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Efficacy of Isopropyl Unoprostone and Timolol Maleate in Chronic Open Angle glaucoma or Ocular Hypertension. A Comparative, Double-Masked, Randomized Clinical Trial.

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Objective: To evaluate the ability of Isopropyl Unoprostone (IU) in maintaining the intraocular pressure of patients previously receiving Timolol Maleate TM 0,5%...

Methods: Phase III randomized, double-masked multicentre, parallel-group comparison of IU and TM 0.5% BID in 39 subjects with chronic open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension. Prior to randomization, all subjects were pretreated with TM 0.5% for 2 weeks. Patients were then randomized to either TM or IU BID for 6 weeks. IOP was measured 2 hours flowing the morning instillation (approximately at 10:00 AM). Statistical analyses were done with two-Way ANOVA, ANCOVA and the paired Student's t-test on the intent-to-treat population.

Results: 39 subjects completed the study, 19 on IU and 20 on TM 0,5%. Mean IOPs prior to the randomization in both groups were not significantly different (p+0.147). At. Week 4, mean IOP change from baseline for subjects randomized to IU was lower than the mean change from baseline for subjects randomized to TM 0.5% (-0,48 mmHg vs. +0.81 mmHg, respectively; P= 0.025). At week 6, differences in mean IOP change from baseline were not statistically significant between the groups (P=0.606).

Conclusion: At the end of the 6-week treatment period, IU and TM 0,5% both maintained similar IOP-lowering effect.