

Optimized Vitamin D Repletion in Refractory Patients Undergoing Stem Cell Transplant with Oral Thin Film Cholecalciferol

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Abstract:

Vitamin D deficiency is common in childhood, pervasive before and after bone marrow transplant, and associated with increased incidence of graft-versus-host disease (GVHD) and decreased survival in patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplantation (HSCT). Numerous barriers impede replacement, including malabsorption secondary to gut GVHD, mucositis, inability to take capsules, kidney disease, liver disease, and infection; many patients remain refractory despite vitamin D therapy. We hypothesized that a different formulation of cholecalciferol, administered on the tongue as a readily dissolving oral thin film (OTF), would ease administration and facilitate therapeutic vitamin D levels (>35 ng/mL) in refractory patients. In this prospective pilot study, we evaluated 20 patients post-HSCT (range: day +21 - day +428 at enrollment) with serum vitamin D levels \leq 35 ng/mL. Cholecalciferol OTF strips (CURE Pharmaceutical) were administered for twelve weeks. Dosing was based on patient size and titrated according to individual pharmacokinetics. Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test demonstrated marked improvement in all 20 formerly refractory patients, increasing from a median baseline vitamin D of 29.2 ng/mL to 58 ng/mL at end of study ($p < 0.0001$). All patients demonstrated improvement in serum vitamin D level by week 4 on study, some of whom had been refractory for years prior. Median dose was 1 OTF strip (40,000 IU) per week. No toxicity was observed. This formulation proved to be safe, effective, efficient, and well-received. We are eager to explore other patient populations which might benefit from this promising development, and other therapeutics which might be optimized by this mode of delivery.

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 - 45 patients with novel, oral thin film cholecalciferol formulation
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70 **Introduction**

71 The role of vitamin D in bone health and skeletal maturation has long been established,
72 as it facilitates the absorption of calcium and enables normal growth and bone
73 remodeling. However, in more recent medical literature, it has come to light that vitamin
74 D has a widespread and diverse set of biological actions, with receptors scattered
75 throughout the body,^{1,2} playing a significant role in many pathophysiological processes.
76 Similarly, vitamin D deficiency has been implicated in an extensive list of severe
77 diseases, and inferior outcomes are often associated with deficiency.³⁻⁶

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79 Specifically, in our population of patients undergoing hematopoietic stem cell transplant
80 (HSCT), our group has shown that vitamin D deficiency is exceedingly common before,
81 during, and after transplant.⁷ Perhaps even more worrisome, the vitamin D deficiency
82 uncovered in this vulnerable population is persistent and associated with decreased
83 overall survival.⁷⁻¹¹ Normal vitamin D levels prior to transplant and in the early post-
84 transplant period have been associated with a lower incidence of graft-versus-host
85 disease (GVHD), lower levels of proinflammatory cytokines and improved immune

86 reconstitution.¹¹⁻¹³ With aggressive enteral supplementation, we have been able to
87 significantly improve outcomes and quality of life for many of these children.^{7,9,10}

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89 However, the sustainability of improved serum vitamin D levels presents another
90 challenge. The morbidity associated with a hematopoietic stem cell transplant is
91 significant, and often severely impacts the health and function of the gut. Enteral vitamin
92 D supplementation is dependent on passive diffusion of the fat-soluble vitamin across
93 the intestine.^{14,15} We previously demonstrated that it is very challenging to achieve and
94 sustain therapeutic vitamin D levels in pediatric HSCT recipients using currently
95 available vitamin D formulations (capsules and liquid), even after assuring patient
96 compliance.⁹ Many patients suffering with severe malnutrition, diarrhea and/or
97 gastrointestinal graft-versus-host disease following hematopoietic stem cell transplant
98 are unable to absorb enterally administered vitamin D and are refractory to
99 supplementation, with serum vitamin D levels poorly responsive to ongoing
100 supplementation even after assuring compliance with prescribed therapy. Additionally,
101 with a high incidence of mucositis and severe nausea/vomiting, and many young
102 patients in our population, taking medication capsules is a painful struggle, and often
103 not possible.

