



VARIABLES PREDICTING FOR DURATION OF MECHANICAL VENTILATOR ON ICU PATIENTS: RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Abstract

Objective: This study aims the predictor variables for the duration of a ventilator in ICU patients. **Method:** This is a retrospective study design with 36 respondents who were selected by purposive sampling technique. This research data is secondary data obtained from the medical records of patients from January until December 2019. The instrument utilized was the observation sheet to observe the predictor variables for the mechanical ventilator duration. The statistical tests applied were the Spearman correlation test, logistic regression test, and ROC curve. **Result:** Based on the results of logistic regression, it was found that GCS (OR 16.114 (0.537-168.895), p-value 0.020), FiO₂ (OR 0.778 (0.34-17.711), p-value 0.003), MSOFA (0.481 (0.053- 4.331), p-value 0.009), and based on this result found SpO₂ / FiO₂ ratio (OR 26.369 (2.755-252.373), p-value 0.005) is the most influential predictor of ventilator duration. The sensitivity of the SpO₂ / FiO₂ ratio was 42%, specificity of 36.1% (AUC 0.824, p-value 0.001). **Conclusion:** The SpO₂/FiO₂ ratio is the most influential predictor of the duration of ventilator use on ICU patients.

Keywords: Duration of mechanical ventilator, ICU, predictor

Introduction

The use of mechanical ventilators is one of the efforts made to save lives of patients with respiratory failure, but the use of a ventilator for a long time can increase morbidity and mortality. Several factors can lead to prolonged mechanical ventilation.^{1,2,3}

The length of time using a ventilator is an indicator of intensive care services in an intensive room, the use of a mechanical ventilator for a long time can increase health care costs. It is necessary to predict the use of a ventilator on the first day of a patient on a ventilator, several indicators can be used as predictors of ventilator use.⁴ Based on several studies, several variables can be used as predictors of ventilator use are age, PaCO₂, type of disease, and APACHE score.^{5,6,7,8,9}

Prediction of ventilator use is challenging, often subjective, unreliable, and does not allow late decision making.

⁴Besides, until now there is no validated measuring instrument that could assess the various predictor variables of a prolonged mechanical ventilator. This requires nurses and doctors to be able to assess various variables that could predict the use of mechanical ventilators.

Method

This study was a diagnostic study with a retrospective study design to look at variables that could predict the period of time on ventilator use. The number of samples in this study was 36 respondents who were selected by purposive sampling technique that met the inclusion criteria. This research data was secondary data obtained from the medical records of patients treated from January until December 2019. The measuring instrument utilized was the observation sheet to see the characteristics of the respondents, as well as the predictor variables for the length of time on ventilator use. The statistical analysis applied



in this study was the Spearman test to see the relationship of each variable, the logistic regression test to assess the most influential predictor variables, and the specificity and sensitivity tests using the ROC curve.

Results

Based on the results of this study, it was found that the median age of patients admitted to the ICU was 52 years old, whereas the age of patients with the duration of fast ventilator use

was 53 years and the median age of slow ventilator use was 48 years (P-value 0.400). The majority of respondents in this study were female (23 people), 11 female respondents had a prolonged duration of a mechanical ventilator (P-value 0.441). The majority of respondents with a neurosurgical diagnosis (16 people) were 6 respondents with a prolonged duration of a mechanical ventilator (P-value 0.438).

Table 1.

