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- | To produce and provide skilled manpower in the medical, nursing and paramedical fields.
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## Editorial

### Undergraduate Medical education in Bangladesh- our responsibilities.

Mohammad Mushfiqur Rahman

Through its journey from the prehistoric era, medicine has evolved itself into a social system heavily bureaucratized and politicalized and truly commercialized. Medical education has also traversed a long way from the ancient medicine in India, China, Egypt, Mesopotamia and Greece to the Middle Ages and finally to the present day medicine. Now colonization made a great change in our medicinal practice<sup>1</sup>. We lost our glory of contribution to medical science by the celebrated authorities of our own.

Throughout the colonial rule of two hundred years, we had no choice other than to accept the westernized medicinal practice. In fact, during this period, Europe and America experienced a revolutionized stage of development in culture, science and industry<sup>2</sup>. In recent years, medical education in developed and developing countries has undergone profound changes. To cope with these changes, medical schools around the world have attempted to make their curricula more meaningful and relevant to the needs of the time and to produce doctors oriented to the real needs of the community<sup>3</sup>.

Medical education in Bangladesh has also experienced many changes and challenges. In Bangladesh a set up for undergraduate medical education was continued from pre-liberation period up to 1988. Then a great change was brought about in curriculum in 1988 by making it more community oriented<sup>4</sup>. In Bangladesh, a community-oriented and competency-based undergraduate medical curriculum was implemented in 2002 with an aim to produce need-based doctors for the community<sup>5,6</sup>. However, it is necessary that the curriculum

should be further reviewed and improved.

The process of medical education in Bangladesh began with the establishment of the Mitford Medical School and Hospital at Dhaka in the early 20th century. The medical education system inherited the typical features of colonial education, which was very much on the traditional pattern: lecture-based, teacher-centered, discipline-based, examination-driven and hospital oriented. Till 1988, there was no formal medical curriculum except a syllabus, published by Bangladesh Medical and Dental Council (BMDC). Centre for medical education (CME) was set up at Dhaka in 1983 by an UNDP-funded Project and a national curriculum was developed for undergraduates in 1988. This is the first scientifically developed curriculum in the country with the active involvement of the medical teachers. In 1992, the Further Improvement of Medical College Project was set up under the Fourth Health and Population Project, supported by the World Bank with ODA (Overseas Development Administration) and IDA (International Development Association) components, in order to re-orient and strengthen medical education in the country<sup>7</sup>.

The outcome is not frustrating, rather encouraging, as an "educational environment for change" has been established in the arena of medical education of Bangladesh<sup>8</sup>. The positive aspects are: i) growing realization to review existing curriculum<sup>9,10,11</sup>, ii) availability of a sufficiently large group trained teachers in medical education<sup>12</sup>, iii) availability of resources, expertise procedures and guidelines<sup>9,10,11</sup>, iv) presence of an organizational and operational framework of the Quality Assurance Scheme, both nationally and locally in the medical colleges<sup>13</sup> and v) commitment to improve the medical education in the current Health and Population Sector Program (HPSP)<sup>14</sup>.

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The Bangladeshi medical students are no less meritorious than those of the other western or neighboring countries and also no less studious or industrious, though the outcomes are not satisfactory; but why? Possibly there are a number of causes of weaknesses.

One of the important cause is the education model that we are running that we need to change the hundred years old model to Integrated Medical Curriculum (IMC). Successful implementation of integrated curriculum may face serious obstacles. Secondly, we are to introduce psychosocial and community issues in more detail with practical exposure in field practice as in primary health care at community level<sup>15</sup>. The issues include economic, behavioral and community factors which influence a patient in his or her compliance and/or response to disease and wellbeing. The students use that understanding to collect and incorporate appropriate psychosocial, cultural, family and community data into an appropriate patient care plan<sup>1</sup>. Thirdly, assessment of competence and performance of a medical student<sup>16</sup>. Assessment of competence should provide insight into actual performance, as well as the capacity to adapt to change, find and generate new knowledge and improve overall performance. At last, the quality and integrity of the medical educators and trainers are questioned. How many of us (teachers) maintain honesty in teaching and assessment? How many of us envision involving the students in research addressing our commonly encountered health problems? It is of utmost importance to investigate and evaluate the assessment mechanism and the integrity and honesty of the assessors (teachers).

Above all, we need dedicated resources, dedicated teachers and even dedicated and committed leadership to bring real changes in medical education of Bangladesh. Are we really ready to do that?

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## Original article

### Study on Serum Thyroxine Hormone level in menopausal women.

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## ABSTRACT

**INTRODUCTION:** The incidence of thyroid disease increases in women particularly during menopause, where they experience estrogen dominance. Increased prevalence of subclinical thyroid disease has been observed in this group of people, which is about 23.2% and among them 73.8% were hypothyroid. So, there may be relationship between estrogen dominance and hypothyroidism. **OBJECTIVE:** To observe serum thyroxine hormone level in menopausal women. **METHODS:** This cross sectional study was conducted from July 2014 to December 2015 in the Department of Physiology, Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur. For this 54 menopausal women were studied and they were compared with 52 apparently healthy reproductive age women. The serum thyroxine hormone level was measured in each subject. For statistical analysis independent sample "t" test was performed by computer based software SPSS- 17.0 version for windows. **RESULTS:** Mean serum total thyroxine level was lower menopausal women then healthy reproductive aged women and the difference was not statistically significant ( $p>0.05$ ). Again, mean serum free thyroxine level was decreased in menopausal women than those of control subjects, which was highly significant ( $p<0.001$ ). **CONCLUSION:** From this study we can conclude that serum thyroxine hormone level decreases in menopausal women, which indicates hypothyroidism in menopausal women.

**KEY WORDS:** Thyroxine, Menopause, Hypothyroidism.

## INTRODUCTION

Menopausal women may be presented with signs and symptoms of hypothyroidism, which are often atypical. Therefore, thyroid hormone deficiency may not be recognized during menopause<sup>1</sup>. Again, in postmenopausal women increased incidence of diseases like atherosclerosis, myocardial infarction, osteoporosis and some cancer has been observed and subclinical hypothyroidism is the independent risk factor for these diseases<sup>2</sup>. In women, at this stage of life cessation of

menstruation as well as "Depletion of Ovarian follicle" occurs, which leads to decrease in ovarian hormones level. Natural menopause occurs at or after 40 years of age<sup>3</sup>. In the Western world, the most typical age range for menopause (last period from natural causes) is between 40 to 61 years and the average age for last period is 51 years<sup>4</sup>.

