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Abstract

Objectives

To determine whether the association between male infertility and incident cardiometabolic disease is modified by socioeconomics, race, or geographic region.

Materials and Methods

Retrospective review of data from insurance claims from Optum's de-identified Clinformatics® Data Mart Database. Subjects were men, 18-50 years old, with an associated diagnosis of infertility in the United States between 2003 and 2016. Analytic sample were men captured by the Optum's de-identified Clinformatics® Data Mart Database with an associated diagnosis of infertility. Men were classified as either infertile, or not, based on diagnosis or procedural codes. Cardiometabolic health outcomes were then assessed using CPT codes for diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and heart disease. Confounding factors were controlled for such as race, education, socioecomonic status, and region. The main outcomes were development of diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, and heart disease.

Results

A total of 76,343 males were diagnosed with male factor infertility, 60,072 males who underwent fertility testing, and 183,742 males that underwent vasectomy (control population). For all men, infertile men had a higher risk of incident

hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia, and heart disease when compared to those undergoing vasectomy. Identical associations were found across all education, income, racial, and geographic strata.

Conclusion

Our study suggests that men with infertility have a higher risk of cardiometabolic disease in the years following a fertility evaluation regardless of race, region, or socioeconomic status.

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Introduction

Fifteen percent of couples are unable to conceive after 1 year of trying and are labeled infertile (1,2). With an estimated 1.9% of all births conceived by IVF resulting in nearly 76,000 live births in the United States in 2016, assisted reproductive techniques (ART) have excellent success (3,4). While there has been extensive focus on the outcomes of children born to infertile couples via ART since its inception, until recently there has been less focus on the health of their infertile fathers. However, recent data has suggested that infertile men are at higher risk of morbidity and mortality in the years following the infertility evaluation (5)(6)(7,8).

Several groups have previously demonstrated that men with infertility in are at a higher risk of incident cardiometabolic disease including diabetes and heart disease (9,10). However, to date most populations studied have been homogenous or with incomplete sociodemographic data by which to identify infertile groups at highest risk and better identify a possible etiology. Investigators have posited genetic, environmental, developmental, and lifestyle related factors to explain the association. By examining the relationship between infertility and future cardiometabolic health among different races, sociodemographic groups, and geographic regions, it may be possible to gain insight into which infertile male populations are most at risk for later morbidity as well as understand possible etiologies. Given varying rates of cardiometabolic disease in different socioeconomic groups, we hypothesized that incidence of cardiometabolic disease in infertile men would vary by sociodemographic factors.

Materials and methods

Patients

We utilized the Optum's de-identified Clinformatics® Data Mart Database which is a database from a large national insurance provider that stores data from adjudicated and paid insurance claims from 2003 to 2016. Optum is a national database with information from adjudicated and paid insurance claims of privately-insured individuals and included between 6 and 7 million males annually during the study period. Individuals in the database represent a geographically and ethnically diverse population from a variety of age groups. Data includes

patient demographic characteristics, international classification of diseases (ICD-9 and 10) codes, and current procedural terminology (CPT) codes.

For the purpose of our study, we focused on men with an infertility diagnosis code, those undergoing fertility evaluation based on either diagnosis or procedural code and not associated with a code for infertility, and those with a diagnosis of vasectomy counseling or procedure code for vasectomy. Vasectomized men were used as a control as they have similar sociodemographic factors, health care access, and prior studies have at least 90% to be fertile. Men presenting for evaluation of infertility, but having no infertility diagnosed were used a secondary control population (11,12). These were identified by the presence in inpatient or outpatient claims of an infertility diagnosis code (International Classification of Diseases, 9th edition, Clinical Modification [ICD9] 606.x or ICD10 N46.x). We recorded the first date of a relevant diagnosis as the index date. A comparison group of men who underwent fertility testing was assembled based on diagnosis and procedural coding (current procedural terminology) for fertility testing or semen analysis (89300, 89310, 89320, 89321, 89322, 89325, 89329, 89330, 89331, V26.21). Given the variable infertility coding and reimbursement practices in the United States, we attempted to be as broad with our definition as possible. As with the male factor infertility group, we recorded the first date of a relevant diagnosis or procedure code as the index date. In addition, a comparison group of men with claims containing a diagnosis of vasectomy counseling (V25.09, V25.2, V26.52) or

procedure code for vasectomy (current procedural terminology 55250 or 55450) was assembled, as this group should include few or no infertile men. Men in this group were assigned an index date as the earliest date of a claim with a vasectomy diagnosis or procedure code.

