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INTRODUCTION

DIASTOLIC DYSFUNCTION:

Diastolic dysfunction is an abnormality of diastolic distensibility, filling, or relaxation of the left ventricle and the heart fills more slowly, asynchronously or only with an increase in filling pressure.

HEART FAILURE :

Heart failure (HF) is generally defined as inability of the heart to supply sufficient blood flow to meet the body's needs.

Heart failure is a common, costly, disabling, and potentially deadly condition.

Around 2% of adults suffer from heart failure, but in those over the age of 65, this increases to 6–10%^[1,2], the condition usually worsens with time.

Heart failure is the leading cause of hospitalization in people older than 65.^[3] Although some people survive many years, progressive disease is associated with an overall annual mortality rate of 10%.^[4]

Heart failure [HF] is classified in to

- HF with decreased ejection fraction
- HF with normal ejection fraction [DHF]

DHF has a prevalence of almost 50 % of total heart failure, and is increasing in incidence every year thus causing a high burden to the community and health care. ^[5]

Eventhough earlier studies showed better prognosis for DHF, recently concluded various studies have indicated morbidity and mortality similar to HF with decreased EF ^[6,7] .

In addition to the traditional causes of DHF such as hypertension, aortic stenosis and others, Diabetes as a cause of Diastolic dysfunction and hence to DHF has an increased recognition in recent years.

Various studies has shown a prevalence of diastolic dysfunction to be 55 to 65 % among Diabetic individuals ^[120,189] .

With Diabetes increasing in incidence, with increase in longevity, sedentary lifestyle and obesity, Diabetes will form a major cause of DHF, particularly, these individual risk factors most often co-exist.

With this background presence of Diastolic dysfunction in diabetic patients was studied in our hospital.

AIM OF STUDY

- 1) To find out the Diastolic dysfunction among the Diabetes mellitus patient attending Diabetic OPD in GRH.
- 2) To find out whether the following parameters affect the occurrence of Diastolic dysfunction in Diabetic individuals.
 - a. Age
 - b. Sex
 - c. Duration of Diabetes
 - d. Smoking
 - e. Alcohol
 - f. Body Mass Index
 - g. Diabetic Retinopathy
 - h. Proteinuria
 - i. Dyslipidemia

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Physiology of diastole

Diastole includes the part of the cardiac cycle starting at the aortic valve closure – when LV pressure falls below aortic pressure and finishing at the mitral valve closure.

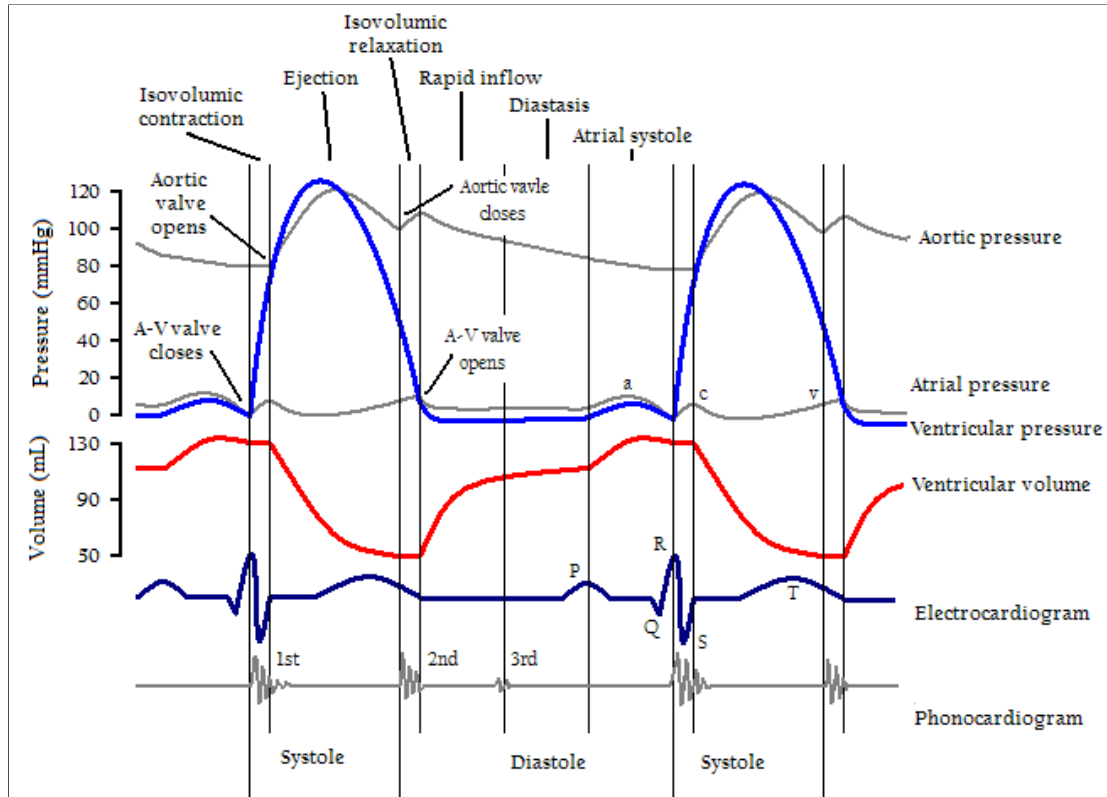
A normal LV diastolic function may be clinically defined as the capacity of the left ventricle to receive a LV filling volume able, in its turn to guarantee an adequate stroke volume, operating at a low pressure regimen.

In merely descriptive terms, diastole can be divided in 4 phases ^[10]:

1. Isovolumetric relaxation, period occurring between the end of LV systolic ejection (= aortic valve closure) and the opening of the mitral valve, when LV pressure keeps going its rapid fall while LV volume remains constant. This period is mainly attributed to the active LV relaxation, with a lower, variable contribution of elastic recoil of the contracted fibers;

2. LV rapid filling, which begins when LV pressure falls below left atrial pressure and the mitral valve opens. During this period the blood has an acceleration which achieves a maximal velocity, directly related to the magnitude of atrio-ventricular pressure, and stops when this gradient ends. This

period represents a complex interaction between LV suction (= active relaxation) and visco-elastic properties of the myocardium (= compliance);



The above figure shows **cardiac cycle events** occurring in the left ventricle.

3. Diastasis, when left atrial and LV pressures are almost equal and LV filling is essentially maintained by the flow coming from pulmonary veins – with left atrium representing a passive conduit – with an amount depending of LV pressure, function of LV "compliance";

4. Atrial systole, which corresponds to left atrial contraction and ends at the mitral valve closure. This period is mainly influenced by LV compliance,

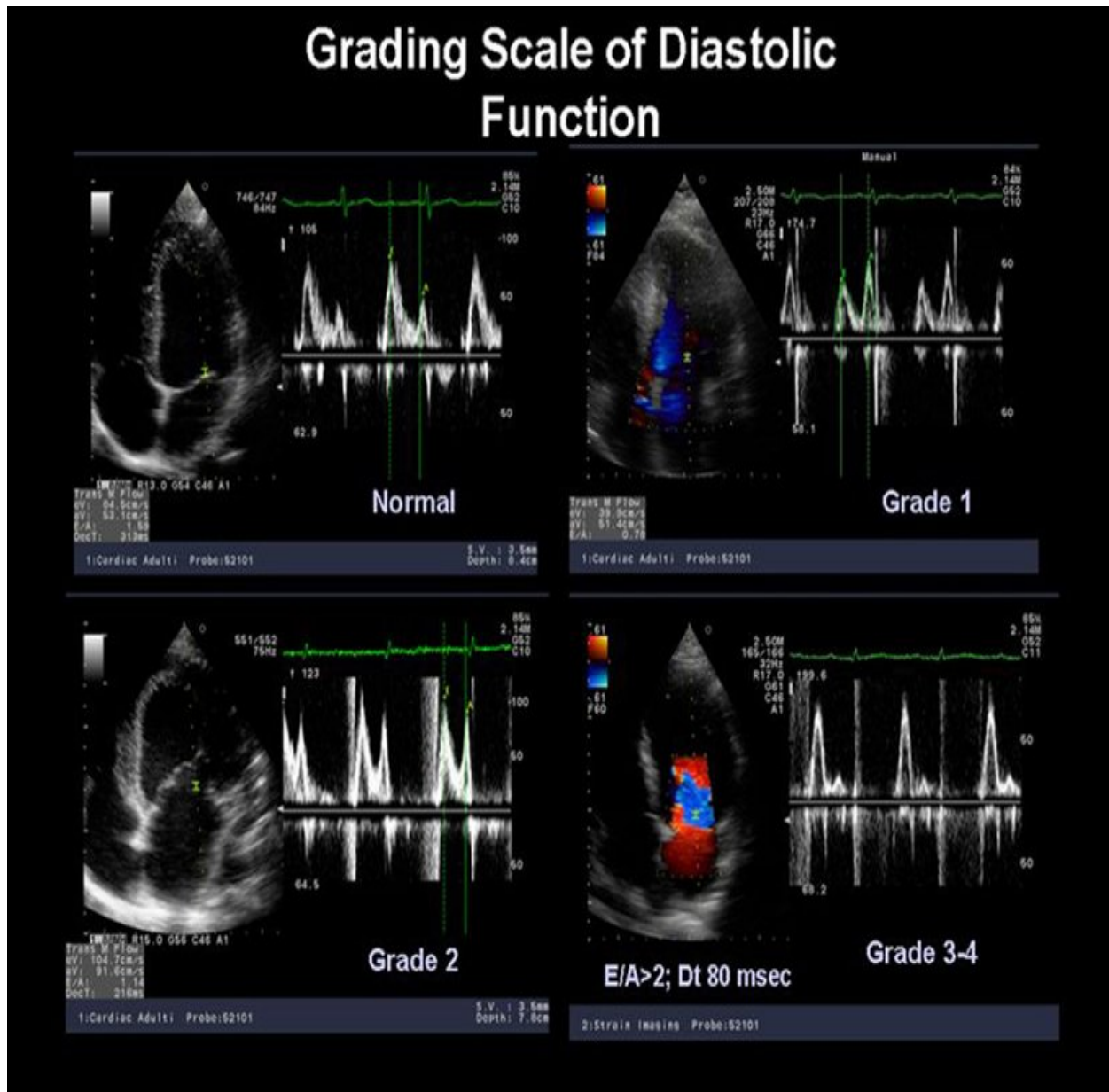


FIGURE 1: Grading of diastolic dysfunction from normal to severe dysfunction (grade 3-4), evaluated by Pulse Wave (PW) Doppler of mitral inflow. Normal: DT 140-240 msec; E/A 0.75-1.5. Grade 1: DT > 240 msec, E/A < 0.75. Grade 2: DT 140-240 msec, E/A 0.75-1.5. Grade 3-4: DT < 140 msec, E/A > 1.5; in grade 3, the E/A ratio is reversible, when compared to grade 4, with the pre-load changes.

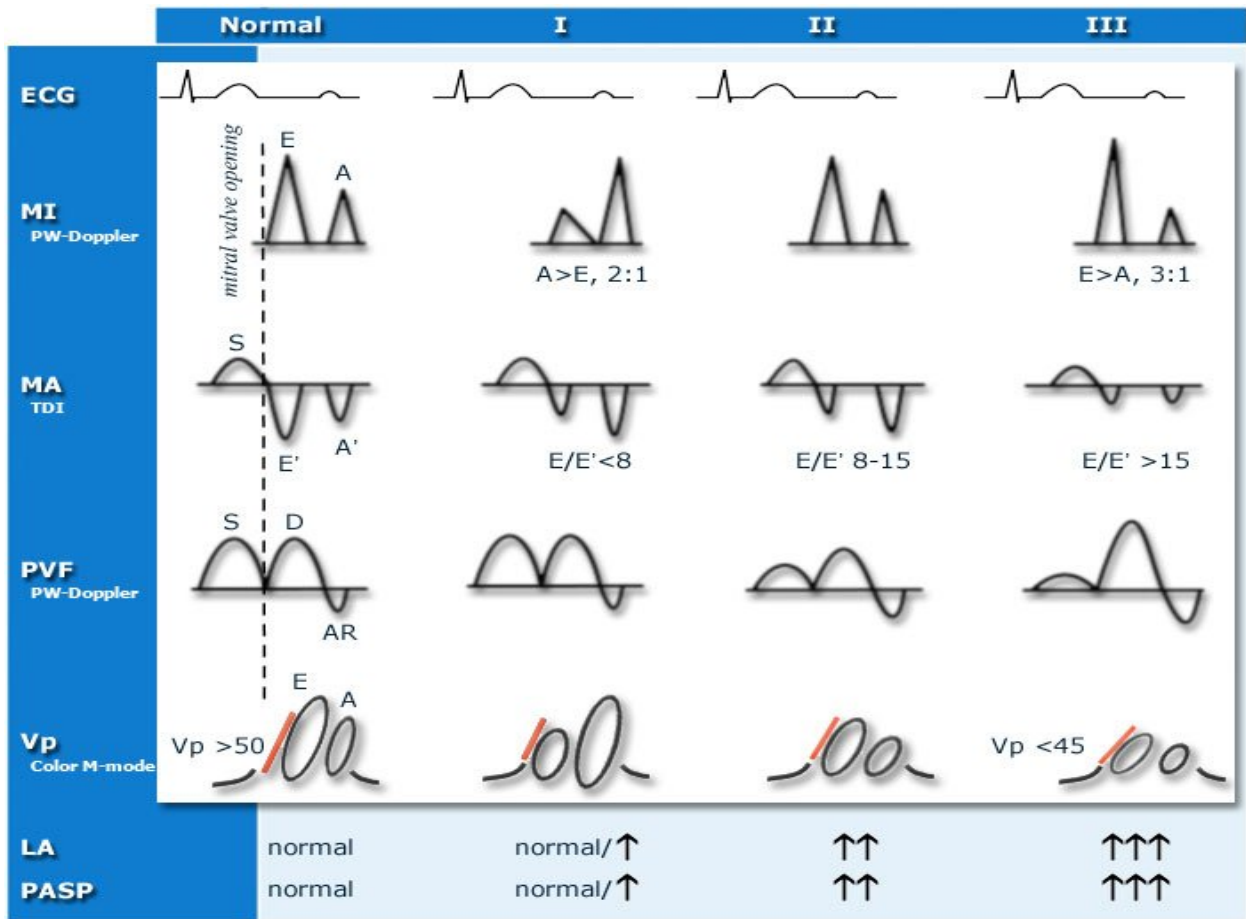


FIGURE 2 : Diagrammatic representation - Grading of diastolic dysfunction (N, G1, G2, G3)

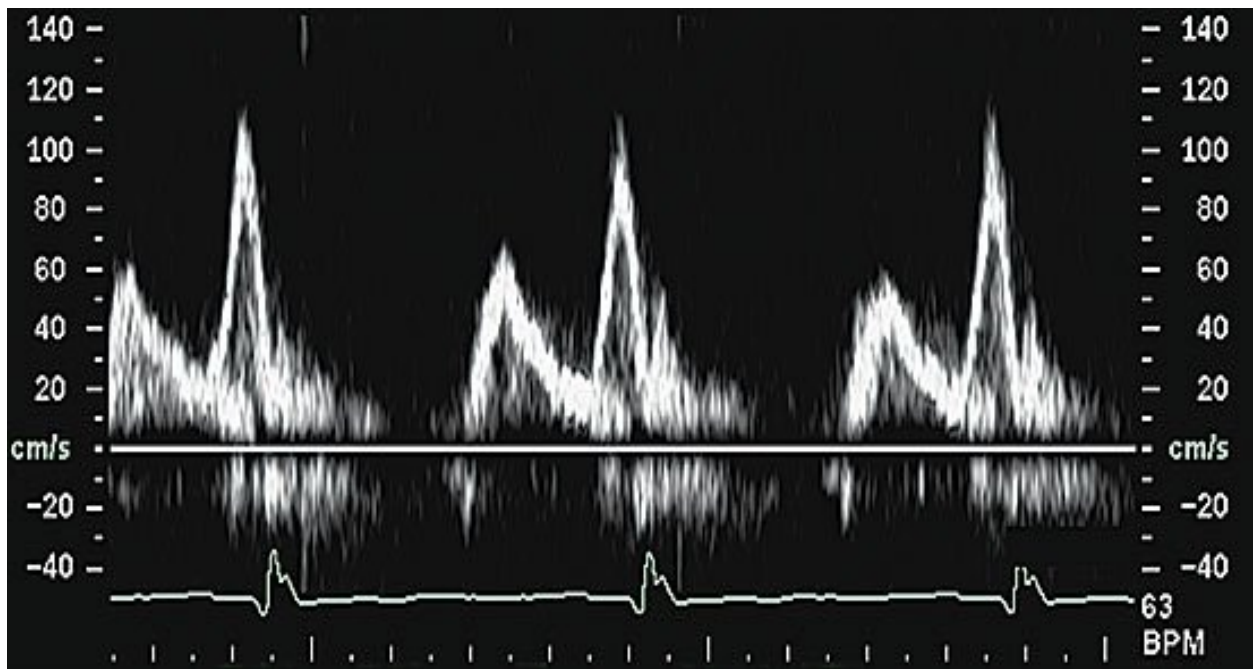


FIGURE 4 : Trans-mitral-valve Doppler flow tracing in a patient with mild diastolic dysfunction (abnormal relaxation). The E-to-A-wave ratio is less than 1.0.

