

A STUDY OF LIPID PROFILE IN DIABETES MELLITUS TYPE-2 PATIENTS

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Abstract

Background: To study the lipid profile in diabetes mellitus in type 2 Diabetes mellitus patients.

Methods: This is a cross sectional case control study. 100 patients of type 2 diabetes mellitus and 100 age and sex matched healthy controls were taken. Lipid profile were done in cases and controls using appropriate tests.

Results: The fasting blood sugar levels in all the diabetics were significantly higher as compare to control. There was significant difference in mean HDL, Triglycerides level in diabetic and control patients. There was no significant difference in LDL, Cholesterol level in Diabetic and control patients.

Conclusion: We concluded that there is a high prevalence of elevated lipid levels among the diabetic patients.

Keywords: Diabetes Mellitus -2, Cholesterol, Lipid Profile

Introduction:

Diabetes mellitus(DM) is a group of metabolic disease characterized by increase blood glucose level resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both¹. The chronic hyperglycemia of diabetes is associated with longterm damage, dysfunction and disturbance in failure of various organs, especially the eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart and blood vessels². Patients with type-2 diabetes have increased risk of cardiovascular disease associated with atherogenic abnormalities and dyslipidaemia. Coronary artery disease, especially myocardial infarction is the leading cause of morbidity and mortality worldwide³. Hyperglycaemia and atherosclerosis are related in type-2 diabetes

Persistent hyperglycaemia causes glycosylation of all proteins, especially collagen cross linking and matrix proteins of arterial wall. This eventually causes endothelial cell dysfunction, contributing to atherosclerosis.⁵Lipid abnormalities associated with diabetes are termed as dyslipidaemia rather than hyperlipidaemia because there may be changes in both quantity and quality of the lipoproteins. Diabetes mellitus (DM) is a common secondary cause of hyperlipidaemia, particularly, if glycaemic control is poor, which in-turn is an important risk factor for atherosclerosis and coronary heart disease.⁶

Materials and Methods

From the patients admitted 1000 representative cases of Type 2 DM are taken as subjects for the study. Age and sex matches 100 non-diabetic are taken as controls.

Inclusion Criteria

Patients of Type 2 DM.

Exclusion Criteria

Type 2 diabetes patients with concomitant diseases or condition affecting the lipid levels such as hypothyroidism, on lipostatic drugs, and thiazides.

Method of data collection

- The blood sample of diabetes patients including controls group was taken after fasting for 10-12 hours.
- 5-10ml of venous blood was drawn from the antecubital vein by aseptic technique in plain vial.
- Serum was separated from the collected sample for biochemical analysis. Lipid profile investigations that included serum cholesterol, triglyceride, High density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDLcholesterol) and Low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-cholesterol) were carried out on a semi automated analyzer using standard kits.

Results

This was a cross sectional, case control, hospital based study on 100 type 2 diabetes mellitus patients attending in OPD with equal number of age and sex matched controls.

Table 1: Comparison of Blood sugar in case and controls.

	Case (n=100)	Control (n=100)	p-value
FBS(Mean \pm SD)	156.32 \pm 49.36	84.26 \pm 15.63	<0.05
Hb1Ac(Mean \pm SD)	8.32 \pm 2.32	7.36 \pm 2.34	<0.05

The FBS levels and Hb1Ac in all the diabetics were significant ($p < 0.05$) as compare to control.

Table 2: Comparison of biochemical parameters in case and controls.

Parameters	Case (n=100)	Control (n=100)	p-value
Mean Total cholesterol	164.23 \pm 36.23	152.31 \pm 21.02	>0.05
Mean LDL	97.68 \pm 28.32	92.32 \pm 24.32	>0.05
Mean HDL	32.12 \pm 8.56	52.32 \pm 9.56	<0.05
Mean Triglycerides	189.36 \pm 56.32	132.56 \pm 21.25	<0.05

There was significant difference in mean HDL, Triglycerides level in diabetic and control patients ($p < 0.05$) There was no significant difference in LDL, Cholesterol level in Diabetic and control patients ($p > 0.05$).

Discussion

Mean age in diabetic patients was 48.23 \pm 9.24 years and control patients was 47.28 \pm 9.84 years and age range was 20-70 years. These values were similar to those reported by Kumar *et al* ⁶.

In our study the FBS levels in all the diabetics were significant ($p < 0.05$) as compare to control similar result were observed by Bhalla Kapil *et al.* ⁷

This study also demonstrates the typical diabetic dyslipidemia which is characterized by low HDL, high triglyceride. Various national and international epidemiological studies on lipid profile have also shown this pattern of dyslipidemia. ⁸⁻⁹

No significant difference was observed in total cholesterol and absolute LDL levels in cases and controls in this study. Even if the absolute concentration of LDL cholesterol is not significantly increased; there is typically a preponderance of smaller, denser LDL particles, which possibly increases atherogenicity (atherogenic dyslipidemia). These changes are due to increased free fatty acid flux secondary to insulin resistance. ⁹

Conclusion

We concluded that there is a high prevalence of elevated lipid levels among the diabetic patients.

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