



## TO ESTIMATE AND COMPARE THE SERUM LEVELS OF PANCREATIC HORMONES, ADIPOCYTOKINES, AND LIPID PROFILE IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS WITH AND WITHOUT OBESITY

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### ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** Diabetes complications are the main burden of type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), a metabolic disease. Therefore, it is crucial to address the underlying biology of diabetes rather than just treating the symptom complex, which can be done by doing early screenings and managing those who are at risk. Early and vigorous intervention options that combine maximum glucose lowering efficacy with potential cell-preserving characteristics may offer a chance to slow or stop the progression of the illness for patients who have just been diagnosed with T2DM. Insulin resistance and visceral obesity, which are frequently linked to diabetes, may also be connected to changes in adipose tissue mass and metabolism. Higher pancreatic hormone levels and abnormal levels of adipocyte-derived hormones have been linked to insulin resistance, a frequent problem in T2DM and obesity.

**AIM:** To calculate and compare the serum levels of adipocytokines (leptin and adiponectin), pancreatic hormones (insulin and C-peptide), and lipid profile in individuals with type 2 diabetes mellitus who are obese and those who are not.

**MATERIAL AND METHOD:** The present study was carried out in the Department of Medicine. Informed consent, both in English as well as vernacular language, was taken from all the participants included in the study.

**RESULTS:** The levels of serum insulin, C-peptide, leptin, and adiponectin in obese people may help determine their risk of developing insulin resistance, and later, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. This would allow for the implementation of suitable preventive measures to safeguard the high-risk subjects from developing diabetes and its complications.

**CONCLUSION:** The levels of insulin, C-peptide, leptin, and adiponectin in obese people may help determine how likely they are to develop insulin resistance, which could lead to diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD). This would make it possible to put appropriate preventative measures into place in such high-risk people to safeguard them from DM and its consequences.

**KEYWORDS:** Diabetes mellitus, Obesity, Adipocytokines, Insulin resistance and Lipid profile.

### INTRODUCTION:

Coronary heart disease (CHD), cerebral vasculature, and peripheral arterial vasculature are examples of atherosclerotic vascular illnesses. Coronary artery disease (CAD) continues to be the leading cause of mortality and disability despite significant global efforts for its prevention and treatment.<sup>1</sup> Recent demographic and health studies have shown an increase in CAD among people from all socioeconomic groups. In low- and middle-income nations like India, the rate of CAD-related death and disability has risen alarmingly. The fact that the majority of CAD patients in India are in their prime earning years adds to the gravity of the situation.

This might have disastrous long-term effects on the socioeconomic situation. As seen by the rapidly rising prevalence of obesity, insulin resistance, diabetes mellitus, atherogenic dyslipidemia, and high blood pressure, conventional cardiovascular risk is related to changes in lifestyle and changed metabolic activity.<sup>2</sup>

Diabetes, often known as diabetes mellitus (DM) or just diabetes, is a set of common metabolic illnesses that share the phenotype of hyperglycemia, either because the body does not make enough insulin or because the cells do not react to the insulin that is produced.<sup>3</sup> For the foreseeable future, DM will be a major source of

morbidity and mortality due to its rising occurrence around the world.<sup>4,5</sup> Between 1985 and 2000, there were an estimated 177 million cases of diabetes globally, a sharp increase from the estimated 30 million cases in 1985.<sup>6</sup>

Adipose tissue mass in excess is the condition of obesity. Although it's commonly assumed that being overweight equates to having more body weight, this isn't always the case. Lean but extremely muscular people might be numerically overweight without having more adiposity. Therefore, examining how obesity is related to illness or mortality helps characterise obesity more accurately. Body Mass Index (BMI), which is equal to weight/height, is the most commonly used technique to assess obesity even though it is not a direct indicator of adiposity. Anthropometry (measures of skin fold thickness), densitometry (under-water weighing), CT or MRI, and electrical impedance are additional methods for calculating obesity. Although there are numerous contributing factors to diabetes, obesity is a key risk factor for the disease, and up to 80% of people with T2DM are obese.<sup>7,8</sup> Changes in lipids and lipoproteins as well as an increased risk of coronary heart disease are linked to variations in body fat distribution. Diabetes patients may have a variety of dyslipidemias. High serum triglycerides, low HDL-C, and a qualitative change in low density lipoprotein (LDL) particles are the most notable characteristics of the insulin resistance syndrome in obese patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.<sup>24</sup> Activity of adiponectin is associated with leptin and with steroid and thyroid hormones, glucocorticoids, and nitric oxide. Endothelial cells' expression of extracellular matrix sticky proteins is suppressed, as are cytokines that promote atherosclerosis.