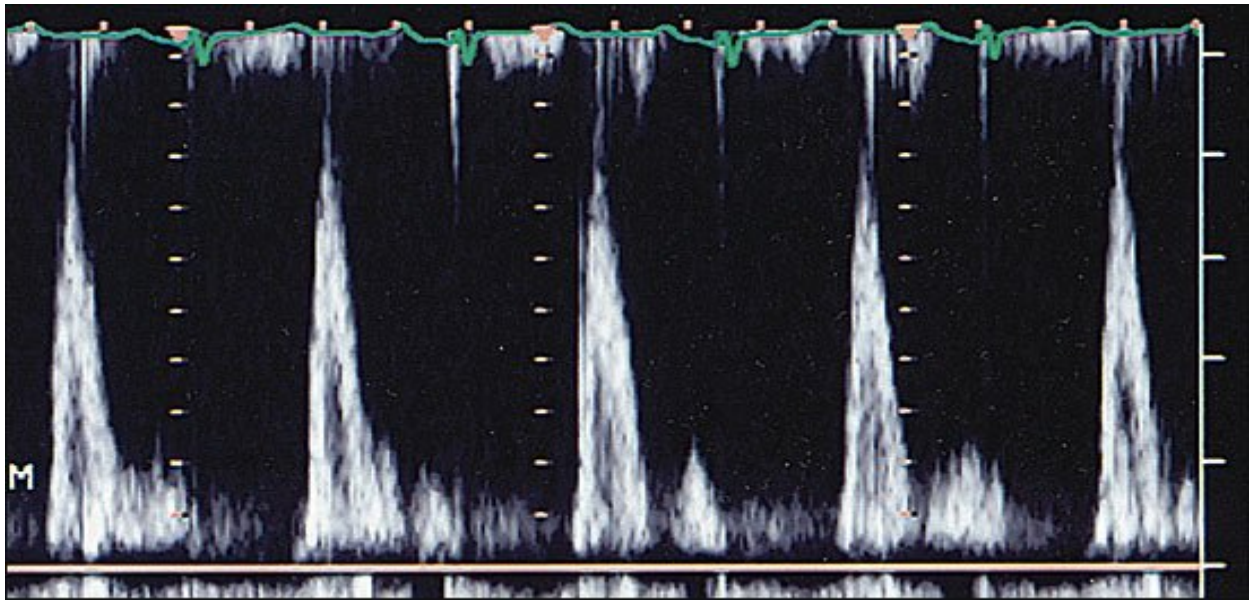


FIGURE 5: Trans-mitral-valve Doppler flow pattern in a patient with severe (restrictive) diastolic dysfunction. The E-to-A-wave ratio is abnormally high, and the A-wave velocity is extremely low.

but depends also by the pericardial resistance, by the atrial force and by the atrioventricular synchronicity (= ECG PR interval).

Cardiac catheterization allows to assess the pressure-volume relation along the overall cardiac cycle. Among the various hemodynamic measurements, τ (= time constant of the isovolumic pressure decline) and DP/DV ratio, expression of LV end-diastolic myocardial stiffness, are the main invasive measurements of LV diastolic function^[10]. On the other hand, Doppler recording of transmitral and pulmonary venous flow measure - flow velocities and time intervals, whose variations occur in relation to analogous variations of left atrial and LV pressures^[11,12]. Thus, Doppler parameters provide important information about dynamics of LV filling and LV diastolic properties during disease evolution or improvement^[13].

Ultrastructural features of diastolic dysfunction

The extracellular matrix (ECM), corresponding to fibrillar collagen, is an important structure for processes of both myocardial contraction and relaxation. It facilitates the arrangement of the cardiomyocytes into the most suitable allocation for the development of force and shortening, giving a substantial support to the maintenance of an effective myocardial performance^[14].

The myocardial remodelling is accompanied by changes of myocardial cell factors but also of the ECM where fibroblast proliferation, alteration of the collagen network and increase in interstitial and perivascular collagen are strongly promoted by renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system ^[15]. ECM has, therefore, to be considered a dynamic entity playing a fundamental role into the myocardial adaptation to physiologic and pathologic stress ^[14]. ECM undergoes an intense turnover, due to balanced action of metalloproteases, proteolytic enzymes activated by several factors including also BNP, and tissue inhibitors counterbalancing the activity of metalloproteases ^[16]. Thus, if the collagen destruction alters both geometry and function of contractile myocardium throughout an upregulation of metalloproteases, on the other hand myocardial fibrosis occurs because of an imbalance where collagen deposition prevails over its degradation.

According to the ultrastructural view, we can hypothesize two opposite pathologic conditions: the first one, when the collagen loss, e.g, after acute myocardial infarction, deprives myocardium of its indispensable support structure, thus inducing a reduction of myocardial systolic function; the second one, when the accumulation of the same collagen, main component of myocardial fibrosis, determines both systolic and diastolic myocardial dysfunction. In this context not only the total amount of collagen is main

determinant of LV diastolic stiffness but also distribution, configuration, disorganization of collagen fibers (crosshatching), and ratio of collagen type I to collagen type III play an important role ^[14].

Clinical, hemodynamic and diagnostic aspects of diastolic dysfunction:

Clinical Aspects :

In the clinical setting the coexistence of systolic and diastolic dysfunction in patients with symptomatic HF occurs very often. In fact, LV stiffness (or compliance) is related to the length of myocardial fibers, reflecting in its turn on LV end-diastolic dimensions. LV diastolic function, through the influence on left atrial and capillary wedge pressures, determines the onset of symptom in patients with prevalent LV systolic dysfunction too. In parallel to the ultra-structural level, the clinical progression of HF may follow two different routes. In the first one, as it happens after acute myocardial infarction, postinfarction LV dilation (= remodelling) leads to systolic dysfunction and/or systolic heart failure. In the second one, LV structural abnormalities (= LV concentric geometry) induce functional alterations of DD. When diastolic dysfunction becomes symptomatic – that is, when dyspnoea occurs – diastolic heart failure rises. The majority of patients affected by isolated diastolic HF show symptoms not at rest but in relation to stress conditions (II NYHA class). Symptoms can be induced or worsened by, firstly, physical exercise but also by

events as anaemia, fever, tachycardia and some systemic pathologies. In particular, tachycardia reduces the time needed for global LV filling, thus inducing an increase of left atrial pressure and consequent appearance of dyspnoea, because of accumulation of pulmonary extravascular fluid.

The diagnosis of HF can be performed obviously by the simple clinical examination but the identification of the diastolic origin needs an instrumental assessment. In fact, the objective examination of patients with diastolic HF allows to notice the same signs occurring for systolic HF and even the thoracic X-ray can not be useful to distinguish the two entities. ECG can show signs of LVH, due to hypertensive cardiomyopathy or other causes. DD may be asymptomatic and, therefore, identified occasionally during a Doppler echocardiographic examination.

ECHO-Doppler :

The diagnostic importance of this tool rises from the high feasibility of transmitral Doppler indexes of diastolic function, shown even in studies on population^[17], such to be suitable and accurate also for serial evaluations over time. To date, standard Doppler indexes may be efficaciously supported by the evaluation of pulmonary venous flow^[18] and by new ultrasound technologies as Tissue Doppler^[19] and color M-mode derived flow propagation rate^[20]. The application of maneuvers (Valsalva, leg lifting)^[21,22] to Doppler transmitral

pattern and/or different combination of standard transmitral Doppler with the new tools (ratio between atrial reverse velocity duration and transmitral A velocity duration, ratio between transmitral E peak velocity and Tissue Doppler derived Em of the mitral annulus or flow propagation velocity [Vp]) are sufficiently reliable to predict capillary wedge pressure and to distinguish accurately variations of LV end-diastolic pressure ^[23,24]. Some of these tools are effective even in particular situations as sinus tachycardia ^[25] and atrial fibrillation^[26] while the pulmonary venous flow or the Valsalva maneuver applied to transmitral inflow has to be preferred in the case of mitral valve prosthesis and aortic valve regurgitation, respectively ^[27]. In addition, Tissue Doppler is also able to "read" the percentage of myocardial fibrosis ^[28], *primum movens* of DD. Alone or, better, combined together, these tools permits to recognize normal diastole as well as to diagnose and follow the progression of DD from the pattern of abnormal relaxation (grade I of DD) until pseudonormal (grade II) and restrictive (grade III-IV) patterns.

Hemodynamics :

By the hemodynamic point of view, the differences between diastolic and systolic HF are expressed by the pressure-volume loop ^[29]. When systolic HF occurs, increased LV filling pressures correspond to increased LV volumes, with a displacement of the loop upon and at right. In the case of diastolic HF,

the increase of LV filling pressures occur in the presence of normal or even reduced LV volumes, thus moving the loop up and to the left. It is obvious that in the more advanced stages of HF, diastolic and systolic dysfunction coexist.

Determinants of diastolic dysfunction:

LV DD develops in several cardiac diseases ^[30] as well as in extra - cardiac pathologies involving the heart (accumulation diseases as amyloidosis, thyroid disorders, acromegaly and others) ^[31,32] and in myocardial ischemia due to coronary artery stenosis or even to isolated dysfunction of coronary microcirculation ^[33]. Till now, the main cause of DD is arterial hypertension ^[8,9,70]. Overweight and obesity, often coexisting with the same hypertension, deeply affects LV diastolic function, forcing the left ventricle to a working overload ^[34]. In this view, DD represents one of the cardiac consequences of pluri-metabolic syndrome, where arterial hypertension, obesity, glucose intolerance and hypertriglyceridemia cohabit in the same subject, having their common matrix in the insulin resistance. High levels of insulin resistance, often evident in arterial hypertension ^[35], are positively associated with the prolongation of isovolumic relaxation time, independent of LV geometric changes and of increased afterload^[36].

The alteration of diastolic isovolumic relaxation is probably due to an increment of intracellular calcium, which has been observed in insulin resistant hypertensives and is induced in its turn by an abnormal re-uptake of calcium by sarcoplasmic reticulum^[37]. Also the hormones produced by adipose tissue, as leptin – involved into the control of body weight throughout food absorption and energy-giving cost – negatively affects LV diastolic function^[38]. The association of arterial hypertension and diabetes mellitus worsens further Doppler indexes of LV diastolic function as shown into the population of the Strong Heart Study^[39].

It is controversial whether LV DD is necessarily accompanied on the development of LVH or rises up independent of it^[8,9,40-43,70]. It is true that DD is a direct sequence of pressure overload, associated to elevated 24-hour blood pressure^[40] and even more to the increment of nighttime diastolic blood pressure^[43]. Recent studies point out that the diastolic abnormalities of hypertensive patients are related to inappropriately high levels of LV mass, disproportionate to the hemodynamic load predicted by the individual body size and cardiac load, more than to the values of LV mass which traditionally define LVH^[44]. Inappropriately high LV mass is a potent predictor of cardiovascular risk in hypertensive patients, in presence as in absence of clear cut LVH^[45]. The concept of DD onset preceding the appearance of LVH is

consistent with the observation that BNP, whose levels grow gradually with the progression of DD grading (from abnormal relaxation until restrictive Doppler patterns) ^[46], are increased in patients with diastolic HF independent of the magnitude of LV mass ^[47]. Even a new ultrasound technology as Tissue Doppler supports the hypothesis of an early evidence of DD: myocardial DD (= Em/Am ratio < 1 at the level of multiple LV walls in the apical views) is detectable before the appearance of the abnormalities involving LV transmitral inflow and is uniform in non hypertrophic patients while it becomes prominent at the septum in presence of overt LVH ^[48]. It is now clear that diastolic HF is associated to both increase of collagen amount and LV concentric geometry ^[49]. This concept is further supported by the HyperGEN study where delayed LV relaxation is independently associated with concentric LV geometry in hypertensive patients including obese and diabetic patients ^[50].

Definition and classification criteria for diastolic HF:

The evidence of acute HF in absence of overt LV systolic dysfunction raised by the experience of Gandhi and coworkers ^[51]: where hypertensive patients affected by pulmonary oedema, undergoing echocardiographic examination during the acute episode and after clinical stabilization respectively (1–3 day after), did not show significant variations of LV EF ($50 \pm 15\%$ and $50 \pm 13\%$ respectively, NS) and of wall motion score index between

the two examinations. This clinical condition, defined as heart failure with preserved systolic function or, better, with normal EF, has been made equal to isolated diastolic heart failure. A truly correct definition of this clinical entity should, however, be done on the grounds of direct estimation of LV diastolic function and establishment of reference normal values. Strong controversy has been developed in the previous years about this issue, with opposite scientific positions.

The American point of view, corresponding to the Framingham Heart Study investigators, has sustained the concept that diastolic HF is "definite" only when an invasive hemodynamic assessment shows diastolic alterations in the temporal proximity of the acute episode ^[52]. On the other hand, the European point of view (European Group on Diastolic Heart Failure) has defined diastolic HF according to criteria including clinical examination, echocardiographic assessment (normal EF) and Doppler indexes (derived by both transmitral inflow and pulmonary veins flow)^[53].

Despite the obvious superiority of the invasive technique ^[54], it has to be taken into account that the need of cardiac catheterization for establishing a definite diagnosis of diastolic HF raises practical and even ethical issues. Practical issues are related to the low priority such examination would have in a cath-lab overloaded by coronary procedures and to the poor interest of

hemodynamists in the assessment of indexes of LV diastolic function. Ethical concern lies upon the fact that the present reliance on echo-Doppler examination of LV diastolic function makes cardiac catheterization an useless invasive procedure to this end, except very particular cases. Moreover, if it is true that the prevalence of abnormal Doppler indexes (from 38% of isovolumic relaxation time to 64% for deceleration time) is much lower to that showed by the more reliable invasive measurements (92 % for LV end-diastolic pressure and 79 % for τ)^[55], is also true that this can be, at least partially, due to the confounding influence of physiologic variables as age^[56] and heart rate^[57]. In this view, reference normal values of Doppler indexes of LV diastolic function should be done considering ranges of both age and heart rate.

It is now current opinion that the diagnosis of diastolic HF can be made even without measurement of diastolic function if three criteria are present: 1) symptoms and signs of HF (Framingham criteria), 2) LV EF > 50%, and 3) ability to rule out mitral stenosis, pericardial disease, and non cardiac causes of dyspnoea, oedema and fatigue^[58]. Recent evidences further sustain the definite role of Doppler echocardiography to diagnose diastolic HF^[59,60].

To date, however, no certain definition of diastolic HF exists and the recognition of its existence is not unanimously accepted^[49]. Studies performed by both standard Doppler echocardiography^[61] and Tissue Doppler^[62,63]

demonstrated how sub-clinic alterations of myocardial systolic function are already overt in diastolic HF. Because of the use of LV EF is a rather insensitive indicator of true LV myocardial contractility, the assessment of LV long-axis function by the simple M-mode of the mitral lateral annulus could help to identify initial LV systolic dysfunction ^[64]. Finally, it has also to be taken into account how concomitant variables, including obesity, chronic obstructive lung disease and even myocardial ischemia, can be confounding factors leading to "false" diagnosis of diastolic HF, particularly in the elderly population ^[65].

Prevalence of diastolic HF:

The studies performed until now have assessed above all the prevalence of HF with normal EF, using standard echocardiography without Doppler. In a first meta-analysis of 1995, the investigators of the Framingham Heart Study ^[66] showed wide variability in the prevalence of this kind of HF (range = 13–74%) while a subsequent study involving the Framingham offspring cohort pointed out a 51% prevalence of overall HF ^[67]. Very recently, Hogg et al collected ten "cross-sectional" studies on population, in the United States as in several European countries, and found very high variability of HF with normal EF. The explanation of this variability is related mostly to different age and

gender of participants. It has to be considered that this kind of HF is particularly frequent in the elderly population, occurs more often in the female gender and is associated much more with arterial hypertension and atrial fibrillation than to coronary heart disease^[68]. The data collected between 1995 and 1999 from Italian Network on Congestive Heart Failure (IN-CHF) are strongly consistent with these results^[69]. The choice of different cut-off points for normal LV EF can be an additional reason of variability for the prevalence of diastolic HF in the above mentioned studies. As per recent studies HF with preserved EF constitutes almost half of the total^[5].

