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ABSTRACT

Background:

Neuraxial block is a preferred alternative to general anaesthesia for lower abdomen and lower limb procedures due to various benefits. Various additives are employed intrathecally in modern practice to achieve appropriate post-operative analgesia and ideal operating conditions. When combined with local anaesthetics, neuraxial opioids are known to hasten the start of action, prolong the duration of the motor and sensory block, and enhance the quality of postoperative analgesia. Additionally, there are negative consequences when these opioids are used with local anaesthetics. In the current prospective randomised trial, two opioids—Fentanyl and Tramadol—were compared in lower abdominal procedures when they were combined with hyperbaric bupivacaine 0.5%.

Methods:

After receiving approval from the ethical committee, 100 patients from ASA I and II who were between the ages of 18 and 50 were divided into two groups. Sub-arachnoid block was administered with 3.0 ml of 0.5% Bupivacaine(H) and 25 mcg of Fentanyl to the first group and 3.0 ml Bupivacaine(H) and 25 mg Tramadol to the second group. Monitoring was done for the onset, duration, sedation, hemodynamic parameters, and the timing of the rescue analgesia

Results:

When compared to the Tramadol group, the Fentanyl group's onset of sensory and motor blockage was quicker (164.43 and 192.61 seconds for sensory blockade and 202.04 and 223.27 seconds for motor blockade respectively). In addition, the Fentanyl group's duration of sensory and motor blockage lasted longer than the Tramadol group's (236.43 and 196.73 minutes for motor blockade duration and 261.55 and 217.24 minutes for sensory blockade duration respectively).

Other factors including bradycardia and sedation score were comparable between the two groups. The time of request of rescue analgesia was also longer in fentanyl group than in tramadol group (300.10 ± 24.25 minutes and 242.45 ± 37.49 minutes)

Conclusion:

This study suggests that, when added to bupivacaine, fentanyl has a quicker start and longer duration of block than tramadol in subarachnoid block. The Tramadol group requests initial rescue analgesia more quickly than the Fentanyl group does.

Keywords: Subarachnoid block, opioids, fentanyl, and tramadol.

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS USED

SAB	Sub Arachnoid Block
ASA	American Society of Anaesthesiologists.
CNS	Central Nervous System
O ₂	Oxygen
CVS	Cardio Vascular System
RS	Respirator System
SBP	Systolic Blood Pressure
DBP	Diastolic Blood Pressure
MAP	Mean Arterial Pressure
ECG	Electrocardiogram
GIT	GastroIntestinal System
Hb	Haemoglobin
HR	Heart Rate
PR	Pulse Rate
Inj.	Injection
IV	Intravenous
Kgs	Kilograms
L	Litre
Mg	Milligrams
Mins	Minutes
ml	Milliliters
Mcg	Micrograms
MPG	Mallampatti Grade
RBS	Random Blood Sugar
RR	Respiratory Rate
SPO ₂	Oxygen Saturation
Temp	Temperature
TLC	Total Leukocyte Count
NSAIDs	Non Steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs
T	Thoracic Vertebral Level

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INTRODUCTION

The technique of spinal anaesthesia is typically used for surgery on the lower abdomen, lower limbs, urology, and perineum. It is technically simpler, acts quickly, and has a low failure rate. It is cost-effective and safe. The patient can describe and relate early signs of complications and is awake and conscious. Compared to general anaesthesia, it can reduce surgical pain for several hours.

By preventing the entrance of sodium ions through channels or ionophores in neuronal membranes, local anaesthetics prevent neural conduction. All local anaesthetics have a three-part molecular structure: a lipophilic aromatic ring, an intermediate ester or amide bond, and a tertiary amine. The solubility of a local anaesthetic in lipids determines its potency. The potency of the local anaesthetic is also increased by an increase in lipid solubility. Because of this, bupivacaine, a drug that is more lipid soluble than drugs like artecaine or lignocaine that are less lipid soluble, has a far higher potency.

Traditional local anaesthetics when used alone, without adjuvants, have a shorter duration of action, which causes early postoperative analgesic need. For some surgeries, it is becoming more crucial to extend the time of sensory and motor blockade. In order to reduce postoperative pain and discomfort, the sensory blockade's duration should be increased.

Numerous intrathecal adjuvants have been employed in the context of augmentation of neuraxial blockade⁽¹⁾. These include Non-opioids like midazolam, ketamine, neostigmine, and clonidine and opioids like morphine, fentanyl, and buprenorphine. The most researched and widely used of them have been opioids.

One of the first opioids to be administered intrathecally was morphine⁽²⁾. As intrathecal adjuvants, tramadol, buprenorphine, fentanyl, and sufentanyl have also

been employed. The availability of a specific opioid receptor antagonist, Naloxone, is another significant benefit of opioids with intrathecal local anaesthetics.

Opioids can be categorised according to how well they dissolve in fat. Opioids that are lipophilic, have a shorter half-life than opioids that are hydrophilic. (Morphine is a hydrophilic opioid, while buprenorphine, fentanyl, sufentanyl, butorphanol, and pethidine are lipophilic opioids. The sensory blocking of local anaesthetics is amplified by intrathecal opioids, but sympathetic activity is unaffected. In spite of the fact that they extend post-operative analgesia, they raise the risk of nausea, vomiting, itching, and respiratory depression.

Eckenstam first introduced bupivacaine⁽³⁾ in 1957, and Telivno first applied it in a therapeutic setting in 1963. Almost all surgical procedures now combine opioids and hyperbaric bupivacaine. The amide type of local anaesthetic bupivacaine has a long duration of action, a gradual onset (5-8 minutes), and great potency. Even while intrathecal bupivacaine by itself provides effective sensory blockage, a large percentage of patients still experience some pain and discomfort and could need analgesic supplements during surgery. Opioids are added, which not only enhances the quality of intraoperative anaesthesia but also lengthens the analgesic effect's duration in the postoperative period.

The goal is to compare the effectiveness of bupivacaine with tramadol and bupivacaine with fentanyl with respect to changes in heart rate, blood pressure, and sedation scales, as well as to evaluate the stability of the patient's hemodynamics throughout the surgery, the onset and duration of sensory and motor block, and the duration of post-operative analgesia⁽²⁶⁾.

Hypothesis: There is significant difference between the onset and duration of anaesthesia and analgesic effects and time of request of rescue analgesia between Fentanyl and Tramadol with 0.5% Hyperbaric Bupivacaine in subarachnoid block with Fentanyl having better outcome than Tramadol.

OBJECTIVES

Primary objective:

1. To compare the onset and duration of sensory and motor blockage between 0.5% Bupivacaine (H) with Fentanyl(25 mcg) vs Tramadol (25 mg) respectively.

Secondary objective:

1. To compare sedation between intrathecal Tramadol and Fentanyl (using modified Wilson score), nausea and bradycardia between two groups.
2. To compare time of request of rescue analgesia.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

In 1853, Alexander Wood ⁽⁴⁾ inserted a hollow needle with a glass syringe In the Sub Arachnoid space. Carl Koller made a clinical demonstration of analgesia with cocaine in 1884. These two landmarks were the direct precursors to spinal analgesia.

J. Leonard Corning⁽⁵⁾, a neurologist, administered the first spinal analgesia in 1885 while doing tests on dogs. Later, he purposefully gave individuals an intradural injection. However, his method wasn't entirely dependable. He overlooked the potential for surgery. Later, Quinke and Essex⁽⁶⁾ described and popularised the ideal lumbar puncture technique. August Bier carried out the first human intentional spinal analgesia for surgery on August 16, 1898. His aide Hildebrandt actually performed the surgery for the first time on Bier.

Arthur Barker⁽⁷⁾ at London University described the progression of spinal anesthesia procedures in 1907, comprising the usage of a hyperbaric local anesthetic, importance of the sterile techniques, and the comfort of using midline techniques over the paramedian approach for spinal anesthesia.

In 1992, Sergio D. Belzarena⁽⁸⁾ investigated the effectiveness of intrathecal Fentanyl at various doses in patients undergoing caesarean sections. He came to the conclusion that combining bupivacaine with a low dose of fentanyl (25 mcg) produced great anaesthesia, prolonged postoperative analgesia, and few side effects in five out of ten patients.

Another investigation was conducted in 2006 by Fauzia Bano et al⁽⁹⁾. in J Coll Physician Surg. Pak. where they looked at the effects of mixing intrathecal Bupivacaine 0.5% with Fentanyl. 60 female patients belonging to ASA I & II undergoing elective LSCS under SAB was randomly selected and were divided into

2 groups getting Bupivacaine 0.5% with either 0.25ml of NS or 0.25ml of Fentanyl. It was observed how long and how well the SAB lasted as well as how it affected the patient. The study's findings showed that adding Fentanyl to intrathecal Bupivacaine causes analgesia to start more quickly and to be more effective during surgery without causing more side effects.

In a subsequent study, Naina P. Dalvi and Narendra Patil⁽¹⁰⁾ examined intrathecal Fentanyl and Tramadol as adjuvants to Bupivacaine and found that intrathecal Fentanyl increased the duration of anaesthesia and provided greater post-operative analgesia than Tramadol.

Another study evaluating the duration of post-operative analgesia with Fentanyl and Tramadol as adjuvants to Bupivacaine for intrathecal administration was carried out by Surhan Ozer and Hacer Sebem Turk⁽¹¹⁾ in Turkey in 2018.

The study by Biswas et al⁽¹²⁾. on intrathecal fentanyl with hyperbaric bupivacaine improves analgesia during caesarean delivery and in the early postoperative period revealed that the dose of intrathecal fentanyl 12.5 microgram increased the duration of effective analgesia (time from injection to first parenteral analgesic). The study's findings suggested that using 12.5 micrograms of fentanyl in combination with hyperbaric bupivacaine 0.5% for spinal anaesthesia would significantly enhance intraoperative anaesthesia and decrease the need for postoperative analgesics while improving maternal satisfaction and foetal wellbeing .

Two segment regression and the length of analgesia were demonstrated in the Effect of Intrathecal Fentanyl on Subarachnoid Block with 0.5% Hyperbaric Bupivacaine study by Chavan et al⁽¹³⁾. They showed that adding fentanyl to bupivacaine considerably lengthened both two segment regression and the duration of anaesthesia.

In their study comparing Fentanyl and Tramadol as additions to Bupivacaine in labouring patients, Veena Chatrath and colleagues found that while tramadol delivers longer-lasting analgesia, fentanyl has a quicker start of analgesia. Due to tramadol's activity on 5-hydroxytryptamine receptors, nausea and vomiting were major side effects in the tramadol group⁽¹⁴⁾. Where as the fentanyl group exhibited more shivering, pruritus, and transient foetal bradycardia. The tramadol group also scored higher in terms of patient satisfaction.

J. M. Afolayan and his colleagues in Nigeria investigated the effects of fentanyl and tramadol on sub arachnoid block and found no discernible difference between the two drugs in respect to onset of block. Although both the groups were better than the placebo group, which received regular saline, in terms of block onset, duration, and adverse effect profile. They also came to the conclusion that adding additives like opioids lengthens the duration of the block. Additionally, the time of request of rescue analgesia is much longer in the Fentanyl group than the Tramadol group⁽¹⁵⁾.

In their investigation, Supriya S. Kulkarni and colleagues discovered that there was no significant difference between intrathecal Fentanyl and Tramadol in terms of haemodynamic measures. At every point during the trial, the heart rate, systolic blood pressure, diastolic blood pressure, and mean blood pressure were comparable. However, there was a big difference in prevention of shivering between the two groups⁽¹⁶⁾. Shivering was least common in the Tramadol group both during surgery and thereafter.

In a research comparing intrathecal Fentanyl and Tramadol in patients undergoing LSCS by Chatterji R et al., came to the conclusion that tramadol, when combined with hyperbaric bupivacaine, produced pain relief that lasted longer than

intrathecal fentanyl and decreased post-operative analgesic demand in the first 24 hours without having any negative effects on hemodynamics⁽¹⁷⁾.

In a study on patients undergoing LSCS, Bogra J. and colleagues found that the combination of bupivacaine and fentanyl abolished visceral pain, decreased the incidence of nausea, increased hemodynamic stability, and prolonged postoperative analgesia⁽¹⁸⁾; however, there was no effect on bradycardia, nausea, vomiting, shivering, maternal or neonatal respiration. Overall, the combined impact of fentanyl and bupivacaine is better than bupivacaine alone because, in addition to its positive effects, fentanyl also delays the negative ones while also lowering the doses of bupivacaine.

Another study by A. Subedi and colleagues comparing the effects of adding fentanyl and tramadol to bupivacaine for sub-arachnoid block in pregnant women found that tramadol 10 mg showed a longer duration of analgesia with a lower incidence of shivering when used as an adjunct to bupivacaine for sub-arachnoid block for caesarean section⁽¹⁹⁾.