Additionally, there is a gender difference in serum leptin levels, with women having higher levels than men. Despite the fact that leptin levels rise in obesity, those with type 2 diabetes who are obese show lower leptin levels, which may be related to altered fat distribution.<sup>9</sup> On the other hand, information gathered from several investigations has shown that leptin levels in diabetes individuals have grown or remained the same.<sup>10,11</sup> In order to fill in the gaps in our understanding of the intricate interactions between leptin, adiponectin, insulin, and C-peptide in obese and non-obese diabetes, more research is needed.

#### **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

The Department of Medicine conducted the current study. The study's subject pool consisted of 380 individuals, regardless of gender, between the ages

of 30-70. 190 type 2 diabetes mellitus patients who were presenting to the OPD and/or being treated in the hospital's wards, as well as 190 healthy individuals in the same age group who were present with the patients and volunteers, served as the study's controls.

#### **SELECTION OF PATIENTS**

According to the American Diabetes Association's diagnostic standards for diabetes mellitus, patients were given a diabetes diagnosis.<sup>12</sup>

One hundred ninety patients diagnosed as diabetic by the Department of Medicine were divided into 2 groups in the following manner:

**Group I:** 95 patients having diabetes mellitus (T2DM) with obesity.

**Group II:** 95 patients having diabetes mellitus (T2DM) without obesity.

One hundred ninety age and sex matched subjects without diabetes selected to serve as controls were also divided into 2 groups as under:

**Group III:** 95 subjects having only obesity and no diabetes.

**Group IV:** 95 subjects having no obesity and no diabetes.

A thorough history of the patient's current and prior illnesses was taken, and the clinical examination was conducted in accordance with the proforma attached.

#### **INCLUSION CRITERIA**

Patients suffering from Type 2 diabetes mellitus and under treatment, Patients of T2DM having documented obesity, Patients of T2DM having no obesity, Subjects having no diabetes but having documented obesity, Subjects having no diabetes and no obesity, Age 30-70 years of either sex.

#### **EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

Patients taking antioxidant medications, corticosteroids, insulin, during pregnancy, for hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism, for Cushing syndrome, or for any other endocrinopathy besides diabetes mellitus. Patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus, rheumatoid arthritis, coronary artery disease, and those taking antioxidant medications.

#### **Parameters for biochemical analysis**

- Fasting plasma insulin levels were measured by Chemiluminescence immunoassay (CLIA).<sup>13</sup>
- Fasting serum C-peptide levels were measured by Chemiluminescence immunoassay (CLIA).<sup>14</sup>
- Serum adiponectin was measured by competitive enzyme immunoassay (ELISA).<sup>15</sup>
- Serum Leptin levels were estimated using Sandwich Enzyme Immunoassay (ELISA) technique.<sup>16</sup>

- Serum total cholesterol (TC) was determined by Cholesterol Oxidase-Peroxidase in Aminoantipyrine (CHOD-PAP) method.<sup>17</sup>
- Serum triglycerides (TG) were measured by Glycerol Phosphate Oxidase (GPO)-Trinder method.<sup>18</sup>
- Serum high density lipoprotein-cholesterol (HDL-C) levels were determined using Precipitation method.<sup>19</sup>
- Low Density Lipoprotein-Cholesterol (LDL-C) was calculated using Friedwald formula, based on assumption that very low-density lipoprotein (VLDL) is present in serum at a concentration equal to 1/5<sup>th</sup> of triglyceride concentration.<sup>20</sup>
- C-reactive protein (CRP) test in serum was done using diagnostic reagent kit for in vitro detection of CRP by Qualitative and Semi-quantitative rapid Latex Slide Tests.<sup>21</sup>

**Statistical analyses**

Software SPSS version 20.0 was used to conduct statistical analysis. For many aspects of the subjects, descriptive statistics were computed. The statistical differences between continuous variables were compared using the Student t-test and one-way ANOVA (Analysis of Variance).