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105 We report significant improvement in vitamin D levels in previously refractory patients by
106 using oral thin film (OTF) cholecalciferol, a novel, berry-flavored formulation of vitamin D
107 which dissolves readily when placed on the tongue and has ability to bypass, at least in
108 part, the need for absorption in the gut that allowed our study subjects to achieve and

109 sustain normal 25-hydroxy vitamin D (25(OH)D) levels of ≥ 35 ng/mL. OTF formulation
110 also significantly improves the ease of administration, making them well-received by
111 patients and facilitating sustainable therapeutic vitamin D levels.

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113 **Methods**

114 ***Study Design***

115 Our single-site, prospective, pilot study to evaluate the safety, efficacy, and tolerance of
116 oral thin film cholecalciferol in repleting serum vitamin D levels in bone marrow
117 transplant patients was approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) at Cincinnati
118 Children's Hospital Medical Center. This study was registered on clinicaltrials.gov under
119 the title "Vitamin D Replacement Using Oral Thin Film (OTF) Cholecalciferol in Patients
120 Undergoing Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation," identifier: NCT04818957. Our
121 primary aim was to achieve and sustain serum 25-OH vitamin D levels > 35 ng/mL
122 during a 12-week study period of vitamin D supplementation. This level was based on
123 the Endocrine Society guidelines for bone metabolism defining 25-OH vitamin D level
124 < 30 ng/mL as insufficient, where 25-OH vitamin D levels of 30-40 ng/mL are required for
125 physiologic affect via parathyroid hormone.¹⁶

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127 ***Patient Selection***

128 We aimed to evaluate 20 patients who had undergone or were undergoing HSCT with
129 25(OH)D levels ≤ 35 ng/mL, or who had been unable to tolerate/refractory to standard
130 enteral supplementation. Inclusion criteria were HSCT recipients of any age with vitamin
131 D levels ≤ 35 ng/mL, or unable to tolerate, or refractory to enteral supplementation

132 formulations of Vitamin D. Inability to take prescribed vitamin D formulation or non-
133 compliance was confirmed by reviewing nursing documentation in medical records.
134 Patients could be undergoing HSCT or have completed HSCT at any time in the past,
135 both inpatients and outpatients were eligible to enroll. Exclusion criteria were any
136 subjects with vitamin D level ≥ 100 ng/mL, and any patients with clinically significant and
137 uncontrolled hypercalcemia. Written, informed consent to participate was obtained from
138 each enrolled subject and/or legal guardian. It is important to note that patients enrolled
139 onto this study had been on enteral supplementation and had remained vitamin D
140 deficient despite using other vitamin D formulations in escalating doses for 3-23 months
141 prior to this study. In addition, all study subjects had received single ultra-high dose
142 vitamin D (Stoss therapy) at the start of HSCT without adequate or sustained
143 response.¹⁰ Stoss therapy, from the German “to push,” is a single mega-dose of vitamin
144 D which has been proven to be effective in repleting vitamin D levels in many chronic
145 diseases. Stoss dose in our HSCT recipients had been administered as a single dose
146 based on patient weight and serum vitamin D level, with maximum dose limit of 600,000
147 IU, as previously published.¹⁰

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149 ***Vitamin D OTF Supplementation and Outcome Measurement***

150 Baseline serum vitamin D (25-OH vitamin D), calcium and phosphorus were obtained
151 on all patients. These levels were monitored throughout enrollment, weekly for the first
152 four weeks, and at least monthly thereafter, with more frequent evaluations performed
153 as clinically indicated. End of study serum vitamin D levels were obtained within 2
154 weeks after final OTF administration. Serum vitamin D levels were measured by

155 chemiluminescent immunoassay (CLIA) and all other blood tests were performed
156 utilizing biochromatic endpoint technique.

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158 All subjects stopped other forms of vitamin D supplementation at study entry when
159 starting on vitamin D OTF. Supplementation with cholecalciferol OTF strips (CURE
160 Pharmaceutical, Oxnard, CA) was initiated based on patient weight, in accordance with
161 institutional standard of care. Each OTF strip contains 40,000 IU Vitamin D3 (1000 mcg
162 cholecalciferol). Patients weighing <40kg at the time of enrollment received 1 strip for
163 their initial dose, patients weighing \geq 40kg at the time of enrollment were started on 2
164 strips. Dosing was titrated based on response and pharmacokinetics of the individual, in
165 accordance with our dosing schema shown in **Figure 1**, based on prior institutional
166 experience.

