



PREVALANCE OF ELEVATED SERUM CREATININE IN HYPERTENSION- A SILENT KILLER

Physiology

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ABSTRACT

Introduction: The study is carried to evaluate the elevated levels of Serum Creatinine in hypertension near Suryapet District, Telangana. Chronic Kidney diseases are recognised as a problem worldwide. It is expected that Hypertension in India is almost doubled from 118 million in 2000 to 213.5 million in 2025¹.

Materials & Methods: A total of 120 participants, 70 Hypertensives, 50 Normal healthy were selected, Blood pressure measurement followed by blood sampling for measuring serum creatinine. Statistical analysis done by STAT 16.0, Student t test.

Results: Hypertensive cases has elevated levels of serum creatinine compared with that of Normotensive controls, the cases showed 1.13 ± 0.52 and Healthy Controls 0.77 ± 0.12 with $p < 0.000$ statistically significant.

Conclusion: Hypertensive subjects have significant alteration in serum creatinine and raise blood pressure together augmenting the development of Chronic Kidney Disease.

KEYWORDS

INTRODUCTION

Hypertension is a major public health problem due to its high prevalence all around the globe²⁻⁵. Its predicted to increase to 1.56 billion adults with hypertension in 2025⁶.

Epidemiology

Systolic BP of ≥ 140 and/or diastolic BP of ≥ 90 mmHg is the currently accepted standard threshold for diagnosis of hypertension worldwide, although the 2017 American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association (ACC/AHA) hypertension guidelines have proposed a lower threshold of ≥ 130 and/or ≥ 80 mmHg⁷.

GBD-Global Burden of Diseases

Study has reported that high systolic BP, poor dietary intake and tobacco use are most important risk factors for mortality as well as morbidity⁸. GBD has reported that in 2017, high systolic BP was the leading risk factor globally, accounting for **10.2 million** [95% uncertainty intervals (UI) **9.16–11.3 million** deaths and **208 million** (UI 188–227 million) disability adjusted life years (DALYs).

Overall, **8.61%** (UI 7.66–9.56) of total DALYs were attributable to high SBP. Most of the burden attributable to high SBP was due to ischemic heart disease and stroke, and high SBP accounted for **55.5%** (UI 48.0–62.7) and **56.5%** (UI 49.0–63.2) of DALYs due to ischemic heart disease and stroke, respectively⁸.

In India also, it has emerged as the most important risk factor for deaths and disability⁹.

According to reports from World Health Organization (WHO)¹⁰, GBD study¹¹ and Non-Communicable Disease Risk Factor Collaboration (NCDRisk)¹².

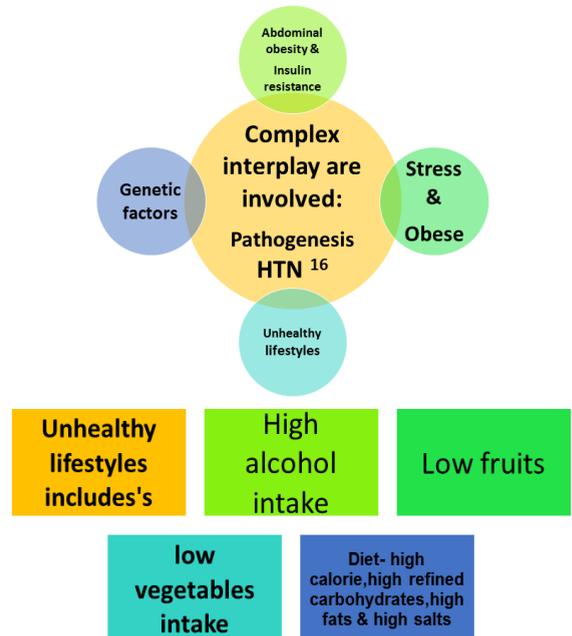
Preventive measures :

A. Government of India proposals to create 150,000 Health Wellness Centers across the country devoted to preventative care and to strengthen primary care and National Health Protection Scheme for increasing healthcare access and reducing disease-related morbidity and mortality are the right steps in this direction¹³.

B. Government of India, under the National Program for Control of Cancer, Diabetes, Cardiovascular Diseases and Stroke, has initiated a large project of opportunistic screening in India¹⁴.

C. Periodic surveys conducted by the government of India, e.g., National Family Health Surveys (NFHS), National Statistical Survey Organization (NSSO) surveys and District Level Household Surveys (DLHS) should focus on hypertension screening using standardized tools and uniform methodology¹⁵.

Association of Hypertension with macrolevel risk factors



It is a SILENT KILLER a very rarely any symptom can be seen in its early stages until a severe medical crisis take place like heart attack, stroke or chronic kidney disease¹⁷⁻¹⁹.

MATERIALS & METHODS:

A total 120 subjects selected for the study. Participation in the study was strictly by the patient CONSENT & will.

1. Blood pressure measurements were obtained 3 times during the examination. Each reading was measured: Mercury Sphygmomanometer, with the participant seated, relaxed for 5-10min.

The arithmetic mean: calculated using all available systolic and diastolic readings. In this analysis, individuals with SBP lower than 140 mmHg & DBP lower than 90 mm Hg who were not receiving antihypertensive medication were defined as normotensive. Individuals were classified as hypertensive if they had MBP(Mean Blood Pressure) of 140 mm Hg or higher (systolic) or 90 mm Hg or higher (diastolic) or reported current use of medication for hypertension²⁰.

