

Impact of Adhesion Molecules as a Predictive Marker for Cardiovascular Disease

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Abstract

Cardiovascular disease in diabetes mellitus is an important complications for disease. The mortality of cardiovascular is five times more in that of an age-matched non-diabetic population. Cell adhesion molecules have been evaluate in the initiation and prograssion of atherosclerosis. **Methods:** (50) diabetic patients (T2DM) were enrolled in the study, and (33) healthy subjects insert in the study as control groups. Serum ICAM-1, insulin hormone, hs-CRP , lipid profile and FPG were masured. **Results:** there were a significant diffrance in ICAM-1 in patients when compared to control (324.08 ± 15.22 vs. 262.27 ± 22.94 ng/ml, $P < 0.01$). The mean of insulin hormone were (28.93 ± 1.24 vs. 14.67 ± 3.79 , $P < 0.001$) for T2DM patients and (160 ± 26 mg/dl) for control and there were a significant difference between them ($p < 0.05$). **Conclusion:** Serum ICAM-1 levels were significantly increase in diabetic patients and strongly related to early detection for CVD.

1- Introduction

Diabetes is a group of disorders that affect the patient and most importantly high glucose (1). However, yet the mechanism of lesion which caused by hyperglycemia is unknown and unclear. Although they lead to many complications such as cardiovascular, retinopathy and nephropathy(2). In fact, cardiovascular complication consider as the major cause of death around the world (3). Cardiovascular disease as an important complication for DM usually association with the chronic inflammatory and its deposit reaching to atherosclerosis (4). Cell adhesion molecules are glycoproteins and act as important part in the cell wall the major function is that the cell adhesion with other the endothelial surface(5). Cell adhesion molecules are facilitate the binding of leucocytes to the endothelial cell to inflammation site, and their subsequent steps that lead to accumulation in arterial walls (6). Circulating adhesion molecules levels (including VCAM-1) are strongly related to increase the risk of cardiovascular disease and parameters and higher levels have been detected in atherosclerotic lesions and in patients with CVD, ischemic stroke and coronary artery disease (7). Intercellular Adhesion Molecule 1 (ICAM-1) is protein located in cell membran and considare as a part from the immunoglobulin superfamily and has several biological function (8) . Early studies recorded that the cell adhesion molecules levels are association with the risk of CVD. Other studies suggest that reported positive and independent associations between CVD outcomes and circulating levels of VCAM-1 . In fact , the relation between ICAM-1 with CVD is unclear as previous studies have mostly reported null associations between VCAM-1 and CVD (9). The aim of this study is that to evaluate ICAM-1 levels , Insulin, hs-CRP , Lipid profile and FBS in diabetic patients and assess the usefull of using in early detection for diabetic complecations.

Material and Methods:

Patients:

50 diabetic patients (T2DM) were enrolled in the study. Patients were selected from National Diabetic Center at al-Mustansiriyah University with age range (48.7 ± 5.3 years) and BMI (28.4 ± 3.62 kg/cm²). Patients were already receiving anti-diabetic medications. Full information was taken from patients by questioner including; history of the disease, duration of disease, smoking and medications. For comparison (33) healthy volunteers were insert in the study. Anthropometric measurements and blood pressure for both groups were recorded. Serum ICAM-1 levels were measured by immune-assay technique (Ray-Bio tech, USA). Both insulin levels and high sensitive C-reactive protein levels were masured by ELISA and the kits supplied by (MediTech Germany.). Lipid profile (total cholesterol, TG and HDL-C) and plasma glucose also measured.

Statistical analysis:

The Statistical Analysis System- SAS (2012) program was applied to find the difference for parameters between the patients and control group by find P value by depending that $P < 0.01$ meant there was a high significant difference and $P < 0.05$ meant there was a significant difference . Mean and stander division SD also calculated.

Results:

The basic body charecterstics are show in table (1). Exoressed as Mean \pm SE.

Parameters (mean \pm SD)	Controls (n = 33)	Patients (n = 50)	P.value
Age (Years)	45.13 \pm 4.28	46.57 \pm 5.56	0.81
BMI (Kg/cm ²)	27.24 \pm 2.96	28.4 \pm 3.62	0.19
Gender: Male/Female no.	17/16	26/24	
Family history: Yes/No	-	27/23	-
Diabetic pharmacotherapy:			
Metformen		21(42%)	
Glyburide		14(28%)	
Combenation		15(30%)	
Duration of disease (year)		3.42 \pm 2.43	-

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Table (2): Clinical characteristics.

Groups	No	Mean ± SE			
		ICAM-1 (ng/ml)	Insulin (IJU/mL)	hs-CRP (g/dl)	FBG (mg/dl)
DM Patients	50	324.08 ± 15.22 A	28.93 ± 1.24 A	3.36 ± 0.74 A	148.5± 13.7 A
Control	33	262.27 ± 22.94 B	14.67 ± 3.79 B	1.16 ± 0.11 B	84.47 ± 1.32 B
LSD value	---	2.178 **	2.593 **	0.607 **	6.590 **
P-value	---	0.01	0.001	0.01	0.0001

** (P<0.05): significant., A,B: Duncan letters, A is given to the highest significant value.
LSD: Least significant difference

Discussion:

The present study was designed to assess the adhesion molecules (ICAM-1) in diabetic patients and to evaluate their association with cardiovascular diseases. In this study, Serum ICAM-1 significantly increased in the diabetic patients group. These results are in agreement with other results which recorded that serum ICAM-1 levels and significantly correlated with both FPG and HbA1c (10). This finding gives a clear picture of the importance of assessing the ICAM-1 levels and the likelihood of its association with the prevalence of diabetic complications, giving it a significant potential for determining the probability of these complications (11). Nelson et al. suggested that the levels of plasma ICAM-1 and other adhesion molecules are increased in patients with type 1 diabetes (12).

High sensitive C-reactive protein increased significantly in T2DM patients group as compared with healthy subjects. Usually, inflammatory cells do not stick to the cell wall because of the balance between pro- and anti-inflammatory molecules. In contrast, in diabetic patients, increased glucose is non-enzymatically joined with the chains terminal from lysine end in proteins, which is saturated by any glycosylation end products, resulting in the release of oxidative stress, adhesion molecules are secreted in higher levels on the wall of activated endothelial cells (13). Serum hs-CRP levels are considered as a good indicator for inflammation and act as a major component from acute phase reactant. Several studies have recorded that inflammation is correlated with insulin resistance that takes place in the diabetic pathogenesis and CVD (14). Environmental factors such as infections, overnutrition, and decrease in physical activity contribute to serum hs-CRP levels. On the other hand, increase in glucose levels may stimulate the inflammatory process and this may induce the progression of DM (13).

Conclusion: According to the current study, serum ICAM-1 levels can be considered as a predictive marker for CVD.

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