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The study of anisometropia and its association with amblyopia in school going children

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ABSTRACT

Objectives: To determine the prevalence and type of anisometropia among school going children and to study association of degree of anisometropia with severity of amblyopia.

Materials and Methods: A hospital based cross-sectional study carried on 500 school going children up to 10th grade (Age group:- 5 years to 16 years) selected by non-probability convenient sampling according to the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The clinical profile of these children was evaluated in department of ophthalmology, P.D.U Govt. medical college, Rajkot, and they underwent detail visual assessment and ophthalmic examinations including measurement of uncorrected visual acuity, best corrected visual acuity, auto-refraction, retinoscopy, subjective correction and detailed squint evaluation, if present. During period of November 2019 to February 2021 during school health programme.

Results: Total of 500 school going children were enrolled in the study, out of which 221(44.2%) were females and 279 (55.8%) were males. The prevalence of anisometropia in our study was 23.8% (119 childrens out of 500 childrens). Out of total 119 childrens, 47 were males (39.5%) and 72 were females (60.5%). Maximum patients with anisometropia (n=54 out of 119 patients) were having compound hypermetropia. Prevalance of anisometropia increased as the age increased, till age of 14 years, and then again there occurs a declining trend. X2 = 10.139, p value = 0.051 and it was statistically significant. In our study, prevalence of amblyopia was 8.8% (n=44 out of 500 patients) and among amblyopic patients, 59% patients (n=26 out of 44 patients) had amblyopia due to anisometropia. Out of 26 patients with amblyopia due to anisometropia, 73.1% patients (n= 19 out of 26 patients) were anisohypermetropic and 26.9% patients (n= 7 out of 26 patients) were anisomyopic. In our study, depth and prevalence of amblyopia increased as the degree of anisometropia increased and it was found to be statistically significant(p=0.045).

Conclusions: Our study concludes that the prevalence of anisometropia was high (59%) among the amblyopic patients with maximum patients having compound hypermetropic anisometropia. Depth and prevalence of amblyopia increased as the degree of anisometropia increased.

1. Introduction

Anisometropia is a condition when the all out refraction of two eyes is inconsistent.[1] A distinction of 1D in two eyes causes 2% contrast in size of two retinal pictures.[1] At the end of the day, an anisometropia up to 2.5D is very much endured and that somewhere in the range of 2.5 and 4 D can be endured relying on the singular awareness. In any case, more than 4D won't go on without serious consequences and involves concern.[2] The specific predominance of anisometropia isn't known in overall public; a pervasiveness of 4-4.7% has been depicted in writing.[3] The pervasiveness

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and seriousness of anisometropia increments essentially with expanding age and tops at close to 50 years then it diminishes with additional headway in age. In females predominance was viewed as higher then male patients. Commonness in females was 19.9% versus 16.6% in male patients, which was genuinely significant.[3]

Uncorrected refractive blunder disables the personal satisfaction of million of individuals of various ages, orientation, identities and they force significant weight on the groups of impacted people as well as the general public because of loss of labour. In addition, uncorrected refractive mistakes at more youthful ages can prompt perhaps of the most sensational tactile oddity normal in more youthful ages with uncorrected refractive blunder and strabismus is the low visual keenness in one of the eyes, known by the term amblyopia which adversely influences their instructive, word related and athletic exhibitions.[4–6] Various variables add to improvement of refractive mistakes, these incorporate hereditary qualities, ecological elements and financial status.

This term amblyopia in a real sense signifies "bluntness of the vision" (G.ambly dull, + ops, vision, sight). 1 In this importance amblyopia is characterized as a reduction of visual keenness in one eye when brought about by strange binocular connection or happening in one or the two eyes because of example visual hardship during visual youthfulness, for which no reason can be recognized during the actual assessment of eyes and which in fitting cases is reversible by helpful measures.[4,6,7]

Albercht von graefe has characterized amblyopia as a condition in which the eyewitness doesn't see anything and the patient very little. Most delicate age kids are delicate to amblyopia is initial 2 to 3 years of life and accordingly awareness bit by bit diminishes until kid arrives at 6 or 7 years old.[4,8]

Amblyopia as characterized is a developing financial issue. Evaluating the recurrence of amblyopia in everyone is troublesome. They differ from 1% to 3.2% among military volunteers, to 0.5% to 3.5% in preschool and young kids, to 4.0% to 5.3% in patients with ophthalmic issues.[4,8] From this one can sensibly accept 2.0% to 2.5% of overall public has amblyopia.

