

Prevalence of Anaemia in Bazigar (Ex-nomadic Tribe) Preschool Children of Punjab

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ABSTRACT A study on the prevalence of anaemia was conducted among the Bazigar preschool children of Amritsar, Ludhiana, Moga and Patiala districts of Punjab. Blood sample was collected from 1200 children ranging in age from 1+ to 5+ years, and haemoglobin was estimated by cyanmethaemoglobin method. Anaemia was diagnosed when haemoglobin was less than 11 g/dl. The study revealed an overall prevalence of anaemia as 90.50%. The frequency of anaemia was maximum in age group 2+. Thereafter, the frequency of anaemia decreases as the age increases.