

## To Evaluate And To Assess The Relationship Between Vitamin - D & Chronic Periodontitis A Clinico Biochemical Study.

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### ABSTRACT.

#### INTRODUCTION

Chronic Periodontitis is an multifactorial, immuno inflammatory disorder which is initiated by the accumulation of periodontal pathogens in dental plaque. When plaque bacteria invades the gingival tissue it evokes an immune inflammatory response by stimulating the host response which results in the destruction of periodontal apparatus in the susceptible individuals. Vitamin D plays an vital role in bone metabolism and homeostasis. Additionally vitamin D also has immunomodulatory and anti inflammatory properties. Hence there is an rationale that vitamin D deficiency could progress the rate of periodontal destruction. This study was done to evaluate if any relationship exist between vitamin D deficiency and periodontal disease and to find out anti inflammatory properties of vitamin D.

#### MATERIALS & METHODS.

A total of 60 subjects were selected and categorized into 3 groups 1.clinically healthy 2. Gingivitis & 3.periodontitis. the periodontal status of patients in all the 3 groups was assessed by gingival index(looe and sillness 1964) , pocket probing depth using (UNC15 PROBE). Subjects in all the 3 groups were biochemically tested for serum vitamin D3 level and serum CRP level..

#### RESULT

The results obtained from this study revealed that vitamin D level is decreased in the periodontitis group and also revealed that there is inverse relationship between the mean vitamin D3 level and mean serum CRP level which showed the anti inflammatory effect of vitamin D.

#### CONCLUSION.

Deficiency of vitamin D might be an risk factor for progression of periodontal diseases. Hence further studies with larger sample size, larger duration of follow up and with more advance invasive procedures, may help in studying relationship between vitamin d and Periodontitis with more accuracy and precision.

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### I. Introduction.

Vitamin D is an fat soluble vitamin , whose genesis is from the skin, liver & kidneys. The vitamin D which is obtained from the diet and absorbed from intestine is also plays an vital role.1. Vitamin D crucial for wide variety of organ system, vitamin D has been associated with bone health and it is well-understood that vitamin D deficiency leads to rickets in children and osteomalacia/osteoporosis in adults. The primary role of vitamin D is to maintain calcium equilibrium in the body it also plays an vital role in modulating immune response in chronic inflammatory disorder thus suppressing the excessive damage caused by the prolonged inflammation. <sup>2</sup>..Recent advancements have proved that biologically active form of vitamin D (1,25(OH)<sub>2</sub>D) down regulates the pro inflammatory cytokines production and proliferation of the inflammatory cells, which adds to its anti inflammatory properties. Hence its deficiency can affect the periodontium both by lowering the bone mineral density and through the modulated inflammatory response. <sup>3,4</sup>.Numerous recently executed studies has proved that vitamin D deficiency influences the progression of periodontal disease. <sup>5-11</sup>. Periodontitis is an chronic immune inflammatory disorder ,which is multi factorial, and initiated by the accumulation and maturation of the dental plaque. Endotoxins produced by the Plaque bacteria enters the gingival circulation and elicits an host immune response which causes destruction of periodontium in the susceptible host <sup>12,13</sup>Chronic infections, such as periodontitis, can evoke an acute-phase response,

increasing CRP levels<sup>14,15</sup>. Hence in this study in addition to evaluating relationship between vitamin d and periodontal disease we will also assess the anti inflammatory effect of vitamin D by correlating the serum Vitamin d3 level and serum CRP level.

## II. Materials And Methods.

A total of 60 patient reporting to department of Periodontology and implantology were screened for their periodontal status by gingival index (loe and sillness1964 ) and pocket probing depth using UNC 15 probe.

### Selection Criteria:-

**Exclusion criteria:-** Patient with systemic disorders, pregnant and lactating mothers, patients on long term medication (steroids and antibiotics),patients on vitamin D or calcium Supplements, smokers, patients who underwent periodontal therapy within previous 3 months were excluded from study.

**Inclusion Criteria:-** Patients without any systemic disorders.

60 subjects were selected based upon the above mentioned criteria and categorize into 3groups.

- 1 Clinically healthy
- 2 Gingivitis
- 3 Periodontitis.

Subject in all the 3groups were biochemically tested for serum vitamin D3 level and to assess its anti inflammatory properties ,serum CRP level was assessed. In this study serum vitamin D3 level <20ng/ml is considered as deficient & serum CRP < 3mg/L is considered normal The study protocol was approved by the institutional ethical community of Jaipur Dental College.

### STATISTICAL ANALYSIS.

statistical analyses were done with Statistical Package for Social Sciences version 15.0 (SPSS Inc., Chicago, IL, USA) software package..One way ANOVA test was used for comparison between means of groups and to determine the significance of each parameter of the study. Multivariate Tukey honest significant difference test was used to evaluate the relationship between Mean vitamin D scores and Mean serum CRP level . Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to correlate between various parameters.

