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ABSTRACT

Background and Objectives

This study aims at comparison of equiosmolar concentration of a combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline vs. mannitol to assess brain relaxation on opening of dura by surgeons and to compare hemodynamic profile(HR,SBP,DBP,MAP),use of vasopressor support , total fluid input and output, electrolyte abnormalities, between the two groups.

Patient and Methods

This study was initiated after getting approval from the Institutional Review Board (IRB) and Ethics Committee of our institution. After obtaining informed patient consent, a total of 58 patients who fulfilled the inclusion criteria were recruited for this study during the time period March - September 2017. Patients were divided into 2 groups, one group received mannitol and the other received equiosmolar concentration of mannitol and hypertonic saline.

Patients are assessed preoperatively and anaesthetized according to our standard institutional protocol. Apart from routine noninvasive monitoring,(ECG,HR, et CO₂) hemodynamics is monitored using an invasive arterial line and the depth of anesthesia was monitored using Bispectral index monitor. The ventilation is adjusted to maintain a PaCO₂ of 30-35 mm of Hg. Osmotic diuretic agents either

mannitol or equiosmolar concentration of mannitol with hypertonic saline combination @ a calculated dose of 4 ml/kg is administered during craniotomy .The hemodynamics and need for vasopressor support are noted during serial intervals for 2 hours after administration of the drugs. Serum electrolyte levels (sodium and potassium),serum lactate levels and blood sugar levels were also measured at baseline and at end of one hour from the time of administration of study drug.

Surgeons assessment of brain relaxation was noted on a four point scale (1.Perfectly relaxed:2.Satisfactorily relaxed:3.Firm brain:4.Bulging brain).The need for additional osmotherapeutic agents was also studied.Total fluid input and urine output were noted at the end of procedure.

Results

60 patients who satisfied inclusion criteria were included in the study. Of the 60 patients, 2 patients were not included for analysis due to insufficient data. Of which ,29 patients received combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline and 29 patients received mannitol alone as osmotherapy during craniotomy. The two groups were comparable in distribution of age, sex, weight, BMI, tumor location and tumor pathology. There was no statistically significant difference in brain relaxation score, hemodynamic profile,use of vasopressors,electrolyte abnormalities, intake and output between the groups .Although biochemically

mild hyponatremia, increased vasopressor use and need for additional osmotherapeutic agent were observed in the group which received mannitol alone no statistical significance was noted .

CONCLUSION

We conclude that the equiosmolar combination of mannitol and hypertonic saline is a safe and comparable option to mannitol for providing adequate brain relaxation. There is a tendency for increased vasopressor use , need for additional osmotherapeutic agent and hyponatremia in the mannitol group.

Key words:

Supratentorial craniotomy, osmotheraphy, mannitol, 3%hypertonic saline, brain relaxation, hemodynamics.

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INTRODUCTION

Majority of the intracranial neoplasm are supratentorial (>80%) of which most common are glioma (36%) and meningioma (32.1%). They generally present with features of raised intracranial pressure such as headache, vomiting and blurring of vision. These tumors are generally associated with surrounding brain edema and midline shift on preoperative CT scans. It is essential to reduce intracranial pressure as a part of the anesthetic management to prevent herniation of brain and to minimize secondary brain injury due to retraction. Moreover, they also require maximal reduction of brain tension to facilitate surgical access. To facilitate brain relaxation, various techniques are in practice. One of most commonly used method is control of brain tension via control of cerebral blood flow and cerebral metabolic requirement, i.e, the , '*chemical brain retractor concept*'.

This concept involves use hyperosmotic agents such as mannitol and hypertonic saline. These agents can't cross blood brain barrier and creates an osmolar gradient drawing fluid from brain tissue into intravascular compartment and reduces brain edema which in turn reduces intracranial pressure. This can be assessed clinically by surgeon on opening of dura on a four-point scale, 1: Perfectly relaxed. 2: Satisfactorily relaxed. 3: Firm brain. 4: Bulging brain. Mannitol is a time-tested drug and had been in use for reducing intracranial pressure. In addition to the osmotherapeutic mechanism it also has other mechanisms by which it reduces intracranial pressure. It increases blood rheology,

decreases blood viscosity, increases blood volume. All these effects in turn contribute to reduction of intracranial pressure. However, it is associated with hyponatremia, hyperkalemia and acute hypervolemia which are deleterious in patients with congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease, diseases involving liver.

Another alternative is hypertonic saline. Recent evidence has shown that equiosmolar dose of hypertonic saline may also be used with better brain relaxation and more hemodynamic stability. In addition to its osmotic action, it also has other mechanisms such as hemodynamic, vasoregulatory, immunological, and neurochemical effect and causes endothelial shrinkage which decreases intracranial pressure. It is also associated with side effects such as hypernatremia, decreased platelet aggregation and hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis.

Since it is the serum osmolarity playing an important role in regulating intracranial pressure we would like to combine both the drugs while maintaining the osmolar load ,to reduce the side effects associated with either one of them when used alone. To our knowledge we have not come across any study with similar objective.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Aim:

To compare equiosmolar concentrations of combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline vs mannitol alone to assess brain relaxation, hemodynamic profile and electrolyte abnormalities in patients undergoing elective supratentorial craniotomy-

Objectives:

- 1) To assess for brain relaxation between two groups
- 2) To compare equiosmolar concentration of combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline vs. mannitol to assess any significant changes in hemodynamic variables. (HR, BP)
- 3) To compare changes in serum electrolyte levels (sodium and potassium).
- 4) To compare changes in serum lactate, blood glucose levels between the two groups.
- 5) To compare total fluid intake and urine output between the two groups.

Hypothesis

Equiosmolar concentration of combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline will not cause significant changes in brain relaxation, hemodynamic profile and electrolyte levels in patients undergoing elective supratentorial craniotomy as compared to mannitol alone.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Intracranial tumors constitute most of the neurosurgical conditions that present for elective neurosurgery. The most common tumors in adults are gliomas(36%), meningiomas(32.1%), and pituitary adenomas(8.4%)(1). More than 50% of tumors are malignant and 80% of tumors are supratentorial in origin. These tumors can be primary or secondary. The most common sources for the metastatic lesions are breast, kidney, colorectal, lung and melanoma.

Patients with intracranial tumors or lesions present with symptoms associated with raised intracranial pressure such as bradycardia, drowsiness, headache, blurring of vision, projectile non-bilious vomiting and seizures.

Anesthetizing patients for supratentorial craniotomies require a thorough understanding of neuroanatomy, pathophysiology of elevated intracranial pressure, regulation and maintenance of cerebral perfusion, effects of anesthetic on intracranial pressure, cerebral blood flow, metabolism and therapeutic options available for decreasing intracranial pressure, brain bulk and edema preoperatively.

Pathophysiology of intracranial pressure

Intracranial pressure is the pressure exerted by cranial contents on the dural envelope. The intracranial pressure is the final result of a complex interaction of hemodynamic, metabolic and anatomical factors.

Intracranial pressure is derived from 2 components, the circulation of cerebral

blood (vasogenic) and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

The component of ICP derived from the circulation of CSF is responsible for the baseline ICP.

The circulatory CSF component may be expressed using **Davson's equation**.(2)

$$\text{ICP (CSF)} = (\text{RESISTANCE TO CSF OUTFLOW}) * (\text{CSF FORMATION}) + (\text{PRESSURE IN SAGITTAL SINUS})$$

Vascular component is derived from the pulsation of the cerebral blood volume.

Variables such as the arterial pressure, auto regulation, and cerebral venous outflow contribute to the vascular component. The vasogenic component of ICP is associated with continuous small fluctuations of cerebral blood volume. Vasogenic increases in ICP are caused by hyperpnoea, increase in cerebral metabolism and cerebral hyperemia

Normal ICP ~10-15 mmHg in adults, 3-7 mm of Hg in children and 1.5-6mm of Hg in term infants.(supine at the level of Foramen of Monroe).In vertical position intracranial pressure is negative of -10mmHg but not more than -15mmHg.(3)Normal intracranial pressure is pulsatile and fluctuates with respiration.

ICP volume curve

Relationship between intracranial volume and intracranial pressure is represented by a non linear curve.(4) There are three parts to the curve.

A flat part representing good compensatory reserve (A–B), where ICP remains low despite increases in intracerebral volume.

An exponential part representing reduced compensatory reserve (B–C). At this point the compliance is critically reduced and any increase in intracerebral volume causes a substantial increase in ICP.

A final flat part representing terminal derangement of cerebrovascular responses at high ICP (C–D). Dilatation of cerebral arterioles in response to a decrease in CPP is exhausted signifying a loss of compensation.

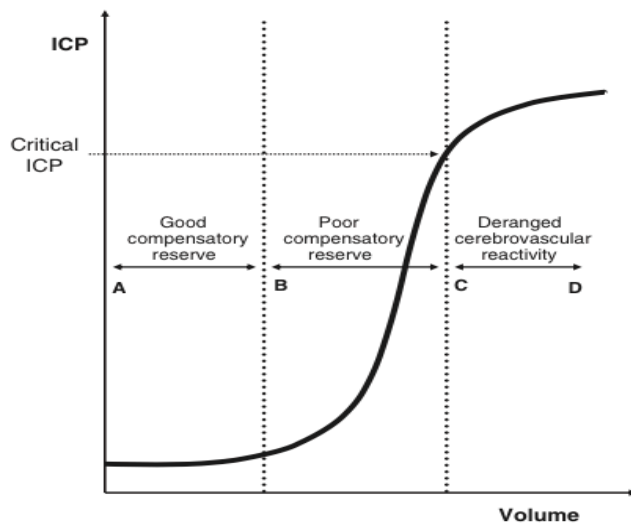


Figure 1. ICP Pressure Volume Curve

Compliance

Compliance or elastance of the intracranial space are used to describe relationship between intracranial volume and intracranial pressure.

Pressure volume index (PVI) is a measure of intracranial compliance. PVI of 22-30 ml was considered normal, 18ml pathologic and 13 ml or less indicated a critically low cerebral compliance.

Compliance is expressed as dV/dP and is the amount of 'give' available within the intracranial space. This represents the accommodative potential of the intracranial space. A brain that has a decreased compliance, i.e. very little space for expansion within the intracranial space, would be reflected by a small change in volume producing a large change in ICP and vice versa.

Elastance

Elastance is the inverse of compliance (dP/dV). It is the change in pressure observed for a given change in volume and it represents the resistance offered to expansion of a mass or of the brain itself .

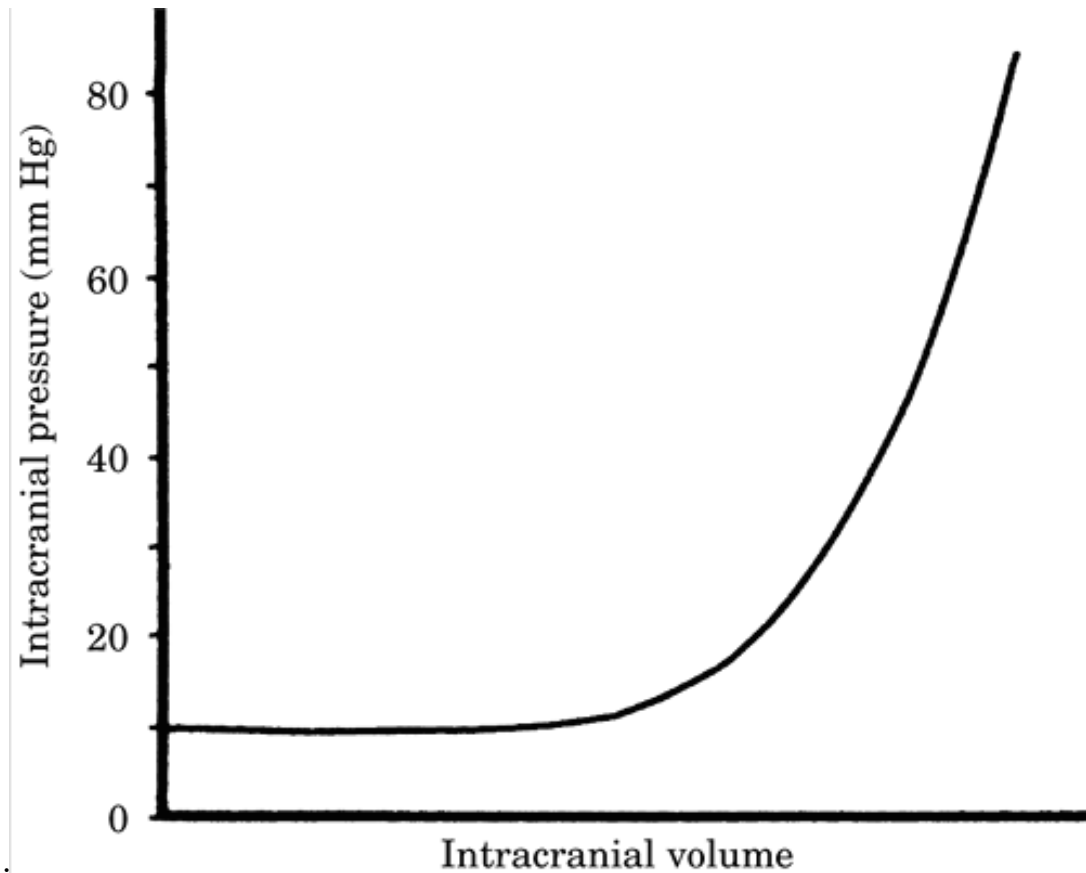


Figure 2. Compliance curve

The **MONROE KELLIE** hypothesis suggests that cranial vault is a closed structure, and the sum of intracranial volumes of brain (~80%) blood (~10%) and CSF (~10%) is constant and that an increase in any one of these must be offset by an equal decrease in another or else intracranial pressure increases.(5)

In 1783 **MONROE** described the skull as a rigid structure containing incompressible brain and stated that the volume of blood must remain constant

unless: '*water or other matter is effused or secreted from the blood-vessels*' in which case '*a quantity of blood, equal in bulk to the effused matter will be pressed out of the cranium*'. (5)

In 1824 **GEORGE KELLIE** confirmed **MONRO'S** doctrine in human and animal studies: cerebral (in particular, venous) blood volume was similar, no matter what the cause of death (hanging, exsanguination) was. (5)

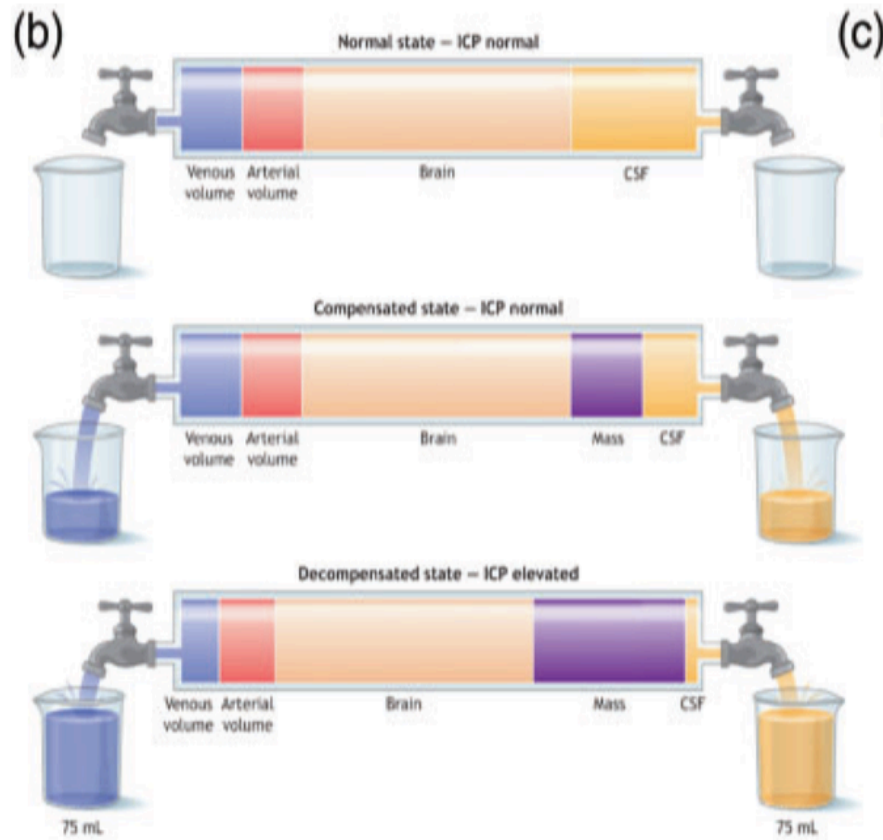
Its total volume is 1600 ml, and that increase in any one of these components can be achieved only at the expense of another.

V. INTRACRANIAL = V. BRAIN (80%)+ V. CSF (8%)+ V. BLOOD (12%)

The ability of homeostatic mechanisms to compensate for increase in ICP depends on volume of the mass and speed of expansion. For rapidly expanding neoplasms, the intracranial pressure volume curve shifts markedly to left. Initially, it's compensated by extracranial shift of intracranial blood followed by displacement of cerebrospinal fluid. Once compensatory mechanisms gets exhausted or tumor size increases rapidly then there is increase in intracranial pressure.

Figure 3. MULLER MONROE THEORY

Cushing doctrine: sum of volume of the brain, blood *and* CSF is constant.



Physiology of intracranial pressure and factors regulating intracranial pressure

Brain completely depends on the oxidative metabolism of glucose and ketone bodies for ATP production. Therefore adequate cerebral blood flow should be maintained for constant supply of glucose and oxygen. The driving force for cerebral circulation is cerebral perfusion pressure. Increase in intracranial pressure due to expanding neoplasm will compromise cerebral perfusion as

cerebral perfusion pressure depends on mean arterial pressure and intracranial pressure.

