Update on chest compressions

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Background

- Majority of newborns make the transition successfully
- 10% of newborns need respiratory support
  - Most critical step of neonatal resuscitation
- Need for CC or medications in the DR is rare
  - 0.1% of term and up to 15% of preterm infants
  - ~2.3 million infants need CC very year
- Resulting in ~1 million newborn deaths annually worldwide
Background

- Infants who received chest compressions
  - High incidence of mortality (41%) and short-term neurologic morbidity (57% HIE and seizures)

- Prolonged CC+Epinephrine and no signs of life at 10 min²
  - 83% mortality
  - 93% of survivors suffering moderate-to-severe disability

¹Wyckoff et al. Semin Fetal Neonatal Med 2013
²Soraisham et al. Resuscitation 2014
The poor prognosis associated with receiving CC alone or with medications in the DR raises questions as to whether improved CPR methods specifically tailored to the newborn could improve outcomes.
The inability to predict which newborns need CPR, and the infrequent use of CPR in the DR have limited neonatologists’ ability to perform rigorous clinical studies to determine the best method for delivering CC to newborn infants.
• 90 CC and 30 manual inflations (3:1 C:V) per minute

• C:V should be synchronized to reduce the potential of interference with $V_T$ delivery, hence impairment of oxygen delivery

• Most effective C:V ratio in newborns remains controversial
Knowledge Gaps

- Specific research is required, such as clinical and appropriate animal model studies.
- We need neonatal human data.
- How many compressions in a row are required to achieve forward blood flow and adequate coronary perfusion pressure during newborn asphyxial arrest?
- How many interposed ventilations are needed to achieve and maintain normocapnia during cardiac compressions due to newborn asphyxial arrest?
- Asynchronous technique deserves more investigation.
- Is ventilation adequate with SI cardiac compressions?
- How should we limit interruptions in compressions to assess efficacy?
Why 3:1 C:V?

- Rationale:
  - Higher physiological heart rate of 120-160/min
  - Higher breathing rates of 40-60/min
  - Profound bradycardia or cardiac arrest caused by hypoxia and hypocarbia
  - Providing ventilation more likely to beneficial in neonatal CPR
  - Optimal C:V ratio - optimize coronary and cerebral perfusion while providing adequate ventilation unknown
Mode of Action

- CC serve to mechanically pump the blood until ROSC
- Cardiac pump theory - CC directly ejects blood from the heart into the circulation with each compression
- Thoracic pump theory - CC creates changes in intrathoracic pressure gradient to achieve blood flow
- Optimized CC generates 30% of normal organ perfusion
- Coronary perfusion pressure difference of aortic blood pressure and right atrial pressure
Factors influencing the overall efficacy of CC

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Mannikin studies

- 3:1 had significantly higher MV 191 mL/kg/min compared to 140 (9:3 C:V) and 77 (15:2 C:V) mL/kg/min
- CCaV using 90 CC and 30 non-synchronized inflations had even higher MV 221 mL/kg/min
- Similar $V_T$ delivery between 3:1 C:V and CCaV
  - 6.4 and 5.6 mL/kg
Animal studies - different C:V ratios

• Combining CC with ventilations improves ROSC and neurological outcome at 24 hours compared to ventilations or CC alone\(^1\)
  • 3:1 C:V vs. 9:3 C:V\(^2\)
    • ROSC 150sec (3:1 C:V) and 148 sec (9:3 C:V)
    • No differences in diastolic blood pressure during CC
  • 3:1 C:V vs. 15:2 C:V\(^3\)
    • ROSC 150sec (3:1 C:V) and 195 sec (15:2 C:V)
    • Higher C:V ratios did not improve outcomes

\(^1\)Berg et al. Circulation 1993
\(^2\)Solevåg et al. Resuscitation 2010
\(^3\)Solevåg et al. ADC FN 2011
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Synchronization of CC with ventilation

