

Identification of the Contributing Factors Related to Microvascular Complications Among Patients with Diabetes Mellitus in Selected Hospitals, Kolkata, West Bengal

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ABSTRACT

A descriptive study was carried out on Identification of the contributing factors related to micro-vascular complications among patients with diabetes mellitus in selected hospitals, Kolkata, West Bengal.

Risk factors for the development of complication of diabetes of Sandra A. Black's model (2002) were adopted as a conceptual framework. Among 100 diabetic patients were selected by non-probability convenient sampling technique from diabetic clinic Infectious Diseases & Belegkata General Hospital (I.D. & B.G. Hospital).

Semi structured interview schedule and Record analysis was used for data collection. The study findings based on descriptive and inferential statistical revealed that 62% falls in only diabetic group and the remaining 38% in the diabetic with micro vascular complication group where only retinopathy 18%, only nephropathy 11%, retinopathy and nephropathy both 9%. Chi square findings revealed that there were significant associations between the microvascular complications of diabetic patients and work habits (4.44) at $df (1)/<0.05$ level.

Chi square findings also revealed that there were significant associations between the microvascular complications of diabetic patients and alcohol habits (4.40) at df

(1)/ <0.05 level. Recommendations for future studies are large sample size, to assess the prevalence of microvascular complication of diabetes mellitus patient, in different community settings.

Keywords: Diabetes mellitus, contributing factors related to micro-vascular complications.

INTRODUCTION

Diabetes Mellitus (DM), a chronic condition marked by high blood sugar, is reaching pandemic levels. It can lead to micro vascular complications like nerve damage (neuropathy), kidney failure (nephropathy), and vision loss (retinopathy). The number of people with diabetes is expected to rise significantly in the coming decades, especially in developing countries.

According to diabetes atlas (7th edition), the worldwide prevalence of diabetes is estimated at 415 million (8.8%), which is predicted to rise to 642 million in next 25 years. In India, there are more than 69 million people with diabetes and are expected to cross 123 million. By 2040, India alone is projected to have over 123 million diabetics. Early diagnosis and management are crucial to prevent these complications.

MATERIALS & METHODS

Research Approach: Quantitative nonexperimental approach.

Research Design: Descriptive survey design.

Research Setting: Diabetic clinic, I.D. & B.G. Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal, India

Sampling Technique: Non-probability convenience sampling technique

Sample Size: 100+ diabetic patients.

Description of the tool:

Tool-I: Demographic variables

Tool-II: Microvascular complications

Tool-III: Contributing Factors

Data collection method:

Tool-I and Tool-III Semi-structured

Interview Schedule

Tool-II Record analysis.

Plan of data analysis: Descriptive & inferential statistics were used to analyze the data.

Statistical Analysis

The data obtained from the subjects were tabulated and analysed in terms of the objectives of the study using descriptive and inferential statistics.

The result showed that Descriptive statistics summarized demographic information, complication rates, and other factors. Chi-

square tests investigated the association between microvascular complications and various factors in diabetic patients.

A statistically significant association was found between microvascular complications and work habits (4.44) at $df(1) < 0.05$ level. This suggests that physical activity may play a role in the development of these complications in diabetic patients.

Another statistically significant association (4.40) at $df(1) < 0.05$ level was identified between gender and modifiable risk factors related to alcohol habits. This implies that gender might influence the risk of microvascular complications based on alcohol consumption in diabetic patients. In future studies, it would be beneficial to explore the causal relationships between these factors and microvascular complications.

RESULT

Section I: Findings related to demographic variables.

This section describes the demographic characteristics of patients with diabetes mellitus according to age, gender, marital status, religion, educational status, occupation, family income, types of family, member of family have received any information regarding micro-vascular complications among patients with diabetes mellitus in frequency percentage.

Table 1: Frequency and percentage distribution of the patients according to demographic variables. n=100

Demographic Variable	Value	Frequency(f) & Percentage (%)
Age	34-40	6
	41-47	9
	48-55	30
	56-62	27
	63-69	16
	70-80	12
Gender	Male	48
	Female	52
Marital status	Married	84
	Unmarried	13
	Widow	3
Education status	Illiterate	11
	Primary	52
	Secondary	21
	Higher secondary	6
	Graduation	10

Occupation	Unemployed	30
	Employed	28
	Business	33
	Retied	9
Family income (per month)	<5000	14
	5000-10000	57
	10001-15000	22
	>15000	7
Number of family member	1-5	78
	6-10	15
	10-16	7
Types of family	Nuclear	82
	Joint	18

Section II: Finding related to identify micro-vascular complications in terms of frequency and percentage distribution.

