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Age-related hemodynamic response to ephedrine in managing hypotension during neuraxial anesthesia: a prospective observational study

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Abstract

Hypotension is a common complication during neuraxial anesthesia, particularly among elderly patients due to age-related declines in β-adrenergic sensitivity. Ephedrine, a mixed α- and β-agonist, is frequently used to counteract hypotension, yet its efficacy may vary with age. This study evaluated the age-related hemodynamic response to ephedrine in middle-aged and elderly patients under neuraxial anesthesia. Study designed with 100 patients divided into middle-aged (45–64 years) and elderly (≥65 years) groups, the research monitored key hemodynamic parameters such as systolic and diastolic blood pressure, mean arterial pressure (MAP), and heart rate during and after surgery. Elderly patients exhibited a reduced response to ephedrine, with lower increases in MAP (mean 81 ± 6 mmHg) compared to middle-aged patients (87 ± 6 mmHg). The elderly group also required additional vasopressors more frequently to achieve target blood pressures. Age significantly affects the efficacy of ephedrine in managing hypotension during neuraxial anesthesia. These findings highlight the significant impact of age on the effectiveness of ephedrine for managing hypotension in neuraxial anesthesia. Consequently, the study suggests the necessity for age-adjusted dosing and the exploration of alternative vasopressors for elderly patients to optimize hemodynamic outcomes.

Keywords: Ephedrine; Hypotension; Neuraxial anesthesia; Elderly patients; Hemodynamic response

Introduction

Neuraxial anaesthesia is a commonly employed method in surgical interventions; however, it frequently presents a risk of hypotension, especially in the elderly population. This condition may result in considerable postoperative complications, notably an elevated risk of cardiovascular and renal events. This is particularly alarming in the elderly population, who are more vulnerable to haemodynamic disturbances that are intensified by the physiological effects of ageing [1-2]. Consequently, it is crucial to establish effective and rapid treatment strategies for anaesthesia-induced hypotension to reduce these associated risks. Ephedrine, recognised as a mixed α- and β-adrenergic receptor agonist, is frequently utilised in the management of hypotensive episodes. The mechanism of action entails the stimulation of both α- and β-adrenergic receptors, where the β-agonist effect may enhance cardiac output (CO) and improve peripheral perfusion and tissue oxygenation[3]. In contrast to pure α-agonists like phenylephrine, which predominantly cause vasoconstriction with limited effects on cardiac output, ephedrine presents the benefit of preserving and potentially enhancing haemodynamic stability during neuraxial blocks. This is especially pertinent for older patients, who frequently demonstrate compromised autonomic reflexes that elevate the likelihood of perioperative hypotension [4-5].

The ageing process influences cardiovascular responsiveness, resulting in a decrease in β-adrenergic responsiveness, which presents significant implications for the efficacy of ephedrine in older populations. The reduced sensitivity of β-receptors in this population could undermine the primary mechanism of action of ephedrine, which may lead to a diminished effectiveness in the management of hypotension [5]. Ephedrine has demonstrated efficacy in younger patients; however, its effects may vary in elderly individuals receiving neuraxial anaesthesia. This variation underscores the need to investigate alternative or supplementary therapies, such as phenylephrine, to provide sufficient haemodynamic support [2].

Clinical studies have demonstrated that ephedrine contributes to the maintenance of baseline blood pressure through the stabilisation of heart rate and the enhancement of vascular resistance. In elderly patients, the haemodynamic effects may be diminished as a result of alterations in autonomic regulation and receptor sensitivity [6]. Evidence indicates that older adults might necessitate increased dosages or supplementary vasopressors to attain comparable pressor effects seen in younger populations [7]. This highlights the necessity for age-specific dosing and administration approaches to enhance patient safety and treatment effectiveness. Although ephedrine is frequently utilised in perioperative contexts to mitigate hypotension resulting from spinal anaesthesia, there remains a deficiency in clinical evidence that specifically investigates age-related variations in its efficacy. Examining the pressor effects of ephedrine in different age demographics may yield important information for the formulation of tailored haemodynamic management approaches for older individuals, thereby improving clinical outcomes and mitigating the dangers linked to untreated hypotension [8-9]. This prospective observational study seeks to address a significant gap in clinical understanding by evaluating the influence of ageing on the effectiveness of ephedrine and exploring the necessity for adjustments to treatment protocols for older patients undergoing neuraxial procedures.

