

NCT03548584). Data are reported using descriptive statistics for brexpiprazole (2 or 3 mg/day) and placebo, for patients who completed 12 weeks of treatment.

Results: In the first fixed-dose trial (brexpiprazole 2 mg/day, n=120; placebo, n=118), baseline behavior frequency was similar between groups (range 1.12 to 4.92). At baseline, the most frequently observed behavior was “general restlessness” (brexpiprazole, 4.92; placebo, 4.82; approximately “once or twice a day”), and the least frequently observed behaviors were “biting” (brexpiprazole, 1.12) and “making physical sexual advances” (placebo, 1.14). At Week 12, the average reduction in mean frequency was -0.73 (brexpiprazole) and -0.60 (placebo), with a greater numerical reduction for 21/29 behaviors with brexpiprazole versus placebo. In the second fixed-dose trial (brexpiprazole 2 or 3 mg/day, n=192; placebo, n=103), baseline behavior frequency was similar between groups (range 1.12 to 5.22), and higher than in the first trial due to study inclusion criteria. At baseline, the most frequently observed behavior was “general restlessness” (brexpiprazole, 5.22; placebo, 5.09; approximately “once or twice a day”), and the least frequently observed behaviors were “making physical sexual advances” (brexpiprazole, 1.13) and “intentional falling” (placebo, 1.12). At Week 12, the average reduction in mean frequency was -0.78 (brexpiprazole) and -0.54 (placebo), with a greater numerical reduction for 26/29 behaviors with brexpiprazole versus placebo.

Conclusion: In this post hoc analysis, brexpiprazole was associated with numerically greater reduction in the frequency of most individual agitation behaviors versus placebo.

P98: Effects of A Brief Intensive Home-based Discharge Support Program on Older Patients’ Recovery and Family Carers’ Psychological Wellbeing

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Background: Seamless transition to the community and a shorter Length of Stay (LOS) at hospitals are considered priorities in many health care systems. In Hong Kong, Hospital Admission Risk Reduction Program for the Elderly (HARRPE)¹ - a risk prediction tool has been used by hospitals to facilitate discharge of older patients and minimize the need for hospital or emergency re-admission. Older patients score > 0.2 and present greater social-care needs than medical issues will be followed up by a community NGO, in service partnership with the hospital, through an 8-week, home-based, Intensive Discharge Support Program (IDSP)². Apart from evaluating the success in admission risk reduction, this study was also to assess the program’s effects on patients’ health status and well-being for both discharged patients and family carers, and to understand the underlying supportive mechanism of IDSP.

Methods: A mixed-method approached was used, as establishing control groups was not feasible due to both ethical and practical concerns. Structured interviews integrating standardized instruments were employed to evaluate changes in outcome variables pre-and-post IDSP intervention for both the discharged patients and their carers. To complement the quantitative data, two focus groups involving 9 carers were organized to explore the essential and critical service elements of the discharge program, including their effects on promoting patients’ wellbeing or alleviating caregiver burden.

Results: 48 patient-carer dyads were recruited from the discharge program, with 35 pairs (73%) successfully completed both pre-and-post IDSP interviews. 68.6% of the discharged elders had no hospital readmission during the 8-week in IDSP. While there were statistically significant improvement in ADL, IADL ($p < 0.001$), the environment domain of WHOQOL ($p < 0.05$), and 3 other domains measured by the Health Status Questionnaire (HSQ-12), namely social functioning, role limitation due to mental health and level of fatigue ($p < 0.05$) among the patient group, there was only one outcome variable – the environment domain of WHOQOL showed significant improvement ($p \leq 0.01$) among carers. Focus group discussions also highlighted the importance of using a family-based approach in providing discharge support.

Conclusion: This Discharge support program which emphasizes hospital-community collaboration seems beneficial to older patients' timely recovery and smooth transition back to community.

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P100: Education level is associated with neuropsychiatric symptoms in patients with amnesic-mild cognitive impairment

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Objective: We aimed to examine differences in the severity of neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS) subsyndromes according to education level among patients with amnesic-mild cognitive impairment (a-MCI) and to identify patient demographics related to NPS subsyndromes.

Methods: Overall, 140 patients with a-MCI were included. We divided the patients into three groups according to their educational level (primary education, middle education, and high education) and compared their demographics. To explore the severity of NPS subsyndromes according to educational level, we used the Neuropsychiatric Inventory-Questionnaire (NPI-Q) after adjustments for the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) score. Finally, NPS subsyndromes that were identified as being related to educational level were further explored using a general linear model (GLM).

Results: Significant differences in several demographics were observed among the three groups. Among the NPS subsyndromes, the scores for aggressiveness were significantly higher in the primary and high education groups than in the middle education group, while the apathy/eating problem scores were significantly higher in the primary education group than in the other groups. The GLM analyses showed that aggressiveness was related to marital status and the Zarit Caregiver Burden Interview (ZBI-J) score, while apathy/eating problems was related to the instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) percentage, the ZBI-J score, and the education level in years.

Conclusion: Among NPS subsyndromes, aggressiveness and apathy/eating problems differed according to education level in patients with a-MCI. A GLM analysis suggested that not only education level, but also various other factors should be considered when determining the need for NPS interventions.