

Iron deficiency and all-cause mortality after myocardial infarction

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Introduction

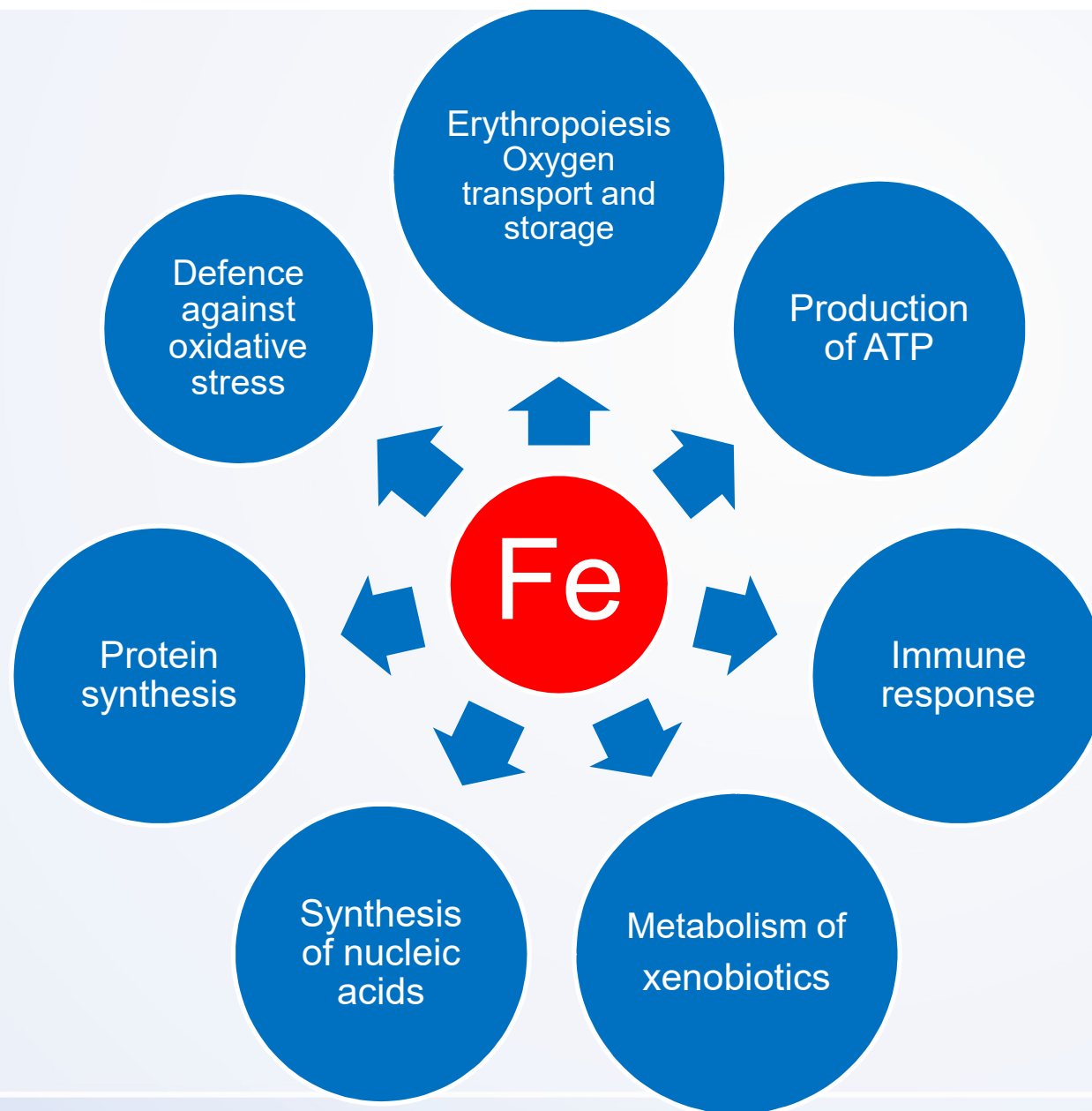
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Iron deficiency (ID) in patients with myocardial infarction (MI)

