

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Comparative addition of Dexmedetomidini and fentanyl to intrathecal bupivacaine in orthopaedic procedure in lower limbs

Protocol summary

Summary

Neuraxial block is used in surgery and post operative pain control. Several other drugs are used to prolong the action of the spinal block such as alpha2-agonists, neostigmine, vasoconstrictions. Alpha2-agonists are like as clonidine and dexmedetomidin. Small doses of dexmedetomidin can increase the action of sensory and motor block without hemodynamic effects. In our study 78 patients in ASA1-2 within the ages of 20-65 who attended hospital for elective orthopaedic surgery in lower limbs at Rasool Akram hospital Tehran, Iran were recruited. Patients were assigned by block randomization in three groups and spinal anesthesia performed in lateral position of L4/L5 space mid line or para median method. First group received 5 micro dexmedetomidin within the volume of 0.5 cc by saline plus 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5% and second group received 25 micro Fentanyl with 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5%. Third group received 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5% plus 0.5cc normal saline. Motor level function was assessed with Modified Bromage method. Time to receive T10 and above anesthesia and 2 dermatom regression and regression to S1 level was determined. Blood pressure and heart rate and SPO2 are measured every minute in first 10 minutes and then every 5 minutes. The patients, study performer and responsible person for collecting data were not aware of drug types.

General information

Acronym

Dexmedetomidini /fentanyl / intrathecal/ bupivacaine

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

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Comparative addition of Dexmedetomidini and fentanyl to intrathecal bupivacaine in orthopaedic procedure in lower limbs

Public title

Comparative addition of Dexmedetomidini and fentanyl to intrathecal bupivacaine in orthopaedic procedure in lower limbs

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

In our study 78 patients in ASA1-2 whit in the ages of 20-65 that attended hospital for elective orthopaedic surgery in lower limbs at Rasool Akram hospital Tehran, Iran were recruited. Exclusion criteria are: addiction; renal or hepatic failure; disrhythmic heart disease or heart block; allergy to drugs and spinal contraindications such as coagulopathy disorders, injection site infection.

Age

From **20 years** old to **65 years** old

Gender

Both

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: **78**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Triple blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Patients were divided to three groups. First 26 persons are located in group 1. Second 26 persons are located group 2 and third 26 persons are located in group 3. First group was put on 5 micro dexmedetomidini with 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5%. Second group put on 25 micro Fentanyl with 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5% and third group put on 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5% only.

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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Approval date

2016-04-05, 1395/01/17

Ethics committee reference number

1394.9311174025IR.IUMS.REC

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Regional anesthesia

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Lenght of sensory block

Timepoint

Sensory level mesured every 2 minutes to higher level then mesured every 10 minutes to regresion of 2 level then every 20 minutes to regresion S1

Method of measurement

Pin prick method in midclavicular linewith 23 gage needle

2

Description

Lengs of motor block

Timepoint

Time to Bromage 3 and regresion to bromage 0

Method of measurement

Modified bromage

3

Description

Speed of sensory block

Timepoint

Time to T10 and above dermatom

Method of measurement

Pin prick method in midclavicular line whit 23 gage needle

4

Description

Speed of motor block

Timepoint

Time to Bromage 3

Method of measurement

Modified bromage

5

Description

Sensory level

Timepoint

Sensory level mesured every 2 minutes to higher level then mesured every 10 minutes to regresion of 2 level then every 20 minutes to regresion S1

Method of measurement

Upper sensory level with pin prick method in midclavicular linewith 23 gage needle

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Blood pressure drop

Timepoint

Before and immediately after injection then every minute to 10 minute and then every 5 minute

Method of measurement

NIBP

2

Description

Heart rate drop

Timepoint

Before and immediately after injection then every minute to 10 minute and then every 5 minute

Method of measurement

Monitoring system

3

Description

Need to drug

Timepoint

Before and immediately after injection then every minute to 10 minute and then every 5 minute

Method of measurement

Registering by anesthetic doctor or technician

Intervention groups

1

Description

First group was put on 5 micro dexmedetomidine mixed with normal saline up to 5cc with 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5%.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Second group put on 25 micro Fentanyl with 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5%

Category

Treatment - Drugs

3

Description

Control group put on 0.5 cc normal saline with 2.5 cc bupivacaine 0.5%

Category

Treatment - Drugs

Recruitment centers

1

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Name of recruitment center

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1

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Grant name

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Grant code / Reference number

Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?

Yes

Title of funding source

Vice-Chancellor of research Iran University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

100

Public or private sector

empty

Domestic or foreign origin

empty

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empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

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Study Protocol

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Statistical Analysis Plan

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Data Dictionary

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