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# LIPID ABNORMALITY IN HYPERTENSIVE SUDANESE PATIENTS IN SHENDI LOCALITY, SUDAN

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## Abstract:

Hypertension is commonly associated with other cardiovascular risk factors, such as obesity, diabetes, and dyslipidaemia. The presence of these cardiovascular risk factors and the resulting endothelial dysfunction may play a role in the pathophysiology of hypertension. Dyslipidaemia, a strong predictor of cardiovascular disease.

This cross-sectional study was conducted at Shendi locality from February 2011 to July 2012. The patients underwent a clinical assessment, which included history (a questionnaire) and clinical examination. 100 hypertensive patients. The age limits was 40 to 60 years.

There was sharp and definite increase in the percentage of patients having >200mg/dl total cholesterol after four years of diabetes mellitus from (28-34%) to (41%). There was a sharp increase in the percentage of patients having >150mg/dl of low density lipoproteins after 6 years of diabetes mellitus from (%9-8) to (14.2%). There was also an increase in the percentage of patients having <160mg/dl of triglycerides after four years of diabetes mellitus from 53% to 61% of diabetes.

Increasing lipid abnormality of hypertensive is associated with higher incidence of CAD.

### **Keywords:**

Hypertension, Lipid profile, Dyslipidemia, cardiovascular risk factors, cardiovascular disease

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

Heart disease or cardiovascular disease is defined as the class of disease that involved the cardiac or blood vessels including arteries and veins. Although the term technically refers to any disease that affects the cardiovascular system, it is usually to refer to those related to atherosclerosis and





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arterial disease since they shared similar conditions of causes, mechanisms and treatments (1). The primary underlying disease process that leads to atherosclerosis is the deposition of lipid on the arterial surface progress to form plaques that reduced blood flow and induced blood clots that blocked flow entirely (2). Most countries face high and increasing rates of cardiovascular disease. In United States, mortality from heart and hypertensive diseases was greater than mortality from neoplasm.

In recent years, cardiovascular risk in women has been increasing and has killed more women than breast cancer (3). The estimated age-adjusted mortalities of cardiovascular disease in US is 152.1 per 100,000 in year 2002 and is 48.3 in Taiwan 2005 (4). By the time that heart problems are detected, the underlying causes, atherosclerosis, is usually quite advanced, have progressed for decades (5). Therefore increased emphasis on preventing atherosclerosis by modifying risk factors is remained important.

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was conducted at Shendi locality to estimate the lipid profile abnormality among hypertensive patients in the period February 2011 to July 2012. The study included (100) patients. Their ages range from (40-60 years). Blood samples were obtained after an overnight fast. Five ml of venous blood were taken from antecubital vein by plastic disposable syringes. The blood was then transferred into a plane glass tubes. After one hour at room temperature (after clot retraction) centrifugation of the blood was done at a relative centrifugal force of 1000 g for 5 minutes. Afterward, sera were removed by disposable pasture pipettes and transferred into glass containers. Sera were stored at (-20°C) to be analyzed in patches. Serum total cholesterol (LDL-C), triglyceride (TG) and plasma fasting glucose were measured. Height, weight and blood pressure were done for all participants in this study. Clinical data were collected through a questionnaire the (SPSS) version (11.5) program was used for data analysis. All the data were presented as the mean  $\pm$  SD.

*Inclusion criteria:* hypertensive, peoples of age between 40 -60 years of either sex. *Exclusion Criteria:* No smokers, non-diabetic.

### 3. RESULTS

Groups	male	female	Total
Groups	Frequency (%)	Frequency (%)	N (%)
hypertensive	23	77	100
Control group	73	27	100

**Table 1:** Distribution of patients according to sex



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Table 2: Distribution of patients according to age				
Groups	21-40yrs	41-60yrs	More than 60yrs	Total
	Frequency (%)	Frequency (%)	Frequency (%)	N (%)
hypertensive	8	54	38	100
Control group	36	48	16	100

