

NUTRITIONAL STATUS ASSESSMENT IN PATIENTS WITH CYSTIC FIBROSIS

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Introduction

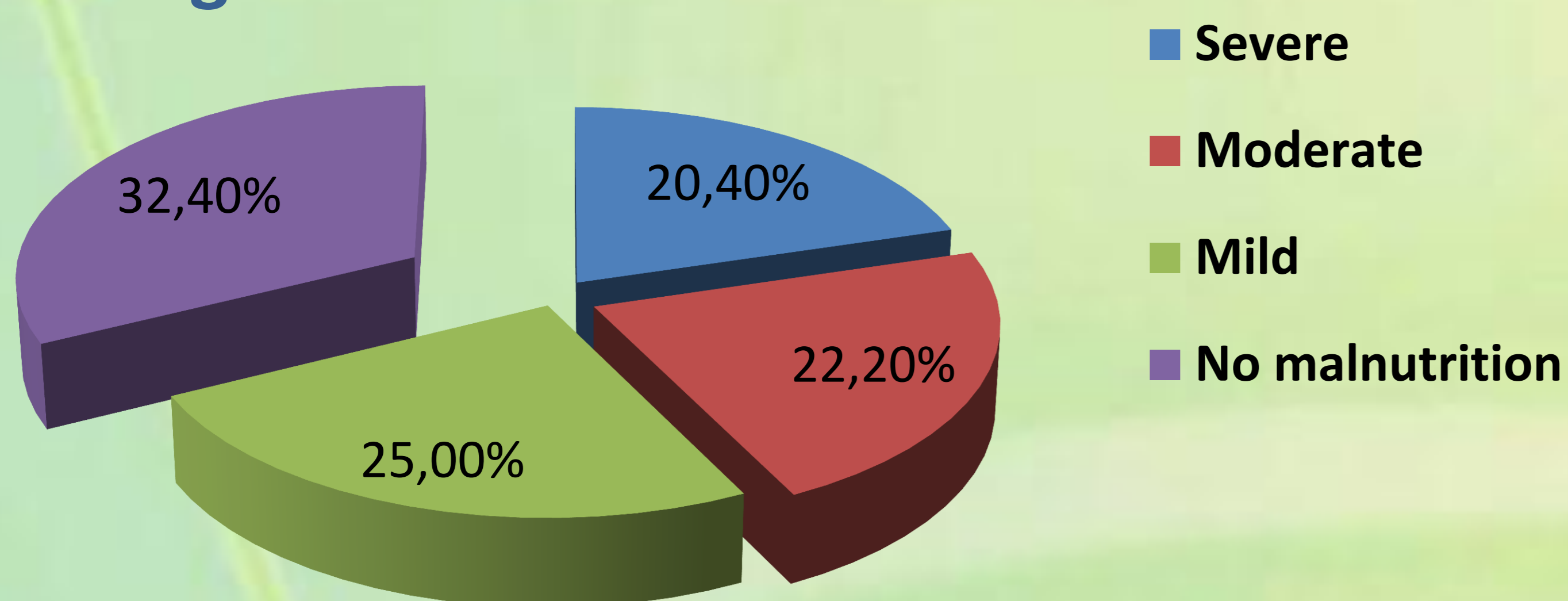
Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a chronic disease at risk of malnutrition. The aim of the study is to assess nutritional status of patients with CF

