

Determination of some biochemical marker in patients with breast cancer

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Abstract

Breast cancer is a big problem in Western females in which the most useful serum markers of this diseases in its early stage are CA15-3 and CEA. CA125 play a big role with other physical examination in the detection of ovarian cancer, but its role with breast cancer has been studied with this research beside the effect of C-reactive protein (CRP) as the aim of this study. 46 consecutive women suffering from breast cancer and aged from 35-45 years has been included in this study. CA125 were investigated by minividas. C.R.P. was measured also using a fresh sera by C.R.P. latex test. CA125 and C.R.P. levels were measured every three months interval to follow up the patient before each course of chemotherapy. The results showed the mean \pm SD for CA125 before chemotherapy was 65.78 ± 15.68 which was shown significant differences with the first (54.76 ± 12.44), second (50.15 ± 11.62) and third month (40.02 ± 10.13) of chemotherapy with $P < 0.000$. C-Reactive protein was measured also for all patients for the same period of time. There is a significant differences in the concentration of C.R.P. between group 1 (96 ± 48 mg/dl) and group 2 ($< 6, 12, 24$ mg/dl) in the 1st month $p < 0.0001$ - $p < 0.0002$ in the 2nd month and $p < 0.0001$ in the 3rd month. The results of these calculations the future it may be useful if we research about a relation between these two parameters (CA125 & CRP) in the case of metastasis of breast cancer.

Introduction

Breast cancer is a big problem in Western females (1,2,3,4,5) serum and tissue based marker is dependent in the diagnosis and prognosis of patients with breast cancer; in which the most useful serum markers of this disease in its early stage are CA15-3 and carcinoma embryonic antigen {CEA} (6,7), other doctors may also estimate elevated in both diseases and began condition such as CA27-29 (8,9).

CA125 a main like glycoprotein was first identified by the monoclonal antibody OC125 in 1981 (10). CA125 play a big role with other physical examination in the detection of ovarian cancer (11), but its role with breast cancer has been studied with this research beside the effect of C-reactive protein (CRP) as the aim of this study. CA125 is a protein found in the blood and it is known as tumor or cancer marker as increased level may indicate that ovarian cancer was present (12,13,14,15). However, there are many other causes for raised CA125 level such as ovulation, menstruation, endometriosis, fibroids and benign ovarian cysts; illness such as liver or kidney diseases and malignant condition such as breast cancer (16,17).

CRP is an acute phase reactant synthesized by the liver and is regulated by proinflammatory cytokine (18,19,20,21); Although its function is unclear and it may play a good role beside CA125 in the diagnosis and prognosis of patients with breast cancer.

Patients and Method

Information was taken from all patients by the pre-tested questionnaire on family history to this disease, drug condition specially for control group and Physical examination by mamograph were also included in this study.

Statistical analysis were analyzed using paired t-test and all value were quoted as the mean \pm SD. Differences objectives were considered significant at $p < 0.05$ (22). sixty – four consecutive women suffering

from breast cancer and aged from 35-45 years has been included in this study.

CA125 were investigated for all patients before under went chemotherapy (Normal Rang < 30 U/ml), which was measured by minividas by measuring C125 antigen in the serum by ELFA technique using a kit purchased from biomereux Ltd, France (23).

C.R.P. was measured also using a fresh sera by C.R.P. latex test (24) using a kit purchased from biomereux Ltd, France.

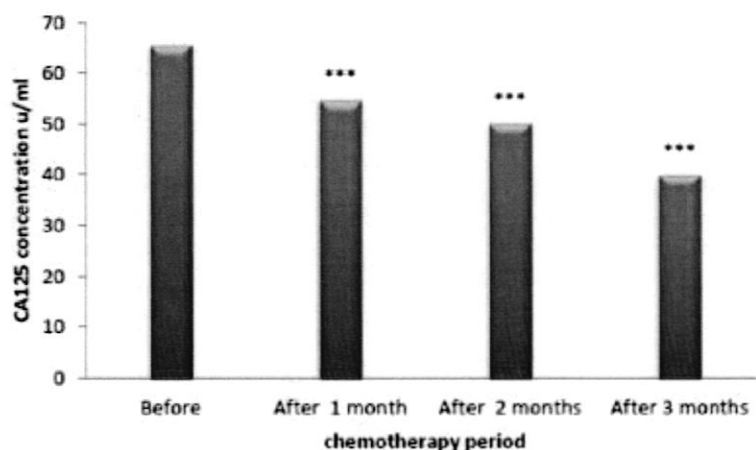
CA125 and C.R.P. levels were measured every three months interval to follow up the patient before each course of chemotherapy. Serum sample was taken in the morning in 5ml syringe, C.R.P. was measured immediately while CA125 was measured in sera stored at -20°C . All this investigations had been down by the aid of oncology and nuclear medicine hospital and Ibn sina teaching hospital in which the patients achieving a complete clinical, physical and radio graphical examination during the study period of April 2007 through January 2010. The control group was included also in this study getting a forty-one women free from breast cancer. CA125 and CRP has measured for all these women; in which CA125 was < 30 U/ml in 26 women (63.4%), while the remainder having value ≥ 30 U/ml (36.6%).

