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## SFRP 4 AS A BIOMARKER FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES MELLITUS

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### ABSTRACT

Recent evidence suggests that type 2 diabetes mellitus is a fast growing disease in world wide. The multiple complications are associated with T2DM. Serum secreted frizzled-related protein 4 (SFRP4) is a biomarker for T2DM. 503 patients with impaired glucose tolerance (IGT) and normal glucose tolerance (NGT) were investigated. Majority of the patients belong to the low socio-economic groups between 40-70 years. These 503 participants, 407 females and 96 were normal females. ECG (Electrocardiogram) parameters were also in the study. SFRP4 levels were measured by ELISA kit SFRP4 levels were associated with a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes (T2DM), attempt was to provide an outline for T2DM by SFRP4 estimation, will be an important tool to detect the early diabetes.

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## INTRODUCTION

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is a metabolic disorder as a biomarker to identify the high-risk individuals. In the prevention of type 2 diabetes, (T2DM) is in the early stages of research. The secreted frizzled-related protein 4 (SFRP4) is highly expressed in the pancreatic islets, and its levels increase several years before diabetes diagnosis. The main feature and importance of this SFRP4 is more on T2DM patients suggesting that SFRP4 may play a role in glucose metabolism. The receptors for SFRP4 have been found in many organs of our body including pancreatic  $\beta$  cells and its effects on metabolism and regulating the body weight.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

A total of 503 participants were included in the study, of which 407 T2DM patients were females and 96 were normal females.

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The following parameters were studied: Blood pressure, ECG (Electrocardiogram). In the ASSAY TECHNIQUE, BG MLT ELISA KIT was used for quantitative determination of SFRP4.

## RESULTS

The T2DM control and patients information were collected from 503 participants and were analyzed using statistical program. The details are represented in Table 1 and 2. Chi-square test was used to find the association between morbidity and SFRP4 abnormality with 5% level of significance. The values are represented, parentheses percentages. In the present study, the majority 407 T2DM patients (80.9% of them were females compared to 96 (19.1%) normal females ranging between the age group of 40 to 70 years. A high level of SFRP4 level was observed among them ( $38.5 \pm 0.6$ ). The Prevalence of diabetes and normal diabetes subjects were 18 (3.6%),

## DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Females outnumbered normal female in getting T2DM where as in this study, the normal female outnumbered females around 80.9%.

**Table 1. Descriptive statistics for qualitative information**

|   |                    |            |
|---|--------------------|------------|
| 1 | Age (years)        |            |
|   | 31-50              | 118 (23.5) |
|   | 51-60              | 230 (45.7) |
|   | 61-70              | 155 (30.8) |
| 2 | Only Females       |            |
|   | Patient Female     | 407 (80.9) |
|   | Normal Female      | 96 (19.1)  |
| 3 | Systolic BP (mmHg) |            |
|   | < 140              | 411 (81.7) |
|   | ≥ 140              | 92 (18.3)  |
| 4 | DiastolicBP (mmHg) |            |
|   | < 90               | 371 (73.8) |
|   | ≥ 90               | 132 (6.2)  |
| 5 | SFRP4 Level        |            |
|   | < 15 pg            | 18 ( 3.6)  |
|   | ≥ 15 pg            | 485(6.4)   |

**Table 2. Descriptive statistics for quantitative information**

| S.No | VARIABLES   | RANGE   | MEAN | SE (MEAN) |
|------|-------------|---------|------|-----------|
| 1    | Age (years) | 41 – 70 | 46.3 | 0.31      |
| 2    | SFRP4 Level | 5 – 85  | 38.5 | 0.63      |

In the case of SFRP4 male patients outnumbered the females patients. Similarly 503 patients were as they were known to be prone for diabetic and metabolic diseases which were always high. In study, 76% of the patients were in the age group of 51-60 years. In this study our revealed systolic hypertension around 18.3 % and diastolic hypertension around 6.2%. The diabetes and normal patients, with same age group around 70% had T2DM where as in this study, none of them showed any diabetes and just around 2% were showing pre-diabetic level symptoms.

The estimation of SFRP4, revealed around 96.4% higher level of SFRP4 (more than 15 pg). In the present study, SFRP4 played a vital role in preventing diabetes, probably by means of insulin secretion and sensitization, through SFRP4. SFRP4 secretions were associated with a higher risk of developing T2DM.

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