

## PLATELET INDICES AMONG PATIENTS WITH DIABETIC MELLITUS TYPE 1 AND HYPERTENSION IN KHARTOUM STATE

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### ABSTRACT

Diabetes and hypertension remains as the most imminent disease contributing to the cardiovascular disease burden due to ongoing low grade inflammation. This study was aimed to determine platelet count and platelet indices in diabetic type 1 patient, diabetic type 1 with hypertension and hypertensive patient compared with normal individual to see if there are differences in platelet count and platelet indices among them. In this study venous blood samples were collected from healthy control adult (n=30), diabetes type 1 patients (n=30), hypertensive patients (n=30), diabetes type 1 with hypertension patients (n=29) into EDTA anticoagulant tubes (randomly selected). Complete blood counts for all samples were analyzed by using the Sysmex haematological analyzer, a three-part auto analyzer able to run 19 parameters per

sample including platelet indices (MPV, PDW, and P-LCR). This study revealed significant difference (p value < 0.05) only in mean age of HT (55.73±10.49) and platelet count in IDDM (although its within the lower limit of normal reference range) (172.8±133.6). However, all other parameters were found to be insignificant (p value > 0.05) for all study population (IDDM, HT, and IDDM/HT).

**KEYWORDS:** Platelet indices, Diabetes mellitus, Hypertension.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus (DM) refers to a group of common metabolic disorders that share the phenotype of hyperglycemia. Depending upon the etiology of DM, factors contributing to hyperglycemia include reduced insulin secretion, decreased glucose utilization, and increased glucose production. The metabolic deregulation associated with DM causes secondary pathophysiologic changes in multiple organ systems that impose a tremendous burden on the individual with DM and on the health care system [Longo DL 2012].

Systemic arterial hypertension (HT) is a common health disorder with uncertain etiology and pathophysiology. It affects 20%-30% of the adult population and it can lead to severe end-organ damage and clinical manifestation, including coronary heart disease and stroke, which constitute the leading cause of mortality in the general population [Kaplan NM. 2005]. Beside genetic predisposition, several mechanisms were proposed to clarify the pathophysiology of essential HT [Harrison DG. 2013]. Vascular reactivity and endothelial dysfunction, which result in increased peripheral vascular resistance, is one of the major hypotheses in the pathogenesis. Recently, it has become evident that the immune system and chronic inflammatory status may play a role in the pathogenesis of HT [Bolivar jj 2013]. Many inflammatory markers, such as high sensitive c-reactive protein (hsCRP), cytokines, and adhesion molecules have been found elevated in HT, supporting the role of inflammation [Bolivar JJ 2013-Tousis D 2014]. Hematological indices, particularly red cell distribution width (RDW), neutrophil lymphocyte ratio (NLR) and mean platelet volume (MPV), were established as markers of systemic inflammation and vascular pathology [Karabulut A 2012-He J 2014]. Their prognostic value was clearly demonstrated in coronary artery disease, stroke and several other vascular diseases. Correlation of such hematological indices and HT was also investigated and it was proposed that hematological indices may predict the severity of HT and end-organ damage [Fornal M 2014-Elbasan Z 2013].

Diabetes and hypertension remains as the most imminent disease contributing to the cardiovascular disease burden due to ongoing low grade inflammation [Garcia C 2010-Tsioufis C 2007]. While the scientific search expands to introduce and incorporate newer diagnostic and therapeutic targets to address these disease processes, it remains vital to identify the key pathological culprits in the disease pathogenesis [Lobbes MB 2010]. Traditionally the measurement of blood glucose and other markers of glycaemia provide some insight about the dis-

ease presence, but still the end stage or the underlying direct mechanics involving the accelerated process of atherosclerosis are needed to be explored [Buch MH 2010].

## 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

In this study venous blood samples were collected from healthy control adult (n=30), diabetes type 1 patients (n=30), hypertensive patients (n=30), diabetes type 1 with hypertension patients (n=29) into EDTA anticoagulant tubes (randomly selected). Complete blood counts for all samples were analyzed by using the Sysmex haematological analyzer, a three-part auto analyzer able to run 19 parameters per sample including platelet indices (MPV, PDW, and P-LCR).

## 3. RESULT

### 3.1 Healthy control

A total of 30 healthy adult Sudanese individuals were selected randomly during the study period. Among them 15 (50%) were males and 15 (50%) were females (Table 3.1). Their ages range from 18 to 80 years with a mean of 47 years (figure 3.1). The frequency of 14 (46.7%) were less than 47 or equal to 30 years, while frequency of 16 (53.3%) their ages were more than 47 years. (Table 3.2) (Figure 3.3).

### 3.2 Diabetes mellitus type 1

A total of 30 Sudanese Diabetes mellitus type 1 were selected. Among them 15 (50%) were males and 15 (50%) were females (Table 3.1). Their ages range from 18 to 80 years with a mean of 52 years (Figure 3.1). The frequency of 13 (43.3%) were less than 47 or equal to 30 years, while frequency of 17 (56.7%) their ages were more than 47 years. (Table 3.2) (Figure 3.3).