During menopause, hormone levels normally fluctuate and decline. These hormonal imbalance acts as a trigger for thyroid problems. Women body has a delicate balance of hormone such as estrogen and progesterone which can be upset during menopause and which are associated with hypothyroidism<sup>5</sup>. Physiological changes in thyroid hormone concentration might be related to the changes in the overall physical functions in the body<sup>6</sup>. The main changes regarding thyroid physiology are reduction of thyroid iodine uptake, free thyroxine and free triiodothyronine synthesis and catabolism of free thyroxine. Menopausal symptoms may be related to imbalances in the thyroid and adrenal

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glands that interact with lowered ovarian hormone levels. These occur most often when the ovaries cease producing the same amount of ovarian hormones. It has also been observed that menopausal symptoms are more intense in patients with hypothyroidism. If hypothyroidism remains undetected and untreated, it can lead to serious health hazard<sup>7</sup>. In this perspective we have observed serum thyroxine hormone level in menopausal women, which would help the physician for early detection and better management of thyroid dysfunction in menopausal women in order to improve their quality of life and also to develop awareness among the general people.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This cross-sectional study was carried out in the Department of Physiology, Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur, from July 2014 to December 2015. A total number of 106 apparently healthy women subjects were included in this study. Among them 54 menopausal women aged 40-55 years were selected as experimental group (Group B) and 52 women aged 20-35 years were selected as control group (Group A). All the experimental subjects were selected from surrounding community. Subjects, who had at least 12 consecutive months of amenorrhoea from last menstrual period, were selected as study subjects. Induced menopause by chemotherapy, pelvic radiation, bilateral oophorectomy, hysterectomy, menopausal women below 40 years and above 55 years, reproductive aged women below 20 years and above 35 years and subjects suffering from chronic diseases like liver disease, diabetes mellitus, pregnancy and kidney disease were excluded from the study. Study protocol was approved by ethical committee of Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur. After selection of the subjects objectives and benefits of this study were explained to each subject and an informed written consent was taken. Standard questionnaire were filled up after taking history and thorough clinical examinations. 5 cc blood was collected from ante-cubital vein of each subject to estimate serum total thyroxine (T4) and serum free thyroxine (FT4)

hormone levels by ELISA method and also to estimate fasting blood sugar, serum creatinine level and serum ALT level by Analyzer machine in the Department of Biochemistry, Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur to exclude diabetes mellitus, liver diseases or renal impairments. All data were recorded systematically in a preformed history sheet and all statistical analysis were done by computer using the software SPSS 17.0 version for windows. Comparison of serum thyroxine hormone level in reproductive age women and menopausal women were done by unpaired students 't' test. p value < 0.05 was accepted as level of significance.

## RESULTS

In this study mean age  $\pm$  SD were  $49.32 \pm 2.02$  and  $25.84 \pm 3.29$  years in Group B (experimental) and group A (Control) respectively (Table I).

**Table I: Distribution of subjects according to age.**

Groups	Age (yrs)
Group A (n=52)	( $25.84 \pm 3.29$ ) (20 to 35)
Group B (n=54)	( $49.32 \pm 2.02$ ) (40 to 55)

n= number of subjects in each group.

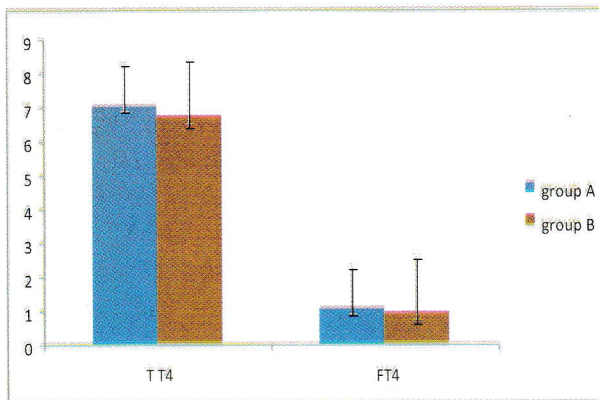
Group A = Control; Group B = Experimental

Figures in parenthesis indicates ranges

The mean  $\pm$  SD serum total thyroxine levels were  $6.709 \pm 1.694$   $\mu$ g/dl in group B (experimental) and  $7.044 \pm 1.253$   $\mu$ g/dl in group A (control). The mean value of serum total thyroxine level was lower in experimental group than that of control group but the differences was not statistically significant ( $p > 0.05$ ).

The mean  $\pm$  SD serum free thyroxine levels were  $0.882 \pm 0.235$  ng/dl in group B (Experimental).  $1.051 \pm 0.145$  ng/dl in group A (Control). The mean value of serum free thyroxine level was decreased which is highly significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) in experimental group than that of control group (Fig 1).

**Fig 1: Distribution of subjects according to mean serum total thyroxine and free thyroxin level.**



TT4= Mean± SD total thyroxine

FT4= Mean± SD serum free thyroxine

## DISCUSSION

In our study we have observed the serum thyroxine hormone level in menopausal women and also compared this value with apparently healthy reproductive aged women.

In this study we have observed decreased level of mean serum total thyroxine level and mean serum free thyroxine level in menopausal women than those of reproductive age group. Incase of total thyroxin level the difference was not statistically significant but incase of free thyroxin level the difference was statistically significant. These findings are consistent with those reported by some reasearchers <sup>8, 9,10,6,11,12</sup>.

