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9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცეზია, 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. რედაქტორი იტოვებს უფლებას შეასწოროს სტატიას. ტექსტშე მუშაობა და შეჯრება ხდება საავტორო ორიგინალის მიხედვით.

12. დაუშვებელია რედაქტორი ისეთი სტატიის წარდგენა, რომელიც დასაბეჭდიდად წარდგენილი იყო სხვა რედაქტორიაში ან გამოქვეყნებული იყო სხვა გამოცემებში.

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Biomarkers of cardiometabolic risk in patients with arterial hypertension: a cross-sectional pilot study

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Abstract.

Aim of the Study: To provide a comprehensive assessment of cardiometabolic biomarkers in patients with arterial hypertension and to analyze their relationship with the presence of coronary artery disease and atherosclerosis, as well as to outline directions for further research.

Materials and Methods: A pilot sample of 31 patients with established arterial hypertension was analyzed. Anthropometric indicators, lipid parameters, and inflammatory biomarkers were assessed in relation to documented coronary artery disease and atherosclerosis.

Results: The strongest associations with coronary artery disease and atherosclerosis were observed for waist circumference, BMI, LDL-C, total cholesterol, triglycerides, and systolic blood pressure. Elevated lipoprotein(a) levels were noted in several patients without confirmed disease, suggesting possible early subclinical vascular involvement. These trends are consistent with previously described cardiometabolic patterns in the Kazakhstani population.

Conclusion: Comprehensive assessment of anthropometric and biochemical biomarkers may be useful for early cardiovascular risk stratification in patients with arterial hypertension in Kazakhstan. The observed tendencies highlight potential region-specific features of cardiometabolic risk, warranting further investigation in larger cohorts.

Key words. Arterial hypertension, cardiometabolic risk, biomarkers, ischemic heart disease.

Introduction.

Arterial hypertension (AH) remains one of the most significant risk factors for cardiovascular mortality worldwide [1]. According to the Global Burden of Disease (GBD), elevated blood pressure is the leading modifiable contributor to premature death. Despite advances in treatment and prevention, patients with AH continue to exhibit a high residual risk of complications, including coronary artery disease (CAD) and atherosclerotic vascular damage. This underscores the need for early risk stratification and the identification of biomarkers capable of detecting subclinical organ and vascular damage [2-5].

The burden of cardiovascular disease is particularly high in Central Asia, including Kazakhstan, where hypertension prevalence remains elevated and control rates are suboptimal [6-13]. Recent national data demonstrate that a substantial proportion of adults have uncontrolled blood pressure, with significant disparities between urban and rural populations [2,14-17]. Mortality from cardiovascular diseases in Kazakhstan continues to exceed that in many high-income countries, reflecting persistent gaps in prevention, risk assessment, and access to care [17]. Furthermore, ethnic heterogeneity, lifestyle

patterns, dietary habits, and rapid urbanisation may influence cardiometabolic risk, suggesting that findings from Western populations may not be fully generalisable to this region [18-20].

Several recent studies highlight the need for population-specific approaches to cardiometabolic risk profiling in Kazakhstan and Central Asia. New cut-off values for anthropometric indicators such as body mass index and waist circumference have been proposed based on cardiometabolic risk patterns unique to the region [21]. Additionally, emerging evidence demonstrates ethnic variability in lipoprotein(a) levels and suggests that Kazakhstan may require locally adapted thresholds for assessing atherosclerotic risk [22-23]. Despite these important contributions, comprehensive evaluation of early cardiometabolic biomarkers—including lipid subclasses, lipoprotein(a), inflammatory markers such as high-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP), and metabolic indicators—remains scarce in this region. Most available data focus on traditional risk factors, while biomarker-based risk stratification in hypertensive patients has not been systematically investigated.