- Exclusion criteria:** Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus, Alcoholics, Cardiac diseases, Chronic renal diseases & Chronic diseases.
- Venous ample was collected under aspective conditions. Serum was separated by centrifugation and creatinine measurements done by the modified kinetic Jaffe reaction²¹ and were reported using conventional units (1 mg/dL = 88.4 μmol/L).
- Total 120 subjects:** 70: Hypertensive among them Male:38, Female:32. & 50: Normal healthy, among them Males: 30, Females:20.
- Statistical analysis:** STAT, 16.0 Mean±SD used. Statistical significance of Hypertension among cases and controls, Student t test and p value <0.005 was considered as statistically significant.

RESULTS:

Table No.1 Age-wise distribution of Cases

Age in years	Cases	
	Male	Female
30 yrs	4	7
40 yrs	6	8
50 yrs	10	10
60 yrs	9	3
70 & above	9	4
Total	38	32

Mean age was 57.11 years, SD: ±13.48 years in Cases
 Mean age was 50.54 years, SD: ±14.42 years in Controls

Table No.2 : Age-wise distribution of Controls

Age in years	Controls	
	Male	Female
30 yrs	6	4
40 yrs	8	5
50 yrs	10	8
60 yrs	3	1
70 & above	3	2
Total	30	20

Table No.3: Duration of Hypertension : Cases

Age	Duration
30	2yrs
40	3-4yrs
50	5-7yrs
60	8yrs
70 & above	More than 10yrs

**Table No. 4
 SBP & DBP: Cases**

Variables	Mean±SD
SBPmmHg	160.57±24.61
DBPmmHg	95.11± 7.21

SBP & DBP: Controls

Variables	Mean±SD
SBPmmHg	110.52±3.47
DBPmmHg	73.66±3.32

**Table No. 5
 Serum Creatinine: Cases & Controls**

Cases	Controls	p value
1.13±0.52	0.77±0.12	p<0.000

DISCUSSION:

Molecular Mechanism predicting the **ROLE** Serum Creatinine associated with **HIGH RISK ARAS** (Acute Renal Artery Stenosis)

- Renal ischemia resulting from ARAS has 2 important sequelae
- Systemic Hypertension--- increasing the RISK Stroke & MI²²⁻²³.
 - Renal Atrophy & Nephron loss²⁴.

ARAS is therefore a cause of both HYPERTENSION & RENAL INSUFFICIENCY²⁵⁻²⁶. Later progress to END STAGERENAL DISEASES²²⁻²³.

LITERATURE

Plasma constituents have been identified as **POTENTIAL** risk factors for development of ARAS.

Creatinine

Plasma Creatinine levels are associated with greater risk of **VASCULAR EVENTS**²⁷⁻³⁰. This association may reflect an adverse vascular risk profile in patients with even marginally impaired renal function²⁹⁻³⁰. Elevated creatinine values predict a worse outcome(higher morbidity & mortality) following MI³¹⁻³³.

Research on Creatinine ROLE in hypertension

Role of creatinine in predicting significant (≥50% luminal diameter narrowing).

- ARAS (acute renal artery stenosis) were investigated 427 patients undergoing Cardiac Catheterization, by univariable logistic regression analysis, plasma Creatinine were ≥1.5mg/dl (115μmol/L), this study was a **STRONG** predictor of ARAS (p=0.0001)³⁶.
- 1,200 consecutive patients were undergoing Coronary Angiography, significant (≥ 50%) ARAS, present in almost 1 for every 10 patients (116 patients or 9.7%)
- Multivariate logistic regression analysis, Serum Creatinine levels ≥133μmol/L were predicted significant ARAS(acute renal artery stenosis)³⁶⁻³⁷.

Many studies have been done to predict the importance of creatinine in hypertension, all the studies suggested that **serum creatinine levels SHOULD NOT ONLY BE USED AS A DIAGNOSTIC TEST FOR VERIFICATION OF RENAL IMPAIRMENT BUT ALSO FOR THE PRESENCE OF ARAS** (acute renal artery stenosis)^{24,38-42}.

Nevertheless, creatinine is a promising emerging vascular risk factor that can be used to successfully predict not only progressive ARAS but also improvement of renal function.

Present study showed higher levels of serum creatinine in hypertensive cases compared to that of healthy normotensive controls ie **1.13±0.52 in cases & 0.77±0.12** in controls with **p<0.000** value having statistical significance, similar finding were noted Nagah et al showed that mean values of serum creatinine was increased hypertensive cases than normotensive control ie 141± 39.0 mol/L vs 52.4±18.0. mol/L and the difference was statistically significant.⁴³

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey III have shown that serum creatinine level is an indicator of chronic kidney disease and was found common and strongly related to unadequately treatment of hypertension⁴⁴.

CONCLUSION

Elevated serum creatinine, an indicator of Chronic Kidney Disease is commonly & strong associated with High Blood Pressure.

LIMITATION OF THE STUDY

- Sample size could have been more for more accuracy.
- Patient co-operation for sampling
- GFR measurement would have help more about the renal functioning status
- Adherence to ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE medication.

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