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168 Patients on the inpatient ward or receiving their dose in outpatient clinic were observed
169 by medical staff to verify ingestion. Vitamin D OTF strips were berry-flavored and
170 dissolved readily when placed on the tongue; patients were permitted to take a small sip
171 of water immediately before or after strip dissolved as desired. Outpatients taking OTF
172 strips at home maintained a study diary to document dosing. Patients were required to
173 complete at least 6 weeks of the 12-week study to be considered evaluable. Patients
174 with clinically significant and/or uncontrolled hypercalcemia were excluded from the
175 study.

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177 Each subject received OTF strips for a maximum of 12 weeks, with the ability to stop
178 supplementation at the discretion of the physician if vitamin D level was adequate and
179 additional supplementation was not needed. Any patients with difficulty tolerating the
180 OTF could have their dose adjusted or discontinued at the discretion of the physician.

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182 ***Clinical Care***

183 Routine clinical care for patients during and after HSCT was continued for all subjects,
184 in accordance with institutional standards of care. All patients on study were
185 concurrently managed by a registered dietitian.

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187 ***Statistical Analysis***

188 Continuous data were summarized according to their median values. Differences in
189 outcomes were compared by using a Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed rank test.

190 Statistical evaluation was performed using GraphPad Prism (Version 9.2.0). $P < 0.5$ was
191 considered statistically significant.

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195 systematic research on Vitamin D in HSCT recipients, with the goal to improve clinical
196 management. Published material will have deidentified data on HSCT recipient
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199 community. For original data, please contact allison.bartlett@cchmc.org.

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201 **Results:**

202 ***Study population***

203 A total of 24 patients were enrolled on the study, with a goal of 20 evaluable patients.

204 Four patients were not evaluable: two patients had to take multiple OTFs for each dose
205 and disliked the texture with repeated administration, one disliking the taste and one
206 due to parental non-compliance.

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208 Evaluable patient demographics and disease characteristics are summarized in Table 1.

209 Among our patient population, some patients were refractory to Stoss therapy (n=6),
210 some were refractory to Stoss therapy and enteral supplementation (n=10), while others
211 were unable to tolerate enteral supplementation formulations (n=4). Fourteen patients
212 had underlying clinical conditions or transplant complications predisposing to impaired
213 intestinal absorption: thrombotic microangiopathy (n=6), inflammatory bowel disease
214 (n=3), pancreatic insufficiency (n=2), malacoplakia (n=1), stage 4 intestinal GVHD
215 (n=1), and history of gastrointestinal vaso-occlusive crisis (n=1).

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217 ***Efficacy of OTF Cholecalciferol on Serum Vitamin D Levels in HSCT Patients***

218 Twenty patients were evaluable. Median number of weeks on study for these 20

219 patients was 12 weeks. There were two patients in our cohort who did not complete all
220 12 weeks; one patient unexpectedly relapsed post-transplant, and family preference

221 was to come off study at that time (8 weeks), and another patient returned to their home

222 institution prior to completion (9 weeks). Serum vitamin D levels of our cohort on study

223 are outlined in **Table 1**. The median age of our cohort was 8 years old (range: 1-28
224 years).

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226 All study subjects achieved the primary study endpoint to reach and to sustain 25-OH
227 vitamin D serum level ≥ 35 ng/mL. Study subjects' serum vitamin D levels improved from
228 a baseline median 29.2 ng/mL (range: 23.9 – 35.8 ng/mL) at enrollment to 58 ng/mL
229 (range: 36.7 – 100.8 ng/mL) ($p < 0.0001$) at end of study (**Figure 2**).

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231 Median improvement of vitamin D levels on study was an increase by 29 ng/mL,
232 effectively doubling baseline vitamin D levels at end of study. All twenty patients
233 demonstrated improved vitamin D levels within the first four weeks, with consistent
234 median values on study of 53 ng/mL (range 40.8 – 54.1 ng/mL) (**Figure 3**). Some
235 patients' levels escalated quickly prompting dose reduction to maintain target levels.
236 The dosing schema was updated following enrollment of the first few patients secondary
237 to the rapid absorption observed. Median dose for our cohort was 40,000 IU (1 strip) per
238 week. Doses of vitamin D during the twelve weeks on study ranged from 40,000 IU
239 monthly to 160,000 IU weekly.

