

A Prospective Study of Lipid Profile and BMI as Risk Factors in MI in Young [<40 Yrs] In Rural Background

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Abstract

Background: In recent years' cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of mortality and morbidity worldwide in both male and female is accepted. The urbanisation has made its impact on the rising incidence of MI in India. One should not overlook however that MI in rural areas has doubled as well. This study is aimed at studying the Dyslipidaemia and Body mass index as risk factors in MI in young in rural background. **Subjects and Methods:** This prospective observational study was done in General Medicine Department at SVS hospital during July 2007 to July 2009. Out of 100 patients admitted with MI 20 selected and studied based on inclusion and exclusion criteria. **Results:** The study showed patients with high LDL>100mg/dl and low HDL<35mg/dl were prone for MI than other individuals. Further it was shown that patients with BMI>30 had increased risk for MI than otherwise. It was also observed that female preponderance was more compared to males. **Conclusion:** The study shows that dyslipidaemia and abnormal BMI do contribute to MI in young in rural background.

Keywords: Body mass index, dyslipidaemia, high density lipoproteins, low density lipoproteins, Myocardial infarction.

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Introduction

In recent years cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of mortality and morbidity in both male and female populations.^[1,2] Cardiovascular disease is considered as multifactorial disease, which is affected by the environment and genetic factors. Traditional risk factors such as smoking, drinking, diabetes, dyslipidaemia can increase the risk of cardiovascular disease.^[3] Among the many cardiovascular risk factors, dyslipidaemia is considered as the most important risk factor, which is a strong predictor for cardiovascular outcomes after AMI. Lipid profile evaluation including total cholesterol, triglycerides, low density lipoproteins and high density lipoproteins allows an assessment of CVD risk. A growing evidence indicates that elevated concentration of triglycerides, total cholesterol, low density lipoproteins and decreased high density lipoproteins accelerate the development of atherosclerotic plaques.^[4-7] Approximately 90% of myocardial infarction results from an acute thrombus that obstructs an atherosclerotic coronary artery. The interaction between LDL cholesterol and HDL cholesterol indicated that risk is 11.6 fold higher for men with LDL cholesterol levels above 160mg/dl and HDL cholesterol levels below 35mg/dl as compared to men with LDL cholesterol below 100mg/dl and HDL cholesterol above 45mg/dl. Hypertriglyceridaemia is often associated with low high density lipoprotein cholesterol that contributes to cardiovascular disease and stroke. Hypertriglyceridaemia is

associated with rheological and impaired fibrinolytic mechanisms that can contribute to atherothrombosis.^[9] Overweight and obesity are well known risk factors for CVD.^[10] A large metaanalysis of cause specific mortality in the general population has shown increased mortality from ischaemic heart disease with increasing BMI.^[11] Additionally elevated BMI seems to be a strong risk factor for the development of heart failure among patients with type 1 diabetes mellitus.^[12]

Subjects and Methods

This prospective observational study was done in Department of General Medicine at SVS hospital from July 2007 to July 2009. Out of 100 patients admitted 20 were selected based on inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Inclusion criteria

1. Age less than 40 years
2. ST elevation >1mm in limb leads more than 2mm in chest leads which is present in two contiguous leads.

Exclusion criteria

1. Age more than 40 years
2. previous AMI
3. Incomplete data of lipid files
4. patients with chronic liver dysfunction, malignant tumors and other serious medical disorders
5. Patients who were taking medications of lipid lowering

such as statins and fibrates.

All the patients admitted were subjected to detail history regarding their age, h/o DM, HTN and family history. All the patients were calculated BMI based on their height and weight applying the formula. Routine investigations were done after admission. An ECG was taken for every patient on arrival and every hourly intervals there after 4hrs. patient were done CK [MB] and Trop I at the time of admission. Serum lipid profiles were done in patient after the acute event.

Results

Of the 20 patients male incidence was more with 16[80] and females 4 [20] showing 4:1 preponderance.

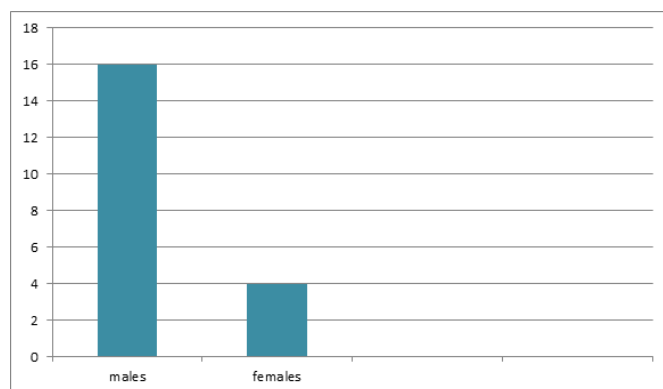


Figure 1: Gender distribution.