In menopause estrogen dominance occurs when estrogen level remains high along with normal level of progesterone or low level of progesterone. Again, normal level of estrogen along with low level of progesterone can be said as estrogen dominance. Estrogen dominance causes thyroid imbalances where estrogen may affect the conversion of T4 into T3 and resulting low T3 level. It can also block the uptake of iodine by thyroid follicle during thyroid hormones synthesis. Again, estrogen dominance increases thyroid binding globulin level in blood, which usually carries thyroid

hormones to the cells. Free thyroid hormone levels becomes low due to increased thyroid binding globulin<sup>8</sup>. All these factors leads to hypothyroidism. Some Researchers reported that when estrogen is not properly counterbalanced with progesterone, it can block the action of the thyroid hormones. So the thyroid hormones become ineffective and hypothyroidism occur<sup>9</sup>. The mean serum thyroxine level significantly decreased in menopausal women which might be due to decrease T4 turnover rate, decline in T4 distribution space, increase in T4 degradation rate and alterations in TBG concentrations<sup>10</sup>. Again significantly decreased serum thyroxine level in menopausal women which might be due to mild to moderate decrease in function of thyroid gland may occur with advancing age even in apparently healthy subjects. In aged women involves progressive loss of cells, reduced metabolic activities and decreased efficiency of many functions of different organs. Aging is not solely an intrinsic process other environmental factors such as lack of exercise, poor diet and genetic factor is also to play role in causing physiological changes in aging process<sup>6</sup>. In, addition significantly decreased serum thyroxine level in menopausal women which might be due to changes in binding proteins, alteration in metabolic clearance rates, production and degradation of these hormones with increasing age<sup>11</sup>. Again found significantly decreased serum thyroxine level in menopausal women which might be due to increased serum level of TBG which causes decrease serum level of free thyroxin hormone level<sup>12</sup>.

## CONCLUSION

It can be concluded that both serum total thyroxine and free thyroxin level decreases in menopausal women. However, the exact mechanism can not be elucidated from this type of study. Further study by estimation of serum antithyroid antibody along with ovarian hormones and serum thyroid binding globulin level in menopausal women can give more conclusive findings.

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## Original article

# Comparison of clinical and laboratory parameters between Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus in children and adolescents in a diabetic care centre of Bangladesh.

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## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** Though T1DM is a disease of children and adolescents but the incidence of T2DM is increasing in our country. The clinical and laboratory findings are quite different between the type 1 and type 2 diabetic children and adolescents. **OBJECTIVE:** The objective of our study is to compare the clinical and laboratory parameters in children and adolescents with type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus. **METHODS:** The study was conducted in the Department of Biochemistry of BIRDEM General Hospital from July 2015 to June 2016. A total of 512 subjects of aged 10-18 years were selected from the outpatient Department of CDiC, BIRDEM-2 Hospital according to inclusion and exclusion criteria. Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus were diagnosed based on the World Health Organization (WHO) / ISPAD criteria in children and adolescents. Written consent was taken from patients and parents and they were interviewed. A structured questionnaire was filled up for each study subjects including data about current age, sex, duration of diabetes, age at onset and family history of diabetes. Laboratory parameters done for this study were- fasting blood glucose, glycated hemoglobin and lipid profile. For group comparison, we used the student's t- test. All statistical tests were considered significant at the level of  $\leq 5\%$ . Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS for Windows version 20. **RESULTS:** Among the 512 subjects, significant difference was observed in age at diagnosis ( $11.1 \pm 3.5$  vs.  $12.2 \pm 2.6$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). We also observed that mean duration of diabetes mellitus was significantly higher in type 1 diabetes mellitus than type 2 diabetes mellitus ( $5.2 \pm 2.7$  vs.  $3.5 \pm 2.3$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). Significant difference was also observed in age at visit between the two groups ( $16.2 \pm 2.3$  vs.  $15.8 \pm 2.2$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). The study also revealed that BMI was higher in Type 2 diabetes mellitus than in Type 1 diabetes mellitus ( $25.9 \pm 5.2$  vs.  $20.2 \pm 4.2 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). There was also significant difference in blood pressure in type 1 and type 2 diabetic children and adolescence, systolic blood pressure (SBP)  $102.4 \pm 12.8$  vs.  $111.6 \pm 15.3$  mm of Hg and diastolic blood pressure (DBP)  $69.1 \pm 10.3$  vs.  $73.6 \pm 10.8$  mm of Hg,  $p < 0.001$ . The study also revealed that waist circumference between the two groups was significant  $70.9 \pm 11.4$  vs.  $85.6 \pm 14.2 \text{ cm}$ ,  $p < 0.001$ . **CONCLUSION:** In our study, we found that most of the clinical and laboratory findings were increased in T2DM than T1DM.

**KEY WORDS:** Type1DM, Type2DM, children and adolescents.

## INTRODUCTION

Now a days, diabetes mellitus has become a serious chronic disorder of childhood and represents a major public health problem<sup>1,2</sup>. The global incidence of type1 diabetes is increasing worldwide, at an annual rate of 3-5%, particularly in children under the age of 5 years and this trend might lead to a significant health burden<sup>2</sup>. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) Atlas estimated the incidence of type1DM (T1DM) in Bangladesh that is about 4.2 cases of T1DM/100,000

children (0-14 years)/year, in 2013. This report indicated that Bangladeshis are more prone to develop diabetes from its early age<sup>3</sup>. Again, T2DM is no longer a disease of adults; it has become a disease of children and adolescents too<sup>4</sup>. This group of people is becoming an increasingly important public health concern throughout the world due to its increasing incidence<sup>5</sup>. In a study done in CDiC of BIRDEM-2 General Hospital, in children the prevalence of newly diagnosed with type 2

diabetes mellitus was 8%<sup>6</sup>. The increase of type 2 diabetes has been attributed to obesity, lack of physical activity, improper diet, family and medical history<sup>7</sup>. Although type 1 diabetes can occur at any age, it is predominantly seen in children and young adults<sup>8</sup>. But type 2 diabetes rarely occurs before the age of 15<sup>9</sup>. As because in T2D comorbid characteristics of insulin resistance are commonly present at diagnosis or gradually appear in the course and also acute onset is absent or symptoms not found at early stage like T1D, they should be screened earlier than T1D<sup>6</sup>. Duration of diabetes is difficult to determine in type 2 diabetes due to long asymptomatic period<sup>10</sup>. Overweight patients with type2 diabetes were 15 times more likely to develop cardiovascular events<sup>11</sup>. Many studies have demonstrated that the atherosclerotic process begins in childhood in association with high blood cholesterol levels. Severe obesity is associated with the premature onset of type 2 diabetes in adolescence and dyslipidemia is generally found in overweight/obese children<sup>12</sup>. Hypertension (HTN) is uncommon in the paediatric population. However, HTN is more common in children with T2DM children than T1DM<sup>13</sup>. This study was conducted to compare the clinical as well as laboratory status of type1 and type 2 diabetic children and adolescents people of Bangladesh. To the best of our knowledge, this study was not conducted previously elsewhere in our country. This study may help the clinicians for early diagnosis, screening and also to prevent further complications in children and adolescents with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS:

