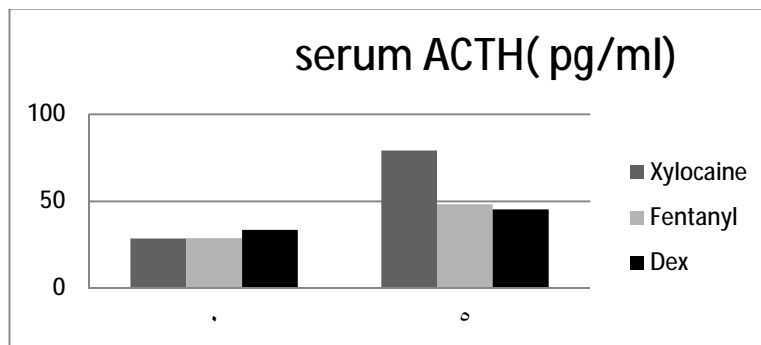


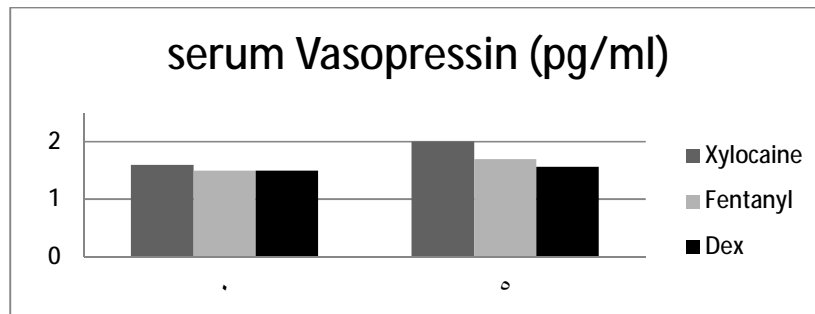
Graph (1): mean values for serum cortisol levels

In this study, the ACTH levels measured in serum 5 minutes after starting the bronchoscopy were significantly lower in the dexmedetomidine group than in the other groups as shown in graph (2).



Graph (2): mean values for serum ACTH levels

There was no statistically significant difference between the groups in the levels of serum vasopressin levels measured before and after bronchoscope insertion as in graph (3).



Graph (3): mean values for serum vasopressin