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Evaluation of Prevalence of hypertension in type 2 DM patients

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ABSTRACT

Background: The present study was conducted for assessing the prevalence of hypertension in type 2 DM patients. **Materials & methods:** One hundred participants with type 2 diabetes were included in the study. All of the patients' complete demographic information was acquired. All patients had blood samples taken, which were then submitted to a lab to document each patient's glycemic and biochemical profiles. Three days in a row, all of the patients were summoned back, and blood pressure was taken. The final value was determined by taking the mean of the three measurements. The prevalence of high blood pressure was noted. Every outcome was entered into a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and then statistical analysis was performed with SPSS software. **Results:** A total of 500 type 2 diabetic patients were analyzed. mean age of the patients was 43.1 years. Among these 500 patients, 291 were males while the remaining were females. Hypertension was seen in 238 patients. Hence; the overall prevalence of hypertension was 47.6 percent of the patients. Significant results were obtained while correlating the HbA1c levels with occurrence of hypertension. **Conclusion:** There is a relationship between diabetes and hypertension. To reduce the morbidity linked to the condition, close observation of the risk factors for hypertension and diabetes is necessary.

Key words: Hypertension, Diabetes

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INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM), also known simply as diabetes is a complex metabolic disorder characterized by hyperglycemia, a physiologically abnormal condition represented by continued elevated blood glucose levels. Hyperglycemia results from anomalies in either insulin secretion or insulin action or both and manifests in a chronic and heterogeneous manner as carbohydrate, fat, and protein metabolic dysfunctions. Diabetes follows a progressive pattern with complex pathogenesis and varied presentation. Hyperglycemia and its associated carbohydrate, fat, and protein metabolic dysfunctions affect multiple organs of the body and disrupt their normal functioning.¹⁻³ Hypertension is both a disease and a major risk factor for other diseases. Population studies show an increasing rate of cardiovascular events such as stroke, myocardial infarction, heart failure, atrial fibrillation and premature mortality, with increasing blood pressure (from systolic blood pressures ≥ 115 mmHg). This relationship is exponential, and stronger for systolic pressure than for diastolic pressure. Untreated very high (>180/110 mmHg) or rapidly rising blood pressure (such as in eclampsia) can overcome normal microvascular autoregulation. This leads to acute damage in the microcirculation and

results in a multisystem clinical syndrome of accelerated or malignant hypertension, or cerebral haemorrhage, which are immediate threats to life.⁴⁻⁶ The present study was conducted for assessing the prevalence of hypertension in type 2 DM patients.

MATERIALS & METHODS

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RESULTS

A total of 500 type 2 diabetic patients were analyzed. mean age of the patients was 43.1 years. Among these

500 patients, 291 were males while the remaining were females. Hypertension was seen in 238 patients. Hence; the overall prevalence of hypertension was 47.6 percent of the patients. Significant results were obtained while correlating the HbA1c levels with occurrence of hypertension.

Table 1: Prevalence of hypertension

Hypertension	Number	Percentage
Present	238	47.6
Absent	262	52.4
Total	100	100

Table 2: Correlation of occurrence of hypertension with glycemc profile

Hypertension	Mean HbA1c levels	p-value
Present	12.1	0.000 (Significant)
Absent	10.1	

DISCUSSION

Diabetes mellitus is a serious metabolic disease, affecting people of all geographic, ethnic or racial origin and its prevalence is increasing globally. Burden from this costly disease is high on the low and middle income countries (LMIC) where the impacts of modernization and urbanization have caused marked adverse changes in lifestyle parameters. Type 2 diabetes which accounts for 85-95 per cent of all diabetes has a latent, asymptomatic period of sub-clinical stages which often remains undiagnosed for several years. As a result, in many patients the vascular complications are already present at the time of diagnosis of diabetes, which is often detected by an opportunistic testing. Asian populations in general, particularly Asian Indians have a high risk of developing diabetes at a younger age when compared with the western populations. Therefore, it is essential that efforts are made to diagnose diabetes early so that the long term sufferings by the patients and the societal burden can be considerably mitigated.⁷⁻⁹

Hypertension is the leading preventable risk factor for cardiovascular disease (CVD) and all-cause mortality worldwide. In 2010, 31.1% of the global adult population (1.39 billion people) had hypertension, defined as systolic BP \geq 140 mmHg and/or diastolic BP \geq 90 mmHg. The prevalence of hypertension is rising globally owing to ageing of the population and increases in exposure to lifestyle risk factors including unhealthy diets (i.e. high sodium and low potassium intake and lack of physical activity. However, changes in hypertension prevalence are not uniform worldwide. In the past two decades, high-income countries (HICs) experienced a modest decrease in hypertension prevalence, while low and middle-income countries (LMICs) experienced significant increases. These disparities in hypertension prevalence trends suggest that health care systems in LMICs could be facing a rapidly increasing burden of hypertension and BP-related cardiovascular diseases,

in some cases in addition to a substantial burden of infectious diseases.¹⁰⁻¹² The present study was conducted for assessing the prevalence of hypertension in type 2 DM patients.

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(OR 3.19 [1.65–6.18] $p=0.03$) and overweight (BMI>24.9 Vs <24.9) (OR 1.68 [0.98–2.88], $p=0.04$). Under-prescription and ambiguous drugs combination was also observed. The prevalence of poor hypertension control among diabetic patients is alarming.¹⁵

CONCLUSION

There is a relationship between diabetes and hypertension. To reduce the morbidity linked to the condition, close observation of the risk factors for hypertension and diabetes is necessary.

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