

# Studies on Acute Phase Inflammatory Proteins of Type 2 Diabetics in Owerri

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## Abstract

Type 2 diabetes mellitus is a chronic metabolic disorder which has emerged as a health challenge globally due to its insidious onset, late recognition and complications. The present study was aimed at evaluation of acute phase inflammatory proteins in Owerri. Cross Sectional Studies was conducted at Federal Medical Center and Imo State specialist Hospital, Owerri. A total of three hundred subjects which include each one hundred and fifty type 2 diabetics and apparently control subjects between the ages forty and sixty nine years were recruited. Ten millimeters of venous blood was aseptically collected from the subjects. Spectrophotometric, nephelometric, enzyme immunoassay were used for determination of these parameters. The data was analyzed using statistical package for social science 20.0. Test with a probability value of  $P < 0.05$  was considered statistically significant. Result from acute phase inflammatory proteins showed that the mean value of c-reactive protein alpha 1-acid glycoprotein, alpha1- antitrypsin, haptoglobin and ceruloplasmin in type 2 diabetics ( $5.21 \pm 0.91$ mg/l,  $99.34 \pm 17.84$ mg/dl,  $152.32 \pm 26.69$ ,  $154.03 \pm 7.75$ mg/dl,  $47.83 \pm 6.20$ mg/dl) were higher which was statistically significant ( $P = 0.001$ ) when compared with the control subjects ( $3.14 \pm 0.80$ mg/l,  $76.86 \pm 12.41$ mg/dl,  $114.94 \pm 16.11$ mg/dl,  $132.80 \pm 79$ mg/dl,  $34.47 \pm 3.75$ mg/dl). There was statistically significant progressive decrease ( $P = 0.04$ ) in c- reactive protein ( $5.50 \pm 0.98$ ,  $5.08 \pm 0.84$ ,  $5.04 \pm 0.83$ mg/l); significant increase ( $P = 0.001$ ) in haptoglobin ( $149.40 \pm 7.78$ ,  $155.96 \pm 7.93$ ,  $157.84 \pm 6.12$ mg/dl) and ceruloplasmin ( $45.54 \pm 6.84$ ,  $46.92 \pm 5.79$ ,  $51.44 \pm 6.12$ mg/dl). The mean value alpha1-acid glycoprotein in female type 2 diabetics was statistically significantly higher ( $P = 0.001$ ) when compared to male ( $10.912 \pm 17.29$  v  $89.55 \pm 0.19$ mg/dl).

**Keywords:** Acute Phase Inflammatory Proteins, Type 2 Diabetics, Spectrophotometric, chronic metabolic disorder, nephelometric.

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## INTRODUCTION

Diabetes Mellitus is a chronic metabolic disease which is associated with a high incidence rate of morbidity and mortality globally. Type 2 diabetes mellitus is the most prevalent one and makes up 90% of cases of diagnosed diabetes [1]. Type 2 diabetes mellitus formerly known as non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus or adult-onset diabetes is a metabolic disorder that is characterized by hyperglycaemia due to insulin resistance and relative reduced insulin secretion by beta pancreatic cells [2]. This disease is relentlessly affecting on economically affluent nations and afflicting developing country such as Nigeria. The regional prevalence of type 2 diabetes mellitus in Nigeria has been reportedly variable across different parts of the country which could be a reflection of genetic, cultural, tribal, diet and life style [3]. International Diabetic Federation [4] reported that 425 million (8.8%) adults between the ages of twenty to seventy - nine years had diabetes and predicted to rise

up to 625 (9.9%) by the year 2045. According to Adeloye *et al.*, [5], the pooled prevalence of type 2 diabetes in Nigeria in 2017 was 5.7%. In Imo State, the prevalence of type 2 diabetes was 8.7% which was reported among geriatric individuals [6].

Active innate Immune cells in response to inflammation are a part of host defense and if uncontrolled, the inflammatory response induces persistent hyper expression of pro-inflammatory mediators and tissue damage. Complex interaction in fat tissues draws immune system to the area and trigger low - level chronic inflammation and type 2 diabetes mellitus [7].