- Synchronized CPR improves $V_T$ delivery
  - hence impairment of oxygen delivery
- Manikin study
  - 3:1 C:V CPR with CCaV and reported a similar $V_T$ with significantly higher MV during CCaV.
Animal studies - 3:1 C:V vs. CCaV

- Similar MV 387 vs. 275 mL/kg/min
- Similar ROSC (143 and 114 sec)
- Survival (3/8 and 6/8)
- Similar $V_T$ delivery 14.7 vs. 11.0 mL/kg
  - 3:1 C:V a $V_T$ loss of 4.5 mL/kg for each 3:1 C:V cycle
  - CCaV a $V_T$ loss of 9.1 mL/kg for each cycle
- $V_T$ delivery affected by compression:
  - 25% and 29% of manual inflations during CC
- CCaV was no advantage
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Adequate CC rate

- 3:1 C:V ratio with 90 CC and 30 breaths = 120 events/min
- Optimal CC rate during neonatal CPR remains unclear
- Normal HR in newborns are 120–160 bpm

- Would an increase in CC frequency boost artificial cardiac output?
Adequate CC rate

- Mathematical model suggests higher CC rates to optimize systemic perfusion\(^1\)
- CC rate depends upon body size and weight
  - 180/min for term and even higher for preterm infants
- Simulation study (90 vs. 120CC/min) faster fatigue with higher CC\(^2\)
  - Most preferred number of CC
- Force measurements showed fatigue with higher CC rates\(^3\)
  - 90/min will be the least fatiguing CC rate

\(^1\) Babbs et al. Resuscitation 2009  
\(^2\) Li et al. J Perinatology 2015  
\(^3\) Solevåg et al. Maternal Fetal Neonatal Med 2015
CC+SI - Animal studies

- Animal RCT CC+SI with CC 90/min vs. 120/min
  - Similar time of ROSC, survival rates
  - During CC+SI 90/min higher:
    - Carotid blood flow
    - Mean arterial pressure
    - % change in ejection fraction
    - Cardiac output

Li et al. PlosOne 2016
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Optimal CC depth

- CC depth should be approximately 33% of AP chest diameter
  - In adults only 20% of AP diameter
- There is a positive correlation between adequate CC depth and improved outcomes
- Unfortunately, even experienced resuscitators do not achieve the required CC depth
Optimal CC depth

• Adequate CC depth is important to optimize cardiac output
• Overcompressing might cause rib fractures, cardiac contusion and other thoracic injuries
Optimal CC depth

- Manikin studies compared the CC depth using C:V ratios of 3:1, 5:1 and 15:2 during 2-min simulated CPR.
- Participants had higher and more consistent CC depth during 3:1 C:V CPR, however the CC rate was lower compared with a 15:2 C:V ratio.
- In addition, the 2-min depth decay during CC was significantly higher during 5:1 and 15:2 compared with a 3:1 C:V ratio.
Optimal CC depth

- The optimal CC depth has not been rigorously evaluated in neonates
- Better left ventricular EF using a 1/3 AP CC depth compared with a 1/4 AP CC depth
- 1/2 AP CC depth produced significantly higher SPB but similar DBP compared with a 1/3 AP CC depth
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Effect of leaning / Full chest recoil between CC

- Leaning or incomplete recoil is the incomplete release of the downward force on the chest wall after a CC.
- Reduces the negative intrathoracic pressure during decompression, thereby impeding blood flow and reducing CC effectiveness.
- Leaning decreases coronary and cerebral perfusion pressures lasting for a significant period of time after the cessation of leaning.
Effect of leaning / Full chest recoil between CC

- CC leaning is very common and exhibited a wide distribution, with most leaning within a subset of resuscitations.
- Leaning decreased with time during continuous CC, suggesting that either leaning is not caused by rescuer fatigue, or that it may be mitigated by automated feedback during CPR.
- It has not been systematically analyzed during neonatal CPR.
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Alternative methods

- Ventricular fibrillation model of adult cardiac arrest demonstrated that CC over ventilation increases neurologically intact survival in pigs\textsuperscript{1}

