



COMPARISON OF PRETREATMENT WITH ONDANSETRON VERSUS LIGNOCAINE FOR REDUCTION OF PAIN ON INJECTION OF ETOMIDATE.

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: Every anesthetist takes a pain to reduce the pain of patient in all aspects as far as possible .All efforts by premedicating with different drugs to reduce the pain while injecting anesthetics drugs have been tried .Etomidate is one of the special induction agent available for use which has a unique property of hemodynamic stability but with a disadvantage of having a pain on injecting it, due to propylene glycol .A study to compare between premedication of lignocaine and ondansetron is conducted to reduce the pain on injection of etomidate . **Methods:** 50 patients of 18 to 60 years of either sex belonging to American society of anesthesiologists physical status grade I and II undergoing general anesthesia were studied .Two 20 gauge iv cannulas were inserted in dorsum of both hands ,all patients were premedicated with inj.glycopyrrolate 0.004mg/kg and inj.Fentanyl 1-2mcg/kg both cannulas were flushed with 5ml NS, Venous drainage occluded by an elastic band .After preoxygenation ,study drugs were injected IV lignocaine (preservative free) 2ml 2% given in right hand ,iv ondansetron 2ml (4mg) given in left hand .The elastic band was removed after 1 minute ,patient was given Inj.Etomidate 2ml through each cannula ,pain assessment was done using Withdrawal response ,verbal rating score and behavioural signs. **Results:** In withdrawal response score 92 % of patient receiving lignocaine and 12% of patient receiving ondansetron showed No response ,8 % of patient of lignocaine exhibited wrist movement compared to 52% of ondansetron group .In verbal rating score 88% of patient receiving lignocaine exhibited no pain and 12 % mild pain whereas in ondansetron group 20 % had no pain and 56% had mild pain .In Behavioural signs 100% of patients receiving lignocaine showed no response ,in ondansetron group 64% showed no response and 36 % of them exhibited arm withdrawal. **Conclusion:** By our study it is concluded that pretreatment with lignocaine is better in comparison with ondansetron in reducing the pain of etomidate injection .

KEYWORDS

Lignocaine , Ondansetron , Etomidate , pain

INTRODUCTION

Various agents have been used for intravenous induction of anesthesia Etomidate is a special IV induction agent with unique hemodynamic profile ,that can be administered during induction of general anesthesia or sedation for short duration procedures .The IV administration of Etomidate up to 0.6mg/kg to patients with cardiovascular disease has little or no effect on myocardial metabolism ,cardiac output ,peripheral circulation or pulmonary circulation .These special properties of Etomidate comes with an unpleasant side effect of pain on injection .Different premedication with opioids ,local anesthetics ,cold saline, ondansetron , topical nitroglycerine ,topical lidocaine , NSAIDs have been tried over years to reduce or to completely abolish the side effect of pain.

Lidocaine pretreatment which is extensively used to reduce the pain of propofol injection is also used to reduce the pain of etomidate injection.

Ondansetron , a 5 H T antagonist ,block 5HT3 receptors and sodium channels and possess antinociceptive properties.

In prospective randomized control study ,we have tried to compare the efficacy of lignocaine and ondansetron in reduction of pain during injection of Etomidate during induction of anesthesia.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

After obtaining institutional ethical approval from Institutional ethical committee ,BJ Medical college and civil Hospital,Ahmedabad. 50 patients aged >18 years of either sex having ASA PS I and II, who are undergoing general anesthesia are selected .Patients who refused for study, having renal or hepatic dysfunction/failure, coagulation disorders, seizure disorders, Allergy to study medications, patients with disorders of lipid metabolism, patients with peripheral vascular disease, patients with chronic pain syndrome ,patients suffering from neuromuscular disorders, Hypothyroidism, diabetes Mellitus were excluded.

All patients were thoroughly examined preoperatively .Routine investigations were advised and verified on the day of surgery .After getting the written informed consent ,Patient were taken on OT table and ASA standard monitors attached , baseline vitals were recorded. TWO 20 gauge IV cannulas were inserted in to veins on the dorsum of both hands. Premedication of Inj.glycopyrrolate 0.04mg/kg IV ,inj .Fentanyl 1-2mcg/kg IV injected , vitals recorded after premedication .Both cannulas flushed with 5ml of Saline, Venous drainage occluded in both hands using elastic band ,IV lignocaine (preservative free) 2ml 2% given in Right hand (Group L),IV ondansetron 2ml (4mg) given in left hand(Group O) .The elastic band was released after 1 minute .patient was given Inj .Etomidate 2ml in each hand simultaneously and at the same rate. Pain assessment was done using WITHDRAWAL RESPONSE, VERBAL RATING SCORE, BEHAVIOURAL SIGNS.

