

Prevalence of LADA in population diagnosed with type 2 diabetes mellitus

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ABSTRACT

There is a group of patients in whom the physiopathologic key does not stay in insulin resistance but in reducing insulin secretion as an initial event. In these patients with a phenotype such as type 2 Diabetes Mellitus but with immunology similar to type 1 Diabetes Mellitus, it is described as LADA (Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults). **Aim of the study:** To determine the prevalence of LADA and risk factors, (important in determining the exact therapeutic attitude).

Materials and methods; The study involved 149 adults, women and men over 30 years of age, with diabetes mellitus for the first time; for less than a year, people were not taking medication from diagnosis. They were randomly selected by ambulatory consultations. Measured in blood pressure., BMI, glycemia COL, TG, HDL, LDL, insulin level, C-peptide level, Anti-GAD.

Type 2 diabetes diagnosis was established in accordance with WHO (World Health Organization) criteria.

Statistical analysis: The collected data were analyzed through the SPSS 10.0 statistical package. The correlations between the two variables were using Spearman and Pearson correlation coefficients. To analyze the differences between several continuous variables, ANOVA One - Way was used. Significant values of $p < 0.05$ (or 5%) were considered.

Results: The study included 149 people diagnosed with Diabetes Mellitus type 2 for the first time, respectively 99 males and 50 females

The prevalence of LADA was **19.46%** of the study population.

The average age resulted 43.22 ± 7.1 years.

HTA was present in diabetes mellitus type 2 45% while in LADA 10.34%.

People with LADA in the majority have normal weight while those with type 2 diabetes have overweight and obesity. Dislipidemia is present in the two groups but with predominance of cholesterol in LADA

Conclusion : As a conclusion to this study was found that in the group of people with LADA, were present a significant number of CVD risk factors including modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors

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I. BACKGROUND

Diabetes mellitus (DM) includes a group of carbohydrate metabolism disorders which is characterized by hyperglycemia and leads to long-term macrovascular and microvascular complications. The prevalence of diabetes mellitus is increasing significantly in most of the developed and many developing countries, and it is of great concern [1, 2]. The worldwide prevalence of diabetes mellitus has risen dramatically over the past two decades. It is one of the most common chronic endocrine disorders affecting millions of people worldwide. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) data indicates that by the year 2025, the number of people affected by diabetes will reach 333 million. Although all forms of diabetes are characterized by hyperglycemia, the pathogenic mechanisms by which hyperglycemia arises differ widely. American Diabetes Association categorized DM mainly as types 1 and 2 diabetes and the others [3]. Individuals with type 1 diabetes show extensive beta-cell destruction, and therefore no residual insulin secretion, requiring insulin for survival. Autoimmune β -cell destruction is the main cause of insulin deficiency in type 1 diabetes [4]. In some individuals with diabetes, adequate glycaemic control can be achieved with weight reduction, exercise, and/or oral agents. These individuals, that is, patients of type 2 diabetes, therefore, do not require insulin and may even revert to impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) or normoglycaemia [5]. It is mainly a heterogeneous disease with a complex pattern of inheritance. Type 2 diabetes is the commonest form of diabetes constituting about 90% of the total diabetic population, whereas type 1 diabetes constitutes about 10–15% of the diabetic population. Geographic, environmental, and genetic factors all play a major role in the variation of incidence of all types of diabetes. Although diabetes is classified into two major types—type 1 (insulin dependent) and type 2 (insulin

independent) diabetes, there are some forms of diabetes which cannot be classified into either of these categories. One such less recognized and underdiagnosed manifestation of DM appears to affect adults with many characteristics of type 2 diabetes and carries a high risk of insulin dependency progression, the condition known as Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults (LADA) [3]. The usual features of LADA patients reported are onset of diabetes at ≥ 25 years of age, clinical presentation masquerading as nonobese type 2 diabetes, unlikely to have a family history of type 2 diabetes, initial control of hyperglycemia with diet and oral antidiabetic agents, evolution to insulin necessity within months, and some features of type 1 diabetes such as low fasting C-peptide and positive GAD auto antibodies [6–8]. About 20% of the patients diagnosed with type 2 diabetes may have LADA. This accounts for 5–10% of the total diabetes population, the same number as type 1 diabetes (9)

In daily clinical practice it usually happens that every 40-year-old patient with signs and laboratory examination that talk about Diabetes mellitus is considered as Type 2 Diabetes. If the measurement of C-peptide (or insulinemia) and anti-GAD antibody is a routine examination, we could differentiate if we had to insulin-deficiency or insulin resistance, thus defining not only the type but the therapeutic standing before every case.