This study was carried out in the period from July 2015 to June 2016 in the Department of Biochemistry of BIRDEM General Hospital. It included 512 subjects of aged 10-18 years from the outpatient Department of CDiC, BIRDEM-2 Hospital. Among the subjects 214 were male and 298 were female. Written consent was obtained for each subject & their parents after approval of the study by the

ethical review committee of the Bangladesh Diabetic Samity (BADAS). Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus were diagnosed based on the World Health Organization (WHO) / ISPAD criteria in children and adolescents. Among the 512 subjects 317 were type1 & 195 were type 2 diabetic children and adolescents. The classical symptoms of type 1 diabetes are-polyuria, polydipsia, weight loss over 2-6wk, severe dehydration, shock, diabetic ketoacidosis, fasting insulin  $<25\mu\text{IU/ml}$ . Features suggesting of type 2 diabetes are-age above 10 year, overweight or obesity, strong family history of type 2 diabetes, acanthosis nigricans, metabolic syndrome, polycystic ovarian syndrome, fasting insulin  $>25\mu\text{IU/ml}$ <sup>9</sup>. Height, weight and waist circumference were recorded and body mass index (BMI) scores were calculated as weight (kg)/height (m<sup>2</sup>). BMI was classified using the Center for Disease control and Prevention growth chart (2000 CDC Growth Charts for the United States: Methods and Development). Blood pressure was measured on the right arm, with the subject seated after 10 minutes rest using a standard clinical mercury sphygmomanometer with an appropriate cuff size. Patients were diagnosed as hypertensive who had blood pressure  $>95$ th percentile according to center for disease control for BP for age and height percent. Glycemic control was assessed by fasting blood glucose and glycosylated hemoglobin (HbA<sub>1c</sub>). Laboratory assessment was done for fasting lipid profile including: serum total cholesterol (TC), serum triglyceride (TG), low density lipoprotein-cholesterol (LDL-C) and high density lipoprotein-cholesterol (HDL-C) were estimated. Cut points for abnormal lipid levels (TC $\geq$ 200 mg/dl, LDL cholesterol $\geq$ 130 mg/dl, Triglyceride $\geq$ 150 mg/dl and HDL cholesterol  $<40$  mg/dl in male and  $<50$  mg/dl in female) were taken from the Third Report of the National Cholesterol Education program and the American diabetes Association. For group comparison, we used the student's t- test. All statistical tests were considered significant at the level of  $\leq 5\%$ . Statistical analysis was performed with SPSS for Windows version 20.

## RESULTS

Clinical characteristics of T1DM and T2DM patients were shown in table I. Significant difference in age at diagnosis was observed among the groups ( $11.1 \pm 3.5$  vs.  $12.2 \pm 2.6$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). Again mean duration of diabetes mellitus was significantly higher in type 1 diabetes mellitus than type 2 diabetes mellitus ( $5.2 \pm 2.7$  vs.  $3.5 \pm 2.3$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). Significant difference in age at visit was also observed between the two groups ( $16.2 \pm 2.3$  vs.  $15.8 \pm 2.2$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ). Regarding BMI, it

was higher in Type 2 diabetes mellitus than in Type 1 diabetes mellitus ( $25.9 \pm 5.2$  vs.  $20.2 \pm 4.2 \text{ kg/m}^2$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) and there was also significant difference in blood pressure in type 1 and type 2 diabetic children and adolescence, systolic blood pressure (SBP)  $102.4 \pm 12.8$  vs.  $111.6 \pm 15.3$  mm of Hg and diastolic blood pressure (DBP)  $69.1 \pm 10.3$  vs.  $73.6 \pm 10.8$  mm of Hg,  $p < 0.001$ . The study also revealed that waist circumference between the two groups was significant,  $p < 0.001$ .

**Table II: Comparison of Clinical Characteristics of patients with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes mellitus.**

Variables	Type 1 (n = 317) Mean $\pm$ SD	Type 2 (n = 195) Mean $\pm$ SD	p value
Age at diagnosis (years)	$11.1 \pm 3.5$	$12.2 \pm 2.6$	$< 0.001$
Duration of DM (years)	$5.2 \pm 2.7$	$3.5 \pm 2.3$	$< 0.001$
Age at visit (years)	$16.2 \pm 2.3$	$15.8 \pm 2.2$	$< 0.05$
BMI ( $\text{kg/m}^2$ )	$20.2 \pm 4.2$	$25.9 \pm 5.2$	$< 0.001$
WC (cm)	$70.9 \pm 11.4$	$85.6 \pm 14.2$	$< 0.001$
Systolic BP (mm Hg)	$102.4 \pm 12.8$	$111.6 \pm 15.3$	$< 0.001$
Diastolic BP (mm Hg)	$69.1 \pm 10.3$	$73.6 \pm 10.8$	$< 0.001$

\*Statistical analysis was done by Student's t-test to compare among the groups  
n= Number of subjects.

### Laboratory parameters of the study participants

Table-II showed the laboratory characteristics of Type 1 diabetes mellitus and Type 2 diabetes mellitus. The mean fasting blood glucose was higher in T2DM than in T1DM  $11.3 \pm 3.8$  vs.  $10.9 \pm 4.1 \text{ mmol/l}$ , but the difference was not significant,  $p = 0.266$ . Mean value of  $\text{HbA}_{1c}$  was significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ) higher in T2DM than in

T1DM  $10.8 \pm 3.1$  vs.  $9.5 \pm 2.5$ . Patients with T2DM had higher total cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol and triglyceride than in T1DM which was not statistically significant. HDL cholesterol was higher in Type 1 diabetes mellitus than Type 2 diabetes mellitus and that was not statistically significant ( $p > 0.05$ ).

**Table II: Comparison of Laboratory Characteristics of patients with Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes mellitus.**

Variables	Type 1 (n =317) Mean $\pm$ SD	Type 2 (n=195) Mean $\pm$ SD	p value
FBS(mmol/l)	10.9 $\pm$ 4.1	11.3 $\pm$ 3.8	0.266 <sup>ns</sup>
HbA <sub>1c</sub> (%)	9.5 $\pm$ 2.5	10.8 $\pm$ 3.1	<0.001
Total Cholesterol(mg/dl)	169.4 $\pm$ 41.1	175.5 $\pm$ 41.7	0.106 <sup>ns</sup>
LDL Cholesterol(mg/dl)	103.4 $\pm$ 39.4	109.8 $\pm$ 36.3	0.068 <sup>ns</sup>
Triglyceride(mg/dl)	142.5 $\pm$ 66.2	145.8 $\pm$ 70.7	0.596 <sup>ns</sup>
HDL Cholesterol(mg/dl)	43.2 $\pm$ 20.8	39.1 $\pm$ 17.8	0.022

\*Statistical analysis was done by Student's t-test to compare among the groups  
n= Number of subjects;ns= Not significant (p>0.05)

## DISCUSSION

The present study was conducted to see the comparison of clinical parameters in type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus in children & adolescents. A total of 512 subjects were taken in our study among them 317 were type 1 and 195 were type 2 diabetic children and adolescents.

