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Treatment outcomes with tocilizumab in adult patients with severe and critical COVID-19 pneumonia of mariano marcos memorial hospital and medical center: A Retrospective Study

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Objectives: As SARS-Cov-2 infection leads to the development of cytokine storm syndrome, Tocilizumab, a biological agent that inhibits the cytokine interleukin 6, was seen to have clinical effects in COVID-19. Hematological markers used to determine clinical severity based on current literature revealed that ALC, CRP, Ferritin, LDH and D-dimer levels were associated with COVID severity. We aimed to determine the association of recovery and mortality rate with Tocilizumab based on inflammatory markers significant in COVID-19 infection such as CRP, LDH, D-dimer, Ferritin, Absolute Lymphocyte Count and associate comorbidities of patients to mortality.

Methods: This was a single-center retrospective study which includes 101 t patients diagnosed with COVID-19 Severe and Critical Pneumonia. Independent Sample T-test, Mann-Whitney U test and Fisher's Exact/Chi-square test was used. Odds ratio was computed to determine significant predictors for mortality.

Results: Diabetic patients were 5.3 times more likely to and Chronic Kidney Disease was 18 times more likely to have mortality. For every unit increase in patient's D-dimer and CRP during admission, the odds of mortality also increase by 0.02% and 0.73%.

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Mortality decrease by 17.86%. Every 0.01-unit increase in patient's ABG PaO2/FiO2 during admission, the odds of mortality decrease by 10.1%. In patient's D-dimer, Ferritin, CRP and LDH prior to discharge, every unit increase, the odds of mortality also increase by 0.03%, 0.18%, 2.29% and 0.58, respectively. Every 0.01-unit increase in patient's ALC prior discharge, mortality decrease by 13.35%.

Conclusion: Tocilizumab treatment was associated with reduction in the mortality of patient with Severe and Critical COVID

Pneumonia in association with inflammatory markers, LDH, Ferritin, D-dimer and CRP, improvement of ABG PaO2/FIO2 and decreased infiltrates by chest x-ray. Mortality from COVID-19 Pneumonia was associated with CKD, DMT2, and HCVD

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