

The Role of Inflammatory Markers in the Development of the Osteoporosis in Women after Menopausal

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Abstract

Background: Osteoporosis is a porous bone. It is common disease of bones, and causes insufficient bone formation or loss of bone mineral density(BMD), making the bones more susceptible to fractures. The aim of the current study is to determine the role of inflammatory makers in women with osteoporosis after menopausal ,this biomarkers include the ; Interleukin-1 β (IL -1 β)and Resistin.

Patient and Method: According to case-control study. This study was conducted at DEXA (dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry) Unit in Radiology Department in Al-Sader teaching hospital in AL-Najaf province / Iraq from to know the prevalence of osteoporosis in Iraqi menopausal women. A total number of the study include (88) women involved in this studyp. IL -1 β , Resistin and estrogen were measurement by using a solid phase enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA).

Result: In current study showed a significant decrease ($p < 0.05$) in level of serum estrogen, calcium and phosphorus in menopausal women with osteoporosis compared with healthy group. The biomarker show a significant increase ($p < 0.05$) in the concentration of IL-1 β and Resistin in menopausal women with osteoporosis compared with healthy group.

Conclusion: In this study found the role of immunity after menopausal and relation to osteoporosis through measured the level of IL-1 β and Rsisten which increase after menopausal and activation of the bone resorption.

Keyword: resistin, Menopausal, estrogen (E2) , IL-1 β , BMD.

Introduction

Osteoporosis (OP) is a osteometabolic chronic, progressive disease characterized by a deterioration of bone microarchitecture and reduction in bone mineral density(BMD), which leading to mechanical fragility and ready to spontaneous and traumatic fractures¹. The causes of osteoporosis is increase breakdown of bone structure, decrease in bone formation, or an imbalance between the activity of bone cells responsible for bone remodeling, which excessive the number or activity of osteoclasts and reduction in number or activity of osteoblasts². Postmenopausal women considered most cases of osteoporosis due to estrogen deficiency. Fractures of osteoporosis occurs in spine and hip therefore considered high morbidity and mortality³. Fractures in osteoporosis affect the muscle and the skeletal systems,

cause loss of functional capacity, chronic pain, and compromise quality of life⁴. Menopause is an irreversible and universal process, that result from loss of ovarian sensitivity to gonadotropin stimulation , this part of the overall aging process⁵.

The immune system has a strong association with bone metabolism⁶, For example, interleukin (IL)-6 promotes osteoclast differentiation and activation⁷. IL-1 is another potent stimulator of bone resorption⁸. The IL-1 family of ligands includes 11 members and among them IL-1 β emerged as the primary therapeutic target for an expanding number of inflammatory conditions. The inactive IL-1 β precursor is cleaved by caspase-1 via a protein complex called inflammasome into an active cytokine, IL-1 β binds type I (IL-1RI) and type II (IL-1RII) specific receptors⁹. IL-1 β is a strong stimulator of

in vitro and *in vivo* bone resorption¹⁰. IL-1 β upregulates the production of RANKL enhancing its activity and stimulating osteoclastogenesis¹¹. IL-1 β also regulates the production of osteoprotegerin (OPG), a natural inhibitor of RANKL. OPG inhibits osteoclast differentiation by binding RANKL¹². IL-1 β increases prostaglandin synthesis in bone¹³.

Human resistin is a 12.5 kDa cysteine rich peptide with a mature sequence composed of 108 amino acid. The site of resistin gene found on chromosome 19¹⁴, Human resistin plays important role in the regulatory of inflammatory response¹⁵, during which macrophages, peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC), and vascular cells are the primary targets of resistin¹⁶. Resistin regulation of expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines such as TNF- α , IL-6, IL-12, and monocyte chemoattractant protein (MCP)-1 in PBMCs, macrophages, and hepatic stellate cells via the nuclear factor- κ B (NF- κ B) pathway¹⁷. Resistin expression has also been identified in the non-adipocyte fibrotic livers and atherosclerotic lesions¹⁸. Moreover, circulating resistin concentration are associated with inflammatory and fibrinolytic markers such as C-reactive protein (CRP)¹⁹.

Material and Method

This study was conducted in the research from Al-Sader teaching hospital in AL-Najaf province from DEXA unit in the Radiology Department , Fractures and Joints Department and in laboratories of Biology Department/ Faculty of Sciences/ University of Kufa , during the period from. The samples tested were 88 samples which divided to control group were 20 samples, 68 samples from menopausal women patients .

Biochemical Parameters

Specific kit for measuring human Calcium and phosphate concentrations in serum by spectrophotometer was supplied by Biolabo SA, France. Another specific kits were using to measuring Interleukin-1 β level and Resistin level by ELISA technic supplied by Elabscience Biotechnology, while serum estradiol level supplied by CALBIOTECH, China.

