



Estimation of Burden of Cystic Echinococcosis in Iran Using Disability Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) in 2018

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Abstract

Background: Human hydatidosis as a public concern has increased in a number of countries that have reduced control programs for the disease due to lack of resources or policies. We aimed to estimate Disability-Adjusted Life Years (DALYs) for human hydatidosis in Iran in 2018.

Methods: Data were collected from the Center of Communicable Diseases Control, Ministry of Health & Medical Education, Tehran, Iran in 2018. To calculate DALYs, years of life lost due to premature death (YLL) with years of life with disability (YLD) were calculated according to the formula as $DALY = YLL + YLD$. The standard life expectancy lost method (SEYLL) was used to calculate the years lost due to premature death.

Results: DALYs for human hydatidosis was calculated as 1210.12 years (YLD equals to 177.12 and YLL equals to 1033) in Iran for the year 2018. It was estimated to be 700.2 years for men and 509.8 years for women. DALYs in men were significantly different from women ($P=0.001$) so DALYs were more in men than women were. YLD was calculated at 78.228 years in men and 98.892 years in women and in both men and women at 177.12 years. YLD was significantly different in women compared to men ($P=0.001$), so YLD in women was more than in men.

Conclusion: We reached considerable indices for hydatidosis in our study. Therefore, disease prevention and control programs in Iran seem necessary by the policy makers.

Keywords: Hydatidosis; Burden; Disability-adjusted life years; Human; Iran

Introduction

Cystic echinococcosis (CE) is a severe zoonotic disease that affects people all over the world. CE

was included in the official list of the 18 Neglected Tropical Diseases by the WHO. In addition to



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