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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

COPD	Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
25(OH)D	25 Hydroxy vitamin D
FEV ₁	Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second
BMI	Body Mass Index
IL	Interleukin
ILC	Innate Lymphoid Cell
TNF- α	Tumor Necrosis Factor α
FVC	Forced Vital Capacity
UV	Ultraviolet
TLR	Toll Like Receptor
IFN γ	Interferon γ
Th2	T helper 2
RCT	Randomized control trial
GOLD	Global initiative for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CCL5	Chemokine ligand 5
PTH	Parathyroid hormone
CHF	Congestive heart failure
DALY	Disability adjusted life year
IHD	Ischemic heart disease
GBD	Global Burden of Disease
ATS	American thoracic society
Nrf2	Nuclear factor erythroid 2
EGFR	Estimated glomerular filtration rate
RANKL	Receptor activator of nuclear factor kappa-B ligand

ABSTRACT

Background and Objectives

COPD is a major burden of chronic morbidity & mortality. Majority of mortality occurs while patient comes in episodes of acute exacerbations. Common triggering factors for exacerbations are infection by respiratory viruses and bacteria, which increases airway inflammation. Vitamin D metabolites enhance the induction of antiviral and antimicrobial effector mechanisms and decreases inflammatory responses. Vitamin D levels decreases with age & aging is potential risk factor for developing COPD. In COPD considering the age and poor nutrition status due to disease or comorbidity there might be an increased prevalence of serum calcium deficiency. Vitamin D plays a crucial role in serum calcium level regulation in the body. This study is aimed to find out the prevalence of deficiency of Vitamin D and hypocalcemia in stable COPD patients and to look for any association between Vitamin D and hypocalcemia in stable COPD patients

Methodology - The study was a one-year observational study done in the Department of Respiratory Medicine, J N Medical College, Belagavi. A total of 100 stable COPD patients were included. All patients underwent clinical examination, spirometry, measurement of serum Vitamin D levels and serum calcium levels. The Vitamin D levels were correlated to age group, gender, BMI, smoking history, calcium levels.

Results- Total of 100 stable COPD patients were enrolled in the study. There were 65 males, 35 females. Mean age of the study population was 67.70 ± 10.11 . Predominant age group of study population was 70-79years. Majority of study population had normal BMI which was in 59 patients. Mean FEV₁ of was $55.8 \pm 14.33\%$ predicted. Mean vitamin D levels was 19.33 ± 13.84 . Mean serum calcium level was 8.68 ± 0.54 .

Prevalence of vitamin D was found to be 62% in the study population. Prevalence of hypocalcemia is found to be 44%

Conclusion - Vitamin D deficiency is highly prevalent in stable COPD patients. There was no association between severity and vitamin D levels among study population. Prevalence of hypocalcemia in stable COPD is high. There was no relation between serum calcium levels and vitamin D levels.

Keywords - Vitamin D, bronchial asthma, exacerbations, severity, FEV₁% predicted.

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INTRODUCTION

COPD is 4th leading cause of mortality all over the world and predicted to be 3rd by 2020.¹ COPD is a main public health challenge if intervened properly can be prevented and treated. COPD is a major burden of chronic morbidity & mortality. Continuing exposure to risk factors and aging of the population will increase the disease burden in coming years which can be tackled with appropriate interventions.²

COPD affected approximately >170 million people worldwide and lead to an estimated death of 3.2 million in 2015.³ Majority of mortality occurs while patient comes in episodes of acute exacerbations .⁴ Common triggering factors for exacerbations are infection by respiratory viruses and bacteria, which increases airway inflammation.⁵

Vitamin D metabolites enhance the induction of antiviral and antimicrobial effector mechanisms and decreases inflammatory responses.^{6, 7} Moreover Meta-analyses from RCTs have shown that vitamin D intake decreases the risk of acute respiratory infections and exacerbations of asthma.^{8,9} evidence suggest there is an important role for vitamin D supplementation in prevention of COPD exacerbations.¹⁰ Vitamin D deficiency is commoner among COPD patients, but its relation with exacerbation of COPD have not been demonstrated.^{11-14,17,18}

Deficient vitamin D status is associated with increased susceptibility to upper respiratory tract infections among COPD patients.¹⁵ Vitamin D metabolites found to have pleiotropic anti-inflammatory & antimicrobial activity in vitro, which might

indicate that vitamin D intake may have a role in preventing exacerbations and upper respiratory tract infections among COPD patients.¹⁶⁻¹⁸

The results of a single-center trial of inpatients showed that addition of vitamin D reduced exacerbation risk in those with severe vitamin D deficiency.¹⁹ Four double-blind placebo-controlled RCTs have been published, investigating relation of vitamin D supplementation & risk of exacerbation in COPD among them, three studies reported no effect overall²⁰⁻²² & one study reported a protective effect overall.²³

Multicenter RCTs of vitamin D addition to assess prevention of COPD exacerbation, recruited from community & hospital might provide better understanding role of vitamin D and its implicative value in COPD. Vitamin D deficiency is known to speedup bone loss in adults & low vitamin D levels increases prevalence of chronic illnesses including cancers, autoimmune diseases and cardiovascular diseases^{24,25,26}

COPD integrates an uncontrolled inflammatory & infectious disease process of the airways with different comorbidities such as osteoporosis, cancer, skeletal muscle dysfunction, and cardiovascular disease, all these domains are potentially may get affected by low vitamin D levels.²⁷ Vitamin D levels decreases with age & aging is potential risk factor for developing COPD^{28,29}

Increasing age increases the reduction in bone mineralization and increased incidence of osteoporosis. In COPD considering the age and poor nutrition status due to disease or comorbidity there might be an increased prevalence of serum calcium deficiency. Vitamin D plays a crucial role in serum calcium level regulation in the body. Serum

calcium levels in COPD are not studied and their correlation with vitamin D levels was not clearly understood in COPD patients.

Vitamin D levels in stable COPD patients data is lacking in Indian studies and there are not many studies assessing serum calcium levels and Vitamin D levels relation. This study is intended to find out the Vitamin D deficiency and serum calcium deficiency in stable COPD and association between Vitamin D and calcium levels.

OBJECTIVES

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

- To find out the prevalence of Vitamin D deficiency in stable COPD patients.

SECONDARY OBJECTIVE

- To find out the prevalence of serum calcium deficiency in stable COPD patients and to look for any association between vitamin D and serum calcium levels in stable COPD patients.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

COPD is stated to be the fourth most important cause for death all over the world and is predicted to be the third leading cause by the year 2020.¹ If intervened properly, COPD can be prevented and treated.

Definition

“Global initiative for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (GOLD) defines COPD as a common preventable and treatable disease that is described by its persistent respiratory symptoms and airflow obstruction that could be either because of airway and/or alveolar abnormalities usually due to exposure to noxious particles or gases”

Characteristic airflow limitation is contributed by small airway disease & parenchymal destruction which have different manifestations in different individuals and could be influenced by the risk factors involved.

COPD is caused by a multifactorial interplay of prolonged exposure to harmful gases and particulate matter along with several host factors such as airway hyper reactivity, genetics and childhood developmental defect.³⁰⁻³² Tobacco smoking has a major role in the causation of COPD as evidenced by the increased prevalence of COPD in countries with increased exposure to tobacco smoking. In few countries, exposure to coal mine dust that is occupational exposure & indoor air pollution due to burning of firewood & biomass fuels were also contributing factors.^{33,34}

Existing data on COPD prevalence are varied, attributed to differences in methodology, diagnostic criteria, defining COPD, and analyses.³⁵ Many studies defined COPD by spirometry only and did not consider symptoms into account. Data from most countries reveal that <6 % of the adult populations are identified with COPD. This could be a representation of the under diagnosis of COPD.^{36,37}

In spite of these difficulties, there is emerging evidence that is enabling more precise estimates of the prevalence of COPD. Systematic review and meta-analysis of studies conducted in 28 countries between the years of 1990 and 2004 concluded that COPD is more common among those with exposure to smoke compared to those with no exposure to smoke³⁶, among those with age more than 40 compared to those with age less than 40, and among men compared to women.³⁸

COPD leads to a major financial burden. In European countries, 6% of the healthcare budget is spent towards treatment of respiratory disease.³⁹ Out of this, COPD accounts for a major percentage, 56 % of all respiratory diseases. In United States, indirect costs account for 20.4 billion dollars and direct costs are 32 billion dollars.⁴⁰ Acute exacerbations of COPD are responsible for a large portion of total COPD liability in healthcare system. Likewise, there is a salient association among the severity of COPD and cost of care & cost distribution changes as the disease progresses.

Morbidity

Morbidity measure includes emergency department visits, physician visits&hospitalizations. Available data suggests that morbidity because of COPD is more in the elderly population and in the males as compared to females. Comorbidities like musculoskeletal disease, diabetes mellitus & cardiac diseases could also affect the patient's health status and may also hinder with disease progression and management. ^{41,42}The Global Burden of Disease Study found that COPD is a major cause of disability & mortality all over the world& it is increasing day by day. In 2005 COPD was 8th leading cause of DALYs lost all over the world & by 2013 it became 5th leading cause of DALYs Lost. In United States, COPD is 2nd important cause of decreased DALYs, behind only IHD.

Mortality

COPD is one amongthe foremost causes of mortality in many countries. The GBD Study has estimated that COPD, which ranked 6th among mortality in 1990, in 2011 COPD was 3rd leading cause of mortality in United States.⁴³It is estimated that COPD might become the 3rd leading cause of mortality worldwide by 2020. This raised proportion of predicted mortality is possibly due to the expanding population of smokers and varying demographics with increased longevity of most populations.This increased mortality could be due to increased exposure to smoking & change in demographics of the population in many countries including increased life expectancy.

RISK FACTORS OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE

The commonest encountered risk factor across the world is Tobacco Smoking, Non-smokers might also develop the disease as well.^{44,45} COPD is caused by a multifarious interplay of prolonged exposure to harmful gases and particulate matter, along with several host factors such as genetics, airway hyperreactiveness and impaired lung growth in childhood.

i) Tobacco Smoking

Tobacco smoke is highly prevalent in developed countries & numbers of smokers in developing countries is increasing fast. It is estimated that by 2030, tobacco consumption in any form will account for 10 million deaths per year, half of them aged 35-69 years. Not all smokers are equally prone to develop COPD, implying that genetic factors also contribute. Passive smoking also leads to increased respiratory symptoms & COPD by increasing the exposure to noxious gases & inhaled particles. Smoking while pregnant also affect the fetus, by reducing growth of the lung and in-utero development of the lung and also priming of immune system.⁴⁶ Smokers have high chances of developing respiratory symptoms and pulmonary function abnormalities, more decline in FEV1 and greater mortality rate compared to nonsmokers.⁴⁷

ii) Indoor air pollution

There are evidences that indoor air pollution because of biomass cooking in poorly ventilated houses is an important risk for development of COPD & it continues to grow.⁴⁸⁻⁵¹ The levels of indoor air pollutants encountered in homes that use biomass fuel are several order higher than the levels in the heavily polluted cities across world. These pollutants have the propensity to produce intense oxidative stress in the lungs and the elastocytic effects of these pollutants have been found to be worse than those caused due to tobacco smoke. Biomass smoke exposure induces the same amount of risk of developing COPD as tobacco smoke. As 3 billion people are exposed to biomass smoke globally as compared to 1.1 billion smokes, biomass fuel is likely largest risk factor of COPD.^{52,53}

iii) Outdoor air pollution

Air pollution is increasing day by day in most urban cities across the world. Over the last few years air pollution in many cities among the developed countries has reduced due to the advent of strict legislations and improvements in engine technology, but it continues to increase markedly in most of the cities of the developing countries. Both the particulate matter & gaseous components of urban ambient air pollutants have been shown to be associated with increasing respiratory morbidity.⁵⁴ Although there is good evidence to suggest that high levels of air pollutants increase COPD exacerbations and worsen preexisting COPD, still there is no conclusive evidence to support the argument that outdoor air pollutants are responsible for causing new cases of COPD.

iv) Occupational exposure.

