

# A clinical trial of Surfactant on 100 Respiratory Distress Syndrome(RDS) in 100 preterm and late preterm neonates admitted in pediatric department during the period January 2018-June 2019 ; An Observational study

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## ABS TRACT

### BACKGROUND

RDS Respiratory Distress is a common condition in preterm and late preterm neonates whose age less than 1.5kgs need some intervention like intubation administration of surfactant<sup>1,2</sup> will prove that early extubation and better outcome is possible.

### AIM

A clinical trial including intervention and observation of 100 preterm neonates with RDS admitted in pediatric ward.

### RESULTS

Out of 100 neonates, most of the neonates 34 (66.6%) in the surfactant group and 37 (75.0%) neonates in the control group were between 30wks to 32wks of GA respectively. 12 (25.0%) in the surfactant group and 10(19.4%) in the control group were between.27wks to 29wks of GA respectively. very less 4 (8.3%) in the study group and 3 (5.5 %) in the control group were between 32wks of GA to 35 wks respectively.

### CONCLUSIONS

The study concludes that among spontaneously<sup>5</sup> breathing premature infants treated with INSURE, decreased the need for subsequent MV by 22%. The higher birth weight, the use of antenatal steroids<sup>16,17</sup> the lower RDS score at the time of procedure and the early use of surfactant are the good predictors in the INSURE success group.

### KEYWORDS

RDS, Preterm, Intubation, Surfactant(INSURE), GA (Gestational age), MV (Mechanical ventilation), Pulmonary Hemorrhage, CPAP.

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**MATERIALS AND METHODS**

Newborn babies with RDS to NICU, Department of Pediatric, King George Hospital, Andhra Medical College, and Visakhapatnam.

A total of 100 neonates who came with respiratory distress syndrome with <35 wks and <1.5kg were taken in the study including both the sex. The study was conducted for 18 months.

All babies, both inborn & out born, admitted to NICU with gestational age <35wks and <1.5kgs with RDS by clinical (Silverman - Anderson scoring) and radiographic criteria and requiring supplemental oxygen by NCPAP, or by oxygen hood were taken .RDS was defined as clinical respiratory distress in the presence of chest X-ray evidence of lung field granularity, small lung volumes and air bronchogram.

**OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS**

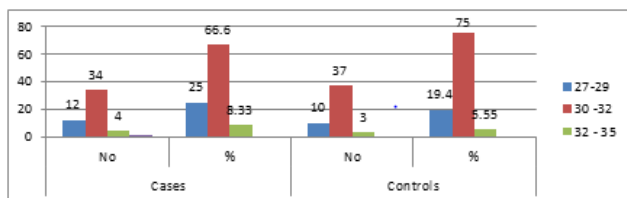
A total of 100 infants were included in the study. Of these (50 surfactant, 50 control) were taken. The study groups were similar with regard to baseline characteristics .

Gestational age	Cases		Controls	
	No	%	No	%
27-29	12	25	10	19.4
30 -32	34	66.6	37	75
32 - 35	4	8.33	3	5.55
Total	50	100	50	100
	Mean±SD =30.36±1.96		Mean±SD =30.56±1.73	

**Table 1: Gestational Age In Two Groups Studied**

P = 0.65 ( Not significant)

In two groups most of the babies are 30-32 weeks gestational age 66.6% and 75% in study and control groups respectively.

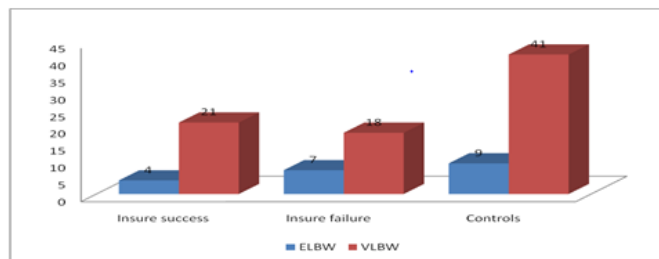


**Fig.1; Gestational Age In Two Groups**

	Cases				Controls			
	Insure success		Insure failure					
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%
ELBW	4	16.6	7	27.7	9	16.7		
VLBW	21	83.3	18	72.2	41	83.3		
	Mean±SD = 1.30±0.20		Mean±SD = 1.19±0.20		Mean±SD=1.22±0.17			
	P = 0.01*							
	P = 0.59							