Statistical Analysis:

The well-known statistical system (Graph Pad prism ver. 5) was adopted, and the analysis of variance table one – way anova (by Tukey’s multiple comparisons test) was used for the comparison among subdivided groups in the measured parameters. The results were expressed as (Mean \pm Stander Error). The comparison between subgroups was analysed by t-test.

Results

The results in figure 1 and 2 reveal statistically significant differences of menopausal women with osteoporosis compared with Healthy group , there was significant decreased (p<0.05) in BMD and t-scores in (MO) compared with Healthy group in menopausal women.

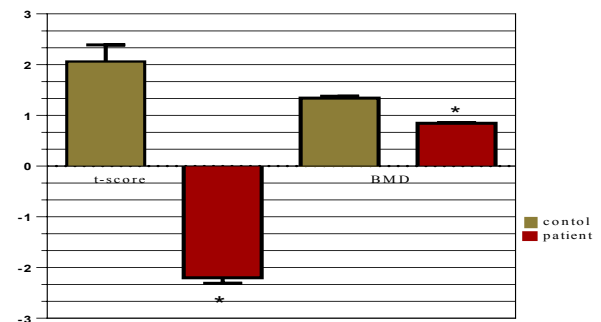


Figure (1) : BMD and T-scores in spin between menopausal women with osteoporosis group and healthy group.

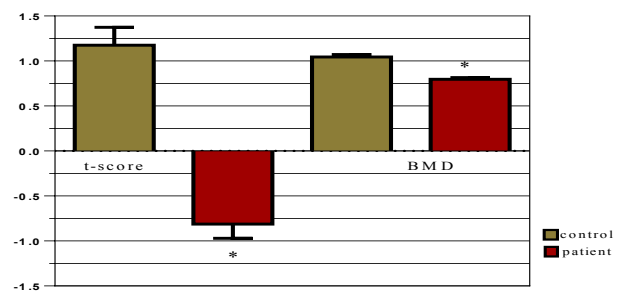


Figure 2: BMD and T-scores in right femur between menopausal women with osteoporosis group and healthy group.

Table 1 revealed significant differences in minerals and hormonal between MO and healthy groups, that show significant decrease in the E2, Ca and Pi. The significant was found (the mean values \pm the standard errors) in the serum. The results in figures 3 and 4 exhibit significant increase (p<0.05) in serum levels of RETN and IL-1 β in POM group compared with in HT group.

Table (1): Comparisons of hormonal evidence between osteoporosis and healthy

Groups Aspect	Mean ±S.E.		p- value
	PMO n=68	Healthy group n=20	
E2 (pg/ml)	15.46 ± 1.747*	22.70 ± 2.687	<0.05
Ca mg/dl	8.19 ± 0.076*	9.15 ± 0.124	<0.05
Pi mg/dl	2.059 ± 0.04423*	2.985 ± 0.1203	<0.05

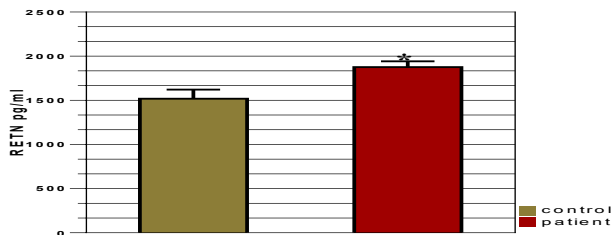


Figure 3 : Comparison of serum RETN level between POM and HT group in menopausal women.

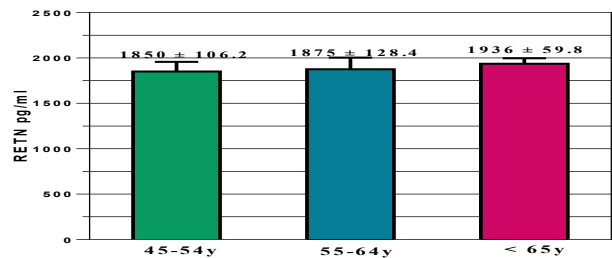


Figure 6: Comparison of serum RETN level at different ages groups in MO.

