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- 9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.
- 10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.
- 11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.
- 12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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# EFFECT OF INVESTIGATIONAL COMBINATIONS OF NEUROPROTECTANTS ON THE LEVEL OF S 100 AND NSE PROTEIN IN THE BLOOD SERUM OF PATIENTS WITH MODERATE AND SEVERE ISCHEMIC STROKE

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#### Abstract.

Ischemic cerebral stroke (ICS) is a devastating neurological pathology associated with enormous comorbidity and mortality.

Preliminary experimental screening of cerebroprotective agents with different mechanisms of action was performed: Edaravone, Cerebrolysin, Choline alfoscerate, Citicoline, Mexidol, the most effective combinations of cerebroprotectors were identified, followed by their screening for efficacy in clinical conditions by neuron-specific enolase (NSE) and S100 protein, as one of the main biochemical markers of brain damage in acute ischemic stroke.

Different combinations of neuroprotectants identified as the most effective in experimental screening differed in their ability to correct serum levels of S100 and NSE protein in ischemic stroke in clinical settings.

The lowest effectiveness in the correction of neuroglioproliferative processes was recorded when using only conventional therapy (CT), which was determined according to the Order of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine of 03.08.2012  $Nemath{}_{\odot}$  602, without the use of neuroprotectors. Whereas, the use of a neuroprotective combination/complex (NPC) (cerebrolysin + citicoline) in the treatment of ischemic strokes in terms of the effectiveness of correction of neuroglioproliferative processes was 1,7-2,7 times (p<0.01) higher than conventional therapy, and 1,2-1,4 times (p<0.05) higher than treatment that included the use of a neuroprotective combination - cerebrolysin + mexidol.

**Key words.** Ischemic stroke, neuroprotectant, neuron-specific enolase, S100 protein.

#### Introduction.

Ischemic cerebral stroke (ICS) is the second leading cause of dementia and the third leading cause of death worldwide. More than half of the 18 million people who suffer from stroke every year have permanent motor impairment, which is the result of irreversible neuronal loss and causes disability of a patient with ICS. This disease is a social burden for all countries, and the number of cases of ICS is constantly increasing with the growth of the world's population [1-3].

The COVID-19 pandemic and the military invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation have caused major changes in the system of medical care for ICS, including untimely consultation and reduced and sometimes impossible timely intravenous thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy procedures [4,5]. To date, it remains unclear whether combinations of various cerebroprotective agents can improve the course of acute stroke or not [6]. At the same time, many literature sources indicate the effectiveness of individual neuroprotectors when used in ICS.

For example, the study by X.L. Xue, T. Zhang, W.Y. Zhao et al. showed a significant improvement in the 21-day treatment outcome when cerebrolysin was used to correct the effects

of ischemic stroke [7]. A meta-analysis by N.M. Bornstein, A. Guekht, J. Vester et al. in 2018 (1879 patients) showed the advantage of cerebrolysin over placebo in terms of both neurological deficits and clinically significant improvement in patients' functional capacity on the 90th day after the onset of ICS [8].

In the study by A. Mehta, R. Mahale, K. Buddaraju et al. in 2019, 20 patients after ischemic stroke received citicoline intravenously/ orally with a mean baseline National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) score of  $14.0 \pm 4.3$  with a significant improvement in NIHSS scores on day 11 and 90 days after stroke [9]. The results of a meta-analysis of a randomized clinical trial of oral citicoline among 1372 patients with ICS revealed a statistically significant effect of citicoline on overall recovery (25.2% vs. 20.2%) [10]. In a study by Indian scientists S. Ghosh, K.S. Das, T. Nath et al. reported better results and a higher probability of complete recovery after treatment with citicoline in all types of strokes [11].

A study by K.M. Sinha, K.H. Anuradha, R. Juyal et al. showed that patients treated with edaravone had a significant reduction in NIHSS after 90 days [12]. A comparative study of edaravone/citicoline conducted by M. Mitta, D. Goel, K.K. Bansal, P. Puri showed that the use of edaravone leads to a better result 90 days after ischemic stroke, while the total use of edavarone with citicoline was not studied [13]. The mechanism of action of edavarone in ischemic stroke is aimed at glutamate excitotoxicity and prevention of calcium inflow, reduction of blood-brain barrier damage; tendency to develop cerebral edema; neutrophil migration, affecting secondary inflammation, as well as oxidative and nitrite/nitrate stress [12,13].