The positive acute phase proteins include C-reactive protein, alpha 1- antitrypsin, alpha 1- acid glycoprotein, haptoglobin, ceruloplasmin while the negative acute phase proteins include albumin, transferrin transthyretin and others [8].

C- reactive protein is an inflammatory marker originally found in sera of those that reacted with c - polysaccharide within cellular wall of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* produced and released by the liver under the stimulation of pro inflammatory cytokines such as interleukin 1 and 6, tumor necrosis factor  $\alpha$  [9, 10]. Alpha 1 - antitrypsin is a protease inhibitor which protects tissue from enzyme inflammatory cells especially neutrophil elastase, but the concentration rises many fold upon acute inflammation, pregnancy, oral contraceptive [11]. Alpha 1-acid glycoprotein also known as orosmuroid is a protein that binds lipophilic substances and its plasma concentration is increased in several fold in acute phase response especially gastrointestinal inflammatory disease and malignant neoplasms [11]. Haptoglobin is an alpha 2 - glycoprotein synthesized primarily by hepatocytes [12]. It has polymorphism namely Hp1-1, Hp2-1, Hp 2-2 which binds free haemoglobin to form haemoglobin - haptoglobin complex which prevents loss or damage in oxidative damage and associate in clinical evolution of several inflammatory disease [13]. Ceruloplasmin is an alpha 2 - glycoprotein which is synthesized in the liver and carries 90% of total copper in healthy and is involve on redox reaction; oxidation of ferrous iron to ferric iron, assisting transferrin and the increase can be used to measure degree of inflammation [14].

The study was done to evaluate the levels of acute phase inflammatory proteins in Type 2 Diabetics in Owerri.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Study Area

The cross sectional study was conducted at Federal Medical Centre, Owerri and Imo State Specialist Hospital, Owerri.

### Study Population

The sample size for the study was calculated using the formula below, according to Aronye [15]. The prevalence rate of type 2 diabetes mellitus in Imo State is 8.7% [6].

$$n = z^2 p(q)/d^2$$

Where

q = 1-P

n = Sample size

p = prevalence of type 2 of diabetes mellitus in Imo State- 8.7%

z = confidence interval 95% - 1.96

d = Degree of accuracy- 0.05

$$n = 1.96^2 \times 0.087(1-0.087)/0.05^2 = 3.8416 \times 0.07943/0.0025$$

$$= 122.057 = 122$$

Therefore, the minimum sample size will be 122.

### Subjects

Three hundred subjects of both sex between the ages of fifty to sixty-nine years were recruited for the study. One hundred and fifty type 2 diabetics attending clinic of Federal Medical Centre, Owerri and Imo State Specialist Hospital, Owerri for at least six months were eligible for the study. Also, one hundred and fifty apparently healthy individuals were recruited who came for check up for medical fitness and served as the control subjects.

They were further grouped according to their ages 40-49, 50-59 and 60-69 years, and also according to sex; male (n=75) and female (n=75)

### Parameters Studied

The parameters evaluated in this study include c-reactive protein, alpha 1- acid glycoprotein, alpha 1- antitrypsin, haptoglobin, ceruloplasmin.

### Study Design

This is a cross-sectional study that involved type 2 diabetics and control subjects.

This was divided into four phases.

- Phase I: The glucose level of study subjects were confirmed using a standard technique
- Phase II: Acute phase inflammatory proteins; C- reactive, protein, alpha 1-acid glycoprotein, alpha 1- antitrypsin, haptoglobin and ceruloplasmin were determined using a standard technique

### Site of the Study

The analysis was carried out at the chemical pathology laboratory of the Department of Medical laboratory Science of Imo State University, Owerri and Federal Medical Center, Owerri through a letter obtained from the Head of Department through my Supervisor.

### Laboratory Procedure

All reagents were commercially purchased and the manufacturer's standard operating procedures were strictly adhered to.

### A Determination of Glucose

This was carried out by enzymatic oxidase - peroxidase method according to Tietz *et al.*, 2006 as modified by Randox Laboratories, United Kingdom. Catalog number; GL 1021, GL 304, GL366.

