

A Clinical Case Report On Haloperidol Induced Extrapyramidal Movement Disorder

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ABSTRACT

Background: The most typical side effect of antipsychotic medications is extrapyramidal symptoms (EPS). Haloperidol is an atypical antipsychotic medicine that is highly potent, useful in treating hallucinations and delusions, and more likely to result in drug-induced EPS. Muscle stiffness, parkinsonism, and uncontrolled or delayed movements of any part of the body are some of the side effects of haloperidol. To prevent the side effect of the antipsychotic drug and to minimize the severity of symptoms of extrapyramidal as early as a possibility.

Presentation of case: The author presented a case of a 42 yrs. female developed the Extrapyramidal syndrome due to multiple antipsychotic drugs administered as haloperidol for 17 years she was a known case of paranoid schizophrenia. Current episode patient received haloperidol after 2 weeks she developed stiffness in the muscles, her movement was reduced and weakness in her lower limbs, her speech was slurred, her face was like a mask, and had difficulty performing the activity. The investigation carried out such as history taken physical examination muscle stiffness on limbs lower presented, mental status examination hallucination (visual and audial) present and suspiciousness also presented. The psychiatrist diagnosed extrapyramidal syndrome due to haloperidol and the patient was treated with Injectable. promethazine (Phenergan) 25 mg. An anticholinergic drug such as Bzptropine, Biperiden, and Trihexyphenidyl, and symptoms were minimized after a week of improving the patient's condition.

Prognosis: the patient was treated with a symptomatically discontinued drug and treated with an antihistamine; the anticholinergic agent's patient prognosis was improved.

Conclusion: Primary managing entails correct diagnosis, withdrawal of offending medicines, risk factor reduction, and supportive therapy. The least likely to result in extrapyramidal symptoms are second-generation antipsychotics, which can be used depending on the patient's condition.

Keywords: Parkinsonism, Tardive dyskinesia, Hallucination, Benztropine, Trihexyphenidyl, Anticholinergic agents.

INTRODUCTION

The class of medications known as antipsychotics is used mostly to treat schizophrenia.¹ They are divided into the first and second generations or generations. Extrapyramidal symptoms were most likely predicted to be caused by first-generation medications. With the development of second-generation antipsychotics, expectations in the clinical community about the possibility of a reduced risk for extrapyramidal symptoms had grown.² Although the frequency then the severity of EPS (Extrapyramidal) side effects vary among antipsychotics, these second-generation medications had not met expectations for their tolerance. A range of movement syndromes for example traditional dyskinesia, dystonia, pseudo-parkinsonism, and akathisia are among the utmost common EPS adverse effects. Acute dystonia, akathisia, and symptoms related to pseudo-Parkinson's disease look first in the course of action, whereas tardive dyskinesia, tardive dystonia, and tardive akathisia develop years into the course of treatment.³ Acute extrapyramidal adverse effects typically look shortly after starting an antipsychotic; they are dose-dependent and get worse when the dose is increased, although they can be avoided by stopping the offensive drug.⁴

D2 receptors in the mesolimbic and mezzo frontal circuits are blocked by antipsychotic medications (concerned with emotional reactions). The alpha-adrenergic blockage is what causes sedation. EPS is brought on by basal ganglia anti-dopaminergic effects. Serotonergic (5-hydroxytryptamine, or 5-HT) antiadrenergic properties are present in atypical antipsychotics and antihistaminic actions. As a result, they are referred to as serotonin-dopamine antagonists.⁵

Parkinson's disease is a long-lasting, neurodegenerative brain condition. Neuroleptics can cause Parkinson's disease. Rigidity, tremors, bradykinesia, hunched posture, drooling, akinesia, ataxia, etc. are symptoms. Anticholinergic medications are a treatment option for the disease. A persistent, neurodegenerative brain illness called Parkinson's disease.⁶

