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I- Mehmet Akif Ersoy Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Enstitüsü Dergisi Genel Bilgiler

Mehmet Akif Ersoy Üniversitesi (MAKÜ) Sağlık Bilimleri Enstitüsü Dergisi, Mehmet Akif Ersoy Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Enstitüsü'nün yayın organıdır. Derginin kısaltılmış adı "MAKÜ Sag. Bil. Enst. Derg" dir. Yılda 2 kez yayınlanır. MAKÜ Sağlık Bilimleri Enstitüsü Dergisi sağlık bilimleri, (veteriner, tıp, diş hekimliği, hemşirelik ve spor bilimleri) alanlarında temel ve klinik hakemli bilim yazılarının yayınlandığı hakemdenetimli bir dergidir. Derginin dili İngilizce'dir. Dergiye gönderilen yazıların başka herhangi bir dergide yayınlanmamış, yayına kabul edilmemiş ya da yayınlanmak üzere değerlendirme aşamasında olmaması gerekir. Bu kural bilimsel toplantılarda sunulan ve özeti yayınlanan bildirimler için geçerli değildir. Ancak, bu gibi durumlarda bildirim sunulduğu toplantının adı, tarihi ve yeri bildirilmelidir. Makalelerin formatı "Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication (<http://www.icmje.org/>)" kurallarına göre düzenlenmelidir.

Gönderilen yazılar yayın kuruluna ulaştıktan sonra öncelikle, yazım kurallarına uygunluğu yönünden değerlendirilir; sonucu yazara dört hafta içinde bildirilir. Yazının, gerek teknik özellikleri gerekse genel kapsamı açısından derginin genel yayın ilkelerine uygun bulunmaması durumunda yazı reddedilir. Ya da, gerekirse, yazar(lar)ın yazıyı yazım kurallarına uygun biçimde yeniden göndermeleri istenebilir. Yeniden gönderilen yazılar benzer bir teknik incelemenin ardından yazım kurallarına uygun ise danışman denetimi sürecine alınır. Yazı, editör ve yardımcı editörler ile yazının başlık sayfasını görmeyen en az iki danışmana gönderilerek incelenir. Yazı, yayın kurulunun belirlediği ve bilimsel içerik ve yazım kuralları açısından değerlendirilir. Editör ve yardımcı editörler gerek gördüğünde makaleyi üçüncü bir danışmana gönderebilir. Hakem belirleme yetkisi tamamen editör ve yardımcı editörler ve yayın kuruluna aittir. Danışmanlar belirlenirken derginin uluslararası yayın danışma kurulundan isimler seçilebileceği gibi yazının konusuna göre ihtiyaç duyulduğunda yurt içinden veya yurt dışından bağımsız danışmanlar da belirlenebilir. Daha sonra, danışman raporları dikkate alınarak ve gerekirse yazar(lar)la tekrar iletişim kurularak yayın kurulunca son redaksiyon yapılır. Yazıların kabulüne editör karar verir.

Editör yayın koşullarına uymayan yazıları; düzeltmek üzere yazarına geri gönderme, biçimce düzenleme veya reddetme yetkisine sahiptir. Yazılarını geri çekmek isteyen yazarlar bunu yazılı olarak editöre bildirmek durumundadır. Editör görülen lüzum halinde bazı makaleler hakkında yayın yürütme kurulunun görüşüne başvurur. Bu değerlendirme süreci dergiye gönderilen yazı türlerinden araştırma yazılarını, olgu sunumlarını ve özgün yazıları kapsar. Diğer yazı türlerindeki yazılar doğrudan yayın kurulunca değerlendirilir. Dergiye gönderilen yazılar yayınlansın ya da yayınlanmasın geri gönderilmez. Tüm yazarlar bilimsel katkı ve sorumluluklarını ve çıkar çatışması olmadığını bildiren toplu imza ile yayına katılmalıdır. Araştırmalara yapılan kısmi de olsa nakdi ya da aynı yardımların hangi kurum, kuruluş, ilaç-gereç firmalarınca yapıldığı dip not olarak bildirilmelidir. Dergide yayınlanan yazılar için herhangi bir ücret ya da karşılık ödenmez.

Yayın kurulu yazar(lar)ın dergiye gönderdikleri yazıları değerlendirme süreci tamamlanmadan başka bir dergiye göndermeyeceklerini taahhüt ettiklerini kabul eder. İnsanlar ve hayvanlar üzerinde yapılan deneysel araştırmaların bildirildiği yazıların gereç ve yöntem bölümünde, bu araştırmanın yapıldığı gönüllü ya da hastalara uygulanan işlemler anlatıldıktan sonra kendilerinin onaylarının alındığını (informed consent) gösterir bir cümle bulunmalıdır. Yazar(lar), bu tür araştırmalarda, uluslararası alanda kabul edilen kılavuzlara (2002 yılında revize edilen 1975 Helsinki Deklarasyonu- <http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm>, Guide for the care and use of laboratory animals - www.nap.edu/catalog/5140.html), T.C. Sağlık Bakanlığı tarafından getirilen, 29 Ocak 1993 tarih ve 21480 sayılı Resmî gazetedeki yayınlanan "İlaç Araştırmaları Hakkında Yönetmelik" ve daha sonra yayınlanan diğer yönetmeliklerde belirtilen hükümlere uyulduğunu belirtmeli ve kurumdan aldıkları Etik Kurul Onayı'nın bir kopyasını göndermelidir. Metin içinde standart kısaltmalar kullanılır, bunlar ilk geçtikleri yerde açık olarak yazılır. İlaç adları kullanımında ilaçların jenerik adları Türkçe okunuşlarıyla yazılır. Ölçüm birimleri metrik sisteme uygun olarak verilir; örneğin, "mg" olarak yazılır, nokta kullanılmaz; ek alırsa (,) ile ayrılır. Laboratuvar ölçümleri Uluslararası Sistem (US; Système International: SI) birimleri ile bildirilir.

Bilimsel sorumluluk

Makalelerin tüm bilimsel sorumluluğu yazarlara aittir. Gönderilen makalede belirtilen yazarların çalışmaya belirli bir oranda katkısının olması gereklidir. Yazarların isim sıralaması ortak verilen bir karar olmalıdır. Sorumlu yazar, yazar sıralamasını “Yazar Sorumluluk ve Yayım Hakkı Devir Formu’nu” doldurarak tüm yazarlar adına kabul etmiş sayılır. Yazarların tümünün ismi makale başlığının altındaki bölümde yer almalıdır.

Yayın Ücretleri

Bu dergide yayın tamamen ücretsizdir. Yayın ücreti, başvuru ücreti, makale işleme ücreti ve bir figürün, rakamın veya tamamlayıcı verinin uzunluğuna göre ek ücret ödenmesi gerekmez. İçerik öğeleri (Editörler, Düzeltmeler, İlaveler, Geri Çekmeler, Mektuplar, Yorumlar vb.) tamamen ücretsizdir.

Etik sorumluluk

Makalelerin etik kurallara uygunluğu yazarların sorumluluğundadır. Hayvanlar üzerinde yapılan deneysel çalışmalarda, çalışma protokolünün çalışmanın yapıldığı kurumdaki hayvan deneyleri etik kurulu tarafından onaylandığı belirtilmelidir. Yazarlar etik kurul onayını makale ile birlikte göndermelidir. Eğer makalede daha önce yayımlanmış alıntı yazı, tablo, resim vs. var ise yazarlar; yayım hakkı sahibi ve yazarlarından yazılı izin alarak bu durumu makalede belirtmek zorundadır. Makalenin değerlendirilmesi aşamasında yayın kurulunun gerek görmesi halinde, makale ile ilgili araştırma verilerinin ve/veya etik kurul onayı belgesinin sunulması yazarlardan talep edilebilir.

İntihal politikası

Mehmet Akif Ersoy Üniversitesi Sağlık Bilimleri Enstitüsü Dergisi'ne (MAKÜ Sag. Bil. Enst. Derg.) Gönderilen yazılar intihal açısından değerlendirilir. Her gönderilen makale, iThenticate ve Turnitin yazılımı ile intihal için kontrol edilir. Makalenin benzerlik oranı %20'nin üzerinde ise, revize edilmesi için ilgili yazara geri gönderilir. Eğer makalenin yayınlanmasından sonra intihal kanıtlanırsa, bu makale derhal web sitesinden kaldırılır ve ilgili yazarlara makalelerinin MAKÜ Sag. Bil. Enst. Derg.'de yayınlanmasının uygun olmadığı bildirilecektir.

II- Dergiye Gönderilecek Yazı Türleri ve Özellikleri

a) Araştırma Makaleleri: Bu yazılar daha önce yayınlanmamış özgün araştırma verilerinin değerlendirildiği net anlam taşıyan bilimsel çalışmaları kapsar. Araştırma makaleleri “Öz, Giriş, Gereç ve Yöntem, Bulgular, Tartışma ve Kaynaklar” bölümlerinden oluşmalıdır. Dergide yayınlanmak üzere gönderilen araştırma makaleleri kapak sayfası hariç en fazla 20 sayfa olmalıdır. Araştırma makalelerinde kullanılacak tablo, çizim ve resim sayısı toplam 10’u geçmemelidir. Yazarlar gerek duydukları takdirde “Tartışma” bölümünden sonra “Teşekkür” bölümü açarak gerekli açıklamaları yapabilirler.

b) Derleme Makaleleri: Derleme makaleleri dergi editör/yayın kurulu tarafından "çağrılı derlemeler" başlığı altında oluşturulan alınında katkı sağlama potansiyeli olan yazıları içerir. Kaynakça bölümü en fazla 30 kaynakçadan oluşturulmalıdır. Derlemelerde kullanılacak tablo, çizim ve resim sayısı toplam 10’u geçmemelidir. Kapak sayfası hariç en fazla 20 sayfa olarak hazırlanmalıdır. Derlemelerde mutlaka “Öz, Giriş, Sonuç ve Kaynaklar” bölümleri bulunmalıdır.

c) Olgu Sunumları: Yazarların, herhangi planlanmış bir araştırmaya dayanmayan ancak karşılaştıkları yeni veya ender gözlemlenen olguların ele alındığı, bilimsel değere sahip bilgileri içeren eserlerdir. Bu eserlerde gereksiz uzatmaları önlemek amacıyla en fazla 15 kaynak kullanılmalı ve bu kaynakların güncel olmasına özen gösterilmelidir. Kapak sayfası hariç en fazla 5 sayfa olmalı; “Öz, Giriş, Olgu, Tartışma ve Kaynaklar” bölümlerinden oluşmalıdır.

d) Kısa Araştırma Raporu: Dar kapsamlı ele alınmış (sınırlı sayıda örneğin analiz edildiği çalışmalar vb.) ancak önemli ve yeni bilgiler sunan bilimsel araştırmaya dayalı makalelerdir. Kısa bildiriler araştırma makalesi formatında hazırlanmalı ve kapak sayfası hariç en fazla 10 sayfa olmalıdır. Bu eserlerde kullanılacak tablo ve şekil sayısı beşi geçmemelidir.

e) Özel Bölümler:

1. Editöre mektuplar: Dergide yayımlanan yazılara ilişkin değerlendirme ve eleştirileri içeren yazılardır. Mümkün olduğunca eleştirilen yazının yazar(lar)ınca verilen yanıtlar ile birlikte yayımlanır. Editöre mektuplar 3 sayfayı geçemez.

2. Toplantı haberleri/izlenimleri: Derginin yayın alanıyla ilgili konularda yapılmış ya da yapılacak olan bilimsel toplantıları tanıtıcı yazılardır. 1 sayfayı geçemez.

3. Dergi haberleri: Derginin yayın alanıyla ilgili konularda yayımlanmakta olan bilimsel dergileri tanıtıcı yazılardır; 1 sayfayı geçemez.

4. Web siteleri tanıtımı: Derginin yayın alanıyla ilgili konulardaki web sitelerini tanıtıcı yazılardır; 1 sayfayı geçemez.

5. Kitap/tez tanıtımı: Derginin yayın alanıyla ilgili konularda yayımlanmış bulunan kitapları/tezleri tanıtan yazılardır; 3 sayfayı geçemez.

III- Makalelerin Düzenlenmesi

Dergiye gönderilecek yazılar türlerine göre, başlık sayfası, İngilizce ve Türkçe özetler, ana metin, kaynaklar, tablo/şekil/resim bölümlerini içerir. Dergiye yayımlanması için gönderilen makalelerde aşağıdaki biçimsel esaslara uyulmalıdır: Yazı Microsoft Word programında Times New Roman yazı stilinde 12 punto büyüklüğünde, siyah renkte, 1,5 satır aralığında hazırlanmalıdır. Kenarlardan 2,5 cm boşluk bırakılmalıdır. Her sayfaya satır numarası eklenmelidir.

Anatomik terimler Latince yazıldığı gibi kullanılmalıdır. Günlük tıp diline yerleşmiş terimler ise okudukları gibi Türkçe yazım kurallarına uygun olarak yazılmalıdır. İngilizce veya başka bir yabancı dildeki şekli ile yazılan terimler tırnak içinde belirtilmelidir. Yazının başlık sayfasında, yazının Türkçe ve İngilizce başlığı ve sayfa üstünde kullanılmak üzere boşluklar da dahil 40 karakteri aşmayacak şekilde Türkçe ve İngilizce kısa başlık önerisi bulunmalı. Çalışmaların yapıldığı klinik, anabilim dalı/bilim dalı, enstitü ve kuruluşun adı belirtilmelidir.

a) Başlık Sayfası: Gönderilen makalenin kategorisini, başlığını (Türkçe-İngilizce ve sadece ilk sözcüğün baş harfi büyük), yazarların adlarını (sadece baş harfleri büyük yazılır), çalıştıkları kurumları (rakamla dipnot olarak belirtilmeli), yazışmaların yapılacağı sorumlu yazarın adı, açık adresi, telefon ve faks numaraları ile e-posta adresini içermelidir. Sorumlu yazar yıldız (*) ile belirtilir. Makale daha önce bilimsel bir toplantıda sunulmuş ise toplantının adı, tarihi ve yeri belirtilerek yazılmalıdır.

b) Ana Metin Bölümü: Yazının ana metni Öz ve Anahtar Kelimeler, Giriş, Gereç ve Yöntem, Bulgular ve Tartışma başlıkları içinde düzenlenir. Özler ve anahtar sözcükler: Türkçe ve İngilizce olmak üzere iki dilde yazılır ve yazının başlığını da içerir.