Altered cellular metabolism

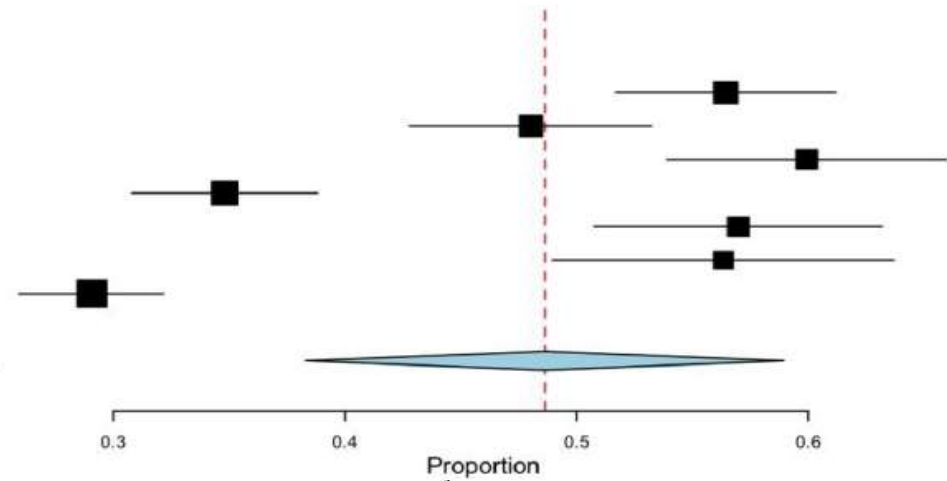
Increased oxidative stress and apoptosis

Decreased activity of cardioprotective signaling of eNOS/sGC/protein-kinase G

ID in patients with MI

A) Prevalence of iron deficiency

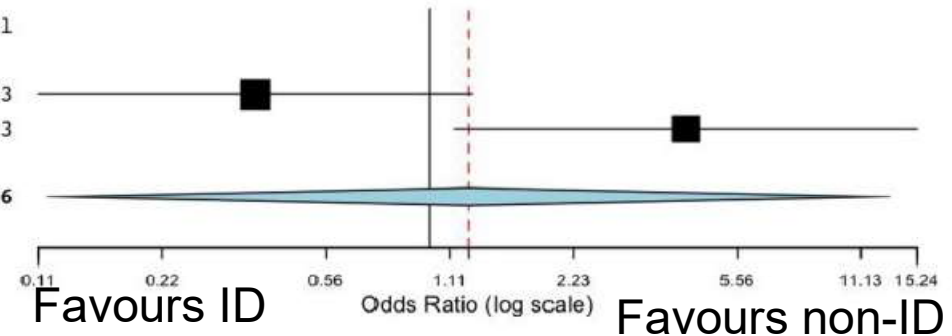
Studies	Estimate (95% C.I.)	Ev/Trt
Cosentino 2020	0.564 (0.517, 0.612)	237/420
Fujinaga 2013	0.480 (0.428, 0.532)	169/352
Gonzales-D'gregorio 2018	0.599 (0.539, 0.660)	151/252
Martins 2015	0.348 (0.308, 0.388)	189/543
Merono 2017	0.570 (0.508, 0.632)	139/244
Paeres 2018	0.563 (0.490, 0.637)	98/174
Zeller 2019	0.291 (0.260, 0.321)	243/836
Overall ($I^2=96.86\%$, $P<0.001$)	0.486 (0.383, 0.589)	1226/2821



