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Correlation between serum Vitamin-D level and cardiovascular risk factors among postmenopausal women

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Background: Vitamin D is very important to maintain bone health. Recently, its role is investigated in different extra-skeletal conditions like obesity, diabetes mellitus, insulin resistance and cardiovascular diseases.

Objectives: To correlate serum 25-OH vitamin D levels with different cardiovascular risk factors among postmenopausal women.

Methods: Nineteen consecutive postmenopausal subjects attending OBG OPD of AIIMS, Raipur from Oct'13 to Jan'14 were included in this study, which is the part of the original ongoing study of larger sample size. Detailed history was elicited and physical examination was conducted including assessment of anthropometry and waist circumference. Fasting plasma glucose, fasting lipid profile and serum 25-OH vitamin D were estimated for all subjects.

Results: The age of patients ranged from 44 to 78 years (mean=53.95), with postmenopausal status of 2 to 30 years (mean=9.76). There were 3 patients with diabetes mellitus, 8 patients with hypertension, 7 patients with obesity and 11 patients with metabolic syndrome (modified ATP-III criteria). Mean serum vitamin D level was 25.31 ng/ml (range=4.2-57.9 ng/ml). There was no statistically significant correlation between serum vitamin-D level and the following parameters like BMI (r=0.052), SBP (r=0.138), DBP (r=-0.084), FBS (r=0.242), waist circumference (r=0.151), LDL (r=0.029) and HDL (r=-0.240) etc.

Conclusion: Though some studies implicate an inverse relationship between 25-hydroxy vitamin D levels and components of metabolic syndrome, there was no such correlation found in our study. However, this needs to be confirmed in a large randomised controlled trial.

Biography

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