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## NF- B AP-1

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### Role of Activation of NF- B and AP-1 by Oxidative Stress in Atherosclerosis in Diabetic Patients

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- Abstract -

**Background:** The aim of this study was to evaluate the possible role of NF- B activation and AP-1 by oxidative stress in atherosclerosis in diabetic patients by measuring the carotid intima-media thickness, intracellular ROS generation and activation of transcription factors, including nuclear factor-kappa B (NF- B) and activator protein-1 (AP-1).

**Methods:** Sixty-six patients (28 males, 38 females; age  $56.1 \pm 13.4$  years; duration of diabetes  $115.7 \pm 83.4$  months) with type 2 diabetes mellitus (DM) were selected for this study. The DM patients included in this study were divided into those with a normal carotid intima-media thickness (Group II) and those with an increased intima-media thickness (Group III). 57 healthy controls matched for age and sex with the DM patients (Group I) were randomly selected. Dichlorodifluorescein (DCF)-sensitive intracellular ROS was measured by fluorescent spectrometry. The activities of NF- B and AP-1 in PBMCs were measured by an electrophoretic mobility shift assay.

**Results:** No differences were evident between the groups in terms of gender, age, BMI, blood pressure, total cholesterol, triglyceride, LDL-cholesterol and HDL-cholesterol. Spontaneous and  $H_2O_2$  (or phorbol-12-myristate-13-acetate, PMA) stimulated ROS were significantly higher in the PBMCs from the DM patients

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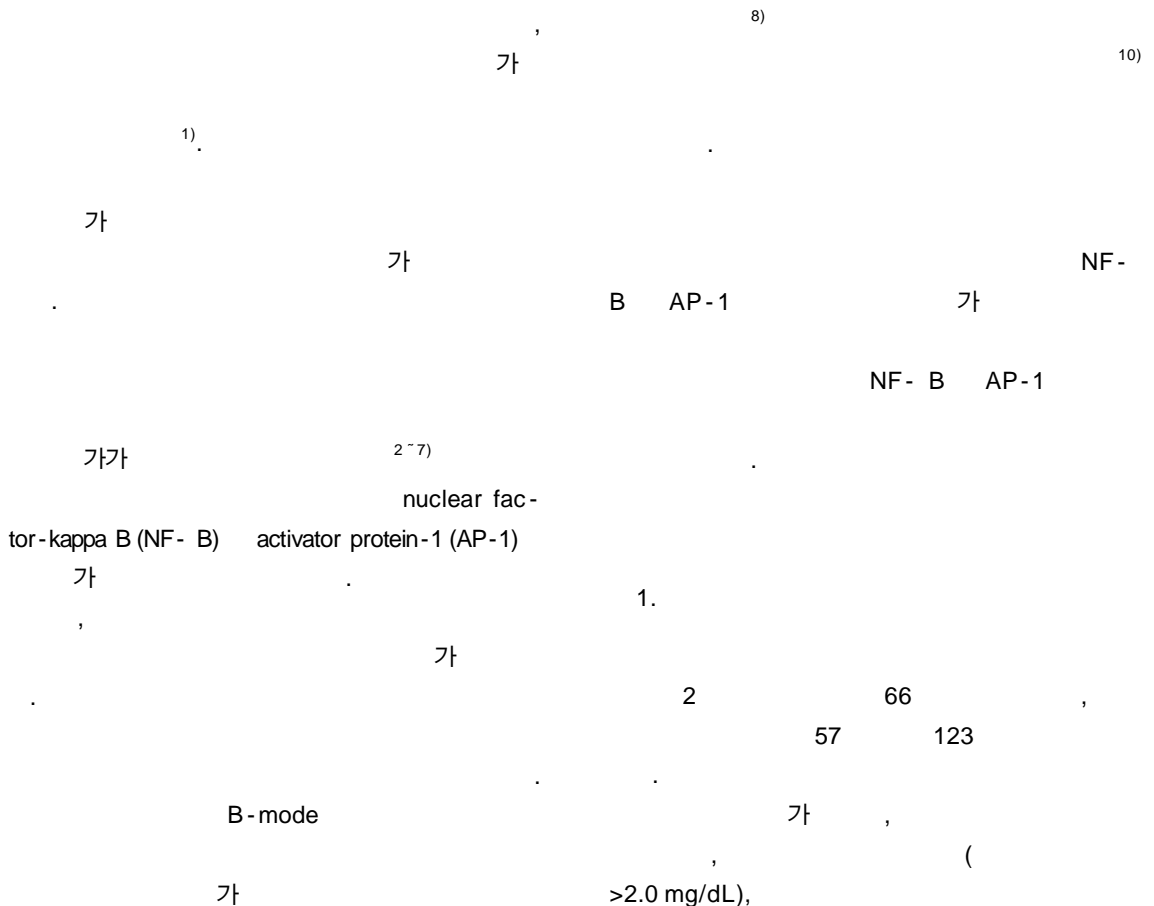
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with an increased intima-media thickness (Group III) than in those without (Group II), and were also higher in the control group (Group I). Moreover, the activities of NF- $\kappa$ B and AP-1 were significantly higher in Group III than in Groups I or II.

