



Variation in Vasoactive Treatments for Cardiogenic Shock: Insights from the Critical Care Cardiology Trials Network (CCCTN)

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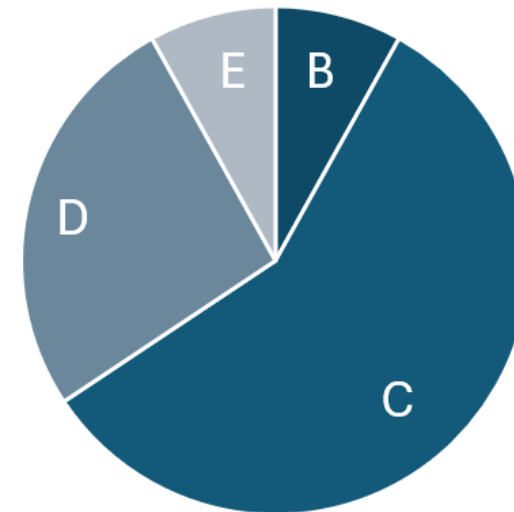
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- “There is a lack of robust evidence to suggest the clear benefit of one inotropic agent over another in cardiogenic shock (CS).”
- We hypothesized that variation in the utilization of inodilators to treat CS is associated with both institution- and patient-level factors.
- CCCTN: investigator-initiated multicenter network of CICUs in North America and Europe.
- Analysis cohort: 3,282 patients with CS from 2018-2023 across 37 CICUs
- Quantify variability of inodilator treatment associated w/ patient- and institution-factors using linear mixed-effect modeling

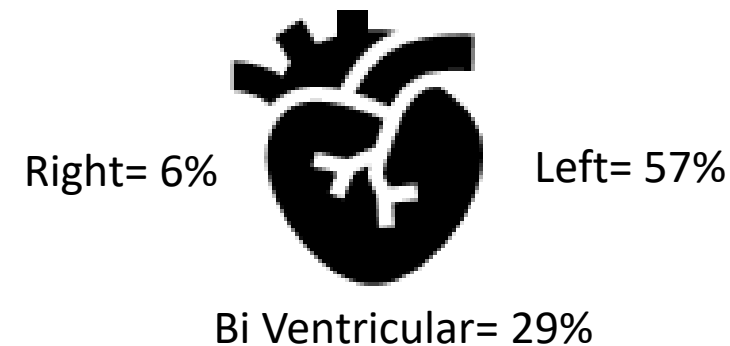
Study Population

| | | Overall (n=3,282) |
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| Demographics | Age, yrs, med. (IQR) | 66 (56-74) |
| | Sex, %, Female | 32% |
| | Race, %, White | 57% |
| | Black | 20% |
| | Other/Unknown | 23% |
| History, % | HTN | 57% |
| | CAD | 36% |
| | Severe Valvular Disease | 15% |
| | pHTN | 7% |
| | Heart Failure | 56% |
| Admission, % | Cardiac Arrest | 24% |
| | AMI-CS | 25% |
| | HF-CS | 63% |
| | MCS | 31% |
| Center | Cases/Month, med. (IQR) | 11 (9-17) |
| | Location, n (%), Urban | 83% |
| | Suburban | 15% |
| | Rural | 3% |
| | ICU Beds, med. (IQR) | 14 (10-23) |

