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## List of abbreviations

<b>1-ADMA</b>	asymmetric-dimethyl arginine
<b>ABPM</b>	ambulatory blood pressure monitoring
<b>ACR</b>	Albumin: creatinine ratio
<b>ADMA/DDAH</b>	asymmetric dimethylarginine/ dimethylarginine dimethylaminohydrolase
<b>AHA/NHLBI</b>	American Heart Association/National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
<b>AMPK</b>	AMP activated protein kinase
<b>APKD</b>	Adult Polycystic Kidney Disease
<b>apo(a)</b>	apolipoprotein(a)
<b>ASA</b>	Acetyl salicylic acid
<b>ASCOT-LLA</b>	Anglo-Scandinavian Cardiac Outcomes Trial--Lipid Lowering Arm
<b>AURORA</b>	A Study to Evaluate the Use of Rosuvastatin in Subjects on Regular Hemodialysis
<b>BMI</b>	Body mass index
<b>BP</b>	Blood pressure
<b>BV</b>	Blood volume
<b>CAD</b>	Coronary artery disease
<b>CETP</b>	cholesteryl ester transfer protein
<b>CKD</b>	Chronic kidney disease
<b>CVD</b>	Cardiovascular disease
<b>D.M</b>	Diabetes mellitus
<b>DBP</b>	Diastolic blood pressure
<b>DW</b>	dry weight
<b>ECV</b>	extracellular volume
<b>EF</b>	Ejection fraction
<b>EGIR</b>	European Group for the Study of Insulin Resistance
<b>ELFA</b>	enzyme immunoassay sandwich method with a final flurescent detection
<b>EPO</b>	Erythropoietin
<b>ESRD</b>	end-stage renal disease
<b>F.B.S</b>	Fasting blood sugar
<b>FFA</b>	free fatty acid
<b>GFR</b>	Glomerular filtration rate
<b>HD</b>	Hemodialysis
<b>HDL-C</b>	High density lipoproteins-C
<b>HF</b>	Heart failure
<b>HMG-CoA reductase</b>	hydroxyl-3-methylglutaryl-CoA reductase
<b>HMW</b>	high molecular weight
<b>HOMA-IR</b>	Homeostatic Model Assessment of Insulin Resistance
<b>HPS</b>	Heart protection study
<b>ICAM-1</b>	Intercellular Adhesion Molecule 1
<b>IDF</b>	International Diabetes Federation
<b>IDH</b>	intra-dialytic hypotension
<b>IDL</b>	intermediate-density lipoprotein
<b>IGF-1</b>	Insulin-like Growth Factor-1
<b>IHD</b>	Ischemic heart disease
<b>IL-6</b>	Interleukine-6
<b>iNOS</b>	Inducible Nitric oxide synthases
<b>IR</b>	Insulin resistance
<b>IVSd</b>	Thickness of Interventricular septum
<b>K/DOQI</b>	the Work Group for Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative
<b>KDIGO</b>	Kidney disease improving global outcomes
<b>LCAT</b>	lecithin-cholesterol acyltransferase
<b>LDL</b>	Low density lipoproteins
<b>LMW</b>	low molecular weight
<b>ln CRP</b>	natural logarithm (geometric means)
<b>Lp(a)</b>	Lipoprotein (a)
<b>LVH</b>	Left ventricular hypertrophy
<b>LVIDd</b>	Internal diameter of left ventricle at end diastole
<b>LVM</b>	Left Ventricular Mass
<b>LVMI</b>	Left Ventricular Mass Index
<b>MAP</b>	Mean arterial pressure
<b>MCP-1</b>	Monocyte chemotactic protein-1
<b>MDRD</b>	Modification of Diet in Renal Disease study

<b>MetS</b>	Metabolic syndrome
<b>NCEP-ATP III</b>	National Cholesterol Education Program Third Adult Treatment Panel
<b>NF-<math>\kappa</math>B</b>	nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B cells
<b>NHANES III</b>	The third National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
<b>NICE</b>	National institute of clinical excellence
<b>NO</b>	nitric oxide
<b>NS</b>	nephrotic syndrome
<b>PAI-1</b>	plasminogen activator inhibitor-1
<b>PCR</b>	Protein:creatinine ratio
<b>PD</b>	Peritoneal dialysis
<b>PG</b>	Plasma glucose
<b>PKCs</b>	Protein Kinase-C
<b>PPAR</b>	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptors alpha
<b>PRA</b>	plasma renin activity
<b>PTH</b>	parathormone
<b>PVD</b>	Peripheral vascular disease
<b>PWd</b>	Thickness of posterior wall in end diastole
<b>QUICKI</b>	Quantitative Insulin Sensitivity Check Index
<b>RAAS</b>	rennin angiotensin-aldosterone system
<b>RCTs</b>	randomized controlled trials
<b>ROS</b>	reactive oxygen species
<b>RPF</b>	renal plasma flow
<b>SBP</b>	Systolic blood pressure
<b>SERBP</b>	sterol regulatory element binding proteins
<b>SNS</b>	sympathetic nervous system
<b>SPR</b>	solid phase receptacle
<b>TG</b>	Triglycerides
<b>TGF-<math>\beta</math></b>	Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$
<b>TGF-<math>\beta</math>1</b>	Transforming Growth Factor- $\beta$ 1
<b>TNF-<math>\alpha</math></b>	tumor necrosis factor- $\alpha$
<b>U.A</b>	Uric acid
<b>VA-HIT</b>	The Veterans Affairs HDL Intervention Trial
<b>VLDL</b>	Very Low Density Lipoproteins
<b>VSMC</b>	vascular smooth muscle cell
<b>vWF</b>	von Willebrand factor
<b>WC</b>	Waist circumference
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

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## Introduction

The number of chronic kidney disease (CKD) patients has been increasing throughout the world over the last decade and is expected to continue growing. A rise in the incidence of CKD in recent years paralleled with an increasing prevalence of metabolic syndrome (**Yu et al, 2010**).

