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List of Abbreviations

AAI Atlantoaxial instability
AML Acute myeloid Leukemia
AML Acute myeloid leukemia

APP Amyloid beta (A4) precursor protein

bp Base pair C Cytosine

CAF1A Chromatin assembly factor 1, p60 subunit

CBS Cystathionine beta synthase

COL6A1 Collagen V1, alpha-1 polypeptide

CRYA1 Crystallin, alpha polypeptide

D.S. Down Syndrome

DHA Docasahexaenoic acid

ETS2 Oncogene ETS-2

FPIA Fluorescence Polarization Immunoassay
GLUR5 Glutamate receptor, ionotropic, kainate

HCY Homocysteine

IFNAR Interferon (alpha, beta), receptor for

IQ Intelligence Quotient

Kb Kilo base MB Mega Base

MMI Maternal Meiosis I
MMII Maternal Meiosis II

MTHFR Methylenetetrahydrofolate reductase

NTDs Neural Tube Defects
ORF Open reading fragment

PFKL Phosphofructokinase, liver type

SAH S-adenosylhomocysteine SAM S-adenosylmethionine SOD Superoxide dismutase

T Thymine

Abstract

The main aim of the present study was detection of the frequency of MTHFR gene mutation in Egyptians as a risk factor for nondisjunction. Mothers were subjected to complete nutritional history, estimation of homocysteine level in blood and study of MTHFR mutation at site 677.

The results showed absence of MTHFR gene mutation in D.S. mothers and control mothers. Folate intake was significantly low in mothers with D.S. children. This indicates that sufficient folate (400 µg/d) is important preventive strategy, for nondisjunction. Blood homocysteine was normal in both D.S. mothers, which indicate that homocysteine is affected by other factors than folate intake.

Key words:

Down syndrome, MTHFR gene, mutation, Homocysteine, Folate

Introduction And Aim of work

1. Introduction

The story of Down syndrome began in 1866, when a physician, John Langdon Down published an essay in England. He described a set of children with common features who were distinct from other children with mental retardation. He made the first distinction between children who were cretins and what he referred to as "Mongoloids. In the 1970s, an American revision of scientific terms called it simply "Down syndrome,"

The incidence differs at different maternal ages. It is 1/1500 at 20 years, 1/1350 at 25 years, 1/900 at 30 years, 1/380 at 35 years, 1/240 at 37 years, 1/150 at 39 years, 1/85 at 41 years, 1/28 at 45 years, (Cheffins et al., 2000).

The overall birth prevalence of Down syndrome is 1 in 700 live births, (Cheffins et al., 2000). The incidence at conception is much greater, but more than 60% are spontaneously aborted and at least 20% are stillborn. It is a leading genetic cause of mental retardation. About 80% of trisomy 21 conceptions result in pregnancy loss, (Freeman et al., 1996). Despite its prevalence and consequence, the biochemical and molecular mechanisms that predispose to maternal nondisjunction are not understood. Recent evidence indicates that abnormal recombination during the meiosis I prophase is associated