Diabetes pathogenesis is complicated by some metabolic-related problems and in particular the deterioration of insulin secretion and the inhibition of insulin resistance is known to be essential in the primary Type 2 Diabetes pathogenesis. However, there is a group of patients in whom the physiopathologic key does not stay in insulin resistance (with hyperinsulinisation) but in reducing insulin secretion as a starting event. In this group of patients with a phenotype such as type 2 DM but with immunology similar to type 1 DM, it is described as LADA (Latent Autoimmune Diabetes in Adults).

The discovery of this population group over time is important in determining the exact therapeutic attitude we should follow.

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II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study included 149 adults (50 females and 99 males), over 30 years of age, diabetes mellitus for the first time less than a year. All persons did not receive any medications since the diagnosis was made. The subjects were selected randomly from the consultations carried out by the Endocrinology Service at University Hospital Center and from the Endocrinology of Tirana specialties clinics.

Patients at the time of recruitment received the approval form for inclusion in the study.

The study form was approved by the Endocrinology Service at "Mother Theresa" University Hospital Center. In maths BP, BMI, glucose level, COL, TG, HDL, LDL, insulinemia, C- Peptide, Anti-GAD. Type 2 diabetes diagnosis was established according to criteria set by the World Health Organization (WHO)

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III. RESULTS

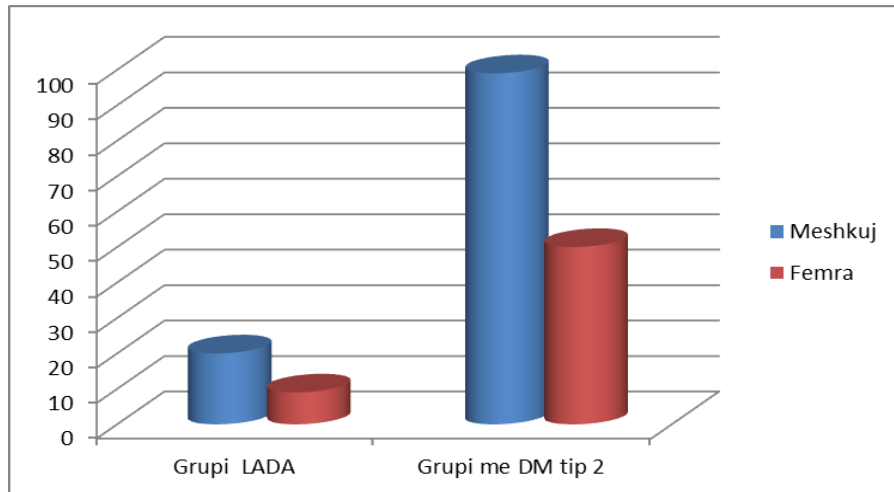
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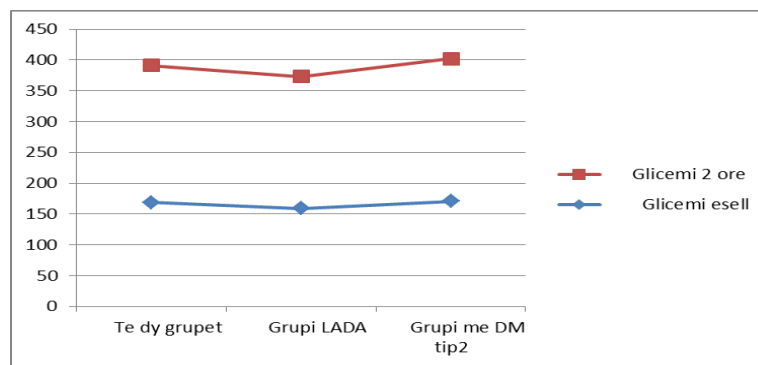
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Groups	Age
LADA group	
Males (20)	41.11 ± 1.9
Females (9)	44.16 ± 1.79
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Males(99)	$43.82 \pm 4.29^*$
Females(50)	44.78 ± 1.0