Studies shown that occupations leading exposures to gases, dusts & fumes as risk factors for COPD.^{55,56} ATS found that occupational exposures lead to 10-20% of symptoms or functional damage with COPD.⁵⁷ Dusts appear to be most significant risk factor. Intensity of exposure is directly related to the risk associated, but it varies among different individuals, indicating the significance of host factors. Many less risky occupations may carry an increased risk of COPD which might not have awareness among people. Proper education may likely reduce the risk or prevent COPD.

v) Genetic

Studies have shown variety of genes in pathogenesis of COPD. Results of these genetic association studies have been consistent, and functional genetic variants impacting the development of COPD (other than Alfa 1 antitrypsin deficiency) is not identified. The genetic deficiency is best documented in hereditary Alfa 1 antitrypsin deficiency, a major circulatory inhibitor of serine proteases.⁵⁸ Airflow limitation is observed among people with siblings of patients with severe COPD who smoke, indicating that genetics may influence along with environmental components in leading to COPD.⁵⁹

vi) Age and Sex

COPD is known to be old age disease, risk increases as age increases. Prevalence is more in above 60years age group. Airway and parenchymal agingshown similar changes as in COPD cases.⁶⁰ Studies indicate that the prevalence of the disease is similar in men and women in developed countries, perhaps showing the shifting patterns of tobacco smoking.⁶¹ Few studies shown that women are more vulnerable to properties of tobacco smoke than men.^{62,63}

vii) Asthma

There is no clear evidence to define asthma as a risk factor for COPD. In Tucson Epidemiological study of airway obstruction disease, there was a 12 fold risk of adults with asthma developing COPD overtime compared to those without asthma, after modifying for smoking.⁶⁴ In a study including asthma patients observed approximately 20% of them having signs of COPD.⁶⁵ In a study assessing the lung growth pattern and decline in FEV1 in asthma patients found that 11% had similarities with COPD in spirometric assessment.⁶⁶

viii) Airway hyper responsiveness

Whether Airway hyper responsiveness precedes or follows COPD development is not clearly understood. The pathological features and mechanistic basis for Airway hyper responsiveness in COPD are not known but stopping smoking exposure is found to reduce Airway hyper responsiveness. It has been shown as an independent predictor

of COPD & mortality among COPD in few studies.^{67,68} In European community survey airway hyper responsiveness found to be top 2nd risk factor of COPD.⁶⁹

ix) Socioeconomic status

There is an association between low socioeconomic status and prevalence of COPD, but it is not clear whether it is due to increased smoking exposure, poor nutrition, crowding, air pollutants, etc.⁷⁰⁻⁷²

x) Childhood respiratory tract infection

Recurrent respiratory infections during childhood are a risk factor for COPD. Growth of lung & alveolar development continues till early childhood so respiratory tract infections during childhood might produce permanent damage or impair lung growth and development. There is an association between increase in symptoms during adulthood with history of childhood recurrent infection.⁶⁹

PATHOGENESIS AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

Exposure to smoking or noxious particles including smoke due to biomass fuel burning leads to lung inflammation, which may get enhanced in COPD patients.

This chronic inflammatory response might lead to parenchymal destruction leading to emphysema and destruction of normal defense & repair mechanisms leading to small airway fibrosis. Thus leading to gas entrapment & airflow limitation which is progressive in nature. Characteristic Pathological changes are mainly found in parenchyma, airways, and pulmonary vasculature.⁷³

Pathogenesis

The inflammation observed in patients with COPD seems to be alteration of usual inflammatory response to irritants such as smoking. Although few patients develop disease without history of smoking, the inflammatory response among those patients is not clearly understood. Oxidative stress & elevated proteinases in the lung might increase lung inflammation. These processes might lead to classical findings of COPD.

- **Oxidative stress**

Oxidative stress may play a crucial role in COPD.^{74,75} Biomarkers indicting oxidative stress are found more in the expired breath, sputum & systemic circulations among COPD patients. During exacerbation oxidative stress is found to increase. Oxidants are liberated by smoking, inhaled particles, activated neutrophils & macrophages. There might be decrease in endogenous antioxidants due to decrease in levels of transcription factor Nrf2 which controls several genes which are coded for antioxidant.^{76,77}

- **Protease & anti-protease imbalance.**

There is enough evidence stating there is an imbalance between proteases & anti-proteases among COPD patients.⁷⁷ Increased levels of certain proteases are observed in COPD patients which are derived from inflammatory cells & epithelial cells. Protease-mediated destruction of elastin, which is an abundant connective tissue in lung, is thought to be characteristic of emphysema but difficult to establish in airway changes.⁷⁸

- **Inflammatory cells.**

COPD is characterized by increase of macrophages in peripheral airways, parenchyma and pulmonary vessels, along with increased activated neutrophils & increased lymphocytes in few patients increase in Th2, ILC3, eosinophils can be seen. These cells along with epithelial & other structural cells release multiple inflammatory mediators.⁷⁹ Which acts as chemotactic, proinflammatory & growth factors.

- **Peribronchiolar & interstitial fibrosis.**

In asymptomatic smoker COPD patients peribronchiolar fibrosis & interstitial opacities are reported.⁸⁰⁻⁸³ Increased production of growth factors may be seen in COPD patients among smokers or in those with preceding inflammation of airway.⁸⁴ This might add to the limitation of small airways & leads to obliteration.

Pathophysiology

- Inflammation & narrowing of peripheral airways leads to decreased FEV1.⁸⁵
- Parenchymal destruction due to emphysema contributes to airflow limitation & decreased gas transfer.

- ❖ **Airflow limitation and gas trapping**

The amount of Inflammation, fibrosis & intraluminal exudates in the small airways correlates with the reduction in the FEV1, FEV1/FVC ratio & with the progressive decrease in FEV1, which is characteristic of COPD.⁸⁵ Limitation of peripheral airway leads to progressive gas trapping in expiration, which leads to hyperinflation. Hyperinflation decreases Inspiratory capacity & associated with dynamic hyperinflation during exercise leading exercise capacity limitation.⁸⁶

❖ **Gas exchange abnormalities.**

Abnormalities in gas exchange leads to hypoxemia & hypercapnia. Gas transfer for O₂ & CO₂ worsens along the progression of disease. Insufficient ventilation might be due to decreased ventilator drive or Increase in dead space, which might lead to CO₂ retention.⁸⁷ Defects in alveolar ventilation & decreased vascular bed worsen ventilation & perfusion ratio & gas exchange.⁸⁸

❖ **Mucus hyper secretion.**

Excessive production of mucus is commonly seen with COPD patients and not always associated with airway limitation. Mucus hyper secretion is a result of goblet cells hyperplasia & submucosal glands hypertrophy mainly due to irritation by smoking & noxious gas exposure.

Certain mediators & proteases stimulate mucus secretion & few act through the activation of EGFR.⁸⁹

VITAMIN D

The first step in the synthesis of Vitamin D is from UV (Ultraviolet) light through sun exposure. Seven- dehydrocholesterol which is distributed in the skin, on exposure to the UV-B spectrum of 290–315 nm frequency, is converted to pre-vitamin D₃, which is then isomerized to Vitamin D₃. Vitamin D₃ subsequently undergoes hydroxylation in liver into 25(OH)D₃ by 25(OH) hydroxylase and then into 1,25 (OH)₂ D₃ in the kidney by 1 α hydroxylase.²⁵ Studies now indicate 1 α hydroxylase is also present in lung epithelial cells.^{90,91}

Vitamin D helps in calcium, phosphorus and bone metabolism. Deficiency causes osteoporosis, bone fractures and muscle weakness. Non skeletal actions of Vitamin D include controlling of genes responsible for regulation of cell proliferation, differentiation, apoptosis, and angiogenesis, inhibition of renin synthesis, increasing insulin production and increase in myocardial contractility. Thus, deficiency is related to cancer, autoimmune diseases, osteoarthritis, diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular diseases. Vitamin D deficiency is also related to schizophrenia and poor lung functions.⁹²

VITAMIN D EPIDEMIOLOGY

Despite fortification of foods, Vitamin D deficiency is noted in a significant percentage of people. It is highly prevalent in pregnant females and children but can affect all age groups. Women have lower levels than men.⁹³ Limited outdoor activity

and air pollution also plays a role, with some studies showing urban populations having lower levels compared to rural subjects.⁹⁴

VITAMIN D AND IMMUNE SYSTEM

The role of Vitamin D as an immunomodulator is still debatable. Vitamin D has roles in the maturation of macrophages and this function is impaired in deficiency of Vitamin D.⁹⁵ Vitamin D has a role in the regulation of TNF- α secretion by mononuclear phagocytes, and thus can modulate inflammation, immunity, septic shock.⁹⁶ A study showed that Vitamin D is a key link between Toll Like Receptor (TLR) activation and antibacterial responses in innate immunity.⁹⁷ Vitamin D is a direct regulator of innate immune response by T and B cells, modulates T helper 17 cells, induces monocyte differentiation to macrophages, stimulates phagocytosis and killing of bacteria by macrophages, and decreases the release of inflammatory cytokines (e.g., IFN γ , IL-4, IL-13) and chemokines.⁹⁰⁻¹⁰¹

Vitamin D and lung functions

A studies showed that mean FEV₁ and FVC were lower in civilians with lower Vitamin D levels.¹⁰²⁻¹⁰⁴

Vitamin D and Calcium

Vitamin D plays an important role in regulating calcium and in bone homeostasis.¹⁰⁵ Decreased levels of vitamin D leads to reduced bioavailability of calcium, which increase secretion of PTH by stimulates parathyroid glands, known as secondary hyperparathyroidism.

PTH reduces reabsorption of phosphate from the proximal tubule while increasing calcium reabsorption in the distal tubule of nephron, leading to increase in calcium & phosphate ratio. More importantly, PTH induces hydroxylation of 25-OHD, and production of active 1,25 (OH)2D. 1,25(OH)2D increases absorption of calcium from intestine.

It acts on the immature osteoblastic cells to stimulate osteoclastogenesis through the RANKL/RANK regulatory system, with increased bone resorption & mobilization of calcium from the bone. Resulting in increased levels of calcium & 1,25(OH)2D have a negative feedback on PTH & will limit resorption of bone. In addition, 1,25(OH)2D enhances osteoprotegerin expression in mature osteoblasts, further reducing osteoclastogenesis.^{106,107}

Low levels of Vitamin D in COPD might be due to decrease in cutaneous Vitamin D3 production due to smoking & limited exposure of sunlight. Other mechanisms of Vitamin D deficiency could be due to reduced Vitamin D activation in liver & kidneys, increased Vitamin D sequestration in adipose tissue & intestinal malabsorption.

METHODOLOGY

This study was conducted in Respiratory Medicine department of KLE'S Dr. Prabhakar Kore's Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Belgaum.

Study design

Cross sectional observational study.

Study period

January 2018 to December 2018.

Source of Data

The data was collected from COPD patients visiting for consultation to the Respiratory Medicine department of KLE'S Dr. Prabhakar Kore's Hospital & Medical Research Centre, Belagavi.

Sample Size

The sample size in a cross sectional study is calculated by the formula

$$n = \frac{z^2 pq}{d^2}$$

n: Sample size

z: 1.96 rounded off to 2

p: The prevalence of the condition. Here, it is 60%

q : (100-p), 100-60=40

d : The precision of the estimate, 20%

n= 84

A total of 100 subjects were enrolled in the study.

Inclusion criteria

Individuals with a diagnosis of COPD as per GOLD 2018 were enrolled in the study.

Exclusioncriteria

1. Patients in acute exacerbation of COPD
2. Patients on Barbiturates, Bisphosphonates, Sulfasalazine, omega-3 & Vitamin D supplements.
3. Patients with Asthma-COPD Overlap Syndrome.
4. Patients who have a comorbid disease in addition to COPD that affects Vitamin D levels such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Cystic fibrosis, Multiple sclerosis, Ulcerative Colitis, Crohn's disease, Celiac disease, Osteomalacia, Sarcoidosis, thyroid dysfunction.
5. Chronic liver disease,
6. Chronic kidney disease,
7. Congestive cardiac failure
8. Malignancy
9. Tuberculosis

Procedure

The study was a cross sectional observational study done over a period of one year. Patients who were diagnosed as COPD as per GOLD 2018 guidelines, were subjected to a detailed evaluation of their personal information, present symptoms, history of co-morbidities & smoking history.

Exacerbations of COPD are episodes characterized by a progressive increase in symptoms of shortness of breath, wheezing or chest tightness, cough & progressive decrease in lung function (quantified by FEV₁), from patient's previous lung function or predicted values.

