



PREVALANCE AND CLINICAL PROFILE OF METABOLIC SYNDROME IN PATIENTS OF CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

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ABSTRACT

INTRODUCTION: The metabolic syndrome (MS) is a combination of interrelated metabolic abnormalities that significantly increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, and type 2 diabetes mellitus (Dm2). In this study, we studied prevalence and clinical profile of MS in patients of coronary artery disease.

MATERIAL AND METHODS: This study was conducted on 150 patients with coronary artery disease, out of these 100 patients had metabolic syndrome. MS was diagnosed with International Diabetes Federation criteria.

RESULTS: Prevalence of metabolic syndrome in this study was 48.21%. DM, impaired glucose tolerance, obesity, hypertension, sedentary lifestyle and smoking are risk factors for the metabolic syndrome, and metabolic syndrome significantly increases the risk of coronary artery disease.

KEYWORDS

Metabolic syndrome; Ischemic heart disease; Prevalence

INTRODUCTION:

The metabolic syndrome (MS) is a combination of interrelated metabolic abnormalities that significantly increase the risk of cardiovascular disease, and DM2.¹ MS is affecting more and more people globally with time and emerged as serious public health problem. Components of metabolic syndrome individually increase risk of cardiovascular disease; however, whether MS by definition as per say leads to greater cardiovascular risk than the sum of its components is not clear and remains a matter of debate.² In many studies, it has been hypothesized that the number of MS components may be more useful in predicting cardiovascular disease than MS itself.³ Metabolic syndrome's global prevalence varies from <10% to as much as 84%, which depend upon many factors like region, composition (sex, age, race, and ethnicity) of the population studied, urban or rural environment, and the definition of the syndrome used^{4,5}. In estimation made by IDF, predicts that one-quarter of the world's adult population is suffering from metabolic syndrome⁶. Certain risk factors like sedentary lifestyle, higher socioeconomic status, and high body mass index (BMI) were significantly associated with MS. Cameron have concluded that the differences in genetic background, diet, levels of physical activity, smoking, family history of diabetes, and education all influence the prevalence of the metabolic syndrome and its components⁷. In this study, we studied prevalence and clinical profile of metabolic syndrome in patients of coronary artery disease.

MATERIAL AND METHODS:

This case control study was undertaken in 150 patients of ACS with more than 18 years of age admitted in the Department of Medicine of a tertiary care center. The patients were divided in two groups by simple randomization, one group of patients (50 patients) was ACS without MS (NMS) and another group (100 patients) was ACS with MS (MS). Out of 100 patients of ACS (ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), NON STEMI or unstable angina), patients with MS were identified with application of IDF (international diabetes foundation) criteria and NCEO/ATP III (National cholesterol education program/adult treatment panel-III).

The criteria defined by modified NCEP-ATP III guidelines: 1) waist circumference (≥ 90 cm in men and ≥ 80 cm in women); 2) SBP ≥ 130 mm Hg and/or DBP ≥ 85 mm Hg or medical treatment of previously diagnosed hypertension; 3) triglyceride (TG) > 150 mg/dL (1.7 mmol/L); 4) HDL-C < 40 mg/dL (1.03 mmol/L) in men, < 50 mg/dL (1.29 mmol/L) in women; 5) fasting glucose > 110 mg/dL. Presence of any three or more defined MetS.⁸

After a person labeled as ACS and MS, a thorough history taking and clinical examination was performed. Serum electrolyte, renal, liver and lipid profile, fasting and postprandial blood sugars were measured according to standard protocol.

Statistical Analysis was performed by using chi Square test and student t test was applied to see the difference in mean values of a quantitative data.

RESULTS:

This study was conducted on 150 patients of acute coronary syndrome, out of which 100 patients were included in metabolic syndrome group.

TABLE 1: Demographic and baseline characteristic

TABLE 1A: Demographic characteristic of patients					
		IHD with MS	IHD without MS		
Sex	Male	60	38		
	Female	40	12		
Age (years)	<51	30	18		
	51-60	39	15		
	>60	31	17		
TABLE 1B: Risk factors					
Risk factor		IHD with MS	IHD without MS	Statistical analysis	
				IHD with MS v/s IHD alone group	
				p	s
Past history	Hypertension	40	11	0.04	S
	IHD	30	21	0.20	NS
	DM	67	3	<0.0001	HS
	CVA	18	5	0.29	NS
Sedentary lifestyle		60	20	0.032	S
Smoking		61	11	<0.0001	HS
Tobacco chewing		34	10	0.11	NS
Alcohol intake		4	0	0.37	NS

All components of MS like waist circumference, blood pressure, triglyceride, low HDL, fasting blood sugar were significantly high ($p < 0.05$) in MS group than ACS alone group (Table 2).