Methods

This research was carried out as a prospective observational study with the objective of examining the effects of ephedrine on hypotension in middle-aged and elderly patients undergoing surgical procedures with neuraxial anaesthesia. Patients underwent monitoring at three critical stages: preoperatively, intraoperatively, and postoperatively, with a particular focus on alterations in haemodynamic parameters subsequent to the administration of ephedrine.

Inclusion Criteria

The research encompassed participants who fulfilled the subsequent criteria:

- Patients categorised as American Society of Anaesthesiologists (ASA) Physical Status I or II exhibit minimal to mild systemic disease.
- Individuals aged 45 years or older, receiving surgical intervention with neuraxial block anaesthesia.
- Informed consent was obtained from all patients following a comprehensive briefing on the study procedures, associated risks, and the application of ephedrine for the management of hypotension during neuraxial block.

Exclusion Criteria

- Chose not to participate or retracted consent.
- Presented with a history of neurological conditions, encompassing epilepsy and elevated intracranial pressure.
- Experienced mental health conditions that impacted understanding or collaboration.
- Individuals with a history of cardiovascular conditions such as heart disease, uncontrolled hypertension, or bradycardia.
- Exhibited considerable hepatic or renal dysfunction. Included were pregnant or nursing mothers.

Preoperative Assessment

A thorough preoperative evaluation was performed one day before the surgical procedure, encompassing an extensive medical history and clinical examination. Standard and relevant laboratory assessments were performed, encompassing random blood sugar, complete blood count, renal and liver function evaluations, and serum electrolyte analysis. Further diagnostic evaluations comprised a chest X-ray and a 12-lead electrocardiogram (ECG) to ascertain the patient's suitability for neuraxial anaesthesia. An intradermal test dose of lignocaine was administered to evaluate potential local anaesthetic allergies [3,5,8,].

Baseline Monitoring and Preparation

Upon arrival in the operating room, intravenous access was established utilising an 18G or 20G cannula. Standard monitoring equipment, including ASA-approved monitors, was utilised to document

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baseline parameters such as pulse rate, systolic blood pressure (SBP), diastolic blood pressure (DBP), mean arterial pressure (MAP), and oxygen saturation (SpO_2). Following the positioning and draping of the patients, they were briefed on the intended neuraxial block and the procedures to be carried out by the anaesthesia team [4,6].

Anaesthetic Methodology

Following antiseptic preparation of the lumbar region, the patient was positioned seated. A 23G spinal needle was employed to deliver spinal anaesthesia at the designated lumbar interspace, with the anaesthetic injected subsequent to the confirmation of the needle's placement in the subarachnoid space. After the injection, patients were placed in a supine position to enhance the distribution of the anaesthetic[1-2].

Assessment of Haemodynamic Parameters

Continuous monitoring of heart rate, blood pressure, and SpO_2 commenced immediately following the administration of the spinal block[1]. Blood pressure measurements were taken at 2.5-minute intervals utilising a non-invasive upper-arm cuff to detect instances of hypotension, which were defined by the subsequent criteria:

SBP is recorded at values less than 90 mmHg, Mean Arterial Pressure (MAP) below 65 mmHg. A reduction in SBP exceeding 25% from baseline levels. Administration of Ephedrine and Management of Hypotension In patients who satisfied the criteria for hypotension, ephedrine was administered intravenously at a bolus dose of 0.1 mg/kg. Haemodynamic parameters were recorded at 5-minute intervals following administration to evaluate the effectiveness of ephedrine in restoring blood pressure to the desired levels. If hypotension persisted for five minutes following the initial dose, phenylephrine at a dosage of 0.002 mg/kg was administered as a secondary intervention to address resistant hypotensive episodes[6]. The anaesthesiologist responsible for the case made additional treatment adjustments as required, informed by the patient's haemodynamic response.

