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G376  ABSTRACT WITHDRAWN

G377  THE ROLE OF CARDIOPUlMONARY EXERCISE TESTING IN CHILDREN WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS

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Introduction Cardiopulmonary exercise testing (CPET) is the gold standard test of aerobic fitness in Cystic Fibrosis (CF). CPET is measured by peak oxygen uptake (VO2 peak) during maximal exercise. It can be used to identify the cause of exercise intolerance, prescribe exercise programmes, evaluate therapeutic interventions1 and predict prognosis.2 The American Thoracic Society defines a normal VO2 peak as >84% predicted.3 In our centre, CPET was included in the CF annual reviews from 2013. Currently no guidelines exist as to the frequency of CPET in CF patients.

Aims To determine whether CPET was a useful and feasible routine test in children with CF and to assess whether VO2 peak correlated with Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 s (FEV1), disease severity, gender, genotype or previous intravenous antibiotics.

Method A pilot observational study was performed. Body mass index (BMI) was used as a marker of disease severity. Genotype was divided into 3 groups; DF508 homozygous, heterozygous and all other genotypes. Data was retrieved from case notes and our CF database.

Results 38 patients (17 male, 21 female) underwent CPET. Age range 7–14 (mean 9.8) years. 36/38 had technically satisfactory CPET. Mean VO2 peak was 107% predicted, standard deviation 18%. Only 8% had an abnormal VO2 peak. Mean FEV1 was 91% predicted, standard deviation 15%. There was no relationship between VO2 peak and FEV1 [p = 0.297] or BMI [p = 0.382] (Pearson correlation). Additionally, no correlation was demonstrated between VO2 peak and genotype [p = 0.236] (one-way ANOVA), gender [p = 0.902] or patients who had received at least one course of intravenous antibiotics in the past year [p = 0.253] (two-sample T test).

Conclusions CPET is a feasible test with 95% of our patients achieving technically satisfactory assessments and reassuringly, VO2 peak was largely normal. We could not demonstrate a relationship with FEV1 or disease severity although our study is limited by the small sample size. It is recognised that the CF annual review is already a long day for patients and we plan to reserve CPET for those showing exercise intolerance rather than performing it annually.

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G378  DEMOGRAPHICS AND SELECTED CLINICAL FEATURES OF PAEDIATRIC HUMAN METAPNEUMOVIRUS INFECTION

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Aims This study aimed to characterise seasonal variation, co-infection rates, susceptible groups (by gender, age and co-morbidities) and selected clinical features of childhood human metapneumovirus (HMPV) infection.

Methods The study was a retrospective analysis of 656 HMPV-positive respiratory samples collected from paediatric patients aged 0–15 years processed from January 2010 to December 2013 using real time PCR assays. In addition, 200 HMPV-positive samples from January 2012 to January 2013 were cross-referenced with electronic discharge summaries and descriptive statistical analyses of selected clinical features were performed.

Results 377 of 656 (57%) HMPV-positive samples were from male patients. HMPV was most frequently detected in children aged 6–9 months and the median age of patients studied was 15 months. Seasonal patterns of HMPV infection varied from year to year. The peak in HMPV-positive isolates occurred between February and May. 117 of 656 (17.5%) samples were positive for other respiratory viruses in addition to HMPV. The most common co-infections were due to rhinovirus (58/656, 8.84%) and adenovirus (36/656, 5.49%).

81 (40%) of the 200 fully-characterised patients were hospitalised, 7 (3.5%) of whom required intensive care (ICU) or high dependency (HDU) admission. Rashes were reported in 14 (7%) and febrile seizures in 9 (4.5%) of 200 patients. These clinical features were more common in children with co-infections [6/40 (15%) and 4/40 (10%) respectively].

Conclusions Male gender is suggested as a predisposing factor for HMPV infection, along with younger age. Seasonal variation of HMPV infection in Scottish children appears different to the reported winter peaks of other studies, with peak incidence occurring between February and May in our dataset. Co-infection is common, and most frequently associated with rhinovirus or adenovirus. Rashes and febrile seizures are relatively common in HMPV-positive patients, especially those co-infected with other respiratory pathogens. Human metapneumovirus is a significant cause of morbidity in children. Further, larger-scale epidemiological research appears warranted, along with work to develop new therapies aimed at targeting HMPV.

G379  DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS OF ADHERENCE WITH NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION IN CHILDREN

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Aims Home non-invasive ventilation (NIV) is an established treatment for children with sleep-disordered breathing. There is
little evidence available regarding NIV compliance and the factors that affect this. Accurate compliance data from individual ventilators is readily available and gives a new opportunity to explore this further. The aim of this research was to describe and analyse adherence with NIV among established patients and determine if this was significantly affected by age, gender, diagnosis, time since commencement, apnoea-hypopnoea index (AHI), mean daily usage, leak or pressure.

**Methods** Ventilator download-data from sleep study databases and electronic patient-notes were retrospectively reviewed. Patients aged 0–18, established on NIV with between 30–182 days of available data were included. Adherence, defined as percentage of nights with ≥4 h use, was compared by diagnosis, gender and age and correlated with the above factors.

**Results** 102 children were included, 67% were male and median age was 13 years (range 0.25–18). The mean adherence for all patients was 64.2%. There was a strong positive correlation between mean daily usage and compliance (r = 0.74). Children with Down’s syndrome had a mean adherence of 37.9%, considerably lower than in other diagnoses including obstructive sleep apnoea (62.3%), craniofacial conditions (61.7%), neuromuscular disease (64.7%) and conditions with central hypopnoeas (80.5%). Gender and presence of leak did not affect adherence and no correlation between adherence and ventilator pressure (r = 0.30), age (r = 0.05) or AHI (r = 0.08) was demonstrated.

**Conclusion** It is clear from the few correlations found that patients are heterogeneous and the challenges multifactorial. A better understanding of adherence levels in individual patients can now enable us to have open discussions with families to address challenges they face with the use of NIV. Children with Down’s syndrome are normally carefully selected prior to establishment of NIV because of known difficulties with treatment. Despite this, they are still the group with poorest adherence, highlighting the need for novel approaches to improve this. Ongoing use of NIV does suggest that although adherence is far from perfect, patients must gain some clinical benefit and the levels of adherence truly required to reduce long term complications is still not known.
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