

Clinical Trial Protocol

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The effect of low-dose intravenous ketamine on shoulder pain following caesarean section under spinal anesthesia

Protocol summary

Summary

Background:Prevalence of shoulder pain is more common in cesarian section than natural vaginal delivery, and in cases in which spinal anesthesia is used is more commonly seen. If an anti-pain drug is used before the stimulant, it can reduce severity of pain and usage of painkillers. Ketamine is one of the successful painkillers in reducing pain. This study was performed in order to evaluate effect of low dose ketamine on shoulder pain followed by cesarean section.Inclusion criteria: pregnant women who based on american society of anesthesiologists classification did not have any other organic biochemical or psychiatric disease and were aged between 15-40 years old, and were candidate for selective cesarean section under spinal anesthesia. Exclusion criteria:scientific contraindications(pre-eclampsia,eclampsia,primary hypertension,high intracranial pressure due to any cns pathology such as head trauma, brain tumor,recent cerebrovascular accidents),history of addiction,history of allergic reactions to ketamine,history of chronic pain,fracture or trauma to upper limb or shoulder. Methods: In this randomized double-blind study being performed in 2016,a group of 40 pregnant women were selected for intervention and a group of 40 was selected as the control group. All the women met the inclusion criteria. Control group received 5 CC of the pure water as placebo and the second group received 0/5 mg/kg interavenous ketamine in order to evaluate the effect of ketamine in reducing the shoulder pain after cesarean section.

General information

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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Expected recruitment start date

2016-04-18, 1395/01/30

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2016-08-27, 1395/06/06

Actual recruitment start date

empty

Actual recruitment end date

empty

Trial completion date

empty

Scientific title

The effect of low-dose intravenous ketamine on shoulder pain following caesarean section under spinal anesthesia

Public title

The effect of low-dose intravenous ketamine on shoulder pain

Purpose

Treatment

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: pregnant women with age is between 15-40 years old, and will be c/s under spinal anesthesia
Exclusion criteria: Interdict scientific forbids (rise ICP; eklampsy; preeklampsy; head trauma; primary hypertension; brain tumor; cerebrovascular accident in past); addiction; sensitivity to ketamine; chronic shoulder pain; history of psychiatric disease; pregnancy hypertension; history of fracture;

Age

No age limit

Gender

Female

Phase

N/A

Groups that have been masked

No information

Sample size

Target sample size: 80

Randomization (investigator's opinion)

Randomized

Randomization description

Blinding (investigator's opinion)

Double blinded

Blinding description

Placebo

Used

Assignment

Parallel

Other design features

Secondary IDs

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

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2015-08-03, 1394/05/12

Ethics committee reference number

ir.medsab.rec.1394.63

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

The effect of ketamine on shoulder pain

ICD-10 code

S48.2

ICD-10 code description

Other and unspecified general anaesthetics

Primary outcomes

1

Description

Shoulder pain

Timepoint

After intervention in first 24 hours

Method of measurement

Visual analog scale

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Hallucination

Timepoint

After intervention in first 3 hours

Method of measurement

Taking history

Intervention groups

1

Description

All the patients in the intervention group receive 500-1000 cc of ringer before performing spinal anesthesia. Before spinal anesthesia standard monitoring including blood pressure (systolic and diastolic), heart rate and pulse oxymetry is performed for the intervention group. Spinal anesthesia is performed by 2.5 cc bupivacaine and hyperbaric oxygen 0.5%. The intervention group receives ketamine 2/0 mg/kg iv after spinal anesthesia and before performing the cesarian section. Ketamine and pure water are stored in same 5 cc syringes and are coded by the technician. The anesthesiologist and the technician are not aware of the consistency of the syringes.

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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Description

All the patients in control group receive 500-1000 cc of ringer before performing spinal anesthesia. Before spinal anesthesia standard monitoring including blood pressure (systolic and diastolic), heart rate and pulse oxymetry is performed for the control group. Spinal anesthesia is performed by 2.5 cc bupivacaine and hyperbaric oxygen 0.5%. The control group receives 5 cc of pure water. Ketamine and pure water are stored in same 5 cc syringes and are coded by the technician. The anesthesiologist and the technician are not aware of the consistency of the syringes.

Category

Treatment - Other

Recruitment centers

1

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Grant name
Grant code / Reference number
Is the source of funding the same sponsor organization/entity?
Yes
Title of funding source
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Proportion provided by this source
100
Public or private sector
empty
Domestic or foreign origin
empty
Category of foreign source of funding
empty
Country of origin
Type of organization providing the funding
empty

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)
empty
Study Protocol
empty
Statistical Analysis Plan
empty
Informed Consent Form
empty
Clinical Study Report
empty
Analytic Code
empty
Data Dictionary
empty