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Microvascular reperfusion after percutaneous coronary intervention for acute anterior myocardial infarction¹

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Executive summary

The Federal Joint Committee (G-BA) commissioned the Institute for Quality and Efficiency in Health Care (IQWiG) to assess the method “microvascular reperfusion after percutaneous coronary intervention for acute anterior myocardial infarction” according to §137h Social Code Book (SGB) V – Statutory Health Insurance. The assessment documents were submitted to IQWiG on 6 April 2021.

According to the information in the submission form, microvascular reperfusion (SSO₂ therapy) is intended to follow successful primary percutaneous coronary intervention (pPCI), i.e., following the restoration of macrovascular reperfusion via stent implantation. Compared with pPCI alone, additional SSO₂ therapy aims to reduce cellular damage caused by ischaemia and macrovascular reperfusion and to preserve functional myocardial tissue and limit the extent of the infarction.

A total of 5 studies were available to assess the method: 2 randomized controlled trials (RCTs), 1 nonrandomized comparative trial, and 2 case series. In the RCTs, there were no statistically significant differences between the intervention group (SSO₂) compared with the control group (pPCI alone) with respect to patient-relevant outcomes. Furthermore, in these studies, the precision of the effect estimates was low. Due to modifications of the treatment parameters of the intervention, transferability of the results of the RCTs to the requested variant of the method cannot be assumed with certainty; therefore the nonrandomized comparative study was also considered. From the data of this study, no difference between the intervention and the control group with regard to patient-relevant outcomes was identifiable in a magnitude that could not be plausibly explained by the influence of confounders alone.

Overall, based on the documents submitted, neither a benefit, harmfulness or ineffectiveness of the method can be identified in the present assessment according to § 137h.

A testing study suitable to provide the necessary findings to assess the benefit of the method is possible in principle.

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