Methods

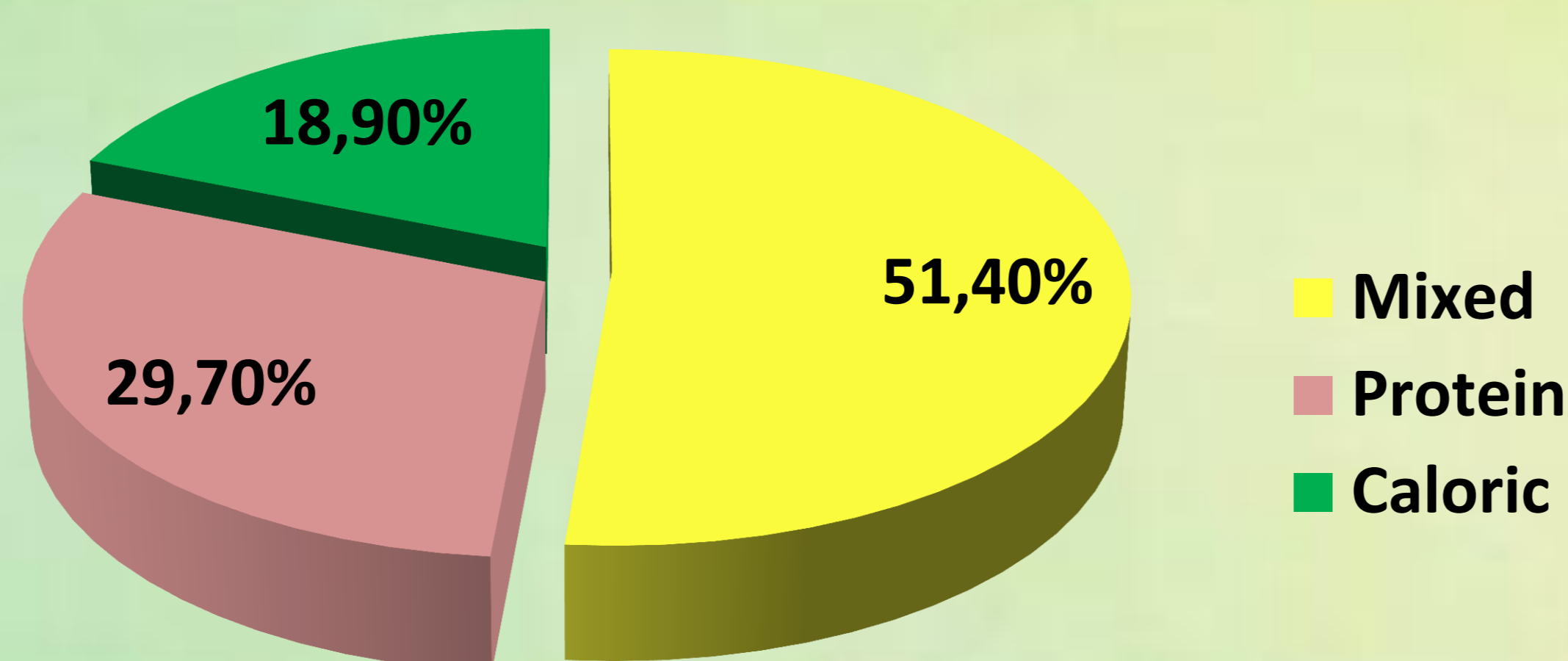
Descriptive study of CF patients referred for a nutritional evaluation. Data collected included lung function, pancreatic and carbohydrate metabolism (according to ADA's diagnostic criteria), anthropometric and laboratory parameters. Results are shown as mean (SD).

Results

Diagnosed malnutrition



Malnutrition type



Diabetes was associated with vitamin D deficiency <math><30\text{ ng/ml}</math> ($p = 0.01$) and lung transplantation ($p < 0.001$). Severe malnutrition is statistically associated with lung transplantation ($p = 0.01$), systemic corticosteroid therapy ($p = 0.01$) and diabetes ($p = 0.04$).

Number of patients	64
Mean age (years)	26,8 (7,4)
Respiratory involvement (%)	100
Exocrine pancreatic dysfunction (%)	93,4
Lung transplantation (%)	29,5
Lung transplantation 's mean age (years)	22,4
Diabetic (%)	50
Prediabetic (%)	21,9
Systemic corticosteroid treatment (%)	37,5
BMI (Kg/m ²)	19,2 (2,7)
Ideal percentage weight (%)	83,9 (13,3)
Weight loss in the last 6 months (%)	3,6 (5,8)
Main causes of weight loss (%)	
-Respiratory infections	55,6
-Early satiety	32,1
-Steatorrhea	14,8
Vitamins deficiency (%)	
vit D	60,9
vit A	70
vit E	72,5

CONCLUSIONS

A high prevalence of malnutrition (73%) was found in CF patients. Severe malnutrition was associated with lung transplantation, systemic corticosteroid therapy and diabetes. Pretransplant assessment of nutritional status is important in CF patients. Diabetes was associated with lung transplantation and vitamin D deficiency.