

# Metabolic Syndrome in Patients Having Cholelithiasis at Tertiary Care Hospital

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## ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To evaluate the metabolic syndrome (MS) in patients having cholelithiasis at tertiary care hospital

**Study Design:** Cross-sectional study

**Place and Duration of Study:** This study was conducted at General Surgery Department of Liaquat University Hospital Hyderabad from November 2015 to May 2016.

**Materials and Methods:** Both genders were included in the study, with diagnosis of cholelithiasis on ultrasound by senior sinologist. Before surgery the selected cases metabolic syndrome was assessed. MS criteria were defined according to 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of the National Cholesterol Education Program.<sup>24</sup> Metabolic syndrome was carried out in all the cases clinically and fasting blood for three fasting blood sugar and lipid profile. After results all the data was entered in the proforma.

**Results:** In this study majority of patients i.e. 42 (38.18%) belonged to age group of 45-50. 71(64.54%) patients were female. 60(54.55%) patients having cholelithiasis duration less than 5 years, 45.45% had more than 5 years. 40(35.46%) patients have raised BMI. Regarding BP of patients 15 (13.63%) had raised systolic BP and 18 (16.36%) patients had raised diastolic BP. Fasting RBS elevated was in 40 cases. Total 29(26.36%) patients were associated with metabolic syndrome.

**Conclusion:** Metabolic syndrome is big prevalent and also can say a big risk factor for cholelithiasis. Female gender and older age peoples are highly affected by with gall stone due to metabolic syndrome.

**Key Words:** Gall stone, metabolic syndrome

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## INTRODUCTION

Gallstones, is very commonest event amongst the most well-known and expensive of all the gastrointestinal diseases.<sup>1,2</sup> Gallstones are strong calculi framed by accumulation of supersaturated bile made out of cholesterol monohydrate precious or through (black pigments) of the calcium bilirubinate polymerization.<sup>3</sup> In US mostly 80% cholelithiasis contains cholesterol and its particles. In earlier 2 recent decades, much has been found out about the study of disease transmission of this situation and risk factors of it. Gallstones are connected with rich diet, DM type II, hyper-insulinism, lipid profile abnormalities, over weight and the metabolic syndrome.<sup>1,3</sup> Cholelithiasis frequently found incidentally during ultrasonography or CT scan of the stomach area. Just 10% to 20% of asymptomatic cases will ultimately get to be symptomatic estimably within 5- 20 years of determination.

The normal rate at which patients create symptomatic cholelithiasis is small, around 2% for each year.<sup>3,4</sup> Development of cholelithiasis is because of changes in the direction of organic compound of release bile with a complete hyper-discharge of biliary cholesterol and related hyper-discharge of the bile acids, unbalancing the proportion and co-ordination of cholesterol/bile salts and lecithin, in a result of lithogenic bile.<sup>5</sup> Expansion of the cholesterol level in cytoplasmic vesicles multilaminar particles, creating space for calculus development that bunches in the strong stone form.<sup>5</sup> Cholelithiasis can change the location from GB to common bile duct regularly by means of cystic duct. Duct calculi can be asymptomatic or can create the dangerous complications like as cholangitis or pancreatitis.<sup>5</sup> MS is expanding, particularly when related co-morbidities are considered. Incidence of MS differs as indicated by investigative selected criteria. Its incidence generally is 23.7%, despite the fact that the predominance changes broadly in analysis of the population,<sup>6</sup> while greater in Mexican-American females 58.3% with age around 40-74 year.<sup>7</sup> Newly incidence of MS Mexican populace was stated as 26.6% as indicated by NCEP-III criteria.<sup>8</sup> A cluster of MS which comprises the intolerance of glucose, hyperinsulinemia, expanded LDL, TG, decreased HDL and hypertension.

