

## An Animal Study Examined the Effects of Vitamin D deficiency on the Speed of Orthodontic Tooth movement

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### Abstract

One of the important chemicals that regulates bone remodelling and orthodontic tooth movement (OTM) is vitamin D. Increased rates of OTM have been linked to higher vitamin D levels. This study sought to ascertain the relationship between OTM rate and vitamin D deficiency following the application of orthodontic pressures [1, 2].

**Materials and Methods:** Wistar rats were split into two groups: the experimental group, which had vitamin D shortage induced, and the control group, which had average vitamin D levels. Fixed orthodontic appliances were used to start the movement of the teeth. On day zero and then once every seven days until day 21, the distance between the reference teeth was measured in millimetres.

**Results:** There was a significant difference within the experimental group, and neither the control group nor the interaction between time and group type was significant.

**Conclusion:** Induced vitamin D deficiency in rats had no effect on how quickly teeth moved after orthodontic treatment.

**Keywords:** Orthodontic tooth movement; Vitamin D deficiency; Orthodontic force; Tooth Movement; Animal studies

### Introduction

Saudi Arabia is not an exception to the worldwide health problem of vitamin D deficiency. When people get less sun exposure, their bodies produce less vitamin D, which can result in secondary hyperparathyroidism and poor calcium absorption, among other health issues.

It is known that changes in the vitamin D prohormone levels can either stimulate or inhibit bone resorption.

Osteoclasts control the rate of bone resorption, which affects the rate of tooth movement and remodelling. Specific molecular and cellular reactions in the ligament of periodontium produce remodelling in the alveolus bone [3, 4].

Orthodontic tooth movement and bone remodelling have been found to be regulated by various basic chemicals, including vitamin D. Locally administered vitamin D<sub>3</sub> increases calcium release through osteoclastic bone resorption, speeding OTM in humans and shortening treatment duration and cost. Since they must occasionally be supplied by local injections that may cause pain and discomfort, clinical trials on humans are constrained. Studies that attempted to change OTM rate using exogenous vitamin D<sub>3</sub> dosages found that OTM rate increased. Vitamin D is a crucial hormone in the correct resorption of bone since it can alter it at extremely low amounts. In healthy young mice, doses as little as 0.2 ng/g can cause an increase in the rate of bone resorption.

Numerous studies have been conducted on the effects of vitamin D on OTM. The influence of vitamin D insufficiency on the prevalence of OTM in the clinical practise of orthodontics, however, has not been reported in any of the examined scientific evidence, including experimental and clinical research. Therefore, the purpose of this investigation was to determine how vitamin D insufficiency affected the incidence of OTM [5, 6].

### Material and Methods

#### Experimental Animals

The University Board Ethical Committee granted approval after receiving an ethical clearance. We used 16 male Wistar rats that were 300–330 g (g) in weight and 8–9 weeks old. Using procedures for calculating power in animal research, the sample power was estimated using the G power sample power calculator (Universtat Keil) (Charan and Kantharia, 2013). A repeated measures ANOVA was predicted to require 8 rats per group to achieve an effect size of 0.8 and power of 0.95.

The six transparent type-IV polycarbonate cages with metal grid tops that were utilised to house the rats were kept in a quiet atmosphere inside an animal holding cabinet. Each of the two groups received three cages that were labelled as follows: Group C (Control): The group E (experimental) and normal rats: Rats with artificially low vitamin D levels. The number of rats that could fit in a cage at once was three, and groups of two or three rats were randomly assigned to them.

All of the rats were housed and kept in standard settings with free access to food and water, consistent room temperature (24–25°C), relative humidity (55%) and a 12-hour light/dark cycle. Plastic bottles containing distilled water were made available and replaced twice a

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week. Before the trial, the rats were allowed a week to adjust to the brand-new surroundings of the animal facility.

### Experimentally causing the experimental group's vitamin D deficiency

By administering paricalcitol injections, Stavenuiter et al unique's method for inducing vitamin D deficit was applied. It took them two weeks to produce vitamin D insufficiency in the E group. For each rat, 0.1 cc of a diluted solution of saline and paricalcitol was administered three times each week.

