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I. Introduction

regnancy induced hypertension (PIH) still continues to be one of the most common complication of pregnancy ^{1,2,3},. Despite of so much research and changes in management it is still a leading cause of maternal morbidity and mortality ^{4,5,6}.

Though the exact cause of PIH is unknown. A number of modalities of treatment are being tried to decrease the progress of PIH ^{7,8,9}. In pregnancy induced hypertension endothelial cell dysfunction is a key event and this endothelial cell dysfunction may be associated with oxidative stress and addition to that calcium and creatinine ratio is as important aspect of maternal and fetal physiology during gestation so in order to evaluate oxidative stress and urinary calcium creatinine ratio in pregnancy induced hypertension was planned.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

The study was conducted on total 250 patients who have been admitted in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology MGM Medical College and associate MY hospital Indore from July 2012 to may 2013. 125 normal pregnant women were taken as control and 125 pregnancy induced hypertensive women taken as study cases. A detailed history about age, residence, literacy, occupation etc. was noted with general physical and obstetric examination. Blood samples and spot urine were collected from each subject. Blood samples were analyzed for free radicals levels by Thiobarbituric acid reactive substance estimation urine samples were analyzed for calcium and creatinine levels by fully automated biochemistry analyzer.

Table 1: Comparison of urinary calcium to creatinine ratio between normotensive pregnant women and PIH patients

Parameters	Control	PIH cases	p value
	n=125	n=125	·
Urinary calcium/creatinine	0.0618±0.0084	0.0370±0.0064	< 0.001
ratio			

Table 2: Comparison of free radicals level between Normotensive pregnant women and PIH women

ĺ	Parameter	Control	PIH cases	p value
		n=125	n=125	
ſ	Plasma MDA	2.8±0.48	5.2±0.92	< 0.001
	Nmol/ml			

III. Results

The result of this study presented in the table-1 and table-2. The significant decrease in urinary calcium

and creatinine ratio was observed in PIH women when compared to control and the significant increase level of MDA level was observed in PIH women when compared to control.

IV. DISCUSSION

Pregnancy induced hypertension is multifaceted syndrome with involvement of several important organs 10,11. PIH is also associated with endothelial dysfunction ^{12,13,14}. Our study revealed that there was significant increase in MDA levels was observed there is reasonable evidence to suggest that circulating neutrophils of patient with preeclampsia release an excess of reactive oxygen species 15,16,17, present study revealed decrease calcium creatinine ratio observed in PIH women. Different studies concluded that calcium homoeostasis is an important aspect of maternal and fetal physiology during gestation 18,19,20,21. A certain calcium level is required for production of endothelial derived releasing factor which maintains vasodilation in normal pregnancy. Alteration of calcium metabolism has been implicated in pathogenesis of hypertension during pregnancy. Study concluded that the pregnancy induced hypertension is associated with increased oxidative stress and disturb calcium creatinine ratio so addition antioxidant in treatment of PIH we can minimize the risk associated with PIH.

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