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## Relationship between serum Nesfatin-1, Adiponectin, Resistin Concentration, and Obesity with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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### Abstract:

Diabetes mellitus caused by insulin resistance is prompted by obesity. Neuropeptide Nesfatin-1 was identified in several organs, including the central nervous system and pancreatic islet cells. Nesfatin-1 peptide appears to be involved in hypothalamic circuits that energy homeostasis and control food intake. Adiponectin is a plasma collagen-like protein produced by adipocytes that have been linked to the development of insulin resistance (IR), diabetes mellitus type 2 (DMT2), and cardiovascular disease (CVD). Resistin was first identified as an adipose tissue-specific hormone that was linked to obesity and diabetes. The aim of this study was to estimate the relationship between human serum nesfatin-1, adiponectin, resistin concentration, and obesity with T2DM. The results show a significant increase in serum nesfatin-1 and resistin levels in the obese diabetic group compared to the non-obese diabetic group. Adiponectin levels had a highly significant decrease in the obese diabetic group compared to the non-obese group and obese control group. Serum Nesfatin-1 and some variables, there was a significant positive correlation with (BMI, insulin, HOMA-IR), and serum resistin had a significant positive correlation with (BMI, WC, TG, insulin, HOMA-IR). On the other hand, there was a negative correlation between serum adiponectin and (BMI, TG, and HOMA-IR). The present results suggest that nesfatin-1 may have a role in controlling food intake as well as the development of IR in obese patients.

**Keywords:** Adiponectin, HOMA-IR, Nesfatin-1, Resistin, Type 2 diabetes mellitus T2DM.

### Introduction:

Diabetes is characterized as a condition that happens on account of the absence of insulin or nearness of factors contradicting the activity of insulin, bringing about an expansion (hyperglycemia) in blood glucose level <sup>1</sup>. The purpose behind the profound benefit of fat tissue-derived hormones lies in the increasing incidence of human population over the World. It is believed that the existence of obesity generously builds the danger of related comorbidities, for example, dyslipidemia, diabetes, insulin resistance, hypertension, and others <sup>2</sup>. The close connection between obesity and its related complications has been entrenched, however, the exact instrument straightforwardly connecting one to the other is not clear, as yet <sup>3</sup>. Obesity is generally related to hyperinsulinemia and IR <sup>4</sup>, it's a noteworthy risk factor for the improvement of DMT2 and CVD <sup>5</sup>.

Whilst free fatty acids discharged to adipose tissue have for some time been involved in the advancement of this obesity-related complications<sup>6</sup>.

Nesfatin-1 is an 82-amino-acid peptide generated from a hypothalamus protein precursor. It regulates appetite stimulation, body weight, food intake, and the energy balance in the body<sup>7</sup>. Nesfatin-1 controls intracellular glucose metabolism and increase insulin sensitivity <sup>8</sup>. Adiponectin is a specific cytokine in adipose tissue that has an important effect against anti-inflammatory and insulin resistance and found to protect against metabolic diseases <sup>9</sup>. Adiponectin controls glycogenesis, glucose uptake, and fatty acid oxidation all of which are linked to diabetes etiology<sup>10</sup>. Resistin is a hormone produced by adipose tissue that inhibits glucose homeostasis in rats by resisting insulin action. That, in turn, causes

to develop (DMT2) <sup>11</sup>. Resistin, an individual from the newfound group of cysteine rich secretory proteins, has been portrayed as a result of fat tissue, taking part in the inflammation in mice, adipogenesis and pathogenesis of insulin resistance <sup>12</sup>. The aim of this study was to high light the relationship between human serum nesfatin-1, adiponctin, resistin concentration and obesity with DMT2.

## Materials and Methods:

### Subjects

The study was designed cross sectional study. The study included 90 subjects, divide into two groups, patients and healthy control. Sixteen patients (31 males, 29 females) and 30 control (17 males, 13 females). In this study were collected during the period from (Septemper2021 to December 2021 at National Diabetic Center/ Mustansiriyah University.

### Specimen Collection and Analysis:

After twelve hours of fasting, a blood sample was taken from venous to measure fasting blood glucose (FBG) , lipid profile (TG ,TC, HDL,LDL,VLDL),insulin, nesfatin-1,resistin and adiponectin levels .The tallness and weight had been measured. Overweight and corpulent Individuals those with BMI, individually, Z25 or30 kg/m2 and Z30 kg/m2. The IR has been calculated from the HOMA-IR, as indicated by distributed algorithm <sup>13</sup>. The biochemistry measurement was done by using KENZA( 240TX) (Biolabo) instrument

and (Biolabo) kit (FBG, TG ,TC, HDL) . The HbA1c was measured by using the Tosoh analyzer (HLC-723GX). The insulin, adiponctin, resistin, nesfatin-1 concentration were determined by using ELISA kit (Al-Shkairate Establishments, Jordan).

