

Determine the Relationship between Proton Pump Inhibitors and Iron Deficiency Anemia

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ABSTRACT

Aim: To examine the relationship between iron deficiency anemia and patients with proton pump inhibitors therapy.

Study design: Retrospective/observational

Place and Duration of Study: Medical OPD DHQ Kohat and Medical Unit from 1st January 2018 to 31st August 2018.

Methods: Total 100 patients of both genders with ages 20 to 65 years presented with gastrointestinal diseases and advised to use proton pump inhibitors therapy were enrolled in this study. Patients detailed demographic including age, sex and residence were recorded after taking informed written consent. Serum ferritin level and iron level were examined at start and at 8 months of PPI therapy.

Results: Fifty eight (58%) patients were males while 42 (42%) were females with mean age 40.25±11.66 years. Majority of patients 59 (59%) had urban residency. At start of treatment mean serum ferritin level was 67.85±32.52ng/ml and at 8 months it was 26.54±14.62ng/ml, a significant difference was observed with p-value <0.001. Mean iron level at start of treatment was 19.34±5.45µmol/l and at 8 months it was 16.5±4.66 µmol/l. Iron deficiency anemia was found in 26 (26%) patients at 8 months follow-up

Conclusion: There was strong relationship between iron deficiency anemia and proton pump inhibitor therapy.

Keywords: Gastrointestinal disease, Serum ferritin level, Proton pump inhibitors, Anemia

INTRODUCTION

Proton pump inhibitors (PPIs) speak to the most generally endorsed antisecretory operators.¹ Prolonged PPIs use isn't without results, anyway^{1,2} Concerns have been raised about a potential relationship between delayed PPIs use and expanded hazard for nutrient and mineral inadequacies.³ It has been recommended that their delayed use may impact iron status because of intense concealment of gastric corrosive emission by parietal cells, which could have significant ramifications for clinical practice⁴.

Iron insufficiency is a typical nourishing lack and the main source of weakness in the United States, where the predominance in grown-up females is up to 9% in those matured 50-69 years and 6% in those more established than 70 years. Iron insufficiency can bring about different side effects⁵ including weariness, impeded effort, rest issue, and different entanglements⁶.

Distinguishing modifiable elements that impact the hazard for iron lack or obstruct its treatment, for example, through weakened assimilation, can essentially impact general wellbeing. Corrosive inhibitors are among the most regularly utilized pharmaceuticals in the United States: in 2012 alone, 14.9 million patients got 157 million remedies for proton siphon inhibitors (PPIs).⁷ Gastric corrosive encourages nonheme iron retention by discharging iron

from food particles and changing over it from its ferrous structure to the more absorbable ferric structure.^{8,9} In this way, PPIs smother gastric corrosive creation, can prompt iron malabsorption. Corrosive concealment is of enthusiasm as a potential essential hazard factor for iron insufficiency, as a contributing danger factor and as an obstacle to press substitution treatment. The couple of prior investigations of corrosive concealment and iron insufficiency have been generally constrained to little case arrangement (the biggest discovered was 109 patients) or specialty populaces (e.g. patients with hemochromatosis); likewise, they have yielded conflicting outcomes¹⁰⁻¹².

The present study was conducted to examine the association between proton pump inhibitors and iron deficiency anemia in patients with gastrointestinal diseases.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This retrospective/observational study was conducted Medical OPD DHQ Kohat and Medical Unit from 1st January 2018 to 31st August 2018. Total 100 patients of both genders with ages 20 to 65 years presented with gastrointestinal diseases and advised to use proton pump inhibitors therapy were enrolled. Patients detailed demographic including age, sex and residence were recorded. Patients with previous medical diagnoses known to increase the risk of iron deficiency or bleeding, patients with parenteral and/or oral supplements of iron, vitamin B12 and folic acid, respectively, as well as any of the

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antisecretory agents (including PPIs) during preceding at 8 months treatment were excluded. 5ml blood samples were taken at the beginning and at final follow-up at 8 months from all the patients and sent to laboratory to examine the serum ferritin level and serum iron level. Compare the findings pre and post treatment. Serum ferritin level <12ng/ml was considered as iron deficiency anemia. Frequency of iron deficiency anemia was examined at final follow-up. Follow-up was taken at 8 months. Data was analyzed by SPSS 24. Chi-square test was applied to compare pre and post treatment values of serum ferritin level and iron level. P-value <0.05 was taken as significant.