Table 2: Frequency and percentage distribution of the patients according to micro-vascular complications. n=100

Variable	Value	Frequency(f) & Percentage (%)
HbA1c (mcq/lit)	<5.7	1
	5.7-6.4	16
	≥6.5	83
FBS (mg/dl)	<70	Nil
	70-90	1
	>90	99
PPBS (mg/dl)	<140	5
	140-200	12
	>200	83
Hemoglobin (g/dl)	<12.0	45
	12.0-17.5	55
	>17.5	Nil
Platelet (/cu.mm)	<150000	15
	150000-400000	85
	>400000	Nil
TLC (/cu.mm)	<5000	Nil
	5000-10000	90
	>10000	10
Total cholesterol(mg/dl)	Optimal (<200)	66
	Intermediate (200-239)	25
	High (>239)	9
Urea (mg/dl)	<7	Nil
	Jul-20	33
	>20	67
T.S.H (mIU/l)	<0.35	Nil
	0.35-5.0	88
	>5.0	12
Creatinine level (mg/dl)	<0.5	Nil
	0.5-1.2	77
	>1.2	23
ACR (mg/dl)	A1(<30)	38
	A2(30-300)	62
	A3(>300)	Nil
Diabetic with micro vascular complication	Only Diabetic	62
	Neuropathy	18
	Nephropathy	11
	Retinopathy	9

Section III: Finding related to contributing factors in terms of frequency and percentage distribution.

Table 3: Frequency and percentage distribution of the patients according to contributing factors. n=100

Contributing factors		Frequency(f) & Percentage (%)
Tobacco habit	Never	37
	Sometimes	40
	Daily	23
Alcohol drinking	Never	73
	Occasional	20
	Regular	7
Type of work	Sedentary	76
	Active	24

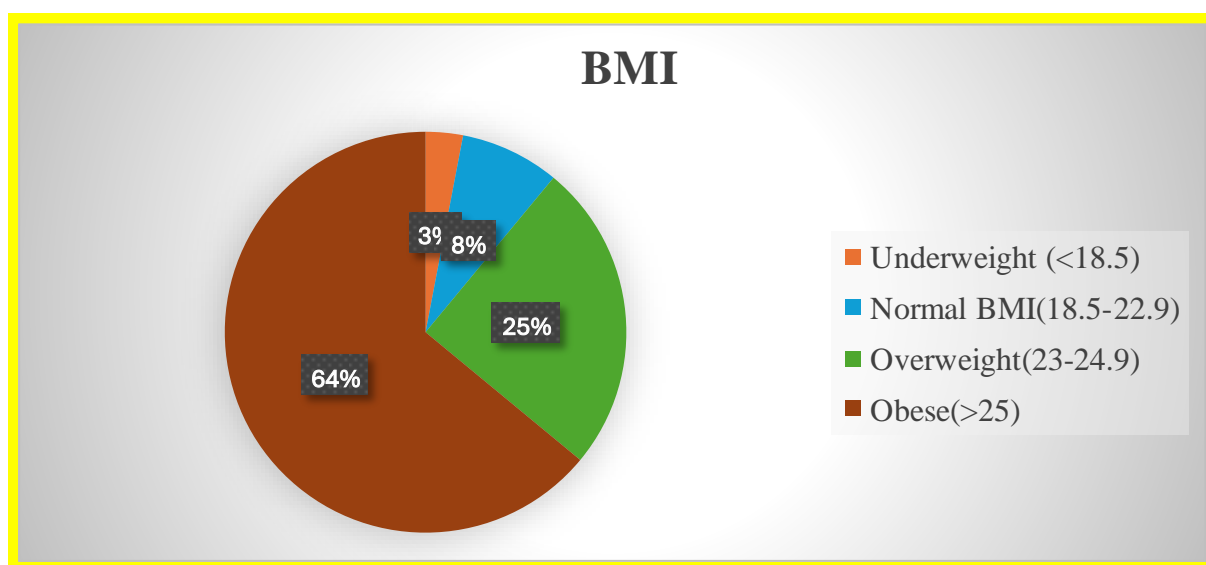


Fig.4 This pie diagram showing percentage distribution of patients according to BMI.

Section IV: Finding related to find out association between microvascular complications of diabetic patients with their contributing factors.

Table 4: Chi-square value shows association between microvascular complications of diabetic patients with their contributing factors. n=100

Contributing factors		Only Diabetic	Diabetic With Complication	X ² Value	Significance At 0.05 Level
Smoking Habits	Smoker	41	22	0.41	Not Significant
	Non-smoker	21	16		
Alcohol Consumption	Alcoholic	5	47	4.40*	Significant
	Non-alcoholic	26	22		
Physical Activity	Active Work	17	7	4.44*	Significant
	Sedentary Work	45	31		
BMI	≤Normal	26	16	1	Not Significant

CONCLUSION

From this study, it is shown that most patients were diagnosed with diabetes 6-10 years prior to this study. Over half (52%) of the patients were female. The most common age group was 48-55 years old. Primary

education was the most frequent educational level. Business ownership was the most common occupation. Most patients had normal levels for haemoglobin, platelet count, and total leukocyte count. Maximum numbers of patients had optimal total

cholesterol levels and elevated urea levels. Most patients reported normal results for retinal examination and 24-hour urine tests. Family history of various conditions was prevalent, including hypertension and diabetes mellitus. Sedentary work and infrequent fruit consumption were common. Most patients took hypoglycaemics medication, with most using tablets. Overweight and obesity were the most common BMI categories.

Overall, the study suggests that while some modifiable risk factors like alcohol consumption might be linked to microvascular complications in diabetic patients, further research is needed to confirm these findings and explore other contributing factors.

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