Abstract

Background: Hepcidin is a low molecular weight peptide that plays an important role

in iron homeostasis in the body. The role of hepcidin in the pathophysiology of anemia

and its complications in patients with renal impairment is unknown. Chronic renal

failure and its associated anemia play a role in the development of hernias that increase

mortality in dialysis patients.

Aim : This study was conducted to determine the Association of serum hepcidin levels

and mortality in patients undergoing chronic dialysis.

Materials and methods: In the present descriptive-analytical study, which aimed to

investigate the relationship between serum hepcidin levels and mortality in patients

undergoing chronic dialysis in Ardabil in 1399. The statistical population included:

patients with chronic renal failure Dialysis which were referred to Imam Khomeini and

Bu Ali hospitals in Ardabil. Using simple random sampling method, 35 patients were

selected to enter the study. Information required for each patient including age, sex,

duration of dialysis of laboratory disorders (serum hepcidin level and blood markers

including, TIBC Ferritin, Iron and hs-CRP and HGB) by studying patient records,

asking the treating physician, and Questions were collected from the patients

themselves.

Results: Serum hepcidin level was directly and significantly related to serum ferritin

and hs-CRP levels. However, hepsidine had no significant relationship with age, sex,

duration of dialysis, TIBC, iron and hemoglobin. There was no significant relationship

between serum hepcidin levels in patients based on mortality. However, serum hepcidin

levels were higher in patients in the death group than in patients who survived. In

different groups of patients based on mortality, the difference between serum iron

levels, TIBC and hs-CRP was significant, but this difference was not significant for

serum hemoglobin levels. Mortality of patients was also significantly associated with

the duration of dialysis, so that in long-term dialysis patients was more than death.

Conclusion: Although serum hepcidin levels and mortality of patients undergoing

chronic dialysis are not significantly related, however, both of these variables are

associated with some of iron indices.

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