Clinical course and Prognosis of DHF :

Morbidity in Diastolic Heart Failure and Diastolic Dysfunction

It is well known that morbidity associated with diastolic heart failure is generally quite high^[74,78-84]. The 1-year hospital readmission rate can approach 50% in some series^[71-73]. Patients with diastolic heart failure also tend to have frequent outpatient visits. For these reasons, the expenditures associated with diastolic heart failure rival that of systolic heart failure^[85]. In CHARM-Preserved study^[76], At a mean follow-up interval of 3.5 years, roughly 18% of the patients were admitted to the hospital for worsening heart failure, with 4.2% having more than 3 admissions. In study conducted by Gottdiener et al

^[86] patients with diastolic heart failure are at risk for nonfatal myocardial infarction and stroke. Increased morbidity has also been documented in patients with isolated diastolic dysfunction, as opposed to overt diastolic heart failure. Even studies that examine asymptomatic, relatively young patients with documented normal coronary anatomy suggest increased morbidity in the setting of diastolic dysfunction.

Mortality in Diastolic Heart Failure and Diastolic Dysfunction:

The mortality rate in patients with diastolic heart failure ranges from 5% to 8% annually, as compared with 10% to 15% in patients with systolic heart failure ^[72,73,87]. As shown in the study done by, Redfield et al ^[71], Isolated diastolic dysfunction carries an elevated mortality risk as does diastolic heart failure.

Recent studies have also shown that the prognosis in diastolic dysfunction is the same as that in systolic dysfunction ^[6,7].

Prognostic Indicators :

➤ Clinical Predictors

1. New York Heart Association class : Higher the class more the mortality ^[75]
2. Renal function : worsening renal function as determined by glomerular filtration rate ^[88] affects prognosis

3. Age : age is a strong predictor of mortality in diastolic heart failure.^[72,75,88]

➤ Brain Natriuretic Peptide

The level of brain natriuretic peptide (BNP), which correlates with diastolic abnormalities as seen on echocardiogram,^[89] has received some attention as a possible predictor of outcome.

➤ Echo-Doppler

Diastolic heart failure is a highly prevalent disease whose incidence will likely grow in the near future, considering the high prevalence of hypertension, diabetes, and obesity^[77] as well as the increasing mean age. Data concerning prognosis are accumulating from prospective cross-sectional and population-based studies, especially those involving echocardiography. These data will likely improve the clinical approach to these patients by highlighting those at high risk for complications and mortality.

DIABETES AS A CAUSE OF DIASTOLIC DYSFUNCTION :

Diabetes is associated with increased cardiovascular complications, the most common of which are ischemic cardiomyopathy and left ventricular (LV) dysfunction. Diabetes is also associated with heart failure, mainly through its association with hypertension and coronary artery disease^[90]. However, the

existence of a primary myocardial disease, “diabetic cardiomyopathy”, has been proposed as evidence has accumulated for the presence of myocardial dysfunction in diabetic patients in the absence of ischemic, valvular or hypertensive heart disease^[91-97]. The existence of a diabetic cardiomyopathy was first proposed by Rubler et al in 1972 on the basis of postmortem findings^[91]. Subsequently, abnormalities in both systolic and diastolic performance in diabetic subjects have been demonstrated in animal^[98] and human studies^[99-103]. Diastolic dysfunction has been described as an early sign of this diabetic heart muscle disease preceding the systolic damage. The pathogenesis of this ventricular dysfunction remains unknown and has been somewhat controversial^[104].

Numerous studies have shown that impairment of the LV diastolic function may be detected in patients with diabetes. Diastolic LV abnormalities have been initially disclosed by cardiac catheterisation^[99,105] and later by non – invasive methods. Regan et al^[99] and Paillole et al^[117], demonstrated in normotensive, diabetic patients without coronary artery disease, free of microangiopathy, and without clinical evidence of heart failure, increased left-ventricular end-diastolic pressure, a decreased left-ventricular end-diastolic volume with a normal ejection fraction. Non-invasive studies subsequently demonstrated abnormalities of diastolic function in the diabetic population by

using several methods: abnormal time intervals by phonocardiograms ^[106,107], abnormal LV filling by standard and digitized echocardiography ^[108-111], radionuclide studies ^[112] and subsequently Doppler echocardiography ^[113,114]. Of note, impairment of the LV diastolic function was observed in patients free of diabetic complications, hypertension and symptomatic coronary artery disease.

Diastolic abnormalities present in diabetic patients without diabetic complications or cardiovascular disease has been suggested as an earliest functional effect of a specific diabetic cardiomyopathy ^[115,116]. Various abnormalities in diastolic function, e.g. prolonged isovolumic relaxation period, delayed mitral valve opening and impairment in rapid diastolic filling, increased atrial contribution of LV filling, reduced E/A mitral ratio have been characteristics findings. In the large majority of studies, abnormalities of LV diastolic function have been demonstrated in diabetic patients with intact systolic function. Raev et al^[116], demonstrated a high prevalence of diastolic dysfunction with preserved systolic function in asymptomatic, young, type 1 diabetic patients. Diastolic dysfunction began 8 years after the onset of diabetes while systolic dysfunction was found much later, occurring after 18 years of diabetes duration. These studies have demonstrated a shift in the filling pattern from the early passive filling phase to the late atrially augmented filling phase.

Surprisingly, until recently, the existence of the pseudonormal LV filling pattern, a more advanced stage of LV diastolic dysfunction, was not evaluated in all the previous Doppler studies. Indeed, identification of a pseudonormal filling can be easily overlooked if preload reducing maneuvers (Valsalva maneuver, Glyceryl Trinitrate) or if new echo Doppler indices are not used. In very recent studies, a pseudonormal diastolic function was reported in 17 to 28% of asymptomatic, normotensive type 2 diabetics using Valsalva maneuver^[119,120] and with Glyceryl Trinitrate ^[121]. These studies led to the conclusion that LV diastolic dysfunction could be much more common than previously reported in this population.

The influence of diabetic complications on LV diastolic dysfunction has been investigated in several studies. Varying results have been obtained between the severity of diabetic microvascular complications and LV diastolic dysfunction^[103,106-109, 113,116, 122-126].

Diabetic Retinopathy :

Studies performed in diabetic patients free of coronary artery disease, have demonstrated that patients with mild to severe retinopathy exhibited LV diastolic dysfunction (lower E/A values) compared to age-matched controls^[114,127] or patients without retinopathy^[123,128]. In the most recent report,^[129] a

higher prevalence of retinopathy (49%) was encountered in patients with abnormal mitral filling pattern (E/A ratio < 1) compared to patients with a normal diastolic function (20%). This relation with retinopathy was however not constantly found.^[118,130]

Nephropathy :

In large number of studies,^[123,131-133], there was a gradual decrease in E/A ratio in type 1 diabetic patients according to the presence of microalbuminuria and proteinuria. It was not constant, as shown in other studies.^[129,134]

Autonomic neuropathy :

Cardiac autonomic neuropathy, affecting the sympathetic or parasympathetic sections or both, has been suggested to be a potential contributor to impaired diastolic function in several studies. As shown by Echocardiography,^[118] correlation between DD and,

1. Severity of cardiac autonomic neuropathy evidenced by radionuclide study.^[112]
2. Myocardial sympathetic innervation function score derived from scintigraphy.^[135]
3. Sympathetic dysfunction, evaluated clinically, by abnormal systolic blood pressure response to standing.^[129]

4. Parasympathetic neuropathy. ^[130, 136,137]

Relation with glycemic control

Initial studies performed in diabetic animals have revealed impaired myocardial contraction and relaxation and biochemical changes reversed after adequate insulin therapy ^[138,139], the degree of reversibility depending on the dose of insulin ^[140].

The relationship between diastolic dysfunction and glycemic control in diabetic patients is still a matter of debate. In a study individuals with type 1 diabetes ^[141], severity of diastolic dysfunction, evaluated by computer assisted analysis of M-mode echocardiograms (time interval between minimal cavity dimension and mitral valve opening), was related to the long-term quality of metabolic control (mean value of HbA1c over the last two years).

Fiorina et al ^[142] demonstrated a reduction in the rate of diastolic dysfunction, evaluated using radionuclide ventriculography, in every uremic patient after a kidney - pancreas transplantation. This amelioration of LV diastolic dysfunction appeared to be positively associated with glycemic control.

Other studies have however shown a lack of correlation between impaired diastolic function and HbA1c levels, performed in type 1 diabetics ^[115, 103, 124, 143].

In type 2 diabetics, prospective studies reached varying conclusions, a few studies shows a positive correlation between the good glycemic control and improvement in diastolic dysfunction. ^[127, 144, 145]

On the other hand, some studies showed that improvement in glycemic control was not associated with changes in diastolic function even with 12 months of follow-up ^[146-148].

Relation with severity of glycemic disturbance

Few, small studies have shown relation of glucose homeostasis with Diastolic dysfunction.

In a study, subjects with normal glucose tolerance, with impaired glucose tolerance and with type 2 diabetes mellitus diagnosed by an oral glucose tolerance test according to the recommendations of the World Health Organization, they found early signs of diastolic dysfunction (assessed by E/A mitral flow ratio), not only in patients with diabetes but also in those with impaired glucose tolerance, independent of the confounding role of ischemia, body weight, and blood pressure ^[151,152]. They suggested that cardiac function is related to the concentration of glucose and HbA1c already below the threshold of diabetes. The limitation of the study is that done in a small population.

Diastolic dysfunction and diabetes duration

Older studies showed that, Evidence of an alteration in LV diastolic function at an early stage of type 1 diabetes without correlation with specific complication, in which all patients were free of cardiovascular diseases and had diabetes mellitus for less than 5 years. However, the evaluation of diastolic function used an imperfect parameter assessed by M-mode echocardiography and phonomechanography. ^[144,149,150]

Similar findings have been reported with Doppler echocardiography (E/A ratio), in newly diagnosed type 2 diabetic patients free of microvascular complications, without evidence of hypertension and coronary artery disease^[103,143,146,147]. These observations of an impaired diastolic function in patients with newly diagnosed diabetes or with a short duration of the disease and with no microangiopathic complications suggest that this alteration may occur early in the history of type 2 diabetes and would not be related to microvascular complications. The lack of correlation between the occurrence of LV diastolic dysfunction and the duration of diabetes in these studies suggests that diabetic microangiopathy is not the only factor contributing to this dysfunction.

Pathogenesis :

Besides the experimental findings in animal studies, numerous studies in humans have explored the association of diabetes with histopathological abnormalities. Alterations in intramyocardial coronary arteries, similar to those seen in other organs of diabetic patients have been reported. Endothelial proliferation and subendothelial hyaline thickening with PAS-positive material in the vessel wall have been described in some but not all patients with or without overt congestive heart failure ^[153]. Capillary basement membrane thickening and capillary microaneurysms have also been observed in hearts of diabetics ^[154,155]. In the study of Zoneraich et al ^[156] conducted in young normotensive type 1 diabetics, a small vessel disease was reported in 72% of diabetic patients while it was present in only 12% of non diabetic subjects. Interstitial accumulation of advanced-glycated end products (AGEs), which include collagen, elastin and other connective tissue proteins, as well as fibrosis in the myocardium have been reported in biopsy or post-mortem studies of human diabetic hearts ^[99, 157-160]. The mechanism of collagen accumulation in the diabetic myocardium seems to be due to impaired degradation rather than enhanced synthesis ^[161]. The interstitial abnormalities could explain an increase in end-diastolic stiffness as well as LV mass and contribute to the diastolic dysfunction ^[99]. In the less advanced forms of tissue

abnormality, the interstitial changes seem to predominate for some time and are associated with preserved cell morphology that is consistent with normal systolic function. As a potential diagnostic tool, it has been suggested that collagen accumulation in the extracellular matrix of the heart is responsible for abnormal acoustic properties of the myocardium in diabetic patients ^[123]. The coexistence of diabetes and hypertension, has been considered as a major factor in the expression of the abnormalities in human diabetic myocardium. This concept initially suggested in diabetic rats studies ^[162] was illustrated in the human study of Van Hoesven et al ^[160]. They demonstrated, in hearts obtained at autopsy, that interstitial and replacement fibrosis and myocytolitic necrosis were substantially more prominent in heart of hypertensive diabetics than in patients with isolated diabetes or hypertension. From these data emerged the concept that this association, which is very frequent in this population, is very likely to have synergistic relationship as a cause of LV dysfunction. The pathogenesis is however not completely elucidated, which explains why the relationship of type, duration and severity of the diabetes to the myocardial abnormalities still remain uncertain.

Concept of Coronary Flow Reserve (CFR) :

Diabetes and coronary microvascular dysfunction :

The alterations of myocardial composition and, thus, of diastolic properties and LV filling pressure might be mediated by changes in the coronary microcirculation. Microvascular damage experienced by the diabetic heart ^[205] may lead to myocardial cell injury and reactive fibrosis/ hypertrophy. Although focal microvascular alterations have not seemed sufficient to account for diffuse interstitial fibrosis ^[206], these observations looked at structure but not dynamics of coronary microvessels. Today, the function of coronary circulation may be evaluated by transthoracic echocardiography, by visualizing the distal left anterior descending artery ^[207-209], and by measuring coronary flow reserve (CFR) as hyperemic to the resting velocities ratio ^[207-209]. The CFR has excellent concordance with intracoronary Doppler flow wire-derived CFR ^[207], high feasibility ^[208], and reproducibility ^[208]. In the absence of epicardial coronary stenosis, impaired CFR indicates coronary microvascular dysfunction ^[209]. A reduction of CFR has been documented in both type 1 and type 2 DM and seems to be a direct consequence of elevated glycemia ^[210,211]. An alternative explanation is insulin resistance, which alters CFR during a cold pressure test, a completely endothelium-dependent stimulus ^[212]. Endothelial function, another possible determinant of CFR, is impaired in early DM ^[213].

Also, increased cardiac sympathetic activity may account for abnormal CFR in diabetic patients ^[214].

The link between coronary microvascular and diastolic dysfunction in diabetes:

Diastolic dysfunction is evident in type 1 diabetic patients free of CAD when CFR impairment is also detectable ^[214]. A similar relationship between the magnitude of CFR reduction and the degree of myocardial DD was found in uncomplicated hypertension ^[215], another condition characterized by impaired coronary microcirculation. This association is not surprising because coronary flow occurs predominantly during diastole. A change in the time constant of LV isovolumic pressure fall τ , measured by catheterization, is associated with decreased coronary flow even in patients without CAD ^[216]. Both reduced CFR and DD are associated with insulin resistance ^[213,217], with LV concentric remodeling/ hypertrophy ^[204,218], with disorders of the sympathetic nervous system ^[214], with abnormalities of the angiotensinrenin system ^[219], and with endothelial dysfunction ^[220]. We can, therefore, suppose that coronary microvascular damage plays a mechanistic role for DD ^[221] or even vice versa, considering DD as the main expression of myocardial fibrosis. Determinants of microvascular dysfunction in DM, such as hyperglycemia and insulin resistance, and factors including sympathetic overdrive, endothelial dysfunction, and LV concentric remodeling, also contribute to the development

of DD. Comprehensive transthoracic Doppler evaluation of diabetic patients should include assessment of diastolic function with estimation of LVFP by tissue Doppler, and of coronary microvascular function by CFR test.

Clinical significance of LV diastolic dysfunction in diabetes :

Congestive heart failure is a major public health problem. Several epidemiological investigations have confirmed that up to half of patients in the community have heart failure due to diastolic dysfunction despite normal LV ejection fraction ^[163]. Some epidemiological and clinical arguments suggest that diastolic abnormalities may contribute to the high morbidity and mortality among diabetic patients. Indeed, in the community setting, data from the Framingham Heart Study have shown an increased incidence of congestive heart failure in diabetic subjects irrespective of coronary heart disease and hypertension ^[92]. It was also observed in patients enrolled in clinical trials of myocardial infarction. Despite similar LV systolic function, patients with diabetes have more pronounced heart failure symptoms, use more diuretics, and have an adverse prognosis compared with those without diabetes. One putative explanation for this discrepancy is diastolic dysfunction of the left ventricle ^[164]. The prognostic implications of diastolic dysfunction have been recently underlined. Diastolic dysfunction as rigorously defined by

comprehensive Doppler techniques is common, often not accompanied by recognized cardiac heart failure, and associated with marked increases in all-cause mortality ^[165]. It has also been demonstrated that a reduced mitral E/A ratio is independently associated with increased all-cause mortality as well as cardiovascular mortality in a population based sample of middle-aged and elderly adults ^[166]. It is important to point out that these prognostic data included diabetic patients for whom no specific analysis was performed. By the way, to date, the prognostic impact of isolated diastolic dysfunction in diabetics is not clearly known. The impact of isolated diastolic dysfunction in diabetes only concerned exercise ability but did not address mortality evaluation. Indeed, some studies have demonstrated that in absence of LV systolic dysfunction, the impairment of LV relaxation can influence exercise tolerance ^[167, 168]. LV diastolic dysfunction was supposed to influence maximal treadmill performance and explain lower maximal performance observed in patients with type 2 diabetes.