In our study, the mean age at diagnosis was statistically higher in T2DM than in T1DM. The findings are consistent with other studies<sup>14,15,16</sup>. But different studies showed higher age at diagnosis in type 1 diabetes mellitus than compared with type 2 diabetes mellitus<sup>9,11</sup>. Our study showed longer duration of DM in T1DM than T2DM. Many studies showed that duration of DM in type 1 diabetes mellitus was longer in type 2 diabetes mellitus<sup>14,17,18</sup>. But others showed longer duration of DM in type 2 diabetes mellitus than compared with type 1 diabetes mellitus<sup>16,19</sup>. In the present work mean age at visit was significantly higher in T1DM than T2DM. Similar observation was made by others<sup>18</sup>. This can be explained as type 1 diabetes is prepubertal and type 2 diabetes is postpubertal we found age at visit higher in type 1 diabetes mellitus than type 2 diabetes mellitus. In different studies showed that T1DM may be pubertal. However, others showed that age at visit was higher in T2DM than T1DM because type 2 diabetes mellitus is asymptomatic for long time and its onset is

slow or insidious<sup>9,11,14</sup>. Our study showed that mean BMI(kg/m<sup>2</sup>) in type 2 diabetic patients was significantly higher than compared with type 1 diabetic patients. This is consistent with other studies<sup>11,15,16,18-21</sup>. It can be explained because T2DM presents with obesity, overweight or metabolic syndrome. In a study showed that childhood obesity had increased rapidly in Asian countries<sup>22,23</sup>. Other study showed higher mean waist circumference in T2DM than T1DM<sup>21</sup>. In our study, mean waist circumference was statistically higher in T2DM than T1DM. A study done in Thailand showed that T2DM patients had lower mean fasting blood glucose levels than T1DM patients<sup>15</sup>. But our finding was not consistent with this study. In the present study, fasting blood glucose was higher in T2DM than T1DM which was not significant. As most of the T1DM patients were already diagnosed and having insulin where as majority of T2DM patients were newly diagnosed, so we found fasting blood glucose higher in T2DM than T1DM. Elevated blood pressure is documented as the most significant contributing factor in the pathogenesis and progression of diabetic nephropathy in both type 1 and type 2 diabetic patients. In the present study, both systolic and diastolic blood pressure was significantly higher in T2DM than T1DM. The findings are in agreement with other studies in which they showed that blood pressure was higher in

T2DM than compared with T1DM<sup>14,16,17</sup>. In different studies showed that lower mean HbA<sub>1c</sub> level in T2DM than compared with T1DM<sup>9,15,16</sup>. But in a previous study showed higher mean HbA<sub>1c</sub> level in T2DM than T1DM<sup>14</sup>. The present study was also consistent with that study. In our study, we found that there was higher mean HbA<sub>1c</sub> level in type 2 diabetes mellitus than type 1 diabetes mellitus which was statistically significant. Our study showed that total cholesterol was higher in type 2 diabetes mellitus than compared with type 1 diabetes mellitus which was not statistically significant. In a previous study showed that higher total cholesterol in T2DM than compared with T1DM<sup>17</sup>. In the present study, we observed that higher LDL-cholesterol in T2DM than compared with T1DM. Another study also showed higher LDL-cholesterol in T2DM than compared with T1DM<sup>17</sup>. The present study also revealed that triglyceride was more in type 2 diabetes mellitus than compared with type 1 diabetes mellitus. In another study, triglyceride was also higher in T2DM than compared with T1DM<sup>21</sup>. We also observed that in our study, higher HDL-cholesterol in type 1 diabetes mellitus than compared with type 2 diabetes mellitus. The study also showed higher HDL-cholesterol in type 1 diabetes mellitus than compared with type 2 diabetes mellitus<sup>21</sup>. This could be explained by the fact that poor glycemic control among those with T2DM contributes substantially to a high lipid profile.

This study has some limitations. Firstly, the study was cross-sectional in nature; therefore, causality cannot be inferred. Secondly, the study was done in a single center of Bangladesh. Auto antibodies cannot be done in our set up, so patients are diagnosed by clinical characteristics. Another study could be done by doing auto antibodies and C-peptide in patients with type 1 and type 2 diabetes mellitus. Longitudinal prospective study could be done to evaluate the risk of chronic complications.

## CONCLUSION

In our study, we found that most of the clinical and laboratory findings were increased in T2DM than T1DM. These findings might

facilitate the clinicians to early screening, prongnosis, follow up and as well as reduce the development of chronic complications in both types of diabetes mellitus in children and adolescents.

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## Original article

### Study on serum glucose levels in tobacco chewer and smoker subjects in Rangpur district.

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## ABSTRACT

**BACKGROUND:** In Bangladesh the prevalence of smoking among men is 48.3% and women is 20.9%. Active smoking could be independently associated with glucose intolerance, impaired fasting glucose, and type 2 diabetes. **OBJECTIVES:** To assess the effects of tobacco consumption on fasting serum glucose level, serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose. **METHODS:** This cross sectional study was conducted from July 2015 to June 2016 in the Department of Physiology, Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur. For this a total number of 100 male age & socioeconomic condition matched subjects were selected, among them 50 were apparently healthy non-tobacco chewer non-smoker subjects (group A), 50 were apparently healthy tobacco chewer smoker subjects (group B). The subjects were selected from Rangpur district. The study parameters were fasting serum glucose level and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gram glucose. For statistical analysis Unpaired student's 't' test was performed by computer based software SPSS- 17.0 version for windows. **RESULTS:** Fasting serum glucose level and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose were significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ) higher in tobacco chewer smoker subjects as compared with the healthy control subjects. **CONCLUSIONS:** The increased level of fasting serum glucose and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gram glucose in tobacco user is the evidence of development of type 2 diabetes mellitus due to tobacco consumption.