At the end of the third week, serum vitamin D levels were analysed and compared between the E and C groups in order to recognise the successful establishment of vitamin D deficiency in the E group. A further week of inactivity was then observed, bringing the total amount of time prior to the start of the OTM procedures to three weeks. All other circumstances were unchanged for this week [7].

### Installation of the orthodontic appliance

Orthodontic forces were applied to all the creatures on Day Zero; three weeks after inception of vitamin D insufficiency induction in Group E. The appliance comprised of a unrestricted Nitinol coil spring( Light 9 mm, 3 M Unitek- Monrovia, CA USA). The active coil spring placed between the upper incisor and the upper first molar on the left side was fixed in place with a 0.010 " periphery pristine ligature line around both teeth. This appliance was described preliminarily in numerous beast studies and is considered a standardized fashion that meets the clinical setting. The creatures were sedated using Sevoflura Inhalation Anesthetic. A sectioning microscope was used with an optic lighting system to more fantasize intraorally throughout the procedure. Prior to ligating the appliance into place, shallow notches were created using a small round hum mounted on an air rotor handpiece in confluence with a suction device. The notches were created at the gingival position on the distal face of the left first molar and the mesial aspects of both central incisors at the same position. Care was taken not to nick the alternate molar [8]. A tone- etching manual was used in the notches created on the molars and incisors. The ligature line was passed interdentally between the first and alternate molars, wrapped around the first molar, coil spring attached, and tensed by twisting it using a ligature line forceps till it fit snugly around the tooth. The redundant line was also cut using a ligature knife. The coils were checked, wherein a force of 60 g was measured using a pressure hand( delicacy of 0.01 gms, Correx 6th edition, HAAG- STREIT AG, Koeniz, Switzerland). Another ligature line was tied around the incisor after fitting it into the preliminarily created notches, coil spring attached, and the line was fit tightly around the face of the left central incisor. All ligature cables were fraudulent nearly towards teeth shells to avoid injuries [9].

A thin fleece of compound resin( 3 M Unitek Transbond supreme LV, Monrovia, USA) was applied around the notches and ligatures and light- cured to avoid dislodgement of the appliance. Care was taken to avoid compound reaching the alternate molar. Composite resin packed in the grooves between the two central incisors were cured as one unit in a way to unite both teeth to help farther eruption, harborage loss and loss of connective towel in the borderline periodontium following eruption blockage. No reactivation was performed during the entire experimental period. OTM was measured directly in the anesthetized creatures' dental bow with a digital caliper, gauged with an delicacy of 0.01 mm. All the measures were performed by one person, to avoid implicit rater error. Intra rater trust ability was verified by measuring the same distance 2 times with a one- hour time gap in between. The

milestones used were the most mesial point on the maxillary left first molar and the center of the palatal face of the ipsilateral maxillary central incisor. Four similar measures were taken on day 0, before placing the orthodontic device; day 7; day 14; and day 21, just before immolating the creatures. All the creatures were also offered by overdosing them with an inhalation anesthetic, Sevoflurane and cervical disturbance. The orthodontic appliance protocol and the force used were validated through an airman study, which was done on two wistar rats growing 8 weeks old and importing 300 g( g), measures being taken doubly, 7 days piecemeal from each other [10].

### Methods

All grown-ups progressed 65 times and over( N = 1949), consecutively presented to the internal drug inpatient conventions of Dr. Abdurrahman Yurtaslan Ankara Oncology Training and Research Hospital for any reason between 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2021 were retrospectively anatomized from the sanitarium electronic database. All subjects with vitamin D dimension( N = 2155) were followed as a cohort from the date of serum vitamin D analysis through death date or 01.01.2022, whichever came the first; for individualities with repeated vitamin D measures, only the first vitamin D measure was considered for statistical analysis. The results were attained from a single center. Total 25( OH) vitamin D was measured by CMIA( ChemiLuminescence Microparticle Immunoassay with the Abbott Alinity) biochemistry analyser system which has been formalized in agreement with NIST SRM 2972( National Institute of norms & Technology Standard Reference Material 2972) and calibrated at regular intervals. On the other hand, as hemoglobin( Hb) position is also a good surrogate for probing malnutrition status, we also examined the relationship between anemia( Hb < 13 g/ dl for men, 12 g/ dl for women) and mortality in our cases. The system was SF cell technology with the Mindray BC- 6000 analyzer system, which has been formalized calibrated at regular intervals. Subjects who had a opinion of cancer, hyperparathyroidism, hypoparathyroidism, habitual order complaint or unexplained hypercalcemia were barred from the study. Ethics commission blessing for the study was attained from the Clinical Research Ethics Committee of our sanitarium( 2021 -08/1354). Age, gender, habitual conditions, survival status, date of death of the departed, laboratory values including complete blood count, liver/ renal functions and 25( OH) vitamin D situations were all noted. According to the applicable literature, subjects were classified into three groups according to their 25( OH) vitamin D situations; severe deficient group( < 10 ng/ ml), moderate deficient group( 10 -19.9 ng/ ml), and control group( ≥ 20 ng/ ml).