Contemporary ESC/ESH and ACC/AHA guidelines emphasize the role of multifactorial risk assessment, including an extended lipid profile, markers of glucose metabolism, and inflammatory biomarkers. Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), apolipoprotein B, waist circumference, body mass index are recognized as key components of atherogenesis. High-sensitivity C-reactive protein (hs-CRP) reflects vascular inflammation and is associated with early stages of atherosclerosis. Despite the available evidence base, uncertainties remain regarding the contribution of individual biomarkers to risk formation in ambulatory patients [6-8]. However, uncertainties remain regarding the contribution of individual biomarkers to risk formation in ambulatory patients. Given the high burden of cardiovascular disease in Central Asia and the limited availability of region-specific biomarker data, there is a clear need for exploratory studies that assess the contribution of early biomarkers to cardiovascular risk among hypertensive patients. The aim of this pilot study was to provide a comprehensive assessment of cardiometabolic biomarkers in patients with arterial hypertension and to analyze their relationship with the presence of coronary artery disease and atherosclerosis, as well as to outline directions for further research.

Materials and Methods.

This study was conducted as a cross-sectional pilot investigation including 31 patients with established arterial hypertension.

Clinical and Laboratory Parameters:

For each patient, data were collected on anthropometric characteristics (height, weight, body mass index, waist and hip

circumference, waist-to-hip ratio), blood pressure, lipid profile, inflammatory biomarkers, and other biochemical parameters.

Definition of Outcome Variables:

The presence of coronary artery disease (CAD) and atherosclerosis was recorded as binary variables (0/1). Diagnoses were not based on self-report; all information was extracted from medical documentation, including outpatient records, imaging reports, and cardiology consultations.

Coronary Artery Disease (CAD):

CAD was considered present if documented by any of the following:

1. Cardiologist-confirmed diagnosis (ICD-10 I20–I25).
2. Objective evidence of ischemia (positive stress test or coronary angiography showing $\geq 50\%$ stenosis).
3. History of acute coronary syndrome (myocardial infarction or unstable angina).
4. Prior coronary revascularization (percutaneous coronary intervention or coronary artery bypass grafting).

Atherosclerosis:

Atherosclerosis was considered present if documented by:

1. Carotid ultrasonography showing increased intima–media thickness or plaque.
2. Peripheral arterial imaging indicating atherosclerotic plaque or stenosis.
3. Coronary angiography demonstrating atherosclerotic lesions.

Data Sources:

All diagnoses were extracted from official medical records (electronic charts, laboratory and imaging reports, cardiology notes). No self-reported diagnoses were used.

Inclusion Criteria:

Patients were included if they:

1. Were ≥ 18 years old.
2. Had a documented diagnosis of arterial hypertension.
3. Had available clinical and laboratory data required for analysis.

Exclusion Criteria:

Patients were excluded if they had:

1. Secondary hypertension.
2. Severe renal impairment (eGFR < 30 mL/min/1.73 m 2).
3. Active malignancy.
4. Recent acute cardiovascular events (within 3 months).
5. Acute infection or inflammatory condition at the time of testing.
6. Insufficient medical documentation.

Statistical Analysis:

Statistical analysis was performed using StatTech v. 4.10.0 (StatTech LLC, Russia).

Quantitative variables were assessed for normality using the Shapiro–Wilk test. Variables with normal distribution were described using mean (M) and standard deviation (SD), with 95% confidence intervals (95% CI) reported as measures of representativeness. In cases of non-normal distribution, quantitative data were described using median (Me) and first

and third quartiles (Q1–Q3).

Comparison of two groups for normally distributed variables with equal variances was carried out using Student's t-test; when variances were unequal, Welch's t-test was applied. For non-normally distributed variables, the Mann–Whitney U test was used. Differences were considered statistically significant at $p < 0.05$.

Results.

The results of the study are presented in the original tables, which include descriptive statistics for anthropometric, lipid and inflammatory markers.

The obtained data demonstrate a pronounced cardiometabolic burden among patients with arterial hypertension. The observed values of body mass index (BMI), waist circumference, and waist-to-hip ratio indicate a high prevalence of abdominal obesity. These parameters are key components of cardiometabolic risk and are closely associated with the development of atherosclerotic processes. Elevated levels of total cholesterol, low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C), and triglycerides confirm the presence of atherogenic dyslipidemia, which, according to ESC/EAS guidelines, significantly increases the risk of cardiovascular complications. These findings underscore the importance of regular lipid profile assessment during outpatient monitoring.

The following step was the analysis of differences between patients with and without atherosclerosis. This represents a key element of cardiovascular risk assessment, as atherosclerosis is the morphological foundation of most cardiovascular complications.