In order to be included in the study, patients were required to be between 18 and 50 years old on the index date. Patients were also required to be enrolled in a plan covered by the database for at least 1 year after the index date. In all groups, patients with a prior cancer diagnosis or with a cancer diagnosis within the 1 year following the index date were excluded from the study.

Outcome Ascertainment

Health outcomes were identified using diagnosis codes on inpatient and outpatient claims. We chose common health conditions and identified men with codes indicating the presence of specific diseases: hypertension (ICD9 401–405, ICD-10 I10 – I16), diabetes (ICD-9 250, ICD-10 E08 – E13), hyperlipidemia (ICD-9 272.0–272.4, ICD-10 E78.00, E78.1, E78.2, E78.4, E78.5), ischemic heart disease (ICD-9 410–414, ICD-10 I20 – I25), and other heart disease (ICD-9 420–429, ICD-10 I30 – I52).

Statistical Analysis

Patients accrued at risk time beginning from their index dates until disease diagnosis or censored at the last enrollment date in a health plan in the Optum®

insurance claims database. The risks of chronic diseases between infertile versus the vasectomy groups, and infertile testing versus vasectomy groups were assessed using a Cox proportional hazards model while adjusting for age at index date, race, smoking (ICD-9: 305.1, V15.82; ICD-10: F17.200, Z87.891), obesity, which was determined using diagnosis codes (ICD-9: 278.0; ICD-10: E66.01, E66.2, E66.3, E66.9), which may be been underreported as granular BMI data was not available, number of visits per year, highest level of education, region, and income. All demographic factors were collected from the Optum data set. Men with prevalent comorbid diagnoses or diagnosis within 1 year of follow up were excluded from the analysis for that particular diagnosis. Analyses were stratified by race, education, income, and region. All P values were 2-sided with p<0.05 considered statistically significant. Analyses were performed using SAS (version 9.4, SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC, USA).

Results

The study population included 76,343 men diagnosed with male factor infertility, 60,072 males who underwent fertility testing with a semen analysis, and 183,742 males that underwent vasectomy (i.e. presumed to be fertile) (Table 1). The majority of individuals were between the ages of 30-39 across all groups. The mean age of infertile men was 35.4 +/- 5.8 years whereas those attending for vasectomy had a mean of 37.6 +/- 5.6 years; 14.2% of the infertile population and 12.1% of the vasectomized men were obese. A total of 10.9% of infertile men and 12.7% of vasectomized men were smokers. With regard to race, 65.5%

of infertile males were white, 7.5% black, 10% Asian, and 11.5% Hispanic with the remaining 5.5% unknown. By comparison, 82.2% of vasectomized men were white, 4.7% black, 2% Asian, 7.5% Hispanic, and 3.6% unknown. The majority of both populations were less than college educated, had annual income over \$100,000, and resided in the southern United States. Average follow up time was 4.5 years for infertile individuals and 4.8 years for vasectomized men.

After adjusting for age, follow up time, obesity, smoking, and health care utilization, male factor infertility was shown to have a higher risk of developing hypertension (HR 1.15, CI 1.13-1.18), diabetes (HR 1.5, CI 1.44-1.57), hyperlipidemia (HR 1.18, CI 1.16-1.21), and heart disease (HR 1.34, CI 1.25-1.45) compared to those undergoing vasectomy. The incidence of each comorbid condition did vary based on race/ethnicity, education, income, and region. However, the hazard ratios for all comorbidities was similar across all strata. Analyses stratified by race showed similar patterns (Table 2): the same association between infertility and incident cardiometabolic disease was present for each racial/ethnicity group examined (i.e. white, black, Asian, or Hispanic). However, the incidence of cardiometabolic disease did vary by race/ethnicity (p<0.0001). The probability of development of diabetes increased over time for all races, however was less in whites (Figure 1).

