

Comparative Study of insulin resistance in young adults with and without family history of diabetes

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Abstract:

Background: India has a large pool of pre-diabetic subjects and shows a rapid conversion of these high risk subjects to diabetes. Due to changing lifestyle Indians are prone to develop type 2 diabetes (DM) at a nearly young age. Insulin resistance (IR) has become a central feature in the development of impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), type-2 diabetes.

Methods: 100 normal volunteers, 50 subjects with and 50 subjects without family history of Diabetes, in the age range of 18 to 25 years were evaluated for insulin resistance.

A standard (75g) OGTT was performed and plasma glucose assessed at 0 (fasting), 30, 120 min. Fasting plasma insulin levels assessed by RIA kit method.

Using Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG) and Fasting Plasma Insulin (FPI) levels the insulin resistance is calculated by HOMA method.

Homeostatic model assessment method $HOMA_IR = FPG(\text{mmol/L}) \times FPI(\mu\text{IU} / \text{mL}) / 22.5$.

Results: The Fasting plasma insulin 10.24 ± 6.19 ($p=0.002$) and Insulin Resistance by HOMA method 2.05 ± 1.24 ($p=0.002$) is higher and significant in subjects with F/H of DM, BMI to be significant ($p=0.04$) in subjects with F/H of DM.

Conclusion: Subjects with F/H of DM had detectable IR at a younger age. Recognition of IR in the pre-disease state would be beneficial, as it affords potential implementation of interventions designed to reduce such disease development.

Keywords: Insulin Resistance; Metabolic syndrome; Fasting Plasma Insulin (FPI); Fasting Plasma Glucose (FPG); HOMA_IR; Diabetes;

I. Introduction

India has a large pool of Pre-diabetic subjects [Impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) and Impaired Fasting glucose (IFG)] and shows a rapid conversion of these

high risk subjects to diabetes¹. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) study estimated that the country already has around 65.1 million diabetes patients and 77.2 million people are Pre-

diabetic². The prevalence of both diabetes and Pre-diabetes increases by age; with 60% of Indians having diabetes or Pre-diabetes by age 60³. In Indians there is a genetic predisposition to IR and type 2 diabetes because of genetic predisposition

obesity induced IR is greater in individuals with diabetic family history than in individuals from non-diabetic families⁵. Indians

have a relatively greater adiposity at a lower BMI when compared with other ethnic groups, both within and outside Asia.^{6, 7,}

⁸The major component of IR appears to be genetically determined in many studies^{4, 9} with high prevalence of diabetes revealed that low insulin sensitivity precedes and predicts type 2 diabetes^{4, 9,}

¹⁰. Insulin resistance (IR) is a pathological situation characterized by a lack of physiological response of peripheral tissues to insulin action, leading to the metabolic and hemodynamic disturbances known as the metabolic syndrome¹¹.

In certain individuals, Insulin Resistance (IR) can precede type II diabetes for many years, even decades^{12,}

¹³. Hence, recognition of IR in the pre-disease state would be beneficial, as it affords potential implementation of interventions designed to reduce such disease development^{9, 10, 14}.

In this study, Homeostatic model assessment (HOMA) model is used to quantify insulin resistance and beta cell function from fasting plasma glucose & fasting plasma insulin levels in non-diabetic young adults to detect early

occurrence of Insulin Resistance and to evaluate the possible association of family history of diabetes mellitus.

II. Aims and objectives

1. To detect occurrence of insulin resistance in healthy young adults (18-25 yrs.) with and without family history of diabetes mellitus.
2. To study the impact of family history of diabetes in healthy young adults on BMI, lipid profile and insulin resistance

III. Materials & Methods

Study population:

In this study 100 normal young adult volunteers, 50 subjects with and 50 subjects without family history of diabetes, in the age range of 18 to 25 years were re-evaluated for Insulin resistance.