Spirometry was done according to American Thoracic Guidelines⁹⁵ and FVC(%predicted), FEV₁(%predicted), FEV₁/FVC ratio was recorded

Serum vitamin D and Serum Calcium levels were obtained.

In this study vitamin D levels were categorised as¹⁰⁸

- Sufficient (≥ 30 ng/ml)
- Insufficient (20-30 ng/ml)
- Deficient (<20 ng/ml)

In this study serum Calcium levels were categorised as

- Hypocalcaemia (<8.8)
 - Hypercalcaemia (>10.2)
 - Normal (8.8-10.2)
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COPD patients were divided into 3 groups depending on the severity of disease – mild, moderate and severe, as per GOLD guidelines.

- MILD – FEV1 >80 %
- MODERATE – FEV1 50-80 %
- SEVERE – FEV1 30-50 %
- VERY SEVERE – FEV1 <30 %

Investigations:

Chest Radiograph PA view, Spirometry, Serum Vitamin D levels, Serum calcium levels, Routine blood investigations.

Ethical clearance

Ethical clearance was obtained from the Ethical and Research Committee, Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Belagavi.

Informed Consent

All the patients fulfilling the selection criteria were explained about the nature of the study and a written informed consent was obtained before enrolment.

Statistical analysis

The data obtained was entered into Microsoft excel spreadsheet. The results of the study were analysed and presented as numbers, percentage or mean \pm standard deviation (SD). Comparison of variables is done by Chi square test and p value is calculated. 'p' value of < 0.05 was considered as statistically significant

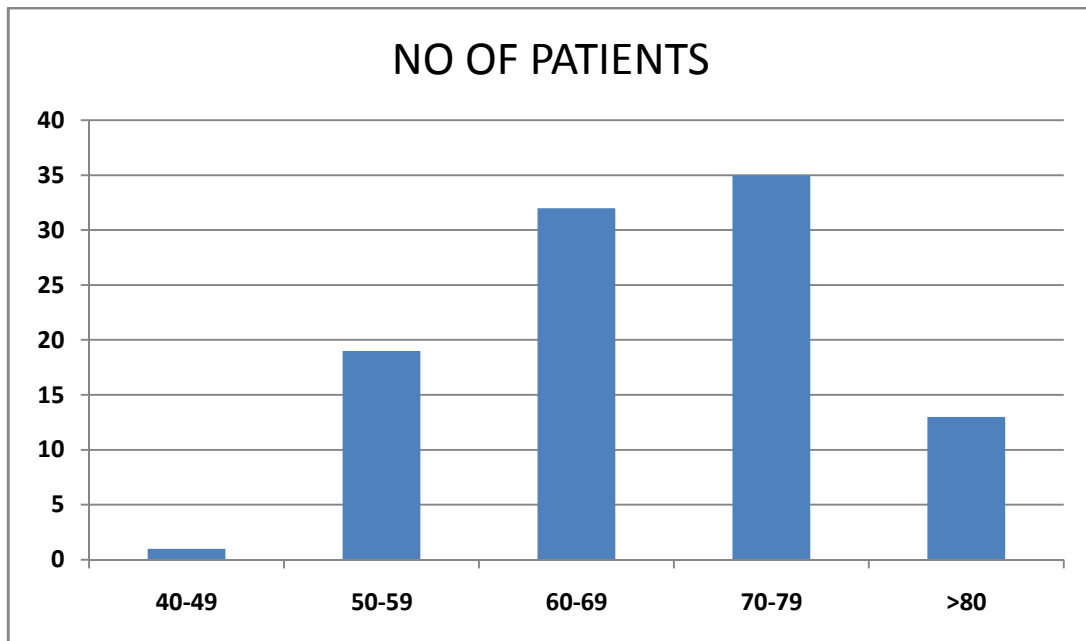
RESULTS

Table -1 BASELINE CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDY POPULATION

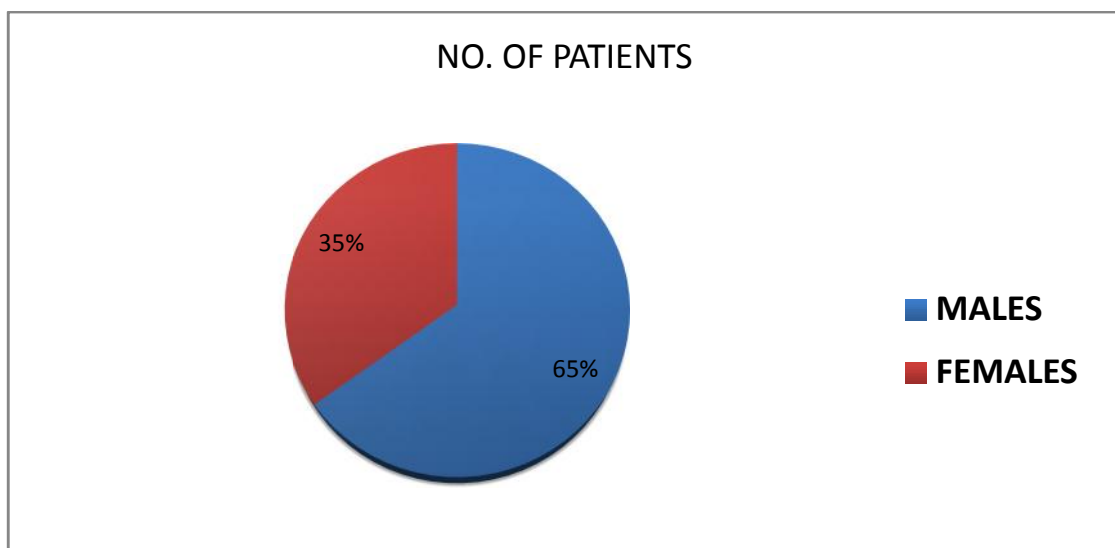
		No. of Patients	Percentage (%)
Age group	40-49	1	1
	50-59	19	19
	60-69	32	32
	70-79	35	35
	>80	13	13
Gender	Male	65	65
	Female	35	35
BMI	Underweight	5	5
	Normal	59	59
	Overweight	28	28
	Obese	8	8
Smoking history	Smokers	52	52
	Non smokers	48	48
Obstruction	Mild	2	2
	Moderate	71	71
	Severe	23	23
	Very severe	4	4
Co-morbidities	Hypertension	25	25
	Diabetes mellitus	28	28
	Ischemic heart disease	14	14
Vitamin D levels	Adequate	19	19
	Insufficient	19	19
	Deficient	62	62
Serum calcium levels	Normal	55	55
	Hypocalcaemia	44	44
	Hypercalcaemia	1	1

Total of 100 patients were enrolled in the study. There were 65 males (65%), 35 females (35%). Age of patients ranged from 49 years to 98 years. Mean age of the study population was 67.70 ± 10.11 . Predominant age group of study population was 70-79years group constituting 35 patients (35%), followed by 60-69years age group constituting 32 patients (32%). BMI of study population ranged from 15.1 to 34.9 with mean BMI of 24.086 ± 4.01 . Majority of study population had normal BMI which was in 59 patients (59%). Among study group 52 patients had smoking history & 48 patients were not having any history of smoking. Mean FEV1 of was $55.8 \pm 14.33\%$ predicted. Mean vitamin D levels was 19.33 ± 13.84 . Mean serum calcium level was 8.68 ± 0.54 .

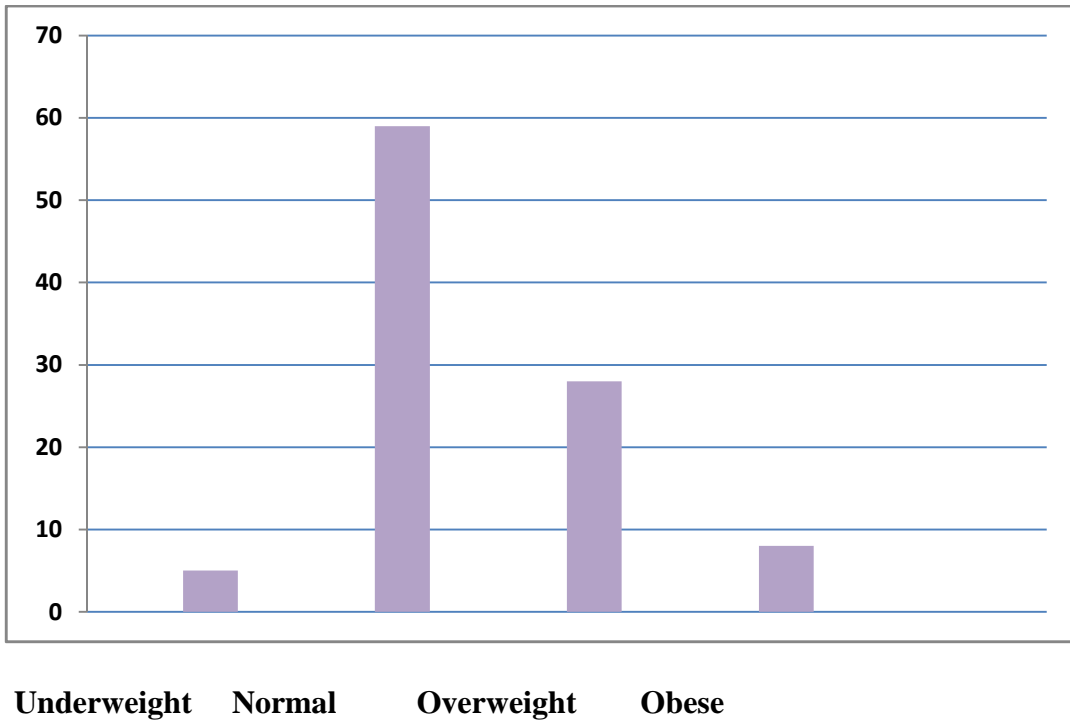
**GRAPH –(1)BAR GRAPH SHOWING NUMBER OF PATIENTS
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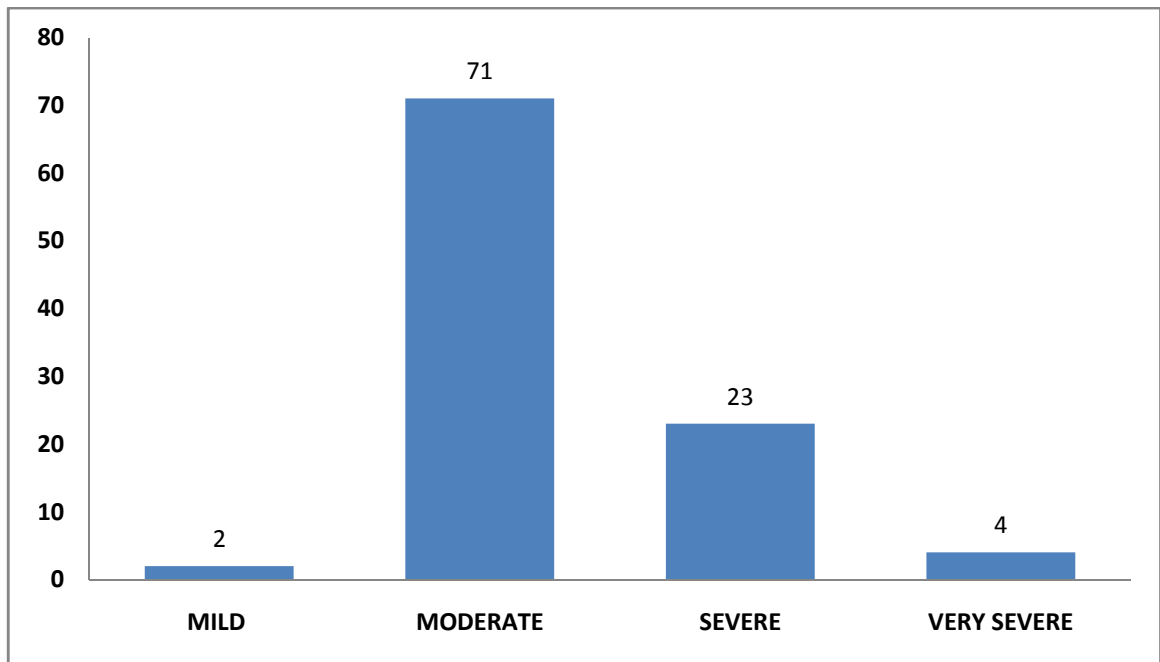
**GRAPH-(2) PIE CHART SHOWING GENDER OF THE STUDY
POPULATION**



