

patient leads to a decrease in bone mass. The bone loss greater is observed in the 6 months after the spinal cord injury, and stabilizing between 12–16 months after the same. The incidence of fractures oscillates between 1.5% and 6%.

Objectives: To assess bone metabolism and bone fracture incidence in SPI patients.

Methods: Prospective study of SPI patients from the Spinal Cord Injury Unit of La Fe Hospital. In all cases densitometry, x-ray image, bone metabolism biomarkers and clinical evaluation have been performed according protocol. Statistical techniques was carried out using R software 3.2.3, using mixed linear regression models.

Results: We studied 40 patients with SCI, 54% of them men and 46% women, with a mean age of 59.5 years (57.3- 63.5). The 58% of patients showed thoracic injuries, 48.6% paraparesis and 46.7% presented level C in Asia scale. The baseline study was performed in 100% of patients (n=40), 65% in month 6 (n=26), 30% in month 12 (n=12), and in 22.5% in month 18 (n=9). The 32.4% of patients received supplementation with calcium and vitamin D at month 0, 66.7% at month 6 and 100% at month 12.

In month 6, the 11.1% was treated with antiresorptive drugs.

An increase in vitamin D values can be observed in the population with follow-up (values of 16.82 in month 0 to 39.33 in month 12), justified by the supplementation, and there is an increase in Calcium and a decrease in phosphorus values.

There was also a decrease in PTH levels in month 12 (32.3) compared to month 0 (34.08), as well as a decrease in bctx levels. Probably related to the increase of vitamin D.

Despite a decrease in the densitometric parameters at month 6, a slight recovery in bone mineral density at month 12 was observed. No bone fractures were seen during Follow-up in none of the patients.

Results from biochemical markers and densitometry are showed in the table

Parameter	Month 0	Month 6	Month 12
	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)
Calcium	9.04 (0.47)	9.57 (0.36)***	9.39 (0.34)***
Phosphorus	3.83 (0.62)	3.42 (0.45)***	3.4 (19.94)***
25OH Vitamin D	16.82 (10.4)	37.27 (15.52)***	39.33 (19.94)***
PTH	34.08 (21.74)	36.16 (19.46)	32.3 (12.6)
P1NP	76.1 (79.18)	64.27 (28.11)	65.87 (25.76)
BCTX	0.94 (0.46)	0.62 (0.87)**	0.34 (0.21)***
Lumbar spine tscore	-0.24 (1.58)	-0.25 (1.11)	-0.3 (1.27)
Femoral neck tscore	-0.73 (1.34)	-1.35 (1.03)**	-1.26 (1.25)**
Hip bone tscore	-0.74 (1.25)	-1.56 (1.29)***	-1.52 (1.4)***

*p<0,05, **p<0,01, ***p<0,001.

Conclusions: A high percentage of our patients with spinal cord injury has a vitamin D deficiency. In addition, the lower levels are associated with cases where the mobility limitation is higher. As patients increase vitamin D values, a decrease in the bctx and PTH parameters is observed.

No fractures were detected during follow-up.

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AB0838 EPIDEMIOLOGY AND ANALYSIS OF FALLS IN PATIENTS DURING BALNEOTHERAPY IN DANUBIUS HEALTH SPA PIESTANY

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Background: Patients falls in hospitals are frequent and undesirable complications that may lead to negative outcomes such as injuries, prolonged hospitalization and legal liability.

Objectives: To investigate the incidence and characteristics of patients hospitalized in the Health Spa Piestany.

Methods: Prospective analysis of falls in the group of in-patients of health spa during a year since 01.01.2015 to 31.12.2015.

