

Efficacy of cisapride for therapy of constipation in aged patients

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Abstract

AIM: To observe the effect of cisapride on constipation in aged patients.

METHODS: 48 patients with constipation in aged were randomly assigned to 2 groups: 28 patients (M 18, F 10, age 72 ± 6) were

treated with cisapride 10 mg po tid and 20 patients (M 13, F 7, age 73 ± 5) received placebo 2 tablets po tid. Both groups were treated for 8 wk.

RESULTS: The total effective rate was 75% in cisapride group and 30% in the placebo group, $P < 0.01$. Cisapride had no marked side effects.

CONCLUSION: Cisapride is a safe and effective drug for treatment of constipation in aged patients.

Key words: Constipation; Cisapride

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