**GRAPH –(3)BAR GRAPH DEPICTING BMI OF STUDY
POPULATION**

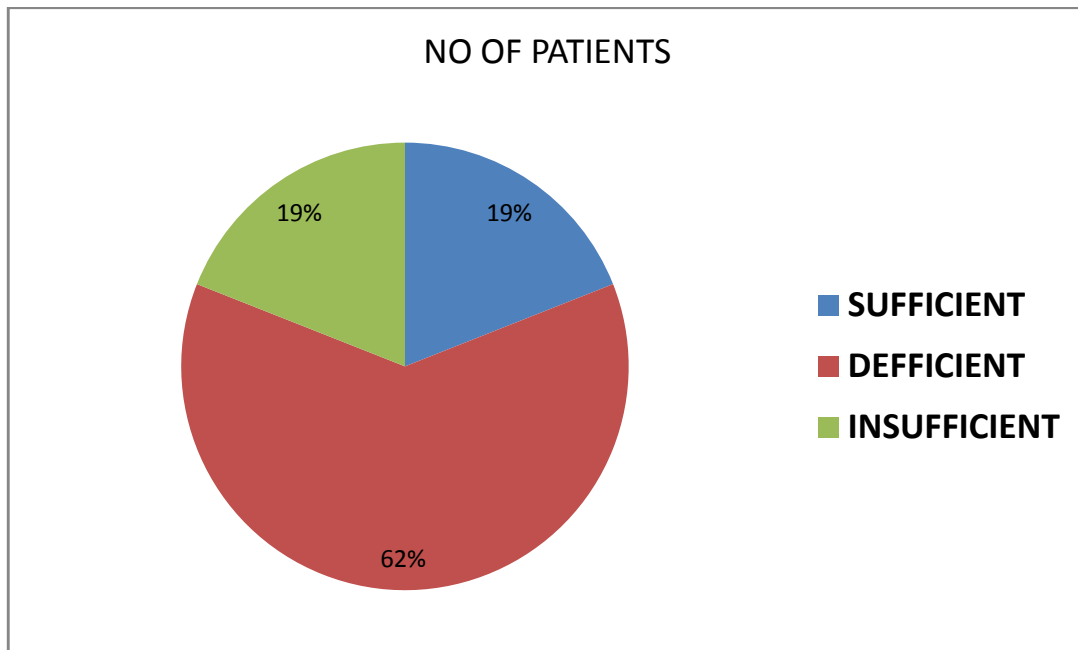


GRAPH-(4) BAR GRAPH DEPICTING COPD SEVERITY OF THE STUDY POPULATION



Majority of the study population were having moderate obstruction in spirometry values constituting 71 patients (71%), followed by severe obstruction that was 23 patients (23%). There are only 2 patients with mild obstruction (2%) in this study, very severe obstructive pattern was seen in 4 patients (4%).

GRAPH- (5) PIE CHART DEPICTING VITAMIN D LEVELS OF THE STUDY POPULATION



Among the study population 62 patients (62%) found to be vitamin D deficient, 19 patients (19%) found to be with insufficient levels of vitamin D and only 19 patients (19%) found to be with adequate levels of vitamin D.

Table -2 ASSOCIATION OF VITAMIN D LEVELS WITH SEVERITY OF COPD

COPD severity	Adequate Vitamin D	Insufficient Vitamin D	Deficient Vitamin D	Total No (%)
Stage 1	0	0	2	2(2)
Stage 2	12	14	45	71(71)
Stage 3	6	4	13	23(23)
Stage 4	1	1	2	4(4)
Total	19	19	62	100(100)

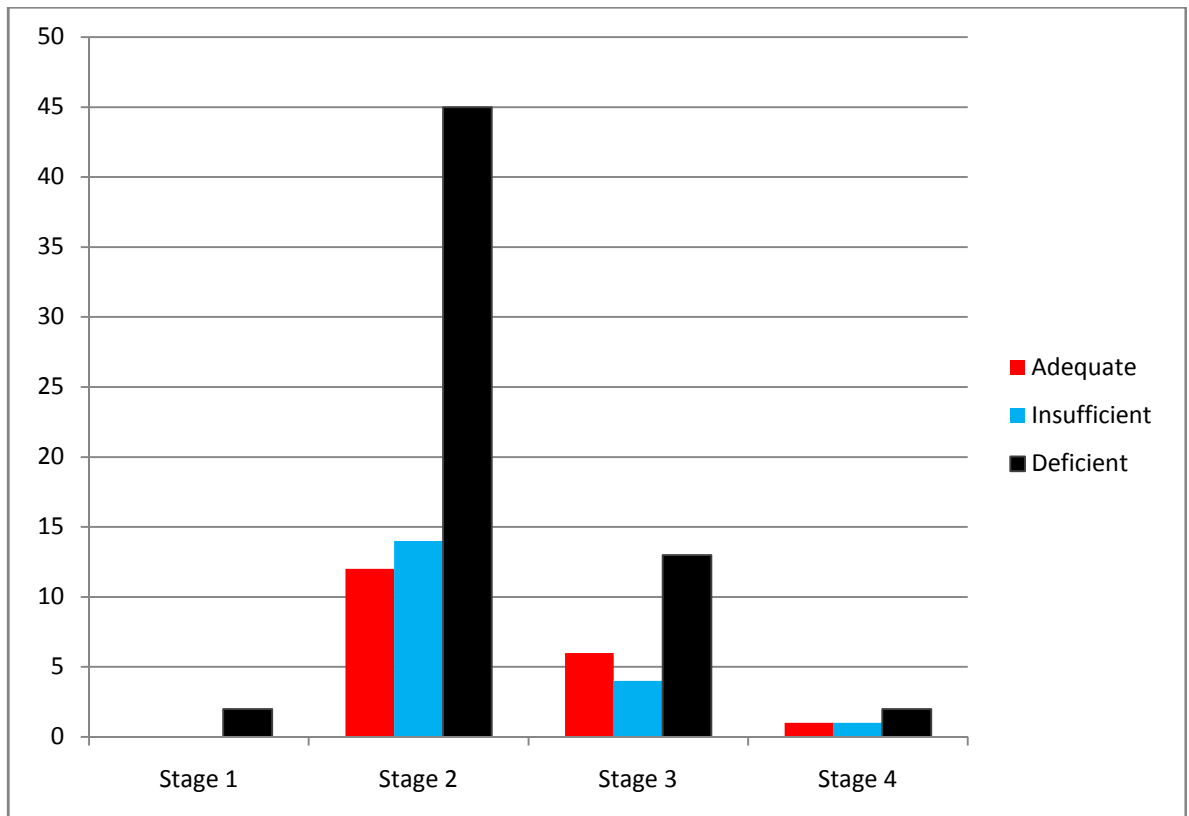
Chi square = 2.427, p value = 0.877

When comparing COPD severity with vitamin D levels 63.3% of stage 2 patients were having vitamin D deficiency, 56.5% of stage 3 patients were having vitamin D deficiency, stage 1 and stage 4 were having very less number of patients. there was no difference in prevalence of vitamin D deficiency according to stages of COPD.

Only 16.9% of stage 2 patients were having vitamin levels adequate and 26% of stage 3 patients were having adequate vitamin D levels these findings show there is not much difference in prevalence of vitamin D deficiency among stages of the COPD.

There was no statistical significance (p value = 0.877) found in comparing COPD stages with vitamin D levels among stable COPD patients.

GRAPH – (6) BAR GRAPH DEPICTING THE SEVERITY OF COPD AND VITAMIN D DEFICIENCY



**Table -3 ASSOCIATION OF VITAMIN D LEVELS WITH
GENDER IN COPD PATIENTS**

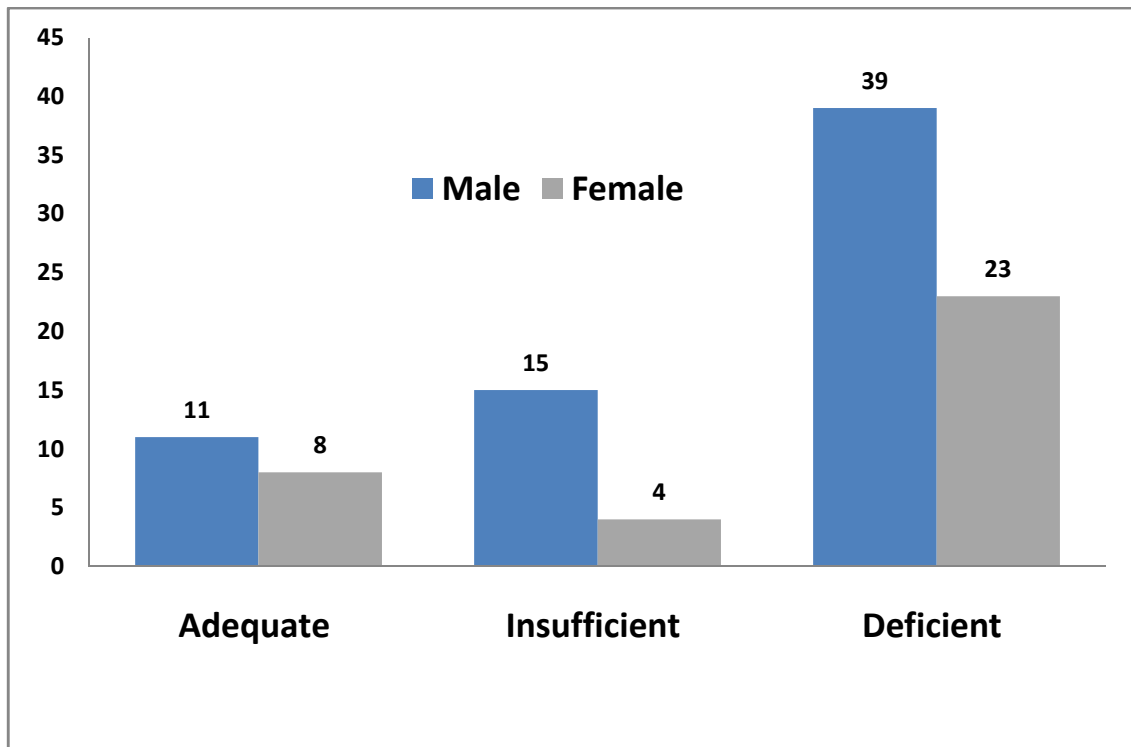
Gender	Adequate Vitamin D	Insufficient Vitamin D	Deficient Vitamin D	Total No (%)
Male	11	15	39	65
Female	8	4	23	35
Total	19	19	62	100

Chi square = 2.166, p value = 0.339

Among 62 vitamin D deficient patients, 39 were male comprising to 62.9% and female were 23 comprising 37.1% Stating that male were predominant in deficient group. Among 19 patients with adequate vitamin D levels 11 patients were male (57.8%) and 8 patients were female (42.2%) stating not much difference among both gender in adequate vitamin D patients. In insufficient vitamin D group 78.9% that is 15 patients were male and 4 were female which is 21.1% among 19 patients.

There was no statistical significance (p value = 0.339) found between gender and vitamin D levels among stable COPD patients.