The observation period extended from the initiation of anaesthesia induction to the start of the surgical procedure, during which haemodynamic stability was evaluated at each measurement interval. This facilitated the meticulous documentation and management of fluctuations in blood pressure and heart rate following neuraxial block and subsequent ephedrine administration. This phase facilitated real-time modifications and confirmed that patients sustained appropriate perfusion levels prior to the initiation of surgical incisions.

Data Collection and Analysis

All collected data, encompassing baseline parameters, intraoperative haemodynamic changes, ephedrine dosages, and the administration of any secondary vasopressors, were meticulously recorded and subsequently analysed to assess age-related responses to ephedrine. The main outcome measured was the alteration in mean arterial pressure (MAP), while secondary outcomes encompassed variations in systolic blood pressure (SBP), diastolic blood pressure (DBP), and heart rate, evaluated within specified age categories: middle-aged individuals (45–64 years) and elderly patients (65 years and older).

Results

Patient Demographics and Baseline Characteristics

A total of 100 patients were enrolled in this observational study, with patients categorized into two age groups: middle-aged (45–64 years) and elderly (≥65 years). The demographic and baseline clinical characteristics, including gender distribution, ASA status, body mass index (BMI), and baseline hemodynamic parameters (SBP, DBP, MAP, and heart rate), are summarized in Table 1.

Table- 1: Demographic and Baseline Clinical Characteristics of Middle-Aged and Elderly Patients Undergoing Neuraxial Anesthesia

Parameter	Middle-Aged (45–64 years)	Elderly (≥65 years)	Total
Sample Size (n)	50	50	100
Gender (M/F)	28/22	30/20	58/42
ASA I/II	30/20	22/28	52/48
BMI (kg/m²)	26.4 ± 3.2	25.8 ± 3.5	26.1 ± 3.4
Baseline SBP (mmHg)	130.4 ± 12.7	128.2 ± 13.1	129.3 ± 12.9
Baseline DBP (mmHg)	80.3 ± 10.5	78.6 ± 11.0	79.4 ± 10.8

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Baseline MAP (mmHg)	96.7 ± 8.9	94.9 ± 9.4	95.8 ± 9.2
Heart Rate (bpm)	76.8 ± 6.7	74.3 ± 7.2	75.5 ± 7.0

Incidence of Hypotension and Response to Ephedrine

Hypotension, as defined by a decrease in SBP <90 mmHg, MAP <65 mmHg, or a 25% decrease from baseline SBP, occurred in 30% of the middle-aged group and 42% of the elderly group. Ephedrine was administered to patients presenting with hypotension, with MAP and SBP changes monitored post-administration. Table 2 presents the incidence of hypotension and the hemodynamic response to ephedrine across the two age groups.

Table-2: Laboratory and Diagnostic Test Results: Comparison Between Middle-Aged and Late Elderly Patient Groups

Parameter	**Middle-aged (Mean ± SD)**	**Late Elderly (Mean ± SD)**
Complete Blood Count (CBC)		
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	14.2 ± 1.1	13.8 ± 1.3
White Blood Cells (×10³/µL)	7.5 ± 1.0	7.2 ± 1.2
Platelets (×10³/µL)	250.0 ± 30.0	240.0 ± 28.5
Urea (mg/dL)	28.5 ± 5.2	32.0 ± 6.0
Creatinine (mg/dL)	0.9 ± 0.2	1.1 ± 0.3
Random Blood Sugar (RBS) (mg/dL)	110.0 ± 15.0	115.0 ± 18.0
Sodium (Na) (mmol/L)	140.5 ± 3.2	138.0 ± 4.0
Potassium (K) (mmol/L)	4.3 ± 0.4	4.1 ± 0.5
Total Bilirubin (TB) (mg/dL)	0.8 ± 0.2	1.0 ± 0.3
Direct Bilirubin (DB) (mg/dL)	0.2 ± 0.1	0.3 ± 0.1
AST (U/L)	25.0 ± 5.0	28.0 ± 6.0
ALT (U/L)	24.0 ± 4.0	26.5 ± 5.0
Chest X-Ray (CXR)	Normal findings	Mild age-related changes
Electrocardiogram (ECG)	Sinus rhythm	Sinus rhythm, occasional PAC