BASIC SCIENCES

Applied anatomy

It is essential to know the basic anatomy of the vertebral column by every anaesthesiologist for the purpose of safe administration of sub-arachnoid block. The vertebral column of human body with its 33 vertebrae forms the axial skeleton. The adult vertebral column has 33 vertebrae with 31 pairs of spinal nerves.

Region	Vertebrae	Pairs of Spinal Nerves
Cervical	7	8
Thoracic	12	12
Lumbar	5	5
Sacral	5	5
Coccygeal	4	1

A typical vertebra is composed of the following parts:

Body	Weight bearing and separated from adjoining vertebral bodies by the intervertebral disc.
Vertebral arch	Composed of pedicles and laminae which surround and protect the spinal cord and its coverings.
Transverse process	Give attachment to ligaments.
Spinous process	Gives attachments to ligaments and to muscles.

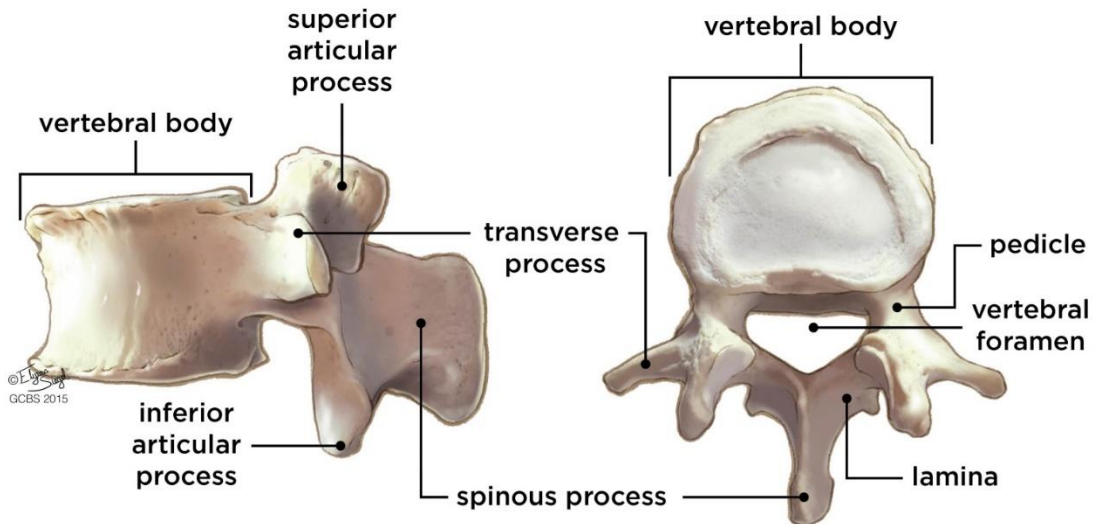


Fig. 1

Spinous process of the cervical, the first two thoracic and the last lumbar vertebrae are all practically horizontal and are therefore opposite the bodies of their respective vertebrae. The other Spinous processes are inclined downwards, their tips being opposite the bodies of the vertebrae next below.

Intervertebral disc:

These are principal connecting links between vertebral bodies, and account for nearly 25% of the length of the spine. In the cervical and lumbar regions they are somewhat wedge shaped and this contributes to the characteristic curves of the column. Each disc adheres above and below to the hyaline articular cartilage which covers facet of adjacent vertebral body and in front and behind each is attached to anterior and posterior longitudinal ligaments. This disc is made up of peripheral fibrous tissue and fibro cartilage, arranged in concentric rings termed “annular fibrosus” and a central core of soft pulpy elastic tissue “nucleus pulposus” which represents the remnant of embryonal notochord.

Curvatures of the vertebral column :

The vertebral column has curvatures in them. These curvatures also have an effect on the spread of local anaesthetic injected. The highest and lowest points in these curvatures with the subjects in supine position on horizontal surface are found to be at the level of L3 and T5 respectively.

- Cervical curve - anterior convexity
- Thoracic curve- anterior concavity
- Lumbar curve - anterior convexity



Fig.2

LIGAMENTS OF THE VERTEBRAL COLUMN:

- **Supraspinous Ligament:**

It is a continuation of the ligamentum nuchae, and joins together the tips of the spinous processes from the C7 vertebra to the sacrum. It increases in thickness from above downwards and is thickest and widest in the lumbar region⁽²⁵⁾.

- **Interspinous Ligaments:**

They connect adjacent spinous processes. The fibres are membranous and fuse with the supraspinous ligament posteriorly and with the ligamentum flavum anteriorly. In the lumbar region they are wide and dense.

- **Ligamentum Flavum:**

It is composed entirely of yellow elastic fibres. Laterally it blends with the capsule of the facet joint and medially with the interspinous ligament, or with its fellow on the opposite side. It is thinnest in cervical region and thickest in the lumbar region. It measures 3-5mm thick and 16-20mm wide.

- **Anterior Longitudinal Ligament:**

It runs along the front of the vertebral bodies from C2 to upper sacrum becoming progressively wider from above downwards.

- **Posterior Longitudinal Ligament:**

It transverses the posterior surface of vertebral bodies. It corresponds in its attachments to those of the anterior longitudinal ligament.

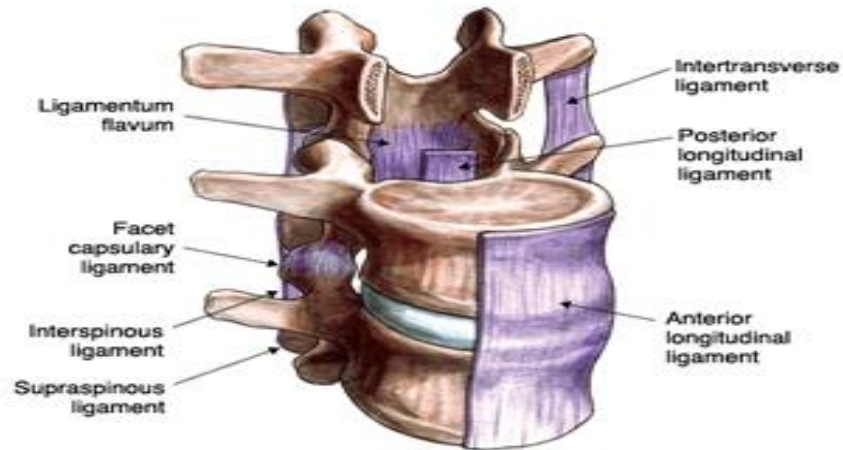


Fig.3

Spinal Nerves:

These are 31 pairs in number:

- 8 cervical
 - 12 thoracic
 - 5 lumbar
 - 5 sacral
 - 1 coccygeal
- Anterior root is efferent and motor sympathetic preganglionic axons arise from cells in the intermediolateral horn of spinal cord from T1 to L2.
 - Posterior root is larger than anterior. All the afferent impulses from whole body, including viscera pass into the posterior roots. Each posterior root has a ganglion and conveys fibres of
 - 1) pain
 - 2) touch
 - 3) temperature
 - 4) deep or muscle sensation from bones, joints, tendons.
 - 5) Afferent from the viscera and
 - 6) vasodilator fibres.

- The anterior and posterior roots each with its covering of pia-arachnoid and dura cross the extra dural space and unite in the inter vertebral foramina to form the main spinal nerve trunks.

Blood Supply of spinal Cord:

The main arterial supply of the cord is derived from spinal arteries and a reinforcement with the help of radicular arteries exists.

Spinal Arteries include:

- Anterior Spinal Artery
- Posterior Spinal Artery

Anterior Spinal Artery: It is formed by two vertebral arteries at the level of foramen magnum. It lies in the anterior median fissure and supplies a major portion of the anterior 2/3rd of the cord.

Posterior Spinal Artery: They are 2 in number. One lies on front of the attachment of dorsal nerve root and the other, a larger artery behind the attachment. They arise behind the base of brain either directly from vertebral artery or posterior inferior cerebellar artery which is the largest branch of each vertebral artery. These supply posterior 1/3rd of cord, posterior grey columns and white columns on either side.

Reinforcement: The above arteries are reinforced by spinal branches of vertebral, ascending cervical, posterior intercostals, spinal lumbar, and several lateral arteries. These form anterior and posterior radicular arteries, reinforcing the main supply.

Often one of the anterior radicular arteries is of considerable size and termed arteria radicularis magna, usually arising in the lower thoracic or upper lumbar region (artery of Adamkiewicz).

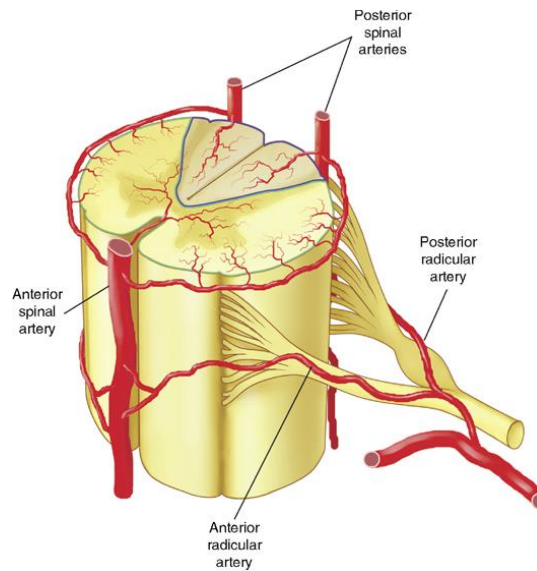


Fig.4

Spinal Cord:

The spinal cord, a direct continuation of the medulla oblongata. It begins at the upper border of the atlas and ends at the lower border of L1 in adults. It is 42– 45 cm in length. It has an elongated cylindrical shape but is flattened anteroposteriorly especially in lumbar region. It is not uniform in diameter but bears a cervical and lumbar enlargement which corresponds to the origins of brachial and lumbosacral plexuses. Below, it ends in conus medullaris from the apex of which filum terminale descends as far as the coccyx.

At birth, spinal cord ends at the level of lower border of L3 vertebra

- In adults
- 50% cases at lower border of L1
 - 40% cases at upper border of L2
 - 03% cases at upper border of L3

Meninges:

Duramater:

It is the outermost layer among the meninges. Lies just below the bones of skull and Vertebral column. It is thick, tough and inextensible. Dura has two layers of connective tissue sheets:

- Periosteal layer: lines the inner surface of the bones of the cranium
- Meningeal layer: deep to periosteal layer inside the cranial cavity. It is the only layer present in the vertebral column.

Between these 2 layers, dural venous sinuses are located. They are responsible for the venous vasculature of the cranium, draining into the internal jugular veins.

Arachnoid Mater:

It is a thin transparent sheath closely applied to the dura. It surrounds cranial and spinal nerves as far as their point of exit from skull and vertebral canal.

Piamater:

This closely invests the cord and is separated from arachnoid by subarachnoid space filled with CSF. It sends delicate septa into its substance. Piamater ends as a prolongation of the filum terminale, which pierces the distal end of the dural sac and is attached to periosteum of the coccyx.

Denticulate Ligament:

The denticulate ligaments are folds of the piamater that extend laterally along the lines of attachments of the anterior and posterior roots and fuse with the arachnoid and duramater. Structurally they act as struts to hold the spinal cord suspended within the subdural space.

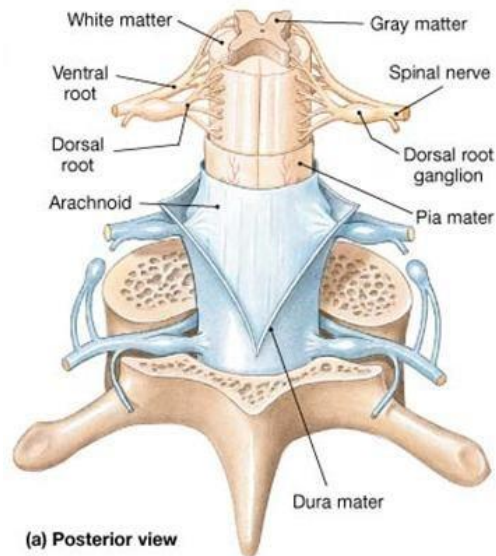


Fig.5

Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF):

It is clear, colourless liquid that fills and surrounds the brain and the spinal cord and provides a mechanical barrier against shock. Formed primarily in the ventricles of the brain, the cerebrospinal fluid supports the brain and provides lubrication between surrounding bones and the brain and spinal cord. When an individual suffers a head injury, the fluid acts as a cushion, dulling the force by distributing its impact. The fluid helps to maintain pressure within the cranium at a constant level. An increase in the volume of blood or brain tissue results in a corresponding decrease in the fluid. Conversely, if there is a decrease in the volume of matter within the cranium, as occurs in atrophy of the brain, the CSF compensates with an increase in volume. The fluid also transports metabolic waste products, antibodies, chemicals, and pathological products of disease away from the brain and spinal-cord tissue into the bloodstream. CSF is slightly alkaline and is about 99 percent water.

