**Results** 12 children (13.3%) were hospitalized during the first days, in the first 3 days — 32 children (35.5%). In 90 children (100%) was identify the antigen of rotavirus. Most frequency of RI in the children was identified in age 1-3 years. The syndrome of gastroenteritis developed in 1-3 day per acute period of disease frequency of stool was 2–15 times per day. In the 20 children (22.2%) RI was associated with pathogenic flora: St. aureus (7.7%), Proteus (10%), Pseudomonas (4.4%). In the our contingent there were a decline of levels of copper of blood serum, zinc and iodine, at the insignificant increase of level of iron. Research of mineraluria in children gave the reference level of all investigated oligoelementa and phosphorus. In the patients with RI was identified the disbalance of minerals of blood serum with association of their unchanged elimination.

**Conclusions** This date presents the necessity of mineral correction in the patients with RI.

**GENETIC AND PHYLOGENETIC CHARACTERIZATION OF STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS STRAINS ISOLATED FROM ATOPIC DERMATITIS PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AND THEIR COHABITANTS**

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Atopic dermatitis (AD) is characterized by dysfunctional skin susceptibility to Staphylococcus aureus colonization, which can exacerbate the symptoms. Recent studies indicate that the S. aureus’s great versatility is a direct consequence of its genome’s plasticity and adaptability.

The present study evaluated the prevalence of S. aureus in 175 pediatric AD patients and their 195 cohabitants in relation with the severity of the disease. Moreover, isolated strains were characterized for pathogenic and virulence factors (PCR analysis), for genome structure (PFGE analysis) and for phylogenetic relations (MLST analysis) to investigate the possible correlation between genetic characteristics and the different stages of disease and the effects of atopic environment on the genome structure of these strains.

Our data showed that both patients and their cohabitants had high prevalence of S. aureus, that was proportional to the severity of the disease. PFGE analysis showed the existence of clonal identity among isolates from different sites of the same patient and between isolates from patients and their cohabitants. MLST data showed that there was a significant phylogenetic distance among strains with identical PFGE profile.

Our results demonstrate that the family is a source of infection/reinfection for patients and a source of risk for cohabitants. Moreover, our data suggests that although bacterial strains from atopic skin show conserved genomic structures (identical PFGE profiles), they came from very different genetic backgrounds (different MLST profiles). We assume that the peculiar atopic tissue environment may induce the evolution of these strains, with changes in genomic structure and regulation of virulence factors.

**HUMAN BOCAVIRUS IN HIGH-RISK CHILDREN**

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From 1 October 2009 to 1 December 2010, we conducted a prospective hospital-based study at KFSHRC to evaluate the role of Bocavirus (HBoV) infections in hospitalized children with chronic medical or immunocompromising conditions. Clinical and epidemiological data were recorded and respiratory samples including nasopharyngeal aspirate or nasopharyngeal swabs were obtained from all children less than 14 years old with acute respiratory tract infections. HBoV was screened in all respiratory samples by real time PCR, in addition to 13 common respiratory viruses. During the study, HBoV was detected in respiratory samples from 25 (2%) of 1016 symptomatic patient. HBoV co-existence with other respiratory pathogens occurred in 72% (18/25) of respiratory samples from symptomatic patients. HBoV infections were detected in every month except June and July with peaks in the month of September, October, November, and December. The main diagnosis in 13 patients (52%) with HBoV was radiologically confirmed pneumonia. For the other 12 patients with HBoV infections the main diagnosis were gastroenteritis (4 cases), chest exacerbation (5 cases), upper respiratory tract infections (2 cases), persistent fever (1 case), seizure (1 case), otitis media (1 case). The main clinical signs and symptoms of HBoV positive patients included fever, cough, tachypnea, dyspnea, crackles, wheezing, abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhea. The present study suggest that HBoV may be a fairly common cause of pneumonia in high-risk children hospitalized with acute respiratory infections and associated with morbidity. However, further study is needed to clarify if HBoV plays a pathogenic role in community acquired pneumonia in high-risk children.

**SIMILAR CLONE OF SALMONELLA ENTERICA SEROVARES ENTERITIDIS ISOLATED FROM STOOL SAMPLES OF CHILDREN AND FOOD SOURCES**

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Background Salmonella enterica subsp. Enterica serovar enteritidis is one of the major endemic causes of gastroenteritis worldwide. The objective of this study was to molecular analysis of Salmonella enteritidis (SE) isolates from children stools and food sources.

