

# Evaluation of Ischemia Modified Albumin IMA as New Predictor in Patients with Newly Thyroid Dysfunction in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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## Abstract

In the general population Thyroid dysfunctions are common after DM as the most well-known situation to influence the endocrine system. Diabetic patients are at increased danger of thyroid sickness, particularly persons with poor glycaemic control. Ischemia Modified Albumin IMA is novel marker of oxidative stress and tissue ischemia. The pathophysiological occasions of ischemia, including free oxygen radicals and hypoxia, bring about a conformational change of albumin in the N-terminus. The study included 120 subjects, divided into four groups; the first group included 30 patients type 2 diabetes mellitus T2DM with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism HprT, the second group includes 30 patients T2DM with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism HpoT, the third group included 30 patients diagnosed with T2DM, and the fourth group included 30 healthy control subjects. The concentration of (fasting blood glucose FBG, Glycated hemoglobin HbA1c, Total cholesterol TC, Triglyceride TG, high density lipoprotein HDL, Free Triiodothyronin FT3, Free Thyroxin FT4 and thyroid-stimulating hormone TSH). The results show high significant differences in level of IMA between all studied groups that including diabetic patient with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism, diabetic patient with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism, DM only, and control group [(2.60±1.11), (2.41±1.23), (2.57±5.50), (2.10±0.61)] respectively.

**Conclusion:** Biomarkers IMA could be helpful early diagnosis in monitoring T2DM with newly diagnosed thyroid disorders.

**Keywords:** Type 2 DM, thyroid dysfunction, ischemia modified albumin.

## Introduction

Diabetes mellitus DM is a chronic endocrine issue described by hyperglycemia, which happens because of inadequacy secretion of insulin from pancreas or insulin sensitivity in the body or both of them<sup>(1)</sup>. The thyroid gland is the first endocrine gland to develop in humans<sup>(2)</sup>. Thyroid keep released growth hormone, skeletal development, and heart rate. It advances central nervous system development and invigorates synthesis of numerous enzymes, Thyroid is essential for muscle tone and life. Furthermore, metabolism is managed by the thyroxine hormone, which can be made by the thyroid if enough organic iodine is accessible<sup>(3)</sup>. Diabetic patients are at increased danger of thyroid sickness, particularly persons with poor glycaemic control<sup>(4)</sup>.

In the mid-1990s, it was first found that presentation to ischemic tissue changes the N-terminus of the albumin serum, diminishing its coupling limit with regards to metals, (for example, cobalt, nickel, and copper) and bringing about the development of IMA<sup>(5)</sup>. Many studies used the new biochemical indicator IMA for the finding and evaluation of myocardial ischemia. In DM, both of oxidative stress and hyperglycemia will promote chronic ischemia which may lead to necrosis of several tissues and lead to different diabetic complications<sup>(6)</sup>.

## Material and Method

The study included 120 subjects, divided into four groups; the first group included 30 patients with T2DM with newly diagnosed of hyperthyroidism HprT, the second group includes 30 patients with T2DM newly

diagnosed of hypothyroidism HpoT, the third group included 30 patients diagnosed with T2DM, and the fourth group included 30 healthy control subjects. The study was approved by the scientific and ethics committee in the national diabetes center/Al-mustansiriyah University was enrolled in the study which was conducted from January 2020 to July 2020. Blood sample was divided into two parts, the first one (1ml) was transferred into tube containing (EDTA), to estimate HbA1C. While the second one (9ml) was transferred into a gel tube. Then centrifugation at (3000rpm) for 15 minutes to separate the serum. 1 ml of serum was used to determine FBG and lipid profile and 1.5 ml of serum used for further investigation thyroid function test (FT3, FT4 and TSH). The remained was transferred to the eppendorff tube and stored in a deep freezer (-20°C) to be used for IMA. All biochemistry measurement were done using kenza 240TX (Biolabo) instrument and (Biolabo) kit (FBG, TC, TG, HDL). HbA1c were measured using the Tosoh automated glycohemoglobin analyzer HLC-723GX. The HLC-723GX was based on the high-performance liquid chromatography HPLC. The Thyroid hormones assay (TSH, FT4 and FT3) were performed using Vidas Instruments and Biomerieux kit. The concentration of IMA determined using ELISA kit (Al-Shkairate establishments, Jordan).

