

A study prevalence ocular comorbidity among diabetes patients as per the glycemic control at tertiary health care center

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Abstract

Background: Globally, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) has become one of the most important chronic public health problems. **Aims and Objective :** To study prevalence ocular comorbidities among diabetes patients as per the glycemic control at tertiary health care center **Methodology:** This was a cross-sectional study carried out in the department of the Ophthalmology during the one year period i.e. June 2018 to June 2019 in the one year period there were 122 patients with various ocular co-morbidity were included into the study by taking the written and explained consent. All details of the patients like age, sex noted. The statistical analysis was done Chi-square test and analysed by SPSS software. **Result:** Majority of the patients were in the age group of >70 were 27.87%, followed by 60-70 were 23.77%, 50-60 were 19.67%, 40-50 were 15.57%, 30-40 were 9.84%, 20-30 were 3.28%. The majority of the patients were Male i.e. 56.56% and female were 43.44%. The prevalence of Various Ocular morbidities like co-morbidity like Diabetic retinopathy, Refractive errors, Cataract, Corneal ulcers , Uveitis (Iridocyclitis) Diminished vision , Stye(Infection of Eyelid) were significantly higher and significantly lesser No. of patients with No any Ocular morbidity were found the patients with Glycemic control Excellent (HbA1C <6) this was statistically significant ($X^2=83.55, df=14, p<0.0001$). **Conclusion:** It can be concluded from our study that prevalence various ocular co-morbidities were significantly higher among the patients with poor Glycemic control and lesser among with Glycemic control Excellent and Good.

Key words: ocular comorbidities, glycemic control, HbA1C, type-II DM.

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INTRODUCTION

Globally, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) has become one of the most important chronic public health problems¹. T2DM is a growing cause of disability and premature death, mainly through cardiovascular disease and other chronic complications¹⁻³. It is estimated that the global

number of adults suffering from any form of diabetes will reach 285 million in 2010 and further increase to 439 million in 2030, most of them T2DM cases^{4,5,6}. Data from prospective and cross-sectional studies consistently point to the fact that diabetic patients are more likely to develop micro- as well as macro-vascular conditions⁷⁻⁹. Diabetes mellitus is a chronic disorder that may cause acute or chronic long-term complications if it is not well controlled. One of the most common chronic microvascular complications is diabetic retinopathy (DR)¹⁰ or other ocular morbidity so we have studied prevalence ocular comorbidities among diabetes patients as per the glycemic control at tertiary health care center

METHODOLOGY

This was a cross-sectional study carried out in the department of the Ophthalmology during the one year period i.e. June 2018 to June 2019 in the one year period

there were 122 patients with various ocular co-morbidity were included into the study by taking the written and explained consent. All details of the patients like age, sex noted. All the patients undergone HbA1C testing it was considered Glycemic control Excellent if HbA1C <6, Glycemic control Good if HbA1C 6-7, Glycemic control

poor if HbA1C >8. All the patients thoroughly underwent all ophthalmic examination and co-morbidity like Diabetic retinopathy, Refractive errors, Cataract, Corneal ulcers, Uveitis (Iridocyclitis) Diminished vision, Stye (Infection of Eyelid) if any were noted. The statistical analysis was done Chi-square test and analysed by SPSS software.

RESULT

Table 1: Distribution of the patients as per the age

Age	No.	Percentage (%)
20-30	4	3.28
30-40	12	9.84
40-50	19	15.57
50-60	24	19.67
60-70	29	23.77
>70	34	27.87
Total	122	100.00

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Table 2: Distribution of the patients as per the sex

Sex	No.	Percentage (%)
Male	69	56.56
Female	53	43.44
Total	122	100.00

The majority of the patients were Male i.e. 56.56% and female were 43.44%

Table 3: Distribution of the patients as per the HbA1C level and Ocular morbidity

Ocular morbidity*	Glycemic control Excellent (HbA1C <6) (n=65)	Glycemic control Good (HbA1C 6-7) (n=33)	Glycemic control poor (HbA1C >8) (n=24)
Diabetic retinopathy	0	3	9
Refractive errors	5	7	11
Cataract	5	9	10
Corneal ulcers	1	5	13
Uveitis (Iridocyclitis)	0	2	7
Diminished vision	1	4	9
Stye	2	6	12
Patients with No any Ocular morbidity	51	29	5

*(More than one Ocular morbidity found in the one patients hence total may more in respective column) ($X^2=83.55, df=14, p<0.0001$)

The prevalence of Various Ocular morbidities like co-morbidity like Diabetic retinopathy, Refractive errors, Cataract, Corneal ulcers, Uveitis (Iridocyclitis) Diminished vision, Stye (Infection of Eyelid) were significantly higher and significantly lesser No. of patients with No any Ocular morbidity were found the patients with Glycemic control Excellent (HbA1C <6) this was statistically significant ($X^2=83.55, df=14, p<0.0001$).

DISCUSSION

Diabetic retinopathy is classified into four stages, which are mild non-proliferative (NPDR), moderate NPDR, severe NPDR, and proliferative diabetic retinopathy

(PDR). Most of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM) and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) patients will develop DR after 20 years¹¹. The Malaysian Diabetes Eye Registry in 2007 reported 37% prevalence of DR in Malaysia¹². Factors associated with the progression of diabetic retinopathy in T2DM patients includes A1C level, co-morbidities, duration of DM diagnosed, age and gender¹³. In another study involving Chinese patients with DR and T2DM, positive correlations were found between DR and duration of diabetes, systolic blood pressure (SBP), diastolic blood pressure, glycated hemoglobin, glycated albumin, 24 urinary albumin excretion, peripheral atherosclerosis (PA), diabetes nephropathy (DN), diabetic peripheral neuropathy and anemia.¹⁴ Good glycemic

control is associated in risk reduction in the progression of diabetic retinopathy. A1C is a useful monitoring tool to evaluate the effectiveness of a therapeutic management plan for diabetes patients.¹⁵ Study showed intensive glycaemic control with A1C value <6.5% has significantly ($p<0.003$) reduced the progression of retinopathy. In a meta-analysis study, an intensive glycaemic control reduced the risks of retinal photocoagulation or vitrectomy (OR 0.86; 95 % CI 0.75-0.98), macular edema (OR 0.65; 95 % CI 0.43-0.99) and progression of retinopathy (OR 0.69; 95 % CI 0.55-0.87)¹⁶. Thus, good glycaemic control has proven to retard the progression of diabetic retinopathy in T2DM patients. Excellent glycaemic control is not only important in Diabetic retinopathy but in other ocular morbidities in our study we have found that Majority of the patients were in the age group of >70 were 27.87%, followed by 60-70 were 23.77%, 50-60 were 19.67%, 40-50 were 15.57%, 30-40 were 9.84%, 20-30 were 3.28%. The majority of the patients were Male i.e. 56.56% and female were 43.44% The prevalence of Various Ocular morbidities like co-morbidity like Diabetic retinopathy , Refractive errors , Cataract, Corneal ulcers, Uveitis (Iridocyclitis) Diminished vision, Stye(Infection of Eyelid) were significantly higher and significantly lesser No. of patients with No any Ocular morbidity were found the patients with Glycaemic control Excellent (HbA1C <6) this was statistically significant ($X^2=83.55,df=14,p<0.0001$). These findings are similar to Hasniza Zaman Huri *et al.* ¹⁷ they found Most of the patients with diabetic retinopathy did not achieved targeted glycaemic control, A1C.

CONCLUSION

It can be concluded from our study that prevalence various ocular co-morbidities were significantly higher among the patients with poor Glycaemic control and lesser among with Glycaemic control Excellent and Good.

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