Quality of Life of Patients After Acute Myocardial Infarction: A Scoping Review

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Abstract

Sudden deaths from acute myocardial infarction have been a current trend of health care problem of Indonesians. This condition may have impacted on the patient’s quality of life. The aim of this literature review was to identify factors that affected quality of life patient after acute myocardial infarction event. This review used a scoping review method. Literature searching was conducted using Google Scholar, Pubmed and Science Direct utilizing keywords: acute myocardial infarction, quality of life and questionnaire. The inclusion criteria were quantitative or qualitative study, peer-reviewed, published in 2008 – 2018. There were 18,035 papers retrieved, only 19 papers met the inclusion criteria. Data were analyzed using content analyses. The findings of this study indicate that the quality of life of patients has decreased after experiencing acute myocardial infarction. Quality of life is influenced by 5 major factors, namely biological factors, emotional factors, physical factors, social factors and psychometric factors. There are 5 major factors that are proven to still affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction. Further research is needed to determine psychometric factors in influencing quality of life. The instrument that can be used is macnew quality of life after myocardial infarction because it meets the psychometric criteria.

Keywords: Acute myocardial infarction, factor affecting, quality of life.
Introduction

Sudden deaths from acute myocardial infarction become a trend of health problems in the world now. Data showed that sudden cardiac death accounts for 300 to 400 thousand deaths in the United States each year and nearly half of these deaths occurred in the pre-hospital scope (Zipes & Wellens, 2013). Seventeen point seven (17.7) million people died annually from cardiovascular disease and 31% of deaths occurring at a global level were caused by cardiovascular (WHO, 2013). Acute myocardial infarction is one of the five manifestations of coronary heart disease that leads to necrosis of cardiac muscle cells due to sustained ischemia (Mendis et al., 2011). Coronary heart disease is a disorder of the heart's blood vessels that can cause ischemic heart tissue and usually will cause clinical symptoms such as chest pain or discomfort in the patient's chest (Ministry of Health of the Republic of Indonesia [MOHRI], 2013).

Myocardial infarction is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide with more than 3 million people per year estimated to experience ST-STI Myocardial Infarction (STEMI) and more than 4 million people experienced Non ST-Elevated Myocardial Infarction (NSTEMI) (Lapointe-Shaw & Bell, 2014). The American Heart Association (AHA), (2017) issued a scientific statement that cardiovascular disease is a major cause of mortality for women in the United States and globally. Coronary heart disease occurs in 6.6 million women in the United States each year to affect mortality and morbidity. Nearly half of the 2.7 million people diagnosed with a history of acute myocardial infarction. Additionally, over 53,000 died from myocardial infarction and it was estimated that 262 thousand more women treated for Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) (Mehta et al., 2016).

Indonesia as one of the developing countries in the world also revealed that coronary heart disease is the highest cause of death in all age groups (MOHRI, 2017). Based on the data from basic health research in 2013 that the prevalence of coronary heart disease diagnosed by physician was 1.5% or about 2,650,340 people. The highest incidence was in the age group of 65–74 years (3.6%) and followed by age group of 75 years and over (3.2%) (MOHRI, 2013). In West Java there were about 1.6% or 514,597 people diagnosed with coronary heart disease (MOHRI, 2014).

The high incidence of this disease can change the quality of life of the sufferer. Broadly there were 3 main domains that affect the quality of life of people who experience acute myocardial infarction, those were emotional condition, physical condition and social life. This is also supported by another study that found that the quality of life of patients with heart disorders was influenced by factors such as anxiety, depression, medical treatment of revascularization, family and religious support (Nuraeni, Mirwanti, Anna, Prawesti, & Emaliyawati, 2016; Rosidawati, Ibrahim, & Nuraeni, 2016). Various studies identified other factors influencing the quality of life of the patients, including age, psychological resilience when faced with stressors, educational level, economic condition, physical activity, adherence to therapy and therapy reminder support devices such as smartphones (Bahall & Khan, 2018; Beckman et al., 2016; Benetti, Laura, Araujo, & Zuianello, 2010; Johnston, Bodegard, Jerström, & Åkesson, 2016; Kong, 2018).

The quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction is important to identify because it is feared that it will affect the patient's rehabilitation process. Research on the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction and influencing factors has been carried out in several countries. Therefore, this literature study was conducted to determine the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction and other factors that may prove to affect quality of life.

Research Method

This literature study was a scoping review. The literature search was conducted using Google Scholar, Pubmed and Science Direct databases. To ensure relevance to this literature study, the articles used were limited to articles published over the past 10 years, from 2008 to 2018. Articles obtained were 18,035 articles using the keywords of acute myocardial infarction, quality of life.
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Table 1 Results of the Literature Search

| Database         | Number of articles according to keywords | Number of articles obtained | Number of articles matched the inclusion criteria |
|------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Google Scholar   | 17,300                                   | 46                          | 13                                            |
| Pubmed           | 510                                      | 20                          | 4                                             |
| Science Direct   | 225                                      | 12                          | 2                                             |
| Total            | **18,035**                               | **78**                      | **19**                                        |

Figure 1 Literature Searching Flowchart
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and questionnaire. The inclusion criteria in this review were qualitative or quantitative research, peer-reviewed, full text, written in Indonesian and English and relevant to the topic of this review. After sorting out, 19 papers were found to meet the inclusion criteria. These 19 were further intensively read and analyzed using content analyses. Detailed search paths are presented in table 1 and figure 1.

Research Result

After conducting a critical appraisal on 18 articles, it was found that 15 of the articles employed questionnaires in the data collection related to the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction. The types of questionnaires used to assess the quality of life of the patients were MacNew Quality of Life after Myocardial Infarction Questionnaire, Psychological resilience scale, self-efficacy scale, self-rating anxiety and Zung self-rating depression scale, VIRGO, SF-36, hospital anxiety, depression scale and Seattle Angina Questionnaire. The entire articles ultimately discussed factors influencing the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction.

Studies regarding questionnaire being used to identify factors that affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction were done in various countries across America, Europe and Asia. It was known that research about quality of life myocardial infarction patients has been done in some countries such as USA, Sweden, Singapore, Spain, Brazil, Netherlands, China, India, Austria and Indonesia (Table 2). The research types were quantitative and qualitative with various designs (Table 3).

Quality of Life of Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction, the results obtained from many studies show that the excellent quality of acute myocardial infarction patients, after undergoing therapy, in the female sex, followed by comorbidities.

Table 2 Results of the Literature Search

| Place of study | Number of articles |
|----------------|-------------------|
| USA            | 6                 |
| Sweden         | 2                 |
| Spain          | 1                 |
| Brazil         | 2                 |
| Netherlands    | 1                 |
| China          | 2                 |
| India          | 1                 |
| Austria        | 2                 |
| Indonesia      | 2                 |
| **Total**      | **19**            |

Tabel 3 Research Design

| Place of study   | Number of articles |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Quantitative     | Randomized Control Trial (RCT) 2 |
|                  |                     |
|                  | Cross Sectional 10  |
|                  | Restrospective 1    |
|                  | Cohort/Prospective 5 |
| Qualitative      | Epidemiological Study 1 |
| **Total**        | **19**              |
Factors that Influence the Quality of Life of Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction, factors that affect the quality of life of patients can be broadly divided into 4 categories: biological factors, emotional factors, physical factors, social factors and psychometric factors (knowledge, attitudes, abilities and personality traits).

There were 2 articles using a randomized control trial design. Both studies suggest