Composition :

Volume : 120 – 150ml (25-35ml in spinal space)

Specific gravity : 1.003 – 1.009 (at 37 degree Celsius)

CSF pressure: 60-80 mm Hg in lumbar space

pH : 7.27-7.37

PCO₂: 48mmHg HCO₃:23mEq/L

Sodium : 135-145 mEq/L

Magnesium : 2-2.5mEq/L

Chloride : 15-20 mEq/L

Calcium : 2-3mEq/L

Phosphorous : 1.6mg/dl

Proteins : 23-38mg/dl

Physiology of Subarachnoid Block

Spread, duration, density and dose are the most important factors that determine the spread and duration of subarachnoid anesthesia. Density is the ratio of the mass of a substance to its volume. Baricity is the ratio of two densities; here, the density of CSF and that of the injected local anesthetic. Currently used local anesthetics are made hyperbaric by mixing with dextrose. Plain local anesthetic solutions are isobaric or slightly hypobaric.

Hyperbaric local anesthetics are denser than CSF and will flow with gravity to the dependent areas of the spine, usually the upper thoracic region in supine patients. Positioning patients upright or lateral can limit the initial spread of hyperbaric local anesthetic. But, when the patient returns to the supine position, even after 20 to 30 minutes, the sensory level reaches the usual mid-thoracic dermatomes. Bulk

displacement determines the initial spread of isobaric drug. Subsequently, movement of CSF by either transmission of cardiac pulsations or gross patient movements (i.e., turning from lateral to supine position) will determine the ultimate spread of block. In nonpregnant patients, hyperbaric local anesthetics produce more consistent levels of sensory block than isobaric drug. When used for subarachnoid anesthesia for cesarean section, there is little difference between equal doses of isobaric or hyperbaric bupivacaine. ⁽¹⁾

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

The exact site of action of subarachnoid remains unknown. Local anesthetic can be detected throughout the spinal nerve rootlets and spinal cord after intrathecal injection. Intrathecal local anesthetics reduce, but do not routinely eliminate, somato-sensory evoked potentials (SSEPs). Cortical evoked potentials from direct spinal cord stimulation diminish but persist. These results suggest that some block of spinal cord conduction occurs but that subarachnoid anesthesia occurs mostly within the spinal nerve roots. ⁽²⁾ Differential Nerve Block- Neuraxial local anesthetics have different potencies on motor, sensory, and sympathetic nerves. This differential block is largely related to the size of different nerves. Large motor nerves (and larger lumbar and sacral nerve roots) are most resistant to local anesthetic block. Analgesia (loss of sensation of sharpness to pinprick) extends two or more segments more cephalad than anesthesia (loss of sensation to touch). Sympathetic block (as measured by increase skin temperature) may extend as many as six spinal segments higher than the upper limit of sensory block. ⁽¹¹⁾

CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM

Intrathecal injection of local anesthetics produces extensive sympathetic block. Cardiac output increases after induction of subarachnoid anesthesia and that a fall in systemic vascular resistance leads to lower blood pressures. The degree of hypotension varies widely among patients. Risk factors include pregnancy, hypovolemia, advanced age, obesity, concurrent general anesthesia, and sensory level above T6. Heart rate may increase, decrease, or remain unchanged. Thoracic levels of anesthesia can produce cardiac sympathetic block (T1–T4). The resultant vagal predominance can decrease heart rate.

GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM

Neuraxial anesthesia-induced sympathetic block leads to unopposed vagal stimulation of the gastrointestinal system. Secretions increase, sphincters relax and the bowel constricts. Many patients experience nausea and vomiting. Risk factors for nausea and vomiting include: female gender, opioid premedication and high level of block. ⁽¹⁾

SPLEEN

Enlarges 2-3 times in high blocks when its sympathetic efferent fibres are paralysed. Colonic blood supply and oxygen availability are increased in animals following spinal anaesthesia, an important factor in preventing anastomotic breakdown following gut resection.

LIVER

No effects of major significance

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

SAB delays adrenal response to injury and trauma, so there is no change in 17-hydroxy corticosteroids

SAB depresses the hyperglycaemic response to surgery and stress and so is useful in diabetic patients. The response to insulin is augmented-hypoglycaemia.

GENITOURINARY SYSTEM

Sympathetic supply to kidney is from T11 to L1 via lower splanchnic nerve. Any changes in renal blood flow is due to hypotension

Postspinal retention of urine may be prolonged as S2 to S3 contain small autonomic fibres and their paralysis lasts longer than that of larger sensory and motor fibres.

UTERUS

No effect on tone of uterus. Small dose of LA required because of decreased extradural space in pregnancy.

BODY TEMPERATURE-Vasodilatation favours heat loss.

COMPLICATIONS OF INTRATHECAL ANESTHESIA

- 1) **HYPOTENSION:** Approximately one-third of patients will suffer from hypotension following an intrathecal anesthetic. Hypotension is more likely in the older patient, in patients with higher blocks (T5 and above), and in cases in which a high lumbar puncture site is used. It is defined as a fall in 25-30% from the preoperative blood pressure. Treatment for normalizing BP should be started at this point. The fall in blood pressure is due to the thoracolumbar sympathectomy produced by the local anesthetic solution, which produces a decrease in systemic vascular resistance and an increase in venous pooling. Venous pooling may be corrected with intravenous fluids, elevation of the legs, or with beta-adrenergic agonists. A slight head-down tilt will

encourage venous return in patients undergoing intrathecal anesthesia. Caution may be required with head-down tilt as this may encourage further cranial spread of the local anesthetic block if this is undertaken in the early stages of intrathecal anesthesia . Consider administration of vasoactive drugs. Ephedrine is often the first choice of vasopressor. This drug has a predominantly beta-adrenergic agonist effect and produces an increase in heart rate, with some effect on the venous pooling but little direct effect on peripheral resistance. This is advantageous in pregnancy, when preservation of uterine blood flow in the presence of hypotension is important.

- 2) **BRADYCARDIA:** Bradycardia is more likely with a high block (T5 and above), in patients with a normal heart rate of less than 60 beats per minute and patients on beta-adrenergic antagonists. If the fluctuations in blood pressure is not significant, then careful monitoring is adequate. If significant hypotension or other cardiovascular events present then treatment is indicated. If the heart rate drops to 50 beats per minute or less then treatment will be necessary for the older patient and the patient with heart disease. Intravenous glycopyrrolate, 0.2mg or atropine 0.6 mg, should be administered. The circulation time will be much prolonged by the bradycardia and thus patience may be required to avoid administration of further, unnecessary doses of the drugs. If hypotension and bradycardia prove resistant to treatment, administration of intravenous epinephrine should be considered.
- 3) **NAUSEA AND VOMITING:** Nausea and vomiting are commonly associated with hypotension, bradycardia, and a high block. Treatment of the cardiovascular problem often relieves these symptoms, but not in every case. The use of conventional antiemetics can be beneficial.
- 4) **POST DURAL PUNCTURE HEADACHE:** Headache has always been recognized as a side-effect of dural puncture and therefore of intrathecal anesthesia. The

headache is believed to be the result of CSF leak, both at the time of the dural puncture and more importantly, continuing afterward.

Factors known to increase the likelihood of PDPH include the size of the needle used for the dural puncture (the larger the needle, the higher the incidence), the age of the patient (younger patients are more likely to have a headache than older patients) and early ambulation. Newer needle designs (Sprotte and Whitacre) are associated with a significantly lower incidence of PDPH especially in higher risk groups.

PDPH is characteristically throbbing in nature, is eased by lying down and returns on standing. It is unusual for the headache to present more than 48h after lumbar puncture. The conservative management of PDPH (bed rest, simple analgesia and good fluid intake) is not successful in all cases. Severe PDPH will render the patient bed bound and merits more aggressive treatment if conservative management is ineffective after 24h.

The most reliable and effective method of treatment is the autologous extradural blood patch: 20-30mL of blood is removed aseptically from the patient and injected into the extradural space. It is usual for two doctors to be involved in this procedure, one to remove the blood and one to perform the extradural injection. The headache usually disappears within minutes of the injection with a good long-term safety record. If the patient is pyrexial it is not advisable to use this technique.

- 5) **HIGH BLOCK (TOTAL SPINAL):** If the block extend above the T4 level, then severe cardiovascular problems may develop with bradycardia and hypotension. These should be managed with appropriate aggressive intravenous therapy and the administration of chronotropic and vasoconstrictor drugs. Very rarely with subarachnoid anesthesia the block may extend higher and the patient may develop

respiratory difficulties if the phrenic nerves (C3, C4, and C5) are affected. There may be warning of this developing if the patient complains of tingling or numbness in the hands.

If respiratory difficulties are reported then the anesthesiologist should be prepared to intubate and ventilate the patient. It is important to remember that, although the patient may be unable to breathe, he or she may still be conscious and a small dose of an intravenous induction agent is indicated to render the patient unconscious. Upper airway reflexes may also still be active and muscle relaxants may be needed to facilitate intubation. The patient may require some form of general anesthesia to maintain unconsciousness until the block wanes and spontaneous respiration returns.

If the block is high enough then unconsciousness will occur, but consciousness may return before the patient can breathe spontaneously. The accidental injection of a large dose/volume of local anesthetic into the subarachnoid space can be a complication of extradural blockade and may result in a total spinal anesthetic.

- 6) **URINARY RETENTION**: Although the neural block provided by subarachnoid anesthesia usually only lasts for a few hours, urinary retention can sometimes be a problem even after the block has regressed. Some anesthesiologists routinely catheterize the bladder in patients having intrathecal anesthesia, either before or after the block has been instituted. If intravenous fluids have been administered as part of the management of the block, then this fluid may cause problems as it is excreted by the kidneys. Retention is a particular problem in the older male patients, who may have pre-existing problems related to prostatatic enlargement.

7) NEUROLOGIC COMPLICATIONS:

Neurologic complications following central neural blockade fall into one of two categories: first, those that occur by coincidence with the central blockade and second, those that are directly related to the regional anesthetic procedure. Central neural blockade is a safe anesthetic technique with a very low incidence of permanent neurological damage related directly to the procedures. However, there is no doubt that there are some factors that appear to increase the risk of neurologic damage following central blockade and clearly, the anesthesiologist should be aware of these before considering the use of extradural or intrathecal anesthesia. Such factors include:

- Physical trauma: injury from needle and catheter placement;
- Chemical trauma: local anesthetic toxicity, wrong drug injected;
- Ischemia following severe, prolonged hypotension
- Spinal hematoma: pathological and pharmacologic clotting problems.
- Systemic infection

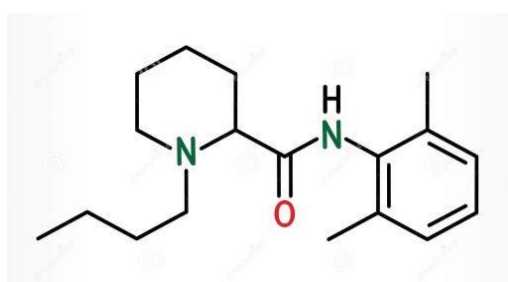
PHARMACOLOGY OF LOCAL ANAESTHETICS

Local anaesthetics are chemical compounds which are capable of reversibly inhibiting the propagation of impulses in nerve cells. Classification: Clinically useful agents can be classified into two groups depending on the link between the aromatic portion and the intermediate chain. The amino ester group have an ester link and include procaine, chlorprocaine and amethocaine. The amino amides have an amide link between the aromatic head and the intermediate chain and include lignocaine, bupivacaine, mepivacaine, prilocaine, etidocaine and ropivacaine.

BUPIVACAINE HYDROCHLORIDE:

C₁₈ H₂₈N₂O, HCl(±) –1–Butyl–N–(2,6–dimethyl phenyl)–2– piperidine–decarboxamide.

It was synthesized in 1957 by Ekemstan and hydrochloride monohydrate was first clinically used in 1963 by L. J. Telivuo.



Bupivacaine

fig.6

PHYSICOCHEMICAL PROPERTIES:

Molecular weight (free base) 342.9 (288.4) pKa 8.115 Bupivacaine hydrochloride is a white, odourless, crystalline powder with a bitter, numbing taste. It is prepared by chemical synthesis. The hydrochloride salt is available in solution with and without epinephrine. A preparation marketed specifically for intrathecal use contains dextrose.

Presentation:

Vials of 20ml containing a clear colourless solution of 0.25% & 0.5% Bupivacaine hydrochloride. 20 ml vials of 0.25% - 0.5% Bupivacaine without preservative are also available. Ampoules containing 4ml of 0.5% (heavy) solution with dextrose for spinal anaesthesia.