Öz 200 kelimeyi geçmemeli, çalışmanın ana noktaları olan amacını, hayvan ve örnek popülasyonunu, metodunu ve önemli sonuçlarını, çalışmadan elde edilen çıkarımı klinik olarak uygulanabilirliğini içermelidir. Yayını okumadan okuyucular için anlaşılır olmalıdır ve özet içinde kaynaklara atıf yapılmamalıdır. Türkçe ve İngilizce özetler ayrı sayfalarda yazılmalı ve özetlerin sonunda her iki dilden en az 3, en çok 5 anahtar sözcük yer almalıdır. Anahtar kelimeler Index Medicus Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)'e uygun olmalıdır. Anahtar kelimeler için www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/MBrowser.html adresine başvurulmalıdır.

Giriş bölümünde yazının dayandığı temel bilgilere ve gerekçelere kısaca değinildikten sonra, son paragrafında amaç açık bir anlatımla yer alır. Gereç ve yöntem bölümü gerekirse araştırma/hasta/denek grubu, araçlar, uygulama ve istatistik değerlendirme gibi alt başlıklara göre düzenlenebilir. Bu bölüm çalışmaya katılmayan birisinin de rahatlıkla anlayabileceği açıklıkta yazılmalıdır. Bulgular bölümü çalışmanın sonuçlarını özetler ve temel bulgular gerekirse tablo ve şekillerle desteklenir. Tartışma bölümünde çalışmanın bulguları ilgili yurt içi ve yurt dışı çalışmaların sonuçları bağlamında tartışılır; genel bir gözden geçirmeyi değil, özgün bulguların tartışılmasını içerir. Yayın sisteme yüklenirken ana metin bölümü ana dosya olarak yüklenmelidir.

c) Teşekkür: Yazarlar çalışmalarında vermek istedikleri ek bilgiler ile katkı sağlayan destekçi kurumlara ve/veya şahıslara teşekkür yazılarını bu bölümde belirtebilirler.

d) Kaynaklar: Kaynaklar listesi alfabetik sıraya göre yazılmalıdır. Sadece yayınlanmış veya yayına kabul edilmiş kaynaklar yer almalıdır. Kabul edilmiş ancak henüz yayınlanmamış kaynaklar için “baskıda” ifadesi kullanılmalıdır. Yazarlar kaynaklar listesinde bulunan bütün kaynakların metin içinde kullanılmış olduğunu kontrol etmelidirler.

Yayındaki bütün kaynaklar kullanılmalıdır. Makale içinde referans kullanma şekline örnekler.

Metin içinde doğrudan atıf yapılırken yazar veya yazarların soyadından sonra parantez içinde kaynağın yayın yılı belirtilmelidir.

Örnekler: Bell (2005) tarafından; Nielsen ve Engberg (2006) tarafından; Doyle ve ark. (2007) tarafından

Cümlelerin sonunda atıf yapıldığında ise yazar ismi ve yayın yılı parantez içinde belirtilmelidir.

Örnekler: ...bildirilmiştir (Bell, 2005);bildirilmiştir (Nielsen ve Engberg, 2006);bildirilmiştir (Doyle ve ark., 2007).

Birden çok kaynağa atıf yapılması durumunda kronolojik sıralama yapılmalıdır.

Örnekler:bildirilmiştir (Bell, 2005; Nielsen ve Engberg, 2006; Doyle ve ark., 2007).

Aynı yazarın aynı yıl yayınları söz konusu ise her biri “a” harfinden başlayarak küçük harflerle işaretlenmelidir.

Örnek: (Bell, 2005a; Bell, 2005b; Bell, 2005c ...). Atıf yapılırken aşırı kaynak kullanımından kaçınılmalıdır.

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Abstract: This study was designed as a randomized controlled trial to investigate the comparative effect of ball squeezing and watching cartoons on pain management in children during intramuscular injection. The population of the study was comprised of 6-12 years old children who came to emergency for intramuscular injection. Power analysis was performed by G*Power program. Approximately 147 protocols completed with 6-12 years old children (each group 49 children). In the study, a questionnaire including child and socio-demographic characteristics their experiences of hospitalization data and Facial Pain Scale- Revised (FPS-R), Visual Analog Scale (VAS), and ball (for squeezing) were used. According to the results of the study, the FPS-R score during the procedure was the lowest in the stress ball group and was statistically significant ($p<0.05$). The lowest VAS scores during the procedure the lowest score was in the stress ball group and the differences between the relevant groups were statistically significant ($p<0.05$). It was determined that squeezing the ball and watching cartoons were effective in reducing pain during injection, however, the ball squeezing group had the lowest pain level. Among non-pharmacological methods, ball squeezing can be preferred as a practical and effective method, especially by pediatric nurses, in reducing pain during intramuscular injection in children.

Keywords: Pain management, Stress ball, Cartoon watched, Injection.

Öz: Bu çalışma, kas içi enjeksiyon sırasında çocuklarda ağrı yönetiminde top sıkma ve çizgi film izlemenin karşılaştırmalı etkisini araştırmak amacıyla randomize kontrollü bir çalışma olarak tasarlandı. Araştırmanın evrenini IM enjeksiyon için acile gelen 6-12 yaş arası çocuklar oluşturdu. Güç analizi G*Power programı ile yapıldı. 6-12 arası yaklaşık 147 çocukla (her grup 49 çocuk) protokol tamamlandı. Araştırmada çocukların sosyo-demografik özelliklerini ve hastaneye yatış deneyimlerini içeren bir anket, Yüz Ağrı Ölçeği Revize (FPS-R), Görsel Analog Skala (VAS) ve top (sıkma için) kullanıldı. Çalışma sonuçlarına göre işlem sırasındaki FPS-R puanı en düşük puan stres topu grubundaydı ve istatistiksel olarak anlamlıydı ($p<0.05$). İşlem sırasında en düşük VAS skoru stres topu grubunda olup, gruplar arasındaki farklar istatistiksel olarak anlamlıydı ($p<0.05$). Topu sıkma ve çizgi film izleme uygulamasının enjeksiyon sırasında ağrıyı azaltmada etkili olduğu, bununla birlikte top sıkma grubunun en düşük ağrı düzeyine sahip olduğu belirlendi. Farmakolojik olmayan yöntemler içinde top sıkma, çocuklarda kas içi enjeksiyon sırasında ağrının azaltılmasında özellikle çocuk hemşireleri tarafından pratik ve etkili bir yöntem olarak tercih edilebilir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Ağrı yönetimi, Stres topu, Çizgi film izleme, Enjeksiyon.

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Introduction

Pain is a universal condition experienced by all people (Bukola and Paula, 2017) and children, in particular (Şahiner and Türkmen, 2019; Semerci et

al., 2020), being defined as an unpleasant emotional sensation of a person's past experiences but not due to tissue damage from a particular area of the body (International Association for the Study of Pain; IASP 2010). Considering the

relevant sources of the pain, blood collection, injection and vaccination are of the most common sources of procedural pain. Out of the pain sources of injections available, intramuscular injection (IM) is of the painful and most common experiments during medical procedures among hospitalized children (Yıldız et al., 2017), being chosen as the case of dense and irritating drugs uses. In this regard, the appropriate selection of the IM administration sites and muscles are of the substantial issues (Tuğrul and Denat, 2014; Yıldız et al., 2017). IM administrations are employed at areas, viz. Dorsogluteal, ventrogluteal, femoral, laterofemoral, and deltoid area. Of the relevant IM administration areas, even though dorsogluteal area is not recommended due to being rich in veins and close to sciatic nerve, the dorsogluteal region is clinically preferred area, as the case reported by Gülnar and Çalışkan (2014) indicating that 85.9% of the nurses used dorsogluteal area mostly, whilst 63.3% of nurses never used ventrogluteal area. Ventrogluteal area is regarded as the safest injection area for children 18 months and older (Kaya et al., 2015; Tuğrul and Denat, 2014; Yıldız et al., 2017). Concerning with muscles commonly used for IM, gluteal muscles (gluteus maximus, gluteus medius and gluteus minimus), deltoid muscle, rectus femoris and vastus lateralis muscles are of the most common muscles (Tuğrul and Denat, 2014).

Corresponding to the pain experienced during IM, substantial alterations in emotional and physical aspects of the children might be observed (SirtinTumakaka et al., 2020). Specifically, delaying or refusing future medical treatments are of the most observed attitudes among children (Semerci et al., 2020). In order to or minimize pain during IM, interventions by pediatric nurses are relatively significant (Şahiner and Bal 2016; Viggiano et al., 2015). In this context, pharmacological and non pharmacological approaches or attempts have been employed for children (Hogan et al., 2014; Kaheni et al., 2016). Although pharmacological methods such as opioid analgesics, non-opioid analgesics and local anesthetics are of the most

commonly methods used for pain treatment (Laures et al., 2019), non-pharmacological methods including breastfeeding (Erkul and Efe, 2017), watching cartoon (Akgül et al., 2021; Inan and Inal, 2019) sucrose (Kassab et al., 2020), distraction (Şahiner and Türkmen, 2019), ball squeezing (Aydın et al., 2016; Abdolalizadeh et al., 2018), and massage/pressure (Hassan Ali et al., 2021) are also employed for the pain management (Hogan et al., 2014). Regarding non-pharmacological methods, these methods are applicable sequestered or together with pharmacological methods, being also preferred due to their simple practice, inexpensive and no side effects (Miller et al., 2016).

Out of the available common non-pharmacological pain management methods, distraction is considered to be effective methods for enhancing pain tolerance by changing the focal point (Bukola and Paula, 2017; Heidari Gorji et al., 2017; Inan and Inal 2019; Laures et al. 2019; Rezai et al., 2017; Viggiano et al., 2015), being classified as active and passive. Active distraction involves such as video games, controlled breathing, balloon inflation, bubble blowing foam, stress ball squeezing, relaxation and virtual reality goggles methods (Kaheni et al., 2016). On the other hand, passive distraction involves such as listening to music, irrelevant speech, watching television, cartoons, kaleidoscope and distraction cards. These methods are generally used a child needs to remain calm and quite during a procedure (Kaheni et al., 2016; Alemdar and Aktaş, 2019). In treatment and care practices, pain can be experienced as traumatic for the child and her family. Interventions applied by nurses in pain management can contribute to the positive results of these experiences. Comparative studies of different non-pharmacological applications and testing new methods will continue to be up-to-date in child health, which is an important part of today and the future. These methods will contribute to clinician nurses in the selection of the most appropriate approach, ease of application and time management. As deduced from the recent reports,

the studies concerned with ball squeezing (Aydın et al., 2016; Sirtin Tumakaka et al., 2020) and cartoon watching (Heijden et al., 2019; İnangil et al., 2020) are available but the current study was designed to compare the effects of ball squeezing and cartoon watching in pain management in hospitalized children. The purpose of this study was to investigate the comparative effect of ball squeezing and cartoon watching in pain management in children during intramuscular injection.

Hypotheses

Hypothesis 0 (H0): There are no effects of giving a ball (for squeezing) and watching cartoons on reducing pain during injection.

Hypothesis 1 (H1): Children who are given ball (for squeezing) during injection have less pain than children who are not given pain-relieving interventions.

Hypothesis 2 (H2): Children who are watched cartoon during injection have less pain than children who are not given pain-relieving interventions.

Hypothesis 3 (H3): There is a difference between children who are given a ball (for squeezing) during injection and children who are watched cartoons.

Materials and Methods

The study was designed as a randomized controlled experimental study. It was carried out with 6-12 years old children at injection unit of emergency of the University Training and Research Hospital between August-October 2019. The relevant interventions were implemented by a nurse. The experiments were finalized by the same nurse. This study was conducted using the single-blind method. Regarding the experimental set up, inclusion criteria of the study were as follows: (a) first injection for current treatment (b) aged between 6-12 years old (c) without any mental disorder (d) without any vision, audition and conversation problems (e) consent with the

families regarding participation. Exclusion criteria of the study were as follows a) former injection experience b) aged lower than 6 and higher than 12 years old) with any mental, vision, hearing and conversation problems, d) nonconsent regarding family participation. Along with the experiments, same generation antibiotics, analgesics and others (antiemetic, antihistaminic etc.) were grouped for drugs of injection.

Sample Size and Randomization

For the sample size of the study, power analysis was performed using G*Power (v3.1.9.7) program. Power of study is expressed as a $1-\beta$ (β = Type II error) and is usually considered to be 80% power. According to Cohen's f (effect size) factors; assuming that the evaluations made between three independent groups will have the effect size ($f=0.4$). Power analysis for the present study was based on the study by Mutlu and Balci (2015) which performed the study with at least 129 children, 43 children in each group (with 95% confidence interval and 5% alpha (two tailed). Herein, the present study was performed with a total of 147 children corresponding to 49 children for each experimental group (It was assumed that could be lost cases during the study). Randomization was achieved by means of the computer program (<https://www.randomizer.org>) indicating the total number of children, groups and children groups and the children divided into control and experimental groups. The research CONSORT flow diagram is given Figure 1.

Data Collection Instruments

For data collection, a questionnaire including child's age, gender, diagnosis, previous hospitalization, pain experience, painful procedure exposure and current medication characteristics (Antibiotic, Analgesic and Blood sample) and Facial Pain Scale- Revised (FPS-R) and Visual Analog Scale (VAS) were used. Also, 'ball (ball squeezing)' and 'Reader tablet' were used for the study. Prior to the study, verbal and written

consent were obtained for each child's parents after the purpose of the study was explained.

Questionnaire on Socio-Demographic and Experiences

A questionnaire was prepared by the researchers according to the reports by Mutlu and Balcı (2015) and Inan and Inal (2019). The relevant questionnaire included child's age, gender, diagnosis, previous hospitalization, pain experience, painful procedure exposure and

current medication characteristics (antibiotic, analgesic and blood sample).

Facial Pain Scale-Revised (FPS-R)

The scale is used as a valid and reliable scale for the evaluation of acute pain for children aged 4-16 years (Drendel et al., 2011). In school-aged children between 4-12 years old, the FPS-R is considered to be the most valid and reliable measure of acute pain since an comprehensible of words or numerical values is not necessary (Drendel et al., 2011).