To determine if variables had a normal distribution, the Anderson-Darling test was performed. If they did, then the mean and standard deviation were applied. When there are differences between more than two groups (and if there are no major outliers and the distribution is normal), one method of analyzing these differences is with an ANOVA. The significance level was set at a  $P \leq 0.05$ . Explanation of the regression analysis using a scatter plot,  $r$  (correlation coefficient or standardized beta is a representative of magnitude and direction of the relationship). Positive signs reflect direct relationships, whereas negative signs suggest the opposite.

### Results:

The results of this study demonstrated a high significant difference in (FBG, HbA1c) ( $p < 0.001$ ), and (TC, TG) ( $p < 0.05$ ) in diabetic patients group is comparison with the control group. While high significant difference in Nesfatin-1 and resistin levels ( $4.96 \pm 1.03$ ), ( $14.89 \pm 5.4$ ) in diabetic patients compared to that of control group ( $1.71 \pm 0.80$ ) ( $9.6 \pm 3.39$ )  $p < 0.05$ . There was a significant decrease in adiponectin levels in diabetic group when compared to that of control group ( $9.79 \pm 1.97$ ) vs. ( $15.63 \pm 2.57$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), as presented in Table 1.

**Table 1. Comparison between patients and control.**

Characteristics	Control No: 30 (mean± SD)	Diabetic patients: No 60(mean± SD)	P value
Age, years	48.41 ± 8.45	48.31 ± 8.42	N.S
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	32.12 ± 2.8	33.15 ± 3.02	N.S
WC (cm)	110.76 ± 8.9	113.98 ± 12.79	N.S
FBG (mg/dl)	100.7 ± 41.23	187.24 ± 43.13**	<0.01
HbA1c %	5.51 ± 0.56	9.78 ± 1.56**	<0.01
TC (mg/dl)	191.45 ± 32.47	240.73 ± 55.8*	<0.05
TG (mg/dl)	131.88 ± 33.98	159.55 ± 41.3*	<0.05
HDL-C (mg/dl)	43.06 ± 2.58	37.39 ± 3.35*	<0.05
LDL-C (mg/dl)	126.18 ± 23.75	130.52 ± 31.09	N.S
Insulin (µIU/ml)	9.01 ± 2.48	14.43 ± 3.23*	<0.05
HOMA-IR	4.92 ± 1.9	7.53 ± 2.9**	<0.01
Nesfatin-1(ng/ml)	1.71 ± 0.80	4.96 ± 1.03*	<0.05
Resistin (ng/ml)	9.6 ± 3.39	14.89 ± 5.4*	<0.05
Adiponectin (ng/ml)	15.63 ± 2.57	9.79 ± 1.97**	<0.01

The data was evaluated using either the mean (mean) , and the standard deviation (± SD) .

Table. 2, showed a significant increase in serum nesfatin-1 and resistin level in the obese diabetic group compared to non-obese diabetic group ( $5.96 \pm 2.51$ ) ( $16.87 \pm 3.4$ ) vs. ( $3.89 \pm 2.01$ )

( $11.6 \pm 2.4$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ) and a higher significant increase compared to obese control group ( $5.96 \pm 2.51$ ) ( $16.87 \pm 3.4$ ) vs. ( $1.89 \pm 0.84$ ) ( $10.04 \pm 2.14$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). There was a highly significant decrease in

adiponectin levels in obese diabetic group compared to no obese group and obese control group ( $7.98 \pm 1.81$ ) vs. ( $12.63 \pm 2.17$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ; ( $7.98 \pm 1.81$ ) vs. ( $11.7 \pm 2.01$ ) respectively.

Moreover, there was a significant increase in serum insulin, cholesterol, triglycerides, and HOMA-IR in obese diabetic group compared to non- obese diabetic group, and obese control group ( $16.43 \pm 3.91$  vs.  $12.01 \pm 3.48$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ;  $16.43 \pm 3.91$  vs.  $11.64 \pm 3.46$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), ( $266.33 \pm 37.78$  vs.

$198.54 \pm 30.76$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ;  $266.33 \pm 37.78$  vs.  $199.14 \pm 40.54$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), ( $186.95 \pm 42.3$  vs.  $128.68 \pm 33.65$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ;  $186.95 \pm 42.3$  vs.  $152.52 \pm 32.85$ ,  $0.05$ ), ( $8.53 \pm 2.01$  vs.  $6.12 \pm 1.33$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ;  $8.53 \pm 2.01$  vs.  $5.23 \pm 1.93$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) respectively. On the other hand, there was a significant decrease in serum HDL- cholesterol in obese diabetic group compared to non-obese ( $35.67 \pm 3.24$  vs.  $39.90 \pm 2.37$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), and the data are presented in Table 2.