**Table-2: ELBW/VLBW In Two Groups Studied**

ELBW/VLBW in two groups studied

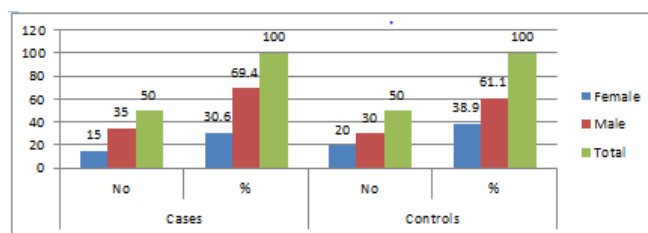


The mean weight in the Insure success and the failure group were 1.30 ± 0.20 & 1.19 ± 0.20 respectively with P=0.01 is statistically significant. The control group does not show any significant difference with the mean weight being 1.22 ± 0.17. More the birth weight better is the INSURE outcome.

Gender	Cases		Controls	
	No	%	No	%
Female	15	30.6	20	38.9
Male	35	69.4	30	61.1
Total	50	100	50	100

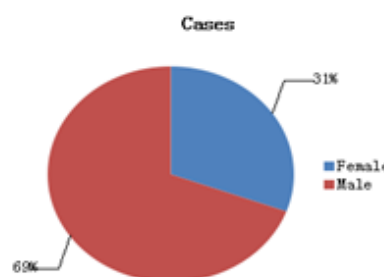
**Table 3; Gender Distribution Of Patients Studied**

P=0.458



**Fig 4; Gender Distribution**

In our study Males constituted more both in study group and control group. 35(69.4%) in surfactant group and 30 (61.1%) in control group were males.



**Fig-5 : Pie Chart Showing Gender Distribution Of Patients Studied**

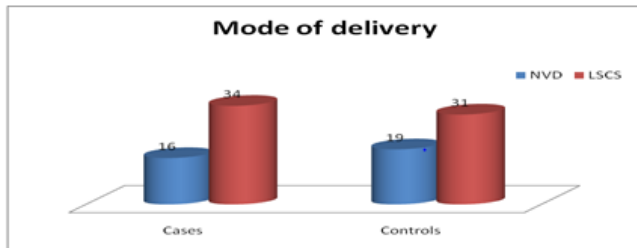
The place of delivery did not show any statistical difference between the study group and the control group. Almost 25 (50%) in the study group and 21 (41.7%) in the control group are delivered in our hospital. 25(50%) in study group and 29 (58.3%) in control group were extramural like PHC, home delivery or private hospital delivery.

Mode of delivery	Cases		Controls	
	No	%	No	%
NVD	16	30.6	19	38.9
LSCS	34	69.4	31	61.1
Total	50	100	50	100

**Table 4 : Mode Of Delivery In Two Groups Studied**

P=0.458 , not significant, chi-square test

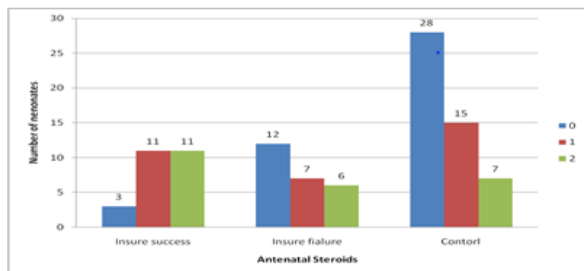
Whatever the mode of delivery the outcome in study and control groups Shows no significant difference.



