



PREVENTION OF INFERTILITY IN WOMEN OF REPRODUCTIVE AGE WITH OBESITY AND VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY

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Topicality of the Topic

Infertility is a serious pathology that negatively affects many factors, including divorce, stress, and reduced labor productivity, which lead to significant economic losses caused by the treatment of infertile couples (Kulakov V. I., Leonov B. V., 2018).

In Central Asia, where large families are common and traditionally encouraged, childlessness is considered a great misfortune and often leads to family breakdown. (Ikhtiyarova G. A., Kurbanova Z. Sh., 2020).

WHO data show that in specialized clinics in developed countries, 22% of infertility cases are "male", 32% - female. In 21% of cases, violations are combined, in 14% the causes are not established (V. N. Lokshin, Dzhusubalieva T. M., 2019). Vasilevskaya L. N. (2018) and Podzolkova N. M. (2019) note that the frequency of infertility ranges from 10-20%, and in 50% of cases there is female infertility, in 40% of cases - male infertility, in 10% of cases there are mixed forms.

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Introduction

In recent years, there has been a tendency to increase the percentage of infertile children. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the percentage of women suffering from infertility ranges from 8 to 29%, with no downward trend in all countries of the world (WHO, 2011).

Infertility treatment measures are quite complex. These include hormone therapy, antibiotics, and complex physiotherapy procedures, but unfortunately, such simple factors as nutrition and micronutrient availability are often overlooked. Meanwhile, a lack of micronutrients and, in particular, vitamin D dramatically reduces the effectiveness of infertility treatment. This is due to the fact that vitamin D plays a very important role in the regulation of reproductive processes in both women and men. This fact is due to the fact that vitamin D





receptors are present in the ovarian tissue, endometrium, fallopian tubes, as well as in the decidua and placenta. Vitamin D is involved in steroidogenesis and, according to studies, is included in the pathophysiology of some diseases in women of reproductive age who undergo assisted reproductive technology (ART) procedures [2]. Vitamin D is a fat-soluble vitamin that belongs to the family of steroid hormones.

The biological effects of vitamin D are realized through the eponymous receptor (VDR gene) - a transcription factor activated by 1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃ (calcitriol). Genomic effects of vitamin D and have an impact on the human reproductive system (Fig. 1) [3].

The vitamin D receptor (VDR) and vitamin D metabolism enzymes are found in significant amounts in the tissues of the reproductive system of both women and men. When the VDR gene is activated, there is a significant gonadal insufficiency, a decrease in the number of spermatozoa and their mobility, as well as histological abnormalities of the ovaries and uterus. The biological activity of vitamin D is very important for the female reproductive system, as it supports the onset of pregnancy. Vitamin D affects the steroidogenesis of estradiol and progesterone [4], the synthesis of anti-Müllerian hormone (AMH), and reduces endometrial hyperandrogenism and hyperproliferation [5]. Currently, there are convincing data on the relationship between vitamin D metabolism and the development of certain gynecological diseases.

When examining women with infertility referred to assisted reproduction centers, a high prevalence of vitamin D deficiency was revealed. Pronounced vitamin D - 25(OH) deficiency ($D < 30$ ng/ml) was observed in 113 (98%) patients [6]. Another study included 1,072 women (mean age 36.3 ± 4.4 years) who were deficient in vitamin D-25 (OH) ($D < 30$ ng/ml) was observed in 77% of the participants. The level of 25(OH)D was inversely proportional to body mass index [7].

Thus, more and more doctors, specializing in infertility, began to think about the importance of using vitamin D in the co-complex therapy of female infertility.

Objective

To determine the condition of women of reproductive age with impaired vitamin D metabolism with infertility on the background of obesity using a questionnaire.

Materials and Methods

Women of reproductive age with infertility on the background of obesity were identified from outpatient records and invited to an appointment. A questionnaire was compiled, anthropometric studies were performed to determine body weight: body mass index [BMI], waist circumference [OT], hip circumference [OB], and the amount of fat mass. The measurement was carried out using standard medical scales; ultrasound of the genitals,





psychological status, nutrition, laboratory research methods, as well as determination of 25 (OH) D in blood serum, consultation with related specialists (obstetrician-gynecologist).

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Results and Discussion

During the outpatient examination and questionnaire survey of women of reproductive age, 150 infertile women of reproductive age with overweight and obesity were found to have the following disorders: general weakness-30%, anxiety-25 %, sleep disorders or insomnia-35%, decreased sexual desire-4%. In the study of BMI: overweight-20%, grade 1 obesity-42%, grade 2 obesity-28%, grade 3 obesity-10%. The leading factors for the occurrence of endocrine infertility in women of reproductive age in our observations were PCOS-24 (33.3%), hyperprolactinemia-19 (26.4%) and hyperandrogenism-18 (25%) cases. The hormonal profile was studied in all women with the determination of the content of gonadotropic, steroid and thyroid hormones (FSH, LH, PRL, testosterone, estradiol, progesterone, TSH, TK, T4)

Laboratory diagnostic data: FSH-phase 1 25-30 mEd/ ml -7%, Phase 2 15-18 mEd/ml-3%, LH-1 phase 34-40 mEd/ ml-4%, Phase 2 26-30 mEd/ml -6%, PRL 35-40 ng/ml-5%, testosterone 4- 8 nmol/ l-5%, estradiol phase I-20-50 pmol/ l-11%, progesterone phase 1 0.2-0.8 nmol/l-9%, TSH-8.0-14 mEu/l-13%, TK-0.8 -2 pmol/l-7%, T4 - 0.1-0.5 ng/dl- 12%.

In the study of infertile patients (n=335, age 18-42 years, body mass index 18-25 kg/m²), resorting to high-tech reproductive technologies, it was found that the levels of 25(OH)D < 20 ng/ ml was observed in 45% of the participants. Clinically recorded pregnancy after IVF was recorded in 20% of participants in the vitamin D-deficient subgroup and in 31% in the 25(OH)subgroup $D > 20$ ng/ ml (p=0.02). The odds of achieving a clinical pregnancy were 2 times higher in women with 25(OH)years of age. $D \geq 20$ ng/ ml (relative risk-RR 2.15; 95% confidence interval-CI 1.23-3.77). Women in the group with normal levels of 25(OH)D in the blood serum (more than 30 ng/ ml), had the highest chances of pregnancy [28].

In general, the current treatment strategy for women with infertility should include the diagnosis of vitamin D deficiency by determining 25(OH)concentrations D in blood serum and correction of vitamin D deficiency upto 25(OH)levels D in 30 ng/ ml or more.





Conclusions

1. The data will help determine the leading factors of infertility in women of reproductive age with overweight and obesity, and will also allow develop principles of primary prevention for them.
2. Implementation of the research results in practical healthcare will help reduce infertility among women of reproductive age.

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