

GnRH Antagonist (Cetrorelix) Single Multiple Dose Protocol

A Study of Clinical Efficacy of GnRH Antagonist (Cetrorelix) Single and Multiple Dose Protocol for Controlled Ovarian Hyperstimulation

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Objective: This study was performed to compare the clinical outcomes of GnRH antagonist (Cetrorelix) single dose and multiple dose protocols for controlled ovarian hyperstimulation with GnRH agonist long protocol.

Materials and Method: From September 2001 to March 2002, 48 patients (55 cycles) were performed controlled ovarian hyperstimulation for ART using by either GnRH antagonist and GnRH agonist. Single dose of 3 mg GnRH antagonist was administered in 15 patients (17 cycles, single dose group) at MCD #8 and multiple dose of 0.25 mg of GnRH antagonist was administered in 15 patients (18 cycles, multiple dose group) from MCD #7 to hCG injection day. GnRH agonist was administered in 18 patients (20 cycles, control group) by conventional GnRH agonist long protocol. We compared the implantation rate, number of embryos, and clinical pregnancy rate among three groups. Student-t test and Chi-square were used to determine statistical significance. Statistical significance was defined as $p < 0.05$.

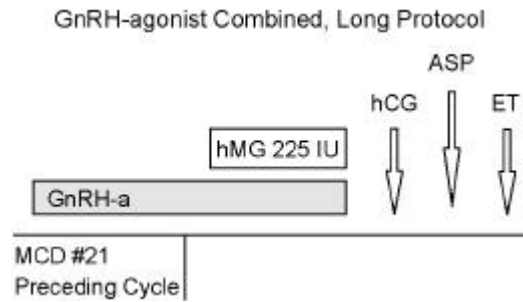
Results: There were no significant differences in ampules of used gonadotropins, number of mature oocytes, obtained embryos between single and multiple dose group, but compared with control group, ampules of used gonadotropins, number of mature oocytes, obtained embryos were decreased significantly in both groups. Clinical pregnancy rate and implantation rate were not different in three groups. There were no premature LH surge and ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome in three groups. Multiple pregnancy were occurred 1 case in multiple dose group and 2 case in control group.

Conclusions: GnRH antagonist is a safe, effective, and alternative method in the controlled ovarian hyperstimulation compared with GnRH agonist. Clinical outcomes and efficacy of both single and multiple dose protocol are similar between two groups.

Key Words: GnRH antagonist, Single dose protocol, Multiple dose protocol

(In vitro fertilization and Embryo transfer, IVF-ET)	20	가	가
¹		intense ovarian stimulation	
clomiphene		⁸	
citrate, human menopausal gonadotropin (hMG),			
(Follicle stimulating hormone, FSH)			
(Premature luteinizing hormone surge, premature LH surge)	1980	premature LH surge	
Gonadotrophin releasing hormone agonist (GnRH agonist)		^{9,10}	
가		GnRH agonist	intense ovarian sti-
		mulation protocol	
(Control-			가
led ovarian hyperstimulation)	가		GnRH antagonist
premature LH surge	가		clomiphene
²			GnRH ago-
premature LH surge		nist	
³⁻⁵		^{11,12}	
(Assisted Reproductive Technique, ART)		GnRH antagonist	GnRH
GnRH agonist		(competitive inhibitor)	GnRH
GnRH			, 가
down-regulation gonadotrophic cell		3	GnRH antagonist
		가	¹³ GnRH-
premature LH surge		antagonist GnRH agonist	flare-up
가			
	⁶	premature LH surge	, 가
1~3		down regulation	
		GnRH antagonist	
			GnRH agonist
(Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, OHSS)			¹⁴
가	²	GnRH antagonist	cetorelix
	가		
			¹⁵
		cetorelix	Olivennes ²
		cetorelix	single dose pro-
		protocol Albano ¹⁶	multi-
⁷		ple dose protocol	premature LH surge
			가

GnRH agonist
 GnRH antagonist
 GnRH antagonist single dose protocol
 GnRH antagonist multiple dose protocol



