

An Extended-Release Sebacoyl Dinalbuphine Ester for Perioperative Pain Management in Improving Enhanced Recovery After Surgery in Total Knee Arthroplasty



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Introduction



- Increase in orthopedic surgeries, especially TKR, in aging populations.
- Sebacoyl dinalbuphine ester (Dinalbuphine Sebacate, DS) is a long-acting injectable formulation of nalbuphine, a mixed κ-opioid receptor agonist and μ-opioid receptor antagonist. It has been shown to provide sustained analgesia with a lower risk of respiratory depression and reduced incidence of opioid-related side effects.
- DS has demonstrated efficacy in managing both acute and chronic postoperative pain and is increasingly considered a valuable component in multimodal analgesia regimens.
- Study Focus: Assess the impact of dinalbuphine sebacate (DS) with/without parecoxib on pain management in TKA.

Methods



- Retrospective study (Jan 2018 May 2024).
- 115 patients who underwent TKA.
- Groups: DS only (81 patients) vs. DS + Parecoxib (34 patients).
- Pain measured via Visual Analog Scale (VAS) over 96 hours post-operation.
- Analgesic consumption analyzed.

Patient Characteristics



	DS	DS+ parecoxib	
	N=81	N=34	
Gender (male/female)			
male	18(22.2%)	6(17.6%)	
female	63(77.8%)	28(82.4%)	
Age	72.0 (7.1)	73.5(7.3)	
BMI	27.4(4.2)	27.1(4.1)	
ínee			
Left	34(42%)	10(29%)	
Right	47(58%)	24(71%)	
ASA			
II	62(76.5%)	24(70.5%)	
III	19(23.5%)	10(29.5%)	
Ouration of surgery (min)	122.8(26.7)	126.4(16.6)	
ength of hospital stay (days)	6.5(3.8)	6.5(1.6)	

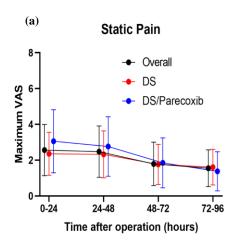
•No significant differences between groups.

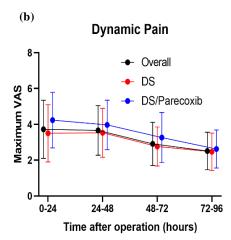
Results

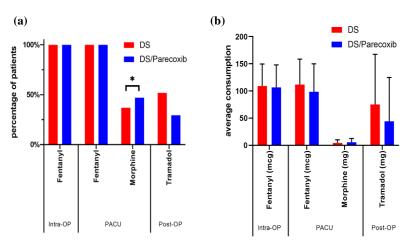


Pain Scores:

- Maximum visual pain scores for static and dynamic pain over 4 days.
- DS group reported lower pain scores on Day 1 (Static: 2.36 vs 3.05, Dynamic: 3.51 vs 4.24; p < 0.05).
- No significant differences on days 2, 3, and 4.







Cross-group analysis of pain scores

Results (cont.)



- Oral Analgesics Consumption:
 - Average consumption per person for Acetaminophen, Ultraphen, Meloxicam, and Etoricoxib.
 - Etoricoxib consumption significantly higher in DS + Parecoxib group (763.6 mg vs. 500.9 mg, p = 0.02).

	DS	DS/parecoxib	Р
	N=81	N=34	
Acetaminophen			
Percentage of patients	43(53.1%)	15(44.1%)	
Average consumption (mg)	4186.0 (3164)	5454.5(3420)	0.22
Utraphen Percentage of patients Average consumption (mg)	62(76.5%) 3367.7(1964.3)	26(76.5%) 4294.2(2086.2)	0.059
Meloxicam			
Percentage of patients	9(11.1%)	4(11.8%)	
Average consumption (mg)	26.7(16.7)	37.5(18.4)	0.359
Etoricoxib Percentage of patients Average consumption (mg)	23(28.4%) 500.9(323.6)	11(32.4%) 763.6(267.2)	0.020
Average consumption (mg)	300.9(323.0)	703.0(207.2)	0.020

Discussion



- Parecoxib may reduce the need for Tramadol but doesn't significantly impact overall pain scores.
- Dinalbuphine Sebacate (DS), as a long-acting opioid with κ-agonist and μantagonist properties, has shown to provide stable and sustained postoperative pain relief.
- In this study, the DS-only group achieved comparable—if not better—pain control in the first 24 hours compared to the DS + Parecoxib group, suggesting that DS alone may be sufficient for early-stage postoperative analgesia.

Limitations



- Self-reported pain scores: Pain perception is subjective and may vary due to individual thresholds and reporting accuracy.
- Imbalance in baseline pain sensitivity: The DS + Parecoxib group exhibited higher initial pain scores, suggesting inherently more pain-sensitive patients, possibly skewing results.
- Variation in dynamic pain assessment: Movement-induced pain was not standardized, and different patient actions could result in inconsistent measurements.

Conclusion



- Preoperative DS provides effective analgesia.
- Postoperative Parecoxib may reduce Tramadol reliance but shows no significant impact on pain scores.
- Future Studies: Multicenter study needed for more robust evidence.

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