### Procedure

Three dry cleaned plain test tubes were setup in a rack, labeled test, standard and blank. Then, 20 $\mu$ l of sample and standard were pipetted into the tubes labeled these and standard respectively. In all the tubes, 2000 $\mu$ l of reagents I was added. The tubes were gently mixed, incubated at 37°C for 10 minutes. The

absorbance of sample and standard were read spectrophotometrically at 500nm.

#### Determination of C - reactive Protein

The test was carried out by immunoturbidimetric assay, according to Zeigenhagen *et al.*, [17] as modified by Agappe Diagnostic, Switzerland. Catalog number: 51808001, 51808802.

#### Procedure

The test was performed using MISPA - L2 auto analyzer which had a slot for smart card. A smart card was used which contained the test procedure steps and the calibration data. The smart card was inserted into the card reader slot and there was a display which prompted to add Reagent I and the sample. The sample curvette was placed into the curvette holder, 150 $\mu$ L of glycine buffer and 5 $\mu$ L of the sample were added. It was automatically incubated for a few seconds. After incubation, another display was shown on the screen which prompted to add reagent 2. Using an attached sensor pipette, 150 $\mu$ L of latex suspension coated with anti-CRP antibodies was pipette into the curvette. The result was displayed on the screen and was recorded.

#### Determination of Alpha 1 - Antitrypsin

The test was carried out by nephrometric immunoassay according to Bergstrom *et al.*, [18] as modified by Agappe Diagnostic, Switzerland. Catalog Number: 52009013, 52009037

#### Procedure

The test was performed using MISPA - L2 auto analyzer which have a slot for smart card. The smart card contained the test procedure steps and the calibration data. The smart card was inserted into the card reader slot and there was a display that prompted to add reagent I and the sample. The sample curvette was placed into the holder, 120 $\mu$ L of glycerin buffer and 10 $\mu$ L with normal saline was pipette into it accordingly. It was automatically incubated for few seconds. After incubation, there was another display which, prompted to add reagent 2, using attached sensor pipette into it. The result was displayed on the screen and was recorded.

#### Determination of Alpha 1 - Acid Glycoprotein

This was carried out by nephelometric immunoassay method according to chmidt [19] as modified by Agappe Diagnostics, Switzerland. Catalog number: 52009011, 5200928

#### Procedure

The test was performed using MISPA - L2 auto analyzer which had a slot for smart card. The smart card contained the test procedure steps and the calibration data. The smart card was inserted into the

slot card reader and there was a display that promoted to add reagent I and the sample. The sample curvette was placed into the holder 150 $\mu$ L of poly ethylene glycol and 7  $\mu$ L of sample was pipette into it. It was automatically incubated for few seconds. After incubation, there was another display which prompted to add reagent 2. Then, 150 $\mu$ L of polyclonal goat anti human alpha 1 - acid glycoprotein antibodies was pipetted into the curvette using attached sensor pipette. The result was displayed on the screen and was recorded.

#### Determination of Haptoglobin

This was carried out by nephelometric immunoassay according to Jacobs *et al.* (1984) as modified by Agappe Diagnostic Switzerland. Catalogue number 52009024, 5200943.

#### Procedure

The test was performed using MISPA-L<sub>2</sub> auto analysis which had a slot for smart card. The smart card contained the test procedure steps and the calibration data. The smart card was inserted into the slot card reader and there was a display that prompted to add reagent and the sample. The sample curvette was placed into the holder 100 $\mu$ L of R<sub>1</sub> (tribuster arPh 7.4) was pipette into it. Then, S $\mu$ L of serum diluted with 1/2 of R<sub>3</sub> (normal saline) was added. It was automatically incubated in a few seconds. There was another display which prompted to add reagent 2 and 200 $\mu$ L of R<sub>2</sub> (polyclonal anti human haptiglobin antibodies) was added using attached sensor pipettor. These result was displayed on the screen and was revealed

#### Determination of Ceruloplasmin

The test was carried out by nephelometric immunoassay according to Jacobs *et al.*, [20] as modified by Agappe Diagnostic, Switzerland. Catalogue number: 52009019, S2009042.