GRAPH -(7) BAR GRAPH DEPICTING VITAMIN D LEVELS IN BOTH GENDER GROUP



**Table -4 ASSOCIATION OF VITAMIN D LEVELS WITH
SMOKING HISTORY IN COPD PATIENTS**

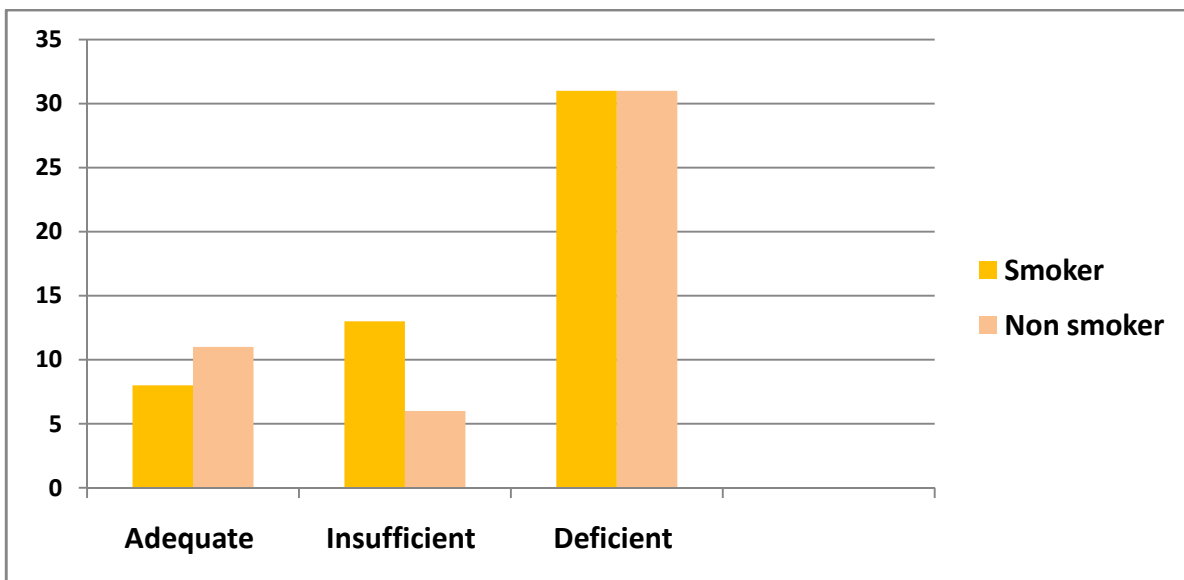
	Adequate Vitamin D	Insufficient Vitamin D	Deficient Vitamin D	Total No (%)
Smoker	8	13	31	52
Non smoker	11	6	31	48
	19	19	62	100

Chi square = 2.897, p value = 0.235

There were 52 patients with smoking history among them 31 had vitamin D deficiency (59.6%). In non smoking group which included 48 patients 31 had vitamin D deficiency (64.5). There was no much difference in prevalence of vitamin D among smokers and non smokers.

There was no statistical significance (p value = 0.235) among smoking history and vitamin D levels in stable COPD patients.

GRAPH-(8) BAR GRAPH COMPARING SMOKERS AND NON SMOKERS VITAMIN D LEVELS



**Table -5 ASSOCCATION OF VITAMIN D LEVELS WITH BMI
IN COPD PATIENTS**

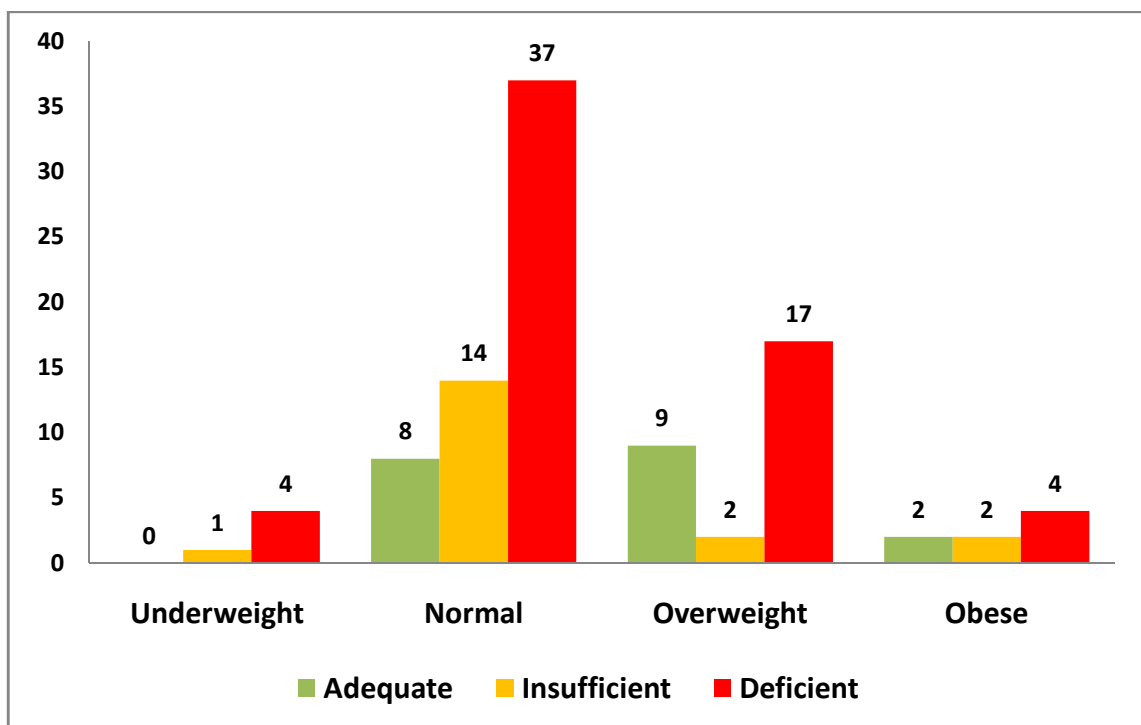
BMI	Adequate Vitamin D	Insufficient Vitamin D	Deficient Vitamin D	Total No (%)
Underweight	0	1	4	5
Normal	8	14	37	59
Overweight	9	2	17	28
Obese	2	2	4	8
TOTAL	19	19	62	100

Chi square = 7.946, p value = 0.242

Majority of the patients were having normal BMI which is in 59 patients among them 37 patients were vitamin D deficient which was 62.7%. There were 5 underweight patients and among them 4 had vitamin D deficiency comprising 80%. Among overweight patients which were 28 patients and 17 had vitamin D deficiency which was 60% . there were 8 obese patients and 4 had vitamin D deficiency accounting to 50%.

Numbers show comparatively normal BMI had lesser prevalence of vitamin D deficiency compared to underweight patients but there was no statistical significance (p value = 0.242) in comparing BMI and vitamin D deficiency among stable COPD patients.

GRAPH-(9) BAR GRAPH COMPARING BMI AND VITAMIN D LEVELS



**Table -6 ASSOCIATION OF VITAMIN D LEVELS WITH
SERUM CALIUM LEVELS IN COPD PATIENTS**

	Adequate Vitamin D	Insufficient Vitamin D	Deficient Vitamin D	Total No (%)
HYPOCACLEMIA	9	10	25	44
NORMAL	9	9	37	55
HYPERCALCEMIA	1	0	0	1
	19	19	62	100

Chi square = 5.473, p value = 0.242

Majority of the patients were having normal serum calcium levels constituting 55 patients among them 67.2% were having vitamin D deficiency which was in 37 patients. In hypocalcemia patients which were 44 vitamin deficiency was found in 25 patients which was 56.8%. There was no much difference among both groups.

There was no statistical significance (p value = 0.242) in serum calcium levels and vitamin D levels among stable COPD patients.

GRAPH-(10) BAR GRAPH COMPARING SERUM CALCIUM LEVELS AND VITAMIN D LEVELS IN COPD PATIENTS

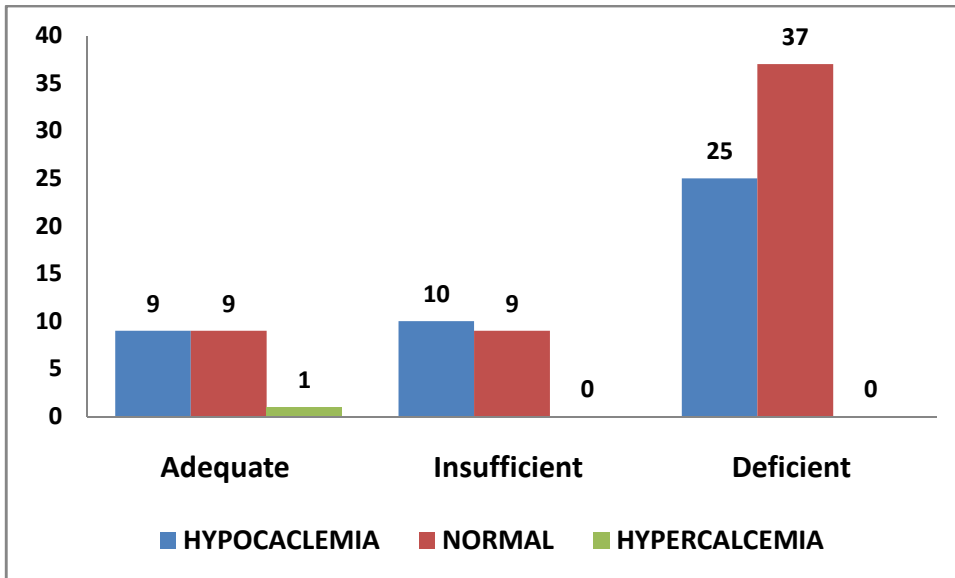


Table -7 ASSOCIATION OF SERUM CALCIUM LEVELS WITH SEVERITY OF COPD

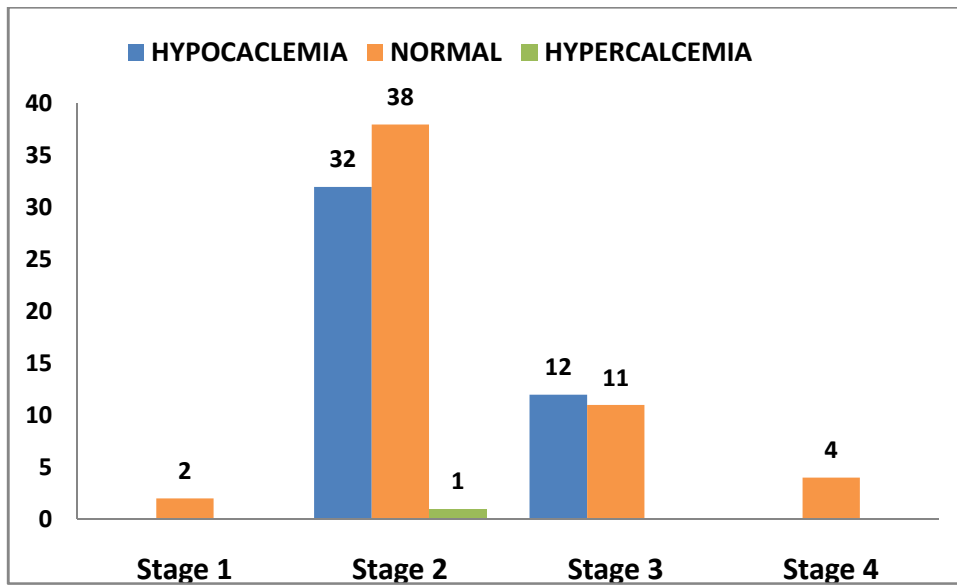
	HYPOCALCEMIA	NORMAL	HYPERCALCEMIA	Total No(%)
Stage 1	0	2	0	2(2)
Stage 2	32	38	1	71(71)
Stage 3	12	11	0	23(23)
Stage 4	0	4	0	4(4)
TOTAL	44	55	1	100(100)

Chi square = 5.869, p value = 0.438

71 patients were having moderate obstruction among them 32 patients found to have hypocalcemia accounting to 45% and normal calcium was found in 38 patients that is 53.5% of stage 2 COPD patients. In stage 3 COPD patients which were 23 In number 12 had hypocalcemia accounting to 52.1% of stage 3 group. In stage 4 COPD there were 4 patients and 2 were having hypocalcemia accounting to 50% of stage 4 group.

There was no statistical significance (p value = 0.438) in comparing serum calcium and stages of COPD in stable COPD patients.

GRAPH-(11) BAR GRAPH COMPARING SERUM CALCIUM LEVELS WITH SEVERITY OF COPD



**Table -8 ASSOCIATION OF SERUM CALCIUM LEVELS WITH
GENDER IN COPD PATIENTS**

	HYPOCALCEMIA	NORMAL	HYPERCALCEMIA	Total No(%)
MALE	29	36	0	65
FEMALE	15	19	1	35
TOTAL	44	55	1	100

Chi square = 1.878, p value = 0.391

Among 65 male patients 29 were having hypocalcemia accounting to 44.6% of male patients. Among 35 females 15 patients were having hypocalcemia accounting to 42.8%. results were similar among both gender.

There was no statistical significance (p value = 0.391) among gender and serum calcium levels in stable COPD patients.