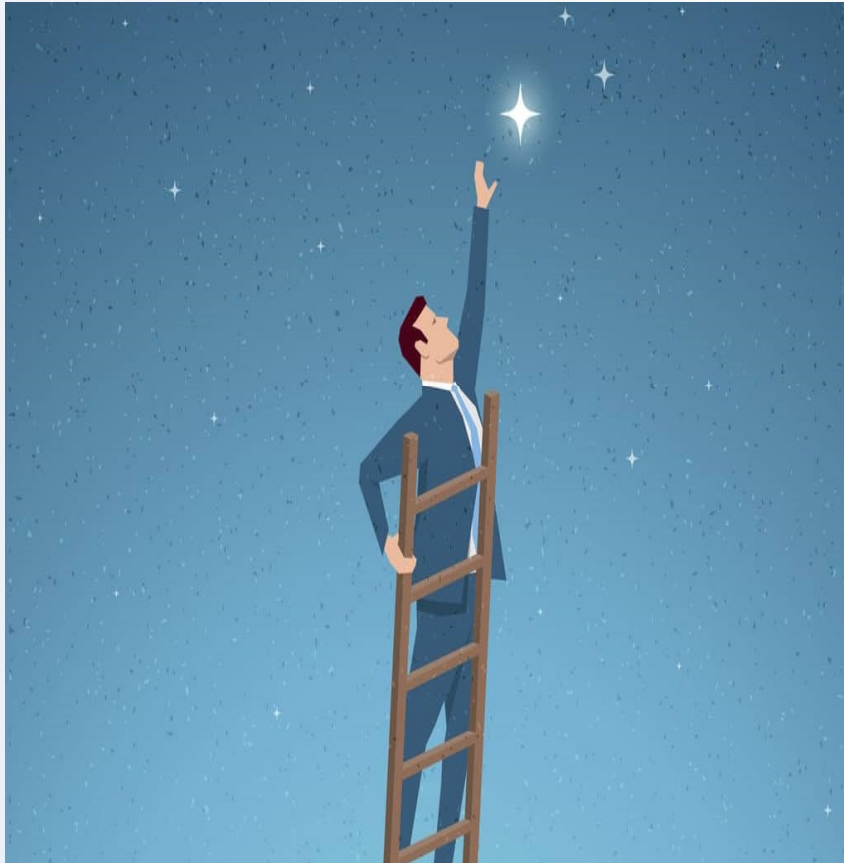
Prevalence of ID 43 %

B) In-hospital pooled cardiovascular and overall mortality

Studies	Estimate (95% C.I.)	Ev/Trt	Ev/Ctrl
Cosentino 2020	0.376 (0.111, 1.267)	4/237	8/183
Fujinaga 2013	4.177 (1.145, 15.241)	11/169	3/183
Overall ($I^2=85.85\%$, $P=0.008$)	1.239 (0.117, 13.134)	15/406	11/366



Aims



1. To compare association of different ID definitions with all-cause mortality in patients with first type of MI
2. To analyse additional predictive value of ID to GRACE score