TABLE 2: Comparison of various components of metabolic syndrome

Group (Mean \pm SD)	IHD with MS N= 100	IHD alone N= 50	Statistical analysis	
			IHD with MS v/s IHD alone group	
			p	s
BMI (Kg/m ³)	25.97 \pm 2.48	23.9 \pm 1.51	<0.0001	HS
WC (cm)	88.91 \pm 7.05	86.56 \pm 5.71	0.04	HS
SBP (mmHg)	143.28 \pm 22.45	123.04 \pm 21.52	<0.0001	HS
DBP (mmHg)	87.8 \pm 11.90	79.24 \pm 10.67	<0.001	HS
FBS (mg/dl)	162.13 \pm 45.94	97.56 \pm 16	<0.0001	HS

TC (mg/dl)	179±33.47	166.92±36.06	0.04	HS
LDL (mg/dl)	99.7±22.72	106.4±13.07	0.055	NS
HDL (mg/dl)	46.94±9.26	53.24±7.36	<0.0001	HS
TGs (mg/dl)	174.43±39.72	105.7±13.13	<0.0001	HS

Here in MS group, average BMI was higher than control group (p value <0.0001), and also had higher systolic and diastolic blood pressure compare to control group (p value for SBP and DBP is <0.0001 and <0.001 respectively).

Patients with metabolic syndrome (85%) had higher mean fasting blood sugar value in compare to control group (6%) with p value <0.0001.

In this study metabolic syndrome group had higher total cholesterol (p value of 0.04), lower HDL value (p value of <0.0001), high TG value (p value <0.0001). ST elevation myocardial infarction was seen in 56% patients with MS and 60% patients in control group.

All five components of MS were present in 10% patients, while presence of 3 and 4 components of MS were seen in 43% and 47% patients respectively.

DISCUSSION:

Over the time, many studies have been carried out to detect prevalence and clinical profile of metabolic syndrome in western countries, but data from Indian studies is scarce, and moreover, Asian Indian study outside the India outnumber the study from India⁹.

Prevalence of MS in this study was 48.21%, which is similar to study done by Anand Verma¹⁰ and Ana Jover¹, where prevalence of MS was 49% and 50.9% respectively. The mean age in this study was 56.19 years (age range= 36-75 years), and highest number of patients was in between 51 to 60 years of age. Similar age distribution was found in study done by Dhakda¹¹.

In this study, 60% of patients having metabolic syndrome had sedentary life style as compared to control group (40%). Similar results were found in the studies by Gupta¹² and Shah¹³. Similarly, smoking was a significant risk factor for metabolic syndrome. Similar findings were observed by Nadri¹⁴.

Patients, who had past history of DM and hypertension, were at higher risk for MS. In one study, it was demonstrated that presence of MS in diabetic patients had increased risk of cardiovascular events by tenfold¹⁵.

Individual components of MS may work synergistically to increase risk of cardiovascular disease. So, study of individual component is important. BMI was significantly high in MS group compare to ACS alone group and similar results were found in other studies¹⁶. Regarding hypertension, in MS group, both mean systolic and diastolic blood pressure were significantly high compare to control group. 72% of patients in metabolic syndrome had hypertension, compare to control group (10%), with a p value of <0.0001. Similar result was found in a study done by Mohammad Ali Sowdagar¹⁷.

Patients with MS had higher mean fasting blood sugar compare to control group and similar findings have been observed by Nadri¹⁴. Metabolic group had higher total cholesterol and triglyceride level and low HDL compare to control group, and similar findings were observed in other studies^{17,18}.

Presence of MS increases risk of cardiovascular disease, but not above and beyond the risk associated with its individual components. So, the number of markers is more important than metabolic syndrome by definition per se. Each component of metabolic syndrome increases risk of cardiovascular disease independently¹⁹. In our study, all components of metabolic syndrome were present in 10% patients, while 4 components and 3 components were present in 47% and 43% patients respectively.

Our study has some limitations, as it is a single centre study with small sample size. So, it is difficult to generalize result on all Indian population.

From this study we conclude that diabetes mellitus, impaired glucose tolerance, obesity, hypertension, sedentary lifestyle and smoking are

risk factors for the metabolic syndrome, and metabolic syndrome significantly increases the risk of coronary artery disease. Modification of lifestyle may prevent development of metabolic syndrome.

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