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# Intraurethral lidocaine use during urodynamics in female patients: A systematic review and meta-analysis

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Pain and discomfort may occur in catheterization during a urodynamic examination. A lidocaine gel combined with a water-based lubricant is sometimes used to reduce pain during catheterization. Several studies claimed that intraurethral lidocaine administration could cause inaccurate urodynamic parameters results. However, its definite effects in urodynamics testing on humans are still not clear. We aimed to evaluate the effects of intraurethral lidocaine on pain and urodynamic study parameters in patients undergoing an invasive urodynamic examination. A systematic search adhering to the Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) protocol was performed in the MEDLINE, PubMed, and ScienceDirect databases for randomized controlled trials (RCTs). The bias of the studies is evaluated using the Cochrane risk of bias tool by two independent reviewers. The analyses of continuous outcomes were displayed as mean difference (MD), whereas odds ratio is used to analyze dichotomous data. Heterogeneity between studies is determined using the  $\rm I^2$  value. A total of three RCTs out of 622 discovered that articles were eligible for analysis. Forest plot analysis of the mean visual analogue scale difference of the studies indicated an insignificant difference between the lidocaine and placebo group (MD -7.68; 95% CI -34.04 to -18.68, P = .57). All urodynamic parameter results were also similar between the two groups (P > .05). Routine intraurethral lidocaine injection prior to a urodynamic study does not affect pain intensity and urodynamic parameters.

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#### Introduction

Urodynamics or urodynamic study is a term that covers a variety of tests to measure physiological parameters of the lower urinary tract by assessing its function. The testing includes both invasive and noninvasive evaluations. Invasive examinations include catheter insertion into the bladder.<sup>2</sup> Catheterization during an urodynamic study could induce pain and discomfort in patients. In performing the examination, external factors that could affect the results should be minimalized to gain accurate results representative of the patient's condition. Several studies reported a relatively higher intensity of pain and discomfort during catheterization in urodynamics examination among female patients with a history of chronic pain.3,4 A lidocaine gel combined with a water-based lubricant is sometimes used to ease catheter insertion and reduce pain.<sup>5</sup> However, several studies claimed that intraurethral lidocaine administration could disrupt the sensory nerve response, which could interfere with bladder emptying. During urinary passage through the urethra, the afferent nerves of pudendal nerve would be activated and cause bladder contraction to ensure normal efficient micturition.<sup>6</sup> The disruption of the mechanism could lead to ineffective voiding and urinary retention, thus resulting in inaccurate urodynamic parameters results.7 There is a dilemma whether intraurethral lidocaine could be necessarily given for patients undergoing a catheterization during an urodynamic study. Therefore, we aimed to evaluate

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Comments to the Author

Authors presented their revised version of the systematic review for the effect of use of lidocain during urodynamic study.

Specific comments

Method

Still, the main drawback is that we can compare 2 groups in pain only. But we could not compare two different groups in the urodynamic patterns as they should be related to underlying disease and basic urodynamic parameters and not lidocain use. No data on this part was presented.

## Results

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