**Methods** During 6 months (2010), 1950 stool samples of children younger than 12 years in Tehran were collected. At the same time sampling from different food sources including chicken, beef, lamb and duck also, were done. The culture and susceptibility testing performed according to the standard methods. We also used rep-PCR with (GTG)5 primers to study genetic relatedness of SE isolates from two sample sources.

**Results** A total of 30 SE isolates (15 of clinical and 15 of food samples) were identified. There were 14 different antibiotypes (AB) among stool and food sample isolates. AB1 (30%) and AB2 (24%) was the most prevalent antibiotic resistance patterns. The (GTG)5-PCR banding pattern analysis reviled 3 different common types (CT1, CT2, CT3) and only one single type. CT1 and CT2 were shared between food and stool samples and CT2 was predominant clone. CT3 was limited only to the clinical samples.

**Conclusion** Antibiotic resistance of SE isolates from clinical and food sources did not differ significantly except for nitrofurantoin and nalidixic acid. Food sources isolates were more susceptible than clinical ones. Using rep-PCR with (GTG)5, primers, showed that some clones of SE are responsible for salmonellosis between human and food sources in Tehran and it is of major public health concern.

**VIRULENCE FACTORS OF UROPATHOGENIC AND COMMENSAL ESCHERICHIA COLI PATHOTYPES IN PATIENTS WITH URINARY TRACT INFECTION**

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Background The present study is comparison of commensal and uropathogenic Escherichia coli (UPEC) pathotypes according to multiple virulence genes by multiplex PCR.

Methods Thirty two virulence factors including adhesions group, protectin related genes, common toxins related to UPEC, phylogenic group A, D and B2 and stool samples of hospitalized children and to determine the pattern of resistance to antibiotics.

Results The PCR assay results identified vat (96 vs. 4%), PAI IV536 (85 vs. 41%), PAI IJ96 (7% vs. 13%), ctsU (41 vs. 1%), PAI II536 (87% vs. 7%), PAJ536 (7 vs. 5%), flic (H724 vs. 9%)), hlyD (21 vs. 2%), focC (21 vs. 3%), cnf1 (21 vs. 0%), gafD (20 vs. 2%), cdh1 (19 vs. 7%), bmaE (17 vs. 5%), PAI I J96 (11 vs. 3%), were more frequent virulence markers in uropathogenic isolates than commensal E. coli isolates respectively. The frequency of afa (10%), fimH (92 vs. 97%), kpsMT (K1) (41 vs. 57%), kpsMTIII (11 vs. 5%), fsc (O4 LPS) (9 vs. 2%), PAI II 536 (20 vs. 24%), PAI III 536, KpsMT (K1) (53 vs. 43%), iha (17 vs. 26%), markers was almost similar in both of them. cvaC (64 vs. 18%) was most frequent marker in commensal E.coli. PCR phylotyping revealed higher prevalence of commensal E. coli strains in group A and D while uropathogenic strains were mainly found in subgroup B2.

Conclusion Based on these results, the potential for Commensal E. coli to act as human UPEC or as a reservoir of virulence genes for UPEC should be considered.

Background The objectives of this study was to define the phylogenetic groups in urinary and commensal E. coli isolated from urine and stool samples of hospitalized children and to determine the pattern of resistance to antibiotics.

Method A total of 100 urine and stool samples were processed during the study period from September 2009 to August 2010. Samples were cultured using standard microbiological techniques. Biochemical testing was used to identify the organisms, E. coli isolates were tested for phylogenetic grouping by using triplex PCR and antibiotic susceptibility test done by the Kirby Bauer method.

Results Phylogenetic group B2 and D were predominant in urinary samples (54% and 34% respectively). Phylogenetic group A, D and B2 were found in decreasing order of 41%, 26% and 16% respectively in the stool samples.

Following resistance patterns were observed in urinary E. coli isolates vs. commensal E. coli, respectivley: nitrofurantoin (2% vs. 8%); imipenem (2% vs. 1%); amikacin (4% vs. 5%); ciprofloxacin (6% vs. 5%); nalidixic acid (8% vs. 27%); amoxicillin (16% vs. 20%); cefazidime (12% vs. 7%); amoxicillin-clavulanic acid (14% vs. 9%); gentamicin (22% vs. 12%); cepodoxime (48% vs. 19%); cefotaxime (48% vs. 27%); cotrimoxazole (61% vs. 82%); and aztreonam (7% vs. 16%); Multi-drug resistance (MDR = resistance to >8 drugs) was most common associated with UPEC isolates.

Conclusion Although group B2 E. coli strains were uncommon in stool samples, as they are highly virulent they still represent a potential reservoir for urinary tract infection. Resistance to most antimicrobials is high both in UPEC and commensal strains.