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INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF WORK

Hyperbilirubinemia is probably the most common medical diagnosis in the newborn and is frequently found in infants prematurely.

Treatment is directed to avoid neurotoxicity caused by bilirubin specially kernicterus. (*Turkel et al., 1980*).

Bilirubin occurs in plasma in four forms:

(1) Unconjugated bilirubin; (2) free or unbound bilirubin (the form responsible for kernicterus, because it can cross cellmmbranes); (3) conjugated bilirubin (the only fraction to appear in urine) and (4) δ fraction (bilirubin covalenty bound to albumin) which appears in the serum when hepatic excretion of conjugated bilirubin is impaired in patients with hepato biliary disease. The δ fraction permits conjugated bilirubin to persist in the circulation and delays resolution of jaundice (Behrman et al., 1996).

The "free" bilirubin theory states that the risk of bilirubin neurotoxicity increases with increasing non albumin bound (unbound or free) bilirubin concentration because the free bilirubin concentration determines the distribution of bilirubin between the tissues (brain) and vascular space. The free bilirubin concentration is a function of both the albumin

concentration and total bilirubin concentration increasing as the bilirubin /albumin ratio increases (*Jacobsen*, 1969).

The "free" bilirubin theory is often misconstrued as implying that the unbound bilirubin is the "toxic" bilirubin fraction. As pointed out by *Robinson and Rapoport*, (1987) the theory proposes that the risk of bilirubin encephalopathly depends on both the total amount of bilirubin available (the miscible pool of bilirubin) as well as the tendency of bilirubin to enter the tissues (the unbound bilirubin concentration). They note that a high unbound bilirubin concentration might not lead to bilirubin neurotoxicity if the miscible pool of bilirubin is low.

At a contrast miscible bilirubin pool, the tissue bilirubin level and probability of bilirubin neurotoxicity varies inversely with the albumin concentrations.

The mathematical relationship between the dissociation constant (k) and molar concentrations of albumin, total bilirubin, and unbound bilirubin in the blood (assuming that nearly, all the bilirubin is bound to albumin and that there is a single bilirubin binding site per albumin molecule) is

Total bilirubin = Unbound bilirubin \cong k

Total albumin - Total bilirubin

The greater the bilirubin load, the higher the total and unbound bilirubin levels, tissue bilirubin level, and likelihood of

toxicity. The higher the albumin concentration at a specific bilirubin load, the higher the total serum bilirubin but the lower the tissue bilirubin concentration and likelihood toxicity. (Odell, 1980).

Blood exchange transfusion is awidely accepted therapeutic modality in the newborns. It is performed in neonatal jaundice to correct anemia and to prevent or correct hyperbilirubinemia that might lead to neurological sequelae. (Cloherty, 1991).

The indication of exchange transfusion should be individualized to some extent and might be based on a variety of criteria that include serum bilirubin concentration, albumin concentration and measurements of albumin binding of bilirubin. (Lee, 1987).

Acritical serum bilirubin concentration is typically used to decide when exchange transfusion should be performed, even though the magnitude of the serum bilirubin concentration is not aparticularly sensitive or specific predictor of bilirubin encephalopathy (Watchko et al., 1992).

The serum albumin concentration may contribute to the limited predictive value of the total bilirubin, because higher concentrations of albumin draw more the miscible pool of bilirubin into the vascular space, raising the serum bilirubin

concentration but lowering the likelihood of bilirubin toxicity (Bratlid et al., 1990).

Although it has been recommended that albumin be given before exchange transfusion to move bilirubin from the tissues into the vascular space to improve the efficiency of the exchange, the serum albumin concentration itself is rarely used as acriterion for exchange transfusion (*Bryan et al.*, 1982).

Exchange transfusion could be recommended when either a critical total bilirubin concentration or critical bilirubin / albumin ratio is reached (whichever comes first) (Ahlfors, 1994).

The aim of our work is to put bilirubin/albumin ratio side by side to total serum bilirubin concentration in deciding exchange transfusion in neonatal hyperbilirubinemia where exchange transfusion should be done when either a critical total serum bilirubin concentration or critical ratio is reached (whichever comes first).

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACD

Acid - Citrate - Dextrose

ADCC

Antibody - Dependent cell - Mediated Cytotoxicity

ADP

: Adenosine Diphosphate

ATP

: Adenosine Triphosphate

BCG

Brom Cresol Green

BCP

Brom Cresol Purpule

CMV

: Cytomegalo Virus

CPD

Citrate - Phosphate - Dextrose

DIC

: Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation

DNA

Deoxy Ribonucleic Acid.

ECG

: Electro Cardiogram

FFA

: Free Fatty Acids

FSH

: Follicle -Stimulating Hormone.

G6PD

: Glucose -6- Phosphate Dehydrogenase

G-SH

: Glutathione In Reduced Form.

Hdiv IG

High Dose Intravenous Immune Globulin

IEM

: Inborn Error of Metabolism

IQ

: Intelligence Quotient

LH

: Luteinizing Hormone

MMR vassine

Measles, Mumps & Rubella Vaccine

NADP

Nicotinamide Adenine Dinucleotide Phosphate

NOP : Nothing Per Oral.

PK : Pyruvate Kinase

RBC : Red Blood Cell

RDS : Respiratory Distress Syndrome

RH : Rhesus Factor

RID : Radial Immunodiffusion

RNA : Ribonucleic Acid

TSBL : Total Serum Bilirubin Level

UCB : Un conjugated Bilirubin

UDPGA : Uridine Diphosphate Glucuronic Acid

UDPGT : Uridine Diphosphate Glucuronyl Transferase

YAG : Yttrium - Aluminum - Garnet