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**Pre-operative Blood Pressure Response To Aldosterone Antagonists And Urinary Hybrid Steroid Ratios Predict Clinical Outcomes In Unilateral Primary Aldosteronism For At Least 2 Years Post-adrenalectomy**

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**Introduction:** A recent prospective, within-patient study (MATCH) demonstrated <sup>11</sup>C-metomidate PET-CT is non-inferior to Adrenal Vein Sampling in accurately detecting unilateral Primary Aldosteronism (PA)<sup>1</sup>. At 6 months post-adrenalectomy 79.5% and 28.2% of patients achieved, respectively, partial/complete or complete clinical success (by PASO consensus). These outcomes reiterate the need for careful selection of patients for surgery, especially when a widely available non-invasive test could increase, by many-fold, the number of patients diagnosed with unilateral PA. In MATCH, age, sex, genotype of tumour and

systolic blood pressure (SBP) response (reduction to  $\leq 135$  mmHg) after 4 weeks of Spironolactone therapy all predicted clinical success at 6 month-adrenalectomy. **Aims and Methods:** To determine whether these short-term clinical outcomes and the above predictors of success are sustained at 2-year follow-up; and establish whether baseline urinary hybrid steroid (18-OH cortisol/cortisol) ratio could assist clinical decision making by providing surrogate evidence of genotype and probability of clinical success. We report outcomes for all patients who had undergone adrenalectomy with  $\geq 2$ -year follow-up on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022, including all 78/142 surgical patients in the original study, in addition to 18/40 in the study extension. **Results:** Partial/complete or complete clinical success were achieved in 78/96 (81%) and 24/96 (25%) of patients respectively. The mean defined daily dose of antihypertensives at 2 years was 1.32 (SD 1.76), comparable to 1.34 (1.90) at 6 months, and significantly lower than at baseline: 3.86 (2.47),  $t = 7.70$ ,  $p = 0.0001$ . Younger age and female sex were associated with higher likelihood of complete clinical success (Fisher's Exact test  $p = 0.0084$  and  $p = 0.0001$  respectively). Pre-operatively, SBP reduction to  $\leq 135$  mmHg after 4 weeks of spironolactone was seen in 10/23 patients and associated with higher likelihood of complete clinical success at 2 years (versus 6/39 complete clinical success in the SBP  $> 135$  mmHg group, Fisher's exact test  $p = 0.0135$ ). 13/18 (72%) of patients harbouring *KCNJ5* mutations achieved complete clinical success at 2 years, compared to 1/20 (5%) with *CACNA1D* mutations. A baseline hybrid steroid ratio  $> 2$  was seen in 13/14 (93%) patients with *KCNJ5* mutations. Absence of clinical success in the *KCNJ5* cohort was seen in the only patient with a ratio  $< 2$ . **Conclusion:** Favorable clinical outcomes seen at 6 months post-adrenalectomy were sustained at 2-year follow-up. SBP response to spironolactone and *KCNJ5* genotype are both potential predictors of ongoing clinical success at 2 years. The presence of high urinary hybrid steroid ratios in patients with *KCNJ5* mutations could highlight, pre-operatively, those likely to derive the most clinical benefit from surgery. 1. Nature Medicine, in press, <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-022-02114-5>

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