PS-279 PROLONGED OXIDATIVE STRESS AND INCREASED INCIDENCE OF NEONATAL MORBIDITIES AFTER EARLY POSTNATAL EXPOSURE TO OXIDANTS IN INFANTS LESS THAN 29 WEEKS GESTATIONAL AGE

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Background The antioxidant defenses are poorly developed in preterm infants. Oxygen and parenteral nutrition (PN) which is contaminated with peroxides are two major sources of oxidants.
Objective To assess the effect of early oxygen (on day 7 and 28) and the PN duration on oxidative stress markers at 36 weeks post menstrual age (PMA) and on the incidence of neonatal morbidities.
Design/methods A prospective observational study including 120 infants less than 29 weeks gestational age without major congenital anomalies. Consent for blood sample at 36 weeks PMA was obtained for 51 infants. GSH and GSSG (nmol/mg protein) were measured by capillary electrophoresis and were used for redox potential (mV) calculation using Nernst equation, and expressed as mean (± sem). BPD was defined as the need of O_2 supplement at 36 weeks PMA. ROP that required either laser or anti-VGF treatment and NEC grade 2 or higher according to Bell's criteria were included. Student's t test or Chi squared were used as appropriate, * = $p < 0.05$, ** = $p < 0.01$.
Results $FiO_2 \geq 25\%$ on day 7 and 28 of life and PN duration > 14 days resulted in higher GSSG concentration, more oxidised redox potential at 36 weeks PMA and increased the incidence of BPD, ROP and NEC
Conclusions Early life exposure to oxidants is associated with prolonged oxidative stress and higher incidence of neonatal morbidities. These results suggest that strategies targeting judicious O_2 use and either decreasing the duration or using safer formulation PN will help decreasing the incidence of BPD, ROP and NEC.

Abstract PS-279 Table 1

	GSH	GSSG	Redox potenial	BPD or Death	ROP	NEC
FiO_2 < 25% on day 7	7.6 (0.5)	0.18 (0.02)	-198 (2)	26/54	2/56	7/56
FiO2 ≥25% on day 7	7.4 (0.6)	0.29 (0.04)	-191 (2)	46/50	6/50	17/50
P	NS	*	*	**	NS	**
FiO_2 < 25% on day 28	8.3 (0.8)	0.17 (0.02)	-201 (4)	9/36	0/37	4/37
FiO2 ≥25% on day 28	7.3 (0.5)	0.26 (0.03)	-193 (2)	55/60	8/60	17/60
P	NS	NS	*	**	*	*
PN ≤14 days	7.5 (1.2)	0.13 (0.02)	-203 (5)	16/42	0/44	2/44
PN >14 days	7.5 (0.4)	0.26 (0.03)	-193 (2)	58/64	8/65	22/65
P	NS	*	*	**	*	**

PS-280 SURFACE FILM FROMATION *IN VITRO* BY INFANT AND THERAPEUTIC SURFACTANTS: ROLE OF SURFACTANT PROTEIN B

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Background Essential surfactant properties include transfer to gas-liquid interface, reduction of surface tension and film replenishment during respiratory cycles.
Objective To compare component-specific film formation properties of infant and therapeutic surfactants.
Design/methods Using a multiwell fluorescence assay, we compared maximal fluorescence (Max), time to reach Max (tMax) and phospholipid concentration for ½ maximal signal (½Max) for calfactant (CAL), poractant (POR), beractant (BER), colfosceryl palmitate (COL), with surfactant from immature infants with RDS. Dose-response studies were performed for addition of SP-B, albumin and budesonide.
Results Max and ½Max values for CAL were higher/similar to those of rat surfactant. There were significant differences between CAL and other therapeutic surfactants for Max (CAL >COL >POR >BER) whereas ½Max were similar except for COL.

In surfactant from 39 infant tracheal aspirates, ½Max was inversely correlated with SP-B content ($p = 0.001$). Addition of SP-B to samples with low endogenous content (<0.1%) decreased ½Max in a dose-dependent way. Addition of 1.25% SP-B to BER (SP-B content 0.04%) increased Max by 324%. Addition of albumin to CAL (0.75 µg/µg PL) increased ½Max by 110% and reduced Max by 13%. By contrast, addition of budesonide to CAL at 2% and 10% increased Max by 51 ± 26% and 93 ± 19%, with no effect on ½Max.
Conclusions This assay reveals differences in film formation efficiency for therapeutic surfactants reflecting differences in SP-B content and lipid composition. Film formation by infant surfactant is strongly influenced by SP-B content. The findings support the key physiological role of SP-B and the safety of surfactant as anti-inflammatory drug vehicle.

PS-281 LUNG ULTRASOUND SCORE TO EVALUATE OXYGENATION AND SURFACTANT NEED IN CRITICALLY ILL NEONATES

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Background and aims Lung ultrasound (LUS) has been recently proposed to obtain fast and reproducible informations in critical care and to diagnose respiratory distress syndrome, wet lung or air leaks. Nevertheless, no data are available about its use for monitoring lung function and eventually guide respiratory support. We investigate the use of LUS score to estimate oxygenation status and surfactant need in neonates.
Methods 55 consecutive neonates under CPAP underwent LUS with a 7.5 MHz microconvex probe both on transversal and longitudinal scan. Three lung areas (upper, lower, lateral) were examined according to a score previously published in critically ill adults and modified for neonates.[1] Such score is based on prevalence of A-lines, <3 B-lines, >3 crowded B-lines or consolidation (0–3 points, respectively). Transcutaneous PaO_2 and $PaCO_2$, FiO_2, airway pressure were recorded during LUS. PaO_2/FiO_2, oxygenation index and A-a gradient were calculated.
Results Mean GA and BW were 33 (SD 3.2) wks and 2310 (SD 893) g, respectively. LUS score is highly correlated with PaO_2/FiO_2 (rho = -0.77; $p < 0.001$), oxygenation index (rho = 0.79; $p < 0.001$) and A-a gradient (rho = 0.78; $p < 0.001$). These correlations remained significant after adjustment for birth weight,