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241 ***Tolerance and Toxicity of OTF Cholecalciferol***

242 Ability to take vitamin D OTF and compliance with prescribed study therapy was
243 documented by nursing staff in medical records or reported to study staff by caregivers
244 for those receiving OTF at home. OTF strips were well-received by patients of all ages,
245 with palatable flavor and rapid dissolution. Subjects who were enrolled onto study due

246 to intolerance or non-compliance of other vitamin D formulations were documented to
247 have good compliance with OTF. Eight study subjects (40%) were younger than 5 years
248 of age, with four of them being younger than 2 years of age, and all were able to
249 successfully take the OTF strips, which dissolved within seconds and did not need to be
250 swallowed. Peak median vitamin D levels for the cohort were noted at week five on
251 study, at 64.7 ng/mL, and these results were well sustained over the remaining weeks
252 on study. Maximum serum vitamin D level on study was 118 ng/mL, trending down to
253 65.3 ng/mL the following week. No toxicity was noted for any of the patients on study,
254 elevations observed >100 ng/mL were noted for one week only. Concurrent monitoring
255 of renal panels, including calcium and phosphorus levels, did not demonstrate any
256 concerning elevations. There were no adverse events attributable to the study drug
257 while taking the vitamin D OTF strips.

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259 **Discussion:**

260 This prospective pilot study demonstrates the safety and efficacy of a novel formulation
261 of cholecalciferol, administered as a readily dissolvable oral thin film (OTF), for repletion
262 and maintenance of therapeutic serum vitamin D levels in HSCT patients refractory to
263 other available vitamin D formulations. The vitamin D OTF strips were also very efficient
264 in repleting serum vitamin D levels, with all patients achieving therapeutic vitamin D
265 levels (>35 ng/mL) by week 4. Improved levels were likewise sustained throughout 12
266 weeks on study, with median serum vitamin D levels on study ranging from 40.8 – 54.1
267 for all 20 patients. This was especially noteworthy for patients who had been refractory
268 to enteral supplementation using other formulations of vitamin D supplements for

269 months to years prior to this study enrollment, yet rapidly achieved therapeutic vitamin
270 D level after switching to comparable dosing with OTF formulation.

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272 In addition to noting marked improvement in serum vitamin D levels for all patients
273 enrolled, OTF administration was easy, readily dissolved without need for swallowing,
274 and was well-received by patients of all ages on study. Patients who reported disliking
275 OTF had to take multiple OTF strips for a single dose. We adjusted our strategy giving
276 one OTF at a time with a short break in between strips and resolved this issue. There
277 were no complaints from patients taking one OTF strip at a time. Numerous patients
278 and families expressed how much they enjoyed the flavor and ease of this formulation.
279 They also expressed a preference for the OTF formulation, and an interest in being able
280 to continue OTFs at the completion of the 12 weeks of study. The wide range of ages
281 enrolled highlights the versatility of this mode of delivery, with our youngest patient
282 tolerating strips at just 13 months of age, and our oldest patient at 28 years of age.

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284 It is well known that bioavailability of vitamin D differs among individuals due to variable
285 absorption or altered metabolism in the body. Oral Vitamin D formulations are
286 influenced by several different factors after ingestion including gastric pH, gastric
287 enzymes including pepsin and trypsin, and duodenal enzymes like proteases, amylase,
288 and lipase. Our patient cohort was enriched with cases prone to prolonged impaired
289 bowel and/or pancreatic function due to their underlying pre-transplant conditions, like
290 Shwachman-Diamond syndrome, immune deficiencies with inflammatory bowel
291 disorder, or transplant complications like intestinal GVHD and intestinal thrombotic

292 microangiopathy, that rendered these patients vitamin D deficient even later post-
293 transplant.

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295 This new vitamin D OTF formulation is absorbed, at least in part, through the oral
296 mucosa directly into the blood stream, bypassing the first-pass hepatic metabolism. It
297 also does not cause additional discomfort in patients with mucositis due to fast
298 dissolution and no need to swallow. This is very appealing in a complex patient
299 population like HSCT recipients with altered GI tract function. OTF also lightly adheres
300 to the tongue while being dissolved by saliva, likely contributing to improved mucosal
301 absorption. Administration of OTF is straightforward for caregivers, readily observed,
302 reliably absorbed and well-tolerated. For these reasons, OTF is desirable compared to
303 other liquid formulations, especially for young children.