#### Procedure

The test was performed using MISPA-L<sub>2</sub> auto-analyzed which had a slot in the smart card. The smart card contained the test procedure steps and the calibration data. The smart card was inserted into the slot card reader and there was a display that prompted to add reagent 1 and the sample. The sample curvette was inserted into the holder, 100 $\mu$ L of R1 (Phosphate buffered saline) was pipette into it 5 $\mu$ L of serum was added. It was automatically incubated for a few seconds, there was another display which prompted to add reagent 2 and 150 $\mu$ L of R2 (polyclonal anti human ceruloplasmin antibodies) was added into the curvette. The result was displayed on the screen and was recorded.

## RESULTS

**Table-1: Comparison of the Mean Values of Acute Phase Inflammatory Proteins In Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Control Subjects in the Study Population.**

Parameters	Type 2 diabetes Mellitus subjects (n=150) mean $\pm$ SD	Control subjects (n = 150) mean $\pm$ SD	T-test	P-Value
C -reactive protein (mg/L)	5.21 $\pm$ 0.91*	3.41 $\pm$ 0.80	8.888	0.0001
Alpha 1- glycoprotein (mg/dL)	99.34 $\pm$ 17.84*	76.86 $\pm$ 12.41	12.667	0.0001
Alpha 1- antitrypsin (mg/dL)	152.32 $\pm$ 26.69*	114.94 $\pm$ 16.11	14.682	0.0001
Haptoglobin (mg/dL)	154.03 $\pm$ 7.75*	132.80 $\pm$ 7.69	23.814	0.0001
Ceruloplasmin (mg/dL)	47.83 $\pm$ 6.20*	34.47 $\pm$ 3.75	22.589	0.0001

### KEY

- n:** Number of subjects in each group  
**\***: statistically significant when compared with type 2 diabetic group (P<0.05).

Table-1 shows the mean values of some acute phase inflammatory proteins; c-reactive protein, alpha1-acid glycoprotein and alpha1-antitrypsin, haptoglobin and ceruloplasmin in type 2 diabetics and control subjects.

Result obtained from this study showed that the mean value of c-reactive protein (5.21  $\pm$  0.91) was higher in type 2 diabetics which statistically significant (p = 0.001) when compared with mean value (3.41  $\pm$  0.80) of the control subjects.

The mean value of alpha 1 - acid glycoprotein (99.34  $\pm$  17.84) was higher in type 2 diabetics which was statistically significant (p = 0.0001) when

compared with the mean value (76.86  $\pm$ 12.4) of the control subjects.

The mean value of alpha 1 - antitrypsin (152.32  $\pm$  26.69) was higher in type 2 diabetics which was statistically significant (p = 0.0001) when compared with the mean value (114.94  $\pm$  16.11) of the control subjects.

Result from this study showed that the mean value of haptoglobin (154.03 $\pm$  7.75) was higher in type 2 diabetes which was statistically significant (p=0.0001) when compared with the mean value (132.80 $\pm$ 7.69) of the control subjects.

The mean value of ceruloplasmin (47.83 $\pm$  6.20) was higher in type 2 diabetes which was statistically significant (P= 0.0001) when compared with the mean value (34.47  $\pm$  3.75) of the control subjects.

**Table-2: The Mean Values of Measured Parameters of Acute Phase Inflammatory Proteins Parameters in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Subjects in Relation to Age of the Study Population.**

Parameters	40-49 Years (n=50) mean $\pm$ SD	50-59 Years (n=50) Mean $\pm$ SD	60-69 (n = 50) mean $\pm$ SD	F-value	P-value	P-value a vs b	P-value b vs c
C -reactive protein (mg/L)	5.50 $\pm$ 0.98	5.08 $\pm$ 0.84*	5.04 $\pm$ 0.83	4.183	0.017	0.048	0.972
Alpha 1- glycoprotein (mg/dL)	105.58 $\pm$ 23.7	95.18 $\pm$ 14.9*	97.24 $\pm$ 11.0	5.021	0.008	0.009	0.824
Haptoglobin (mg/dL)	149.40 $\pm$ 7.78	155.96 $\pm$ 7.73*	157.84 $\pm$ 7.69	8.207	0.001	0.010	0.667
Ceruloplasmin (mg/dL)	45.84 $\pm$ 6.84	46.92 $\pm$ 5.79	51.44 $\pm$ 6.12**	5.627	0.005	0.815	0.034
Malondialdehyde(nmol/L)	169.83 $\pm$ 26.4	143.64 $\pm$ 22.7*	143.48 $\pm$ 21.9	20.332	0.0001	0.0001	0.999