| Author & Year            | Place of Study | Study Design       | Sample                                      | Instrument                                                                 | Results                                                                 |
|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (Höfer et al., 2012)    | Austria        | Quantitative       | 276 angina patients and 155 ischemic patients | Administration of the English-language MacNew Heart Disease HRQoL questionnaire in 431 patients with heart problems. | The English-language HRQoL MacNew Heart Disease questionnaire meets the psychometric criteria recommended for conceptual models, reliability, validity, interpretability and scale of load. |
| (Kong, 2018)            | China          | Quantitative       | 88 AMI patients after PCI intervention      | Providing questionnaires on psychological resilience scale, self-efficacy scale, zung self-rating anxiety scale and zung self-rating depression scale. | 1. Psychological endurance and self-efficacy score of AMI patients after PCI varied significantly with age and economic status. 2. SAS scores and SDS values were significantly negatively correlated with psychological resilience and self-efficacy. 3. Negative emotions in AMI patients after PCI were closely related to psychological resilience and self-efficacy. 4. Anxiety and depression can be overcome by increasing psychological resilience and self-efficacy of patients undergoing PCI, so as to improve quality of life. |
| (Mollon & Bhattacharjee, 2017) | USA          | Quantitative       | 441,456 patients                           | Examine the difference in health-related quality of life (HRQoL) among AMI survivors compared with BRFSS score in 2015 | Survivors experienced a lower HRQoL on the domains of general health, physical health, daily activities and mental health than the general population. |
| (Beckman et al., USA 2016) | USA          | Quantitative       | 3,343 patients post AMI                    | Using the VIRGO instrument (Variation in recovery: role of gender on outcomes of young AMI patients) to determine sex differences and constraints in finances during the 12-month treatment and treatment process, patient health status, quality of life, stress and depression symptoms. The goal was to identify patients with bad conditions in order to determine other strategies. | Of the 3,473 patients in this cohort study, 1,049 (30.5%) reported having financial barriers to health care and 708 (20.6%) reported financial constraints to taking the drugs. It was also reported that more women experienced financial difficulties. |
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Sweden (Johnston, Bodegard, Jerström, & Åkesson, 2016) Quantitative (RCT) 174 ticagrelor-treated MI patients 174 MI patients were randomly assigned to a group of patient support tools (intervention) and a simplified patient (control) patient group. Then patient's compliance with the use of ticagrelor were measured. On measurement it was also assessed the quality of life of patients using the European Quality of Life 5 Dimensions and patients' satisfaction in using supporting device. In MI patients the use of patient supporting tools improved adherence to drug therapy and increased patient healthy lifestyle.

(Bahall & Khan, India 2018) Quantitative (Cross Sectional) 534 AMI patients The quality of life of patients with AMI were measured their using QLMI Questionaire. The overall domain of the quality of life that includes emotional, physical, and social experience increased. In the female sex group, NSTEMI, diabetes, hypertension, kidney, stress, lack of exercise depicted the quality of life were lower.

(Rodriguez-caulo et al., Spain 2018) Quantitative (RCT) 75 AMI patients Conducting hypothesis test on ministernotomy intervention to improve quality of life. There was an improvement in the quality of life of patients post ministernotomy.

(Daniel et al., Sweden 2017) Quantitative (Cohort / Prospective) 76 AMI patients in 5 coronary care units. Provide standardized SF-36 version of Swedish version 1.0 given to patients after 3 months of MINOCA and CHD events to evaluate the patient’s quality of life. The items on the SF-36 contain 8 domains. The findings of this study on exercise capacity and QOL in patients with MINOCA showed physical and mental stress occurrences from 6 weeks to 3 months after the onset of the attack.

(Oldridge, Cho, Thomas, Low, & Höfer, USA 2017) Quantitative (Cohort / Prospective) 313 angina patients and 97 AMI patients Patients living in the United States who were in the process of cardiac rehabilitation were given a HearthQoL questionnaire, Short Form 36 Health survey, Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale at baseline and 3 months later. The HearthQoL-related instrument is valid, reliable and responsive in patients with angina and myocardial infarction.

(Nogueira et al., Brazil 2008) Quantitative (Cohort / Prospective) 202 patients Assess the quality of life patients undergoing cardiac therapy using SF 36. Progressive improvement in quality of life and patients return to work in all patients. Greater intensity exercise results in improved functional capacity and quality of life of patients after myocardial infarction.

