

## The Relation of IGF-1 and Insulin Resistance in a Sample of Iraqi Obese Type 2 Diabetic Patients with Macrovascular Disease

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### Abstract:

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is a metabolic disease that is associated with an increased risk for atherosclerosis by 2-4 folds than in non-diabetics. In general population, low IGF-1 has been associated with higher prevalence of cardiovascular disease and mortality. This study aims to find out the relationship between IGF-1 level and other biochemical markers such as Homeostasis Model Assessment insulin resistance (HOMAIR) and Body Mass Index (BMI) in type 2 diabetic patients. This study includes (82) patients (40 females and 42 males) with age range (40-75) years, (34) non obese diabetic patients and (48) obese diabetic patients. The non obese individuals considered as a controls group, all controls and patients groups with type 2 DM, ischemic heart disease and hypertension, and free from other disease by history and clinical exam. The results showed that serum IGF-1 levels were lower in obese diabetic patients than non obese. HOMAIR has been found to be significantly higher in obese than non obese diabetic patients, there is negative correlation between IGF-1 and HOMAIR. Body mass index (BMI) was in positive correlation with HOMAIR and in negative correlation with IGF-1. Conclusion of this study was the serum level of IGF-1 is significantly lower in obese than non obese type 2 DM, but HOMA IR is significantly higher in obese diabetic subjects.

**Key words :** Insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1), HOMA IR, type 2DM, Obesity.

### Introduction:

Diabetes mellitus is a group of metabolic diseases which characterized by hyperglycemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both, the chronic hyperglycemia of diabetes is associated with long-term damage, dysfunction and failure of various organs, especially the eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart, and blood vessels, that impose a tremendous burden on the individual with diabetes and on the health care system [1]. Type 2 DM is a heterogeneous group of disorder characterized by variable degrees of

insulin resistance, insulin secretion, and increased glucose production [2]. Insulin resistance is an impaired response to normal levels of exogenous or endogenous insulin in cells of the whole body, thus insulin resistance has been implicated in the pathogenesis of the metabolic syndrome [3]. Obesity is a chronic disease that is casually related to serious medical illness, including T2DM [4] Which is calculated as the person's weight in kilograms divided by the squared of height in meters ( $\text{kg}/\text{m}^2$ ) [5]. The risk to develop the

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disease increases strikingly if there is a family history, especially among first-degree relatives[6]. One of the major causes of insulin resistance is the overload of tissues with lipids. Therefore, obesity, especially upper body obesity, physical inactivity, fat storage defects, male hormones, aging, and genetic factors may lead to the impairment of insulin action. Up to 79% of the variance in insulin sensitivity can be accounted for by central fat [7]. Ischemic heart disease or myocardial ischemia, is a disease characterized by reduced blood supply to the heart muscle, usually due to coronary artery disease (atherosclerosis of the coronary arteries). Its risk increases with age, smoking, hypercholesterolemia, diabetes, hypertension and is more common in men and those who have close relatives with ischemic heart disease[8]. Insulin-like growth factor 1 is called Somatomedin C., which is polypeptide protein hormone with high sequence similarity to insulin[9]. Its primary action is mediated by binding to specific IGF receptors present on many cell types in many tissues[9]. IGF-1 receptor is heterotetramer that is homologous to the insulin receptor. It comprises two  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  chains. The intracellular  $\beta$  chains have tyrosine kinase activity that is activated upon ligand binding[10]. The somatomedins mediate many of growth promoting effects of GH via the IGF-1 receptor which can restore growth in GH-deficient laboratory animals [11].

### Materials and Methods :

The study was conducted at National diabetes Center (NDC) /AL-Mustansiriyah University between (Nov.2010 – March 2011). Eighty two patients were enrolled in the study with type 2 diabetes mellitus and IHD. Forty eight patients (26 females and

22 males) were obese with mean age range ( $53.77 \pm 9.23$ ) years and mean BMI ( $34.65 \pm 4.05$ ). Thirty four patients were non obese (14 females and 20 males), with mean age range ( $57.62 \pm 7.18$ ) years, and mean BMI ( $27.61 \pm 0.88$ ), were enrolled in the study as control group. Exclusion criteria were pregnant women and those on contraceptive pills, Insulin treatment. The following biochemical investigations have been studied for their fasting plasma glucose, lipid profile, HbA1C, serum IGF-1, serum Insulin, HOMAIR, ECG, Blood pressure and BMI were checked, all patients and controls were with IHD and Hypertension. Total serum cholesterol was determined utilizing a readymade laboratory kit for this purpose, the principle of determination was based on the enzymatic hydrolysis. The triglycerides were determined by enzymatically hydrolyzed glycerol and fatty acids. HDL fraction which is determined by using cholesterol kit. LDL – cholesterol can be calculated mathematically from the total cholesterol, triglycerides, and the HDL – cholesterol Concentration using Friedwald's formula. VLDL concentration is calculated as one-fifth of the serum TG