CPP=MAP-ICP

Normal CPP is about 80mmhg

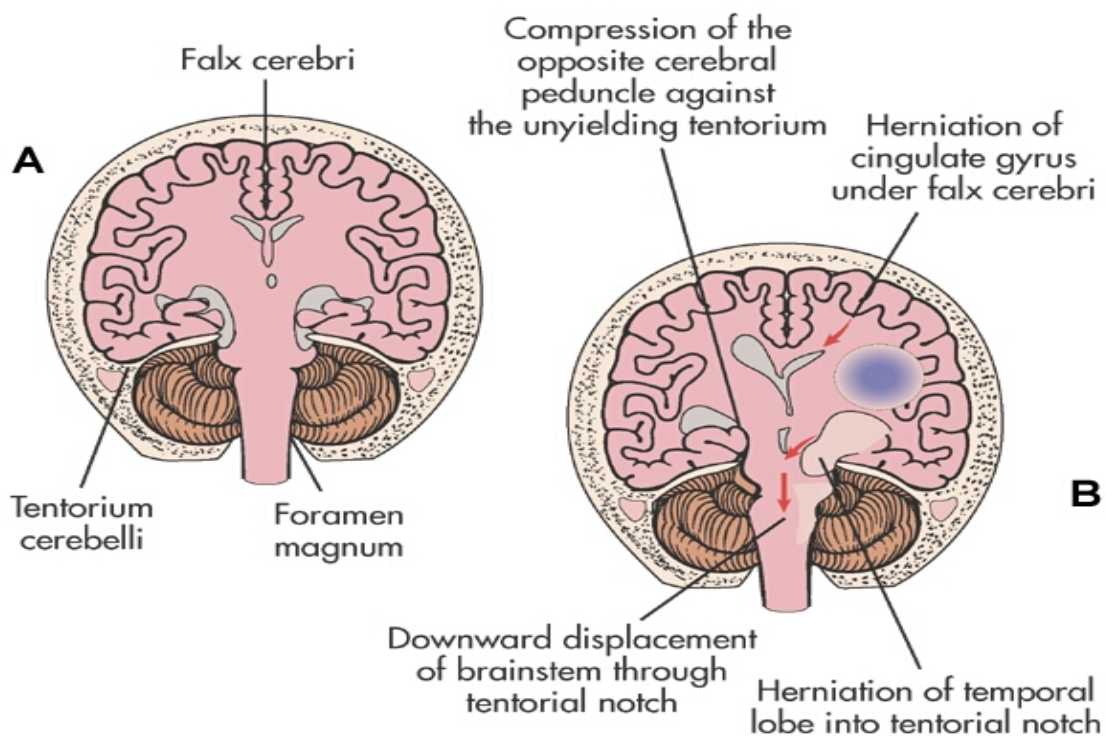
Effects of increased intracranial pressure

Headache, vomiting and visual disturbances are most common symptoms associated with elevated intracranial pressure. It can cause downward displacement of brainstem and upper cervical cord through foramen magnum and causes compression of cardiac and respiratory centers. Critical compression of these structures can cause Cushing's triad (hypertension bradycardia and kussumal pattern of respiration), which precedes the herniation of brain. Most common herniations are transtentorial (either lateral or central), tonsillar, and subfalcine. Lateral tentorial herniation presents with features of third nerve palsy (ptosis, decreased pupillary reflex), False localizing (ipsilateral) hemiparesis (Kernohan's notch), Decreased level of consciousness from reticular formation compression and potentially posterior cerebral artery occlusion resulting in a homonymous hemianopia.

Central tentorial herniation presents with features of upward gaze palsy results from compression on the pretectum and superior colliculi. Decreased level of consciousness is observed due to compromise of blood supply to the diencephalon and midbrain. They may also develop diabetes insipidus due to traction on the

pituitary stalk and hypothalamus.

Tonsillar herniation presents with features of neck stiffness as the cerebellar tonsils compress against the foramen magnum. Elevated blood pressure and bradycardia indicate progressive brainstem compression. Decreased level of consciousness and respiratory arrest will follow persistent compression.



Cerebral pressure auto regulation

The process by which cerebral arterioles maintain constant blood flow in face of changing cerebral perfusion pressure is known as cerebral autoregulation. Cerebral blood flow is relatively constant between CPP 50-150 mmHg. Outside this range cerebral blood flow depends on CPP.

The two underlying mechanisms responsible for cerebral auto regulation are shear stress and transmural pressure as explained by metabolic and myogenic hypothesis.

Metabolic hypothesis states that regulation of cerebral blood flow is mediated by effect of chemical mediators on precapillary sphincters in metaarterioles. The principal chemical mediators are CO₂, O₂, potassium, calcium and H⁺ ions.(6)

Myogenic hypothesis was originally formulated by Bayliss in 1902.(7)

After discovery of isolated vessel mechanisms, it caused differentiation from neural metabolic and endothelial mechanisms.(8) It states that arterioles contract and dilate in response to transmural pressure changes. Rapid change in pressure causes changes in actin and myosin filaments of arteriolar smooth muscle.

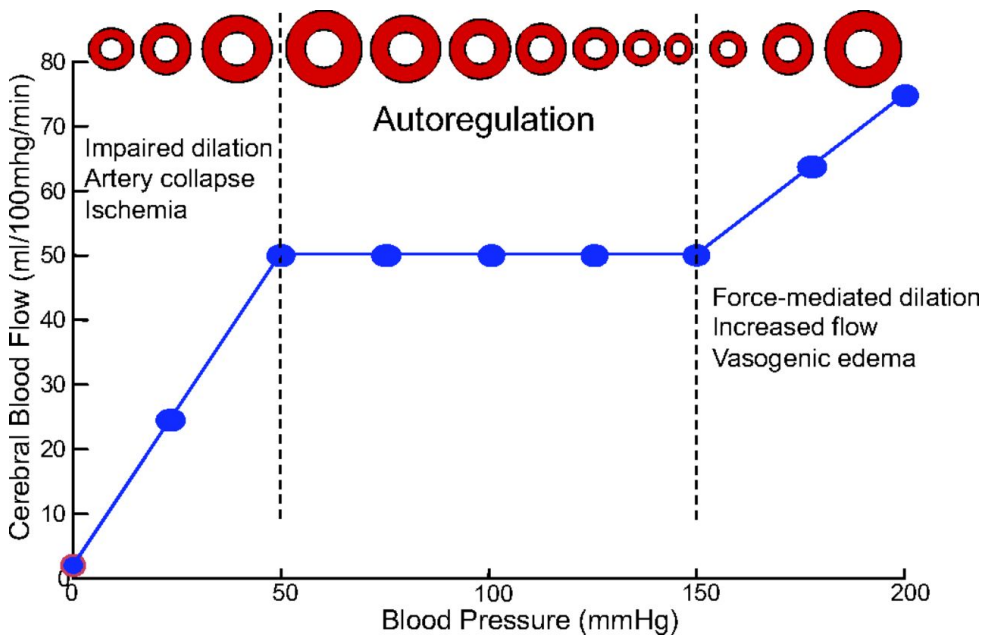


Figure 4. Auto regulation curve

Effect of carbondioxide on cerebral blood flow

There is a linear relationship between partial pressure of carbon dioxide in arterial blood ($paCO_2$) and cerebral blood flow till $paCO_2$ is 80mm Hg. Beyond that point there is no further increase in cerebral blood flow as arterioles are maximally dilated. Similarly below $paCO_2 < 20$ mm hg cerebral blood flow cannot be decreased as arterioles are maximally constricted.(9)As $paCO_2$ crosses cell membrane, increase in intracellular $paCO_2$ causes increase in H^+ ions which causes vasodilation(10)(11). Later, this is further mediated by nitric oxide, prostanoids and potassium channels. The arteriolar response to $paCO_2$ is one of the methods to decrease ICP. By decreasing $paCO_2$ there is decrease in cerebral blood flow which further decreases cerebral blood volume and intracranial pressure.

Effect of oxygen on cerebral blood flow

Clinically used paO_2 has minor effects on cerebral blood flow. Cerebral blood flow will increase when $paO_2 < 50$ mmHg. It acts by releasing adenosine from endothelium and causing vasodilation which increases cerebral blood flow and an increase in intracranial pressure.

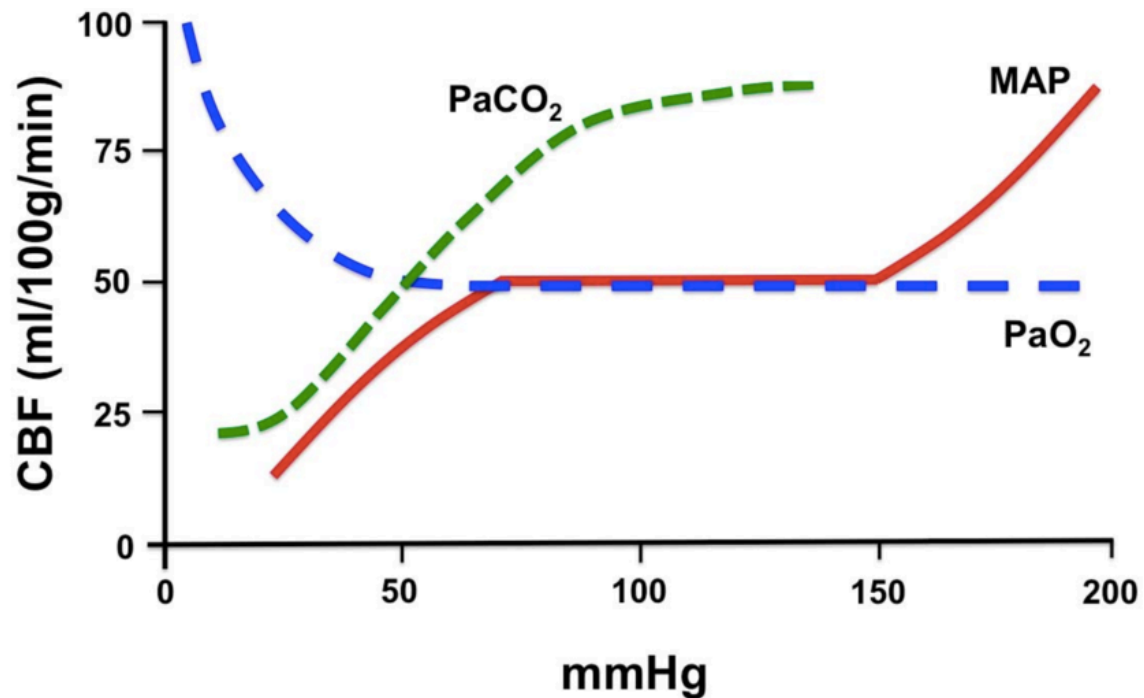


Figure 5. Effect of paCO₂ and pO₂ on cerebral blood flow

Cerebral metabolism

Cerebral blood flow increases with increase in cerebral metabolic rate. (Flow Metabolism Coupling). With increased synaptic transmission, there are increases in potassium and hydrogen ions which increase blood flow by acting on ATP sensitive potassium ions and on by causing vasodilation respectively.(12) As cerebral synaptic activity increases, there are increased levels of adenosine which directly causes vasodilation and increases blood flow

Various techniques to reduce intracranial pressure

Prevention

- Euvolemia
- Avoiding laryngoscopy response
- Smooth induction and intubation
- Adequate plane of anesthesia and analgesia during noxious stimulus like pin application, skin incision, burr hole application and periosteum elevation.
- Head-up positioning.(13)
- No compression/kinking of jugular veins.
- Osmotic agents such as mannitol and hypertonic saline(14)
- Steroids to reduce perilesional edema
- Adequate ventilation $paO_2 > 100$ mm of hg; $paCO_2$ 35 mm of hg
- Avoiding high intrathoracic pressure
- Hyperventilation before induction(15)
- Use of intravenous anesthetic agents for induction and maintenance

Treatment

- Drainage of cerebrospinal fluid using lumbar catheter
- Osmotic agents mannitol and hypertonic saline.(14)
- Hyperventilation(15)

- Maintenance of anesthesia using total intravenous anesthesia
- Facilitating venous drainage using head up position,(13)
- No positive end expiratory pressure and decreasing inspiratory time.

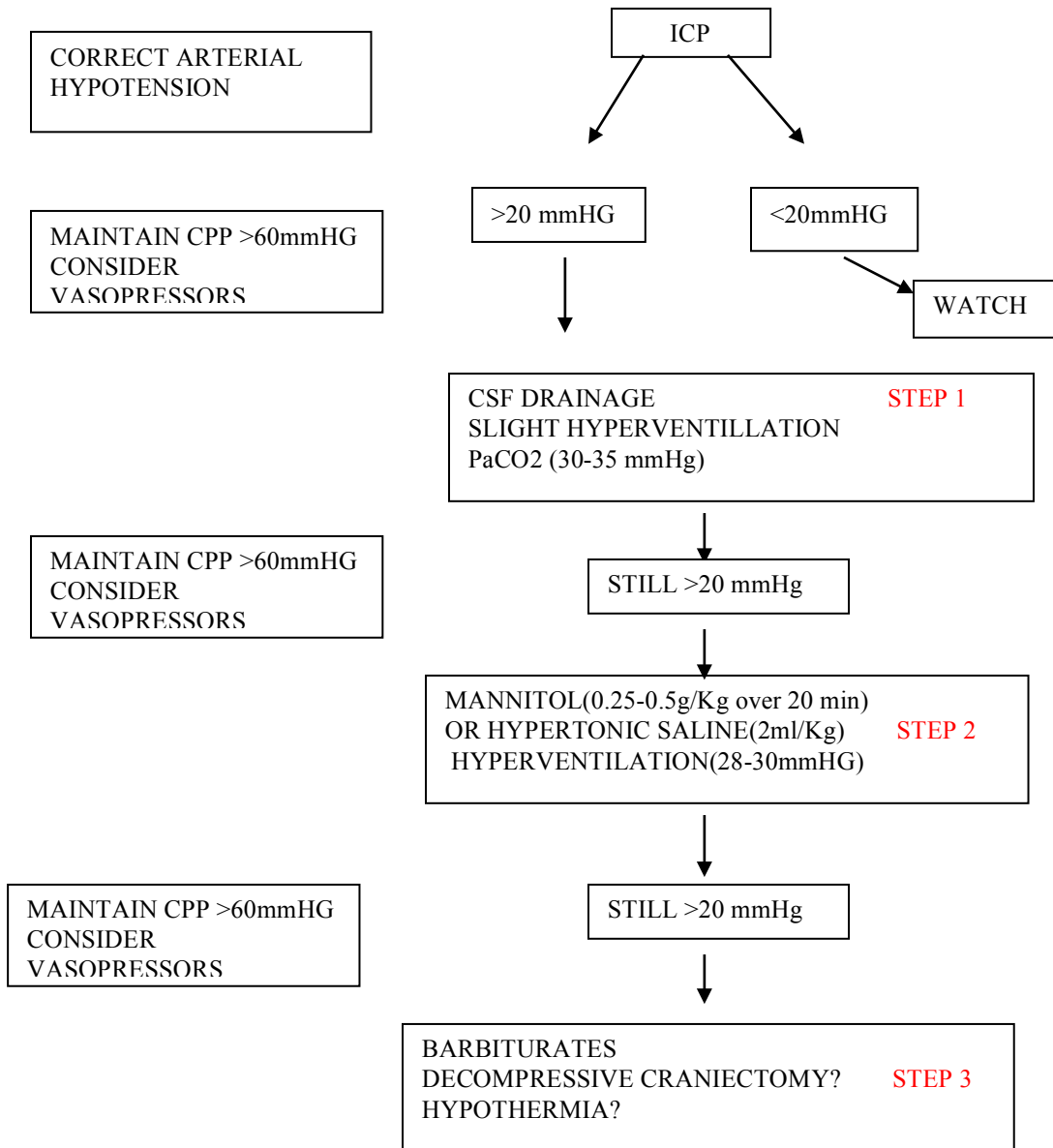
Intracranial neoplasms are commonly associated with surrounding brain edema. They require maximal reduction of brain tension to facilitate surgical access. One of the most commonly used technique to reduce intracranial pressure is **chemical brain retractor concept**.

This concept utilizes

- 1) Osmotic agents
- 2) Maintenance with total intravenous anesthesia
- 3) Mild hyperventilation
- 4) Mild hyperoxygenation.

Management of raised intracranial pressure should aim at decreasing secondary insults to brain. Secondary insults such as hypotension, hypoxia, hypercarbia and acidosis should be avoided.

Concept of **three-tier therapy** is used for management of intracranial pressure.



Osmotic diuresis

Osmotic agents such as mannitol and hypertonic saline are one of mainstream therapy in management of cerebral edema. Osmotherapy works only on undamaged brain regions because it requires an intact blood brain barrier to maintain osmotic gradient.

Osmotic diuretics are freely filtered at the glomerulus, undergo minimal reabsorption by the renal tubules, and are relatively pharmacologically and metabolically inert.

These agents can't cross blood brain barrier thereby creating osmolar gradient drawing fluid from brain tissue into intravascular compartment and reduces brain edema.(16)

Mannitol is the most commonly used osmotic agent. Recent evidence has shown that equiosmolar dose of hypertonic saline may also be used with better brain relaxation and more hemodynamic stability.

Mannitol

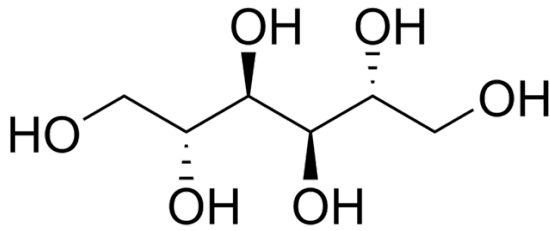
Mannitol is an obligatory osmotic diuretic.

Mannitol is a naturally occurring alcohol found in fruits and vegetables.

