

Mechanical Bowel Preparation for Elective Colorectal Surgery: A Prospective Randomized Study Comparing Two Liters and Four Liters of Polyethylene Glycol-Based Oral Lavage Solutions

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Purpose: This study was undertaken to determine whether a mechanical bowel preparation with 2 liters polyethylene glycol solution combined with a Bisacodyl 20 mg (Group II) increases the acceptability of bowel preparation and reduces discomfort compared with 4 liters of polyethylene glycol solution (Group I). **Methods:** We conducted a prospective randomized single-blinded study. Eighty patients undergoing an elective colorectal surgery in Severance hospital from April 1999 to September 1999 were included in this study. The patients' tolerance, cleansing ability and surgeon's satisfaction were assessed by a structured questionnaire. Postoperative complications were also evaluated. **Results:** The patients' tolerance of the group II (2 liters polyethylene glycol solution combined with a Bisacodyl 20 mg) was better than that of the groups I (4 liters of polyethylene glycol solution). The cleaning ability and surgeon's satisfaction were not different between two groups (p=0.225, p=0.322). The incidence of postoperative complications was 2.3 percent in Group I and 2.7 percent in Group II. **Conclusions:** The mechanical bowel preparation with two liters of polyethylene glycol solution with a Bisacodyl 20 mg was more comfortable to patients and equally efficient compared with the mechanical bowel preparation with the 4 liters of polyethylene glycol solution regimen before elective colorectal surgery. (JKSCP 2000;16:383-387)

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(whole gut irrigation)
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(mannitol) 24
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 1) excellent, 2) good, 3) fair, 4) poor

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 (severe), (intolerable))
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 1) clear, 2) clear

liquid, 3) stool, 4) liquid stool
 1) excellent, 2) good, 3) fair, 4) poor

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Table 1. Patients' characteristics

Variables	Group I (n=43)	Group II (n=37)
Age (mean ± SD)	57.1 ± 15.71	57.6 ± 12.76
Gender (M/F)	33/ 10	24/ 13
Obstruction*	9	4
Indications		
Malignancy	38	34
IBD	1	2
Others	4	1
Procedures		
APR	3	2
LAR	17	19
AR	6	7
Rt. hemicolectomy	11	4
Others	6	5

IBD = Inflammatory bowel disease; APR = Abdomino-perineal resection; LAR = Low anterior resection; AR = Anterior resection; SD = Standard deviation.

*Failure of colonoscopic passage without complete obstruction.

Table 2. Incidence of nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain

	Group I (n=43)	Group II (n=37)	Total (n=80)
Nausea*	14	7	21
Vomiting	4	2	6
Abdominal pain	2	6	8

*P < 0.129.

Table 3. Comparison of patients' tolerance, cleansing ability, and surgeon's satisfaction between group I and group II

	Group I	Group II	P value
Patients' tolerance			
Tolerable,	30	33	0.031
none/mild/moderate	8/ 10/ 12	5/ 19/ 9	
Intolerable,	14	4	
severe/intolerable	13/ 1	4/ 0	
Cleansing ability			
Acceptable,	36	34	0.225
clear/clear liquid	29/ 7	33/ 1	
Unacceptable,	7	3	
stool/liquid stool	2/ 5	1/ 2	
Surgeon's satisfaction			
Acceptable,	37	34	0.322
excellent/good	28/ 9	30/ 4	
Unacceptable,	6	6	
fair/poor	3/ 3	3/ 3	

Table 4. Postoperative complications

	Group I	Group II
Wound dehiscence	1	0
Anastomotic leakage	0	1
Total	1	1

Table 5. Comparisons of the surgeon's satisfaction, cleansing ability and spillage in abdominal cavity between passage group and obstruction group

	Passage	Obstruction*	P
Surgeon's satisfaction			
Excellent	55 (82.1%)	3 (23.1%)	< 0.001
Good	10 (14.9%)	3 (23.1%)	
Fair	2 (3.0%)	3 (23.1%)	
Poor	0 (0%)	4 (30.8%)	
Cleansing ability			
Clear	57 (85.1%)	5 (38.5%)	< 0.001
Clear liquid	7 (10.4%)	1 (7.7%)	
Stool	0 (0%)	3 (23.1%)	
Liquid stool	3 (4.5%)	4 (30.8%)	
Spillage in abdominal cavity			
No spillage	66 (98.5%)	7 (53.8%)	< 0.001
Spillage	1 (1.5%)	6 (46.2%)	

*Failure of colonoscopic passage without complete obstruction.

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PEG 25% sodium phosphate 65% PEG

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14 (32.6%), 4 (9.3%) (18.9%), 2 (5.4%)

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6 (16.2%)

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(tolerance)

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(balanced solution)

PEG (polyethylene gly-

(P=0.03).

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(p=0.225,

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p=0.322).

(osmotic purgatives)

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1 (2.3%)

2

1 (2.7%)가

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PEG

4

(chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)

4 liters

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Grundel 9 PEG 4 liters

1990 (low-volume)

Vanner 10

PEG 2 liters prepacol(a sodium phosphate solution with 20 mg of Bisacodyl)

Seifert 11

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PEG prepacol (bisacodyl tablet+sodium sulphate solution)

PEG

Adams 12

PEG 4 liters

PEG 2 liters

Bisacodyl 20

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mg

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가

, Bisacodyl 20 mg

excellent가 55 (82.1%)

PEG

Oliveira 13

PEG 4

excellent가 3 (23.1%)

liters sodium phosphate 90 mL

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liter 5 가 4 liter
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excellent 4 , good 1 , clear 4 ,
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PEG 2 liter with Bisacodyl 20 mg
PEG 4 liter 가

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PEG 2 liter with Bisacodyl
20 mg 가

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PEG 4 liter PEG 2 liter with Bisacodyl 20 mg
가 가 PEG 2
liter with Bisacodyl .

PEG 2 liter
with Bisacodyl 20 mg PEG 4
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