Patients with atherosclerosis were considerably older and exhibited more pronounced anthropometric and metabolic disturbances. These findings are consistent with the pathogenic understanding of atherosclerosis, in which age, visceral obesity, elevated LDL-C, and inflammatory processes serve as major determinants of disease progression.

In addition to anthropometric and hemodynamic parameters, several lipid profile components also demonstrated clinically relevant trends. Patients with atherosclerosis showed numerically higher levels of LDL-cholesterol, total cholesterol, and triglycerides, indicating a shift toward a more atherogenic lipid pattern, although statistical significance was not reached due to the small sample size. Notably, elevated lipoprotein(a) values were observed in some patients without confirmed atherosclerosis, which may suggest early subclinical vascular involvement.

To complement the analysis, differences between patients with and without coronary artery disease (CAD) were examined. This stage allows for evaluation of the contribution of different biomarkers to the risk of coronary events and confirms the patterns identified in earlier sections.

The higher BMI, waist circumference, systolic blood pressure, and biochemical parameters among patients with CAD correspond to established mechanisms of atherogenesis and are in line with findings from large cohort studies, such as the Framingham Heart Study. These data emphasize the importance of early identification of patients with excess body weight and metabolic disturbances.

Table 1. Descriptive Statistics of Quantitative Variables.

Indicators	M ± SD / Me	95% CI / Q ₁ – Q ₃	min	max
Age, years, M ± SD	49.13 ± 13.81	44.07 – 54.19	24.00	73.00
Height, m, Me	1.69	1.65 – 1.72	1.58	1.92
Weight, kg, Me	78.00	73.00 – 85.00	63.00	110.00
Body Mass Index (BMI), M ± SD	28.26 ± 4.10	26.75 – 29.76	21.72	39.26
Waist circumference, cm, Me	88.00	79.50 – 93.50	75.00	120.00
Hip circumference, cm, Me	91.00	86.00 – 94.00	80.00	120.00
Waist-to-hip ratio (WHR), Me	0.98	0.94 – 0.99	0.77	1.04
Systolic blood pressure (SBP), mmHg, Me	130.00	120.00 – 130.00	110.00	140.00
Diastolic blood pressure (DBP), mmHg, Me	80.00	80.00 – 80.00	70.00	80.00
Heart rate, bpm, Me	75.00	72.00 – 76.00	65.00	80.00
Creatinine, µmol/L, Me	65.06	65.06 – 65.06	39.60	90.70
Urea, mmol/L, Me	5.78	5.78 – 5.78	2.97	7.40
ALT, U/L, Me	30.70	30.70 – 30.70	15.70	106.00
AST, U/L, Me	18.00	18.00 – 18.00	15.01	41.90
Total cholesterol, mmol/L, Me	6.42	6.19 – 6.46	3.50	10.10
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L, Me	1.45	1.45 – 1.45	0.91	2.93
LDL cholesterol, mmol/L, Me	4.05	3.35 – 4.27	1.47	8.60
Triglycerides, mmol/L, Me	1.39	1.39 – 1.39	0.74	5.07
Atherogenic index, Me	2.92	2.92 – 2.92	2.00	3.60
Apolipoprotein A1, g/L, Me	1.57	1.57 – 1.57	1.30	1.86
Apolipoprotein B, g/L, Me	1.11	1.11 – 1.11	0.90	1.27
hs-CRP (cardio), mg/dL, Me	0.25	0.25 – 0.25	0.06	0.47
Lipoprotein(a), mg/dL, Me	70.00	15.91 – 166.94	0.06	409.00
Glucose, mmol/L, Me	5.74	5.74 – 5.74	4.63	12.49

Table 2. Descriptive Statistics of Quantitative Variables by Atherosclerosis Status.

