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Title: Bosentan influence on catecholamines levels in patients with idiopathic arterial pulmonary hypertenson

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Body: Aim: to assess the influence of endothelin receptor antagonist Bosentan on catecholamines levels in pts with idiopathic pulmonary arterial hypertension (IPAH).Methods: In the single-center comparative study we included 35 pts aged $35,2\pm9,6ys$ with IPAH confirmed by RHC(WHO Functional Class (FC) II-IV)without systemic inflammation signs.On top of stable therapy with anticoagulants,diuretics,glycosides,calcium antagonists for at least 3 months,Bosentan therapy was started 62,5 mg twice daily for 4 wks.At wk4 the pts were randomized 1:1 by the envelope method to bosentan 125 or 250 mg/day.At baseline, at wk3 and wk12 visits the pts underwent the clinical and lab assessment,including catecholamines(HPLC).Results: At baseline IPAH groups were comparable by age,sex,disease duration,hemodynamic parameters.In both groups the levels of norepinephrine were significantly higher than normal values(139,9±1,2).Otherwise the epinephrine levels were decreased as compared with controls(69,4±1,2).

table1

Parameter	Group 1(bosentan 125mg)	Group 1	Group 1	Group 2 (bosentan 250mg)	Group 2	Group 2
	Baseline	Wk3	Wk12	Baseline	Wk3	Wk12
	679,7 [297,1;1019,2]	524,8 [202,5; 721,7] *	153,6 [109,5;294,9] *	384,6 [257,7; 888 3]	, ,	248,1 [154,3; 475,8] *
epinephrine (pg/ml)	45,8 [40,5; 60,5]	138.1	27,1 [25,1; 44,4]	29,9 [17,1; 40,9] #	29,1 [26,1; 54,3]	34,3 [26,2; 48,7]

* p<0,05 vs baseline, # p<0,05 group 1 vs group 2

Conclusion: In IPAH pts Bosentan therapy influenced on catecholanines levels by significant reduction of initially increased norepinephrine levels. This effect was more pronounced in Pts treated with Bosentan 125mg daily.