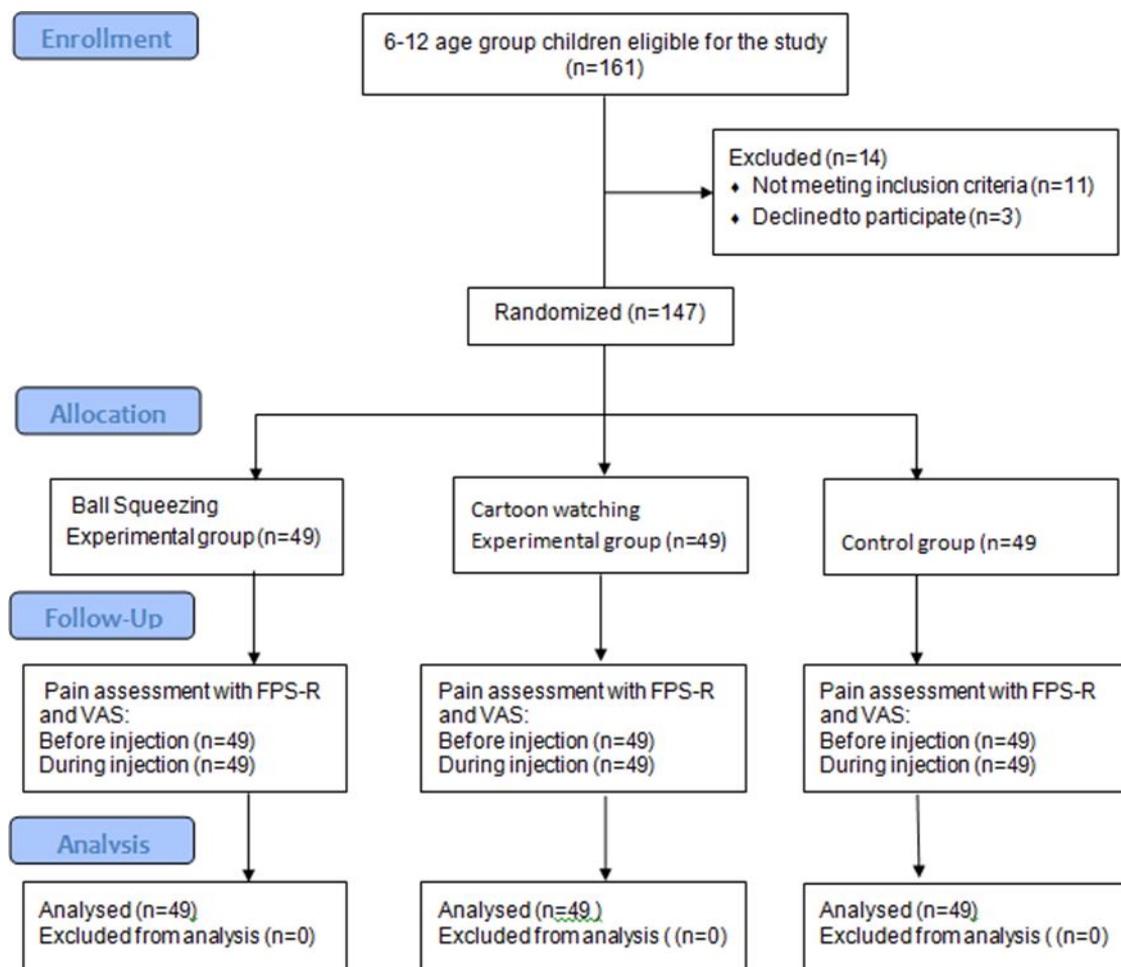


Figure 1. CONSORT flow diagram

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The FPS-R consists of six facial expressions that evaluate the degree of pain, on a scale of 0–10 (Conlon, 2009). It is expressed that '0' is no pain, '10' is severe pain (Okuyay and Ayoğlu, 2018). In the evaluation of the scores obtained from the scale, the scores are considered as dull (1-3), reasonable pain (4-6) and severe pain (7-10) (Drendel et al., 2011; Mutlu and Balci, 2015). FPS-R is considered to be advantageous when compared to other facial expression scales because it commonly uses scores (0-10) and has a certain 0 score indicating not starting with smiley expression and no crying facial expression at the end (Mutlu and Balci, 2015).

Visual Analog Scale (VAS)

The scale consist of a horizontal line 100 mm in length, with the end point 'No pain' and 'worst imagination pain' placed at each end of the line. It is a reliable and valid scale for the children aged between 3-18 years old (Bakır, 2017). The children are asked to mark the severity of the pain on the line and starting from point 0, the marking is measured and the severity of pain is determined (Okuyay and Ayağlu, 2018).

Ball

The ball is 6 cm in diameter with a smiley face and suitable for over 3 years old. The ball is soft and odorless.

Reeder M8 Plus Tablet

The tablet is equipped with Android 7.0 operating system, 8 screen sizes, a resolution of 1280*800 IPS, 213.5*123.6*8.9 mm dimension, weight 351 gram. The tablet used for the group consider as cartoon watching group.

Implementation of The Study

Data of the study was collected by researchers on Monday and Tuesday of the week due to intensive days regarding injection implementations. Children who met the sample selection criteria were evaluated by the researcher on the

application days. Child who has including criteria was assigned to the experimental and control groups according to the randomization table. Injection procedure in all groups was implemented by the same experienced nurse. In this study, the nurse at the injection room preferred the ventrogluteal area for injection in children 6 years and older. Only three of the children were injected from the laterofemoral area due to their weakness and anatomical structure.

All groups fulfilled the questionnaire including socio-demographic and experiences. Children were informed for Facial Pain Scale- Revised (FPS-R) and Visual Analog Scale (VAS). Herein, the children in the experimental group were asked to mark the expected pain on FPS-R and VAS to determine the level of pain before injection.

Group 1: The children in this group were given a ball (ball squeezing) at the beginning of the procedure and it was explained that child could squeeze the ball during injection. Different ball was used for each child. After a short time of injection, the children were asked to mark the experienced pain on FPS-R and VAS.

Group 2: The tablet was loaded with 10 cartoons suitable for children's age and was asked to choose one of them. Cartoons were selected according to the age groups proposed by the official channels such as TRT child (Turkish radio television), Minika child and Minika GO. For children aged between 6-8 years, cartoons such as Rafadan Crew (RafadanTayfa), Explore with Jet (Jet ileKeşfet), My Little Pony, Master Bob (Bob Usta) and StrawberryGirl (ÇilekKız) were chosen. For the children aged between 9-12 years, Bizarre team (Tuhaf İşler Takımı) Puzzle Tower (BulmacaKulesi), Thunderbirds Are Go, New Adventures of Peter Pan (Peter Pan'ınYeni Maceraları) and Guards of Istanbul (İstanbul Muhafızları) were chosen. During injection, the children were asked to mark the experienced pain on FPS-R and VAS.

Group 3: Routine care was employed during the injection. During injection, the children were asked to mark the experienced pain on FPS-R and VAS.

Data Analysis

Data were analysed using SPSS (Statistical Package for the Social Sciences) 24 version (IBM SPSS). Numerical variables were expressed as mean, standard deviation, frequencies, and percentages. The chi-square test, within the groups paired sample t-test and compare the groups one-way ANOVA followed by Tukey HSD multiple range test and the differences between individual averages were considered to be statistically important at p-values <0.05.

Ethical Approval for the Research

Prior to the study, written permission from faculty administration and ethics committee approval (IRB Number: OOO) were received from a University Medical Faculty Clinical Research Ethics Committee.

Results

Table 1 shows demographic characteristics of the sample. When children were compared based on gender ($p=0.702$) and age ($p=0.945$) of distribution, diagnosis ($p=0.245$), medicines given ($p=0.064$), hospitalization ($p=0.891$), if yes, number of hospitalizations? ($p=0.451$), has the painful procedure been performed before? ($p=0.773$), if yes, which painful procedure? ($p=0.615$), no statistically differences were determined between the groups. All groups showed similarity in terms of descriptive characteristics (Table 1).

Table 2 shows the comparison of FPS-R and VAS scores before and during the procedure. Accordingly, the lowest FPS-R score before the implementation was found in the control groups, while the highest score was determined in the group that watched cartoons. The differences between the relevant groups were statistically

significant ($p<0.05$). As deduced from statistical analysis, control group was cause of differences. During the procedure the lowest score was in the stress ball group and statistically significant ($p<0.05$). When these scores were evaluated within the group, it was detected that the differences before and during procedure were statistically significant, and the significance in the control group was negative ($p<0.05$).

According to groups, the lowest VAS scores before the implementation was found in the control groups, otherwise the highest score was stated in the group that watched the cartoons. The differences were not statistically significant ($p>0.05$). During the procedure the lowest score was in the stress ball group and the differences between the relevant groups were statistically significant ($p<0.05$). As deduced from statistical analysis, trial groups were cause of differences. When VAS scores were evaluated within the groups, it was detected that the difference before and during procedure were statistically significant, and the significance in the control group was negative group ($p<0.05$) (Table 2). In order to determine the differences, paired sample t-test was performed (Table2). Furthermore, the changes were displayed using box-plot graph (Figures 2-3).

Discussion

During the life span of the children, pain experience is of the crucial issues while injection, resulting from blood collection, injection and vaccination from interventional procedures (Şahiner and Türkmen, 2019; Çakır and Yıldırım, 2020; Semerci et al., 2020). The former reports have revealed that the relevant pain experience brought about vital alterations in attitudes of the children (Bukola and Paula, 2017). Regarding pain management by nurses, various attempts have been done such as cartoon watching (Akgül et al., 2021; Inan and Inal, 2019), ball squeezing (Abdolzadeh et al., 2018; Aydın et al., 2016), breastfeeding (Erkul and Efe, 2017), sucrose (Kassab et al., 2020), distraction (Şahiner and Türkmen, 2019), and massage/pressure (Hassan

Ali et al., 2021). Considering the importance and researches, as deduced from the cited studies herein, those non-pharmacological attempts have been employed in a quite number of studies for children but the health-care and pain management among children remain incomplete, deserving to be investigated. In addition, to compare the relevant attempts is also great interest, in this regard. For that reason, we designed the current **Table 1.** Demographic characteristics of the sample

study in order to compare the efficiency of ball squeezing and cartoon watching in pain management in children during intramuscular injection using FPS-R and VAS scales. The reasons of methods employed for pain management for the current study were due to the non-time consuming and non-long term intervention (Inan and Inal, 2019).

	Ball Squeezing (n=49)	Cartoon watching (n=49)	Control (n=49)	p	
	Mean±SD(Min-Max)				
Age	8.95±2.11 (6-12) n%	8.85±2.17 (6-12) n%	8.87±2.00 (6-12) n%	0.32	0.968
Gender of children					
<i>Girls</i>	22(31.00)	26(36.60)	23(32.40)	0.708	0.702
<i>Boys</i>	27(35.50)	23(34.20)	26(34.20)		
Diagnosis					
<i>Respiratory tract diseases</i>	33(31.10)	39(36.80)	34(32.10)	5.44	0.245
<i>Gastrointestinal diseases</i>	11(47.80)	3(13.00)	9(39.10)		
<i>Other</i>	5(27.80)	7(38.90)	6(33.30)		
Medicines given					
<i>Antibiotics</i>	32(29.10)	37(33.60)	41(37.30)	8.899	0.064
<i>Analgesic</i>	5(45.50)	6(54.50)	0(0.00)		
<i>Other</i>	12(46.20)	6(23.10)	8(30.80)		
Hospitalization					
<i>Yes</i>	20(35.70)	18(32.10)	18(32.10)	0.231	0.891
<i>No</i>	29(31.90)	31(34.10)	31(34.10)		
If yes, number of hospitalizations?					
<i>First</i>	10(41.70)	6(25.00)	8(33.30)	9.885	0.451
<i>2-4 times</i>	10(40.46)	12(38.63)	8(20.90)		
<i>4 and higher</i>	1(25.00)	0(0.00)	2(75.00)		
Has the painful procedure been performed before?					
<i>Yes</i>	29(32.20)	29(32.20)	32(35.60)	0.516	0.773
<i>No</i>	20(35.10)	20(35.10)	17(29.80)		
If yes, which painful procedure?					
<i>Intravenous (medication, serum, etc.)</i>	9(33.30)	9(33.30)	9(33.30)	4.456	0.615
<i>Intra muscular</i>	6(23.10)	8(30.80)	12(46.20)		

Taking a blood sample 14(37.83) 12(32.43) 11(29.72)

χ^2 : Chi square * p<0.05

Table 2. Comparison of the FPS-R and VAS scores during and after procedure according to groups

Scales		Ball Squeezing (n=49) ^a	Cartoon (n=49) ^b	Control (n=49) ^c	F	p
Mean±SD						
FPS-R (Facial Pain Scale-Revised)	Before	5.79±2.45	5.91±2.34	4.69±2.25	4.02	0.020*
	During	3.18±1.99	4.28±2.41	6.20±2.16	20.38	0.000**
	t	11.88	9.50	-6.01		
	p	0.000	0.000	0.000		c<a;b a<b<c
VAS (Visual Analog Scale)	Before	5.02±2.52	5.46±2.06	4.75±1.79	1.385	0.254
	During	2.69±1.99	4.14±2.11	6.04±1.97	33.561	0.000**
	t	12,25	14,84	-6,88		
	p	0.000	0.000	0.000		a<b<c

F: Anova F test a-b-c: Tukey HSD t: Paired Sample Test * p<0.05 **p<0.001).

