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List of Abbreviations

ACC American College of Cardiology
ACE Angiotensin converting enzyme
AHA American Heart Association

AT Adipose tissue

AT1 Angiotensin receptor 1
ATP III Adult Treatment Panel III

b/m Beat per minute
BMI Body mass index
BP Blood pressure

CABG Coronary artery bypass grafting

CAD Coronary artery disease CHD Coronary heart disease

CHO Carbohydrates cm Centimeter

CR Cardiac rehabilitation

CRP Cardiac rehabilitation program

C-RP C-reactive protein
CV Cardiovascular

CVD Cardiovascular disease DBP Diastolic blood pressure

DM Diabetes mellitus

DXA Dual energy X-ray absorptiometry

ECG Electrocardiogram

ESC European Society of Cardiology

FBS Fasting blood sugar FC Functional capacity FFA Free fatty acids

g Gram

GFR Glomerular filtration rate

h Hour

HbA_{1c} Glaciated haemoglobin

HDL-C High-density lipoprotein cholesterol

HF Heart failure HR Heart rate

∠List of Abbreviations

HTN Hypertension

IHD Ischemic heart disease

IL Interleukin

IR Insulin resistance

JNC Joint National Committee

kg Kilogram km Kilometer

LDL-C Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol

LOE Level of evidence

LP(a) Lipoprotein a LV Left ventricle

LVEDD Left ventricular end diastolic dimension

LVEF Left ventricular ejection fraction

LVESD Left ventricular end systolic dimension

LVH Left ventricular hypertrophy

M² Squared meter

METs Metabolic equivalents in exercise testing

mg Milligram

MI Myocardial infarction

min Minuets
ml Milliliter
mm Millimeter

mmHg Millimeter mercury

NCEP National Cholesterol Education Program

NO Nitric oxide No. Number

OSA Obstructive sleep apnea

P.value Probability value

PAI-1 Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1
PCI Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

PDA Peripheral artery disease

RVSP Right ventricular systolic pressure

SBP Systolic blood pressure

SCAD Stable coronary artery disease

SCD Sudden cardiac death SD Standard deviation

List of Abbreviations

T2DM	Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
TC	Total cholesterol
TF	Tissue factor
TG	Triglycerides
THR	Target heart rate
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor
VLDL	Very low-density lipoprotein
WC	Waist circumference
WHO	World Health Organization
WHR	Waist to hip ratio

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Abstract

Introduction: Obesity is strongly associated with coronary artery disease and known as an independent risk factor. So the aim of this study is to investigate the effects of cardiac rehabilitation program in obese and non-obese patients with coronary artery disease.

Materials and Methods: 60 patients with coronary artery disease participated in our study. At the beginning of study, body mass index, functional capacity, 12 leads surface ECG, lipid profiles and fasting blood sugar were evaluated and trans-thoracic echocardiography was done to assess left ventricular ejection fraction ,left ventricular end systolic and diastolic dimension. Then, these patients were divided into two groups, patients who had BMI \geq 30 kg/ m² were known as obese and who had BMI \leq 30 kg/ m² were known as non-obese group. All of them completed the period of cardiac rehabilitation program, and three months later all risk factors were examined for the second time in each group. Data were analyzed with SPSS software version 21. For comparing the mean of outcomes, independent t-tests and paired t-tests were used.

Results: In comparison between both group (obese versus no-obese) at baseline, our study found functional capacity was significantly higher in non-obese patients than in obese patients, and LDL level was significantly higher in obese patients, while there was no significant difference between both groups regarding total cholesterol, TG, HDL, FBS, LVEF, LVESD and LV end diastolic dimension. In obese group, our study found that there was significant improvement BMI, SBP, DBP, functional capacity, total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, triglycerides, FBS at the end of CRP but there was no significant change in LVEF, LVESD, and LVEDD. In non-obese group, our study found that there was a significant improvement in BMI, functional capacity, total cholesterol, LDL cholesterol, HDL cholesterol, and triglycerides, FBS, LVEF and LVESD at the end of CRP but there was no significant change in SBP, DBP and LVEDD.

Conclusion: our study found that involvement of patients in cardiac rehabilitation program improve their risk factors, functional capacity, lipid profile and echocardiographic parameters and hence cardiac rehabilitation program should be implemented in routine management of patients with coronary artery disease.

Key Words: cardiac rehabilitation, coronary artery disease, obesity, risk factor.

Introduction

Obesity is classified by body mass index (BMI) which is known as an indicator of total adiposity. In adults, it is defined as a BMI \geq 30 kg/m² (*Canoy D et al.*,2007).

Obesity has significant adverse effects on cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk factors, including insulin resistance, blood pressure, plasma lipids, left ventricular hypertrophy, and functional capacity (FC) (*Lavie J & Milani V.*, 2003).

Prevalence of obesity in patients with coronary artery disease (CAD) moves toward 40%. Noticeably overall 80% of patients that referred to cardiac rehabilitation program (CRP) were overweight and obese (*Gunstad J.et al.*,2007).

CRP is known as a way for enhancement and maintenance of cardiovascular health through individualized programs, designed to optimize physical, psychologic, social, vocational, and emotional status by improving coronary risk factors management (*Eshah N & Bond A. 2009*).

Cardiac rehabilitation and exercise training have beneficial effects on CVD risk factors such as improving plasma lipids, insulin sensitivity, exercise capacity, and lowering mortality (*Steki G.F. et al.*, 2010).

Most studies have implied significant reductions in risks among active CAD patients compared to sedentary patients (*Manzoni G.et al.2011*).

Aim of the Work

The aim of this study is to assess the effects of cardiac rehabilitation program in obese and Non-obese patients with coronary artery disease after total revascularization either by PCI or CABG.