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# Bronchial constriction and inhaled colistin in 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 FEV(1) (expressed as the mean [+/- SD] fall from baseline) of the HR group (n = 12) fell 12 +/- 9% after placebo was administered, and fell 17 +/- 10% after colistin was administered. For the LR group (n = 8), the mean FEV(1) fell 9 +/- 4% following placebo administration and 13 +/- 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 FEV(1) of >/= 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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#### Keywords

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