**RESULT:-**

For the study, 180 clinically diagnosed type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM) patients between the ages of 30-70 years, of either sex, with obesity (95 patients) and without obesity (95 patients), attending the OPD and wards of the Department of Medicine, were chosen. equal amounts A total of 190 non-diabetic subjects—95 with and 95 without obesity were chosen to act as controls. These 380 study participants were split up into four (4) groups.

**Table 1: Showing variations in serum Total cholesterol, TG, HDL-C, LDL-C,VLDL-C, Leptin, Adiponectin, FPG, Insulin, C-peptide levels amongst different groups under this study.**

Parameters	Diabetic Obese Group I	Diabetic Non-Obese Group II	Non-Diabetic Obese Group III	Non-Diabetic Non-Obese Group IV
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	173.2±40.1	185.5±58.4	160.33±42.07	167.44±48.22
TG (mg/dl)	187.14±108.3	203.6±116.6	163.71±87.44	164.07±68.45
HDL-C (mg/dl)	42.89±13.35	44.57±11.52	42.31±10.46	43.22±14.64
LDL-C (mg/dl)	96.82±27.61	104.8±49.7	85.69±36.33	90.88±37.60
VLDL-C (mg/dl)	41.21±33.33	43.16±25.50	36.05±18.59	34.26±17.14
Leptin (ng/ml)	35.46±36.92	18.15±19.21	32.10±30.84	15.58±14.93
Adiponectin (µg/ml)	11.75±7.81	17.85±9.06	14.94±5.79	14.86±6.77
FPG (mg/dl)	149.44±58.17	170.5±72.9	88.63±11.64	89.55±13.66
Insulin (µIU/ml)	15.86±10.07	10.8±7.79	15.91±11.70	9.94±6.08
C-PEPTIDE (ng/ml)	4.61±2.70	3.36±2.24	3.81±2.67	2.52±0.68

Table 1 showed that the greatest mean FPG levels were found in non-obese diabetic participants, followed by obese diabetics, non-obese non-diabetics, and obese non-diabetics. Obese diabetics were shown to have the highest plasma insulin levels, followed by obese non-diabetics. Comparatively, the plasma insulin levels of non-obese participants with and without diabetes were lower. Obese persons had elevated mean blood C-peptide levels in both diabetes and non-diabetic individuals. In contrast, non-obese diabetic individuals and non-obese non-diabetics both had serum C-peptide levels.

Obese participants with diabetes and those without diabetes both showed elevated serum leptin levels.

The mean serum leptin levels of both diabetic and

non-diabetic, non-obese patients were lower than those of their obese counterparts. Both non-obese diabetics and non-obese non-diabetics have high levels of adiponectin. Comparatively, both obese diabetics and obese non-diabetics had reduced adiponectin concentrations. Obese diabetic patients had mean serum total cholesterol levels compared to non-diabetic controls. Subjects who were not obese or diabetic had mean serum total cholesterol levels that were greater than those who were. Serum total cholesterol levels in the study groups varied in a statistically significant way. Diabetes patients who were obese had mean triglyceride levels that were lower than those of diabetics who weren't obese.

In comparison to diabetic non-obesity patients, obese diabetes patients exhibited somewhat lower HDL-C levels. In comparison to obese diabetics and non-diabetics, non-obese patients both had high levels of HDL-C. Both diabetes and non-diabetic non-obesity patients were found to have higher LDL-C values than their obese counterparts. Patients with diabetes who were not obese had somewhat greater serum VLDL-C levels than diabetics who were. In contrast to non-obese participants who had serum VLDL-C levels, obese non-diabetics showed greater VLDL-C levels.

