

## Relationship among HbA1c and Lipid Profile in Punjabi Type 2 Diabetic Population

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### Abstract

This study was planned to evaluate the relationship among glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c) and lipid profile in type 2 diabetic males of Punjabi population. A total of 120 type 2 diabetics with an age ranged from 30 to 70 years volunteered to participate in this study. The glycosylated haemoglobin (HbA1c) & lipid profiles were recorded with standard procedure. The statistical analysis was done by using SPSS version 16.0. The mean HbA1c was  $7.34 \pm 1.24\%$ . There were 59% subjects with high total cholesterol (TC) levels and 98% were with raised LDL levels. The 65% of the subjects were having lower HDL level. HbA1c demonstrated significant positive relationship with total cholesterol, TC ( $r=0.29$ ), triglyceride, TG ( $r=0.26$ ), high density lipoprotein cholesterol, HDL-C ( $r=0.19$ ) and with low density lipoprotein cholesterol, LDL-C ( $r=0.5$ ). It was concluded from the results of this study that HbA1c can also be used as a predictor of dyslipidaemia in type 2 diabetics in addition to as a glycemic control parameter. Thus, early diagnosis of dyslipidaemia can be used as a preventive measure for the development of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in type 2 diabetics.

**Keywords: Diabetes mellitus, Dyslipidemia, CVD.**

### Introduction:

The diabetes mellitus is becoming more and more prevalent in Indian society. In India, it is estimated that approximately 2% of the population, 15 million people have diabetes (Swami, 1984). The number of cases is said to be rising by 5%-6% each year and an estimated 300,000 people die from diabetes and its complication (Herman *et al.*, 1984). There are about 3.5 crore diabetics in India and the figure will rise to about 5.2 crores by 2025. Every 5<sup>th</sup> patient visiting a consulting physician is a diabetic, and, every 7<sup>th</sup> patient visiting a family physician is a diabetic. Prevalence of diabetes is higher in Indian subcontinent & it is estimated that 20% of

global burden resides in South East Asia Region (SEAR) area, which will be tripled to 228 million by the year 2025 from the current 84 million (Park, 2007). Keeping in view the alarming increase in the incidence and prevalence of diabetics in India, WHO has declared India as the "Diabetic Capital of the World" (Gupta, 2002). Chronic hyperglycemia is associated with significant long-term complications, particularly damage to the nerves, heart, blood vessels, eyes and kidneys (Yki-Yarvinen, 1998). The abnormalities like insulin resistance, hyperinsulinemia, hyperglycemia, dyslipidemia, and hypertension in type 2 diabetics tend to cluster and are often referred to as the "metabolic syndrome (Grundy, 1998)." Elements of the