

EFFECT OF SMOKING ON VITAMIN D AND 1,25-DIHYDROXYCHOLECALCIFEROL IN PATIENTS OF THE LUDWIGSHAFEN RISK AND CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH STUDY

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INTRODUCTION: Recently lower vitamin D (25OHD) in active smokers (S) was reported. We analyzed 25OHD and its active metabolite dihydroxycholecalciferol (1,25OHD) in S and life-time nonsmokers (NS) of the LURIC study and investigated their association with incident chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). **MATERIALS AND METHODS:** 25OHD and 1,25OHD were measured in 3316 LURIC patients. Smoking status was assessed by questionnaire and measurement of plasma cotinine. Incident COPD was assessed by a follow-up questionnaire. **RESULTS:** 777 patients were S and 1178 NS. From 1123 patients returning the questionnaire 9 S and 13 NS reported an incident COPD. Concentrations of 25OHD were similar in S and NS whereas 1,25OHD was lower in S (33.7 (14.1) vs. 35.2 (14.1) ng/L, $p=0.022$) and correlated to cotinine concentration ($r_s=0.120$). After adjustment for age, sex, eGFR and the season of blood sampling the estimated marginal means (95%CI) of 1,25OHD were 32.5(31.5-33.5) ng/L and 36.0(35.2-36.8) ng/L for S and NS, respectively. 25OHD was associated with incident COPD in S with an odds ratio (95%CI) of 0.937(0.888-0.989). **CONCLUSIONS:** Reduced concentrations of 1,25OHD but not 25OHD in S indicate a potential effect of smoking on vitamin D metabolism possibly followed by consecutive effects.