An individual with acute dystonia has uncontrollable muscle contractions injured body part twists uncontrollably as a result of the contraction, leading to repetitive motions or strange postures. Dystonia can affect a single muscle, a group of muscles, or the whole body. About 1% of people have dystonia, and women are more likely than males to get it. It appears that the basal ganglia issue causes dystonia. That part of the brain is in charge of starting muscular contractions. The communication between nerve cells in the issue. A gradual, persistent muscular spasm that caused an involuntary movement is what causes dystonic motions. The neck, mouth, tongue, and the entire body can be affected by dystonia (opisthotonos). The involvement of the eyes can also cause an oculogyric crisis, which is an upward lateral migration of the eye. Anticholinergics, antihistaminics, dopamine agonists, beta-adrenergic antagonists, benzodiazepines, etc. can all be used to avoid dystonia.⁷

A movement problem called akathisia makes it difficult to remain still. You have an uncontrollable want to move as a result of it.⁸ Might need to move around constantly, cross and uncross your legs, or fidget. Akathisia is typically a side effect of antipsychotic medications.⁹ A condition called akathisia makes a person feel restless and compelled to move immediately. Patients who have akathisia, a subjective muscular discomfort, may become agitated, restless, and generally dysphoric. Based on when it begins, the ailment is classified into different types: Soon after beginning to take the medication, acute akathisia sets in and lasts for fewer than six months. After taking the medication, tardive akathisia may not appear for months or even years. A chronic case of akathisia lasts for over a year. Akathisia patients experience an overwhelming need to move or a sense of agitation.¹⁰ They perform monotonous actions like rocking back and forth through vertical and sitting, fluctuating their weight from one leg to the other, pacing, shuffling while walking, lifting their feet as if marching, crossing and uncrossing their legs, or swinging one leg while seated as a way to quell the urge. Anxiety or panic, agitation, and impatience are further symptoms.¹¹

Antipsychotics can have a delayed side effect known as (TDs) tardive dyskinesia. Automatic activities of the Face, Lips, Tongue, extremities, or trunk are known as TDs and they can happen in people using long-term dopaminergic antagonist drugs.¹² TD results in uncontrollable rigid, jerky movements of the face and torso. Chewing, sucking, grimacing, and peri-oral movements are its hallmarks.¹³

An uncommon but deadly condition known as a neuroleptic malignant syndrome can develop in a small percentage of people using neuroleptics, particularly high-potency medications. Usually, but not always, the beginning occurs within the first 10 days of therapy. Severe motor, mental, and autonomic problems that manifest suddenly (often during 24-72 hours) are part of the clinical picture. Generalized muscle hypertonicity is the most noticeable motor sign. Dysphasia and dyspnea may be brought on by tense muscles in the chest and throat. Akinetic mutism, stupor, or impaired consciousness are some of the mental symptoms. When autonomic

abnormalities manifest as unstable blood pressure, tachycardia, profuse sweating, salivation, and urine incontinence, hyperpyrexia begins to develop. White cell count may rise and Creatinine Phosphokinase [CPK] levels in the blood may rise to extremely high levels. Pneumonia, thromboembolism, cardiovascular collapse, and renal failure are examples of secondary characteristics.¹⁴