Mechanism of action:

Bupivacaine, like other local anaesthetics prevents the generation and the conduction of the nerve impulse. Their primary site of action is the cell membrane. Local anaesthetics block conduction by decreasing or preventing the large transient increase in the permeability of excitable membranes to Na⁺ that normally is produced by a slight depolarization of the membrane. This action of local anaesthetics is due to their direct interaction with voltage-gated Na⁺ channels. As the anaesthetic action progressively develops in a nerve, the threshold for electrical excitability gradually increases, the rate of rise of the action potential declines, impulse conduction slows, and the safety factor for conduction decreases. These factors decrease the probability of propagation of the action potential, and nerve conduction eventually fails.

Toxicity of Bupivacaine:

It is relatively free of side effects if administered in an appropriate dosage. It is more cardiotoxic than lignocaine and this is made worse by hypoxia, hypercapnia and by pregnancy.

1. Central nervous system toxicity⁽²³⁾:

The principal effect of Bupivacaine is reversible neural blockade which leads to a characteristically biphasic effect in the CNS. Initially, excitation (light headedness, dizziness, visual and auditory disturbances and fits) occurs, due to the blockade of inhibitory pathways in the cortex. With increasing doses, depression of both facilitatory and inhibitory pathways occur leading to CNS depression (drowsiness, disorientation and coma). Disorientation and occasional feeling of drowsiness may occur. Objective signs are usually excitatory in nature which includes shivering, muscular twitching and tremors; initially involving muscles of the face (perioral numbness) and part of extremities. At still higher doses cardiovascular or

respiratory arrest may occur. Acidosis increases the risk of CNS toxicity from bupivacaine, since an elevation of PaCO₂ enhance cerebral blood flow, so that more anaesthetic is delivered rapidly to the brain. Bupivacaine is more lipid soluble and protein bound. This limits its passage across the placenta to foetus. Bupivacaine is undetectable in neonatal plasma 24 hours after cesarean section using Bupivacaine.

2. Cardiovascular system toxicity:

Bupivacaine depresses rapid phases of depolarization (V_{max}) in purkinje fibres and ventricular musculature to a greater extent than lignocaine⁽²⁷⁾. It also decreases the rate of recovery from a dependant block than that of lignocaine. This leads to incomplete restoration of V_{max} between action potential at high rates, in contrast to complete recovery by lignocaine. This explains why lignocaine has antiarrhythmic property while bupivacaine has arrhythmogenic potential. High level of bupivacaine prolongs conduction time through various parts of heart and extremely high concentration will depress spontaneous pacemaker activity, resulting in bradycardia and arrest. Cardiac resuscitation is more difficult following bupivacaine induced cardiovascular collapse and hypoxia along with acidosis which markedly potentiates cardiac toxicity. Bretylium but not lignocaine could raise the ventricular tachycardiac threshold that was lowered by bupivacaine. Pregnancy enhances the cardiotoxicity of bupivacaine. 0.75% is no longer recommended for use in labour analgesia. CVS toxicity includes atrio-ventricular block, ventricular arrhythmias and cardiac arrest. CC / CNS dose ratio is 3.7 ± 0.516 . Cardiovascular collapse is more difficult to resuscitate and pregnant women are more sensitive to the cardiovascular effects than non- pregnant women. Bupivacaine is used in obstetric analgesia due to its longer duration of action, limited placental transfer, high degree of sensory block than motor block, less cumulation and no tachyphylaxis

3. Respiratory system:

Respiratory depression may be caused if excessive plasma level is reached which in turn results in depression of medullary respiratory centre. Respiratory depression may also be caused by paralysis of respiratory muscles as may occur in high spinal or total spinal anaesthesia.

4. Autonomic nervous system:

Myelinated preganglionic beta fibres have a faster conduction time and are more sensitive to the action of local anaesthetic including bupivacaine. Involvement of preganglionic sympathetic fibres is the cause of widespread vasodilation and consequent hypotension that occurs in epidural and paravertebral block. When used for conduction blockade all local anaesthetic particularly bupivacaine produces higher incidence of sensory blockade than motor fibres.

Pharmacokinetics of Bupivacaine:

Bupivacaine is rapidly absorbed from the site of injection, the rate of rise in plasma concentration and the peak plasma concentration depending on the particular local anaesthetic technique being used. There is also some inter individual variation and peak systemic concentrations may occur between 5 and 30 min after administration.

1. Absorption:

The site of injection, dose and addition of a vasoconstrictor determine systemic absorption of bupivacaine. The maximum blood level of bupivacaine is related to the total dose of the drug administered from any particular site.

2. Distribution:

This can be described by a two compartment model. The rapid distribution phase is believed to be related to uptake by rapid equilibrating tissue (i.e., tissues that have

high vascular perfusion). The slow distribution phase is mainly a function of distribution to slowly equilibrating tissue, biotransformation and excretion of the compound. More highly perfused organs show higher concentrations of the drug. Bupivacaine is rapidly extracted by lung tissue. Though skeletal muscle does not show particular affinity for bupivacaine it is the largest reservoir of the drug.

3. Biotransformation and excretion:

Bupivacaine undergoes enzymatic degradation primarily in the liver. The excretion occurs via the kidney. Renal perfusion and factors affecting urinary pH affect urinary excretion. Less than 5 percent of unchanged drug is excreted via the kidney through urine. The major portion of injected agent appears in urine in the form of 2, 6, pipercolyloxylidene (PPx) which is a N-dealkylated metabolite of bupivacaine. Renal clearance of this drug is related inversely to its protein binding capacity and pH of urine[32].

4. Dosage:

Maximal dose is 2mg/kg body weight (25-30 ml 0.5% solution) and the strength used is 0.125% - 0.75%.

PHARMACOLOGY OF TRAMADOL

Structural & Chemical Formula of Tramadol

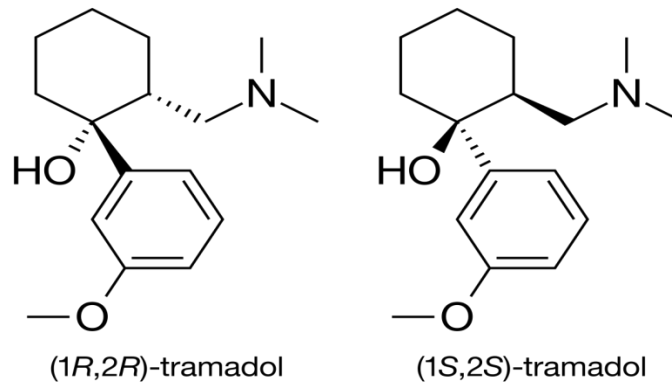


Fig.7

It is an opioid. It is a racemic mixture of two enantiomers, one of which is responsible for inhibition of norepinephrine uptake, whereas the other responsible for inhibition of 5 – hydroxytryptamine reuptake and facilitation of its release, plus the actions of this drug at mu receptors.

Pharmacokinetics:

- Bioavailability: 70-75 % orally, 77% rectal, 100% IM.
- Protein binding: 20%
- Metabolism: liver mediated demethylation and glucuronidation via CYP2D6 & CYP3A4.
- Onset of action: less than 1 hour by mouth.
- Elimination half-life: 6.3 +/- 1.4 hours.
- Duration of action: 6 hours.

Mechanism of action:

Tramadol is a centrally acting analgesic that has moderate affinity for mu receptors and weak kappa and delta opioid receptor affinity but is 5-10 times less potent than morphine as an analgesic. Tramadol enhances the function of the spinal descending inhibitory pathways by inhibition of neuronal reuptake of norepinephrine and 5- hydroxytryptamine as well as presynaptic stimulation of 5 – hydroxytryptamine release.

Action on Respiratory system:

In therapeutic dose of tramadol no significant effect on Respiratory rate, tidal volume, minute ventilation. Overdose may cause respiratory depression.

Action on Cardiovascular system:

In therapeutic dose, tramadol has no significant effect on CVS, except for a transient reduction in pulmonary artery pressure, so it is suitable for pain relief in acute MI , diagnostic cardiac catheterisation.

Dosage: 1-2 mg/ kg. {Maximum dose is 400mg}

Side Effects:

- Nausea
- Dizziness
- Dry mouth
- Constipation
- Headache

PHARMACOLGY OF FENTANYL

It is an opioid.

Molecular Formula: C₂₂H₂₈N₂O

Chemical Structure

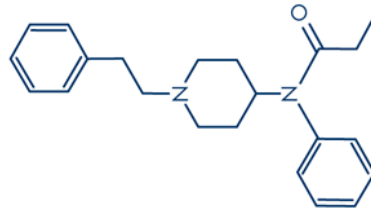


Fig.8

Route of Administration: Epidural, Intrathecal, IV, Skin Patch, Sublingual.

Pharmacokinetics:

Bioavailability:

- Transdermal – 92%
- Intranasal – 89%
- Buccal – 50%
- Ingestion – 33%
- Intramuscular – 100%.

Protein Binding: 80-85%

Metabolism: Liver primarily by CYP3A4

Onset Of Action: 5 minutes

Duration Of Action: 30-60 minutes

Excretion: Mostly by kidney

Uses of Fentanyl:

• **Intravenous:**

Intravenous fentanyl is often used for anaesthesia and analgesia. During anaesthesia it is often used along with propofol. It is also administered in combination with midazolam to produce sedation for endoscopy, cardiac catheterization and in emergency rooms. It is also used in the management of chronic pain including cancer pain.

• **Neuraxial block:**

Fentanyl is given intrathecally as a part of spinal anaesthesia or epidurally for epidural anaesthesia and analgesia. The greater potency and rapid onset of action reflect the greater lipid solubility of fentanyl compared with that of morphine which facilitates its passage across the blood brain barrier. In obstetrics the dose must be closely regulated in order to prevent large amount of transfer from mother to foetus.

• **Patches:**

Fentanyl transdermal patches are used in chronic pain management. The patches work by slowly releasing fentanyl through the skin into the blood stream over 48-72 hours allowing for long lasting pain management.

• **Intranasal:**

The bioavailability of intranasal fentanyl is about 70-90% but with some imprecision due to clotted nostrils pharyngeal swallow and incorrect administration. In children intranasal fentanyl is useful for the treatment of moderate to severe pain and is well tolerated.

Mechanism of action:

As a mu receptor agonist it binds 50-100 times more strongly than morphine. Fentanyl can also bind to the delta and kappa opioid receptor but with a lower

affinity. Its strong potency relative to morphine is largely due to its lipophilicity. Fentanyl binds to opioid receptors – G-Protein Coupled Receptor which regulates synaptic transmission. Binding of fentanyl activates the GPCR which initiates signalling to result in the inhibition of the release of nociceptive neurotransmitters.

Side Effects of Fentanyl ⁽²⁹⁾:

- Depression of ventilation
- Hypotension
- Nervousness
- Increase in intracranial pressure to head injury patients
- Seizure activity following rapid IV administration.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

SOURCE OF DATA:

Patients scheduled for elective lower abdominal surgeries at KLE's Dr.Prabhakar Kore Hospital and Medical Research Centre and KLE's Dr.Prabhakar Kore Charitable hospital who are between the ages of 18 and 50 and belonging to ASA Grade I and II.

Type of study: Randomized control study

STUDY DURATION AND STUDY POPULATION:

According to inclusion and exclusion criteria, patients of both sexes between the ages of 18 and 50 who fall into ASA 1 and ASA 2 between January 2021 and December 2021 will be recruited for elective surgeries at KLE's Dr. Prabhakar Kore Charitable Hospital and Medical Research Center, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi, 590010.

INCLUSION CRITERIA:

Patients undergoing elective lower abdominal procedures are required to meet the inclusion criteria.

- Patients with ASA Grade I and II
- Age 18 to 50 years old.
- Patient providing consent,
- Weight between 50 and 70 kg
- Height between 150 and 175 cm.

EXCLUSION CRITERIA:

- Patients with spinal deformities,
- Hypovolemic patients,
- Uncooperative patients,
- Pregnant patients,

- Patients not providing consent,
- Hepatic/Renal disease, CVS, RS, CNS,
- Lower extremity neurological abnormalities that were present prior to the procedure.

100 participants were enrolled in the trial after receiving ethical committee clearance and written informed consent for their elective lower abdomen operations under SAB.

CALCULATION OF SAMPLE SIZE:

Formula for sample size:

The minimum sample size formula based on mean and standard deviation is

$$n = \frac{(z_{\alpha} + z_{\beta})^2 (s_1^2 + s_2^2)}{(\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2)^2}$$

where z_{α} is linked with the level of significance and z_{β} is linked with the power of the test. For 5% level of the significance $z_{\alpha} = 1.96$ and $z_{\beta} = 0.84$ for 80% power of the test. \bar{X}_1 is the mean of the first group (304) and \bar{X}_2 is the mean of the second group (238). s_1 is the standard deviation of the first group (67.9) and s_2 is the standard deviation of the second group (61.2).

There will be two groups each with size **50**.

So the total sample size would be “**100**”

Two steps of randomization

Group A received 0.5% Bupivacaine(H) and 25 mcg of FENTANYL.