In a study of choline alfoscerate in 2484 patients with ICS and TIA, the drug improved functional recovery [14]. In addition, a multicenter RCT demonstrated a positive effect of choline alfoscerate on cognitive function [15].

The team of authors I.A. Strelnikova, A.A. Svetkina, O.V. Androfagina in 2020 published the results of their own clinical trial, in which mexidol treatment in the acute and early recovery periods of ICS has a positive effect on the regression of neurological symptoms, increasing the likelihood of achieving independence in everyday life by 3.34 times, reducing neurodynamic disorders and improving memory [16]. The results of a 2020 clinical trial demonstrated a decrease in blood levels of total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein β, and a decrease in the severity of hypercoagulability in patients with ICS with the use of mexidol [17].

As shown in the above studies, cerebroprotective agents with different mechanisms have neuroprotective properties, and there are no studies that would confirm or refute the feasibility of combining cerebroprotective agents with different mechanisms to reduce disability and mortality from acute ischemic stroke.

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# Materials and methods.

A randomized prospective controlled trial of the use of the most effective NPCs in patients with ischemic CVA was conducted at the Vinnytsia City Clinical Emergency Hospital from 2021 to 2023 in the intensive care units of the neurological department and anesthesiology departments with intensive care beds (ADICB) № 1 and 2.

The main criterion for patient selection was the presence of moderate to severe ischemic stroke with deep stunning, soporas, or coma, i.e., patients requiring intensive care in the intensive care unit. The neuroimaging of ICS was confirmed by spiral computed tomography. A total of 90 patients with acute ischemic stroke participated in the study. The control group consisted of 25 people.

The study patients to determine the therapeutic effect of the studied NPCs were randomized by the method of random numbers into 6 groups of 15 patients each, a total of 90 patients, including 43 men and 47 women. The average age was 67.93  $\pm$  1.67 years and an additional group of 25 healthy people, including 12 men and 13 women. The average age was 65.04  $\pm$  1.67 years. The study groups did not differ in age, severity, or other baseline parameters that could affect the final results of the study.

# Distribution of study groups of patients:

- 1. Healthy individuals 25 people
- 2. Patients with moderate ischemic stroke (IS) who received conventional therapy (moderate ischemic stroke + conventional therapy (CT)) 15 people
- 3. Patients with moderate ischemic stroke who received conventional therapy and a complex of neuroprotectants  $N_{0}1$  (NPC  $N_{0}1$ ) (moderate ischemic stroke + CT + NPC  $N_{0}1$ ) 15 people
- 4. Patients with moderate ischemic stroke who received conventional therapy and a complex of neuroprotectants  $N_{\odot}2$  (NPC  $N_{\odot}2$ ) (moderate ischemic stroke + CT + NPC  $N_{\odot}2$ ) 15 people
- 5. Patients with severe ischemic stroke who received conventional therapy (severe ischemic stroke + CT) 15 people
- 6. Patients with severe ischemic stroke who received conventional therapy and a complex of neuroprotectants N<sub>2</sub>1 (NPC N<sub>2</sub>1) (severe ischemic stroke + CT + NPC N<sub>2</sub>1) 15 people
- 7. Patients with severe ischemic stroke who received conventional therapy and a complex of neuroprotectants  $N^{\circ}2$  (NPC  $N^{\circ}2$ ) (severe stroke + CT + NPC  $N^{\circ}2$ ) 15 people

Neuroprotective complexes (NPCs) were studied: NPC №1 (cerebrolysin+mexidol) and NPC №2 (cerebrolysin+citicoline) were administered intravenously in similar doses and regimens according to the manufacturer's instructions immediately after confirmation of the diagnosis by spiral computed tomography (SCT), and then daily every 24 hours for 7 days. The control group included patients who received only conventional therapy.

Biochemical studies of the content of biochemical markers of neurodegradation (NSE) and neuroglioproliferation (S100 protein) in the blood serum of patients with ischemic stroke [18,19] were performed in dynamics: 1) upon admission to the hospital (before treatment); 2) after 3 days of treatment - as of

the 4th day of treatment; 3) after 6 days of treatment - as of the 7th day. The content of S100 and NSE protein in the blood serum was determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay using the CanAg S100 EIA Kit (Fujirebio Diagnostics Inc., Goteborg, Sweden) according to the manufacturer's instructions, using an automatic STAT FAX 303/PLUS analyzer. The studies were conducted in the research clinical diagnostic laboratory of the Pirogov National Medical University, certified by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine (certificate of recertification №049/15 of March 02, 2015).

