Introduction

In the structure of causes of perinatal morbidity and mortality, cardiovascular pathology ranks first among extragenital diseases [10, 11]. Among these cardiovascular diseases, chronic hypertension occupies a leading place.

Features of prevention of fetal growth retardation in pregnant women with chronic hypertension

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The lack of effective methods to prevent the development of fetal growth retardation in high-risk pregnant women remains a significant problem of modern obstetrics, which determines the relevance of the study. The aim of the study was to examine the effectiveness of monoprophylaxis of fetal growth retardation using aspirin at a dose of 150 mg, starting at 12-13 weeks of gestation, pregnant women with chronic hypertension. In order to apply and implement the proposed prevention of fetal growth retardation, all pregnant women with chronic hypertension were divided into two groups. The patients were divided into groups randomly. To prevent the development of fetal growth retardation, patients in group A received acetylsalicylic acid at 150 mg/day, patients in group B received acetylsalicylic acid at 100 mg/day. Primary examination of pregnant women in a prospective study was performed during pregnancy 11-12 weeks in all groups, which included: history taking, general clinical examination, blood pressure measurement, obstetric and gynecological examination according to clinical protocols of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine № 417 from 15.07.2011, № 676 dated 31.12.2004. Clinical and instrumental examination was performed: blood pressure and ECG monitoring, Doppler examination. Childbirth and initial assessment of the condition of newborns were performed in accordance with the current orders of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine with the assessment of the condition on the Apgar scale and the result of anthropometry (determination of mass and growth rate). It was found that the age characteristics of the group of pregnant women did not differ statistically significantly: the average age of patients in group A reached 27.3±1.6 years, group B - 28.1±1.8 years. According to the obstetric and gynecological history, the women did not differ. It should be noted that statistically significant differences between the main group and the comparison group by the degree of chronic hypertension (grade 1 and 2) were not detected: 30 % of women in group A and 35 % of group B had chronic hypertension grade 1, 70 % and 65 %, respectively - chronic arterial hypertension of 2 degrees. Among the concomitant lesions in pregnant women were determined: obesity 8 women of group A (26.7 %), 8 people (25.8 %) of group B; varicose veins in 3 women (10.0 %) of group A, 4 people (12.9 %) of group B; pathology of the urinary system - in 2 cases (6.6 %) in group A and in 2 people (6.45 %) of group B; pathology of the thyroid gland - 2 women (6.6 %) of group A, and 1 person (3.22 %) of group B, anemia of pregnant women - in 4 women (13.3%) of group A, and 4 people (12.9 %) of group B; chronic viral hepatitis C in remission in 1 woman of group B (3.22 %). As a result of the analysis of pregnancies and complications of childbirth, we found that the appointment of acetylsalicylic acid in addition to standard treatment of chronic arterial hypertension in accordance with clinical protocols at a dose of 150 mg/day helped reduce the incidence of disorders of uteroplacental and fetal circulation by 2.7 times, fetal growth retardation - by 8.8 times and small to gestational age fetus - 4.8 times compared with the results of patients who received acetylsalicylic acid at a dose of 100 mg/day.

Keywords: pregnancy, chronic arterial hypertension, fetal growth retardation.
The results of studies have shown that even moderate chronic hypertension, starting from the first trimester, poses an increased risk of cerebrovascular disorders and complications of normal pregnancy [7, 14, 16, 20]. The basis of insufficiency in the mother-placenta-fetus system are changes in fetal and uterine-placental complexes with a violation of adaptive-compensatory mechanisms at the molecular, cellular and tissue levels, which contributes to the violation of transport, trophic, endocrine, metabolic and antitoxic function of the placenta. in the future - to fetal growth retardation [13].

Disorders of uteroplacental circulation are characterized by: impaired arterial blood flow and difficulty of venous outflow from the intervillous space, changes in the rheological and coagulation properties of maternal and fetal blood (hypercoagulation, hyperaggregation and increased viscosity); decreased capillary blood flow in the chorionic villi [1, 13, 15]. Nowadays, due to the lack of effective methods of prevention of fetal growth retardation, this problem remains relevant. This is due to the fact that the treatment of fetal growth retardation at a late stage of diagnosis, especially in severe cases of fetal growth retardation, is ineffective and does not solve the problem. Early diagnosis and early initiation of preventive measures are important [2, 5, 6, 10, 18].

The aim of the research was to study the effectiveness of monoprophylaxis of fetal growth retardation using aspirin at a dose of 150 mg, starting from 12-13 weeks of pregnancy for pregnant women with chronic hypertension.