**Conclusion:** The present study demonstrates that intracellular ROS generation, and NF- $\kappa$ B and AP-1 activation in PBMCs strongly correlates with the carotid artery IMT. These clinical results suggest that increased oxidative stress in PBMCs may play a role in the pathogenesis of atherosclerosis in DM patients (*J Kor Diabetes Assoc* 28:255 ~ 264, 2004).

**Key Words:** NF- $\kappa$ B, AP-1, Oxidative stress, Intima media thickness, Atherosclerosis, Diabetes mellitus



7150 auto-analyzer (Tokyo, Japan)

, PPAR- activator, vitamin C, E,  
-lipoic acid, AP-1 NF- B HDL- LDL-

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, C-peptide, 5 mmol 5-(and-6)-chloromethyl-2', 7'-  
, C-peptide Hitachi dichlorodihydrofluorescein diacetate (CM-H2DCFDA

: Molecular Probes Inc., Eugene, OR, USA)  
 PBMC (reactive oxygen species, ROS)  
 (excitation, 488 nm; emission, 515-540 nm).  
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H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> protein kinase C (PKC)  
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[10 mmol/l HEPES, pH 7.9, 1.5 mmol/l MgCl<sub>2</sub>,  
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 ride (PMSF)] . 10 µg /µL antipain leu-  
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**Electrophoretic mobility shift assay (EMSA)**

NF- B oligonucleotides (5'-AGT TGA GGG  
 GAG TTT CCC AGG C-3') AP-1 (C-jun) oligo-  
 nucleotides (5'-CGC TTG ATG AGT CAG CCG  
 GAA-3') Promega (Madison, WI)  
 -32P-ATP T4 kinase (Stratagene, La Jolla,  
 CA) Sephadex G-25 column  
 (5~10µg) 32P-labeled oligonucleot-  
 ide probe (20,000 cpm), 20  
 [12 mmol/l HEPES (pH 7.9), 4 mmol/l  
 Tris-HCl (pH 7.9), 60 mmol/l KCl, 1 mmol/l EDTA,

1 mmol/l dithiothreitol, 1 mmol/l PMSF, 12% glyc-  
 erol, 5 µg of BSA, 2 µg of poly deoxyinosinic  
 deoxycytidylic acid] . Protein-DNA  
 4% native polyacrylamide gels 1 x  
 Tris-glycine buffer (pH 8.5) , supershift  
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 Bethesda, MD)

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**Table 1.** Clinical and Biochemical Characteristics of Subjects

	Group I	Group II	Group III
N (male:female)	57 (25:32)	31 (15:16)	35 (13:22)
Age (year)	48.6±13.3	54.5±14.7	57.0±11.9
Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	24.6±3.4	23.9±2.0	24.3±3.4
Systolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)	118.4±20.4	129.5±15.5	132.2±17.3*
Diastolic Blood Pressure (mmHg)	83.8±46.6	82.1±7.9	83.1±9.6
Fasting C-peptide (µg/L)	-	1.2±0.4	1.4±0.5
Fasting glucose (mmol/L)	5.12±0.72	10.39±4.49*	9.92±3.50*
Postprandial glucose (mmol/L)	6.34±1.16	14.57±9.16*	15.53±4.36*
HbA <sub>1c</sub> (%)	-	10.8±2.5	10.5±2.9
Total cholestrerol (mmol/L)	5.09±0.80	5.21±1.61	5.10±1.44
Triglyceride (mmol/L)	1.96±1.06	2.55±1.25	2.44±0.99
HDL -cholestrerol (mmol/L)	1.26±0.36	1.24±0.44	1.15±0.37
LDL -cholestrerol (mmol/L)	3.18±0.66	3.11±0.88	3.14±1.13
Duration of diabetes (month)	-	95.1±84.0	136.4±82.3
Intima Media Thickness (mm)	0.56±0.01	0.68±0.02*	1.00±0.06*†

