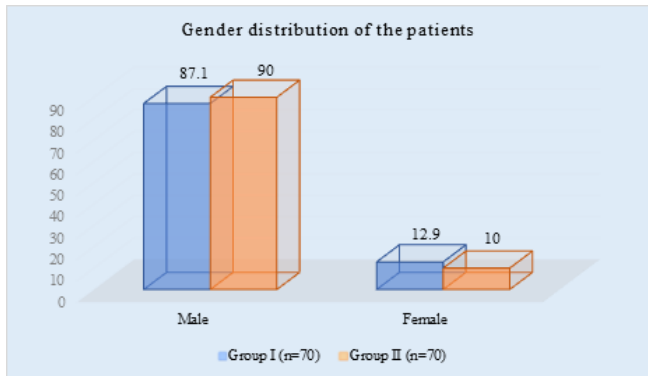


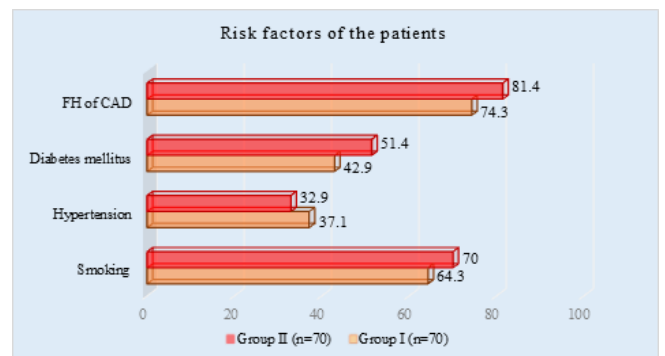
(RAO) at early (24 hours) was observed more frequently in group II than in group I (12.8% vs. 4.3%, P=0.04) with also observed more frequently in group II than in group I association. Multivariate logistic regression analysis hours as a strong predictor of RAO (Odds ratio [OR] = 7.149, &@ 3

Cardiovascular risk factors (N=140)

Risk Factors	Group I		Group II		P-value
	(n=70)		(n=70)		
	n	%	n	%	
Smoking	45	64.3	23	32.9	
FH of CAD	52	74.3	57	81.4	
BMI (Mean)					



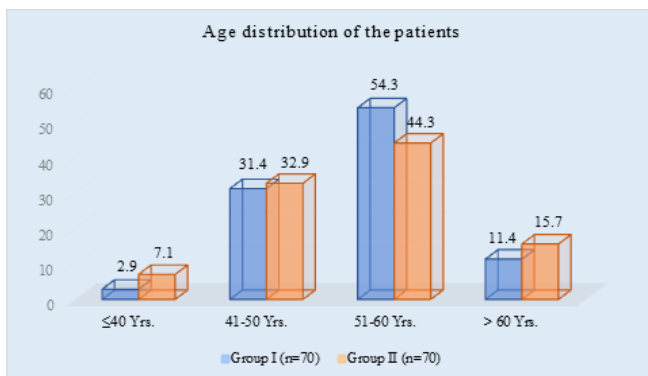
Column chart showed gender wise patients distribution (N=140)



Bar chart showed cardiovascular risk factors wise patients (N=140)

Age distribution (N=140)

Age (Years)	Group I		Group II		P-value
	(n=70)		(n=70)		
	n	%	n	%	
≤40	2	2.9	5	7.1	
41-50	22	31.4	23	32.9	
51-60	38	54.3	44.3	63.3	
>60	8	11.4	15.7	22.4	
Mean ±SD					

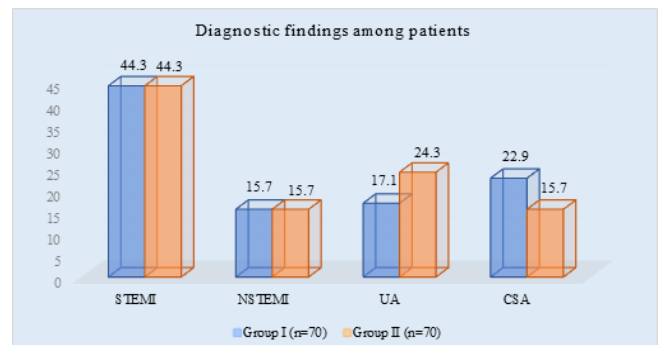


Column chart showed age wise patients distribution (N=140)

Bar chart showed cardiovascular risk factors wise patients (N=140)

Diagnosis	Group I		Group II		P-value
	(n=70)		(n=70)		
	n	%	n	%	
STEMI	44.3	63.3	44.3	63.3	
NSTEMI	15.7	22.4	15.7	22.4	
UA	17.1	24.3	24.3	34.7	
CSA	22.9	32.9	15.7	22.4	

Table 3 showed STEMI: ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction, NSTEMI: Non-ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction, UA: Unstable Angina, CSA: Coronary Artery Spasm



Bar chart showed cardiovascular risk factors wise patients (N=140)

Table 4: Procedural and post-procedural characteristics (N=140)

