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Of 12 703 samples, 430 (3.4%) met the inclusion criteria. Of these, 398 had available serum for precipitation with PEG. Patients with initial TSH <15 mU/l were younger than those with TSH 15 mU/l or above (P=0.03). The group with recovered TSH percentage of up to 24% (n=106) had a lower initial TSH value when compared with 25% or higher (n=292) (P=0.01). Older age (50 and older, n=200) was associated with a higher level of monomeric TSH (P=0.003). The initial TSH values of 7.77 mU/l or above had tendency towards higher value of monomeric TSH (P=0.066). Conclusions

Our results suggest there could be a potential role for monomeric TSH determination prior to treatment initiation for subclinical hypothyroidism, mainly in young patients. The main strong point of our study is its real-world setting. The limitations are that we did not take into account the patients' background and treatment; we also did not have a possibility to use gel filtration chromatography which is considered a gold standard for monomeric TSH determination. At the next stage, we are planning to compare these results with a group of patients who have normal TSH values.

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The effects of naringenin on NRF2 and antioxidant enzymes expressions in the thyroids of the old-aged Wistar rats

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Citrus flavanone naringenin (NAR) is a potent antioxidant with ability to change pituitary-thyroid function. NAR increases concentration of thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) in serum by increasing Sirtuin1 expression in the pituitary thyrotrophs and improves thyroid hormonogenesis capacity in old-aged rats. Thyroid hormone production is followed by generation of large quantities of reactive oxygen species (ROS) which are essential for iodine organification. A master regulator of redox status, NRF2 protein, together with antioxidant enzymes (AOE), is responsible for maintenance of redox/antioxidant balance in the cell. Considering that NRF2 expression can be affected by NAR, besides TSH, the study aim is to analyze gene and protein expressions of NRF2 and AOE in the thyroids of 24-month-old male Wistar rats. NAR was suspended in sunflower oil (vehicle) and administrated directly to the oral cavity, at a dose of 15 mg/kg b.m., during 4 weeks. Control group received vehicle only. We performed qPCR and immunoblot analyses for gene and protein expressions, respectively. Obtained results showed that NAR treatment lowered (P<0.05) mRNA levels of Nrf2, superoxide dismutase 1 and 2 (Sod1, Sod2) and catalase (Cat) for 42%, 32%, 45% and 35%, respectively, while it only increased (P < 0.05) expression of glutathione peroxidase (Gpx) for 54%, all in comparison with the controls. Gene expression of glutathione reductase (Gr) remained unchanged. Also, NAR up-regulated (P < 0.05) protein expression of NRF2 and SOD2 for 58% and 50%, respectively, and down-regulated (P < 0.05) SOD1 expression for 48%. all when compared to the adequate control values. CAT, GR and GPx protein expressions didn't change after NAR treatment. It can be concluded that NAR changes gene and protein expression of NRF2 in old-aged rat model. Down-regulation in Nrf2 gene expression, and some AOE, is in line with previously observed TSH stimulation after NAR. Antioxidant protection in thyroid needs to be lowered in order to ensure sufficient ROS for adequate thyroid hormones production. However, due to NAR prooxidant properties, redox status in thyroid upon its application was changed, inducing accumulation of NRF2 protein in the thyrocytes. This led to increment of Gpx gene and SOD2 protein expression, helping in maintenance of fundamental antioxidant protection and disposal of excessive ROS in the thyroid gland of old-aged rats.

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Retrospective analysis of low risk thyroid cancers. Total thyroidectomy

or lobectomy is the optimal approach for follow up? <u>Zoltán Hella</u>¹, László Vass², Zsolt Csapó³ & Gábor László Kovács¹ ¹Flor Ferenc Hospital, 1st Department of Internal Medicine, Kistarcsa, Hungary; ²Flor Ferenc Hospital, Department of Pathology, Kistarcsa, Hungary; ³Flor Ferenc Hospital, Department of Surgery, Kistarcsa, Hungary

Background

Differentiated thyroid cancer (DTC) <1 cm without risk factors require only lobectomy, and there is no need for radioiodine remnant ablation (RRA). The approach for surgery and RRA after surgery is less clearly defined for tumours measuring 1-4 cm.

Objectives

We aimed to evaluate the surgical approaches of DTC in stages pT1–2 in a moderate iodine deficient area. We compared our data to the current European Thyroid Association (ETA,2006) and American Thyroid Association (ATA,2015) clinical practice guidelines. Methods

Data of 111 DTC patients treated between 2013–2018 at Flór Ferenc Hospital, Kistarcsa were retrospectively analyzed. The therapeutical response could be evaluated in 96 DTC patients. Results

81 patients were classified with DTC in stages pT1–2. 64 patients were found in stages pT1, 17 patients were detected in stages pT2. The histological distribution of DTC was 65/81 (80.2%) papillary thyroid cancer (PTC) and 16/81 (19.8%) follicular thyroid cancer (FTC). Lymph node metastases were present in 21.5% of PTC and 0% of FTC. No distant metastases were detected. 25% of pT1 DTC was multifocal (9% limited to one lobe, 16% involved both lobes/isthmus), and 11.7% of pT2 DTC was multifocal (5.8% limited to one lobe, 5.8% involved both lobes). Thus pT1–2 multifocal DTC located in both lobes/isthmus were found in 11 patients (13.5%), all PTC, whereby 4/37 (10.8%) were in stage pT1a, 5/27 (18.5%) were in stage pT1b, 2/17 (11.8%) were in stage pT2. All of them underwent total thyreoidectomy, and in 10 of 11 were done postsurgical RRA. The tumour size in the contralateral lobe was <5 mm in 5 cases, was >5 mm in 3 cases (mean 9.6 mm) and there were no exact data in 3 cases.

Conclusions

In 13.5% of pT1–2 patients (11/81) the tumour involved both lobes, which changes the staging of the disease. The size of the tumour in the contralateral lobe is small in most cases (mean 1.4 mm), this fact makes almost impossible to detect and follow up them by ultrasound. Therefore we suggest total thyreoidectomy in moderate or low iodine supplied areas in T1b–T2 cases to improve the risk stratification, to determine the necessity of RRA and the long-term follow up, which are almost impossible if only lobectomy is being done.

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Early diagnosis of medullary thyroid cancer in case of low serum calcitonin: Role of calcitonin measurement in fine-needle aspiration washout fluid

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Background

Screening serum calcitonin (sCT) measurement in patients with thyroid nodules is still debated. Moreover, sCt cutoffs for medullary thyroid carcinoma (MTC) are not univocally defined. Also, sensitivity of cytology by fine needle aspiration biopsy (FNAb) has been demonstrated to detect approximately half of MTCs. Ct measurement in fine-needle aspiration washout fluid (Ct-FNAb) has high sensitivity and specificity and is helpful in case of non-diagnostic cytology¹. Recently, a series oflow sCt MTC has been collected². Aim

The objectives of this retrospective observational study were to define Ct-FNAb levels in subjects with low sCt (below cutoffs diagnostic for MTC) and to evaluate their clinical, ultrasonographic (US), cytological and histological characteristics.