GnRH-a: GnRH-agonist
 MCD: Menstrual Cycle Day
 ASP: Aspiration

Figure 1. GnRH agonist long protocol

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 48 , 55
 18 , 20
 GnRH agonist combined, long protocol
 I 15 , 17
 GnRH antagonist cetrorelix (Cetrotide®, ASTA Medica AG) 3 mg single dose protocol
 II 15 , 18
 cetrorelix 0.25 mg multiple dose protocol
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nopau sal Gonadotropin, Merional, IBSA, Switzerland, 75 IU/ampole) 225 IU

16~18 mm hMG (leading follicle)
 (Figure 1)
 18 mm hCG (human Chorionic Gonadotropin, Choriomon, IBSA, Switzerland, 5,000 IU/ampole, hCG) 10,000 IU

2) Study group I (Protocol for GnRH antagonist single dose protocol group)

I 3 100 mg clomiphene (clomiphene citrate, 50 mg/tablet)
 8 6
 hMG 2 (150 IU) 5~6
 8 cetrorelix 3 mg
 Cetrorelix
 12~14.0 mm가 E₂ 가
 100~150 pg/ml가 1~2

2.

1) Control group (Protocol for GnRH agonist combined, long protocol group)

GnRH agonist combined, long protocol group
 21
 Lucrin (Leuprolide acetate, Abott, France, 2 ml/ampole, 14.0 mg/ampole) 0.1 cc (0.7 mg)
 2 hMG (human Me-

cetrorelix
 가 hMG (leading follicle) 18 mm
 hCG 10,000 IU (Figure 2). hCG
 E₂, LH, FSH

3) Study group II (Protocol for GnRH antagonist multiple dose protocol group)

II 3 100 mg clomi-

phene 8
 6 hMG 2 (150 IU) 5~6
 7 cetorelix 0.25 mg (Good quality embryo),
 hCG (Figure 3).
 Cetorelix 4.
 12~14.0 mm가 E₂ 가
 100~150 pg/ml가 1~2 student t-test chi-square test
 , p<0.05
 cetorelix 18 mm
 hCG 10,000 IU
 3.
 hCG 36 GnRH agonist 18 (20)
 72 가 I GnRH
 30 mg antagonist 15 (17), II 15
 8 (18)
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 가 3 E₂ (pg/ml), LH (mIU/ml),

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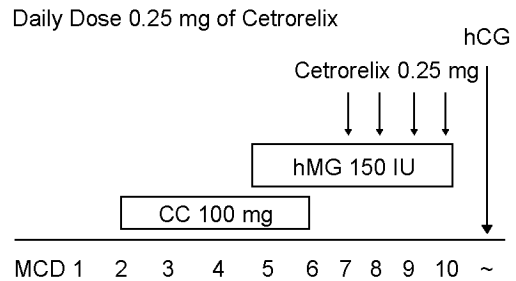
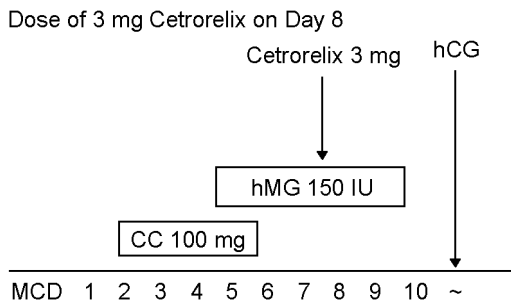


Figure 2. GnRH antagonist single dose protocol

Figure 3. GnRH antagonist multiple dose protocol

Table 1. Comparison of clinical characteristics in three groups

	Control group	Study group I	Study group II	p-value
No. of patients	18	15	15	
cycle number	20	17	18	NS
Age (year)	35.2 ±7.1	36.4 ±4.3	36.3 ±3.7	NS
duration of infertility (year)	3.8 ±0.5	4.8 ±0.4	4.5 ±0.2	NS

Control group : GnRH agonist long protocol group, Study group I: GnRH antagonist single dose group
 Study group II: GnRH antagonist multiple dose group, No.: Number, NS: Not significant

