

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Measures of Thyroid Function among Belarusian Children and Adolescents Exposed to Iodine-131 from the Accident at the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant

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Characteristics	Hypothyroidism		Hyperthyroidism		Elevated ATPO		AIT		
	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	
Gender									
	Male	137 (2.5)	1.00 (Referent)	49 (0.9)	1.00 (Referent)	198 (3.7)	1.00 (Referent)	12 (0.2)	1.00 (Referent)
	Female	182 (3.3)	1.02 (0.79, 1.31)	88 (1.6)	1.56 (1.05, 2.34)	424 (7.8)	1.96 (1.62, 2.37)	75 (1.4)	5.13 (2.74, 10.41)
	p-Value ^b		0.88		0.03		<0.001		< 0.001
Place of residency									
	Gomel Oblast	216 (3.3)	1.52 (1.11, 2.10)	85 (1.3)	0.81 (0.53, 1.28)	367 (5.6)	0.99 (0.81, 1.22)	59 (0.9)	1.43 (0.83, 2.56)
	Minsk Oblast & city	60 (1.9)	1.00 (Referent)	36 (1.2)	1.00 (Referent)	175 (5.6)	1.00 (Referent)	20 (0.6)	1.00 (Referent)
	Mogilev & other oblasts	43 (3.6)	1.58 (1.02, 2.41)	16 (1.3)	1.00 (0.51, 1.86)	80 (6.6)	1.06 (0.79, 1.42)	8 (0.7)	0.91 (0.36, 2.12)
	p-Value ^b		0.02		0.58		0.89		0.27
Residence									
	Rural	161 (3.8)	1.23 (0.96, 1.57)	65 (1.5)	1.72 (1.18, 2.52)	214 (5.0)	0.80 (0.66, 0.96)	29 (0.7)	0.70 (0.42, 1.14)
	Urban	158 (2.4)	1.00 (Referent)	72 (1.1)	1.00 (Referent)	408 (6.2)	1.00 (Referent)	58 (0.9)	1.00 (Referent)
	p-Value ^b		0.10		0.005		0.02		0.15
Current smoking									
	No	269 (3.6)	1.00 (Referent)	97 (1.3)	1.00 (Referent)	479 (6.4)	1.00 (Referent)	71 (0.9)	1.00 (Referent)
	Yes	49 (1.5)	0.54 (0.38, 0.75)	38 (1.1)	0.95 (0.62, 1.45)	141 (4.3)	0.82 (0.66, 1.02)	15 (0.4)	0.86 (0.45, 1.55)
	p-Value ^b		<0.001		0.83		0.07		0.64
	Unknown	1 (2.6)	0.85 (0.05, 4.52)	2 (5.1)	2.29 (0.32, 10.00)	2 (5.1)	1.01 (0.15, 3.73)	1 (2.6)	9.03 (0.43, 63.84)
Vitamin consumption									
	No	299 (3.0)	1.00 (Referent)	124 (1.2)	1.00 (Referent)	574 (5.8)	1.00 (Referent)	81 (0.8)	1.00 (Referent)
	Yes	7 (2.3)	0.81 (0.34, 1.64)	1 (0.3)	0.27 (0.01, 1.23)	18 (5.9)	1.08 (0.63, 1.73)	2 (0.3)	0.83 (0.13, 2.80)
	p-Value ^b		0.59		0.10		0.77		0.79
	Unknown	13 (2.1)	0.68 (0.36, 1.15)	12 (1.9)	1.69 (0.86, 3.02)	30 (4.8)	0.78 (0.52, 1.12)	4 (0.6)	0.67 (0.20, 1.65)
Thyroid disease in relatives									
	No	288 (2.9)	1.00 (Referent)	120 (1.2)	1.00 (Referent)	553 (5.7)	1.00 (Referent)	76 (0.8)	1.00 (Referent)
	≥1 relative affected	22 (2.5)	0.72 (0.45, 1.11)	12 (1.3)	1.17 (0.60, 2.07)	60 (6.8)	1.13 (0.84, 1.48)	10 (1.1)	1.29 (0.57, 2.34)