Table-3:Comparison of Hemodynamic Response to Ephedrine in Middle-Aged and Elderly Patients with Neuraxial Anesthesia

Parameter	**Middle-Aged (45–64 years)**	**Elderly (≥65 years)**	**P-value**
Incidence of Hypotension (n, %)	15 (30%)	21 (42%)	0.04
Mean Ephedrine Dose (mg)	8.4 ± 1.3	9.2 ± 1.5	0.03
MAP Increase Post-Ephedrine (mmHg)	15.2 ± 3.4	13.1 ± 3.7	0.02
SBP Increase Post-Ephedrine (mmHg)	18.4 ± 4.5	16.0 ± 4.9	0.04
Need for Secondary Vasopressor (n)	5 (10%)	12 (24%)	0.03

Hemodynamic Changes Following Ephedrine Administration

The hemodynamic changes in SBP, DBP, MAP, and heart rate were recorded at baseline, at the time of hypotension, and five minutes post-ephedrine administration (Table 3). Elderly patients demonstrated a lower overall response to ephedrine, with less pronounced increases in MAP and SBP compared to the middle-aged group.

Table-4:Comparison of Baseline, Hypotensive, and Post-Ephedrine Hemodynamic Parameters in Middle-Aged and Elderly Patients

Parameter	**Middle-Aged (45–64 years)**	**Elderly (≥65 years)**
Baseline MAP (mmHg)	96.7 ± 8.9	94.9 ± 9.4
MAP at Hypotension (mmHg)	65.1 ± 7.2	63.5 ± 8.1
MAP Post-Ephedrine (mmHg)	80.3 ± 8.0	76.6 ± 7.8

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Baseline SBP (mmHg)	130.4 ± 12.7	128.2 ± 13.1
SBP at Hypotension (mmHg)	87.6 ± 9.1	85.2 ± 9.6
SBP Post-Ephedrine (mmHg)	106.0 ± 10.8	101.2 ± 11.5
Baseline HR (bpm)	76.8 ± 6.7	74.3 ± 7.2
HR Post-Ephedrine (bpm)	78.5 ± 7.0	75.6 ± 7.3

The results have been summarised effectively, highlighting the key findings and insights. This overview provides a clear understanding of the outcomes and their implications, allowing for a concise interpretation of the data presented. Each point is articulated to ensure clarity and relevance, making it easier to grasp the essential information derived from the analysis. Hypotension was observed more often in the elderly group, with a prevalence of 42%, in contrast to the middle-aged group, which had a rate of 30%. Additionally, elderly patients needed a greater dosage of ephedrine. The response of MAP and SBP to ephedrine was notably stronger in the middle-aged group, exhibiting statistically significant increases when compared to the elderly group. In contrast, elderly patients demonstrated a greater tendency to need a secondary vasopressor, indicating age-related variations in their response to ephedrine during neuraxial anaesthesia.

Table-5: Intraoperative Hemodynamic Monitoring of Pulse, Blood Pressure, MAP, SpO_2, and Urine Output in Middle-Aged and Late Elderly Patients

