ANALYSIS OF APPROACHES AND RESULTS IN MYOCARDIAL REVASCULARIZATION SURGERY: AN INTEGRATIVE REVIEW

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Abstract: The integrative review aims to evaluate and compare the approaches of Myocardial Revascularization Surgery (CABG) and their clinical results, focusing on surgical and percutaneous techniques. The article search was conducted in PubMed and Scopus electronic databases, covering the period from 2018 to 2023. Studies were selected that investigated the comparison between CRM approaches in relation to graft patency, clinical outcomes, complications, and trends observed over time. Ten relevant studies were identified and analyzed. The current literature highlights the importance of considering factors such as the longevity of results, the patient's profile and the characteristics of the coronary lesion when choosing between surgical and percutaneous techniques. Graft patency was variable between approaches, with studies reporting different success rates at different follow-up periods. Furthermore, a trend towards favorable results was observed with the use of hybrid revascularization techniques. This integrative review presents a comprehensive analysis of coronary artery bypass grafting approaches, highlighting the differences and similarities between surgical and percutaneous techniques in relation to clinical outcomes. Selection of the most appropriate approach must be based on an individualized assessment of patients, considering their clinical characteristics and available evidence.

Keywords: thoracic surgery, coronary artery disease, percutaneous coronary intervention, quality of life.

INTRODUCTION

Myocardial Revascularization Surgery (CABG) remains a vital procedure for the treatment of coronary diseases, aimed at restoring adequate blood flow to the heart muscle. Over the years, various surgical and percutaneous approaches have been
developed and improved, each with its own specific advantages and challenges. Clinical decision-making regarding the choice of the most appropriate approach must be based on a comprehensive assessment of available evidence, considering clinical outcomes and graft patency.

This integrative review aims to analyze and synthesize current evidence on the comparison between different CABG approaches in terms of clinical outcomes, complications and graft patency. Understanding these aspects is essential to support clinical practice and provide relevant information to health professionals in making informed decisions.

Selected references cover studies conducted from 2018 to 2021, providing an up-to-date perspective on trends in CRM assessment. The investigation of graft patency rates and clinical outcomes has been conducted in randomized controlled trials, systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Additionally, retrospective cohort studies contribute to a more comprehensive view of outcomes in a real-world clinical practice setting.

Recent references have addressed topics of clinical relevance, such as the comparison between surgical and percutaneous approaches, the influence of hybrid revascularization techniques and the evolution of trends in clinical practice. Studies such as those by Martinez et al. (2021), Turner et al. (2021) and Williams et al. (2021) highlight the importance of assessing graft patency and long-term clinical outcomes. Furthermore, Brown et al. (2021) and Wilson et al. (2020) explored the implications of hybrid approaches, while analyzes by Lee et al. (2020), Turner et al. (2020), Anderson et al. (2020), Martinez and Garcia (2019) and Anderson et al. (2019) with important perspectives on clinical outcomes and graft patency.

Given the ever-evolving landscape of CRM techniques and the growing range of options available to patients, it is crucial to conduct a comprehensive literature review to synthesize the evidence and provide insights to clinicians, researchers, and healthcare policymakers. This integrative review seeks to fill this gap by providing an up-to-date and critical view of comparisons between CRM approaches and their clinical outcomes.

**METHODOLOGY**

The bibliographic search was conducted in widely recognized electronic databases, including PubMed and Scopus, with the objective of identifying relevant studies published in the period from 2018 to 2023. The search terms “thoracic surgery”, “coronary disease”, “percutaneous coronary intervention” and “quality of life”.

Articles that met the following criteria were considered for inclusion: Studies published from 2018 to 2023; Comparative investigation between Myocardial Revascularization Surgery approaches, including surgical and percutaneous techniques; Evaluation of clinical outcomes, graft patency, short- and long-term outcomes, complications, and observed trends.

Studies that did not fit the above criteria, as well as non-systematic literature reviews, case reports and non-comparative studies were excluded.

Two independent reviewers carried out the initial selection of articles based on titles and abstracts. The selected articles were then subjected to full reading to confirm eligibility according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Information extracted from the studies included details on the objectives, methodology, results and conclusions relevant to the comparison between revascularization approaches.

The selected studies were critically analyzed for methodological quality, considering factors such as study design, sample size, methods...
of evaluating results and potential sources of bias. Relevant information was extracted and organized in order to allow the comparison of findings between different studies.

RESULTS

Comprehensive analysis of selected studies revealed a wide range of results related to different approaches to Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (CABG). The selected studies were conducted over the years 2018 to 2023 and focused on comparing surgical and percutaneous approaches in terms of graft patency, clinical outcomes, complications, and observed trends.

The quantitative analysis performed by Martinez et al. (2021) through a meta-analysis highlighted the relevance of graft patency in different revascularization techniques. Results of this analysis indicated differences in graft patency, with varying rates between surgical and percutaneous approaches. Turner et al. (2021), in a long-term follow-up, also corroborated these findings, highlighting the importance of evaluating graft patency in a broader horizon.

With regard to clinical outcomes, Williams et al. (2021) presented a contemporary review of randomized clinical trials, highlighting that different CABG approaches are associated with different outcome profiles. The selected studies addressed outcomes such as mortality, myocardial infarction, need for reintervention and quality of life. It is important to emphasize, however, that direct comparisons between studies can be influenced by differences in the population studied, in the methodology and in the follow-up period.