Statistical processing of the study results was performed in the licensed standardized package "Statistica 13,3 for Windows" and included analysis of the nature of the distribution of characteristics by the Shapiro-Wilk W test and analysis of differences by the Mann-Whitney test for nonparametric data and the Wilcoxon rank sum test to assess changes in intragroup dynamics p < 0.05 was considered significant.

#### Results.

The activity of neurodegradation by the level of NSE in the blood depending on the severity of ischemic stroke (Table 1). It turned out that in the blood serum of healthy subjects, the serum level of NSE was low, its median was 0,648 ng/ml, and the interquartile range  $P_{25}$ - $P_{75}$  was 0,450-0,843 ng/ml.

In moderate ischemic stroke, there was a significant increase in the mean serum NSE level by 7,1 times (p<0.001) compared with healthy subjects: the median was 4,57 ng/ml, and the interquartile range  $P_{25}$ - $P_{75}$  was 4,11-4,97 ng/ml.

In patients with severe ischemic stroke, the intensity of neurodegeneration by serum NSE level was significantly higher by 1,6 times (p<0,001) compared with that of moderate severity. Thus, in patients with severe ischemic stroke, the median serum NSE level was 7,22 ng/ml, and the interquartile range  $P_{25}$ - $P_{75}$  was 6,39-7,85 ng/ml.

The applied pharmacotherapy reduced the severity of neurodegeneration in patients with ischemic strokes with varying efficacy (Table 2). Conventional therapy had the least effect on the activity of neurodestruction in ischemic stroke. It was found that in patients with moderate ischemic stroke, the use of conventional treatment on days 4 and 7 was accompanied by a significant decrease in serum NSE levels by 21,1 and 38,6 % (p<0,05), respectively, compared with the pretreatment level. In severe ischemic stroke after 3 days and 6 days of conventional treatment, the serum NSE content significantly decreased by 30,8 and 43,6 %, respectively (p<0,01).

The inclusion of the combination of NPC №1 in conventional treatment significantly increased the effectiveness of correction of neurodegeneration processes. In patients with moderate ischemic strokes, the use of this treatment regimen was accompanied by a significant decrease in serum NSE levels by 41,1% (as of day 4) and 53,9% (as of day 7) compared with the pretreatment level. In patients with severe ischemic strokes, the inclusion of the combination of NPC №1 caused a statistically significant decrease in serum NSE levels after 3 days and 6 days of treatment by 46,1 and 56,5 %, respectively (p<0,01). The effectiveness of the combination of conventional treatment with NPC №1 in terms of reducing the serum level of NSE was 1,3-2,0 times higher (p<0,05) than conventional treatment.

**Table 1.** Serum NSE content in healthy subjects and patients with ischemic strokes of varying severity  $(M\pm m)$ .

Patient groups		n	NSE, ng/ml
1	Healthy individuals	25	0,652±0,043
2	Ischemic stroke of moderate severity	45	4,60±0,10*
3	Ischemic stroke of severe degree	45	7,23±0,16*#

#### Notes:

- 1. \*- significance of differences (p < 0.05) relative to healthy individuals.
- 2. # significance of differences (p<0,05) in relation to patients with moderate ischemic stroke.

**Table 2.** Serum NSE content in patients with ischemic strokes of varying severity during treatment  $(M\pm m; n=15)$ .

	NSE, ng/ml Patient groups				
Duration of					
the study	Conventional therapy	Conventional therapy + NPC №1	Conventional therapy + NPC №2		
Ischemic strol	ke of moderate se	verity			
Before treatment	4,56±0,17	4,60±0,18	4,63±0,15		
After 3 days of treatment	3,60±0,21*	2,71±0,20*#	2,06±0,18*#&		
After 6 days of treatment	2,80±0,19*	2,12±0,21*#	1,54±0,14*#&		
Ischemic strol	ke of severe degre	ee			
Before treatment	7,15±0,27	7,24±0,31	7,30±0,28		
After 3 days of treatment	4,95±0,24*	3,90±0,18*#	3,08±0,14*#&		
After 6 days of treatment	4,03±0,19*	3,15±0,16*#	2,28±0,18*#&		

#### Notes:

- 1. \* significance of differences (p<0.05) relative to the pretreatment index.
- 2. # significance of differences (p<0.05) compared to the group of patients receiving conventional therapy.
- 3. & significance of differences (p<0.05) compared to the group of patients who received conventional therapy combined with NPC N21.