Values are the mean±SD except for the frequency data, \*: p <0.05, compared to group I, †: p <0.05, compared to group II

**Table 2.** Spontaneous and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> or PMA Stimulated ROS in PBMCs of each Groups

	Group I (n=57)	Group II (n=31)	Group III (n=35)
Spontaneous ROS production (%)	40.9±2.2	59.8±2.1*	60.5±3.1*
Increment of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> induced ROS production (%)	8.9±3.8	12.4±2.2*	18.7±2.2*†
Increment of PMA induced ROS production (%)	12.6±2.8	20.1±2.4*	24.1±3.5*†

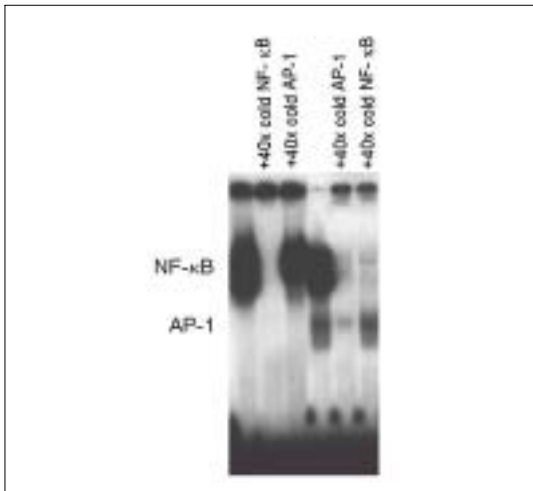
Values are the mean±SD, \*: p <0.05, compared to group I, †: p <0.05, compared to group II

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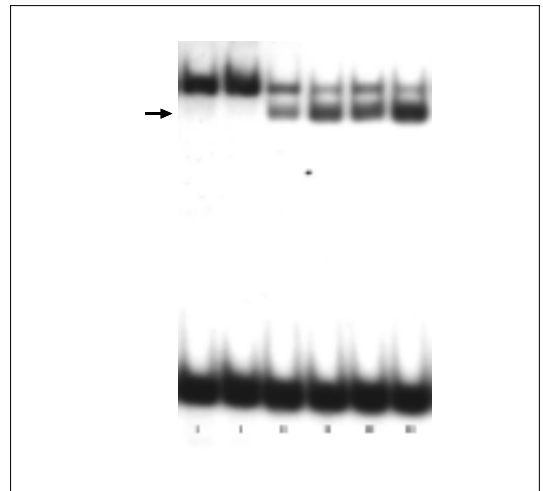
**Table 3.** The Activities of NF- B and AP-1 in PBMCs of Each Groups

	Group I (n=57)	Group II (n=31)	Group III (n=35)
NF- B	1.00±0.13	1.04±0.11	2.64±0.68*†
AP-1	1.00±0.15	1.33±0.47*	1.79±0.25*†

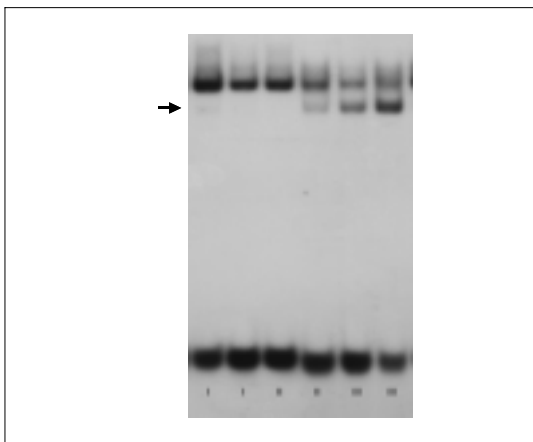
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**Fig. 1.** Competition assay shows oligonucleotide for NF- B, AP-1 had the specificity of the complex formation



**Fig. 3.** Activation of AP-1 binding activity in PBMC. Group had a higher AP-1 activity compared with Group I. Group III had a higher AP-1 activity than Group I, II.



**Fig. 2.** Activation of NF- B binding activity in PBMC. Group had a similar NF- B activity compared with Group I. On the other hand, Group III had a higher NF- B activity than Group I, II.

competition assay , NF- B AP-1

(Fig. 1).

4. NF- B, AP-1

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31), H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub><sup>32)</sup>, 33) AP-1 DNA

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