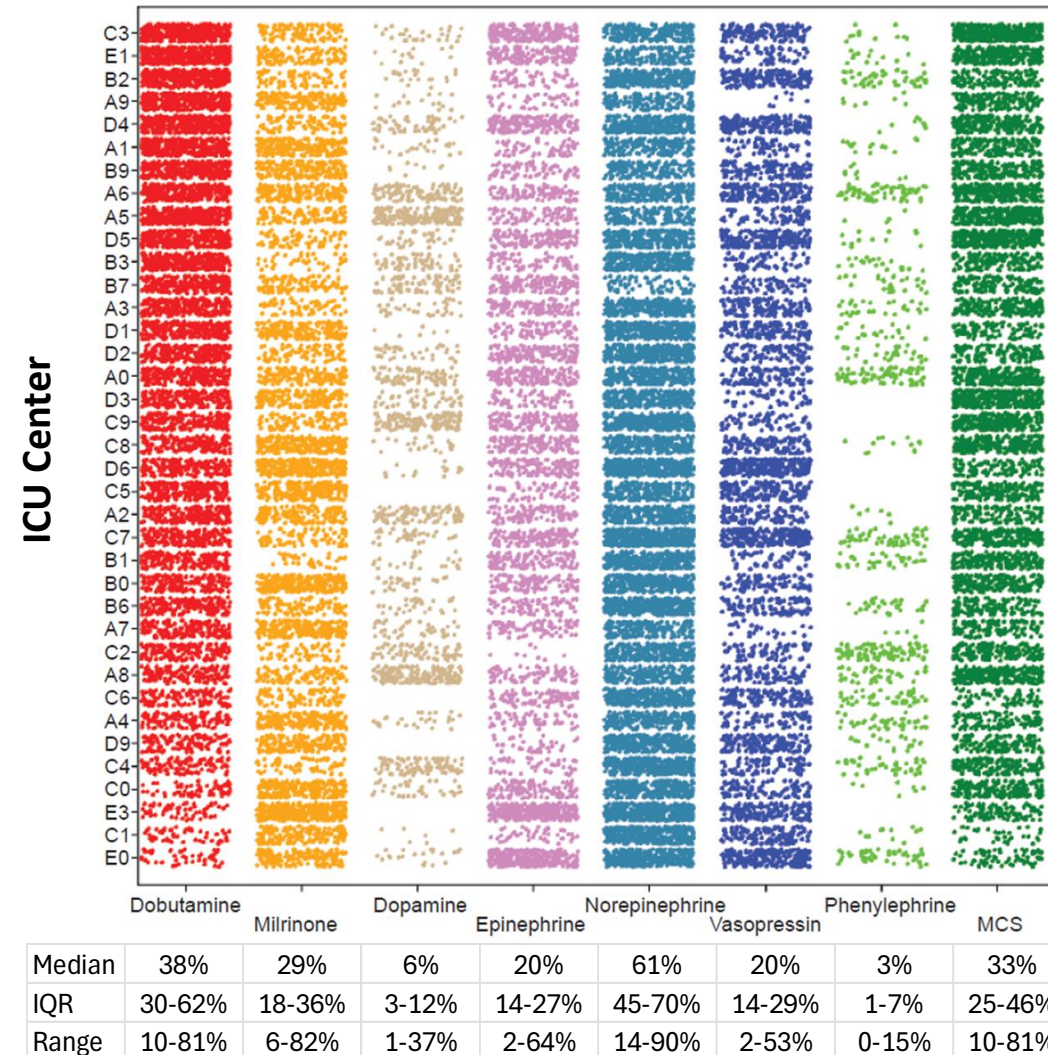
SCAI Shock Stage



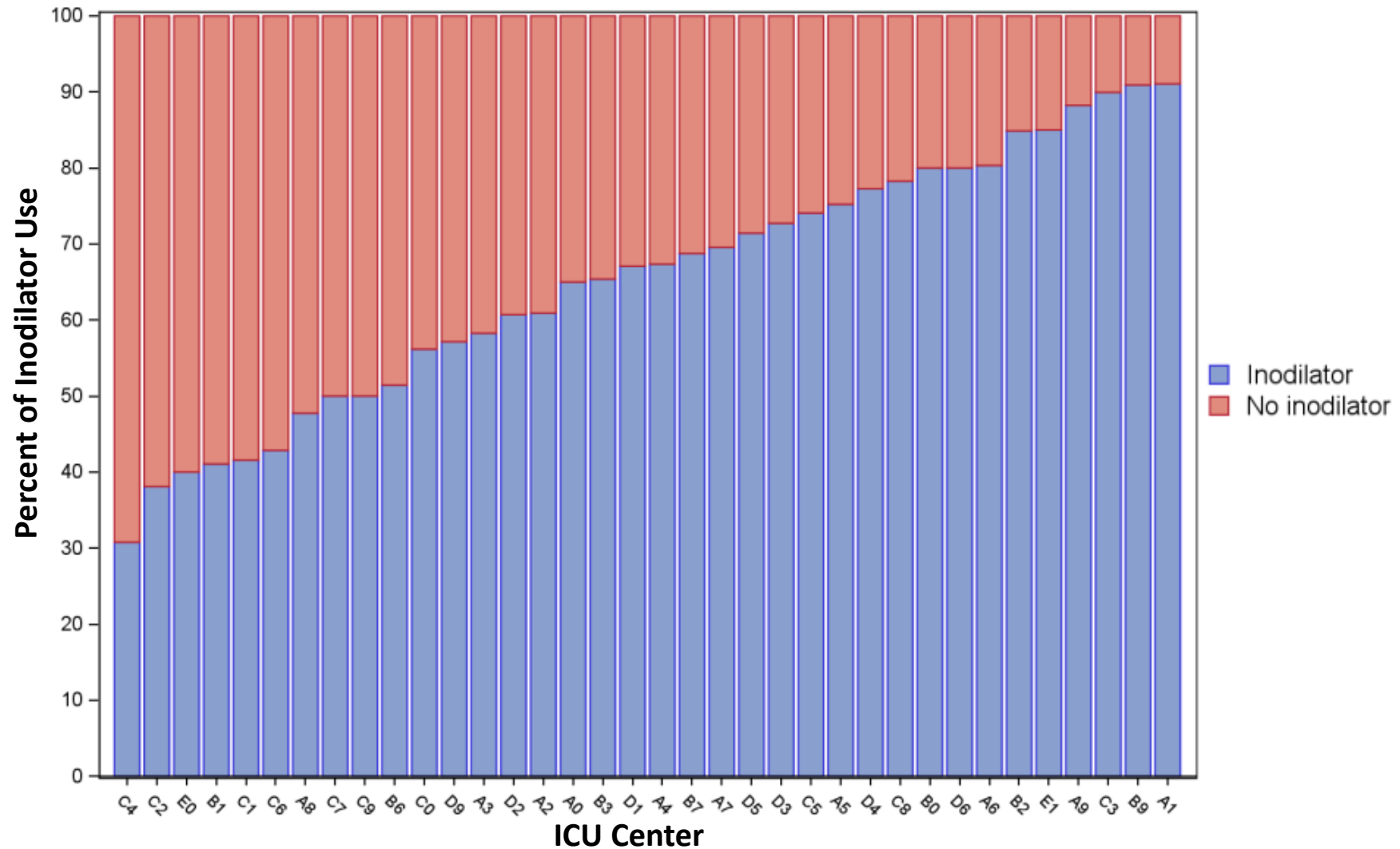
Shock Ventricular Predominance



Variability in Vasoactive Agent by Institution



Variability in Inodilator Use by Institution



Factors Associated with Inodilator Use

Higher Probability of Inodilator Use

| | OR (95% CI) | p-value |
|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| Sex (male) | 1.23 (1.02-1.49) | 0.03 |
| HF history | 1.99 (1.62-2.45) | <0.0001 |
| Sev. Valve Disease | 1.34 (1.03-1.73) | 0.03 |
| SCAI Stage D | 1.34 (1.07-1.68) | 0.01 |
| BiV failure | 1.59 (1.27-2.00) | <0.0001 |

Lower Probability of Inodilator Use

| | OR (95% CI) | p-value |
|------------------|------------------|---------|
| Age (yrs) | 0.97 (0.97-0.98) | <0.0001 |
| PAD history | 0.73 (0.54-0.99) | 0.04 |
| Cardiac Arrest | 0.33 (0.27-0.42) | <0.0001 |
| AMI-CS | 0.71 (0.56-0.90) | 0.005 |
| SCAI Stage E | 0.58 (0.41-0.81) | 0.002 |
| RV failure | 0.49 (0.33-0.72) | 0.0003 |
| eGFR at baseline | 0.99 (0.99-0.99) | 0.01 |

No Association

| Patient-Level | OR (95% CI) |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| pHTN | 0.92 (0.64-1.34) |
| MCS (w/i 36 hrs.) | 1.19 (0.95-1.49) |
| Institution-Level | OR (95% CI) |
| CS cases/month | 1.00 (0.97-1.04) |
| Location: US | Ref |
| Canada | 1.19 (0.47-3.04) |
| UK | 2.05 (0.24-17.64) |
| Location: Urban | Ref |
| Suburban | 0.63 (0.29-1.37) |
| Rural | 0.83 (0.13-5.20) |
| Number of Beds | 1.00 (0.99-1.00) |
| Transplant Center | 0.79 (0.36-1.72) |

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| % Variability in Use of Inodilators Explained by Patient- and Institution-Level Factors | 46% |
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| % Variability in Use of Inodilators Explained by ICU Center Alone | 23% |
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- There is substantial variation in vasoactive treatment and inodilator use related to patient-level factors and ICU center.
- Such variability underscores the need for additional high-quality evidence to guide vasoactive treatment strategies in CS.