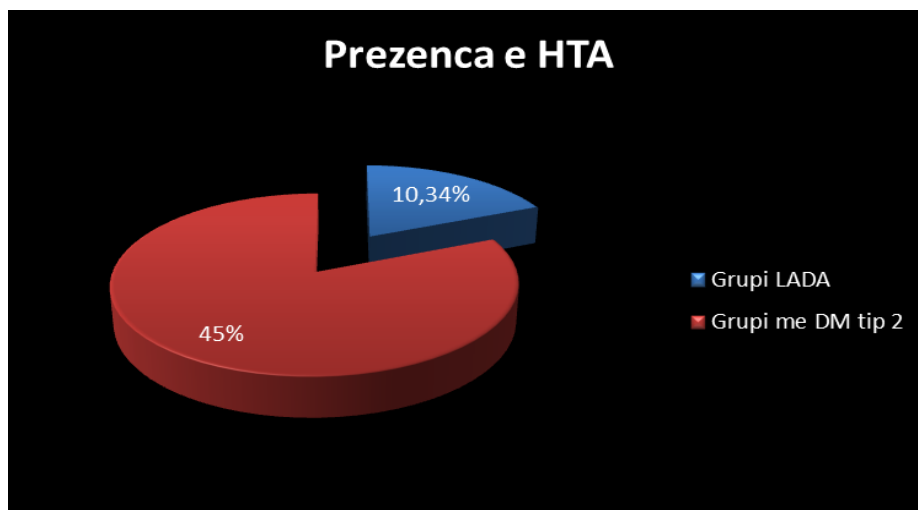
Table 1. Distribution of Study Persons by Age



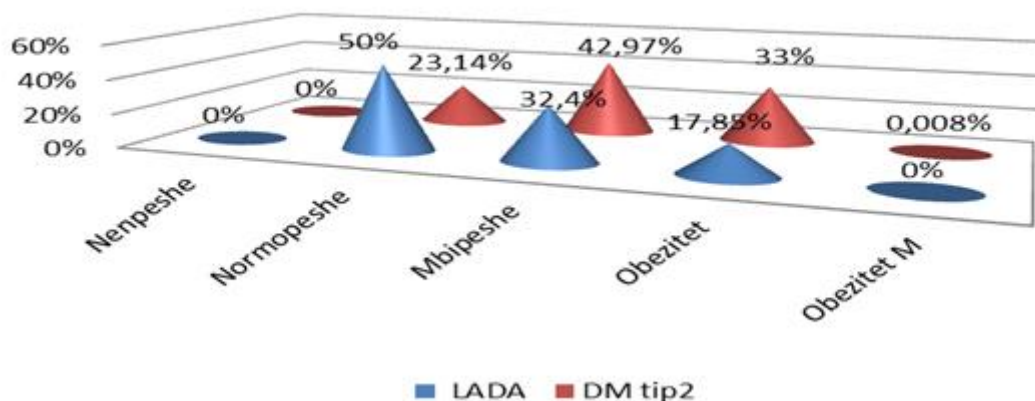
Graph No1 :Distribution of Persons in Study by Gender



