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TO STUDY EFFECT OF TELMISARTAN ON HYPERTENSION

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: Elevated blood pressure in the early morning is associated with increased cardiovascular risk. It is crucial that antihypertensive medication controls blood pressure to minimize this risk at this time. The ARB with the longest half-life is telmisartan. Its potential to reduce blood pressure in the risky early morning hours has been demonstrated in numerous clinical studies using ambulatory blood pressure monitoring. **Material and Methods:** This study was conducted during the period from the December 2016 until the end of November 2019 in Muzaffarnagar Medical College, Muzaffarnagar, U.P., India. A total of 100 subjects of hypertension who were treated with telmisartan 40 mg for six weeks having an age group of 40-65 years were included. **Result:** The results show comparison of blood pressure between without treatment and with telmisartan 40 mg for six weeks. The mean levels of SBP and DBP in control group without treatment were 176.14 ± 12.06 mmHg and 94.26 ± 8.32 mmHg. On the other hand in study group with telmisartan 40 mg for six weeks subjects were 128.08 ± 10.18 and 84.22 ± 6.14 respectively. It is evident from data that telmisartan 40 mg significantly decreased blood pressure. **Conclusions:** Angiotensin receptor blocker (ARBs) like telmisartan has been used to normalize the blood pressure. Further studies with large number of subjects with longer duration of follow-up are required to validate these observations.

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INTRODUCTION

Hypertension remains the most prevalent cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factor and is present in ever-growing numbers worldwide (Mancia, 2007; Wolf-Maier, 2003). Hypertension, which affects one in four adults worldwide, is an important cause of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality, and antihypertensive treatment is a common therapeutic intervention (Kearney, 2005; Lawes, 2008; GBD, 2013). Clinical guidelines have recommended threshold levels for the implementation of antihypertensive therapy, typically based on blood pressure levels assessed by the physician in an office environment (World Health Organisation, 2014; James, 2014). Hypertension can be managed effectively with a wide range of drugs from different classes. However, different combinations of these agents are frequently required for blood pressure to be sufficiently controlled for patients to reach guideline targets. Telmisartan, an angiotensin II receptor antagonist (AIIA), is effective in controlling hypertension in a broad population of hypertensive patients, including the elderly and those with comorbid conditions (type 2 diabetes and renal impairment),

when used as monotherapy or in combination with the thiazide diuretic, hydrochlorothiazide (HCTZ) (Chambers, 2008). Telmisartan, like other AIIAs, blocks the effects of angiotensin II by competitively binding to angiotensin II type 1 (AT1) receptors. It has a longer plasma half-life than all of the other AIIAs currently available, which accounts for its extended control of blood pressure over a 24-hour period (Kearney, 2005)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was conducted during the period from the December 2016 until the end of November 2019 in Muzaffarnagar Medical College, Muzaffarnagar, U.P., India. A total of 100 subjects of hypertension without treatment were included as control group and after treated with telmisartan 40 mg for six weeks having age group of 45-70 years were included as study group. Ambulatory blood pressure (ABP) measurement: ABP was measured using Space labs device (90207 Space labs Inc, USA). A uniform protocol of inflation once in every 30 min was used. The cuff was applied to the non-dominant arm. The recordings were started in all the patients between 0700 and 1000 h. For the purpose of ambulatory BP monitoring, daytime was defined as between 0600 and 2200 h and night time was defined as between 2200

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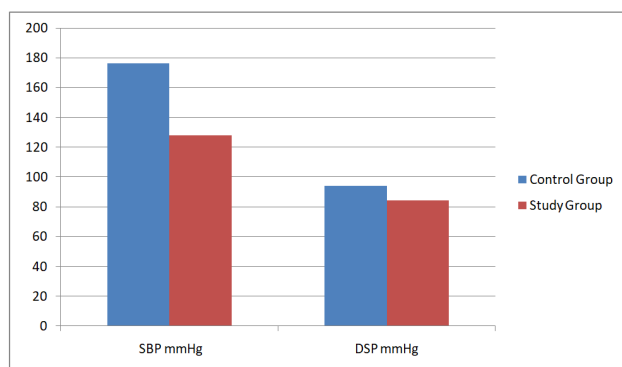
to 0600 h. Using software provided by the manufacturer average of all the recordings of systolic, diastolic pressure and mean arterial pressures for each time period and the entire 24 h period were obtained. A value of 0.9 or lower for the ratio of mean night time systolic pressure to day time systolic pressures was defined as a normal drop in blood pressure during sleep (dipping pattern). Trough BP was defined as mean of BP recordings between 0200-0800 h, the last 6 h of the dosing interval of telmisartan.

Statistical analysis: Data analysis was performed using Epi info software version 3.5.1. Descriptive statistics, including mean, range, and standard deviations, were calculated for all variables. Proportions were compared using Chi-square tests and chi square for trend at 0.05 level of significance.

RESULT

Effect of Telmisartan on hypertension

| Blood Pressure | Control Group (Without Treatment) | Study Group (Telmisartan 40 mg) | P value |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| SBP (mmHg) | 176.14 ± 12.06 | 128.08 ± 10.18 | p < 0.001 |
| DSP (mmHg) | 94.26 ± 8.32 | 84.22 ± 6.14 | p < 0.001 |



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DISCUSSION

Elevated systolic or diastolic pressure causes increased cardiovascular risk, and the absolute risk increase per mmHg is greater at higher blood pressures, so that even modest reductions of severe hypertension can provide substantial benefit¹⁰. Relative risk reduction from blood pressure reduction is similar across populations with varying absolute risk, so the absolute benefit is greater in patients who are at higher risk independent of their hypertension (for example, patients with diabetes or hyperlipidaemia), and such patients would be expected to benefit from more aggressive treatment to a lower blood pressure goal (Erica, 2002). Some antihypertensive drugs have smaller blood pressure effects (as monotherapy) in black patients, and many antihypertensive drugs have additional approved indications and effects (e.g., on angina, heart failure, or diabetic kidney disease) (Hazel Mae, 2015). These considerations may guide selection of therapy.

Telmisartan tablets may also be used as initial therapy in patients who are likely to need multiple drugs to achieve their blood pressure goals (Marc, 2007). Telmisartan tablet is indicated for the treatment of hypertension, alone or with other antihypertensive agents to lower blood pressure (Law, 2003). Lowering blood pressure reduces the risk of fatal and non fatal cardiovascular events, primarily strokes and myocardial infarctions (Nelson, 2010). These benefits have been seen in controlled trials of antihypertensive drugs from a wide variety of pharmacologic classes including angiotensin II receptor blockers and dihydropyridine calcium channel blockers (Li, 2014; Lindholm, 2005). Telmisartan is an angiotensin II receptor antagonist that is highly selective for type 1 angiotensin II receptors (Shin-ichiro Miura, 2011; Amy Barreras, 2003). Telmisartan 20 to 160 mg once daily produced mean reductions in supine trough systolic blood pressure and diastolic blood pressure of up to 15.5 and 10.5 mm Hg, respectively. Maximum blood pressure reduction occurred with a dosage of 40 to 80 mg/day (Sharpe, 2001)

Conclusion

Telmisartan has well-known antihypertensive properties, but there is also strong clinical evidence that it reduces left ventricular hypertrophy, arterial stiffness and the recurrence of atrial fibrillation, and confers renoprotection. Therefore, telmisartan is a useful therapeutic option in the management of patients with hypertension.

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