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# Comparison of Early Outcomes in ONCAB (On-Pump) Vs OPCAB (off-Pump) Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

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### **ABSTRACT**

**Objective:** The aim of this study is to compare early outcomes in on-pump and off-pump cardiac surgery.

**Methodology:** All the patients undergoing CABG surgery were enrolled after taking informed consent. Demographic and postoperative variables were entered in the predesigned questionnaire and patients were followed for early outcomes after surgical procedure.

**Results:** A total of 470 patients was divided in two groups 235 in ONCAB and 235 in OPCAB. The mean age of patients was 54.85 ± 9.57 with minimum and maximum age (23-85). There were 400(85.1%) males and 70(14.9%) females. The diabetic patients were 218(46.38%), hypertensive patients were 271(57.70%), patients having family history of cardiac diseases were 268(57.02%) smoker patients were 273(58.09%) and hyperlipidemia found in patients as 210(44.68%). There was a significant difference between Pneumonia (0.014) and Stroke (0.022) in ONCAB versus OPCAB groups, while the p-values of neurological dysfunction was insignificant.

**Conclusion:** The results of current study showed that early complication in both procedures are nearly same. So we can say both techniques are equally safe and effective.

Keywords: Coronary artery Bypass grafting surgery, ONCAB, OPCAB

#### INTRODUCTION

Ischemic heart disease can be managed with CABG. CABG continues to be a valuable method of myocardial revascularization. Despite the increased prevalence of percutaneous coronary intervention to treat coronary disease, as well as improvements in medical therapy, surgical revascularization will continue to have a significant role in patients with IHD. Most surgeons prefer to conduct distal anastomoses on arrested hearts, therefore the majority of surgical revascularization is done with the aid of a heart lung machine. Beating surgery for IHD became possible after invention of specific equipment (Stunt, heart stabilizer). By arresting of heart and CPB, it was expected that side effects of heart lung machine could be reduced. (1) CPB has been used to revascularize almost 80% of occluded coronary arteries all over the world. Revascularization by the help of CPB has catastrophic consequences, so Off-Pump adopted importance since the mid-1990, to avoid catastrophic side effect. (2)

Supporter of OPCAB revascularization claim of low side effects (Stroke, Respiratory failure, Renal Dysfunction) even in patients with multiple comorbidities. Use of OPCAB technique is increasing day by day over the past decade. (3)

The main reason of interest in OPCAB technique is awareness of disastrous effect of aortic manipulation in ONCAB technique, so OPCAB jumped to 22% in recent years. (4) Many surgeons complaining the lack of data to support OPCAB over conventional ONCAB has been an impediment to implementing this strategy in routine practice. (5) Furthermore, another problem in off-pump for

many surgeons is difficulty in grafting on beating heart. The aforementioned study has enrolled predominantly low-risk patients and has sample sizes that are inadequate to demonstrate differences between groups for infrequently occurring consequence. Nonetheless. randomized controlled trails have almost uniformly demonstrated reduced transfusion requirements, lower postoperative serum myocardial enzyme levels, and shorter length of stay. 6 Moreover, there are many retrospective trails showing a survival benefit as well as reduced morbidity with OPCAB. These retrospective database studies have much larger sample size and include mixed-risk patients. However, inherent selection bias may limit the explanation of these results, against advanced statistical methodology. (7) For many surgeons to consider implementing an offpump approach, the following must be demonstrated:

- (1) Equivalent short-and long-term patency rates;
- (2) Complete revascularization;
- (3) Reduced morbidity and even reduced mortality specifically in high-risk patients;
- (4) Cost efficiency both in the operating room and during the entire hospitalization.

It would seem obvious that avoiding the systemic effects of cardiopulmonary bypass and aortic manipulation would minimize the likelihood of particular adverse effects in certain high-risk categories. <sup>(8)</sup> However, until conclusive studies show that one procedure is preferable than the other, the chosen method will be left to the surgeon's choice.

### **METHODS**

After taking consent from the patients undergoing cardiac surgery at the Punjab Institute of Cardiology, Lahore between September, 2019 and April 2020, a prospective comparative study was conducted. 470 patients undergoing elective CABG on both Genders between age 23-85 years were involved in the study.

Patient refusal; patients undergoing Re-do, emergency CABG and having IHD with concurrent valvular heart were excluded. Patients were categorized into 2 sets A and B 235 in each set. Patients' related factors like age, gender, DM, HTN, Smoking, family history and hyperlipidemia presented in frequency and percentages, the data were compiled and analyzed using SPSS version 24. Chi-square test was used for comparison. P value ≤0.05 was considered as significant.