Variables	Group I		Group II		P-value
	(n=70)		(n=70)		
	n	%	n	%	
Sheath size used					
6F	64	91.4	65	52.9	0.75
5F	6	8.6	5	7.1	0.75
Types of sheaths used					
New	26	37.1	29	41.4	0.61
Sterilized	44	62.9	41	58.6	0.61
Nitroglycerin	38	54.3	32	45.7	0.31
Number of vessels stented					
1	60	85.7	55	78.6	0.27
2	10	14.3	15	21.4	0.27
Procedure Time (min)					
Mean ±SD	53.3±8.2		55.1±9.1		0.23
AP at 24 hrs.					
	2	2.9	8	11.4	0.04
AP at 30 days					
	1	1.4	6	8.6	0.04
Spasm					
	9	12.8	11	15.7	0.62
Hematoma					
	2	2.9	3	4.3	0.64

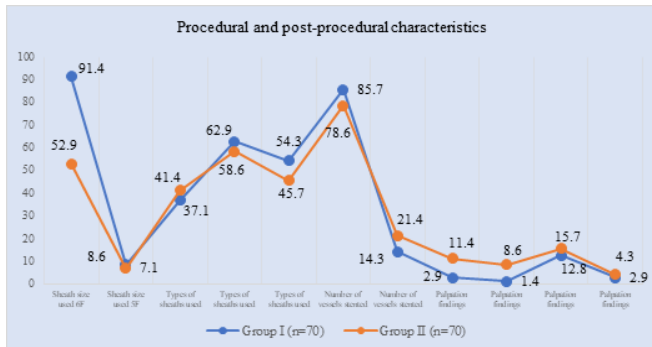


Figure 5: Line chart showed variables wise procedural and post-procedural characteristics of the patients (N=140)

Table 5: Duplex assessment of RAO (N=140)

Assessment	Group I		Group II		P-value
	(n=70)		(n=70)		
	n	%	n	%	
RAO at 24 hrs.	3	4.3	9	12.8	0.04
RAO at 30 days	2	2.8	8	11.4	0.04

Discussion

In this study, there was no significant difference in age distribution between the two groups. The mean age of patients in Group I and Group II was 53.3±6.6 and 53.5±8.7 years, respectively, with P=0.85. Similar results were reported by Karimul et al. [13]. Regarding sex distribution, there was no statistically significant difference between the study groups (P=0.59), and male patients predominated (81.6%). A study

Table 6: Multivariate logistic regression analysis of RAO with confounding factors

Variables of interest	Odds Ratio	P-value
	(OR)	
Age in years (>55)	1.034	1.118
Male gender	0.52	0.6
Smoking	2.188	0.34
Hypertension	1.573	0.5
Diabetes mellitus	1.076	0.91
Increased BMI kg/m ²	1.479	0.09
Sterilized sheath use	1.497	0.56
Nitroglycerin use	1.624	0.03
Procedure time	1.186	0.03
HC time 6 hours	7.149	0.01

by Dharma et al. found no significant reduction in the risk of RAO in women patients (Odds ratio, 0.69; 95% confidence interval [CI], 0.38 to 1.26; P=0.147) [14]. History of smoking, diagnosed diabetes mellitus, hypertension, and family history of CAD were similar between the groups with no significant association (P>0.05). The mean BMI in Group I and Group II was nearly identical (26.4±1.3 vs. 26.7±1.5 Kg/m²), with no statistically significant difference (P=0.16). The overall

patient BMI was 26.6 ± 1.4 kg/m², consistent with findings by Karimul et al. [13]. In Group I, 44.3% had STEMI, 15.7% had NSTEMI, 17.1% had UA, and 22.9% had CSA. Group II showed higher UA (24.3% vs. 17.1%, $P=0.30$) and lower CSA (15.7% vs. 22.9%, $P=0.28$). Matin et al. reported a similar disease profile [11]. Procedural and post-procedural characteristics showed no statistically significant association between the study groups ($P>0.05$), except for palpation findings. Absent pulse at early (24 hours) was higher in Group II than Group I (11.4% vs. 2.9%, $P=0.04$), with a significant association. The same was observed at late (30 days) (8.6% vs. 1.4%, $P=0.04$) with significant association. Studies using absent radial pulse as the sole criterion for RAO reported immediate rates ranging from 2% to 18% [2]. In certain studies, using Doppler, the reported incidence of RAO tends to be higher than when relying solely on the absence of pulse as a criterion. Huang et al. found that the rate of immediate occlusion was 4.7% using the radial pulse method and 10.7% using the Doppler study [3]. Lopes et al., in a Brazilian study, reported an incidence of early RAO (within 7 days) as 10.5% [15]. In this study, the primary outcome incidence of RAO early (24 hours) after trans-radial PCI, as defined by duplex ultrasound, was significantly lower in the 2-hour hemostatic compression group compared to the 6-hour group (4.3% vs. 12.8%, $P=0.04$). Late (30-day) RAO was also significantly lower in Group I than in Group II (2.8% vs. 11.4%, $P=0.04$). Similar findings were reported by Samir B. Pancholy et al., where early RAO occurred in 5.5% of patients with 2-hour compression and 12% with 6-hour compression, with statistically significant differences. Chronic RAO occurred in 3.5% with 2-hour compression and 8.5% with 6-hour compression [12]. The study also indicated that the use of post-procedural nitroglycerin reduced the incidence of RAO (OR=1.624; 95% CI=1.110-11.304; $P=0.03$). Longer procedure time was significantly associated with the development of RAO (OR=1.186, CI=1.097-1.289; $P=0.03$). This aligns with findings from Pancholy and Patel (2012) [12] and Rashid et al. (2016) [16], which identified hemostatic compression time as a significant predictor of RAO ($P=0.025$). In Matin et al.'s study, the incidence of RAO was 9.6% based on Duplex ultrasound [11]. Additionally, Karimul et al. [13] found predictors of RAO to include hemostatic compression time exceeding 2 hours, post-procedural nitroglycerine use, and prolonged procedure time.

