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#### **Abstract**

Evidence is emerging to suggest that obesity is a global epidemic increasing worldwide. Body composition refers to the constituents of body lean mass, fat mass, and water. We studied 1202 subjects 403 male and 799 female between 20-60 yrs; for all subjects weight, height, BP, waist circumference, Waist/Hip ratio skin fold thickness and % body fat with Bioelectrical impedance were done. Obesity is strongly related to age and job state however relation to residency is evident in males but not for females. The prevalence of obesity was higher in females than in males. The mean FBS, TC, and TG were higher in the obese subjects. A new cutoff point of WC is obtained 103 for males and 99.6 for females. BIA is a rapid and portable method for composition analysis.

**Key Words:** 

BMI, BIA, BP, SFT, WC, WHR, Body Composition.

#### List of Abbreviations

ACTH Adrenocorticotropic hormone

ADA American Diabetes Association

ADP Air Displacement Plethysmography

AELG Anthro-ElectroLipoGraphy

AGRP Agouti-Related Protein

AHO Albright Hereditary Osteodystrophy

ANOVA Analysis of Variance Test

AOA American Obesity Association

ARC Arcuate Nuclei

ATP Adenosine Triphosphate
BAT Brown Adipose Tissue
BBS Bardet-Biedl syndrome

BIA Bioimpedance Assessment- Bioelectrical impedance analysis

BIS Bioimpedance Spectroscopy

BLP Blood Pressure
BMI Body Mass Index

BMPs Bone Morphogenetic Proteins

BMR Basal Metabolic Rate

cAMP Cyclic Adenosine Mono Phosphate

CART Cocaine and Amphetamine-Regulated Transcript

CB1 Cannabenoid Receptor 1

CCK Cholecystokinin

CGRP Calcitonin Gene-related peptide

CHD Coronary Heart Disease
CHF Congestive Heart Failure
CNS Central Nervous System

CRH Corticotropin-Releasings Hormone

CRP C-reactive protein

CT Computerized Tomography

CVD Cardiovascular Disease
DBP Diastolic Blood Pressure

DEXA dual-energy x-ray absorptiometry

DHEA Dihydro-Epiandrosterone

DSM-BIA Direct-Segmental Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis

DVT Deep Venous Thrombosis

EC Endocannabinoid
ECF Extracellular Fluid
ECW Extracellular water
ELG ElectroLipoGraphy
FA1 Fetal Antigen 1

FBS Fasting Blood Sugar

FDA Food and Drug Administration

FFM Fat-Free Mass

FM Fat Mass

FTO Fused Toes and Other abnormalities

GABA Gamma-Amino-Butyric Acid

GERD Gastro Esophageal Reflux Disease

GI Glycemic Index GL Glycemic Load

GLP-1 Glucagon-like peptide-1
GRP Gastrin-Releasing Peptide
Hb A1c Glycated Hemoglobin
HDL High Density Lipoprotein
IAPP Islet Amyloid Polypeptide

ICF Intracellular Fluid

ICW Intracellular

IDF International Diabetes Foundation

IL-6 Interleukin-6

IL-I-β Interleukin -1 beta

kHz. Kilo Hertz

LDL Low density lipoprotein

mA, Mill Ampere

MAOI Mono Amin Oxidase Inhibitor

MC4R Melanocortin 4 Receptor

MCH Melanin-Concentrating Hormone

MFBIA Multifrequency Bioelectrical Impedance Analysis

MRI Magnetic resonance imaging

NCEP National Cholesterol Education Program

NEFA Nonesterified Fatty Acids

NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
NIDDM Non Insulin dependent diabetes
NIH National Institutes of Health

NPY Neuropeptide Y

OPA Obesity Policy Action
P value Positive Predictive Value

PAI-1 Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1

PCOS Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome

POMC Pro-Opio-Melanocortin

PPAR Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor

SBP Systolic Blood Pressure

SEE Standard Errors of The Estimate

SFT Skin Fold Thickness

SOS trial Swedish Obese Subjects trial

TBW Total body water
Tchol Total Cholesterol

TGs Triglycerides

TNF- $\alpha$  Tumour necrosis factor alpha

TZDs thiazolidinediones

üA Micri ampere

VLCD Very-low-calorie diets

VSMCs Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells

W/H Waist Hip ratio

WAT Wight Adipose Tissue WC Waist Circumference

WHO World Health Organization

α-MSH α-Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone

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