Treatment of DHF :

Acute Diastolic Heart Failure :

When the patient presents in acute pulmonary oedema, the management is very similar to that of systolic heart failure. The use of oxygen, morphine, nitrates and diuretics to reduce venous congestion and relieve the hypoxia is

life saving. ^[169,170] However, even in this acute stage, awareness that this may be diastolic heart failure as opposed to systolic heart failure would influence our management. In patients who fit the diastolic heart-failure profile of being elderly, diabetic, hypertensive, African or Asian, we need to be cautious against too aggressive a diuresis. Aggressive diuresis may cause severe hypotension, as the left ventricle has a steep pressure-volume curve. Also, tachycardia is very poorly tolerated in diastolic heart failure, and in the presence of atrial fibrillation, early use of betablockers or calcium channel blockers is warranted. [171,172]

Intermediate-Term Treatment of Diastolic Heart Failure :

After appropriate diuresis and stabilisation of the patient, one has to consider the aetiology behind the diastolic heart failure in order to define the therapeutic strategy.

Long-Term Management :

While the acute - and intermediate - term management strategies have obvious clinical benefits or good evidence base, the long-term management of diastolic heart failure lies much more in the evidence-based vacuum. However, two large-scale randomised controlled trials have recently provided some evidence base for the treatment of diastolic heart failure.

The Candesartan in Heart Failure - Assessment of Reduction in Mortality (CHARM) - Preserved study^[173] use of candesartan added patients, had significantly fewer hospitalisations, and there was a trend towards reduction in the primary composite end point of heart-failure hospitalisation and death from cardiac cause.

The Seniors trial^[174] use of nebivolol in diastolic heart failure with NYHA of II-IV, there was a significant reduction of the primary outcome of all-cause mortality and cardiovascular hospitalization. This implies that betablockade has identical benefit in diastolic heart failure as it does in systolic heart failure.

Left Ventricular Hypertrophy Regression :

Left ventricular hypertrophy regression (LVH) is thought to be one of the more reliable surrogate endpoints for diastolic heart failure^[175-177]. Therefore, in terms of the left ventricular hypertrophy regression, ACEI, angiotensin receptor blockers, diuretics^[178-180], calcium antagonists^[181-182] and aldosterone antagonists^[183-185] are useful agents.

Non-Drug Therapy :

It is important to recognise that weight loss, salt intake reduction and exercise can all help with left ventricular hypertrophy regression^[186,187].

Cardiac rehabilitation programs are very helpful in the reconditioning of patients with diastolic heart failure ^[188].

Diabetic management :

Only proven treatment is long term good glycemic control and prevention of microvascular complications.

What treatment modality - insulin or OHA'S, and which OHA to be selected still needs further studies.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

PLACE OF STUDY :

This study was conducted in Diabetology and Cardiac care unit GRH.

PERIOD OF STUDY :

From April 2009 to May 2010.

DESIGN :

A Prospective Case Control Study. A total of 50 Diabetic and 50 age matched Non-diabetic control were selected and ECHO-Doppler study done.

The study was reviewed and approved by the Institutional Ethical Committee, Kilpauk Medical College and Hospital, Chennai.

METHODOLOGY :

SUBJECT SELECTION :

A. INCLUSION CRITERIA :

Case : Diabetes mellitus patient

Control : Age-matched non Diabetic patients

B. EXCLUSION CRITERIA :

Patients with history of

1) Age more than 65 years

- 2) Systemic hypertension
- 3) Coronary artery disease
- 4) Valvular heart disease
- 5) Restrictive cardiomyopathy
- 6) Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy
- 7) Heart failure
- 8) Pericardial disease
- 9) Ejection Fraction less than 50%
- 10) Blood Urea $>40\text{mg/dl}$ & Serum creatinine $>0.9\text{mg/dl}$ for females and $>1.2\text{ mg/dl}$ for males. Diastolic Dysfunction was diagnosed in all selected 50 DM patients and Age matched controls using M mode ECHO-Doppler – Transmitral and pulmonary vein flow pattern.

Definition of Diabetes mellitus :

Patients were considered to be Diabetic if,

- Individuals who are already on OHA'S or Insulin
- (or)
- Symptoms of Diabetic mellitus and Random blood sugar \geq 200mg/dl
- (or)

- Fasting Plasma Glucose ≥ 126 mg/dl
- (or)
- Two hour Plasma Glucose ≥ 200 mg/dl during an OGTT.

Definition of Hypertension :

Patients were considered to be Hypertensive when,

- They were already on anti – HT medications
- (or)
- Documented BP of $\geq 140/90$ mm of Hg on two or more occasions.

Definition of Dyslipidemia :

Values were considered to be abnormal if;

- Total Cholesterol ≥ 200 mg/dl
- LDL ≥ 100 mg/dl
- HDL ≤ 40 mg/dl
- TG' s ≥ 200 mg/dl

Body Mass Index :

BMI is considered abnormal if it is ≥ 25 kg/m²

Urine Proteinuria :

Abnormal if Urine protein by dipstick 2+ or more

STATISTICAL METHOD:

Statistical Analysis was done by,

- Chi square.
- Two sample t test.
- Binary Logistic Regression.

OBSERVATION AND ANALYSIS

Total of 50 Diabetic and 50 Non Diabetic control were subjected to ECHO-Doppler study. The mean Age group of Diabetic was 54.38 and for Non – Diabetic was 53. There were 32 and 33 males & 18 and 17 females in Diabetic and Non – Diabetic group respectively.

The variables in two groups were compared and various factors associated with Diastolic Dysfunction were analysed in Diabetic group.

The results are as follows,

**COMPARISON BETWEEN DM AND NON-DM GROUP WITH
RESPECT TO:**

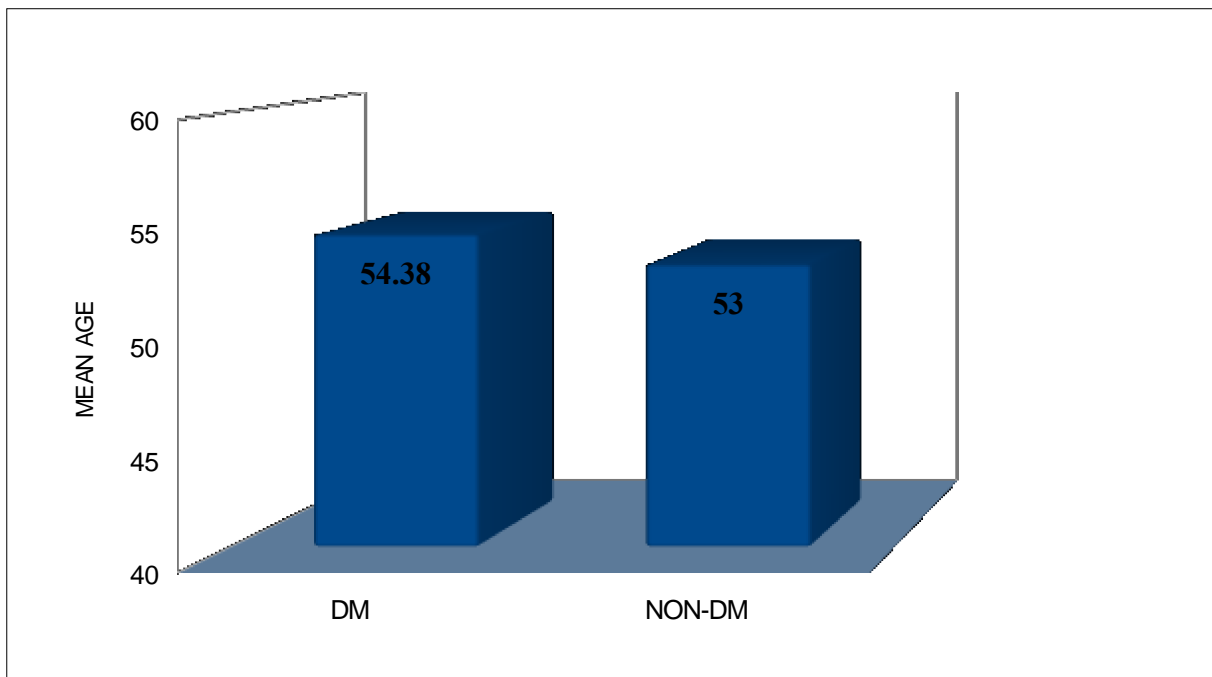
- 1. AGE**
- 2. SEX**
- 3. ALCOHOL**
- 4. SMOKING**
- 5. BMI**
- 6. DYSLIPIDEMIA**
- 7. DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**
- 8. URINE PROTEIN**
- 9. ECHO DD**

MEAN AGE

The mean age of the DM group is 54.38 and Non-DM group is 53, which is not statistically significant.

	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
MEAN AGE	54.38	53

p value : 0.176 (>0.05) not significant

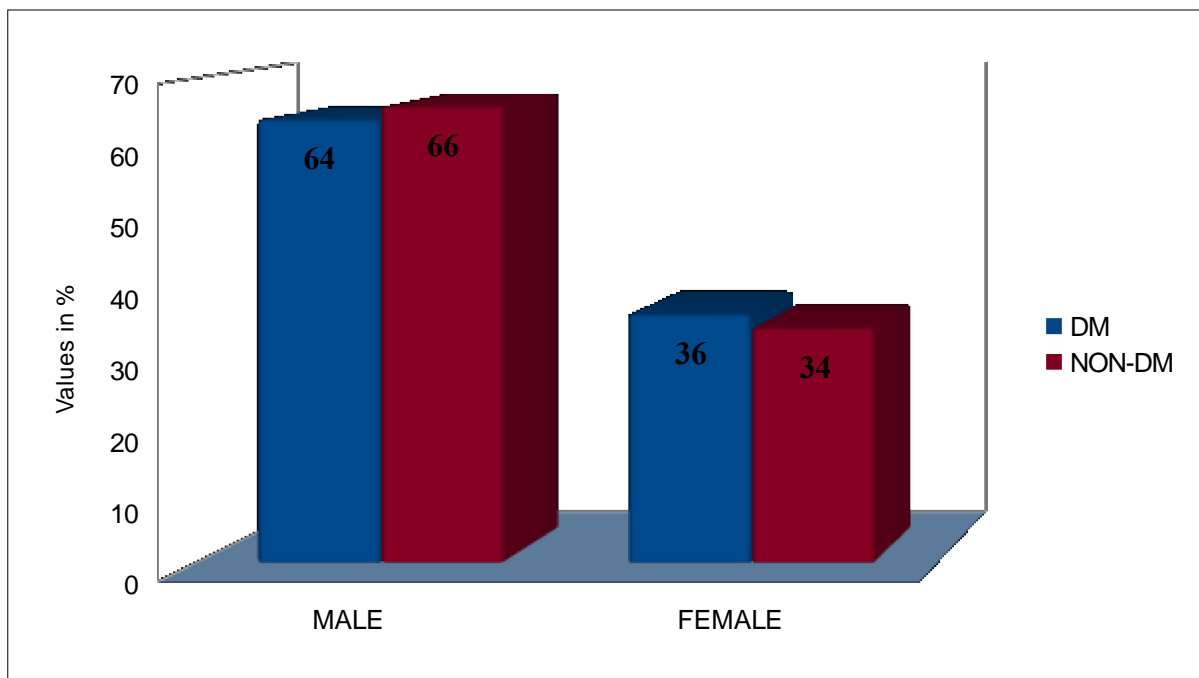


SEX

The sex distribution between DM and Non-DM group is depicted below and not statistically significant.

	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
MALE	64.00%	66.00%
FEMALE	36.00%	34.00%

p value : 0.834 (>0.05) not significant

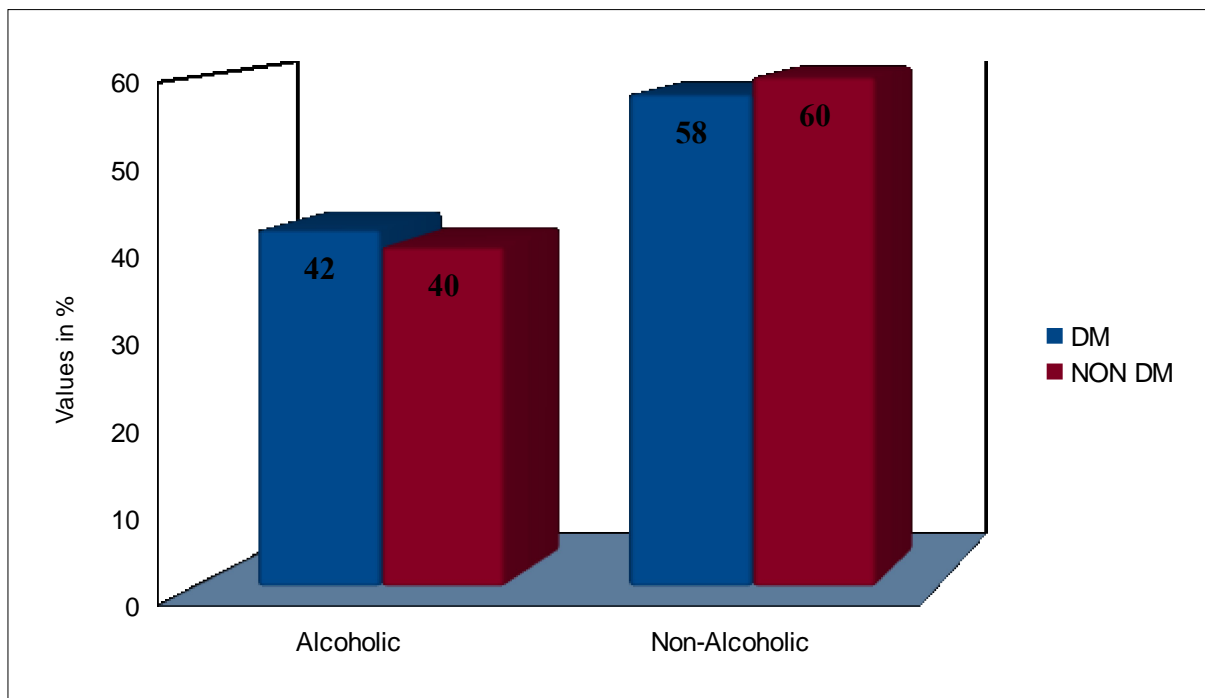


ALCOHOL

The distribution of alcohol intake between DM and Non-DM group is depicted below and not statistically significant.

	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
ALCOHOL	42.00%	40.00%
NON-ALCOHOL	58.00%	60.00%

p value : 0.839 (>0.05) not significant.

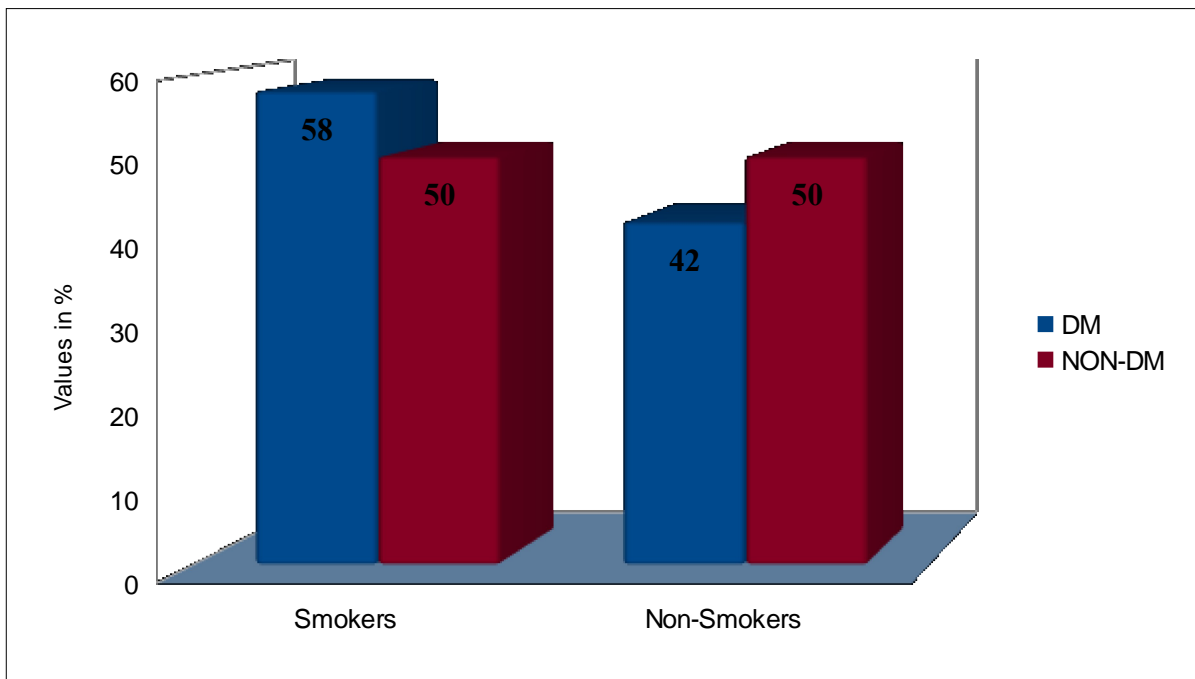


SMOKING

The distribution of tobacco smoking between DM and Non-DM group is depicted below and not statistically significant.

