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## Effect of Hemodialysis on Oxidative Stress on Diabetogenic Patient of Chronic Renal Failure

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### Abstract

*Free radicals are highly reactive molecules generated by biochemical redox reactions that occur as a part of normal cell metabolism. Advance glycation end products in diabetes also give rise to free radicals, which shift the balance in favour of prooxidant resulting in oxidative stress which is present in diabetogenic chronic renal failure patients undergoing hemodialysis. Hemodialysis can control uremia, reduce hypotensive episode, resolves acute renal failure rapidly and lowers the mortality significantly. The objective of the study was to estimate and compare markers of oxidative stress (Malondialdehyde, Glutathione peroxidase and Vitamin C) in pre and post hemodialysis patients. Fifty diabetic patients diagnosed as per criteria of American Diabetic Association, under going hemodialysis, were selected for the study after obtaining the ethical clearance from the institute. Levels of MDA, GPx and Vitamin C were estimated before and after hemodialysis. We observed that MDA levels were significantly raised in post hemodialysis as compared to pre*

*hemodialysis ( $p < 0.001$ ) while glutathione peroxidase and vitamin C levels were significantly lower in post hemodialysis as compared to pre hemodialysis. As there is consumption of antioxidants by over production of free radicals/ reactive oxygen species in hemodialysis, levels of malondialdehyde, glutathione peroxidase and vitamin C can lead us more close to new approaches for improvement in hemodialysis membranes and its techniques and also exogenous supplementation of antioxidant for removal of free radicals.*

*Key words – Free radicals, MDA, GPx, Vitamin C, Hemodialysis,*

## **Introduction**

Kidney disease in diabetic patients is clinically characterized by increasing rate of urinary albumin excretion starting from microalbuminuria to macroalbuminuria to end stage renal disease (ESRD). Microalbuminuria is the earliest clinically detectable stage of diabetic kidney disease at which appropriate interventions can retard, or reverse, the progress of the disease. According to Diabetes Atlas 2006 1, India has an estimated 40.9 million diabetic patients by 2007.

Free radicals reactions including lipid peroxidation are considered to be important factors in the pathogenesis of variety of disease<sup>2,3</sup>. They are generated due to advanced glycation end products (AGEs) in diabetes which shift the balance in favour of pro oxidant resulting in oxidative stress<sup>4</sup>. Due to the action of the free radicals, the lipids can undergo the highly damaging chain reaction of lipid peroxidation (LP) which is detrimental to the functioning of the cell<sup>5</sup>. The process of lipid peroxidation give rise to many products like malondialdehyde (MDA), 4-hydroxynonenal (4-HNE) and various 2-alkenals. MDA is a 3-Carbon molecule with two aldehyde groups with formula  $CH_2(CHO)_2$  which renders it highly reactive with other biomolecules. Hence measuring the levels of MDA in biological

samples is a measure of oxidative stress<sup>6</sup>. Glutathione Peroxidases (GPx) are antioxidant enzymes<sup>7</sup>. It plays a critical role in the reduction of lipid and hydrogen peroxide<sup>8</sup>. It interacts with complex lipids such as cholesterol and lipoproteins damaged by free radicals<sup>9</sup>. Protective effect of GSH against the oxidative breakdown of lipids is mediated through GPx.

Vitamin C is a potent reducing agent as it donates electrons to recipient molecule<sup>10</sup>. Related to this oxidation-reduction potential, two major functions of Vitamin C are as antioxidant and as an enzyme cofactor<sup>11</sup>.

Hemodialysis (HD) done for patients of CRF, relies on the principle of solute diffusion across a semi permeable membrane. Daily dialysis may better control uremia, reduce hypotensive episode, more rapidly resolve acute renal failure and significantly lower mortality. HD has been found in many studies as a potent source of oxidative free radical<sup>12</sup>. There is increasing evidence about the presence of oxidative stress in CRF patients, and particularly in those submitted to HD therapy. This could be due to membrane material which activates endogenous inflammatory mechanism and increased production of ROS<sup>13, 14</sup>. An imbalance between the productions of ROS and

various antioxidant defences result in oxidative stress and may be implicated in HD related complications<sup>14</sup>. Hence we decided to estimate pre and post HD oxidative stress levels by assessing MDA, GPx and Vitamin C in diabetogenic CRF patients.

### Materials and methods

The present hospital based study was under taken in the Department of Biochemistry in collaboration with the Department of Medicine of Subharti Medical College. After obtaining clearance of ethical committee of the institution the work was started in 2011 and completed in 2013. A total of 50 patients diagnosed to be having diabetes as per the criteria laid down by American Diabetes Association, 2007; and chronic kidney disease as per the NKF-DOQI clinical practice guidelines for CKD1, undergoing hemodialysis, at the dialysis unit of the hospital were included in the study.

Patients with blood pressure > 130/80 mm Hg and patients who were smokers and alcoholics were excluded from the study.