Materials and methods

In order to apply and implement the proposed comprehensive prevention of fetal growth retardation, all pregnant women with chronic hypertension were divided into two groups. The distribution of patients with chronic hypertension into groups A and B was performed randomly: each patient with odd laboratory values was assigned to group A (main group - 30 pregnant women with diagnosed chronic hypertension of 1-2 degrees), with even - to group B (comparison group - 31 pregnant women with diagnosed chronic arterial hypertension of 1-2 degrees), all patients received therapy according to the clinical protocol of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine № 417 from 15.07.2011, № 676 dated 31.12.2004. On the basis of "Regional perinatal center", Zaporizhzhia maternity hospital № 1 conducted clinical and instrumental examination: blood pressure monitoring and electrocardiography, Doppler examination.

Childbirth and initial assessment of the condition of newborns were performed in accordance with the current orders of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine with the assessment of the condition on the Apgar scale and the result of anthropometry (determination of mass and growth rate).

Chronic hypertension and fetal growth retardation were diagnosed according to the current clinical protocols of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine № 676 from 31.12.2004, № 782 from 29.12.2005. All pregnant women were examined by a physician, cardiologist. None of the study participants had contraindications to the appointment of the proposed drug prophylaxis.

Comprehensive clinical examination of patients included the study of obstetric and gynecological and somatic history, assessment of pregnancy, childbirth and the condition of the newborn, evaluation of clinical, laboratory and instrumental research methods.

Primary examination of pregnant women in a prospective study was performed during pregnancy 11-12 weeks in all groups, which included: history taking, general clinical examination, blood pressure measurement, obstetric and gynecological examination according to clinical protocols of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine № 676 from 31.12.2004. On the basis of "Regional perinatal center", Zaporizhzhia maternity hospital № 1 conducted clinical and instrumental examination: blood pressure monitoring and electrocardiography, Doppler examination.

Data on the results of examination and treatment of pregnant women were stored, processed and calculated by modern methods of analysis using the statistical package of the licensed program STATISTICA®13 ("StatSoft", USA, № of license AXXR712D833214FAN5). The statistical significance of differences in groups in the assessment of qualitative indicators was determined using the criterion Chi-square ($\chi^2$) using the Yates correction.

Results

The age characteristics of the group of pregnant women did not differ statistically significantly: the average age of patients in group A reached 27.3±1.6 years, group B -
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Table 1. Data of obstetric and gynecological anamnesis of patients.

| Indicators                        | A group, n=30 | B group, n=31 | p   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
|                                   | abs. %        | abs. %        |     |
| 1st pregnancy                     | 11 36.7       | 12 40.0       | >0.05 |
| 2nd pregnancy                     | 10 33.3       | 9 30.0        | >0.05 |
| > 2 pregnancy                     | 9 30.0        | 9 30.0        | >0.05 |
| 1st childbirth                    | 13 43.3       | 13 43.3       | >0.05 |
| 2nd childbirth                    | 12 40.0       | 11 36.7       | >0.05 |
| > 2 childbirths                   | 5 16.7        | 6 20.0        | >0.05 |

Table 2. Frequency of pregnancy complications in groups of patients.

| Indicators                        | A group, n=30 | B group, n=31 | p   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
|                                   | abs. %        | abs. %        |     |
| Preeclampsia                      | 8 26.7        | 12 38.7       | >0.05 |
| Disorders of uteroplacental and   | 5 16.7        | 14 45.1       | <0.05 |
| fetal circulation                |               |               |     |

Table 3. Frequency of fetal growth retardation in groups of patients.

| Indicators                        | A group, n=30 | B group, n=31 | p   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
|                                   | abs. %        | abs. %        |     |
| Fetal growth retardation          | 1 3.3         | 9 29.0        | <0.05 |

Table 4. Frequency of course, complications of pregnancy and childbirth in groups of patients.

| Indicators                        | A group, n=30 | B group, n=31 | p   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----|
|                                   | abs. %        | abs. %        |     |
| Premature birth                   | 1 3.3         | 3 9.6         | >0.05 |
| Cesarean section                  | 3 10.0        | 6 19.3        | >0.05 |
| Small to gestational age fetus    | 2 6.7         | 10 32.3       | <0.05 |
| False contractions in up to 37    | 4 13.3        | 9 29.0        | >0.05 |
| weeks of pregnancy               |               |               |     |
| Fetal distress during childbirth  | 2 6.7         | 5 16.1        | >0.05 |

28.1±1.8 years (p>0.05). According to the obstetric and gynecological history, women did not differ (Table 1). It should be noted that statistically significant differences between the main group and the comparison group by the degree of chronic hypertension (1st and 2nd degree) were not detected: 30 % of women in group A and 35 % in group B had chronic arterial hypertension of the 1st degree, 70 % and 65 %, respectively - chronic arterial hypertension of the 2nd degree (p>0.05).

