

A Study On Estimation Of Vitamin D Level And Its Relation To Glycemic Control In type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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Abstract

Background:

Diabetes mellitus refers to a group of metabolic disorders in man characterized by high blood sugar levels and loss of glucose in the urine. It results from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action or a combination of both. Vitamin D the so called 'Sunshine Vitamin'. There is plenty of evidence stating that vitamin D deficiency could well be contributed to the pathogenesis of both types of diabetes (type 1 & 2). Most of the studies are from outside India, our study tries to find the association between vitamin D and diabetes mellitus.

Aims:

The aim of my present study is to estimate vitamin D levels in patients with type 2 Diabetes and to find out its relation to glycemic control assessed by HbA1c percentage.

Materials and Methods:

This is a cross sectional study, Total 100 patients who are diabetic attending OPD of general medicine department were selected, vitamin D and HbA1c were assessed in all the patients. SPSS 24 was used for statistical analysis of results.

Results:

Majority of the study participants suffering from diabetes mellitus had vitamin D deficiency.

Conclusion.

So screening for Vitamin D is important in pre diabetics and diabetics, sunlight exposure, vitamin D supplements, lifestyle modifications should be strongly recommended.

Introduction:

Diabetes mellitus refers to a group of metabolic disorders in man characterized by high blood sugar levels and loss of glucose in the urine. It results from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action or a combination of both. Changes in lifestyle and urbanisation combine together to increase an individual's risk for diabetes substantially. In developing countries in particular young people are hit by this epidemic causing significant morbidity and mortality early in their lives. Vitamin D the so called 'Sunshine Vitamin' is creating interest in the last decade because it has been researched to be associated with a multiple number of diseases like hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, cancer and so on.

¹. There is plenty of evidence stating that vitamin D deficiency could well be contributed to the pathogenesis of both types of diabetes (type 1 & 2). The beta cells in the pancreas that is responsible for insulin secretion contains alpha 1 hydroxylase enzyme and vitamin D receptors (VDR's)¹. It has been shown through various interventional studies that vitamin D supplementation improves insulin resistance and glucose tolerance^{3,4}. Vitamin D deficiency directly leads to reduced insulin secretion leading to DM. Even in many studies it was observed that glycemic control gets worsened in the winter months is due to the simultaneous fall of active vitamin D in these seasons⁵. Our study tries to correlate between the relationship of vitamin D and diabetes mellitus in Indian population.

Need for the study:

In view of scarcity of studies on comparison of in micro albuminuria between prehypertensive and normotensive individuals in sub urban population.

Aims & Objectives of the study:

The aim of my present study is to estimate vitamin D levels in patients with type 2 Diabetes and to find out its relation to glycemic control assessed by HbA1c percentage.

Materials and Methods:

This was a cross sectional study done in department of General medicine in Meenakshi Medical College Hospital and Research Institute, a tertiary care teaching hospital located in Enathur, Kanchipuram., after getting necessary permission and ethical committee clearance, Totally 100 patients who are diabetic attending OPD of general medicine department were selected, vitamin D and HbA1c were assessed in all the patients. Correlation between Glycemic control as assessed by HbA1c value and vit-D levels was analyzed. Statistical analysis was done using SPSS24.

Tools used:

vitamin D and HbA1c

Table II VITAMIN D STATUS

VITAMIN D STATUS	NUMBER	PERCENTAGE
DEFICIENT	37	36.5%
INSUFFICIENT	23	22.1%
NORMAL	40	41.3%
Total	100	

IN Our study 37patients (36.5%) had vitamin D deficiency , 23 (22.1%) had insufficiency and 40 (41.3%)were having normal values

Table III. HbA1CLEVELSOFPATIENTS

HbA1C		No	%
6- 7	Targetrange	6	5.8%
7- 8	High	25	27.9%
8- 9	TooHigh	15	14.4%
>9	VeryHigh	54	51.9%
Total		100	

\TheHbA1Clevelofpatientswereratedastargetrange(6-7%)high(7-8%)toohigh(8-9%)andveryhigh(>9%).

Discussion:

In our study out of the 100 diabetic patients studied around 37patients (36.5%) had vitamin D deficiency , 23 (22.1%) had insufficiency. This showed a strong correlation between vitamin D deficiency and diabetes mellitus. Similar findings were seen study done by National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey in United States, which reported an inverse association between 25OHD concentration and prevalence of diabetes in non-Hispanic white and Mexican-American individuals. ⁶

Limitations:

Small sample size

Conclusion:

So screening for Vitamin D is important in pre diabetics and diabetics, sunlight exposure, vitamin D supplements , lifestylemodificationshouldbestronglyrecommended

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