Limitation of the Study

This single-center study had a limited sample size and was conducted over a short duration. Consequently, the findings may not accurately represent the overall scenario in the entire country.

Conclusion & Recommendation

The critical correlation between hemostatic compression duration and radial artery occlusion following trans-radial

intervention underscores the significance of timely and strategic post-procedural care. The findings strongly advocate for a shorter compression duration, as it emerges as a pivotal factor in reducing both early and late occurrences of radial artery occlusion. This not only enhances the overall efficacy of trans-radial interventions but also addresses the imperative need for minimizing associated complications. Healthcare practitioners should consider these results when formulating post-procedural protocols, emphasizing the potential benefits of a nuanced approach to compression duration. As medical practices continue to evolve, optimizing procedural techniques and post-interventional care protocols becomes paramount in ensuring the safety and success of trans-radial interventions.

References

1. Rademakers LM & Laarman GJ. Critical hand ischemia after transradial cardiac catheterisation. An uncommon complication of a common procedure. *Neth Heart J* 20 (2012): 372–375.
2. Pancholy SB. Transradial access in an occluded radial artery. New technique. *J Invasive Cardiol* 19 (2007): 541–544.
3. Huang CH, Chen CY, Chen IC. Impact of the transradial approach to coronary angiography or angioplasty on radial artery in Taiwanese population. *Acta Cardiol Sin* 20 (2004): 212–218.
4. Pancholy S, Coppola J, Patel T, et al. Prevention of radial artery occlusion-patent hemostasis evaluation trial (PROPHET study). A randomized comparison of traditional versus patency documented hemostasis after transradial catheterization. *Catheter Cardiovasc Interv* 72 (2008): 335–340.
5. Kerawala CJ & Martin IC. Palmar arch backflow following radial forearm free flap harvest. *British J Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery* 41 (2003): 157–160.
6. Plante S, Cantor W J, Goldman L, et al. Comparison of bivalirudin versus heparin on radial artery occlusion after transradial catheterization. *Catheter Cardiovasc Interv* 76 (2010): 654–658.
7. Tuncez A, Kaya Z, Aras D, et al. Incidence and predictors of radial artery occlusion associated transradial catheterization. *Int J Med Sci* 10 (2013): 1715–1719.
8. Garg N, Madan BK, Khanna R, et al. Incidence and predictors of radial artery occlusion after transradial coronary angioplasty. Doppler-guided follow-up study. *J Invasive Cardiol* 27 (2015): 106–112.
9. Patwary MS, Uddin MJ, Rahman MM, et al. Advantage of Trans Radial Coronary Angiography. A Study of 40 Patients. *University Heart J* 5 (2010).

10. Kabir MS. In-hospital outcome of Transradial PCI compared to Transfemoral PCI in coronary artery disease patient (2013).
11. Matin MA. Incidence & predictors of radial artery occlusion of coronary procedure through transradial approach. A-doppler guided study (2016).
12. Pancholy SB and Patel TM. Effect of duration of hemostatic compression on radial artery occlusion after transradial access. *Catheter Cardiovasc Interv* 79 (2012): 78–81.
13. Islam MK, Uddin MJ, A Momen, et al. Role of Intra-arterial Nitroglycerin (Postprocedural, Prehemostasis) to Reduce Radial Artery Occlusion After Transradial Catheterisation: A Doppler-guided Study. *Mymensingh Med J* 32 (2023): 412-420.
14. Dharma S, Kedev S, Patel T, et al. A novel approach to reduce radial artery occlusion after transradial catheterization. Postprocedural/prehemostasis intra-arterial nitroglycerin. *Catheter Cardiovasc Interv* 85 (2015): 818–825.
15. Sá BJLd, Barros LdFT, Brandão SCS, et al. Interferência de introdutores reprocessados na oclusão da artéria radial após cateterismo cardíaco. *Revista Brasileira de Cardiologia Invasiva* 21 (2013): 270–275.
16. Rashid M, Kwok CS, Pancholy S, et al. Radial Artery Occlusion After Transradial Interventions. A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis. *J Am Heart Assoc* 5 (2016).