## Result and Discussion

As shown in table (1), the mean duration increase in diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group HpoT and in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group HprT, as compared to the patient with DM only. But that increase was not significant. The result in the study showed the female number increase in diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group HpoT (27 (90%)) more than males 3 (10%), but in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group HprT, the female were 20(66.7%) and male were 10 (33.3%).

The level of FBG showed a highly significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) increase in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group, DM only group, diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group, and control group. The level of HbA1c showed a highly significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) increase in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group, diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group, DM only group, and control group.

**Table 1: Assessment of demographic data**

Variables	HprT	HpoT	Control	DM only	p-value
Number	30	30	30	30	-
Age years	52.9±6.0	55.7±7.0	49.2±7.4	53.5±7.9	0.006 [S]
Duration Years	6.0±4.8	6.9±5.2	5.7±4.4	-	0.621
<b>Gender</b>					
Female	20 (66.7%)	27 (90%)	27 (90%)	26 (86.7%)	
Male	10 (33.3%)	3 (10%)	3 (10%)	4 (13.3%)	
FBS mg/dl	220.3±75.5	187.3±77.1	85.7±6.8	196.3±102.9	<0.001
HbA1c %	8.8±0.7	8.5±0.8	4.8±0.4	8.3±0.8	<0.001

Diabetes with newly hypothyroidism HpoT: Diabetes with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism HprT: Diabetes with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism

p-value < 0.05 is significant

Advanced age considered a well-known risk factor for hypothyroidism, coupled with female gender, and autoimmune disease<sup>(7)</sup>. Because of the insidious and silent nature of the disease “The American Thyroid Association” had recommended to start the screening at the age above 35 years, to be performed periodically

every 5 years, for early detection of HpoT<sup>(8)</sup>. Other epidemiological study indicated that older populations are at increased risk<sup>(9)</sup>. Diabetes duration has been found to be a significant risk factor in this study sample for more than 6 years, which is not the case in studies of various ethnic groups such as the Saudi diabetic patients

were 10 years, for Chinese 8.3 years and for Spanish population was 9.6 years<sup>(10)</sup>.

In the current research, the incidence of thyroid conditions was higher in females than in males. These findings are in agreement with studies of Papazafropoulou A.et al. and Aljabri KS.et al.,<sup>(11,12)</sup>, finds female gender is affected by the prevalence of thyroid abnormalities in diabetic patients .In hyperthyroid with diabetes patient group, the increase level of FBG may be due to increased metabolic rate. And in hypothyroid with diabetes patient group, low FBG may be attributed to decrease metabolic rate <sup>(13)</sup>. There is a decline in insulin secretion by beta cells caused low glucose in hypothyroidism, and the reaction of beta cells to glucose is increased in hyperthyroidism due to increased beta cell mass. <sup>(14)</sup>.

The result of the present study as shown in figure (1) and (2), demonstrated a highly significant increase in the TC and TG in diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group, and DM only group. Whereas, there is lower level of TC and TG in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group, and control group. While there is a highly significant increase in the HDL in control group. And lower in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group, in diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group, and DM only group as shown in figure (3).

The results of the present study were close to the Kumar, *et al.*<sup>(15)</sup>, study found that the mean TC and LDL cholesterol levels were elevated in hypothyroidism compared to the controls. Thyroid dysfunction was highly common in patients with impaired glycemic regulation, a longer duration of diabetes, and was associated with substantially higher serum cholesterol and triglyceride levels <sup>(16)</sup>.