FSH (mIU/ml) 28.4 ±3.8, 6.3 ±0.3, 6.3 ±
0.9 I 27.4 ±3.8, 6.4 ±0.5, 5.9 ±
0.4 II 28.6 ±4.3, 5.8 ±0.6, I 11.2 ±0.3 , II 13.2 ±0.4
6.1 ±0.6 I
(Table 2). II
hCG E₂ 4854.4 ±
45.5, I 1645 ±34, II 1432.4 ± 8.4 ±2.6, 9.4 ±2.5, 8.7 ±2.1 I 3.8 ±
7 I II 0.3, 4.3 ±0.5, 4.1 ±0.3 II 3.6 ±0.2,
(p-value<0.05) LH, FSH 3.8 ±0.3, 3.6 ±0.4
14.7 ±4.3, 17.5 ±6.3 I 14.5 ±1.4, 19.3 ± I II
4.3, II 13.4 ±3.2, 18.3 ±2.9 premature LH
(Table 3). surge
I 14.3 , II 15.3 I 1 , II 1
(Table 4).

Table 2. Basal serum hormone concentration in three groups

	Control group	Study group I	Study group II	p-value
E ₂ (pg/ml)	28.4 ±3.8	27.4 ±3.8	28.6 ±4.3	NS
LH (mIU/ml)	6.3 ±0.3	6.4 ±0.5	5.8 ±0.6	NS
FSH (mIU/ml)	6.3 ±0.9	5.9 ±0.4	6.1 ±0.6	NS

E₂: Estradiol, LH: Luteinizing hormone, FSH: Follicle stimulating hormone, NS: Not significant

Table 3. Serum hormone concentration on hCG day in three groups

	Control group	Study group I	Study group II	p-value
E ₂ (pg/ml)	4854.4 ±45.5	1645 ±34	1432.4 ±7	<0.05
LH (mIU/ml)	14.7 ±4.3	14.5 ±1.4	13.4 ±3.2	NS
FSH (mIU/ml)	17.5 ±6.3	19.3 ±4.3	18.3 ±2.9	NS

LH: Luteinizing hormone, FSH: Follicle stimulating hormone

Table 4. Stimulation outcomes in three groups

Number	Control group	Study group I	Study group II	p-value
Tx. days	12.3 ±0.5	14.3 ±0.7	15.3 ±0.6	NS
No. of amples used	32.4 ±4.7	11.2 ±0.3	13.2 ±0.4	<0.05
No. of mature oocyte	8.4 ±2.6	3.8 ±0.3	3.6 ±0.2	<0.05
No. of embryo obtained	9.4 ±2.5	4.3 ±0.5	3.8 ±0.3	<0.05
No. of transferred embryos	8.7 ±2.1	4.1 ±0.3	3.6 ±0.4	<0.05
No. of premature LH surge	0	0	0	

amples: Amples of Gonadotropins used, Tx.: Treatment, No.: Number

Table 5. Comparison of clinical outcomes in three groups

Number	Control group	Study group I	Study group II	p-value
No. of clinical pregnancy	7	5	5	NS
implantation rate (%)	24.4 ±4.3	21.4 ±2.4	22.5 ±4.5	NS
clin.preg.rate/cycle (%)	34.3 ±5.3	29.4 ±7.5	27.7 ±8.5	NS
clin.preg.rate/ET (%)	38.8 ±6.8	31.2 ±6.7	29.4 ±5.8	<0.05
miscarriage rate/ET (%)	5.8 ±0.3	5.6 ±0.4	6.7 ±0.6	NS
No. of multiple pregnancy	2	0	1	
No. of OHSS	0	0	0	

No.: number, Tx.: Treatment, clin.preg.rate: clinical pregnancy rate
 ET: Embryo transfer, OHSS: Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome

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 5.3, I 29.4 ±7.5, II 34.3 ± 20% premature LH surge가
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 II 1 I 2 , premature LH surge
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 GnRH agonist long protocol GnRH antagonist multiple dose protocol
 30~40 hMG가 GnRH agonist
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