**GRAPH-(12) BAR GRAPH COMPARING CALCIUM LEVELS
WITH GENDER OF STUDY POPULATION**

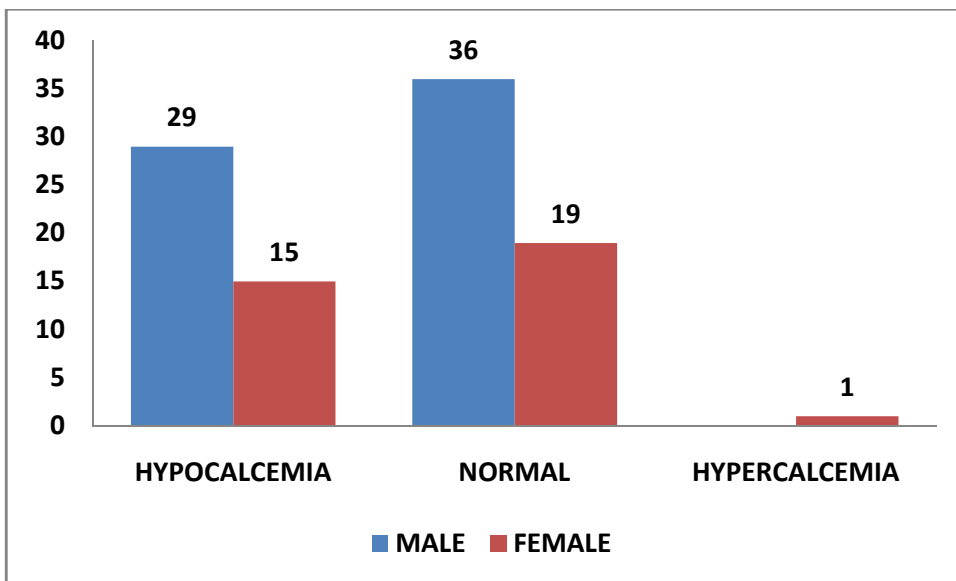


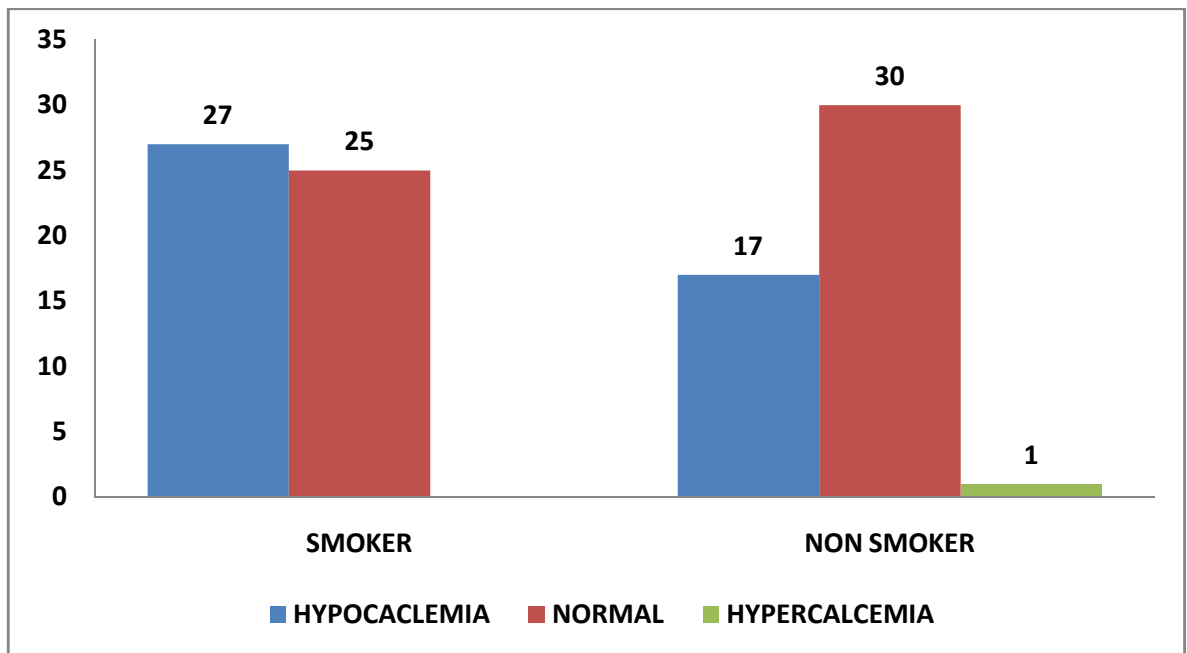
Table -9 ASSOCIATION OF SERUM CALCIUM LEVELS WITH SMOKING HISTORY IN COPD PATIENTS

	HYPOCALCEMIA	NORMAL	HYPERCALCEMIA	Total
SMOKER	27	25	0	52
NON SMOKER	17	30	1	48
TOTAL	44	55	1	100

Chi square = 3.573, p value = 0.167

Among 52 patients who were having smoking history 27 were found to have hypocalcemia accounting to 51.9%. Among 48 non smoker COPD patients 17 found to have hypocalcemia accounting to 35.4%. numbers depict that non smokers had less prevalence of hypocalcemia but there was no statistical significance (p value = 0.167) comparing smoking history and serum calcium levels among stable COPD patients.

**GRAPH-(13) BAR GRAPH COMPARING CALCIUM LEVELS
WITH SMOKING HISTORY**



DISCUSSION

Vitamin D has a significant impact on respiratory system as it can influence immunity & cell functions. The ability of lung epithelial cells to synthesize Vitamin D by 1 alpha hydroxylase & the presence of Vitamin D Receptor polymorphisms support this. Studies have showed relation among Vitamin D deficiency & many lung diseases including respiratory tract infections, rhinosinusitis, COPD, tuberculosis and bronchial asthma. Vitamin D deficiency is widespread issue in adults & is found to be associated with reduced lung function & emphysema^{109,110}

The present study included 100 stable COPD patients, among them 65 were male and 35 were female. Majority of the patients belonged to 70-79 year age group. Most of them were having moderate obstruction on spirometry that was 71%. All were subjected for history, general examination, spirometry, vitamin D levels & calcium levels were taken.

Sun exposure is the vital source of Vitamin D. Vitamin D metabolism is affected by many factors including age, skin pigmentation, obesity and chronic illnesses. Sedentary lifestyle and dietary changes have caused increased prevalence of Vitamin D deficiency among the general population.

In the present study, Vitamin D deficiency was found in 62% of patients with stable COPD. The low levels can be attributed to limited sunlight exposure due to outdoor activity limitation and aging skin lacking ability to absorb sunlight in COPD patients. Vitamin D has antimicrobial actions by activating peptides such as cathelicidins and defensins.

Cathelicidin is protective against a range of Viruses, Bacteria, Mycobacteria, and Fungi, and its deficiency increases susceptibility to infection, exacerbations of COPD and in turn leads to decreased quality of life. Viral infections trigger IL-33 release. Vitamin D attenuates IL-33 actions, decreases ILC-2 stimulation and production of IL-5 hence reduces inflammation and exacerbations.

Studies have shown that low Vitamin D levels in COPD patients added to respiratory system infections.³²⁻³⁷ Observational studies have showed a relation in Vitamin D levels & clinical parameters in COPD.³⁸⁻⁴¹ In a cohort study which included repeated serum Vitamin D measurements found different values in different seasons.²⁰

Vitamin D is discovered as a highly versatile molecule with emerging importance in immunity, cancer, infectious diseases, toxins induced inflammation and fibrosis deficient Vitamin D is well known to speed up bone loss in elderly & increasing evidence links a low vitamin D status to highly prevalent chronic illnesses, including cancers, autoimmune diseases, infectious, and cardiovascular diseases.¹¹¹⁻¹¹⁵

Observational studies shown that low vitamin D status is associated with increased prevalence of upper respiratory tract infections in COPD patients.¹¹⁶ The results from a single-center trial of inpatients found that vitamin D addition shown decrease in the exacerbation risk in patients with severe vitamin D deficiency.¹⁹ On the contrary in one of the observational study showed no relation between vitamin D deficiency & exacerbation.^{117,118}

In a study done by J. Fernández-Lahera et al which included 70 patients with COPD, mean age was 73years, males were 80%, mean BMI 27, with stage II COPD predominant accounting to 45%, found that 60% of study population were having low vitamin D levels which was similar to the current study prevalence.¹¹⁹ former study was comparable to current study as both were having predominance in moderate and severe obstruction group COPD patients, having similar age distribution, similar mean BMI and males were predominant in both studies.

In a multi-center observational study done by David A Jolliffe et al¹²⁰ including 278 COPD patients with 60.8% male patients which was comparable to present study, with age group ranging from 40 - 90 years which was also almost similar in the present study, with predominant stage II COPD group as in current study, found that prevalence of low vitamin D levels is 61.5% which was similar to the current study. In the former study it was found that low vitamin D levels was found to associate independently with reduced % predicted FEV1 and were associated with lower Socio economic status, increased BMI, but these associations were not found in the current study. It didn't compare vitamin D status in COPD patients with matched control populations. Matched control population is of importance, as deficient vitamin D levels may occur in 40-70% of the elderly in the USA and Europe.¹²¹⁻¹²³ In contrast to the former study present study did not show any relation among staging which is represented by FEV1 % predicted with vitamin D levels & also there was no statistical significance between BMI of the patients with vitamin D levels as it was found in the former study. This finding could be due to the difference in patient selection as present study considered only stable COPD patients were as former study included exacerbation patients.

In a study done by Peter N. Black, et al. including COPD patients they found that there was a strong association between serum levels of vitamin D and pulmonary functions after adjustment for confounders. They found that there is a positive dose response relation between vitamin D and FEV1, whereas current study did not show any relation between vitamin D and FEV1. The relation between FEV1 and vitamin D levels found to be slightly more in the smoking group but there was no association found in the smoking and vitamin D levels in the current study.¹²⁴

In a study done by Graat-Verboom et al¹²⁵ including 255 COPD patients, mean age was 68 years, 62% were men, mean BMI of 27.06, with predominant stage II COPD accounting to 39.2% found that vitamin D deficiency prevalence was 44%. Both the studies were comparable in terms of age distribution, male predominance, mean BMI and stage II COPD predominance. Current study showed more prevalence in comparison i.e. 62% Vs 44% with the above mentioned study.

In a Multicenter trial done by Adrian R Martineau, et al. including 240 COPD patients from hospital & community, mean age was 64.8 years, males were 60%, mean BMI was 27.9, with predominant stage II COPD accounting to 57% of study population, vitamin D deficiency was found in 78.2%(148/240) patients. Both studies were comparable in terms of male predominance, age distribution, mean BMI and prevalence of vitamin D deficiency was higher in the former study in comparison to current study i.e. 78.2% Vs 62%. Vitamin D intervention group comparatively more protected against moderate/severe exacerbation. Especially among those 148 subjects with low baseline vitamin D levels, vitamin D supplementation was related with

decreased risk of moderate/severe exacerbation of COPD; whereas, in patients with baseline adequate vitamin D levels no significant positive effect was noted. Allocation to vitamin D compared with placebo did not show any effect on health service uptake, quality of life due to COPD itself or upper respiratory tract infections. secondary outcomes showed reduced symptom severity for moderate/severe exacerbations in intervention group compared with the control group. Vitamin D supplementation might be of significant benefits so should be offered to patients with low vitamin D levels to reduce the risk of moderate/severe exacerbation.²¹

In a study done by Pourrashid MH et al. including 62 COPD patients 30 in interventional group comprising of vitamin D supplementation and 32 in placebo group they found that Correction of vitamin D levels in the patients of intervention group resulted in statistically significant improvement in patient's health related quality of life among inpatients by day 120 compared to that of placebo group; however, no significant difference was found in days of hospitalization, re-hospitalization, and mortality rates.¹²⁶

Even though studies have shown beneficial effects of vitamin D there is some side effects of vitamin D if supplemented in normal or increased serum vitamin D patients. Vitamin D supplements were associated with decreased serum concentration of PTH. In a randomized control study 73% had a reduced level of PTH at 12 months compared to baseline levels. Analysis of this data by baseline vitamin D concentrations found that most participants had decrease in their PTH levels after vitamin D supplementation, even among those with higher vitamin D levels at baseline.²¹

In the present study it was found that hypocalcemia is common among COPD patients accounting to 44%. There was no association between vitamin D levels and serum calcium levels. Role of serum calcium in COPD is not clearly understood as there is limited data of serum calcium levels in COPD and its relevance.