#### **RESULTS**

A total 470 patients equally divided into 2 groups, the mean age of cases was  $54.85 \pm 9.57$  years with minimum and maximum age being 23 and 85 years. There were 400(85.1%) males and 70(14.9%) females. The diabetic patients were 218(46.38%), hypertensive patients were 271(57.70%), patients having family history of cardiac diseases were 268(57.02%) smoker patients were 273(58.09%) and hyperlipidemia found in patients as 210(44.68%). (Table 1)

Neurological Dysfunction is post-operative risk factor. In our data there were 9(3.83%) patients of ONCAB and 7(2.98%) patients of OPCAB which suffered from this Table-2: Post-Operative Early Outcomes.

problem, difference was not statistically significant i.e. (p-value=0.611).In ONCAB 15(6.38%) patients suffered from Stroke after surgery while in OPCAB 5(2.13%)patients suffered from stroke with significant p-value (p-value =0.022). Current study showed 6(2.55%) patients of ONCAB while in OPCAB there were no patients (0%) who suffered from pneumonia with statistically significant p-value (0.014).(Table 2)

Table-1: Descriptive Statistic of Clinical History.

Variables			
Age (years)			
Mean ± S.D	54.85 ± 9.57 (23-85)		
Gender	Male	400(85.1%)	
	Female	70(14.9%)	
Diabetic Patients	Yes	218(46.38%)	
	No	252(53.62%)	
Hypertension	Yes	199(42.34%)	
	No	271(57.70%)	
Family History	Yes	202(42.98%)	
	No	268(57.02%)	
Smoking	Yes	197(41.91%)	
	No	273(58.09%)	
Hyperlipidemia	Yes	210(44.68%)	
	No	260(55.32%)	

Variables		Type of Surgery	Type of Surgery		
		On Pump	Off Pump	Total	p-value
Neurological Dysfunction	Yes	9(3.83%)	7(2.98%)	16(3.40%)	
	No	226(96.17%)	228(97.02%)	454(96.40%)	0.611
Pneumonia	Yes	6(2.55%)	0(0.00%)	6(1.28%)	0.014
	No	229(97.45%)	235(100%)	464(98.72%)	
Stroke	Yes	15(6.38%)	5(2.13%)	20(4.26%)	0.022
	No	220(93.62%)	230(97.87%)	450(95.74%)	

### DISCUSSION

This current study was carried out to compare early outcomes in groups; ONCAB and OPCAB. In this study 470 patients undergoing CABG were studied. Patients were divided in two groups: 235 patients in ONCAB and 235 in OPCAB. The demographic findings showed that in our study there were 470 patients with the mean age of 54.85 ± 9.57 years with minimum and maximum age being 23 and 85 years. Okanoet al (2019) reported that 344 patients had off-pump surgery and 741 had on-pump surgery in their research. Both groups had a comparable mean age (about 41 years in both; p = 0.18), and both had a similar proportion of male patients. Off-pump participants had a higher incidence of one-vessel disease (15.99% offpump vs. 6.34% on-pump). DM, hyperlipidemia, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, stroke, PVD, HTN, previous MI, AF, pacemaker implantation, and renal dysfunction were all common in both groups prior to the surgery. There were 28.19 % of those in the off-pump group who had previously undergone PCI, compared to  $26.85\,\%$  in the onpump group (p = 0.63). In both groups rate of emergency operations was similar, accounting for  $13.95\,\%$ .

The findings of the current study showed that there were 400(85.1%) males and 70(14.9%) females. Out of 400 males 203 were in ONCAB and 197 were in OPCAB group. The results of research conducted by Janashia et al (2018) found that there were total 402 patients; in Off-Pump there were 194 men and 59 women whereas in On-Pump there were 149 men and 34 women. (9)

In a study by Fausto Biancari et al (2007) the comparison of ONCAB versus OPCAB shows an insignificant p-value 0.158 in term of neurological dysfunction. Similar results were computed in our study for neurological dysfunction. (10)

In this current study risk of pneumonia was higher in ONCAB as compared to OPCAB. A previous study by Michel et al (2020) also shows the significant p-value 0.018

which agreed with our findings and showed that risk of pneumonia is higher in ONCAB rather than OPCAB. (11)

Patients receiving On-Pump CABG had a greater risk of stroke than those getting Off-Pump CABG, according to studies. With a significant p-value of 0.022, stoke rate was greater in on-pump CABG compared to off-pump CABG in this research. Michel et al (2020) observed similar findings in a trial comparing On-Pump with Off-Pump CABG with a significant p-value less than 0.001. This information is consistent with our findings, which showed that the Off-Pump group had considerably lower rates of stroke after surgery than the ON-Pump CABG group. (11)

**Conclusion:** The results of current study showed that early complication in both procedures is nearly same. So we can say both techniques are equally safe and effective.

**Limitation:** These recommendations may decrease the disease and death as well will be able to predict which procedure is better to perform in our population. This will lead to a reduce hospital stay and saving in cost to both the patient and hospital.

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