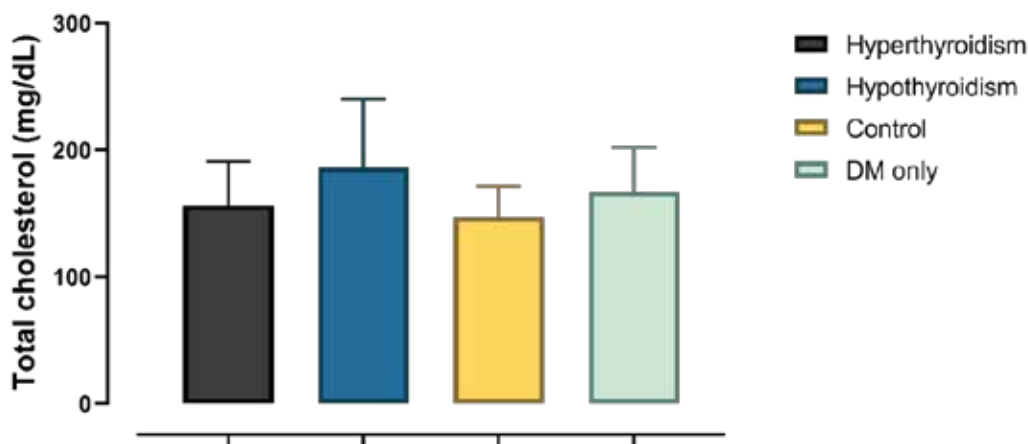


Figure 1: Assessment of total cholesterol in various groups

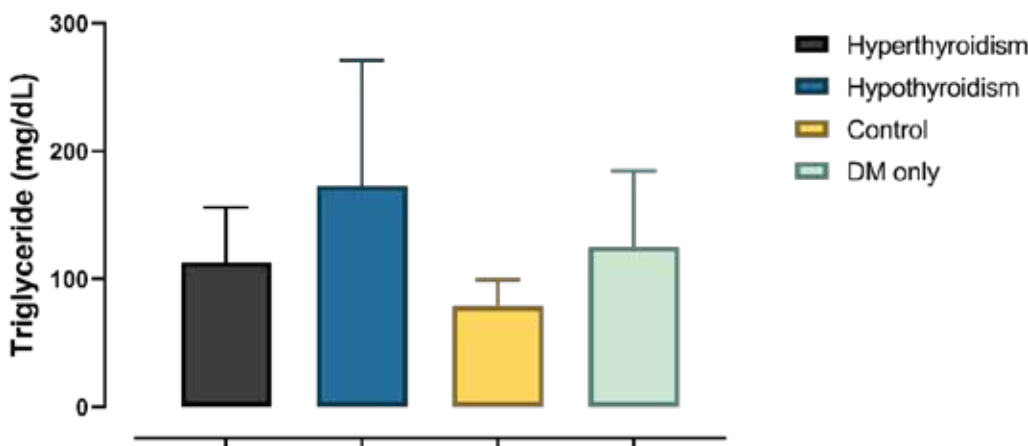


Figure 2: Assessment of triglyceride in various groups

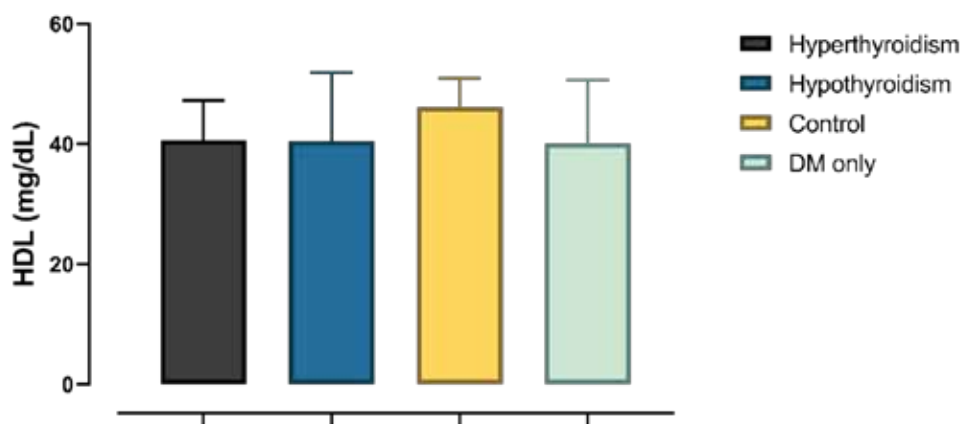


Figure 3: Assessment of HDL in various groups

Table (2), demonstrated a highly significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) increase in the means of FT3 and FT4 in diabetic with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group. Whereas, there were lower in diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group, DM only group, and control group. The level of TSH is highly significant ( $p < 0.001$ ) increase in diabetic with newly diagnosed hypothyroidism group. Whereas; it is lower in diabetic

with newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism group, DM only group, and control group. The results also showed a high significant differences in the level of IMA between all studied groups including diabetic patient newly diagnosed hyperthyroidism, diabetic patient newly diagnosed hypothyroidism, DM only, and control group as shown in table (2), and figure (4).

