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EFFECTS OF IODINE SUPPLEMENTATION ON PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOMOTOR DEVELOPMENT IN YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR NEUROLOGICAL STATUS

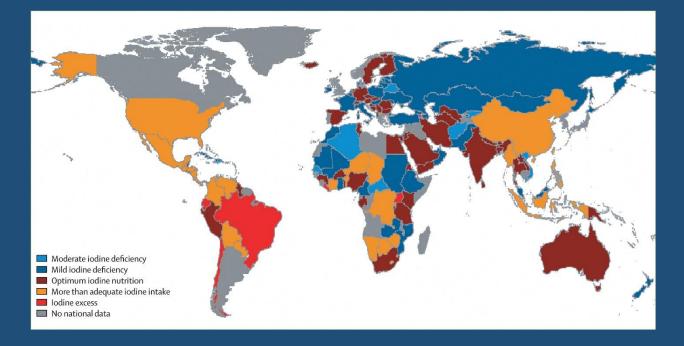
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Actuality

- Iodine deficiency is the world's most prevalent, yet easily preventable, cause of brain damage.
- Iodine deficiency disorders (IDD), which can start before birth, jeopardize children's mental health and often their very survival.
- Iodine deficiency (ID) during pregnancy and infancy may impair growth and neurodevelopment, increase infant mortality. ID during childhood reduces somatic growth and cognitive and motor function.
- Greater significance is IDD's less visible, yet pervasive, mental impairment that reduces intellectual capacity at home, in school and at work.

Aim

To evaluate effects of iodine supplementation on physical and psychomotor development in young children and their neurological status

Methods

Target group: 118 children 0-3 years old from orphanage Methods:

- Examination physical and neuropsychological development
- Dietary iodine intake evaluation by urinary iodine concentration (Sandell-Kolthoff reaction)
- Thyroid status by TSH, T4, T3 serum-based measuring (IMA)
- Iodine intake: infant formula (iodine concentration 100 μg/l) — 61 children (KI-) and additional iodine supplementation in 57 children (KI+) by drugs (50 μg per day for 6 months)

Results

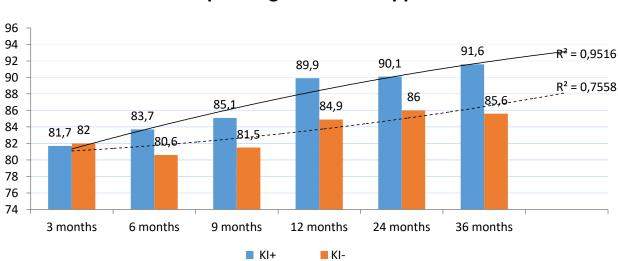
Impact of iodine supplementation on thyroid status

in young children

Labs		3 Months		6 Months		9 Months		12 Months	
		KI+ (n=57)	KI- (n=61)	KI+ (n=57)	KI- (n=61)	Kl+ (n=57)	KI- (n=61)	Kl+ (n=57)	KI- (n=61)
TSH mU/I	Me	3,21	3,24	2,23	2,89	1,98	2,98	1,96	2,99
	25%, 75%	2,31; 4,19	2,76; 3,98	1,87; 2,54	2,16; 3,78	1,78; 2,16	2,24; 3,78	1,77; 2,01	2,43; 3,98
	р	0,328		0,021		0,001		0,001	
T3 nmol/l	Me	3,8	3,9	3,5	3,7	3,5	3,6	3,4	3,6
	25%, 75%	3,3; 4,5	3,3; 4,6	3,2; 4,2	3,2; 4,3	2,8; 4,1	3,2; 4,2	2,9; 4,1	3,2; 4,2
	р	0,731		0,149		0,316		0,798	
T4 nmol/l	Me	146,2	148,3	151,5	148,5	156,0	152,0	162,0	156,0
	25%, 75%	141,4; 167,2	143,1; 168,7	142,5; 165,0	137,0; 166,5	148,0; 167,0	146,0; 168,0	146,0; 182,0	144,0; 172,0
	р	0,639		0,391		0,674		0,257	

 Iodine supplementation per 6 months reduced median TSH level up to 1.96 mU/l [QR: 1,77; 2,01] (p<0.001) vs median TSH level in control group 2,99 mU/l [QR: 2,43; 3,98], p<0.001

- That resulted in improvement of anthropometry indicators (92.3 %, p<0.001) and psychomotor development (50 %, p<0.001)
- The coefficient of neuropsychological development increased (up to 92 points)



Neuropsychological development (points) in children depending on iodine supplementation

 The frequency of neurological signs reduced up to 28.9 % (p<0.001)

Conclusions

 Iodine supplementation is an effective mean of correcting physical, neuropsychological development and improvement of neurological status in children with dysfunction of the nervous system

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