Transcutaneous oxygen tension in hyperbaric condition as a predictor of ischaemia in non-healing diabetic foot ulcers

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The aim of the study was to evaluate the contribution of basal and modify transcutaneous oxygen tension measurement (TcpO2) to diagnosis of ischaemia and indication of angiography in nonhealing diabetes foot ulcers: METHOD: 69 patients with nonhealing diabetic ulcers localised on 76 legs underwent angiography (DSA) and basal and modify TcpO2 measurement after 100 % O2 exposition under normo- and hyperbaric conditions. CHARACTERISTIC OF PATIENTS: mean age 66 years (42 81), diabetes duration 14.3 years (1 - 36), glycated hemoglobin 7.9 % (+/-1,35). RESULTS: Clinically important angiographic findings were obtained in 80 % (61/76) all ulcers. Basal TcpO2 < or = = 30 mm Hg was detected in 82 % diabetic ulcers with positive DSA (sensitivity - SN). The specificity (SP), positive and negative predictive value (PPV, NPV), relative risk (RR) and accuracy (A) of test were 60 %, 89 %, 47 %, 1.7 and 78 % respectively. TcpO2 with hyperbaric 100 % O2 was determined as the strongest predictor of ischaemia by statistical logistic regression. SN (91%), SP (77%), PPV (94 %), NPV (67 %, RR (2.8) and A (88 %) of test were increased (cut off 270 mmHg). CONCLUSION: TcpO2 measurement contributes to the diagnosis of ischaemia in nonhealing diabetic ulcers. Modify TcpO2 increases the test value. PMID: 16737148 [PubMed - indexed for MEDLINE]