Conclusion and relevance The results showed that the role of the pharmacist was essential for implementation of the non-profit trial. In fact, they allowed the compounding required by the study design, ensuring safety and quality, with significant cost savings. The stability test demonstrated that the compounding can be stored for up to 6 months under standard conditions.

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LONG TERM STABILITY OF CO-ADMINISTRATION OF BUMETANIDE AND SCOPOLAMINE FOR THE PALLIATIVE CARE UNIT

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Background and importance Death rattle occurs in 25–90% of dying patients and is often associated with pulmonary fluid overload. Co-administration of scopolamine (anticholinergic drug) and bumetanide (loop diuretic) could be used to avoid unnecessary fluid overload at the end stage of life.

Aim and objectives The study aimed to investigate the physical and chemical stabilities of the admixture bumetanide and scopolamine, prepared in advance, by a centralised intravenous additive service (CIVAS) in the hospital pharmacy.

Material and methods Stability of minimal (min) concentration was evaluated for five polypropylene syringes of 48 mL containing the admixture bumetanide (Burinex 2 mg/4 mL, Leo, Belgium) and scopolamine (0.25 mg/mL, Sterop, Belgium) at 41.67 µg/mL and 5.21 µg/mL, respectively. The maximal (max) concentration with 125 µg/mL of bumetanide and 31.25 µg/mL of scopolamine was evaluated for five polypropylene syringes of 14 mL. All syringes were stored for 18 days at 5±3°C. Periodic samples were visually and microscopically examined to observe any particle appearance or colour change. pH and absorbance at three wavelengths (350, 410 and 550 nm) were monitored. The concentrations were measured by ultra-high performance liquid chromatography–photodiode array detection.

Results Over 18 days, there was no change in colour or appearance of opacity, turbidity or precipitation, and the pH remained stable. The relative concentrations of bumetanide and scopolamine at min and max concentrations after 18 days were unchanged, with 100.1% and 100.3% of the initial content of bumetanide and with 99.2% and 99.4% of the initial content of scopolamine. The lower limits of the 90% CI on the means of both molecules at min and max concentrations remained higher than the 90% threshold that considers the mixture to be chemically stable.

Conclusion and relevance The study is the first to show that the admixture of bumetanide and scopolamine is physically and chemically stable at two concentrations used in the palliative care unit. This combination, available in polypropylene syringes, has numerous advantages (eg, preparation under

aseptic conditions by a CIVAS with decreased workload and preparation errors).

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IMPROVING SAFETY AND QUALITY FOR ASEPTIC TRANSFER PROCEDURES IN HOSPITAL PHARMACIES

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Background and importance Materials used in aseptic manufacturing, such as medical devices (MD), infusion bags (IB), bottles (B), infusion vials (V) and ampoules (A), usually undergo disinfection with alcohol 70%. Alcohol, however, is known not to eradicate all microbes (eg, bacterial spores).

Aim and objectives To explore the effectiveness of a sporicidal aseptic transfer approach using high speed H₂O₂.

Material and methods For 12 materials and their cardboard packaging (MD, IB, B, V and A), three samplings each at the outer and inner sides of the packaging and at the unpacked material surface were tested with contact plates (108 plates) applied for 5 s. After incubation for ≥72 hours at 20–25°C and 30–35°C, respectively, contact plates were observed for colony forming units (CFU). Unpacked materials were additionally tested, three samplings each (36 contact plates), after sporicidal disinfection using high speed H₂O₂ (wipes and foam).

Results Without disinfection, CFU appeared on 81% and 33% of contact plates for the outer and inner sides of the cardboard boxes. The surface of the materials showed contamination for 25% of the plates. The microbes found on the plates included bacteria, aerobic endospore formers (Bacillaceae) and Aspergillus. After sporicidal disinfection, microbial growth was seen on none of the plates.

Conclusion and relevance As a risk based approach to contamination control is fundamental for aseptic transfer procedures, our results reflect the strategy for minimising contamination for aseptic manufacturing. Endospore forming bacteria were found as part of the contamination flora on the surface of several material samples. Therefore, a sporicidal agent (eg, high speed H₂O₂) is required to minimise the contamination risk not only when materials are transferred to clean room classes B and A, but preferably when entering the production area (zone D).

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EVALUATION OF COMPATIBILITY OF ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID AND ATENOLOL WITH MEDICATIONS COMMONLY USED IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS

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