ARTICLES OF INTEREST – June 2023

The role of rhIGF-1/BP3 in the prevention of pulmonary hypertension in bronchopulmonary dysplasia and its underlying mechanism
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This study aimed to determine whether postnatal treatment with recombinant human IGF-1 (rhIGF-1)/binding peptide 3 (BP3) ameliorates lung injury and prevents pulmonary hypertension (PH) in bronchopulmonary dysplasia (BPD) models. The authors used two models of BPD in this study: one model that was associated with chorioamnionitis (CA), stimulated by intra-amniotic fluid and exposure to lipopolysaccharide (LPS), whereas the other was exposed to postnatal hyperoxia. Newborn rats were treated with rhIGF-1/BP3 (0.2 mg/Kg/d) or saline via intraperitoneal injection. LPS and hyperoxia treatment increased lung injury and pulmonary fibrosis, enhanced right ventricular hypertrophy (RVH) and total respiratory resistance, and decreased radial alveolar counts (RAC), pulmonary vascular density and pulmonary compliance in young mice (all p < 0.01). Simultaneously, LPS and hyperoxia induced an increase in epithelial-mesenchymal transition (EMT) in airway epithelial cells. However, rhIGF-1/BP3 treatment reduced lung injury and pulmonary fibrosis, decreased RVH and total respiratory resistance, and enhanced RAC, pulmonary vascular density and pulmonary compliance, as well as inhibited EMT in airway epithelial cells in LPS and hyperoxia treated mice.

Transfusion of adult, but not neonatal, platelets promotes monocyte trafficking in neonatal mice

Platelet transfusions are sometimes given to thrombocytopenic neonates with the hope of reducing the bleeding risk, however, there are little clinical data to support this practice, and platelet transfusions may increase the bleeding risk or lead to adverse complications. The authors focused on the effects of adult versus neonatal platelets on monocyte immune functions that may have an impact on neonatal immune function and transfusion complications. Adult and neonatal platelets had differential immune molecule expression, including Selp. Monocytes incubated with adult or neonatal mouse platelets had similar inflammatory (Ly6C(hi)) but different trafficking phenotypes, as defined by CCR2 and CCR5 mRNA and surface expression. Blocking P-sel (P-selectin) interactions with its PSGL-1 (P-sel glycoprotein ligand-1) receptor on monocytes limited the adult platelet-induced monocyte trafficking phenotype, as well as adult platelet-induced monocyte migration in vitro. Similar results were seen in vivo. The transfusion of adult platelets to neonatal mice was associated with an acute inflammatory and trafficking monocyte phenotype that was platelet P-sel dependent and may have an impact on complications associated with neonatal platelet transfusions.
Bilirubin levels in neonates ≥35 weeks of gestation receiving delayed cord clamping for an extended time—an observational study


This retrospective, observational study included 557 neonates born vaginally at ≥35 0/7 weeks gestation with a recorded time to cord clamping and at least one recorded bilirubin. The authors found no association between time to cord clamping and hyperbilirubinemia (β = -0.05, P = .07). Need for phototherapy was marginally greater in neonates with shorter time to cord clamping (via updated Bhutani nomogram). The authors concluded that bilirubin levels were not correlated to time to cord clamping and that cord clamping beyond two minutes can be performed without additional monitoring for jaundice.

Exhaled volatile organic compounds for early prediction of bronchopulmonary dysplasia in infants born preterm


This study collected exhaled breath from infants born <30 weeks’ gestation at days 3 and 7 of life. These samples were used to model and validate a volatile organic compound (VOC) prediction model for moderate or severe BPD at 36 weeks postmenstrual age. Of 117 infants, thirty-three percent developed moderate or severe BPD. The VOC model showed a c-statistic of 0.89 (95% CI 0.80-0.97) and 0.92 (95% CI 0.84-0.99) for the prediction of BPD at days 3 and 7, respectively. In addition, the authors found that adding the VOC profiles to the existing NICHD clinical BPD prediction model improved its discriminative performance.

Early nitric oxide is not associated with improved outcomes in congenital diaphragmatic hernia


Inhaled nitric oxide (iNO) is widely used for the management of infants with congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH); however, evidence of benefit is limited. This multicenter cohort study used data from the Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Study Group between 2015 and 2020. The impact of early iNO use in the first 3 days of life prior to ECLS use on mortality or ECLS use was explored. Of the 1777 infants, 863 (48.6%) infants received early iNO treatment. Infants receiving iNO had lower birth weight, larger defect size, more severe pulmonary hypertension, and abnormal ventricular size and function. The use of iNO in the first 3 days of life prior to ECLS was not associated with a reduction in mortality or ECLS use. The widespread use of iNO in this vulnerable population requires reconsideration.

Transfer timing and the length of medication weaning for neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome


Many infants with neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS) from prenatal exposure to opioids require transfer to a pediatric inpatient unit for medication weaning. In this single-site retrospective cohort study, the authors sought to assess the difference in the duration of medication weaning between infants transferred by day of life (DOL) 14 versus later (DOL 15 and after) to a tertiary care setting for pharmacological and nonpharmacological management of NOWS. They found that delayed treatment prolongs NOWS symptoms and increases the burden on the health care system. Earlier referral from NICUs to pediatric inpatient units with environmental supports could reduce prolonged medication exposure and length of hospitalization for infants diagnosed with NOWS.
Short-course empiric antibiotic therapy for possible early-onset sepsis in the NICU

This is a retrospective study that assessed the safety of 24 hours antibiotic therapy (2 doses of ampicillin every 12 hours and a single dose of gentamicin with a TIME-OUT set at 24 hours in the EMR) for early onset sepsis. The study included all newborns evaluated for possible early-onset sepsis at <72 hours of age. The safety endpoints assessed were re-initiation of antibiotics within 7 days after discontinuation of the initial course, positive blood or CSF culture in the 7 days after antibiotic discontinuation, and sepsis-related mortality. The 24-hour rule-out group were less likely to have antibiotics re-initiated with no difference in the safety endpoints.

Antiseizure medication at discharge in infants with hypoxic-ischaemic encephalopathy: an observational study

This is a retrospective study that assessed the practice of continuing of antiseizure medication (ASM) at discharge and assessed if the continuing of ASM is associated with death or disability in infants with HIE and seizure. The patient population is from the NICHD network trials. Continuation of ASM at discharge varies substantially among centers - 61% were continued on ASMs at discharge (range 13%-100%). The risk of death or moderate-to-severe disability was greater for infants continued on ASM at discharge, compared with those infants discharged without ASM (44% vs 28%, adjusted OR 2.14; 95% CI 1.13 to 4.05).

Eat, sleep, console approach or usual care for neonatal opioid withdrawal

In this cluster-randomized, controlled trial at 26 U.S. hospitals, a total of 1305 infants were enrolled. In an intention-to-treat analysis that included 837 infants who met the trial definition for medical readiness for discharge, the number of days from birth until readiness for hospital discharge was 8.2 in the Eat, Sleep, Console group and 14.9 in the usual-care group (adjusted mean difference, 6.7 days; 95% confidence interval [CI], 4.7 to 8.8), for a rate ratio of 0.55 (95% CI, 0.46 to 0.65; P<0.001). The incidence of adverse outcomes was similar in the two groups.

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