

## Association of Serum Uric Acid and ADA Levels in an Obese With or Without Metabolic Syndrome

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### Abstract:

**Background:** Obesity is a leading cause of mortality and morbidity in world wide. Previous literature demonstrated high ADA activity and uric acid levels in obese than in non obese.

**Aim and Objectives:** To estimate ADA levels, Lipid profile and serum uric acid levels in an obese and healthy subjects and its clinical significance in predicting the pathogenesis of obesity and MS.

**Materials and methods:** A group of sixty subjects in which thirty were obese and thirty age sex matched healthy subjects were recruited in this study. We have estimated serum uric acid, ADA levels and lipid profile in both healthy and obese subjects. Waist circumference and BMI is also taken as common metabolic risk factors in both the groups. We have seen these parameters in both obese and healthy subjects.

**Results:** The metabolic risk parameters shown **are** statistically significantly elevated in obese individuals. Elevation of serum uric acid and ADA levels may lead to MS

**Conclusion:** Serum uric acid, ADA is one of the causing factors for obesity pathogenesis.

**Keywords:** ADA: adenosine deaminase, BMI: body mass index, COPD: chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, MS: metabolic syndrome, T<sub>2</sub>DM: type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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### I. Introduction

The Public around the world paying attention to the prevalence of Obesity<sup>1</sup> due to its association with chronic diseases like breast cancer<sup>2</sup>, COPD<sup>3</sup> and soon. In human beings serum Uric acid is end product of purine metabolism<sup>4</sup>. An elevated level of serum uric acid is an independent risk factor for female abdominal obesity and MS<sup>5</sup>.

Adenosine is converted to inosine by ADA<sup>6</sup>. Highest adenosine deaminase(ADA) activity is in lymphoid and fatty tissues, liver, skeletal muscle and heart<sup>7</sup>. ADA activity is increased in obese, T<sub>2</sub>DM patients. So adenosine is responsible for increase of glucose uptake into cells<sup>8</sup>. Thus increasing ADA activity in insulin sensitive tissue will decrease adenosine levels which lead to decrease glucose uptake into cells. However there is still lack of study on association between obesity and serum ADA and Uric acid among adults. The aim of this study is to evaluate the association between obesity and uric acid, ADA, lipid profile, BMI and waist circumference.

### II. Subjects and Methods:

The definition of obesity cannot be simply made in terms of body weight because we should expect short people to be lighter than tall people. Therefore we need to standardised body weight against body height. The simplest expression for this is the body mass index (BMI) calculated as weight (kg) divided by height squared (m<sup>2</sup>). The World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines of 1985 defined obesity as a BMI >30.0 for men and >28.6 for women<sup>9</sup> the WHO with a BMI over 25 being defined as 'overweight' and over 30 as being 'obese'<sup>10</sup>.

Total of Sixty subjects were recruited in this study between the ages of 25-45 years. Out of sixty subjects thirty were controls and thirty were age and sex matched Obese subjects. All subjects agreed to provide their personal information regarding the purpose and the procedures of our study and written informed consent. This study was approved by local ethics committee. This study was conducted in department of biochemistry, KIMS Amalapuram. The study was approved by Institutional Ethical Committee (IEC). Written Informed consent of participants was taken prior to study. None of them are smokers, alcoholics, diabetics, hypertensives or suffering from any other illness. In our study Height and weight was measured in light clothing on an electronic scales. And body mass index (BMI) was calculated by dividing the weight (kg) by the height (m) squared. Fasting samples were collected from all the sixty subjects. Serum uric acid was estimated by the uricase method, Total cholesterol by CHOD-PAP, Triglycerides by glycerol phosphate oxidase, HDL by direct method, by using standard enzymatic methods by Randox Daytona autoanalyser. Serum adenosine deaminase measured by ADA-MTB method using semi auto analyzer.

The results were tabulated in Table 1 and 2. The statistical analysis was done by student “t” test using graph pad prism version 6.0 software and results were expressed as mean ± SD. p value < 0.05 was considered as statistically significant.