Indicators	Atherosclerosis		p-value
	Diagnosis-	Diagnosis+	
Age, years, M (SD)	44.28 (15.22)	55.85 (8.01)	0.011*
Height, m, M (SD)	1.69 [1.65; 1.71]	1.66 [1.63; 1.73]	0.365
Weight, kg, Me [IQR]	75.00 [68.25; 84.75]	80.00 [78.00; 88.00]	0.054
Body Mass Index (BMI), M (SD)	27.24 [23.49; 30.53]	29.36 [28.01; 30.47]	0.101
Waist circumference, cm, Me [IQR]	85.00 [76.00; 93.75]	89.00 [88.00; 92.00]	0.100
Hip circumference, cm, Me [IQR]	89.00 [82.25; 94.00]	92.00 [91.00; 110.00]	0.039*
Waist-to-hip ratio (WHR), Me [IQR]	0.96 [0.94; 0.99]	0.98 [0.95; 0.99]	0.575
Systolic BP (SBP), mmHg, Me [IQR]	130.00 [120.00; 130.00]	130.00 [130.00; 140.00]	0.039*
Diastolic BP (DBP), mmHg, Me [IQR]	80.00 [80.00; 80.00]	80.00 [80.00; 80.00]	0.783
Heart rate, bpm, M (SD)	74.50 [72.00; 75.75]	76.00 [70.00; 76.00]	0.347
Creatinine, µmol/L, Me [IQR]	65.06 [65.06; 65.06]	65.06 [65.06; 68.00]	0.054
Urea, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	5.78 [5.78; 5.78]	5.78 [5.78; 6.00]	0.004*
ALT, U/L, Me [IQR]	30.70 [30.70; 30.70]	30.70 [22.90; 30.70]	0.160
AST, U/L, Me [IQR]	18.00 [18.00; 18.00]	18.00 [18.00; 18.00]	0.417
Total cholesterol, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	6.42 [6.42; 6.42]	6.42 [5.65; 8.41]	0.600
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	1.45 [1.45; 1.45]	1.45 [1.45; 1.47]	0.083
LDL cholesterol, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	4.05 [4.05; 4.05]	4.24 [3.10; 5.62]	0.594
Triglycerides, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	1.39 [1.39; 1.39]	1.39 [1.07; 2.68]	0.681
Atherogenic index, Me [IQR]	2.92 [2.92; 2.92]	2.92 [2.92; 2.92]	0.708
Apolipoprotein A1, g/L, Me [IQR]	1.57 [1.57; 1.57]	1.57 [1.57; 1.57]	0.092
Apolipoprotein B, g/L, Me [IQR]	1.11 [1.11; 1.11]	1.11 [1.11; 1.11]	0.662
hs-CRP (cardio), mg/dL, Me [IQR]	0.25 [0.25; 0.25]	0.25 [0.25; 0.25]	0.142
Lipoprotein(a), mg/dL, Me [IQR]	66.67 [26.76; 114.55]	70.00 [11.30; 217.00]	0.689
Glucose, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	5.74 [5.74; 5.74]	5.74 [5.74; 5.74]	1.000

Table 3. Descriptive Statistics of Quantitative Variables by CAD Status.

Indicators	CAD		p-value
	Diagnosis-	Diagnosis+	
Age, years, M (SD)	39.06 (9.68)	61.36 (5.56)	< 0.001*
Height, m, M (SD)	1.70 [1.69; 1.73]	1.65 [1.61; 1.66]	0.001*
Weight, kg, Me [IQR]	73.00 [68.00; 85.00]	81.50 [78.00; 85.00]	0.049*
Body Mass Index (BMI), M (SD)	25.26 [23.46; 29.76]	30.66 [28.81; 31.22]	< 0.001*
Waist circumference, cm, Me [IQR]	80.00 [76.00; 92.00]	92.50 [88.25; 94.00]	0.003*
Hip circumference, cm, Me [IQR]	86.00 [82.00; 93.00]	94.00 [91.00; 107.00]	0.001*
Waist-to-hip ratio (WHR), Me [IQR]	0.94 [0.93; 0.99]	0.98 [0.96; 1.00]	0.077
Systolic BP (SBP), mmHg, Me [IQR]	120.00 [120.00; 130.00]	130.00 [130.00; 137.50]	0.009*
Diastolic BP (DBP), mmHg, Me [IQR]	80.00 [80.00; 80.00]	80.00 [80.00; 80.00]	0.340
Heart rate, bpm, M (SD)	75.00 [72.00; 76.00]	73.00 [70.50; 76.00]	0.504
Creatinine, μ mol/L, Me [IQR]	65.06 [65.06; 65.06]	65.06 [65.06; 67.27]	0.302
Urea, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	5.78 [5.78; 5.78]	5.78 [5.78; 6.00]	0.005*
ALT, U/L, Me [IQR]	30.70 [30.70; 30.70]	30.70 [30.70; 30.70]	0.164
AST, U/L, Me [IQR]	18.00 [18.00; 18.00]	18.00 [18.00; 18.00]	0.095
Total cholesterol, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	6.42 [6.30; 6.42]	6.42 [6.17; 7.11]	0.492
HDL cholesterol, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	1.45 [1.45; 1.45]	1.45 [1.45; 1.45]	0.616
LDL cholesterol, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	4.05 [3.42; 4.05]	4.08 [3.34; 4.56]	0.239
Triglycerides, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	1.39 [1.39; 1.39]	1.39 [1.39; 1.39]	0.910
Atherogenic index, Me [IQR]	2.92 [2.92; 2.92]	2.92 [2.92; 2.92]	0.183
Apolipoprotein A1, g/L, Me [IQR]	1.57 [1.57; 1.57]	1.57 [1.57; 1.57]	0.954
Apolipoprotein B, g/L, Me [IQR]	1.11 [1.11; 1.11]	1.11 [1.11; 1.11]	0.255
hs-CRP (cardio), mg/dL, Me [IQR]	0.25 [0.25; 0.25]	0.25 [0.25; 0.25]	0.556
Lipoprotein(a), mg/dL, Me [IQR]	71.48 [47.35; 126.00]	46.62 [12.45; 254.50]	1.000
Glucose, mmol/L, Me [IQR]	5.74 [5.74; 5.74]	5.74 [5.74; 5.74]	0.454