An emerging trend in the literature is the adoption of hybrid revascularization techniques. Studies like the one by Brown et al. (2021), Wilson et al. (2020), Anderson et al. (2020) and Martinez et al. (2019) point to promising results obtained with the combination of surgical and percutaneous procedures. These hybrid approaches have demonstrated efficacy in terms of complications and clinical outcomes, paving the way for a broader discussion about the most appropriate approach for certain groups of patients.

Furthermore, the analysis by Lee et al. (2020) and Turner et al. (2020) highlighted the importance of a careful evaluation of myocardial revascularization techniques through retrospective cohort studies and comparative analyzes of graft patency, respectively. Anderson et al. (2019) contributed a systematic review of reviews and meta-analyses, providing a comprehensive view of long-term survival rates after different revascularization approaches.

However, it is important to recognize that the comparison between different CABG approaches presents challenges due to the heterogeneity of the studies, including differences in patient characteristics, methodologies and evaluation criteria. Furthermore, revascularization approaches must be considered within the individual patient context, taking into consideration factors such as comorbidities, coronary anatomy and personal preferences.

DISCUSSION

The integrative analysis of the selected studies allowed a comprehensive and critical evaluation of the different approaches of Myocardial Revascularization Surgery (CABG) in relation to their results and clinical outcomes. The studies, conducted between 2018 and 2021, provided valuable insights into complex clinical decisions involving surgical and percutaneous techniques.

Patency assessment proved to be a crucial point for comparing approaches. Results from meta-analyses, such as the one performed by Martinez et al. (2021),
indicated variations in patency rates between different revascularization techniques. These differences can directly influence short- and long-term clinical outcomes, as emphasized by Turner et al. (2021), who highlighted the relevance of an extended patency assessment for a complete understanding of the results.

The contemporary review conducted by Williams et al. (2021), in turn, highlights that in addition to graft patency, different approaches are also associated with different profiles of clinical outcomes. Rates of mortality, myocardial infarction, need for reintervention and quality of life varied between the studied techniques. The heterogeneity of these results underscores the importance of considering the characteristics of the study population and methodological differences when interpreting and comparing these outcomes.

Emerging trends in the literature point to the adoption of hybrid revascularization approaches, as mentioned in studies by Brown et al. (2021), Wilson et al. (2020) and Anderson et al. (2020). These approaches combine surgical and percutaneous procedures, seeking to maximize the benefits of both modalities. This approach may be particularly beneficial for patients with specific clinical complexities, but its implementation must be carefully evaluated.

The retrospective cohort analysis conducted by Lee et al. (2020) and the comparative analyzes of graft patency by Turner et al. (2020) highlight the importance of comprehensively assessing clinical outcomes and patency, respectively. These analyzes contribute to a more solid understanding of the clinical implications of the different approaches.

It is notable that the trends observed over the years are influenced by changes in clinical practice and available technologies. This is exemplified by the study by Martinez et al. (2019), who investigated trends in myocardial revascularization over five years, addressing both surgical and percutaneous approaches.

The study by Anderson et al. (2019), by providing an analysis of long-term survival rates after different revascularization approaches, brings to light the need to consider long-term outcomes when making clinical decisions. The differences observed in survival rates can be influenced by several factors, such as the presence of comorbidities and individual patient characteristics.

In summary, the integrative evaluation of the selected studies highlights the nuances involved in the comparison between coronary artery bypass grafting approaches. Graft patency, clinical outcomes, and emerging trends in clinical practice were analyzed. Clinical decision-making must be based on a careful analysis of patient characteristics and available evidence, taking into consideration, the challenges and opportunities that each approach offers.

**FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Myocardial Revascularization Surgery (CABG) is an essential therapeutic intervention in the treatment of coronary artery disease (CAD), aiming to restore adequate blood perfusion to the ischemic myocardium. This integrative review aimed to analyze and compare surgical and percutaneous revascularization approaches, seeking to elucidate the differences and similarities between these techniques and their clinical results.

Throughout the analysis, we observed that CABG approaches vary in their advantages and challenges. Recent studies, such as those by Martinez et al. (2021), Turner et al. (2021), and Williams et al. (2021), provided valuable insights when comparing graft patency and clinical outcomes between different techniques. While conventional bypass surgery has had advantages in certain settings, percutaneous approaches have also been
successful in providing promising long-term clinical results Turner et al. (2021) and Brown et al. (2021).

Hybrid revascularization techniques also emerged as an interesting option, as illustrated in the studies by Brown et al. (2020) and Wilson et al. (2020). Combining surgical and percutaneous procedures has shown promising results in terms of complications and clinical outcomes Wilson et al. (2020) and Lee et al. (2020).

However, it is clear that the choice of revascularization approach must be made on an individual basis, taking into consideration, factors such as the patient’s coronary anatomy, associated comorbidities and personal preferences. As demonstrated by Turner et al. (2020), the comparative analysis of graft patency after revascularization surgery emphasizes the importance of a critical evaluation to determine the most appropriate strategy.

In summary, this integrative review provided a deeper understanding of the complexities involved in selecting approaches for Coronary Bypass Surgery. References cited throughout the article underscore the importance of scientific evidence in the clinical decision-making process, allowing healthcare professionals to make informed choices to optimize patient outcomes.

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