Group B received 0.5% Bupivacaine(H) and 25 mg of TRAMADOL.

With the aid of a computer-generated randomization table, patients will be randomly assigned to one of the two groups after taking into account the inclusion and exclusion criteria and obtaining informed consent.

- Groups A and B

There will be a complete pre-anaesthetic assessment. We will gather comprehensive medical and personal history. There will be a thorough physical examination. Overnight fasting will be required of the patients. Standard investigations will be performed, including CBC, RBS, S. Creatinine, blood grouping and type, CXR, and ECG. Half an hour prior to the induction of anaesthesia, patients were preloaded by given RL 20ml/Kg in the preoperative holding room. The day before surgery, patients were given T.Alprazolam 0.25mg and T.Pantoprazole 40mg. Standard non-invasive monitors were attached inside the operating room, where the baseline values of HR, BP, and SpO₂ were recorded. The L3-L4 space was identified in sitting position or in lateral position and under the strict aseptic precautions 2% Lignocaine was infiltrated in skin. Then using 23G or 25G Quincke's spinal needle, lumbar Sub Arachnoid space was identified.

- The L3-L4 SAS was injected with 3ml of 0.5% hyperbaric Bupivacaine and 0.5ml (25 mcg) of Fentanyl in Group A.
- In group B, 3.0 ml of 0.5% hyperbaric Bupivacaine and 0.5 ml(25 mg) of preservative free Tramadol was injected.

The subsequent variables were measured:

Sensory Blockade: Assessed by using a needle or spirit swab along the mid-axillary line every minute till the T10 level is reached. This will be noted as the time taken for the onset of action. The highest level reached would also be noted. Surgery would be

allowed to start after the T10 dermatome is blocked. The sensory blockade would be assessed once in every 15 min.

If the SAB does not act and GA or any other type of anaesthesia is given the case would be excluded from the study.

Motor Blockade

Assessed using Modified Bromage Scale⁽²⁰⁾

- Bromage 3(complete)- Unable to move feet or knees
- Bromage 2(almost complete)- Able to move feet only.
- Bromage 1(partial)-just able to move knees and feet.
- Bromage 0 (none)-Full flexion of hip,knees and feet.

Motor blockade onset-Time taken to reach Bromage grade 3.

Total duration of motor blockade is the time taken to return back to Bromage grade 3 to 0. If the Bromage 3 is not attained then the highest grade reached would be noted.

The Modified Wilson Sedation Scale⁽²¹⁾ is used to rate the patient's level of sedation

Following onset during the time under anesthesia level of sedation in patient is graded using Modified Wilson Sedation Scale.

- 1 Oriented, eyes may be closed but can respond
- 2 Drowsy , eyes closed , arousable only to command
- 3 Arousable to mild physical stimulation (earlobe tug)
- 4 Unarousable to mild physical stimulation

Postoperative Pain Management:

After surgery the time when the first rescue analgesia is given would be noted. (Inj. Diclofenac 75mg in 100ml NS given)

Vitals :

Heart Rate, BP (systolic, diastolic, mean), Saturation will be noted throughout the surgery.

Hypotension would be defined as a decrease in the systolic BP by 20% from the baseline values / systolic BP less than 90 mmHg. It would be treated with bolus fluid administration, if still low, then mephentermine 6-12 mg would be used to treat.

Bradycardia –decrease in HR less than 50bpm & would be treated with IV atropine 0.6mg.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

This study is focused on comparison between two groups. For the continuous quantitative variables mean and standard deviation were calculated. The inter group continuous variables were compared using suitable tools of statistics like unpaired student's t test. Two quantitative variables, within a group, were compared using student's paired t test.

Discrete variables were represented by median. Suitable graphs were used to depict the comparison. The categorical data was expressed in terms of rates, ratios and percentages. The association between the outcome, clinical and demographic characteristics were tested using Chi-square test or Fisher's exact test.

For all the tests the value of p less than 5% (0.05) was considered significant.

RESULTS

At Dr. Prabhakar Kore hospital and medical research centre, a one-year hospital-based randomised trial was carried out on patients undergoing lower abdomen surgical procedures under spinal anaesthesia.

100 patients in total were enlisted and randomly assigned using computer-based randomization. The recruited patients were in ASA classes I or II. Group A and Group B were created from these. Patients in Group A got an intrathecal injection of 3 ml of Bupivacaine (H) and 25 micrograms (0.5 ml) of fentanyl. The intrathecal injection of 25 milligrammes of preservative-free Tramadol (0.5 ml) was given to Group B along with 3 ml of bupivacaine (H). The total injection volume in each group was 3.5 ml.

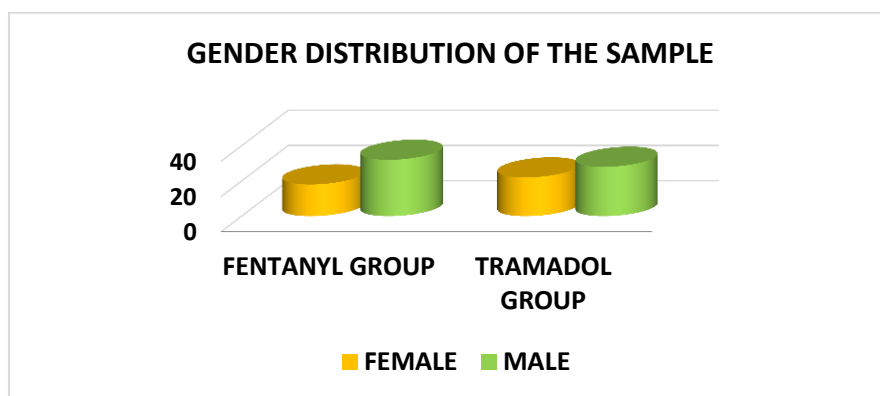
The findings from the tabulated and analysed results are discussed below.

Table 1: Gender distribution:

GENDER	GROUP (A)		GROUP (B)	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
FEMALE	18	36.00	22	44.00
MALE	32	64.00	28	56.00
TOTAL	50	100.00	50	100.00

36% of patients recruited in Group A were females and 44% of patients recruited in Group B were females as compared to 64% males in Group A and 56% males in Group B.

Graph 1: Gender distribution:

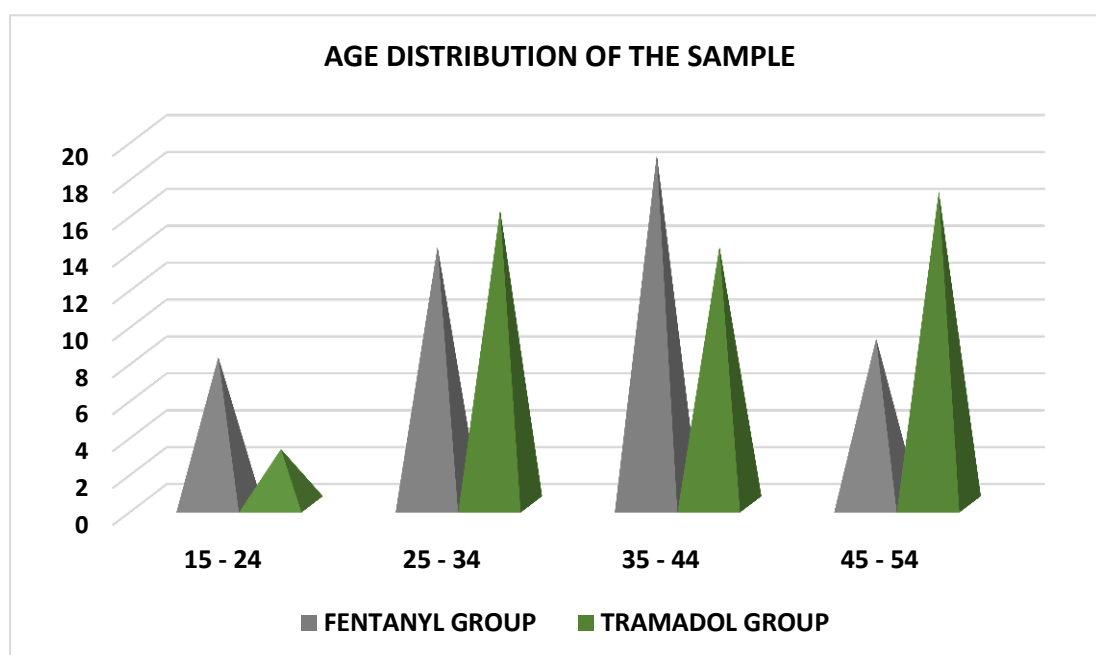


AGE AND ANTHROPOMETRIC DATA

Table 2 Distribution of age:

AGE	GROUP (A)		GROUP(B)	
	NUMBER	%	NUMBER	%
15 - 24	8	16.00	3	6.00
25 - 34	14	28.00	16	32.00
35 - 44	19	38.00	14	28.00
45 - 50	9	18.00	17	34.00
TOTAL	50	100.00	50	100.00

Graph2: distribution of age



IN THE FOLLOWING TABLES p VALUES ARE CALCULATED USING STUDENT'S

“t” TEST TO COMPARE THE TWO GROUPS TO COMPARE THE MEANS OF EACH GROUP (INTRA GROUP COMPARISON) WITH RESPECT TO THE BASELINE VALUE.

Table 3 Distribution of age:

GROUP (A)					GROUP(B)					
	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	P VALUE	INFERENCE
AGE	34.98	8.83	18	50	37.80	8.88	18	50	0.1145	NS

The p value of age in the two groups is 0.1145 which tells there is no significant difference in the two groups regarding age and are comparable.

Table4 Distribution of weight and height:

	GROUP A				GROUP B					
	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	P VALUE	INFERENCE
WEIGHT	65.72	3.96	56	70	66.90	4.37	56	70	0.1603	NS
HEIGHT	166.36	6.63	150	175	165.32	6.79	150	175	0.4403	NS

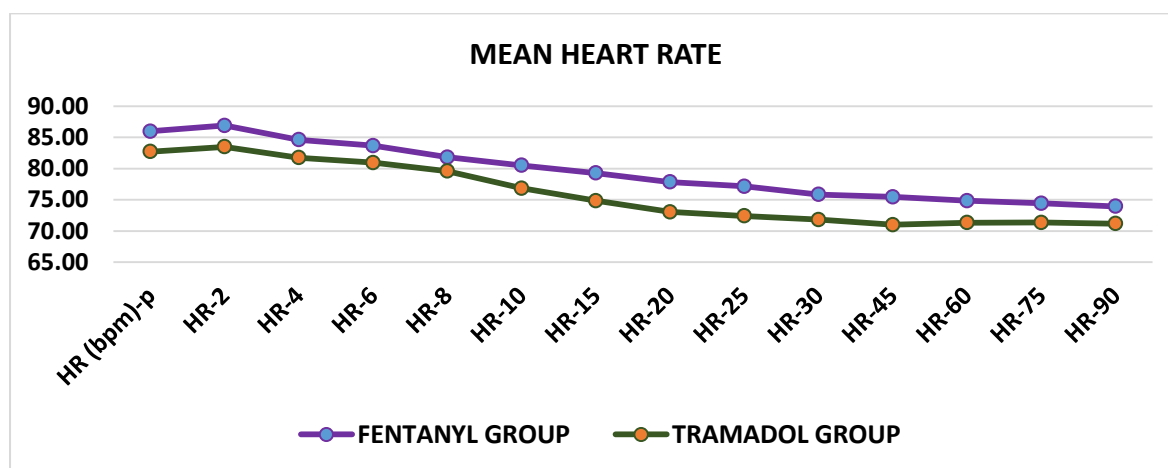
The mean weight in groups A and B are 65.72 ± 3.96 and 66.90 ± 4.37 kilograms and the p value is 0.1603 which indicates the two groups are comparable and there is no significant difference. The mean height in groups A and B are 166.36 ± 6.63 and 165 ± 6.79 centimeters and the p value is 0.44 which indicates that there is no significant difference and the groups are comparable.