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305 As could be expected, pharmacokinetics in our study population were patient
306 dependent, likely multifactorial, with significant variability in dosing required to achieve
307 vitamin D repletion. In our cohort this variability was not strictly related to patient age or
308 weight, but likely related to a patient's clinical condition. We observed ongoing
309 increases in serum vitamin D levels up to 2-4 weeks following administration of a dose.
310 We drew weekly vitamin D levels for the first 4 weeks to learn vitamin D OTF kinetics in
311 our study subjects. The majority of patients achieved and sustained therapeutic vitamin
312 D levels by using 1 OTF strip per week (40,000 IU/week), although we noted a wide
313 range of needs, with patients on study requiring between 1 strip/month (40,000
314 IU/month) up to 4 strips/week (160,000 IU/week). This supports our prior observations

315 that monthly monitoring of vitamin D kinetics is essential in HSCT recipients, especially
316 early post-transplant.

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318 In spite of the variability noted in our study in dosing amount and frequency, there were
319 no instances of vitamin D toxicity in our cohort. There is significant variability in the
320 literature concerning levels at which vitamin D toxicity is observed, ranging from 120 –
321 300 ng/mL,^{2,17-19} with serum levels demonstrating poor correlation with calcium levels
322 and clinical symptomatic presentation. In general, toxicity is observed in subjects only
323 with sustained, prolonged elevations in their serum vitamin D levels. Common signs and
324 symptoms of vitamin D toxicity include nausea, vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, bone pain,
325 fatigue, weakness and nephrolithiasis.^{2,17,18,20,21} Severe cases involving seizure, coma
326 and even death have been reported.¹⁸ In our cohort, three patients out of twenty were
327 noted to have serum vitamin D levels >100 ng/mL, with a maximum of 118 ng/mL,
328 though none of these levels were sustained longer than 7 days nor were they
329 associated with any clinical symptoms of toxicity. Serum calcium and phosphorus were
330 normal throughout.

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332 While our prospective pilot study includes only 20 patients, the wide range of ages
333 represented helped to answer essential study questions about efficacy, tolerance, and
334 compliance across different age groups. Based on the promising results of this study,
335 vitamin D OTF has been approved as a formulary option for HSCT recipients at our
336 institution. We are encouraged by the efficacy and ease of administration utilizing an
337 oral thin film formulation for treatment of vitamin D deficiency. This novel mode of

338 delivery was especially helpful in this vulnerable population of HSCT patients, who
339 experience many barriers surrounding medication absorption and compliance
340 secondary to complications encountered post-bone marrow transplant. We are eager to
341 explore other important therapeutics for this vulnerable patient population which might
342 be optimized by this mode of delivery. We are additionally working to collaborate with
343 clinicians who care for patient populations with similar challenges and barriers to vitamin
344 D repletion, like patients with short gut, Crohn's disease, celiac disease, and cystic
345 fibrosis to further expand the reach of this novel, exciting and promising therapeutic.

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427 **Table 1. Patient demographics and serum vitamin D levels**

Patient	Sex	Age	Weight (kg)	Diagnostic Group	Autologous/Allogeneic Transplant	Vitamin D STOSS dose prior to HSCT?	Additional enteral cholecalciferol supplementation post-STOSS at enrollment?	Enrollment timing post-transplant	Median serum vitamin D (ng/mL) in the year prior to starting strips?	Baseline serum vitamin D (ng/mL)	Median serum vitamin D on study (ng/mL)	End of study serum vitamin D (ng/mL)
1	M	18 yrs	59.6	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +225	26.3	30.1	52.6	69.1
2	F	5 yrs	16.3	Benign Hematology	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +112	27.9	24.6	53.2	77.9
3	F	20 mo	13.0	Malignancy	Autologous	Y	Y: 5,000 IU/week	Day +31	31.7	26.1	53.4	54.4
4	M	4 yrs	19.5	Immune Disorder	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +34	43.0	25.0	53.0	67.0
5	F	9 yrs	20.5	Immune Disorder	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +26	41.0	34.6	54.1	39.4
6	M	17 yrs	65.1	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +52	29.8	29.7	52.2	82.5
7	M	7 yrs	21.4	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +21	50.5	35.8	52.4	100.0
8	M	8 yrs	25.6	Immune Disorder	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +328	33.8	34.6	52.2	41.6

