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8. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს ავტორის მიერ გამოყენებული სამამულო და უცხოური შრომების ბიბლიოგრაფიული სია (ბოლო 5-8 წლის სიღრმით). ანბანური წყობით წარმოდგენილ ბიბლიოგრაფიულ სიაში მიუთითეთ ჯერ სამამულო, შემდეგ უცხოელი ავტორები (გვარი, ინიციალები, სტატიის სათაური, ჟურნალის დასახელება, გამოცემის ადგილი, წელი, ჟურნალის №, პირველი და ბოლო გვერდები). მონოგრაფიის შემთხვევაში მიუთითეთ გამოცემის წელი, ადგილი და გვერდების საერთო რაოდენობა. ტექსტში კვადრატულ ფხიხლებში უნდა მიუთითოთ ავტორის შესაბამისი N ლიტერატურის სიის მიხედვით. მიზანშეწონილია, რომ ციტირებული წყაროების უმეტესი ნაწილი იყოს 5-6 წლის სიღრმის.

9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.

10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.

11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.

12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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LONG-TERM USE OF GLUCOCORTICOID MODULATED PARATHYROID HORMONE LEVELS IN OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS

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Abstract.

Glucocorticoids are drugs that are often used in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Their anti-inflammatory action is often utilized to treat a variety of diseases. A range of undesirable outcomes might occur with long-term glucocorticoid use, particularly long-term high-dose applications. This study designs as a case-control study, which was conducted in the Joint Endology Clinic/Al-Hilla Teaching Hospital, Al-Imam Al-Sadiq Hospital, and Merjan Teaching Hospital in Hilla City, Babylon Governorate of Iraq. This study was carried out between December 2022 to March 2023. In this study, the total number of subjects was 100; the patient group consisted of 50 with osteoporosis (19 males and 31 females). Patients and control group's ages were (41-50 years). They were selected as matched in terms of gender and age. The results referred to the increased levels, of parathyroid hormone in osteoporosis patients with highly significant differences ($P \leq 0.0001$) when compared with the control group, while there was a significant decrease in calcium in the patient group ($P \leq 0.0001$) when compared with the control group. In conclusion, the parathyroid hormone has a beneficial association to indicate bone mineralization status. Parathyroid hormone could be used as a prognostic marker in individuals with long-term use of glucocorticoid to predict the development of bone mineral disease.

Key words. Glucocorticoids, parathyroid hormone, osteoporosis, calcium.

Introduction.

Synthetic glucocorticoids, which are structurally and pharmacologically comparable to the natural hormone cortisol, are used to treat the majority of chronic problems, including rheumatologic disorders, autoimmune diseases, and respiratory ailments [1]. Glucocorticoids' anti-inflammatory, immunosuppressive, metabolic, and endocrine effects may help or impede the course of disease [2]. Individuals with chronic inflammatory disorders like rheumatoid arthritis who use glucocorticoids for extended periods of time are at increased risk for developing cardiovascular disease, infections, and osteoporosis [3]. Fluid retention, weight gain, and hyperglycemia are all unwanted side effects of glucocorticoids. Long-term glucocorticoid usage, especially with high-dose doses, has the potential for a variety of unfavourable effects. Some of these negative outcomes include osteoporosis, high blood sugar, insulin resistance, high blood pressure, muscle atrophy, severe infection, Cushing's syndrome, gastric ulcers, and mental health issues [4].

Cortisone (hydrocortisone) is largely used as an alternative medicine for treating endocrine disorders such as adrenal insufficiency. It is equivalent to the internal hormone in terms

of biology. High dosages of glucocorticoids are intravenously administered in cases of sepsis, severe asthma, severe drug rashes, and acute nephritis, among other situations. High doses and prolonged usage of glucocorticoids are often linked to their harmful consequences. A 17-fold increase in vertebral fractures and a 7-fold increase in hip fractures are linked to the duration of glucocorticoid therapy. The most frequent cause of secondary osteoporosis is glucocorticoids, sometimes referred to as glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis [5].