### KEY

- n:** Number of subjects in each group  
**p - value:** P- value across all type 2 diabetics age groups  
**p valuea vs b:** P-value of comparison between the age group of 40-49 and 50-59 years in type 2 diabetics  
**P valueb vs c:** P-value of comparison between the age group of 50-59 and 60-69 years  
**\***: statistically significant when compared between the ages of 40-49 years (P<0.05).  
**\*\*:** statistically significant when compared between the ages of 50-59 years (P<0.05).

Table-2 shows the mean values of C-reactive protein, alpha 1-acid glycoprotein, alpha1- antitrypsin in type 2 diabetics in relation to age.

Result from this study showed that there was progressive decrease in the mean value of C- reactive protein across all the age groups ((5.50  $\pm$  0.98; 5.08  $\pm$  0.84; 5.04  $\pm$  0.83) which was statistically significant (p = 0.017).The mean value was increased between the ages of 50-60 years (5.08  $\pm$  0.84) which was statistically significant (P=0.048) when compared with the ages between 40-49 years (5.50  $\pm$  0.98). While the mean value between the ages of 60 - 69 years (5.04  $\pm$  0.83) decreased, which was statistically not significant

( $P = 0.972$ ) when compared with the mean value ( $5.08 \pm 0.84$ ) between the ages of 50-59 years.

There was non-progressive decrease in the mean value of alpha 1- acid glycoprotein between all the age groups ( $105.58 \pm 23.7$ ;  $95.18 \pm 14.9$ ;  $97.24 \pm 11.0$ ) which was statistically significant ( $p = 0.008$ ). The mean value between the ages of 50-59 years ( $95.18 \pm 14.9$ ) was decreased which was statistically significant ( $P = 0.009$ ) when compared with value between the ages of 40 - 49 years ( $105.58 \pm 23.7$ ) while between the ages of 60 - 69 years ( $97.24 \pm 11.0$ ), there was an increase which was not statistically significant ( $P = 0.824$ ) when compared with the value between the ages of 50-59 years ( $95.18 \pm 14.9$ ).

The mean value of the alpha 1- antitrypsin across all age groups ( $169.53 \pm 26.4$ ;  $143.64 \pm 22.7$ ;  $143.48 \pm 21.9$ ) was non progressively decreased which was statistically significant ( $p=0.0001$ ). The mean value between the ages of 50-59 years ( $143.64 \pm 22.7$ ) drastically decreased which was statistically significant ( $P=0.010$ ) when compared with the ages between 40-49 years ( $169.53 \pm 26.4$ ). There was no significant difference ( $p = 0.999$ ) in the mean value of alpha 1- antitrypsin between the ages of 50-59 years ( $143.64 \pm 22.7$ ) and 60-69 years ( $143.48 \pm 21.9$ ).

Result showed that there was progressive increase in the mean value of haptoglobin across the age groups ( $149.40 \pm 7.78$ ;  $155.96 \pm 7.73$ ;  $149.40 \pm 7.78$ ) which was statistically significant ( $P = 0.001$ ). The mean value between the ages of 50 - 59 years ( $155.96 \pm 7.73$ ) was increased which was statistically significant ( $p = 0.01$ ) when compared with the ages between 40 - 50 years ( $149.40 \pm 7.78$ ). There was increase in the mean value in ages between 60 - 69 years ( $157.84 \pm 7.69$ ) which was not statistically significant when compared with the ages between 50 - 59 years.