Symptoms of hypocalcemia depends on severity of hypocalcemia. Mild cases are mostly asymptomatic. classical symptoms include numbness, tingling at upper, lower extremities, perioral region and karpopedal spasm.¹²⁷ In severe cases, it may lead to confusion, disorientation, delirium, prolonged QT interval, arrhythmias, CHF & laryngo-bronchospasms which may lead to respiratory failure.¹²⁸ This laryngo-bronchospasm can be reversed by correcting calcium levels. In a nutritional study done by Amardeepak Toppo, et al¹²⁹ including 75 COPD patients, found that calcium levels were low in COPD patients in comparison to control group. There was no correlation between COPD severity and calcium levels as found in the current study. Role of calcium supplementation in COPD is not evident, it needs further interventional studies.

In the current study we found that there was no relation between vitamin D levels and serum calcium levels in COPD patients. There is limited data in vitamin D and serum calcium levels comparison in COPD patients.

Prevalence of vitamin D and hypocalcemia in COPD is high and evaluating every cases for them might be advisable. In clinical practice supplementing vitamin D and calcium to COPD patients can't be generalized. There is some positive evidence advising supplementation of vitamin D in deficient COPD cases.

Limitations

- Vitamin D levels shown seasonal variations, current study did not take it to account.
- Time spent in daylight by individuals will have direct relation with vitamin D levels which may vary person to person, it was not taken into consideration.
- Vitamin D receptors variability among persons were found in studies which is not considered in the present study.
- Dietary habits of patients were not considered, which might have affected Vitamin D levels.
- The patients included are from a large tertiary care referral center, and therefore might not be a representative of the overall population.
- Obesity affects Vitamin D levels independently, which was not taken into consideration
- Steroid usage will alter calcium levels and vitamin D levels which was not taken into consideration.
- Diseases affecting intestinal absorption will be confounding factor.

CONCLUSION

In the present study including stable COPD patients prevalence of vitamin D deficiency is high which is 62%. There was no association between severity of COPD and vitamin D levels among study population. There was high prevalence of hypocalcemia in study population accounting to 44%. There was no relation between serum calcium levels and vitamin D levels.

As prevalence of vitamin D and hypocalcemia is found to be high in stable COPD patients, treating them might improve overall quality of life. RCTs are required to assess the role of vitamin D and calcium supplements in COPD patients.

SUMMARY

- A total of 100 stable COPD patients were included in the present study,
- Diagnosis of COPD was done by clinical history and PFT. Staging of COPD done as per GOLD guidelines.
- Among them 65 were male, 35 were female patients.
- Study population age ranged from 49 to 98years. Mean age was 67.70 ± 10.11 , predominant age group was 70-79 years.
- Mean FEV1 of the study population was $55.8 \pm 14.33\%$
- Majority of the patients were having moderate obstruction accounting to 71%
- Mean vitamin D levels of study population was 19.33 ± 13.84
- Mean calcium levels of study population was 8.68 ± 0.54
- Prevalence of vitamin D deficiency was 62% in the current study.
- Prevalence of hypocalcemia was 44% in the current study.
- Vitamin D and serum calcium levels had no statistical significance in comparing among severity of COPD, gender, smoking history, BMI
- There was no statistical correlation between vitamin D deficiency and hypocalcemia in study population

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ANNEXURE I:

INFORMED CONSENT

**PREVALENCE OF VITAMIN D AND SERUM CALIUM
DEFICIENCY IN STABLE COPD PATIENTS- A ONE YEAR
HOSPITAL BASED OBSERVATIONAL STUDY**

Purpose of the study:

You are being asked to enroll in the study as you are eligible for participation in this study. All patients who are diagnosed with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease will be included in this study. During this study, patients will be asked questions regarding their presenting complaints and they are supposed to answer to the best of their knowledge. The principal investigator of the study is Dr.ShrikantDurgeunder the guidance of Dr.BhagyashriPatil.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the prevalence of deficiency of Vitamin D in patientswith chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and to correlate Vitamin D levels with serum calcium levels of stable COPD patients. There is insufficient evidence to support a causal association between vitamin D status and COPD.

Procedure :

If a patient who is a known case of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease presenting to Dr KLES Prabhakar Kore Charitable Hospital and MRC agrees to enroll himself/herself in the study, he/she will be subjected to detailed history taking, clinical examination, chest Xray PA view, spirometry performed according to American Thoracic Guidelines and serum Vitamin D levels & serum calcium levels will be measured.

Risks and benefits:

There are no risks or benefits involved.

Alternatives:

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part in this study, or if you decide to take part now, you can later change your mind and withdraw from the study. Your decision will not change the present or future health care or other services that you receive. The study doctor or sponsor may terminate your participation in this study anytime.

Privacy and confidentiality:

All information collected about you during the course of this study will be kept confidential to the extent permitted by law. The code numbers will identify you in this research record. Information from this study will be published but your identity will be confidential in any publication. No information about you or information provided by you during the research will be disclosed to other without your written permission except:

1. In emergency to protect your rights and welfare.
2. If required by law.

Institution/sponsor's policy: Does not apply to this research.

Financial incentives for participation:

You will not be paid /offered any gift/incentives for participating in this study.

Authorization to publish results:

The results of this study would be forwarded to the KLE University, Belgaum as a part of requirement towards the completion of MD degree, review and publishing.

Questions:

In case you have any questions related to the study, in future or in case of study related injury or illness, you can contact :

- Dr.ShrikantDurge, Department of Pulmonary Medicine, KLE'S Dr.Prabhakar Kore Hospital and MRC, Ph. No.0831-2551376 or phone number:8495939726
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- If you have any queries about your rights as a study subject, you may call Dr. Ganga Pilli, Professor, Department of Pathology, Chairman of J. N. Medical College Institutional Ethical Committee of Human Subjects Research, Phone No. 9448863866, at J. N. Medical College, Belgaum.

CONSENT STATEMENT

I voluntarily agree to take part in this study by signing below. I may withdraw at any time. I amnot giving up any legal rights by signing this form. My signature below indicates that I haveread, or it has been read to me, this entire consent form, and have had all my questions answered.In case of the queries during the study or in future you may contact following person.

Principle investigator:Dr.ShrikantDurge

Guide :Dr.BhagyashreePatil

Name of the participant: (signature/thumb print)

Name of the witness: (signature)

Name of the investigator: (signature)

Date:

Place:

Address :

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ANNEXURE II:

PROFORMA

NAME:

AGE:

SEX:

OCCUPATION:

PRESENTING COMPLAINTS AND DURATION:

Cough

Breathlessness MMRC

Wheeze

Fever

Chest pain

Other symptoms

PAST H/O :

K/C/O COPD ____ yrs

Hospitalizations-

Comorbidity - Diabetes mellitus / Hypertension /Tuberculosis / other comorbidities

HABITS IF ANY -

Smoking / Alcohol / Tobacco

HEIGHT:

WEIGHT:

BMI:

DIAGNOSIS:

PULMONARY FUNCTION TEST MEASUREMENTS:

FEV1(%predicted)

FVC(%predicted)

FEV1/FVC

Inference

SERUM VITAMIN D LEVELS:

SERUM CALCIUM LEVELS:

INVESTIGATOR'S SIGNATURE

GUIDE'S SIGNATURE

ANNEXURE III: Ethical Clearance certificate

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Sub: Institutional Ethical Clearance for the study.

With reference to the above, we wish to inform you that your proposed research project titled "PREVALENCE OF VITAMIN D AND SERUM CALCIUM DEFICIENCY IN STABLE CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE A 1 YEAR HOSPITAL BASED OBSERVATIONAL STUDY", is ethical and justifiable. The proposed research project has been cleared by the JNMC Institutional Ethics Committee on Human Subjects Research.

(Dr. Arathi Darshan)
Member Secretary

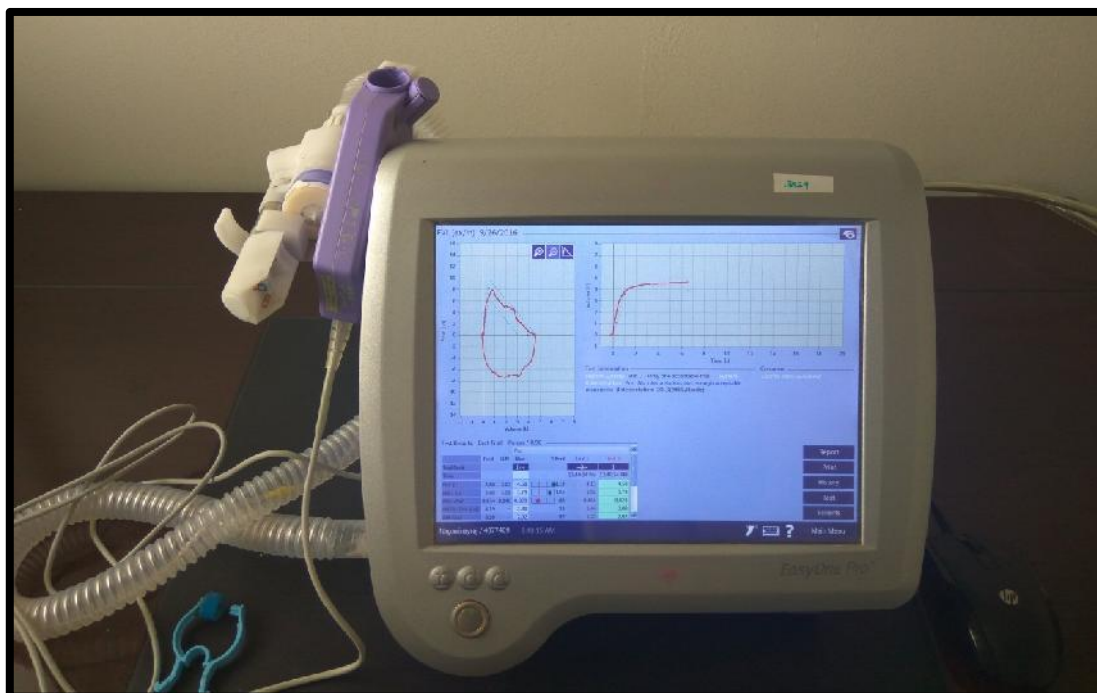
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ANNEXURE IV:

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photograph 1.Spirometer

ANNEXURE V:

KEY TO MASTERCHART

- FEV1% : Forced Expiratory Volume in 1 second
- FVC : Forced Vital Capacity
- BMI : Body Mass Index
- F : Female
- M : Male
- HT : Height
- WT : Weight
- S.CA : Serum calcium levels
- S.VIT D : Serum Vitamin D levels