**Table 3.1: Distribution of study population according to gender.**

Gender	Control		Diabetes type 1		Hypertension		Diabetes type1 with Hypertension	
	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage	Frequency	Percentage
Male	15	50	15	50	15	50	14	48.3
Female	15	50	15	50	15	50	15	51.7
Total	30	100%	30	100%	30	100%	29	100%

### 3.2.1 Comparison of diabetes mellitus type 1 patients with healthy controls

#### 3.2.1.1 Age, platelet count, MPV, PDW, and PLC-R

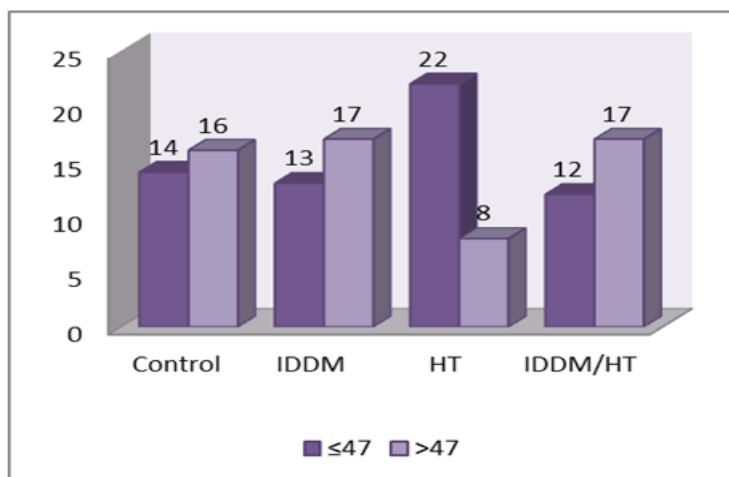
No significant difference ( $<0.05$ ) were obtained when the mean age of diabetes type 1 patient ( $52.37\pm 9.07$ ) were compared with those of healthy control ( $47.73\pm 6.50$ ) (Table 3.3). Moreover there were significant decrease ( $<0.05$ ) when the mean platelet count of diabetes type 1 patient ( $172.8\pm 133.6$ ) were compare with those of healthy controls ( $282\pm 70.5$ ) however, it's within the lower limit of normal reference range (Table 3.3) (Figure 3.2). Insignificant difference ( $<0.05$ ) were obtained when the mean MPV of diabetes type 1 patient ( $9.6\pm 0.87$ ) were compared with those of healthy control ( $9.7\pm 0.75$ ) (Table 3.3). This study found insignificant difference ( $<0.05$ ) when the mean PDW of diabetes type 1 patient ( $12.1\pm 1.72$ ) were compared with those of healthy control ( $11.88\pm 1.3$ ) (Table 3.3). The differences were not significant ( $<0.05$ ) when the mean PLC-R of diabetes type 1 patient ( $23.56\pm 7.88$ ) were compared with those of healthy controls ( $23.3\pm 5.6$ ) (Table 3.3).

**Table 3.3: Comparison of mean and SD between control and Diabetes type 1 according to age, platelet count, MPV, PDW, and PLC-R.**

parameters	Control mean $\pm$ SD	Diabetes type 1 mean $\pm$ SD	P value
Age	$47.73\pm 6.50$	$52.37\pm 9.07$	0.060
Platelet count	$282\pm 70.5$	$172.8\pm 133.6$	0.000
MPV	$9.7\pm 0.75$	$9.6\pm 0.87$	0.593
PDW	$11.88\pm 1.3$	$12.1\pm 1.72$	0.614
PLC-R	$23.3\pm 5.6$	$23.56\pm 7.88$	0.920

### 3.3 Hypertensive patients

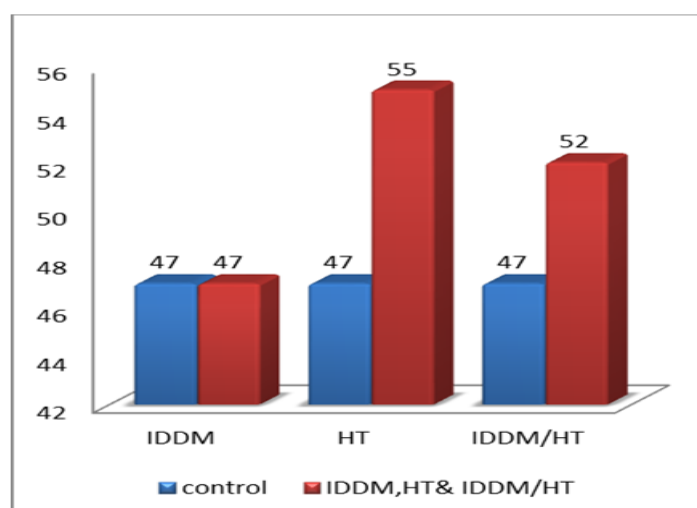
A total of 30 Sudanese hypertension patients were selected. Among them 15 (50%) were males and 15 (50%) were females (Table 3.1). Their ages range from 18 to 80 years with a mean of 55 years (Figure 3.1). The frequency of 22 (73.3%) were less than 47 or equal to 30 years, while frequency of 8 (26.7%) their ages were more than 47 years. (Table 3.2) (Figure 3.3).



