



THE POSSIBLE ROLE OF MUMPS VIRUS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INSULIN DEPENDANT DIABETES MELLITUS

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Abstract

Mumps is an acute viral illness associated with different types of complications, Pancreatitis is one of infrequent mumps complications followed by diabetes mellitus type one in few cases. The present study was designed to determine whether a relationship exposure to mumps by natural infection or vaccination with MMRvaccine and diabetes type one.

Seventy two patients with Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus exposed to mumps by vaccinator natural infection compared with ١٨ (healthy) age and sex matched control were included in this study. Blood samples were taken for investigation of Glutamic acid decarboxylase antibody (GADA), Islet cell antibody (ICA) and Mumps IgG Antibody by using ELISA and immunoflorescent technique.

Islet cell antibody was detected in ١٣ (١٨.١%) patients ٦ (٨.٣%) males and ٧ (٩.٧%) females. GADA was detected in ٤٥ patients (٦٤.٥%) ٢٤ males (٣٣.٣%) and ٢١ (٢٩.٢%) females. Mumps IgG Antibody was found in ٢١ (٢٩.٢%) of patients

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Introduction

Mumps is a common childhood infection caused by the mumps virus. The hallmark of infection is swelling of the parotid gland. Aseptic meningitis and encephalitis are common complication of mumps together with orchitis and oophoritis, other complications include deafness and pancreatitis [1].

Mumps viruses are nowadays known to be pancreatropic viruses (viruses that cause inflammation of pancreas). However, the development of insulinitis after viral infection is related to the genetic factor [2].

Type 1 diabetes (T1D) results from the destruction of pancreatic beta cells. Viruses are one environmental factor that is implicated in the pathogenesis of T1D in at least two distinct ways: by including beta cell-specific autoimmunity, with or without infection of beta cells [3].

The measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (MMR) was licensed for use in 1971 [4, 5]. There is a hypothesis suggest that mumps vaccine may be an environmental factor for childhood diabetes [6].

Materials and Methodes

A prospective study was done from July to September 2009, Seventy two patients with Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus exposed to mumps by vaccine or natural infection compared with 18 (healthy) age and sex matched control were included in this study. One – two ml of venous blood were collected from them by a disposable syringe, blood sample was allowed to clot then centrifuged, the sera obtained were subdivided in three partitions and stored at (-20°C), each partition was used after thawing in one of the following tests, the first patition was analyzed for Glutamic acid decarboxylase antibody (GADA) by ELISA kit [Anti-GAD ELISA (IgG), Company EUROIMMUN Gremany]. The second partition was analyzed for islet cell antibody (ICA) by Immunofluorescence technique [Company

EUROIMMIUN Germany]. The third partition was analyzed for mumps IgG antibody (Ab) by ELISA kit [company NovaTec Germany].

Result and Discussion

1) Distribution of Diabetic patients and control according to the age and gender

Seventy tow patients with insulin dependant diabetes mellitus (IDDM) and eighteen control individuals were participated in this study. Table (1) shows that control group is matched with patients in Gender. It is also demonstrate age group distribution, minimum age was 4 years in patients group, 2 years in the control, while maximum age was 31 for each of them. There was no significant difference between patient and control age groups $P=0.807$.

Table 1: distribution of patients and control according to the Age and Gender

group	Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Disease	> 0 yrs	4	5.6
	0 - 9 yrs	9	12.5
	10 - 14 yrs	14	19.4
	15 - 19 yrs	17	23.6
	20 - 24 yrs	4	5.6
	25 - 29 yrs	4	5.6
	< 30 yrs	1	1.4
Total	72	100	
Control	> 0 yrs	2	11.1
	0 - 9 yrs	0	0.0
	10 - 14 yrs	3	16.7
	15 - 19 yrs	2	11.1
	20 - 24 yrs	4	22.2
	25 - 29 yrs	1	5.6
	< 30 yrs	1	5.6
Total	18	100	

group	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation	C.S. P-value
Patient age	72	4 year	31 year	13.71	6.07	P=0.807 NS
Control age	18	2 year	31 year	14.08	8.18	

group		Frequency	Percent	Cumulative Percent
Patient	Male	38	52.8	52.8
	Female	34	47.2	100
	Total	72	100	
Control	Male	12	16.7	16.7
	Female	6	8.3	25
	Total	18	25	