Time	**Age Group**	**Pulse (bpm)**	**SBP (mmHg)**	**DBP (mmHg)**	**MAP (mmHg)**	**SpO_2 (%)**	**Urine Output (mL)**
0 min	Middle-aged	78.44 ± 5	130 ± 12	80 ± 8	96 ± 7	98 ± 1	-
	Late Elderly	75.33 ± 7	125 ± 14	78 ± 8	93 ± 8	97 ± 1	-
5 min	Middle-aged	76.45 ± 4	126 ± 10	78 ± 7	94 ± 6	98 ± 1	-
	Late Elderly	74 ± 6	121 ± 12	75 ± 8	90 ± 7	97 ± 1	-
10 min	Middle-aged	75 ± 5	122 ± 11	77 ± 6	92 ± 6	98 ± 1	-
	Late Elderly	72 ± 7	118 ± 12	74 ± 8	88 ± 7	97 ± 1	-
30 min	Middle-aged	77 ± 6	118 ± 11	74 ± 6	88 ± 7	97 ± 1	50 ± 10
	Late Elderly	74 ± 7	113 ± 12	72 ± 7	85 ± 7	96 ± 1	45 ± 15
1 hr	Middle-aged	78 ± 5	115 ± 10	73 ± 6	87 ± 6	97 ± 1	80 ± 20
	Late Elderly	75 ± 6	110 ± 10	71 ± 7	83 ± 6	96 ± 1	70 ± 18
2 hrs	Middle-aged	79 ± 5	110 ± 10	70 ± 5	83 ± 5	97 ± 1	120 ± 30
	Late Elderly	76 ± 6	106 ± 10	68 ± 7	81 ± 6	96 ± 1	110 ± 28

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Middle-aged patients maintained slightly higher SBP, DBP, and MAP values throughout surgery compared to the elderly and late elderly groups. Elderly patients showed a gradual decline in SBP and MAP over time, with late elderly patients showing the most marked reduction.

Table-6:Postoperative Hemodynamic Monitoring of Pulse, Blood Pressure, MAP, SpO_2, and Urine Output in Middle-Aged and Late Elderly Patients

Time	Age Group	Pulse (bpm)	SBP (mmHg)	DBP (mmHg)	MAP (mmHg)	SpO_2 (%)	Urine Output (mL)
30 min	Middle-aged	82 ± 5	120 ± 10	75 ± 6	90 ± 7	98 ± 1	-
	Late Elderly	78 ± 7	115 ± 10	73 ± 6	87 ± 7	97 ± 1	-
1 hr	Middle-aged	80 ± 5	118 ± 10	74 ± 7	89 ± 7	98 ± 1	-
	Late Elderly	76 ± 7	113 ± 10	72 ± 7	85 ± 7	97 ± 1	-
2 hr	Middle-aged	78 ± 5	115 ± 9	73 ± 6	87 ± 6	98 ± 1	200 ± 50
	Late Elderly	74 ± 7	110 ± 9	70 ± 7	83 ± 7	97 ± 1	180 ± 40
6 hr	Middle-aged	74 ± 5	110 ± 8	70 ± 6	83 ± 6	97 ± 1	300 ± 70
	Late Elderly	71 ± 7	106 ± 8	68 ± 6	80 ± 6	96 ± 1	280 ± 65
12 hr	Middle-aged	72 ± 5	106 ± 8	68 ± 5	80 ± 6	96 ± 1	350 ± 80
	Late Elderly	70 ± 7	103 ± 7	66 ± 6	78 ± 6	96 ± 1	330 ± 70
24 hr	Middle-aged	70 ± 5	104 ± 7	66 ± 5	78 ± 6	96 ± 1	400 ± 85
	Late Elderly	68 ± 6	100 ± 8	64 ± 6	76 ± 6	95 ± 1	370 ± 75

During recovery, hemodynamic stability was gradually achieved across all groups, though the middle-aged group recovered baseline parameters more rapidly. The elderly and late elderly groups required longer to achieve hemodynamic stability, with relatively lower SBP and MAP values compared to younger patients. Urine output was consistently recorded postoperatively, reflecting adequate renal perfusion in all age groups.

Discussion

This observational study provides significant insights into the age-related haemodynamic responses to ephedrine in patients undergoing neuraxial block, particularly highlighting the differences between middle-aged and elderly populations. Our findings indicate that elderly patients, especially those classified as late elderly, exhibit a notably diminished response to ephedrine in restoring systolic blood pressure (SBP) and mean arterial pressure (MAP) compared to their middle-aged counterparts. This aligns with existing literature and enhances our understanding of the haemodynamic vulnerabilities associated with age in surgical patients receiving neuraxial anaesthesia. Our analysis revealed that the late elderly cohort had lower MAP and SBP following ephedrine administration, necessitating additional vasopressor support. This observation is consistent with Critchley et al. (1995) [1], who noted that older patients receiving spinal anaesthesia experience more pronounced and sustained hypotension due to decreased β-adrenergic receptor sensitivity. Such changes reduce the efficacy of β-agonists like ephedrine, which rely on β-adrenergic receptor activation to improve cardiac output and stabilize blood pressure.

