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Abstract

Background: Migraine is the second most common cause of headache, affecting approximately 15% of women and 6% of men. Also, it is one of the most ten disabling diseases in the world. **Objectives:** To study the triggers of migraine headache in a group of Migraine patients attending Headache clinic at Ain Shams University Hospitals. Methods: A descriptive study was carried out among 292 migraine cases from different parts of Cairo governorate from December 2019 to March 2020. The types and criteria of migraine headache were registered and tabulated to be compared with others. Case definition of migraine was based on the International Headache Society (IHS) criteria. Results: 85.6% were females. 41.8% of the patients were aged between 30-39 years. Stress or anxiety or family problems was the commonest trigger (89%), followed by fatigue (86.3%), too little sleep (staying up late) (82.2%), loud noises (77.7%), Hunger, fasting and missing meals (75.3%), Bright lights or and sun exposure (75%), and in relation to females menstruation (61.9%), hot weather (61.3%), too much sleep (46.9%), odors (46.2%), while the least triggers were physical exercise, caffeinated drinks, smoking, chocolate and dairy products, and ice-cream to be 28.8%, 26%, 24.7%, 23.3%, 16.1% respectively. 40.1% of the study population had positive family history of migraine, 30.1% of them reported major stresses (transportation, marriage, or death of a close relative) in the last year. Conclusion: Stress, anxiety, family problems, fatigue, too little sleep (staying up late), and loud noises were the commonest triggers of migraine headache. Family history was present in 41.1% of migraine patients.

Keywords: Triggers, Migraine, Stress, Sleep, Noises, Hunger.

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List of Abbreviations

Abb.	Full term
AH	. Airplane Headache
	. Cognitive behavioral therapy
	. Crohn's disease activity index
	Calcitonin gene-related peptide
	. Chronic Migraine
	. Cortical spreading depression
	Emergency department
	. Excessive day sleepiness
	Family Physicians
	. Global Burden of Disease
	. Headache Impact Test
	. Inflammatory bowel disease
	International Classification of Headache Disorders, 3rd edition
IHS	International Headache Society
	. Migraine with aura
	. Migraine without aura
	Monosodium glutamate
	.Migraine-specific QOL questionnaire
•	National health insurance service
NSAIDs	Non-steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs
	Over the counter analgesics
QOL	. Quality of life
-	Single pulse transcranial magnetic stimulation
TCC	Trigeminocervical complex

List of Abbreviations Cont...

Abb.	Full term			
TTH	. Tension-type headache			
WHOQOL-BREF World Health Organization QOL Brief				
YLDs	. Years lived with disability			

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What is already known on this subject? AND What does this study add?

Already known: Migraine is one of the most ten disabling diseases in the world (*Leonardi*, 2015).

The most common trigger factors all over the world experienced by the patients were stress, lack of sleep, weather, menstruation, and diet (*Wöber et al.*, 2006)

What will be added: investigating trigger factors might help in understanding migraine.

The type of triggers and availability of preventive medication will influence headache characteristics.

1. INTRODUCTION/ REVIEW

Migraine is a neurovascular disease characterized by unilateral throbbing headache associated with vomiting, phonophobia, or photophobia (*Vincent and Wang*, 2018). It is considered the seventh disabling disease in the whole world (*Steiner*, *Stovner and Birbeck*, 2013) that leads to many disabilities such as: deterioration in concentration, social life, and activity, which results to poor work environment and economic burden (*Ibrahim et al.*, 2017), (*Schramm et al.*, 2016).

There are several triggers to migraine such as: depression, stress, epilepsy, lack of sleep, and caffeinated drinks (*Dodick*, 2009). It has been found that migraine is more common in stressed than nonstressed individuals and among females than males (*Lucchesi et al.*, 2016), (*Rutberg and Öhrling*, 2012).

Nowadays, stress is the commonest trigger factor in approximately 80% of migraine patients followed by lack of sleep, and chronic fatigue (*Park et al.*, 2016). It contributes in new-onset of attacks and chronic migraine as well (*Mäki et al.*, 2008), (*Manack, Buse and Lipton*, 2011)

A meta-analysis of 25 publications was conducted to assess the 10 most common triggers to migraine. According to its results, stress was the commonest (58%), auditory causes (56%), Fasting, and hormonal (44%),