PRESENTATION OF CASE

The author presented a case of a 42 yrs. female developed the Extrapyramidal syndrome due to multiple antipsychotic drugs administered as haloperidol for 17 years she was a known case of paranoid schizophrenia. Past Psychiatric History Before approaching these hospitals he takes treatment In a Private clinic Amravati, Nagpur, and had a history of antipsychotic drug Haloperidol for 17 years. as there was no positive outcome from the patient, residents referred this patient to the present hospital. For the past six weeks, the patient has had poor medication compliance. Current episode patient received haloperidol after 2 weeks she developed stiffness in the muscles, her movement was reduced and weakness in her lower limbs, her speech was slurred, her face was like a mask, and had difficulty performing an activity. All initial Investigations were carried out such as history taken, physical examination, muscle stiffness on limbs and upper lower presented, face like a mask. Finding of Mental status examination was hallucination (visual and aural) present and suspiciousness also presented. blood investigation was carried out such as Renal function tests. sodium 134mmol/L, S. Creatinine 0.3, urea 16mg/dl, potassium 4.3mmol/dl, Alkaline Phosphates 84U/L, HB-11 gm%, MCV 78cub.micron, MCH 24.4pico gm, HCT 34.4%, RBS 84gm, granulocytes 72%, monocytes 2%. The psychiatrist diagnosed extrapyramidal syndrome due to haloperidol and the patient was treated with Injectable. promethazine (Phenergan) 25 mg. An anticholinergic drug such as Benztropine, Biperiden, and Trihexyphenidyl, and symptoms were minimized after a week patient's prognosis improved.

DISCUSSION

The patient was admitted for three weeks, during which time nursing care and psychopharmacological therapies were provided. The patient was successfully discharged from the hospital, and weekly follow-up appointments have been held in the psychiatric OPD. Before and after sensitivity analysis, the collective prevalence of antipsychotic-induced EPSEs among patients administered these drugs were thirty-seven percent respectively. The results of this study on tardive dyskinesia are in line with an orderly investigation, that found that patients on antipsychotic medicines had a prevalence of tardive dyskinesia of nine percent. When compared to a review of the literature, which indicated that twenty-five percent of a client had akathisia, the pooled estimate of akathisia was shown to be lower. Since only patients who took antipsychotic drugs were included in this study, the prior review may have included individuals who took all psychotropic medications as the cause of the discrepancy. Additionally, past evaluations were unable to quantitatively analyze (meta-analyze) research conducted in settings with natural treatment to produce an evidence-based pooled estimate.¹⁵⁻²¹

The study discovered a substantial correlation between the symptom severity of schizophrenia and several types of EPS. The correlation among the severity of schizophrenia, depressive symptoms, or akathisia was confirmed. No clinical research has thus far demonstrated a relationship between the intensity of akathisia and the favorable symptoms²²⁻³¹. The association between the PANSS positive score and the severity of akathisia due to drug-induced may simply be a coincidence given the relationship's low correlation coefficient ($r=0.1$). There was a strong correlation between the severity of tardive dyskinesia and the PANSS negative total scale. The link among TDs or the unfavorable symptoms of schizophrenia was confirmed by Mentzel and colleagues as well as Gebhardt and colleagues. The study's findings revealed a positive correlation between various types of EPS and how severe schizophrenia's mental and mood symptoms are.³²⁻³⁴

More research is required because there are few RCTs in schizophrenia that address FEP. Agreed its significant danger of Extrapyramidal symptoms, even at a modest dose, haloperidol should not be used as an FGA comparator in future FEP trials. Only two RCTs other than those using haloperidol in FEP used an FGA. According to the CATIE study, low potency FGA perphenazine, which is used to treat chronic schizophrenia, has an EPS-liability that is comparable to that of many SGAs but a comparatively low risk of weight gain and metabolic disturbance. Given that many SGAs carry considerable hazards of weight gain or disturbed metabolic, more studies of low-potency FGAs are necessary for FEP.³⁵⁻³⁹

CONCLUSION

The frequency of EPSEs caused by antipsychotics was notably high. The most frequent EPSE in which checked was drug-induced parkinsonism, this were followed by akathisia. Additionally, one in thirteen clients had Tardive Dyskinesia, a problematic-to-manage form of extrapyramidal symptoms that required extra attention from doctors. The paradox of tardive and parkinsonian signs should be minimally taken into account while treatment. The net advantages of antipsychotic medication can be increased with appropriate avoidance and first treatment of these side effects. Designing recommendations for EPSE treatment and selecting antipsychotics with the fewest side effects and psycho-educational requirements are worthwhile considerations.

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