Table 4. Analysis of Waist Circumference by CAD and Atherosclerosis Status.

Indicators	Categories	Waist Circumference, sm			p-value
		Me	Q ₁ – Q ₃	n	
CAD	Diagnosis-	80.00	76.00 – 92.00	17	0.003*
	Diagnosis+	92.50	88.25 – 94.00	14	
Atherosclerosis	Diagnosis-	85.00	76.00 – 93.75	18	0.100
	Diagnosis+	89.00	88.00 – 92.00	13	

* – The differences in indicators are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$).

Table 5. Analysis of BMI by CAD and Atherosclerosis Status.

Indicators	Categories	BMI			p-value
		Me	Q ₁ – Q ₃	n	
CAD	Diagnosis-	25.26	23.46 – 29.76	17	< 0.001*
	Diagnosis+	30.66	28.81 – 31.22	14	
Atherosclerosis	Diagnosis-	27.24	23.49 – 30.53	18	0.101
	Diagnosis+	29.36	28.01 – 30.47	13	

Lipid profile analysis revealed similar tendencies. Patients with CAD tended to exhibit higher LDL-C, total cholesterol, and triglyceride concentrations, aligning with established atherogenic patterns. Although these differences were not statistically significant, the directionality was consistent across indicators. Importantly, several individuals without documented CAD showed elevated lipoprotein(a) levels, which may reflect early stages of subclinical vascular risk and highlights the relevance of Lp(a) assessment in hypertensive patients.

Based on the data, a statistically significant difference in waist circumference was found between patients with and without

CAD ($p = 0.003$). No significant difference was identified when comparing waist circumference by atherosclerosis status ($p = 0.100$), according to the Mann–Whitney U test.

The evaluation of BMI revealed substantial differences in relation to CAD status ($p < 0.001$), while no statistically significant differences were observed when comparing BMI by atherosclerosis status ($p = 0.101$). These findings reinforce the role of BMI and waist circumference as markers of visceral obesity and predictors of early atherosclerotic processes. The results align with ESC/EAS recommendations, which classify visceral obesity as an important determinant of elevated cardiometabolic risk.

A comprehensive analysis of all biochemical parameters by CAD and atherosclerosis status was conducted; however, no statistically significant differences were identified (Mann-Whitney U test).

Discussion.

The findings of this pilot study highlight the importance of a comprehensive biomarker assessment in patients with arterial hypertension. While several observed associations align with established evidence from large epidemiological studies, the results also reveal trends that may be particularly relevant to the Kazakhstani population.