Results

Serum CA125 and CRP was analyzed for forty-six consecutive women suffered from breast cancer before chemotherapy and follow up period of three months. The mean \pm SD for CA125 before chemotherapy was 65.78 ± 15.68 U/ml which was shown significant differences with the first (54.76 ± 12.44) U/ml, second (50.15 ± 11.62) U/ml and third month (40.02 ± 10.13) U/ml of chemotherapy with $P < 0.000$ as it shown in table-1 & figure-1.

Table-1 Concentration of CA125 in patients before and the during period of therapy

Therapy period Month	Mean \pm SD		.P-value
	Before Therapy	After Therapy	
1	65.78 \pm 15.68	54.76 \pm 12.44	<0.000
2	65.78 \pm 15.68	50.15 \pm 11.62	<0.000
3	65.78 \pm 15.68	40.02 \pm 10.13	<0.000



*** Significant difference from before at $p < 0.000$

Figure-1 concentration of CA125 in patients before and during period of therapy

C-Reactive protein was measured also for all patients for the same period of time. The patient was divided into two groups according to the concentration of CRP, in which patients having a concentration of 96 mg/dl involve in groupe one and groupe two included the concentration of $< 6, 12, 24$ mg/dl ;in which , before chemotherapy all patients included in groupe-1 (100%) with a concentration of 96 mg/dl (69.6%) and 48mg/dl (30.4%) .

In the first month of chemotherapy forty one patient included in groupe-1 with concentration of 96mg/dl (45.7%) and 48mg/dl (43.5%) while the reminder were involved in grope-2 with concentration of

24mg/dl (8.7%)and 12mg/dl (2%) ; the differences of $P < 0.0001$.

In the second month of chemotherapy 19.6% of patients included in groupe-1 with a concentration of 48mg/dl, while in the second groupe 32.6% (24mg/dl), 39.1% (12mg/dl) and 8.7% (< 6 mg/dl) $P < 0.0002$.

In the third month of chemotherapy the concentration was 0.0% in groupe-1 while in groupe-2 it was 43.5% (12mg/dl) and the reminder patient 56.5% with a concentration of (< 6 mg/dl) $P < 0.0001$. see table-2 & figure-2 .

Table-2 Distribution of CRP concentration in patients during therapy

CRP mg/dl Concentration	Before		1-month		2-month		3-month	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<6	0	0	0	0	4	8.7	26	56.5
12	0	0	1	2.1	18	39.1	20	43.5
24	0	0	4	8.7	15	32.6	0	0
48	14	30.4	20	43.5	9	19.6	0	0
96	32	69.6	21	45.7	0	0	0	0

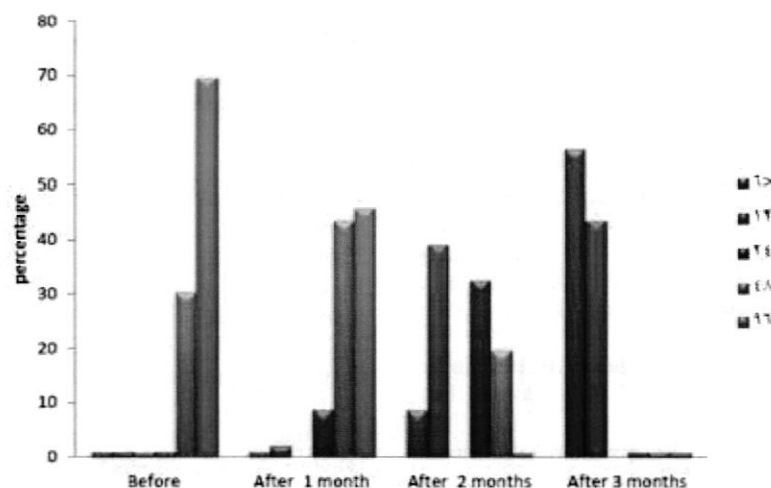


Figure-2 Distribution of CRP concentration in patients during therapy

CA125 value before chemotherapy was ≥ 30 U/ml for all patients and remain like this in the first and second month of ; chemotherapy while in the third month of

chemotherapy 37 patients (80.5%) having a value of ≥ 30 U/ml and just 9 patients (19.5%) decreased in its value to <30 U/ml as it shown in table-3 & figure-3.