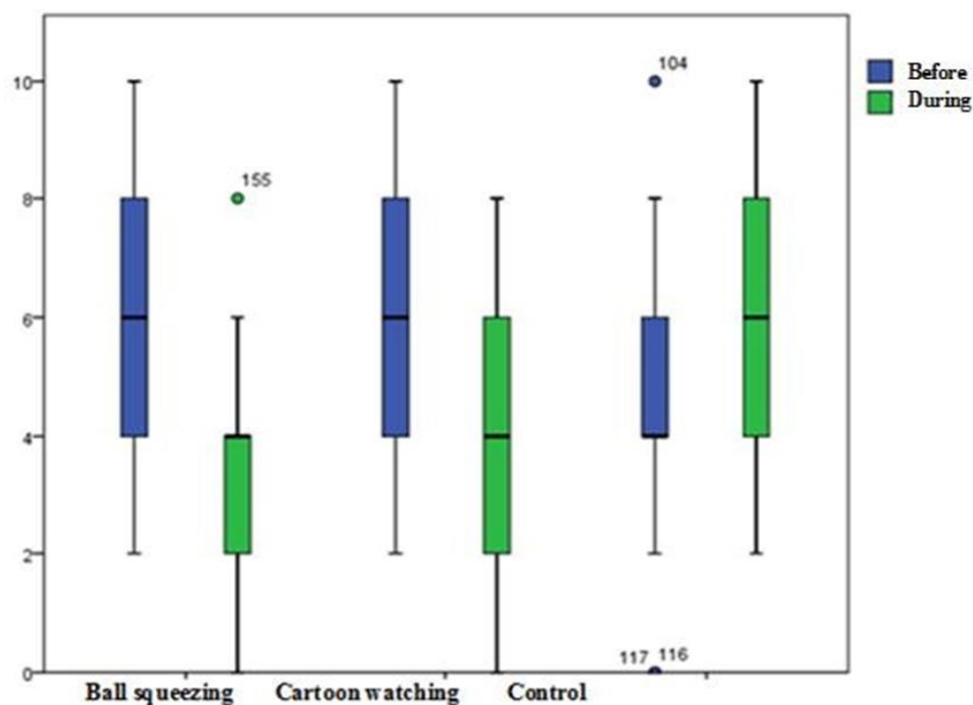


Figure 2. Changes in groups for FPS-R scores

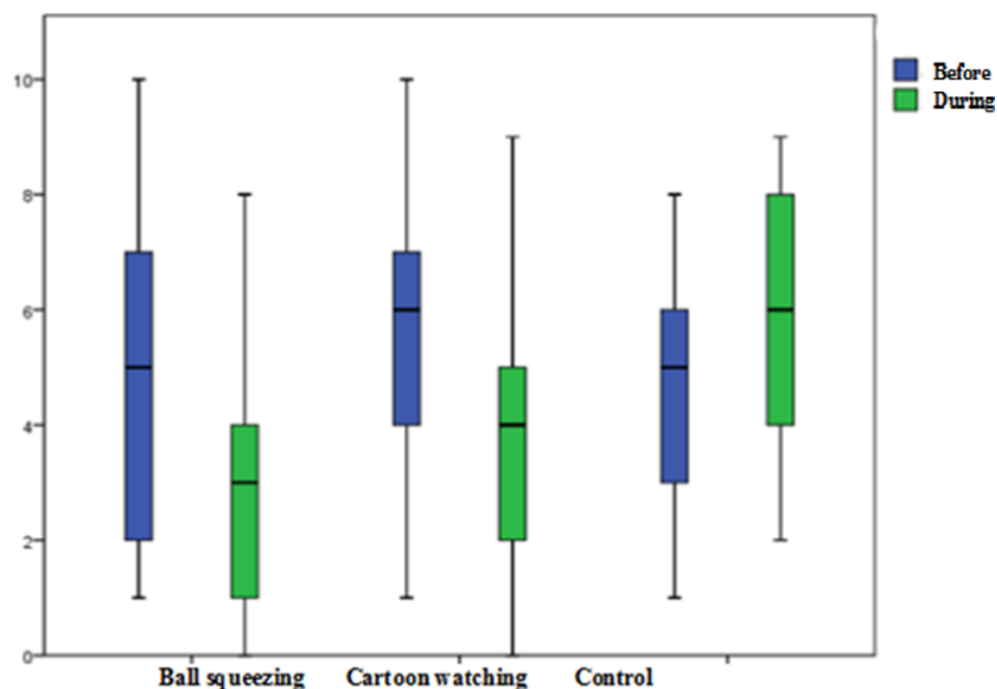


Figure 3. Changes in groups for VAS scores

Regarding injection types, IM are common but the relevant interventions are often addressed on vaccination (Bergomi et al., 2018; Robabi et al., (2016) for watching cartoon), phlebotomy=venipuncture (Aydin et al. (2016); Girgin and Göl (2020) for ball squeezing), venous catheterization (SirtinTumakaka et al. (2020) for ball squeezing), intramuscular injection (Çelik and Khorshid, 2015; Yilmaz and Alemdar, 2019). However, nonpharmacological interventions employed during IM are rare. In this regard, we compared the two different distraction methods in pain management during IM. Accordingly, the findings of the current study revealed that significant differences between ball squeezing and cartoon watching were observed. Those groups exhibited lower pain scores in relative control group as expected and similar to the previous reports [Akgül et al., (2021); İnangil et al. (2020); Inan and Inal (2019); Kuo et al., (2018) for cartoon watching; Aydin et al., (2016); Abdolalizadeh et al., (2018) for ball squeezing]. However, corresponding to the comparison of the relevant groups, ball squeezing was more effective in reduction of pain during injection among children. The higher efficiency of the ball squeezing might

be attributed to the cognitive engagement of the children with the distracting stimulus (Hussein, 2015), suggesting that the distraction techniques applied during lumbar puncture are effective in pain management (Heidari Gorji et al., 2017). Also, Aydin et al., (2016) compared ball squeezing with balloon inflating and distraction cards and reported that ball squeezing was less effective in comparison with the other relevant groups during venipuncture. Girgin and Göl (2020) also revealed that ball squeezing was less efficient in relative to the coughing but more effective than balloon inflating during venipuncture. However, it is worth to note that active engagement methods should be convenient and compatible with age and state of development and include several sensory components of the children (Laures et al., 2019; Rezai et al., 2017). As deduced from the methods applied for the injection types, the relevant methods also should be convenient with the injection types.

Limitation of Study

A limitation of the study was that no preliminary preparation or intervention was made before

watching cartoons and applying the ball (for squeezing). However, it is important as it is the first study to use ball squeezing, which is one of the non-pharmacological methods used to reduce pain during intramuscular injection. In the period of the study, the cartoons shown to the determined age groups are limited to the selected ones.

Conclusion

According to this study outcome; ball squeezing and cartoon watching implementation were revealed to be effective in alleviating the pain during the injection. Ball squeezing and watching cartoons should be expanded to manage pain in children during IM injections in emergency departments and other units. In this case, it is thought that the application times of invasive procedures will be shortened and the health personnel will benefit in terms of time and ease of application. The implementations employed, the ball squeezing group had the lowest pain level in comparison to the cartoon watching and control groups. In future studies, it is recommended to repeat the methods with IM pain-reducing effects in children comparatively, to include these methods more in clinical applications, and to conduct more clinical studies to determine the best method.

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Determination of Aflatoxin M1 Levels in Some Honamli Goat Herds in Burdur Province

Burdur İlindeki Bazı Honamli Irkı Keçi Sürülerinde Aflatoxin M1 Düzeylerinin Belirlenmesi

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Abstract:In this study, aflatoxin M1 (AFM1) levels were determined from the milk serum of 90 lactating Honamli goats aged 2-6 years in 12 herds breeding Honamli goats in Burdur province in spring and April in 2021. A statistically significant difference was found between flock 1 and flock 4-12 and between flock 3 and flock 9,11 ($p<0.05$). In addition, the mean AFM1 concentration was determined as 29.79 ng/L in 12 farms of Honamli breed goat breeding in Burdur province. The minimum AFM1 concentration was 7.99 ng/L and the maximum AFM1 concentration was 46.28 ng/L in 12 flocks. As a result, AFM1 was detected in the milk samples of all 12 flocks in Burdur city evaluated in the present study. AFM1 levels were determined at an acceptable level according to the Turkish Food Codex. However, while the presence of AFM1 in the entire flocks is acceptable according to the Turkish Food Codex, it suggests that the storage conditions of forage crops are not sufficient. The concentration of aflatoxin in plants in pastures should be investigated. Natural toxin binders, which have been actively used in animal nutrition recently, should also be used in goat breeding.

Keywords: Aflatoxin M1, Aflatoxicosis, Honamli Goat, Milk.

Öz:Bu çalışmada 2021 yılında bahar mevsiminde ve Nisan ayında Burdur ilinde Honamli ırkı keçi yetiştiriciliği yapan 12 sürüde bulunan ve yaşları 2-6 yaş arasında değişen 90 adet laktasyondaki Honamli ırkı keçilerin süt serumlarından aflatoxin M1 (AFM1) seviyeleri belirlenmiştir. Bulgularda sürü 1 ile sürü 4-12 arasında ve sürü 3, 9 ve 11 arasında istatistiksel olarak anlamlı farklılık ($p<0.05$) bulunmuştur. Ayrıca, Burdur iline bağlı Honamli ırkı keçi yetiştiriciliği yapılan 12 işletmede ortalama AFM1 konsantrasyonu 29.79 ng/L olarak belirlenmiştir. 12 sürüde minimum AFM1 konsantrasyonu 7.99 ng/L maksimum AFM1 konsantrasyonu 46.28 ng/L olarak belirlenmiştir. Sonuç olarak bu çalışmada Burdur ilinde çalışmaya dahil edilen 12 sürünün tamamının süt numunelerinde AFM1 tespit edilmiştir. AFM1 düzeylerinin Türk Gıda Kodeksine göre kabul edilebilir düzeyde belirlenmiştir. Ancak Türk Gıda Kodeksine göre kabul edilebilir olsa da sürünün tamamında AFM1 bulunması yemlerin depolama şartlarının uygun olmadığını göstermektedir. Meralardaki bitkilerde bulunan aflatoxin yoğunluğu araştırılmalıdır. Hayvan beslemede son dönemlerde aktif bir şekilde kullanılan doğal toksin bağlayıcıların keçi yetiştiriciliğinde de kullanılması gerekmektedir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Aflatoxin M1, Aflatozikoz, Honamli Keçisi, Süt.

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Introduction

Aflatoxins have both toxigenic and teratogenic effects for humans and animals. Aflatoxides are naturally produced by these three species as a result of cantamine of plants and their products with *Aspergillus* (*A*) (*A. flavus*, *A. parasiticus* and *A. nomius*) species. These toxins display immunosuppressive, mutagenic, teratogenic and

carcinogenic effects as well as having acute toxic effects. The main target organ where it has toxigenic and carciogenic effects is the liver (Betina, 1989; Kaya, 2002).

A. flavus produces only Aflatoxin B1 (AFB1) and Aflatoxin B2 (AFB2). *A. parasiticus* produces AFB1, AFB2, Aflatoxin G1 (AFG1) and Aflatoxin G2 (AFG2). In particular, the toxins

produced by *A. flavus* and *A. Parasiticus* have a great significance causing disorders in human and animals (Özkaya and Temiz, 2003; Akdemir et al., 2004).

AFM1 is a toxic metabolite, and as a result of the intake of AFB1 contaminated foods by lactating animals such as cattle, sheep and goats, this metabolite is converted into a hydroxylated form called Aflatoxin M1 (AFM1), which is a cytotoxic and genotoxic substance. AFB1 is biotransformed into AFM1 by hepatic microsomal cytochrome P450. AFM1 has ten-times lower carcinogenic potential than AFB1. AFM1 can be detected in milk 12-24 hours after ingestion of AFB1. It reaches a high level a few days after detection in milk. When AFB1 uptake is stopped, the concentration of AFM1 in milk falls below to detection level after 72 hours (Van Egmond, 1989; Bbosa et al., 2013). Although it is suggested that the ratio between ingested AFB1 and excreted AFM1 is 1-3 %, there are studies reporting that it increases as much as 6 %. However, this excretion differs in each animal (nutrition, milking time, etc.). AFM1, a metabolite of AFB1, which has cytotoxic and genotoxic properties in animals, is an extremely important toxin (Martins and Martins, 2000; Özdemir, 2007). Burdur city is one of the provinces where Honamli goat breeding is done intensively. In this study, it was aimed to determine the AFM1 levels in Honamli goats in Burdur province.

Materials and Methods

Ethical Considerations

Since milk sample was used in this study, it is not necessary to obtain an ethics committee approval in accordance with the Regulation on Working Procedures and Principles of Animal Experiments Ethics Committees. However, since AFM1 levels will be determined in Honamli goats in Burdur province, this study was carried out with the knowledge of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Study Design and Sampling

In this study, it was aimed to determine the levels of AFM1 from the milk serum of 90 lactating Honamli goats aged 2-6 years in 12 herds breeding Honamli goats in Burdur province. All herds included in the study is fed with ground barley and grazed in the bushes. For this purpose, fifteen milliliters (mL) of milk samples were taken from each goat into falcon tubes in spring and April in 2021. The serum of the samples were extracted by centrifugation (3500 rpm/10 min). AFM1 levels from the extracted sera were determined by using commercial ELISA assay kit (ELABSCIENCE KA36762ETS E0099Go) according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Data Analysis

IBM SPSS 22.0 for Windows package program was used for statistical analysis of study data. The normal distribution of the groups in the analyzes was evaluated by using the Shapiro-Wilk test. Due to the normal distribution of the data, comparisons among the groups were carried out by using one-way analysis of variance test. The Bonferroni test was used as a multiple comparisons. The statistical significant was considered as $p < 0.05$.

Results

A statistically significant difference ($p < 0.05$) was found between flock 1 and flock 4-12 and between flocks 3, 9, and 11. In addition, the mean AFM1 concentration was determined as 29.79 ng/L in 12 farms of Honamli breed goat breeding in Burdur province. The minimum AFM1 concentration was 7.99 ng/L and the maximum AFM1 concentration was 46.28 ng/L. As a result, AFM1 was detected in the milk samples of all 12 herds included in the Burdur study in this study.

Discussion

Mycotoxins; are toxic metabolites produced by fungi. They are generally formed during growth or and storage of feed and feed raw materials under unsuitable conditions (Van Egmond,

1989). Mycotoxins cause poisoning called mycotoxicosis in humans and animals (Guntekin et al., 2016; Türel and Calapoğlu, 2017). For toxin formation, appropriate environmental conditions are needed.

In this context, optimal conditions for mycotoxins; the humidity rises above 50-60 %, the ambient temperature is between 25-38 °C, the pH is near 6.0, and the low levels of oxygen concentration (Navarro and Zettler, 2001; **Table 1.** AFM1 levels by flocks.

Özkaya and Temiz, 2003; Çankırı and Uyarlar, 2013; Whitlow et al., 2010). Anorexia, weight loss, icterus, nervous symptoms, and finally death occur in acute aflatoxicosis cases in animals. Autopsy shows decreased color and lipidosis in the liver. Hemorrhage in the kidneys and fluid collection in the body cavities can be also observed. On the other hand, teratogenicity and hepatotoxicity are the main findings in chronic toxications (Pohland 1993).