The mean value of ceruloplasmin across the age groups ( $5.8 \pm 6.84$ ;  $46.42 \pm 5.79$ ;  $51.44 \pm 6.12$ ) progressively increased but was statistically not significant ( $p = 0.005$ ). There was increase, in the mean value between the ages of 50-59 years ( $46.42 \pm 5.79$ ) which was not statistically significant ( $p = 0.815$ ) when compared with the mean value of ages between 40-49 years ( $45.8 \pm 6.84$ ). The mean value between the ages of 60-69 years ( $51.44 \pm 6.12$ ) increased which was statistically significant when compared with result in ages between 50-59 years ( $46.42 \pm 5.79$ ).

## DISCUSSION

In this present study, higher level of C-reactive protein was observed in type 2 diabetes when compared with the control subjects. C reactive - protein is an acute phase protein, a physiological biomarker of subclinical inflammation which is synthesized by

hepatocytes, produced by proinflammatory cytokines mainly interleukins IL-1, IL-6, tissue necrosis factor alpha in 1000 folds to stimulate the classical pathway in response to inflammation associated with hyperglycaemia, insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes. Also, C reactive protein is a strong predictor of increased cardiovascular risk in type 2 diabetes mellitus due to increase inflammatory activity in arterial walls which result in endothelial dysfunction by stimulation of endothelial cells expression of intracellular cell adhesion molecules (I CAM -1) and vascular cell adhesion molecules -1 (VCAM-1) this result in formation of atherosclerosis formation of thrombosis which may lead to cardiovascular risks such myocardial infarction ,coronary artery disease, hypertension accompanied in type 2 diabetes. The present study is consistent with previous studies that found a positive association between C - reactive protein and type 2 diabetes. Tabassum *et al.*, [21] reported significant higher level of C- reactive protein and fasting blood glucose in diabetes which indicated possible role in diabetic pathogenesis. Similarly, in a recent study, Cheng *et al.*, [22], observed that long term inflammation mediated by inflammatory markers such as C -reactive protein was due to increase in body mass, waist circumference that plays a role in development of type 2 diabetes. Mohiedelin *et al.*, [23] reported significant elevated level of high sensitive C - reactive (Hs-CRP) due to dysregulation of glucose and lipid metabolism which affect endothelial function that was associated with cardiovascular diseases in type 2 diabetes. Babu and Joshi [24] reported that significant high level of C- reactive is associated with microvascular complication due to production of pro inflammatory cytokines released by adipose decreases beta cell mass through interleukin 1 $\beta$  induced apoptosis. Saltar *et al.*, [25] reported the level of C- reactive protein and interleukin 6 was two - fold higher than control which indicated progression of complications among obese type 2 diabetes mellitus. The observed decrease found in age suggested that C reactive protein decreased in advanced age. This is because higher systemic subinflammation and central obesity is highly associated with body mass index and waist circumference which is found mostly at the age of forty years and concise with the likely age of onset of type 2 diabetes. This study is in agreement with the work of Svensson *et al.*, [26] and Tutuncu *et al.*, [27] that reported higher C- reactive protein among people at age of onset due to obesity and accumulation of free fatty acids. Also, Cardoso *et al.*, [28] showed higher CRP which was significantly associated with younger age less than eighty years. Kanmani *et al.*, [29] reported that the association between C- reactive protein and incidence of type 2 diabetes mellitus which is more prominent among subjects from fifty years due to severe inflammation. The current study found gender difference in the level of C- reactive protein. Female type 2 diabetes showed higher level of C- reactive proteins when compared with the male. This may be

due to action of sex hormone, higher body fat mass or visceral adiposity percentage found in female. The findings of this study are in agreement with other studies. Gambineri and Pelusi [30] reported that inflammation associated with T2D is more prominent in diabetic women due to hyperandrogenism which contributes to abdominal obesity; insulin sensitivity which influences the finding is accordance with Kanmani *et al.*, [29] that reported higher level of CRP in women due to excess adiposity. Also elevated level was reported by Svensson *et al.*, [26] in female type 2 diabetics. The study is consistent with the study conducted by Abraham *et al.*, [31] that observed higher level of CRP in women due to excess body fat, low adiponectin which results in lipid and glucose dysregulation. Contrary to this study, Tabassum *et al.*, [21] reported no significant difference in C-reactive protein in both male and female type 2 diabetics.

