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Research Article

Incidence of Orthostatic Hypotension in Schizophrenic Patients Using Antipsychotics at Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital, South Kalimantan

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Abstract

Schizophrenia is a psychiatric disorder that requires antipsychotics therapy. Antipsychotics cause many side effects, including orthostatic hypotension. The study aimed to describe the incidence of orthostatic hypotensive side effects experiences by schizophrenia patients at the Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital, South Kalimantan. This research was observational description research with data sampling by medical records. This research was conducted to 300 medical records of patient's period January-December 2018 which received antipsychotics medication and data analyzed by univariate analysis. The results showed the number of patients who experienced orthostatic hypotension was 98 patients (32.67%) and no experienced were 202 patients (67.33%). Incidence of orthostatic hypotension in haloperidol 54.35% (N=46); trifluoperazine 100% (N=1); clozapine 84.62% (N=13); olanzapine 100% (N=1); haloperidol-chlorpromazine 27.27% (N=11); haloperidol-haloperidol 42.86% (N=7); clozapinerisperidone 16.67% (N=6); haloperidol-clozapine 15.05% (N=93); haloperidol-olanzapine 50% (N=2); haloperidol-risperidone 31.82% (N=22); trifluoperazine-olanzapine 100% (N=1); trifluoperazineclozapine 22.22% (N=9); trifluoperazine-risperidone 5.56% (N=18); chlorpromazine-haloperidol-haloperidol 33.3% (N=3); chlorpromazine-haloperidol-trifluoperazine 100% (N=3); haloperidolchlorpromazinetrifluoperazine-chlorpromazine 100% (N=1); haloperidol-clozapine 42.86% (N=7); chlorpromazine-trifluoperazineclozapine 100% (N=1); chlorpromazine-trifluoperazine-olanzapine 100% (N=1); chlorpromazine-trifluoperazine-risperidone 50% (N=2); trifluoperazine-haloperidol-risperidone 100% (N=4); haloperidoltrifluoperazine-risperidone 100% (N=1); trifluoperazine-haloperidolclozapine 40% (N=5); haloperidol-haloperidol-clozapine 80% (N=5); clozapine-risperidone-trifluoperazine 100% (N=4); risperidoneclozapine-haloperidol 20% (N=10). The conclusion from this study was the percentage of orthostatic hypotension on schizophrenia patients at the Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital was 32.67% (N=98).

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INTRODUCTION

Schizophrenia is a psychiatric disorder characterized by an impaired judgment of reality, such as delusions and hallucinations¹. Approximately 20 million people worldwide have schizophrenia². *Riset Kesehatan Dasar* (RISKESDAS, Basic Health Research) Data from Ministry of Health Republic of Indonesia³ in 2018 showed the prevalence of schizophrenia/psychosis in Indonesia is 6.7 per 1000 households. In Indonesia, the prevalence increased from 1.7% in 2003 to 7% in 2013. Schizophrenia is a mental illness characterized by several symptoms, such as positive, negative, and cognitive symptoms. To establish a diagnosis of schizophrenia in a patient, several criteria are needed, such as two or more positive, disorganized speech or behavior, or negative symptoms that have occurred for at least six months, with at least one of them being positive symptoms or irregular speech⁴. The pathomechanism of schizophrenia is not fully understood, so that treatment with current antipsychotics still has different effects in each case of schizophrenic patients⁵.

Antipsychotic is the primary therapy for schizophrenia. Schizophrenia requires antipsychotic therapy for a long time to cause side effects in treatment therapy⁶. One of the side effects of antipsychotics is orthostatic hypotension⁷. Orthostatic hypotension is characterized by a decrease in systolic blood pressure of at least 20 mmHg or a decrease in diastolic blood pressure of at least 10 mmHg from normal values for three minutes in a standing position⁸.

Antipsychotics affect cholinergic, α-adrenergic, histaminergic, and serotonergic receptors⁹. Therefore, the antipsychotic potential to cause side effects such as orthostatic hypotension, especially antipsychotics that act as α-blockers. Neurogenic and non-neurogenic factors can cause orthostatic hypotension. Drugs, especially antipsychotics, are the most common cause of non-neurogenic orthostatic hypotension¹⁰. Antipsychotics that act on α-1 postsynaptic receptors like typical antipsychotics¹¹; however, supporting data is still very limited.

Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital is a regional hospital in South Kalimantan, Indonesia, that provides psychiatric and non-psychiatric services. Based on data, schizophrenia is the first rank of the top 10 most diseases in Sambang Lihum Mental Health. A previous study was conducted at the Sambang Lihum Mental Health stated that the side effect of orthostatic hypotension was the second highest after extrapyramidal syndrome¹². Therefore, this study was conducted to assess the incidence of orthostatic hypotension in the use of antipsychotics. The study aimed to describe the incidence of orthostatic hypotension in schizophrenia patients given antipsychotic therapy at the Psychiatric Hospital of Sambang Lihum, South Kalimantan.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials

The research instrument used the medical records of patients with schizophrenia from Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital. The data were collected using the data collection sheet.

Methods

The research was conducted in Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital, South Kalimantan, Indonesia. The research was approved by the Faculty of Medicine's ethics and law committee, Universitas Lambung Mangkurat, Indonesia, with No. 212/KEPK-FK UNLAM/EC/VI/2019. The study belongs to observational research with a retrospective approach. The population included patients with schizophrenia. Inclusion criteria were inpatients diagnosed with schizophrenia in Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital and had a complete medical record (patient's characteristic, antipsychotic therapy history). The exclusion criteria included inpatients still in intensive care (unstable condition) and forced discharged status.

The data were collected by purposive sampling, and 300 medical records were fulfilled inclusion and exclusion criteria. The collected data from the medical records (January to December 2018) were in the form of patients' identities such as gender, age, education, occupation, marital status, the use of antipsychotics, and orthostatic hypotension incidence. The data were analyzed using

univariate analysis. The characteristics of patients, use of antipsychotics, and orthostatic hypotension incidence were presented in frequency and percentage tables.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The population of inpatient schizophrenia was 1345 patients. Furthermore, the calculation of the number of samples (The Hosmer-Lemeshow test) obtained a minimum sample size of 298 patients. Based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria, 300 medical records were selected and analyzed. Demographic data from all selected patients were presented in Table I. The result showed that most patients were within the age group of 17-40 years. Age was an important factor in the onset of schizophrenia since it most often occurred at the end of adolescence or adulthood. At the productive age (17-40 years), a person must be responsible for his life to survive economically and socially¹³. Some people could experience stress due to the burden of responsibility. This was triggered the emergence of stress conditions in a person¹⁴. The onset of schizophrenia in men is earlier than in women. The onset of schizophrenia in women is 3-5 years slower than in men. Women have two peaks of onset, in the age range of 25-30 years and >45 years, while men are peak for onset in the age range of 21-25 years (<40 years)15.

In **Table I**, it could be seen that 78.3% of schizophrenic patients were male, and 21.7% were female. The role of gonadal hormones such as estrogen can affect the risk of schizophrenia. Estrogen is known to provide neuroprotective effects so that pathologically women have a lower risk of developing schizophrenia than men¹⁶. Estrogen also has a neuroleptic effect through changes in postsynaptic dopaminergic signal transduction so that psychotic symptoms mediated by dopamine can be inhibited. This will indirectly affect the onset and course of schizophrenia in women. In addition to this explanation, the etiopathology of schizophrenia is also associated with stress factors. Estrogen can protect women from the adverse effects of social pressure¹⁷.

Most patients had education at primary and secondary levels (Elementary, junior, and high school). One of the studies assessed determinants of the onset of schizophrenia in outpatients at Prof. HB Saanin Mental Health Hospital, Padang, West Sumatra, obtained the results from the bivariate analysis that there was no significant difference between educational status on the onset of schizophrenia and non-schizophrenia (p >0.05). Therefore, educational status did not affect the onset of schizophrenia, but it depends on when the onset of schizophrenia occurred, which resulted in people with schizophrenia experiencing problems in continuing education¹⁸.

Based on employment status, it was known that most patients with schizophrenia did not work. Patients with early-onset cause cognitive dysfunction, so that it will adversely affect the education undertaken¹⁹. Patients with schizophrenia that experience schizophrenia for the first time at a young age generally result in these sufferers dropping out of school, making it difficult to find work and failing to build good relationships with others.