(Benetti, Laura, Brazil 2010) Quantitative (Cohort / Prospective) 98 patients Comparing effect of intensity of different aerobic exercise on patient functional capacity (VO2Peak) and quality of life patient after 60 days acute myocardial infarction.
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| Source | Country | Study Type | Sample Size | Study Details |
|--------|---------|------------|-------------|---------------|
| (Lee et al., 2014) | China | Quantitative (Cross Sectional) | 210 AMI patients in China | Administering the MacNew hearts questionnaire. MacNew Hearth Disease Questionnaire has an acceptable internal consistency and has good reliability. So the questionnaire is good and ready to be used as a clinical assessment of myocardial infarction patients in mainland China. |
| (Gucht, 2004) | Netherlands | Quantitative (Cohort / Prospective) | 339 patients who came to hospital for check up after heart problems. | MacNew in Dutch was proven to be substantially more responsive than the other two physical and psychological instruments. |
| (Asadi-lari et al., 2003) | USA | Quantitative (Cross Sectional) | 51 patients | Administering questionnaire to patients in 3 and 12 months. MacNew Persian version is comparable to English. This version has a high internal consistency and reasonable reproducibility. The result that MacNew is globally advised to use but with the limitation that five items may be questionable in its scalability. In MSA it was advisable to distinguish between 6 items of ballast scale and 10 items of the emotion scale. This study showed that Mokken scale analysis could complement the results of factor analysis and might contribute to a more comprehensive understanding. |
| (Friedrich et al., 2015) | Austria | Quantitative (Cross Sectional) | 1,012 patients from Spain and 262 patients from Austria | All respondents filled the MacNew questionnaire during hospitalization after PCI. The result that MacNew is globally advised to use but with the limitation that five items may be questionable in its scalability. In MSA it was advisable to distinguish between 6 items of ballast scale and 10 items of the emotion scale. This study showed that Mokken scale analysis could complement the results of factor analysis and might contribute to a more comprehensive understanding. |
| (Pavy et al., 2015) | USA | Quantitative (Cross Sectional) | 323 patients who could speak French | All patients filled the French version of MacNew, SF36, and the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale MacNew in French is recommended to be an assessment form to evaluate the quality of life of patients with heart disorders who speak French. The end result that factors that affect the quality of life of patients with CHD is anxiety, depression and revascularization. With details: 1. CHD patients who do not experience anxiety quality of life 4.7 times better than anxious patients. 2. Patients who are not depressed better 5.4 times than the depressed. 3. Patients undergoing revascularization 3.23 are better than not. |
| (Nuraeni et al., 2016) | Indonesia | Quantitative (Cross Sectional) | 100 patients randomly recruited within 1 month of cardiac poly. | All respondents filled a questionnaire about the factors and quality of life. The end result that factors that affect the quality of life of patients with CHD is anxiety, depression and revascularization. With details: 1. CHD patients who do not experience anxiety quality of life 4.7 times better than anxious patients. 2. Patients who are not depressed better 5.4 times than the depressed. 3. Patients undergoing revascularization 3.23 are better than not. |
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that the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction may increase due to the use of supportive tools in therapy and ministernotomy measures. Other 16 articles using a cross-sectional design, retrospective, cohort and epidemiological study reported that by administering a questionnaire to evaluate the quality of life of patients after myocardial infarction, most studies found that the quality of life of patients affected by various factors such as age, education, economic status, physical activity, psychological, medication adherence, anxiety, depression, medical, cultural, religious, emotional, social and psychometric factors.

**Discussion**

Quality of Life for Patients with Acute Myocardial Infarction

This literature study reveals that the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction is still an interesting thing to uncover. The quality of life of patients is strongly influenced by various conditions. This opinion is evidenced by the many findings that say that the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction is still low. This is in accordance with research conducted by Kong (2018) in China that found the decline in quality of life of patients due to negative emotional conditions in patients after doing percutaneous coronary intervention related to psychological endurance and self efficacy. This is reinforced by research conducted by Mollon and Bhattacharjee (2017) in the USA that found patients who survived the attack of acute myocardial infarction experienced a low quality of life in the domain of general health, physical, mental and daily activities compared to the general population. In addition, female gender has decreased quality of life after acute myocardial infarction due to financial constraints (Beckman et al., 2016).

Different findings were expressed by Johnston et al., (2016) that patients who received smartphone-based support in reminding therapy schedules experienced increased adherence and an increase in lifestyle which ultimately affected an improved quality of life.

Factors Affecting the Quality of Life of Acute Myocardial Infarction Patients

Biological Factors

Biological factors that affect the quality
of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction are the sex and age of the patient. This is consistent with research conducted by Beckman et al. (2016) stating that female sex experiences a low quality of life because women experience more financial difficulties. This is reinforced by research Hajian-Tilaki, Heidari, and Hajian-Tilaki (2017) which states that female gender has a lower quality of life score than men due to sociodemographic conditions and chronic diseases. In addition to gender, age also affects the quality of life of patients. Kong (2018) states that age can affect quality of life due to the level of psychological endurance and endurance and self-efficacy.