Table 3: Correlation parameter	neters of patients c	compared with co	ontrol group
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Parameter		Hypertensive		
		Mean ± SD	P value	
Pair 1	Systolic pressure	140.7±18.3	*	
	Systolic pressure (Control)	124.7±14.2	.000	
Pair 2	<b>Diastolic pressure</b> 86.9±11.1		*	
	Diastolic pressure (Control)	80.4±8.4	.000	
Pair 3	Total cholesterol	4.9±0.9	.083	
	Total cholesterol (Control)	4.7±1		
Pair 4	HDL	1.8±0.7	*	
	HDL (Control)	1.3±0.9	.000	
Pair 5	LDL	2.4±1.3	*	
	LDL (Control)	3.1±1.2	.000	
Pair 6	TG	1.4±0.5	151	
	TG (Control)	1.5±0.7	.404	

\*t- test P <0.05 is highly significant. \*\*t- test P <0.05 is significant

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**Table 4:** Age, duration of diabetes and anthropometric characteristic of study population

anthropometric	(hypertensive) Mean ± SD
Age (year)	53.7 ± 10.8
Duration (year)	7.5 ± 5.5



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## 4. **DISCUSSION**

In hypertensive group the study showed the systolic pressure, diastolic pressure to be significantly increased (P = 0.000), also the mean lipid profile with the normal range compared to control group but the percent distribution of lipid profile in this group as follows: 62% of patients with dyslipidaemia, (15%) abnormal (TC/ HDL-C) ratio, (40%) (TC) (>5.2) mmol/l. Many prospective studies demonstrates that higher levels of plasma (TC), (non-HDL-C), and the (TC/ HDL-C) ratio are independently associated with a subsequent increased risk of incident hypertension in apparently healthy men and that higher levels of (HDL-C) are associated with a decreased risk of incident hypertension. Elevated lipid levels appear to predate the onset of hypertension by years. The relationship between lipids and hypertension is preserved even after adjustment for multiple confounders and after the exclusion of men with diabetes and obesity(7). Lipids and BP have been associated in several cross-sectional studies(8). Castelli and Anderson(9) found that (BP) and serum cholesterol were strongly correlated among hypertensive patients, which led to early recommendations to treat elevated cholesterol in patients with hypertension (10). Gaziano et al (11) also noted a potential interaction between elevated cholesterol and hypertension in the development of MI that suggested a direct relationship rather than the effect of (2) independent predictors.

A few smaller studies have looked prospectively at the relationship between plasma lipids and the future development of hypertension. A (7) years follow up of (1039) initially nondiabetic, nonhypertensive subjects from the San Antonio Heart Study suggested that risk factors for atherosclerosis, including triglycerides, also predicted hypertension (12). A prospective study of (1482) adults in Utah followed for (7) years with (40) cases of incident hypertension reported a significant increase in triglycerides (110) mg/dL and a non significant of (HDL-C) (11) mg/dL(13). Would expect that if dyslipidaemia played a role in the development of hypertension, then treating dyslipidaemia would have some effect on (BP).

In this regard a recently reported study by Dr. Howard D. Sesso and colleagues at Harvard Medical School in Boston showing that dyslipidaemia is linked to development of hypertension in women. For the current study, to be reported in the January issue of Hypertension and released online December (2012), the team conducted a similar analysis using data from the Physicians' Health Study. The study included (3110) male physicians between the ages of (40) and (84) with previous cholesterol measurements and no history of cerebrovascular or cardiovascular disease, including hypertension, and who had not been treated for hypercholesterolaemia. During median follow-up of (14.1) years, (1019) of the men developed hypertension. After adjusting for age, (BMI), exercise, smoking, alcohol consumption, parental history of (MI) before age (60), and diabetes, men in the highest quintile of (TC) had a (23%) increased risk of hypertension compared with the lowest quintile (p for trend = 0.0067). Those in the highest quintile of (non-HDL-C) had a (39%) increased risk compared with the lowest quintile (p= 0.0001). Moreover, those in the quintile with the highest calculated (TC/HDL-C) ratio were (54%) more likely to develop hypertension (p < 0.0001). "Elevated lipid levels appear to predate the onset of hypertension by years," Dr. Sesso's group notes. It was suggested that the relationship may be





mediated by atherogenic lipid abnormalities contributing to a dysfunctional endothelium, and that hypertension may be a manifestation of the atherosclerotic process. "By identifying potential risk factors amenable to intervention, may eventually be able to reduce the burden of hypertension and subsequent cardiovascular disease (14).

## 5. CONCLUSION

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