ABSTRACT

Introduction: Hypoxia and hypoperfusion is often found in neonates in an intensive care unit, however the clinical manifestations can only be found after cellular hypoxia and tissue perfusion disorder occur. Objective: The study aims to find the ability of hyperlactatemia status as a prognostic parameter for infants in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Level IIIA. Methods: The research was a cohort prospective study using bivariat and multivariat analysis in NICU of Dr. Wahidin Sudirohusodo Hospital from June 2012 to April 2013. The analysis of the lactate level on samples that met the inclusion and exclusion criterias was done immediately after the neonates get into the NICU level IIIA. The capillary lactate level was measured using hand held analyser. The samples were distributed into groups of hyperlactatemia and without hyperlactatemia followed by outcome observation (death or good recovery). The number of subjects were 102 patients consisted of 69 males and 33 females. Results: The study showed the incidence of hyperlactatemia at NICU leve IIIA was 53.9%. Hyperlactatemia ((p=0.000; IK95% 4.11-56.75.00; AOR 15.28) and chronological age <24 hours (p=0.014; IK95% 1.50-37.04; AOR 7.47) was significant in determining the patient’s outcome. Conclusions: The study found that hyperlactatemia status and chronological age less than 24 hours were prognostic factors for patient’s outcome related to elevated mortality risk.

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