 Table I.
 Patients' demographic data at Sambang Lihum

 Mental Health Hospital

Characteristics	Categories	Frequency (n)	%
Age	≤40 year	224	74.7
	>40 year	76	25.3
	Total	300	100
Sex	Male	235	78.3
	Female	65	21.7
	Total	300	100
Education	No education	31	10.3
	Elementary, junior,	260	86.7
	and high school		
	University	9	3.0
	Total	300	100
Occupation	No occupation	204	68.0
-	Occupied	96	32.0
	Total	300	100
Marital Status	Single	166	55.4
	Married	61	20.3
	Divorced-	73	24.3
	widowed		
	Total	300	100

Schizophrenia also has adverse effects on the patient's life journey, including marital problems. Not a few in the end cause problems for patients in establishing relationships with partners, which impacts divorce²⁰. This was also shown in Table I, in which more patients were divorced/widowed than those who were still married. Psychiatric drugs are ideally selective at specific receptors on specific nerve cells in the brain and do not affect other receptors or neurons. However, this ideal condition has not been found in antipsychotics. Several factors cause this non-ideal condition²¹. First, many molecules specifically bind to more than one receptor. For example, some antipsychotics bind to postsynaptic dopamine receptors and acetylcholine muscarinic receptors, resulting in side effects such as memory impairment, blurred vision, and constipation²².

The second problem is that those specific drug molecules can bind to dopamine receptors in the limbic system or basal ganglia. The effect produced when it binds to dopamine receptors in the limbic system will produce the desired antipsychotic effect. Meanwhile, if these molecules bind to dopamine receptors in the basal ganglia, and extrapyramidal side effects will appear in the form of tremors. Such drug molecules cannot be sent to just one part of the brain and absorbed there but instead distributed to different regions of the brain²³. The third problem is that, among the receptor classes, many subtypes have been identified, and drug molecules usually not only interact with one subtype but can also bind with other subtypes. For example, it is known that there are approximately 14 subtypes of serotonin receptors, so drugs that work to increase brain serotonin levels will have many effects because some serotonin receptors are inhibitory and some are excitatory²⁴.

Antipsychotics from either class can be used alone or with other psychotropic drugs, such as mood stabilizers or antidepressants. In some patients, especially those with schizophrenia, a combination of more than one antipsychotic drug may be needed to help control symptoms. However, this could pose additional risks for the patient, which must be taken into account²⁵. Based on **Table II**, it was known that the most used treatment for schizophrenic patients was the combination (75.67%), whereas the monotherapy was 11.3%.

 Table II.
 Number of antipsychotics used at Sambang Lihum

 Mental Health Hospital

Drug's Name	Frequency (N)	%
Monotherapy		
Haloperidol	46	15.33
Trifluoperazine	1	0.33
Clozapine	13	4.33
Olanzapine	1	0.33
Risperidone	12	4
Total	73	24.33
Two antipsychotics		
Chlorpromazine-trifluoperazine	1	0.33
Haloperidol-chlorpromazine	11	3.67
Haloperidol-haloperidol (IV)	7	2 33
Clozapine-risperidone	6	2.00
Chlorpromazine-risperidone	3	1
Haloperidol-clozapine	93	31
Haloperidol-olanzapine	2	0.67
Haloperidol-risperidone	22	7 33
Trifluoperazine-clozanine	9	3
Trifluoperazine-olanzanine	1	0.33
Trifluoperazine-risperidope	18	6
Total	174	577
Three antinevaluation	174	57.7
Chlorpromazina haloparidal	3	1
haloperidal (IV)	5	1
Chlorenton (IV)	2	1
trifluoporazino	5	1
Chlorpromozina halanaridal	4	1 22
risporidono	4	1.55
Haloporidal (IV) trifluoporazina	1	0.33
chlormromozino	1	0.33
Chlorpromazine haloperidel elezapine	7	7 22
Chlorpromazine trifluoperazine	1	2.33
clozopino	1	0.55
Chlorpromazina trifluoporazina	1	0.33
olanzanino	1	0.55
Chlorpromozino trifluoporazino	2	0.67
risperidene	2	0.07
Halaparidal halaparidal (IV) alazanina	F	1 67
Trifluonerazina halonaridal	3	1.07
rianoridana	4	1.55
Triffuonerazina balanaridal alazanina	F	1 67
trifluoperazino baloperidol elapzapino	1	0.22
Closoping rigosridong chlororanzaping	1	0.33
Clozapine-risperidone-trifluonorazine	1	1 22
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	52	17.55
rour antipsycnotics	~	0.00
Irifluoperazine-haloperidol-clozapine-	1	0.33
risperiaone	1	0.00
Haloperidol-risperidone-clozapine-	1	0.33
oianzapine	2	0.((
10(a)	2	0.66

Most psychopharmaceutical drugs play a role in the neurotransmitters, including serotonin, norepinephrine, dopamine, acetylcholine, glutamate, and GABA. These six neurotransmitters are the central target systems for psychotropic drugs²⁶. It is known that the brain has natural neurotransmitters; for example, the brain makes its morphine, known as β -endorphin. The brain also makes its antidepressants, its anxiolytics, and even its hallucinogens. Therefore, drugs often mimic the brain's natural neurotransmitters²⁷. Initially, it was thought that each neuron uses only one neurotransmitter to transmit information and uses the same neurotransmitter across all its synapses. However, it is known that many neurons use more than one neurotransmitter at a single synapse. Besides, the input to each neuron at various locations also involves many neurotransmitters. This is the basis for combining drugs to simultaneously modify several neurotransmitters in mental disorders, such as schizophrenia²⁸.

