

# A study of prevalence and risk factors associated with ischemic heart disease in diabetic patients

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## Abstract

**Introduction:** Cardiovascular diseases (CVD), comprising coronary heart (CHD) and cerebro-vascular diseases, are currently the leading cause of death globally, accounting for 21.9 per cent of total deaths, and are projected to increase to 26.3 per cent by 2030. **Aims and Objectives:** To Study Prevalence and Risk factors associated with ischemic heart disease in Diabetic Patients **Methodology:** This was a hospital based cross-sectional study of the Patients who were admitted to tertiary health care Centre with diagnosis of Diabetes with Myocardial Ischemia diagnosed by ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction during the Period of One year from June 2014 to June 2015 at tertiary health care Centre. Total 127 patients were enrolled into the study. **Result:** The majority of the Patients were from >60- 33.86% followed by 50-60- 29.92%, 40-50- 20.47% 30-40- 9.44% and 20-30- 6.29%. It can be seen that as age increases the prevalence of IHD is increases in diabetic patients. Majority of the Patients were Male i.e. 55.11% and 39.37% were Female. Most common risk factor associated was Male sex -55.11% followed by Age >60 - 33.86% And H/o Hypertension - 25.19%, Presence of CAN - 19.69%, Hypercholestromia - 18.11% Smoking - 14.96%, Tobacco Chewing - 13.38%, Uncontrolled Diabetes - 11.81%. **Conclusion:** The incidence of Ischaemic heart disease is increased as age of the diabetic patients increases and also associated with the risk factors like Male sex, Age >60, H/o Hypertens, Presence of CAN, Hypercholestromia, Smoking, Tobacco Chewing, Uncontrolled Diabetes. **Key Words:** Cardiovascular diseases (CVD), Ischaemic Heart Disease(IHD), CAN (Cardiac Autonomic Neuropathy), Uncontrolled Diabetes.

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## INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular diseases (CVD), comprising coronary heart (CHD) and cerebro-vascular diseases, are currently the leading cause of death globally, accounting for 21.9 per cent of total deaths, and are projected to increase to 26.3 per cent by 2030.<sup>1</sup> The factors that coalesce to

increase the risk of developing atherosclerotic CHD were demonstrated in Framingham in the mid-20th century<sup>2</sup> and have subsequently been shown to be pervasive across ethnicities and regions of the world<sup>3</sup>. These are not new risks, but the ubiquity of smoking, dyslipidaemia, obesity, diabetes, and hypertension has been gradually escalating<sup>4</sup>, and is thought to be the driving influence behind the epidemic of heart disease faced today. Of the risk factors, diabetes, and its predominant form, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM), has a distinctive association with CHD. Those with diabetes have two to four-fold higher risk of developing coronary disease than people without diabetes<sup>5</sup>, and CVD accounts for an overwhelming 65-75 per cent of deaths in people with diabetes<sup>6,7</sup>. More significantly however, the age and sex-adjusted mortality risk in diabetic patients without pre-existing coronary artery disease was found to be equal to that of non-diabetic individuals with prior myocardial infarction

(MI).<sup>8</sup> These remarkable findings regarding higher risk of mortality<sup>9-11</sup> have led to suspicion that common precursors predispose to diabetes and CHD<sup>12,13</sup>

**METHODOLOGY**

This was a hospital based cross-sectional study of the Patients who were admitted to tertiary health care Centre with diagnosis of Diabetes with Myocardial Ischemia diagnosed by ST-Elevation Myocardial Infarction during the Period of One year from June 2014 to June 2015 at tertiary health care Centre. Total 127 patients were enrolled into the study. The Cardiac Autonomic Neuropathy was diagnosed by Prolonged QT –interval on ECG and no rise in Heart Rate in response to Handgrip Exercises. All the patients Of Ischemic heart disease were included but those with other system affected like Renal system and Central Nervous system were excluded from the study. All detailed clinical history including the risk factors were recorded

**RESULT**

**Table 1: Age wise Distribution of the Diabetic patients with MI**

Age	No.	Percentage (%)
20-30	8	6.29%
30-40	12	9.44%
40-50	26	20.47%
50-60	38	29.92%
>60	43	33.86%
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

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**Table 2: Gender wise Distribution of the MI Patients**

Sex	No.	Percentage (%)
Male	70	55.11%
Female	50	39.37%
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>100%</b>

Majority of the Patients were Male i.e. 55.11% and 39.37% were Female .

**Table 3: Distribution of the Diabetic patients with MI as per the Associated risk factors**

Risk Factors	No.	Percentage (%)
Age >60	43	33.86%
Male	70	55.11%
Hypercholestromia	23	18.11%
H/o Hypertension	32	25.19%
Smoking	19	14.96%
Tobacco Chewing	17	13.38%
Presence of CAN	25	19.69%
Uncontrolled Diabetes	15	11.81%

Most common risk factor associated was Male sex - 55.11% followed by Age >60 - 33.86% And H/o Hypertension - 25.19%, Presence of CAN - 19.69%,

Hypercholestromia- 18.11% Smoking - 14.96%, Tobacco Chewing - 13.38%, Uncontrolled Diabetes - 11.81%.

**DISCUSSION**

Diabetic patients have twice the risk of myocardial infarction (MI) and stroke of that of the general population.<sup>14</sup> In their cross-sectional study, Haffner *et al.* identified individuals between age 45 and 64 from the Finnish Social Institution’s register and compared the outcomes of type 2 diabetic patients with those of non-diabetic control subjects. During a seven-year followup and after adjustment for other cardiovascular risk factors, the risk of myocardial infarction and the mortality from coronary heart disease were similar in diabetics without prior myocardial infarction and non-diabetics with prior myocardial infarction.<sup>15</sup> This observation, derived from a group of middle-aged and older individuals, has been integrated into clinical practice and served as a premise to consider diabetes a CVD equivalent. Nonetheless, age remains an important factor to take into account when assessing the risk of diabetic patients. In a large population-based retrospective cohort study, Booth *et al.* reported that diabetes seems to account for a risk equivalent to ageing 15 years. However, younger diabetics (age 40 or younger) do not appear to be at high risk of CVD.<sup>16</sup> A number of comprehensive risk assessment tools taking into account patients’ age and risk factors profile are recognized by major scientific societies and have been validated in numerous clinical trials. Such tools are available online and include the Framingham risk calculator<sup>17</sup>, the UK Prospective Diabetes Study risk engine<sup>18</sup> and the ADA’s Diabetes Personal Health Decisions.<sup>19</sup> In our study we have observed thatThe majority of the Patients were from >60- 33.86% followed by 50-60- 29.92%, 40-50- 20.47%30-40- 9.44% and 20-30- 6.29%.It can be seen that as age increases the prevalence of IHD is increases in diabetic patients. Majority of the Patients were Male i.e. 55.11% and 39.37% were Female Most common risk factor associated was Male sex -55.11% followed by Age >60 - 33.86% And H/o Hypertension - 25.19%, Presence of CAN - 19.69%, Hypercholestromia - 18.11%Smoking - 14.96%, Tobacco Chewing - 13.38%, Uncontrolled Diabetes - 11.81%.

**CONCLUSION**

The incidence of Ischaemic heart disease is increased as age of the diabetic patients increases and also associated with the risk factors like Male sex , Age >60 , H/o Hypertens, Presence of CAN, Hypercholestromia, Smoking , Tobacco Chewing , Uncontrolled Diabetes

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