Comparative analysis of clinical, biochemical and genetic aspects associated with bone mineral density in small for gestational age children

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Clinical, biochemical and genetic analysis related to bone mineral density (BMD) were carried out in children born small for gestational age (SGA) that failed to achieve postnatal catch-up growth (CUG), SGA children that completed CUG and adequate for gestational age (AGA) children. Serum IGF-I, IGF-II, IGF binding protein-3 and acid-labile subunit were lower in the SGA-CUG children as compared with the other groups. Frequencies of polymorphic variants of vitamin D receptor, estrogen receptor and collagen genes were similar among groups. The genotype 194-192 of the IGF-I gene was higher in the SGA-CUG and 196-192 was higher in the SGA+CUG group. In the SGA-CUG group, the genotype SS of the COLIA1 gene was associated with lower BMD. Therefore, IGF system and COLIA1 polymorphism distinguish prepubertal SGA-CUG children from the SGA+CUG children of the same age. Furthermore, COLIA1 polymorphism could be useful to predict osteopenia in SGA-CUG children. © 2011 by Walter de Gruyter Berlin B