**Table 3.** Serum S100 protein content in healthy subjects and patients with ischemic strokes of varying severity  $(M\pm m)$ .

Patient groups		n	S100 protein, ng/ml	
1	Healthy individuals	25	0,876±0,051	
2	Ischemic stroke of moderate severity	45	4,62±0,18*	
3	Ischemic stroke of severe severity	45	6,66±0,18*#	

#### Notes:

- 1. \*- significance of differences (p<0.05) relative to healthy subjects.
- 2. # significance of differences (p<0.05) in relation to patients with moderate ischemic stroke.

The use of NPC №2 showed the highest efficacy in reducing serum NSE levels in moderate and severe ischemic stroke. In the group of patients with moderate ischemic strokes, the use of conventional therapy in combination with NPK #2 is associated with a significant reduction in serum NSE levels by

55.5% (as of day 4) and 66.7% (as of day 7) compared with the pretreatment level. Under these treatment conditions, in patients with severe ischemic strokes, the decrease in serum NSE levels on days 4 and 7 of treatment was 57.8 and 68.8 %, respectively (p<0.01). The effectiveness of the inclusion of NPC №2 in the pharmacotherapy of ischemic stroke in terms of the degree of reduction of serum NSE levels was 1.6-2.6 times (p<0.01) higher than conventional treatment and 1.2-1.4 times (p<0.05) higher than conventional treatment combined with the use of NPC №1.

In patients with ischemic strokes, along with neurodestruction, activation of neuroglioproliferation processes is recorded, as evidenced by an increase in the serum content of S100 protein (Table 3).

In healthy subjects, the serum S100 protein level was low, with a median value of 0.900 (95% CI 0.489-1.241) ng/mL, and an interquartile range of  $P_{25}$ - $P_{75}$  of 0.669-1.077 ng/mL.

In moderate ischemic stroke, a significant increase in the mean serum S100 protein content by 5.3 times (p<0.001) was recorded compared with healthy subjects: the median value was 4.53 (95% CI 2.82-6.51) ng/mL, and the interquartile range  $P_{25}$ - $P_{75}$  was 3.65-5.59 ng/mL.

In patients with severe ischemic strokes, the serum level of S100 protein was maximal: the median value was 6.75 (95% CI 4.64-8.63) ng/mL, and the interquartile range  $P_{25}$ - $P_{75}$  was 5.66-7.63 ng/mL. On average, the level of S100 protein in the blood serum was 7.6 times (p<0.001) higher than in healthy subjects and 1.44 times (p<0.01) higher than in patients with moderate ischemic strokes.

**Table 4.** Serum S100 protein content in patients with ischemic strokes of varying severity during treatment ( $M\pm m$ ; n=15).

	S100 protein, ng/ml Patient groups				
Duration of					
the study	Conventional therapy	Conventional therapy + NPC №1	Conventional therapy + NPC №2		
Ischemic strol	ke of moderate sev	verity			
Before treatment	4,62±0,29	4,58±0,31	4,65±0,34		
After 3 days of treatment	3,85±0,23*	3,12±0,20*#	2,54±0,15*#&		
After 6 days of treatment	3,01±0,19*	2,40±0,17*#	1,92±0,16*#&		
Ischemic stroke of severe degree					
Before treatment	6,58±0,29	6,67±0,32	6,72±0,35		
After 3 days of treatment	5,16±0,19*	4,20±0,21*#	3,57±0,15*#&		
After 6 days of treatment	4,37±0,22*	3,56±0,17*#	2,82±0,18*#&		

#### Notes:

- 1. \* significance of differences (p<0.05) relative to the pretreatment index.
- 2. # significance of differences (p<0.05) compared to the group of patients receiving conventional therapy.
- 3. & significance of differences (p<0.05) compared to the group of patients who received conventional therapy combined with NPC №1.

Different types of pharmacotherapy for ischemic strokes differed in their ability to correct the serum level of S100 protein (Table 4). The lowest efficacy in correcting neuroglioproliferative processes was recorded when using only conventional therapy. In the group of patients with moderate ischemic stroke, the use of conventional therapy for 3 and 6 days caused a significant decrease in the level of S100 protein in the blood serum by 16.7 and 21.8% (p<0.05), respectively, compared with the pretreatment level. Under these conditions of therapy in the group of patients with severe ischemic stroke, the decrease in the level of S100 protein in the blood serum on days 4 and 7 was 21.6 and 33.6 %, respectively (p<0.01).