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9	F	28 yrs	47.0	Marrow Failure	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +64	28.9	29.0	53.0	51.4
10	F	16 mo	11.1	Marrow Failure	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +156	33.2	30.5	53.0	60.4
11	F	9 yrs	24.7	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +428	31.0	27.9	53.0	42.3
12	M	4 yrs	17.3	Marrow Failure	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +75	37.5	25.1	52.2	48.5
13	M	19 yrs	88.9	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +24	20.6	28.0	52.1	36.7
14	M	18 yrs	36.5	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +296	34.5	26.5	53.5	64.0
15	M	9 yrs	22.7	Benign Hematology	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +75	29.4	29.4	53.4	45.1
16	M	22 yrs	77.9	Immune Disorder	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +19	29.8	23.9	53.7	55.5
17	M	13 mo	8.5	Immune Disorder	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +50	36.6	33.9	53.5	42.5
18	M	2 yrs	8.7	Marrow Failure	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 50,000 IU/week	Day +71	33.2	33.2	52.2	62.3
19	M	8 yrs	20.5	Benign Hematology	Allogeneic	Y	N	Day +96	35.5	35.0	48.2	70.7
20	M	4 yrs	19.5	Malignancy	Allogeneic	Y	Y: 10,000 IU/week	Day +52	40.5	24.5	40.8	86.4

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429 **Figure 1. Vitamin D OTF Dosing Schema**

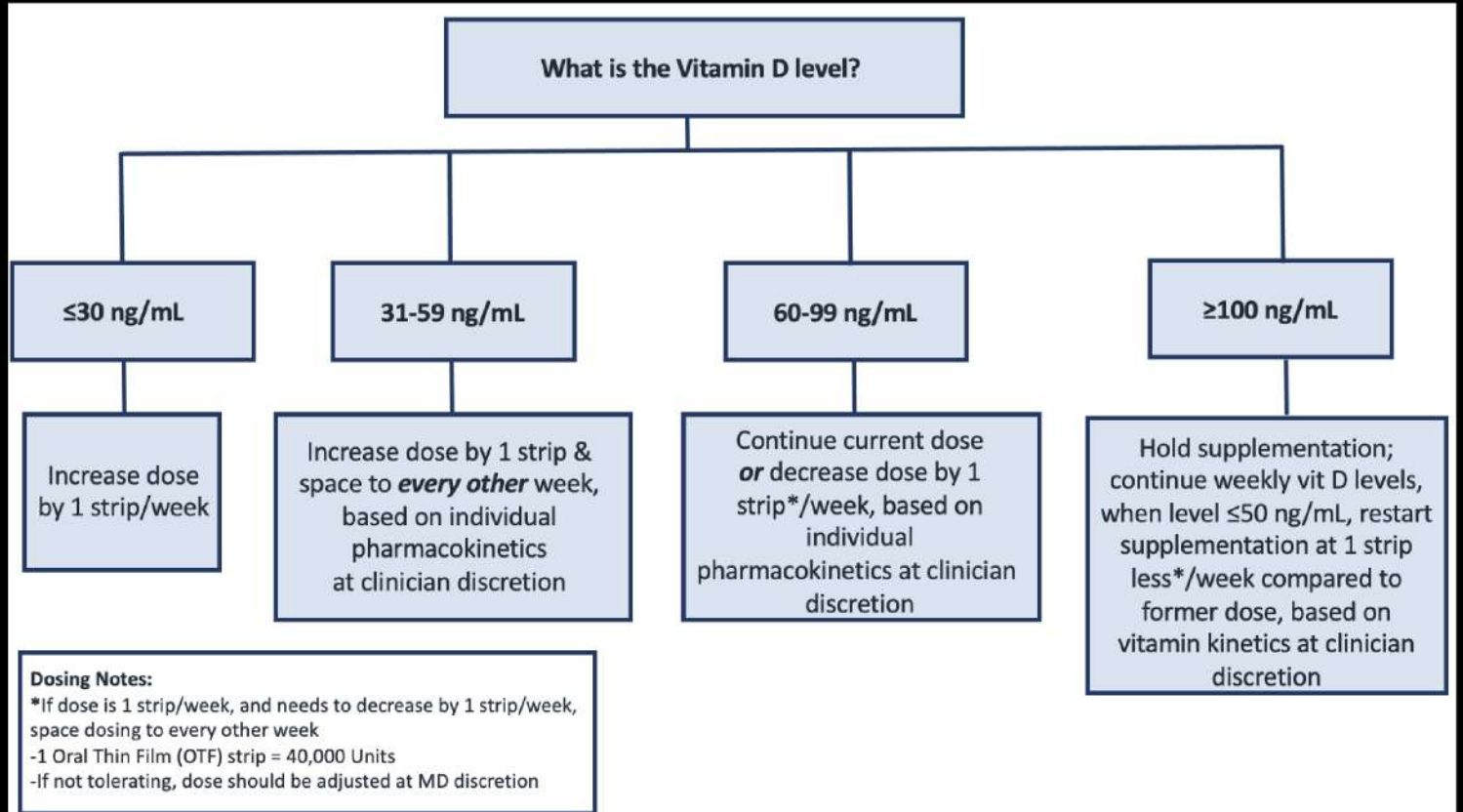
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431 **represents one patient. Median values each week shown in red.**