Table 6:

Comparison of mean heart rate between two groups:

	GROUP A				GROUP B				P VALUE	INFERENCE
	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
HR (bpm)-p	85.98	5.55	76	100	82.71	6.55	68	98	0.0091	VS
HR-2	86.90	5.95	65	103	83.49	7.29	64	96	0.0128	S
HR-4	84.61	6.57	64	102	81.73	6.96	60	94	0.0379	S
HR-6	83.65	7.12	61	102	80.94	6.93	58	93	0.0589	NS
HR-8	81.82	7.34	60	100	79.59	7.77	57	98	0.1485	NS
HR-10	80.51	8.14	61	96	76.84	7.00	58	91	0.0185	S
HR-15	79.29	7.94	58	93	74.84	7.25	55	90	0.0047	VS
HR-20	77.84	8.07	53	91	73.06	7.00	55	88	0.0023	VS
HR-25	77.14	7.50	55	87	72.41	6.66	52	85	0.0013	VS
HR-30	75.86	6.79	54	86	71.82	6.80	54	84	0.0041	VS
HR-45	75.47	6.10	52	86	71.00	6.90	50	86	0.0010	VS
HR-60	74.84	5.68	53	85	71.35	6.80	53	89	0.0070	VS
HR-75	74.43	5.23	54	83	71.37	6.37	54	88	0.0108	S
HR-90	73.96	5.15	55	83	71.18	6.35	54	87	0.0195	S

Graph 3: Comparison of heart rate between two groups

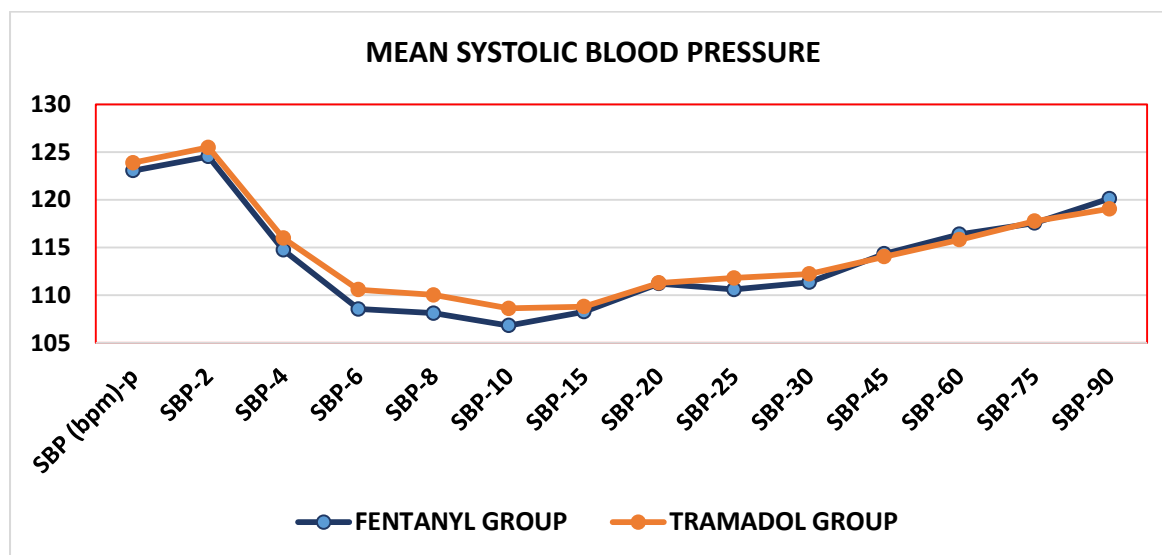


In this study the mean heart rate at preoperative period in Group A was noted as 85.98 ± 5.55 bpm and in Group B 82.71 ± 6.55 bpm, which was statistically significant. At 10minutes the mean heart rate in Group A was 80.51 ± 8.14 bpm and in Group B was 76.84 ± 7.00 bpm with a significant difference ($p=0.0185$). At 90 minutes the mean heartrate in Group A was 73.96 ± 5.15 bpm and in Group B was 71.18 ± 6.35 bpm with a significant difference ($p=0.0195$).

TABLE 7: COMPARISON OF MEAN SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE (mm Hg) AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS (min) BETWEEN GROUP A AND GROUP B

	GROUP A				GROUP B				P VALUE	INFERENCE
	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
SBP (bpm)p	123.06	8.95	110	140	123.88	7.59	110	140	0.6273	NS
SBP-2	124.53	9.60	108	143	125.49	8.50	108	148	0.6018	NS
SBP-4	114.73	19.21	11	138	115.98	9.63	100	145	0.6860	NS
SBP-6	108.55	9.79	95	132	110.57	10.28	96	145	0.3218	NS
SBP-8	108.12	10.50	90	128	110.02	9.75	90	142	0.3562	NS
SBP-10	106.82	8.49	93	128	108.61	8.54	89	126	0.2993	NS
SBP-15	108.27	7.83	90	128	108.80	7.28	93	123	0.7292	NS
SBP-20	111.22	8.76	93	124	111.29	7.67	97	128	0.9707	NS
SBP-25	110.59	7.32	99	127	111.80	6.79	99	126	0.4005	NS
SBP-30	111.35	8.18	96	131	112.22	8.03	92	131	0.5932	NS
SBP-45	114.33	7.50	96	129	114.04	7.77	91	135	0.8534	NS
SBP-60	116.39	6.85	104	126	115.82	6.79	101	131	0.6793	NS
SBP-75	117.55	5.90	105	128	117.76	6.31	104	134	0.8690	NS
SBP-90	120.12	6.15	106	134	119.04	5.24	104	128	0.3513	NS

Graph 4 Comparison of mean systolic blood pressure (spb)

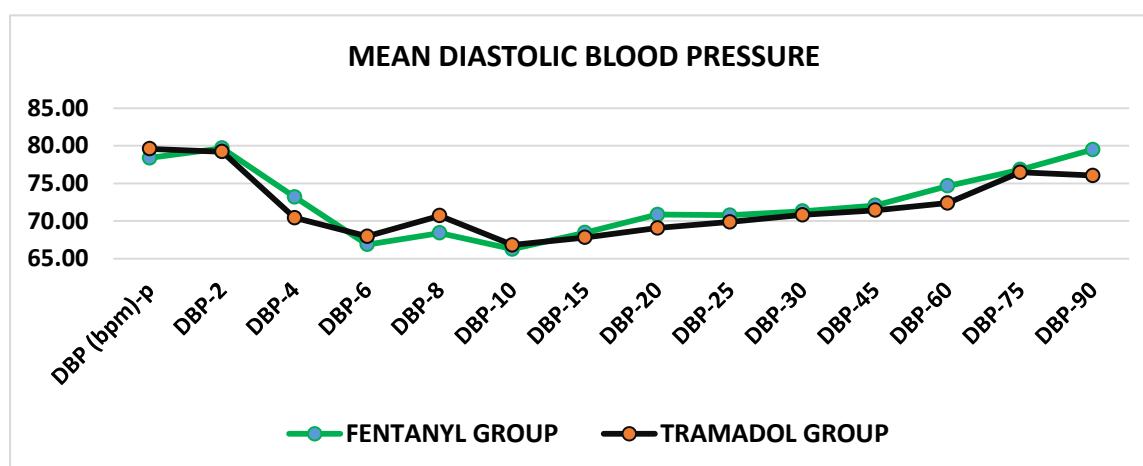


In this study, the mean systolic blood pressure in group A & B at frequent interval was noted. There was a slight fall in SBP as the duration of block progressed from 2 min to 6 min and further fall observed at about 15 min after which the change in SBP was almost the comparable between the two groups. At 20 min mean SBP in Group A was 111.22 ± 8.76 mmHg and that in Group B was 111.29 ± 7.67 mmHg. At 30 min mean SBP in Group A was 111.35 ± 8.18 mmHg and that in Group B was 111.22 ± 8.03 mmHg. At 90 min mean SBP in Group A was 120.12 ± 6.15 mmHg and that in Group B was 119.04 ± 5.24 mmHg. However the mean SBP at all intervals in Group A & B were comparable ($p > 0.05$).

TABLE 8: COMPARISON OF MEAN DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE (mm Hg) AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS(min) BETWEEN GROUP A AND GROUP B

	GROUP A				GROUP B				P VALUE	INFERENCE
	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
DBP (bpm)-p	78.37	3.73	70	80	79.59	4.55	60	90	0.1484	NS
DBP-2	79.67	6.06	68	98	79.20	8.49	66	98	0.7535	NS
DBP-4	73.18	8.70	56	93	70.43	7.49	60	94	0.0962	NS
DBP-6	66.88	7.90	53	94	67.96	7.38	59	93	0.4855	NS
DBP-8	68.41	6.79	56	80	70.69	6.51	59	91	0.0923	NS
DBP-10	66.24	6.35	47	77	66.80	6.75	48	85	0.6784	NS
DBP-15	68.45	5.47	56	81	67.80	6.99	47	84	0.6076	NS
DBP-20	70.84	7.26	55	84	69.06	6.94	46	86	0.2188	NS
DBP-25	70.76	6.15	56	84	69.86	7.11	56	86	0.5052	NS
DBP-30	71.29	6.10	62	86	70.80	7.93	44	99	0.7327	NS
DBP-45	72.06	6.02	56	84	71.43	7.22	44	88	0.6386	NS
DBP-60	74.65	7.09	61	83	72.37	6.96	61	95	0.1105	NS
DBP-75	76.82	5.79	64	84	76.47	5.33	65	89	0.7583	NS
DBP-90	79.49	5.27	67	86	76.04	4.75	65	85	0.0010	VS

Graph 5: Comparison of mean diastolic blood pressure:

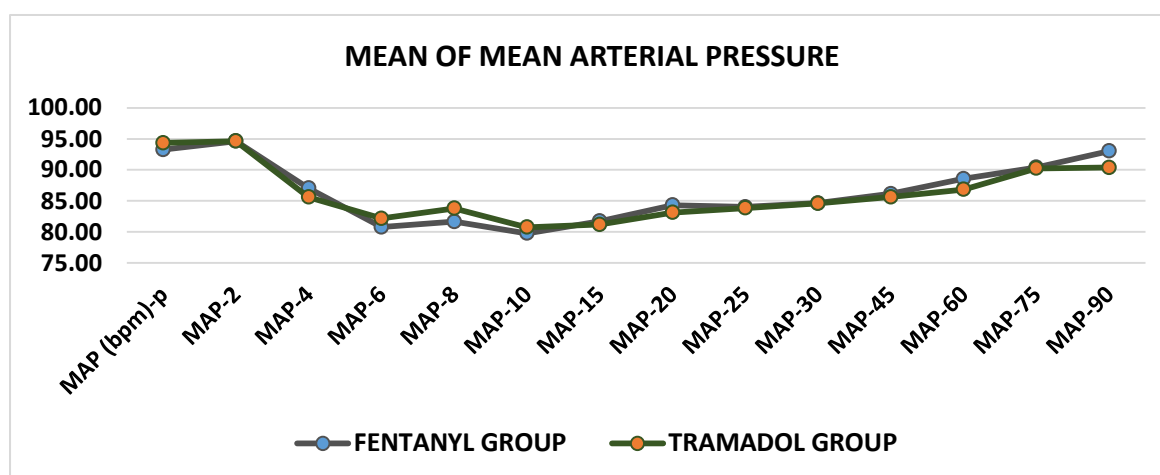


In this study, the mean diastolic blood pressure in group A & B at frequent interval was noted. There was a slight fall in DBP as the duration of block progressed from 2 min to 6 min and further fall observed at about 15 min after which the change in DBP was comparable between the two groups. At 20 min mean DBP in Group A was 70.84 ± 7.26 mmHg and that in Group B was 69.06 ± 6.94 mmHg. At 30 min mean DBP in Group A was 71.29 ± 6.10 mmHg and that in Group B was 70.80 ± 7.93 mmHg. At 90 min mean DBP in Group A was 79.49 ± 5.27 mmHg and that in Group B was 76.04 ± 4.75 mmHg. However the mean DBP at all intervals in Group A & B were comparable ($p > 0.05$).

TABLE 9: COMPARISON OF MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE(mmHg) AT DIFFERENT INTERVALS (min) BETWEEN GROUP A AND GROUP B.

	GROUP A				GROUP B				P VALUE	INFERENCE
	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
MAP (bpm)-p	93.27	4.98	83.33	100.00	94.35	4.96	76.67	106.67	0.2810	NS
MAP-2	94.63	6.65	81.33	108.33	94.63	7.47	81.33	114.67	0.9962	NS
MAP-4	87.03	10.90	49.67	104.33	85.61	7.56	75.33	111.00	0.4551	NS
MAP-6	80.77	8.12	69.67	105.33	82.16	7.95	71.33	110.33	0.3925	NS
MAP-8	81.65	7.78	67.33	95.33	83.80	6.65	70.33	108.00	0.1438	NS
MAP-10	79.77	6.73	62.33	94.00	80.74	6.56	61.67	96.67	0.4706	NS
MAP-15	81.72	5.96	67.33	94.00	81.20	6.28	62.33	96.00	0.6768	NS
MAP-20	84.30	7.50	67.67	97.00	83.14	6.43	64.00	100.00	0.4116	NS
MAP-25	84.03	5.90	74.33	97.00	83.84	6.23	71.33	99.33	0.8725	NS
MAP-30	84.64	6.42	74.33	101.00	84.61	7.35	60.00	109.67	0.9806	NS
MAP-45	86.15	5.96	74.33	97.00	85.63	6.83	59.67	103.67	0.6907	NS
MAP-60	88.56	6.82	75.33	97.33	86.85	6.46	75.67	107.00	0.2045	NS
MAP-75	90.39	5.59	78.67	98.33	90.23	5.28	79.33	102.00	0.8822	NS
MAP-90	93.03	5.38	80.00	102.00	90.37	4.45	81.33	98.00	0.0090	VS

Graph 6 Comparison of mean arterial pressure between two groups



In this study, the mean arterial pressure in group A & B at frequent interval was noted. There was a slight fall in MAP as the duration of block progressed from 2 min to 6 min and further fall observed at about 15min after which the change in MAP was comparable between the two groups. At 20 min mean MAP in Group A was 84.30 ± 7.50 mmHg and that in Group B was 83.14 ± 6.43 mmHg. At 30 min mean MAP in Group A was 84.64 ± 6.42 mmHg and that in Group B was 84.61 ± 7.35 mmHg. At 90 min mean MAP in Group A was 93.03 ± 5.38 mmHg and that in Group B was 90.37 ± 4.45 mmHg. However the mean MAP at all intervals in Group A & B were comparable ($p > 0.05$).