RESULTS

Fifty eight (58%) patients were males while 42 (42%) were females with mean age 40.25 ± 11.66 years. Majority of patients 59 (59%) had urban residency while 41 (41%) patients had rural residency (Table 1). At start of treatment mean serum ferritin level was 67.85 ± 32.52 ng/ml and at 8 months it was 26.54 ± 14.62 ng/ml, a significant difference was observed with p-value <0.001. Mean iron level at start of treatment was 19.34 ± 5.45 μ mol/l and at 8 months it was 16.5 ± 4.66 μ mol/l (Table 2). Iron deficiency anemia was found in 26 (26%) patients at 8 months follow-up while 74 (74%) patients had not found iron deficiency anemia (Fig. 1).

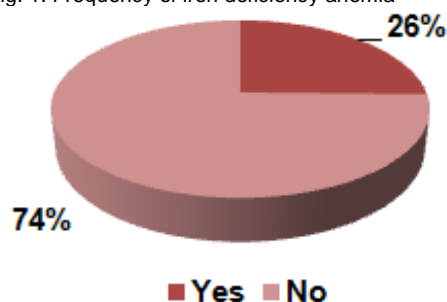
Table 1: Demographics of all the patients

Variable	No.	%
Gender		
Male	58	58.0
Female	42	42.0
Residence		
Urban	59	59.0
Rural	41	41.0

Table 2: Association of iron deficiency anemia with PPI user

Variable	Group A	Group B	P value
Serum Ferritin Level (ng/ml)	67.85 ± 32.52	26.54 ± 14.62	<0.0001
Serum Iron (μ mol/l)	19.34 ± 5.45	16.5 ± 4.66	0.001

Fig. 1: Frequency of iron deficiency anemia



DISCUSSION

Iron deficiency anemia is one of the most common clinical disorders found all over the world. It is considered one of the leading cause in developing severe life threatening complications.^{13,14} Proton pump inhibitors are widely used

for the treatment of gastrointestinal diseases. Many of studies demonstrated that chronic use of proton pump inhibitors increases the risk of minerals and vitamins inadequacy.¹⁵ The present study was conducted to examine the association between iron deficiency anemia and proton pump inhibitors therapy in patients with gastrointestinal diseases. In this study mostly 58% were males while females were 42% and the mean age was 40.25 ± 11.66 years. These results were similar to many of previous studies in which male patients were predominant 55% to 68% as compared to females and the majority of patients were ages above 40 years^{16,17}.

In present study at beginning of treatment mean serum ferritin level was 67.85 ± 32.52 ng/ml and at 8 months it was 26.54 ± 14.62 ng/ml, a significant difference was observed with p-value <0.001. Mean iron level at start of treatment was 19.34 ± 5.45 μ mol/l and at 8 months it was 16.5 ± 4.66 μ mol/l, significant difference was observed (p=0.001). A study conducted by Qorrajat al¹⁸ reported that statistical analysis showed significant changes within PPIs group and specific PPIs subgroups between the two-time points in serum ferritin and vitamin B12 levels, respectively, while no significant changes in serum iron and homocysteine levels were shown. Another study conducted by Douwes¹⁹ regarding use of PPIs and iron status in renal transplant patients and the reported chronic use of PPIs significantly decreases serum ferritin and iron level and excessive PPIs use significantly increase the prevalence of iron deficiency anemia.

Several previous studies demonstrated that patients with proton pump inhibitors therapy were on high risk for developing iron deficiency anemia²⁰⁻²².

In our study we found that 26 (26%) patients at 8 months follow-up while 74 (74%) patients had not found iron deficiency anemia. These results were comparable to many of previous studies^{23,24}.

CONCLUSION

There was strong relationship between iron deficiency anemia and proton pump inhibitor therapy. Frequency of iron deficiency was 26% in patients with PPI therapy.

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