In a similar fashion, analyses stratified by education (< HS, HS, less than college, or greater than or equal to college) (Table 3), income (<50K, 50-100K, or >100K

dollars per year) (Table 4), and region (Table 5) showed positive associations between infertility and incident cardiometabolic disease.

Discussion

This analysis demonstrates that infertile men are at a higher risk of cardiometabolic disease regardless of race/ethnicity, education, income, or region. While we have previously demonstrated an increased risk of chronic non-oncologic adverse outcomes in infertile men, such as diabetes and heart disease, the prior data have been limited by lack of details such as race and socioeconomic status that could have been cofounding the observed hazard ratios (9). This study was able to evaluate race, educational level, region, and income to determine if these potential confounding factors changed the risk of development of adverse cardiopulmonary outcomes. The data presented here show when these sociodemographic factors are examined, the observed hazard ratios do not change indicating that infertility status is either a potential risk factor or biomarker for later health across all sociodemographic strata.

The primary focus of health outcomes in fertility research has traditionally been on the offspring born to those either deemed clinically infertile or having undergone fertility treatment. A large Danish cohort of 2.5 million children born to women with fertility problems (with no specification of fertility treatment) were shown to have increased incidence of mental disorders (13). Additionally, a cohort from Australia of 2,876 children born via ART showed similar findings (14).

However, until recently, less attention has focused on the health of the infertile male.

There is limited data on the later health outcomes of infertile men. Long term follow up of these individuals can be difficult in the absence of national health systems. As cancer registries exists in many countries, previous studies have focused on the increased incidence of certain cancers in infertile males. Data from private insurance claims has shown data that infertile males have a higher risk of incident cancer (15). Particular attention has been paid to an increased risk of testicular cancer in infertile individuals (7,16–19). Most recently, an analysis of 20,433 men who had undergone semen analysis and examined the risk of all cancers. Compared to fertile men, there was an increased risk of testicular cancer with a hazard rate of 3.3 with a particularly increased risk among those men identified as oligozoospermic (16).

To date, the etiology of the association between infertility and later health remains unknown. Authors have argued that genetic, developmental, or lifestyle factors may play a role. As we attempt to understand the association or even target selected screening for men, it would be helpful to know which groups are at highest risk. Moreover, as genetic and lifestyle factors have been posited to explain the association, it would be helpful to understand if the association between fertility and health varies based on race/ethnicity or socioeconomic status, or region (20). Indeed, it has been shown that semen quality varies based

on race, education, and region in the US (21,22). A study of 1423 Danish men showed that socioeconomic class was not associated with increased risk of hospitalization in the presence of abnormal semen analysis (23). In the current analysis, we found similar risk regardless of race/ethnicity, education, and income. The results suggest that the link between infertility and cardiometabolic health transcends socioeconomic status or geographic location. Importantly, while whites have an overall lower incidence of cardiometabolic disease, the relative risk of all cardiometabolic disease was similar across all races/ethnicities (24).

The underlying mechanism driving our findings of increased cardiometabolic risk in infertile individuals remains unknown and is likely multifactorial. As body mass index has been linked to infertility, this may help explain the increased risk of adverse cardiometabolic outcomes as obesity itself demonstrates an increased risk of similar outcomes (25). Hypogonadism has additionally been shown to increase an individual's risk of cardiovascular disease therefore a similar link may exist between infertility and cardiometabolic disease (26). As a large proportion of the genome, approximately 10%, participates in reproduction it is reasonable to hypothesize that defects within it may affect other areas (27).

The association identified by this analysis potentially presents a new opportunity for health counseling as men are evaluated for male infertility. Counseling on improved lifestyle modifications may have the potential to mitigate the risk of

future morbidity. However, future research needs to establish the etiology of the association between infertility and cardiometabolic disease before strong clinical recommendations can be made.