Amblyopia happening because of presence of uncorrected refractive mistake is known as refractive amblyopia.

It very well may be of following subtypes.[4]

Anisometropic amblyopia: - alludes to amblyopia happening in eye having more significant level of refractive mistake than the individual eye.

Much of the time anisometropia is related strabismus and to decide if amblyopia is because of strabismus, the anisometropia or maybe both is troublesome. Anisometropic amblyopia is because of tactile obstruction brought about by superimposition of centered and defocused picture beginning from obsession point. Because of this binocularity inspired foveal hindrance, visual sharpness of anisometropic eye is lower under binocular circumstances than when tried monocularly. Assuming anisometropia is optically amended, the subsequent aniseikonia might be another amblopiogenic factor, since retinal pictures of various sizes may likewise present. The level of anisometropia corresponded well with seriousness of amblyopia. Generally speaking, amblyopia is more normal and of more serious level in patients with anisohypermetropia (1.5 D to 2D) than in those with anisomyopia.[4] The retina of more ametropic eye of sets of hypermetropic eyes never get an obviously characterized picture, since with subtleties plainly centered around the fovea of better eye, no boost is accommodated further accommodative exertion expected to create clear picture in the fovea of the more hypermetropic eye. At the point when nearsightedness is inconsistent, the more nearsighted eye can be utilized for close to work and less nearsighted eye for distance. Consequently, except if the nearsightedness is of more serious level (- 6D or more), the two retinas get sufficient excitement and amblyopia portion not create.

1.1. Ametropic amblyopia

In reciprocal uncorrected hypermetropia (+5D or more) or astigmatism (1.25D), a milder and typically reversible type of amblyopia is seen known as ametropic amblyopia.[4]

Meridional amblyopia:- Particular visual hardship of visual upgrades of specific spatial direction is brought about by uncorrected astigmatism (1.25D or more) known as meridional amblyopia. 1

The greater part of the youngsters with uncorrected refractive mistake are asymptomatic and subsequently screening helps in early discovery and convenient mediations.

Psychosocial challenges connected with amblyopia influence a singular's mental self view, work, school and fellowships. These results of untreated amblyopia should be made sense of for the guardians with the goal that they can pursue an educated decisions about need regarding treatment.[4–7]

We are persuaded that in nations like India, with high participation of youngsters in schools, reconciliation of vision screening inside screening of other medical problems is suggested when a convenient finding of uncorrected refractive mistake and amblyopia is to be made, it is an expert as well as moral obligation of specialist to establish treatment.[6]

The current review was directed to decide the commonness of anisometropia and prevalance of amblyopia among the anisometropic patients with refractive mistake among school going youngsters during school wellbeing program, so early discovery and mediation in type of exhibitions should be possible and furthermore to

distinguish those kids who created amblyopia because of anisometropia and to concentrate on relationship between level of anisometropia with seriousness of amblyopia.

2. Materials and Methods

This was a cross-sectional clinic put together review conveyed with respect to 500 school going youngsters up to tenth grade, chose by non-likelihood helpful testing as indicated by the incorporation and rejection models. The clinical profile of this youngsters was assessed in branch of ophthalmology, P.D.U Govt. clinical school, Rajkot, and they went through detail visual evaluation during time of November 2019 to February 2021 under school wellbeing program. Substantial informed assent was taken from patient's folks/gatekeepers.

Consideration Models: Youngsters till tenth standard class (Age bunch - 5 years to 16 years) who were alluded from school under school wellbeing program coming to OPD of GT SHETH Eye clinic, PDU Clinical school, Rajkot was remembered for the review.

2.1. Rejection measures

A patient with some other visual pathology (both foremost and back section) was prohibited from the review.

