

Relationship between baPWV and Coronary Artery Stenosis in Patient with Type 2 Diabetes

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Background/Aims: Brachial-ankle pulse wave velocity (baPWV), a simple non-invasive means of measuring arterial stiffness, reflects degree of systemic atherosclerosis. We evaluated relationship between coronary artery stenosis detected by multislice computed tomography (MSCT) angiography and baPWV in patients with type 2 diabetes. Furthermore, we compared with other coronary artery disease risk calculator value - Framingham risk calculator, ASCVD (ACC/AHA) Risk Estimator, UKPDS engine. **Methods:** The study group comprised 83 patients with type 2 diabetes over 30 years old. baPWV was measured with a non-invasive pulse wave analyzer (VP 1,000, Colin). The percent (%) stenosis of coronary artery and coronary calcium score were measured by MSCT angiography. Presence of stenosis was defined as more than 20% stenosis of the coronary artery lumen. The coronary artery disease risk calculators is downloaded from web. **Results:** A receiver operating characteristic curve demonstrated that the best cut-off point of a baPWV for predicting subclinical coronary narrowing was 1,650 cm/s. baPWV was positively associated with the severity of coronary artery stenosis ($r = 0.214, p = 0.040$) and calcium score ($r = 0.605, p < 0.001$). The multivariate analysis revealed that a baPWV of 1,650 cm/s or higher was a significant and independent predictor of a coronary artery disease detected by MSCT angiography (OR 3.85, 95% CI 1.54-9.58, $p = 0.004$) in addition to the age > 65 yrs, current smoking and calcium score > 100. **Conclusions:** The present study shows that baPWV is significantly associated with severity of coronary artery stenosis detected by MSCT coronary angiography and can be used as a potential marker for predicting coronary artery disease in patients with type 2 diabetes. In addition, when we compared with the other coronary artery disease risk calculators, the predictive value is a little lower than the other coronary artery disease risk calculators.

Association of ADIPOR2 polymorphism with diabetic macrovascular complications in Korean type 2 DM

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Adiponectin, an adipose tissue-derived peptide, may play a pivotal role in atherosclerotic changes in vessels. This study investigated the association of adiponectin receptor 2 (+795G/A) polymorphism and diabetic macrovascular complications in Korean type 2 diabetes. A total of 808 patients with Korean type 2 diabetes were enrolled in this study. Diabetic macrovascular complications were evaluated by the available medical records included images and lab findings. All subjects were genotyped for the adiponectin receptor-2 (795G/A) polymorphism using the polymerase chain reaction. The prevalence of cerebrovascular disease was no significant difference in the patient with AA genotype compared to those with AG + GG genotype (11.8% vs. 14.0%, p value 0.877). The prevalence of cardiovascular disease was no significant difference in the subject with AA genotype compared to those with AG + GG (5.5% vs. 6.9%, p value 0.246). And the prevalence of peripheral artery disease was no difference in the patient with AA genotype compared to AG + GG genotype (5.5% vs. 6.9%, p value 0.88). This study showed that adiponectin receptor-2 (795G/A) polymorphism may not be related to macrovascular complications in Korean type 2 diabetes. Further investigations will be needed to define clearly which polymorphism is the true functional variant conferring risk factors for macrovascular complications of diabetes.