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8. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს ავტორის მიერ გამოყენებული სამამულო და უცხოური შრომების ბიბლიოგრაფიული სია (ბოლო 5-8 წლის სიღრმით). ანბანური წყობით წარმოდგენილ ბიბლიოგრაფიულ სიაში მიუთითეთ ჯერ სამამულო, შემდეგ უცხოელი ავტორები (გვარი, ინიციალები, სტატიის სათაური, ჟურნალის დასახელება, გამოცემის ადგილი, წელი, ჟურნალის №, პირველი და ბოლო გვერდები). მონოგრაფიის შემთხვევაში მიუთითეთ გამოცემის წელი, ადგილი და გვერდების საერთო რაოდენობა. ტექსტში კვადრატულ ფხიხლებში უნდა მიუთითოთ ავტორის შესაბამისი N ლიტერატურის სიის მიხედვით. მიზანშეწონილია, რომ ციტირებული წყაროების უმეტესი ნაწილი იყოს 5-6 წლის სიღრმის.

9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.

10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.

11. რედაქცია იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატია. ტექსტზე მუშაობა და შეჯერება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.

12. დაუშვებელია რედაქციაში ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქციაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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METFORMIN MODULATED ADIPOKINES BIOCHEMICAL MARKERS IN TYPE-2 DIABETES PATIENTS

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Abstract.

Background: Type 2 diabetes mellitus is the most widespread type of diabetes, mainly affecting adults. Long-term complications are related to the progression of type 2 diabetes mellitus. Metformin is a key treatment option for type 2 diabetes. Objectives: To evaluate serum irisin, visfatin, and RBP4 levels and to determine the effects of metformin treatment on irisin, visfatin, and RBP4 levels in patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus (Type 2 DM).

Methods: A total of 70 patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus, aged between 48 and 82 years were enrolled in the current study. Serum collected and irisin, visfatin, and RBP4 levels were measured, in Type 2 DM patients and control, using the ELISA Kit.

Results: The findings observed that there were significantly increased levels of irisin, visfatin, and RBP4 in patients with T2DM when compared with control groups. After 3 months of metformin treatment, irisin levels significantly decreased irisin, visfatin, and RBP4 in patients with T2DM when compared before treatment. Receiver operator characteristic curve investigation shows the levels of visfatin, and irisin are the best biomarkers differentiating subjects with T2DM.

Conclusion: In patients with type 2 diabetes, 3 months of treatment with metformin reduces levels of Irisin, Visfatin, and RBP4. The clinical significance of these findings remains to be investigated.

Key words. Irisin, Visfatin, RBP4, diabetes, Metformin.

Introduction.

The pancreas is a vital endocrine-exocrine organ that produces several hormones and enzymes. Its enzymes help in the digestion of carbohydrates, fats, and proteins whereas its hormones such as insulin control blood glucose levels. In patients with diabetes, the absence or insufficient production of insulin causes hyperglycemia [1]. Diabetes mellitus is a chronic heterogeneous metabolic disorder with complex pathogenesis [2]. It is characterized by elevated blood glucose levels or hyperglycemia, which results from abnormalities in either insulin secretion, insulin action or both [3]. Metformin is the first-line pharmacologic treatment for type 2 diabetes and the most commonly prescribed drug for this condition worldwide, either alone or in combination with insulin or other glucose-lowering therapies [2].

Irisin, a myokine released in response to a high-fat diet and exercise, enhances glucose-stimulated insulin secretion (GSIS), irisin augments insulin biosynthesis and promotes accrual of β -cell functional mass [4,5]. The mechanism of metformin could be inducing trans-differentiation of white adipocytes into brown adipose tissue (BAT) through increased production of irisin [6]. Visfatin is a multifaceted novel adipokine, the increased expression and plasma levels of visfatin are associated with T2DM, and the hypoglycemic actions of visfatin include the

inhibition of the release of glucose from hepatic cells and the activation of glucose uptake in peripheral tissues by binding insulin receptors at a site different from that of insulin [7], metformin treatment significantly reduced circulating visfatin concentrations [6]. Retinol-binding protein 4 (RBP4), a transport protein for vitamin A, is synthesized mainly by the hepatocyte and secreted into the circulation bound to vitamin A and transthyretin, RBP4 induces insulin resistance, and plasma RBP4 values are increased in type 2 diabetes mellitus, metformin decreases RBP-4 level in patients with T2DM [8]. Therefore, the present study aimed to evaluate the serum levels of irisin, visfatin and retinol-binding protein 4 in patients with type 2 diabetes after being treated with metformin therapy to determine the effect of metformin on their levels.

Materials and Methods.

Study design: This research includes 180 participants (patients and control subjects). The age range of the participants was between 35 to 70 years. The participants in this research are classified into three different groups: the first group consists of 70 patients who have already been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and have undergone metformin therapy for more than 6 months, the second one consists of 70 patients with type 2 diabetes who do not take metformin therapy. The research also includes a control group of 40 healthy subjects with no family history of diabetes mellitus and they have a similar age range with patients. This study was conducted from the first of December 2023 to the end of March 2024 on a study population who came to Baqubah General Hospital and private clinic (Diyala City, Iraq).

Sample collection: Each individual had a vein puncture to obtain about 5 ml of blood by a sterile disposable syringe. A blood sample cleft to coagulate at room temperature for ten to fifteen minutes. To extract a serum sample, the tube was then centrifuged for 15 minutes at 3000 rounds per minute (rpm). The sample was immediately separated, placed into 3 clear, dry Eppendorf tubes and given a numerical label before being kept at -20 °C until needed for examination. The serum sample was used for the determination of irisin, visfatin and retinol-binding protein 4.

