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Evaluation of XStat and Combat Gauze in a Swine Model of Junctional Hemorrhage with Coagulopathy

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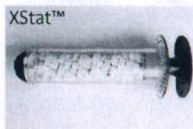
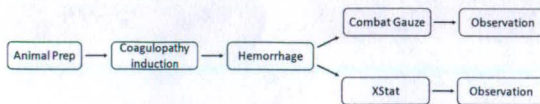
Introduction

Hemorrhage is associated with the majority of potentially survivable deaths on the battlefield.^{1,2} Currently, effective and field-tested products are lacking for treatment of junctional and noncompressible injuries. XStat is a newly developed, FDA-approved product designed to treat junctional hemorrhage.³ The product is composed of minisponges that expand on contact with blood to produce tamponade. The committee on tactical combat casualty care has recently approved the product as part of its guidelines,⁴ but data is lacking to assess its efficacy in different injury types or physiologic states. Therefore, we tested XStat and QuikClot Combat Gauze (CG) in a model of uncontrolled hemorrhage in coagulopathic swine.

Materials and Methods

Large (70-90kg) male swine were used in all experiments. Following splenectomy, coagulopathy was induced by replacing 60% of the animal's estimated blood volume with room temperature Hextend. Uncontrolled hemorrhage was initiated by transection of both axillary artery and vein following dissection and lidocaine incubation. Free bleed was allowed to proceed for 30 seconds until intervention with either XStat or Combat Gauze followed by standard backing. Primary outcomes were survival, hemostasis, and blood loss.

Figure 1. Flow chart of experimental procedures



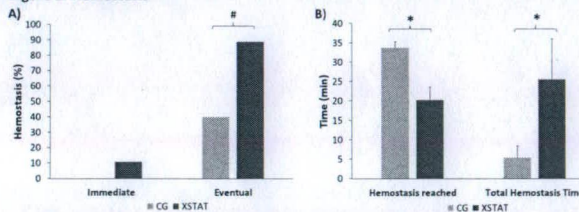
Results

Table 1. Animal Characteristics

	Combat Gauze (n=10)	XStat (n=9)	p-value
Baseline			
Weight (kg)	76.3 ± 5.0	75.6 ± 4.1	0.745
MAP (mmHg)	60.4 ± 9.2	62.5 ± 10.4	0.654
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	9.9 ± 0.6	10.1 ± 0.9	0.557
INR	1.06 ± 0.05	1.09 ± 0.05	0.337
Temperature (°C)	37.3 ± 0.3	37.1 ± 0.7	0.710
Post Coagulopathy Induction			
Hextend Coagulopathy (mL)	2975 ± 192	2947 ± 159	0.728
Blood Removed (g)	2986 ± 198	3023 ± 222	0.704
Pre-injury MAP (mmHg)	68.7 ± 10.1	66.4 ± 6.4	0.574
Hemoglobin (g/dL)	4.2 ± 0.4*	3.9 ± 0.4*	0.167
INR	1.42 ± 0.10*	1.49 ± 0.09*	0.228
Temperature (°C)	35.2 ± 0.6*	35.1 ± 1.0*	0.841
Post Intervention			
Survival	0/10 (0%)	1/9 (11%)	0.474
Time of Death (min)	35.4 ± 16.0	48.9 ± 29.1	0.438

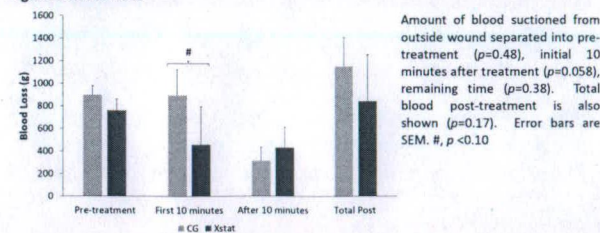
MAP, Mean Arterial Pressure; INR, International Normalized Ratio. Values are mean ± standard deviation. *, p < 0.05 vs baseline.

Figure 2. Hemostasis



A) Hemostasis achievement shown as either immediately ($p=0.45$) after application or eventual hemostasis ($p=0.057$). B) Time that hemostasis was reached ($p=0.028$) or the total time the wound was hemostatic ($p=0.029$). Error bars are SEM. *, $p < 0.05$. #, $p < 0.10$

Figure 3. Blood Loss



Amount of blood suctioned from outside wound separated into pre-treatment ($p=0.48$), initial 10 minutes after treatment ($p=0.058$), remaining time ($p=0.38$). Total blood post-treatment is also shown ($p=0.17$). Error bars are SEM. #, $p < 0.10$

Conclusion

The results presented here show:

- 60% Hextend/blood replacement produces a dilutional coagulopathy with hypothermia
- No differences in survival were observed
- XStat achieved a higher rate of hemostasis
- XStat-treated animals loss less blood during the first 10 minutes following intervention
- Continued testing and evaluation of XStat should be performed

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