1) Withdrawal Response Score

Degree of Movement	Patient Response
0	NO response or withdrawal
1	Movement at the wrist only
2	Movement /withdrawal of arm only
3	Generalised response ,withdrawal or movement in more than one limb ,cough ,breath holding.

2) Verbal rating score -4 point scale

0-No pain

1-Mild pain (pain reported only in response to questioning without any behavioural signs)

2- Moderate pain (pain reported in response to questioning and accompanied by a behavioural sign or pain reported spontaneously without questioning)

3-severe pain (i.e. strong vocal response or response accompanied by facial grimacing ,arm withdrawal or tears)

3) Behavioural Signs

0-No response

- 1-Facial grimacing
- 2-arm withdrawal
- 3-Tears in eyes
- 4-Vocal response

Pain intensity was evaluated at 10 seconds ,20 seconds ,30 seconds ,40 seconds ,50 seconds and 60 seconds before induction of anesthesia ,after the assessment rest of the etomidate given as induction agent. Inj .succinylcholine 2mg/kg intravenously was given to facilitate tracheal intubation with suitable ET tube. Anesthesia was maintained under controlled ventilation with oxygen , sevoflurane (1 -1.5%) and vecuronium/ atracurium as Muscle relaxants .

Hemodynamic parameters were monitored and recorded at basal ,after premedication ,every 10 seconds up to 60 seconds after giving study drugs ,at the time of intubation and every 15 minutes till the end of surgery.

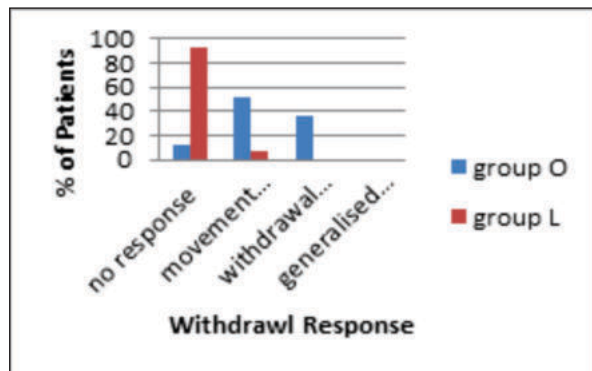
Residual neuromuscular block was reversed with Inj.Glycopyrrolate 0.008mg/kg and ,Inj.Neostigmine 0.05mg/kg and Extubation was done after proper oral and endotracheal suction .Follow up taken till 24 hours after the surgery and observed for complications like pain ,edema, wheal ,flare response or swelling at the injection site.

Data And Statistical Analysis

The incidence of pain and number of patients experiencing pain and peri operative complication were compared by chi square test .All data were expressed as mean $\pm$ sd which was calculated using Microsoft Excel . Data tables and graphs were also made in Microsoft excel . Data analysis was done by NCSS software .ANOVA test was applied to compare data .Statistical significance was defined as $p < 0.05$.

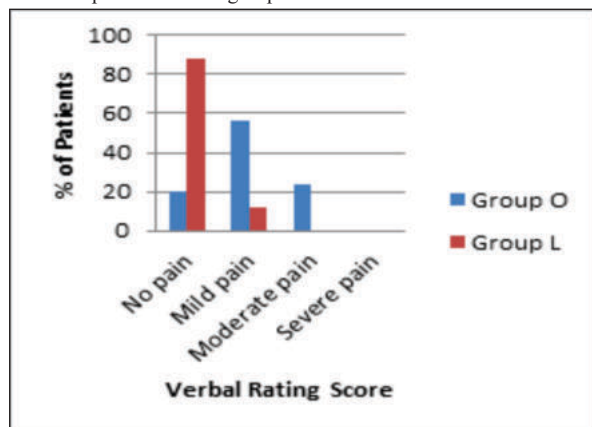
Mean age of the patients in the study was 31.16 ± 9.82 , Gender wise distribution includes 54% (27) Males and 46% (23) Females ,ASA 1 PS of 36%(18) and ASA 2 PS of 64% (32).