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As well as obesity that continuously expanding around the world, is nearly connected with the expanded comorbidity and mortality brought on by a few of the most widely recognized illnesses in western world including DM, hypertension, CVD, growth, and cholelithiasis. Some studies have recognized the BMI and hyperinsulinemia are commonest causes of causes of cholesterol cholelithiasis.<sup>9</sup> On other hand, hyperinsulinemia is thought to be a typical element connecting cholesterol cholelithiasis including DM and Obesity.<sup>10,11</sup> Many studies reported different risk factors of cholelithiasis. Therefore purpose behind our study is to evaluate MS in cases having gall stone at LUMHS.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This cross-sectional study was conducted at general surgery department of Liaquat University hospital Hyderabad. Study duration was 7 months from November 2015 to May 2016. Both genders were included in the study, with diagnosis of cholelithiasis. All the patients above 30 years of the age were incorporated. Cholelithiasis defined as strong intraluminal echoes presentations on ultrasound at radiological department. Before selection of each case, ultrasounds were repeated in fasting same radiologist. Before surgery in the entire selected cases metabolic syndrome was assessed according to criteria of 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of the National Cholesterol Education Program,<sup>24</sup> and this criteria was defined as: I obesity = waist circumference more than 102 cm among the males and more than 88 cm among females. II Hypertriglyceridemia = TG 1.7 mmol/L. III Low HDL <1.03 mmol/L among males and <1.3 mmol/L among females. IV Hypertension = >17.3/11.3 kPa. V = FBS ≥6.1 mmol/L. MS was carried out in all the cases clinically and fasting blood sample send to the hospital laboratory for FBS and lipid profile evaluation. After results all the data was entered in the proforma.

## RESULTS

In this study majority of patients i.e. 42 (38.18%) belonged to age group of 45-50 years while 31(28.18%) patients belonged to age group of 35-44 years, 22(20%) patients belonged to age group of 25-34 years. 39(35.45%) patients were male while 71(64.54%) patients were female. 60(54.55%) patients having cholelithiasis duration less than 5 years, 45.45% had more than 5 years. Table 1.

Regarding BMI in 40(35.46%) patients have elevated, while 70 (64.55%) patients have Normal BMI. Table 2. Regarding BP of patients 15 (13.63%) had raised systolic BP and 18 (16.36%) patients had raised diastolic BP. While 95(86.36%) patients had normal systolic and 92(83.63%) had normal diastolic BP. Fasting RBS was normal in 70 cases while elevated was in 40 cases Table.2

Regarding lipid profile of patients 91(82.72%) patients had normal HDL level, while 51(46.36%) patients had normal LDL, 79 (71.81%) had normal TG and 89(80.90%) had normal total cholesterol level. Abnormal level of LDL was seen in 59 (53.63%), STG in 31(28.18%) and total cholesterol in 30 (19.0%). Table 3. 81(73.63%) patients with gall stones were without metabolic syndrome while 29(26.36%) patients were associated with metabolic syndrome. Figure 1.

**Table No.1: Demographic data of patients n=110**

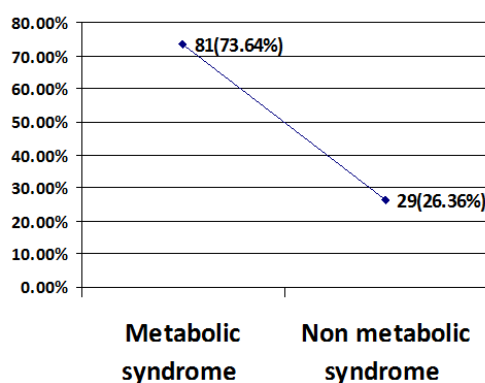
| Demographic variables             | Numbers | %      |
|-----------------------------------|---------|--------|
| <b>Age</b>                        |         |        |
| 15-24 years                       | 15      | 13.63% |
| 25-34 years                       | 22      | 20.0%  |
| 35-44 years                       | 31      | 28.18% |
| 45-50 years                       | 42      | 38.18% |
| <b>Gender</b>                     |         |        |
| Male                              | 39      | 35.45% |
| Female                            | 71      | 64.54% |
| <b>Duration of cholelithiasis</b> |         |        |
| <5 years                          | 60      | 54.55% |
| > 5 years                         | 50      | 45.45% |