Osteoporosis, which is caused by altered bone microstructure and results in low bone mineral density, ultimately predisposes people to fragility fractures. Increased morbidity, mortality, and disability brought on by osteoporotic fractures considerably reduce the quality of life [6]. An osteoporotic-related fracture will occur in more than 50% of postmenopausal white women. Only 33% of elderly women who have hip fractures will be able to regain their independence. Male hip fracture mortality in the first year is twice that of female hip fracture mortality, and white males have a 20% probability of getting an osteoporotic fracture. Black men and women have lower rates of osteoporosis than white individuals, but those who do still have the same risk of fracture [7,8].

A polypeptide is known as parathyroid hormone (PTH), which is produced and transformed by the parathyroid gland into an active form. Pro-PTH is produced when pre-pro-PTH, a polypeptide with 115 amino acids that form the initial structure, is cleaved. Pro-PTH contains 90 amino acids. The amino-terminal region is the site of a second cleavage, which results in the synthesis of active parathyroid hormone, which comprises 84 amino acids. This hormone is the principal one that the body stores, secretes, and utilizes. It is estimated that the time required for synthesis, cleavage, and storage is under an hour. When low serum calcium is found, active PTH production may start within a few seconds. Exocytosis serves as the method of secretion, releasing the hormone via a membrane vesicle that is transported to the cell membrane and fuses with the outside membrane to release the hormone [9,10].

Blood calcium and phosphate levels are significantly maintained by a functioning parathyroid gland. The parathyroid gland is made up of four tiny glands and is situated directly below the thyroid in the center of the front of the neck. In reaction to low blood calcium levels, the parathyroid gland releases the polypeptide parathyroid hormone (PTH) [11,12].

In terms of calcium and phosphate, PTH is in charge. PTH has effects on the skeleton, the kidneys, and the intestines. In response to a decrease in blood calcium levels, the parathyroid gland increases PTH secretion. When blood calcium levels rise, a negative feedback loop tells the parathyroid glands to stop producing PTH. The PTH system is intricate, and any

disruptions may have serious medical consequences. Knowing your PTH is very important and beneficial [13,14]

This study aims to investigate the role of parathyroid hormone in calcium individuals with long-term use of glucocorticoids and its potential mechanism of inducing osteoporosis.

Materials and methods.

This study designs as a case-control, conducted in Joint-Enology Clinic in Al-Hilla Teaching Hospital, Al-Imam Al-Sadiq Hospital, and Merjan Teaching Hospital. The practical part of the study is carried out in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry Laboratory in the College of Medicine at the University of Babylon between December 2022 to March 2023. In this investigation, the total number of subjects was 100. The patient group consisted of 50 persons with long-term use of glucocorticoids (19 males and 31 females). A specialist physician-diagnosed patients when they attended Joint-Enology in hospitals. The control group consisted of 50 healthy individuals (31 females and 19 males). The levels of calcium in serum were determined by the spectrophotometric method. Parathyroid hormone levels were estimated by the sandwich ELISA technique.

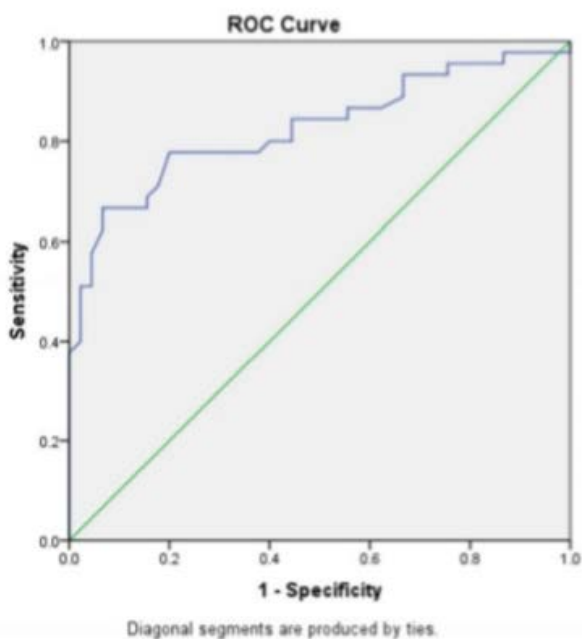


Figure 1. Criterion values and coordinates of the ROC curve analysis for parathyroid hormone as differentiating patients from a control subject.