Assays:

Fasting (basal), 30, 120 min venous plasma glucose during OGTT was determined by glucose oxidase method on site using glucose auto analyzer. Concentrations of total cholesterol, triglyceride & HDL cholesterol were determined by enzymatic kinetic method using an auto analyzer. Fasting serum sample is collected for determination of insulin concentration. These serum plasma was stored at -20 degree Celsius until assayed. Corresponding Specific insulin concentration was determined by radioimmunoassay (RIA) using a human specific antibody RIA kit, which does not cross-react with human pro-insulin.

Statistical Analysis:

The student 't' test have been carried out to find the significant difference between various OGTT parameters & indices between subjects with & without F/H of DM. Chi-square test have been used to find the significant difference of frequencies between with & without F/H of DM. The Pearson correlation coefficient between HOMA_{IR} and clinical and lab parameters have been computed.

Statistical software:

The Statistical software namely SPSS 19.0 version used for the analysis of the data and Microsoft word and Excel have been used to generate graphs, tables etc.

IV. Results

A prospective study consisting of 100 normal subjects was conducted. Of the 100 subjects, the 50 subjects with family history & 50 subjects without family history of DM was included in the study depicting both groups where balanced for further correlation

Table 1: Age and sex wise distribution of all subjects in the study.

Age	Sex		Total
	Male	Female	
18-19	16	29	45
19-20	16	14	30
20-21	11	5	16
21-22	2	1	3
22-23	1	0	1
23-24	0	1	1
24-25	3	1	4
Total	49	51	100

In this study the sex distribution was male: 49 (49%) and female: 51 (51%) (Table-1 Graph-1). The mean age of the study population was 19.08 (18.0 to 25.0) years, with Standard Deviation 1.56. (Table: 1)

Table2:DistributionofstudysubjectswithrespecttoF/HofDM.

STUDYSUBJECTS	No	%
StudysubjectswithfamilyHistory		
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents are diabetic(1 st degree)	7	7%
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents are diabetic(2 nd degree)	23	23%
<input type="checkbox"/> Both parents and grandparents are diabetic	20	20%
Subjectswithoutfamilyhistoryofdiabetes	50	50%
Total	100	100%

Of the 50 subjects who had positive F/H of DM, 1st degree relatives with diabetes (Parents) was 7 and 2nd degree relatives (Grand Parents) was 23 and the subjects with both parents and grandparents are diabetic was 20. (Table:2)

Table3:Comparisonofclinicalparametersinsubjectswith&withoutF/HofDM.

Clinical parameters	With Family history		Without family history		Statistical analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	P	Inference
Height	19.00	1.44	19.16	1.68	-0.51	0.61	NS
Weight	78.18	112.26	58.65	10.29	1.22	0.22	NS
BMI	23.24	4.43	21.65	3.39	2.02	0.04	Significant
Waist	75.61	11.74	74.66	8.59	0.46	0.64	NS
Hip	93.86	9.53	91.63	7.56	1.29	0.19	NS
Waist Hip Ratio	5.55	19.00	0.81	0.06	1.76	0.08	NS
Systolic BP	119.92	5.88	121.16	10.58	-0.72	0.47	NS
Diastolic BP	74.08	4.99	73.88	5.33	0.19	0.84	NS

On comparison of clinical parameters in subjects with and without F/H of DM, statistical analysis found BMI to be significant (p=0.04) in subjects with F/H of DM (Table: 3)

Table4:ComparisonofFPG,FPI,HOMA_IR,HOMA_B%insubjectswith&withoutF/HofDM.

Lab parameters	With Family history		Without family history		Statistical analysis		
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	t	P	Inference
FPG (mmol)	4.58	0.47	4.40	0.59	1.70	0.09	NS
FPI (mU/l)	10.24	8.29	6.19	3.93	3.12	0.002	Significant
HOMA_IR	2.05	1.57	1.24	0.89	3.16	0.002	Significant
HOMA_Beta%	227.63	272.60	179.67	162.76	1.06	0.28	NS

On comparing subjects with and without F/H of DM, statistical analysis found high values of FPI 10.24 v/s 6.19 (p=0.002) & the HOMA_IR 2.05 ± 1.57 v/s 1.24 ± 0.89 (p-value= 0.002) in subjects with F/H of DM (Table:4)

