Comparison of New Infant Chest Compression Methods: Simulation Study on Randomization Using Manikin

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Abstract

In this paper, we propose a the effects of new chest compressions in the implementation of chest compressions during infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and to provide basic data for high-quality CPR. On March 12, 2019, the research target used the SPSS 22.0 Version as an experimental study using randomized cross-design of 30 emergency medical services students who completed BLS Health Care-provider. The study also showed significant differences in chest depth and average rate of pressure(34.61±1.29, 39.40±1.08, <0.001, 105.46±4.23, 107±3.84, <0.001) depending on chest compressions. There was also a significant difference in the convenience and degree of pain of chest compressions(<0.001). In addition, new chest compressions appeared close to vertical and showed statistically significant differences(p<.001). Based on the results of this study, we can see that the accuracy of the new chest compressions during infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation is increased, and the depth of chest compressions is improved, improving the quality index of chest compressions. However, it will be necessary to further study the use of the new chest compressions to identify the potential for clinical use.

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I. Introduction

Cardiac arrest is a series of conditions that occur when a heartbeat stops, regardless of the cause[1]. The incidence of cardiac arrest in infants and children is about 70 per 100,000 people, and the incidence is low compared to adults, and about 30% of infant cardiac arrest in less than 12 months[2]. However, the survival and recovery rate of infants are lower than those of children and adolescents[2]. Infants are less mental and physically mature than adults, impulsive, and more easily exposed to accidents than adults[3]. In addition, the ability to defend or cope with risk situations is less than

adults [3,4]. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation(CPR), which is the only technique in the event of a cardiac arrest, adequately maintains Coronary Perfusion Pressure and Cerebral Blood Flow. If blood supply is stopped due to cardiac arrest, the high-quality chest compressions can provide blood circulation to the brain, heart, and lungs to prevent tissue necrosis and improve patient survival[5,6]. For adults, for good cardiopulmonary resuscitation, one's palm is placed in the middle of the chest or in the lower half of the dressing bone, and the other palm is superimposed on it and the chest is pressed vertically

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using the recoil of both hands and waist [7,8]. Also, minimize chest compressions, compress the chest to a depth of at least 5 cm and a depth of less than 6 cm, and compress the chest at 100-120 revolutions per minute[7,8]. On the other hand, for infants, chest compression is achieved by using two fingers, just below the imaginary line connecting the two papillae and the chest bones, with two fingers vertically, at a rate of 100-120 per minute at a depth of about 4 cm, Compresses 1/3 of the thickness[8,9]. When two or more rescuers are present, chest compression with two thumbs is recommended[10]. However, the index finger and middle finger by using the two-finger compression method have anatomically different length and shape[11], affecting their posture, pain and fatigue, It may be difficult to press it to a depth of about 4 cm recommended by the American Heart Association. In the previous study, the two-finger chest compression method failed to reach a depth of about 3 cm[12], and half of the chest compressions were shallow, indicating that chest compression was not effective[13]. In cardiopulmonary resuscitation, a moderate depth of chest compression can produce about 25-50% of the normal cardiac output, thereby providing blood flow to the brain and heart tissue[14,15]. In particular, cardiopulmonary resuscitation in infants is similar to that of adults, but rapid cardiopulmonary resuscitation with adequate chest compressions is important because the cause of cardiac arrest is more likely to be caused by respiration[16]. In this study, comparing the effectiveness of two-finger chest compressions with the new chest compressions using conventional indexes and middle fingers, and find out the usefulness of appropriate and effective chest compressions.

