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A Newborn Hypotonia Due to Abnormal Pseudocholinesterase Following Cesarean Section

Abstract:

Plasma Cholinesterase Activity has been decreased by several factors. Some patients have genetically abnormal Succinyl] Choline metabolism. The prevalence of the homozygote form of this abnormality is about 1:1500 till 1:2000, and based on other studies is about 1:3200. In this study, after using of Succinyl] Choline for inducing general anesthesia in a patient that was candid for Cesarean Section because of breech presentation, prolonged hypotonia and apnea were observed in the newborn. Therefore, controlled ventilation was used about 20 minutes. Neuromuscular blocking of the mother was prolonged about 45 minutes after operation. Return of neuromuscular block to normal occurs by using Fresh Frozen Plasma for about 30 minutes. In this case report we assessed probable or underlying causes of prolonged apnea after use of Succinyl] choline.

Key Words: Plasma Cholinesterase, Succinyl] Choline, Neonatal Apnea, Cesarean Section, Respiratory Depression.

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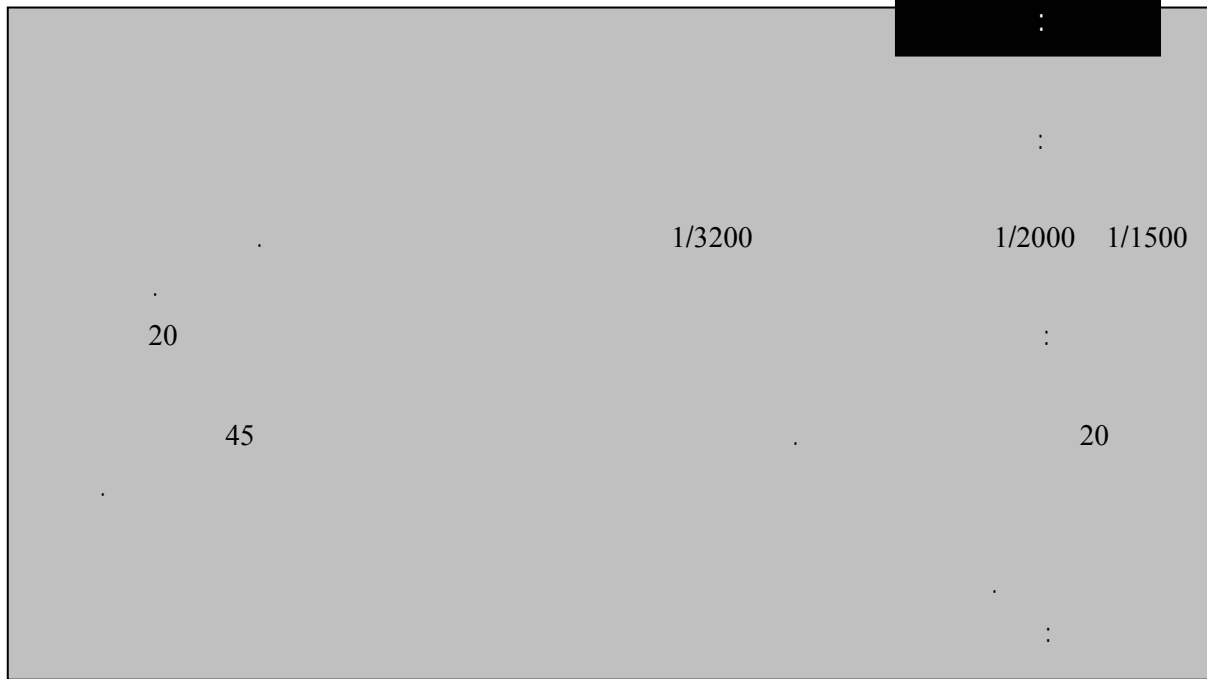
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