**Table 2. Comparison between obese, non-obese patients, and obese control group.**

Characteristics	Obese –control No.17 (mean± SD)	Non-obese DM No:15	Obese DM No:15 (mean± SD)
Age, years	48.05 ± 7.32	48.76 ± 8.84	48.24 ± 8.53
BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	33.98 ± 3.95	26.02 ± 2.9	36.05 ± 3.12**
WC (cm)	114.04 ± 10.68	89.76 ± 7.9	117.06 ± 13.79**
FBG (mg/dl)	99.39 ± 34.51	182.7 ± 58.23	198.24 ± 43.73##
HbA1c %	5.8 ± 1.3	8.91 ± 1.78	9.89 ± 1.03##
TC (mg/dl)	199.14 ± 40.54	198.54 ± 30.76	266.33 ± 37.78**
TG (mg/dl)	152.52 ± 32.85	128.68 ± 33.65	186.95 ± 42.3**
HDL-C (mg/dl)	36.01 ± 2.58	39.90 ± 2.37	35.67 ± 3.24*
LDL-C (mg/dl)	127.85 ± 30.46	129.68 ± 21.97	131.52 ± 31.56
Insulin (µIU/ml)	11.64 ± 3.46	12.01 ± 3.48	16.43 ± 3.91**
HOMA-IR	5.23 ± 1.93	6.12 ± 1.33	8.53 ± 2.01*##
Nesfatin-1 (ng/ml)	1.89 ± 0.84	3.89 ± 1.31	5.96 ± 2.51*##
Adiponectin (ng/ml)	11.7 ± 2.01	12.63 ± 2.17	7.98 ± 1.81###

\*P<0.05 is considered significant, \*\*P<0.01 is a highly significant when compared to obese non-obese patients.

# Significant at  $p < 0.05$ , and ## significant at  $p < 0.001$  as compared DM to obese control group.

Table 3 showed the Pearson Chi-square correlation coefficient among serum nesfatin-1 and some variables, there was a significant positive correlation with (BMI, insulin, HOMA-IR), and significant negative correlation with age. Serum resistin had a significant positive correlation with

(BMI, WC, TG, insulin, HOMA-IR), and significant negative correlation with HDL. On the other hand there was negative correlation between adiponectin and (BMI, TG and HOMA-IR), and a positive correlation between adiponectin and HDL in obese patients.

**Table 3. Correlation analysis between Nesfatin-1, Resistin, Adiponectin, and variables in obese patients.**

Characteristics	Nesfatin-1 R	Resisting R	Adiponectin R
Age	-0.089	-0.098	+0.190
BMI	0.299*	0.393*	-0.312*
WC	0.199	0.298*	-0.185
FBG	0.206	0.130	-0.198
HbA1c	0.171	0.182	-0.121
TC	0.163	0.184	-0.096
TG	0.405	0.308*	-0.289*
HDL-C	0.206	-0.485**	0.431**
LDL-C	0.103	0.094	-0.028
Insulin	0.425*	0.398*	-0.150
HOMA-IR	0.627**	0.592**	-0.401**

\*Correlation is significant at the 0.05

\*\*Correlation is a highly significant at the 0.01

### Results:

The results of this study shows that a significant higher resistin levels in diabetic patients compared to control group ( $14.89 \pm 7.4$  vs  $9.6 \pm 3.39$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ). On the other hand, there was a

significant decrease in adiponectin levels in diabetic group compared to control group ( $9.79 \pm 1.97$  vs  $15.63 \pm 2.57$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ), as shown in table 1.

Table2 show a significant increase in serum resistin level in obese diabetic group compared to

non-obese diabetic group ( $16.87 \pm 3.4$  vs  $11.6 \pm 2.4$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ) and a higher significant increase compared to obese control group ( $16.87 \pm 3.4$  vs  $10.04 \pm 2.14$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ). On the other hand, there was a highly significant decrease in adiponectin levels in obese diabetic group compared to non-obese group and obese control group ( $7.98 \pm 1.81$  vs  $12.63 \pm 2.17$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ;  $7.98 \pm 1.81$  vs  $0.01$ , respectively).