**Figure 3.3: Comparison of hypertensive patients with health controls.**

### 3.3.1 Age, platelet count, MPV, PDW, and PLC-R

Significant difference ( $<0.05$ ) were obtained when the mean age of Hypertension patient ( $55.73 \pm 10.49$ ) were compared with those of healthy controls ( $47.73 \pm 6.50$ ) (Table 3.4) (Figure 3.2). No significant difference ( $< 0.05$ ) were found when the mean platelet count of Hypertension patient ( $301.3 \pm 123.69$ ) were compare with those of healthy controls ( $282 \pm 70.5$ ) (Table 3.4). Also there were no significant difference ( $<0.05$ ) obtained when the mean MPV of Hypertension patient ( $9.88 \pm 1.48$ ) were compared with those of healthy control ( $9.7 \pm 0.75$ ) (Table 3.4). This study obtained no significant difference ( $<0.05$ ) when the mean PDW of Hypertension patient ( $12.75 \pm 3.56$ ) were compared with those of healthy control ( $11.88 \pm 1.3$ ) (Table 3.4). The differences were not significant ( $<0.05$ ) when the mean PLC-R of Hypertension patient ( $25.16 \pm 11.28$ ) were compared with those of healthy controls ( $23.3 \pm 5.6$ ) (Table 3.4).



**Figure 3.4: Comparison between mean age of controls with IDDM, HT, and IDDM/HT.**

**Table 3.4: Comparison of mean and SD between control and Hypertension according to age, platelet count, MPV, PDW, and PLC-R.**

parameters	Control mean $\pm$ SD	Hypertension mean $\pm$ SD	P value
Age	47.73 $\pm$ 6.50	55.73 $\pm$ 10.49	0.001
Platelet count	282 $\pm$ 70.5	301.3 $\pm$ 123.69	0.513
MPV	9.7 $\pm$ 0.75	9.88 $\pm$ 1.48	0.609
PDW	11.88 $\pm$ 1.3	12.75 $\pm$ 3.56	0.156
PLC-R	23.3 $\pm$ 5.6	25.16 $\pm$ 11.28	0.422

#### 4.1 DISCUSSIONS

Diabetes and hypertension remains as the most imminent disease contributing to the cardiovascular disease burden due to ongoing low grade inflammation Garcia C, et al, 2010 and Tsioufis, et al, C2007. While the scientific search expands to introduce and incorporate newer diagnostic and therapeutic targets to address these disease processes, it remains vital to identify the key pathological culprits in the disease pathogenesis Lobbes, et al, 2010. Traditionally the measurement of blood glucose and other markers of glycaemia provide some insight about the disease presence, but still the end stage or the underlying direct mechanics involving the accelerated process of atherosclerosis are needed to be explored Buch MH, et al, 2010.

This study was aimed to determine platelet count and platelet indices in diabetic type 1 patients, diabetic type 1 with hypertension and hypertensive patient compared with normal individual to see if there are differences in platelet count and platelet indices among them.

This study found a significant difference in mean age between hypertension compared to control (p value < 0.05) as Kannel et al, 2000, and Speizer F.E., et al, 1998, found the same results. Insignificant difference were obtained in MPV between hypertension compared to control (p value > 0.05) Nadar et al, 2004, found opposite results. Also we found significant decrease in PLT-count between IDDM patients compared to control (p value < 0.05), although its within the lower limit of normal reference range. No significant difference were found in PDW, MPV, and P-LCR between IDDM patients compared to control (p value > 0.05), but Jabeen *et al*, 2013, found contrary results. This study detected insignificant difference in mean age between IDDM patients, IDDM with hypertension compared to control (p value > 0.05). Also the difference were not significant in PLT-count, PDW, MPV, and P-LCR between IDDM with hypertension patients compared to control (p value > 0.05).

## 4.2 CONCLUSION

This study obtained insignificant difference in mean age between IDDM patients, IDDM with hypertension compared to control and significant difference in age between hypertensive patients compared to control. This shows that there is statistical significant correlation between the age and hypertension. Insignificant differences were detected in PLT-count, PDW, MPV, and P-LCR between patients with hypertension, IDDM with hypertension compared to control. Significant decrease in PLT-count were obtained between IDDM patients compared to control, however, its within the lower limit of normal reference range. This shows that there is statistical significant difference between PLT-count and diabetes mellitus type 1 disease. This clearly shows that platelet reactivity alone and age cannot explain the progression of vascular complications in IDDM and hypertension since there are other vascular risk factors that may be influenced by the severity of the diseases.

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