

Interpretable Fuzzy Rule-Based System for Fatal Ventricular Arrhythmia Risk Level Estimation due to QT-Prolonging Treatments

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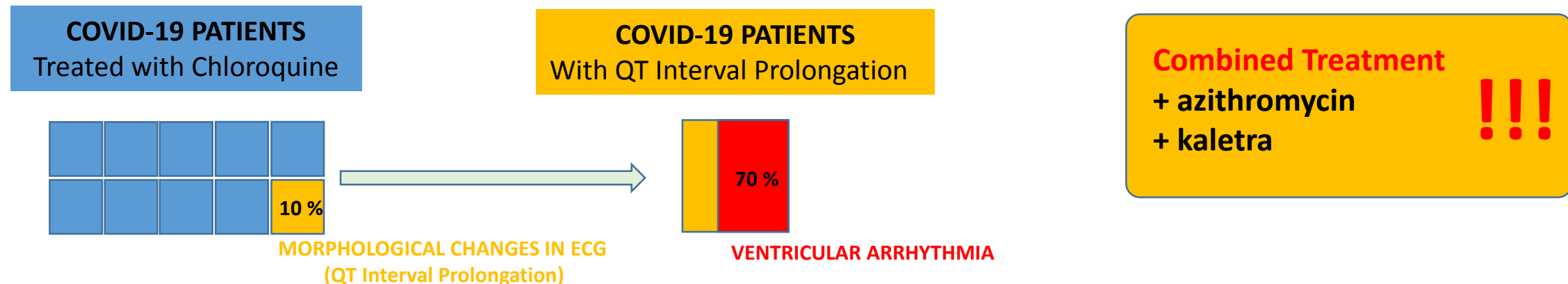
INTRODUCTION

HEALTH CONDITION

Chloroquine and hydroxychloroquine have been in increased use globally as a potential, albeit unproven, treatment option for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

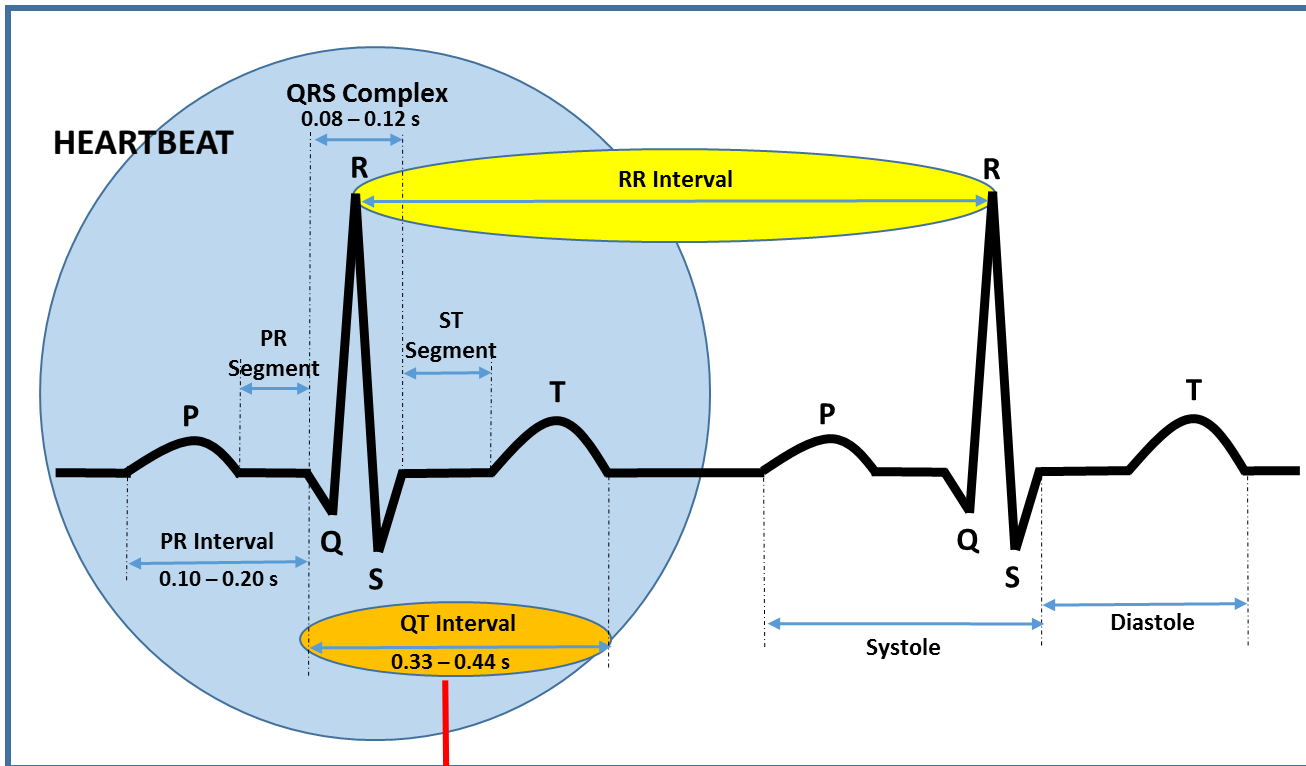
TORSADES DE POINTES (FATAL VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIA) - **SUDDEN DEATH**

