the late-onset asthma group (OR 1.28 [95% CI: 1.11–1.48]) or the early-onset persistent asthma group (OR 1.27 [95% CI: 1.08–1.48]) compared to the never/infrequent asthma group. Similar results were seen for boys, OR 1.16 [95% CI: 1.08–1.25], OR 1.11 [95% CI: 0.98–1.25], and OR 1.34 [95% CI: 1.20–1.51] respectively. The odds remained largely the same in imputed and unadjusted models.

Conclusion In a Danish nationwide population four asthma trajectories were identified, in agreement with clinical studies. ACE in early life was associated with all asthma phenotypes.

Methods

Objective The purpose of this study was to investigate whether firefighters’ exposure to work-related trauma events is related to work limitations that form part of social health.

Methods In 2016, 618 firefighters from four cities in Gyeongsangnam-do participated in this study. They were analyzed using a health-related work limitations questionnaire, experience and type of work-related trauma, Korea Depression Scale, and the World Health Organization quality of life assessment instrument. The health-related work limitations consisted of three scales: physical work demands, psychosocial work demands, and environmental work demands. The analysis was done by hierarchical logistic regression analysis.

Results Of the subjects, 70.2% remembered traumatic experiences they had experienced during their job. The total work limitations were 21.5%; the limitation of physical work demands was 16.8%, that of psychosocial work demands was 15.3%, and that of environmental work demands was 13.8%. Logistic regression analysis of the final model showed that, if firefighters have experienced their own risks and personal injury, physical (95% CI=1.169–9.405), psychosocial (95% CI=1.080–8.609), and environmental (95% CI=1.639–14.402), the total (95% CI=1.439–9.678) work limitation was significantly increased. When there was a memory of a terrible body or injury, the total work limitations increased significantly (95% CI=1.092–3.905).

Conclusions When firefighters are exposed to trauma events during their jobs, these have a negative impact on their work. In order to protect and improve the occupational functions of firefighters, effective prevention and management of work-related trauma incidents should be considered.

MANGANESE EXPOSURE IN STEEL AND ALLIED FACTORY: CAUSE OF SECONDARY PARKINSONISM

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Case presentation A 43 year old male presented with 6 months history of gradual onset and progressive bradykinesia, tremors of upper limbs and walking difficulty in the form of imbalance and short shuffling gait, slurring of speech with hypophonia. Neurological examination revealed slow broken saccades, rigidity with cogwheeling, bradykinesia and short shuffling, festinating gait. He had action and postural tremors of upper limbs. Pull test was positive. Thus a diagnosis of young onset Parkinsonism was considered. But, occupational history revealed that he worked in blast furnace of a steel and allied factory for past 14 years where manganese ore has been using for the strengthening of the stainless steel. He was evaluated with MRI Brain which showed symmetrical hyperintensities involving basal ganglia and subcortical white matter in T2 weighted images. T1 weighted images showed evidence of basal ganglia hyperintensities probably related to mineral deposition. Renal function, thyroid function tests including anti thyroid antibodies, KF Ring, S. Ceruloplasmin, Liver function tests, CSF, ultrasound abdomen-all were normal. Two consecutive serum manganese level tests in six months interval showed initial rise (two times) with the history of exposure and followed by normal level without the exposure. Patient was started on symptomatic medications like levodopa and trihexyphenidyl but after 8 months of medication (March-October, 2018) he had not showed any significant improvement. The written consent was taken from patient for this study.

Conclusion In view of strong occupational history of manganese exposure, the clinical features and non responsiveness of treatment with levodopa, a possibility of manganese toxicity was strongly considered for this rare case of secondary parkinsonism. Also non adherence with the legal mandate of periodical medical examination of workers exposed to toxic metals with long term consequence is very important factor to be corrected in the developing country like India.