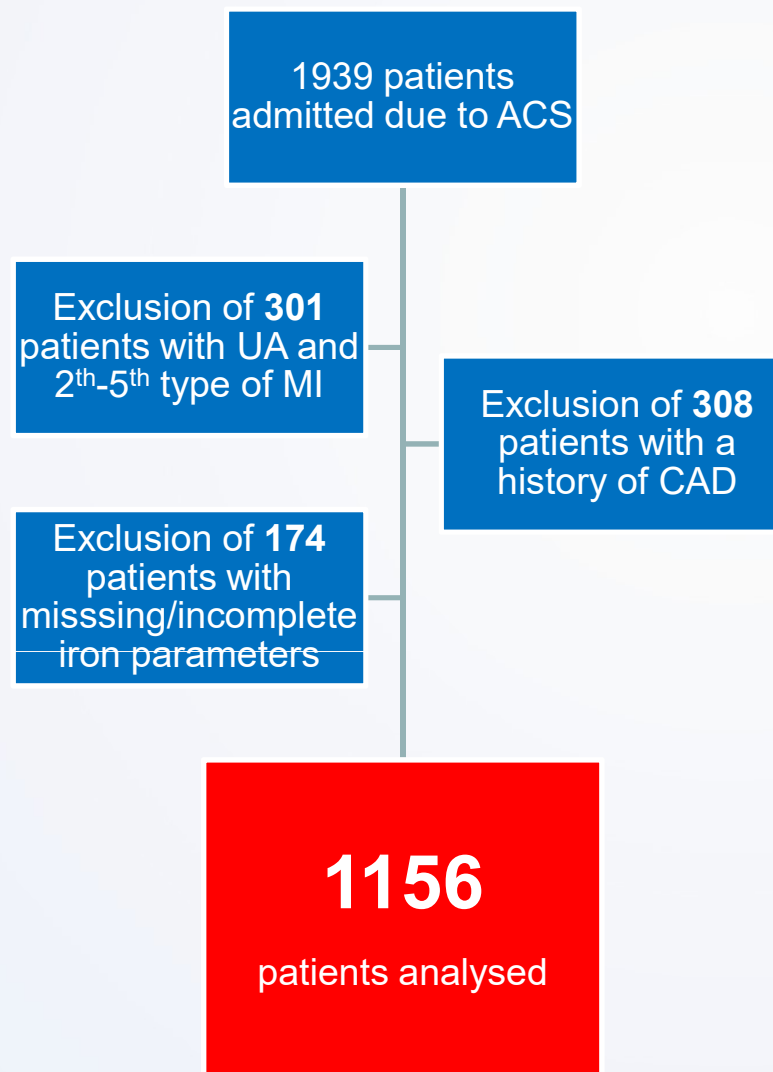
Methods



Prospective registry of patients admitted to IKEM with a diagnosis of ACS since June 2017