**KEY WORDS:** Tobacco, smoking, chewing, fasting serum glucose, serum glucose 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose.

## INTRODUCTION

Smoking is one of the leading causes of diseases, disability and premature death in the world where nearly 5 million people die annually from tobacco related illness. In Bangladesh, more than 57000 people die each year from tobacco related diseases. About twenty million people use tobacco in its one

form and about 5 million people use the other form of tobacco. In our country the prevalence of smoking among men is 48.3% and in women is 20.9%<sup>1</sup>. It has been estimated that tobacco-attributable deaths will be double from 3.4 million to 6.8 million in low and middle income countries by 2020<sup>2</sup>.

A good number of primary studies have assessed the association between smoking and incidence of glucose abnormalities. They have suggested that active smoking could be independently associated with glucose intolerance, impaired fasting glucose, and type 2 diabetes. Therefore smoking may be a modifiable risk factor for causing type 2 diabetes mellitus<sup>3-7</sup>.

Diabetes mellitus is characterized by uncontrolled hyperglycemia, which leads to life threatening complications due to acute metabolic aberrations<sup>8</sup>. A total of 366 million

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people around the world had diabetes mellitus in the year 2011 and the number will be 522 million by the year 2030. In 2011 about 4.6 million people died due to diabetes related complications<sup>9,10</sup> like cardiovascular and renal complications and both of which may have relation with cigarette smoking<sup>11</sup>.

The use of tobacco has increased the risk of type 2 diabetes in a graded manner. The association was independent of age, systolic blood pressure, alcohol consumption, BMI and physical activity. Daily smoking less than 20 cigarettes causes the multifactor elevation of the health risk about 30%, and those who smoked 20 cigarettes or more daily, the risk will be increased by 65%<sup>12,13</sup>.

Cigarette smoking causes transient elevation in blood glucose concentration and may also influence insulin sensitivity. Independent of the body size, people who smoke, has a higher transient increase in blood glucose concentration after an oral glucose challenge test. They also observed higher insulin resistance in smoker than non-smokers, suggesting a potential risk of diabetes<sup>14</sup>.

To the best of our knowledge few researches have been done on the smokers to observe the effects of smoking on glycemic control in our country. As many people in our country are smoker, so we have selected this group of people to assess the effects of tobacco consumption on fasting serum glucose level and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose.

## **MATERIALS and MATHODS**

This cross-sectional analytical study was conducted in the Department of Physiology, Rangpur Medical College, Rangpur from July 2015 to June 2016. A total number of 100 male subjects, aged 35-45 years were included in this study from different community of Rangpur district. Among them 50 non-tobacco chewer non-smoker subjects were included in control group and was denoted as group A & 50 tobacco chewer and smoker subjects were included in experimental group and denoted as group B. They were age and socio-economic condition matched. History of smoking average 10 sticks of cigarettes and or chewing tobacco regularly minimum 5 times in a day for five years was taken as inclusion criteria.

Study was carried out with prior protocol approved by the thesis protocol review committee and ethical committee of Rangpur Medical College. Before collection of sample all the subjects was informed about the objectives of the study and then informed written consent was taken from each of the study subjects. A standard questionnaire was filled up after taking history and thorough clinical examinations. Obese & known diabetic subjects and subjects with liver, kidney, heart, lungs and other diseases were taken as exclusion criteria. None had donated or received blood in last 3 months. Serum creatinin & ALT level was estimated to exclude kidney and liver diseases respectively.

For calculation of BMI weight in kg & height in m2 of each subject was taken by measuring tape and medical weighing maching. All the subjects were advised to be in overnight (8-10 hrs) fasting state then to attend next day at 8.00 A.M. in the Department of Physiology of Rangpur Medical College. Three (3) ml of blood was collected from ante-cubital vein from each subject under all aseptic precaution by a disposable syringe. The needle was detached from the nozzle and then the blood was immediately transferred into a de-ionized test tube with a gentle push to avoid hemolysis & blood was kept in standing position till formation of clot. Serum was separated by centrifuging the blood at 3000rpm for 5 minutes. The clear supernatant was taken and kept in ependrops. All tests were carried out as early as possible.

For collection of next sample 75gm glucose dissolved in 250 ml of distilled water was ingested to each subject and directed to come after 2 hours. Just after 2 hours 3 ml blood was collected and prepared for centrifuge for estimation of serum glucose as early as possible.

All data were recorded systematically in a preformed history sheet and all statistical analysis was done by computer using the software SPSS 17.0 version for windows. Fasting serum glucose, serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose levels were compared between the groups by unpaired student's 't' test. In the interpretation of results, < 0.05 level of probability (p) was accepted as significant.

## RESULTS

The mean age of control subjects (group A) was  $36.60 \pm 2.14761$  years and the tobacco chewer and smoker subject (group B) was  $42.24 \pm 3.47915$  years. The mean height was 1.68 m in group A & 1.66 m in group B and

mean weight was 61.6 kg in group A & 66.3 kg in group B. The mean BMI were  $21.82 \text{ Kg/m}^2$  &  $23.66 \text{ Kg/m}^2$  in group A & group B respectively (Table I).

**Table I: Distribution of subjects according to mean age, height, weight and BMI.**

Groups	Age (years)	Height (m)	Weight (Kg)	BMI ( $\text{Kg/m}^2$ )
<b>Group A</b> (n=50)	$36.60 \pm 2.14761$ (35-45)	1.68	61.6	21.82
<b>Group B</b> (n=50)	$42.24 \pm 3.47915$ (35-45)	1.66	66.3	23.66

Group A: control (nontobacco chewer & nonsmoker)

Group B: experimental (tobacco chewer & smoker)

n= number of subjects, m= meter

Figures in parenthesis indicates ranges.

The mean  $\pm$  SD fasting serum glucose level was  $4.9020 \pm 0.55420$  mmol/L in group A(control) &  $7.4520 \pm 0.78409$  mmol/L in group B(tobacco chewer & smoker). The mean fasting serum glucose level was significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ) higher in tobacco chewer & smoker subjects (group B) than control subjects (group A). The mean  $\pm$ SD serum glucose level 2 hours

after ingestion of 75 gm glucose was  $6.0220 \pm 0.65971$  mmol/L in group A(control),  $10.6740 \pm 1.56033$  mmol/L in group B tobacco chewer & smoker subjects. Again, the mean serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose was significantly ( $p < 0.001$ ) higher in group B (tobacco chewer & smoker) subjects than group A(control) (Table II).