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INTRODUCTION

MORPHOLOGICAL CHANGES IN ECG



MORPHOLOGICAL CHANGES:
QT Interval PROLONGATION

QT Interval: The QT interval is defined from the beginning of the QRS complex to the end of the T wave.

Corrected QT interval (QTc): *estimates* the QT interval at a standard heart rate of 60 bpm. This allows comparison of QT values over time at different heart rates and improves detection of patients at increased risk of arrhythmias.

BAZETT

$$QTc = \frac{QT}{\sqrt{RR}}$$

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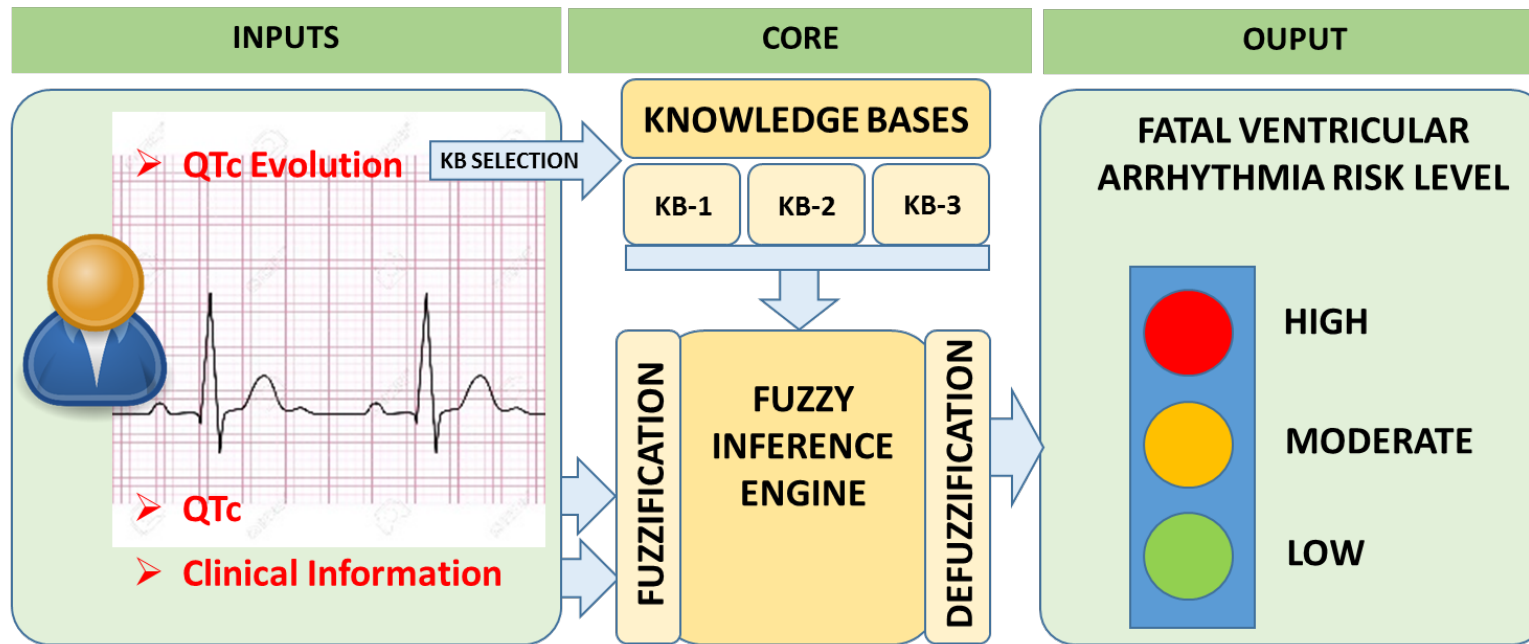
$$QTc = \frac{QT}{\sqrt[3]{RR}}$$