The present study is limited in the fact that it relies on insurance claims data, which have limited granular data about the enrollees. In addition, follow up is limited in a largely employed based health care database. Additionally, the extraction of diagnoses requires correct coding of diagnoses in insurance claims and can be subject to bias of the provider. Furthermore, key data on metabolic risk factors, such as family history, physical activity, were not available within the database we used.

In conclusion, in this large cohort of patients, while the overall risk of incident cardiometabolic disease remains low for infertile men, the work suggests that infertile men are at higher risks of cardiometabolic disease regardless of race/ethnicity or socioeconomic status, or region.

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Supplementary figure 1 legend:

Figure 1. Probability of diabetes development over time and those individuals at risk of development at each follow up year

Table 1. Demographics of study population

N 76,343 60,072 183,742 Age, mean (SD) Mean 35.3 (5.8) 35.4 (5.8) 37.6 (5.6) 18-19 0.1 0.2 0 20-29 15.6 15.1 7.4 30-39 60.6 60.2 56.0)
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Hispanic 11.5 9.3 7.6	
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Table 2. Risk of medical co-morbidities in infertile males stratified by race.

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						1.27)			
	Hyperlip	6,42	1,601	4440	980	1.03	2930	628	1.41
	idemia	0	(24.9		(22.0	(0.95		(21.4	(1.28 -
			4)		7)	-		3)	1.56)
						1.11)			
	Heart	7,33	507	5067	251	1.22	3427	245	1.1
	disease	1	(6.92)		(4.95)	(1.05		(7.15)	(0.94 -
						-			1.29)
						1.42)			
Hisp	Hyperte	7,65	1,310	4936	728	1.01	11963	1843	1.16
anic	nsion	4	(17.1		(14.7	(0.92		(15.4	(1.08 -
			2)		5)	Y		1)	1.25)
					$\langle \rangle$	1.10)			
	Diabete	8,25	665	5327	301	1.19	13195	710	1.53
	S	1	(8.06)	\mathbf{O}	(5.65)	(1.04		(5.38)	(1.37 -
						-			1.71)
			\sim			1.37)			
	Hyperlip	7,47	1,842	4784	991	1.08	11400	2409	1.3
	idemia	0	(24.6		(20.7	(1.001		(21.1	(1.22 -
		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{$	6)		1)	-		3)	1.39)
						1.17)			
	Heart	8,24	816	5298	415	1.08	13028	1124	1.22
	disease	6	(9.9)		(7.83)	(0.96		(8.63)	(1.11 -
						-			1.34)
•						1.22)			

		Infe rtile		Inferti le evalu ation			Vasec tomy		
Educ	Co-	Ν	Obse	Ν	Obse	HR	Ν	Obse	HR
ation	morbidi		rved		rved	Inferti		rved	Inferti
	ty		(%)		(%)	le vs		(%)	le vs
						evalu		Y	vasec
						ation			tomy
All	Hyperte	67,2	10,45	53,73	6,992	1.04	159,6	2319	1.15
	nsion	32	7	5	(13.0	(1.01	46	3	(1.13 -
			(15.5		1)		Y	(14.5	1.18)
			5)			1.08)		3)	
	Diabete	73,1		58,07	2,291	1.13	178,4	6290	1.5
	S	35	(5.6)	1	(3.95)	(1.08	24	(3.53)	,
				X	1	-			1.57)
						1.19)			
	Hyperlip			53,11	9,448	1.04	157,0	2960	1.18
	idemia	08 👗	7	1	(17.7	(1.01	55	9	(1.16 -
			(20.5		9)	-		(18.8	1.21)
		\mathcal{L}	8)			1.06)		5)	
	Heart	72,2	6,588		4,274	1.05	173,5	1489	1.14
	disease	81	(9.11)	3	(7.46)	(1.01	58	2	(1.1 -
						-		(8.58)	1.17)
	3			400	47	1.09)	050	50	4.0
-	Hyperte	330	55	168	17	1.76	350	52	1.6
h Caba	nsion		(16.6		(10.1	(0.99		(14.8	
Scho			7)		2)	6 -		6)	2.4)
ol						3.12)			