**Table II: Mean  $\pm$  SD serum fasting glucose & serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75gm glucose in group A & group B subjects.**

Variables	Group A (n=50)	Group B (n=50)
Fasting serum glucose (mmol/L)	$4.9020 \pm 0.55420$ (3.60 – 5.80)	$7.4520 \pm 0.78409^{***}$ (5.10 – 9.60)
Serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75gm glucose (mmol/L)	$6.0220 \pm 0.65971$ (4.80 – 9.50)	$10.6740 \pm 1.56033^{***}$ (6.60 – 17.50)

Data were expressed as mean $\pm$  SD. Unpaired student's 't' test was done.

Group A : control ( non tobacco chewer & smoker )

Group B : experimental (tobacco chewer & smoker)

n= number of subjects.

\*\*\* =  $P < 0.001$

Figures in parenthesis indicates ranges.

## DISCUSSION

The present study was carried out to compare the fasting serum glucose and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose in between tobacco chewer smoker and non tobacco chewer non smoker control subjects. The mean fasting serum glucose level and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose were significantly higher in tobacco chewer smoker subjects than those of control subjects. Similar observations were made by some other investigators<sup>5,15-17</sup>.

It has been suggested that dyslipidemia occurs in tobacco users due to qualitative and quantitative alteration of lipids or lipoproteins metabolism. As a result there was more acetyl COA concentration leading to increase fatty acid and cholesterol synthesis. This increase cholesterol decreases insulin receptor sensitivity<sup>8,18</sup>.

Again, cigarette smoking has harmful effects on the pancreas as it enhances ethanol-induced pancreatic injury leading to impaired beta cell function and insulin receptor sensitivity. Smokers also have increased hepatic lipase activity, vascular changes and reducing blood flow to skeletal muscles contribute to insulin resistance. Degree of insulin resistance is also associated with the amount of cigarette smoked<sup>12,18</sup>. Moreover, acute bouts of smoking provoked hyperglycemia, hyperinsulinemia and elevated blood pressure. Cigarettes contain multiple noxious substances such as nicotine, cadmium, a strong biological marker of smoking, is linked to increased risk of diabetes<sup>5,15</sup>.

Some authors reported that increased serum glucose levels in cigarette smoking might be due to greater intraabdominal fat mass or larger upper body fat distribution leading to increased insulin resistance, raised plasma glucose concentrations and overt diabetes<sup>18-21</sup>. Smoking might reduce insulin sensitivity due to nicotine which stimulates the secretion of insulin-antagonising hormones such as cortisol, catecholamines and growth hormone<sup>22</sup>. The biological plausibility that smoking might lead

to insulin resistance or inadequate compensatory insulin secretion, impaired glucose tolerance due to direct effect on beta cells and chronic pancreatitis<sup>23</sup>.

From this above discussion it may be concluded that the higher fasting serum glucose and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gm glucose in tobacco chewer smoker subjects may be due to nicotine, which stimulates release of adrenaline and noradrenaline from the adrenal medulla by sympathetic stimulation. Adrenaline acts through the  $\beta_1$  receptor leads to lipolysis in adipose tissues, leading to the increased serum concentration of free fatty acids, cholesterol, triglyceride and LDL-C. Serum HDL-cholesterol is decreased may be due to increased hepatic lipase enzyme activity in smoker. Smoking may reduce insulin sensitivity partly due to nicotine which stimulates the secretion of insulin-antagonising hormones such as cortisol, catecholamines and growth hormone.

However, the exact mechanism cannot be elucidated from this type of study. Estimation of serum nicotine level, serum epinephrine and nor-epinephrine levels, HDL-cholesterol level, serum cortisol and growth hormone levels, plasma free fatty acid level, fasting serum insulin level, insulin sensitivity and insulin resistance can be done in same study population with large sample size, which may help us to understand the basic mechanisms of insulin resistance due to smoking.

## CONCLUSION

From this study it may be concluded that the increased level of fasting serum glucose and serum glucose level 2 hours after ingestion of 75 gram glucose in tobacco user is the evidence of development of type 2 diabetes mellitus due to tobacco consumption. In this respect we recommend to build awareness among the tobacco users so that they may refrain from tobacco consumption in order to reduce mortality and morbidity caused by type 2 diabetes mellitus.

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# Primary Testicular Lymphoma in young male: A Case Report.

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## ABSTRACT

*Primary testicular lymphoma is a rare non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, which accounts for 1% of all non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. It usually seen in people around 50 years and rarely involves young adult. A 26 year young patient, presented with painless swelling in his left testis for fifteen days, came to our hospital on 22 th January 2016. Ultrasonogram report of inguino-scrotal region revealed a hypoechoic well-circumscribed mass within left the testicular parenchyma. Right testis was normal on ultrasonoram. Histopathological examination revealed diffuse large B-cell lymphoma and the tumor was limited to the testicular parenchyma and lymphovascular invasion was absent. We examined the patient properly and there was no secondary involvement. Orchidectomy followed by chemotherapy with prophylactic radiotherapy to other testis is the treatment modality of this patient.*

**KEYWORDS:** Lymphoma, Testis, B-cell lymphoma, Orchidectomy.

## INTRODUCTION

Malignant lymphomas comprise 5% of all testicular malignancies. It is the most common testicular tumor in elderly persons but it can occur in any age group including children<sup>1</sup>. Primary testicular lymphoma is an intermediate or high grade lymphoma and most commonly large B cell type<sup>2</sup>. Testicular lymphoma carries a poor prognosis compared to other extranodal lymphomas<sup>3,4</sup>. HIV infection is a risk factor for aggressive NHL. Most of the patient presented with a firm, painless, unilateral testicular or scrotal swelling<sup>2,5</sup>. Though testicular lymphoma has no standard treatment due to their rare occurrence; orchidectomy followed by chemotherapy and radiotherapy is using now a days<sup>6</sup>.