Every one of the patient alluded under school wellbeing program was evaluated exhaustively about:

1. Patients' fundamental subtleties like name, age, sex, address, school, standard, and enlistment number of patients outside cases were recorded.
2. The evaluation incorporated a point by point history related length of lessening of vision as seen by the patient, time of show to the emergency clinic, beginning of squint, if any the ensuing clinical course, and any past methodology of treatment taken.
3. History inspired about injury, unfamiliar body fall or other visual pathology particularly corneal pathology and therapy either clinical or careful taken if any for the equivalent.
4. Any critical birth history or some other foundational sickness like diabetes, hypertension, asthma, ischemic coronary illness, any medication response, any fixation, and so forth are evoked.
5. Family history of amblyopia or strabismus in the event that it is available or not.
6. Patient's visual keenness and best amended visual sharpness were recorded with each eye independently by optometrists, utilizing very much enlightened Snellen's visual sharpness outline with patient sitting at distance of 6 meters. In the event that uncorrected vision was <6/12 in one or the other eye, the kid was announced to have damaged vision.
7. Refraction under fitting cycloplegics relying on age of the patient followed by streak retinoscopy, evaluation of visual arrangement, visual motility, and partner deviations assuming any was finished.
8. Squint assessment if any, was finished with Hirschberg's test and affirmed by cover reveal test and furthermore point of deviation estimated with crystal bar cover test and krimsky's crystal test was finished, and afterward evaluation of the binocular status of the eye was performed at whatever point conceivable with assistance of worth's four dot test done.
9. Patients foremost portion assessment was finished with assistance of cut light bio microscopy to preclude front section pathology by ophthalmologist.
10. A nitty gritty fundus assessment was finished by ophthalmologist to preclude any back fragment pathology and to decide the obsession design.

Patients with visual sharpness of 6/6 and with retinoscopic readings that affirmed the shortfall of refractive blunder were rejected from additional refraction strategies.

Further we arranged the accessible information as indicated by sorts of anisometropia, age gatherings and sex.

Clinical sorts of anisometropia are:[2]

1. Straightforward anisometropia: One eye is emetropic and other nearsighted or hypermetropic
   (a) Straightforward nearsighted anisometropia.
   (b) Straightforward hypermetropic anisometropia.
2. Compound anisometropia:- the two eyes either nearsighted or hypermetropic
   (a) Compound nearsighted anisometropia
   (b) Compound hypermetropic anisometropia
3. Blended anisometropia: - one eye nearsighted and other hypermetropic.
4. Basic astigmatic anisometropia: - one eye typical and other nearsighted or hypermetropic astigmatism.
5. Compound astigmatic anisometropia: - when the two eyes are astigmatic however of inconsistent degree. A predesigned and pretested proforma was utilized for information assortment.

One-sided amblyopia in our review was characterized as a 2-line contrast between eyes with VA<6/18 in the more terrible eye and with coinciding anisometropia [≥1.00 D circular same (SE) for hyperopia, ≥3.00 D SE for nearsightedness, and ≥1.50 D for astigmatism], strabismus, or past or present visual pivot obstacle. Respective amblyopia was characterized as VA in the two eyes <6/18, with existing together hyperopia ≥3.00 D SE, nearsightedness > 6.00 D SE, and astigmatism ≥2.50 D, or past or present visual hub check.

Arrangement on premise of seriousness of amblyopia was done in view of Best rectified visual sharpness on

Snellen's vision graph for distance as Gentle amblyopia (BCVA 6/9 to 6/12), Moderate amblyopia (BCVA 6/12 to 6/36), Extreme amblyopia (BCVA ≤ 6/36).

The information was placed in Microsoft succeed calculation sheet in the wake of guaranteeing culmination of the filled structures. Investigation was finished involving the Measurable Bundle for sociology (SPSS 10.0.5) (SPSS Inc. Chicago, USA). All youngsters with uncorrected refractive blunder were given exhibitions for minimal price. Youngsters who were identified with amblyopia were alluded to higher place for additional assessment and the board. Follow-up measures and reaction to treatment organized in these patients in the wake of beginning treatment is outside the see of this report.

3. Results

Absolute of 500 school going youngsters having refractive blunder got signed up for the review, out of which 221(44.2%) were females and 279 (55.8%) were guys. The mean period of kids with refractive mistake in study was 9.81±2.72 years. The predominance of anisometropia in our review was 23.8% (119 childrens out of 500 childrens). Out of absolute 119 childrens, 47 were guys and 72 were females, orientation wise contrast of pervasiveness was 39.5% and 60.5% separately. Table 1 shows most extreme commonness was found in compound hypermetropic anisometropia (45.4%).