Among the concomitant lesions in pregnant women were determined: obesity in 8 women of group A (26.7 %), 8 (25.8 %) of group B (p>0.05); varicose veins in 3 women (10.0 %) of group A and 4 (12.9 %) of group B (p>0.05); pathology of the urinary system - in 2 cases (6.6 %) in group A and in 2 (6.45 %) of group B (p>0.05); pathology of the thyroid gland - 2 women (6.6 %) of group A and 1 (3.22 %) of group B (p>0.05); anemia of pregnant women - in 4 women (13.3 %) of group A and 4 (12.9 %) of group B (p>0.05); chronic viral hepatitis C in remission in 1 woman of group B (3.22 %) (p>0.05).

In pregnant women with chronic arterial hypertension of the 1st and 2nd degrees, preeclampsia was detected in about a third of women in both group A and group B, but disorders of uteroplacental and fetal circulation were significantly less common in pregnant women in group A (Table 2).

Fetal growth retardation was also statistically significantly less common in patients of group A (Table 3).

The fetus was small before gestational age in 2 women of group A and 10 in group B (p>0.05). Other complications of childbirth did not differ in frequency in both groups of pregnant women (p>0.05) (Table 4).

Discussion

In the presence of extragenital pathology, in particular chronic arterial hypertension in pregnant women, treatment must include antihypertensive drugs. Clinical protocol of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine № 676 dated 31.12.2004 in the group of high-risk pregnant women regulates the use of methyldopa (central β2-blocker), clonidine (affects the neurogenic regulation of vascular tone), calcium channel blockers, selective β2-adrenergic antagonist, calcium and use of aspirin in doses of 60-100 mg/day from 20 weeks of pregnancy and before childbirth (improves the depth of placentation and blood circulation in the spiral arteries) [4, 12, 17, 18].

Despite the action of appropriate antihypertensive drugs, to reduce the risk of fetal growth retardation in pregnant women with chronic hypertension, such treatment is often insufficient due to a number of complications, including fetal growth retardation [3, 8, 9, 19]. Thus, currently the search for effective methods to prevent the development of fetal growth retardation remains an urgent problem of modern obstetrics. The use of aspirin at a dose of 150 mg up to 16 weeks of pregnancy is promising for women at increased risk, which reduces the likelihood of developing early preeclampsia and fetal growth retardation by 60-80 %, according to the recommendations of FIGO (2016).

As a result of the research, we did not find significant differences between the groups of patients of both groups by age, obstetric and gynecological history and the structure of the disease. It was found that daily use of aspirin 150 mg/day, started at 12-13 weeks of pregnancy, significantly reduces the incidence of uteroplacental and fetal circulation, fetal growth retardation and small to gestational age in pregnant women with chronic hypertension. The use of aspirin 150 mg/day, reduced the incidence of preeclampsia, reduced the risk of sub- and decompensated placental insufficiency, which increased the frequency and timing of full-term pregnancy and made...
it possible to significantly reduce perinatal effects. The earlier the start of prophylaxis with aspirin at a dosage of 150 mg/day, the more effective the prevention of preeclampsia and the development of fetal growth retardation in pregnant women with chronic hypertension. It should be noted that these studies conducted at 12-13 weeks of gestation had small groups, and we believe that large randomized controlled trials are needed to confirm our results. With the development of a method for predicting the high risk of fetal growth retardation, it will be possible to perform randomized trials to monitor groups at high risk of fetal growth retardation from early pregnancy and timely aspirin prevention. It remains unknown whether there is a gestational age at which aspirin prophylaxis becomes ineffective, which is the subject of our further research.

Conclusions
As a result of analysis of pregnancies and complications of childbirth, we found that the appointment of acetylsalicylic acid in addition to standard treatment of chronic hypertension in accordance with clinical protocols at a dose of 150 mg/day helped reduce the incidence of disorders of uteroplacental and fetal circulation by 2.7 times, fetal growth retardation - 8.8 times and small to gestational age fetus - 4.8 times compared with the results of patients receiving acetylsalicylic acid at a dose of 100 mg/day.

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Особливості профілактики розвитку задержки росту плода у беременних з хроничної артеріальної гіпертензії

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Отсутствие эффективных методов профилактики развития задержки роста плода у беременных высокой группы риска остается значительной проблемой современного акушерства, что определяет актуальность исследования. Целью исследования было изучение эффективности монопрофилактики задержки роста плода с использованием аспирина в дозе 150 мг/сут.

Ведение родов и первичную оценку состояния новорожденных проводили согласно действующим приказам МОЗ Украины по оценке состояния плода по шкале Апгар и результатов антропометрии (определение массо-ростового показника).

По результатам проведенного анализа течения беременности и возникновения осложнений родов нами было установлено, что назначение ацетилсалициловой кислоты по 150 мг/сут способствовало уменьшению частоты нарушений маточно-плацентарного и плодового кровообращения в 2,7 раза, задержки роста плода - в 4,8 раза по сравнению с результатами пациенток, которые получали ацетилсалициловую кислоту по 100 мг/сут.

Ключевые слова: беременность, хроническая артериальная гипертензия, задержка роста плода.