Characteristic of Respondent

Characteristic respondents	N (36)	Fast	Prolonged	P- value
Age (year), Median	52	53	48	0.400
Gender (M/F)	13/23	5/12	8/11	0.441
Medical diagnosis				
Neurosurgery	16	9	7	0.438
Cardiovascular Thoracic	4	2	2	
Surgery	8	4	4	
Surgical Oncology	1	0	1	
Urological Surgery	1	1	0	
Dental and Oral Surgery	6	1	5	
General Surgery				
Oxygen saturation (SpO2) (%), Median	100	100	98	0.174
Blood pressure (mmHg)				
Median Systole	119.5	125	118	0.221
Median Diastole	72	74	71	0.119
Mean Atrial Pressure (MAP) (mmHg), Median	90.67	93	88	0.181
Using vasopressor				
Yes	5	2	3	1000
No	31	15	16	
GCS Median	13	13	12	0.004*
PaO2 (mmHg), Median	124.5	112	127	0.667
FiO2 (%), Median	40	50	40	0.003
Ratio SpO2/FiO2, median	246.25	250	200	0.005
Ratio PaO2/FiO2, median	282.36	297	282	0.153
Score MSOFA	5	4	5	0.009

*Significant for P value <0.005



Table 2.

The Variable that Most Influences the Duration of the Mechanical Ventilator

	Variable	Coefficient	p	OR (IK95%)
Step 1	GCS	2.968	0.019	19.456 (1.632-231.952)
	FiO2	-0.251	0.875	0.778(0.34-17.711)
	Ratio SpO2/FiO2	2.980	0.072	19.683(0.768-504.614)
Step 2	MSOFA	-0.667	0.579	0.513 (0.49-5.421)
	Constant	-1.895	0.295	0.150
	GCS	2.980	0.019	19.697 (1.642-236.256)
	Ratio SpO2/FiO2	3.168	0.006	23.756 (2.433-232.006)
Step 3	MSOFA	-0.732	0.514	0.481(0.053-4.331)
	Constant	-2.098	0.101	0.123
	GCS	2.789	0.020	16.114(1.537-168.895)
	Ratio SpO2/FiO2	3.272	0.005	26.369 (2.755-252.373)
	Constant	-2.613	0.14	0.073

Table 3
Sensitivity and Specificity Test

Variable	Cut off Value	Sensitivity	Specificity	AUC	P value
GCS	≥13	22.2%	8.3%	0.723	0.023
FiO2	≤ 40	33.3%	39%	0.797	0.002
Ratio SpO2/FiO2	≥246.25	42%	36.1	0.824	0.001

Discussion

The results showed that age, gender, medical diagnosis, oxygen saturation, blood pressure, MAP value, vasopressor use, PaO2 levels, and PaO2 / FiO2 ratio had no relationship. The results differed from several studies, where some showed age, gender, PaO2 levels, PaO2 / FiO2 ratio, vasopressor use had a relationship to prolonged mechanical ventilation. Differences in results of studies with several previous studies occurred from patient's ICU condition which changeable at any time. These changes could significantly affect the patient's condition, although based on the results of previous studies, this variable affected changes

in this condition could affect prolonged mechanical ventilation.^{8,10,11}

The variables that were predictors of prolonged mechanical ventilation in this study were GCS, FiO2 value, SpO2 / FiO2 ratio, and MSOFA score. This was in line with several previous studies. The GCS value was one of the indicators used in ventilator weaning.^{12,13} Many factors caused prolonged mechanical ventilation, at the time the patient was treated initially, could prevent prolonged mechanical ventilation.⁴ FiO2 value and SpO2 / FiO2 ratio indicated patient's respiratory function. The SpO2 / FiO2 ratio indicated organ failure, including lung function failure, influencing the



2. SOFA score, as well as a predictor of hypoxemia implementation.^{14,15,16} The results of this study also indicated that the SpO₂ / FiO₂ ratio was the variable that most influences the prolonged mechanical ventilator. Hypoxic indicates decreased PaO₂ levels in the arteries. This decrease in oxygen levels in the blood could prevent the patient from being able to do ventilator weaning.

Conclusion

The results showed that the SpO₂ / FiO₂ ratio indicated that the SpO₂ / FiO₂ ratio was the most influential predictor of the duration of ventilator use on ICU patients. The results of the study are expected to be an indicator that can be applied to reduce the use of ventilators.

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