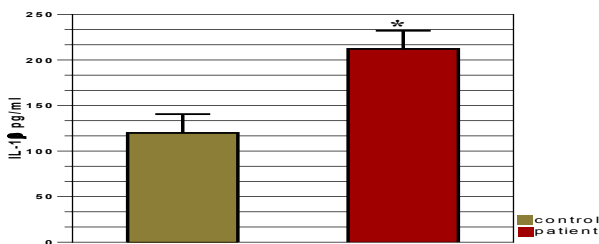


Figure 4 : Comparison of serum IL-1β level between POM and HT group in menopausal women

The results of figure 5 when compare with different age groups indicated there was a significant increase ($p < 0.05$) in serum IL-1β concentration in the ages (<65y) and(55-64) than (45-54y), but no significant difference ($p > 0.05$) between the age (<65y) and(55-64) in menopausal women with osteoporosis. The result in figure 6 show no significant increase ($p > 0.05$) in serum RETN concentration when compare between different age groups in menopausal women with osteoporosis.

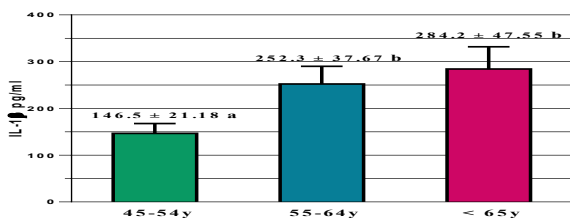


Figure 5: Comparison of serum IL-1β level at different Ages groups in MO.

Discussion

The result of the study revealed that the bone density data from a DEXA scan are reported as decrease in BMD and T-scores in menopausal women with osteoporosis when compared to healthy women. In this study shown an age-dependent decrease in BMD was seen in women in age groups and most in postmenopausal age were found to have low BMD of osteoporotic range; This result is similar to^{20,21}. The study of²² showed the major determinant of bone strength was bone mass and, after reaching peak values in the third decade of life, bone mass and density begins to decline until age 60-65²².

The age 56–60 and 46–50 years which notice in women a quick reduced in BMD, with a maximum bone reduction occurring at 51–55 years, and a decelerated reduced in BMD after 56–60 years²³. This study noticed that the DEXA, which gives criteria for the diagnosis of osteoporosis and the related with risks fractures²⁴. In this study show the DXAE most common test to diagnosis of the osteoporosis but not show the reason of the osteoporosis, therefore; suggest using the biochemical test. The results of this study have revealed a significant decrease ($P < 0.05$) in serum estrogen in menopausal women with osteoporosis more than healthy women. This result agree with^{25, 26,27}.

In the menopause, estrogen concentration rapidly decrease, therefore women have a hypo-estrogenic state²⁸. consequently, the exposure to estrogen during these key periods may dramatically affect a woman's bone health²⁹. The estrogens are able to block bone resorption through two mechanisms: both by direct interaction with osteocytes and osteoclast and by regulation of T-cell and osteoblast formation and activity^{30,31}. The common effects of estrogen deprivation lead to an obvious induced of bone resorption and a period of quick bone loss that is major for the beginning of osteoporosis in postmenopausal³². Combined effects of estrogen deprivation cause a marked stimulation, the role of estrogen in regulation of calcium and phosphorous in the kidney to the well-recognized effect of PTH in elderly women³³. The results of this study have revealed a significant increase ($P < 0.05$) in serum IL-1 β . Pro-inflammatory cytokines (IL-1b and IL-6) were significantly elevated in patients than controls, consistent with other studies that induct the associated between osteoporosis and inflammation³⁴.

Inflammatory cytokines produce from the Innate and adaptive immunity cells which not only perpetuate inflammation but also may activate bone degradation and inhibit bone formation and causes diseases in women before menopause⁴³, the degree of the inflammation correlates with the extent of local and systemic bone loss³⁵. Pro-inflammatory cytokines may participate to bone loss by osteoclasts which activated by receptor activator of nuclear factor κ B ligand (RANKL) leading to osteoporosis³⁶. Target cell for IL 1 β is the osteoclast that provides an important stimulus the formation and activity of osteoclasts, resulting to elevated bone resorption, found of osteoblast and stromal cells was critical in the formation of osteoclasts by IL-1 β ³⁷. IL-1 β may also act in the formation of osteoclasts by nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells and prevents its apoptosis³⁸. Resistin play a role in bone remodeling³⁹. The study have observed moderate correlations between resistin and a marker of increased osteoclast activity⁴⁰. Resistin have important role in bone metabolism by stimulating osteoblast and osteoclast differentiation, possibly through the nuclear factor kappa B (NF- κ B) pathway⁴¹.

The loss of ovarian function lead to deficiency estrogen in postmenopausal women which promote signaling and gene expression cascade of major pro-inflammatory cytokines that directly induce early

osteoclast precursor formation⁴².

Significance Statements

In this study found the role of immunity after menopausal and relation to osteoporosis through measured the level of IL-1 β and Resistin which increase after menopausal and activation of the bone resorption. This study is the first clinical study in Iraq.

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