It is prepared by reduction of glucose.

It is a 6-carbon sugar alcohol.

Chemical structure is $C_6H_{14}O_6$.



Molecular weight is 182.

Mannitol occurs as a white, odorless, crystalline powder, or free flowing granules.

Microscopically, it appears as orthorhombic needles when crystallized from alcohol.

Mannitol shows polymorphism.

It is metabolically inert in humans.

It is commercially available as 10% and 20% mannitol solution.

The ph is adjusted with hydrochloric acid and sodium hydroxide.

	Composition (mannitol BP)	Osmolality mOsmol/kg	pH
10% mannitol	10gm/100ml	596	5.5(4.5 to 7.0)
20% mannitol	20gm/100ml	1192	5.0(4.5 to 7.0)

Mechanism of action

1) It acts primarily by causing osmotic dehydration of brain secondary to reduction in cerebral water content. It was thought that mannitol shifts fluid from brain tissue to intravascular compartment thereby reducing brain tissue edema,(14)But later it was shown that mannitol decreases water content only by 2%.

Therefore, other mechanisms have been suggested. Mannitol has other effects that reduce ICP more than its osmotic effects.

2) It causes transient hypervolemia thereby decreasing blood viscosity and in turn increases cerebral blood flow, which triggers vasoconstrictor regulators and causes cerebral vasoconstriction and decreases cerebral blood volume and reduces brain bulk. It causes hemodilution, and improves red blood cell rheology.(17)

3) It increases cardiac output and decreases systemic vascular resistance. These effects increase oxygen delivery at tissue level.(18)

4) It has free radical scavenging properties.

The end results of these effects is reflex cerebral vasoconstriction.

It decreases CSF production. The net effect is decrease in the volume of CSF and increase in intracranial pressure.

Pharmacokinetics

Volume of distribution corresponds to extracellular water that is 20% of body weight.

$T_{1/2}$ elimination is about 30 to 60 mins for doses.

It is rapidly excreted in urine.

The most important determinant of mannitol clearance is renal function.

Dose

0.5-1 gm/kg.

Serum osmolarity is monitored during administration of mannitol. A serum osmolarity $>320\text{mosm}$ indicates withdrawal of therapy due to concerns of osmotic nephrosis and renal failure.(19)

Serum mannitol levels are measured by osmolar gap. Osmolar gap is the difference between calculated serum osmolarity and measured serum osmolarity.(20) Increased levels indicates mannitol accumulation. While monitoring hyperosmolar therapy osmolar gap of 55msom/kg is targeted(21,22)

Indications

- 1) Reduction of intracranial pressure by reducing brain tissue volume.
- 2) As a diuretic to prevent or treat oliguric phase of renal failure.
- 3) Reduction of intraocular pressure when other methods have failed
- 4) To create osmotic diuresis in management of poisoning.
- 5) Preservation of perioperative renal function in patients undergoing major vascular and cardiac surgery and in those with jaundice
- 6) To promote diuresis and minimize the risk of acute renal failure in patients after renal transplantation
- 7) Preservation of renal function in rhabdomyolysis secondary to crush injuries and compartment syndrome
- 8) Bowel preparation before colorectal surgery, colonoscopy, and barium enemas

Contraindications

- 1) Hypersensitivity to mannitol
- 2) Pre-existing plasma hyperosmolarity
- 3) Severe heart failure
- 4) Disturbance of the blood-brain barrier
- 5) Severe renal disease
- 6) Severe pulmonary congestion or frank pulmonary edema
- 7) Active intracranial bleeding except during craniotomy
- 8) Severe dehydration
- 9) Progressive renal damage or dysfunction after institution of mannitol therapy, including increasing oliguria and azotemia.
- 10) Progressive heart failure or pulmonary congestion after institution of mannitol therapy.

Side effects

Gastrointestinal system: nausea, vomiting

Hypersensitivity reactions: Local pain

Skin necrosis

Thrombophlebitis at the site of intravenous infusion

Angio-oedema

Allergic reaction

Anaphylactic shock

Neurological reactions: Chills, urticaria

Fever , headache and dizziness.

Circulatory effects: Hypotension, Hypertension, and Tachycardia

Cardiac arrhythmia

Angina-like chest pain

Pulmonary congestion and edema

Convulsions

Congestive cardiac failure

Renal effects: Osmotic nephrosis.

Alveolar nephrosis

Large doses of mannitol have been known to cause acute

renal failure even in patients with satisfactory pre-treatment renal function

Excessive diuresis

Fluid and electrolyte disturbance: Hyponatremia

Dehydration and haemoconcentration

Hyponatremia

Hypokalemia

Hyperkalemia

Other electrolytes imbalances

Metabolic acidosis

Metabolic alkalosis

Drug interactions

Potential effects: Concurrent use of other diuretics potentiates effects of mannitol and dose adjustment is required.

Inhibition effects: Mannitol decreases responsiveness to lithium and methotrexate by increasing their elimination.

- 1) It potentiates ototoxic effects of aminoglycosides.
- 2) It enhances neuromuscular blocking effects.
- 3) It reduces effects of oral anticoagulants by increasing clotting factors secondary to dehydration.
- 4) It potentiates digoxin toxicity if hypokalemia follows mannitol treatment.

3% HYPERTONIC SALINE:

3% hypertonic saline is a sterile non-pyrogenic solution of sodium chloride in water.

The preparation doesn't contain antimicrobial agent or buffer.

During sterilization small amount of hydrochloric acid can be formed making solution acidic.

	Composition (mg/dl)	Sodium (meq/l)	Chloride (meq/l)	Osmolarity (mosm/l)	ph
3% hypertonic saline	30	513	513	1027	5 (4.5-7)

Mechanism of action

Sodium is a major cation of extracellular fluid and it principally regulates extracellular fluid electrolytes and osmotic pressure of fluid compartment. Chloride is also a major extracellular anion which closely follows sodium cation in maintenance of tonicity and electrodynamic properties.

There are several mechanisms by which hypertonic saline reduces intracranial pressure:

1) **Osmotic:** Hypertonic saline causes an osmotic gradient and causes shift of fluid from cerebral tissue to intravascular space and reduces edema. (23)

2) **Hemodynamic:** Hypertonic saline increases blood volume thereby reduces blood viscosity. And increases cerebral tissue oxygenation.(24)As blood viscosity decreases autoregulatory mechanisms of brain causes vasoconstriction of cerebral blood vessels and decreases blood flow thereby decreases intracranial pressure.

As 3% saline is hypertonic it increases tonicity of plasma which facilitates CSF absorption.(25)

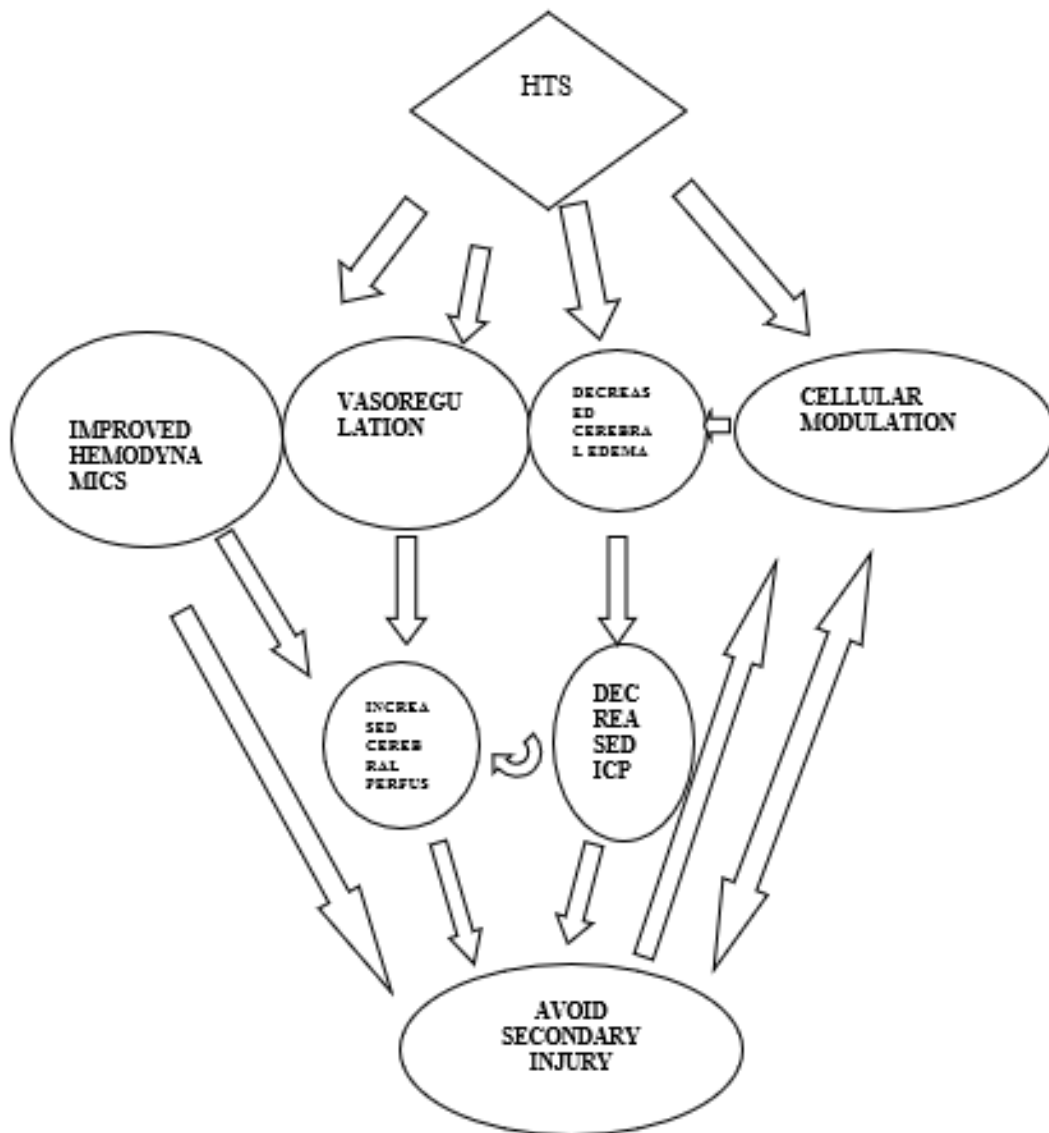
3) **Vasoregulatory:** It causes cerebral endothelial cells and erythrocyte dehydration thereby increases regional brain tissue perfusion.(26,27) It has positive inotropic effect.

4) **Immunologic:** Hypertonic saline causes decreased inflammatory response and

reduces edema.(28,29)

5) Neurochemical: Brain injury increase extracellular glutamate levels. It normalizes intracellular sodium and chloride ions and restores normal membrane potential and prevents pathological release of glutamate.

Multiple actions of hypertonic saline



Pharmacokinetic properties

It is administered intravenously.

It has 100% bioavailability.

Dose

Cerebral edema: Administered 3-5ml/kg over 10-20 minutes.

For hyponatremic seizures: 1ml/kg till sodium > 125mmol/l

Indications

Hyponatremic seizures.

Cerebral edema and raised intracranial pressure.

Contraindications

Hypernatremia

Severe Hyponatremia

Side effects

Intracranial complications

Patient can develop rebound edema after discontinuation of continuous infusion.

It can disrupt blood brain barrier as it causes dehydration of cells and causes loosening of tight junctions.

Theoretical possibility of excess neuronal cell death.

Severe hypernatremia ($>375\text{mosm/l}$) can cause venous and capillary congestion, intracerebral and subarachnoid bleeding.

If preexisting hyponatremia exists and it is corrected rapidly it can cause central pontine myelinolysis.

Systemic complications

It can cause transient hypotension following a rapid infusion, but blood pressure will increase due to increase in blood volume and contractility. It causes decreased platelet aggregation and increases prothrombin time and plasma thromboplastin time. It causes hypokalemia and hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis when infused in large doses.

Major anesthetic concerns in supratentorial craniotomy

Preoperative assessment

Preoperative assessment involves assessment of the neurological state of patient and general state of patient, discussion with neurosurgeon and formulating planned operative intervention.

Neurological state of patient

History regarding symptoms of increased intracranial pressure such as headache, nausea, vomiting, blurred vision should be noted down. We should also be aware of any history suggestive of loss of consciousness, any focal neurological deficits and seizures.

Physical examination should include neurological status assessment, patient's degree of orientation, any neurological deficits and Glasgow coma scale.

Particular attention should be made to note any signs of raised intracranial pressure such as **Cushing's response** (hypertension, bradycardia) and papilloedema.

Elucidate patient's drug history and duration as they affect intracranial compliance and pharmacokinetics and dynamics of anesthetic drugs.

CT and MRI should be examined for tumor size, location and signs of raised intracranial pressure. Signs of intracranial pressure include effacement of lateral ventricle by tumor mass, midline shift >5mm, lateral ventricular extension due to obstructive hydrocephalus.

General state of patient

Preoperative assessment of cardiovascular and respiratory functions are vital as supratentorial tumors significantly alter their function. Supratentorial craniotomies are associated with significant blood loss, hypotension and hypovolemia.

Malignant tumors are also associated with coagulation disorders and have high chance of thromboembolism. Renal function should be assessed as the patients are routinely on diuretics and have subsequent changes in electrolytes.

Planning operative intervention

A detailed discussion with the neurosurgeon regarding size of tumor and its location, positioning of patient and surgical approach is required. Combination of a large size tumor in a difficult location requiring radical excision makes it a technically demanding surgery and entails maximum reduction of brain volume.

Premedication

Sedative premedication is routinely avoided as they can cause hypercarbia, hypoxia and increase intracranial pressure. Premedication with benzodiazepines will unmask or worsen preexisting neurological deficits.(30) and continue steroids on day of surgery. As increased intracranial pressure causes delayed gastric emptying time and increased acid secretion it is advisable to administer H₂ blockers and gastric prokinetic agents. Anticonvulsants are continued on day of surgery.(31,32)

Vascular access

At least two wide bore IV access should be secured. Central venous access is indicated only if we anticipate major blood loss for administering vasoactive agents, for aspirating air in sitting craniotomies, for CVP monitoring and in patients with cardiovascular compromise. Either brachial PICC line or subclavian catheter is preferred as internal jugular vein can compromise cerebral perfusion. Invasive arterial blood pressure monitoring is preferred to have tight control of cerebral perfusion pressure and for repeated arterial sampling.

Monitoring

Close hemodynamic monitoring plays a vital role in postoperative outcome. It includes 5 lead ECG, SPO₂, beat to beat intrarterial blood pressure monitoring, ETCO₂, pulse pressure variation, CVP. ETCO₂ monitoring to detect air embolism. temperature and urine output is closely monitored. Transesophageal echo is indicated in patients with cardiovascular compromise and anticipating air embolism. air embolism can be detected by precordial doppler.(33)close monitoring of blood glucose levels are essential in neuroanaesthesia as hyperglycemia can worsen neurological damage during ischemia.(34–36)

Anesthetic management

Standard monitoring and vascular access mentioned above should be secured, A smooth and gentle induction with mild hyperventilation to avoid hypercarbia and hypoxemia is preferred. Preoxygenation with 100% oxygen for five minutes till $EtO_2 > 90\%$ is routinely done. Fentanyl 2-3mcg/kg is administered. It can be replaced with alfentanil (5-10mcg/kg followed by infusion 5-10mcg/kg/hour) for hemodynamic control or sufentanil (0.5-1mcg/kg followed by infusion 0.1-0.2 mcg/kg/hr) for rapid awakening.(37–39). Patient is induced with propofol 2-3mg/kg or thiopentone 3—6mg/kg. Etomidate can be used in patients with significant cardiovascular compromise. Patient adequately paralyzed with non-depolarising muscle relaxant like Vecuronium/Rocuronium and controlled ventilated maintaining $Paco_2$ around 35mm of hg. Use of depolarizing muscle relaxants like succinylcholine should be reserved only for patients with difficult airway and rapid sequence intubation is mandated. Succinylcholine causes transient increase in cerebral blood flow, cerebral metabolic requirement and intracranial pressure. This can be controlled by hyperventilation and by deepening plane of anesthesia.

Long acting non-depolarizing muscle relaxants such as Pancuronium is routinely avoided as neurosurgical patients are susceptible to myorelaxant hangover.

One of most nociceptive stimulus is application of skull pins. Hemodynamic response can be prevented by deepening plane of anesthesia with propofol 0.5mg/kg, fentanyl 1-3mcg/kg/ alfentanil 10-20mcg/kg. Local anesthetic using 2%

lignocaine is administered at the pin application site.(41) Careful monitoring for air embolism as pin application is associated with higher risk of air embolism.. Mild head up positioning is preferred to facilitate venous drainage and to reduce intracranial pressure. At least two fingers breadth should be maintained between chin and nearest bony prominence to avoid extreme extension or flexion, and endotracheal kinking and impairment of cerebral venous drainage. In pteronial and frontotemporal craniotomy head is turned laterally, opposite shoulder should be elevated to avoid damage to brachial plexus.

Anesthesia can be maintained either by using inhalational agents or intravenous agents(Total intravenous anesthesia). Intravenous anesthetic agents decrease cerebral blood flow and cerebral metabolic requirement of oxygen i.e. coupling and thereby decreases intracranial pressure. In contrast to intravenous agents, inhalational agents increases cerebral blood flow and cerebral metabolic requirement thereby increases intracranial pressure. Maintaining anesthesia by total intravenous anesthesia is ideal as it causes adequate brain relaxation by decreasing intracranial pressure.

Brain tension is reduced by altering cerebral metabolic rate and intracranial pressure, which is widely known as *chemical brain retractor concept*.

Chemical brain retractor concept includes mild hyperventilation, mild hyperoxygenation, and normovolemic status, not to use vasodilators, mild hypertension, and use of hypertonic agents. Most commonly used hypertonic solutions are *mannitol and hypertonic saline*.

