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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A1AT : Alpha 1 antitrypsin

ACE : Angiotensin Converting Enzyme

ACR : Albumin Creatinine Ratio

ADA: American Diabetes Association

AER : Albumin Excretion Rate

AGEs : Advanced Glycation End products

ANOVA: Analysis of variance **AP**: Antiphospholipid

APCs : Antigen-presenting cellsA1PI : Alpha 1 proteinase inhibitor

AT : Antithrombin
BG : Blood Glucose
BMI : Body Mass Index

COPD: Chronic obstructive pulmonary Disease

CV : Coxsackie virus

CVAN : Cardiovascular autonomic neuropathy

CVD : Cardiovascular diseaseCVS : Cardiovascular system

DCCT: Diabetes Control and Complications Trial

Dias : Diastolic

DIC: Disseminated intravascular coagulation

DKA : Diabetic KetoacidosisDM : Diabetes Mellitus

EDIC: Epidemiology of Diabetes Interventions and

Complications

e.g. : Example

ESRD : End stage Renal DiseaseFBG : Fasting blood glucose

FDA : Food and drug administration

FPG: Fasting plasma glucose

GAD : Glutamic Acid DecarboxylaseGDM : Gestational Diabetes Mellitus

Hb : Hemoglobin

HbA1c: Glycated Hemoglobin

HCT : Hematopoeitic cell transplantationHHS : Hyperglycemia Hyperosmolar State

HNF: Hepatocyte nuclear factor

HPLC: High-performance liquid chromatography

Ht: Height

IAA : Insulin auto antibodies

IA-2A: Insulinoma associated antigen 2 antibodies

ICA: Islet cell antibodies

IDF : International Diabetes Federation

IFCC: International Federation Calibrator Chemistry

IFG: Impaired fasting glucoseIGT: Impaired glucose tolerance

INS: Insulin (gene)

IRMA: Intra Retinal Microvascular Abnormalities

ISPAD: International Society of Pediatric and Adolescent

Diabetes

IVGTT: Intra Venous Glucose Tolerance Test

IZS : Insulin zinc suspensionMA : MicroalbuminuriaMIN : Murine insulinoma cells

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MODY: Maturity Onset Diabetes of Young

NOD : Nonobese diabetic

NPH: Neutral protamine hagedorn insulin

OGTT : Oral glucose Tolerance Test PAD : Peripheral arterial disease

PAI-1 : Plasminogen activator inhibitor-1
PBMCs : Peripheral blood mononuclear cells

Perc : Percentile

Pi : Protease inhibitor

ROC : Receiver operating characteristic

SD : Standard deviation

SMBG: Self Monitoring Blood Glucose

SPSS: Statistical package for Social Sciences

STZ: Streptozotocin

Sys : Systolic

TAT: Thrombin antithrombin complex

TBI : Total body irradiation
T1DM : Type 1 diabetes mellitus
T2DM : Type 2 diabetes mellitus

TF: Tissue factor

TIC : Trypsin inhibitory capacityTNF : Tumor necrosis factor

U.S. : United States

VEGF: Vascular endothelial growth factor

VOD : Venoocclusive diseaseWHO : World Health Organization

Wt : Weight

YAP : Yeast aspartic protease

INTRODUCTION

Type I diabetes results from an autoimmune destruction of the insulin-producing pancreatic beta cells. Although the exact immunologic processes underlying this disease are unclear, increasing evidence suggests that immunosuppressive, immunoregulatory and antiinflammatory agents can interrupt the progression of the disease (Song et al., 2004). In fact, an imbalance of the immune-regulatory pathways plays an important role in the development of type 1 diabetes and its' vascular complications (*Lu et al.*, 2006). Moreover, studies in patients with peripheral arterial disease (PAD) have reported an association between inflammatory markers and severity of disease or worsening of symptoms (Engstrom et al., 2004).

The shifting balance between proteinases and proteinase inhibitors in blood, a function of their relative affinities and concentrations, has long been hypothesized to influence immune competency. The identification of proteinase-activated receptor responses in cells of the mononuclear phagocyte system suggests a potential

explanation (*Bristow et al.*, 1998). Alpha 1 antitrypsin (AAT) is a multifunctional serine proteinase inhibitor that also displays a wide range of anti-inflammatory properties (*Song et al.*, 2004). Several studies suggest a potential therapeutic role for AAT gene therapy-based approaches to prevent type 1 diabetes and ameliorate the disease effectively (*Lu et al.*, 2006).

Vascular complications are the main cause of morbidity in diabetes mellitus (*Reverter et al.*, 1997). The risk of vascular complications is increased during adolescence (*Lioswska-Myjak et al.*, 2006). Several studies have demonstrated that alpha1-antitrypsin protects elastic tissue and may play a role in atherogenesis prevention (*Talmud et al.*, 2003).

Another proteinase inhibitor is Antithrombin III. Diabetes mellitus is associated with a hypercoagulable state. Blood hypercoagulability may accelerate atherosclerosis and the diabetic microvascular complications. Thrombinantithrombin complex (TAT) and fibrinogen levels are parameters of coagulation and fibrinolysis (*Asakawa et al.*, 2000). It has been suggested that TAT and fibrinogen may act as risk factors for the development of diabetic

microangiopathy (*Asakawa et al., 2000*). Antithrombin III is one of the naturally occurring anticoagulants in the body and currently molecular genetic approaches are underway to utilize the structure of antithrombin III to cause downregulation of thrombin (*Chu, 2004*).

Taking into account the fact that diabetic vascular complications are more likely during adolescence, the unfavorable consequences of vascular complications resulting from protease- antiprotease imbalance would be more detrimental then (*Lioswska-Myjak et al.*, 2006).

AIM OF THE WORK

Assessment of the concentration of two serum protease inhibitors: alpha 1 antitrypsin and antithrombin III in adolescents with type 1 diabetes mellitus as predictors for the development of diabetic microangiopathy and possible correlation with diabetes duration and glycemic control.