### Statistical Analysis

Student t-test and analysis of variance (ANOVA) were used to examine the degree of significant. P-value less than 0.05 considered significant. The statistical analysis was performed using the computer facility with available statistical packages SPSS 18.5.

### Results:

Data analysis showed that the levels of IGF-1 were significantly lower in obese subjects than non obese ( $122.92 \pm 32.34$  ng/ml,  $90.30 \pm 27.69$  ng/ml respectively, but insulin resistance (HOMAIR) were higher in

obese subjects compared with non obese (6.03±3.90),(3.83±2.14) respectively . The mean difference in BMI was highly significant between obese and non obese diabetic patients (34.65±4.05) and (27.61±0.88) respectively . Analysis of lipid profile showed no significant mean value of cholesterol between obese(182.42±54.88)mg/dl, and non obese(163.47±50.06)mg/dl diabetic patients. Also there was no significant mean difference of TG between obese (162.25±103.86) mg/dl and non obese (160.91±79.62) mg/dl. There is no significant mean difference of HDL in obese (43.17±6.40)mg/dl and non obese diabetic (45.41±8.23) mg/dl,and no significant mean difference of LDL in obese (104.79±53.42) mg/dl and non obese (86.59±51.04) mg/dl. There was significant mean difference of VLDL between obese (39.25±20.73) mg/dl and non obese (32.47±15.83) mg/dl Our study showed that inverse relationship between IGF-1 and HOMAIR  $r = -0.630$ in obese diabetic

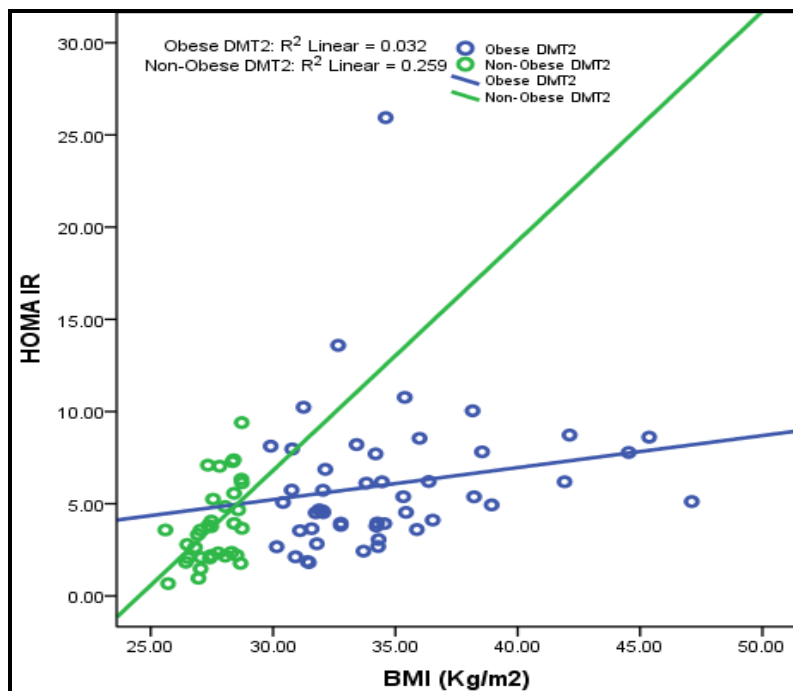
patients and negative correlation between IGF-1 and BMI  $r = - 0.613$  in obese subjects ,but there was positive correlation between HOMAIR and BMI as shown in (Table -1).

(Table-1)The correlation coefficient of IGF-1 with different parameters.