	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
SMOKERS	58.00%	50.00%
NON-SMOKERS	42.00%	50.00%

p value : 0.422 (>0.05) not significant

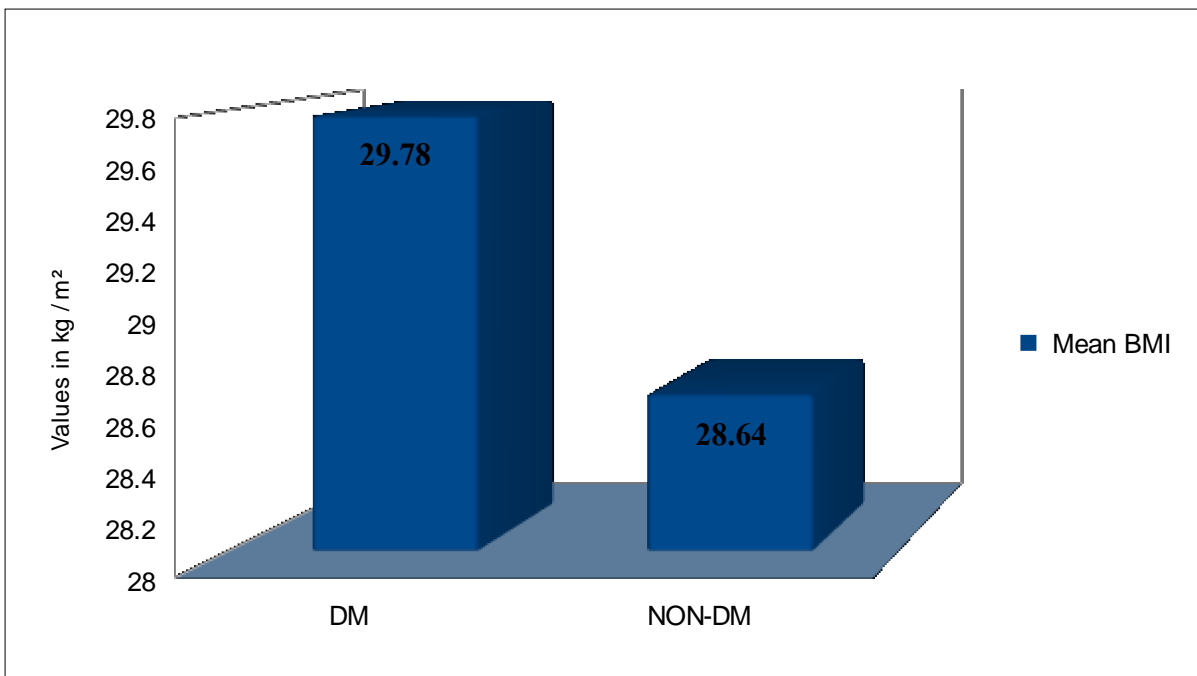


BMI

The Body mass index (mean value) of the DM and Non-DM group is 29.78 and 28.64 respectively. It is statistically significant.

	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
BMI (mean value)	29.78	28.64

p value : 0.030 (<0.05) significant



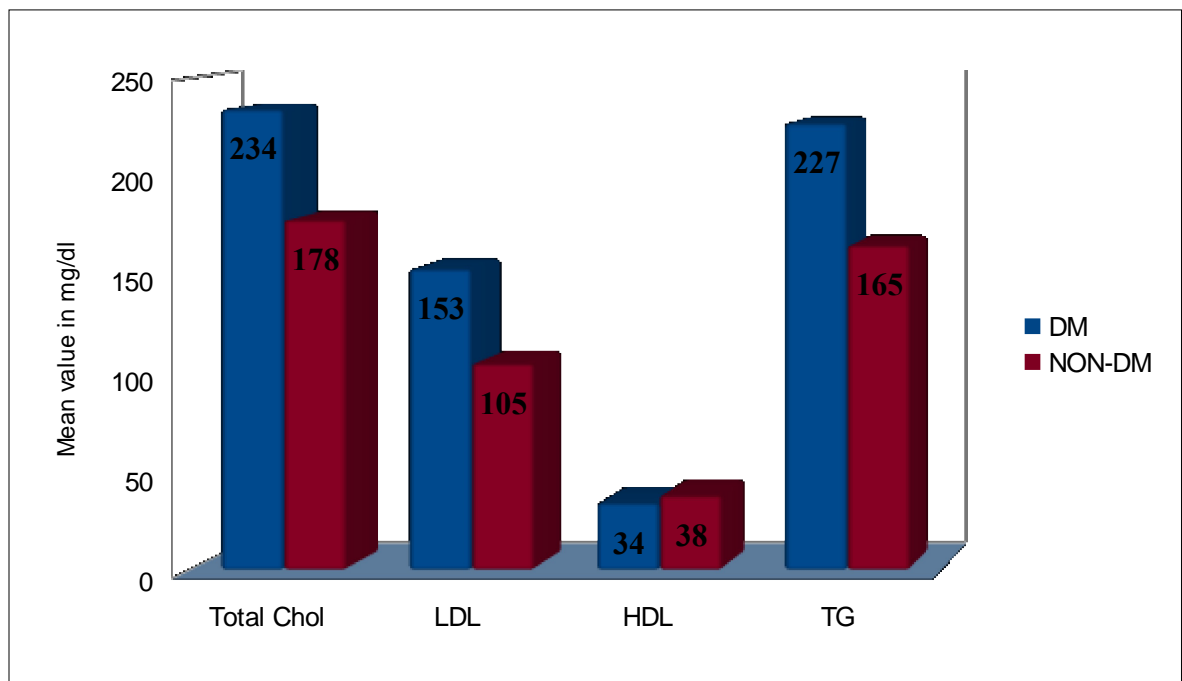
t-test

		t-test for Equality of Means		
		P value		
BMI	Equal variances assumed	.030		

DYSLIPIDEMIA (mean value)

The difference between mean value of TC, LDL and TG were statistically significant, and not so for HDL.

	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
TOTAL CHOLESTEROL	234	178
LDL	153	105
HDL	34	38
TG	227	165



t-test

		F	P value
TOTAL CHOLESTEROL	Equal variances assumed	6.489	.012
HDL	Equal variances assumed	2.755	.100
LDL	Equal variances assumed	10.274	.002
TG	Equal variances assumed	5.990	0.02

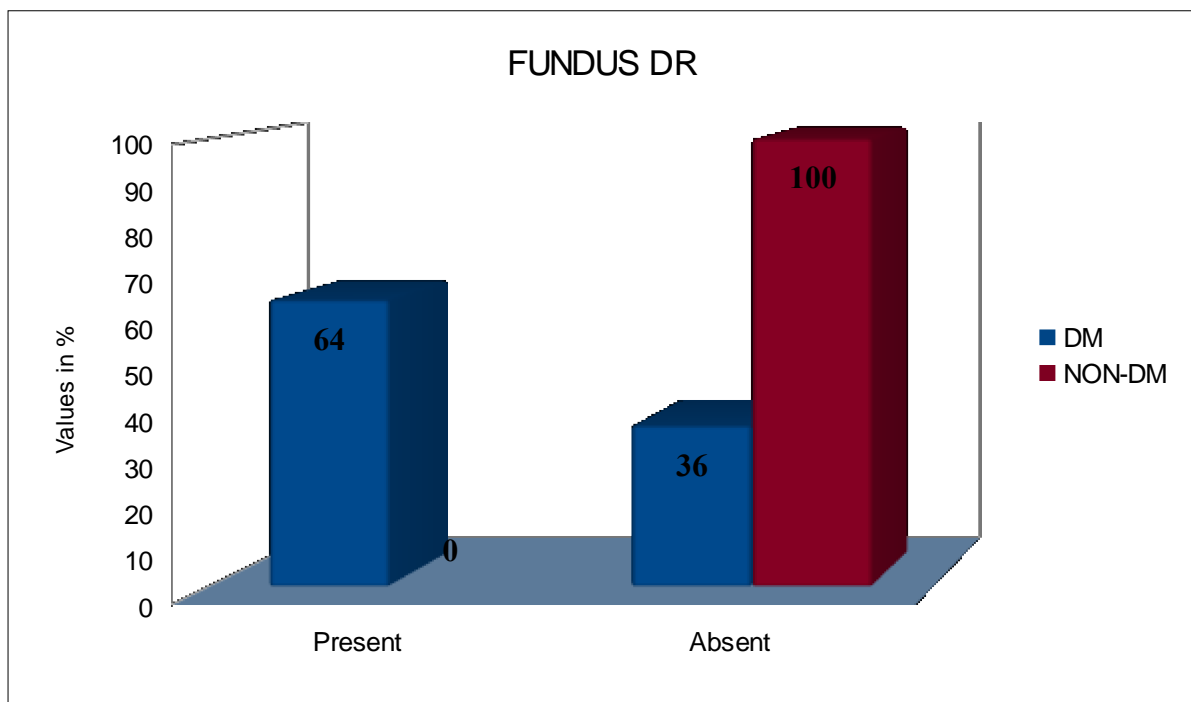
	GROUP	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
TOTAL CHOLESTEROL	DM	50	234.50	24.337	3.442
	NON-DM	50	176.80	17.643	2.495
HDL	DM	50	34.96	2.432	.344
	NON-DM	50	38.28	2.061	.291
LDL	DM	50	153.48	23.907	3.381
	NON-DM	50	105.44	15.450	2.185
TG	DM	50	227.60	24.963	3.530
	NON-DM	50	165.04	36.850	5.21

FUNDUS DR

In the DM group 32 had DR i.e. 64%, where as none had in Non-DM group. It is statistically significant.

DIABETIC RETINOPATHY	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
PRESENT	64.00%	0.00%
ABSENT	36.00%	100.00%

p value: 0.000 (< 0.05) significant



CHI-SQUARE TEST

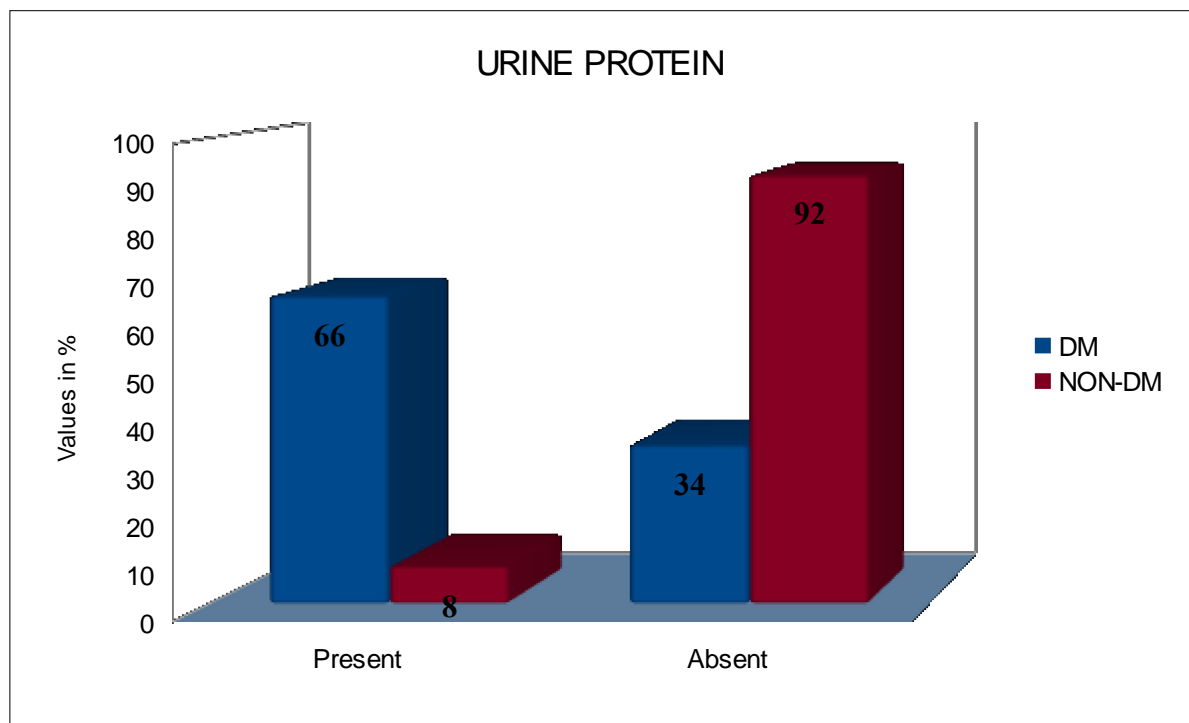
	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	47.06	1	0

URINE PROTEIN

In DM group 33 i.e. 66% had significant proteinuria where as in Non-DM group 4 i.e. 8% had which is statistically significant.

URINE PROTEIN	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
PRESENT	66.00%	8.00%
ABSENT	34.00%	92.00%

p value : 0.000 (<0.05) significant



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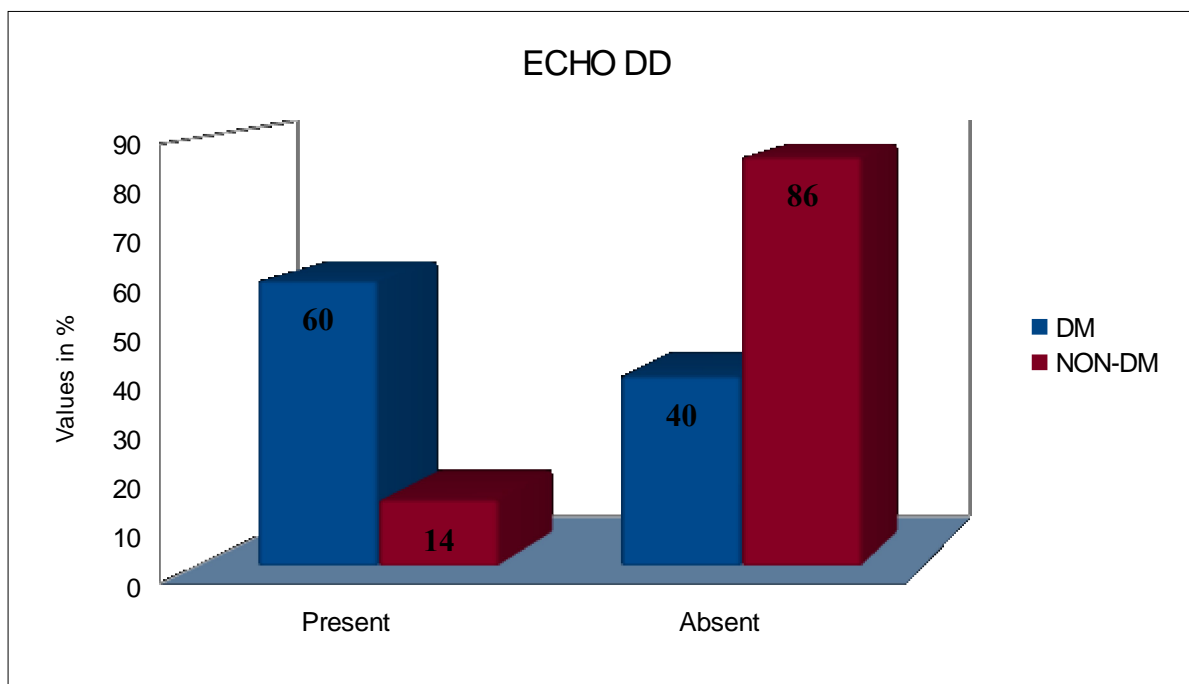
	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	36.08	1	0

ECHO DD

In the DM group 30 i.e. 60% had Diastolic Dysfunction where as Non-DM 7 i.e. 14% had DD, which is statistically significant.