Metabolic syndrome is a medical condition with a clustering of major risk factors for cardiovascular diseases and type 2 diabetes. It arises from a constellation of derangements that includes hypertension, atherogenic dyslipidemia, central obesity and insulin resistance (**Park et al, 2010**).

There are several different definitions of metabolic syndrome. Although all of them include glucose intolerance, obesity, hypertension, and dyslipidemia as essential components, they differ in details. According to the definitions of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the European Group for the Study of Insulin Resistance (EGIR), glucose intolerance or insulin resistance are considered as essential metabolic syndrome components, whereas this is not the case for the National Cholesterol Education Program Adults Treatment Panel III (NCEP-ATPIII) (**Ucar et al., 2009**).

Due to its simplicity and clinical relevance, the NCEP definition for metabolic syndrome is nowadays the one being most widely used in general populations (**Li et al, 2009**).

It requires three of the following five criteria:

- Abdominal obesity (waist circumference >102 cm in men and >88 cm in women);
- Fasting hypertriglyceridemia ( $\geq 1.7$  mmol/L or 150 mg/dL);
- Low fasting HDL (<1.04 mmol or 40 mg/dL in men and <1.29 mmol/L or 50 mg/dL in women).

- High blood pressure ( $\geq 130/85$  mmHg) or current treatment with antihypertensive medication; and
- High fasting glucose ( $\geq 6.1$  mmol/L or 110 mg/dL) or current treatment with anti-diabetic medication.

Metabolic syndrome promotes the development of chronic kidney disease, and insulin resistance has been noticed as a result of impaired renal function; hence, patients with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) show a high prevalence of metabolic syndrome (**Johnson et al, 2007, Young et al, 2007**). However, the exact prevalence of the metabolic syndrome in dialysis patients is unknown (**Elsaid et al, 2009**).

End-stage kidney disease (ESKD) patients requiring dialysis have a substantially elevated risk of CVD morbidity and mortality. Evidence is accumulating to suggest that the metabolic syndrome predisposes to cardiovascular disease (CVD). Recent studies associate metabolic syndrome with hospitalization and severe coronary artery disease in HD patients. Reports also show a relationship between metabolic syndrome and inflammation in patients on HD (**Chen et al, 2006, Yang et al, 2007**).

In the general population, metabolic syndrome and its constituent components are known to increase risk for adverse effects, including cardiovascular disease and type 2 diabetes but data in the dialysis population are lacking (**Grundy, 2008, Park et al, 2010**). Evidence increasingly suggests, however, that some components of metabolic syndrome, including hypertension, hyperlipidemia and obesity, may favourably influence outcome in ESRD, an example of 'reverse epidemiology' (**Chen et al, 2006, Park et al, 2010**). In fact, hemodialysis patients with malnutrition had a lower rate of survival compared with those who had metabolic syndrome (**Stolic et al, 2010**).

## **Aim of the work**

The aim of the present study is to compare cardiac function in hemodialysis patients with metabolic syndrome and those without metabolic syndrome.

## **Patients and methods**

This study will be conducted on 100 adult stable regular hemodialysis patients, who had been on regular dialysis for more than 3 months at Mobaric and Elagoza Police Hospitals, after obtaining their informed consent.

Exclusion criteria will include patients who were younger than 18 years of age, had overt infections during the last 3 months prior to study enrollment or had a history of malignancy or other chronic inflammatory disease (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis or systemic lupus), or unwillingness to participate in the study.

The patients will be divided into 2 groups based on the presence or absence of metabolic syndrome:

**Group I:** will include 50 HD patients fulfilling the criteria of metabolic syndrome according to the NCEP-ATP-III.

**Group II:** will include 50 HD patients without metabolic syndrome.

**All study population will be submitted to:**

1. Full history taking with recording of clinical, demographic, hemodialysis data, detailed drug history and associated co-morbid diseases.
2. Through clinical examination including vital signs, body weight, height, BMI(weight (kg) divided by the height squared (m<sup>2</sup>),waist circumference measurement.
3. Blood samples for laboratory measurements of fasting blood glucose and fasting serum total cholesterol, HDL cholesterol , triglycerides ,serum albumin, and C-reactive protein (CRP)
4. M-mode and 2-dimensional Doppler Echocardiographic examinations will be done to all participants to evaluate LV measures and cardiac function .

5. Patients will be classified as having metabolic syndrome if they have three or more of the following criteria of NCEP-ATP-III: (1) SBP  $\geq 130$  mmHg and/or DBP  $\geq 85$  mmHg, (2) serum TG  $\geq 150$  mg/dl, (3) serum HDL cholesterol  $< 40$  mg/dl in men or  $< 50$  mg/dl in women, (4) fasting plasma glucose  $\geq 110$  mg/dl and (5) abdominal obesity according to waist circumference measured at the level of the umbilicus with the participant in the supine position defined as waist circumference  $> 102$  cm in men or  $> 88$  cm in women.