TABLE 10: COMPARISON OF MEAN ONSET OF SENSORY BLOCK (SB)

SB-ONSET (SECONDS)									
GROUP (A)				GROUP (B)					
MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	P VALUE	INFERENCE
164.43	28.10	120.00	230.00	192.61	32.98	120.00	245.00	< 0.0001	HS

The onset of sensory block in Group A is 164.43±28.10seconds and in Group B is 192.61±32.98 seconds. The p value is 0.0001 which denote that the difference in onset of sensory block is significant.

TABLE 11: COMPARISON OF MEAN ONSET OF MOTOR BLOCK

MB-ONSET (SECONDS)									
GROUP (A)				GROUP (B)					
MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	P VALUE	INFERENCE
202.04	29.38	150.00	280.00	223.27	31.17	150.00	300.00	0.0008	HS

The onset of motor block in Group A is 202.04±29.38 seconds and in group B is 223.27±31.17 seconds. The p value is 0.0008 which denotes that the difference in onset of motor blockade between two groups is significant.

TABLE 12: COMPARISON OF DURATION OF MOTOR BLOCK

MB-DURATION (MINUTES)								P VALUE	INFERENCE
GROUP (A)				GROUP (B)					
MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
236.43	24.77	180.00	290.00	196.73	34.78	160.00	275.00	< 0.0001	HS

The mean duration of motor blockade in Group A is 236.43±24.77 minutes and in Group B is 196.73±34.78 minutes. The p value is less than 0.0001 which denotes that the difference in duration of motor blockade is significant.

TABLE 13: COMPARISON OF DURATION OF SENSORY BLOCK

SB-DURATION (MINUTES)								p VALUE	INFERENCE
GROUP (A)				GROUP (B)					
MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
261.55	44.43	26.00	315.00	217.24	37.00	185.00	295.00	< 0.0001	HS

The mean duration of sensory blockade in Group A is 261.55±44.43 minutes and in Group B is 217.24±37.00 minutes. The p value is less than 0.0001 which denotes that the difference in duration of sensory blockade is significant.

TABLE 14: COMPARISON OF TIME OF REQUEST OF RESCUE ANALGESIA

RESCUE ANALGESIA (MINUTES)								P VALUE	INFERENCE
GROUP (A)				GROUP (B)					
MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX	MEAN	S.D.	MIN	MAX		
300.10	24.25	240.00	345.00	242.45	37.49	200.00	320.00	< 0.0001	HS

The mean time of request of rescue analgesia in Group A is 300.10±24.25 minutes and in Group B is 242.45±37.49 minutes. The p value is less than 0.0001 which denotes that the difference in time for request of rescue analgesia is significant.

DISCUSSION

SAB is the most commonly used technique for lower abdominal surgeries.

SAB has many advantages over general anaesthesia which includes

- lesser stress response,
- avoidance of tracheal intubation
- better post-operative compliance and analgesia.

Addition of opioids along with the local anaesthetics further increases the efficacy of the drug acting synergistically. The local anaesthetic and the opioids act on different receptors. The opioids act on the opioids receptors in the substantia gelatinosa⁽²²⁾ while the local anaesthetic blocks the impulse transmission at the root of the neurons. The combined effect results in the synergic action and prolonged post-operative pain relief. In our study design, we had two groups with two different doses of drugs used. The Group A received 3 ml of 0.5% Bupivacaine with 25 mcg of Inj Fentanyl while Group B received 3 ml of 0.5% bupivacaine with 25 mg of Inj Tramadol. The drug was injected subarachnoid space for Spinal anaesthesia for patients posted for lower abdominal surgeries. There have been numerous studies showing the efficacy of adding an opioid to the local anesthetic for regional anaesthesia⁽²⁴⁾.

In this study there was no statistical difference observed between Group A and B with regards to distribution of sex, mean age, mean weight and mean height. These findings suggests that the demographic and pre anaesthetic characteristics between group A and B are comparable.

In this study, the baseline hemodynamic parameters i.e; mean systolic blood pressure, mean diastolic pressure and mean arterial pressure were comparable between the two groups throughout the period of SAB block. At 20 min mean SBP in Group A was 111.22 ± 8.76 mmHg and that in Group B was 111.29 ± 7.67 mmHg. At

30 min mean SBP in Group A was 111.35 ± 8.18 mmHg and that in Group B was 111.22 ± 8.03 mmHg. At 90 min mean SBP in Group A was 120.12 ± 6.15 mmHg and that in Group B was 119.04 ± 5.24 mmHg.

At 20 min mean DBP in Group A was 70.84 ± 7.26 mmHg and that in Group B was 69.06 ± 6.94 mmHg. At 30 min mean DBP in Group A was 71.29 ± 6.10 mmHg and that in Group B was 70.80 ± 7.93 mmHg. At 90 min mean DBP in Group A was 79.49 ± 5.27 mmHg and that in Group B was 76.04 ± 4.75 mmHg.

At 20 min mean MAP in Group A was 84.30 ± 7.50 mmHg and that in Group B was 83.14 ± 6.43 mmHg. At 30 min mean MAP in Group A was 84.64 ± 6.42 mmHg and that in Group B was 84.61 ± 7.35 mmHg. At 90 min mean MAP in Group A was 93.03 ± 5.38 mmHg and that in Group B was 90.37 ± 4.45 mmHg.

The p values of all the haemodynamic parameters throughout the study were >0.005 and hence not statistically significant denoting that they are comparable.

In a similar study done by Surhan Ozer and Hacer Sebnem Turk⁽¹¹⁾ comparing Fentanyl and Tramadol resulted in no significant difference in Systolic, Diastolic and Mean arterial BP throughout the duration of block.

In this study, there is significant difference in the time of onset of sensory and motor blockade between the two groups. The onset of sensory block in Group A is 164.43 ± 28.10 seconds and in Group B is 192.61 ± 32.98 seconds. The p value is <0.0001 . The onset of motor block in Group A is 202.04 ± 29.38 seconds and in group B is 223.27 ± 31.17 seconds. The p value is 0.0008.

There was no significant statistical difference in time of onset of sensory and motor block in a similar study done by Ozer S⁽¹¹⁾ between Fentanyl and Tramadol group (4.80 ± 1.47 and 6.11 ± 2.46 minutes for sensory onset and 5.12 ± 2.95 and 4.92 ± 1.85 minutes for motor onset).

There is also significant difference in duration of sensory and motor blockade between two groups. The mean duration of sensory blockade in Group A is 261.55 ± 44.43 minutes and in Group B is 217.24 ± 37.00 minutes. The p value is less than 0.0001.

In a study conducted by Naina P Dalvi and Narendra Patil⁽¹⁰⁾, there was significant difference in duration of sensory blockade between Intrathecal Fentanyl and Tramadol (314.66 and 261.66 minutes respectively.)

The mean duration of motor blockade in Group A is 236.43 ± 24.77 minutes and in Group B is 196.73 ± 34.78 minutes. The p value is less than 0.0001. In both these parameters, the p value being far less than 0.005 denotes that there is significant difference in time of onset and duration.

Similarly in the study conducted by Naina P Dalvi⁽¹⁰⁾, there was significant in duration of motor blockade between Fentanyl and Tramadol (263.66 and 214.66 minutes respectively).

The time of request for rescue analgesia is also compared. The mean time of request of rescue analgesia in Group A is 300.10 ± 24.25 minutes and in Group B is 242.45 ± 37.49 minutes. The p value is less than 0.0001 which denotes that the difference in time for request of rescue analgesia is significant in between two groups.

Similarly in a study by Afolayan, et al⁽¹⁵⁾, the time of request of rescue analgesia was more in Fentanyl group than in Tramadol group (304 ± 67.91 and 238.39 ± 61.28 minutes respectively) which was statistically significant with p value = 0.001 (<0.005).

Also in a study by Naina P Dalvi and Narendra Patil⁽¹⁰⁾, the patients remained pain free for 412 ± 97.88 minutes and 301.33 ± 38.75 minutes in Fentanyl and Tramadol group respectively with p value < 0.001 which is statistically very significant.

CONCLUSION

Based on this study, it may be concluded that

- The time of onset of sensory block and time of onset of motor block was significantly lower in Fentanyl group than in Tramadol group.
- The duration of sensory and motor block was significantly higher in Fentanyl group than in Tramadol group.
- The time of request of rescue analgesia was also significantly higher in Fentanyl group compared to Tramadol group.
- Other parameters like haemodynamics and sedation were comparable to each other.

So it can be concluded that addition of Fentanyl to Bupivacaine for spinal anaesthesia offers better operating conditions and prolonged duration of anaesthesia in comparison with addition of Tramadol to Bupivacaine.

The hypothesis is proven correct.

SUMMARY

SAB is the most prevalent mode of anaesthesia in lower abdominal surgeries. In our study titled “COMPARISON BETWEEN EFFICACY OF INTRATHECAL TRAMADOL-BUPIVACAINE(H) AND FENTANYL-BUPIVACAINE(H) IN LOWER ABDOMINAL SURGERIES – A ONE YEAR HOSPITAL BASED RANDOMIZED CONTROL TRIAL CONDUCTED AT KLES DR. PRABHAKAR KORE CHARITABLE HOSPITAL AND RESEARCH CENTRE”, we conducted our study on patients of age group 18-50 years belonging to ASA I-II posted for lower abdominal surgeries. Written informed consent were taken from the patients and ethical committee clearance was acquired. Patients were randomly allocated into two groups with 50 patients each in two groups.

Group A - 3ml of 0.5% Hyperbaric Bupivacaine with 0.50ml (25 mcg) of Fentanyl making a total volume of 3.50 ml of drug is injected in L2-L3 SAS.

Group B - 3ml of 0.5% hyperbaric Bupivacaine with 0.50ml (50mg) of Tramadol making a total volume of 3.50 ml of drug is injected in L2-L3 SAS.

In both the groups, the demographic variables and the gender distribution were comparable and were statistically insignificant.

The time of onset of sensory blockade was faster in group A compared to group B and the difference was found to be statistically significant (Group A is 164.43 ± 28.10 seconds and Group B is 192.61 ± 32.98 seconds for sensory blockade and $p < 0.0001$).

The time of onset of motor blockade was also faster in group A compared to group B and the difference was found to be statistically significant (Group A is 202.04 ± 29.38 seconds and in group B is 223.27 ± 31.17 seconds. The p value is 0.0008).

A declining trend in heart rate was observed in both the groups after induction but the decline was more in group B compared to group A and the difference was significant ($p < 0.05$).

The SBP, DBP and MAP all are comparable between the two groups since the beginning ($p > 0.05$).

The mean duration of sensory block in Group A (261.55 ± 44.43 minutes), is longer when compared to Group B (217.24 ± 37.00) minutes. This difference was found to be statistically significant. The p value is less than 0.0001.

The total duration of motor blockade similarly is longer in Group A (236.43 ± 24.77 minutes), when compared to Group B (196.73 ± 34.78 minutes), and this difference is statistically significant. The p value is less than 0.0001.

Time required for first post-operative rescue analgesia was more delayed in Group A (300.10 ± 24.25 minutes), when compared to Group B (242.45 ± 37.49 minutes), and this difference was again significant. The p value is less than 0.0001.

The sedation scores of the two groups are comparable between the two groups.

Overall, the combination of intrathecal Bupivacaine-Fentanyl had early onset of sensory and motor block and prolonged duration of sensory and motor block and the time required for rescue analgesia was longer when compared to the combination of intrathecal Bupivacaine – Tramadol without having much difference in haemodynamic control.

SCOPE AND LIMITATIONS

Limitations of this study include smaller sample size, single centre study, and study being done only in ASA 1 and 2 patients. Pregnant women were not included in the study. Blinding was not observed.

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ANNEXURE I

INFORMED CONSENT

“Comparison between Efficacy of Intrathecal Tramadol-Bupivacaine(H) and Fentanyl-Bupivacaine(H) in lower abdominal surgeries – a one year hospital based randomized control trial conducted at KLEs Dr.PRABHAKAR KORE charitable hospital and research centre, Belagavi.”