Biochemical test: The ELISA kit uses the Sandwich-ELISA principle namely Elabscience® Human Irisin ELISA Kit for irisin and Cloud-Clone Corp for visfatin and retinol binding protein. The micro-ELISA plate provided in this kit has been pre-coated with an antibody specific to Human Irisin, Visfatin and Retinol Binding Protein. Samples or Standards are added to the micro-ELISA plate wells and combined with the specific antibody. Then a biotinylated detection antibody specific for Human Irisin, visfatin and RBP4 and AvidinHorseradish Peroxidase (HRP) conjugate are added successively to each microplate well and incubated. Free components are washed away. The substrate solution is added to each well. Only those

wells that contain Human Irisin, Visfatin, Retinol binding protein, biotinylated detection antibody and Avidin-HRP conjugate will appear blue which will become yellow upon stop solution injection. The optical density is measured at 450 nm using spectrophotometry. Irisin, Visfatin, and RBP4 concentrations directly affect optical density.

Statistical analysis Data expressed as mean±SD, analysis conducted using t-test with significance considered at p-value 0.05.

Results.

The findings observed that there was a significant increase in the levels of irisin in patients with T2DM (591.53±158.06) when compared with control groups (164.20±40.30). After 3 months of metformin treatment, irisin levels significantly decreased in patients with T2DM (329.01±83.93) when compared to before treatment (591.53±158.06). The findings also observed that there was a significant increase in Visfatin levels in patients with T2DM (53.65±11.68) as compared to control (13.67±2.18). After 3 months of metformin treatment, visfatin levels significantly decreased in patients with T2DM (28.41±6.12) when compared to before treatment (53.65±11.68). The present study revealed a significant increase in the serum RBP4 levels in T2DM patients (94.89±29.64) as compared to the control (10.64±5.21). After 3 months of metformin treatment, RBP4 levels significantly decreased in patients with T2DM (46.83±19.16) when compared to before treatment (94.89±29.64) (Table 1).

Table 1. Comparison of measured parameters in the studied group.

Parameter	Control	-Metformin	+Metformin
Irisin(pg/ml)	164.20±40.30	591.53±158.06*^	329.01±83.93#
Visfatin(ng\ml)	13.67±2.18	53.65±11.68*^	28.41±6.12#
RBP4(ng\ml)	10.64±5.21	94.89±29.64*^	46.83±19.16#

Data Expressed as mean±SD, *^# indicate significant difference at p <0.05
 *# as compared to the control group
 ^as compared to +Metformin group

Discussion.

Irisin is a multifunctional myokine secreted by adipocytes, cardiac myocytes, and skeletal muscle, possibly mediating a wide range of metabolic processes including insulin resistance, muscle endurance, endothelial function, inflammatory and immune reactions and bone osteoblast activity [9]. Irisin can also stimulate in skeletal muscle cells the membrane translocation of GLUT4 (glucose transporter type 4) and induce glucose uptake via stimulating AMP-activated protein kinase phosphorylation [10,11], and thereby the role of irisin in T2DM remains unclear.

The present study showed that serum irisin levels were increased in patients with T2DM than in controls. These results disagree with those who reported decreased circulating irisin levels in T2DM patients, compared to healthy individuals [11,12]. The elevation of circulating irisin may represent a compensatory response to decreased energy expenditure, as well as to counterbalance the increasing need for irisin and prevent the development of insulin resistance. It is also plausible that excessive adipose tissue in these patients could provide an extra

source of irisin [13]. Li et al. (2015), indicated that metformin therapy is a confounding factor in T2DM and obesity-related metabolic disease about the regulation of circulating irisin levels [14].

Visfatin is an adipocytokine of visceral fat that appears to be increased in patients with type 2 diabetes compared with the healthy control group as shown in this study, this result agrees with most recent studies [15]. In this study, the circulating Visfatin level in T2DM patients was compared with the control group. These increased levels of serum visfatin could be due to the effects of hyperglycaemia, as one study found that an infusion of glucose caused an increase in circulating visfatin levels [16].

Another study suggests that increased levels of visfatin are considered a compensatory mechanism for progressive β-cell deterioration aimed at ameliorating the functional consequences of endogenous insulin deficiency in patients with longer-standing type II DM [17]. This study shows elevated levels of RBP4 in patients with type 2 diabetes in both G1 (metformin+ve) and G2 (metformin-ve) when compared to the healthy control group, this finding was consistent with several other studies [18,19]. Higher blood levels of retinol-binding protein are linked to lower expression of glucose transporter 4 in adipocytes, an early pathophysiological indication of insulin resistance. Retinol-binding protein is involved in the development of type 2 diabetes and insulin resistance [20]. Antidiabetics might restore these abnormalities [21-25].

Conclusion.

In patients with type 2 diabetes, the administration of metformin over three months has been observed to significantly reduce the levels of specific adipokines, namely Irisin, Visfatin, and RBP4. These biomarkers are closely linked to metabolic processes and insulin sensitivity. The reduction in their levels suggests that metformin exerts a multifaceted effect on metabolic regulation beyond its primary role in improving insulin sensitivity and lowering blood glucose levels. While these biochemical alterations provide insight into how metformin may improve metabolic health at the molecular level, their precise clinical significance remains unclear. Further studies are needed to investigate whether these changes translate into improved clinical outcomes such as enhanced glycemic control, reduced cardiovascular risk, or other beneficial effects for patients with type 2 diabetes. Comprehensive research linking these biomarker modifications with long-term health outcomes will be critical in understanding the broader implications of metformin therapy for diabetes management.

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