Moreover, there was a significant increase in serum insulin, cholesterol, triglycerides, and HOMA-IR in obese diabetic group compared to non-obese diabetic group, and obese control group ( $16.43 \pm 3.91$  vs  $12.01 \pm 3.48$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ;  $16.43 \pm 3.91$  vs  $11.64 \pm 3.46$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), ( $266.33 \pm 37.78$  vs  $198.54 \pm 30.76$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ;  $266.33 \pm 37.78$  vs  $199.14 \pm 40.54$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), ( $186.95 \pm 42.3$  vs  $128.68 \pm 33.65$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ;  $186.95 \pm 42.3$  vs  $152.52 \pm 32.85$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), ( $8.53 \pm 2.01$  vs  $6.12 \pm 1.33$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ;  $8.53 \pm 2.01$  vs  $5.23 \pm 1.93$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) respectively. On the other hand, there was a significant decrease in serum HDL-cholesterol in obese diabetic group compared to non-obese ( $35.67 \pm 3.24$  vs  $39.90 \pm 2.37$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ), as shown in table 2.

Table 3 show the pearson Chi-square correlation coefficient between serum resistin and some variables and metabolic syndrome components, there was a significant positive correlation with (BMI, WC, TG, insulin, HOMA-IR), and significant negative correlation with HDL. On the other hand there was negative correlation between serum adiponectin and BMI, TG, and HOMA-IR. And there was positive correlation between adiponectin and HDL in obese patient

## Discussion:

Obesity is a serious cause of death and illness across the world<sup>14</sup>. Under situations of poor glucose metabolism, nesfatin-1 is said to have an anti-hyperglycemic action<sup>15</sup>. In reaction to hyperglycemia, it may also operate in the brain to up regulate insulin sensitivity and enhance insulin release in beta cells. Food intake was also discovered to be inhibited by Nesfatin-1 in the central nervous system<sup>16</sup>. Nesfatin-1 has also been proven to increase lipid metabolism and have anti-inflammatory properties in several studies<sup>17</sup>. Obesity is a common cause of T2DM inflammation, eating disorder, and insulin action dysfunction<sup>18</sup>. Anther studies have discovered higher circulating nesfatin-1 levels in DMT2 as a result of lowering blood glucose, improving lipid metabolism, restricting food consumption, and decreasing inflammation<sup>19</sup>. The results in this study is also agreed with the results done by Zhang Z, ET al.<sup>20</sup>, In individuals with Type 2 diabetes, nesfatin-1

levels were shown to be higher. In diabetic groups with severely impaired glucose metabolism, HOMA-IR was shown to be substantially higher than in control groups<sup>6</sup>. The results in this study is also agreed with the results done by Anwar GM *et al.*<sup>21</sup>, who found that obese people had considerably greater nesfatin-1 levels than healthy people. Prepronesfatin was shown to be localized in the islets of both rats and mi in a recent research, suggesting that preprones fat in-derived peptides may play a role in insulin production and glucose metabolic. The Result in Table 3, demonstrated a direct significant relationship between nesfatin-1 and BMI which agreed with Başar Ö *et al.*<sup>22</sup>.

Resistin is a tiny secreted protein generated mostly by mononuclear cells in the peripheral blood, macrophages in humans, and bone marrow cells in humans. Resistin pro-inflammatory function has been demonstrated in a variety of illnesses, including DMT2, CVD, kidney disease, and rheumatoid arthritis<sup>23</sup>. In the present work serum resistin levels are higher significant in diabetic and obese diabetic patient when compared to normal subjects. Serum resistin, delivered by adipose tissue, in Individuals have higher fat content the resistin available at greater circulating levels. Notwithstanding, the greater generation of resistin by the non-fat fraction of adipose tissue<sup>24</sup>, May be because of absence of organization found in our overweight patients, in whom the adipocyte part of the fat tissue may be more noteworthy concerning the stromo vascular fraction<sup>25</sup>. The commonness of obesity has increased significantly lately and is related with a few chronic illnesses, for example, coronary artery disease, hypertension, metabolic disorder, and, specifically T2DM. One of the features of these diseases is IR<sup>26</sup>. Adipose tissue saving body fat reserves, privileged insights a few peptide hormones and cytokines that assume essential parts in vitality homeostasis and are captured in several chronic diseases<sup>27</sup>. Adiponectin is a fat tissue specific cytokine has a protective role against IR and anti-inflammatory activity and protect against metabolic diseases<sup>28</sup>. We additionally found in this study two important discovering. first, its agree with anther studies that the low plasma adiponectin concentration is related with DMT2 and obesity and through different ethnic groups with marked differences in propensity for obesity,<sup>29</sup> and T2DM indicated for hypo adiponectinemia. Second, the results showed that the fasting insulinemia and insulin sensitivity plasma are more closely related to adiponectin concentration than to glycemia and adiposity, in patients with fatness and DMT2 in large part attributable to IR and hyperinsulinemia which

propose that the hypo adiponectinemia. Past studies agreement with our study demonstrated that is negatively correlation between plasma adiponectin concentration with BMI, triglyceride and HOMA-IR<sup>30</sup>.