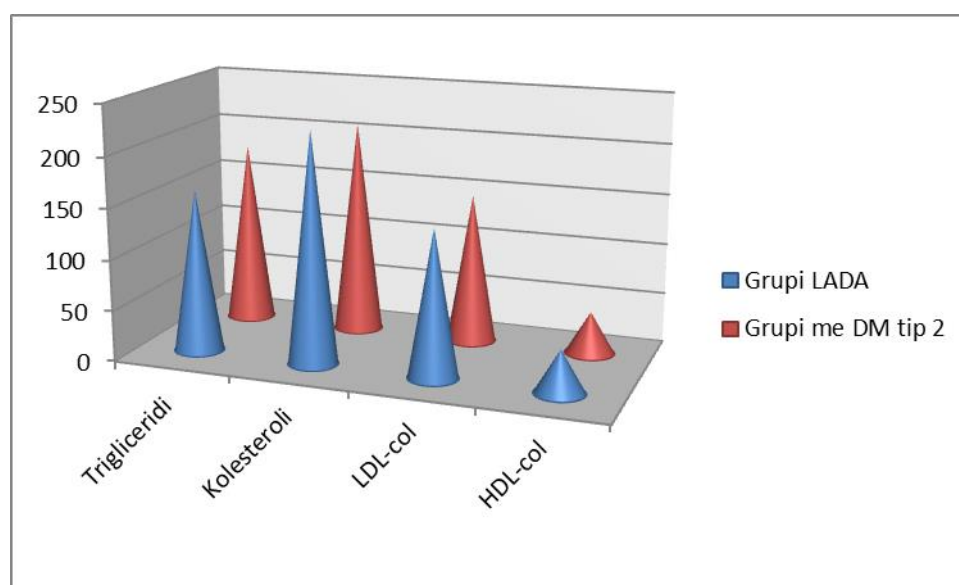
Graph No. 2 Distribution of persons by glucose level in both groups



Graph No. 3 Distribution of Arterial Hipertention to study groups (in%)



Graph No. 4 Distribution by BMI of the persons surveyed



Graph No. 5 Distribution of Lipid Levels in both groups

IV. DISCUSSIONS

The average age between the two groups did not represent statistical significance, 43.16 ± 3.2 for the LADA population, versus 43.69 ± 5.3 for the population with type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. Various studies show that, the prevalence of diabetes, of its types, is different by gender at different ages. Thus, type 1 diabetes mellitus is found with frequency in the age group of 12-24 years with prevalence commonly reported for both males and females. Similar data have also been found for Type 2 diabetes, which is most common in males and females over 45 years of age. Interestingly, there are findings related to LADA. This type is found in men in the age group 36-46, while it appears to affect more women than 45 years of age. These findings assume that LADA affects women older than men. This assumption finds expression in our study where the average age of women with LADA (44.16 ± 1.79) is higher than that of LADA men (41.11 ± 1.9).

In an effort to link the BMI values to the type of diabetes, it has been noted that a large number of people with type 1 diabetes in different studies are healthy or underweight that suggests the metabolism of carbohydrates, proteins and lipids due to the absolute insulin deficiency.

The BMI of the subjects studied fluctuated between $21-42 \text{ kg / m}^2$ - 33.8 kg / m^2 for the population with type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (with an average value of 29.02 kg / m^2) and $21-35 \text{ kg / m}^2$ for the population with LADA (with an average value 25.07 kg / m^2). BMI values in patients with type 2 Diabetes Mellitus showed that the majority of patients in this group were overweight (42.97%). An important part of this group was found to be obese (33%) and very obese, obesity $\text{BMI} > 35$, (0.008%).

In our study we found these findings HDL-cholesterol was lower in the two groups, in the type 2 Diabetes Mellitus group (41.69 mg / dl) versus 42.20 mg / dl in the LADA population. LDL-cholesterol was found to be high in predominance in the type 2 diabetes mellitus group.

Cholesterol was higher in the population with LADA (227.01mg / dl) ,versus (211.4mg / dl) of the population with type2 Diabetes Mellitus . Finding high levels of cholesterol in our patients with LADA than those with type 2 DM in the study also supports the findings found in some studies in the world why LADA patients are at higher risk for cardiovascular complications That patients with type 2 Diabetes Mellitus.

Konkluzione :As a conclusion to this study was found that in the group of people with LADA, were present a significant number of CVD risk factors including modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors

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