Treatment of Trigeminal Neuralgia: Letter to Editor

Trigeminal neuralgia is well known clinical entity involving a side of the face up to vertex. Many drug therapies like carbamazepine, clonazepan, phenytoin, baclofen have been used for over few decades with variable response. Posterior fossa microsurgery has also been tried. Clobazam a newer anticonvulsant was used successfully in trigeminal neuralgia, in a 52 year male, who was symptomatic for over 2 years with little response to phenytoin and carbamazapine. Clobazam was used in a dose of 5 mg TDS with 50% reduction of frequency and duration. There was 100% recovery with 10 mg TDS, which was attained in 72 hrs. Use of clobazam can be recommended in cases of trigeminal neuralgia, not responding to routine medication.

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