

## Session Appareil Respiratoire

### Predicting spontaneous breathing trial failure assessing respiratory-related cortical activation in mechanically ventilated patients

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**Rationale:** In mechanically ventilated patients, extubation is decided after passing a spontaneous breathing trial (SBT). Supplementary motor area, which can be non-invasively assessed by measuring amplitude of pre-inspiratory potentials (PIPs), is recruited in case of increased respiratory effort.

Weaning failure is accompanied by increased respiratory effort. We hypothesized that early increased PIP amplitude from the start of SBT may predict SBT failure.

**Patients and methods:** We performed a single-center physiological prospective study in mechanically ventilated patients meeting weaning criteria. PIP amplitude was measured using electroencephalography under mechanical ventilation and then during the first 15-min of the SBT performed using a T-piece. We compared PIP amplitude between patients who passed a 1-hour SBT and those who failed.

**Results:** Among the 62 patients included, 17 (27%) failed the SBT. Whereas patients who failed the SBT had a lower median amplitude of PIPs under mechanical ventilation than those who passed the SBT (0.6  $\mu$ V [IQR, 0-1.3] vs. 1.9 [1.2-2.9],  $p < 0.0001$ ), they had a higher amplitude of PIPs at the beginning of the SBT (2.1  $\mu$ V [IQR, 1.7-2.9] vs. 1.2 [0.5-2.0],  $p < 0.005$ ). The change in PIP amplitude between mechanical ventilation and SBT significantly increased in case of SBT failure whereas it decreased in case of SBT success (+1.7  $\mu$ V [1.2-2.1] vs. -0.5 [-1.8-0.1],  $p < 0.0001$ ). An increase of PIP above 0.43  $\mu$ V was associated with SBT failure with sensitivity of 100% and specificity of 87%.

**Conclusion:** Analysis of respiratory-related cortical activation is a non-invasive tool that may help physicians to identify patients ready for extubation.

## **Effect of low-frequency ventilatory oscillations in hypoxia to the low-frequency component of heart rate variability**

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Heart rate variability (HRV) may be influenced by several factors, such as environment (hypoxia, hyperoxia, hypercapnia) or physiological demand (exercise). In this retrospective study, we tested the hypothesis that inter-beat (RR) intervals in healthy subjects exercising under various environmental stresses exhibit oscillations at the same frequency than ventilatory oscillations.

Spectra from RR intervals and ventilation (VE) were collected from 37 healthy young male subjects who participated in 5 previous studies focused on ventilatory oscillations (periodic breathing) during exercise in hypoxia, hyperoxia and hypercapnia.

Fast Fourier analysis of RR and VE signals showed that RR was oscillating at the same frequency than periodic breathing, i.e., ~ 0.09 Hz (11 s). During exercise, in these various conditions, the difference between minimum and maximum HRV peak power was positively correlated to the same change in ventilation peak power ( $P < 0.05$ ). Low-frequency (LF) peak power was correlated to tidal volume ( $P < 0.01$ ) and breathing frequency ( $P < 0.001$ ).

This study suggests that low-frequency ventilatory oscillations in hypoxia are a major contributor to the LF band power of heart rate variability.

## **IMPACT OF USING GLI REFERENCE VALUE EQUATIONS FOR DLCO INTERPRETATION AMONG PATIENTS WITH PULMONARY HYPERTENSION**

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**Background:** This study aims to assess the impact of transitioning from the ECSC to the GLI reference equation for interpretation of DLCO in a real-life context, across diverse populations of patients with pulmonary hypertension (PH).

**Methods:** We retrospectively enrolled patients with either overt features of venous/capillary involvement (PVOD), idiopathic or heritable pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH), or chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension (CTEPH) who performed adequate DLCO testing in the reference center for PH at the time of their inclusion in the French PH Registry. DLCO values at inclusion were expressed as percentages of predicted value (%pred) and z-scores using both ECSC and GLI equations.

**Results:** Fifty-five PAH patients (41 women, mean age 51.8 +/- 15.8 years), 37 PVOD patients (13 women, mean age 63.9 +/- 14.1 years), and 39 CTEPH patients (13 women, mean age 57.4 +/- 16.9 years) were included. Overall, employing GLI equations yielded higher values of DLCO %pred than ECSC equations (62.7 vs. 56.5,  $p < 0.001$ ). This increase was more significant in PAH patients, with a mean increase of 9.6 %pred, in contrast to 5.2 %pred in CTEPH ( $p < 0.001$ ) and 2.4 %pred in PVOD patients ( $p < 0.001$ ). The magnitude and direction of variation in z-scores varied across the groups, being 0.26 in PAH, 0.47 in CTEPH, and -1.31 in PVOD patients.

**Conclusion:** The distinct demographic characteristics and baseline DLCO raw values inherent to each PH category leads to divergent effects on DLCO %pred and z-scores. Clinicians should be aware of such impacts for patient management in clinical practice and research.