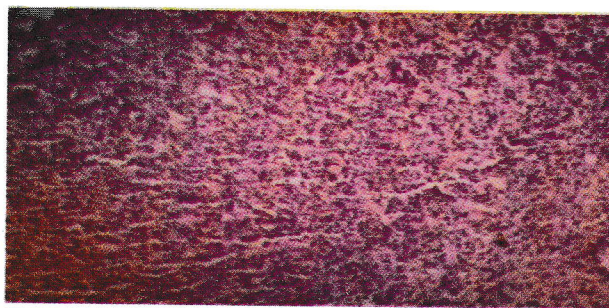
## CASE PRESENTATION

A 26 year young patient came to our hospital on 22th January 2016 with the complaint of

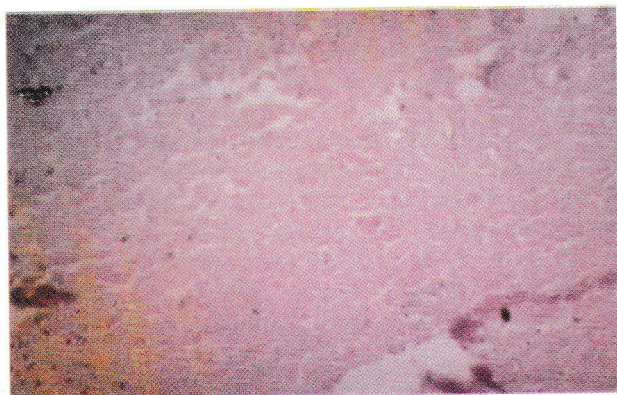
swelling in his left testis for fifteen days. On physical examination, 2×1.5 cm firm, painless mass was palpable in his left testis, and the contralateral testis and other structures were found normal. Regarding ultrasonogram report a hypoechoic well-circumscribed mass was seen within the testicular parenchyma and rest of the abdominal organ was normal. After carrying out necessary preoperative preparations for the patient in whom AFP, beta-HCG, Complete blood count, Random blood sugar, Serum creatinine, Chest x-ray levels were normal, left radical inguinal orchiectomy was performed under general anesthesia. Histopathological examination revealed diffuse large B-cell lymphoma (Figure 1) and reported that the tumor was limited to the testicular parenchyma, presence of necrosis (Figure 2) and lymphovascular invasion was not observed. According to the Histopathology the case was diagnosed

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**Figure 1: photomicrograph of testicular lymphoma showing atypical round tumor cells in the testis tissue, having lymphoid cell traits (HE×100x).**



**Figure 2: photomicrograph of necrosis in testicular lymphoma (HE×100x).**

## DISCUSSION

Testicular lymphoma was first reported by Malassez and Curling in 1866<sup>7,8</sup>. The mean age at presentation was 60 years, but the recent published cases of concerned patients were found younger than the past and considered that this fact had a positive effect on the outcome of the patients<sup>9</sup>. Our case is 26 years aged young male, who presented with the complaints of painless testicular swelling for fifteen days. In primary T-cell lymphomas, most reported cases are of T-cell/Natural Killer (NK) cell lymphoma with very few cases of peripheral T-cell lymphoma(NOS)<sup>10,11,12</sup>. T-cell NHL is now considered to be the most common bilateral tumor of the testes, with reported incidence of bilateral metachronous testicular involvement of 35% and bilateral synchronous testicular involvement of 3%. Other authors have reported the incidence of bilateral involvement of about 10-40%<sup>13</sup>. It's etiologies includes prior trauma, chronic orchitis, undescended testicles, and filariasis of the spermatic cord<sup>14</sup>. Histologically, 80-90% of the rarely seen primary testicular lymphomas are diffuse large B-cell lymphomas<sup>15</sup>. In our case we also found diffuse large B-cell lymphoma. Classification of primary testicular lymphoma that was modified by the Nordic Lymphoma Group is as follows: stage I: unilateral testis involvement with or without epididymis or cord involvement; stage II: abdominal and pelvic lymph node involvement; and stage II-IV: distant metastasis<sup>16</sup>. It has been reported that a primary tumor larger than 9 cm, epididymis, presence of spermatic cord and bilateral testis involvement, vascular invasion, advanced age,

high LDH levels, presence of B symptoms, high International Prognostic Index (IPI) score, and left testis involvement are factors associated with poor prognosis<sup>17</sup>. Nevertheless, young age, localized tumor, presence of sclerosis, small size of the tumor, low histologic grade and no epididymis or spermatic cord involvement are indicators of good prognosis<sup>18</sup>. In our case, 26 years young male having 2×1.5cm painless mass and on histological examination we found atypical lymphoid cell with presence of necrosis in testicular tissue. The epididymis and spermatic cord were free of the tumor. No lymphovascular invasion was seen. According to the prognostic criteria our patient has comparatively good prognosis. Immunohistochemistry has the role for confirmation the diagnosis of lymphoma.

## CONCLUSION

Primary testicular lymphoma is a disease with a poor Prognosis. It occurs usually in elderly but young person is not spared. Therefore, if any young patient come with painless testicular mass, then he should be tested for primary testicular lymphoma and surgeon should rule out that it is not secondary NHL. Moreover, he should be examined for any secondary involvement. This type of patient also requires joint action of urologist, pathologist and oncologist.

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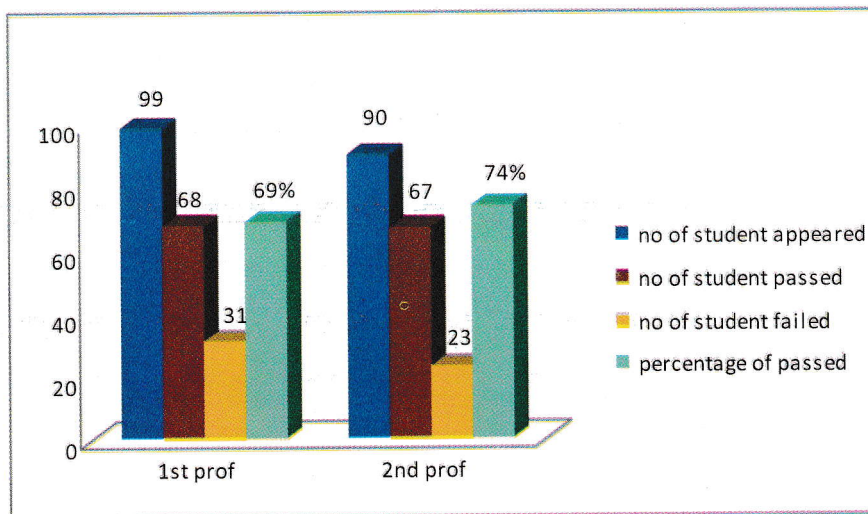
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