25 Coding 299 fetal hearts scans using one single item from ACC-CHD and IPCCC lists: Limits, results, and comparison of discordances related to professional experience

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Background The international nomenclature of Congenital Heart Diseases (CHD) remains challenging. Classifications have been proposed such as the International Pediatric and Congenital Cardiac Code (IPCCC) and the ACC-CHD (Anatomic and Clinical Classification).

Methods We retrospectively included all consecutive fetal echocardiograms (1 cardiologist) over 6 years. Reports were independently coded with 1 single code (the most precise) by 3 pediatric cardiologists with increasing experience (junior [J], senior I [SI] and II [SII]). Discordances between doctors were compared to a gold standard code secondary fixed by SI and SII, with focus on coding difficulties and effects of professional experience using IPCCC and ACC-CHD.

Results Among 299 scans, 7 were excluded (doubts). Coding was always possible with IPCCC, but not achieved in 112 cases with ACC-CHD. One hundred and eighty hearts were selected. Using either IPCCC or ACC-CHD, coding with 1 item was difficult for SI and SII in 15% of cases (ACC-CHD categories 6, 9, 8). IPCCC was too exhaustive for its simple use leading to discordance. ACC-CHD was also difficult to use (learning curve, use of 1 code, complex CHD). Coding discordance using ACC-CHD main categories was higher for junior compared to seniors (J-SI, P = 0.04; J-SII, P = 0.02), without difference between seniors. Compared to the gold standard for ACC-CHD (main, sub) categories, junior concordance was lower (73.3%, 71.1%) than SI (90%, 83.3%, P = 0.005) and SII (88.3%, 87.2%, P < 0.0001). Senior concordance was stronger (75%) with ACC-CHD sub categories compared to IPCCC (65%, P = 0.028).

Conclusion IPCCC and ACC-CHD remain difficult for their use in clinical practice. Many functional abnormalities are not listed in the ACC-CHD but could be updated with a few more sub groups. The use of 1 code appears restrictive to well classify some complex CHD and limits our study. However, we believe that some ACC-CHD categories allow simplification with prognosis issues for further studies.

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26 New description of a family with an autosomal recessive catecholergic ventricular tachycardia due to Triadin gene

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We describe a family with suspicion of genetic arrhythmia that has benefited from a wide genetic exploration. The eldest of the siblings presented syncope at age 5.5 years and cardiac explorations were normal. A few months later, her elder sister presented a sudden death at age 4.5 years, while she was playing in the garden. The cardiac explorations showed a heart of normal structure but presence of polymorphic premature ventricular complexes. Isoprenaline test was positive. Treatment with beta-blockers (nadolol 50mg/m2) was introduced. There was no family history of sudden death or other cardiac defects. Because of these two serious rhythmic events occurring in two young children, a genetic study was initiated by next generation sequencing of 42 genes involved in cardiac arrhythmias (long QT, Brugada, catecholaminergic ventricular tachycardia). Two heterozygous mutations (c.613C>T/p.Gln205∗ and c.22+29 A>G) were identified in the Triadin gene, coding for a protein of the calcium release complex, recently involved in catecholaminergic ventricular tachycardia in two families (Roux-Buisson et al., 2012). The parents of our two cases were each carriers of a heterozygous mutation and had no cardiac symptoms. Their cardiac assessment did not show any abnormality (ECG Holter, exercise test, Isoprenaline test). The nonsense p.Gln205∗ mutation was present in one of the published families; however the splicing mutation in intron 1 had never been identified. Minigene experiments helped to confirm its pathogenicity. Presymptomatic testing was then proposed to the third child of the family (age 3), finding the two pathogenic mutations. She was therefore treated under the same treatment as her sisters. This is the second report of an autosomal recessive catecholaminergic ventricular tachycardia due to the Triadin gene. This case illustrates the interest of Next Generation Sequencing exploring simultaneously several candidate genes, in cases of sudden death of unknown origin.

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27 Protecting the brain: When one step back is better than two step forward—Preoperative EEG

Beta-waves may be a good predictor of brain injury during CHD surgery and could lead the way to brain protection

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We report 6 cases of patients (3 females, mean age 14.6 ± 2.5 years) with cyanotic congenital heart disease (CHD) who underwent surgery to correct their CHD. The preoperative EEG showed β-waves in 5 of the 6 cases. β-waves were associated with hypoxic-ischemic events in 4 patients. Preoperative β-waves were found in the other 2 patients in whom there was no evidence of brain injury. These results suggest that β-waves may be a good predictor of brain injury during CHD surgery and could lead the way to brain protection.

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