II. Methodology

1. Study design

This study was a randomized crossover design study to compare the general chest compressions and the new chest compressions during infant CPR. The study design is shown in Figure 1.
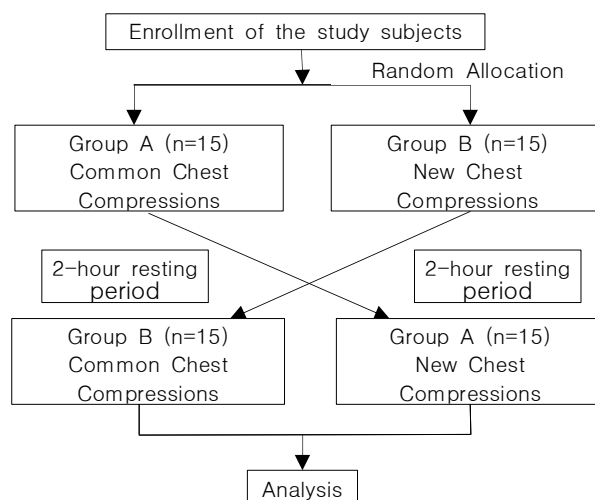

Fig. 1. Research design

2. Study Object

For the selection criteria, preliminary experiments were performed prior to this experiment and the number of subjects was selected using G ∗ Power (Ver. 3.1). Effective Size was calculated as 80% power at the 0.05 level, and a total of 26 subjects were needed, 13 of them in the experimental group and 13 in the control group. The subjects of this study were 32 patients who completed the BLS Health Care-Provider course in the American Heart Association (AHA) and the Korean Association of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (KACPR). complained finger pain during the experiment, the final 30 were used in the experiment. In addition, the subjects who understood the purpose of this study and agreed to participate through written consent were selected for the experiment.

3. Study Protocol

The study subjects were informed about the purpose and process of the study before participating in the study. One of the number plates prepared according to the sample number of the experimental group was selected. Odd numbers were used for general chest compressions, and even numbers were used for new chest compressions. Each group was 15. Subjects underwent chest compressions for 2 minutes using the assigned method and were allowed to rest for 2 hours to minimize fatigue of previous chest compressions after chest compressions. After resting, the chest pressure was changed and the chest pressure was applied again for 2 minutes. All subjects were did the chest compressions using both methods. To avoid errors in the experiment,

the subject was prevented from seeing the monitor screen during chest compression and did not explain any of the experiments.

4. Data Collection and Tool

4.1 Survey Tool

The general characteristics(age, height, weight, education) and the convenience of chest compression, ease of artificial respiration, and pain level which felt by subjects were recorded in a self-report form when the chest pressure was applied. After each chest compression finished, to measure scores from 1 to 10, the Visual Analogue Scale was used. The convenience for chest compression was rated as 1 point for "very uncomfortable" and 10 points for "very convenient". The ease of artificial respiration was indicated by 1 point for "very difficult", 10 points for "very easy", and the degree of pain of the finger at the time of chest compression is indicated from 1 point to 10 points at both ends of the line.

4.2 Chest compressions method

A common chest compression method is vertically pressing over the existing fingers (second and third fingers)[Fig. 2]. The new chest compression method is a method in which the thumb is surrounded by the index finger and the third node of the middle finger supports the back of the thumb and presses with the tip of the thumb[Fig. 3].

Fig. 2. Common Chest Compressions

Fig. 3. New Chest Compressions

4.3 Quality of Chest Compression

For this experiment, experiments were conducted with Laerdal Resusci Baby QCPR Manikin (Laerdal Medical, Stavanger, Norway) and data were used to measure the depth and velocity of chest compression through the average of 2-minute chest compressions[Figure 4].

Fig. 4. Laerdal Resusci Baby QCPR Manikin

4.4 Angle according to chest compressions

During chest compression, To measure the angle of the fingers and manikin chest when chest was pressed, a digital video camera (Sony, HDR-CX405) used for shot. The point at which the chest was depressed during the second cycle of each chest compression was captured and photographed to measure the angle. The angles were drawn on a line parallel to the chest of the manikin, the fingers and straight lines were drawn, and then the inner angle measured by these two lines was measured[Figure 5].
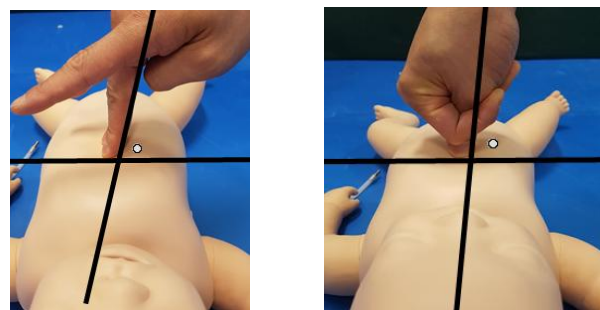