ECHO DD	DIABETIC	NON-DIABETIC
PRESENT	60.00%	14.00%
ABSENT	40.00%	86.00%

p value : 0.000 (<0.05) significant



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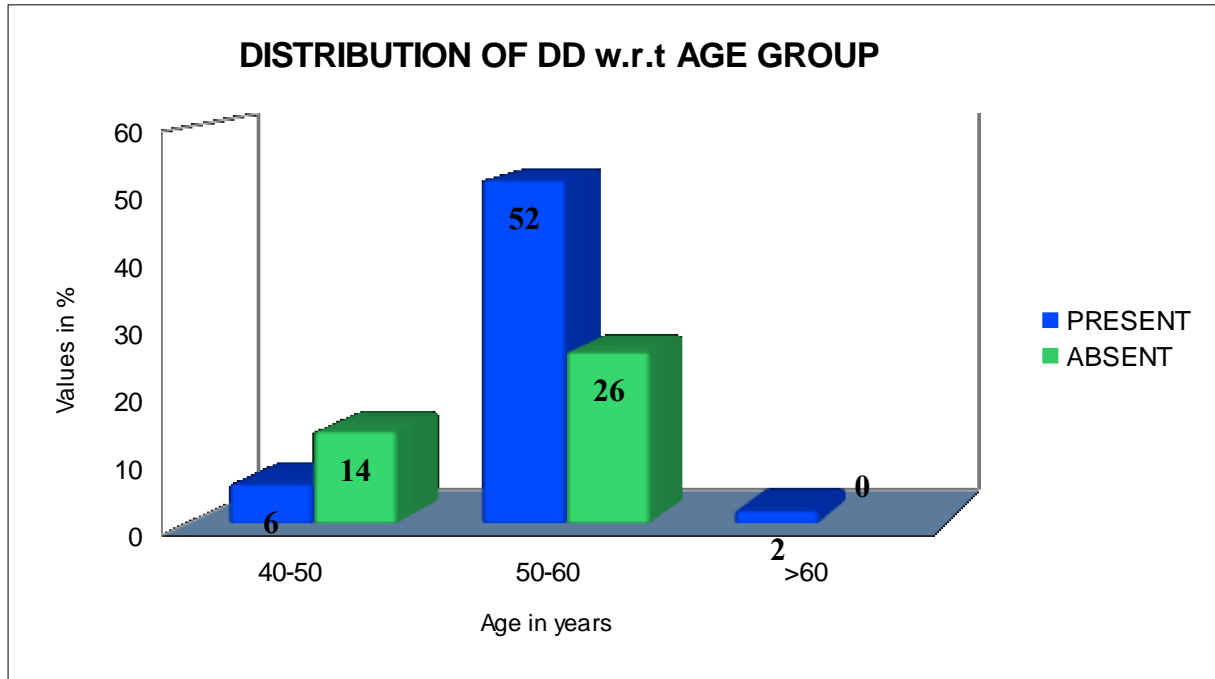
	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	22.69	1	0

COMPARISON OF THE VARIABLES WITHIN DIABETIC GROUP :

(1) WITH RESPECT TO AGE GROUP

			ECHO DD		
	In yrs		ABSENT	PRESENT	Total
AGE GROUP	40 -50	Count	7	3	10
		% of Total	14.0%	6.0%	20.0%
	50 -60	Count	13	26	39
		% of Total	26.0%	52.0%	78.0%
	>60	Count	0	1	1
		% of Total	.0%	2.0%	2.0%
	Total	Count	20	30	50
		% of Total	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%

p value : 0.077 (>0.05) not significant



CHI-SQUARE TEST

	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	5.14	2	.077

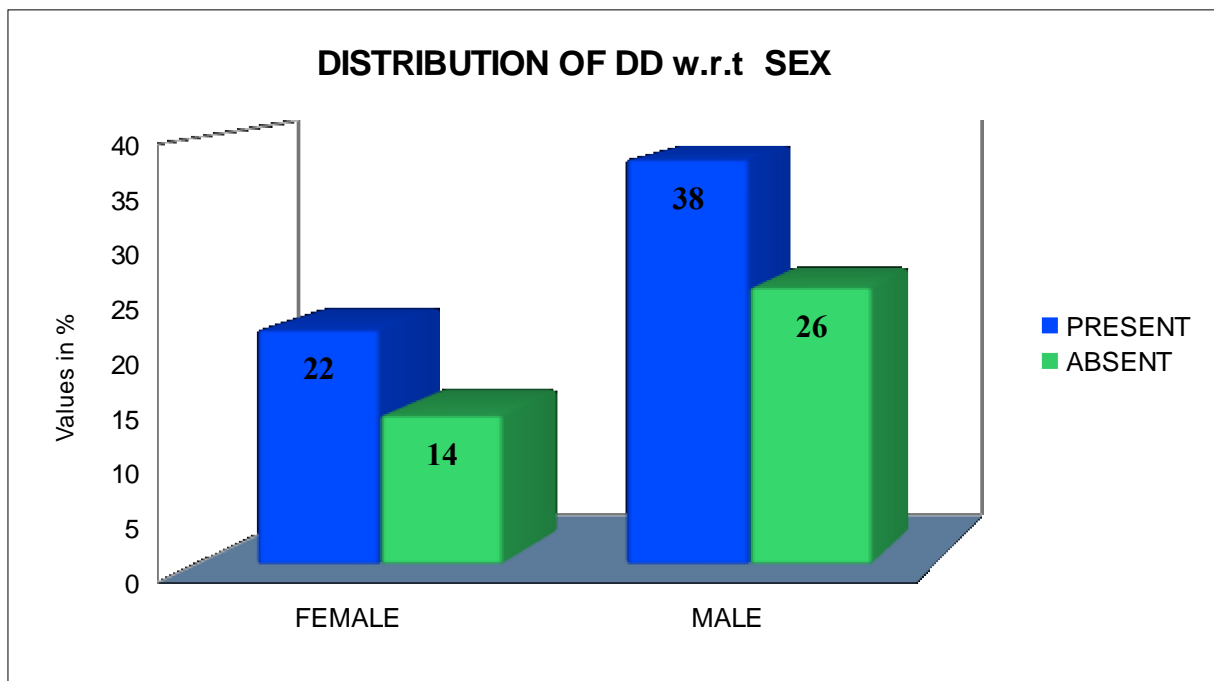
(2) WITH RESPECT TO SEX

		ECHO DD			
			ABSENT	PRESENT	Total
SEX	Female	Count	7	11	18
		% of Total	14.0%	22.0%	36.0%
	Male	Count	13	19	32
		% of Total	26.0%	38.0%	64.0%
	Total	Count	20	30	50
		% of Total	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%

p value 0.904 (>0.05) not significant

CHI-SQUARE TEST

	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	0.01	1	.904



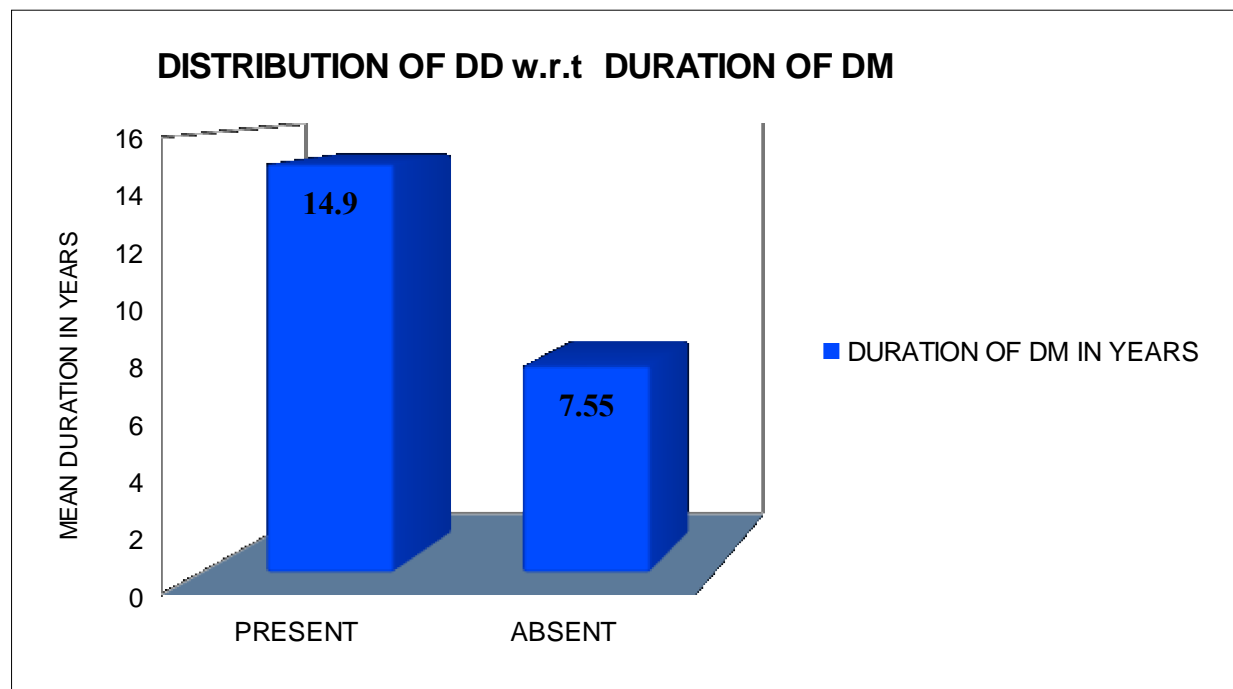
(3) WITH RESPECT TO DURATION OF DM

	ECHO DD	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
DURATION OF DIABETES	PRESENT	30	14.90	2.524	.461
	ABSENT	20	7.55	1.432	0.32

p value : 0.000 (<0.05) significant

CHI-SQUARE TEST

		t-test for Equality of Means		
		df	P value	Mean difference
DURATION OF DIABETES	Equal variances assumed	48	.000	7.35



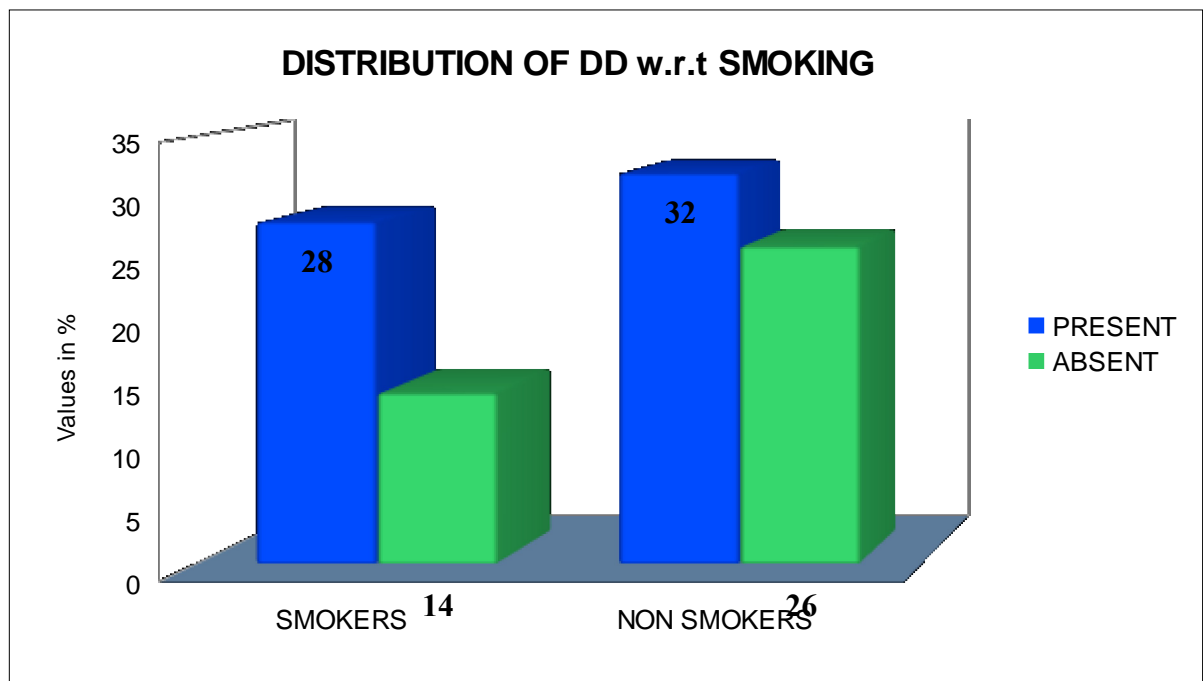
(4)WITH RESPECT TO SMOKING

		ECHO DD			
			ABSENT	PRESENT	Total
SMOKERS	Count	7	14	21	
	% of Total	14.0%	28.0%	42.0%	
NON SMOKERS	Count	13	16	29	
	% of Total	26.0%	32.0%	58.0%	
Total		Count	20	30	50
		% of Total	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%

p value : 0.413 (>0.05) not significant

CHI-SQUARE TEST

	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	0.67	1	.413



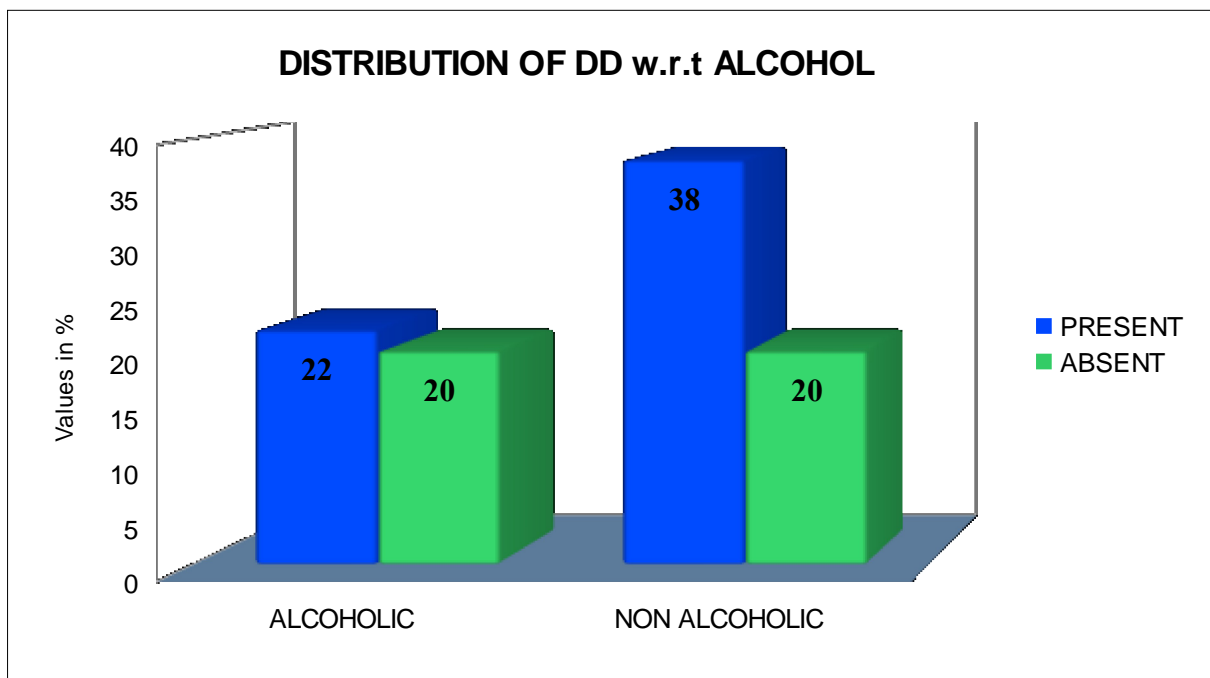
(5)WITH RESPECT TO ALCOHOL

		ECHO DD			
			ABSENT	PRESENT	Total
ALCOHOL	-	Count	10	19	29
		% of Total	20.0%	38.0%	58.0%
	+	Count	10	11	21
		% of Total	20.0%	22.0%	42.0%
	Total	Count	20	30	50
		% of Total	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%

p value : 0.349 (>0.05) not significant

CHI-SQUARE TEST

	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	0.88	1	.349



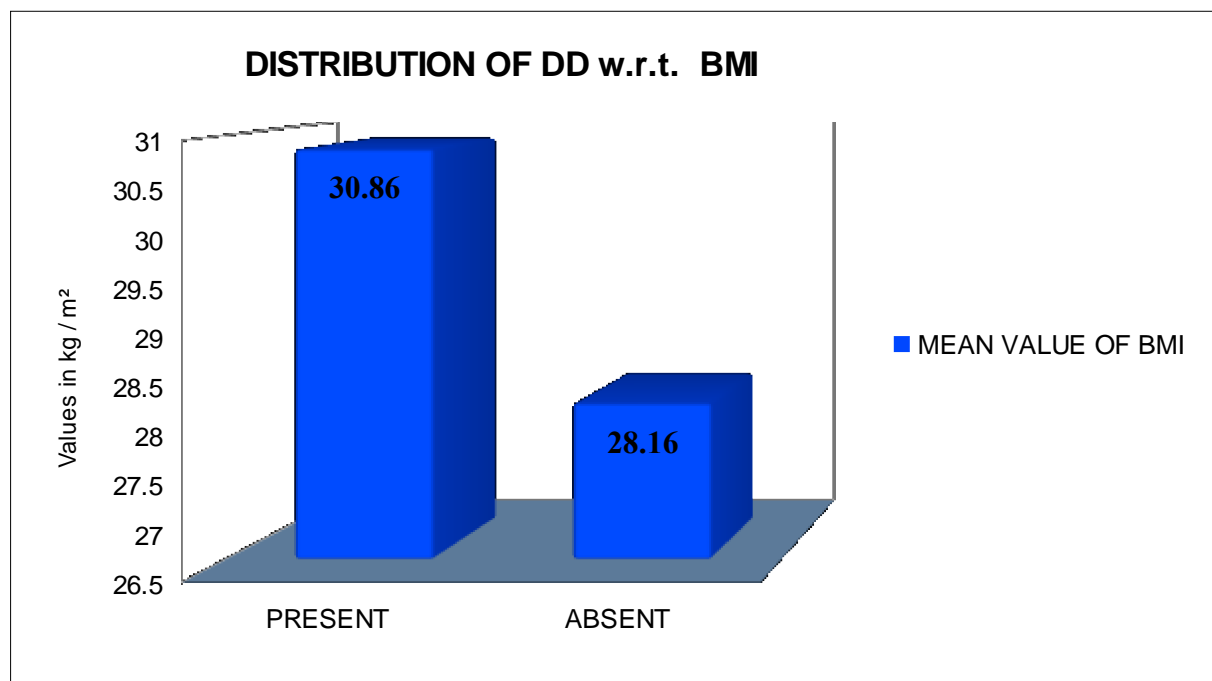
(6)WITH RESPECT TO BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

