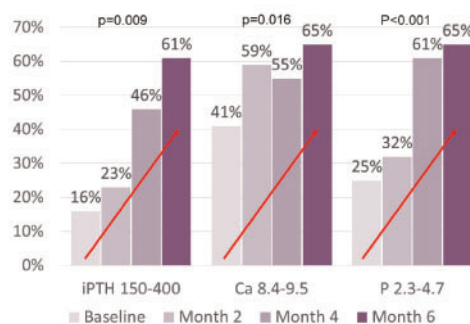


Percentage (%) of patients achieving each biochemical target by time period



CONCLUSIONS: Under daily practice conditions, etelcalcetide seems to be a potent and well tolerated calcimimetic which is effective for controlling SHPT in HD patients, increasing the number of patients achieving biochemical targets.

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THE EFFECT OF ETELCALCETIDE IN HEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS WITH SECONDARY HYPERPARATHYROIDISM IN DAILY CLINICAL PRACTICE. A PROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER STUDY

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INTRODUCTION: Etelcalcetide is the first intravenous calcimimetic that has demonstrated its safety and effectiveness in randomized clinical trials, although the real-world experience is limited. The aim of this study was to assess the efficacy and tolerability of etelcalcetide in HD patients with secondary hyperparathyroidism (SHPT) under daily practice conditions.

METHODS: We evaluated the 6-month experience with etelcalcetide in 38 maintenance HD patients (women: 40%; mean age 66.6 ± 14.5 years; diabetes: 32%) who started therapy with this new calcimimetic. The IV study drug was administered 3 times weekly after HD session. The primary outcomes were the changes in calcium, phosphorus and parathyroid (PTH) levels, and the proportion of patients achieving biochemical targets.

RESULTS: The main reason for initiation of treatment was inadequate PTH control (84%) or to reduce the pill burden (16%). The proportion of naïve patients was 19%, whereas 81% were switched from cinacalcet. The majority of patients (69%) received a starting dose of 2.5 mg thrice weekly after HD, with a mean weekly dose of 6.4 ± 2.7 mg and 11.2 ± 4.7 mg at baseline and 6-month follow-up, respectively. PTH levels decreased significantly from 501 (428-608) pg/ml at baseline to 321 (201-482) pg/ml at month 6 ($p < 0.001$). Calcium levels decreased significantly from 9.2 ± 0.8 to 8.9 ± 0.7 ($p < 0.001$). Asymptomatic hypocalcemia < 7.5 mg/dl was observed in 4 cases, which led to reduction dose of etelcalcetide with subsequent recovery. Phosphorus levels decreased from 5.6 ± 1.7 to 4.4 ± 1.3 mg/dl at the end of the study ($p < 0.001$), allowing a significant reduction in the pill burden related to CKD-MBD (5.5 ± 3.2 Vs. 4.0 ± 2.3 pills/day; $p = 0.010$). None of the patients reported nausea or vomiting. The proportion of patients with biochemical parameters within target ranges increased significantly (Figure).