RESULT



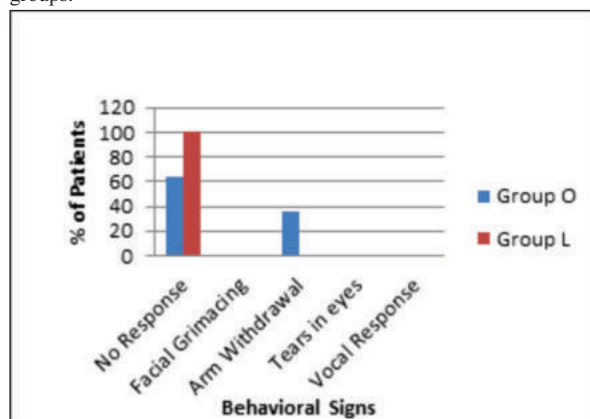
Graph 1: Withdrawl Response Score

P value<0.05 suggest that there was significant difference between two groups. 92% of patients in group L exhibited no response compared to 12% in group O. 8% of patients in group L exhibited movement of wrist compared to 52% in group O.



Graph 2: Verbal Rating Score

P value <0.05 suggest that there was significant difference between two groups. 88% of the patient in group L exhibited no pain compared to 20% in group O. 12% of the patients in group L exhibited mild pain compared to 56% in group O. No patients exhibited severe pain in both groups.



Graph 3: Behavioral Signs

P value < 0.05 suggests that there was significant difference between two groups. 100% of patients in group L showed no response compared to 64% in group O. 36% of the patients in group O exhibited arm withdrawal compared to 0 in group L.

Perioperative complications - 5 Patients developed wheal following administration of ondansetron and before etomidate administration, 6 patients developed myoclonus following administration of etomidate.No other major complication was seen during intraoperative and postoperative period for 24 hours.

complications	WHEAL	MYOCLONUS
Number of patients	5(After Ondansetron)	6

DISCUSSION

Etomidate is a popular intravenous anaesthetic agent with unique hemodynamic profile,that can be administered during induction of general anaesthesia or sedation for short procedures.^[1,2] The intravenous administration of up to 0.6mg/kg of Etomidate to patients with severe cardiovascular disease has little or no effect on myocardial metabolism, cardiac output, peripheral circulation or pulmonary circulation^[3,4]. However, its use is limited by two major side effects, pain on injection and involuntary movements^[25]. Pain on injection is distressing to the patient and it causes unnecessary stress during induction phase.^[26] Although the underlying mechanism is still not fully understood, the explanation for the pain included endothelial irritation, osmolality differences, unphysiological pH and the activation of mediators. The initial component of pain, involving immediate stimulation of nociceptors and free nerve endings seems to be associated mainly with the concentration of free drugs within the aqueous phase of the emulsion. The delayed component of pain appearing within half a minute, is also believed to result from interaction with nociceptors and free nerve endings and can be promoted by local vasodilatation and hyper permeability induced by bradykinins and prostaglandin E2^[27]. Various methods, such as the administration of opioids, local anesthetics, cold saline and topical nitroglycerin, cooling the propofol to 4°C, ketamine, antiemetics, coinduction with thiopental sodium, tourniquet application, or lidocaine-prilocaine cream, topical lidocaine, aspirin and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs have been tried.^[8-10]

Ondansetron is a commonly used drug to prevent Post operative nausea and vomiting. Ondansetron has been shown to bind to opioid mu receptors in humans and possess agonist activity.^[28] Five hydroxytryptamine receptors are involved in the nociceptive pathways and they play a pronociceptive role .Five hydroxytryptamine receptors are also a target for local anesthetics. This has interested many investigators in the way of thinking ondansetron as a pain reducing agent and therefore many studies are undertaken in this aspect.

Lignocaine ,a well known local anesthetic drug has been considered in this study ,Though exact mechanism of lignocaine reducing the injection pain is not known completely .It is proposed that pain reducing action of lignocaine is at both central and peripheral level .

Several mechanisms of antinociception have been proposed for low-dose systemic lidocaine, including actions on C-afferent neuronal activity, actions in the spinal dorsal horn, reductions of the postsynaptic depolarization mediated by N-methyl-D-aspartate receptors, and blocking peripheral and central voltage-gated sodium channels in the dorsal root ganglion. Intravenous lidocaine may also have antinociceptive actions by inhibiting several inflammatory activities, including p38 MAPK and NF- κ B signaling pathways, and toxic oxygen-free radical production.

WITHDRAWAL RESPONSE SCORE, VERBAL RATING SCORE and BEHAVIORAL SIGNS have been used in our study to compare the study drugs for their efficacy in reducing pain with injection etomidate.

AS these scores can predict the intensity of pain, Though pain is a subjective phenomena, we believe as all these scores are combined to come to a conclusion it will give the appropriate result.

CONCLUSION

This study showed that lignocaine pretreatment was better in preventing injection pain of etomidate than ondansetron during induction of anesthesia.

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