HYPEROSMOLAR SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE : CURRENT STAND

Craniotomies for excision and biopsy of supratentorial tumors are common neurosurgical procedures. Often the combination of large size of tumor, associated edema and the raised intracranial pressure, and narrow corridor for approach requires techniques to reduce the ICP. Reduced ICP prevents intraoperative brain bulge, thereby reduces the risk for cerebral ischemia, herniation, structural damage due to shear forces. This would in turn minimize the secondary insult to the brain and translate to better neurological outcome following neurosurgical procedures.

Various treatment strategies as described previously have been in practice to minimize ICP (such as head end elevation, steroids, CSF drainage, osmotherapy). The '*chemical brain retractor concept*' aims to decrease cerebral blood flow and cerebral metabolic requirement of oxygen thereby decreasing intracranial pressure. Osmotherapy is an integral part of this concept.

The history of osmotherapy stretches back to the early 20th century. Initially people tried and injected cats with hypertonic saline and noted that their thecal sacs had become flaccid, making it difficult to acquire CSF from them. Mannitol became popular from then.

Shenkin demonstrated a rise in serum osmolality by 20-30 mOsm/L, and a fall in ICP by 30-60% in his patients with use of mannitol.

Use of hyperosmotic agents such as mannitol and hypertonic saline increases the serum osmolarity, which creates an osmolar gradient between intravascular space and brain tissue favoring movement of water from latter into former thereby decreasing the brain edema, facilitating brain retraction.

Mannitol has been used as the agent of choice in dose of 0.5-1gm/kg.(42).It is indicated as a temporary measure in management of acute intracranial hypertension with symptoms and signs of impending herniation.(42,43).There is no preset threshold before which mannitol therapy is started.ICP targeted therapy with targeting ICP<25 is indicated.(43–45).

James et al demonstrated that patients with higher ICP responded better to mannitol therapy than patients with marginally elevated ICP.(46)

It also has beneficial effect of improving blood rheology. However it is associated with hypotension requiring use of vasopressors, hyponatremia, hyperkalemia and acute hypervolemia which are deleterious in patients with congestive heart failure. Other alternative is hypertonic saline.

Recent evidence has shown that equiosmolar dose of hypertonic saline may also be used with better brain relaxation and more hemodynamic stability.(47,48)hypertonic saline reduces intracranial pressure associated with tumors(49),traumatic brain injury,(24,50–54)subarachnoid hemorrhage, stroke. Studies have shown that mannitol and hypertonic saline have same effect in causing brain relaxation when used initially as a single agent(55) and hypertonic

saline reduces intracranial pressure in patients not responding to mannitol.(50,56,57)

A randomized cross over trial comparing mannitol and hypertonic saline showed hypertonic saline is better than mannitol in terms of reduction of intracranial pressure and its durability a recent metaanalysis revealed that hypertonic saline is better than mannitol in reduction of intracranial pressure.(58)

Ching-tang wu et al did a randomized control trial comparing mannitol with 3% hypertonic saline and demonstrated that 3% hypertonic saline provided more satisfactory brain relaxation than mannitol, mannitol had more prominent diuretic effect and 3% hypertonic saline caused hypernatremia.

Prabhakar and associates had done a cochrane systemic review which included 6 RCT with 527 participants which suggested hypertonic saline significantly reduces risk of brain tension during craniotomy. (59) Hypertonic saline increases preload and reduces afterload thereby increases cardiac output.(60) In addition to an osmotic action, hypertonic saline has hemodynamic, vasoregulatory, immunological, and neurochemical effects. (61) In particular, hypertonic saline relaxes arteriolar vascular smooth muscle and, in association with a reduction in cerebral endothelial cell edema, improves cerebral microcirculatory flow. It also expands intravascular volume, thereby potentially augmenting CPP.

Pros and cons of both the agents are summarized below.

	PROS	CONS
MANNITOL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Decreases edema. 2. Improves microvascular circulation. 3. Decreases blood viscosity. 4. Improves blood rheology. 5. Promotes free scavenging. 6. Inhibits apoptosis. 7. Fairly cheap. 8. Rapid onset of action. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fluid and electrolyte imbalance—particularly hyponatremia. 2. Metabolic acidosis. 3. Pulmonary congestion. 4. Hypovolaemia, Hypotension 5. Thrombophlebitis. 6. Skin necrosis if extravasation occurs 7. Allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis 8. Rebound increases in ICP 9. Torrential diuresis.

<p>Hypertonic saline</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Reflection coefficient 1 (mannitol 0.9, theoretically better than mannitol for relaxation) 2.Improves brain oxygenation 3.Better cerebral hemodynamics 4.Cheap 5.Stable in storage 6.Have intrinsic anti-inflammatory 7.Less potent for hypovolemia. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Volume overload 2.Coagulopathy 3.Hypernatremia 4.Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis 5.Need for central venous access for administration. 6.Can cause seizures due to wide fluctuation in sodium. 7.Altered platelet aggregation.
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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Patient Selection and Methodology

Settings

This study was carried out in the three Neurosurgery operating theatres and Neurosurgery Intensive Care Unit of Christian Medical College and Hospital, Vellore.

Inclusion Criteria

- 1) Supratentorial tumors.
- 2) ASA 2
- 3) Patient not on diuretics.
- 4) Age 18-65 years.

Exclusion Criteria

- 1) Age < 18 year
- 2) ASA 3-5
- 3) Preoperative hyponatremia Serum **Na < 130**
- 4) Preoperative hypernatremia **Serum Na > 145**
- 5) Treatment with any hyperosmotic fluid (mannitol/hypertonic saline/diuretics) in previous 24hrs.

6) Congestive heart failure/chronic kidney disease.

Sample Size

Sample size is calculated based on the data collected over a period of two months in 2016. It is hypothesized that the study drug would provide for similar brain relaxation and a 50% reduction in the use of vasopressors. With a 5% alpha error and 80% power the calculated sample size is 67 patients in each arm.

$$n = \frac{2 (z_{\alpha} + z_{1-\beta})^2 \sigma^2}{\Delta^2}$$

where

n = required sample size.

Z α , Z is a constant (set by convention according to the accepted α error and whether it is a one-sided or two-sided effect) as shown below

α -error	5%	1%	0.1%
2-sided	1.96	2.5758	3.2905
1-sided	1.65	2.33	

For $Z_{1-\beta}$, Z is a constant set by convention according to power of the study as shown below:

Power	80%	85%	90%	95%
Value	0.8416	1.0364	1.2816	1.6449

In the above-mentioned formula

σ is the standard deviation (estimated), as per the retrospective study 45% patients required vasopressor support (.45)

Δ is the difference in effect of two interventions which is required (estimated effect size-50% reduction in use of vasopressor support)

Using the above formula, calculated sample size is 62 patients in each arm.

Calculating an 8% drop out rate, total sample size estimated is 67 patients per arm.

We could only recruit 60 patients in time available and hence an interim analysis was performed.

Methodology

All patients who met the inclusion criteria for the study were considered for the study. The principal investigator met the patient in person, explained about the study in their language and obtained their consent. After obtaining consent they were recruited and standard anesthesia protocol was followed as given below.

No sedative premedication was given. Routine dose of anticonvulsants and dexamethasone were continued as per schedule.

After wheeling the patient into the operating room, standard monitors ECG, SpO₂, NIBP, were connected. 18 or 16 G peripheral line, 20 G arterial line were started under local anesthesia. An arterial blood gas sample was taken for checking the serum sodium, potassium, lactate and glucose levels. After adequate preoxygenation with 6 L/min of 100% oxygen, patients were induced with 3-5 µg/kg of fentanyl, 2 mg/kg of propofol and paralysed with 0.15 mg/kg of vecuronium. Central line (either PICC or Central venous catheter as indicated) was inserted as per standard requirements.

Patient's were intubated using appropriate size endotracheal tube. Anaesthesia was maintained using total intravenous anesthesia technique using propofol infusion at a dose of 100-200mcg/kg/min targeting BIS 40-60, vecuronium infusion was titrated to two twitches in train of four stimulus using neuromuscular monitor and paCO₂ was maintained in the range of 30 to 35mm of Hg.

Temperature was monitored using a nasopharyngeal probe. Additional dose of fentanyl and propofol were given intravenously along with local anesthetic infiltration at pin site at the time of insertion of skull pins. Intermittent boluses of fentanyl upto 7-10 μ g/kg used for analgesia.

Hemodynamic variables which were monitored were heart rate and systolic, diastolic and mean arterial blood pressure (MAP). If MAP < 25% from baseline, vasopressor support was initiated. Initially boluses of phenylephrine 50 μ g were given. If patient requires more than 5 boluses of phenylephrine, noradrenaline infusion at dose of 0.05-0.1 μ g/kg/min titrated to maintain MAP was started. If vasopressor support (noradrenaline infusion) had already been started after induction before administration of study drug then any increase in the dose after administration of study drug was noted.

A computer generated randomization allocated patients into two groups. One group received mannitol alone, and the other group received equiosmolar concentration of a combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline over 15 mins. Both the anesthetist and surgeon were blinded to type of solution administered.

Mannitol dose administered was 0.75gm/kg body weight which corresponds to 4ml/kg of 20% mannitol. This dose is equiosmolar to 4ml/kg of 3% hypertonic saline .

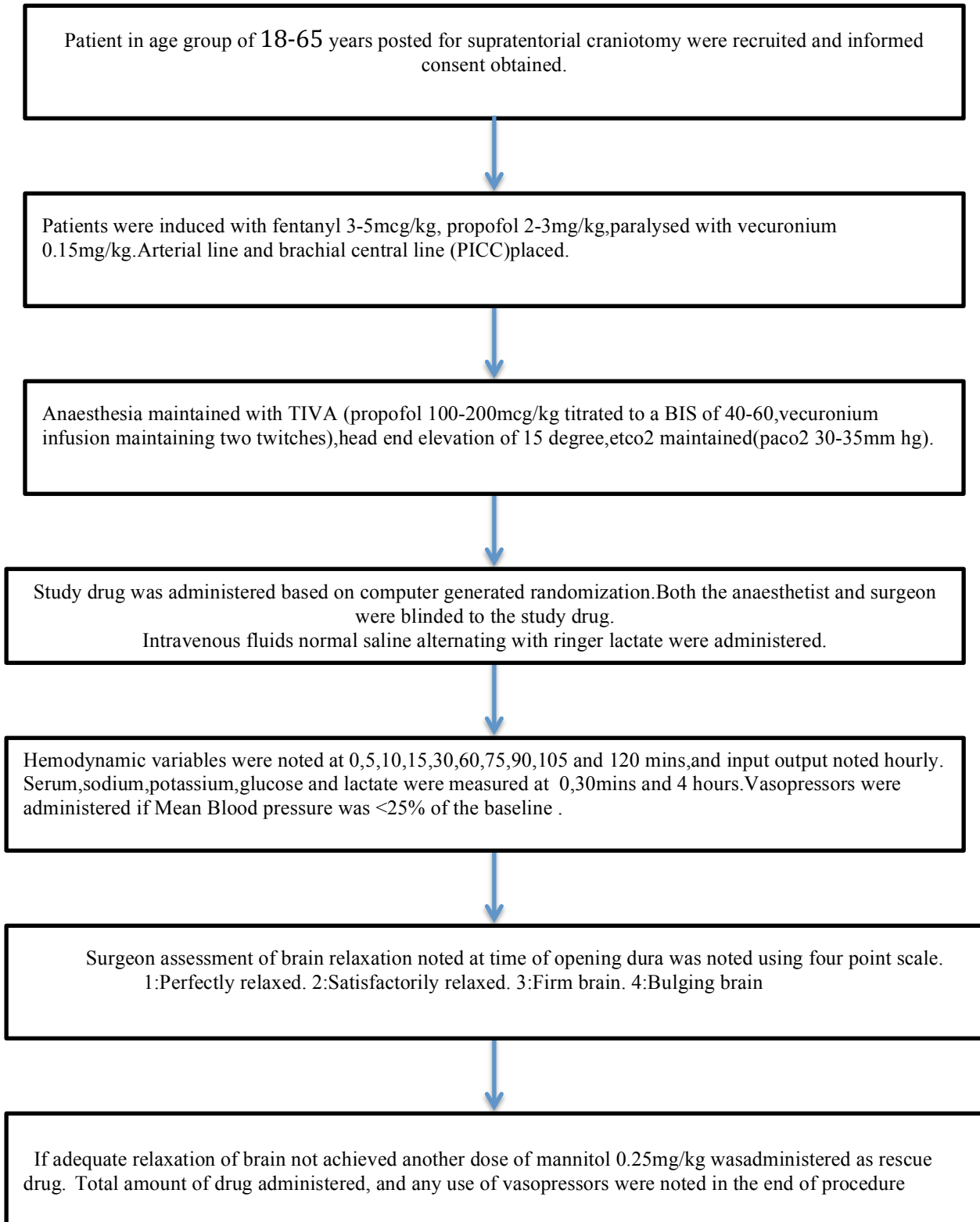
In the combination group ,dose of mannitol was 0.375 mg/kg which corresponds to 2ml/kg of 20% mannitol +2ml/kg body weight of 3% hypertonic saline was administered over 15 minutes. Brain relaxation was assessed by the operating surgeon at the time of opening of dura on a four-point scale (1. perfectly relaxed:2.satisfactorily relaxed:3.firm brain:4.bulging brain). If brain relaxation was not adequate on surgeons assessment , a second dose of 0.25gm/kg of mannitol was administered

Hourly fluid input/output is monitored and total fluid input and output were noted at the end of procedure. Repeat arterial blood gas analysis was done one hour after start of administration of drug and changes in serum sodium, potassium, lactate and glucose levels were noted. At the end of procedure total amount of hyperosmotic agent administered and use of vasopressors were noted.

At the end of procedure haemostasis was achieved. Volatile anesthetics were cut off after removal of pins and neuromuscular blockade was reversed. Patients were extubated once they attained adequate neuromuscular recovery.

After extubation, they were monitored in post anesthesia recovery room for full recovery and transferred to neurosurgical critical care unit for monitoring.

ALGORITHM DESCRIBING PROTOCOL OF STUDY



RESULTS

This study was conducted from April 2017 to September 2017. During this period, 60 patients who fulfilled the inclusion criteria were recruited, of which, 2 patients were not included in analysis due to insufficient data. Among the rest, 29 patients in **Group A** received **equiosmolar concentration of mannitol with hypertonic saline** and 29 patients in **Group B** received **mannitol alone**.

Group A: COMBINATION OF MANNITOL WITH HYPERTONIC SALINE

Group B: MANNITOL

Table 1. Comparison of demographic data between the two groups

Variable	Mean - Group A	Mean-Group B
AGE (years)	39.35	38.07
WEIGHT(kg)	63.5	63.1
HEIGHT (cm)	161.5	159.6
BMI	24.3	24.9
MALE	17	16
FEMALE	12	13

Demographic Characteristics

58 patients who underwent supratentorial craniotomy for excision of intracranial mass were recruited.

The age of the study patients ranged from 18-70years. The mean age of population in **Group A** is 39.55years and the mean age of population in **Group B** is 38.07 years.

There is no difference in age distribution between the two groups.

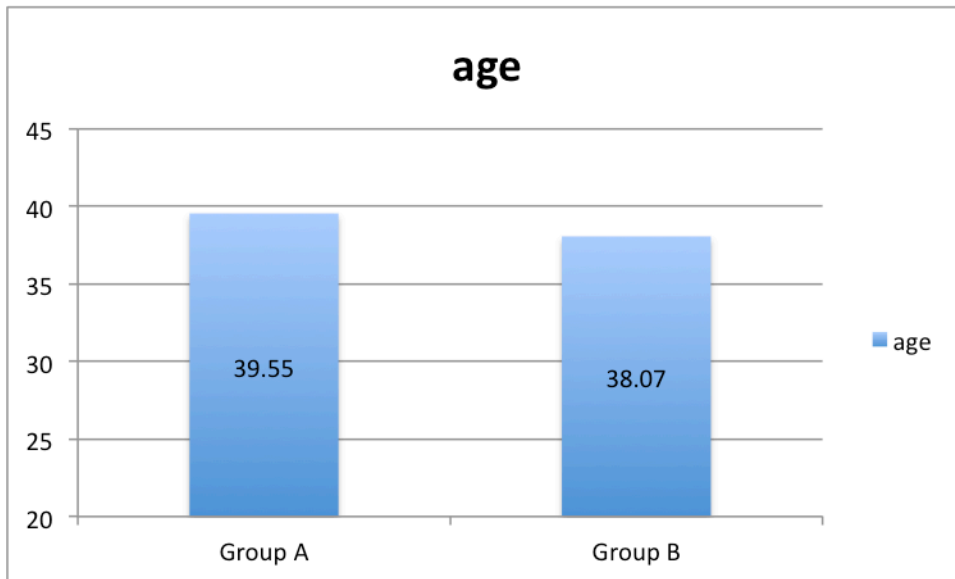


Figure 6. Age distribution between Group A and Group B

Gender

Of the 29 patients in **Group A** ,17 were males and 12were females. Of the 29 patients in **Group B** 16 were males and 13 were females. Both the groups were comparable in terms of sex distribution.