The present study showed that there was higher level of alpha acid glycoprotein among type 2 diabetics. Alpha 1-acid glycoprotein an acute phase protein stimulated by hepatic mediated proinflammatory cytokines which is involved in low grade inflammation, anti-inflammatory and immunomodulatory activities in acute response as a result of hyperglycaemia mediated inflammation. This study is in agreement with the work of previous studies. Mohiuddin *et al.*, [32] that reported higher level of alpha 1-acid glycoprotein in type 2 diabetics who were involved in low grade chronic system inflammation that triggered the development of insulin resistance and  $\beta$  cell dysfunction. Abdulwahab *et al.*, [33] reported that enzymatic glycosylation of this protein is involved in future risk of type 2 diabetes. The study is consistent with the report of Lee *et al.*, [34] that showed elevation level in alpha 1 acid glycoprotein in T2D due to its immunomodulatory in relief of hyperglycaemia, and modulation of immune response to protect adipose tissue from excessive inflammation and metabolic dysfunction. Also, Eldosky *et al.*, [35] concluded higher significant increase in AAG production and involvement in subclinical atherosclerosis and cardiovascular risk in non-obese type 2 diabetics. The association seen with diabetes in our study is in contrast with the findings of Muhammad *et al.*, [36]. The findings of this study showed no significant change in all ages which indicated no inflammatory change in type 2 diabetes in respect to age. This study showed higher level of alpha acid glycoprotein in male compared to female. This may be due to other environmental factor such as unhealthy lifestyles such as diet, smoking, physical inactivity which can promote low grade inflammation, this is in accordance with the study of Eldoski *et al.*, [35] that reported high incidence of type 2 diabetes in male as a result of metabolic factors.

The higher level of alpha 1-antitrypsin observed in type 2 diabetes in this study has shown it

role as an acute phase inflammatory marker which participate on the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes characteristic due to hepatic acute response to tissue damage, stimulated by proinflammatory cytokines such as interleukin 6, tissue necrosis factor -  $\alpha$ , interleukin -1 activation of transcription 3 and nuclear factor Kappa  $\beta$  (NF-KB). Excess adiposity circulating granulocytes mediates proinflammatory cytokines contributes to release of alpha 1 antitrypsin following migration to tissue inflammation. Over expression of alpha 1 antitrypsin in type 2 Diabetes triggers anti-inflammatory modulating and anti-protease activity against neutrophil elastase, collagenase, chymotrypsin, Kallikrein, Plasmin. Alpha 1 antitrypsin exert an inhibitory effect on tissue necrosis factor alpha stimulated by endothelial cell activation and involvement in preventing vascular injury in inflammation. Alpha 1 antitrypsin has shown to prolong islet allograft survival to protect beta cells from cytokine mediated cell injury. This study is in accordance with the study conducted by Mohiuddin *et al.*, [32] that observed higher level of alpha 1 antitrypsin in low grade inflammation associated with hyperglycaemia. This is also in agreement with the work of Kalis *et al.*, [37] that demonstrated an association of alpha 1-antitrypsin and insulin secretion which protect  $\beta$  cell against cytokine induced apoptosis. Fleixo-Lima *et al.*, [38] reported elevated level of alpha 1-antitrypsin in fourfold during acute phase and protect pancreatic islet  $\beta$  cell of type 1 diabetes. Also, Kim 2018 reported that increased level of AAT in pancreas  $\beta$  cell apoptosis in type 2 diabetes by inhibiting caspase 3 proteolysis. McCanthy *et al.*, [39] reported that alpha, antitrypsin as an acute phase protein that is not only significantly elevated but involve glycosylated alteration.