To spot light on Patients Gender and age table (1) shows that the patients were 38 males and 34 females. The incidence of type one diabetes in males was (52.8%) while it was less in females 47.2%, the difference remaining non significant $p = 0.12$ this is similar to other study in Finland [7] which showed that the incidence of IDDM was higher in males and to another study in Finland [8] that showed male to female ratio was 1.1 while it differ from that in Russian Karelia [9] which was 0.66.

The demographic distribution of the age group in agreement with previous study in Europe [9] who found that the largest incidence of type one diabetes was in the age group 10-14 years and with other study in Iraq showed that the peak incidence was at puberty [10].

2) Incidence of mumps in diabetic patients associated with Vaccine, ICA, GADA, mumps IgG Antibody.

Sixty six patients out of 72 (91.7%) received MMR vaccine (two doses), only 6 (8.3%) did not receive the complete vaccine doses. Eight (11.1%) patients had a previous history of mumps (Table 2). One of these 8 cases (10 year old) had recent mumps infection immediately followed by diabetes the serology was positive for mumps IgG Antibody, GADA and typical islet cell antibody. Second case had diabetes less than one year after mumps infection, the remained cases had long duration of diabetes after mumps that makes it difficult to determine the exact serological marker immediately after mumps infection.

The end result were 7 patients out of 8 showed positive ICA, 0 out of 8 showed positive GADA, and very interesting results that despite history of mumps infection and complete vaccine doses, 7 patients out of 8 showed seronegative for mumps IgG Antibody that result may increase the suggestion that the mumps IgG Antibody decline in diabetic patients similar to other studies [11, 12].

These results are in agreement with other studies that mumps virus may be an etiological factor of type 1 diabetes [7, 13, 14].

Table 2: cross tabulation causes correlation ship among Vaccinated Status in the two groups related that Mumps Parametes responding.

		Vaccine		Total	CS P-value
		Incomplete vaccine	Complete vaccine		
mumps	Neg.	Count	6	58	64
		% of Total	8.3%	81.7%	90%
	pos.	Count	0	8	8
		% of Total	0%	11.1%	11.1%
	Total	Count	6	66	72
		% of Total	8.3%	91.7%	100%

3) Seroprevalence of mumps IgG antibody in diabetic patients from previous infection and/or vaccine & vaccinated control.

More than 90% of recipients of a MMR vaccine develop antibody, clinical efficacy has been estimated to be 90% (range 90-100%) the duration of vaccine induced immunity is believed to be greater than 20 years, and is probably life long in most vaccine recipients [10].

Previous studies that depended on mumps IgG Antibodies detection by ELISA in Iran 2009 showed (80.2%) seropositivity rate for mumps [16], in Greece showed (72%) was protected against mumps [17].

Table (3) shows the protection of MMR vaccine that given to control and patient groups, Control group showed only 8 persons (44.4%) protection against mumps infection while 10 persons (55.6%) were seronegative incomparable with other studies this may be attributed to primary or secondary MMR vaccine failure. Insufficient childhood vaccination coverage may result in an epidemiological shift in the incidence of mumps to older age groups. If a large proportion of the population remains seronegative for mumps, vaccination of adults should be considered [15, 18]. It is very important to say that significant low measles-mumps-rubella IgG Ab protection level was detected in poor country like in Bagladeshi children suggesting an intergral vaccination strategy [19].

Table 7: Seroprevalence Mumps IgG Antibody in diabetic patients and control

		Mumps IgG		Total	C.S. P-value	
		Neg.	pos.			
group	Disease	Count	01	21	22	F.E.P.T. P=0.299 NS
		% within group	4.8%	29.3%	13.3%	
	% of Total	0.9%	23.3%	8.0%		
	Control	Count	10	8	18	
Control	% within group	55.6%	44.4%	100.0%	CC=0.084 P=0.470 NS	
	% of Total	12.2%	18.2%	30.4%		
Total	Count	11	29	40		
	% of Total	27.5%	72.5%	100.0%		

Regarding patients 21 (29.2%) had mumps IgG Ab positivity. [depending on questioner 2 of them don't have a complete vaccine doses] and this percentage was less than control group which was in agreement with other studies that showed decline of mumps IgG Ab in diabetic patients [11, 12]. This percentage may slightly increase to 31.8% if we exclude the incompletely vaccinated patients (1 patients) but still less than control group.

In Table (8) total number of patients with positive ICA was 13 (18.1%), while 21 (29.2%) patients were positive mumps IgG Ab, 6 (8.3%) patients had positive results for both of them (2 of 6 had history of mumps). 44 patients had negative result for ICA and mumps IgG Ab p= 0.126 there is a confidence level equal to 87.4% which might indicate a relation between them.

Table 8: Mumps IgG antibody associated with ICA

Parameter	Responding	Count & Percent	ICA		Total
			Neg.	pos.	
Mumps IgG Antibody	Neg.	Count	44	7	51
		% of Total	71.1%	9.7%	80.8%
	pos.	Count	10	6	16
		% of Total	20.8%	8.3%	29.2%
Total	Count	54	13	67	
	% of Total	81.4%	18.6%	100.0%	
C.S. P-value			F.E.P.T P=0.126	C.C.=0.133 P=0.133	

Relationship between mumps IgG Antibody GADA was demonstrated in Table (9) the number of patients with positive GADA was 50 (72.0%).

Fourteen (19.4%) out of 72 patients showed positive result for both GADA and mumps IgG Ab, on the other hand 20 (27.8%) out of 72

patients were negative for both of them the result remained non significant p= 0.524.

Table 9: Mumps IgG Antibody associated with GADA.

Parameter	Responding	Count & Percent	GADA		Total
			Neg.	pos.	
Mumps IgG Ab	Neg.	Count	20	31	51
		% of Total	27.8%	43.1%	70.8%
	pos.	Count	7	14	21
		% of Total	9.7%	19.4%	29.2%
Total	Count	27	45	72	
	% of Total	37.5%	62.5%	100.0%	
C.S. P-value			F.E.P.T P=0.524	C.C.=0.000 P=0.739	

A study dependent on clustering of cases of type one diabetes mellitus occurring 2-5 years after vaccination with clustering after infection and progression to type one diabetes in autoantibody positive individuals, demonstrate that a distinct rise in these cases after MMR vaccine [20].

Another studies showed that very few patients may developed some autoimmune diseases following viral vaccine and for the overwhelming majority of people, vaccines are safe and no evidence linking viral vaccines with type one diabetes [21, 22], and the prevalence of ICA positivity was unaffected by MMR vaccine [23].

In our study depending on the patient's history 77 patients had a history of complete mumps vaccine doses, from those 19 patients had positive mumps IgG Ab mean while 16 of them had GADA and/or ICA (Figure 1) interestingly the onset of diabetes occurred 2-5 years after first or second dose of vaccine in 6 of them.

Another important thing was from the group of the vaccinated patients and control the highest level of immunoglobulin G antibody to mumps was found in a female 30 year old which has a typical ICA and elevated GADA without history of mumps infection. These results may be in agreement with the hypothesis that viral vaccine may have a role in type one diabetes and in the big jump in the number of cases of juvenile diabetes [24, 25].

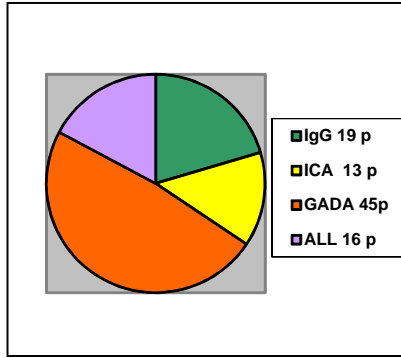


Figure 1: shows number of the patients that positive mumps IgG Antibody, ICA, GADA, and the number of patients that had a positive result for mumps IgG Antibody, GADA and/or ICA (16 patients)

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