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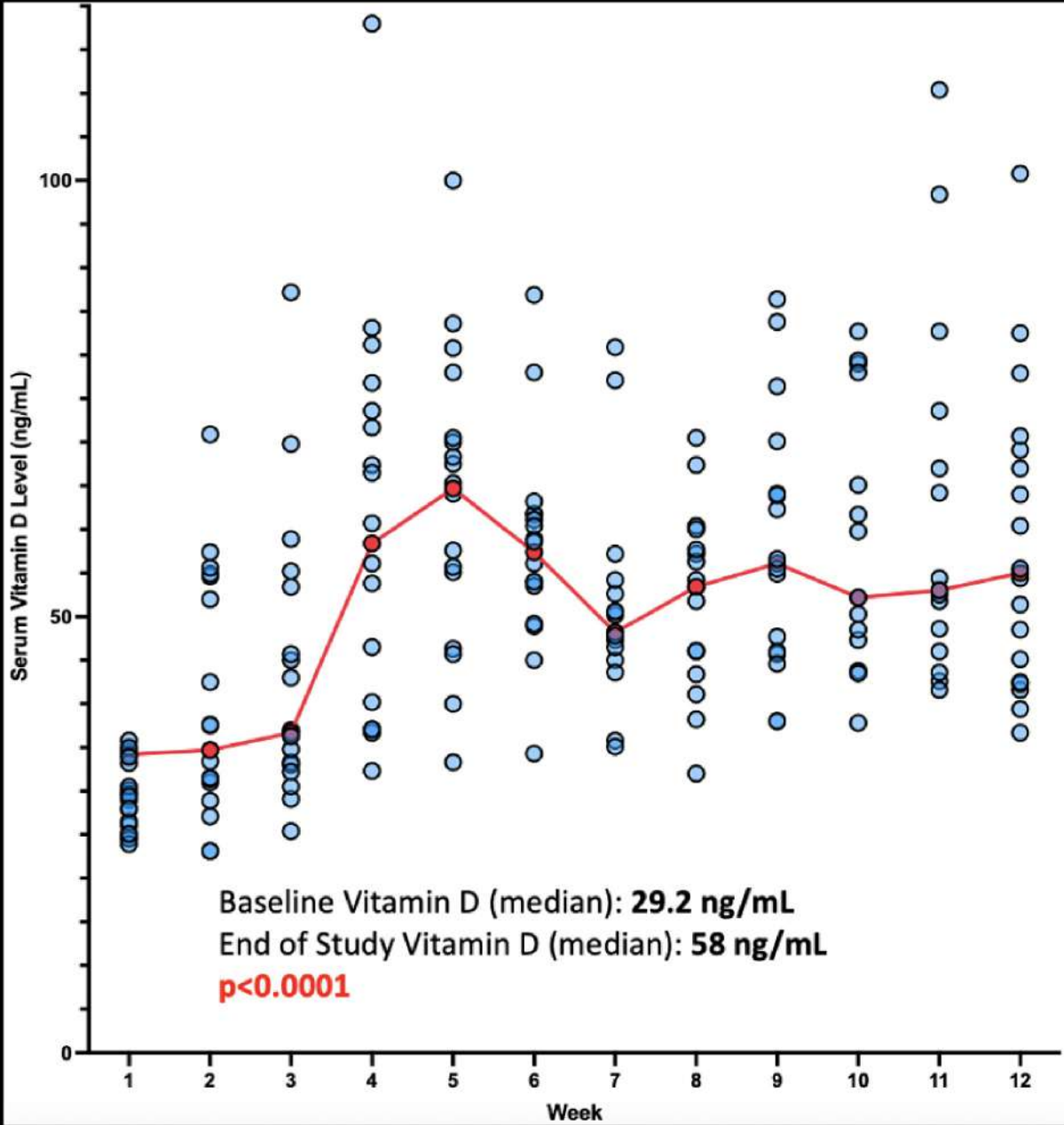
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