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Epidural blood patching for preventing and treating post-dural puncture headache [Cochrane Review] By Sudlow C, Warlow C

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According to the presented CSF hydrodynamic mechanism on www.med-lavrencic.si/raziskava.html, the causal treatment of post-dural puncture headache (aliquorrhoea post LP) would be intrathecal infusion of artificial CSF. It would be more appropriate than epidural blood patch. Namely the infusion of artificial CSF into CSF space restores CSF pressure and CSF space, both of them directly, while epidural blood patch elevates CSF pressure directly (usually enough after several attempts) and later on it restores CSF space indirectly (if successful) by activating CSF hydrodynamic mechanism in its physiological phase. This way it could be avoided the side effects of epidural blood patch.

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The lead author of this review, Dr C Sudlow, has responded to Dr Lavrencic's comments as follows:

This is an interesting point. We have certainly come across some studies of saline infusions into the CSF space, and look forward to

assessing the evidence for the effectiveness of these alternative strategies from randomised controlled trials in the future.

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