The range of antipsychotic drugs available is very wide, and their effectiveness can also vary from individual to individual. Besides, not all patients respond fully to one antipsychotic, and in this situation, a combination of antipsychotics is often prescribed. Evidence for the benefit of using one or more antipsychotics in combination is often unclear. Based on a systematic review, it was found that the use of combination therapy in schizophrenic patients was no better than monotherapy for the patient's clinical response (RR 0.73 CI 0.64-0.83)²⁹.

In **Figure 1**, it could be seen that the use of typical antipsychotics by monotherapy was more than the use of atypical ones. The use of two antipsychotics could also be seen as the combination of typical and atypical antipsychotics at most of the other combinations (two antipsychotics). Meanwhile, the combination of three antipsychotics shows that the combination of two typical

and one atypical has a more significant percentage than the other combinations (three antipsychotics).



Figure 1. Typical and atypical antipsychotics used at Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital

Typical antipsychotics is another name for the firstgeneration antipsychotics (FGA), which has a mechanism of action mainly through inhibition of dopamine type 2 (D2) receptors located in the central nervous system (mesolimbic areas). Besides D2 antagonism, first-generation antipsychotics affect other receptors, such as muscarinic, adrenergic a1, and histamine-1. Meanwhile, second-generation antipsychotics (SGA), also called atypical antipsychotics, work by antagonizing the D2 receptor and the 5-HT2A serotonin receptor in the central nervous system. Atypical antipsychotics have lower affinity and occupancy for dopaminergic receptors. They have a higher affinity for 5-HT2A receptors than D2 receptors²². There are important differences in side effect profiles between typical and atypical. Typical antipsychotics have a higher risk of neurological side effects than atypical antipsychotics. The neurological side effects include tardive dyskinesia, extrapyramidal symptoms, dystonia, and others, while atypical antipsychotics have an increased risk of metabolic disorders such as hyperglycemia, obesity, and dyslipidemia⁶.

Figure 2 showed that the incidence of orthostatic hypotension occurred in respondents was 32.67% (N=98). Antipsychotic drugs often cause side effects,

ranging from mild to severe. Each antipsychotic drug has different side effects from one another. Some of the side effects of administering antipsychotics include metabolic disorders, movement disorders, increased sedation, sexual dysfunction, postural or orthostatic hypotension, cardiac arrhythmias, and death. The use of antipsychotics is one of the causes of orthostatic hypotension⁶.



Figure 2. Percentage of orthostatic hypotension at Sambang Lihum Mental Health Hospital

Table III shows that patients who were given typical antipsychotics such as haloperidol, trifluoperazine, clozapine, and olanzapine experienced side effects of orthostatic hypotension. Meanwhile, patients who were given risperidone did not find any incidence of orthostatic hypotension. In the combination of two antipsychotics, chlorpromazine-trifluoperazine and chlorpromazine-risperidone, there were no side effects of orthostatic hypotension, whereas, in other combinations, orthostatic hypotension was found. The combination of three antipsychotics, chlorpromazine-haloperidolrisperidone, trifluoperazine-haloperidol-olanzapine, and clozapine-risperidone-chlorpromazine did not occur orthostatic hypotension, whereas, in other combinations, there were side effects of orthostatic hypotension. Furthermore, the combination of four antipsychotics did not occur side effects of orthostatic hypotension. Based on Table III, it could be seen that patients who were given either haloperidol or clozapine monotherapy or in combination experienced orthostatic hypotension. The side effects of orthostatic hypotension occurred both in the typical and atypical antipsychotics groups.

Table II.	Incidence of orthostatic hypotension at Sambang
	Lihum Mental Health Hospital

	Number	Orthestatio	
Antinevaluation	Number	bypotension	0/2
Anupsychotics	patients	frequency	70
Monotherapy			
Haloperidol	46	25	54.35
Trifluoperazine	1	1	100
Clozapine	13	11	84.62
Olanzapine	1	1	100
Risperidone	12	0	0
Two antipsychotics			
Chlorpromazine-	1	0	0
Trifluoperazine	0	0	0
Chlorpromazine-	3	0	0
Haloporidal	11	3	27 27
Chlorpromazine	11	5	27.27
Haloperidol-Haloperidol	7	3	42 86
Clozapine-Risperidone	6	1	16.67
Haloperidol-Clozapine	93	14	15.05
Haloperidol-Olanzapine	2	1	50
Haloperidol-Risperidone	22	7	31.82
Trifluoperazine-Clozapine	9	2	22.22
Trifluoperazine-	1	1	100
Olanzapine			
Trifluoperazine-	18	1	5.56
Risperidone			
Three antipsychotics	2	1	22.22
Chlorpromazine-	3	1	33.33
Chlormromazina	3	3	100
Haloperidol-	5	5	100
Trifluoperazine			
Chlorpromazine-	4	0	0
Haloperidol-Risperidone	-		, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
Haloperidol-	1	1	100
Trifluoperazine-			
Chlorpromazine			
Chlorpromazine-	7	3	42.86
Haloperidol-Clozapine			
Chlorpromazine-	1	1	100
Trifluoperazine-Clozapine	1	1	100
Chlorpromazine-	1	1	100
Olanzanina			
Chlorpromazine-	2	1	50
Trifluoperazine-	2	1	50
Risperidone			
Trifluoperazine-	4	4	100
Haloperidol-Risperidone			
Trifluoperazine-	5	2	40
Haloperidol-Clozapine			
Trifluoperazine-	1	0	0
Haloperidol-Olanzapine	_		
Haloperidol-Haloperidol-	5	4	80
Clozapine			100
Clozapine-Risperidone-	4	4	100
Clozanine-Risperidone-	1	0	0
Chlorpromazine	T	0	0
Risperidone-Clozapine-	10	2	20
Haloperidol		-	
Four antipsychotics			
Trifluoperazine-	1	0	0
Haloperidol-Clozapine-			
Risperidone			
Haloperidol-Risperidone-	1	0	0
Clozapine-Olanzapine			
Total	300	98	32.67

Most antipsychotics are dopamine D2 receptor antagonists, and an antipsychotic effect is mediated by mesolimbic D2 dopaminergic receptor blockade mechanisms²². However, some other antipsychotics also affect other receptors such as serotonin 5-HT2 receptors, muscarinic receptors (M2), and α -adrenoceptors, especially α 1-adrenoceptors⁹. Based on *in vivo* and *in vitro* studies conducted on Wistar strain rats, it was concluded that α 1-adrenoceptor plays a significant role in the mechanism of the effect of orthostatic hypotension. However, it has not been able to explain whether the same thing happens in humans, so further research is needed³⁰.

Antipsychotics of the typical and atypical classes tend to cause orthostatic hypotension, which is highly dependent on the degree of a1-adrenoceptor antagonism. This was especially the case in the low potency typical antipsychotic group and atypical, i.e., clozapine. Clozapine was reported as atypical antipsychotics that are most commonly associated with orthostatic hypotension. In addition, this can also occur with risperidone and quetiapine, especially with fast titrations. Side effects of orthostatic hypotension are reported to be more frequent in some patient conditions, such as elderly patients at risk of falls, patients with cardiovascular disease, and patients receiving antihypertensive therapy. Therefore, it is necessary to manage the dosage carefully to tolerate the side effects. In addition, it is advisable to make appropriate treatment options, including reducing or splitting the dose or switching to drugs with lower antiadrenergic effects⁵.

The clinical study "CATIE" (Clinical Antipsychotic Trials of Intervention Effectiveness) aims to compare the effectiveness and tolerability of atypical antipsychotics with typical antipsychotics. The results showed that two atypical antipsychotics had the highest orthostatic hypotension side effects compared to other antipsychotics: clozapine by 24% and quetiapine by 27%. This is because both have a high affinity for a1adrenoceptor³¹. Some atypical antipsychotics that also have the potential to cause orthostatic hypotension include aripiprazole, olanzapine, paliperidone, asenapine, iloperidone, risperidone, and ziprasidone. This is strongly suspected to be caused by inhibition of the a1-adrenoceptor and the anticholinergic effect of these antipsychotic drugs. Stimulation of a1adrenoceptors causes vascular vasoconstriction, so when these receptors are inhibited, it causes vasodilation. Vasodilation resulting in a decrease in blood pressure³².

CONCLUSION

The incidence of orthostatic hypotension side effects in patients with schizophrenia at Sambang Lihum Mental Hospital, South Kalimantan, Indonesia was 32.67% (98 patients).

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DATA AVAILABILITY

None.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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