Since the prevalent values of IR derived from HOMA are not known for our population, the cut-off values used are mean values from literature of normoglycemic, impaired glucose tolerant and diabetic subjects of other populations. HOMA_IR value=1 is normal, HOMA_IR value=2 is seen in 5th and 6th decades subjects with normal OGTT, HOMA_IR value=3 is seen in elderly subjects with Impaired Glucose Tolerance¹

Table5:AssociationofIRbyHOMAmethodinsubjectswithandwithoutF/HofDM

HOMA_IR	WithfamilyH/O	WithoutFamilyH/O	Total
>1	35	27	62
>2	21	9	30
>3	9	2	11
Total	65	38	103

$\chi^2 = 5.13, p = 0.048 (<0.05)$ Significant.

AssociationHOMA_IRinsubjectswithF/HofDMisfoundtobestatisticallysignificant (p-value= 0.048). (Table: 5)

Table6:CorrelationofHOMA_IR&clinicalparametersinsubjectswith&withoutfamilyhistoryofdiabetes.

CorrelationofHOMA_IR	WithFamilyhistory			Withoutfamilyhistory		
	Pearson'scorrelation	Pvalue	Inference	Pearson'sCorrelation	Pvalue	Inference
BMI	+0.397	0.004	Significant	+0.196	0.17	NS
Waist circumference	+0.31	0.027	Significant	+0.085	0.55	NS
W/H ratio	-0.07	0.62	NS	+0.082	0.57	NS

CorrelationofHOMA_IR&clinicalparameterswith&withoutF/HofDMinstudysubjectsshowedBMI&WCtobesignificantlycorrelatedtoHOMA_IRinsubjectswith F/H ofDM. (Table:6)

Table7:ComparisonofHOMA_IRvaluesinsubjectswith&withoutF/HofDM.

STUDYSUBJECTS	HOMA_IR	HOMA_IR
	mean	SD
StudysubjectswithfamilyHistory	2.05	1.57
<input type="checkbox"/> Parents are diabetic (1 st degree)	1.75	1.67
<input type="checkbox"/> Grandparents are diabetic(2 nd degree)	1.67	0.93
<input type="checkbox"/> Both parents andgrandparents are diabetic	2.55	2.00
Subjectswithoutfamilyhistoryofdiabetes	1.24	0.89

Of the 100studysubjects,50subjectswithoutF/HofDMtheHOMA_IRwas 1.24±0.89ascomparedtosubjectswithF/HofDM2.05±1.57whereasthe1st degree was 1.75±1.67 & 2nd degree was 1.67±0.93&bothwas 2.55±2.00.(Table:7) .

Table8:ImpactoffamilyhistoryonHOMA_IRlevelsinstudysubjects.

Relatives	Groups	Number	Mean	SD	t-test	p-value	Inference
First degree	With F/H	7	1.75	1.67	-2.764	0.008	Significant
	Without F/H	50	1.24	0.89		(<0.005)	
Second degree	With F/H	23	1.67	0.93		0.000	Highly

	Without F/H	50	1.24	0.89	-4.654	<0.001	Significant
Both 1 st and 2 nd degree	With F/H	20	2.55	2.00		0.000 <0.001	Highly Significant
	Without F/H	50	1.24	0.89	-4.666		

The HOMA_IR parameters showed statistically significant impact due to positive F/H of DM on the study subjects in 1st degree, 2nd degree & both (with 1st & 2nd degree)

group in comparison with subjects without F/H of DM. (Table: 8)

V. Discussion

Based on longitudinal studies in the Pima Indians a two-step model for development of the disease was proposed. The first step is transition from normal to impaired glucose tolerance, for which insulin resistance is the main determinant, and the second and later step is worsening from impaired glucose tolerance to diabetes, in which beta cell dysfunction plays a critical role. This hypothesis is consistent with findings from other ethnic groups from many parts of the world¹⁵

Chance of Developing Diabetes¹⁶:

If someone in the family has diabetes 20%

If one parent has diabetes 40%

If one parent has diabetes and the other parent is from a diabetic family 70%

If both parents have diabetes 99%

During the past few years it has become increasingly apparent that insulin resistance may be a frequent cause of carbohydrate intolerance and a contributing factor has been appreciated. This may be manifested by an increase in the concentration of insulin necessary for a half maximal effect (decreased sensitivity) or a decrease in the maximal response to insulin (decreased responsiveness), or both¹⁴.