Table 1. Comparison between patients and control in PTH and Ca.

Group	(PTH (pg/ml)	Ca (mg/dl)
Patients	858.03 ± 42.62	7.34 ± 0.16
Control	613.84 ± 23.12	8.98 ± 0.08
P-value	0.0001	0.0001

Results.

The age of osteoporosis cases was (41-50) years. The mean ± SD levels of parathyroid hormone for osteoporosis patients and control were (858.03± 42.62, 613.84 ± 23.12 ng/mL)

respectively, and the p-value was 0.0001, as shown in Table 1. The mean ± SD of calcium levels for patients and control were (7.34±0.16, and 8.98±0.08 mg/dl) respectively and the p-value was 0.0001 as shown in Table 1. Prediction value of parathyroid hormone levels on the effect of long-term use of glucocorticoid on bone and its probable mechanism of inducing osteoporosis in patients when compared to control groups as shown in Figure 1, appear in the ROC curve between patients and controls. The test revealed that the area under the curve (AUC)=0.82, P= 0.00, and the 1Cut-off point was 198.1 pg/ml(the specificity and the sensitivity were 84.4 %, 77 respectively).

Discussion.

The present study revealed that parathyroid hormone highly increased in long-term use of glucocorticoid patients with significant differences ($P \leq 0.001$) when compared with the control group. The current study is in agreement with the Carpinteri et al. study which attributed their results to the induction of osteoporosis by glucocorticoid, which represents the one of most common secondary osteoporosis. Glucocorticoid affects fracture risk and bone mineral density [15].

The present study also agrees with the study of Yamamoto and Sugimoto which reported that osteoporosis induced by glucocorticoid is affect bone metabolism by transient enhancement in the resorption of bone and continuous suppression in the formation of bone due to the usage of glucocorticoid [16].

Parathyroid hormone is the hormone that regulates renal calcium reabsorption and vitamin D metabolism [17]. As renal function diminishes in the long-term use of glucocorticoids, circulating PTH concentrations rise [18]. Secondary hyperparathyroidism is a component of the long-term use of glucocorticoid on bone and its mechanism of inducing osteoporosis, and it is associated with rapid bone turnover, ectopic calcification, and higher cardiovascular mortality. The biochemical changes of long-term use of glucocorticoid on bone include raised parathyroid hormone and decreased serum Ca [19].

The result of the present study agreed with the conclusions of the Patschan et al. study [20] that reported the following: Long-term glucocorticoid medication frequently causes clinically significant bone loss. The decline in bone density is brought on by a variety of glucocorticoid-mediated processes, including the following: (i) While D vitamin contributes less to the pathophysiology of steroid-induced osteoporosis, its effects may be more prominent in the presence of glucocorticoids. (ii) The effects of PTH can be more noticeable when glucocorticoids are present. (iii) Glucocorticoids decrease gonadal activity and stop the osteoanabolic effects of sex hormones. (iv) Secondary hyperparathyroidism has been associated with a negative calcium balance, which is caused by increased renal excretion and reduced intestinal absorption of calcium. From a mechanistic perspective, it has long been assumed that only genomic events may mediate the aforementioned effects at the molecular level. Despite this, there is growing data that contradicts this traditional method of action and points to fast glucocorticoid effects. The interactions of glucocorticoids with cellular membranes, whether by binding to membrane receptors or through physicochemical interactions, result in

these rapid effects, also known as nongenomic effects. These effects probably affect the pathophysiology of glucocorticoid-induced osteoporosis, even if it hasn't been shown [20]. Cellular surrounding meliue greatly affected the localized adverse effects profile [21,22] and physicians trying to replace or reduce the dose the corticosteroids using adjuvant anti-inflammatory provided by CNS drugs [23] or biological therapy such as stem cells or cytokines [24,25].

Conclusion.

Our findings suggest that patients with long-term use of glucocorticoid had greater levels of parathyroid hormone. The parathyroid hormone and calcium have a beneficial association to indicate bone mineralization status. Parathyroid hormone could be used as a prognostic marker in individuals with long-term use of glucocorticoid to predict the development of bone mineral disease.

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