Table 3. Risk of medical co-morbidities in infertile males stratified by education

	Diabete	340	27	176	11	1.31	377	26	1.69
	S		(7.94)		(6.25)	(0.63		(6.9)	(0.96 -
						-			2.99)
						2.73)			
	Hyperlip	330	60	165	24	1.32	333	55	1.63
	idemia		(18.1		(14.5	(0.81		(16.5	(1.11 -
			8)		5)	-		2)	2.41)
						2.18)			
	Heart	357	29	177	8	1.81	378	23	1.57
	disease		(8.12)		(4.52)	(0.8 -	C	(6.08)	(0.87 -
						4.06)) í	2.83)
High	Hyperte	12,5	2,316	8,285	1,330	1.01	29,46	4966	1.15
Scho	nsion	86	(18.4)		(16.0	(0.95	6	(16.8	(1.09 -
ol					5)			5)	1.21)
						1.08)			
	Diabete	13,9	945	9,052	471	1.06	33,53	1479	1.44
	S	47	(6.78)		(5.2)	(0.95	7	(4.41)	(1.32 -
						-			1.57)
						1.19)			
	Hyperlip	12,9	2,595	8,351	1,439	1.04	30,20	5470	1.2
	idemia	30	(20.0		(17.2	(0.98	5	(18.1	(1.14 -
			7)		3)	-		1)	1.26)
			/			1.11)			
	Heart	13,9	1,282	9,047	719	0.97	33,00	2791	1.14
	disease	61	(9.18)		(7.95)	(0.89	5	(8.46)	(1.06 -
,	\frown					-			1.22)
						1.07)			
Less	Hyperte	34,0	5,456	27,50	3,705	1.06	87,93	1304	1.16
than	nsion	08	(16.0	0	(13.4	(1.01	1	2	(1.13 -
colle			4)		7)	- 1.1)		(14.8	1.2)
ge								3)	

	Diabete	37,1	2,122	29,95	1,190	1.19	98,61	3652	1.49
	S	32	(5.71)	1	(3.97)	(1.11	4	(3.7)	(1.41 -
						-			1.58)
						1.28)			
	Hyperlip	34,0	6,984	27,42	4,918	1.02	86,74	1638	1.18
	idemia	30	(20.5	5	(17.9	(0.99	6	6	(1.15 -
			2)		3)	-		(18.8	1.22)
						1.06)		9)	
	Heart	36,7	3,244	29,56	2,108	1.07	96,05	8097	1.12
	disease	66	(8.82)	7	(7.13)	(1.01	2	(8.43)	(1.07 -
						-			1.17)
						1.13)			
More	Hyperte	20,0	2,590	17,58	1,905	1.06	41,27	5037	1.16
than	nsion	12	(12.9	2	(10.8	(0.99	8	(12.2)	(1.1 -
colle			4)		3)	7 - 🗡			1.22)
ge					\sim	1.12)			
	Diabete	21,3	988	18,67	609	1.13	45,21	1115	1.64
	S	95	(4.62)	8	(3.26)	(1.02	0	(2.47)	(1.5 -
					/	-			1.8)
						1.25)			
	Hyperlip	19,3			3,034		39,14	7592	1.16
	idemia	18	(21.0	5	(17.8	(0.99	2	(19.4)	•
			5)		8)	5 -			1.21)
						1.09)			
	Heart	20,8			1,422	1.1	43,45	3932	1.18
	disease	76	(9.63)	4	(7.77)	(1.02	0	(9.05)	(1.12 -
						-			1.25)
						1.17)			