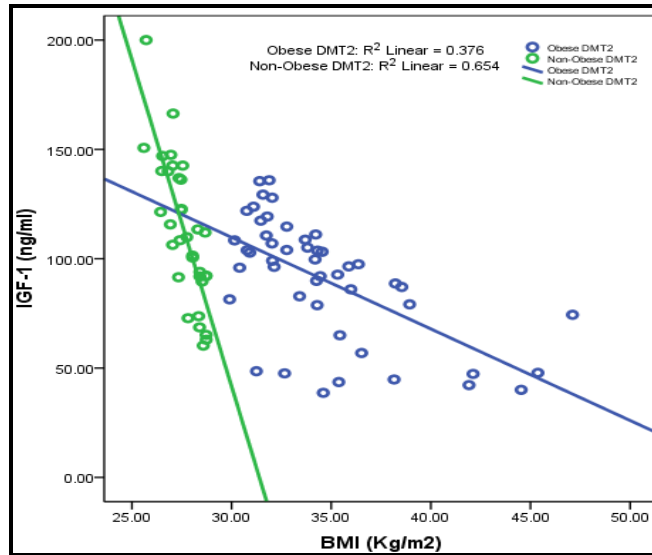
	IGF-1 (ng/ml)	
	Obese T2DM	Non-Obese T2DM
Age (years)	0.347*	0.169
Height (cm)	0.286*	0.026
Weight (Kg)	-0.224	-0.202
BMI (Kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	-0.613**	-0.809**
Fasting blood glucose (mmol/l)	-0.452**	-0.277
HbA1c%	-0.297*	-0.076
Cholesterol (mg/dL)	0.064	0.272
Triglyceride (mg/dL)	-0.369**	-0.085
HDL (mg/dL)	0.159	0.099
LDL (mg/dL)	0.192	0.253
VLDL (mg/dL)	-0.392**	-0.074
Insulin level (µIU/ml)	-0.509**	-0.575**
HOMA IR	-0.630**	-0.708**

\*Correlation is significant at 0.05 level

\*\*Correlation is highly significant at 0.01 level



(Figure-1) :The correlation between HOMAIR and BMI



(Figure-2) :The correlation between IGF-1 and BMI

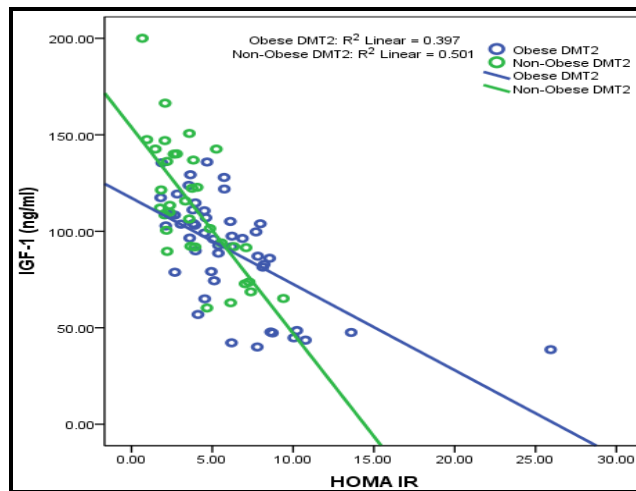


Figure-3):The correlation between IGF-1 and HOMA IR(

**Discussion:**

The present study showed that patients with obesity have a high level of insulin resistance, the mean of HOMAIR was high in obese diabetic patients. The development of obesity involves the expansion of the adipose tissue at the expense of a combined process involving proliferation and differentiation of new adipocytes and enlargement of older adipocytes[12,13]. Samin et al. [14]; studied that IGF-1 concentrations were significantly lower with increase obesity (BMI  $\geq 35$ ), which is

in agreement with our results which showed that obese patients have lower level of IGF-1 when the BMI is increase .The present study demonstrated a statistically significantly low level of IGF-1 in patients with obesity compared with control (non obese) subjects ,but Nam SY and Lee EJ [15]; studies suggested that IGF-1 is increased with increase degree of obesity and this may be also explained by the hyperinsulinaemia associated with obesity[16], and insulin may increase hepatic IGF-1 production [17]. Serum level of IGF-1 of both obese and non obese diabetic are negatively correlated with insulin resistance .