1st day after admission: study blood samples



Methods



Decision tree analysis for cut-offs of ID parameters



Restricted cubic spline model

Results

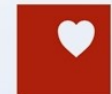
1156 patients

Mean age 64 $\pm$ 12 years

Women 25 %

Median follow-up 3,4 years

Mortality 16,8 %



Results I

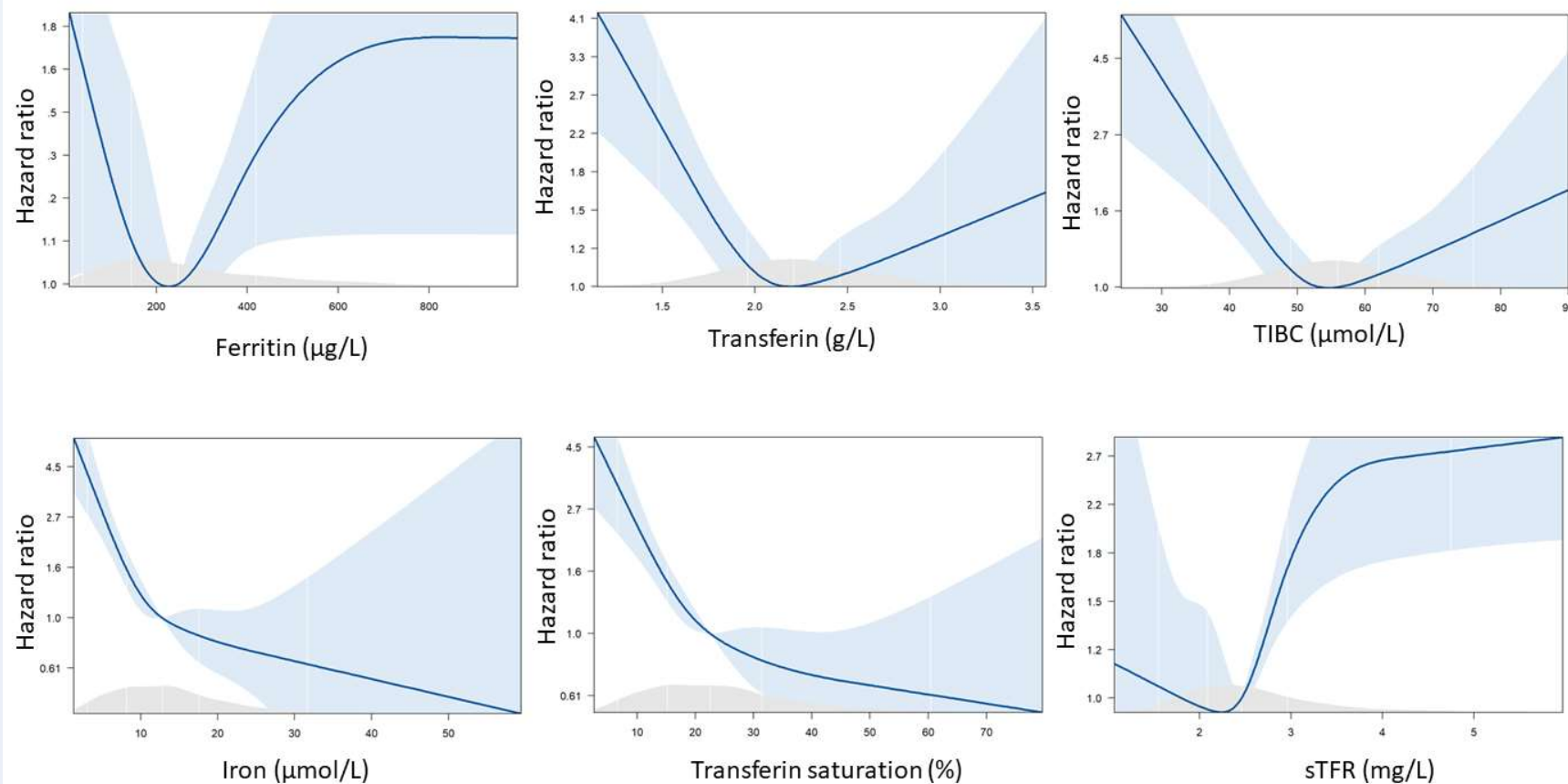


Fig.1: Restricted cubic splines model for various ID parameters and all-cause mortality

Adjusted for age. Grey area: histogram; *modrá oblast*: 95% confidence interval

Results II

Tab 1: Comparison of additional predictive value of ID parameters to GRACE score

	6 months				
	AUC	Δ AUC	p	Δ Brier	p
Iron $\leq 13 \mu\text{mol/L}$	82.6 (77.1–88.0)	2.5 (1.1–3.9)	0.001	-0.1 (-0.2 – -0.001)	0.01
TSAT $< 20 \%$	81.7 (76.2–87.2)	1.6 (0.1–3.2)	0.04	-0.1 (-0.2 – -0.01)	0.047
Ferritin $< 30 \mu\text{g/L}$	79.9 (74.3–85.6)	-0.2 (-0.3 – 0.001)	0.04	0.01 (-0.001–0.001)	0.74
Ferritin $< 100 \mu\text{g/L}$	80.0 (74.3–85.8)	-0.1 (-0.6–0.5)	0.90	-0.001 (-0.1–0.01)	0.19
Guideline	80.5 (74.7–86.2)	0.4 (-0.7–1.5)	0.5	-0.1 (-0.2 – 0.1)	0.02
Prague criteria	82.9 (77.5–88.2)	2.8 (0.9–4.7)	0.004	-0.3 (-0.4 – -0.1)	0.0003

Table B

	12 months				
	AUC	Δ AUC	p	Δ Brier	p
Iron $\leq 13 \mu\text{mol/L}$	81.9 (77.0–86.9)	2.1 (0.7–3.6)	0.004	-0.2 (-0.3 – -0.1)	0.005
TSAT $< 20 \%$	81.5 (76.6–86.4)	1.7 (0.2–3.2)	0.03	-0.1 (-0.3 – 0.1)	0.096
Ferritin $< 30 \mu\text{g/L}$	79.8 (74.8–84.8)	-0.01 (-0.4–0.4)	0.96	0.01 (-0.001–0.001)	0.90
Ferritin $< 100 \mu\text{g/L}$	79.8 (74.7–84.9)	0.001 (-0.5–0.5)	1.0	0.001 (-0.1–0.01)	0.19
Guideline	80.2 (75.1–85.3)	0.4 (-0.6–1.4)	0.4	-0.1 (-0.2 – -0.1)	0.044
Prague criteria	82.4 (77.6–87.2)	2.6 (0.7–4.5)	0.007	-0.3 (-0.6 – -0.1)	0.001

