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Long-term benefits of inhaled tobramycin in adolescent patients with cystic fibrosis.

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Study design (if review, criteria of inclusion for studies)

prospective placebo-controlled clinical trial with crossover design

Participants

Subjects were recruited as follows: high risk (HR) for bronchospasm due to a personal history of recurrent wheezing, a family history of asthma and/or atopy, or bronchial lability, as demonstrated in pulmonary function tests; or low risk (LR) without these characteristics.

Interventions

challenge tests with 75 mg colistin in 4 mL saline solution and a placebo solution of the same osmolarity using a breath-enhanced nebulizer for administration.

Outcome measures

FEV1

Main results

The mean FEV1 (expressed as the mean \pm SD) fall from baseline) of the HR group (n = 12) fell 12 \pm 9% after placebo was administered, and fell 17 \pm 10% after colistin was administered. For the LR group (n = 8), the mean FEV1 fell 9 \pm 4% following placebo administration and 13 \pm 8% following colistin administration. There was a greater number of subjects in the HR group compared to the LR group, which had a mean fall in FEV1 of \geq 15% (p

Authors' conclusions

The results demonstrated that colistin can cause bronchospasm, particularly in those patients with coexisting CF and asthma.

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See also

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