## III. Results.

The results obtained in this study showed that mean PPD in group 1, group 2, group 3 were, 2.9500, 2.9500, 5.6500 respectively [table 1&2] and the difference among them was statistically significant at p<0.05. the mean GI in group 1,2 & 3 are 0.8100, 1.5650, 2.5500 [table 3 &4]and the difference was statistically significant at p<0.05. The mean serum vitamin D3 level in group 1,2&3 are 40.0500, 31.5500& 17.7000 respectively[table 5 &6] and the difference amongst them were statistically significant at p <0.05. The mean serum CRP levels in group 1,2 &3 are 1.0300, 1.9550 & 3.7800 respectively[table 7&8] and the difference among the 3 groups were statistically significant at p <0.05. The correlation between SERUM CRP and vitamin D3 between group 1,2 & 3 are -.268, -.085&-.199 [table9,10,11] respectively. Even though there was an inverse correlation between two parameters but it was not statistically significant which can be attributed to the less sample size

**TABLE 1**

- Mean PPD of different groups analyzed using oneway ANOVA

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	p	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
ppd Healthy	20	2.9500	0.39403	<0.001	2.7656	3.1344	2.00	4.00
Gingivitis	20	2.9500	0.51042		2.7111	3.1889	2.00	4.00
Periodontitis	20	5.6500	1.22582		5.0763	6.2237	4.00	8.00
Total	60	3.8500	1.50508		3.4612	4.2388	2.00	8.00

The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level  
PPD(POCKET PROBING DEPTH)

**TABLE 2**  
Comparing mean PPD among all the 3 groups using Posthoc Tukey HSD

Dependent Variable	(I) grp	(J) grp	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
ppd	healthy	gingivitis	0.00000	0.25288	1.000	-.6085	.6085
		periodontitis	-2.70000*	0.25288	0.000	-3.3085	-2.0915
	gingivitis	healthy	.00000	0.25288	1.000	-.6085	.6085
		periodontitis	-2.70000*	0.25288	0.000	-3.3085	-2.0915
	periodontitis	healthy	2.70000*	0.25288	0.000	2.0915	3.3085
		gingivitis	2.70000*	0.25288	0.000	2.0915	3.3085

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

PPD(Pocket Probing Depth)

**TABLE 3**  
Mean GI of different groups analyzed using Oneway ANOVA-

		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	p	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
gi	healthy	20	0.8100	0.17442	<0.001	.7284	.8916	.50	1.10
	gingivitis	20	1.5650	0.22070		1.4617	1.6683	1.20	2.00
	Periodontitis	20	2.5500	0.22361		2.4453	2.6547	2.00	3.00
	Total	60	1.6417	0.74681		1.4487	1.8346	.50	3.00

GI-Gingival Index

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**TABLE 4**  
Comparing the mean GI among all the 3 groups with Posthoc using Tukey HSD

Variable	(I) grp	(J) grp	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
gi	healthy	gingivitis	-.75500*	.06561	.000	-.9129	-.5971
		periodontitis	-1.74000*	.06561	.000	-1.8979	-1.5821
	gingivitis	healthy	.75500*	.06561	.000	.5971	.9129
		periodontitis	-.98500*	.06561	.000	-1.1429	-.8271
	periodontitis	healthy	1.74000*	.06561	.000	1.5821	1.8979
		gingivitis	.98500*	.06561	.000	.8271	1.1429

**TABLE 5**  
Mean Vitamin-D of different groups analyzed using oneway ANOVA.

		N	Mean	Std. Deviation	p	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
vid_d	healthy	20	40.0500	4.38268	<0.001	37.9988	42.1012	30.00	47.00
	gingivitis	20	31.5500	3.85903		29.7439	33.3561	24.00	38.00
	Periodontitis	20	17.7000	2.86724		16.3581	19.0419	12.00	24.00
	Total	60	29.7667	9.99554		27.1845	32.3488	12.00	47.00

The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**TABLE 6**

Comparing the mean vitamin D among different groups with Posthoc using Tukey HSD

Dependent Variable	(I) grp	(J) grp	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
vid_d	healthy	gingivitis	8.50000*	1.18773	.000	5.6418	11.3582
		periodontitis	22.35000*	1.18773	.000	19.4918	25.2082
	gingivitis	healthy	-8.50000*	1.18773	.000	-11.3582	-5.6418
		periodontitis	13.85000*	1.18773	.000	10.9918	16.7082
	periodontitis	healthy	-22.35000*	1.18773	.000	-25.2082	-19.4918
		gingivitis	-13.85000*	1.18773	.000	-16.7082	-10.9918

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**TABLE 7**

- Mean CRP of different groups analyzed using oneway ANOVA.