Of the 20 patients 75% are between 31-40 years and with inclination for 36-40 years [55%] and least between 21-25 [10%]. The incidence is more between 31-40 years group.

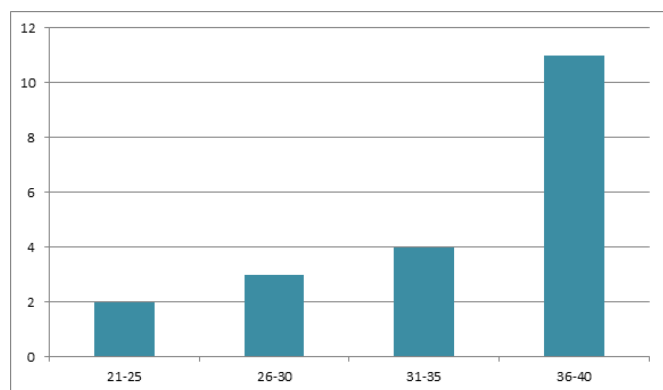


Figure 2: Age distribution.

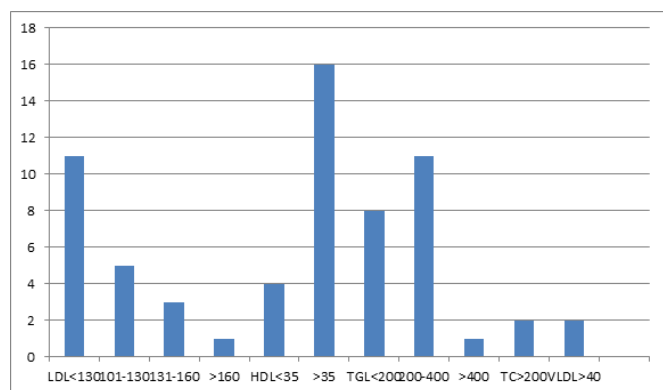


Table 3: Lipid levels variation.

Of the 20 patients with LDL cholesterol values were graded as <100mg/dl [11] 101-130 [5] 131-160mg/dl [3] and >160mg/dl [1] Patients with HDL cholesterol were graded as HDL<35mg/dl [4] and HDL>35mg/dl[16]

Patients with TGL were graded TGL<200[8], 200-400 [11] and >400[1]

Patients with TC>200-2; patients with VLDL>40-2

With BMI as reference range no. of patients with BMI>30-5; BMI 23-30 are 4;BMI 19-23are 11.

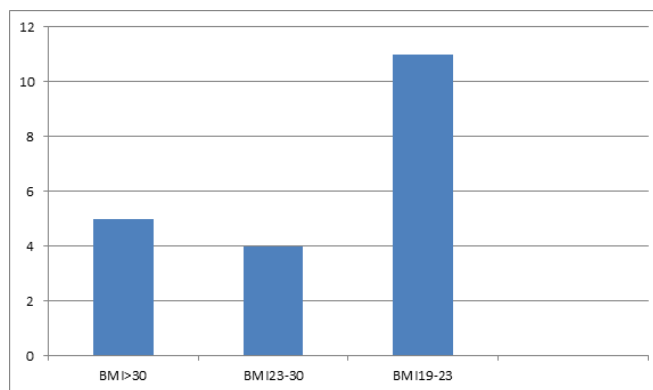


Table 4: BMI variation.

Discussion

In our study of lipid profile and BMI as risk factors in young we have taken <40 years as upper age limit of 100 patients 20 patients who were of age less than 40 years were enrolled in the study. The studies in relation to MI in young Jit Singh et al^[13] have taken upper age limit as 45 years. The maximum incidence in this study was between 36-40[55%] and least between 21-25 [10%] in coincidence to 35-40[45%] in Jit Singh et al study^[13] The male to female ratio was more compared to Jit Singh,^[13] study [4:1 vs 3.2:1].The cut off level for LDL cholesterol in patients with vascular event was less than 100mg/dl. In these studies we had 9[45%] above that level which shows strong correlation of dyslipidaemia with MI in young patients in contrast to 66.7% in Remacle et al study.^[14] Similarly 4 [20%] had HDL less than 35 mg/dl and 50% had hypertriglyceridaemia mostly females in whom it is an independent risk factor. Total cholesterol was greater than 200mg/dl in 2 [10%] of patients. In our study we had BMI>30 for 5 patients; 23-30 there were 4 patients; BMI 19-23 were 11 patients indicating that 45% of patients had BMI as risk factor contributing to MI in young. In our study we had 4 patients with abnormal BMI having MI approximately 20% compared to 15% in Vestberg et al study.^[15]

Conclusion

This study reveals that dyslipidaemia and BMI along with other risk factors do contribute to morbidity and mortality in MI. Therefore having a healthy lifestyle may prevent this cardiac hazard.

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