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LIST OF ABREVIATIONS

G.E. Gartroenteritis

E.coli Escherichia coli

cAMP Cyclic adenosin monophosphate

cGMP Cyclic guanin monophosphate

E.C.F. Extra cellular fluid

DIC Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy

G.F.R. Glomerulo filtration rate

A.D.H. Anti diuretic hormone

NHD Non hypernatremic dehydration

ORS Oral rehydration solution

HD Hypernatremic dehydration

PEM Protein energy malnutrition

DNA Deoxyribo nueclic acid

TDT Terminal deoxynucleactidyl transferase

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G Globulin

wt. Weight

INTRODUCTION

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Diarrhea and malnutrition are major causes of childhood morbidity and mortality in developing countries (Oekeahialam, 1982).

Mese conditions have generally been considered separate entities. However, sharing a common target population and overlapping causal factors, they interact together to potentiate each other. It has thus been suggested to think of diarrhea and malnutrition as a complex (Rowland, 1981).

Anthropometry is of value in screening for marginal, subclinical malnutrition as well as in typing and staging of malnutritional disorders (Zerfas et al, 1977).

In healthy children, the nutritional consequences of diarrhea are usually not significant, but in malnourished ones, diarrhea can be critical (WHO, 1975).

Dehydration as a result of diarrhea continues to be a leading cause of death in children, especially in developing countries. The infant is debilitated to such an extent that he becomes incapable of resisting what otherwise could be a passing infection.

The incidence of specific types of dehydration in developing countries where malnutrition is prevalent has not been well documented. Nevertheless, few reports indicate a higher incidence of hyponatremia in malnourished infants (Samadi et al, 1985).

AIM OF WORK

The aim of this work is to detect the effect of nutritional status on the frequency of hyponatremia and hypernatremia in diarrhea. Also, to study the various changes in serum potassium, serum plasma proteins, albumin, globulin and albumin/globulin ratio, in dehydrated infants, malnourished and well nourished.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE