocardial infarction. There is a consensus that a turnaround time (TAT) of 1 h or less should be achieved for cardiac marker assays. However. little is known about the real delays between the patient's arrival at the emergency department (ED) and the reporting of the test. kinase (CK), its MB isoenzyme (CK-MB) and myoglobin." If the clinwith myocardial ischaemia, then a dyical presentation is compat namic elevation of cardia ponin above the 99th percentile of healthy individuals indicates MI.⁴ In patients with MI, levels of cardiac troponin rise rapidly (i.e. usually within 1 h if using high-sensitivity assays) after symptom onset and remain elevated for a variable period of time (usual Performance of the 1-h algorithm for rapid y have led to a **AMI diagnosis** 2/ Algorithm Reichlin T. et al., CMAJ. 2015



1. Reichlin et al (2012). Arch Intern Med 172 (16):1211-8.

0 h: Presentation to the ED; a 1 h: Absolute change of cTnT-hs within the first hour; AMI: Acute myocardial infarction; cTnT-hs: Cardiac Troponin T high-sensitive; ED: Emergency department; NPV: Negative predictive value; PPV: Positive predictive value





Infarction

4 hours

8 hours

1 hour

TnThs 1h-algorithm

Profit 1: Medical values for patients Time is Life

2. Profit 2: Medical values for the clinician Time is Myocardium

3. Profit 3: Medical values for health care →Time is Money

Reichlin et al. (2012). *Arch Intern Med* 172 (16):1211-8. Reichlin et al. (2015). *CMAJ* May 19;187 (8):E243-52. De Luca *et al.* (2004). Circulation 109:1223-1225. Hamm et al (2011). *Eur Heart J* 32:2999. 3054.



Conclusions

Many new biomarkersSelection based pragmatic criteriaGood use of actual biomakers!





Annual meeting of the Royal Belgian Society of Laboratory Medicine and Joint meeting with the Belgian Bone club on Bone Turn-over and Bone Resorption Markers

> Château du Val Saint Lambert Esplanade du Val, 1 4100 Seraing October 14th - 15th, 2016

Friday October 14th, 2016 Annual Meeting of the Belgian Society of Laboratory Medicine

Scientific Program:

13.00 :	Registration		
13.45 :	Welcome address		
	Prof. Pieter Vermeersci	h, Chairman RBSLM	
Part I: Pien	ary Sessions		
13.50 :	Laudatio in honor of	Prof. Camille Heusghem	
	Prof. Em. Jean-Paul Cha	apelle, ULg	
14.00 :	EFLM lecture: The pre	e-analytical Phase	
	Prof. Ana Simundic, Ch	air EFLM WG-Preanalytical phase	
14.40 :	The future of Labora	tory Medicine: Linking genotyp	ic and phenotypic
	information		
	Prof. Elfride De Baere, l	UZ Gent	
15.20	Lecture in honor of the	e retirement of Christel Van Camp	enhout:
	Can quality be guara	nteed for point-of-care testing	?
	Prof. Viviane Van Hoof,	UZ Antwerpen	
16.00 :	Coffee break and pos	ster session	
Dart II: Moo	t the expert session		
Clinical che	mistry		
16.45 -	Novel cardiac marker	s - Pharm Biol Caroline Le Coff / I	Dr. Virginie D'Orio, CHU Liège
17.25	How to measure repa	al function - Prof. Pierre Delanave	e CHU Liège
18.05 -	Selected oral presentation	tions	
Hematolog	v		
16.45 :	New anticoagulants:	influence on routine coagulation	on testing and how to
	detect an overdose	 Prof. F. Mullier CHU, UCL Namur 	
17.25:	Use of Next Generati	on Sequencing for HLA typing -	Dr. Barbara Cauwelier,
	AZ Sint-Jan Brugge-Oos	stende	
18.05:	Selected oral presenta	tions	
Microbiolog	IY		
16.45 :	Clinical and financial Groningen	impact in routine microbiology	- MSc. Jan-Willem Dik, UMC
17.25	The many faces of ha	antaviruses - Jan Clement, KULeu	ven
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18.05 :	Selected oral presenta	tion	Online registration required
18.45 :	Closing remarks		
18.50 -21.00) Walking dinner	Accreditation requested	or email isabel.vandorpe@icloud.com



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