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Noninvasive Assessment of Subclinical Atherosclerosis in Normotensive Patients with Gestational Diabetes

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Background: Carotis artery intima-media thickness, hyperhomocysteinemia, microalbuminuria and nitric oxide reflects subclinical atherosclerosis and predict the risk of future cardiovascular events. We aimed to evaluate subclinical atherosclerosis and endothelial dysfunction in normotensive patients with gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) noninvasively.

Methods: Forty one normotensive patients with GDM and 44 healthy pregnant were enrolled. Serum homocystein and nitric oxide levels, urinary albumin excretion (microalbuminuria) and carotis intima-media thickness (CIMT) were evaluated along with lipid parameters and anthropometric measurements.

Results: Patients with GDM had significantly higher levels of serum homocystein, urinary albumin excretion and increased carotid intima-media thickness ($p<0,001$, $p=0,005$ and $p<0,001$; respectively). Nitric oxide levels were significantly diminished in patients group ($p<0,001$). There was a significant difference between groups in terms of LDL, but not with HDL and trygliceride. A significant correlation was observed between CIMT and serum LDL, HDL, homocystein, nitric oxide levels, and urinary albumin excretion. Microalbuminuria was significantly correlated with serum homocystein levels ($p=0,03$) but not with NO.

Discussion: Independent from elevated blood pressure, subclinical atherosclerosis and endothelial dysfunction exist in normotensive patients with GDM. Further studies with large number of participants are required to clarify this data.

Table 1

| | Patients (n=37) | Control Subjects (n=38) | p value |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Age (years) | 28,1±5,2 | 27,7±5,7 | NS |
| Parity (n) | 3,14 ±1,5 | 2,1±1,6 | P=0,002 |
| Interval between pregnancies (years) | 2,06±0,23 | 2,51±0,27 | p=0,004 |
| Weight (kilograms (kg)) | 66,4±11 | 65,2±10 | NS |
| BMI (kg/m2) | 32,2±4,8 | 27,3±4,2 | P=0,02 |
| Weight gain (kg) | 9,2±2,5 | 6,7±2,1 | P<0,02 |
| Glukoz (mg/dl) | 153±23 | 88±14 | P<0,001 |
| Microalbuminuria (mg/mmol) | 15,07±1,47 | 6,43±1,03 | p=0,005 |
| Carotis Artery IMT (right) (mm) | 0,63±0,15 | 0,42±0,11 | p<0,001 |
| Carotis Artery IMT (left) (mm) | 0,61±0,16 | 0,40±0,11 | p<0,001 |
| Homocysteine (mmol/L) | 9,57±4,46 | 5,91±3,87 | P<0,001 |
| Nitric Oxide (µmol/L) | 11,51±2,36 | 14,26±2,61 | P<0,001 |
| Total cholesterol (mg/dl) | 221±32 | 158±25 | P<0,001 |
| LDL-cholesterol (mg/dl) | 142±28 | 78±24 | P=0,03 |
| HDL-cholesterol (mg/dl) | 43±5 | 49±5 | NS |
| Trygliceride (mg/dl) | 205±35 | 150±59 | NS |
| Creatinine (mg/dl) | 0,77±0,1 | 0,67±0,1 | P=0,002 |

Comparison of carotid artery intima-media thickness, microalbuminuria, serum homocystein, nitric oxide levels, biochemical and demographical data between patients and controls

Table 2

| Variables | CIMT- p | Microalbuminuria p | Homocystein p | Nitric Oxide p |
|------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Age | 0,338 0,001 | 0,192 NS | 0,232 0,03 | 0,297 0,004 |
| BMI | 0,331 0,002 | 0,234 0,04 | 0,201 NS | 0,196 NS |
| Weight gain | 0,376 <0,001 | 0,339 0,001 | 0,288 0,01 | 0,204 NS |
| Glucose | 0,244 0,03 | 0,388 <0,001 | 0,229 NS | 0,188 NS |
| Creatinine | 0,226 0,04 | 0,387 <0,001 | 0,247 0,02 | 0,176 NS |
| LDL | 0,391 <0,001 | 0,259 0,02 | 0,190 NS | 0,349 <0,001 |
| Trygliceride | 0,198 NS | 0,167 NS | 0,181 NS | 0,179 NS |
| HDL | 0,387 0,001 | 0,221 0,04 | 0,203 NS | 0,334 0,001 |
| CIMT | -- | 0,252 0,02 | 0,257 0,02 | 0,229 0,03 |
| Microalbuminuria | 0,252 0,02 | -- | 0,248 0,03 | 0,177 NS |
| Homocystein | 0,257 0,02 | 0,248 0,03 | -- | 0,326 0,002 |
| Nitric Oxide | 0,229 0,03 | 0,177 NS | 0,326 0,002 | -- |

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Prevalence of Metabolic Syndrome in Young Patients with ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction and Association of Coronary Artery Lesions

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Background: Metabolic syndrome (MetS) occurs as a result of genetic and environmental factors. The patients are evaluated by criteria of the National Cholesterol Education Program Adult Treatment Panel III (NCEP ATP III). Factors characteristics of the metabolic syndrome are abdominal obesity, atherogenic dyslipidemia (elevated triglyceride, small LDL particles, low HDL cholesterol), raised blood pressure, insulin resistance (with or without glucose intolerance), and prothrombotic and proinflammatory states. MetS and its components are associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disease in young patients as well as elderly patients. About 10% of patients with ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI) are 45 years of age or less. **Methods:** In the present study, 141 STEMI patients younger than 46 years old admitted to coronary intensive care unit were assessed by criteria of the NCEP ATP III and we investigated that prevalence of MetS, the distribution of MetS parameters and relationship with coronary artery lesions. All patients underwent coronary angiography and results were analyzed.

Results: The average age of the patients was 38.3±4.6. These patients were predominantly male (87.9%). MetS was detected in 46.8% of all patients. The rate was 45% for women, 40% for men. Abdominal obesity (female 54%, male 22%), low HDL cholesterol (female 90%, male 62%), and raised blood pressure (female 45%, male 37%) were more common in women than in men. Hypertriglyceridemia (female 45%, male 50%) and insulin resistance (female 27%, male 34%) were more common in man than women (figure1). Single-vessel involvement was 45% among patients. The most common vessel was left anterior descending artery in both gender.

Conclusions: MetS is quite common in young patients with STEMI as well as elderly. In our study, low HDL cholesterol levels were the most common risk factor in both female and male patients. The second most frequent risk factor was abdominal obesity in female, hypertriglyceridemia in male. MetS was independent of LDL cholesterol plays an important role in the etiopathogenesis of coronary artery disease. MetS is widespread in our country, as well as all over the world so more effectively fight against MetS is required.