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THYROID DYSFUNCTION RISING TREND IN ADULT ONSET DIABETES MELLITUS

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ARTICLE INFO	ABSTRACT
Article History: Received 23 rd March, 2017 Received in revised form 20 th April, 2017 Accepted 16 th May, 2017 Published online 20 th June, 2017	Type 2 diabetes (maturity onset diabetes) occurring in and around the age of 40 is also showing a rising trend in thyroid dysfunction. Present work in Saharanpur (U.P.) India was carried out to know the relationship if any between the two disorders. Thyroid function in normal groups and type 2 diabetic patients were carried out. Biochemical parameters such as – fasting plasma glucose TSH (Thyroid stimulating hormone), T ₃ (Triidothyronine), T ₄ (Thyroxin) were measured in different groups for assessment. The study showed the subclinical cases of hypothyroidism are at risk for type 2 diabeter

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INTRODUCTION

Recent studies in Saharanpur (India) and other places show a predilection of thyroid functional abnormality in type 2 diabetes mellitus. Thyroid hormone estimation in diabetes mellitus (DM) type 2 is required for identification and management of such coexistence. Hypothyroidism, both overt (11.4%) and subclinical hypothyroidism (16.3%), was more common as compared with hyperthyroidism. Though such high prevalence rates (30-32%) of thyroid dysfunctions in patient of type 2 diabetes have been reported by other Indian (Vikhe et al., 2013) and some international studies (Diez et al., 2011) the majority have shown theses rates to be 13-16%, respectively. (Radaideh et al., 2004; Akbar et al., 2006) Thyroid dysfunctions are more common in females having type 2 diabetes, those diabetics with family history of thyroid dysfunction and also in older patients with long duration of diabetes. (AI-Geffari et al., 2013) Since, the occurrence of thyroid dysfunction is more common in patients with diabetes as compared to the prevalence in general population, it is recommended that all the cases of type 2 diabetes should be screened for thyroid dysfunctions and preferably annually. (American Diabetes Association, 2013; Perros et al., 1995) This study showed a high prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in

Mulayam Singh Yadav Medical College & Hospital, 21-KM, NH-235, Meerut-Hapur Road, Meerut (India) type 2 DM (31.21%) in comparison with other studies done in other parts of the world except in one study done in Spain (Diez et al., 2011) who found an overall prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in 32.4% of type 2 diabetics patients. A study in Jordan (Radaideh and Ajlouni, 2004) found the overall prevalence of thyroid disease in type 2 DM to be 12.5% and 6.6% in the control group and the most common is subclinical hypothyroidism. In another study in Saudi Aribia (Akbar et al., 2006) the association between thyroid dysfunction, thyroid autoimmunity and type 2 DM was investigated and found that thyroid autoimmunity in diabetics was 10% and in the control it was 5% while thyroid dysfunction was found in 16% diabetics and 7% control. In a study done in Greece the prevalence of thyroid dysfunction in type 2 DM was found to be 12.3% with a higher prevalence in females (Papazafiropoulou et al., 2010).

The reason for high prevalence observed in our study is unknown as it is beyond the scope of this study. In conclusion, based on our finding we can say that the prevalence of thyroid disorder is quite high in type 2 DM and most of them have subclinical hypothyroidism, and most of these patients were above 45 of age. Prevalence in females patient and patients with BMI higher than 25 were at increased risk. It correlates to the study in Greece where they found a higher prevalence in females (Papazafiropoulou *et al.*, 2010). Possible influence of female hormones in addition of diabetes in thyroid dysfunction cannot be denied and requires further work.

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Diagrammatic representation of different studies

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