

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 mel litus, obesity and autoimmune disease.
- However, There are only a few studies ab out the correlation between Vitamin D leve ls and precocious puberty in girls.
- In the previous study, vitamin D levels m ay be associated with precocious puberty.
- We also aimed to re-evaluate the relation ship 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 \pm standard deviation (SD) unless otherwise stated

Month	CPP group	Control group	P-value
Dec~Feb	14.9 \pm 3.8 (52)	17.6 \pm 5.0 (16)	0.024
Mar~May	16.5 \pm 5.4 (18)	15.8 \pm 5.1 (5)	0.799
Jun~Aug	21.1 \pm 4.9 (34)	22.0 \pm 5.1 (18)	0.544
Sep~Nov	17.6 \pm 6.2 (51)	18.5 \pm 5.8 (6)	0.750
Total	17.3 \pm 5.6 (155)	19.3 \pm 5.5 (45)	0.042

	CPP	Control	Total	OR (95% CI)	P-value
25(OH)D(ng/ml)				2.35(1.18-4.66)	0.017
<20	113	24	137		
\geq 20	42	21	63		
Total	155	55	200		

OR, Odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; 25(OH)D, 25-hydroxyvitamin D
*Chi=quare test

RESULTS

- Mean 25(OH)D level of CPP group was 17.3 \pm 5.6ng/mL, which was lower than the control group(19.0 \pm 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 <20 ng/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 >30 ng/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.

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.