**Fig 6 : Mode Of Delivery In Two Groups Studied**

Antenatal Steroids	Cases		Control group (50) (%)
	Insure success (25)(%)	Insure failure (25)(%)	
0	3 (11.1)	12 (50)	28 (55.5)
1	11 (44.4)	7 (27.7)	15 (30.5)
2	11 (44.4)	6 (22.2)	7 (13.8)
P = 0.02*		P=0.032*	

**Table 5: Antenatal Steroids In Two Groups**

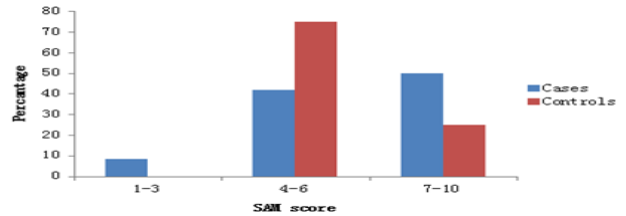


**Fig 7 ; Bar Graph Showing Antenatal Steroids In Two groups**

score	Cases				Controls (50)	
	Insure success (25)		Insure failure(25)		No	%
	No.	%	No.	%		
01-Mar	6	22.2	3	11.1	0	0
04-Jun	18	72.2	16	66.6	38	75
07-Oct	1	5.55	6	22.2	12	25
Mean ± SD =4.50±1.1		Mean ± SD = 5.44±1.1				
Mean ± SD = 5.63±1.19		Mean ± SD = 6.57±1.34				
Total	P= 0.009**				P = 0.006**	

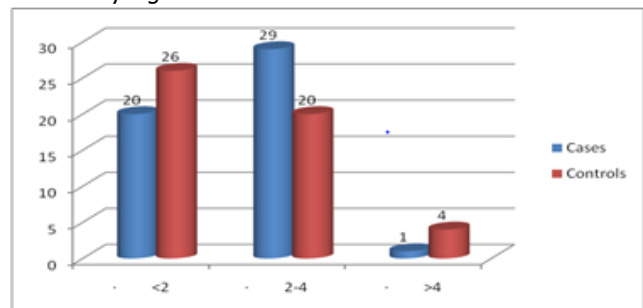
**Table 6: Silverman – Anderson Score In Two Groups**

P is significant, Fischer Exact test(1-3 mild,4-6 moderate,7-10 severe)

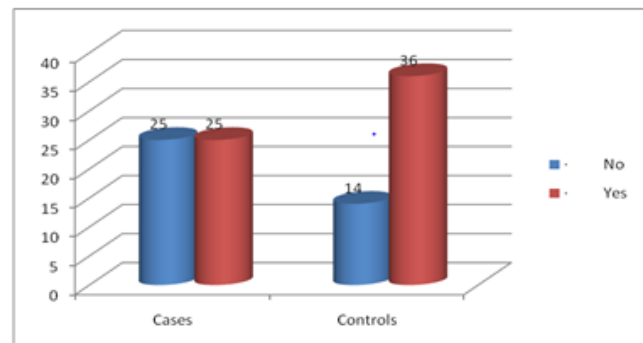


**Fig 8 : Bar Graph Showing Silverman – Anderson Score In Two Groups**

All the neonates (cases & control group) needed CPAP7 at the time of admission. The cases received surfactant, in which 47(94.4%) & 3(5.6%) received one and two doses6 respectively. out of 50 neonates 25 (50%) of neonates needed MV in study group while 36 (72.3%) in control group required MV which is statistically significant6. The duration of MV is more in the control group then the surfactant group. 30 (61.1%) in the control group required MV even after 4 days whereas 2(2.77%) in the surfactant group is on ventilator which is statistically significant.



**Fig 9 : Bar Graph Showing Number Of Days On CPAP**



**Fig 10 : Bar Graph Showing Whether Baby Needed MV**

Need for MV	CASES		CONTROL	
	No	%	No	%
YES	25	50	36	72.2
NO	25	50.0	14	27.7
Total	50	100	50	100

**Table -7: Subsequent Ventilation**

P=0.053+, Significant , Chi-Square test

The primary outcome in the study group is the need for the subsequent ventilation. 25 (50%) in the surfactant group required MV & 36 (72.3%) in the control group required MV. The use of surfactant decreased the need for MV by 22% in study group 9,12 than control group. 21 (41.7%) in the surfactant group & 27 (55.5%) in the control group showed mortality.