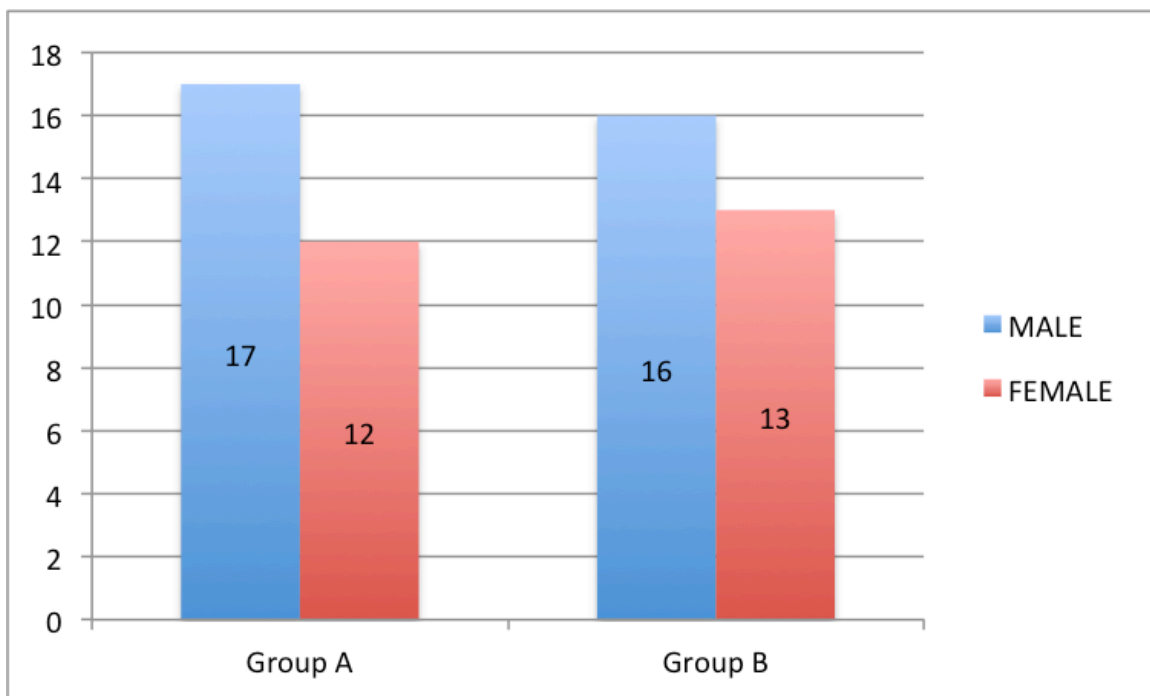


Figure 7. Sex distribution among Group A and Group B

Weight Height and BMI

The mean body weight was 63.48kilogram for **Group A** and 63.13kilogram for **Group B**. There was no difference in body weight between the two groups.

The mean height of patients in **Group A** was 161.5cms and the mean height of patients in **Group B** was 159.6.cms. There was no difference in height between the two groups.

The mean BMI of patients in **Group A** was 24.3 and the mean height of patients in **Group B** was 24.9. There was no difference in BMI between the two groups.

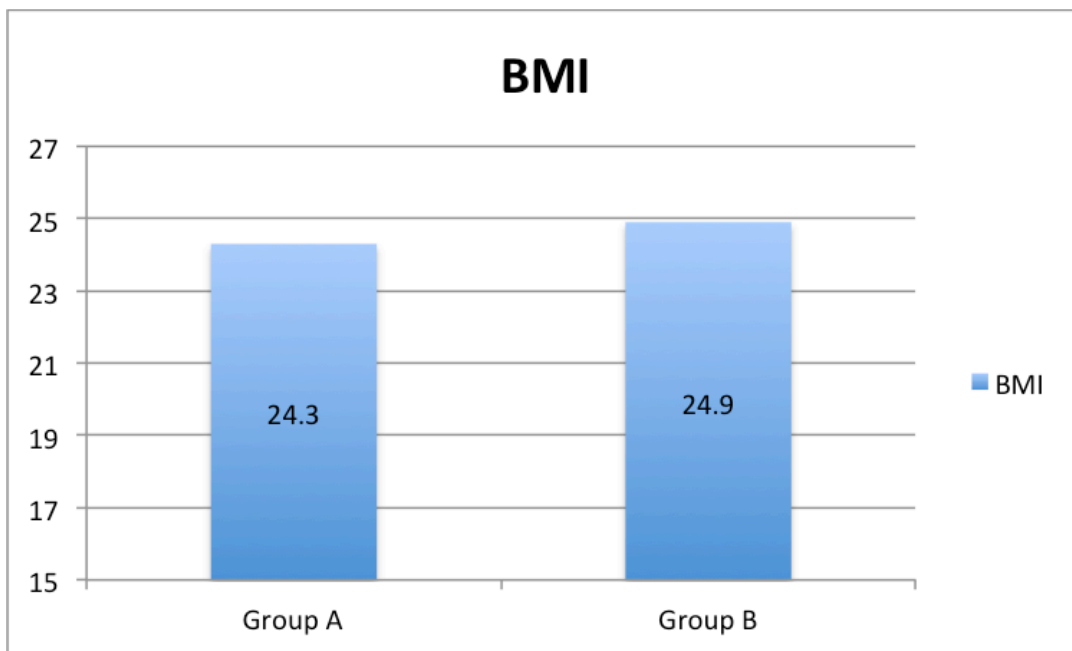


Figure 8. BMI distribution among Group A and Group B.

Tumour location

Tumour location also has a significant impact on technique of surgery and the need for brain relaxation. Tumours located on certain areas of brain eg. suprasellar region are very difficult to access and requires maximum reduction of intracranial pressure as they are technically challenging for the surgeon. Most patients in both the groups had tumours located superficially as in the frontal region followed by tumours in the parietal region. There was no significant difference in location of the tumour between the two groups.

Table 2. The distribution of tumour location between the two groups .

	Group A(%)	Group B(%)
FRONTAL	13(44.8%)	16(55.1%)
PARIETAL	7(24.1%)	9(31.03%)
TEMPORAL	9(31.0%)	4(13.7%)

Tumor Location

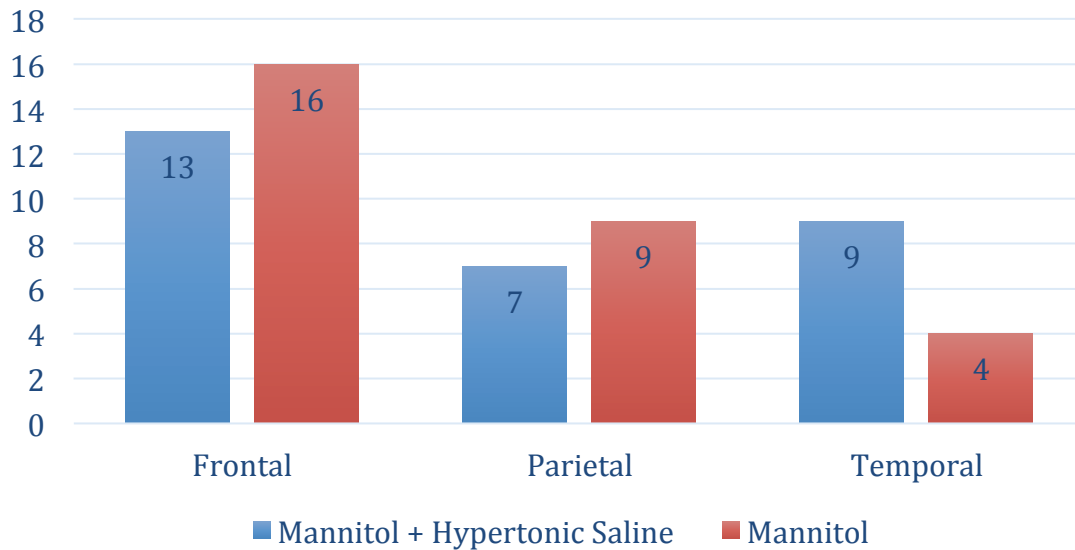


Figure 9. Distribution of tumour location in Group A and Group B

Tumour Pathology

Slow growing tumors are likely to have increases in ICP with adequate compensatory mechanisms unlike the fast growing ones. In our study, there was no significant difference in distribution of tumour pathology between the two groups. Most of the patients in both the groups had meningioma, which is one of the most common slow growing and benign intracranial lesions. Following meningioma, glioma was the second common tumour type seen in both the groups. Table 3 /Figure10 shows the distribution of tumour pathology between the two groups.

Table 3. Distribution of tumour pathology between both groups

	Group A(%)	Group B(%)
Meningioma	14(48.2%)	13(44.8%)
Glioma	7(24.1%)	10(34.4%)
Craniopharyngoma	4(13.7%)	2(6.8%)
Others	4(13.7%)	4(13.7%)

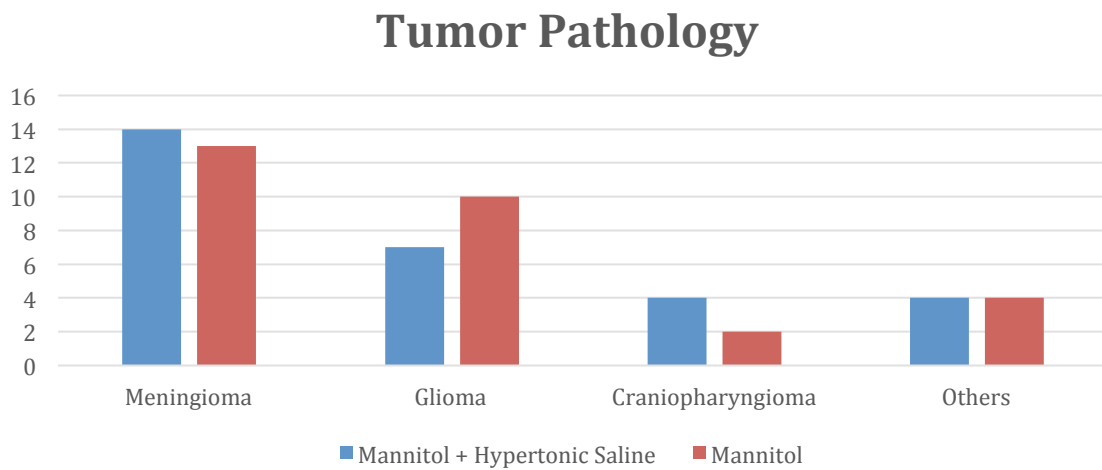


Figure 10. Distribution of tumour pathology in both groups.

Presence of preoperative edema and midline shift

Presence of preoperative edema and midline shift of more than 0.5mm on CT scan and edema are risk factors for intracranial hypertension and indicates the need for perioperative measures to reduce intracranial hypertension. Of the 29 patients in **Group A** ,13 patients had midline shift of more than 0.5mm in preoperative CT scans and of the 29 patients in **Group B** ,10 patients had midline shift of more than 0.5mm in preoperative CT scans.Of the 29 patients in **Group A** 25 patients had preoperative edema on CT scans and of the 29 patients in **Group B** 23 patients had preoperative edema on CT scans.

Table 4. Number of patients with preoperative midline shift on CT scans in both groups

Preoperative midline shift	Group A	Group B	P value
Present	13	10	0.648
Absent	16	19	

Table 5. Number of patients with preoperative edema on CT scans in both groups

Preoperative edema	Group A	Group B	P value
Present	25	23	0.483
Absent	4	6	

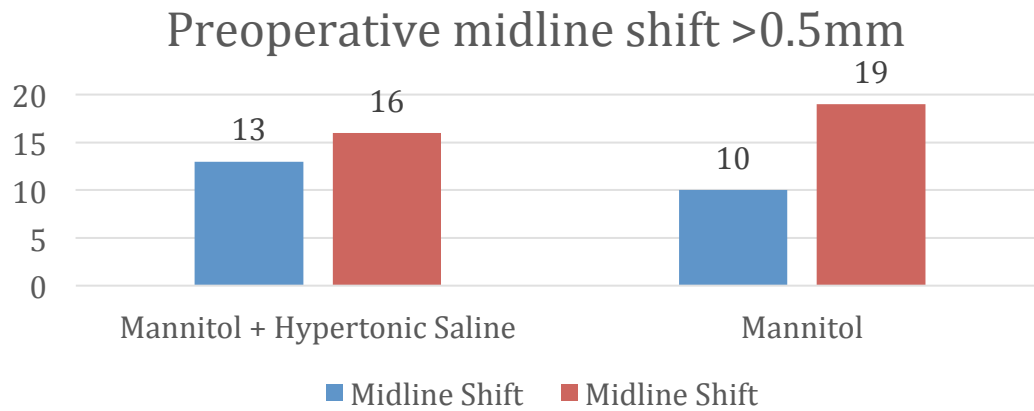


Figure 11. Comparison of distribution of preoperative midline shift in Group A and Group B

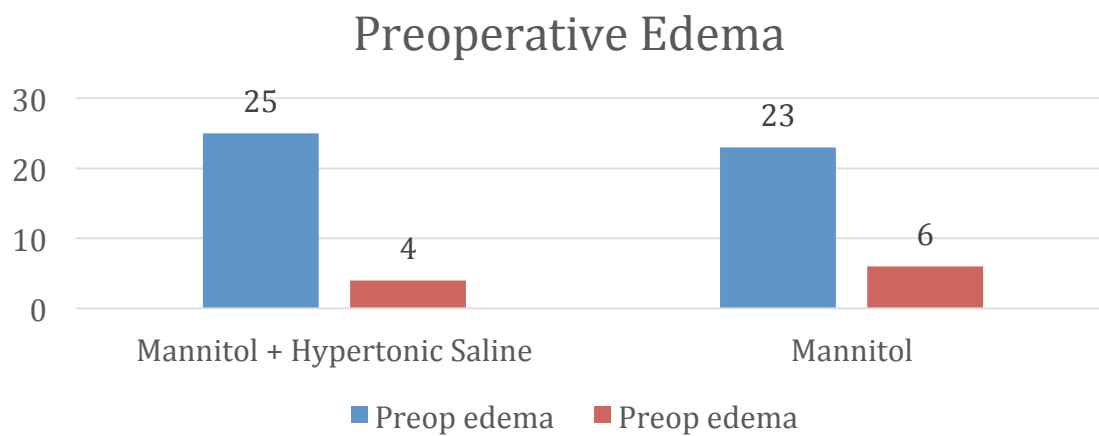


Figure 12. Comparison of distribution of preoperative edema in Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on heart rate

Heart rate was recorded at baseline and at 0,5,10,15,30,60mins and 2 hours.

The mean baseline heart rate in **Group A** is 88.37bpm and mean baseline heart rate in **Group B** with mannitol is 88.41bpm.

The mean heart rate in **Group A** is 95.9 bpm and the mean heart rate in **Group B** is 86.9bpm. Trends in heart rate in **Group B** is lower than group a but there is no statistical difference between the two groups in terms of heart rate.

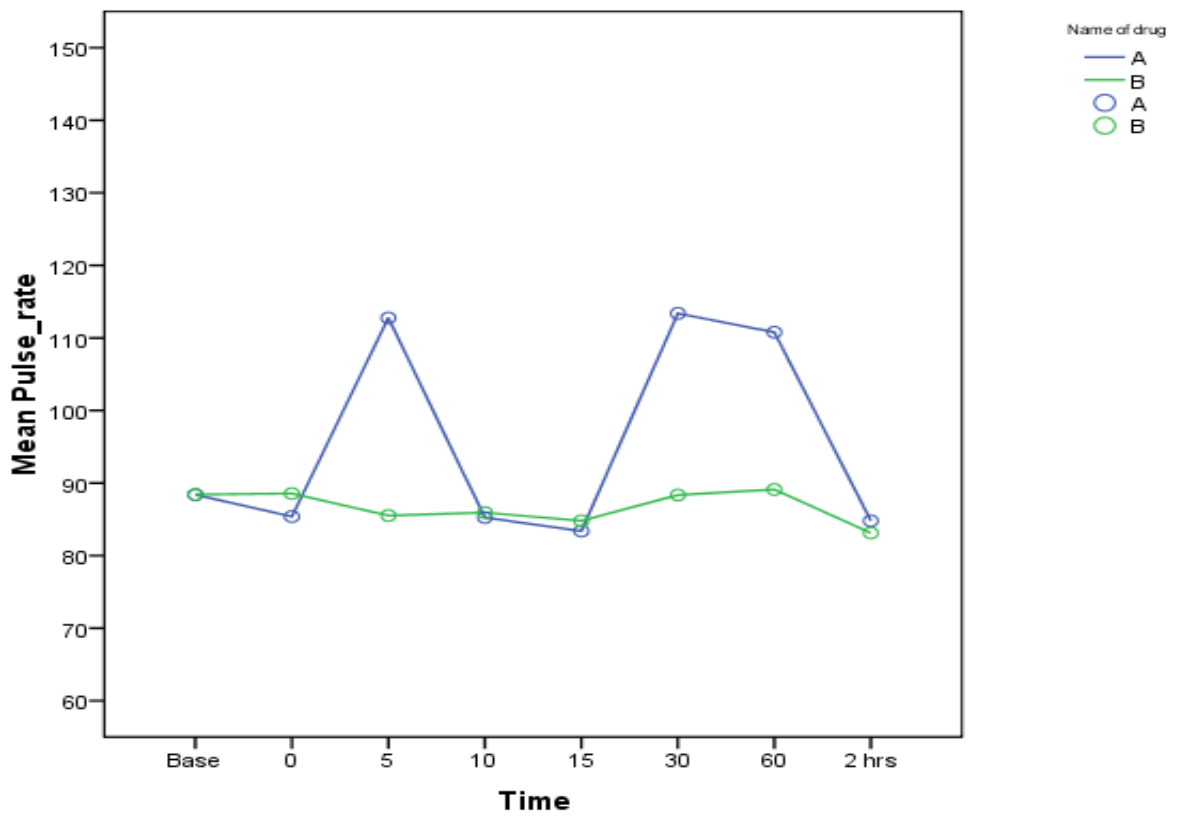


Figure 13. Dot plot comparing heart rate in Group A and Group B.