52 % patients with serum iron (S-Fe) $\leq 13 \mu\text{mol/L}$

58 % patients had ID according to Prague ID criteria (at least 1 of 2 parameters: S-Fe $\leq 12.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ and/or sTfR $\geq 3 \text{ mg/L}$)



Baseline characteristics

	Iron >12.8 & sTfR<3	Iron ≤12.8 & sTfR<3	Iron >12.8 & sTfR≥3	Iron ≤12.8 & sTfR≥3	p
	(n=490) 42,4 %	(n= 394) 34,1 %	(n=83) 7,2 %	(n=189) 16,3 %	
Characteristics					
Age (years)	62,0 ± 11,9	64,3 ±12,7*	66 ±12,7*	67,6 ±12,2*	< 0,001
Male sex, n (%)	376 (77%)	292 (74%) *	60 (72%)	139 (74%)	0,68
STEMI, n (%)	304 (62%)	279 (71%)*	38 (46%)	125 (66 %)	0,001
Anterior MI, n (%)	195 (40%)	175 (44%)	38 (46%)	97 (51%)	0,052
Subacute MI, n (%)	33 (7%)	81 (21%)*	8 (10%)	41 (22%)*	<0,0001
Multi-vessel disease, n (%)	138 (28%)	121 (31%)	26 (31%)	74 (39%)	0,052
CPR before admission, n (%)	14 (3%)	31 (8%)*	1 (1%)	13 (7%)	0,02
Admission HR, min ⁻¹	74 ±16	80±20*	77 ±17	82 ±18*	<0,0001
Admission SBP, mmHg	145±26	138±29*	149±23	142±24	0,0002
PCI or CABG, n (%)	479 (98%)	355 (90%)*	76 (92%)*	165 (87%)	< 0,0001
Hemoglobin, g.l ⁻¹	145±13	141±15*	144±19	137±21*	<0,0001
Leukocyte count, 10 ⁹ .l ⁻¹	10,5 (8,4-15,2)	11,7 (9,5-15,0)*	10,0 (7,4-11,8)	11,8 (9,1-14,0)*	<0,0001
HbA1c, mmol.mol ⁻¹	41 (38-46)	42 (39-47)	41 (37-49)	44 (40-53)*	<0,0001
CKD-EPI, ml/s/1,73m²	1,39±0,30	1,28±0,39*	1,26±0,37*	1,16±0,42*	<,0001
Max. hsTroponin T, ng/L	1047 (314-3088)	2256 (825-5159)*	813 (255-2183)	2011 (685-4045)*	<0,0001

- p< 0,05 vs. S-Fe ≥ 12,8 and sTfR ≤ 13

Baseline characteristics

	Iron >12.8 & sTfR<3 (n=490) 42,4 %	Iron ≤12.8 & sTfR<3 (n= 394) 34,1 %	Iron >12.8 & sTfR≥3 (n=83) 7,2 %	Iron ≤12.8 & sTfR≥3 (n=189) 16,3 %	p
Iron metabolism					
Iron, μmol/L	19,8±7,0	8,4±2,9*	17,6±4,1*	7,5±2,9*	<0,0001
Ferritin, μg/L	240 (138-391)	292 (180-490)*	189 (97-278)*	230 (103-412)	<0,0001
TSAT, %	35,9±13,7	16,2±5,6*	29,6±7,1*	13,6 ± 5,3*	<0,0001
sTfR, mg/L	2,23 ± 0,40	2,33 ± 0,37	3,6 ± 0,85*	4 ± 1,62*	<0,0001
ECHO					
LV EF ≤ 40%, n (%)	69 (14%)	125 (32%)*	16 (19%)	61 (32%)*	< 0,0001
Risk factors					
Arterial hypertension, n (%)	270 (55%)	228 (58%)	54 (65%)	135 (71%)*	0,004
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)	88 (18%)	82 (21%)	19 (23%)	82 (43%)*	<0,0001
Current smoking, n (%)	247 (50%)	184 (47%)	32 (39%)	66 (35%)*	0,06
COPD, n (%)	28 (6%)	24 (6%)	5 (6%)	11 (6%)	0,996
History of atrial fibrillation, n (%)	17 (3%)	18 (5%)	7 (8)	24 (13%)	<0,0001
Dialysis, n (%)	2 (0,4 %)	1 (0,3 %)	0 (0%)	1 (0,5%)	0,45
Medications at discharge, n (%)					
ACE inhibitors or ARB, n (%)	382 (78%)	282 (74%)	70 (84%)	144 (79%)	0,16
BB, n (%)	382 (78%)	296 (78%)	68 (82 %)	151 (83%)	0,43
Statins, n (%)	480 (98%)	365 (96 %)	79 (95%)	168 (92%)*	0,004
Aspirin, n (%)	474 (97%)	349 (91%)*	77 (93%)	158 (86%)*	<0,0001
Ticagrelor, n (%)	365 (75%)	226 (59%)*	44 (53%)*	88 (48%)*	<0,0001
Outcome					
Killip class I, n (%)	427 (87%)	276 (70%)*	75 (90%)*	114 (60%)	<0,0001
Death, n (%)	36 (7%)	74 (19 %)*	19 (23%) *	65 (34%) *	<0,0001