**Table No.2: BMI, BP and FBS of the patients n= 110**

| Variables    | Abnormal    | Normal      |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| BMI          | 40(35.46%)  | 70(64.55%)  |
| Systolic BP  | 15 (13.63%) | 95 (86.36%) |
| Diastolic BP | 18 (16.36%) | 92(83.63%)  |
| RBS          | 30 (27.27%) | 80 (72.72%) |
| FBS          | 40 (36.36%) | 70 (63.63%) |

**Table No.3: Lipid profile of patients n= 110**

| Lipid profile | HDL            | LDL            | TG             | T-cholesterol  |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Normal        | 91<br>(82.72%) | 51<br>(46.36%) | 79<br>(71.81%) | 89<br>(80.90%) |
| Abnormal      | 19<br>(17.27%) | 59<br>(53.63%) | 31<br>(28.18%) | 30<br>(19.0%)  |



**Figure No.1: Frequency of metabolic syndrome in patients n= 110**

## DISCUSSION

In our study, old age people were found to have metabolic syndrome more as compare to young age

group. Our results were consistent with those from previous studies conducted in the different regions of Asia and Western countries, in which older age was a significant risk factor for GSD.<sup>11-14</sup>. A study on senior citizens in Taiwan similarly demonstrated that age > 60 years was the major risk factor for the development of GSD. Long-term exposure to associated risk factors, such as Chronic environmental factors might also contribute to the effects of aging and cause cholelithiasis.<sup>15</sup>

Obesity is the commonest risk factor for cholelithiasis because it is linked to the increased hepatic secretion of cholesterol. The underlying mechanism for increased risk of GSD in patients with obesity could be increased bile saturation, resulting from elevated cholesterol in biliary secretion. Elevated cholesterol in biliary secretion as well as depend on more synthesis of cholesterol in obese people<sup>12</sup>. In our study population, we observed that obesity was significantly associated with GSD in women but not in men. In previous studies, men with GSD and high BMI have tended to be associated with other indices of obesity like as slimming management.

In our study 26.36% patients had metabolic syndrome associated with gall stones, and 64.55% pts had raised BMI and were obese. There are several studies<sup>16-18</sup> That examined linkb/wMS or its components and the prevalence of gallstones. Linked to MS. Chang et al<sup>18</sup> reported obesity and MS is higher in subjects having gallstones as compare to those without. Shaffer<sup>19</sup> reported obesity as a major risk factor for GD. Another study<sup>20</sup> also reported a recent marine research compare lean and the obese mice fed a low- versus high-carbohydrate GB. It was also demonstrated that a high-carbohydrate diet exacerbates this phenomenon.

In this study females were more found to be affected with metabolic syndrome due to more chances of cholelithiasis as compare to males. Although sex as big cause of calculi remains controversial, earlier research have identified higher GSD incidence in women than in men in Western countries, with estrogen considered the cause of the sex differences.<sup>11</sup>

In this study 16.36% patients had raised systolic BP and 13.63% patients had raised diastolic BP. L.Y. Chen et al<sup>11</sup> reported that systolic BP and diastolic BP was high in cases having cholelithiasis as compared to controls. A Taiwan study stated that cholelithiasis in Asian peoples having obesity is significantly linked with increased diastolic BP<sup>21</sup>. BP  $\geq$  130/85 mmHg was significantly a big cause of cholesterol gallstone<sup>22</sup>. Mechanism elevated BP increased risk of cholelithiasis still remains unclear. Some scholars stated that this link could be determined through action of insulin in hypertension, as well as dyslipidemia is commonest MS, no final evidence links abnormalities of lipid profile and cholelithiasis. A Korean study<sup>23</sup> reported the HDL level had significantly low in cases having GSD; though,

they had no found any component of dyslipidemia link with MS which could be correlated with GSD formation.

## CONCLUSION

In our study results we concluded that metabolic syndrome is big prevalent and also can say a big risk factor for cholelithiasis. Indicate that female sex, older age peoples are highly affected by with gall stone due to metabolic syndrome. Further big sample size studies are required for more accurate findings.

**Conflict of Interest:** The study has no conflict of interest to declare by any author.

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