Table 1: Prevalance of different types of anisometropia

	Types of anisometropia	Total (N=119)	Prevalance
Myopic anisometropia	Simple Myopic	04	3.4%
	Compound myopic	29	24.4%
Hypermetropic anisometropia	Simple Hypermetropic	03	2.5%
	Compound hypermetropic	54	45.4%
Astigmatic anisometropia	Simple Astigmatic	04	3.4%
	Compound Astigmatic	24	20.2%
	Mixed aniometropia	01	0.8%

Table 2 shows, commonness of anisometropia shifted essentially in various age gatherings. Most extreme pervasiveness was found in the age bunch 12-14 years (39.5%) and least in age bunch 14-16 years (11.8%). This shows that as the age expands, the pervasiveness of anisometropia builds age of 14 years, and afterward again there happens a declining pattern.

In our review, 500 kids were evaluated for amblyopia and 44 understudies were viewed as amblyopic. Subsequently, commonness of amblyopia was around 8.8%.

Table 2: Prevalance of anisometropia in different age groups patients

Age groups (in years)	Total refractive error patients (n=500)	Total anisometropic patients (n=119)	Percentage of anisometropic patients
6-8	99	16	13.4%
8-10	149	17	14.3%
10-12	90	35	29.5%
12-14	135	47	39.5%
14-16	27	14	11.8%

There was no massive distinction in frequency and predominance of amblyopia in various age gatherings (p=0.81) and no huge orientation difference(p=0.49). Notwithstanding, greater part of amblyopic patients have a place with age bunch 10-11years (n=11). Amblyopic youngsters were altogether more seasoned (9-11 years age) than non-amblyopic kids (6-9 years age) (P=0.004). Mean time of show of amblyopia was 10.6 years. Among the complete 44 amblyopic patients, 59.1% (n=26) were one-sided cases and 40.9% (n=18) were respective cases. Counting both one-sided and reciprocal cases, there were complete 59% patients (n=26 out of 44 patients) having amblyopia because of anisometropia. Out of 26 patients with amblyopia because of anisometropia, 73.1% patients (n= 19 out of 26 patients) were anisohypermetropic and 26.9% patients (n= 7 out of 26 patients) were anisomyopic.

Out of 44 patients, 64% (n=20) youngsters were female, ten young ladies had gentle amblyopia and ten had moderate amblyopia. Staying 36%(n=10) were male in which six young men were having gentle amblyopia and three young men were having moderate amblyopia and just a single kid had serious amblyopia. There was no meaning of orientation difference (p=0.51) in appropriation of profundity of amblyopia among male and female in our review.

Table 4 shows that number of patients havinganisometropic amblyopia expanded with expansion in level of anisometropia. (p=0.031).

Table 3: Distribution of amblyopic patients according to depth of amblyopia

Depth of amblyopia(visual acuity with correction)	Percentage (%) (n=44)
6/9-6/12 (Mild)	50% (n=22)
6/12-6/36 (Moderate)	43.2% (n=19)
≤ 6/36 (Severe)	6.8% (n=3)

Table 5 shows, in hyperopic patients, number of amblyopic patients expanded with level of anisohypermetropia(p=0.05). There was one patient with extreme amblyopia in hyperopia. There was no meaning of orientation difference(p=0.45) and in dispersion of profundity of amblyopia with level of anisohypermetropia.

Table 4: Distribution of patients with anisometropic amblyopia according to degree of anisometropia

Degree of anisometropia	Number of amblyopic patients (n=26)
1D	06
1.1D-2D	08
>2D	12

Table 6 shows, in nearsighted patients, number of amblyopic patients expanded with level of anisomyopia(p=0.02) There were two patients with serious one-sided amblyopia with anisometropia > 6D. There was no meaning of orientation difference (p=0.42) in dispersion of profundity of amblyopia with level of anisomyopia.

Table 5: Distribution of depth of amblyopia according to degree of anisometropia in patients with hyperopia

Depth of amblyopia	Degree of anisohypermetropia (N= 19)		
	1D	1.1D- 2D	>2D
Mild	4	3	3
Moderate	2	2	4
Severe	0	0	1

Table 6: Distribution of depth of amblyopia according to degree of anisometropia in patients with myopia

Depth of amblyopia	Degree of anisomyopia (N=7)		
	1D	1.1-2D	≥2D
Mild	0	2	0
Moderate	0	1	2
Severe	0	0	2

