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#### Abstract

This cross-sectional study was carried out to determine the effect of cigarette smoking on serum iron and magnesium levels. During the period of 5-30 April 2011. Seventy volunteers were smoker males (aged 18-35 years old), and thirty non smoker males (aged 18-35 years old, as control group) were enrolled in this study, they were from Khartoum (n=34), Khartoum-north (n=19) and Omdurman (n=47). Three ml of fasting venous blood were collected from each volunteer, the serum obtained and analyzed colorimetrically.

Statistical analysis of the obtained results revealed that; serum iron was significantly higher in smokers ( $140\pm52$ ) µg/dl when compared to non smokers ( $90\pm22$ ) µg/dl, (p value = 0.000), serum iron did not change due to age difference (p value = 0.2). Tribal origin had an effect on serum iron; it was significantly altered (p value = 0.04). There was insignificant difference between the mean of serum iron in smokers who smoked  $\leq15$  cigarettes per day ( $138\pm50$ ) µg/dl compared to those who smoked  $\geq15$  cigarettes per day ( $145\pm55$ ) µg/dl, (p value 0.6), there was no correlation between serum iron and the number of cigarettes per day, also there was no correlation between serum iron and the duration of smoking.

Also the analysis showed that; serum magnesium was significantly lower in smokers  $(1.4\pm0.40)$  mg/dl when compared to non smokers  $(2.2\pm0.39)$  mg/dl, (p value 0.000), serum magnesium did not change due to age difference (p value 0.4). Tribal variation did not affect serum magnesium (p value 0.2), there was significant difference between the mean of serum magnesium in smokers who smoked  $\leq 15$  cigarettes per day  $(1.5\pm0.36)$  mg/dl compared to those who smoked  $\geq 15$  cigarettes per day  $(1.3\pm0.35)$  mg/dl, (p value 0.03), there was a weak negative correlation between serum magnesium and the number of cigarettes per day (correlation coefficient r = -0.2), and there was a weak negative correlation between serum magnesium and the duration of smoking (correlation coefficient r = -0.3).

### المستخلص

اجريت هذه الدراسة الم قطعية لمعرفة تأثير تدخين السجائر على مستويات عنصري الحديد و المغنيسيوم في مصل الدم. تم جمع 70 عينة دم من مدخني السجائر و 30 عينة دم من اشخاص غير مدخنين (العينة الضابطة) من مختلف أنحاء و لاية الخرطوم (الخرطوم, امدرمان, والخرطوم بحري) في الفترة من 5 إلى 30 ابريل 2011.

اظهرت نتائج هذه الدراسة أن مستوى الحديد مرتفع لدى المدخنين (52±140) م قارنة بالعينة الضابطة (22±90) مايكروجرام لديسيلتر وكان مستوى المعنوية (0.000).) وأن مستوى الحديد لايتأثر باختلاف اعمار المدخنين ولايتأثر بعدد السجائر التي تدخن في اليوم ومدى فترة التدخين, لكنه يتأثر بالاختلاف العرقي و القبلي.

كما اظهرت نتائج الدراسة أن مستوى المغنيسيوم منخفض لدى المدخنين ( 1.4±0.40) م قارنة بالعينة الضابطة (0.39±2.2) مليجرام ديسيلتر وكان مستوى المغنيسيوم لايتأثر باختلاف اعمار المدخنين ولا باختلافهم العرقي, لكنه يتأثر بعدد السجائر و مدى فترة التدخين.

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#### **Abbreviations**

AMD: Age-related Macular Degeneration.

 $\Delta A$ : delta Absorbance.

BC: Before Christ.

BMP: Bone Morphogenic Protein.

BRCA: breast cancer type 1 susceptibility protein.

C: Concentration.

CAB: Chromazurol B.

COPD: Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.

CTMA: Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide.

DMT1: Divalent Metal Transporter1.

DNA: Deoxy ribonucleic acid.

ET-1: Endothelin -1.

GEDTA: Glycoletherdiamine-N, N, N,N-tetraacetic acid.

GFR: Glomerular Filtration Rate.

HDL: High Density Lipoprotein.

HH: Hereditary Haemochromatosis.

LDL: Low Density Lipoprotein.

PCT: Porphyria Cutanea Tarda.

pH: Potential of Hydrogen.

PTH: Para Thyroid Hormone.

RBCs: Red Blood Cells.

RDA: Recommended Dietary Allowance.

RNA: Ribonucleic acid.

SPSS: Statistical Package for Social Science.

STD: Standard.

TIBC: Total Iron Binding Capacity.

WHO: World Health Organization.

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