FRAMINGHAM

$$QTc = QT + 0.154(1 - RR)$$

FUZZY RULE-BASED SYSTEM

SYSTEM STRUCTURE



INPUTS

QTc

$$QTc = QT + 0.154(1 - RR)$$

QTc Evolution

$$\Delta QTc = QTc_{\text{CURRENT ECG}} - QTc_{\text{BASAL ECG}}$$

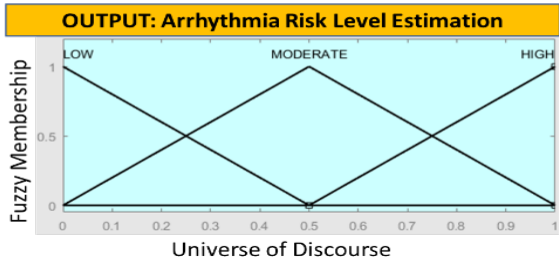
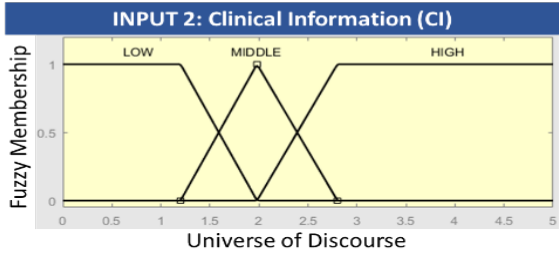
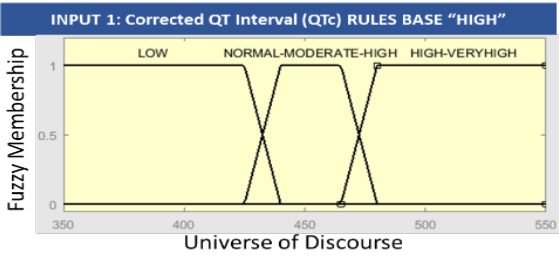
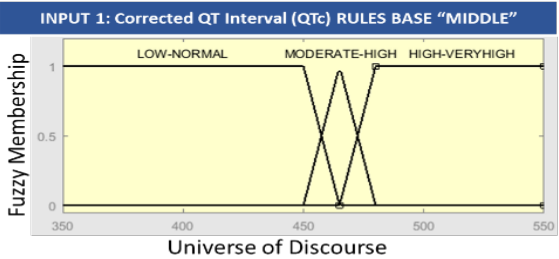
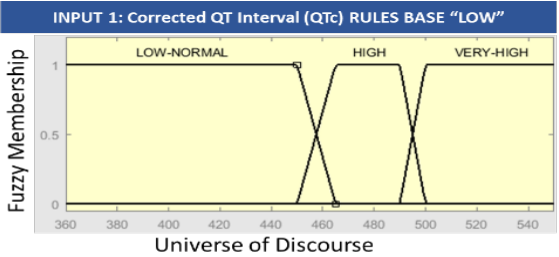
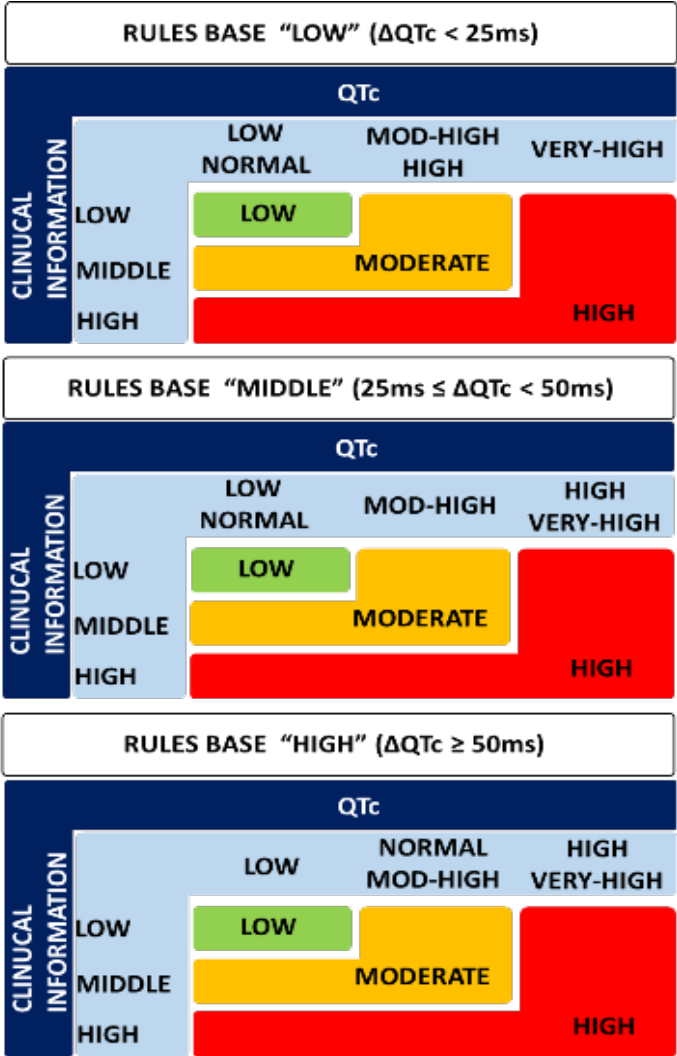
Clinical Information