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on systolic blood pressure

Systolic blood pressure was recorded baseline and at 0,5,10,15,30,60mins and 2 hours. The mean baseline systolic blood pressure in **Group A** is 131.62 mm of Hg and mean baseline systolic blood pressure in **Group B** is 130.71mm of Hg. The mean systolic blood pressure in **Group A** is 118.71mm of Hg and the mean systolic blood pressure in **Group B** is 119.56 mm of Hg. There is no statistical difference between the two groups in terms of systolic blood pressure.

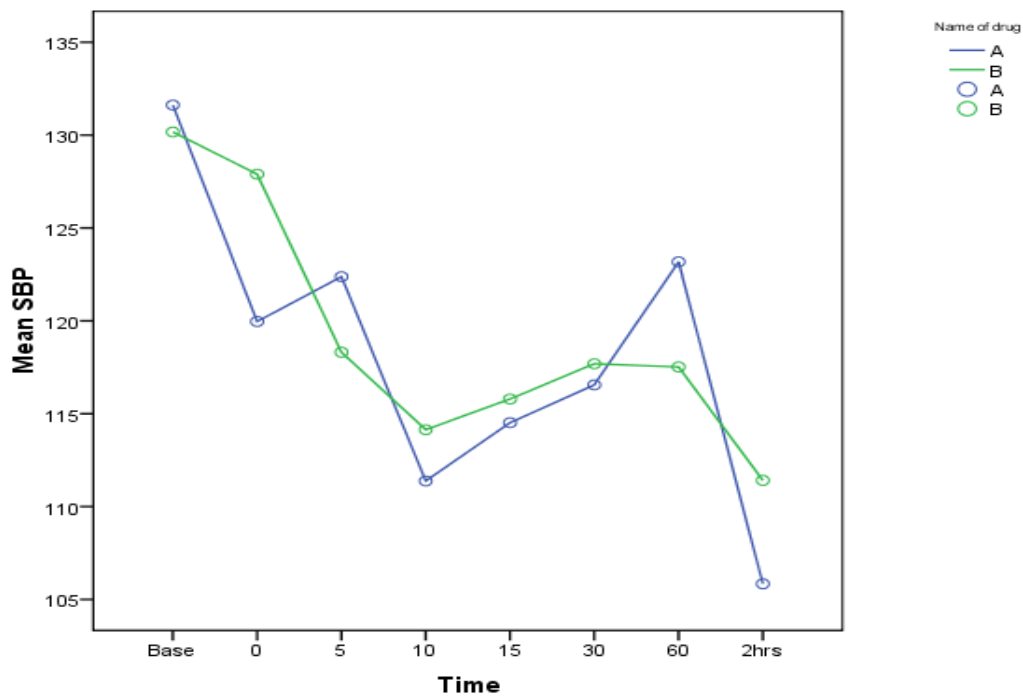


Figure 14. Dot plot comparing systolic blood pressure between Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on diastolic blood pressure

Diastolic blood pressure was recorded baseline and at 0,5,10,15,30,60mins and 2 hours. The mean baseline diastolic blood pressure in **Group A** is 73.75 mm of Hg and mean baseline systolic blood pressure in **Group B** is 75.41 mm of Hg. The mean diastolic blood pressure in **Group A** is 68.88 mm of hg and the mean diastolic blood pressure in **Group B** is 68.84 mm of hg. There is no statistical difference between the two groups in terms of diastolic blood pressure.

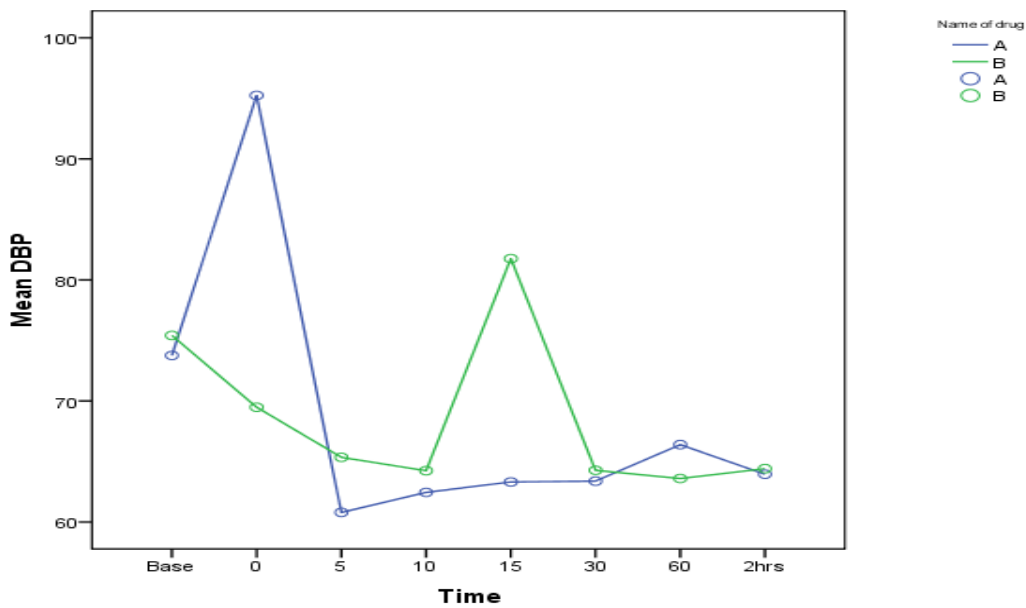


Figure 15. Dot plot comparing diastolic blood pressure between Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on mean blood pressure

Mean blood pressure was recorded baseline and at 0,5,10,15,30,60mins and 2 hours. The mean of baseline mean blood pressure in group with mannitol with hypertonic saline is 90.51 and mean of baseline mean blood pressure in group with mannitol is 92.41. The mean of mean blood pressure in group received combination of mannitol with hypertonic saline is 82.52 and the mean of mean blood pressure in group received mannitol alone is 83.85. There is no statistical difference between the two groups in terms of mean blood pressure.

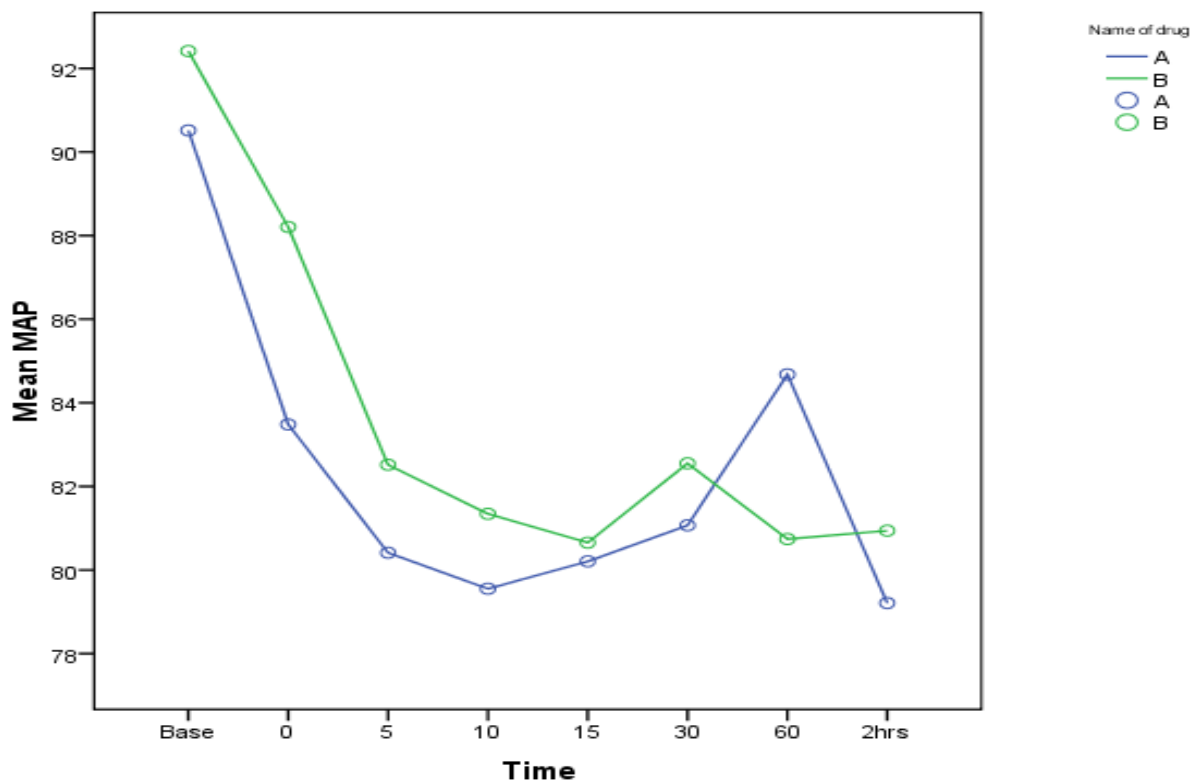


Figure 16. Dot plot comparing mean blood pressure between Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on requirement of vasopressor use

Of the 29 patients in **Group A** only 3 patients (10.3%) required use of vasopressor and 26 patients didn't require vasopressor support. Of the 29 patients in **Group B** 6 (20%) patients required vasopressor support and 23 patients didn't require vasopressor support. Although there is a higher incidence of need for vasopressor support in the **Group B**, it is statistically not significant. (p value -0.832.)

Table 6. NUMBER OF PATIENTS REQUIRING VASOPRESSOR SUPPORT IN BOTH GROUPS.

Vasopressor support	Group A	Group B	p value
Required	3	6	0.832
Not required	26	23	

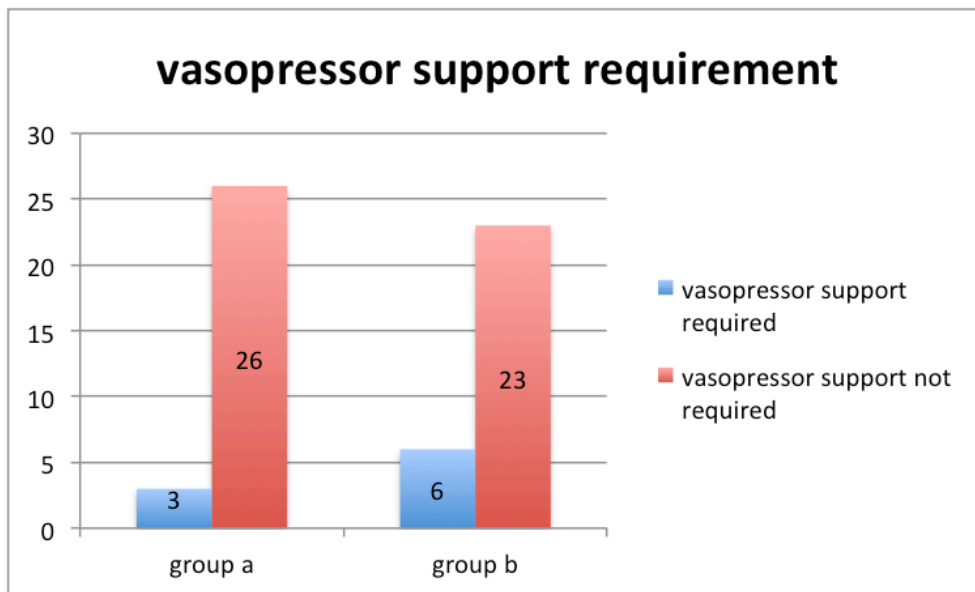


Figure 17. Comparison of requirement of vasopressor support between Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on total fluid intake

The mean of total fluid intake in **Group A** is 2434.48 ml and the mean of total fluid intake in **Group B** is 2734.45. Although there is a tendency to have required larger volume of fluids in the **Group B**, there is no statistical difference in fluid intake between two groups (pvalue:0.291). None of our patients required transfusion of blood or blood products. There was no use of colloids.

Table 7. Comparison of Group A and Group B in terms of total fluid intake and urine output.

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	SE	95%Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
Total fluid intake	2434.48	2734.45	0.291	352.7	-1006.5	406.58
Urine output.	1217.93	1235.00	0.997	160.3	-338.23	304.09

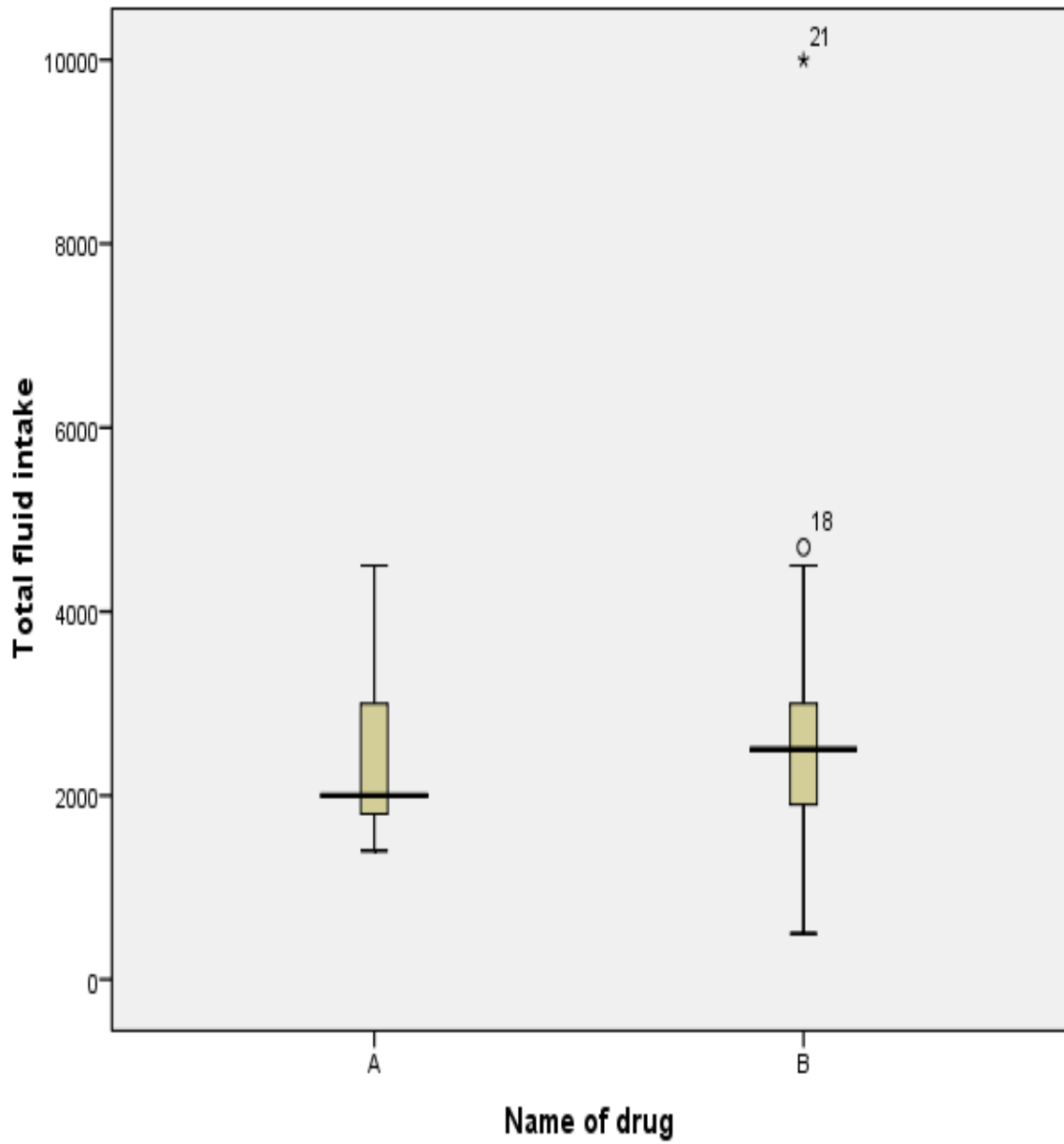


Figure 18. Box plot showing the total fluid input in Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on total urine output

The mean of total urine output in **Group A** is 1217.93 ml and the mean of total urine output in **Group B** is 1235. There is no statistical difference in fluid intake between two groups (pvalue-0.997).

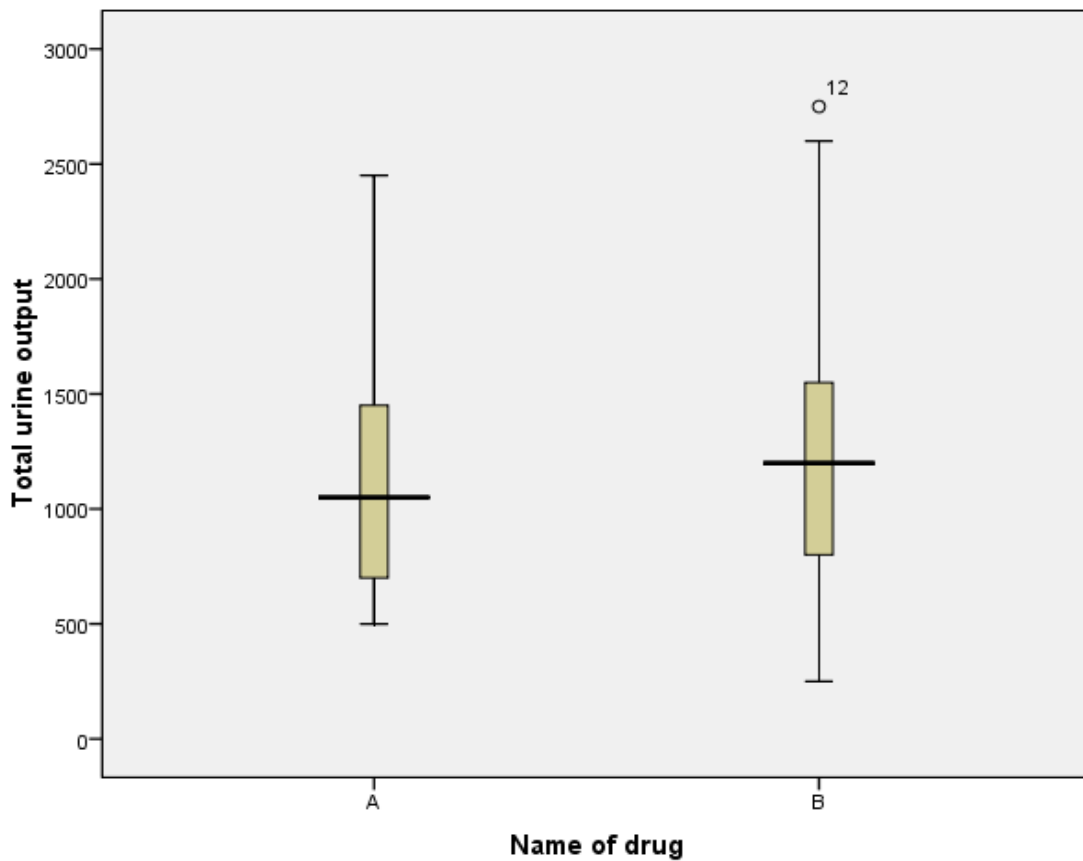


Figure 19. Box plot showing the urine output in Group A and Group B

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on serum sodium levels

The mean of baseline serum sodium in **Group A** is 137.48 meq/l and at the end of one hour is 136.48meq/l.(p value:0.425).The mean of baseline serum sodium in **Group B** is 135.58 meq/l and at the end of one hour is 132.44 meq/l(p value:0.397).Although we observed there is a tendency to develop hyponatremia in the group which received mannitol alone after one hour(mean=132.44) ,there is no statistical difference in between two groups p-value, probably because of the smaller sample size. Although this biochemical abnormality may not be clinically significant, it will assume significance in those with lower serum sodium levels as their baseline.