Results: Overall there were hospitalized in the health spa 25 774 in-patients. The mean age of patients was 64,02±13,16 years. There were women - 15 301, mean age (63,61±11,57 years) and men 10 473, with mean age (64,43±9,22 years). Falls were confirmed in 131 patients (women 94, mean age 68,55±10,22 years and men 37 males, mean age 70,39±7,62 years. Fractures have been confirmed in 19 patients, all of them non-vertebral. The ankle distortion were in 11 patients and lacerated wounds in 10 patients. There were collapse status in 8 and commotio cerebri in 1 patient. Spa therapy had to be discontinued only in 5 from 131 patients due to falls. The annual incidence of falls reached 5,08 cases/1000 patients. In women there were - 6,14 cases/1000 women a year and in men 3,53 cases/1000 men a year. The annually incidence of fractures reached 0,69/1000 patients. The most common locations of falls were hotel rooms, especially bathtub in the bathroom (49%), slightly less facilities for balneotherapy (22%), the area outside the spa (21%) and at least in the park area of health spa 8%. Women and men who have suffered falls had significantly higher age and had also high rate of cardio-vascular morbidity (87%).

Conclusions: The annual incidence of falls among patients in a balneotherapy reached to 5.08 cases per 1,000 patients per year. Incidence of falls in women was almost twice as high compared to men. The age of women and men with

falls was significantly higher (p<0,001) compared to other patients and they also had higher rate of cardiovascular morbidity. The most common locations of falls were bathtubs in the bathroom.

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AB0839 THE EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF DENOSUMAB LOCAL EXPERIENCE)

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Background: Denosumab was introduced to the United Arab Emirates Market in 2013. Given the limited experience in using Denosumab in the region we have explored its efficacy and safety in daily practice.

Objectives: To assess the efficacy and safety of Denosumab in our practice.

Methods: *Inclusion criteria:* All patients received Denosumab in a dose of 60mg every six months. Underwent DEXA scan in Dubai Health Authority. *Exclusion from analysis:* Other Doses of Denosumab, who received less than 3 doses, and those with no follow up DEXA scan. *Outcome measures:* 1) Efficacy: Proposed Criteria for Assessing Clinical Response [1,2]. a) "inadequate": incident fracture and significant BMD decrease. b) "possible inadequate": incident fracture or significant BMD decrease. c) "appropriate": no fracture and stability or increase in BMD. 2) Safety: Reviewing the medical records and conduct patients interview for occurrence of the following adverse events. *Statistical analysis:* Descriptive statistical analysis, Graphpad Prism 6 was used.

Results: 143 patients identified. Out 139 patients 86 were eligible for analysis (See table 1). At baseline 39% had normal vitamin D level, 57% had insufficiency and 4% had deficiency. 20 of 86 did not undergo repeated DEXA scan. 9% had osteopenia and 91% had osteoporosis before initiating Denosumab in comparison 8% had normal bone mineral density, 45% had osteopenia and 47% post four injections of Denosumab. Table 2 summarizes the comparison between the responders and non-responders. There was a significant positive correlation in the increase in bone mineral density among the responders at the femoral neck and the lumbar spine, (r=0.56, 95% confidence interval: 0.31–0.74, P-value <0.0001) No report of any of the adverse events 86 patients who completed 2 years or more on treatment.

Table 1. Patients characteristics at baseline

Variables	Number	Percentage
Age (yrs) median, (1st Quartile- 3rd Quartile)	65, (58–67)	
51- 65	48	35%
>65	76	55%
Female	126	91%
UAE	121	87%
Comorbidities	72	52%
Received 4 Denosumab doses or more	86	62%
DEXA scan in DHA at Baseline	136	98%
Osteopenia	12	9%
Osteoporosis	124	91%
Fractures	12	9%

Table 2. Comparison between the appropriate Response group "Responders" and inadequate response group "Non-responders"

Variables	Responders	Non-responders	Odds Ratio	P-value	95% CI
Number	52	14			
Rheumatic Diseases	6	36	0.1	0.0001	0.05–0.2
Fracture	0	3	0.2	NS	
Pre-treatment fractures	9	1	9.5	0.02	2.0–70

Conclusions: Denosumab was effective and safe in our patients. Long-term follow up is required to verify these findings in our population.

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