These findings have proven that biological factors greatly affect the quality of life conditions of patients with acute myocardial infarction.

Emotional Factors
Emotional factors that affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction consist of mental conditions, psychological endurance, self-efficacy, anxiety and depression. This is in accordance with research conducted by Kong (2018) that psychological resilience and self-efficacy will affect the patient's emotional state towards a negative direction so that it also negatively impacts the patient's quality of life. Daniel et al. (2017) also said that patients who experience acute myocardial infarction experience physical and mental stress starting from 6 weeks to 3 months after the event. Nuraeni et al. (2016) revealed that anxiety and depression are negative factors that cause low quality of life. But other studies have revealed qualitatively that patients who have finished surgery on the heart arteries say that emotionally all participants expressed a feeling of happiness because they were free from their illness.

These findings are able to explain openly that emotional factors also greatly affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction. Quality of life can be good if the patient has a good coping mechanism in accepting his condition.

Physical Factors
Physical factors that affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction consist of physical health conditions, inability to visit health care centers, exercise capacity and ability to work. This is in line with research conducted by Benetti et al. (2010), Nogueira et al. (2008), Daniel et al. (2017), Bahall and Khan (2018), and Mollon and Bhattacharjee (2017). According to Benetti et al. (2010) exercises with greater intensity can produce functional capacity and quality of life for patients after an attack. This is reinforced by Daniel et al. (2017) that exercise capacity can improve the quality of life of patients even though the duration is longer 6 weeks to 3 months after the attack. Another finding according to Nogueira et al. (2008) states that the quality of life of patients is getting better and is followed by the return of the patient working like before getting sick. This is also in line with Bahall and Khan (2018) which states that the physical domain of the quality of life of patients without other diseases has increased.

Other opinions differ, according to Mollon and Bhattacharjee (2017) that patients who have just experienced an attack have a lower quality of life when compared to patients with a general disease population.

These findings further reinforce that physical factors have a large influence on improving the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction. However, based on these findings, time is a determining factor in the quality of life of patients.

Social Factors
Social factors can also affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction including family support, support for people around and use of smartphone aids to improve therapy adherence. This was expressed by Rosidawati et al. (2016) with qualitative methods that support the family and the people around them is needed by patients to improve their quality of life. Johnston et al. (2016) also said that with the provision of communication support through Smartphone, compliance in carrying out patient therapy increased and was accompanied by the patient's lifestyle.
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These findings further reinforce that the social life of patients greatly influences the quality of life of patients. Humans as social beings will feel more confident facing their conditions when the surrounding environment provides support.

Psychometric factors
Based on the review, 4 factors have been mentioned previously, there is one factor that still cannot be revealed through researches. These factors are psychometric factors. Psychometric factors are branches of science from psychology which aim to measure the patient's knowledge, attitudes, abilities and personality traits. According to Supratiknya (2014) psychometric measurements need to be done because they can analyze "individual differences". This factor is interesting, but there has not been much research on the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction associated with psychometric factors. According to Kimble et al. (2002) which examined the seattle instrument angina questionnaire stated that this instrument could not describe in detail the psychometric criteria. Meanwhile, according to Höfer et al. (2012) which examined the instrument macnew quality of life after myocardial infarction stated that this instrument can meet the shortage of other instruments, namely measuring psychometric criteria.

This finding adds to the new knowledge that must be revealed. It is necessary to do research on this factor actually able or not to affect the quality of life of patients with myocardial infarction.

Conclusion
Based on the review carried out concluded that a person's quality of life has decreased after experiencing acute myocardial infarction. The decreasing quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction is influenced by 5 major factors, namely biological factors, emotional factors, physical factors, social factors and psychometric factors. The five major factors affect the quality of life of patients from different points of view. This literature study shows that the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction is still in the low category. This can happen because humans are different beings from one another.

Based on this literature study, it is necessary to conduct further research on psychometric factors that affect the quality of life of patients with acute myocardial infarction. Psychometric factors have not been identified for the condition of patients in Indonesia. To examine psychometric factors in patients with acute myocardial infarction can be done by using the macnew quality of life after myocardial infarction instrument because it meets these criteria.

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