		Infe rtile		Inferti le evalu ation			Vasec tomy		
Inc	Co-	Ν	Obse	Ν	Obse	HR	Ν	Obse	HR
om	morbidi		rved		rved	Inferti		rved	Inferti
е	ty		(%)		(%)	le vs		(%)	le vs
						evalu			vasec
						ation			tomy
All	Hyperte	67,2	10,45	53735	6,992	1.04	159,64	2319	1.15
	nsion	32	7		(13.0	(1.01	6	3	(1.13 -
			(15.5		1)			(14.5	1.18)
			5)		\sim	1.08)		3)	
	Diabete	73,1	4,098	58071	2,291	1.13	178,42	6290	1.5
	S	35	(5.6)		(3.95)	(1.08	4	(3.53)	(1.44 -
			A	Q $>$	/	-			1.57)
						1.19)			
	Hyperlip	66,9	13,76	53111	9,448	1.04	157,05	2960	1.18
	idemia	08	7		(17.7	(1.01	5	9	(1.16 -
		$ \rightarrow$	(20.5		9)	-		(18.8	1.21)
		$\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{\mathbf{$	8)			1.06)		5)	
	Heart	72,2	6,588	57293	4,274	1.05	173,55	1489	1.14
	disease	81	(9.11)		(7.46)	(1.01	8	2	(1.1 -
						-		(8.58)	1.17)
						1.09)			
<50	Hyperte	5,92	1,031	4245	605	1.04	10,948	1727	1.2
Κ	nsion	3	(17.4		(14.2	(0.94		(15.7	(1.11 -
			1)		5)	-		7)	1.3)
						1.16)			

Table 4. Risk of medical co-morbidities in infertile males stratified by income

	Diabete	6,56	455	4669	235	1.08	12,443	526	1.61
	S	0	(6.94)		(5.03)	(0.92		(4.23)	(1.41 -
						-			1.83)
						1.27)			
	Hyperlip	6,07	1,189	4302	725	0.96	11,230	1834	1.24
	idemia	5	(19.5		(16.8	(0.88		(16.3	(1.15 -
			7)		5)	-		3)	1.34)
						1.06)			
	Heart	6,57	564	4690	321	1.02	12,303	958	1.12
	disease	5	(8.58)		(6.84)	(0.89		(7.79)	(1 -
						-			1.25)
						1.17)			
50-	Hyperte	15,6	2,596	12934	1,750	0.99	36,097	5610	1.13
100	nsion	40	(16.6)		(13.5	(0.93		(15.5	(1.08 -
K					3)	Y		4)	1.19)
					$\mathbf{\nabla}$	1.05)			
	Diabete	17,2		14128	592	1.12	40,935	1678	1.46
	S	31	(6.29)	Q Y	(4.19)	(1.01		(4.1)	(1.34 -
				Y		-			1.58)
						1.24)			
	Hyperlip	15,7	3,300	12981	2,252		36,155	6830	1.18
	idemia	39	(20.9		(17.3	(0.94		(18.8	
	Q-		7)		5)	-		9)	1.23)
		474	4 500	4 4 0 4 4	0.40	1.05)	40.005	0404	
C	Heart	17,1 20		14011		1.05	40,035		1.1
	disease	20	(8.89)		(6.71)	(0.96		(8.5)	(1.03 -
						-			1.17)
100	Hyperte	24.0	4,170	22338	3,072	1.13) 1.05	72,192	1102	1.15
K	nsion	24,9 98	(16.6	22000	(13.7	(1.001	12,132	4	(1.11 -
IX	13011	30	(10.0 8)		(13.7 5)	- 1.1)		4 (15.2	1.2)
			0,		0,	••••		(10.2	··~)

								7)	
	Diabete	27,2	1,585	24181	976	1.15	80,796	2894	1.49
	S	59	(5.81)		(4.04)	(1.06		(3.58)	(1.4 -
						-			1.59)
						1.24)			
	Hyperlip	24,4	5,857	21752	4,424	1.03	69,419	1509	1.15
	idemia	18	(23.9		(20.3	(0.99		7	(1.11 -
			9)		4)	-		(21.7	1.18)
						1.07)		5)	
	Heart	26,6	2,935	23592	2,107	1.05	77,796	7639	1.15
	disease	35	(11.0		(8.93)	(0.99		(9.82)	(1.1 -
			2)			-			1.2)
						1.11)			
				Q-					
				\mathbf{Q}	/				
			\mathbf{N}						
			Y						
		$\mathbf{\mathbf{Y}}$							
	JR								
2									