- $p < 0,05$ vs. S-Fe $\geq 12,8$ and sTfR ≤ 13



PragueID criteria and prognosis of patients after myocardial infarction



PragueID criteria: Iron $\leq 12.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ & sTfR $\geq 3 \text{ mg/L}$

Iron deficiency prevalence after MI: 58%



n= 189

Iron $\leq 12.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ & sTfR $\geq 3 \text{ mg/L}$

n= 83

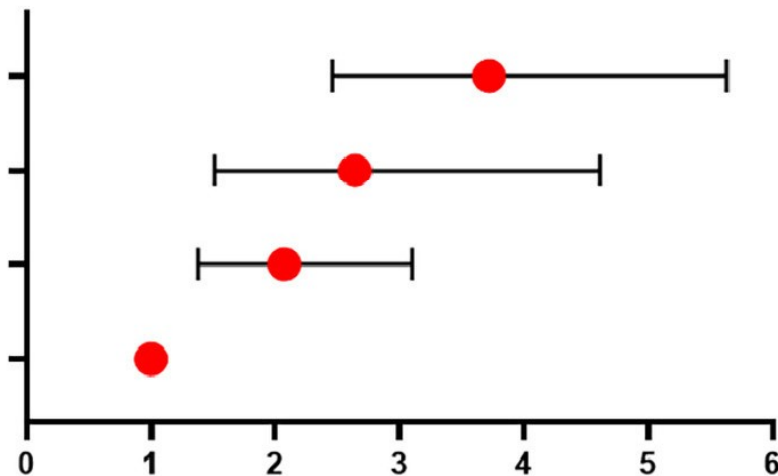
Iron $> 12.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ & sTfR $\geq 3 \text{ mg/L}$

n= 394

Iron $\leq 12.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ & sTfR $< 3 \text{ mg/L}$

n= 490

Iron $> 12.8 \mu\text{mol/L}$ & sTfR $< 3 \text{ mg/L}$



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Total mortality hazard ratio with 95% CI
Adjusted for GRACE score