Table 7: Severity of anisometropic amblyopia with age distribution of patients

Age distribution (In years)	Severity of amblyopia		
	Mild (N=12)	Moderate (N=11)	Severe (N=3)
6-7	7	04	-
8-9	5	05	-
10-14	0	01	-
>15	0	01	03

Table 7 shows that amblyopia is uncommon in anisometropic youngsters after the age of 9 years, influencing just 19% (5 kids out of 26 offspring) of such kids. The pervasiveness of amblyopia rises quickly, be that as it may, and by age 9, almost 81% of youngsters having more prominent than 1.0 diopter anisometropia have created amblyopia. The predominance of amblyopia increments just somewhat after this. This finding is critical, on the grounds that conventional screening can't happen until basically age 6. This study proposes that by this age, amblyopia has previously happened in most youngsters in whom it will create. Albeit the commonness of anisometropic amblyopia doesn't increment after age of 9, the profundity of amblyopia does. No youngsters matured 14 or more youthful have serious amblyopia. Notwithstanding, the commonness of both moderate and extreme amblyopia increments for youngsters more established than age 9 years. Extreme anisometropic amblyopia is limited principally to youngsters matured 15 years or more seasoned.

4. Discussion

In our review the pervasiveness of anisometropia was 23.8%, which compares to a populace put together review with respect to anisometropia in Mashhad, Iran where Predominance of anisometropia was 17%.[9] Likewise, it additionally roughly relates to a review where commonness of anisometropia on emotional examination and cycloplegic refraction was 18.5% and 19.3% individually.[10] As in our review we figured out that female sex has close relationship with anisometropia when contrasted with male sex which was 60.5% and 39.5% separately, comparative outcomes were found in a review where the pervasiveness of anisometropia in people was 48.44% and 51.56% separately.[11] Another review says that female sex was firmly connected with anisometropia[10] which is near our outcome. In this study various kinds of anisometropia (Table 1) showed that predominance is more in nearsightedness and astigmatism patients. Results demonstrate that nearsighted patients are bound to have anisometropia.

Predominance of amblyopia in our review came around 8.8%. In the metropolitan populace, the review detailed the commonness pace of amblyopia to be around 4.4%.[12] In a review done in Andhra Pradesh in India, the pervasiveness of amblyopia was 6.6%.[13] Absence of sufficient comprehension or information about this preventable and effectively treatable condition, gave consistent treatment is begun early, is in many cases the justification for why not very many patients are alluded to eye medical clinics or expert practices for the improvement of a similar particularly in an emerging nation like India.

Higher predominance of amblyopia in our review contrasted with different examinations directed in India was on the grounds that exceptionally strengthened school well-being program and cautious screening at schools bringing about higher location of the amblyopia in beginning phase.

In our review, we tracked down orientation inclination, where the male amblyopia was 68.18% and female was 31.81% yet the p-esteem was irrelevant (p > 0.49). Comparative finding was found in concentrate on finished in Nepal which is demographically basically the same as our review area (K Sapkota et al.[14]). A clarification for this orientation error might be because of the predisposition

that less young ladies report, when contrasted with young men in our clinic based setting. Same orientation inclination was found in a review done by Lee et al.[15] Be that as it may, the inverse was found in concentrate on finished by K Anjaneyulu et al., and Park et al.[16]

In our review, Commonness of anisometropic amblyopia was higher among the hypermetropic patients (73.1%) in contrast with nearsighted patients (26.1%). In Indian review done by Menon et al., amblyopia because of hypermetropia was most noteworthy (51.65%). Comparative outcomes were found in concentrate on by K Sapkota et al. (33.6%), Sadia Sethi et al. (60%) and Jing Fu et al. (38.9%).

In our review, we found profundity and predominance of amblyopia expanded as the level of anisometropia expanded both in the event of nearsightedness and hypermetropia and it was viewed as measurably critical. It was like concentrate by Dolezal Ova[17] where recalcitrant contrast higher than 1D, had direct relationship with levels of anisometropia and profundity of amblyopia was especially checked when distinction was higher than 2D. In our review it was found that seriousness of anisometropic amblyopia expanded with expansion in age albeit the predominance of anisometropic amblyopia diminished with expansion in age which is like review directed by Donahue et al.[18]

Rutstein and Corliss[18] reasoned that as level of anisometropia expanded, profundity of amblyopia became more prominent. Rutstein and partners found that the profundity of amblyopia expanded alongside expansion in hypermetropic anisometropia.

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