	ECHO DD	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
BMI	PRESENT	30	30.8560	1.44123	.26313
	ABSENT	20	28.1605	2.55091	.57040

p value : 0.000 (< 0.05) significant

t-test

		P value
BMI	Equal variances assumed	.000
	Equal variances not assumed	.000



(7) WITH RESPECT TO DYSLIPIDEMIA

	ECHO DD	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
TOTAL CHOLESTEROL	PRESENT	30	245.50	20.953	3.825
	ABSENT	20	218.00	19.488	4.358
HDL	PRESENT	30	34.80	2.265	.414
	ABSENT	20	35.20	2.707	.605
LDL	PRESENT	30	164.93	21.635	3.950
	ABSENT	20	136.30	15.550	3.477
TG	PRESENT	30	232.53	23.825	4.350
	ABSENT	20	220.20	25.389	5.68

t-test

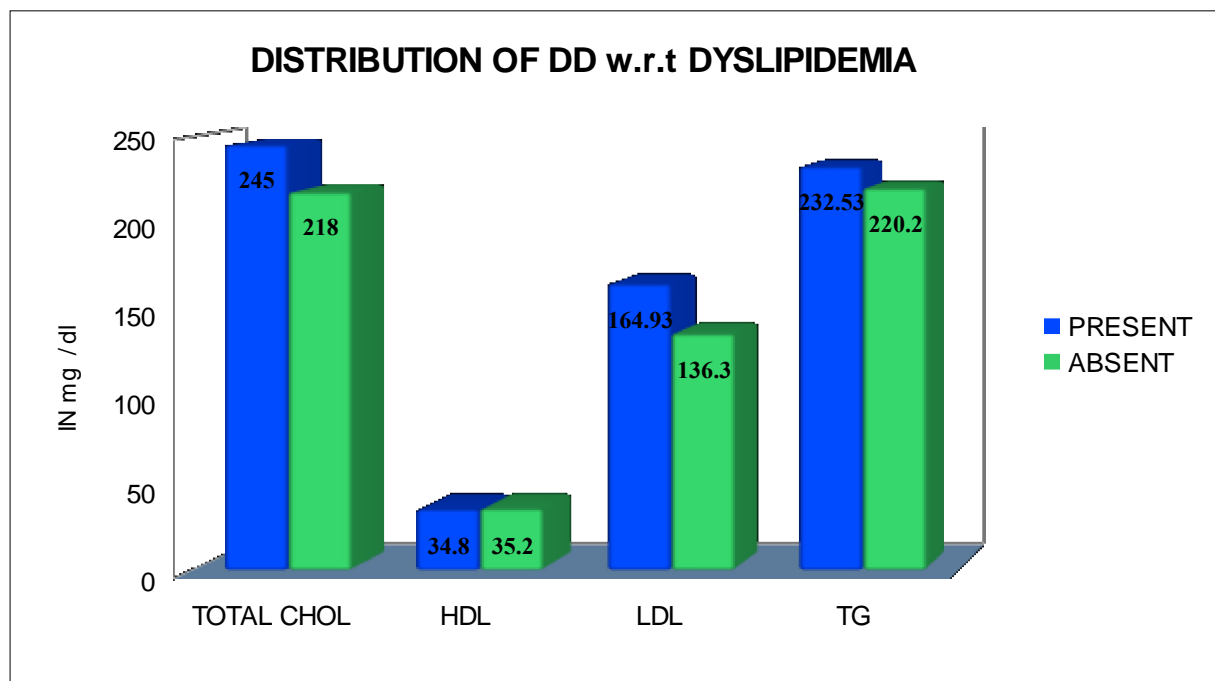
		t-test for Equality of Means		
		df	P value	Mean Difference
TOTAL CHOLESTEROL	Equal variances assumed	48	.000	27.500
HDL	Equal variances assumed	48	.574	-.400
LDL	Equal variances assumed	48	.000	28.633
TG	Equal variances assumed	48	.087	12.333

p value for Total chol : 0.000 (<0.05) significant

p value for HDL : 0.574 (>0.05) not significant

p value for LDL: 0.000 (<0.05) significant

p value for TG : 0.087 (>0.05) not significant



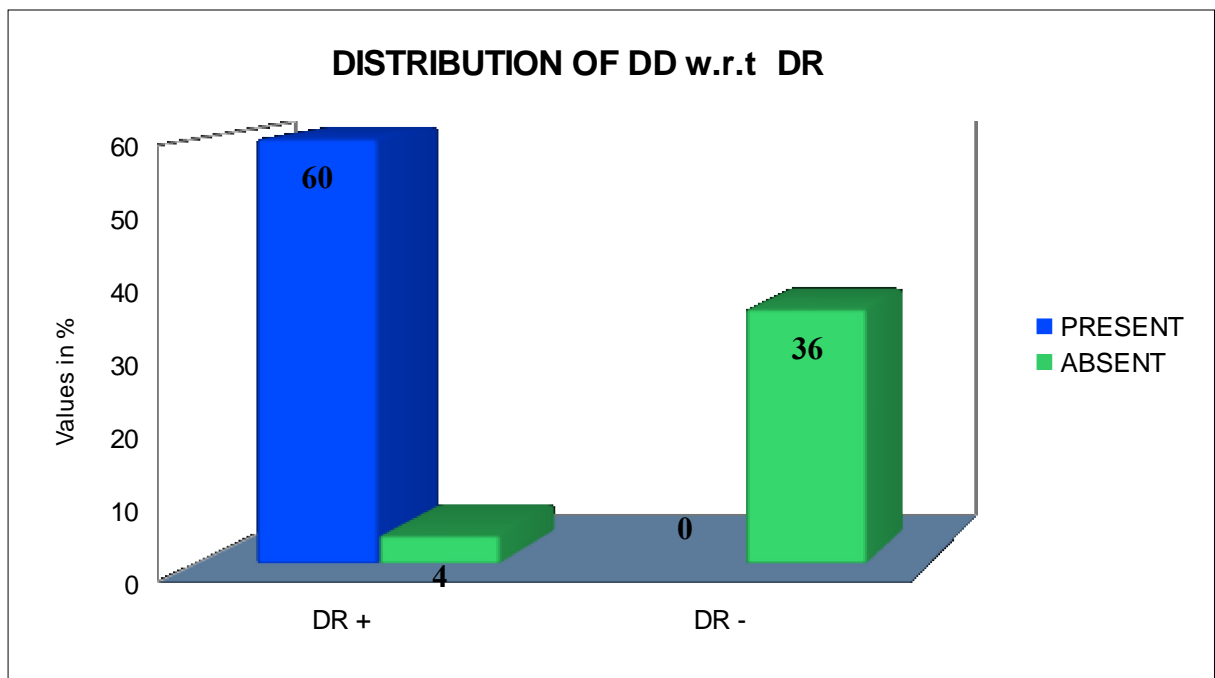
(8)WITH RESPECT TO DIABETIC RETINOPATHY

		ECHO DD			
			ABSENT	PRESENT	Total
FUNDUS DR	-	Count	18	0	18
		% of Total	36.0%	.0%	36.0%
	+	Count	2	30	32
		% of Total	4.0%	60.0%	64.0%
Total		Count	20	30	50
		% of Total	40.0%	60.0%	100.0%

p value : 0.000 (<0.05) significant

CHI-SQUARE TEST

	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	42.19	1	.000



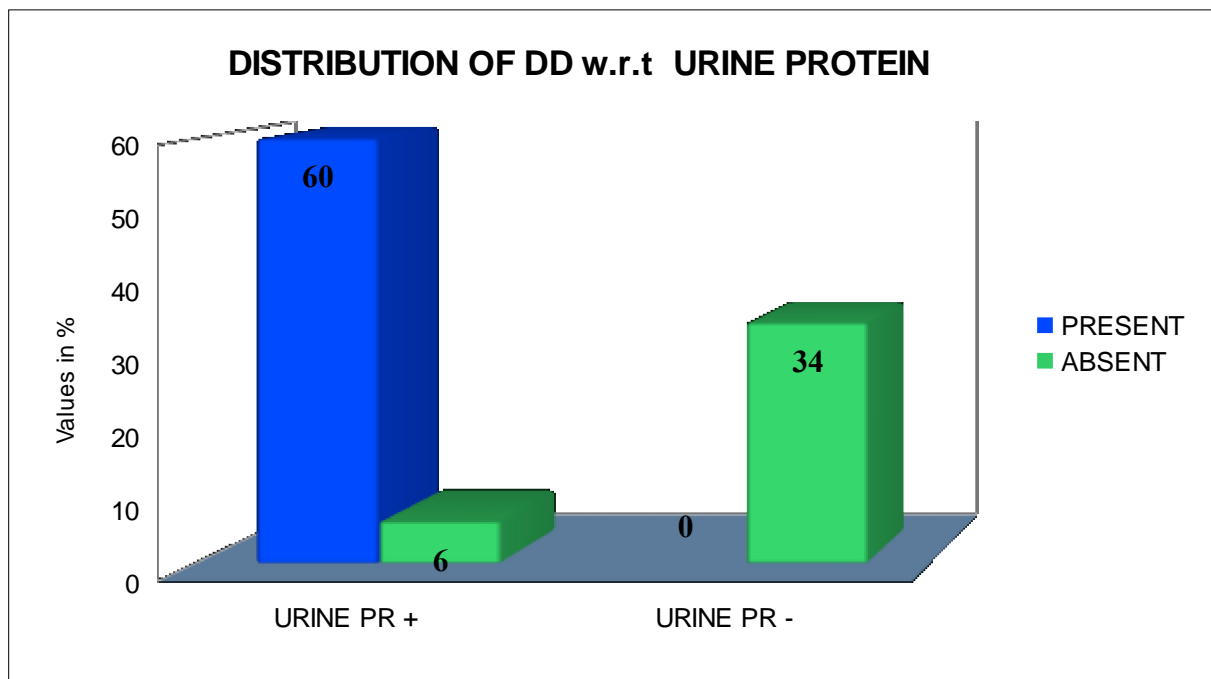
(9) RESPECT TO URINE PROTEIN

		ECHO DD			
			ABSENT	PRESENT	Total
URINE PROTEIN	-	Count	17	0	17
		% of Total	34.0%	.0%	34.0%
	+	Count	3	30	33
		% of Total	6.0%	60.0%	66.0%
Total		Count	20	30	50
		% of Total	40.0%	60.0%	100.00%

p value : 0.000 (<0.05) significant

CHI-SQUARE TEST

	Value	df	P value
Pearson Chi-Square	38.64	1	.000



In the Diabetic group, the following variables were significantly different from ECHO DD present and absent group. By using Binary Logistic regression, we came to know that all the following variables are not associated risk factors with respect to Diastolic Dysfunction. Even though the variables were significant with respect to Diastolic Dysfunction, they are not significant associated risk factors with respect to Diastolic Dysfunction. So “ Diabetic itself, a risk factor for DD ”.

AGE GROUP

DURATION OF DIABETES

WEIGHT

BMI

FUNDUS DR

URINE PROTEIN

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL

DISCUSSION

This study was conducted in individuals without HT, CAD and Heart failure, in 50 DM patients and 50 Age matched Non-DM controls. It was found that 30 of 50 DM patients had Diastolic Dysfunction whereas in Non-DM group, 7 out of 50 had DD. Age, Sex, Smoking and Alcohol were comparable between the two groups but Dyslipidemia, high BMI, Retinopathy, Proteinuria found to be more in the Diabetic group. From this study it was found that there was high prevalence of (60%) Diastolic Dysfunction in the diabetic individuals. This observation of high prevalence of DD in DM is consistent with several studies. In a community based study^[165], 48% prevalence was found; Poirier et al,^[119] found 60% prevalence and Zabalgoitia et al ^[120] found 47% prevalence. In one another study a prevalence of 60% was found.^[189]

COMPARISON OF THE INDIVIDUAL VARIABLES WITH DD WITHIN THE DM GROUP

1. Influence of Age on DD :

The individuals were divided into three age groups of 40-50, 50-60, >60, with 3/10, 26/39 and 1/1 [DD+ / total number in that group]. At first look, it appears that DD incidence increases with age but this is not statistically significant.

2. Gender :

There were totally 32 males of whom 19 (59.35%) had DD and in females 11(61.11%) had DD of total 18, which is not statistically significant. Hence DD is equally distributed between both sexes.

3. Duration of DM :

The DM group was divided into two groups based on the presence and absence of DD. The mean duration of DM in individuals with DD was 14.90 years and for those without DD was 7.55 years which is statistically significant. This study shows that with increase in duration of DM there is more chance of developing DD. Many studies done in past have come to a similar conclusion [190 – 196]. Further it was also shown in studies that screening for DD after four years of diagnosing DM will increase its sensitivity. [197-199]

4. Smoking and Alcohol :

Among 21smokers 14 (66.67) had DD and in 29 non smokers 16(55.17) had DD which is not statistically significant. Similarly in 21 alcoholics 11 had DD and in 29 non alcoholics 19 had DD which is also not significant. Hence Smoking and Alcohol does not influence the development of DD in DM patients.

5. Body mass Index :

The mean value of BMI in patients with diastolic dysfunction is 30.86 and that of patients without diastolic dysfunction is 28.16. Hence it is statistically significant. Several previous studies have shown that there is higher incidence of DD in obese individuals. ^[200-202]

6. Association of Dyslipidemia with diastolic dysfunction :

In this study a significant association of DD with Total Cholesterol and LDL was found and not with HDL and TG's. Hence dyslipidemia particularly LDL cholesterol has been associated with DD in DM. Similar association was also found in previous studies ^[203].

7. Diabetic Retinopathy :

In this study, 32 individuals had DR of which 30 had diastolic dysfunction. It was found that no individual in the study population had DD in the absence of DR. Hence presence of diabetic retinopathy is strongly correlated to diastolic dysfunction. Studies performed in diabetic patients free of coronary artery disease, have demonstrated that patients with mild to severe retinopathy exhibited LV diastolic dysfunction (lower E/A values) compared to age-matched controls ^[114,127] or patients without retinopathy ^[123,128]. In the most recent report ^[129], a higher prevalence of retinopathy (49%) was encountered in patients with abnormal mitral filling pattern (E/A ratio < 1) compared to

patients with a normal diastolic function (20%). This relation with retinopathy was however not constantly found ^[118,130].

8. Association between Proteinuria and DD :

In this study, 33 individuals had significant proteinuria of which 30 had DD. It is highly significant. In a study done by Sampson et al ^[131], found that gradual decrease in E/A ratio in type 1 DM patients according to the presence of microalbuminuria and proteinuria. In another study conducted by Perez et al, ^[123] also observed similar finding. In type DM 1 patient with microalbuminuria demonstrated LV DD, whereas LV DD was not seen in patients without microalbuminuria in study done by Watschinger et al ^[131] and Guglielmi et al. ^[133]

Binary Logistic Regression :

Eventhough, Duration of DM, BMI, dyslipidemia, DR and Proteinuria were significantly associated with DD, by BINARY LOGISTIC REGRESSION method it was found that they were not significant risk factors and DIABETES itself, a risk factor for DD.