Table-3 Distribution of CA125 in patients before and during therapy

CA125 u/ml Concentration	Before		1-month		2-month		3-month	
	No.	%	No.	No.	%	No.	%	No.
+VE	46	100	46	100	46	100	37	80.5
-VE	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	19.5

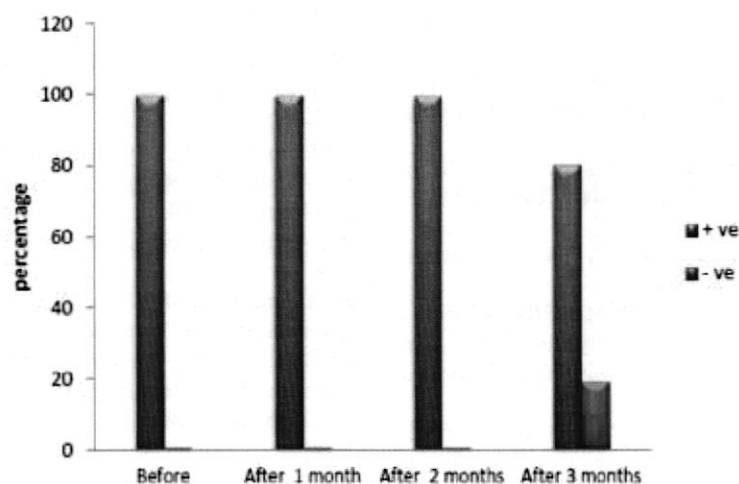


Figure-3 Distribution of CA125 in patients before and during therapy

In control grope 15 women 36.5% with CA125 value of ≥ 30 U/ml and 26 women 63.5% with CA125 value of < 30 U/ml.

Discussion

CA125 is a surface glycoprotein , which elevated commonly in the case of ovarian cancer ^(25,26) however; this marker have been reported in other benign condition such as pregnancy, indomateriosis, ovulatory cycle, liver diseases and tuberculosis ^(15,16,26) (as in control grope involved in this study); also in number of other malignant condition like breast cancer ^(16,27,28,29,30,31,32,33).

Ca125may play a good role for monitoring progression and regression in patients of breast cancer .In this study Ca125 show a significant differences through different periods (before ,first ,second and third month) of chemotherapy but its value still ≥ 30 U/ml, so it may be useful beside mammographic and other physical examination for monitoring patients with breast cancer during their follow up and this agree with R.Yerushalm *etal* . And Atalay C. respectively ^(30,31); which were thought that CA125 is a marker for primary breast cancer.

C-Reactive protein play a big role beside CA125 in the follow up of breast cancer for patients involved in this study in which this acute phase protein deals with other type of cancer like colorectal cancer⁽³⁴⁾.

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قياس بعض المؤشرات الكيموحيوية للمرضى المصابين بسرطان الثدي

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الملخص

سرطان الثدي من الأمراض الشائعة لنساء منطقة الشرق الأوسط. من الدلائل السرطانية المستخدمة لكشف المرض في مراحله الأولى هي CA125 و CEA . الدليل السرطاني CA125 يلعب دور مهم في الكشف عن سرطان المبايض ولكن دوره في سرطان الثدي درس إلى جانب C.R.P. كهدف لهذه الدراسة .

تضمنت الدراسة 46 مريضة بسرطان الثدي وبأعمار تراوحت بين 35-45 سنة وقد تم قياس CA125 بجهاز ال Minividas بالإضافة ل C.R.P. بطريقة ال latex test قد تم قياس هذين المتغيرين قبل العلاج الكيماوي بالإضافة لمتابعة الحالة لمدة ثلاثة أشهر لنفس المريضات حيث أظهرت النتائج الوسط الحسابي $\pm 45,76$ ، الشهر الثاني $11,62 \pm 50,15$ وللشهر الثالث كان $10,13 \pm 40,02$. والذي يشير إلى اختلاف معنوي للشهر الأول في المتابعة $12,44 \pm 45,76$ ، الشهر الثاني $11,62 \pm 50,15$ وللشهر الثالث كان $10,13 \pm 40,02$. أما بالنسبة ل C.R.P. فقد أعطى اختلاف معنوي بتركيزه بين المجموعة الأولى (96-48 ملغم / 100 مل) والثانية ($6 < 12,24$ ملغم / 100 مل) للشهر الأول $P < 0.0001$ ، الثاني $P < 0.0002$ والثالث $P < 0.0001$. وأخيرا يمكن الاستنتاج ان يكون من المفيد في المستقبل دراسة العلاقة بين المتغيرين CA125 و C.R.P. في الحالات المتقدمة لسرطان المبايض.