NEW METHOD FOR HEALING OF LARGE ABDOMINAL WOUND USING SODIUM HYALURONATE-IODINE COMPLEX

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Introduction

Wound dehiscence after surgical procedure is a serious complication of surgical procedures. Especially when complicated by intestinal fistula, the treatment is difficult. Hyaluronan-iodine (H-I) complex (Hyiodine®) was successfully used for treatment of sternal dehiscence pressure ulcers, and diabetic defects in our department. The aim of present study was to assess the effect of H-I complex on abdominal suture dehiscence healing.

Methods

Effect of Hyiodine® was assessed in 54 patients with abdominal wound dehiscence, 27 wounds were complicated by associated intestinal fistula. The dressing was changed when necessary. Frequencies of H-I complex wound dressings exchanges were compared with these before usage of this complex.

The length of treatment and change in wound diameter were also measured. Wound pictures were taken by digital camera (Camedia – Olympus).

Results

Bandage immersed with Hyiodine® was changed once per 24 hours. However, before introduction this method the wound dressing had to be changed 5.4 ± 2.3 (mean ± std) times per 24 hours. Hyiodine® dressings did not adhere to the wounds, and also no maceration was apparent on the skin surrounding the wounds. All wounds without intestinal fistula healed within 32.1 ± 21.3 days. Wounds complicated by intestinal fistula did not heal completely but decreased substantially their area within 48.5 ± 36.3 days. This enabled definitive surgical procedure or usage colostomy device and oral nutrition. No side effect of treatment or iodine sensitivity was apparent during the Hyiodine® treatment.

Conclusion

The complex of pure hyaluronan with iodine was confirmed as useful tool for the treatment of abdominal catastrophes with large dehiscence. The positive effect of this treatment is probably related to fluid retention due to hyaluronan application, together with anti-microbial effect of iodine. However, effect of hyaluronan on immune cells activation and angiogenesis can also explain the favorable effect of Hyiodine.

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