Table 8. Change in serum sodium levels one hour from baseline in both groups

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	SE	95%Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
Sodium (baseline)	137.48	135.58	0.425	0.76	0.36	3.42
Sodium(1 hour)	136.48	132.44	0.397	0.81	2.40	5.66

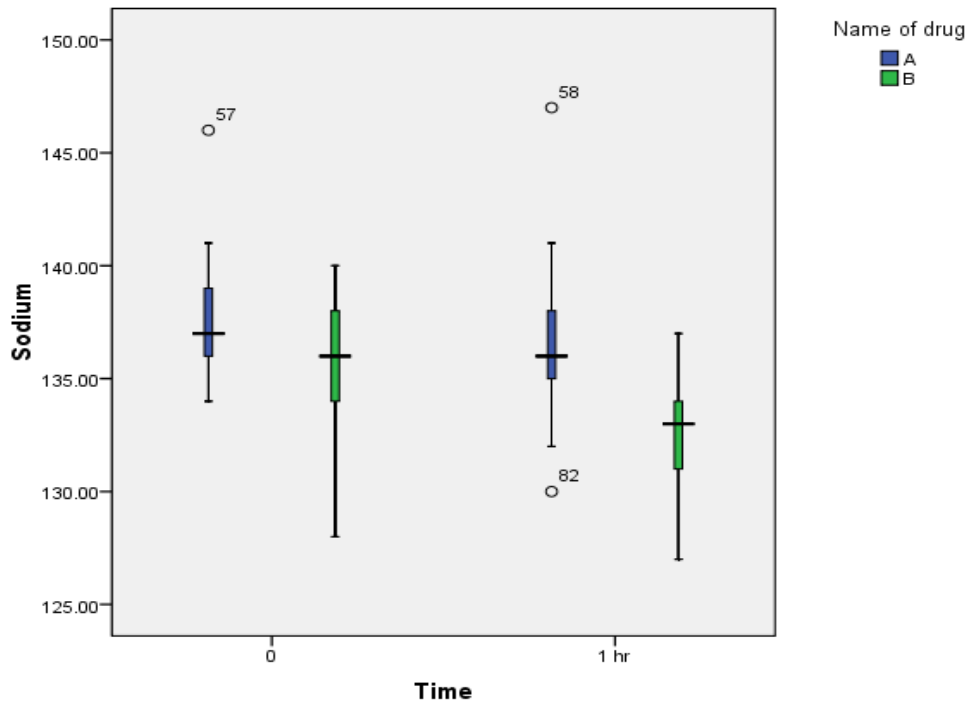


Figure 20. Box plot showing the serum sodium levels in Group A and Group B at baseline and at end of one hour.

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on serum potassium levels

The mean of baseline serum potassium in **Group A** is 3.64 meq/l and at the end of one hour is 4.12meq/l(p value:0.752). The mean of baseline serum potassium in **Group B** is 3.60 meq/l and at the end of one hour is 3.91meq/l (p value:0.620).

There is no statistical difference in between two groups in terms of changes in potassium levels.

Table 9 . Change in serum potassium levels one hour from baseline in both groups

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	SE	95%Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
Potassium (baseline)	3.64	3.60	0.752	0.12	-0.202	0.278
Potassium (1 hour)	4.12	3.91	0.620	0.13	-0.04	0.47

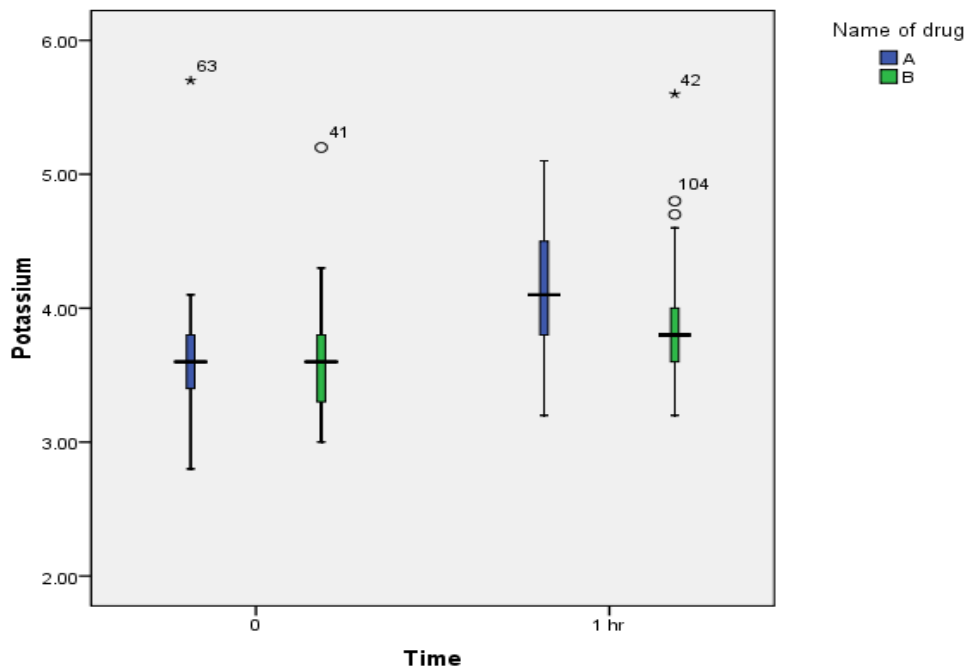


Figure 21. Box plot showing the serum potassium levels in Group A and Group B at baseline and at end of one hour.

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on serum lactate levels

The mean of baseline serum lactate levels in **Group A** is 2.45 and at the end of one hour is 2.85.(p value:0.733).The mean of baseline serum lactate levels in **Group B** is 2.22 and at the end of one hour is 2.65(p value:0.120). There is no statistical difference in between two groups in terms of changes in serum lactate levels.

Table 10. Change in serum lactate levels one hour from baseline in both groups

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	SE	95%Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
Serum lactate (baseline)	2.45	2.22	0.733	0.26	-0.299	0.76
Serum lactate (1hour)	2.85	2.65	0.120	0.34	-0.49	0.89

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on serum glucose levels

The mean of baseline serum glucose levels in **Group A** is 130.6 mg/dl and at the end of one hour is 139.2mg/dl(p value:0.522). The mean of baseline serum glucose levels in **Group B** is 130.96mg/dl and at the end of one hour is 142.2mg/dl (p value:0.960). There is no statistical difference in between two groups in terms of changes in serum glucose levels.

Table 11. Change in serum glucose levels one hour from baseline in both groups

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	SE	95% Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
GRBS (baseline)	130.6	130.9	0.522	7.81	-16.00	15.31
GRBS (1 hour)	139.2	142.2	0.960	7.66	-18.42	12.28

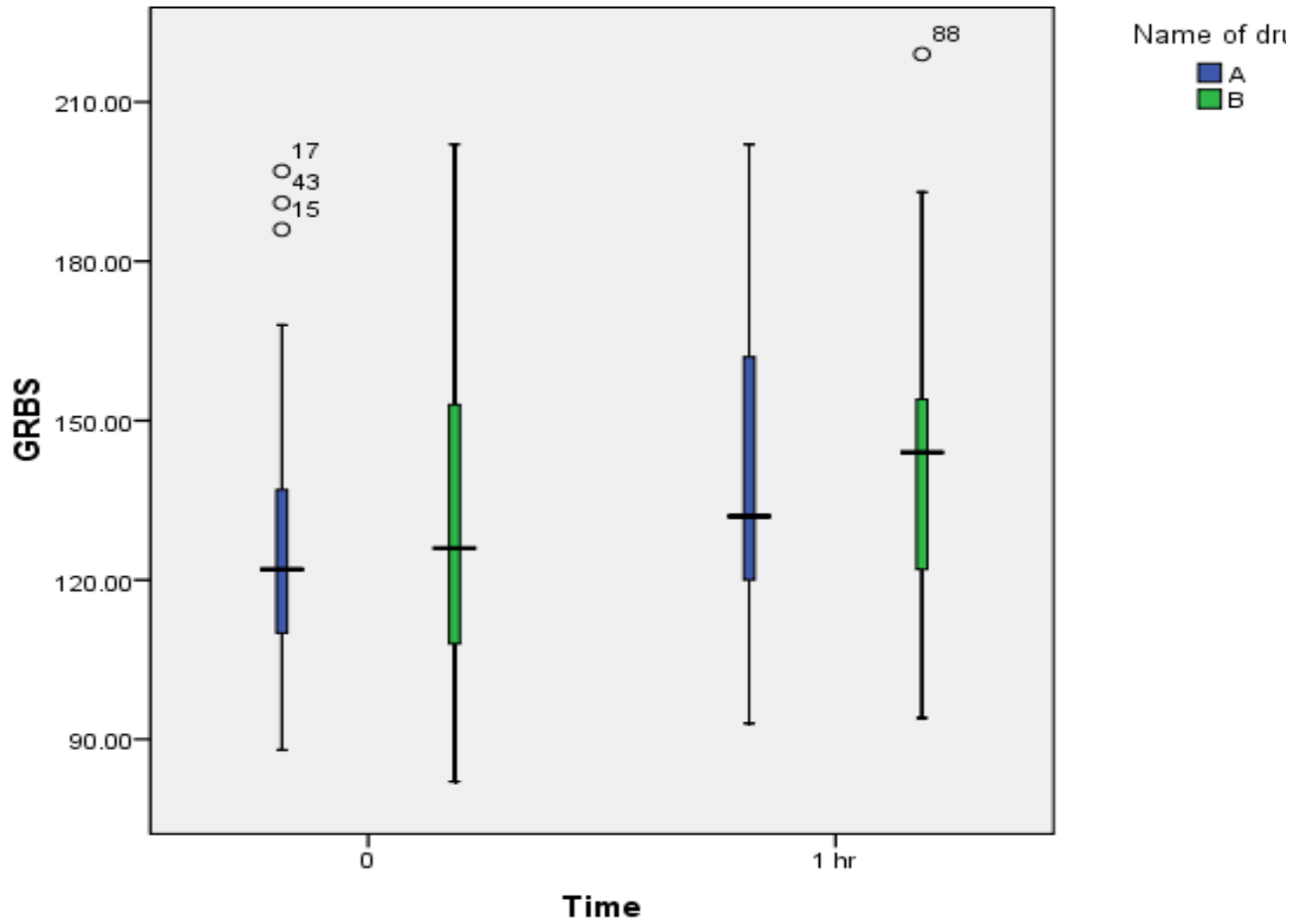


Figure 22. Box plot showing the serum GRBS levels in Group A and Group B at baseline and at end of one hour.

Effect of mannitol with hypertonic saline and mannitol on surgeons assessment of brain relaxation on dural opening

At the opening of dura surgeons assessment of brain relaxation was recorded on a four point score:

1. Perfectly relaxed
2. Satisfactorily relaxed:
3. Firm brain:
4. Bulging brain

*Out of 29 patients in **Group A***

6 patients brain was perfectly relaxed,
13 patients brain was satisfactorily relaxed,
8 patients brain was firm,
2 patients brain was bulging.

*Out of 29 patients in **Group B***

7 patients brain was perfectly relaxed,
13 patients brain was satisfactorily relaxed,
5 patients brain was firm,
4 patients brain was bulging

Table 12. Comparison of Group A and Group B in terms of brain relaxation

	Group A(%)	Group B(%)	p value
Perfectly relaxed	6(20.68%)	7(24.13%)	1
Satisfactorily relaxed	13(44.82%)	13(44.82%)	1
Firm	8(27.585%)	5(17.24%)	0.43
Bulging	2(6.89%)	4(13.79%)	0.56

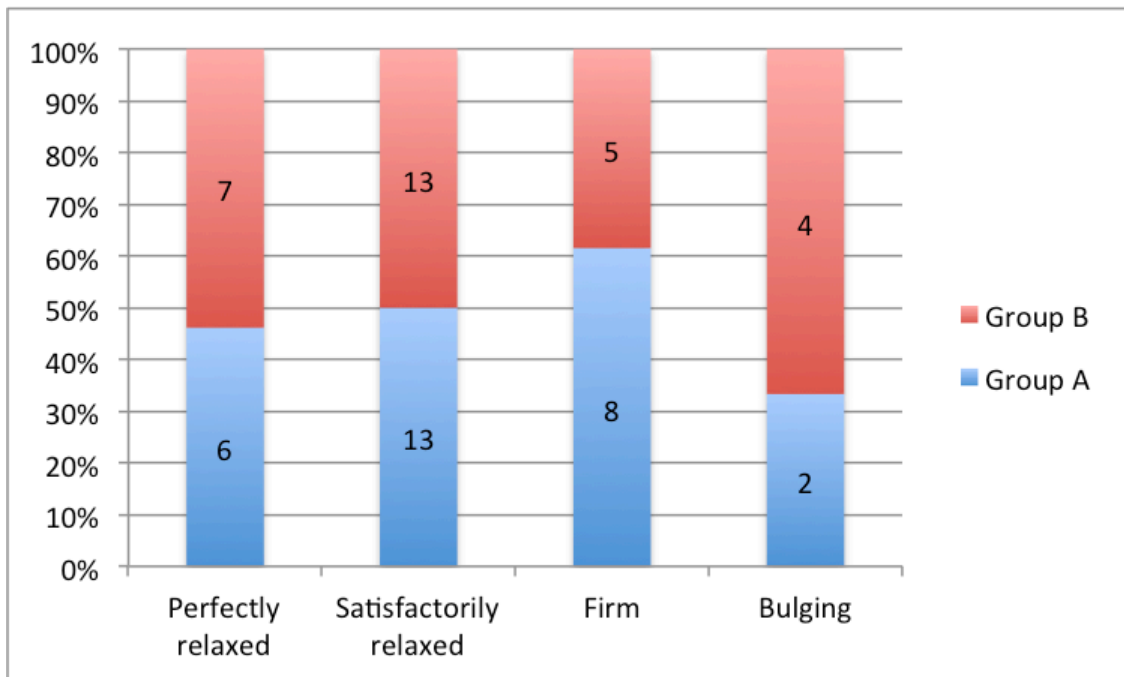


Figure 23. Comparison of brain relaxation in Group A and Group B

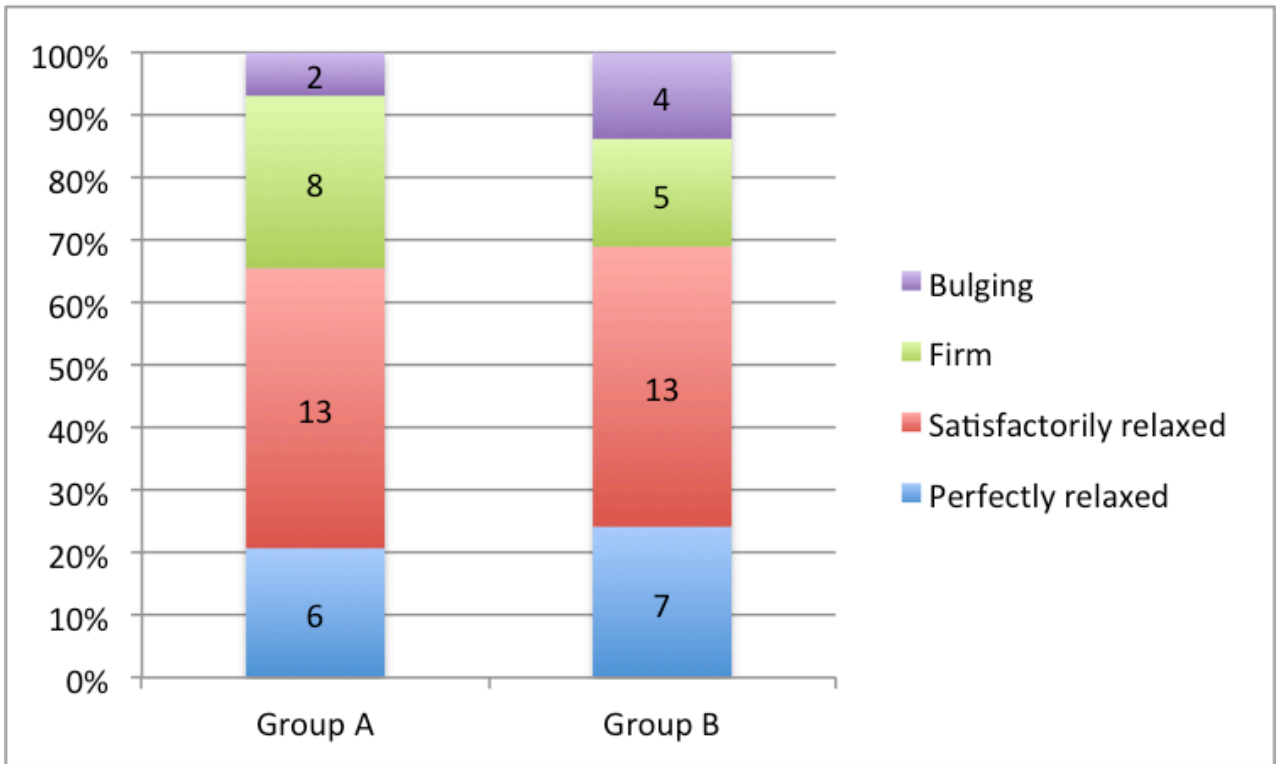


Figure 24. Stacked column comparing Group A and Group B in terms of brain relaxation

Group A: COMBINATION OF MANNITOL WITH HYPERTONIC SALINE
Group B: MANNITOL

Comparing the requirement of additional dose of hyperosmotic agent in Group A and Group B

Table 13. Number of patients requiring additional dose of hyperosmotic agents.