Grup	AFM1 (ng/L)	
	$\bar{x} \pm sd$	Mean (min-max)
Flock 1(n=8)	43.69±2.19 ^a	44.57 (40.02-46.28)
Flock 2 (n=8)	32.63±5.54 ^{ab}	32.65 (26.05-40.68)
Flock 3 (n=8)	37.10±5.28 ^a	37.64 (29.17-45.59)
Flock 4 (n=8)	30.67±6.74 ^{bc}	28.36 (21.95-44.05)
Flock 5 (n=7)	29.30±9.46 ^{bc}	30.95 (10.96-42.49)
Flock 6 (n=7)	26.47±8.11 ^{bc}	26.47 (15.73-40.07)
Flock 7 (n=8)	26.02±3.18 ^{bc}	26.88 (20.29-30.81)
Flock 8 (n=7)	27.42±6.12 ^{bc}	26.63 (18.86-34.50)
Flock 9 (n=7)	23.45±3.80 ^b	24.47 (15.63-27.53)
Flock 10 (n=8)	25.80±4.72 ^{bc}	25.72 (19.06-33.68)
Flock 11 (n=7)	22.66±10.41 ^b	25.23 (7.99-34.76)
Flock 12 (n=7)	29.76±9.46 ^{bc}	27.66 (12.51-40.31)
Total (n=90)	29.79±8.52	28.47 (7.99-46.28)

There is a statistically significant difference ($p < 0.05$) between rows with different lowercase superscripts.

After AFB1 is taken with feed, it is excreted as AFM1 with milk, urine and faeces (Baygeldi and Tanyıldızı, 2018). AFB1 is detected in milk as AFM1 within a 6-24 hour period following ingestion. The time to reach the highest level is 12-48 hours. When AFB1 uptake does not continue, the level of AFM1 visibility reaches its lowest levels within 72-96 hours (İşleyici et al., 2015; Baygeldi and Tanyıldızı, 2018).

The maximum acceptable AFM1 level in milk is as 50 ng/L according to the Turkish Food Codex (TFC) (Turkish Food Codex, 2002). As mentioned, AFM1 levels in Honamlı goats in Burdur province were determined below the limit.

AFM1 levels may vary by countries, regions, seasons, geographical and climatic characteristics, rations of animals, and lactation period (Kaya Tuz et al., 2017; Karadal et al., 2018). In the present study, the differences between flock 1 and flock 4-12, flock 3 with flock 9 and flock 11 were significant ($p < 0.05$), and this can be linked to the care and feeding and lactation status of the animals.

Özdemir et al. (2007) found that the mean AFM1 concentration in the milk of goats in Kilis farms in March and April was 19.23 ng/L. They reported that the minimum and maximum values of AFM1 concentration ranged from 5.16 to 116.78 ng/L. In another study, Karadal et al. (2018) found that the concentration of AFM1 in goat milk rangin between 0.33-11.79 ng/L in

Niğde province. In accordance with this information, the average AFM1 concentration was found to be 29.79 ng/L in April in Honamlı goats in Burdur province in the current study. In addition, the lowest AFM1 concentration was 7.99 ng/L, while the highest AFM1 concentration was 46.28 ng/L.

The ability to convert AFB1 to AFM1 excreted in milk varies between large and small ruminants. In this manner, the rate of conversion of AFB1 to AFM1 are 0.35 % and 3 % in cows (Veldman et al., 1992; Frobisch et al., 1986), 0.018 % to 3.1 % in goats (Goto and Hsieh, 1985; Nageswara Rao and Chopra, 2001; Ronchi et al., 2005), and 0.08 % and 0.33 % in sheep (Battacone et al., 2005).

It is well known that the AFM1 concentrations in cow's milk is higher than in goat and sheep milk (Virdis et al., 2014). Compared to cattle fattening, due to pasture grazing reduces the intake of feeds contaminated with mold strains and aflatoxin exposure. The use of concentrates and feedstuffs in sheep and goats is limited due to economic reasons and milk production (Molle et al., 2008).

The AFM1 concentrations (mean±standard deviation) in goat milk were greatly vary between the contries. In this context, it was reported that the AFM1 levels were 14.5±8.4 ng/L in Italy (Virdis et al., 2014), 19±13.8 ng/L in Syria (Ghanem and Orfi, 2009), 2.0±5.0 ng/L in Pakistan (Hussain et al., 2010), 31.8±13.7 ng/L in Iran (Rahimi and Ameri, 2012), 7.6±8.94 ng/L in Croatia (Bilandzic, 2014). In this study, the AFM1 concentration was determined as 29.79±8.52 ng/L.

Conclusion

In conclusion, AFM1 was detected in the milk samples of all 12 herds included in the Burdur city in this study. AFM1 levels were determined below the maximum acceptable level according to the TFC. However, while the presence of AFM1 in the entire flocks is acceptable according to the TFC, it suggests that the storage conditions of forage crops are not sufficient. When feeding

animals forage plants with poor storage conditions, caution should be taken. The concentration of aflatoxin in plants in pastures should be investigated. Natural toxin binders, which have been actively used in animal nutrition recently, should also be used in goat breeding. This study has proven that natural toxin binders, which have been actively used in animal nutrition recently, should also be used in goat breeding.

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Evaluation of Neck Pain in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

Kronik Obstrüktif Akciğer Hastalığı olan Hastalarda Boyun Ağrısının Değerlendirilmesi

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Abstract: In chronic obstructive pulmonary disease(COPD) patients use extensively supplementary respiratory muscles such as trapezium and scalenes muscles in order to facilitate ventilation. These situations cause pain restricting by the upper body mobility and neck movements. This study was conducted to investigate the presence of neck pain in individuals with COPD and to compare it with healthy individuals. The study included sixty-two patients with COPD(COPD group) and sixty-two healthy volunteer subjects(control group). Visual Analog Scale(VAS) to determine pain intensity were used. Severity of neck disability level and the effects of pain on daily life were evaluated by Neck Disability Index and Nordic Musculoskeletal System Questionnaire. Chest mobility was assessed by circumference measurement. VAS of the COPD group was higher than the control group ($p<0.05$). While mild disability was found due to neck pain in the COPD group, there was no impairment in the control group ($p<0.05$). In chest circumference measurements measured from axillary, epigastric and subcostal parts, the COPD group values were found to be statistically lower ($p<0.05$). Individuals with COPD have neck pain. When these patients rehabilitate, musculoskeletal problems, such as neck pain should be considered.

Keywords: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, Neck pain, Neck disability level.

Öz: Kronik obstrüktif akciğer (KOA) hastaları ventilasyonu kolaylaştırmak için sıklıkla trapezin üst parçası ve skalen gibi yardımcı solunum kaslarını kullanmaktadır. Bu durum üst gövdenin mobilitesini ve boyun hareketlerini kısıtlayarak ağrıya sebep olur. Bu çalışma, KOA'lı hastalarda boyun ağrısını değerlendirmek ve sağlıklı bireylerle karşılaştırmak amacıyla yapılmıştır. Çalışmaya altmış iki KOA hastası (KOA grubu) ve altmış iki sağlıklı gönüllü birey (kontrol grubu) dahil edildi. Ağrı şiddetini belirlemek için Görsel Analog Skala kullanıldı. Boyun özür derecesi ve ağrının günlük yaşama etkileri Boyun Özür Göstergesi ve Nordic Kas-iskelet Sistemi Anketi ile değerlendirildi. Göğüs mobilitesi değerlendirmek için göğüs çevre ölçümü yapıldı. KOA grubunun ağrı şiddeti kontrol grubuna göre daha yüksekti. KOA grubunda boyun ağrısına bağlı hafif özürlülük saptanırken, kontrol grubunda yetersizlik yoktu ($p<0,05$). Aksillar, epigastrik ve subkostal bölgelerden ölçülen göğüs çevresi ölçümlerinde KOA grubu değerleri istatistiksel olarak daha düşük bulundu ($p<0,05$). KOA'lı bireylerde boyun ağrısı görülmektedir. Bu hastalar rehabilitasyon programına alındığında boyun ağrısı gibi kas-iskelet sistemi sorunları göz önünde bulundurulmalı ve buna yönelik tedaviler rehabilitasyon programına eklenmelidir.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Kronik obstrüktif akciğer hastalığı, boyun ağrısı, boyun özür düzeyi.

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Introduction

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is a common, preventable, and treatable disease characterized by progressive respiratory symptoms and airflow limitation. In recent years, it has been known that COPD is associated with systemic

effects and comorbidities leading to anomalies in the lung besides other organs. Weight loss, nutritional disorders, musculoskeletal dysfunction, exercise intolerance, cardiovascular diseases, lung cancer, depression and anxiety, osteoporosis, diabetes, obstructive sleep apnea syndrome, and

anemia are the most common systemic effects of COPD (Maltais et al., 2014). Patients with respiratory diseases like chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and asthma have been found to have postural disorders due to hyperinflation and overuse of accessory muscles of respiration, such as increased forward tilt of the head, protraction, and retraction of the scapula, increased cervical lordosis, chest wall enlargement, decreased mobility of the thoracic spine, and increased lumbar lordosis (Lee et al., 2018; Lunardi et al., 2011). In the presence of the kypholordotic posture in which the head tilts forward and the swayback posture in which the hip is pushed forward of the trunk, weakness is observed in the external oblique muscle, one of the expiratory muscles (Kendall 2005).

Recent studies have shown an apparent correlation between impaired cervical motor control and respiratory dysfunction (Kapreli et al., 2005; Wirth et al., 2014). During breathing, stabilization of the cervical and thoracic spine is needed for muscle activation to allow the upward and downward movements of ribs. In COPD patients, the increased activity of accessory muscles of respiration such as sternocleidomastoid (SCM) and scalene causes fatigue in involved muscles. Spasms and pain occur in the cervical region due to hyperinflation and excessive use of accessory muscles for respiration and postural changes (Lunardi et al., 2011; Kapreli et al., 2009). However, individuals with chronic neck pain have also been found to have impaired pulmonary functions (Dimitriadis et al., 2013) and reduced strength of respiratory muscles (Kapreli et al., 2009; Dimitriadis et al., 2014). The anatomic proximity of cervical and thoracic regions and the increased activity of the accessory muscles of respiration changes the kinetic control of the thoracic and costal joints in individuals with neck pain, increasing the respiratory workload. Therefore, it impairs respiratory parameters indicating respiratory functions and respiratory muscle strength (Kapreli et al., 2009).

Studies have shown that the quality of life of COPD patients is adversely affected by the disease (Wirth et al., 2014, Tsiligianni et al., 2011). Although it is mainly associated with shortness of breath (Habraken et al., 2011), some studies associate the reduction in the quality of life in COPD patients with pain (Borge et al., 2011, Bentsen et al., 2011, Lee et al., 2015). It was reported that 70% of patients with COPD presented with complaints of pain (Borge et al., 2011). A study investigating symptom distress and quality of life in advanced COPD reported that 37% of patients had chest pain and 41% had pain in other parts of the body (Blindermann et al., 2009). Patients with severe COPD had moderate to severe pain complaints, most commonly in the chest, neck, arms, back, or hips (Lohne et al., 2010). Due to the excessive use of accessory muscles in COPD, there is a high risk of developing neck pain as a result of the stress on the musculoskeletal structures around the neck (Heneghan et al., 2015).

There are no studies in the literature examining neck pain and its consequences on activities of daily living in COPD patients. Therefore, we conducted our study to investigate the presence of neck pain in patients with COPD and to compare it with healthy individuals.

Materials and Methods

This study included 124 volunteers, consisting of 62 healthy individuals and 62 patients diagnosed with COPD, who were followed up in the Pamukkale University Chest Diseases Outpatient Clinic.

Participants

The study included 62 COPD patients, who were 18 years old or older, who were treated with the diagnosis of COPD in Pamukkale University Hospital Chest Diseases Outpatient Clinic, who met the inclusion criteria, and who voluntarily agreed to participate in the study. The study also included 62 healthy individuals from the same age group, who had no known comorbidities.

Inclusion Criteria

For COPD patients: Individuals, who had no respiratory diseases other than COPD, who were literate, who had no history of a whiplash injury, who had no malignancies, who did not have diabetes mellitus, and individuals, who had no cardiac, neuromuscular, neurological, mental, or metabolic disorders of significant severity, were included in the study.

For the control group: Individuals, who had no known comorbidities, who were literate, who had no history of a whiplash injury, who had no malignancies, and those who did not have diabetes mellitus were included in the study.

Exclusion Criteria

For COPD patients: Individuals, who did not meet the inclusion criteria, and those who suffered from acute or chronic neuromusculoskeletal pain in any part of the body were excluded.

For the control group: Individuals, who did not meet the inclusion criteria, who had any acute or chronic neuromusculoskeletal pain in any part of the body, and those who had cardiac, pulmonary, neuromuscular, neurological, mental, or metabolic disorders were excluded from the study.

Study design

Socio-demographics of participants, who met the inclusion criteria, were collected through interviews, recorded, and then, their chest circumferences were measured. Neck pain severity was assessed using the Visual Analog Scale. It was questioned whether there was painkiller use related to neck pain in the last week. Musculoskeletal problems related to the neck and upper extremities were collected using the Nordic Musculoskeletal Questionnaire. The Neck Disability Index was used to determine the impact of neck pain on activities of daily living. Pulmonary functions of only COPD patients were tested. The GOLD classification was used for COPD diagnosis and

staging (Global Initiative for Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease (GOLD) 2006).

Evaluation methods

Chest circumference measurement: To determine the chest mobility and respiration type, chest circumferences were measured using a tape measure in the upright sitting position over the axillary (4th coastal level), epigastric (xiphoid process level), and subcostal (9th coastal level) regions. Chest circumference was measured during deep inspiration and deep expiration, and the difference was recorded in centimeters (Viitanen et al., 1992; Reddy et al., 2019).

Visual Analog Scale (VAS): Pain severity was assessed using VAS. "0" denoted no pain, and "10" denoted the most severe pain level perceived. Patients marked the pain severity on a 10 cm horizontal line, and then the measurements were recorded. Patients were inquired to find out whether they suffered from neck pain currently (Heneghan et al., 2015).

Nordic Musculoskeletal Questionnaire (NMQ): Using NMQ, tested for validity and reliability in Turkish by Kahraman et al., the patients were questioned for the presence of symptoms (pain, discomfort, numbness) in the last 12 months in nine different anatomic regions (neck, shoulder, elbow, wrist/hand, upper body, lower body, hip/thigh, knee, ankle/foot) (Kuorinka et al., 1987; Kahraman et al., 2015). In our study, we focused only on regions related to the neck and upper extremities.