SUMMARY

- In this study, diastolic dysfunction had 60% prevalence in Diabetic patients and 14% in case of Non-diabetic individuals.
- It was seen that with increasing age, there was an increase in incidence of DD but it was found to be statistically insignificant.
- Gender, alcohol and smoking does not play any role in diastolic dysfunction.
- Duration of diabetes is a significant factor. With increasing duration of DM, there is increase in incidence of DD.
- Body Mass Index is a significant factor. There is higher incidence of DD in individuals with elevated BMI.
- Dyslipidemia especially Total Cholesterol, LDL and Triglycerides were found to be associated with Diastolic dysfunction.
- Diabetic Retinopathy was found to be strongly correlated with diastolic dysfunction. No individual had DD in the absence of Diabetic retinopathy in the study population.
- Significant Proteinuria was also found to be associated with diastolic dysfunction. It was statistically significant.

From Binary logistic regression, it was found that, eventhough, most of the variables were significant in relation to DD, they are not significant risk factors for DD. Hence Diabetes, itself a risk factor for Diastolic dysfunction.

CONCLUSION

The study was conducted to find out Diastolic dysfunction in diabetic patients and to find out the variables associated with it. It was done by prospective case control study in Diabetology and cardiac care unit of GRH.

The Statistical Analysis was done by

- ⤴ Chi-square test
- ⤴ Student t-test
- ⤴ Binary Logistic Regression

Among the 50 Diabetic patients, 30 (60%) had Diastolic dysfunction and in Non-diabetic group, 7(14%) had DD, which was statistically significant. Hence diabetes mellitus is associated with diastolic dysfunction.

Among the other variables, diabetic retinopathy, proteinuria, dyslipidemia, elevated BMI were found to be associated with DM.

By comparing the presence and absence of DD within diabetic group, the following variables were found to be statistically significant and associated:

- ⤴ Duration of Diabetes
- ⤴ Body Mass Index
- ⤴ Diabetic retinopathy
- ⤴ Proteinuria
- ⤴ Dyslipidemia

By Binary Logistic Regression method, “DIABETES, itself a risk factor for diastolic Dysfunction.”

Physical Examination:

Height

Weight

BMI

Pulse Rate

Blood Pressure Systolic & Diastolic

JVP

CVS Heart Sounds & Murmurs Rub

RS

Diabetic Retinopathy

Lab Data:

Recent Blood Sugar Fasting/ PP / RBS

Fasting Lipid Profile

ECG

Urine Protein

ECHO

ABBREVIATIONS

LV	-	Left Ventricle
DP	-	Diastolic Pressure
DV	-	Diastolic Volume
ECM	-	Extra Cellular Matrix
BNP	-	Brain Natriuretic Peptide
HF	-	Heart Failure
NYHA	-	New York Heart Association
LVH	-	Left Ventricular Hypertrophy
DD	-	Diastolic Dysfunction
Vp	-	Propagation velocity
EF	-	Ejection Fraction
IN-CHF	-	Italian Network on Congestive Heart Failure
CHARM	-	Candesartan in Heart Failure Assessment of Reduction in Mortality
CHF	-	Congestive Heart Failure
OHA	-	Oral Hypoglycemic Agents
DM	-	Diabetes Mellitus
GRH	-	Government Royapettah Hospital

OGTT	-	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
TC	-	Total Cholesterol
LDL	-	Low Density Cholesterol
HDL	-	High Density Cholesterol
TG	-	Triglycerides
w.r.t	-	with respect to
DR	-	Diabetic Retinopathy
RCM	-	Restrictive Cardiomyopathy
HOCM	-	Hypertrophic Obstructive Cardiomyopathy
ECHO	-	Echocardiography
ECG	-	Electrocardiography
PP	-	Post Prandial
RBS	-	Random Blood Sugar
DHF	-	Diastolic Heart Failure
OPD	-	Out Patient Department
BP	-	Blood Pressure
CAD	-	Coronary Artery Disease
JVP	-	Jugular Venous Pressure
PAS	-	Periodic Acid Schiff
HT	-	Hypertension

- ACEI - Angiotensin Converting Enzyme Inhibitors
- AGE - Advanced-Glycated End products
- BMI - Body Mass Index

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MASTER CHART - CASES

SL.No	Name	Age	Sex	Duration of DM	Smoking	Alcohol	Pulse rate	Systolic BP	Diastolic BP	Height	Weight	BMI
1	Munnusawmy	56	Male	18	+	+	98	130	80	163	83	31.32
2	Samapath kumar	58	Male	16	+	-	96	126	84	165	85	31.25
3	Kumari	60	Female	20	-	-	90	124	80	155	80	33.33
4	Nagammal	53	Female	14	-	-	86	114	70	151	78	34.21
5	Kanagavalli	48	Female	7	-	-	80	110	70	158	72	28.8
6	Senguttuvan	50	Male	10	+	+	82	124	80	170	88	30.45
7	Mohamed haseem	52	Male	9	+	+	82	130	80	157	78	31.58
8	Rafi	58	Male	17	+	+	90	132	80	166	82	29.71
9	Ravi	56	Male	15	+	-	86	130	80	170	88	30.45
10	Irshad	53	Male	8	+	+	80	130	80	167	85	30.47
11	Lakshmi	50	Female	13	-	-	80	118	72	156	76	31.28
12	Gangabhai	59	Female	16	-	-	82	130	80	154	75	31.65
13	Selvam	51	Male	8	+	+	90	124	70	168	87	30.85
14	Thangadurai	57	Male	14	+	-	80	130	80	172	80	30.41
15	Saraswathi	48	Female	6	-	-	82	110	70	152	72	31.17
16	Mathivanan	50	Male	7	+	-	84	130	80	156	76	31.28
17	Senthilkumar	47	Male	6	+	+	80	130	80	160	80	31.25
18	Kasi	56	Male	15	+	-	78	128	80	157	80	32.39
19	Paneerselvam	60	Male	16	+	+	82	130	80	162	82	31.29
20	Nagaraj	58	Male	15	-	-	72	124	80	159	80	31.62
21	Meenakshi	55	Female	13	-	-	88	130	84	154	72	30.37
22	Shankar	56	Male	18	+	+	86	126	80	164	80	29.74
23	Ganesan	54	Male	12	+	+	82	110	80	164	83	30.85
24	Parameshwari	50	Female	14	-	-	84	110	70	153	77	32.89
25	Balasundharam	52	Male	15	+	+	86	126	80	165	80	29.38
26	Maheshwari	52	Female	8	-	-	90	120	70	160	65	25.39
27	Murugan	52	Male	6	+	+	86	124	80	165	70	25.7
28	Rajeshwari	50	Female	13	-	-	86	126	84	155	68	28.3
29	Palani	54	Male	15	+	+	90	120	80	169	85	29.76
30	Ramesh	48	Male	4	+	+	84	116	80	172	78	26.12
31	Amsa	54	Female	8	-	-	82	110	84	157	62	25.15
32	Sivaprakasam	58	Male	16	+	-	82	120	76	162	80	30.48
33	Thangavel	60	Male	19	-	-	76	126	80	166	86	31.2
34	Bhargavi	58	Female	9	-	-	80	110	80	157	68	27.59
35	Vadivel	60	Male	17	+	+	74	120	76	171	90	31.14
36	Chellamal	54	Female	13	-	-	80	116	80	151	67	29.38
37	Prakasam	58	Male	7	+	+	76	120	80	169	76	26.61
38	Dhanapal	62	Male	20	+	+	76	126	80	170	88	30.45

39	Samundeshwari	56	Female	14	-	-	84	130	78	158	78	31.25
40	Sivakumar	56	Male	6	+	-	82	126	84	178	89	28.09
41	Kuppamal	54	Female	12	-	-	80	130	82	157	78	31.64
42	Ismael	46	Male	8	+	+	84	126	80	169	87	30.46
43	Subramaniam	53	Male	12	-	-	86	120	84	174	95	31.38
44	Kotteshwari	55	Female	11	-	-	80	130	80	155	77	32.05
45	Lakshmanan	56	Male	9	+	+	78	124	76	172	75	25.35
46	Shankaran	53	Male	10	+	+	86	116	80	175	83	27.1
47	Jansirani	58	Female	9	-	-	76	110	76	153	60	25.63
48	Shajahan	56	Male	8	+	-	80	126	76	168	76	26.93
49	Amudha	53	Female	8	-	-	82	120	74	157	60	24.34
50	Bhaskar	56	Male	14	+	+	84	124	80	170	85	29.41

Fundus DR	Urine albumin	Total Cholesterol	HDL	LDL	TG	ECHO DD
+	2+	244	32	180	260	Present
+	2+	234	32	150	260	Present
+	2+	235	30	152	265	Present
+	2+	229	30	152	236	Present
-	trace	207	30	130	236	Absent
+	Nil	219	38	130	254	Absent
-	1+	220	32	140	240	Absent
+	2+	233	36	148	245	Present
+	2+	232	36	146	252	Present
-	Nil	224	34	140	252	Absent
+	2+	231	34	148	245	Present
+	2+	228	36	144	240	Present
-	Nil	219	34	136	244	Absent
+	2+	229	34	144	254	Present
-	2+	218	32	138	238	Absent
-	Nil	221	30	140	256	Absent
-	2+	260	32	138	222	Absent
+	2+	228	34	144	250	Present
+	2+	229	34	144	255	Present
+	2+	227	32	146	246	Present
+	2+	285	36	202	236	Present
+	2+	272	36	188	240	Present
+	2+	233	38	156	195	Present
+	2+	285	34	208	216	Present
+	2+	242	40	160	210	Present
-	Nil	200	36	124	198	Absent
-	Nil	208	36	128	218	Absent
+	2+	264	36	186	212	Present
+	2+	256	34	180	210	Present
-	Nil	214	38	134	208	Absent
-	Nil	202	38	128	178	Absent
+	2+	268	34	190	220	Present
+	2+	275	34	198	214	Present
-	Nil	222	36	146	200	Absent
+	2+	276	36	192	242	Present
+	2+	264	36	178	252	Present
-	1+	220	36	146	188	Absent
+	2+	257	34	172	256	Present

+	2+	237	38	158	206	Present
-	Nil	266	38	184	222	Absent
+	2+	262	34	182	228	Present
+	2+	240	36	160	218	Absent
+	2+	255	36	180	195	Present
+	2+	232	34	146	260	Present
-	Nil	184	38	110	180	Absent
+	2+	209	38	132	196	Present
-	Nil	208	36	130	210	Absent
-	Nil	212	36	124	250	Absent
-	Nil	196	38	120	192	Absent
+	2+	214	36	142	180	Present

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Sl. No	Name	Age	Sex	Smoking	Alcohol	Pulse rate	Systolic BP	Diastolic BP	Height	Weight	BMI	Fundus retinopathy
1	Lakshmi	48	Female	-	-	86	120	80	155	58	24.17	-
2	Mahalakshmi	51	Female	-	-	88	130	90	152	54	23.38	-
3	Kesavan	56	Male	+	+	78	124	82	158	74	29.6	-
4	Murugan	47	Male	-	-	84	136	74	160	78	30.47	-
5	Sundharam	55	Male	+	+	88	132	82	156	80	32.92	-
6	Fatima	52	Female	-	-	90	130	80	153	62	26.5	-
7	Vimalakumari	46	Female	-	-	86	120	80	149	56	25.23	-
8	Gopal	58	Male	+	+	84	130	86	158	80	32.13	-
9	Mariammal	49	Female	-	-	78	110	70	150	61	27.11	-
10	Kathiravan	44	Male	+	+	82	130	80	158	78	31.2	-
11	Manivannan	58	Male	+	-	76	134	86	160	75	29.3	-
12	Selvam	54	Male	-	-	78	128	80	153	80	34.19	-
13	Manimeghalai	47	Female	-	-	84	110	70	152	60	25.97	-
14	Govindhaswamy	48	Male	+	-	88	130	80	162	82	31.29	-
15	Perumal	53	Male	+	+	86	130	80	168	85	30.14	-
16	Sasikala	56	Female	-	-	76	120	70	154	58	24.47	-
17	Ahmed	60	Male	-	-	74	130	84	175	88	28.76	-
18	Rani	45	Female	-	-	86	110	70	150	56	24.89	-
19	Sundharavadivel	46	Male	+	+	80	134	80	156	82	33.74	-
20	Gandhimathy	52	Female	-	-	90	130	80	148	68	31.05	-
21	Velu	44	Male	+	+	76	130	86	150	72	32	-
22	Marimuthu	49	Male	+	+	76	126	80	158	80	32	-
23	Kumar	51	Male	+	+	82	120	80	165	77	28.31	-
24	Pushpa	62	Female	-	-	80	110	70	153	58	24.79	-
25	Latha	65	Female	-	-	84	110	70	152	56	24.24	-
26	Sundhramoorthy	63	Male	-	-	80	130	80	157	68	27.64	+
27	Kumaravel	58	Male	+	+	82	120	80	162	75	28.62	-
28	Hussain	56	Male	+	-	78	130	80	166	84	30.43	-
29	Nazar	49	Male	+	+	78	136	84	174	88	29.04	-
30	Natesan	54	Male	-	+	80	120	76	165	76	27.94	-
31	Ponnuswamy	58	Male	-	-	76	130	82	158	72	28.8	-
32	Muthuvadivel	45	Male	+	+	76	130	80	155	74	30.83	-
33	Ravikumar	49	Male	+	-	82	134	84	162	75	28.63	-
34	Sultan	53	Male	+	-	80	128	80	175	91	29.74	-
35	Deepak	57	Male	+	+	80	120	80	171	80	27.4	-
36	Selvaraj	48	Male	+	+	74	120	70	158	78	31.2	-
37	Palani	61	Male	-	-	78	130	80	155	76	31.67	-
38	Anbu	58	Male	+	+	78	130	82	158	75	30	-
39	Padmavathy	64	Female	-	-	92	110	80	149	56	25.23	-

40	Zaheer	46	Male	-	-	84	120	80	166	76	27.54	-
41	Palaniswamy	43	Male	+	+	80	130	80	164	80	29.74	-
42	Balakrishnan	55	Male	+	+	74	130	82	158	72	28.8	-
43	Vasanthi	49	Female	-	-	76	110	80	151	56	24.56	-
44	Kannayiram	50	Male	+	+	84	134	82	159	75	29.64	-
45	Suseela	59	Female	-	-	88	128	80	152	74	32.03	-
46	Narayanan	52	Male	+	-	72	130	80	163	72	27.07	-
47	Savithri	60	Female	-	-	80	110	70	152	60	25.97	-
48	Devanatham	57	Male	+	+	78	120	80	160	73	28.52	-
49	Madhini	46	Female	-	-	78	120	70	153	69	29.49	-
50	Kuppammal	64	Female	-	-	86	130	80	148	52	23.74	-

Urine albumin	Total Cholesterol	HDL	LDL	TG	ECHO DD
Nil	189	38	120	156	Absent
Nil	176	40	100	180	Absent
Nil	184	38	110	180	Absent
1+	240	36	160	218	Absent
Nil	208	36	130	210	Absent
Nil	184	38	126	98	Absent
Nil	174	40	108	128	Absent
Nil	212	36	124	250	Present
Nil	156	34	98	122	Absent
1+	196	38	120	192	Absent
Nil	214	38	134	208	Absent
Nil	169	36	98	176	Absent
Nil	172	38	102	162	Absent
Nil	177	40	110	133	Absent
Nil	198	40	122	180	Absent
1+	194	36	120	188	Absent
Nil	162	34	88	200	Present
Nil	158	38	96	122	Absent
Nil	177	34	96	235	Absent
2+	172	36	100	182	Absent
Nil	179	40	108	155	Absent
Nil	162	40	94	142	Absent
Nil	190	38	128	118	Absent
Nil	180	38	112	148	Absent
Nil	166	40	86	198	Present
Nil	157	38	92	135	Present
2+	158	38	88	162	Absent
Nil	178	40	98	200	Absent
Nil	172	36	100	182	Absent
Nil	180	38	110	160	Absent
Nil	168	38	96	168	Absent
1+	163	36	98	144	Absent
Nil	164	40	100	118	Absent
Nil	146	38	88	100	Absent
Nil	167	38	92	184	Absent
Nil	166	36	98	158	Absent
Nil	174	40	112	110	Present
2+	180	40	104	178	Absent
Nil	169	38	94	184	Present

Nil	178	38	118	112	Absent
Nil	210	40	128	210	Absent
Nil	167	42	106	96	Absent
Nil	168	40	90	192	Absent
1+	168	40	92	178	Absent
Nil	166	38	84	220	Absent
Nil	158	38	84	180	Absent
Nil	175	44	98	166	Absent
Nil	184	38	112	170	Absent
2+	176	40	110	128	Absent
Nil	159	42	90	136	Present