Fig. 5. Angle according chest compressions

5. Data Analysis

The collected data were analyzed using SPSS Ver. 22.0 for Win statistics program. The collected data were analyzed using SPSS Ver. 22.0 for Win statistics program. Patients' age, height(cm), body weight(kg), ease of use, and pain level were determined by mean and standard deviation. The comparisons between the two control groups (mean compression depth, mean compression rate) were made using the Paired t-test test. The significance level of all analyzes was set at 0.05.

III. Results

1. General characteristics of subjects

Mean age was 24.36±2.13 years, mean height was 169.53 ± 8.39 cm, and mean weight was 63.36±11.32 kg. All participants had undergone CPR training[Table 1].

Table 1. General characteristics of the subjects

Characteristics	N(%)/M±SD
Age(year)	24.36±2.13
Height(cm)	169.53±8.39
Weight(kg)	63.36±11.32
Education CPR	30(100.0)

2. Comparison of general chest compressions and new chest compressions

Table 2 shows the results of measuring and comparing the quality of chest compressions after performing general chest compressions and new chest compressions. The depth of chest compressions was significantly deeper than that of normal chest compressions(p<.001), and the mean chest compressions speed also showed statistically significant differences(p<.001).

Table 2. Comparison of quality of new chest compressions with common chest compressions

Characteristics	CCC	NCC	t	p
Mean depth, mm	34.61±1.29	39.40±1.08	−17.09	<0.001
Chest Compression rate, min	105.46±4.23	107±3.84	−6.728	<0.001

CCC: Common Chest Compressions
NCC: New Chest Compressions

3. Comparison of the ease of use, ease of artificial respiration, and degree of pain for common chest compression and new chest compression methods

As a result of comparing convenience according to chest compression method, new chest compressions (8.66±1.32) were more convenient than general chest compressions (4.46±0.50) (p <.001). In addition, the new chest compression method (4.33±1.26) showed less pain than the normal chest compression (8.20±1.24) (p <.001). There was no statistically significant difference in ease of artificial respiration (p <.0269) [Table 3].

Table 3. Comparison of the convenience, ease of ventilation, and degree of pain of common chest compressions and new chest compressions

Characteristics	CCC	NCC	t	p
Convenience of chest compressions	4.46±0.50	8.66±1.32	−15.389	<0.001
Ease of ventilation	6.16±1.20	6.40±0.81	−1.126	0.269
Degree of pain	8.20±1.24	4.33±1.26	9.032	<0.001

CCC: Common Chest Compressions
NCC: New Chest Compressions

4. Comparison the angle of general chest pressure and new chest pressure

Table 4 shows the difference in angles according to each method when pressing the chest. The new chest compressions(86.72±2.18) were closer to the vertical than the normal chest compressions(82.14±1.97) and showed statistically significant differences(p<.001).

Table 4. Comparison of angles between normal chest compressions and new chest compressions

Characteristics	CCC	NCC	t	p
Inner angle during chest compressions	82.14±1.97	86.72±2.18	−8.885	<0.001

CCC: Common Chest Compressions
NCC: New Chest Compressions

5. Preference of chest compression method

The new chest compression method was applied in 22 cases (73.3%) and the general case was in 8 cases (26.7%), the new chest compression method was found to have higher preference[Table 5].