Neck Disability Index (NDI): NDI was used in the study to determine the impact of neck pain on activities of daily living. This index consists of 10 questions on the severity of pain, personal care, load lifting, reading, headaches, the ability to concentrate, work life, the ability to drive, sleep characteristics, and leisure activities. Each question is given a value in the range of 0-5 points. When there are unanswered questions, they are removed from the calculation of the total score. The neck disability rate is calculated by dividing

the participant's score by the highest possible score and multiplying it by 100. A high score and a high rate indicate a high degree of disability related to the neck. A disability rate of 0-20 percent means no disability, 21-40 means mild, 41-60 Moderate, 61-80 severe, and 81-100 complete disability (Kesiktas et al., 2012; Aslan et al., 2008).

Pulmonary Function Test (PFT): PFT was performed with the COSMED Pony Fx portable oral pressure measuring device. Pulmonary function parameters were measured while patients were sitting in a comfortable position with the nose clip attached. The test was repeated three times. Forced Expiratory Volume in the first second (FEV1), Forced Vital Capacity (FVC), FEV1/FVC ratio, Peak Expiratory Flow (PEF), and Maximal Mid-Expiratory Flow Rate (FEF25-75) values were recorded (Neder et al., 1999; Neder et al., 2020). Pulmonary function tests were performed to determine the stages of COPD.

Statistical Analysis

The effect size obtained in the reference study was large ($d=1.01$) (Heneghan et al., 2015). Based on the results of the reference study, we performed a power analysis assuming that we could obtain a

lower effect size ($d=0.8$). We calculated that the inclusion of at least 84 subjects (at least 42 subjects for each group) would provide 95% power at a 95% confidence level. The data were analyzed using the SPSS package software. Continuous variables were presented as mean \pm standard deviation. Categorical variables were presented as numbers and percentages. When the parametric test assumptions were met, the Test of Significance of Difference between Two Means was used to compare independent group differences. In addition, the relations between continuous variables were analyzed with Spearman's correlation analysis, and the differences between categorical variables were analyzed with the Chi-square analysis.

Ethical consideration

Before starting the study, all participants were informed about the aim and scope of the study, and written consent was obtained from each participant. This study was approved by decision no.23 dated 08.12.2020 of the Pamukkale University Medical Ethics Committee of Non-Interventional Clinical Research.

Table 1. Demographic and clinical characteristics of groups.

Variables	COPD group Mean \pm SD	Control group Mean \pm SD	p-value
Age (years)	66.77 \pm 11.66	64.83 \pm 12.06	0.366 ^a
BMI (kg/m ²)	26.31 \pm 5.16	27.71 \pm 4.96	0.125 ^a
	n (%)	n (%)	
Gender			
Female	11 (17.7)	19 (30.6)	0.141 ^b
Male	51 (82.3)	43 (69.4)	
COPD stage			
Stage 1	8 (12.9)		
Stage 2	27 (43.5)		
Stage 3	18 (29.0)		
Stage 4	9 (14.5)		

BMI: Body mass index, COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, SD: Standard deviation, ^a: Test of Significance of Difference Between Two Means, ^b: Chi-square analysis

Results

The study included a total of 124 subjects consisting of 62 patients followed up with a diagnosis of COPD (COPD group; 11 females, 51 males) and 62 healthy subjects (control group; 19 females, 43 males). All participants met the inclusion criteria.

Descriptive findings

The mean age of the COPD group was 66.77 ± 11.66 years and the mean age of the control group was 64.83 ± 12.06 years. The mean body mass index was 26.31 ± 5.16 kg/m² in the COPD group and 27.71 ± 4.96 kg/m² in the control group. The demographic and clinical characteristics of participants are detailed in Table 1. The descriptive characteristics of participants were similar between the groups ($p > 0.05$). According to GOLD classification, patients with FEV1 values of $> 80\%$ and FEV1/FVC values of < 0.7 were classified as Gold 1 (Mild); $50\% <$ to $< 80\%$ as Gold 2 (moderate); $30\% <$ to $< 50\%$ as Gold 3 (severe); and $< 30\%$ as Gold 4 (Very Severe).

Comparison of neck pain and disability conditions

As for the neck pain severity of the groups, the mean VAS was 2.13 ± 2.53 in the COPD group and 1.21 ± 2.35 in the control group ($p = 0.038$). The duration of pain was 21.43 ± 75.53 weeks in the COPD group and 31.30 ± 108.90 weeks in the control group ($p = 0.600$). The COPD group scores were higher in terms of disability level. The NDI score was 11.91 ± 9.78 in the COPD group and 7.12 ± 8.74 in the control group. As for the disability rate, the mean percentage of neck disability was 25.28 ± 20.36 in the COPD group and 13.68 ± 14.59 in the control group. Mild disability due to neck pain was found in the COPD group, while the control group had no disability ($p = 0.001$).

Based on the neck and shoulder pain assessment with NMQ, 34 patients (54.8%) had neck pain and 31 patients (50.0%) had shoulder pain in the COPD group.

When the use of painkillers for neck pain in the last week was compared, 45 (72.5%) patients in the COPD group and 14 (22.5%) patients in the control group reported that they used drugs. In the control group, 18 (29.0%) participants had neck pain and 25 (40.3%) had shoulder pain. There was no difference between the groups in terms of NMQ shoulder pain subscale scores ($p = 0.280$), while the prevalence of neck pain was higher in the COPD group than in the control group ($p = 0.006$). The comparison of pain and disability conditions of the groups is given in Table 2.

Comparison of chest mobility

As for the chest circumference measurements of the groups, axillary region mobility was 3.41 ± 2.37 cm in the COPD group and 5.18 ± 2.18 cm in the control group. Epigastric region mobility was 3.14 ± 1.96 cm in the COPD group, and 5.35 ± 2.42 cm in the control group. Subcostal region mobility was 3.47 ± 1.96 cm in the COPD group and 6.00 ± 3.34 cm in the control group. Measurement of chest circumference over the axillary, epigastric, and subcostal regions showed that the values of the COPD group were statistically lower ($p = 0.001$) (Table 3).

Assessment of respiratory parameters

Mean respiratory parameters of the COPD group were recorded as follows: FEV1(%) 54.76 ± 19.56 ; FVC(%) 69.49 ± 21.57 ; FEV1/FVC ratio 60.11 ± 10.94 ; PEF(%) 53.38 ± 19.58 ; and FEF25-75(%) 31.89 ± 18.01 (Table 3).

The relationship of neck pain with chest mobility and respiratory parameters in patients with COPD

The relationship between neck pain severity and disability level with chest mobility and respiratory parameters in patients with COPD was not statistically significant ($p > 0.05$) (Table 4).

Discussion

Aiming to investigate the presence of neck pain in COPD patients and to compare them with healthy individuals, this study found that neck pain was common in patients with COPD and that the

severity of pain and disability due to neck pain were higher than the control group. It has been reported in the literature that upper body mobility and neck movements become restricted due to the

frequent use of accessory muscles of respiration for facilitation of ventilation, resulting in pain in respiratory system diseases (Lunardi et al., 2011; Kapreli et al., 2009; Vardar-Yagli et al., 2019).

Table 2. Comparison of the neck pain and disability conditions of groups

Variables	COPD group Mean±SD	Control group Mean±SD	p-value
VAS (score)	2.13±2.53	1.21±2.35	0.038^a
Pain duration (weeks)	21.43±75.53	31.30±108.90	0.600 ^a
NDI (score)	11.91±9.78	7.12±8.74	0.005^a
NDI (disability rate)	25.28±20.36	13.68±14.59	0.001^a
	n (%)	n (%)	
Use painkiller	45(72.5)	14 (22.5)	0.000^b
NDI category			
No disability	17 (27.4)	34 (54.8)	
Mild disability	22 (35.5)	17 (27.4)	
Moderate disability	16 (25.8)	8 (12.9)	0.020^b
Severe disability	5 (8.1)	1 (1.6)	
Complete disability	2 (3.2)	2 (3.2)	
NMQ - Neck Subscale			
Presence of pain	34 (54.8)	18 (29.0)	0.006^b
Number of days with pain			
1-30 days	18 (52.9)	16 (88.8)	0.026^b
More than 30 days	16 (47.1)	2 (11.2)	
Limitation of activity			
Limitation of work	8 (12.9)	8 (12.9)	0.200 ^b
Limitation of leisure activities	15 (24.2)	10 (16.1)	0.769 ^b
Number of days with limitation of the work life	27 (43.5)	17 (27.4)	0.282 ^b
1-30 days	4 (6.5)	1 (1.6)	
More than 30 days			
NMQ - Shoulder Subscale			
Presence of pain	31 (50.0)	25 (40.3)	0.280 ^b
Number of days with pain			
1-30 days	21 (67.7)	18 (98.4)	0.012^b
More than 30 days	10 (32.3)	1 (1.6)	
Limitation of activity			
Limitation of work	5 (8.1)	8 (12.9)	0.177 ^b
Limitation of leisure activities	2 (3.2)	12 (19.4)	0.001^b
Number of days with limitation of the work life	24 (38.7)	17 (27.4)	0.595 ^b
1-30 days			

VAS: Visual analog scale, NDI: Neck Disability Index, NMQ: Nordic Musculoskeletal Questionnaire, COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, SD: Standard deviation, ^a: Test of Significance of Difference Between Two Means, ^b: Chi-square analysis

Table 3. Comparison of chest mobility and respiratory parameters of the groups

Variables	COPD group Mean±SD	Control group Mean±SD	p-value ^a
Chest circumference measurement			
Axillary region	3.41±2.37	5.18±2.18	0.001
Epigastric region	3.14±1.96	5.35±2.42	0.001
Subcostal region	3.47±1.96	6.00±3.34	0.001
Respiratory parameters			
FEV1 (%)	54.76±19.56		
FVC (%)	69.49±21.57		
FEV1/FVC	61.97±12.99		
PEF (%)	53.38±19.58		
FEF25-75 (%)	31.89±18.01		

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, SD: Standard deviation, ^a: Test of Significance of Difference Between Two Means

In our study, the pain severity of the COPD group was higher than that of the control group. A study questioned elderly COPD patients about their pain complaints and their severity and found that they had more pain complaints compared to the healthy group. The study reported that patients frequently used pain relief methods such as acupuncture, TENS, and medication for the relief of pain complaints. However, although the presence of pain was high in patients with COPD, there was not a significant difference between the groups in that study. This was because the subjects with certain comorbidities including rheumatological diseases, asthma, or fibromyalgia were not excluded from the control group of the study. Unlike this study, we did not include individuals with comorbidities. In addition, in the present study, patients mostly complained of the chest, shoulder, neck, and back pain (Bentsen et al., 2011). In our study, we specifically questioned the presence of neck pain and found that the severity of pain in the COPD group was higher compared to the control group. However, the pain level of COPD patients was below 5. We think that the reason for this is related to the high use of painkillers. In addition, the duration of pain may be shortened due to the intake of painkillers. Mild to moderate COPD patients may also have been

affected by this situation. We think that the level of pain will be higher in patients with severe levels.

The more common occurrence of pain in people with COPD may be a result of shortness of breath and coughing, which increase the use of accessory muscles and cause fatigue in the chest and back. A study reported that 72% of moderate-to-severe COPD patients had pain symptoms (Borge et al., 2011). In our study, we found a 54.8% frequency of neck pain. This rate is quite high despite COPD of mild to moderate severity in our patients. We think that the frequency was high because of the high average age of our COPD patients. Another study, similar to ours, reported that the rate of pain was 34% in men and 55% in women with COPD. It has been reported that pain complaints increased in advanced age, especially above 70 years of age (Fuentes-Alonso et al., 2017).

There are articles in the literature reporting that respiratory muscle weakness is associated with chronic neck pain (Lunardi et al., 2011; Dimitriadis et al., 2014; Heneghan et al., 2015; Gupta. et al., 2019) In a study, chronic pain was reported to be more common in patients with COPD compared to healthy individuals of the same age and gender (Lee et al., 2018). In addition, a strong relationship

was found between increased neck flexion and head protraction and decreased respiratory muscle strength (Kapreli et al., 2009). In our study, we did not find a relationship between pain and chest mobility. However, we think that postural disorders of patients should be evaluated in terms of disease duration and severity since the effects on posture develop slowly.

HajGhanbari et al. (2012) in their study, which included 47 patients with COPD and 47 healthy subjects, found that patients with COPD had

approximately 2.5 times more pain complaints compared to the control group and that their activities of daily living were affected 3.7 times more compared to healthy subjects because of pain. Borge et al. (2011) reported that the complaint of pain in patients with COPD negatively affected daily life and reduced the quality of life. In our study, mild disability due to neck pain was found in the COPD group in terms of the disability conditions that we assessed using NDI but there were no disabilities in the control group.

Table 4. The relationship of neck pain with chest mobility and respiratory parameters in patients with COPD

Variables	p-value	r-value
VAS- Axillary CCM	0.677	-0.054
VAS- Epigastric CCM	0.192	-0.168
VAS- Subcostal CCM	0.901	-0.016
NDI disability rate- Axillary CCM	0.847	-0.025
NDI disability rate- Epigastric CCM	0.343	-0.122
NDI disability rate- Subcostal CCM	0.205	-0.163
VAS- FEV1 (%)	0.337	-0.124
VAS- FVC (%)	0.525	0.082
VAS- FEV1/FVC	0.371	-0.116
VAS- PEF (%)	0.130	-0.195
VAS- FEF25-75 (%)	0.814	-0.030
NDI disability rate- FEV1 (%)	0.345	0.122
NDI disability rate- FVC (%)	0.224	0.157
NDI disability rate- FEV1/FVC	0.707	0.049
NDI disability rate- PEF (%)	0.506	0.086
NDI disability rate- FEF25-75 (%)	0.938	0.010

VAS: Visual analog scale, CCM: Chest circumference measurement, NDI: Neck Disability Index, *Pearson correlation analysis

When we evaluated the presence of shoulder pain as a sub-parameter of the Nordic Musculoskeletal Questionnaire, we found that COPD patients had a higher rate of pain. Although the prevalence of pain was not significant, there was a significant

difference in pain duration and activity limitation. This suggests that COPD patients may experience shoulder pain along with neck pain and it may be related to overuse of upper body muscles. We think that the insignificant difference is related to

the mild-to-moderate disease severity of our COPD patients and that the complaints should increase with advancing age.

