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STUDY OF VITAMIN D LEVELS IN CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE PATIENTS.

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ABSTRACT

Background: Vitamin D is a pre hormone obtained through the diet or via skin synthesis. Renal activated end product is responsible for all the effects of active vitamin D hormone in the body.

- Chronic kidney disease is an emergency public health problem and one of the most powerful predictors of premature cardiovascular diseases.
- Patients with CKD have a high rate of vitamin deficiency that is further exacerbated by the reduced ability to convert 25 (OH) vitamin D into active form 1,25 (OH) vitamin D.
- Because cardiovascular disease is the major cause of death in CKD patients, the potential role of vitamin D repletion, positively regulates RAS angiotensin 2 mediated system which may be quite significant in affecting premature mortality associated with CKD.

Aim: Study of vitamin D levels in chronic kidney disease patients. **Objective of the study:** To evaluate vitamin D levels in chronic kidney disease patients. **Methodology:** Study was conducted in Osmania general hospital. 40 cases of CKD patients formed the study group and 40 normal healthy individuals formed the control group. Their serum vitamin D level were estimated using Chemiluminiscent immunoassay. **Result:** Cases were having suboptimal levels of vitamin d (<30 ng/ml) when compared to controls (>30ng/ml). **Conclusion:** There were decreased levels of vitamin D in chronic kidney disease patients, thus in CKD patient’s supplementation with 25 (OH) vitamin D is recommended at the inception of the disease with the addition of calcitriol replacement beginning in stage 3.

BACKGROUND

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In the past decade, an abundance of evidence has detailed a more expanded array of actions involving numerous regulatory processes of vitamin D in the body (1,2). Vitamin D appears to play a more extensive role as a cell differentiating and antiproliferative factor with action in a variety of tissues including the renal, cardiovascular and immune system (3,4).

The implication of these new data will serve to shift the approach to vitamin D replacement in CKD patients into a new era where use of vitamin D is no longer solely for the treatment of secondary hyperparathyroidism (1,5).

Vitamin D deficiency is associated with insulin resistance, ventricular hypertrophy, atherosclerotic disease and vascular calcifications (6,7)

The objective of our study was to evaluate vitamin D levels in chronic kidney disease patients.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample Size: 40 Cases and 40 controls were taken.

Study Design: It’s a case control study.

Inclusion Criteria:

All consented cases who were diagnosed clinically and biochemically as chronic kidney disease, attending nephrology Department of Osmania general hospital in the age group of 40-70 years.

Age matched healthy controls were taken.

Methodology:

3 ml of serum sample was collected in both cases and control’s, and their serum creatinine levels were measured by enzymatic method in Beckmen coulter AU5800.

5 ml of serum sample was collected in both cases and controls and there, Vitamin D levels were measured by siemens chemiluminescence immune assay.

Statistical Analysis:

From our data, the mean, percentage, standard deviation, chi-square test and multiple correlation were done by using SSPS-10.

The P values was used to compare the cases mean values with control mean values and the P values of < 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

RESULTS:

The study included 40 cases and 40 controls.

23 (57%) males and 17 (42%) females in case group and 19 (47%) males and 21 (52%) female in control group.

The mean age of study population (mean ± SD) in cases was 60.69 ± 10.62 and in control was 60.81 ± 9.17 years.

Distribution of Vitamin D in Groups

Vitamin D	Case	Control
Deficiency	15	2
Insufficiency	18	12
Normal	7	26

- Among cases, 15 (38%) patients had vitamin D deficiency, 18 (44%) patients had vitamin D insufficiency, 7 (18%) patients had normal vitamin D levels.
- Among controls, 2 (5%) patients had vitamin D deficiency, 12 (33%) patients had vitamin D insufficiency , 26 (66%) patients had normal vitamin D levels.
- Among cases, mean vitamin D (mean \pm SD) of patients was 22.57 ± 9.76 .
- Among controls, mean vitamin D (mean \pm SD) of patients was 35.24 ± 10.18 .

CONCLUSION

Both deficiency and insufficiency were higher in chronic kidney disease patients compare to control and that is statistically significant (p value <0.05).

Thus, in CKD patient`s supplementation with 25 (OH) vitamin D is recommended at the inception of the disease with the addition of calcitriol replacement beginning in stage 3.

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