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ABBPEVIATION

AA : Ascorbic acid

AC : Articular cartilage

ACR: American college of Rheumatology

ADL: Activities of Daily Living

AFGF: Acid fibroblast growth factors

AMI : Arthrogenous Muscle Inhibition

ASU : Avocado/ Soybean unsaponifiables

BFGF: Basic fibroblast growth factors

BMPs : Bone morphogenetic proteins

CAT scan: Computerized axial tomography

CMCJ: Carpometacarpal joint

CMTs : Chemically modified tetracyclines

CNS : Central nervous system

COMP: Cartilage oligomeric matrix protein

Cox : Cyclo-oxygenase

CPPD: Calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate

CS : Chondroitin sulfate

DHA: Dehydroascorbic acid

DMOAD: Disease-modifying anti-osteoarthritis drugs

Dpry : Deoxypyridinoline

ECM: Extracellular matrix

EGF: Epidermal growth factor

GAGPS: Glycosaminoglycan polysulfuric acid

GAGs: Glycosaminoglycans

GF : Growth factor

GRE: Gradient-echo

GS: Glucosamine sulfate

HRP: Horseradish peroxides

HYA: Hyaluronan

IA : Intra-Articular

ICE: Intercellular converting enzyme

IF : Interferential therapy

IGF: Insulin-like growth factor

IL-1 R : Interleukin -1 receptor

IL-1 : Interleukin -1

IL-1Ra : IL-1 receptor antagonist

iNOS : Inducible nitrous oxide synthase

JSN : Joint space narrowing

JSW: Joint space width

LAP : Latency associated peptide

LFI : Lequesne function Index

LIF : Leukemia inhibitory factor:

LT : Leukotrienes

MAb : Monoclonal antibodies

MM : Matrix metalloproteinase

MPa : Mega Pascal

MPA : Methylprednisolone acetate

MRI : Magnetic resonance imaging

MTF : Medial tibio-femoral

MTX: Methotrexate

Na PP : Sodium pentosan polysulfate

NO: Nitrous oxide

NSAIDS: Non steroidal Anti-inflammatory drugs

OA : Osteoarthritis

PA: Plasminogen activator

PDGF: Platelet- derived growth factor

PEMF: Pulsed electromagnetic fields

PG: Proteoglycan

PGG2 : Prostaglandin G2

PGH2: Prostaglandin H2

Pyr : Pyridinoline

RA: Rheumatoid arthritis

ROM: Range of motion

ROS: Reactive oxygen species

TB: Tuberculosis

TENS: Transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation

TGF : Transforming growth factor

TIMP: Tissue inhibitor metalloproteinase

TNF-R: Tumor necrosis factor receptor

TNFα: Tumor necrosis factor alpha

VAS : Visual analogue scale

WOMAC: Western Ontario MacMaster University Osteoarthritis Index

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INTRODUCTION

Osteoarthritis is defined as a chronic disorder characterized by softening and disintegration of articular cartilage, with reactive phenomena such as vascular congestion and osteoblastic activity in the subarticular bone, new growth of cartilage and bone (i.e. osteophytes) at the joint margins and capsular fibrosis. [1]

OA is extremely prevalent in society and is a major cause of disability. So it is important to treat osteoarthritis effectively.

Glucosamine metabolites are vital for the production of cartilage glycosaminoglycans (GAGs) such as hyaluronic acid, chondroitin sulfate and keratin sulfate.

Pharmacokinetic studies in animals and man have confirmed that glucosamine salts are absorbed at greater than 90% when given orally and the body has the ability to convert performed glucosamine to glucosamine 6 phosphate and N-acetyl-d glucosamine. So, it seemed logical to look into glucosamine as a therapeutic agents for osteoarthritis which characterized by cartilage destruction. [2]

Vitamin and mineral deficiencies associated with increased incidence or pathology of degenerative joint disease. So vitamin C have been used therapeutically for osteoarthritis presumably by enhancing articular cartilage stability. [3]



AIM OF THE WORK

he aim of this study is the evaluation of the role of glucosamine sulfate and vitamin C as a chondroprotective agents in knee osteoarthritis.