# The association between serum selenium and Ischemic Heart Disease among patients with type2 Diabetes Mellitus.

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**ABSTRACT** 

Selenium is an important component of the antioxidant enzyme,

glutathione peroxidase (GSH-Px) that protects cells from the adverse

effects of free radicals and lipid peroxides. A deficiency of selenium

lowers the tissue activity of GSH-Px which in turn may have unfavorable

effects on lipoprotein and arachidonic acid metabolism. These metabolic

changes associated with compromised selenium status may lead to

damage of the vascular endothelium and increased platelet adhesion

which increase the risk of atherosclerotic heart disease.

Since selenium mediates a number of insulin-like actions both in vivo and

in vitro, this may be a potential mechanism for these actions.

These data suggest that selenium may be beneficial in insulin resistance

and potentially can modify the risk of diabetes and Ischemic Heart

Disease (IHD) among patients with type 2 diabetes mellitus.

The aim of this study is to evaluate the association between serum

selenium and IHD among patients with type2 diabetes.

20 type2 diabetic patients with Ischemic Heart Disease (IHD), 20 type2

diabetic patients without Ischemic Heart Disease (IHD), 10 healthy

controls were studied.

It was concluded that Serum selenium is not significantly lower in type 2

diabetic patients (ischemic and non ischemic) than healthy control and the

association between serum selenium and IHD in diabetic patients is not

significant.

**Keywords:** 

IHD: ischemic heart disease

DM: diabetes mellitus

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### **List of Abbreviations**

ADA	American Diabetes Association	
AGEs	Glycation End Products	
AI	Adequate Intake	
AIDS	Acquired Immune deffeciency Syndrome	
AMP	Adenosine Monophosphate	
ATP	Adenosine Triphosphate	
ATPIII	Adult Treatment Panel III	
CAD	Coronary Artery Disease	
CD4	Cluster of Differentiation 4	
CNS	Central Nervous System	
CVD	Cardiovascular disease	
DAG	Diacylglycerol	
DM	Diabetes Mellitus	
DCCT	Diabetes Control and Complications trial	
DRI	Dietary Reference Intake	
DV	Daily Value	
ED	Erectile Dysfunction	
eNOS	endothelial nitric oxide synthase	
ESRD	End-Stage Renal Disease	
FAD	Flavin Adenine Dinucleotide	
FAS	Fatty Acid Synthase	
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	
FFA	Free Fatty Acid	

FMN	Flavin Mononucleotide	
FPG	Fasting Plasma Glucose	
G6PDH	Glucose-6-Phosphate Dehydrogenase	
<b>GAD</b> ĢĢ	Glutamic Acid Decarboxylase	
GCT	Glucose Challenge Test	
GDM	Gestational Diabetes Mellitus	
GLUT 1	Glucose Transporter 1	
GUSTO-I	Global Utilization of Streptokinase and Tissue Plasminogen Activator for Occluded Coronary Arteries	
GSH	Glutathione	
GSHPx	Glutathione Peroxidase	
HDL	High-Density Lipoprotein	
HIV	Human Immune deffeciency Virus	
HLA	Human Leucocytic Antigen	
HNF-1α	Hepatocyte Nuclear Factor1α	
HNF	Hepatocyte Nuclear Factor	
Hb <sub>A1c</sub>	Glycosylated Haemoglobin	
ΙκΒ	Inhibitory Protein kappa B	
IAAs	Autoantibodies to Insulin	
ICAs	Islet Cell Autoantibodies	
IGT	Impaired Glucose Tolerance	
IkκB	Inhibitory Protein Kinase kappa B	
INTERMAP	International Population Study on Macronutrients and BP	

IV	IntraVenous	
JNK	NH <sub>2</sub> -Terminal Jun Kinases	
LDL	Low-Density Lipoprotein	
MAP	Mitogen-Activated Protein	
MAPK	Mitogen-Activated Protein Kinase	
MI	Myocardial Infarction	
MODY	Maturity-Onset Diabetes of the Young	
mRNA	Messenger RNA	
MnSOD	Manganese Superoxide Dismutase	
NAC	N-Acetyl-L-Cysteine	
NHANES	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey	
NCEP	National Cholesterol Education Program	
NIDDM	Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus	
NFκB	Nuclear Factor kappa B	
NO	Nitric Oxide	
NOS	Nitric Oxide Synthase	
OGTT	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test	
PAI-1	Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1	
PARP	Poly (Adenosine DiPhosphate)-Ribose Polymerase	
PEPCK	Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxykinase	
PKC	Protein Kinase C	
RAGE	Receptors for Advanced Glycation End Products	

RDA	Recommended Dietary Allowances	
RNS	Reactive Nitrogen Species	
ROS	Reactive Oxygen Species	
SAPK	Stress Activated Protein Kinases	
SOD	superoxide dismutase	
TAMI	Thrombolysis and Angioplasty in Myocardial Infarction trials	
TNF-α	Tumor Necrosis Factor-α	
TPN	Total Parenteral Nutrition	
UL	Upper intake Level	
UKPDS	United Kingdom Prospective Diabetes Study	
US	United States	
USA	United States of America	
VEGF	Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor	
VLDL	Very Low Denisity Lipoprotiens	
VSMC	Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells	



#### **Diabetes Mellitus**

#### **Definition & classification**

Diabetes mellitus is a group of metabolic diseases characterized by hyperglycemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both. The chronic hyperglycemia of diabetes is associated with long-term damage, dysfunction, and failure of various organs, especially the eyes, kidneys, nerves, heart, and blood vessels (American Diabetes Association 2006).

#### Table 1. Etiologic classification of diabetes mellitus

#### Type 1 diabetes mellitus

Beta cell destruction, usually leading to absolute insulin deficiency

- Immune mediated
- Idiopathic

#### Type 2 diabetes mellitus

May range from predominant insulin resistance with relative insulin deficiency to predominant secretory defect with insulin resistance

#### Gestational diabetes mellitus

Onset or recognition of glucose intolerance in pregnancy

#### Other specific types

#### Review of literature

Genetic defects of beta cell	-Infections		
<u>function</u>	Congenital rubella		
-Chromosome20, HNF-4alpha	Cytomegalovirus		
(formerly MODY1)	Others		
-Chromosome 7, glucokinase	- <u>Uncommon forms of immune-mediated</u>		
(formerly MODY2)	diabetes:		
-Chromosome 12, HNF-1alpha	Anti-insulin receptor antibodies		
(formerly MODY3)	'Stiff-man' syndrome		
-Mitochondrial DNA	Others		
-Others	-Drug or chemical induced:		
Genetic defects in insulin action	Atypical antipsychotics		
Alstrom syndrome	Beta-adrenergic agonists		
Leprechaunism	Diazoxide		
Lipoatrophic diabetes	Glucocorticoids		
Rabson-Mendenhall syndrome	Interferon alfa		
Type A insulin resistance	Nicotinic acid		
	Pentamidine		
<u>Others</u>	Phenytoin		
Diseases of the pancreas	Protease inhibitors		
Cystic fibrosis	Thiazide diuretics		
Fibrocalculous pancreatopathy	- <u>Others</u> :		
Hemochromatosis	Other genetic syndromes sometimes		
Neoplasia	associated with diabetes:		
Pancreatitis	Down syndrome		
Trauma/pancreatectomy	Friedreich's ataxia		
Others	Huntington's chorea		
<u>Endocrinopathies</u>	Klinefelter syndrome		