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SL. NO	NAME	AGE	SEX	HT	WT	BMI	SMOKING	FEV1	FVC	RATIO	INFERENCE	CO-MORBIDITY	S. VIT D	REMARK	S.CA	REMARK
1	PREMA KAMBLE	61	F	162	70	27	NO	31	36	0.7	SEVERE	HTN,DM	18.2	DEFICIT	8.6	HYPO
2	KRISHNA K	82	M	165	60	22	YES	28	39	0.6	V.SEVERE		27.01	INSUFFICIENT	9.5	NORMAL
3	BHIMANGOUDA D.H	55	M	167	42	15	YES	61	72	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	17.8	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
4	VASANT KAMBLE	70	M	161	81	31	YES	56	59	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	28.6	INSUFFICIENT	8	HYPO
5	GANGAVVA U	75	F	165	72	26	NO	45	58	0.6	SEVERE	HTN	5.8	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
6	PARVATI HARJE	70	F	154	67	28	NO	66	78	0.7	MODERTE	DM	16.4	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
7	DEMAVVA T	57	F	164	54	20	NO	50	59	0.7	MODERTE		28	INSUFFICIENT	8.8	NORMAL
8	VEERBHADRAPPA D	71	M	159	50	20	YES	55	65	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	20.6	INSUFFICIENT	8.4	HYPO
9	BASAVANNA M	70	M	172	75	25	YES	71	91	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	34.5	ADEQUATE	8.4	HYPO
10	GOURAMMA M	65	F	168	59	21	NO	67	71	0.7	MODERTE		42	ADEQUATE	8.8	NORMAL
11	MAHNATAPPA KORI	65	M	140	47	24	NO	35	42	0.7	SEVERE	IHD	28.8	INSUFFICIENT	8.8	NORMAL
12	DATTATRAY H	60	M	146	40	19	YES	57	58	0.7	MODERTE	IHD	16.8	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
13	PARAVATI KORE	65	F	156	75	31	NO	43	54	0.7	SEVERE		32	ADEQUATE	8.9	NORMAL
14	SUNANDABAI P.K	70	F	149	67	30	NO	36	52	0.6	SEVERE		40.1	ADEQUATE	8.8	NORMAL
15	BALAPPA M	70	M	164	62	23	YES	62	78	0.7	MODERTE	IHD	12	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
16	NAGESH PUNED	72	M	157	63	26	YES	55	68	0.7	MODERTE		15	DEFICIT	8.2	HYPO
17	SIDDAPPA P	70	M	160	64	25	YES	65	82	0.7	MODERTE	DM,CVA	12.6	DEFICIT	8.5	HYPO
18	MAHADEV B	55	M	171	61	21	NO	79	78	0.7	MODERTE	DM,HTN	31.6	ADEQUATE	8.9	NORMAL
19	SIDDAPPA M	78	M	166	68	25	NO	70	76	0.7	MODERTE		6.74	DEFICIT	8.1	HYPO
20	SUSHILA KHOT	80	F	140	47	24	NO	58	71	0.7	MODERTE	DM,IHD	4.2	DEFICIT	8.2	HYPO
21	MAHADEV T	70	M	160	74	29	YES	36	48	0.6	SEVERE	HTN,IHD	36.8	ADEQUATE	8.5	HYPO
22	FATIMA JAMADAR	98	F	145	50	24	NO	67	76	0.7	MODERTE		6	DEFICIT	8.6	HYPO
23	NARAYAN N	61	M	173	51	17	YES	60	68	0.7	MODERTE		28	INSUFFICIENT	8.3	HYPO
24	SIDDAPPA P.M	68	M	152	50	22	YES	50	58	0.7	MODERTE	DM	19	DEFICIT	8.4	HYPO
25	SULAVVA KAMBLE	60	F	155	70	29	NO	27	47	0.7	V.SEVERE		32	ADEQUATE	8.2	HYPO
26	RAMACHANDRA K	60	M	157	52	21	YES	56	63	0.7	MODERTE	HTN.DM	8	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
27	BHIMANGOUDA P	65	M	157	52	21	YES	67	69	0.7	MODERTE		24	INSUFFICIENT	8.9	NORMAL

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28	MUDAKAPPA.V.M	80	M	153	49	21	YES	67	76	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	6.6	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL
29	BASAYYA .G.D	79	M	163	64	24	NO	54	58	0.7	MODERTE		3	DEFICIT	8.5	HYPO
30	SHOBHA JADHAV	50	F	160	80	31	NO	56	58	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	13.6	DEFICIT	8.3	HYPO
31	BASAPPA S.B	70	M	169	56	20	YES	52	58	0.7	MODERTE		22	INSUFFICIENT	8.2	HYPO
32	SHANTHABAI.Y.G	76	F	163	73	28	NO	55	67	0.7	MODERTE	DM,HTN,IHD	70	ADEQUATE	8.2	HYPO
33	NINGAPPA .B.A	65	M	163	76	29	YES	77	80	0.7	MODERTE	DM	7.9	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
34	PRAKASH GHODKE	63	M	168	90	32	YES	52	55	0.7	MODERTE	DM	28.1	INSUFFICIENT	8.6	HYPO
35	ASHOK VADHE	60	M	162	65	25	YES	63	75	0.7	MODERTE		44	ADEQUATE	8.3	HYPO
36	SUMITRADEVI S.S	70	F	160	65	25	NO	56	71	0.7	MODERTE		58.3	ADEQUATE	11.2	HYPER
37	SHANKAR KOLI	76	M	146	60	28	NO	57	73	0.6	MODERTE	DM.IHD,HTN	12	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL
38	BASAVANNEPPAC.K	80	M	159	60	24	YES	49	55	0.7	SEVERE		6	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
39	SATTEVVA M.M	56	F	166	63	23	NO	70	73	0.7	MODERTE	IHD	8.2	DEFICIT	8	HYPO
40	SHIVAJI M.K	64	M	162	54	21	YES	49	64	0.5	SEVERE	DM.HTN	22	INSUFFICIENT	9.4	NORMAL
41	GURUBASAPPA S.P	54	M	145	52	25	YES	59	83	0.6	MODERTE		4.9	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL
42	KALLANGOUD B.B	63	M	168	73	26	YES	45	54	0.5	SEVERE		11.9	DEFICIT	8.6	HYPO
43	BABAJI TUPARE	73	M	162	70	27	YES	46	61	0.6	SEVERE	HTN	18	DEFICIT	8.5	HYPO
44	HANUMANTHA D.K	52	M	152	60	26	NO	32	58	0.6	SEVERE		8.3	DEFICIT	8.2	HYPO
45	RAMAYYA D	53	M	165	65	24	YES	34	58	0.5	SEVERE	DM	33	ADEQUATE	8.4	HYPO
46	ARJUN KADEMANI	50	M	169	70	25	YES	27	58	0.4	V.SEVERE	HTN,DM	19	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
47	SHABIR PATEL	49	M	150	66	29	YES	35	45	0.6	SEVERE	DM	10.2	DEFICIT	9	NORMAL
48	CHANNAPPA T	71	M	154	65	27	NO	65	65	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	38	ADEQUATE	8.8	NORMAL
49	SADASHIV H	79	M	159	68	27	NO	70	79	0.7	MODERTE	DM	56	ADEQUATE	8.2	HYPO
50	LAXMIBAI PATIL	71	F	156	45	19	NO	59	83	0.6	MODERTE	HTN,DM	12	DEFICIT	8.6	HYPO
51	RAVIKUMAR PATIL	59	M	143	55	24.8	YES	74	76	0.7	MODERTE		20	INSUFFICIENT	8.5	HYPO
52	BALU DUNDGE	70	M	156	68	27.9	YES	54	61	0.5	MODERTE	IHD,DM	10.1	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
53	SREEPATHIRAO J	75	M	170	60	20.8	YES	74	80	0.7	MODERTE	IHD	11.2	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
54	YASHODA V.T	69	F	166	56	20.3	NO	57	63	0.7	MODERTE		16	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL

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55	VISHNU GAVADE	80	M	144	50	24.1	YES	57	62	0.6	MODERTE	HTN,DM	8.1	DEFICIT	8.5	HYPO
56	MAHANTAPPA A.K	65	M	157	70	28.4	NO	72	77	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	26	INSUFFICIENT	8.5	HYPO
57	NAGUBAI CHIKKE	77	F	159	61	24.1	NO	72	77	0.7	MODERTE		3	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
58	SUMITRA S.B	61	F	148	43	19.6	NO	33	51	0.7	SEVERE	IHD,DM	5.8	DEFICIT	7.8	HYPO
59	KAMALA CHOUGLE	61	F	153	56	23.9	NO	56	70	0.7	MODERTE	HTN,DM	14	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL
60	SUNANDABAI M	66	F	164	56	20.8	NO	30	36	0.6	SEVERE		22	INSUFFICIENT	8.9	NORMAL
61	YALLAPPA NAIK	85	M	151	47	20.6	YES	63	67	0.7	MODERTE	DM	28	INSUFFICIENT	8.3	HYPO
62	SONAWA S.C	88	F	154	52	21.9	NO	52	67	0.6	MODERTE	DM,IHD	4	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
63	MAHADEVI K	65	F	136	46	24.9	NO	62	69	0.7	MODERTE		23.6	INSUFFICIENT	9	NORMAL
64	PRATIMA MISAL	62	F	144	64	30.9	NO	78	93	0.7	MODERTE		6.3	DEFICIT	9.7	NORMAL
65	BASAPPA GONGADI	85	M	136	46	24.9	YES	80	88	0.7	MILD		10	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
66	MALLAVVA TELI	50	F	147	64	29.6	NO	72	83	0.7	MODERTE		22	INSUFFICIENT	8.3	HYPO
67	LAXMAN PATIL	70	M	167	62	22.2	YES	56	67	0.7	MODERTE		36	ADEQUATE	8.5	HYPO
68	IMAMJAFAR H.J	70	M	165	64	23.5	YES	41	58	0.7	SEVERE		26	INSUFFICIENT	8.9	NORMAL
69	ARJUN SUTAR	55	M	161	60	23.1	YES	62	74	0.7	MODERTE		10	DEFICIT	8.4	HYPO
70	IRAVVA HIREMATH	52	F	153	53	22.6	NO	70	88	0.7	MODERTE	DM	6	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
71	PRAFULL SAWANT	54	M	163	54	20.3	YES	52	68	0.7	MODERTE		48	ADEQUATE	8.3	HYPO
72	RAMACHANDRAPPA R.P	70	M	165	50	18.4	YES	76	80	0.7	MODERTE	DM	13	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
73	SUBHASH KORE	65	M	148	42	19.2	YES	33	41	0.7	SEVERE		34	ADEQUATE	8.9	NORMAL
74	NINGAPPA Y.H	58	M	145	41	19.5	YES	56	70	0.7	MODERTE	IHD	5	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
75	BASAVANI B.J	68	M	148	37	16.9	NO	30	36	0.6	SEVERE		18	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL
76	BHIMAPPA M	76	M	170	60	23.5	YES	63	67	0.7	MODERTE		34	ADEQUATE	8.8	NORMAL
77	BHARAMAVVA K	75	F	160	40	15.6	NO	52	67	0.6	MODERTE		13	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
78	MADHUKAR R.H	70	M	156	45	18.5	YES	57	69	0.7	MODERTE	DM	17	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
79	SAVITRI V.K	86	F	143	55	26.9	NO	78	93	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	12	DEFICIT	8.4	HYPO
80	NABISAB F.Y	86	M	162	54	20.6	YES	80	88	0.7	MILD	HTN,DM	6	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
81	ASHOK PATIL	60	M	145	52	24.7	NO	72	83	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	16	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL

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82	ABDULKHADAR R.J	72	M	168	63	22.3	YES	60	67	0.7	MODERTE		22	INSUFFICIENT	8.2	HYPO
83	KASHAVVA M.S	60	F	162	70	26.7	NO	61	68	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	32	ADEQUATE	8.8	NORMAL
84	GANGAVVA D	91	F	152	52	22.5	NO	76	72	0.7	MODERTE	HTN	15	DEFICIT	8.3	HYPO
85	ILIYAS MULLA	58	M	165	65	23.9	YES	71	75	0.7	MODERTE		24	INSUFFICIENT	9.2	NORMAL
86	BHARAMAVVA P	65	F	169	70	24.5	NO	38	46	0.7	SEVERE		16	DEFICIT	8.4	HYPO
87	ASHOK K	62	M	150	66	29.3	NO	48	57	0.7	SEVERE		12	DEFICIT	8.1	HYPO
88	SUNANDABAI P.M	75	F	154	65	27.4	NO	47	64	0.6	SEVERE		65	ADEQUATE	9	NORMAL
89	BASAPPA B	70	M	159	85	33.6	YES	69	74	0.7	MODERTE		7.2	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
90	SIDDAPPA R.M	75	M	156	45	18.5	YES	62	67	0.7	MODERTE		6.7	DEFICIT	8.1	HYPO
91	BABAJI KRISHNA	70	M	143	55	26.9	YES	36	43	0.7	SEVERE		14.7	DEFICIT	9.2	NORMAL
92	LAXMIBAI GHODKE	85	F	156	85	34.9	NO	44	49	0.7	SEVERE		5.2	DEFICIT	8.5	HYPO
93	SIDDAPPA M.P	68	M	170	60	20.8	YES	54	82	0.7	MODERTE		9.7	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
94	CHANDRAWVA B	56	F	166	56	20.3	NO	60	83	0.6	MODERTE		16	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL
95	PARAVTHI P	78	F	144	50	24.1	NO	16	25	0.5	V.SEVERE		3	DEFICIT	8.1	HYPO
96	RAMAYYA D	53	M	157	70	28.4	YES	73	82	0.7	MODERTE		15	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
97	MAHADEV MANURE	55	M	167	61	21.9	YES	52	66	0.7	MODERTE		14.7	DEFICIT	10	NORMAL
98	SUMITRA B	61	F	148	43	19.6	NO	63	75	0.7	MODERTE	IHD,DM	5.8	DEFICIT	7.8	HYPO
99	KALLANGOUD B	68	M	153	56	23.9	NO	56	71	0.7	MODERTE		12	DEFICIT	8.9	NORMAL
100	BASAPPA PATIL	68	M	153	64	27.3	YES	57	73	0.6	MODERTE		7.8	DEFICIT	8.8	NORMAL