#### DISCUSSION

The greatest public health problems of the twenty-first century are diabetes mellitus (DM) and obesity. Particularly in those who are genetically susceptible to the condition, obesity is regarded to be the main contributor to type II diabetes. Over the past 50 years, rates of DM have significantly increased alongside obesity rates.

In a study that examined Asian Indians' insulin secretion, **Snehlata et al. (1999)** found that non-obese subjects had insulin levels that were lower than those of obese subjects, indicating that obese patients may be hyperinsulinemic.<sup>22</sup> Jones et al. also found that plasma insulin and C-peptide concentrations are higher in obese than non-obese subjects.<sup>23</sup> Although obese diabetic individuals had greater insulin levels than non-obese diabetic patients, the difference in C-peptide levels was insignificant. This could be because the liver extracted too much insulin. Leptin is a multipurpose adipocytokine that controls how much food is consumed, how much energy is stored, and how carbohydrates and fats are metabolised. In a study by **Wannamethee et al. 2007**<sup>24</sup>, plasma leptin levels were noticeably elevated in obese patients. Several studies have suggested that serum leptin levels are higher in diabetics than in non-diabetics.<sup>25,26</sup>

This is in accordance with study done by **Barma et al.2011**<sup>27</sup> and **Mukhyaprana et al.2004**<sup>28</sup> The most characteristic lipid abnormality in diabetics was hypertriglyceridemia which was similar to the findings of **Dixit et al.2014**<sup>29</sup> and **Zargar et al.1995**<sup>30</sup> **Sinharoy et al.2008** also reported elevated triglycerides in lean type 2 diabetics compared to normal weight and obese type 2 diabetics.<sup>31</sup> Likewise, there were no appreciable differences in total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, or VLDL cholesterol between obese and non-obesity type 2 diabetes. Most diabetic patients are found to have a varying combination of excess or underuse of triglycerides. LPL activity is significantly decreased in cases of severe insulin insufficiency.

According to the current study, diabetic obese people had greater levels of serum total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, VLDL cholesterol, and triglycerides than non-diabetic obese subjects did. This is consistent with what Kim and the study's other authors discovered.<sup>32</sup> **Zargar et al.1995** showed that all lipid fractions (except HDL-C) are abnormally elevated in obese diabetics when compared with obese non-diabetics.<sup>30</sup> However, LPL activity is still moderately active in mild to severe type 2 diabetics, which increases endogenous triglyceride synthesis, especially when obesity and an appropriate insulin level are present.<sup>30</sup> Studies conducted by **Jaleel et al.2006**<sup>33</sup>, **Kolahi et al.2012**<sup>34</sup> and **Weyer et al.2001**<sup>35</sup> have shown high leptin levels and low adiponectin levels in overweight and obese subjects. According to the level of adiposity, serum leptin levels are significantly higher in obese individuals, indicating that hyperleptinemia may contribute to the pathogenesis of complications associated with obesity. 36 It was discovered that obese people had much greater serum C-peptide levels than non-obese people, indicating insulin resistance. These findings were similar to those obtained in study done by **Abdullah et al 2012** and **Abdullah BB et al.2010**<sup>37,38</sup> Few studies done by **Buyukvese et al 2004**<sup>39</sup> and **Zimmet et al 1998**<sup>40</sup> found reduced levels of leptin in type 2 diabetics which has been related to insulin deficiency and difference in distribution of fat tissue throughout the body.

Novel adipocytokines-related treatment strategy may offer exciting new opportunities in a spectrum of metabolic diseases with several unmet clinical needs.

#### CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, measuring the levels of insulin, C-peptide, leptin, and adiponectin in obese people may help determine their risk of developing insulin resistance, which could lead to diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD). This would make it possible to put appropriate preventative measures into place in such high-risk people to safeguard them from DM and its consequences. This opens up a brand-new area for the research and development of cutting-edge medications to treat obesity and insulin resistance.

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