Comparison between serum vitamin D levels in precocious pubertal girls and normal girls

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OBJECTIVES

• Vitamin D deficiency has been associated with chronic diseases, such as diabetes mellitus, obesity and autoimmune disease.
• However, there are only a few studies about the correlation between Vitamin D levels and precocious puberty in girls.
• In the previous study, vitamin D levels may be associated with precocious puberty.
• We also aimed to re-evaluate the relationship between serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D (25(OH)D) and precocious puberty in girls.

METHODS

• 155 girls with central precocious puberty (CPP) and 45 control girls.
• Anthropometric measurement and serum level of 25(OH)D were estimated for all subjects.
• The serum 25-hydroxy-vitamin D (25OHD) level was measured by radioimmunoassay.
• Pubertal status was assessed and documented by one pediatric endocrinologist.
• The clinical and laboratory parameters from the CPP and control groups were compared using the Student t-test.
• The odds ratios (ORs) of precocious puberty depending on vitamin D levels were calculated by binary logistic regression.
• Statistical analysis was performed using IBM SPSS ver. 21.0 (IBM Co., Armonk, NY, USA).
• Statistical significance was defined as P<0.05.
• Results are described as mean±standard deviation (SD) unless otherwise stated.

RESULTS

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<tr>
<th>Month</th>
<th>CPP group</th>
<th>Control group</th>
<th>P-value</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dec~Feb</td>
<td>14.9±3.8 (52)</td>
<td>17.6±5.0 (16)</td>
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<td>Mar~May</td>
<td>16.5±5.4 (18)</td>
<td>15.8±5.1 (5)</td>
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<td>Jun~Aug</td>
<td>21.1±4.9 (34)</td>
<td>22.0±5.1 (18)</td>
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<td>Sep~Nov</td>
<td>17.6±6.2 (51)</td>
<td>18.5±5.8 (6)</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>17.3±5.6 (155)</td>
<td>19.3±5.5 (45)</td>
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*Chi-square test

OR, Odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; 25(OH)D, 25-hydroxyvitamin D

CONCLUSIONS

• Our results showed that vitamin D level was significant association with precocious puberty.
• We also recommend further studies are required to identify the correlation vitamin D levels and precocious puberty.

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<th>25(OH)D(ng/ml)</th>
<th>CPP</th>
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<th>Total</th>
<th>OR (95% CI)</th>
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<td>&lt;20</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>137</td>
<td>2.35(1.18-4.66)</td>
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<td>≥20</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>155</td>
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• Mean 25(OH)D level of CPP group was 17.3±5.6ng/mL, which was lower than the control group(19.0±5.3ng/mL).
• There was significant difference in the mean serum 25OHD concentration between the precocious puberty group and the control group (P=0.042).
• After 25(OH)D levels be classified by month(season), significant difference in the mean serum 25(OH)D concentration between the two groups was only winter (Dec-Feb).
• 113 of the 155 girls with CPP (72.9%) had 25(OH)D deficiency (defined as serum 25(OH)D <20ng/mL) and 38 (24.5%) had 25(OH)D insufficiency.
• Of the 45 girls in the control group, 25(OH)D deficiency was seen in 24 subjects (53.3%), 20 subjects (44.4%) had 25(OH)D insufficiency, and 1 subjects (2.2%) had sufficient serum 25(OH)D (defined as serum 25(OH)D >30ng/mL).
• The prevalence of 25(OH)D was significantly higher odds ratio (OR, 2.35; 95% CI, 1.18-4.66, P=0.017) among CPP group than controls.

DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

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