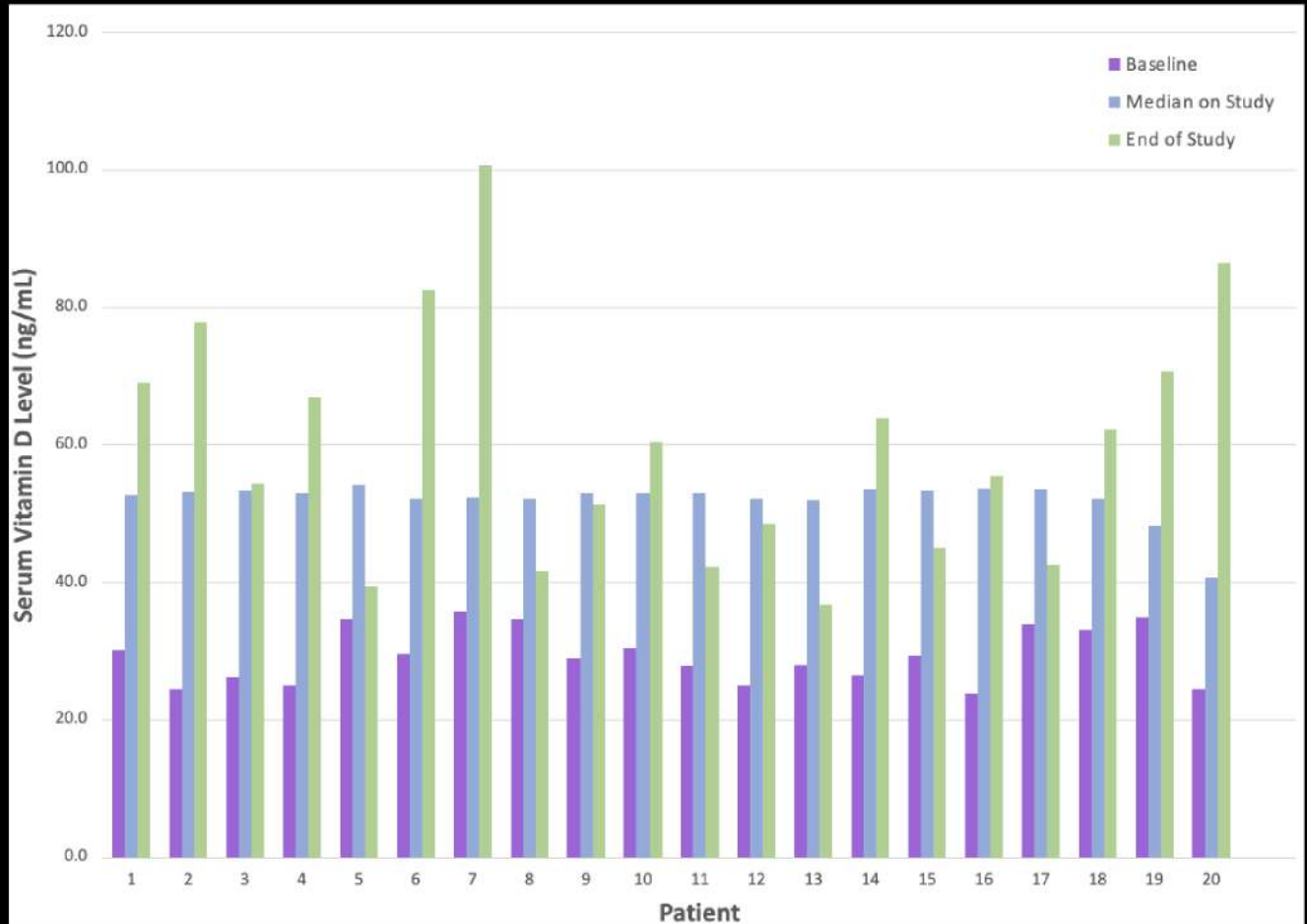


Weekly patient vitamin D levels are shown at baseline through 12 weeks on study.

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