Acosta A Metal studied IR in 120 subjects with a normal BMI. Mean HOMA

IR was 1.96 +/- 0.57 (range 0.5 and 3.0). They concluded that the HOMA values from their study can be used as reference for Chilean non-obese individuals.

In our study we have established the insulin resistance by HOMA method for our sub-

population with normal OGTT in the age range of 18-25 years. HOMA_IR = 1.64 (0.30-6.91) SD-

1.33, HOMA_% BETA = 203.65 (21.00-1809.52) SD-

224.66. In our study of 100 subjects with normal OGTT we observed a fasting insulin

of 8.22 μIU (1.6 to 40.0) and fasting glucose of 81.14 mg/dl (64-

108). Subjects with F/H of DM had higher basal insulin value of 10.24 v/s 6.19 for subjects without F/H of DM (p=0.002)

and baseline glucose of 82.44 v/s 79.2 respectively. (table 4) In our study we observed similarly increased fasting

plasma insulin in subjects with F/H 10.24 ± 8.29 v/s 6.19 ± 3.93 IU/l to those without F/H of DM, FPI was significantly increasing group of subjects with F/H of DM (p=0.002). (table 4)

Fasting glucose values were above the normal range in 3% of our subjects. This is in agreement with an earlier observation made by Raghupathy, et al. in urban south Indian young adults where they have shown a 3.8% prevalence of impaired fasting glycaemia¹⁷.

Both Indian and western population studies have shown that predicting individuals insulin sensitivity and β-cell function from BMI is possible. It was found that BMI was the most important determinant of IR, while TG and HDL-C levels might be good markers of IR in non-obese patients. It was also seen that a positive family history of diabetes and obesity were independent risk factors for development of type 2 diabetes^{16,18}.

Shalitin et al. Estimated IR in 234 obese children and adolescents, in the age range of 5 to 22 yr. IR was detected in 8.1.2% of the patients. IR was highly prevalent in obese children and adolescents. Hence evaluation for IR using OGTT is indicated for all subjects with high risk¹⁹

Our results showed subjects with BMI > 25 had higher IR. In Mexico City Study, β-cell function and IR were assessed cross-sectionally using HOMA in 1,449 Mexicans with normal or IGT. Subjects were followed up for 3.5 years in order to ascertain the incidence of diabetes and to examine any possible relationship with baseline

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cell function and IR. By 3.5 years, 4.4% of subjects with NGT and 23.4% with IGT had progressed to diabetes. The development of diabetes was associated with higher HOMA-IR at baseline.

In the Malmo Preventive Trial a prospective diet and exercise program reduced conversion from abnormal glucose tolerance to frank diabetes by one third²⁰. The Finnish diabetes prevention study and US Diabetes Prevention Program showed a relative risk reduction of 58% with lifestyle interventions as compared with usual care or

placebo²¹. Recent clinical trials, and a number of large cohort studies, provide strong evidence on the value of physical activity and lifestyle interventions for the prevention of type 2 diabetes, hypertension etc. Both diet and exercise can be effective diabetes prevention modalities^{20, 21}.

VI. Conclusion

In our study we observed that abnormal IR existed at a much younger age (18–25 yrs) in subjects with both 1st and 2nd degree F/H of DM. Obesity induced IR is greater in subjects with F/H of type 2 diabetes than subjects of non-diabetic F/H. In this study we observed that, subjects with family history of diabetes, had higher BMI values than subjects without F/H of DM. In the present study we observed that, HOMA-IR values are directly proportional to BMI in subjects with F/H of DM.

In this study we also observed waist circumference is directly proportional to HOMA-IR in subjects with F/H of DM. Because of strong influence of hereditary factors and high prevalence of diabetes in Indians, in this study we observed early occurrence of insulin resistance in young normoglycemic subjects with F/H of DM.

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