

Clinical Trial Protocol

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Evaluation of the efficacy of low-dose naloxone for the prevention of acute remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia in patients undergoing general anesthesia for hysterectomy

Protocol summary

Study aim

To evaluate the efficacy of adding low dose naloxone to intraoperative infusion of remifentanyl in preventing the post-operative acute remifentanyl induced hyperalgesia in laparotomic hysterectomy

Design

Randomized controlled, parallel groups, double blinded clinical trial, 75 patients undergoing , three groups of remifentanyl-naloxone , remifentanyl and control

Settings and conduct

After administration of pre-medication midazolam and fentanyl and lidocaine anesthesia was induced by propofol and atracurium After tracheal intubation, isoflurane and muscle relaxants are used for maintenance of anesthesia, when necessary. In this study, both the patients and the evaluators are blinded to the type of intervention.

Participants/Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Inclusion criteria: ASA I-III patients; aged between 18 to 75 years scheduled for elective hysterectomy Exclusion criteria ; uncontrolled diabetes mellitus, neurologic disorders, psychologic disorders which needs treatment, inflammatory and renal diseases, drug abuse, routine use or taking NSAIDs, opioids, allergy or contraindication to anesthetic agents or pain medications, history of any type of chronic pain needs medical or interventional treatments and patients receiving ketamine, antipsychotic or gabapentinoids

Intervention groups

Remifentanyl-Naloxone (patients receiving remifentanyl 0.3 µg/kg/min and low dose naloxone 0.25 µg/kg/h in 50 ml normal saline, Remifentanyl (patients receiving remifentanyl 0.3 µg/kg/min), and control (patients receiving an infusion of 50 ml normal saline

Main outcome variables

The severity of hyperalgesia and allodynia is assessed by static tactile tests. The severity of pain in a static tactile

test is reported as VAS. Patients are asked to grade their highest pain severity from 1 to 10 in 0.5, 1, 6,12, and 24 hours after surgery

General information

Reason for update

Acronym

IRCT registration information

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Recruitment status

Recruitment complete

Funding source

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2017-08-23, 1396/06/01

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empty

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Scientific title
Evaluation of the efficacy of low-dose naloxone for the prevention of acute remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia in patients undergoing general anesthesia for hysterectomy

Public title
Efficacy of low-dose naloxone for the prevention of acute remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia

Purpose
Prevention

Inclusion/Exclusion criteria
Inclusion criteria:
 Female patients aged between 18 to 75 years ASA (American Society of Anesthesiologists) I-II patients
 Patients scheduled for elective hysterectomy
Exclusion criteria:
 Uncontrolled diabetes mellitus Neurologic disorders
 Psychologic disorders which needs treatment
 Inflammatory and renal diseases Drug abuse Routine use or taking NSAIDs, opioids or other analgesics 48 hours prior to surgery Allergy or contraindication to anesthetic agents or pain medications, including NSAID's, acetaminophen and opioids History of any type of chronic pain needs medical or interventional treatments
 Patient who develop any surgical or anesthetic complication, or need reoperation Patients receiving ketamine, antipsychotic or gabapentinoids

Age
From **18 years** old to **75 years** old

Gender
Female

Phase
3

Groups that have been masked

- Participant
- Investigator
- Outcome assessor

Sample size
Target sample size: **75**

Randomization (investigator's opinion)
Randomized

Randomization description
Patients are randomly assigned into three equal groups using computer-generated random sequence and the sealed envelope method by an assistant not involved in the study

Blinding (investigator's opinion)
Double blinded

Blinding description
In this study, both the patients and the evaluators were blinded to the type of intervention. All drugs were labeled and similar in appearance. A trained nurse anesthetist collects the data in operating room and post anesthetic care unit and an anesthesia resident blinded to study groups collects the data in the ward

Placebo
Used

Assignment
Parallel

Other design features

Secondary Ids

empty

Ethics committees

1

Ethics committee

Name of ethics committee

Ethics committee of Tehran University of Medical Sciences

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2016-04-23, 1395/02/04

Ethics committee reference number

IR.TUMS.REC.1395.2450

Health conditions studied

1

Description of health condition studied

Hyperalgesia

ICD-10 code

ICD-10 code description

Primary outcomes

1

Description

To decrease post operative hyperalgesia assessed by static tactile tests. The severity of pain in a static tactile test was reported as VAS

Timepoint

0.5, 2, 6, 12, and 24 hours after surgery.

Method of measurement

Static tactile test using a fine brush

Secondary outcomes

1

Description

Total morphin dose used in post operative period

Timepoint

During the 24 hour period after surgery
Method of measurement
Reported in Mg showed by analgesia pump

2

Description

The time of first rescue dose of morphine in post operative period

Timepoint

In post operative period

Method of measurement

It is reported as the time interval to the end of surgery

Intervention groups

1

Description

first Intervention group (Remifentanil-Naloxone group):patients receiving remifentanil 0.3 µg/kg/min and low dose naloxone 0.25 µg/kg/h in 50 ml normal saline

Category

Treatment - Drugs

2

Description

Second Intervention group(Remifentanil): patients receiving remifentanil 0.3 µg/kg/min)

Category

Treatment - Drugs

3

Description

Control group(control) : patients receiving an infusion of 50 ml normal saline

Category

Treatment - Drugs

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

Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Proportion provided by this source

1

Public or private sector

Public

Domestic or foreign origin

Domestic

Category of foreign source of funding

empty

Country of origin

Type of organization providing the funding

Academic

Person responsible for general inquiries

Contact

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Sharing plan

Deidentified Individual Participant Data Set (IPD)

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Study Protocol

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Statistical Analysis Plan

Yes - There is a plan to make this available

Informed Consent Form

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Clinical Study Report

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Analytic Code

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Data Dictionary

Undecided - It is not yet known if there will be a plan to make this available

Title and more details about the data/document

IPD collected for the primary outcome measure only

When the data will become available and for how long

starting in November 2025

To whom data/document is available

people working in academic institutions

Under which criteria data/document could be used

only for academic and research goals

From where data/document is obtainable

Via sending an Email for corresponding researcher

What processes are involved for a request to access data/document

proposal of the project and document of it's registration

Comments