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ANTENATAL SFLT1 AND PLGF LEVELS AT 20-28 WEEKS OF GESTATION FOR PREDICTION OF THE OCCURRENCE OF PREECLAMPSIA: A PRELIMINARY REPORT

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Introduction: Angiogenic and antiangiogenic factors substantially involve in the pathogenesis of preeclampsia. Levels of these biomarkers alter before the occurrence of disease.

Objectives: To determine the potential of using antenatal serum levels of soluble fms-like tyrosine kinase (sFlt1) and placental growth factor (PlGF) at 20-28 weeks of gestation for prediction of subsequent preeclampsia in non-selected population.

Methods: A reference range of serum sFlt1, PlGF level and sFlt1/PlGF ratio at 10- 42 weeks of gestation was determined from 291 healthy pregnant women using automated assays. Through antenatal visits at 20-28 weeks of gestation, serum of 1,689 women who had singleton pregnancy were obtained and frozen at -80 C. Serum of the mothers who subsequently develop preeclampsia were thawed and analyzed for sFlt1 and PlGF levels.

Results: At 48 hours postpartum, 21 of 1,689 mothers developed preeclampsia. Serum levels (mean \pm SEM) of sFlt1, PlGF and sFlt1/PlGF ratio obtained at 20-23⁺⁶ weeks of gestation in preeclampsia (N=8) VS normal values were 1,845 \pm 697 VS 1807 \pm 95 pg/ml, 339 \pm 86 VS 542 \pm 26 pg/ml and 33.9 \pm 29.5 VS 4.1 \pm 0.3 (P = 0.304, 0.051 and 0.561) respectively. Serum levels of sFlt1, PlGF and sFlt1/PlGF ratio obtained at 24-27⁺⁶ weeks of gestation in preeclampsia (N=13) VS normal values were 2,732 \pm 637 VS 1576 \pm 82 pg/ml, 449 \pm 57 VS 718 \pm 52 pg/ml and 8.9 \pm 3.4 VS 2.6 \pm 0.2 (P = 0.081, 0.006 and 0.017) respectively.

Conclusion: In non-selected population, automated assay of sFlt1 and PlGF levels and sFlt1/PlGF ratio during 20-28 weeks of gestation appear to have potential in prediction of the occurrence of preeclampsia.

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