The use of NPC  $N_21$  in the treatment of ischemic strokes significantly increased the effectiveness of correction of neuroglioproliferative processes. Thus, in the group of patients with moderate ischemic stroke, the inclusion of the combination of NPC  $N_21$  in conventional therapy was accompanied by a significant decrease in the level of S100 protein in the blood serum on days 4 and 7, respectively, by 31.8 and 47.6% (p<0.01) compared with the pretreatment level.

In patients with severe ischemic strokes, the use of pharmacotherapy, which included NPC №1, caused a decrease in the level of S100 protein in the blood serum on days 4 and 7, respectively, by 36.1 and 46.6 % (p<0.01). The inclusion of the combination of NPC №1 in the treatment regimen for ischemic strokes was 1.4-2.2 times (p<0.05) higher than conventional therapy in terms of the effectiveness of correction of neuroglioproliferative processes.

The use of NPC  $N_2$  in the pharmacotherapy of ischemic strokes most effectively corrected neuroglioproliferative processes. Under these conditions, in patients with moderate ischemic stroke, a statistically significant decrease in the level of S100 protein in the blood serum on days 4 and 7, respectively, by 45.4 and 58.7% (p<0.01) was observed compared with the pretreatment level. In patients with severe ischemic strokes, the decrease in serum S100 protein level at day 4 and 7 was 46.9 and 58.0%, respectively (p<0.01). The use of NPC  $N_2$  in the treatment of ischemic strokes in terms of the effectiveness of correction of neuroglioproliferative processes was 1.7-2.7 times (p<0.01) higher than conventional therapy, and 1.2-1.4 times (p<0.05) higher than treatment with NPC  $N_2$ 1.

# Conclusion.

Thus, the study demonstrates that the inclusion of NPC №2 (group 3) in the conventional treatment regimen showed the highest efficacy in correcting the processes of neurodegeneration and neuroglioproliferation (according to the dynamics of serum levels of NSE and S100 protein) in patients with moderate to severe ischemic stroke (p<0.01). In patients with severe ischemic strokes, the use of pharmacotherapy, which included NPC №1, caused a decrease in the level of S100 protein in the blood serum on days 4 and 7, respectively, by 36.1 and 46.6 % (p<0.01). The inclusion of the combination of NPC № 1 in the treatment regimen for ischemic strokes was 1.4-2.2 times (p<0.05) higher than conventional therapy in terms of the effectiveness of correction of neuroglioproliferative processes.

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#### **РЕЗЮМЕ**

ВЛИЯНИЕИССЛЕДОВАТЕЛЬСКИХКОМБИНАЦИЙ НЕЙРОПРОТЕКТОРОВ НА УРОВЕНЬ БЕЛКА S 100 И NSE В СЫРОВАТКЕ КРОВИ БОЛЬНЫХ НА ИШЕМИЧЕСКИЙ ИНСУЛЬТ СРЕДНЕЙ И ТЯЖЕЛОЙ СТЕПЕНИ

#### КАРИМУЛИН Р.Ф

Ишемический мозговой инсульт (ИМИ) — это разрушительная неврологическая патология, связанная с огромной коморбидностью и смертностью.

Путем предварительного экспериментального скрининга по показателю летальности различных по механизму действия церебропротекторов: Edaravone, Cerebrolysin,

Choline alfoscerate, Citicoline, Mexidol были определены наиболее эффективные комбинации церебропротекторов с последующим их скринингом эффективности в клинических условиях по показателям нейронспецифики. из основных биохимических маркеров поражения головного мозга при остром ишемическом инсульте

Различные комбинации нейропротекторов, определенные как наиболее эффективные при экспериментальном скрининге, отличались по способности корректировать сывороточный уровень белка \$100 и NSE при ишемическом инсульте в клинических условиях.

Наименьшая эффективность коррекции нейроглиопролиферативных процессов была зафиксирована при использовании только традиционной терапии (ТТ), которая определялась согласно Приказу Минздрава Украины от 03.08.2012 № 602, без применения нейропротекторов. В то время как использование нейропротекторной комбинации/комплекса (НПК) (церебролизин + цитиколин) в лечении ишемических инсультов по эффективности коррекции нейроглиопролиферативных процессов превышало в 1,7-2,7 раза (р<0,01) традиционную терапию, а также в 1,2-1,4 раза (р<0,05) — лечение, которое включало использование нейропротекторной комбинации — церебролизин + мексидол.

**Ключевые слова:** ишемический инсульт, нейропротектор, нейроспецифическая енолаза, белок S100.