Additional dose of mannitol	Group A	Group B	p value
Required	5(17.2%)	8(27.6%)	0.892
Not required	24(82.8%)	21(72.4%)	

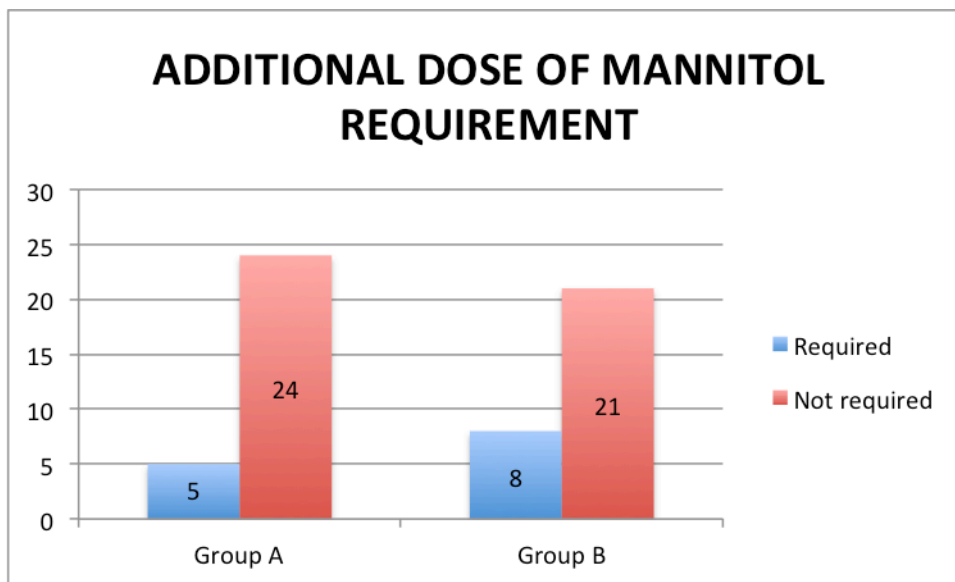


Figure 25. Additional dose of mannitol requirement

Table 14. Summary of comparison of Group A and Group B on fluid balance, serum electrolyte levels.

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	Std Error	95%Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
Total fluid intake	2434.48	2734.45	0.291	352.7	-1006.5	406.58
Urine output	1217.93	1235.00	0.997	160.3	-338.23	304.09
Sodium (baseline)	137.48	135.58	0.425	0.76	0.36	3.42
Sodium(1 hour)	136.48	132.44	0.397	0.81	2.40	5.66
Potassiu m (baseline)	3.64	3.60	0.752	0.12	-0.202	0.278
Potassiu m(1 hour)	4.12	3.91	0.620	0.13	-0.04	0.47

Table 15. Summary of comparison of Group A and Group B on serum lactate and serum glucose levels.

	Group A(mean)	Group B(mean)	p value	Std Error	95%Confidence Intervals	
					Upper limit	Lower limit
Serum lactate (baseline)	2.45	2.22	0.733	0.26	-0.299	0.76
Serum lactate(1hour)	2.85	2.65	0.120	0.34	-0.49	0.89
GRBS (baseline)	130.6	130.9	0.522	7.81	-16.00	15.31
GRBS(1 hour)	139.2	142.2	0.960	7.66	-18.42	12.28

	P value
Vasopressor support	0.832
Brain relaxation	1.436
Additional dose of mannitol	0.892

DISCUSSION

The corner stone of anesthetic management in supratentorial craniotomy is adequate brain relaxation, thereby providing optimal conditions for the adequate resection of the tumour with minimal brain retraction. The most commonly practiced technique, which has withstood the test of time is the chemical brain retraction technique, which uses osmotherapeutic agents to achieve brain relaxation.

The two commonly used osmotherapeutic agents are mannitol and hypertonic saline. Until recently, Mannitol has been the more commonly used drug.

The problems associated with the use of mannitol such as electrolyte imbalance, hemodynamic disturbance, rebound edema, kidney injury have prompted the search for better osmotherapeutic agents.

It has been clearly shown that in the chemical brain retraction concept of ICP reduction, it is the osmolar load which determines the efficiency of hyperosmolar solute. This depends on the Reflection Coefficient(RC). RC is a factor which determines the relative impermeability of the blood brain Barrier to the solute. The RC of Mannitol is 0.9 and that of the HTS is 1.0, which means in theory that HTS is better than mannitol.

In our study which is a double blinded randomized study, we compared the effects of 2 equivolemic , equiosmolar solutions, a combination of 3%hypertonic saline and 20%mannitol and 20%mannitol alone on brain relaxation, hemodynamic profile and electrolyte levels.

There are various intraoperative factors that affect intracranial pressure such as positioning of patient during surgery, hypoxia, hypercarbia, mean arterial pressure and choice of anesthetic technique. These factors have been standardized between the two groups. All the patients included in the study were positioned with head end elevation of 15 degrees, ventilated maintaining paCO_2 between 30-35 mm of Hg.and anesthesia was maintained with intravenous anesthesia using propofol infusion .Hemodynamics were maintained with vasopressors and fluids and vasopressor supports were initiated when there was decrease in MAP of <25%.

We found that that the equiosmolar solutions of both groups had a similar effect on brain relaxation. However, in the subgroup of patients with firm and bulging brains, we found that more patients in the mannitol group had bulging brains. It was also observed that patients in the mannitol group required additional rescue osmotherapy as compared to the combination group.

Two prospective studies, by *Gemma et al* and *De Vivo et al* have shown similar brain relaxation with mannitol and hypertonic saline, however with different osmolar loads. It was *Rozet et al* who first compared equiosmolar loads of mannitol and hypertonic saline . Although this study used a very small sample size of patients, with varying pathologies and a non standardized anesthesia protocol,they demonstrated that equiosmolar loads provided comparable brain relaxation. The mannitol group also showed less positive fluid balance and increased lactatemia. However, patients remained haemodynamically stable without significant changes in the mean arterial blood pressure.

In a very similar study, done on a larger sample size on a more homogenous patient population by **Wu et al**, better brain relaxation was observed with the use of hypertonic saline during elective supratentorial tumour surgery.

However,it did not affect ICU stay or hospital stay. They also observed that Serum Sodium levels were higher in the Hypertonic saline Group.

Ever since, multiple studies have shown that hypertonic saline is as good or better than mannitol in terms of brain relaxation and reduction of ICP not only in tumour surgery but also in ICH,SAH.

Recently a Cochrane review has conclusively shown that , that there is a definite reduction in the incidence of brain bulge with the use of hypertonic saline.(RR of 0.6,95%CI 0.44-0.83)

HTS solutions have evolved as an alternative to mannitol in the management of refractory intracranial hypertension. However . high osmolar fluid loads are associated with an increased risk of the potentially deleterious consequences of hypernatremia or may induce osmotic BBB opening, with possible harmful extravasation of the hypertonic solution into the brain tissue.

The increase in sodium associated with the use of hypertonic saline , stimulates the release of ADH leading to the absorption of free water from the kidney which explains the lower diuretic effect of the HTS.

In our study , the diuresis in both the groups were almost comparable, the mannitol group required more vasopressor support, more intravenous fluids and more hyponatremia as compared to the combination group. This may probably be due to the the not so high serum sodium levels observed in the combination group. Although none of these observations achieved statistical significance, probably because of the smaller sample size, the emergence of trends was observed which is in concordance with that observed by Irene et al and Wu et al .

The hydroelectrolytic changes with mannitol and HTS have been described by *Boas et al.* Mannitol is known to cause dilutional serum hyponatremia due to volume overload and hyperkalemia. This was also reflected in our study, where we found mild hyponatremia in the group receiving mannitol alone. The mean serum sodium levels are 132.4 in the mannitol group and in the combination group, the mean serum sodium levels observed are 136.4.

Rozet et al. also demonstrated lower sodium serum levels 15 and 30 minutes after mannitol administration. Changes in serum levels of chloride, calcium, and hemoglobin after mannitol administration are most likely dilutional with longer lasting calcium and hemoglobin changes since solutions containing calcium or red blood cells were not administered.

Wu et al. has showed that 3% HTS was associated with significantly higher levels of serum sodium and a decreased diuretic effect compared with mannitol. But since, we had used a combination of mannitol and hypertonic saline, we did not observe any significant hypernatremia or a reduction in diuresis.

Combination of mannitol and hypertonic saline in equiosmolar concentrations have not been studied to the best of our knowledge. The only

one instance is the study done by De Vivo et al which has used differing osmotic loads of 2 different hyperosmolar agents..As has been shown in our study, the combination of mannitol and hypertonic saline provides adequate brain relaxation and a superior electrolyte profile as compared to mannitol alone.

Limitations

1) One of the major limitations of our study was small sample size. So, our study results have to be interpreted with caution. We are planning to continue the study in future to increase the sample size and the power of the study. Then our results can be interpreted better and can bring about a change in clinical practice on day to day basis.

2) Patients with preexisting cardiac dysfunction, chronic kidney disease and electrolyte abnormalities were not included in the study and hence the results can not be generalized for the above group of patients.

3) One of the limitation of study was assessment of brain relaxation objectively. Since there is no validated technique available to measure brain relaxation, the brain relaxation was assessed subjectively by the primary surgeon on a 4 point scale.

4) Serum electrolyte levels were not measured post operatively due to financial constraints

5) An another additional arm with only hypertonic saline would have been beneficial but since it is not the routine practice in our institution, we had not used 3% HTS.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

HR: HEART RATE.

SBP: SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE.

DBP: DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE.

MAP: MEAN ARTERIAL PRESSURE.

ICP:INTRACRANIAL PRESSURE.

PACO₂: PARTIAL PRESSURE OF OXYGEN IN ARTERIES.

PAO₂: PARTIAL PRESSURE OF OXYGEN IN ARTERIES.

CBF: CEREBRAL BLOOD FLOW.

CMRO₂: CEREBRAL METABOLIC REQUIREMENT OF OXYGEN.

CSF: CEREBROSPINAL FLUID.

ETCO₂: ENDTIDAL CARBONDIOXIDE.

CPP: CEREBRAL PERFUSION PRESSURE.

PVI: PRESSURE VOLUME INDEX.

ATP: ADENOSINE TRIPHOSPHATE.

CVP: CENTRAL VENOUS PRESSURE.

BIS: BISPECTRAL INDEX.

BMI: BODY MASS INDEX.

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET

TITLE OF RESEARCH: A comparison of equiosmolar concentrations of combination of mannitol and hypertonic saline vs. mannitol alone to assess brain relaxation, hemodynamic profile and electrolyte changes in patients undergoing elective supratentorial craniotomy-a randomised control trial”

Dear sir/madam,

You are requested to participate in a study to determine the brain relaxation and hemodynamic profile during supratentorial craniotomy .All patients undergoing supratentorial craniotomy receive hypertonic agents to reduce intracranial pressure. In our institute we routinely use mannitol as part of management of craniotomies. By this study we aim to compare mannitol with combination of mannitol and hypertonic saline and determine whether brain relaxation is same and we will compare hemodynamic profile in both group.

1) Why have I been invited to participate in this study?

You are eligible to participate in this study as you are diagnosed with intracranial tumor and planned for craniotomy and removal of tumor.

2) IF U TAKE PART, WHAT WILL U HAVE TO DO?

If u agree to take part in this study, you will be divided into two groups based on computer generated randomization. As per the group allocated, you will receive either of drugs during surgery. Your hemodynamics will be monitored and around 10-15ml of blood will be collected from existing lines and will be sent to laboratory. We will also record amount of brain relaxation during surgery and if we felt it's inadequate another dose of drug will be administered.

3) CAN U WITHDRAW FROM THE STUDY AFTER IT STARTS?

Your participation in the study is entirely voluntary and you are also free to decide to withdraw permission to participate in this study. If you so, this will not affect your treatment at this hospital in any way.

4) WILL U BE SUBJECTED TO INVASIVE PROCEDURES UNDER THIS STUDY?

As you are undergoing neurosurgery, all patients require placement of invasive arterial access and intravenous access as a part of your routine management. This routine access will be used to monitor your hemodynamic variables and to collect blood for arterial blood gas analysis and other biochemical tests. No new invasive procedures will be done for this study.

5) WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DEVELOP ANY STUDY RELATED INJURY?

We do not expect any injury related to study as study involves of administration of drugs, which are routinely, used in practice and collection blood samples.

6) WILL YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR ADDITIONAL BLOOD TESTS?

No.the additional tests done as part of study will be done free of cost to the study participants.

7) Are there risks to me in taking part in this study?

No extra risk is associated with the study other than the due risk associated with surgery.

8)Will I benefit from the study?

This study aims to further medical knowledge and may improve future treatment of craniotomy and tumor excision.

9) Will taking part in this study cost me anything, and will I be paid

Participation in this study will not cost you anything.

10) WILL YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL?

If you agree to participate in this study, you will be allotted a specific study number. The name and other personal details of the study participants will be available only with the primary investigator, kept securely. The results of this study will be published in a medical journal but you will not be identified by name in any publication or presentation of results.However,your medical notes may be reviewed by people associated with the study.

IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT:

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Data collection sheeth

Serial no: _ _ _ _

Date:

PREOPERATIVE DATA:

Name :

Age(yrs):

Sex:M/F

Hospital number:

Weight (kg):

Height(cm):

BMI:

Diagnosis:

Proposed surgery:

ASA:

Other comorbidities:

GCS:E _/4 M _/6 V _/5 (_ _ _/15)

Preoperative midline shift of more than 0.5mm: YES/NO

Preoperative edema: YES/NO

Patients on steroids and antiedema measure: YES/NO

If yes drug ,dose and duration:

INTRAOPERATIVE DATA:

Drug: a/b

Amount of drug administered:

Time of starting administration:

Vitals

time	Pr(bpm)	Sbp(mm hg)	Dbp(mm hg)	Map(mm hg)	Ppv(mm hg)	Etco2(%)	Cvp
baseline							
0 min							
5 min							
10 mins							
15 mins							
30 mins							
60 mins							
2hrs							

Vasopressors support started before administering study drug:yes/no

If yes any increase in the dose;yes/no

Vasopressor used:noradrenaline/others

Dose:

Urine input/output:

time	Input(ml)	Output(ml)
0		
1hr		
2hr		
3hr		
4hr		
5hr		
6hr		

Total fluid intake(ml):

Total urine output(ml):

Biochemical values:

time	Sodium (meq/l)	Potassium (meq/l)	Chloride (meq/l)	lactate	Anion gap(meq/l)	Serum osmolality (mosm/l)	Glucose (grbs)
0 mins							
1 hour							

Surgeons assessment of brain relaxation at opening of dura: 4/3/2/1

4:Bulging

3:Firm brain

2:Satisfactorily relaxed

1:Perfectly relaxed.

Additional dose of hyperosmotic agents required:yes/no

Total amount of drug administered:

Informed Consent form to participate in a research study

Study Title: A COMPARISON OF EQUIOSMOLAR CONCENTRATIONS OF COMBINATION OF MANNITOL AND HYPERTONIC SALINE VS MANNITOL ALONE TO ASSESS BRAIN RELAXATION,HEMODYNAMIC PROFILE AND ELECTROLYTE CHANGES IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING ELECTIVE SUPRATENTORIAL CRANIOTOMY-A RANDOMISED CONTROL TRIAL”

1.

Study Number: _____

Subject's Initials: _____ **Subject's Name:**

Date of Birth / Age: _____

(Subject)

- (i) I confirm that I have read and understood the information sheet dated _____ for the above study and have had the opportunity to ask questions. []
- (ii) I understand that my participation in the study is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving any reason, without my medical care or legal rights being affected. []
- (iii) I understand that the investigators of the clinical trial, others working on the Investigators behalf, the Ethics Committee and the regulatory authorities will not need my permission to look at my health records both in respect of the current study and any further research that may be conducted in relation to it, even if I withdraw from the trial. I agree to this access. However, I understand that my identity will not be revealed in any information released to third parties or published. []
- (iv) I agree not to restrict the use of any data or results that arise from this study provided such a use is only for scientific purpose(s). []
- (v) I agree to take part in the above study. []

Signature (or Thumb impression) of the Subject/Legally Acceptable

Date: ____/____/____

Signatory's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Or

Representative

Date: _____



Signatory's Name: _____

Signature of the Investigator: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Study Investigator's Name: _____

Signature or thumb impression of the Witness: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Name & Address of the Witness: _____