Adiponectin, an anti-inflammatory adipocyte, is copiously emitted by fat tissue and straightforwardly sharpens body tissues to insulin. A diminishing in levels of adiponectin because of hereditary or hormonal factors has been emphatically embroiled in the improvement of IR, DMT2, metabolic disorder, and other chronic diseases that are related with corpulence<sup>6</sup>. Although another studies have exhibited a significant relationship among IR in fatness DMT2 Individuals and patients with other fatness related diseases with adiponectin levels<sup>31</sup>. This study, affirming a portion of the distributed discoveries, recognized a significant opposite relationship between fasting adiponectin levels and IR in obese DMT2 patients. Accordingly, steady with the discoveries of past reports, the aftereffects of this investigation demonstrated that adiponectin level can be utilized as a prescient list for IR in fat patients with DMT2<sup>24</sup>.

Although adipose tissue was principle wellspring of adiponectin, inquire about discoveries recommend that the blood level of adiponectin is lessened in obese or T2DM who have huge stores of fat tissue<sup>32-36</sup>. Lessening of adiponectin levels has been proposed to assume a focal part in the expanded rate of T2DM and IR disorder<sup>37-40</sup>. In obese animal models the Adiponectin levels have reduced, which decreases insulin sensitivity and induce DMT2 start<sup>32, 41-42</sup>.

Moreover, in this study a significant opposite relationship was observed between fasting glucose levels and adiponectin. That refer to an increase in fasting glucose level has connected with a decrease in adiponectin level, which is the main determinant of T2DM in patients with obesity.

### Conclusion:

Our findings suggest that nesfatin-1 may have a role in the control of food intake as well as the development of IR in obese patients. Serum resistin raised in response to hyperglycemia and further in response to hyperinsulinemia. These study demonstrates that fatness and T2DM have connected with low plasma adiponectin and demonstrate that the level of hypo adiponectinemia is all the more firmly identified with the level of IR and hyperinsulinemia than the level of glucose and adiposity. As a biomarker for DMT2 related IR and obesity, adiponectin can be used.

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## العلاقة بين مصلي Nesfatin-1 و Adiponctin وتركيز Resistin والسمنة مع مرض السكري من النوع 2

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### الخلاصة:

داء السكري الناجم عن مقاومة الأنسولين هو الدافع وراء السمنة. تم تحديد بين نسفاتين -1، أديبونكتين في العديد من الأعضاء ، بما في ذلك الجهاز العصبي المركزي وخلايا جزر البنكرياس . Nesfatin-1 ، له دور في دوائر التوازن التي تعمل على الطاقة الاستتبابية والتحكم في تناول الطعام. أديبونكتين هو بروتين شبيه بالكولاجين في البلازما تنتجها الخلايا الدهنية ويرتبط بتطور مقاومة الأنسولين (IR) ومرض السكري من النوع 2 (DMT2) وأمراض القلب والأوعية الدموية (CVD). تم تحديد Resisting لأول مرة على أنه هرمون خاص بالأنسجة الدهنية مرتبط بالسمنة ومرض السكري. كان الهدف من هذه الدراسة هو تقدير العلاقة بين نسفاتين -1 ، أديبونكتين ، تركيز ريسيتين والسمنة مع DMT2 . أظهرت النتائج زيادة معنوية في مستوى نسفاتين 1 ومستوى الريسيتين في مجموعة مرضى السكري البدنيين مقارنة بمجموعة السكري غير البدنيين. أظهرت مستويات الأديبونكتين انخفاضاً معنوياً للغاية في مجموعة مرضى السمنة مقارنة بالمجموعة غير البدناء ومجموعة التحكم في السمنة. نسفاتين 1 وبعض المتغيرات كانت له علاقة ارتباط موجبة مع ( BMI ، insulin ، HOMA-IR ) كما وجد ارتباط معنوي موجب لمصلي المقاومة مع ( BMI ، TG ، WC ، HOMA-IR insulin ) . بينما كان هناك ارتباط سلبي بين أديبونكتين المصل مع ( BMI ، TG and HOMA-IR ) . تشير نتائج الدراسة الحالية إلى أن nesfatin-1 قد يكون له دور في التحكم في تناول الطعام وكذلك تطوير مقاومة الانسولين في المرضى الذين يعانون من السمنة المفرطة.

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