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1. 연구 목적

The aims of this study were to elucidate possible risk factors for Hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection and to evaluate the familial clustering of HCV infection among family members of adults with HCV infection.

2. 연구 방법

109 cases and 84 non-infected controls were studied. In addition, 250 family members (104 men, 146 women) of cases and 170 (64 men, 106 women) relatives of controls were tested for hepatitis C infection using anti-HCV antibody and reverse transcribed polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR).

3. 연구결과

In the case-control analysis, persons 60 years of age or older were almost 3 times more likely to have HCV infection compared to those less than 40 years. Risk of HCV infection was most strongly related to history of blood transfusion (OR 12.6, 95% CI 4.3-36.5) followed by history of acute hepatitis (OR 4.1, 95% CI 1.3-12.6). Only one of family member of cases and none of controls had a positive RT-PCR.

4. 고찰

These results suggest that, in Korea, age is an important risk factor for HCV infection and family clustering of HCV infection, if it occurs, is rare.