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	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR ^a (95% CI)	
		0.14		0.62		0.40		0.61	
p-Value ^b									
Unknown	9 (5.3)	1.68 (0.75, 3.31)	5 (3.0)	1.92 (0.60, 4.81)	9 (5.3)	0.84 (0.39, 1.58)	1 (0.6)	0.37 (0.02, 2.09)	
Year of exam									
1996 - 98	119 (4.0)	1.00 (Referent)	17 (0.6)	1.00 (Referent)	117 (3.9)	1.00 (Referent)	22 (0.7)	1.00 (Referent)	
1999	57 (2.5)	0.70 (0.49, 0.98)	44 (1.9)	2.75 (1.56, 5.06)	195 (8.6)	2.30 (1.79, 2.96)	18 (0.8)	1.04 (0.54, 2.05)	
2000 – 03	143 (2.6)	1.08 (0.79, 1.47)	76 (1.4)	1.72 (1.00, 3.11)	310 (5.5)	1.32 (1.04, 1.69)	47 (0.8)	1.34 (0.77, 2.37)	
p-Value ^b		0.02		0.002		<0.001		0.57	
Season of exam									
Dec – Feb	66 (2.7)	1.00 (Referent)	36 (1.5)	1.00 (Referent)	75 (3.1)	1.00 (Referent)	11 (0.4)	1.00 (Referent)	
March – May	111 (2.5)	1.06 (0.77, 1.47)	59 (1.3)	0.75 (0.49, 1.17)	268 (6.0)	1.83 (1.41, 2.40)	38 (0.9)	1.71 (0.89, 3.59)	
June – Aug	53 (3.2)	1.05 (0.71, 1.53)	15 (0.9)	0.48 (0.25, 0.89)	127 (7.8)	2.35 (1.75, 3.19)	16 (1.0)	1.22 (0.55, 2.78)	
Sept – Nov	89 (3.8)	1.40 (1.01, 1.97)	27 (1.2)	0.73 (0.43, 1.23)	152 (6.5)	2.05 (1.54, 2.74)	22 (0.9)	2.03 (0.99, 4.44)	
p-Value ^b		0.16		0.14		<0.001		0.18	
ATPO level, U/mL									
≤ 60	257 (2.5)	1.00 (Referent)	111 (1.1)	1.00 (Referent)	0	n/a	6	n/a	
> 60	62 (10.0)	3.58 (2.49, 5.08)	26 (4.2)	2.75 (1.60, 4.55)	622	n/a	81	n/a	
p-Value ^b		<0.001		< 0.001					
ATG level, U/mL									
≤ 60	273	1.00 (Referent)	118	1.00 (Referent)	400	n/a	11	n/a	
> 60	46	2.22 (1.47, 3.30)	19	1.51 (0.82, 2.68)	222	n/a	76	n/a	
p-Value ^b		< 0.001		0.18					
Urinary iodine, µg/ L									
< 20	58 (4.8)	1.51 (1.06, 2.16)	9 (0.7)	0.59 (0.26, 1.21)	80 (6.6)	1.30 (0.97, 1.72)	15 (1.2)	1.51 (0.75, 2.96)	
20 – 49	88 (3.1)	1.03 (0.75, 1.40)	18 (0.6)	0.57 (0.31, 1.01)	159 (5.6)	1.05 (0.83, 1.32)	14 (0.5)	0.64 (0.32, 1.24)	
50 – 99	85 (2.8)	1.00 (Referent)	32 (1.0)	1.00 (Referent)	168 (5.5)	1.00 (Referent)	24 (0.8)	1.00 (Referent)	
≥100	86 (2.4)	0.91 (0.67, 1.24)	75 (2.1)	2.10 (1.39, 3.25)	206 (5.7)	1.04 (0.84, 1.28)	33 (0.9)	1.18 (0.69, 2.05)	
p-Value ^b		0.05		<0.001		0.35		0.11	
Missing/ Unknown	2 (1.6)	0.54 (0.09, 1.78)	3 (2.4)	2.02 (0.47, 5.93)	9 (7.3)	0.99 (0.45, 1.95)	1 (0.8)	0.82 (0.04, 4.13)	
Presence of goiter									
No	245 (2.6)	1.00 (Referent)	110 (1.2)	1.00 (Referent)	483 (5.2)	1.00 (Referent)	42 (0.45)	1.00 (Referent)	
Yes	73 (4.8)	1.39 (1.04, 1.85)	26 (1.7)	1.64 (1.02, 2.57)	137 (8.9)	1.77 (1.43, 2.18)	45 (2.9)	7.50 (4.74, 11.90)	