Anthropometric parameters—especially waist circumference and BMI—emerged as the most influential factors, consistent with ESC/ESH and ACC/AHA guidelines [4,5] and the INTERHEART study [9], which identified visceral adiposity as an independent predictor of CAD. Notably, the magnitude of anthropometric differences between CAD-positive and CAD-negative patients in our cohort was greater than typically reported in Western populations, suggesting that central obesity may exert a stronger relative effect on cardiovascular risk in Kazakhstan. This is supported by regional studies showing high prevalence of obesity, early hypertension onset, and worsening cardiometabolic risk [14-18].

Lipid parameters, particularly LDL-C and total cholesterol, demonstrated clinically meaningful trends compatible with atherogenesis. Although statistical significance was limited by the small sample size, the directionality of findings corresponds with patterns seen in Kazakhstan and Central Asia, where atherogenic dyslipidemia remains highly prevalent [14-17,20-23]. Importantly, lipid abnormalities were present even in some patients without confirmed CAD or atherosclerosis, suggesting early subclinical vascular involvement.

Glucose and hs-CRP showed expected tendencies consistent with JUPITER and CANTOS [10-13]. Elevated inflammatory markers in patients without clinical cardiovascular disease may reflect early vascular activation influenced by lifestyle, diet, and genetic heterogeneity typical of Kazakhstan [18-23]. Overall, although classical risk pathways are preserved, their relative strength and clinical manifestation in Kazakhstan may differ from Western cohorts. Thus, this pilot study does not merely reinforce established truths but provides preliminary region-specific evidence suggesting unique trajectories of adiposity, lipid abnormalities, and inflammation shaping cardiovascular risk in Kazakhstani hypertensive patients.

The limitations include the small sample size, incomplete biomarker data, absence of imaging validation of CAD and atherosclerosis, and potential multicollinearity. Despite these constraints, the findings support the need for broad biomarker assessment in outpatient practice and justify a larger prospective study.

Thus, a multifactorial evaluation of anthropometric, lipid, inflammatory, and metabolic markers can enable early detection of vascular injury and inform the development of personalized, region-adapted management strategies for Kazakhstan.

Conclusion.

This pilot study identified several promising cardiovascular risk biomarkers in patients with arterial hypertension, including

anthropometric indicators and lipid parameters, with trends suggesting a potentially stronger contribution of central obesity and atherogenic dyslipidemia in the Kazakhstani population. A comprehensive assessment of these biomarkers may improve early risk stratification and support the development of region-adapted approaches to cardiovascular prevention. Larger studies are required to validate these findings and refine the prognostic value of the identified markers for this population.

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БИОМАРКЕРЫ КАРДИОМЕТАБОЛИЧЕСКОГО РИСКА У ПАЦИЕНТОВ С АРТЕРИАЛЬНОЙ ГИПЕРТЕНЗИЕЙ: ПОПЕРЕЧНОЕ ПИЛОТНОЕ ИССЛЕДОВАНИЕ

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Абстракт
Цель исследования: Комплексная оценка кардиометаболических биомаркеров у пациентов с артериальной гипертензией (АГ) и проанализировать их связь с наличием ишемической болезни сердца (ИБС) и атеросклероза, а также определить направления для дальнейших исследований.

Материалы и методы исследования: В пилотное исследование включены 31 пациент с установленной

АГ. Оценивались антропометрические показатели, параметры липидного обмена, воспалительные маркеры и их ассоциации с наличием ИБС и атеросклероза, подтверждённых по медицинской документации.

Результаты исследования: Наиболее выраженные ассоциации с ИБС и атеросклерозом выявлены для окружности талии и индекса массы тела, уровней ЛПНП, общего холестерина и триглицеридов, а также систолического артериального давления. Отмечена тенденция к повышенным значениям липопротеина(а) у части пациентов без подтверждённой ИБС и атеросклероза, что может отражать ранние признаки субклинического сосудистого риска. Полученные данные согласуются с

региональными особенностями кардиометаболического профиля, описанными для Казахстана.

Заключение: Комплексная оценка антропометрических и лабораторных биомаркеров может быть полезна для ранней стратификации сердечно-сосудистого риска у пациентов с АГ в Казахстане. Выявленные тенденции подчёркивают возможные региональные особенности формирования кардиометаболического риска, что требует дальнейшего изучения в более крупных выборках.

Ключевые слова. артериальная гипертензия; кардиометаболический риск; биомаркеры; ишемическая болезнь сердца; атеросклероз; липидный профиль.