Bentsen et al. (2011) reported more comorbidities in COPD patients suffering from pain compared to those without pain. We did not assess the comorbidities of patients and this is one of the limitations of our study. Systemic consequences and comorbidities may occur also in the early stages of the disease and may adversely affect the severity and prognosis of COPD. For this reason, we think that it would be prudent to evaluate systemic effects in future studies. In addition, the male predominance in our study may affect the generalization of our study results to larger groups.

The presence of pain in COPD negatively affects daily life. We think that research on this subject should be increased. We think that should evaluate pain complaints in COPD should focus more on neck pain and the following should be evaluated including the acute or chronic nature of pain, the type of pain, the time of occurrence of pain during the day, aggravations by movements, and pain complaints by the stage of COPD. Evaluating the effect of neck pain on daily life and having a control group are our strengths.

Conclusion

We think that pain should be included in assessment parameters in COPD patients. It would be beneficial to add pain-relieving practices and exercises to rehabilitation programs to relax the accessory muscles of respiration.

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Effect of Combination of Hypericum Perforatum, Calendula Officinalis and Aloe Vera Plant Extracts on Incisional Wound Healing

Hypericum Perforatum, Calendula Officinalis ve Aloe Vera Bitki Ekstraktlarının Kombinasyonunun İnsizyonel Yara İyileşmesine Etkisi

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Abstract: Today, patients and health professionals are turning to innovative approaches due to the lack of success in treating chronic wounds. This study aimed to investigate the effect of a mixture of *Hypericum Perforatum* histopathologically, *Calendula Officinalis*, and *Aloe Vera* plant extracts on incisional wound healing. A total of 14 rats, 7 rats, were used in each group. The groups were divided into experimental and control. While daily wound care was performed with an herbal extract mixture in the experimental group, sterile saline was used for daily wound care in the control group. During the study, wound surface area measurement, macroscopic evaluation, and histopathological examination were performed in both groups. According to research findings, the control group's wound-healing process is shorter. Histopathological analyses revealed that wound healing was completed on day 21.

Keywords: *Aloe Vera, Calendula Officinalis, Hypericum Perforatum, Incisional wound, Wound healing.*

Öz: Günümüzde hastalar ve sağlık profesyonelleri, kronik yaraların bakım ve tedavisinde başarı sağlanamaması nedeniyle yenilikçi yaklaşımlara yönelmektedir. Bu çalışmada, *Hypericum perforatum, Calendula officinalis ve Aloe vera* bitki ekstraktlarının bir karışımının insizyonel yara iyileşmesi üzerine etkisinin histopatolojik olarak incelenmesi amaçlanmıştır. Çalışmada her grupta 7 sıçan olmak üzere toplam 14 sıçan kullanılmıştır. Gruplar deneysel ve kontrol olarak ikiye ayrıldı. Deney grubunda bitkisel ekstre karışımı ile günlük yara bakımı yapılırken, kontrol grubunda günlük yara bakımı için steril salin kullanılmıştır. Çalışma süresince her iki grupta da yara yüzey alanı ölçümü, makroskopik değerlendirme ve histopatolojik inceleme yapıldı. Araştırma bulgularına göre kontrol grubunda yara iyileşme süreci daha kısadır. Histopatolojik incelemelerde yara iyileşmesinin 21. günde tamamlandığı gözlemlendi.

Anahtar Kelimeler: *Aloe vera, Calendula officinalis, Hypericum perforatum, İnsizyonel yara, Yara iyileşmesi.*

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Introduction

Chronic wounds are an important cause of mortality and morbidity. The long duration of wound healing in chronic wounds causes prolonged hospitalization, increased care costs and workload. In addition to these problems, the prolongation of the healing process negatively affects the quality of life of the individual, causing physical and psychosocial trauma, leading to the inability of the individual to fulfill his responsibilities and an increase in care

expenditures economically (Özkorkmaz et al., 2009; Kısacık, 2015). Herbal therapy has gained popularity around the world in recent years. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that approximately 60% of the world population and 60-90% of developing countries turn to treatment with medicinal plants (Sançar et al., 2017). The rich content of herbal medicines, their effect on many regions, their cheapness, low level of side effects and easy availability make them used by large masses. Medicinal plants that affect various stages

of wound healing such as coagulation, inflammation, collagen production and epithelial formation take their place in the scientific literature (Sançar et al., 2017). The effects of the extracts of these plants on wound healing can be listed as antibacterial, collagen synthesis enhancer, proliferation-fibroblast stimulating, antimicrobial and antioxidant (Sançar et al., 2017). *Hypericum perforatum* has been used in wound treatment for centuries and is known to have important effects, especially in incisional wounds (Prisacaru et al., 2013; Altan et al., 2015). It is reported that *H. perforatum* extracts increase collagen production, fibroblast migration, keratinocyte differentiation and epithelialization, as well as antimicrobial and antibacterial effects (Sançar et al., 2017). *Calendula officinalis* is used in wound healing as an anti-inflammatory agent (Erçetin et al., 2012; Parente et al., 2012; Nicolaus et al., 2017). It is seen that the hexane and ethanolic extract of *C. officinalis* stimulates the proliferation and migration of fibroblasts, accelerates re-epithelialization, increases cell proliferation, and the amount of collagen and noncollagen proteins (Budovsky et al., 2015). Another plant used in wound treatment is *Aloe vera*. *Aloe vera* is a medicinal plant with high efficacy in the treatment of skin wounds. Both *Aloe vera* gel and *Aloe vera* extract have been reported to promote wound healing in in vitro and in vivo studies. It contains many active ingredients for wound healing, including polysaccharide, aloin, emodin, rhein, aloesin and vitamins. The antibacterial, anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant and immunomodulatory properties of these compositions have positive effects on skin wound healing. Aloe polysaccharide and anthraquinone, aloin, rhein and emodin components, which are found in large amounts in aloe vera, perform wound healing with their anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, angiogenic and immunomodulatory effects (Attah et al., 2016; Sa et al., 2016; Liang et al., 2020). This study was carried out to examine the effectiveness of combinations of *H. perforatum*, *C. officinalis* and *Aloe vera* plant extracts (HCA) on incisional wound healing and to make a scientific contribution to the literature.

H₁ hypothesis: The use of a mixture of *Hypericum perforatum*, *Calendula officinalis* and *Aloe vera* plant extract in the treatment of incisional wounds shortens the healing process.

Materials and Methods

The ethics committee approval of the study was obtained by Burdur Mehmet Akif Ersoy University Animal Experiments Local Ethics Committee with the decision numbered 512 on 15.05.2019. In the study, Wistar breed, average weight 250-350 gr. 14 male rats, ranging in age from 8-12 weeks old, were used. Rats were divided into experimental and control groups by simple randomization method. After incisional wounds were created, all rats were housed in separate cages for 12 hours during the day and 12 hours at night, under constant temperature (17-20°C environment) and humidity under laboratory conditions. During the experiment, rats were fed with tap water and standard chow. Extracts of *Hypericum perforatum* and *Calendula officinalis* plants were obtained by classical maceration method. *Aloe vera* plant was obtained as a gel. Extracts from these plants were mixed in equal proportions. Anesthesia, dorsal hair shaving and cleaning with 70% isopropanol and surgical field staining with betadine were performed on each rat. Then, wounds were created by making 3 cm incisional incisions with a scalpel in the dorsal region of the rats. The dressing of both groups was performed once a day for 21 days, at the same time every day, assuming 0 on the day the wound was formed (no dressing was applied on the day 0). The mixture obtained from HCA plant extracts was applied to the experimental group in a 0.5 cc amount of injector to completely cover the wound area. After the dressing application, the wound area was covered with sterile sponge and fixed with an adhesive bandage dressing. On the other hand, 1 cc sterile Serum Physiological was applied to the rats in the control group, and the wound area was closed and fixed with sterile sponge. Healing of incisional wounds was evaluated at two levels, macroscopically and microscopically. In order to calculate the wound healing percentages in

macroscopic examination, first of all, photographs of the wounds on the 7th, 14th and 21st days were taken and the wound surface areas and healing percentages were calculated using a computer program. In microscopic examination, excisional biopsy was performed for histological examination of tissue fragments, each containing the wound edge and surface, on days 7, 14, and 21, after wounds were created. On the 7th and 14th days after the biopsy procedure, the area from which

the biopsy was taken was sutured. On the 21st day, after the anesthesia phase, wound evaluations were made and the rats were sacrificed using the cervical dislocation method. The data obtained in the research were analyzed using the SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences) for Windows 25.0 program. When examining the difference between groups; $p < 0.05$ interpreted as statistically significant.

Table 1. Wound area reduction over time in groups (%)

Time	Group	n	Mean	Standard deviation
Wound area percentage 0. day	Control	7	100.00	0.00
	Experiment	7	100.00	0.00
Wound area percentage 7. day	Control	7	84.15	10.86
	Experiment	7	85.58	9.51
Wound area percentage 14. day	Control	7	24.05	7.90
	Experiment	7	36.29	15.21
Wound area percentage 21. day	Control	7	7.13	5.53
	Experiment	7	9.00	4.56

Table 2. Gruplarda yara alanlarının zamana göre değişimi (%)

Time	Control			Experiment			z value	P value
	Med	Min.	Mak.	Med	Min.	Mak.		
Wound area percentage 0. day	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	-0.192	0.848
Wound area percentage 7. day	86.36	62.10	95.65	87.36	67.39	95.55	-1.597	0.110
Wound area percentage 14. day	24.46	11.57	36.95	33.33	18.88	62.53	-1.023	0.306
Wound area percentage 21. day	5.26	2.32	17.39	8.42	3.26	15.38	-1.023	0.306
Test value	21.000			21.000				
p value	0.000			0.000				

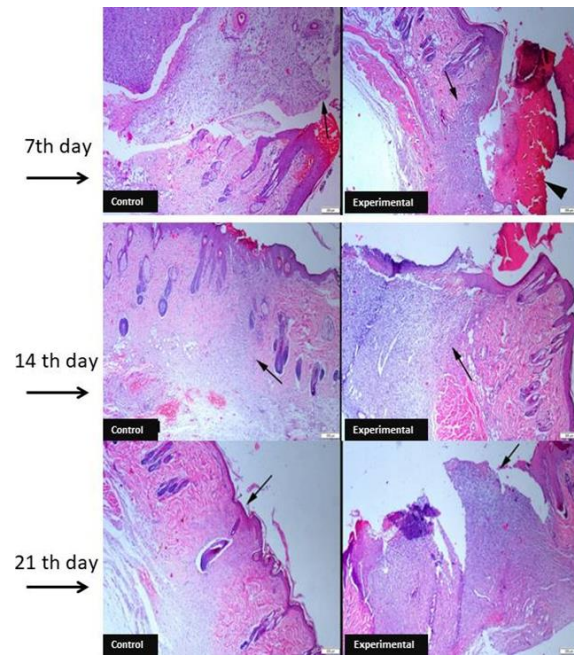
Results

Macroscopic and Wound Surface Findings

On the 4th day of wound healing, it was observed that wound crusting was completed in both study groups. Wound healing progressed more slowly in the experimental group rats for 21 days, and infection findings were observed in the experimental group. It was observed that there was a statistically significant difference in wound area shrinkage of the experimental and control groups according to time ($p < 0.05$) (Table 1). In the multiple comparison test performed to find out which group the difference originated from, the wound area shrinkage on Day 0 was greater than on the 14th and 7th days; It was determined that the wound area shrinkage on the 21st day was smaller than the 7th day. It was determined that there was no statistically significant difference between the groups on all days ($p > 0.05$) (Table 2).

Microscopic and Histopathological Findings

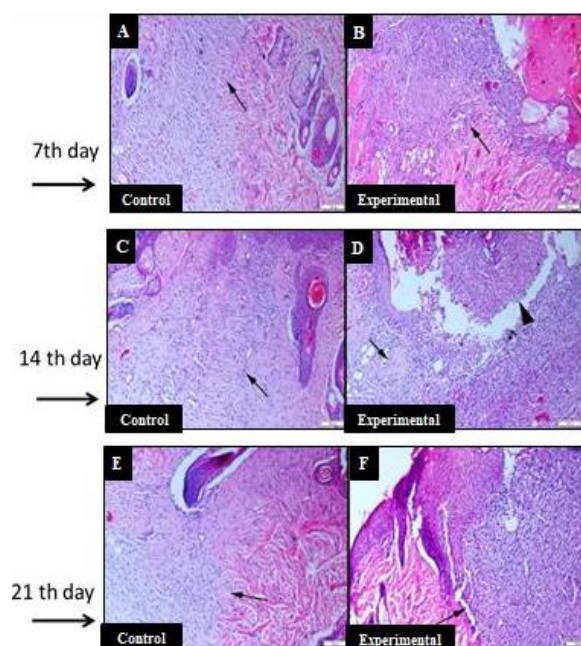
In the histopathological examination of biopsies taken on the 7th day of wound healing; In the control group, it was determined that the connective tissue formation progressed significantly and the healing of the epithelial layer began. In the experimental group, it was observed that the connective tissue was not fully formed, a necrotic crust layer and a severe inflammatory reaction were observed on the epithelial layer. In the histopathological examination of the 14th day of wound healing, it was observed that the healing was better shaped in the control group and that in addition to the healing in the connective tissue, the healing occurred in the epithelial tissue. It was observed that healing progressed in the connective tissue and epithelium in the experimental group, but the inflammatory reaction still continued. Recovery was delayed in the experimental group compared to the control group. In the histopathological examination of the 21st day of wound healing, it was observed that the healing was completed in the control group.