	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	p	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
crp healthy	20	1.0300	0.24301		.9163	1.1437	.60	1.40
gingivitis	20	1.9550	0.48175	<0.001	1.7295	2.1805	1.00	2.60
periodontitis	20	3.7800	0.61866		3.4905	4.0695	2.60	4.80
Total	60	2.2550	1.24280		1.9340	2.5760	.60	4.80

CRP- C-Reactive Protien

The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level

**TABLE 8**

Comparing mean serum CRP LEVEL among different groups with Posthoc using Tukey HSD

Dependent Variable	(I) grp	(J) grp	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig.	95% Confidence Interval	
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound
crp	healthy	gingivitis	-.92500*	.14987	.000	-1.2857	-.5643
		periodontitis	-2.75000*	.14987	.000	-3.1107	-2.3893
	gingivitis	healthy	.92500*	.14987	.000	.5643	1.2857
		periodontitis	-1.82500*	.14987	.000	-2.1857	-1.4643
	periodontitis	healthy	2.75000*	.14987	.000	2.3893	3.1107
		gingivitis	1.82500*	.14987	.000	1.4643	2.1857

\*. The mean difference is significant at the 0.05 level.

**TABLE 9**

Correlation between vitamin D and CRP level in Healthy Group

Correlations

		vid_d	crp
vid_d	Pearson Correlation	1	-.268
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.253
	N	20	20

**P<0.05 is considered as significant**

**TABLE 10**

Correlation between vitamin D and CRP level in Gingivitis Group

Correlations

		vid_d	crp
vid_d	Pearson Correlation	1	-.085

Sig. (2-tailed)		.721
N	20	20

**P<0.05 is considered as significant**

**TABLE 11**  
Correlation between vitamin D and CRP in periodontitis Group

		vid_d	crp
vid_d	Pearson Correlation	1	-.199
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.399
	N	20	20

**P<0.05 is considered as significant**

#### IV. Discussion.

The result obtained in this study showed positive association between vitamin D deficiency and periodontal disease which were in accordance with studies done by rajashree dasari et al (2016)<sup>22</sup> which concluded that low level of serum vitamin D3 is associated with chronic periodontitis and serum vitamin D3 level can be used as a marker for disease progression.

Vitamin D has been found to affect bone metabolism by enhancing the calcium and phosphorus absorption and transportation and thus protects the strength of bone<sup>16</sup>. It has anti-inflammatory and immune modulatory activities as well, which can cause suppression of inflammatory processes associated with the periodontal disease<sup>17</sup> and its deficiency can aggravate chronic inflammatory disorders. It helps in the production of cathelicidin and other defensins to act against bacterial infection<sup>18,19</sup> and its deficiency can result in increased risk of infections. Furthermore, polymorphism in VDR gene is found to be associated with the development of disease and alveolar bone loss and clinical attachment loss<sup>20,21</sup>.

This study also showed the positive correlation between periodontal disease and mean CRP levels which were in accordance with studies done with Stepan Podzimek et al(2015) who stated that CRP levels increase subsequently with the severity of the periodontal disease<sup>23</sup>.

CRP is produced in the body whenever there is an inflammatory stimulus in the body such as chronic inflammation, infection, trauma and hypoxia. Plasma level of CRP raises markedly as 100 folds or more within or < than 72 hours following inflammatory injury or infections ,hence can be an effective marker to evaluate inflammatory conditions.<sup>24,25,26</sup>.hence periodontitis being an chronic inflammatory disorder produces an pro inflammatory cytokines which contributes to increase in inflammatory burden thus increasing the levelof CRP in plasma.

The results obtained from this study also revealed that there is inverse correlation between vitamin D and mean CRP levels which were also supported by

Marte C. Liefwaard et al 2015<sup>27</sup>. Who concluded that higher the vitamin D level the decrease is seen in serum CRP levels.

Even though we got inverse correlation between crp and vitamin D levels ,this correlation was not statistically significant which might be due to less number of sample size.

vitamin D receptor is present on leukocytes, T-helper cells and monocytes. 1.25-dihydroxyvitamin D has been shown to inhibit production of inflammatory markers such as IFN- $\gamma$ , IL-2, and IL-5 by T-helper 1 lymphocytes<sup>28,29</sup>. Vitamin D also suppress the secretion of IL-6 by monocytes, which is the prime inducing factor of CRP synthesis from liver.<sup>30,31</sup>

Systematic review did by mohden mazidi et al 2016<sup>32</sup> revealed that vitamin D supplementation has no impact on serum CRP levels which were contradictory with the results obtained in our study.

Hence further studies with larger sample size, larger duration of follow up and with more advance invasive procedures, may help in studying relationship between vitamin d and Periodontitis with more accuracy and precision.

#### V. Conclusion.

Deficiency of vitamin D might be an risk factor for progression of periodontal diseases. Hence further studies with larger sample size, larger duration of follow up and with more advance invasive procedures, may help in studying relationship between vitamin d and Periodontitis with more accuracy and precision

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