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

REG NO: BA0120008

Post Graduate student

Department of Anaesthesiology

CO- INVESTIGATOR :

DR. _____

Professor

Department of Anaesthesiology

INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE:

The present study is conducted among adult patients scheduled for various elective surgeries under subarachnoid block in the department of Anaesthesiology at KLE's Dr. Prabhakar Kore Charitable Hospital and Medical Research Centre, Belagavi. You are requested to participate in the study and your participation is completely voluntary.

The purpose of research is:

1. To compare the onset and duration of sensory and motor blockage between 0.5% Bupivacaine (H) with Fentanyl and Tramadol respectively Fentanyl-25mcg Tramadol 25mg.

2. To compare the level of sedation caused by intrathecal opioids- fentanyl and Tramadol (using “Modified Wilson Scale”)

PROCEDURE:

If you agree to enroll in my study, I will ask your present, past and family history. Then you will be clinically examined in detail. You will be allotted into one of the two groups randomly using computer generated software. Group F will be given Fentanyl as adjunct with SAB while Group T will be given Tramadol.

BENEFITS:

Prolonged anaesthesia and minimal haemodynamic change

Patient will not be eligible for any kind of monetary benefits or free services by virtue of your participation in the study.

RISKS:

Methods applied to do the study are safe.

COST OF PARTICIPATION:

The cost of the investigation will be borne by the study subject. The other indirect expenses will be borne by the investigator.

PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

The results of the study may be published in journals for scientific purposes. However, your identity will not be revealed. All information collected will be coded so that no one other than the investigator will know your identity.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE STUDY:

You can withdraw from the study at any time if you wish to do so.

ALTERNATIVES:

In case you opt out of the study, it will not affect your relationship with KLE's Dr. Prabhakar Kore Hospital.

AUTHORIZATION TO PUBLISH RESULTS:

The researcher may use the information gathered from this study for presentation in scientific meetings. However, your identity will not be revealed.

INSTITUTIONAL/ SPONSORS POLICY:

In the event of any injury related to this study, no reimbursement or compensation will be given by law. However, treatment will be made available at KLE's Hospital & MRC, Belgaum. If you face any untoward event, you may contact **REG NO: BA0120008** at Department of Anaesthesiology, KLE's Hospital & MRC.

LEGAL RIGHTS: By signing this consent form, you are not waiving any of your legal rights

QUERIES AND CONTACT:

If you have any queries regarding to the study, you can contact **REG NO: BA0120008** Department of anesthesiology, J.N.Medical college or by Ph.No:_____ and the guide Dr._____ Dept of Anaesthesiology J.N Medical College, Belagavi.

If you have any queries about your rights as research participant, you can contact Dr. Roopa Bellad M.D, Professor, Dept of Paediatrics and chairman, J.N Medical College Institutional Ethical Committee for Human Subjects Research.

CONSENT SUMMARY:

I have been explained all the contents of this consent form in my local language and having understood and clarified all my queries about the study to the best of my knowledge, I hereby give my voluntary consent for participation in the study. I do sign the informed consent form in front of an eye witness whom I recognize.

Name and Signature/ left thumb impression of the participant:

Name and Signature of the investigator:

Name and Signature/ left thumb impression of the eye witness (Relative):

Signature of the Guide:

Date:

Informed Consent for Participation In Research Trial

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randomized control trial conducted at KLEs Dr.Prabhakar KORE charitable hospital and research centre, Belagavi.”

I,Mr/Mrs _____ voluntarily agree for the participation of my child as a subject for the study, by signing this consent form I am not giving up any of my legal rights, I may withdraw from the study any time. I am signing the consent form after having read or been read to me in the vernacular language ,including the risk and the benefits and having all my queries cleared.

Signature or the left thumb impression of parent/guardian:

Name of study patient:

Name and signature of witness: _____

Name and signature of investigator: _____

Date:

Place:

PROFORMA

ANNEXURE II

Patients Name : I.P No. :
Age : Weight:
Height : Gender:
Date of operation: Occupation:
Address: Anaesthesiologist:

Preanaesthetic evaluation

Chief complaints Past History

- HTN / DM/ IHD / Arrhythmia / LVH / Valvular heart disease
- H/o uncontrolled hypertension/diabetes mellitus
- H/o previous surgery.
- Drug therapy

Family History

General physical examination

Weight (Kg) : Temperature (0F) : Pallor :

Icterus : Cyanosis : Pedal oedema:

Clubbing: PR : BP: RR:

Systemic examination:

RS: CNS:

CVS: GIT:

Musculoskeletal disorders:

Jaw movements :

Teeth:

Airway assessment :

Spine:

Investigations

Hb%:TLC: Platelet Count : INR:FBS:

Diagnosis

Pre-operative physical state: ASA I / II / III / IV / V

Proposed surgery

Pre-operative baseline values

HR :

BP:

SpO2:

Following monitoring was done throughout the procedure

Pulse oxymetry:

NIBP:

Gro

up: A B Sensory Block:

a)	Onset at T10(min)	
b)	Duration at T10(min)	
c)	Highest level of sensory block	

Motor Block:

a)	Onset (min) Grade 3 motor blockade	
b)	Total duration of Motor blockade (min)	

Sedation Score: 1 / 2 / 3 / 4

Vital Parameters:

Time	HR	SBP	DBP	MAP	SpO2
2min					
4min					
6min					
8min					
10min					
15min					
20min					
25min					
30min					
45min					
60min					
75min					
90min					
105min					
120min					

Post-operative Analgesia:

Time to request for first post-operative rescue analgesia either
diclofenac/paracetamol(min):

- SIGNATURE OF THE ANAESTHESIOLOGIST:

- SIGNATURE OF THE WITNESS -

SIGNATURE OF THE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR -

ANNEXURE III PHOTOS



Photo 1: Bupivacaine(heavy)



Photo 2: Lignocaine 2%)

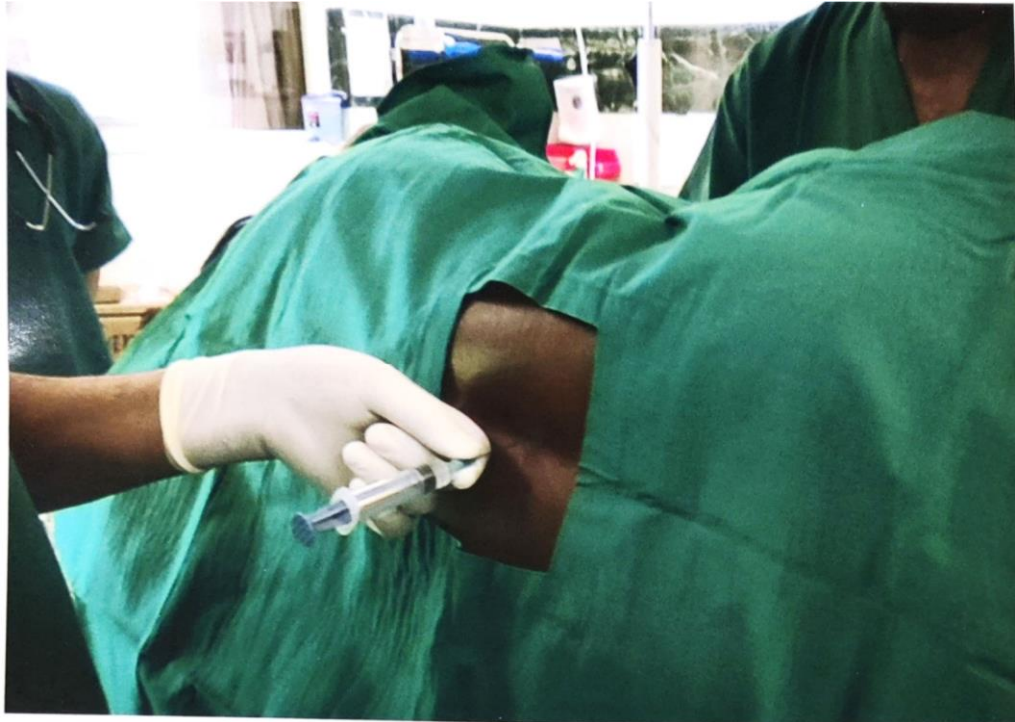


Photo 7: Administering SAB

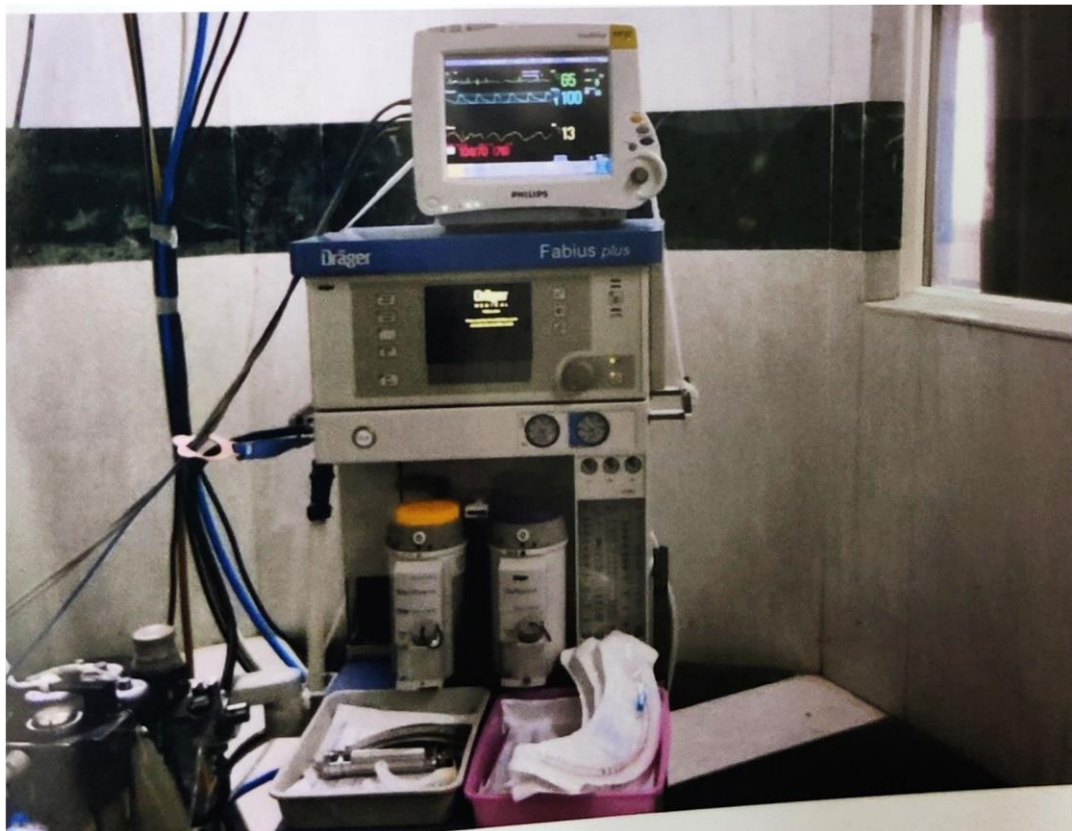


Photo 8: Anaesthesia Work Station and Monitor

KEY TO MASTER CHART

HR	-	Heart rate
SBP	-	Systolic Blood Pressure
DBP	-	Diastolic Blood Pressure
MAP	-	Mean Arterial Pressure
spO2	-	Saturation
SB	-	Sensory Block
MB	-	Motor Block
TAH	-	Total Abdominal Hysterectomy
DJS	-	Double J Stenting
I&D	-	Incision & Drainage
STSG	-	Split Thickness Skin Grafting
PCNL	-	Percutaneous Nephro Lithotomy
URS	-	Ureteroscopic Lithotripsy
ORIF	-	Open Reduction Internal Fixation

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Serial no.	I.P.NO	Sex	Age (yrs)	Weight (kgs)	Height (cms)	ASA	Proposed surgery	HR (bpm)-p	SBP-p	DBP-p	MAP-p	SPO2-P	HR-2	SBP-2	DBP-2	MAP-2	HR-4	SBP-4	DBP-4	MAP-4	HR-6	SBP-6	DBP-6	MAP-6	HR-8	SBP-8	DBP-8	MAP-8	HR-10	SBP-10	DBP-10	MAP-10	HR-15	SBP-15	DBP-15	MAP-15	HR-20	SBP-20	DBP-20	MAP-20	HR-25	SBP-25	DBP-25	MAP-25	HR-30	SBP-30	DBP-30	MAP-30	HR-45	SBP-45	DBP-45	MAP-45	HR-60	SBP-60	DBP-60	MAP-60	HR-75	SBP-75	DBP-75	MAP-75	HR-90	SBP-90	DBP-90	MAP-90	SpO2	SpO2 (SECONDS)	MB-Onset(SECONDS)	MB-Duration(mins)	SB-Duration(mins)	rescue analgesia(MINUTES)		
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