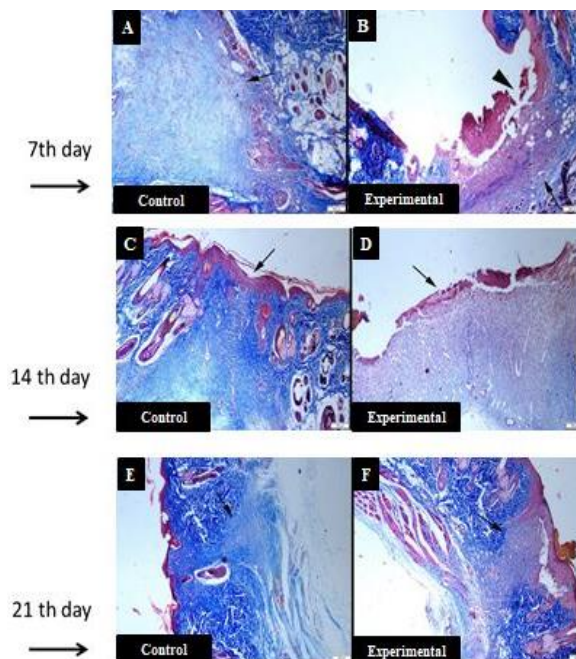
Picture 1: Wound healing on days 7, 14 and 21. Histopathological appearance of skin biopsies on days A: Extensive connective tissue development in the control group (arrow), B: Slight connective tissue formation (arrow) and extensive necrotic crustal mass (arrowhead) in the experimental group, C: Connective tissue development in the control group is about to be completed (arrow), D: Experimental In the group, it was observed that the inflammatory reaction remained prominent especially in the connective tissue (arrow). While the healing of the epithelium was about to be completed in the control group, very slight improvement was observed in the experimental group, E: Significant improvement in the epithelium and connective tissue in the control group, the epithelial layer was completely regenerated (arrow), F: Diffuse inflammatory reaction in the epithelium and connective tissue in the experimental group and delayed healing (arrow), HE, Bar= 200 μ m.

In the experimental group, it was determined that widespread inflammatory reaction and loss of epithelial layer continued, and chronic granulation tissue became evident. Pictures 1 and 2 show the histopathological appearance of wound biopsies taken on days 7-14 and 21 of wound healing. In Masson trichrome staining performed for connective tissue development, it was observed that the connective tissue healing in the control group was shaped more clearly than in the experimental group in all weeks. In the control

group, it was observed that the connective tissue development took shape from the 7th day of wound healing. In the biopsies taken on the 14th day of wound healing, the improvement in the control group was observed. On the 21st day of wound healing, complete connective tissue healing was observed in the control group, while a decrease in connective tissue and collagen formation was observed in the experimental group (Picture 3).



Picture 2: Wound healing on days 7, 14 and 21. Magnified view of skin biopsies on days. A: Connective tissue formation in the control group, B: Connective tissue formation in the experimental group (arrows), C: Connective tissue formation in the control group (arrow), D: Inflammatory reaction in the experimental group (arrowhead), E: Completely healed incision area in the control group (arrow), F: Chronic granulation tissue formation in the connective tissue in the experimental group (arrow), HE, Bar= 100µm.



Picture 3: Wound healing on days 7, 14 and 21. Connective tissue formation. A: Significant connective arrow formation in the control group, B: mild connective tissue formation (arrows) in the experimental group, ulcer formation in the experimental group (arrowhead), C: Connective tissue development and epithelial regeneration (arrow), characterized by significant blue coloration in the control group, D: Delay in healing of both connective tissue and epithelium (arrow) in the experimental group, E: Connective tissue formation in the control group (arrow) F: Connective tissue formation in the experimental group (arrow), Masson Trichrome method, Bar= 200µm.

Discussion

Measuring and recording the changes in the wound surface area is an objective evidence in determining the wound healing status. Considering the wound area percentages, the smallest wound area compared to the initial wound area belongs to the control group with 86.36%. A more effective wound area reduction was observed in all three measurements of the control group compared to the experimental group. As a result, it was observed that the HCA herbal mixture was not effective at the macroscopic level on wound healing. In the study of Nayak et al. (2017), in which they examined the effect of *H.*

perforatum on wound healing, a better healing was observed in the *H. perforatum* application group, unlike our study. In another study, in which herbal extracts were examined, a mixture of *Musa paradisiaca colla* and *Aloe vera* extract in different proportions was used, as a result, it was observed that using them separately or together in incision wounds affected wound healing equally. (Hashemi et al., 2015; Oryan et al., 2016; Kundarto et al., 2020). There is a lot of evidence that *H. perforatum* and *Aloe vera* have a positive effect on wound contraction and epithelialization, and even capillary formation is positively affected (Altıparmak et al., 2019; Teplicki et al., 2018; Koga et al., 2020). In addition, it is stated that *C. officinalis* effectively heals wounds and can be used in the treatment of superficial wounds (Rahman et al., 2020). On the 7th day of our study, the epithelial layer of the control group started to heal. In the experimental group, a necrotic crust layer and a severe inflammatory reaction were detected on the epithelial layer. In the following days, better regeneration was seen in the control group. In the experimental group, the progression was impaired and epithelial layer loss and chronic granulation were detected. It was concluded that the plant mixture used did not affect the epithelialization development much. Collagens in the wound area provide the formation of collagen fibrils, which are an important part of the connective tissue matrix. At the end of this study, it was observed that the connective tissue and collagen formation in the control group was better than the experimental group. However, in a study examining the effect of *Plantago major* and *Aloe vera* on wound healing together, it was observed that *Aloe vera* gave better results in terms of epithelialization, collagen production and neovascularization (Ashkani-Esfahani et al., 2019). Ali et al. (2021) reported that *Aloe Vera* gel increases histopathologically epithelialization, collagenase and angiogenesis. Gunesakan et al. (2020) proved that *C. officinalis* is a wound healing agent by increasing growth factors, collagen and contraction in excisional wounds. The results of these studies do not support our study. Hidayat et al. (2021) reported that ozonated *Aloe vera* oil

increases the number of fibroblasts, macrophages and endothelial cells, accelerates the wound healing process, and increases epithelialization and collagenization in full-thickness cutaneous wounds. It has also been reported that the spray form of *Aloe vera* gel has high healing activity in acute wounds (Sikumbang et al., 2020). In one study, wound healing was observed using aloe vera-containing alginate, and an increase in anti-inflammatory activity, collagen production and angiogenesis was observed (Koga et al., 2020). On the contrary, in our study, the inflammatory reaction was observed continuously, the healing time was prolonged and the collagenization decreased in the experimental group using herbal extract.

Conclusion

Wound and wound healing is one of the quality indicators in the health care system. Nowadays, despite all medical and alternative treatment approaches, wound care and treatment is an important health problem. Healing in chronic wounds can be prolonged with the effect of various factors. Therefore, new approaches to wound treatment are needed. In this study, it was determined that wound healing resulted negatively due to many factors, and healing stages such as connective tissue formation, tissue regeneration, and collagen synthesis could not be fully realized according to the content of the dressing material used in wound care. In the literature, it is reported that single or double combinations of medicinal plants used in our study accelerate wound healing, accelerate collagen synthesis and epithelialization, and stimulate proliferation. However, the herbal mixture used in this study prolongs the wound healing period, reduces collagen synthesis, and causes a widespread inflammatory reaction. Therefore, it was concluded that this mixture should not be used in wound healing. As a result, we think that this mixture should be supported by more comprehensive studies and its effect on all phases of wound healing should be examined separately.

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Conflicts of interest

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Distal Metacarpus Fracture and Bandage Treatment in an Orphan Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus*) (Case Report)

*Bir Öksüz Kızıl Geyik Yavrusunda (*Cervus elaphus*) Distal Metakarpus Kırığı ve Bandajlı Tedavisi (Olgu Sunumu)*

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Abstract: In this case report, a 1-week-old female red fawn (*Cervus elaphus*), constituted the study material. In the clinical examination, posture disorder, malnutrition and severe lameness in both forelimbs in young deer were determined. Radiographic examination of the case revealed a distal diaphyseal transversal fracture in the left metacarpal bone, and a fracture in the lateral 1st and medial 2nd phalanx distal in the right anterior extremity. General anesthesia was not preferred due to possible malnutrition in the young deer, and the treatment of the fracture was accomplished by placing bandage application. After the first week of bandage application, open wound formation on the foot was noticed and wound treatment was performed by opening a window on the bandage. This case report aimed to show our colleagues and other readers about the red deer, which is taken under protection due to the decrease in its population in Turkey, that multiple fractures can be treated with bandage application.

Keywords: Cast, Metacarpal fracture, Non-invasive/non-interventional treatment, Red deer (*Cervus elaphus*).

Öz: Bu olgu sunumunda, çalışma materyalini 1 haftalık dişi bir kızıl geyik (*Cervus elaphus*) yavrusu oluşturdu. Yapılan klinik muayenede yavru geyiklerde postür bozukluğu, malnütrisyon ve her iki ön ayakta şiddetli topallık tespit edildi. Olgunun radyografik incelemesinde sol metakarpal kemikte distal diafiz transversal kırık ve sağ ön ekstremitede lateral 1. ve medial 2. falanks distalinde kırık saptandı. Yavru geyikte olası yetersiz beslenme nedeniyle genel anestezi tercih edilmedi ve kırığın tedavisi bandaj uygulaması yapılarak sağlandı. Bandaj uygulamasının ilk haftası sonrasında ayakta açık yara oluşumu fark edildi ve alçı üzerine pencere açılarak yara tedavisi gerçekleştirildi. Bu olgu sunumu ile Türkiye'de popülasyonunun azalması nedeniyle koruma altına alınan kızıl geyiğin çoklu kırıklarının bandaj uygulaması ile tedavi edilebileceğini meslektaşlarımıza ve diğer okuyucularımıza göstermek amaçlandı.

Anahtar Kelimeler: Bandaj, Kızıl geyik (*Cervus elaphus*), Metakarpal kırık, Non-invaziv/girişimsiz tedavi.

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Introduction

Newborn fawns have the lowest survival rate of any age class and are more susceptible than adults to a variety of death threats, including predators. Disease and malnutrition are among the most common death threats, partly due to the limited mobility of young deer, their underdeveloped immune systems, and their dependence on their mothers for nutrition (Gaillard et al., 1998,

Delguidice et al., 2006). In addition, the habitat type that does not provide adequate hiding opportunities and the long distance between feeding sources affect their threat by predators (Jakson et al., 1972, Scwede et al., 1994). How individuals in a population use habitat can affect their survival by changing their exposure to certain death threats (Hasapes and Comer, 2017, Lendrum et al., 2018). Choosing habitat types that provide a hiding place to give birth may reduce the

risk of predation among newborn fawns protected by hiding, while being away from roads reduces the risk of collision with vehicles (Etter et al., 2002, Piccolo et al., 2014). Deer-vehicle collisions are seen as an important animal welfare problem in Europe and North America and are a major cause of death (Langbein, 2007). In a study conducted in roe deer with fracture findings, it was stated that sedation applied during transport, preoperative intervention and postoperative rehabilitation procedures is the most important factor necessary to prevent stress and related mortality (Nispet et al., 2010). In adult deer, major surgery and prolonged recovery stress factors are contraindicated in low welfare situations. Such highly stressed animals can only be rescued under proper care and housing conditions. Teenagers, on the other hand, tend to be relatively calmer than adults, so they are less likely to injure themselves and recover more quickly (Green, 2003).

In the treatment of fractures, bandaging technique supported by some materials such as polyvinylchloride (PVC) and aluminum or splinting alone or combined with a bandage, such as the Modified Thomas Splint technique, is used as a treatment option for external fixation of closed fractures. Internal fixation techniques using techniques such as intramedullary nailing, cerclage wire, screws, dynamic compression plates, are recommended for the fixation of displaced, comminuted and complicated fractures (Arıcan et al., 2013). It has also been used in fracture treatment in interlocking pins in recent years (Arıcan et al., 2017).

In this case report, it was aimed to return the multiple fractures of an endangered red fawn cub to its habitat with bandage treatment.

Case Presentation

In this case report, a 1-week-old orphaned female red fawn (*Cervus elaphus*), one of the world's largest deer species, evaluated as Least Concern in the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Natural Life and Natural Resources, and whose number is decreasing day by

day in our country, constituted the study material (Figure 1). The red fawn was brought to Afyon Kocatepe University Wildlife Rescue Rehabilitation Training Application and Research Center (AKÜREM) in July 2020 by the authorities of the 5th Regional Directorate of Nature Conservation and National Parks, Eskişehir Branch, with the notification of the villagers in the countryside of Eskişehir, who were exhausted and could not stand up. He was directed to the Veterinary Health Application and Research Center for consultation.



Figure 1. A view from the process of staying in the bandage of the Red Fawn.

In the clinical examination, posture disorder, malnutrition and severe lameness in both forelimbs in young deer were determined. From the bruises on the pup, it was concluded that he was injured while escaping from a predator or human. Radiographic examination of the case revealed a distal diaphyseal transversal fracture in the left metacarpal bone, and a fracture in the lateral 1st phalanx and medial 2nd phalanx distal in the right anterior extremity (Figure 2).



Figure 2. Radiographic view of anterior extremities in antero/posterior position in Red Deer and a transversal fracture in the distal diaphysis area of the left metacarpal bone and a fracture in the right lateral 1st phalanx and medial 2nd phalanx distal.

General anesthesia was not preferred due to possible malnutrition in the young deer, and the treatment of the fracture was accomplished by placing bandage application, with mild sedation (Xylazine hydrochloride, 0.2 mg/kg, im) was kept under follow-up (Figure 3). The fawn, whose care and treatment continued in AKÜREM after the bandage, was fed with a bottle. After the first week of bandage application, open wound formation on the foot was noticed and wound treatment was performed by opening a window on the bandage. Appetite and motility returned to normal within a week in the pup, which showed rapid recovery after bandage, and the start of using the relevant extremity was completed in 20 days (Figure 4). Full functional recovery of the red fawn, which used its foot springly after this period, took 90 days.

Discussion

The deer being a calf and the choice of the fracture stabilization method; A rapid improvement was observed in this case, as the young deer were followed up with an assisted bandage, did not

undergo a surgical operation, healed quickly in young deer, were tolerant of captivity, and were less likely to injure themselves further. However, it was concluded that it is also important to take measures to prevent the mammalian offspring from getting used to humans while raising them.



Figure 3. Rigid plaster bandage application to the front extremities in Red Deer.



Figure 4. Radiographic image of fore limbs in medio/lateral position in Red Deer and a transversal fracture in the distal diaphysis area of the left metacarpal bone and a fracture in the right lateral 1st phalanx and distal medial 2nd phalanx.

Various techniques for treatment of extremity fractures are recommended by surgeons as depending on some factors such as type and localisation of fracture, type and severity of trauma, choice of treatment, genetical value of animal, cost of treatment and the conditions of management. It was reported that highly successful results have been obtained in the calves treated with techniques of bandage and splint (Aksoy et al., 2009, Gangl et al., 2006, Görgül et al., 2004, Latrach et al., 2006). In this case, treatment with bandage application was successful. This result is similar to the literature.

It was aimed to inform our colleagues and other readers and to raise awareness in this case of broken offspring belonging to the red deer species, which has been taken under protection because its population is decreasing in Turkey.

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