Table 2: Assessment of thyroid function parameters

Variables	HprT	HpoT	Control	DM only	p-value
Number	30	30	30	30	-
fT3 Pmol/l	11.3±3.9	4.0±8.7	5.3±0.7	4.9±0.7	<0.001 [S]
fT4 Pmol/l	25.1±7.2	7.8±1.7	11.3±2.7	10.7±1.6	<0.001 [S]
TSH $\mu$ mol/l	0.1±0.001	20.1±19.3	1.5±0.6	2.1±0.9	<0.001 [S]
Ischemia Modified Albumin ng/ml	2.60±1.11	2.41±1.23	2.10±0.61	2.57±5.50	<0.001 [S]

p-value < 0.05 is significant

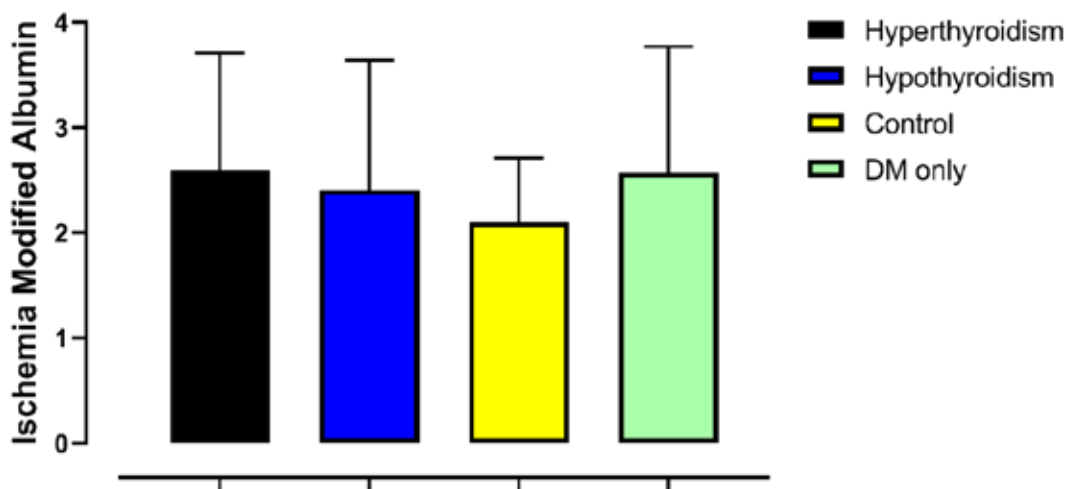


Figure 4: Assessment of ischemia modified albumin in various groups

Insulin, an anabolic hormone, is believed to increase FT4 levels while suppressing T3 levels by inhibiting T4-T3 conversion in liver. In diabetes mellitus, thyrotropin releasing hormone production declines and there is also a depletion of the nocturnal TSH peak that is responsible for the incidence of low thyroid hormone levels in certain diabetics<sup>(17)</sup>. Oxidative stress (OXS) and free radicals is associated with diabetes and that leads to the onset and progression of the diabetes mellitus and occurrence of complications<sup>(18)</sup>. Many studies describe the function of IMA as a marker for ischemia induces and inflammation cascade of proinflammatory reactions that result in reactive oxygen species ROS being produced<sup>(19)</sup>. It was understood that thyroid hormones control oxidative metabolism and mitochondrial respiration, and may therefore play an important role in controlling the production of free radicals and OXS. Therefore, any changes in the status of thyroid hormones can be contributed to a potential change in the status of OXS<sup>(20)</sup>. This study is agreed with Ma, SG. *et al.* and Oncel, M. *et al.*<sup>(21,22)</sup>, showing a significant positive associations between ischemia modified albumin and thyroid hormones.

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