- Simultaneous CC and ventilation at high airway pressure improves ROSC\textsuperscript{2}

\textsuperscript{1}Berg et al. Circulation
\textsuperscript{2}Chandra et al. Lancet 1980
Chest Compression and Sustained Inflation

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\(^1\)Berg et al. Circulation
\(^2\)Schmölzer et al. Circulation 2013
CC+SI - Animal studies

- Animal RCT CC+SI 120/min vs. 3:1 C:V
  - ROSC 38 (23–44)sec vs. 143 (84–303)sec (p=0.0008)
  - Survival 7/8 [87.5%] vs. 3/8 [37.5%] (p=0.038)
  - 100% oxygen 3/8 vs. 8/8 (p=0.0042).
  - Epinephrine 0/8 vs. 7/8 (p<0.0001)
- Significantly improved MV and alveolar oxygen delivery
- CC+SI allowed passive lung aeration
  - CC forced air out of the chest, and the passive chest recoil allowed air to be drawn back into the lungs
Chest compression superimposed with a sustained inflation

- $V_T$ during CC+SI
- $ECO_2$ during CC+SI
CC+SI - Animal studies

- Animal RCT SI+CC 90/min with 3:1 C:V ratio
  - ROSC 34 (28-156) sec vs. 210 (72-300) sec (p=0.05)
  - 3/8 versus 8/8 required 100% oxygen during CC (p=0.03)
  - 3/8 vs. 6/8 piglets received epinephrine
  - Improved respiratory and hemodynamic parameters in the SI+CC 90/min
CC+SI - Human Pilot study

- Pilot trial in preterm infants <32 weeks gestation
  - ROSC
    - CC+SI group 31 (9) sec
    - 3:1 C:V group 138 (72) sec (p=0.011)
- Overall 0/5 in the CC+SI group and 1/5 in the 3:1 C:V group received epinephrine
### Table 1: Demographics of study infants

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<td>Birth weight (g)</td>
<td>707 (208)</td>
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<td>Gestational age (weeks)</td>
<td>24.6 (1.3)</td>
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<td>Male (n)*</td>
<td>2 (40%)</td>
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<td>Chronic lung disease in survivor</td>
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<td>Retinopathy of prematurity in survivor</td>
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<td>Days in hospital in survivor</td>
<td>107 (16)</td>
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Sustained inflation and chest compression versus 3:1 chest compression to ventilation ratio during cardiopulmonary resuscitation of asphyxiated newborns – a cluster randomized controlled trial

ClinicalTrials.Gov Trial NCT02858583
• Population:
  • Infants (preterm and term) requiring CC in the DR
• Primary Objective:
  • Chest Compression during sustained inflation (CC+SI) will improve short- and long-term outcomes in preterm and term newborns
• Primary Hypothesis:
  • By using CC+SI during CPR the time needed to achieve ROSC compared to the current 3:1 C:V will be reduced in asphyxiated newborns
• Inclusion Criteria:
  • Infants (preterm and term) requiring CC in the DR.

• Exclusion Criteria:
  • Congenital abnormality
  • Condition that might have an adverse effect on breathing or ventilation (e.g. CDH)
  • CHD requiring intervention in the neonatal period
  • Parents’ refusal to give consent for data collection
Sample Size:

- This prospective multi-centre RCT is a two-arm parallel design of two alternative courses of treatment
- 218 infants – 109 control / 109 intervention

Primary outcome:

- Time to achieve ROSC defined as a heart rate of >60/min for 60sec
• DSMB
  • Myra Wyckoff, Neil Finer, and Maryna Yaskina
• Stopping rules
  • Safety interim analyses at 10%, 25% and 50%
  • Predefined stopping rules:
    • Increased mortality in the SI+CC group by 25%
    • Increase in rate of either morbidities including pneumothorax, IVH or both in the SI+CC group
• Opt-out Rule
  • CPR ongoing for 5 minutes, the clinical team must convert to the standard method of care using 3:1 C:V ratio
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