IGF-1 level is significantly lower in obese diabetic patients, but negatively correlated with BMI in both groups. These results collectively support the hypothesis that hyperinsulemia may contribute to insulin resistance in obesity. However, diabetes and obesity had significant and independent effects on IGF-1, thus the negative relationship between serum IGF-1 and diabetes was not totally explained by the presence of obesity [18,19]. Bjarnegard et al. [20]; reports suggested that the diabetes mellitus had decreased serum levels of IGF-1 [21]. Martha et al. ;studied that fasting serum IGF-I concentrations were negatively correlated with fasting plasma glucose, insulin, triglycerides, total LDL and VLDL cholesterol, homeostatic model assessment of insulin resistance (HOMA-IR), and age. Fasting serum IGF-I concentrations were positively correlated with fasting HDL cholesterol and homeostatic model assessment of insulin sensitivity (HOMA-S) in only diabetic subjects [22]. Rasmussen et al (2007); demonstrated that IGF-1 promoter polymorphism leading to a moderate reduction in circulating IGF-1, and leads to an increased risk of acute myocardial infarction. There remains a controversy regarding the effect of obesity on circulating IGF-1 concentrations. Some studies have shown a reduction in IGF-1 concentrations in obese diabetic patients and this is in agreement with our study which showed that patient with risk increased cardiovascular disease (CVD) are obese and have low level of IGF-1 [23]. This study agreed with Patel et al (2001); study who showed that in advanced atherosclerotic plaques, IGF-1 and IGF-IR expression are significantly reduced, and this is thought to contribute to plaque

instability [24]. Langhlin et al. (2004); also demonstrated that individuals without coronary artery disease, but with low serum IGF-1 had twice risk of developing coronary artery disease during 5-year follow up. With this, the Roncho Bernardo study showed that in older adults each 40 ng/ml decrement in IGF-1 level was associated with an increment of 38% in the risk of coronary artery disease mortality [25]. This is in agreement with our study which had showed that serum IGF-1 level is significantly lower in obese type 2 DM in comparison with non obese. Colao et al. (2008); suggested that free IGF-1 levels a protective role in the development of atherosclerosis. However, the consistency that has been seen in the link between type 2 diabetes and IGF-1 levels has not been seen reviewing the literature concerning the link between type 1 diabetes and IGF-1 levels. One study contributes that the discrepancy may be due to differences in assay technologies [26].

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## علاقة هرمون النمو الشبيه بالأنسولين-1 ومقاومة الأنسولين في عينه لمرضى السكري النوع الثاني العراقيين المصابين بالسمنة ومضاعفات أواعيه الدموية

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### الخلاصة :

يعتبر داء السكري النوع الثاني مرض أيضي مصحوبا مع زيادة خطر تصلب الشرايين بحوالي 2-4 مره أكثر من الغير المصابين بالسكري في عموم الناس، أن مستوى هرمون النمو الشبيه بالأنسولين I يكون مقترنا مع زيادة نسبة أمراض القلب الوعائية ثم الموت. هذه الدراسة اهدافها إيجاد العلاقة بين هرمون النمو الشبيه بالأنسولين -1 والمؤشرات الحيوية مثل مقاومة الأنسولين ودالة كتلة الجسم في مرضى السكري النوع الثاني . تضمنت هذه الدراسة (82) فردا مصاب بداء السكري من النوع الثاني (42 ذكور و40 إناث) بمعدل عمر يتراوح بين (40-75) سنة. المجموعة الأولى وتضم مجموعة المرضى المصابين بداء السكري من النوع الثاني وغير مصابين بالسمنة (34) مريضا والمجموعة الثانية تضم (48) مصاب بداء السكري من النوع الثاني ومصاب بالسمنة. الأشخاص غير المصابين بالسمنة اعتبروا مجموعة ضابطه. كل الأشخاص من مجموعة المرضى والمجموعة الضابطة مصابين بداء السكري من النوع الثاني مع عدم كفاءة الشرايين القلبية وارتفاع ضغط الدم وهم ليس لديهم أمراض أخرى وتم التأكد بواسطة تاريخ المريض والفحوصات الطبية . وجدت النتائج أن مستوى هرمون النمو الشبيه بالأنسولين I كان منخفضا في الأشخاص المصابين بالسمنة مقارنة مع الأشخاص الذين لا يعانون من السمنة والمصابين بالسكري ، أن مستوى مقاومة الأنسولين كانت أعلى لدى الأشخاص الذين يعانون من السمنة مما هي عليه في الأشخاص الذين لا يعانون من السمنة. كما وجدت النتائج إن دالة كتلة الجسم ترتبط ايجابيا مع مقاومة الأنسولين وسلبيا مع هرمون النمو الشبيه بالأنسولين -1. استنتج هذه الدراسة كان مستوى هرمون النمو الشبيه بالأنسولين-1 اقل في الأشخاص المصابين بالسمنة بينما مقاومة الأنسولين وجدت أعلى من الأشخاص المصابين بالسمنة من غير المصابين بالسمنة .