- Age ≥ 68 years
- Female sex
- Loop diuretic
- Serum $K^+ \leq 3.5$ mEq/L
- Admission QTC ≥ 450 ms
- Acute Myocardial Infarction
- ≥ 2 QTc-prolonging drugs
- Sepsis
- Heart failure
- One QTc-prolonging drug

FUZZY RULE-BASED SYSTEM

KNOWLEDGE BASES

ΔQT_C	Selected Knowledge Base
$\Delta QT_C < 25\text{ ms}$	RB1 (LOW)
$25\text{ ms} \leq \Delta QT_C < 50\text{ ms}$	RB2 (MIDDLE)
$\Delta QT_C \geq 50\text{ ms}$	RB3 (HIGH)

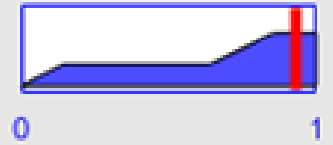
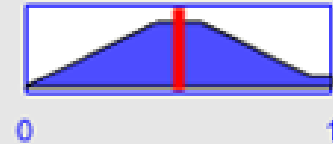
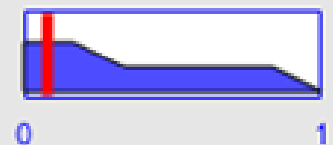


FUZZY RULE-BASED SYSTEM

THREE STUDY CASES

RISK FACTORS	PATIENT 1	PATIENT 2	PATIENT 3
Age ≥ 68 years	0,24	-	0,24
Female sex	-	-	0,24
Loop diuretic	-	-	-
Serum K ⁺ ≤ 3.5 mEq/L	-	0,48	-
Admission QT _c ≥ 450 ms	-	-	-
Acute Myocardial Infarction	-	0,72	-
≥2 QTc-prolonging drugs	-	-	-
Sepsis	-	0,72	-
Heart failure	-	-	-
One QTc-prolonging drug	-	-	-
RISK SCORE	0,24	1,92	0,48

	INPUTS			OUTPUT
	QT _c (ms)	CI	ΔQT _c (ms)	Y ₀
Patient 1	476	0.24	55	0.93
Patient 2	450	1.91	30	0.50
Patient 3	455	0.48	15	0.08

Activated Rules for Patient 1	Output
If (QT _c is NORMAL-MODERATE-HIGH) and (CI is not HIGH) then (RISK is ORANGE)	
If (QT _c is HIGH-VERYHIGH) then (RISK is RED)	
Activated Rules for Patient 2	Output
If (QT _c is LOW-NORMAL) and (CI is MIDDLE) then (RISK is ORANGE)	
If (CI is HIGH) then (RISK is RED)	
Activated Rules for Patient 3	Output
If (QT _c is LOW-NORMAL) and (CI is LOW) then (RISK is GREEN)	
If (QT _c is HIGH) and (CI is not HIGH) then (RISK is ORANGE)	

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

CONFUSION MATRIX				
		FRBS DECISIONS		
		GREEN	ORANGE	RED
DOCTORS DECISIONS	GREEN	9	0	0
	ORANGE	1	19	1
	RED	0	1	53

ACCURACY: 96,43 %

FIELD RESULTS



CONCLUSIONS

- FUZZY RULE-BASED SYSTEM FOR THE FATAL VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIA RISK LEVEL
- AIMED TO PATIENTS WITH QT PROLONGER TREATMENT (COMBINED OR NOT)
- DESIGNED BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF CARDIOLOGIST AND PULMONOLOGISTS
- SPECIALY RELEVANT IN HEALTH CENTERS WITHOUT SPECIALIZED CLINICAL STAFF
- HIGH ACCURACY IN COMPARISON WITH DOCTORS DECISIONS
- HIGHLY INTERPRETABLE DECISION PROCESS

FUTURE WORKS

- REAL-TIME APPLICATION (Currently tested in two hospitals and in several primary care health centers)
- IMPROVEMENTS (QT Interval Obtaining, Decisions)
- DISTRIBUTION

CONCLUSIONS

Thank you all for your time and attention !!!

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