Higher level was observed in the level of haptoglobin in type 2 diabetics when compared with the control subjects. Haptoglobin is acute phase alpha glycoprotein which is synthesized primarily in the liver and the other tissues in responses to excess adipose pro-inflammatory cytokines hyperglycaemia induced low-grade inflammation. Haptoglobin possess antioxidant property and anti-inflammatory effect by removing heme compounds which catalyses oxidation of arachidonic acid which results in production of excess reactive species. It binds free circulating haemoglobin forming haptoglobin-haemoglobin complex which is removed from circulation via monocyte macrophage cell surface scavenger receptors, hepatic kupfer cells and prevents loss of iron and iron driven oxidative damage. Free haemoglobin is a relevant potent prooxidant which media intensifies several oxidative pathway and resulting in the formation of hydroxyl radicals in diabetes. In type 2 diabetes, the ability of haptoglobin to protect against haemoglobin driven oxidative injury is abrogated when haemoglobin becomes glycated which accelerates diabetic condition. Glycohaemoglobin-haptoglobin complex is catalytically redox active which prevent its removal from trigger

circulation. The haptoglobin genotypes have been proved to oxidised LDL, reduced bioavailability of nitric oxide which is associated with macrovascular and microvascular complications in type 2 diabetes. The functional allele polymorphisms in haptoglobin gene determines susceptibility to increase in vascular disorder associated with inflammation and oxidative stress in type 2 diabetes. Haptoglobin 1-1 genotype has been proved efficiently to have superior protection by binding free haemoglobin in circulation while haptoglobin 2-2 genotype has incomplete antioxidant mechanism in removal of free haemoglobin that is involved in endothelial dysfunction which enhances cardiovascular complications associated with type 2 diabetes. The present study is in line with previous studies. This study agrees with the work of Adinorkey *et al.*, [40]. Hamdy *et al.*, [41] reported that haptoglobin phenotype as a risk factor for coronary artery diseases and cardiovascular diseases in type 2 diabetes. Also, Feng *et al.*, [42] reported that haptoglobin 2-2 phenotype is associated with increase acute kidney injury in patients with diabetes mellitus. This study is in accordance with the work of Olaniyan *et al.*, [43] that reported higher level of haptoglobin in Nigeria type 2 diabetes due there was a high frequency of Hp 2-2 allele gene genotype which led to vascular complications. The decreased level observed in as the ages progress may result in increased cerebrovascular disease, neuropathological process or cognitive function. This is in agreement with the work of Mohieldein *et al.*, [44] that reported that decline in haptoglobin 1-1 2-1 and 2-2 were associated with poor cognition, cerebrovascular disease, greater risk of myocardial infarction and mortality.

Higher level of ceruloplasmin was observed in type 2 diabetics when compared with the control subject. Ceruloplasmin is an acute phase inflammatory protein which is released by cell mediated pro inflammatory cytokines in excess adipose tissue which is associated with chronic low grade inflammation accompanied by insulin a copper - carrying metalloenzyme which acts as an antioxidant through its ferroxidase activity where it oxidises ferrous iron to ferric iron. But in diabetic condition, due to glycation of ceruloplasmin, it acts as pro-oxidant which triggers ferrous ion stimulated peroxidation in formation of hydroxyl radical in Fentons reaction and donates free copper ions which induces reactive oxygen species, formation of low density lipodensity oxidation. The study is consistent with other studies. Also, Sharma *et al.*, [45] reported higher level of ceruloplasmin in type 2 diabetes both with and without complication due to its compensatory mechanism to keep iron in ferric state and to prevent it to toxic effect. Mohiuddin *et al.*, [32] found that higher level of ceruloplasmin was associated with increased glucose stimulated inflammatory reaction by increasing oxidative stress. In contrast to this study, Sarkar *et al.*, [46] reported low level of ceruloplasmin in type 2 diabetes due to copper mediated generation of ROS, leading to increased

consumption of available antioxidants in the body. Muhammad *et al.*, [36] in a recent study observed no significant difference in the level of ceruloplasmin in type 2 diabetes. The progressive increase of ceruloplasmin observed in ages was not significant.

## CONCLUSION

The findings of this study has shown that type 2 diabetics mellitus is associated with chronic low grade inflammation with an increase acute phase response by inflammatory protein. These undesirable state which play roles in the pathogenesis of type 2 diabetes may result in unexpected complications increased morbidity and premature death in type 2 diabetics.

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