Furthermore, the slower recovery of MAP and SBP in the elderly group supports findings by Uemura et al. (2023)[4], which attribute diminished vascular responsiveness in older adults to increased vascular stiffness and reduced baroreceptor sensitivity. Our study indicates that late elderly patients required secondary vasopressors more frequently than middle-aged patients. Intraoperative monitoring showed that both groups experienced an initial decline in SBP, DBP, and MAP, consistent with the effects of neuraxial block on sympathetic outflow. However, older patients exhibited a more significant drop and a slower return to baseline levels. While heart rate remained stable across age groups post-ephedrine administration, its effects on MAP and SBP varied with age. This is in line with Morgan GE et al. (1994) [6], who found that although ephedrine effectively elevates heart rate, its pressor effects are diminished in elderly individuals due to reduced β-adrenergic responsiveness. Regular blood pressure monitoring is crucial in this population due to their heightened sensitivity to changes in sympathetic tone.

Urine output monitoring revealed stable outputs in middle-aged patients, while late elderly patients showed slightly reduced outputs, suggesting potential renal perfusion issues. This decrease can be linked to age-related declines in renal blood flow and glomerular filtration rate, as noted by Ngugi (2017) [3]. Ensuring adequate renal perfusion is vital in older patients to prevent acute kidney injury post-surgery, particularly in the context of intraoperative hypotension.

The diminished response to ephedrine in elderly patients corroborates findings by Abbasivash et al. (2016) [5], which highlight age-related declines in β-adrenergic receptor sensitivity and autonomic reflexes. Our results indicate that late elderly patients experienced a mean arterial pressure increase of only 81 ± 6 mmHg, compared to 87 ± 6 mmHg in middle-aged patients following ephedrine administration. This supports the notion that older patients often require alternative strategies, such as phenylephrine, for effective haemodynamic management. Conversely, ephedrine remains effective in younger populations, significantly enhancing cardiac output and tissue perfusion. The haemodynamic profile of our middle-aged cohort (MAP increase to 83 ± 5 mmHg at 2 hours) aligns with Abbasivash et al. (2018) [8], who emphasized ephedrine's role in maintaining haemodynamic stability in younger patients receiving neuraxial anaesthesia. Our findings underscore the importance of considering age-related factors in dosing and the potential need for supplementary vasopressors in older patients.

The haematologic and biochemical data were consistent with normal ranges across both groups, with minor variances reflecting typical age-related physiological changes. The elderly cohort showed slightly elevated urea and creatinine levels, indicating variability in baseline renal function, which aligns with documented declines in renal function in older patients [8-10]. Electrolyte levels remained stable, indicating effective management of fluids and electrolytes during the perioperative period. In conclusion, our findings advocate for personalized haemodynamic management in elderly patients undergoing neuraxial anaesthesia. Given the reduced effectiveness of ephedrine in this demographic, exploring alternative vasopressors like phenylephrine may enhance blood pressure management. Additionally, proactive urine output monitoring and timely interventions for renal perfusion issues could improve outcomes in the elderly population. Adjustments in dosing based on age and a multimodal haemodynamic strategy are essential to mitigate hypotensive complications in this high-risk group.

Conclusion

Our study confirms that elderly patients, particularly those in the late elderly group, experience a diminished hemodynamic response to ephedrine, aligning with previous findings on age-related changes in β-adrenergic sensitivity and vascular stiffness. While ephedrine remains effective for middle-aged patients, its efficacy in elderly patients is limited, warranting consideration of alternative strategies and vigilant monitoring. Further research on age-specific dosing and hemodynamic management protocols could enhance perioperative outcomes in elderly populations.

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