### III. Results and Discussion

**Table: 1** showing the comparison of Mean (±SD) values of studied parameters among Controls and obese subjects

	PARAMETERS	Mean±SD CONTROLS ( n=30)	Mean±SD CASES ( n=30)	T	p VALUE
1	Serum Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	155.37 ± 2.366	205.40 ± 28.004	8.952	< 0.0001
2	Serum Triglycerides (mg/dl)	90.133 ± 17.834	179.70 ± 67.496	7.027	< 0.0001
3	Serum HDL(mg/dl)	46.900 ± 5.604	38.167 ± 3.384	7.307	< 0.0001
4	SERUM uric acid (SUA) (mg/dl)	3.757 ± 0.4659	6.160 ± 0.8775	13.249	< 0.0001
5	SERUM ADA U/L	22.533 ± 3.683	32.067 ± 5.439	7.949	< 0.0001

**Table:2** showing Mean (±SD) of age, height, weight and BMI, waist circumference by gender in controls and obese subjects

	PARAMETERS	Mean ± SD CONTROLS	Mean ± SD obese
1	Men( N=10)	35.1± 6.662	34.4± 6.168
2	Women (N=20)	33.15 ± 5.842	33.85± 5.985
3	HEIGHT in Cms ( n=30)	160.72 ± 10.553	163.80 ± 9.486
4	Weight in Kgs( n=30)	53.133 ± 10.244	80.197 ± 10.079
5	BMI( n=30)	20.362 ± 1.816	31.840 ± 2.178
6	Waist circumference in Cms( n=30)	88.567 ± 4.546	107.20 ± 7.044

In our study Total cholesterol levels were statistically significantly increased (p<0.0001) in obese compared to controls. In our study Triglycerides levels were statistically significantly increased (p<0.0001) in obese compared to controls. In our study HDL cholesterol levels were statistically significantly decreased (p<0.0001) in obese compared to controls. In the present study cardiometabolic syndrome risk factors of modified NECP ATP III criteria were significantly elevated in obese individuals when compared to controls.

In our study Uric acid levels were statistically significantly increased (p<0.0001) in who had obesity compared to controls. Our study is in accordance with <sup>11, 12, 13</sup>. In this study, a positive significant association between serum uric acid and obesity has been found. And the association was stronger in females than males in obesity group, which was consistent with findings in different populations such as people from Bangkok Thailand<sup>14</sup>, middle age Chinese<sup>5</sup> etc. In obesity population from America demonstrated that serum uric acid influenced obesity but not independently impacted obesity<sup>15</sup>. Thus it is still uncertain whether serum uric acid can be an indicator of obesity. Uric acid is having antioxidant activity in the extracellular environment, once it enters cells including vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMC) and adipocytes, it has detrimental effects<sup>16, 17</sup>. Hyperuricemia may predict the development of metabolic syndrome<sup>18</sup>, diabetes mellitus<sup>19</sup>, hypertension<sup>20</sup>, and cardiovascular disorders<sup>21</sup>. These findings support the notion that elevated serum uric acid levels cannot just be viewed as a secondary phenomenon in these pathologies. A recent study supports that insulin resistance has an important role in the causal relationship between metabolic syndrome, and hyperuricemia.<sup>22</sup> Osgood and colleagues proposed that the serum uric acid not only correlates with concomitant insulin action, blood pressure, and lipid profile; it also predicts future insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes.<sup>23</sup>

In our study ADA levels were statistically significantly increased (p<0.0001) in Obese compared to controls. ADA regulates intracellular and extra cellular concentrations of adenosine<sup>24</sup>. Adenosine increases glucose uptake in the tissues and also inhibits proliferation of T-cells and cytokine synthesis. Thus, ADA

activity is increased, insulin insensitivity/resistance, cellular proliferation, inflammation, T-cells etc which are associated with the metabolic syndrome also increases<sup>25</sup>.

ADA activities might be a predicting factor in the dyslipidaemias in particular and metabolic diseases in general, and may be used as a diagnostic kit in the daily assessment of the metabolic syndrome. In conclusion, ADA can be used in daily routine laboratory assessment of most metabolic diseases especially in obese and diabetic patients. Thus, targeting ADA in the treatment of metabolic diseases would be very appropriate. Folli et al<sup>26</sup> showed that defective signalling from the insulin receptors is an important component of the insulin resistance associated with obesity in both animal models and humans

#### IV. Conclusions

In conclusion, serum uric acid was strongly associated with obesity. Further study should be established to explore deep relationship between serum uric acid and Obesity by adding in more obesity related factors. To prevent obesity promoting healthy eating and physical activity is very important. ADA is a non specific diagnostic marker in tuberculosis and it should be further evaluated involving more subjects with different age groups of population.

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