Table 5. Preference of chest compressions

Characteristics	CCC	NCC
Perference	8(26.7%)	22(73.3%)

CCC: Common Chest Compressions
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IV. Discussion

Currently, CPR emphasizes the importance of chest compressions in the order of chest compression - airway maintenance - artificial respiration, compressing the heart

through chest compression and circulating blood throughout the body. High quality cardiopulmonary resuscitation refers to the proper depth and speed of chest compressions, complete relaxation of the chest, and minimization of interruption of the chest compression[6-8]. In addition, when cardiac arrest occurs, cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the first witness can be performed promptly to increase the survival rate of the patient[7,8].

As a result of this study, the results of questionnaire survey on the preference of the rescuer for the chest compressions were as follows. 22(73.3%) were new chest compressions, and 8(26.7%) were common chest compressions. The results of the new chest compressions showed higher preference. This may be due to the fact that the new chest compression method is effective in relieving the pain of the fingers during infant CPR and that the chest compression can be performed in a more convenient and stable posture. As such, the researcher tries to say about the reasons and favorable results of the new chest compression method. First, in this study, comparing the quality of chest compressions, the mean depth of chest compressions was significantly higher than that of general chest compressions(p<.001). This is due to the difference in the length of the anatomically different fingers when using both the conventional index finger and the stop finger, and it is difficult to support a stable posture due to the folding of the fingers. Because of this, a new chest compression method that surrounds with one index finger, the third finger of the stop finger supports the back of the thumb, and the tip of the thumb is pushed to the tip of the thumb. Therefore, it can be concluded that these results are shown. However, because of the different anatomical features of humans[11], occasionally the thumb may be too short, or it may be a difficult posture depending on the length of the fingernail. There was a significant difference in chest compression mean velocity(p<.001), this suggests that both groups are close to the recommended rate of 100-120 chest compressions per minute recommended by the American Heart Association, and each difference is thought to be meaningless. The American Heart Association recommends that adults, children, and infants should practice vertical pressure on chest compression[8]. During each chest compression, in order to determine whether the vertical compression was successful, the internal angle was measured, the new

chest compression method was 86.72±2.18°, general chest compression method was 82.14±1.97°, the new chest compression method was close to vertical and statistically significant difference(p<.001). In the case of a general two-finger compression method, since the finger is long and thin compared to the thumb, the finger can be bent and difficult to press it vertically. On the contrary, the new chest compression method is relatively short compared to other fingers, and it is possible to consistently maintain proper strength and depth when pressing with thick thumb, resulting in close to vertical. As a result of comparing convenience according to chest compression method, new chest compressions(8.66±1.32) were more convenient than general chest compressions(4.46±0.50)(p <.001). Also, the degree of pain was significantly lower in the new chest compressions(4.33±1.26) than in the general chest compressions (8.20±1.24)(p <.001). Experiments on other chest compressions using both thumbs also indicated that most rescuers felt pain in the fingers, wrists, and arms in general chest compressions and that pain was reduced when the two thumb chest compressions were performed[17]. This results in a new chest compression method as shown in this study, which helps to keep the chest compression position stable. It is thought that the pain relief d rescuer would have felt more convenient through the supported posture, which was less impacted on chest compression and relaxation. Also, there is a difference between the objects, so it is difficult to make an accurate comparison. In the case of an adult chest compression using a silicone pad, it was found that the posture of the chest was kept stable, and the shock absorbing buffer function alleviated the pain and improved the quality of the chest compression[18]. In an infant's cardiac arrest, insufficient chest compressions can block the supply of adequate blood flow to the heart and brain and cause a decrease in the rate of resuscitation[19,20]. It is thought that the new chest compressions are less forceful than general chest compressions and can be applied in a stable posture. However, this study is a simulated virtual study using manikin, not actual clinical practice, and may be different from actual infant cardiac situation. Therefore, in order to apply it to actual clinical practice, further studies to be carried out in various environments will be needed to complement this study.

Ⅴ. Conclusions

As a result of this study, when do the chest compressions during CPR, using a new chest compression method, pain and fatigue were reduced and convenience increased. As a result, it was found that the chest compression average depth, speed, and angle of pressure improved, and the quality index of chest compression improved. However, additional studies on new chest compressions are needed to confirm the possibility of practical use in clinical practice.

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