

Background

- Traditional prophylactic regimens often include multi-day administration of dexamethasone, along with NK1 receptor antagonists and 5-HT3 receptor antagonists.
- This study have explored the efficacy of dexamethasonesparing regimens, which reduce the duration of dexamethasone administration, aiming to maintain antiemetic efficacy while minimizing adverse effects.



Objective

Study evaluates the efficacy of a single dose of dexamethasone combined with Netupitant and Palonosetron Tablets for CINV prophylaxis in highly and moderately emetogenic chemotherapy.

Title:

Efficacy of dexamethasone-sparing regimen as CINV prophylaxis in highly and moderately emetogenic chemotherapy: a multicentre, retrospective study

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Methods

- This retrospective, multicenter study aimed to evaluate the efficacy of a dexamethasone-sparing regimen in managing CINV among patients receiving HEC, MEC or LEC.
- ❖ Data of patients administered with Tablet Netupitant 300 mg and Tablet Palonosetron 0.5 mg (Nykron) with a single dose of Dexamethasone 8 mg or 12mg on day 1, prior one hour chemotherapy was evaluated.
- The data was collected from September 2022 till December 2024.
- Outcomes measures for acute phase (0-24 hours) & delayed phase (24-120 hours) CINV.
- Complete Response: No vomiting and no need for rescue medications
- Complete Protection: No significant nausea (<2.5 cm on VAS), No vomiting, and No use of rescue medications</p>
- Complete Control: No emetic episodes, No rescue therapy, and No nausea (0 cm on VAS)



Result

N= 1124 patients

- ❖ Age Mean±SD: 52.7±10.7 years, with 59.4% being female
- Common chemotherapy regimens included doxorubicincyclophosphamide (15.53%) and Docetaxel, Cisplatin and Fluorouracil (10.64%). 68.3% received HEC, 22.4% received MEC and 9.3% received LEC.
- Dexamethasone doses in Cycle 1 were predominantly 8 mg (60.74%), 12 mg (16.81%), and 16 mg (20.21%), with similar trends in subsequent cycles.
- Complete response rates, Complete Protection rates and Complete Control rates improved with subsequent Chemotherapy cycles (Fig. 1.)





Figure 1: CR,CP & CC rates in acute and delayed phase of CINV



Conclusions

Sparing Dexamethsone dose on day 2nd, 3rd and 4th with tab Netupitant + tab Palanosetron + Day 1 Dexamethasone is effective in achieving high response rates, in both acute and delayed phases of CINV, with minimal reliance on rescue medications.