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		0.03		0.04		< 0.001		< 0.001
Unknown/ Missing	1 (3.8)	1.41 (0.08, 7.01)	1 (3.8)	2.46 (0.13, 12.86)	2 (7.7)	1.62 (0.26, 5.63)	0 (0.0)	0.0

Abbreviations: ATG, antibodies to thyroglobulin; ATPO, autoantibodies to thyroperoxidase; AIT, autoimmune thyroiditis; CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio; CI, confidence interval; n/a, not applicable.

^aAll analyses performed with adjustment for sex, sex and age at examination interaction, oblast of residency at examination, urban or rural residency, current smoking, vitamin consumption, family history of thyroid disease, year and season of examination, ATPO and ATG levels (except for elevated ATPO and AIT), urinary iodine levels, presence of goiter and ¹³¹I thyroid dose based on a linear excess odds ratio model.

^b*p*-Value for homogeneity.

Supplemental Material, Table S2. ORs of prevalence of thyroid functional outcomes by sex and age at examination among individuals exposed to ¹³¹I due to the Chernobyl accident

Age at examination, years	Hypothyroidism		Hyperthyroidism		Cases (%)	Elevated ATPO		Cases (%)	AIT	
	Cases (%)	OR (95% CI)	Cases (%)	OR (95% CI)		OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)			
Men										
11–14	45 (32.8)	1.00 (Referent)	1 (2.0)	1.00 (Referent)	21 (10.6)	1.00 (Referent)	1 (8.3)	1.00 (Referent)		
15–19	56 (40.9)	0.65 (0.42, 1.00)	8 (16.3)	2.71 (0.49, 50.62)	53 (26.8)	0.96 (0.57, 1.65)	2 (16.7)	1.13 (0.11, 24.49)		
20–24	16 (11.7)	0.22 (0.12, 0.40)	16 (32.7)	5.57 (1.11, 101.10)	54 (27.3)	1.13 (0.67, 1.96)	4 (33.3)	2.73 (0.39, 53.91)		
25–33	20 (14.6)	0.24 (0.13, 0.43)	24 (49.0)	7.05 (1.45, 127.00)	70 (35.3)	1.36 (0.82, 2.35)	5 (41.7)	3.64 (0.57, 70.56)		
p-Value for trend, df = 1	<0.001		0.002		0.07		0.09			
Women										
11–14	44 (24.2)	1.00 (Referent)	2 (2.3)	1.00 (Referent)	27 (6.4)	1.00 (Referent)	3 (4.0)	1.00 (Referent)		
15–19	35 (19.2)	0.32 (0.20, 0.51)	18 (20.4)	2.73 (0.77, 17.32)	91 (21.5)	1.18 (0.76, 1.88)	13 (17.3)	2.05 (0.65-9.05)		
20–24	49 (26.9)	0.44 (0.28, 0.70)	30 (34.1)	4.32 (1.28, 26.97)	126 (29.7)	1.65 (1.08, 2.61)	19 (25.3)	3.32 (1.10-14.38)		
25–33	54 (29.7)	0.41 (0.26, 0.65)	38 (43.2)	4.89 (1.45, 30.46)	180 (42.4)	2.39 (1.57, 3.75)	40 (53.3)	7.48 (2.61-31.68)		
p-Value for trend, df = 1	0.02		0.004		< 0.001		< 0.001			

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