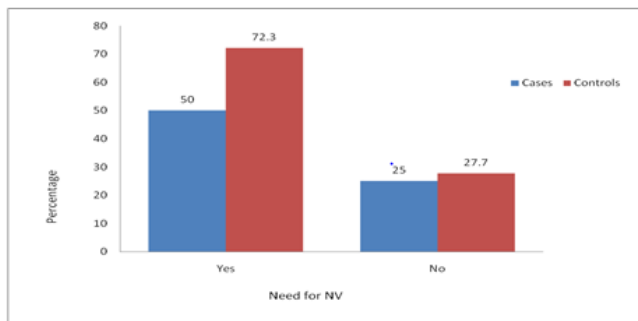


Fig- 11 : Bar Graph Showing Subsequent Ventilation

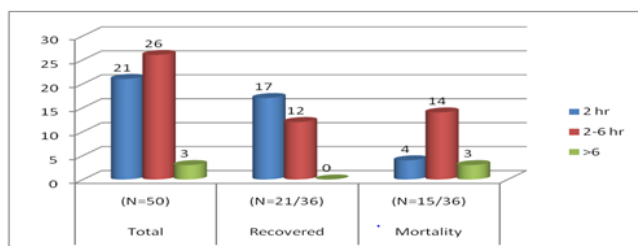


Fig-12 : Bar Graph Showing Number Of Hrs Insure Performed (Surfactant Group)

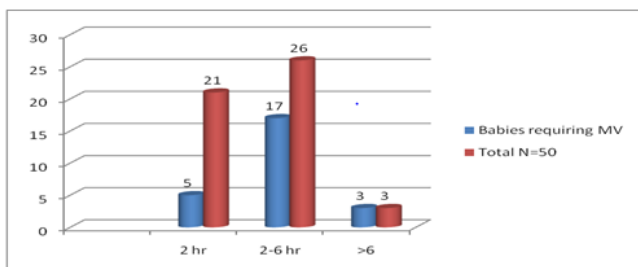


Fig-13 : Bar Graph Showing Number Of Hrs Insure Performed (Control Group)

a/A ratio (Mean ±SD)	Surfactant group		Control group	
	Pre surfactant	Postsurfactant	Pre ventilation	Post ventilation
	0.21±0.06	0.33±0.09	0.25±0.08	0.23±0.09
	P = 0.0001 ***		P = 0.34	

Table-7. Effectiveness Of Intervention On Oxygenation

The mean value of the a/A ratio in the surfactant group were 0.21±0.06 in pre surfactant group and 0.33±0.09 in post surfactant group. (p = 0.0001\*\*). In the control group the ratio is 0.25±0.08 in Pre ventilation group and 0.23±0.09 in post ventilation group. There is a significant increase in the oxygenation in the surfactant group compared to control group after the intervention

	Early surfactant (<2/2hrs) Mean±SD	Late surfactant (> 2hrs) Mean±SD
Pre surfactant a/A ratio	0.25±0.05	0.18±0.06
Post surfactant a/A ratio	0.38±0.08	0.30±0.08
P value	0.003*	0.007*

Table-8: Surfactant Oxygenation In Early Vs Late Administration

The mean post surfactant a/A ratio in the early surfactant is 0.38±0.08 & late surfactant is 0.30±0.08 which is significant.

**CONCLUSION**

1. This study concludes that among spontaneously breathing premature infants treated with INSURE, decreased the need for subsequent MV by 22%.
2. The higher birth weight, the use of antenatal steroids, the lower RDS score at the time of procedure and the early use of surfactant as the good predictors in the INSURE success group.
3. There is a significant decrease in the need for MV in the surfactant group compared to control group.
4. The reduction in the need for MV decreased the risk of air leak syndrome and is advantageous in medical settings where resources are limited like in our country.
5. The shorter requirement of respiratory support contributes to the decreasing stay in the intensive care unit which can be attributed as a cost effective treatment.

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