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# Abstract

Type 2 diabetes has been linked with increased risk of dementia and cognitive impairment among older adults and with premature mortality in young and middle-aged adults. **Objective:** This study aimed at examining the relation between type 2 diabetes mellitus and cognitive dysfunctions. **Subjects:** This study was conducted on 20 patients with type 2 diabetes of both sexes (15 males, 5 females) and twenty healthy control subjects, matched for age, sex and educational level. **Methods:** All patients were assessed using clinical evaluation, CT brain and Psychometric tests (Mini-Mental Status Examination, Beck Depression Scale, Halstead Reitan test, Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale and Wechsler memory scale (WMS). **Results:** Statistically significant lower results were found in group1 when compared to group2 ( $p < 0.05$ ) in each of the following tests : Associative learning subtest of Wechsler Memory, Similarity and digit symbol subtests of Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale. The results of group1 in vocabulary subtest of Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale were lower than those of group2. However, this difference did not reach statistical significance ( $P > 0.05$ ). **Conclusions:** T2DM is a risk factor for cognitive impairment as it affects learning, memory, verbal comprehension, sustained attention and psychomotor speed.

**Key words:** Type 2 Diabetes mellitus, cognitive functions, Wechsler memory scale.

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## List of Abbreviations

<b>2hrPPG</b> .....	Two-hour postprandial glucose
<b>AAMI</b> .....	Age associated memory impairment
<b>A-beta</b> .....	Amyloid-beta
<b>ACE</b> .....	Angiotensin converting enzyme
<b>AChE</b> .....	Acetylcholine esterase
<b>AD</b> .....	Alzheimer's disease
<b>ADA</b> .....	American diabetes association
<b>AGE</b> .....	Advanced glycation end-product
<b>AGEs</b> .....	Advanced glycation end products
<b>AMPA</b> .....	Amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-soxazolepropionic acid
<b>APOE</b> .....	Apolipoprotein E
<b>APOE-ε4</b> .....	Apolipoprotein E type 4
<b>APP</b> .....	Amyloid precursor protein
<b>ARB</b> .....	Angiotensin receptor blocker
<b>BB/Wor</b> .....	Rat models of type 1 diabetes
<b>BBZDR/Wor</b> .....	Bio-breeding zucker diabetic rate (Rat models of type 2 diabetes)
<b>CADASIL</b> .....	Cerebral autosomal dominant arteriopathy with subcortical infarcts and leukoencephalopathy
<b>CERAD</b> .....	Consortium to Establish a Registry in Alzheimer's disease
<b>CHD</b> .....	Coronary heart disease
<b>CNS</b> .....	Central nervous system
<b>CSF</b> .....	Cerebrospinal fluid
<b>CT</b> .....	Computerized tomography
<b>CVD</b> .....	Cerebrovascular disease
<b>DCCT</b> .....	Diabetes control and complication trial
<b>DHA</b> .....	docosahexaenoic acid
<b>DLB</b> .....	Dementia with Lewy Bodies
<b>DSM-IV-TR</b> .....	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fourth Revision, Text Revision



**EEG**..... Electroencephalograph  
**FDA**..... Food and Drug Administration  
**FDG PET**..... Fluorodeoxyglucose-positron emission tomography  
**FPG**.....Fasting plasma glucose  
**FSIQ**..... Full-scale I.Q.  
**GABA** ..... Gama-Aminobutyric acid  
**GLUT4** .....Glucose transporter 4  
**GLUT8**.....Glucose transporter 8 also known as **GLUTx1**  
**HbA1c** .....Glycated hemoglobin  
**HRBNT**.....Halstead Reitan Battery of neuropsychological test  
**IDDM**.....Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus  
**IDE**.....Insulin-degrading enzyme  
**IL-6** .....Interleukin-6  
**IQ** .....Intelligence quotient  
**KA** .....Kainate receptors  
**MCI**.....Mild cognitive impairment  
**MI** .....Myocardial infarction  
**MMSE** .....Mini-Mental Status Examination  
**MODY** .....Maturity-onset diabetes in youth  
**MRI** .....Magnetic resonance brain imaging  
**mRNA** .....Messenger ribonucleic  
**MRS**.....Magnetic resonance spectroscopy  
**NAA**.....N-Acetyl aspartate  
**NGSP**.....National glycohemoglobin standardization program  
**NIDDM**..... Noninsulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.  
**NIH-ADRDA**.....National Institutes of Health-Alzheimer’s disease and Related Disorders Association  
**NMDA**.....N-methyl-D aspartate  
**NMDA**.....N-methyl-d-aspartate  
**NOS**.....Nitric oxide by blocking enzyme synthase  
**PDD**.....Parkinson's disease Dementia  
**PET** ..... Positron emission tomography  
**PIQ** .....Performance IQ  
**RAGEs** .....Receptors for AGE

