walkers, those with GMFCS level II had lower BMD z-scores than children with level I at the distal femur (p-values < 0.004) but not in the LS (p = 0.06). Mean 25-OHD concentration was 45 nmol/L (SD: 18); lower in walkers (mean: 41 nmol/L; SD: 18) than in non-walkers (mean: 53 nmol/L; SD: 19; p = 0.041). There was no correlations between 25-OHD and BMD.

Conclusions The main predictor of low BMD was the inability to walk. Children with GMFCS level II had considerably lower BMD than children with level I. The majority of the CP children had insufficient vitamin D status; however, no correlation between vitamin D status and BMD was observed.

ASSOCIATION OF BODY FAT PERCENTAGE IN CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY

Background and aim Children with cerebral palsy (CP) have higher risk for malnutrition and poor growth; however, it is difficult to assess nutritional status. The aim was to assess body fat percentage based on anthropometric measurements and compare it with direct measurement of percentage body fat with dual X-ray absorptiometry (DXA) in children with CP.

Methods Forty-seven children (age range: 8–18 years; 18 girls) with CP participated and had their body fat percentage measured using DXA. Body fat percentages were estimated from triceps and subscapular skinfolds using standard (Slaughter et al.) and CP-specific equations (Gurka et al.). Differences and agreement between DXA and skinfold body fat percentage were analysed by comparing mean differences by Bland-Altman plots.

Result The CP-specific equations (r = 0.883) and the standard equations (r = 0.819) had excellent correlation coefficient with DXA fat percent. The standard equations underestimated body fat percent (mean difference: -7.1%) measured by DXA (Figure 1). In contrast, the mean difference for fat percent calculated by the CP-specific equations and by DXA differed marginally (+ 1.4%) (Figure 2).

Conclusion Accurate measures of body fat percentages may be obtained using two skinfold measurements with the CP-specific equations in children with CP.

IS THERE ANY CORRELATION BETWEEN POLYMORPHISM C677T METHYLENETETRAHYDROFOLATE REDUCTASE (MTHFR) GENE AND HOMOCYSTEINE LEVEL IN CEREBRAL PALSY?

Background Cerebral palsy (CP) is common cause of disability in children. The aetiology of cerebral injury in CP is multifactorial, and recent studies suggested that genetic factor maybe contributed to the development of CP. Polymorphism C677T MTHFR gene influenced homocysteine metabolism that has neurotoxic effect.

Aim This is a preliminary study. The aim of this study was to evaluate the correlation between polymorphism C677T MTHFR gene and homocysteine level in CP children in Bandung, Indonesia.

Methods This is the cross sectional study. The CP children, 4–14 years old were analysed C677T polymorphism in the MTHFR gene and homocysteine level. The data of this study were analysed with SPSS program, t-tests were used, and statistical significance was defined as p value ≤ 0.05.

Results Thirty six spastic CP children, GMFCS I-III (22 males and 14 females; mean age 9.8 years) from school for disability children at Cibiru and Suryakanti (centre for children with special needs) in Bandung, Indonesia. There is a heterozygote polymorphism C677T MTHFR gene in 7 children (3 males and 2 females). The mean of homocysteine level is 8.69. We found no significant correlation between polymorphism C677T MTHFR gene and homocysteine level in CP children (p = 0.89)

Conclusion Preliminary data shows no correlation between polymorphism C677T MTHFR gene and homocysteine level in CP.
**PO-0831** CLINICAL, NEUROEPIDEMIOLOGICAL SPECTRUM AND TREATMENT OUTCOME OF WEST SYNDROME IN CHILDREN

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**Problem** West Syndrome (WS) is a severe epileptic disorder. Its aetiology is highly heterogeneous, the treatment is limited and the prognosis depends on the cause. Studies of this disease allowed the establishment of prognosis criteria and optimal therapeutic strategies.

**Methods** We conducted a retrospective study on the observations of 30 children followed for WS in the department of paediatrics of the military hospital of Tunis between 1990 and 2010. The studied variables were: aetiology, treatments and their efficiency as well as neurological, cognitive and behavioural development of children.

**Results** The age of onset is before the first year in 93.33% of cases. The disease occurs mainly by epileptic spasms and almost all children presented a significant developmental regression. Typical hypsarrythmia is found only in 36% of cases. Concerning aetiology, symptomatic forms represent 20% and idiopathic ones 10%. The usual protocol at our department is to start with Vigabatrin-corticosteroid association with 91.6% efficiency. Neurological prognosis is severe with sequelas in 66.66% of cases. Behavioural disorders are also significant because half of children have mental retardation.

**Conclusion** Despite the existence of more effective molecules, the prognosis of the WS remains severe. Better knowledge of physiopathology, the deferent electroclinical aspects and therapeutic management allow improving the children’s fate.

**PO-0832** EARLY PREDICTORS OF NEURODEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME OF NEONATAL BACTERIAL MENINGITIS

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From base investigation group – 132 patients were divided in two groups, in which patients were united by the starting point of disease from the birth: first group included newborns with signs of disease on earlier stage (signs of the disease showed up during 24–72 h from the birth); Second group included newborns with later signs of disease (after 72 h from the birth).

Our conclusion is – outcome of bacterial meningitis depends on the starting point of disease. Meningitis which began earlier than 72 h of life, characterised by severe prognosis. Mother’s chronical infection diseases and brain injury of newborn are predictors of severe complications of neonatal bacterial meningitis. Such complications of bacterial meningitis as are: brain abscess, ventriculitis, neonatal seizures, coma and neurotupenia, become predictors of severe latest outcome.

**PO-0833** WITHDRAWN

**PO-0834** LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENTAL OUTCOME OF CHILDREN PRENATALLY EXPOSED TO ANTI玉EPILEPTIC DRUGS

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**Background and aims** The long-term effects of intra-uterine exposure antiepileptic drugs (AEDs) on cognitive functioning are limited and conflicting. The aim of the study was to assess the remote effects of fetal AEDs on cognitive outcomes in children.

**Methods** Children, aged 2–4 years, with fetal exposure of carbamazepine (CBZ), lamotrigine (LTG) or valproate (VPA) monotherapy were recruited from the local registry of Epilepsy-Pregnancy. Neuropsychological assessment was performed in all cases with Learning Accomplishment Profile (LAP) for children of 1–6 years. All age groups were evaluated with Wide Range Assessment of Visual Motor Abilities (WRAVMA) tests. The results were compared to the results of the epidemiological study evaluating developmental achievements in general preschool children population.

**Results** In total 39 children were assessed. Eleven (28%) were exposed to intra-uterine VPA, 22 (56%) to CBZ and six (15%) to LTG. From whole group poor performance in expressive verbal abilities are more often associated with fetal exposure to VPA and CBZ. For more conclusive results further profound neuropsychological evaluations are needed.

**PO-0835** WITHDRAWN

**PO-0836** DETERMINATION OF COGNITIVE FUNCTIONING DISORDERS INCIDENCE IN CHILDREN WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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