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## List of Abbreviations

$\alpha$	Alpha
$\beta$	Beta
$\mu\text{g}$ or mcg	Microgram
ADA	American Dental Association
ADR	Adverse Drug Reactions
ASA	American Society of Anesthesiologists
B P	Blood pressure
cAMP	Cyclic adenosine monophosphate
CBCT	Cone Beam Computed Tomography
CMS	Content Management System
CNS	Central Nervous System
COPT	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
C T	Computed Tomography
DBP	Diastolic Blood Pressure
DMET	Dexmedetomidine
ECG	Electrocardiogram
FDA	Food & Drug Administration
FIO <sub>2</sub>	Fraction of Inspired Oxygen
GA	General Anesthesia
GABA	Gamma Amino Butyric Acid
H R	Heart Rate
hr	hour
ICU	Intensive Care Unit
IM	Intramuscularly
IV	Intravenous
JCAHO	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
kg	kilogram
LA	Local Anesthesia
LC	Locus Coeruleus
MAC	Monitoring Anesthesia Care

mcg <i>or</i> µg	microgram
mg	milligram
min	minute
MMSE	Mini-Mental State Examination
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NE	Norepinephrine
NRS	Numerical Rating Scale
OMFS	Oral &Maxillofacial Surgery
OPG	Orthopantogram
PaCO <sub>2</sub>	Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide in the Blood
PaO <sub>2</sub>	Partial Pressure of Oxygen in the Blood.
PCS	Patient Controlled Sedation
RR	Respiratory Rate
RSS	Ramsay Sedation Score
SBP	Systolic Blood Pressure
sec	second
SNS	Sympathetic Nervous System
t <sub>1/2</sub>	Half-life
Vd	Volume of distribution

## **Abstract**

**Purpose:** The aim of this study was to compare between dexmedetomidine and midazolam for intravenous conscious sedation in minor oral surgery.

**Patients and Methods:** Twenty healthy patients scheduled to undergo a minor oral surgery were included in this study. Either dexmedetomidine (group I) ( $1 \mu\text{g} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ ) or midazolam (group II) ( $0.1 \text{ mg} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$ ) was administered intravenously until the Ramsay Sedation Score (RSS) reached four or the maximum dose limit was achieved. Recovery time was established when RSS reached 2. Numerical Rating Scale was used for assessment of pain of local anesthesia injection, postoperative pain and patient satisfaction. Analgesic consumption for 24 hours postoperatively was recorded. Amnesia was evaluated by the patients' ability to recall the pictures shown after sedation onset. Cardiorespiratory data were collected for evaluating drug safety.

**Results:** Sedation was achieved by median doses of  $69.3 \mu\text{g}$  or  $1 \mu\text{g/kg}$  dexmedetomidine and  $6.3\text{mg}$  or  $0.1 \text{ mg/kg}$  midazolam. A significantly higher number of patients showed pain reactions in midazolam group. Very weak amnesia was observed in dexmedetomidine group. The heart rate and blood pressure measurements were significantly lower in dexmedetomidine group. There was no significant difference in the respiratory findings.

**Conclusion:** Dexmedetomidine is a reliable alternative to midazolam for intravenous sedation. It has additional analgesic effect and provides adequate sedation level without serious side effects during minor oral surgery.

**Keywords:** minor oral surgery, sedation, dexmedetomidine, midazolam.

