

# Does S(+)-ketamine or the combination of S(+)-ketamine and magnesium reduce post-operative opioid requirements after abdominal surgery?

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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**Protocol serial number**  
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## Study information

**Scientific Title**

Does S(+)-ketamine or the combination of S(+)-ketamine and magnesium reduce post-operative opioid requirements after abdominal surgery? A prospective double blinded randomised controlled trial

### **Study objectives**

The aim of this study was to investigate if the addition of S(+)-ketamine and the addition of the combination of S(+)-ketamine with magnesium sulphate would result in a reduction of opioid requirements compared to a placebo in an existing regimen of post-operative pain treatment with patient controlled analgesia (PCA) with an opioid (pirtamide). Secondary aim was the assessment of the effects on post-operative pain scores (Visual Analogue Scale [VAS]) and the incidence of side-effects.

### **Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

### **Ethics approval(s)**

Medical Ethics Committee Maastricht University Medical Center (MUMC+) approved on the 8th March 2002 (ref: MEC.A.99-107/1)

### **Study design**

Prospective double blinded randomised controlled trial

### **Primary study design**

Interventional

### **Study type(s)**

Treatment

### **Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Elective open abdominal surgery

### **Interventions**

Anaesthesia was given in a standardised way; premedication was given using midazolam 3.75 mg orally. Induction using propofol 2 mg/kg, rocuronium 0.6 mg/kg and remifentanyl 0.1 - 1 µg/kg /min by continuous infusion. For maintenance of anaesthesia sevoflurane and remifentanil 0.1 - 1 mg/kg/min were used. No loco-regional blocks were applied.

Study medication was given intravenously (i.v.) as a bolus during induction of the anaesthesia followed by a continuous fixed infusion rate calculated for body weight during 24 hours.

In group C (the control group), patients received a placebo consisting of sodiumchloride (NaCl) 0.9%.

In group K the study medication consisted S(+)-ketamine. A bolus was given of 0.2 mg/kg followed by an infusion at a rate of 2 µg/kg/min.

In group KM the study medication consisted of S(+)-ketamine and magnesium sulphate (MgSO<sub>4</sub>). A bolus was given of S(+)-ketamine 0.2 mg/kg and MgSO<sub>4</sub> of 15 mg/kg followed by an infusion at a rate of 2 µg/kg/min S(+)-ketamine and 5 mg/kg/h MgSO<sub>4</sub>.

Before the emergence of the anaesthesia every patient received an loading dose piritramide 0.15 mg/kg i.v.. At the PACU all the patients received a patient-controlled-analgesia device (PCA) consisting piritramide without background infusion and a bolus set at 1 mg with a lockout time of 5 minutes.

### **Intervention Type**

Drug

### **Phase**

Not Applicable

### **Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

S(+)-ketamine, magnesium

### **Primary outcome(s)**

Total amount of piritramide used at 48 hours

### **Key secondary outcome(s)**

1. Piritramide use at 12 and 24 hours
2. VAS pain scores at 0.5, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12, 24 and 48 hours
3. Vital parameters
4. Incidence of side-effects

### **Completion date**

09/05/2007

## **Eligibility**

### **Key inclusion criteria**

1. Patients with category I and II American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) classification
2. Aged between 18 to 70 years old, either sex

### **Participant type(s)**

Patient

### **Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

### **Age group**

Adult

### **Lower age limit**

18 years

### **Sex**

All

### **Key exclusion criteria**

1. Extensive previous use of pain therapy
2. Previous strong side-effects caused by ketamine

3. Alcohol abuse
4. Use of psychotropics
5. Severe mental disease
6. Reintervention laparotomy due to complications

**Date of first enrolment**

15/03/2004

**Date of final enrolment**

09/05/2007

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Netherlands

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## Sponsor information

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**ROR**

<https://ror.org/02d9ce178>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Funder Name**

Maastricht University Medical Centre (Netherlands) - Department of Anesthesiology

## Results and Publications

## **Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

### **IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration