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5. ცხრილები საჭიროა წარმოადგინოთ ნაბეჭდი სახით. ყველა ციფრული, შემავსებელი და პროცენტული მონაცემები უნდა შეესაბამებოდეს ტექსტში მოყვანილს.

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7. სამამულო ავტორების გვარები სტატიაში აღინიშნება ინიციალების თანდართვით, უცხოურისა – უცხოური ტრანსკრიპციით.

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.

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LINKS BETWEEN DYSLIPIDEMIA AND RISK FACTORS IN ACUTE CORONARY SYNDROME

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Abstract.

Background: Dyslipidemia, characterized by elevated low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol and triglycerides (TG) and low high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, is one of the causes of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) and its complications. The interactions of lipid-abnormalities with established traditional cardiovascular risk factors guide prevention and management efforts. This article aims to estimate the presence of lipid profile abnormalities on patients with ACS and their relationship with demographic, clinical, and metabolic risk variables.

Methods: A hospital-based cross-sectional study was conducted at Madani Heart Center, Sudan. The study included 231 patients diagnosed with ACS based on clinical and laboratory findings. Data on demographic characteristics, cardiovascular risk factors (smoking, hypertension, diabetes mellitus), and biochemical markers (LDL, HDL, total cholesterol, TG, glycated hemoglobin, and random blood glucose) were collected. Statistical analysis included descriptive statistics, ANOVA, Chi-square tests, and bivariate correlations, with statistical significance set at $p \leq 0.05$.

Results: The mean age of participants was 60.6 ± 12.3 years. LDL cholesterol showed no significant association with smoking, hypertension, or diabetes. Triglycerides (TG) demonstrated positive correlations with glycated hemoglobin ($r = 0.180$, $p = 0.006$) and random blood glucose ($r = 0.163$, $p = 0.013$), indicating a strong link between dyslipidemia and glycemic control. HDL cholesterol correlated positively with body weight ($r = 0.149$, $p = 0.024$). Both TG and LDL levels showed insignificant association with ACS types, smoking and hypertension (p -values > 0.05).

Conclusion: Triglycerides showed significant associations with markers of impaired glycemic control in patients with ACS indicating the importance of triglyceride management, especially among diabetic individuals.

Key words. Dyslipidemia, acute coronary syndrome, triglycerides, LDL, cholesterol, HDL, glycated hemoglobin.

Introduction.

Overview of Acute coronary syndrome:

Acute coronary syndrome (ACS) is a spectrum of clinical presentations that include ST elevation myocardial infarction (STEMI), non-ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI), and unstable angina. It is caused by a sudden reduction in coronary blood flow to the cardiac muscle,

typically due to rupture of an atherosclerotic plaque within a coronary artery, leading to partial or complete thrombosis of the affected vessel. The cardinal symptom of ACS is chest pain or discomfort that is characteristically described as tightness, pressure, or a burning sensation. The pain is typically central but may radiate to the arm, shoulder, neck, back, upper abdomen, or jaw. Patients may also experience associated symptoms such as sweating, nausea, and shortness of breath.

ACS is a leading cause of death in many countries, particularly among individuals with multiple risk factors [1]. The high mortality rate underlines the significance of early diagnosis and adequate treatment. Mortality can be reduced by controlling modifiable risk factors such as hypertension (HT), diabetes mellitus (DM), cigarette smoking, and dyslipidemia. Among these, dyslipidemia, characterized by elevated low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) and reduced high-density lipoprotein cholesterol (HDL-C), is strongly linked to the progression of atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease [2].

Several studies have demonstrated the impact of traditional cardiovascular risk factors on the incidence and outcomes of ACS. Smoking, a well-established risk factor, accelerates atherosclerosis and promotes thrombogenesis, increasing the likelihood of plaque rupture and subsequent myocardial infarction. Diabetes mellitus, another major contributor, is associated with endothelial dysfunction, chronic inflammation, and dyslipidemia, all of which exacerbate coronary artery disease progression and worsen ACS outcomes. Additionally, hypertension plays a pivotal role by inducing vascular damage and increasing myocardial oxygen demand, further compounding the risk of adverse cardiac events [3].

In Sudan, the prevalence of ACS among diabetic patients is estimated to be 5.44%, with hypertension, advanced age, and longer duration of diabetes mellitus identified as significant risk factors [4]. Sudanese patients with ACS experience more complications compared to their counterparts in Western countries, with STEMI patients being particularly prone to in-hospital complications and more likely to receive reperfusion therapy [5]. Despite a positive trend in prescribing most individual medications for secondary prevention of ACS in Sudan, the use of guideline-recommended medications remains suboptimal [6]. Furthermore, the interplay between dyslipidemia and other cardiovascular risk factors in Sudanese ACS patients has not been extensively explored, warranting further investigation into their combined effects on disease progression and outcomes.

Although the prognosis of ACS patients has improved over the past two decades, there remains room for further advancement, particularly due to the high risk of recurrent cardiovascular events. As cholesterol plays a major role in CAD by contributing to atheroma formation, lipid-lowering therapy is a cornerstone of disease management. Evidence supports that early initiation of cholesterol-lowering drugs is associated with significant reductions in the risk of hospitalization and death due to CAD [7]. However, despite advancements in ACS management, high mortality rates and recurrent cardiovascular events remain a concern. A deeper understanding of how lipid profile abnormalities interact with other risk factors such as smoking, diabetes, and hypertension could help refine risk stratification and improve targeted interventions. This study investigates the association between LDL-C levels and the prognosis of ACS in patients undergoing coronary angiography, aiming to highlight the importance of effective lipid control in recovery and long-term outcomes.

Methods.

Study Design and Setting:

We conducted a hospital-based descriptive cross-sectional study at Madani Heart Center in Gezira State, Sudan, one of the main cardiology referral centers in the region, serving patients from across the country. The study included 231 patients diagnosed with acute coronary syndrome (ACS) who underwent coronary angiography and lipid profiling during their hospitalization. All patients were admitted to the cardiac care unit (CCU) or general cardiology ward and were managed according to standard ACS treatment guidelines.

Ethical Approval:

Ethical approval for the study was obtained from the Sudan Medical Specialization Board, Research Department (7-2023). Permissions were also secured from the Federal Ministry of Health and the hospital director. Participant confidentiality was maintained by anonymizing the data that was used exclusively for research purposes. The study adhered to the principles and guidelines of medical research as outlined in the Declaration of Helsinki. Informed consent was obtained from all participants before inclusion in the study. Patients were provided with detailed information about the study objectives, procedures, and their right to withdraw at any stage without affecting their medical care.

Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria:

All patients included in the study were admitted to either the cardiac care unit (CCU) or the general cardiology ward. Eligible participants were adult patients (≥ 18 years old) diagnosed with acute coronary syndrome (ACS) who had coronary angiography and a complete lipid profile assessment. Additionally, only those with comprehensive medical records, including documented cardiovascular risk factors and relevant laboratory results, were considered for inclusion.

Patients were excluded if they declined to participate, had missing or incomplete lipid profile data, or had chronic kidney disease (CKD) or chronic liver disease, as these conditions significantly affect lipid metabolism and could confound the study findings. To minimize potential bias in interpreting lipid

profiles, we included only patients who were either untreated or had initiated therapy less than six months before presentation.

Data Collection:

A structured data collection form was used to systematically gather comprehensive information from each participant. This included demographic details such as gender, age, and residence, along with clinical history covering key cardiovascular risk factors, including hypertension, diabetes mellitus, smoking status, and a family history of coronary artery disease. Electrocardiography (ECG) findings were documented, categorizing patients based on ST-elevation, non-ST elevation, or other abnormalities. Echocardiography results were also recorded, focusing on left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) and any structural abnormalities.

Coronary angiography outcomes were assessed by documenting the number and severity of coronary artery lesions. Laboratory investigations included a detailed lipid profile (total cholesterol, LDL-C, HDL-C, and triglycerides), blood glucose levels, and inflammatory markers. Data collection was carried out by trained medical personnel under the supervision of the research team. To ensure accuracy and reliability, all data entries were cross-checked by an independent reviewer before analysis.

Statistical Analysis:

The data were analyzed using SPSS version 25.0 (IBM Corp., Armonk, NY, USA). Descriptive statistics, such as frequency tables, percentages, means, and standard deviations, were used to summarize the study variables. Comparisons between ACS subtypes (STEMI, NSTEMI, and unstable angina) were performed using ANOVA for continuous variables and the Chi-square test for categorical variables. Associations between lipid profile abnormalities and cardiovascular risk factors were assessed through bivariate analysis and Chi-square tests. A p -value of ≤ 0.05 was considered statistically significant.

Results.

The baseline characteristics of the study participants are summarized in Table 1. The mean age of the participants was 60.63 years (SD = 12.28), with a minimum age of 20 and a maximum of 87 years. The mean HbA1C level was 7.76% (SD = 2.31), and the mean random blood glucose (RBG) level was 201.58 mg/dl (SD = 97.21). The average low-density lipoprotein (LDL) level was 92.55 mg/dl (SD = 40.16), and the high-density lipoprotein (HDL) mean was 46.65 mg/dl (SD = 16.53). Other characteristics, including weight, total cholesterol, triglycerides, and ejection fraction, are detailed in Table 1.

The distribution of lipid profile categories, including LDL, HDL, total cholesterol, and triglycerides, across demographic characteristics, cardiovascular risk factors, glycemic status, and acute coronary syndrome (ACS) types is summarized in Table 2. Insignificant statistical differences were observed between LDL levels and gender, smoking status, hypertension, diabetes mellitus (DM), HbA1c categories, or ACS types. Similarly, HDL levels demonstrated similar insignificant association. Total cholesterol levels showed a statistically significant difference with hypertension ($p = 0.045$), with a higher proportion of participants without hypertension showing normal cholesterol levels. The associations with gender, smoking status, DM,

Table 1. General Characteristics of the Participants.

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age (years)	231	20	87	60.63	12.278
Wight (kg)	231	45	134	72.98	14.341
HbA1C (%)	231	4.7	15.0	7.762	2.3092
RBG (mg/dl)	231	58	536	201.58	97.208
LDL (mg/dl)	231	27.0	234.0	92.551	40.1591
HDL (mg/dl)	231	12.0	104.0	46.652	16.5303
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	231	66	456	153.11	48.863
Triglyceride (mg/dl)	231	24	349	131.14	52.770
Ejection Fraction%	231	30	74	50.90	10.585

Table 2. Distribution of Lipid Profile Categories Across Demographic, Clinical, and Acute Coronary Syndrome Characteristics.

	Gender		Smoking		HT		DM		HbA1C		ACS type		
	Female	Male	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	< 6.5%	≥ 6.5%	NSTE-MI	STEMI	UA
LDL													
Normal	54 (23.4)	99 (42.9)	44 (19)	109 (47.2)	72 (31.2)	81 (35.1)	77 (33.3)	76 (32.9)	75 (32.5)	78 (33.8)	21 (9.1)	90 (39)	42 (18.2)
Borderline	6 (2.6)	7 (3)	4 (1.7)	9 (3.9)	4 (1.7)	9 (3.9)	4 (1.7)	9 (3.9)	8 (3.5)	5 (2.2)	0 (0)	11 (4.8)	2 (0.9)
High	27 (11.7)	38 (16.5)	17 (7.4)	48 (20.8)	38 (16.5)	27 (11.7)	34 (14.7)	31 (13.4)	26 (11.3)	39 (16.9)	9 (3.9)	42 (18.2)	14 (6.1)
P-value	0.554		0.905		0.118		0.356		0.269		0.362		
HDL													
Normal	16 (6.9)	22 (9.5)	7 (3)	31 (13.4)	23 (10)	15 (6.5)	19 (8.2)	19 (8.2)	20 (8.7)	18 (7.8)	5 (2.2)	19 (8.2)	14 (6.1)
Borderline	53 (22.9)	89 (38.5)	40 (17.3)	102 (44.2)	66 (28.6)	76 (32.9)	69 (29.9)	73 (31.6)	66 (28.6)	76 (32.9)	19 (8.2)	95 (41.1)	28 (12.1)
High	18 (7.8)	33 (14.3)	18 (7.8)	33 (14.3)	25 (10.8)	26 (11.3)	27 (11.7)	24 (10.4)	23 (10)	28 (12.1)	6 (2.6)	29 (12.6)	16 (6.9)
P-value	0.799		0.216		0.306		0.867		0.752		0.181		
Cholesterol													
Normal	77 (33.3)	134 (58)	59 (25.5)	152 (65.8)	99 (42.9)	112 (48.5)	104 (45)	107 (46.3)	100 (43.3)	111 (48.1)	24 (10.4)	133 (57.6)	54 (23.4)
Borderline	6 (2.6)	5 (2.2)	4 (1.7)	7 (3)	9 (3.9)	2 (0.9)	6 (2.6)	5 (2.2)	5 (2.2)	6 (2.6)	4 (1.7)	6 (2.6)	1 (0.4)
High	4 (1.7)	5 (2.2)	2 (0.9)	7 (3)	6 (2.6)	3 (1.3)	5 (2.2)	4 (1.7)	4 (1.7)	5 (2.2)	2 (0.9)	4 (1.7)	3 (1.3)
P-value	0.442		0.768		0.045*		0.887		0.978		0.107		
TG													
Normal	60 (26)	83 (35.9)	41 (17.7)	102 (44.2)	66 (28.6)	77 (33.3)	65 (28.1)	78 (33.8)	75 (32.5)	68 (29.4)	16 (6.9)	92 (39.8)	35 (15.2)
Borderline	20 (8.7)	56 (24.2)	21 (9.1)	55 (23.8)	39 (16.9)	37 (16)	42 (55.3)	34 (44.7)	30 (13)	46 (19.9)	14 (6.1)	43 (18.6)	19 (8.2)
High	7 (3)	5 (2.2)	3 (1.3)	9 (3.9)	9 (3.9)	3 (1.3)	8 (3.5)	4 (1.7)	4 (1.7)	8 (3.5)	0 (0)	8 (3.5)	4 (1.7)
P-value	0.024*		0.957		0.145		0.187		0.115		0.340		

* $P < 0.05$.**Table 3.** Correlation of Lipid Profiles with Clinical Parameters.

		Age (years)	Wight (kg)	Hb (g/dl)	HbA1C (%)	RBG (mg/dl)	Ejection Fraction%
LDL (mg/dl)	Pearson Correlation	-0.063	.125	0.064	0.116	0.113	-0.078
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.342	0.057	0.334	0.079	0.087	0.237
	N	231	231	231	231	231	231
HDL (mg/dl)	Pearson Correlation	0.061	0.149*	0.007	-0.024	-0.069	0.015
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.359	0.024	0.922	0.722	0.293	0.819
	N	231	231	231	231	231	231
Total cholesterol (mg/dl)	Pearson Correlation	-0.099	0.089	0.037	0.009	-0.015	-0.086
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.135	0.177	0.572	0.893	0.819	0.195
	N	231	231	231	231	231	231
Triglyceride (mg/dl)	Pearson Correlation	-0.036	0.155*	0.082	0.180**	0.163*	-0.075
	Sig. (2-tailed)	0.586	0.018	0.215	0.006	0.013	0.256
	N	231	231	231	231	231	231

HbA1c levels, or ACS type are statistically insignificant. Triglyceride (TG) levels were significantly associated with gender ($p = 0.024$), with males more frequently demonstrating normal TG levels compared to females. Aside from this, TG levels showed insignificant associations with the examined variables.

Table 3 shows the correlations between lipid profiles (LDL, HDL, total cholesterol, and triglycerides) and various clinical parameters (age, weight, hemoglobin [Hb], HbA1C, random blood glucose (RBG), and ejection fraction). LDL levels showed insignificant correlations with any of the clinical parameters (p -values > 0.05). HDL levels were significantly correlated with weight ($r = 0.149$, $p = 0.024$), indicating a positive association. Triglycerides demonstrated multiple significant correlations. A positive correlation was observed with weight ($r = 0.155$, $p = 0.018$), HbA1C ($r = 0.180$, $p = 0.006$), and RBG ($r = 0.163$, $p = 0.013$), suggesting that higher triglyceride levels are associated with higher weight, HbA1C, and RBG values. No significant correlations were observed for total cholesterol across any clinical parameters.

Discussion.

Lipid profile abnormalities in patients with ACS:

This study evaluated lipid profile abnormalities in patients with ACS and their associations with demographic and clinical characteristics. Our findings showed no significant association between LDL cholesterol levels and smoking, hypertension, or diabetes. This aligns with reviews reporting that observational studies often fail to demonstrate strong correlations between LDL and individual risk factors, largely due to confounding variables and population heterogeneity [8,9]. However, intervention studies have consistently shown that LDL reduction is highly effective in lowering cardiovascular risk [9]. Interestingly, contrasting studies have reported significantly higher LDL levels in smokers and hypertensive patients that could be attributed to sample differences, dietary habits, or other lifestyle factors [10]. These discrepancies highlight the importance of considering population-specific variations in lipid profiles.

Triglycerides showed significant correlations with HbA1C and random blood glucose levels, emphasizing the close link between hypertriglyceridemia and metabolic disturbances. These findings are consistent with studies demonstrating strong associations between high TG levels, insulin resistance, and poor glycemic control, further underscoring TG's role in the pathophysiology of metabolic syndrome [9,10]. Elevated TG levels have also been implicated in promoting endothelial dysfunction and systemic inflammation, which contribute to cardiovascular risk. However, other studies have suggested that TG levels may have limited predictive value for cardiovascular outcomes when adjusted for other lipid markers, indicating that their role may be more nuanced in specific populations [9,11].

The weak positive correlation between HDL cholesterol and body weight observed in this study appears to contradict the conventional inverse association that is typically reported in epidemiological data. However, this finding may reflect population-specific metabolic characteristics, as ethnic

variation in HDL regulation and lipid metabolism has been well documented [12]. Additionally, subsets of individuals with higher body weight may retain relatively preserved HDL-C levels, a pattern described within the framework of metabolically heterogeneous or “metabolically healthy” obesity [13]. Furthermore, higher body weight in some individuals may partly reflect greater fat-free mass rather than excess adiposity, and lean mass has been associated with more favorable HDL concentrations in several cohorts [14]. Consequently, our finding may not necessarily contradict established paradigms but rather reflect population-specific metabolic heterogeneity within the context of cardiovascular disease.

While traditionally viewed as a marker of cardiovascular health, recent studies emphasize that HDL functionality, including its role in reverse cholesterol transport and anti-inflammatory properties, may be a more reliable predictor of cardiovascular outcomes [8,15,16]. Some studies, however, argue that higher HDL levels remain inversely related to adverse outcomes, highlighting the complexity of HDL's role in cardiovascular health [17].

The analysis of lipid profiles in ACS subtypes revealed insignificant association with TG levels. Although some studies have reported higher triglyceride levels in ACS patients that are linked to pro-inflammatory mechanisms and endothelial dysfunction, our findings did not demonstrate such a relationship in this cohort [11]. No significant differences in LDL levels were observed across ACS types, supporting the notion that non-LDL mechanisms, such as inflammation and thrombosis, may play a more prominent role in acute cardiovascular events [9,10]. However, the absence of association between LDL and risk factors in this study may be influenced by residual confounding, including prior lipid-lowering therapy in some participants, which may have attenuated true LDL elevations.

Total cholesterol levels showed limited correlations with clinical markers and risk factors in this study. This is consistent with meta-analyses indicating that total cholesterol, as a standalone measure, has less predictive power compared to more specific lipid fractions like LDL or non-HDL cholesterol [8]. However, some studies have highlighted its utility in particular clinical contexts [8,9].

Our findings indicate that most lipid parameters did not vary significantly across demographic or clinical variables, suggesting a relatively homogeneous lipid distribution within this ACS cohort. The significant association between total cholesterol and hypertension is consistent with evidence linking elevated cholesterol to vascular stiffness and increased cardiovascular risk among hypertensive individuals while the gender-related difference observed in triglyceride levels, with males exhibiting more favorable TG profiles, reflects known sex-based metabolic patterns influenced by hormonal and lifestyle factors. It is worth noting that while LDL reduction remains a cornerstone of therapy, the significant correlation between triglycerides and glycemic parameters suggests that targeted interventions for hypertriglyceridemia, particularly in diabetic and insulin-resistant populations, should be emphasized. These insights should guide personalized lipid-lowering approaches in ACS patients, particularly those at high metabolic risk.

Limitations.

This study has several limitations. First, it is a cross-sectional analysis, which limits the ability to establish causal relationships between lipid profiles and cardiovascular risk factors. Second, the study population was derived from a single center, potentially restricting the generalizability of findings to broader populations. Third, the analysis focused on traditional lipid parameters and did not incorporate advanced measures such as HDL functionality or non-HDL cholesterol, which may provide deeper insights into lipid-mediated cardiovascular risk. Fourth, although patients who had been on lipid-lowering therapy for more than six months were excluded, prior or recent medication use may still have influenced their lipid profile results, and some degree of residual confounding cannot be fully ruled out. Additionally, socioeconomic factors and dietary habits, which play a critical role in lipid metabolism, were not evaluated. Future studies should address these limitations to build a more comprehensive understanding of lipid abnormalities in ACS.

Conclusion.

In general, our study emphasizes the importance of a comprehensive approach to lipid management in ACS. Triglycerides emerge as significant markers, particularly in patients with metabolic syndrome or diabetes, highlighting their role in residual cardiovascular risk. Future research should explore the long-term impact of lipid abnormalities on ACS prognosis and investigate personalized lipid-lowering approaches tailored to metabolic profiles. Given the evolving understanding of HDL cholesterol, future lipid management strategies should focus on assessing HDL functionality rather than solely relying on HDL levels. Public health initiatives aimed at improving lipid control through lifestyle interventions, medication adherence, and early screening may significantly reduce the burden of ACS, particularly in resource-limited settings like Sudan.

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