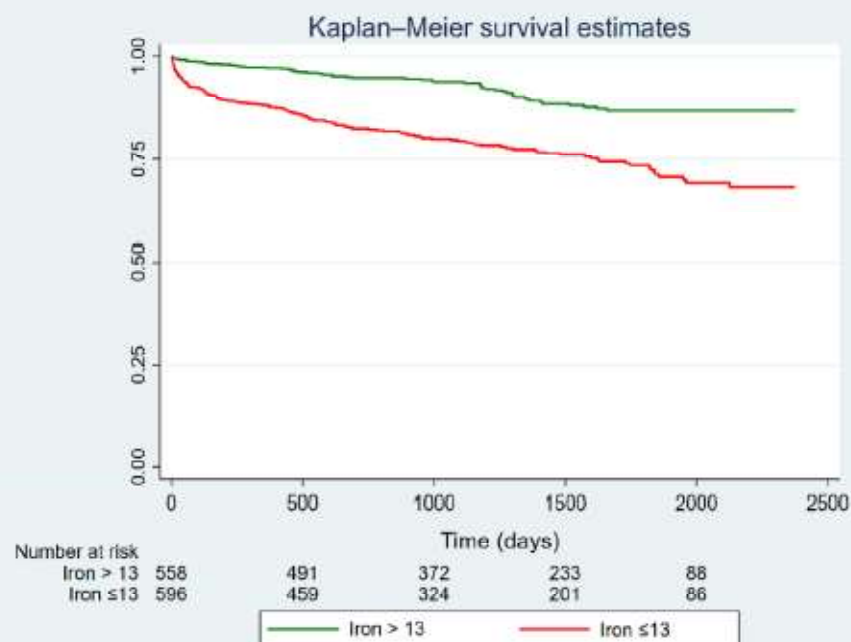
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PragueID criteria	Prevalence	Unadjusted	Adjusted (model 2)*
Iron >12.8μmol/L & sTfR<3 mg/L	ref	ref	ref
Iron ≤12.8μmol/L & sTfR<3 mg/L	394 (34.1)	2.79 (1.87-4.15)	1.75 (1.16-2.64)
Iron >12.8μmol/L & sTfR≥3 mg/L	83 (7.2)	3.27 (1.88-5.70)	2.05 (1.15-3.64)
Iron ≤12.8μmol/L & sTfR≥3 mg/L	189 (16.3)	5.76 (3.83-8.66)	2.56 (1.64-3.99)

* Adjusted for age, gender, HF history, CKD-EPI, admission systolic blood pressure and heart rate, absence of PCI, Killip class, ejection fraction <35 % at discharge

Panel A



Panel B

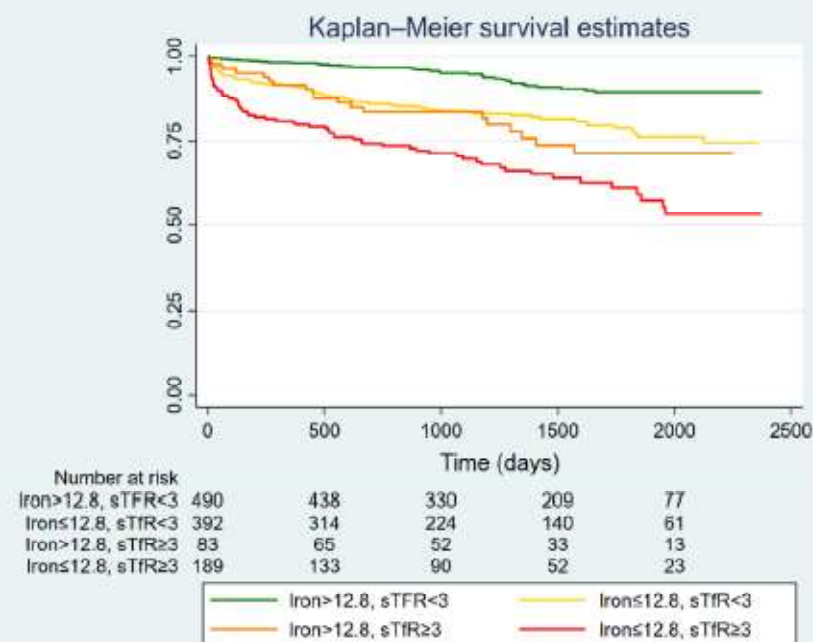


Fig. Kaplan-Meier survival curves
A for serum iron
B for PragueID criteria

Study limitations

- Single-centre study
- Retrospective analysis
- Single measurement of iron parameters

Conclusions

- ID is very common among patients with MI
- ID criteria based on combination of S-Fe and sTfR provide the best predictive value for mortality
- The role of parenteral iron substitution in ID patients with MI has to be addressed in RCT

Thank you for your attention