### Results

Age and sex wise distribution of the patients is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Age and Sex distribution of patients

		Total patients n=50
Age (mean ± SD)		54.8 ± 11.3
Sex	Male	39
	Female	11

Blood samples were taken twice from the HD patients, immediately before (Pre HD) and after (post HD) dialysis sessions from arterio venous fistulas (AVF) in tubes with and without anticoagulants (EDTA and Heparin). Samples were immediately centrifuged at 3000 RPM for 5 minutes. Plasma and serum samples were stored at -80°C and kept till analysis. Plasma sample was used for determination of MDA and Heparinized whole blood was used for measurement of GPx. MDA was quantified by OxiSelect TBARS assay kit<sup>15</sup> on double beam UV/ Vis spectrophotometer. GPx was estimated by assay kit from Randox 16 on semiautoanalyzer. Vitamin C was estimated by colorimetry using Lowry, Lopez and Bessey method<sup>17</sup>.

### Statistical analysis

Data was analysed using the students paired t test. The data for biochemical analysis were expressed as mean ± SD and p value of < 0.05 was considered as significant.

The average age for patients undergoing HD was 54.8 ± 11.3 years. In our study the number of male

patients was more as compared to female who underwent hemodialysis for renal failure. There were no significant gender differences in the values of all the parameters before and after hemodialysis. When applying students paired t test before and after the hemodialysis following facts were observed. The values of MDA were significantly raised in post HD patients when compared with pre HD patients ( $p < 0.01$ ) and both the values were higher than the normal

reference range. The values of GPx were significantly low in post HD patients when compared with the values before HD and both the values were higher than the normal reference range. We also observed that the levels of vitamin C were significantly lower in post HD patients when compared with pre HD patients but the values of vitamin C were within the normal range (Table 2)

Table 2 – Mean  $\pm$  SD values of different parameters of patients undergoing hemodialysis

Parameters	Patients on Hemodialysis (HD) n=50		P value
	Before HD	After HD	
MDA (nmol/ml)	2.03 $\pm$ 0.3	2.93 $\pm$ 0.2	< 0.01
GPx (U/L)	5342.05 $\pm$ 531.12	4866.55 $\pm$ 442.91	<0.01
Vitamin C (mg/dl)	1.67 $\pm$ 0.17	1.10 $\pm$ 0.15	<0.01

## Discussion

Oxidative stress is currently suggested as mechanism underlying diabetes and diabetic complications 18. Antioxidant mechanism that serve as a safeguard against highly reactive oxygen radicals seem to be impaired in HD patients. Dialysis can directly affect anti-oxidant nutrient status and thus indirectly contribute to oxidant stress<sup>10</sup>.

In the present study we examined the effect of hemodialysis on oxidative stress in patients of

diabetogenic CKD using selected markers. Various other studies have also found similar results. Study of Samouilidou E et al<sup>19</sup> in 31 HD patients and 17 controls showed that plasma MDA of HD patients increased in the post HD group when compared with pre dialysis and control group. It was found that before HD, TCA and MDA levels were higher than those in the NC ( $p < 0.001$ ). After HD, these levels decreased significantly but were higher than in NC and lower than in PD patients ( $p < 0.001$ ). The levels of 4-hydroxy alkenals were elevated in patients as

compared with NC, but did not differ between HD and PD patients. The MDA concentrations correlated positively with the TAC in the patients. Meltem Ozden et al<sup>7</sup> in their study showed that the plasma MDA levels to be increased in post hemodialysis and continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis patients. With respect to antioxidants glutathione levels were significantly lower in pre hemodialysis, post hemodialysis and CAPD groups than those in control group. While erythrocytes GSH levels were significantly lower in the prehemodialysis patients than those in post hemodialysis and CAPD patients ( $p < 0.0001$ ), it was significantly lower in post hemodialysis patients than those in CAPD patients ( $p < 0.05$ ). There was no significant differences with respect to erythrocyte GPx levels among the groups ( $p > 0.05$ ). In a study by Montazerifer et al<sup>20</sup> showed that MDA significantly increased after HD while GPx decreased after HD. They also found that there was a significant negative correlation between GPx and MDA.

Varan et al<sup>18</sup> in their study proved that increased oxidative stress in HD patients may arise from uremia, associated metabolic/humoral abnormalities and the bio incompatibility of the HD procedure. No significant differences was observed in serum GSH levels and Vitamin E levels between the groups, however, the Vitamin C level was found to be higher in the HD group. Antioxidant enzyme SOD and GSH-Px, were lower in patients undergoing HD compared with

controls, as opposed to the CAT level which was found to be higher in HD patients. Serum GSH and Vitamin C levels were found to be decreased, where as no change was observed in Vitamin E levels. As for the antioxidant enzymes, SOD, CAT and GSH-Px levels were all significantly increased at the end of the HD session. Clermont G et al<sup>13</sup> found that Vitamin C level were lower in post dialysis patients when compared with non-dialysis patients and healthy controls.

As many of the studies were done in different parts of the world so we conducted this study in this part of India, to find that is there any geographical or racial variation which occurs in oxidative stress due to hemodialysis. But we found it to be in accordance with other studies conducted by researchers in different regions of the world.

### Conclusion

Our result suggest an increase in ROS accompanied by decreased antioxidant defence in CRF patients on hemodialysis as shown by raised level of MDA and a decline in GPx and vitamin C levels. To compensate for dialytic losses and consumption of antioxidant by over production of ROS, new approaches to dialysis membrane composition, hemodialysis technique and usage or different exogenous supplementation of antioxidant for removal of ROS, are important. Our study can lead to minimize the adverse effect of the hemodialysis procedure.

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