### Discussion

VDD has resurged in developed countries in the once many decades due to shifts in life including sunscreen operation, increased time spent outdoors, air pollution and dropped nutritive input of vitamin D. VDD can be divided into 3 stages depending on the inflexibility of the complaint. The first stage presents with subclinical or low/ normal serum calcium and phosphorus situations. This is followed by bettered serum calcium secondary to increased PTH situations and posterior rallying of calcium from bone during the alternate stage. The third stage is represented by severe hypocalcemia, hypophosphatemia, and demineralized bone. Still, during immaturity or nonage, VDD may present with hypocalcemic seizures or tetany indeed before bone demineralization or radiologic signs of rickets are observed. These ages of increased growth haste have increased demand for calcium, adding the threat of donation with complications of hypocalcemia if calcium

isn't replenished in a timely fashion [11]. In VDD, serum phosphorus values generally drop because of the increased phosphaturia secondary to the high PTH in response to hypocalcemia. Inorganic phosphorus (Pi) homeostasis is maintained by the balance between intestinal immersion via the Na<sup>+</sup>/ phosphate cotransporter, NaPi2b, and renal excretion via NaPi2a and NaPi2c. PTH inhibits phosphorus reabsorption in the order by downregulating NaPi cotransporter on the apical membrane and adding rudimentary excretion of nephrogenous cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP). Phosphate reabsorption is measured by the rate of maximum tubular reabsorption of phosphate to glomerular filtration rate (TmP/ GFR). TmP/ GFR is generally low in response to high PTH. Still, hyperphosphatemia has been reported to do in severe VDD. This is also demonstrated in the two cases described over. This normal/ elevated phosphorus position indicates a degree of end organ resistance to PTH, mimicking PHP. PHP is a group of rare metabolic diseases that present with end organ resistance to the action of PTH due to mutations in the nascent subunit of the G-protein coupled PTH receptor [12]. PHP is further divided, grounded on renal response to PTH, into Type I( markedly reduced urinary cAMP product after PTH stimulation) and Type II( normal urinary cAMP response to PTH but dropped phosphaturic response to PTH probably due to signaling disfigurement post cAMP). Also, Type I may be associated with physical features including short elevation, round facies, brachydactyly/ brachymetacarpia and heterotopic ossifications, nominated Albright's heritable osteodystrophy. PHP Type II, like severe VDD, presents with hypocalcemia, hyperphosphatemia and elevated PTH situations, with dropped phosphaturic response and absence of Albright's heritable osteodystrophy. Several mechanisms have been suggested for the end- organ resistance to PTH in severe VDD with hyperphosphatemia. Rao et al. Demonstrated that in certain cases of severe hypocalcemia, nephrogenous cAMP was increased, yet TmP/ GFR was normal rather than low, indicating disabled phosphaturic response to cAMP generated by endogenous PTH. This study supposed that severe hypocalcemia in VDD could lead to this response. Another study proposed that PTH resistance in rats with VDD is secondary to apost-receptor disfigurement at the position of the G- protein. Yet another explanation could be the down regulation of PTH/ PTHrP receptors [13].

## Conclusion

The results of the current in vivo experiment showed that, although

the rate of OTM was not affected by the vitamin D deficiency induced in Wistar rats when comparing the E and C groups with one another, a statistically significant difference was observed within each of the E and C groups at every seventh day interval.

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