**REM sleep**.....Rapid eye movement sleep  
**T1DM** .....Type 1 diabetes mellitus  
**T2DM** ..... Type 2 diabetes mellitus  
**UAE** .....Urinary albumen excretion  
**VCD**.....Vascular cognitive disorder  
**VCI**.....Vascular cognitive impairment  
**VIQ**..... Verbal IQ  
**WAIS** .....Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale  
**WHO** ..... World Health Organ  
**WMS-R** ..... Wechsler memory scale revised

# INTRODUCTION

## Introduction

**Diabetes mellitus** is a group of metabolic diseases in which a person has high blood sugar, either because the body does not produce enough insulin, or because cells do not respond to the insulin that is produced (**David et al., 2011**).

Diabetes mellitus is classified into four broad categories: T1DM, T2DM, gestational diabetes and "other specific types. The "other specific types" are a collection of a few dozen individual causes (**David et al., 2011**).

Diabetes is associated with premature mortality and is a risk factor for mild cognitive impairment and both vascular dementia (**Peila et al., 2002**) and Alzheimer's disease (**MacKnight et al., 2002, Arvanitakis et al., 2004**). Individuals with diabetes are ~1.5 times more likely to experience cognitive decline and frank dementia than individuals without diabetes (**Cukierman et al., 2005**). Diabetes is also associated with decrements in learning and memory, mental flexibility and information-processing speed (**Van den Berg et al., 2010**).

Type 2 diabetes mellitus(T2DM) adversely affects many aspects of brain health, increasing individuals' risk for cognitive deficits, cognitive impairment, Alzheimer's disease, stroke, diminished brain function, and brain atrophy (**Tiehuis et al., 2008, Sims-Robinson et al., 2010**). Known consequences of T2DM, including vascular disease, oxidative stress, deregulated glucose metabolism, formation of advanced glycation end products, and chronic inflammation, are each associated with adverse brain health (**Araki, 2009, Marioni et al., 2010**). T2DM is also associated with many other conditions that adversely influence cognition and brain function, including obesity, hypertension, dyslipidemia, and depression (**Williamson et al., 2007, Biessels et al 2009**). How well glucose levels are managed during T2DM may also affect cognition (**Cukierman et al., 2009**).Jointly, these factors may be expected to induce a broad-based and sustained spectrum of cognitive deficits, with much heterogeneity from individual to individual.



Decreased cognitive performance has been extensively described among individuals with T2DM, with reduced performance in verbal declarative memory and processing speed being the most consistently reported (**Awad et al., 2004**). Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is associated with an increased risk of dementia. There is still uncertainty on the etiology, but vascular disease is likely to play a role (**Biessels et al., 2008**). Clinically manifest atherosclerosis is associated with cognitive impairment in people with T2DM (**Manschot et al., 2007, Bruce et al., 2008**).

The mechanisms underlying these cognitive disorders are increasingly thought to involve mixed pathology, with contribution from vascular, neurodegenerative, and neurovascular processes (**Strachan, 2011**). Pathophysiological mechanisms that have been implicated include inflammation, oxidative stress, energy imbalance, protein misfolding and differences in genetic susceptibilities. (**Klein and Waxman, 2003 , Girouard and Iadecola, 2006**).

T2DM-related cognitive changes and cerebral atrophy develop slowly over the course of years, at an average rate that is still within the range of that of normal aging (**De Bresser et al., 2010, Van den Berg et al., 2010**). Nevertheless, people with T2DM are overrepresented among those older individuals with accelerated cognitive decline (**Reijmer et al., 2010**).

# **AIM OF THE WORK**

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- To study the pattern of cognitive impairment in a sample of Egyptian patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.
- To study the relationship between cognitive dysfunction and duration of diabetes.