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**Abstract** 

Cisatracurium is intermediately acting muscle relaxcant, it is three

times more potent than atracurium, with no histamine release and devoid

of cardiovascular side effects.

Patients with liver disease exhibit an abnormal response to the effect

of most muscle relaxants in the form of increased dose requirements that

when administered lasts longer due to delayed elimination. cisatracurium

seems to be favorable exception because of its unique breakdown

mechanism. This study was designed to evaluate the dose-response of cis-

atracurium in patients with mild to moderate liver impairment in ( Child

A,B) classification comparison to healthy subjects. We used the two-

doses technique of dose response curve described by Meretoja and

Wirtavouri and modified by Kopman et al. for assessment.

The ED<sub>50</sub> and ED<sub>95</sub> for each group of subjects will be calculated &

statistically analysed for each individual, and this will form the dose

response curve for each individual.

In conclusion, there was no effect of liver disease on dose response

to cisatracurium apart from a statistically and clinically significant higher

ED95 (73.6 μg/kg in the hepatic group versus 50.99 μg/kg in the control

group).

Keywards: Cisatracurium – Liver disease – Dose response curve.

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#### **List of Appreviations**

Ach : Acetylcholin

AMG : Acceleromyography

ANH : Acute normovolemic hemodulation

CPB : Cardiopulmonary by pass

CVS : Cardiovascular

DBS : Double burst stimulation

E>0.7 : Hepatic extraction ratio > 0.7

ECF : Extra-cellular fluid

EMG : Electromyography

ETI : Effective therapeutic infusion

ETT : Effective therapeutic infusion rate

DRG : Dorsal root ganglion

M.sec : Milli second

MAC : Minimum alveolar concentration

MEEP : Miniature acetylcholine receptor

MEPPs : Miniature end plate potential

MMG : Mechanomyoraphy

μsec. : Microsecond

 $N_2O$  : Nitrous-oxide

nAchR : Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors

NDMR : Non-depolarizing muscle relaxant

NDRs : Nondepolarizing relaxation

Nm : Nanometer

NMBD : Neuromascular blocking drug

OPMD : Oceulopharyngeal muscle dystrophy

PTC : Post-tetanic count

SCG : Sympathetic cervical ganglion

SNAREs : Soluble N-ethylmaleinble sensitive attachment

protein receptors

SNAREs : Soluble N-ethylmaleinide sensitive attachment

protein receptors

TIVA : Total intravenous anaesthesia

TOF: Train - of - four